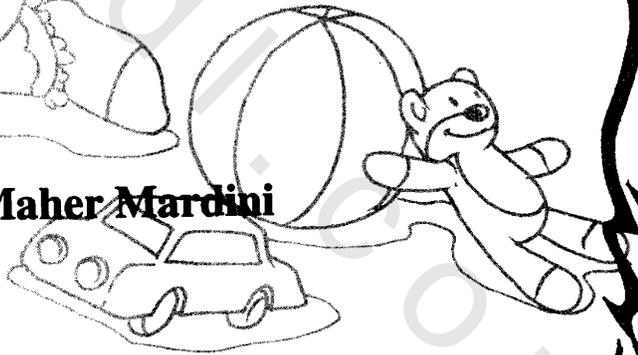


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**MY  
BEAUTIFUL CITY**

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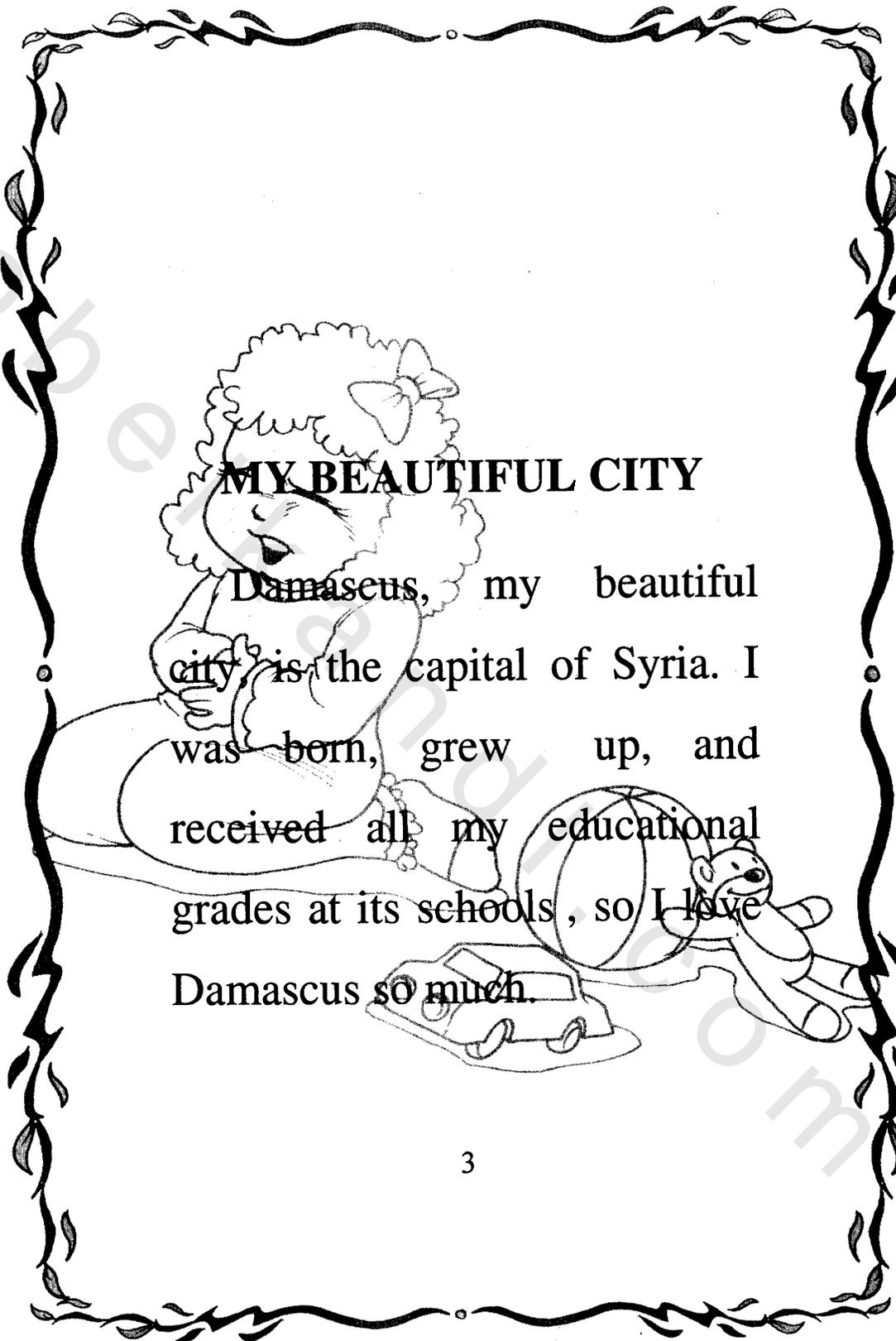
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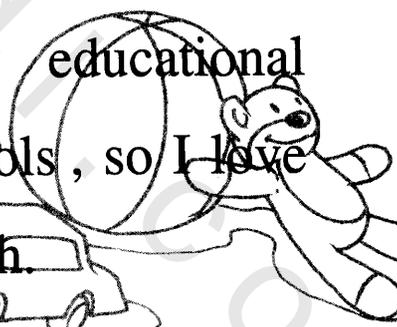
