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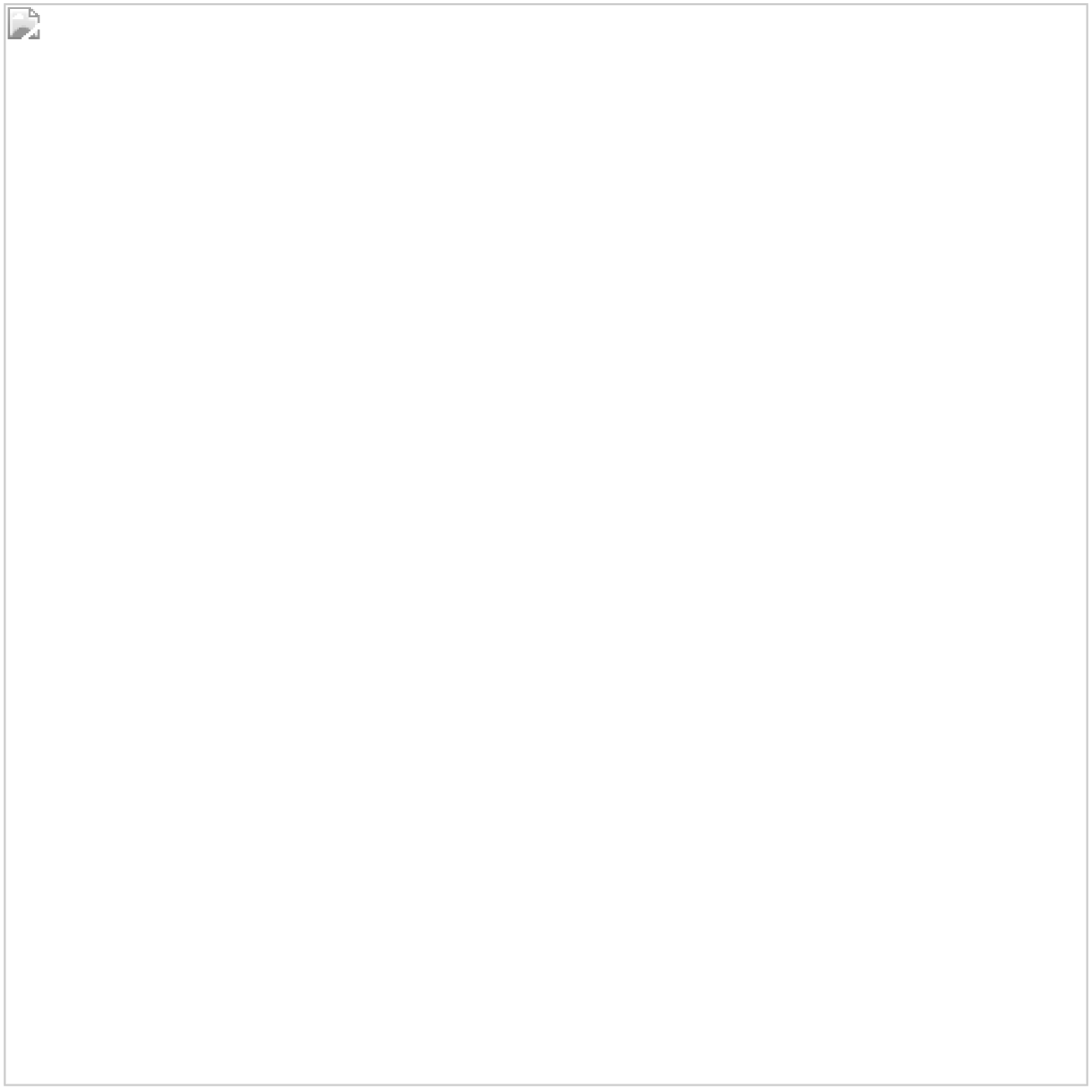
Sindbad's Second Voyage

A Tale from the Arabian Nights



Sindbad had meant to spend the rest of his days quietly in Bagdad. But very soon he grew tired of such an idle life, and he longed once more to find himself upon the sea.

TALK ABOUT IT

Sindbad got tired of sitting still. Do you like to rest, or to go and do things?

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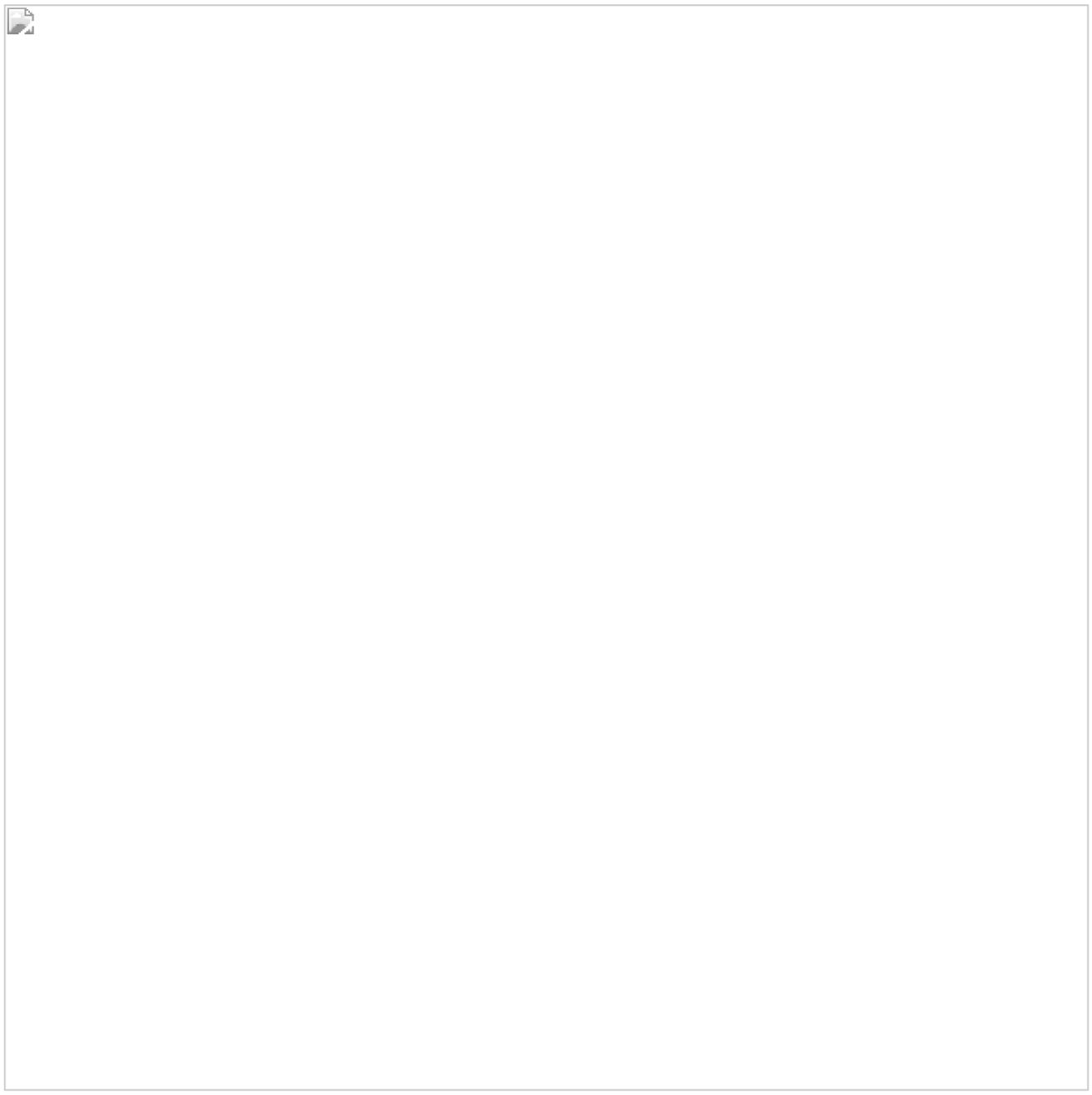
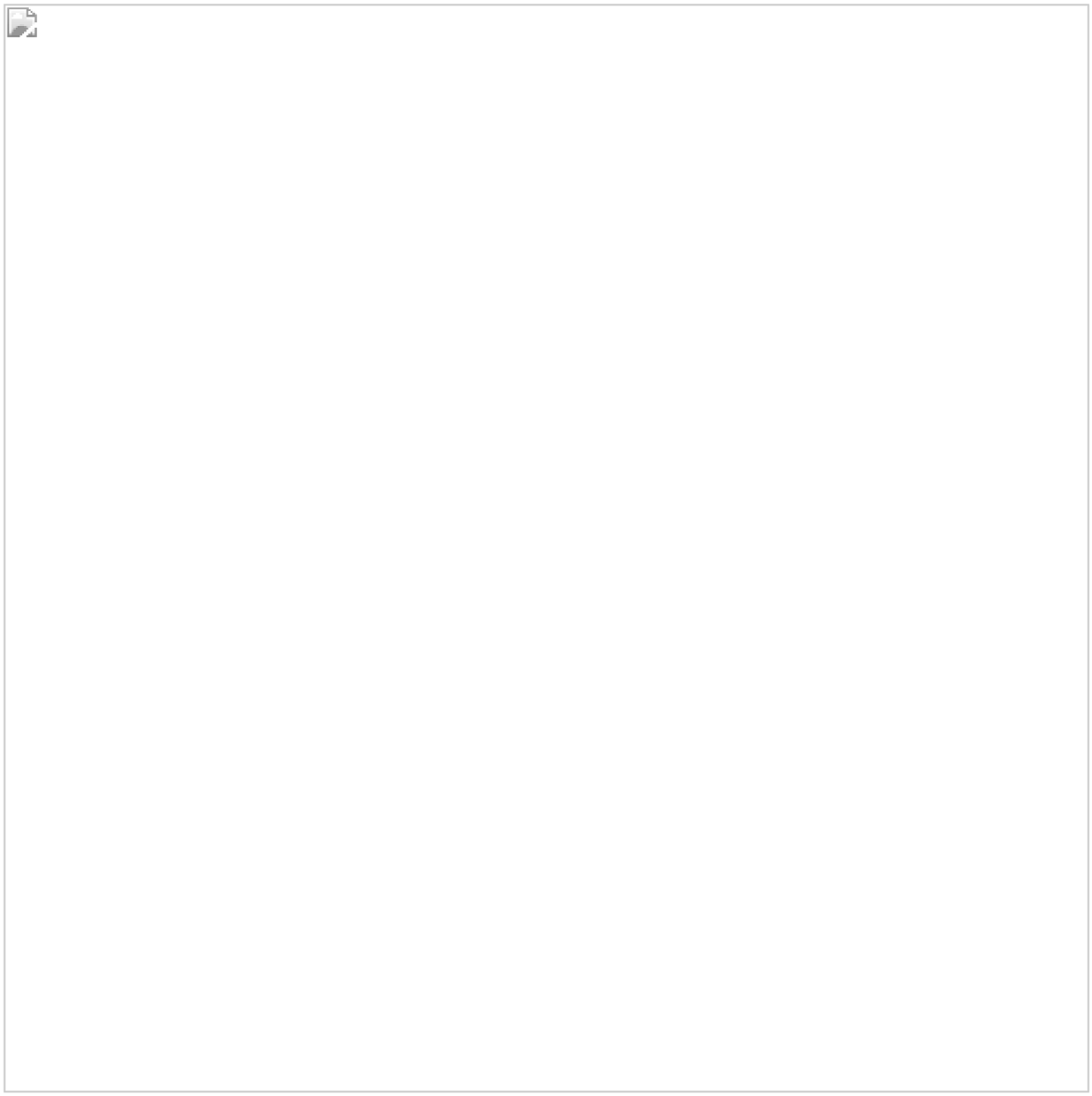


