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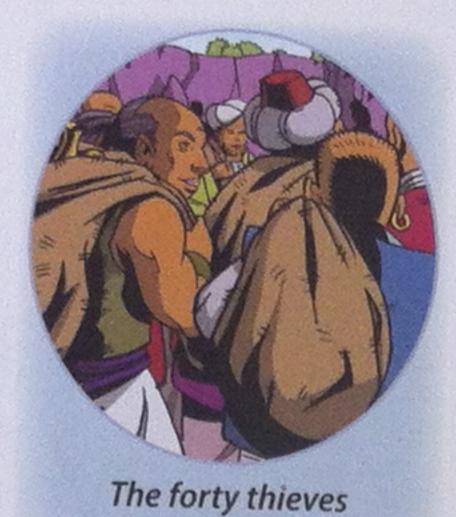
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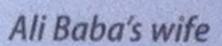


#### **Story Characters**











Morad, Ali Baba's son



Kasim, Ali Baba's brother



Kasim's wife



Morgiana, Ali Baba's servant



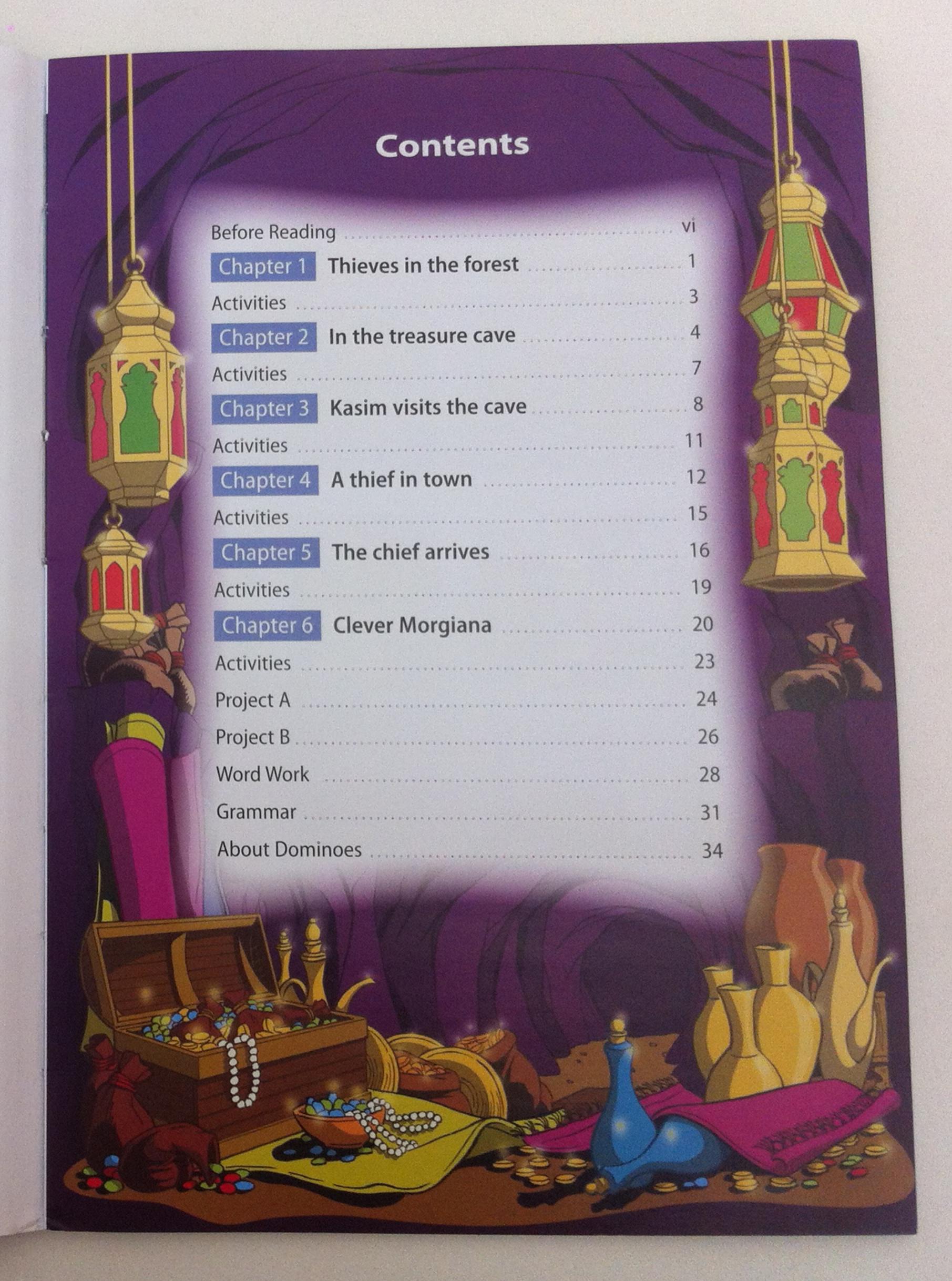
Arshad, the most important thief



Najid, Arshad's helper



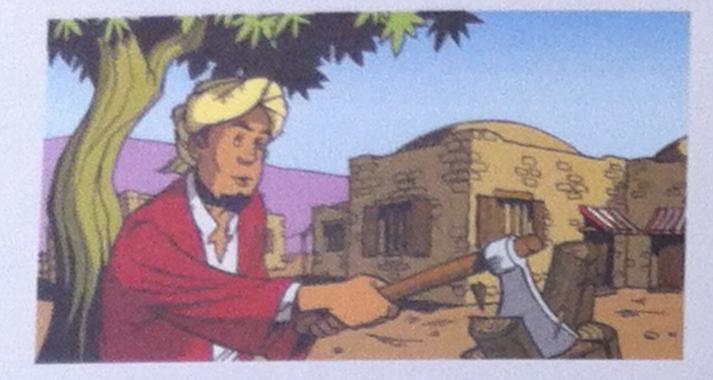
Baba Mustafa, a cobbler



#### BEFORE READING

Match the words with the story characters. Use a dictionary to help you.

cobbler merchant servant chief of some thieves woodcutter



a Ali Baba is a .....







d Arshad is the .....

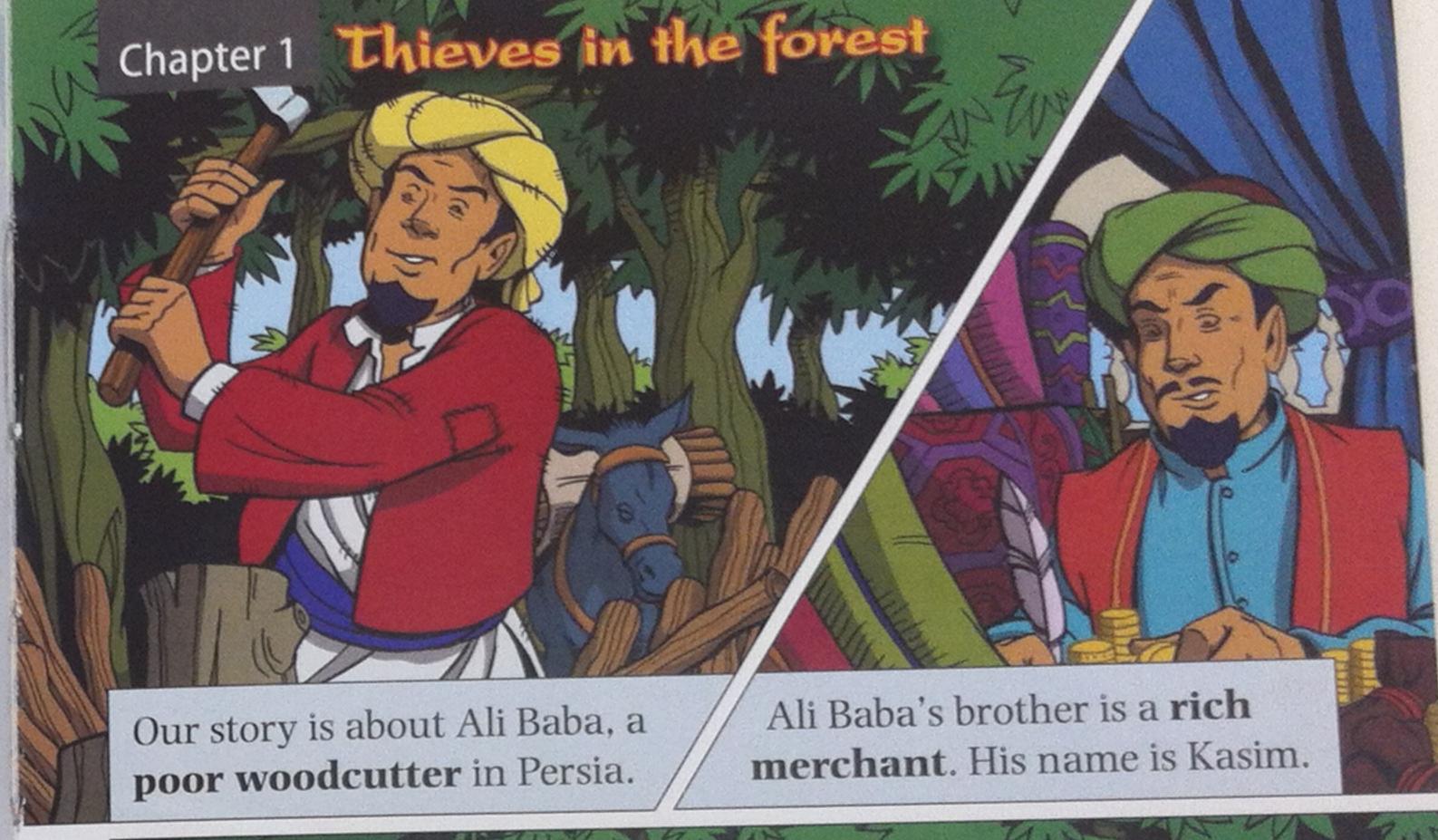
c Morgiana is a.....

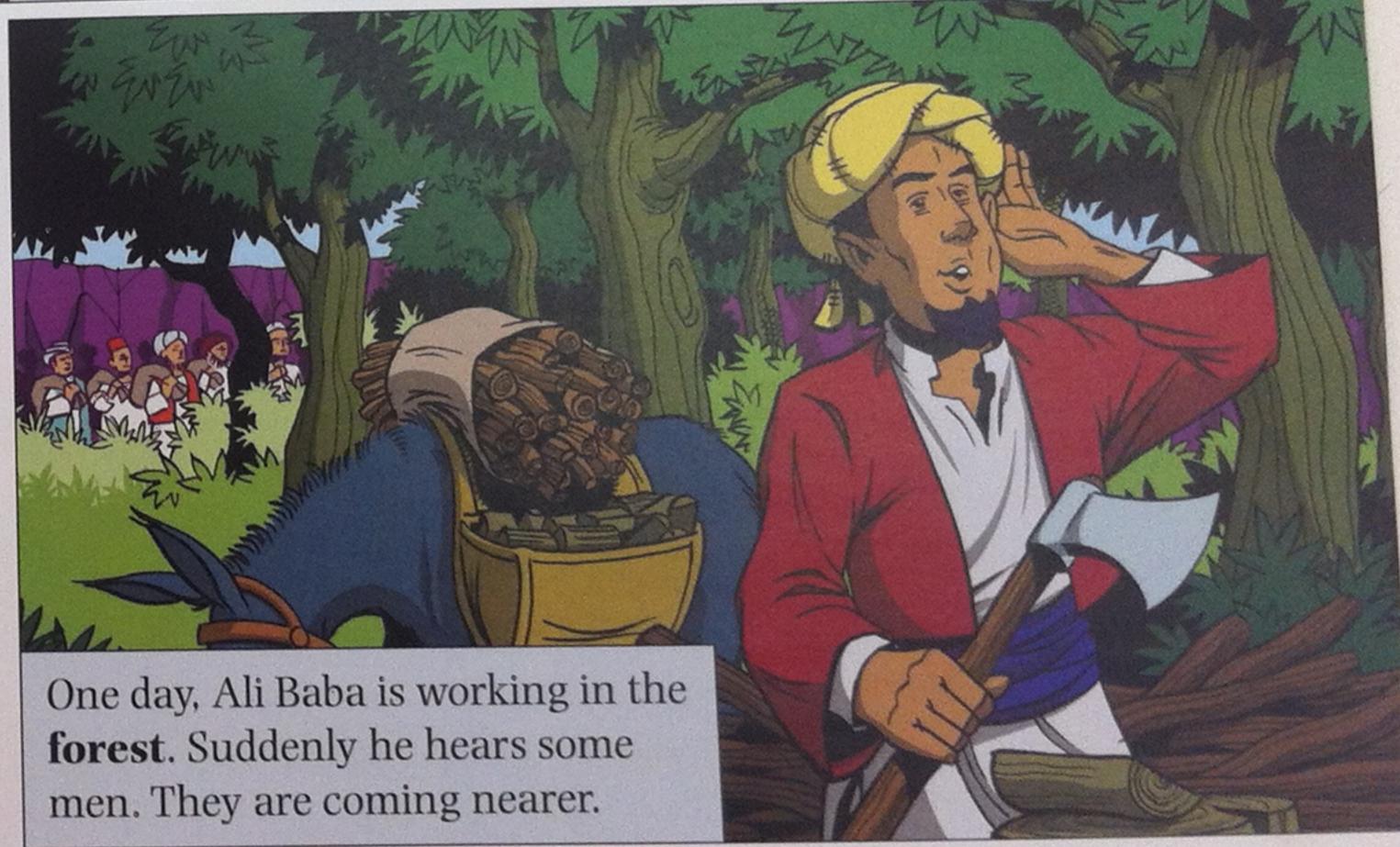


e Baba Mustafa is a .....

