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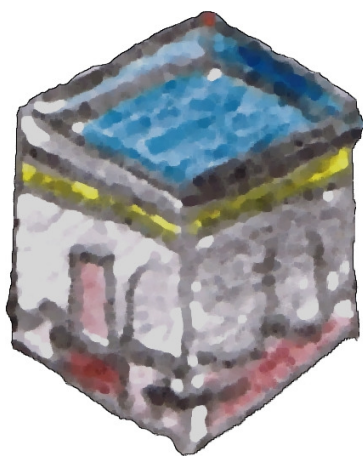
The life of Prophet Muhammad
peace and blessings of Allah be upon him

The Cave of Heera



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In the Name of Allah

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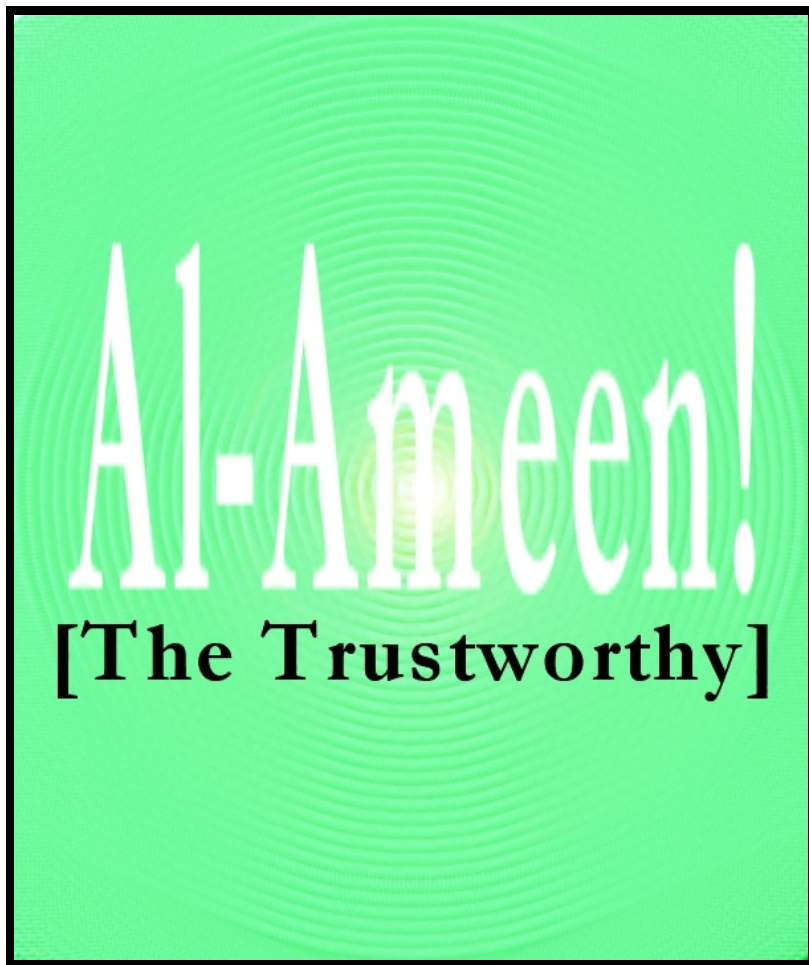
Muhammad, peace be upon him was married to the kind Khadijah and was living a happy life. The people of Makkah liked them both because of the many good things that they did.



