

Educational Tales for Children
From 8 to 10 years

The Loyal Spider



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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.

Aamir was a poor lumberjack. He lived in a small cottage with his mom at the edge of the forest.



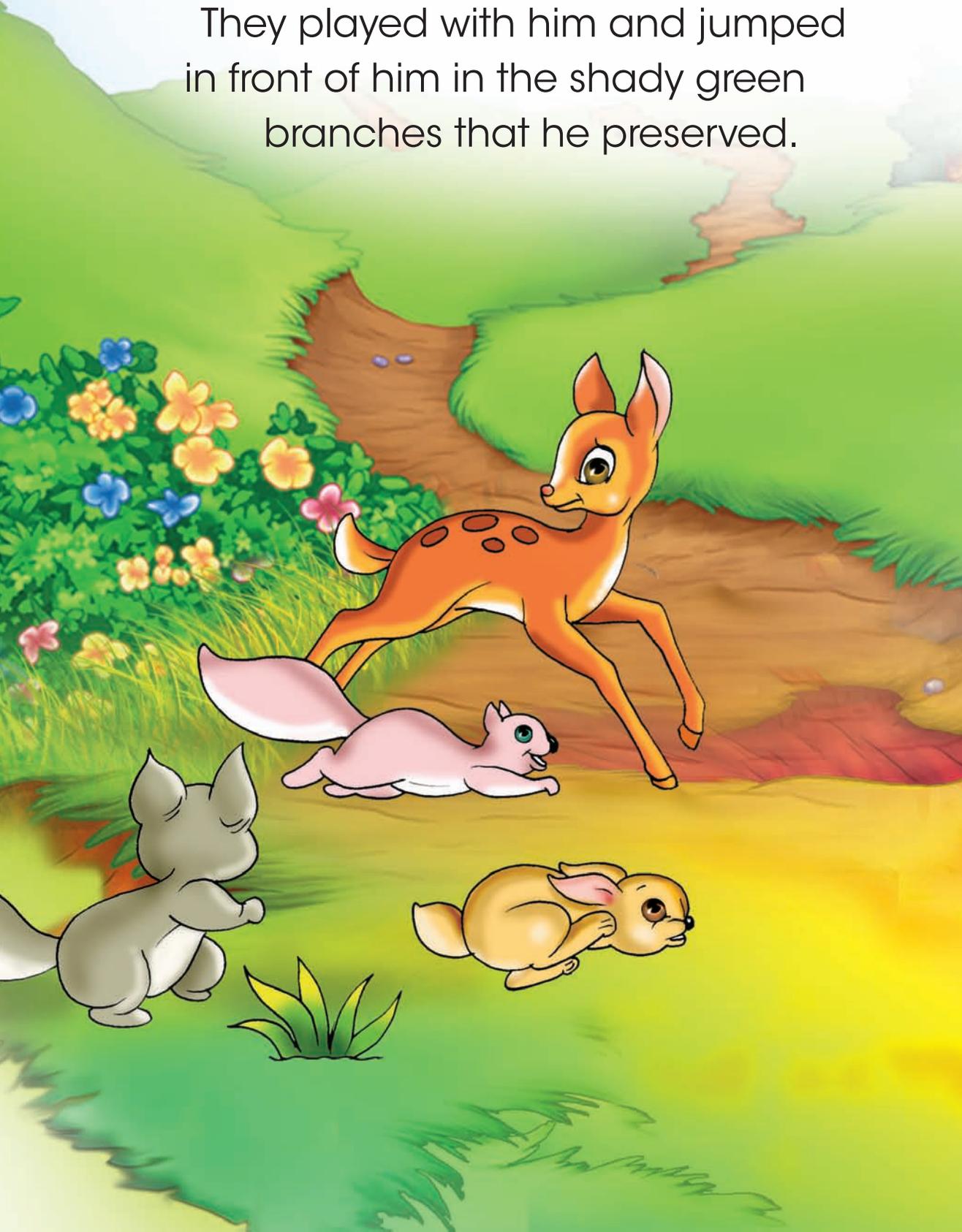


Every day, he would go to the forest to cut the dry branches from the trees to sell them in the nearby city market.



All the squirrels and rabbits loved the boy Aamir, so they helped and guided him to the dry branches.

