



# SAHABA

THE SERIES



BILAL



## PREFACE

THIS COLLECTION OF STORIES ARE INTENDED TO ENLIGHTEN, INSPIRE AND INFORM THE READER ABOUT THE LIFE OF THE COMPANIONS OF ALLAH'S MESSENGER - PROPHET MUHAMMAD (SAW).

WE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IN NO WAY CAN THE SERIES COVER EVERY ASPECT OF THEIR LIVES OR ENUMERATE ALL OF THE VIRTUES AND NOBLE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE COMPANIONS.

IT IS NOT INTENDED TO BE A BIOGRAPHY, RATHER WE SEEK TO PROVIDE INSIGHTS INTO SOME OF THE KEY MOMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS OF THEIR LIVES. FOR EASE OF READING, AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE WE HAVE INSERTED RADIYALLAH ANHU (AS RA) MEANING "MAY ALLAH BE PLEASED WITH HIM" EACH TIME THE COMPANIONS' NAMES ARE MENTIONED, HOWEVER, WHERE IT MAY HAVE BEEN OMITTED PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE SALUTATIONS APPLY TO THEM, MAY ALLAH BE PLEASED WITH THEM ALL.

IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT ALL IMAGES, ILLUSTRATIONS, ANIMATIONS AND DRAWINGS USED IN THE BOOK ARE NOT IN ANY WAY ACTUAL DEPICTIONS, REAL IMAGES OF THE CHARACTERS, THEY ARE ONLY INTENDED FOR STORY-TELLING PURPOSES ONLY.

THE ACCOUNTS DEPICTED IN THIS SERIES ARE BASED ON NARRATIONS, HADITHS FROM VARIOUS AUTHORS AND HISTORICAL FIGURES. MORE THAN ANYTHING, AS STUDENTS OURSELVES, WE HAVE BEEN INSPIRED TO PUT THIS SERIES TOGETHER, BASED ON THE WORKS AND ACCOUNTS OF THESE AUTHORS AND HISTORICAL FIGURES RESPECTIVELY.

SO, WE HOPE THAT WITH THIS SERIES, WHEREVER THE READERS FIND THEMSELVES AND AT WHATEVER MOMENT IN THEIR LIVES, IT SUFFICES AS A TRIGGER FOR THOSE SEEKING THE TRUTH TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ISLAMIC HISTORY. WE ALSO HOPE THAT THE READERS ENJOY THIS ILLUSTRATION OF HISTORY AS MUCH AS WE DID, CURATING IT.

**DISCLAIMER:** SOME OF THE STORIES REFERENCED IN THIS BOOK CONTAIN DEPICTIONS OF WAR. PARENTS ARE ADVISED TO READ THE BOOK IN FULL PRIOR TO READING IT TO YOUNG CHILDREN.





