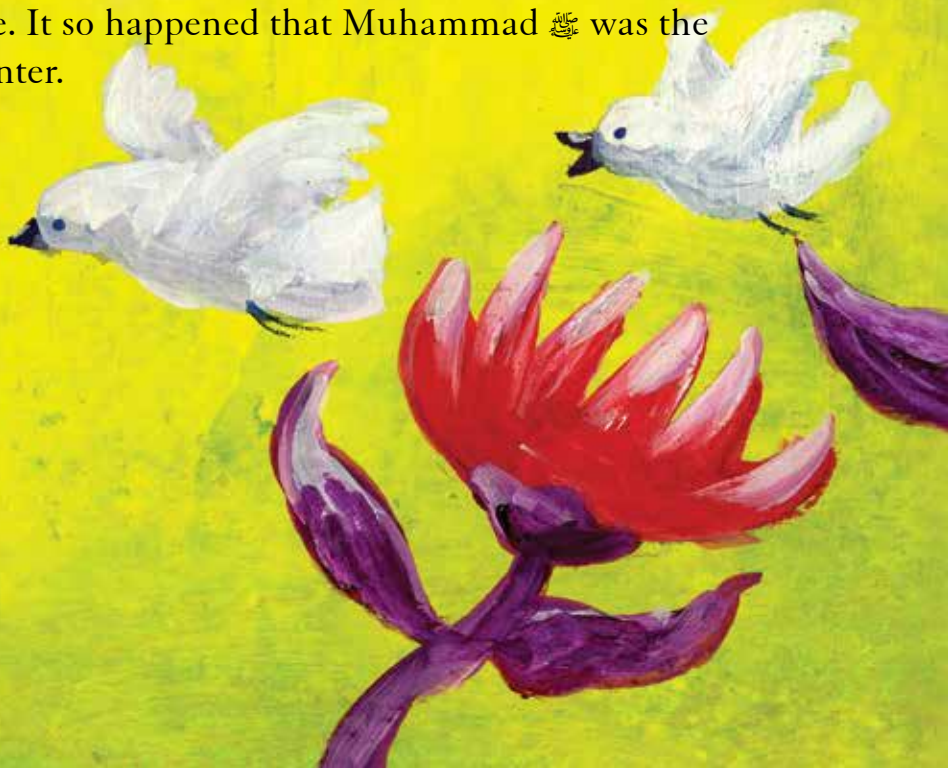


# The Youngest Daughter

**F**atimah رضي الله عنها was born in Makkah the day her wise and trustworthy father had prevented bloodshed among the tribes of Quraish.