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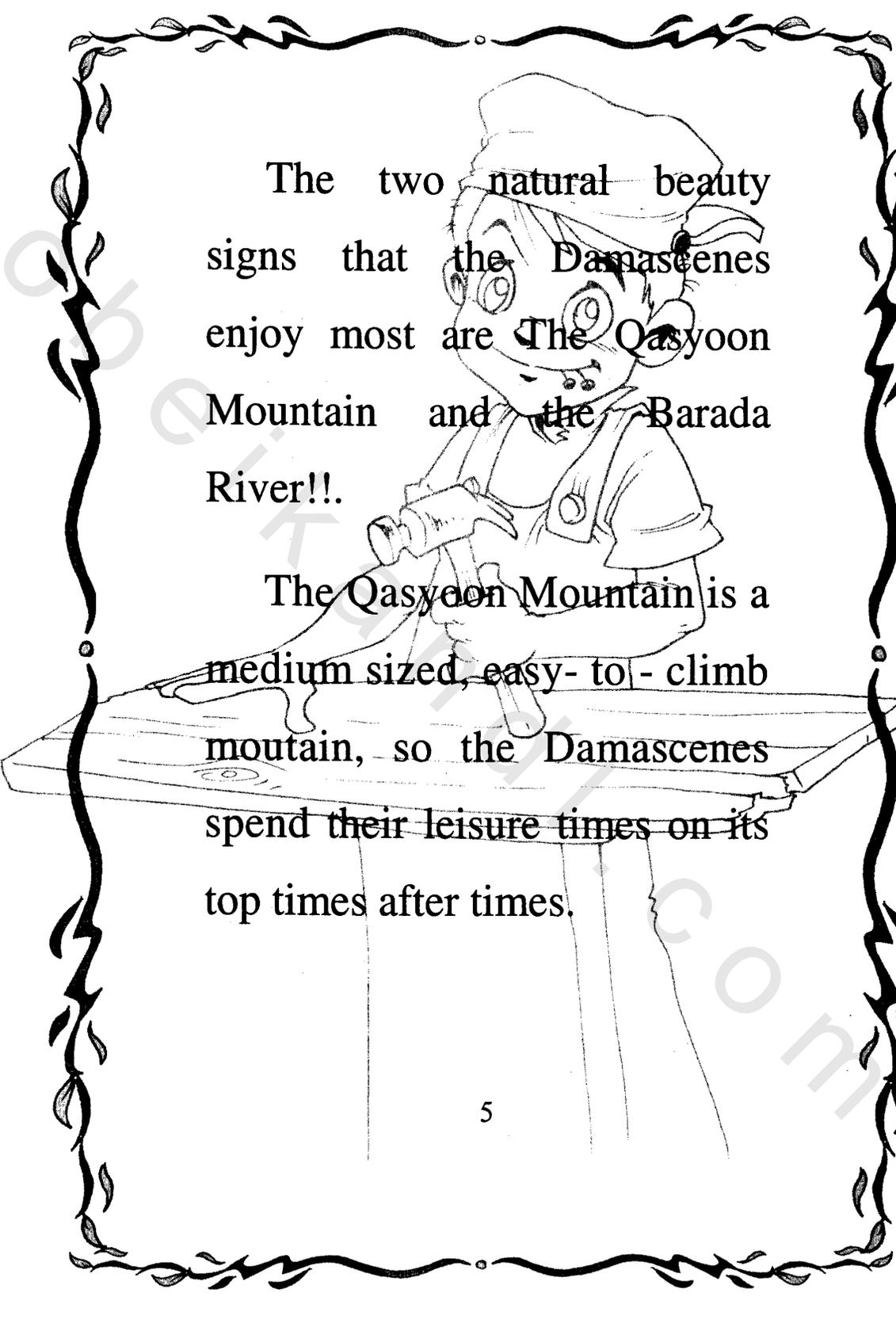


## MY BEAUTIFUL CITY

Damascus, my beautiful city, is the capital of Syria. I was born, grew up, and received all my educational grades at its schools, so I love Damascus so much.

