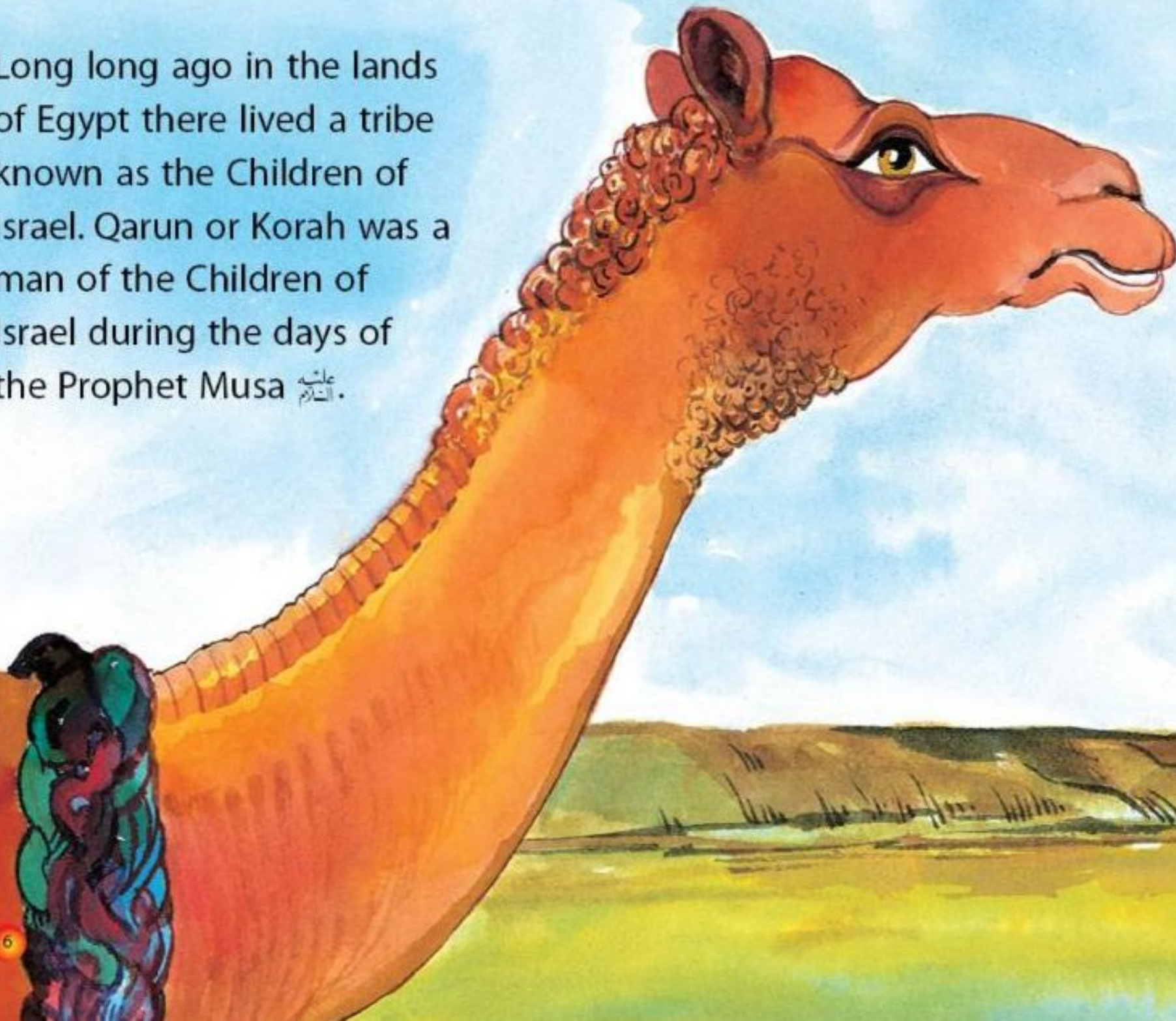
