

# King of the Wind

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### Characters:

#### Prologue

Man o' War- "Big Red" A famous racehorse racing in his last race against Sir Barton at the beginning of the book.

Samuel Riddle- Owner of Man o' War.

Sir Barton- A famous dark chestnut racehorse that won the Triple Crown. A great sprinter. He raced Man o' War and lost by seven lengths.

#### The Story of the Godolphin Arabian

Sultan Mulai Ismael- The leader of Morocco. First owner of Sham. Has reigned for over fifty years.

Agba- A mute boy who is good with horses and takes special care of Sham, the son of his favorite mare that died shortly after giving birth. He is sent with Sham as a gift to Louis XV, and follows Sham wherever he goes until Sham dies, he then returned to Morocco.

Signor Achmet- A messenger for the Sultan. He fetches Agba and the other 5 horse boys.

Monsieur le duc- King Louis XV's advisor.

King Lois XV- The young King of France who didn't like Sham or any of the other horses from Morocco.

Bishop Fleury- A man who suggesting making Sham a cart horse and signing the other five stallions up for the army to transport supplies.

Sham- "The Godolphin Arabian" A horse that trusted no one but Agba. He was the fastest of the Sultan's horses. He sired many sons and is one of the three founders of the modern thoroughbred breed.

Grimalkin- A cat Agba found while looking for Sham.

Benjamin Biggle- The son-in-law to Jethro Coke. Was given Sham as a gift from Jethro. Called by Mistress Cohune "A fat dolt". Tried to ride Sham and did not succeed.

Jethro Coke- A retired merchant who owned a parcel of land on the outskirts of London. Bought Sham for his son-in-law Benjamin Biggle. Allowed Agba and Grimalkin to stay in the barn with Sham.

Mistress Cockburn- A plump, motherly person who had eyes like black raisins and always a red spot on each cheek. Ran the Coke household after Mrs. Coke died. Disliked Benjamin Biggle.

Hannah- Jethro Coke's only daughter, wife of Benjamin Biggle, described as beautiful by Mistress Cockburn. Has one child.

Mister Williams– The keeper of the inn, The Red Lion. A mild- mannered man, with red, bushy eyebrows that traveled up and down when he spoke. Described as “kindness itself”.

Mistress Williams– An enourmas woman who went into hysterics every time she saw Agba or Grimalkin. Eventually kicked them both out of the house.

Silas Slade– A weasel eyed man known as the best horsebreaker in all of London that tried and failed to break Sham.

Dick Whittington– was the mayor of London 3 times.

Duchess– Freed Agba from prison.

The Earl of Gadolphin– A kind man who bought Sham from Mr. Williams.

Twickerham– A man who was put in charge of Sham by the Earl of Gadolphin. The head groom.

Hobgoblin– A stallion owned by the Earl of Gadolphin. The pride of his stables.

Intended mate for Lady Roxana. Hated by Agba.

Lady Roxana– Came to the Earl of Gadolphin’s stables to mate with Hobgoblin, but Agba had her mate with Sham instead. Daughter of the Bald Galloway.

Lath– Sham and Roxana’s first son. Very fast. Same high crest and finely drawn legs of his sire.

Cade– Sham and Roxana’s second son. Also very fast with a high crest and finely drawn legs.

Regulus– Sham and Roxana’s third son. Like Cade and Lath, extremely fast with a high crest and finely drawn legs.

## Questions:

1. Where did the race between Man o’ War and Sir Barton take place? Windsor, Ontario. Or. Kenilworth park.
2. Which horse, Sir Barton or Man o’ War, was from Canada? Sir Barton
3. What was Man o’ War nicknamed? Big Red
4. What amazing feat had Sir Barton already accomplished before the match race with Man o’ War? Winning the Triple Crown
5. What are the three legs (races) of the Triple Crown? The Kentucky Derby, the Preakness, and the Belmont.
6. How long did Man o’ War need to walk around before the beginning of a race to calm down? Ten minutes
7. Who was the owner of Man o’ War? Samuel Riddle
8. How was Sir Barton’s jockey planning to run the race? With a big burst of speed at the beginning
9. What color was Sir Barton? Dark Chestnut
10. What color was Man o’ War? Red- Gold
11. What were the trainers instructions to Man o’ War’s jockey? Let the Red run his own race. Don’t hold him in.

12. How many lengths did Man o' War win by? Seven lengths
13. How many world records had Man o' War made? 2
14. How heavy was Man o' War's handicap? Over 130 pounds.
15. What was special about Man o' War's race with Sir Barton? It was his last race.
16. What fast was in place during the beginning of the book? Ramadan.
17. What country did Agba come from? Morocco.
18. How long did Ramadan last? A month.
19. What were the restrictions of Ramadan? No eating or drinking from sunrise to sunset.
20. What religion celebrates Ramadan? Mohammedans
21. How many horses was Agba in charge of at the Sultan's stable? 10
22. How many horses were there total at the sultan's stable? 12 thousand
23. Who was Agba's favorite horse at the Sultan's stable, before Sham was born? The mother of Sham, a bay mare, as fleet as a gazelle, with eyes that would study him in whatever he did.
24. What did Sham have on his chest? A wheat Ear
25. What did Sham have on his heel? A white spot.
26. What did Agba feed Sham to help him gain strength after his mother died? Camel's milk and wild honey.
27. What did Agba promise Sham? That he would be the king of the wind.
28. Did the other colts like Sham? No
29. Who won when all of the horseboys raced their horses? Agba and Sham
30. Who was Agba summoned to see? Sultan Mulaj Ismael
31. How many vessels of water did Agba have to clean himself with before presenting himself to the Sultan? 3
32. How many horse boys went to see the Sultan? 6
33. What did the horseboys hold for good luck when they went to visit the Sultan? A Chameleon
34. What did the Sultan remind Agba of? A camel
35. Where was the Sultan sending Agba and Sham? To the Court of Versailles
36. How long from when the sultan addressed the horseboys did they leave for France? 7 days
37. What were the color requirements of the horses to go to France? "No two shall be the same color. One shall be Chestnut, deep-toned. And one shall be yellow dun with tail and mane of silver. And one shall be dark gray, like the gray of the wood dove. And one shall be the whiteness of the flag that flies over the mosque at the hour of prayer. And one shall be black as a starless night. And one shall be the color favored by the prophet." (bay)
38. How long were the horseboys to care for their horses? As long as the horse shall live.
39. What physical disability did Agba have? He was a mute

