

The brave potter

folktale

a traditional story that people of a particular region or group repeat among themselves

mythological = related to stories that explain the early history

fond of = interested in

instructive = giving useful information

roar = make a loud sound

lightning = a powerful flash of light in the sky caused by electricity and usually followed by thunder

blinding = very bright so that you cannot see

thatched roof = Roof made of dried grass and palm branches

nod off = to begin to sleep

terrible = unpleasant and annoying

would rather = used to say that you would prefer to do or have something

awakened by = woken by

blow = a hard hit

horrible = very bad and causing worry

How dare... = used to show that you are very angry and shocked about what someone has done or said

mysterious = strange and unknown

head for home = move towards home

curse = say bad things for making you angry

miserable = unhappy and uncomfortable

palm-wine = an alcoholic drink made from palm trees

storm = heavy rain with strong winds

run off = escaped/went

grumble = complain

stumble over

to hit your foot against something and almost fall

mutter = speak in a quiet voice

sort = kind/type

faint = lose consciousness

however = nevertheless / but

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break out (Phr. Verb) = start to happen

gather = collect

general = an officer of a very high rank in the army

ignorant = not having the knowledge of something

groan = make a long deep sound because you are upset

battle = fight

splendid = very good; wonderful

stable = a building where horses are kept

dawn = the time at the beginning of the day when light first appears

saddle = a leather seat that you sit on when you ride a horse

stirrup /'stɪrəp/ = one of the metal rings that hang down on each side of a horse's saddle, used to support the rider's foot

Paw (verb) = to scratch or touch something repeatedly with a paw

hoof = the hard part of the foot of some animals

gallop = if a horse gallops, it moves very fast with all its feet leaving the ground together

leap = Jump

reins = leather bands attached to a horse's mouth

grab = hold

bare = empty

flee = run away; escape

deserted = empty

untie = to remove the knots

cheering crowds = groups of people that were praising the potter

humble = not proud

rest of his life = remaining period of his life