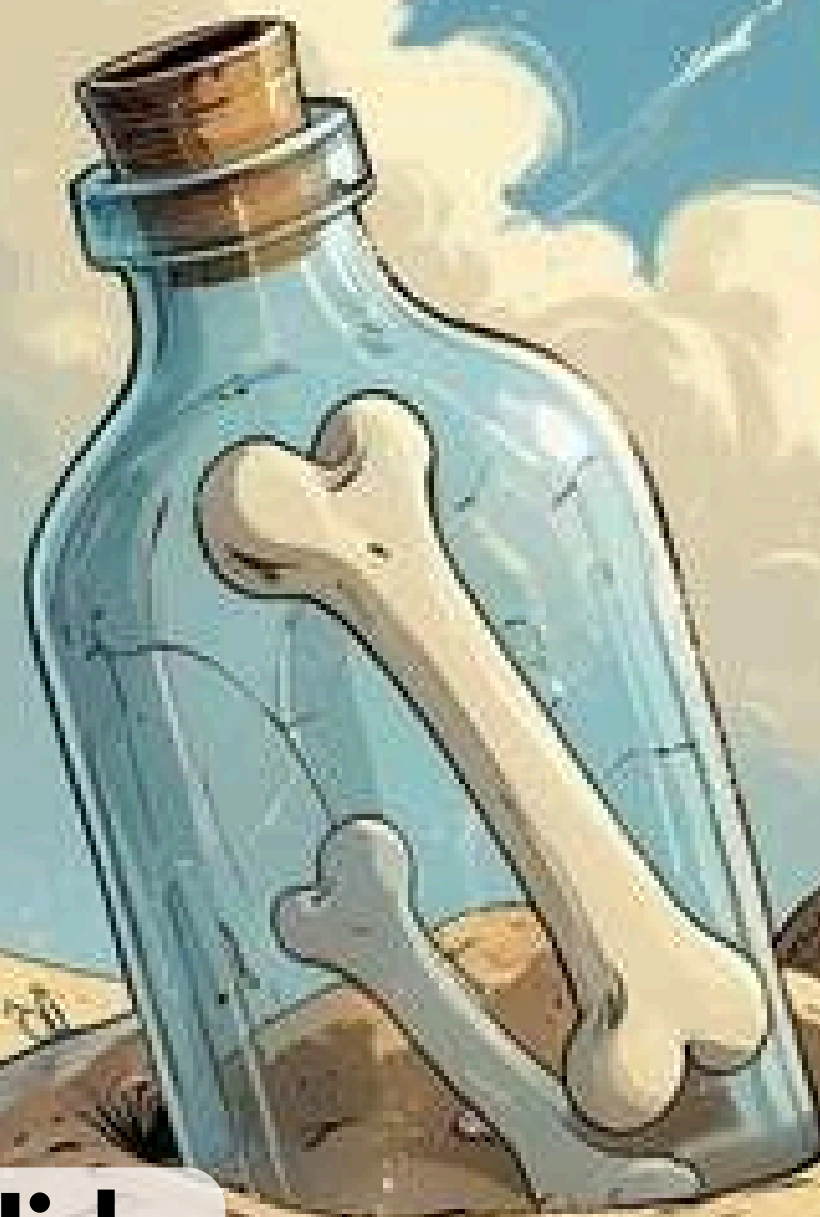


Writing Knowledge on Bones

**THE STORY OF IMAM
ASH-SHAFI'IS QUEST
FOR LEARNING**

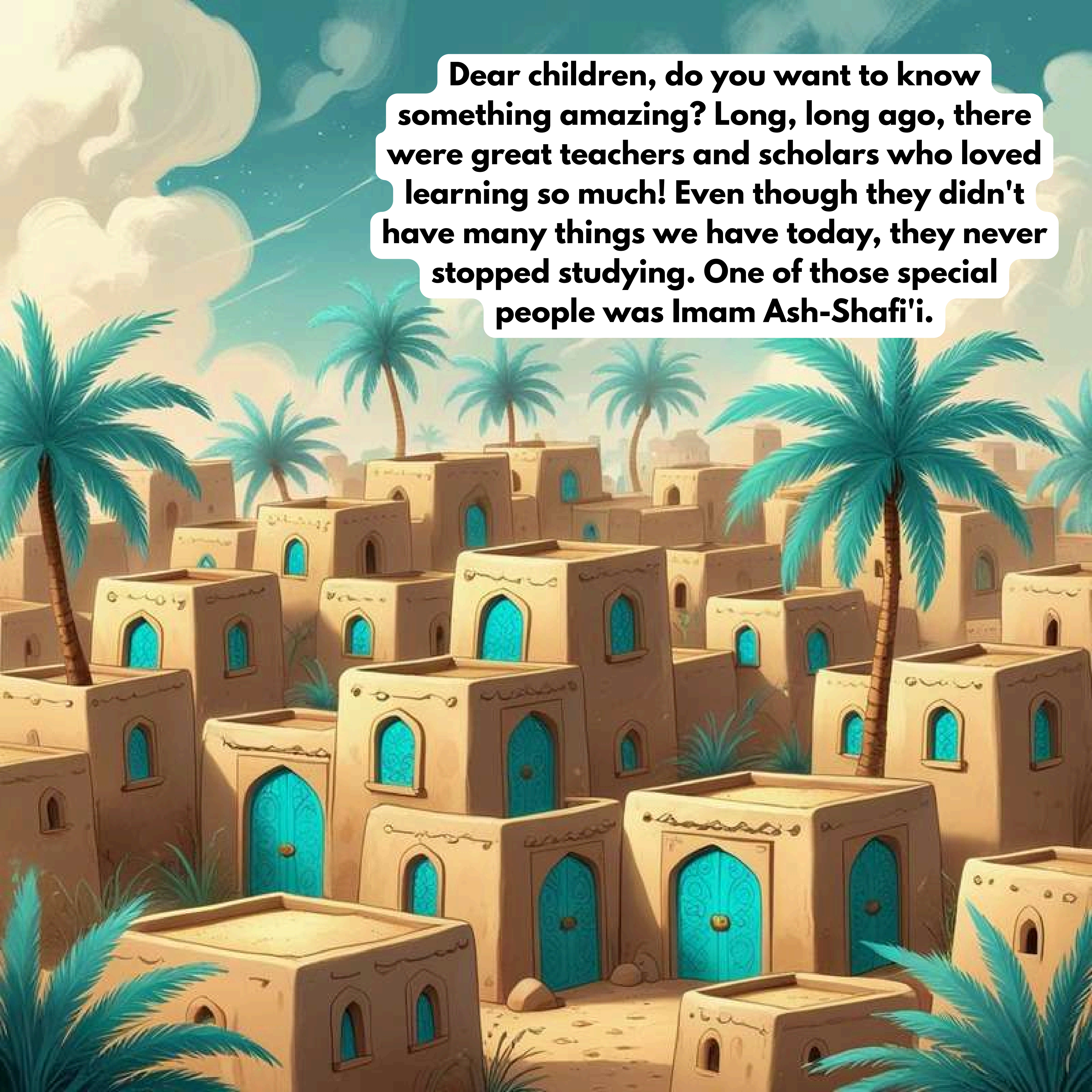


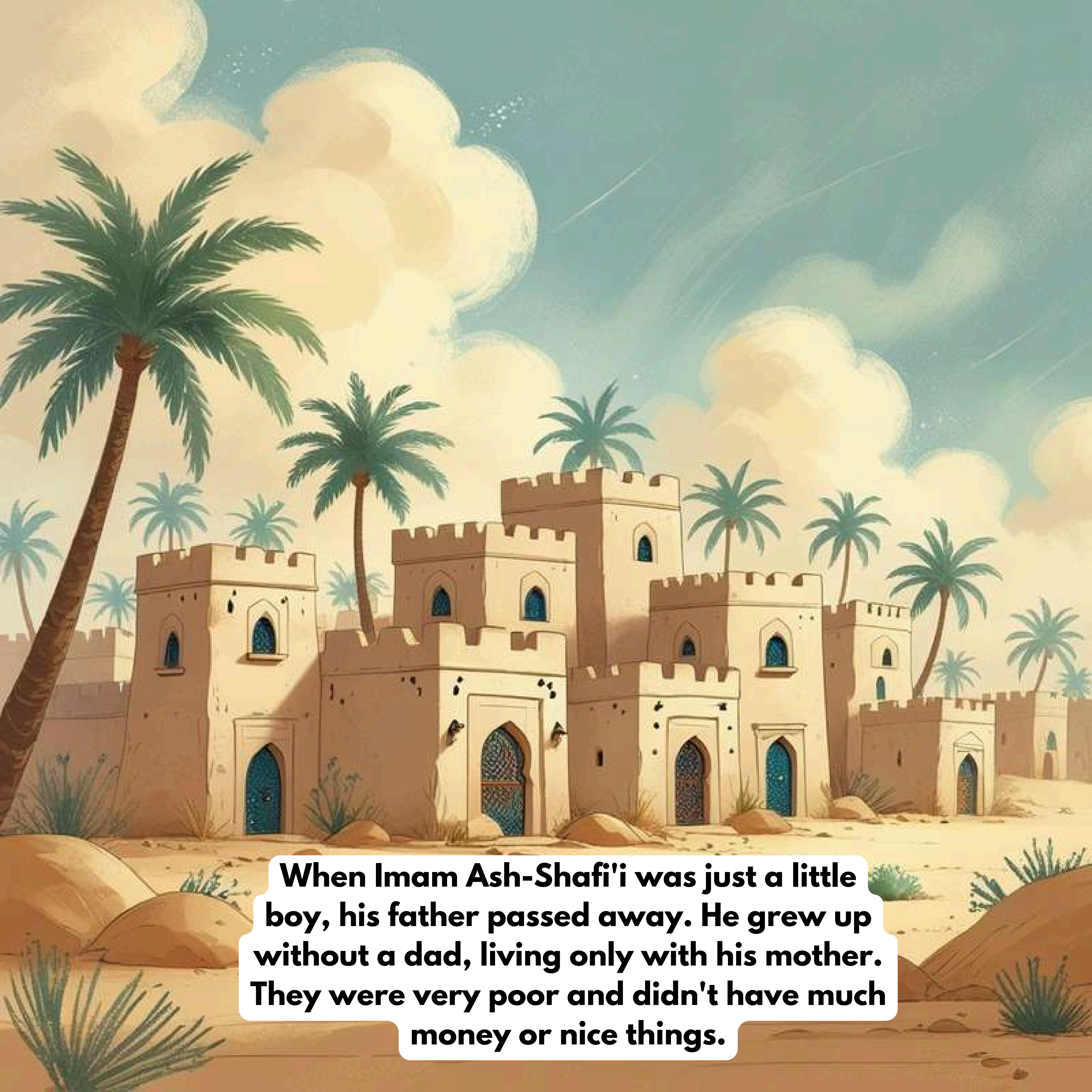
