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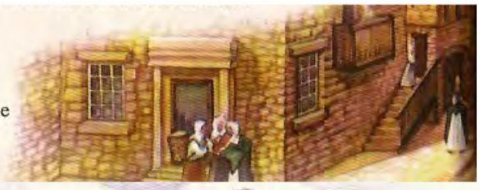

My Edinburgh

1 Robin: My is small: it's just me and my . We live in but the year is 1599. Edinburgh is the capital of . A lot of people live here, but the city is not very big — it has got just one big street. We call it the because it two royal castles. The first one is . It's new and comfortable, but it's smaller than the old castle. Our king lives there. The old castle is and very beautiful. It stands on a very large . From the window of the castle you can see all of Edinburgh, with the lakes and the green around it.

Misha: Blue , green fields, fresh . Life is nice in the Edinburgh of 1599.

2 Robin: Nice? Oh, no, I'm afraid not, Misha! Life in our city is . Only the people live in the nice houses along the wide streets. But the people live in small streets. Land is very in Edinburgh, so people can't build new houses, they just build more . Our friends live on the floor of their building. Can you believe it?

Misha: How interesting! People in your time live in the first real ! I must tell my History teacher about them!

Robin: They're not nice, believe me. And the floors are the worst. They are for the poorest ! The richer people live on floors.

Misha: But everybody lives in one . Isn't that good?

3 Robin: No. And you don't know Edinburgh's most secret. There is city under Edinburgh.

Misha: What? Another ?

Robin: Yes, it's underground so it never sees the sun. It's and and the air is very bad there. The poorest people live and in their small houses in this underground city!

Misha: How awful! Why don't these people live of Edinburgh near the lakes and green fields? There's a lot of land there...

4 Robin: Yes, but they are afraid of the English, our . The want our land. They have a very good army and regularly us. They come and kill everybody: soldiers, and . So we've got a wall around Edinburgh. The wall us, but the city can't grow.

Misha: But you and your father are . You can kill the English soldiers.

5 Robin: Real wizards don't kill people — they help them. And we've got a . Do you remember ? It's the most important in the history of our . We think it's really magic. The English stole it from us many years ago and put it in Westminster Abbey in . (Англичане украли его у нас и поместили в Вестминстерское аббатство в Лондоне.) They crown their and on our stone. I must find it and to Scotland. With this stone, Scotland can be strong and again. That's my here. I must go to London and get the stone.

Misha: Now I understand. Life in the Edinburgh of 1599 is really hard. And Rob, we must get him back quickly. But how can we do that?

Robin: Only the can to Edinburgh. Only the stone can bring your back to your time.