

the moon which was shining full upon him. He could not remember that, ever before, it had looked so bright as it did this night.

5. Then, as he still gazed, his head began to whirl; and it seemed to Kanak that he was lifted up from the snowdrift in which he lay, and that, upon a light, billowy cloud, he was being carried up and away into the skies.

6. Everything seemed to be floating around him; and at length, dazed by the swiftness of his passage through the air, he lost his senses and all was a blank.

7. When he awoke, it was to find himself lying upon a snow-covered slope in front of a great building, which arose like some wondrous mansion seen in the misty world of dreams. Kanak looked around. Instead of brown, leafless trees and weather-worn rocks, amidst the snows in his own country, everything he saw here was in tints of blue and grey and silver; and shining rays of silvery light made the place appear more bright, and pure, and beautiful, than anything Kanak had ever seen before.

8. Kanak knew then that his wish had been fulfilled, and that he was, in fact, lying upon the surface of the moon. Then he began to feel afraid, for it was all so strange and still. He tried to rise; but he could not move his limbs, for they were frozen with the cold.

9. For a while he lay and gazed at the