Lord Joseph commanded: ‘I wish any builders to present themselves to build me a palace that is large and well made. The height of the said palace to be forty arshin¹ and the width exactly the same.

I wish there to be pictures upon the walls: firstly of Jacob, but then of each of his sons. Then let there be depicted each misdeed they did to Joseph and all the things he had to go through.

Let it be pictured how they took him deceitfully from his father, took off his clothes, threw him in a well, and, in short, conspired together to accomplish his murder. That must all be shown on the palace wall!

Then show their arrival, and how he emerged from the well, but only to be claimed as their slave, haggled over, and sold on quite ridiculously cheaply with much muttering about his shortcomings!

¹ Old Turkic measure of length equal to 28 inches (71cm).
All this needs to be the subject of the most careful illustration!
However, that said, Joseph commanded a most sumptuous banquet with many guests and many dishes; and to this he invited his brothers.

Now when Lord Joseph’s brothers entered into the palace it was Rawil who realized the nature of the frescoes. He whispered as low as he could to the rest of them: ‘Look! This shows all our misdeeds! Here it is shown how we got Joseph away from our father and all the distress and suffering we caused! We did such appalling evil to Joseph, and every bit has been depicted in these frescoes!’

When the ten brothers observed all those pictures they were overwhelmed by their own meanness, repented at once of all the sin that they had committed, and felt quite unable to eat.

Various delicious dishes were placed in front of them, but their inner selves were gripped by sorrow. They all sat there, quite unable to stop crying and touched nothing in front of them.

Joseph looked quite beautiful, as he instructed his interpreter: ‘Do please ask them why they aren’t eating. In heaven’s name why are they crying? What’s their problem?’ And so the interpreter enquired of them.

And their response to the interpreter was as follows: ‘Once we had another brother who looked as lovely as this boy on the wall, but a wolf went and ate him.

We look at this picture, and find ourselves full of grief and quite unable to eat’. After that lord Joseph gave instructions for the construction of yet another palace, to which he invited them.

So the ten brothers all arrived at that palace, where they found splendid varieties of food and drink.