

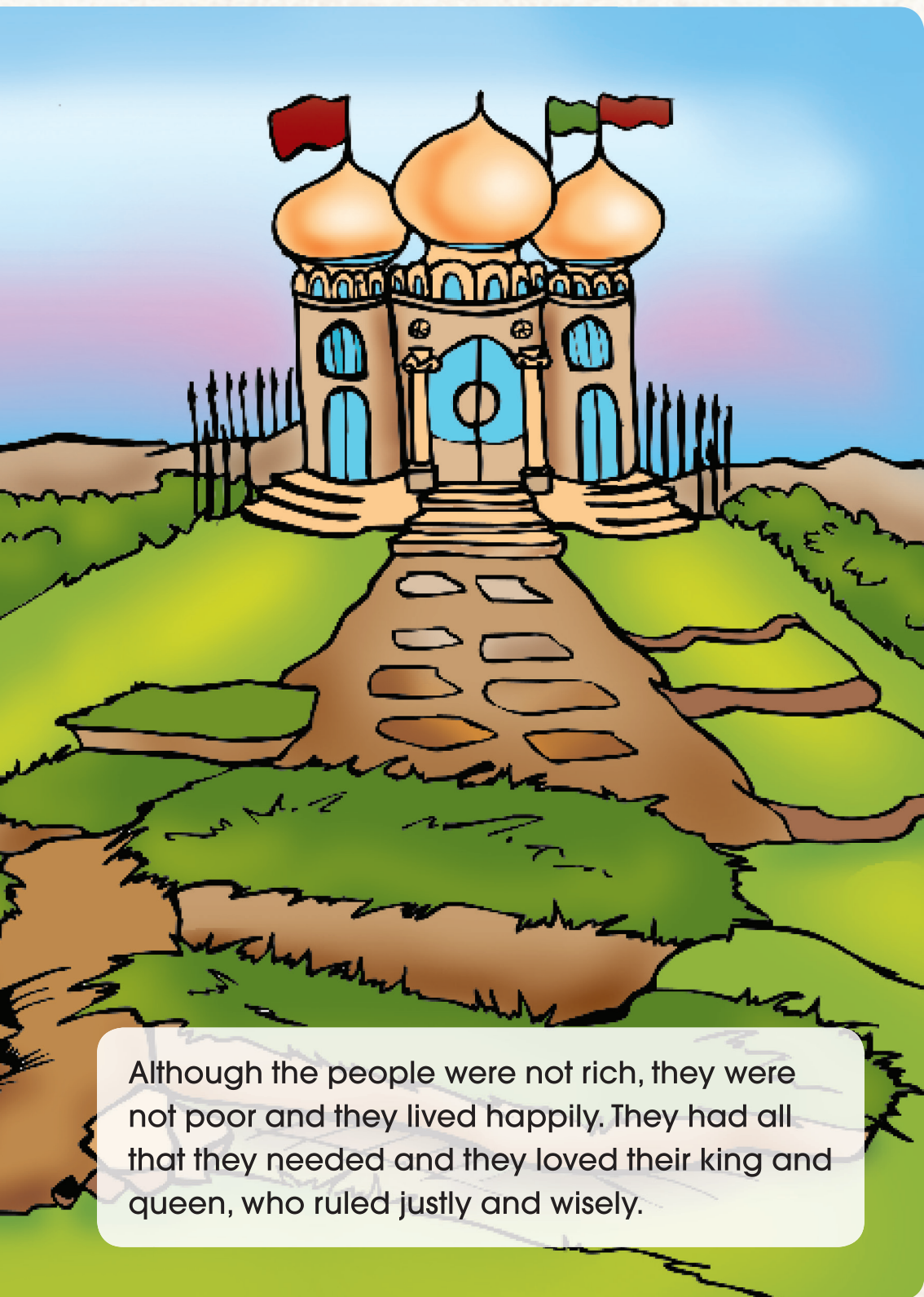
The king's daughter

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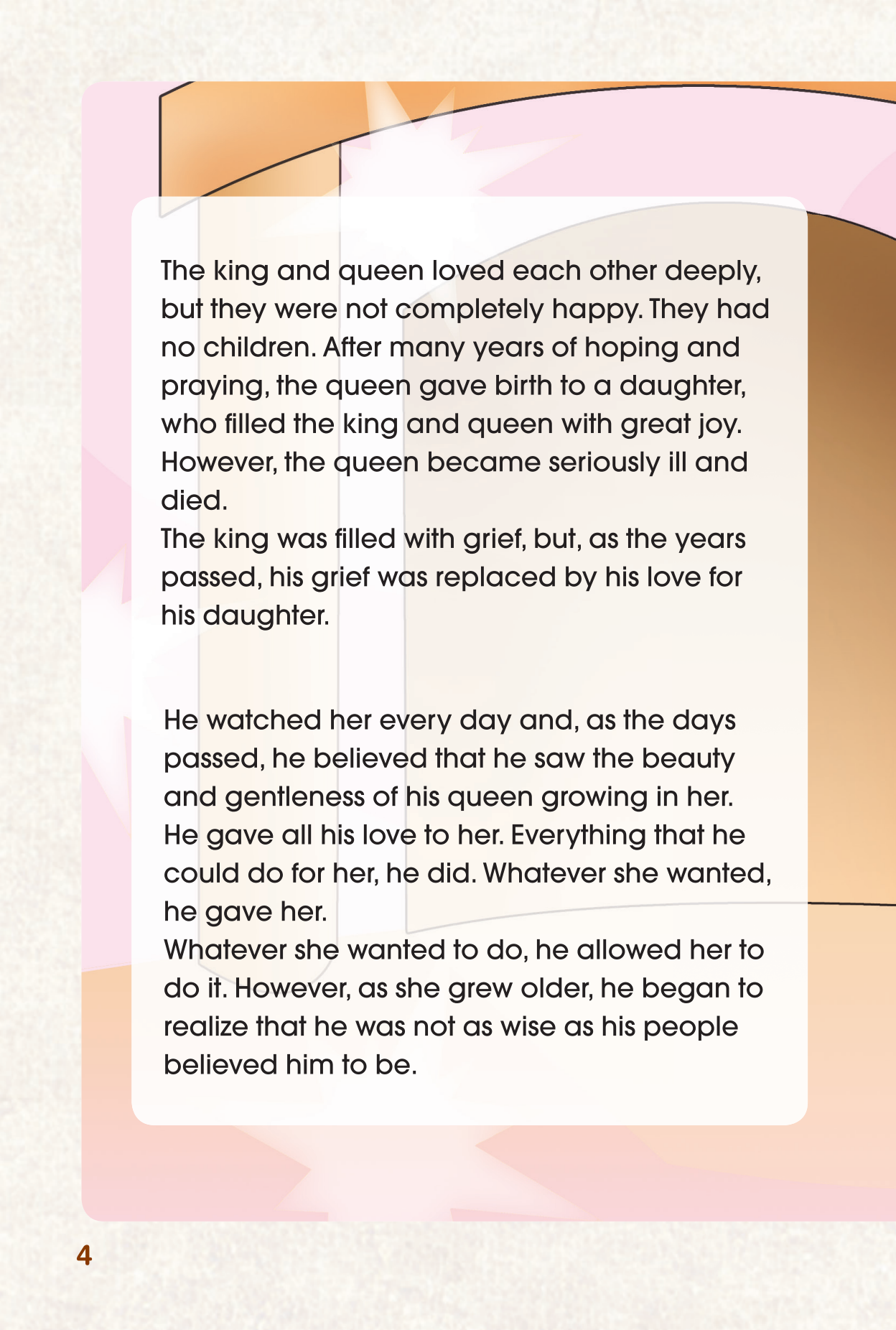


There was once a small country that was far from any other place. It was in a deep valley surrounded by high mountains and, because of the mountains, very few strangers went there.





Although the people were not rich, they were not poor and they lived happily. They had all that they needed and they loved their king and queen, who ruled justly and wisely.



The king and queen loved each other deeply, but they were not completely happy. They had no children. After many years of hoping and praying, the queen gave birth to a daughter, who filled the king and queen with great joy. However, the queen became seriously ill and died.

The king was filled with grief, but, as the years passed, his grief was replaced by his love for his daughter.

He watched her every day and, as the days passed, he believed that he saw the beauty and gentleness of his queen growing in her. He gave all his love to her. Everything that he could do for her, he did. Whatever she wanted, he gave her.

Whatever she wanted to do, he allowed her to do it. However, as she grew older, he began to realize that he was not as wise as his people believed him to be.

