

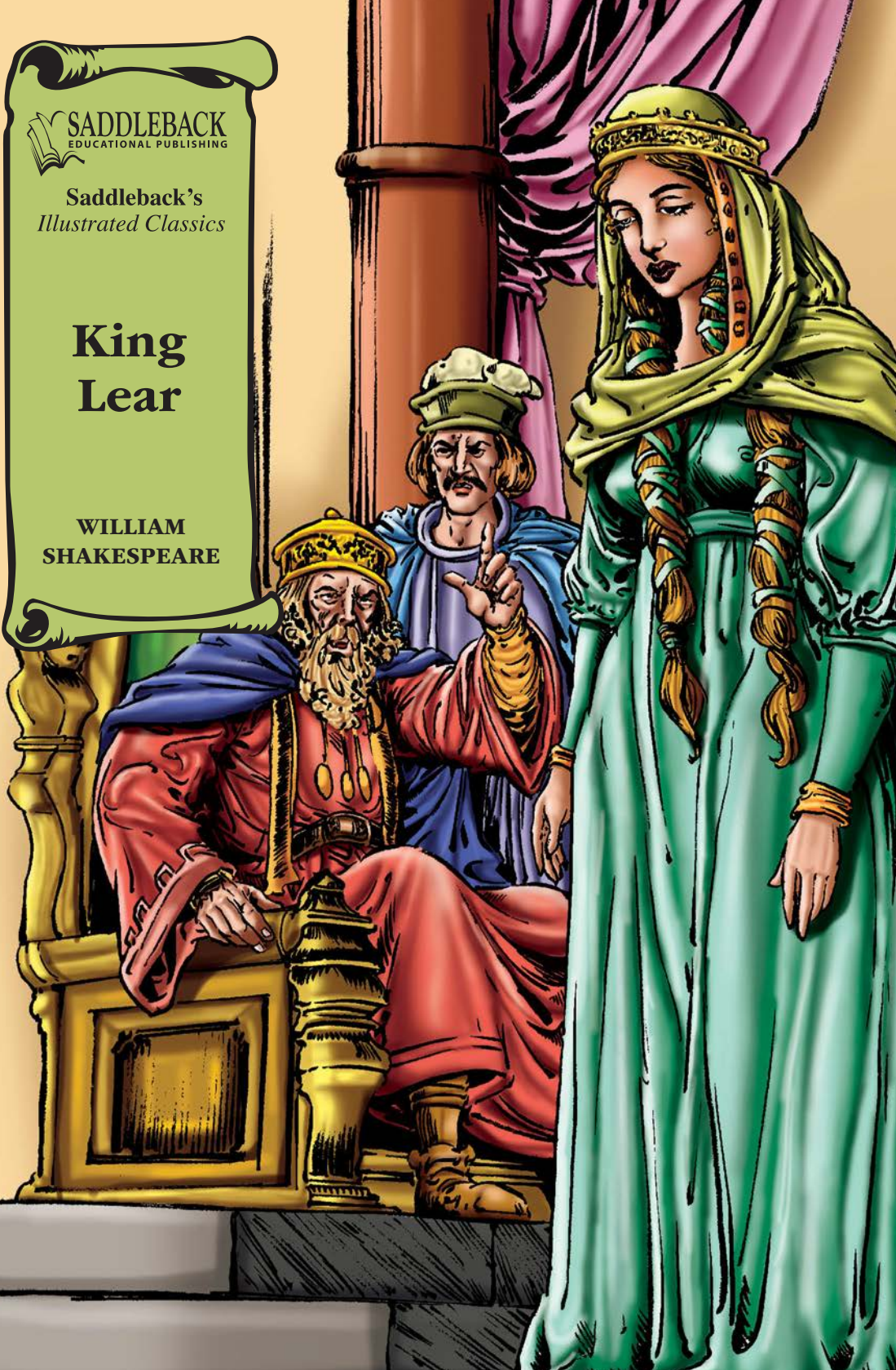


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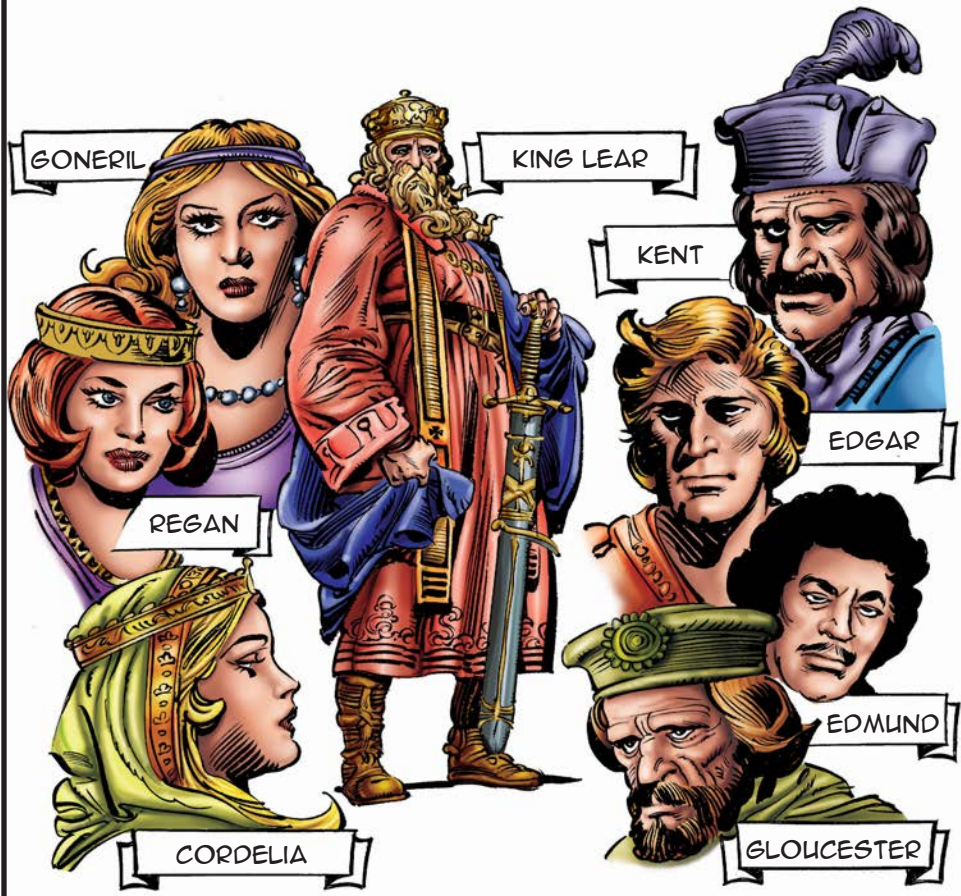
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**WILLIAM
SHAKESPEARE**



William Shakespeare

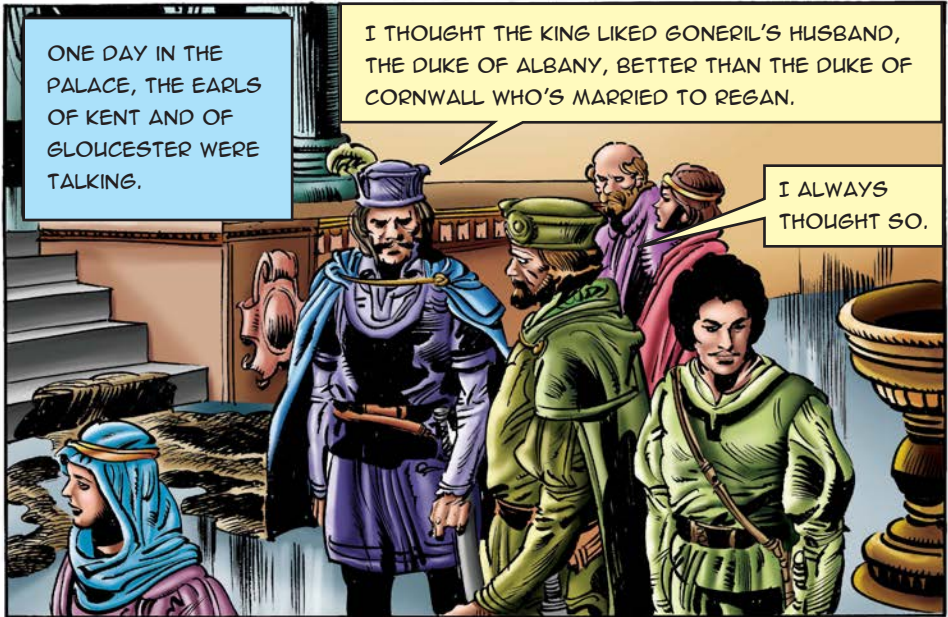
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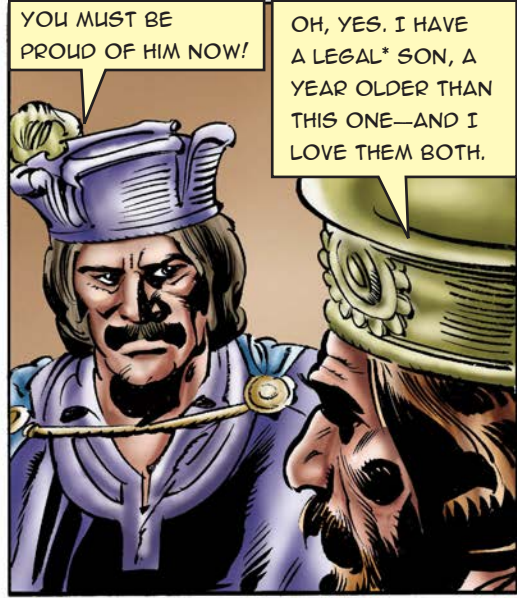
NEARLY TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO, OLD KING LEAR RULED BRITAIN. HE HAD THREE DAUGHTERS: GONERIL, REGAN, AND CORDELIA.



