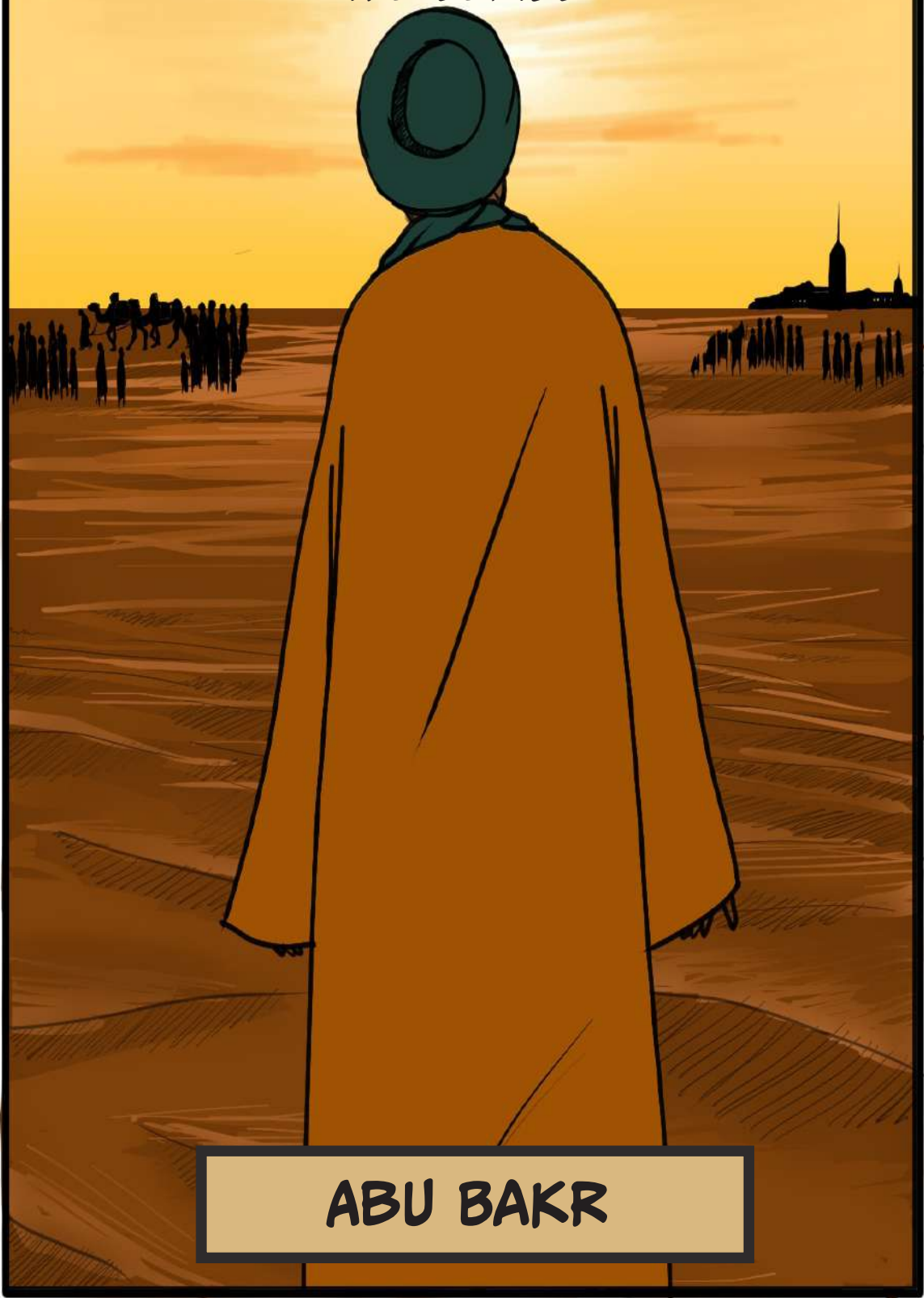




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THE SERIES



ABU BAKR



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.