A Nap by the Brook



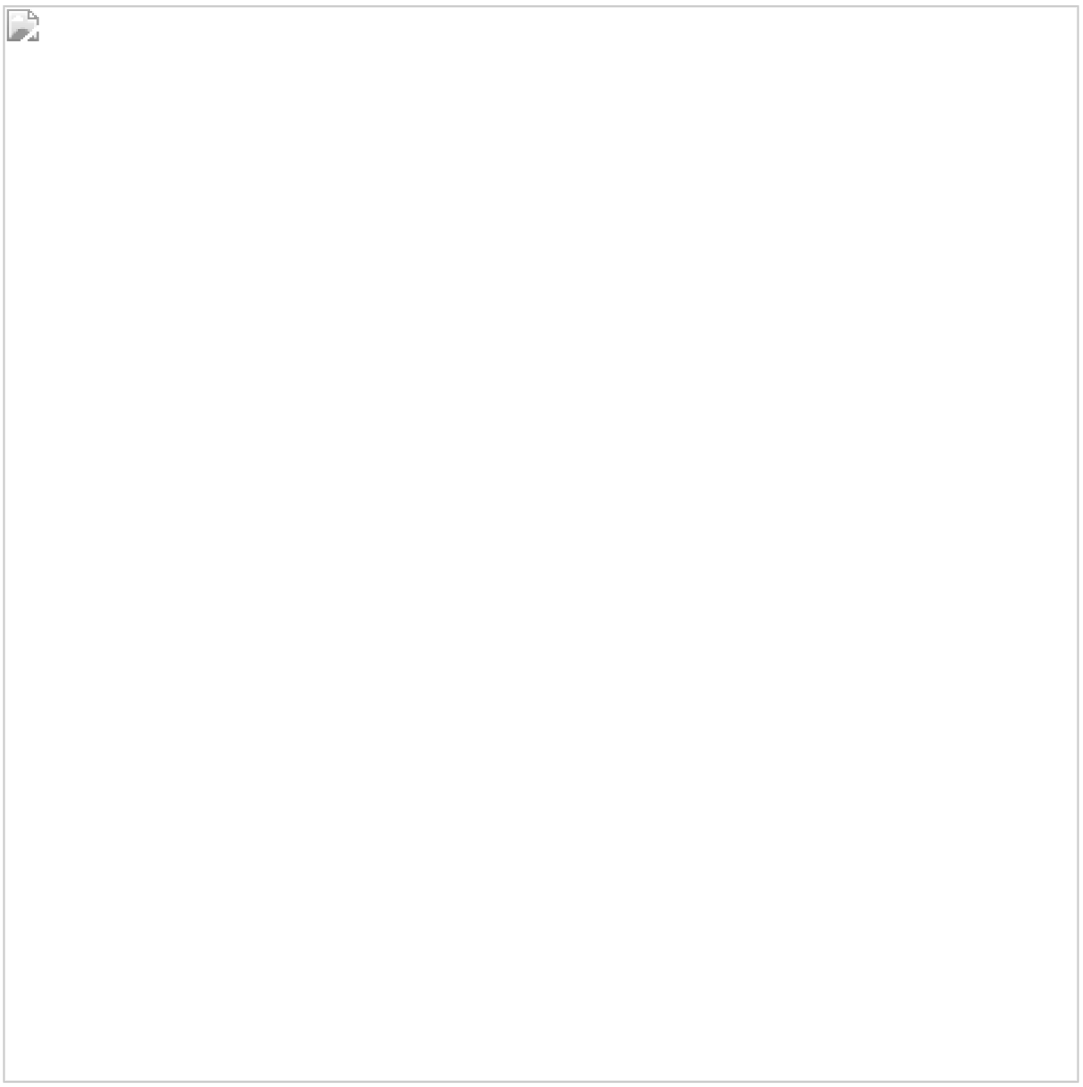
Sindbad bought goods for the places he meant to visit. He set sail in a good ship with other merchants he knew to be honourable men.

They went from island to island, making good bargains. One day they landed at a place covered with fruit trees and full of clear springs, but with no houses and no people.

The others wandered about picking flowers and fruit. Sindbad sat in a shady spot, enjoyed the food and wine he had brought, and fell asleep to the murmur of a brook.

TALK ABOUT IT

Sindbad fell asleep in a peaceful place. Where is the most peaceful place you know?

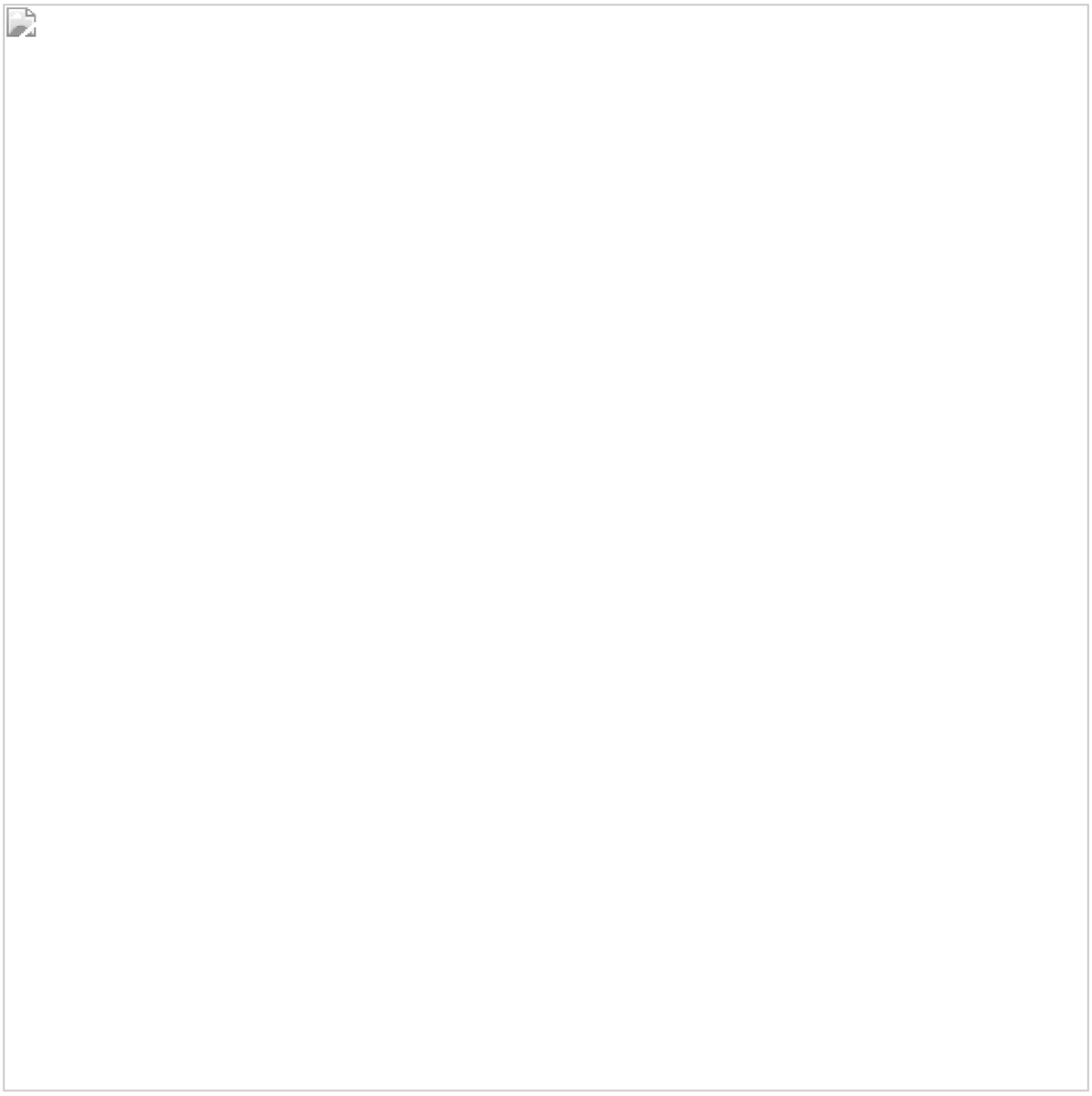


Think about it

1. What did Sindbad do while the others picked flowers and fruit?

- ○ He fell asleep by a brook
- ○ He climbed a mountain
- ○ He fished

The Ship Was Gone



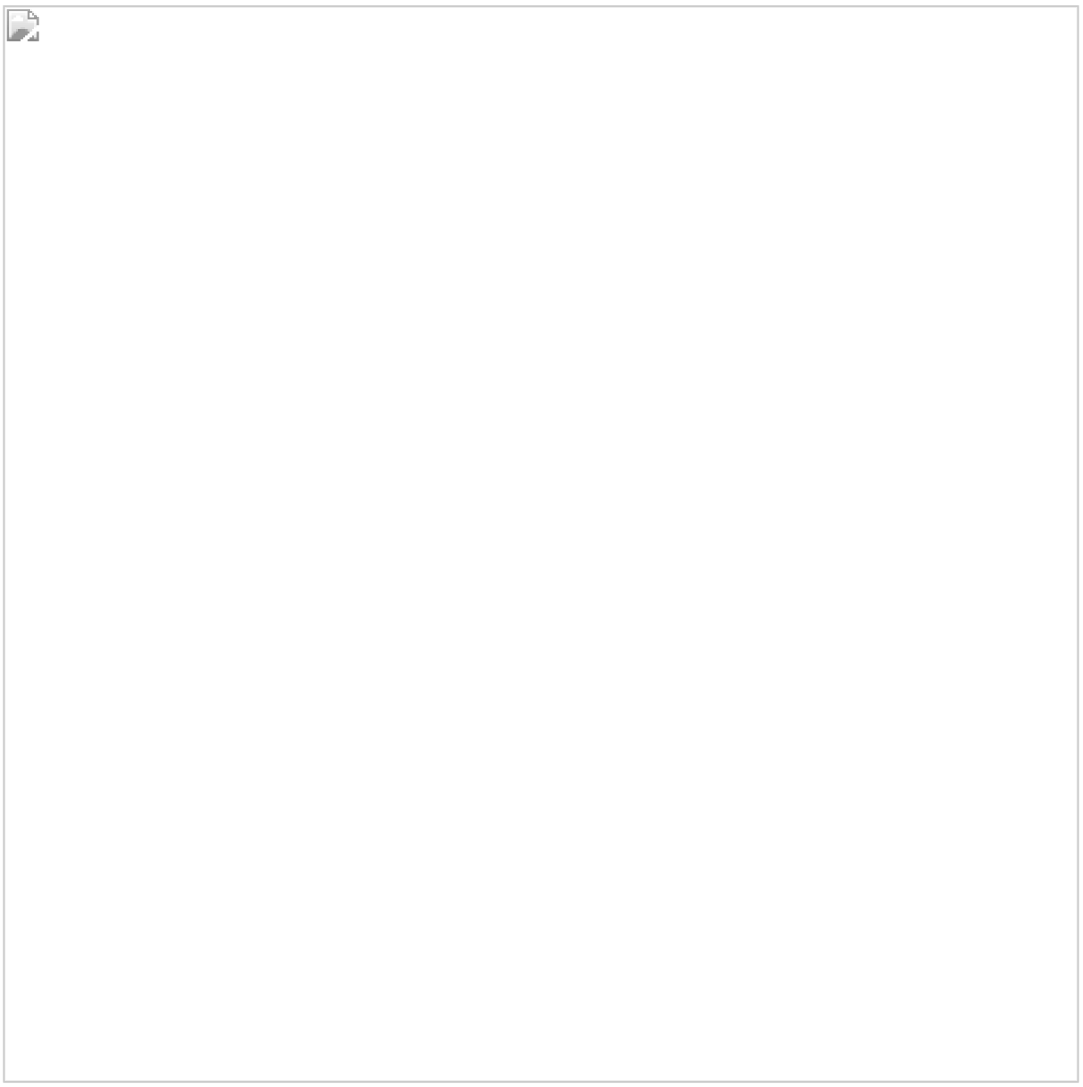
When Sindbad woke, he was alone. The ship was gone. He ran to and fro, crying out. Then he saw the ship under full sail, just disappearing on the horizon.

He “wished bitterly enough that I had been content to stay at home in safety.” But “since wishes could do me no good,” he took courage and looked about for a way to escape.

He climbed a tall tree. The sea showed him nothing hopeful. But on the land side he saw a huge, dazzling white object, far away.

TALK ABOUT IT

Sindbad was scared, and then he took courage. What helps you feel brave when you are scared?

