



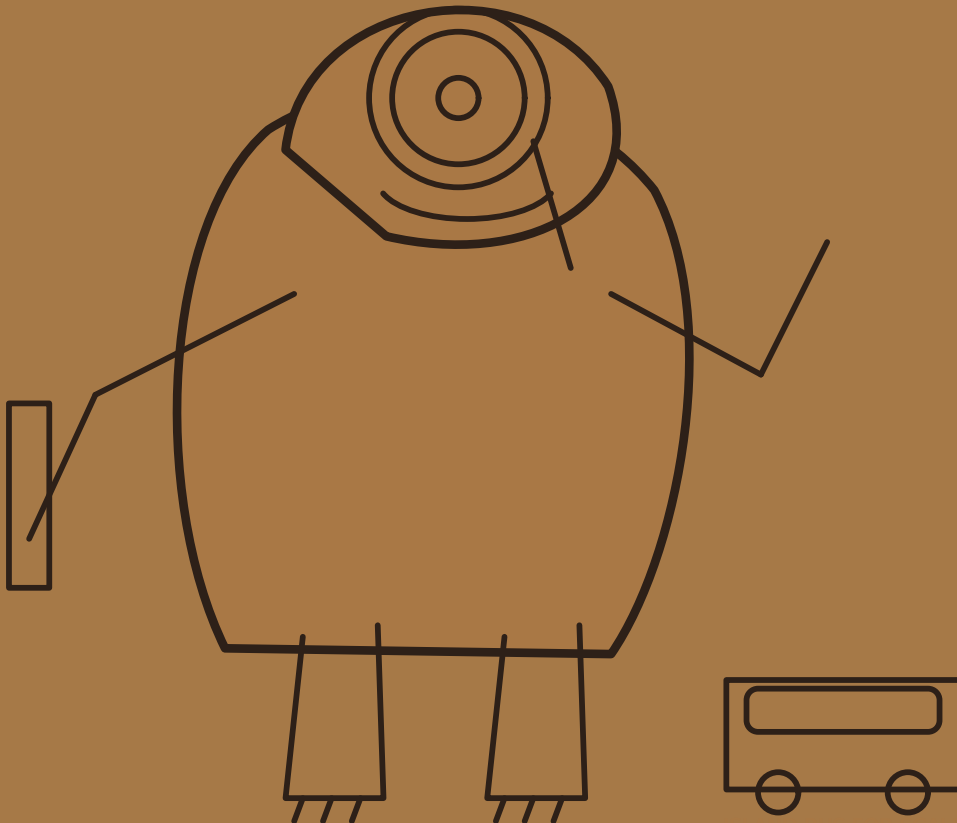
THE SANDOWN CYCLOPS

SANDOWN CASE FILE

MYTHICAL CLASSIFICATION: VA-OCULUS

TYPE: CYCLOPS | HEIGHT: 12 FEET | NATURE: CURIOUS

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FIELD SKETCH: SUBJECT WAVED FIRST

Observed at Sandown • Yaverland • Eastern coast

CASE STATUS
FRIENDLY

CASE FILE OPENED: SANDOWN

WALL OF EVIDENCE • STORY 23

SUBJECT CARD

TYPE	Cyclops
HEIGHT	12 feet
EYE	Sea-green
TOOL	Tiny telescope
TALENT	Sandcastles
GOAL	Say hello



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Pinned clues: a giant footprint, a monocle, a tiny telescope, a sand tower and one distant winged silhouette.

EVIDENCE 01: PROMENADE



Sandown first noticed the Cyclops because its shadow arrived before it did.

Twelve feet tall, slate-blue and wearing a brass monocle, the giant stepped carefully along the promenade with a telescope that looked tiny in its hand.

THE CYCLOPS WAVED. SANDOWN WAVED BACK.

HOW TALL IS TWELVE FEET?



A Cyclops this size can see over a bus, but still kneels to hear a quiet child.



CHILD



ADULT



BUS



CYCLOPS



THE HORIZON WAS FULL OF QUESTIONS



Each morning the Cyclops walked from Sandown towards Yaverland, stopping to study waves, birds and distant cliffs.