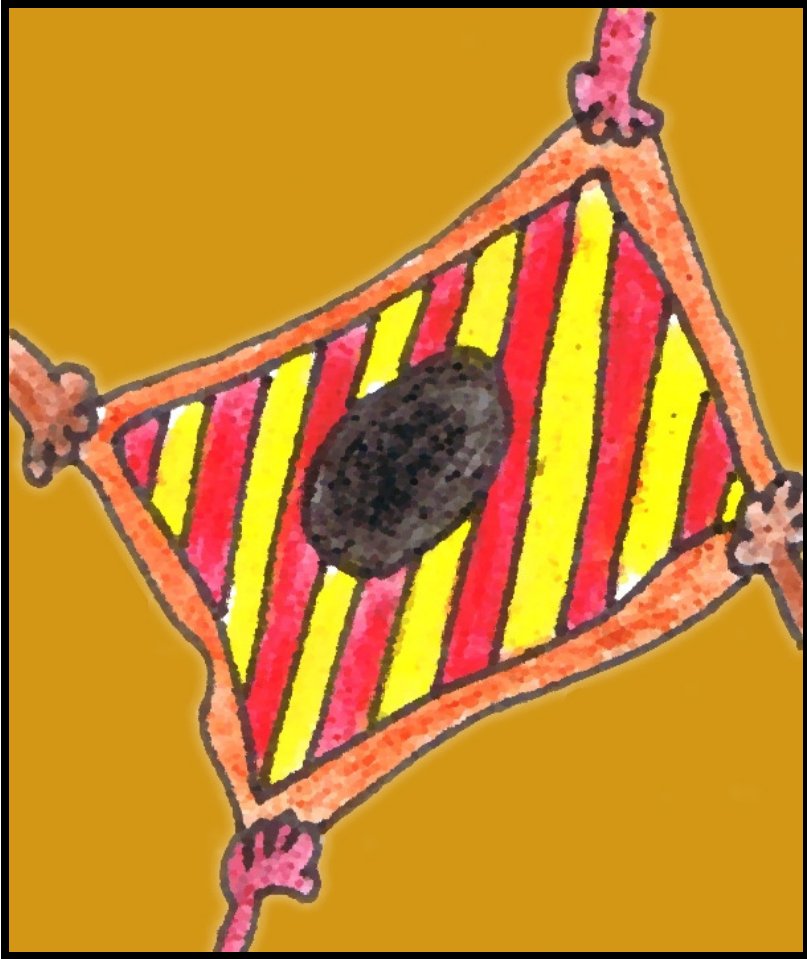
The chiefs of Makkah had decided to rebuild the Kabah. Everything was going well, until the time came to fix the black stone into the wall of the Kabah. Each group argued they should put the stone back in its place. No one could decide.



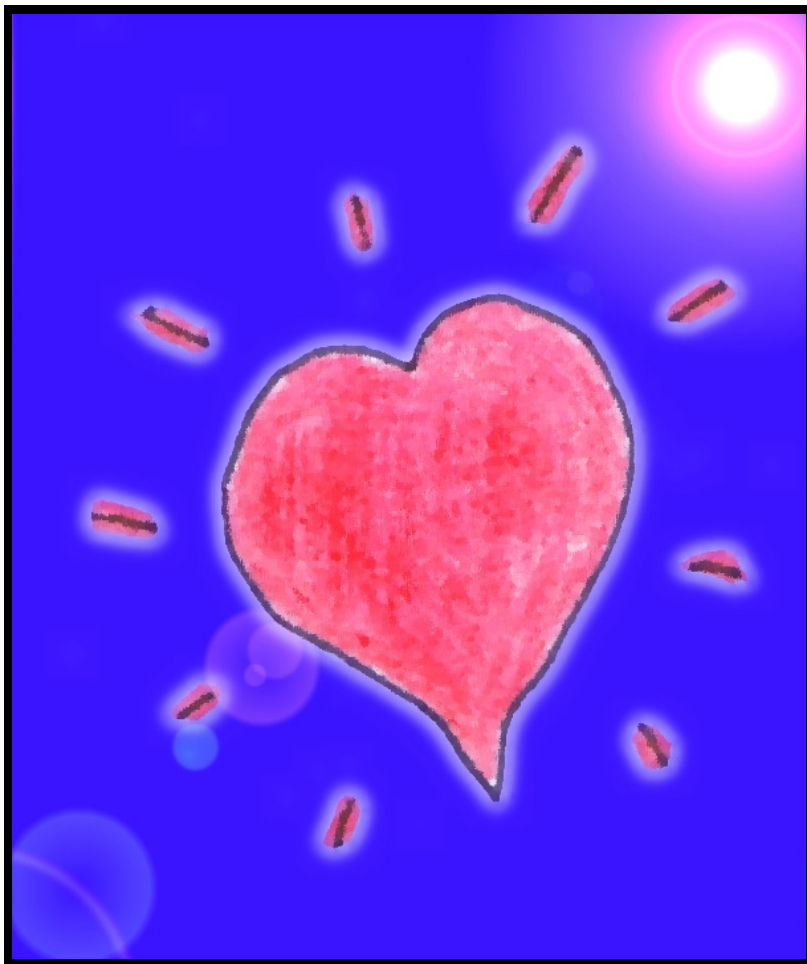
People were getting very angry with each other and fierce arguments started to happen. One of the oldest leaders decided that the first person who comes to the Kabah will choose who should put the stone back in its place. Everyone agreed.



