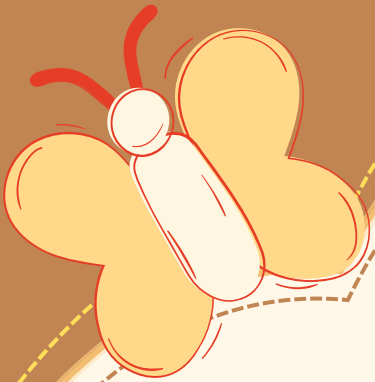






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MOSES

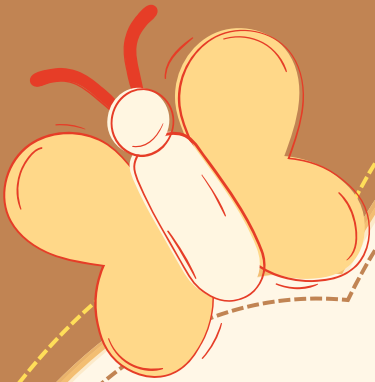
PEACE BE UPON HIM



Prophet Moses lived in Egypt during the reign of the tyrant Pharaoh, a man who ruled with injustice and tyranny, claiming for himself, "I am your supreme lord."

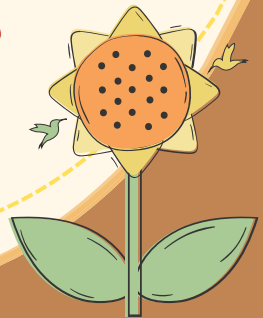
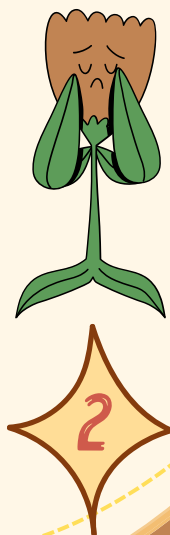






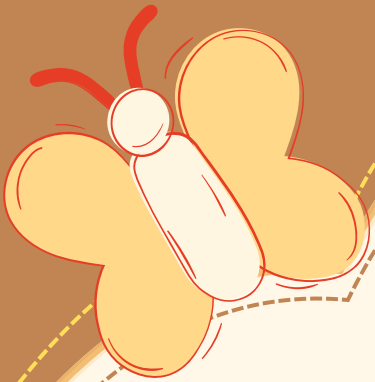
He had heard from his sorcerers that a child from the Children of Israel would be born who would overthrow his kingdom,



so he feared this and ordered the
killing of every newborn boy.

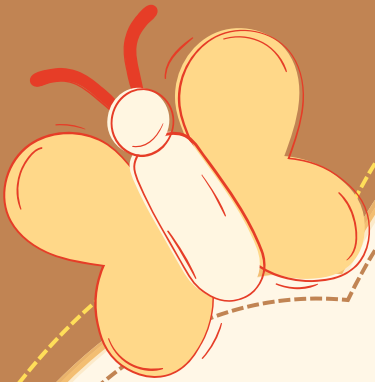
He then feared that by killing all
newborns, his people would perish,
so he decreed that they be killed in
one year and spared in the next.





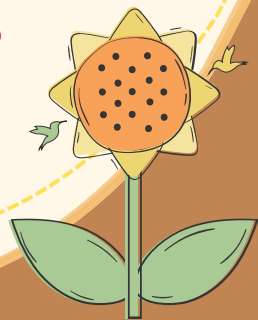


Thus, the year in which newborns were killed became known as the "Year of the Slaughter."

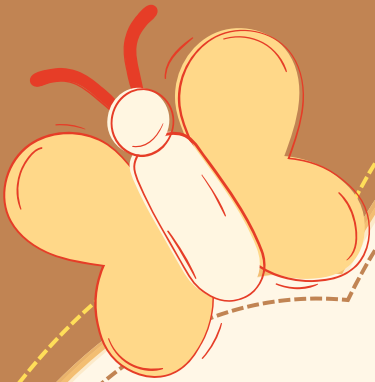
Prophet Moses was born in Egypt during the Year of the Slaughter, but Allah saved him from being killed. He inspired his mother to cast him into the river to keep him away from the eyes of Pharaoh and his soldiers.