**BILAL**







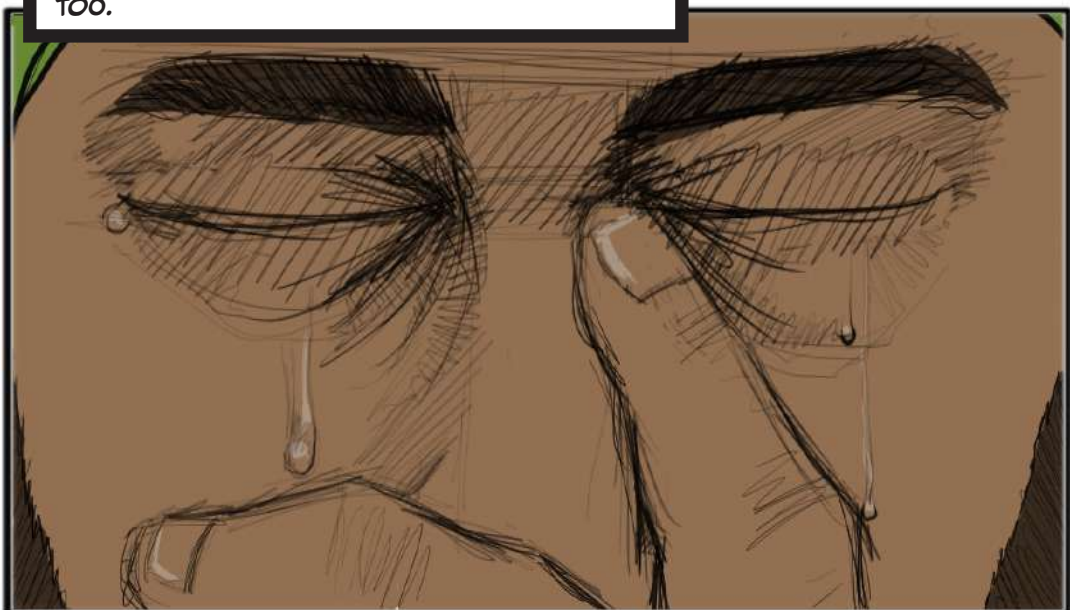
IN THE LAST DAYS, FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF THE PROPHET (SAW), BILAL (RA) STANDS READY TO GIVE THE ADHAAN

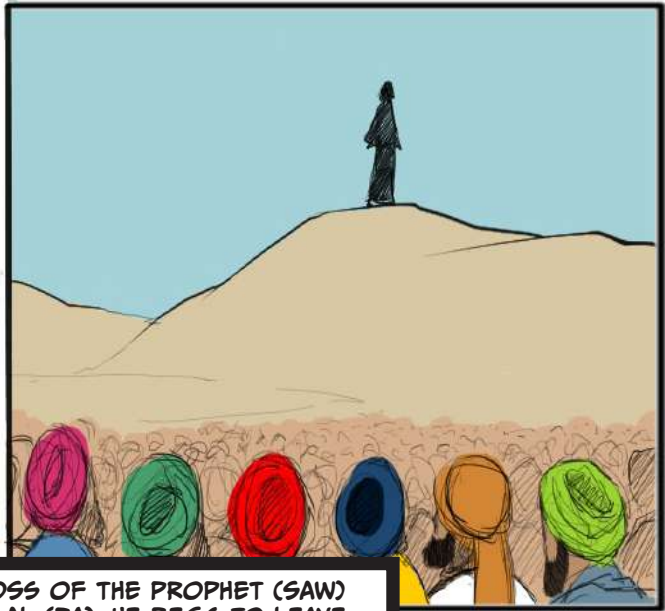


AND WHEN HE REACHES, "I BEAR WITNESS THAT MUHAMMAD (SAW) IS THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH", HE LOOKS AND THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH IS NOT THERE.

THIS WAS WHEN THE MOMENT HE NEVER IMAGINED WOULD COME; THE PROPHET(SAW) IS NO MORE.

THIS BREAKS BILAL (RA) AND HE BREAKS INTO TEARS, CAUSING THOSE AROUND HIM TO CRY TOO.

