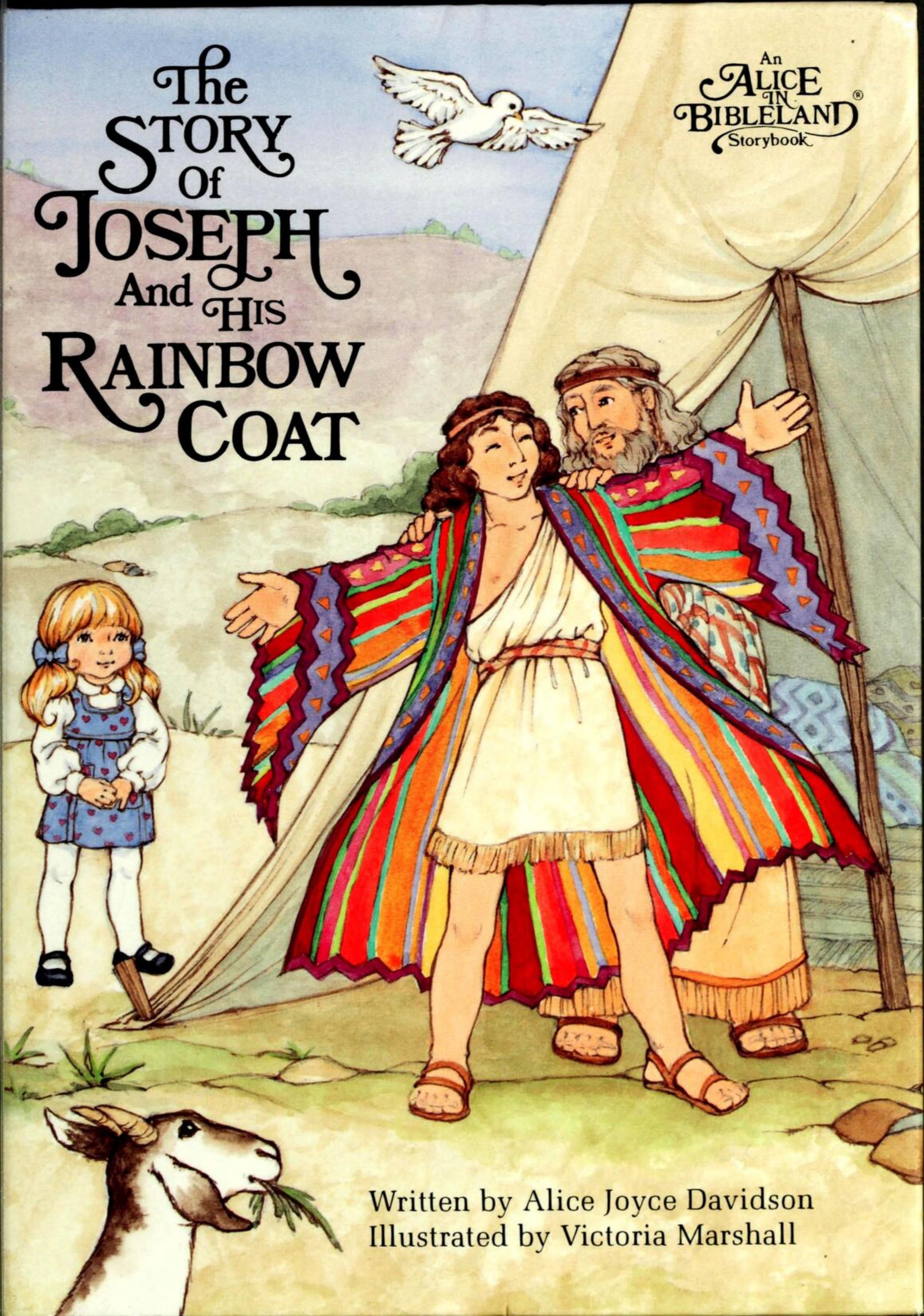


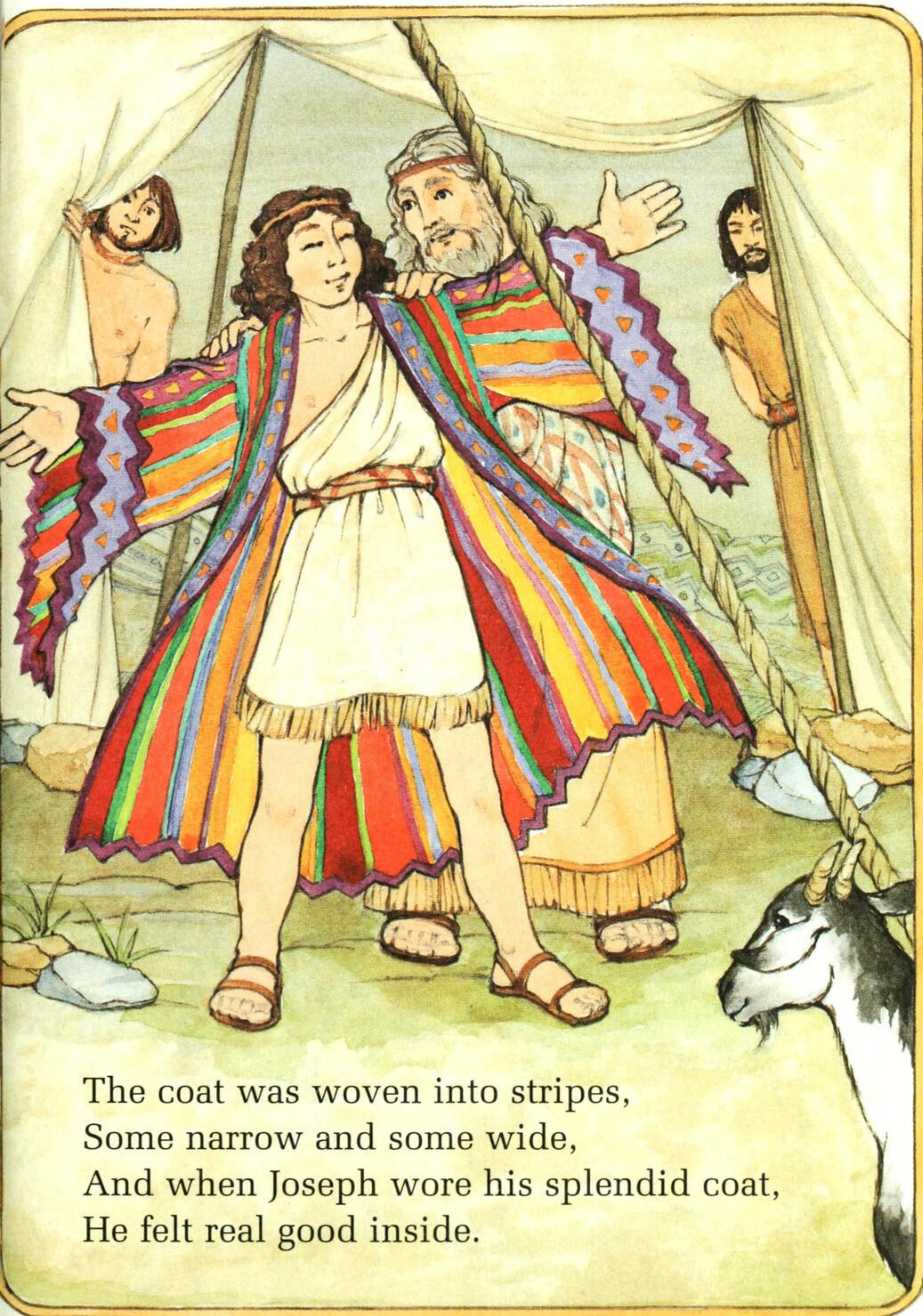
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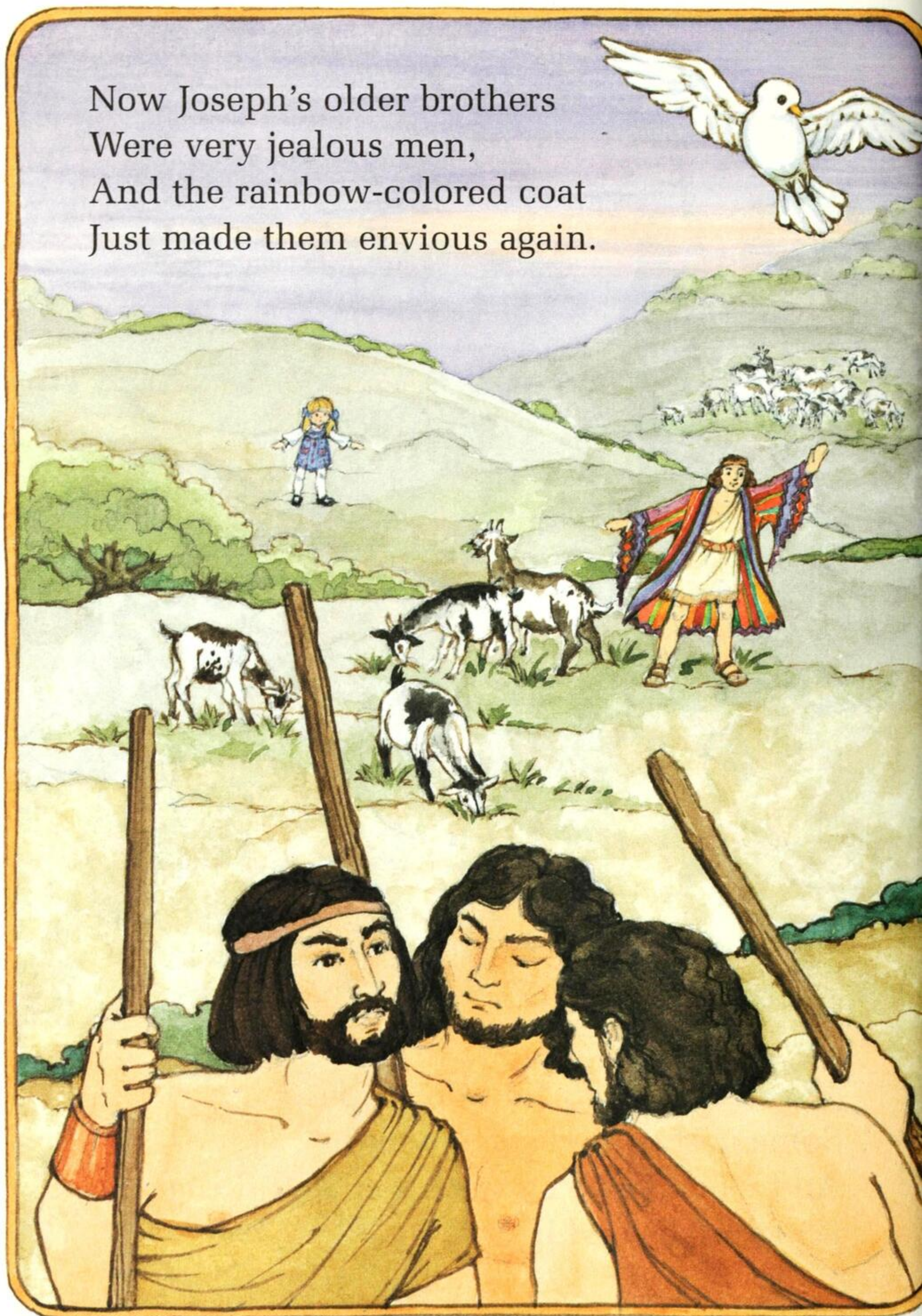
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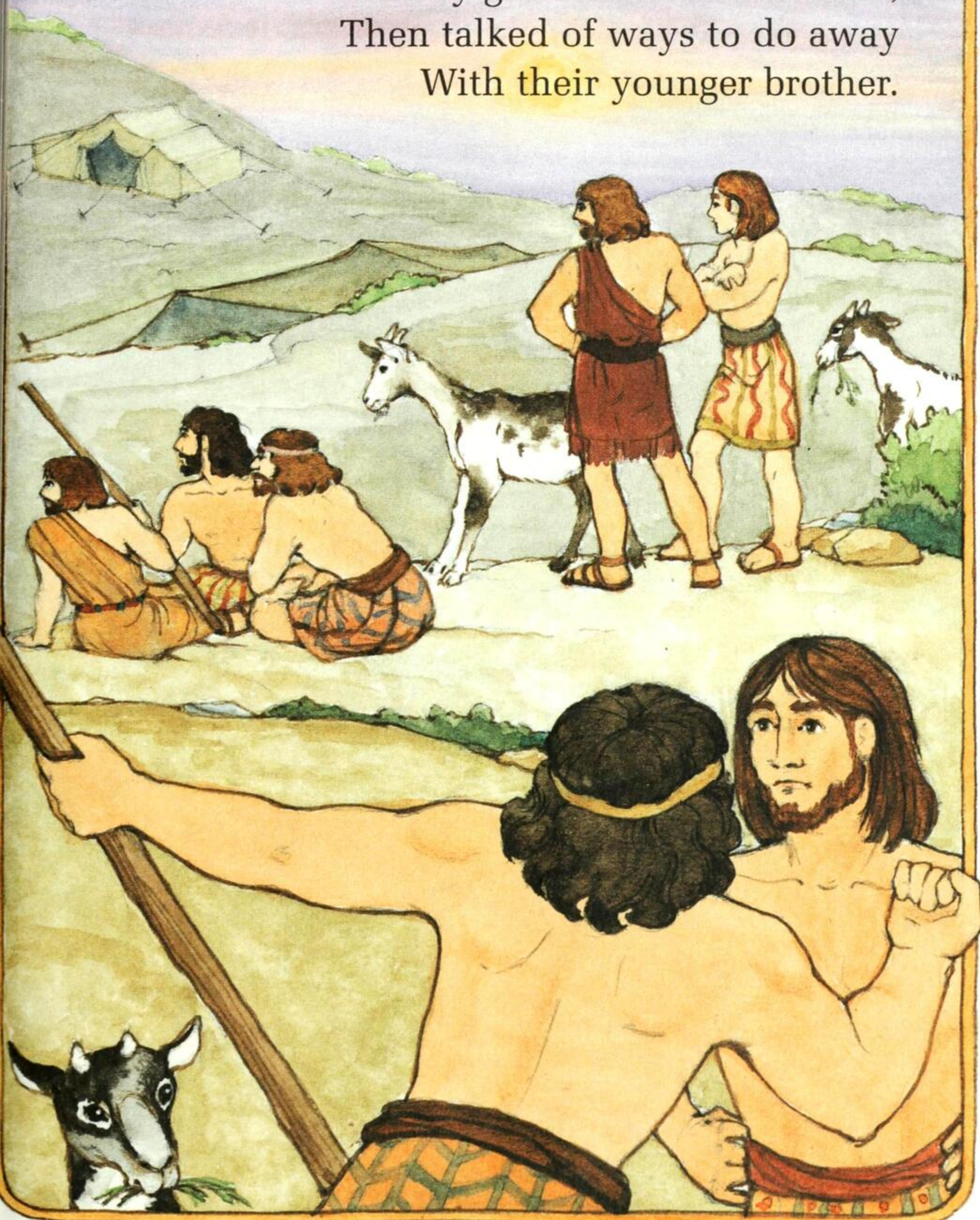