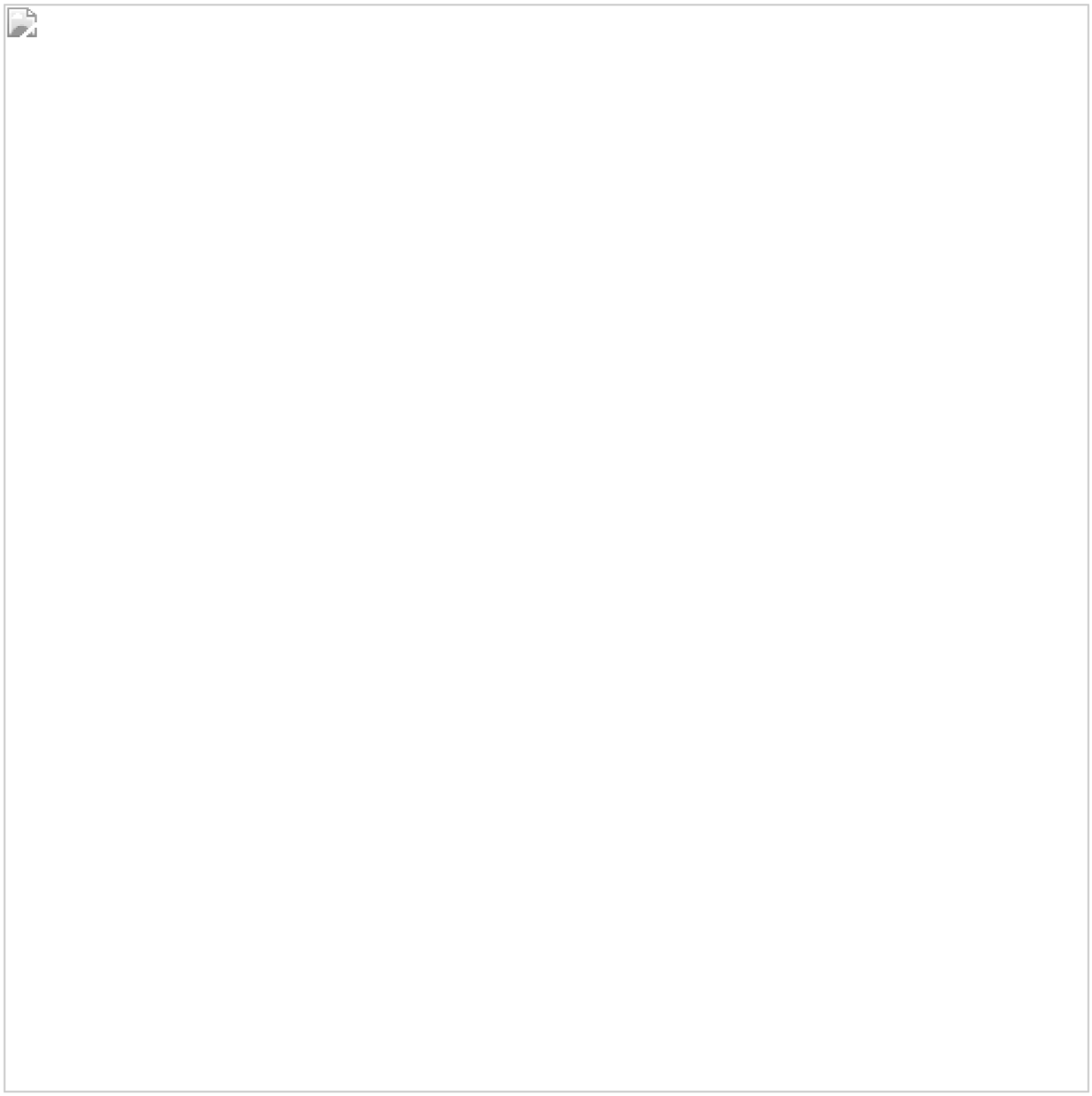


Think about it

1. What did Sindbad see from the top of the tree?

- ○ A huge white object far off
- ○ A rescue ship
- ○ A castle

The White Ball



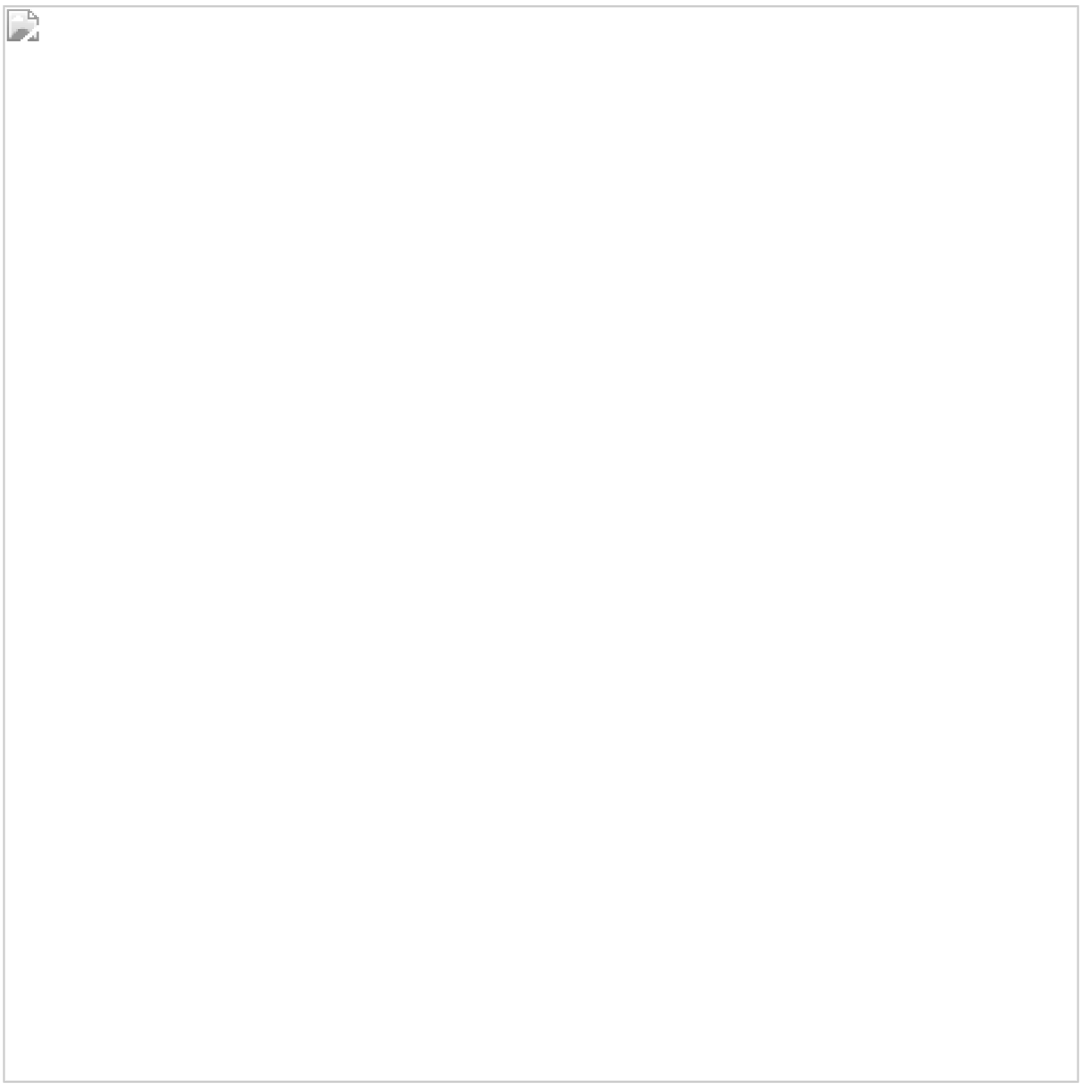
Sindbad climbed down and hurried toward it. It looked like a white ball, of great size and height. When he touched it, it was marvellously smooth and soft. There was no foothold and no opening. He counted that it was at least fifty paces around.

The sun was nearly setting when it suddenly grew dark. Something like a huge black cloud came swiftly over him. It was a bird of extraordinary size.

Then Sindbad remembered that sailors spoke of a wonderful bird called a roc. The white object must be its egg.

TALK ABOUT IT

What is the biggest animal you have ever seen, in a book or in real life?

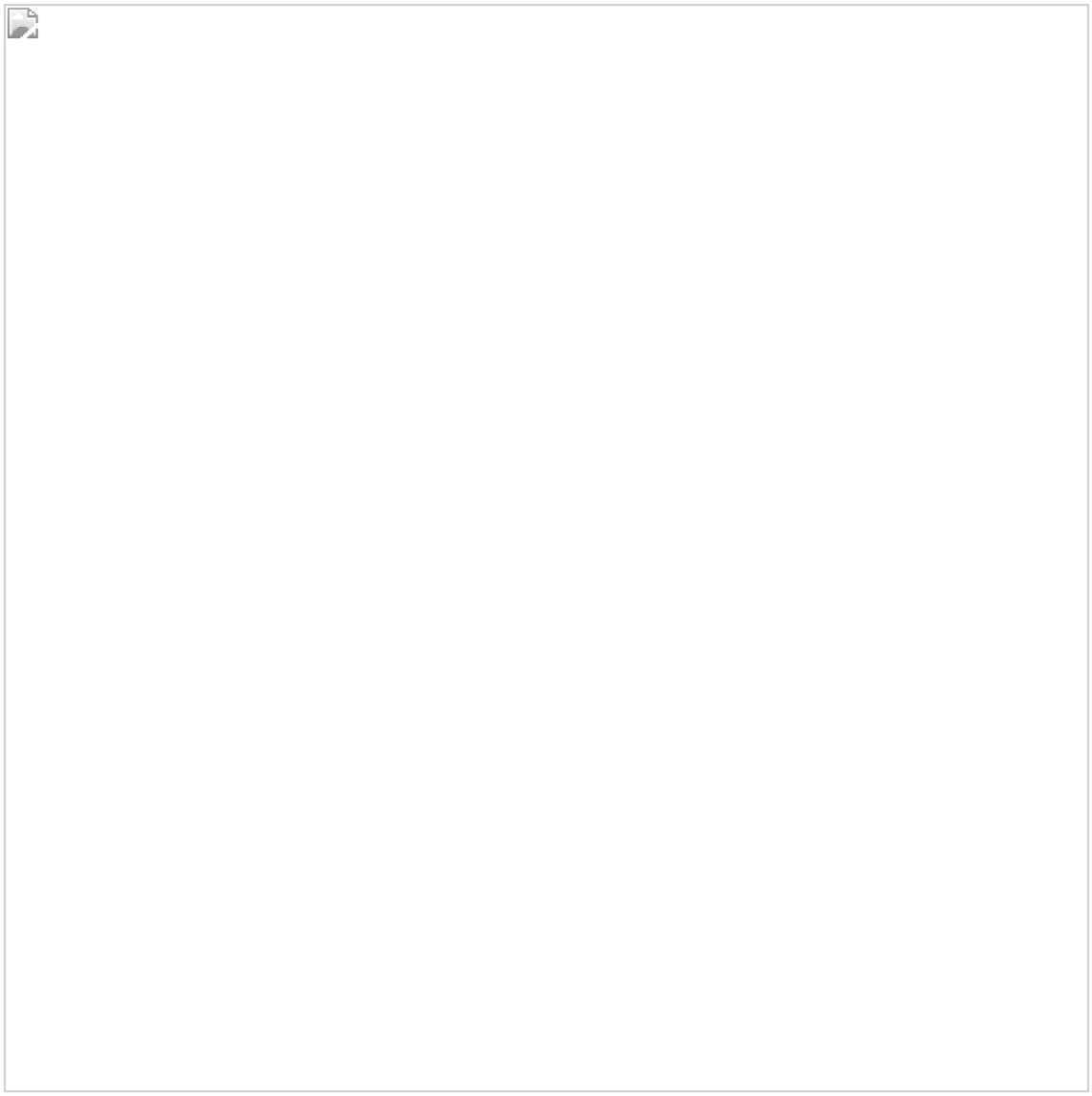


Think about it

1. What was the white ball?

- ○ A cloud
- ○ A roc's egg
- ○ A stone

Tied to the Roc's Foot



The roc settled down on the egg and covered it with her wings. One of her feet, as large as the trunk of a tree, was just in front of Sindbad.

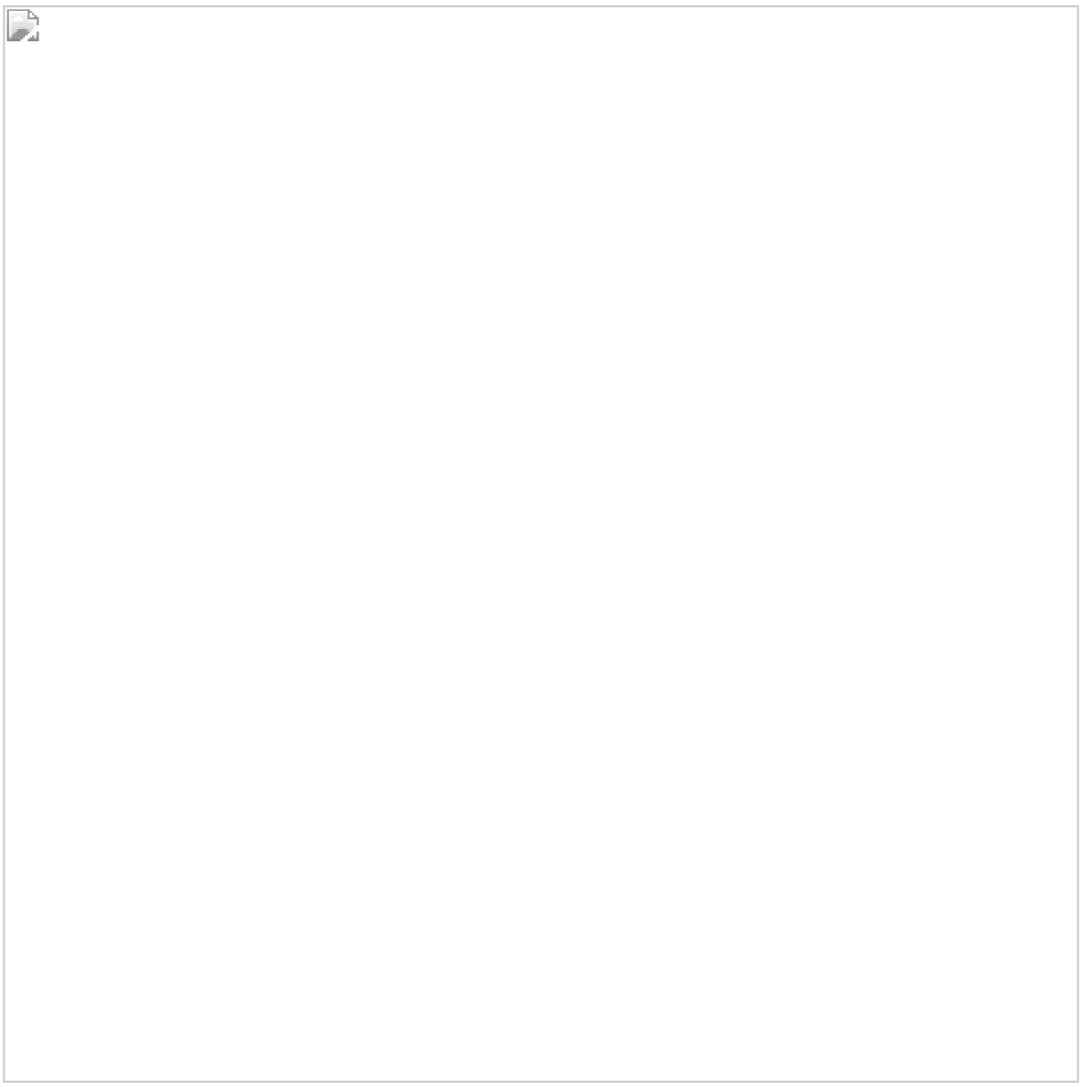
He took off his turban and bound himself to the foot with the linen. He hoped the roc would carry him away from the desolate island when she flew in the morning.

