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# Once upon a time...

...in a village in some forgotten and faraway corner of the world, on a dusty road leading into that village, an old man appeared. Behind him the old man pulled a wagon. The wagon was made entirely from wood. Like the old man, the wagon was rough and weathered and creaked when it moved. It was all the old man could do to pull it.

As he passed, the people living along the road scarcely noticed the old man. Or, if they did, they saw just another weary traveler, another dust-covered vagabond pulling a dust-covered wagon no doubt filled with all his earthly possessions, meager and pitiful as they were.

"What a sad old man," people said. That is, if they noticed him, if they even saw the old man at all.

Down the dusty road the old man pulled his rickety wagon. Eventually, the road changed from dirt to cobblestone as he started coming into the town. Past shops and houses he pulled his wagon, its wooden wheels click-clacking on the uneven stones.



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