

## Story Elements Sheet

Your group has been assigned a specific spice or herb. You have read some facts about it. Pretend you are a trader of your spice/herb and you have lots of it to sell. Wanting to get the most money for your goods, you come up with a fantastic story about how difficult it is to get the spice/herb, so your buyers will spend top dollar for even a little bit of it. Make your story wild and crazy... completely made up. Your story should answer the questions listed below.

Jot down the notes from your discussion of the questions at the bottom of this sheet. Use the back, too, if needed. Write your story on a separate piece of paper.

### **Your spice/herb comes from what kind of place?**

Describe the land, climate, etc.

### **What is your spice/herb?**

- Is it a plant?
- Does it come off an animal?
- Is it produced by an animal?
- Is it dug out of the ground?

### **What makes it difficult or dangerous to gather your spice/herb?**

(These are examples to start you thinking. Come up with your own ideas.)

- It is the fuzz off of special caterpillars, and these caterpillars have a poisonous bite.
- Ferocious animals protect it.
- It grows 30 feet underwater.
- Only a cup of it is produced each year and everyone wants it.
- It only grows on one day of the year, and that day changes each year.

### **How do you overcome this difficulty and gather the spice/herb?**

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- You collect the spice when the animals are sleeping, and they only sleep 5 minutes a day.
- You collect \$100,000 from the spice buyer to pay for the services of a special wizard.
- You hire someone to live year-round where the spice grows to keep an eye out for when it appears.