And that is just what happened. At dawn the bird rose, up and up, and then came down so fast that Sindbad almost fainted. When she landed, he quickly untied himself. Then the roc caught a huge snake and flew away with it.

TALK ABOUT IT

Sindbad thought of a plan and tried it. Have you ever tried a big idea, even though you were not sure?

Tied to the Roc's Foot · another picture

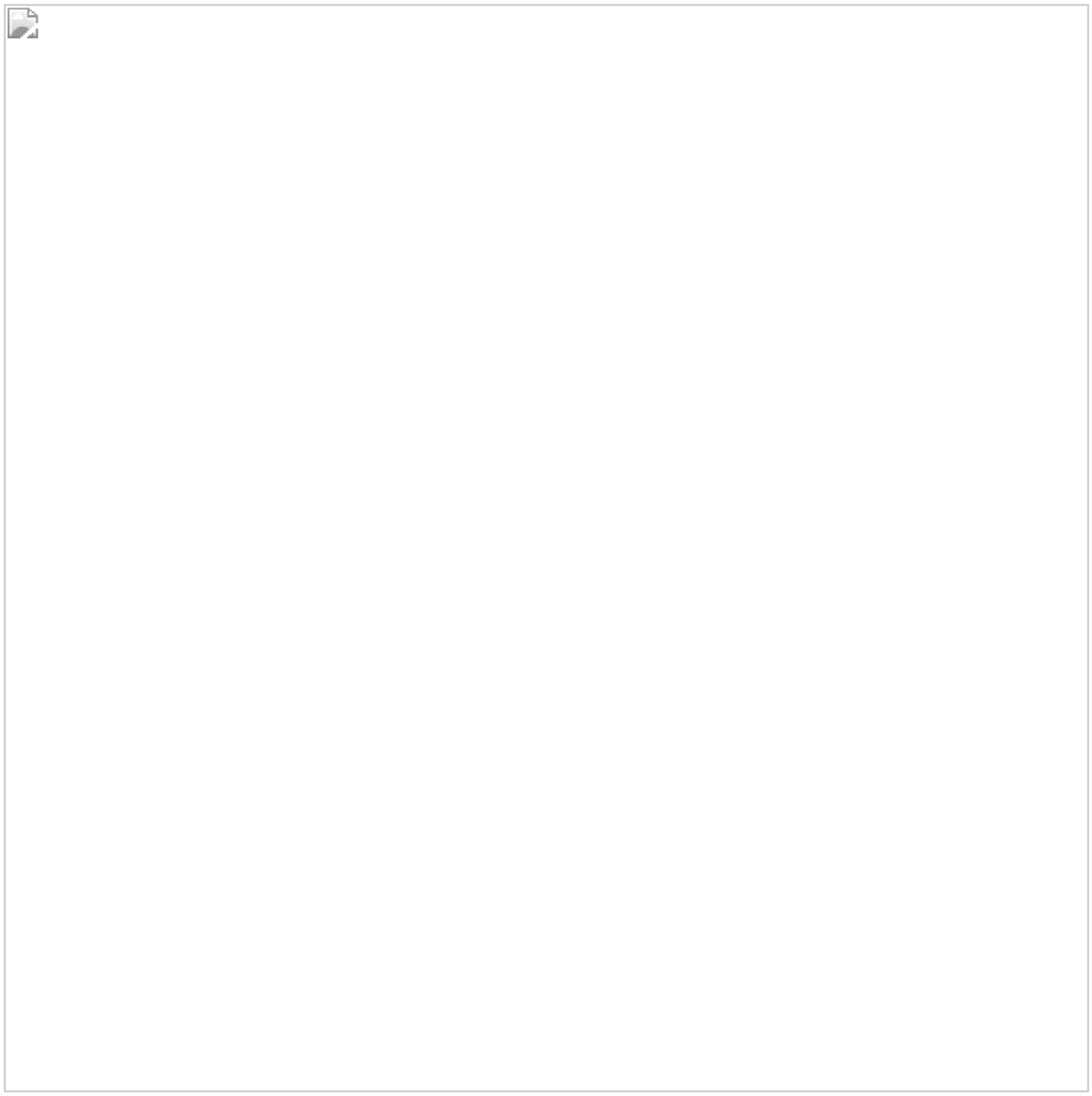


Think about it

1. How did Sindbad get off the island?

- ○ He tied himself to the roc's foot
- ○ He built a raft
- ○ A ship came back for him

The Valley of Diamonds



Sindbad looked about. The valley was deep and narrow, with mountains all around, so steep that there was no way to climb them. “I began to doubt if I had gained anything by quitting the desolate island,” he said.

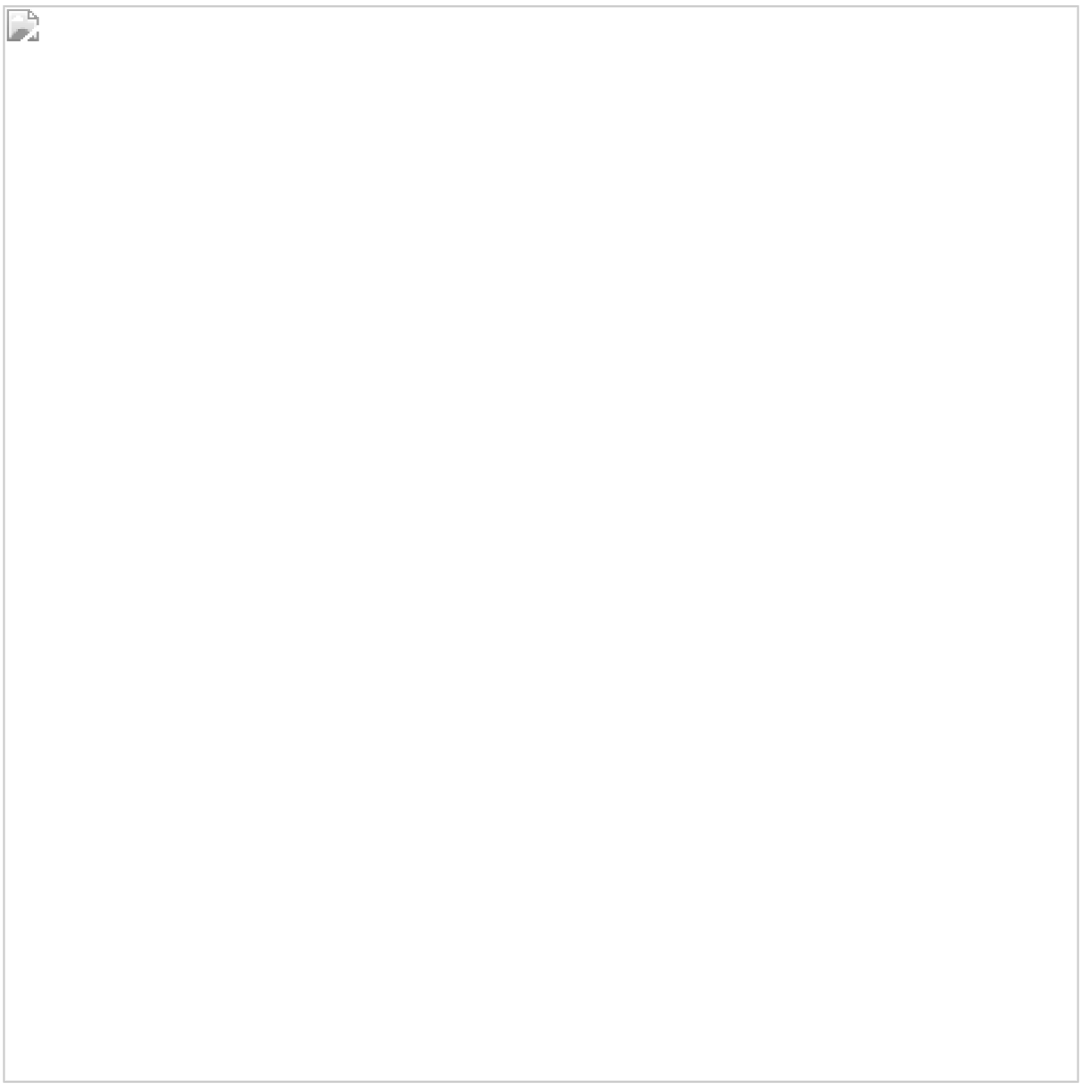
As he wandered, he saw that the ground was strewn with diamonds, some of them astonishingly big. That pleased him. But then he saw snakes, so long and so large that “the smallest of them could have swallowed an elephant with ease.”

The snakes seemed to hide in caves by day and come out only at night, probably because of their enemy the roc.

TALK ABOUT IT

Sindbad was surrounded by diamonds and was still in trouble. What do you think matters more than treasure?