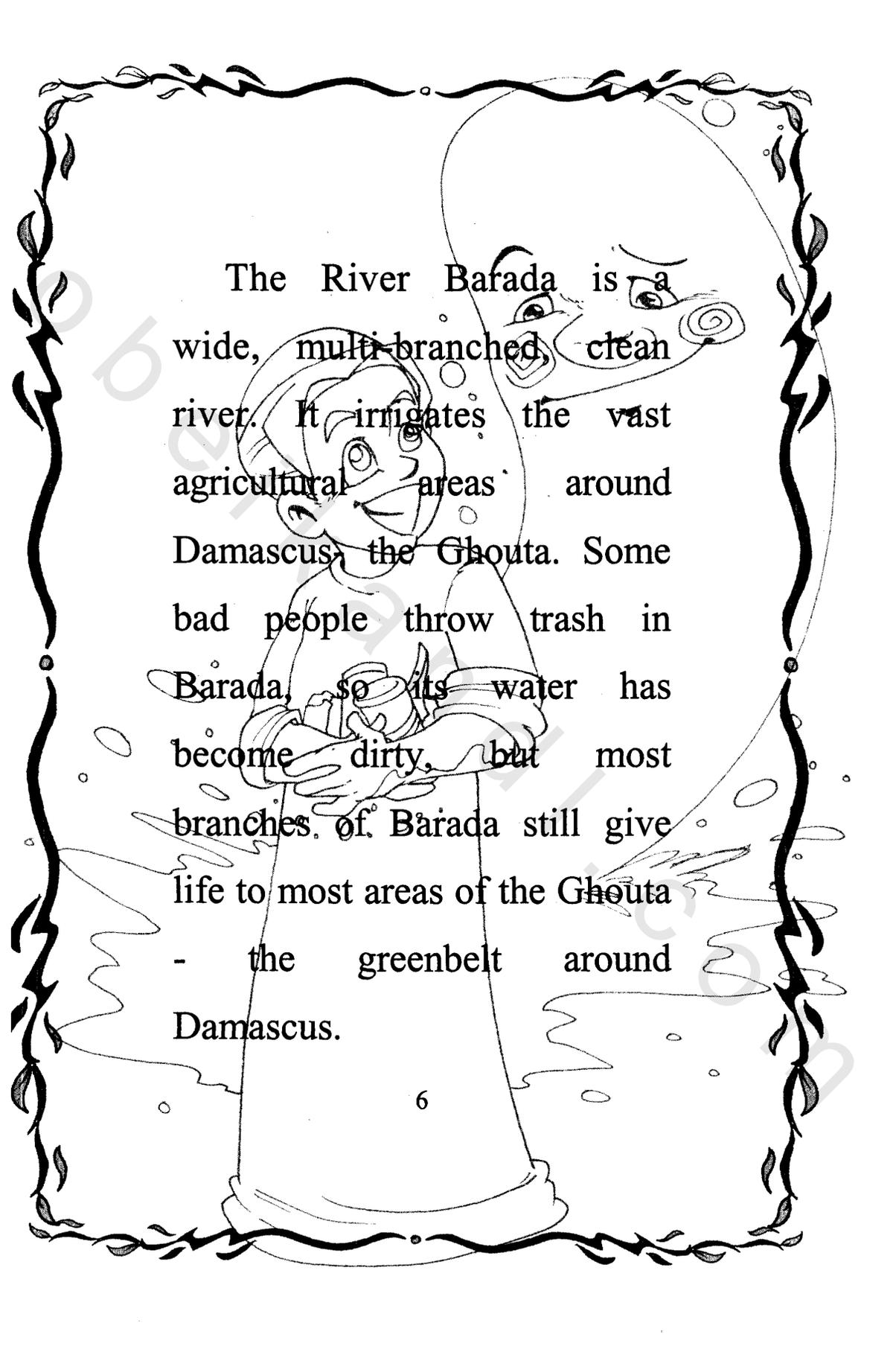


Damascus contains a variety of beautiful places in and around it. A foreign visitor can enjoy the great many ancient places, in addition to the holy old buildings. The other bright face of my beloved city is the new buildings, the beautiful streets, and the civilization signs.

