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## *A word of Thanks and Appreciation*

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***“Tales of our Grandmother Zahra”***

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## *Description of the “Tales of our Grandmother Zahra”*

Tales of Our Grandmother Zahra came to complete what grandparents started, and keep pace with technological development, in a world in which the young child precedes his parents, and the student his teachers. In which the information became known to the child before the old one, and it became difficult to convince the emerging student with information that he does not feel and does not affect him.

Because technology, no matter how climaxing, was not a substitute for the heritage of our grandparents, the Tales of Our Grandmother Zahra came to influence the depths of learners with an educational approach of stories based on morals, which were not addressed to the recipient except his instinct, which he gleaned on, completely far from any thought that did not unite all religions. It was the alternative to the character-building approach, with an educational and very careful not to destroy any value as it delivers its

goal from the story, respects the mind of the recipient. The supreme goal of the stories is to raise the level of reading to the reader, so we restored the Arabic language its pride in a generation that was the more entitle to it now, so I wrote in an interesting and amusing style that is appropriate for those who read.

## *Dedication*

Dedicated to my mother, who used to tell us stories before our sleep and sings songs for us from the of imagination, dedicated to my grandmother who urged me to write, dedicated to my kind grandmother who used to hug us and tell stories of traditional heritage, dedicated to my dear aunt who was telling the stories of Set Al-Hosn, dedicated to My good uncle who believed in my talent and encouraged me, dedicated to my kind-hearted one who instilled values and conscience in us, dedicated to my father who was keen on my excellence in study and in life, dedicated to my children whom I intended to be charitable to with these tales, dedicated to the children of the world, and dedicated to every father and every mother Keen on everything that enters the minds of his children this book, "Tales of Our Grandmother Zahra".

*My Grandmother and Al-Shater Hassan*  
*(First Part)*



My kind grandmother tells us every day a different story, and I do not know is she the author of all these stories?! Or is she possessed stories that make her able to open the greatest library known to the Earth?!, She got a series of legends of a young man named Al-Shater Hassan. My grandmother is in love with this young man since he was a child until she got him married, in her stories, to the Sultan's daughter.

My grandmother told us about Al-Shater Hassan, that his mother and his father died, when he was a eight-year-old boy, and his father left a legacy and his old sister knew about that; she got fears to give him the inheritance, as he may spend it in playing and buying candy.

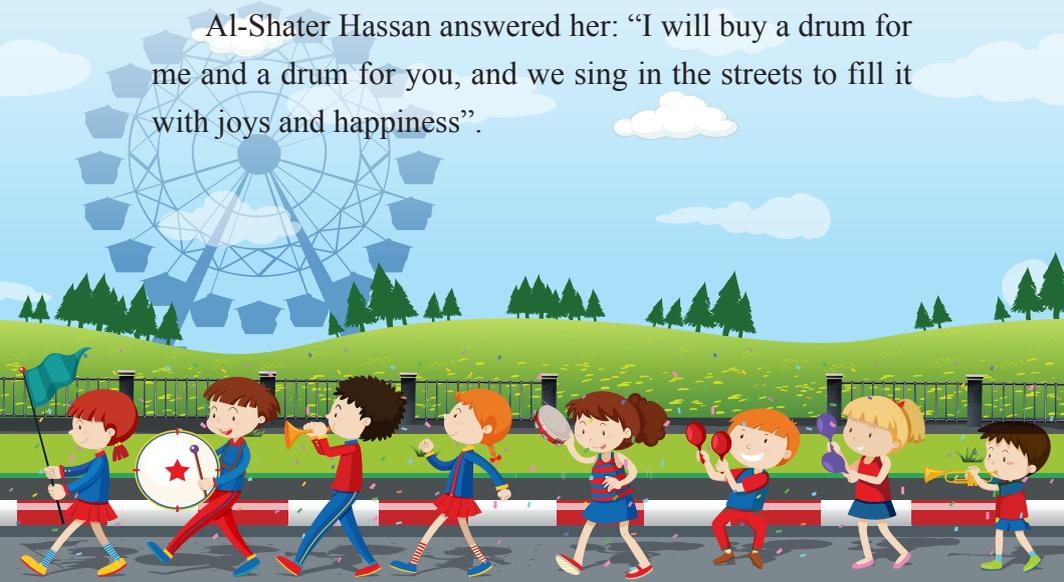


The older sister every time made a test by asking him a question: “Al-Shater Hassan, if you has an amount of money, what will you buy?!” Al-Shater Hassan gave her a quick answer: “I will buy a beeper for me, and a beeper for you, then we will beep in the morning for the migratory birds”.



So his older sister realized that his mind was still young to give him his father’s money, and she asked him two years later the same question: “If you has an amount of money, what will you buy?!”

Al-Shater Hassan answered her: “I will buy a drum for me and a drum for you, and we sing in the streets to fill it with joys and happiness”.



So his older sister realized that his mind was still young to give him his father's money, and she waited for many years then asked him the same question: "Al-Shater Hassan, if you has an amount of money, what will you buy?!" Al-Shater Hassan answered her: "I Will trade with that money in countries, then I will come back to you to make you live in the palace like the palace of the Sultan's daughter, and buy you clothes from silk and cotton, and we will live our lovely days in in love, satisfaction and safety".



Here, the older sister touched a good way of thinking in Al-Shater Hassan, then she gave him his father's gold coins, and she said to him: "Go in God's protection, travel in the countries, and I am here waiting for you".

Then my grandmother keep quiet about the words, so we keep asking her some questions:

What did happen to him on his journey? did he buy a palace like a palace of Sultan? Tell us, our kind grandmother. She says: Tomorrow you will know. We continue to shout: No our grandmother, tell us, then she asks these questions to us:



- Why was the older sister asking Al-Shater Hassan?
- When did the older sister give Al-Shater Hassan his legacy?
- What were the dreams of Al-Shater Hassan?
- Does grandmother like Al-shater Hassan?
- What do young people do when their grandmother is silent?

**To be continued.**

*My Grandmother and Al-Shater Hassan*  
*(Second Part)*



My grandmother in the absence of the sun, went to all rooms of the home to make sure that we have switched off their feeble, and we were in the hurry at home yard to pick up the papers on the ground that was left from our playing. We did that to make our grandmother rested and told us the adventure of Al-Shater Hassan.

We sat around her, as if she was the queen of the bees, and we were the servants, and we imitated the tinnitus of bees in urging our grandmother to continue telling us her tales: “Our grandmother, please tell us, we were reached with you that Al-Shater Haasan was matured, and he started his journey to different countries.



Grandmother started her speech with the kindest and sweetest of words, then she entered into our story and said: Al-Shater Hassan, became confused as he had his father’s legacy in his custody, his share and his sister’s share. He was afraid and nervous of failing and being unsuccessful in his business, or returning from his trip disappointed.

He remembered his sister's good words that he should trust in God, and her eyes that were full of hope, then his fears went away and started to think: What did he buy from his country, which he could sell and to get profits from it in other countries? He remembered the wonderful violet flowers smells that his sister put in the strands of her hair, and he said: "I will trade in perfumes".



### Al-Shater Hassan Makes Good Perfume

Al-Shater Hassan collected flowers from farmers' gardens and he squeezed it, put them in colorful bottles with bright colors, and hired a ship, then he sailed to the country did not know the perfumes yet. As his ship anchored, Al-Shater Hassan gathered up by residents of that country, they did not know what attracted them?



Was it the color of Al-Shater Hassan? Was it because of his skin color as his color as color of wheat? As the color of their skin was red, or his black hair? As their hair color was yellow, or was it because of his elegant clothes? As they did not pay any attention to elegant clothes; or was it because of the good smell from his ship?



Every child cried to his mother to buy him a colorful bottle smells of beautiful smell, every female asked her father to bring her a bottle of this young man, every woman asked her husband to buy a bottle from the strange man, who anchored his ship on their shores, and men wanted to equip themselves with these bottles of strange perfume .

Al-Shater Hassan did not have now any of these bottles, the whole country bought all the goods, and filled his ship with coconut because the flora was a favorite with them.



Al-Shater Hassan thought about how could he profit from these plants? Would coconut plants fulfill his dream to buy a palace like a palace of the daughter of Sultan to his sister? This was what we will know tomorrow when the sun is filled rooms with rays, and the roosters shout.

We all shout, complete, our kindest grandmother, and my grandmother laughs until all her little teeth appear with a little laugh.

**Then she asked questions:**



- 1- What was the reason of fears of Al-Shater Hassan?
- 2- Describe Al-Shater Hassan?
- 3- Why did Al-Shater Hassan choose the violet flower?
- 4- What was the real reason that the people of the city were attracted to the ship?
- 5 - What was the plant that the city's residents filled the ship of Al-Shater Hassan with?

*My Grandmother and Al-Shater Hassan*  
*(Third Part)*





The sun rays entered my room and caressed my closed eyes, then I remembered Al-Shater Hassan, I got up from my sleep going to my kind grandmother, I found her pounded eggs and put margarine and flour to it, to make me a delicious nuts cake, I asked to help her, then she asked me to handle some purposes, the wooden mold, grated nuts. I obey her in every matter, and I wanted her to finish her mission in order to tell me what Al-Shater Hassan did in the country of walnuts?

### Al-Shater Hassan Journey to the Country of Dumb

My grandmother finished our cake, and she left it to cool and went out. My grandmother started with peace over the honors, and she said: We ended yesterday when the ship of Al-Shater Hassan was filled with coconut plants, and he asked himself: Which village or city can I sell coconut plants?

He ate one and felled a refreshment and delusion!

He asked the sailors about the conditions of the cities, knowing that the seventh shore was the country of the dumb, and he marveled at the cause of their affliction?



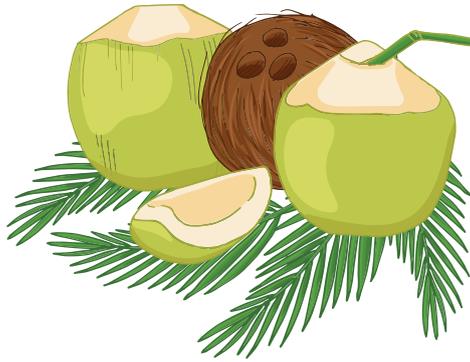
### The Reason Behind the Dumb

A black cloud cruised around their city. They waited for passing on the cloud without any harm, but the cloud remained three days, the sun, the birds and the doves did not show again, the city dominated by silence, and gloom appeared on the faces, where all its residence became dumb till now.

Al-Shater Hassan was delighted that he finally knew where to sell coconut plants! Al-Shater Hassan knew that the coconut plants contain elements that make the sorrow one be a happy.

His ship was anchored on the shore of the city, Al-Hassan started to sing with a coconut in hand: “I sell the sun, which is absent with the sound, I sell the doves of countries, and the singing of birds breaks the silence. I sell coconut plants which is refreshing the living human after death.”

Residents gathered on the ship, drinking water from the coconut, and laughing with loud voices were heard throughout the city, as they were happy with returning of their voices.



### King's Reward for Al-Shater Hassan

The king rewarded him for the return of the voice, and placed in his hand the jewel of time, and said to him: “You are the reason for the joy of the place. We will fill your ship with almond plants, because it is the most famous city crop.” Al-Shater Hassan thanked the king.



My grandmother kept silent, explaining that it is time to eat a nutty cake, we shouted as usual and we all shouted and said: “Go ahead complete it our grandmother” Then my grandmother laughs until all her little teeth appear with a little beautiful laugh.

Then she asks questions:



- 1- Where was the country of dumb?
- 2- What was the reason for the dumb of the people of the city?
- 3- How did Al-Shater Hassan gather the people of the city to the coconut?
- 4- What was the gift of the king?
- 5- What was the ship of Al-Shater Hassan filled with?

*My Grandmother and Al-Shater Hassan*  
*(Fourth Part)*



The birds sang a song that sent hope in the soul, and the mission and activity were transmitted in it, my grandmother entered my room to tickle me in amazing spirit and said: “Wake up lazy boy”

The questions started with breakfast: “Tell us, our grandmother, what did Al-Shater Hassan do with the jewel of time?”

Grandmother began her story with peace of honors, and told us the sweet of speech.

### Al-Shater Hassan and the Daughter of Sultan

Al-Shater Hassan squeezed all almonds in the ship, and made pots of almond oil, then he sailed by the blessing of God to anchor his ship on the shore of the Kingdom of the Sultan, asking guards to enter, then they asked him about the reason, he said: “I have an amazing oil”

The guard allowed him to enter, and the sick daughter of the Sultan saw him, as she had a disease of incapacitation while she was in the age of the youth and all doctors were confused about it.





Al-Shater Hassan was kind to her, and he took out a pot full of almond oil, and he said to her: “I have an antidote to your elderly, try it for a month”.

The Sultan heard him, then he said to him: “If it is true what you say, I will make you live in a palace like my palace, and make you marry my daughter, but if I am disappointed, I will kill you.”

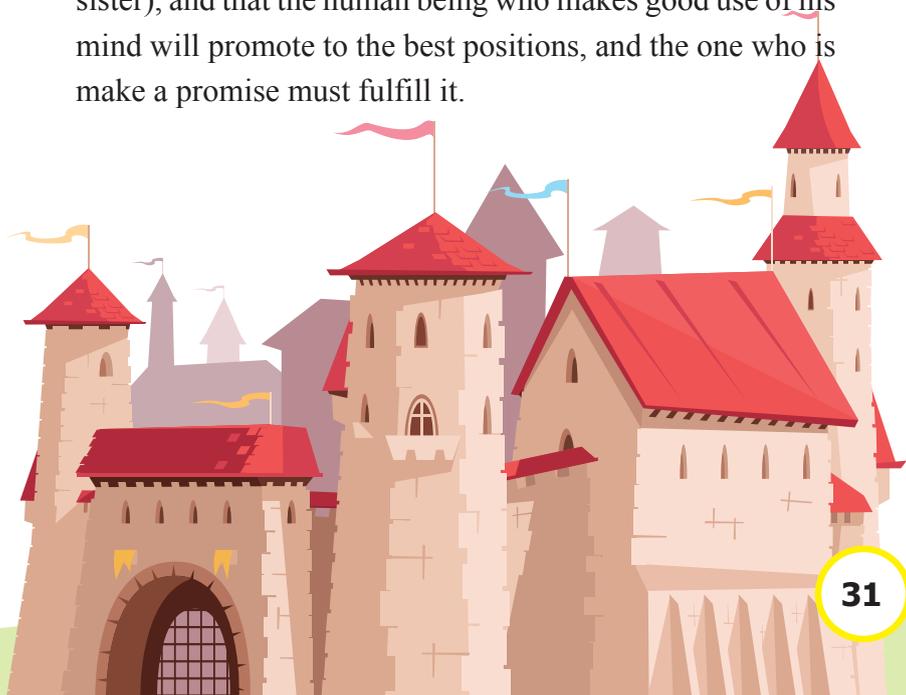


### Al-Shater Hassan Asked for His Sister

Al-Shater Hassan asked the Sultan to bring his sister to visit him, because he could not move from the palace, the guards went to bring her.

During these days, the daughter of Sultan changed to a new very beautiful girl, and Al-Shater Hassan gave her the jewel time. After, the Sultan make him live in a palace like the Sultan's palace and his sister came to him and blamed him for his long absence, then he offered her the palace and said: "We have gathered by those who gather loved ones, and we compensated for the loss and the long absence, and I fulfilled my promise to you, so you will live with me in a palace like the Sultan's palace".

The story ended and we should know that when God forbids, God must have a wisdom of prohibition (where Al-Shater Hassan was orphan), then God will give us more and more. (Where Al-Shater Hassan has a loving affectionate sister), and that the human being who makes good use of his mind will promote to the best positions, and the one who is make a promise must fulfill it.



“I love you my grandchildren”.

“We love you our grandmother”.

Questions:



- 1- What did Al-Shater Hasan with almonds?
- 2- What did happen to the princess?
- 3- What was the Sultan’s agreement with Al-Shater Hasan?
- 4- What gift did Al-Shater Hassan give to the princess?
- 5- How did the story end?

*My Little Heart  
Many are Dwell in It*



My mother taught me that a small heart inhabited by countries and peoples, relatives and loved ones, I was amazed! How can my little heart have many in it!

### **My Mother Taught Me That The Heart Can Have A Lot.**

I live in a modest house, with three rooms and wide yard, where my mother puts a white swing, and some toys for me and my brothers. When any guest comes to our home, our kind mother allow us to share our toys with all the children of the guests, and did not get bothered.... We just wanted to bring pleasure to their hearts, and made their day with us happier. Besides, we wanted them to come out from our home with beautiful memories, my mother taught me that.



After the guests had left, I gathered the toys in the box, and arranged the yard again to be good to sit in. While I was watering roses and flowers I saw a beautiful toy, then I said: “Why am I making only guests happy?”



I went to my good mother, telling her: “Why am I make only our guests happy with my toys? Why I do not go to the orphanage and give them most of my toys, and leave a little to myself, it is from God, as God gives me a kind father who buys me what I ask, while they do not have this in their livelihood.



The mother smiled with a broad smile and her eyes were washed with tears of joy and said: “I am so happy today with my beautiful flower, you are a beautiful flower of which I lived watering it by love of good, today I see the wonderful color and smell fragrant smell, my lover come on to buy them new toys, we go to rejoice small hearts, and see spangle in their eyes, let’s ask your brothers to participate with us”.

