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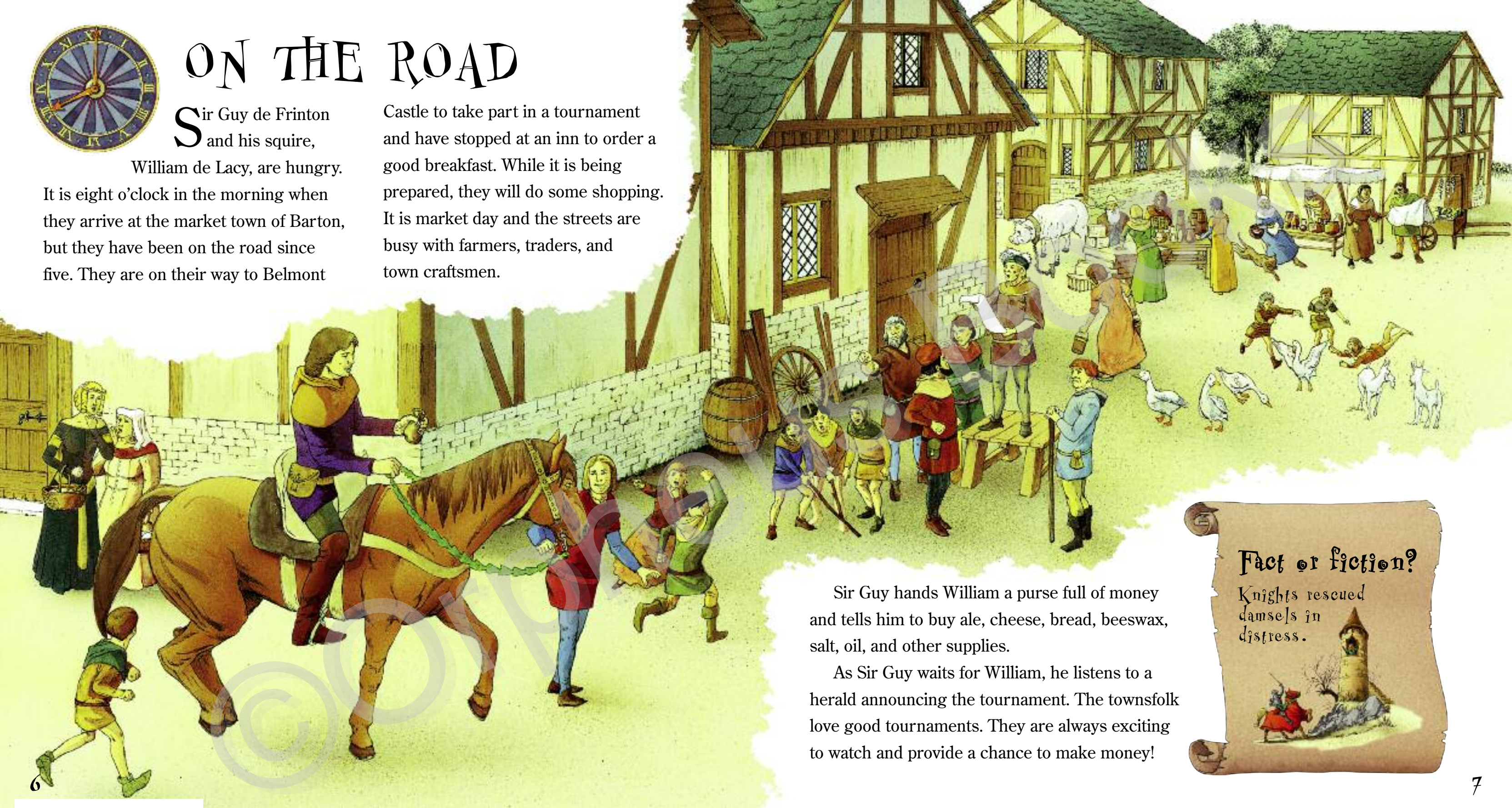
ON THE ROAD

Sir Guy de Frinton
and his squire,

William de Lacy, are hungry.

It is eight o'clock in the morning when they arrive at the market town of Barton, but they have been on the road since five. They are on their way to Belmont

Castle to take part in a tournament and have stopped at an inn to order a good breakfast. While it is being prepared, they will do some shopping. It is market day and the streets are busy with farmers, traders, and town craftsmen.



Sir Guy hands William a purse full of money and tells him to buy ale, cheese, bread, beeswax, salt, oil, and other supplies.

As Sir Guy waits for William, he listens to a herald announcing the tournament. The townsfolk love good tournaments. They are always exciting to watch and provide a chance to make money!

Fact or fiction?

Knights rescued
damsels in
distress.





THE CASTLE

At about ten a.m., Sir Guy and William arrive at Belmont

Castle, home of Baron Richard Fitzroy. Guy's mother is related to the baron's wife, Lady Margery Fitzroy, so Guy will stay in the castle, instead of in a tent outside with the other competitors. Baron Fitzroy is wealthy and powerful. His castle has all the latest defenses: a new "curtain" wall, a moat, and a large gatehouse with a portcullis. Guy and William are very impressed.

