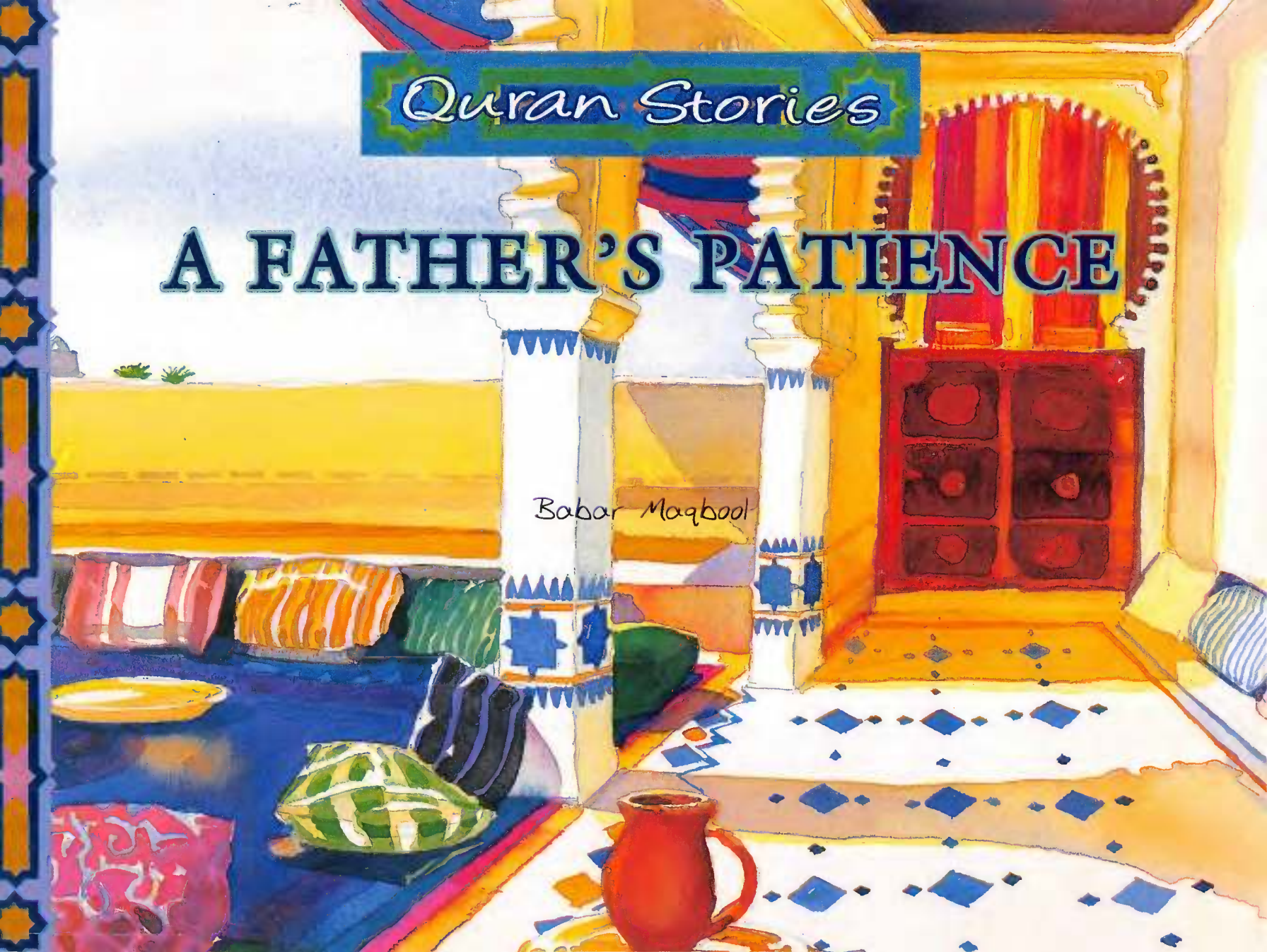


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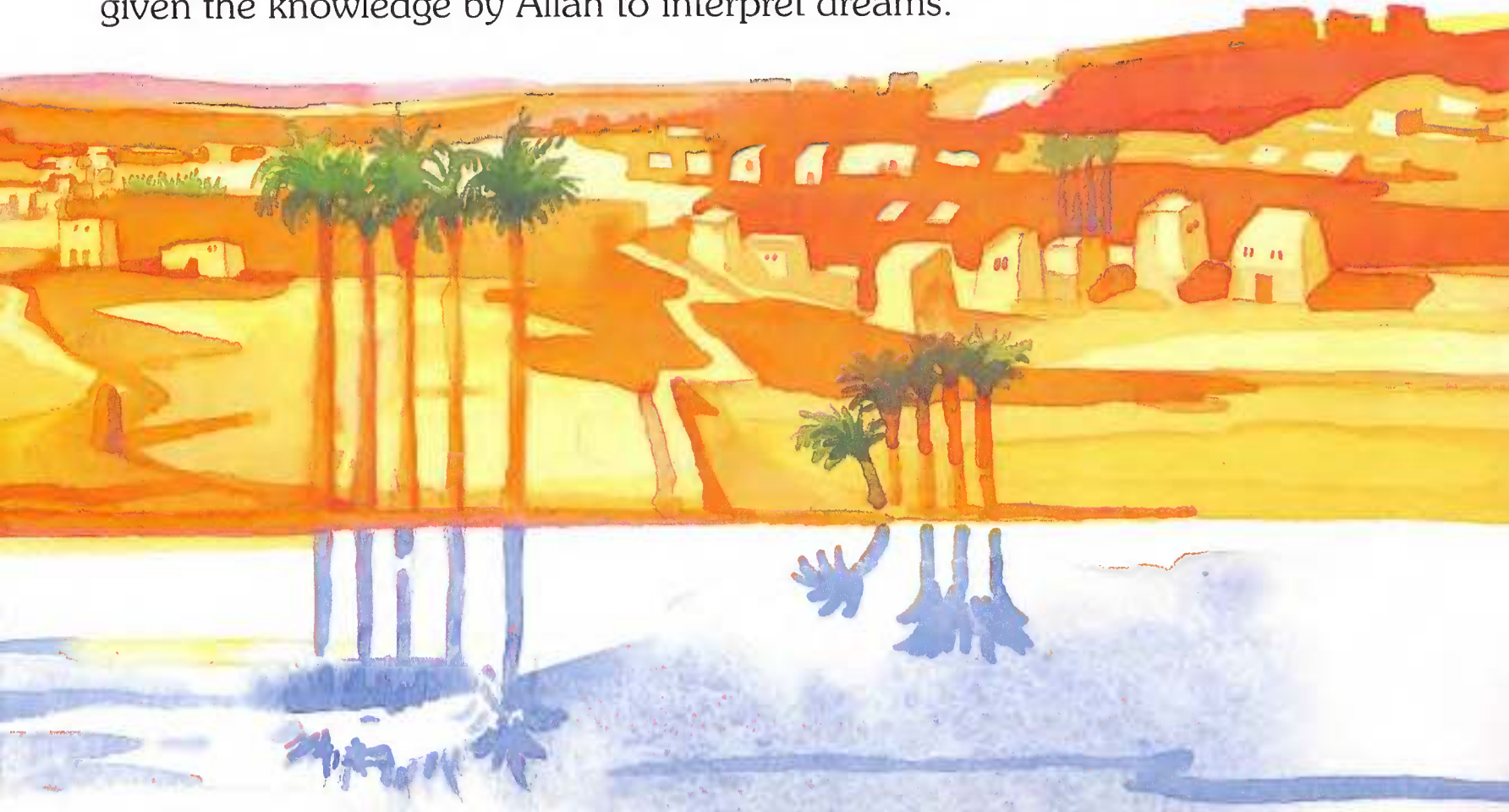




Yaqub عليه السلام was a prophet blessed with many sons, Yousaf عليه السلام was one of Yaqub's عليه السلام sons and his favourite. He was a beautiful and obedient young lad. The rest of his brothers grew very jealous of him and hated Yousaf عليه السلام for his qualities. Early one morning,