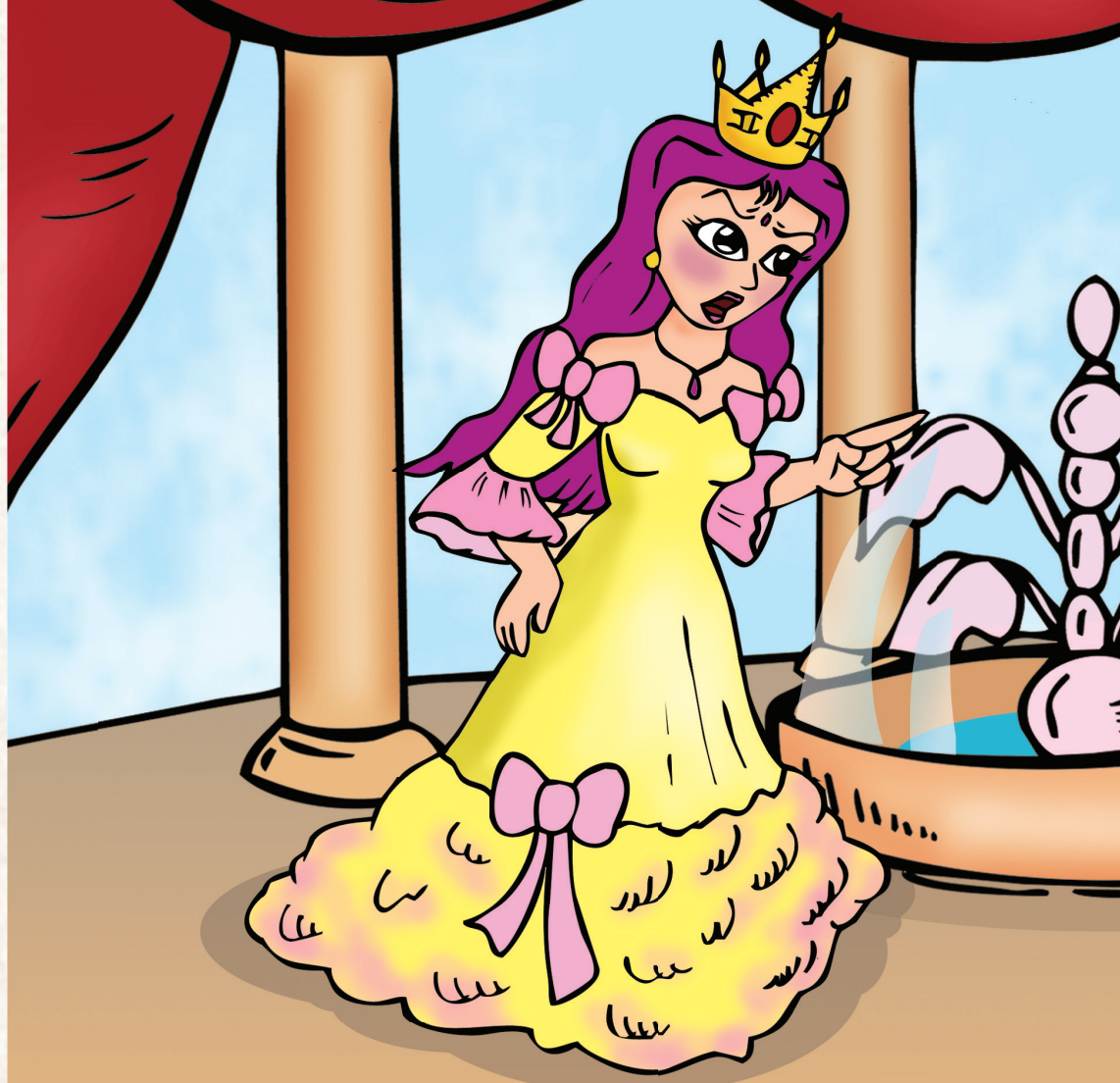
The princess hurriedly returned to the dressmaker 'Here are ten gold pieces,' she said, holding out her hand to him. 'Now you will make me a dress.'

