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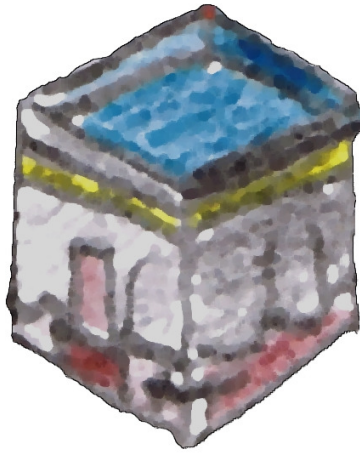
The life of Prophet Muhammad
peace and blessings of Allah be upon him

The Caring Uncle



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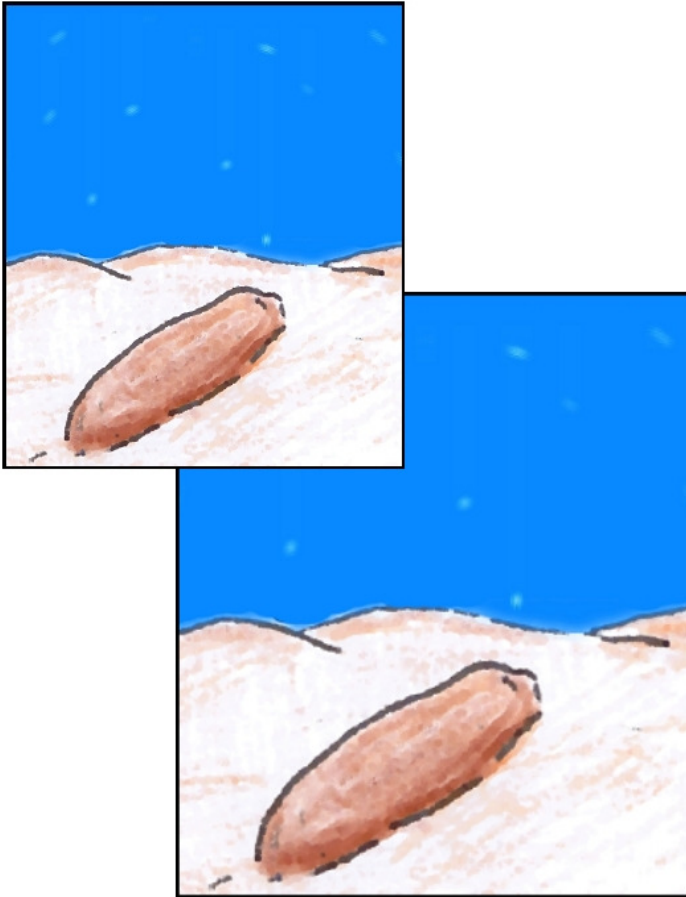
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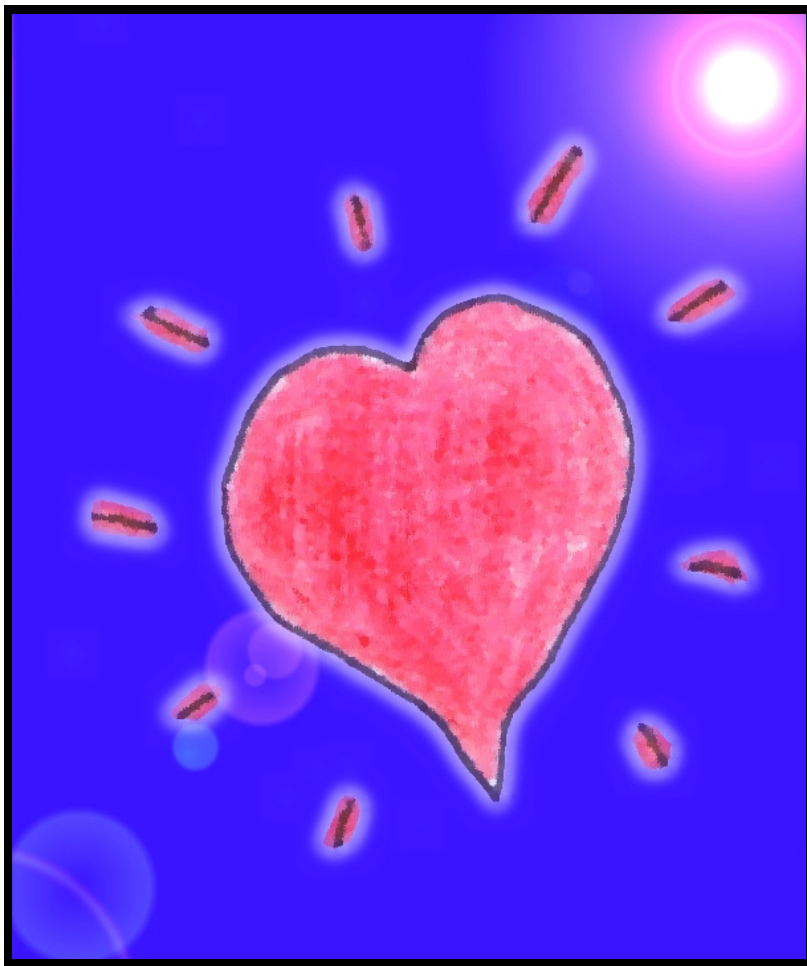
