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In this episode of the Adventures in the Museum podcast, Nour embarks on an exciting adventure trying to make a pottery pot after her father promised her to travel across the sea and visit Marawah Island.

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Hi friends! Welcome to *Adventures in the Museum*! I'm so happy you're here! Today's story is super fun! Are you ready? Let's go!

Today, we meet a girl named Nour. She is really excited! Her dad said they are going on a trip across the sea to a place called Marawah Island! Nour can't wait! But before they go, she wants to make something special—a pottery pot!

Nour goes to the museum to learn about pottery. She sees really old pots with cool shapes and patterns. She wonders how people made them with just their hands! A museum guide tells her, "A long time ago, people used their hands to make pots. Then they baked them to make them hard and strong!"

Nour says, "Wow, that's so cool!" She sees a vase with geometric designs imported from Mesopotamia UAE, Abu Dhabi, Marawah Island About 5500 BCE. She wants to make a pot just like that! The museum guide gives her soft clay. She rolls up her sleeves and starts shaping her own pot. She presses the clay and tries to make it smooth. But uh oh! —her first pot breaks!

She tries again. And again. And again. Oh no! It keeps breaking! Her hands get sticky, and she feels a little frustrated. But the guide smiles and says, "Don't give up, Nour! Pottery takes practice."

She watches the guide carefully. They move the clay slowly and smooth it out. Nour takes a deep breath and tries one more time. This time, she moves her fingers gently and takes her time. She makes sure there are no cracks. She shapes it just right.

And guess what? It finally works! Yay! She makes a beautiful pot. She decorates it with waves and stars because she is excited about the sea trip. She even adds little fishes to make it extra fun. She felt SO proud! She can't wait to show her dad.

Her dad sees the pot and smiles. "It's perfect!" he says. Nour hugs her pot. She made something special all by herself!

The museum guide tells her, "A long time ago, people made pots just like this. You are just like the potters from history!" Nour's eyes shine with excitement.

Now she is ready for her big trip to Marawah Island! She holds her pot carefully and dreams about all the fun she will have. And she learned something really important—when you make something with your hands, it takes time and patience, but it is always worth it!

Wow! That was so fun! Thanks for listening! Keep exploring, keep creating, and I'll see you next time on *Adventures in the Museum*! Bye!

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