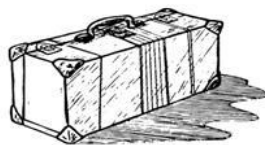
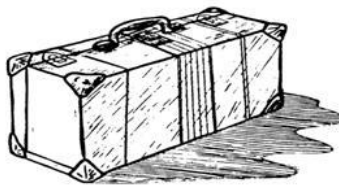
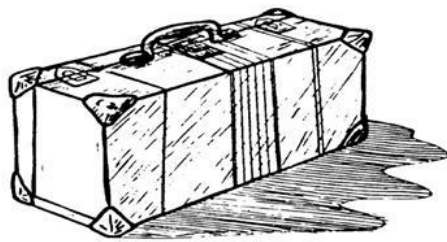
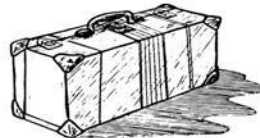
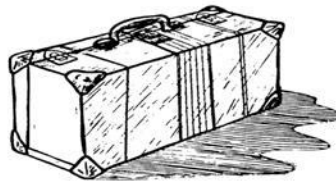
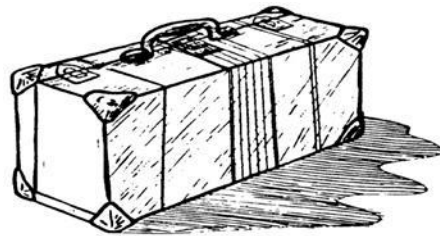


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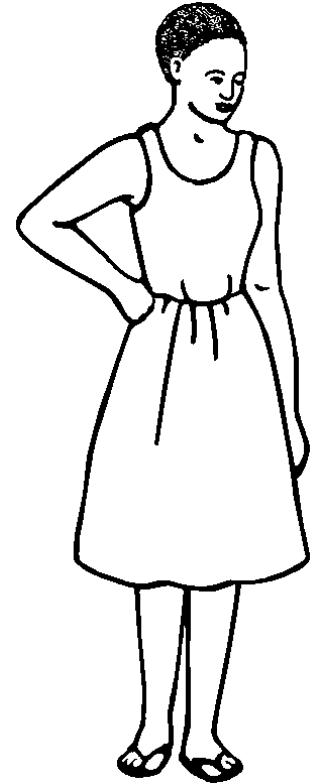
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Once upon a time there was an orphan named Sarah. Sarah lived with her stepmother and her stepsister, Bolu, in a small village.

Sarah was obedient, respectful, and hardworking, but Bolu was arrogant, rude, and lazy.

Sarah did all the house chores herself, but her stepmother never appreciated her efforts.

Instead, she just scolded her for everything.



Sarah's stepmother mistreated her so badly that Sarah often felt like running away from home. But she had nowhere else to go.

Because of this, Sarah felt sad all the time.

One night her stepmother sent Sarah to the river to fetch water in the middle of the night.

Sarah was scared, but she had no choice but to go. So she went to the river and fetched the water.



On her way back, she met an old man who stopped her and asked for a drink of water.

Sarah gave him some water from her calabash.

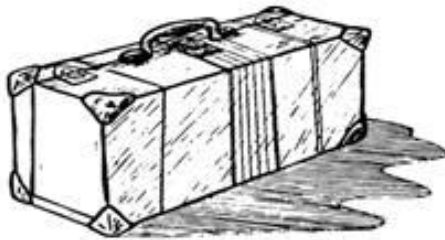
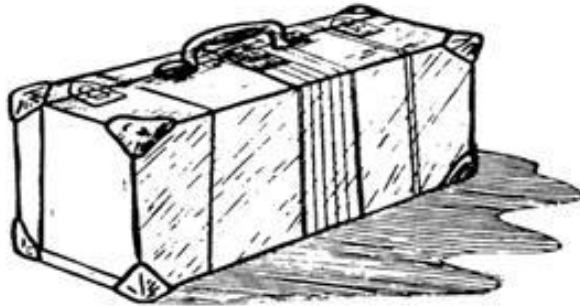
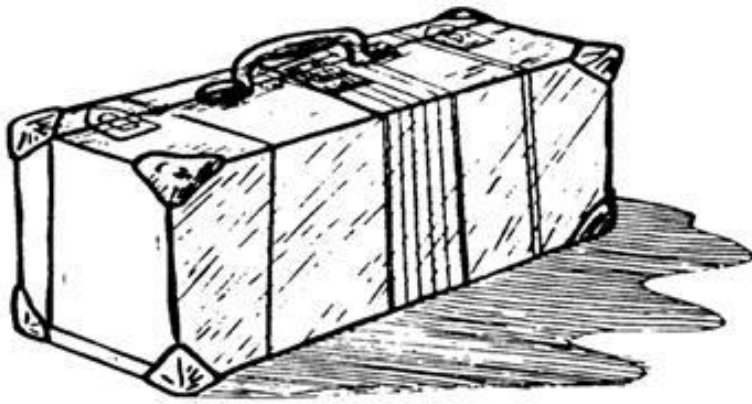
Then she asked, “Sir, I see you are out here all alone at night. Do you need any help?”



