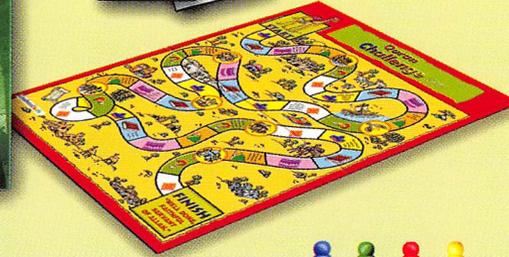
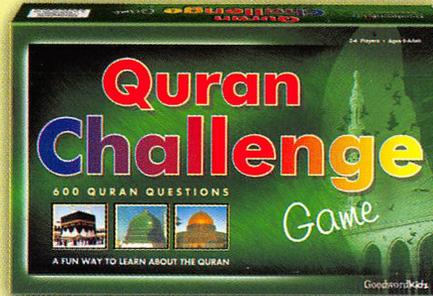


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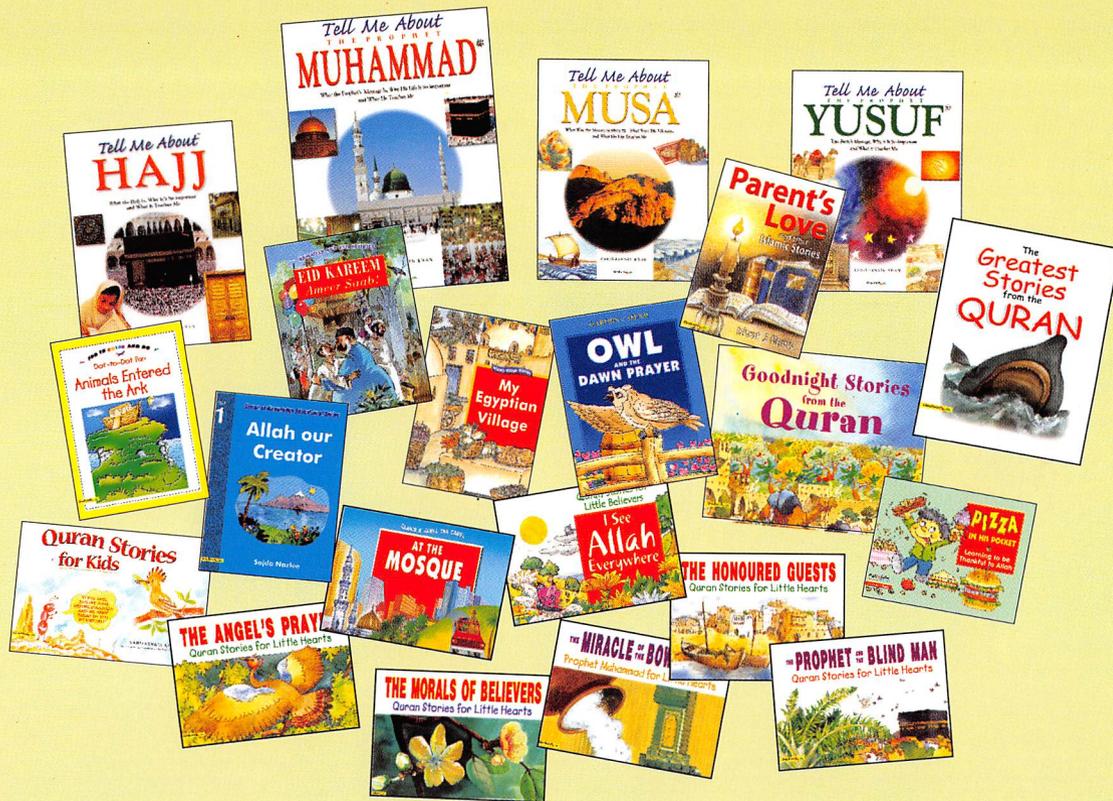
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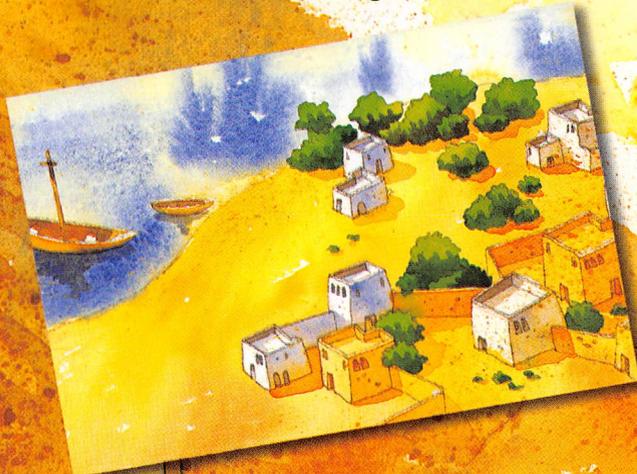
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This is the continuation of the story of the Prophet Yusuf عليه السلام.
In the last book, *The Pious Man and His Sons*, we saw how Yusuf عليه السلام was thrown in a well by his brothers and ultimately brought to Egypt, where he was bought by a noble prince whose name was Aziz.

