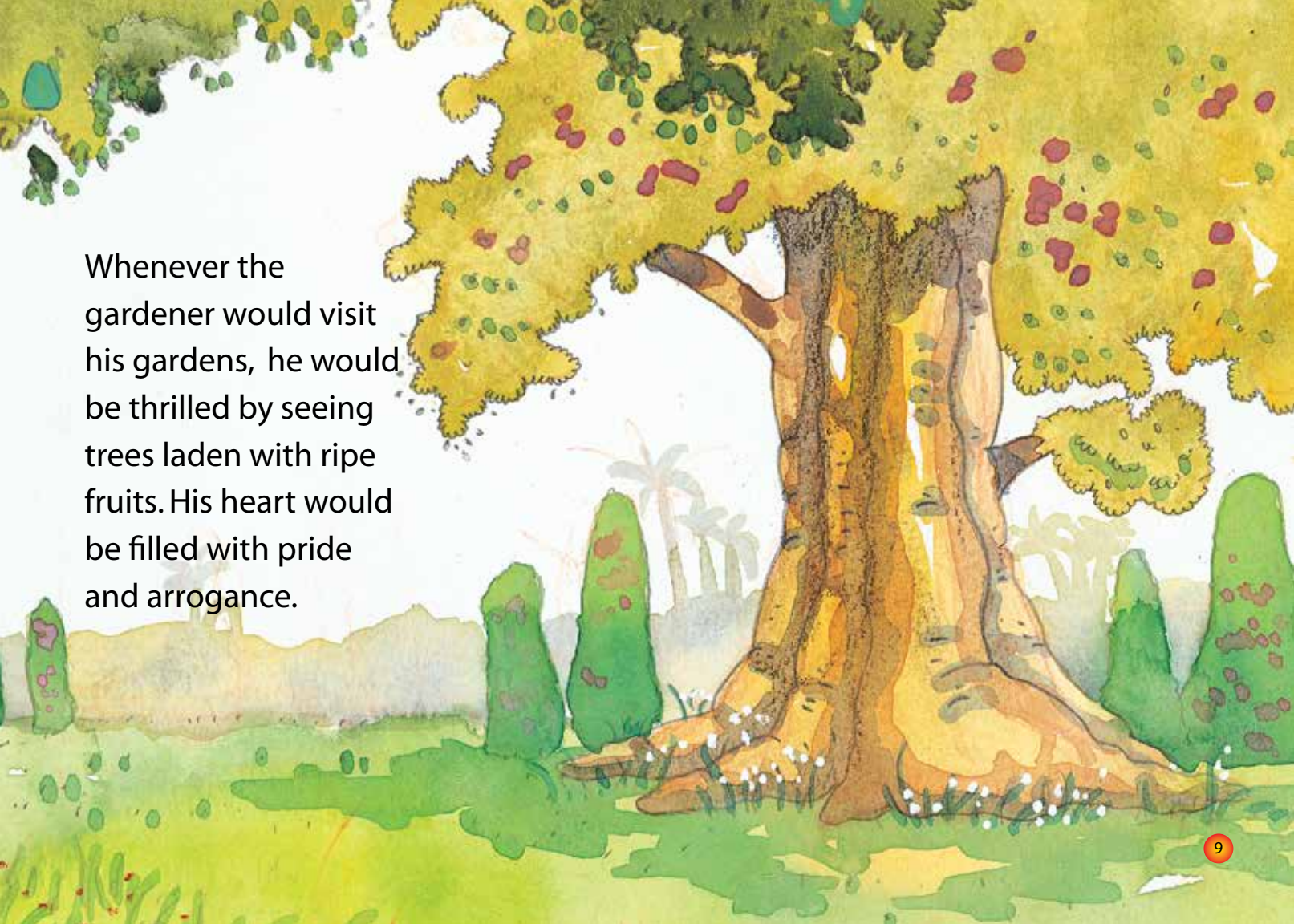
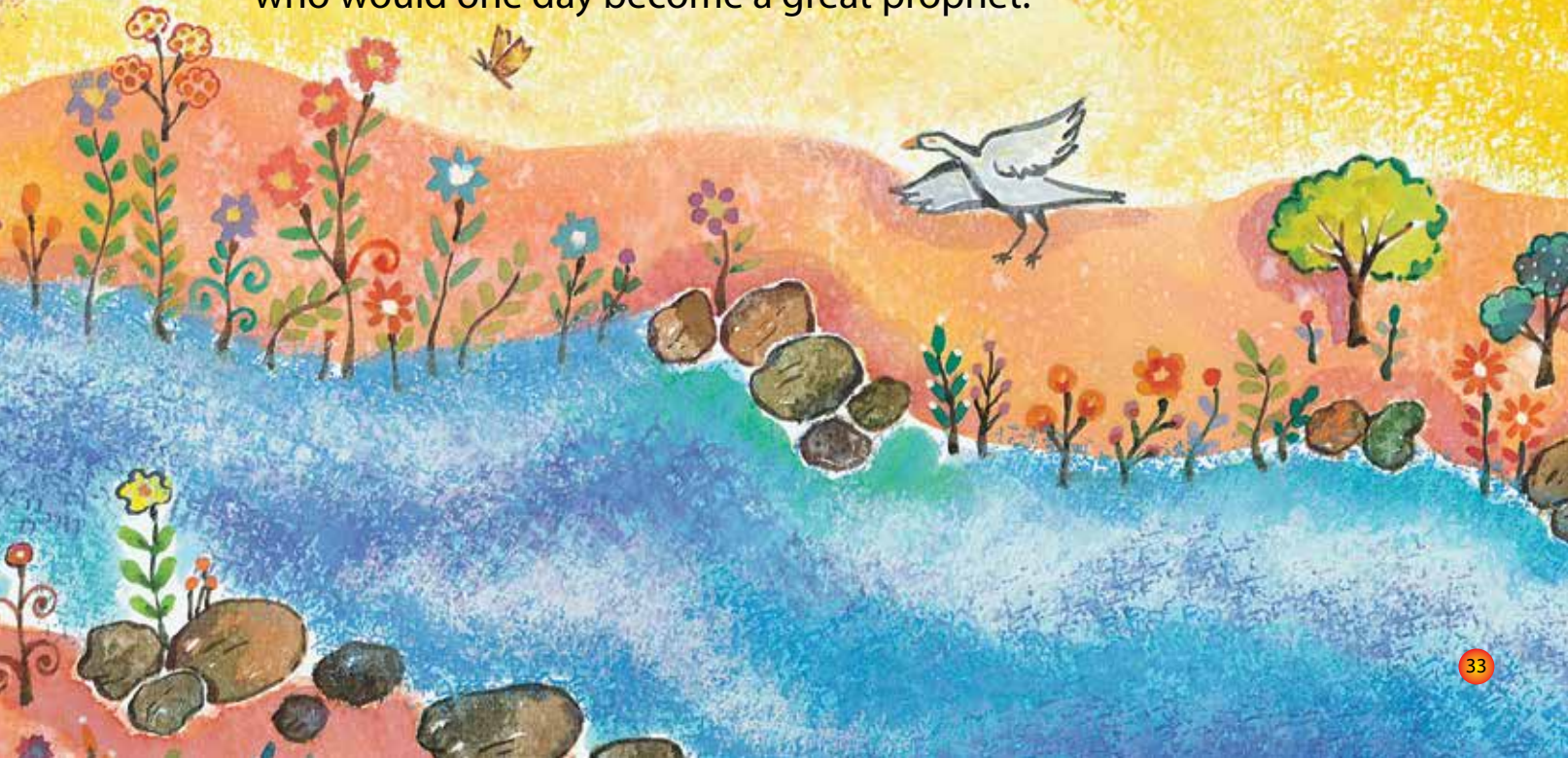


