

Educational Tales for Children
From 8 to 10 years

Jad and the storm



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Preface

These entertaining and educational tales are meant to meet the reading needs of 8 to 10 years old children. They also provide easy and enjoyable reading for children slightly order.

This series seeks to achieve the following objectives:

1. Suitability of the story subject to the addressed age group.
2. Choice of words that are within the range of this age-group's vocabulary.
3. Necessity of having a lively story language: a simulation of the child's world, thinking, and psychological life.
4. Language expressed easily and simply, with no complicated expressions or difficult structures.

To achieve these objectives, we made it a point to:

1. Enrich the story with bright and expressive visuals that fuel the child's imagination and speak to his senses and sentiments.
2. Match the visual with the reading text to help child understand the situation and relate to similar situations.
3. Use large, readable characters.

We have all through aimed at creating an exciting atmosphere in which the child recognizes the language, uses the story, and identifies him/herself with the main characters. In this sense, the child's sense of creation will develop, and his/her skills and abilities will grow in a balanced world that combines interest with fun.

The child may need some help at the beginning but later he/she should be left on his/her own for independent reading, starting from the second half of the eighth year.



A long time ago, in Happy Yemen, there was a small family living safely and happily. The father worked in construction. He wished he could build a big palace for his wife and son Jad one day.





Jad went to school every day and helped his mom when she needed him. Mom began to take care of her little son



to grow and to make his father's dreams come true because the father was growing tired and old.

One day, the father died. The wife decided to work in construction although the work was exhausting. She and her son still dreamed of building a beautiful palace.





Jad told the boys at school about his dream. The boys mocked him, saying,

- You are building a palace in your imagination...
- You are building a sand castle.



- Your palace will collapse at the first storm.



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Jad was a good boy. He helped all the poor. He did not ask for anything for himself. He did not complain to his mom about anything.



He ate bread and dates. He played a little. Then, he went to study. He still insisted on hard work and success.





One day, his mom brought delicious vegetables, meat and fruit. Astonished, he asked,



“From where is this delicious food, mom?”

“It is a gift from a couple that I have built a beautiful house for.”



The clouds were gathering in the sky. The wind began to whistle. Jad closed the door. He and his mom sat eating the delicious food.

Outside, it rained heavily. The storm grew stronger.



Suddenly, there was a knock on the door. Jad opened it. He found an old woman asking them for some food. Jad gave her his food. Mom gave her a heavy coat to protect her from the cold. The storm calmed a little. The old woman decided to leave.







She looked at Jad who walked with her to the door. She said, "My boy, be sure that God will reward you for this food."