#### 2 Which person in the story is this? Write the names.

- a He's rich with a nice shop.
- **b** He's poor with a little house. .....
- c He's old, but works well with his hands.
- d She's young, quick, and clever.
- e He's angry with Ali Baba and Kasim. ....





poor without money

woodcutter a person who cuts wood

rich with a lot of money

merchant a person who buys and sells things

forest a place with a lot of trees

He quickly goes
behind a tree before
the men arrive.
There are forty
of them! He sees
some treasure in
their bags. 'They're
thieves,' he thinks.





treasure something expensive, like gold and jewels

thief (plural thieves) a person who takes things without asking

rock a very big stone

chief the most important person

sesame a seed that you can use in cooking

cave a big hole in a hill

## MIMILACTIVITIES

#### READING CHECK

Are these sentences true or false? Tick the boxes.

		True	False
a	Ali Baba has lots of money.		
b	Ali Baba's brother, Kasim, has no money.		
c	Ali Baba is working in the garden.		
d	When Ali Baba hears some men, he goes behind a tree.		
e	There are fourteen men.		
f	The men are all thieves.		
g	The men cry, 'Close Sesame', and they go into a cave.		
h	Later, the men leave the cave.		
i	Ali Baba wants to look in the cave.		

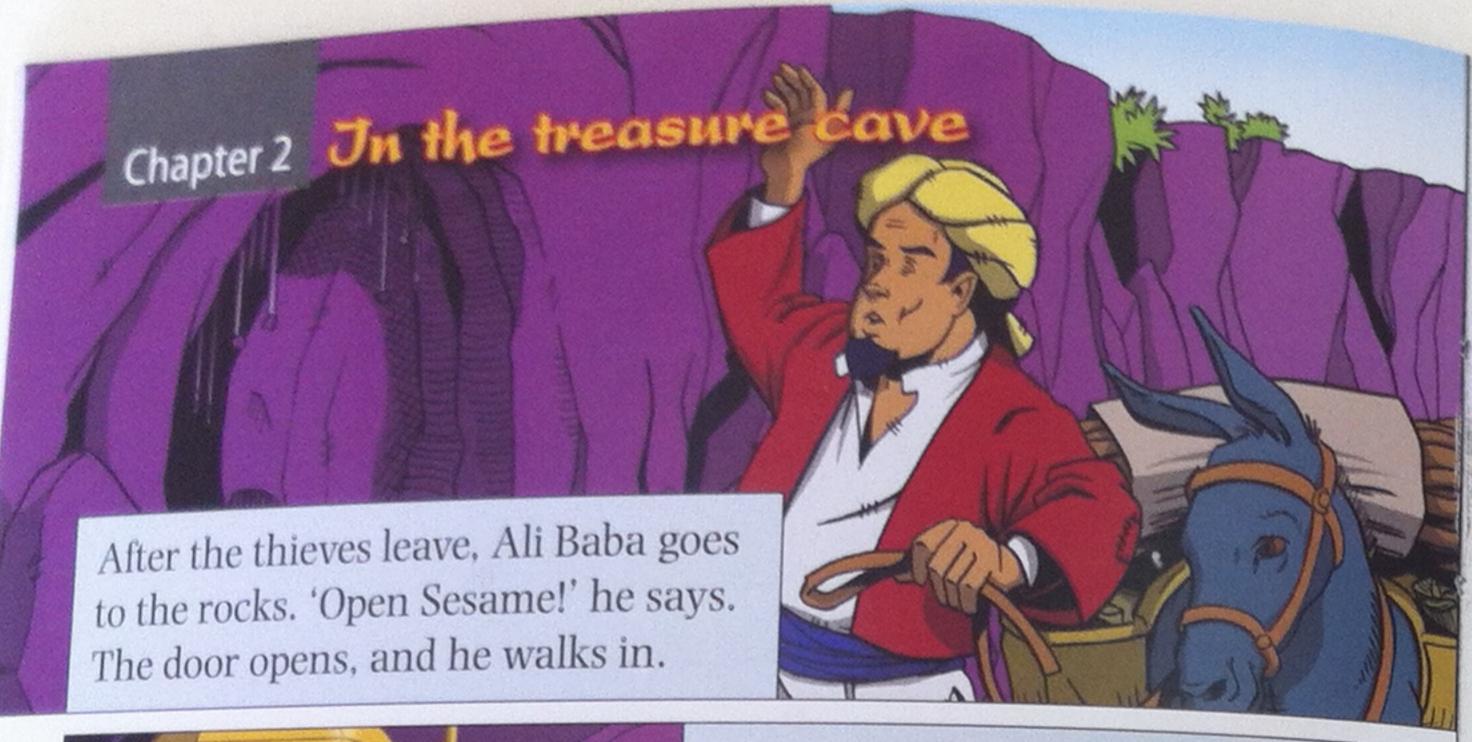
#### **GUESS WHAT**

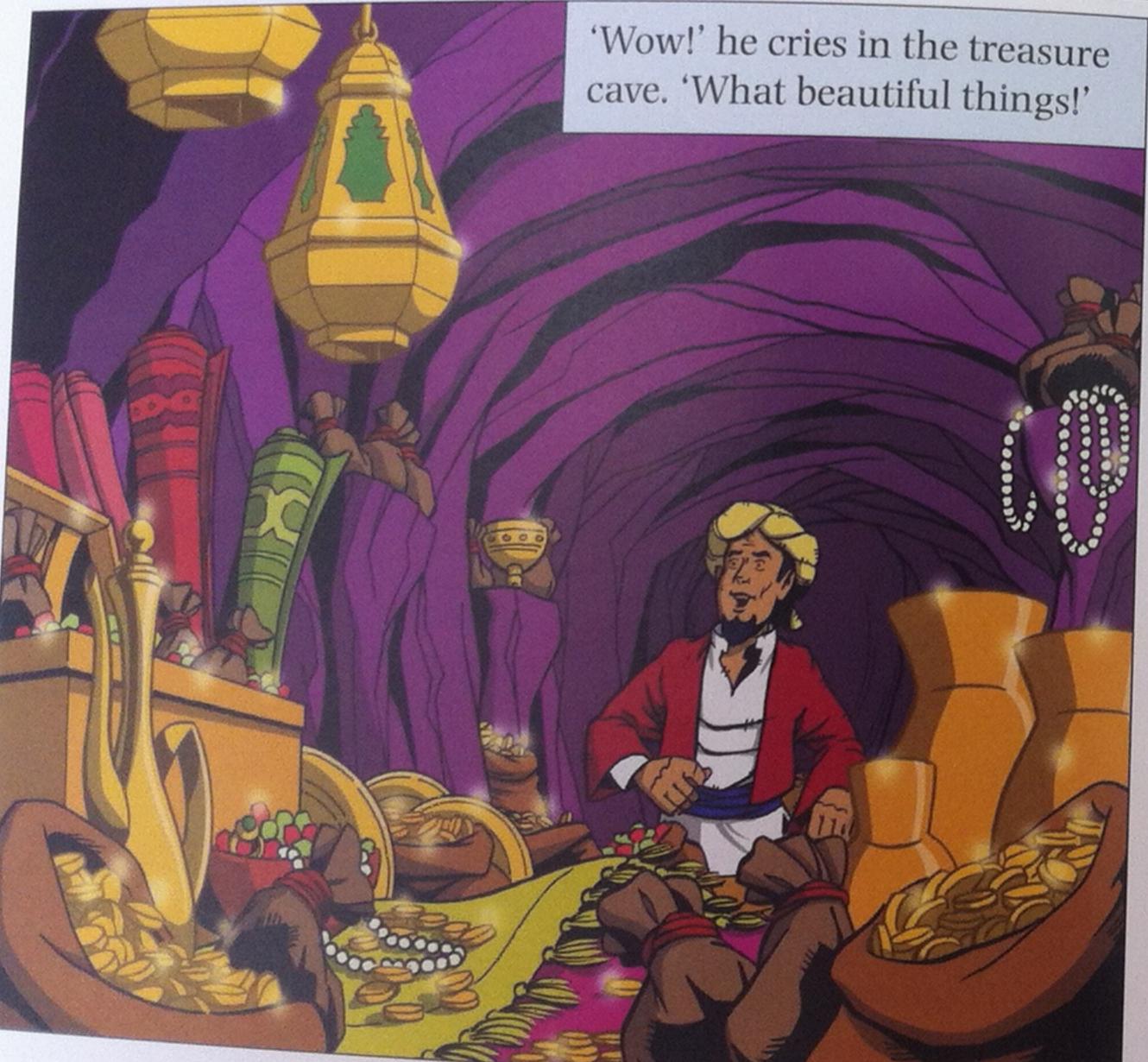
What does Ali Baba do in the next chapter? Tick one box.



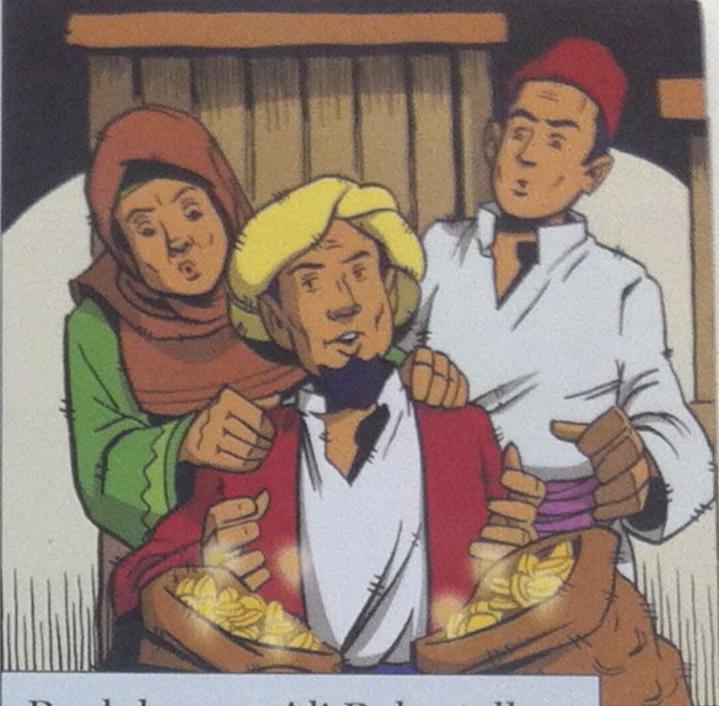
2	Ho is afferid	af the ship		4			parting.
a	He is afraid	or me this	785, 50 NE	doesn't do	o into th	e cave	

- **b** He visits the cave and finds treasure in it. He takes some home.
- c He goes into the cave, but some thieves are in it. They kill him.
- d He runs home and tells Kasim. Kasim goes into the cave first.

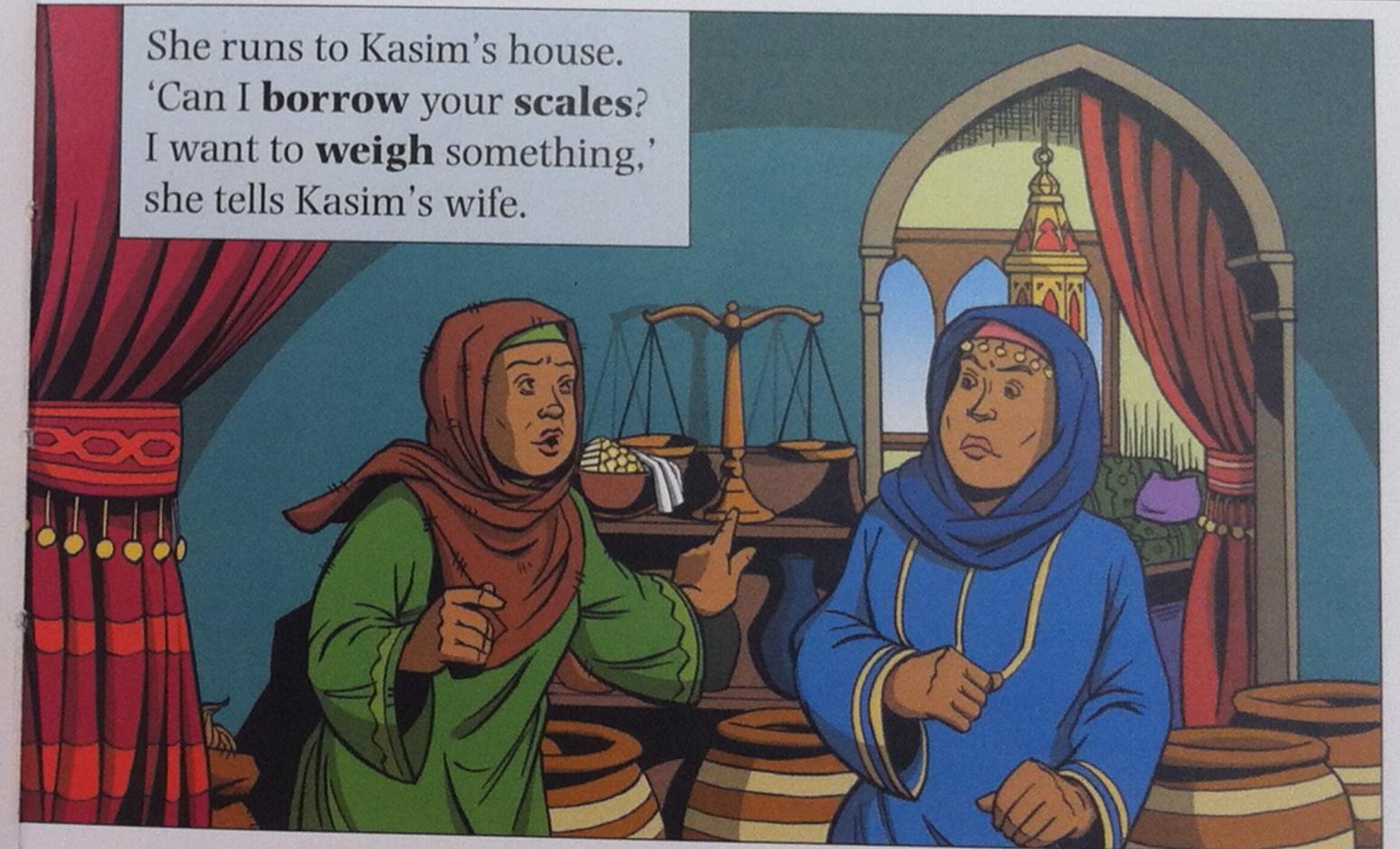








Back home, Ali Baba tells everything to his **wife** and son, Morad. 'Look at these coins. We're rich!' he cries. 'How rich?' his wife asks.



