

USBORNE FIRST STORIES



The Royal Broomstick



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Notes for parents

The Royal Broomstick has been written in a special way to ensure that young children succeed in their first efforts to read.

To help with that success, first read the whole story aloud and talk about the pictures. Then encourage your child to read the short, simpler text at the top of each page and read the longer text at the bottom of the page yourself.

Taking turns in this way builds up confidence and children do love joining in. It is a great day when they discover that they can read a whole story for themselves.

The stories in this series provide an enjoyable opportunity for parents and children to share the excitement of learning to read.

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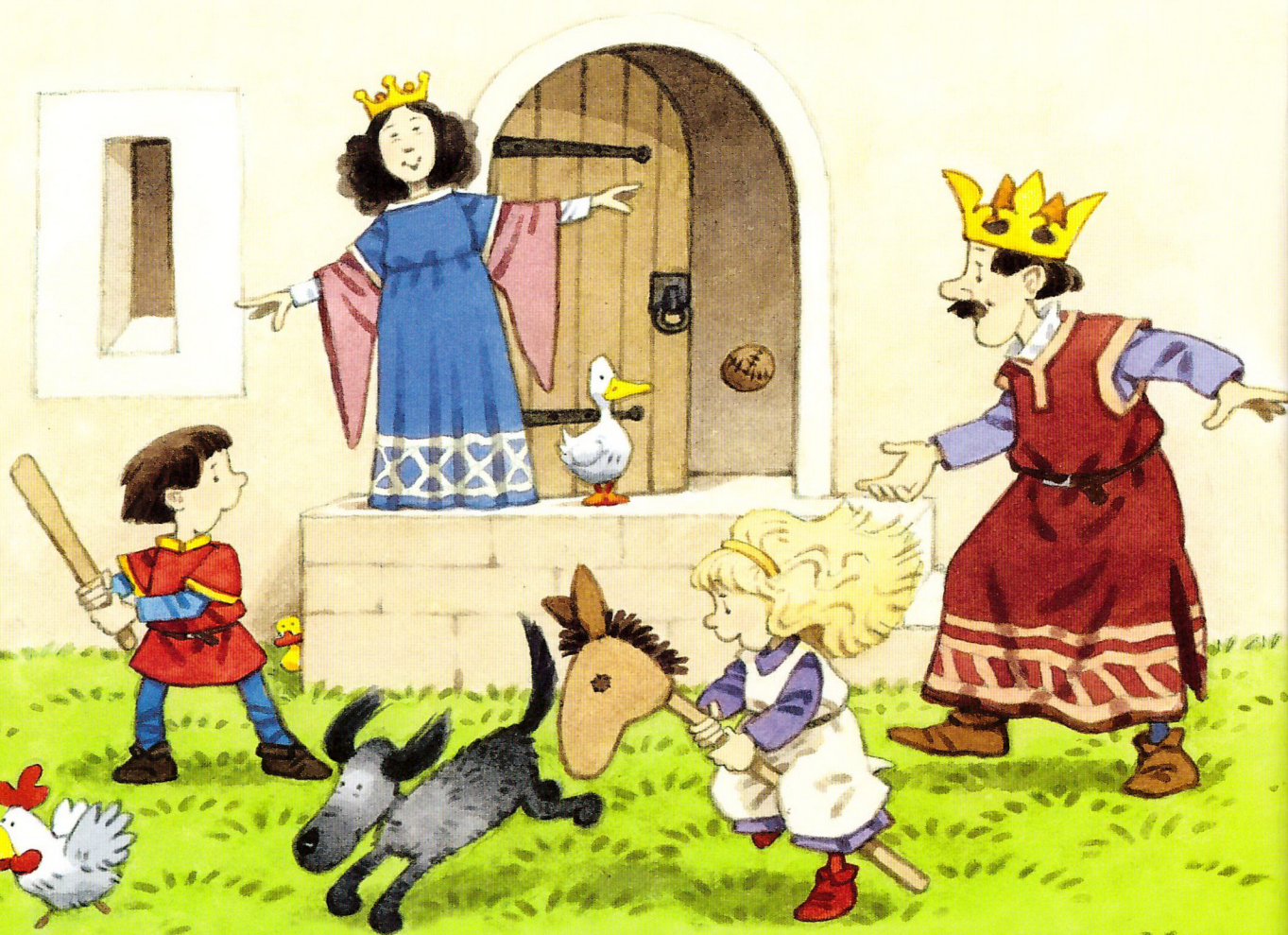
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There is a little yellow duck to find on every page.

This is Grey Stone Castle.