Just then Muhammad, peace be upon him arrived. Everyone shouted, “Al-Ameen!” which means, the trustworthy. They were all happy, because they knew Muhammad, peace be upon him was clever and fair and would help them with their problem.



He had a very clever idea. He asked for a cloth, which he put on the floor, he then put the black stone on the cloth. Then he called for a member of each tribe to come and hold a corner of the cloth.



This way they carried the black stone to the wall in which it was to be placed.

Muhammad, peace be upon him then took hold of the stone and placed it in position. His quick thinking had saved the day. After this the people loved him even more.



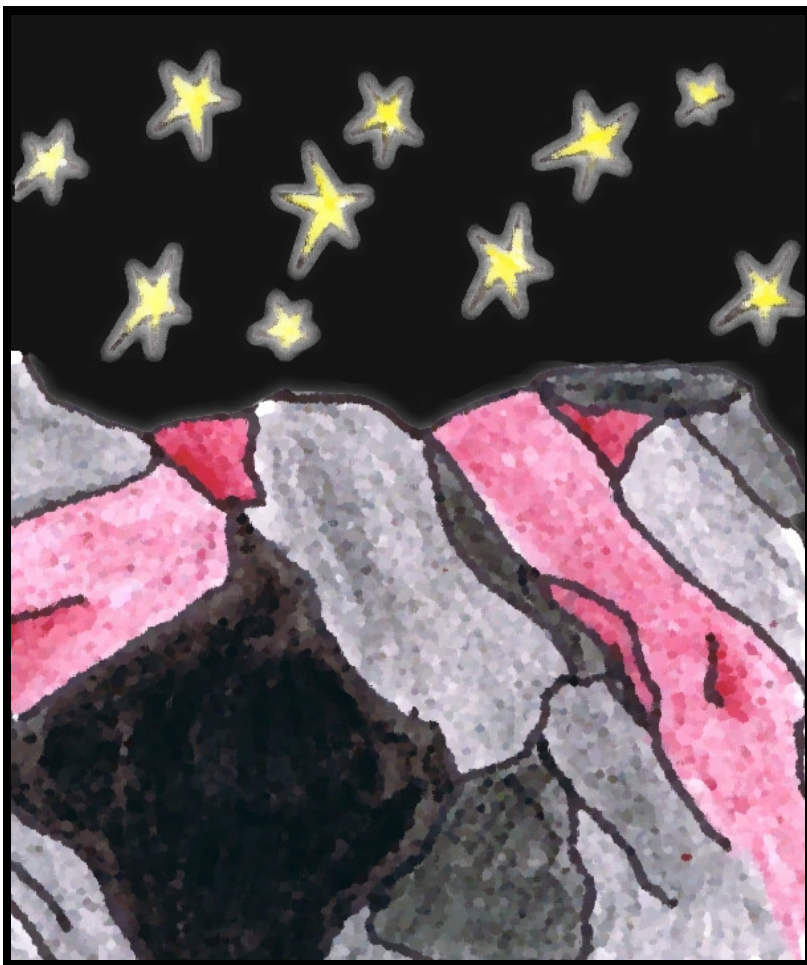
Even though he could not read or write, the people of Makkah all knew how clever Muhammad, peace be upon him was and they all respected him very much. But things wouldn't always be this way, he was soon to face the biggest change in his life.



Muhammad, peace be upon him was nearly forty years old. Everyone knew him to be a happy and gentle man, he would help the poor and weak and feed the hungry. This was unusual because most rich people in Makkah would harm the weak and poor.