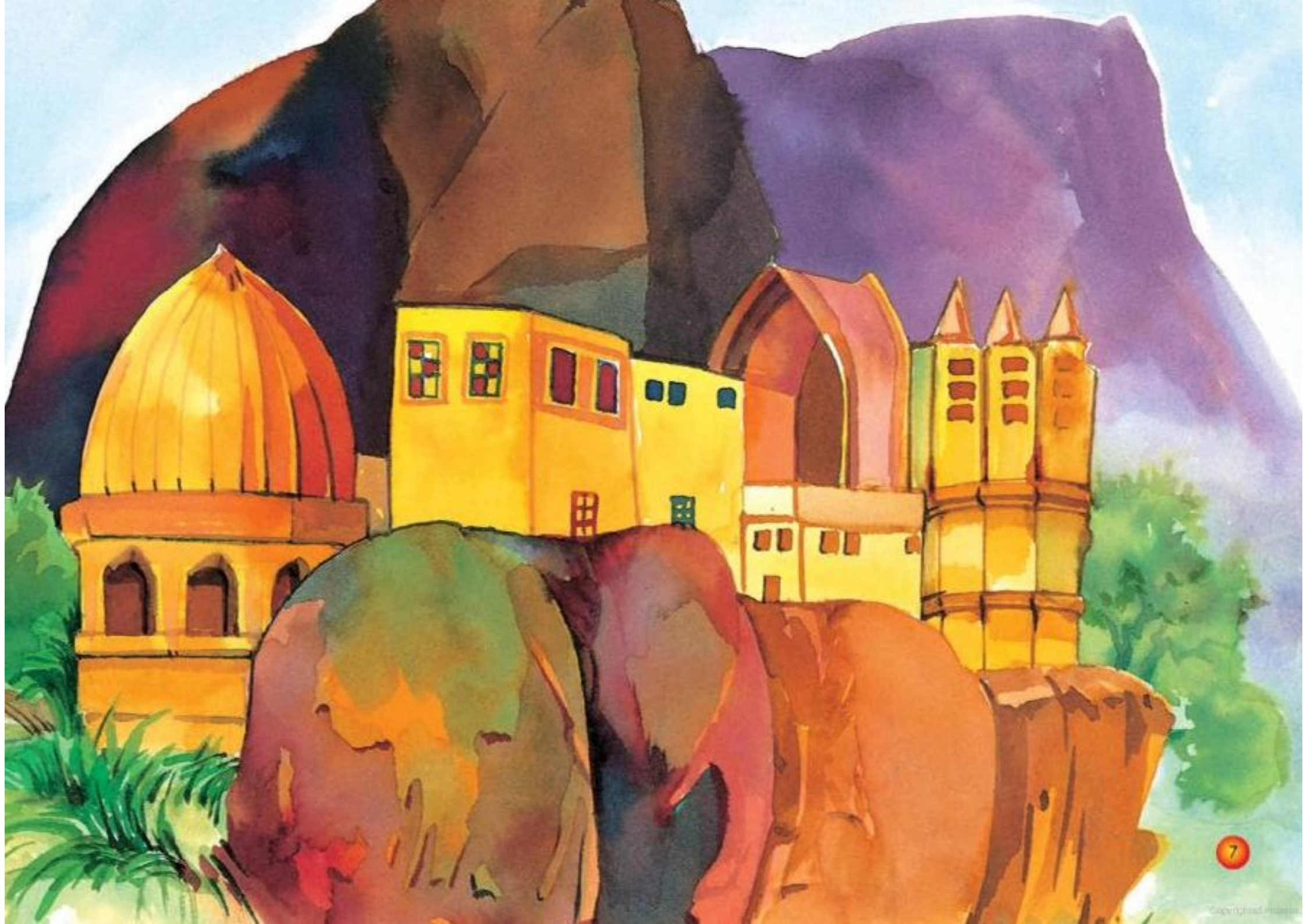