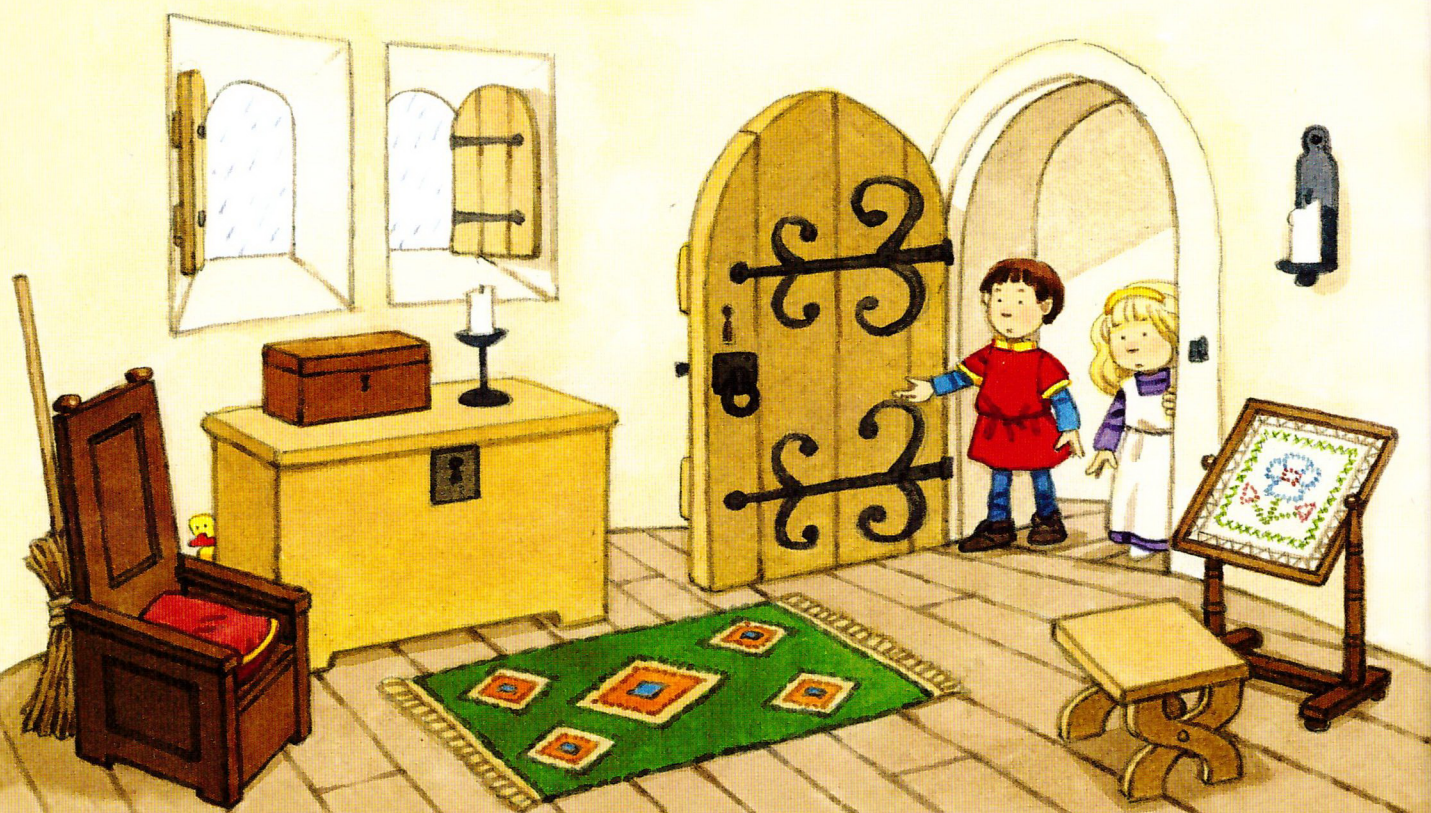
This is King Leo and Queen Rose. They have two children called Prince Max and Princess Alice.

Today it is raining.



