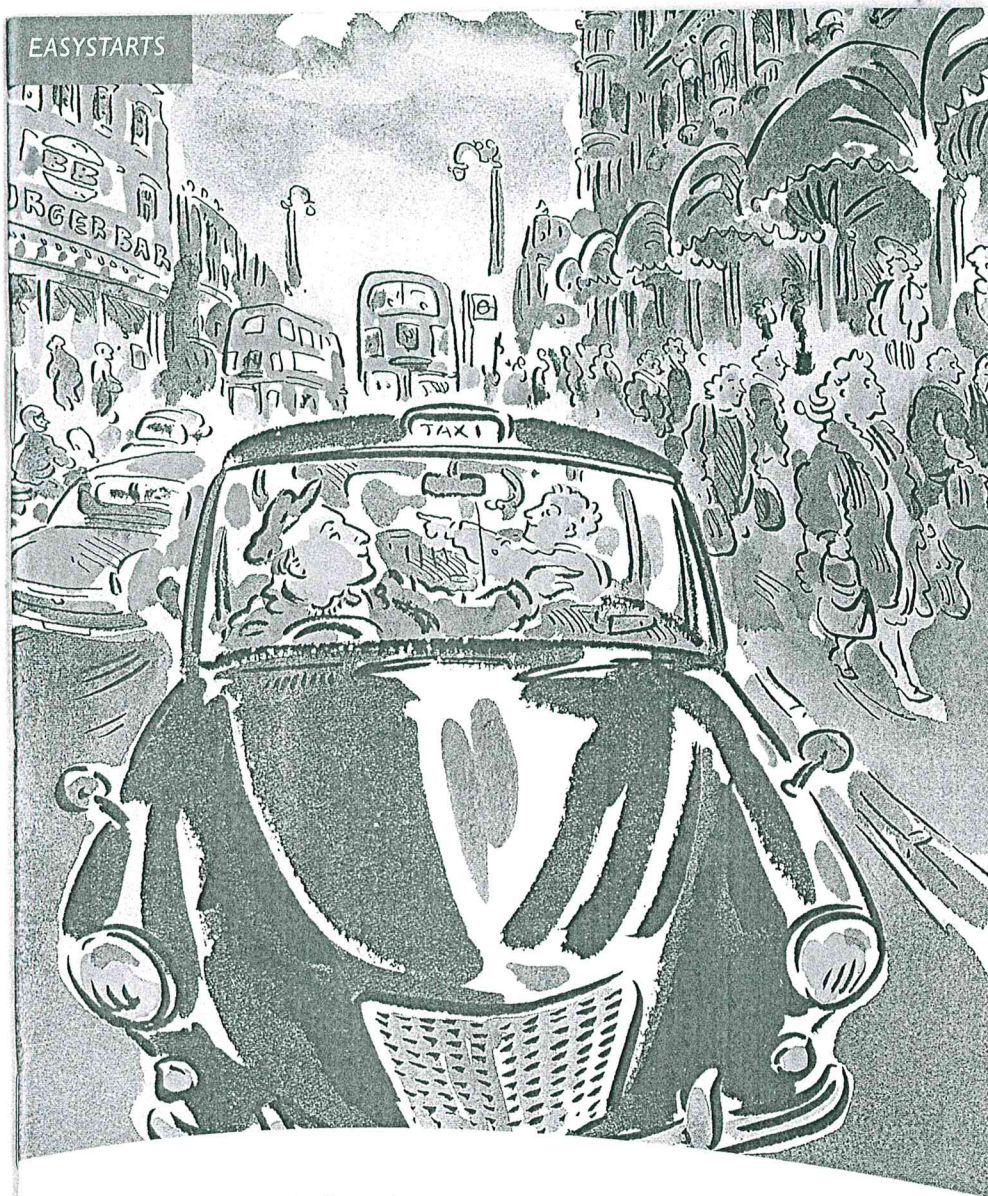


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Tommy Grant is a taxi driver in London. He works for

TOP TAXIS.

One day Tommy's boss, Sam, telephones him. It is very early in the morning.

"Tommy," says Sam. "Can you be at The Ritz hotel at 9.00 o'clock?"