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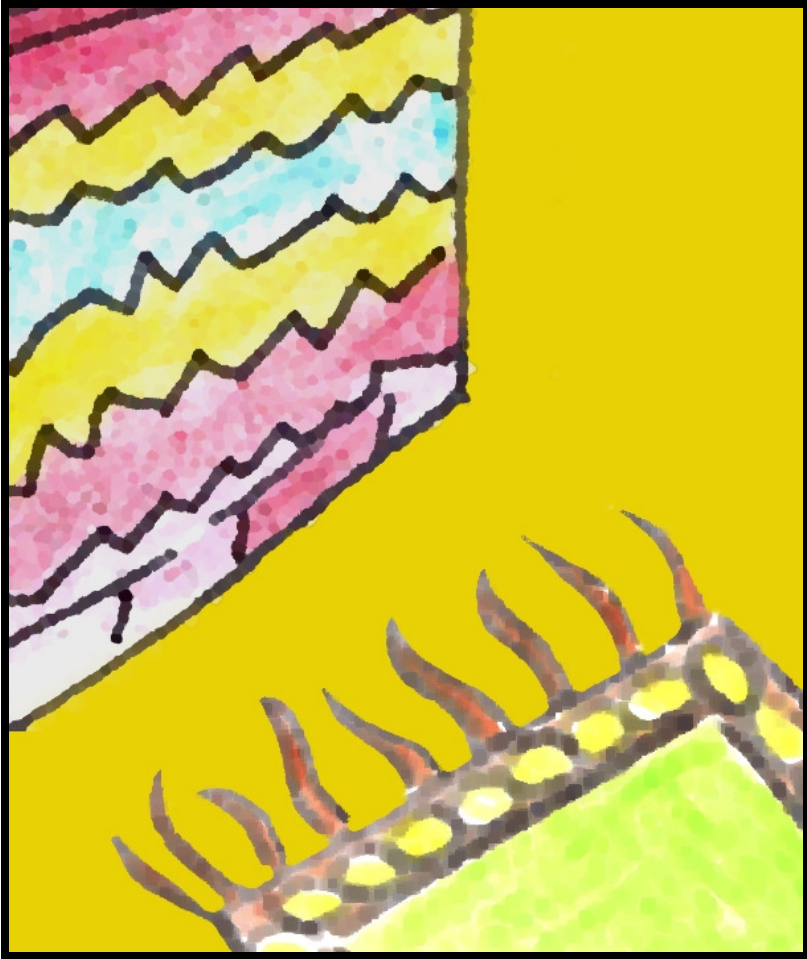
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Muhammad, peace be upon him, had not only lost his father but now his mother too had died. It must have been a sad and lonely time for the young Muhammad, peace be upon him. Who would look after the orphan boy now?



