

# Olympic Adventure



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## BEFORE READING

### Talk together

- Look at the cover and read the title together. Ask: *What can the children see through the trees?*
- Look at pages 9 and 11 to see what they did in the ancient games.
- Look through the book and talk about the pictures.

### About the words in this book

- Your child should be able to sound out and blend some words, which may include:

old I'm time about your  
day made came games  
project follow prize head  
races gave threw

- Some words may be more challenging. Encourage or model blending, then read the words below to your child if necessary.

Mrs looked asked could  
laughed climbed  
sewing village  
shields guards  
museum vase



## DURING READING

Enjoy the story together.  
If your child needs support to read the story:

- Remind your child to blend unfamiliar words from left to right.
- If a word is still too tricky, simply say the whole word for your child.
- Re-read sentences to focus on their meaning where necessary.



See the inside back cover  
for more ideas.



The children were doing a project on the Olympic Games.

“Tomorrow we will go to the museum and next week it’s sports day,” said Mrs May.



“Everyone can enter a race on sports day,” said Mrs May.

“I think the girls should have a sewing race!” laughed one of the boys.

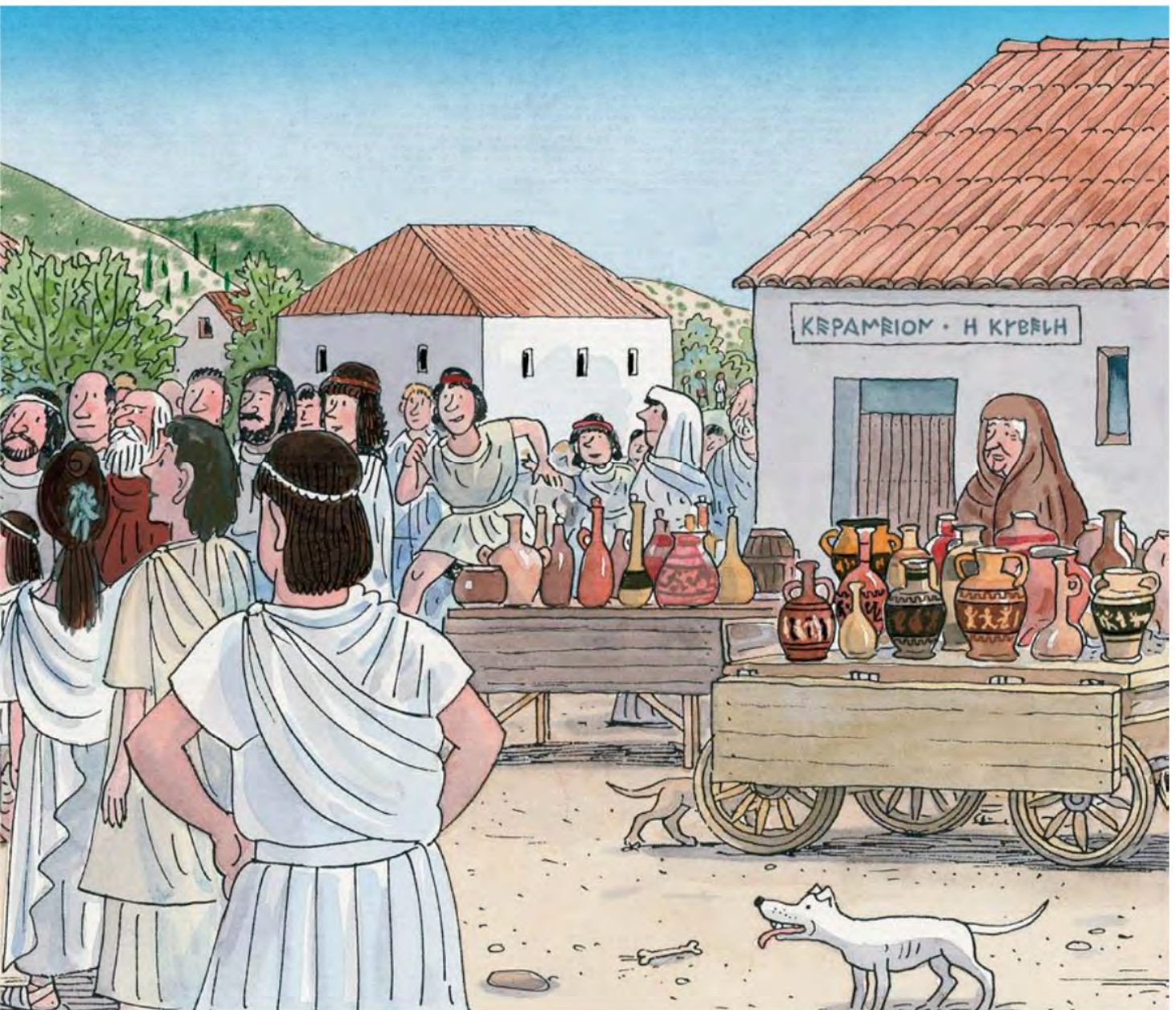


After school, Anneena and Wilma went to play with Biff. Anneena was cross. "Some boys are so silly," she said. The magic key began to glow.



