



The Clever Boy and the Snake

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Alim was walking through the hot desert. He was looking for water. Suddenly, he tripped over a large stone and tumbled to the ground. Illustration: Alim, wearing simple clothes, stumbles and falls near a large rock in a sandy desert.



Curious, Alim pushed the stone aside. Underneath, he found a small, ornate wooden box! He carefully opened it, eager to see what was inside. Illustration: Alim opens a small box, revealing a snake coiled inside.



Out slithered a long, green snake! It hissed at Alim, its fangs bared. "I will bite you!" the snake hissed. Illustration: The snake hisses, its tongue flicking out, facing a surprised Alim.



Alim was frightened, but he was also brave. "Wait!" he cried. "I saved you! Is that how you repay kindness?" Illustration: Alim looks at the snake, raising his hands in surprise and disbelief.



Alim and the snake came upon a group of children playing. Seeing Alim in danger, a clever boy stepped forward. He asked the snake, "How could such a big snake fit in such a small box?" Illustration: A clever boy points at the small box, looking at the snake.



The snake, wanting to prove it could fit, slithered back into the box! The boy quickly slammed the lid shut. Alim was safe! Illustration: The boy is closing the box with the snake inside, while Alim watches in relief.