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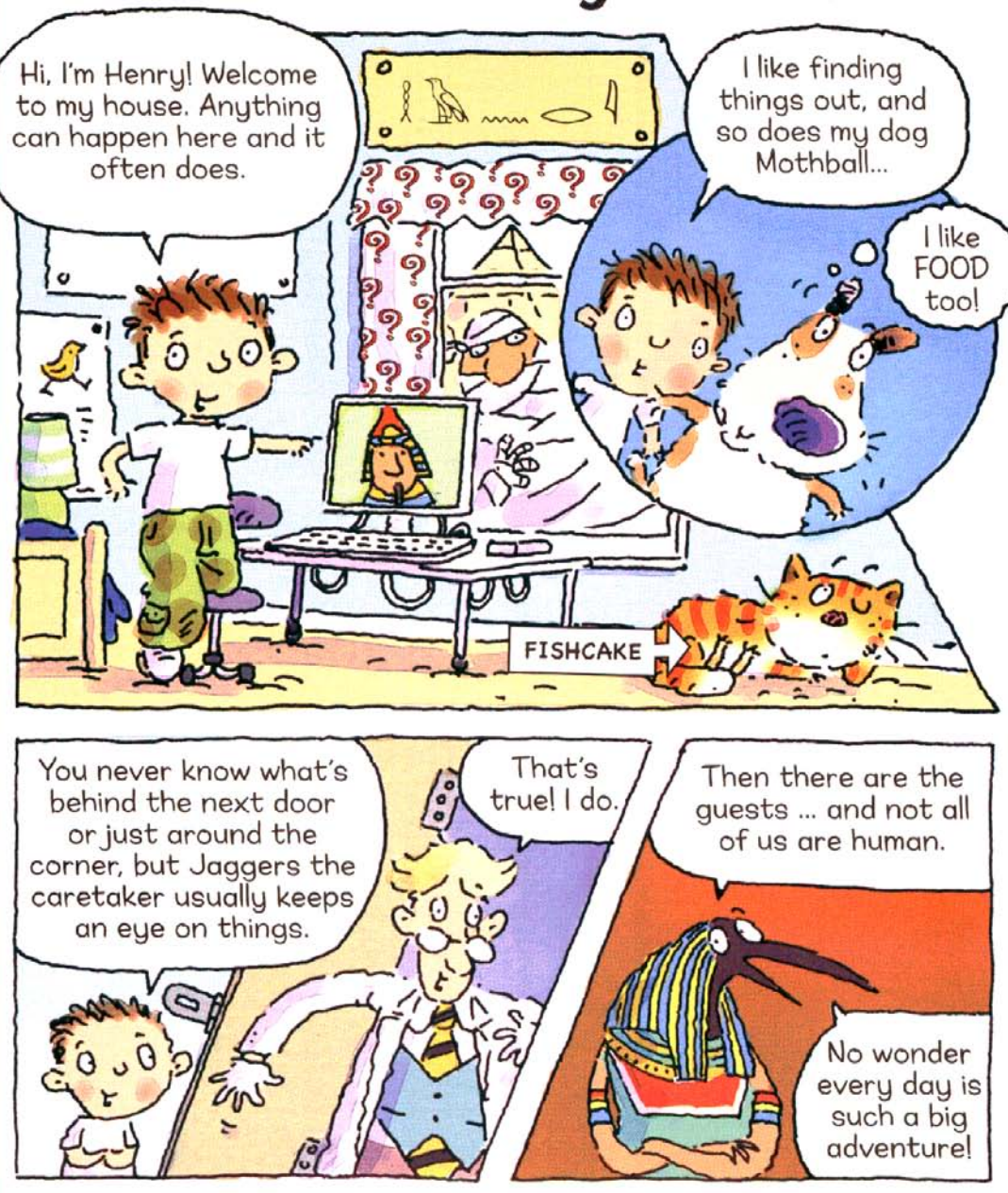