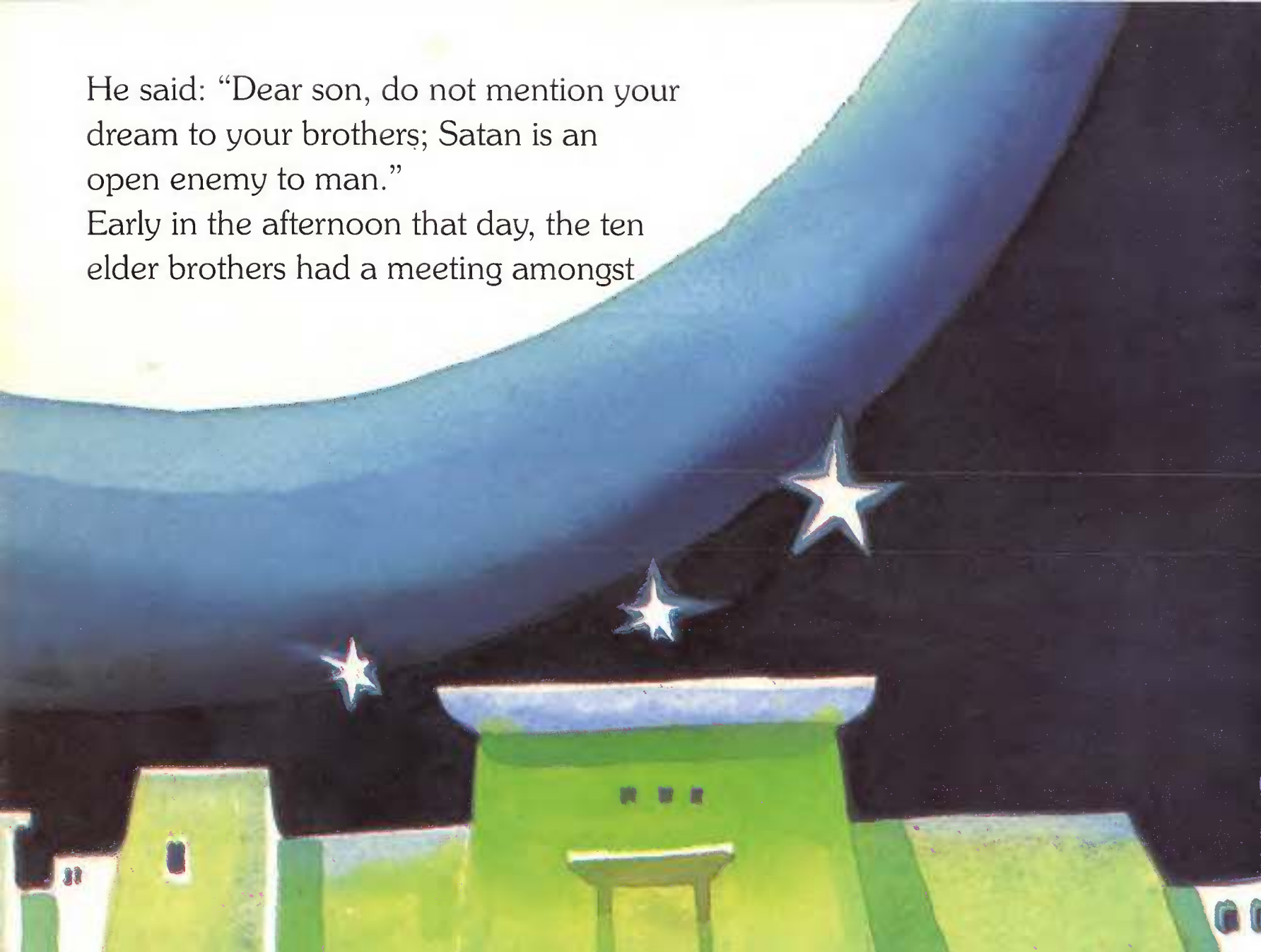


Yousaf عليه السلام went to his father and told him about a dream that he had had the previous night. He said: “Dear father! I dreamt of eleven stars, the sun and the moon, and I saw them prostrating themselves in front of me.” Yaqub عليه السلام knew exactly what Yousaf’s عليه السلام dream meant, for he was given the knowledge by Allah to interpret dreams.



He said: "Dear son, do not mention your dream to your brothers; Satan is an open enemy to man."