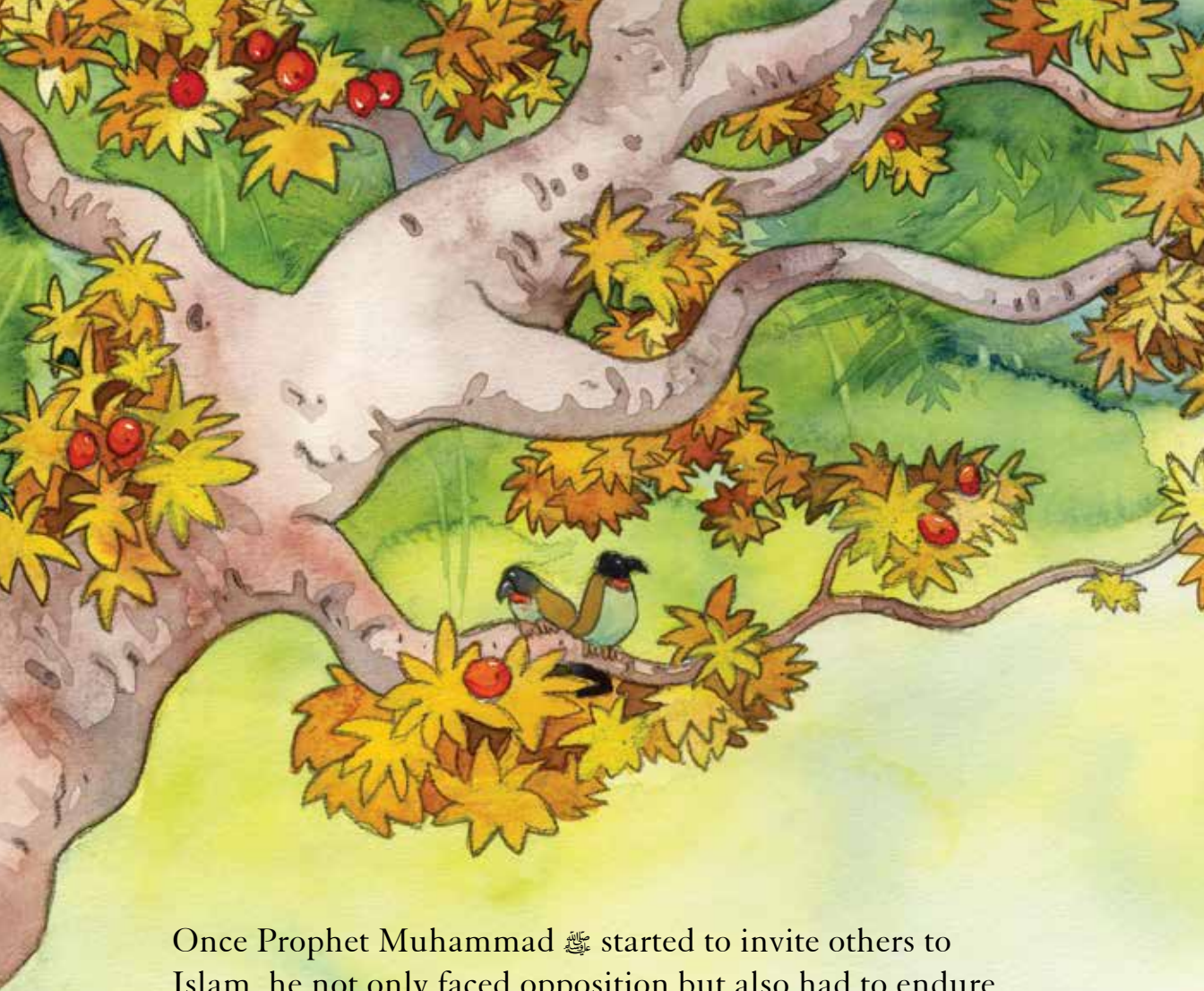
After the Kabah was rebuilt, the tribes were quarrelling about who should get the honour of carrying the Black Stone to its place. Upon an elder's suggestion, it was agreed that whoever entered the gate of Kabah first should be the one to decide. It so happened that Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم was the first one to enter.



# The Brave Girl

**W**hen Fatimah was around five years old, Muhammad ﷺ was chosen as the last Messenger of Allah. Fatimah, along with her mother, sisters and the members of their household, which included Umm Aiman, Ali ibn Abi Talib and Zaid ibn Haritha all accepted Islam readily. The Prophet always reminded one and all to love and fear Allah and that one day everyone would be facing Him. In other words Fatimah grew up learning about Allah and Islam from a very young age.





Once Prophet Muhammad ﷺ started to invite others to Islam, he not only faced opposition but also had to endure insults and persecutions, which he tolerated with great patience and restraint. Khadija was ever ready to back him, and of course he drew strength from his trust in Allah and the verses of the Quran.

Little Fatimah witnessed all these hardships her father endured as she often used to accompany him everywhere. She would stand in front to shield him from attacks. The bond between father and daughter grew stronger. She also

# *The Valley of Shī'b Abi Talib*

**W**orse times were yet to come for Fatimah and her family. The Makkans realized that all their harsh treatments were not discouraging people from accepting Islam. Abu Jahl called a meeting of the disbelievers. An evil man, Nadhar ibn Harith, came up with the idea of boycotting the Muslims and their supporters. He suggested





## *Marriage to Ali*

**T**wo years after the migration, Abu Bakr and Umar Farooq persuaded Ali ibn Abi Talib to ask Prophet Muhammad ﷺ for Fatimah's hand in marriage. When Ali gathered courage to do so, he was told, "I will ask Fatimah what she thinks of the proposal." When Fatimah heard about it she cried with mixed emotions.

