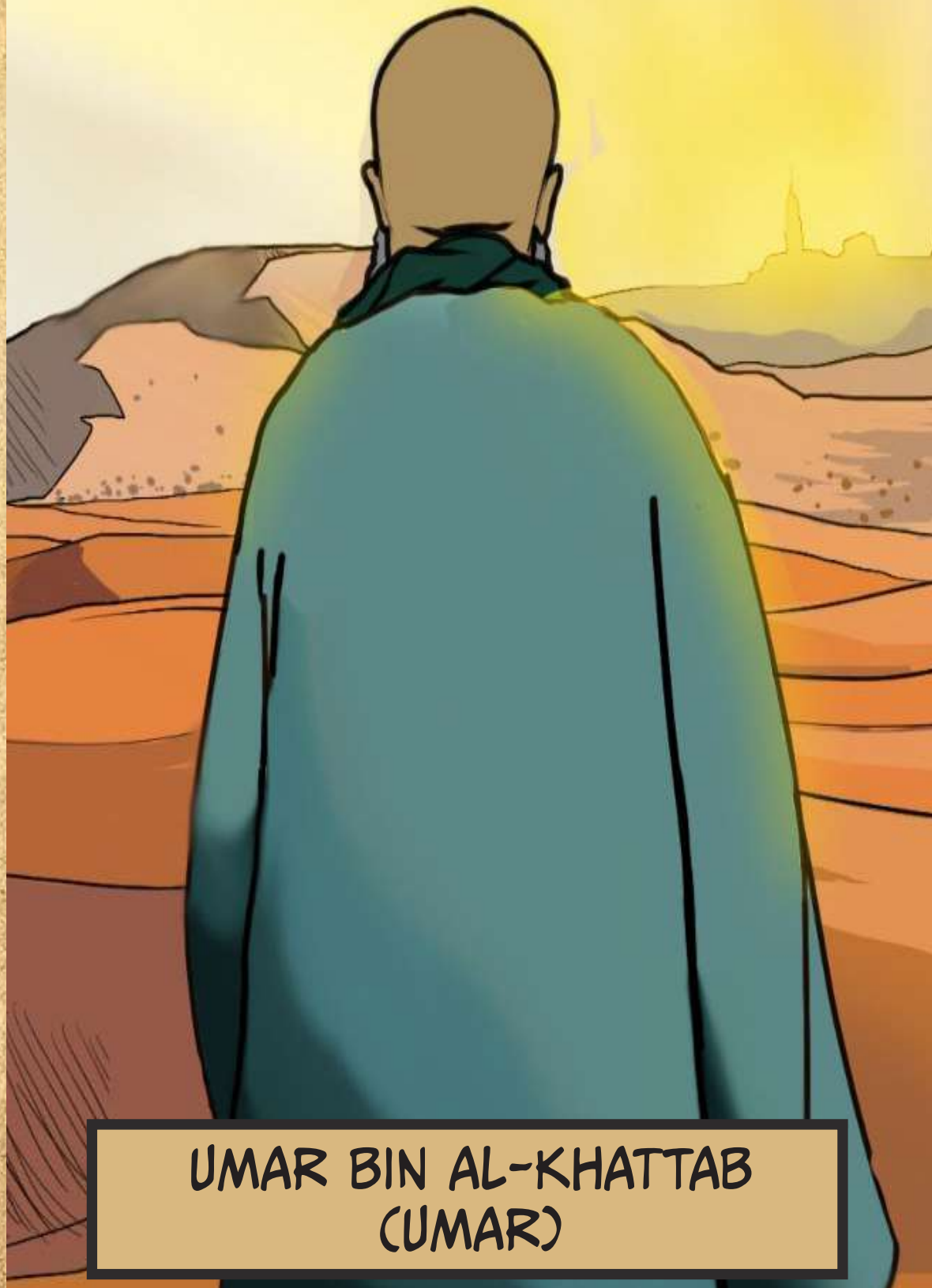


SAHABA

THE SERIES



UMAR BIN AL-KHATTAB
(UMAR)

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.

