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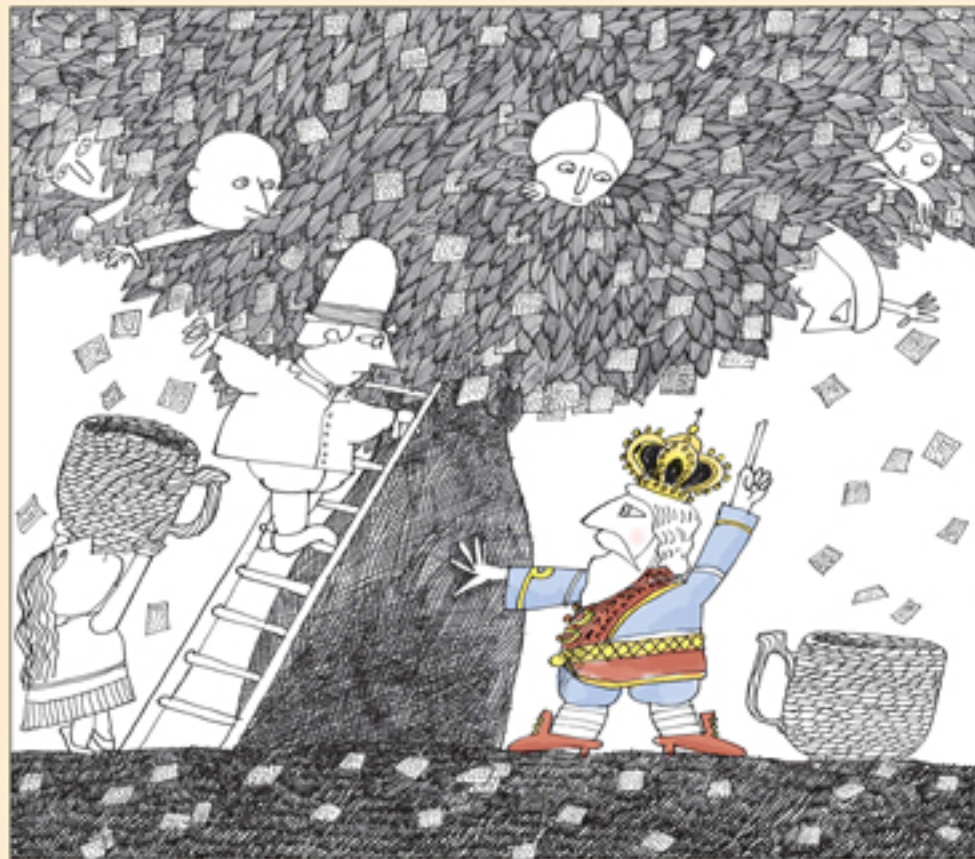
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He quizzed his wily old Wizard
And the Whispering Witches, too –
The Llama, the Leopard, the Lizard,
And the Owl – but none of them knew.

So the King of Quizzical Island
Made up his inquisitive mind
And he said, "I'll sail to the edge of the world
And find ... what I shall find."



"I'll build myself a singular ship
Made of wood from the Tea-Bag Tree,
And I'll sail that ship to the edge of the world
And see ... what I shall see."



His fearful people pleaded.
They wept fat tears of woe.
Some said, "Remain!" and some, "Please stay!"
While others said, "Don't go!

"For it's quite well-known, and I've heard it said
By wise men, old and clever,
That those who sail to the edge of the world
Fall off – and fall for ever."

