

The background of the cover is a watercolor illustration of Noah's Ark. The ark is a large, multi-story building with a white upper section and a brown lower section, featuring a ramp leading to the entrance. It is surrounded by a dark, stormy sea with white-capped waves. In the foreground, there are dark, silhouetted buildings of a city. The sky is dark and cloudy, with rain falling. The overall style is artistic and dramatic.

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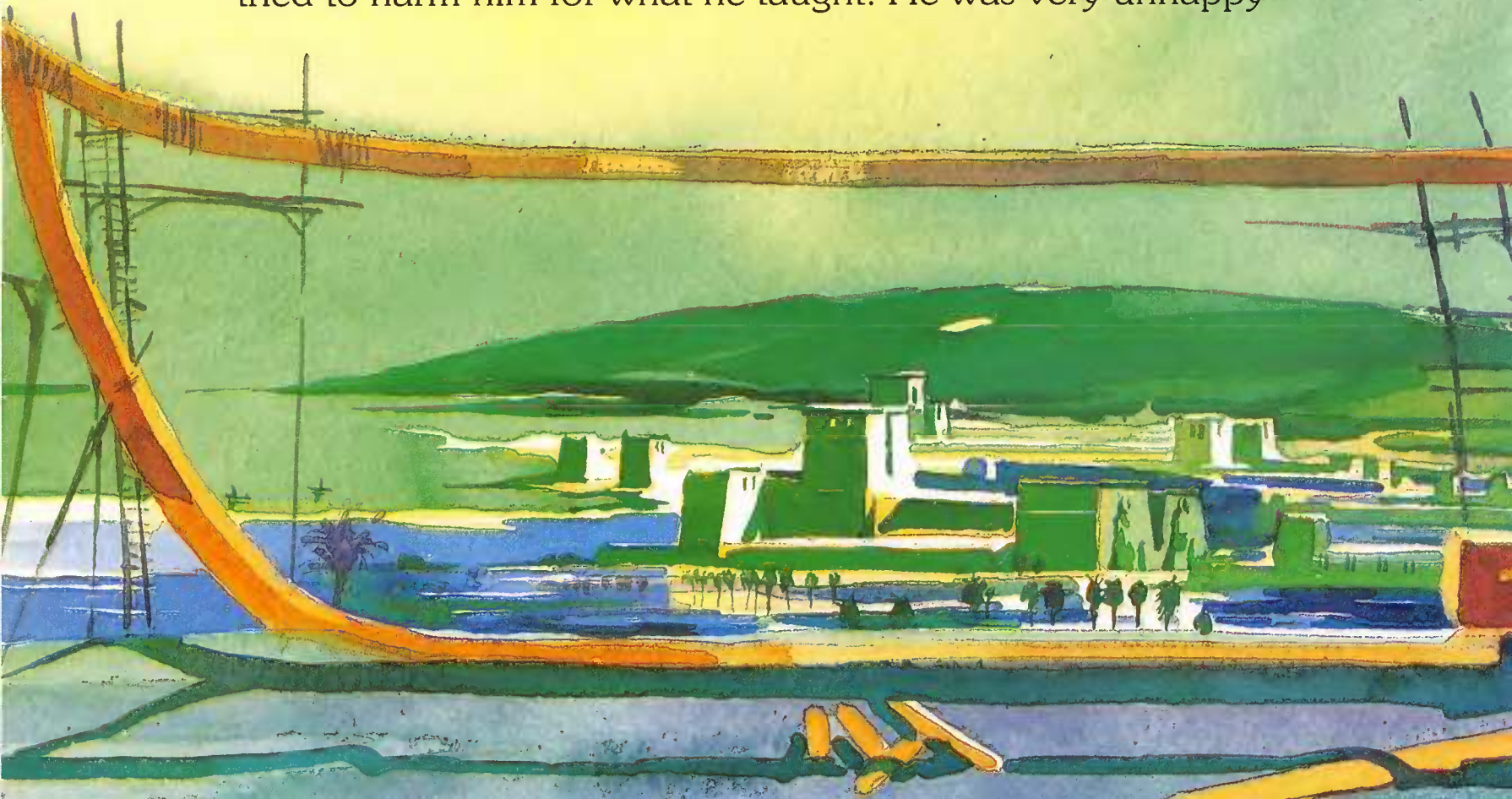
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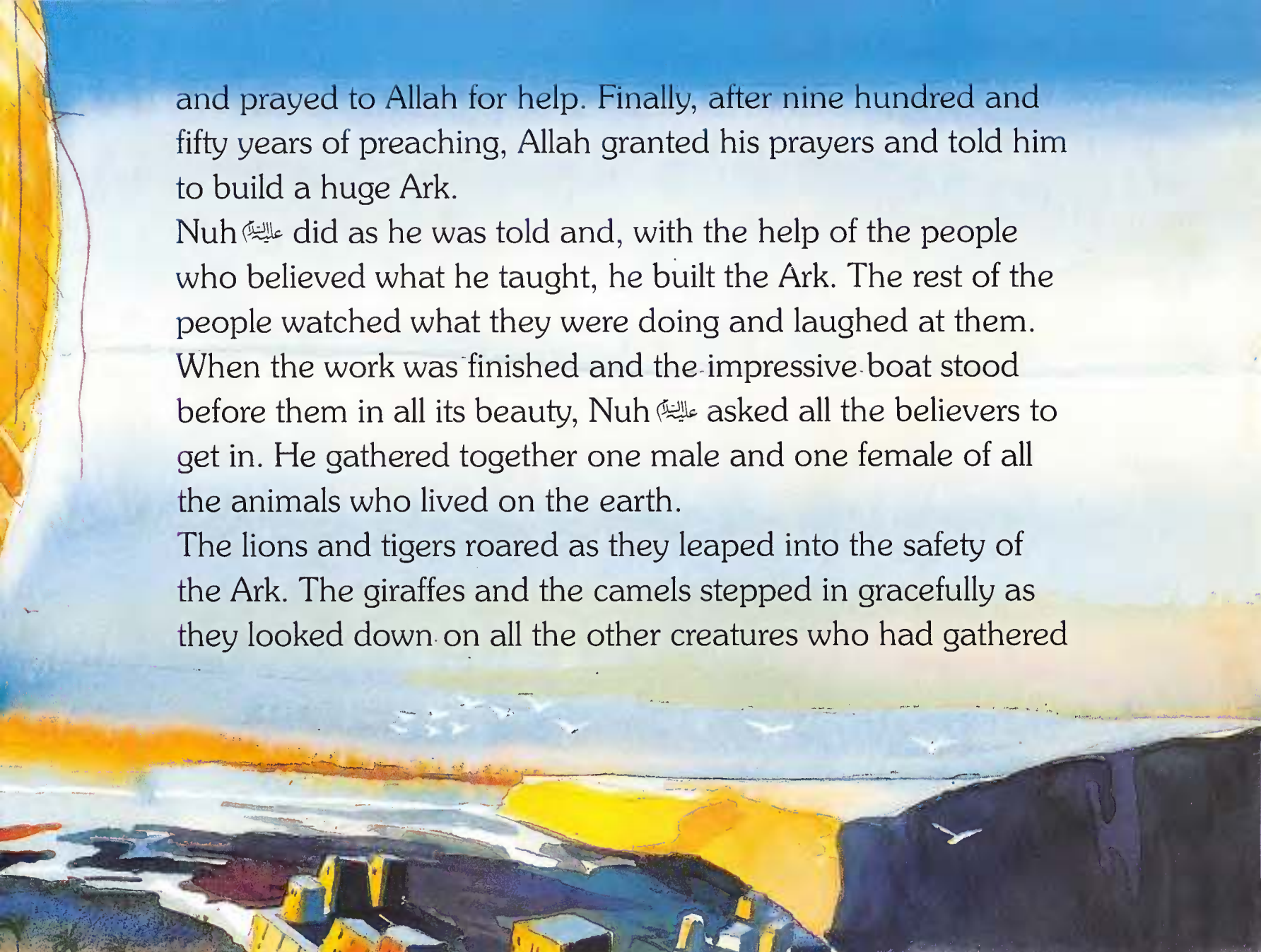