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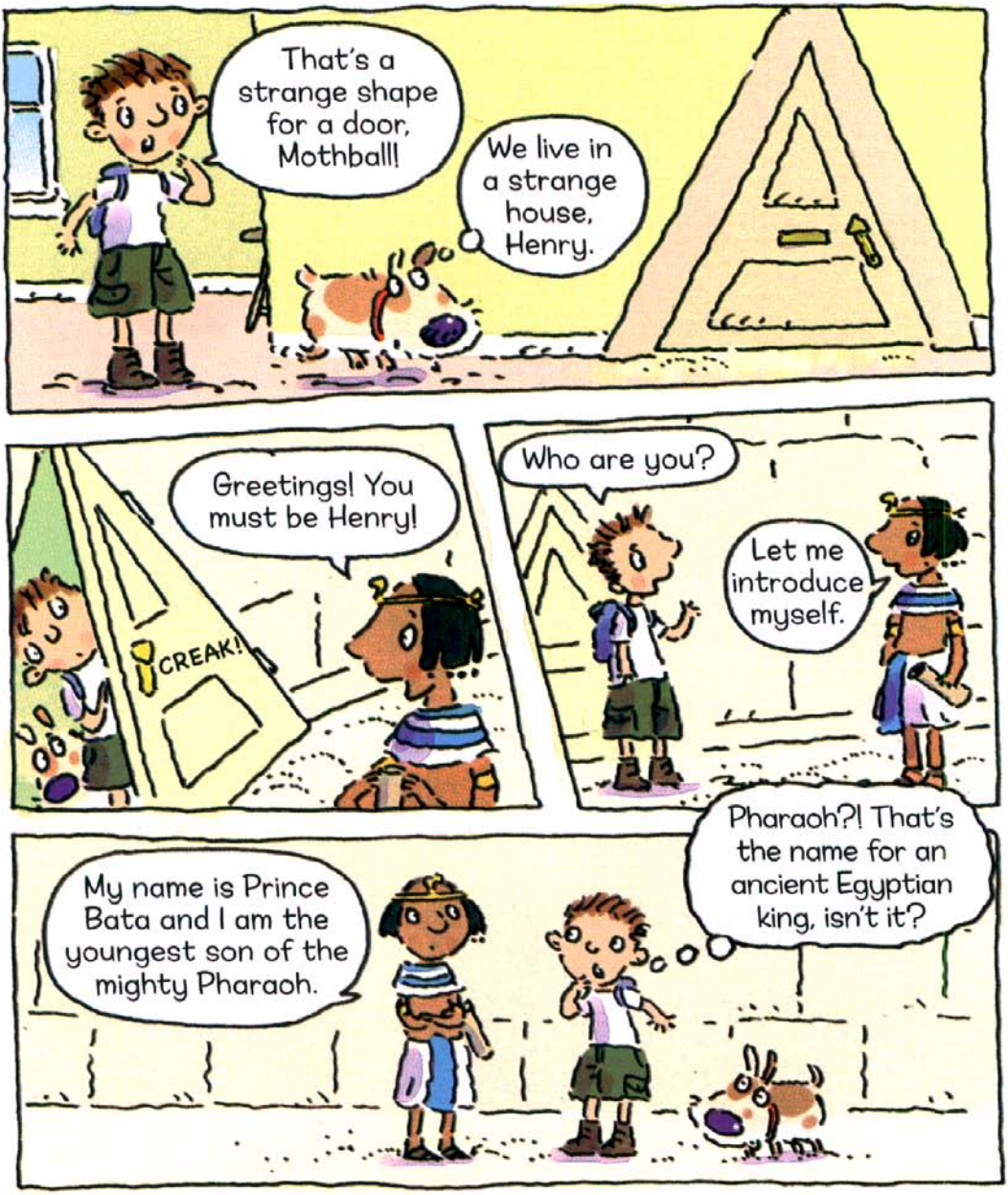
