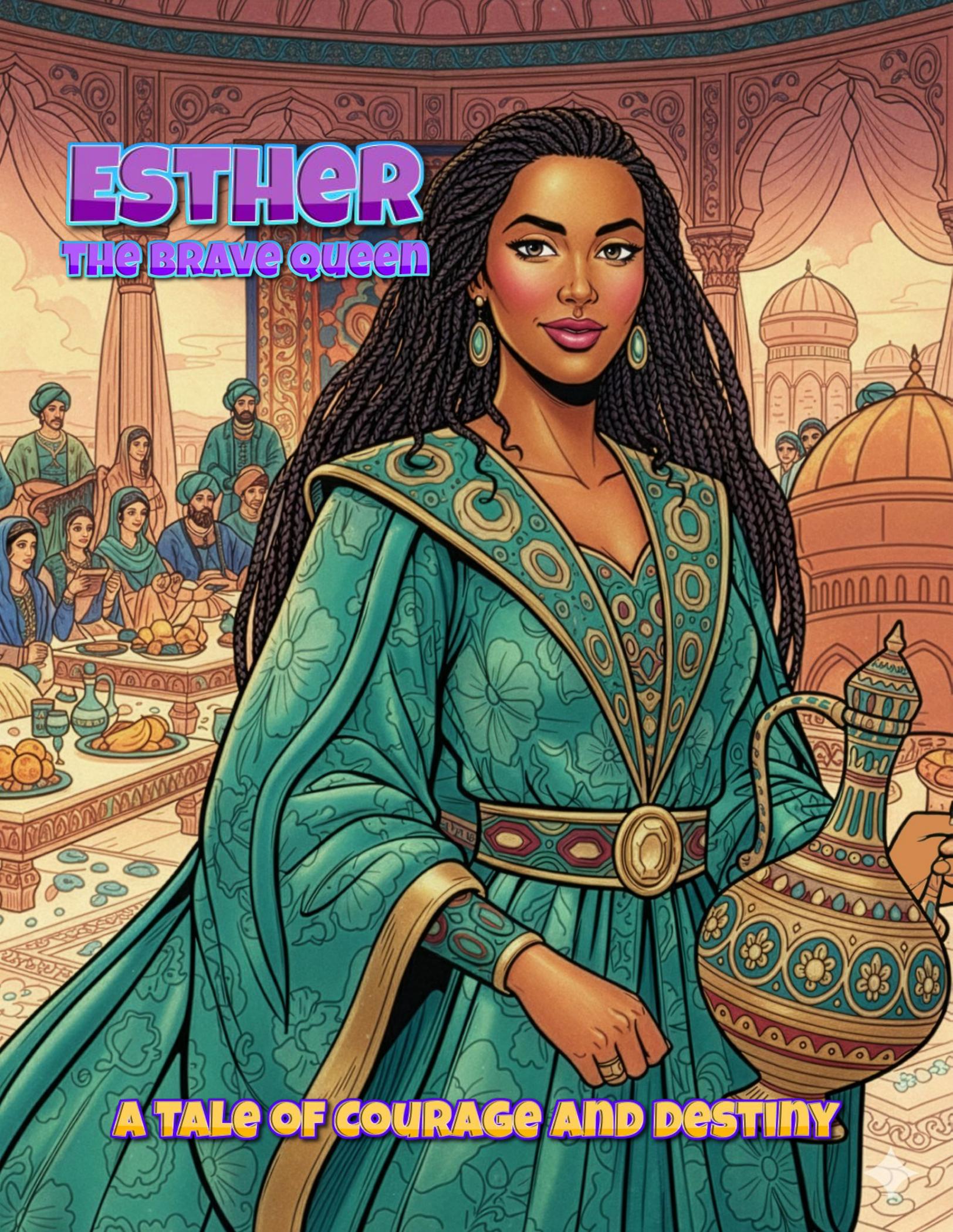


ESTHER

THE BRAVE QUEEN



A TALE OF COURAGE AND DESTINY

The Royal Banquet

In a faraway land of glittering palaces and powerful kings, a young woman named Esther lives a quiet life—until one royal banquet changes everything. Chosen to become the queen of Persia, Esther hides a secret that could put her in great danger: she is Jewish.