The man said, “No, my child, but for your kindness, look here.”

He showed her three boxes of different sizes. “Choose one of these boxes as a gift, but do not open it until you get home.”

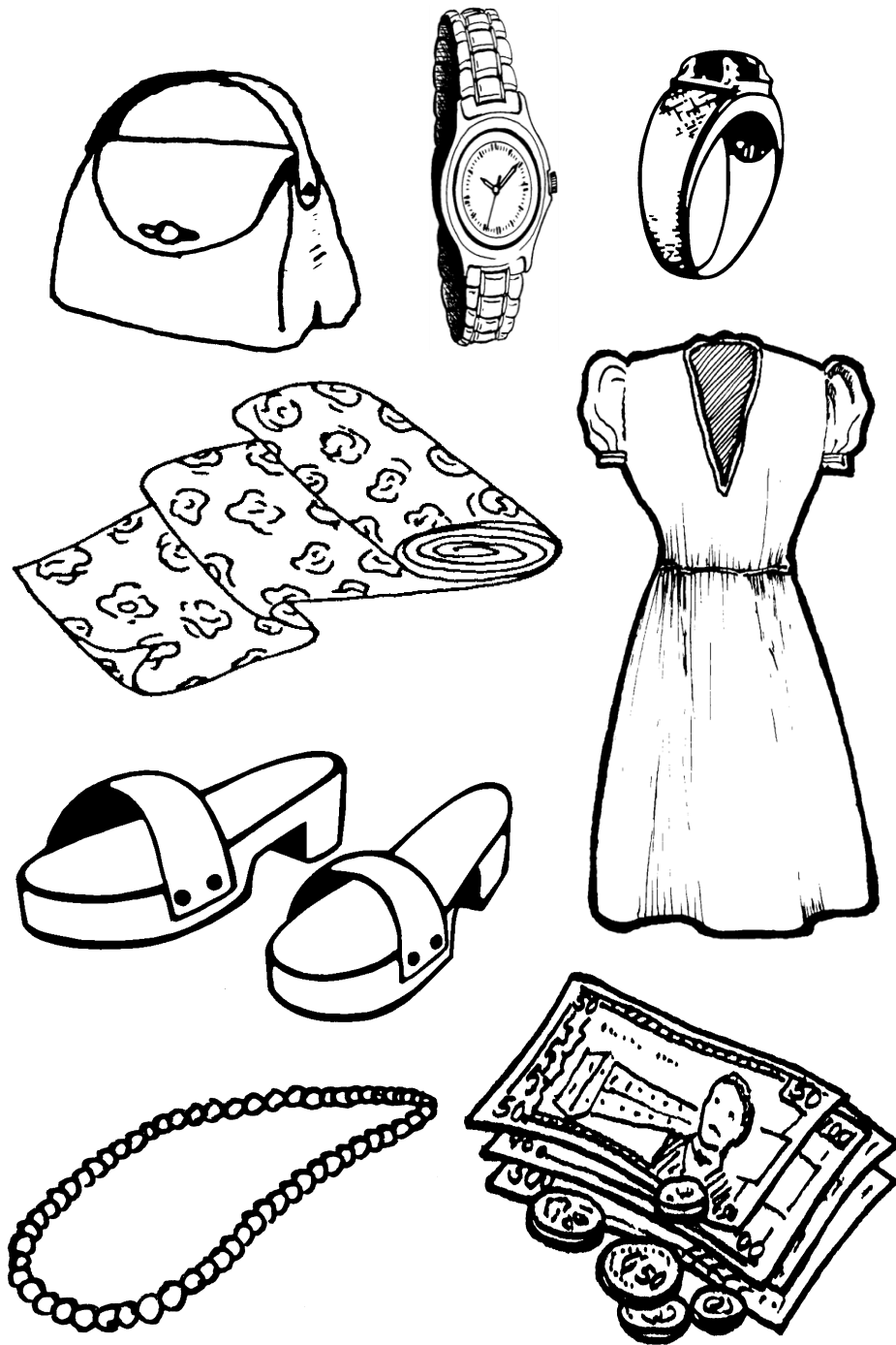
Sarah picked the smallest box and thanked the old man and left.



