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**RESUMEN:** SUMMARY

King Shahriyar thinks all women are bad, so every night, he marries a new woman and kills her in the morning. One day, he marries Sherezade and she is different because she starts to tell stories the King likes so that she is not killed, and she continues like that for a thousand and one nights. This book tells three of her stories.

*The Dream* is about Mansur and his desire to be rich. He travelled to Cairo to make his dream come true, but he was caught and taken to prison. The Chief Policeman told him his dream and in the end it came out that the fortune the Policeman had dreamt about was in Mansur's own garden in Baghdad.

*The Donkey* is about Balshazar, a man who sold things as a merchant with this animal until it was stolen by thieves. They considered him a stupid man and tricked him saying that one of them had a curse and his mum had turned him into his donkey but that day the mum had forgiven him and he became a man again. Balshazar thought about the story and forced by his wife too, he decided to buy another donkey but he saw his old donkey at the market just to tell him that he was not stupid and he would not buy him again.

*The Fisherman and the Genie* is about a poor Fisherman who found a Genie in a bottle. The man asked for money but instead he was given coloured fish to take them to the King so he could pay him some gold. The fish talked because there was a curse by a witch and King Aliduras wanted to talk to the fisherman. He found a palace in which Prince Shalimar lay in bed because his legs were Stone. He explained the people in his kingdom were fish because his wife, who had cheated on him, was a witch.

Aliduras killed her and they were all happy ever after.

In the end Shahriyar fell in love with Sherezade and they had three sons. He promised not to kill her and they all lived very happily.

**PROLOGUE**

- **Why did the King not kill Sherezade in the morning?**

Because he wanted to hear the end of the story she started the previous night.

## **FIRST STORY-THE DREAM**

### **CHAPTER 1-The Problem**

- **How did Mansur become poor?**

Because he spent his money in stupid ways.

- **Was he happy?**

No, he wasn't. He was sad.

- **Did a strange man speak to Mansur about Cairo in his dream?**

Yes, he did. He told him he would find his fortune in that city.

- **Have you ever had a dream that came true?**

Free answer.

### **CHAPTER 2- To Cairo**

- **Did they take the merchant to prison for something he did not do?**

Yes, they did. He was in the wrong place, sleeping in the courtyard of a Mosque.

- **Do you think prisons are good?**

Free answer.

### **CHAPTER 3-In Prison**

- **When did the chief policeman talk to Mansur?**

He talked to him on the fourth day.

### **CHAPTER 4- The Chief Policeman**

- **Why did Mansur want to go back home?**

Because Cairo was not a good place for him, he would go home to find his fortune there.

### **CHAPTER 5- The Chief Policeman's Dream**

- **What did Mansur find in his own garden?**

He found a treasure with a lot of gold and jewellery.

- **Who was right about his dream in the end?**

The chief policeman was right about his dream but his treasure was in Mansur's garden.

## **2nd STORY- THE DONKEY**

## **CHAPTER 1- The Idea**

- **What was the name of the merchant?**

Balshazar was his name.

- **Which animal did he have?**

He had a donkey.

## **CHAPTER 2-The explanation**

- **What did the thief explain about the robbery?**

He said that his mum cursed him to become a donkey but she forgave him that very day.

- **Do you think they were clever to invent that story?**

Yes, they were. They were cunning.

## **CHAPTER 3-The Donkey at the Market**

- **What did Balshazar have to do after spending three days in bed thinking about the strange story?**

He had to get another donkey to keep on working.

- **How did he react when he saw his donkey at the market?**

He went to talk to him saying that he would not buy him again.

- **Imagine the donkey's words after seeing his owner at the market.**

'Oh my good, I can't believe you are so stupid. Those thieves deceived you and brought me here. I hope my next owner is more intelligent than you and treats me better.'

## **3RD STORY-THE FISHERMAN AND THE GENIE**

### **CHAPTER 1-The Bottle**

- **Who is the main character in this tale?**

The fisherman is the main character.

- **Do you think genies are evil or good characters?**

Free answer.

### **CHAPTER 2-The Coloured Fish**

- **How long has the genie been in the bottle?**

He has been there for 200 years.

- **What did the Fisherman get when he threw his net instead of gold?**

He got coloured fish.

### **CHAPTER 3- Strange events**

- **Were there many people waiting when he went to take the fish to the King?**

Yes, there were a lot of people waiting.

- **What happened when the cook put the fish in the pan?**

The fish started to talk.

- **What did the fish say?**

They said ' The witch in the palace put a curse on us. She transformed us into fish. Please help us, and kill her'

- **Do you know any other tale with a cook and a fish in it?**

The tiny brass soldier.

### **CHAPTER 4-The Palace**

- **Could the Fisherman explain the mystery to Aliduras?**

No, he couldn't.

- **Where did Aliduras arrive after walking around the lake?**

He arrived in a palace.

- **Is there a legend in your village?**

Free answer.

### **CHAPTER 5-Prince Shalimar's Problem**

- **What happened to King Shalimar's legs?**

They were turned into stone.

- **What were all the fish in the kingdom?**

The people who lived there before.

- **How did Aliduras help Shalimar?**

He killed his wife, the witch.

- **Do you believe in witches or genies?**

Free answer.

### **CHAPTER 6-The Solution**

- **Did the witch die?**

Yes, she did.

- **What happened to the Prince's legs?**

The prince's stone legs became real.

- **How did the fisherman help the kingdom?**

He helped the King end the curse.

- **Explain the relationship between the prince, the fisherman and the King at the end of the story.**

They became friends. The king married one of the fisherman's beautiful daughters, and the prince married the other. The fisherman became rich and he was happy for the rest of his life.

## **EPILOGUE**

- **Did Sherezade and Shahriyar fall in love?**

Yes, they did.

- **Would the King ever kill her?**

No, he would never kill her. He wasn't angry or cruel any more.

- **How many children did they have?**

They had three sons.

- **Would you like to read more tales of the Arabian Nights? Why?Why not?**

Free answer.