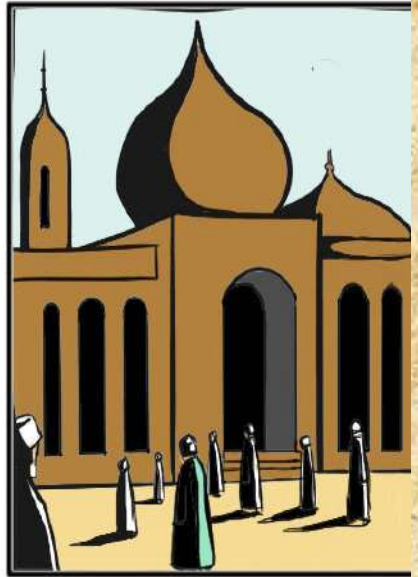
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UMAR BIN AL-KHATTAB
(UMAR)







THERE WAS NO HOPE OF HIS RECOVERY.

MAKE
YOUR WILL
YOU HAVE VERY LITTLE
TIME LEFT..





THE NEWS OF THE ATTACK ON UMAR (RA) HAD SPREAD AROUND, SENDING CONCERN AND SADNESS INTO THE LAND.



PEOPLE WENT IN SEARCH OF THE ONE THAT STABBED UMAR (RA) BUT, WHEN THEY FOUND HIM...



... HE STABBED ELEVEN MEN AFTER UMAR (RA) AND THEN HE COMMITTED SUICIDE.



MANY COMPANIONS CALLED ON UMAR (RA) TO ENQUIRE AFTER HIS HEALTH BUT, SOME OF THEM SUGGESTED THAT HE DESIGNATE SOMEONE AS HIS SUCCESSOR.



I HAVE CONSIDERED THIS MATTER, AND I HAVE DECIDED TO APPOINT SIX MEN AS MEMBERS OF AN ELECTORAL COMMITTEE, AND TO CHARGE THEM WITH THE TASK OF SELECTING ONE OUT OF THEMSELVES AS KHALIFA.

THE SIX MEN ARE: ALI, UTHMAN, ABDUR RAHMAN BIN AUF, TALHA, ZUBAYR AND SAAD BIN ABI WAQQAS.

UMAR (RA) TOLD THEM THE REASON HE CHOSE THESE NAMES WAS BECAUSE, THE APOSTLE OF GOD WAS PLEASED WITH ALL SIX OF THEM WHEN HE LEFT THIS WORLD.

HE THEN LAID EMPHASIS ON HOW IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR HIM TO FOLLOW THE PRECEDENT OF ABU BAKR (RA) OR THE PROPHET (SAW)

AND EACH OF THEM WAS QUALIFIED TO BECOME THE KHALIFA OF THE MUSLIMS.

HOW THE IMPORTANCE OF KNOWLEDGE AND SELFLESSNESS PLAYS A PART IF ONE IS TO BE A LEADER.




'HIS BIRTH AND UPBRINGING'



ONE THING PEOPLE DO NOT KNOW ABOUT UMAR (RA) IS THAT, HE DID NOT START UP LIKE THIS.



UMAR (RA) GREW UP LEARNING HOW TO GRAZE CAMELS UNDER THE TUTELAGE OF HIS FATHER.



PRIOR TO BECOMING MUSLIM, HE WAS A SWORN ENEMY OF ISLAM. THE IDEA OF MUHAMMAD (SAW) PREACHING THE ONENESS OF GOD IN MAKKAH ENRAGED UMAR (RA) GREATLY, AS HE SAW THIS AS A GREAT OUTRAGE AND INSULT TO THE PAGAN PRACTICES OF HIS FOREFATHERS.



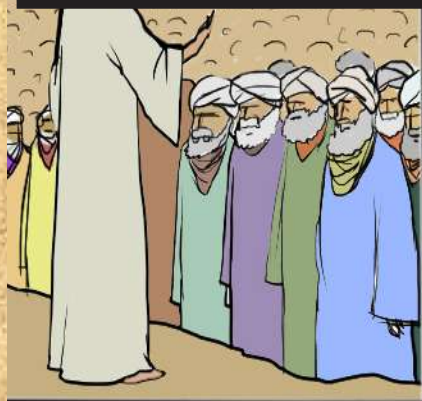


BORN AMONG THE ELITES IN THE TRIBE OF QURAISH IN A RESPECTED FAMILY,UMAR (RA) GREW AS AN AMBASSADOR, LEADING A RECKLESS LIFE OF INDULGENCE IN WINE AND WOMEN...



