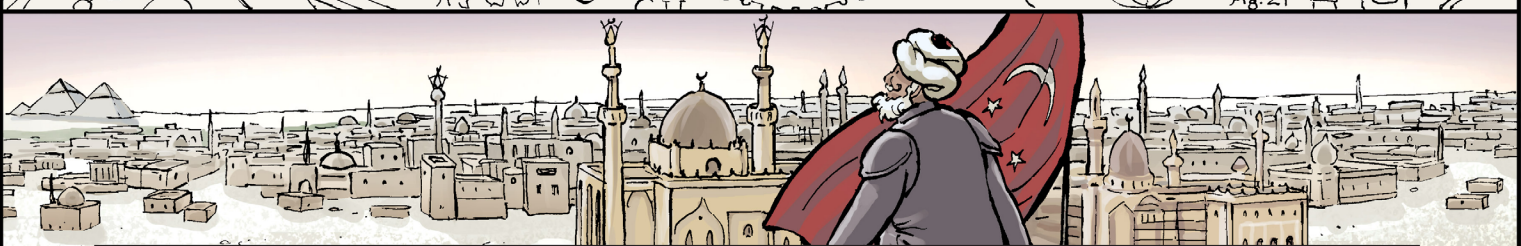


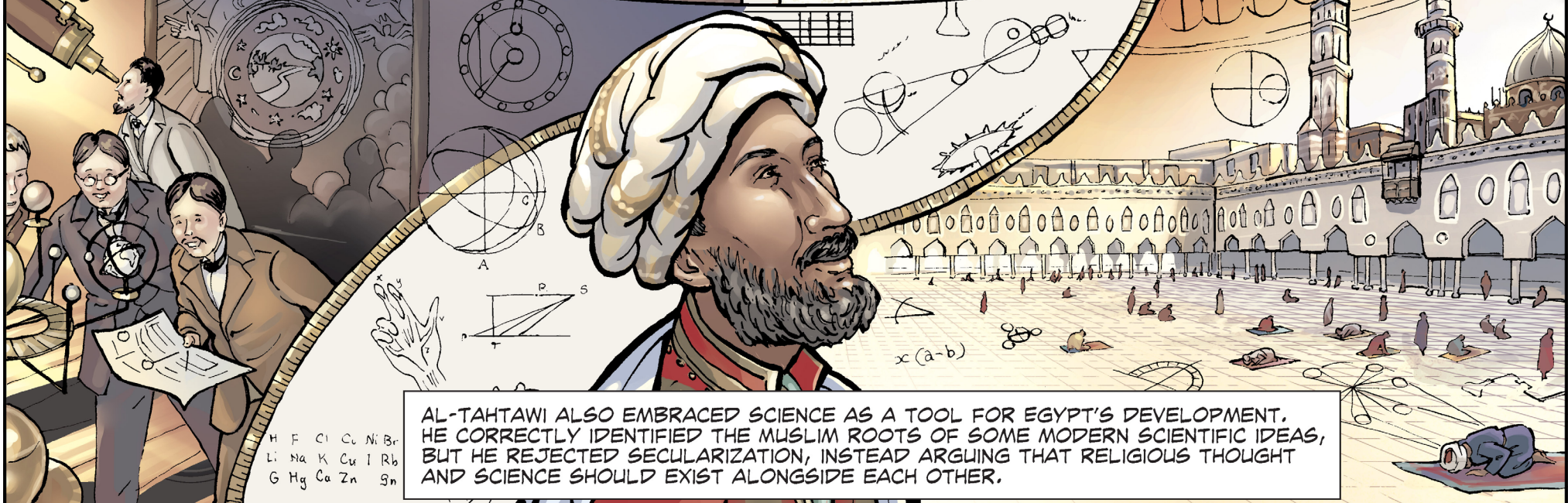
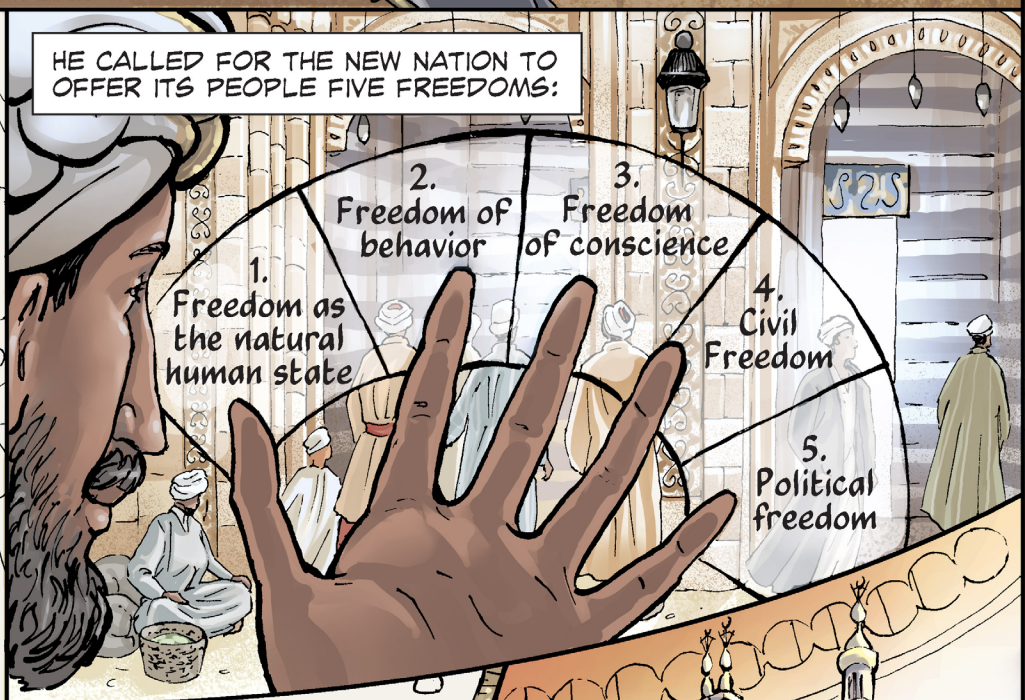
RIFA'A AL-TAHTAWI WAS AN EGYPTIAN INTELLECTUAL WHO STUDIED FRENCH SOCIETY IN THE AGE OF REVOLUTIONS. HE THEORIZED WAYS TO COMBINE EUROPEAN SCIENTIFIC IDEAS WITH ISLAMIC BELIEF, REFLECTING THE GREAT MUSLIM CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCIENCE OF EARLIER CENTURIES. HE WAS ALSO AN EGYPTIAN NATIONALIST AND A LIBERAL THEORIST.



IN 1827, TWO EGYPTIAN VISITORS TO FRANCE MET IN PARIS. ONE WAS THE GIRAFFE ZARAF, A GIFT OF EGYPTIAN RULER MUHAMMAD ALI. THE OTHER WAS THE MUSLIM IMAM AND PHILOSOPHER RIFA'A AL-TAHTAWI.



EGYPT AT THE TIME WAS UNDER OTTOMAN RULE, BUT MUHAMMAD ALI, THOUGH TECHNICALLY THE OTTOMAN VICEROY, WAS STIRRING IDEAS ABOUT EGYPTIAN NATIONALISM.



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