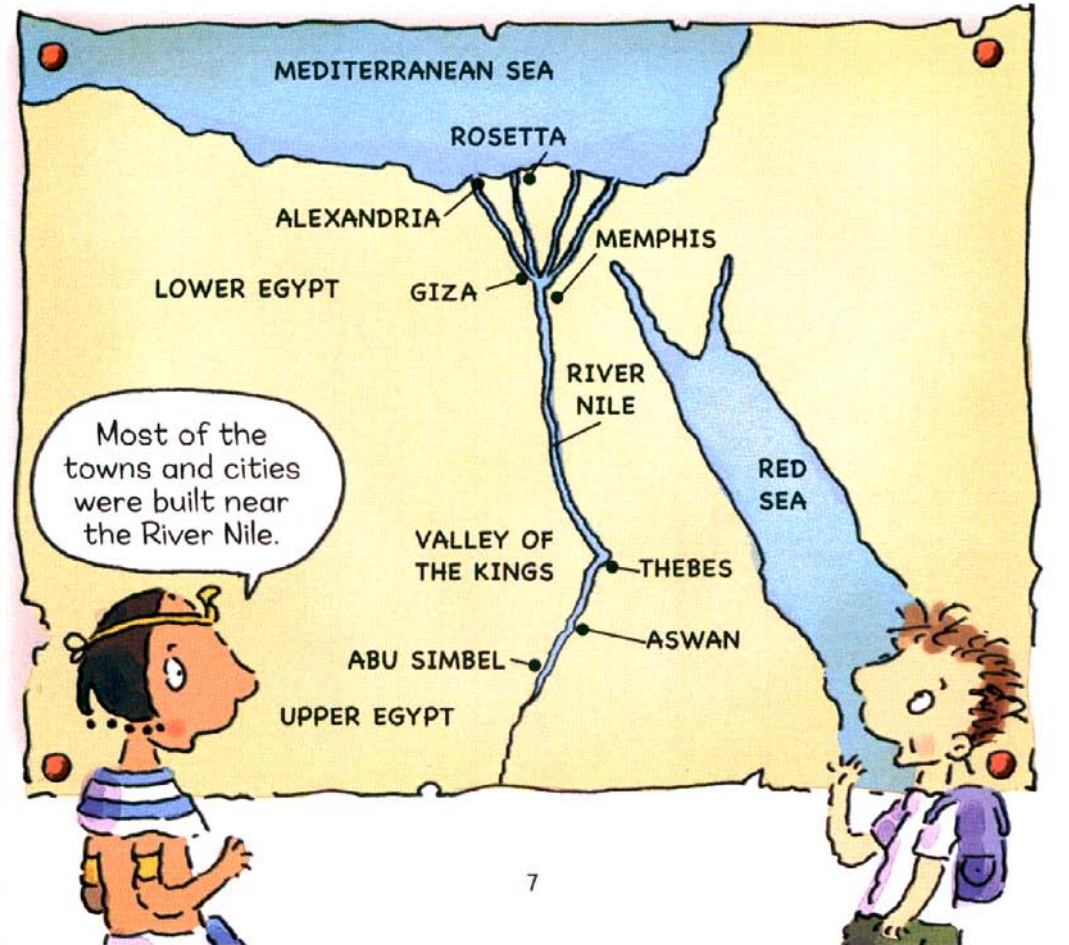
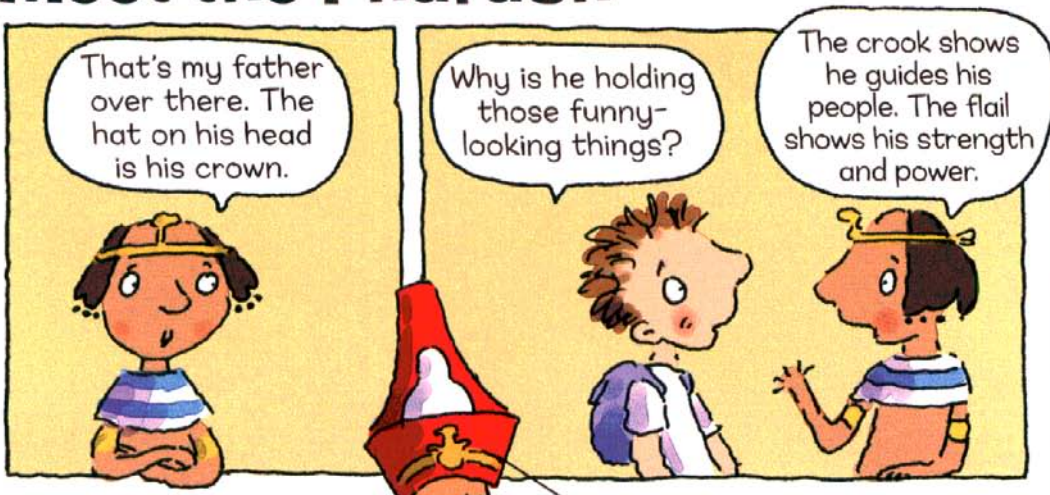