YET, HE WAS CONSUMED WITH THE URGE TO OVERPOWER HIS MATES

AND REMAINED A FUGITIVE OF BATTLE.

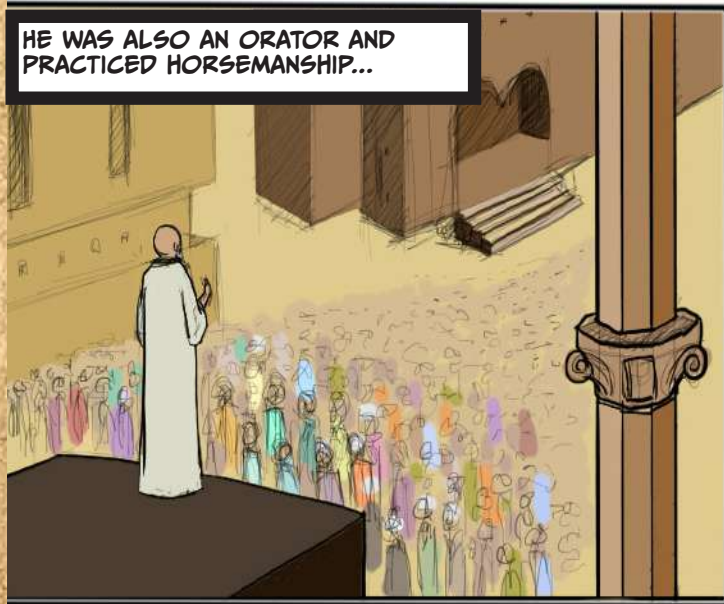


HE WAS ALSO A WRESTLER.



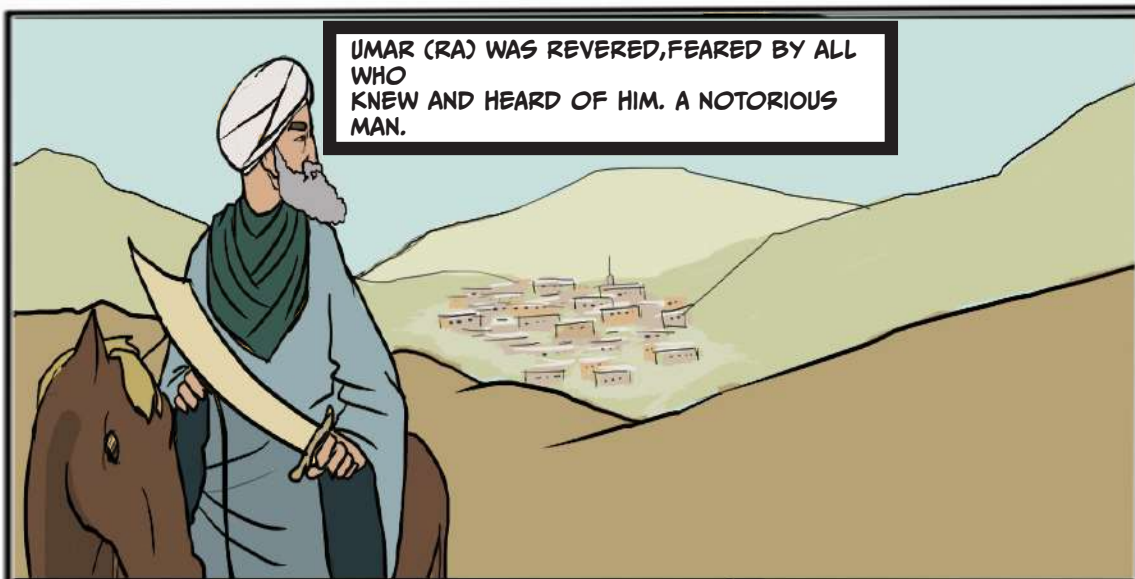
HE WAS A GENEALOGIST. ONE WHO HELP PEOPLE TRACE THEIR ROOTS IN HISTORY.

HE WAS ALSO AN ORATOR AND PRACTICED HORSEMANSHIP...



HOWEVER, HE EVENTUALLY BECAME A SKILLFUL SENIOR GENEALOGIST AND AN UNSURPASSED WRESTLER. WRESTLING IN THE WRESTLING FIELD OF 'UKAZ.

