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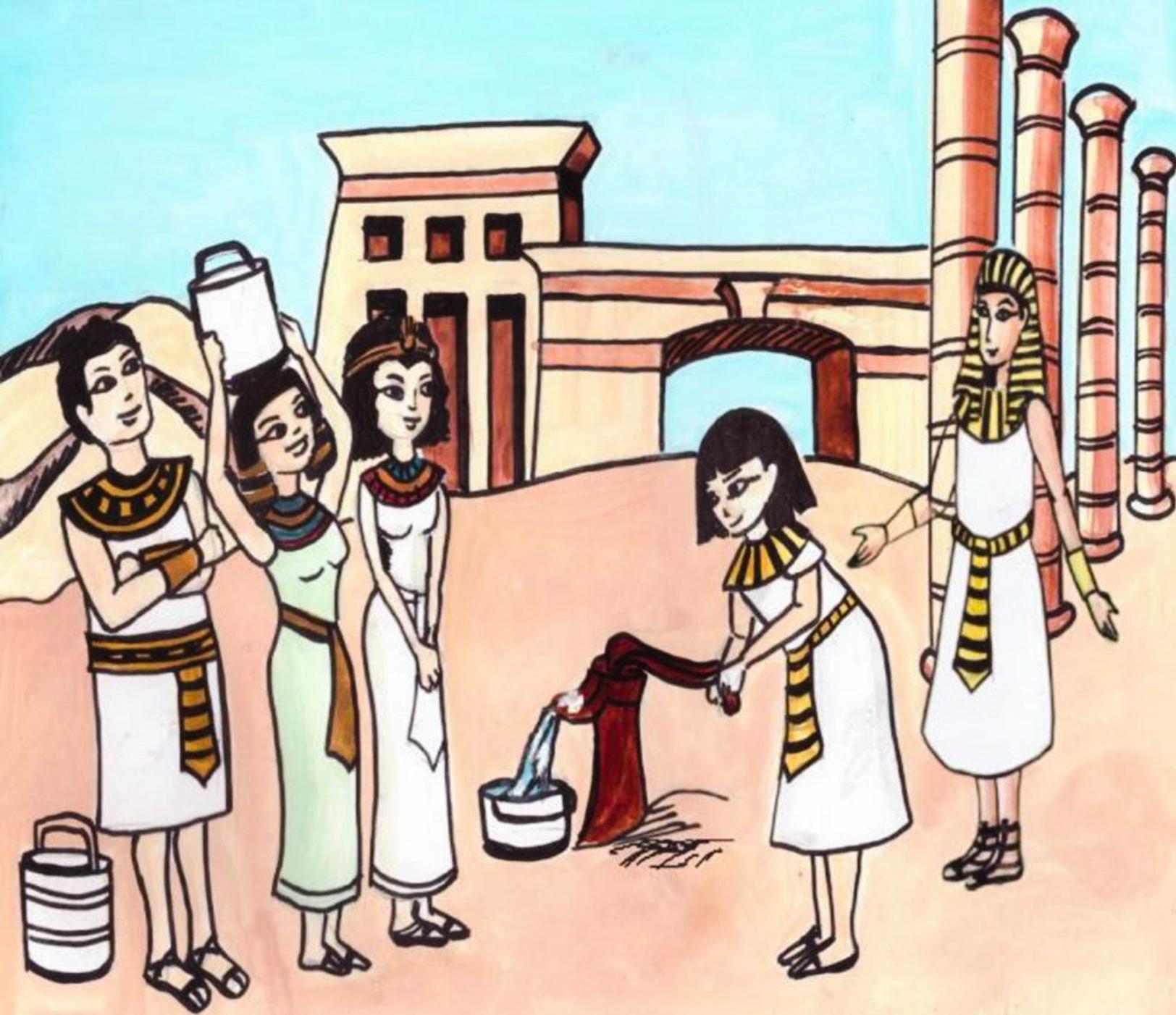
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In Luxor, next to the Karnak temple on the banks of the Nile, Tut lives with his family.