The Valley of Diamonds · another picture

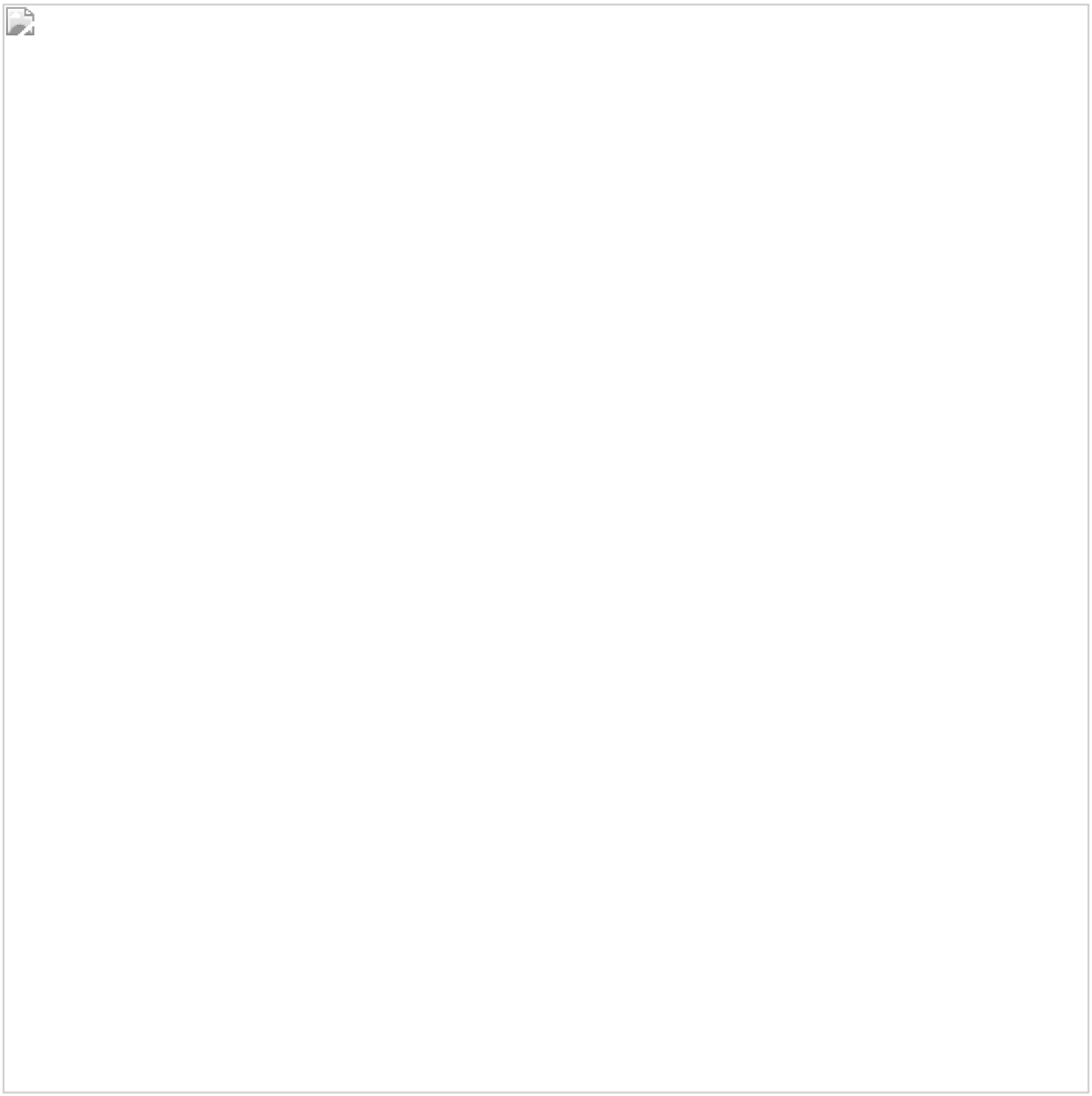


Think about it

1. What covered the ground of the valley?

- ○ Gold coins
- ○ Diamonds
- ○ Snow

A Night in the Cave

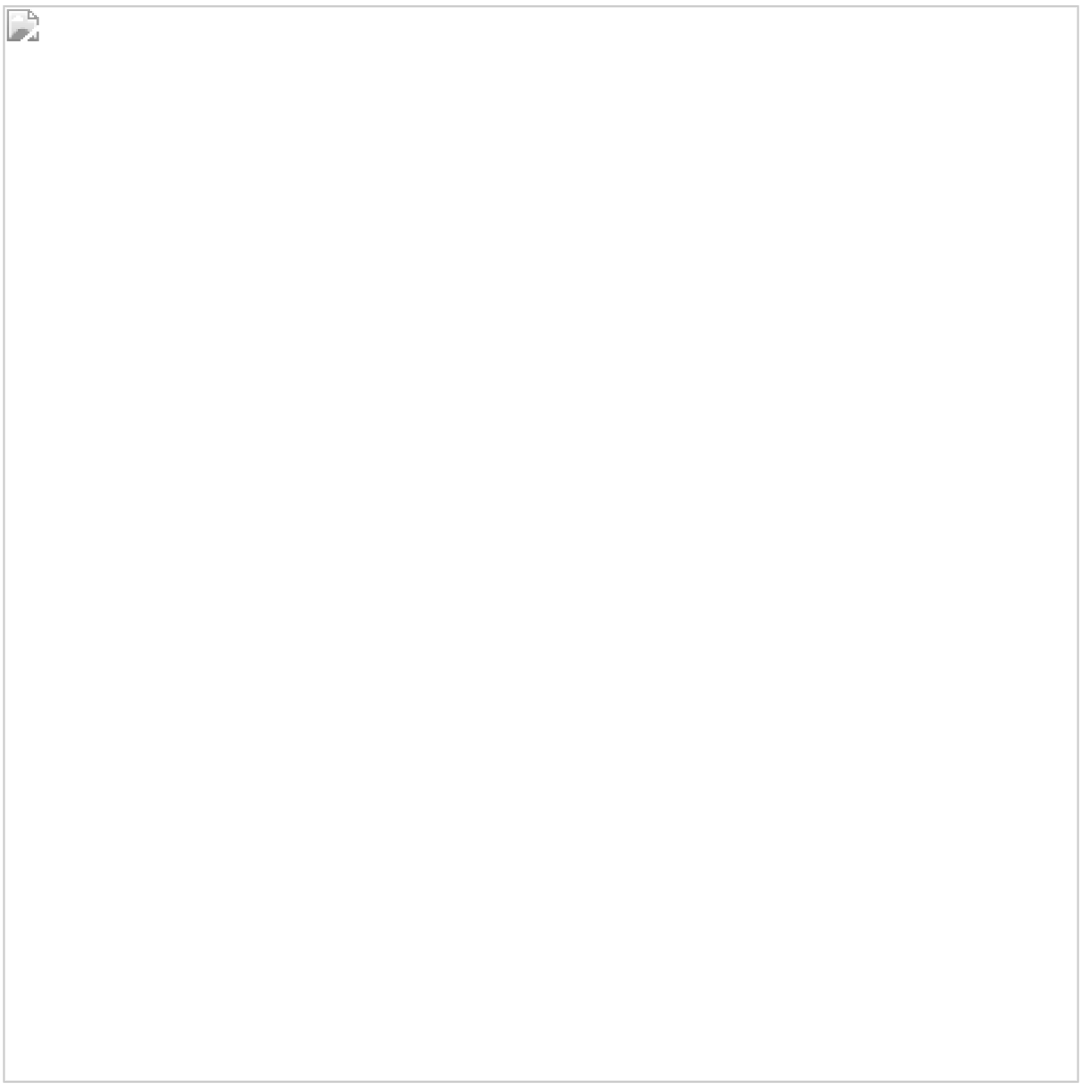


All day Sindbad wandered the valley. At dusk he crept into a little cave and blocked the door with a stone. He ate a little of his food and lay down, but all through the night the snakes crawled to and fro outside, hissing horribly, and he could hardly close his eyes for fear.

He was thankful when morning came. When the hissing stopped, he came out, trembling, and walked about the valley again, kicking the diamonds out of his path. They were “vain things to a man in my situation,” he felt.

TALK ABOUT IT

Sindbad was scared all night. What helps you when you cannot sleep?

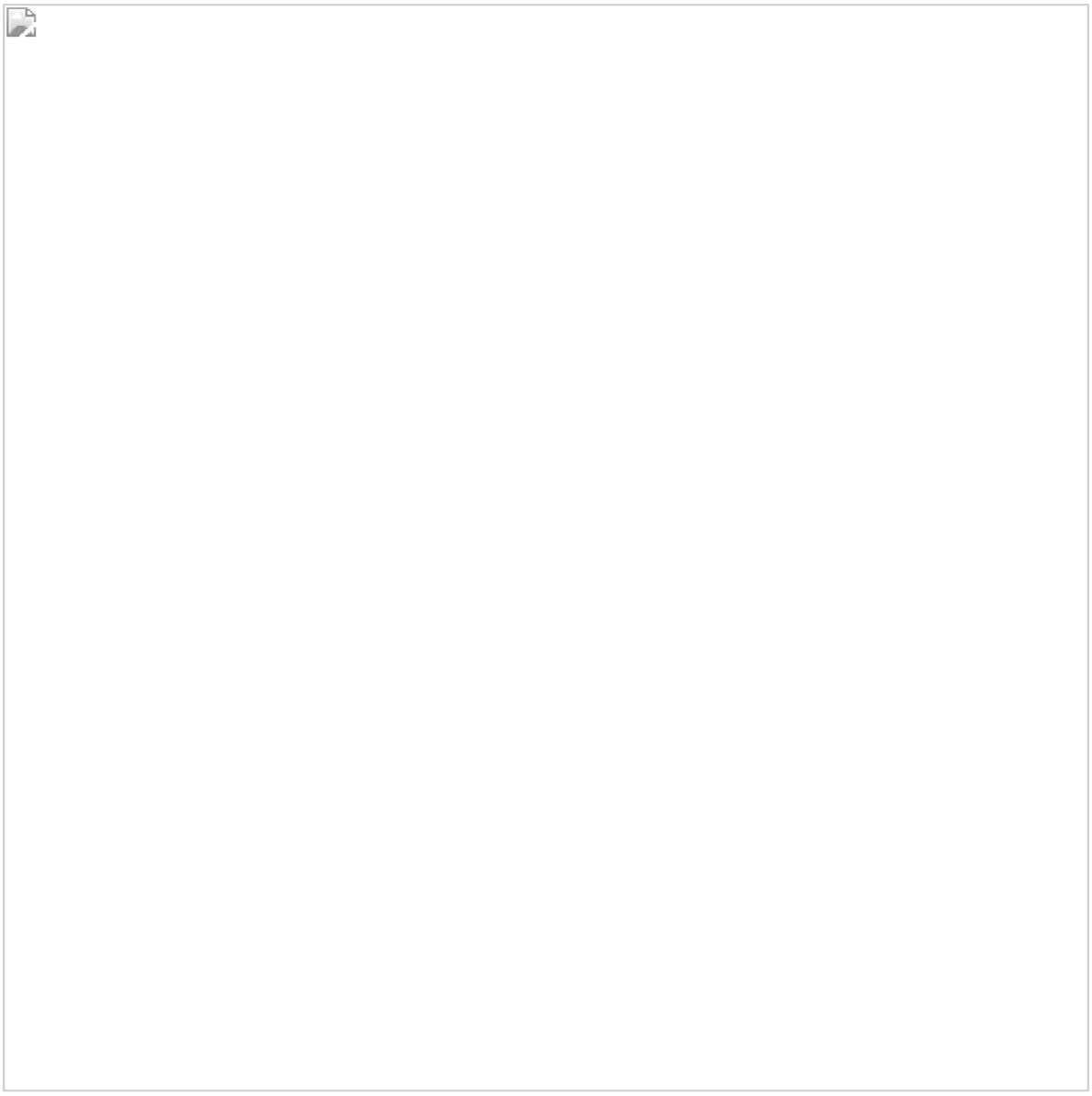


Think about it

1. How did Sindbad keep the snakes out of his cave?

- ○ He lit a fire
- ○ He blocked the door with a stone
- ○ He sang

Something Falls from the Sky



At last he sat down on a rock, tired out. Then a huge piece of fresh meat fell with a thud right beside him. More pieces came rolling over the cliffs in other places.

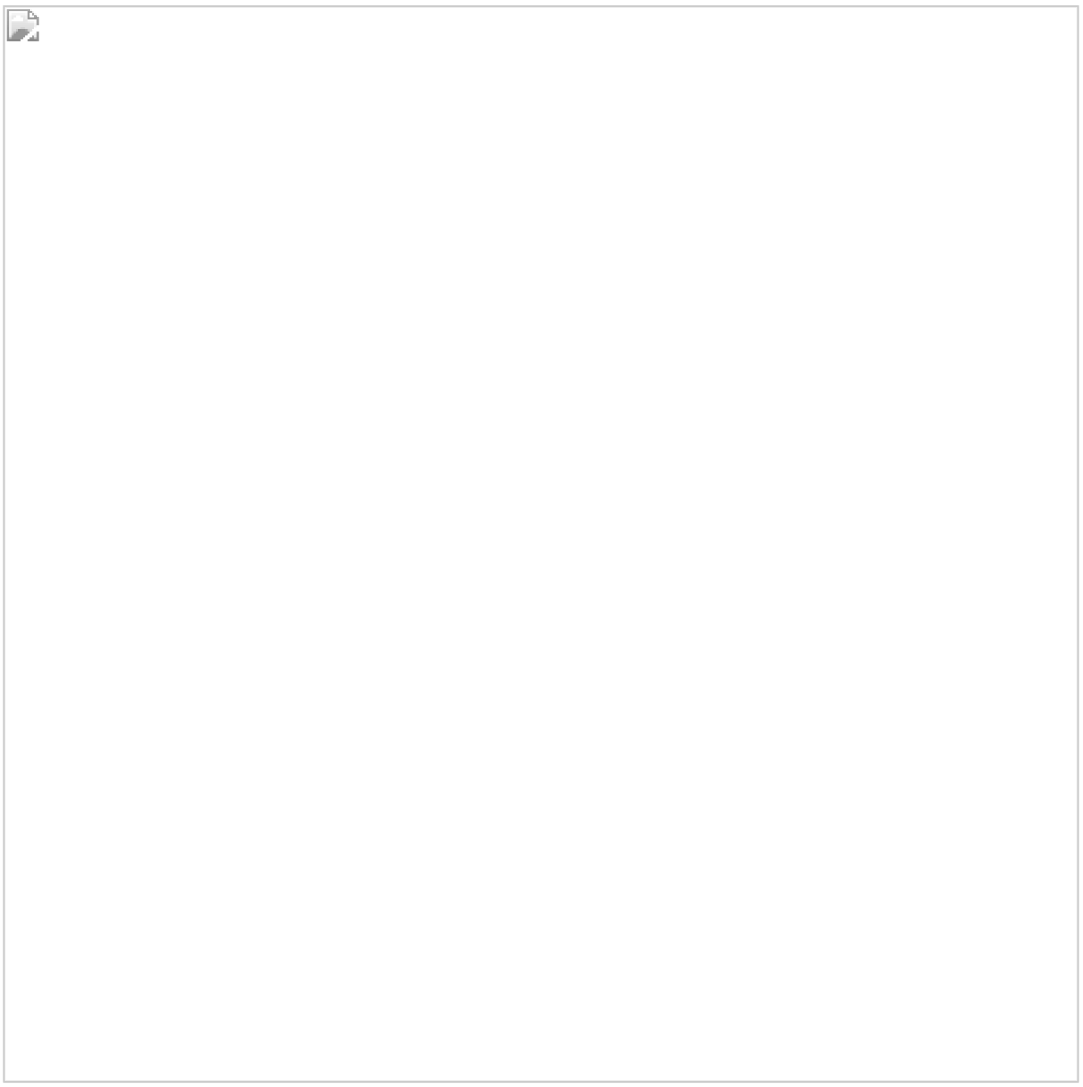
Sindbad remembered the sailors' stories of the valley of diamonds. He had thought they were only travellers' tales. Now he saw they were true.

When the eagles had young, the merchants threw big lumps of meat into the valley, and diamonds stuck to the meat. The eagles carried it up to their nests, and the merchants scared them away with shouts and took the diamonds.

TALK ABOUT IT

The merchants had a clever way to get diamonds. Can you think of a clever way to solve a problem you had?