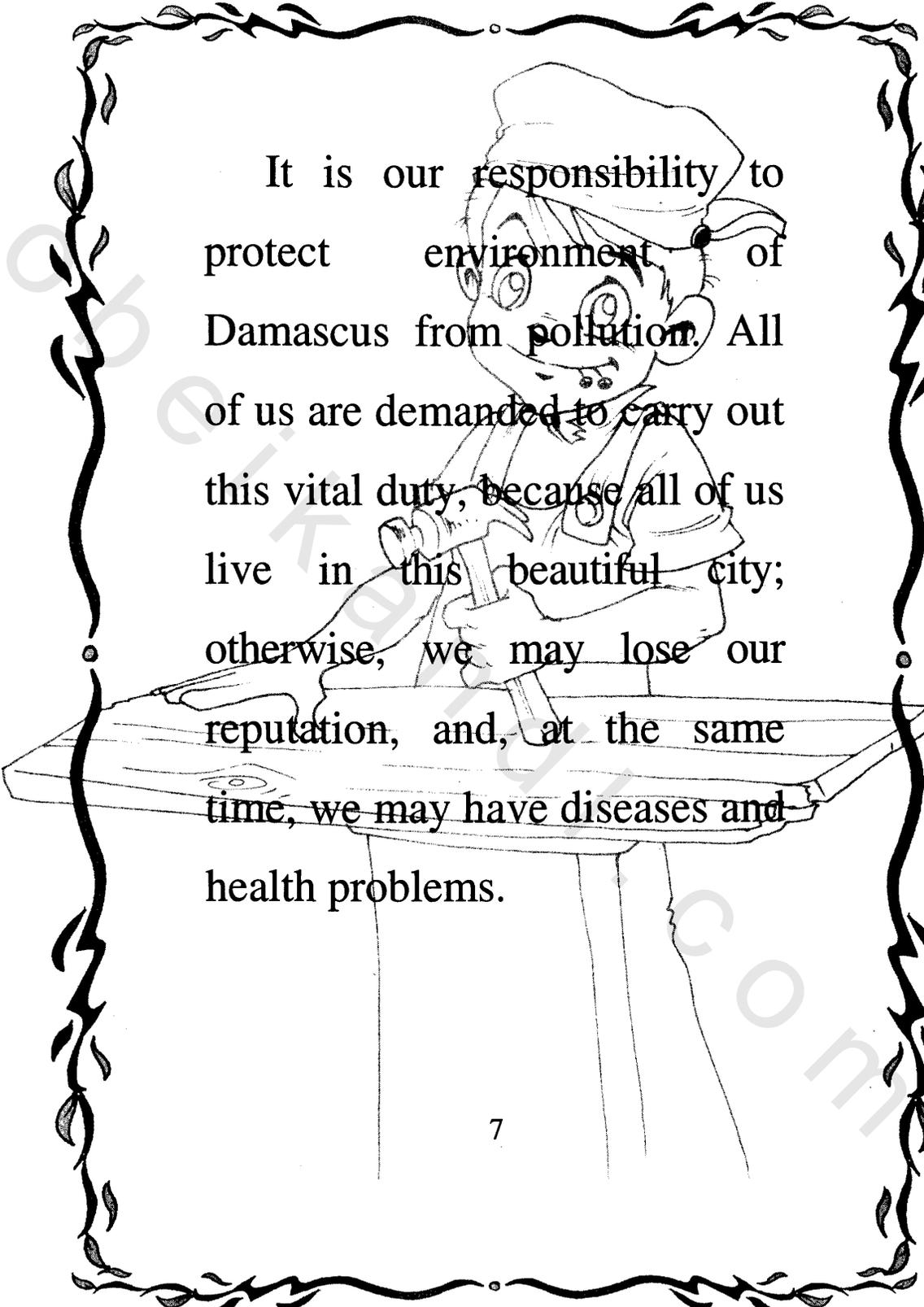


The two natural beauty signs that the Damascenes enjoy most are The Qasyoon Mountain and the Barada River!!.

The Qasyoon Mountain is a medium sized, easy-to-climb mountain, so the Damascenes spend their leisure times on its top times after times.