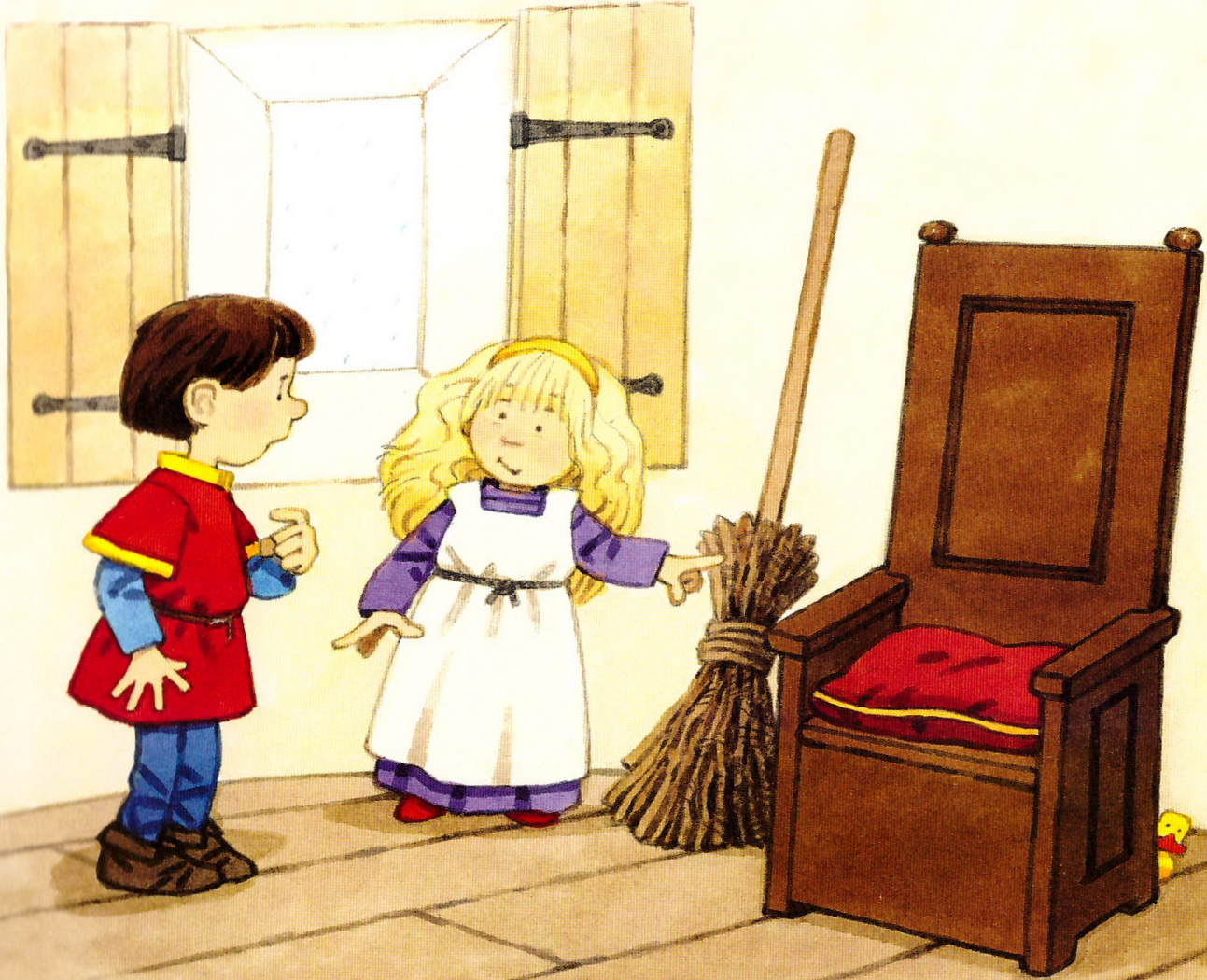
“What shall we do?” says Max. “Let’s go up to see Queen Gran in her tower,” says Alice.

Max and Alice climb the stairs to the tower.