Once upon a time, very long ago, there lived a man called Nuh عليه السلام. He was one of Allah's prophets and had been sent by Him to guide His people towards the straight path. He tried very hard but the people would not listen to him. Some even tried to harm him for what he taught. He was very unhappy





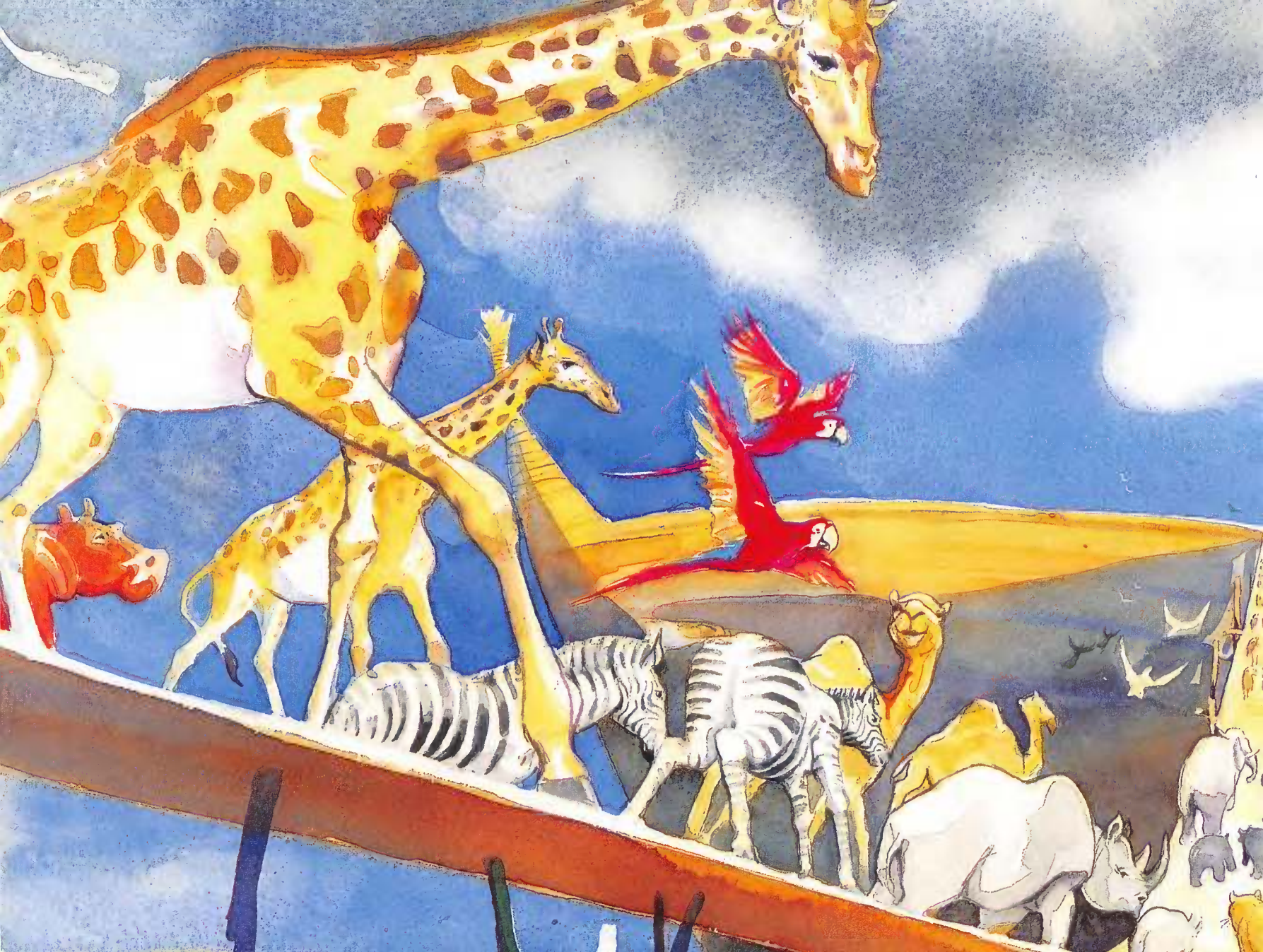




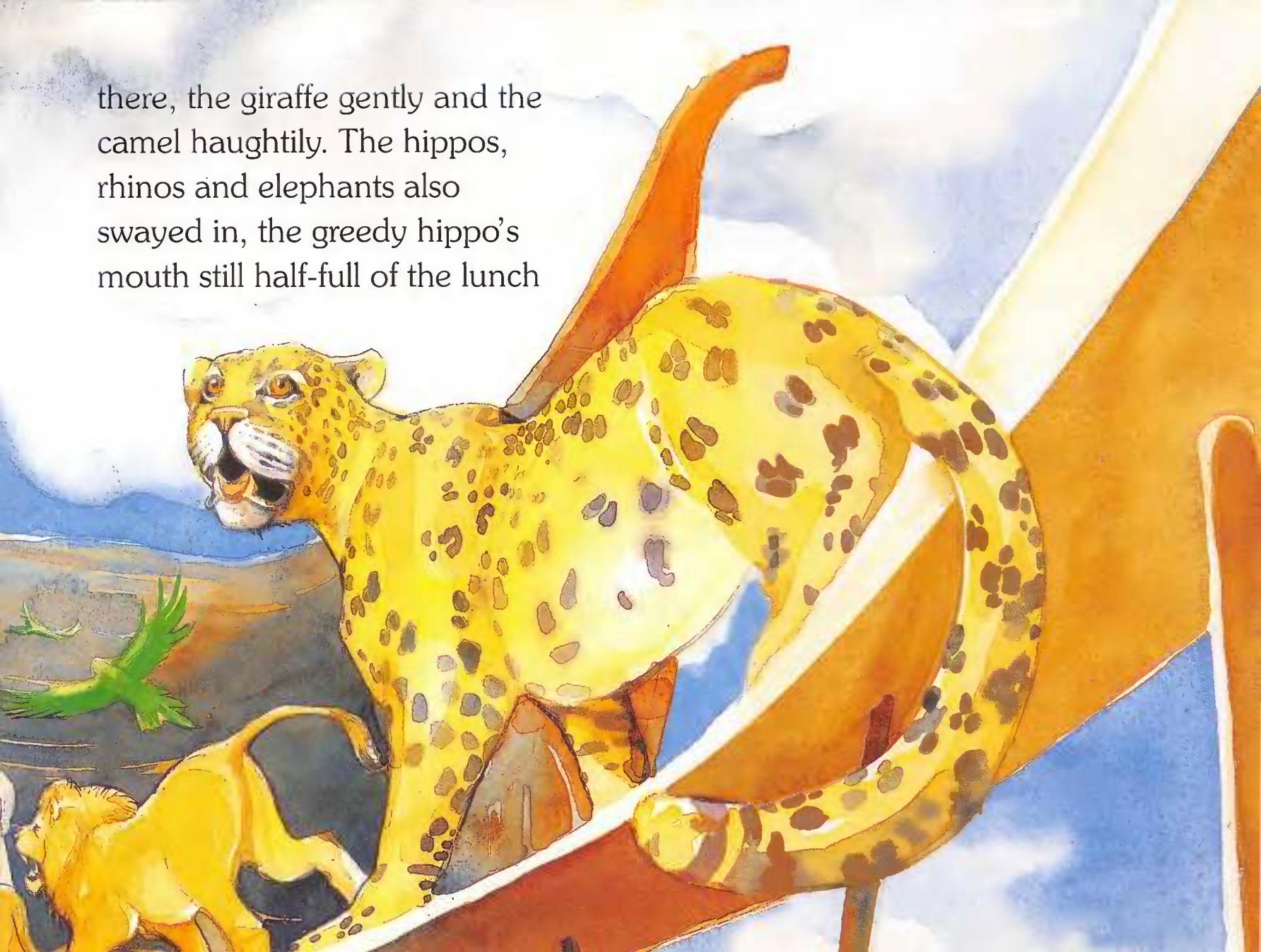
and prayed to Allah for help. Finally, after nine hundred and fifty years of preaching, Allah granted his prayers and told him to build a huge Ark.

Nuh عليه السلام did as he was told and, with the help of the people who believed what he taught, he built the Ark. The rest of the people watched what they were doing and laughed at them. When the work was finished and the impressive boat stood before them in all its beauty, Nuh عليه السلام asked all the believers to get in. He gathered together one male and one female of all the animals who lived on the earth.

The lions and tigers roared as they leaped into the safety of the Ark. The giraffes and the camels stepped in gracefully as they looked down on all the other creatures who had gathered

