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The Chronicles of Topp-Thorne (A)

As the winter progressed it soon became apparent to the villagers that Nature was not going to vent her vengeance as in the previous year. Indeed so warm was the weather that grass grew in the meadows, birds were heard to sing and the horses all enjoyed a lengthened winter graze.

The Lord though was concerned, he wanted to care for the fields and trees, hedgerows and ponds, animals and birds and preserve their future for the Lord's children. The answer came in the form of a Man of Wind. Preaching the Gospel of Duty of Conservation, he promised to assist in helping the future of the generations of the village. To reduce mans violence towards Nature and all her Glories. This though infuriated Don Quixote, who at that time, unfortunately, still dwelt by the side of The Grove. He was incensed, and many pamphlets and posters were produced, imploring the local Elders and populace to see off the Terrible Turbines.

Short of stature (which explains a lot), he endeavoured to turn the local Elders against the Lord. (He had tried this before in the previous year and failed miserably). The Lord, having dropped the stone, watched the ripples in their ever increasing intensity, until at last, heartened by the effect it had had, withdrew his support.

The Spring though brought a great sadness to the village. The nearby owner of the castle, died suddenly in his sleep. Many were the times in midwinter that hot water, supplied from the castle, had assisted the frozen villagers. But life and time stays still for no

man and it was soon obvious that all the goods and chattels from the castle were being removed. Indeed, so speedily was that done that some villagers goods were also removed, along with those of the Lord. The kindly Winter soon turned into a not so kindly spring. The villagers did their best to save the precious elixir of life as directed by the Elders, but it is difficult to follow or understand such decrees whilst trying to keep your head above the floodwaters.