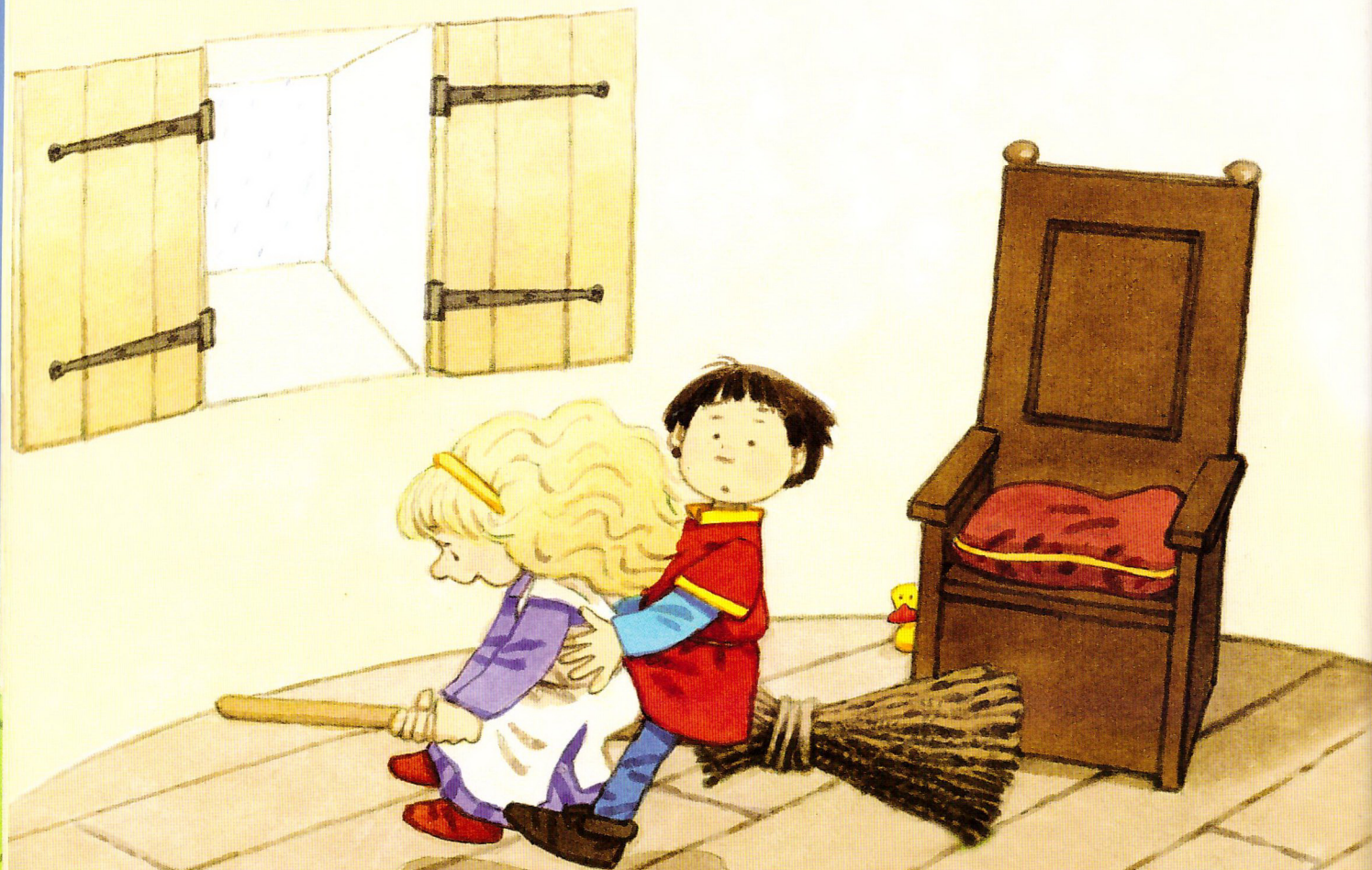
The room is empty. "Where's Queen Gran?" asks Alice. "She must have gone out," says Max.

“There’s a broomstick.”



