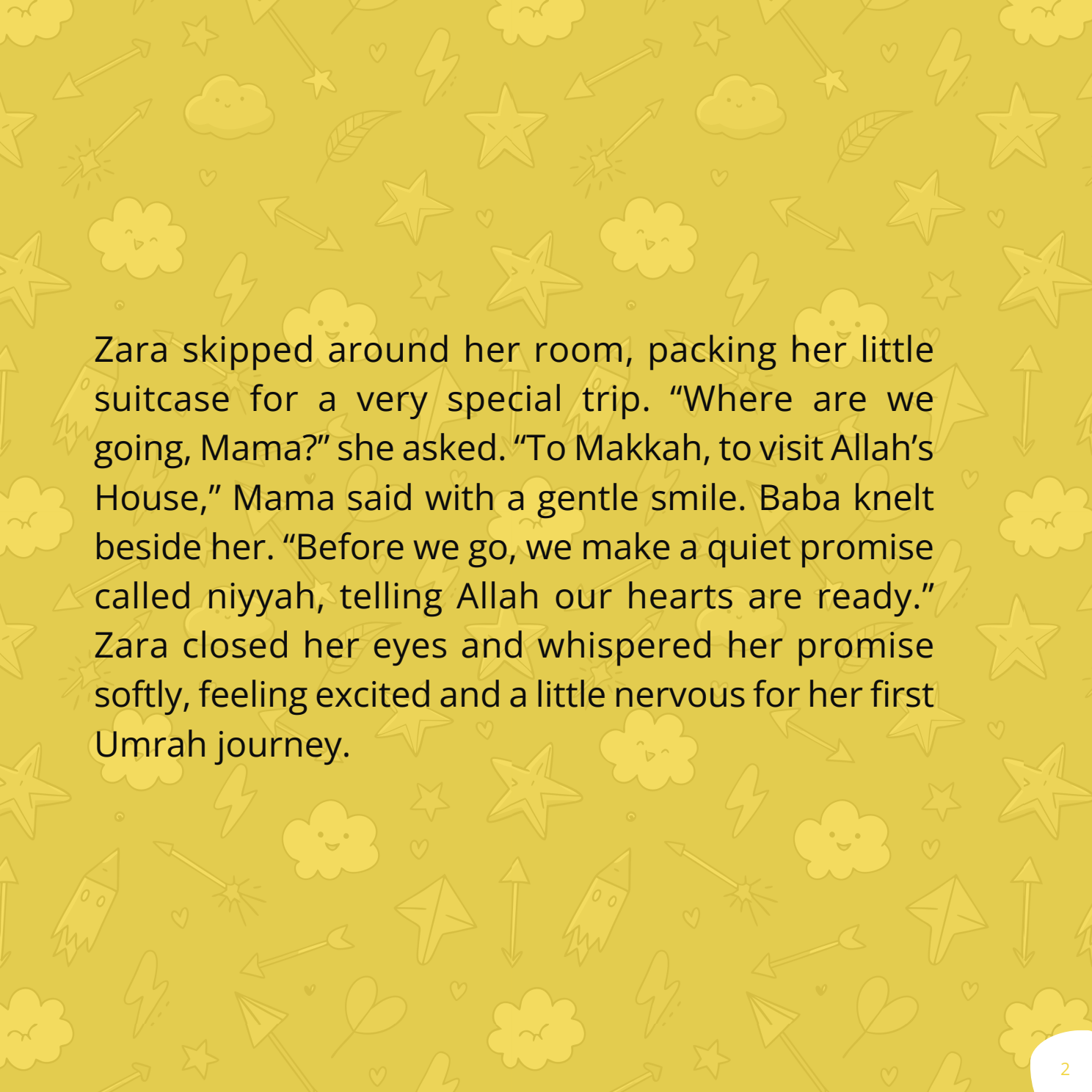


MY FIRST UMRAH JOURNEY

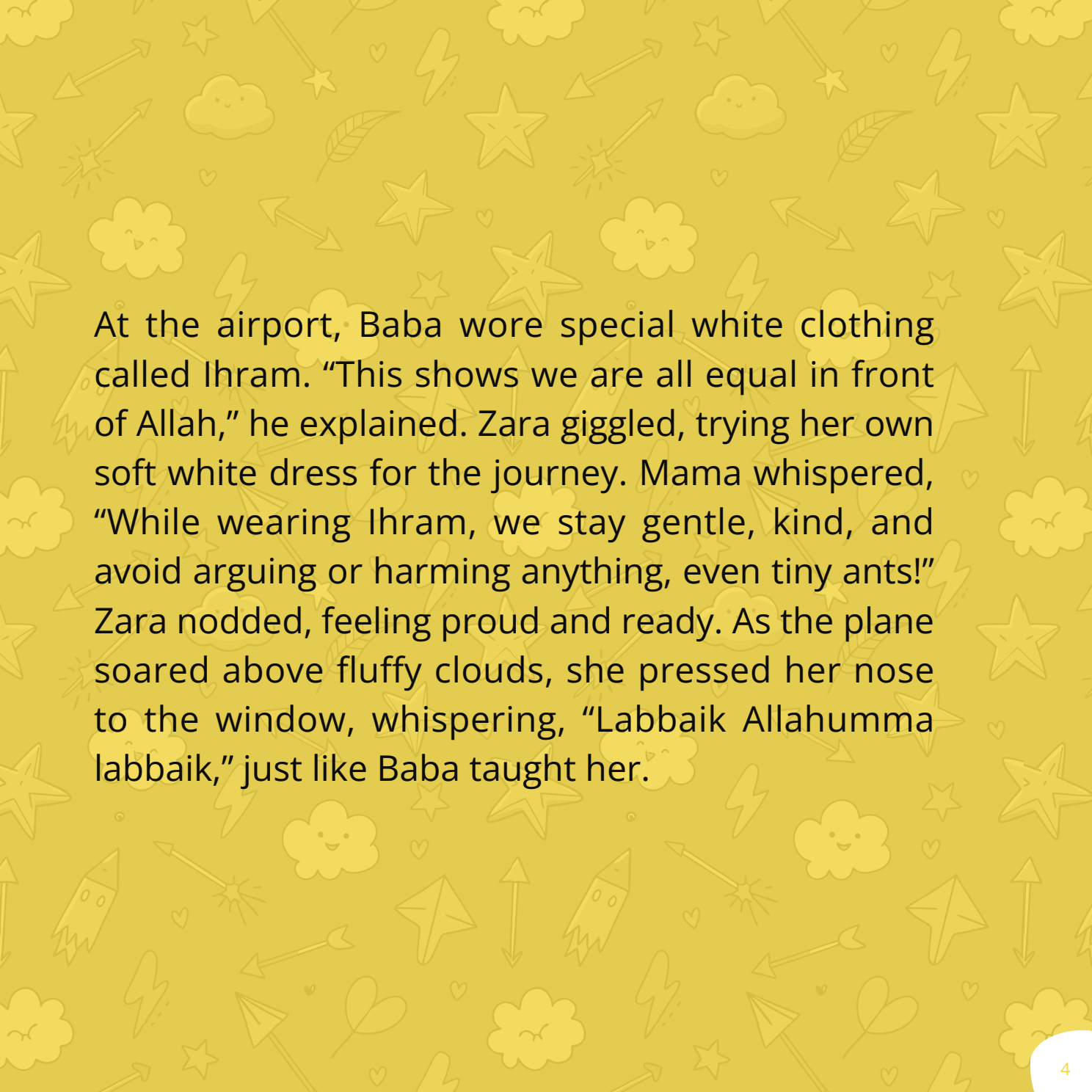


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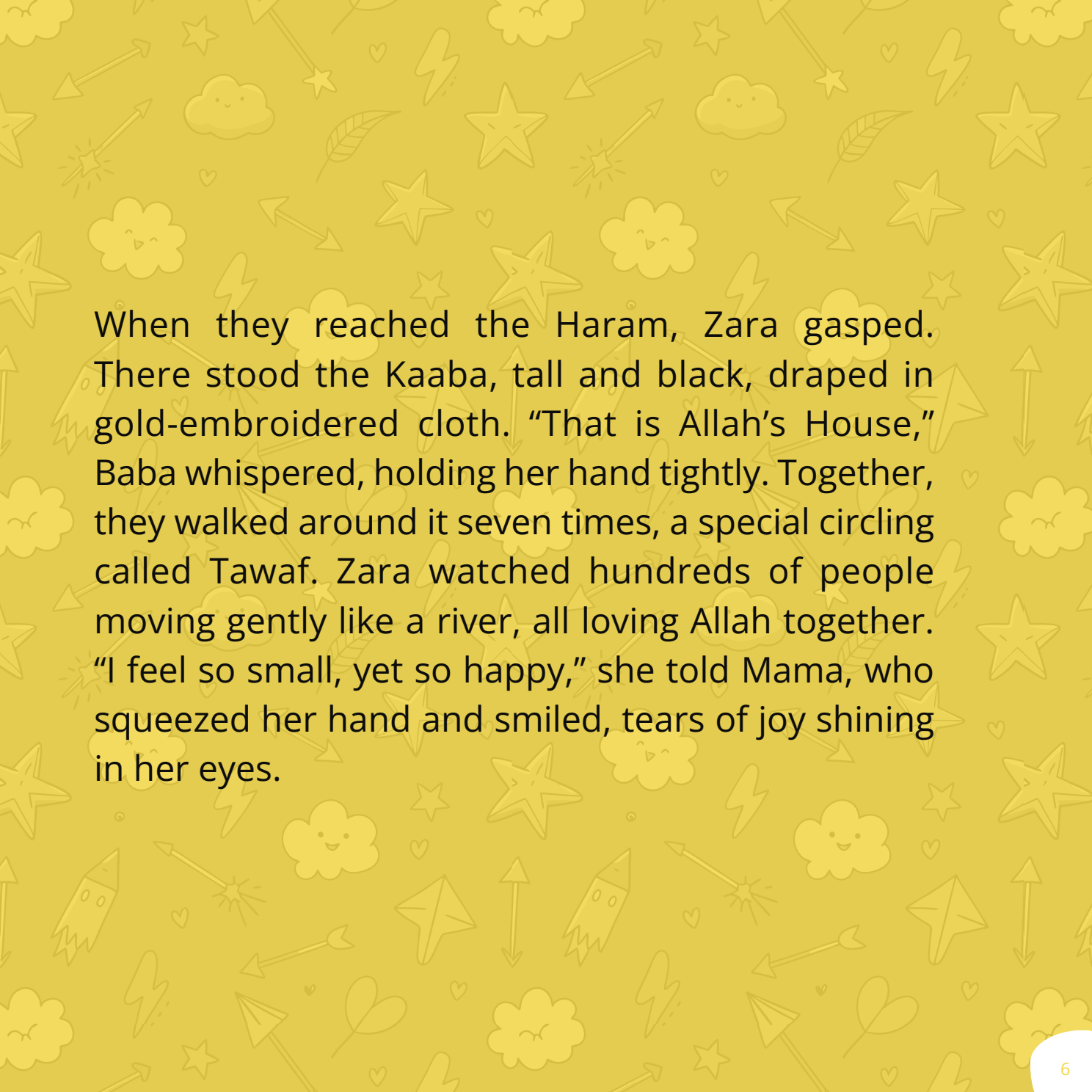
Zara skipped around her room, packing her little suitcase for a very special trip. "Where are we going, Mama?" she asked. "To Makkah, to visit Allah's House," Mama said with a gentle smile. Baba knelt beside her. "Before we go, we make a quiet promise called niyyah, telling Allah our hearts are ready." Zara closed her eyes and whispered her promise softly, feeling excited and a little nervous for her first Umrah journey.