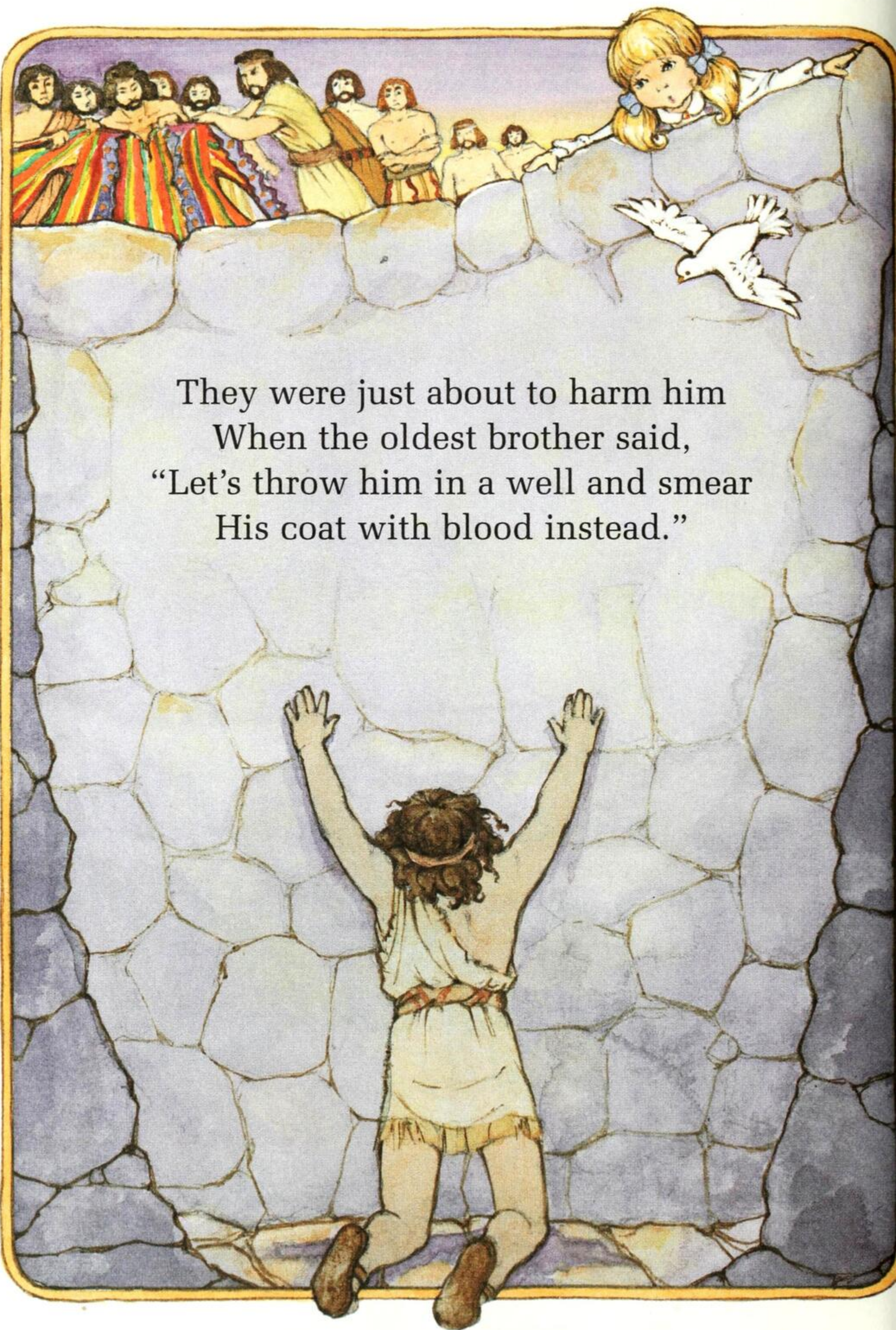
The coat was woven into stripes,
Some narrow and some wide,
And when Joseph wore his splendid coat,
He felt real good inside.

Now Joseph's older brothers
Were very jealous men,
And the rainbow-colored coat
Just made them envious again.



“We’d be better off without him,”
They grumbled to each other,
Then talked of ways to do away
With their younger brother.



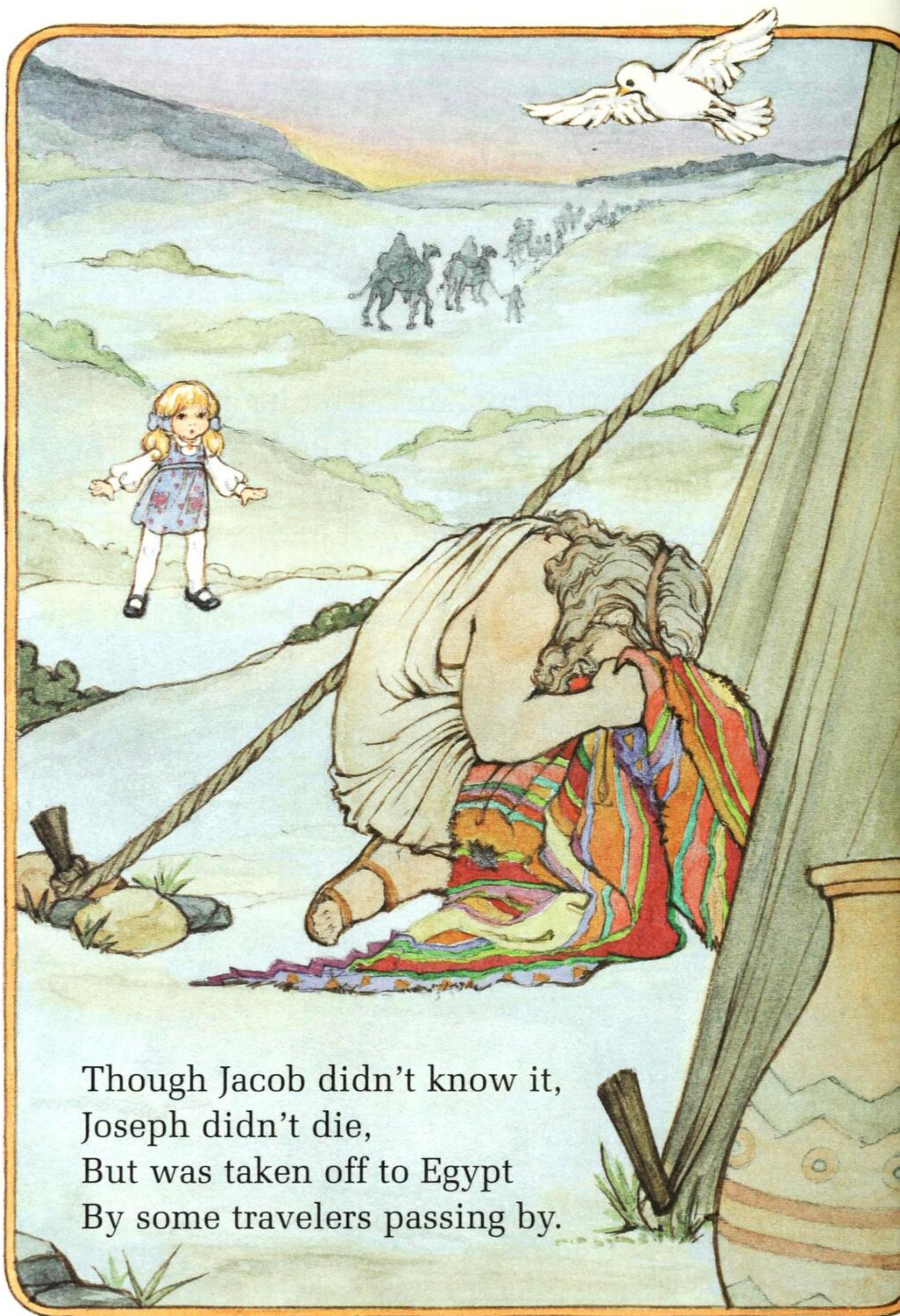


They were just about to harm him
When the oldest brother said,
“Let’s throw him in a well and smear
His coat with blood instead.”

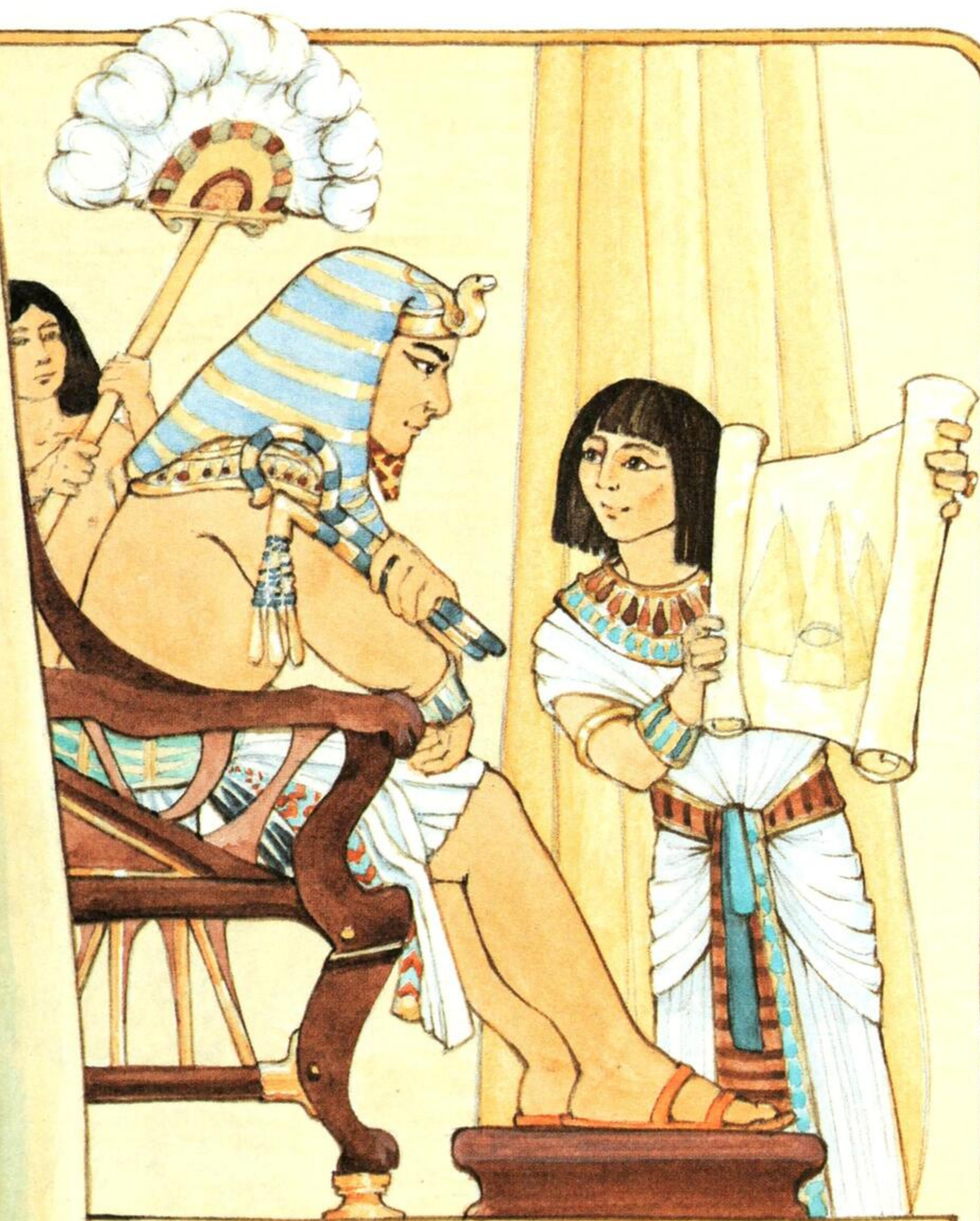


They did this, then told Jacob
That his favorite son had died.
Jacob looked at Joseph's coat
And wailed and moaned and cried.



