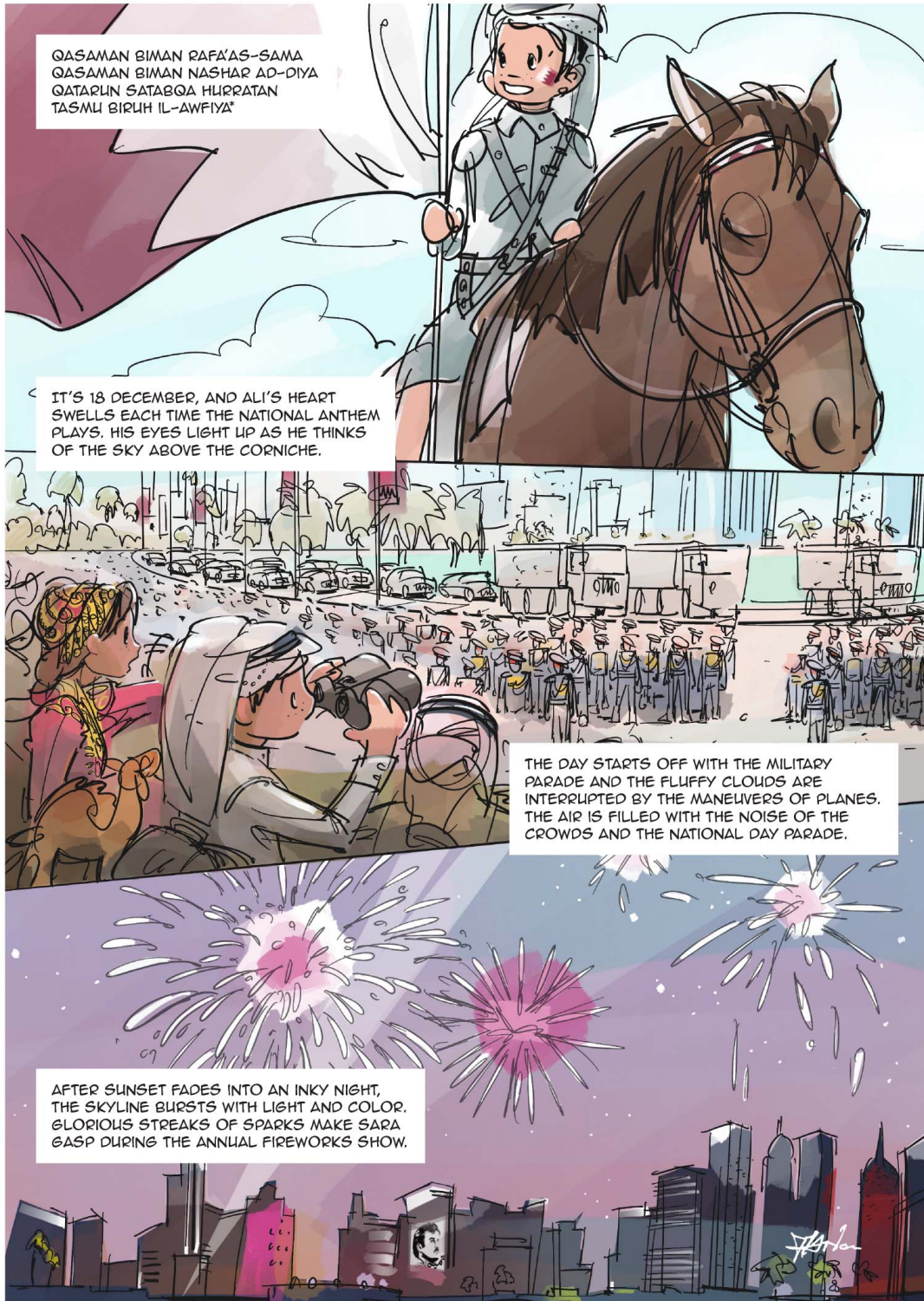




STARLIGHT, STAR BRIGHT, QATAR SHINES TONIGHT



QASAMAN BIMAN RAF'AS-SAMA
QASAMAN BIMAN NASHAR AD-DIYA
QATARUN SATABQA HURRATAN
TASMU BIRUH IL-AWFIYA*

IT'S 18 DECEMBER, AND ALI'S HEART
SWELLS EACH TIME THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
PLAYS. HIS EYES LIGHT UP AS HE THINKS
OF THE SKY ABOVE THE CORNICHE.

THE DAY STARTS OFF WITH THE MILITARY
PARADE AND THE FLUFFY CLOUDS ARE
INTERRUPTED BY THE MANEUVERS OF PLANES.
THE AIR IS FILLED WITH THE NOISE OF THE
CROWDS AND THE NATIONAL DAY PARADE.

AFTER SUNSET FADES INTO AN INKY NIGHT,
THE SKYLINE BURSTS WITH LIGHT AND COLOR.
GLORIOUS STREAKS OF SPARKS MAKE SARA
GASP DURING THE ANNUAL FIREWORKS SHOW.

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*These are verses from Qatar's national anthem, composed by Sheikh Mubarak Bin Saif Al Thani as an oath between the people of Qatar and their homeland.

