

THE SWORD SPEAKS



Caliph Haroon Ar-Rasheed & the Arrogant Dog of Rome

A True Tale from the Golden Age of Islam

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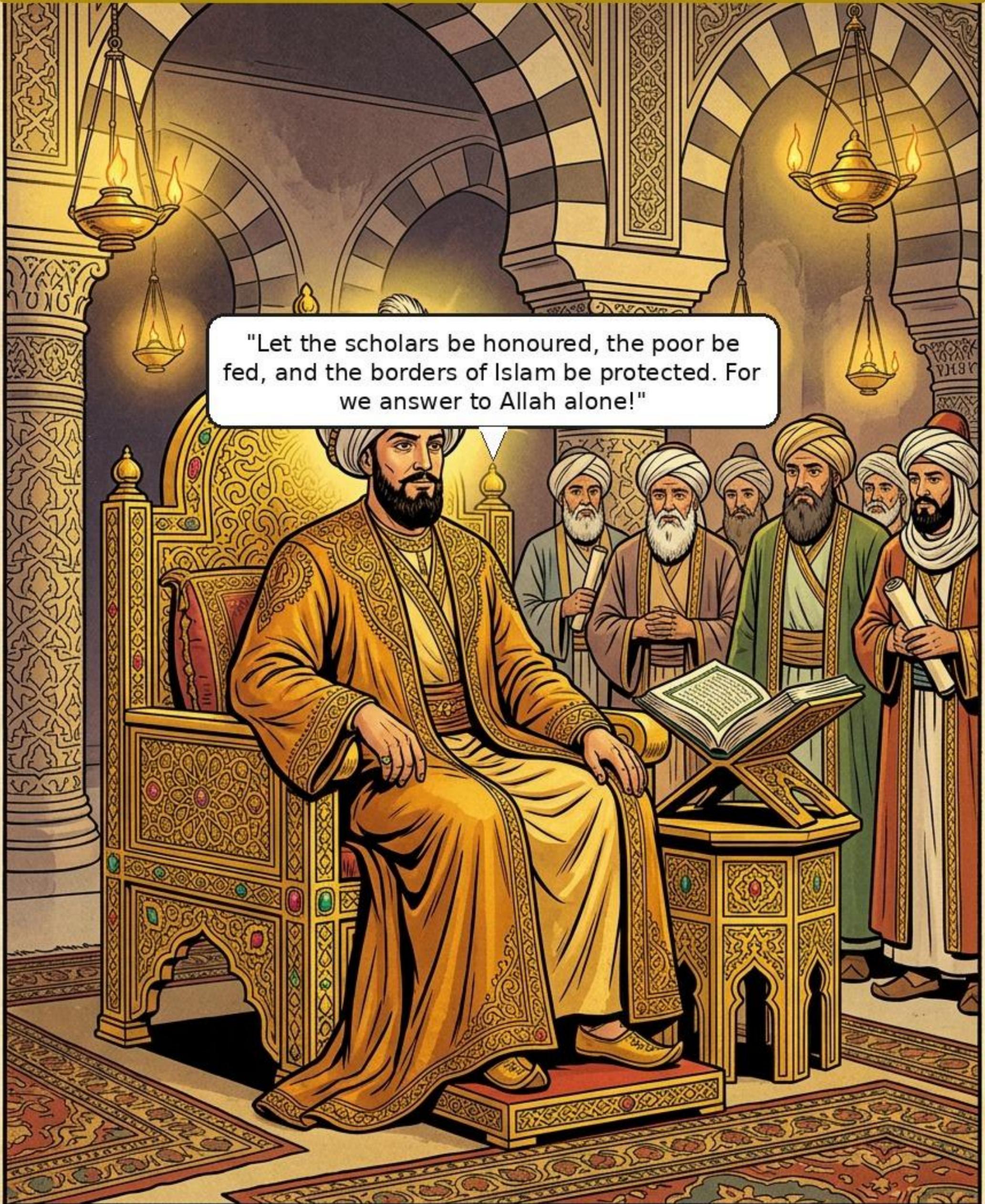
In the year 786 CE, Allah blessed the Ummah with a great leader — Haroon Ar-Rasheed, the fifth Abbasid Caliph and Ameer-ul-Mumineen (Commander of the Faithful). A pious warrior, a just ruler and a patron of knowledge, he made Baghdad the shining heart of the Islamic world.



