## 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 see n. 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.



Beware the place where there is strife and fighting. If it happens and you are in it, then leave it and stay far away. And do not oppress those who are below you, for if you do, you will have the same fate as the wolf who came up to the foxes, used force against them, wanted to kill them, and took away their livelihood.

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