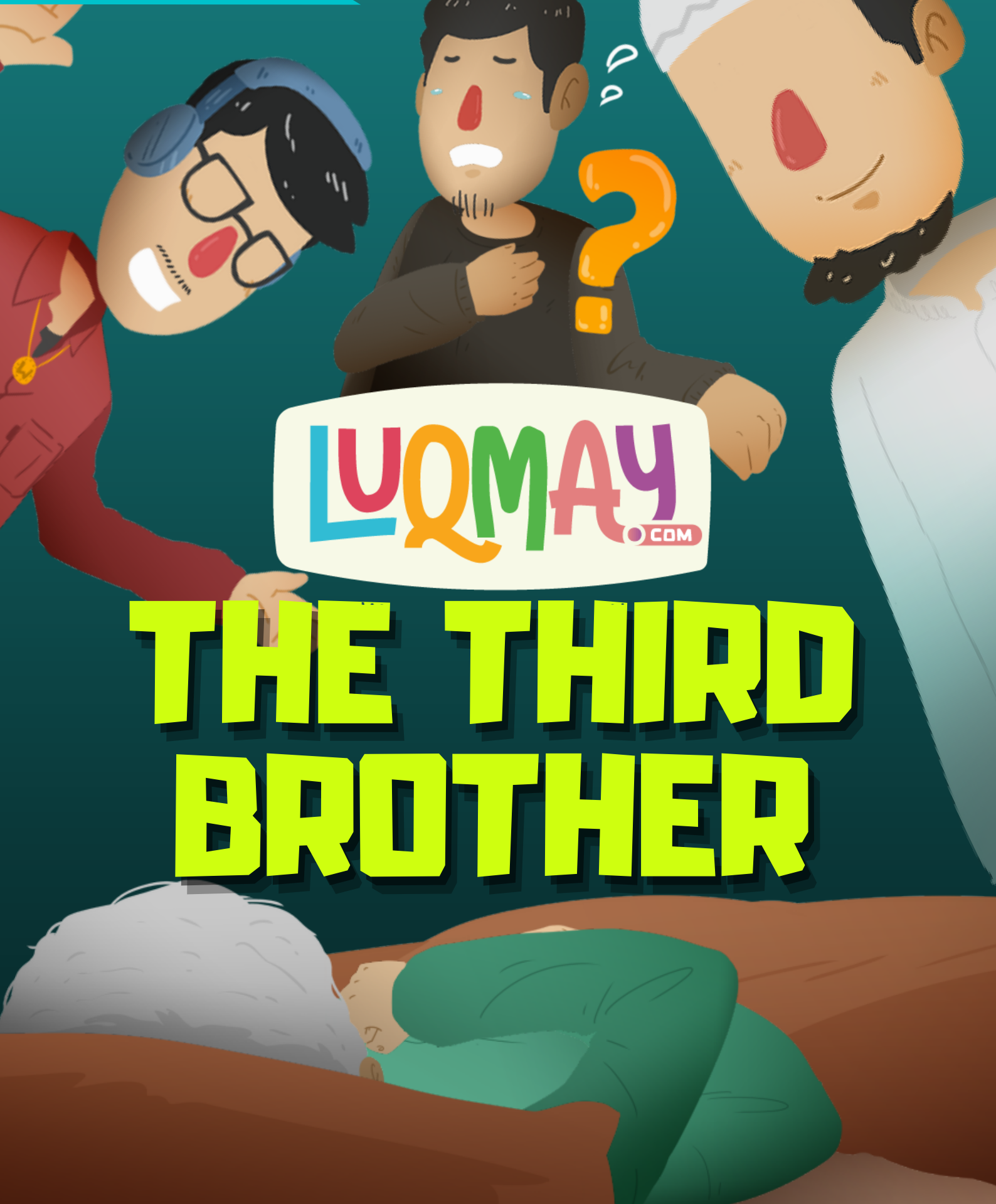


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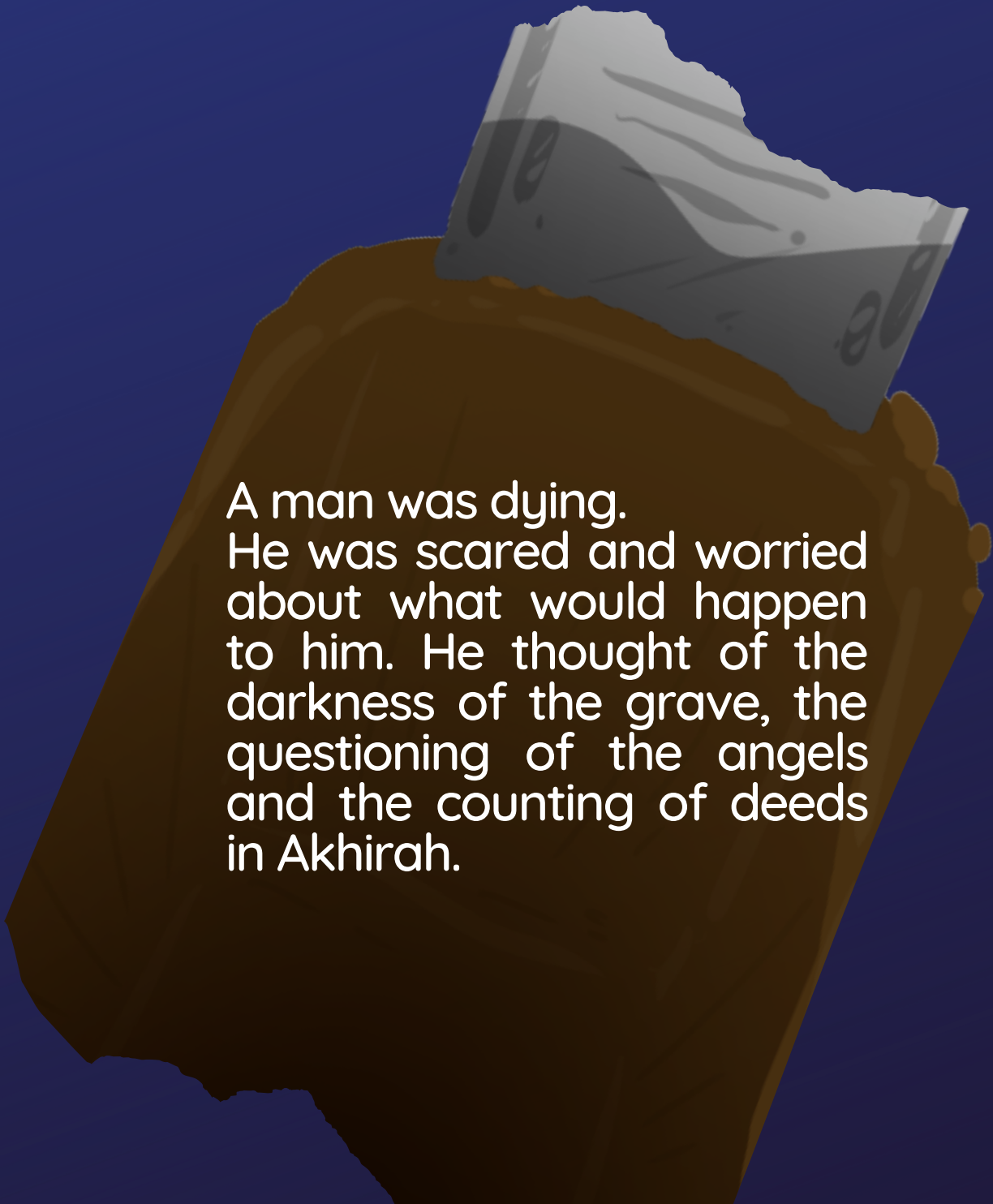
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A man was dying.
He was scared and worried
about what would happen
to him. He thought of the
darkness of the grave, the
questioning of the angels
and the counting of deeds
in Akhirah.

He thought of asking his brothers for help. His brothers had been very close all his life. Whenever he was in trouble, one or the other would be of help. They had always been there for him, so the man thought they would definitely help him with this as well.



The first brother came and stood by his bed.

First Brother: “Hey bro, what’s up? You look awful. Are you sick?”

Old Man: “I am about to die. I don’t have much time left!”

First Brother: “Ah, sad. So why’d ya call me, eh?”

Old Man: “You have been with me all my life. You helped me when I got very sick at the hospital that one time. Had it not been for you, we would never have been able to clear the bills. Can you help me after I die too?”

“Uh, no way!
I can help pay for the
grave and your shroud
and all, but I’m here for
you only till you are
alive. And yeah after
you, I’ll take care of the
second brother.”



The first brother shook his hand and left the room, whistling to himself.



The dying man rang a bell and called in the second brother.



“Are you okay?
Shall I call the
doctor? I was
worried sick!
Look at what
has become of
you!”

Old Man: “The doctors have done what they can. They can’t help me with what awaits me. But maybe *cough* maybe you can! You always comfort me when I am sad. My life would have been nothing without your support”