Surah Al-Anfal 8:60 — "And prepare against them whatever you — **وَأَعِدُّوا لَهُمْ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُمْ مِنْ قُوَّةٍ** — are able of power..."

Haroon Ar-Rasheed — the Lion of Islam — ruled with wisdom, piety and iron strength. Under his reign Baghdad became the greatest city on earth: a beacon of scholarship, justice and Islamic glory.

"Let the scholars be honoured, the poor be fed, and the borders of Islam be protected. For we answer to Allah alone!"



The mighty Byzantine Empire — Rome of the East — had been humbled before the Caliphate. Empress Irene sent 70,000 gold dinars every year as jizya, acknowledging the supremacy of the Muslims.



The Romans had learned that the sword of Islam could not be stopped. As long as tribute flowed, an uneasy peace held between Constantinople and Baghdad.

Then, in 802 CE, a dark shadow fell over Constantinople. A treacherous general named Naghfoor (Nikephoros I) — arrogant, cunning and drunk on pride — overthrew the weak Empress Irene and seized the throne.



"I am the Emperor now! No more tribute to those desert Arabs! The gold of Rome stays in Rome!"

Blind with arrogance, Naghfoor took quill in hand and composed a letter so insolent that it would shock the entire Islamic world — and seal his own humiliation.



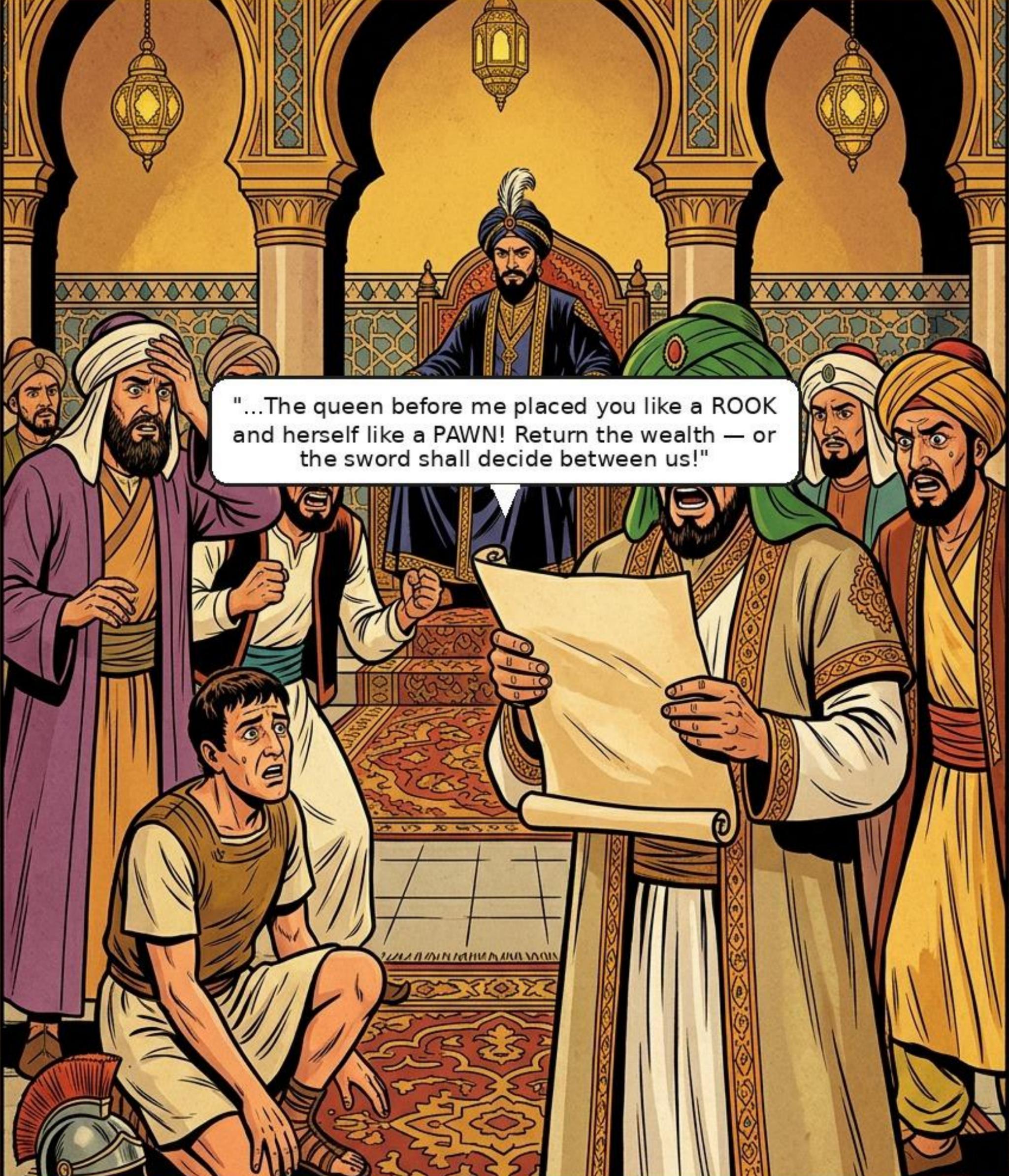
"From Naghfoor, King of the Romans, to Haroon, King of the Arabs. The queen before me placed you like a rook and herself like a pawn — sending you wealth you did not deserve. That was a woman's weakness. Return it all — or the sword shall decide!"

