

## SANSUNA THE GIANTESS



Sansuna is a giantess belonging to the Nephilm race.

Legend has it that they were responsible for the great megalithic structures found all over the Maltese islands.

Some of these giants were not very smart but Sansuna is clever and uses her knowledge to protect the land.

She wears a big apron and keeps broad beans and jars of honey and carob syrup in her oversized pocket.

Look up more stories about Sansuna and other giants in Manwel Magri's *Hrejjef Missierijietna!*

*Can you imagine a day in the life of Sansuna?*

*What would it be like to be a giant?*

## THE CAROB TREE AND SANSUNA



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The carob tree can grow for over 1000 years. In fact, it is one of the oldest trees to be found in Malta.

There is a male carob tree and a female carob tree. Both are needed for the fruit to grow.

In the first 15 years of its life, a carob tree does not produce fruit.

It is a very strong tree that does well in hot climates and stony soil.

Its pods are used to make carob syrup, which cures coughs. The Maltese people also use the syrup to make sweets.

In mythology, carob trees are said to be immune to evil spirits because their flowers and fruit are blessed.

In ancient times, people used carob seeds to determine the weight of gemstones and gold. That is why we measure gold in carats! Carat is the old word for carob seed.

*Can you find out where some of Malta's carob trees live?*

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