

# Traditional Game

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## (Fatima ... Aisha)

Player: Six or more girls

The game

The girls queue in half circle with a leader at each end, one leader is Aisha and the other is Fatima.

Fatima calls Oh Aisha,

Aisha answers Oh Fatima

Fatima: What do you eat?

Aisha: maize seeds

Fatima: What do you drink?

Aisha: Water of happiness.

Fatima: Welcome

Then Aisha, with her team members hand in hand enter Fatima's team and the first player of her team turns to face the other players. All the players of both the teams turn, sit down and close their eyes. Then Fatima and Aisha agree, hit and pitch some of the players. The one who knows who has hit and pitched her becomes in the Paradise Team member, the one who does not know goes to the Hell Team.







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## Omani Craft

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### (Bee Honey Processing)

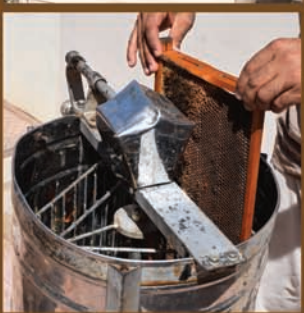
Welcome dear young friends, let's this time know how natural honey is collected and processed.

**How to Remove Honey:** We take the honey frames out of the bee hive and remove away the bees from them. We use a smoke funnel because the smoke makes the bees calm, suck big quantities of honey and do not attack people. The honey frames are put in empty boxes covered on both sides and then taken to the processing room. A skimmer or ordinary knife is used to scrape the hive before putting the frames in an ordinary or electric processor. The processor is then rotated very fast and the honey comes out of the frames by centrifuge.

The processor is first operated slowly, then the frames are turned on the other side and the processor spun very fast. Again the frames are turned on the first side and rotated fast. This is to keep the honey wax undamaged. There is a tap in the bottom of the processor. We open it and let the honey flows from the processor into a special bottle. we keep the bottle in a room for many days until the wax floats.

Then pieces of wax are removed and the honey is filtered with a very light piece of cloth and preserved in bottles.

Then the empty frames are returned to hives for the bees to use them again for storing the honey.





Salem stayed twenty years away from his country, without seeing his family but he regularly sent them money every two months. He was feeling homesick and very longing for his family.

Then he decided to go back. He took his belongings and travelled back to his village. When he arrived to his house, he saw his wife sitting beside a stranger, a young man that he did not know or see before. Salem was very angry and was about to attack the man. But suddenly he remembered the old man's advice for him to be patient and not to be in a hurry. He approached them, and when his wife saw him, she stood very happy to greet him.

He asked her angrily who the young man was. The wife answered "your son Amour. I was pregnant before you left, but I kept it secret so that you did not feel worry about us while you were away." Salem was very happy and hugged his wife and his son.

Source: «Folktales in Dhofar» by  
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## My Grandma's Tales

# Patience is Good

Illustrations by Constable Rawya Al Khalili

Salem was a very poor man living in a small hut in a village with his wife and his old father and mother. He could not make a living for himself and his family because it was very difficult to get a job in his village. Many people had to leave the country searching for a work abroad to earn a living. He decided to do the same.

He said good-bye to his family and left. He promised them to work hard and to send them money every two months with friends who return to the village. When Salem arrived to the other country, his friends helped him to find a job in a farm. He worked in the farm in the morning and in the evening he collected goods and sold them to shops.

Salem met a wise old man during his stay abroad. They became friends and Salem enjoyed talking to him during his rest time. The man used to give Salem good advices about different things in life. Salem always asked the old man for his opinion before doing anything, and the old man always repeated to Salem: "Always be patient. Do not be in a hurry. Do not misunderstand people before you know their intentions."

