

Three pages back Toling drew his boat
as in a plan seen from above,
and described in careful detail
the materials and nature of construction,
and told me of his explorations on the coast of Bella Coola,
and how the weather works in these parts,
and of the strange geology of his island
where a hundred freaks are hiding
from civilization
in a very spiritual space,
and asked me straight away
what I was trying to prove in law.