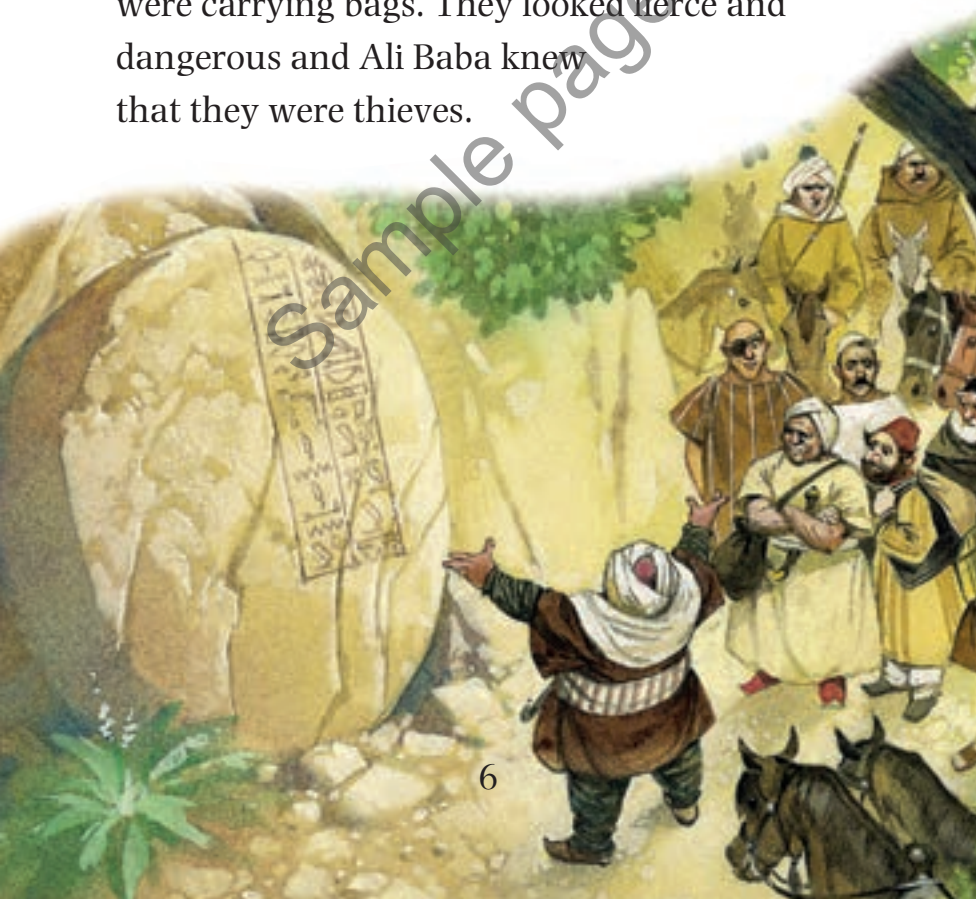


One day when he was cutting wood, Ali Baba heard the sound of some horses. They were coming up the hill.

‘Horses!’ he thought. ‘Horses and men. I have to hide.’

Quickly he climbed a tree and hid in the green leaves. Soon he saw the men and the horses. They stopped near his tree. All the men were carrying bags. They looked fierce and dangerous and Ali Baba knew that they were thieves.



The leader of the thieves went up and stood in front of a big round stone. He put up his hands and cried, 'Open Sesame'.

The stone opened slowly and Ali Baba could see a cave. It was big and very dark.