Something Falls from the Sky · another picture



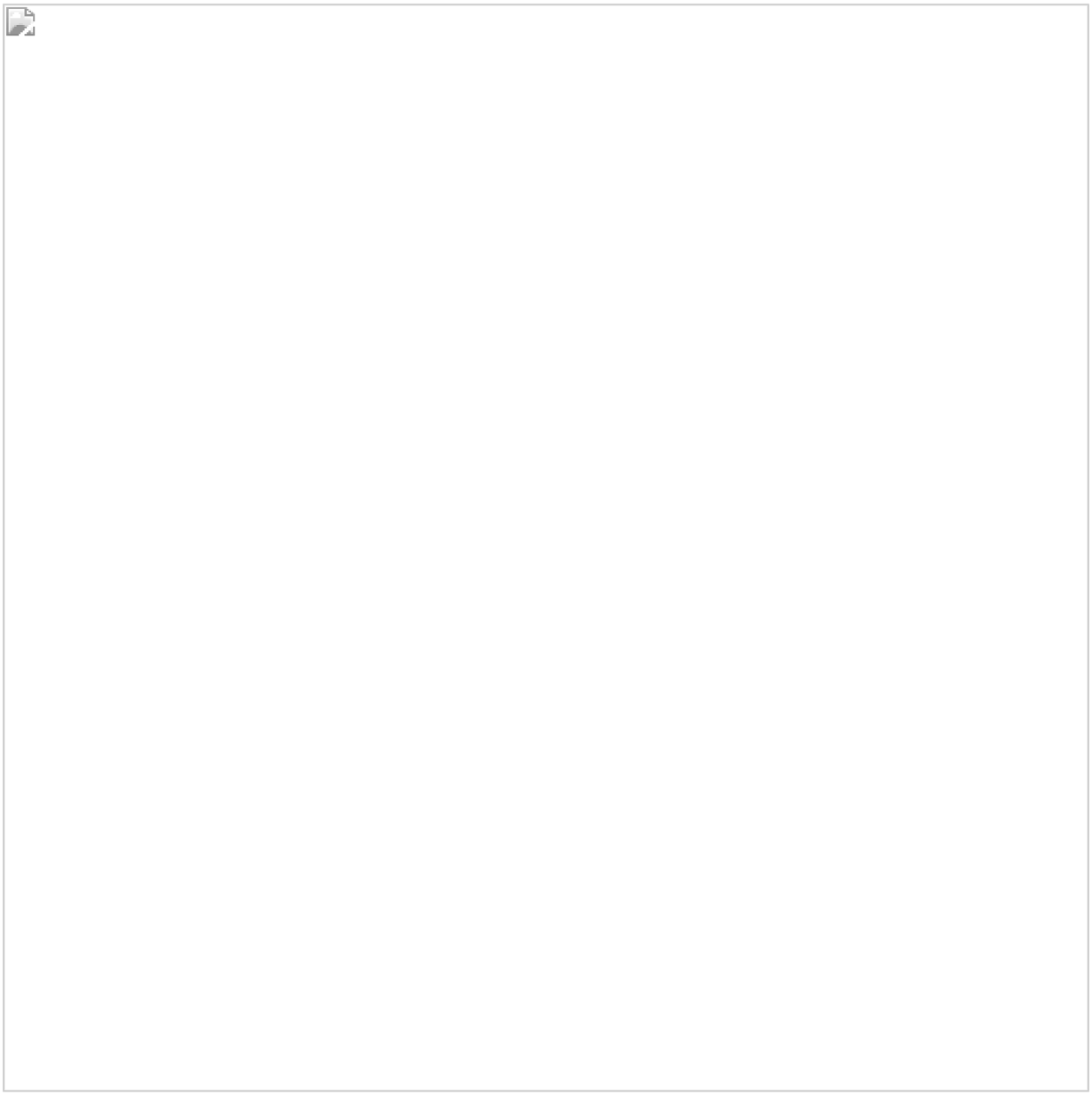
Think about it

1. What did the merchants throw into the valley?

- ○ Ropes
- ○ Big lumps of meat
- ○ Baskets

2. Why do you think Sindbad took courage when he saw the meat?

Carried by an Eagle



Until then Sindbad had looked on the valley as his grave. Now he took courage and made a plan.

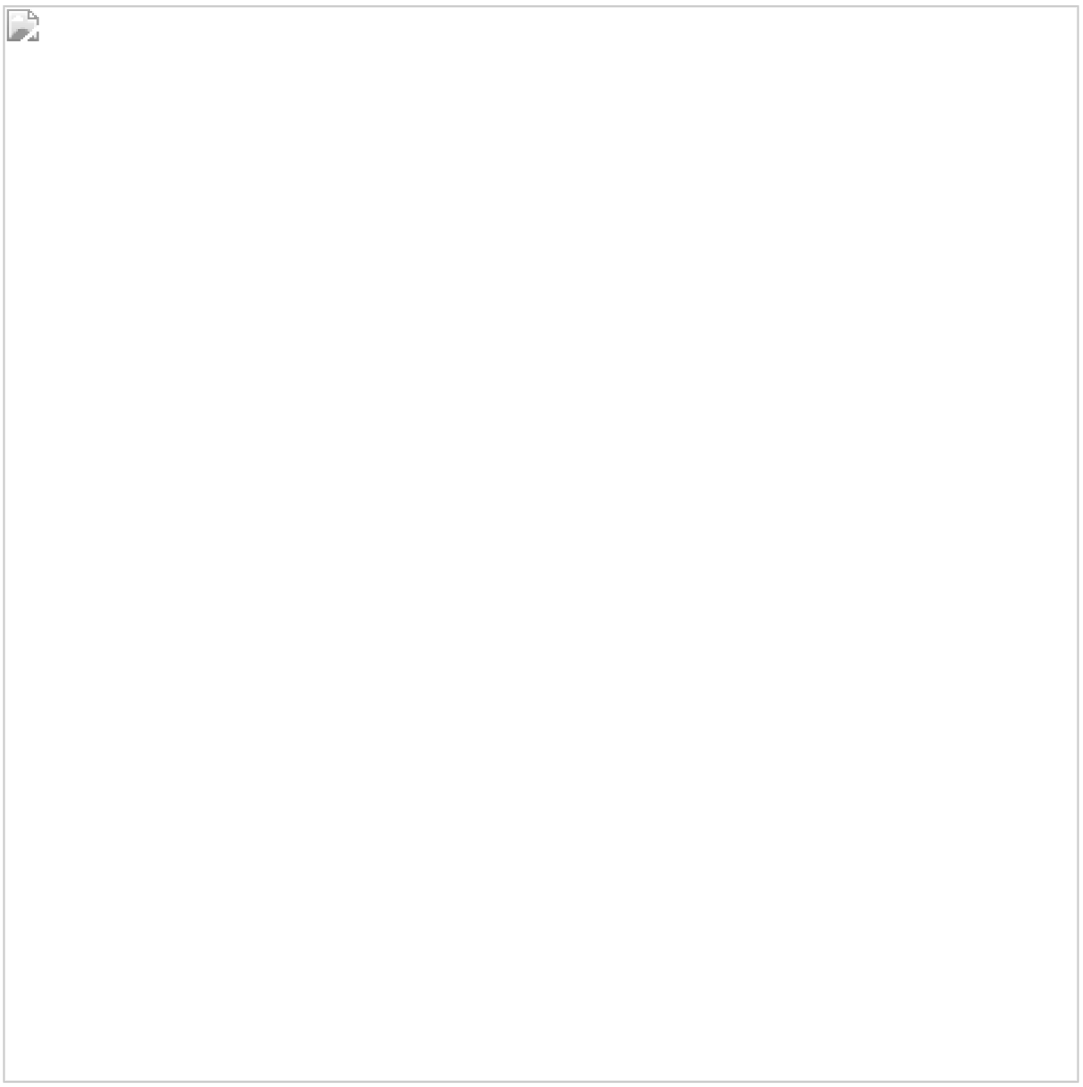
First he picked up the largest diamonds he could find and put them in the leather wallet that had held his food, and tied it to his belt. Then he chose the best piece of meat and bound it to his back with his turban. He lay face down and waited.

Soon he heard great wings flapping. An eagle seized the meat, and Sindbad with it, and rose slowly toward its nest. There it dropped him.

TALK ABOUT IT

Sindbad had to wait quietly for his plan to work. Is waiting easy or hard for you?

Carried by an Eagle · another picture

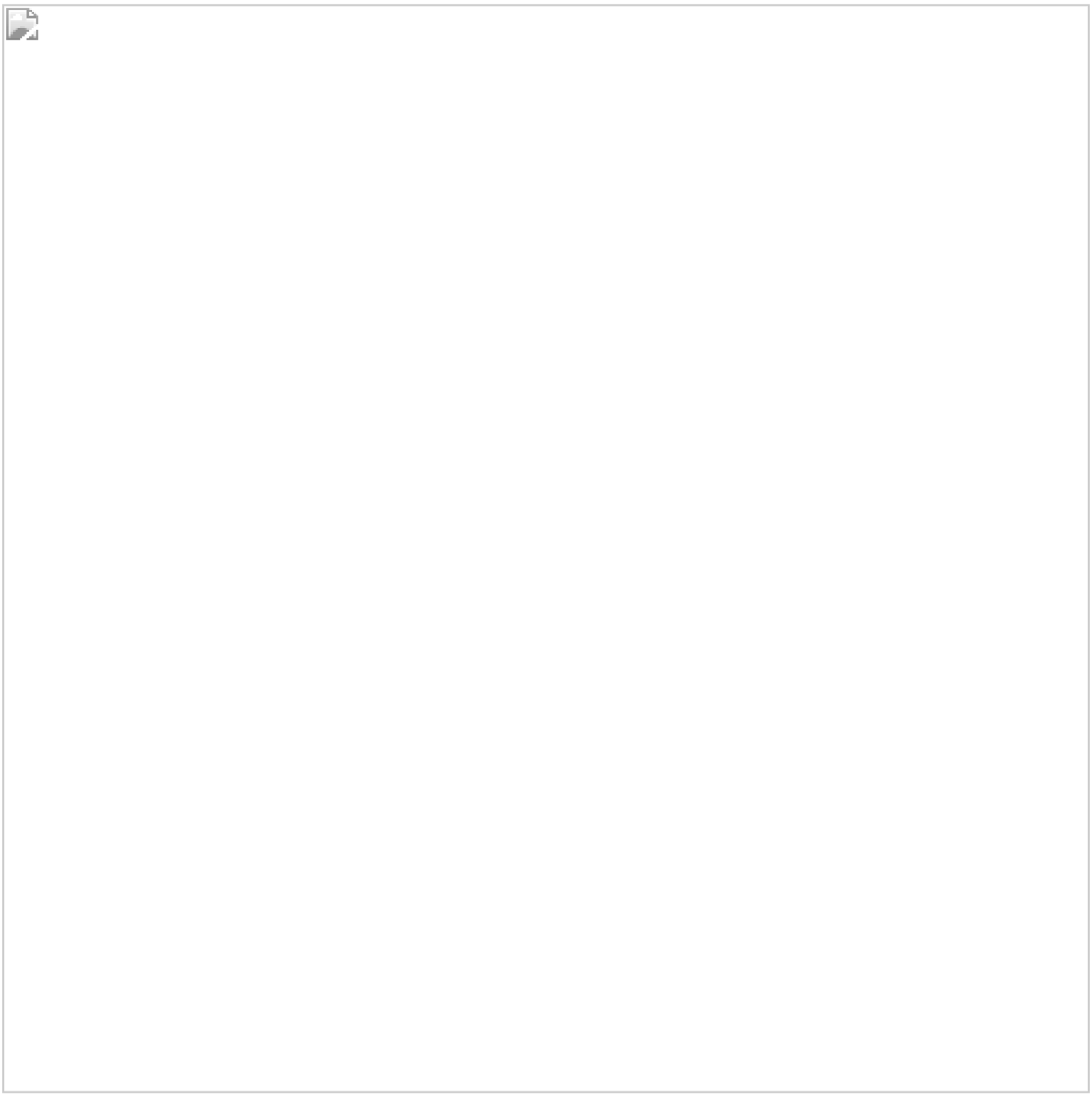


Think about it

1. Where did Sindbad put the diamonds?

- ○ In his turban
- ○ In his leather wallet
- ○ In his shoes

Diamonds for the Merchants



The merchants rushed up with their usual shouts and scared the eagle away. When they found Sindbad in the nest, they began to scold him for taking their profit.

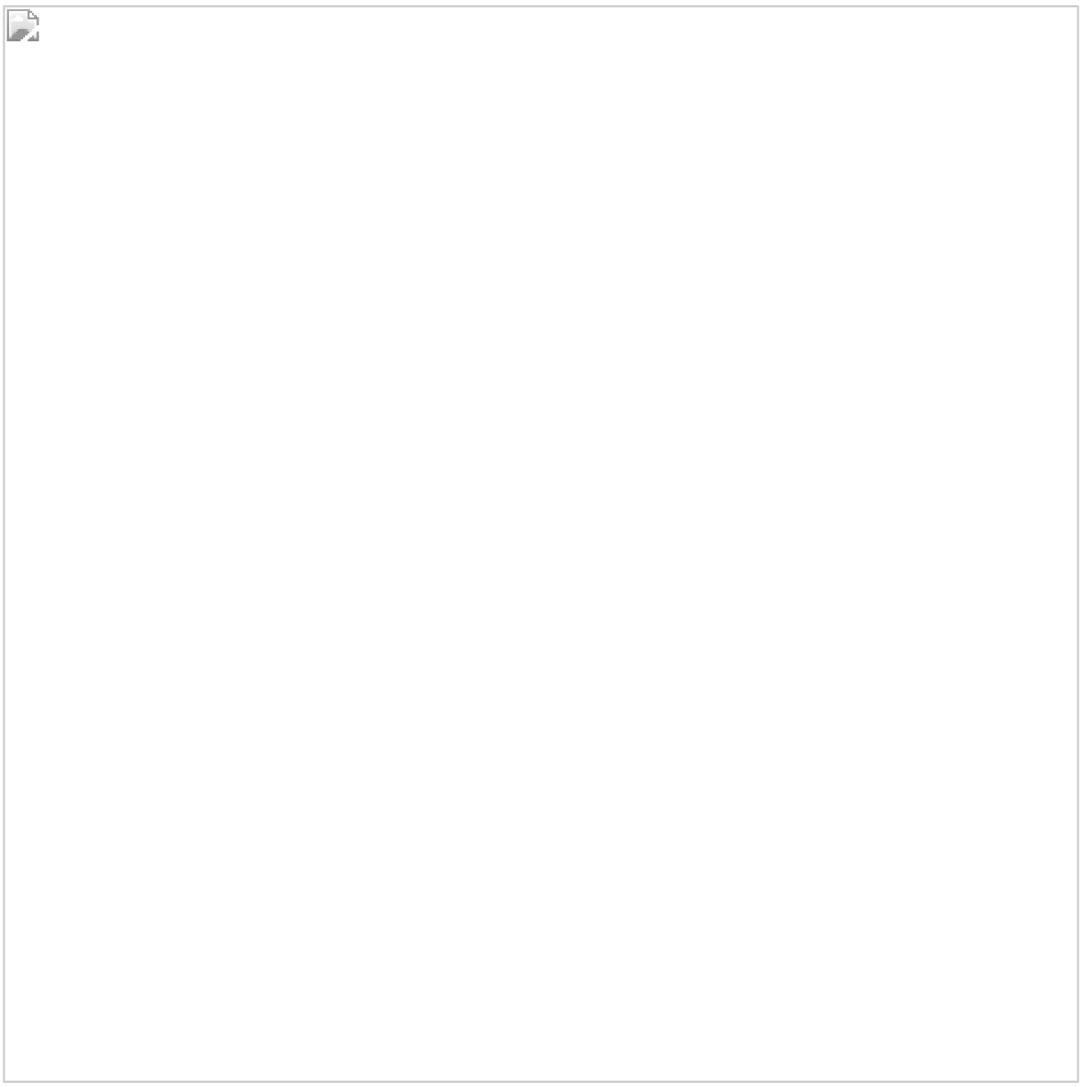
Sindbad spoke to the one who seemed most upset. “I am sure, if you knew all that I have suffered, you would show more kindness towards me, and as for diamonds, I have enough here of the very best for you and me and all your company.”