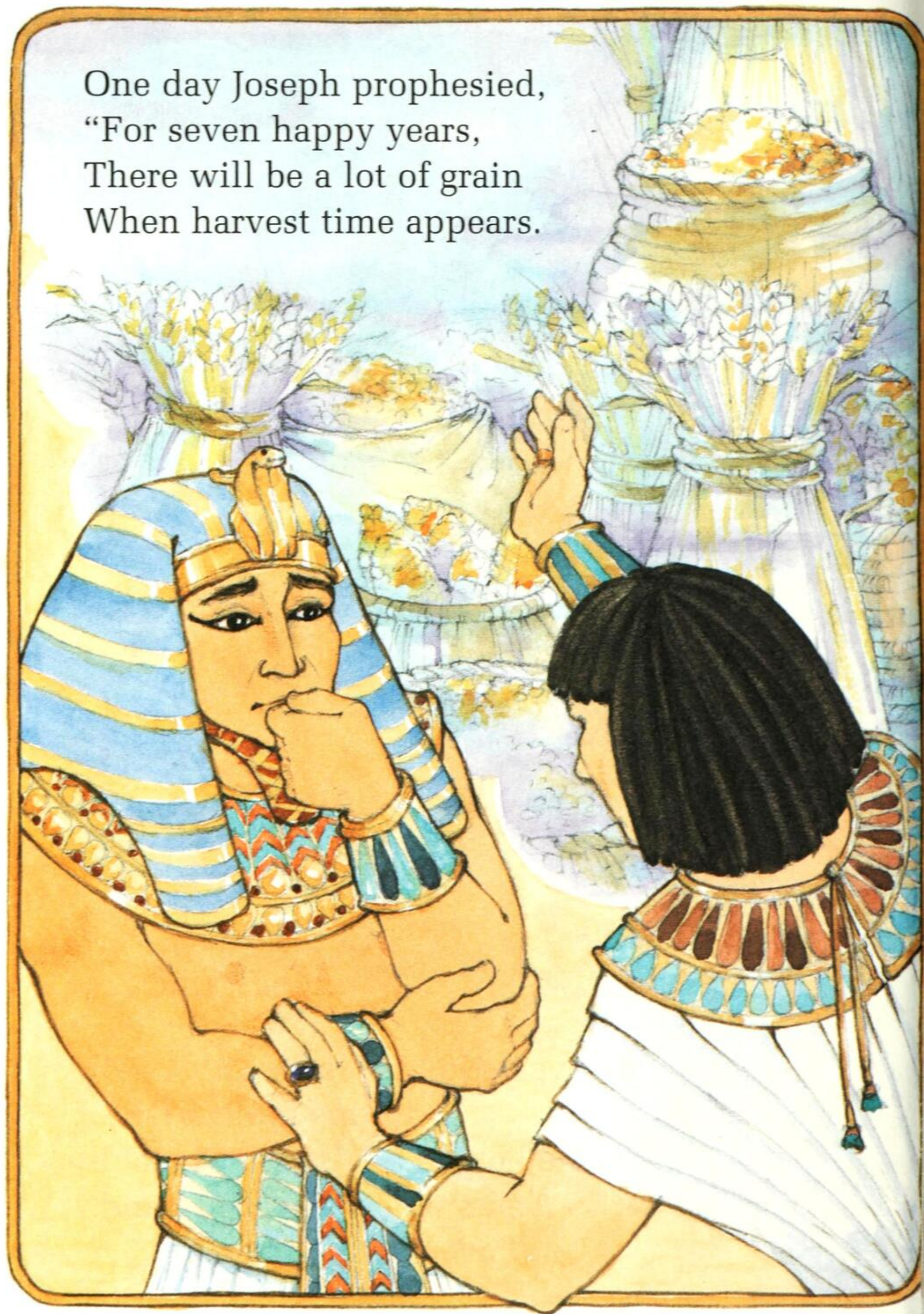


Though Jacob didn't know it,
Joseph didn't die,
But was taken off to Egypt
By some travelers passing by.



For years Joseph lived quite well
In this foreign land.
He helped advise the Pharaoh
And stood at his right hand.

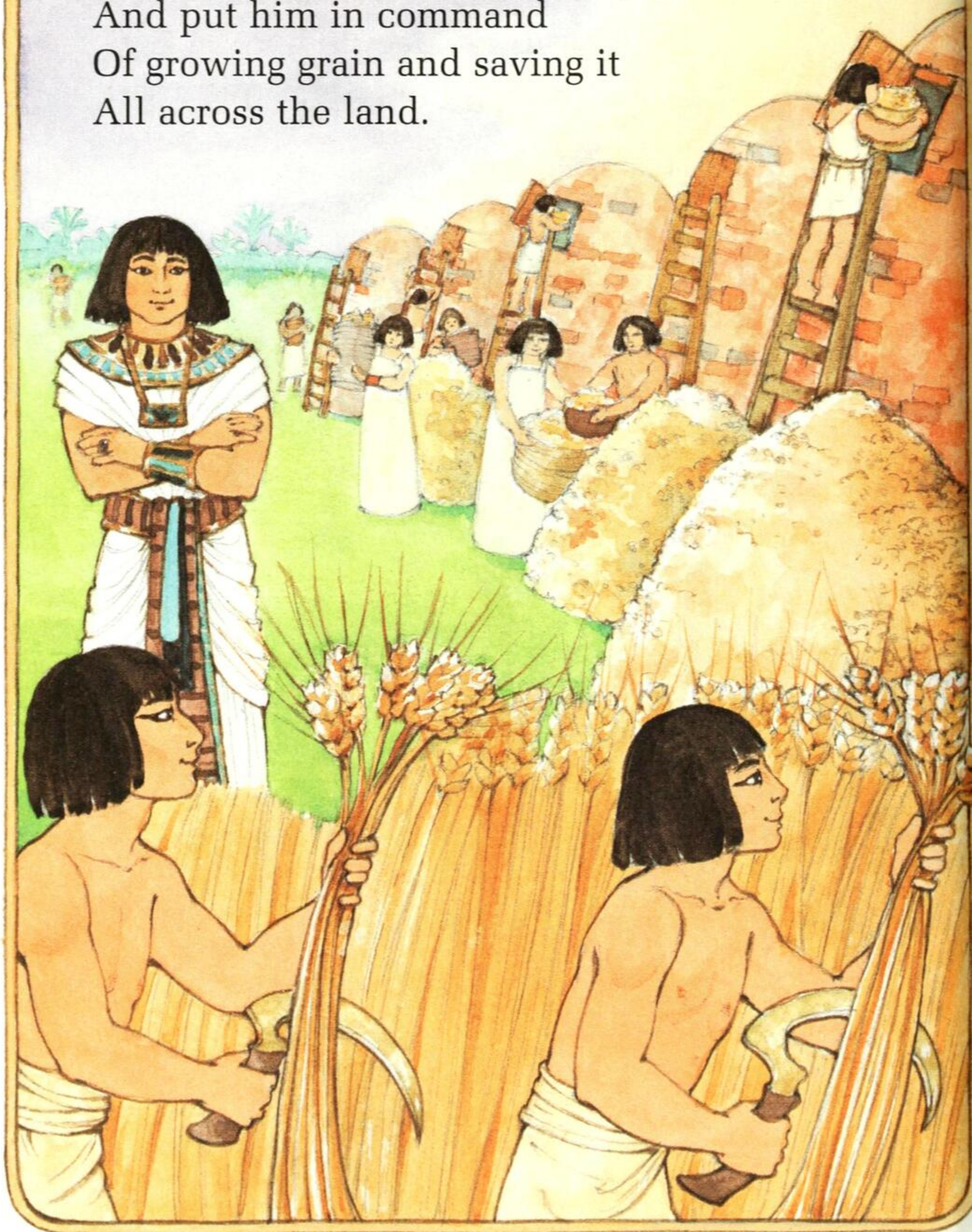
One day Joseph prophesied,
“For seven happy years,
There will be a lot of grain
When harvest time appears.



“Then for seven awful years,
The harvest will be bad
And people here in Egypt
Could be hungry and quite sad.”

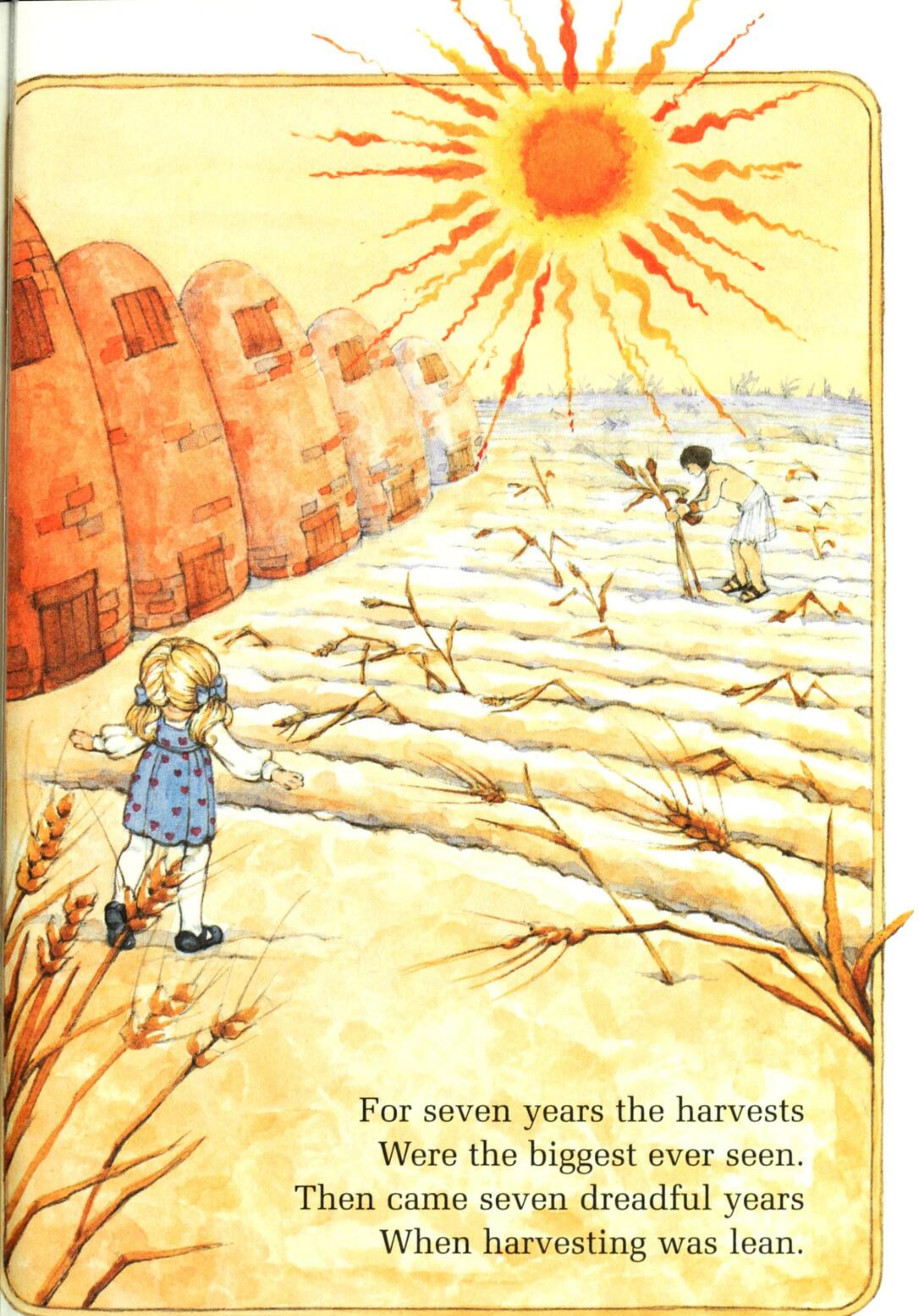


The Pharaoh trusted Joseph
And put him in command
Of growing grain and saving it
All across the land.