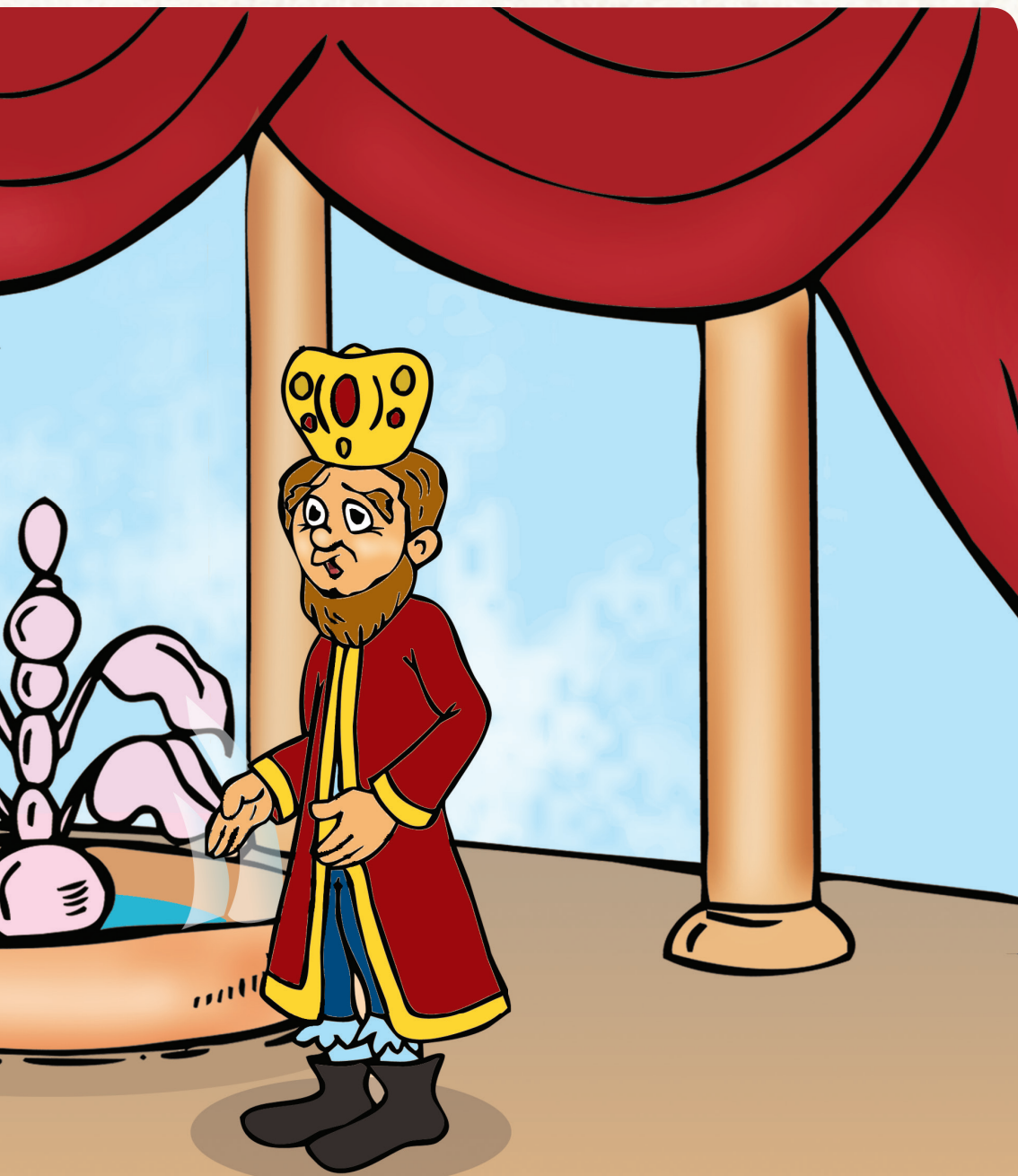




The foreigner looked at the gold pieces in her hand and then looked at her.
'I can not make your dress for only ten gold pieces,' he said calmly and politely.
'Well, then, here are fifteen!' she answered. 'Now you will make my dress!'

Once more, she hurried to her father to complain to him about the foreigner's refusal to make her a dress for her birthday.

