The Room of Wonders

Once upon a time there was a very prosperous kingdom called Wallabi. The Sultan, Abud-Ali, wanted his son, Prince Hassan, to marry soon as he became too old to rule the people and needed a successor. The prince was a handsome man of twenty-two years; tall, with green eyes and brown hair. He was also very intelligent, since he spent his entire life learning languages, literature, economics, and academic sciences in his palace, the Alhambra, specifically in the Mexuar room, but he was not sure of his abilities. Hassan wanted to be a great sultan like his father, but he didn't know how and this bothered him very much. Every day after his lessons, he went to his favorite place in the Alhambra; the mosque. He never knew why he liked the Haram and the Macsura so much with all the lights, but nonetheless, there, Hassan was able to pray to his G-d, Allah, and his mother, who had died when he was a child.

One day, while his daily walk from the Courtyard of the Lions to the Ambassadors Hall, Hassan warned that the tracery did not have symmetrical polygonal lines and that the images of the stars were not geometrically correct there. He went closer and discovered a misplaced star. When he turned it, the whole tracery changed, and Hassan entered a secret room inside the wall. This room had a mocharabe design and a latticework of tiles with colors and designs that I had never seen before; An amazing mix!

Suddenly, a book on a gold table appeared in front of him. With much fear, Hassan walked closer and opened it. At that very moment, the book transformed into the ghost of his mother! Hassan jumped back as he couldn't believe what he was seeing. His mother, in a very calm voice, said, "My son, don't be scared, it's me, your mother ... oh how you have grown up!" Hassan replied, "’Mother! But ... I don't understand ... how is it possible? ... no, it can't be! ... why are you here? ‘" I'm here to help you solve your questions about your future as the sultan. "His mother He replied, "I know you have many doubts and fears, and this summoned me to the Room of Wonders." Hassan was happy to see his mother. “Mother, forgive me but I cannot be sultan… I am neither intelligent nor brave as Father, and besides, I will not be able to find the love of my life! I'm a catastrophe inside but I don't want to disappoint Father, you, and all our people!”

His mother hugged him and answered, “Hassan, I can see the future and I'm going to tell you some details that only you can know, and nobody else ... You will be a great sultan, although you have much more to learn. Now, you must spend more time with your father in Mexuar and learn everything you can from him. You must continue to pray in our mosque since now there is a new Mihrab that I like very much. Son, you have the blood of the strongest and bravest sultans! Wallabi will continue to be a thriving land when you are ruler. However, all your success as a sultan will occur when you find your soulmate, Almani, she will get you better as a man and ruler. The first woman you meet with this name will be your wife and your greatest love. I can't tell you more, sweetheart; I hope you will discover the rest. I love you so much.” And with these final words, his mother hugged him and disappeared.

That night, Hassan decided to walk throughout the entire Alhambra to reflect on everything that happened in the afternoon. Although he couldn't speak or eat for the rest of the day, he enjoyed walking because he could organize his thoughts in this manner. He began his walk in the Hall of the Two Sisters - seeing the identical slabs on the ground on both sides of the fountain - and continued to the Patio of the Lions - where he spent an hour admiring the designs of the one hundred and fourteen columns. Then, he walked through the Hall of the Nobelmen, the Hall of the Kings, and in front, the room of the Mocárabes. Then he walked to the Patio of the Alberca followed by the Hall of Ambassadors, where he read a lot of poetry on the walls and admired the nine bedrooms there. Still trying to understand everything that happened to him, he walked up to the Alcabaza, the oldest part of the Alhambra, where he could see his entire kingdom.

As he got there, Hassan knew that he could be a great sultan if he continued his studies and if he spent more time with his father learning. His mother had cleared all his doubts and for that he was very grateful although he was still in a state of shock to see her ghost. Now though, he felt stronger and more secure than ever before.

As a result of this encounter, in the coming months Prince Hassan dedicated his life to learning how to run the Wallabi kingdom, knowing that someday, he would be its Sultan. He hoped that one day he would find Almani but he left this to destiny.

 But one day, his father, Sultan Abud-Ali, told him that the royal family of Rezil, a nearby kingdom, wanted to visit Wallabi conduct business. With this meeting of kingdoms, he finally found Almani, as she was the princess of Rezil. They fell in love instantly, and their marriage united the two kingdoms for many centuries. And all this is thanks to the Room of Wonders, a very special and mysterious place that Hassan could never find again.

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