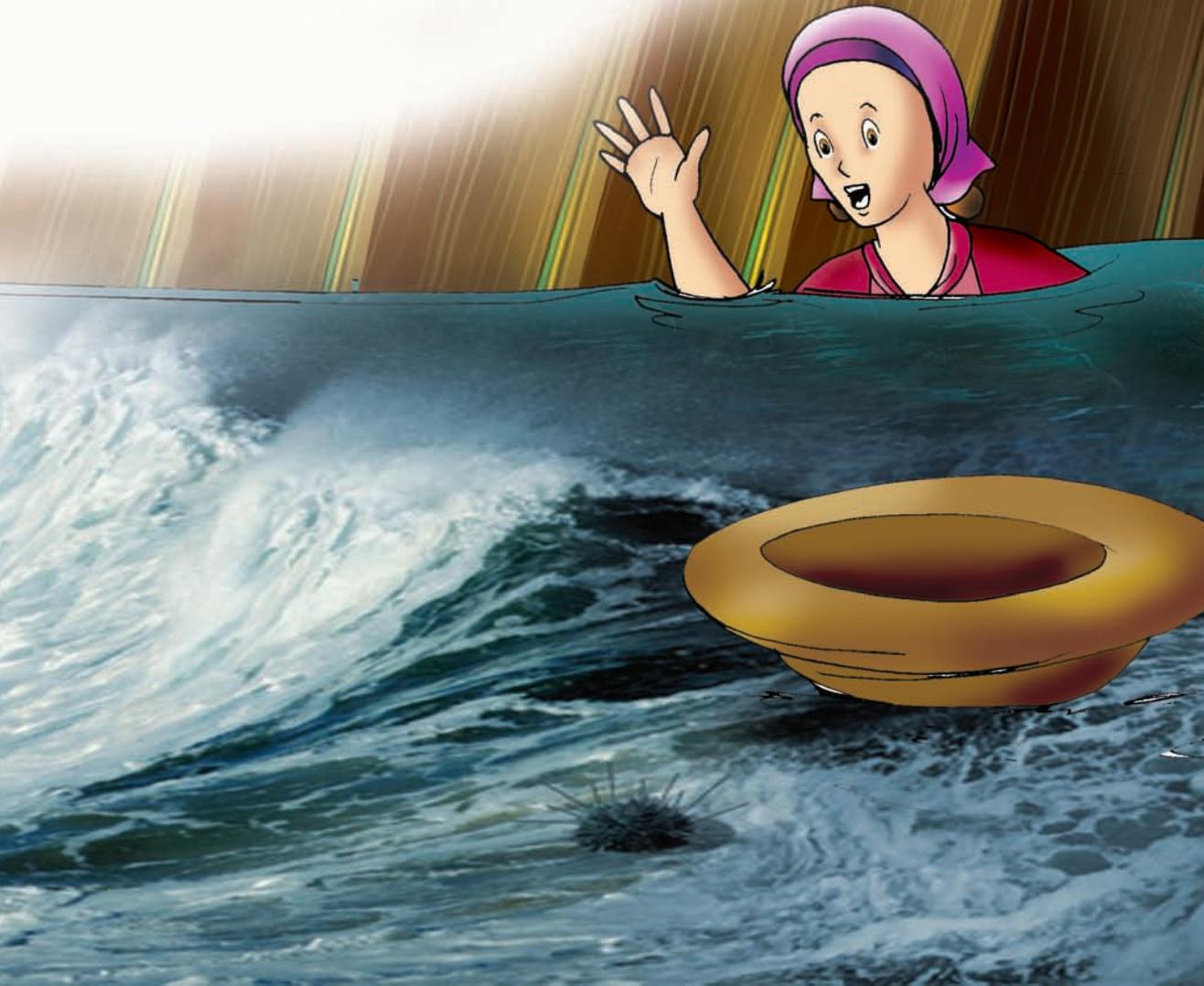
Then, she removed a wooden dish from her bag and said to him, "Take this wooden dish. Fill it with food for everyone who knocks at your door and asks for help." She thanked Jad and his mom and left.



Jad continued to take care of every poor person who asked him for food, though he had little food. He filled the wooden dish with lentils, dates or milk.



A year after the old woman's visit, a strong storm blew over Happy Yemen. The wind blew and uprooted the trees. The heavy rain flooded the roads and the houses and overflowed Jad's and his mom's house. They nearly drowned.







Jad began to scream. He saw the wooden dish floating on the water surface. He did not believe his eyes when he saw it grow bigger and bigger until it became a big boat. He jumped aboard, astonished. Then, he took his mom's hand and lifted her onto the boat.

