Nizwa and the Omani interior
Nizwa:

- One of the oldest cities in Oman
- The largest city in the Ad Dakhilia region
- About 700,000 people
- On the trade routes linking Muscat to the interior and to Salalah (on the Indian Ocean)
The interior of Oman is:

- very dry – luckily, Omanis developed a technologically and socially advanced system of irrigation known as the *falaj*

- full of forts – often Nizwa was the seat of power

- relatively conservative, an Ibadi Islamic center
Nizwa from atop the Nizwa Fort
Dates: an important product
Falaj: an ancient irrigation channel, so well-designed that it is still in use
Nizwa’s Friday animal market
a “small” section of Lulu’s Hypermarket, Nizwa’s enormous modern grocery store
Al Rustaq Fort
Southeast of Nizwa, Wahiba Sands is so spectacular that even the locals want a photo op!
Your mission for today:

Learn more about Nizwa and its environs in order to understand the lifestyle and culture.
And interview people who knew the victim in order to identify possible suspects or witnesses:

- Younis – John’s friend and fellow history buff
- Ahmed – Amira’s cousin
- Abdulaziz – local date farmer
- Jason – a graduate student/researcher from the U.S.
- Abdullah – local musician, originally from Zanzibar