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هَلْ تَسْتَطِيعُ أَنْ تَطَّلِعَ هَذَا الْجَبَلَ يَا رَاشِدُ

نَعَمْ وَقَدْ طَلَعْتُ جَيْمًا ذَهَبْتُ مَعَهُ

تَلَامِيذِ الْمَدْرَسَةِ فِي رِحْلَةٍ يَوْمِ الْجُمُعَةِ

هَلْ هَذَا الْجَوَابُ لَكَ

نَعَمْ أَرْسَلَهُ أَخِي الْأَكْبَرُ