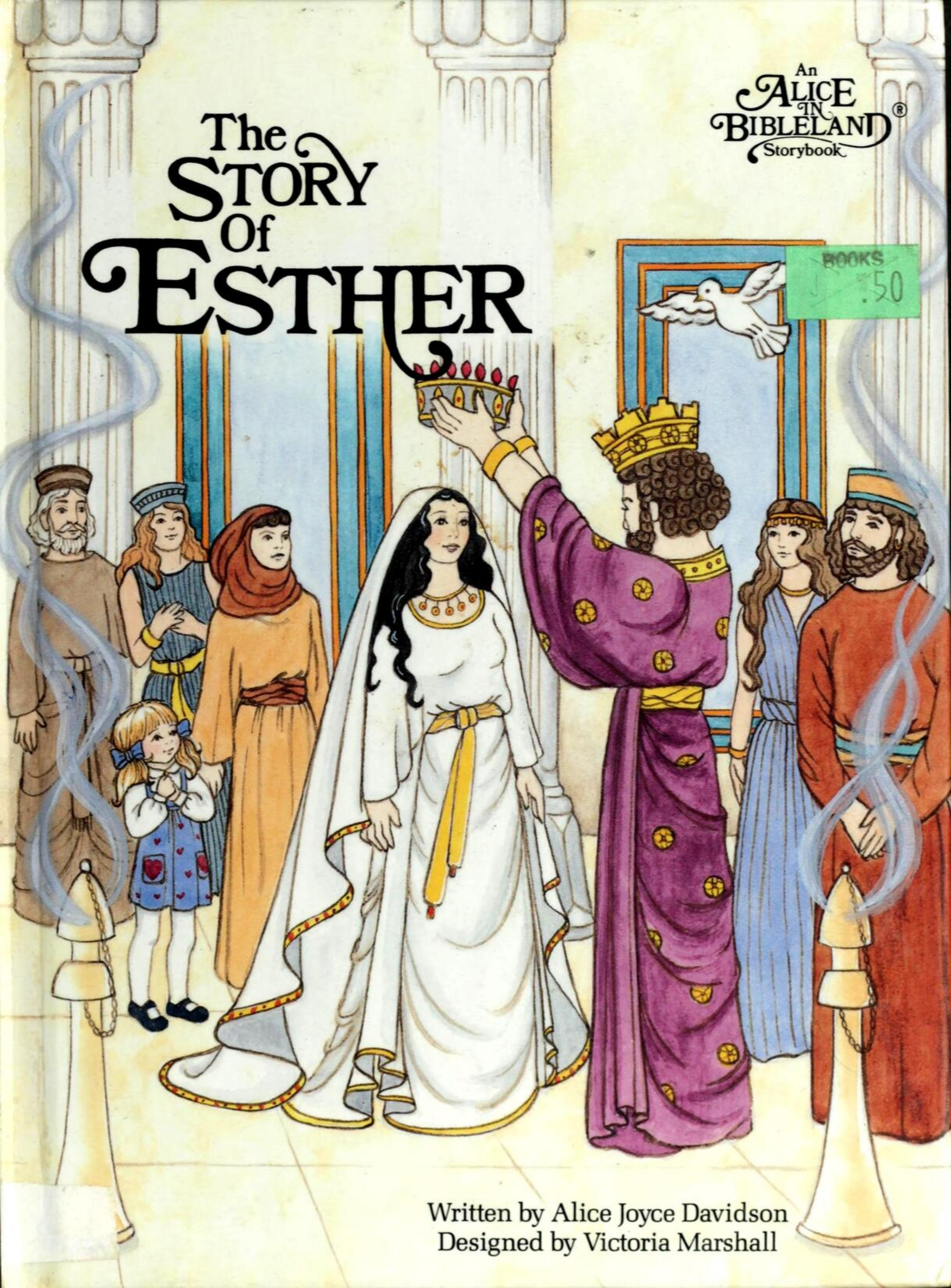


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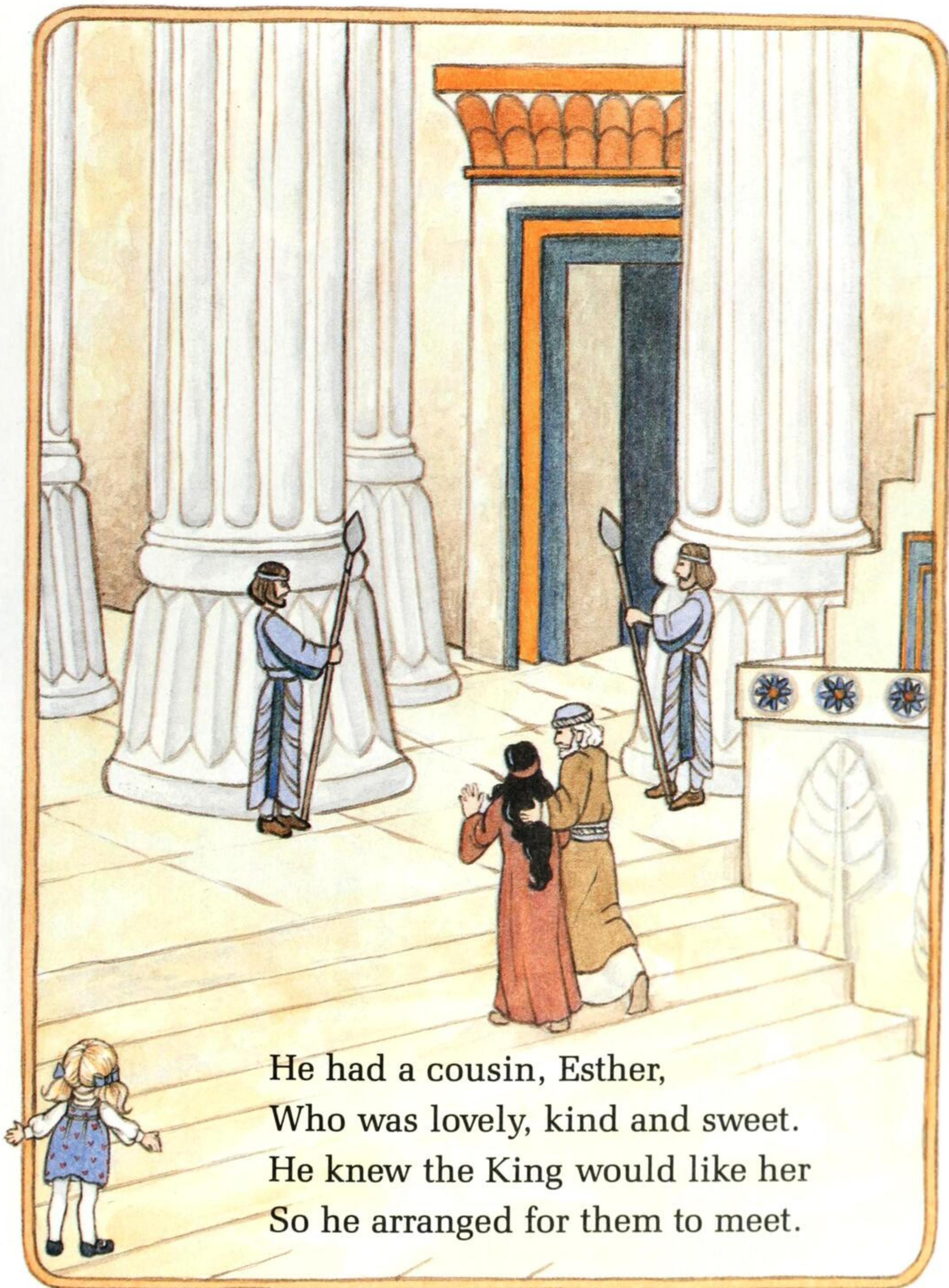
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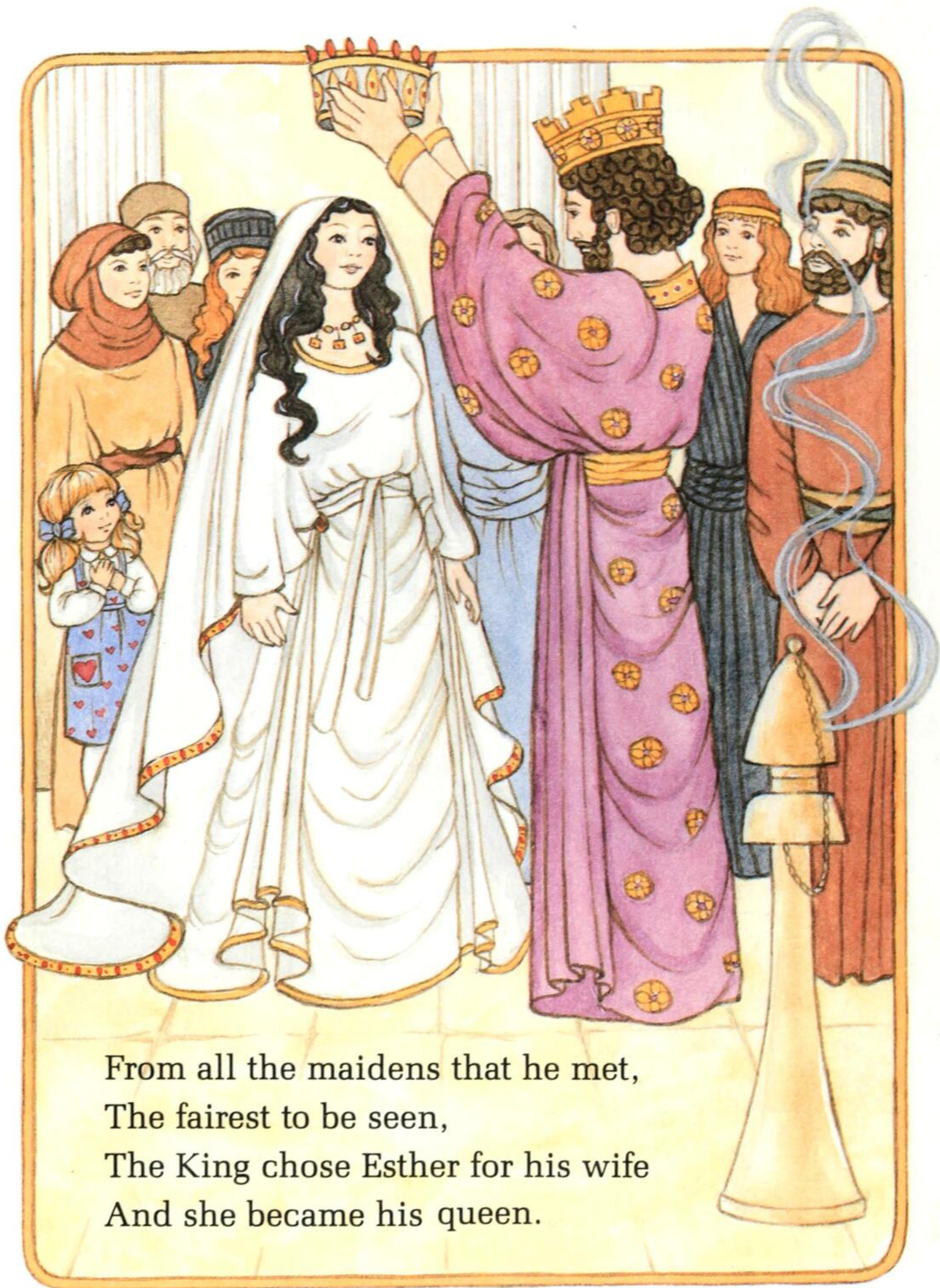