They played with him and jumped in front of him in the shady green branches that he preserved.



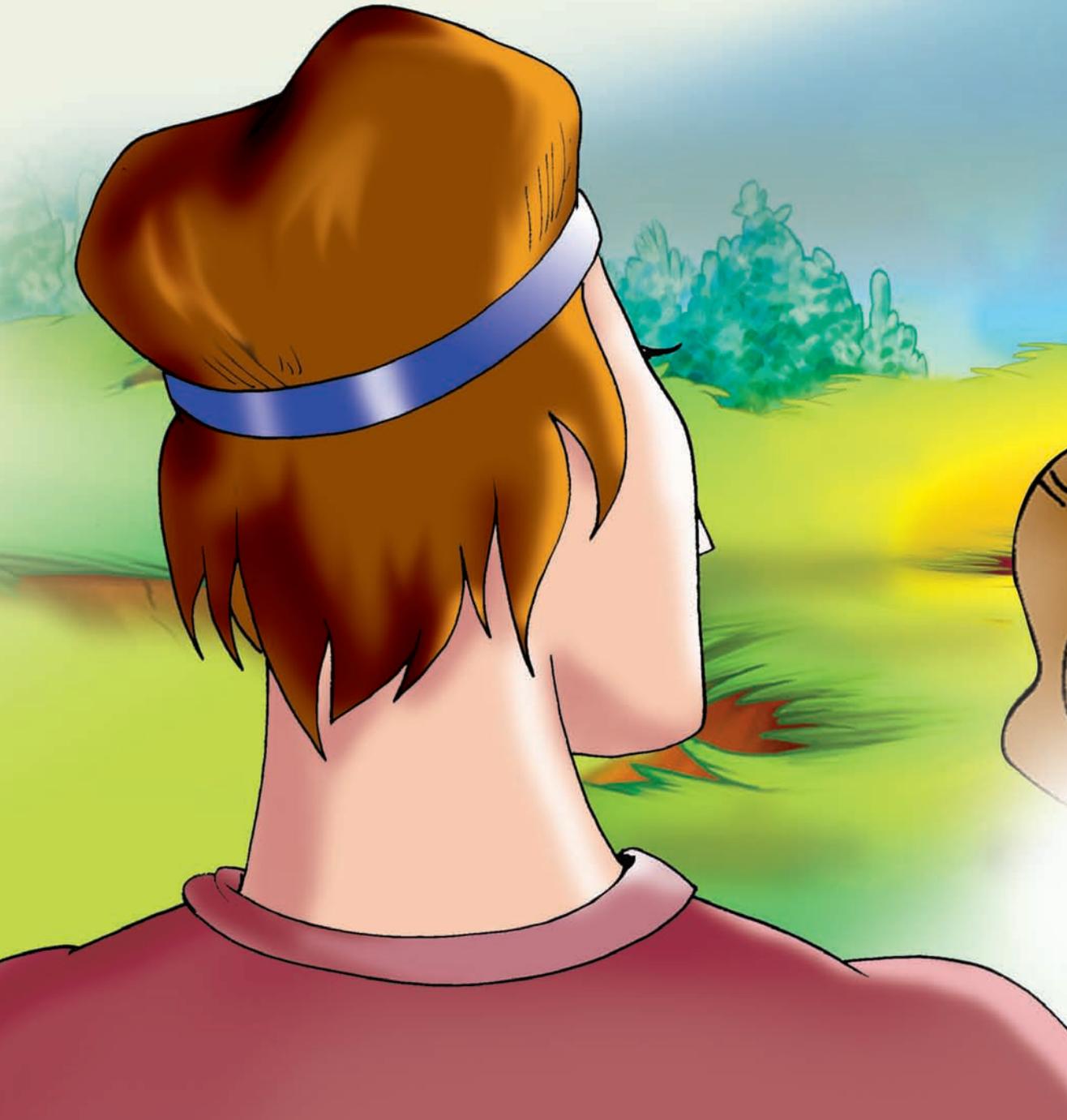
One day, as Aamir was cutting a dry branch, he stopped suddenly so that his ax would not harm a spider stuck in a forked branch.





He hurried toward the spider. He carried it with care and put it on a tree trunk.

