

The Heroes of Karbala

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THE HEROES OF KARBALA

Anas bin Haris Kahili



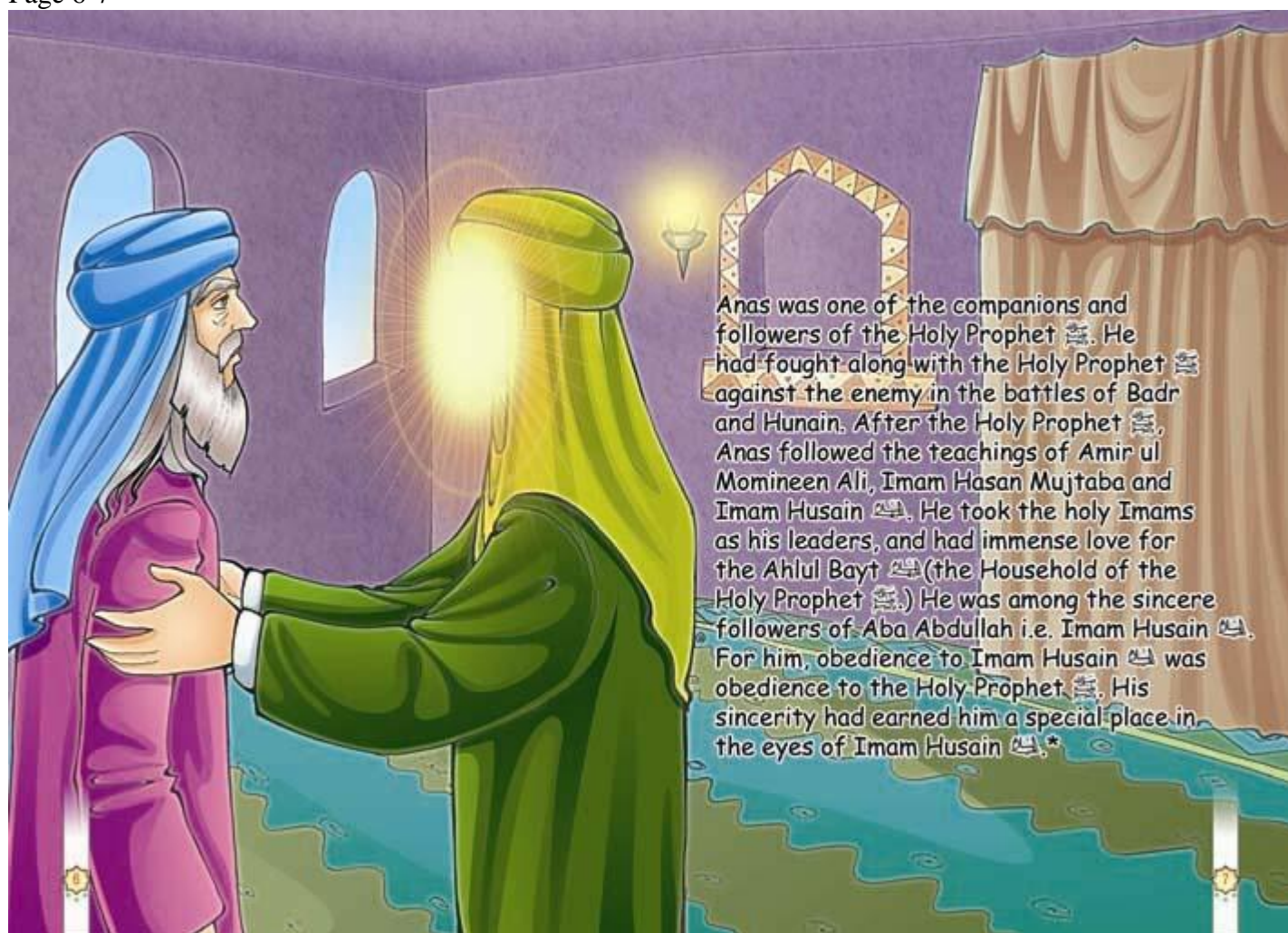
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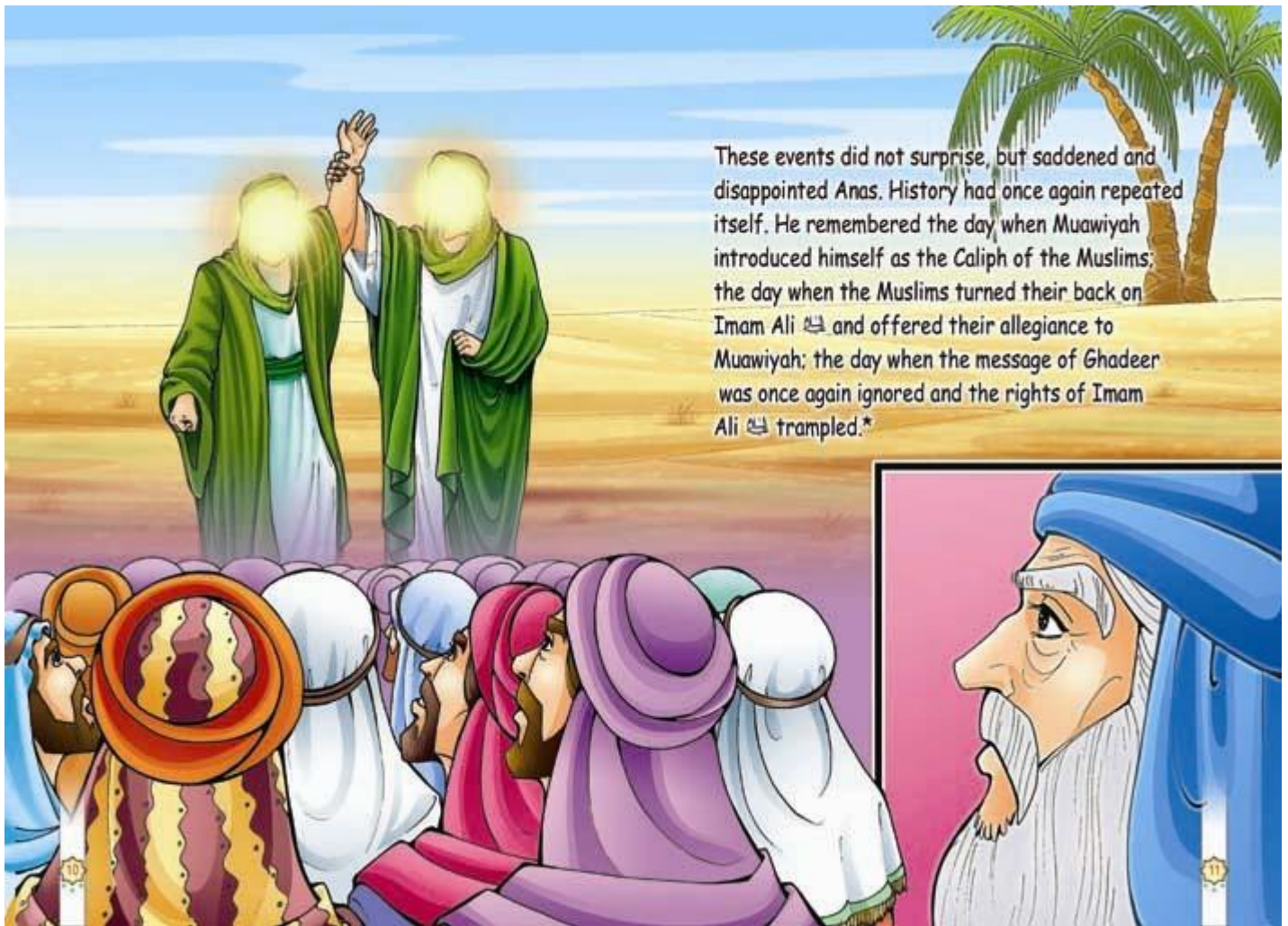
He was tall and well figured, had a muscular body, a bent back and a white beard. He was over a hundred years old. At times, his white eyebrows would fall over his eyes and hinder his vision. He had piercing looks, was authoritative, well known and well respected among the people of Kufa. He had a noble face and spoke only when needed. His name was Anas, son of Haris-Kahili.