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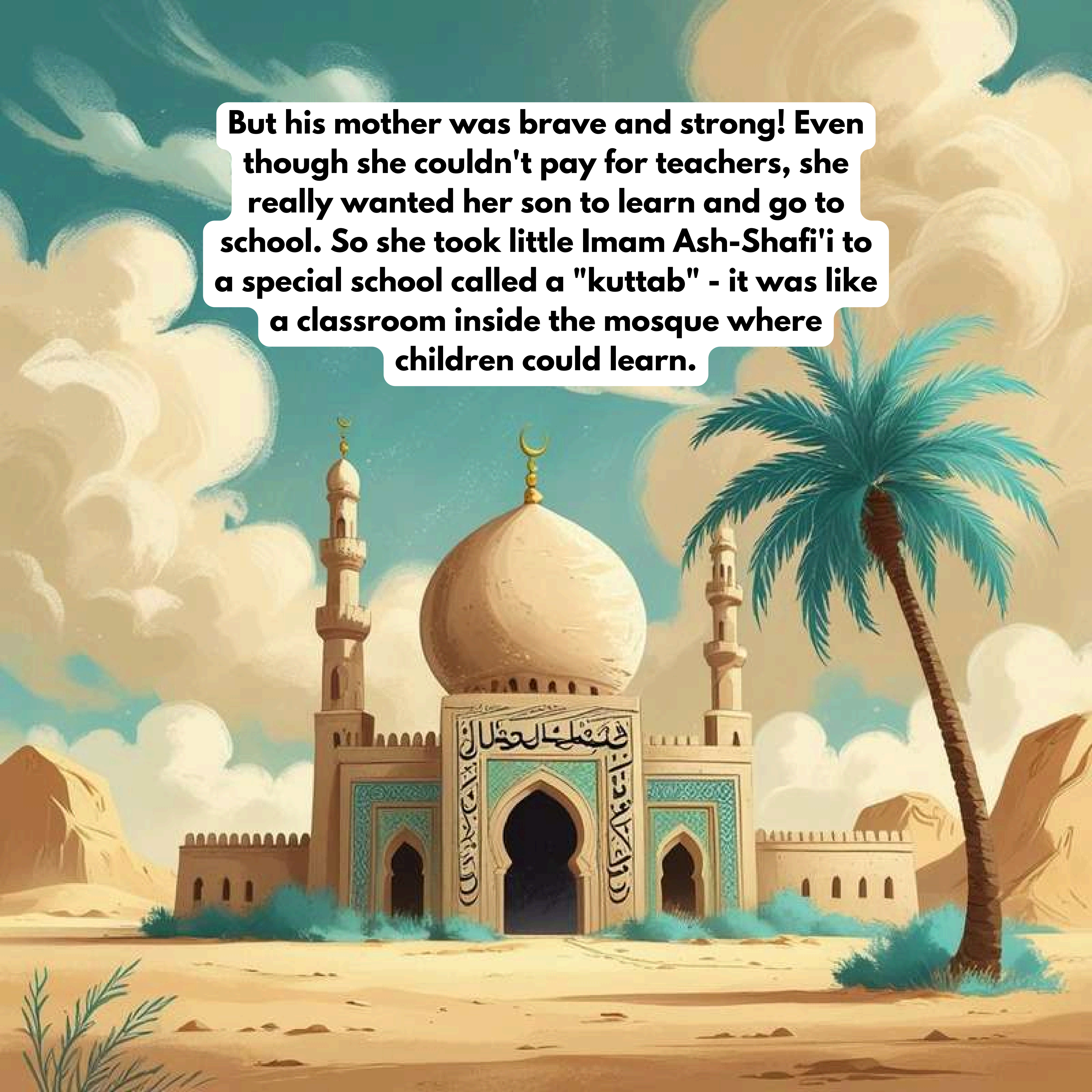
Dear children, do you want to know something amazing? Long, long ago, there were great teachers and scholars who loved learning so much! Even though they didn't have many things we have today, they never stopped studying. One of those special people was Imam Ash-Shafi'i.



