

The eldest and middle sisters were very greedy and did not give their young sister a drop of water. The youngest sister drank what was left in the bucket and thanked God for that. Soon after, the sisters felt very hungry. They screamed again but without any response. They again asked their young sister to call for help. At the beginning, she refused but they promised to share whatever they get with her. So she screamed again in a tender voice. When the people heard it they came to offer their help. So they lowered down to them a basket full of fruits. The two sisters did not keep their promise and did not give their sisters anything. As for the young sister she ate the leftover and thanked God for that.

The young sister continued to pray to God to rescue them from that horrible place. After some time, her prayers were answered and an onion seller passed by. The old sister screamed, «Whoever gets me out of here I shall be his wife». So the onion seller managed to save her, after which they got married. The next day, a fish seller passed by. The middle sister screamed, «Whoever gets me out of here I shall be his wife». So the fish seller managed to save her, after which they got married. On the same day, a prince on his horseback passed by.

The youngest sister screamed, «Whoever gets me out of here I shall be his wife». The prince immediately saved her. After getting married, the youngest sister went to see her father and asked him to forgive her sisters. The youngest daughter and her husband lived happily ever after.





The three sisters

MY GRANDMA'S TALES

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Once, there lived an imam (leader of Muslims in prayer) who had three daughters. While the eldest and middle sisters were cruel by nature, the youngest one was tender. As she was the closest to her father's heart, the two sisters felt jealous of her. The eldest and middle sisters tried to embarrass their father by putting a lot of garlic in the food they cooked for him. The youngest sister warned her father about it but he would reply: «Whatever your two sisters cook is good».

The people in the mosque were very annoyed by the imam's bad breath. So, one day they told him that they did not want him in the mosque any more. The father was upset and decided to teach his two daughters a lesson. The father asked his three daughters to go with him to pick the fruits of Sidr tree under which there was a dry well. The daughters hit the tree and the fruits fell down. As the father covered the well, when the daughters wanted to pick up the fruits, they all fell into it. The father tried to grab his youngest daughter but she also went down with them. They remained there for one whole day. The eldest and middle sisters started to scream. «We are thirsty, we are thirsty, please give us some water». As there was no response, they asked their young sister to call for help. After she had screamed in a tender voice, a lot of people offered their help. So they lowered down to them bucket full water.

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Poke

Traditional Game

This is a physical game played by boys. The game comprises two teams which have an equal number of players.

The two competing teams stand in two lines facing each other. Each player should stand on one foot. There is a target which must be reached by each team. So the first team will attack, whereas the second team will defend. Thus the first team will appoint one player who is going to try to reach the target. When the game begins, players of both teams will try to bring down each other. The player who falls down will be out the game. The game ends when the first team manages to reach the target as it will score one point. The game begins again in the same manner unless the player who has been appointed to reach the target falls down. In that case, the first team will become the defender, while the second team will attacks. The game will continue until one of the teams wins.



AL SA

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Traditional Craft

Omani Drums

Dear Friends,

Let us go to Wilayat of Musannah in Al Batinah South Governorate to have a look at how Omani drums are made. The wood is taken from some Omani trees such as Al Zam, tropical almond, and mango. First, the measurements of the drum to be made are taken by hand. Then, it is sandpapered and carved by using a sharp tool. However, it is necessary to add decorations to the drum before taking the measurements to avoid any cracks. These decorations are inspired by the Omani environment. There are many types of drums in Oman such as Al Kaasr, Al Rahmani ...etc. They are used during national occasions and weddings. The price of a drum ranges from RO 30 to RO 60.



CUTE NORAH

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اجذر اللعب بالمفرقات وأعواد الثقاب
Never play with Fire works and matches