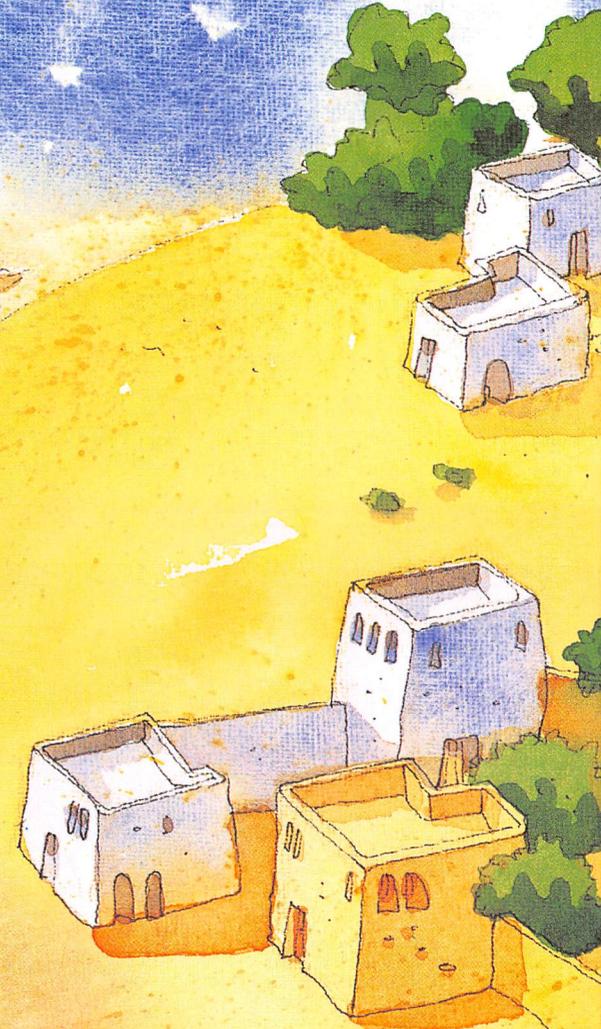


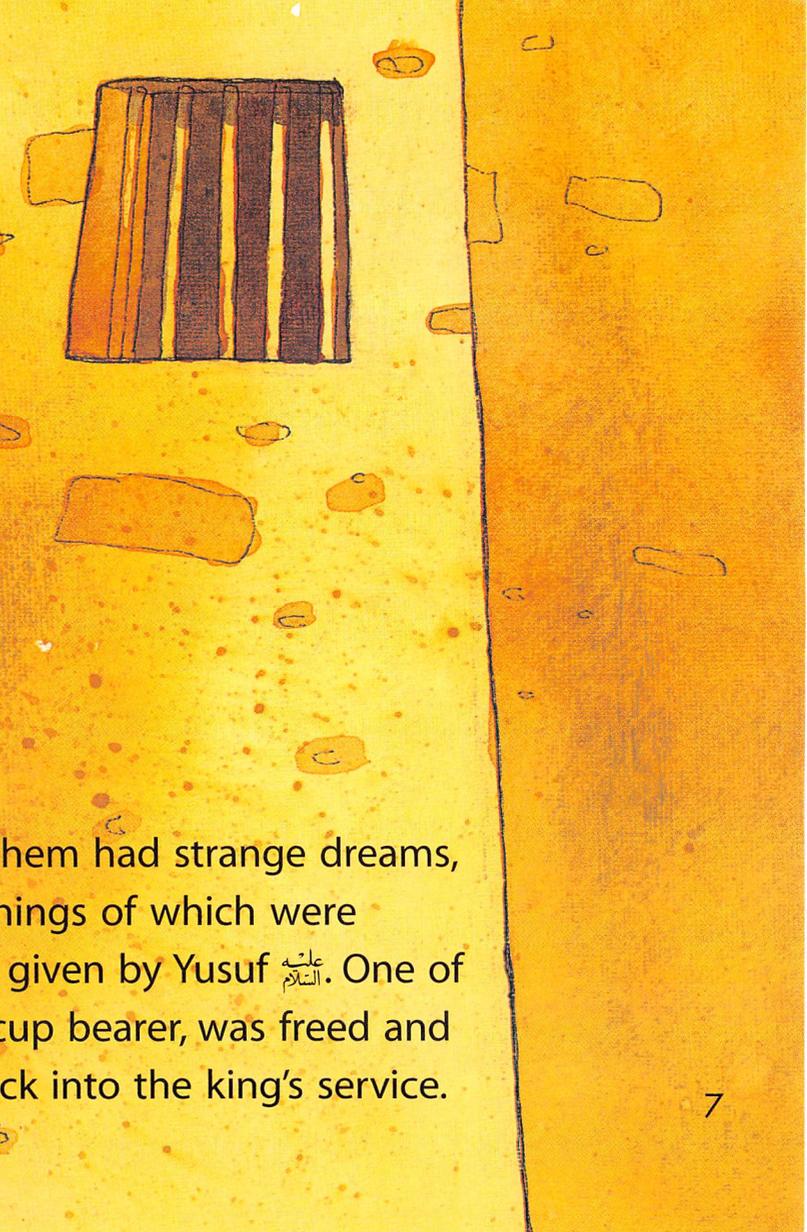
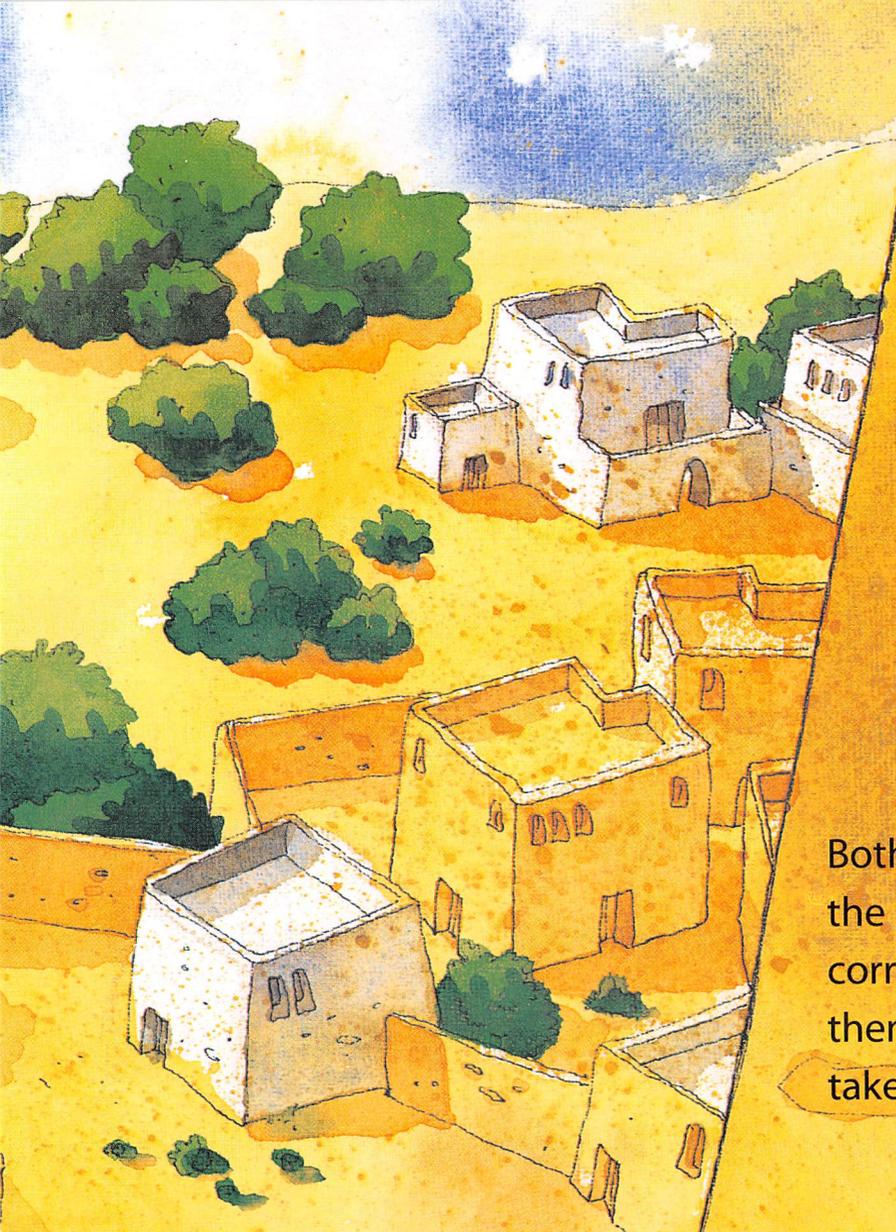


After some years, although Yusuf عليه السلام was innocent, Aziz's wife imprisoned the Prophet Yusuf عليه السلام.



Prison opened another chapter in
the life of the Prophet Yusuf عليه
السلام.
Here he met two prisoners. They
were servants in the royal court,
who had displeased the king.