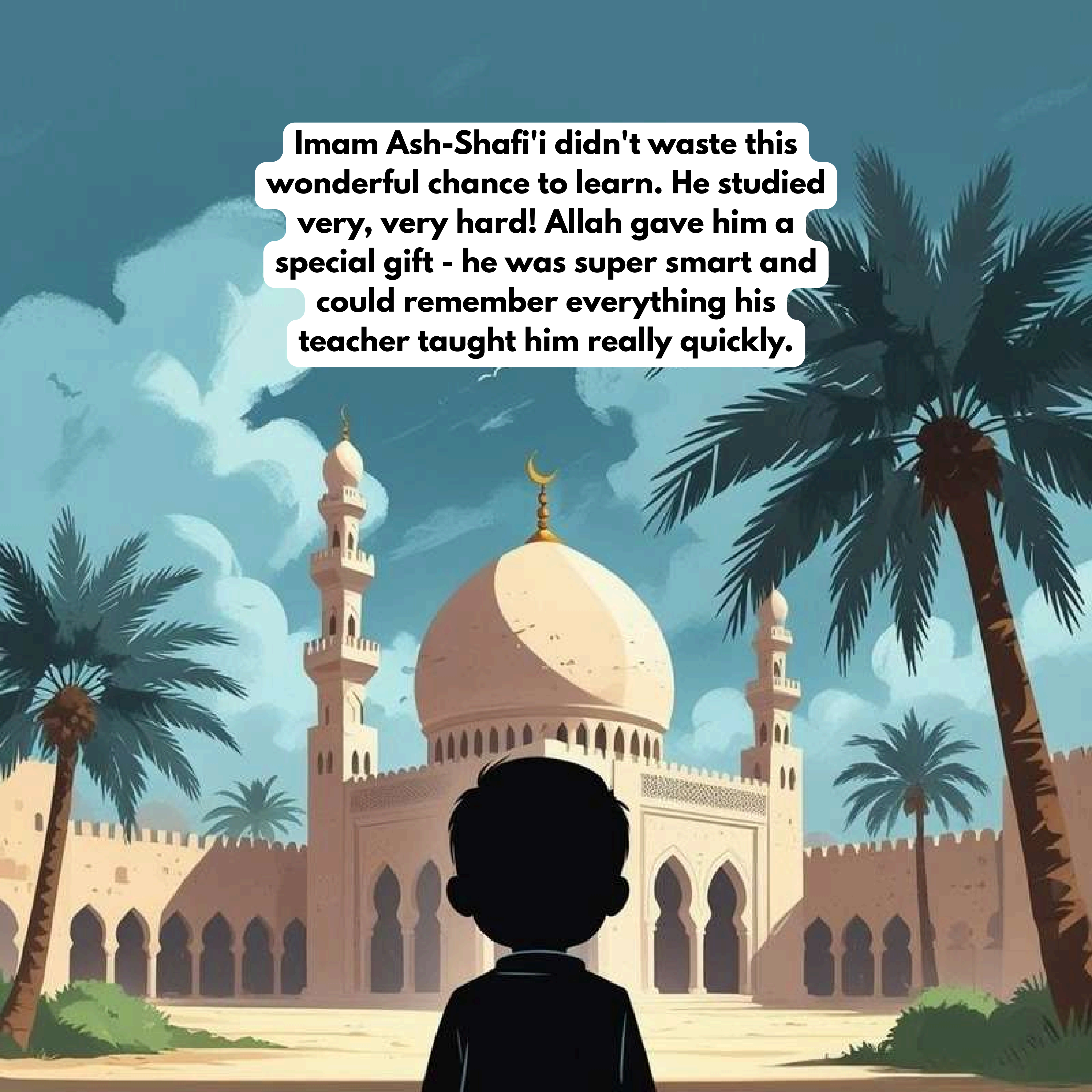



When Imam Ash-Shafi'i was just a little boy, his father passed away. He grew up without a dad, living only with his mother. They were very poor and didn't have much money or nice things.

But his mother was brave and strong! Even though she couldn't pay for teachers, she really wanted her son to learn and go to school. So she took little