

## THE WIZARD OF OZ

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The next morning, as soon as the sun was up, they started on their way, and soon saw a beautiful glow in the sky just before them.

'That must be the Emerald City,' said Dorothy.

As they walked on, the green glow became brighter and brighter, and it seemed that at last they were nearing the end of the travels. Yet it was afternoon before they came to the great wall that surrounded the City. It was high, and thick, and of bright green colour.

In front of them, and at the end of the road of yellow brick, was a big gate, all studded with emeralds that glittered so in the sun that even the painted eyes of the Scarecrow were dazzled by their brilliancy.

There was a bell beside the gate, and Dorothy pushed the button and heard a silvery tinkle sound within. Then the big gate swung slowly open, and they all passed through and found themselves in a high arched room, the walls of which glistened with countless emeralds.

Before them stood a little man about the same size as the Munchkins. He was clothed all in green, from his head to his feet, and even his skin was of greenish tint. At his side was a large green box. When he saw Dorothy and her companions the man asked, 'What do you wish in the Emerald City?'

'We came here to see the Great Oz,' said Dorothy.