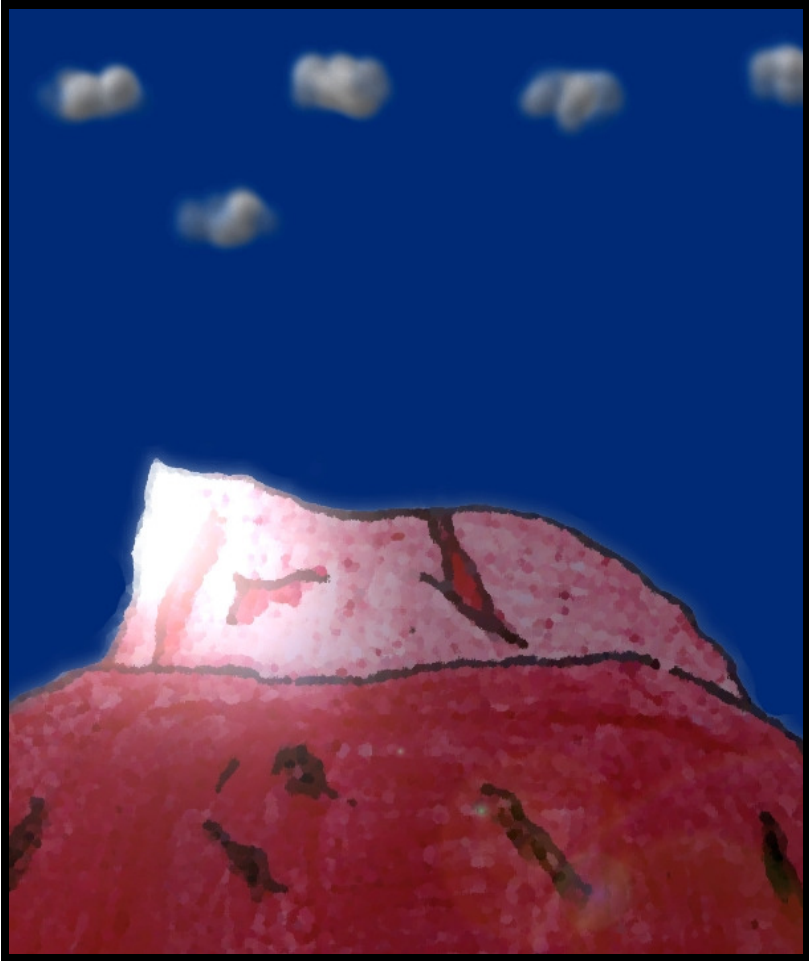
Muhammad, peace be upon him didn't like the bad things in his town, so he would go up a mountain called the Mountain of Light. He would climb this mountain to get to a cave called Heera.



The cave was high up and very small. There he would sit all alone and think about Allah and the world around him. He would think about the evil things his people did and about the poor and the weak and the sad lives they must have.



It so happened, that one day Muhammad, peace be upon him was sat in Heera all alone, when a visitor appeared. The visitor came close and ordered Muhammad, peace be upon him to read. Muhammad, peace be upon him replied, “I cannot read!”



All of a sudden, the visitor grabbed Muhammad, peace be upon him and squeezed him so hard that he could not bear it. Then the visitor let go of him. Muhammad, peace be upon him was very scared.