So his mother cast him into the river
with a fearful heart, but Allah firmly
rooted love for him in her heart.



Allah willed that the river should
carry Moses to the vicinity of
Pharaoh's palace. There, Pharaoh's
wife found him and grew to
love him dearly.



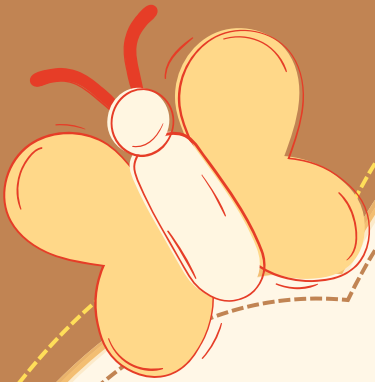


She suggested to Pharaoh to raise him in the palace to be a comfort for them. But Allah intended that he be nursed by his own mother.

Moses refused to suckle milk from any other woman's breast.

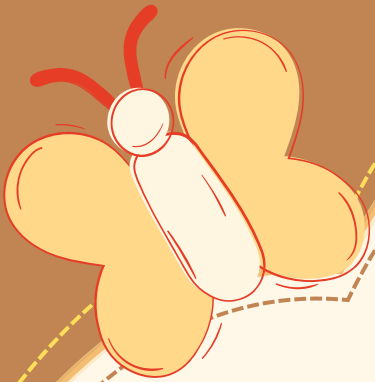


Meanwhile, his sister was circling around the palace, keeping an eye on her brother.





She suggested to them to send him
to a woman who breastfed children
(meaning his own mother),
so they did.

They found Moses calm and settled
in his mother's embrace, and thus
Moses was reunited with his mother
to be nursed.

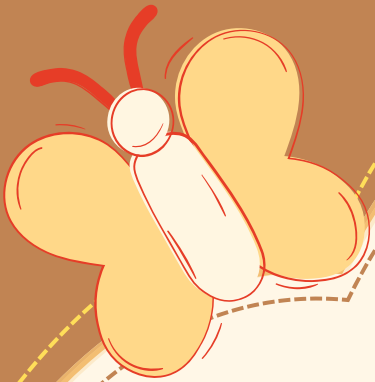


Moses grew up in Pharaoh's palace, knowing that he was not Pharaoh's son but one of the Children of Israel.





He witnessed how Pharaoh's men and followers persecuted his people, the Children of Israel.

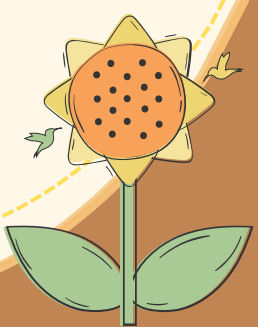




Moses grew up and reached his full strength.

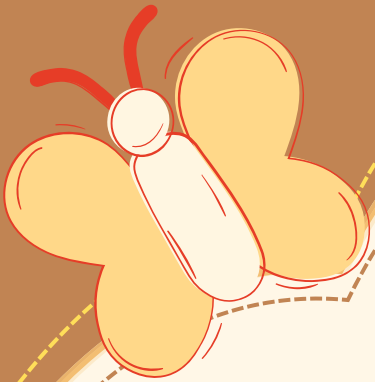


And he entered the city at a time of inattention by its people and found therein two men fighting: one from his faction and one from among his enemy.



And the one from his faction called for help to him against the one from his enemy, so Moses struck him and [unintentionally] killed him.