"Yes," says Tommy, "but why?"



Sam and his wife are having breakfast with their children, Billy and Katy. "Gloria Brash is in London," says Sam.

"Gloria Brash!" says Tommy. "The film star! Where do you want me to drive her?"

"Not *her*," says Sam. "*Him*. Her 12 year-old son Dino wants to see London today. His mother's working."

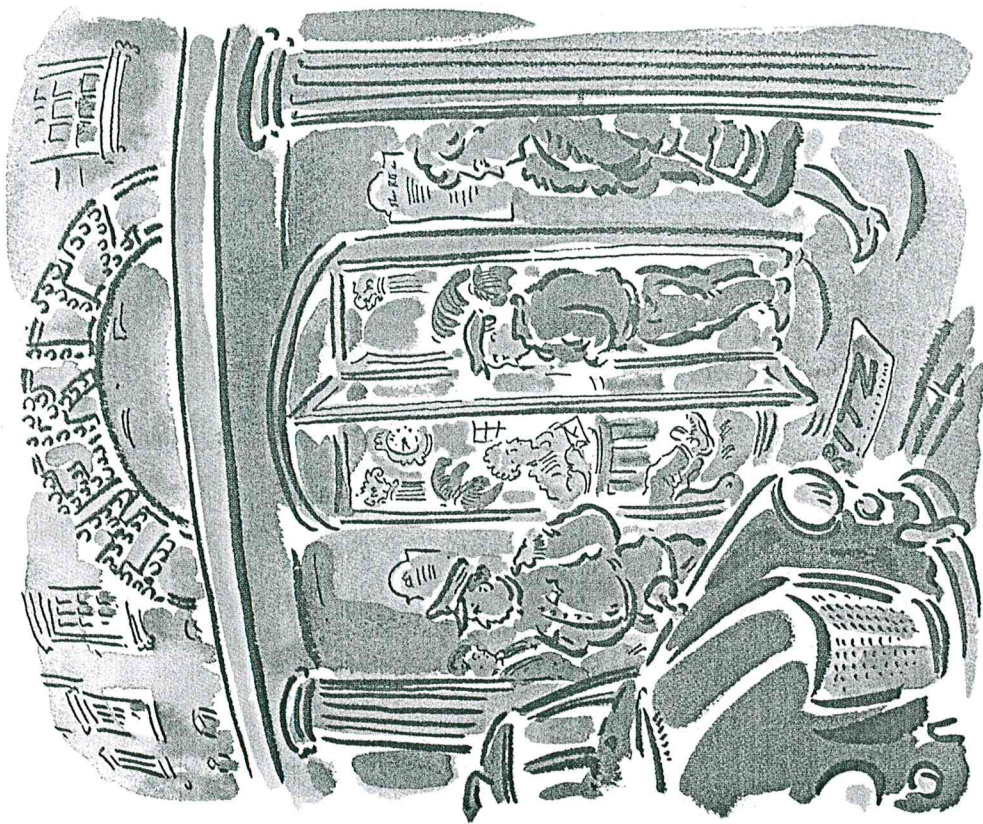


"There's a letter for you at The Ritz. There's £50, too. That's for Dino."

"£50 for one day in London!" says Tommy. "That's a lot of money."