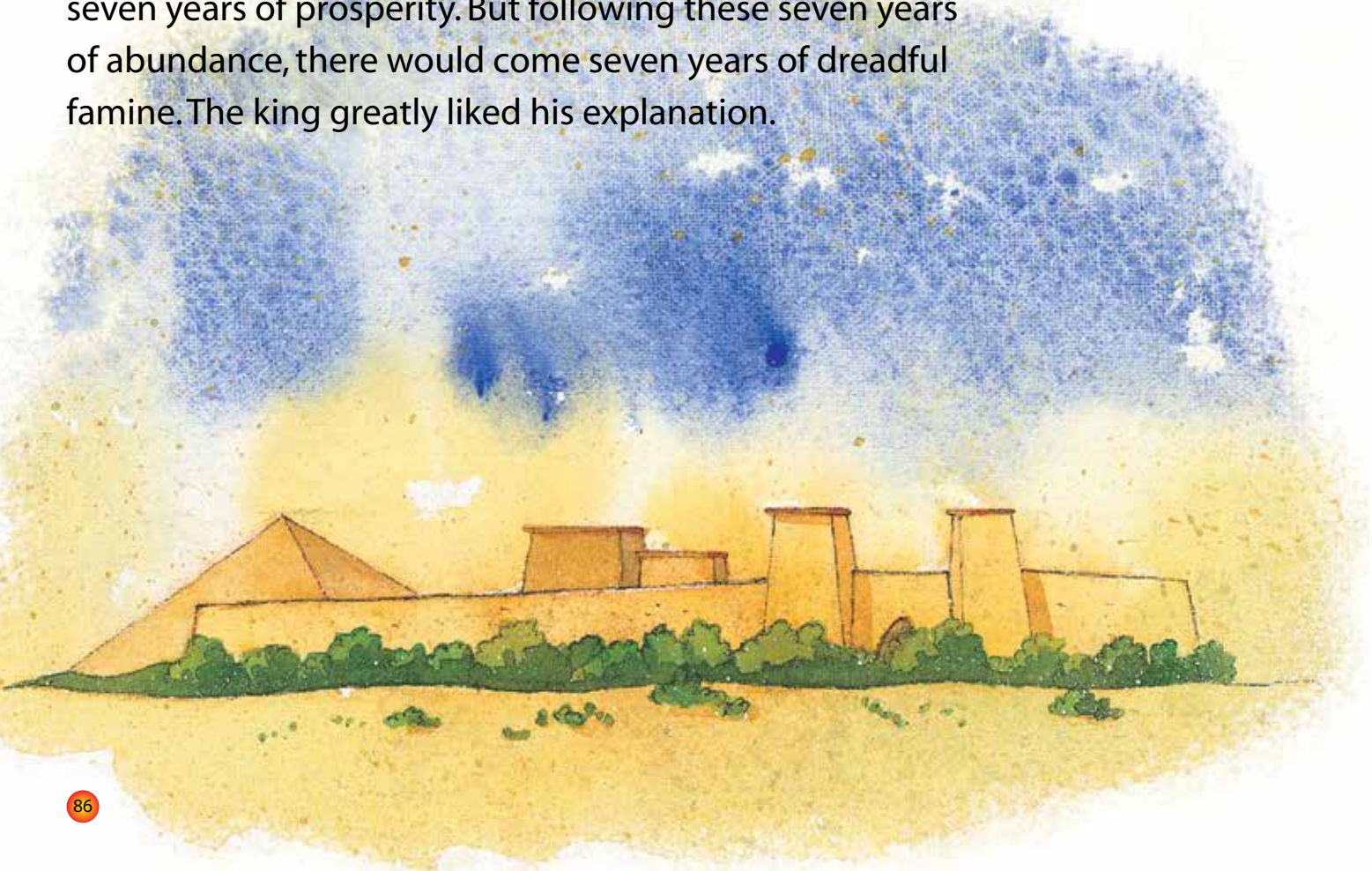
Whenever the gardener would visit his gardens, he would be thrilled by seeing trees laden with ripe fruits. His heart would be filled with pride and arrogance.