When she reached home,
she went into her room and
opened the box.

Inside she found money,
jewelry, clothes, and other
beautiful things.

She was so happy that she
called for her stepmother
and stepsister to come and
see.



They were shocked to see all the good fortunes and asked her where she got them. Sarah then told them the story of the mysterious old man she met on her way home from the river.

The stepmother said to Bolu, “Go fetch some water from the river too and then you will come back with all these good fortunes and more.”

Bolu agreed but only because of her greed. On her way, she was grumbling and insulting Sarah that because of her she must go to the river at night.



Then Bolu came across the old man now sitting on the ground. She went straight to him and said, "Give me my share of the fortunes."

The old man said, "Please, my child, first help me stand on my feet."

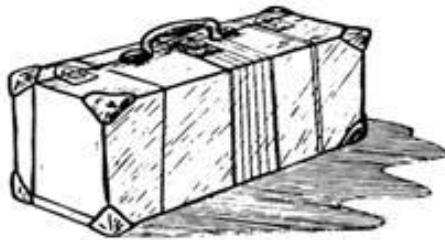
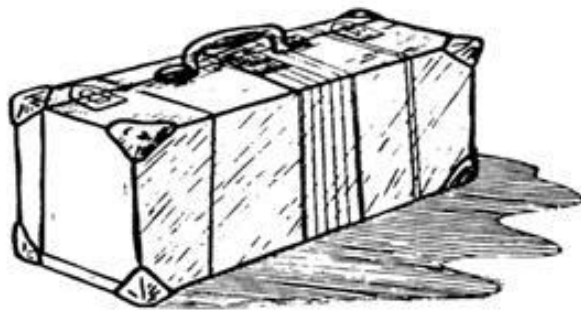
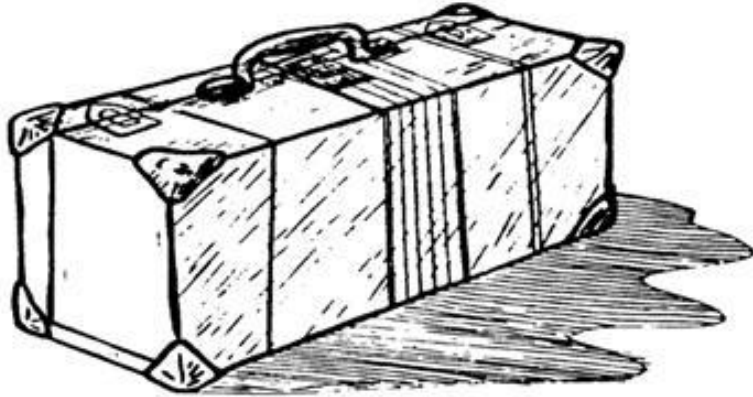
But Bolu refused, saying, "What kind of fool comes to the river alone at night when he cannot even stand up on his own?"



Then the old man showed her the boxes of various sizes and said, “All right, my child, then choose your box and go home.”

Due to her greed, Bolu picked the biggest box and turned on her heels and ran home without even saying thank you.

