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**SINBAD THE SAILOR.**



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## SINBAD THE SAILOR.

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IN the reign of the Caliph Haroun Alraschid, there lived in the city of Bagdad, a poor porter named Hindbad. One day when the weather was excessively hot, Hindbad was employed to carry a heavy burden to a great distance from that part of the city where he lived. Being faint with the heat and very weary, and having still a great way to go, he entered a street where a refreshing breeze blew in his face, and the pavement was sprinkled with rose-water. Glad to find such a resting-place, he laid down his load, and sat down beside it, near to a great house.

The windows of the house were open, and Hindbad was regaled with the richest perfumes that came from within. Presently he heard a delightful concert of all kinds of musical instruments, mixed with the finest voices, and the melodious notes of the nightingale and other rare birds. Hindbad had never been in that part of the town before, and he felt a great desire to know to whom this magnificent house belonged. Seeing a servant standing at the gate in a splendid livery, he advanced towards him, and inquired the name of the master of the house.

"Is it possible," said the servant, "that you are an inhabitant of Bagdad, and do not know that this is the house of Sinbad the Sailor, that famous traveller who has sailed round the world?"

Poor Hindbad, who had often heard of the wonderful riches of Sinbad the Sailor, and whose condition he thought was as happy as his own was deplorable, turned away sorrowfully, and sitting down again beside the great load he had to carry, he mournfully cried aloud, "Alas! what a difference between this fortunate man and me! I am every day exposed to the greatest fatigues, and all the wretchedness of extreme poverty. Scarcely can I earn a sufficient of the coarsest barley bread for the support of myself and family, while happy Sinbad profusely expends immense riches, and leads a life of continual ease and pleasure. Oh heavens! what has he done to obtain a lot so fortunate?" Thus saying, Hindbad overcome with sorrow, threw himself upon the ground and wept bitterly.

While he was thus indulging his grief, a servant came from the house and told him that Signior Sinbad wished immediately to speak to him. Hindbad was greatly alarmed at this message, thinking that Sinbad had heard his lamentations, and was going to reproach or punish him; he therefore tried to excuse himself from entering the house, saying, that he was in haste, and could not leave his burthen in the street. Sinbad's servant, however, said his master's commands were absolute; and, calling another domestic to look after the goods, he led the porter into a great hall, where a large company sat round a table covered with all sorts of dainties, served in dishes of silver and gold. At the upper end of the table sat Sinbad, a comely, venerable old gentleman, with a long white beard.

Hindbad now trembled the more and hung back, till Sinbad kindly desired him to draw near; and placing him in a chair on his right hand, served him from the choicest dishes and wines.

When the porter had finished his dinner, Sinbad inquired his name and occupation. "My name, Signior," said he, "is Hindbad, and I am but a poor porter."

"Well, Hindbad," rejoined the master of the house, "I and my friends are very glad to see you; but I sent for you on account of some words I heard you utter.



"Alas! Signior," exclaimed Hindbad, rising from his chair, and blushing, "I confess that my weariness and the heat put me out of humour, and made me speak indiscreet things, which I beg you to pardon."

"My good friend," replied Sinbad, "I am not so unjust as to be offended with you, on the contrary, I pity your condition; and when I commanded you to be brought hither, it was that I might convince you I did not attain to this happy condition without enduring more sufferings, and encountering greater dangers than can well be imagined. Yes, gentlemen," added he, looking round the table upon his guests, "I assure you my difficulties were so extraordinary, that they were sufficient to discourage the most covetous man from running the same perils in pursuit of riches; and to convince you of the truth of my statement, I will, if you are disposed to hear me, relate my extraordinary adventures during my Seven Voyages."

The proposal was responded to by all assembled; and Sinbad having ordered a servant to carry Hindbad's load to the appointed place, commenced as follows:

### The First Voyage of Sinbad.

"My father dying while I was very young, and leaving a considerable fortune, I fell into a course of dissipation that injured my health and destroyed my fortune. Having no parent to control me, and being surrounded only by profligate persons, I continued my excess till I fell into a fit of sickness. My riotous companions then forsook me, and I was left alone to struggle with my diseases. At length I recovered from my illness; and resolving never to return to this course of living, collected together the remains of my fortune, sold my furniture, and embarked with several merchants on board a ship, which we had jointly laden with merchandise, for Balsora.