### My Little Heart and The Weeks Pocket Money

I entered my brothers’ room and I told them what happened. My brothers refused our mother financial aid to us, as we have decided to buy toys with our saved money from our pocket money, and we have opened box of our daily pocket money, which we save in it our pocket money for weeks and months. Then we went out with our mother and bought many toys with the same number of all children who live in the orphanage.





We entered the house and everyone cheered, we played with them, and we rejoiced with great joy, I did not know exactly its source: Was it because I realized that doing good helping the small heart? Or did my small heart broaden its size because of doing good, so that it will dwell with many?!

Questions:

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- 1- Describe the house?
  - 2- How did I deal with guests?
  - 3- Why did the child think about orphans?
  - 4- Did children accept the financial assistance?
  - 5- What was the source of happiness?

# *Ali Baba (of That Era)*

## *First Part*



This story is like any other story: The struggle of truth and falsehood, the struggle of good and evil is enduring, forever and ever the beginning of the story ten years ago.

The story began since the father had mansions, gardens and plantations, before his death he recommended that the great wealth should be divided between his two sons, Qasim and Ali.

In the course of the severe illness of the father, Qasim opened the wills box, changed the will, erased Ali's name from the will, and singled out the wealth. After opening the will, Ali was expelled from the palace, according to that, Qasim entered the palace with his wife. Qasim was satisfied with the false and unlawful bliss, and Ali also accepted his father's will, believing that this was the truth.



Ali became in the street, seeking for the loaf, afraid of rain if it rained, but he had something called hope; his hope in his God's blessing for the servants, so he did not stop, he worked as a logger and married a woman named Morjana

He had three children from her. They worked with him in the logging and sale of trees. They lived in a happy life. Poverty never defeated them, but rather the house was the one that building a happiness that the owners of palaces did not know it, it also made happiness greater day after day and strengthened the bond of love of that family which made them strong before any challenge.



## Ali Baba is An Entertaining Story for Children

Because everyone who wants stories is looking for beautiful stories and he draws from it the interesting ones. The story of Ali Baba is the entertainment of the children of this era.

Follow with me a story of our authentic Arab heritage that I have rewritten to fit this era. Follow the story and what will happen in the house of Ali Baba? What will happen also in Qasim Palace? Continue the Second Part

Questions of the First Part:

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- 1- What did QAsim do during his father's illness?
  - 2- Where did Qasim live after the death of the father?
  - 3- Where did Ali Baba live after the death of the father?
  - 4- How many children did Ali Baba have?
  - 5- What was Ali Baba job?

# *Ali Baba (of That Era)*

## *Second Part*



In this part, we see the character of Ali Baba, who was very kind, good instinctive in our times, when there were many measures and planning for any matter, whether good or bad.

### Ali Baba Went Out to the Market

Ali Baba went out to seek for his livelihood and before he went out: “Peace be upon you Om Abdullah” Kind Morjana: “May the peace, mercy, and blessings of God be upon you, with success, God willing, Ali Baba”. Then she called her God on her own: My God, send to Ali Baba the abundant livelihood that enriches us and prevent us from begging of people, Amine.

**Ali and the three children sang:** “We cut trees with a saw ... We take the woods with persistence ... We sell it on the market ..... We sell it on the market ..... And we buy breakfast, hey hey hey hey hey hey ... And we buy breakfast”

Every one of them went and had three woods on his shoulder. Then they went to the market.



## Ali Baba is a Naive Kind Man

There were many people on the market, “come on my children, come close, there are wood for the fireplace, wood for village chairs, we say buy two of them and have a one for free only for five pounds”. A man came asking for three, and went, he did not pay, Ali Baba stopped him: “Where are the five pounds?”

**The man:** Did not you say that every two of them had the third as a gift from you?

**Ali Baba:** Yes, I said that.

**The man:** So thank you, give me the way.

**Ali Baba, speaking to his son:** Make way for the man

**One of his sons:** My father he did not give us a pound or a dirham!

**Ali Baba:** Didn't I raise you to keep the promise? “Buy three wood, and get the fourth for free, come closer, come closer, come on, until we're done”.

Children look at each other and return to their mother's with empty hands

**Ali Baba:** God bless you, you will love the goods

Ali Baba knocked on the door .....

**Morjana:** Who?

**Ali Baba:** I am Ali Baba with your children

**Morjana:** You are welcome home, Ali Baba

Where is the rest of the goods?

Where is the breakfast?

Questions:



- 1- sing the song that the children sang.
- 2- What was the offer that Ali Baba offering on the goods?
- 3- What did the man give Ali Baba as a price for wood?
- 4- Did the children like their father's behavior? Why?
- 5- What do you think of the personality of Ali Baba?

# *Ali Baba (of That Era)*

## *Third Part*



In this part, we will witness a revolution in the house of Ali Baba and the rejection of all his actions that did not bring to his children other than hunger and need, and his insistence on his position towards his brother whatsoever this brother is.

### Ali Baba Returns Home Empty

Morjana opened the door and found the children and Ali without the morning goods, so her son preached to her that God sent a man who bought all the goods, and she rejoiced: “This is from my prayers to you”.

**Abdullah:** But my father refused to take money because we are rich, because we are not hungry, right, is that right my father?

**Ali:** Right..... what do you say? Do you ridicule me with your words? .... Is this from your standing in the market, you have become old enough to detract me?

**The other child:** My father this is not fair, you sold our efforts and tired with nothing.

**Abdullah:** Yes, Dad, we are starving now and you are lenient with all dishonest people so that you do not think about redressing injustice for yourself.



**Morjana:** Yes throughout your life you are like this, did you forget Qasim? You have a right, and I swear that he is stronger than the one who cheated you at the market.

### Ali Baba Is Angry With His Wife And Children

**Ali Baba, speaking loudly:** Do not talk about my brother in this manner, you and your children do not think good of me, it is easy to misunderstand my brother and compare him to the thief of the market!!

**Morjana:** The strange thing, Ali Baba, is that all people know your story, except you!

For your goodness they steal you, and I have accepted your injustice to yourself, and now the injustice has reached me and my children, here I tell you: No... No, Ali Baba, you must differentiate between those who cheat you and those who loves you.

**Ali Baba:** What do you want now?

**Morjana:** We want to eat breakfast

### Ali Baba Is Thinking To Live With His Brother

**Ali Baba:** Well, we will go to the palace of my brother Qasim, so that you may know that all of your words have no basis, and that your misunderstanding of my brother Qasim has no basis. We will live with him at his palace, and it is possible to find work there protects you from the sun, come on. Come on

Questions:



- 1- How did Ali Baba return to his wife?
- 2- Did the children like their father's behavior?
- 3- Why is Ali Baba angry with his wife?
- 4- What decision did Ali Baba decide?
- 5- What did Ali Baba expect for his family after he returns the palace?

# *Ali Baba (of That Era)*

## *Fourth Part*



Ali Baba and his hungry family went to Qasim's palace, and the palace guards met them, and prevented them to enter the palace.

**The guard:** Did not you see us?

**Ali Baba:** I am Ali Baba Qasim's brother and this is my family, so let us in.

**The guard:** Give me minute to get permission

The guard entered and cut off Qasim's and his wife conversation and said: Ali Baba brought his family, and they ask permission to enter.

Qasim is hiding behind his wife and said: Why?

**His wife:** Are you get crazy? You are the owner of this palace

A moment passed, then she pointed to the guard: Make him and his wife only come in.



The wife looked at Qasim and said: See what I will do with them!

**The guard said:** The wife of my master, Qasim, has told me to enter only both of you without children.

**Ali Baba to his children:** Do not worry, they just want to verify our personality, and they will enter you immediately. Play here on the weeds in this garden. Do not disgrace me.

### Ali Baba's Meeting With His Brother And The Surprise

Ali Baba went into a lap with a cuddle and said: My brother Qasim, Qasim closed his cloak and said: What are you doing? So,... Do you know this cloak price, that is now dirty ??!

**Ali Baba:** I thought that you missed me like I did!!

**Qasim:** I wish you would shut down the pseudo-tenderness radio and tell me: Why do come here, now?

**Ali Baba:** Tenderness radio Pseudo Why am I here? I do not understand!!



**Qasim:** I know your understanding is slow .. why did you come?

**Morjana spoke:** We came because hunger intensified over your brother's children, we came because the cold intensified on their skinny bodies, but here you are blessed with all the wealth .. Your father's wealth I mean your own father ..

**Qasim was stuttering:** What do you mean?

**Morjana:** I mean what I said! She looked fiercely for Qasim's face.

**Qasim's wife:** Talk to me, anyone wants anything asks it from me. I heard your complaint, wise woman, but if you want money then the money is for work.

**Morjana:** I do any work, I just want to feed my children.

**Qasim's wife:** So, clean my shoes, she laughed loudly to glow at the place.

**Morjana:** Whoever thought that this world is permanent and deceived you by its laugh; there is a day will come, when you reap a harvest of your compel and the circle of injustice will turn on you, it may be soon.

Questions:



- 1 - What did the guards say when they found Ali Baba?
- 2- What was Qasim's reaction when he knew from the guards that Ali Baba was outside?
- 3- Why was Qasim angry when Ali Baba hugged him?
- 4- (Speak to me) Who said this phrase? Why?
- 5- What job did Qasim's wife want to make Morjana doing?

# *Ali Baba (of That Era)*

## *Fifth Part*



We have reached the end of the events of our story that proved with certainty that good is the strongest and that love is the most powerful weapon ever of any war and in any age. Ali Baba chose love as his weapon and victory was his ally.

### Ali Baba Became A Rich Man

After a long passage of days, conditions changed. God gave Ali Baba a blessing of livelihood, he got a plenty of money from unknown ways to him. He had a palace like Qasim's palace. While Qasim sold his palace because of his pinch of snuff and became homeless searching for a loaf of bread.

**Qasim's wife:** What will we do now, thief of your brother? Morjana was right when she said that the days will turn on us, so what shall we eat now? Logs?!



**Qasim:** Shut your mouth a little bit to make me able to think, when I stole my brother you knew that, did not you?! Knowing and keeping silent about the matter is a participation in the theft, you are a thief

**The wife:** You are a thief of your brother .

**Qasim:** Silence, I will go to my brother and ask him to forgive me, come on with me.

### Qasim Is In Ali Baba Palace

Qasim entered and he was frightened waiting for Ali Baba reaction, and Ali Baba opened his arms: Come in your brother's lap, this is my hand, and I do not fear my cloak gets dirty. My brother, you are the most precious person for me than treasures of this world.

**Morjana to Qasim's wife:** What do you think I do? Qasim's wife knelled to clean her shoes; Morjana raised her up: God forbid, you are my sister. She called on her children: My children, this is your uncle, Qasim, and this is your aunt. They will live with us in the palace. The story ended with the older brother's love for his younger brother and his tolerance for him. Their lives remained wonderful in this time. We will meet thousands of Qasim, so, we all shall be Ali Baba.

Questions:



- 1- What way did Ali Baba choose?
- 2- Describe the meeting of Qasim with Ali?
- 3- Why did Qasim's wife kneel?
- 4- What was Morjana's reaction?
- 5- How did the story end?

## *The Court of the Crow*



I will tell a story with the crow that is very strange, and if I had not read it in more than one book, I would have thought it was false and I did not believe.

In the village in the Egyptian countryside where my father was born, I found a scene of crows wrapped around a dead crow on the ground, so, my brother wanted to remove it.

The crows gathered together, as if they were attacking my brother, as if it was a scene from a film depicted with all craftsmanship, all of this because he was close to the their dead, the crows walked in two organized queues.

I went to my dad to tell him what happened, he laughed and said: “Don’t you know that there are laws that the crows have, they cannot violate them. So, imagine if a crow attacked a fledgling of another crow, what will happen? Imagine if he ate the food of the fledgling of crow, what would happen? Ahmad: I do not know.



The father answered after gathering us around him: The trespass of weak in the society of crow is considered a crime and an offense, they have a court for it.

**Laila laughed:** Is it reasonable, my father, and do they say the session was adjourned, and so on?

**The father replied:** Not in this way, here we are in the court of crows, upon which the crow attacked fledglings and eating their food. They plucked it, and it shall be without wreath of all its flesh, then every crow will know that crow violated the pace laws.

**Ahmad:** Why don't we show peace, reject harm, have mercy on young people, and defend their rights?

**Father:** We must not be less than crows in its magnanimity in his love for his brother, in his compassion for weakness, and in spreading the moral of peace in his community.

Questions:

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- 1- What did happen if a person get near to a deceased crow?
  - 2- What was the punishment for crow that attack the fledglings of another crow?
  - 3- What do we learn from the crow community?
  - 4- What do you wish for human society through this story?
  - 5- Did you like the story? Why?

*My Mother Wants Me Powerful*



My mother helped me to study all my lessons, held my old book and reads its words, I wrote without seeing the words. My mother wanted me skillful.

I had written the words on the page behind the dictation page, and I would return to see from behind all the word I heard, then I wrote them.

My mother discovered that, she was very sad, and said: I want you to be honest, no matter how much your grades are, I am happy with it because you wrote it with your effort, but cheating created weakness, and I want you to be powerful, skillful, and honest.

From that day, my moral is honest, and I do forget the cheating. I love you my honest mother. I will be an honest as you wish.

Questions:

Put a check mark in front of the correct phrase:

- 1 - When the mother discovered, the son conveyed the words from behind, she was happy. ( )
- 2- My mother wanted me to be powerful only. ( )
- 3- Cheating was from the morals of powerful. ( )
- 4- The child was cheating in this story. ( )





Complete the following statements from the brackets:

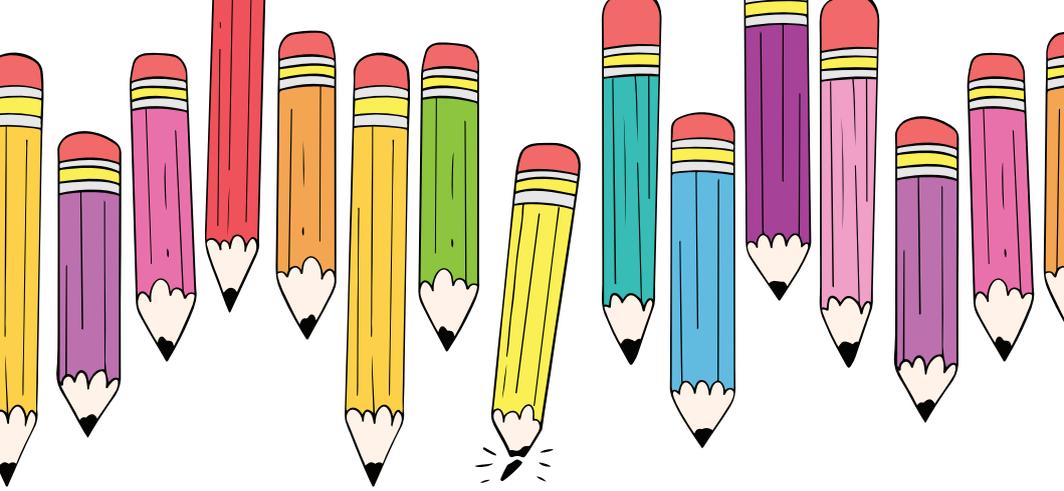
1- The child wrote the words on page of .....  
(front- behind).

2- The mother in this story ..... taught  
her son honesty.  
(Kind - honest)

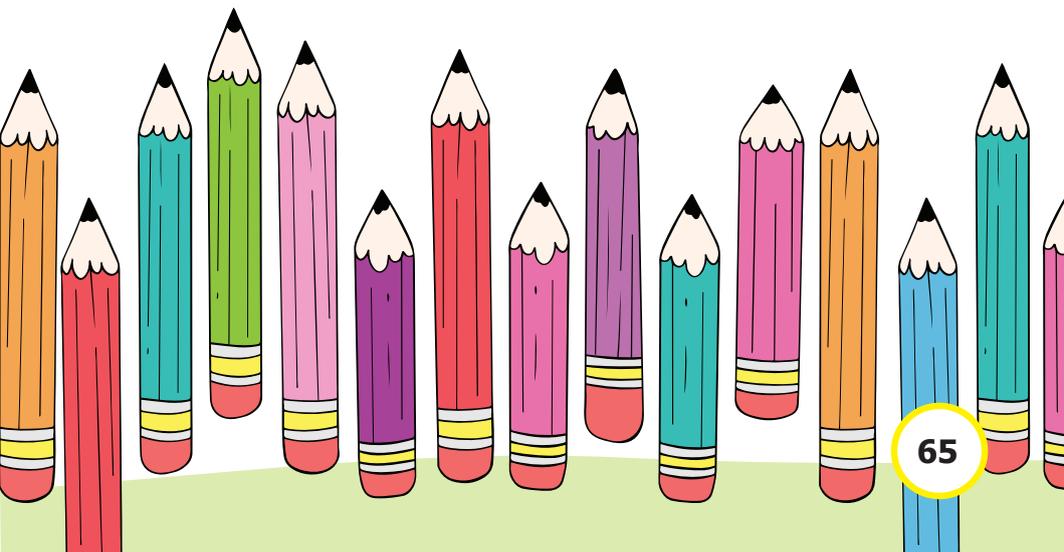
3- Cheating is moral of .....  
(the weak - the good)

4- I will be ..... like my mother  
(honest - minister)

5 - I love you, my honest.....  
(room -mother)



***Pens Have No Owner***



Pens and notebooks, all are tools that we use to write in school and at home, we are keeping them until the ink is finished or the pages of that notebook are finished.

