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....."I am hungry. Please give me some money." Her fingers grabbed his shoulders - as ugly and as dirty as the day before. The woman pinched him hard. It hurt. Sohrab tried to escape from the annoying figure. With a sudden movement he pulled his clothes out of her tight grip and lost his balance. He slipped off the sidewalk and lurched towards the traffic-troubled street. Suddenly a strong arm shot out and pulled him back - just in time because to save him from falling under the wheels of a passing bus. He looked at the poor woman - the only pedestrian still standing there with him. He began to understand, and was sure he saw the elephant-headed God nodding.