

Story 5

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They said, "A huge and powerful army is coming! What shall we do?" They decided to run away in different directions so no one would find them together.

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Lesson: Talk about your problems with people who care. Together you have a much better chance of solving them.

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SHEEKADA SHANAAD
BOQOR GABADHIISA LAGA SOO DOONAY

Bari baa waxaa jiray nin boqor ah, wuxuu boqor u ahaa magaalo wayn oo aad barwaaqo u ah. Boqorku wuxuu dhalay gabadh qurux iyo caqli Illaah (eebe) ugu deeqay. Magaalada boqorku uu xukumo waxaa soo gala saddex wado oo ganacsiga magaalooyinka kale u soo maro. Wadooyinka mid waxaa fadhiista libaax wixii soo maraba cuna, midna tuugo wixii soo maraba dhacda oo boobta, midna waxaa fadhiista col wixii soo maraba dila.

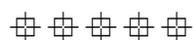
Maalinbaa boqorkii gabadhiisii niman soo waydiisteen, ninkasta oo kamida nimankii wuxuu rabay in uu gabadha boqorka ee caqliga iyo quruxda badan guursado. Gabadhuse waxay jaclayd wiilkale oo ay doonaysay in ay is guursadaan, hase ahaatee aabaheed lama rabin. Boqorkii wuxuu ragii ku yidhi, "anigu gabadhayda waxaan siinayaa ninka wadooyinka magaalada soo gala oo dhan, ta Libaaxa, ta Colka, iyo ta Tuugadu fadhiisatay, intaba xal u hela."

Nimankii magaalada joogay waxay ku tartameen sidii ay xal ugu helilahaayeen jidadka magaalada. Hase ahaatee nin ku guulaysta waa lawaayey. Wiilkii gabadhu ay jeclayd isna sidoo kale u jeclaa ayaa u yimi gabadhii oo ku yidhi, waadigii caqliga badan lahaaye bal talo keen maanta. Gabadhii waxay tidhi, "Libaaxa waxaan u dhigaynaa dabin ee adigu ha ula tagin warmo iyo waxyaalo kale." Wiilkii sidii ayuu yeelay, Libaaxiina dabinkii ayuu ku dhacay. Wiilkii gabadha boqorka ay is jaclaayeen wuxuu u yeedhay dadkii magaalada oo dhan iyo boqorkii, wuxuu tusay isaga oo ku jira dabinkii, wuxuu hadalkiisii ku daray wakaa Libaaxii waddada fadhiistay ee dadka cuni jiray aniga oo wax qalab ah isticmaalin ayaan soo qabtay. Markasaa dadkii oo dhan u sacabiyeen.

Wiilkii marlabaad wuxuu ku noqday gabadhii oo waydiiyey wuxuu ka yeeli lahaa tuugta jidka fadhida, waxay gabadhii tidhi, "waxaan karinaynaa cunto aad u macaan waxaanan ku daraynaa sun, waxaanan ku raraynaa dameero, jidka tuugtu fadhido ayaan Dameeraha u kaxaynaynaa." Markay tuugtii arkeen ayey ku soo ordeen oo qaateen

cuntadii, kalana boobeen. Markay ka dhargeen kulligood way dhinteen.

Wiilkii mar saddexaad uyuu gabadhii ku noqday si uu u waydiiyo, wuxuu colka ka yeeli lahaa. Gabadhii waxay tidhi, “Soo kaxayso fardo badan, midwalbana geed xaga danbe kaga xidh, kadibna fardaha oo ordaya jidka ereryo”. Colkii waxay arkeen siigadii fardaha ee faraha badnayd, markaa waxay yidhaahdeen waxaa soo sacda ciidamo inaga farabadan iskamana celinkaro ee maxaan samaynaa? Colkii waxay go'aansadeen in ay kala cararaan oo midba meel ka dhaco. Sidaas ayuu wiilkii inanta jeclaa u guulaystay, boqorkiina uu inantii ku siiyey.



