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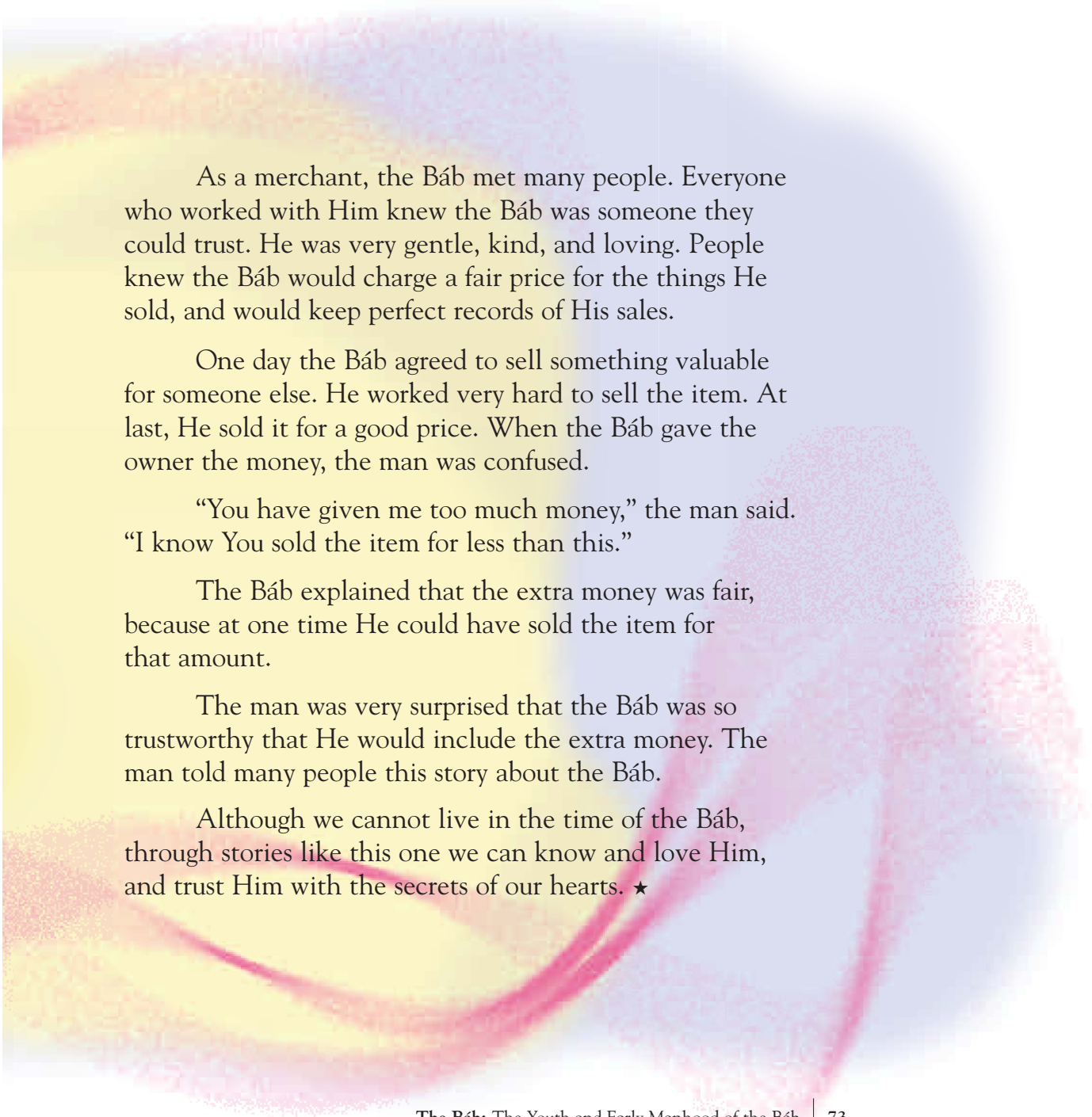
He Was Trustworthy

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The blessed Báb was trustworthy. How do we know this? Because people told stories about Him. One story describes the time when the Báb worked as a merchant in Búshíhr.

The Báb looked like other men. He was of medium height, with a very pleasing, sweet face. No one knew that He was the promised Messenger of God for that day. No one knew that He would bring a new religion and great spiritual teachings. No one knew that He would prepare people for the coming of the Promised One of all ages, Bahá'u'lláh. To others He was just a man.





As a merchant, the Báb met many people. Everyone who worked with Him knew the Báb was someone they could trust. He was very gentle, kind, and loving. People knew the Báb would charge a fair price for the things He sold, and would keep perfect records of His sales.

One day the Báb agreed to sell something valuable for someone else. He worked very hard to sell the item. At last, He sold it for a good price. When the Báb gave the owner the money, the man was confused.

“You have given me too much money,” the man said. “I know You sold the item for less than this.”

The Báb explained that the extra money was fair, because at one time He could have sold the item for that amount.

The man was very surprised that the Báb was so trustworthy that He would include the extra money. The man told many people this story about the Báb.

Although we cannot live in the time of the Báb, through stories like this one we can know and love Him, and trust Him with the secrets of our hearts. ★