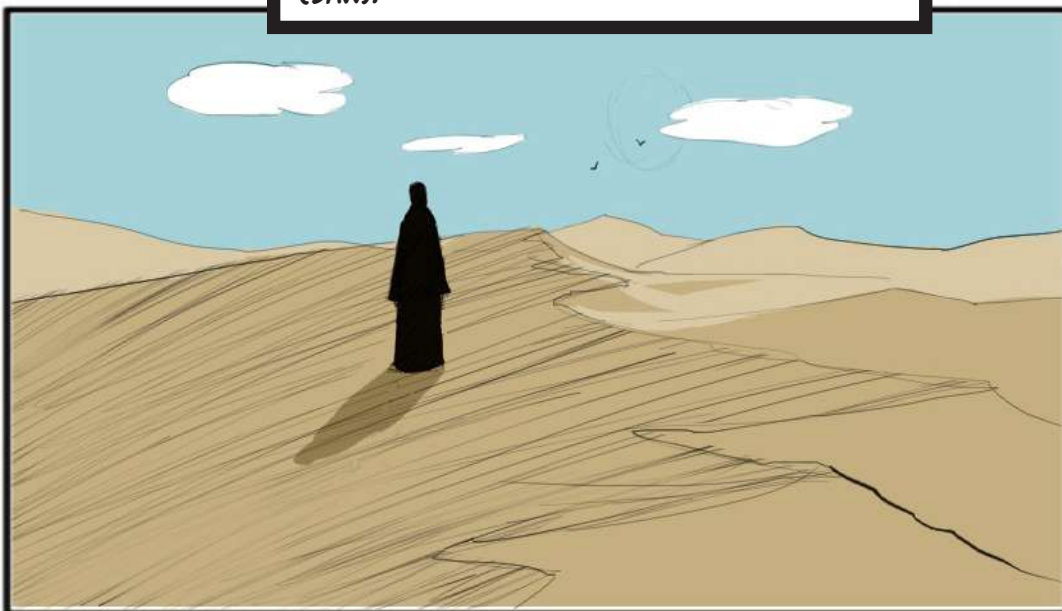








BUT, ONE NIGHT IN SYRIA, BILAL (RA) HAS A DREAM. IN THE DREAM, HE SEES THE PROPHET (SAW).

