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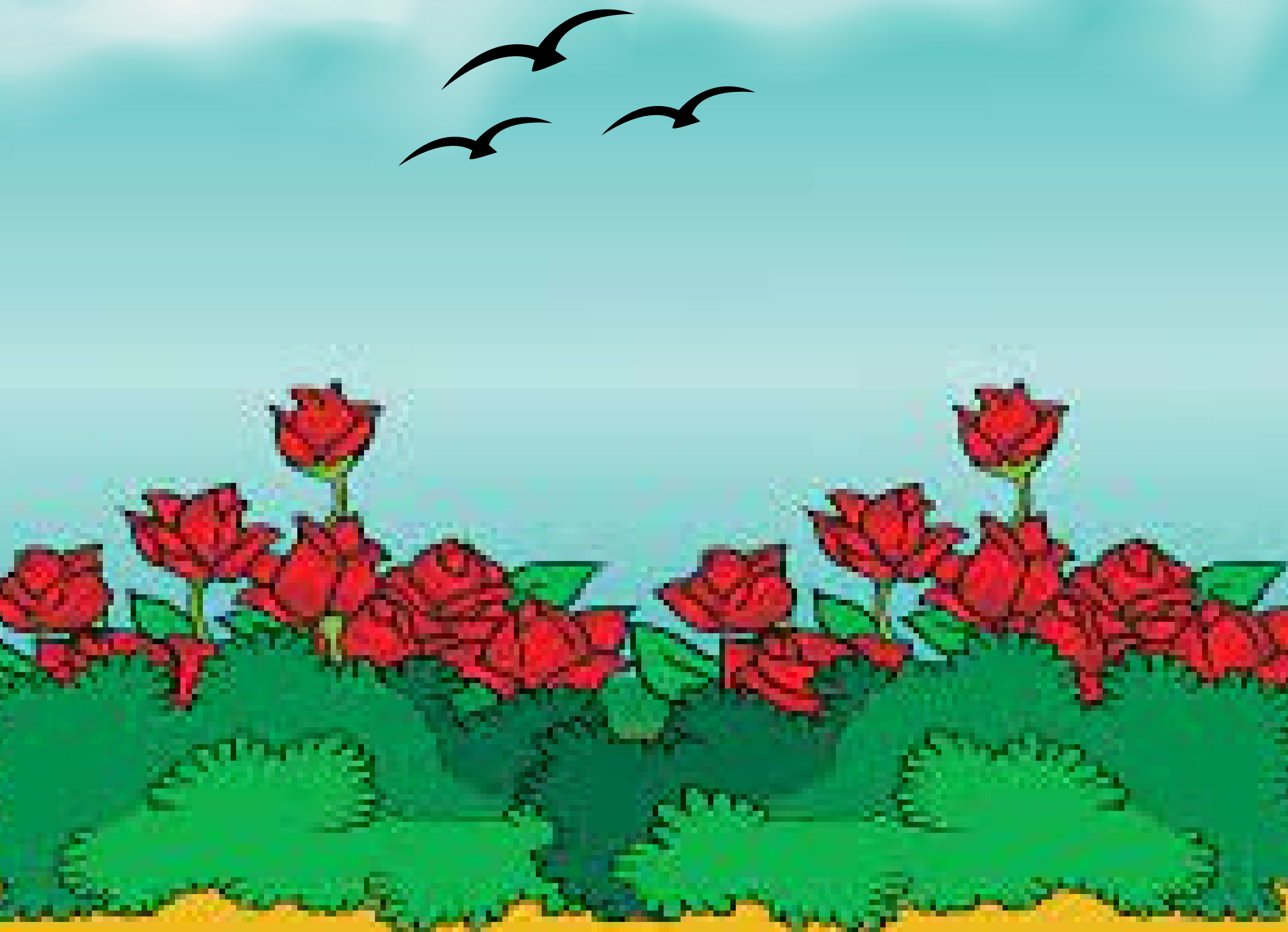
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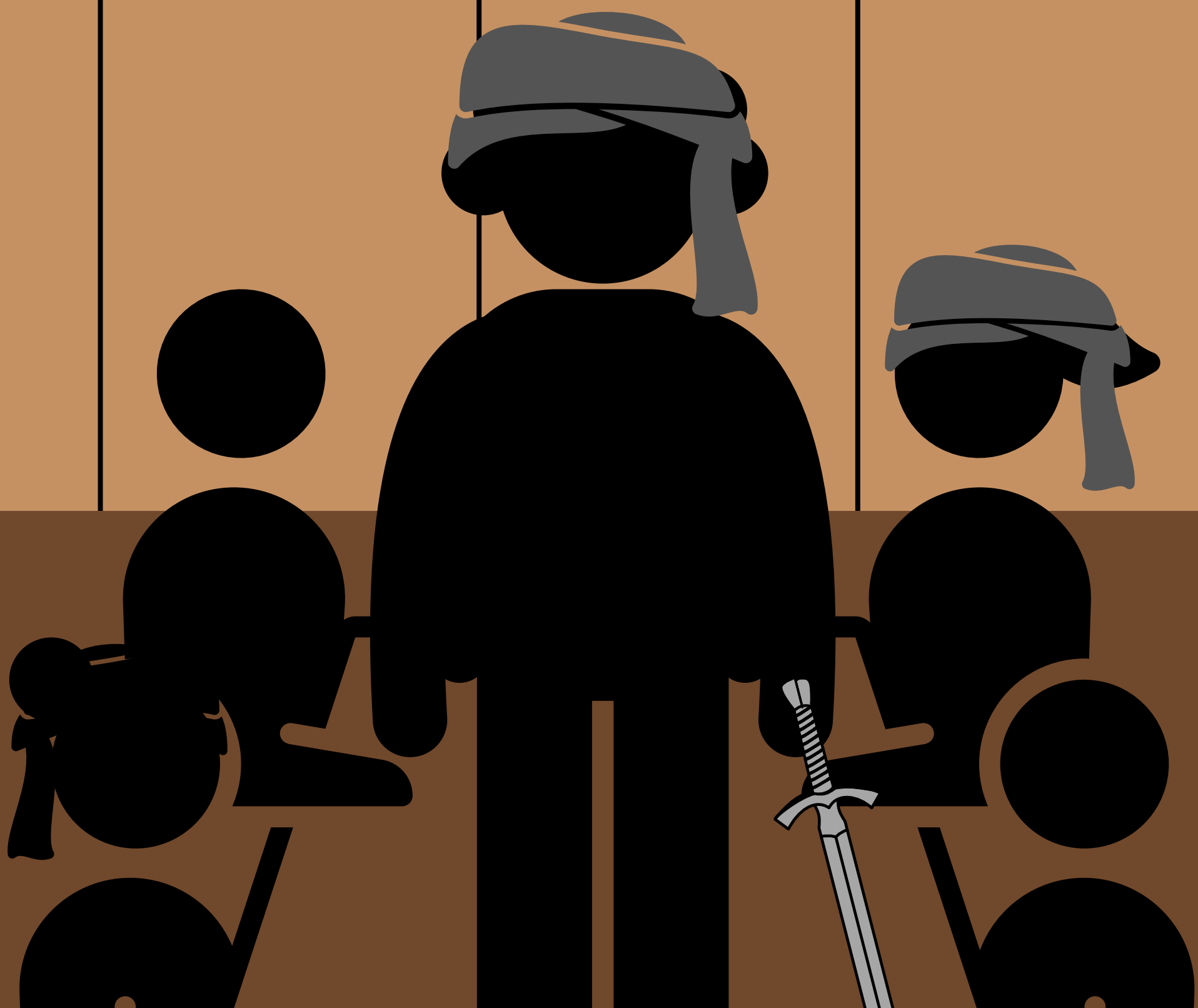
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Faatimah Bint Khattab (R.D) was the sister of the second Khalifa of Islam, Amirul Mu'mineen, Hadrat Umar (R.D). She and her husband accepted Islam prior to Hadrat Umar (R.D). The new Muslims would suffer torture from the Quraish, therefore they kept their conversion to Islam secret initially.