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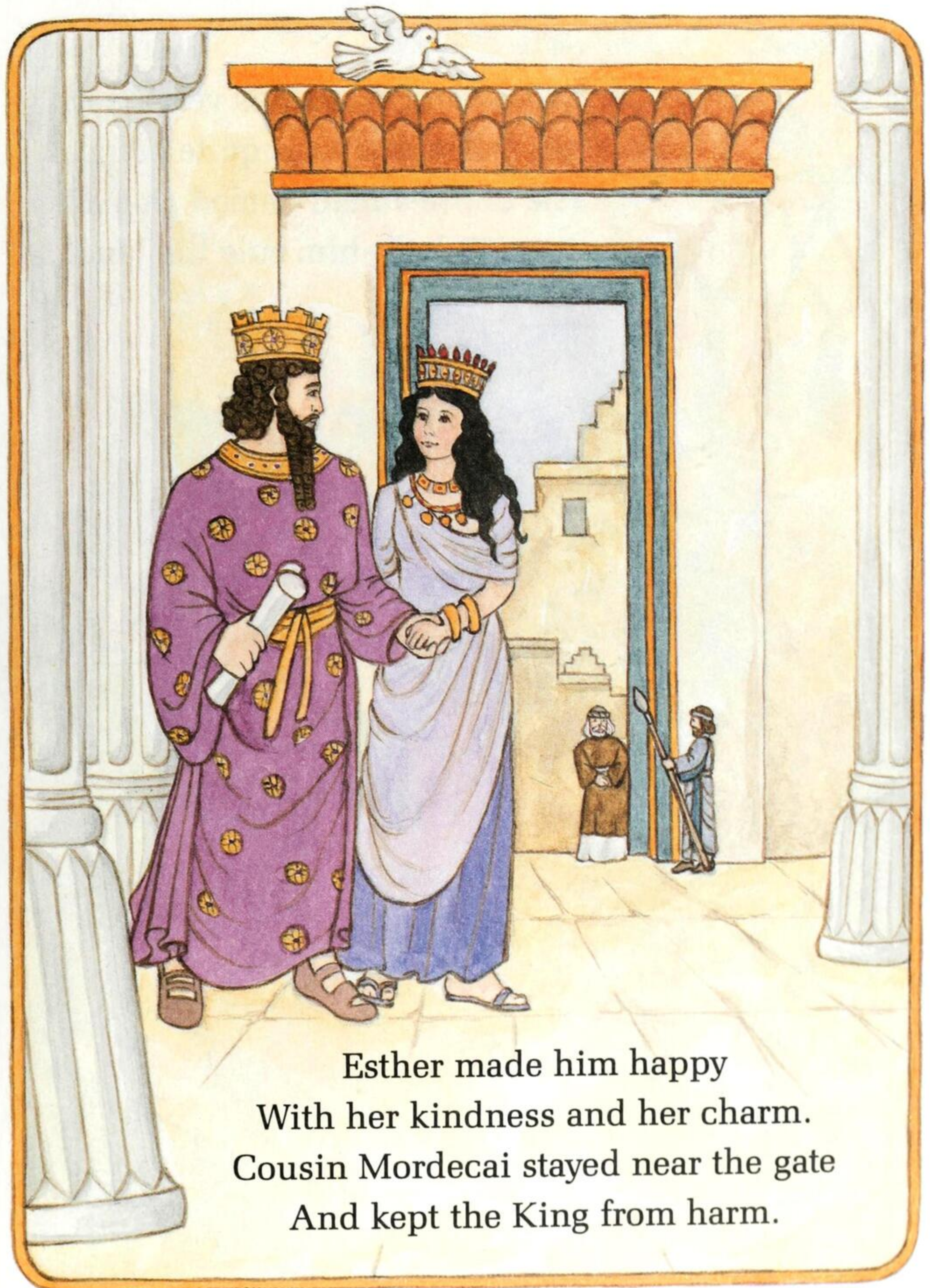




He had a cousin, Esther,
Who was lovely, kind and sweet.
He knew the King would like her
So he arranged for them to meet.

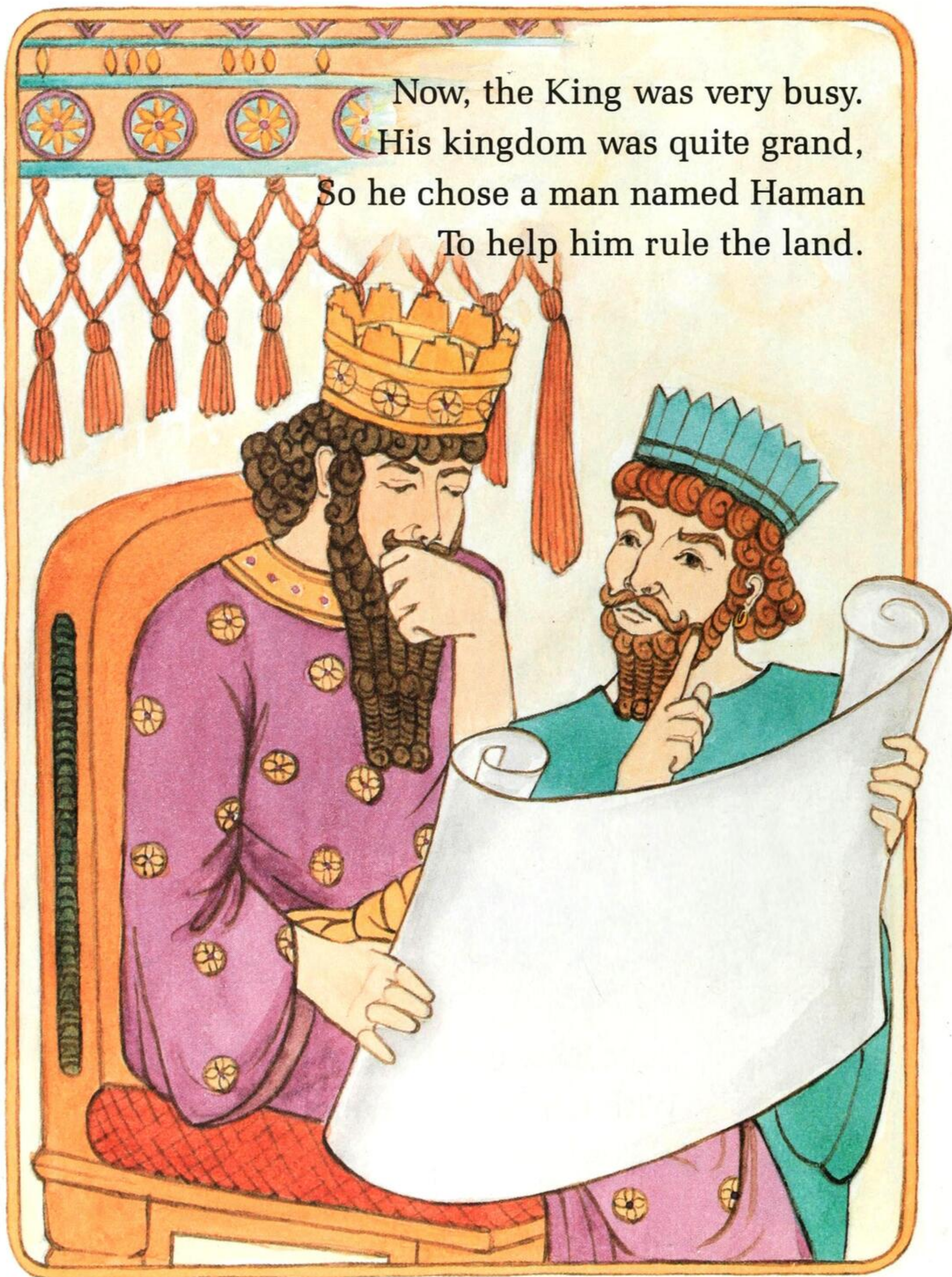


From all the maidens that he met,
The fairest to be seen,
The King chose Esther for his wife
And she became his queen.

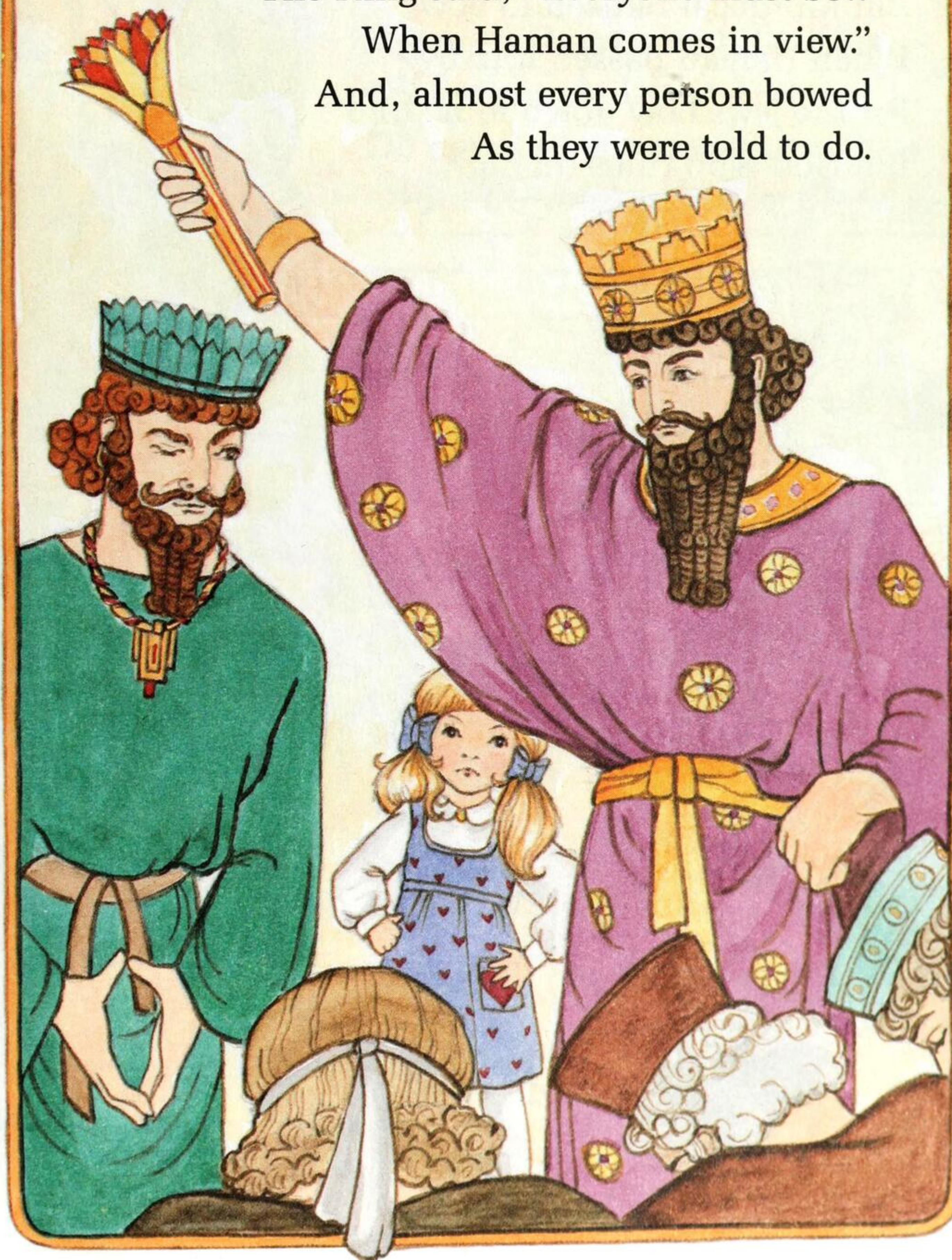


Esther made him happy
With her kindness and her charm.
Cousin Mordecai stayed near the gate
And kept the King from harm.

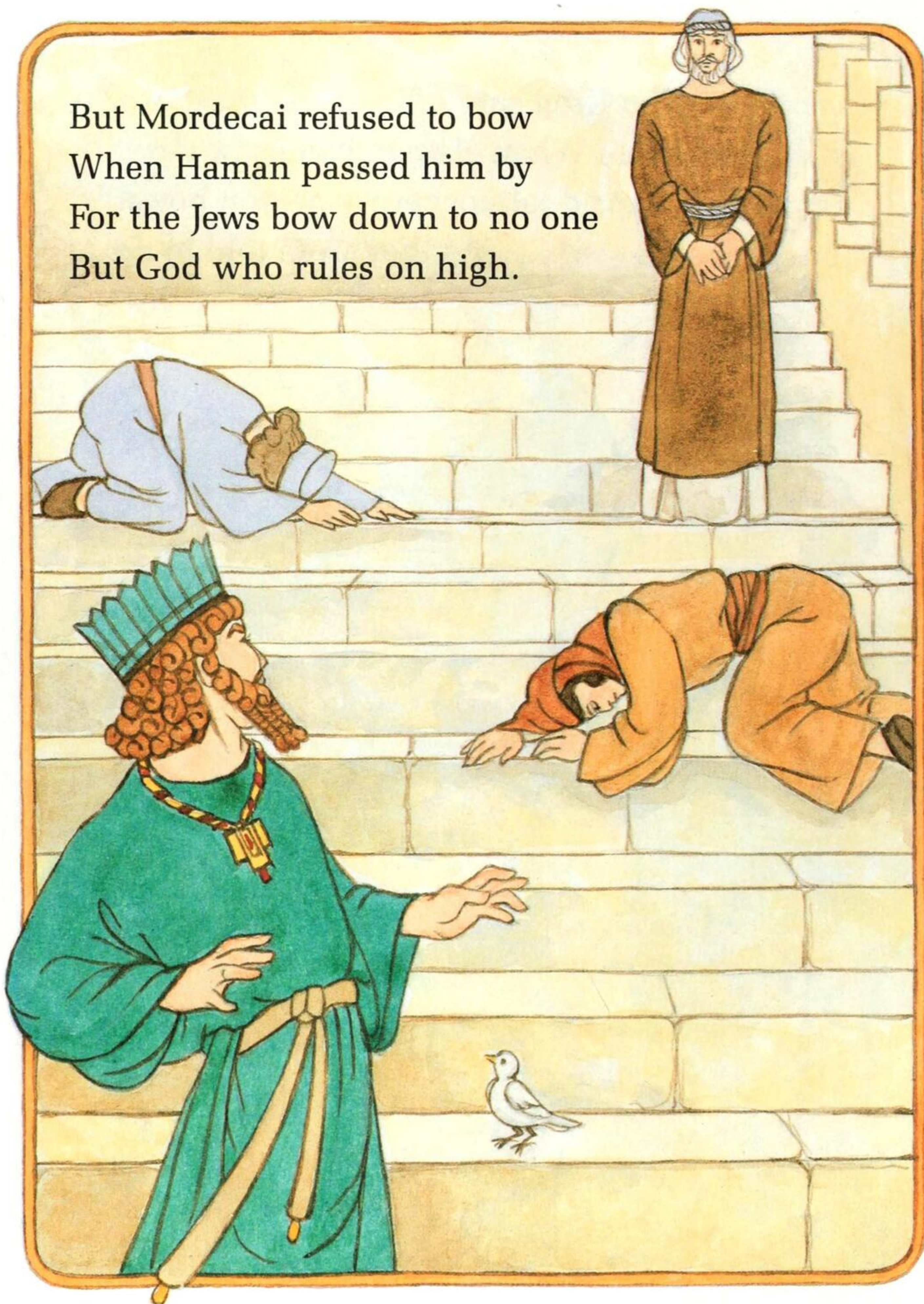
Now, the King was very busy.
His kingdom was quite grand,
So he chose a man named Haman
To help him rule the land.