### **My Mother Asks Me To Keep The School Pens**

My mother daily before I went to school was asking me to keep my pens and my school tools. This was because, honestly, I missed the tools that I could open a shop by them, so my mother blamed me and started taking my daily pocket money as a price for the notebook or pen that I lost.

### **Whose Pens Are These?**

I became in the classroom without pens, and I found a pen on the ground, so I took it, and I wrote with it. In the second day I found an eraser and a sharpener, and filled my empty pens case. To be honest, I asked with low voice: For whom is this pen? For whom is this eraser?

### **My Mother Discovers The Existence Of New Pens**

My mother helped me to study the Arabic language and read with me the text questions, and I answered these

questions. My mother noticed the existence of new pens in my pens case, then she asked me: “Where do you get these pens, Ahmad?” I said: “My mother, these pens has no owner”.

### The Unforgettable Lesson Of Pens

My mother was upset, her face color changed and her opened eyes expanded towards pens case, she drove out all the tools. Then, I started to feel with shame and the mistake because of the severity silence of my mother. I wished if she spoke one word, even to chide or rebuke me, but she left me and went away. I went after her in the kitchen and her room and I said many words, she replied: When you find its owner, Ahmad, come and talk to me.





All I knew about these tools that it has an owner, and you were not the owner of these pens. I designed a box that I wrote on it: “Tools Have An Owner.” I put in it all the tools, and I asked my friends to go to this box and to check it. This box became a shelter for everyone who lost any of the tools. My mother rewarded me by wonderful box that has all the tools. I love my mother as she taught me with compassion and taught me gently, I prayed to God to keep her save.

Questions:



- 1- What was the mother’s will for the son before going to school?
- 2- Why did Ahmad think about taking pens?
- 3- Did the mother rejoice with Ahmad’s new pens? Why?
- 4- What did Ahmad do to know the owner of the pens?
- 5- How will you behave if you were in Ahmad’s position?

## *My Father in the Superstore*



My father loves me so much and takes me with him even if he wants to buy anything, he calls me: Ahmad, put on your shoes and come with me to the superstore.

### Candy Corner In The Superstore

In Carrefour store there were corners for candy that I loved, very good juices, chocolate sweet taste. I cannot wait until my father pay for it, as my father filled the cart with many things and I was open them and ate them.

### My Dad At The Accounting Machine At Superstore

On the cashier, my dad all put all things in the cart to pay its price. My mouth was full of candy and around my mouth the remains of chocolate, I look to my father with the empty covers

of these things in my hands, he put them in front of the cashier machine, and asks me: Do you throw any cover on the floor?

### **My Father And I Are On Our Return**

My father sat with me in the car during our return home, and said: Tell me Ahmad, why did I put the covers on the cashier machine in the store?

**I said:** “Because you want to pay for it, Dad.”

**My father said to me:** Why did I ask you, have you been thrown any cover on the ground?

**I told him:** Fearful that we would go and not paying for it.

**The father said:** I’m concerning about you Ahmad, as there is an honest between the buyer and seller, our God is monitoring us and count our actions, if we were able to escape from the eyes of the people, how will we flee from the eye of God.

**Ahmad:** Do not be afraid, my father, my upbringing has been well done, and I am truly honest and I have manners that prevent me from betraying the trust.

**Father:** Oh God, always make my children honest

Questions:



- 1 - What corner did Ahmad like?
- 2- Did Ahmad be patient until his father paid for candy?
- 3- What was the father doing when he found out that his son ate candy?
- 4- Is Ahmad honest? Why?
- 5- What would you do if you ate in the store and left a cover?



*The Naughty Monkey is Very Smart*

The naughty monkey climbs trees, lives in woods, lives in groups and hates isolation.

### The Monkey Is A Smart Animal

The monkey is a smart animal that can coexist no matter how difficult the circumstances, it lives in groups, and the monkeys choose a strong leader who protects them. The little female monkey is called the “Marmoset”. The little male monkey is called the “Cynomolgus”.

### The Favorite Food Of The Monkey

The favorite food of the monkey: Fruits, and grass.

The monkey loves children, and children love the monkey very much.



## Questions



Put a check mark in front of the correct phrase:

- 1- The monkey climbs the trees. ( )
- 2- The monkey lives in isolation. ( )
- 3- The monkeys choose a weak leader. ( )
- 4- The monkey loves to eat meat and cheese ( )
- 5- The monkey loves children. ( )

Complete the following statements from the brackets:

- 1- The monkey is a ..... animal (naughty - quiet)
- 2- A little female monkey its name is .....  
(marmoset - cynomolgus)
- 3- A little male monkey its name is .....  
(marmoset - cynomolgus)
- 4- The Monkey is ..... (Climbing - go up) the trees
- 5- Children are ..... a Monkey a lot (loving - hating)

# *The Big Gray Elephant*



The big elephant is gray, the large elephant in gray is living in the woods.

The elephant is a peaceful animal that eats grass and has ivory teeth.

The little elephant is named: calves. The mother of the elephant is a loving mother. Her calves relies on her for three years. The elephant lives for seventy years.

We all love the elephant and the elephant loves children.

Questions:



Put a check mark in front of the correct phrase:

- 1- The elephant lives at home. ( )
- 2- The elephant has ivory teeth. ( )
- 3- The little elephant is named cub. ( )
- 4 - The elephant depends on its mother for four years. ( )
- 5- The elephant loves children. ( )



Complete the following statements from the brackets:

- 1- The big Elephant is ..... color (red - gray - green)
- 2- The elephant is ..... size. (small - bid - medium)
- 3- The little elephant is named ..... (calve- cub- lion)
- 4- The elephant lives for ..... years (seventy - thirty - fifty)
- 5- The Elephant is loving ..... (children - adults - everyone)

# *The Red Hair Laila*





“I will dye my hair in red color because I do not like it because it is black and it does not match my face. I’m bored of its black color”.

### Red Color Please

Laila went to the hairdresser and asked her to change its color to red color. The dying session ended, she entered the room to see the hair of her, which made her satisfied

and she went back to her home.

### I Do Not Like The Red Color

Friends of Laila in the morning were not impressed by the new color, and her best friend Mona told her that this color was bad for her and did not match her face. Laila said: “But I like it” She continued the day.

### Laila Is Browsing The Photo Album

Laila was browsing the photo album, she saw herself while holding a gold medal in a school jump race. She was wearing the white tie. Her hair was black and was matching her face. She saw herself at a superiority party of Miriam,

she was laughing and her face was bright, so, she was sad because she change the color of her hair.

### Laila Wants To Change The Red Color

Laila went to the hairdresser again asking her to re-color her hair in black. The lady answered her that this was bad for her hair, and asked her to wait until the new hair back to the original color after a period of one or two years.

### Laila Sad At Home

The mother: Have you seen, Laila, how you are sad for the color of your hair? How was God's choosing the best for you at all? Do not be so sad, it will return to its color, but do not change it to yellow, and the mother laughed and Laila laughed and said: I love the choice of God to me.

Questions:

- 1- Why did Laila dye her hair?
- 2- Was the red color satisfied her at first?
- 3- Why did Mona tell Laila the truth?
- 4- How long will Laila wait for the color to return?
- 5- Who said: (I love the choice of God to me)?



## *The Story Of The Lonely Solaima*



Solaima was the only introverted student, who sits alone most of the time on her P.E, Agriculture, and Home Economics class periods, as well as in all class periods of the school day, which harass most girls in her class.

### Solaima Is Facing The Female Students

**Lobna:** What's wrong with you Solaima? Are we not of your social class to treat us in this way?

**Lara:** Yes, what these repulsive looks to us as we are like insects.

**Solaima:** What's happening? I do not even look at you!

**Jannat:** Yes, you do not dare to do, look at yourself, what is brand of your phone? What is the brand of your shoes? From which store did you buy this bag? You are the mockery of everyone here.

Solaima hid and turned away from these girls. Her tears extinguish the flames of her heart, then flames fire again. She went to her mother.



The mother looked with sorrow at her broken daughter, trusted her to God, then she recited a verse “O you who have believed, let not a people ridicule [another] people; perhaps they may be better than them; nor let women ridicule [other] women; perhaps they may be better than them”.

By God, glory be to Him, and exalted in the foreknowledge of His knowledge when He said “perhaps”, it means that you are better than them, and the days will prove to you this.

### **Solaima Is Only In The Exam Period**

Solaima was busy in studying and did not think about anything other her studying. The girls were busy in clothes, noting others, tracking news of artists, and parties that were held in the houses of some of them. The time of test came, test showed the small minds of these girls in front of Solaima,

and she honored by the school. She raised her head in front of everyone, and reached out to them and said: “I offer an explanation of what is difficult for you, my heart is full of love, and I’m commanded to meet with the good deeds of all those who offend me, and to treat people with good morals”. Here, the students apologized for the Solaima, and they became best friends.

Questions:



- 1- In your opinion, what was the reason for Solaima isolation?
- 2 - In your opinion, why did the girls think of insulting Solaima?
- 3- How did she respond to the girls in the end?
- 4- Is your view, is Solaima better than them?
- 5- What is the difference between “Perhaps” if God said it, and “Perhaps” if people said it?

## *Marwan and His Funny Dialogue*



Marwan entered his room after returning from school, and his mother was preparing lunch for him, then she found her son was talking in his room. When she got close, she found Marwan talking to Satan.

### **Marwan Offers A Toy To Satan.**

Marwan went to the toys box and took out all the expensive toys, his toys: (Car become a robot after a minute, a plane flying four meters in the air, magic ball, colored clay , sand in a bottle with his name, ..... ) and he began his dialogue: “Satan, I know you leave me alone only when I sleep, sometimes you are my companion in bad dreams, and you made me today to hit Ahmad, you want me to be lazy in doing my homework, you want me to stop praying, so that today I offer you all my toys, take it and leave me reconcile with Ahmad and to excel in my studies, finally to do my prayers so that I can go to heaven.

### **The Mother Laugh From Marwan’s Dialogue With Satan**

The mother entered to Marwan, and she could not stand because of laughter, then she sat on the bed of Marwan and said: Do you think this Satan will



take your toys and leave you?! This Satan refused the paradise that has things beyond all these toys because he hates you, the most beautiful gift to him that you obey him. If you are more intelligent boy, every time he tells you to do something pray to God, and do not do it, this the way that he will never be able to tell you do bad things.

The mother continues her speech: Do your ablution, pray, complete your homework, play with your toys, choose the most beautiful toy and give it to Ahmad, then apologize to him for hitting him.

Marwan: I will defeat this Satan and make him have no power on me.

Questions:



- 1- What did Marwan want to do with toys?
- 2- Name one of Marwan's toys?
- 3- Who did cause Marwan to hit Ahmad?
- 4- Who said (seek help from God whenever Satan whispers to you)?
- 5- Who said (I will defeat this Satan)?

## *Marwan and the Concierge*



Marwan lives in the beautiful building with flowers, each floor has a painting in front of each apartment, and stairs of this building are clean because of the concierge of building is loyal to his work and loved all the people in it.

### Duties Of The Concierge

The concierge take leave only on holidays. His room in the first floor. He lives with his wife and his children. He woke up at dawn, held in his hand a bucket of water and a towel and cleaned cars every day no matter how weather was windy, cold, or hot; I did not remember any day we went down, I and my family, and did not find our car clean. Uncle Abdo, the concierge of the building, stood with his wife in front of the building. He did not move except for necessary, he asked anyone who wanted to get in our building several questions as a police man: “What is your name? Which floor do you want? What is the name of the man you will visit?”

At the end of the day, everyone entered into the building to disguise from the darkness of the night and its coldness, or hotness. Everyone went to his comfortable bed and sleeps feeling with secure, because uncle Abdo guarding the building.

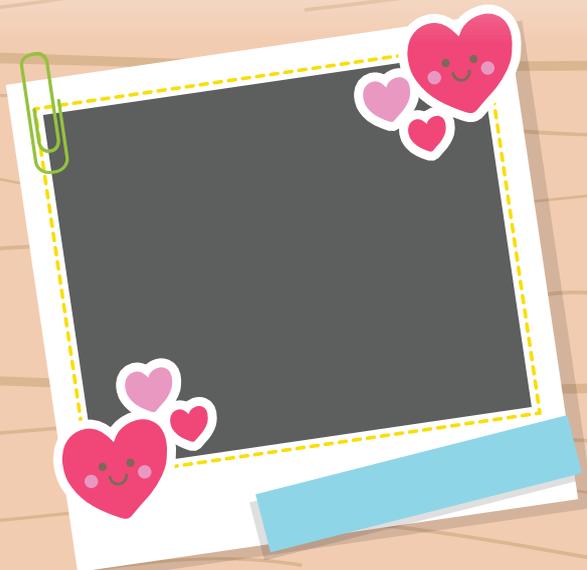
## The Idea Of Marwan Making The Concierge Of The Building Happy

Marwan thought of a wonderful idea and said it to the children of building, and said: “we draw a painting in which we put his name in appreciation of his efforts and dedication in his work”. I, Laila, Ahmad, Adnan, Basma, and every child of us, wrote to him a good sentence, such as:

We thank you for your interest in building.

You are the best building concierge.

We all love uncle Abdo



Then we put it by the side of the elevator, and we went away, waiting for uncle Abdo reaction, as the joy came out from his voice, then we were showed in front of him, so he said: “Rather, you are the one who deserves this testimony, because you keep the cleanliness of the building, you do not overtake me with the requests, you respect my age, and you treat me with respect, you are the best people of the building”. Then Marwan said: “You are the best concierge of a building”, then uncle Abdo replied: “You are Marwan the more kind than me”.

Questions:



- 1 - When did uncle Abdo wake up?
- 2 - What did uncle Abdo do with a bucket and towel?
- 3- Mention one of the questions that uncle Abdo asked to visitors to the building.
- 4- What did the children do for uncle Abdo in appreciation of his efforts?
- 5- What was the characteristic that uncle Abdo described Marwan with?

*The Arabic Language and the  
Three Witches*



Once upon a time, it was a very beautiful and goodness young lady, her name is Arabic Language, she gave birth to children, which were difficult to count, and all the girls of the world were envying her.

### **The Spell Of The Three Witches**

There were three witches in the city, every day looking in the mirror, and said: “who is the most beautiful girls in the universe?” The photo of Arabic Language appeared. So the witches united to say a talisman that changed the face of the Arabic Language, so its sons feared her and they left the big house and lived in the house of the witches as a servants to them; a few of the children refused to leave their mother with her ugly and creepy face and stayed with her to serve her.

### **The Birth of Raqem**

Hundreds of years passed in this way, until a young man whose name was Raqem appeared and he saw a vision in his dream, and read the book of life, so he knew the wickedness of witches and their talisman, so he traveled over the seas, oceans, hills and valleys in searching for the children. He convinced them to return to their mother again. With every son return, a talisman spoiled and the Arabic Language became partly beautiful. Now, we are about to

return all the children to their mother, to return splendor and prosperity. Raqeem took the covenant on himself, he would not leave the land until all the children came back again.

### The Pray of Arabic Language To Raqeem

The Arabic language held by his hands and said: “I love you, hero of the heroes. Go every year you grow up, you have my blessings with the letters of the Qur’an and the paradise of the Most Gracious”. All the returning children chanted: “Long live the hero, Raqeem, long live the hero, Raqeem”.

Questions:



- 1- Who was the most beautiful girl in the world?
- 2- What did the three witches do in the Arabic Language?
- 3- How old was the hero’s Raqeem when he decided to save the Arabic Language?
- 4- What was the hero’s Raqeem planning to return the beauty of the Arabic Language?
- 5- What was the praying of the Arabic Language to Raqeem?

*Everyone Here does Not Say Thanks*



Uncle Salem was selling beans and Egyptian falafel in the morning, in the place of the beans and Egyptian falafel that he owns, he put a sign said: (Eat and Thank), but everyone did not thank.

### **Everyone Buys Beans In The Morning**

All children and adults liked the delicious loaves of Uncle Salem, they come in the morning and evening to ask for amazing breakfast and dinner. Uncle Salem woke up at dawn, he was carrying a bucket with water to clean his shop, he was wearing a white clean coat like a doctor, and he met us with a wonderful smile. He distributed prayers after the completion of each request to us, he told me, for example: “Ahmad, take your loaf, may God make it a happy day for you.”

### **Everyone Here Does Not Thank**

I love Uncle Salem a lot, but on a day we found uncle grimacer, did not speak, and he put a sign in the shop: (Everyone here does not thank). Then I tried to joke with him and he did not respond, he answered me with a hard saying: “What is your order, please?” I called My father because we loved uncle Salem, so he came down and asked him about the reason for his change, and he said: “Everyone is taking his order and does not thank! So think with me,

how can you continue to make your advancement or your love for your work if you do not see praise in the actions of those around you?”

### Everyone Here Thanks

**The father said:** We all thank, and God thanks you for your sincerity in your work, may our concerns be the reason for not thanking you, but please accept my apology.

