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In his new homeland, Turan, Prince Siyawush soon falls victim to a plot devised by the envious brother of the Turanian king. King Afrasiyab ends up going to war against Siyawush, who would rather have his men slaughtered and he himself taken prisoner than fight against the king who had welcomed him so warmly. Siyawush is captured and executed, and his widow barely escapes the same fate.

The miniature shows the dastardly deed when Siyawush is slaughtered like an animal. His throat is cut and his blood is caught in a golden dish.