In the course of our voyage, we were one day becalmed near a small island almost level with the surface of the water, and which resembled a beautiful green meadow. The captain ordered his sails to be furled, and the merchants, among whom was myself, determined to carry our provisions, and dine upon this little island. While we were preparing for dinner, shouting, laughing, and had kindled a fire to dress our provisions, the island began to move; and, at the same moment, those who were left in the ship called to us to re-embark instantly, or we should all be lost, as what we had taken to be an island, was only the back of a monstrous whale. The nimblest sprung into the sloop; others jumped into the waves, and betook themselves to swimming; but for my part, I was still on the back of the whale, when he dived into the sea, and had only time to catch hold of a piece of broad wood that had been brought out of the ship to serve as a table. On this piece of wood I floated, but the current carried me away from the ship, and the captain concluded that I was lost, and pursued his voyage.

"I struggled to save myself all the rest of the day and the following night. Next morning I found my strength gone, and despaired of my life, when happily a wave threw me against an island. The bank was steep, high, and rugged: yet, faint and exhausted as I was, I climbed it by means of some roots of trees. I then lay down till the sun appeared, when, crawling on my hands and knees in search of herbs to eat, I found a spring of excellent water. I advanced farther along the high shore of the island, till I came to a cave, wherein I lay down, and slept profoundly. When I awoke again it was almost sunset. I hastily left my cave to search for some habitation. However, I found none, but I soon came to a small plain, surrounded with fine trees, bearing all sorts of fruit; and a number of beautiful young colts grazing together. I supped upon fruit, and climbed the branches of a high tree for my lodging. About midnight I was greatly astonished and alarmed to hear the sound of trumpets and drums, which seemed to pass all round the island, and continued through the night; but, when the morning came, it still appeared to be uninhabited. Every part of the shore abounded with enormous sea-snakes, and fishes



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HINDBAD BROUGHT BEFORE SINBAD.





THE ISLAND TURNS OUT TO BE A MONSTROUS WHALE.



that are an hundred and two hundred cubits long, some having heads like owls, and others with human faces; but I found these sea monsters perfectly harmless, for on my rattling two sticks together, they dived into the sea, and I saw no more of them.

"I climbed my tree again that night, and the drums and trumpets appeared to be louder than before. On the third day, to my great joy, a party of men landed on the island, who were astonished to find me there. Having related to them the strange accident that had befallen me, they gave me some provisions, and informed me that they were grooms of King Mîhrage, and the island was called Cassel, and belonged to the warlike geni Degial, who visited it every night with drums and trumpets; and that the geni being a friend of King Mîhrage, permitted him to have his young colts trained upon the island, which contained such admirable pasture, that they became the swiftest horses in the world.

"The grooms carried me with them to the capital of King Mîhrage, a fine harbour where ships arrived from all quarters of the world. The King allowed me apartments in his palace, and delighted in my conversation.

"One day several seamen were busily employed in unlading a ship newly arrived in the harbour. As I cast my eyes on some of the bales of goods that were landed, I perceived them, by the marks, to be the same that I had put on board when I embarked for Balsora. I also knew the captain; but supposing that he believed me to have perished, I carelessly asked him to whom these bales belonged. 'To a merchant,' he replied, 'of Bagdad, who unfortunately perished at sea: I intend to trade with them till I meet some of his family, to whom I will account for the profit.'

"'Captain,' said I, 'I am Sinbad, and those bales are mine.' The captain started with amazement, and cried aloud, 'I and my passengers saw Sinbad swallowed up in the waves, and yet you tell me that you are Sinbad. What matchless impudence to try to possess yourself of that which does not belong to you.'

"But some other persons coming from the ship, instantly knew me, and I was not long in convincing the captain that I was the real Sinbad, and no imposter; upon which he presented me my bales.

"I then selected the most valuable articles out of my bales, and presented them to King Mîhrage, who gave me a rich present in return. I then took leave of him and the whole court, and went on board the same ship, after I had changed my goods for the commodities of the country, and then came to the city with a hundred thousand sequins. Here I bought slaves, fine lands, built a great house, and settled."