In the neighborhood, the children agreed to thank Uncle Salem after preparing their orders. Uncle Salem now put a sign written on it: (Everyone Here Thanks), we loved uncle Salem, the seller of beans.

Questions:

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- 1- When did kids and adults buy bean meals?
  - 2 - Describe clothes of uncle Salem?
  - 3- Why was Uncle Salem angry?
  - 4- How did the children reconcile with uncle Salem?
  - 5- Name the new uncle Salem’s shop?

*My Mother Sayings: (“Me Not You”)*



«Me not you» the word said by my mother, and I felt its honest when I was so ill and hot, when I was so ill and I could not stand because of weak, then I felt all the power in the breathing of my mother while reciting the Qur'an on my head, and she hugged me then I felt comfort, as if the pain was weakening between her hands and be ashamed of its stay.

### **Me Not You My Love**

I felt with fear of my mother from this word, I was afraid of the severity of the pain, because God always achieving her prays, I did not remember any day she prayed for me and got disappointed, that took my heart by her kindness, she was cooling the fire of grief by her smile in the most bad days, I loved you so much I got remorse for every moment I did not tell you that I loved you.

### **My Message To My Mother (Me Not You)**

So I decided to write this letter and put it for my mother under the pillow, I watched her look when she started reading, as if she won the World Cup, her tears anticipated her looks.



Was it because I wrote to her?

### “Me Not You”

I did not write my name, but she knew my font and hugged me, a hug that I could not forget it.

**The mother said:** You are the first love for me, you're the one that I felt of fear for him for the first time. You are the most precious piece of my body that grow up in front of me. Every day my fear grows for you, whenever you get tired I feel how much I am falling short of your right. I sacrifice for you with my soul, I have come to tell you beware to tell me that “me not you”, because you are praying on me, you are the most precious part of me.

Since that day, I could not utter this sentence, and I was satisfied with kissing my mother, my beloved, may God make me a righteous son for her.

Questions:



- 1- What was the phrase that my mother saying when I got sick?
- 2- Why was I afraid for my mother of this phrase?
- 3- What did Ahmad write in his letter to his mother?
- 4- Why did the mother get angry at the message?
- 5- What was the pray that Ahmad said at the end of the story?

## *Walid and The Matchstick*



Walid was high school student athlete handsome, he had the heyday of young people, on the verge of life, he liked to go out with his colleagues and laugh out loudly at least jokes funnier, his mother Mrs. Hanan was a housewife grew up her son on a good morality but .... the mother dreamt every day that her son put the burning matchsticks in his eyes!

### Walid And The Burning Matchstick



The Mother saw her son in a dream put a burning matchstick in his eyes and she screamed on him but he did not hear. The dream repeated and she became worry about her son as she did not know the interpretation of this dream. She could not tell Walid about it because of its strangeness. In a cold day of this winter, the compassionate mother went to be assured that her children slept, as she did almost every day, she found Walid was opening his laptop, and the screen reflected on the open window glass. The mother was shocked, where she found that her son was watching naughty things that angers God, she saw her son Walid while he was watching bad things as it was good things to watch it, so she understood very well what was the reason to repeat this worrying dream. Then she thought how to cure her son from this scourge?

## The Mother Tries To Explain The Dream Of A Matchstick To Walid:

The mother woke up early as usual, and asked God to help her in persuading her son that he should give up all things that he committed by his tongue, his eyes, and his heart that made God angry. The mother put the food and asked Walid many questions: “If there was a man fasting because of the order of a doctor until he recovered or otherwise his illness doubled, what should he do?”

**Walid:** He must be patient, the mother said: “Very good. What if he had an appetizer?” Walid said: “It is funny as he will suffer of the severity of hunger”. Here, the mother stopped smiling and turned the perception of sympathy and compassion and the mother be closed to her son ears and said without being ashamed that he dared to God with what he did because God is always seeing us all the time, and tortured himself beyond his innocence and primitiveness by seeing forbidden scenes. She said “Walid I want you to be a pure young man and husband - in one day - sincere and faithful servant to God, so you have to be patient to receive God’s blessing for all your periods of life, besides, to know the taste of pure permissible things, and to know how to thank the grace when God gives them to you”.



**Walid:** I understand my mother, believe me, I will fear God from now to the end of life, I love you my mother.

She hugged him and prayed for him: God, protect Walid

Questions:



- 1- What was the dream that repeated every day with the mother?
- 2- What did Walid do and the mother saw him?
- 3- What was the example the mother told Walid?
- 4- Was Walid convinced by his mother's words?
- 5- What was the prayer the mother prayed?

*Saliem and Solaima, and the  
Morning Prayers*



Solaima, the eldest sister, her mother died when she was eight years old, and she took a covenant on her own, to be the mother, sister, and friend to Saliem. He was younger than her by two years.

Solaima opened the window of her room every day to make the rays of the sun entering her room, so everything was shining with it, and she prayed to God to give Saliem a wonderful day, which made him learning what was making him able to live on this life.

### In Solaima And Saliem House

The first thing that Saliem did when he woke up from his sleep, was to kiss his kindness older sister, that ended the preparation of amazing breakfast.

On the table were two eggs, two loaves of bread, two cups of milk, and honey in a very small box.

**Saliem asked his sister:** Why have I to eat all of this every day? She replied with a wonderful smile: First: This meal has a complete components that helps to speed up your growth to become strong, to work and to get me a lot of money. Second: You



do not take any pocket money when you are going to school, so you must eat this breakfast to be able to focus while being studying at study hours.

### Praying Of Solaima

**Saliem:** But you did not ask me whether or not I prayed to God in the morning?

**Solaima:** Because I saw you while I was preparing the food, I knew that my brother was a good boy who is praying to my mother every day in his prayers, following it by good works at the rest of the day, so that I do not need to ask.

**Saliem:** Do you know Solaima? There are many children who have their mothers but they are not committed to pray for them.

**Solaima:** We thank God for giving us a compassionate heart, as if it is clean and kind we will enter the paradise. In the paradise there is a better breakfast than this, the most beautiful scenery, and where sweethearts will be met, God, in this world makes us win to allow us to enter the greatest place in the paradise.

Questions:



- 1- When did the mother of Solaima die?
- 2- Why did Solaima open the window?
- 3- Mention the food that was on the table?
- 4- Why did Solaima not ask Saliem about the morning prayer?
- 5- What will happen if an individual's prayer is valid?

*My Aunt Sahar is My Second Mother*



My aunt Sahar is my second mother, I felt in her embrace the scent of my mother, she was wishing me success, and asking about all my grades, I loved my aunt very much.

### **My Aunt Sahar In My Grandmother's House**

We, I, Ahmad, Basma and my aunt children, gathered on Friday in the big grandmother house. We played a lot and studied a little. My aunt took out the paper from us, and said let's playing a game of words. The word started with (S) letter, and hit everyone who did not write her name. She was so much funny and lovely. She sang and hummed, danced with us and played with us, she made the home as a theater and we were the heroes.

### **I Grow Up And Have Secrets With My Aunt.**

Every day had a new story, this friend annoyed me, other avoided talking with me, and other one tried to be closer to me. I could not tell all my stories to my mother; therefore, my aunt was my deep well to my secrets, my aunt was every nice thing, if one day you wanted rationally wisdom and opinion - reasonable than a friend of your own age – you would go to my aunt, my faithful love, my sincere, who wishes all the best for me.

## My Aunt Sahar And A Success Cake

When we succeed, we knew that my aunt Sahar, on seven clock will come to our house carrying a success cake that she made by herself, putting our names and fruit pieces on it. Today with my aunt I wanted that day never ended, I loved my aunt husband as my father, I loved this kind family. I hoped God may save us our joyous time and happiness, I loved you my beautiful aunt, my second mother.



Questions:

- 1- Where did the family gather?
- 2- What game did the aunt Sahar play with children?
- 3- Why did Laila not share her secrets with her mother?
- 4- What will happen at seventh clock?
- 5- What did the aunt Sahar carry in her hand?



*MY Kind and Affectionate Uncle Samir*



My uncle Samir was an affectionate man. I lived in a house where I enjoyed the sense of beautiful childhood, I had three toys, and thankfully I did not let them go, I traveled with them because my uncle Samir who bought them for me.

### **MY Kind Uncle Samir**

My uncle lived in a house close to our house, so that, daily, he was at our house or we were at his house. I wanted him to come because he bought three chocolates and distributed on me and my brothers equally, and I liked to go to his house, as when we were entering his house, he brought us all what's inside the refrigerator.

### **MY Affectionate Uncle Samir**

My uncle Samir was laughing at the simplest thing that I may say, he was always praising my actions and he welcomed me by kisses. He was always asking me about the reason of sadness if it appeared on my face. One day my father refused my going with my friends to the pyramids, in our first school journey; I wanted to visit it and the crying appeared on my face, my uncle saw me like this, then he told me: Don't cry, I will make you go, and when my father entered my uncle ordered him: Let Ahmad go

to the pyramids with his friends, and my father said to him: Ok, my brother. Ahmad, take the expenses of the trip.

My mother loved my uncle so much because he was as her older brother, and my father respected my uncle and did his orders because he was his older brother. I also did orders of my sister Laila and I respected and loved her because she was my older sister. I wanted when I grew up to be in morals as my father and my uncle; I hoped that God may give all children an uncle as my uncle, and father as my Father. My God, bless them in their lifetime and bless me to be righteous.

Questions:



- 1- Why did Ahmad appear to be sad?
- 2- How many toys did Uncle buy for his nephew?
- 3- How did Uncle Samir welcome his nephew?
- 4- Why did my mother love my uncle so much?
- 5- What is the pray that Ahmad said at the end of the story?





*I'm Free What's Your Concern in This?!*

I'm free, I loved the feeling of freedom, especially when our parents went down and left us at home to do what we liked. Often, we had a great fight between me and my brothers, but ultimately I loved this feelings.

### I'm Free, But ...

How extent that could I say the I'm free?! I had absolute freedom to open or lock the door of my room, to open or lock my window, to read the story that I loved, to play by my paper, or to arrange my wardrobe, but if the door that I wanted to open will enter air to my sleeping sister, at that time, I'm not free. If the window that I wanted to open will reveal my mother's sitting without her knowledge, here I'm not free, if the story which I wanted to read will make me laugh loudly or disdain in front of my brother who could not study because of me, here I'm not free. If paper I wanted to play with had my lessons I learned in school today, here I'm not free, if the wardrobe that my mother just had finished arranged it and I will by my hands spoil it, here I'm not free.

Absolute freedom as long as it did not hurt ourselves and others, God Almighty gives us absolute freedom to worship, to live with the utmost freedom, but who infringe the right of himself or right of others, somebody must thwart him.

So if you meet someone who said to you I'm free, what is your business?

**Tell him:** You are the one who interfered in my business.

Questions:



A- Put a check mark in front of the correct phrase, and a wrong mark in front of the wrong phrase:

1- From my freedom to open the window and my mother in the room did not wear her veil. ( )

2- From freedom to eat the food I want. ( )

3- If I see something I don't like, I say: It is not my business. ( )

B- What did you say to those who said I'm free and transgress your freedom?

## *Aunt Radwa, Our Neighbor*



## Aunt Radwa, the Syrian

A beautiful woman named Syrian Aunt Radwa lived above us, I loved her house as it was simple, clean and comfortable. I wanted to sit down there all the time, her son named Adnan he was my friend he was an organized person in putting books in the bag, cleaning in his clothes and himself, he cared about his hair, and he always smelled fragrant.

## Ahmad's Rebellion Against His Home

I went down to my mother and found the clothes on the floor in my room, the bed was untidy, the smell of the house was scent of food, I was angry and told my mother: Why was our house not like Aden's house, my mother? Aunt, Radwa is beautiful, had a clean house, Adnan's room is clean, and everything shines!



**My mother said:** Give me this phone, she called Aunt Radwa and said to her: Come on you and Adnan. **Ahmad said:** No my mother, the house is not arranged, wait for me. I started to remove clothes from the ground, then I heard the doorbell!

### Syrian Aunt Radwa At Our House

Aunt Radwa quickly went down, because my mother did not call her a lot. My mother was smiling as usual went and got the dessert and two cups of tea. During the conversation she asked Adnan: Who did arrange your room, Adnan? Adnan said: I did. My mother sat and repeated the questions, my face turned red, then my mother understood that I regretted, because I was the reason of bad scenery of our house.

### Aunt Radwa Was The Reason Of Our Happiness

Since that day I helped my mother in arranging my room and trying to make our house a beautiful smell by using perfumes, may God praise you Aunt Radwa, our neighbor, you have made our house a beautiful palace!

Questions:



- 1- Where did Aunt Radwa live?
- 2- Why did Ahmad rebelled against his house?
- 3- Why did Aunt Radwa get off quickly?
- 4- What did Ahmad discover?
- 5- How did the aunt Radwa become the secret of our happiness?

*My Mother and the Tomato Juice*



## Ahmad Is A Poor Boy Who Drinks Tomato Juice

My name is Ahmad, my mother works as an employee, so do my father. My mother loves to make me happy, but she does not have the money for that.

My father bought the fish for us and said he wanted us to eat a lot of it, because it made the memory active, I asked him one day: My father, why do we eat fish twice a week, as I get bored eating it? My father said: Because it is the cheapest meat on the market, Ahmad.

## Parents Dreams

My dad dreamed to see me a teacher one day, and my mother was always smiling and laughing at anything we did. She felt with regretting because her salary did not buy us candy that we want.

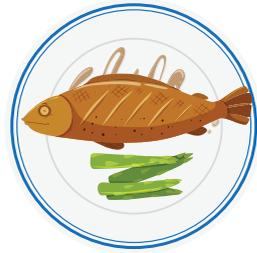
My mother after every lunch squeezed tomatoes for us and put sugar in it, I drank and said: It is a delicious drink.

Once I went to the juice seller and he asked me what I want? I told him: Tomato juice, the seller denounced and said: Tomato only for cooking!

Once again, the teacher asked me: What kind of food do you eat usually?

**I told him:** Fish The teacher replied in front of class and said: That is why Ahmad the most smart one at the class.

That day I went to my mother, I told her: I love you a lot my mother, you buy us juices that are not sold in the markets, and I never taste food more delicious than it! My father returned from work and I told him: Today, the teacher praised my intellect in front of the class, because of fish.



I'm so happy God has blessed me with two parents who bring me delicious food and drinks without any power of me. I thank you my God, I'm so special from the others! My God, enable me to be grateful for Your favor which You have bestowed upon me

Questions:

- 1- What is the job of Ahmad's mother?
- 2- Why did the mother squeeze tomatoes, put sugar on it and serve them as a drink to Ahmad?
- 3- Why did the father buy fish twice a week?
- 4- What did the juice seller answer to Ahmad when he asked him about tomato juice?
- 5- Why did teacher said about Ahmad that he is the smartest student in the class?
- 6- Why did Ahmad feel happy at the end of the story?



# *Ahmad and the Soccer Ball Team*

## *First Part*



Ahmad was in school he studied well all his lessons, and listened attentively to the teachers. His mother brought him some appetite pancakes to eat in the break of lunch, and while he ate at break he found Asim and all students of his class were playing football.

Students pass the ball left and right, beware Ali. Ahmad was watching their wonderful playing, and he wished that if he could join this team in the next game, because he was a great scorer in this club that he was training in.

The match was over, Ahmad with kindness said to Asim: You are really skilled, please when the next team is formed tomorrow, make me the top scorer, as I got a bronze medal in club tournaments this year.

**Asim says to his friends:** Have you heard a sound? I have heard such a mosquito weighing towards me!

**Amr:** Yes, it is standing before you.

**Ehab:** How do we kill it?

**Sameh:** With this insecticide. Then, he opened the bottle of the juice and poured it on Ahmad's face and clothes!

**Asim:** This is the joke of young people, are you not like us in the age, or are you still a child?

**He sang a song:** Sleep, my baby, sleep, huh, sleep. Sleep, my baby He fell from laughing.

**Ahmad:** How do you meet my charity by abusing me? I come to you to congratulate you, you played a good game, but you poured juice on my face and casted me the ugliness of the words.

**Amr:** Congratulate us! Come guys: Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you

Ahmad went to the principal, and he told her what has been said before, the principal sent to the students and brought them up.

**Asim:** No, Mrs. Principal, that did not happen, he asked to play with us, and we finished the formation of the team, so we apologized to him politely.

**Ahmad shouts:** Did you not mock me? Didn't Sameh spill the juice on my face?

**Sameh:** Do not lie, you are the one who have poured it on yourself and said: I feel too hot! We said to you, this grace of the God do not do that, but you have arrogated and turned your face away.



**The principal:** Go now to your classes, I will investigate by myself this matter. Woe to the mistaken; I will punish him severely.

Questions:

- 1- What does Ahmad eat at lunch break?
- 2- What did Ahmad say to Asim after the end of the match?
- 3- Who did pour juice on Ahmad's face?
- 4- Did the students admit what they did to Ahmad?
- 5- What did the principal tell the students?



**To be continued**

***Ahmad and the Soccer Ball Team***  
***(Second Part)***



The days passed by Ahmad at school, and his friend formed a team to annoy him as much as they could: (Removing his hat, stealing his tools, laughing when the teacher required it from him, playing at all times without him, and the irony of his hair cut and his clothes aloud to injure his feelings ...)