Both of them had strange dreams, the meanings of which were correctly given by Yusuf عليه السلام. One of them, a cup bearer, was freed and taken back into the king's service.

One day the king dreamt that seven lean cows were eating up seven fat ones and seven green ears of corn were being replaced by seven dried-up ones.

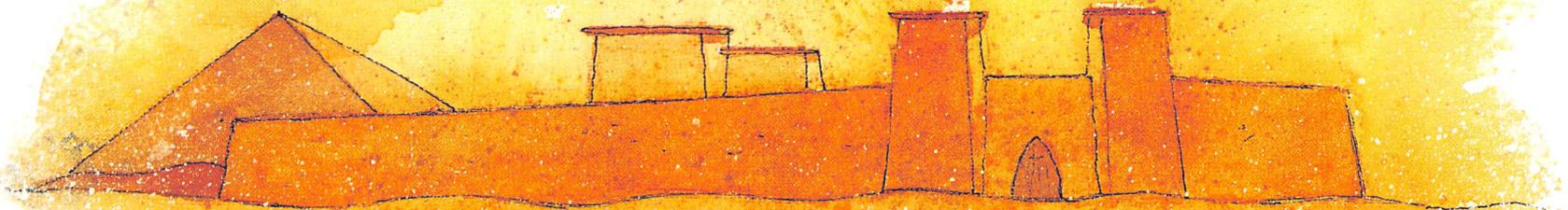


No one was able to say what this unusual dream meant. At that time, at the request of the cup bearer, Yusuf عليه السلام interpreted the dream.