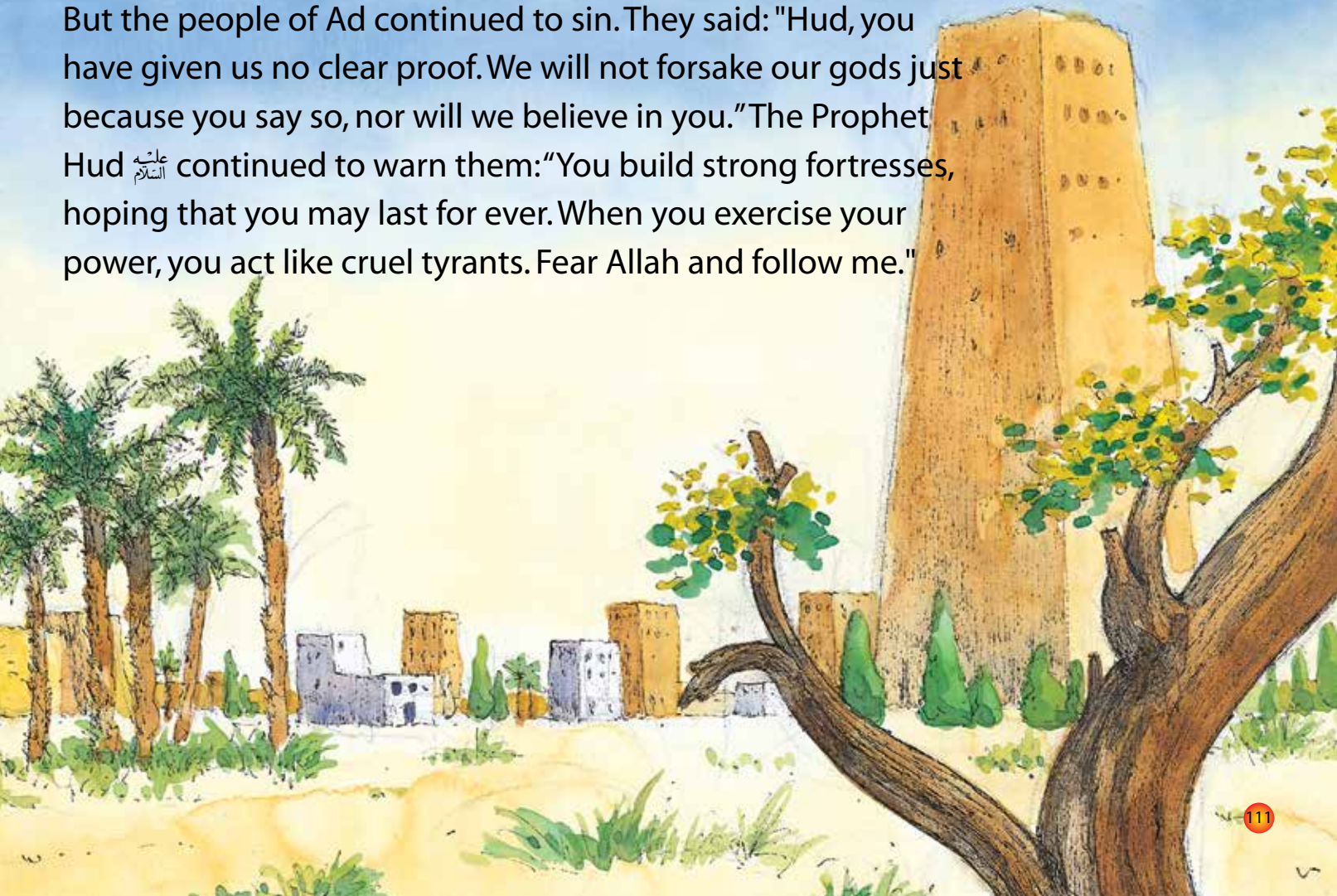
During these horrible times a pious woman, called Yukabid, of the Children of Israel, gave birth to a beautiful boy who was named Musa or Moses عليه السلام. She was told by Allah that this was a very special child who would one day become a great prophet.