He showed his diamonds, and the merchants led him to their camp. In all their years of trade, they said, they had never seen stones so big and so beautiful.

TALK ABOUT IT

Sindbad offered to share his diamonds even when the merchants were cross with him. Why do you think he did that?

Diamonds for the Merchants · another picture

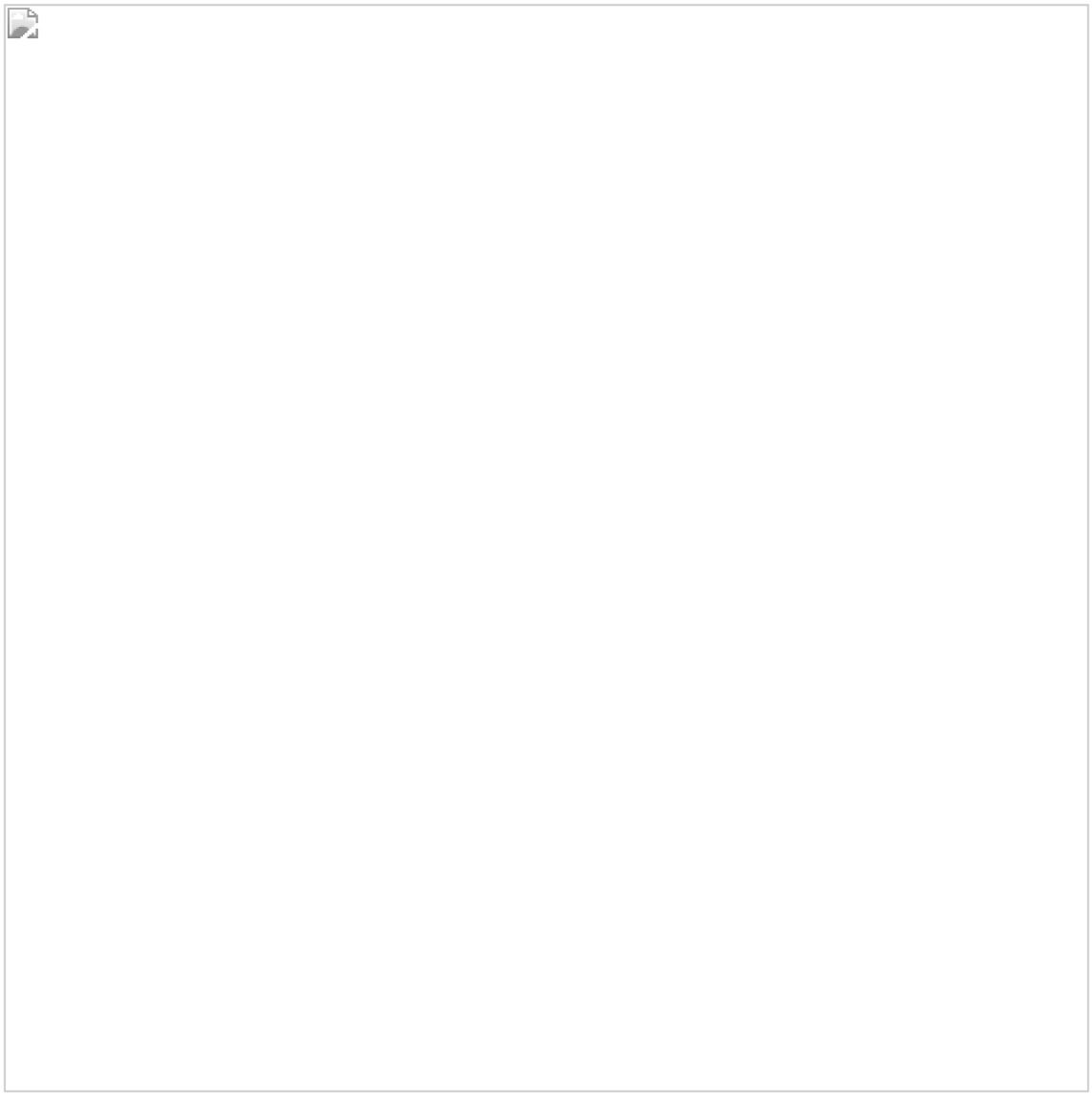


Think about it

1. What did Sindbad offer the merchants?

- ○ Some of his diamonds
- ○ His turban
- ○ His ship

Just One Stone



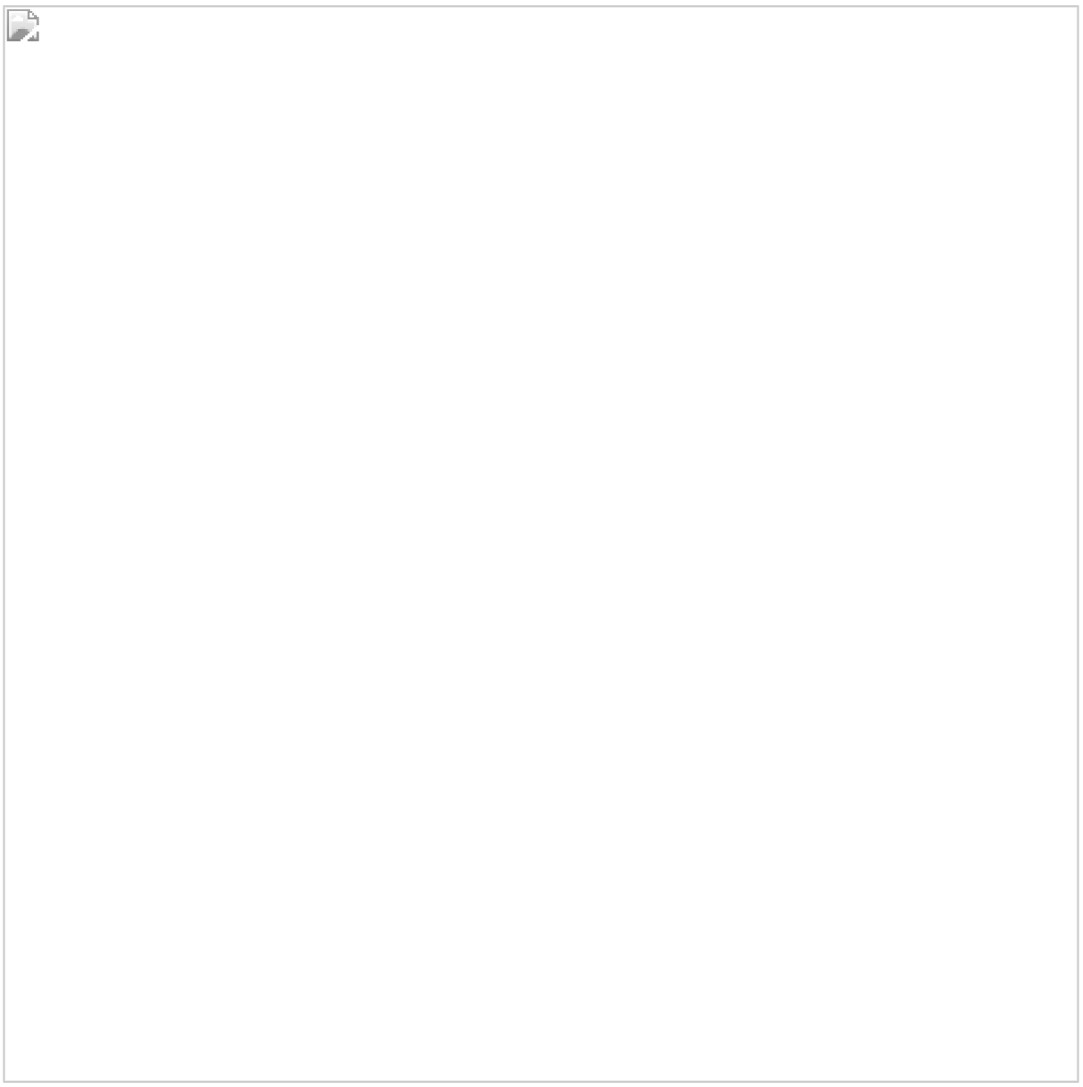
Each merchant chose a particular nest and took his chance of what he might find in it. Sindbad asked the merchant who owned his nest to take as much of his treasure as he liked.

But the man took just one stone, and not the largest. He said that with such a gem “his fortune was made,” and he need work no more.

Sindbad stayed with the merchants several days, and then went with them as they travelled home. They crossed high mountains where frightful snakes lived, but they had the good luck to escape them and came to the sea.

TALK ABOUT IT

The merchant only took one stone, even when he could have taken more. What do you think about that?