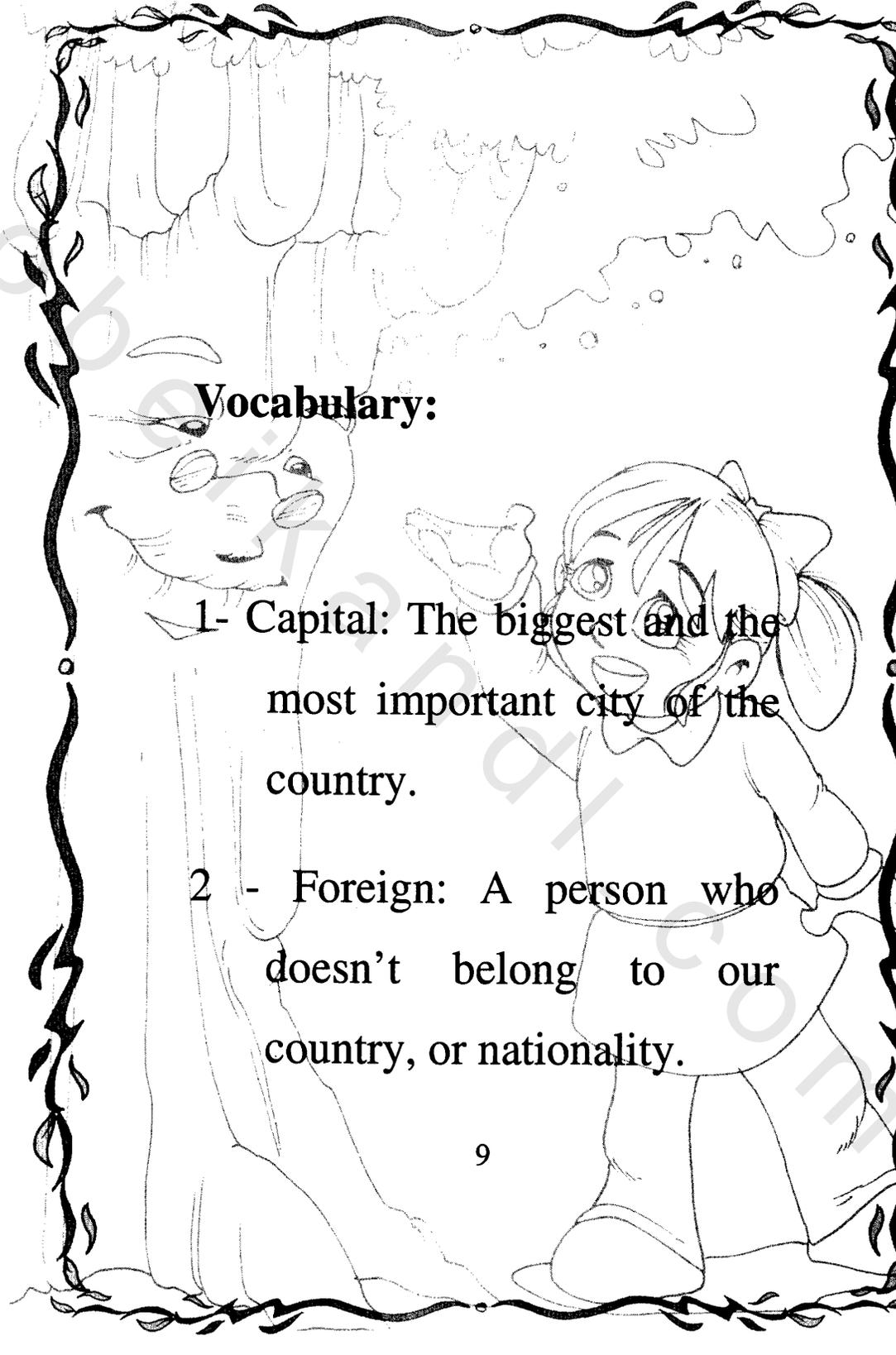


The River Barada is a wide, multi-branched, clean river. It irrigates the vast agricultural areas around Damascus, the Ghouta. Some bad people throw trash in Barada, so its water has become dirty, but most branches of Barada still give life to most areas of the Ghouta - the greenbelt around Damascus.



It is our responsibility to protect environment of Damascus from pollution. All of us are demanded to carry out this vital duty, because all of us live in this beautiful city; otherwise, we may lose our reputation, and, at the same time, we may have diseases and health problems.