Sinbad then gave a purse with a hundred sequins to Hindbad, saying, "Take this, Hindbad, and return home; but come back to-morrow, when you shall hear more extraordinary adventures than those of my first voyage."

The porter went home astonished at the honour done to him; and his wife and children, at their plentiful supper, prayed to God to grant a long life to the generous Sinbad.

On the following day Hinbad put on his best clothes, and returned to the bountiful traveller, who received him kindly; and, after a sumptuous dinner was ended, and the company ready to attend him, he began the history of his Second Voyage.

### The Second Voyage of Sinbad.

"I designed, after my first voyage, to spend the rest of my days at Bagdad, but ere long I grew weary of a quiet life. Accordingly I purchased rich commodities, and went to sea a second time, with some merchants. One day we landed on an uninhabited island, almost covered with trees bearing delicious fruits. While some diverted themselves with gathering flowers and fruits, I took my wine and provisions, and sat down by a stream. After I had eaten my provisions, I fell asleep. I cannot tell how long I had slept; but when I awakened, not only my companions, but the ship itself was gone. Nothing could exceed my grief at this event.



"After a long interval I became more resigned to my misfortune. I climbed to the top of a very high tree to see if there was any thing that could give me hopes. When I looked towards the sea I beheld nothing but sky and water; but looking towards the island, I perceived something white. I therefore hastened down from the tree, and ran towards it.

"As I came nearer, I thought it was a large white bowl; and when I came up to it, I walked round it, to see if it was open on any side, but it was not; and it was impossible to climb to the top of it, the surface was so smooth and slippery; it was at least fifty paces round.

"By this time it was near sun-set, and on a sudden the sun became darkened. I looked up to see what had occasioned this sudden darkness, and beheld a bird of enormous size moving like a great black cloud towards me. I now recollected that I had heard mariners speak of a bird called the Roc, so large that it would carry away young elephants, and concluded that the great white bowl must be its egg. I was right in my supposition, for the bird alighted, and sat over the egg. And perceiving her coming, I had crept close to the egg for shelter, and tied myself firmly to the leg of the Roc, in hopes when she flew away, she would carry me out of this desert island; and having passed the night in this condition, the bird flew away the next morning, and carried me so high in the air, that I could not see the earth; and descended so swift that I lost my senses. On coming to myself, I speedily untied the cloth which bound me to her leg: and scarcely was free, when the bird, having taken up a large serpent in her bill, again flew away.

"The place in which the Roc left me was a deep valley, encompassed on every side with high mountains, whose lofty tops seemed to reach the clouds. As I paced up and down the valley, I observed that the ground was strewed with diamonds. I took great pleasure in looking at them, but saw such objects as I could not behold without terror and dismay; these were serpents peeping out of the holes.

"I got as far from them as I could, and spent the day in considering how to escape; and when night came, took shelter in a cave, and covered the entrance with large stones to preserve me from the snakes, but their hissing was so incessant, that I could not close my eyes. When day appeared, the serpents retired to their holes, and I came out of the cave.

"I walked a long time upon the diamonds, without the least inclination to touch one of them. At last I sat down and fell asleep, but was soon awakened by the sound of something that fell beside me. This was a great piece of fresh meat.

"It immediately occurred to my mind the account I had heard of the famous Diamond valley, and the stratagems to get jewels from thence; that the merchants came to the top of these impassable mountains near where the eagles build their nests, and throwing lumps of raw meat into the valley, the diamonds upon which they fall stick to them; then the eagles carrying it to their nests to feed their young, the merchants frighten them away, and take the diamonds.

"The falling of the meat in the valley gave me hopes of getting alive out of this dreadful abyss, which otherwise must have been my grave. I therefore picked up some of the largest diamonds I could find, and carefully put them into a little bag, and fastened it to my girdle. I then selected the largest piece of meat in the valley, which I tied to my waist with the cloth of my turban, and then lay down upon my face to wait the descent of the eagles. They were not long in coming, and having pounced upon the meat on my back, flew with me to its nest on the top of the mountain. The merchants began shouting to frighten the eagles, and when they had obliged them to quit their prey, one of them came to the nest where I was. At first he was much frightened at seeing me, but recovering himself, began to quarrel with me, and accused me of stealing his goods. 'You will treat me,' replied I, 'with civility, when you know me better. Do not be uneasy, I have diamonds enough for you and myself too, far more than all the other merchants put together.'