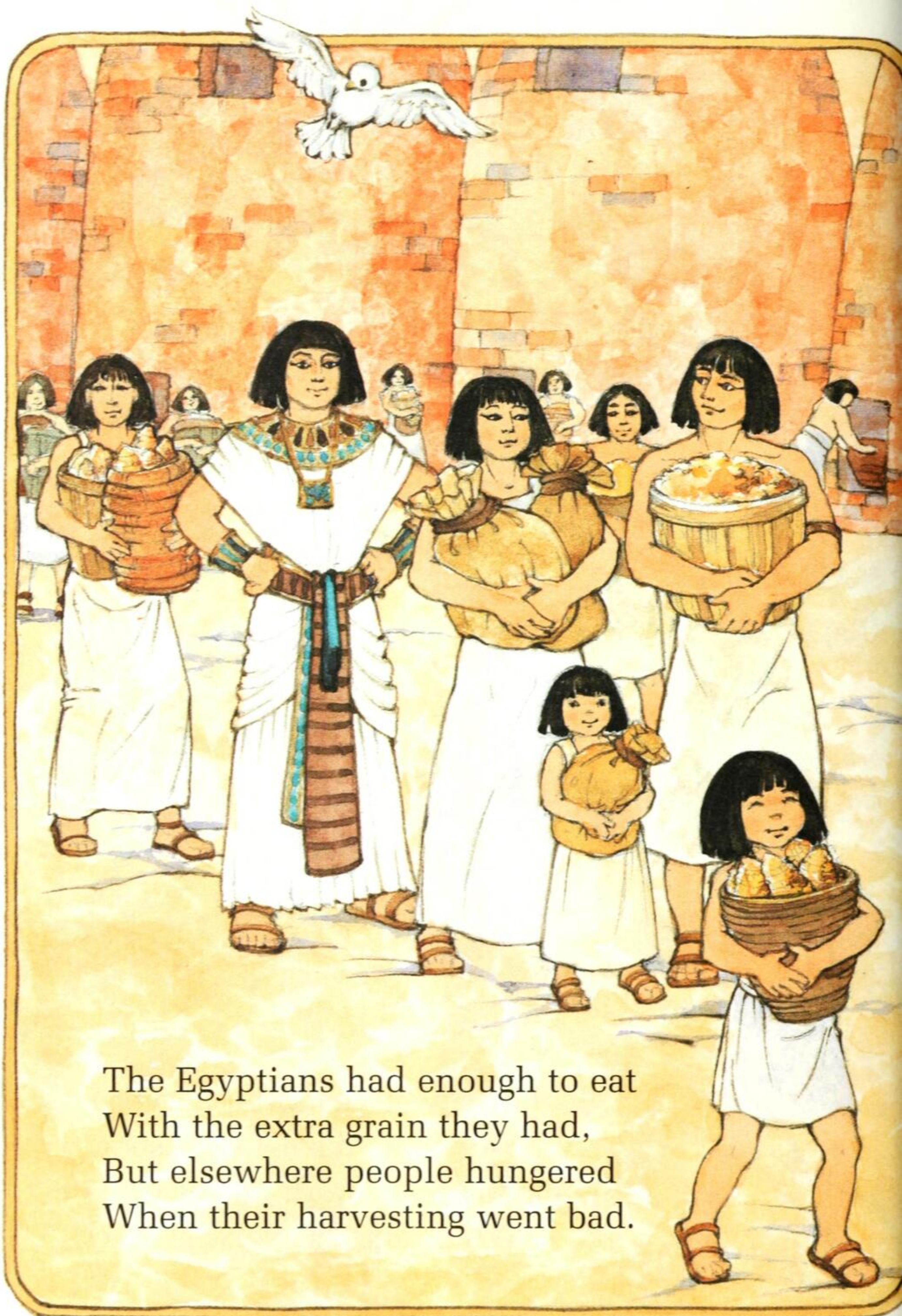




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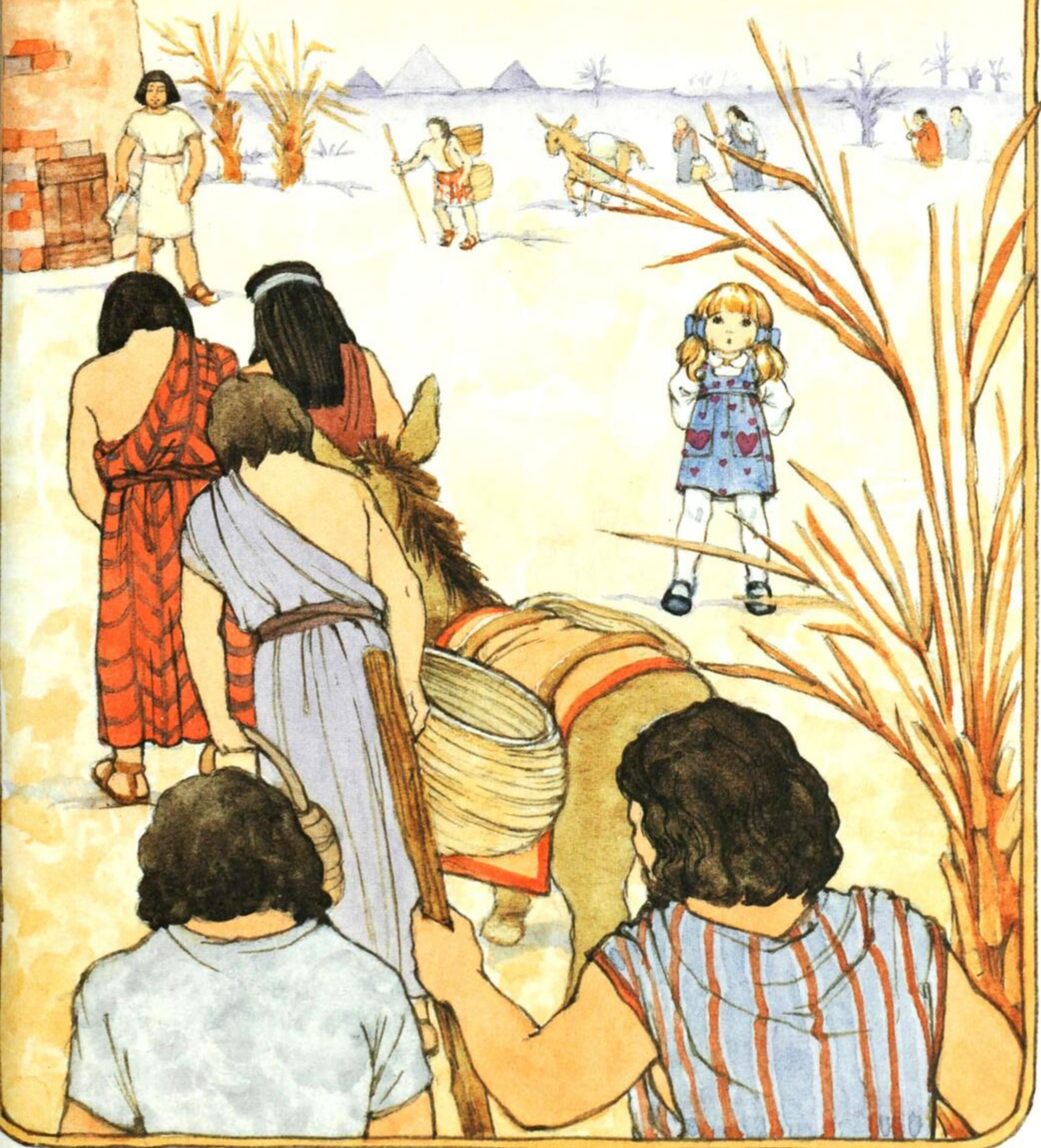


For seven years the harvests
Were the biggest ever seen.
Then came seven dreadful years
When harvesting was lean.

