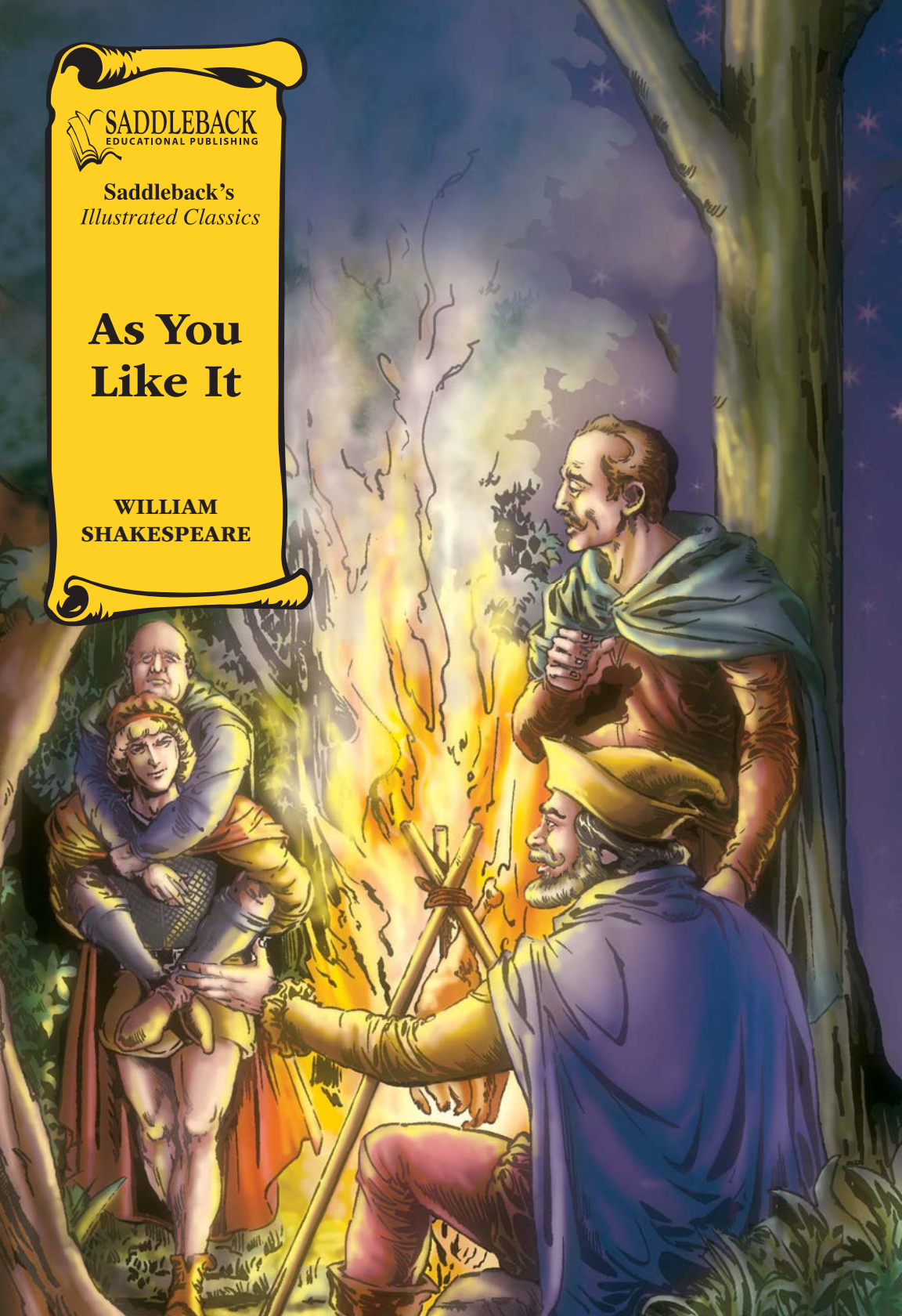




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