

After a couple of days, the caravan arrived in the city. So the neighbour thanked them for all their help and went his way. He roamed the city until he came upon the king's palace. As he saw one of the king's assistants standing at the gate, he asked him to see the king. He explained to him that he was there to cure the king's daughter. The king agreed to see him and told him, " Listen, many doctors failed to cure my daughter and death was their punishment. What would you say?". "My lord, I will do my best and God will take care of the rest", the neighbour replied. The neighbour was shocked to see the girl struggling with many diseases. So he asked for some date seeds and an incense burner. After he had fumigated the room, the girl got better immediately. The king thanked the neighbour, married his daughter, and gave him a lot of money. After some time, the neighbour decided to go back and search for the buried treasure. Upon finding the treasure, he used the money to buy a big farm on which he built a big house. He also forgave his neighbour for all he did to him and let him stay at his home. After some time, his neighbour became greedy again and ask him to throw him inside the well. The good neighbour refused but the greedy neighbour insisted. After being thrown into the well, the greedy neighbour remained there for a short time. The two genies came as usual but remained silent. The greedy neighbour was impatient and yelled at them,

"Why didn't you say anything so far? Whereas you explained to my neighbour everything" Upon hearing that, the two genies became curious and killed him. After some time, the good neighbour went to check on his neighbour and take him outside the well. However, when he saw what had happened to him, he cried and felt sorry for him.

Moral of the story: Grasp all, lose all



Greed

Once, two neighbours from the same village went on a trip to search for jobs. While they were passing through one of the deserts, one of them became greedy and decided to steal his neighbour's money and provisions. So when they stopped for rest by a deserted well, the greedy neighbor took his neighbour by surprise and threw him into the well, after which he stole his money and provisions. Inside the well, the good neighbour saw a big cave, and at dawn, he was very scared to hear strange voices there. Soon after, he realized that the voices belonged to two genies who came to the well to take a shower. "Where have you been all this time?", the first genie asked his friend.

"I have been living inside the head of the king's daughter. I have exposed her to different diseases. As nobody knows how to drive me out of her head, I can come, go, eat, and drink at my will", the second genie replied. "Come on, I am your friend. Why don't you tell me about it?", the first genie urged. The second genie explained to his friend that the only way to get him out the girl's head was to fumigate her with an incense made of date seeds because he cannot stand the smell of its smoke. "What about you? Where have you been?", the second genie asked. "I have been living on a hill under which a treasure is buried. There is only way to get it", the first genie replied. "Why don't you tell me about it? I am your only friend.", the second genie said. The first genie told his friend that the only to unearth the treasure was to slaughter unblemished bull on the hill. The genies left unaware that their conversation was heard. As for the good neighbour inside the well he understood every word of it. After some time, a caravan arrived and camped near the well. Then, they sent one of them to draw water from the well. When he lowered the rope into the well, the neighbour grabbed it and screamed, "Please help me". Upon hearing that, all people in the caravan worked together to rescue him. Eventually, they managed to get him out. They also provided him with food and money and agreed to take him with them to the city.



BLAH

Traditional Game

Abu Halaan

It is a physical game which requires great fitness.

Number of players: 14 players, each team comprising 7 players.

How is it played?

The players will stand in two lines facing each other. Then, the players in the first team will stretch out their hands while one player from the second team will go around the first team singing a special song. This player will continue going around until he touches the hand of one of the players, after which the second team will race with the first team to the finish line. Any player whose hand gets touched from the second team will be removed from the game.

The game will continue until all players are removed from the game.



ALSA

Saddle Strap

A special strap is used to keep the saddle in place. It is made from goat's wool. In the beginning, the wool is cleansed and spun into fine threads. Then, it is weaved by using a special equipment. The strap is decorated by attaching colourful wool balls to its edges. The length of the strap ranges from 2 to 3 meters. It takes one week to make one strap. A saddle strap is sold on the market for a price between 10 and 15 Omani riyals.