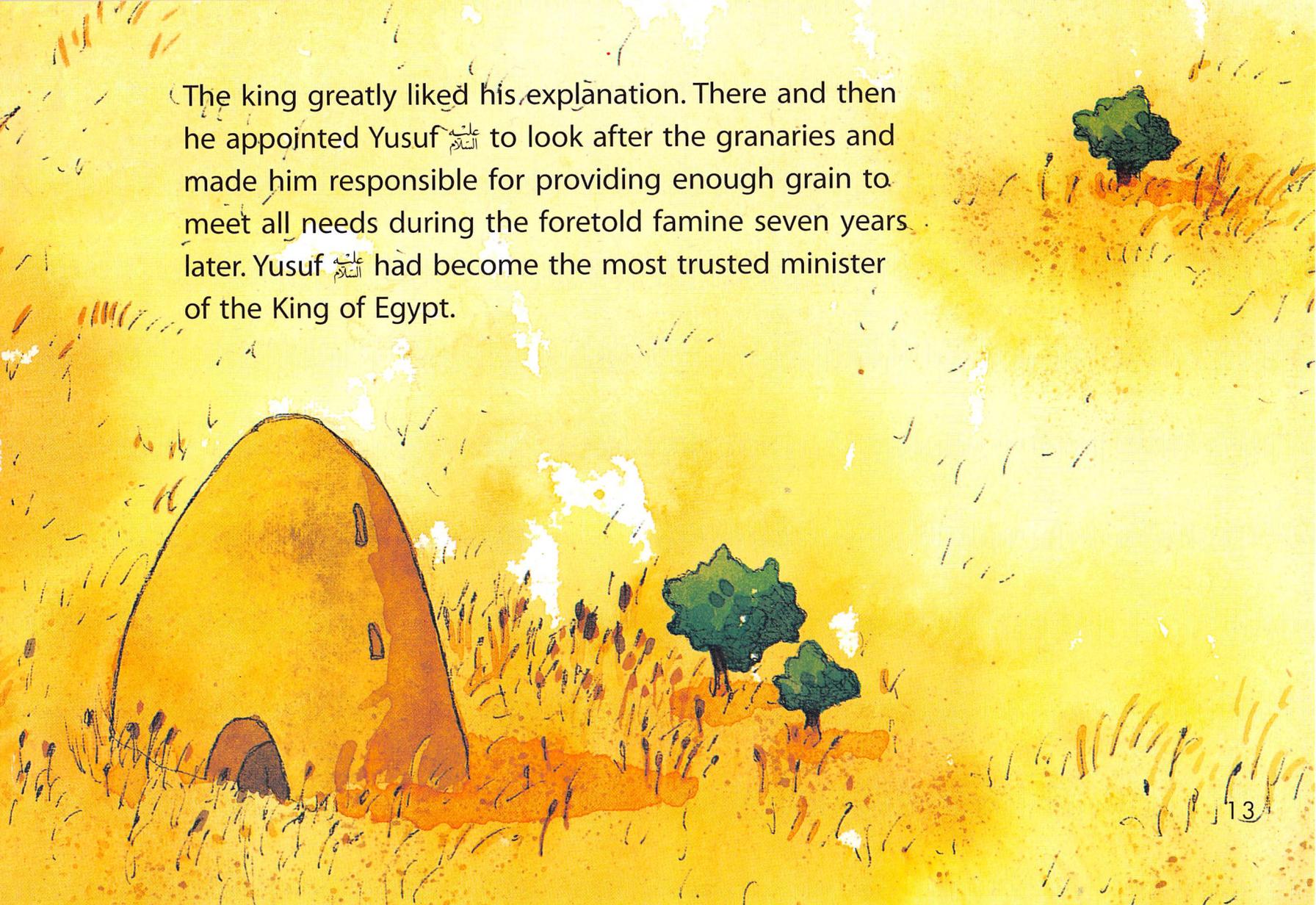


He explained that in the lands of Egypt there would be seven years of prosperity. But following these seven years of abundance, there would come seven years of dreadful famine.





The king greatly liked his explanation. There and then he appointed Yusuf عليه السلام to look after the granaries and made him responsible for providing enough grain to meet all needs during the foretold famine seven years later. Yusuf عليه السلام had become the most trusted minister of the King of Egypt.

