



Getting to know
the Month of Dhul Qa'dah

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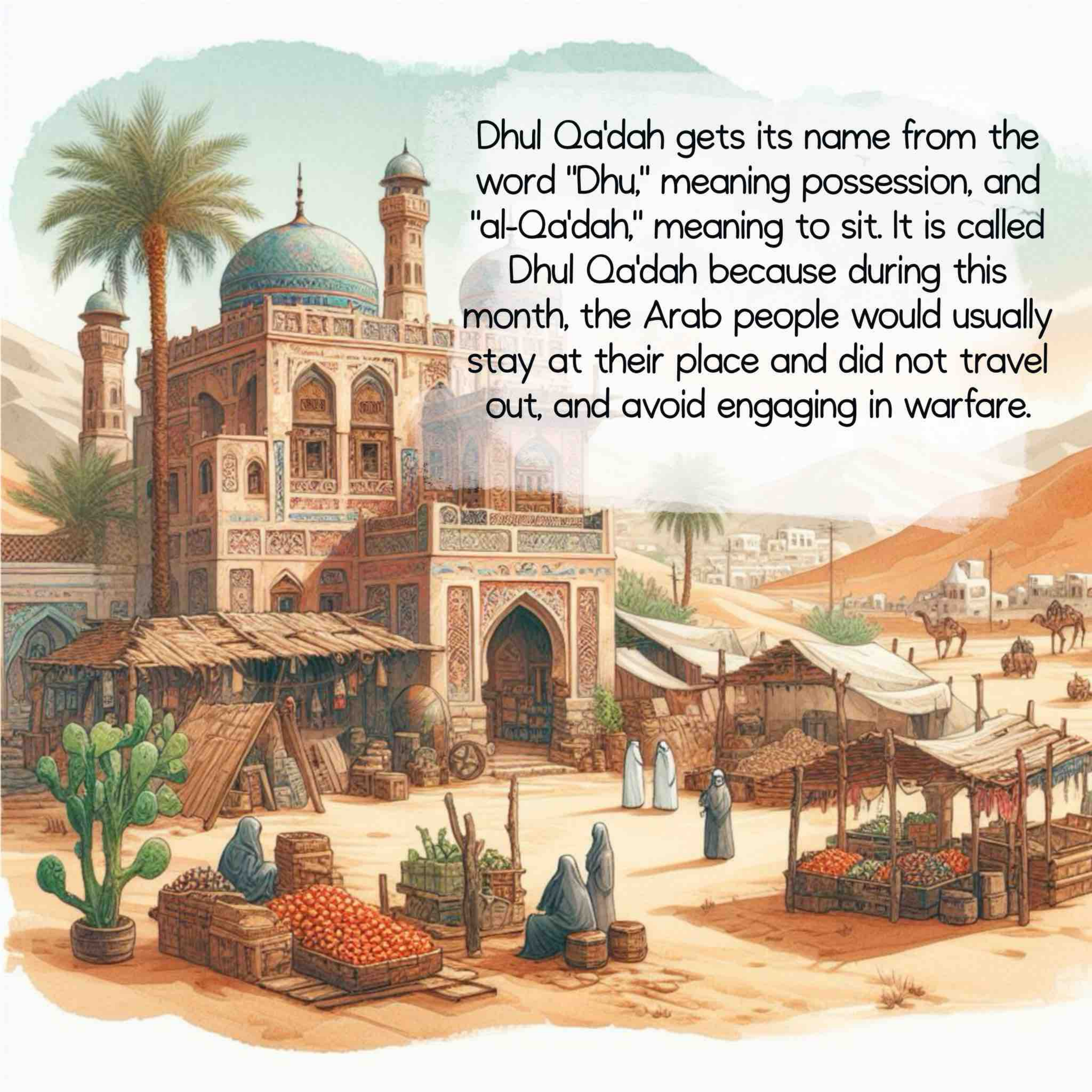
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The festive month of Shawwal with the joyous celebration of Eid al-Fitr has come to an end, and now it is time to welcome a special month filled with blessings and honor from Allah. It is the month of Dhul Qa'dah.