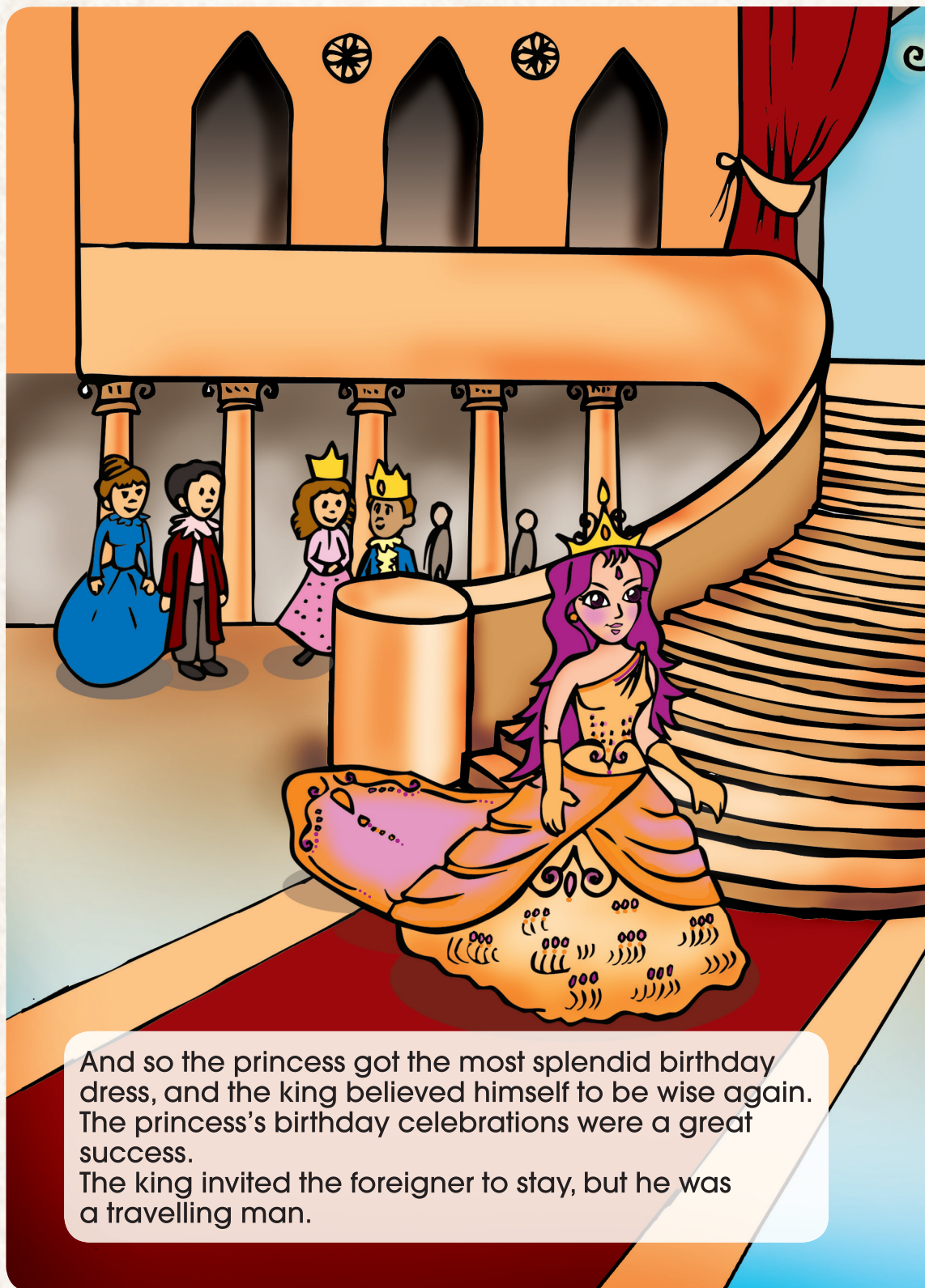




'I am sure he will make you a dress if you ask him properly,' said the king to his daughter.
'No,' she replied. Then she said, 'Put him in prison until he agrees to make my dress!'

