

Abu Nawas : Trip Back to Town

Abu Nawas jerked for a moment looking around him. He was in a hut not far from the settlement. He stepped outside trying to understand what had happened. He tried to go to the market in the area, but what he saw next took him by surprise. He realized he was not in his city (Baghdad) and was in an area that residents always said was a strange area. In the middle of the journey he met a man with a cone mask so that his eyes could only see from one end of the hole of the cone mask. He asked the man why he was wearing the mask. The man said that he had worn the mask since birth. Abu Nawas was confused but he had no other choice but to ask the masked man. He asked him for directions to the city. The man in the cone mask found out and the two of them walked together towards the city.

On a slightly closed trip, they met a man who danced very beautifully. But seeing Abu Nawas and the masked man, he immediately fell silent and didn't move. Abu Nawas asked why he stopped his beautiful dance. He said with horror that in his village there were only female dancers and men doing heavy work. Abu Nawas invited him to walk with him to the city. He agreed and the three of them continued on to the city.

Just a few distances from the city, they were ambushed by a group that was not wearing any clothes. They thought the three men were strange so they brought them to their king. The king saw them disgusted and angry. They were given the death penalty in different ways. The cone mask man was sentenced to hang, the dancer man was sentenced to burn, and Abu Nawas was given a whip.

The cone mask man was executed first. He tried to enter his head into the eyelet of the hanging rope but the eyelet was too small for his mask. The residents forced him to take off his mask but he still refused. So one of the executioners forcibly pulled the mask. When the mask was removed he felt dizzy and dumbfounded. He who always sees the circular world from inside the mask feels happy to see the many shapes in the world. But on the other hand he felt sad because the beautiful world could no longer be seen when he was hanged to death.

The dancing man was dragged into a container filled with fire. He looked sad because he couldn't dance anymore. A great smoldering fire was kindled and he was plunged into it. Before the fire burned his whole body he danced beautifully with all his heart. And he saw that the people were smiling and happy with his dance. In his heart he regretted knowing that even though he was a man, he was still able to entertain people with his dances like the women in his native village. Regret always comes last. Now he is executed and will die.

Abu Nawas who was executed last. He was taken to where he would be flogged. But before that he made a request to the king to take off his clothes. The king agreed to the request. The executioner took off the clothes of the Abu Nawas so that it could be seen that the Abu Nawas had the same body as them. The residents were dumbfounded and started whispering. They know that the Abu Nawas are the same as them and the clothes are just a cover. King also saw and stopped the execution. King apologized to Abu Nawas for thinking that he was a threat. Abu Nawas was then released from his punishment and his clothes were returned.

Abu Nawas returned to his city safely. And at that moment, he understood that he was not only experiencing a journey but also a lot of new knowledge and experiences that he got.