On the other hand the Quraish were getting impatient by the increasing number of Muslims. One day they sat together to make a plan to assassinate the Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam)(Naudhubillah), but none of them were brave enough to do such a sinister job. Umar was not a Muslim yet, and he was very rough and tough person. He stood up with his open sword and said "I will do it." All of the Kuffar delighted and agreed and said "Surely, you're the only person who can do it."



Umar left the gathering to fulfill his intention with his sword hanging on his neck. He met Saad bin Abi Waqqas (R.D) on his way who asked him where he was headed to. He informed him about his intention to assassinate Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam) (Naudhubillah). Saad (R.D) noticed Umar (R.D's) anger so he tried to change his mind by telling him about different tribes who might take retaliation if he does something like this out of anger. But Umar got more angry with the reply. Saad (R.D) informed him to think about his own family first before thinking of others, and revealed to him that his sister Faatimah had already accepted Islam.



Umar's anger was like a volcano. He hurried towards his sister's house to deal with her first.

Meanwhile, Faatimah bint Khattab (R.D) and her husband Sayeed (R.D), a new Muslim, were trying hard to learn Quraan from Khabbab (R.D) in their home. They were busy with learning the Ahkaam of Islam as new Muslims when suddenly they heard a knock on the door. The voice of Umar shouting could be heard from outside, ordering them to open the door. Khabbab (R.D) instantly hid inside the inner room but because of the rush some pages of Quraan were left in the study place. Faatimah bint Khattab (R.D) opened the door and Umar entered her home and, fuelled by anger, hit her forcefully on the head saying, "O enemy of yourself, you also renounced your religion." Her head started bleeding instantly.



Umar went further inside and asked "What were you doing, I could hear something..." His brother-in-law answered "We were talking to each other." Umar understood that this was not the correct answer so he got angry and asked him, "Did you also forsake your forefathers' religion?" to which his brother-in-law replied, "What if the new one is better and the true one?" Umar got angry and pulled his brother-in-law's beard and started beating him very harshly and savagely.

Faatimah bint Khattab (R.D) came and tried to intervene to save her husband. Umar slapped her so severely that her face started bleeding profusely. But Fatimah Bint Khattab (R.D) was not a lady to get scared by this hitting or beating. Rather, she was strong enough to speak up with what was Haqq. She did not care for the anger of Umar, from whom the entire Kuffar would fear, she was not timid, rather she burst out and said with strength, "Umar! Are we beaten because we became Muslim?! Then listen! We are determined to die as Muslims. You are free to do whatever you like."



Her sentences had great power such that even a strong heart like Umar's was moved, it made him restless thinking "What is this religion and truth that made my sister think like this even after getting hit and after such harsh behaviour..." He looked at her, her head was bleeding, her face was bleeding, all because of his harsh treatment, but she was still saying such strong words of wisdom???

Umar felt shy, he cooled down, and suddenly his eyes fell on the pages of Quraan. He asked "What are these?" Fatimah (R.D) again showed her respect for the Truth and at once forbade her brother from touching the Quraan. Even in this difficult moment she remembered the Adaab of touching the Quraan and said, "You are impure, and no impure person can touch the Quraan." Umar was surprised seeing her respect! He again insisted but his sister did not allow him to touch the Quraan without first having a bath. This woman's Fikr made such an angry person keep patient and take the time to have a bath and get washed to become pure and able to touch the Quraan.



