

Laputa is a flying island described in the 1726 book *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift. It is about 4 ½ miles (7 kilometres) in diameter, with an adamantine base, which its inhabitants can manoeuvre in any direction using magnetic levitation. It has a cave in the very centre which is precisely there to gather all the rainwater. It is also used by the king to enforce his supremacy.

Laputa's population consists mainly of an educated elite, who are fond of mathematics, astronomy, music and technology, but fail to make practical use of their knowledge. Servants make up the rest of the population.

The land beneath the floating island, within the region the Laputa can travel, is known as Balnibarbi.

Balnibarbi is controlled by the king of Laputa; its ground capital is the city of Lagado.

Laputa's king is able to control the mainland mostly by threatening to cover rebel regions with the island's shadow, thus blocking sunlight and rain, or by throwing rocks at rebellious surface cities. I

n extreme cases, the island is lowered onto the cities below to crush them, although this is not successful every time.

Munodi explained that some forty years previously, some persons from the land had travelled to Laputa, and having come back with "a very little smattering of mathematicks" but full of "volatile spirits" acquired in that region, had come to dislike the management of all things below, and fell to forming schemes to put "all arts, sciences, languages and mechanicks" on a new footing.

To this end they had created an Academy of Projectors, from which a steady stream of projects, designed to let "one man do the works of ten" and "let the fruits of the earth come to maturity at whatever season" thought fit, and to increase production "an hundred-fold", to "let a palace be built in a week", and to create materials "so durable as to last forever".

Unfortunately, the only inconvenience being that none of these projects were yet brought to perfection, and in the meantime the whole country lay waste

Compare Laputa with

[My Report of 28 May 2020](#)

The Cummings Shogunate

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The full translated title of the Shogun is:-

"Commander-in-Chief of the
Expeditionary Force Against the Barbarians"

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