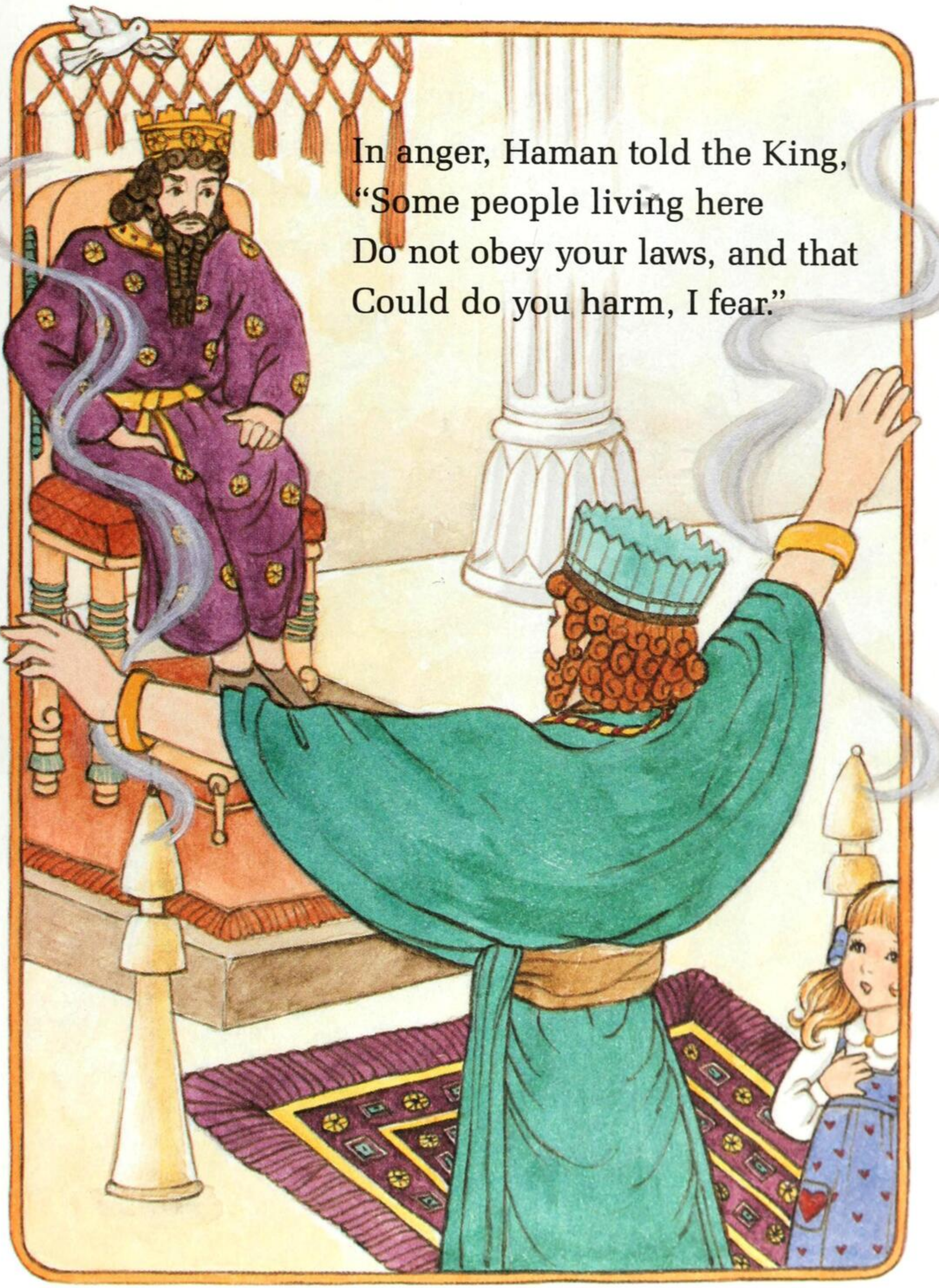


The King said, "Everyone must bow
When Haman comes in view."
And, almost every person bowed
As they were told to do.



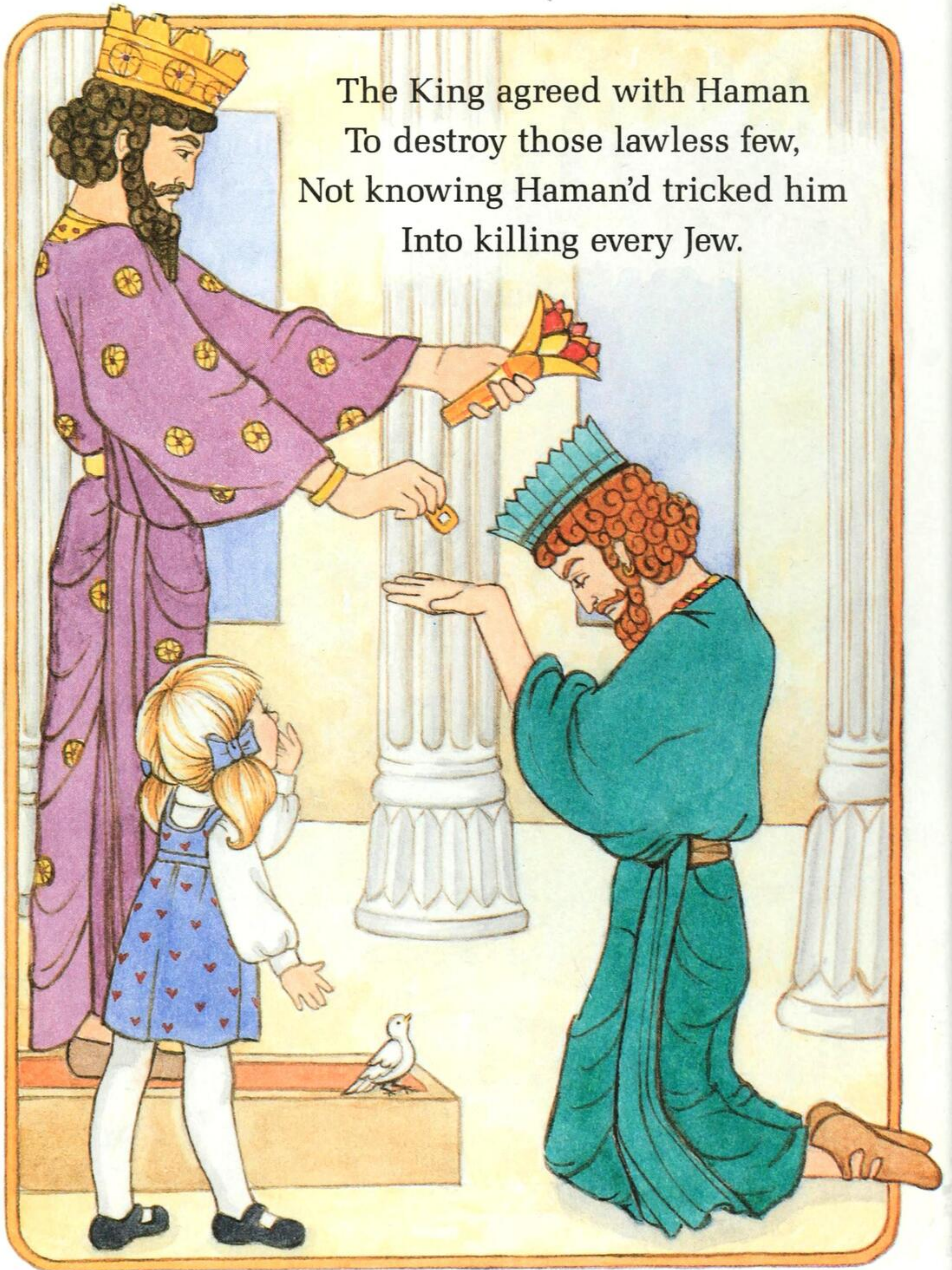
But Mordecai refused to bow
When Haman passed him by
For the Jews bow down to no one
But God who rules on high.



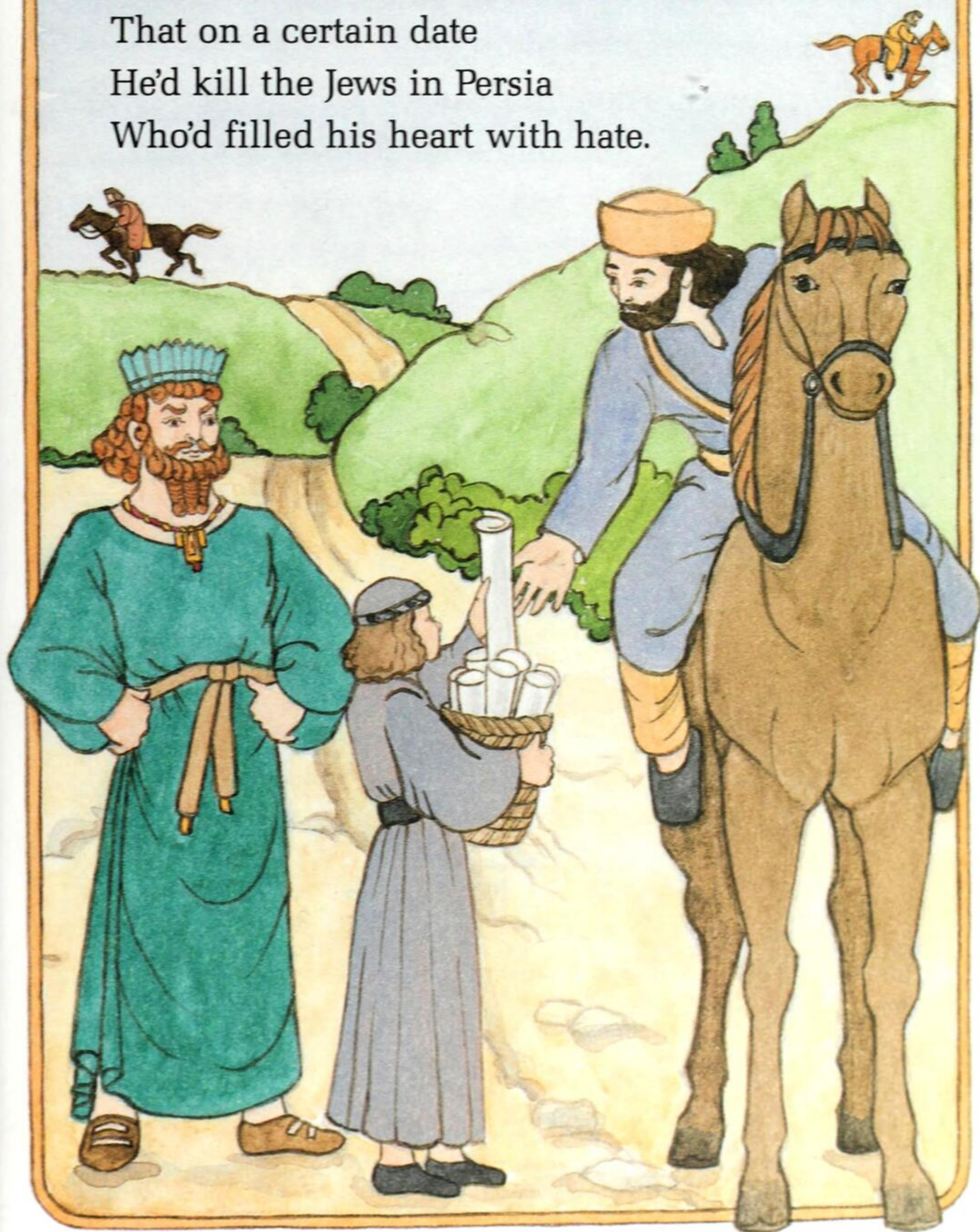


In anger, Haman told the King,
“Some people living here
Do not obey your laws, and that
Could do you harm, I fear.”

