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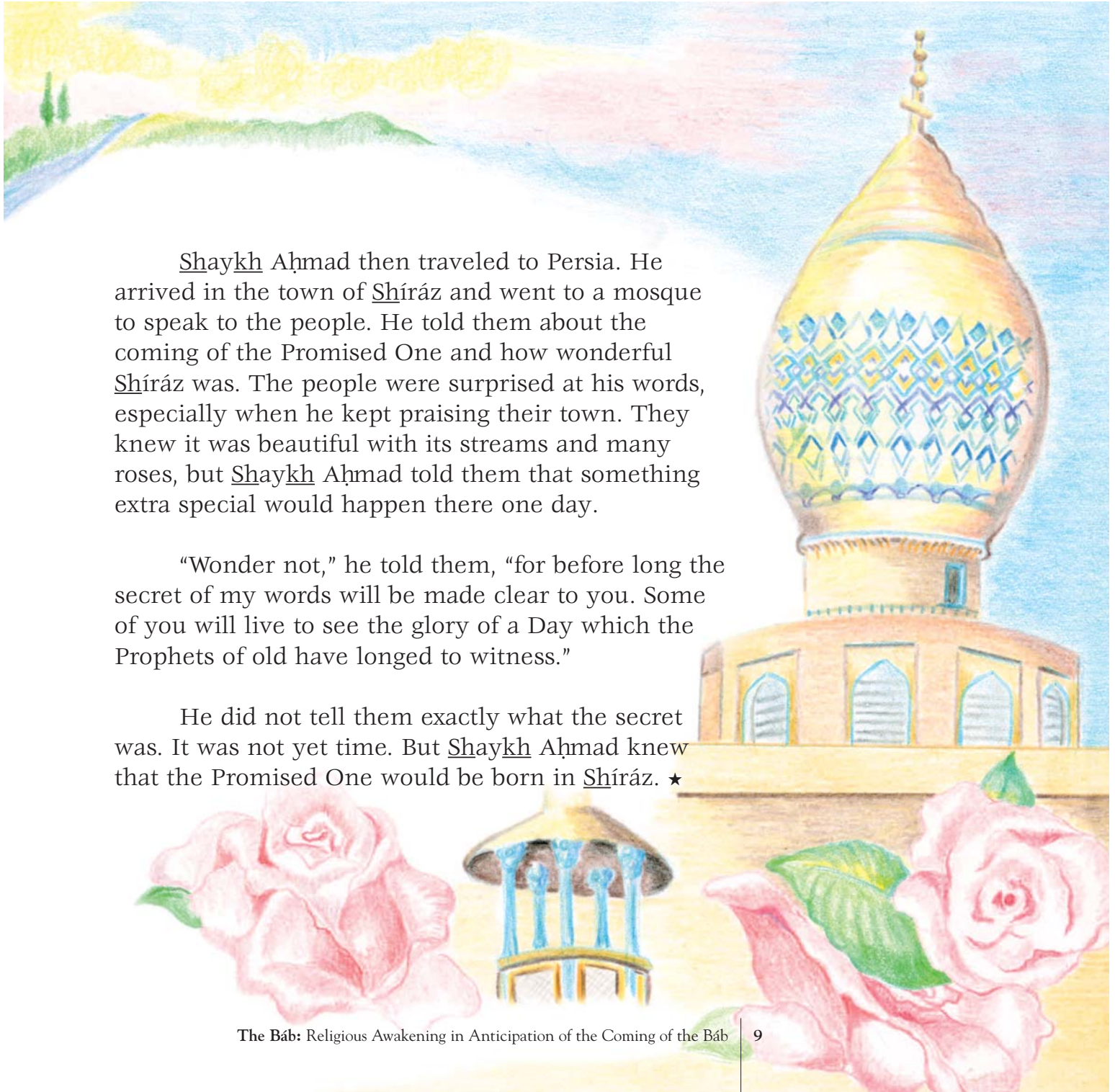
The Awakening

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Shaykh Ahmad was very excited. He knew that something wonderful was about to happen in the world, and he wanted to tell as many people as possible. Through reading the Holy Book of the Prophet Muḥammad, and thinking and praying to God, he had discovered that it was time for a new Messenger of God to appear on earth.

He left his island home of Bahrain and sailed to the land of Iraq. As he was a well-known and respected leader of religion, many people listened to what he had to say. Before long, everyone was eagerly waiting for the new Prophet to appear.



Shaykh Aḥmad then traveled to Persia. He arrived in the town of Shíráz and went to a mosque to speak to the people. He told them about the coming of the Promised One and how wonderful Shíráz was. The people were surprised at his words, especially when he kept praising their town. They knew it was beautiful with its streams and many roses, but Shaykh Aḥmad told them that something extra special would happen there one day.

“Wonder not,” he told them, “for before long the secret of my words will be made clear to you. Some of you will live to see the glory of a Day which the Prophets of old have longed to witness.”

He did not tell them exactly what the secret was. It was not yet time. But Shaykh Aḥmad knew that the Promised One would be born in Shíráz. ★