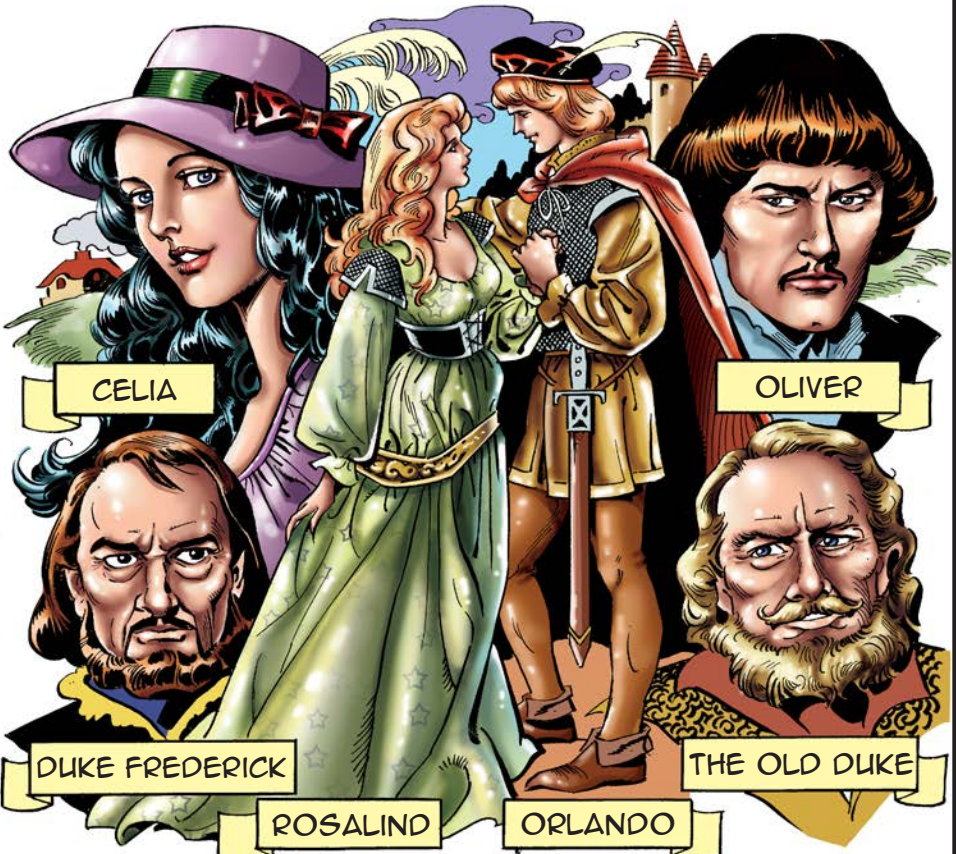
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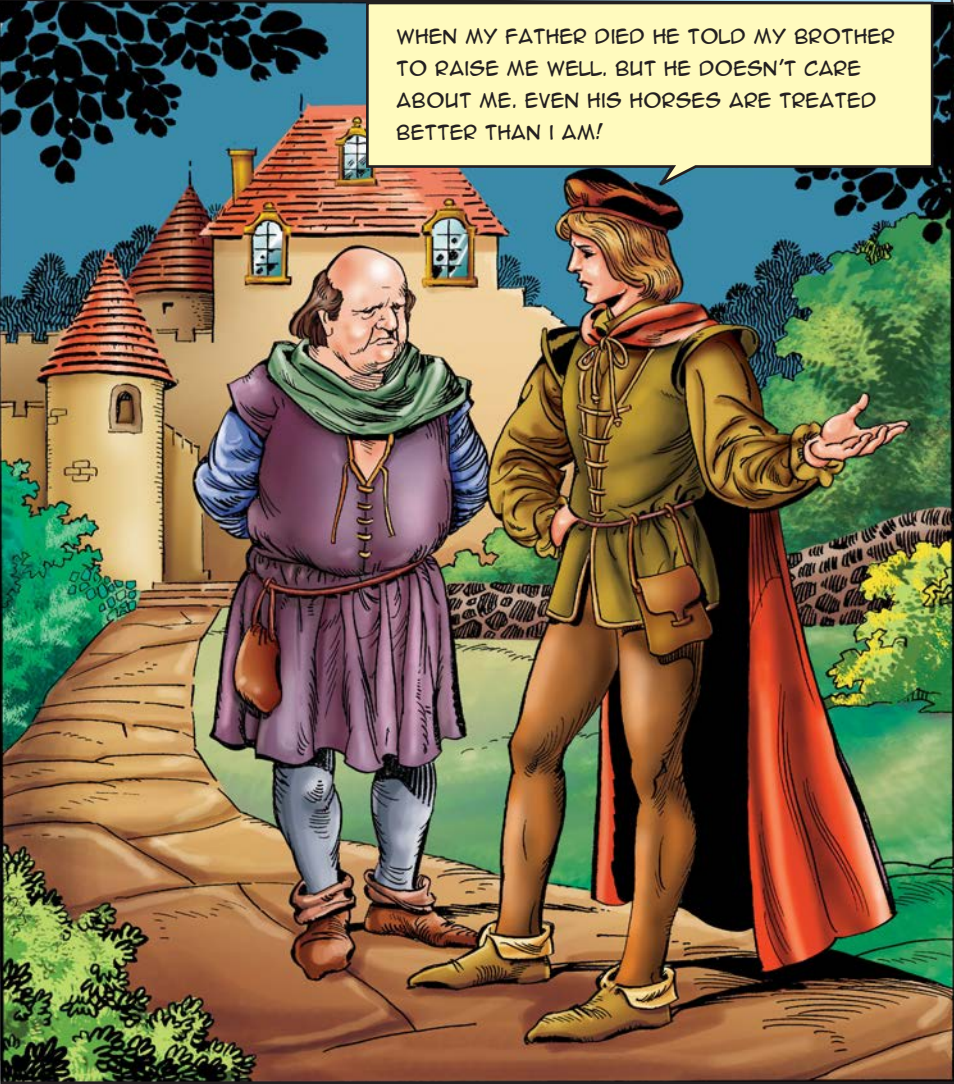