Imam Ash-Shafi'i to a special school called a "kuttab" - it was like a classroom inside the mosque where children could learn.



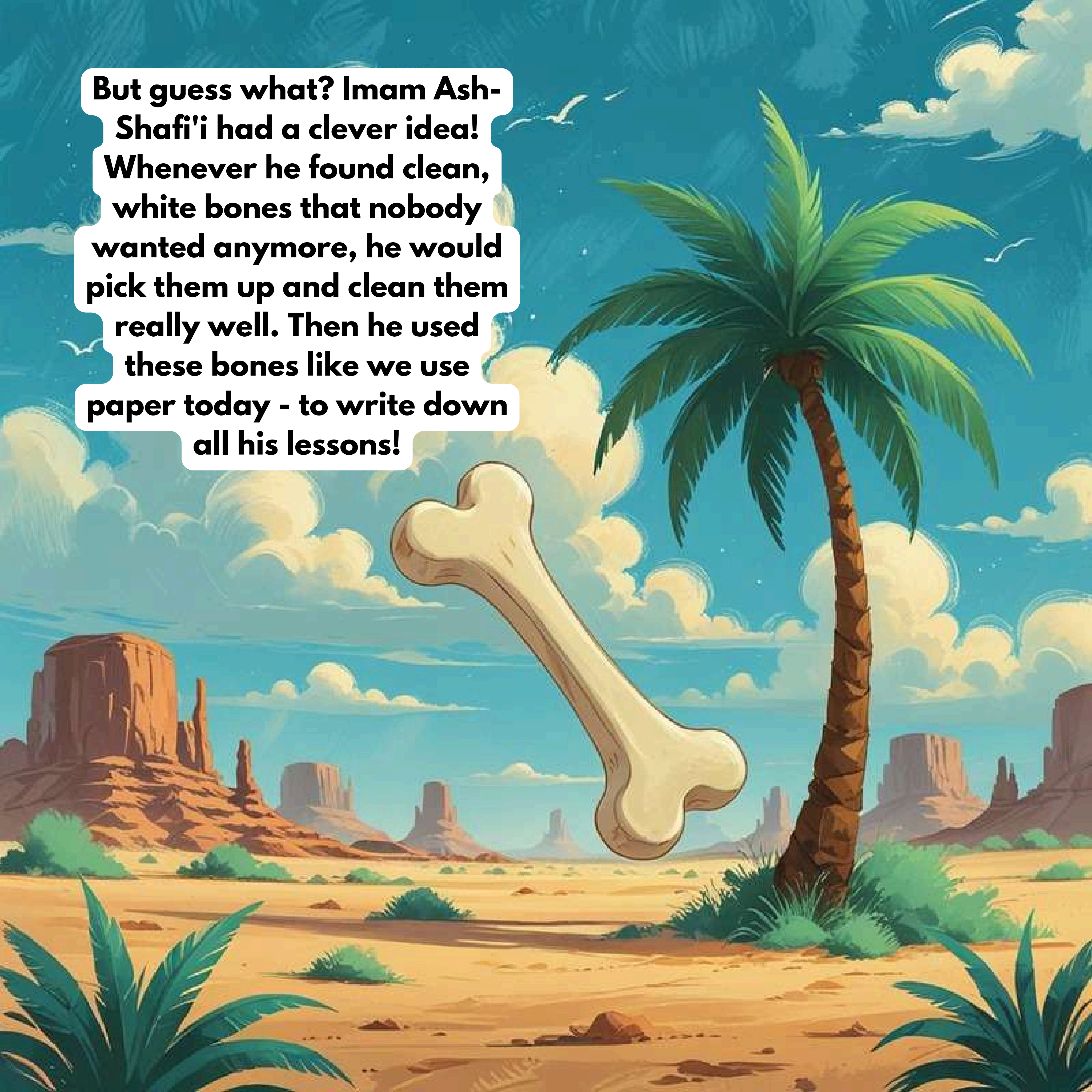
Imam Ash-Shafi'i didn't waste this wonderful chance to learn. He studied very, very hard! Allah gave him a special gift - he was super smart and could remember everything his teacher taught him really quickly.