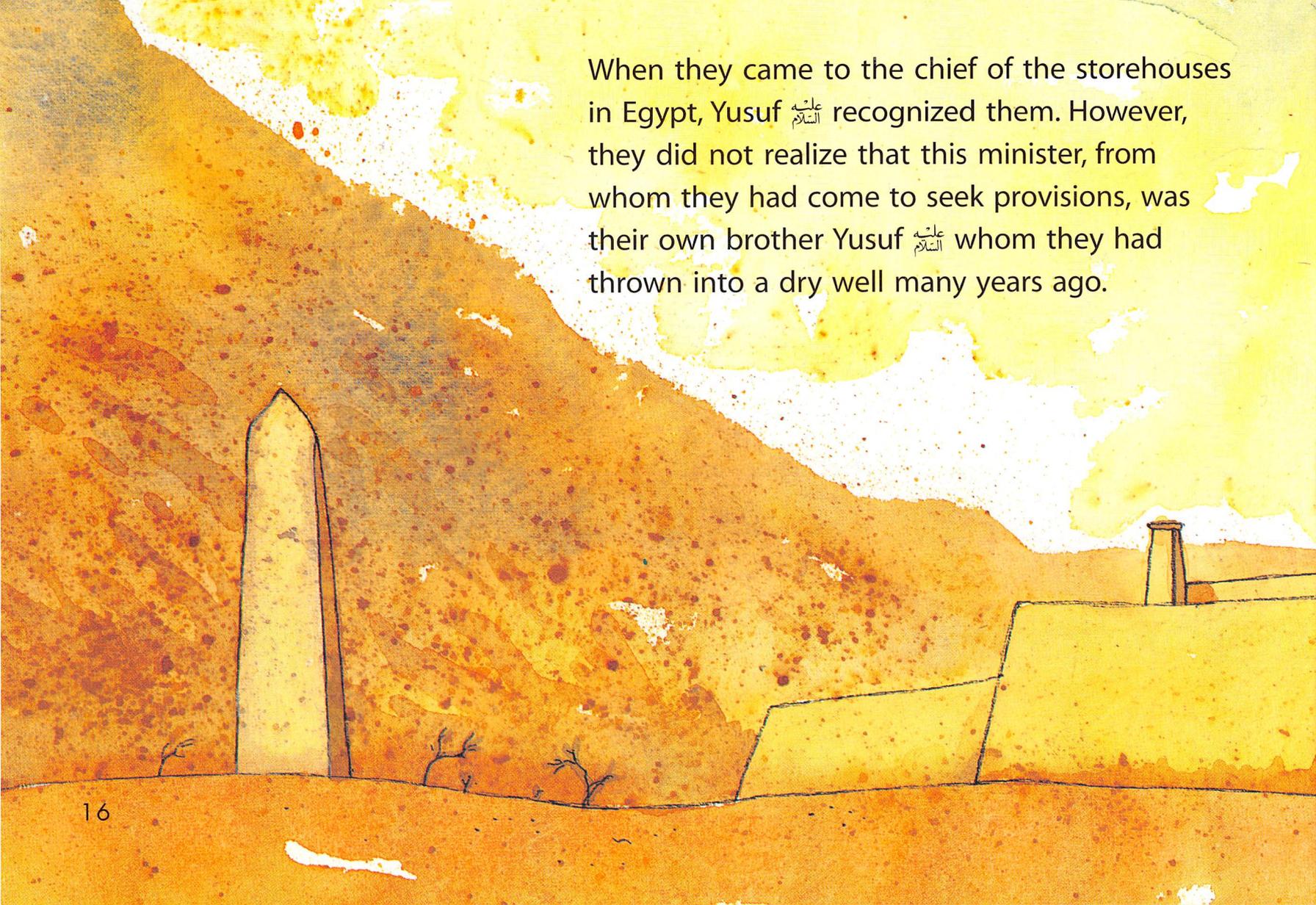




The seven good years passed and then, as foretold by Yusuf عليه السلام, there came the seven lean and hungry years, when no crops would grow and famine held the land in its grip. Back in the land of Canaan, Yaqub عليه السلام and his sons were hit by the famine too. Therefore, the ten sons travelled to Egypt in search of grain.