Tut is a nine-year-old with a cheerful face. He likes to help his parents with the housework and the field. Tut is also popular with his schoolfellows for his high grades in multiple subjects.



In Tut's house, there is a pump that pushes water from the ground up. The water is fresh and pure, which is why people like to drink from it. Sinuhe, Tut's father, is a generous and faithful man, who loves to help people. Therefore, neighbors come to take water from his house, and he does so with sincere intentions, and he does not want anything in return for it.



One day, while Tut was returning home from school, he found his father waiting for him. His father told him that he would go to the city of Abydos to buy things for the house such as: copper pots, carpets, perfumes, and cotton clothes.

Tut said: You go and come back in peace, Dad.

Sinuhe said: Do not forget, Tut, to give water to people from the pump of our house.

Tut said: I will do, Dad.



Sinuhe prepared the cart and made a delicious meal for the horse so that he could go all the way to the city. Sinuhe respects, loves, and sympathizes with his horse. Sinuhe put the horse in front of the cart. The horse ran lightly and briskly beside the shore of the Nile. The weather was so beautiful, and the musical sounds resonated with the steps of the horse's footsteps on the ground.



An idea is circulated in Tut's head, which is to prevent water from the people of the village.

He is afraid that the water could run out, and he wants to preserve it. Moreover, the people of the village make disturbance when they come to the house, and when they leave it.



Mrs. Merritt said: Tut, please, I want clean water to cook for my little ones, I promised them a delicious duck.

Tut said: You took a lot of water, look for another place. I want to keep my water for myself and my family.

Mrs. Cherwat said: you know, unclean water threatens our life with diseases, we want to drink clean water, and you ought to give us water, Tut, as your father used to do.

Tut insisted on his decision and did not listen to his neighbors in need of water and asked them to leave.



Suddenly, when Tut went to his farm, he found the ground barren, cracked, and thirsty.

Tut was deeply saddened by what he saw.

Tut wonders at this situation, and asks himself how the land becomes like this, when it is next to the Nile? What happened?



The people of the village know that Mr. Sinuhe is a person who loves people, fulfils his promise, and helps the community. He also, is generous in giving, and as much as he can facilitates the demands of the needy.

While Sinuhe was returning from traveling in his cart, the neighbors complained to him about the behavior of his son, Tut, by preventing them from water. They told him about their tiredness, pain, and sadness because they did not have access to pure water from the pump of his house.



Sinuhe: Why did you prevent water from people, Tut?

Tut: Dad, I wanted to keep it, and I was afraid it would come to an end. However, we don't benefit from those people who take pure water from our land.

Sinuhe: You do not necessarily get a profit from your giving; you have to think about what you have done. Tut, you must have mercy on the poor people, and the needy. Conservation of water is by giving, not by preventing. Giving is a great value, and it is worth supporting our neighbors, as well as serving humanity.



Tut thought about what his father words and understood his point of view about helping others.

On the morning of the next day, when the neighbors came to Tut's house, he immediately welcomed them, and actively pushed water for them from the pump.

Sherwat said: Please, Tut, give the thirsty a drink.

Tut said: you are always welcome, and it is my duty.

Anubu said: Thank you, we were in sadness and misery.

Tut said: I'm so sorry, sir, for what I did, and I promise you it will not happen again.

The neighbors filled the water happily, thanking Tut. The people of the village delighted when they got pure water.



Tut went to the farm and saw a beautiful landscape where the land is green and lush. Tut realized how goodness returned to the earth and blossomed again, when he gave water to people.

Tut learned how to deal with neighbors, the people of the village and people, which is not to prevent good from them.

Here Tut made sure of the truthfulness of his father's valuable words, "A person who gives will enjoy goodness, happiness and pleasure in his life".