SINBAD LEFT IN THE VALLEY OF DIAMONDS  
BY THE ROC BIRD.





THE GIANT BLINDED WITH RED HOT SPITS.



"The merchants gathered round us, and when I told them my story, they were equally surprised at my expedient to save myself, and my courage to attempt it. Having carried me to a place where they sheltered themselves, I opened the bag, and they declared that in all the courts they had been they had never seen any diamonds of equal size and lustre. I desired the merchant to whose nest I had been carried, to take as many as he pleased, but he contented himself with taking one of the least, declaring it was of sufficient value to make his fortune.

"We left the place on the following morning, and crossed the mountains till we arrived at a port where we took shipping, and landed on the isle of Roha, where the trees grow that yield camphor. Here I exchanged some of my diamonds for other merchandise, and from thence we set sail for Balsora, and continued my journey over land to Bagdad: I once more arrived in my native city, where I lived some time."

Thus Sinbad ended the history of his Second Voyage; presented Hindbad with another purse, and desired him to return on the following day, which the porter did not fail to do: and dinner being ended, the master of the feast resumed his narration.

### The Third Voyage of Sinbad.

"The pleasures and comforts I now enjoyed, made me forget my past difficulties. I was still in the prime of life, was of an active disposition, and had a great desire to see new curiosities, so that I very soon resolved on a third voyage, and, with a cargo of the richest merchandise of Egypt, I once more took shipping at the port of Balsora.

"After we had been at sea some weeks, we were overtaken by a dreadful storm, which almost tore our vessel to pieces, and at last were obliged to cast anchor before an island, for which the captain had vainly endeavoured to steer. He now informed us, that this and several other islands were inhabited by savages, covered with hair, who would speedily attack us in great numbers; and that if we offered to make the least resistance, they would come upon us in swarms, and destroy us.

"We soon found the captain's information to be true; for a multitude of frightful savages, about two feet high, and covered all over with red hair, came swimming towards us, and boarded our ship, chattering a language of which we could not comprehend a word. In an instant they took down our sails, cut the cable, towed the ship to land, made us all get out, and carried off our ship to another island.

"We went forward into the island on which we landed in deep dismay, expecting nothing but death. When we had got a little way we beheld a huge pile of building, and made towards it. We found it to be a lofty palace, with a folding gate of ebony, which we pushed open, and entered a spacious court that led to a vast apartment with a porch, having on one side a great heap of human bones, and on the other a number of roasting spits. At this terrible spectacle our legs trembled under us, thinking we might share the same fate.

"Presently the gate of the apartments opened, and there came out a black monster as tall as a palm tree. He had but one eye, which was in the very middle of his head, and looked like a ball of fire. His fore-teeth was long and sharp, his under lip hung down upon his breast, and his ears, like an elephants, covered his shoulders.

"At the sight of so hideous a giant, we could scarcely keep from swooning. At length he advanced, and taking me up by the skin of the neck, as I would take up a kitten, and having viewed me well, and perceived that I was nothing but skin and bone, he threw me on the ground with disdain. The poor captain being the fattest amongst us, fell the victim to his savage appetite, and he killed, roasted and eat him.

"When the one-eyed giant had finished his savage meal, he stretched himself upon a great stone bench, and fell asleep, snoring like thunder. For our parts, it was impossible to sleep, and we passed the night in the most distressing fears. Day being come, the giant awoke, got up, and went out, leaving us in the palace, which now resounded with our cries and lamentations. At length I cried to my companions in misfortune, 'Let us make floats of the timber we saw on the coast, and commit ourselves upon them to the sea, or we shall a prey to that monster.'

"My advice was eagerly adopted: and before we could push from the beach, our tyrant came in search of us, and drove us back to the palace. We had the an-



guish to behold another of our unfortunate companions roasted for his supper ; and having glutted himself with the brutal feast, he lay down upon his back, and slept.