When an evil plan threatens her people, Esther must find the courage to stand up for what is right. With the help of her wise cousin Mordecai and her unshakable faith, Esther steps forward in bravery to protect those she loves.

This is the inspiring tale of how one young woman's courage changed the course of history—and how even the quietest voice can make the biggest difference.



Meet Esther, a kind and courageous young woman who finds herself in the midst of an extravagant royal banquet hosted by King Ahasuerus. Little does she know, this event will change her life forever.

Esther's Secret



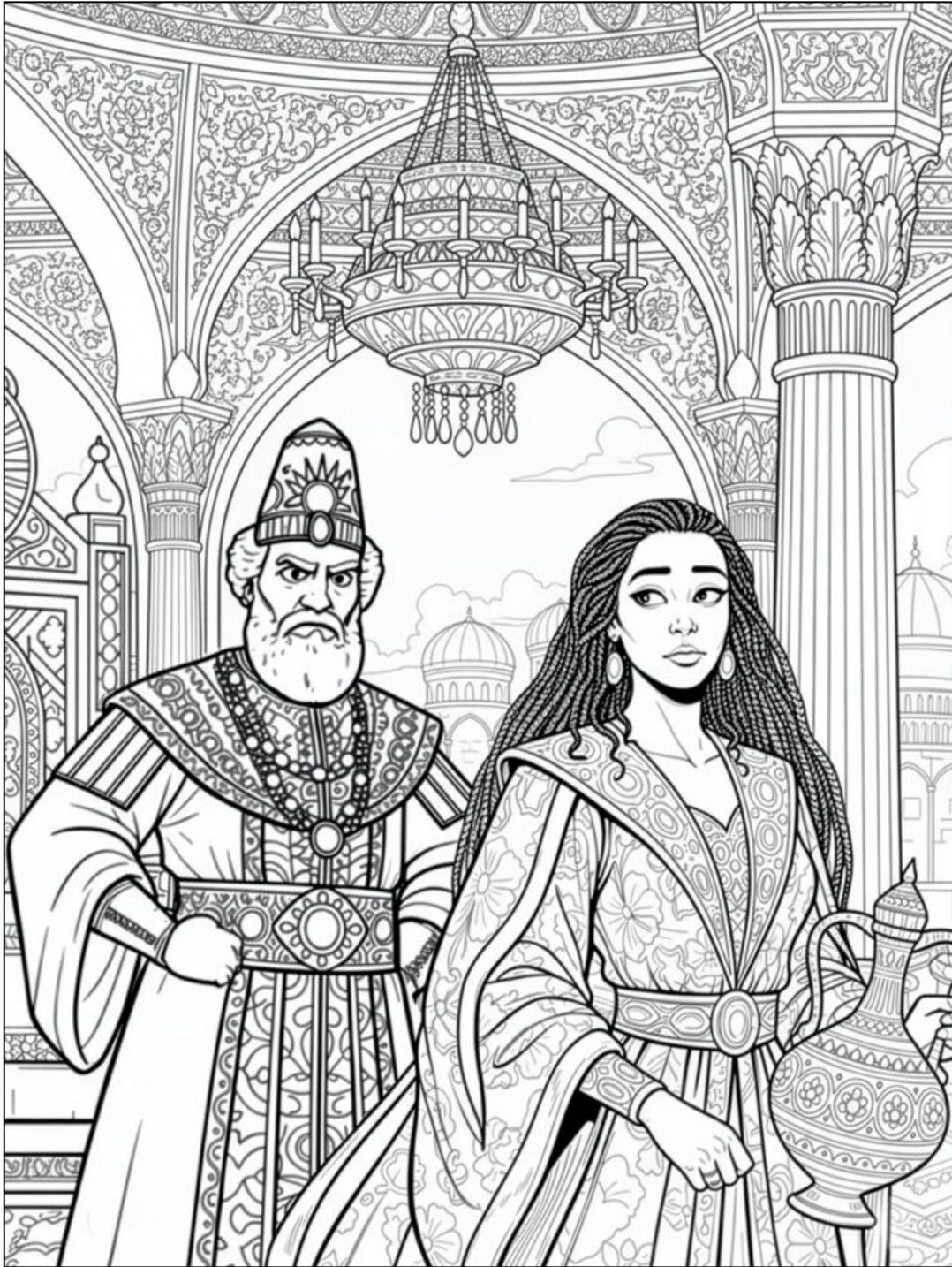
Esther discovers that she has been chosen to be the new queen of Persia. However, she must keep her Jewish heritage a secret. With the help of her wise cousin Mordecai, she learns the importance of staying true to her roots.