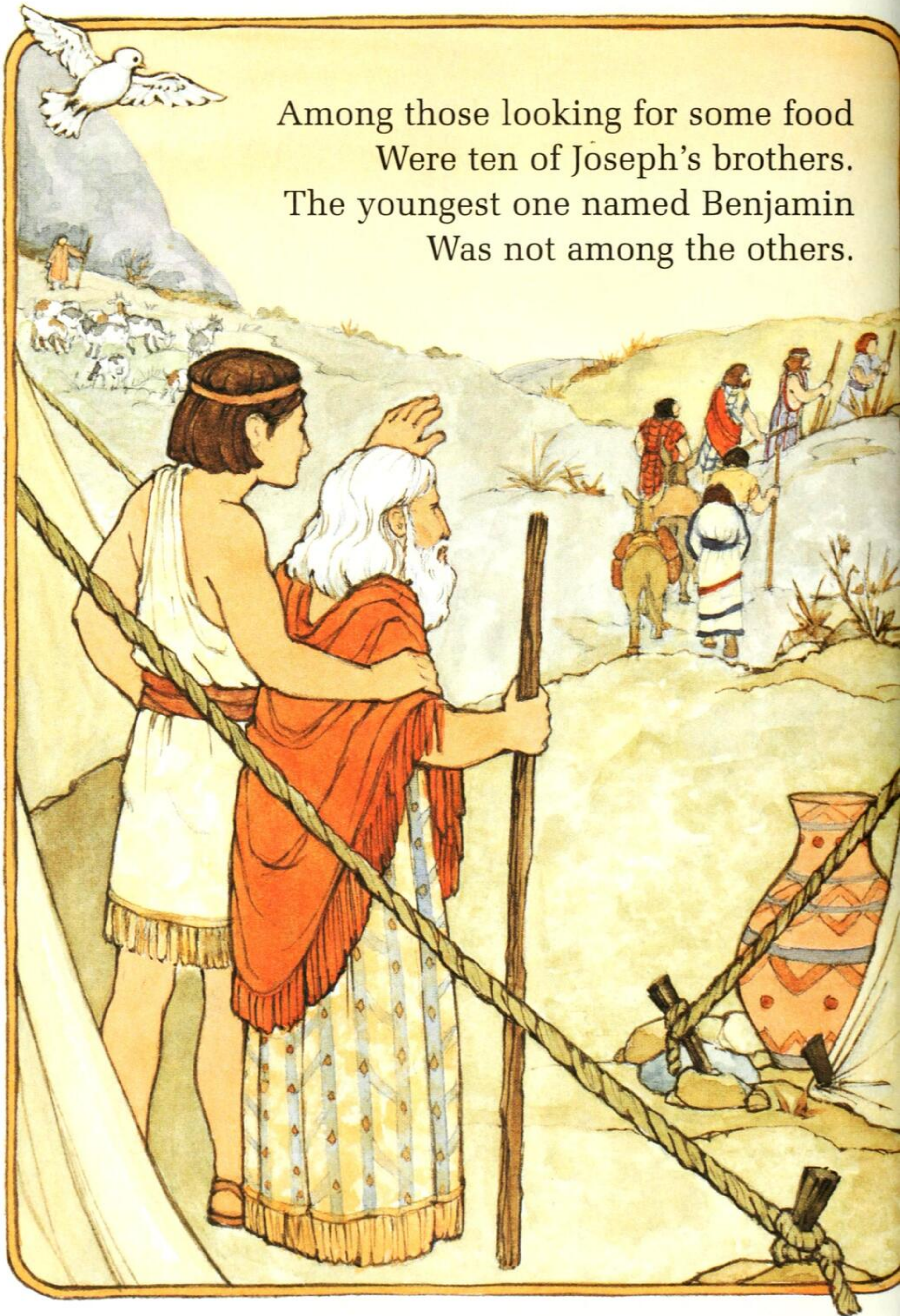


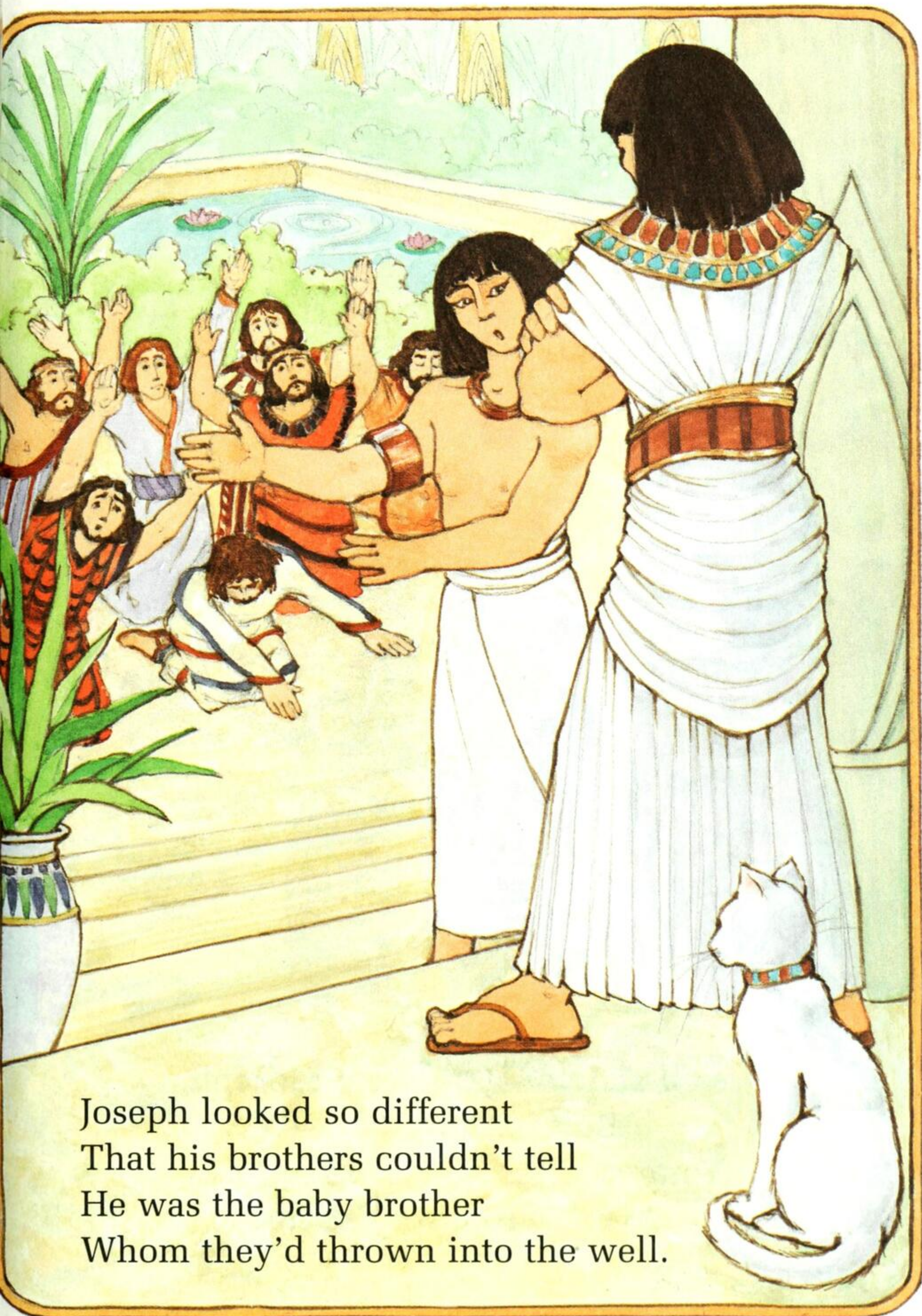
The Egyptians had enough to eat
With the extra grain they had,
But elsewhere people hungered
When their harvesting went bad.

People came from other lands
Hoping they could find
Some food that they could take back home
And grain of any kind.

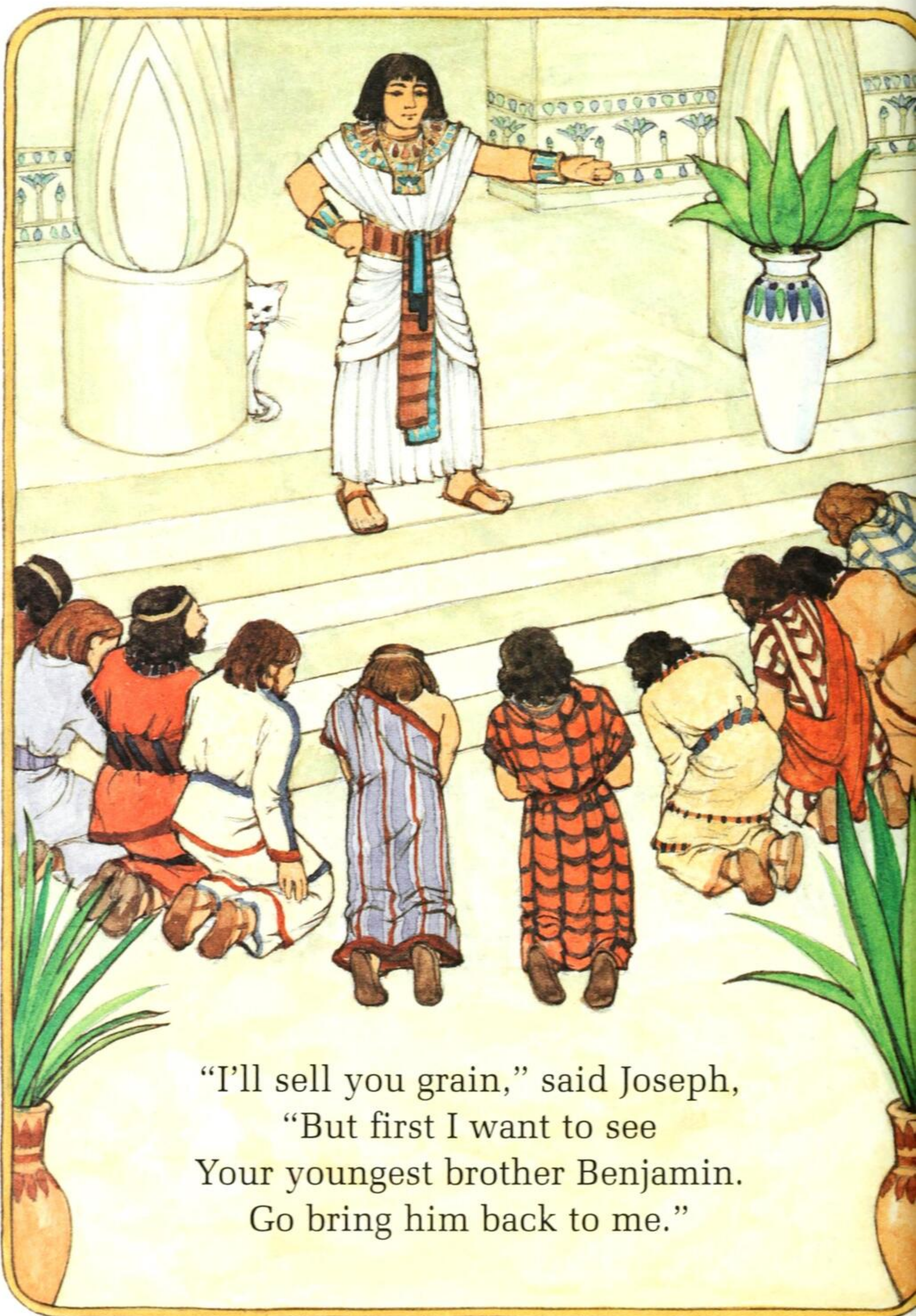


Among those looking for some food
Were ten of Joseph's brothers.
The youngest one named Benjamin
Was not among the others.