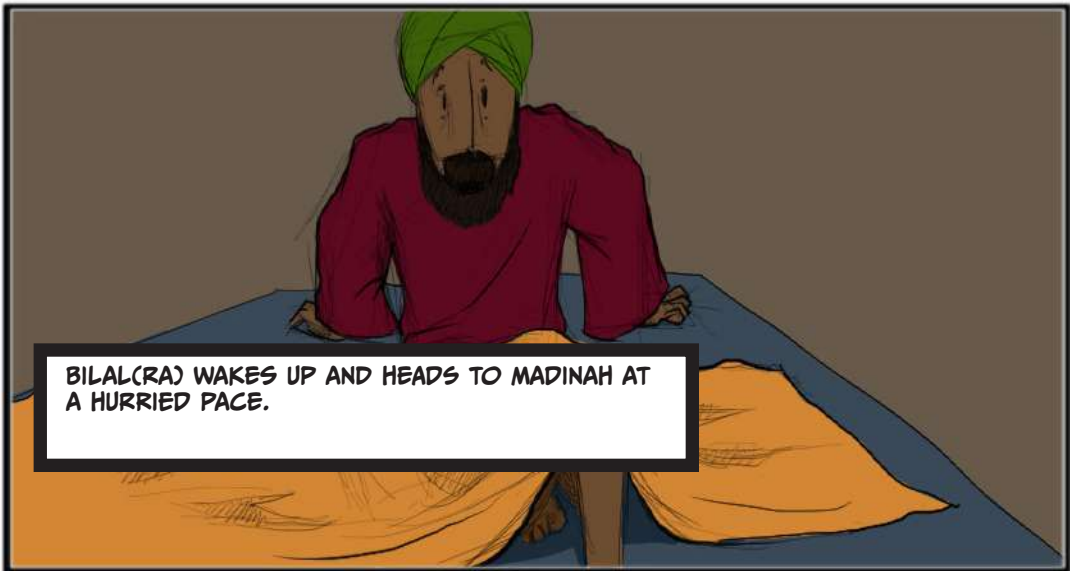




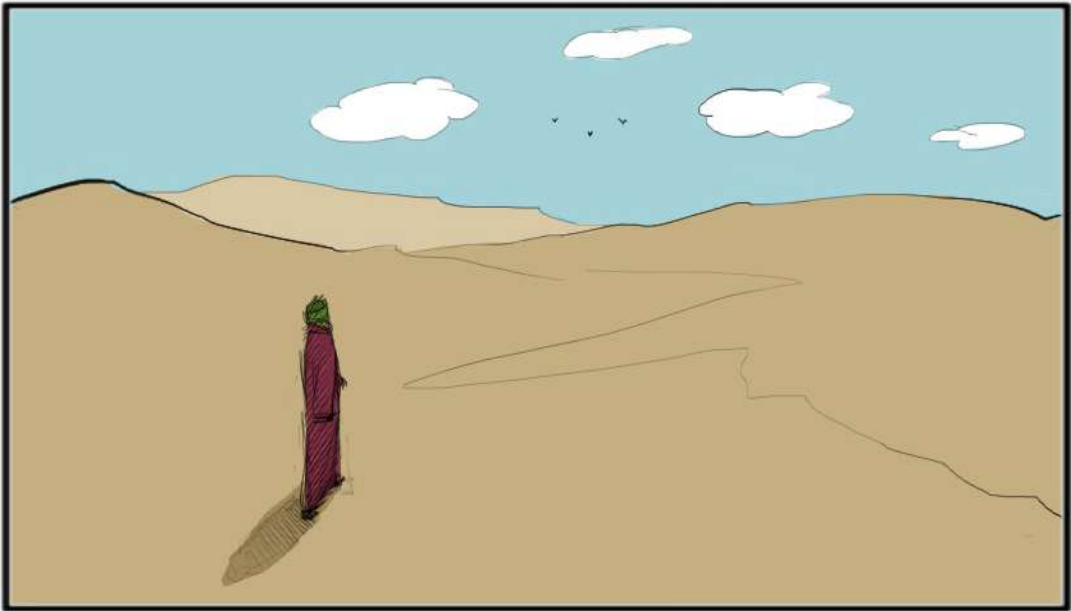
THE PROPHET (SAW) ASKED HIM ....

"O  
BILAL (RA),  
WHAT IS THAT,  
YOU DID NOT VISIT  
ME?"





