to bring it. But I will go alone" The Emir immediately returned to the spring and saw the girl there terrified .

" Don't be afraid and climb : down the tree" he told her. The girl felt safe and climbed down. He even offered her some food. Then he took her with him to the palace secretly and told his mother.

" This girl has lost her family. and I want you to look after her like one of your daughters. As time passed, the girl grew up and came of age. One day the Emir proposed to her.

: She agreed and they got married. : ed him and told him. Soon after, they had three chil- : dren. One day she told him,

" I am thinking to search for my family"

" But we don't know where they might be. They have been missing for vears"

" I think I can still remember the way to my town. Let's hope that we will be able to find it"

The husband asked his wife to go the next day with some servants, after which he would join them. When she reached her town, she went to see the chief who happened to be her father. She greet-

" Sir, I would like to tell you my story but I want you to give me your word that you will the punish the traitor". The chief listened to the story filled with shock. He was sure that he was talking to his daughter.

<u>''Yes, I am your</u> daughter whom you left with your brother", the girl assured him.

The father took his daughter into his arms and sent his brother to jail. Soon after, the Emir was reunited with his wife. They all lived happily ever after.



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My Grandma's Tales

The Girl and the Emir

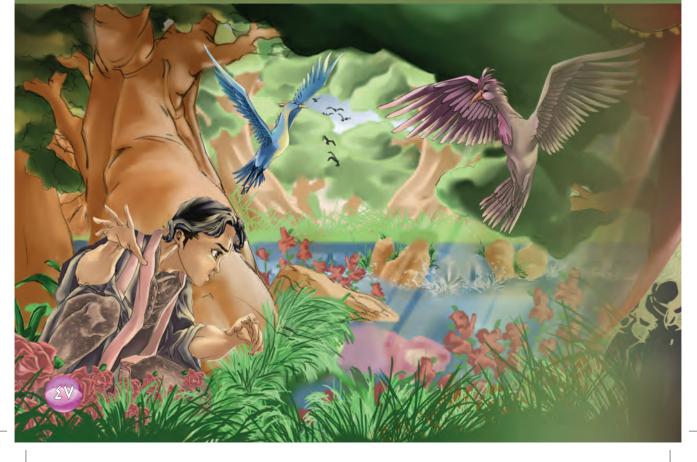
Once in a town there lived a couple who had no children. One day the husband made a promise and said,

"If my wife gives birth to a baby girl I will perform Haj when she turns seven"

The man's prayer was answered : The Emir happened to be out and was blessed with a beautiful daughter. When she became seven, the man went to Makah and left his daughter with his brother. He asked him to take good care of her. While he was away, the brother took the airl outside the town and left her alone in a scary place. She immediately fell asleep. When she woke up she didn't find her uncle and started to scream but without any success. So she climbed up a big tree. Beneath the tree there was a water spring. So the girl drank from it and went back to the tree.

on a picnic with some of his friends and servants. When he approached the spring, he saw the reflection of the girl's face on the water. As he was afraid that the servants might see the reflection, he prevented them from coming near the spring. He even volunteered to draw water for them. The servants were very surprised at the Emir's strange behavior but couldn't object. After lunch, the Emir said..

" I have forgotten a personal item at the palace and I have



to him that it was dangerous. He understood our point and agreed to sit in the back. On another day the driver was trying to fill the bus with a big number of students. When I told him that he was puttig students' lives at risk, he was convinced and changed his mind. One day, while I was walking with my friends, I saw a little student crying. She told me that she couldn't buy food because her money was stolen. As I didn't have enough money myself I took her to see the supervisor. First, we bought her a pie and juice. Then, we did our investigations and found out the thief. I was very proud myself and thanked all my friends for all their help. I think that police work is a great job and I wish to become a real policeman when I grow up. I have read a lot about police work and did a lot of police activities. organized awareness lectures for my fellow students at school and gave them some awareness brochures on traffic safety because most of them are ignorant about traffic rules. I was honoured by my school and the police for being A Shurti A Ssagheer.





From i Diar es

I am A Shurti A Ssagheer

My name is Ahmed. I won't tell you how old I am because what I do is bigger than my age. That's why I am as A Shurti A Ssagheer Ahmed at my school and in my village. I feel very proud when I wear the police uniform. At the beginning, I thought being a policeman was all about wearing a uniform. However, with time I have discovered that I have big responsibilities. My friends and I have formed Al Shurtti Al Sagheer team at our school. We have divided the roles between us. Salim, Afnan, and I are responsible for organizing the seating of students inside the bus, whereas others are responsible for organizing the student parade in the morning and maintaining order inside school. There are a lot of trouble makers at our school. Once, a student insisted on sitting beside the driver. We explained

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