

# The greedy

ONCE upon a time there was an old man and his two sons who lived together in a small house.

The elder son Hasan and the youngest son was Omar.

Hasan loved money very much, but Omar was humble.

One day the father called his sons and gave two dirhams for each.

Hasan said, "I'm bigger than Omar, you should give me two-and-a-half dirhams."

His father said, "I will give as much as I give your brother".

Hasan shouted at his father's face and said: "If you don't give me two-and-a-half dirhams, I will not eat and drink".

His father gave Hasan two-and-a-half dirhams, and wanted to give Omar same as to his brother. But Omar refused to take more money.

The father felt very happy at Omar. At the same time, he felt very upset towards Hasan.

When the two sons were in their room, Hasan told Omar, "Why did you try to show that you don't like money and want our father to love you more than me?"

Omar said: "I don't like this because the greed kill his owner".

One day both brothers took different way and went to a forest. On his way, Omar found a pretty girl. She was sitting in between beautiful flowers.

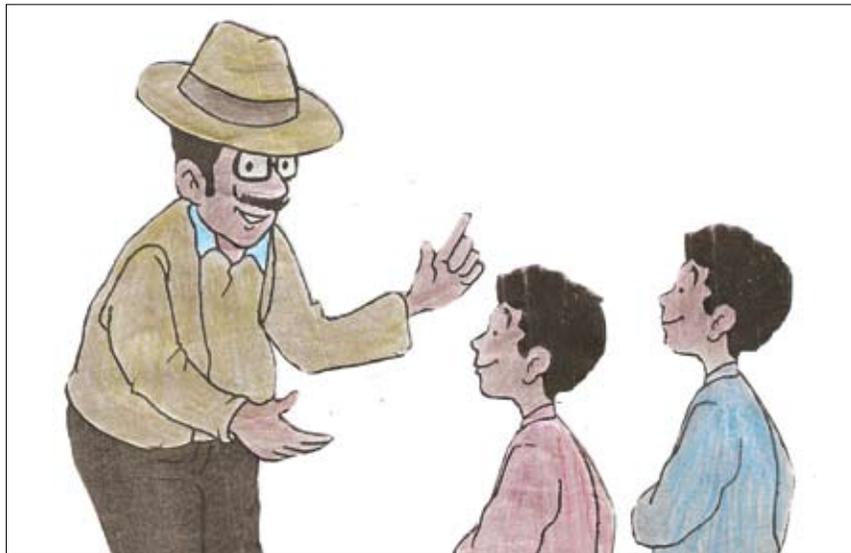
Omar asked her: Who are you?

She said: "I'm a girl. I live alone in this forest."

Omar said: "I'm Omar and my father is a poor man".

The Pretty girl said to Omar: "Take care, you will find a man who will tell you, 'I have a treasure and come with me to take it'."

"You must not believe him be-



cause, he wants to eat you." Then, Omar saw the man and told him: "I don't want any treasure from you".

While Hasan was walking around the forest, he found the pretty girl. She told Hasan about the treasure.

In his way, he saw the man. The man said to him: "Come with me and I will give you a treasure."

Hasan felt happy and didn't listen to the girl's advice. He went with the man.

The man took Hasan far away. The man face changed and became like a monster. He took Hasan and ate him.

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## My mother

MOTHER is a simple word but with a great and wider meaning. Mother is a person who guides you during the course of life. She is always there for you and for the sake of your good being.

Mother is the reason enabled you to witness the beam of this life... She gives you love and care without limits and selfishness. She is a friend, a teacher and a lover.

Every mother is considered as an angle in this earth. Indeed, my great factory of care-giving is my mother. She has always been there whenever I cried. She has taught me how to be a good person.

Also, she has correct me whenever I made any mistake. I admit she has done many things for the sake of me. So, the mother day, in every February 21st, is a time of commemoration and appreciation for mother. It is the suitable time for a big family gathering to say: "I love you mum." Every mother is treated superiorly in this special day.