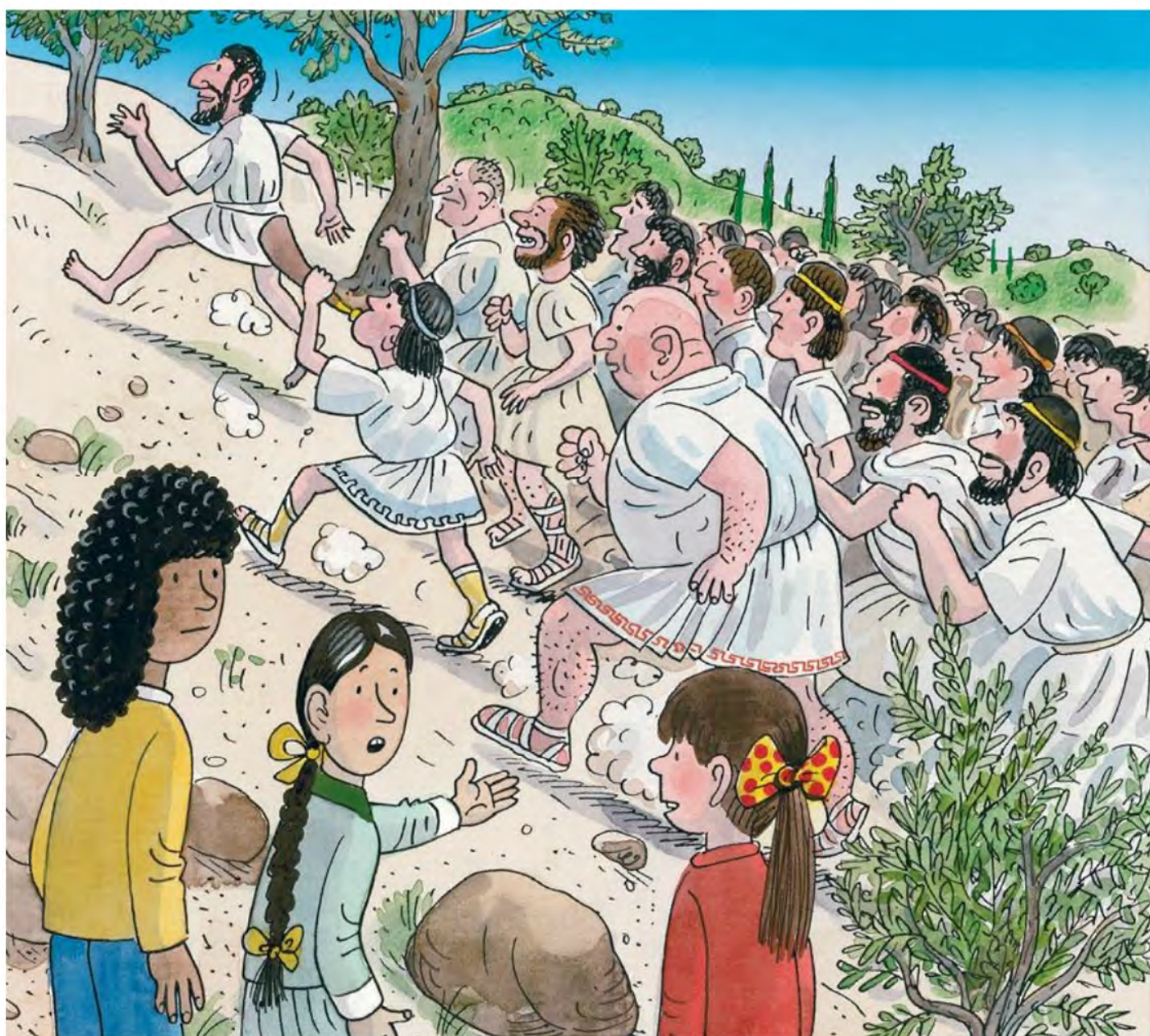
The magic took the girls back in time, to a village in Greece. A boy was calling to the villagers.

“Follow me to the games,” he said.



“Can we go too?” asked Biff.

