

The Trip down the Coast

One afternoon, a toad got in a boat and began to float down the river. He planned to visit an old friend that lived on the coast. The toad floated along in the boat until he came to a bend in the river. A large oak tree had fallen during a storm. The boat stopped. The toad got out and tried to push the oak tree out of the way. He groaned and pushed and groaned and pushed. The tree did not move.

“Oh dear,” said the toad. “I will have to hop down the road. He began to walk down the road when a coach came along. It was being driven by a coachman wearing a dark cloak. “Stop!” croaked the toad. “Please stop!”

The coach stopped. “Why did you ask me to stop?” asked the coachman.

“I am going to see an old friend who lives down the road in a house along the coast,” said the toad. “My boat got stuck on an oak tree and would not float. Would you take me to my friend’s house?”

“Yes,” said the coachman.
“Get in the coach, and I will take you to your friend’s house.”

“Oh, thank you!” croaked the toad.



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