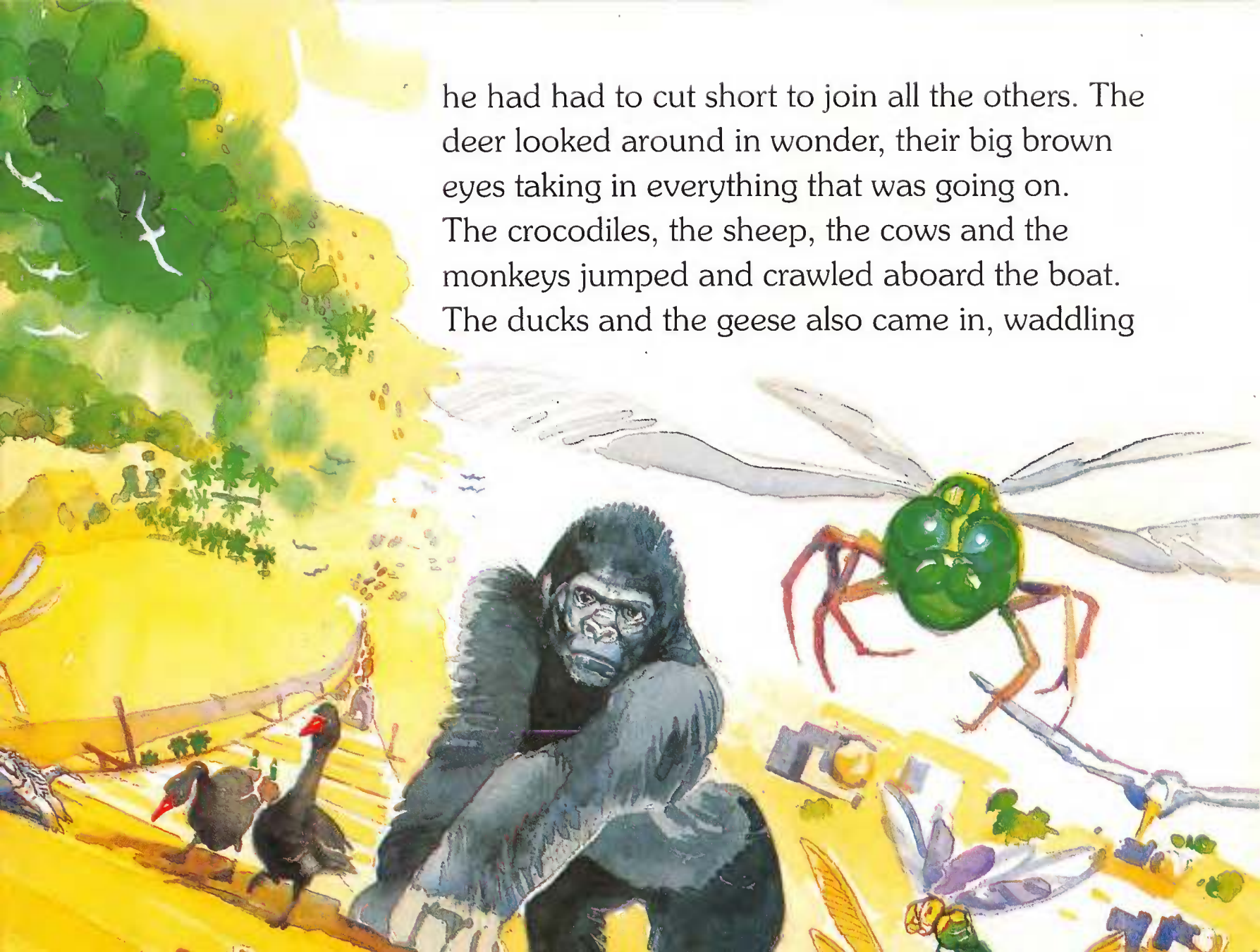


there, the giraffe gently and the
camel haughtily. The hippos,
rhinos and elephants also
swayed in, the greedy hippo's
mouth still half-full of the lunch

