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THE UNSTOLEN MONEY

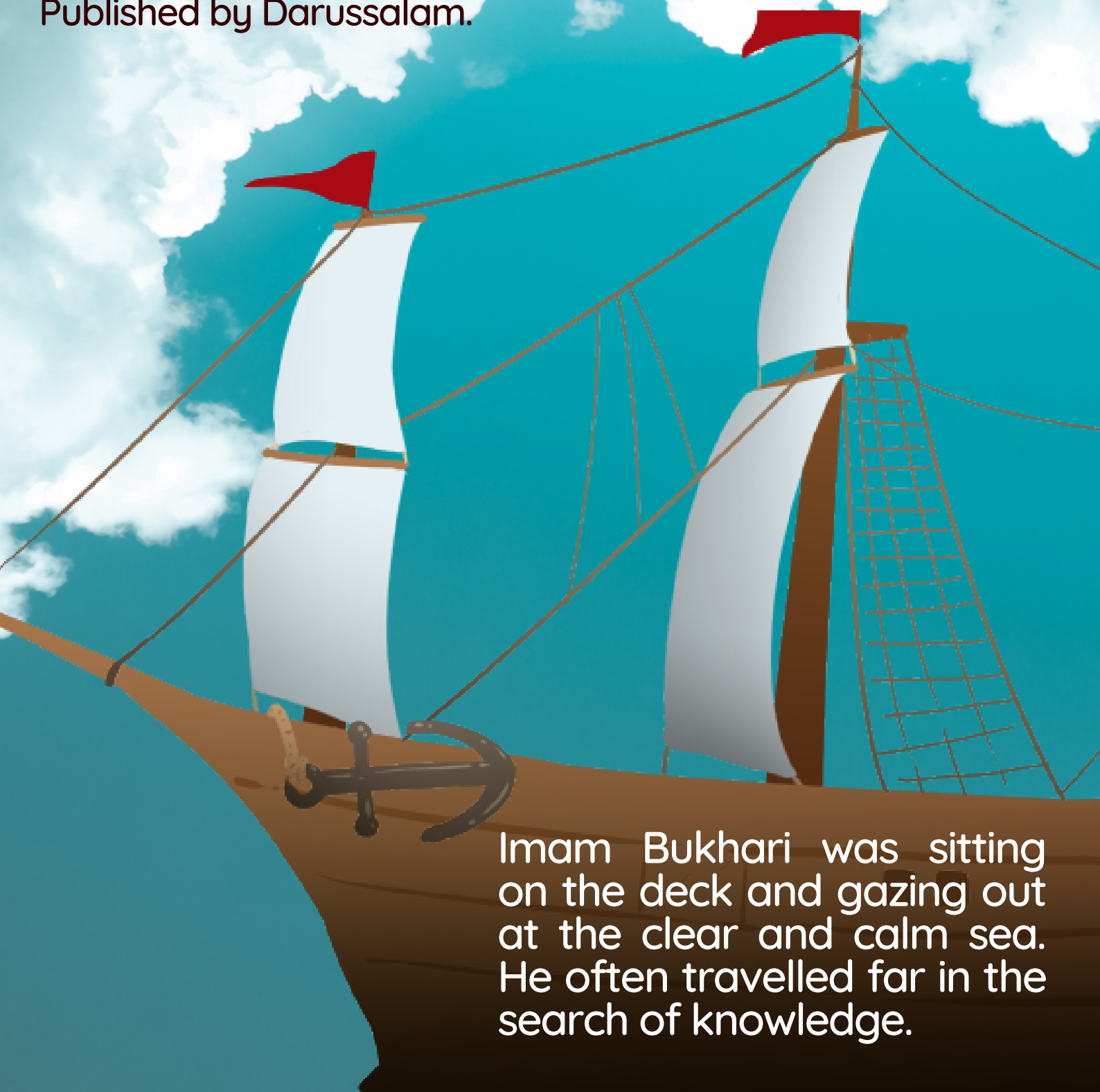


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Reference:

Biography of Imam Bukhari
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Imam Bukhari was sitting on the deck and gazing out at the clear and calm sea. He often travelled far in the search of knowledge.

A man approached Imam Bukhari and disturbed his flow of thoughts.



“Assalam-u-Alaikum, sir! How are you doing?”

The man was friendly and jolly. Imam Bukhari thought the man was very nice.

He enjoyed talking to him and got comfortable with the stranger soon. They began to sit and talk quite often.



“Oh Imam I’m such a huge fan of yours! You have been blessed with commendable memory”



Imam Bukhari began to trust this new friend.

During one of their conversations, Imam Bukhari mentioned to the man that he was carrying one thousand dinars with him.

It was a huge amount of money to carry and unsafe too!

Imam Bukhari had told nobody else on the ship but this new friend.

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The man felt greedy. He wanted to have all the money that Imam Bukhari carried. So he thought of a plan - an evil plan indeed.

The next morning, he began to wail, cry and yell out loud! He tore at his clothes.

“What happened? What happened?”

“Let us help you brother! Is everything alright?”

“No, No nothing is alright! I am doomed! I’ve been looted! My lifetime’s savings are all gone!”