gold an expensive yellow metal

coin metal money

wife a woman living with a man

borrow to take for a short time

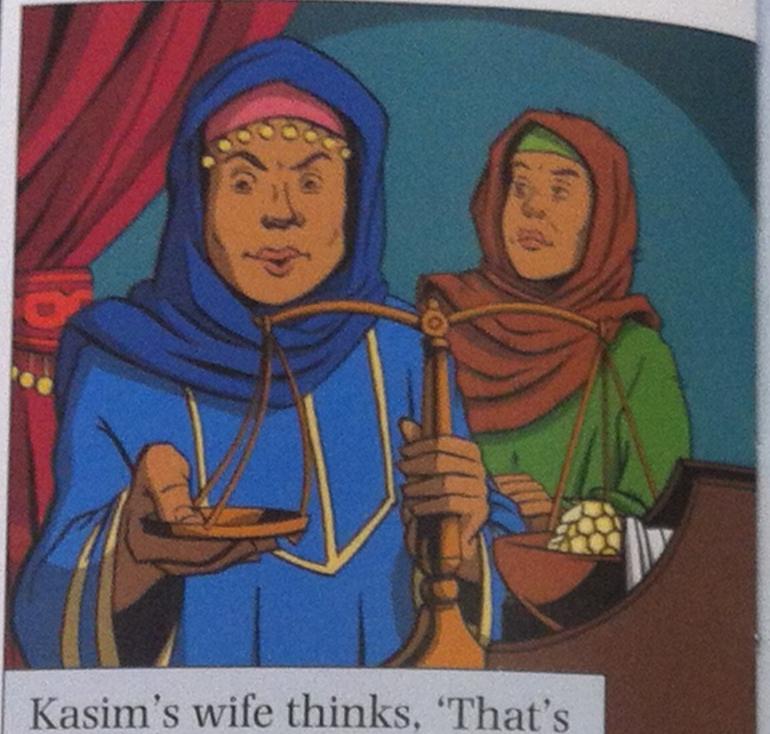
scales you can see how heavy or light something is with these

weigh to see how heavy or light something is

# 'Of course,' Kasim's wife smiles. 'But what are you weighing?'

'Oh, nothing important,' Ali

Baba's wife answers her.



not true!' She quickly puts

some wax on the scales.

# Later, Ali Baba's wife takes back the scales. Kasim's wife finds a gold coin on the wax. 'They're weighing gold!' she thinks. 'They're richer than us!'



She tells Kasim. 'My brother's a poor woodcutter,' Kasim cries angrily. 'How can he have lots of gold? I must learn more.'

wax people make candles with this

## HIMMACTIVITIES IIII

#### READING CHECK

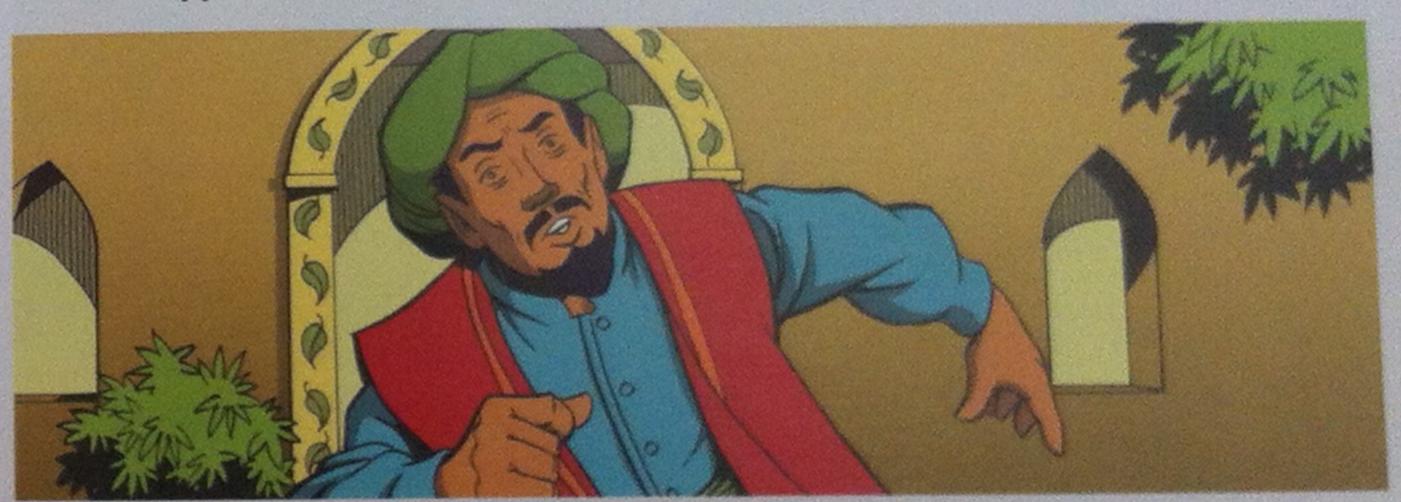
Match the first and second parts of the sentences.

- a Ali Baba stands in front of
- b He says, 'Open Sesamel' and goes through
- c In the cave, he sees
- d He takes some gold coins to
- e Ali Baba's wife borrows
- f On the scales, Kasim's wife puts
- g Later, Kasim's wife finds a gold coin
- h Kasim's wife goes and speaks to
- i Kasim's brother is poor because he's
- j Kasim wants to learn more about

- 1 his wife.
- 2 some rocks.
- 3 Kasim.
- 4 some wax.
- 5 lots of treasure.
- 6 on the wax.
- 7 a woodcutter.
- 8 Ali Baba's gold.
- 9 the cave door.
- 10 some scales.

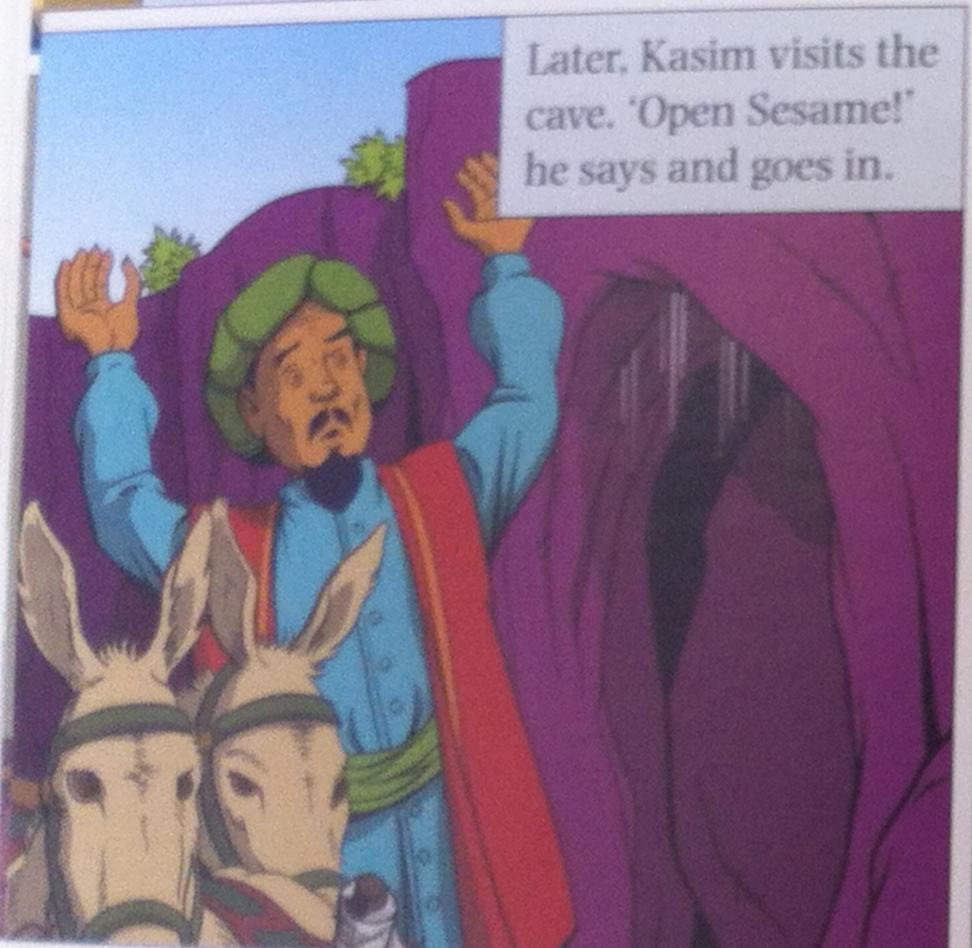
#### **GUESS WHAT**

What happens to Kasim in the next chapter? Tick the boxes.



- a He goes to Ali Baba's house.
  b He learns about the cave from Ali Baba's wife.
  c He goes to the cave with lots of friends.
  d He remembers to say, 'Open Sesame', and goes in.
  e He doesn't find any treasure in the cave.
  f He forgets to say, 'Open Sesame', and can't leave.
  g The thieves find him in the cave.
- h He kills all of the thieves in the cave.