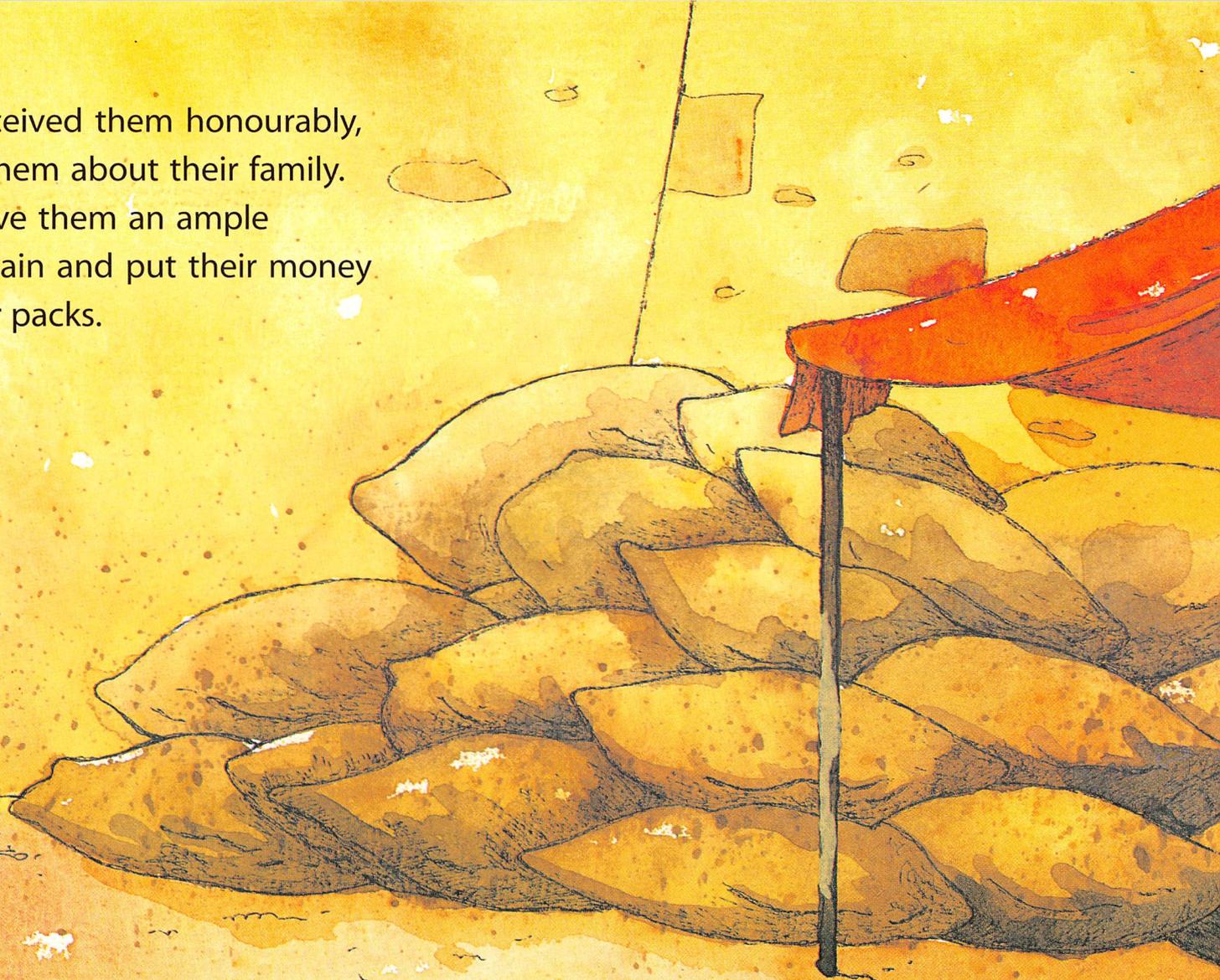


When they came to the chief of the storehouses in Egypt, Yusuf عليه السلام recognized them. However, they did not realize that this minister, from whom they had come to seek provisions, was their own brother Yusuf عليه السلام whom they had thrown into a dry well many years ago.





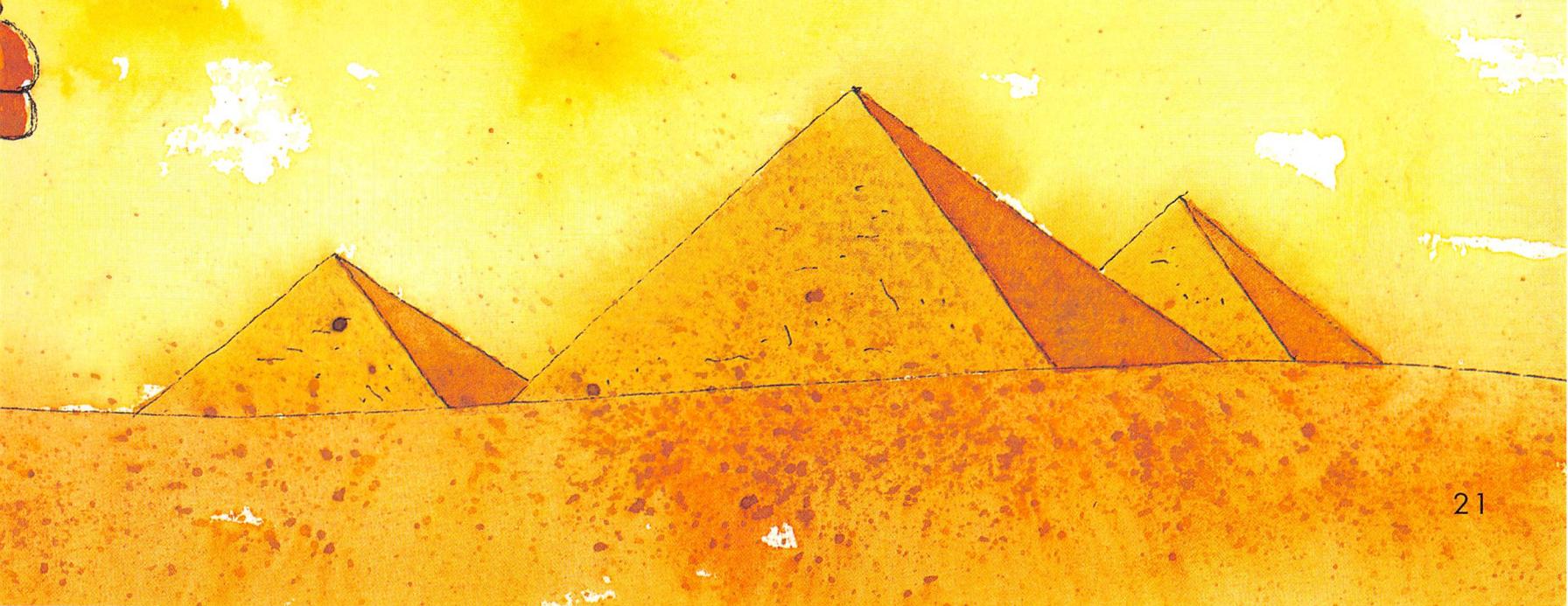
Yusuf عليه السلام received them honourably,
and asked them about their family.
Yusuf عليه السلام gave them an ample
supply of grain and put their money
back in their packs.