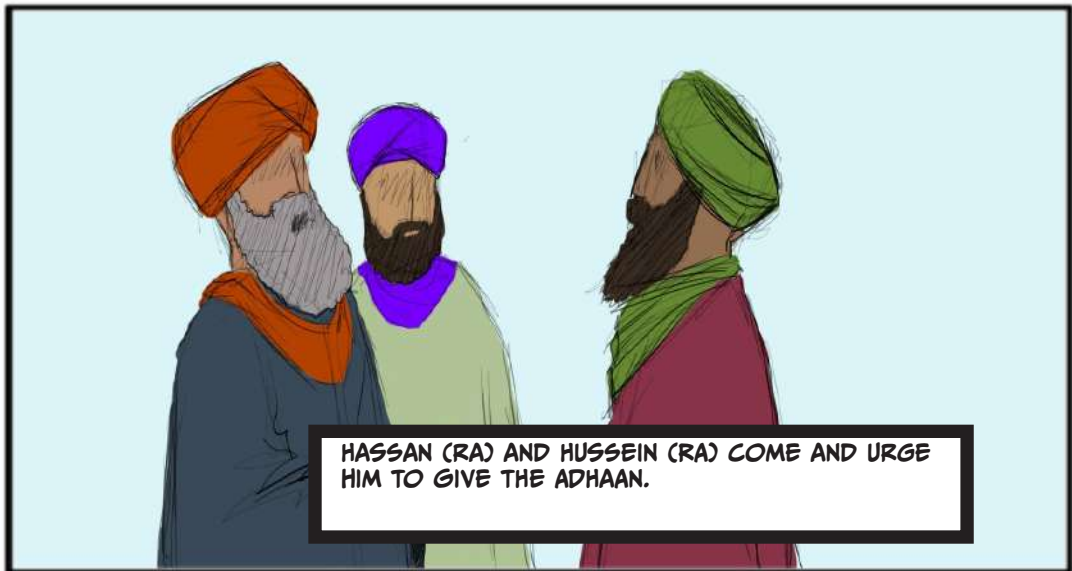
**BILAL(RA) WAKES UP AND HEADS TO MADINAH AT A HURRIED PACE.**



**HE LAYS BESIDE THE GRAVE OF THE PROPHET (SAW) REMEMBERING HIS "HABIB"**





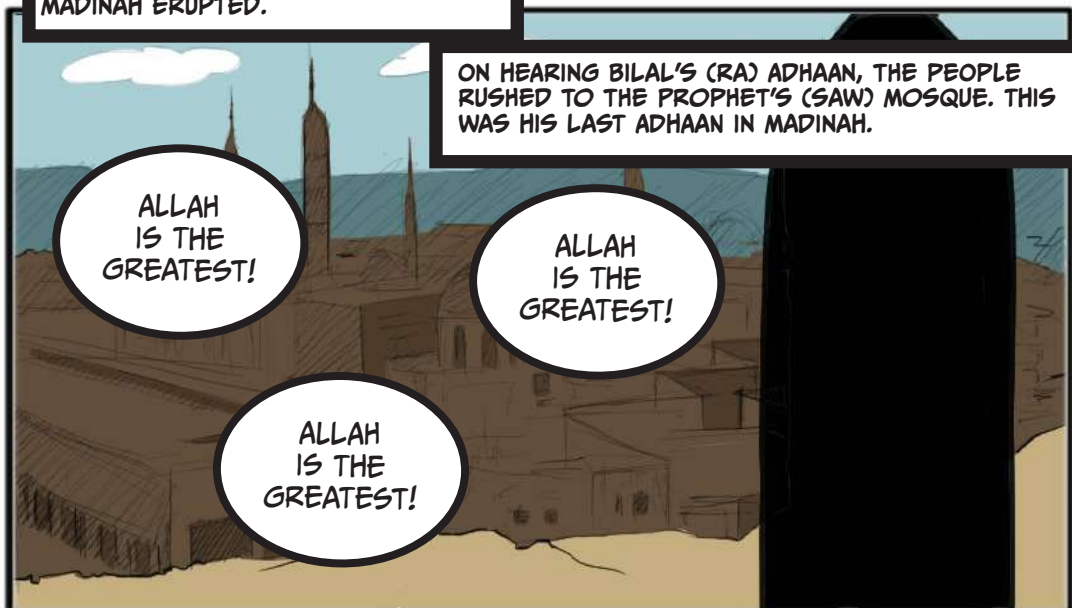


HASSAN (RA) AND HUSSEIN (RA) COME AND URGE HIM TO GIVE THE ADHAAN.



ALLAH  
IS THE  
GREATEST!

AND IT WAS SAID THAT ON THIS DAY,  
MADINAH ERUPTED.



ALLAH  
IS THE  
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ON HEARING BILAL'S (RA) ADHAAN, THE PEOPLE  
RUSHED TO THE PROPHET'S (SAW) MOSQUE. THIS  
WAS HIS LAST ADHAAN IN MADINAH.





# HIS ORIGIN

BILAL'S (RA) VOICE INSPIRED AND MOVED MANY. HE WAS WELL-LOVED IN MADINAH. BUT WHO WAS HE REALLY?

BILAL(RA) WAS AN AFRICAN MAN FROM HABASHA, MODERN DAY ETHIOPIA. A SON OF AN ARAB FATHER AND AN ETHIOPIAN MOTHER. HIS MOTHER WAS AN ABYSSINIAN PRINCESS WHO WAS TAKEN INTO SLAVERY BY ABRAHA'S ARMY AND SHE WAS MARRIED TO IBN RABAH, A BLACK ARAB SLAVE. BILAL (RA) WAS BORN IN MAKKAH, A DECADE AFTER THE PROPHET (SAW).

BUT, HE WAS ALSO THE FIRST MUSLIM TO BE CALLED A MU'ADDIN. THE ONE WHO CALLS PEOPLE TO PRAYER.