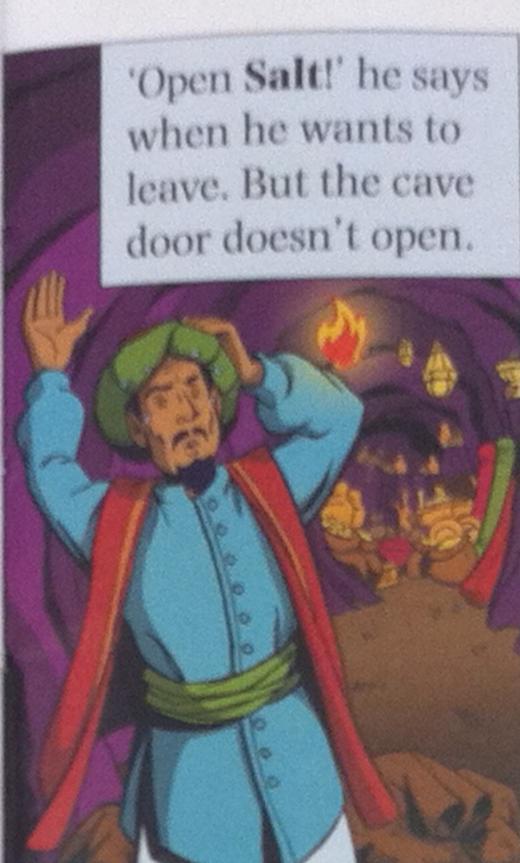


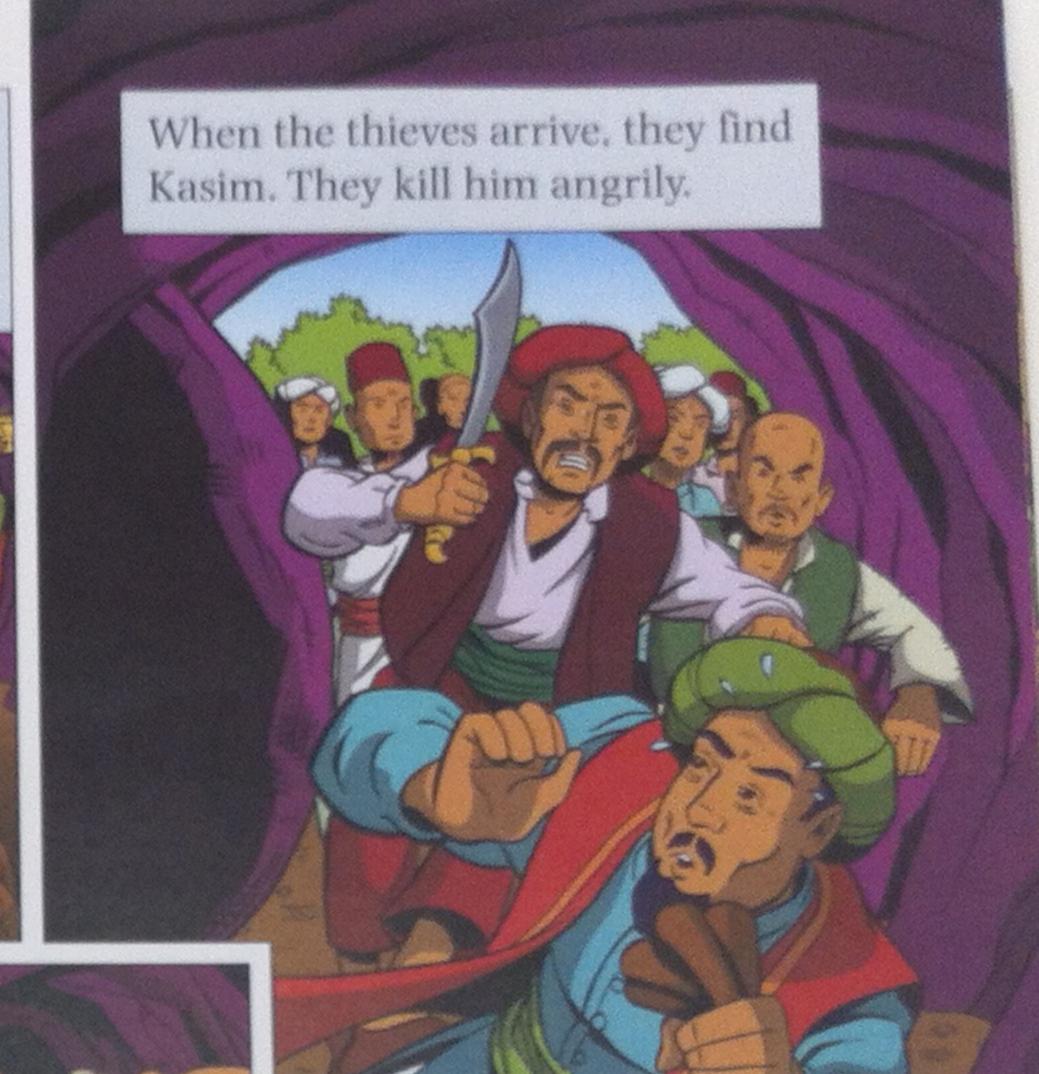


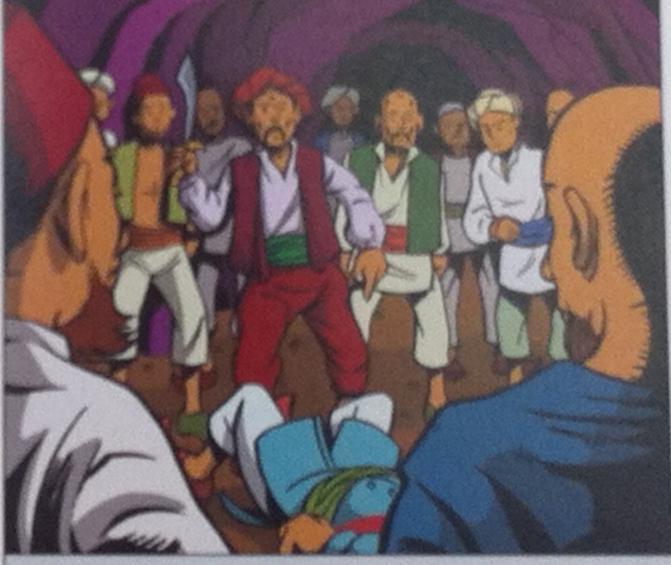
'It's my treasure now!' he cries. The cave door closes behind him.

servant a person who works for someone rich

explain to tell the story of something







'Cut his body into four pieces!'
their chief, Arshad, says. 'Do
more people know about our
cave? This dead body can scare
them, and stop their visits!'

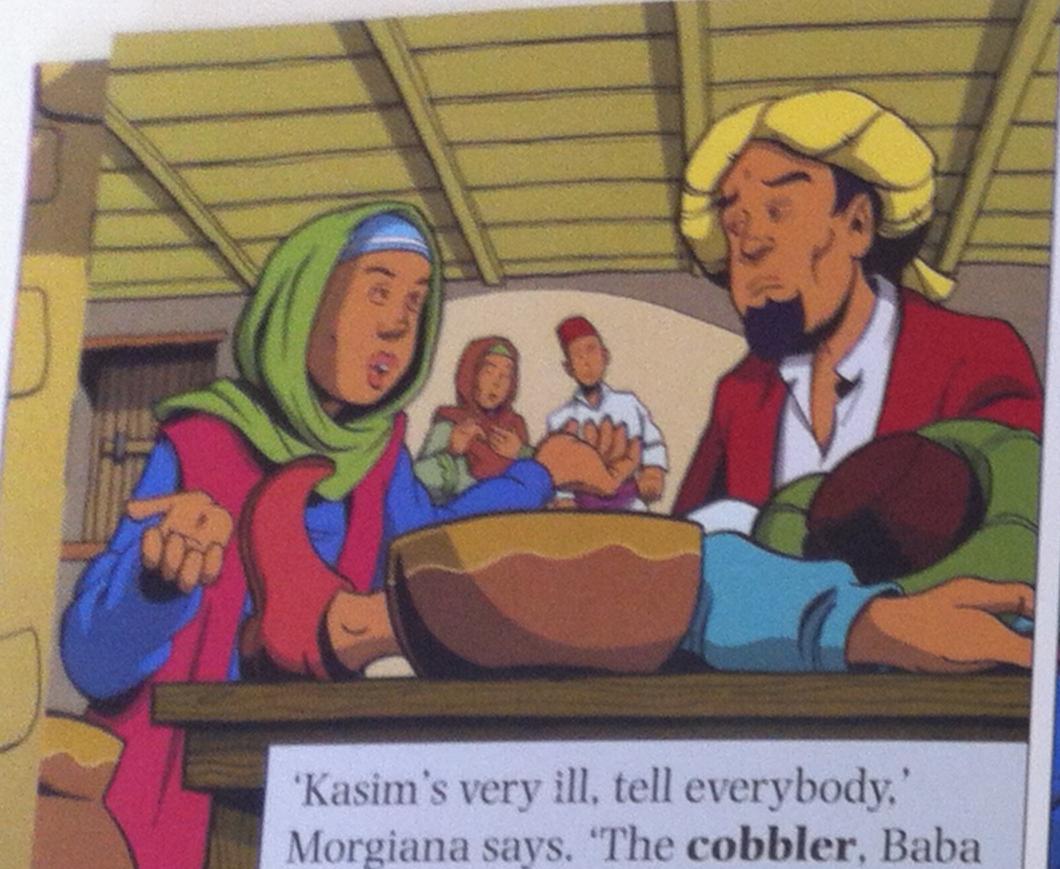


Later, Ali Baba finds Kasim's body. He takes it back home. 'Perhaps the thieves can find and kill *me* now!' he says. 'Help! What can I do?'

salt this is white and it comes from the ground; we put it on things before we eat them

cut to make one big thing into many little things with a knife

piece some, but not all, of something scare to make somebody feel afraid



Mustafa, can come and sew up

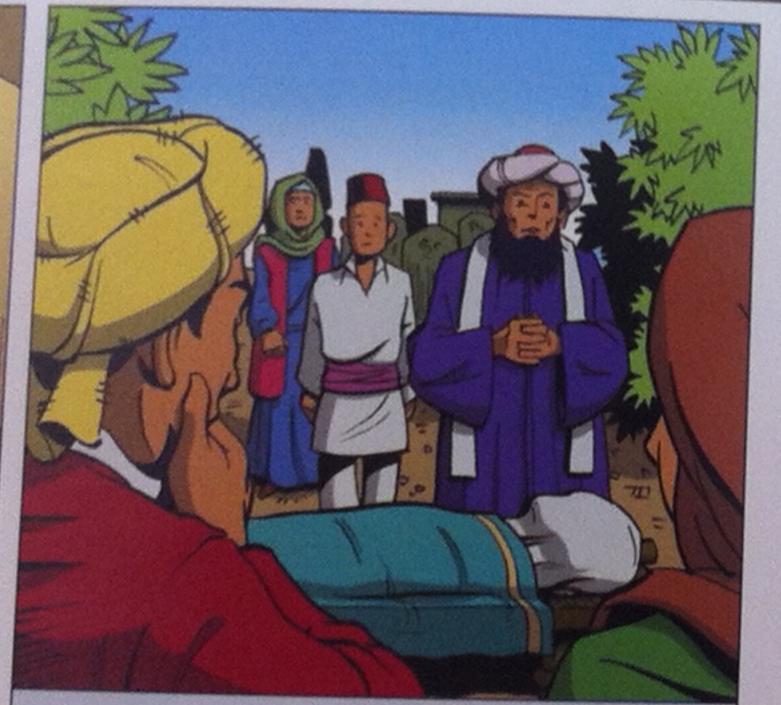
Kasim's body. Then we can bury it.'

So Morgiana
blindfolds Baba
Mustafa. She
brings him to Ali
Baba's house.





He sews up Kasim's body. Then Morgiana blindfolds him and takes him back home.



After that, the family buries Kasim. 'Now the thieves can't find me,' Ali Baba thinks happily. 'Or can they?'

sew up to join pieces of cloth or other the ground things together

bury to put a dead body under the ground

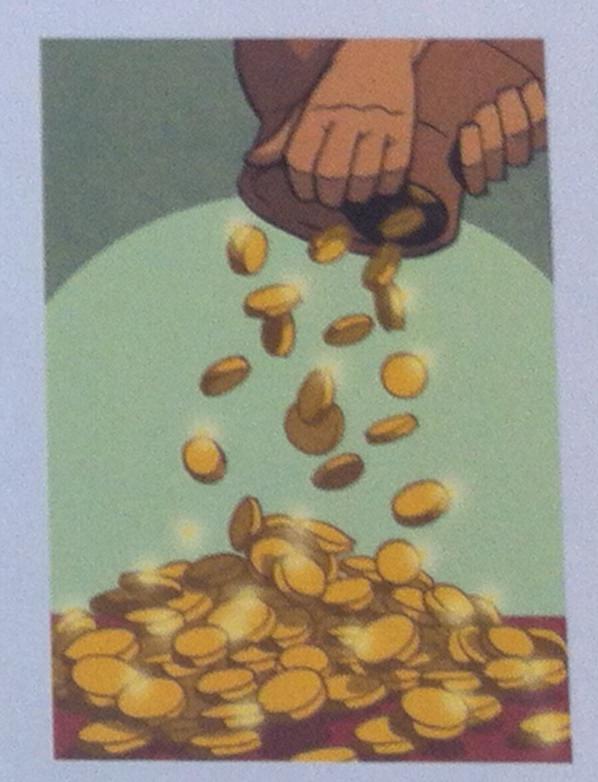
**blindfold** to put something over somebody's eyes to stop them seeing; you can't see when you wear this over your eyes

# MINACTIVITIESIMI

#### READING CHECK

Put the sentences in order. Number them 1-10.

- a Kasim forgets to say, 'Open Sesame!' He can't leave.
- **b** The thieves find Kasim in the cave, and kill him.
- c Ali Baba tells Kasim all about the treasure.
- d Kasim goes to the cave and says, 'Open Sesame!'
- e Baba Mustafa sews up the dead body.
- f Kasim's family bury his body.
- g The thieves cut Kasim's dead body into four pieces.
- h Ali Baba goes to the cave, and finds Kasim's body.
- i Kasim is excited when he first sees the treasure.
- j Ali Baba takes Kasim's dead body home.



#### **GUESS WHAT**

What happens in the next chapter? Tick one of the boxes.

One of the thieves ...



a ... finds Ali Baba near the cave, and kills him.



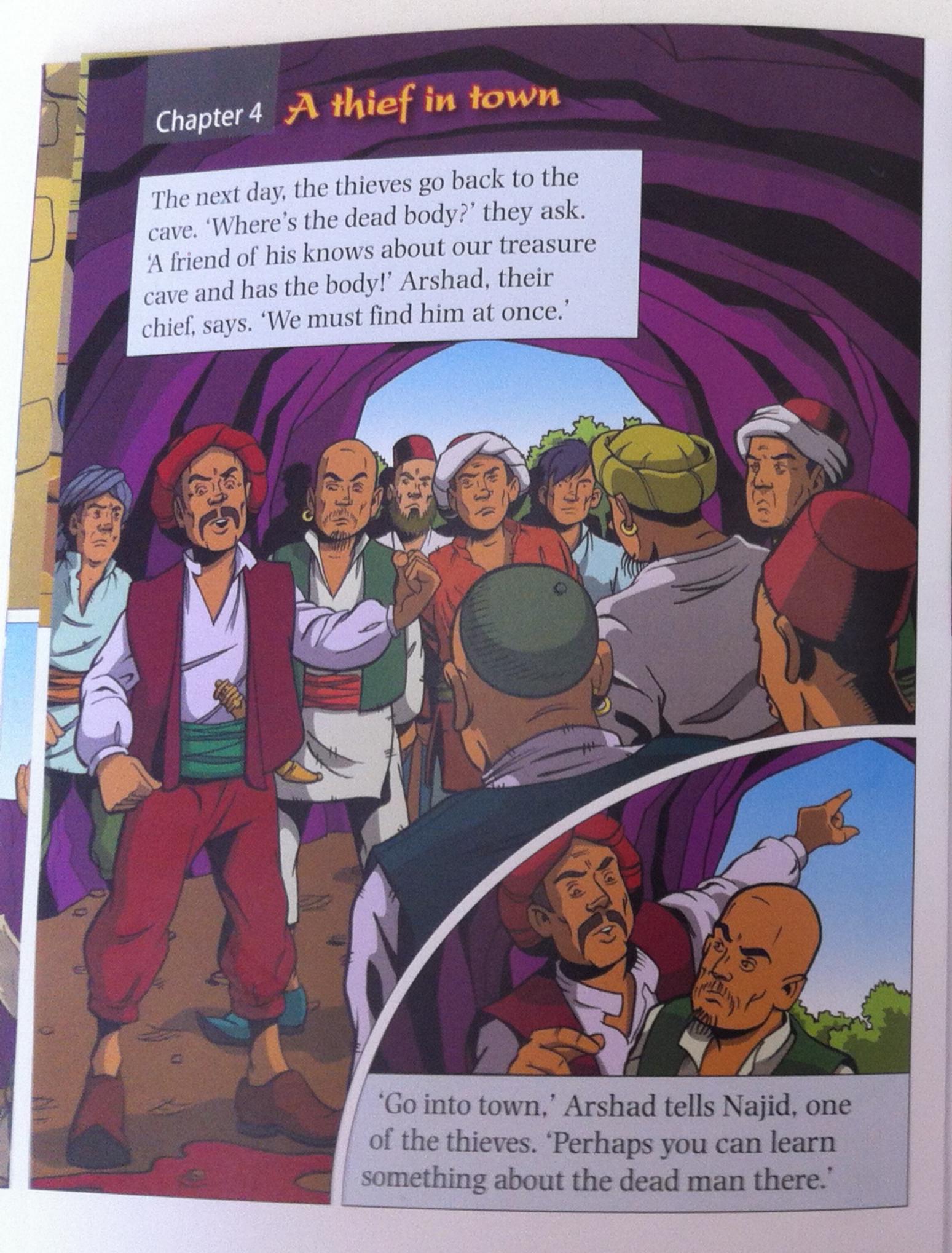
c ... goes to the cobbler's shop. Baba Mustafa takes him to Ali Baba's house.