My mother is already occupied all chambers of my heart. You are not only just my mother, but also my best friend forever. I am appreciating all things done and sacrificed for me.

Mothers are the sources of love, so we must respect our mothers and every mother in this world.

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## My Angel

My mother is precious to me  
She is my hero in every mean

My mother's heart is keen for me  
It loves, cares, and so full for teen

My mother's hands shield me  
from gold made to protect me

My mother is an angel from THE LORD  
She is the source of love and gold

My mother always pray for me  
May ALLAH bless her and me

My mother lives within me,  
She power my beats without cease  
Don't accept any more he and she

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**A** BLIND boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which said: "I am blind, please help." There were only few coins in the hat.

A man was walking and took few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat.

Then he took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. He put the sign back, so that everyone who walked by would see new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up. More people were giving money to the blind boy. In the afternoon, the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were going on.

The boy recognised his footsteps and asked, "Are you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?"

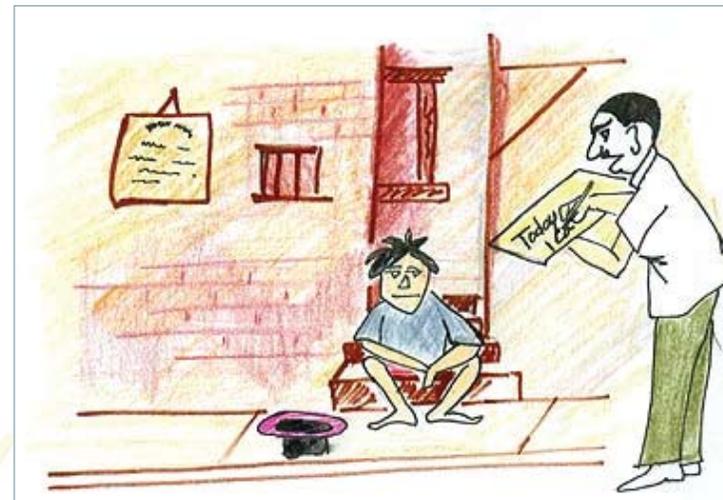
The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way."

"Today is a beautiful day and I can not see it."

**Dear students,**  
**Do you think the first sign and the second sign were saying the same thing?**

Of course both signs tell people that

# Let's have a wonderful day



this boy is blind. But the first sign simply says the boy is blind. The second sign tells people that they are so lucky because they are not blind. Should we be surprised that the second sign is more effective?

### The moral of the story:

Be thankful to Allah for what you have and others do not have. Be creative. Be innovative. Think differently and

positively.

Prepare for the future without fear, es-



establish steady relations with your Creator. Keep the faith and drop the fear.

When life gives you a 100 reasons to cry, show life that you have 1000 reasons to smile.

Invite others towards good deeds with wisdom.

Live life with no excuse and love with no regrets.

Face your past without regret. Handle your present with confidence.

## The Source of Love

- ★ It is difficult to imagine my life without her...
  - ★ She is the sunshine to guide me to the right way...
  - ★ She is the candle to bright my way and life...
  - ★ She is every beautiful thing in my life...
- Because she is my Mother**

**The Mother Day is coming soon and I want to say few but meaningful words for my mother!**

**I want to apologise about every word that might hurt her once. I love you my mother. I am blowing all love in the world towards you... "I love you."**

**I love you for bringing me to this life and helped me to be a good person. I am proud to be your child.**

# Happy Mother's Day

## A gift to mother

**O**N Mother's Day Mazen decided to buy a present for his mother. Mazen went to his room and kept the present on the table. His brother Yamen hadn't enough money to buy a present. Yamen took his brother's gift and gave it to his mother. When Mazen went back to his room he didn't find the gift.