We must teach ourselves  
and our brothers, sisters and  
friends to keep our streets and  
our River Barada clean. It is  
our duty to keep our farms  
green and full of flowers with  
butterflies playing around.



## **Vocabulary:**

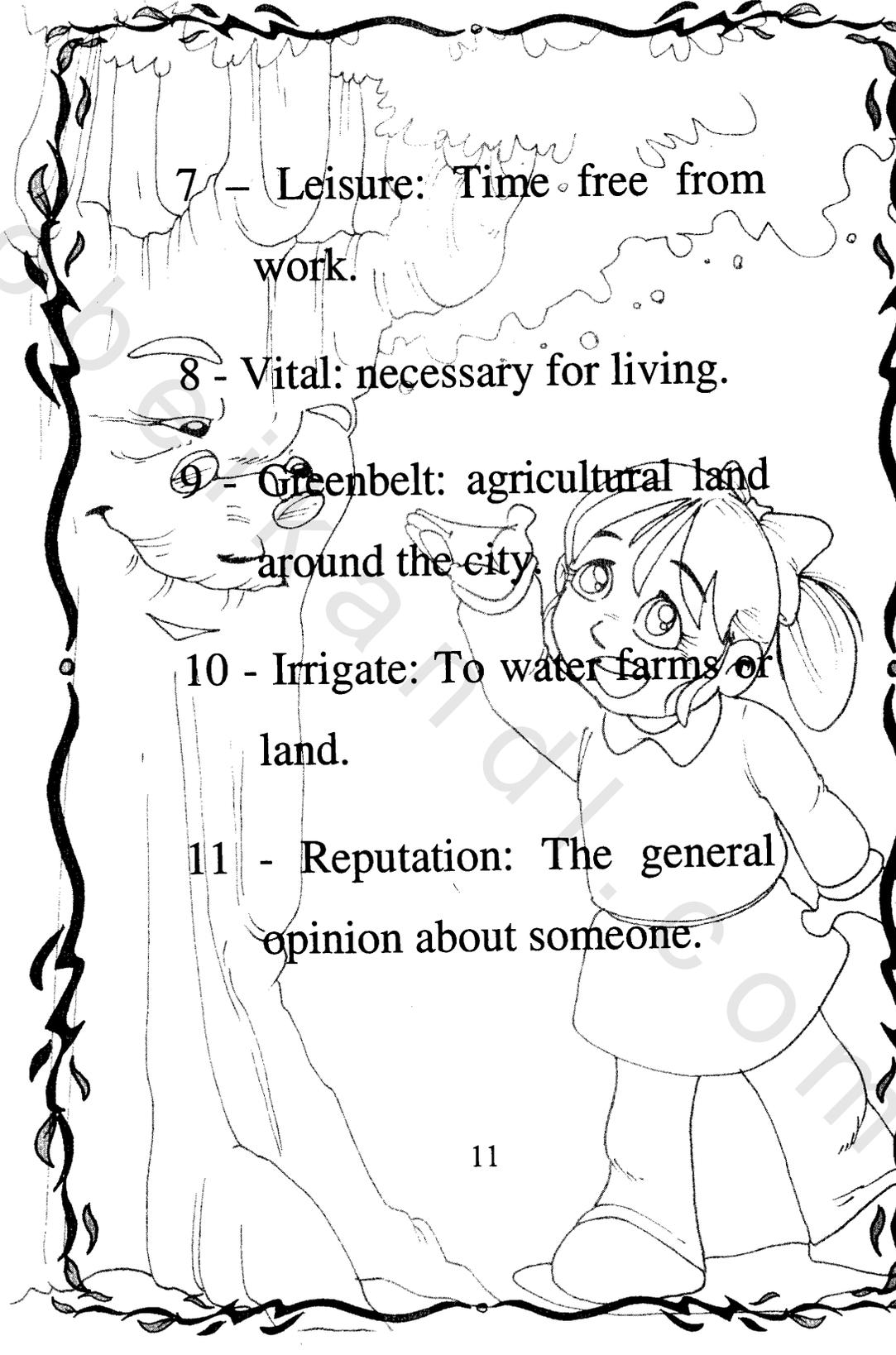
- 1- Capital: The biggest and the most important city of the country.
- 2 - Foreign: A person who doesn't belong to our country, or nationality.

3 - Pollution: Dirtiness when expands to everything around us.