**b** ... finds Ali Baba in the cave, and leaves him there.



d ... goes to the cobbler's shop. Baba Mustafa doesn't talk about his visit to Ali Baba's house.





end, they arrive at Ali Baba's house.

clever quick-thinking

step when you bring your foot up and out it down to walk

man's house,' he says.

'Here we are,' the cobbler says. Najid puts a white **mark** on the door. 'I must tell Arshad about this,' he thinks, and he leaves. Baba Mustafa walks slowly back to his shop.



Ali Baba's door.

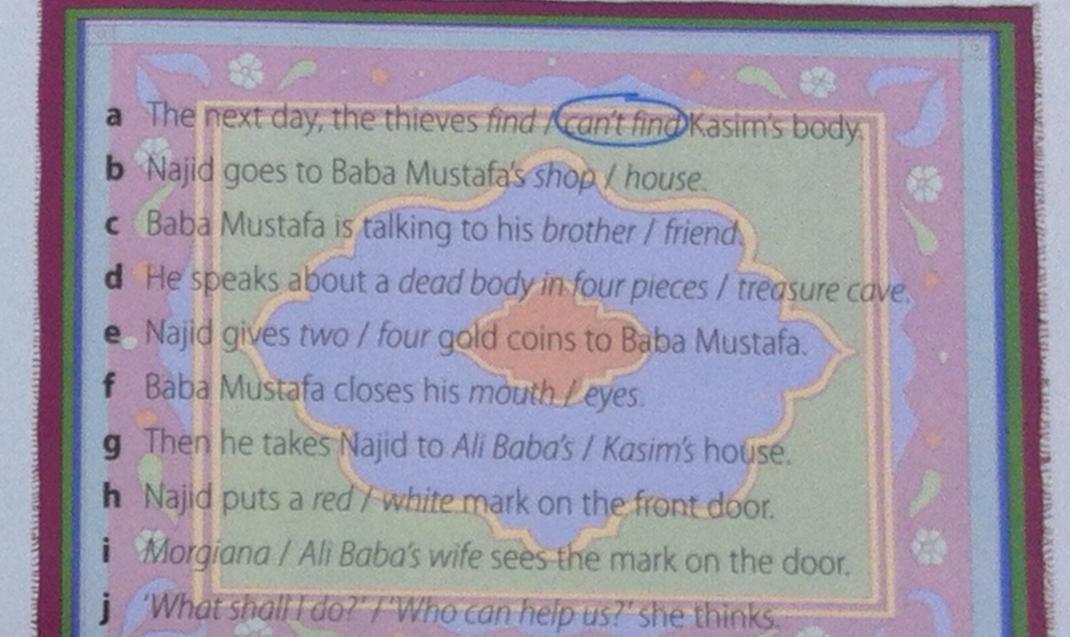


mark a different colour that you put on something to show it is important; to put a different colour on something to show that it is important

# MIMIACTIVITIES IIIII

#### READING CHECK

Choose the correct words to complete these sentences.



#### **GUESS WHAT**

What does Morgiana do in the next chapter? Read the sentences and write yes or no.

a She marks all the front doors in Ali Baba's street, and Arshad can't find the house.



c She tells Ali Baba about the mark on his front door.



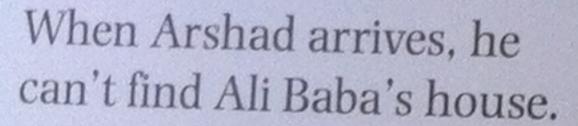
**b** She goes to the cobbler's shop, and gives lots of money to Baba Mustafa. He doesn't help the thieves again.

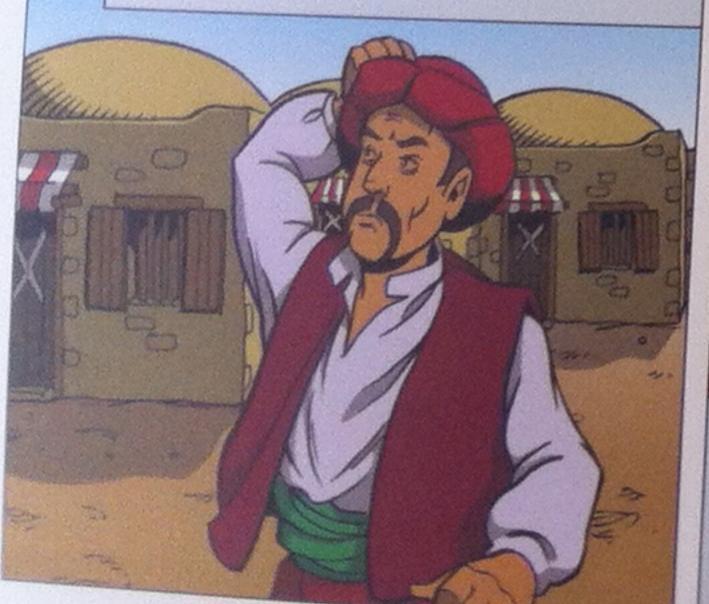


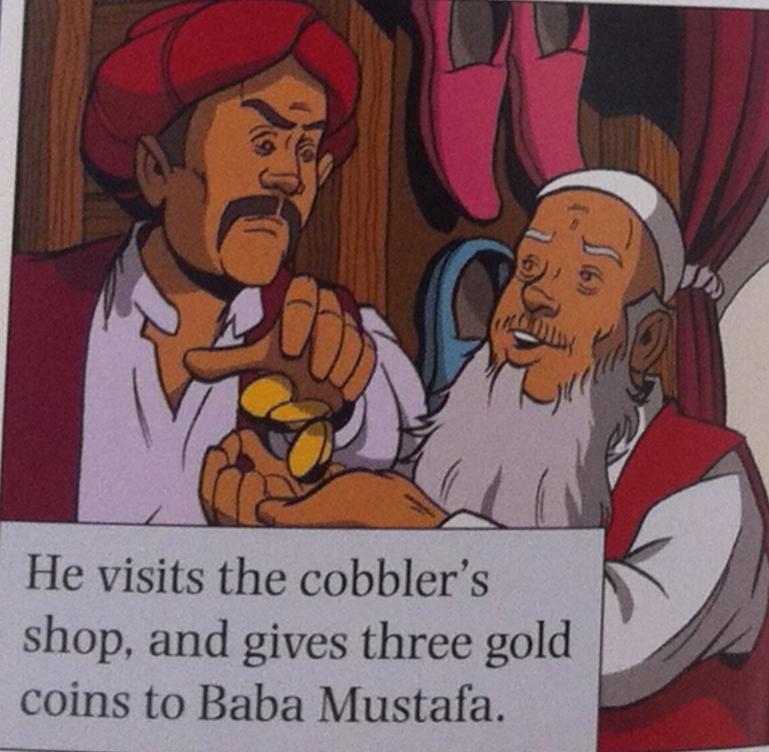
d She goes to the treasure cave and talks to the thieves there.