The sealed letter was dispatched from Constantinople. Days later, a Roman messenger arrived at the gates of Baghdad, heart pounding, carrying Naghfoor's insolent challenge to the Caliph.



"I carry a letter from Emperor Naghfoor of Constantinople for the Caliph Haroon Ar-Rasheed..."

In the great hall of the Caliph's palace, the court fell silent as the royal vizier unrolled the parchment and read Naghfoor's words aloud. Gasps of outrage filled the chamber.



"...The queen before me placed you like a **ROOK** and herself like a **PAWN**! Return the wealth — or the sword shall decide between us!"

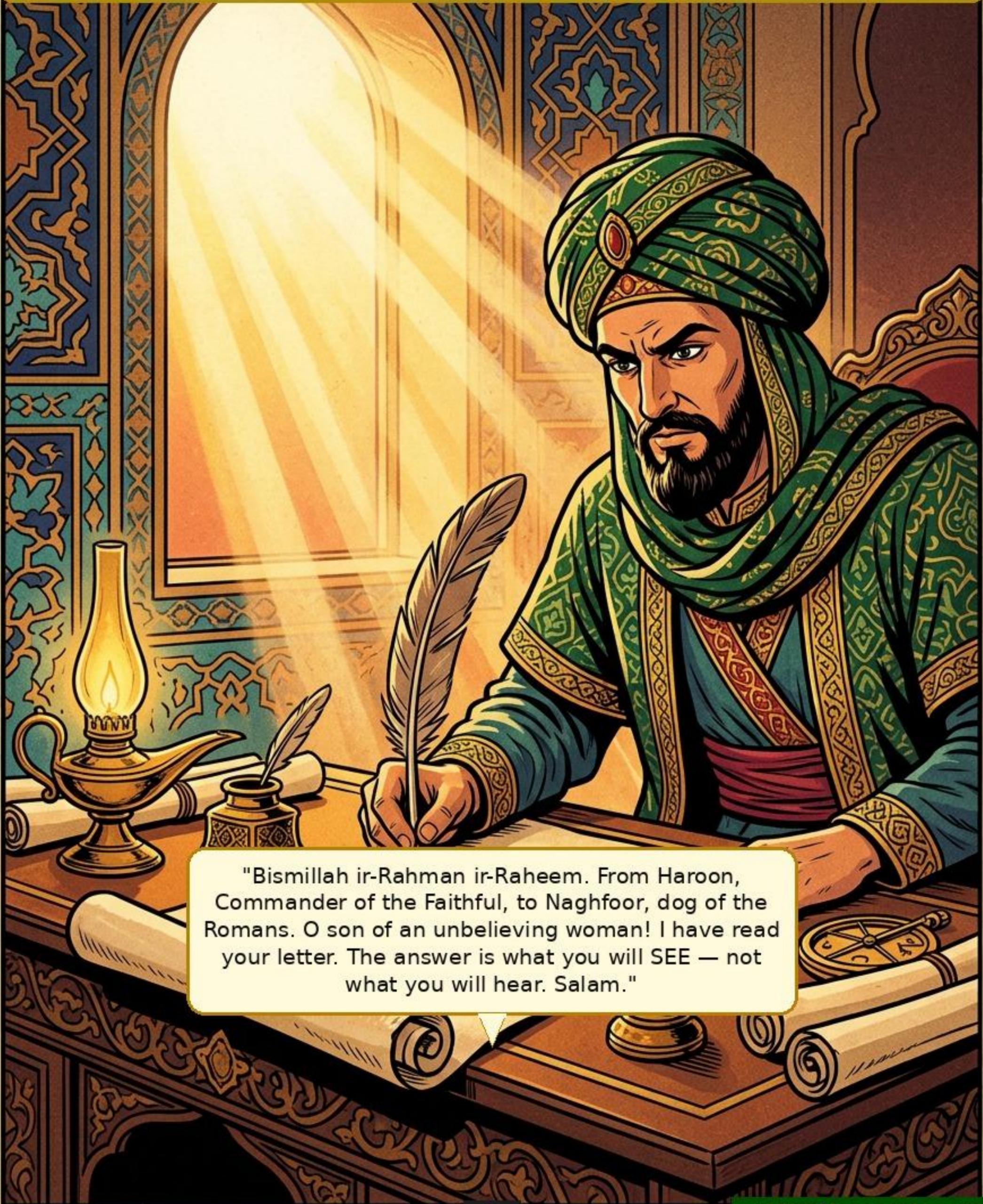
The courtiers erupted: "OUTRAGE! How dare he speak so to the Commander of the Faithful!"



How dare this son of an unbeliever speak so to the Commander of the Faithful? By Allah, he shall see the answer — not merely hear it!

"This dog of Rome calls himself a king?! He insults the honour of Islam and the dignity of the Caliphate! By Allah — he shall see my reply before he hears it!"

Without hesitation, the Lion of Islam seized the very same parchment and wrote his reply on its reverse side — words that would echo through history as a warning to all enemies of Islam.



"Bismillah ir-Rahman ir-Raheem. From Haroon, Commander of the Faithful, to Naghfoor, dog of the Romans. O son of an unbelieving woman! I have read your letter. The answer is what you will SEE — not what you will hear. Salam."

The Caliph sealed his reply with the royal stamp of the Abbasid Caliphate and thrust it back into the hands of the trembling Roman messenger. No negotiation. No delay. Only the promise of the sword.



"Go. Tell your master: the armies of the Believers are already marching. And Allah is with us!"

"A-as you command... O Commander of the Faithful..."

True to his word, Haroon Ar-Rasheed mobilised the mighty Abbasid army without a single day's delay. Thousands upon thousands of warriors — cavalry, archers, spearmen — marched forth from Baghdad under the black banners of Islam.



The ground shook beneath their feet. The horizon darkened with the flags of the Caliphate. The armies of the Believers were coming — and Rome would tremble.

Haroon Ar-Rasheed himself led the charge at the front of his cavalry into Byzantine territory. The Muslims swept across the border like a flood — unstoppable, righteous and fearless.



"ALLAHU AKBAR! Forward, O warriors of Islam! Let the sword speak what words cannot!"

At the Battle of Krasos, the Abbasid warriors tore through Byzantine lines like a hurricane. Roman soldiers fell back in disarray. Their formations shattered, their generals fled, their banners were torn down.