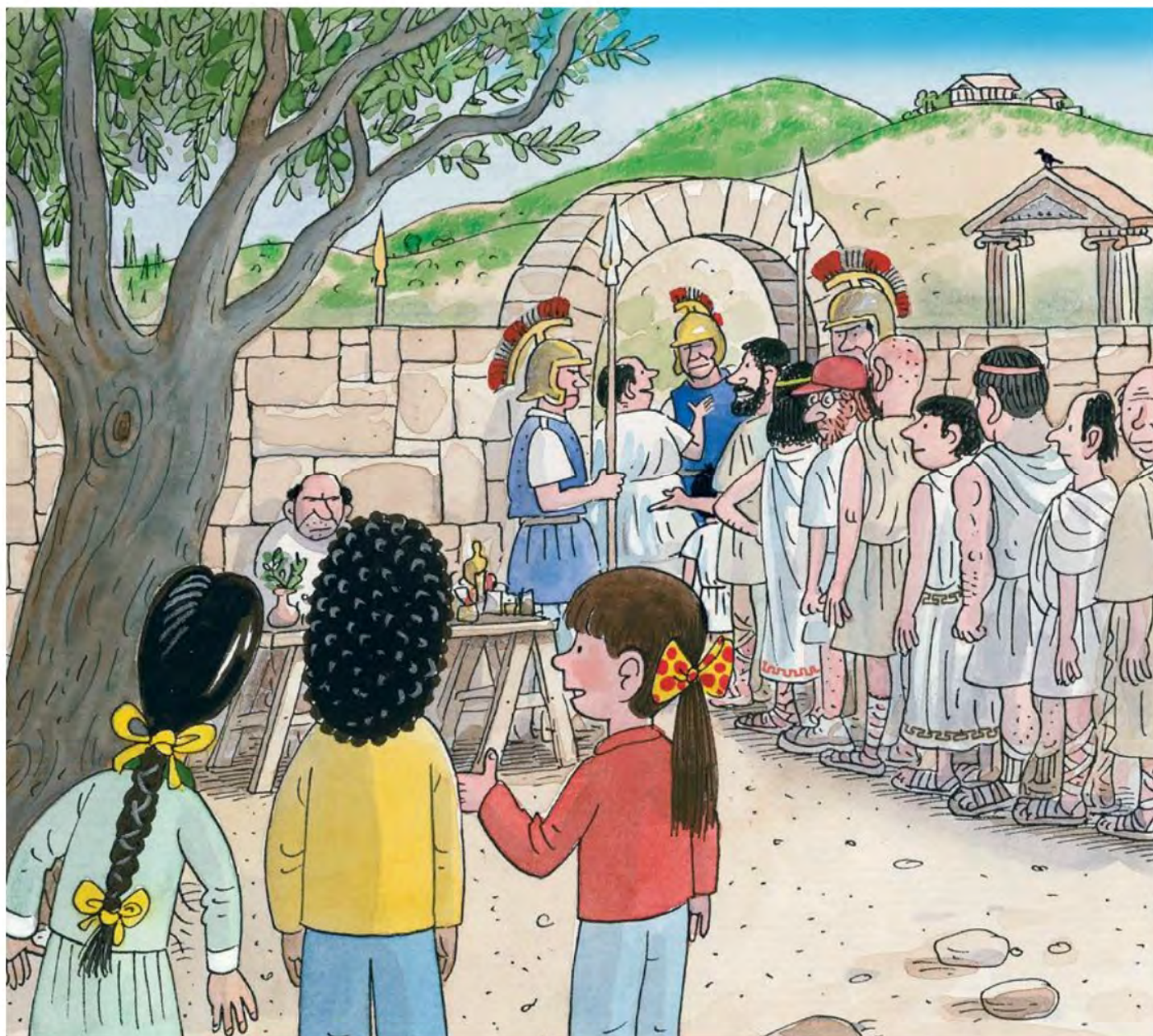
“Anyone can come!” said the boy. “As long as they are male.”



The men and the boys from the village went to the games.

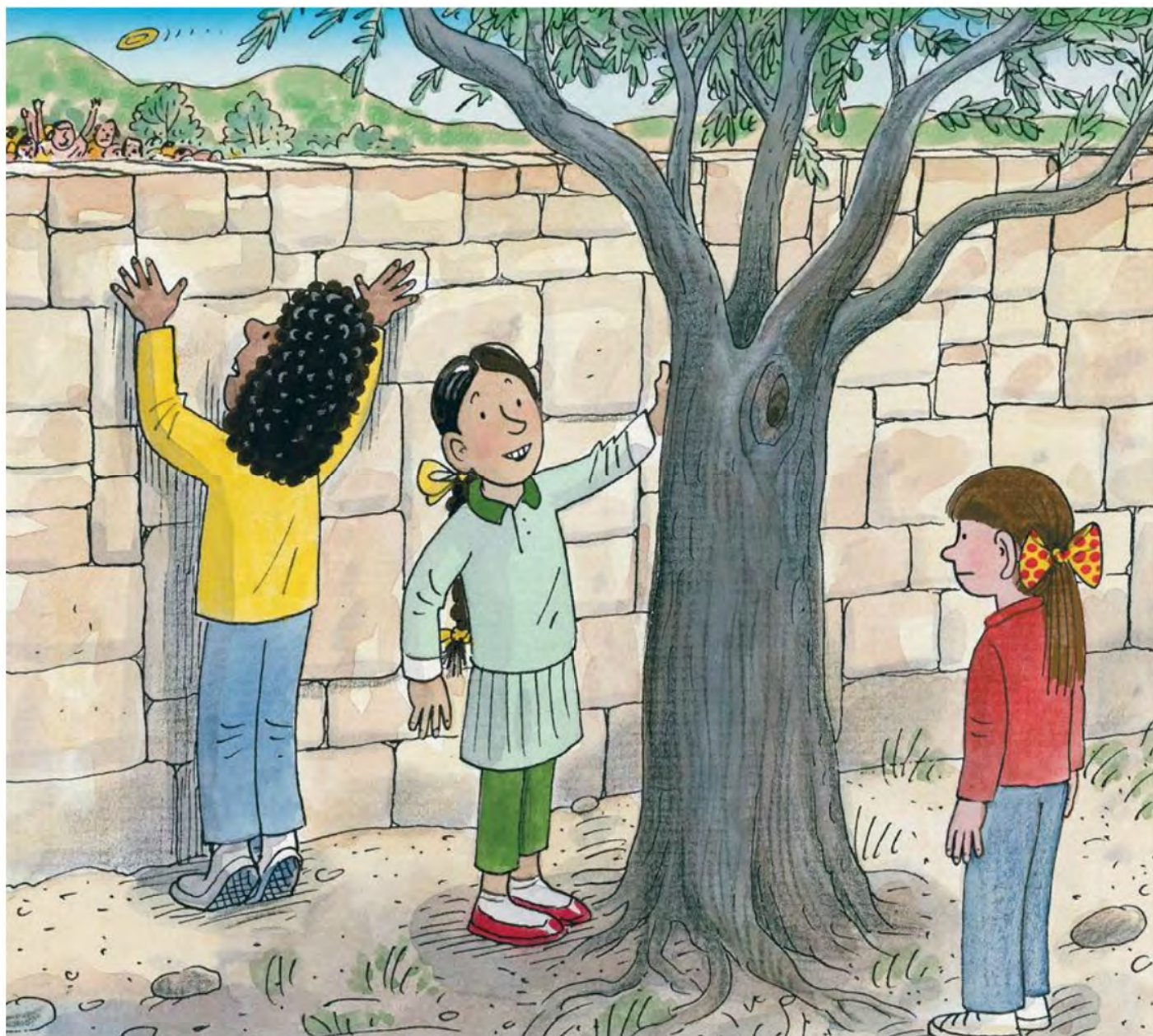
“It’s not fair!” said Anneena.