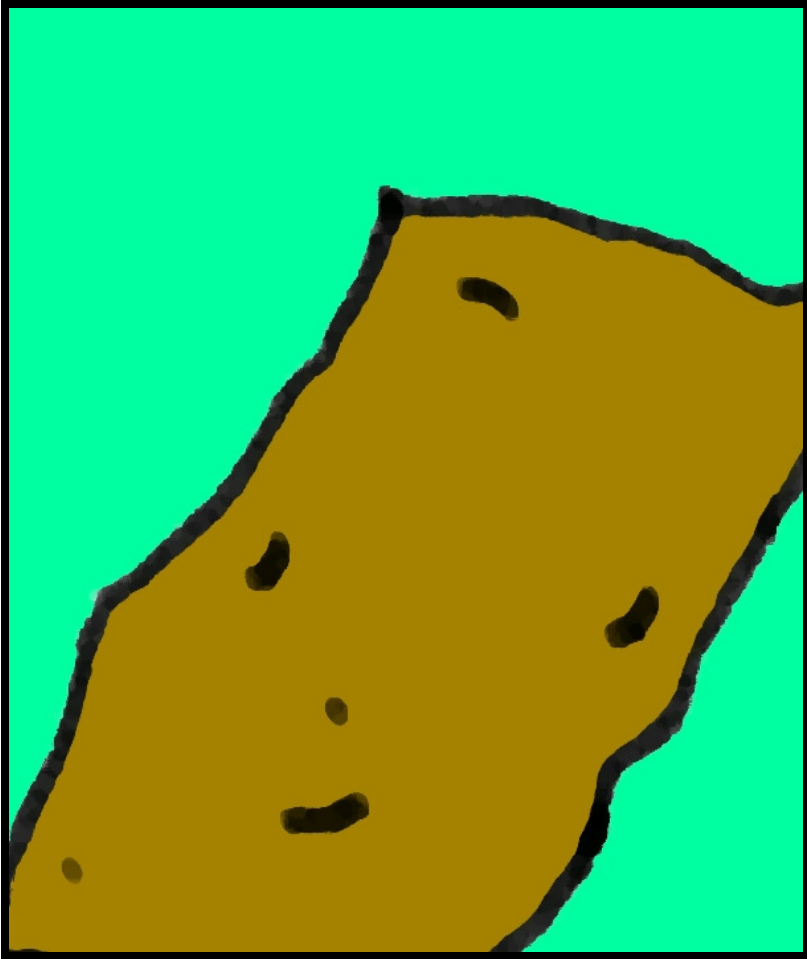


The visitor spoke again, “Read!”

“I cannot read,” replied Muhammad, peace be upon him. Again the visitor squeezed Muhammad, peace be upon him with strength no human could have.



“Read in the Name of your Lord who has created,” recited the visitor. These were the first words of Allah to His chosen Messenger, Muhammad, peace be upon him, but Muhammad, peace be upon him didn’t know this yet.



He returned back to his wife, scared and confused, he told her, “Cover me, cover me.”

Khadijah brought a blanket and covered her husband and comforted him.



After a while, he told her of the amazing thing that had happened in the cave. Khadijah told him that Allah would never treat him in a bad way, because he was kind to his family, spoke the truth, helped the poor and was always good to his guests.



The wise Khadijah took Muhammad to see her cousin, an old Christian man called Waraqah. When they got there, Muhammad, peace be upon him started to explain what had happened in the cave of Heera.