Mazen screamed with a loud voice, "where is my gift?" He was very sad. He went to his mother who was very happy. His mother said "Mazen look! Yamen gave me this present". When Mazen saw the present, he was surprised but kept quiet. After that, he shouted at his brother. Yamen said, "What is the problem?" "You have stolen my present. You are a thief!" Mazen said. Yamen told Mazen that he stole the present because he did not have enough money to buy one. Mazen makes an oath with his brother and said, "Promise me that you will not do such thing again".

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## The importance of writing (Life is a paper)



**T**HE life is a large paper where we can pour our feelings, ideas and believes with a profound emotions. The paper is the place where nobody can tell you what you have to do and what is not. It is a wonderful kingdom where you are as king and the master of your soul. It expresses your freedom with wonderful details. We should all recognise that the pen is considered as the honest guard of worlds. If all world may betray you, it will never do the same.

It is really a dazzling world with a magic touch when you sit in front of white paper and the pen coax up your fingers, which miss the active minds to draw the future on it.

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# The 2nd Asian Beach Games 2010: Continental and Cultural Event



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**N**OWADAYS, Oman is preparing to best organise the coming remarkable event "The Second Asian Beach Games, Muscat, 2010". This continental event is first of its kind to be held in our beloved country.

The 2nd Asian Beach Games is a multi-sport event sanctioned by the Olympic Council of Asia and will be held 8-16 December 2010. The Games encourage Asia's youth to participate in sport and celebrate the vast and varied cultures found across the continent. It works to uplift na-

tional pride and create a festival of cooperation and camaraderie.

The Asian Beach Games are on traditional sports. Fourteen composed of a variety of modern sports as well as variations programme:



Bodybuilding



Beach Handball



Beach Sepaktakraw



Beach Kabaddi



Beach Soccer



Beach Volleyball



Beach Waterpolo



Beach Woodball



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Marathon Swimming



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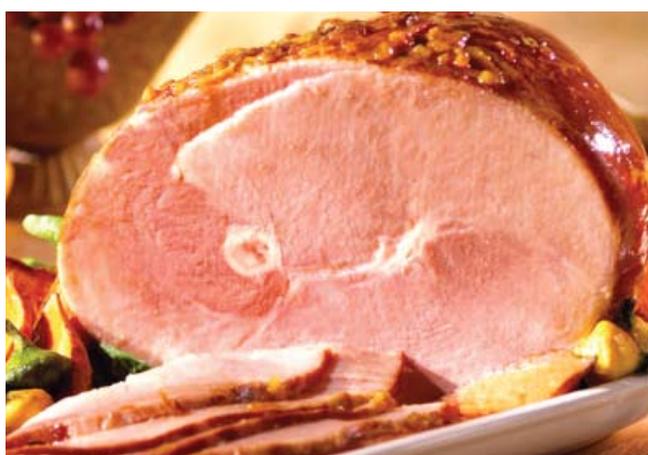


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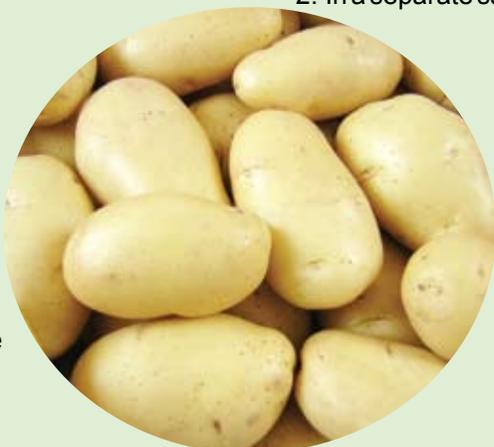
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## Ingredients

- 3 1/2 cups peeled and diced potatoes
- 1/3 cup diced celery
- 1/3 cup finely chopped onion
- 3/4 cup diced cooked beef
- 3 1/4 cups water
- 2 tablespoons chicken bouillon granules
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, or to taste
- 1 teaspoon ground white or black pepper, or to taste