“Let’s follow them,” said Biff.

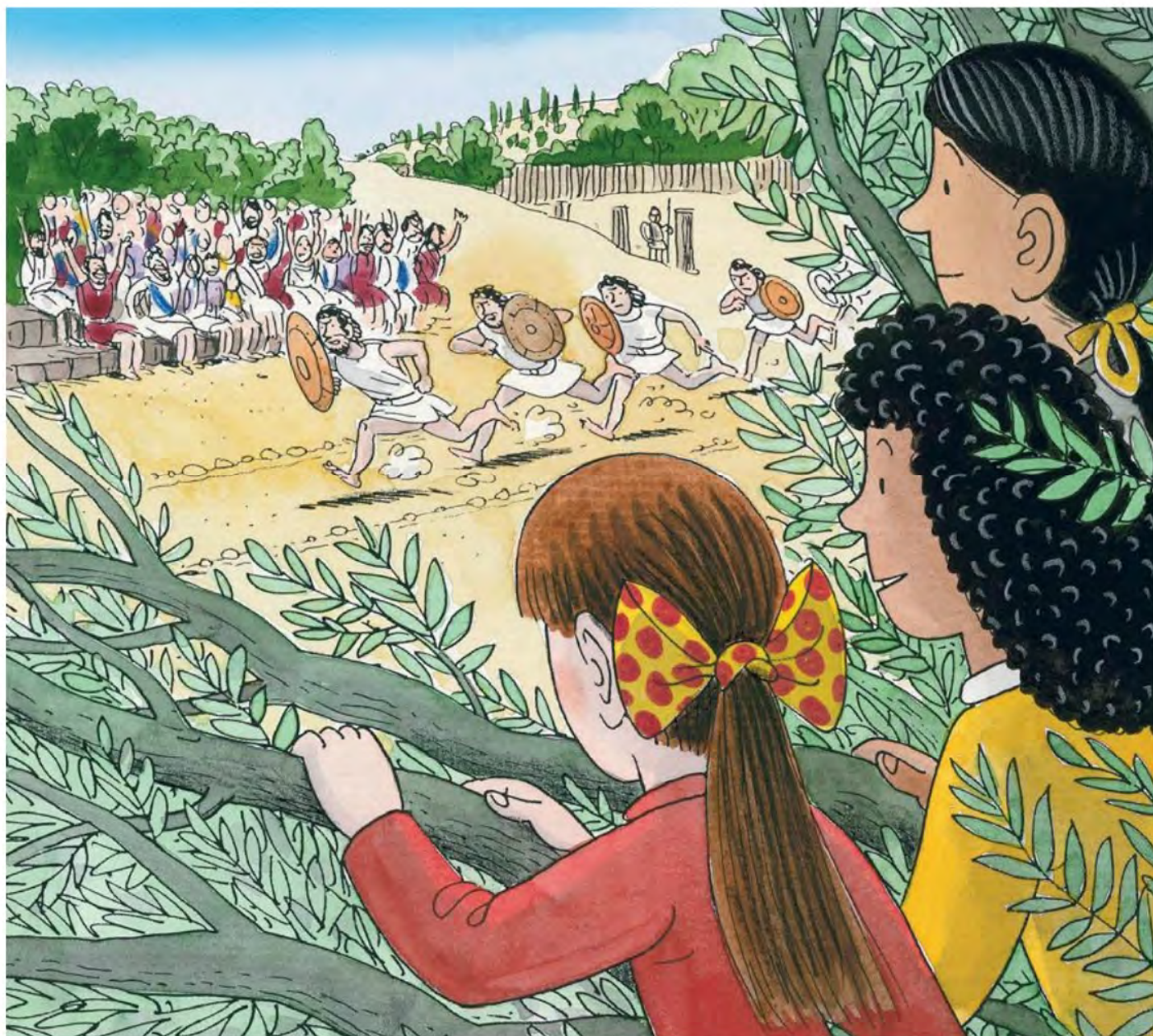


Outside the games, there were lots of guards. They only let men and boys in to the games.