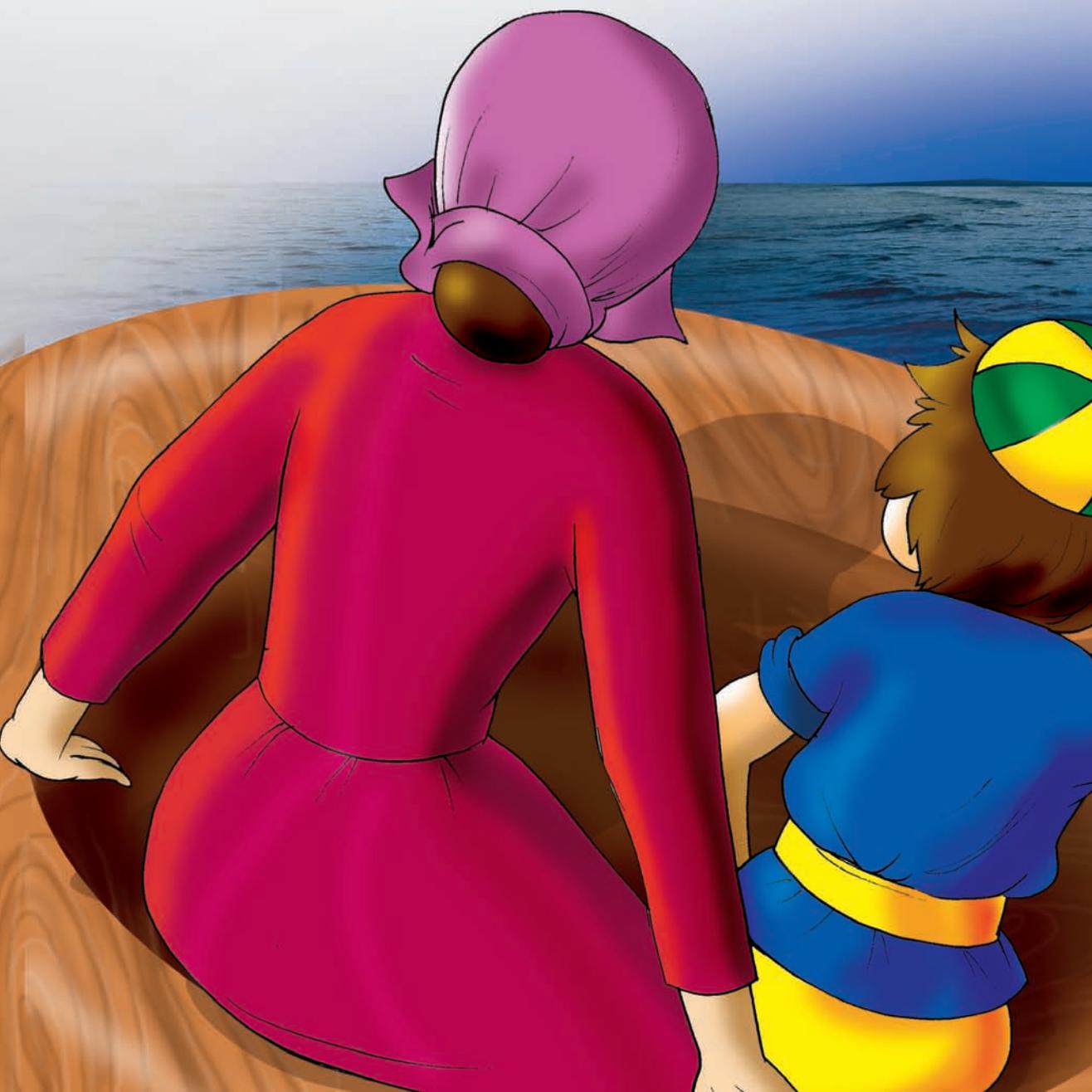


The water continued to flood everywhere. The boat floated away until the storm calmed. Jad and his mom noticed that they were in the middle of the sea. They were very afraid. Their fear increased when the boat sailed farther. They asked God to save them from drowning and death.