The enemies of Islam feared him while his friends took pride in him. His wound marks spoke of his courage and bravery on previous battle fields. He was unequalled in generosity. He had an excellent memory, and could narrate the history of Islam by heart.*

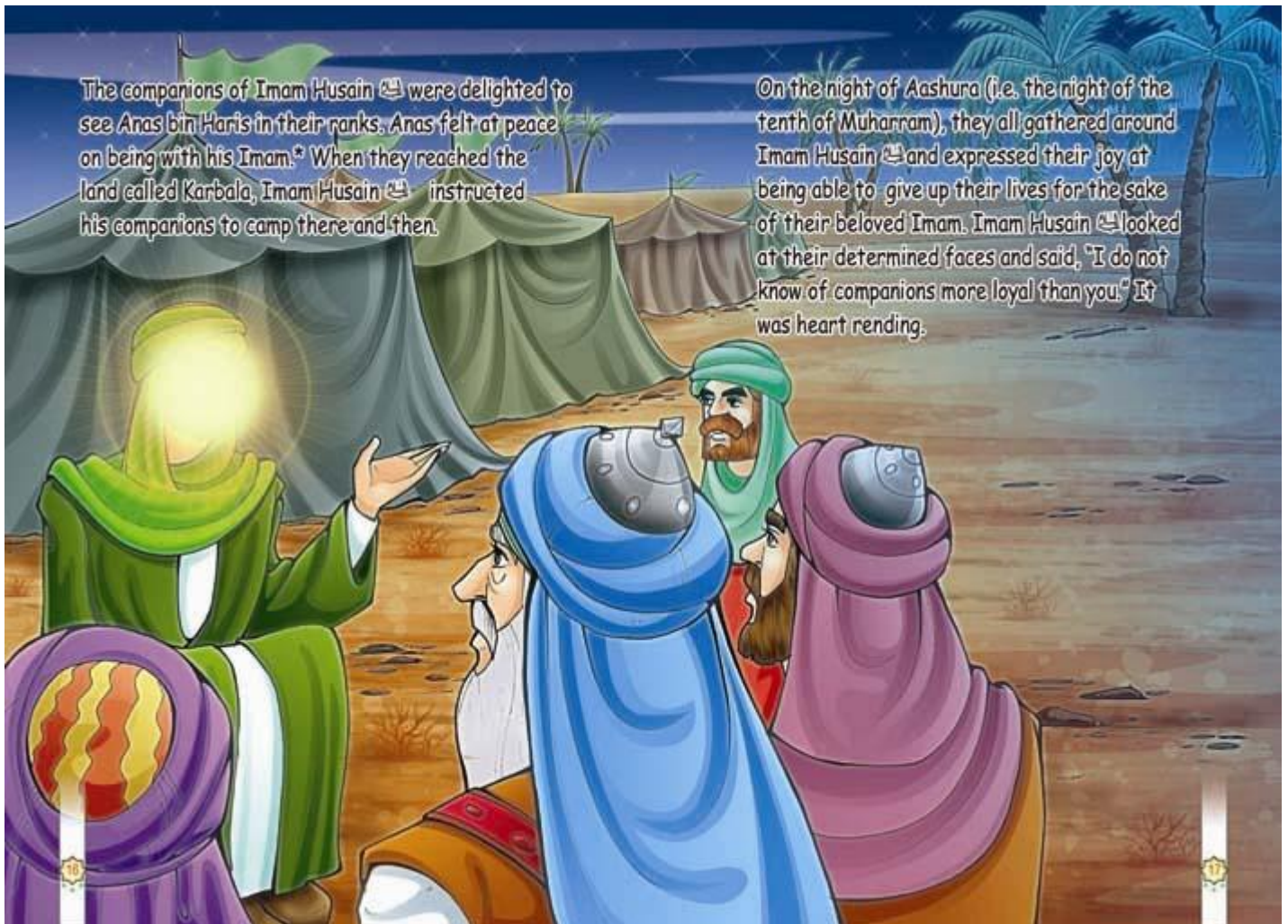




Anas was one of the companions and followers of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. He had fought along with the Holy Prophet ﷺ against the enemy in the battles of Badr and Hunain. After the Holy Prophet ﷺ, Anas followed the teachings of Amir ul Momineen Ali, Imam Hasan Mujtaba and Imam Husain ؑ. He took the holy Imams as his leaders, and had immense love for the Ahlul Bayt ؑ (the Household of the Holy Prophet ﷺ.) He was among the sincere followers of Aba Abdullah i.e. Imam Husain ؑ. For him, obedience to Imam Husain ؑ was obedience to the Holy Prophet ﷺ. His sincerity had earned him a special place in the eyes of Imam Husain ؑ.*

