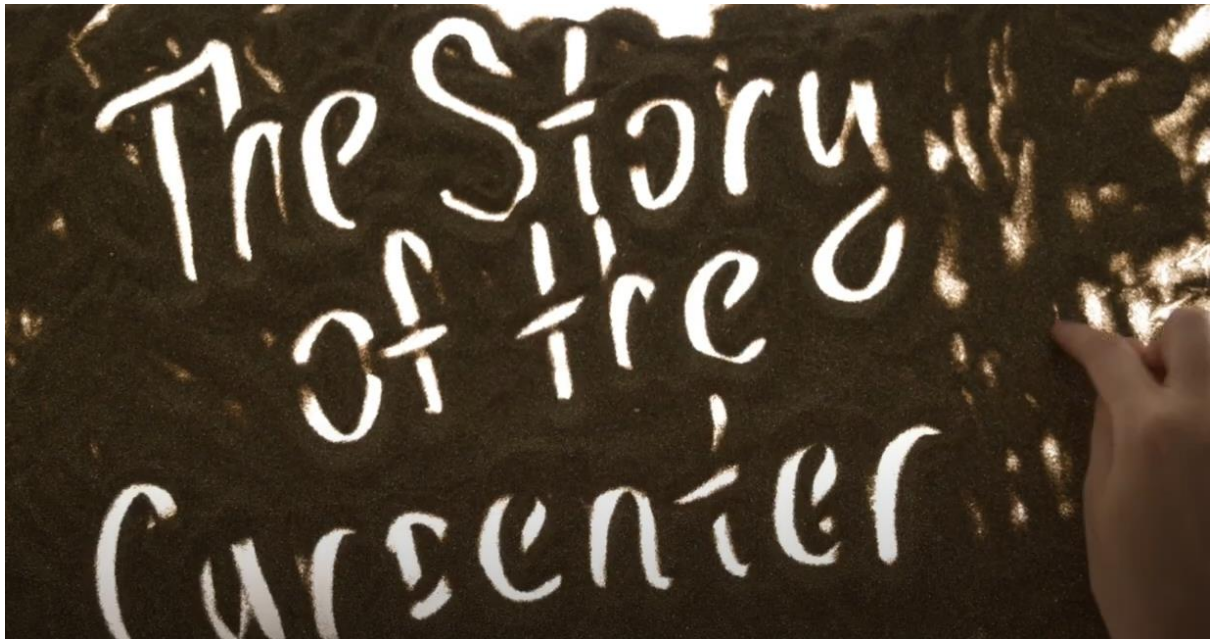


Story 9: The story of the Carpenter



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The Story:

One day, Pelekanos the carpenter had a big problem with the king. He made something for him in the castle, and when the king saw it, he said, "I will kill this guy for this mistake." Pelekanos knew this and was waiting for the next day when the soldiers would come to take him to be executed. He was very, very sad, and his wife noticed. "Why are you sad?" she asked. He replied, "I made this and that, and I didn't mean to make the mistake. But when the king saw it, he decided to have me killed." She told him, "Leave tomorrow to tomorrow and leave today to today. Let us continue our day, and tomorrow will take care of itself." He agreed and thought, "Yes, I must live the rest of my time, and I won't worry about tomorrow."

The next morning, he heard the soldiers knocking on the door. He was terrified, thinking they had come to take him to the king. His body shook with fear as he went to open the door. When he opened it, he asked the soldiers what they needed.

The soldiers said, "We need you to make a box for the king, because the king has died, and we must have a box to put him inside for his funeral."

He looked at them and smiled. They hadn't come for him, not to kill him—the king had died.



Story Moral: *No matter what problems we face, it's important to focus on the present and live in the moment. Worrying about tomorrow won't change the outcome, so we should let the future take care of itself.*