



BEDIUZZAMAN ALJAZARI AND THE ROBOT

ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE WAS A BRILLIANT MUSLIM NAMED BEDIUZZAMAN ABUL'IZZ ISMAIL IBN ARRAZZAZ ALJAZARI. HE LIVED IN SYRIA, AND WAS ONE OF THE GREATEST ENGINEERS, MECHANICS, AND INVENTORS IN THE HISTORY OF ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION.

ONE DAY, ALJAZARI VISITED THE CALIPH AT HIS HOUSE. THE CALIPH LIKED TO PRAY ON TIME, AND HE USED TO ASK HIS SERVANT TO BRING HIM A JUG OF WATER AND A TOWEL, BUT THE SERVANT WAS TOO SLOW THAT THE CALIPH GOT TIRED OF HIM.



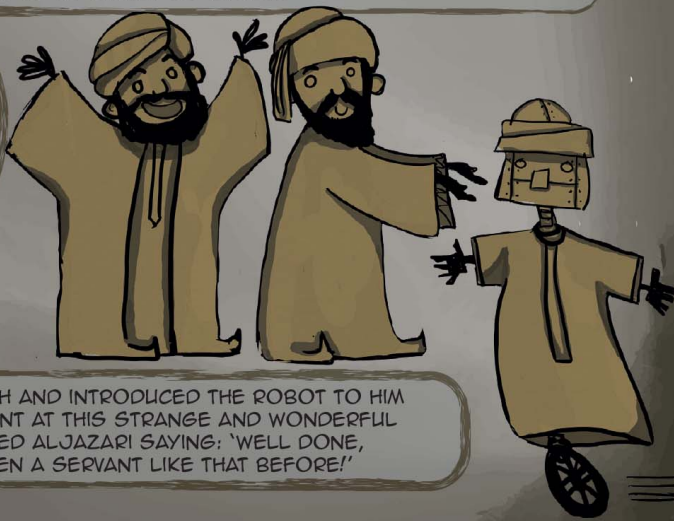
THE CALIPH COMPLAINED TO ALJAZARI ABOUT HIS SUFFERING FROM THE SERVANT WHOSE LAZINESS MADE HIM ALWAYS LATE FOR PRAYERS. ASKING HIM FOR HELP, HE SAID: 'YOU, ALJAZARI, ARE GENIUS, THE GREATEST ENGINEER IN THE WORLD. CAN YOU BUILD ME A TALL SERVANT WITH A WATER JUG IN HIS HAND, AND IN THE OTHER HAND A TOWEL, AND ON HIS TURBAN A BIRD THAT WHISTLES IN HIS EARS IN PRAYER TIMES TELLING HIM TO COME TO ME FOR ABLUTION, AND WHEN I'M DONE, HE GIVES ME THE TOWEL AND THEN GOES BACK TO HIS PLACE?'



ALJAZARI THOUGHT FOR A WHILE AND THEN REPLIED: 'YES, CALIPH, GIVE ME A LITTLE TIME AND I'LL BUILD YOU WHAT YOU ASKED.'

ALJAZARI STARTED PLANNING AND THINKING: 'HOW CAN I MAKE A SERVANT? I'VE NEVER DONE THIS JOB, AND NO ONE ELSE HAS EVER MADE A SERVANT BEFORE!'

AFTER MUCH THOUGHT, ALJAZARI WAS ABLE TO CREATE THE FIRST ROBOT IN HISTORY TO SERVE THE CALIPH, AND HE BUILT IT IN JUST 10 DAYS!



ALJAZARI WENT TO THE CALIPH AND INTRODUCED THE ROBOT TO HIM TO EVERYONE'S ASTONISHMENT AT THIS STRANGE AND WONDERFUL INVENTION. THE CALIPH THANKED ALJAZARI SAYING: 'WELL DONE, GENIUS HERO, I'VE NEVER SEEN A SERVANT LIKE THAT BEFORE!'