Its monocle helped with detail. Its tiny telescope helped with distance. Its single eye missed very little.

ONE EYE CAN STILL HOLD A GREAT MANY WONDERS.

THE COMICALLY SMALL TELESCOPE

1

HOLD GENTLY

Two fingers, not one whole fist.

2

AIM FAR

Find the cliffs beyond the bay.

3

FOCUS

Monocle first, telescope second.

4

RECORD

Draw what the horizon reveals.

Professor Follies verdict: the telescope looks ridiculous and works perfectly.

EVIDENCE 02: BEACH BUILDERS



When the Cyclops knelt beside a group of nervous children, its shadow swallowed their little sandcastle.

Then one enormous finger shaped a perfect tower. Soon giant hands and tiny buckets were building together.

FEAR MELTED FASTER THAN AN ICE CREAM IN JULY.

A CASTLE BIG ENOUGH FOR LEGENDS

1

WET SAND

Strong enough for tall towers.

2

GIANT HAND

Careful pressure, never a thump.

3

SMALL SHELLS

Windows, flags and secret doors.

4

TEAMWORK

The part that holds everything up.

The castle was enormous. The most impressive thing was how many different-sized hands had made it.

A SECRET BEYOND THE BAY



From its favourite rock, the Cyclops often spotted a Manticore circling beyond Alverstone.

Lion body, bat wings and scorpion tail: magnificent from afar. The Cyclops wanted to wave hello, but shyness made its huge hand feel very heavy.

BEING BIG DOES NOT MAKE COURAGE AUTOMATIC.

GEORGE SHARED THE SUNSET



An elderly fisherman named George often sat nearby. He noticed where the telescope pointed.

“Perhaps the Manticore is wondering whether you are friendly too,” he suggested. The Cyclops considered this carefully.

SOMETIMES COURAGE BEGINS WITH SOMEBODY ELSE BELIEVING IN YOU.

ONE LARGE STEP AT A TIME

1

PACK

Telescope, monocle, water and courage.

2

WALK

Follow the broad path inland.

