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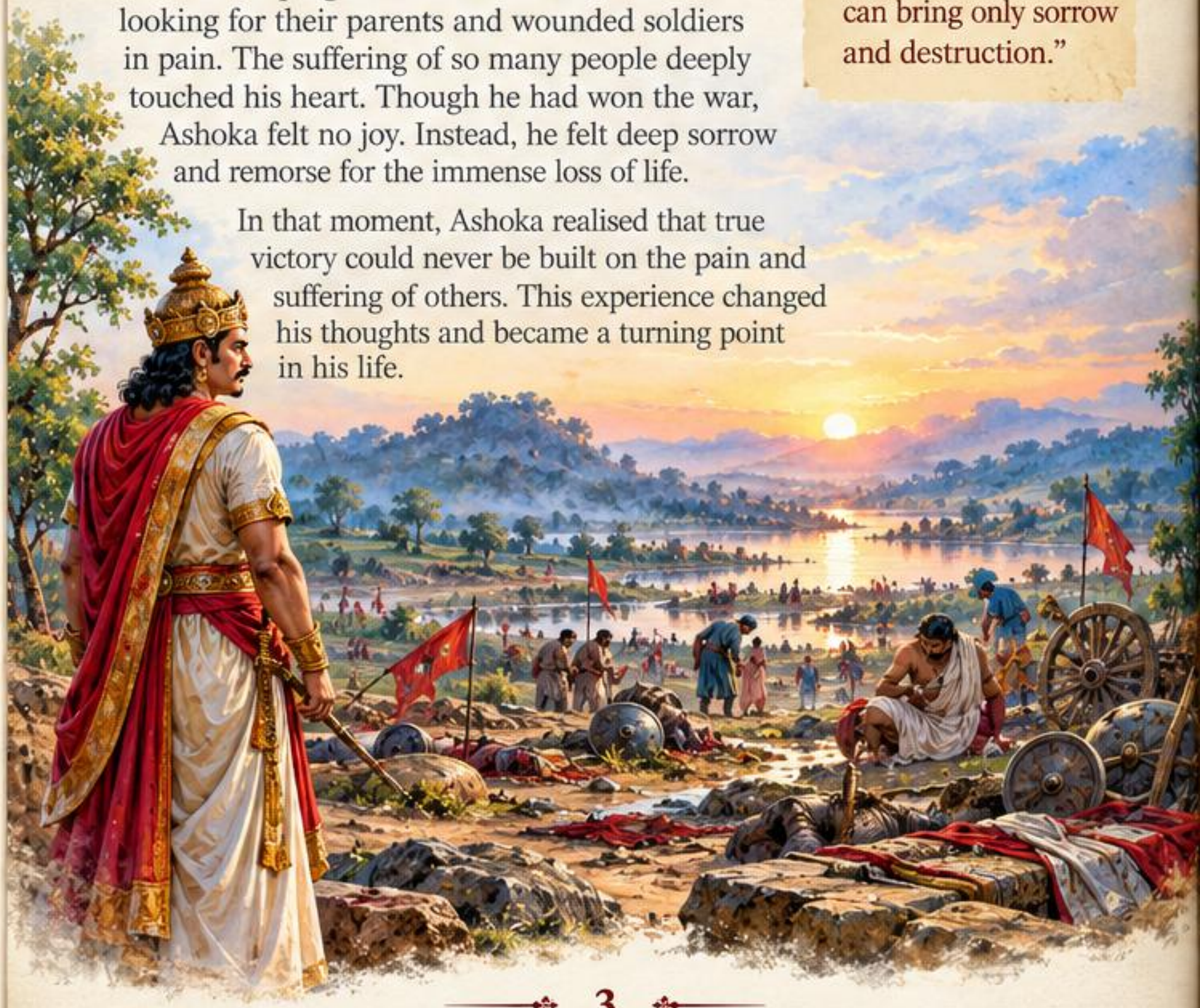
The Turning Point

After the Kalinga war, Emperor Ashoka walked across the battlefield. He saw the land filled with the silence of loss. The once vibrant fields were covered with broken chariots, scattered weapons and the memories of a great struggle.

He saw families searching for their loved ones, women weeping for their husbands, children looking for their parents and wounded soldiers in pain. The suffering of so many people deeply touched his heart. Though he had won the war, Ashoka felt no joy. Instead, he felt deep sorrow and remorse for the immense loss of life.

In that moment, Ashoka realised that true victory could never be built on the pain and suffering of others. This experience changed his thoughts and became a turning point in his life.

"Seeing the suffering of people after the Kalinga war filled Ashoka's heart with deep remorse. It made him realise that a war, even if won, can bring only sorrow and destruction."