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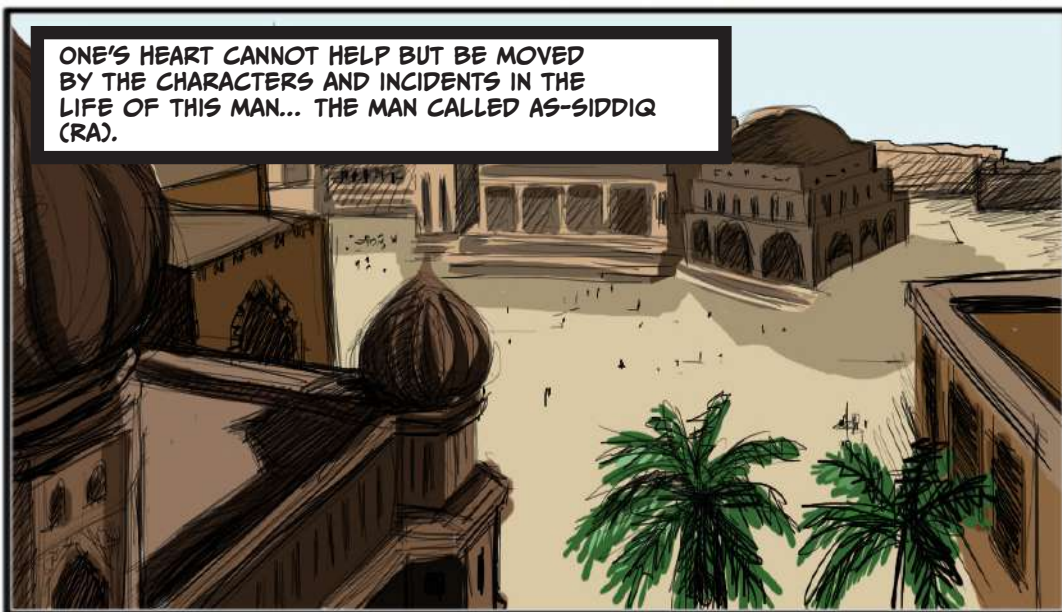




HIS NAME IS NOT MENTIONED EXCEPT
THAT IT BRINGS TO MIND A NUMBER OF
NOBLE CHARACTERS AND VIRTUES.



ONE'S HEART CANNOT HELP BUT BE MOVED
BY THE CHARACTERS AND INCIDENTS IN THE
LIFE OF THIS MAN... THE MAN CALLED AS-SIDDIQ
(RA).



ABU BAKR
ABDALLAH IBN ABI QUHAFAH





HE REMAINED A LOYAL COMPANION
IN GOOD TIMES AND IN THE TIME OF
DISTRESS. IT IS NO DOUBT WHY HE WAS
CALLED...

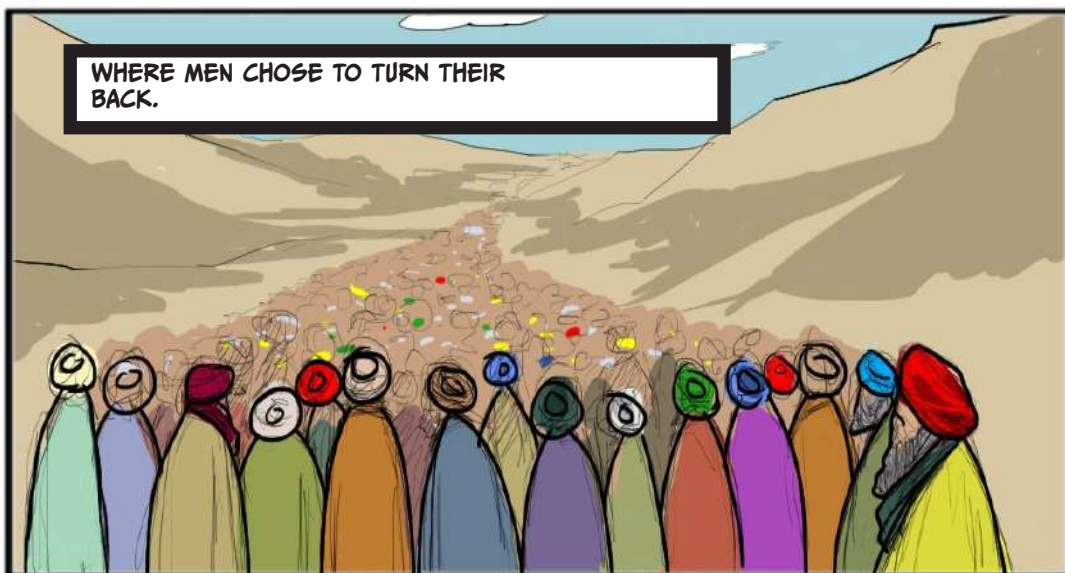


THE TRUTHFUL! (AS-SIDDIQ)





WHERE MEN CHOSE TO TURN THEIR
BACK.



WHERE MEN CHOSE TO EVADE THEIR
RESPONSIBILITIES.