Abdul-Muttalib, the grandfather of Muhammad, peace be upon him decided to take care of the boy himself.



He loved him dearly, so much so that he would spread out a mat in front of the Kabah and place his grandson there, happy with whatever he would do.

But sadness was not faraway for the young Muhammad, peace be upon him.



When Muhammad, peace be upon him was eight years old, his kind grandfather passed away. First his father, then his mother and now his grandfather had died. The people he had loved so much were now no longer.



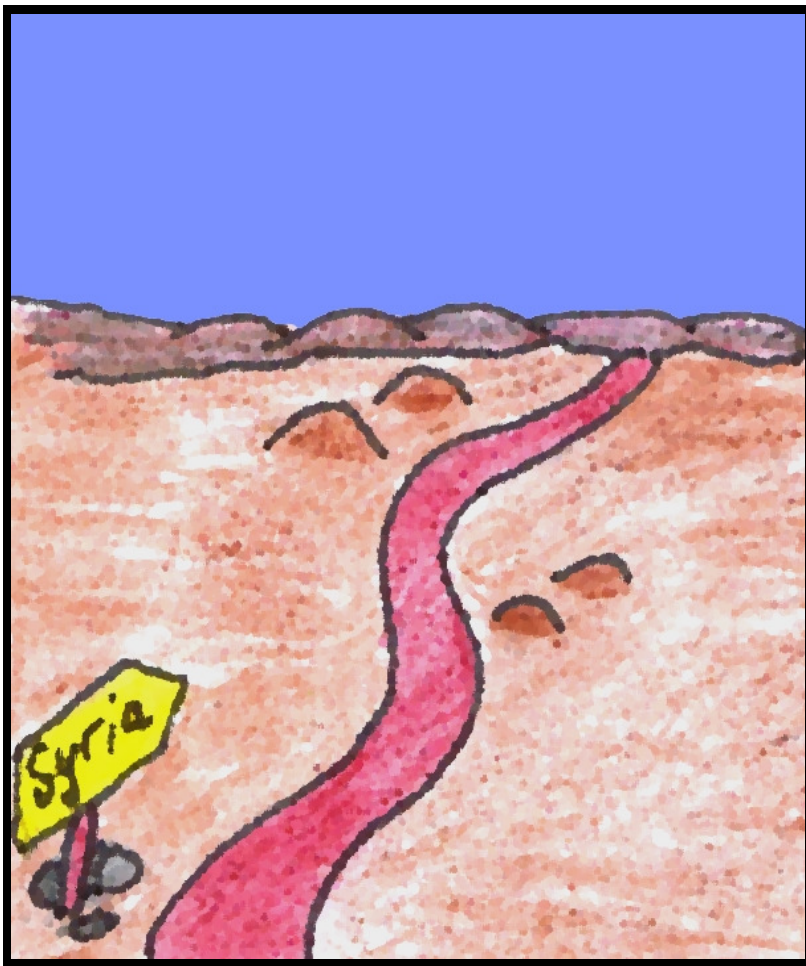
It was at this moment of great sadness that one of Muhammad's uncles was given the important job of looking after him.



The uncle's name was Abu Talib. Abu Talib had children of his own, but would love and treat Muhammad, peace be upon him better than he would his own children.