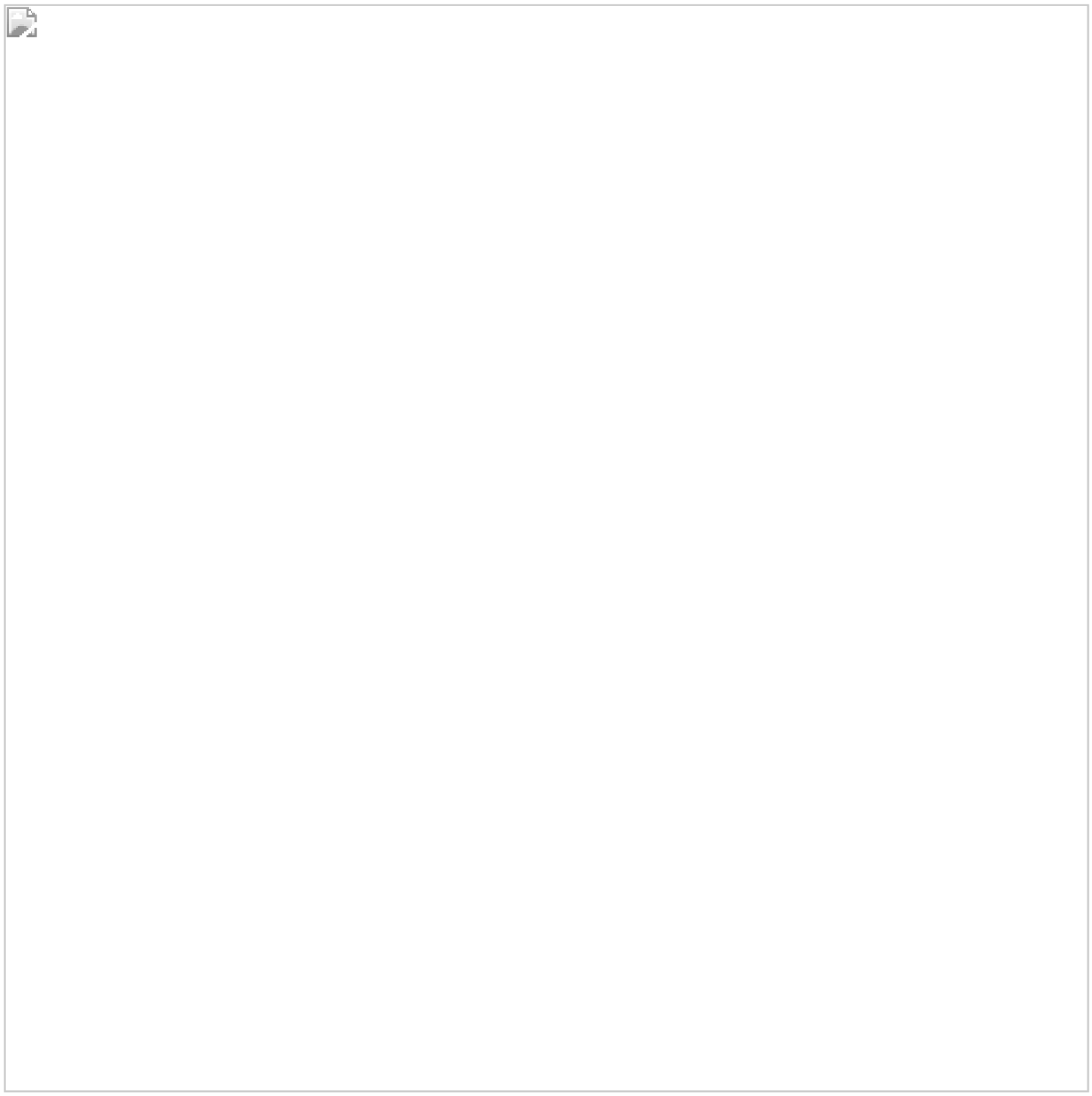


Think about it

1. How many stones did the merchant take?

- ○ All of them
- ○ Just one
- ○ Ten

The Isle of Rohat



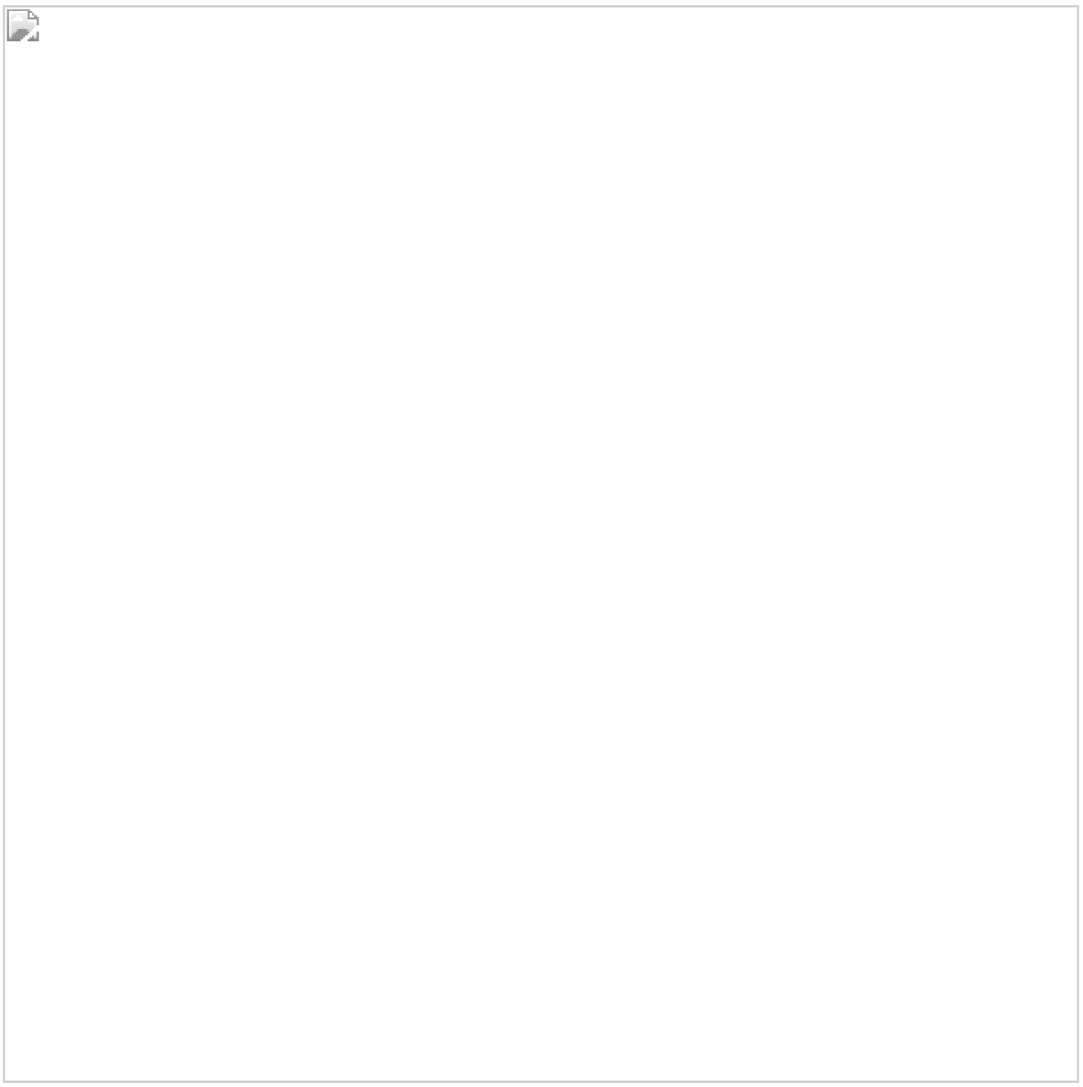
Then they sailed to the isle of Rohat, where the camphor trees grow so big that a hundred men could shelter under one. People cut a place high up in the tree, and the sap runs into a vessel and hardens into camphor.

On Rohat they also saw the rhinoceros, smaller than an elephant and larger than a buffalo. Its one horn bears the picture of a man in white lines. It fights the elephant, and when both fall, the roc carries them off to feed her young.

Sindbad told his listeners, “if you do not believe my tale go to Rohat and see for yourself.”

TALK ABOUT IT

Sindbad says, go and see for yourself. What would you most like to go and see for yourself?

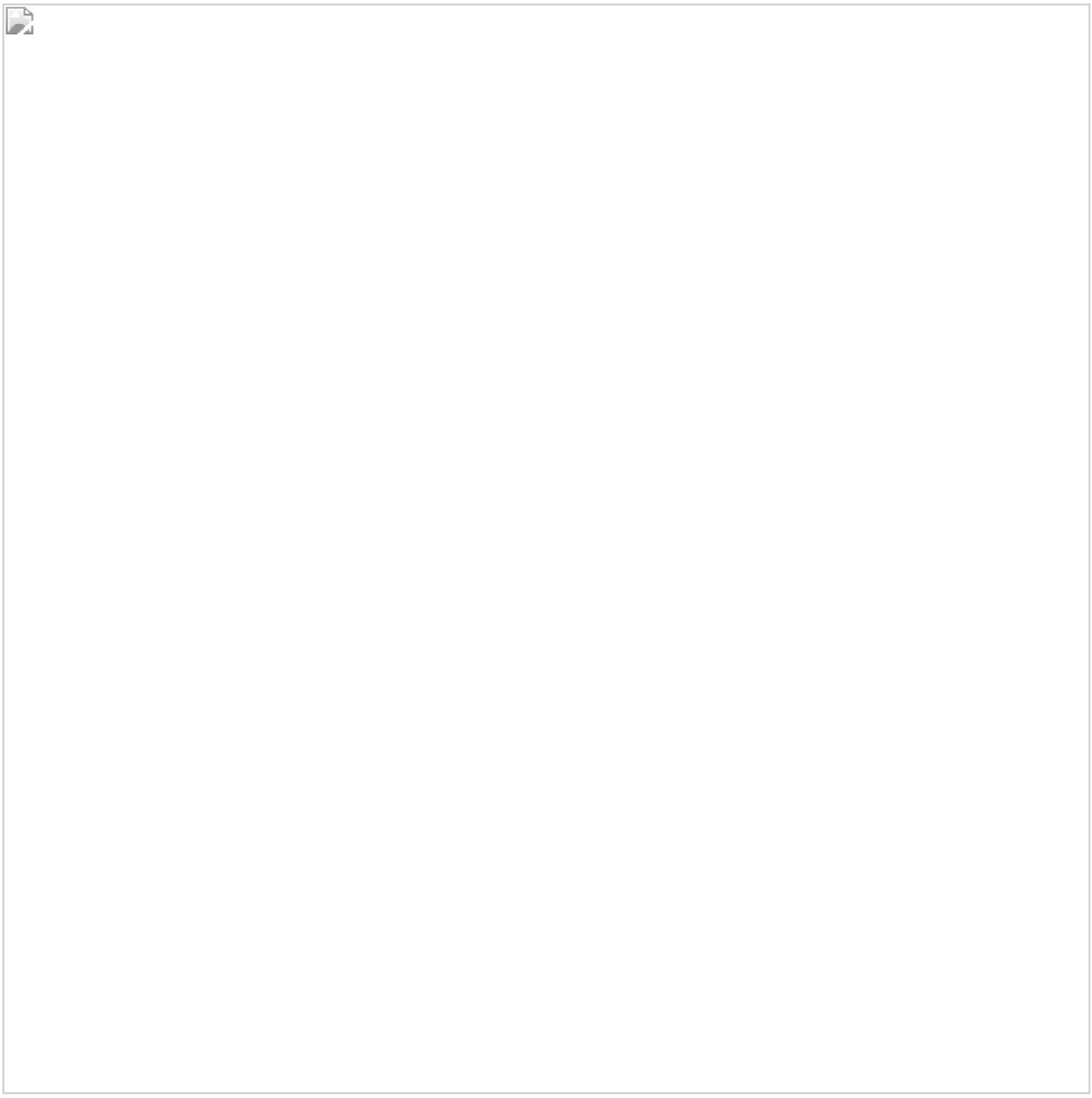


Think about it

1. What do people make from the sap of the camphor tree?

- ○ Camphor
- ○ Honey
- ○ Ink

Home to Bagdad



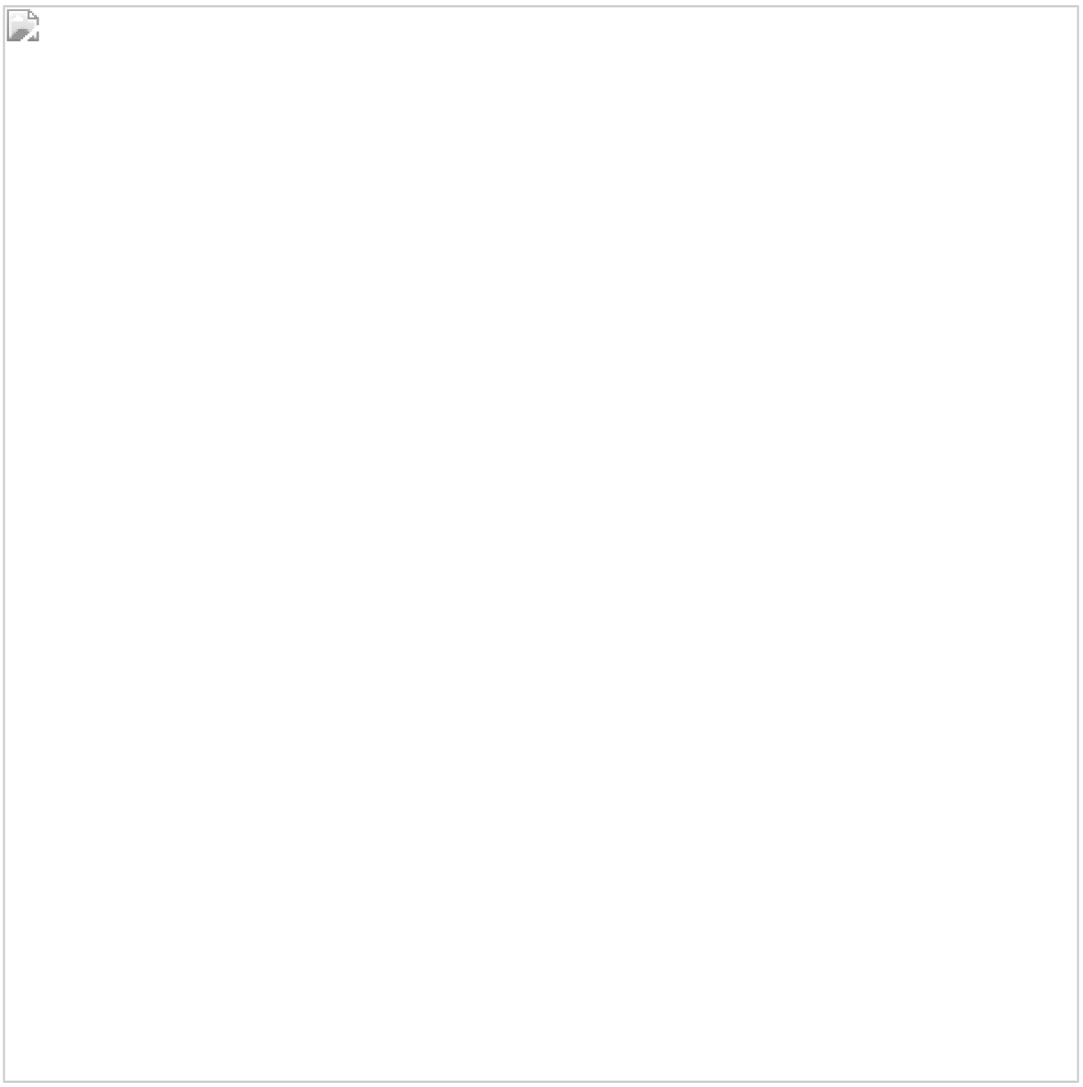
Before leaving Rohat, Sindbad traded one of his diamonds for a great deal of goods, and he made a good profit on the way home.

At last they reached Balsora, and Sindbad hurried on to Bagdad.

His first action there was “to bestow large sums of money upon the poor.” After that he settled down to enjoy, quietly, the riches he had gained with so much work and pain.

TALK ABOUT IT

Sindbad's first act at home was to give to people who needed it. Who could you help first?



Think about it

1. What did Sindbad do first when he got home to Bagdad?

- ○ Gave large sums of money to the poor
- ○ Built a new ship
- ○ Went back to sea

2. Which part of Sindbad's adventure would you tell your friends about first?

“There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

— Yeshua HaMashiach

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