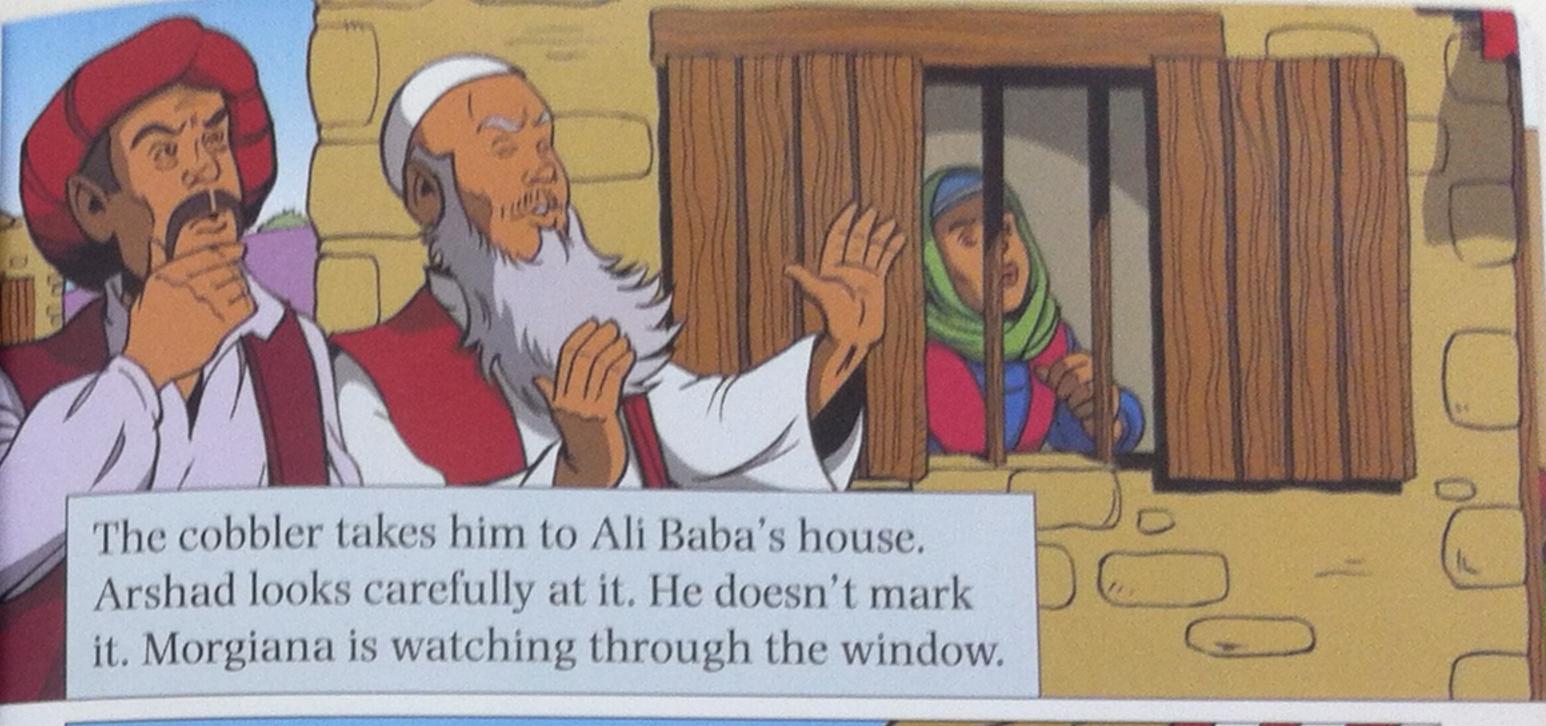


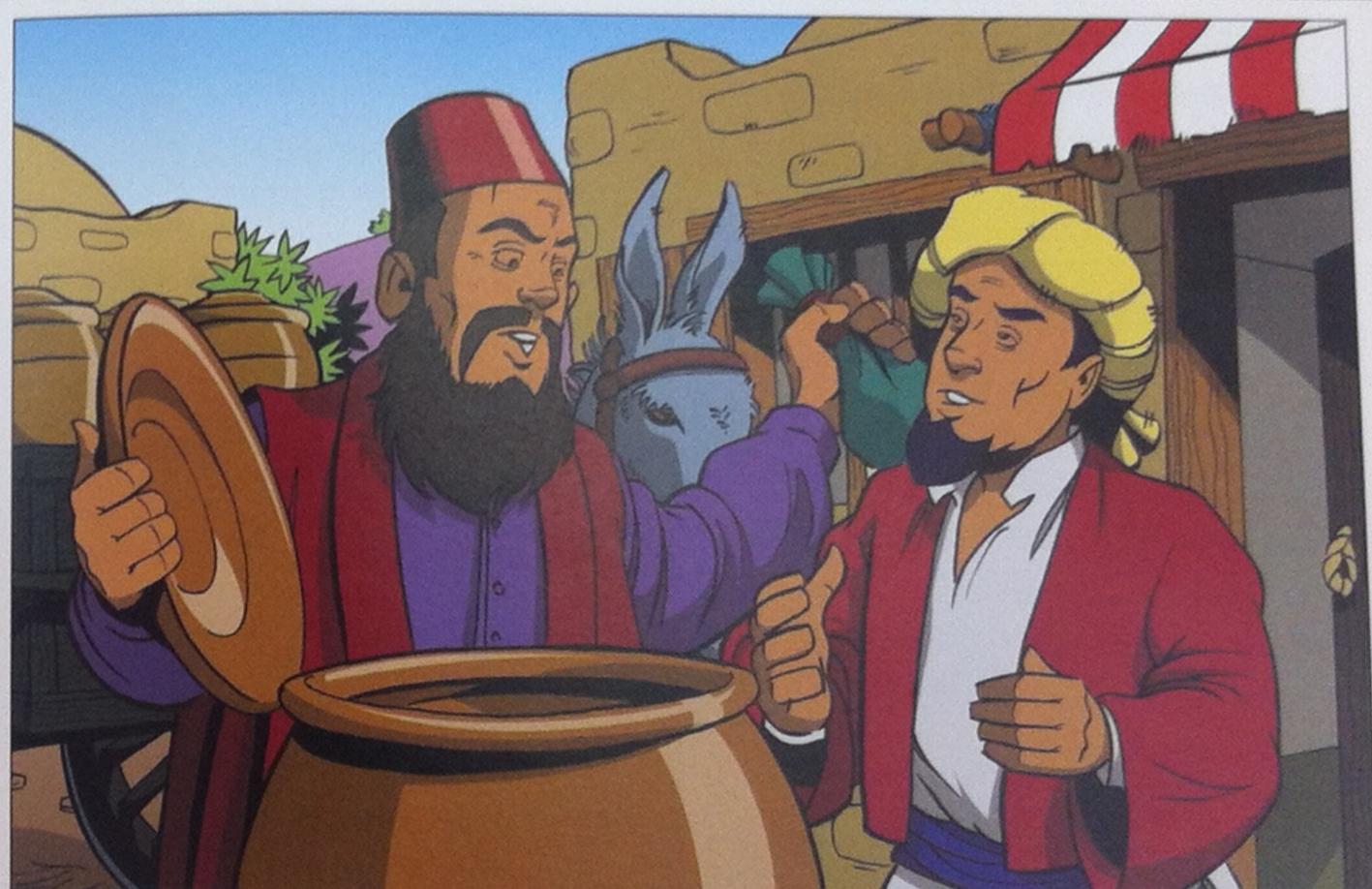












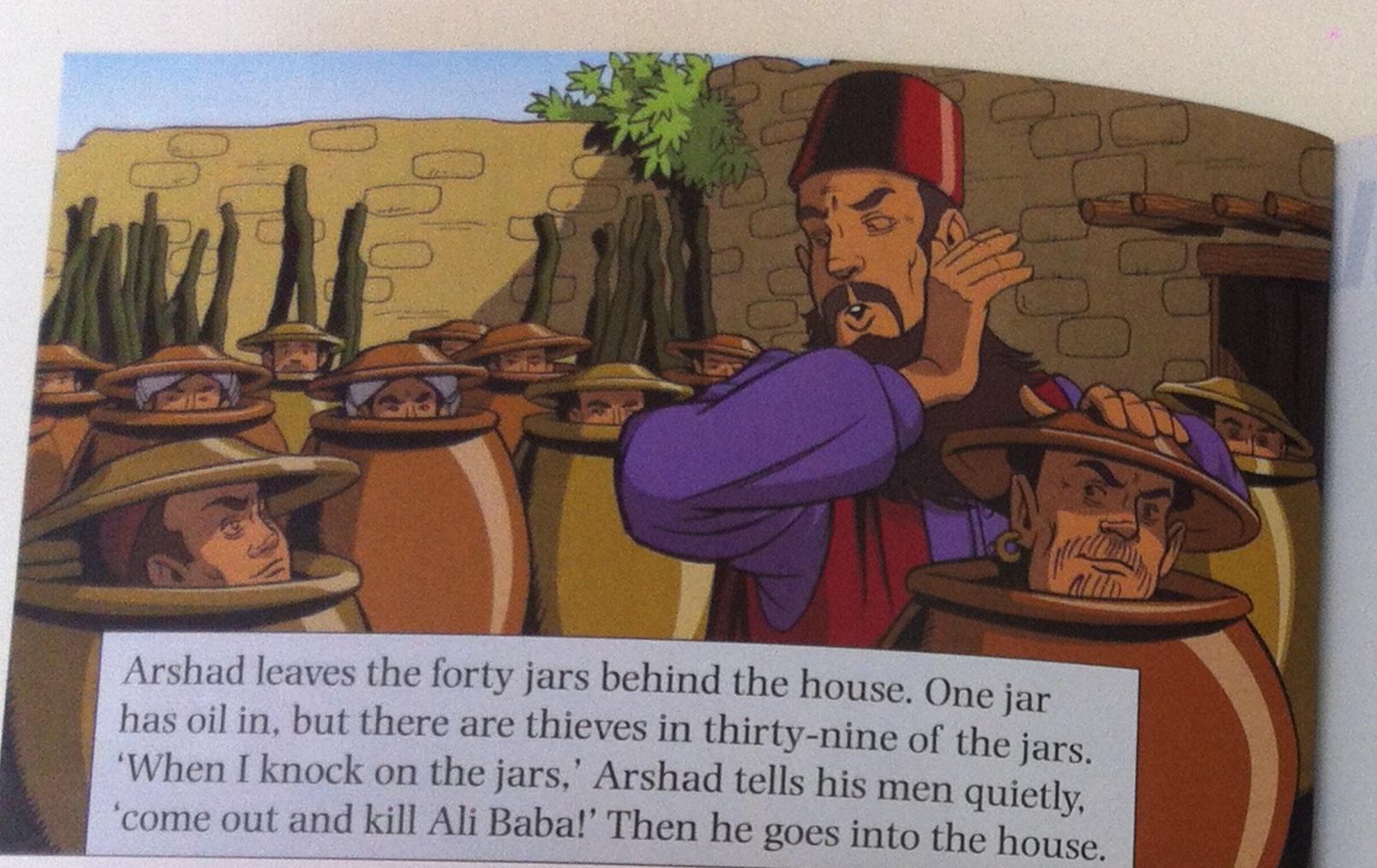
Later, Arshad comes back in different **clothes**. He **knocks** on Ali Baba's door. 'I'm an **oil** merchant. I'm taking my oil to a town far away. Can I sleep here tonight?' he says. Ali Baba is a good man. 'Of course,' he answers. 'Leave your oil **jars** behind my house and come in.'

clothes people wear these

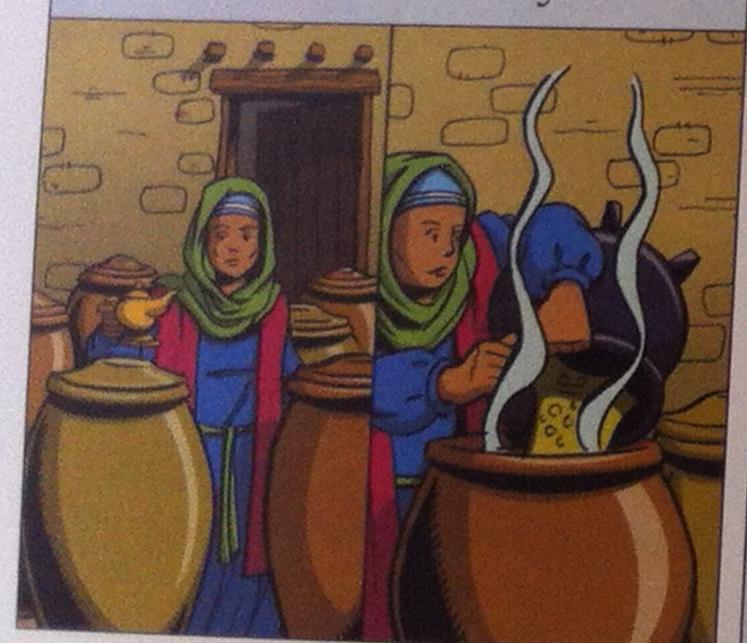
knock to hit strongly and make

oil you cook things in this

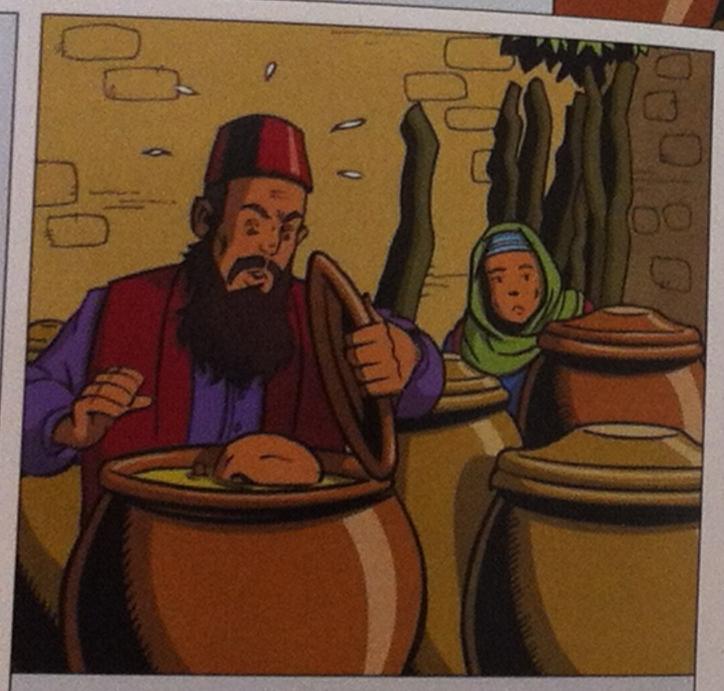
jar something that you can put things in, for example, a jar of oil



Later, Morgiana visits the jars. She needs oil for her lamp.
'Is it time?' the thieves ask.
'No. Wait!' she answers.
She puts hot oil in the jars, and the thieves die suddenly.



lamp a thing that helps you to see in the dark



When Arshad comes and knocks on the jars, nobody answers him.

'Hey, my men are all dead!' he cries. He leaves very quickly.

# IIIII ACTIVITES IIIIIII

#### READING CHECK

Correct ten more mistakes in the story.

#### doors

Morgiana marks all the windows in the street, and Arshad can't find Ali Baba's house. He goes to the merchant's shop, and gives two gold coins to Baba Mustafa. Baba Mustafa takes him to Ali Baba's house, but Morgiana is watching through the door.

Arshad comes back later. He is in the clothes of a salt merchant. He has fifty jars with him. He wants to stay at Ali Baba's house. Ali Baba says, 'Yes' to this. So Arshad puts his jars in front of Ali Baba's house.

Later, Morgiana needs oil for her lamp. She learns something interesting.

There are thieves in forty-nine of the jars! They want to come out and help

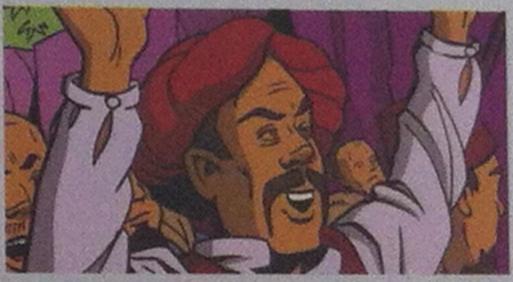
Ali Baba!

Morgiana puts some cold oil in the jars, and the thieves die. Arshad finds his dead men in the jars, and he slowly leaves Ali Baba's house.

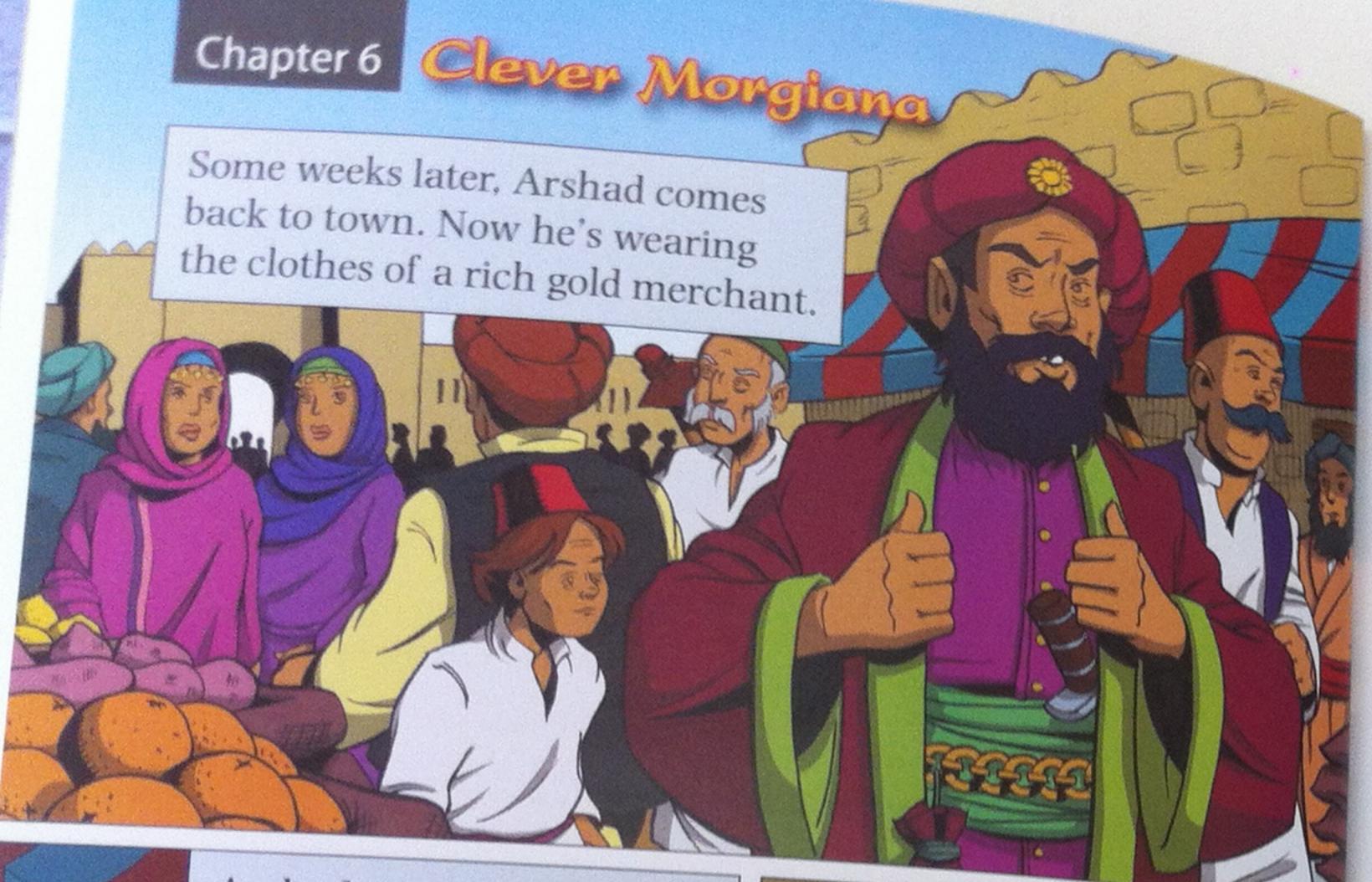
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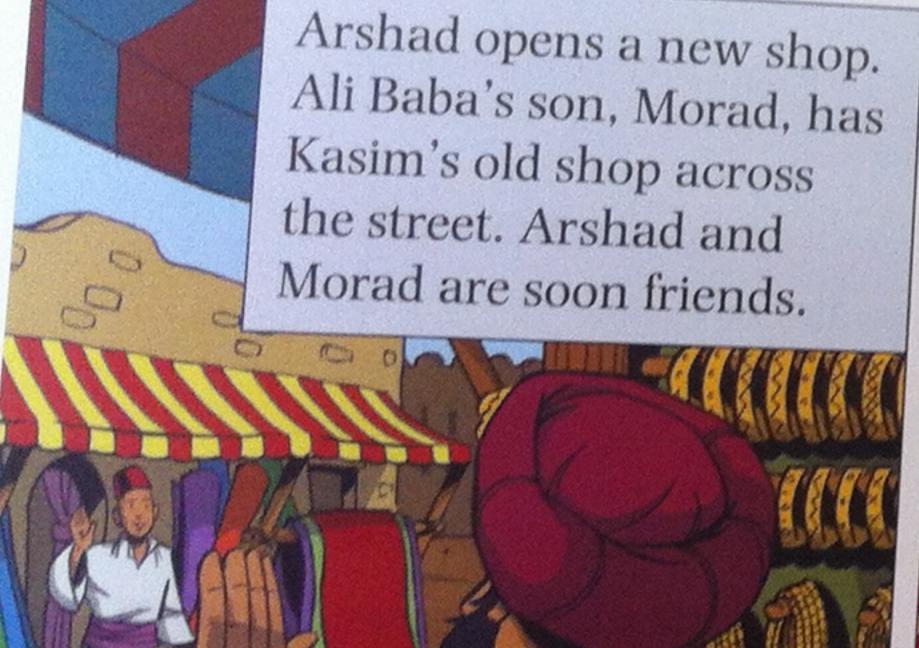
What happens in the next chapter? Tick two boxes to finish each sentence.