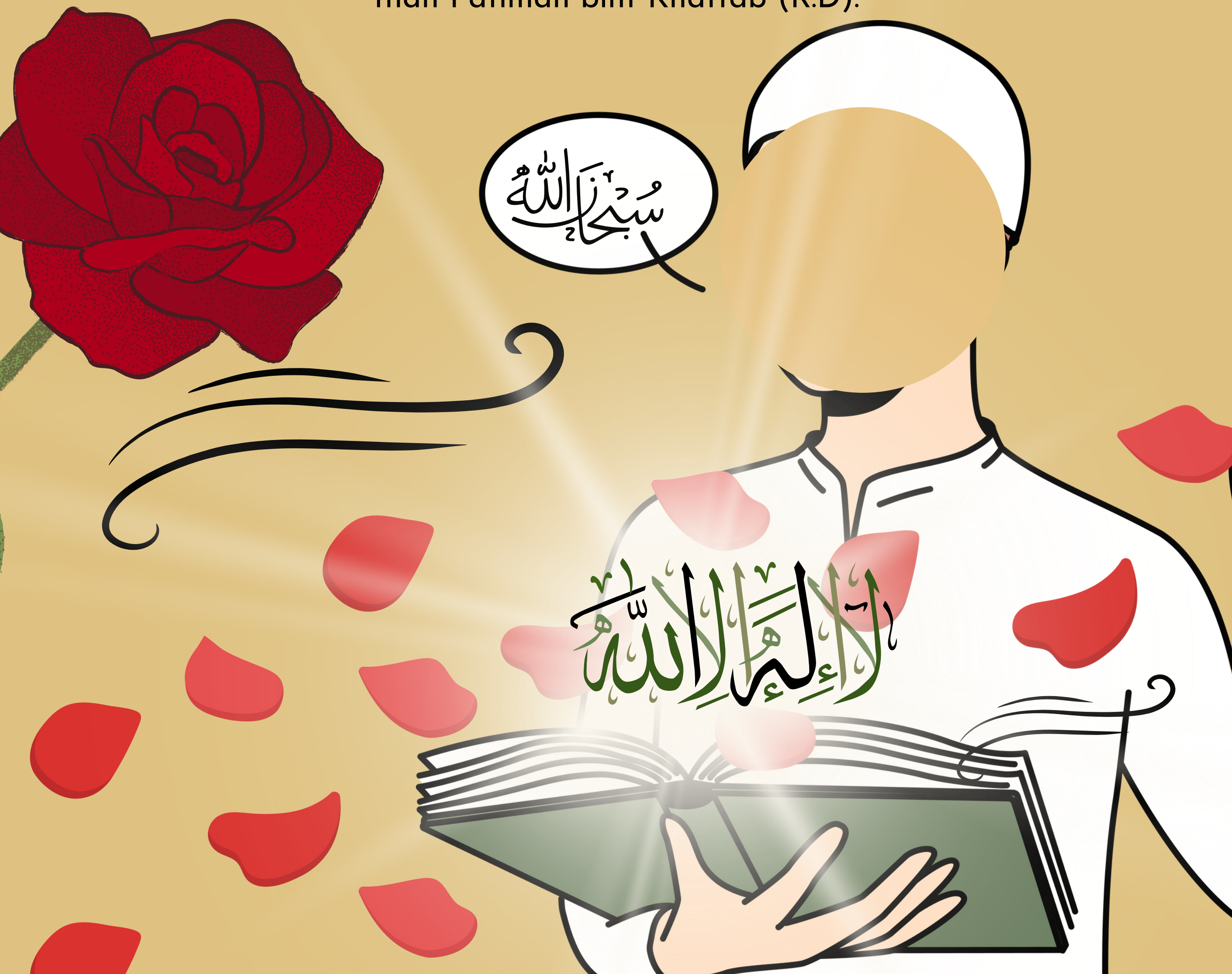


Umar came back after taking a bath and Faatimah (R.D) gave him the pages of Quraan in his hand. He started reading from Surah Taha, and the Ayah came in front of him:

إِنِّي أَنَا اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا فَاعْبُدْنِي وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ لِذِكْرِي

" Lo, indeed I am Allah, there is none worthy of worship except Me. So serve Me and establish salaah for My remembrance."

The sacrifice and Fikr of Faatimah (R.D) and her Adaab towards the Kalaam of Allah, getting pure outwardly with the intention to know what the truth is, and then finally the Dawah of truth from the true Kalaam made the hardest of hearts - the heart of Umar - soft. He changed his mind and told them to take him to Nabi (Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam) so, Khabbab (R.D) took him to Nabi (Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam), and on that Friday morning Umar accepted Islam (Radiyahallahu Anhu). His conversion to Islam was a shake for the Kuffar. Allah SWT strengthened Islam by Umar (R.D) - it was big triumph for the Muslims. Allah elevated this personality in such a way that he became the best Sahabi after Abu Bakr (R.D), and he became the grandeur of Islam whose name is a pride for the entire Ummah until Qiyamah. And behind all this was a lady's sacrifice, Adaab, Dawah and Fikr, and she was none other than Fatimah bint Khattab (R.D).



My dear little hearts, be a Dayee from childhood with Fikr, Sunnah and Adaab, sacrifice, and Mujahada. Allah knows your Dawah will reach such a person who will be beneficial for the entire Ummah, and you will become the means of that, and whatever good act the person will do you will get the reward of it. That is why we should give Dawah to friends, neighbors - near and far - towards the Truth, towards the Haqq, and make the slaves of Allah come towards the Haqq. Remove all wrong from the earth with your wisdom, love, compassion, kindness and strength.

Remember, you are strong with the strength of Allah inshaAllah. Nobody will be able make you loser, you are a winner in this world and in the Akhirah both inshaAllah.

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