Dulucda sheekada:

Caqliga wanaagsan Eebe qofkuu doono ayuu ugu deeqaa.

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A Play

Time: A long time ago

Place: In a beautiful city and on three roads leading into the city

Characters:

Narrator Mohamed

King servant

Daughter

Narrator: A long time ago a very rich king had a smart and very beautiful daughter. They ruled over a city, which had three roads leading into it. However, each road also had problems that threatened the travelers into the city. The first road had a mean lion that ate up everything he saw. The second road had a gang of men who would kill. The third road had a group of thieves that robbed travelers.

King: What will I do! These three dangerous roads will destroy our beautiful city. No one will want to come or go from our city.

Servant: Your majesty, another five men wanting to marry your daughter have just arrived. What shall I tell them?

King: Tell them that the man who makes these three roads safe will be the man to marry my daughter.

Daughter: Father, I want to marry Mohamed. I love Mohamed and he loves me. I don't want to marry anyone else.

King: No, no, no! I don't like Mohamed. Only the man who can make the three roads safe can marry you. And that is final!

Daughter: (Leaves the room crying) Oh, what will become of me? (knock at window) Who is there? (going to window) Mohamed! (she opens the window for him).

Mohamed: Princess, you are very smart. Help me get rid of the dangers on the three roads so we can be married.

Daughter: Yes, talk quietly so no one will know of our secret plans. Let's take care of the lion first. We'll set a trap for him. Don't use a spear or carry any other weapons.

Mohamed: Good idea! I'll leave now.

Narrator: He set the trap for the lion. Then he called the king and all the people in the city.

Mohamed: Here's the lion I caught without a weapon.
(the crowd claps)

Narrator: Now Mohamed returns to the daughter's room.

Mohamed: One road is safe. Now how shall I make the second road safe?

Daughter: I'll cook some delicious food. We'll put poison in the food. Then we'll tie the food to some donkeys. The gang of men will rob the food

from the donkeys. They will eat the food quickly, and they will die.

Mohamed: I will go now. Your second idea seems like it will work.

Narrator: Mohamed did as the princess said, and the gang of men died. Again the king was pleased and the people all clapped. (clapping)
Mohamed returns to the princess and she tells him how to get rid of the thieves on the last road.

Mohamed: Princess, how will we make the last road safe? Then we can be married!

Daughter: Go find as many horses as you can. Tie thorn bushes to each horse. Then let the horses run in different directions to scare the thieves away.

Mohamed: Yes, Princess. I'll go right away.

Narrator: The running horses made lots of dust, and when the robbers saw all the horses and dust they thought they were being attacked. They

said, "A huge and powerful army is coming our way! What shall we do?" They decided to run away in different directions so no one would find them together.

Servant: Your majesty, Mohamed is here to see you.
What do you want me to tell him?

King: Tell him to come in. (Mohamed walks in)
Mohamed, I hear you cleared all the roads to the city. Wonderful!

Mohamed: Thank you. So can I marry your smart and beautiful daughter?

King: Yes you can! You will have a big wedding, and everyone in the city will honor you.

Daughter: Oh thank you, father!

Crowd: Hip, hip, hooray! Hip, hip, hooray!

(clapping)

Narrator: Mohamed married the princess and they lived happily ever after.

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New Vocabulary

announced
assigned
attackers
compete
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fail
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prosperous

rob/robbed
ruled
secret
spear
thief/thieves
threatened
traveler
weapon

Background Vocabulary

army
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delicious
directions
huge
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wedding

Suggested Background Information,
Activities and Questions

Before Reading

1. Talk about marriage customs in Somalia. Talk about arranged marriages vs. marriages where the couples choose each other.
2. Talk about the dangers of traveling.
3. Study the vocabulary.
Use the vocabulary in sentences.
4. From the title, predict what the story will be about.

After Reading

1. Circle all the new vocabulary in the text.
2. Give the main ideas.
3. Make a story map.
4. What were the problems the people in the prosperous city faced?
5. How were these problems solved? How would you have solved them?
6. Do the cloz activity.

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Cloz activity

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