- a Arshad ...
  - 1 never visits Ali Baba again.
- 2 comes back and kills Ali Baba.
- 3 comes back, but can't kill Ali Baba.
- 4 meets Morgiana.
- **b** Morgiana ...
  - 1 knows Arshad when he visits Ali Baba's house.
- 2 tells Arshad, 'Go away and never come back!'
- 3 kills Arshad.
- 4 is Ali Baba's new wife in the end.





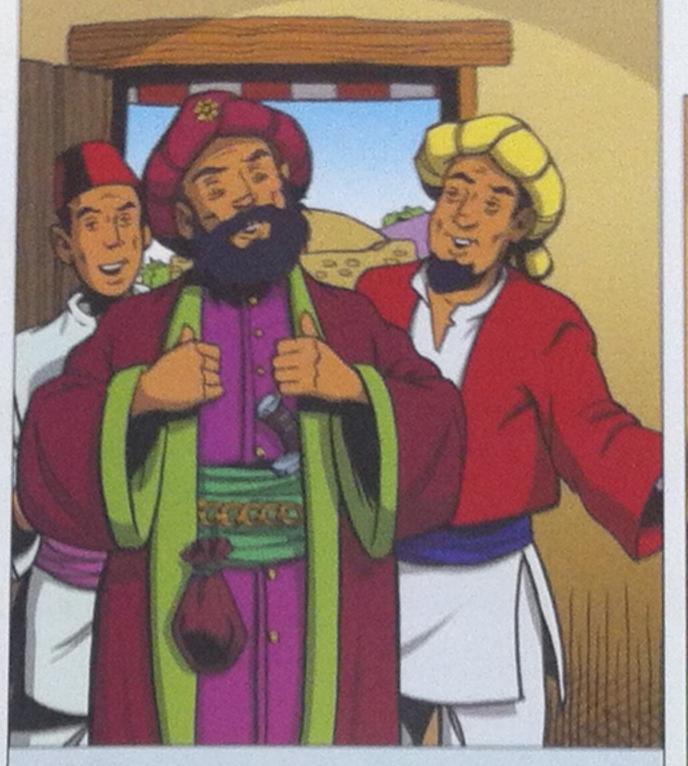






'Father, can my new friend come for **dinner**?' Morad asks Ali Baba one day.
'Of course,' Ali Baba says.

dinner when people eat in the evening



Ali Baba doesn't **recognize**Arshad when he comes to the house for dinner.





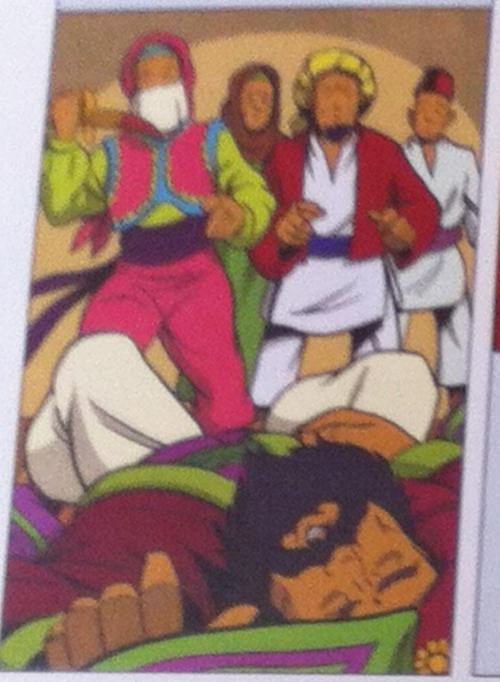
recognize to see someone and to know who it is

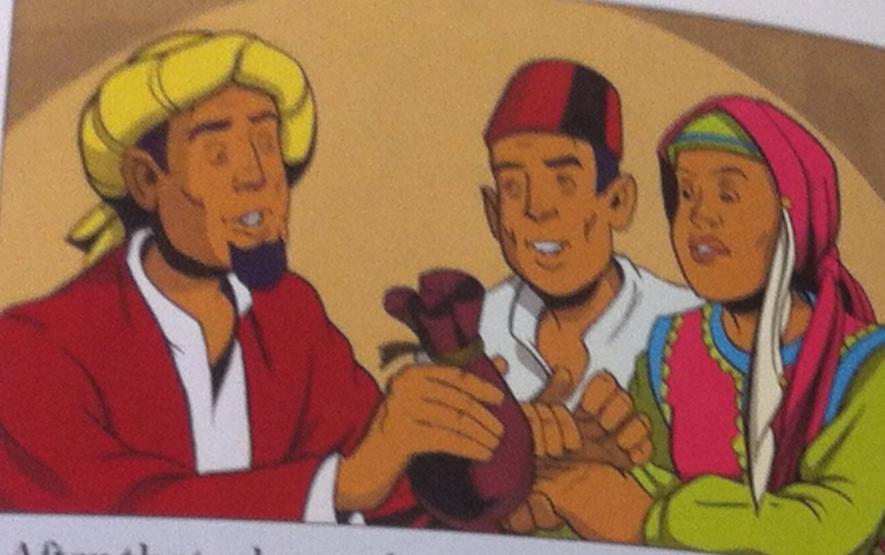
dance to move your body and feet to music

attack to begin fighting

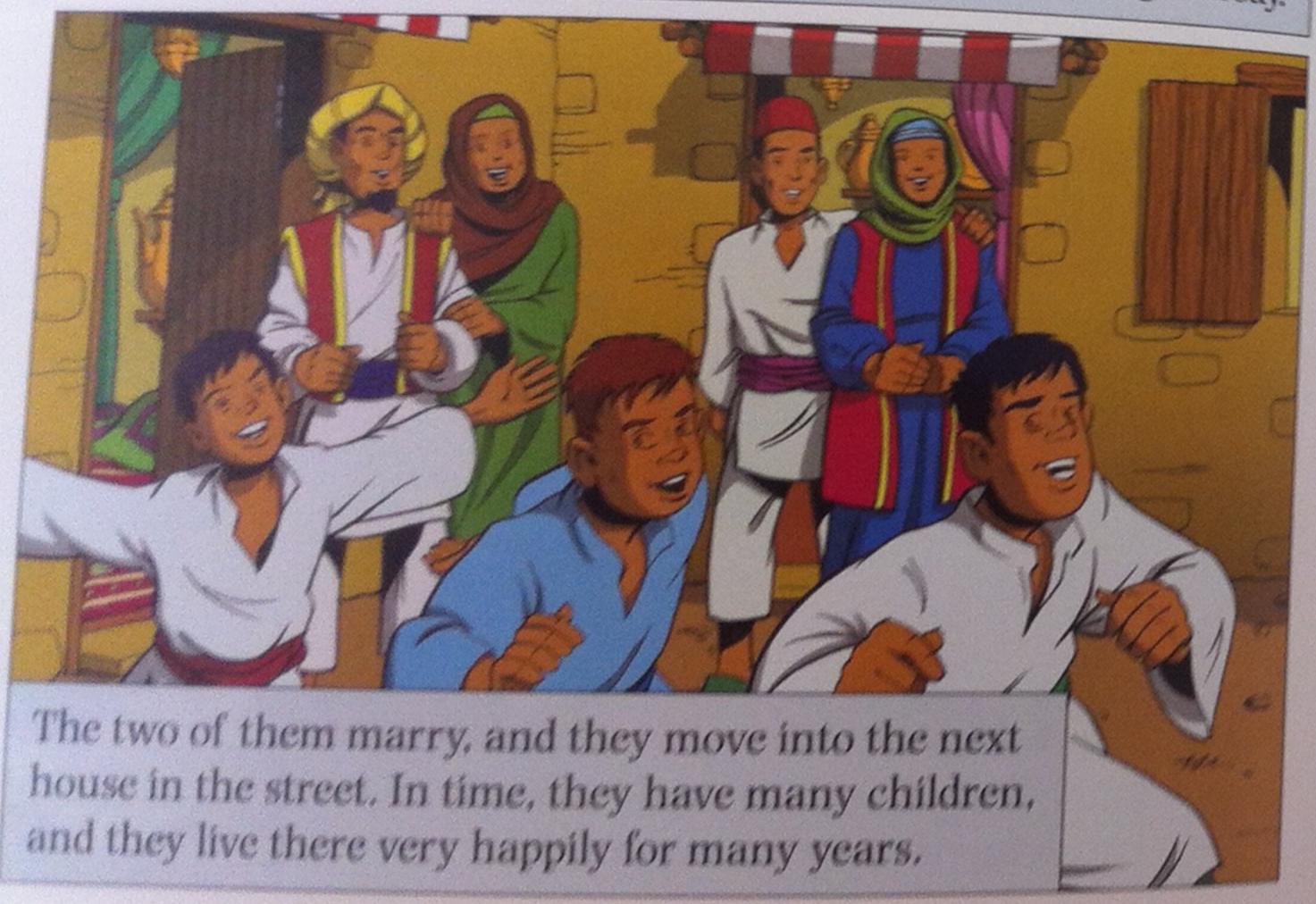
knife a sharp thing that you use to cut something

#### Morgiana quickly attacks Arshad. and she kills him.





After that, she explains everything. 'Morgiana, you're the cleverest servant in all Persia!' Ali Baba says. 'You must marry Morad, and have some treasure, too!' 'Thank you, Father!' Morad and Morgiana say.



marry to make someone your husband or wife.

#### READING CHECK

#### Choose the correct pictures.

a ... opens a new shop in the town.







c ... recognizes Arshad at dinner.

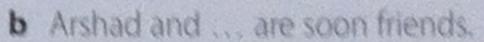




e Ali Baba is happy when Morgiana kills ...











d Arshad wants to kill ....





... marries Morgiana.



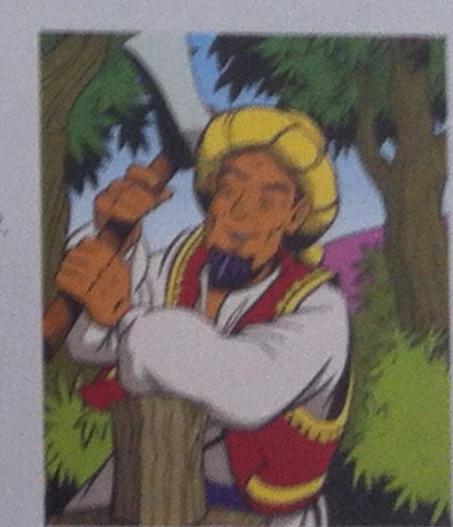


#### **GUESS WHAT**

What does Ali Baba do after the story ends? Tick the boxes and add your own ideas.

- a He stays a woodcutter, and works in the forest again. **b** He stops working in the forest, and stays at home. • He never visits the treasure cave again.
- d He often goes to the cave because all the treasure is there.
- e The gives most of his money to poor people. 1 He gives a lot of his money to Morad and Morgiana.
- g He doesn't go out much because he's afraid of thieves.