Ahmad woke up from sleep at midnight, screams ... I don't want to go to school. His sister woke up because of his scream, and she found her brother was crying.

**Laila:** What is wrong with you Ahmad?

**Ahmad:** I am suffering, no human being feels my sadness.

**Laila:** Is it Asim again? **Ahmad:** Yes, he is and all his friends

**Laila:** Are you insisting that we do not say to our mother and father like every time?

**Ahmad:** Yes, first I do not want to bother them, and second: If they intervene, Asim and his team will degrade me that I am still young and weak, and my mother is coming to complain.

**Laila:** The fact that Asim annoys you to the point that you hate the school, and you sit in your room for hours, stray from the crowd and sad. That is the time for help.

Please allow me to go to my mother and tell her .. No sense of silence after now, the result of your silence will be the loss of degrees of attendance, and you will not understand the lessons if are your absent. It will be more than that, as he will bully at you, by the assistance of his friends, and you will become the target of his friends as you will be a weak and spaniel one, or you hit him and his friend gather around you and you will become the joke of the school.

**Ahmad:** Then let me tell my mother by my way

The mother entered as usual, at night to reassure that her children were sleeping, but she found Laila and Ahmad awake.

**The mother:** Why are awaking until that time?

Questions:

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- 1- Why did not Ahmad want to go to school?
  - 2- Why did not Ahmad want to tell his parents what happened?
  - 3- What would happen if Ahmad did not go to school?
  - 4- What would happen if Ahmad hit Asim?
  - 5- Who did enter to the two brothers while they were talking?

**To be continued**

*Ahmad and the Soccer Ball Team*  
*(Third Part)*



Mother entered to Ahmad and he told her what took place between Asim and football team and him in detail, with words intercepted by his tears. The mother did not comment on any of all these events, after he finished his sad story, **his mother asked him**: Did the principal know what the team did to you?

**Ahmad**: Yes. She said she would investigate this, but since then I have been suffering from their boyish behavior. Ahmad's mother looked at him kindly and told him: I will solve that issue.

The following day, the mother went to the principal, and she knew that she interfere with the social worker, but the mother suggested to the principal to receive children and their families an invitation from the school, to visit the house of Ahmad, they have to accept it in order to improve children's behavior with each other, already mothers welcomed the invitation, forced their children to visit Ahmad's house, and they were surprised by this invitation.

In the house of Ahmad, the mother welcomed the children and their mothers warmly, she put delicacies pies and sausage on the dining table, she opened the TV screen on the funny positions and jokes, they giggled too much, and then

displayed a video of Ahmad, he was playing in his club, and held the medal. Everyone was astonished and love his playing.

**Then she said:** Which of them make you happy? Is to laugh at funny things, or at our friends? I hope that you make happy memories from the schools days, with a wonderful playing and a creative team, and I hope to see your play at TV.

Everyone was extremely happy and the next day Ahmad joined the football team, everyone wowed by the good playing of Ahmad, as he was the reason that his school won the first place at the school level this year. All students have been fawning to Ahmad and want to get a record with him playing on the football team.



Ahmad thanked his mother and never wanted to be absent from his beautiful school, because Ahmad was the captain of the football team.

Questions:



- 1- What suggestion did the mother suggest to the principal?
- 2- How did the mother welcome visitors?
- 3- How did the mother convince friends that what they did with Ahmad was wrong?
- 4- Who was the reason that the school won first place?
- 5- Did you like the story?

## *Marwan at the Dentist*



In the morning, the sound of morning birds, and the sun rays went into my room step by step, until my room was filled with its rays, **the voice of my mother:** “Wake up, Marwan, wake up to go to the dentist”. I closed my eyes because of my fear of going out. My mother displaced my covering **and said:** “Get up, I have seen you moving your eyes”.

The plan did not work, and my mother helped me in wearing my clothes, and my hair thins, she perfumed me, **and she said to me:** “Do you afraid Marwan?”

**Marwan:** I almost die of terror from this doctor.

**My mother told me:** If you are afraid, repeat with me three times: (My God, make everything easy for me) I repeated it and we came to the doctor’s clinic.

I found there a bright colors, everything flashes of cleanliness, my heart began to subside its pulse, and I entered at the dentist, I found him kind and affectionate person, he called for me by my name **and said:** Marwan my friend, open your mouth, you will not feel any pain anymore. In less than a minute he finished, and he was smiling to me.

**The doctor said:** Marwan, your teeth are the grace of God, God created to you, so, you must maintain it, because they will be concomitance you at your age, and you will need it

in food slicer, and to facilitate the process of digestion. I want you to wash your teeth with a brush and tooth paste every day after each meal.



I only want you to come here as a friend, and do not come again as a patient?

**Marwan said:** Ok .

From this day, Marwan washed his teeth after every meal.

Questions:

Put a check mark in front of the correct phrase:

- 1- Marwan was afraid to go to the dentist. ( )
- 2- The clinic was ugly. ( )
- 3- Marwan did not feel pain when the doctor caught his teeth. ( )
- 4- Miswak recommended by the doctor. ( )
- 5- Marwan no longer brushed his teeth with a tooth paste again. ( )

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## *Marwan and Toothpaste*



**My mother always said to me:** Wash your teeth well with brush and tooth paste. I did not know why she was insisting every day with this matter? I said most of the time I washed it, but I did not brush my teeth, I only rinsed my mouth.

My father loves me a lot. He always bought to me a lot of chocolate every day, after I finished memorizing the daily homework that I had to memorize with my teacher.

One day, I felt pain that was very painful for me, I knocked at my mother's room, and I was crying of pain.

My mother woke up, as well as my father did because of my crying, my father asked the doctor on the phone, to describe me a drug to kill my pain to buy from the pharmacy.

My mother opened my mouth and she found the remnant of chocolate on my teeth.

My mother was sad for that, and she went by herself to help me to brush my teeth, and her face was very sad. She only said: Why Marwan? Why Marwan? After a short period of time my father entered and gave me the painkiller, and the pain subsided.

**I found my mom telling my dad:** There is a rot in his tooth, and we must take him to the dentist.

**I shouted:** No... No, the dentist, no!

**My mother said:** Because of not brushing your teeth, it made it easy to rot to break your tooth and you will continue to scream every day if we did not treat this rot. After this time you must brush your teeth daily, to not feel pain again.

**Marwan:** When will we go to this doctor, my mother?

**The mother:** In the morning, now, go to sleep, and tomorrow we will go to the one who kill your pain forever, Marwan.

Since that day, I have not left this brush before my sleep and after I woke up.

Questions:



Put a check mark in front of the correct phrase:

- 1- Marwan used to obey his mother and to brush his teeth. ( )
- 2- Marwan's father would give him chocolate if he had memorized the Qur'an. ( )
- 3- The mother found remnant of chocolate on Marwan's teeth. ( )
- 4- Marwan was screaming because of joy. ( )
- 5- The father did not go out to buy the painkiller. ( )

*My Father is Beating me*



I lived in a modest neighborhood of Cairo, sounds of songs surrounded us from everywhere, at home my mother was sitting with her female neighbors to tell them what happened in the series she used to watch. Uncle Mohammed sold beans in the morning, students were waiting for him before going to school. At the end of the day, noise became less, and men was spreading in the neighborhood with their chairs, they gathered on jokes and laughing and they also discussed many matters of life.

My father has used to come late every day, he was calling out to my mother with a loud voice: Bring the dinner

My mother called for us in a loud voice: Kids, put the food on the table

I was afraid of hearing a loud voice, I took plates in hurry to put them on the table, but it is spilled on the ground.

**My mother:** What should I do to you, unaware?

**Father:** I am the one who will educate this irresponsible boy, who grow into a body and does not grow up with a mind. Then he started beating me as usual, and I was screaming as usual !!

Grandmother woke up because she was staying with us, or to be correct, we were the one who stayed with her, she said: Let Said alone. To when will you underestimate him in front of the young and the old, the far and near, all this because of the plate was poured! Sure we did not know how to eat food when you're a kid because of you poured food on your clothes, on the ground and on us, but we were had mercy, how do you treat your son this harsh treatment?

**Father:** My mother I want him to be a man

**The grandmother:** Unfortunately, you do create a coward fear of people, weakly, and humiliation is written on him because of you. The grandmother continues to be near to the father- moving her finger: - If you hit him again, I'll punish you, do you understand?

**The father:** I understand. From that day on, my father was kind to me, and I keep his kindness for him, my dear father, God, make him enter into heaven.



Questions:



- 1- What did the mother do with female neighbors in the morning?
- 2- What did the father do with his friends in the evening?
- 3- What did Father do to Said when he broke the plate?
- 4- Who did respond to the father? Do you agree with her opinion?
- 5- How did the father of Said become at the end of the story?
- 6- What is the lesson you learned from this story?

# Ahmad and the Mathematics



Ahmad was a committed student, he did his homework, and memorized texts and words and all what he should memorize, he paid attention in the classroom for teachers, especially mathematics, because it was more difficult subject for him, although he spent very long time in the performance of the homework of this subject, and his interest in this subject was great, but he always got a weak mark in this subject.

Ahmad returned home with his bad grade in mathematics. His mother was confused as she was sad on him because he has done what he could do in this subject, but in avail, and she wanted to blame him because he will not pass in this subject as well as he will not get a good grade at the end of year. Ahmad was sad and felt of shame, he was looking at the ground and his brothers felt sorry for him and compassion for him. The father joked with Ahmad and wiping Ahmad's face from sadness. **She looked at him and said:** Do you not punish him for that grade? Is it time for you Ahmad to solve this problem?

**The father said calmly:** Ahmad did his best, and he did not understand mathematics even after your explanation, my explanation and the teacher explanation for each lesson, we are in the process of talented in football, dexterous and adept at memorizing the full page of text, family humorous. Is this not enough?

**Ahmad:** Are you making fun of me, Dad?

**Father:** No, Ahmad, I am proud of you, in your efforts and excellence in all fields, but on mathematics, I only want you to take a successful mark.

**The mother:** Is that the way you ended the problem?

**Father:** Yes. We must recognize that there are differences among humans, always we work to make Ahmad satisfied with himself with our satisfying.

**The mother:** I am satisfied with your grades, Ahmad. I wish if I only I had a father like your father!

Ahmad hugged his father and told him: I love you my father

Questions:

- 1- did Ahmad do all his homework?
- 2- What mark did Ahmad take in mathematics?
- 3- Was the mother angry and wanted to interfere of the father?
- 4- How was the problem solved from the father's point of view?
- 5- Who said: "I wish I had a father like your father, Ahmad"?



## *My Father is Coming like a Guest*



My dad came in our house as guests, he kissed my little sister, and asked about me, he gave my mother pocket money of the week. The he went toward the door like a cat wanted to escape, he did not know that compassion could not be bought, and we were in the age where we needed his help.

I entered to the room of my mother waiting for her, she was in the bathroom, my mother came out and her eyes were red like blood in its color, so I asked her as I'm the oldest daughter: Wasn't the decision to divorce, your decision, my mother? Why did you cry now? The mother mocked her daughter while joking with her: Who was crying my little girl, me? Then she laughed a fake laugh

**Laila:** I became a young lady, my mother. I have enjoyed a beautiful childhood with a caring mother and a kind father with a good heart, although I need my father severely, I feel that the world lacks me, the decision to divorce is not as difficult as life that resulted after, children envy every complete family, a teenager stumble on the way she always blames the conditions, and a mother who was tough with us sometimes because she felt she had two roles, and other times she came to our arms and hugged us as if she wanted to hide from the monster! But What about my brothers who did not live a good childhood like mine?

My father came as a guest, and I wanted him a house owner for this house, he hosted the guests, and I wanted you to refrain from the decision to withdraw, and to continue as your continuation was the survival of the world after you.

**The mother:** Yes, You grown up, but you will never understand my condition until....

**The daughter interrupted the mother words and said:** I do not want to understand, God hate divorce, because God knows what the bad consequences of this decision, and here I am in front of you scream because of this decision, if you allowed to my brothers to enter they will shout with me, so could you call my father to end this pain?! The mother: How?

**Laila Grabs The Phone And Her Mother Pointed With Her Finger Not To Do.**

:Yes, Dad I'm Laila, I want you to return to our house, because we since you left us the sun refused to sunrise, the moon eclipsed from our nights, and the earth stopped spinning, we have no future, we live with your memories with us, as if we reject the entry of any days to write any memory without you. My dad, Basma needs someone who is carrying her on his shoulder, sing to her with his ugly voice a song about the most beautiful girls. Ahmad want to defeat you in a lot of matches, and I want to put my head

For about an hour on your shoulders holding your hand, and my mother .. Stand on front of me while I'm talking to you

**Father:** Tomorrow, Laila, I will host the guests and complete my days with you, which also stopped without you, but why tomorrow? I'm coming now

Questions:



- 1- How did Laila's father come home?
- 2- Why did Laila need her father?
- 3- Who said this phrase, "Because when we left us, the sun refused to sunrise?"
- 4- What did Basma need from her father?
- 5- What did the father answer to Leila's call?

## *Marwan and the Kind Lion*



We visited the zoo, it had all the animals of the forest:  
Horse, monkeys, elephant, giraffe, and a group of birds:  
Parrot, peacock, colorful birds.

I bought food for all zoo animals except for the lion.

**My mother asked me:** Why didn't you buy lion food like other animals?

**I said:** Because the lion is evil, my mother, I do not like it.

**My mother said:** The lion is a creature of God's creatures, Marwan. It loves, rejoices and being afraid. It sleeps and plays with its cubs, and it is very brave. do not you see that the elephant is greater than lion and giraffe taller than it and the horse is faster than it, but he is crowned to be their king.

If you deprive it from food, and others do like you, it will starve to death, and what did this lion do to hate it?  
Come to ask the guard

**Marwan:** Hello Mr. guard

**The guard:** Hello, little kid

**Marwan:** My mom said that this lion is kind, is it correct?

**The guard:** Yes, it obeys me, waits for my food, and sometimes it cries when I shout on it with a loud voice.

**Marwan:** No, guard, do not shout on it, this lion is good, and I will buy food for it with my pocket money.



**The mother laughed and said to him:** You are kind-hearted, Marwan, and if you knew that the lion praises and thanks God, but we do not understand its praise, what do you say?

**Marwan:** I say, Glory be to God, my mother, I love all creatures, because God created them, and whenever I see the power of God I must say praise be to God

Questions:



- 1- List two types of animals that Marwan saw?
- 2- Why did not Marwan buy food for lion?
- 3- What will happen if no one provides food to the lion?
- 4- Did the guard convince Marwan that the lion was good?
- 5- Who said (I love all of God's creatures because God created them)?

## *Morning Birds*



Morning birds was singing and chirping that every one heard, as if they wanted to remind us that the Creator is God, the God is giving us our livelihood, the time has come to take off our clothes of laziness, and wear clothes of vigor and vitality, also to tell us that the world wide, we can went everywhere and went back as we like, and the love must be the principle of any work and of any life.

I asked my father to bring me birds that sang on my window, a colored birds to put them in a cage, I enjoyed myself with its chirping and to fed them by myself. My darling dad brought me a big cage with colorful birds, how much I loved to have them! But I stood before them, said, did they not have the right to go and to return? To flight in space, to land at the pool of water? To go up to the berry tree branch? I found myself opening the cage for them to get them out to go and return, but they went, and they did not come back.

My beloved father scolded me, I heard words that greatly annoyed me: You are an irresponsible human being, how can you fly birds after they have been purchased for you? Do not ask me anything again, and I will take the price of them from your pocket money.

I stood in front of my father for five minutes silent and then said: My dad, my heart has pain from their view while

they are looking to the sky, I felt that I had take their right to freedom and happiness. My father, I agree to pay my pocket money to be a price for their freedom, every day I will put the grains in my balcony, and water to every bird in sky to land in balcony, and every day I will have morning birds in my balcony.

The father laughed at Ahmad's innocent position, and he said to him: So, every day I will buy grains for the birds of sky and I will feed them with you. After seven days, Ahmad's balcony became a place for the birds to take their breakfast and sing to Ahmad the best of the songs.

Questions:



Complete the sentences with the appropriate from the story:

- 1- The morning birds remind us that it is time to .....
- 2- It is time to take off the clothes of the .....
- 3- Ahmad asked his father for a cage of .....
- 4- The birds waited to go and return, they went and did not .....
- 5 - At the end of the story, the balcony of Ahmad became ..... the birds

*Uncle Said... The Bus Driver*



Every morning, on time the same time accurately, we heard the bell of the Bus of uncle Said to tell us his arrival, my mother kissed me, recited prayers for me and told me recommendations as the other days. “Ahmad, I wish you a wonderful day, Ahmad do not forget to pay attention to teachers, Ahmad ask God to make a wonderful day for you”.

I stood in front of the bus. I thought about when uncle Said woke up, to gather all these students before me. I got into the bus and uncle Said smiles to me and said: Good morning Ahmad

I entered to look from the window, and he said to me: Ahmad, close window, so you do not get a cold. I felt as if he was one of my family taking care of me. When I was in this bus, Laila stood in the middle of the bus, he told her to sit down again in order to protect her.

Uncle Said had children but he reached us to our schools, and let them because of his work. Uncle Said was laughing at our jokes when we said in front of him. Uncle Said drove moderately, and not accelerated fearing for our safety. I agreed with my friends to bring him a gift a Cup with a picture of a bus with the school students, so that he could remember us when we grew up, as we also agreed, that we did not violate the rules of

his bus in order not to overtake him, simply because we loved uncle Said.