40. What does the Sultan say that the amulets will do? Protect the boys from scorpion bites and protect the horses from evil spirits.
41. What did Sham become when he was sold at the horse fair? A cart horse
42. Why did Jethro Coke buy Sham? He needed a horse for his son in law to ride.
43. What religion was Jethro Coke? He was a Quaker
44. Who ran the Coke household? Mistress Cockburn.
45. When was Benjamin Biggle to ride Sham? The forenoon of third month, fourth day.
46. How old was Sham when he was bought by Jethro Coke? Four
47. What words did Agba quickly pick up on in the Coke household? Eat, poor boy, a bit of cake, beautiful daughter, fat dolt.
48. What did Mistress Cockburn teach Agba? His letters
49. What was the weather like the day Benjamin Biggle was to ride Sham? Drizzly
50. Where did Benjamin land when he was knocked off of Sham? In a mud puddle.
51. What color were Jethro Coke's eyes? Blue
52. Why did Mister Williams have to please Mistress Williams? Her wonderful cooking.
53. What jail was Agba taken to after he was arrested? Newgate Jail
54. How much bread did Agba get in jail? Six ounces
55. What did Mistress Cockburn want to give to Agba as a treat at the Red Lion? Sugar tarts, peaches, Cheshire Cheese Pudding, and carrots.
56. What name did the Earl choose to call Agba? His own name, Agba. What did the Earl want Sham to do when he first came to Gog Magog? Work the machine that pumps water into the fishpond
57. What horse did Agba hate to tend to at the Earl's stables? Hobgoblin
58. What was Roxana compared to? A fawn
59. Which horse did Agba let out to meet Roxana? Sham
60. Who won the fight between Hobgoblin and Sham? Sham
61. Where was Agba when the Earl of Godolphin told him to go to Wicken Fen? In Sham's stall
62. What was written on the Gable of Upware Inn? Five miles from anywhere. No hurry.
63. What would Twickerham send to Agba every fortnight? Barley and oats.
64. What animal did Agba make a friend of at Wicken Fen? A Hooded Crow
65. What did the Earl name Sham? The Godolphin Arabian
66. Where was Sham placed after he left Wicken Fen? Hobgoblin's stall
67. Where did Lath race and win twice a year? Newmarket.
68. What course was Regulus to run at Newmarket? The Round Course.
69. What course was Cade to run at Newmarket? The Beacon Course
70. What course was Lath to run at Newmarket? The Caesarewitch Course
71. Where was the Godolphin Arabian to stand on the course? At the finish Post

72. Who would be directly opposite the Godolphin Arabian at Newmarket? The King and the Queen.
73. How did Agba speak? With his eyes
74. What was the color of the saddlecloth that The Godolphin Arabian was to wear at the finish post? Purple.
75. What color did Lath wear for his race? Scarlet
76. Did Lath start out well in his race? No
77. How old was the Godolphin Arabian when he died? Twenty- nine
78. What did his grave marker say? Nothing
79. What title was given to The Godolphin Arabian aside from The King of The Wind? Father of the Turf
80. Which one of The Godolphin Arabian's great- grandson's never lost a race? Eclipse
81. What did Agba do the night that The Godolphin Arabian died? He went back to Morrocco
82. Why does the tablet on the Godolphin Arabian's grave bear no markings? In the words of the Earl of Godolphion "It needs none. You see, the golden bay was tended all his life by a boy who could not speak. He left for Morrocco the night that his horse died. Without any words at all he made me understand that his mission in life was fulfilled. So I have kept the tablet clean. It is for you and for me to write here our thoughts and tributes to the King of the Wind and the slim brown horseboy who loved him."

## In What Book...

- Was a triple crown winner beaten?
- Did a man have to tell a two hundred year old story to explain the reasoning of a very critical decision?
- Did people get nothing to eat from sun-up until sundown?
- Did a mare die shortly after giving birth?
- Was a very significant animal born on a full moon?
- Was there a white spot on a heel?
- Was there a wheat ear on a chest?
- Was a foal the color of the sun?
- Were the signs of good and evil weighed against each other?
- Was it prophesised that a foal who would go on to sire many great horses would die?
- Was an animal raised on camel milk?
- Did a Sultan drink three cups of tea before offering it to his guests?
- Was the main character mute?
- Did a horse respond only to one person?
- Was there a girl named Hannah?
- Did a horse have a manger of marble?
- Was a boy exiled after harming a prize animal?
- Was a stallion given the name of the Earl?

Was an Earl a poor man?  
Was a grave marker left blank?