"Our desperate situation now gave us courage to attempt some means for our deliverance. Nine of the most resolute of us got up very softly, and taking nine spits, we held the points of them in the fire till they were red hot ; and then thrusting them all at once into the monster's eye, we blinded him. The pain occasioned him to utter a frightful scream, and he began to grope about with his hands to catch us, but we took care to keep out of his reach ; and having sought for us some time in vain, he opened the ebony gate, and went out of the palace howling dreadfully.

"We did not stay long behind him, but hastened to our floats, and only waited for day-light to embark them ; but scarcely was the first dawn of the day visible, when we beheld our enemy approaching the shore, led on by others of the same species. We immediately jumped upon our floats, and pushed them from the shore as fast as possible ; but the giants seeing us likely to escape, tore great pieces of rock from the cliffs, and wading into the water up to their waists, hurled them at us with all their might, and sunk every float but the one I was upon, and all my companions except the two with me were drowned ; and we with great difficulty escaped.

"For two days we were tossed about at sea, and believed we must perish for want of food ; but on the evening of the second day, we drove upon an island, where we found excellent fruit and good water, with which we refreshed ourselves, and lay down to sleep under the trees.

"We were soon awakened by the terrible hissings of an enormous serpent, who came gliding along the ground with incredible swiftness. One of my unfortunate comrades was swallowed up in a moment, while I and the other fled, and climbed up the highest tree we could find. Presently the serpent came hissing to the root of the tree, and winding himself round the trunk, reared his head so high that he soon reached my only remaining companion, who sat much lower than I did, and devoured him like the former one. I sat motionless with terror, and already more dead than alive, when the monstrous creature unwound himself and glided away.

"I could not help wishing that my float had been sunk by the giants along with the others ; for it seemed to me that my life was only prolonged that I might endure the most cruel sufferings. I gathered together a great quantity of small wood, brambles, and dry thorns, and making them up into faggots, formed a great circle with them round the tree. Having finished my work, I shut myself within the circle, and the serpent failed not to come as I expected. He went round and round the tree, seeking for an entrance, but the rampart I had made effectually secured me, so that he lay till day-light like a cat watching a mouse. When the day appeared he retired, and after the sun rose I ventured to leave my hiding place.

"I was so exhausted for the want of sleep, and had suffered so much from his poisonous breath, that death seemed more desirable to me than living, and I ran towards the sea, resolving to throw myself in ; but just as I was about to fulfil my rash determination, I perceived a ship in full sail at a considerable distance. I shouted as loud as I could for help, and the captain sent his boat for me. As soon as I was on board, the captain seeing I was in rags, gave me some suits, and treated me with great attention.

"When we came to anchor at the port of Jalabat, the captain calling me to him, said, 'Sir, I have here some bales of goods, which belonged to a merchant who sailed with me some time since, and he being dead, I intend to dispose of them for the benefit of his heirs. You shall sell them for me, and shall be allowed the usual factorage.' I eagerly enquired the name of the owner, and to my astonishment was told Sinbad.

"I could not hear myself named without emotion, and looking earnestly at the captain, recollected him to be the person who, in my second voyage, left me in the island where I had fallen asleep, and set sail without me.

"'You believe, then,' said I, 'that Sinbad is dead?'

"'Certainly,' he replied, 'for I set sail without observing he was not come on





SINBAD BURIED ALIVE WITH HIS WIFE.





SINBAD HAS TO CARRY THE OLD MAN OF THE SEA.



board with the other passengers, nor was his absence discovered till four hours after, when so brisk a gale sprung up, that it was impossible to tack about and look for him; therefore no doubt he perished.'

"'No, captain,' I exclaimed, 'I did not perish. In me you behold that Sinbad who escaped that and many other perils.' The captain, being convinced, gave me up my goods, and accounted for what he had sold.

"I continued my voyage with the captain, and sold my merchandise to great advantage, and returned to Bagdad with vast increase of riches."

Sinbad having finished the relation of his Third Voyage, rose from the table, and giving another present to Hindbad, invited him to dinner the next day, to hear the adventures of the Fourth Voyage.

### The Fourth Voyage of Sinbad.

"Having settled my affairs, I commenced a journey over land into Persia, and having bought a large stock of beautiful manufactures of that country, I loaded a vessel, and embarked with my goods. We had not been at sea many days when the ship struck upon a rock, and soon beat to pieces. The cargo went to the bottom, and many were drowned.