The Evil Plot



Enter Haman, a wicked advisor to the king who holds a deep hatred for Esther's people. He devises a sinister plan to destroy all the Jews in Persia. Esther must summon her courage to save her people from this treacherous scheme.

Mordecai's Request



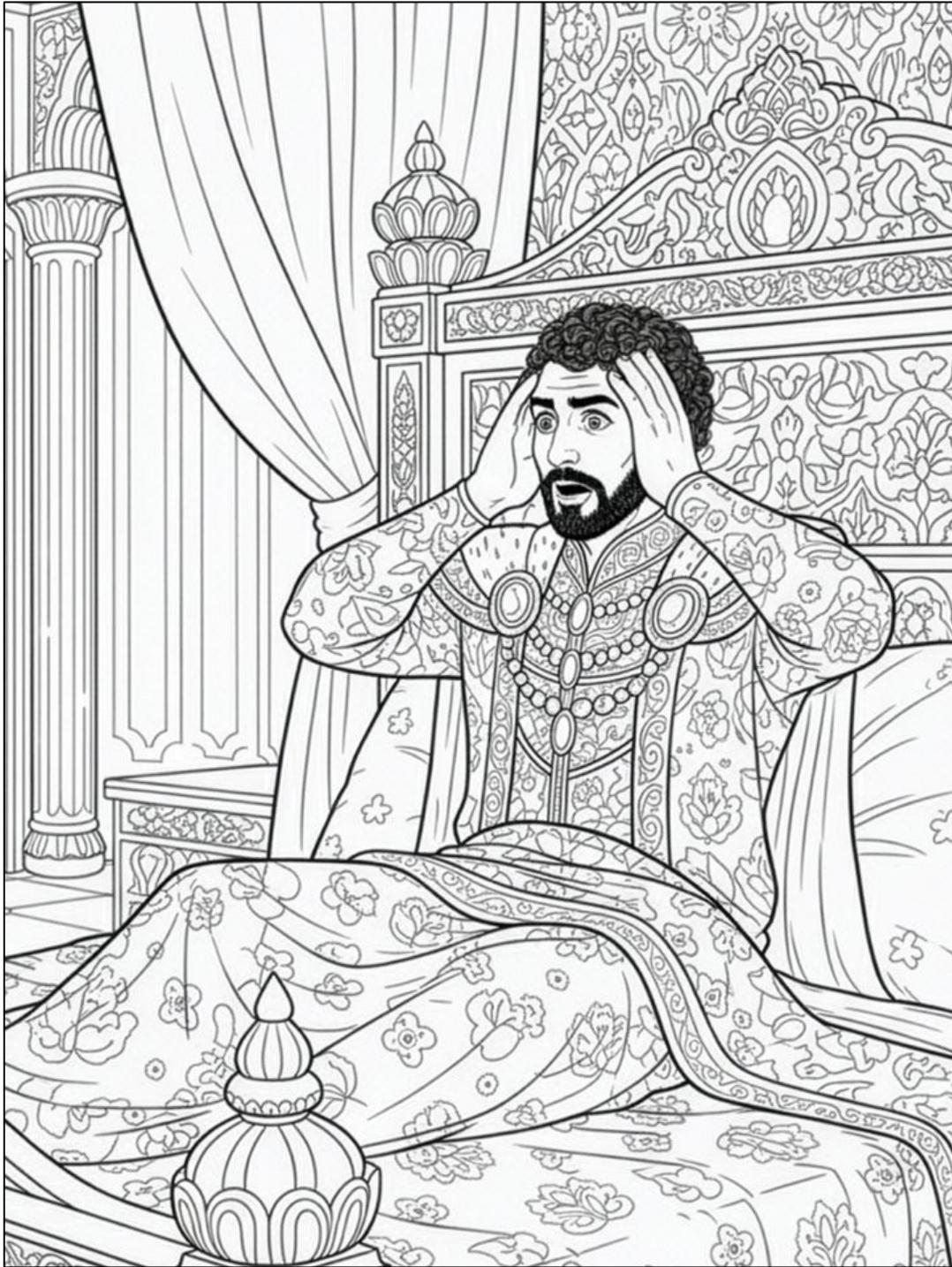
Mordecai urges Esther to approach the king and foil Harman's plan on behalf of her people. Yet, entering the king's presence without being summoned is forbidden and could lead to extreme consequences. Will Esther find the bravery to do what is right?