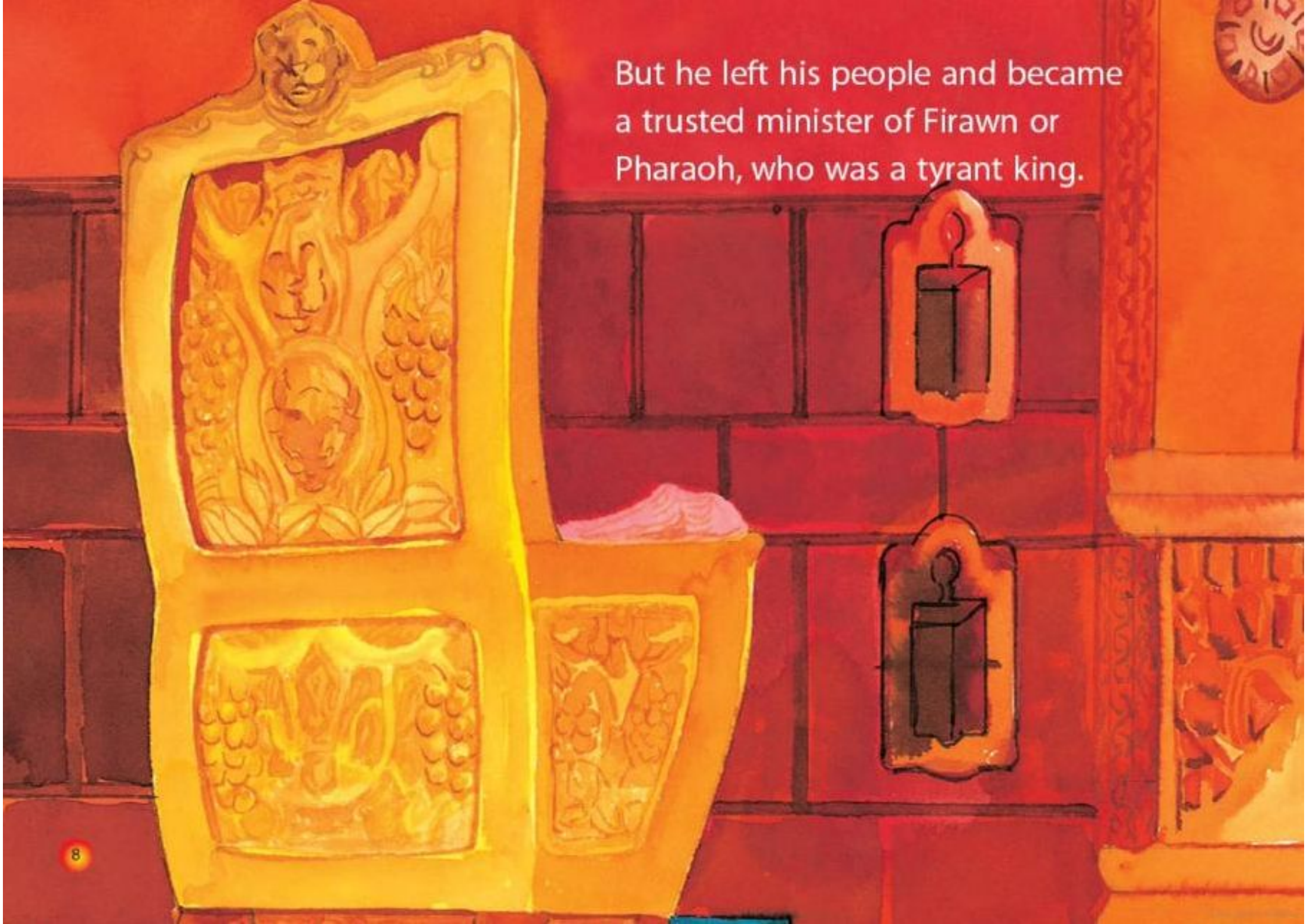
THE TREASURE HOUSE



Long long ago in the lands
of Egypt there lived a tribe
known as the Children of
Israel. Qarun or Korah was a
man of the Children of
Israel during the days of
the Prophet Musa عليه السلام.