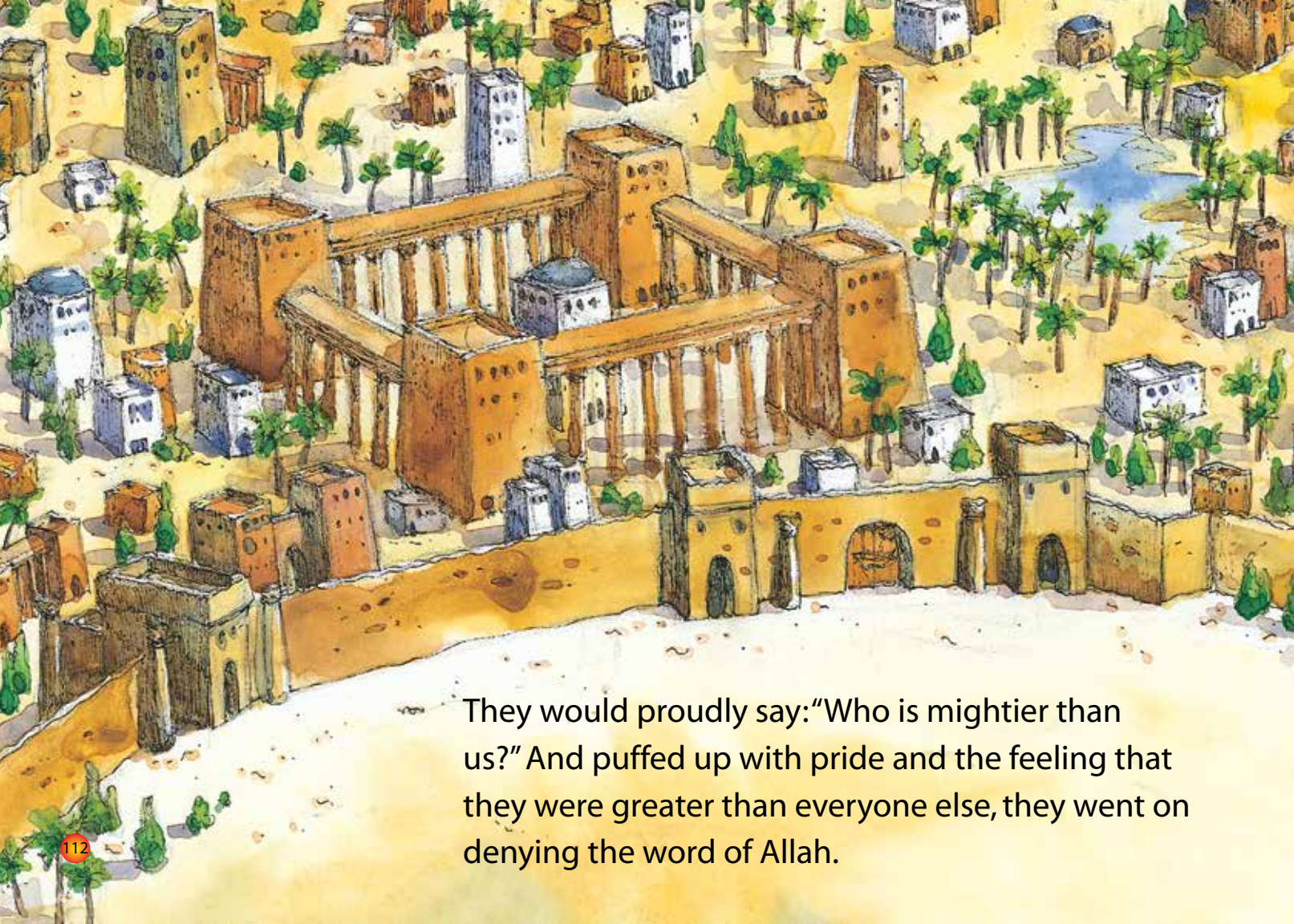


He explained that in the lands of Egypt there would be seven years of prosperity. But following these seven years of abundance, there would come seven years of dreadful famine. The king greatly liked his explanation.