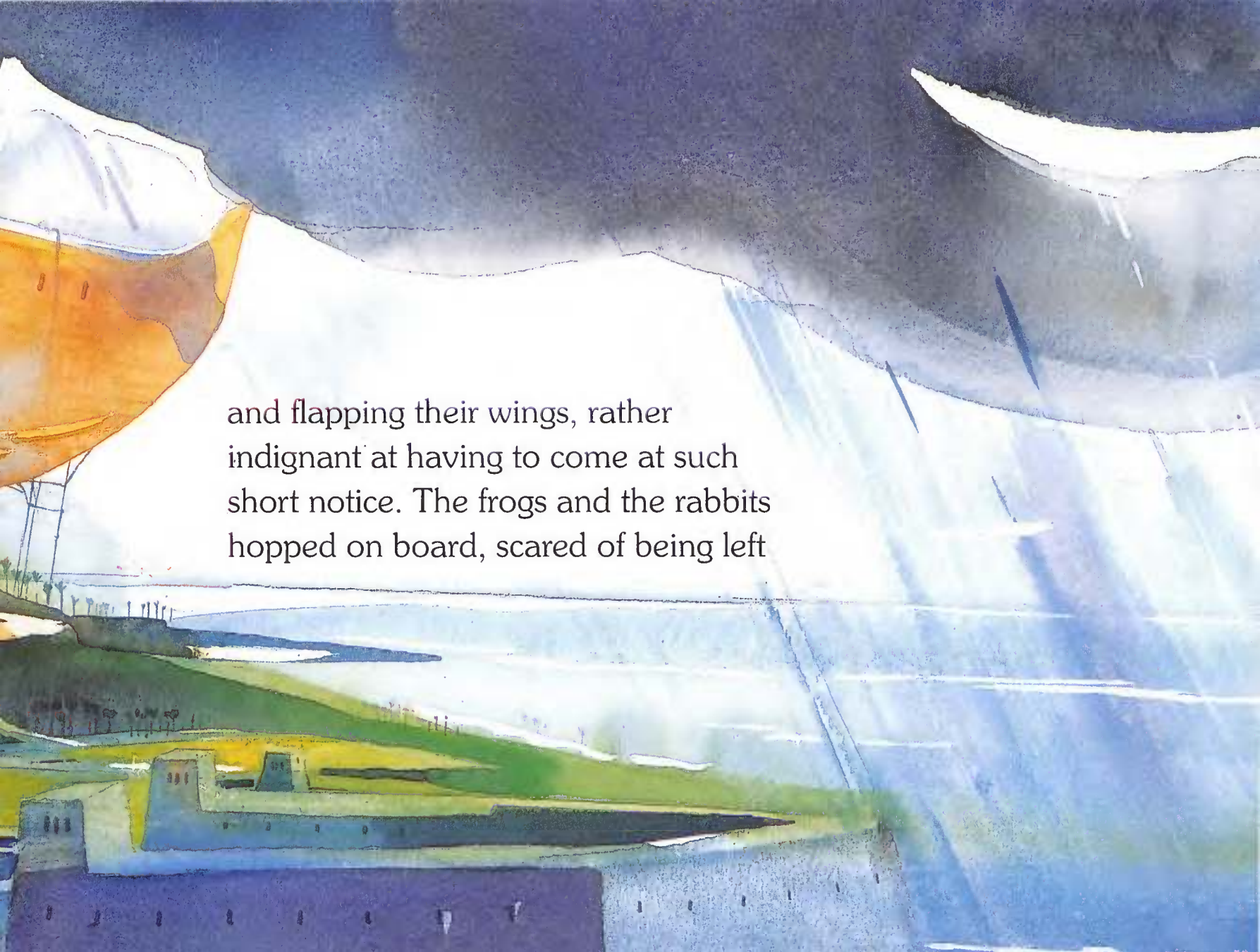




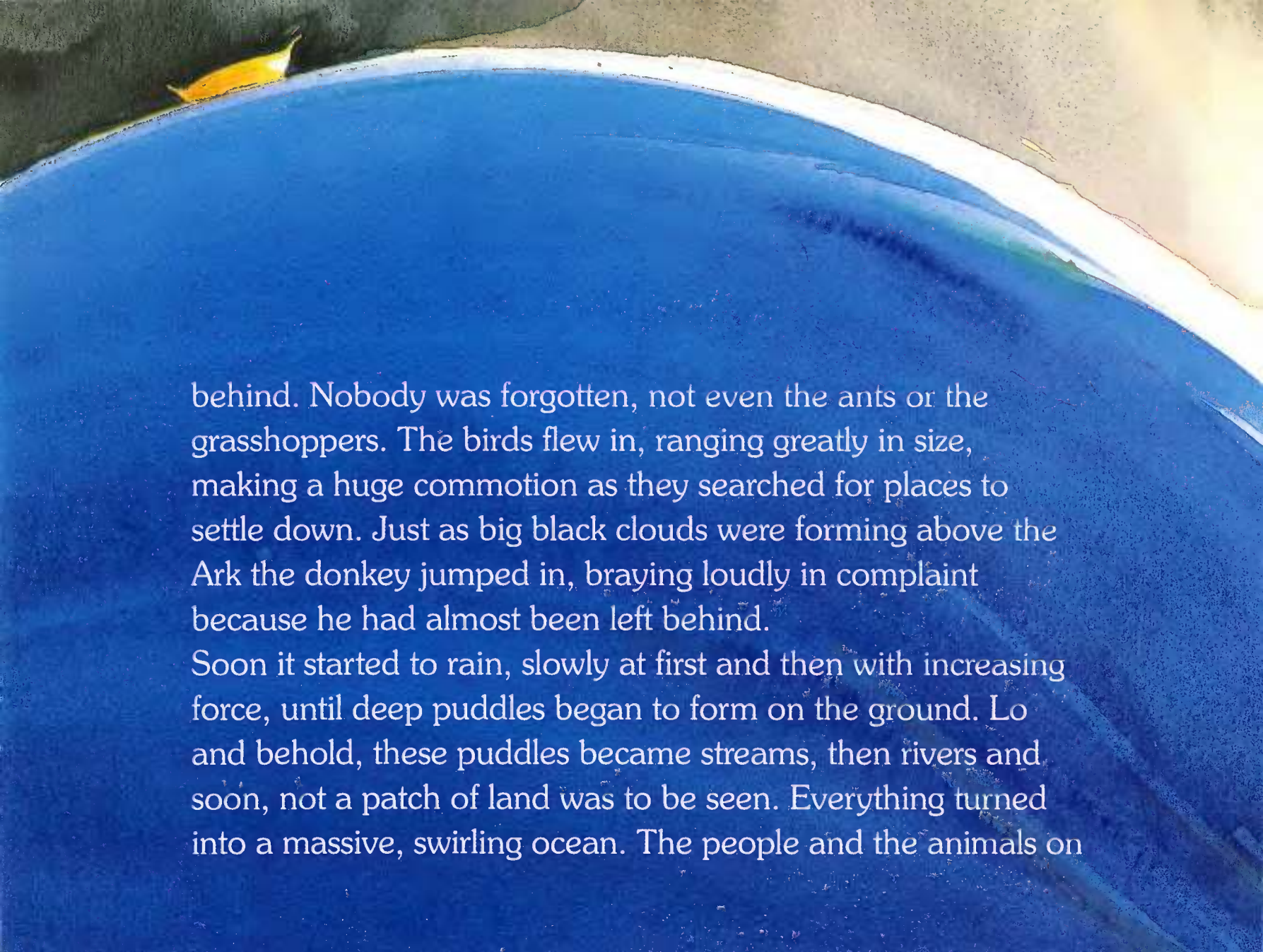
he had had to cut short to join all the others. The deer looked around in wonder, their big brown eyes taking in everything that was going on. The crocodiles, the sheep, the cows and the monkeys jumped and crawled aboard the boat. The ducks and the geese also came in, waddling







and flapping their wings, rather
indignant at having to come at such
short notice. The frogs and the rabbits
hopped on board, scared of being left

