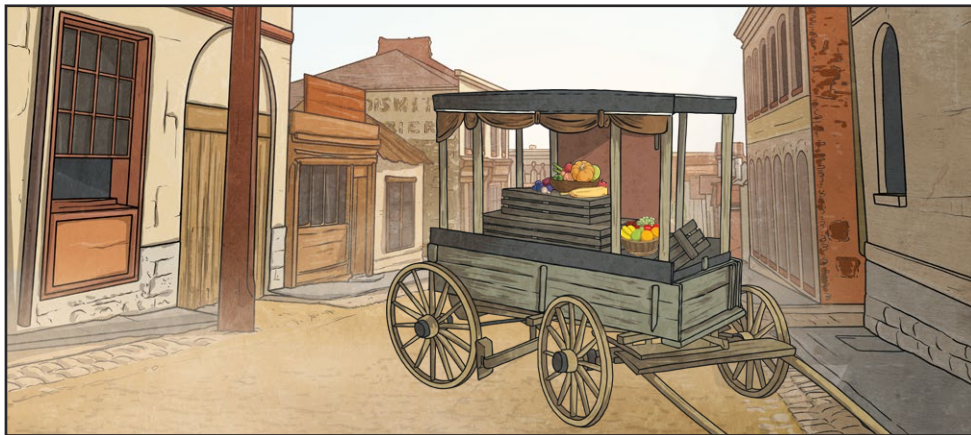


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## Questions



1. How many travellers were approaching Egarim?

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

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

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**weary**



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