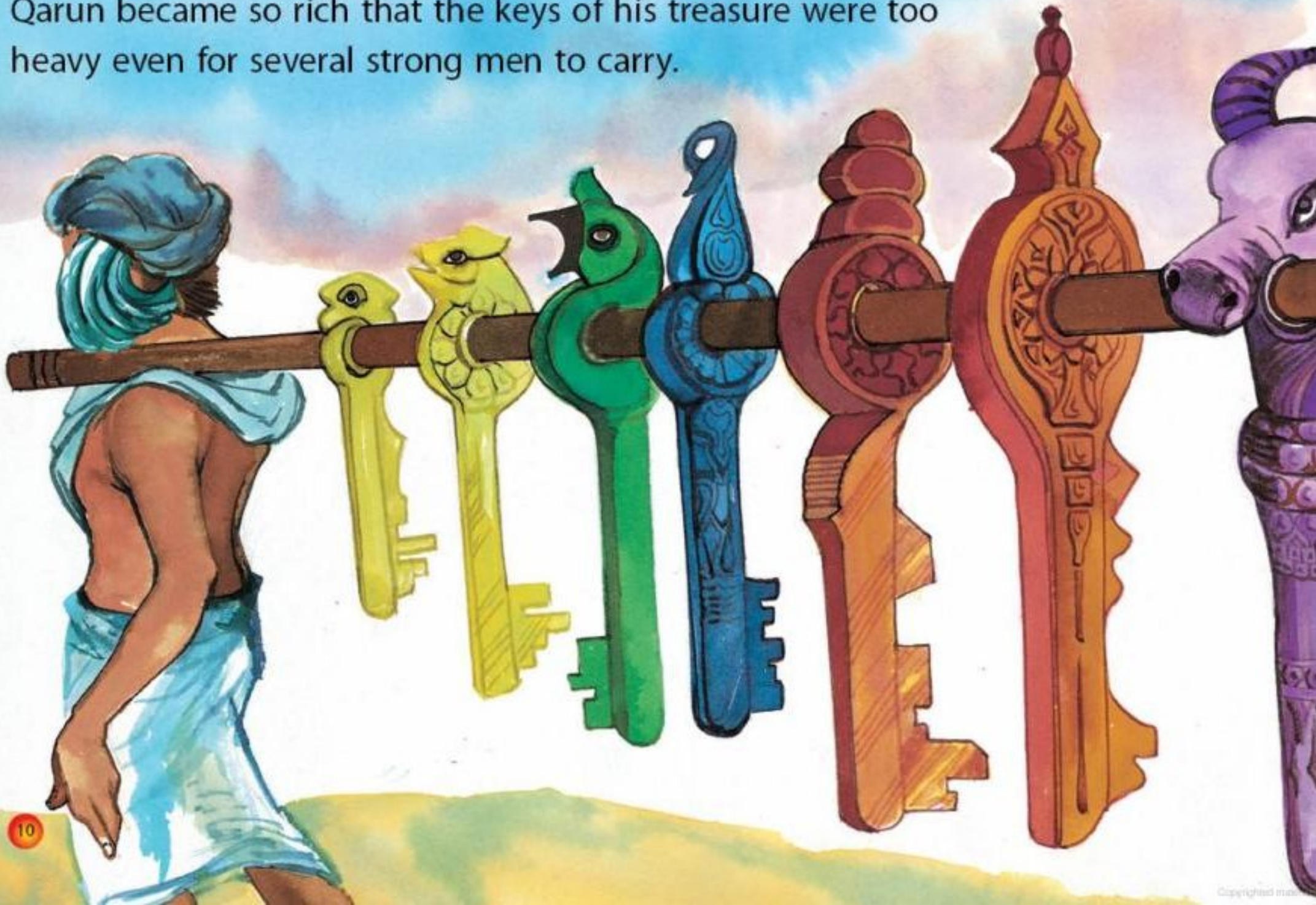




But he left his people and became
a trusted minister of Firawn or
Pharaoh, who was a tyrant king.

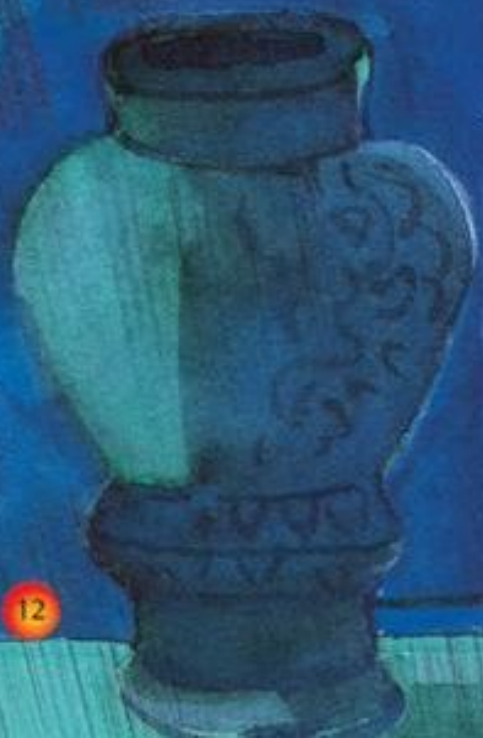


Qarun became so rich that the keys of his treasure were too heavy even for several strong men to carry.