The King agreed with Haman
To destroy those lawless few,
Not knowing Haman'd tricked him
Into killing every Jew.



Then Haman sent out letters
That on a certain date
He'd kill the Jews in Persia
Who'd filled his heart with hate.



When Mordecai discovered
What evil Haman planned,
He asked his cousin Esther
To give a helping hand.



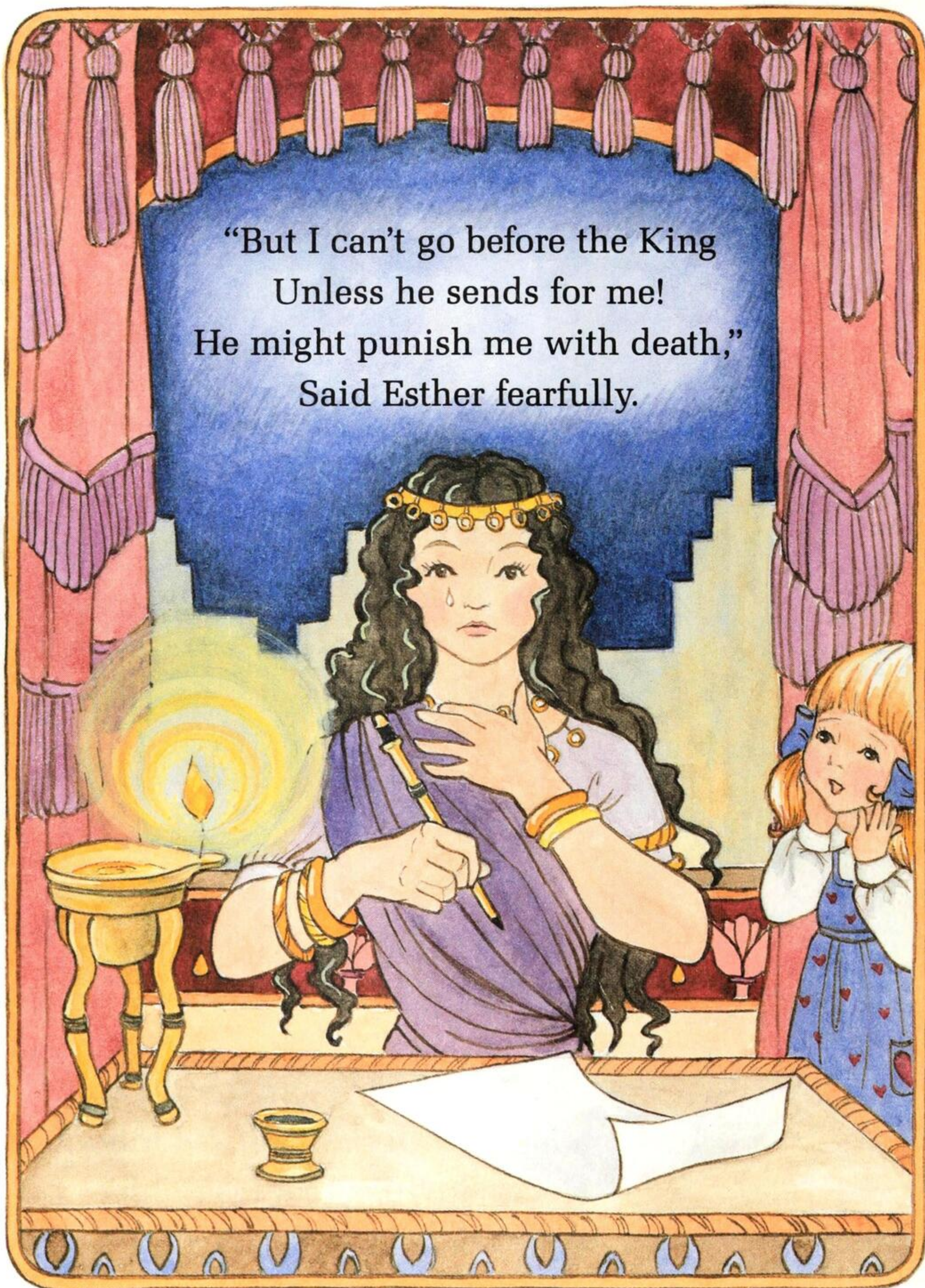


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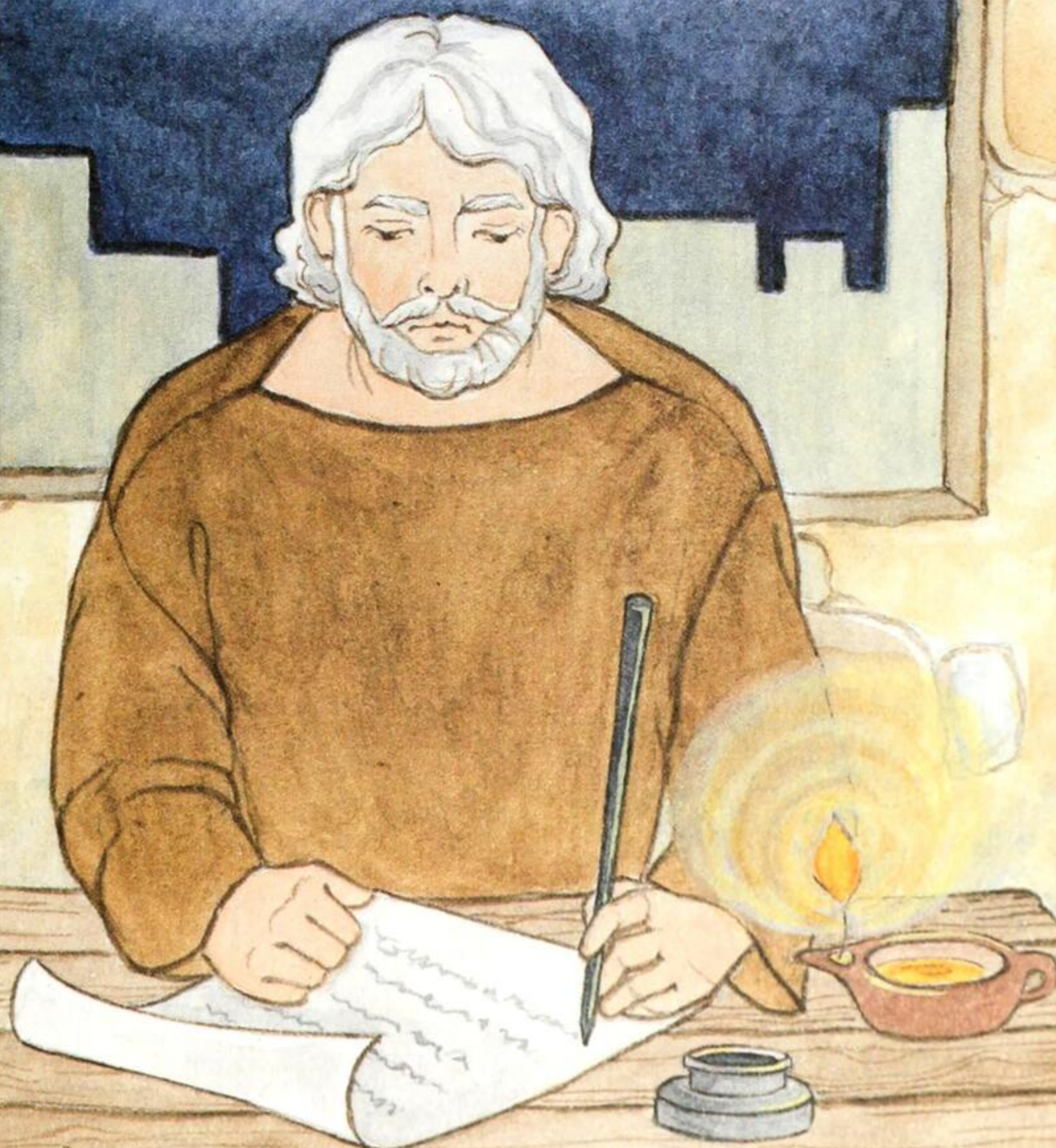
“Cousin, dear, I beg you
Please go before the King.
Plead with him and ask him
Not to do this dreadful thing.”

“But I can’t go before the King
Unless he sends for me!
He might punish me with death,”
Said Esther fearfully.

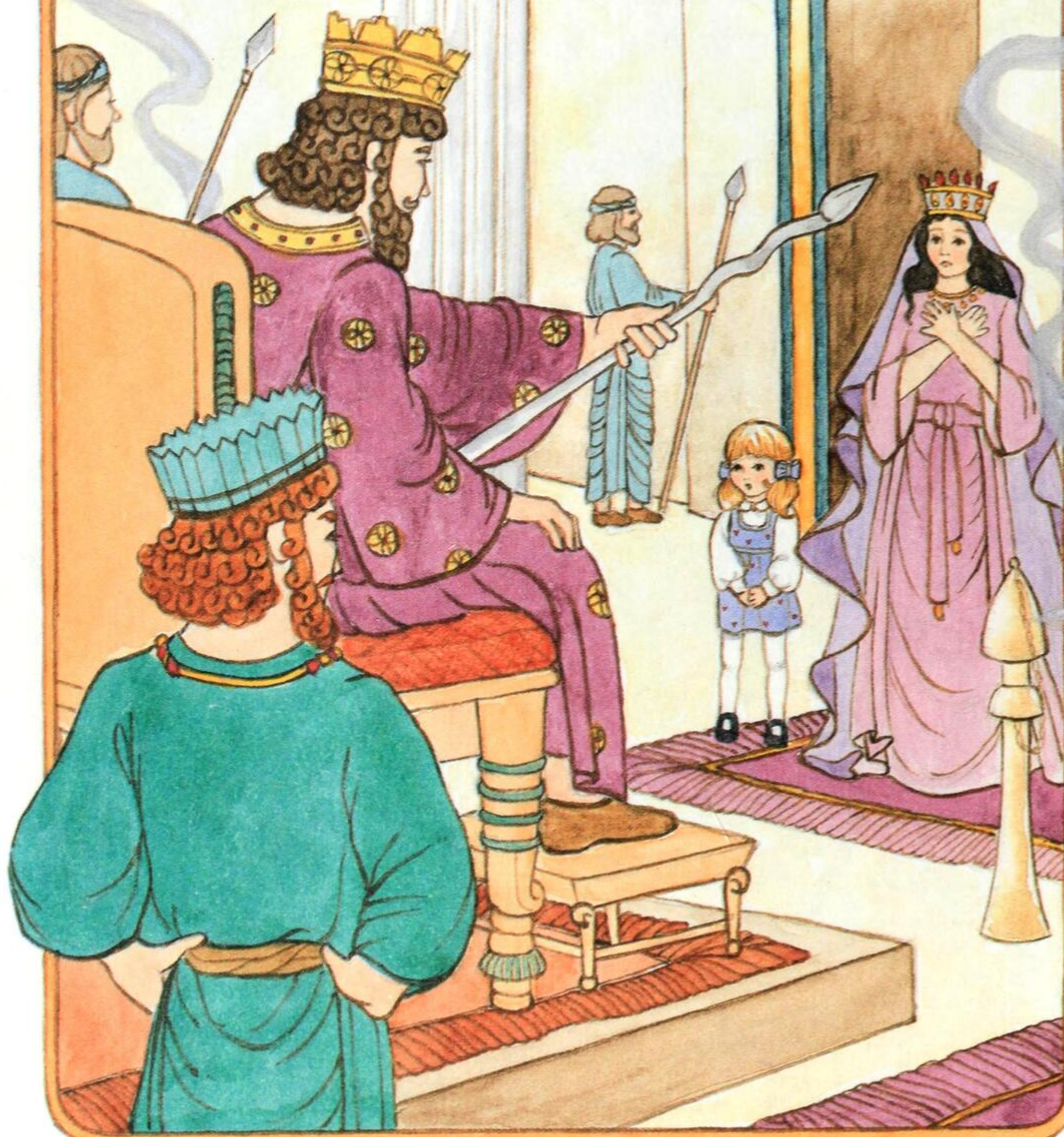


A white dove is shown in flight, wings spread, positioned above a window. The window has a wooden frame and a dark blue curtain. The room's walls are made of light-colored stone or plaster.

“I know his law, said Mordecai,
“But, Esther, you must try.
Remember you are Jewish, too,
Which means you, too, could die.”



Queen Esther went before the King
Dressed in her royal best.
The King asked, "Esther, what's your wish?
I'll give you your request."