Esther's Plea



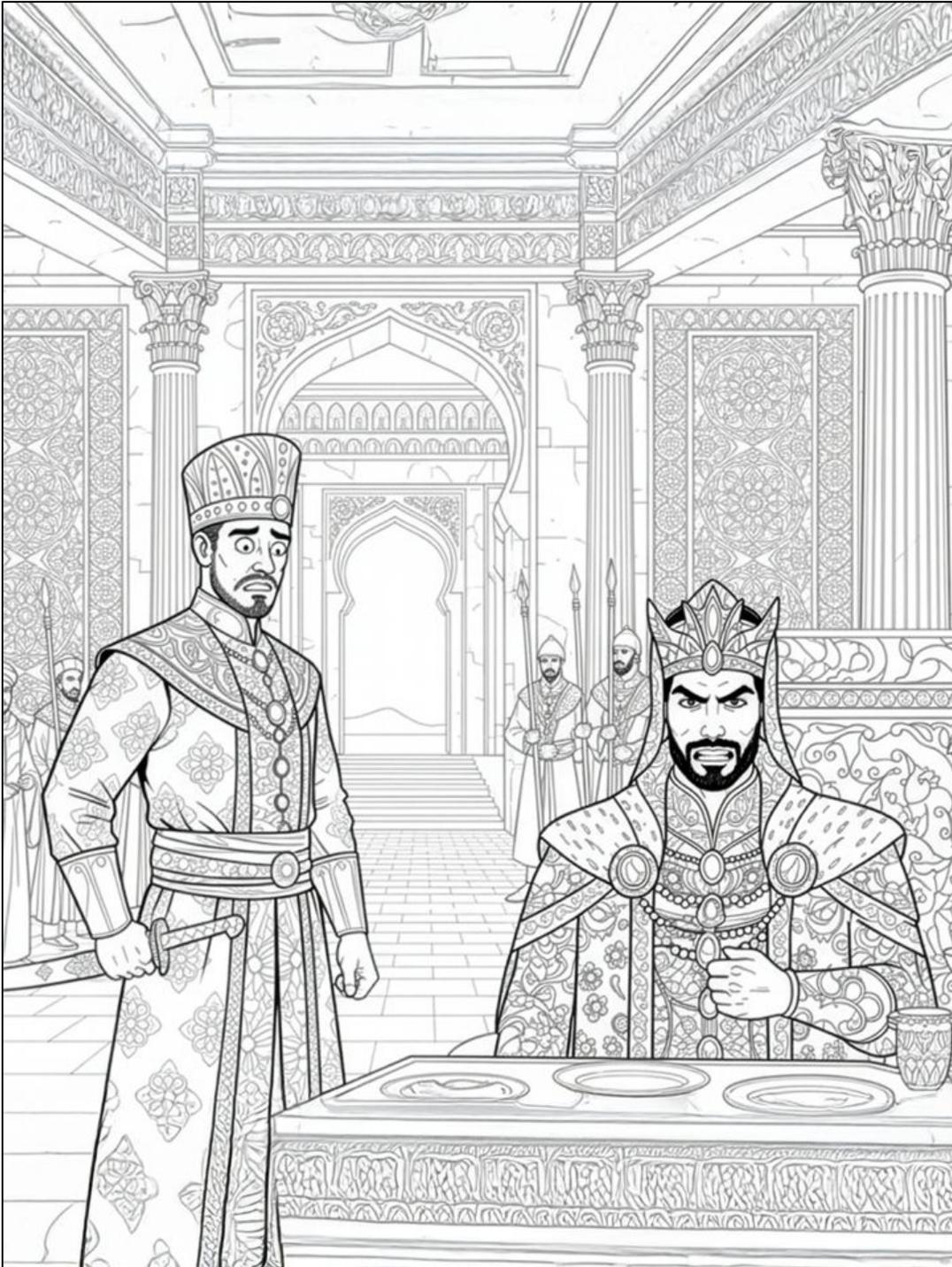
In a display of bravery, Esther gathers her courage and approaches King Ahasuerus. With great humility, she reveals her Jewish heritage and pleads for her people's safety. The king listens, but will he grant her request?