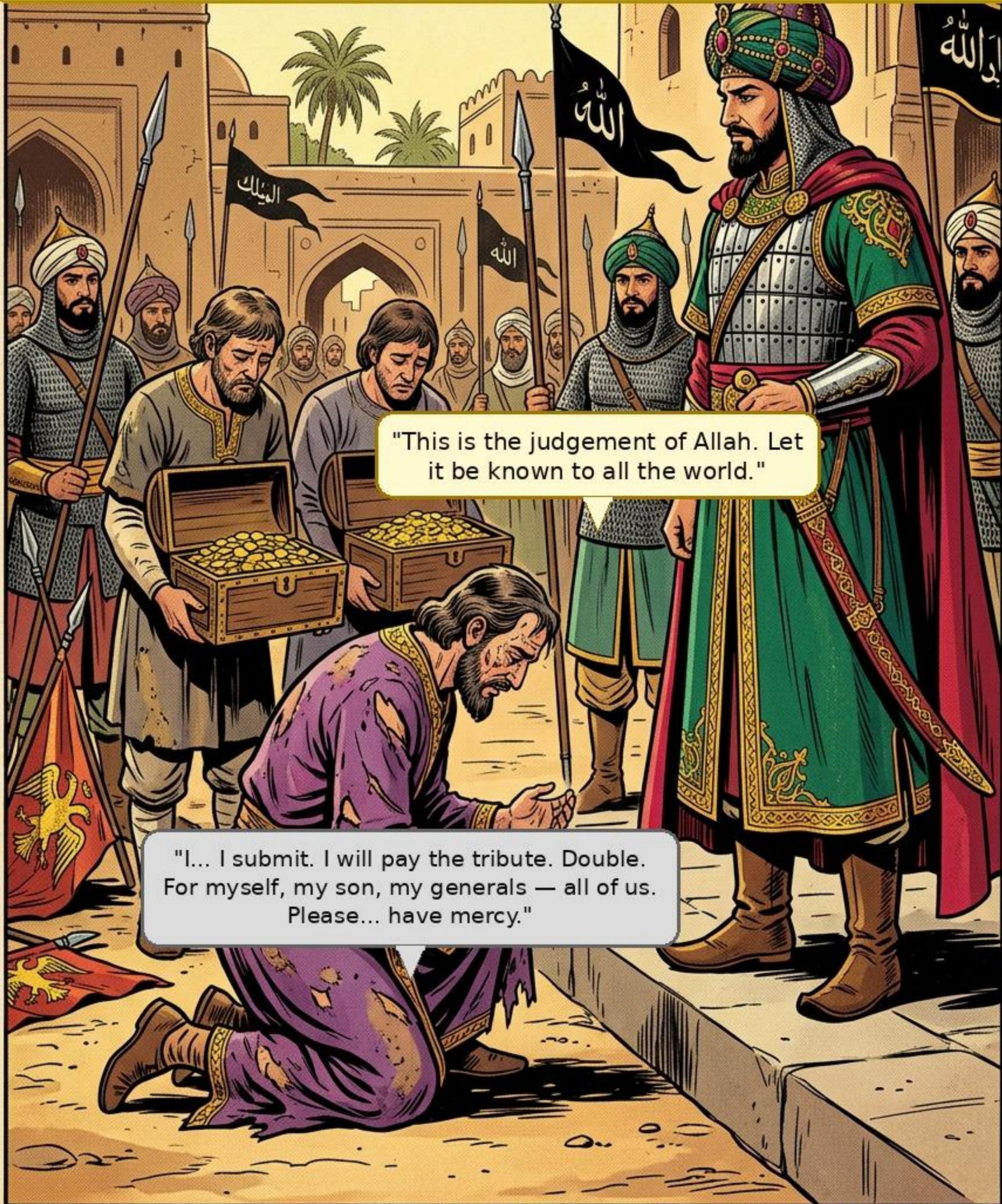
The Romans had boasted of their swords. Now they learned the difference between boasting and battle. The Sword of Islam had SPOKEN.