Second Brother: “Sure, brother. Anything for you. You have always been there for me. You have loved and honored me, I’ll do whatever I can”

Old Man: “Can you help me with matters after I die? I am scared of being lonely. Please come with me!”

“I’d love to but... I can’t go with you. I’ll help bathe you, clothe you and lay you carefully in your grave. I’ll pray for you and miss you so much! I wish you didn’t have to go!”


“But I must -” said the old man and closed his eyes.



“Should I call for the third brother? He’s always so quiet and distant. He barely even talks to me, let alone help me!”

..thought the old man.

He was lost in these thoughts when he heard the third brother coming in.



Assalam u
alaikum dear!
How are you?
I heard you’re
about to
leave for an
important
journey.”

“Yes, that’s right. I understand we were never close but- but can you come with me after I die? I don’t want to go down the scary journey empty handed and alone!”



“YES! Why not! I never helped you much while you were alive, but you still continued to be kind to me.

You continued doing good even if you got no return. I am here to repay the favor.

I’ll stay with you till the end.”

The man had tears in his eyes and wished he had done more for the third brother.



Do you know who the three
brothers are?
Their names are...



wealth



family



deeds





Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) said:
“Three things follow a dead
person. Two of them return and
one remains.

His family, his wealth, and his
deeds follow him. His family and
wealth return,
but his deeds remain.”

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