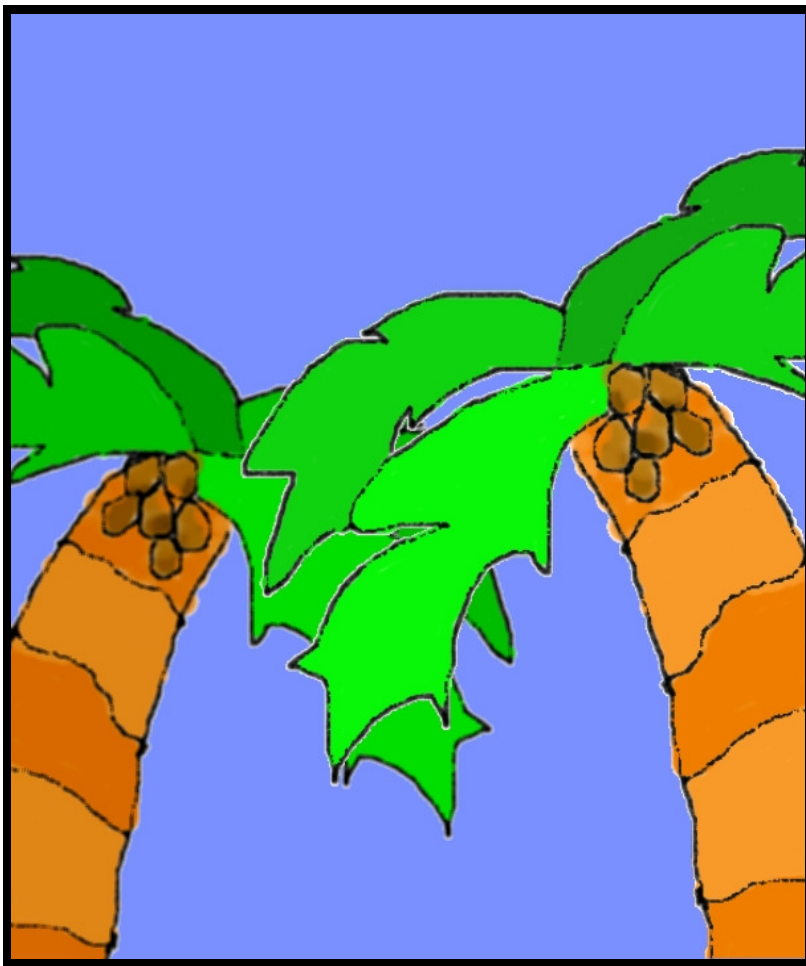
Abu Talib was a trader, which meant that he would take things to sell from his town of Makkah to other places. One day Abu Talib told Muhammad, peace be upon him to get ready for they were going on a long business trip to Syria.



Muhammad, peace be upon him was now twelve years old and ready to go on a long journey to Syria with his uncle. On their way they met a monk called Bahira. He seemed very pleased to see them and treated them all very well.



Taking the hand of the young Muhammad, peace be upon him he said, "This is the master of all humans. Allah will send him with a message which will be a mercy to all beings."



Abu Talib was puzzled, he asked Bahira
“How do you know that?”

Bahira explained that when he saw
Muhammad, peace be upon him coming he
saw the trees and rocks bowing down to
him as he walked.



Bahira advised the caring Uncle to send the boy back to Makkah because the people may harm him. So Abu Talib sent the boy back to Makkah with some of his men.



Muhammad's next job was as a shepherd. He would look after the animals of people. This was an important job because he learned all about being responsible for the animals under his care.



Time went by and Muhammad, peace be upon him grew up to be an honest and respected man. He became well known for being a good trader too and at the age of twenty-five he was hired to work for a rich lady called Khadijah.



So Muhammad, peace be upon him set off on a business trip for the noble Khadijah. He managed to make a big profit because he had been very truthful and honest when he had been doing business.



Khadijah was very happy, she liked Muhammad's honesty and it wasn't long after that they were both married and they lived happily together.

Glossary

Monk – a man belonging to a religious group usually living away from people doing good deeds.

Profit – money made from a business deal.

Responsible – being in charge or taking care of something.

Shepherd – a man who looks after sheep.

Syria – A country to the north of Jordan and Iraq.

Trader – a person who is involved in the buying or selling of goods.