



Inside, Uncle Omar greeted his guests with his usual call “Ahlan wa Sahlan, my friends! So good to see you Yunus!” Uncle Omar greeted his younger brother, “And I see you brought a treasure along today! Come here, kiddo,” he said and then he threw Safiya onto his shoulders. She always felt so safe and secure with her Uncle Omar. “He’s as strong as an ox, but cuddly like a bear,” she thought to herself, fondly.