3

PAUSE

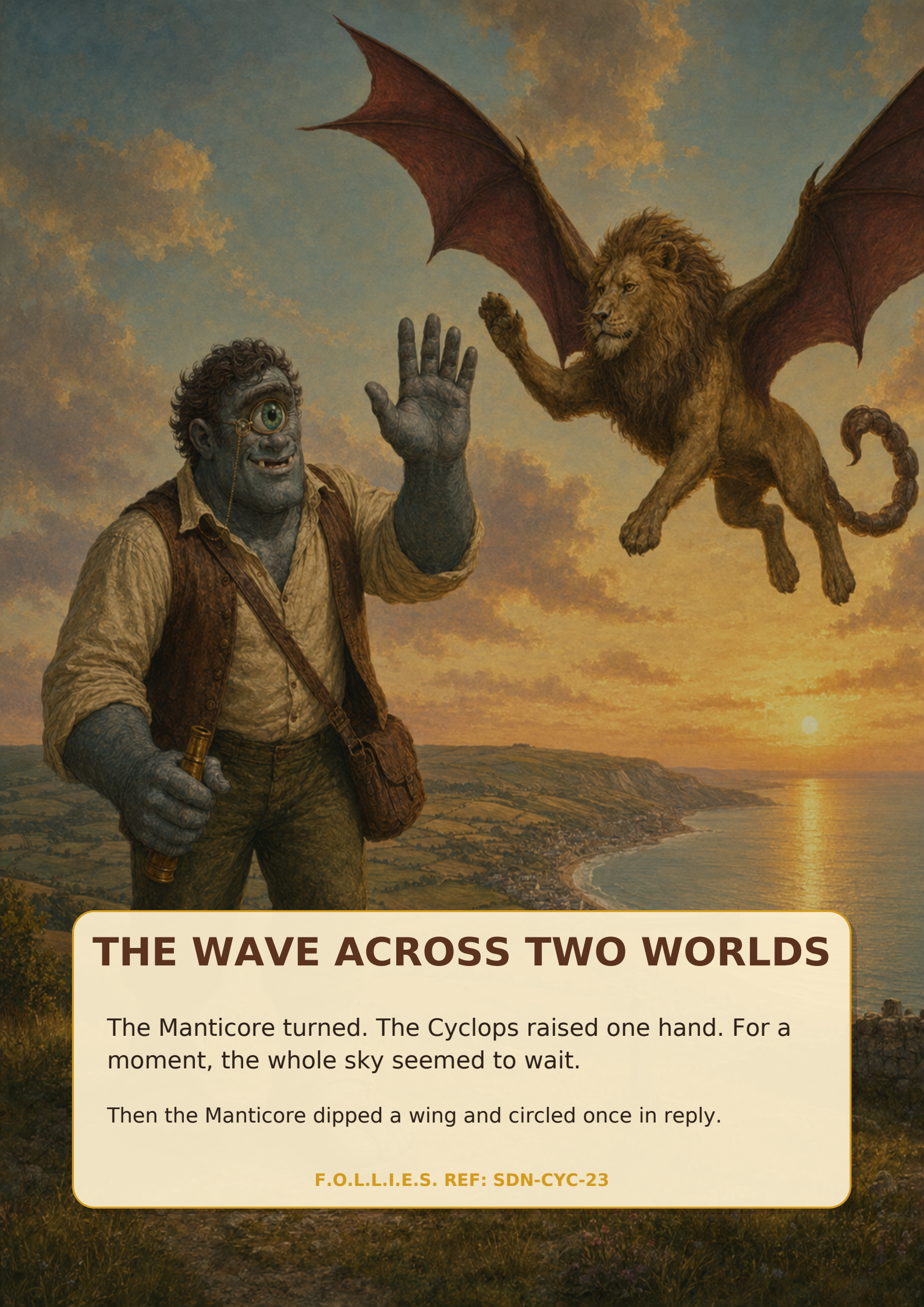
Breathe when nerves grow noisy.

4

WAVE

A small gesture from a giant hand.

The Cyclops chose a broad, safe viewpoint.
Adventures improve when the ground is not
crumbling.



THE WAVE ACROSS TWO WORLDS

The Manticore turned. The Cyclops raised one hand. For a moment, the whole sky seemed to wait.

Then the Manticore dipped a wing and circled once in reply.

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NO WORDS WERE NEEDED

1

LOOK

They noticed one another.

2

WAVE

The Cyclops offered friendship.

3

DIP

The Manticore answered.

4

SMILE

Both understood enough.

A friendship can begin with a conversation, a kind action or one brave wave.

SANDOWN WANTED EVERY DETAIL



Back in Sandown, the Cyclops used gestures, sketches and one extremely wide arm-span to describe the adventure.

Children asked about wings. Adults asked about courage. Everybody asked whether the Manticore would visit.

THE CYCLOPS HAD FOUND A NEW KIND OF HORIZON.

EVIDENCE 05: FIELD JOURNAL



George gave the Cyclops a leather journal for sketches, observations and adventures still to come.

Its enormous fingers held the pencil carefully. The first drawing showed one raised hand and one dipping wing.

BLANK PAGES ARE HORIZONS YOU CAN CARRY.

WHAT THE EVIDENCE SHOWS

GENTLE

Great strength can be carefully controlled.

CURIOUS

The Cyclops studied every horizon.

SHY

Size did not remove nervous feelings.

BRAVE

One wave created a connection.

FINAL FINDING: Courage is not the absence of nerves. It is taking one careful step while the nerves come along.



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What would you say if a twelve-foot Cyclops waved at you?

2. Is one eye a disadvantage if you look very carefully?

3. Which tiny object would look funniest in the Cyclops' hand?

4. Why was waving at the Manticore brave?

5. What would you draw on the first page of an adventure journal?

6. Could a sandcastle be too large? Explain your answer.

Professor Follies says: There are no wrong answers, though a giant's pocket telescope should probably come with a warning for ants.





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