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In Belgium, around 1900, in a charcol mine, 40 coal miners were buried underground at 600 meters. The ceiling of the main gallery collapsed, any deliverance seemed impossible ! The lamps went out one after another. Frightened by the spectrum of death, The walled-in men began to swear, to curse God and quarrel for a crust of bread.



But a galibot (a name given to children employed in underground work in the mines of northern France), More stubborn and more agile than the others began to dig. He looked for a ventilation hole, (A long vertical pipe too narrow to let through a man).

He crawled, scraped his knees, went astray, stopped, and went again.

He arrives at a place that he thinks is good.
He calls out in the direction above, screams, prays... and waits.



The miracle happens !
The voice of the engineer reached him :
Courage ! says the voice. I have sent a team of rescuers
to may a passage for you.
It may be long, but : courage ! I am coming soon !
I will arrive in time. Don't dispair !"



After hours of effort, the gailbot rejoined
his friends and told them the message
"Courage :I am coming soon !"
But what a deception : They all made fun of him.
Is it hunger that make them crazy !
When the engineer successfully made a passage way,
He arrived among dead bodies.



Only the young galibot and three of his friends who were supported by his words were kept alive... Jesus, in this world where all values have fallen and where so many people are walled-in Says to all who want to hope in Him : "Courage ! I am coming soon !" He wants to intervene in their favor and save them now from all distress ! Whatever it might be ! The very last word that He addresses to us in the Bible It is that he will come to take us with Him to to heaven All those who believe in Him and are preparing for his coming return !

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