Where is Egypt, Bata?
It's a country in Africa. We Egyptians have lived there for over 5,000 years.


MEDITERRANEAN SEA
ROSETTA
ALEXANDRIA
MEMPHIS
LOWER EGYPT
GIZA
RIVER NILE
RED SEA
Most of the towns and cities were built near the River Nile.
VALLEY OF THE KINGS
THEBES
ASWAN
ABU SIMBEL
UPPER EGYPT

Meet the Pharaoh



Bata and his family are from the New Kingdom period of ancient Egyptian history (over 3,000 years ago).

A red-and-white crown like this is called a double crown.

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Wearing a double crown means that the Pharaoh rules both Upper AND Lower Egypt.

On ancient Egyptian statues, carvings and paintings kings were always shown with beards.

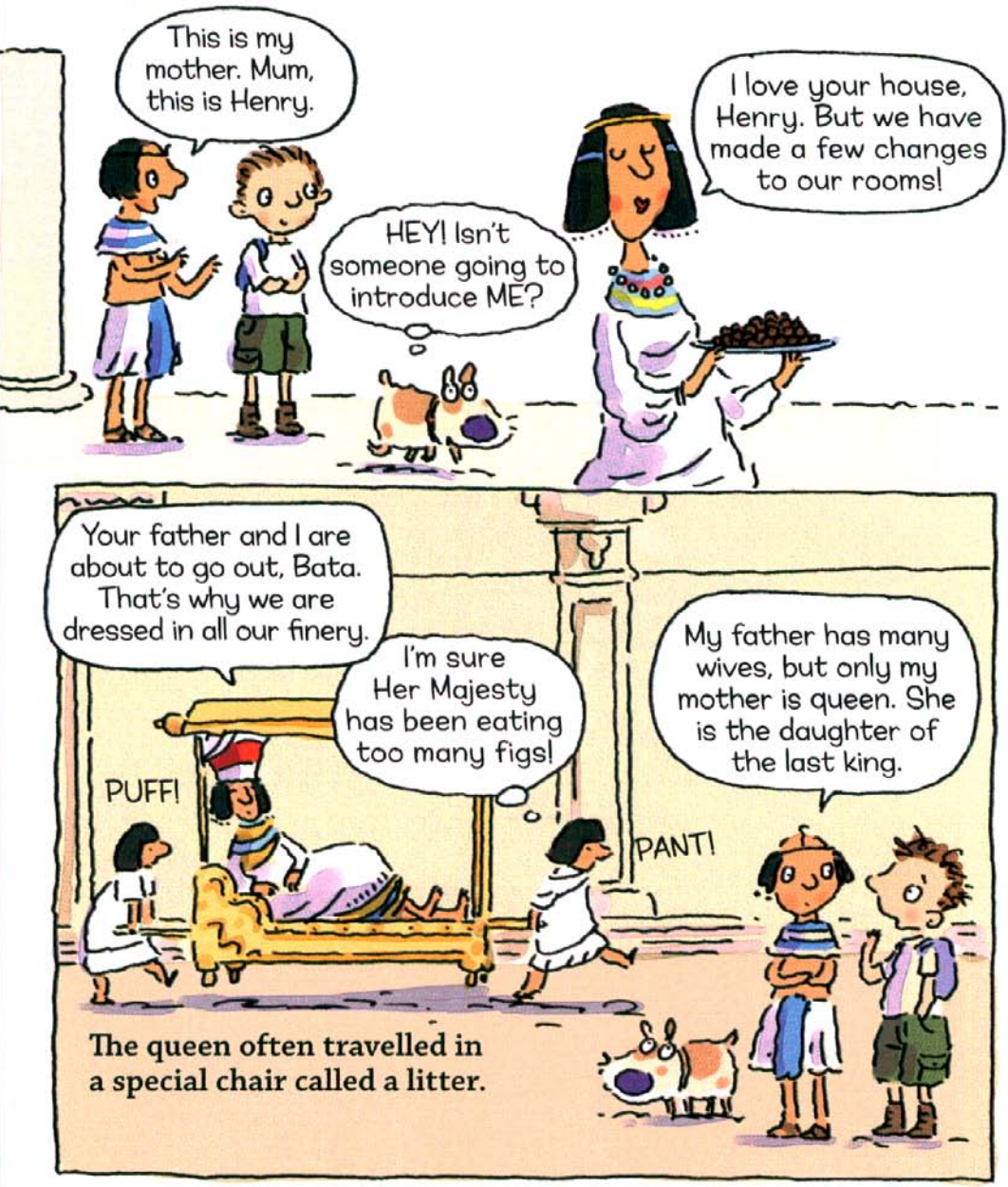
It was a symbol of just how important the king was.

The king's beard wasn't real.

Why's that woman fanning Bata's dad with ostrich feathers? Couldn't they just turn the heating down?

Even some female Pharaohs wore fake beards!

Royalty on the move



The queen often travelled in a special chair called a litter.