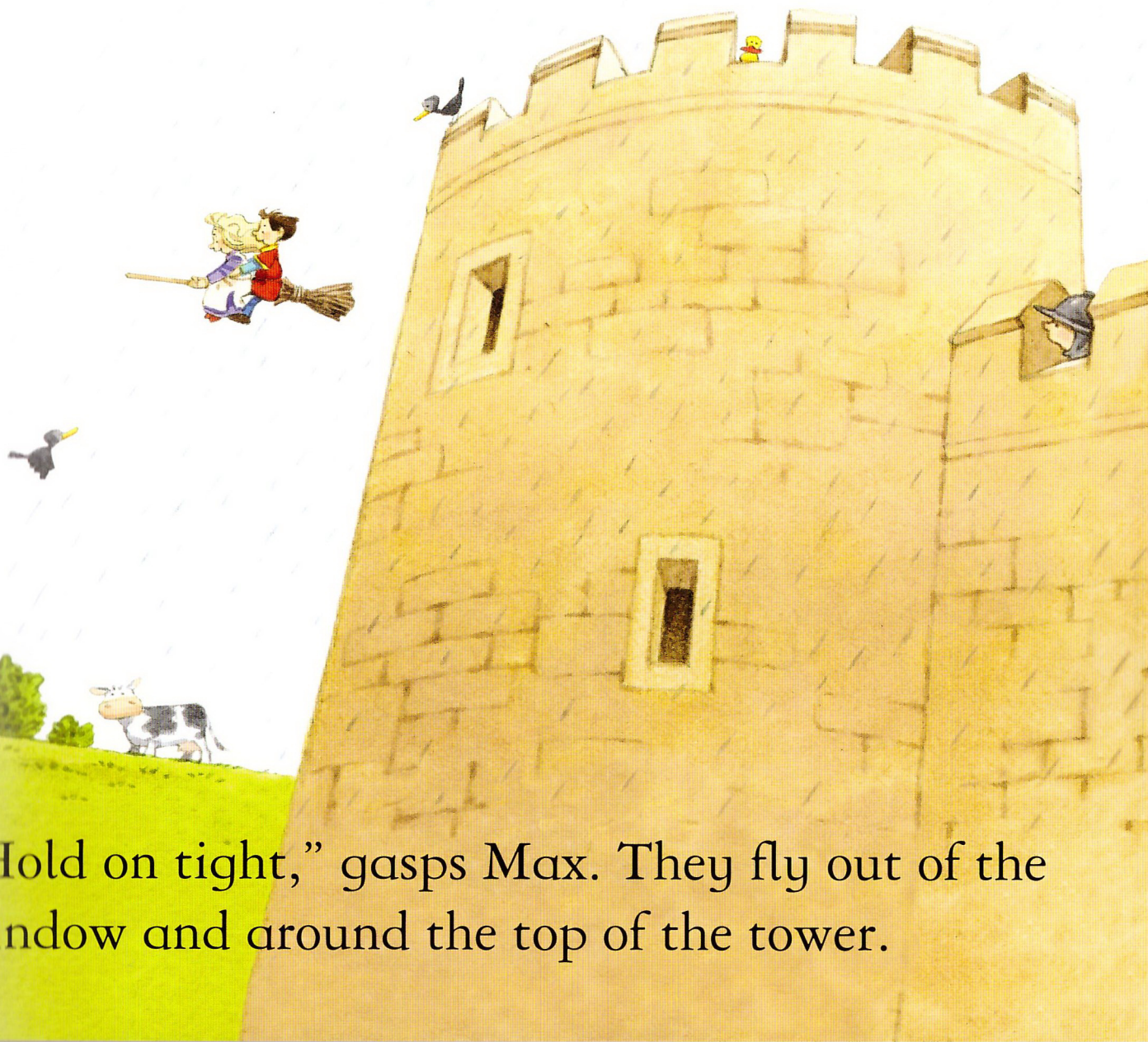
“Let’s pretend it’s a horse,” says Alice. “Queen Gran says we mustn’t touch anything,” says Max.

Alice gets on the broomstick.



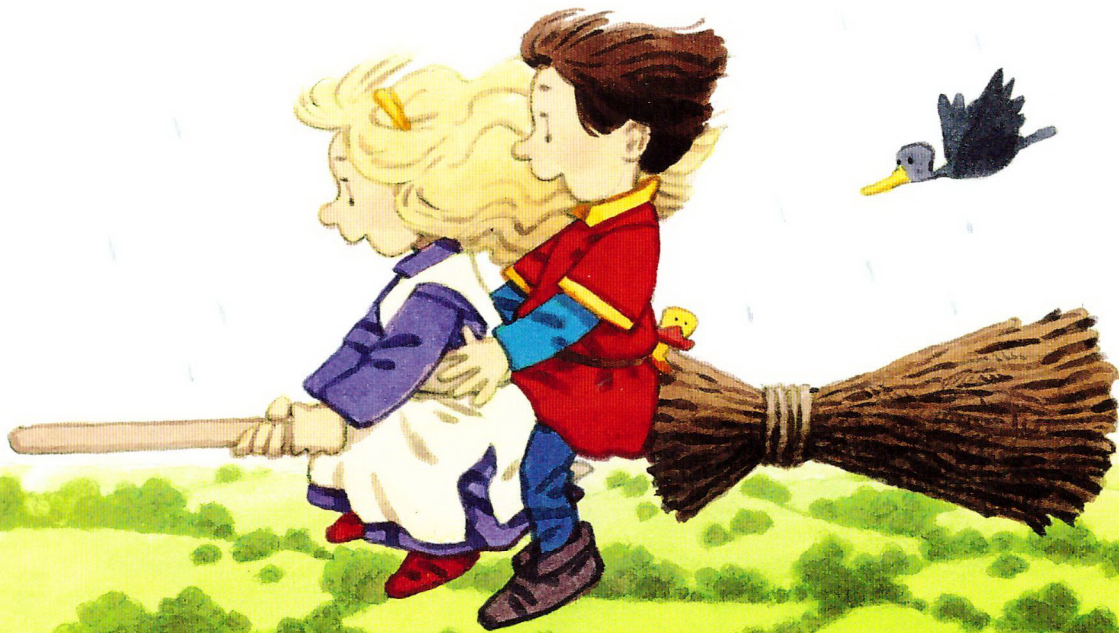
“Look, Max, it’s moving. Quick, get on,” says Alice. The broomstick flies around the room.