WHERE MEN CHOSE TO FOLD THEIR
ARMS

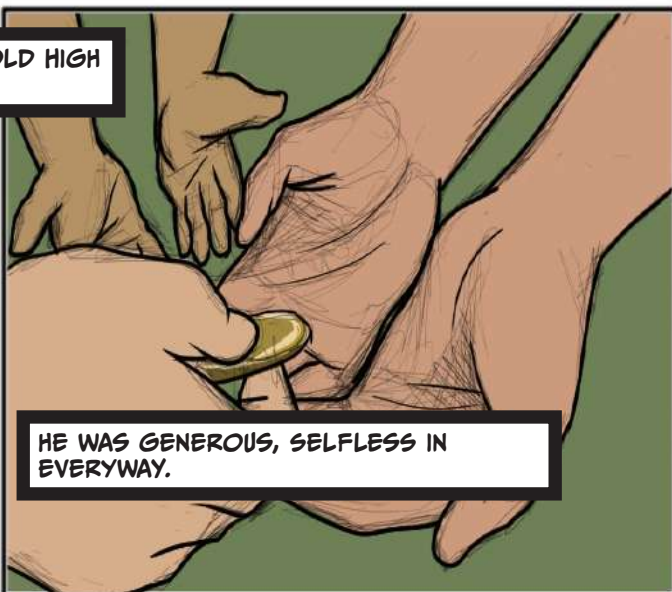




ABU BAKR (RA) CHOSE TO HOLD HIGH STANDARDS.



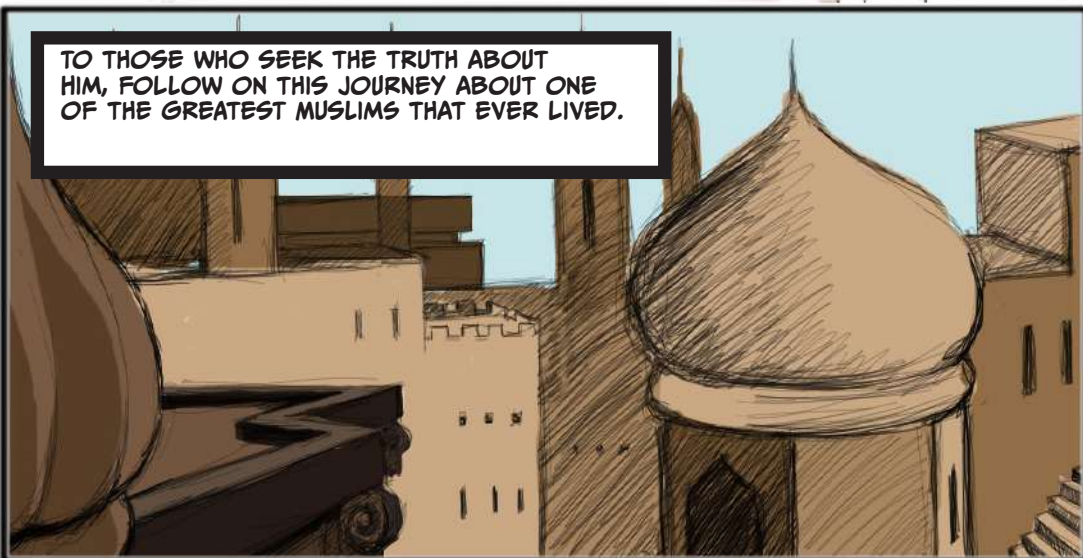
HE WAS GENEROUS, SELFLESS IN EVERYWAY.



FOR A MAN SO ELOQUENT AND SELFLESS. IT WAS ASKED, HOW DID HE COME TO ISLAM?



TO THOSE WHO SEEK THE TRUTH ABOUT HIM, FOLLOW ON THIS JOURNEY ABOUT ONE OF THE GREATEST MUSLIMS THAT EVER LIVED.



HIS LINEAGE

HE WAS OF QURAISH ANCESTRY, BORN AROUND TWO YEARS AFTER THE BIRTH OF THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD (SAW).

DURING THIS TIME, LIKE MOST IN MAKKAH, HIS PARENTS WERE IDOL WORSHIPPERS AND HE WAS ALSO RAISED AS SUCH.

IT IS SAID THAT HIS LINEAGE, 'ABDULLAH BIN ABI QUHAFAH, 'UTHMAN BIN 'AAMIR BIN 'AMR BIN KA'B BIN SA'D BIN TAIM BIN MURRAH BIN KA'B...