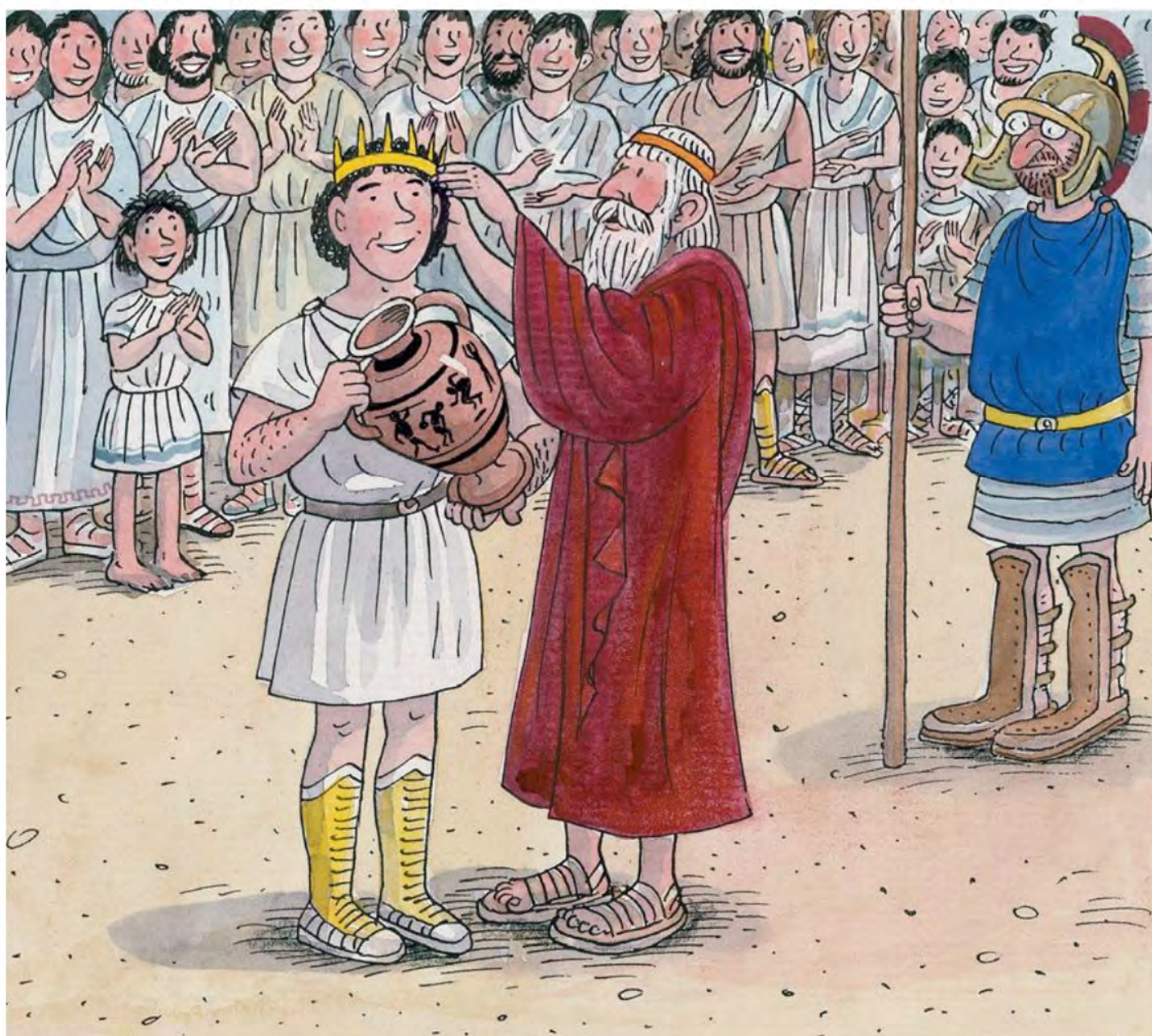
“We’ll never get in,” said Biff.



“I wish we could see!” said Wilma.  
Anneena had an idea. “Let’s climb  
a tree,” she said.



The girls climbed an olive tree.  
They could see the games. They watched  
a race. Lots of men ran with shields.



The winner won a prize. The prize was a vase. A man put a crown on the winner's head.



Then the girls watched some men  
throwing discs as far as they could.