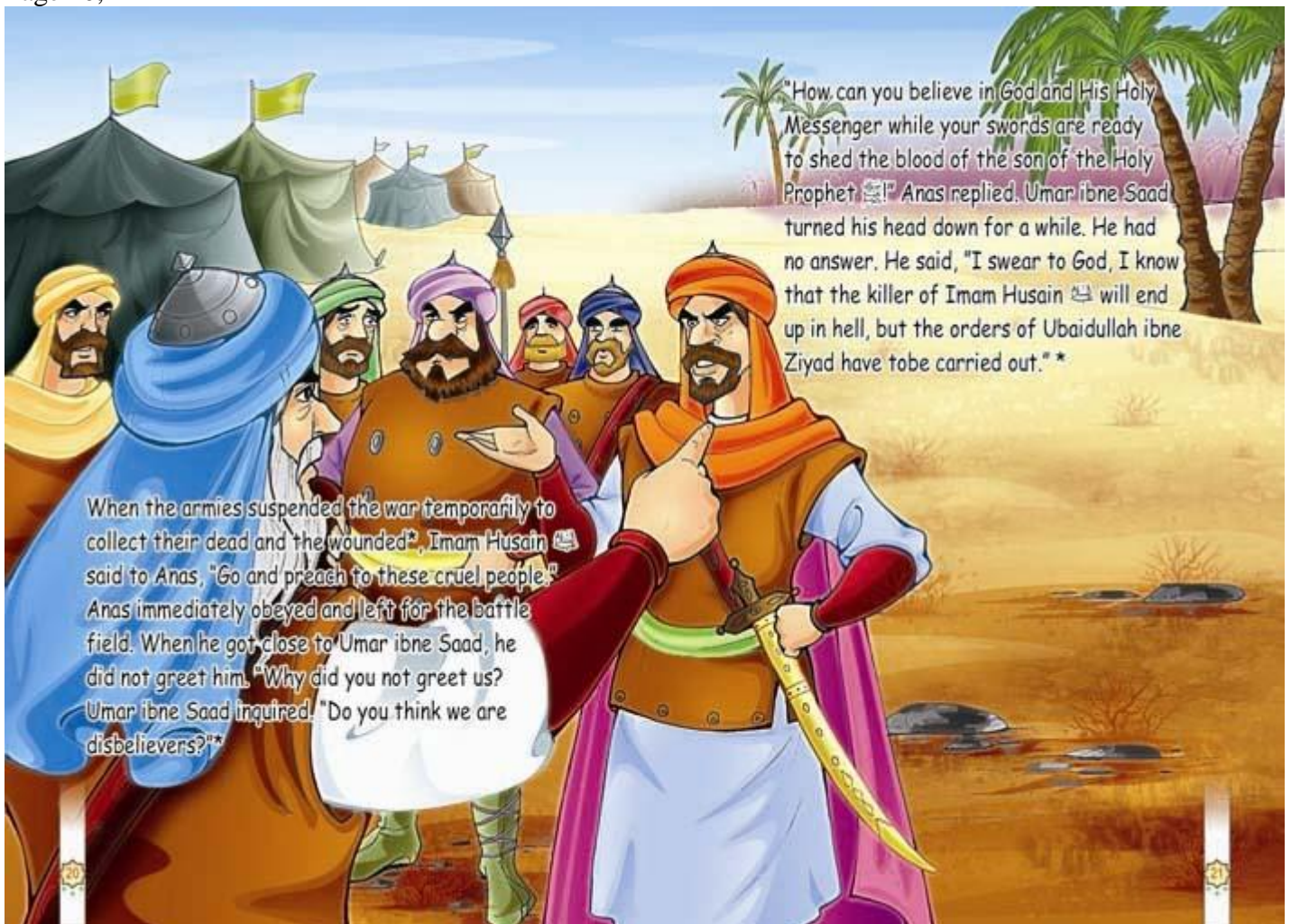


These events did not surprise, but saddened and disappointed Anas. History had once again repeated itself. He remembered the day when Muawiyah introduced himself as the Caliph of the Muslims; the day when the Muslims turned their back on Imam Ali عليه السلام and offered their allegiance to Muawiyah; the day when the message of Ghadeer was once again ignored and the rights of Imam Ali عليه السلام trampled.*