“What shall we do?”



“Hold on tight,” gasps Max. They fly out of the window and around the top of the tower.

“Where are we going?”



“How do you steer a broomstick?” asks Max.
“I don’t know, but I’m not scared,” says Alice.

The broomstick flies on.



It flies near a very tall tree. "Look!" says Max.
"I can see something moving in the tree."

“It’s Lucky, Queen Gran’s cat.”



“Poor Lucky is stuck and she can’t get down,” says Alice. The broomstick stops near the cat.

The cat jumps on.



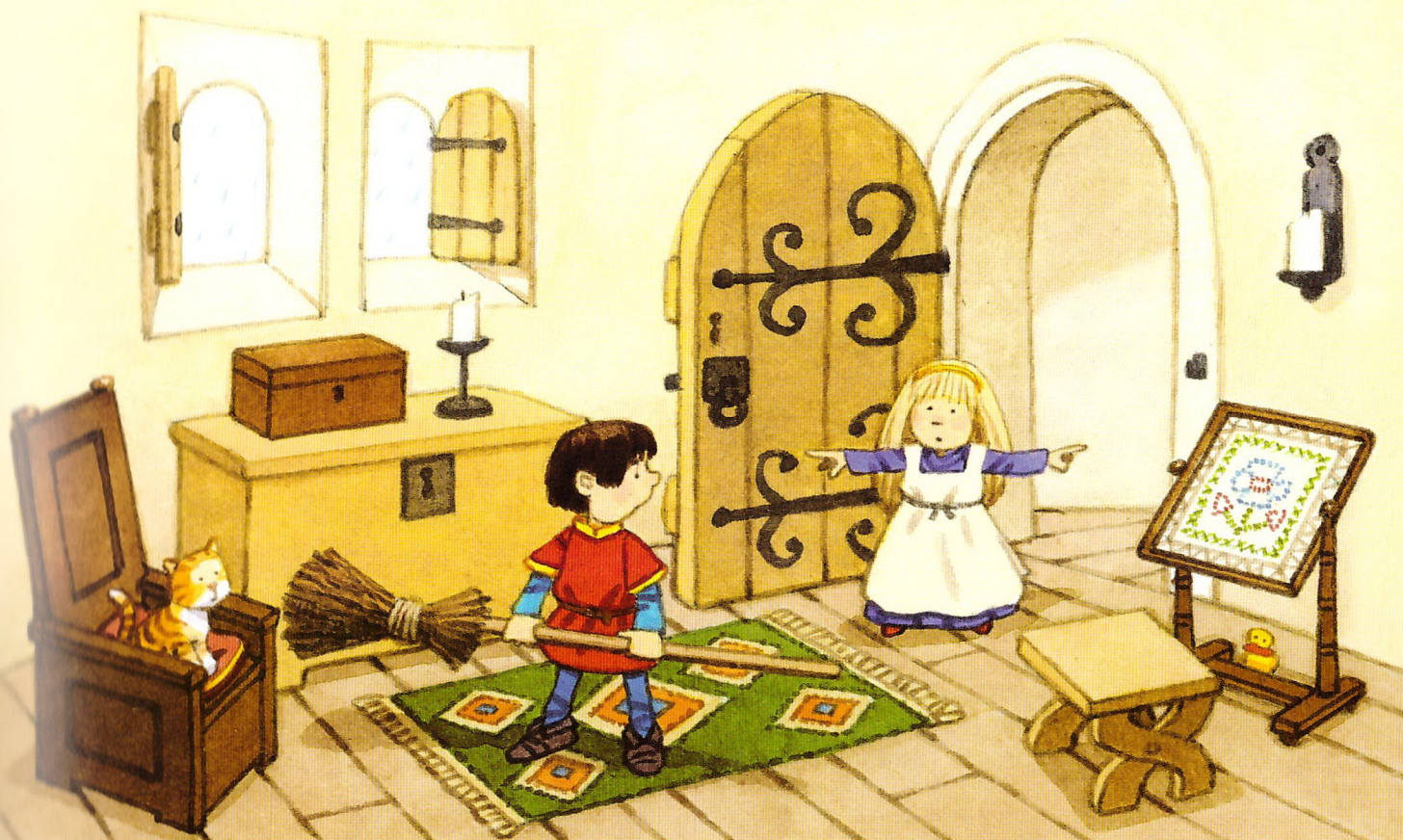
"Hold on, Lucky," says Alice. "You're safe now."
"Take us home please, broomstick," says Max.