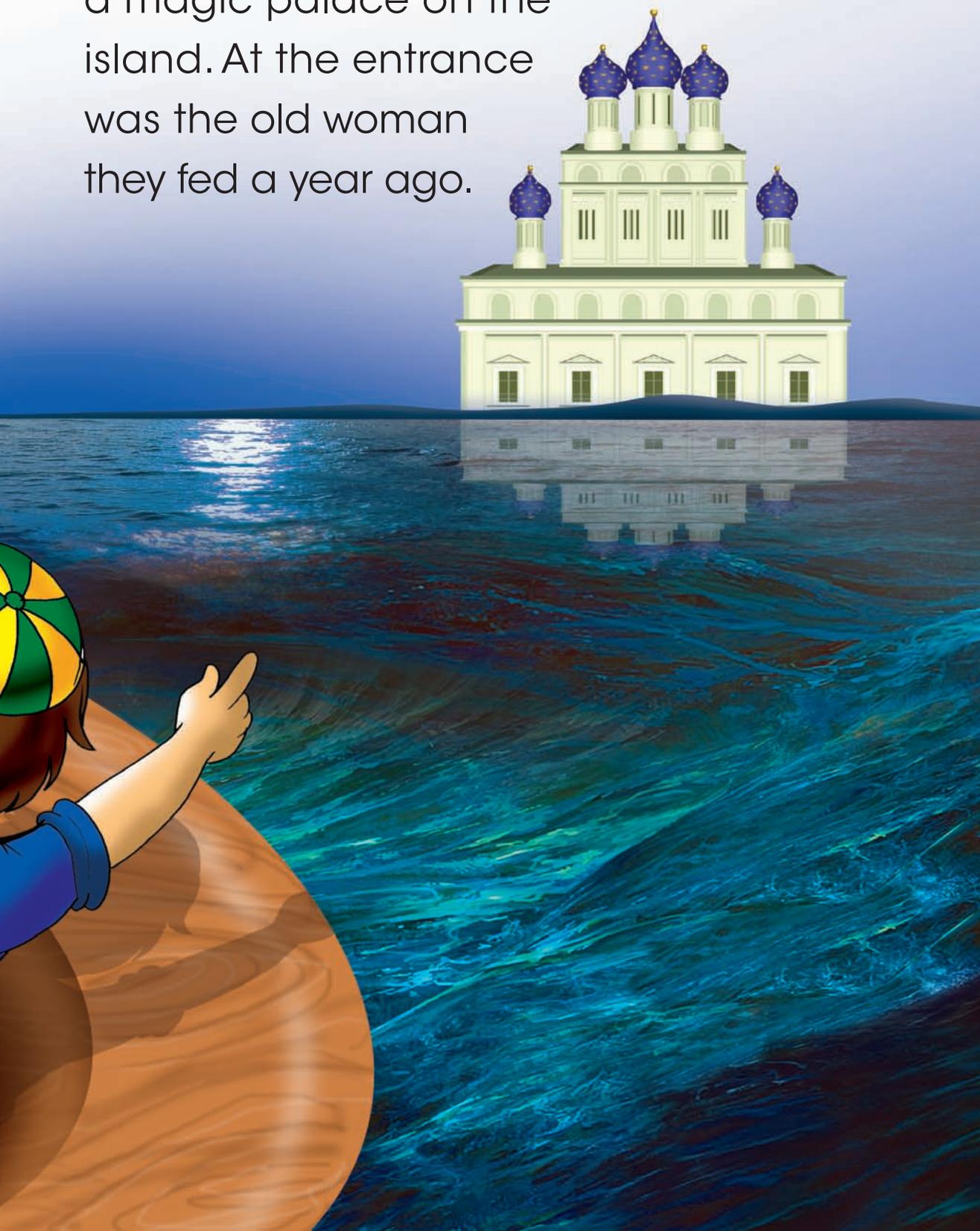




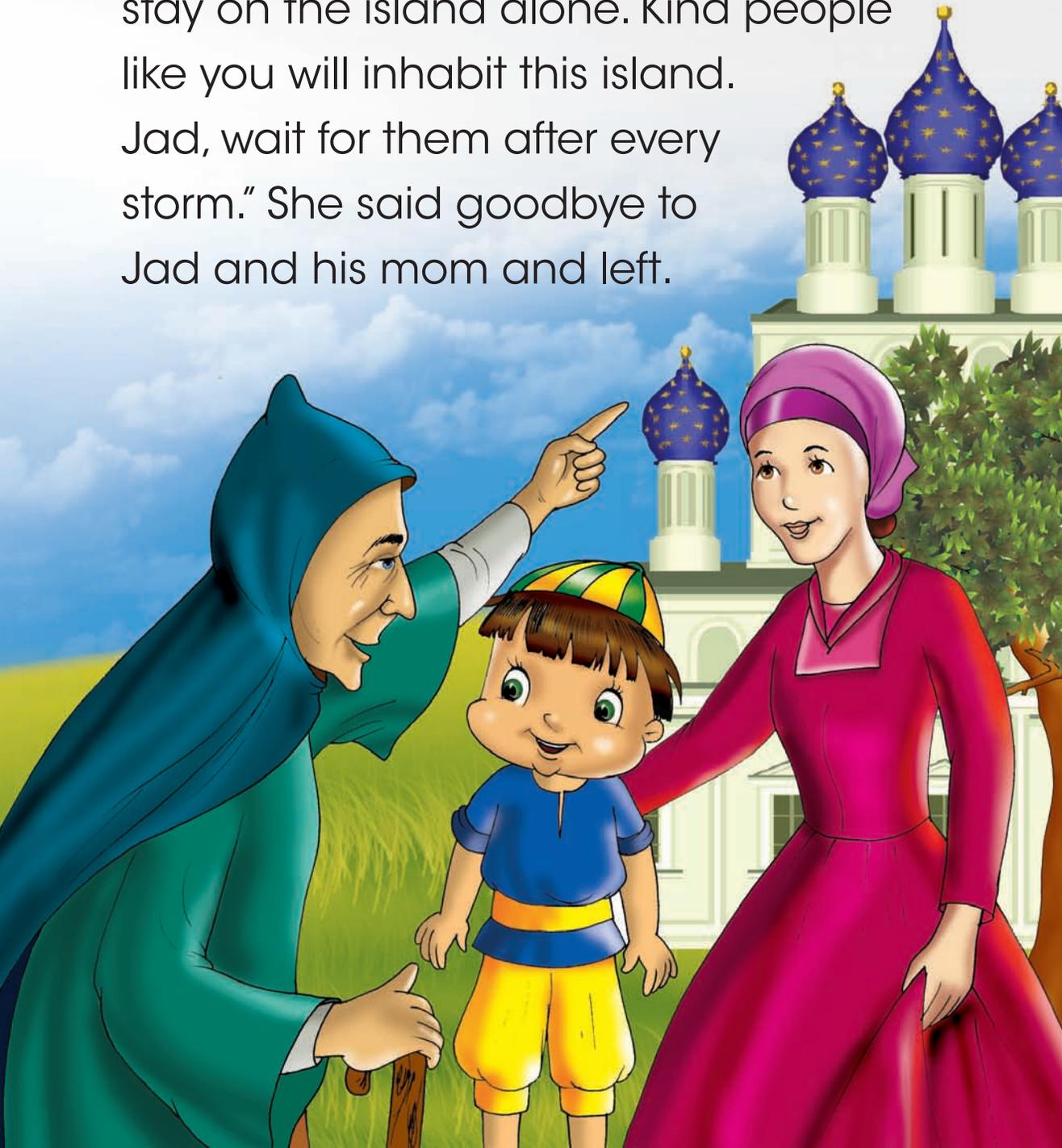
At last, Jad and his mom landed on a quiet green island. What a great surprise it was when they saw