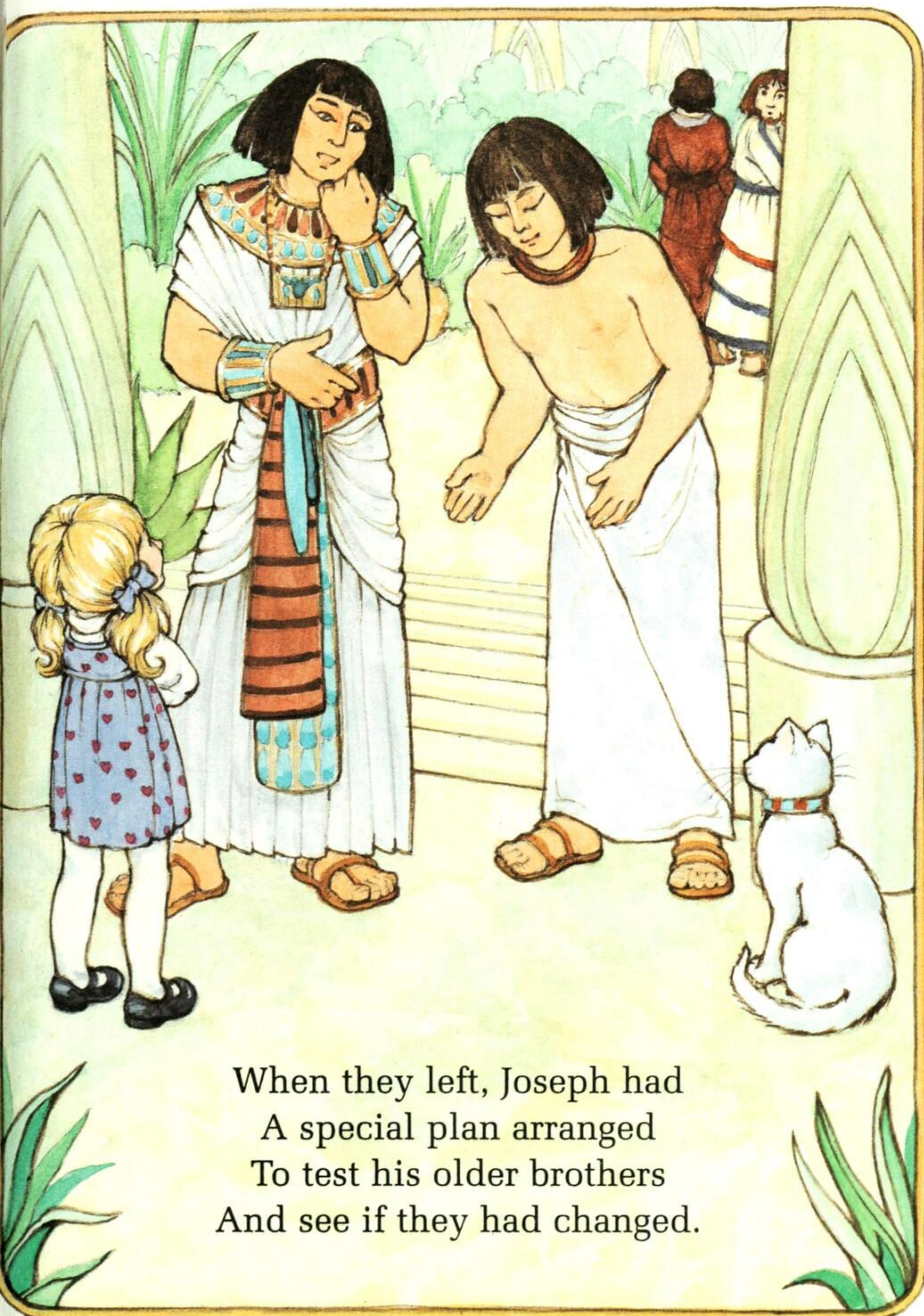




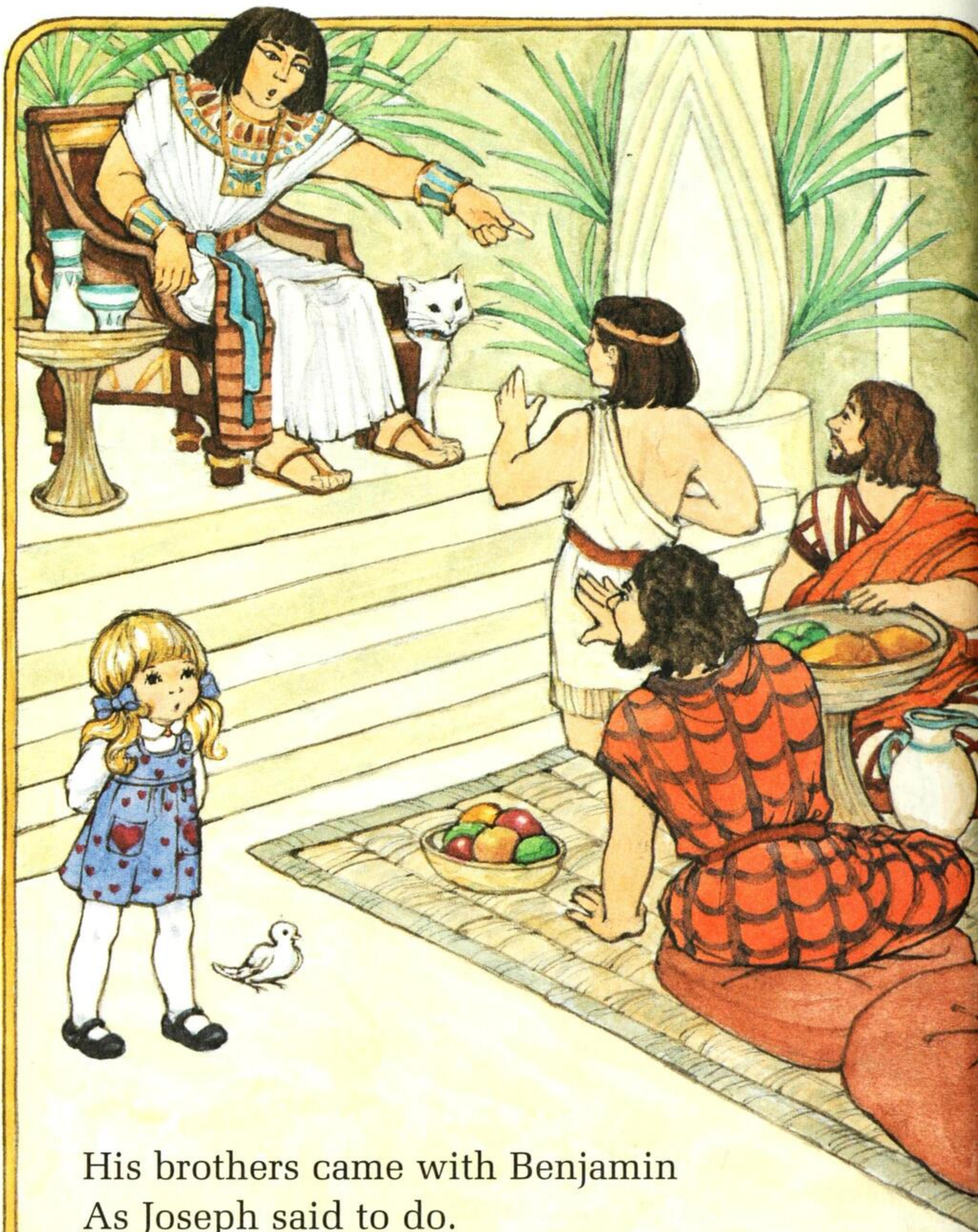
Joseph looked so different
That his brothers couldn't tell
He was the baby brother
Whom they'd thrown into the well.



“I’ll sell you grain,” said Joseph,
“But first I want to see
Your youngest brother Benjamin.
Go bring him back to me.”

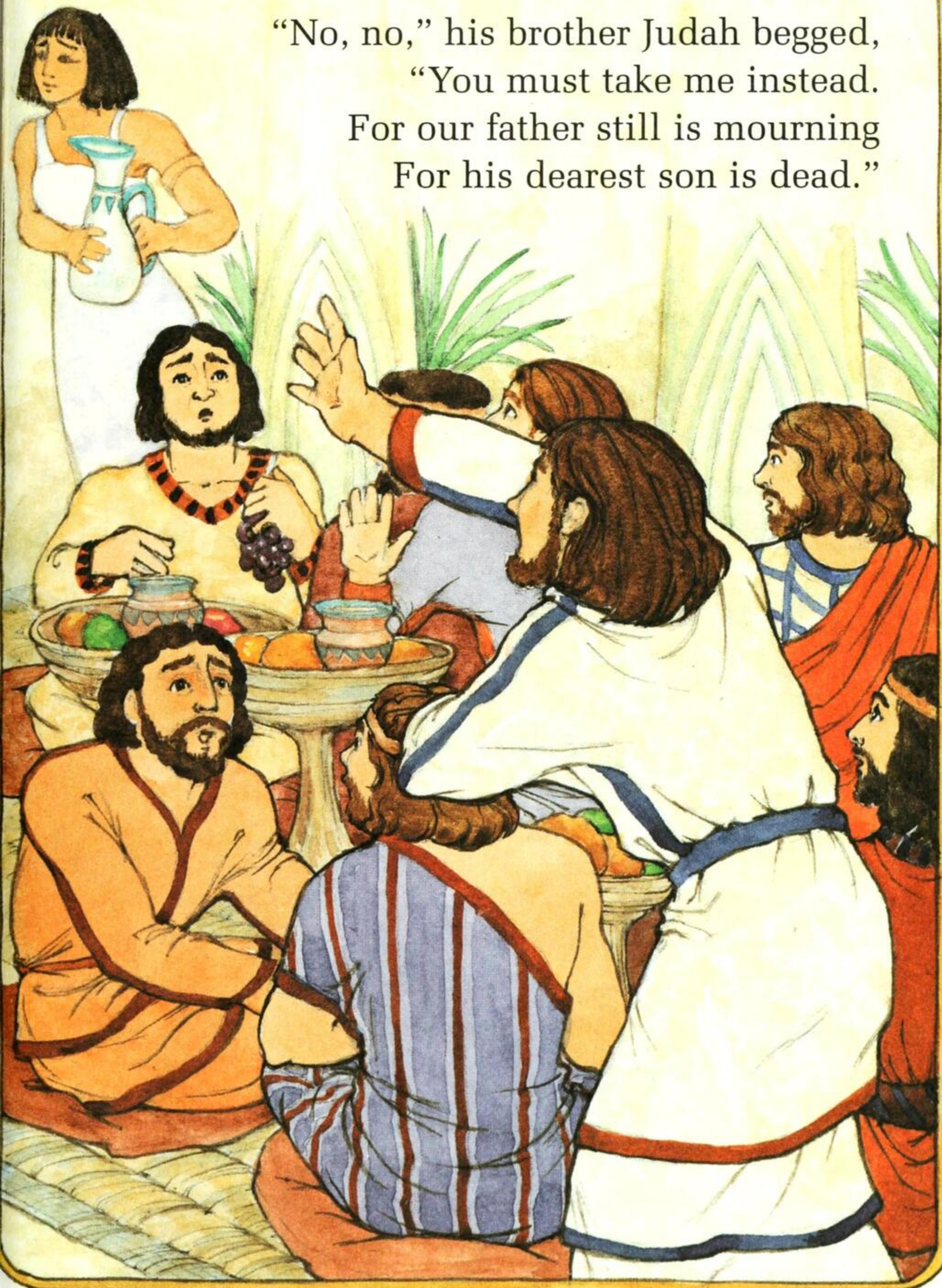


When they left, Joseph had
A special plan arranged
To test his older brothers
And see if they had changed.

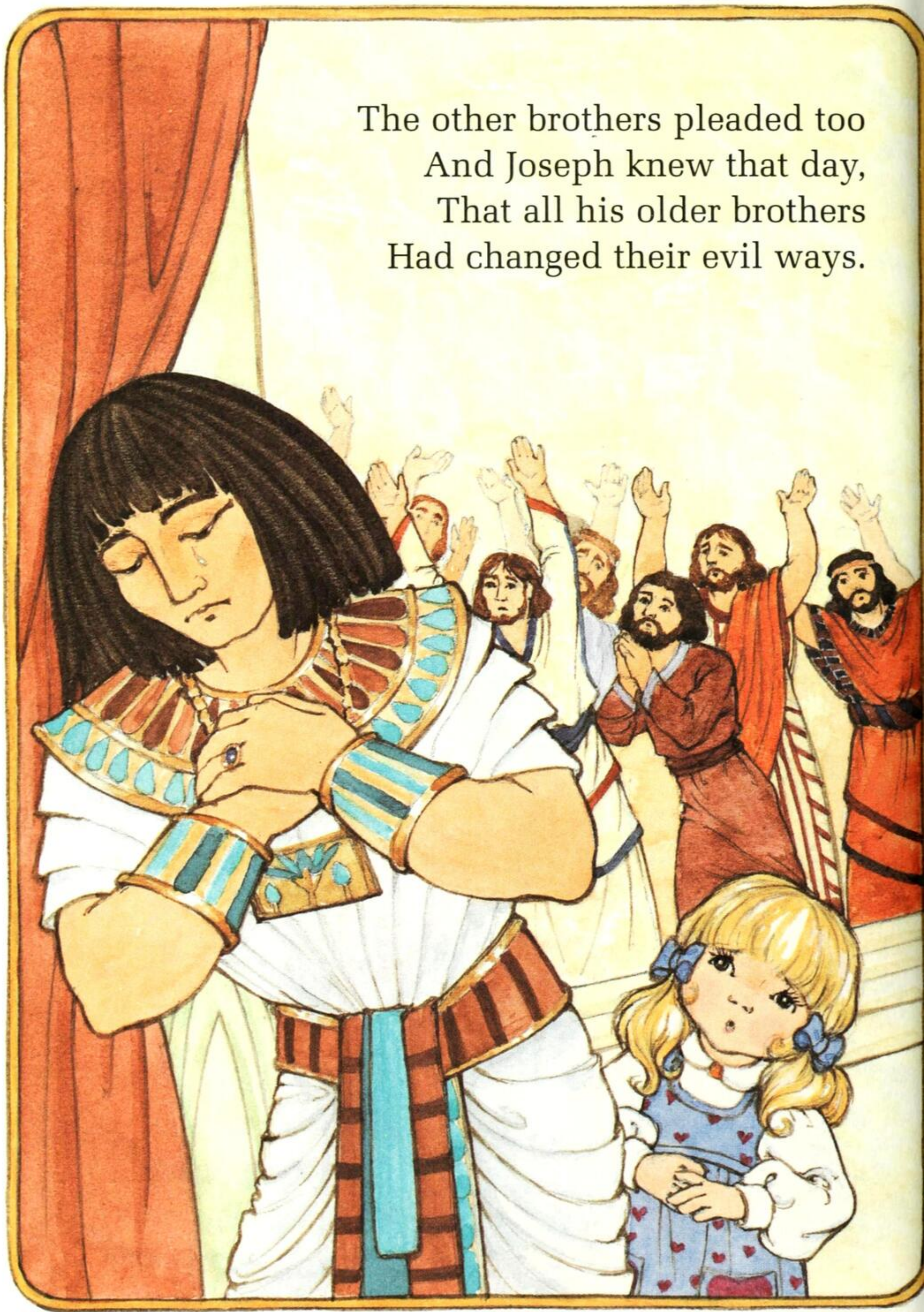


His brothers came with Benjamin
As Joseph said to do.
Then Joseph said, "He'll be my slave.
A very good one, too."

“No, no,” his brother Judah begged,
“You must take me instead.
For our father still is mourning
For his dearest son is dead.”



The other brothers pleaded too
And Joseph knew that day,
That all his older brothers
Had changed their evil ways.



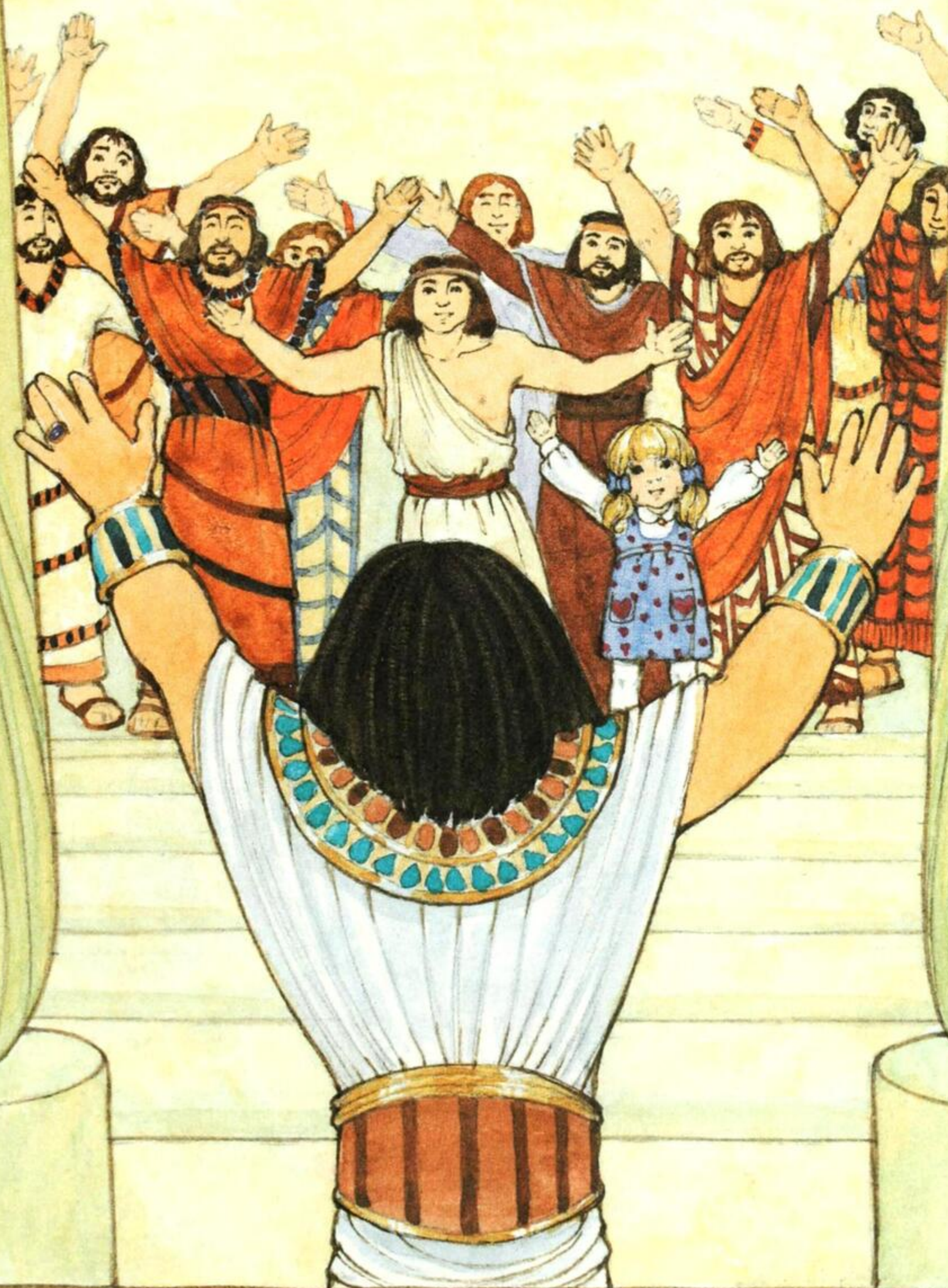
So Joseph told his brothers
His true identity.
He said, "You're all forgiven
For what you did to me.

