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Sayyidina Abdullah bin Hudhafa As-sami (R.D) was known for his strong Imaan and showing bravery in the court of the Roman Empire. During the Khilafat of Ameerul Mu'mineen Hadhrat Umar Ibnul Khattab (R.D) he dispatched several armies towards the Roman Empire. One day, an army was sent and Abdullah bin Hudhafa (R.D) was also with the army. He was tasked with sending the letter of Umar (R.D) to King Heracles.



The Romans could not stand his outstanding courage to bring the letter to the King, so they imprisoned him. This is the nature of proud people, when they see someone that has courage and bravery over them, they become nervous and take them as a threat, therefore putting pressure on them so that their nature of bravery goes away and they become subservient to them. But our Sahaba (R.D) were the perfect examples of courage and bravery. The Kafir Army took Abdullah bin Hudhafa (R.D) to the Kafir King Heraclius.



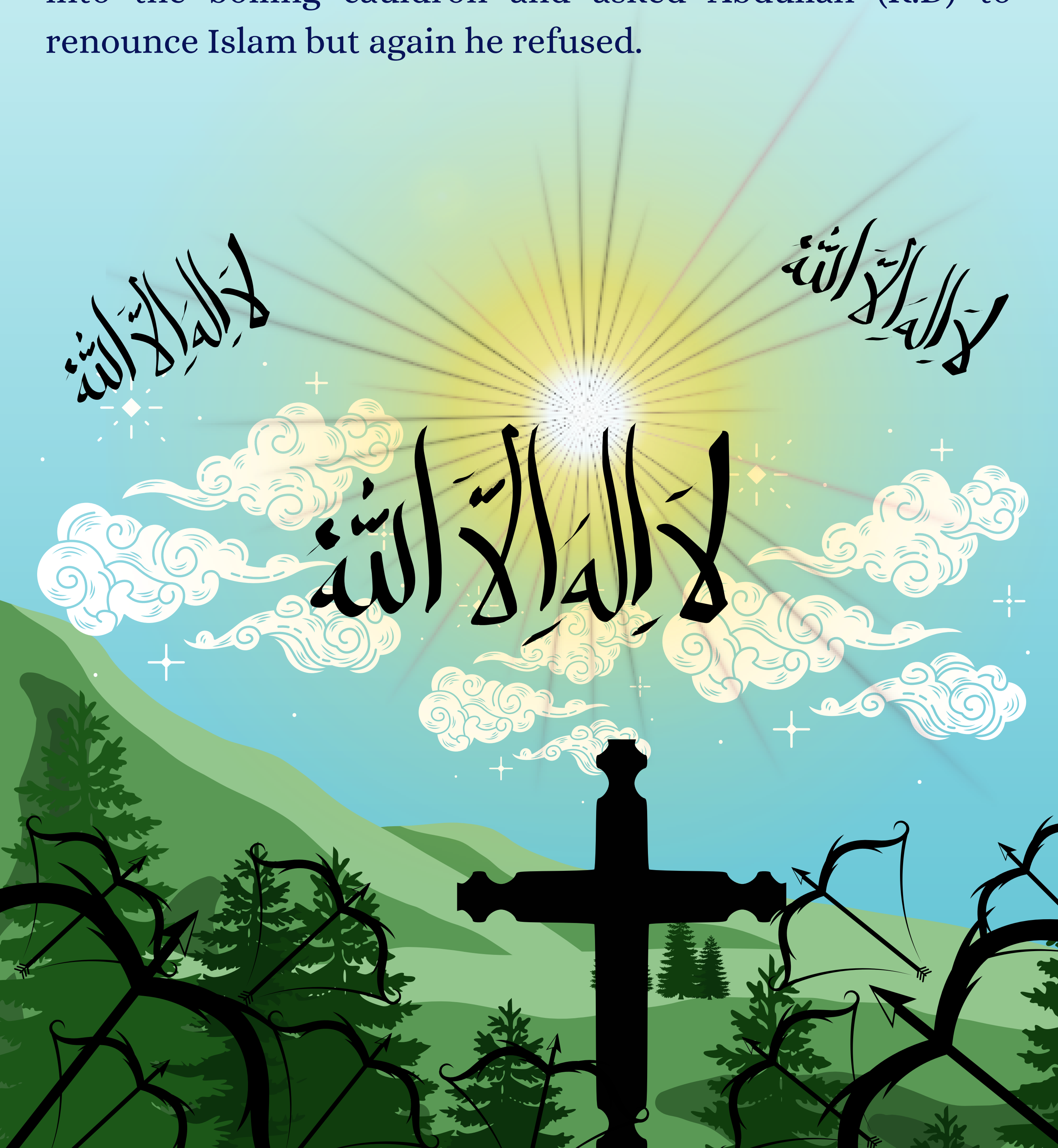
They informed the King, "This is the companion of Muhammad (S.A.W)." The King was surprised at his bravery and Imaan, then he got angry and wanted to disgrace him by proposing him thus, "If you accept Christianity, I will give you half of my kingdom and partnership of this country." To the kuffar this life and its charm, money, and kingdom of this world are everything. They can leave their own family, children and loved ones behind for their own benefit, and their slogan is "Myself and my rights come first." But Islam came to diminish all selfishness. The Sahaba (R.D) were sacrificial. To them the respect and honour of Imaan and Islam came first and were more beloved to them than everything else. Abdullah bin Hudhafa (R.D) replied, "If you gave me your whole kingdom and all the parts over which the Arabs are ruling, even then I will not turn back from the religion of Muhammad (S.A.W) for a moment equivalent to the twinkling of an eye."



