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### LETTER FROM THE GIANT TO THE PEOPLE OF LE HAVRE

I was walking at the bottom of the ocean with the equipment of a deep-sea diver. Sometimes I would hit rocks, collapsing like an astronaut on the moon. I was exhausted, but one thing is certain: I could not miss the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Le Havre, the city where I appeared for the first time. After disappearing for eleven years, my adventures were so many to write that a pile of dictionaries taller than the tower of the city hall could never account for. The giant that I am, keeps the power to lengthen souvenirs in the bed of children to inscribe pieces of tenderness in the dreams they invent. As you know now, Giants travel through time: present, past and future. My path under the deep sea was sometimes scattered with sparks. And that is there on this road that I encountered a strange container half buried in the sand looking like something from the mind of a Jules Verne or a Leonardo Da Vinci. The shell was full of rusty metal rivets its thickness more impressive than a submarine from the Middle Age. I lifted it and pulled to put it on the sand 500 meters deep. And when I opened it, the water rushed in the cockpit. Then I saw with my own eyes about 15 people wearing sumptuous clothes from the Renaissance era. Immediately I took them in my arms to bring them back to the surface. As they were swimming, I had the surprise to hear: "My king, how are you? " And another one saying : "Sir, we went through time!" And there, two beautiful swimmers came closer to me to say: "That is François 1<sup>st</sup>!" As a fairytale fallen from a meteorite, we saw a tall sailing boat approaching. Strangely we were expected! Of course, the crew took care of our passengers. As the king was being cleaned up on the rail, he told me: "Please let us meet in Le Havre, for three days long, you will be my ambassador so that we may, in this festive moment, inscribe the memory of that city for life and without any pain."

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