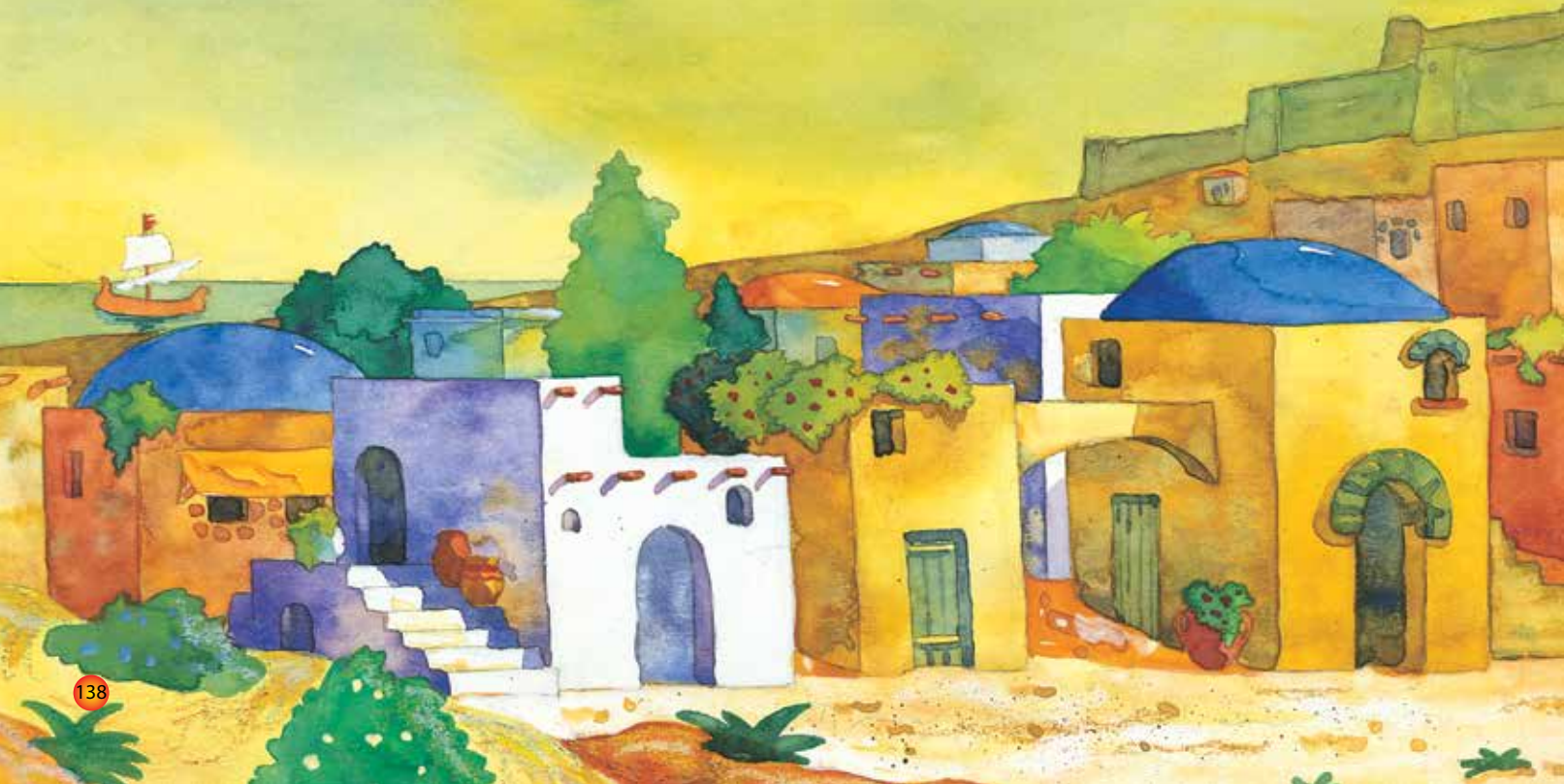
But the people of Ad continued to sin. They said: "Hud, you have given us no clear proof. We will not forsake our gods just because you say so, nor will we believe in you." The Prophet Hud عليه السلام continued to warn them: "You build strong fortresses, hoping that you may last for ever. When you exercise your power, you act like cruel tyrants. Fear Allah and follow me."