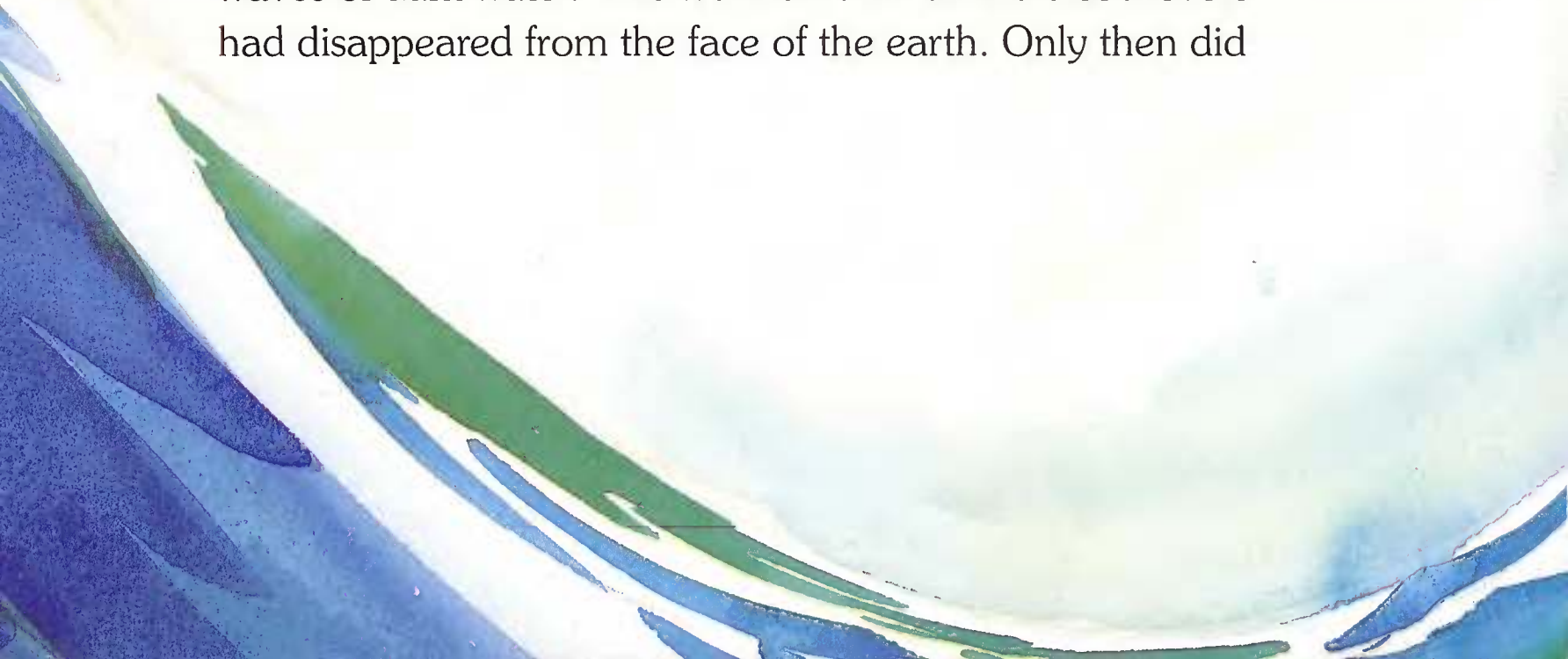


behind. Nobody was forgotten, not even the ants or the grasshoppers. The birds flew in, ranging greatly in size, making a huge commotion as they searched for places to settle down. Just as big black clouds were forming above the Ark the donkey jumped in, braying loudly in complaint because he had almost been left behind.

Soon it started to rain, slowly at first and then with increasing force, until deep puddles began to form on the ground. Lo and behold, these puddles became streams, then rivers and soon, not a patch of land was to be seen. Everything turned into a massive, swirling ocean. The people and the animals on

the Ark were the only ones who were warm and dry. They all looked out with fear as everyone who had refused to follow Allah's Messenger was drowned, including Nuh's ﷺ wife and son Kanaan, who were disbelievers too.

