

# THE DOVES



HIKAYAT FROM THE RASA'IL IKHWANUS SAFA

It is said that a group of wild doves was flying in the air seeking their livelihood, and a magpie saw them and thought,

“Why am I not with them? If I were, they might take me to a place where I might find sustenance.”

The magpie joined the doves, and they arrived at a vast pasture.

A hunter had gotten there first and set up his nets and buried his traps, placed in them many seeds, and hid in a place where he could not be seen. The doves said to each other,

“Let’s go somewhere.”



Some said,

“No, let’s land here.”

They disagreed and fought amongst themselves until they started beating each other and warring, and they did not land there until they knocked themselves out, and saw the seeds.

They drew near to pick them up, and the hunter closed his nets on them and they all came down. The hunter took them all and killed every last one, and the magpie died with them.