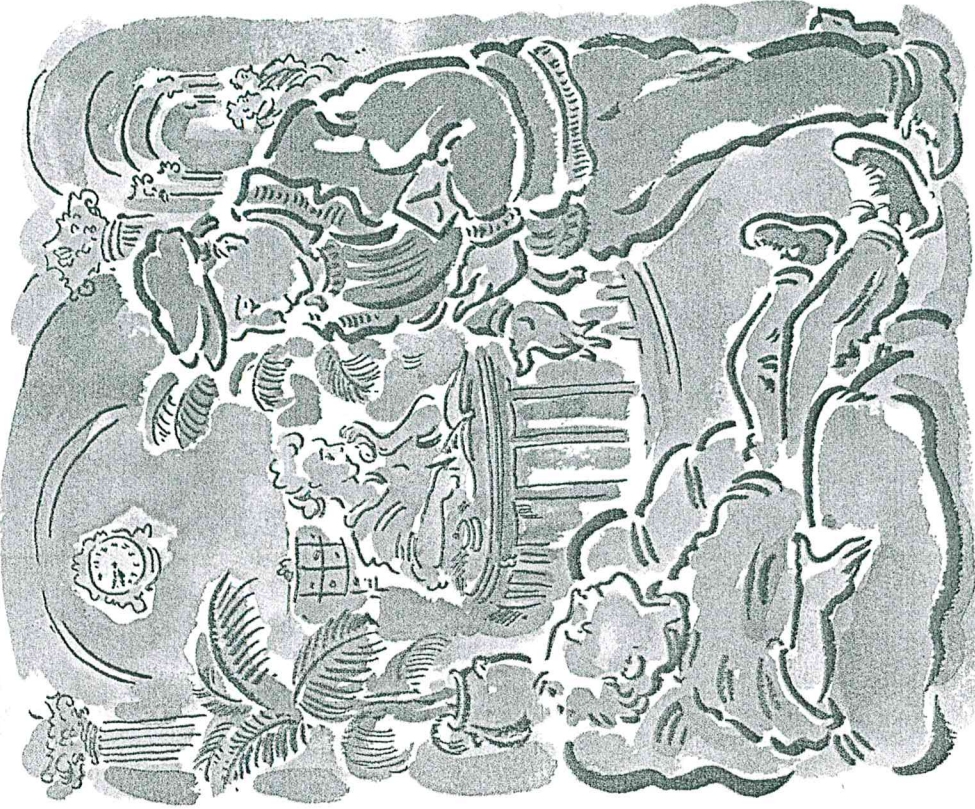
"I know," says Sam. "Be *very nice* to the boy, Tommy, and don't be late."

"You know me," says Tommy. "I'm always early."



It is 8.45. Tommy is at The Ritz fifteen minutes early. He goes to the desk.

"I'm from TOP TAXIS," he says. The woman behind the desk gives him the letter and the money. The letter says, 'It's Dino's first time in London. Please take him to all these places (1) Buckingham Palace (2) Harrods (3) the British Museum.'



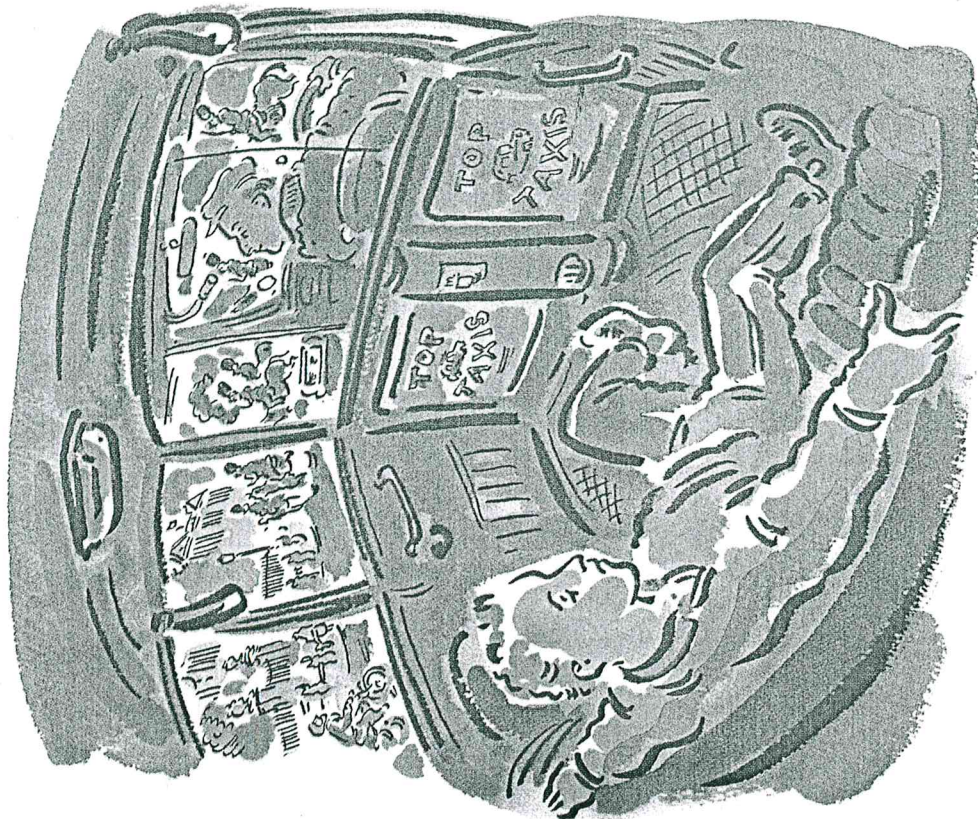
"OK," thinks Tommy. "Now, is Dino here? I know I'm early, but . . ." He sees a boy in a chair.

