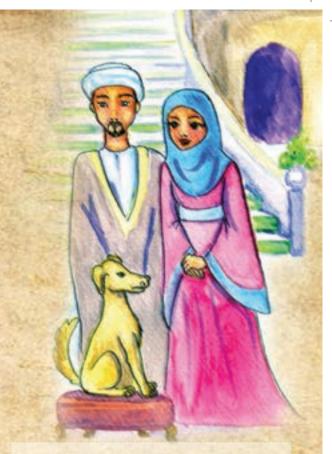


work and sat at the table. As he held the bowl of soap to drink it, the dog barked loudly and continuously while the maid was making sounds and moving her hands trying to tell the king to get away from some danger.

The king was extremely surprised and couldn't understand what was going on. Whenever he held the bowl the same thing happened. As the king lost his patience and couldn't take it any more he beat his maid and dog. So he ignored them and decided to drink the soup. At that very moment the dog jumped at the bowl and hit it with its hand until it fell down and the soup spilled on the ground. As for the maid she amazingly screamed at her master. The king was furious and decided to discipline his dog for what it did. As he was about to do that he saw one of the palace cats licking the spilled soup. Its hair immediately turned white and fell over, along with its skin and flesh. It meowed faintly until it turned into



a skeleton. The king realized how his maid and dog were loyal to him. Thus when the dog died after a few years he buried it in a special and beautiful grave in commemoration of its loyalty. After the maid had regained her senses, he married her and built her a place. Thereupon, the king and his wife had many sons and daughters and lived happily every after.

My Grandma's Tales



The Grave and the Palace





Once, in a town lived a king in a huge and beautiful palace. He had a maid who was mute and deaf, along with a fierce dog.

Every day, the king would look into his people's cases and requests, after which he was served a bowl of soup surrounded by his dog and maid.

One day, the maid fell down the stairs and broke her leg while she was on her way to the living room. As she was in great pain and couldn't walk or move the

guards carried her to the living her and brought a doctor at look at her wound. After a few days, as the bowl of soup was ready on the table a snake suddenly climbed up the table and drank the whole soup. Then it spat it again in the bowl. The maid saw the whole thing without being able to lift a finger. As for the dog, it entered the room and saw the snake's head in the bowl. The dog attacked the snake in an attempt to crash its head but in managed to escape unharmed.

After awhile, the king returned from his