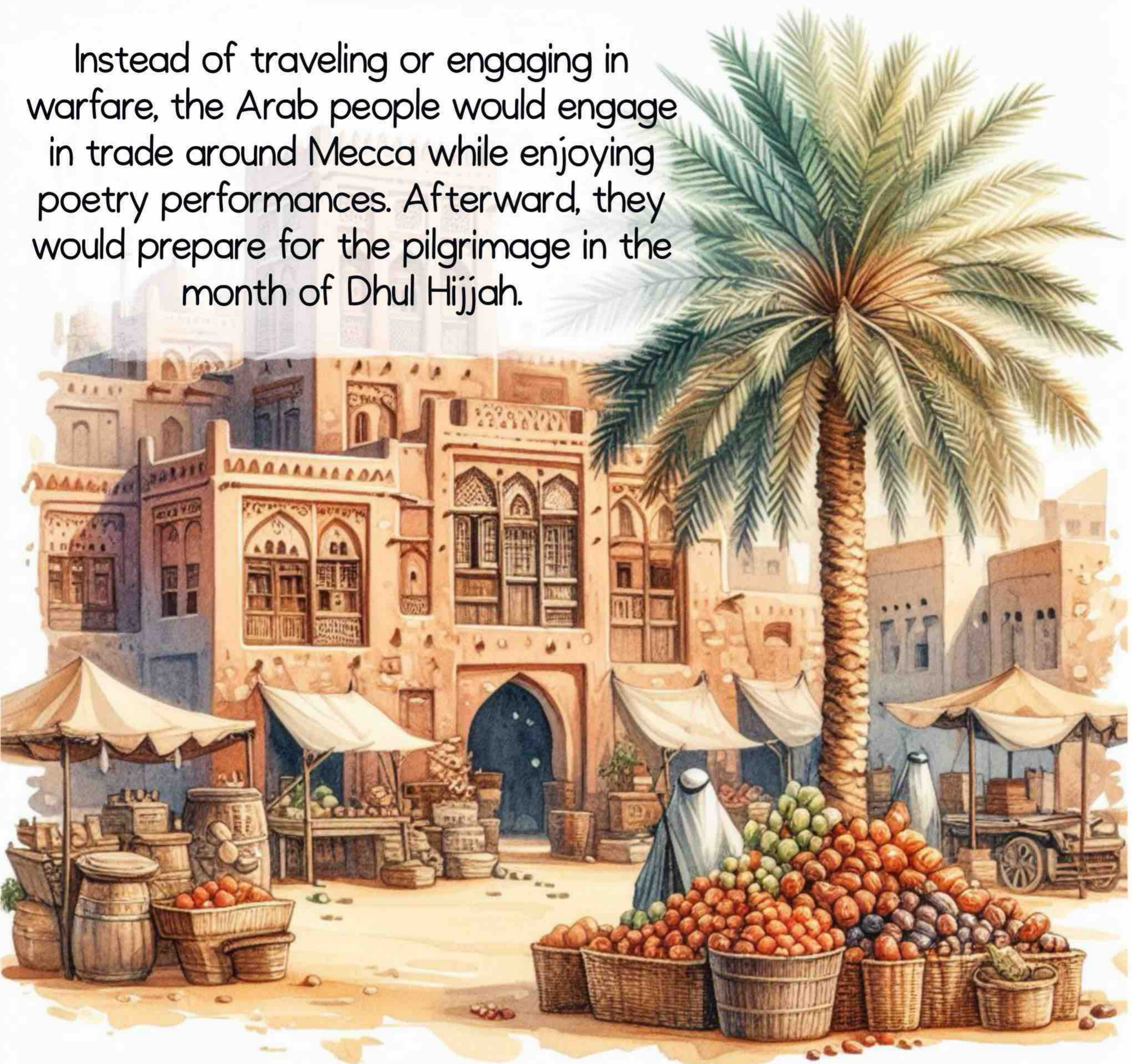


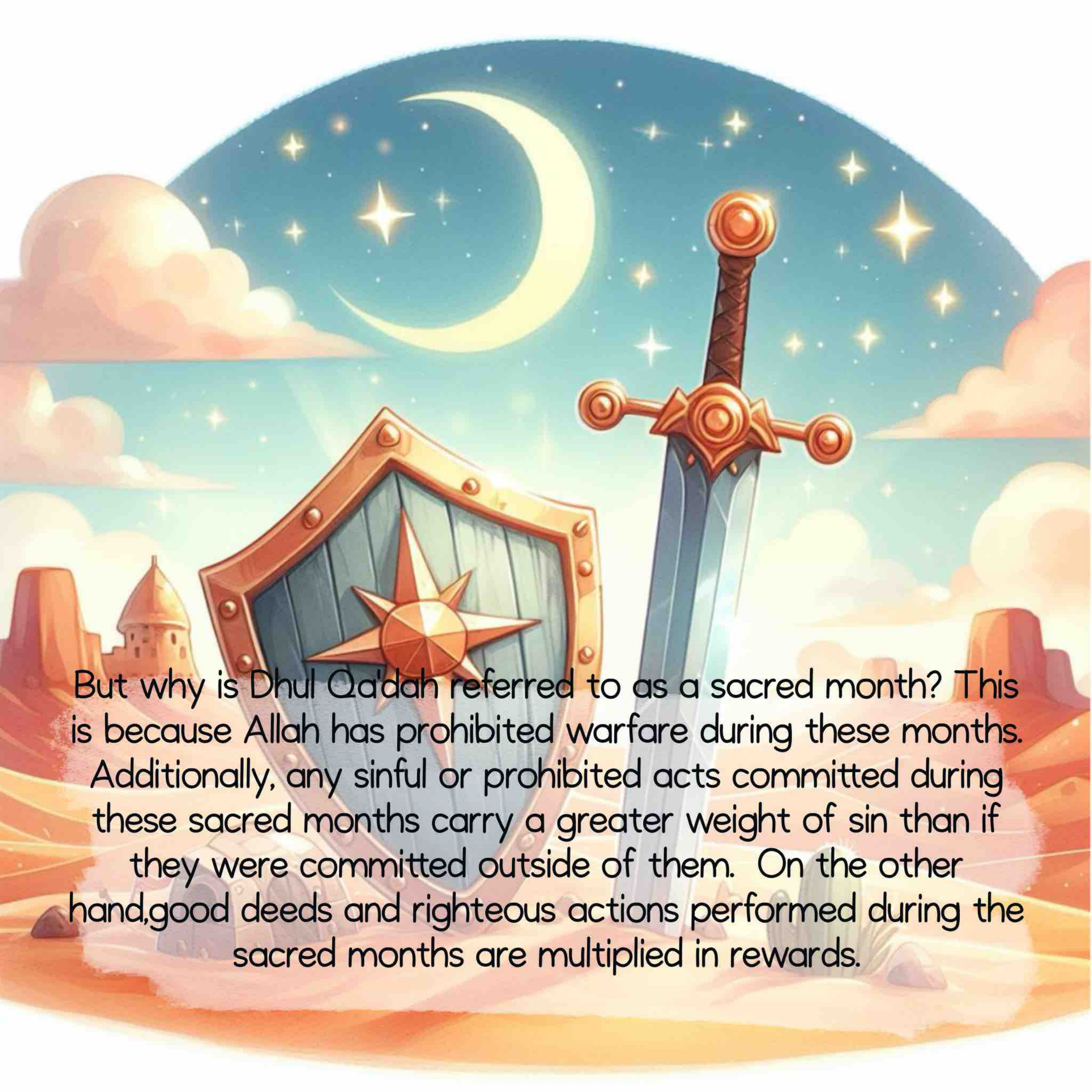
Dhul Qa'dah, along with Dhul Hijjah and Muharram, which are occurring consecutively known as the sacred months. In addition to these three months, there is also the month of Rajab, which is also considered sacred.



Dhul Qa'dah gets its name from the word "Dhu," meaning possession, and "al-Qa'dah," meaning to sit. It is called Dhul Qa'dah because during this month, the Arab people would usually stay at their place and did not travel out, and avoid engaging in warfare.

Instead of traveling or engaging in warfare, the Arab people would engage in trade around Mecca while enjoying poetry performances. Afterward, they would prepare for the pilgrimage in the month of Dhul Hijjah.





But why is Dhul Qa'dah referred to as a sacred month? This is because Allah has prohibited warfare during these months. Additionally, any sinful or prohibited acts committed during these sacred months carry a greater weight of sin than if they were committed outside of them. On the other hand, good deeds and righteous actions performed during the sacred months are multiplied in rewards.

However, there are no specific recommended acts of worship in the month of Dhul Qa'dah, as there are no authentic guidance from the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) regarding such practices. Therefore, we should not specify certain acts of worship to specific times without any guidance from the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). However, we are encouraged to increase our acts of worship and righteous deeds while avoiding sinful and prohibited actions. Allahu Ta'ala knows best.

