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BAHLOOL – A VISIT TO HELL

Wisdom transcends the power! If it were not so, the Mankind itself would long ago played out its own requiem. The holding court jesters in their palaces by the ruthless rulers, was if not wisdom itself, then at least was its gesture: to hear/see the voice of the Reason, warning them when they "overdrink". The licentiousness, which in addition to themselves, today's rulers allow only to the small kids, has lost its mirror, where used to appear an alarm; when they overdrink. The other day, some used to have it cleaned up, and some smashed, committing thereby their political, and sometimes literal suicide.

Bahloul, people say, was brother of Caliph Kharun ar-Rasheed but the follower of the Prophet Muhammad's offspring, stripped of his rank, namely Imaam Ja'far as-Saadiq a.s., from the ocean of whose wisdom he used to drink. May peace and blessing of Allah be on the best slaves of Allaah, and their followers of Bahloul's kind, without strong spice of whose wisdom there would eventually start to smell even historical literature itself; full of the apocrypha, free of any genuine colour, taste, or odour!

*From the Comic:*

Caliph Kharun ar-Rasheed met once wise Bahloul. H. Where from you come such? B. I am just back from Hell! There was a need for fire, so I decided to go to Hell and ask if they could spare some fire, but the one in charge said: "There is no fire over here!" B. I asked: Isn't Hell the place for fire?! That One said: "Here down there truly no fire, for whoever comes brings the fire along". "Who does as much as an atom of goodness, will see it, who does as much as an atom of evil, will see it". Qur'an, 99: 7-8