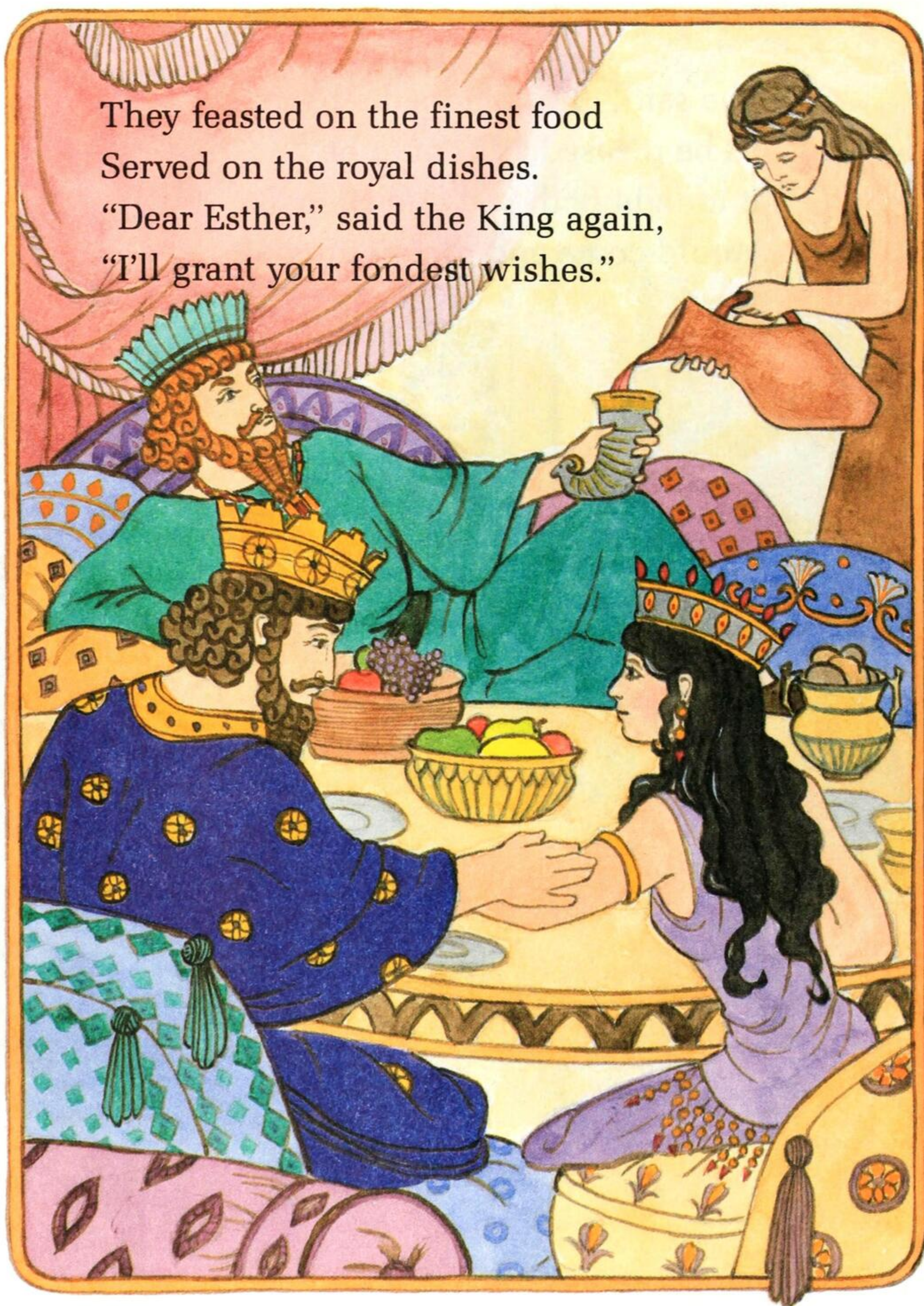


She said, "I've planned a banquet.
I'd be pleased as I could be
If tonight both you and Haman
Would come and dine with me."



They feasted on the finest food
Served on the royal dishes.

"Dear Esther," said the King again,
"I'll grant your fondest wishes."



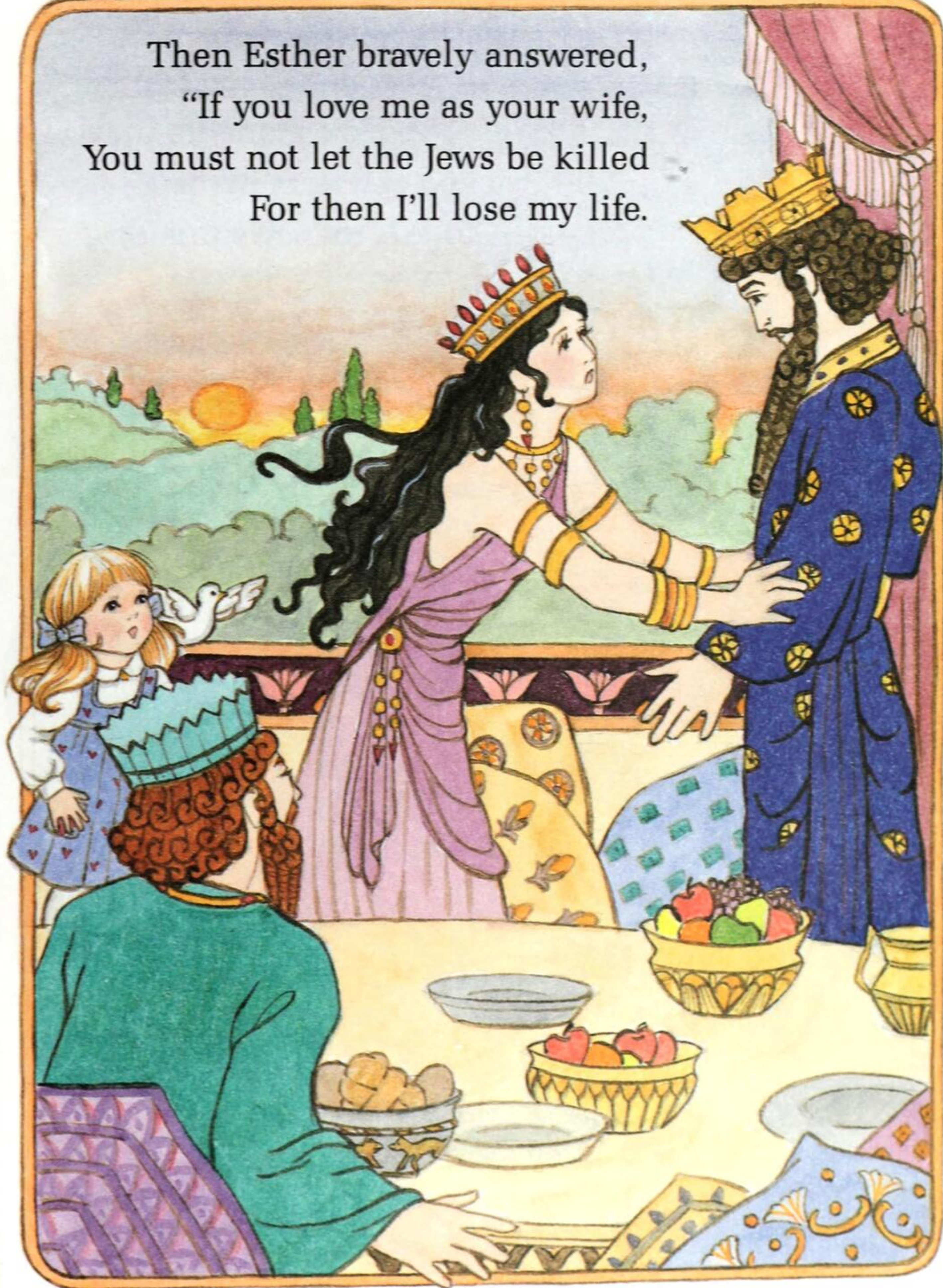
But Esther couldn't tell the King,
The time just wasn't right.
"Both of you please come," she said,
"Again tomorrow night."



The next night when the feast was done
The King said one time more,
“Esther, dear, my lovely queen,
What are you wishing for?”



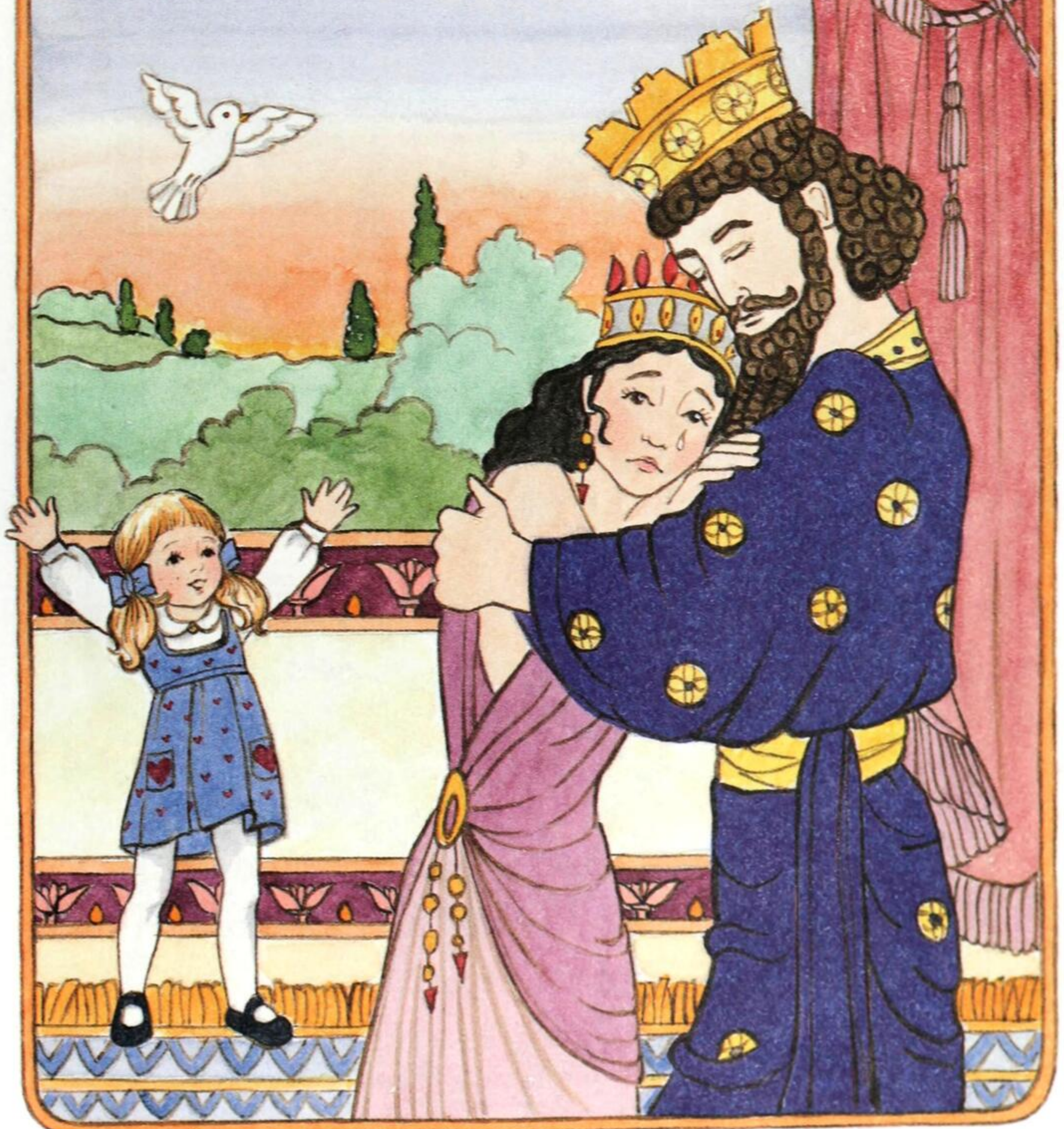
Then Esther bravely answered,
"If you love me as your wife,
You must not let the Jews be killed
For then I'll lose my life."

