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插图：It is only once we have established this distinction that the ending of Tolkien's own Lord of the Rings trilogy makes any sense. Towards the end of Volume III, The Return of the King, Gandalf leaves Frodo, Sam, Merry, and Pippin on the East Road close to the borders of the Shire. Merry turns to the others and observes, 'Well here we are, just the four of us that started out together... We have left all the rest behind, one after another. It seems almost like a dream that has slowly faded.' Frodo responds, 'Not to me... To me it feels more like falling asleep again.'<sup>22</sup> To a contemporary reader, Merry's remark makes a great deal more structural sense than Frodo's. The epic journey that spans the trilogy becomes, in Merry's terms, a dream, the border between sleeping and waking seemingly locating itself on the borders of the Shire. In this sense, the journey into Middle Earth works in a structurally identical manner to the journey into Wonderland, and like Alice, these four travellers immerse themselves fully into it and fully return again. For Frodo, the key dreamer of Tolkien's trilogy, this is clearly not the relationship he holds to dream by this stage. His journey into dream has functioned as a moment of enhanced enlightenment, resulting in him being more fully alive when 'dreaming' than when 'awake'; but also, and as with Drythelm, for Frodo dream and death ( or the threat of death ) are never far apart. The fear of death or danger is, in fact, the key characteristic of Frodo's dreaming. The first instance of sleep overtaking him occurs in Volume I, The Fellowship of the Ring, as the travellers walk through the Old Forest prior to Pippin and Merry being attacked by the willow tree: 'Sleepiness seemed to be creeping out of the ground and up their legs, and falling softly out of the air upon their heads and eyes. The next dream sequence is perhaps the key one of the trilogy and takes place inside Tom Bombadil's house. Three of the four characters have nightmares here, in part inspired by their adventures in the wood; but while Pippin dreams he is back inside the willow, 'listening to that horrible dry creaking voice laughing at him again,' and Merry dreams he is being drowned, 'water streaming down gently, and then spreading, spreading irresistibly all around the house.., rising slowly but surely' ( FR, 168 ) .

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