DURING THAT TIME, HE ALSO LEARNED TO READ AND WRITE, AND WAS ONE OF THE SEVENTEEN PEOPLE OF THE QURAISH WHO WERE ABLE TO READ AND WRITE.



UMAR (RA) WAS REVERED, FEARED BY ALL WHO KNEW AND HEARD OF HIM. A NOTORIOUS MAN.





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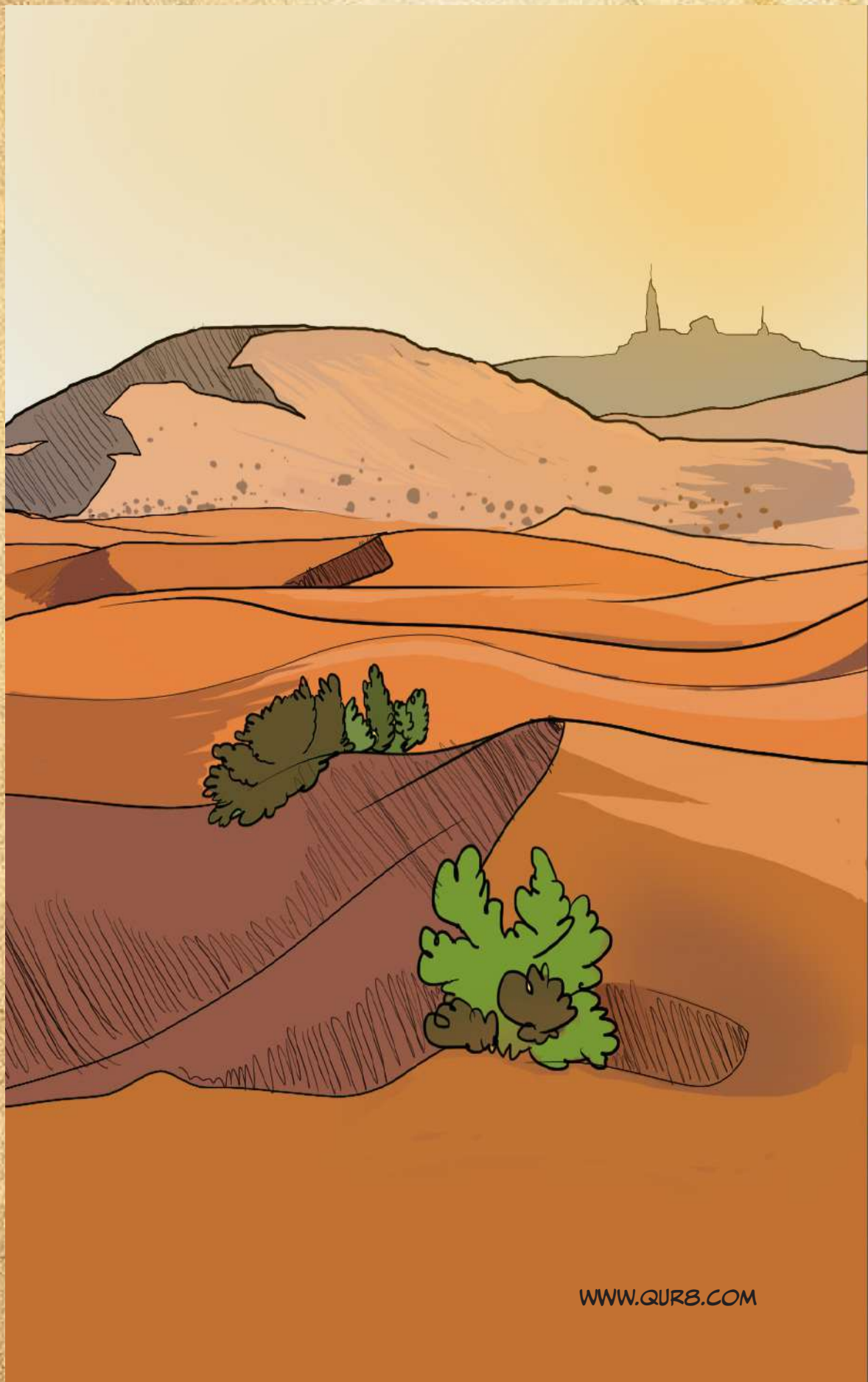
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