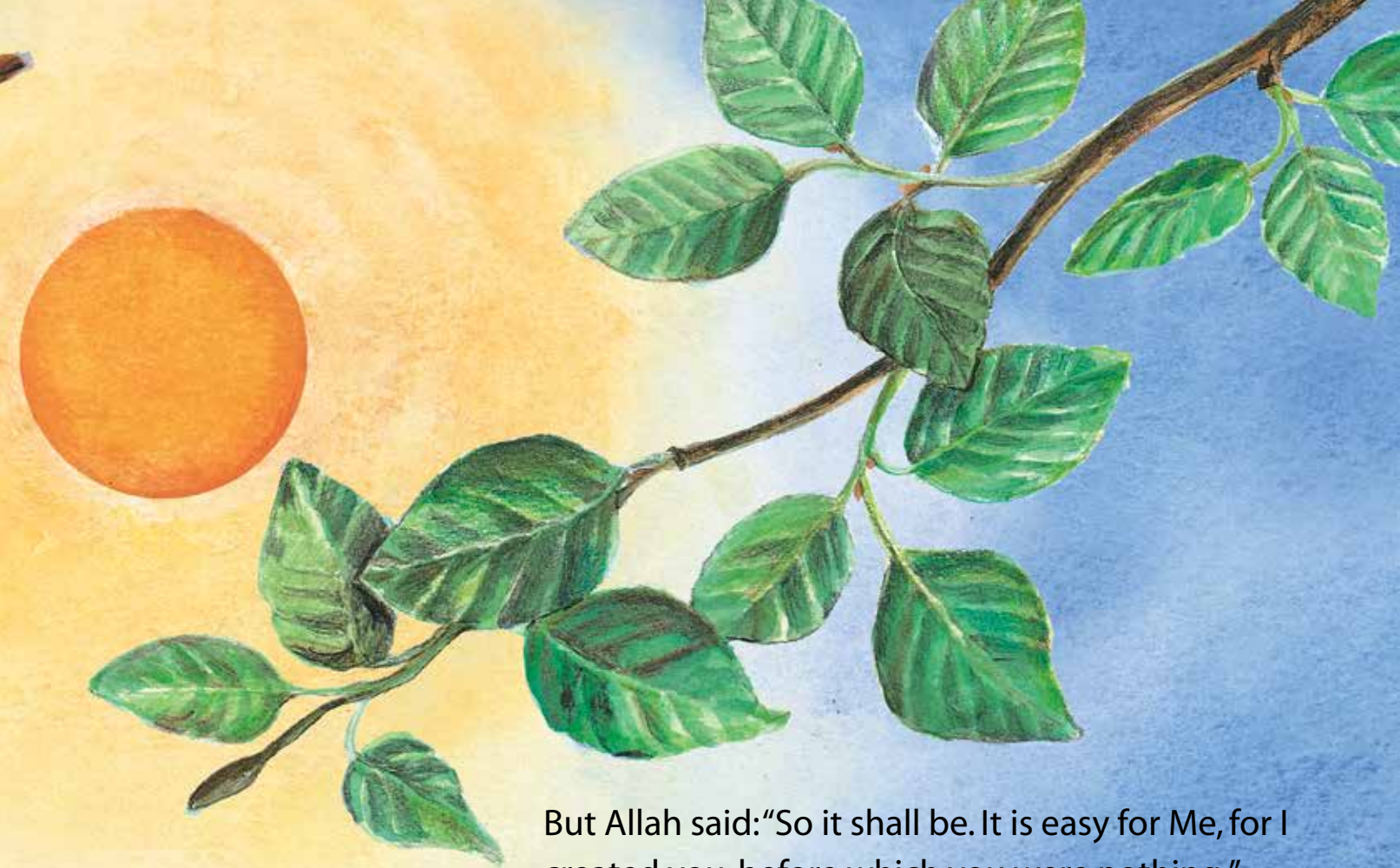
They would proudly say: "Who is mightier than us?" And puffed up with pride and the feeling that they were greater than everyone else, they went on denying the word of Allah.

Long long ago, during the sixth century B.C. there was a magnificent king whose name was Dhul Qarnayan.



After conquering a major part of the then inhabited world and building an iron wall, Dhul Qarnayan lost none of his humility.