The bus stopped and we had to disembark now, he smiled at our faces and said prayers that were, a little, similar to my mother's prayers: With success, God willing, children, focus with the teachers. I will wait for you to tell me the lesson of the day, peace be upon you.

Everyone loved uncle Said

Questions:



- 1- What was my mom's recommendations for me before taking the bus?
- 2- What did Uncle Said say when Laila stops in the bus?
- 3- Why did Uncle Said not reach his children to school?
- 4- What gift did I buy for Uncle Said?
- 5- was Uncle Said waiting us to tell him our lesson of the day?

# ***My Mother is loving Me More***

*(Stories to strengthen children in the Arabic language)*



**Basma:** My mother loves me more than you, in the coldest days, my mother woke up to cover me with a cover from the cuttings - my grandmother made it- she woke me up with kindness and whisper in ears: Good morning

My mother cries when I was tired, praying to God to curate me, my mother complete my homework with me, and help me to memorize Arabic chants with her lovely tunes.

(My mother loves me more than you) Basma said this saying in front of her brothers Ahmad and her sister Laila.

Laila and Ahmad laughed, and Ahmad almost falls to the ground from the severity of his laughter.

**Laila said with kindness:** Basma, our dear mother does with us as what she does with you, even more, I'm and my mother have secrets we do not tell to anyone, I am the first child, and first love, so she loved me before you, I feel that my mother loved me more than you.

**Ahmad:** No, Laila, my mother looks after the dates of my football matches,

came with me to all my training, kissed me when I came back from Friday prayers, and stood behind me when I pray at home to pray with me, so I always I felt she loved me more than you.

The mother entered and she fooled as a peacock to settle this battle with her decisive word, everyone was waiting for what will she say? Everyone said: Tell us the truth our mother no one will be sad

**The mother:** If the heart speaks, it will tell you how much I love all of you, I feel compassion for Laila when helping me at home - because she is the elder child - so I love her more. I feel the weakness of Basma and her permanent need to me, so I feel kindness to her. I feel the strength of Ahmad and that he will become a young man soon, and I helped him to grow up in obedience to God, I love him more and more, everyone takes up space from this heart, so that I think that there is no place in this heart to love someone after you.

**Ahmad:** Will we tell our father?

**The mother:** No. The truth is I love your father more than you.

The scream of children increases, and the mother laughs.

Questions:



- 1- What did Laila think?
- 2- What did Ahmad think?
- 3- What did Basma think?
- 4- Who was more loved by the mother Ahmad or Laila?
- 5- What do you think of the story?

# *My Old Grandmother*

*(A story to strengthen students in reading)*



My old grandmother, the best smell came out of her fragrant house! Its music is loud! We could not listen to a song, watch a movie, or even to follow a program at my grandmother house because of our voices were superior to each of the house, whoever wanted to speak on any matter, he should raise his voice as much as possible, so that we could hear.

### My Grandmother The State Of No Law

The most beautiful thing I loved in my grandmother house that I could sleep on the floor, or stood on a chair, my mother was screaming, and my grandmother was boycotting her: Leave them, is it your home? My dear grandsons and granddaughters do whatever you wish, you are in the house of your grandmother.

How beautiful, my grandmother! What delicious food!

I left space in my stomach, so that I might fill it on Friday when food was served to us, with kindness and love, no food better than it! At the end she rested on the chairs to sit on her seat, as if she had finished one of the most important tasks, that is to prepared food.

## My Old Grandmother

My grandmother was very old, whose bones were not strong enough to carry her, and her face also has the effects of time, but her heart .. did it grow old with her so that it could contain the world inside? My grandmother repeated the words, I did not get bored because I knew when I went older as she was, I will repeat words like her, my grandmother forgot the details of everything and I laughed because I knew when I went older as she I will forget like her, my grandmother .. All I really wished is to be very caring like you one day.

I love you my grandmother

Questions:

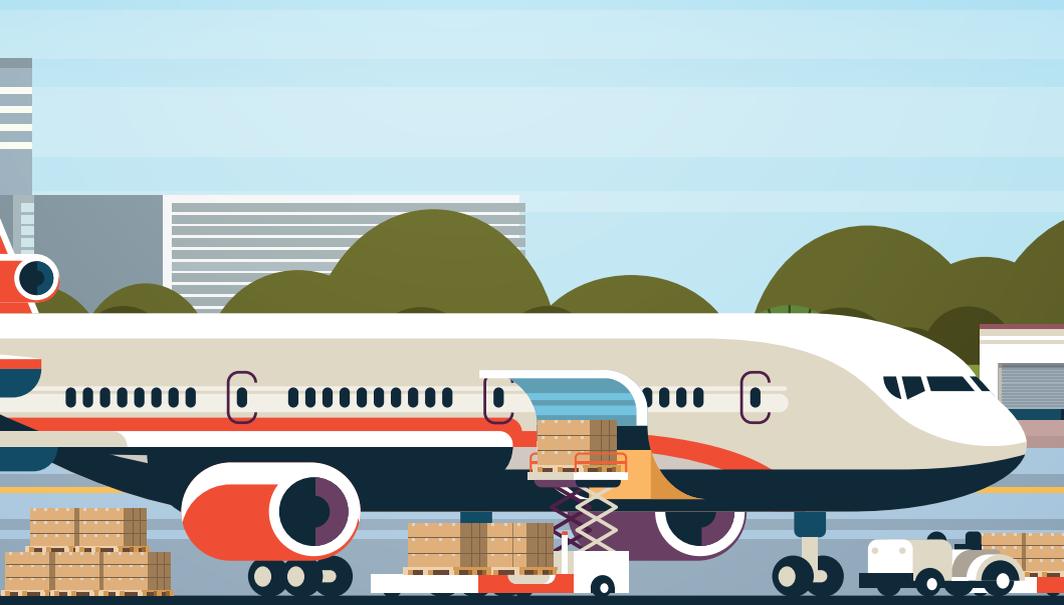


Put a check mark in front of the correct phrase:

- 1- We can follow the series in my grandmother's house ( )
- 2- I love the food of my grandmother. ( )
- 3- I stand on the chair in my grandmother's house. ( )
- 4- My grandmother's house is a state of no law. ( )
- 5- My grandmother's heart grew to contain the whole world inside. ( )

# *Does My Father Come Back?*

*(Stories to strengthen the Arabic language)*



In the house was dominated by warmth and affection I lived there sleeping on a chair in front of my office at night, and my father carried me to my room quietly, so as not to wake me up, forgive me, Dad I pretend to sleep for many days to hold me by your warm and kind hands.

**Father:** Laila, do you do all of your homework? Laila: Yes. The verses of poetry is remained to memorize it, and I'll not tell it tomorrow. Do you want me, my father?

**The mother:** Yes, come on, we want you on something.

Laila came out with amazement, what was the matter that made the parents demand her presence with this keenness? Laila entered to rift of the wall of silence and the glowing looks with her magnificent smile.

**Father:** Laila, now you become in your six grade. You know I am falling short in many things required from you from your teachers and your friends, I creating causes like being too busy to buy it, today I want to tell you that, as long as it was a little livelihood, and I wished if I can reach the sky and get the stars to you, put them under your pillow every day, I will not be late, and I want to tell you that, my dream has been fulfilled by traveling far away, and I am providing you with my travelling the happy life, I will travel the day after tomorrow.

**Laila:** My father, who loves me, discusses me before every matter, in the color of his morning cloths, and what kind of perfume he will put, even the type of food he will eat, so since when does my father margin me?

My requirements? Did I ask you to get me anything?! My expenses? I will not ask you to give me pocket money! My lessons? Sometimes I study all the subjects on my own, and another time with your help, I do not want the stars of the sky, I just wanted the light of the moon.

My father, you are the moon that lighten my day and night. Is it pleasing to you that I watch every star repeatedly ask it? Does My Father Come Back? When does my father come back?

In the end, the father changed his travel decision, and he lights all the nights of Laila.

Questions:

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- 1- Why was Laila pretended to sleep so many times?
  - 2- What were the remaining of Laila of homework that she did not accomplish?
  - 3- What was the big issue that the father wanted?
  - 4- Did Laila agree? Why?
  - 5- Has the father changed his decision?

*I am Unique and Beautiful*



Every day I woke up on the laughter of my mother with my sister Basma, it was not only my mother, every family member loved Basma and naming her the nice and funny kid, but I, they pretended to laugh, for only not to embarrass me.

**Laila:** My mother, why did God not create me with a light color like my sister? Why did my hair not soft like hers? Rather, why did not God create me wit like her?

**The mother:** God is the creator, God put the beauty in everything around us, in the flowers, in the splendor night, in mother's kindness, in every human aspect of beauty, God, with his justice divided Livings, and we have to accept and thank, and we must not object or become angry, if we checked in ourselves, we will find God placing in each one of us something special.

Laila went, in the morning as a everyday, to school. she knew that there is a poetry competition, she registered her name, and after training she stood in front of everyone to tell her poem of "Home", she won with first place at the administration level. Then, Laila felt her desire to act the role of the Princess and the Frog in English class, so she acted it and she won the second place, and everyone clapped to her very hard.

Everyone now was laughing on Laila jokes, and her friends tried to be closer to her. Now, she was special by her skin color and curly hair. Laila stood at her room window and told her God: My God You created me in the most beautiful shape that I loved because it is Your choice to me, I'm satisfied by everything You do for me, and I know that You give me some characteristics for me only to become special, by Your justice, so forgive me and help me to praise You.

Questions:



- 1 - Laila skin color is .....
- 2 - Relatives laugh at Laila's jokes, they .....  
to laugh
- 3- Laila acted the princess in a play of .....  
and.....
- 4- God with his ..... divided living hood
- 5- God created me in the ..... shape.

*Our School is in Holiday*



Our beautiful school, whose name is the “Manarat Al-Elm”, all my friends in the school have high morals. We learn there all kind of science, but the only bad thing in it is: Professor Kamal, the principal of the school, as he did not allow us to have any holiday.

### Professor Kamal



He was a man with prestige, he did not ever late to the queue of the morning, he, many times, attended with us our classes, also, he believed that the secret of excellence in this school, was that “not to be absent”, and absent students punished by him severely as the absent student deprived from P.E, music, painting and agriculture classes, not only this, but he doubles his homework of that day.

### Nobody Thinks of Being Absent

Every student in our school, he came in most days of his illness, for fear of punishment, and I wanted to have a holiday where I can play with my cat “Zaiton”, to climb the apple tree

in my grandfather house, and to play in my uncles' houses "hide and seek".

### A Surprise in the Queue

Professor Kamal thanked all students and teachers on the classification of our school to be the first school on the administrative level, he added in order to win the higher classification we had to attend every Saturday of each week. Everyone whisper by objection to the decision and the Professor Kamal got his voice louder to shut up this humming and said: Flag salute

### In the Office of Professor Kamal

I went to the office of Professor Kamal, in my capacity as Secretary of the Students' Union of the School, and he received me with smiling eyes, and said: Yes, Ahmad:

**I told him:** Professor Kamal, I am very glad for the wining of our school the first place, but there were others who felt sad because of your decision, like my cat "Zaiton" as it is waiting for me on holiday to get it out in the grass of the square, the tree is waiting for me to tell it the secrets of the week, also the laughter of my uncles on us when we fall from the race we have while playing hide and seek.

The professor Kamal stopped smiling, and then he gathered us in the break of lunch, he stood in the school yard, and said: The school is on a holiday on Saturday of each week, and in the days of public holidays, because the cat needed for hiking, children wanted to climb, and uncles wanted to laugh at your falling in the race. The shouts said: Long live the professor Kamal, long live the professor Kamal, and our school is on a holiday.

Questions:



- 1- What game did children play in the uncles' house?
- 2- To whom did Ahmad tell his secrets?
- 3- Where did Ahmad take his cat?
- 4- What decision did Mr. Kamal make and upset everyone?
- 5- Has the principal changed his decision? Why?

*Cleanliness is a Morality I Must Abide By*



Cleanliness is a morality that I must abide by and everyone can see the impact of it on me, and that my house will be the title of my character, so I take a pledge on myself to be a clean child.

I ride the car with my father, I have in my hands of a can of soda, and hot-dog, it was ended before the end of our trip, so I opened the car window, and thrown the rest of cans and bags on the street, in order to make my dad a car as clean as I ride it.

### **My Father Shouts In The Car**

My father shouted: Walid, Do not throw rubbish on the street. I paid attention again: What did you do? I was trying to keep the car clean ?!

My father stopped in front of a garbage basket on the street, my father said: Walid, Get out of the car. So I got out with my father and he asked me to put the garbage in it, and he asked me: Would you like your country street to throw dirt in it ?!

Your country, my son, is your great house. Keeping it clean is the same as keeping your clothes, your face, and your car clean. Moreover, your country must be the most beloved to you.

The trip ended and I stopped in front of the house. I went up to get a pot of the planting. My father asked me: Where are you going with this pot ?!

I answered him that I will go down to decorate the streets of my country, because it is the most precious and it has the right to keep it clean, my father smiled and told me: you are a clean child and I love you, Walid!

Questions:



- 1- What did Walid eat at the car?
- 2- How did Walid want to make his father's car clean?
- 3- Why did the father shout?
- 4- Why did our country have the right to keep it clean?
- 5- What idea did Walid want to implement to decorate his country?

*My Socks are Clean And They  
Smell Fragrant*



I am a female child in the first grade. I attend my school mosque every day. I pray the afternoon prayer with my colleagues, but the mosque in the school is not smell good because of the bad socks smell, but my socks smell fragrant.

### **My Mother Is Taking Care Of My Socks Smell**

My mother perfumed our clothes and checked them every day, especially my socks. She asked me to put them in the clothes that needed to be washed in the washing machine.

I went with a perfume to perfume the mosque, and I had a sign said: Please use clean socks so that the mosque smells good.

### **Everyone Is Wearing Clean Socks**

Everyone here has clean socks, the mosque smells fragrant, and I like to pray in it, thanks to my friend.

Questions:



Complete the following statements from the brackets

1- I am a female child in the ..... grade.

(first- second)

2- My mother perfumes our clothes and check them every .....

(day -week)

3- I went with a ..... to perfume the mosque

(perfume -carpet)

4- Everyone here is his has ..... socks.

(clean -colorful)

5 - I love to pray in .....

(the mosque -the home)

***The Tissue is About to Separate  
the Friends***



We use tissue in the cleaning table, as we use it a lot in cold flue, we also can use it to clean up by our office in the morning, with a little cleanser, but how tissue can separate the two friends?! That we will know from today's story.

### **Hana and the tissue**

Hana and Jana were two female students in preparatory school, they were sitting on the same desk, and sharing lunches every day, but smell of Hana clothes was not good, and she used tissue because she was infected with a cold, she did not put them in the trash, but she left them on the desk, Jana feels was shy to blame her.

She was embarrassed to ask her to have a good smell or even to remind her of the necessity of her personal cleanness.

### **Jana Request To Move From Hana Desk**

Jana went to the teacher telling her desire to move from her place to other place, she asked the teacher not tell Hana that she asked to be moved, because she did not want Hana to be sad, the teacher looked with amazement to Jana: How that?! She is your friend

since the first primary class?! I'm now seeing your fear for her feelings, this is confusing! Please tell me more about the reason for this request.

### **The Teacher And Her Role In The Reform**

The teacher heard the real reasons, which was possible to become a habit difficult to get rid of it if no one draw attention to it, so she gathered girls in the break of lunch and gave them a lecture with pictures and video, for someone who did not bathe and people felt bad because of his smell in prayer, in the means of transportation, and even the members of his family, also he put his debris on his desk, and on the ground. All the attendance denounced these actions.

The teacher looked at the girls with an affectionate view and said: You are the mothers of tomorrow, the teachers of generation after years not too long, you must be a model and an example, if you grow up on these childhood habits, it will become a feature of your personality and it will be difficult to overcome.

Then the teacher's voice went up in jest: Bathing every day or every two days. Tissue in the trash basket. I love you all.

The girls went away and every one of them thought about how to abide by cleanliness, and the surprise here that Hana still sat next to Jana because she completely changed, in terms of attention to cleanliness, and the cleanliness of the place where she sat in, it after a tissue was about to separate friends.

Questions:



- 1- What was the real reason behind Jana's desire to move?
- 2- How did the teacher solve the matter?
- 3- Is lack of cleanliness a strong reason to separate friends? Why?
- 4- Why didn't Jana move from here place next to Hana at the end?
- 5- Do you feel that this story is useful? Why?

*My Son, Please Carry These  
Bags for Me*



To carry bags in the street for an old woman or an old man, is a good manner, a great merit and a magnanimity, so what if this old woman is my mother? Or that old man is my father?

### **My Mother Gets Very Tired Carrying Bags**

Vegetable bags, and needs of the house were heavy, when my mother went every month to the shop, and she bought what we needed for many days, I stood at the place of cashier, and I had with me the approximate amount of what we will account for it, because my father made me responsible for many things, as long I became in the intermediate stage of education .

### **My Father Travels A Lot, And I'm The Responsible Man**

The car stopped in front of the house. I called for the concierge, but he was not here, uncle Ali. Uncle Ali, no one answered, my mother was carrying bags, I intentionally pretended to be busy because I felt shame of carrying, in front of my friends in the street, meat and vegetables bags, so I left her to go up, and pointed out to her that I was calling on uncle Ali the concierge.

