THE ROAD TO BAGHDAD

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“THE DREAM”
I WANT TO GO TO LIVE IN THE CITY! THERE ARE COLORFUL LIGHTS THERE, LARGE SHOP SIGNS, AND MERRY-GO-ROUNDS!
My little one, you too will go to the city, but you must never forget where you come from.

Here, in our ancient land, the first cities were born.
These cities were built around a tell where the temple and the royal palace stood. These two buildings were very important.
YOU REALLY HAVE A GREAT IMAGINATION, MY GRANDDAUGHTER!
OUR PEOPLE COULD ACHIEVE WHATEVER THEY WANTED...
Today we write with computers and communicate with cellphones, but it is we who made this possible. Writing was born in our land.

Argh... there is a small mistake!

Shucks! I will have to do it all over!
WE WENT ON LONG TRIPS BY SEA AND OBSERVED THE STARS,
IMAGINING FARAWAY PLACES...
I didn’t know our past was so important.

Very, very important...

But it is often destroyed or damaged by people who have only their own interest in mind.
I will carry this lesson with me, dear grandmother, wherever I go!
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People who are ignorant of their past will never truly understand their present.