4 - Ancient: Very old.

5 - Holy: associated with God or with religion.

6 - Civilization: Any industrial, technical and developmental changes that may be noted in a city.



7 - Leisure: Time free from work.

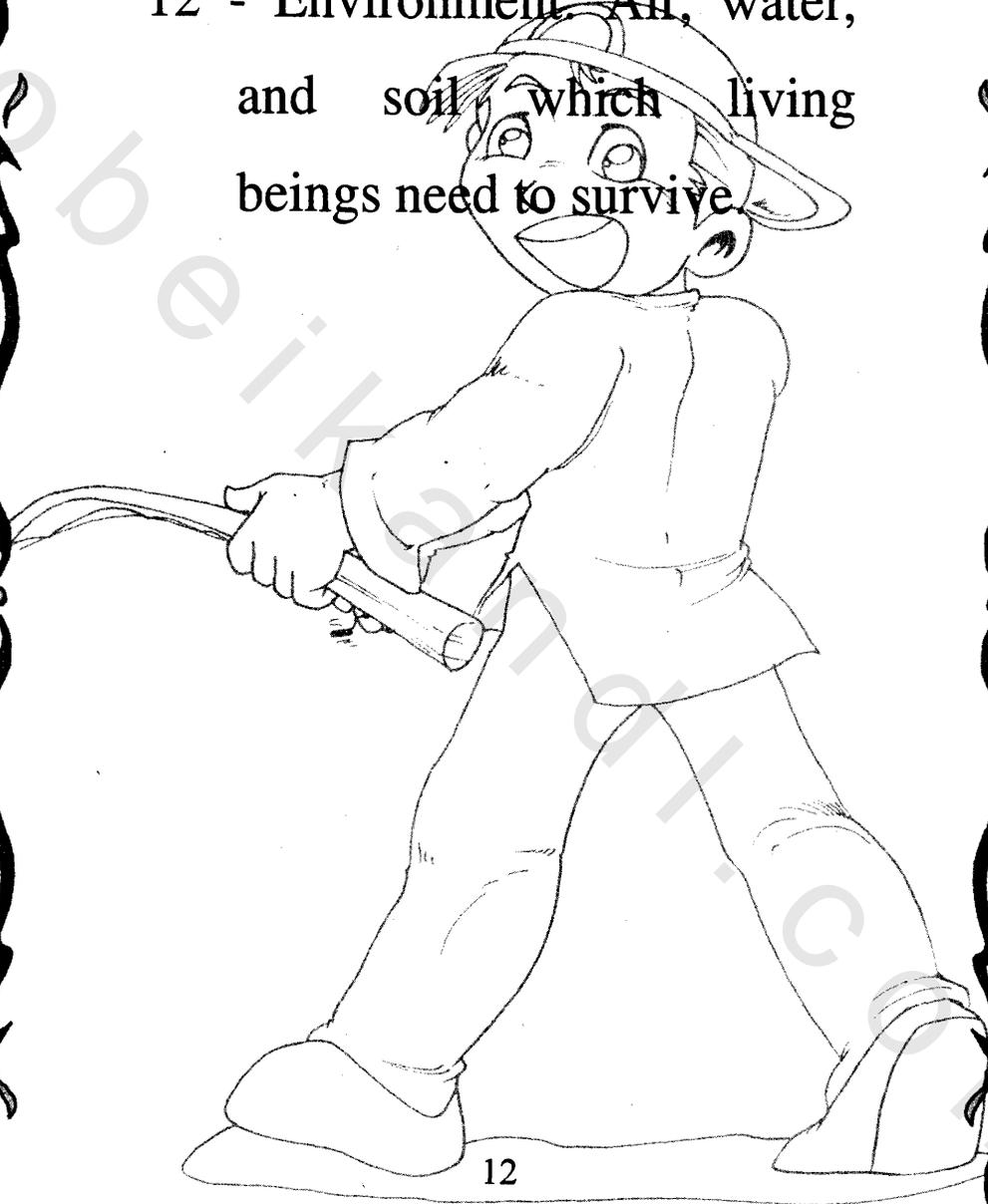
8 - Vital: necessary for living.

9 - Greenbelt: agricultural land around the city.

10 - Irrigate: To water farms or land.

11 - Reputation: The general opinion about someone.

12 - Environment: Air, water,  
and soil which living  
beings need to survive.