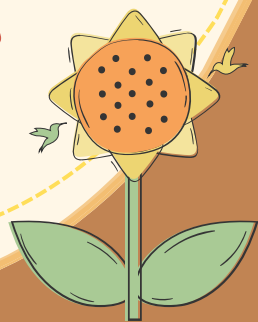


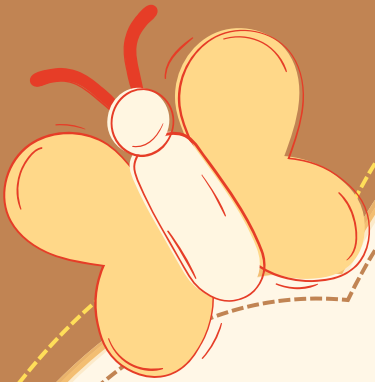


Moses was strong, and he did not intend to kill the aggressor, but this incident was a trial.





Moses said to himself, "This is from the work of Satan. Indeed, he is a manifest, misleading enemy."



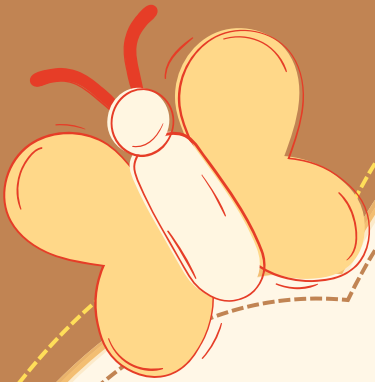


Moses prayed to his Lord, "My Lord, indeed I have wronged myself, so forgive me!" Then Allah forgave him.

Indeed, He is the Forgiving,
the Merciful.



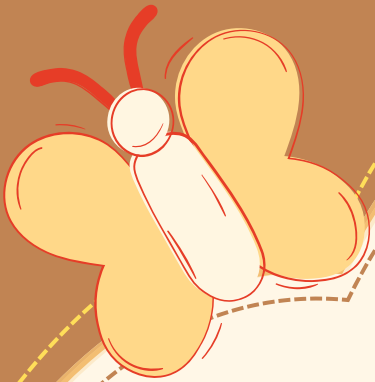
Moses was in the city, feeling scared and cautious. This was Moses' state, that of a hunted man, fearful and anticipating harm with every step.



He said which can be translated as:
"My Lord! For that with which You
have favoured me, I will never more
be a helper for the Mujrimun
(criminals, disobedient to Allah,
polytheists, sinners, etc.)!"

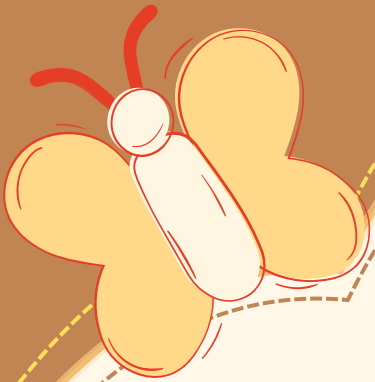
[Quran Translated Meaning, Surah Al-Qasas (28:17)]

He would not interfere in the
disputes of the criminals.



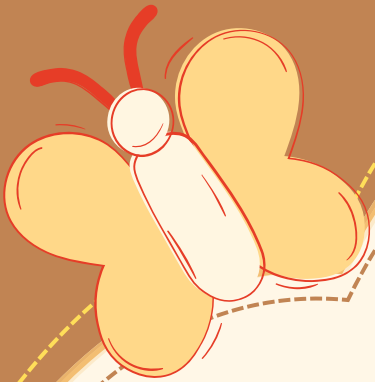
Moses was surprised, walking in the city, to find the same man who had called for his help the day before shouting at him.

The Israelite thought Moses would strike him as well. Fear of Moses caused him to panic, so he turned his back and went away, seeking forgiveness from his Lord.



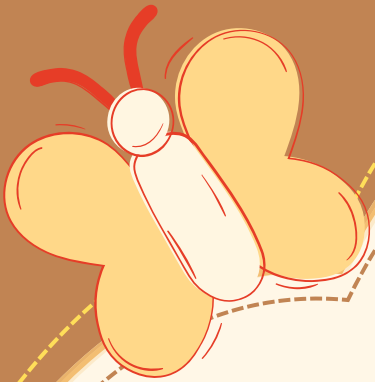
The man who was arguing with the Israelite realized that Moses was the killer of the man they had found dead the day before.