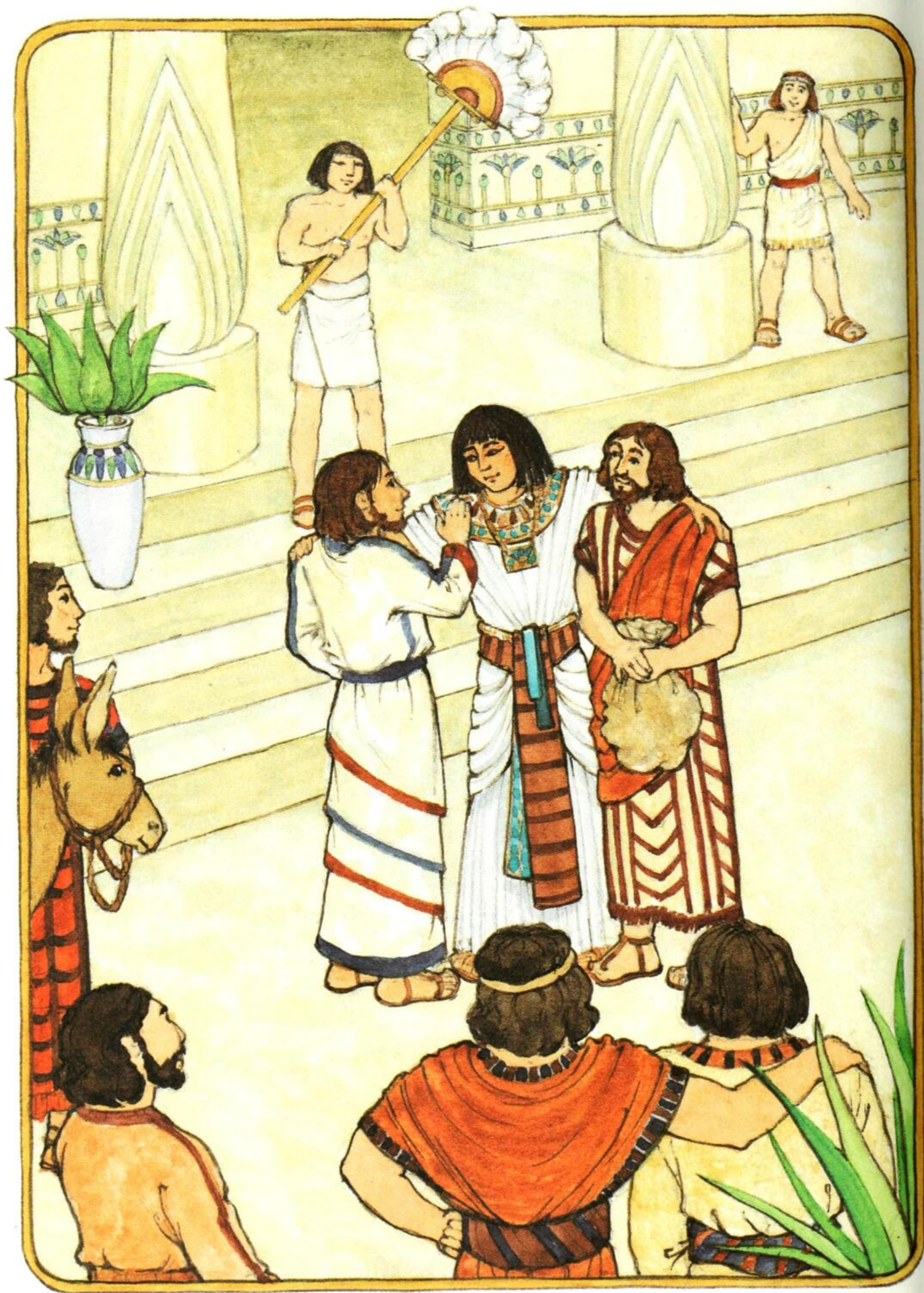




“Though what you did was very bad,
It seems that God had planned
For me to come to Egypt
And to save our mighty land.

“Now go and get our father.
Bring him back to me,
And then we’ll live together
As one big family.”



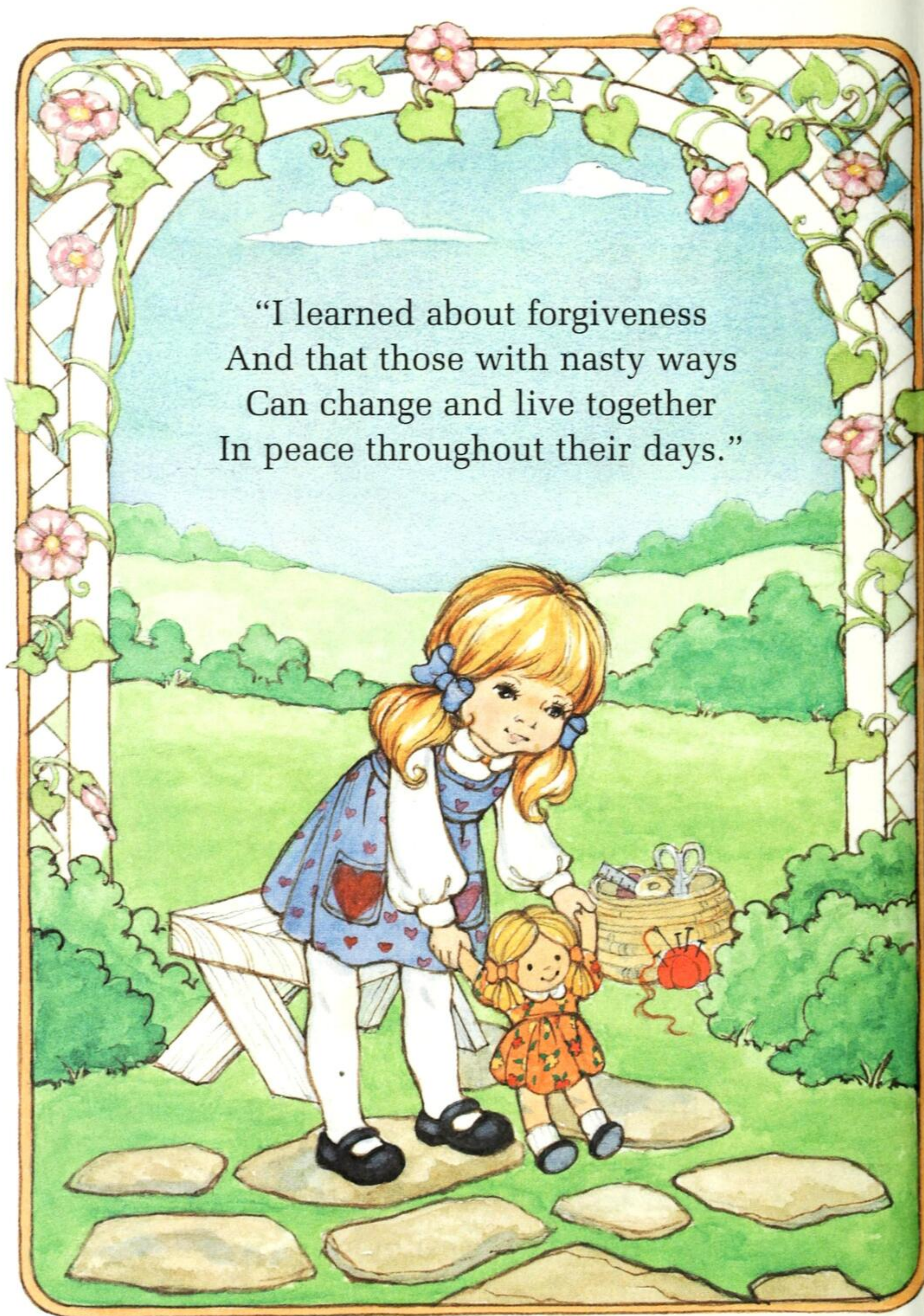




The time had come for Alice
To leave that Bible scene.
She went back home
by walking through
Her storybook's big screen.

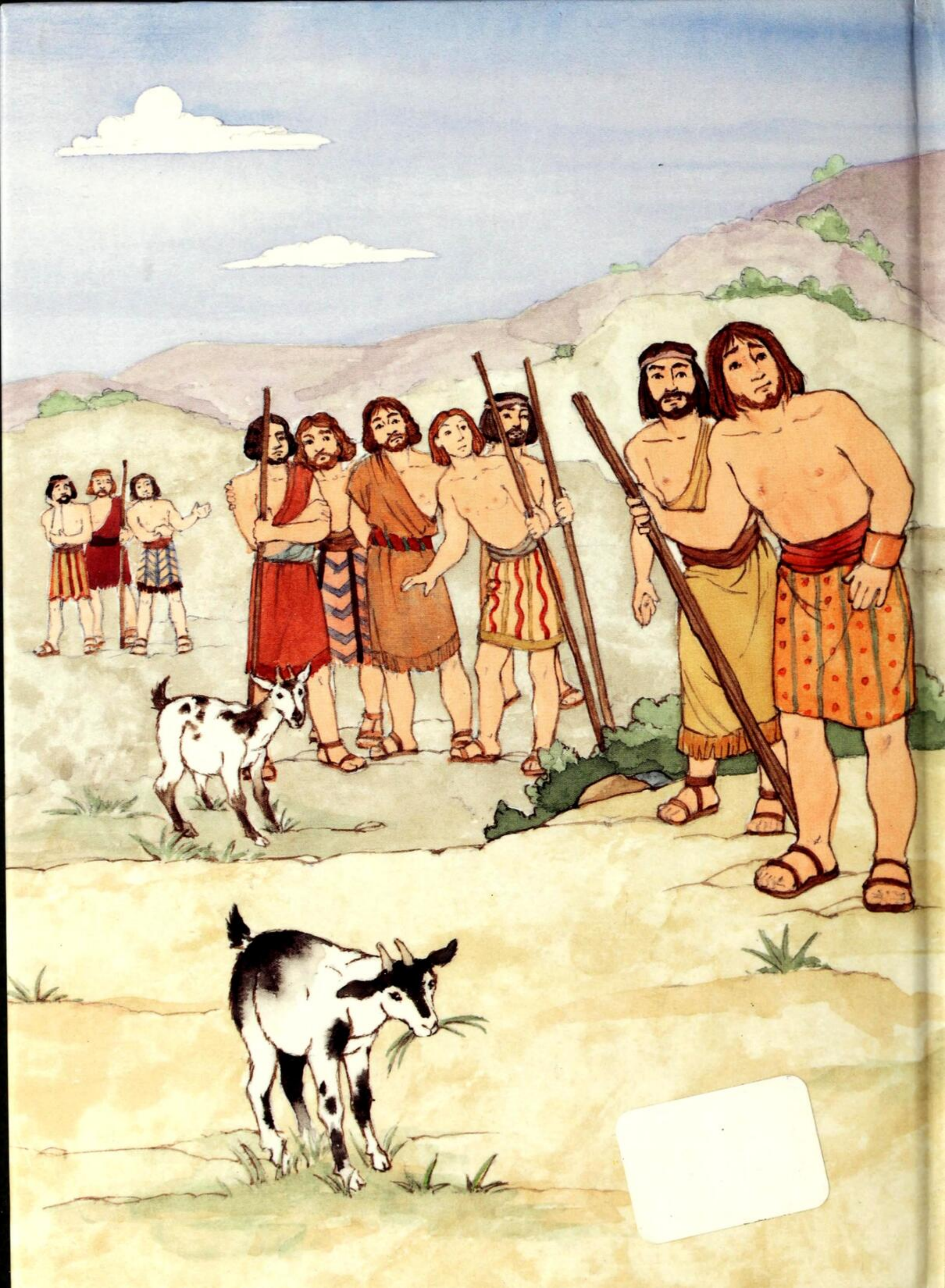
Alice thought, "I learned a lot.
For it was plain to see
That Joseph's family suffered
Because of jealousy.

