

★ **Shahzad and the Angry King**

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Tender, empathetic, and unflappably hopeful, this is the retold story of Scheherazade. In this version, set in contemporary times: Shahzad's curiosity is insatiable. She loves forming what she sees into enchanting tales. When she meets a young refugee, she learns about a king whose grief made him cruel; she imagines how the king might change, if only he could put himself in his subjects' positions. The book's rough, mixed-media illustrations further suggest the power of unbound creativity in bringing about a kinder world.

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