## Comprehension Questions:

Answer the following questions:

1- Why does the writer love Damascus?

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2- What many the foreign visitor  
enjoy in Damascus?

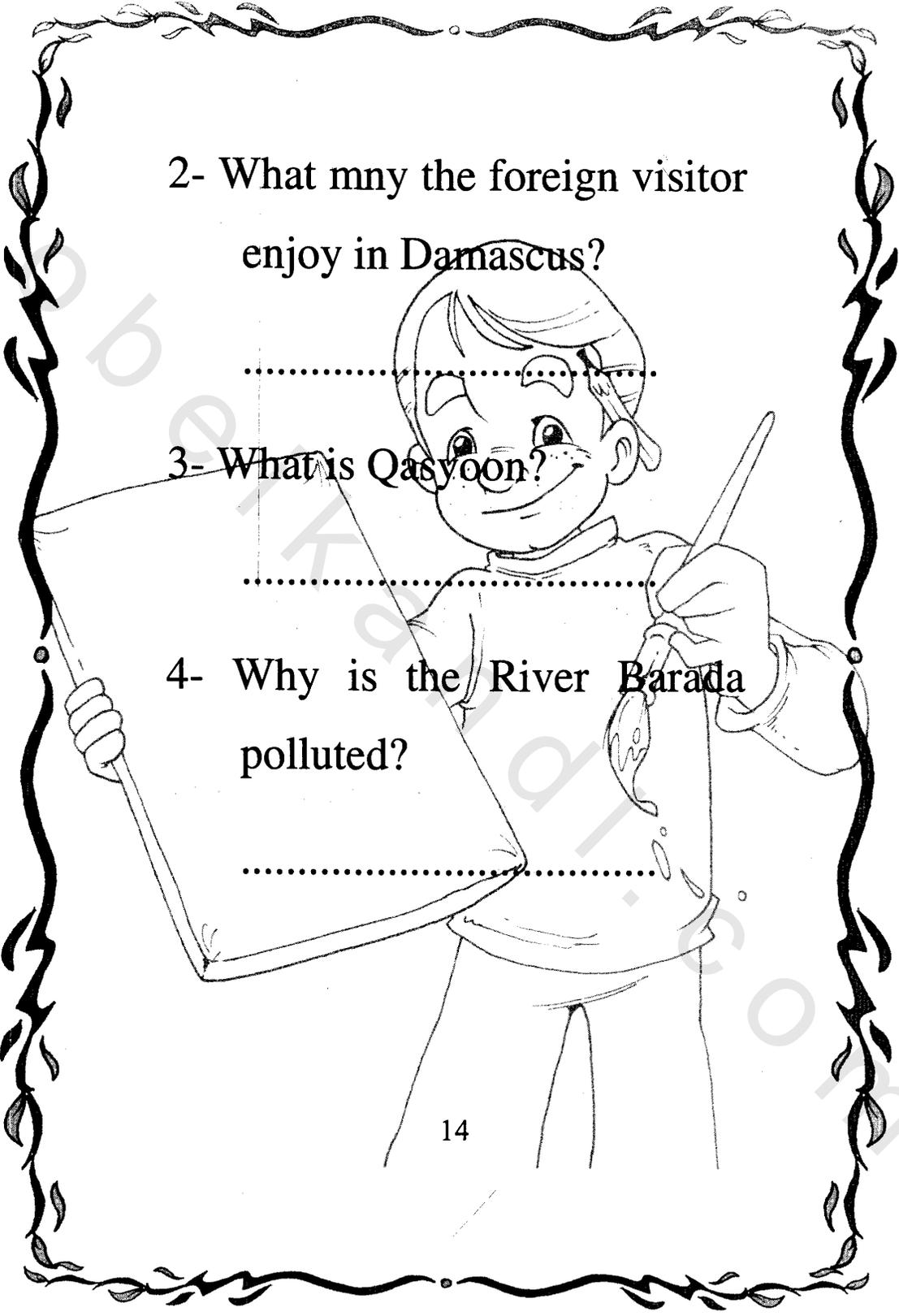
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3- What is Qasyoon?

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4- Why is the River Barada  
polluted?

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## True or false :

Which statement is true,  
and which is false ?

1- Damascus is the capital of  
Syria.

2- All ancient places are holy.

3- The Ghouta is the most important product of the River Barada.

4- Air and water are clean at all times, and they are self-cleaning.

5- Butterflies fly and play around green land.