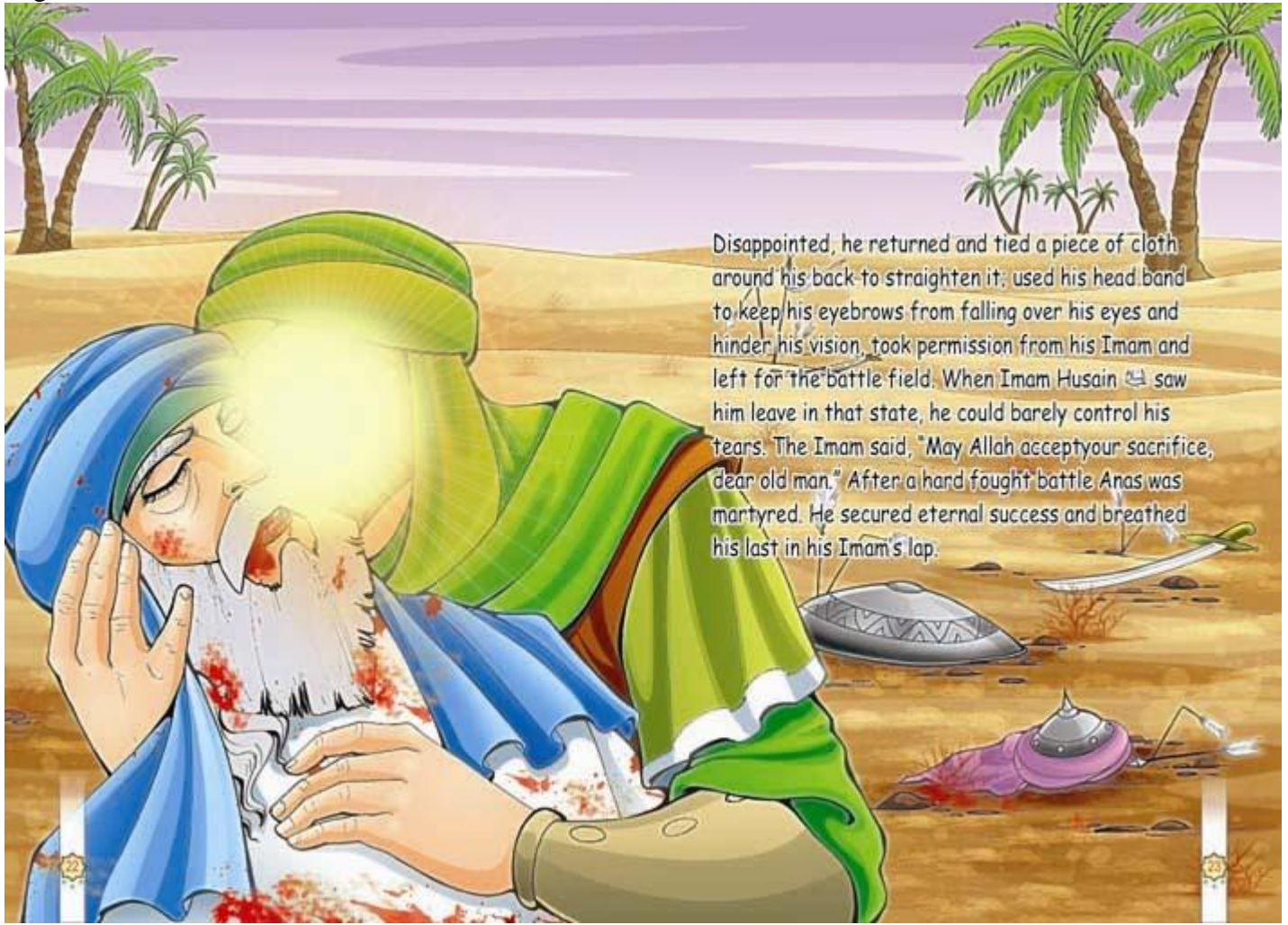
The companions of Imam Husain (AS) were delighted to see Anas bin Haris in their ranks. Anas felt at peace on being with his Imam.* When they reached the land called Karbala, Imam Husain (AS) instructed his companions to camp there and then,

On the night of Aashura (i.e. the night of the tenth of Muharram), they all gathered around Imam Husain (AS) and expressed their joy at being able to give up their lives for the sake of their beloved Imam. Imam Husain (AS) looked at their determined faces and said, "I do not know of companions more loyal than you." It was heart rending.



"How can you believe in God and His Holy Messenger while your swords are ready to shed the blood of the son of the Holy Prophet (SA)?" Anas replied. Umar ibne Saad turned his head down for a while. He had no answer. He said, "I swear to God, I know that the killer of Imam Husain (AS) will end up in hell, but the orders of Ubaidullah ibne Ziyad have to be carried out."*

When the armies suspended the war temporarily to collect their dead and the wounded*, Imam Husain (AS) said to Anas, "Go and preach to these cruel people." Anas immediately obeyed and left for the battle field. When he got close to Umar ibne Saad, he did not greet him. "Why did you not greet us?" Umar ibne Saad inquired. "Do you think we are disbelievers?"*



Disappointed, he returned and tied a piece of cloth around his back to straighten it; used his head band to keep his eyebrows from falling over his eyes and hinder his vision, took permission from his Imam and left for the battle field. When Imam Husain ؑ saw him leave in that state, he could barely control his tears. The Imam said, "May Allah accept your sacrifice, dear old man." After a hard fought battle Anas was martyred. He secured eternal success and breathed his last in his Imam's lap.