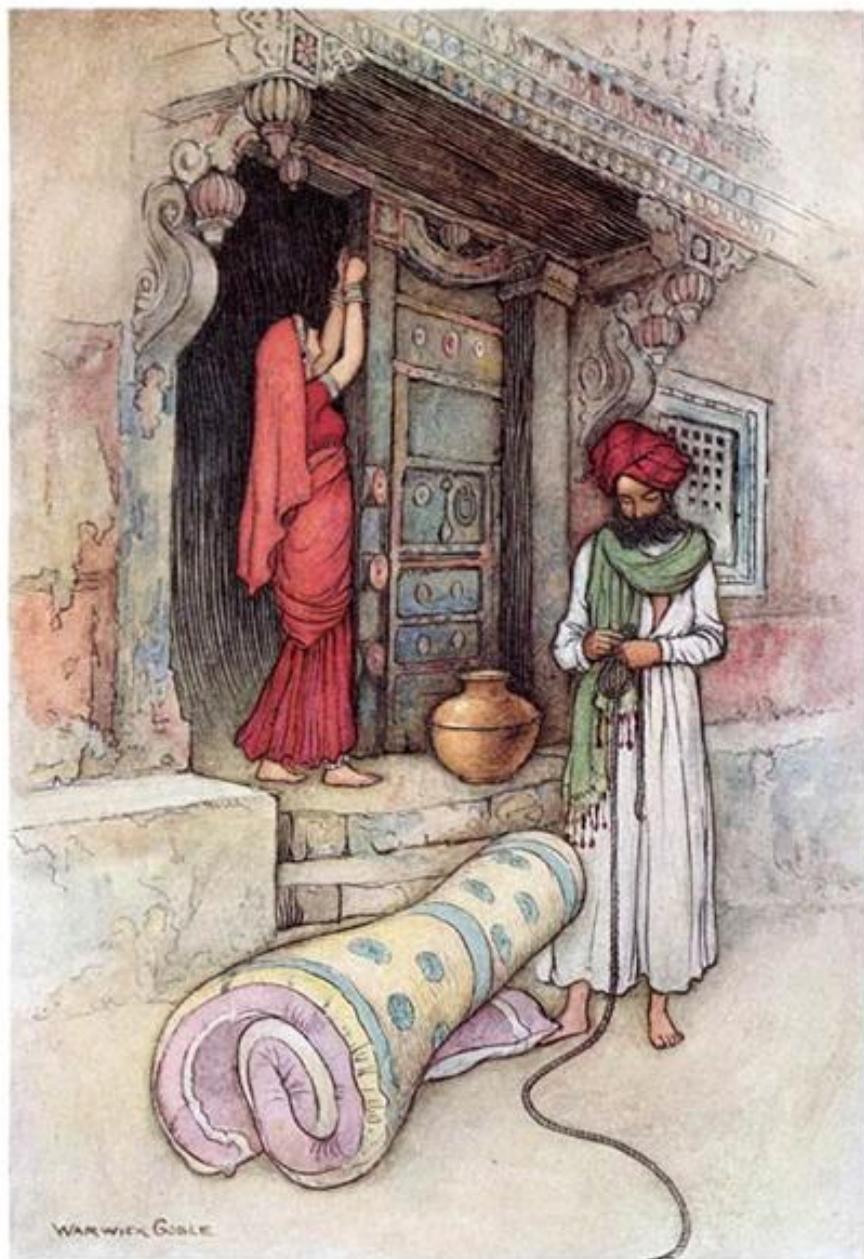


WHERE IN THE WORLD – LOOK IT UP!



This story was told to Baba Indaba by a sailor on a return trip from India. He had been told this story by a Bengali Gammer (Grandmother) when his ship docked in the Bay of Bengal. In turn this Bengali Gammer had been told this story by her Gammer. She said the story had been passed down in her family for at least ten generations.

Can you find the Bay of Bengal on a map? What part of the world is it in.



THE EVIL EYE OF SANI

*A story, a story
Let it come, let it go
A story, a story
From long, long ago!*

Once upon a time Sani, or Saturn, the god of bad luck, and Lakshmi, the goddess of good luck, fell out with each other in heaven. Sani said he was higher in rank than Lakshmi, and Lakshmi said she was higher in rank than Sani. As all the gods and goddesses of heaven were equally ranged on either side, the contending deities agreed to refer the matter to some human being who had a name for wisdom and justice. Now, there lived at that time upon earth a man of the name of Sribatsa, who was as wise and just as he was rich. Him, therefore, both the god and the goddess chose as the settler of their dispute. One day, accordingly, Sribatsa was told that Sani and Lakshmi were wishing to pay him a visit to get

their dispute settled. Sribatsa was in a fix. If he said Sani was higher in rank than Lakshmi, she would be angry with him and forsake him. If he said Lakshmi was higher in rank than Sani, Sani would cast his evil eye upon him. Hence he made up his mind not to say anything directly, but to leave the god and the goddess to gather his opinion from his action.....