"Hello," he says. "Are you Dino?"

"That's me," says the boy. "Are you the driver from TOP TAXIS?"

"Yes," answers Tommy. The boy stands up.

"OK," he says. "Let's go."

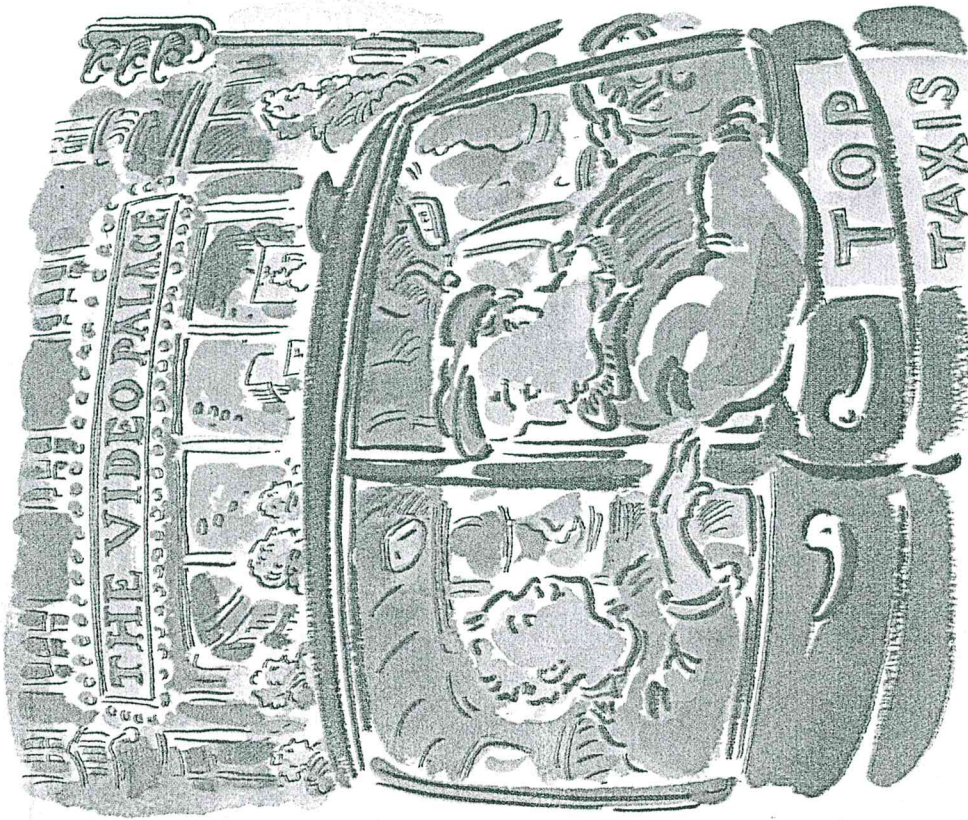


First, Tommy drives to Buckingham Palace – the home of the Queen. He stops the taxi.

“What are you doing?” asks Dino. “I don’t want to see this old place.”

Tommy looks at him. “But I . . .” Then he remembers Sam’s words: ‘Be *very nice* to the boy.’

“OK, Dino,” he says. “Where *do* you want to go?”



Five minutes later Tommy stops the taxi again. “Is this the place?” he asks. “That’s right,” answers Dino. “Can I have £20, please.”

“But I don’t think your mother . . .”

“I want £20. *Now!*”

Tommy gives Dino the money. Then he sits in the car and waits. Three hours later, Dino comes back.