


In the name of God

The Wisest Man

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Ma'mūn was a tyrant ruler. He always wanted to degrade Imam al-Reza (A.S.) as a holy man, especially among the Shi'ites, in an effort to show people that he was not the appropriate person to be the leader of the Muslim community.





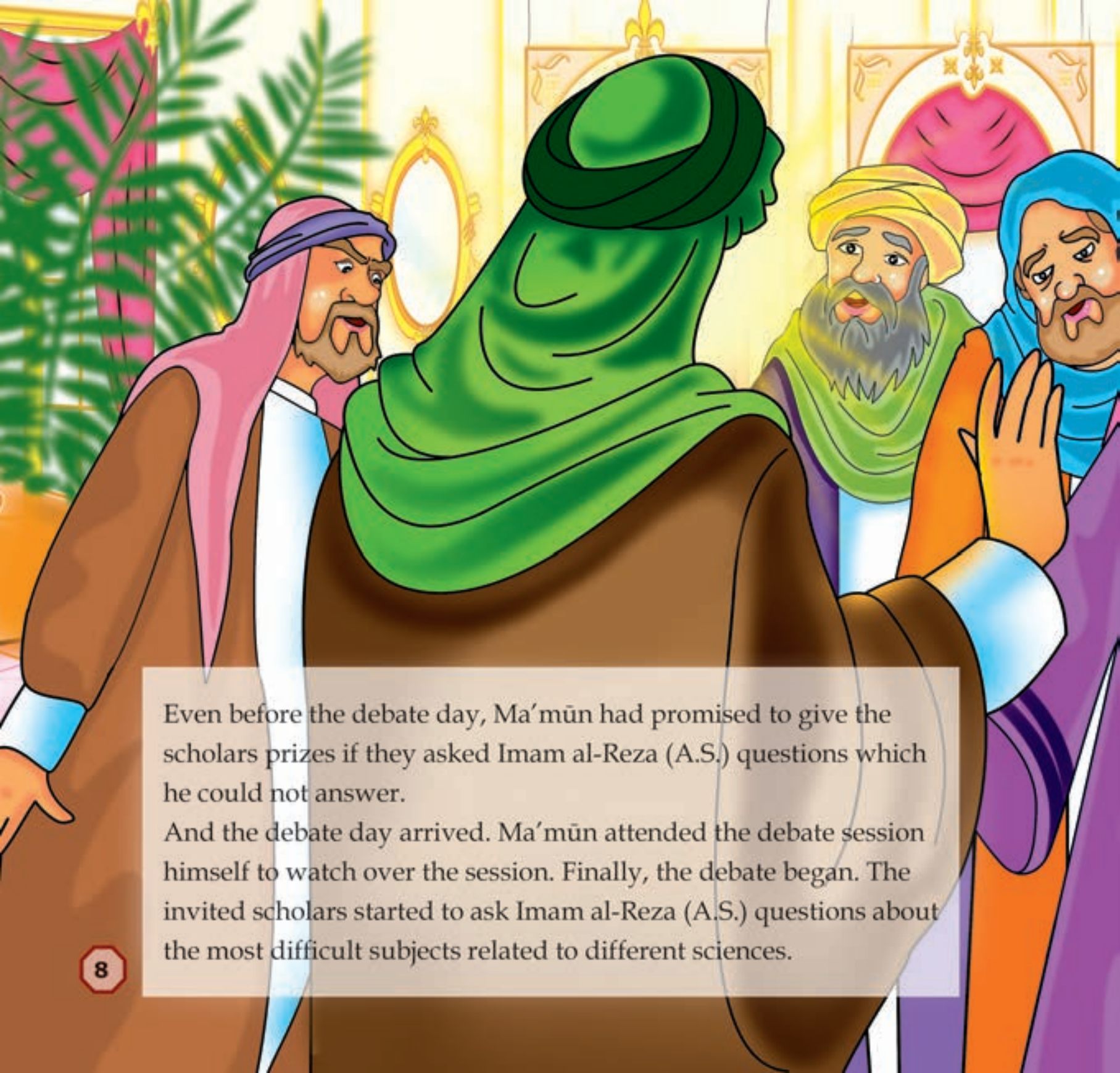


The Shi'ites believe that the Imam must be the wisest and the most knowledgeable man of his time. Ma'mūn decided to assault Imam al-Reza (A.S.) and his Shi'ites from this same perspective. He decided to invite some famous scientists and sages with a variety of expertise from all over the world to Khurasan to argue with the Imam on different fields and subjects, including Shi'ism and if Imam al-Reza (A.S.) was not able to answer these scholar's questions,

It would be proved to the Shi'ites that their Imam was not the wisest of his time and that he did not deserve to be the leader of the community. That was why Ma'mūn invited some eminent scholars from different scientific centers of the world to a debate.







Even before the debate day, Ma'mūn had promised to give the scholars prizes if they asked Imam al-Reza (A.S.) questions which he could not answer.

And the debate day arrived. Ma'mūn attended the debate session himself to watch over the session. Finally, the debate began. The invited scholars started to ask Imam al-Reza (A.S.) questions about the most difficult subjects related to different sciences.



After Imam al-Reza (A.S.) responded to their questions with patience, most of the scholars acknowledged the Imam's knowledge and abilities and came to believe in his learning and Imamate.





When Ma'mūn saw this happen, he realized he was about to be defeated; he called the debate to an end and prevented them from going further. He feared that the scholars would be attracted to the Imam's spiritual and academic character. The Shi'ites also became happy with Imam al-Reza's (A.S.) victory, and their belief in their Imam was even stronger.

