

Scheherazade

Vocabulary

1. **distress**, *n.* pain or sorrow (198)
 2. **hobbling**, *v.* walking slowly, with a limp (200)
 3. **avenge**, *v.* to get revenge (201)
 4. **culprits**, *n.* people guilty of a crime (203)
 5. **grudgingly**, *adv.* in a way that shows reluctance (204)
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1. The first paragraph on page 198 of the Reader describes the king as follows: “It was whispered that he had once been a good man, but that a romantic tragedy had turned his heart to stone.” What does it mean to describe someone as having a heart of stone?

 2. Suppose you did not know the meaning of the expression “heart of stone.” What context clues in the sentence would help you figure out the definition?

