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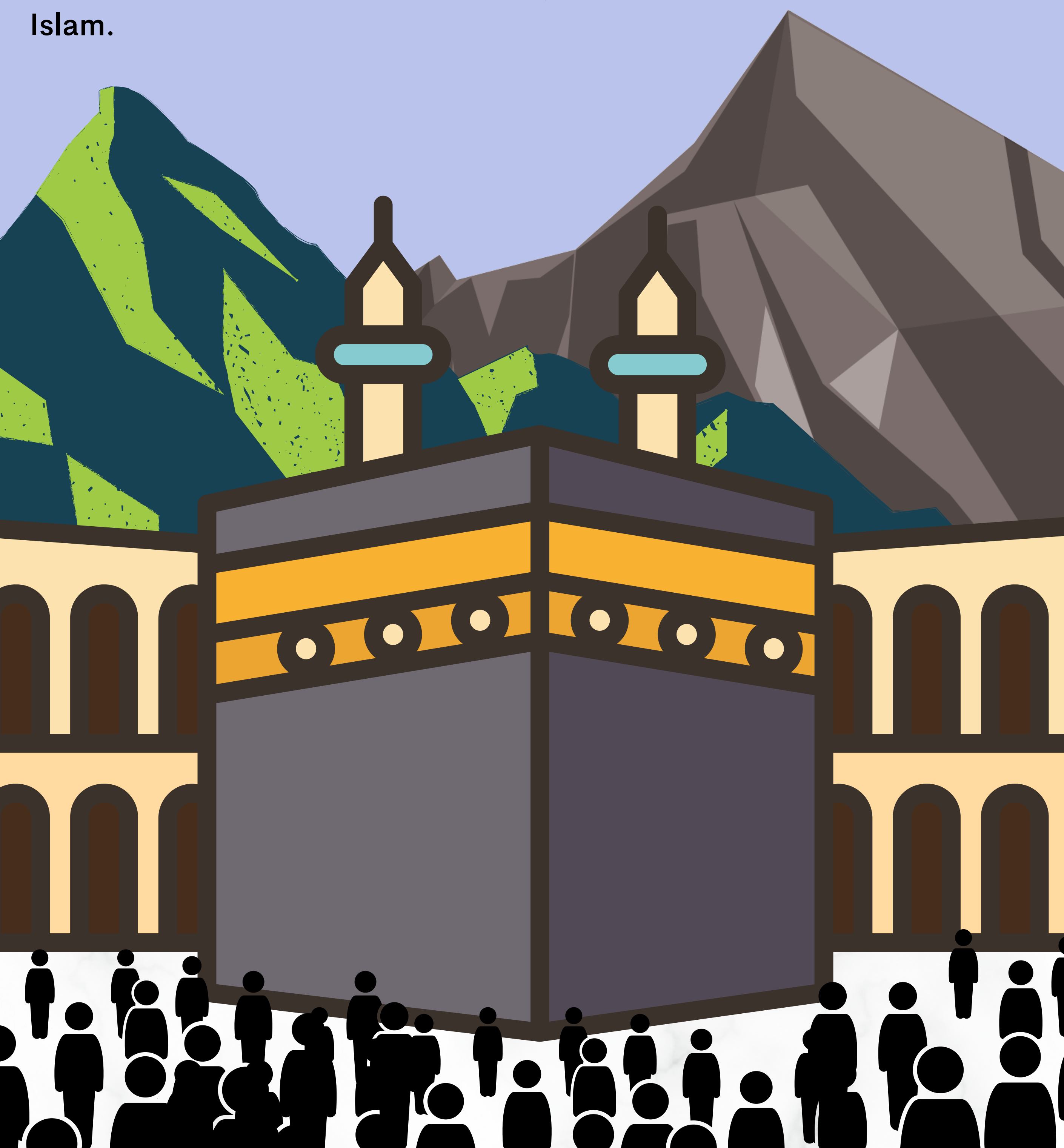
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Urwah bin Mas'ud (Radiyahallahu Anhu) belonged to the tribe of Banu Thaqif. In the 9th year of Hijrah during the time of Hajj he came to the Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam) and embraced Islam. After embracing Islam he asked for permission from the Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) to return to his nation and call them towards Islam. The Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) knew the nature of the people of Banu Thaqif so He said,

"I fear that they will kill you." But Urwah bin Mas'ud (Radiyahallahu Anhu) replied "Ya Rasulallah, they respect me so much that they do not even awaken me when I am asleep." Hearing this, Nabi (Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam) permitted him to go to his nation and invite them to Islam.



When he reached his nation in Ta'if it was the time of Isha Salaah. He went straight to his residence, and the people of Banu Thaqif came to him and greeted him in the pre-Islamic way. He declined their greeting and instructed them to greet like the people of Paradise and say "Assalamu Alaykum." Upon realising that he had accepted Islam they started persecuting him. He was severely afflicted by them but he persevered.





The people of his clan then left him and started making evil plans about him until the dawn. They reached the decision that they will not let him live in this world any longer. Although Urwah (Radiyah Anhu) was among the chiefs of the clan and was very respectable to them, his acceptance of Islam caused them to make such a dangerous decision. As he was among the chiefs of the clan he lived on the upper story of a house which had a balcony.



At the time of Fajr he came out to the balcony and called out the Adhan of Fajr Salaah. Upon hearing the sound of the Adhan the people of his clan got angry and all of them assembled there and started showering arrows altogether towards him, until an arrow of a member of Banu Malik pierced the vein of his arm in such a way that the blood could not even flow out. Some chiefs of his clan became angry and declared that if he dies due to this arrow they will kill such and such person of Banu Malik who shot the arrow.



When Urwah (Radiyah Anhu) heard this in his last moments he said "Do not kill anybody for my sake. I have forgiven my assassinator so that I may create peace among you through this. Through my martyrdom Allah has honoured me. I bear witness that Muhammad (Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam) is the Messenger of Allah. He informed me that you will kill me."

Then he called his family members and instructed them to bury him in the same graveyard where the martyred Sahaba of the Battle of Ta'if were buried. A shortly after, Urwah (Radiyah anhu) passed away. His family buried him in the same graveyard as the martyrs of the Battle of Ta'if.





When the Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam) was informed about his martyrdom he said "His example is like the example of the believer mentioned in Surah Yaseen:

قِيلَ ادْخُلِ الْجَنَّةَ قَالَ يَلَيْتَ قَوْمِي يَعْلَمُونَ

But they killed him, then he was told by the angels, "Enter Paradise!" He said, "If only my people knew."





My dear little hearts, this is the strength of Imaan. When Imaan enters in the heart it becomes so valuable that no threat of this world can turn the direction of faith. The belief and love of Allah becomes more and more beloved to a person than his life, his family, his nation and everything else. Our Sahaba Ikram (Radiyahallahu Anhum) preserved their faith even after so many hardships they had to bear. Let's be strong believers and not give away our Imaan in exchange for anything of this world.

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