



The *Carpet People*



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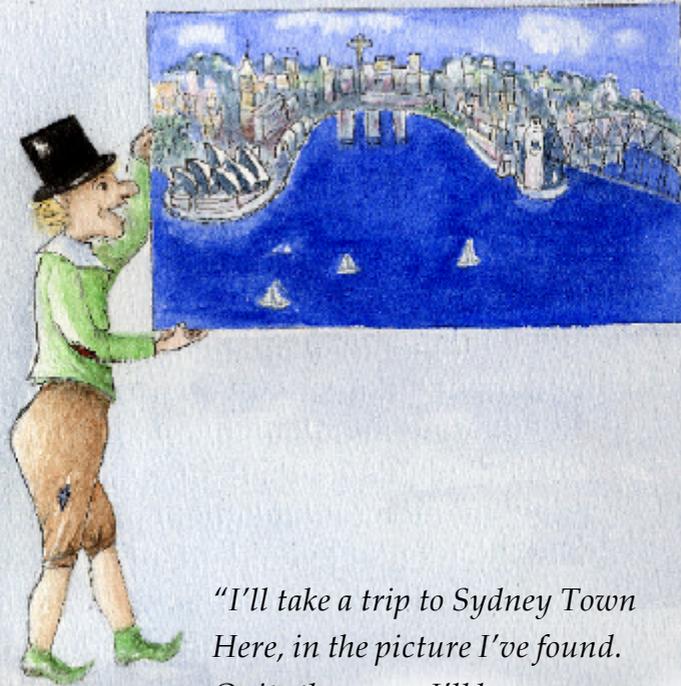
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With a flourish, the little fellow placed the hat on his head and held up a picture for everyone to see.



*"I'll take a trip to Sydney Town  
Here, in the picture I've found.  
Quite the vogue I'll be,  
For all the world to see*

*I'll wander through The Rocks  
And mingle with the toffs.  
'll bow and wave and smile  
As I go walking by in style!"*

*The smartest dandy in town I'll be ...*

A wild screech interrupted the dandy man. To Joe's amazement, the washer-woman launched herself across the room, brandishing a wet towel and shouting,

*"Dandy man, me foot!  
Taking things out of her chest like that  
Without a 'by your leave', and behind me back!"*



The dandy man jumped with fright and ran, as fast as his legs could carry him, to hide behind the vacuum cleaner.



The wet towel landed, slap, bang, right on top of the vacuum cleaner. Water sprayed everywhere.

The vacuum cleaner gasped and spluttered in surprise. Then it said,

*"Well, well, well! Upon my word!*

*I've never heard of anything so absurd*

*Now — it's my turn to speak a word!*