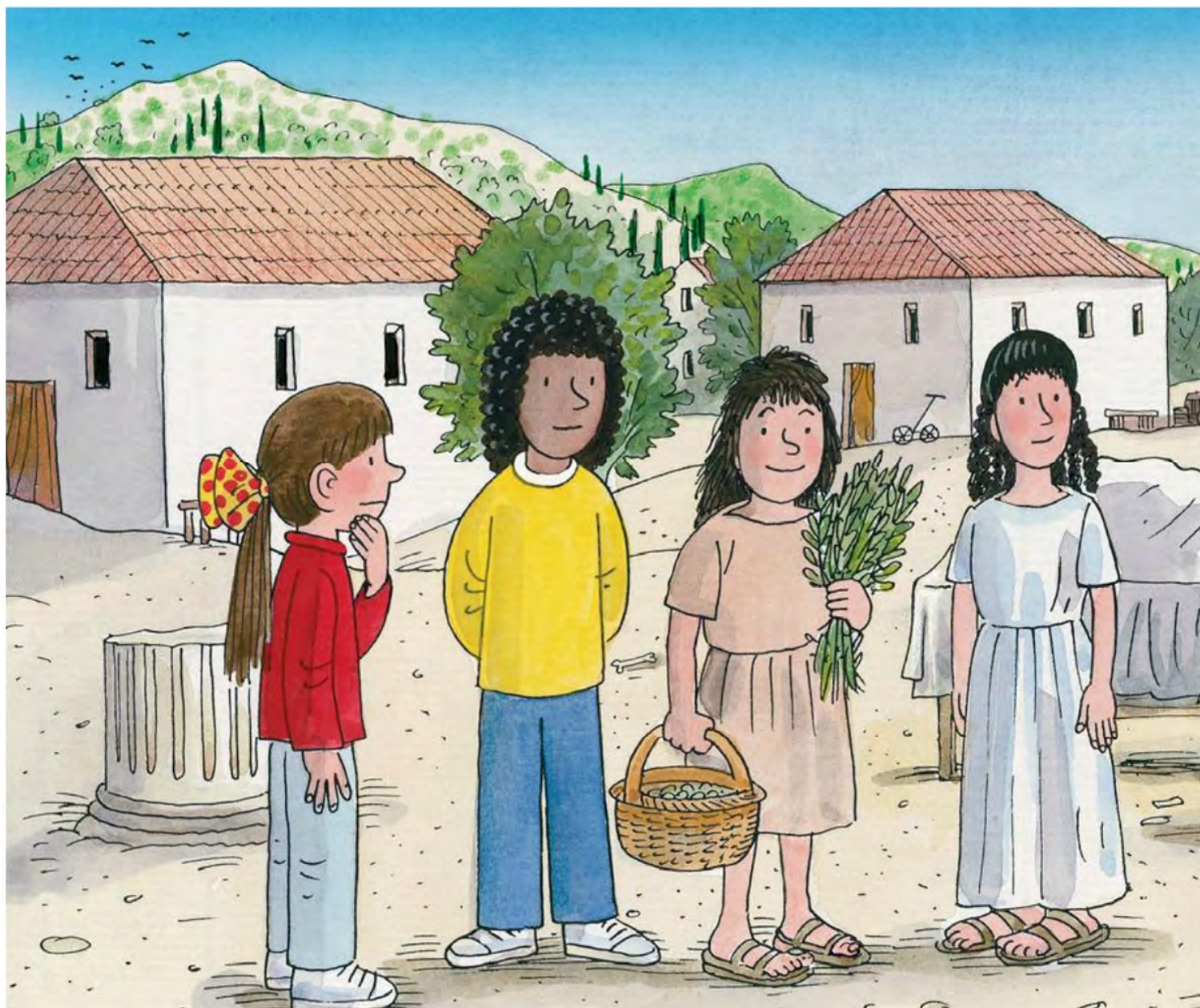
“Hey you!” shouted a girl.



The girl was under the tree.  
“If anyone catches you here, you’ll be  
in for the high jump!” she said.

