1 **Leggi le informazione sulla storia di Sinbad.**

The story of Sinbad the sailor is 1,400 years old. It comes from an old Arabic book of stories called Hazar-afsaneh (Arabian Nights). Many of the stories in Arabian Nights have the same themes, for example, love, heroes, war and travel. At the beginning there is usually a problem and the story gives us an answer. There is often a long journey as part of the story. There is always a hero. He is patient and strong. Fantasy and magic can sometimes help him.

The Arabian Nights begins with the terrible king Sharyar. He kills beautiful girls, but he refuses to kill a beautiful girl called Sheherazade because she tells him a different story every night. She tells him 1001 stories and this saves her life. Sheherazade tells the king the first story about Sinbad the sailor on the 536th night of the 1001 nights. In the Arabian Nights Sinbad has a total of seven adventures.

2 **Questa sono le sette avventure di Sinbad. Abbina ciascuna avventura a un’illustrazione.**

A. Sinbad’s boat stops on an island, but it isn’t an island – it’s a giant whale!
B. Sinbad goes to sea and arrives on an island full of snakes and giant birds.
C. Sinbad finds lots of jewels on an island, but a big snake eats the other sailors.
D. Cannibals want to eat Sinbad and the other sailors but he escapes from the island. Sinbad marries a princess but she dies.
E. The sailors all throw stones at a big rock but it isn’t a rock – it’s the egg of a giant bird. The giant birds drop stones on Sinbad and his friends.
F. Sinbad is hungry but there is no food. He is alone in a dark cave. He meets some strange men.
G. This is Sinbad’s last voyage. Sinbad finds a young girl called Yasmin in a cave. Pirates capture Sinbad and Yasmin and sell them to an elephant hunter, but there is a happy ending to the story!
**Sinbad’s seventh adventure**

3 Ora leggi e ascolta la fine della settima avventura di Sinbad. Poi rappresentala in classe.

**SCENE 1**

*Narrator 1* This is the story of Sinbad’s seventh adventure. He returns to the island of Serendib with some presents from the Caliph of Baghdad.

*King of Serendib* Sinbad! Welcome back! I am so happy to see you.

*Sinbad* Thank you, Your Majesty. The Caliph of Baghdad sends you these carpets.

*King of Serendib* Oh, thank the Caliph for me.

*Sinbad* I will, Your Majesty. Now, goodbye.

**SCENE 2**

*Narrator 2* And so Sinbad goes to sea again.

*Sinbad* Oh no! What’s that?

*Sea Monster* Uurrgghh!

*Sinbad* Help! A sea monster! Help! Help!

*Sea Monster* Uurrgghh!

*Sinbad* Oh, good! Here’s a little boat. I can go to the island over there. Oh, look, there’s a cave! What’s that noise?

*Yasmin* Waahh!

*Sinbad* Oh, no, someone’s crying… Hello?… Hello? Is someone there?

*Sea Monster* Zzzz … Zzzz …

*Sinbad* Oh no, another monster, but that’s good – this monster’s sleeping. And who are you?

*Yasmin* I’m a prisoner in this cave. Who are you?

*Sinbad* My name’s Sinbad the Sailor. I’m here to save you.

*Yasmin* Oh, thank you. My hero! My name’s Yasmin.

*Sinbad* Let’s go quickly. The monster’s sleeping. My boat’s over there on the beach.

**SCENE 3**

*Narrator 3* Later, Sinbad and Yasmin are at sea.

*Sinbad* Yasmin, we’re lucky! Look! There’s my ship!

*Sailor* Look, it’s Sinbad! How amazing! He’s alive! Sinbad, welcome back!
Sinbad: Thank you! This is Yasmin. Listen… what’s that noise?
Sailor: Oh, no it’s pirates! They’re attacking the ship!

SCENE 4
Narrator 4: The pirates take Sinbad and Yasmin prisoner. They take them to an elephant market in a new country.

Pirate: I want to sell these two prisoners.
Hunter: I can buy them from you. Here, take this money.
Sinbad: What are you doing with us? Please don’t kill us.
Hunter: You must hunt elephants every day for their ivory.
Sinbad: We can’t do that!
Hunter: You must or we will kill you.

SCENE 5
Narrator 5: Later, they are walking in the forest.

Yasmin: Sinbad, why are those elephants following us?
Sinbad: I don’t know… It’s all right. Elephants are very wise, you know. Perhaps they want to tell us something.
Yasmin: Look! They are going into the cave. Let’s follow them.
Sinbad: Look at all these dead elephants. I must show this ivory to the hunter.

SCENE 6
Narrator 6: The next day Sinbad takes the hunter to the cave.

Hunter: Thank you, Sinbad. I am very happy to know about the ivory in the cave. Now we don’t need to kill any elephants. We’ve got lots of ivory here. You are free now. And here is some money for your journey home.
Sinbad: Thank you. Come on Yasmin. Let’s go home to Baghdad.
Yasmin: Yes, I want to meet all your friends.

SCENE 7
Narrator 7: Sinbad and Yasmin return to Baghdad.

Yasmin: Oh, Sinbad! You’re a very rich man!
Sinbad: Yes, but money isn’t everything. Let’s help the poor people in Baghdad with this money.
Yasmin: Yes, let’s give some money to the people with no homes. Then they will know that you are a truly wise and good man.