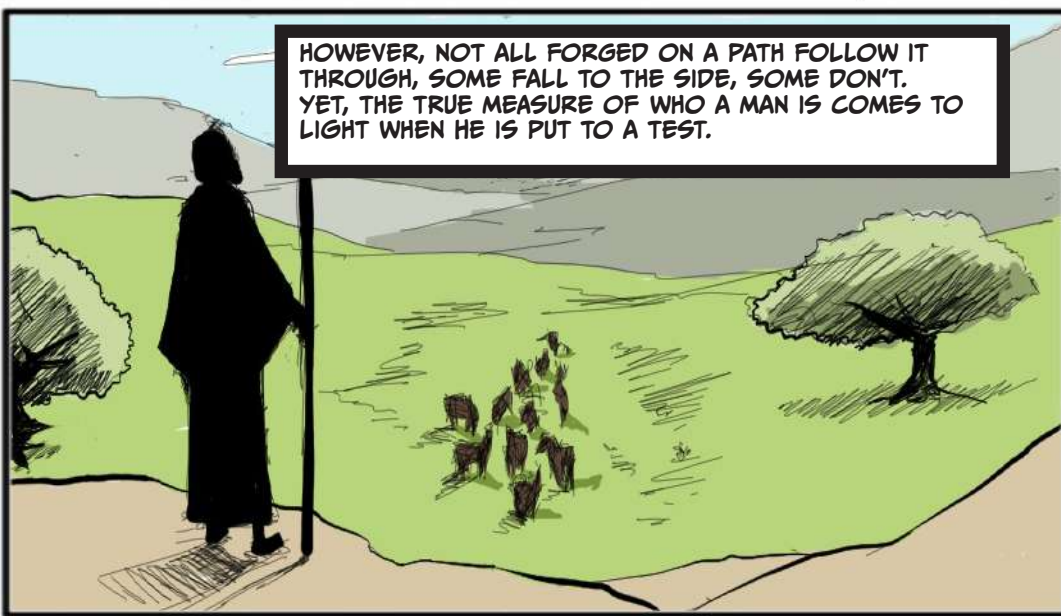
... MEETS WITH THAT OF ALLAH'S MESSENGER (SAW) AT MURRAH.



SO, IT CAN BE SAID CLEARLY THAT HE WAS
FROM A TRIBE WITH A GOOD REPUTATION...
THE TRIBE OF BANU TAYM

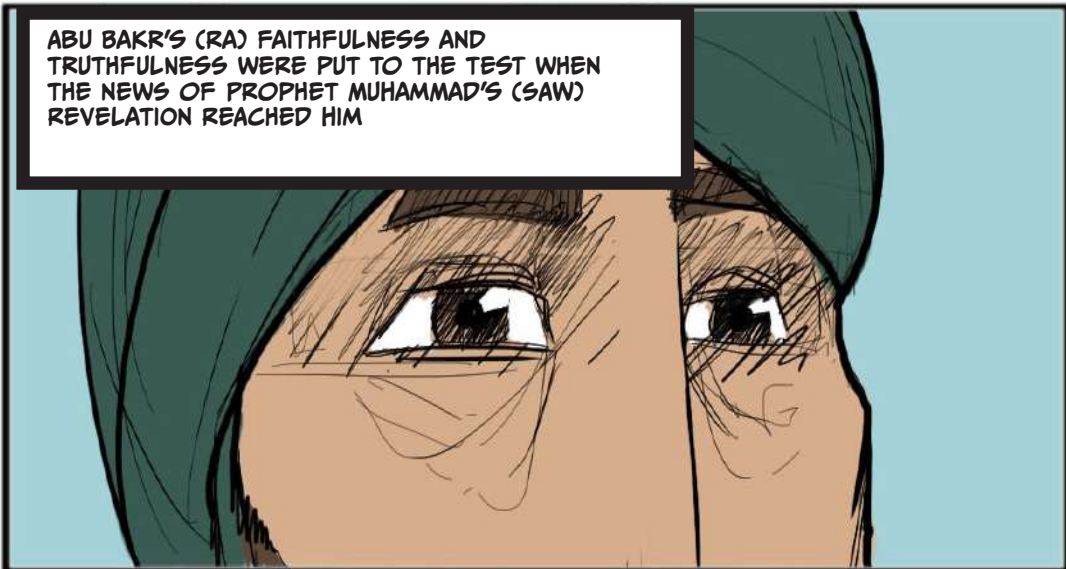


HOWEVER, NOT ALL FORGED ON A PATH FOLLOW IT
THROUGH, SOME FALL TO THE SIDE, SOME DON'T.
YET, THE TRUE MEASURE OF WHO A MAN IS COMES TO
LIGHT WHEN HE IS PUT TO A TEST.