I went up and found the color of my mother's hand was strange, she was crying holding it, and she left the bags on the stairs, so I entered it to the house and brought the doctor and he performed his exams and said: She held with her hands a heavy object and was severed in a string of her fingers, and it must be sagged.

Now, I wash the plates, I wash the clothes, I prepare the food, I wake up my little brothers, and I help them in the dressing, my mother says: I wish I told you to carry a bag for me. That day I felt guilty because I let my mother to do all these things at home, and also I did not carry, even, some of the bags outside the home.



So I took a covenant on myself to help my mother not only in carrying bags, but every act of humanity that my mother do, so that she will not need anyone to help her.

Questions:



- 1 - In your opinion, how old was the hero of our story?
- 2- Why did he do not carry bags for his mother?
- 3- What did happen to his mother's hand?
- 4- What actions did the hero do now?
- 5- What decision did he make at the end of the story?

***We Do Not Talk With The  
Termagant Asim***



## The Termagant

Termagant is the one who injure and not studying well his how his words will fall like a rock falls from the high mountains, so he made wounds from the beginning of the hearts of his closest relatives to farther around him.

## Asim At Home

Asim has a good mannered brother, he was studying literature at Cairo University, and he studied at night dozens of verses of poetry, he was sharing with his brother the room. Asim was a spoiled younger brother, he spoke with older brother with no respect.

## Asim At School

Asim at school was uttering a wounding words to his classmates, for example: (You are a cheater), (You are totally wrong), (his mother who helped him in this homework). (You always lose), and everyone avoided him because of he was a termagant.

## Summoning of Asim's Parent

Parent of Asim went to school for the tenth time for the same letter content (Asim uttered verbally inappropriate in his class and beyond all his friends, you should come to school). The father went to school but this time was the last warning and if Asim repeated any verbal insult to his friends, he will be dismissed for the last time from school, and the father signed this paper.

## Asim After Dismissing

The father and the older brother sat with Asim: Asim see the harvest of your actions, you have from your cruel and acrimony words nothing but loneliness, no one interested in you and your future are threaten. This is the last chance, you still have life available and you can change every temperament for the better, I want your friends to enter this house, as everyone now is saying: Do not talk with Asim the termagant

## Asim Again

Asim avoided everyone, and he never spoken to his colleagues, so his colleagues marveled from his behavior, then they agreed to choose Asim to be the hero of an English play, he agreed to that, and he changed his cruel words became a nice words, and now he is saying to his friend: (You have done well), (You are a hero), (You did well)

Asim good word changed his future, he moved to the higher stage with more friends.

Questions:

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- 1- How was Asim dealing with his older brother?
  - 2- Why did the school request the presence of the parent?
  - 3- Has Asim changed after his family's words to him?
  - 4- How did the companions play a role in the change of Asim?
  - 5- Complete: The secret to Asim's change is the ..... word

*The Old Lady, The Owner of  
The Treasure*



Once upon a time in ancient times in the village that had branches, water wheels, and streams of water, green land, grapes and pomegranates, children sang on the water pond, and fishermen caught fish from the canal between palm branches, there was an old lady called: Frightening aunt Munira .

### **Frightening old lady**

What was the secret of this old lady? Why were the children of the village afraid of her? The truth she did not make anything wrong, but the age appeared on her, her face had wrinkles of time, her face became yellow, and her hair became white, as well as she forgot everything, even her children names, she were calling on each child with her children names, so she called them Naji, Farida, when the children heard these names, they ran on the highway to escape from that old woman.

### **The Old Lady And Young Malek**

Malek was a young child he felt sorry for that old woman, and he asked his mother to give him some food because this lady was a poor woman, so his mother gave him a plate had a piece of chicken, rice and fruit, he went to the old lady, then she hold the plate and said to him: Thank you Naji ,

them she started to eat, he said to her: My name is Malek, my aunt Munira, she slept while she was eating, so he covered her with a shabby cover, and he went to his mother.

### The Old Lady And The Great Treasure

Malek went to his mother, he was crying for the old woman, so these feelings rejoiced his mother and she said: God know that you want from this old woman nothing but His satisfactions on you, and God will reward you on the Day of Resurrection multiple of good deeds and many graces for that plate. Malek said: So this old woman is a treasure, I wish my friends know that all good feelings or charity with money for any poor person God will multiply it a lot by the blessing and pities, every poor person is a treasure.

Questions:

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- 1- Describe the village where the old woman lived?
  - 2- Why were children afraid of the old lady?
  - 3- What kind of food did Malek bring to the old woman?
  - 4- What did Malek do when the old woman slept?
  - 5- What did Malek discover at the end of the story?

*The Ring of the Sultan and The  
Room of Gold And Argan*



Ring of the Sultan and the room of gold, diamonds, gems and Argan owned by the Sultan, the ordinary person could not count any of these things, and one day he lost his ring, which he inherited from his good grandfathers.

### Ring of Sultan and Grand Prize

Sultan to find this ring he announced in a day in all of the Sultanate that he would make the man who finds his ring enter the room of diamonds and argan to take all he could carry for a full hour, and he will go out of the room after the completion of the hour.

### Ring Of Sultan And The Fisherman Uncle Rizk

While Uncle Rizk was fishing from a river of the kingdom, he found in a fish mouth the ring of the Sultan. He felt with joy, he, his wife and children where the prize of the Sultan would change their small boat to a large ship, their hut, which fall on the coast, to a palace with guards and servants, and their food, which was fish and rice every day, to meat, duck and doves as well as whatever they desire.

## An Hour In Gold And Argan Room

Uncle Rizk went to the Sultan with the ring, and the Sultan preached to him that he deserved the right now to the prize, and told him now your hour started go and carry all you can carry from the room. The fisherman went up the room, and his eyes were shining, he found food in the middle of the room he never ate, and furniture he did not see any of it even in his dreams, and he said to himself: What if I ate this?! I had a lot time. He ate until his stomach was full, and he started to say to himself: What if I slept for a few minutes on this silk furniture?! I had a lot time. He slept and woke up to the clock ticking, he went screaming and the guards drag him out. The fisherman can be able to know the value of time, and perform the task before its time, to live in the palace as a palace of Sultan, and to eat every day what ate and to sleep on these silk furniture. This is exactly like the world, we must know the value of time so that we may live in bless.

Questions:



- 1- What was the prize that the Sultan said to reward whoever found the ring?
- 2- Describe the gold and argan room.
- 3- What would the award do in the life of Uncle Rizk if he took it?
- 4- What was the fault of Uncle Rizk?
- 5- Did you like the story? What did you benefit from?

*The Greed and The Chicken a  
Story from Traditional Stories*



Once upon time, Hajj Hassan al-Attar had a farm of rare roses and flowers used by spice dealer in making his herbs. Next to this farm house of three floors, the first floor of the animals and birds, the second floor for the children of Hajj Hassan, and a third floor for Hajj Hassan and his wife.

One day Mrs. Baheya the wife of Hajj Hassan opened the bird house, she found a golden color egg, she took it with the rest of eggs to boil it, but when they started to eat it they could not eat it, everyone tried to break it, but it did not break. Hajj Hassan went to the market with it, he sold it for a large amount of money, he bought by it enough all what his family needed.

Mrs. Baheya knew which of her chickens ovulated this egg, she took care of this chicken and fed it daily. Hajj Hassan sold its egg every day, and he closed his spice shop and sat waiting for the golden egg. His children were very happy for achieving of their demands.

On one of the days, Haji Hassan thought on an idea that he favored it, he said: Why did I need to wait every day for this chicken to ovulate its golden eggs?! Why I did not slaughter the chicken and pulled out what in its stomach from a golden egg, to buy a palace,

and to have guards and served. His wife and his children tried to stop him but all their attempts were unsuccessful ..

He did what he wanted to do, but in vain as he did not find any treasure in the stomach of the chicken, he only found the sadness and regret.

Questions:



- 1 - Describe the house of Hajj Hassan?
- 2- What did Mrs. Baheya do with the golden egg?
- 3- What was the fault of Hajj Hassan?
- 4- What is the great dream of Hajj Hassan?
- 5- How will Hajj Hassan act after this end?

## *Reema Returned to Her Old Habit*



“Reema has returned” a story of traditional heritage, but most people do not know it? Who is Reema? We will tell you the story of Mrs. Reema, the wife of Hatem Al-Taie.

### **Reema, The Wife of Hatem Al-Taie**

Hatem Al-Taie was a very generous man, and his wife was stingy to the point that she was put a little margarine on food, which was made Hatem Al-Taie get angry many times, he asked her every time she made food to put more margarine next time, but she did not obey him, but she reduced margarine again.

### **Hatem Al-Taie Deceived Reema**

One day, Hatem Al-Taie thought about deceiving Reema, and he said to her: Do you know, when you put margarine on food, God has increased your age as same you put on food. Reema was marveled, and she put two tablespoons of margarine on the food.

## How Did Reema Return To Her Old Habit?

Reema son died, she cried on him and returned to her old habit as she reduced the margarine again as she did not want to live. That made Hatem Al-Taie angry and he said his very famous sayings until today: (Reema Returned to Her Old Habit)

Questions:



- 1- Name the wife of Hatem Al-Taie?
- 2- Why did Hatem Al-Taie deceive his wife?
- 3- What trick did Hatem Al-Taie think?
- 4- Why did Reema return to her old habit?
- 5- Have you heard about this story before today?

## *The Three Prizes of the Sultan*



Sultan awards on the occasion of gala of the Kingdom, the Sultan announced three prizes will be distributed on a three-day, every day a different prize, and in an unprecedented way in the Kingdom.

### **The First Prize of the Sultan**

The First Prize of the Sultan: A palace next to the palace of the sultan, built three months ago, has been tiled from silver, and has a corridor open on the gardens of orange. The Sultan flied a dove, if the dove settled on the head on anyone he would won the palace, and the dove already settled on the the head of a farmer named Amer, the Sultan gave him the palace, and he became a neighbor of the Sultan.

### **The Second Prize of the Sultan**

The Second Prize of the Sultan: Royal expensive horse, the guard lifted the headband of camel and they left it to go, when it stopped at any house, the owner of the house would be the owner of the Royal horse, also the camel stop at the house of Amer the farmer the neighbor of the Sultan.

## The Third Prize Of The Sultan

The Third Prize of the Sultan: Fields of apples, would be given by the king to the most loved one from the farmers, so the farmers gathered that they love Amer the farmer. The Sultan stood in front of Amer and said to him: What is your secret farmer? He said simply: I din not eat alone, but I gather all the needy farmers, putting in front of them all that I can, so they called me the generous Amer.

The Sultan said: Now I understood, so God honored you with three prizes, He gave you a palace, a royal horse, and fields of apples, because God is more generous than you.

Questions:

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- 1- List the prizes announced by the Sultan.
  - 2- What did the dove do?
  - 3- Where did the camel stop?
  - 4- Who did the farmers choose to be the owner of the apple fields?
  - 5 - How did the Sultan explain that Amer won the three prizes?

## *Ramy and Teacher Sawсан*



Once upon time, there was a kid named Ramy, his clothes were dirty, and his hair was not well-groomed, and he slept in the classroom, as well as he smelled of neglect, so his teacher Sawsan did not want him in her class next year. The Teacher Distributes The Month's Test Grades

The Teacher Distributes The Grades for the Arabic Language Test: Excellent Soaad, Ahmad you are really skilled, Laila you are the most beautiful girl, Ramy ... Take your grades, and your parent must sign on it. Ramy took the paper and thrown it in his bag, then he put his head on his desk, the teacher chide him: Raise your head and pay attention, as if you keep on this recklessness, you will be here with me for the next year in the same grade, do you understand?

### The Teacher Received The Annual Reports

The teacher was in the teachers' room to receive reports and she opened the report of «Ramy Alsayed», then she flipped past his years reports, she found that he was the first on his class from two years, and then his arrangement changed to the latter. Teacher Sawsan asked Ramy's fifth grade teacher, and she got shocked when she knew that his mother felt ill two years ago, and she could not be able to take care of him any more as she was very ill and did not leave the bed.

Here teacher Sawsan felt guilty for every moment passed by blaming this child for his neglect, and the first to blame must be her because of her lack of interest in weak concentration, and bad grades. She helped the kid Ramy, and bought him new clothes for school, as well as she went to his home to assuage on his mother. She became his second mother, she came in the weekly holidays, and he went to her house to study.

### **Ramy Grade At The End Of Year**

Ramy became the first on his class and his school. Years passed away, and year after year, and by the end teacher Sawsan received an invitation to attend the doctoral thesis by: Ramy Alsayed, her student and her son, as she had the merit of what he reached, she went with her best clothes, she found him mentioned her name before everyone because of her favor.

Ramy opened a laboratory all over the world to treat cancer, and he would have been neglected if the teacher Sawsan did not take care of him.

**Note:** The story is true, but with different names, it is the story of the scientist Theodore Steward, the most famous doctor of cancer patients in the world, and his teacher, the good teacher Thomson.

Questions:



- 1- What is the name of the teacher?
- 2- What are the circumstances that made this student affected?
- 3- Why was teacher Sawsan blamed herself?
- 4- What invitation did the teacher receive?
- 5- What did you benefit from this story?

## *Samar and the Red Rope*



Samar, a junior high school student, she was studying her lessons and helping her mother at home, she was sticking to school uniforms, and listening carefully to her teachers, but she only had one red rope.

### Everyone Was Talking About The Red Rope

Samar was a poor girl from a very poor family. She was beautiful with brown eyes and fair skin color. Her voice was clear not very low if she spoke, and it made everyone paying attention if she spoke, she was wearing in parties a red dress, she never changed it. That made her colleagues in the class talking about that. She heard them, she felt sad and wished, if she was absent from any party that could reveal her poverty in front of her colleagues because of that red dress.

### Samar Came Home Sad

Samar tried to hide some traces of sadness with an artificial smile, but her mother felt pain in her daughter's chest, so she spoke kindly to her: Samar, did you hear something today that made the flower wither in your beautiful face? Samar put herself in the arms of

her mother as if she wanted to escape from this small world to a wider world that was changing all the concepts, the mother noted that there was a pain in her daughter she should kill that pain wisely, so as not to expand, and the mother began to hear Samar.

### **Mother's Dialogue On The Red Dress**

The mother: I if I have the treasures of the stars in the sky I would embroidered you dress enchants everyone who sees you, but God divided of livelihood and we like them. Your livelihood is ethics, for example and your friend livelihood is money, happiness is livelihood, health is livelihood, and the parents are livelihood. We have to be satisfied, so God bless them, the more you show your satisfaction with your sustenance to God, God will bless you and give you more. As for indignation, it will have a punishment, I am afraid of you from it, so whom are you ?!

### **Samar After A Few Years**

Samar: I am the girl that satisfied with the her red robe, with her ethics, and with her beautiful face, my mother. I hope that God bless me, and give me more of His bounty, the mother embraced her daughter with proud of her. After years Samar graduated, and she had a lot of clothes, but she still love the red color more than all colors,

so that she opened a factory for fashion, it named it “The Girl With Red Robe”, she said in the opening ceremony: Without consent of satisfaction, I would not be as I’m now.

Questions:



- 1- What was making Samar sad at school?
- 2- What was Samar’s wish at school events?
- 3- Why did Samar put herself in her mother’s arms?
- 4- How did Samar change her life at the end?
- 5 - How many stars is this story worth?

## *Compassionate of the Market*



In the market, sellers sell vegetables and fruits, the fishers spread on the uncovered cars, the fishes of the day, and the female farmers sell chickens, rabbits, doves, ducks and geoses.

### On The Market People Stand For A Long Time

My father went to the market, holding my hand to buy the supplies of the house, I got angry when I waited in this line for a long time, and I said to my father: Why do we not race with people, and the fastest takes his request?!

**The father replied:** Ahmad, if every one of us will race and the fastest is taking his request will be barbarism, and will not safe the time, but we will wait for more and more because the fastest of us will take his request first, do not you look to ants and bees ?! Cannot we not be like these creatures in order and cooperation ?!

### On The Market We Find The Compassionate Of The Market

It took us a while to speak, and I found myself in front of the seller, so he took my request, and my father said: See? Order saves time. I grabbed some bags from my father,

and while we were in the middle of the road, we discovered that we had lost some money, so we turned back to ask every seller.

We went to another fish seller, a man we went to him before, so he asked us: How much do you lose? The father said: Fifty pounds. He gave it to us and said: A woman found it on the street, and she said: Give it to anyone asks about it. We took it and go away.

Here I wondered, why didn't she take the fifty pound?

**The father said:** In old time, there was a man who stood calling for the missing things, his name (compassionate of the market), it is supposed that we are progressing not be late, and we should find this compassionate, if he does not appear, at least who finds something in the market puts it at the nearest seller.

**Ahmad said:** When I grow up, Dad, I will open a company whose name is: The Compassionate of the Market

## Questions



- 1- List the goods sold in the market?
- 2- What did make Ahmad angry at the seller?
- 3- Where did the father discover that he lost his money?
- 4- What do you know about the compassionate of the market?
- 5- What is the name of the company that Ahmad wants to open?