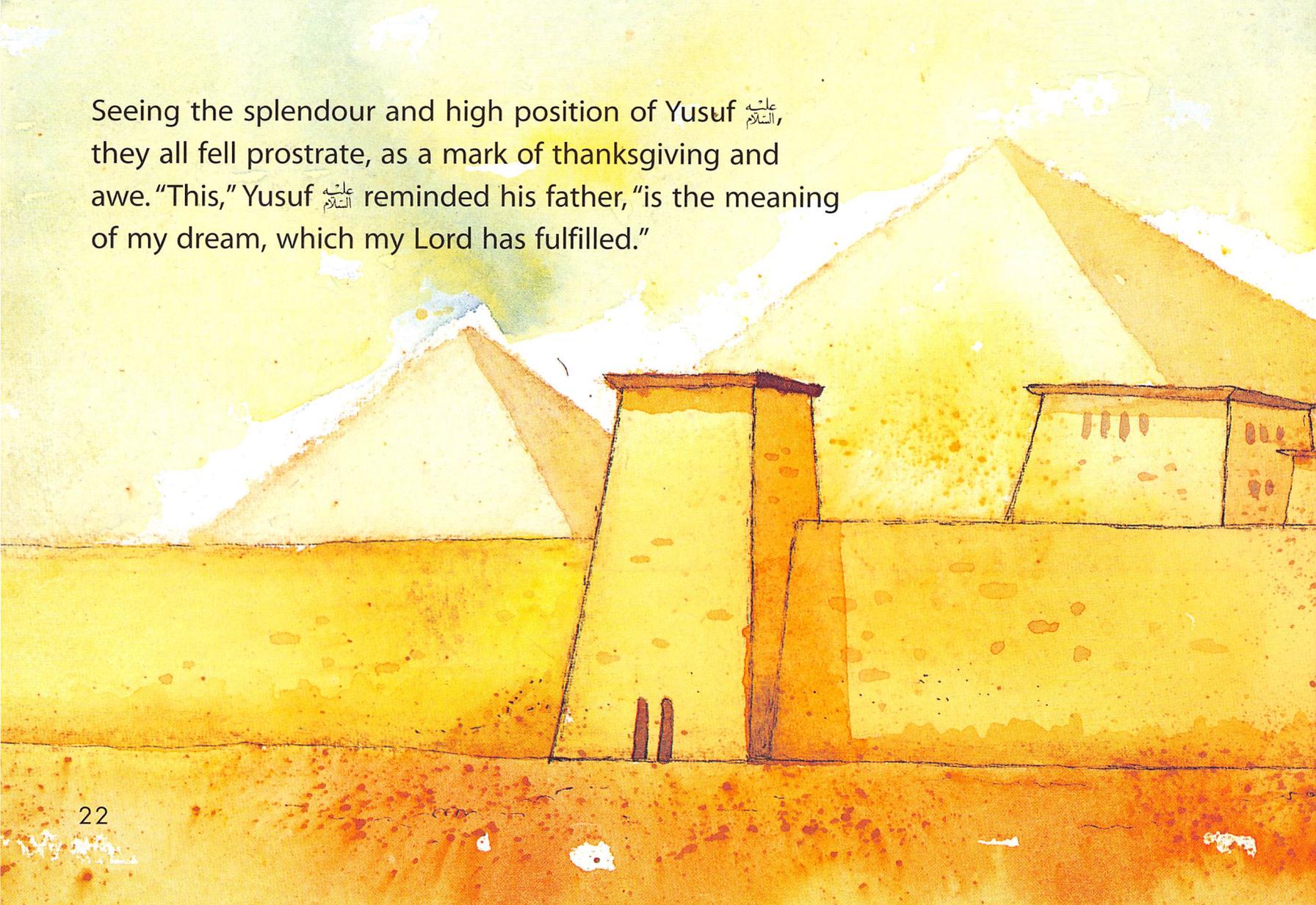




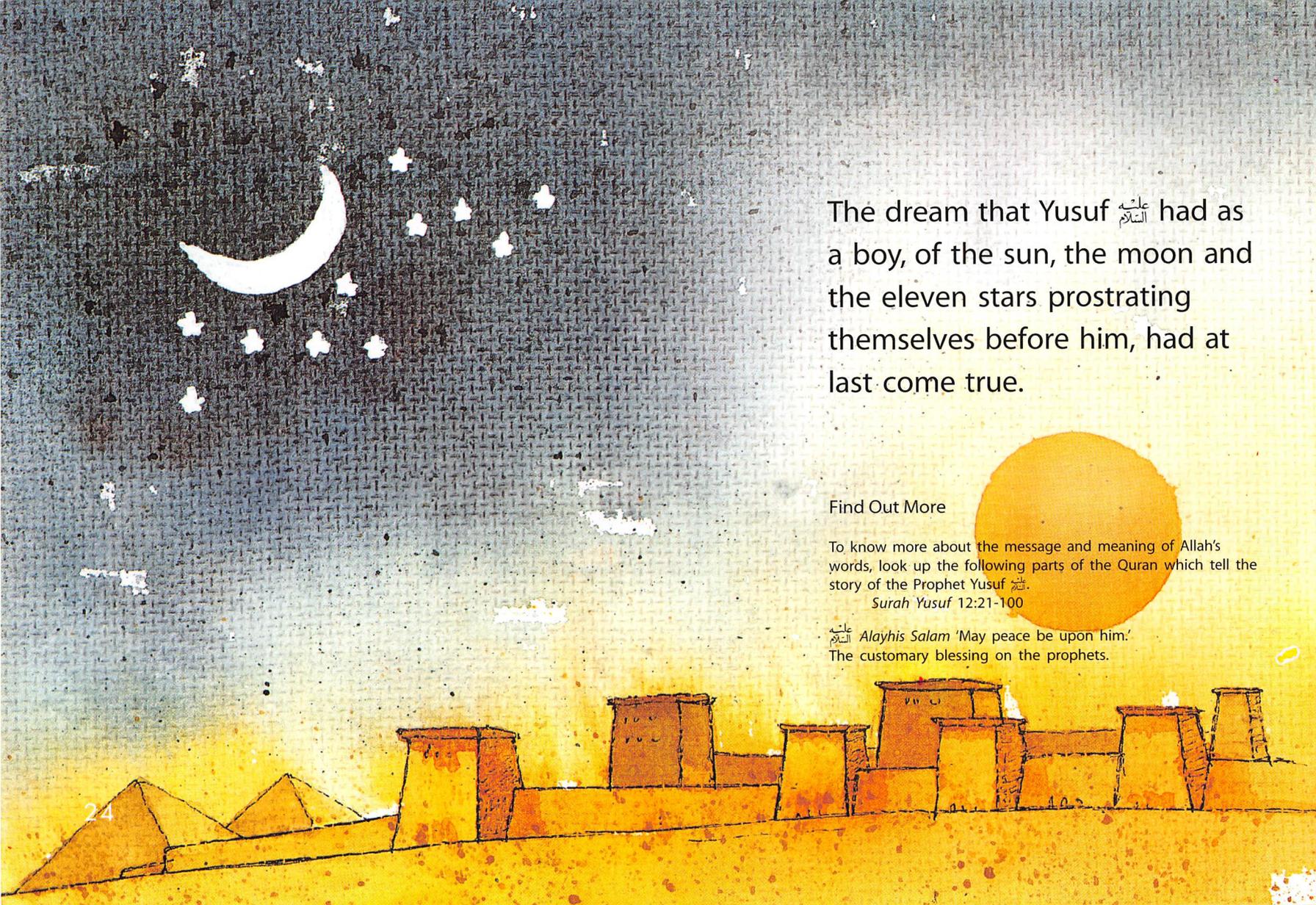
The brothers made further visits. Ultimately Yusuf عليه السلام revealed his identity to them and forgave them for their crime. He asked them to bring their aged parents. Finally the family was reunited and Yusuf عليه السلام embraced his parents and did them honour by making them sit on the throne, saying: "Welcome to Egypt, in safety if Allah wills!"



Seeing the splendour and high position of Yusuf عليه السلام, they all fell prostrate, as a mark of thanksgiving and awe. "This," Yusuf عليه السلام reminded his father, "is the meaning of my dream, which my Lord has fulfilled."







The dream that Yusuf عليه السلام had as a boy, of the sun, the moon and the eleven stars prostrating themselves before him, had at last come true.

Find Out More

To know more about the message and meaning of Allah's words, look up the following parts of the Quran which tell the story of the Prophet Yusuf عليه السلام.

Surah Yusuf 12:21-100

عليه السلام *Alayhis Salam* 'May peace be upon him.'
The customary blessing on the prophets.