What strength of Imaan!!! The King became more nervous which lead him to get angry and he shouted, " I will kill you!" Abdullah bin Hudhafa (R.D) replied, "Do whatever you want." This is a prime example of how the Kuffar use two techniques to take us away from our belief. First, they will try with the promise of giving Dunya, and if we do not accept, then they will threaten us. After that, they will try to punish us. These are the techniques which have been used from ancient times until today.



The King ordered for him to be crucified and ordered the archers to shower arrows over him in such a way that they will pass near his body but would not touch his body. The King wanted to scare him so that he leaves his Imaan out of fear. They kept shooting arrows and kept asking him to accept Christianity but he refused every single time. This made the King more angry, and with great anger the King ordered for water to be boiled in a cauldron and ordered for Muslim prisoners to be brought, then he threw one of them into the boiling cauldron and asked Abdullah (R.D) to renounce Islam but again he refused.



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The King got more angry and, in a fit of volcanic rage, ordered for Abdullah bin Hudhafa (R.D) to be thrown into the boiling cauldron. As they brought him close to the cauldron Abdullah (R.D) started crying. They ran to the King out of happiness, thinking that maybe their cunning efforts had turned successful, that he is scared and nervous, and that he might be submissive to their King now. They informed the King, so he ordered them to bring Abdullah (R.D) back. The King asked him, "Why are you crying now? Accept Christianity and you will be free." But Abdullah (R.D) answered,

"I did not cry because of the fear of death, I cried because I have only one life to give for the sake of Allah. If I had life to the extent of every hair on my body I would give every single life for the sake of Islam."





The King was astonished and surprised to see his love of Imaan and Islam. But his pride still could not tolerate the refusal of his order. He wanted to have at least some honour from Abdullah bin Hudhafa (R.D), so he said, "If you kiss my forehead, I will free you." Abdullah (R.D) asked, "And also for the freedom of all the Muslims?" The King replied, "Yes, also for the freedom of all the Muslim prisoners."



The Sahaba (R.D) were very considerate of their Muslim brothers. He thought “If showing a little respect (kissing the forehead of the King was a gesture of respect of that time) will make all my Muslim brothers free, I will do it.” So, he went close and kissed the forehead of the King. The King then ordered to release him, and all the Muslim prisoners of war. Abdullah (R.D) came back to Madinah with the army and told the story to Ameerul Mu'mineen Umar Ibnul Khattab (R.D). Umar Ibnul Khattab (R.D.) then ordered everyone to kiss the forehead of Abdullah bin Hudhafa (R.D) to show respect to him and to thank him for his bravery.



My dear little hearts, the Sahaba (R.D) did not leave Imaan for a single moment in exchange for anything. They tried to give Abdullah (R.D) honour and respect of kingship, power of kingdom, fear of death, fear of losing loved ones - but nothing could change his heart for a single moment. He had Imaan in the Akhirah and he knew that whatever the people of this world wanted to give him, everything was reserved for him and a thousand times more in Jannah, as a prize for his Imaan and Islam. So, no negotiation in exchange of Imaan and Islam.

The belief in the Akhirah saved the Sahaba (R.D) from every mishap. Let's never lose our Imaan for the greed of anything, let's be strong and united. Unity and Imaan are great boons which will make us successful in this world and in the Akhirah InshaAllah.

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