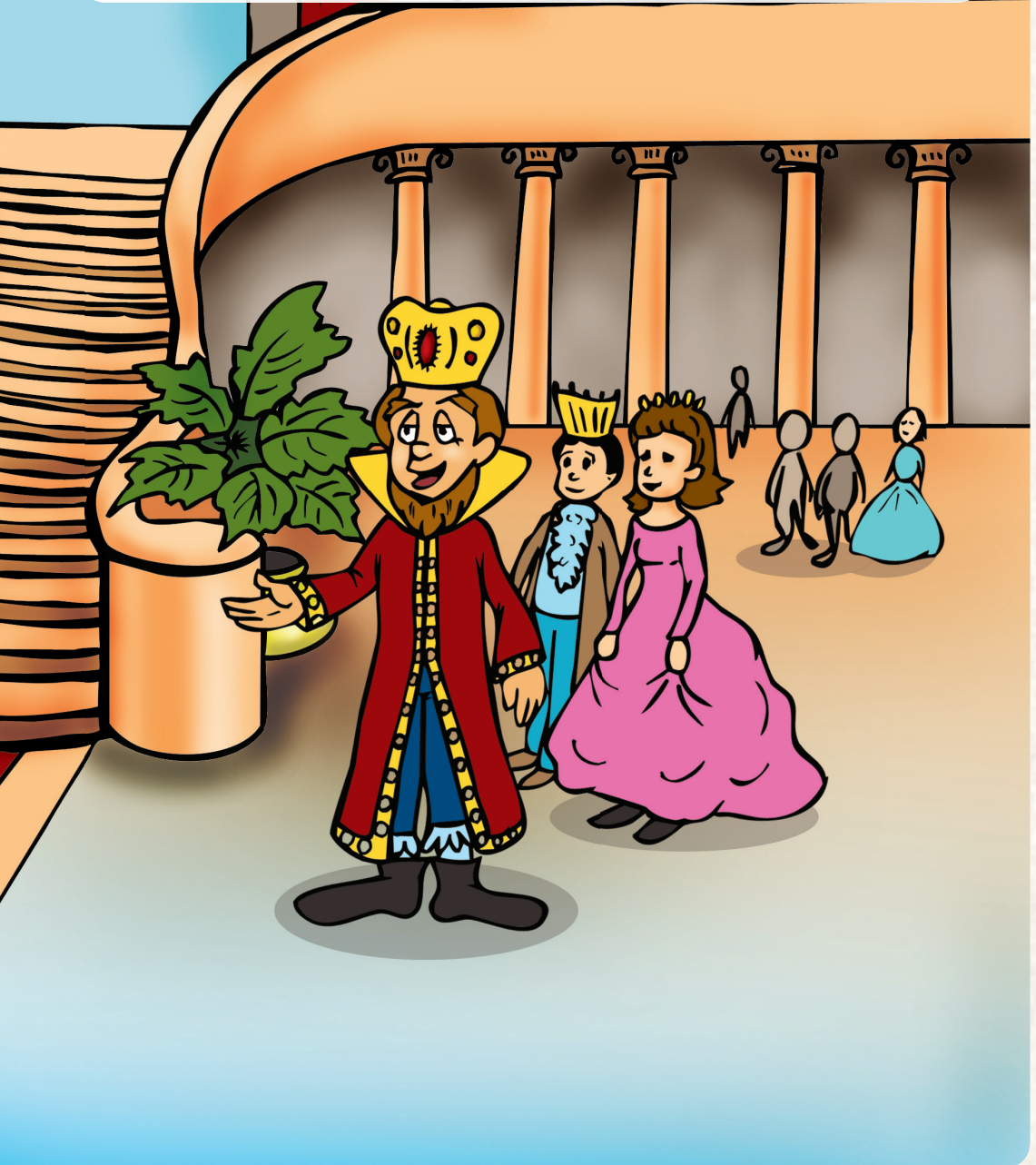
The king was shocked by the princess's words
'How can I put him in prison?' he asked.
She did not wait to reply.





And so the princess got the most splendid birthday dress, and the king believed himself to be wise again. The princess's birthday celebrations were a great success. The king invited the foreigner to stay, but he was a travelling man.

However, before he left, he made several dresses for the princess, who thanked him kindly and paid him well. The king, growing older, rejoiced at the sight of his daughter, who, truly, became more and more like her mother, the queen whom the king still loved so much.



Questions:

① Answer the following questions.

1. Where was the small country?
2. How did the king love his daughter?
3. What did the king think the cause of his daughter's selfish and rude character is ?
4. What did the princess need for the celebration?
5. What did the king ask his daughter to do in order to have a dress made?
6. Why can't the king force the foreigner to make a dress for his daughter?
7. Why did the foreigner agree to make a dress for the princess at last?

② Complete the following sentences.

1. Though the people of the country were not rich, they and they
2. Unlike her mother , the princess became more
3. The foreigner is a He has and makes the most
4. The foreigner refused to make a dress for the princess because
5. The princess went to her father to complain to him about
6. Though the foreigner was put in prison ,he
7. The foreigner was a very strange and