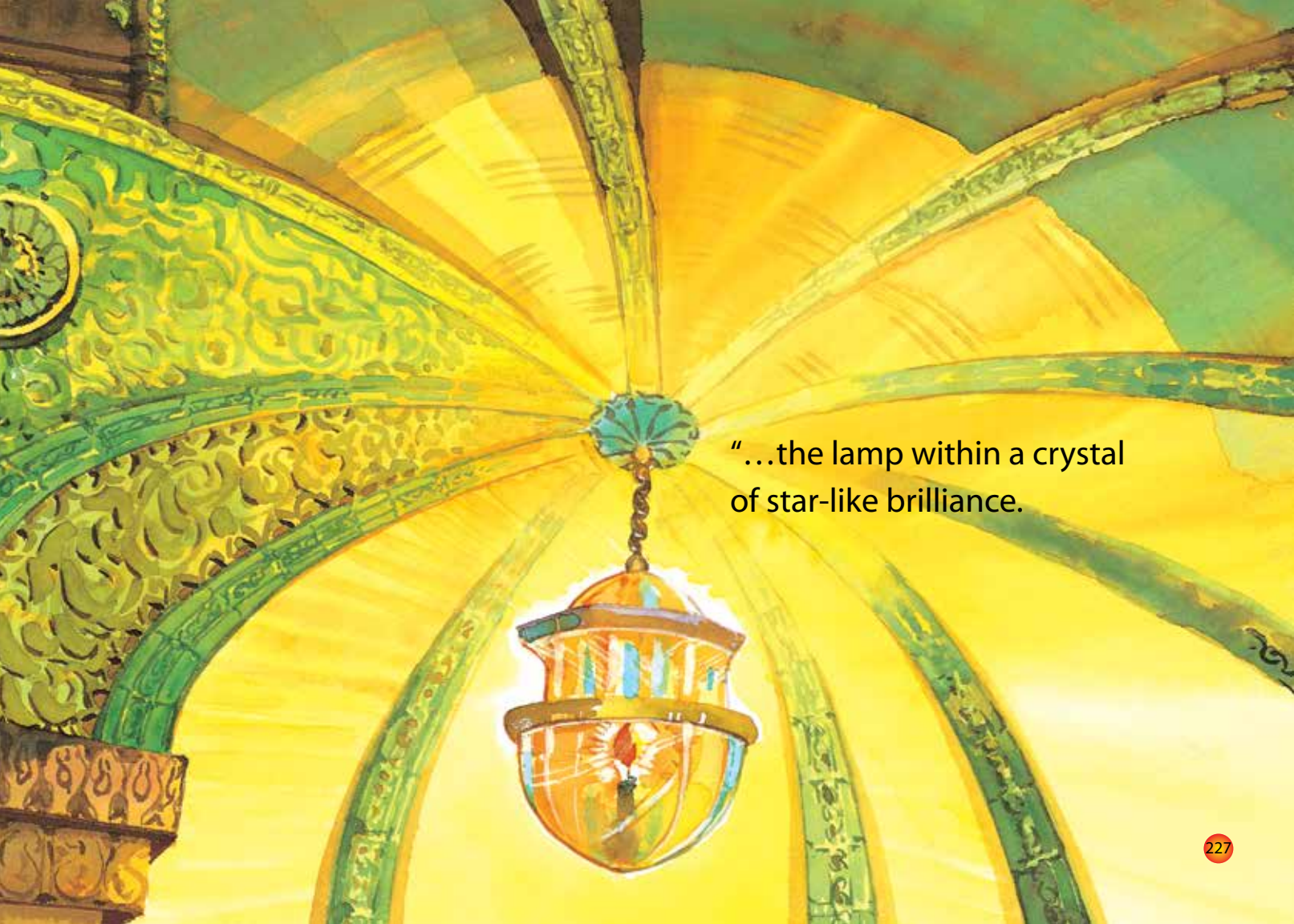




But Allah said: "So it shall be. It is easy for Me, for I created you, before which you were nothing."

Allah gave him wisdom and asked him to be thankful to the Almighty, saying: "He that gives thanks to Allah has much to gain, but if anyone denies Allah's favours, than Allah is self-sufficient and glorious."





“...the lamp within a crystal
of star-like brilliance.”