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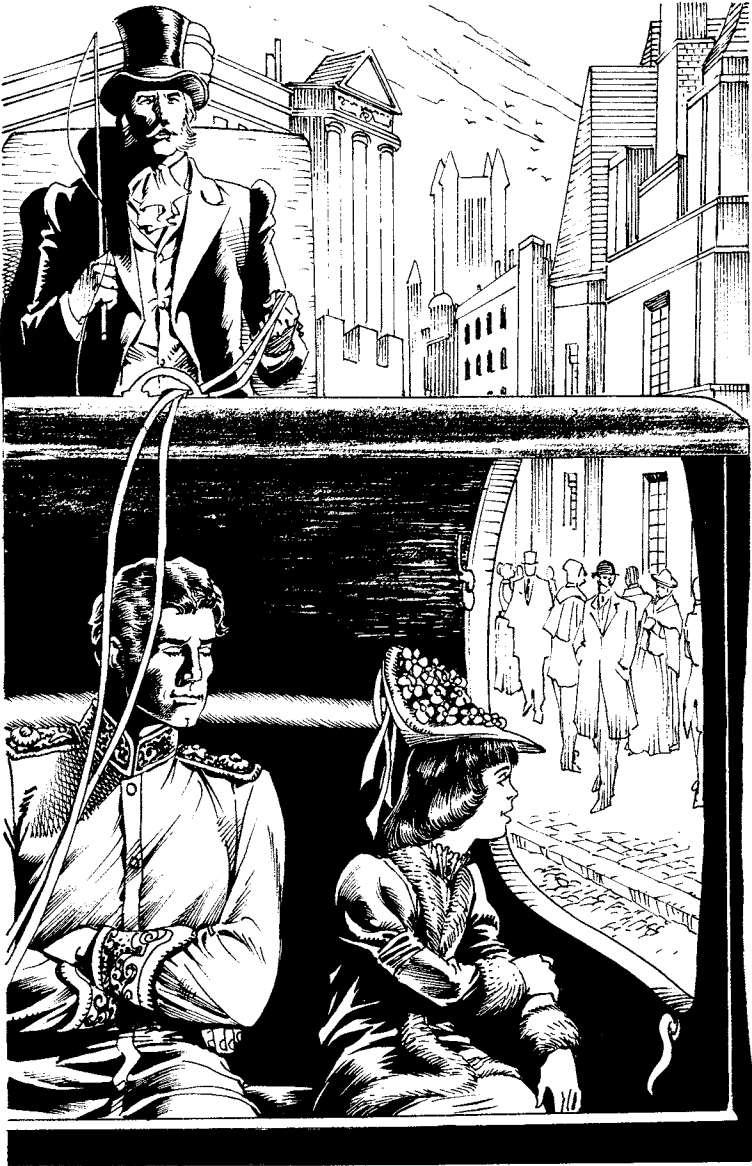
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Sara Stared Out the Window.

CHAPTER 1

Sara Arrives in London

Once on a dark winter's day, when the fog was so thick in London that the lamps were lighted and the shop windows blazed as they do at night, a young girl rode with her father in a horse-drawn cab slowly through the streets.

She sat with her feet tucked under her and leaned against her father as she stared thoughtfully out the window at the passers-by. A girl with a vivid imagination, Sara was always dreaming about grown-up people and their world. She felt that she herself had lived a long, long time.

Mostly she was thinking how strange it was

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that at one time she was in India in the blazing sun; then another time in the middle of the ocean; and now here she was driving through the streets of London on a day that was as dark as night. She shivered and moved closer to her father.

It seemed that her father had been preparing her for "the place," as she called it, for as long as she could remember. Her mother had died when she was born, and her young, handsome, and adoring father had been her whole world. Because he was rich, he was able to give her everything her heart desired.

She had always lived in a beautiful house and had many servants, who let her have her own way at all times. She had toys and pets and a maid who did everything for her. Gradually, she learned that people who were rich had these privileges.

Only one thing troubled her and that was that someday she would have to go to "the place." Other children in India had gone to school abroad—usually England—and she



She Moved Closer to Her Father.