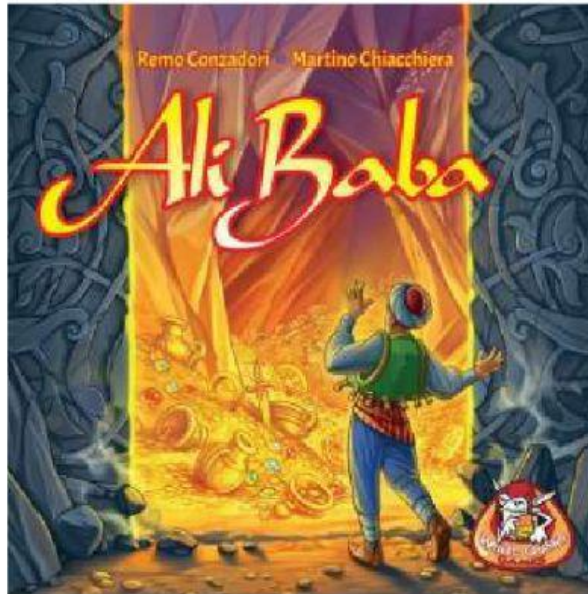


Ali Baba and The Forty Thieves



In Persia, there lived two brothers. They were Cassim and Ali Baba. One day, their father died and greedy Cassim drove away Ali Baba. So, Ali Baba left the house. He went into the forest and saw forty thieves. In front of the big rock, they said, "OPEN SESAME!" With the magic words, the big rock opened and all the thieves went inside. After some time, they came out and said, "CLOSE SESAME!" The big rock closed. As soon as the thieves had left, Ali Baba came out from hiding and said, "OPEN SESAME!" The rock opened and he went in. In the cave, there were a lot of treasures. He took some of them and he became rich.

Soon, Cassim heard about it. He was very jealous of Ali Baba. He came to Ali Baba's house and asked, "How did you become rich in a short time?" Ali Baba told him about the secret cave. Cassim suddenly ran to the cave and said, "OPEN SESAME!" The rock opened. He was very happy and tried to take all of the treasures. But he forgot the secret words to get out. When the thieves came back, they saw him in the cave. They were angry and killed him.

Ali Baba was worried about his brother so he came to the cave. Then he found the dead body. He buried Cassim in a nice place. The thieves were very angry and said, "Someone took the dead body. Let's find him." After a few days, one of the thieves knew it was Ali Baba. He put a mark on Ali Baba's door. Ali Baba's maid saw it and she put the same mark on all the doors in the town.

The next day, the thieves came to get Ali Baba but they couldn't find his house easily. In the end, they found it. They hid in the big jars and their chief pretended as an oil merchant. The clever maid knew that they were thieves. She poured boiling oil into the jars. The thieves in the jars screamed and then they all died. After that, she came to the oil merchant and stabbed him with the sword. She told Ali Baba about the thieves. He was surprised and said to her, "Thank you for saving my life." He got all the treasures in the cave. Then, he married his maid and they lived happily ever after...

Answer the Questions.

1. What were the names of two brothers?

2. Where did Ali Baba go into?

3. What were the two secret words?

4. Who was jealous of whom?

5. Who was killed by the thieves?

6. Where did Ali Baba bury Cassim?

7. What did the maid do when she saw a thief putting a mark on Ali Baba's door?

8. How did the chief of thieves pretend?

9. Whom did Ali Baba marry?

10. Who was greedy and who got all the treasures?

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