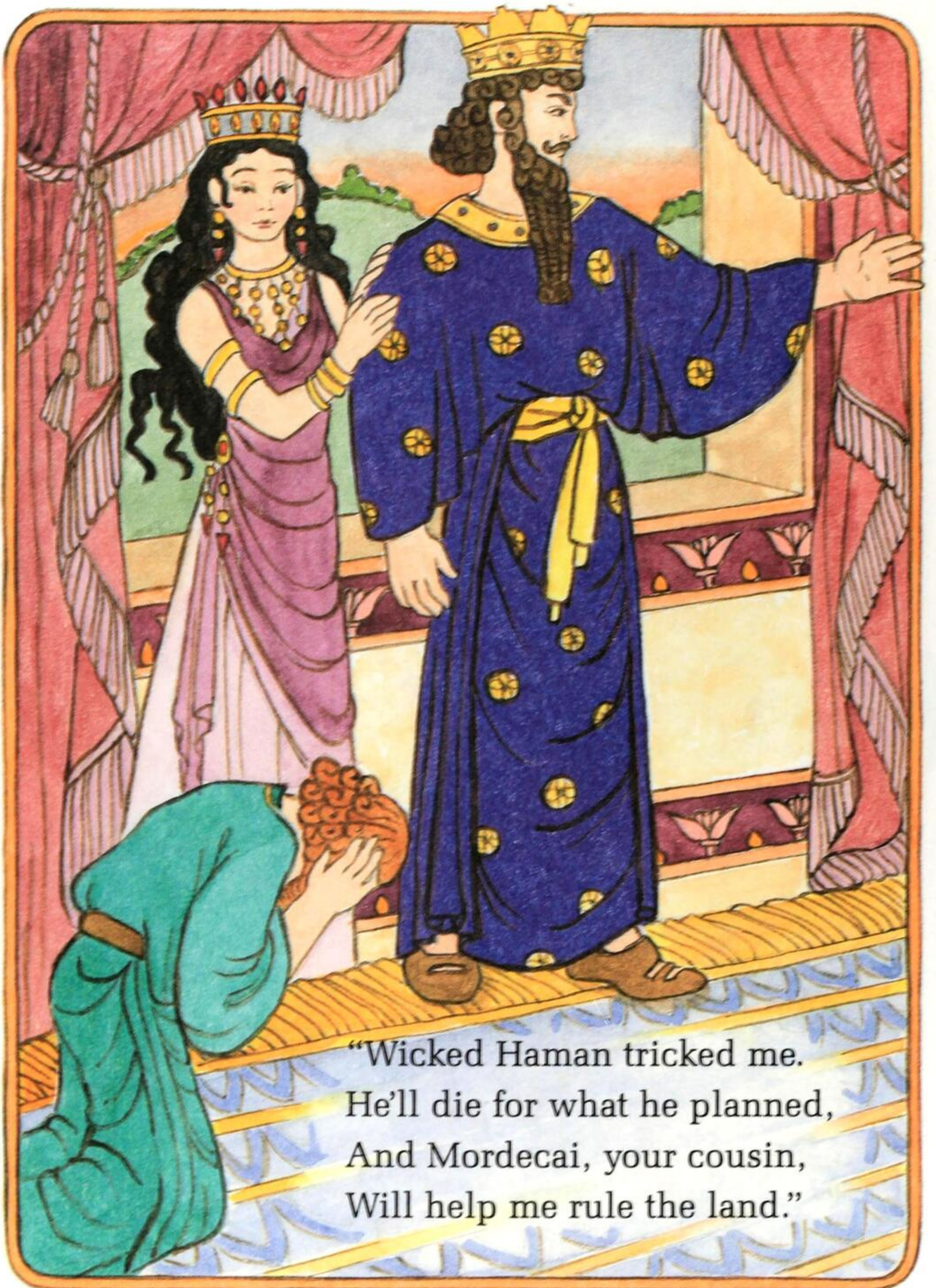


“Mordecai won't bow to Haman
To God alone he prays
Now wicked Haman's made a law
To kill the Jews this day.”

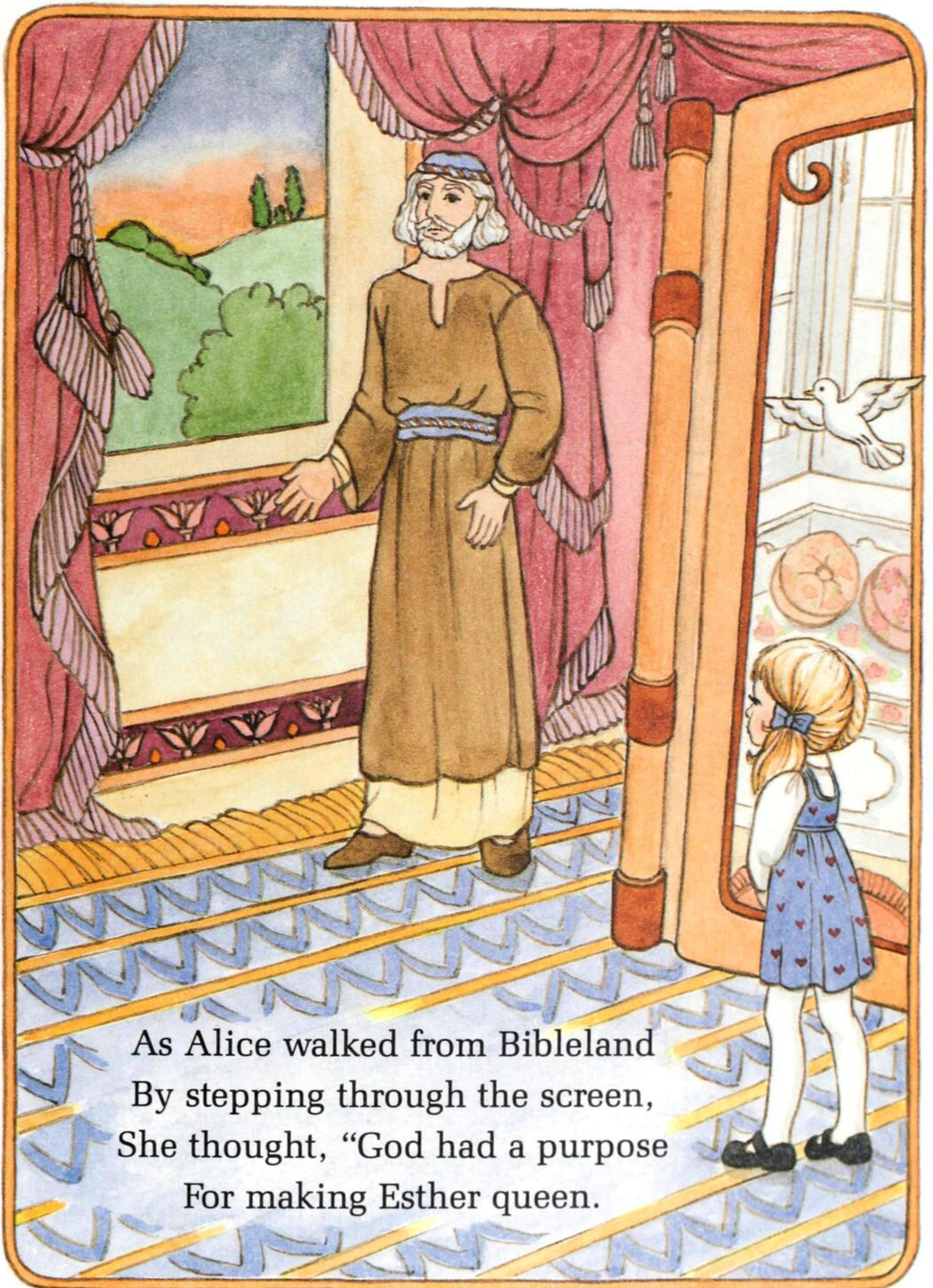


The King said, "I won't harm you
For you are very dear,
And I won't harm your people
For now everything is clear.

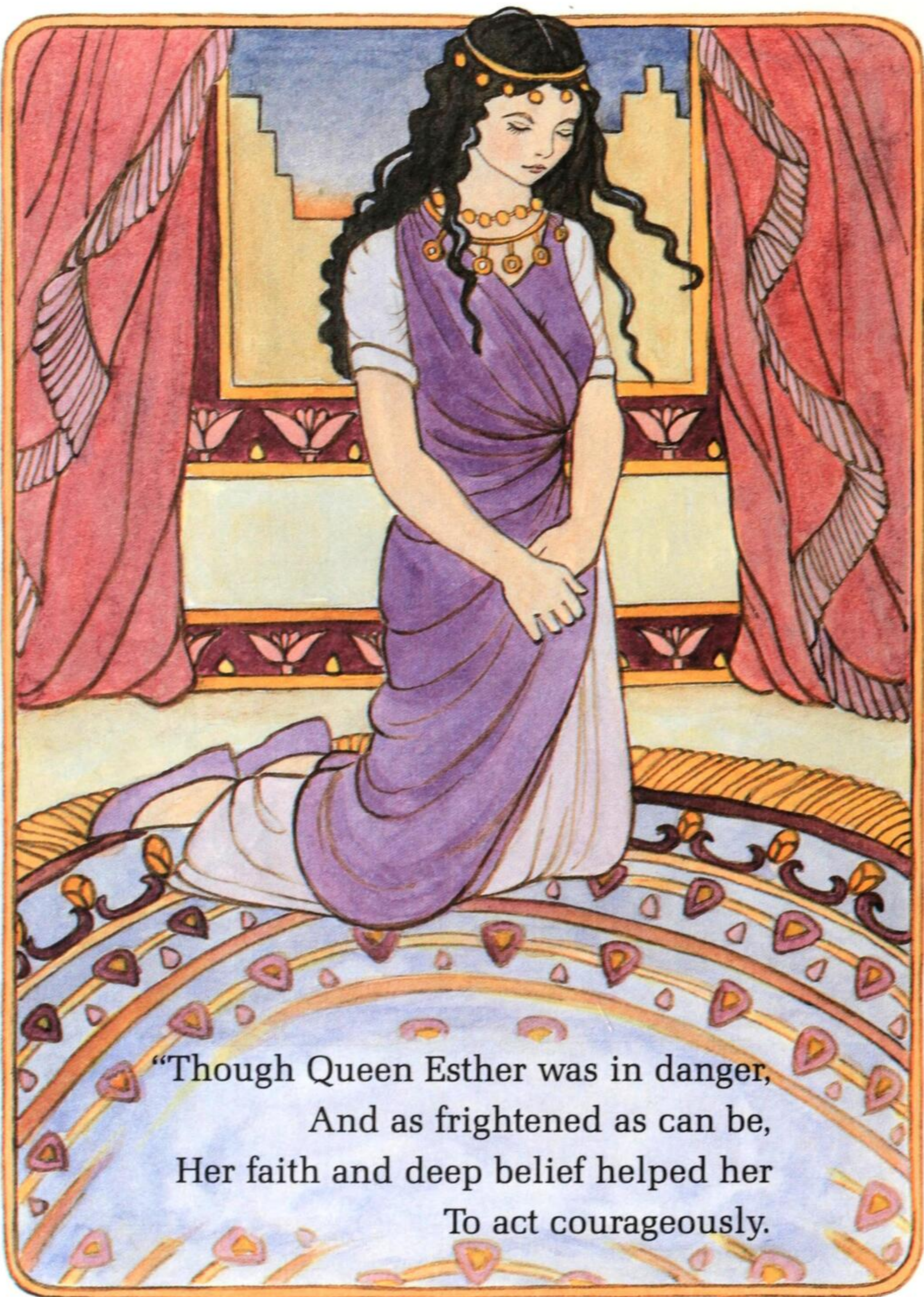




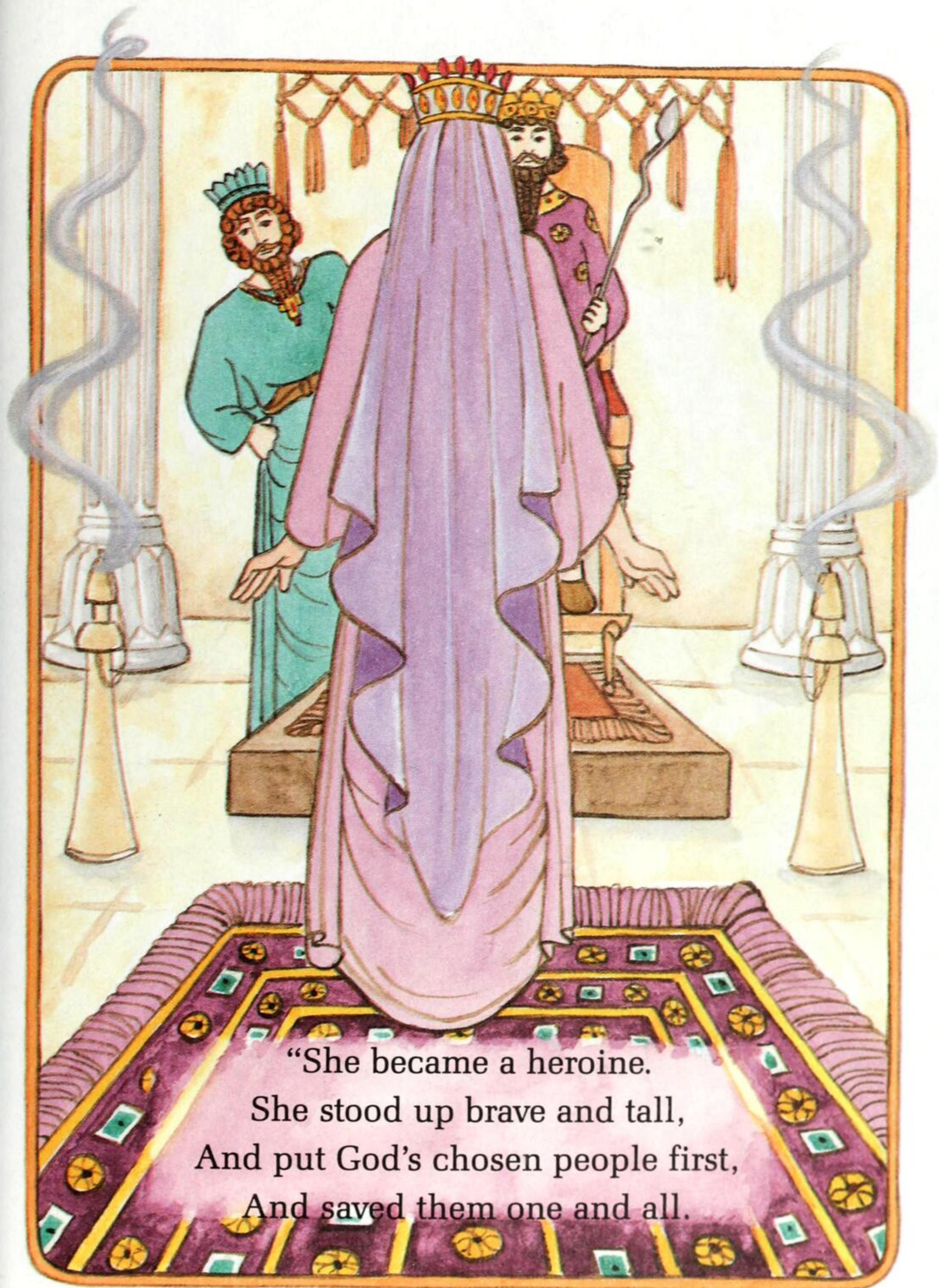
“Wicked Haman tricked me.
He’ll die for what he planned,
And Mordecai, your cousin,
Will help me rule the land.”



