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Esma Farouk, Lost in the Souk

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Esma and her family are headed to Morocco to visit her grandparents, but she is most excited about visiting the souk: a massive market with spices, fresh food, and performers. Distracted by some charming snakes, Esma loses track of her mother and aunt; with the help of a troupe of acrobats, a fortune teller, and a mischievous monkey, Esma and her family are reunited. The illustrations artfully capture the lively atmosphere of a Marrakesh market with saturated colors and dynamic characters.

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