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Sinbad and the Genie

One day Sinbad the Sailor was at the seaside. He sat down by the water. Somebody called to him. He looked around. There were no people nearby, but there was an old bottle. He looked at the bottle. In it, there was a very, very small person. It was a genie.

“Help! Help!” cried the genie. “Please let me out.”

Sinbad opened the bottle. A big, gray cloud came out. In the cloud, there was a very, very big genie.

“Thank you, sailor. I was in that bottle for a long time, and now I’m very hungry. My last meal was 5,000 years ago. I think I’ll eat you!”

The genie was very big and strong and he had Sinbad in his hand, but Sinbad was clever.

He said to the genie, “How can you eat me — a little thing like you?”

“Little?” said the genie, in an angry voice. “I’m not a little. I’m very big!”

“How can you be very big?” asked Sinbad. “You were in this little bottle!”

“I was little, and now I’m big,” said the genie. “Can’t you see how big I am?”

“No, no,” said Sinbad. “I see only a little bottle.”

The genie was angry. His face was all red. He looked terrible. “I’ll show you!” he shouted. “Look at me! I’ll change in front of your eyes again!”

The big, gray cloud came back around the genie. Then the cloud and the genie got smaller and smaller. Soon the genie was little again, and he climbed into the bottle.

Sinbad quickly put the top on the bottle. He threw the bottle into the sea.

“Goodbye for another 5,000 years,” he said, and he walked away.