

The Treasure of Honesty



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Under the golden sunlight caressing the
calm waves of the Gulf in beloved Qatar,



a ten-year-old boy named Rashid
stood on the deck of a traditional
wooden dhow.



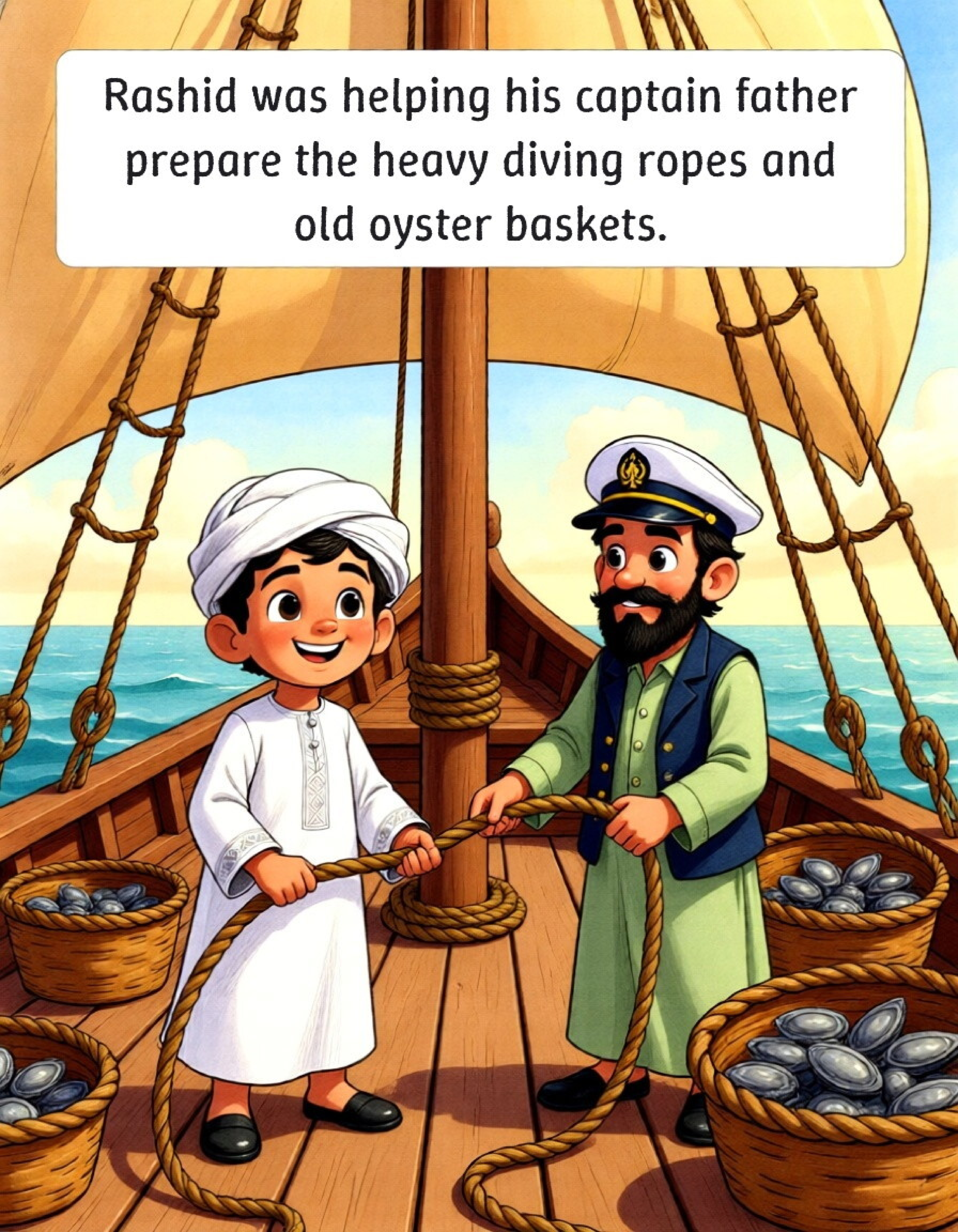
He wore his light traditional cotton thawb, and a white ghutra adorned his head,



fluttering with the
refreshing sea breeze.



Rashid was helping his captain father prepare the heavy diving ropes and old oyster baskets.



Suddenly, Rashid tripped over an old, dust-covered wooden box,



falling onto the deck with a loud,
funny laugh that made the sailors
smile!



Yet, the biggest surprise
happened when the box opened;



a giant, luminous pearl rolled out,
speeding away as if it were dancing!



Rashid shouted excitedly,
"Goodness me, it's escaping!"



and started running after it like lightning, dodging water barrels and fishing nets,



while his father cheered
him on with a wide smile.



Rashid leaped at the last moment,
stretching his hands to catch the
mischievous pearl



before it plunged into the sea.



Rashid looked at the sparkling pearl and instantly realized it did not belong to him;



it was a precious trust lost by an
elderly sailor on the shore hours
earlier.



Should he keep it and become rich?
Rashid thought for a single second,



but he immediately remembered that honesty is
the highest honor.



Rashid rushed swiftly toward the shore looking for the old sailor,



and as soon as he found him,
he handed it back as a trust.



The sailor rubbed his eyes in utter amazement and joy, hugging the boy warmly,



saying, "My boy, your honesty
is more precious than every
pearl!"



Everyone learned that
honesty and trustworthiness
are the true treasures.





The End