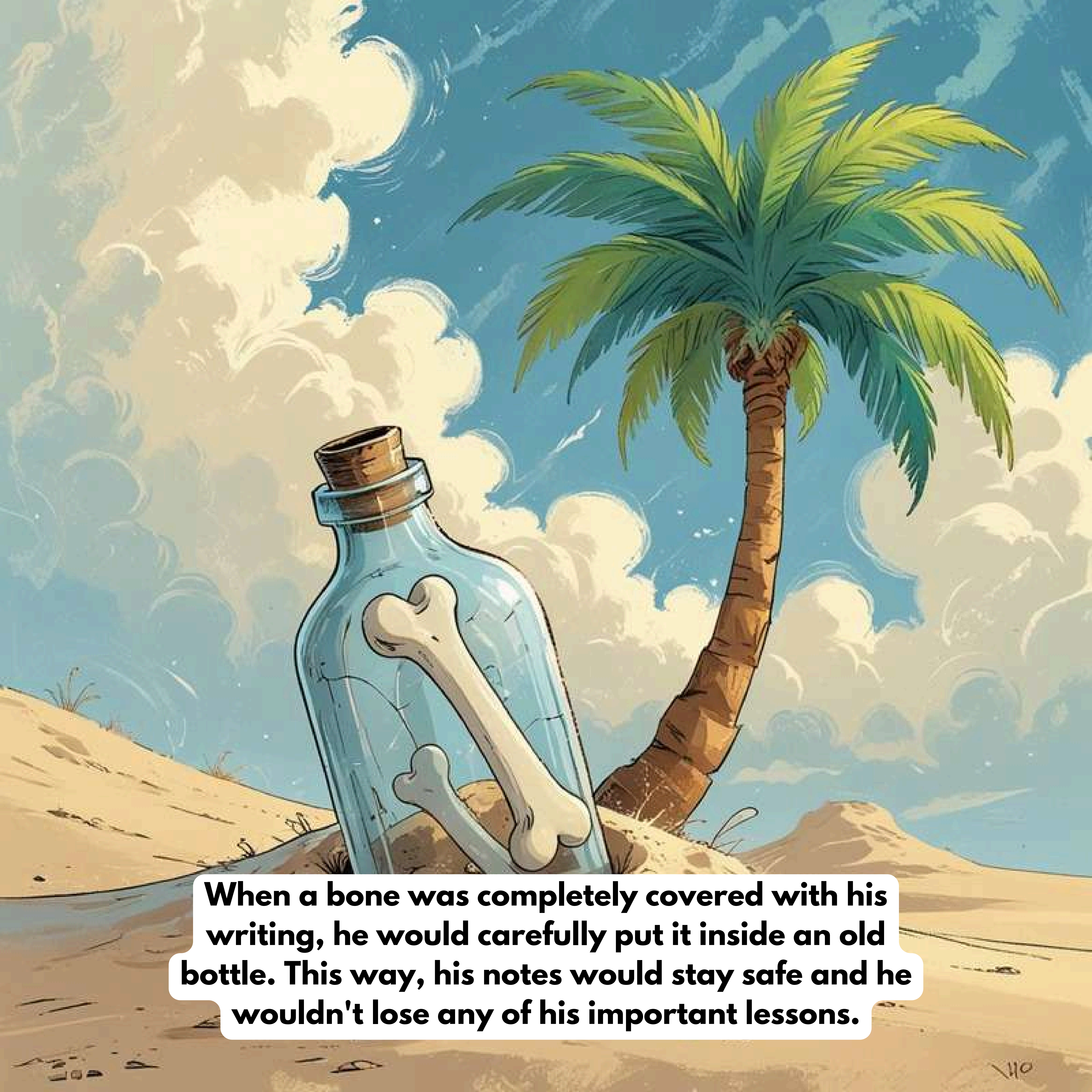


A vibrant, stylized illustration of a Middle Eastern bazaar. In the foreground, a large, messy pile of old, yellowed books and papers sits on a patterned rug. The books are of various sizes and some have visible text. The background shows a bustling market street with colorful awnings in shades of blue, purple, and orange. Numerous ornate, glowing lanterns hang from the awnings. In the distance, a minaret is visible against a bright blue sky with soft, white clouds. A palm tree stands prominently in the center background. The overall scene is rich in detail and color, capturing the essence of a traditional marketplace.