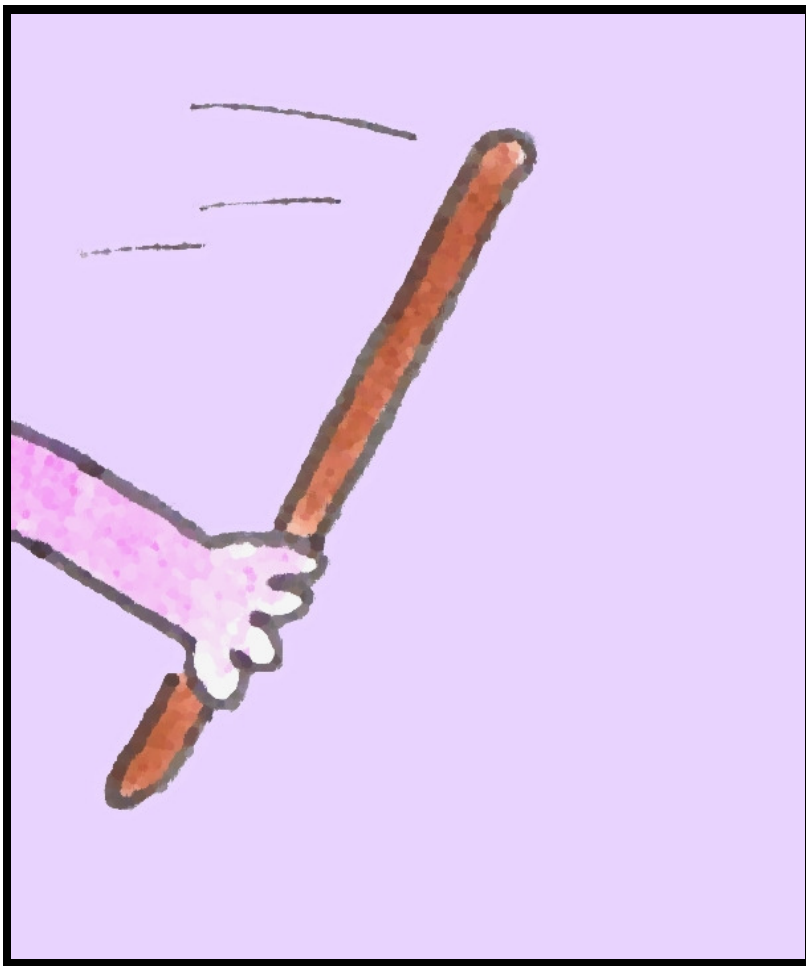


Waraqah listened and when Muhammad, peace be upon him had finished, he told him who the visitor was who had squeezed him so hard. It was the angel, Jibrael. The same angel that came to all the Prophets before, bringing the Message from Allah.

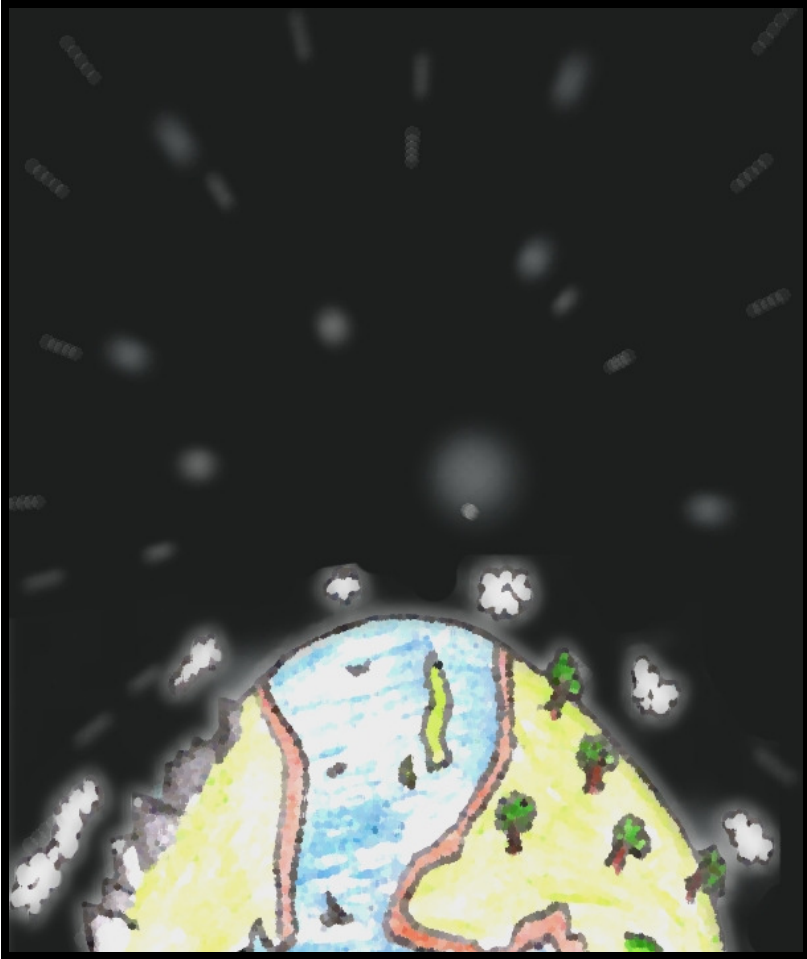


Waraqah continued, “I wish I was young, so that I could live long enough to see your people force you to leave.”

“Will I be forced to leave?” asked Muhammad, peace be upon him.



Waraqah explained that every Prophet who is chosen by Allah is treated cruelly by his people.



So began the beginning of a new life for the orphan, born in the Year of the Elephant. A life that was to change the whole world.

Glossary

Al-Ameen – an Arabic word, which means the trustworthy.

Black Stone – a special stone from Heaven, which was white at first, but the sins of the people changed its colour to black.

Cave – hollow place in the earth or mountain, like a hole.

Confused – mixed up, jumbled up.

Fierce – wild, rough, intense.

Jibrael – the leader of the Angels. The Angel who brought revelation from Allah to the Prophets.