He didn't believe his ears when he heard the spider saying, "Hey, Aamir, what a beautiful thing you did for me! Take me to your home to see how I will reward you."





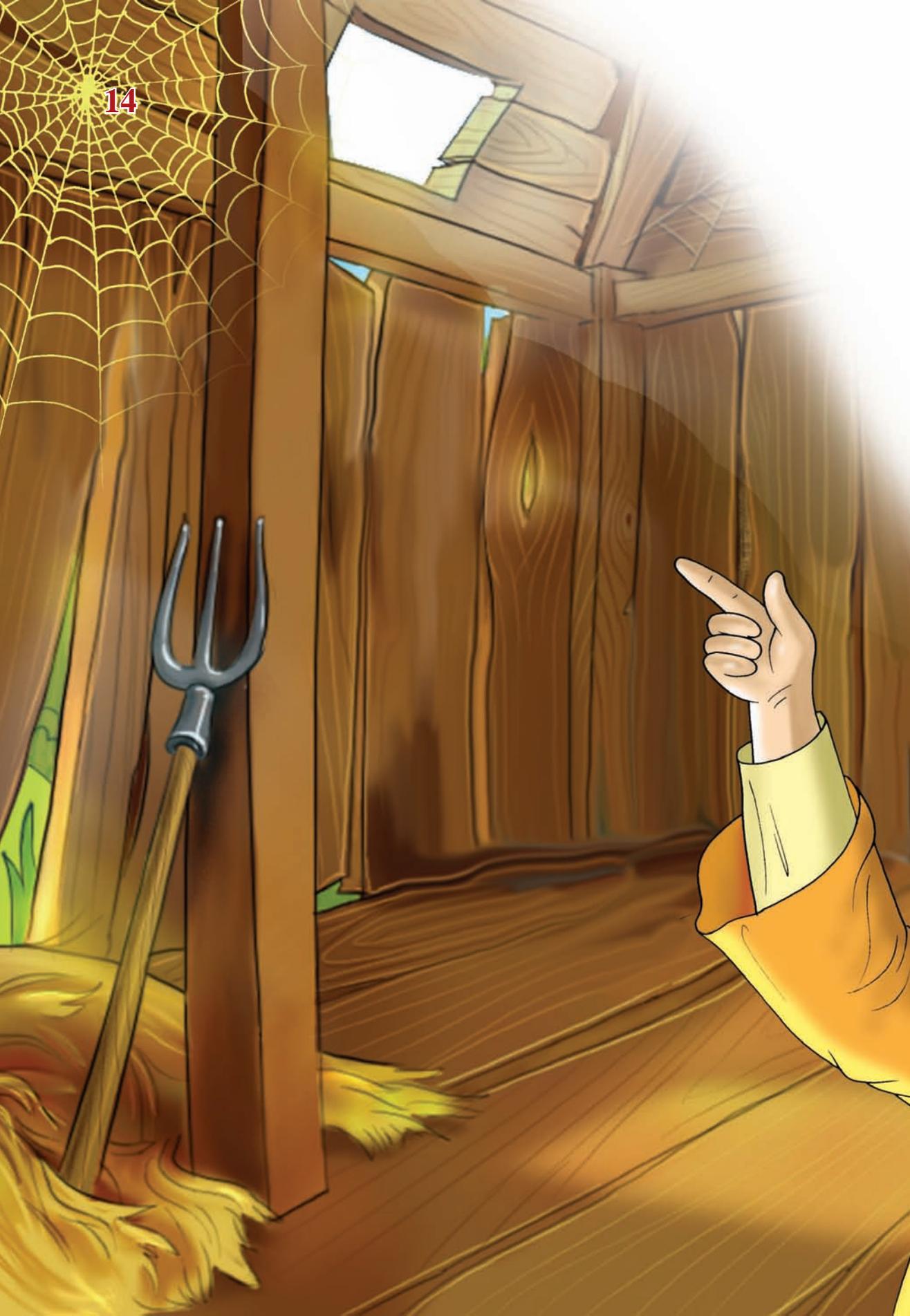
It was a big surprise. He left everything, carried the spider on his palm, and returned home.

His mother asked him what was in his palm and why he returned early without lumber. "Mother, this is a special spider. Allow me to leave it to rest in the corner of the house."