*I Do Not Want to Go to School*



I have the right to choose to go or not to school, because I really do not want to go to school, not for nothing, only the routines of early awakening, and a lot of homework.

### **I Do Not Want to Go to School**

I told my father explicitly that I did not want to go to school, my father laughed at first like a joke, and when he saw the signs of my insistence on my face, his smile changed, and my mother chided me and said: Go to your room, and sleep early so you go to school.

### **My Father Trusted Me Always**

I did not turn around and went to my room, and with sympathy I found my father knocking on the door of my room and opening it: May I come in? I told him: Of course, we sat on bed that on the opposite of office chair and tried to organize some of my stuff, while he was ignoring what I said about my desire not to go to school. I remained to assure him that I will study my lessons by myself, and I would get help from educational videos, believe me, my dad please. My father did not comment on all my words, and he just said to me: You are old enough and I trust you

## Success And Missing

I has already done what I wanted and I did not go to school, I went only to the exam, but in this period whenever I asked my father or my mother to explain something to me about a dilemma in mathematics, they were apologizing to me.

The result appeared and I succeeded, but in different degrees for each year, everyone rejoiced and blessed me, but I did not rejoice !!

Because I simply missed the explanation of lessons in the class from my fun teachers, lost playing the ball in the break of lunch, I missed the projects we share where I and my friends, laughing a lot on our success or failures, I missed the smell of dust, and the scorching sun and hiding from it, and I missed heavy rain when we were running underneath, I missed my school.

**When my father asked me:** About my plan for the next year? I told him: I will, of course, go to my beloved school, because I really want to go to school.

Questions:



- 1 - Why did not Ahmed want to go to school?
- 2 - Did Ahmed's mother agree to his absence from school?
- 2 - Did Ahmed's father agree to his absence from school? Why?
- 4 - Did Ahmad rejoice with his successful?
- 5- What did Ahmed miss during his absence from school?

## *The Old and the Five Pounds*



An old woman, who leaned at curvy cane, she worn a black cloak with threadbare at the ends, some curly white hair shows by the front of her head, her veil is not well-groomed, and she walk by a cane like the rabbit and the turtle race, stopped me.

I followed her and said, “Do you want help, Mom?” She went away and did not pay attention to me, I felt with curiosity to follow her, as she were nearing to the streets where I live, and felt fear for her to fall because she cannot afford a regular walk.

**She got near to Uncle Said’s grocery and said:** Said the grocer, you tired me, you brought me back again and I felt tired I tried to take this road in a hurry. **Said the grocer said:** What happened mom, is there something bad in our merchandise that I replace for you?

**The old woman said:** No, I like your merchandise, I have preferred it for a long time, but you have mistaken in the change as you have given me five pounds in excess of my right. I’m afraid to forget or anything bad happen to me and no one will be able to pay this amount.

**Said the grocer smiled and said:** I swear that I forgive you, it is not a big deal to bother yourself. She said: But everyone will be accounted alone before

God Here I talked and said to her: Why did not you my grandmother give me five pounds, which I would give it to Uncle Said? She said to me: I do not know you, my son, and I was afraid that you will be accounted for it if you did not give it to the grocer, because of your younger age

Here, uncle Said laughed and said: No, I swear, mom, Ahmad was finding money in the street and he gave it to me and said: If anyone asks about it give it to him, uncle Said. He will give it to me immediately. The old woman said: God bless you Ahmed and your parents. We replied to her and said: God bless you grandma

Questions:

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- 1- Describe the old lady.
  - 2- Did the old lady answer the child?
  - 3- Why did the old woman return to the grocer?
  - 4- What did the grocer say about Ahmed?
  - 5- Did you like the story?

*Sara Special Cloud*

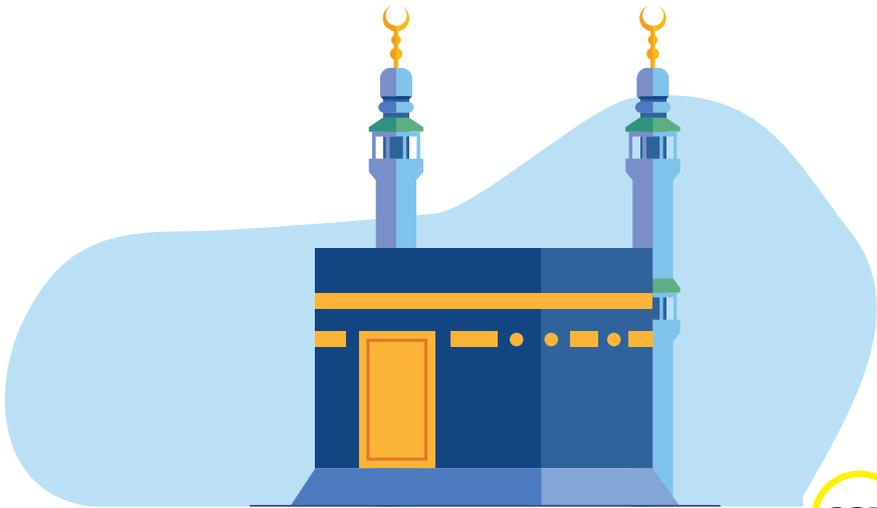
*First Part*



Sara was a girl living in a small village, she has beautiful dreams to every country the Arab world, she was dreaming of promising good, cooperation, and love. Also she wished to ride a cloud of clouds of sky to visit those countries.

One day, Sara asked her mother in the kitchen, where she was cooking food: My mom, if I ask God for anything ... will God do it me? **The mother said:** Yes, God always do that There Sara called upon her God to make her ride a cloud in the sky and pass through all the Arab countries that she wanted to visit.

After a short period of time, Sara found herself on a large, white cloud, and she grabbed her ears: I'm dreaming! She loudly shouted: Am I dreaming? When it was assured that it is areal, I realized that God achieved her wish, so she passed over



the Arab countries, and she wiped out when she heard a voice in the cloud was saying: Welcome to your special cloud, where do we start the journey?

**Sara said:** The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia I want to see it. The cloud said: Heard and obeyed, Sara. At the wind speed Sara was above Saudi Arabia, she looked at the Haram al-Makki (Kaaba), she praised God, and called for the people of the country to honor, reverence and veneration. Then Sara asked her special cloud to visit (Medina) so she went and found the Haram Medina and her eye looked at its good people, so Sara said to her cloud: Report from me, I love them, I love them more than the clouds in the sky, **the cloud said:** Gentlemen, Sara loves you more than the clouds in the sky.

Questions:

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- 1- What were Sara wishes for the Arab world?
  - 2- Where was Sara's mother when she asked her?
  - 3- What did Sara do to make sure she wasn't dreaming?
  - 4- What was the name of the first town that Sara visited?
  - 5- What message did Sara ask her cloud to deliver?

***Sara Special Cloud***  
***(Second Part)***



Sara was on her cloud, she commanded so she obeyed, Sara special cloud asked her: Which countries do you want to visit?

Sara thought about it then she said Oman

In moments Sara's eyes were intermingling Omani good people, green gardens, clear water, so she wanted to come down to hugging grandparents, to play with the children, and to smell the beautiful flowers , the cloud refused because the time too limited.

Sara asked the cloud to carry her to Iraq, and in a second she was above the gardens of Babylon, in this land prophet Abraham was born ...

**Sara shouted:** Cloud, leave me to smell the scent of grandparents, and to embrace the charm of this breathtaking view. The cloud rejected, citing the approaching end of time.

Sara asked her cloud to visit the country of Jordan, and she found a very wonderful city! The city of Petra is engraved in the mountains. God gave it a distinctive colors.

Sara is almost madly and demanded from her clouds: Get me down to take pictures for this, in order to my cousins and brothers believe I saw it, the cloud rejected with an absolute refusal no longer time in hand, and the cloud threatened her if she discussed again to go down they will return to their home.

Here Sara was very silent, she was afraid of her special cloud, so she asked to pass over the dead sea, and found it very deep, she found it deeper zone she found so far, so she asked her cloud: Is it really lower than the Earth's surface as I see it? The cloud said: Yes, there is no life in it, and there is a doubling in the percentage of salinity, so tourists come to it for hospitalization. Here Sara grabbed her leg, **and shouted**: Oh my leg, my leg hurts, I want to be hospitalized.

Then the cloud said, "then I will return you to your house to be hospitalized by your mother," Sara said: No, I can bear it

Questions:

- 1- Why did Sara ask to land in Iraq?
- 2- Mention the tourist attractions in the country of Jordan.
- 3- Why did Sara want to get off in Oman?
- 4- Why did Sara cry out from her leg ache?
- 5- Why did the cloud refuse to get Sara down?



***Sara Special Cloud***  
***(Third Part)***



Sara was in every way wanting to come down from the cloud because of longing and loving, and the cloud refused an absolute refusal until the time is about of completion, Sara convinced the cloud that time is still available, and she really will not delay it in the coming back.

Sara thought to visit the beautiful Morocco, the cloud hastened over it and found a pleasant Marrakesh where many of the giant walls and historic giant buildings and gardens, something unique that combined past civilization and modern future, she smelled beautiful smells, the gorgeous, tidy and orderly people, Sara kept in herself her desire to come down fearing from the cloud.

Sara asked her cloud to visit Dubai and see the tower of Al Arab and the tower of Khalifa, the cloud was afraid of the tower and looked at Sara and begged her not to pass over them. Sara wondered from the begging of the cloud and insisted that she wanted to see, the tower was almost to penetrate the cloud as it touched the cloud, here, Sara realized what caused fear for the cloud.

**Sara laughed and then said:** I don't need you to come down, cloud, as I touch the tower from here. The cloud quickly passed to the city of Baalbek in Lebanon,

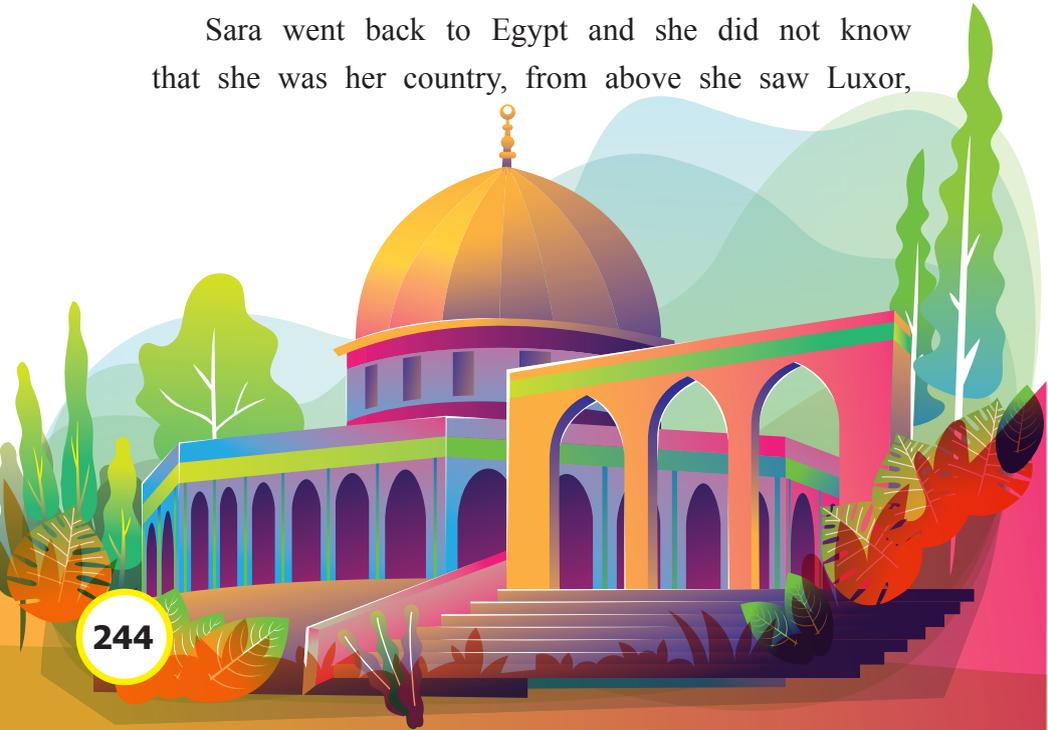
**Sara asked her cloud:** What is the name of this charming city ?!

**The cloud said:** It is one of the most important landmarks of Lebanon.

The cloud passed through Kuwait, Bahrain, Tunisia, Qatar, and Algeria, with a nostalgic tear from the Sara to come down... she asked: Is all this my homeland? Are all those my brothers? She did not ask the cloud to go down, because she knew the answer.

The special cloud was stopped at the Al-Aqsa Mosque in Palestine and asked from Sara to cast peace, Sara threw the peace on the prophets, and left her heart in that place. She said: The heart is the lowest gift given to this country.

Sara went back to Egypt and she did not know that she was her country, from above she saw Luxor,



the countries of Nubia, Aswan and the oases, and here she asked to go down, the cloud agreed. Here, Sara wondered and said: How did you agree so fast? The cloud said: It is beautiful Egypt, Sara did not believe that this was her country, it was not less beautiful than all of these countries. She was already went down, but with a promise from the cloud to carry her again to all Arab countries and even went down for minutes to shake hands with passers-by and to knock the doors.

When she went down she found her mother woke her up and said: Come on, Sara. You were late for school. Sara knew that all of this was a dream, and she wished that an opportunity would come to realize these dreams, and that she would truly see the countries of the Arab world.

Questions:

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- 1- Why was the cloud afraid of tower of Khalifa?
  - 2- What did Sara leave in Palestine?
  - 3- Why did Sara's eye tear when it passed over the Arab countries?
  - 4- Did Sara know her country?
  - 5- What did Sara discover in the end?

*In Our Home A New Baby*



A New Baby I live in a very quiet house, in which I enjoy all means of comfort and well-being, my demands are all answered, because I am the only child. I want a new baby in that house.

I want a new baby in this house to fill corridors of the house by screaming and crying, I want a brother to beg him to keep silent until I sleep, instead of looking at the roof of my room asking to sleep that does not come, I want a sister to pick me stylish clothes, and sing songs in an ugly sound that cracks my head, I want a brother or sister to tell him or her my secrets when I get secrets

### A New Baby May Come

I went to my mother telling her my intense desire to have a new baby in my life, my mother said: Assim, everything with wellness of our God, Who created me and created you, and if you want anything ask God to give to you, God always with us and always achieve our hopes, so I prayed to have a new baby.

## A New Baby In My House

New Baby came to our house, I waited him to come and to knock the doors of my life. He entered with the feelings I cannot describe, for the first time, I am afraid, I felt scared for him when any one held him, except me, even if it was my mother, I felt that I wanted to hug him to feel safe, and let him feeling with the same feelings that I had, I felt my desire to look at his little nose, and his funny movements, and I wished if I cried instead of him, my heart was not able to endure the sound of his cries, and I kept jumping acrobatically, in order to calm him down, then I sang, and applauded.

My mother entered her room and stood in front of him whisper in his ear, “do not be afraid of anything I am here next to you, and when you grow up you will find me with you, helping you to study and I will help you to do your homework, and I will listen to your secrets when you have secrets”. My brother has made me a new baby.

Questions:



- 1- Why did Asim want a baby?
- 2- What does Asim want from his sister if she comes?
- 3- What is the mother's response to Asim?
- 4- What are the new feelings that Asim having?
- 5- What was the promise that Asim made to his brother?

*I Am the Special Youngest Brother*



I love my arrangement in my family, the important and most important to my father and mother, the assistant servant of my brothers, I am the special youngest brother.

In fact, I do not deny my happiness with the special kiss from my mother, and with a brilliant smile of father when I welcome him when he came, but I missed things from my elder brothers, I missed the request of me to participate in the card games, or Sinbad. As when I asked to play with them they told me to go, as I still young and did not know the mathematics, and did not memorize many words.

### **The Youngest Brother Not Special**

I wanted to play with my brothers, I wanted to feel that I am important in their lives, I wanted them to remember my name not only when they needing anything, but rather when they play. They many times calling for me and said: “Ali go, Ali bring this, Ali give me this.” I love their need for me, even if only for giving them some things!

### **The Older Brother Loves The Youngest Brother**

I went to my older brother Asim and said: “Brother, can I speak with you?” He welcomed me and indicated to me to talk, so I said to him: «When will I grow in your

eyes, when will the time come to play the word game, and the numbers race? When will you need me as I do? When will I go out with you to the Book Fair? When will you take me on the Football Team with you? When do we start the running race and the flying race? When will you need to be in your world? Just as I miss you being with me now? » Asim eyes expanded as he scrutinized my explicit features of my face, and he said: «My dear brother, you are a piece of heart, I'm afraid for it, I do not allow anyone to touch. So, forgive me, I wanted you to like the reading and mathematics, so you can have a good play, you are the most important one that I have and you'll miss the surprise, as I put you in the formation of a football team on Thursday, we will play on vacation together for the word game, but you should promise me that until the day of the leave, you will study mathematics and reading to be skilled in the games.”

I hugged my brother, and whispered in his ears: “I love you, my most precious person, I love you more than the cloud.”

Questions:



- 1 - Why does Ali feel that he is not special?
- 2- What does the older brothers ask the youngest brother?
- 3- Why does everyone refuse to play with Ali?
- 4- What is the promise that Asim made to Ali?
- 5- What sentence did Ali whisper in the ears of Asim?

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### Tales Of Our Grandmother Zahra