"I and a few others saved ourselves on a plank, and were carried by the current to an island that lay before us. Having got safely on shore, we walked up the island, and were presently surrounded by black savages, who seized us, and shared us amongst them.

"I and five of my companions were taken by one man, who ordered us to sit down, and gave us herbs to eat. My companions eat greedily, but I kept them in my hand without tasting. I presently observed that my companions lost their senses; and when they spoke, they knew not what they said: I then threw away the herbs, resolving never to taste them. Rice prepared with oil of cocoa nuts was next given to us, and my unhappy comrades devoured it greedily.

"I soon understood that the savages had given us herbs in order to rob us of our senses, to make us fat, and then devour us; which they did, one after another. But I, instead of growing fat, grew thinner daily, and I fell into a languishing disorder which proved my safety, for the savages did not think me fit to be eaten. One day when they were gone into the woods, I determined to make my escape. I took as much rice as my weak state would permit, and stole away.

"I travelled in this manner during seven days, and on the eighth came in sight of the sea shore, where I beheld a number of white people.

"The white people permitted me to share their provisions, and in a few days I recovered my strength, and sailed with them to the island from whence they came. They presented me to their king, who listened to my adventures, clothed me, and commanded me to be taken care of.

"It appeared to me very extraordinary to see that when the king went a hunting, he rode his horse without bridle or saddle, and could not forbear to question his Majesty upon the reason of his avoiding the use of them; but the king did not know my meaning. Upon this I caused them to be made, and put them on one of the king's horses, who was highly pleased, and gave me some magnificent presents.

"I paid my court very constantly to the king, who one day said to me, 'Sinbad, I love thee, and all my subjects follow my example, and value thee according to thy merits. I wish to make thee one of my subjects. Thou must marry and settle in my dominions. He then gave me one of his ladies of the court, who was young, noble, rich, beautiful and virtuous. The marriage ceremonies being over, we retired to a place belonging to my wife, where we lived in great harmony and contentment.

"I had contracted a strict intimacy with one of my neighbours, and one day as I was sitting down to dinner, I was informed his wife had just died. I immediately hastened to afford him some consolation under his misfortune. 'Alas!' said he, 'what comfort can I take, who have not above an hour to live? It is the established laws of this country that the living husband should be interred with the dead



wife, and the living wife with the dead husband. Nothing therefore can save me.'

"They dressed the woman in her richest apparel, and adorned her with all her richest jewels, and then putting her into an open coffin, began their march towards the place of burial. The husband followed next, and after him a long train of relations and friends. They went up an exceedingly high mountain, on the summit of which the procession halted, and a great stone was removed, which covered the mouth of a very deep pit. The corpse was let down into the pit, and then the husband embracing his friends, suffered himself to be put into another open coffin, in which was placed a pot of water and seven loaves, and let down in the same manner.

"I went home deeply affected, and day and night I thought of nothing but how to effect my escape. But while I was forming a thousand projects to escape this evil, my wife fell sick and died. You may judge of my sorrow when I beheld the preparations for my own funeral; at which the king and his court, to show his regard for me, intended to assist.

"The corpse, in her most magnificent apparel, was put into her coffin, and the cavalcade began. I went next to the corpse, and with my eyes full of tears, and my heart bursting with despair. When we arrived at the mountain I could no longer contain my anguish; and throwing myself at the feet of the king, besought him in the most moving terms, to have compassion on me and spare my life, and suffer me to return to my native country. But all I said was to no effect, for they only made the greater haste to let my wife into the pit, and the next moment I was put down after her in an open coffin, with a vessel of water and seven loaves, in despite of my grief and lamentable cries.

"As I came near the bottom, I discovered by the aid of a light that came from above, the nature of this subterraneous passage. I immediately smelt an insufferable stench from the multitude of dead bodies I saw on the right and left: nay, I fancied I heard some of them sigh and groan. I made haste to leave my coffin, and getting at a distance from the dead bodies, lay down upon the ground, where I sat a long time bathed in tears, and reproaching myself for leaving my happy home.