Early in the afternoon that day, the ten elder brothers had a meeting amongst

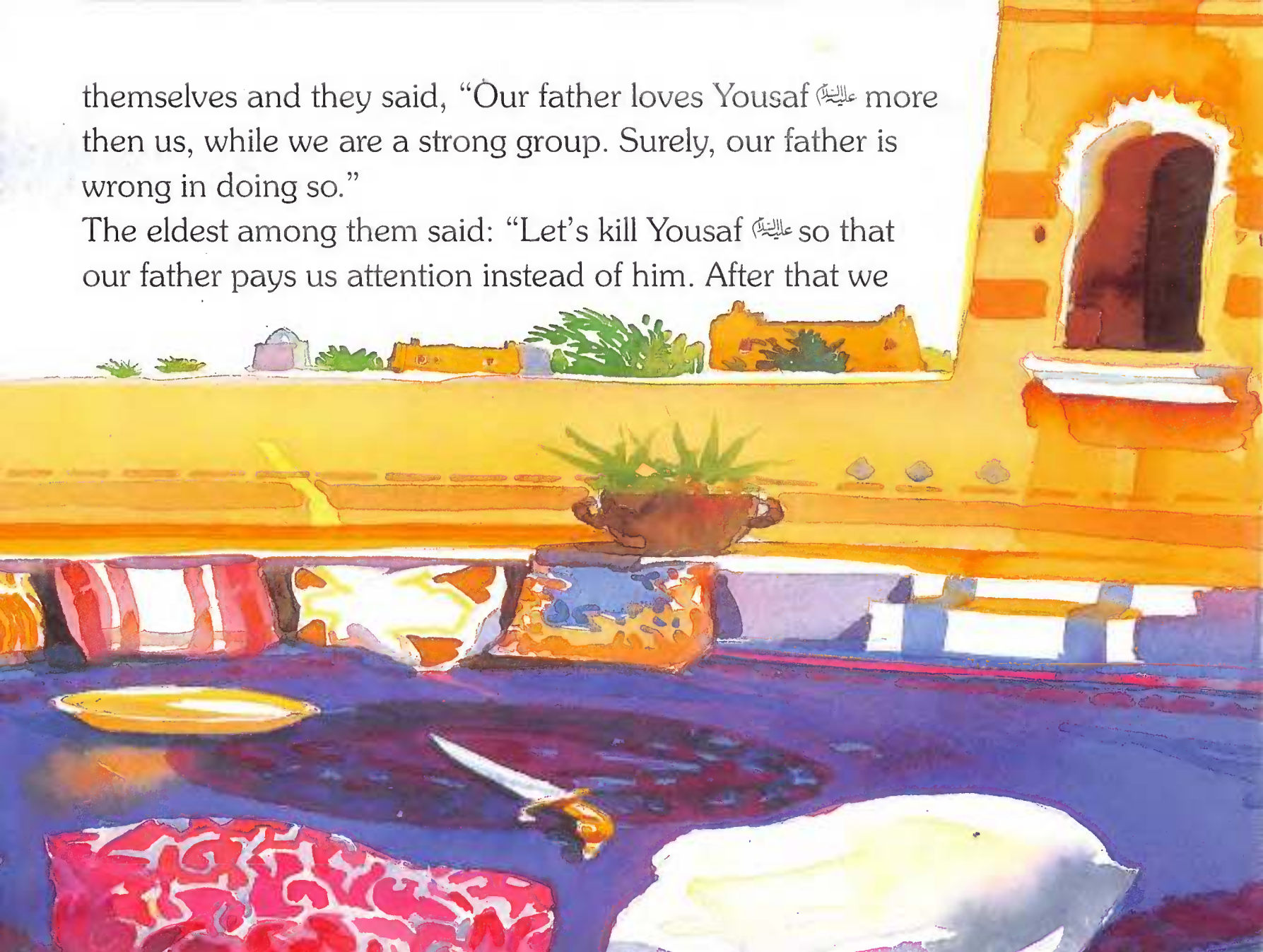






themselves and they said, “Our father loves Yousaf عليه السلام more than us, while we are a strong group. Surely, our father is wrong in doing so.”