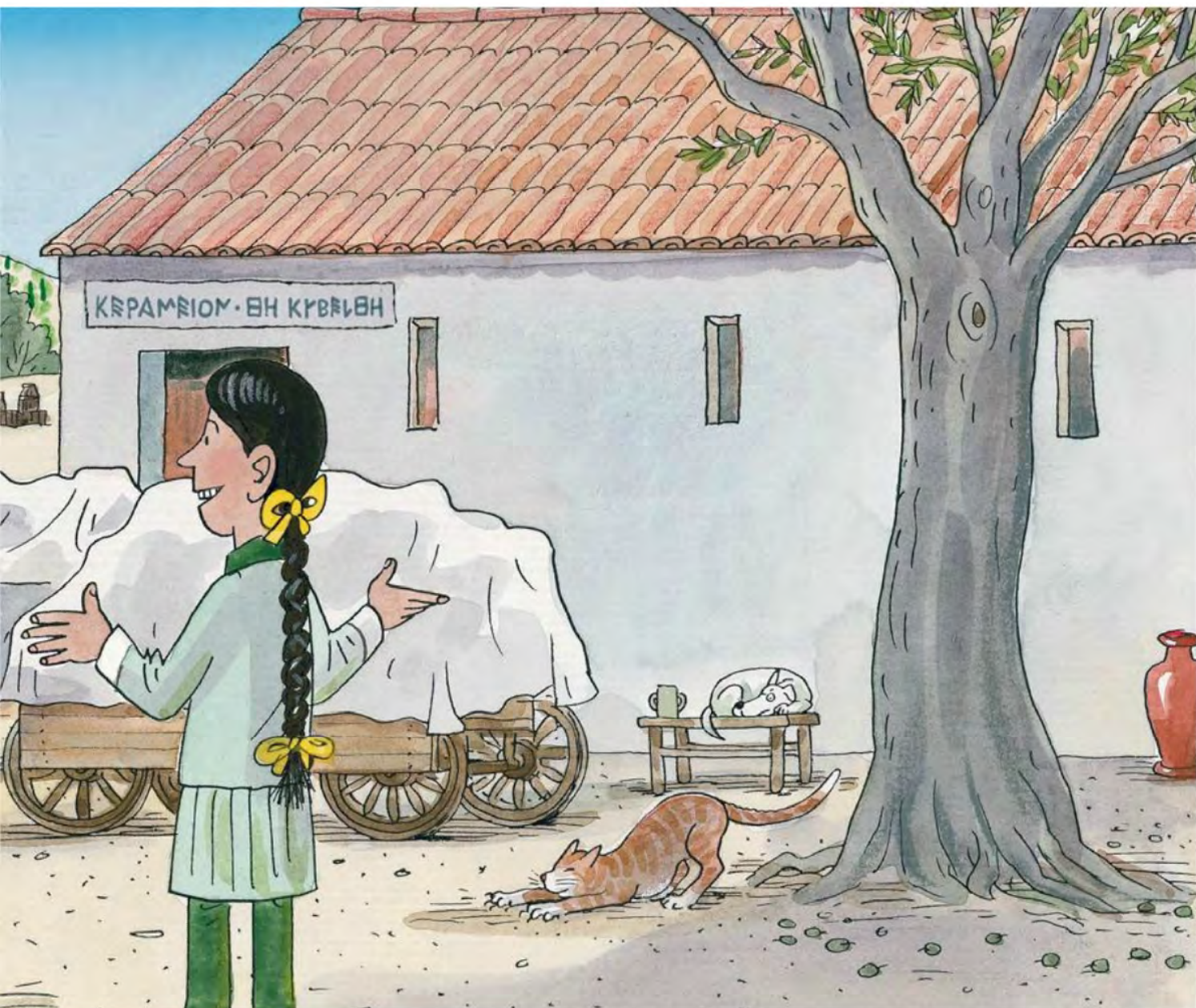


“Then, why are you here?” asked Biff.  
“I’m picking olives,” said the girl.  
“My name is Hera. You’d better come with  
me to the village.”

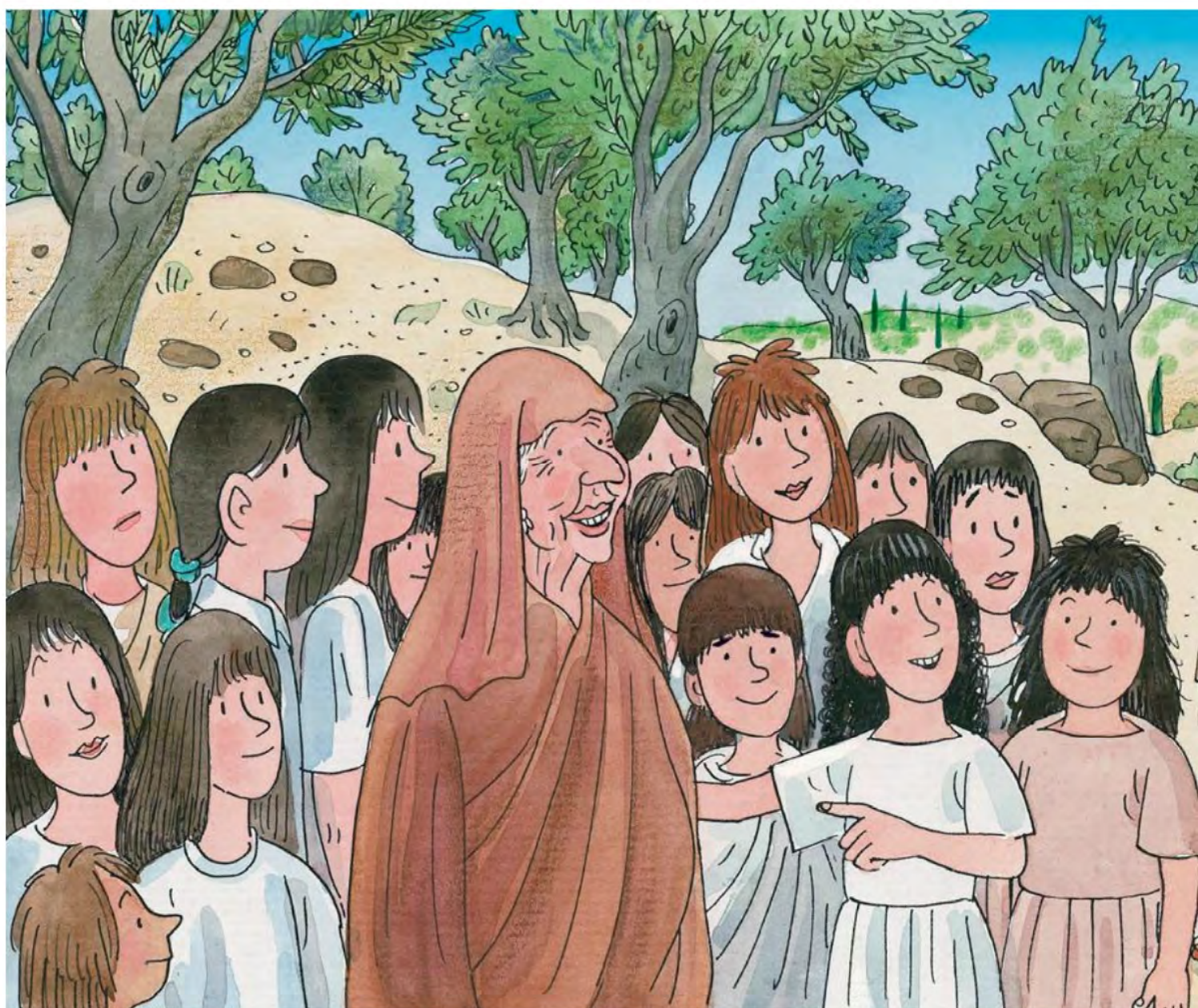


In the village, they met Hera's friend, Mila.