"Having wandered very far into the cave, on a sudden I heard something panting very hard close behind me; I started up, upon which the thing ran away. I pursued it, and continued this chase so long that at last I saw a glimmering light. This redoubled my eagerness. I went on, and sometimes lost sight of it, but always found it again, and at last discovered that it came from a hole in the rock just large enough for a man to get out at. I crept through the hole, and found myself on the sea shore. I leave you to judge of the excess of my joy, when I recovered from my surprise, and perceived I had been following a sea monster.

"I examined the mountain, and found that it extended for miles. I fell on my knees to thank God for my deliverance, and having feasted on some shell-fish I found on the shore, returned to the cave, and groped about among the coffins for all the diamonds, rubies, pearls, gold bracelets, and riches I could find. These I carried to the sea shore, and tying them up into bales with the cords that let down the coffins, laid them on the beach, waiting till some ship should sail by.

"In two days a ship came out of the harbour, and passed that part of the coast. I made a signal with my turban, and they sent a boat to take me on board. The rest of my voyage was prosperous, and I arrived at Bagdad with vast riches."

Sinbad made another present to Hindbad, with the usual charge of returning the next day to hear more surprising adventures.

### The Fifth Voyage of Sinbad.

"Forgetting the perils I had suffered, I built me a ship at my expence, loaded her with a rich cargo, and we set sail with a fair wind.

"After being at sea several weeks, we landed upon a desert island in search of fresh water, where we found a Roc's egg, equal in size to that I formerly mentioned. The merchants and sailors gathered around it in great amazement; and though I entreated them not to meddle with the egg, they would not forbear, but making a





SINBAD AND HIS TREASURES ON THE FLOAT.





SINBAD SHOOTING ELEPHANTS.



hole in it with their hatchets, they picked out the young Roc, and roasted it.

"Scarcely had they made an end of the treat, when there appeared in the air, at a distance, two great clouds. I knew it was the Rocs belonging to the young bird, and calling the people, I made them set sail.

"The two Rocs alighted, and seeing their eggs destroyed, made a most frightful noise. Presently they took flight and disappeared. It was not long before they returned with stones, or rather rocks, between their talons of a monstrous size. When they came directly over the ship, they hovered, and one let his stone drop, but it missed us and fell into the sea. The other Roc threw his stone so exactly in the very middle of the ship, that it split into a thousand pieces. The mariners and passengers were all killed or thrown into the sea. The latter was my fate, but I fortunately caught hold of a piece of the wreck, which carried me to an island.

"On advancing into the island, I saw a little old man sitting upon the bank of a rivulet. I supposed him to be some unfortunate person shipwrecked like myself; and going nearer I saluted, but he only bowed his head in return. He entreated by signs that I would carry him over the brook. I had no doubts that he was infirm, and readily took him on my back, and crossed the brook, when instead of getting down, he clasped his legs so tight round my throat, that I was almost strangled; and being unable to relieve myself, I swooned away with pain and affright. Notwithstanding my fainting, the old fellow held fast to my neck, and when I recovered my senses, he struck me so rudely on the side, that I was forced to rise up against my will.

"He then compelled me to walk under the trees, while he diverted himself with gathering the fruit, and never quitted me a moment. One day I found in my way several dry calabashes; I picked up a large one, and after cleaning it, pressed into it some juice of grapes which abounded in the island, and it became excellent wine.

"The old man perceiving the effect this drink had upon me, made a sign for me to give him some of it. I gave him the calabash, and the liquor made him completely drunk; and throwing him on the ground, he fell into convulsions and died.

"I hastened to the sea-side, where I found the crew of a ship who had just cast anchor. They were greatly surprised to see me, and to hear of my adventures. 'You fell,' said they, 'into the hands of the old man of the sea, and the first who ever escaped being strangled by him.'

"They took me on board their vessel, and when we came to the harbour of a great city, one of the merchants carried me to some persons in the town, whose employment was to gather cocoa-nuts, and recommended me to their care.

"I followed them, and we came to a great forest of tall strait cocoa-nut trees, whose bark was so perfectly smooth, that it was impossible for any man to climb up to the branches. When we entered the forest we saw a surprising number of apes, who instantly ran to the top of the trees.