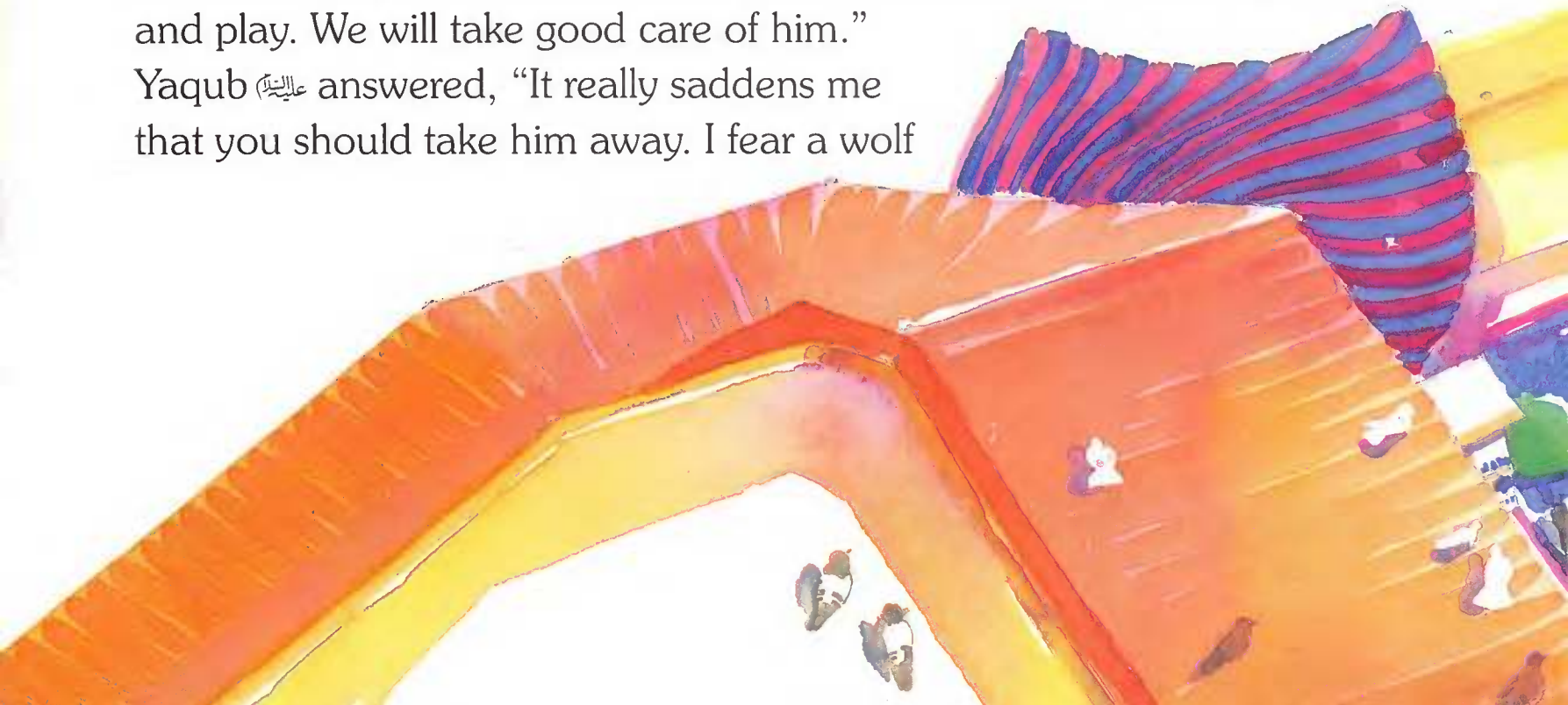
The eldest among them said: “Let’s kill Yousaf عليه السلام so that our father pays us attention instead of him. After that we



shall all become obedient.” Another from among them who was slightly kind-hearted said: “No, please don’t think of killing Yousaf (عليه السلام), but if you must do something, throw him down the bottom of some well.”

They all agreed and went to Yaqub (عليه السلام). Their father already knew that they were all a group of careless people, but still heard what they all had to say: “Our dear father! Why don’t you trust us with Yousaf (عليه السلام)? We are indeed his well-wishers! Send him with us tomorrow to enjoy himself and play. We will take good care of him.”

Yaqub (عليه السلام) answered, “It really saddens me that you should take him away. I fear a wolf







might devour him while you are playing.”

They replied, “What are we for? We are so strong, we shall guard him. Don’t you worry at all.” The brothers insisted so much that Yaqub عليه السلام had no choice but to give them permission, though reluctantly.

The next day all the brothers took Yousaf عليه السلام along. They played together for a while. But then, they suddenly

caught Yousaf عليه السلام unawares,
picked him up and threw
him down an empty well.



They took Yousaf's عليه السلام shirt, stained it with a goat's blood and returned home with it.

They approached their father weeping senselessly, and said, "Dear father! We went racing with one another, leaving Yousaf عليه السلام behind to look after our belongings and a wolf ate him; but you will never believe us even when we speak the truth." To prove their innocence they showed him Yousaf's عليه السلام blood-stained shirt.

