**AUDIO SCRIPT**

Maqamat 11v - The Fourth Assembly, “Of Damietta.”

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In the Fourth Assembly, Harith tells the story of his journey to Damietta. He is with a group of fellow travellers and they all get along really well and are travelling at a fast but steady pace. They stop to take a rest after travelling all night long. Harith hears the beginning of a conversation. Two men are talking about how they treat other people. The first says that you should be kind to others no matter how they behave toward you. The second says that we are all different so that our personalities can balance each other out. The second man speaks so eloquently that Harith becomes curious and seeks them out once the sun has risen.

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Harith follows the direction that the voices were coming from and sees that the two men in question are Abû Zayd and his son. His is amazed by their conversation and feels sorry for their scruffy appearance in comparison to their rich conversation. He welcomes them in to his group and praises them so magnificently that the group is more favourable toward them.

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Eventually, the group reaches the outskirts of a town and Abu Zayd has the money to spend and a chance to spend it. He says to the group that he is extremely filthy from the travels and asks if he can go and have a bath. Harith agrees on the condition that Abu Zayd hurries back. Abu Zayd says he’ll be back in the blink of an eye and he and his son set off. The men, obviously expecting him to return, wait and wait all day. When the sun begins to set, Harith is ready to leave.

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Harith says that it is obvious that Abu Zayd was lying. When goes over to his camel to start packing his things, he sees that Abu Zayd has left a message on the “pack saddle” of the horse. The message says that Abu Zayd is grateful and they should not take his action for a lack of gratitude, because it’s in his nature to eat his fill and leave. This is the moment the image depicts.

Harith tells us, “Then I made the company read the words of the Koran that were on the pack saddle, so that he who had blamed him might excuse him. – And they admired his witticism, but commended themselves from his mischief.”

The group continued their journey, not knowing who Abu Zayd might meet and accompany next or where he might be going.