**THE ALCHEMIST**

**Part 2**

* Santiago works for 11 months in the shop
* While there he brings about a lot of changes which enhances the profit of the shop owner – e.g display case for the crystal
* The merchant kept asking him why he wanted to go to the pyramids
* The merchant tells him about his dream – of visiting Mecca – reveals how slowly he found excuses to not go- believing that if he goes – his dream would be realised and there would be no reason for him to live
* He says he now only wants to continue to dream about Mecca – has imagined a thousand times crossing the desert and going to Mecca
* Finally gave him permission to make the display
* Then he told the merchant about selling tea in the crystal glasses- that too became a success- **THOUGH THE BOY WAS ONLY WORKING FOR THE MERCHANT TO EARN ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO REALISE HIS DREAM- HE GAVE HIS BEST AND HELPED TO GROW THE BUSINESS OF THE MERCHANT- INTEGRITY- AS A RESULT HE DID EARN MORE THAN ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO TRAVEL TO THE PYRAMIDS**
* He is unsure of how to proceed- whether to return to Andalusia or to cross the desert in pursuit of the hidden treasure of his dreams
* He joins a caravan traveling to Egypt.
* Santiago meets an Englishman who wants to learn the secret of alchemy, or turning any metal into gold, from a famous alchemist who lives at an oasis on the way to the pyramids.
* While traveling, Santiago begins listening to the desert and discovering the Soul of the World.
* The caravan eventually reaches the oasis, and there Santiago meets an Arab girl named Fatima and falls in love with her instantly.
* The caravan leader gathers the travelers together and tells them that tribal warfare prevents them from continuing their journey.
* Santiago wanders from the oasis into the desert and, seeing two hawks fighting in the sky, has a vision of an army entering the oasis.
* Because attacking an oasis is a violation of the rules of the desert, Santiago shares his vision with the oasis's tribal chieftain.
* Soon afterward, Santiago is confronted by a black-garbed, veiled stranger with a sword, who sits atop a white horse.
* It is the alchemist. The tribal chieftain arms his men, and they are well-prepared when the oasis is indeed invaded. The alchemist offers to cross the desert with Santiago.
* Soon the two men enter into an area of intense tribal warfare. Warriors hold the two men captive, but eventually allow them to continue their journey.
* The alchemist tells Santiago that he needs to return to the oasis, and that the rest of the trip is Santiago's to make alone so that he can claim his Personal Legend.
* Santiago arrives at the Egyptian pyramids and begins to dig.
* He finds nothing buried in the ground.
* Thieves beat Santiago and rob him of his money.
* After he tells them of his dream, though, one of the thieves recounts his own dream about a buried treasure in the sacristy of an abandoned church.
* Returning to Andalusia, Santiago goes back to the church where he dreamed of the treasure near the pyramids.
* He digs where he slept, beneath a sycamore tree, and there it is: Santiago's treasure.