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#### Project A Natural products

1 Read about gold. Complete the table.



Gold comes from many different countries in the world. A lot of gold comes from South Africa, but China is now a big gold producer. The United States, Australia and Russia produce gold, too.

Most gold comes from far under the ground. Some gold in South Africa comes from 3,585 metres down! There is a lot of gold in sea water, too, but people can't easily take gold out of the sea.

You can do lots of different things with gold. You can make jewellery with it, and expensive watches. Some people have gold teeth, too.

There is some gold in most TVs, home computers, and mobile phones. Of course, there isn't very much. So don't open your TV and look for it. Gold is very expensive. One kilogram of gold is about 50,000 dollars!

What is the product?	Gold
Which countries produce it?	
Where does the product come from?	
What do people do with it?	
How expensive is it?	

#### 2 Read the notes in the table and complete the text.

What is the product?	Vegetable oil
Which countries produce it?	Mostly Indonesia and Malaysia, the United States, China, and Argentina
Where does the product come from?	From the fruit of the oil palm tree, from the soya bean plant
What do people do with it?	Make soap, perfume, and paint. Cook. Make 'biofuel' from it and use this in cars
How expensive is it?	Two dollars a litre



and produce most of the world's vegetable oil. But , and are vegetable oil producers, too.
Vegetable oil comes from many different plants. Most vegetable oil is palm oil. It comes from the
People do different things with vegetable oil. They make, and with it. And of course, people can with it at home, too.
In some countries, people make '' from vegetable oil. They use this in their In Brazil, lots of drivers do this.
Vegetable oil is good because it isn't very expensive. People usually pay about

#### 3 Choose a natural product and write about it.



copper







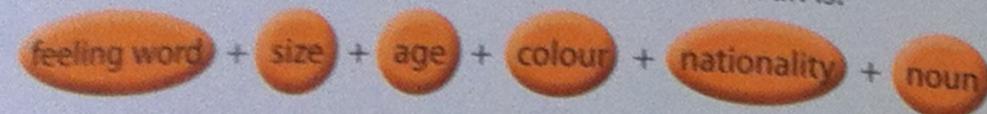
cotton

wax

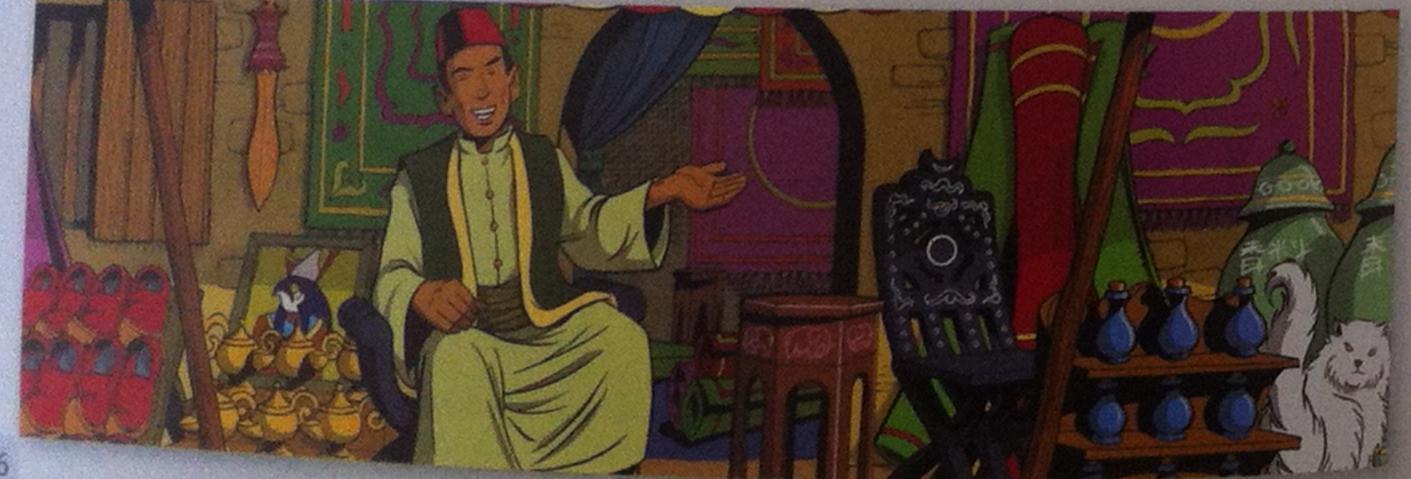
wood

#### Project B) Describing a shop

The correct order of adjectives before a noun is:



- Write the words in the correct order to make sentences.
- a nice / oil / new / gold / lamps .. nice, new, gold oil lamps
- b an / Egyptian / expensive / old / picture
- c Chinese / jars / green / tall
- d beautiful / Syrian / big / chair / a
- e blue / Venetian / bottles / little
- f interesting / long / an / knife / African
- g red/Turkish/wonderful/shoes
- h fat / cat / Persian / a / white
- 2 Look at the picture. Complete the text on page 27 with the words from Activity 1.



There are lots of different things in Morad's shop. At the front on the left, you can see some	
wonderful, ned, Tunkish shoes and near them there are some	
Behind these, there's	
on the wall, and there's	
next to that.	
At the back of the shop on the right, you can see	
front of these things, there are lots of	
Next to these, there are two	
is sitting in front of them.	

#### 3 What is your favourite shop?



a a sweet shop



d a sports shop



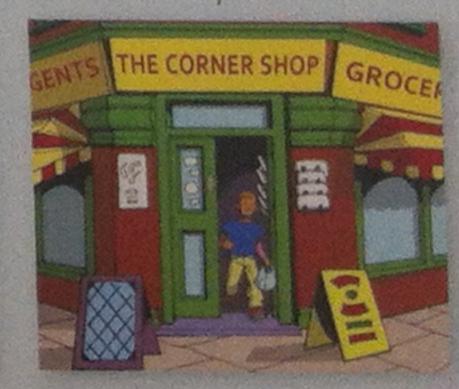
**b** a clothes shop



e a toy shop



c a bookshop



f a corner shop

- 4 What is in your favourite shop? Make a list of things.
- 5 Draw a picture of your favourite shop. Write a description of it.

#### WORD WORK 1

1 These words don't match the pictures. Correct them.



merchant.



forest



rocks



wax



thief



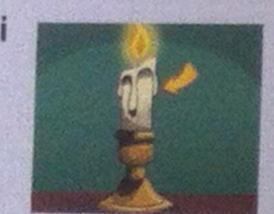
cave



gold coins



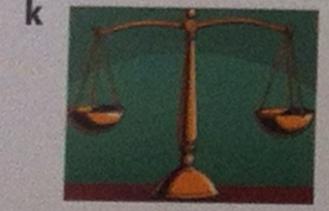
scales



chief



merchant



wife



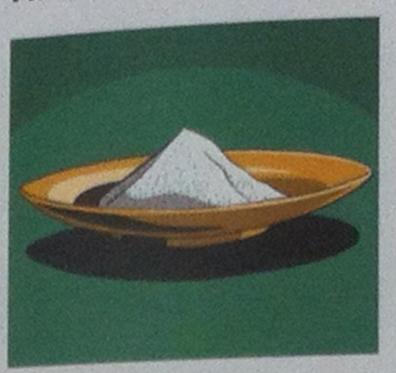
treasure

#### 2 Complete the sentences with words from Chapters 1 and 2.

- a 'This bread is nice.' 'Yes. They make it with ... sesame ....'
- b Ali Baba hasn't got much money. He's very.....
- c 'Can I......your pen?' 'Yes, but give it back to me later.'
- d Mrs Green is Mr Green's.....
- e He's an important man. He's the ..... of the forest people.
- 'Can you......my bag for me?' 'Yes. It's twenty kilograms.'
- h There's lots of old Spanish......under the sea there, they say.

#### WORD WORK 2

1 Find words from Chapters 3 and 4 and match them with the pictures.



tlas



bocbrel



vtasnre



....salt.....

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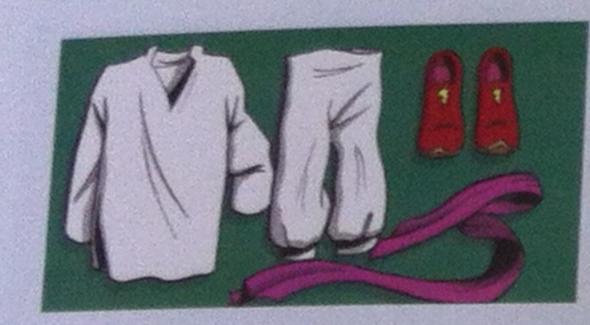
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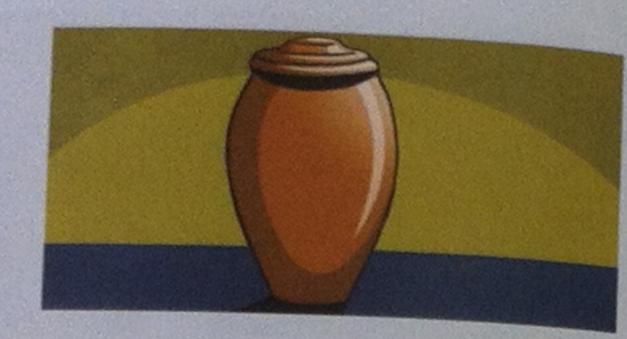
2 Complete each sentence with a word from the box in the correct form.

bury cut explain mark piece step a Your house is no more than thirty .... steps .... from my front door. **b** Our dog often ..... things under the trees in our garden. c 'I can't eat all that apple.' OK. But do you want a ..... of it?' d Oh no! There are ..... on this shirt. They're a different colour. e Can you ..... this word to me? I don't understand it. f I'm..... this sandwich into two pieces – one for you and one for me.

#### WORD WORK 3

1 Find words from Chapters 5 and 6 to match the pictures.





a clothes.....



b j.....







#### 2 Complete the sentences with words from Chapters 5 and 6.

- a Our dogs are very good. They never a ± ± a c k people.
- b 'Can you\_ a \_ \_ e with me?' 'No. Sorry. I'm tired.'
- c How can we make dinner? We haven't got any \_ i \_.
- d 'Do you\_e e \_ o \_ \_ i \_ e that man over there?' 'Yes. He's that tennis player from Spain.'
- e 'Do you want to \_ a \_ \_ y me?' 'Yes, I do. I want to be your wife.'

#### GRAMMAR CHECK

Modal auxiliary verbs: can and can't We use can + infinitive without to to talk about things that we are able to do.

'Perhaps the thieves can find and kill me!'

The cobbler, Baba Mustafa, can come and sew up the body.'

We use can't + infinitive without to to talk about things that we are not able to do.

'Now the thieves can't find me.'

We use can + infinitive without to in questions to ask for things.

'Can I sleep here tonight?' 'Can I borrow your scales?'

#### Complete the sentences with can or can't and the verbs in brackets.

- a When Ali Baba goes into the cave, he ..... can see ..... (see) all the wonderful treasure.
- **b** Ali Baba's wife ...... (borrow) the scales and so she is happy.
- c Kasim is afraid because he ...... (leave) the cave.
- d At first, Arshad ...... (find) Ali Baba's house because Morgiana marks the doors of all the houses in the street.
- e Morgiana..... (hear) the thieves in the oil jars behind Ali Baba's house.
- f Ali Baba..... (recognize) Arshad in his gold merchant's clothes.

#### 2 Write the words in the correct order to make affirmative sentences or questions.

- a stay/1/your/house/at/can/? ... Can. I. stay at your house?
- b we/borrow/can/scales/her/. We can borrow her scales.

- e help/I/can/dinner/the/with/. ......
- f look/can/at/we/coins/your/gold/? .....
- g can/you/me/take/house/the/to/? ......
- \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* h take/can/I/some/the/merchant's/of/oil/.....

#### GRAMMAR CHECK

#### Subject and object pronouns

We use subject pronouns – I, you, he, she, it, we, and they – to replace subject nouns. Subject pronouns go in front of the main verb.

Ali Baba is working in the forest. Suddenly, he hears some men.

The thieves come out of the cave. They say, 'Close Sesame!'

We use object pronouns - me, you, him, her, it, us, and them - to replace object nouns. Object pronouns go after the main verb. They can also go after prepositions.

The thieves find Kasim and they kill him angrily.

When Morgiana hears the thieves, she puts oil on them.

#### 3 Complete the text. Use the subject and object pronouns in the box.

One day, Ali Baba is working in the forest.  a)	

Everybody, everything, nobody, nothing, somebody, and something We use everybody and everything to talk about 'all the people' and 'all the things'.

We use nobody and nothing to talk about 'no person or people' or 'no thing or things'.

Nobody recognizes Arshad in his new clothes.

'What are you weighing?' 'Nothing important,' she says. We use somebody and something to talk about an unknown person or thing.

'Somebody knows about our cave!'

'She wants to weigh something important,' thinks Kasim's wife.

### 4 Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

- a When the story begins, Ali Baba is a very poor man. He has something (nothing)
- **b** Nobody / Everybody sees Ali Baba behind the tree.
- c Kasim wants to take everything / nothing from the cave.
- d Ali Baba's son is very nice. Everybody / Somebody likes him.
- e 'There's everything / something on the wax in my scales,' Kasim's wife thinks. 'Is it a gold coin?'
- f Morgiana hears somebody / nobody in one of the big jars.



#### 5 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

Everybody something nobody somebody nothing everything a ... Everybody.....knows the story of Ali Baba and the forty thieves. **b** The thieves have a big treasure cave, and they put ..... there. c At first,..... knows about the cave. But soon Ali Baba learns about it. e The cobbler tells.....about the dead body in four pieces. f At dinner, Arshad takes.....in his hand. It's a knife!

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