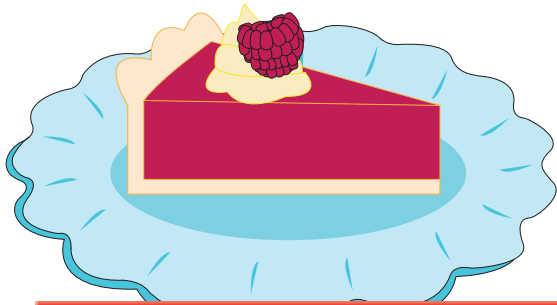


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Pablo mounted his horse and raced from the castle stables. His hooded cape billowed out behind him, and he clutched it to keep it from blowing away. He was no ordinary knight, and this was no ordinary

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the forest. An old woman lived in a hut at the center of the village. The woman was infamous for her potions and spells, but she was famous for her delicious concoctions.

Soon, the sound of hooves could be heard coming from behind Pablo. He turned in the saddle to see who approached. A fellow knight galloped toward him.

"Hail!" called the second knight.

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Pablo slowed the horse's gait, but he did not stop. "Who goes there?"

"I want to come with you," she explained.

They continued their journey toward the village.

"Do you think the woman will have the right dessert to save the kingdom?"

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Soon,  
she had wrapped her special dessert in a white cloth and handed it to Pablo and Isabella. "Be careful with this," she instructed.

Pablo and Isabella carried it delicately back to their horses and then to King Arthur's castle. They met the king at the entrance to the royal dining hall. King Arthur took the special dessert to the visiting king.

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They watched the visiting king as he took a tentative bite. He chewed and paused and then took another bite. "Delicious!" he declared.

Everyone cheered.

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1) What special mission was Pablo on?

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2) What was the woman famous and infamous for?

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5) According to the second paragraph, which of the following is true?

- a) The king believed Pablo, one of his most reliable horsemen, could do what others couldn't.
- b) Pablo was not only the king's top aide on his trips abroad but also his most trusted minister at home.
- c) Pablo was a gallant knight, whom the king always chose to carry out his everyday orders.