

PART 2

Hassan walks for five days through the mountains. The sun shines. At night, it's very cold. Then, one evening, he arrives at a rich and beautiful palace. The prince in the palace welcomes ¹him. He gives him food and drink, and Hassan sleeps in a comfortable bed. There is one strange thing – the windows have no glass.

The next day, Hassan says goodbye. ²He wants to thank the prince and give him something, but he only has ³his empty water bottle. He gives ⁴it to ⁵him. The prince is very surprised.

‘What’s this?’ he says. ‘I can see through it! It’s beautiful! It’s wonderful!’

⁶He is very happy, and in return he gives Hassan a box.

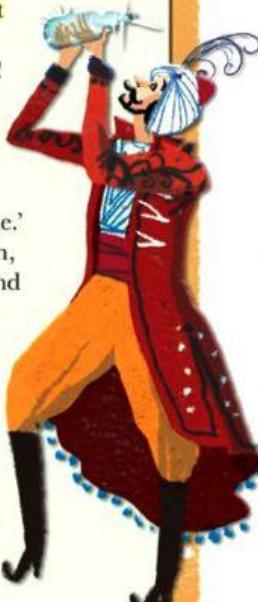
‘Don’t open ⁷it until you get home,’ he says. ‘And be careful with it. It’s very valuable.’

Hassan walks through the mountains again, and after five days he arrives home. Walid and ⁸their mother watch ⁹him open the box. He finds 100 gold coins inside. His mother is very happy! ‘Hassan, you clever boy!’ she says. ‘Now ¹⁰we can buy food and clothes!’

The next night, Walid makes a plan.

‘100 gold coins in return for a glass bottle,’ ¹¹he thinks. ‘If I give the prince my mother’s silver ring, perhaps I can get 1,000 gold coins!’

So Walid gets up, goes very quietly into his mother’s room, and takes ¹²her ring from a box under her bed. The next morning he asks his brother where the palace is, and he leaves.



1 Where does Hassan go?

2 What happens when he finds the palace?

3 Why is the palace unusual?

4 What does he give the prince?

5 Why is the prince surprised?

6 What does the prince give Hassan?

7 Why is Hassan’s mother happy when he comes home?

8 What is Walid’s plan?