Yaqub عليه السلام was deeply saddened, never believing the lies he was being

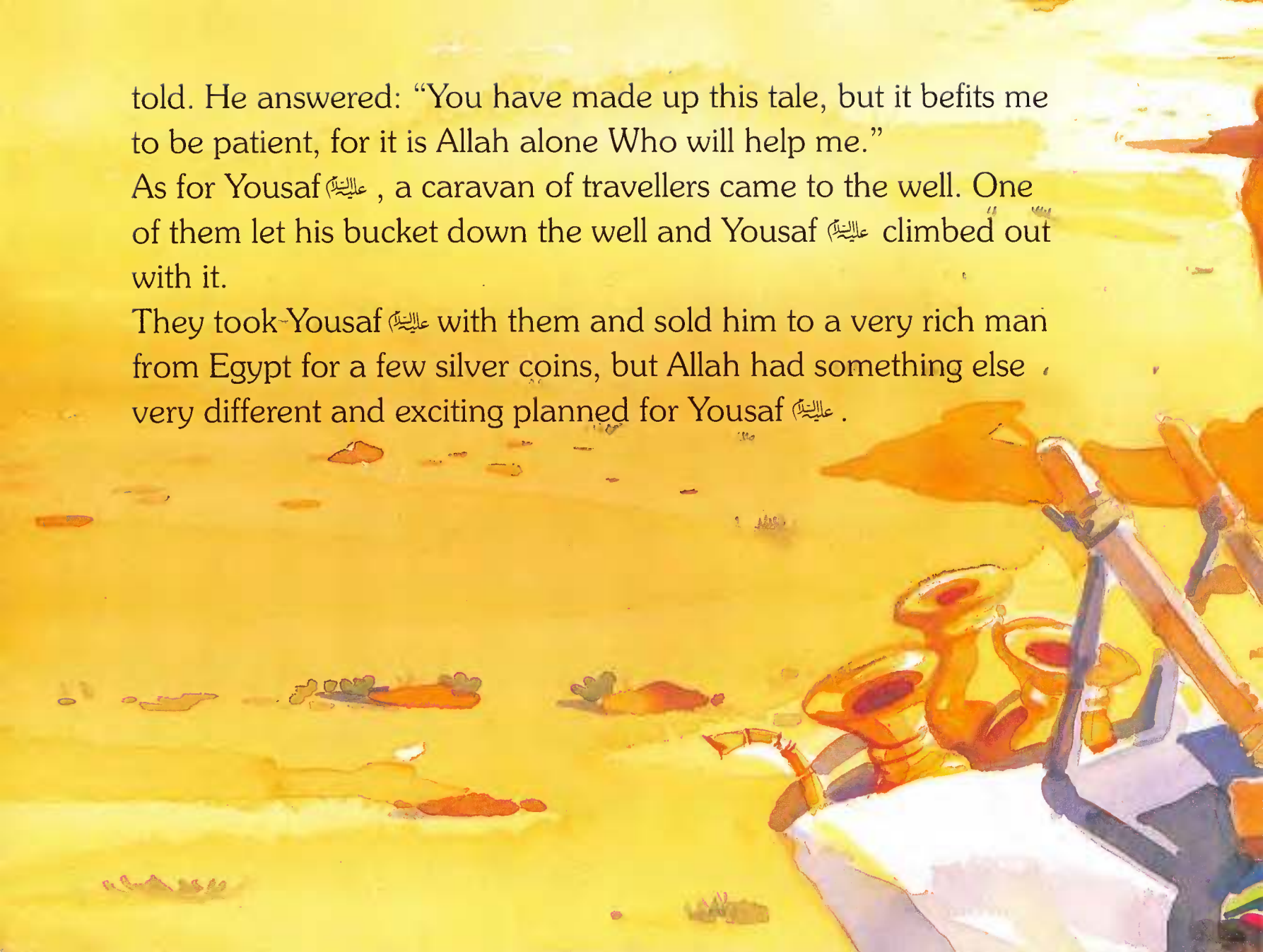




told. He answered: "You have made up this tale, but it befits me to be patient, for it is Allah alone Who will help me."

As for Yousaf عليه السلام, a caravan of travellers came to the well. One of them let his bucket down the well and Yousaf عليه السلام climbed out with it.

They took Yousaf عليه السلام with them and sold him to a very rich man from Egypt for a few silver coins, but Allah had something else, very different and exciting planned for Yousaf عليه السلام.





Allah established him in the land and
taught him the interpretation of events.

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Surah Yousaf: 12: 4-20*

