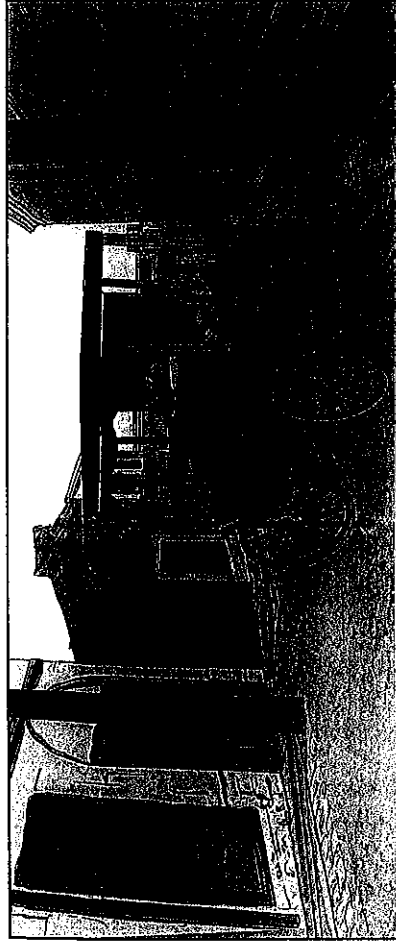


The Town of Egarim

- 9 Surrounded by glittering pools of fresh water, the town
20 of Egarim stood alone in the vast desert. Tall palm trees
28 lined the streets and small, sand-coloured houses sat
39 dotted in groups. In front of one house, there sat a
48 small cart that was piled high with colourful fruits.
- 58 Even the sun, which usually acted so cruelly to anyone
69 who tried to cross the desert, had taken pity on Egarim
78 and had bathed it in a soft, gentle light.
- 87 To the four weary travellers who were approaching the
96 border, the town looked like a miracle. However, they
107 were about to find out that in Egarim, not everything is
110 as it seems.



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Questions



1. How many travellers were approaching Egarim?



2. Find and copy one word which means the same as **tired**.



3. Would you like to visit the town of Egarim? Explain your answer.



4. **...not everything is as it seems.**

Why do you think that the author has chosen to end the text in this way?



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