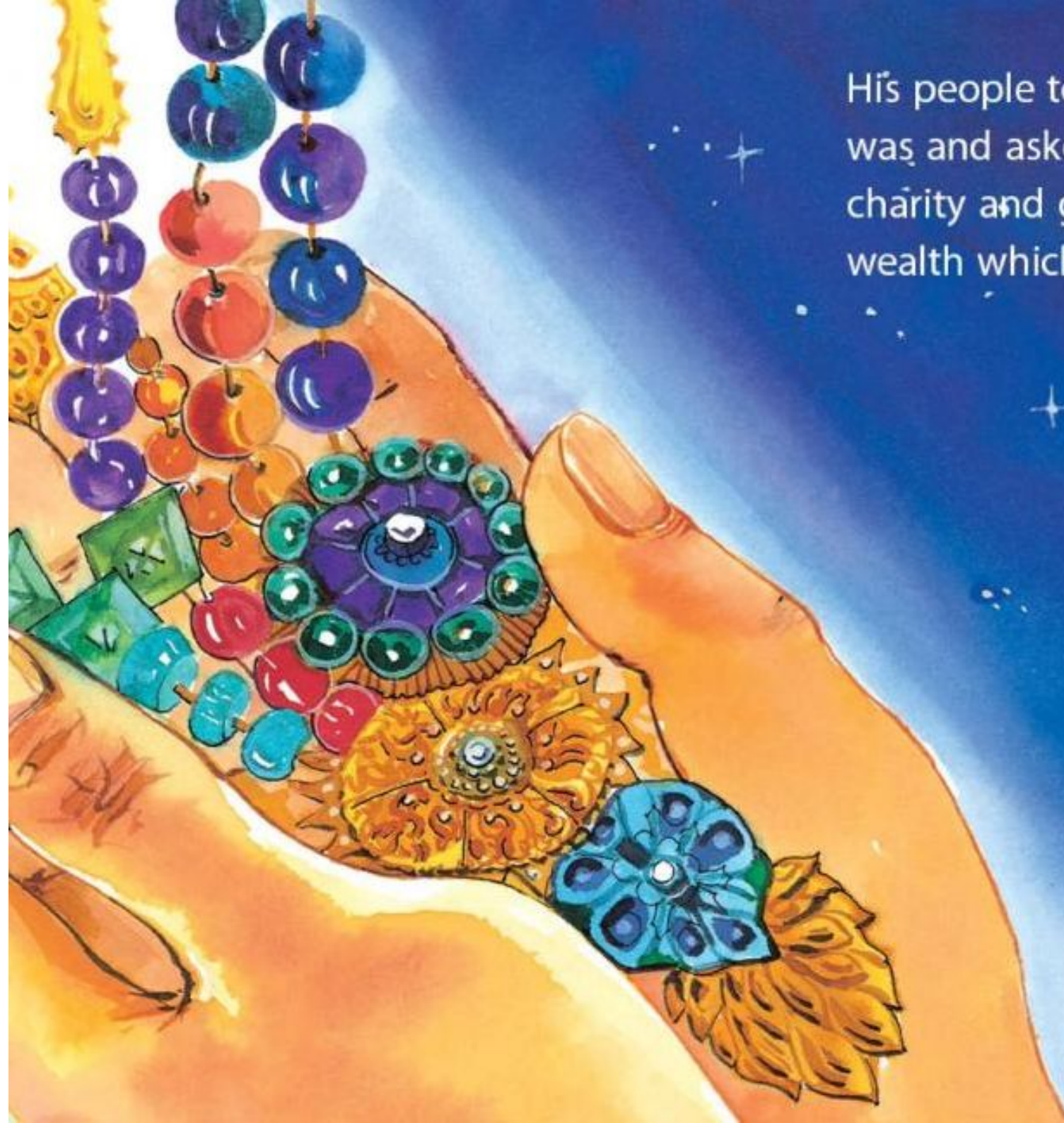




Instead of being grateful to Allah, he chose to behave as if he was much better than others and to treat them cruelly.