The mighty fortress-city of Herakleia — pride of Byzantine power — fell before the Abbasid forces. The black banners of Islam were raised upon its towers. Naghfoor himself was wounded in battle and fled in panic.



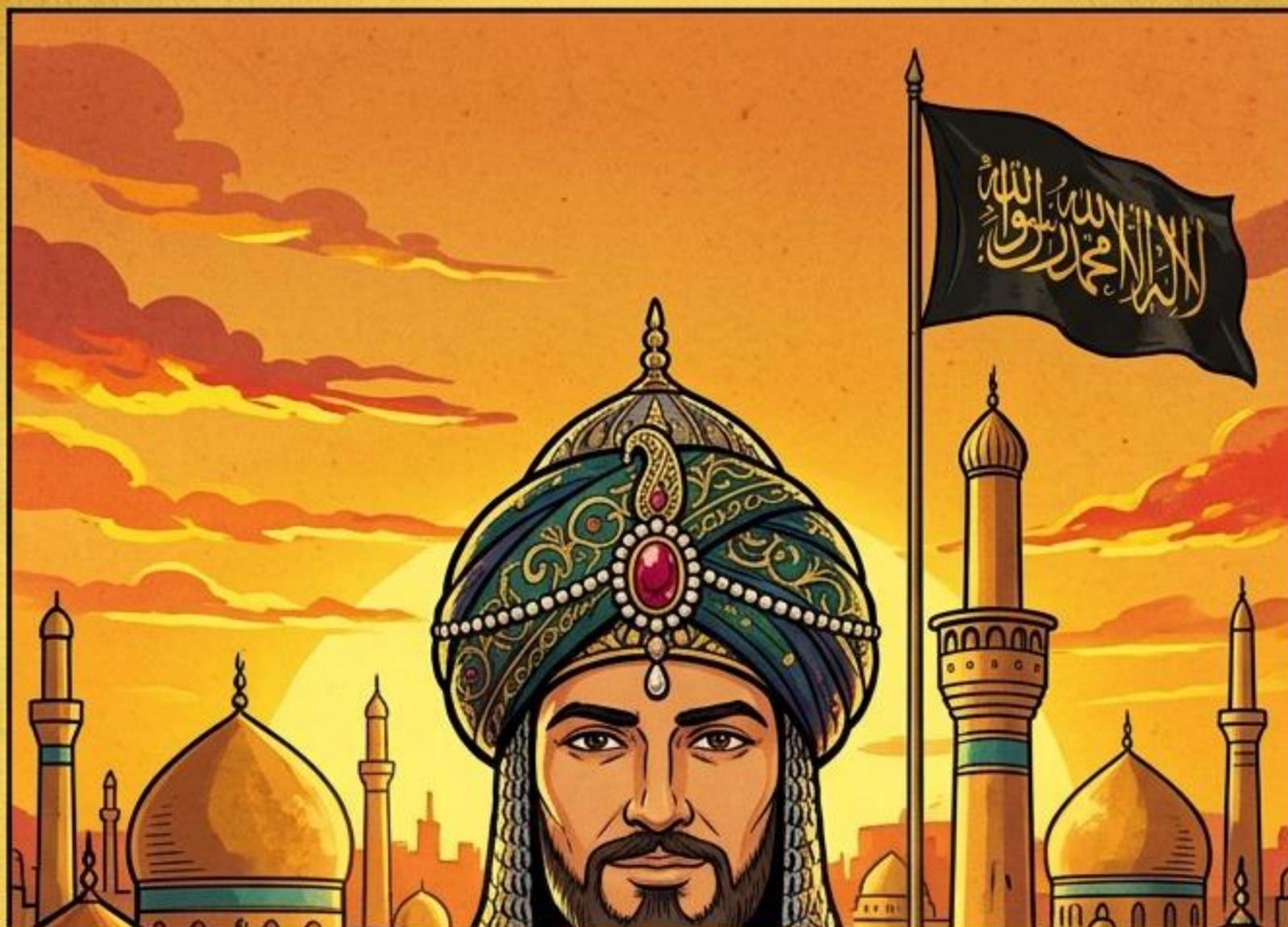
"Run! Run! The Arabs cannot be stopped! Save yourselves!"