With Allah's blessing, everyone on that boat was safe. They watched as the hills, the valleys and the mountains disappeared from sight and were replaced by waves upon waves of dark water. This went on until all the disbelievers had disappeared from the face of the earth. Only then did

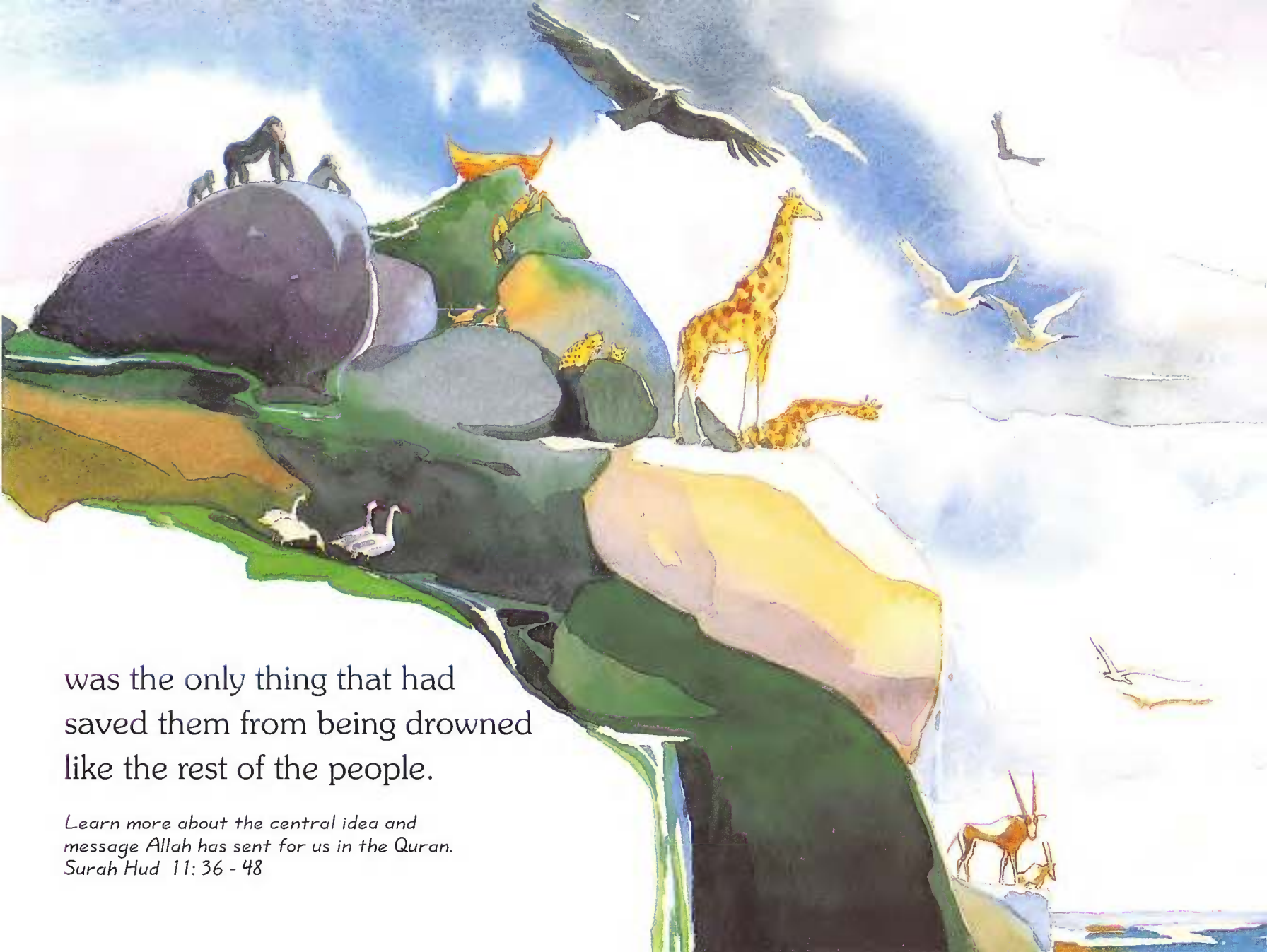






Allah command the water to subside. When the level had decreased sufficiently, the people and animals on the Ark discovered that they had landed on the top of a mountain. This mountain was called Judi and is situated in a place that we now call Turkey.

Nuh عليه السلام and the rest of the believers thanked Allah for keeping them safe. They all disembarked from the boat and went their different ways on the earth. They all fully intended to follow Allah's commands as that



was the only thing that had
saved them from being drowned
like the rest of the people.

*Learn more about the central idea and
message Allah has sent for us in the Quran.
Surah Hud 11: 36 - 48*