He told her what the spider had promised him, so his mother laughed and said, "Companionship with forest animals has given you a wild imagination."





What a great surprise it was for Aamir and his mom when in the morning they saw the corner of the house shine brightly.

“Oh my God! These are golden strings that the spider has woven and hung there.”

“Spider, how generous you are!” his mom shouted.



Then, she hurried with her son toward the jewelry shop in the city to sell the valuable strings. Every day, Aamir carried the golden strings to sell to the jeweler.



Then, he and his mom bought what they needed from the shop of the fat woman. She was pleased with them because they bought a lot and paid generously.



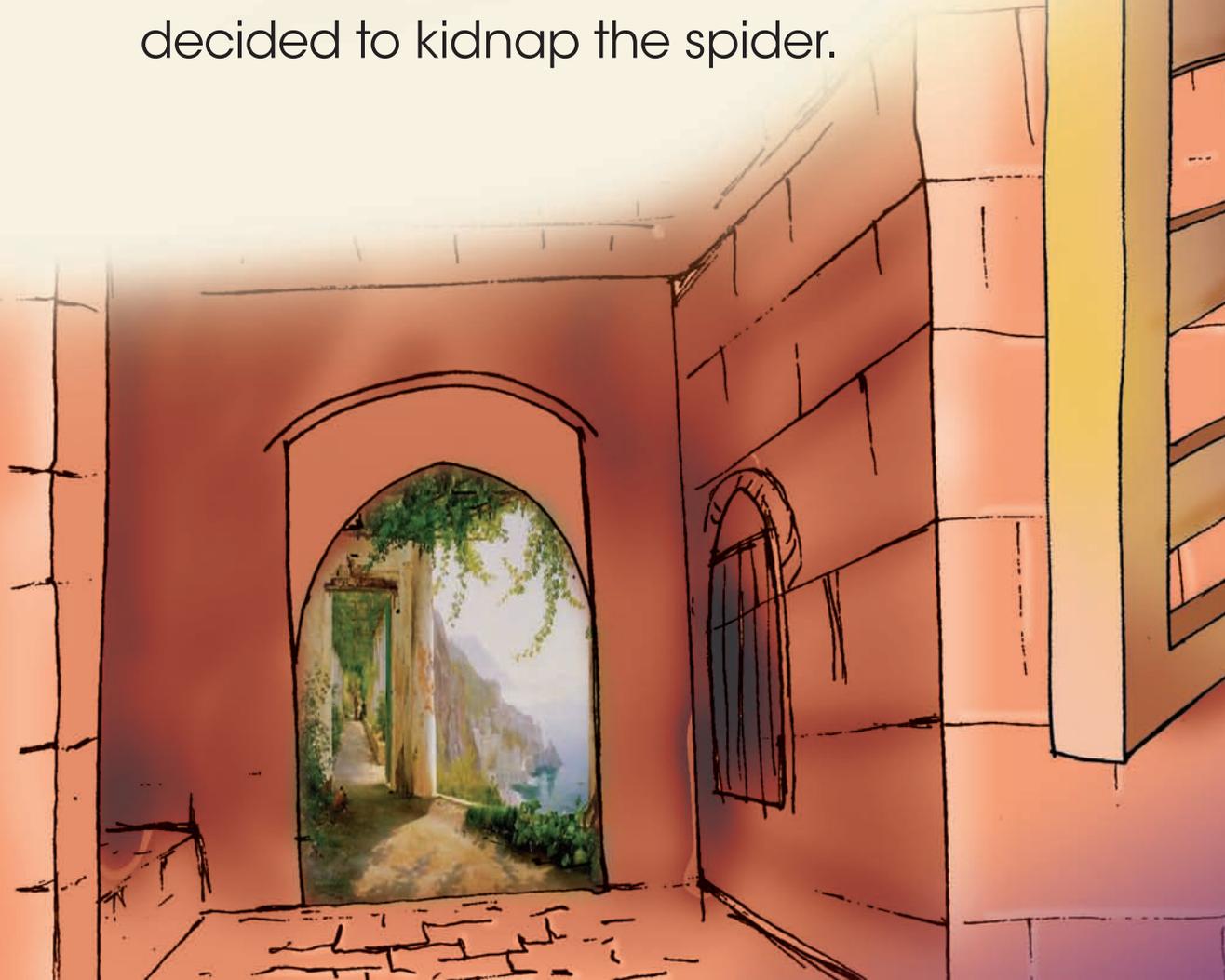
But the jeweler was a greedy man. He rubbed his ears and asked himself,



“From where do the lumberjacks get these golden strings? I must know the secret.”