“I learned about forgiveness
And that those with nasty ways
Can change and live together
In peace throughout their days.”







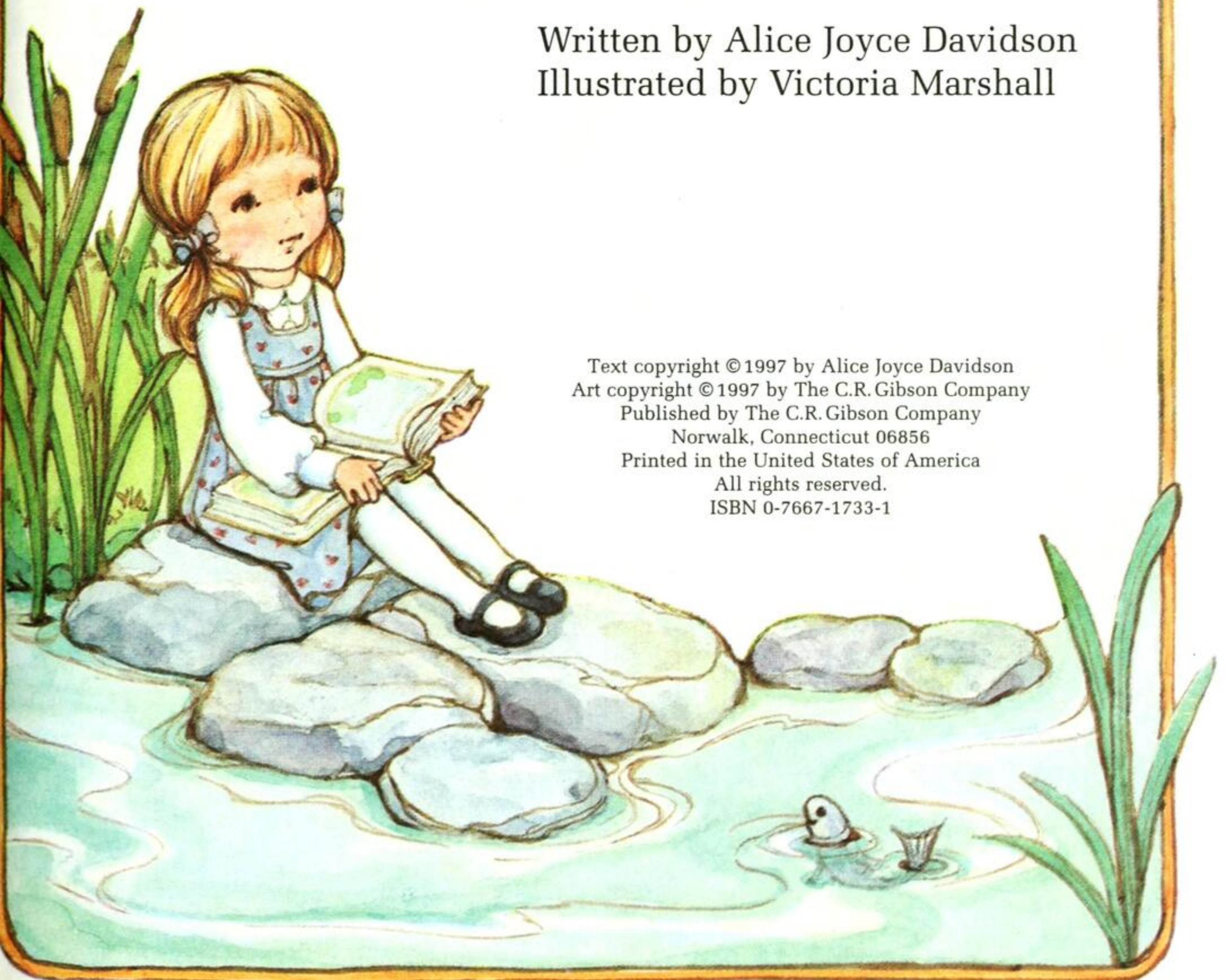


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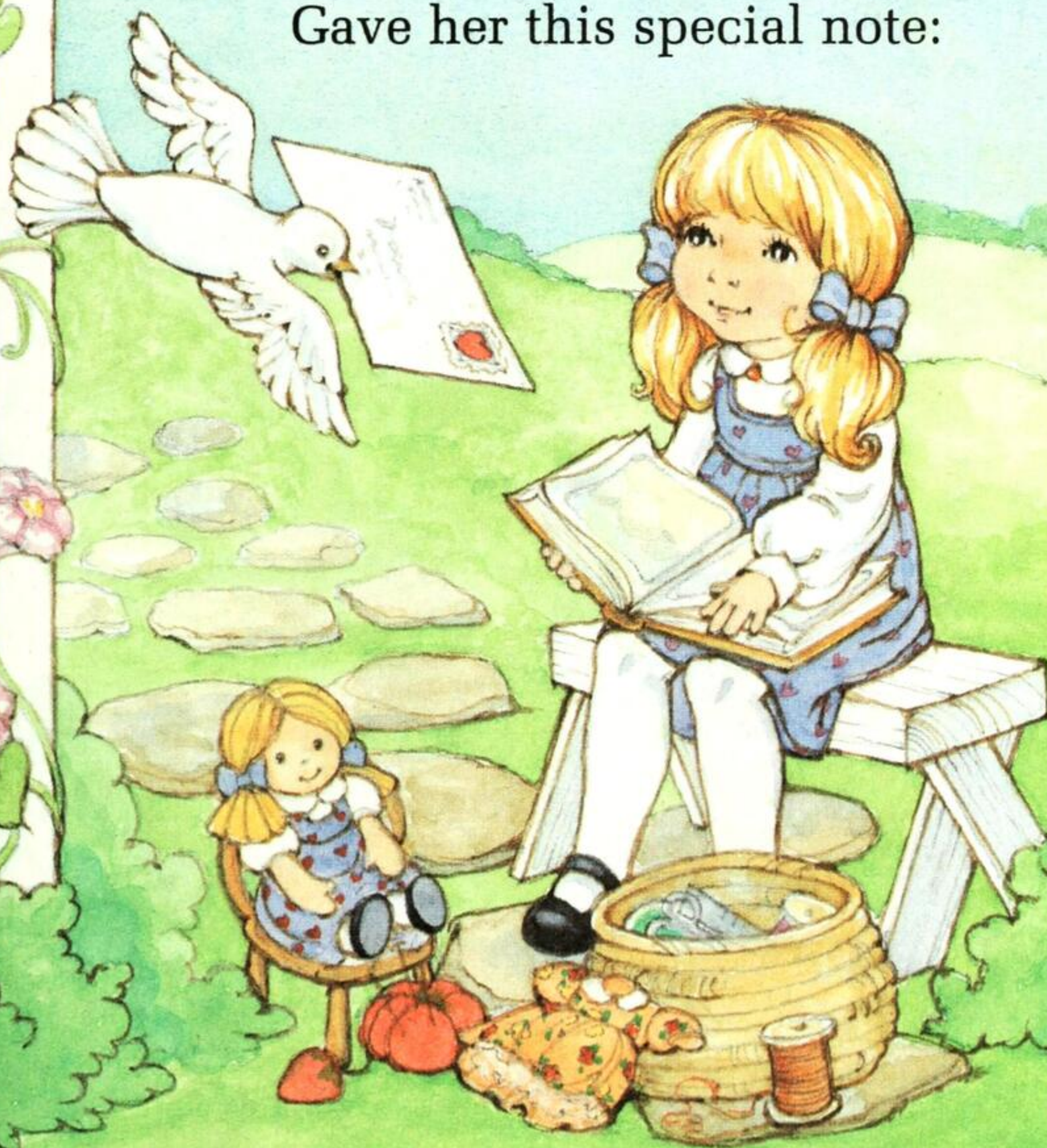
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Alice read her favorite book
Whenever she had time.
It was filled with Bible stories
That were told with words that rhyme.



One day she read of Joseph
And his rainbow-colored coat.
As she read, the airmail bird
Gave her this special note:



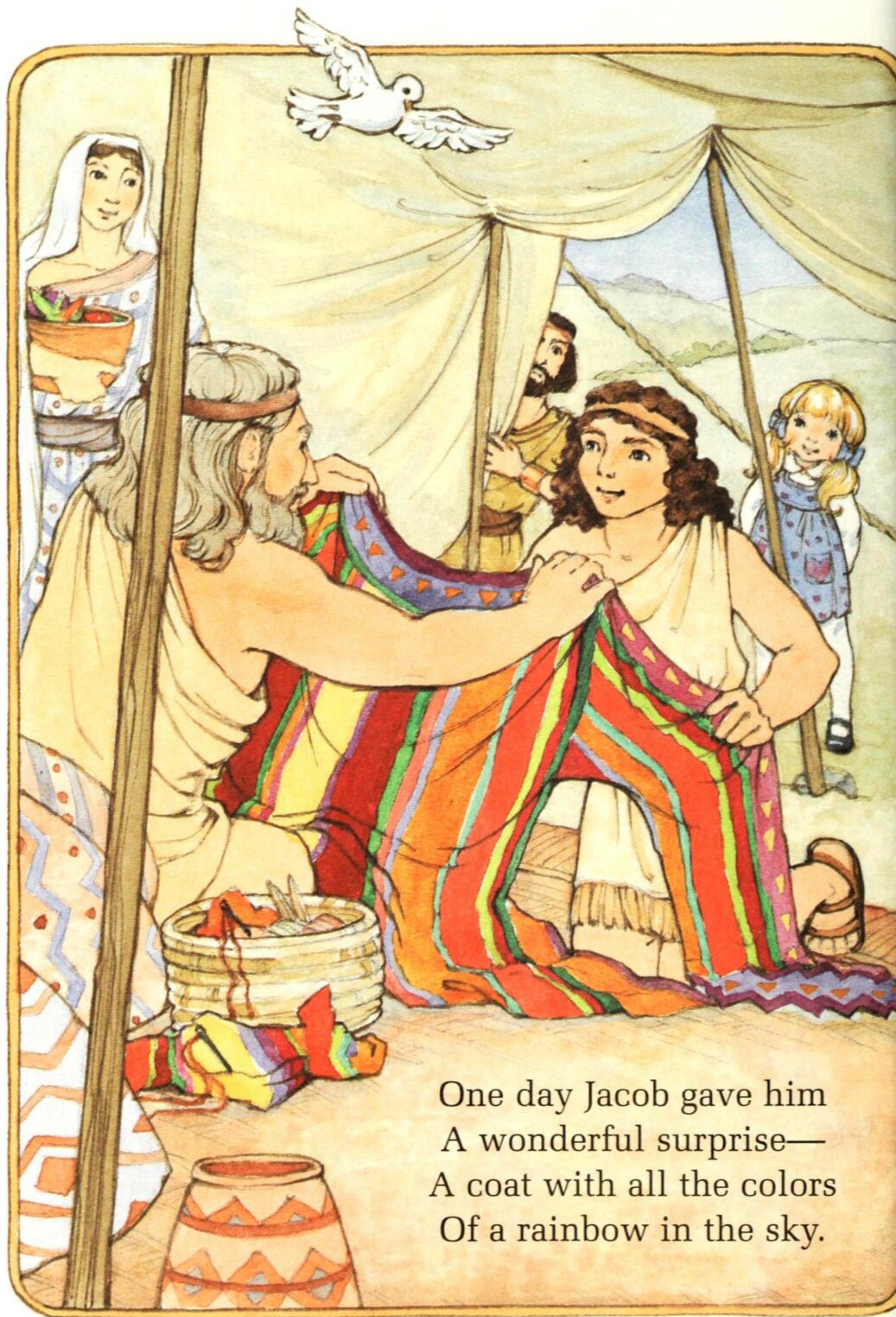
It said: "Reading is the magic key
To take you where you want to be."

Just then her book became a screen.
The screen grew tall and wide
And Alice walked right through it
To Bibleland inside.





She saw a man named Jacob
Who had twelve sturdy sons.
He loved them all, but Joseph
Was his very favorite one.



One day Jacob gave him
A wonderful surprise—
A coat with all the colors
Of a rainbow in the sky.