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Folktales - Lesson 1

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Once upon a time, in a Persian city, there lived a carpet _____ with two sons, Qassim and Ali Baba. After their father's death, Qassim took over his father's business, but he was _____ and didn't share with Ali Baba. Qassim married a rich woman, but Ali Baba married a poor woman, so Ali Baba had to earn money by cutting and selling wood.

One day, Ali Baba was cutting wood in the forest when he heard the _____ of many horses. He hid behind a rock and watched who was coming. Ali Baba saw forty men on horses with knives and swords. They were also carrying bags of gold and treasure.

Ali Baba knew they were thieves and _____ why they were in the forest. Then he watched the chief raise his arms and say, "open sesame!" Just then, a giant rock slid to the side, opening up an _____ to a cave. The thieves went inside, and the door closed behind them. A little while later, the thieves left without the bags.

Ali Baba couldn't resist going in to look. He _____ in front of the cave and said, "open sesame." Again, the rock slid to the side. Ali Baba went inside, and the rock closed behind him. Ali Baba couldn't believe his eyes. There were piles of gold and treasure-more than he could ever _____. Ali Baba thought he could take some coins, and the thieves would never notice. So he filled up a bag with coins and went home.

When he reached home, Ali Baba called to his wife and dumped the coins in front of her. His wife was _____ and asked if he had stolen the coins. Ali Baba told her the story of the forty thieves and the cave. There were too many coins to count, so Ali Baba told his wife to go to his brother's house and borrow a weighing scale. So his wife hurried over and asked the sister-in-law to borrow a _____.

Qassim's wife was curious about what they needed the scale for, so she put wax on the bottom of the scale. Whatever Ali Baba and his wife were weighing would stick to the wax. Ali Baba and his wife _____ the gold and were happy with the amount. Ali Baba told his wife that they must keep this a secret and not tell anyone. His wife agreed and returned the scale the next morning.

Qassim's wife found the gold stuck to the wax and immediately informed her husband about his brother's wealth. Qassim wanted to know where Ali Baba got the gold. He went over and asked Ali Baba about it. Ali Baba was _____ with his brother and told Qassim about the cave and the forty thieves. Qassim, a greedy man, decided to go to the cave and take some of the gold and treasure for himself.

The next morning Qassim went to the cave with four sturdy mules to carry the gold. He reached the cave and shouted, "open sesame!" The rock slid open and then closed behind him. Qassim was amazed by all the gold and gems and wanted to take it all. He put it all into bags and started to leave, but in all his excitement, Qassim forgot the _____ to open the door and got locked inside the cave. To be continued...