As Alice walked from Bibleland
By stepping through the screen,
She thought, "God had a purpose
For making Esther queen.



“Though Queen Esther was in danger,
And as frightened as can be,
Her faith and deep belief helped her
To act courageously.



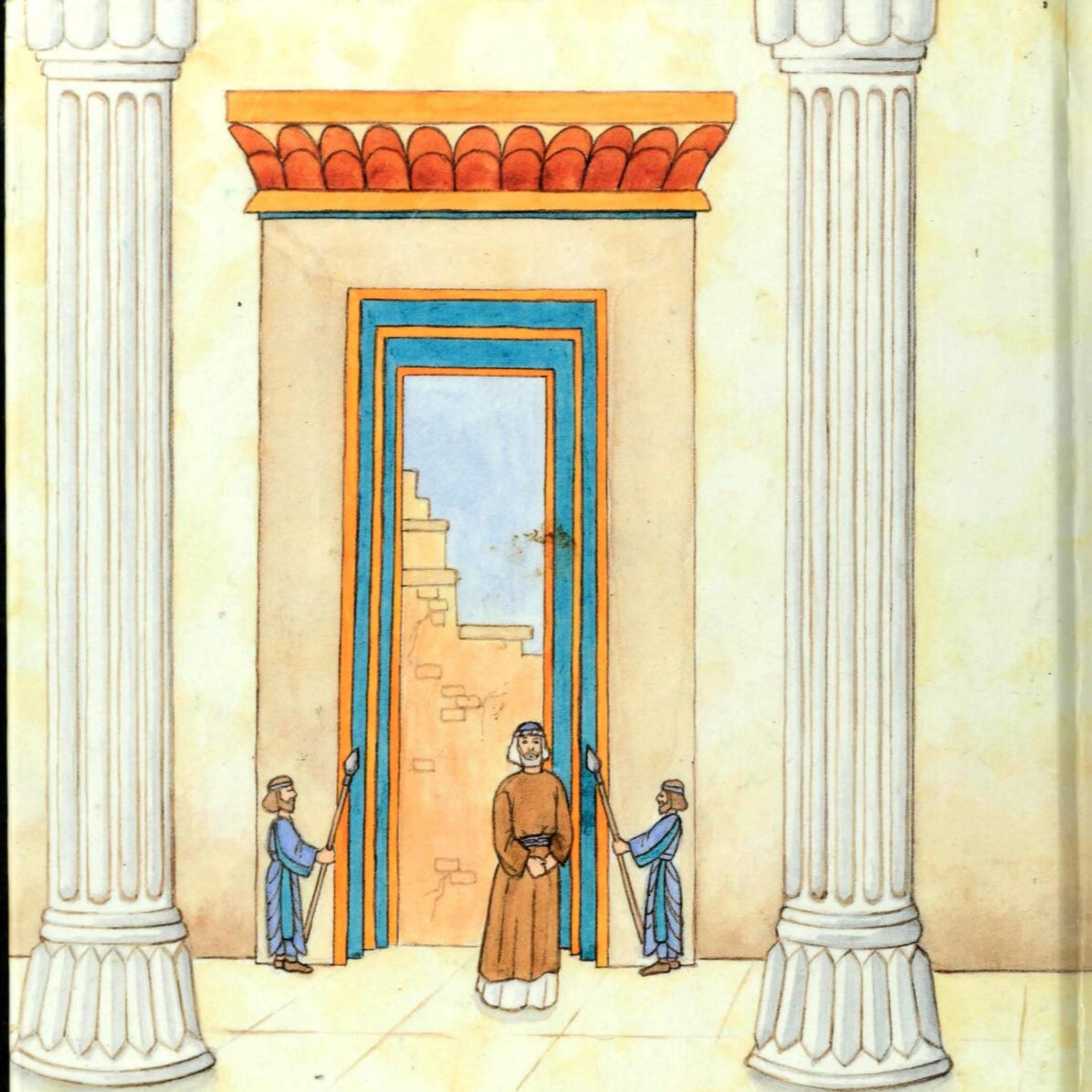
“She became a heroine.
She stood up brave and tall,
And put God’s chosen people first,
And saved them one and all.”



“And just like Esther, we must try
To help each other, too,
And be true to our belief and faith,
And steadfast through and through!”







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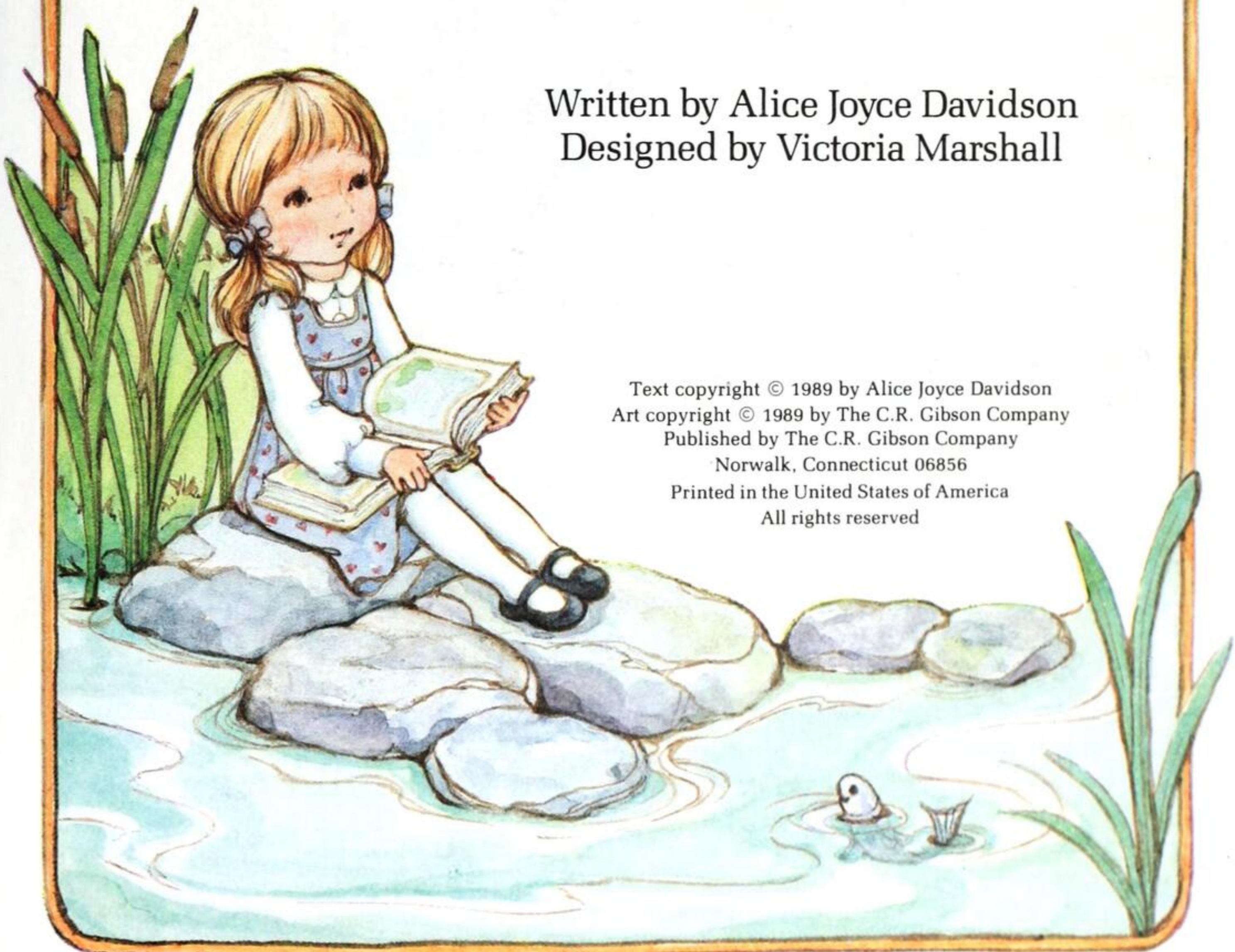
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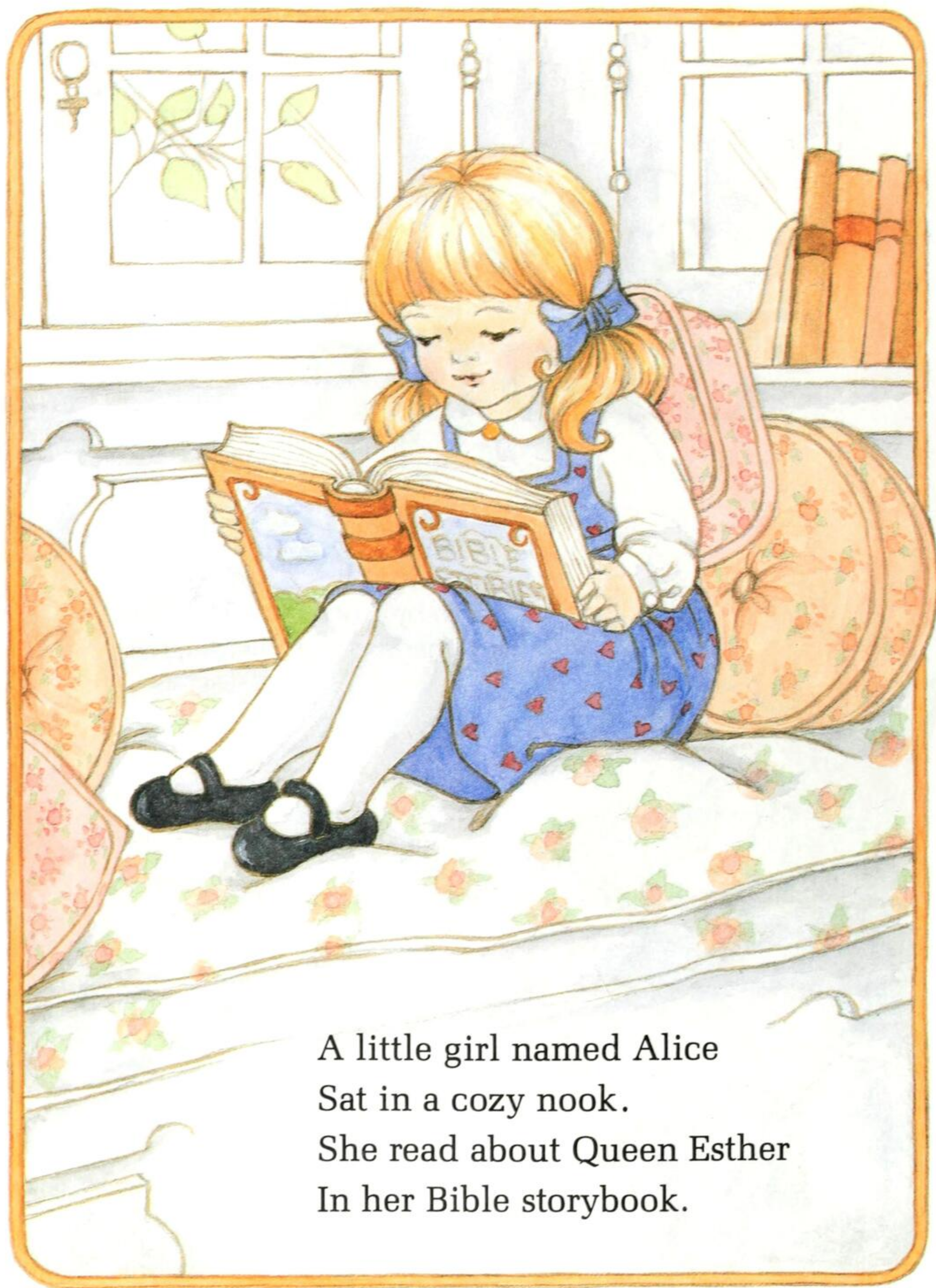
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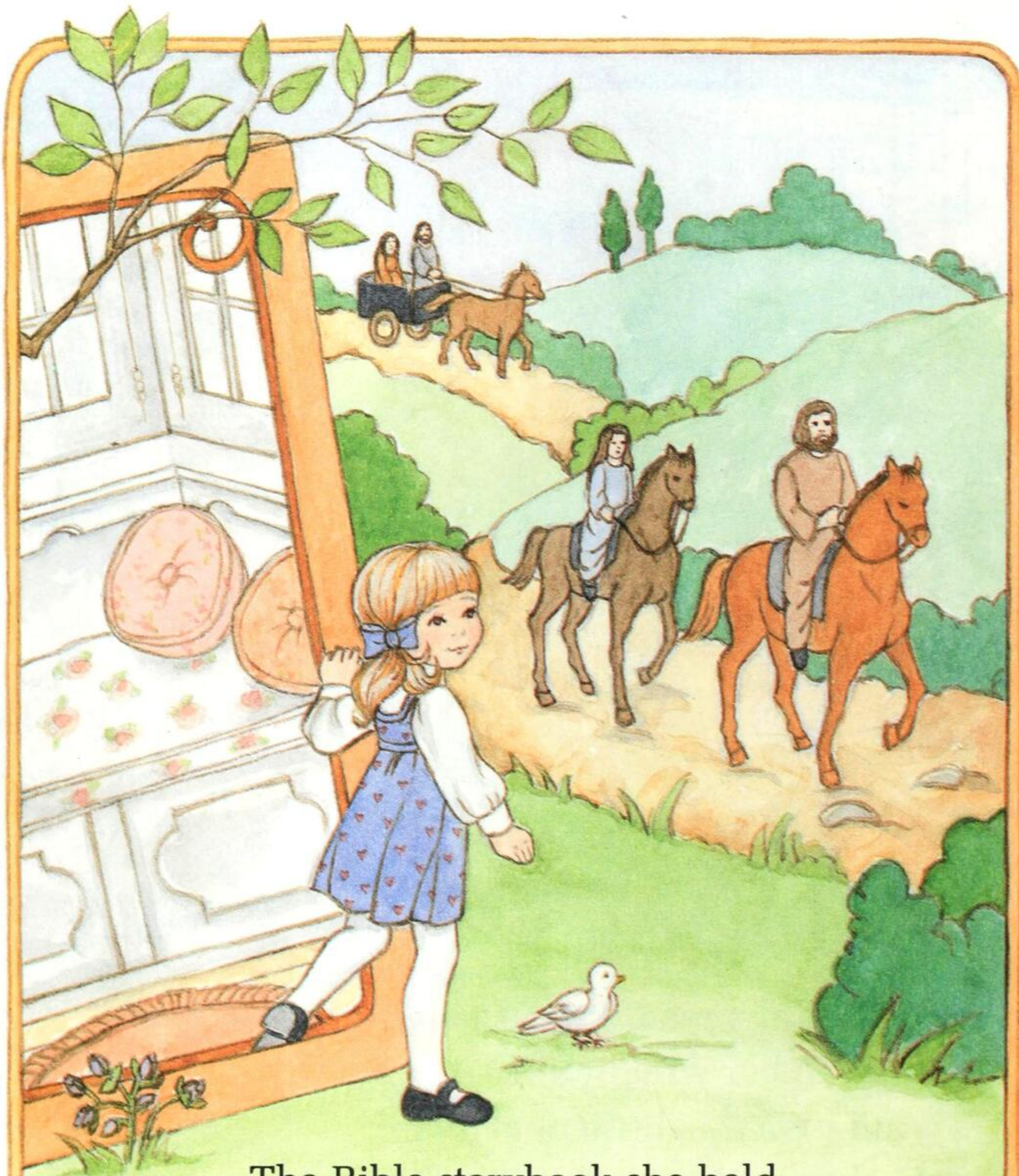