At the airport, Baba wore special white clothing called Ihram. "This shows we are all equal in front of Allah," he explained. Zara giggled, trying her own soft white dress for the journey. Mama whispered, "While wearing Ihram, we stay gentle, kind, and avoid arguing or harming anything, even tiny ants!" Zara nodded, feeling proud and ready. As the plane soared above fluffy clouds, she pressed her nose to the window, whispering, "Labbaik Allahumma labbaik," just like Baba taught her.





When they reached the Haram, Zara gasped. There stood the Kaaba, tall and black, draped in gold-embroidered cloth. "That is Allah's House," Baba whispered, holding her hand tightly. Together, they walked around it seven times, a special circling called Tawaf. Zara watched hundreds of people moving gently like a river, all loving Allah together. "I feel so small, yet so happy," she told Mama, who squeezed her hand and smiled, tears of joy shining in her eyes.



After Tawaf, they walked briskly between two hills, Safa and Marwah, remembering Hajar's brave search for water long ago. This was called Sa'i. Afterward, Baba gave Zara cool Zamzam water to drink. "This blessed water never runs dry," he said. Zara giggled as cool droplets tickled her chin. That night, snuggled between Mama and Baba, she whispered a happy prayer, thanking Allah for her wonderful first Umrah, and dreaming of sharing her story with friends back home.



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