"It's always quiet when the games are on," said Mila. "It's so boring!"



Suddenly, Anneena had an idea.  
“Can you get all of your friends  
together?” she asked.

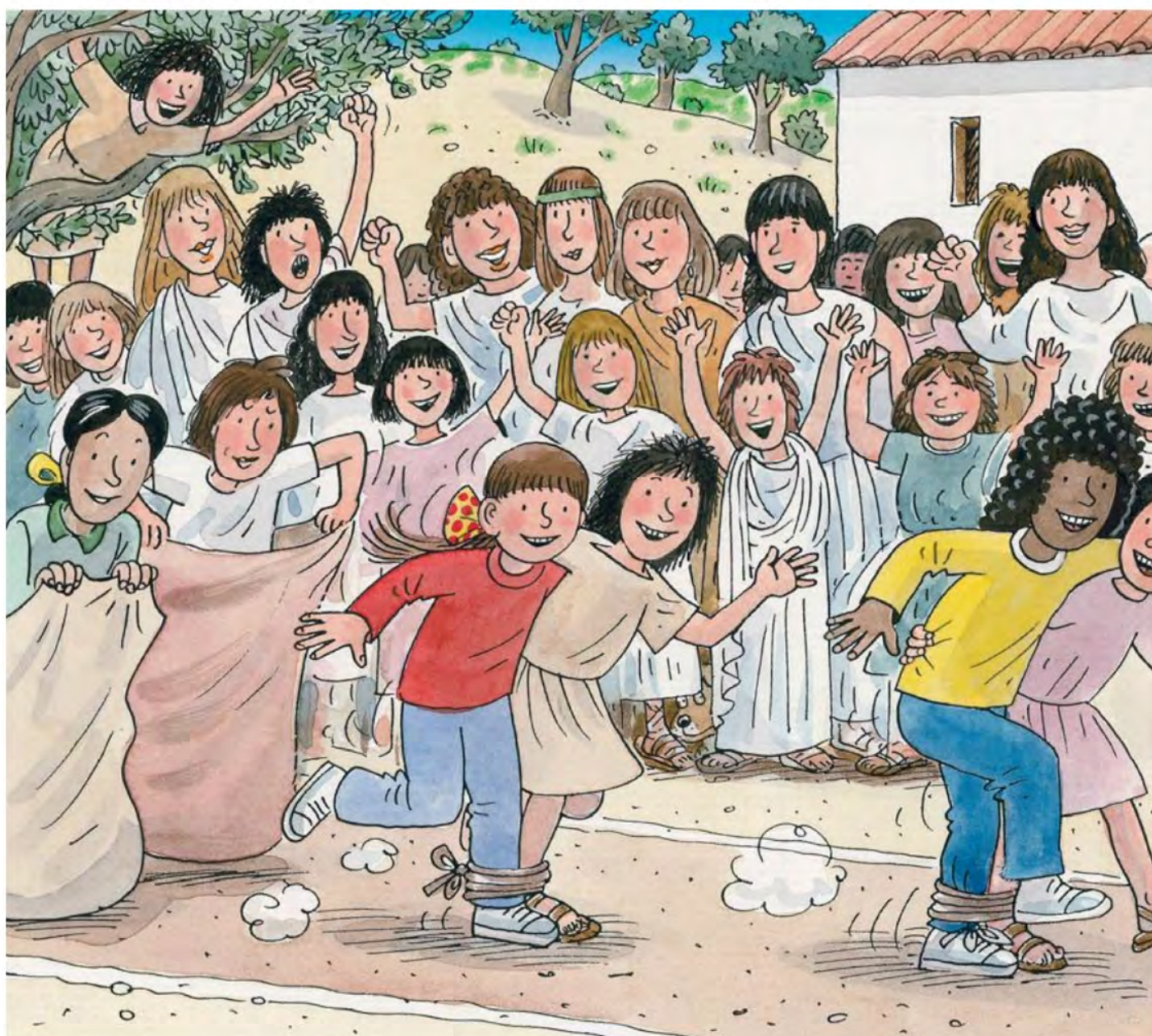


The girls in the village came to the meeting.

“This is my grandmother,” said Mila.  
“She paints the vases for the games.”



“Listen everyone,” said Anneena.  
“Why should boys have all the fun?  
Let’s have a girls’ Olympic Games!”



There were all sorts of races and all the girls took part. There was a three-legged race and a sack race.



Mila's grandmother gave the girls some old plates. The girls threw them like discs. They threw them as far as they could.



The girls had an olive-and-spoon race. Biff dropped her olives and Hera slipped on them!



Mila's grandmother painted the girls on a vase. Hera made some crowns from olive twigs.

"We're all winners!" she said.



The boys and the men came back.  
“Girls doing sports?” said one boy.  
“That will never catch on!”  
Suddenly, the magic key began to glow.



The next day, Mrs May took the class to the museum. There was a display about the Greek Olympics. In a glass case there was a broken vase.



“A long time ago, a girls’ Olympics began,” said Mrs May.

Anneena looked at the boys. “And did the idea catch on?” she asked.

## AFTER READING

- Re-read page 3. Ask: *Why was Anneena cross?*  
If your child cannot answer, re-read page 2 together to look for clues.
- Look at page 17. Ask: *Do you think Anneena's idea was a good one?*
- Re-read page 24 and ask: *Did the idea of girls being in the Olympics catch on?*

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