They all fly back to the castle.



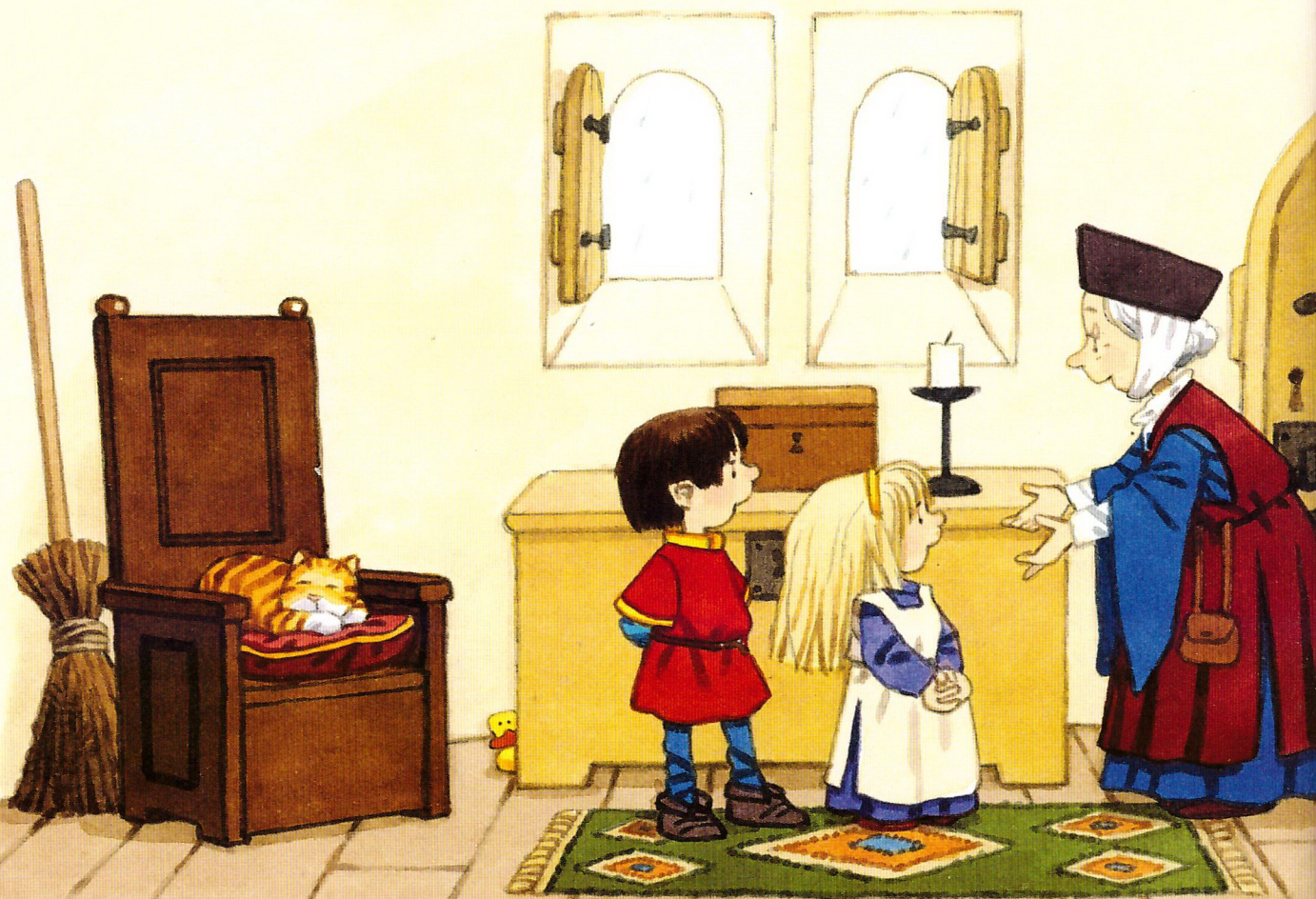
The broomstick whizzes through the window and stops. Max, Alice and Lucky jump off.

"That was fun," says Max.



