

1. The Coming of the Iron Man

1. The Iron Man comes to the top of a cliff, falls down and breaks apart into bits and pieces which are scattered all over the beach. One of his hands – with an eye tucked between his forefinger and thumb – collects all the other parts and puts the Iron Man together again. Only one ear remains missing and so he walks into the deep sea to look for it.

2. The story begins at night: “Night passed”. (p. 13)

3. The two seagulls discover the Iron Man lying scattered on the beach in the early morning: “Just before dawn, as the darkness grew blue [...] two seagulls flew crying over the rocks”. (p. 13)

4. to walk (11), to sway (11), to lift (12), to step forward (12), to topple (12), to tumble (12), to wheel (13), to glide (13), to roll (13), to fly (14), to move (14), to crane (14), to dart (14), to creep (14), to run forward (14), to scuttle (14), to jump (15), to hop (15), to twist (15), to ride (15), to stride about (17), to come up (17), to go down (17), to take off (17), to circle (18)

5. The Iron Man’s hand is compared to “a strange kind of crap” (14) and his eye to “a strange clam” (14).