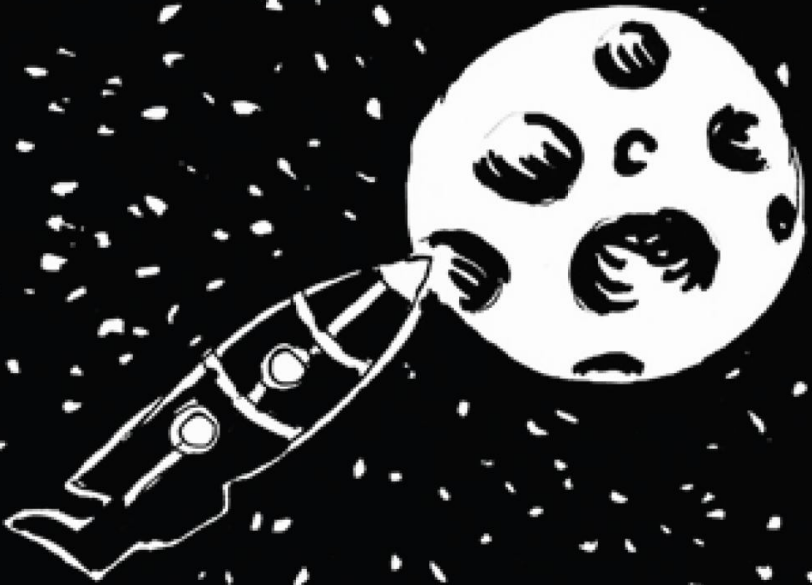


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Monsieur Verne's Extraordinary Voyage





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It was a lovely spring afternoon and the young writer Jules Verne was strolling in the public gardens of Paris.



Distracted as he was, he tripped on a rock,
lost his balance and...



... fell flat on the ground. While he was wondering if there was somebody to help him get out of this embarrassing situation...



... suddenly the earth started moving and
under his feet an abyss opened up.
Poor Verne was sinking into the depths
of the earth, deeper and deeper, into a fall
that seemed endless!



Fortunately the incredible fall ended, and the young man found himself in a fantastic place with stalactites, tunnels and caves whose walls gleamed with quartz and diamonds...

He had reached the centre of the Earth!



Having walked for several hours
in a narrow and dark tunnel, Verne arrived
at a cave bathed with light and heard
a sound like waves crashing on the shore...
but there couldn't be a sea in the centre
of the Earth!



What a surprise he felt, when he realised that not only had he found a coast, but a beach that was covered by a forest of giant mushrooms, 40 meters high as well!



When he recovered from the shock and surprise, Verne began to feel hot and could not resist that wonderful, strange sea.



In a minute Verne reached an underwater world, inhabited by myriads of fish of all species and other creatures, that moved through algae and sea anemones.



Suddenly, he saw from afar some strange human figures in diving suits that seemed to move towards him. He stepped back in horror...



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