Wounded, humiliated and broken, Naghfoor was forced to beg for peace. He resumed the full tribute payment, paid extra jizya on himself, his son, his generals and his household — and swore never to challenge the Caliphate again.



"This is the judgement of Allah. Let it be known to all the world."

"I... I submit. I will pay the tribute. Double. For myself, my son, my generals — all of us. Please... have mercy."



THE LESSON OF HISTORY

Thus did Haroon Ar-Rasheed uphold the honour of the Ummah. He who insulted the Caliph of Islam paid dearly — in gold, in blood and in pride.

Let every Muslim remember:
When truth and sincere faith stand firm,
even the mightiest empires tremble before
the command of the Commander of the Faithful.

SUBHANALLAH!

Based on authentic accounts from Imam at-Tabari and classical Islamic chronicles.
May Allah bless the believers with leaders like Haroon Ar-Rasheed. Ameen.

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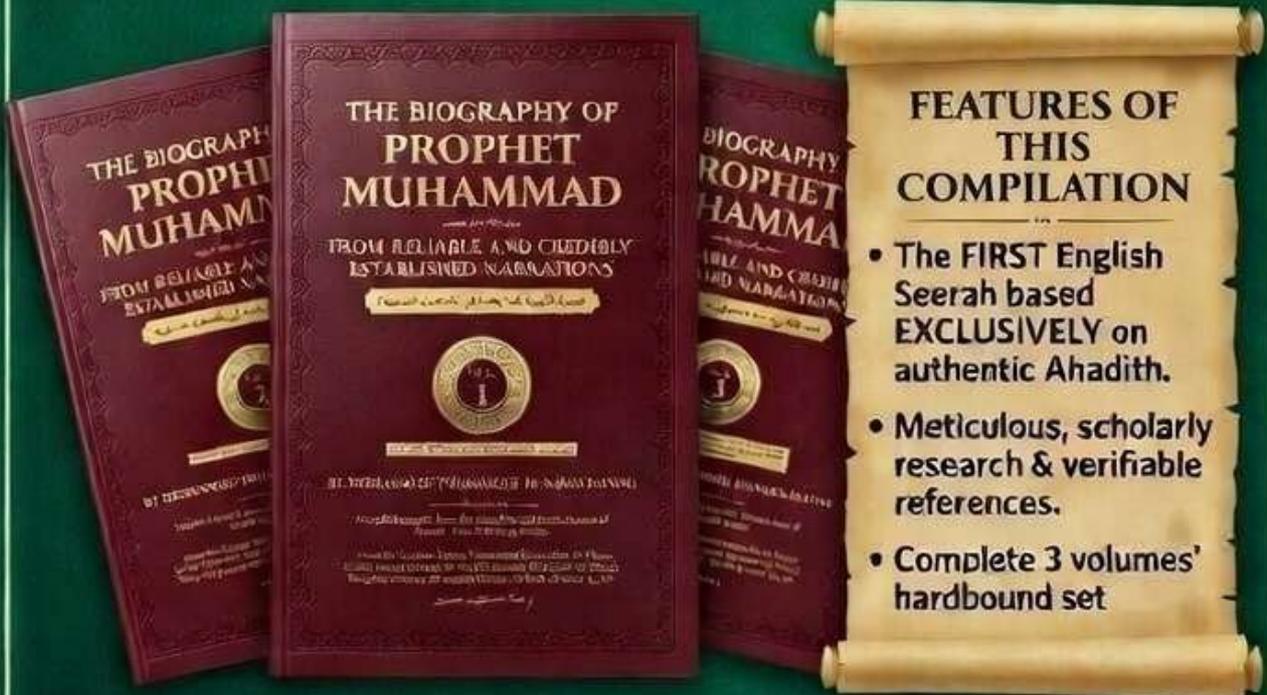
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