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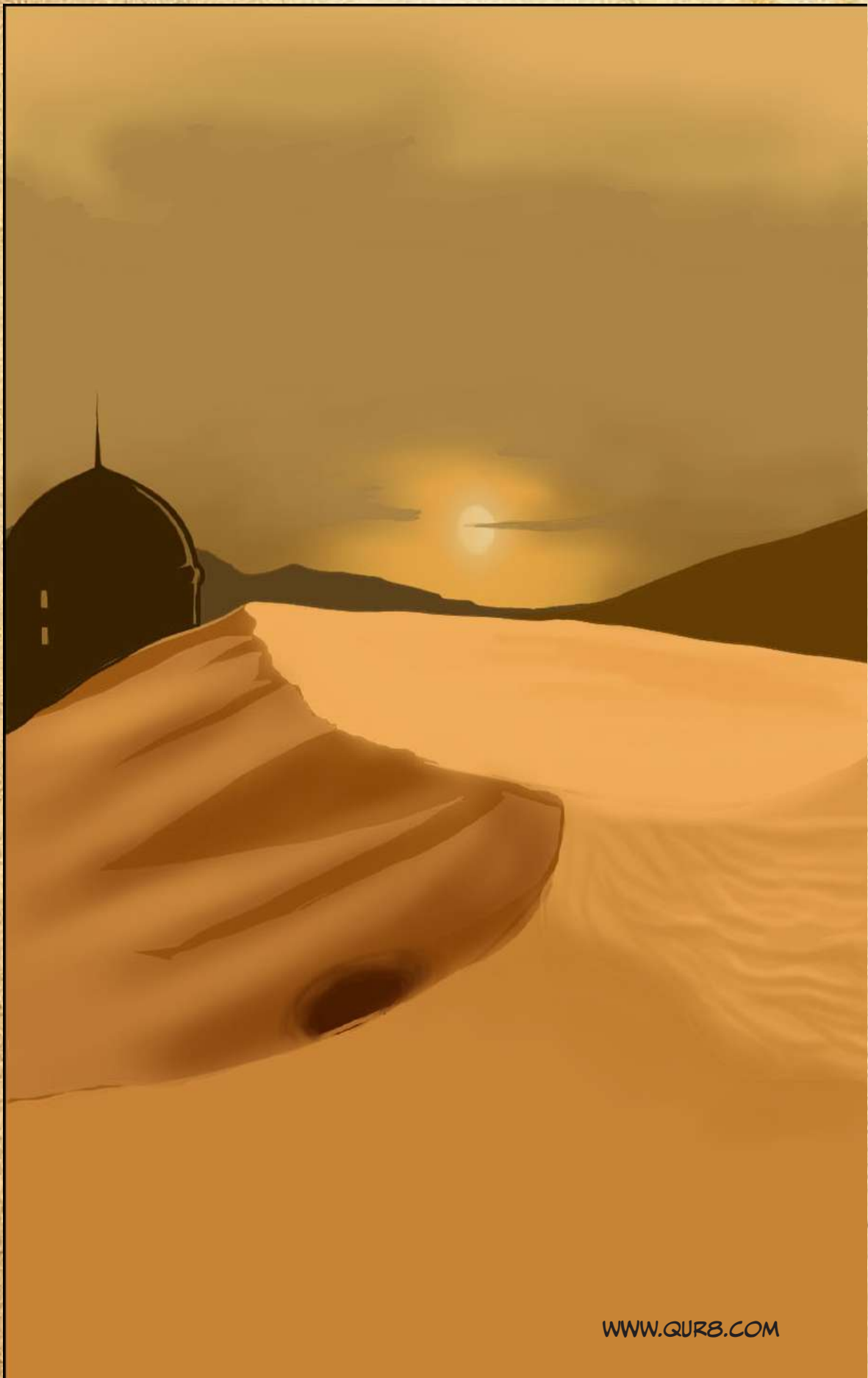
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