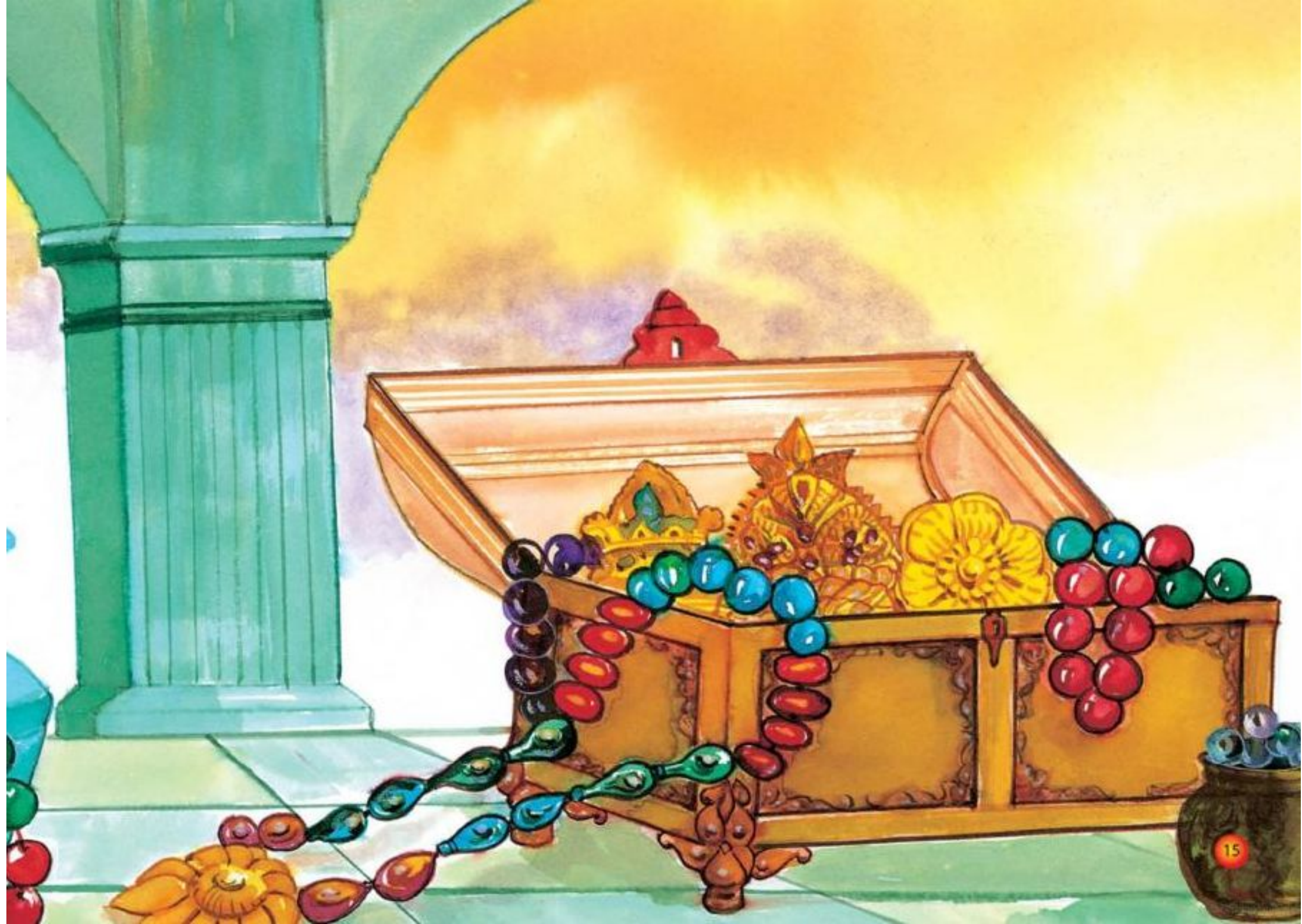


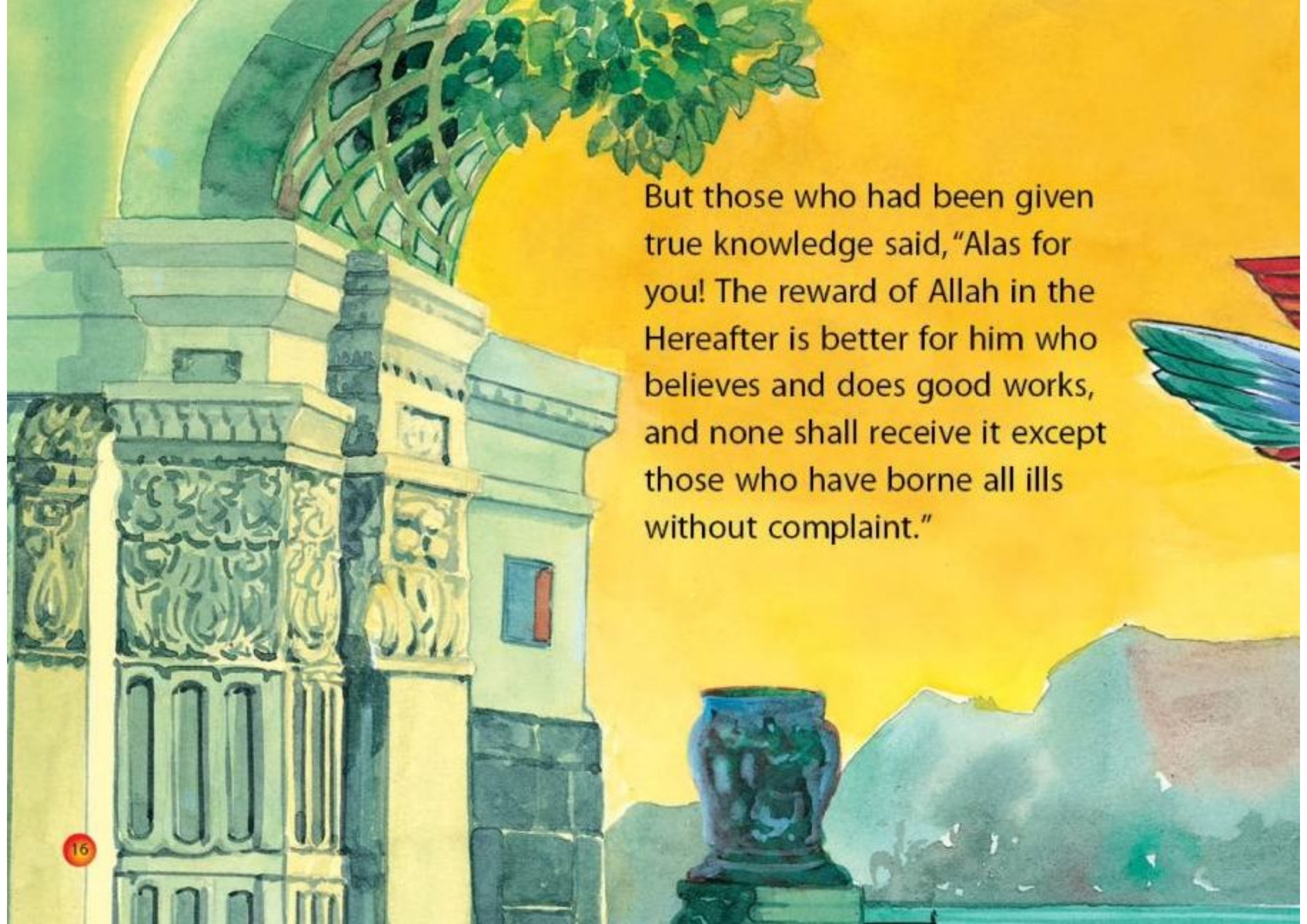
His people told him how wrong this was and asked him to spend on charity and good works from the wealth which Allah had given him.



But he went on as before, arguing that the wealth which he had was due to his own knowledge and cleverness. When he showed off the glitter of his great wealth, those who loved the worldly life said, "We wish we could be rich like Qarun too! Surely he is a man of great good fortune."





A watercolor illustration of a classical building with columns and a dome, a large blue vase on a pedestal, and a winged figure in the sky. The building features ornate columns with fluted shafts and decorative capitals. A large, arched window or opening is visible above the columns. A large, blue, two-handled vase sits on a dark pedestal in the foreground. In the background, there are stylized mountains and a bright yellow sky. A winged figure, possibly an angel or a bird, is visible in the upper right corner. The overall style is soft and artistic, typical of watercolor painting.

But those who had been given true knowledge said, "Alas for you! The reward of Allah in the Hereafter is better for him who believes and does good works, and none shall receive it except those who have borne all ills without complaint."



The Prophet Musa عليه السلام cursed Qarun (Korah) so that Allah made the earth swallow him up along with his treasure house.



Seeing this terrible end of Qarun, those who on the day before had longed to be like him, began to say: "Behold! Allah gives much to whom He wills and little to whom He pleases."



This punishment of Qarun or Korah is a great reminder to believers to be pleased with Allah and thank Him whether they be rich or poor.

Find Out More

To know more about the message and meaning of Allah's words, look up the following parts of the Quran which tell the story of Qarun—a rich man during the days of the Prophet Musa ﷺ.

Surah al-Qasas (The Story) 28:76-82.

