

## Chapter 4

### The Story of the Helpful Barber

#### PreReading

1. Read the title of Chapter 4: The Story of the Helpful Barber. What do you think this story will be about? Talk to a classmate about this.
2. Look at the picture in Chapter 4 and read the sentence under the picture. What do you see in the picture? What do you know about the story from looking at the picture? (For instance, do you think Faisal is an old man? Do you think this is a story about Faisal's work?)
3. Read the very last paragraph in Chapter 3: The Caliph laughs. It is a conversation between the sultan and Sheherezade. This conversation tells us about the story in Chapter 4. What does this conversation between the sultan and Sheherezade make you think will happen in Chapter 4?
4. Read the first two paragraphs of Chapter 4: The story of the helpful barber. After you read those two paragraphs, what do you think will come next?

There once was a rich young man of Baghdad called Faisal. Although he had a big house, with many servants, he did not have a wife. He did not feel happy in the company of women; and love, he thought, was just foolishness.

One day, while in town, he saw coming towards him a lot of laughing women. He did not want to meet them, so he turned into a side street, and as he stood there waiting for them to pass, he noticed someone at a window across the street. A girl was just going to water some flowers. But when his eyes met hers, she moved away inside.