## Delicious Beef and Potato Soup

- 5 tablespoons butter
- 5 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 cups milk

### Directions

1. Combine the potatoes, celery, onion, beef and water in a stockpot. Bring to a boil, then cook over medium heat until potatoes are tender, about 10 to 15 minutes. Stir in the chicken bouillon, salt and pepper.
2. In a separate saucepan, melt butter over medium-low heat. Whisk in flour with a fork, and cook, stirring constantly until thick, about 1 minute. Slowly stir in milk as not to allow lumps to form until all of the milk has been added. Continue stirring over medium-low heat until thick, 4 to 5 minutes.
3. Stir the milk mixture into the stockpot, and cook soup until heated through. Serve immediately.





# Dear Khalah Asia

*Khala Asia replies. ..*

*If you are worried about something, share it with yO's agony aunt, Khala Asia — she'll help you with your problems*  
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Dear Khala Asia,

Students usually face some problems in their last year of schooling and I am one of these students. The big problem that I face in grade 12 is that I feel worried about my future.

I do not know how to organise my time, and as you know this year is different. We have to learn two semesters together because H1N1, so I feel this is very difficult because we have to remember everything we learnt.

So, please tell me, if you were in my place, what would you do?

### Confusion

Dear girl,

Although I don't like nick names and prefer you all write your real names, but I am responding because this problem is facing all students of grade 12.

Final year is a fateful year which will draw you future plans .All of you are very worried, stressed and sometimes pessimistic.

As I told you friends previously "time management" is the key to success;

1. Prepare your lesson before you go to school

2. Review it once you come back and highlight the areas that need further clarification or explanation

and ask your teachers about them.

3. Don't postpone today's work until tomorrow.

4. Put a weekly schedule where you smartly divide your time; don't stress yourself.

5. Use mind maps as they can help you concentrate on the most important points in each lesson.

6. Choose a quiet, nice and appropriate place to study in.

Good luck

Dear Aunty

I am seventeen years old. I have a lot of friends in the school, but my problem is that I am moody, nervous and quick tempered. So when I speak with them I don't like to listen to their opinions and I think my opinions are true. I Sometime feel selfish.

My friend started to hate me and they don't like me. Please tell me what I can do.

— Huda

Dear Huda,

It is really important to admit and be aware of your problem in order to solve it. Always put yourself in your friend's position; would you like it if you talk and they don't listen? Would you like them to treat you carelessly?

Most of us try to avoid dealing with selfish people because

they make us mad, angry and nervous.

Try to change yourself; promise yourself to listen more, talk less. Tell your friends that you like them and don't want to lose them. Tell them to help you be a better person.

Good luck

Dear Khala Asia,

I am a very shy person and unable to communicate with others. What can I do?

— Fatima

Dear Fatma,

Shyness is a personality trait, not a fault and many shy people are great thinkers, and this is very important to know.

Bellow some tips that can help you:

1. You don't have to feel shy of your personality

2. Walk with a friend who is very active and have good communication skills and good social relations.

3. Try to make a deal with that friend that you will try to overcome your problem with his support.

4. Reward yourself and your friend for each improvement.

5. Read books and websites that talk about how to overcome shyness.

6. Tell the social worker at your

school about your problem to give you some tips.

Take care

Dear Khala Asia,

My name is afrah and I am in grade 6. I love sports very much and my sport teacher loves me very much. I play all types of sports, and I am the best in the class. The problem is that I am losing some of my friends because of my talent; they tease me and hurt me with their words. Please help me!!!

— Afrah,

Dear Afrah,

Sports are very important to build your body especially in your age, so keep it up and continue practicing.

Your friends might feel jealous, but I am sure they don't hate you or mean to hurt you. We all have different talents and each of us is a different human being .We need to understand each other, help each other and care for each other in order to be happy and satisfied. Forget about small problems and concentrate on you study and your hobby.

Be nice to all your friends and they will eventually understand that you are a good person.

Good luck



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