But here's the problem: Imam Ash-Shafi'i didn't have any paper to write his notes on. Back in those days, paper was super expensive and hard to find - especially for families who barely had enough money for food.

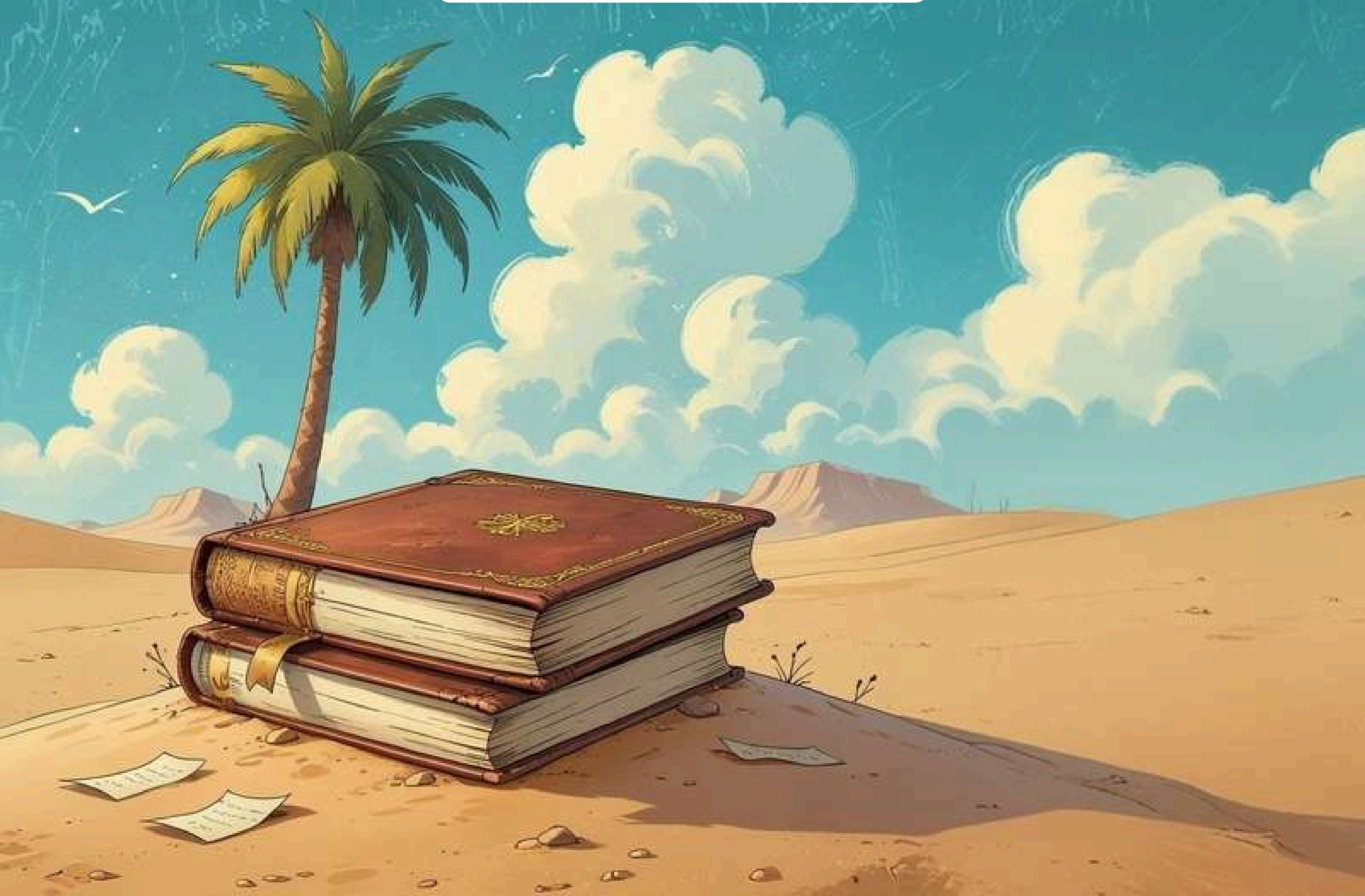
But guess what? Imam Ash-Shafi'i had a clever idea! Whenever he found clean, white bones that nobody wanted anymore, he would pick them up and clean them really well. Then he used these bones like we use paper today - to write down all his lessons!