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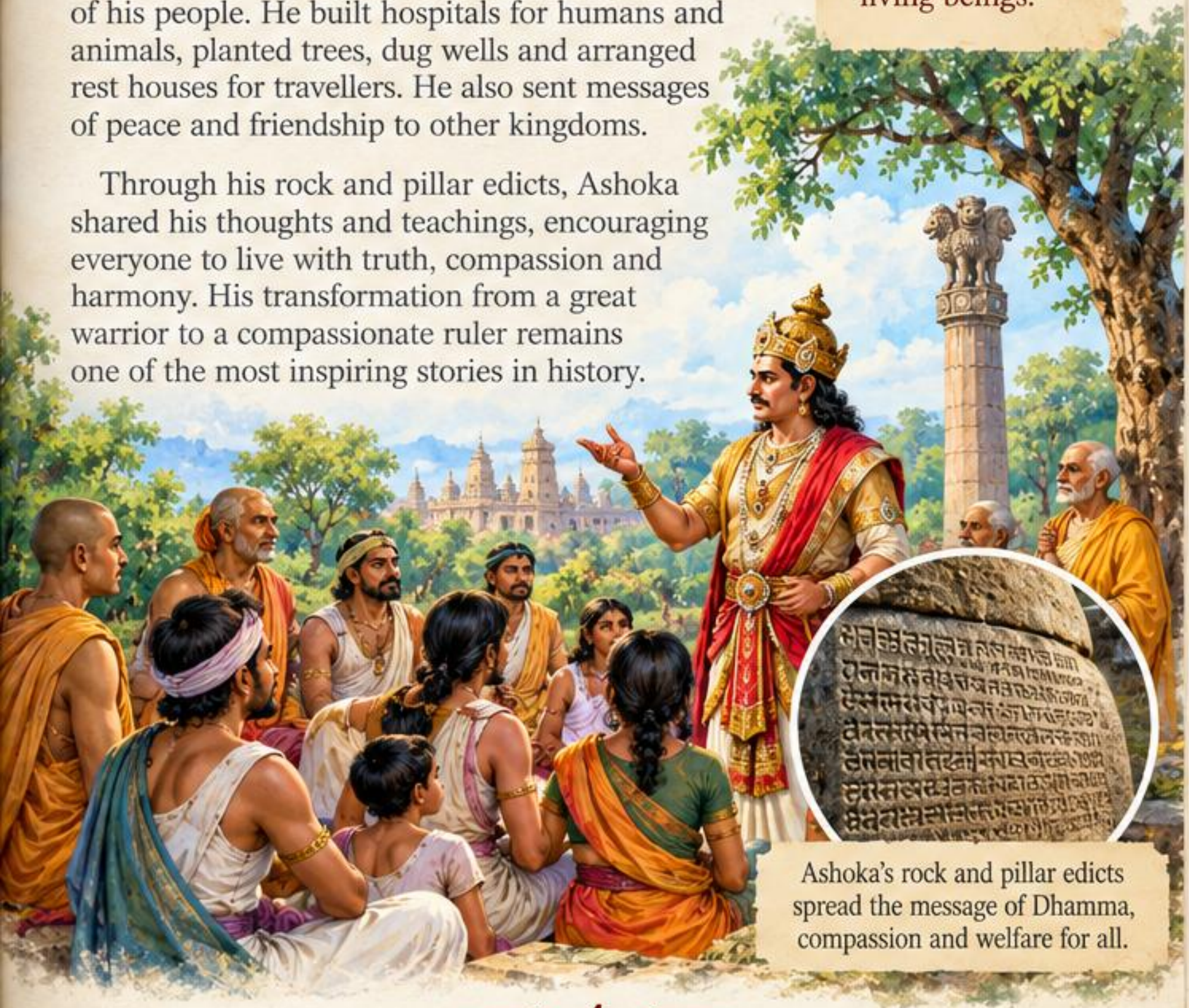
The Path of Peace

After the Kalinga war, Ashoka embraced the path of Dhamma. He gave up the idea of conquering other lands through war and chose to win people's hearts through kindness, compassion and righteous conduct.

Ashoka spread the message of non-violence, respect for all living beings and care for the welfare of his people. He built hospitals for humans and animals, planted trees, dug wells and arranged rest houses for travellers. He also sent messages of peace and friendship to other kingdoms.

Through his rock and pillar edicts, Ashoka shared his thoughts and teachings, encouraging everyone to live with truth, compassion and harmony. His transformation from a great warrior to a compassionate ruler remains one of the most inspiring stories in history.

"Ashoka showed that true strength lies not in war, but in compassion, non-violence and the welfare of all living beings."



Ashoka's rock and pillar edicts spread the message of Dhamma, compassion and welfare for all.