*William Shakespeare*

# *As You Like It*



MANY YEARS AGO, THREE BROTHERS LIVED IN A RICH COUNTRY HOUSE. THE OLDEST BROTHER, OLIVER, TOOK CARE OF THE HOUSE AND LANDS AND SENT THE MIDDLE BROTHER, JAGUES, TO SCHOOL. BUT HE KEPT HIS YOUNGEST BROTHER, ORLANDO, FROM GETTING WHAT WAS RIGHTFULLY HIS. ONE DAY ORLANDO SPOKE WITH THE OLD SERVANT ADAM ABOUT THE UNFAIR WAY IN WHICH HIS BROTHER OLIVER TREATED HIM.



WHEN MY FATHER DIED HE TOLD MY BROTHER TO RAISE ME WELL. BUT HE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT ME. EVEN HIS HORSES ARE TREATED BETTER THAN I AM!

ORLANDO, A GENTLE AND KIND YOUNG MAN, COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY OLIVER TREATED HIM SO BADLY. HE BEGAN PLANNING TO TAKE THE MONEY HIS FATHER HAD LEFT HIM SO THAT HE COULD LEAVE HOME AND TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF.

AS ORLANDO WAS SPEAKING, OLIVER ENTERED THE GARDEN.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

NOTHING. I'M NOT TAUGHT TO DO ANYTHING WORTHWHILE!



HOW DARE YOU SAY THAT TO ME?



AT THAT, ORLANDO GRASPED HIS BROTHER'S ARMS TO KEEP HIM FROM STRIKING AGAIN.

DO YOU WANT TO FIGHT WITH ME?

I AM A GENTLEMAN. THE YOUNGEST SON OF SIR ROWLAND DE BOYS. I ONLY WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU LISTEN TO ME!



OUR FATHER TOLD YOU TO EDUCATE ME WELL. DO SO, OR GIVE ME WHAT IS MINE BY HIS WILL.

I WILL GIVE YOU PART OF IT. NOW LET ME GO, AND GET OUT OF HERE!



AND YOU GET AWAY TOO, OLD MAN!