No one knew who the killer was, so the man spread the word throughout the city, and Moses' secret was revealed.





A believer came from the farthest part of the city, and advised Moses to leave Egypt because Pharaoh's followers intended to kill him.

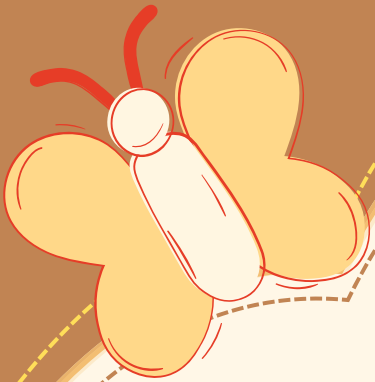
Moses left Egypt quickly, looking around scared, listening carefully, and staying alert.



He didn't go to Pharaoh's palace, nor did he change his clothes or take food for the journey. He had no animal to carry him on its back and guide him.



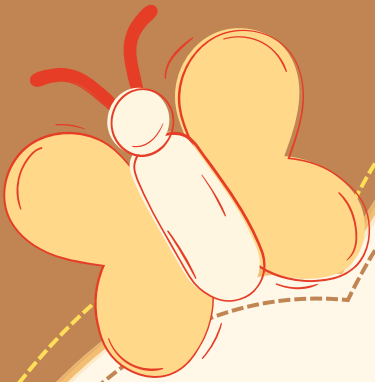
He entered the desert directly, heading where Allah had ordained for him to go.



He traveled until he reached his destination and sat to rest by a large well where people watered their livestock.

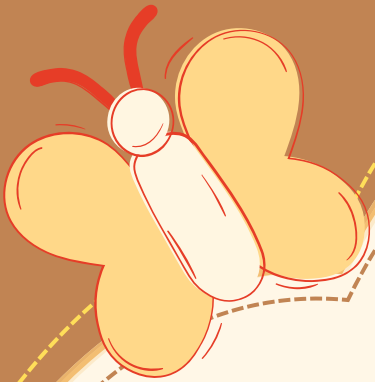
He was afraid all the time that Pharaoh might send someone to capture him.

He suffered hunger and fatigue.





Then Moses found a group of people gathering around a well, and two women were holding back their sheep to allow the men's sheep to drink.

He approached them and asked if he could help in any way.



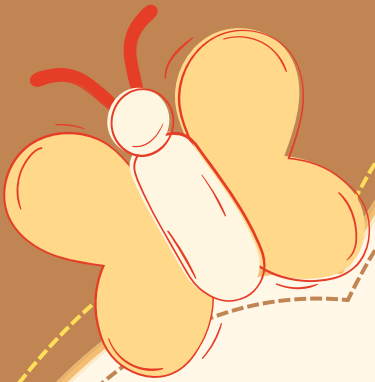
He learned from the two girls that they were in need of assistance, so he helped them.



He sat waiting for relief from Allah after his tiring journey, hungry, and prayed to Allah to provide him with goodness.

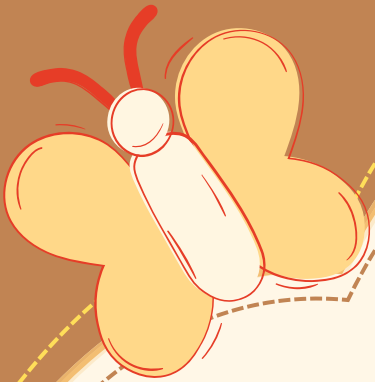


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As a reward for his help, the father of the two girls sent for Moses to offer him payment for watering their sheep.

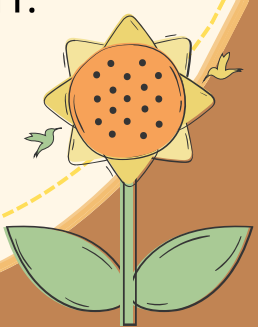


When he heard his story, he was impressed and said to Moses, "Don't fear, you are safe with us."