One day, the jeweler followed Aamir to his home. During the night, he remained behind the window, watching the house. At dawn, he noticed a light shining from inside. Then, he saw the spider weaving its golden strings. And this time, he rubbed his eyes to make sure that he wasn't dreaming. He decided to kidnap the spider.

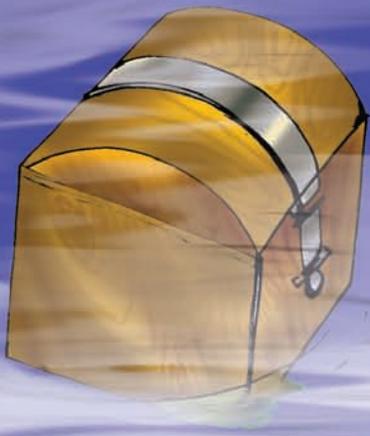






The jeweler waited until the home was empty. Then, he sneaked inside. He kidnapped the spider, hid it inside a wooden box and escaped. On the road, he fell down in a small stream because of his extreme confusion.

The box floated away. Two strange men hurried to save him. They caught up to the box and returned it to him.





The two men were thieves who had been following him for some time. They pretended to help him so that they could steal his shop key.



When he reached his house, he opened the box and made sure that the spider was alive.

In the morning the next day, he opened the box, hoping to find gold. However, he was disappointed. He said, "I will wait until the box dries."

He left it in the sun.