a magic palace on the island. At the entrance was the old woman they fed a year ago.



The woman said, "I have been waiting for you here for a long time. This palace is for you two. Do not fear. You will not stay on the island alone. Kind people like you will inhabit this island. Jad, wait for them after every storm." She said goodbye to Jad and his mom and left.



1- Answer the following questions.

1- What is the setting of the story?

2- Why did the mother work in construction?

3- Why did the couple give Jad's mother delicious food?

4- How did Jad and his mom treat the old woman? Explain.

5- Did the father's wish come true? Explain.

6- What is the theme of the story?

II- Circle The correct answer.

1- Jad's father worked in _____ .

- a. a company b. an office c. in his house d. construction

2- I can tell that Jad is caring because

- a. he went to school.
b. he helped his mother whenever she needed help.
c. his father was tired.
d. he studied hard.

3- "You are building a sandcastle" means.

- a. your dream will come true.
b. your dream will not come dream.
c. the sandcastle is huge.
d. the sandcastle is strong.

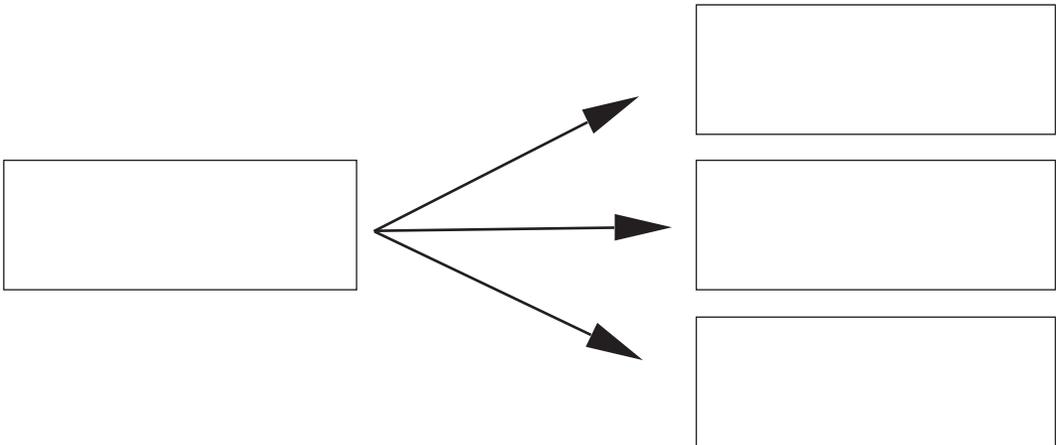
4- Jad was _____ when his mom got the delicious food.

- a. shocked b. surprised c. upset d. mad

5- The old woman rewarded Jad and his mother by giving them

- a. some delicious food b. a bag
c. a wooden dish d. a bowl

III- Fill in the following cause effect chart with three effects of the strong storm that blew over Happy Yemen.



IV- The story is a fantasy. Tell why the story is a fantasy. Go back to page 27 and 31 and pick two pieces of evidence that prove that the story is a fantasy.

V- Fill in the blanks to complete the summary of the story.

_____ and his mother lived in _____. The father worked in _____. He always _____ of building a big _____ for his family. When the father _____, the mother took over the father's _____. An old _____ came to their house. They treated her _____, so she gave them a _____ dish which they used to _____ poor people. When a strong storm _____, Jad and his mother used the wooden _____ and reached a green _____ where they saw a _____ palace. The old woman told them the palace was _____.