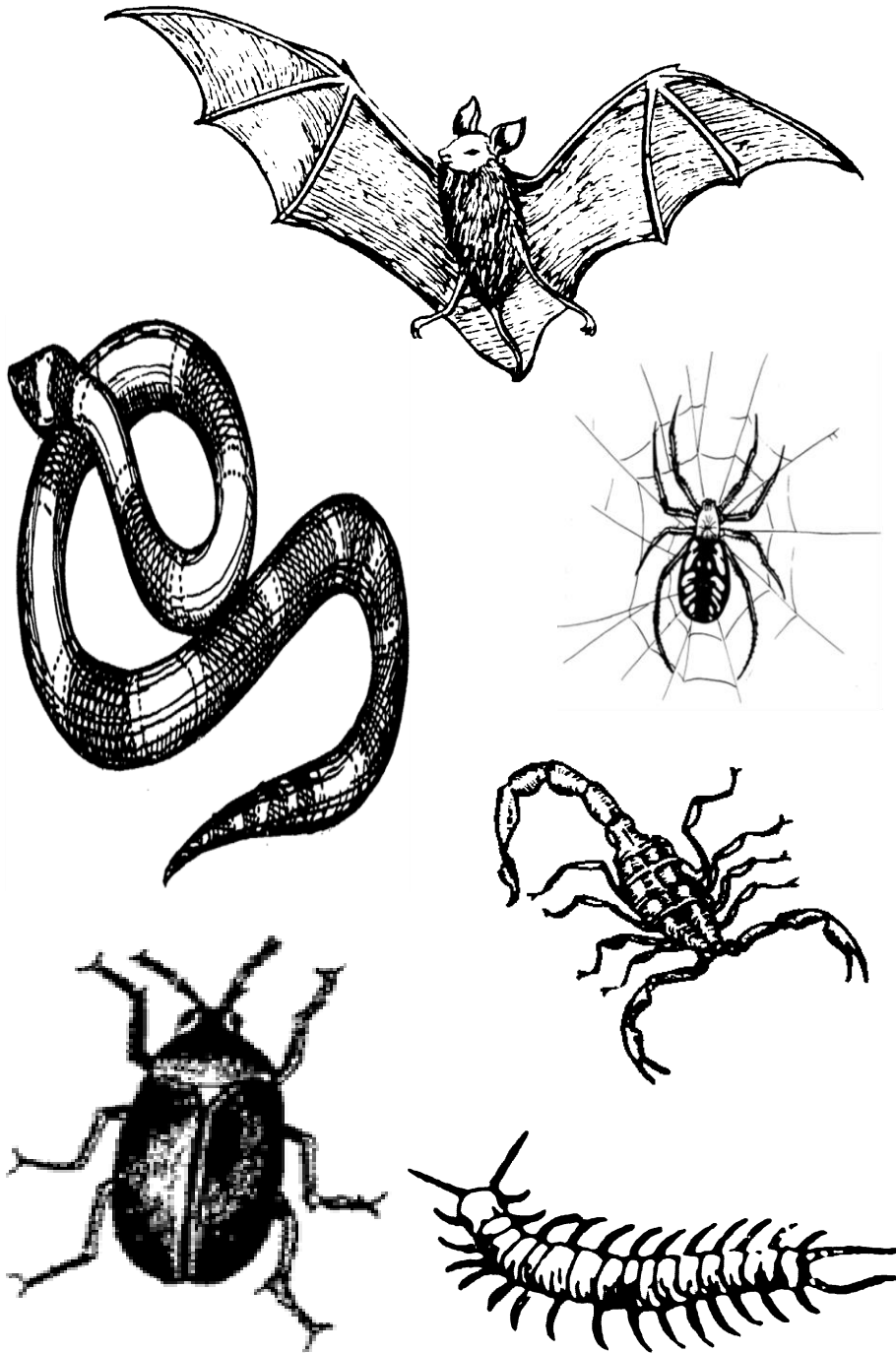
When Bolu reached home, her mother was so happy to see the box in her hands.



She said, “Come quickly to my room so that we can open the box together.”

But when they did, they were shocked to find snakes, spiders, scorpions, and other scary animals.

Indeed, the animals bit and stung them, and the women fell ill for a week.



From that day forward Bolu and her mother were afraid of Sarah and respected her.

They no longer made her do all the work alone, but they all worked together like a real family.

Sarah, for her part, forgave them for their cruelty and shared her treasures with them.



Check Your Understanding!

1. How was Sarah's life with her stepmother and stepsister at the beginning of the story?
2. How did Sarah treat the old man that she met on her way back from the river?
3. What size of box did Sarah pick? What was in the box?
4. How did Bolu treat the old man?
5. What size of box did Bolu pick? What was in her box?
6. Why do you think Sarah's and Bolu's boxes were different?
7. What happened at the end of the story?

