

Read the tale and say how the cat helped Dick to become rich and happy.

## THE STORY OF DICK

Dick was a little boy. His father and mother died. He was very poor. He had no friends. His only friend was his cat whom he loved dearly.



One day Dick heard<sup>1</sup> that life was very easy in London, that all the people in London were very good and kind, that the streets of London were full of<sup>2</sup> gold.

"Let's go to London," Dick said to his cat.

"All right, let's go there," said his cat.

But when they came to London, they, of course, didn't see the streets full of gold. They didn't see anybody who wanted to help them.

At last Dick found a job on one of the ships.<sup>3</sup>

"May I take my cat with me?" Dick asked the captain.

"Certainly," said the captain.

The captain was a good old kind man. He told Dick stories about strange countries and strange people, about strange plants

<sup>1</sup>hear [hɪə] (heard [hɜ:d]) — слышать (услышал)

<sup>2</sup>be full of ['fʊl əv] — быть наполненным

<sup>3</sup>ship — корабль





and strange animals. One day there was a storm<sup>1</sup> in the sea. The ship was driven<sup>2</sup> into a strange country. The people who lived in that country had red skins.<sup>3</sup>

The captain of the ship sent beautiful presents to the King and the Queen of that country. Then they invited the captain to their palace.

It was a beautiful palace. There were a lot of different tasty things on the tables for the King, the Queen and the captain. But suddenly hundreds of rats<sup>4</sup> ran into the room and began to eat all the tasty things.

"This happens<sup>5</sup> every day," said the King. "We don't know what to do. Nobody can help us."

So the captain sent for Dick and his cat. When the cat saw the rats, she jumped from Dick's arms and soon all the rats were dead.

The King and the Queen were so pleased<sup>6</sup> that they gave Dick twelve bags of gold and many other presents.

When Dick came back<sup>7</sup> to London, he was very rich and he had his cat with him. He married a beautiful girl. And the three of them lived very happily together.

<sup>1</sup> storm — шторм

<sup>2</sup> was driven ['drɪvɪn] — занесло

<sup>3</sup> skin [skɪn] — кожа

<sup>4</sup> rat — крыса

<sup>5</sup> happen — случаться

<sup>6</sup> be pleased [plɪzɪd] — быть довольным

<sup>7</sup> come back [bæk] — возвращаться

