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The Wall

It is three thousand years ago in the land now called Turkey. A shepherd stands above a grassy field, watching his sheep. To the west the sea sparkles in the sunlight. To the east the dusty plain stirs in the wind.

About four miles from the sea there is a great stone wall built on a hill. Inside the wall there is a rich, proud kingdom.

It is the ancient kingdom of Troy.

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The wall around Troy is there to protect the city. It is made of stones that men cut and fit together. In some places it is very high and very thick. The lower part of the wall is covered with limestone. The limestone makes the wall slippery. Climbing up the wall is impossible.
At the top of the wall there are places where the Trojan bowmen can stand. Here they can pull back their bowstrings and let their arrows fly. So going over the wall is impossible too!
There is only one way into Troy—through the great double gate. Shepherds go through, with their bundles of wool. Plowmen go through, with their carts full of vegetables. Traders go through, with their treasures of gold and silver and bronze.

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Gatekeepers guard the gate day and night. If a hostile army is coming across the plain, they close the gate and push in the bolts. Behind the bolted gate, behind the stone wall, Troy is safe.

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The Greeks have been fighting the Trojans for ten years. They wonder how they will ever storm the walled city of Troy. Then they come up with a clever trick. Find out how the famous Trojan Horse changed the outcome of the war.

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