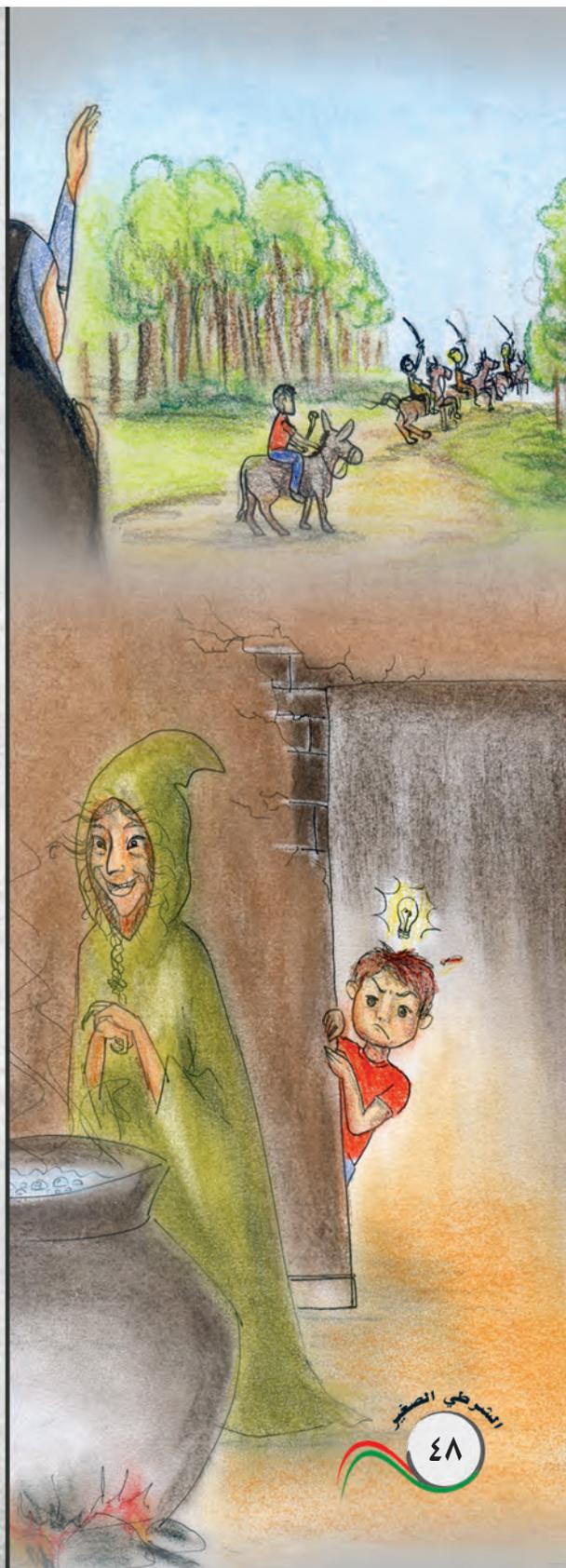


three brothers laughed at 'Abu Naqees' as he moved very slowly. Suddenly, the three brothers were attacked by a group of thieves. When they realized that they couldn't fight back they asked 'Abu Naqees' to help them. He was very brave. So he fought the thieves and managed to defeat them. On their way, they encountered a river. As they couldn't cross it 'Abu Naqees' helped them again. They arrived at the witch's house at night where her four daughters were asleep. The witch offered the four brothers to spend the night there which they accepted. While the three brothers were fast asleep 'Abu Naqees' stayed awake throughout the night. He was surprised to see the witch boiling some water in a pot. So he told her that he couldn't sleep because of the birds' noise. After the witch had gone to check on the birds, 'Abu Naqees' woke up his brothers and asked them to swap their beds with the beds of the four sisters. The witch returned and asked for the last time whether anyone was still awake. When she didn't get any answer she poured the hot water on her four daughters. Thereupon, 'Abu Naqees' was respected and appreciated by his brothers..





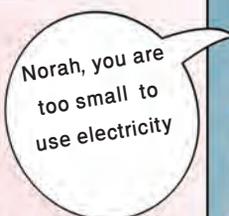
'Abu Naqees'

Once, there lived a woman who sold milk to her neighbours. She was unlucky as she couldn't produce children. So, one day she went to see a witch, hoping to get a solution. The witch told her to put four loaves of bread in a cradle and shake it. After sometime, these loaves were supposed to turn into little babies. The witch also reminded the woman to keep the cradle covered all the time. The woman followed the witch's instructions. However, one day a boy

from her neighbourhood went to her house to buy some milk. The woman asked the boy to shake the cradle so she could get him the milk. The boy uncovered the cradle and took a bite of one of the loaves. The four loaves became four little boys at once. They were in good condition except for the loaf from which the boy had eaten. It turned out to be a disabled boy. Thus the woman named him « Abu Naqees». Soon after, the mother sent her four boys to see the witch. She gave each one of them a sword, horse, and some food except for 'Abu Naqees' whom she gave a cane and a donkey. The



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Golol Game

Number of players:

Unidentified

How is it played?

Some people call this game < Lolo> while in Dhofar it is known as < Lolo Katsh>. It involves a number of small colourful crystal balls played by two persons or more. Every player should try to hit the other players' balls and the ball he hits it becomes his. The player who has the biggest number of balls is considered the winner.