IS THAT THE THANKS I GET FOR ALL MY YEARS OF SERVICE TO YOUR FAMILY?



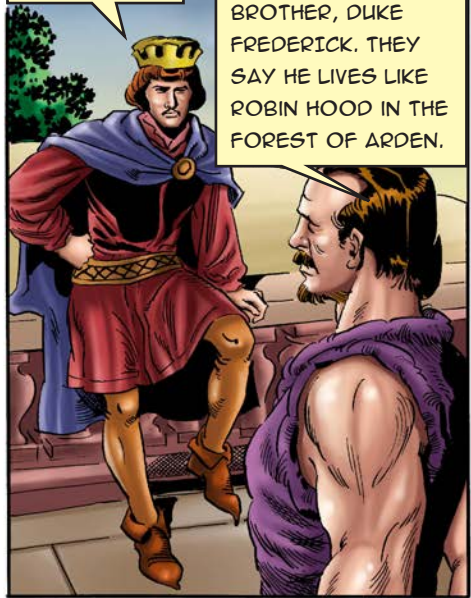
AS ORLANDO AND ADAM WALKED AWAY, OLIVER CALLED TO A NEARBY SERVANT.

THE DUKE'S WRESTLER,\* CHARLES, IS WAITING TO SEE ME. BRING HIM HERE.



WHAT IS THE NEWS AT THE COURT?

THE OLD DUKE HAS BEEN SENT AWAY BY HIS YOUNGER BROTHER, DUKE FREDERICK. THEY SAY HE LIVES LIKE ROBIN HOOD IN THE FOREST OF ARDEN.



WAS HIS DAUGHTER ROSALIND SENT AWAY WITH HIM?

OH, NO. SHE AND THE NEW DUKE'S DAUGHTER CELIA, ARE LIKE SISTERS. HE WANTS TO KEEP THEM TOGETHER.



BUT THERE IS SOMETHING ELSE ON MY MIND. YOUR YOUNGEST BROTHER, ORLANDO, WANTS TO WRESTLE WITH ME TOMORROW. I AM OLDER AND STRONGER AND I AM AFRAID I MIGHT HURT HIM BADLY!



\* a person who fights others in contests of strength

YES, I KNOW. BUT MY YOUNGER BROTHER HATES ME. HE WOULD LIKE TO KILL ME AND TAKE MY FORTUNE.

THEN I WILL TAKE CARE OF HIM ONCE AND FOR ALL.



WHEN CHARLES HAD LEFT, OLIVER SAT QUIETLY THINKING.



I DON'T KNOW WHY I HATE MY BROTHER. HE IS GENTLE AND KIND—BUT THAT SEEMS TO MAKE ME HATE HIM ALL THE MORE.

THE FOLLOWING DAY AT THE COURT OF DUKE FREDERICK, HIS DAUGHTER CELIA WALKED WITH HER COUSIN ROSALIND.

DEAR ROSALIND, I WISH YOU WERE NOT SO SAD!

IT IS HARD FOR ME TO BE HAPPY WHEN I THINK OF MY POOR FATHER SENT AWAY LIKE THAT.



I AM MY FATHER'S ONLY CHILD. SOMEDAY I WILL OWN EVERYTHING THAT HE HAS AND THEN I WILL GIVE BACK TO YOU EVERYTHING MY FATHER HAS TAKEN.



AS THEY WERE SPEAKING, ONE OF THE DUKE'S SERVANTS CAME UP TO THE YOUNG LADIES.

ARE YOU STAYING FOR THE WRESTLING MATCH? THE DUKE'S WRESTLER HAS ALREADY WON AGAINST THREE YOUNG MEN. HE WILL SOON TAKE ON ANOTHER.

LET US STAY, ROSALIND.



AT THAT MOMENT, DUKE FREDERICK AND SEVERAL OTHER MEN DREW NEAR.

HELLO, GIRLS. HAVE YOU COME TO SEE THE WRESTLING?

YES, IF WE MAY.



YOU MAY BE SORRY, CHARLES COULD KILL THIS NEXT MAN. MAYBE YOU CAN GET HIM TO GIVE UP.

WE WILL TRY.



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