

Sinbad and the coconuts

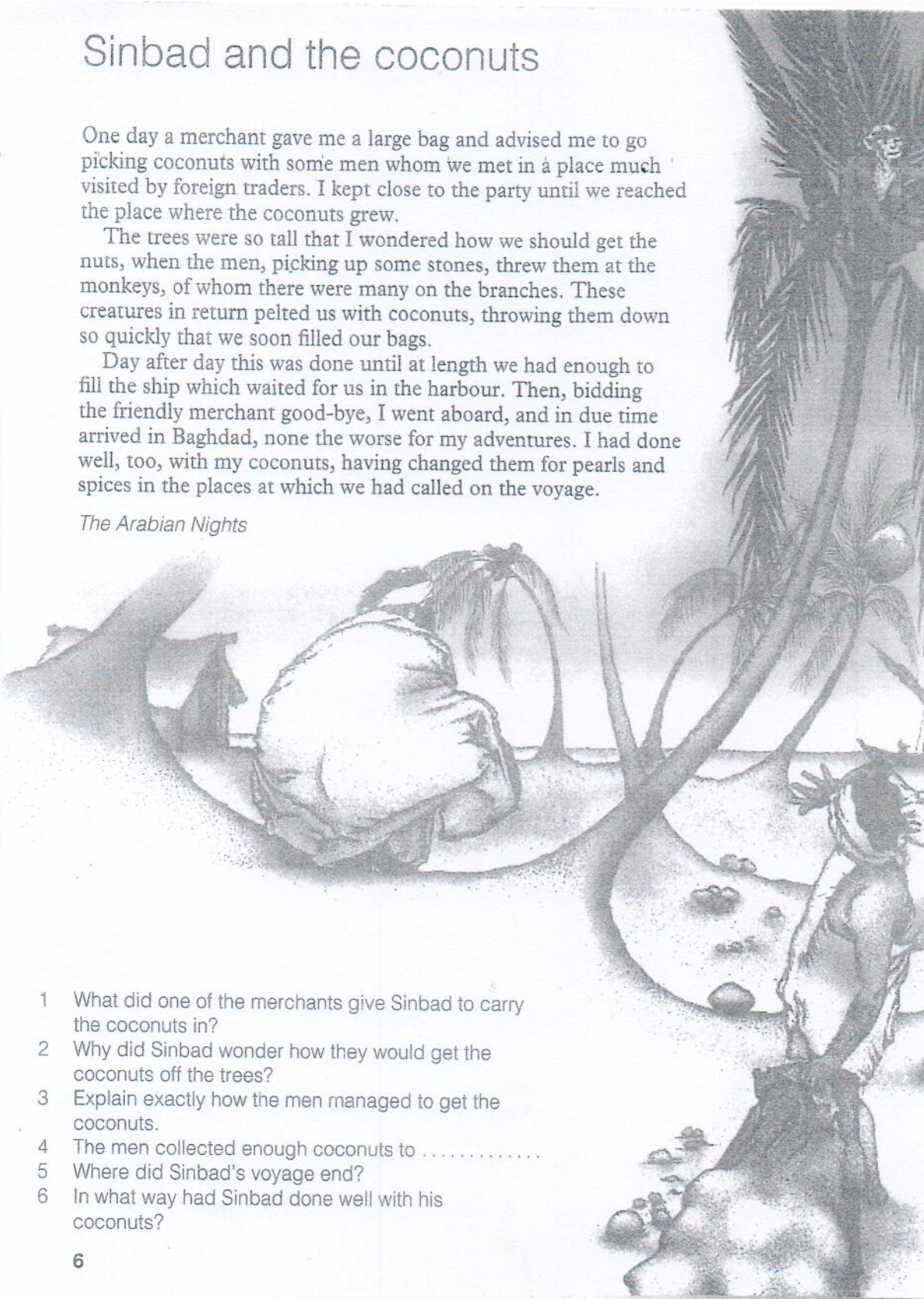
One day a merchant gave me a large bag and advised me to go picking coconuts with some men whom we met in a place much visited by foreign traders. I kept close to the party until we reached the place where the coconuts grew.

The trees were so tall that I wondered how we should get the nuts, when the men, picking up some stones, threw them at the monkeys, of whom there were many on the branches. These creatures in return pelted us with coconuts, throwing them down so quickly that we soon filled our bags.

Day after day this was done until at length we had enough to fill the ship which waited for us in the harbour. Then, bidding the friendly merchant good-bye, I went aboard, and in due time arrived in Baghdad, none the worse for my adventures. I had done well, too, with my coconuts, having changed them for pearls and spices in the places at which we had called on the voyage.

The Arabian Nights

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- 1 What did one of the merchants give Sinbad to carry the coconuts in?
- 2 Why did Sinbad wonder how they would get the coconuts off the trees?
- 3 Explain exactly how the men managed to get the coconuts.
- 4 The men collected enough coconuts to
- 5 Where did Sinbad's voyage end?
- 6 In what way had Sinbad done well with his coconuts?