**Obsession of Power**

One sunny afternoon, Wart was in bed sleeping because he got in a fight with Kay in the morning. Merlyn was reading his favorite book, the Britannica Encyclopedia, which he had read numerous times until his knowledge was as deep as a full professor. Closing the book’s cover, Merlyn decided it was time to wake Wart and further his education. “Wake up you silly little goose”

Wart started murmuring, but after a minute or two, he finally was awake.

“You are going to have another amazing lesson today, my boy”

Wart got exited as soon as Merlyn said that, but just then Kay walked into Wart’s room and demanded to accompany Wart on his lesson. Sadly for Kay, Merlyn refused his request.

“ If you don’t let me go with Wart, then I’ll lie and tell Sir Ector that you insulted me and he’s going to require you leave Sir Ector’s castle old man”  
Merlyn got furiously mad because of Kay but redundantly said “OK you can go with Wart.” “You two trouble makers’s are going to be transformed into a rat today. He told the boys to stand in the side of the room and started to say some odd words.

“HOCAS POCAS CROCODILE LAIR TURN THESE TWO INTO A FINE LITTLE HEIR”

Wart and Kay became smaller and smaller until finally they were each as small as a crumpled up piece of parchment.

Right then EVERYTHING WENT BLACK

When Wart and Kay woke up they found themselves in a oddly large rat hole. They could see thousands of hard-working rats. They walked forward to see a giant sign with the words:

“ALL SHALL SERVE THE KINGS OR SHALL BE SLAUGHTERD”

Wart didn’t understand the meaning of the sign, but continued on into the cave. He decided that he wanted to see what it’s like to be in a dictatorship, so he started furiously cracking bricks in to diminutive pieces with an axe.

Wart worked for hours and hours until he fell to his knees. Everyone was working and nobody said a word. Nobody stopped working and no rat questioned the king’s power. Wart was not used to the intense conditions the rats work in so he stopped working. Wart saw another rat getting escorted to the King’s castle because he wasn’t working and assumed that he was going to be killed by the look on his face. Wart walked up to another rat and said “Can I have some water,” The rat didn’t say anything, and Wart thought the rat didn’t understand and so asked again, but again the rat looked confused. Wart though the rat was just stupid. Just then one of the king’s subjects walked up to the rat and said “ablable doodble flooble,” and the rat sprinted of toward the kings castle. Wart understood that the rats couldn’t understand anything unless it’s a order to do work, and thought it was weird that the rats don’t have the ability to think for themselves.

Wart was very hungry because he had eaten his last meal in the early morning, and it was already late into the afternoon, so he went up to a subject to ask for food.

The subject said “You only get food once a day and don’t wait to be fed.”

Wart was shocked on how mean the subject was to him but backed off and headed back to his work.

The rats worked all day with no break or food until dusk. All the rats ate 2 pieces of bread, and fruit, which Kay thought was the smallest meal he had eaten. Wart was very tired and just wanted to go to bed, but had no choice as all the other rats were just lying on the floor trying to sleep. Wart and Kay were forced to do the same, because Wart had seen a rat get killed a day ago for staying awake in night and he didn’t want to get killed. Wart found one of the king’s subjects and asked him what to do.

“Don’t say a word or you may be killed” said the subject.

Wart got frightened when the subject said that and he fell right asleep.

All the rats woke up in the pitch darkness of the morning and started to work again. Wart and Kay did the same as they did not want to be killed. After days of working some rats starved to death, while others got their head chopped off for not working. Nobody but the king was happy and some of the rats were planning to revolt against the king for freedom. The king was making everyone do work and even killed some rats for no good reason.

The rats began to plan a revengeful war against the king. The fumingly mad rats gathered all they needed to slay the king and his subjects, and started firing cannon balls at the king’s castle. The war began with tons of blood everywhere. Nobody gave up and all the rats gave their lives to try to beat the king and his powers.

The war ended after many days. The king had overcome the rats and most of the rats died. Nobody had food to eat and everyone was starving. All of the rat’s trade had stopped and there was no work being done. Nobody had money to use trade to get materials to survive. The population of the rat colony was falling by the minute and there was almost no one in the colony. One subject even told Wart that “Wars were common in our world and dozens of innocent lives get taken because of the kings.”

Every day rats were trying to get rid of their evil king. Just as another war was about to start, Kay and Wart disappeared into the clear sky and were in bed in Sir Ector’s Castle. When Merlyn woke them up in the morning, he started to explain the lesson they had just received.

“The rats have a dictatorship and their king abuses his power. You saw how many wars there were and how many rats died because of the powerful king. The population of the colony is decreasing every minute and the trade in the colony will start to decline because of all the wars that are happening, one day the rats will finally succeed in killing there king.”Wart and Kay were much excited after their violent lesson and wanted Merlyn to explain more to them. Merlyn started again “When the king dies, and there is no trade occurring, the colony will start to decline until the entire colony is abandoned.”

Wart and Kay understood the meaning of the lesson, and trusted that Merlyn had them take it for a good reason. Wart and Kay stepped out of Wart’s room and since it was Tuesday went off to see Sir Ector for their weekly tilting lesson with Robin Wood. Merlyn then started to read another book this timed named the Unabridged Dictionary. Merlyn had memorized over half the words the dictionary and wanted to memorize the other half so he could teach his students some of the words. Wart and Kay walked to Sir Ector’s room in his castle.

“Where have you two been for the past days” asked Sir Ector

“We were furthering our education with the rats and learned about the destruction of abusing power!”

Sir Ector made a weird face and said “That man will get you two in danger someday” but then said “Well go on to see Robin Wood.”  
Wart and Kay walked began to walk of to Robin Wood for their lesson.