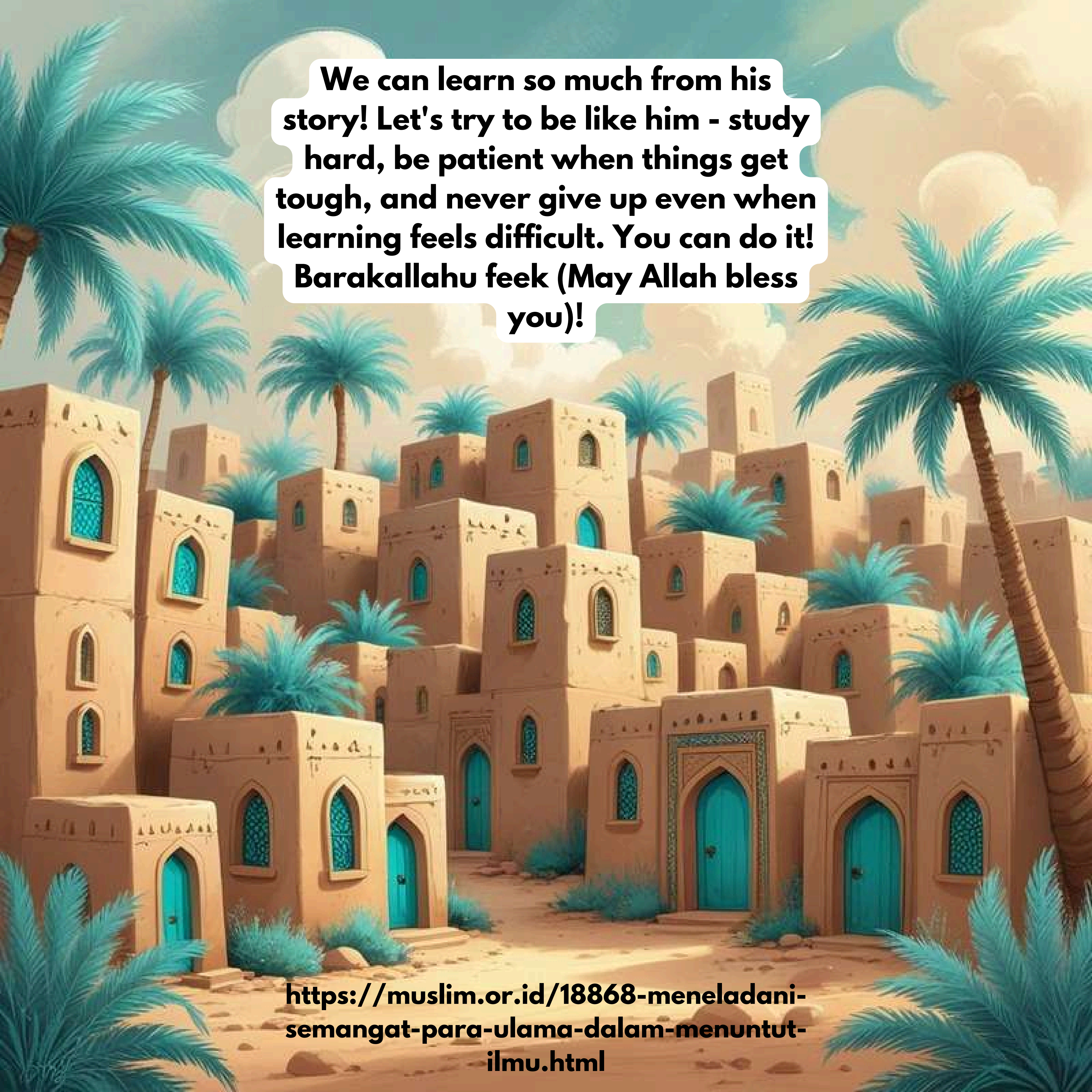




When a bone was completely covered with his writing, he would carefully put it inside an old bottle. This way, his notes would stay safe and he wouldn't lose any of his important lessons.

Masya Allah, can you imagine how much Imam Ash-Shafi'i loved learning? Even though life was really hard for him, he never gave up. Because he worked so hard, he grew up to become one of the greatest teachers ever! People still read and learn from his teachings today.





We can learn so much from his story! Let's try to be like him - study hard, be patient when things get tough, and never give up even when learning feels difficult. You can do it! Barakallahu feek (May Allah bless you)!

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