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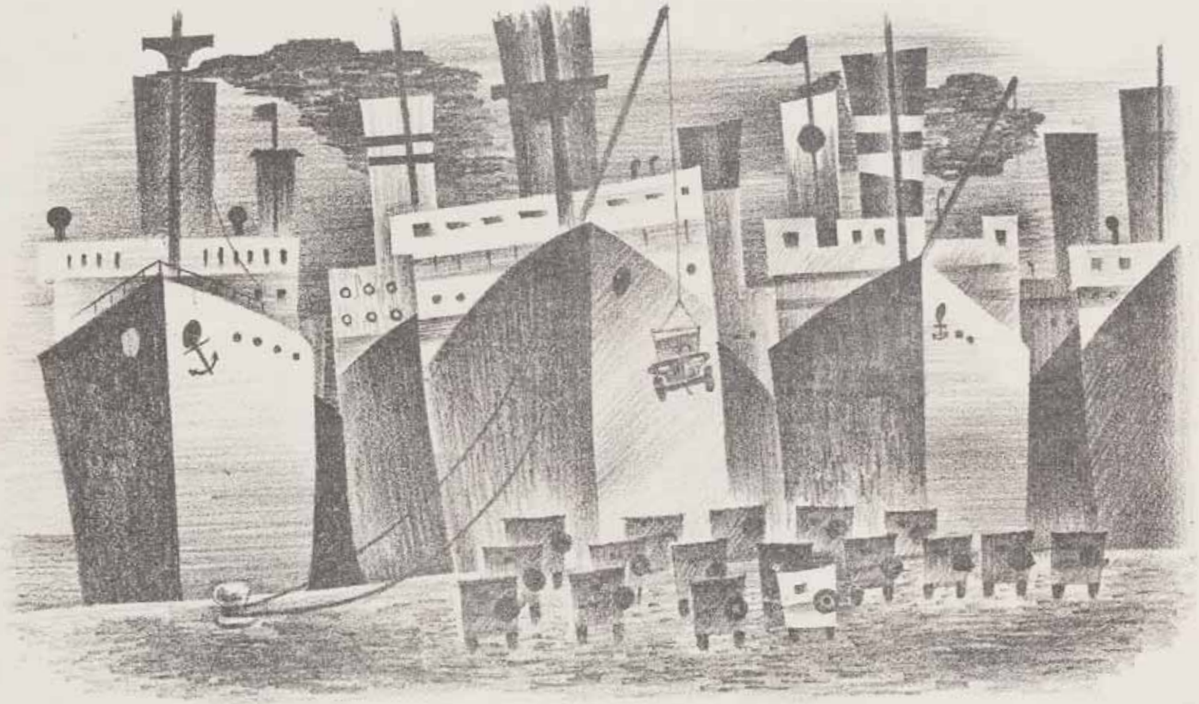
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There was once a Jeep whose name was Jenny. She was a very pretty Jeep indeed, because instead of being green like all the others, she was PINK. It was such a lovely colour, and Jenny liked being pink, but all the other Jeeps were cross because they weren't pink too, and they weren't a bit nice to Jenny.




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Then one day all the Jeeps set off for Italy, and when they were getting on to the ships all the nasty green Jeeps called out, "Pink thing, pink thing, you can't come", and they pushed and pushed until Jenny was right at the back, and was very nearly left behind. But Jenny took a great big jump and got on to one of the ships, and then the green Jeeps, who were down inside the ship, shouted, "Go back Jenny Pink, you can't come down here." So Jenny had to stay on deck all by herself among the ropes and chains and the clanking winches which blew steam in her face and made her cough and sneeze all day long.


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It was very, very cold, for the wind blew hard, and the ship rocked and rocked till Jenny felt so funny in her tummy, and wished that she had stayed at home.

But soon the ships reached Italy, and Jenny was the first to go ashore. She thought that she would also be the first in the line, but two of the naughty green Jeeps pushed past her and said, "Oh no, Miss Jenny Pink, you shan't be in front, because we won't let you." And they looked hard at Jenny with their big black eyes until she was very frightened and began to cry.



Then off they went in a twirly, wriggling line, just like a snake, and Jenny felt very sad as she rolled along behind the two green Jeeps.

They raced through a town, and over some hills, and into a dark forest with trees so tall that only the flag on the front Jeep could be seen above their tops. Then all at once they had to stop, for a big tree trunk was lying right across the road, and all the Jeeps went BUMP! The soldiers looked at the tree and the Jeeps looked at it too, for they knew that one of them would have to move it out of the way, and it was such a big tree.