ABU BAKR'S (RA) FAITHFULNESS AND TRUTHFULNESS WERE PUT TO THE TEST WHEN THE NEWS OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD'S (SAW) REVELATION REACHED HIM



ABU BAKR (RA) HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW AND CLOSELY OBSERVE THE PROPHET (SAW)



HIS INNATE INCLINATION TO GOODNESS AND FRIENDSHIP WITH THE PROPHET (SAW) PROMPTED HIM TO ABANDON THE WORSHIP OF IDOLS AND DROVE HIM TOWARDS ISLAM



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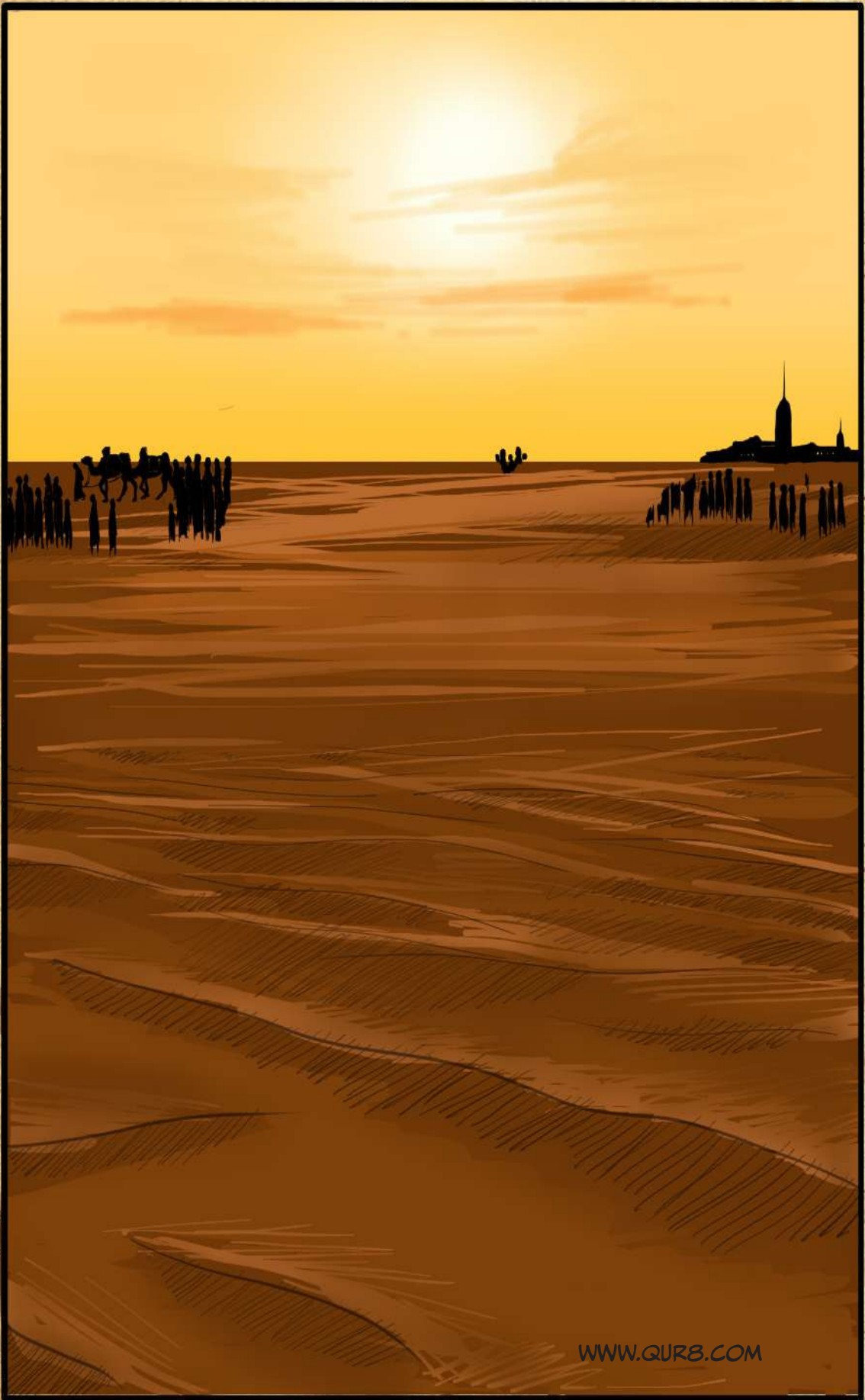
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