“What? Your money has been stolen?”

“How much money was it?”

“It- it was wa-one thousand dinars!”

“Oh my! One Thousand!”

“Don’t worry, no one has left the ship”

“We’ll find the thief in no time”

“Hahaha...What an easy scheme! 1000 dinars will be found in Imam Bokhaari’s luggage, he will be called a thief! I’ll be rich in no time and no one will ever know!” thought the man.



The captain of the ship made the announcement.

All passengers please step up on the deck. A man's 1000 dinars have been stolen. We will now search all the luggage and the ship to catch the thief and severe punishment will be given"



Imam Bukhari was shocked to hear the announcement!

He understood immediately what was going on. He knew his new friend had plotted against him.

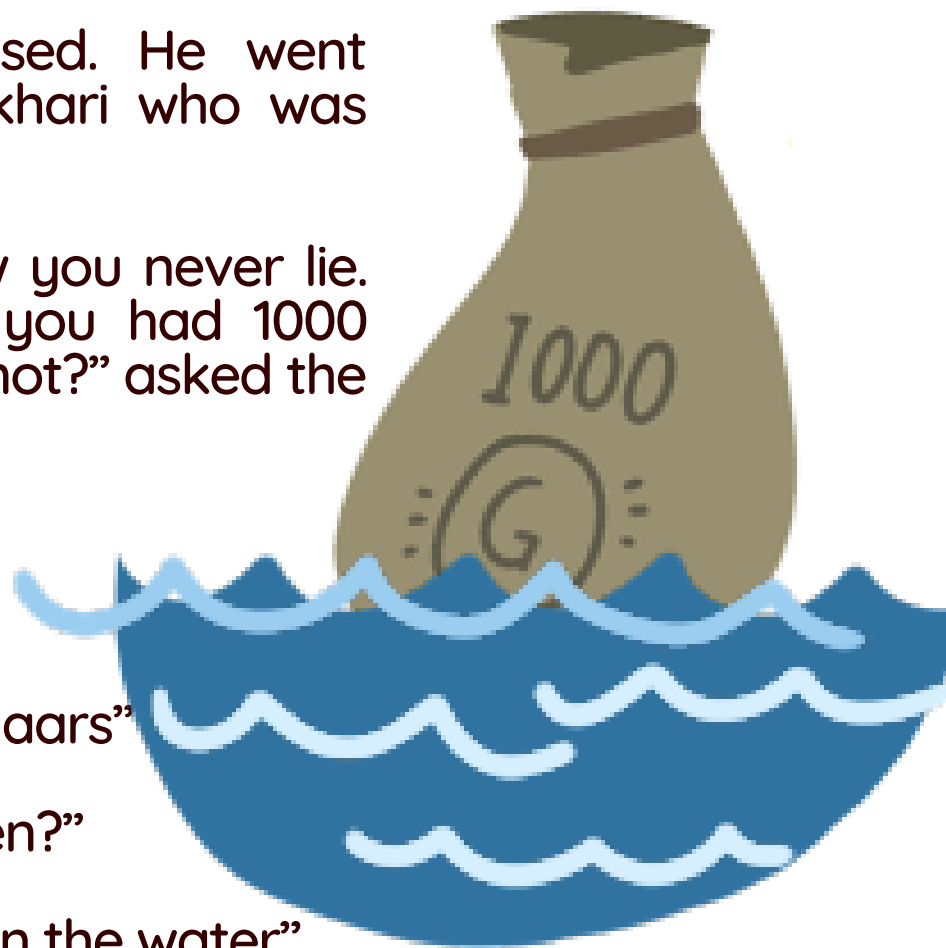
He must think of a plan, quickly ----

"All the luggage and the ship have been searched, Captain but the money was nowhere to be found"



The man was confused. He went looking for Imam Bukhari who was sitting peacefully.

“O Imam, We all know you never lie. Why would you say you had 1000 dinars when you did not?” asked the man.



“I did have the 1000 dinars”

“Where did they go then?”

“I threw all the money in the water”

“WHAT?! But why?! How foolish! Now neither of us can benefit from it!”

“O ignorant one! I have spent my whole life compiling the sayings of the Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم), and everybody relies on me and trusts me. How can I afford to swap my reputation for that of a thief even if it was a lie? I can bear parting with the money but I can not risk ruining my respect, honour and lifetime’s work.”

The man felt extremely embarrassed.

‘No wonder everyone respects Imam Bukhari. He has chosen the Hereafter, and I chose this temporary life’ he thought.

This is a true story from the life of Imam Bukhari, the famous scholar of hadith.

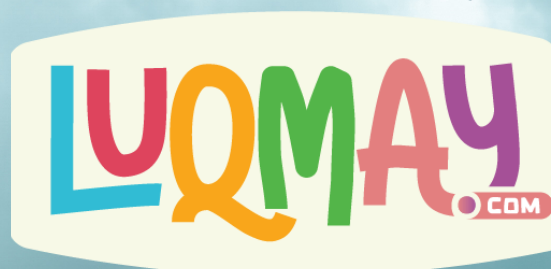
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