The King's Sleepless Night



King Ahasuerus has a sleepless night and realizes that Mordecai, Esther's cousin, had once saved his life. This discovery puts Haman, the wicked advisor, in an awkward situation. The king starts to question his loyalty.

Hamans Downfall



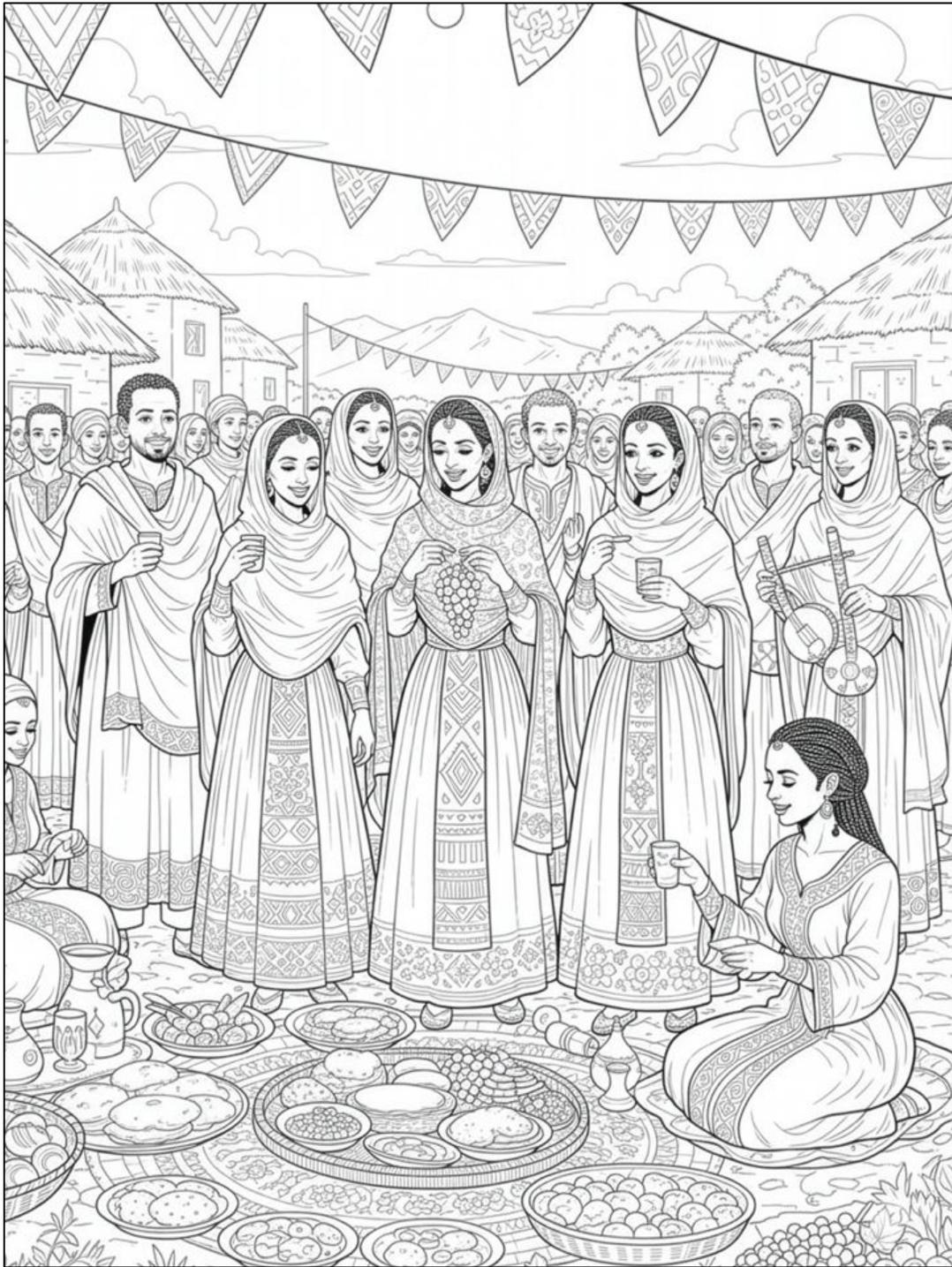
The truth about Haman's wickedness is revealed, and the king grows furious. Haman's plan to harm the Jews backfires, and the tables turn against him. The people of Persia witness justice being served, and Esther's bravery shines through.