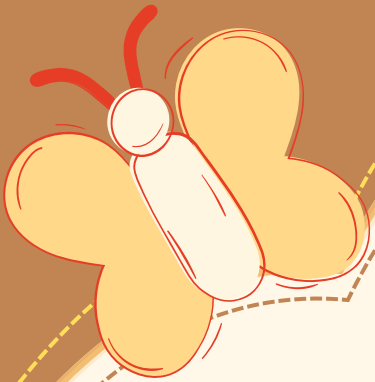


He offered Moses one of his daughters in marriage, along with living with him and working for him, and they agreed on this arrangement for ten years.




After that, Moses left with his family on a journey, and on the way, Allah called him and informed Moses that he was a sent prophet tasked with delivering a message to Pharaoh.

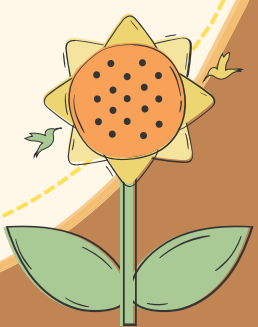








Moses feared that Pharaoh would kill him, so he suggested that Allah send his brother Harun with him.





They both went to Egypt and entered upon Pharaoh, inviting him to believe in Allah, to reject injustice and tyranny, and to liberate the Children of Israel.







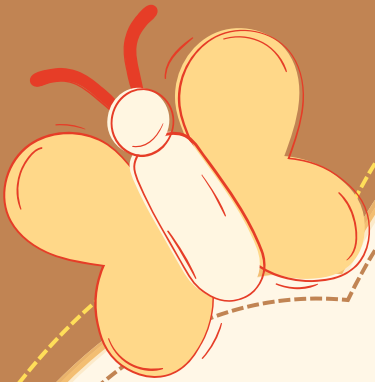
But Pharaoh refused and disbelieved.

So Moses showed him signs from Allah, including his staff turning into a serpent, hoping that Pharaoh might believe.





Pharaoh became fearful and gathered all the magicians in the city to confront Moses on a day known as the Day of Adornment.



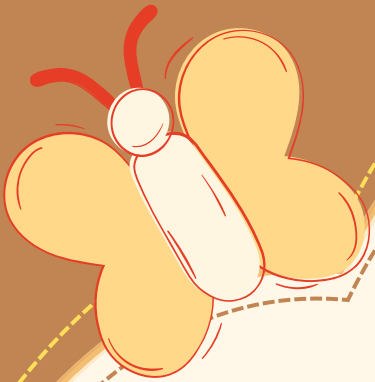


Moses met with the magicians, who
enchanted the eyes of the people
and brought out small snakes
that moved.





The people were afraid, but then
Moses threw his stick, which
swallowed up straight away all the
falsehoods which they showed.

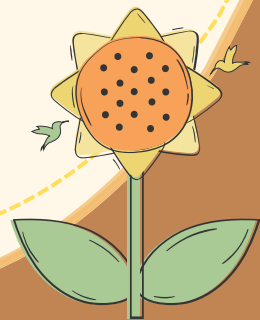




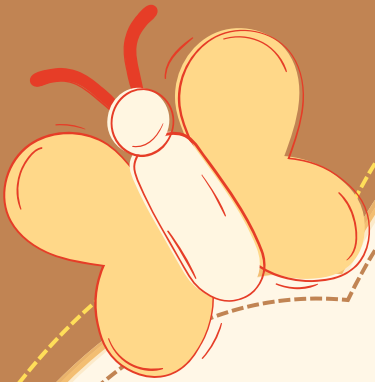


All the magicians were astonished
and believed in Moses and his signs,
declaring that Allah alone is the
Creator with no partners.



This angered Pharaoh greatly, and
he ordered the magicians to be killed
and crucified.





From that time began a fierce struggle between Moses and those who believed with him, and Pharaoh and those who disbelieved with him, until Allah granted victory to Moses over Pharaoh and drowned the tyrant Pharaoh in the sea, and made the believers inheritors in the land for a time.

Peace be upon Moses!

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