"The merchants, with whom I was, picked up stones and pelted the apes, who, to avenge themselves, gathered cocoa-nuts and threw at us. We continued throwing stones to provoke the apes, till we possessed as many nuts as we could carry. We then returned to the city, where the merchants gave me the value of my nuts. This I did every day till I had got enough money to carry me home; and taking leave of the kind merchants, embarked on board a vessel, and returned safe home again."

When Sinbad had finished, he ordered Hindbad his usual present, and they returned to dinner the next day, when Sinbad related his Sixth Voyage.

### The Sixth Voyage of Sinbad.

"At the expiration of one year, I prepared for a sixth voyage, against the entreaties of my kindred. I began my voyage which proved very long and most unfortunate, for the pilot lost his course, and knew not which way to steer. At length he discovered where he was, and said we must all perish, for within a quarter of an hour the ship would be dashed to pieces against a mountain. It was true; the sails presently split, and the ropes broke asunder, but we saved our lives, food, and goods.

"The coast was covered with pieces of wrecks of ships, and heaps of men's bones



with quantities of rich goods, which proved how many unfortunate persons must have perished there. In this wretched place we continued till my comrades died one after another. My stock of food being exhausted, I made a desperate resolution to cross a broad river which entered a cavern in the mountain.

"I made a float, and loaded it with bales of rich stuffs, and fastening my cargo with ropes, I went on board with two little oars I had made. As soon as I was in the cavern I lost all light. I floated for some days, at length a pleasing sleep seized me; when I awoke, I found myself in a vast country, at the brink of a river, where my float was tied up amidst a number of negroes. I exclaimed aloud, 'Alla be praised!' One of these blacks who understood Arabic, came to me and said, 'Brother we came hither to-day to dig canals from this river, to water our fields.'

"I gave them an account of all that had befallen me. They requested I would go to their king, and they placed me on a fine horse, bringing my property after me.

"We marched thus till we came to Serindib. I prostrated myself before the monarch, to whom I related my story, with which he was so surprised and pleased that he ordered one of his officers to take care of me.

"When I next paid a visit to the king, I presented him with the choicest pieces of my chrystal rock, and then prayed him to allow me to return to my own country; which request he granted, and sent by me a letter and a brilliant present to the sovereign, the Caliph Haroun Alraschid, with many rich gifts for myself. I returned to Bagdad, where my first care was to present myself to the Caliph, who received the letter and present of the King of Serindib with the greatest satisfaction."

Sinbad here left off speaking, and they all returned the following day to hear the relation of the last voyage.

### Seventh and last Voyage of Sinbad.

"Being returned from my sixth voyage, I absolutely laid aside all thoughts of travelling any farther. But one day as I was entertaining a company of friends, I was sent for by the the Caliph. 'Sinbad,' said the monarch, 'I stand in need of your services; you must bear an answer and present from me to the King of Serindib.' I used my endeavours to be excused, but the king would take no denial, and ordered me a thousand sequins for the expenses of my journey.

"I embarked, and had a favourable voyage. When I arrived at Serindib, I delivered the Caliph's letter and present, which he received with satisfaction.

"A little time afterwards I solicited leave to depart. We had not been at sea long before some corsairs seized upon our ship and carried us into slavery.

"We were all sold for slaves; and I was bought by a rich merchant. He enquired if I understood the use of the bow; I assured him I did. He then gave me a bow and arrows, and taking me behind him on an elephant, carried me to a forest. We stopped near an exceeding high tree. My master bid me alight, and climb that tree; telling me I must wait there till a troop of elephants passed by, and then shoot at them, and if any one fell, I was to hasten back to the city to give him notice of it.

"As soon as the sun arose on the following morning, I beheld a great number; I shot several arrows among them, and at last one of the elephants fell: the rest retired immediately, and left me at liberty to go and acquaint my patron of my success. He commended my diligence, and we went back to the forest, and dug a hole to bury the elephant in, till he decayed, when the merchant intended to take his teeth, for traded in ivory.

"My master, after I had been some time employed in this way, gave me liberty to return to my own country. He loaded a ship with a valuable cargo for me, and abundance of provisions.

"We set sail, and at last I came safe to Bagdad, and presented myself to the Caliph."

Sinbad then gave Hindbad a hundred sequins, and desired him to quit his porter's employment, and come every day to dine with him, that he might have reason to remember SINBAD THE SAILOR.



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