The Decree is Reversed



Esther and Mordecai work together to draft a new decree, allowing the Jewish people to defend themselves against their enemies. The decree is sent throughout the kingdom, bringing hope and relief to Esther's people.

The Feast of Purim



The Jewish people took it upon themselves to celebrate the Feast of Purim, a joyous occasion to commemorate their deliverance. Esther's bravery and determination become an inspiration for generations to come, reminding everyone of the power of faith and courage.

Esther's Legacy



Esther's legacy lives on as her story is shared with children and adults alike. Her bravery and unwavering faith in the face of adversity serve as a timeless example for all, teaching us to stand up for what is right, no matter the cost.

Word Search

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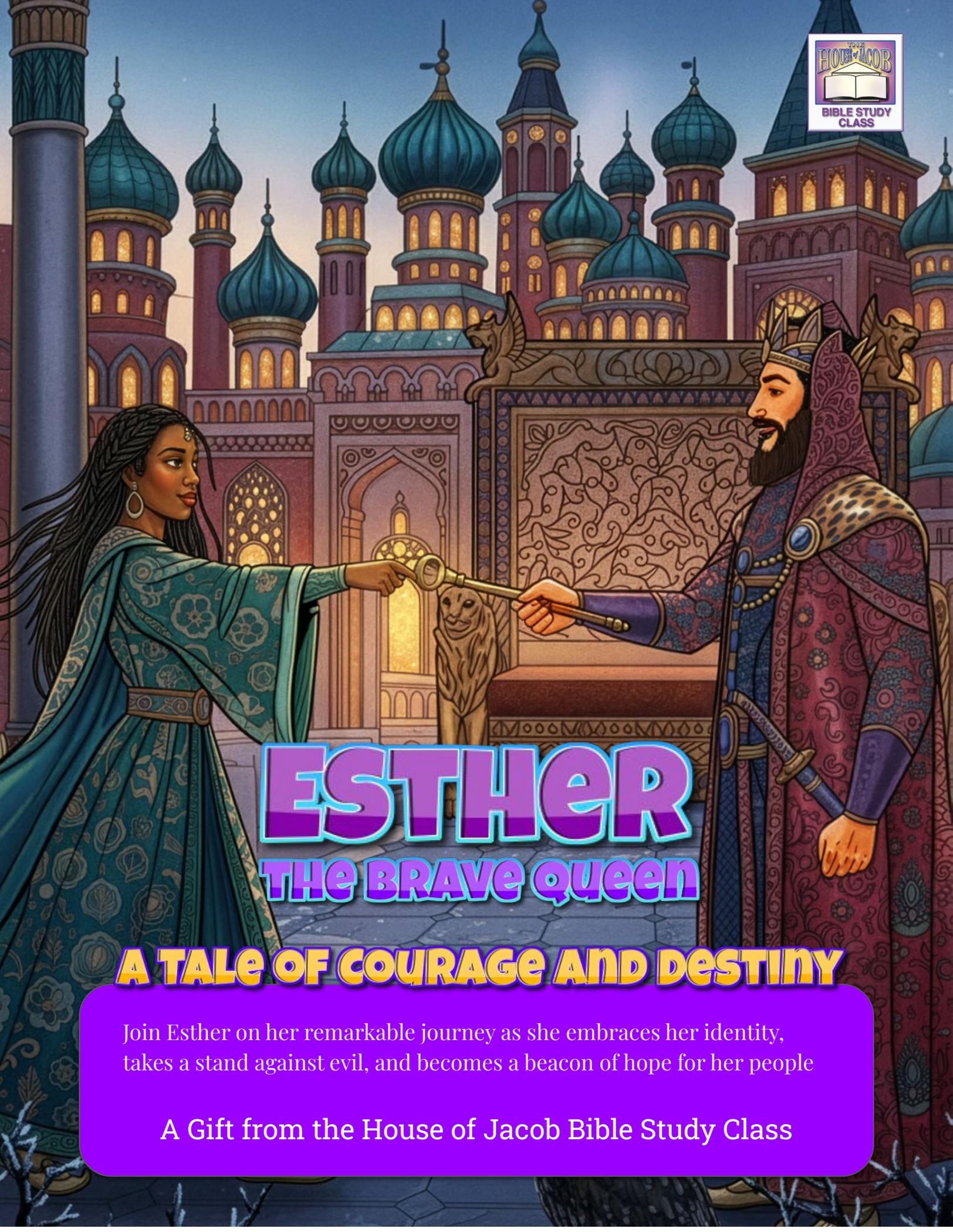
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Glossary