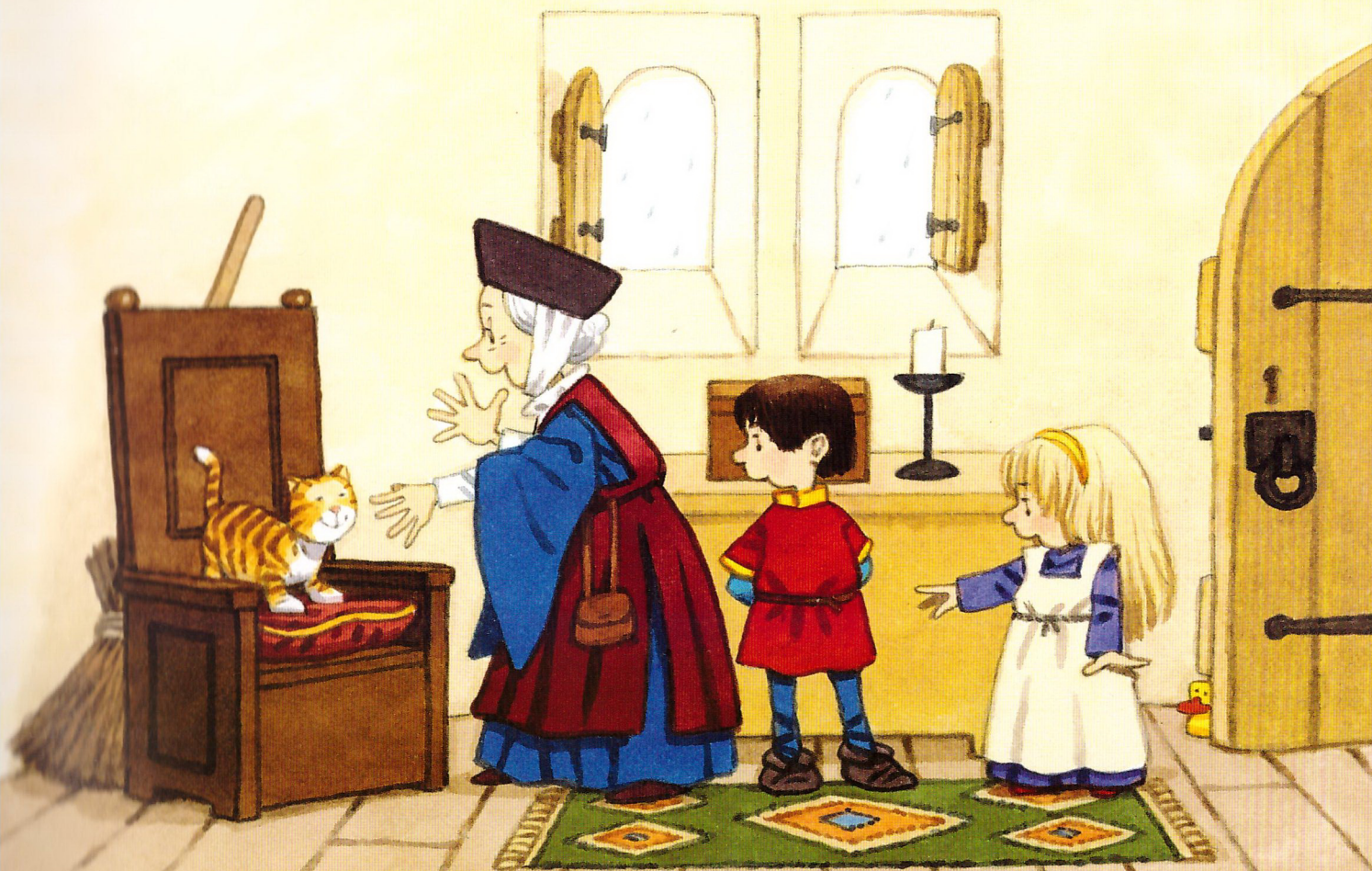
"Quick, put the broomstick back in the corner," says Alice. "I can hear someone coming."

Queen Gran comes in.



“There you are, my dears,” she says. “I hope you have been good and not touched anything.”

“Oh! There’s Lucky.”





“I have been looking for her everywhere,” says Queen Gran. “I thought she was lost.”

“We’ve been a little naughty.”



“But we did find Lucky,” says Max. “It was the broomstick that found her,” says Alice.

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Never get on a strange broomstick. It may fly off.
That's exactly what happens when Princess Alice and Prince Max find a broomstick in Queen Gran's tower. In seconds, they are soaring through a window and into the sky, completely out of control.

The Royal Broomstick is a delightful picture book which has been specially written for young children who are just beginning to read. Stephen Cartwright's charming illustrations will inspire young readers as well as giving clues to the words and their meaning.



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