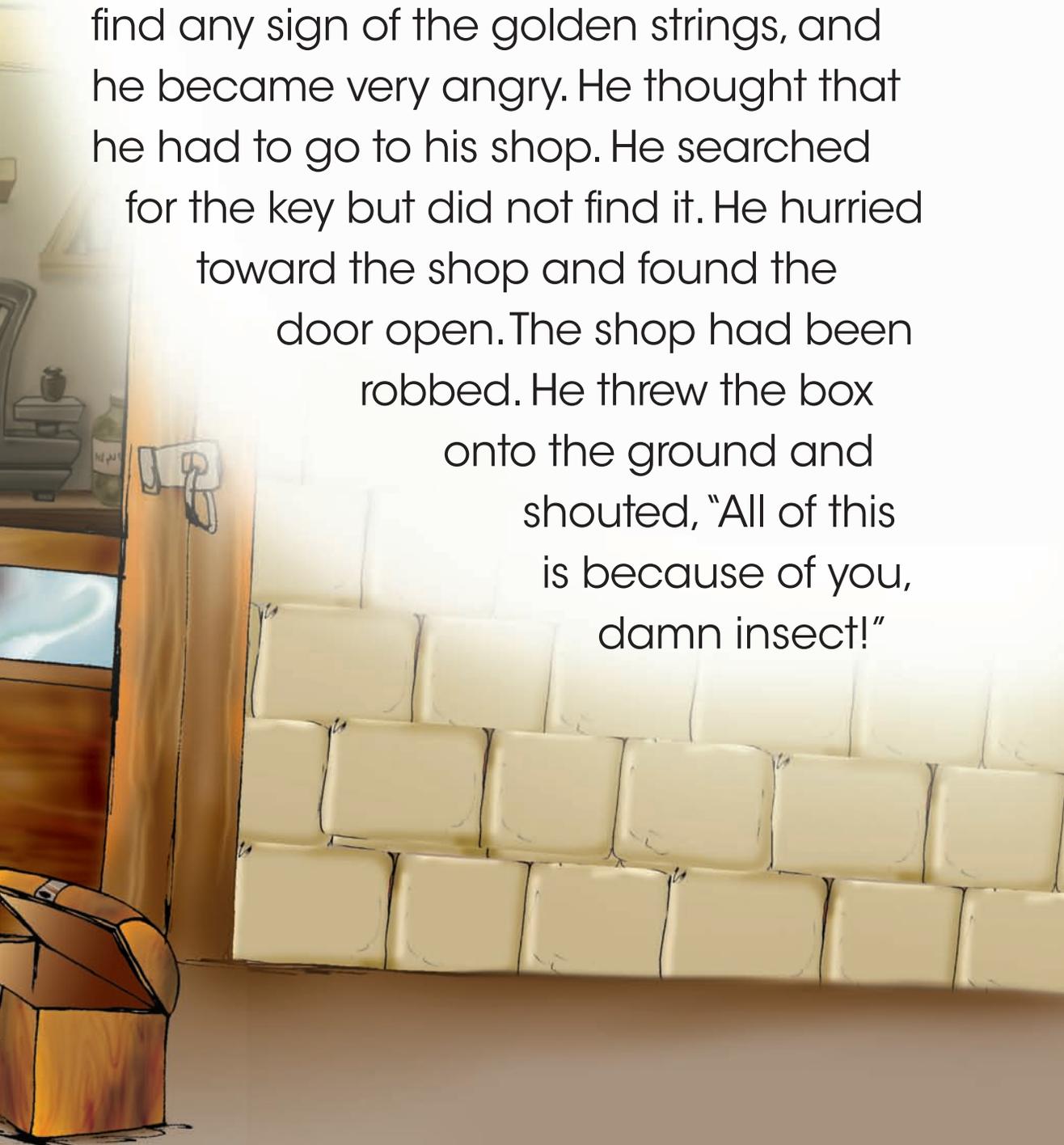




Aamir was searching for the spider the whole time. He wondered with sadness, "Where did it disappear? And how?" When he went to the fat woman's shop to buy what he needed, she noticed his sadness. She thought that his mother was sick.



In the morning of the second day, the jeweler opened the box, but he did not find any sign of the golden strings, and he became very angry. He thought that he had to go to his shop. He searched for the key but did not find it. He hurried toward the shop and found the door open. The shop had been robbed. He threw the box onto the ground and shouted, "All of this is because of you, damn insect!"





The spider ran outside the open box as if it had 100 legs. The fat vendor was getting ready to ride her carriage. She was on her way to visit Aamir's mom.



The spider hurried to board the carriage. When it arrived at the lumberjack's cottage, it got down happily and proudly.



The spider spent the whole winter in Aamir's house warming the house with its strings of love every morning. In the spring, Aamir gratefully returned it to the forest. It was happy because it returned to its home. In the next winter, it will visit whoever needs the warmth of its strings.

I. Answer the following questions.

1. What did Aamir do every day?

2. Who helped Aamir? Why?

3. Why was the corner of the house shining?

4. What did the jeweler do? What does this tell you about his personality?

5. What happened right after the jeweler stole the spider? Why?

6. Who helped the jeweler? Who were they?

II. Circle the correct answer.**1. Which of these is not true?**

- a. Aamir was a lumberjack.
- b. Aamir was poor.
- c. Aamir lived with his mother.
- d. Aamir lived in the city.

2. Aamir and his mother

- a. sold the golden strings.
- b. used the golden strings to make jewelry.
- c. kept the golden strings in the corner.
- d. gave the golden strings to the two men.

3. The jeweler rubbed his eyes

- a. because there was an insect in his eye.
- b. he was astonished when he saw the golden strings.
- c. the spider approached him.
- d. Aamir and his mother gave him the golden strings.

4. When the jeweler opened the box in the morning,

- a. he saw golden strings.
- b. he found the key.
- c. the spider was in the box.
- d. the spider attacked him.

5. When Aamir could not find the spider, he was

- a. relieved
- b. happy
- c. mad
- d. sad

III. Complete the following sentences.

1. From the way the animals treated Aamir, I can tell that Aamir

2. As Aamir was cutting a dry branch, he stopped suddenly

3. From the way Aamir treated the spider, I can tell

4. Aamir's mother believes that Aamir is imagining things because

IV. Rearrange the following sentences:

1. The jeweler stole the spider.
2. Aamir found a spider.
3. The jeweler fell in the river.
4. Every day, Aamir and his mother found golden strings.
5. The jeweler realized that his shop had been robbed.
6. They sold the golden strings to the jeweler.
7. Aamir returned the spider to the forest.
8. The spider ran back to Aamir's house.