- Adversity**
Difficult times or challenges you have to face.
- Advisor**
Someone who gives advice to a leader or ruler, like a helper who shares ideas.
- Ahasuerus**
The king of Persia in Esther's story.
- Backfires**
When a plan goes wrong and causes trouble for the person who made it.
- Banquet**
A big, fancy meal or party with lots of food.
- Beacon of hope**
A person or thing that gives others courage and inspiration, like a light in the darkness.
- Commemorate**
To remember and celebrate something important from the past.
- Consequences**
What happens because of something you do—good or bad.
- Cousin**
A child of your aunt or uncle—part of your extended family.
- Courage**
The strength to do something even when it's scary or hard.
- Decree**
An official order or rule made by a king or leader.
- Defend**
To protect yourself or others from harm.
- Deliverance**
Being rescued or saved from danger.
- Destiny**
Something you are meant to do or become in the future.
- Enemies**
People who want to hurt or fight you.
- Extravagant**
Very fancy, expensive, or over-the-top.
- Faith**
Strong belief or trust, especially in God or something greater than yourself.
- Foil (a plan)**
To stop someone's plan from working.
- Forbidden**
Not allowed.
- Heritage**
The traditions, beliefs, and history of your family or culture.
- Humility**
Being humble—not showing off or acting like you're better than others.
- Inspiration**
Someone or something that makes you want to be better or do good things.
- Jewish**
Belonging to the Jewish religion or culture.
- Justice**
Fairness; making sure wrong things are made right.
- Legacy**
What someone is remembered for after they're gone.
- Mordecai**
Esther's wise cousin who helps her and gives her advice.
- Persia**
A large and powerful kingdom long ago, where this story takes place (now mostly modern-day Iran).
- Plea**
A request made in an urgent and emotional manner.
- Purim**
A happy Jewish holiday that celebrates how Esther helped save her people.
- Reveal**
To show or tell something that was hidden or secret.
- Scheme**
A secret or tricky plan, usually to do something bad.
- Sinister**
Evil, creepy, or meant to cause harm.
- Summon**
To call someone to come, especially to a king or important place.
- Treacherous**
Very dangerous or tricky, especially when someone pretends to be good but isn't.
- Unwavering**
Not giving up; staying strong even when it's hard.
- Wicked**
Very bad or evil.



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