A little girl named Alice
Sat in a cozy nook.
She read about Queen Esther
In her Bible storybook.



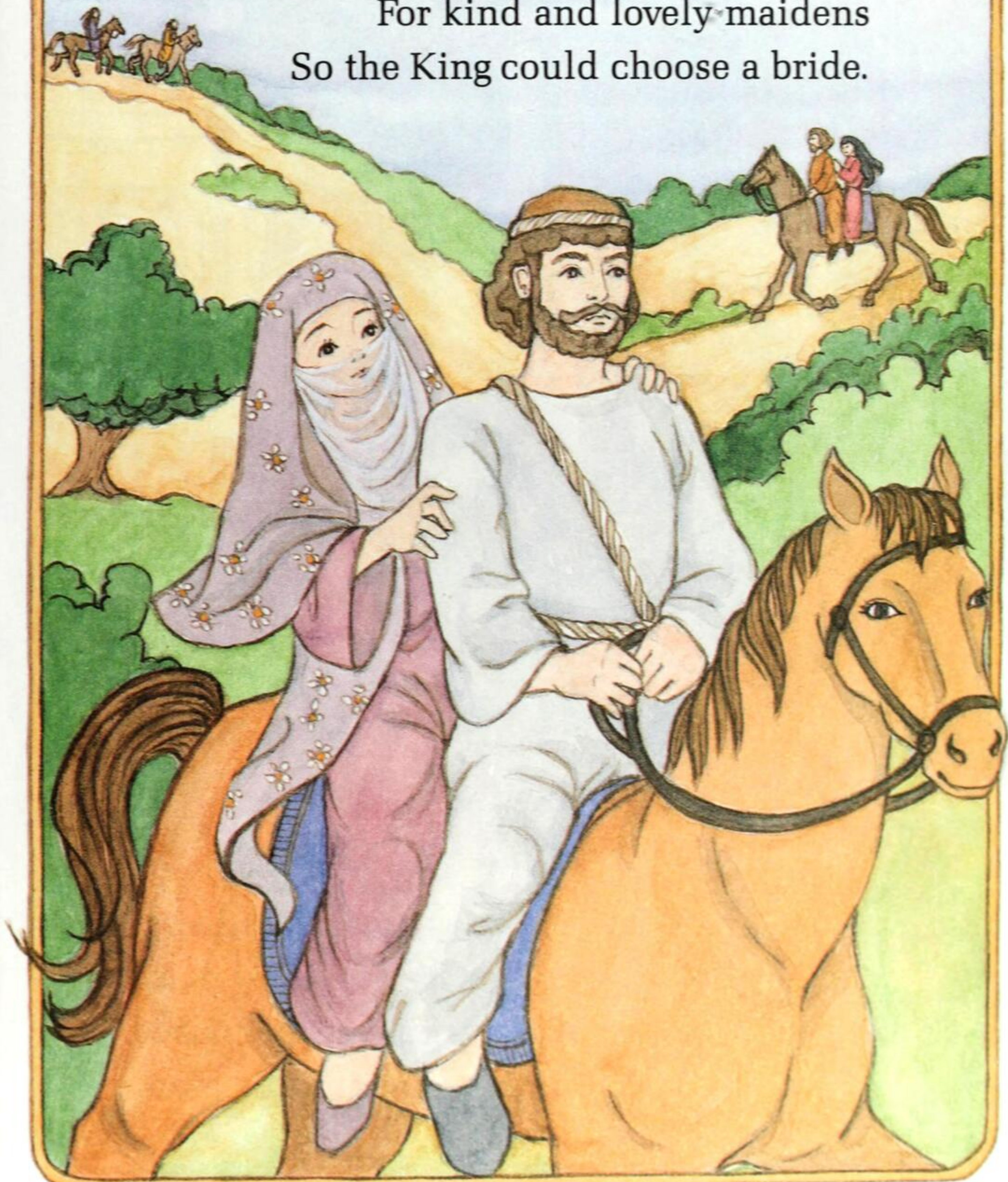
And as she read, the airmail bird
Flew to her windowsill
And gave this little note to her
He'd carried in his bill:

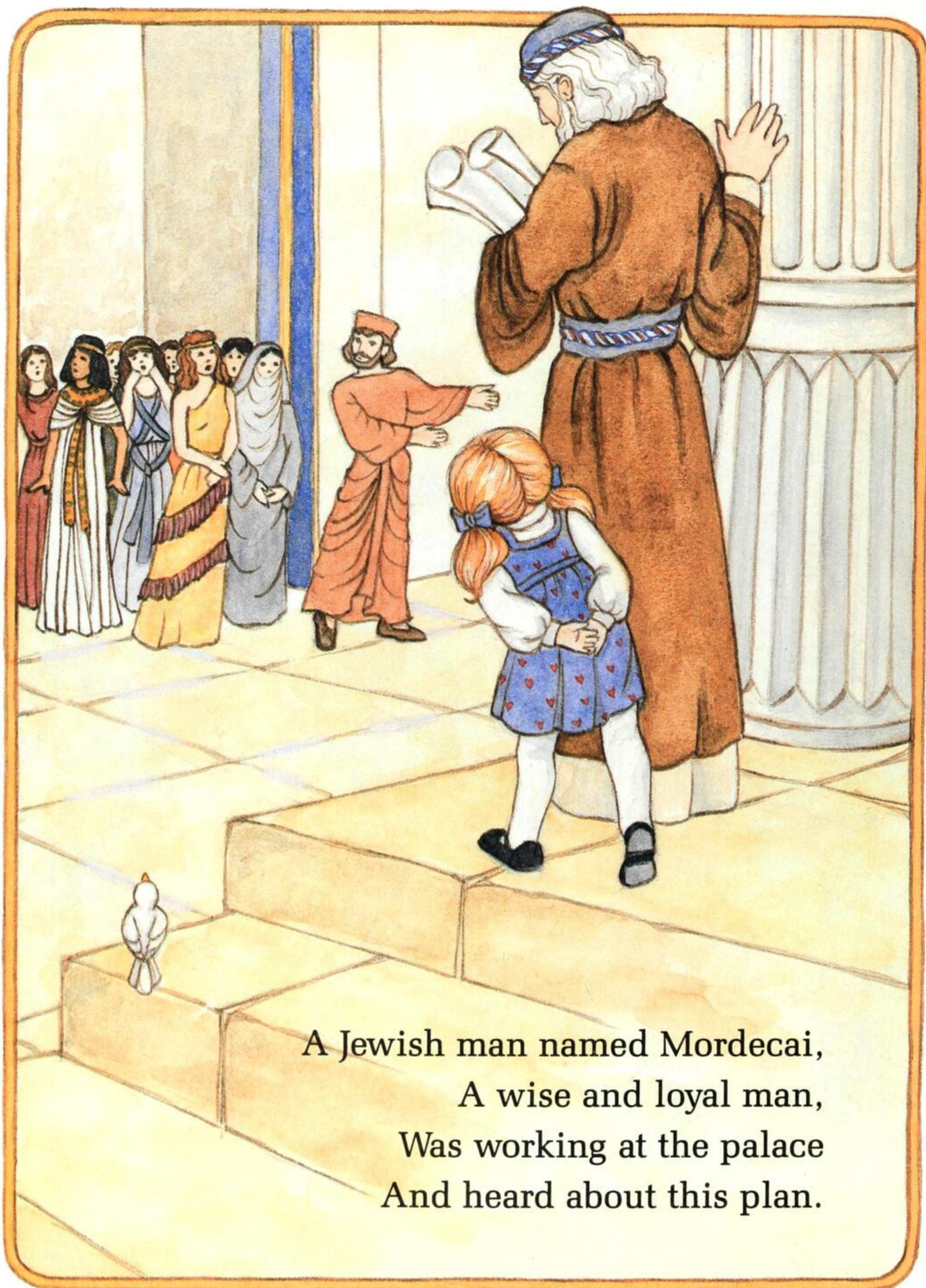
"Reading is the magic key
To take you where you want to be."



The Bible storybook she held
Became a giant screen.
Alice stepped on through to Bibleland
And came upon this scene.

The King of Persia was lonely,
And his men searched far and wide
For kind and lovely maidens
So the King could choose a bride.





A Jewish man named Mordecai,
A wise and loyal man,
Was working at the palace
And heard about this plan.