LEAR HAD ALWAYS BEEN A MAN WHO ACTED WITHOUT THINKING THINGS THROUGH. BECAUSE OF THIS, HE WAS ABOUT TO MAKE ONE OF THE BIGGEST MISTAKES OF HIS LIFE.

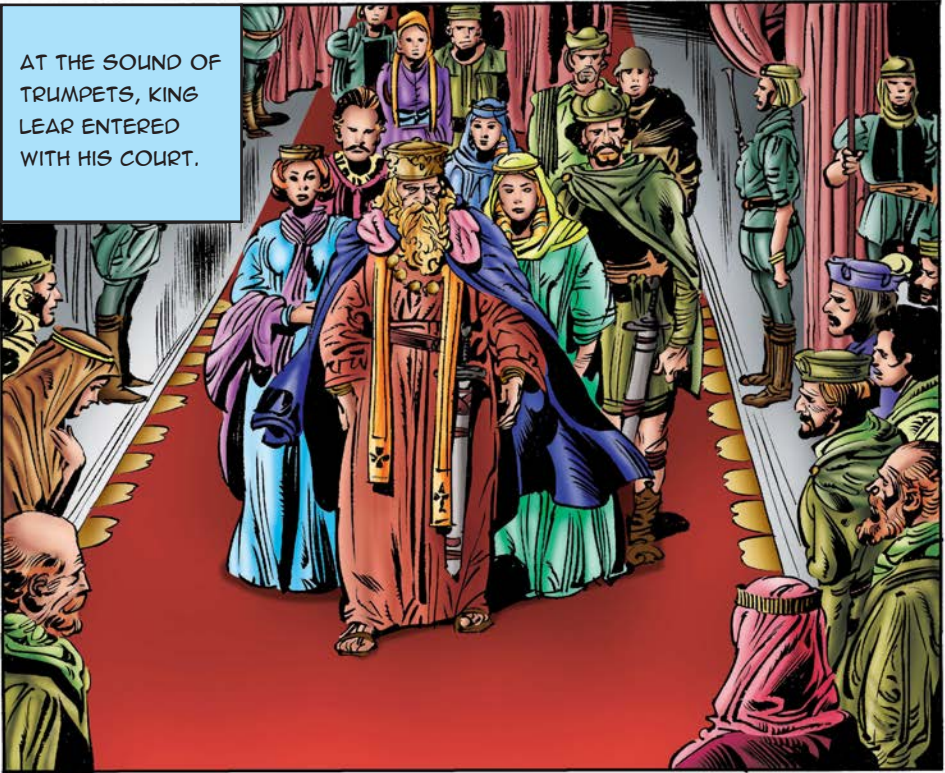


* say that something is so



* according to the law

AT THE SOUND OF
TRUMPETS, KING
LEAR ENTERED
WITH HIS COURT.



THE KING OF
FRANCE AND THE
DUKE OF BURGUN-
DY ARE OUTSIDE,
GLOUCESTER.
BRING THEM IN.

I WILL SIR.



WITHOUT WAITING FOR HIS VISITORS, THE OLD KING MADE HIS ANNOUNCEMENT.*

I AM OLD AND TIRED OF THE TROUBLES OF RULING A KINGDOM.

I WANT TO GIVE UP MY THRONE AND LET MY DAUGHTERS RULE!

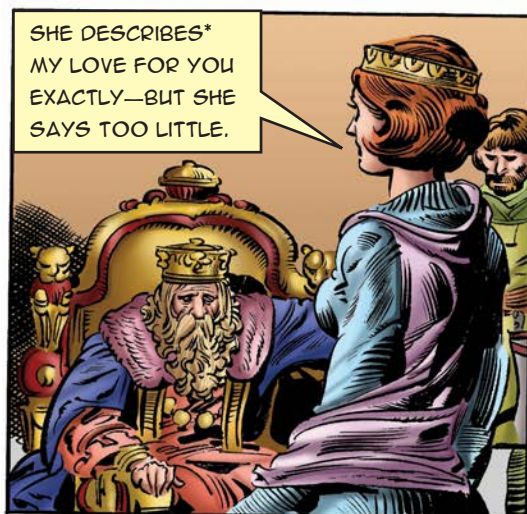


LOOK AT THIS MAP. I'VE DIVIDED MY KINGDOM INTO THREE PARTS. THE DAUGHTER WHO SAYS SHE LOVES ME THE MOST SHALL HAVE THE LARGEST PART.



* a statement made before a group of people





* explains, shows, tells about

** showing how two things are alike or different

BUT CORDELIA,
THE KING'S
YOUNGEST
DAUGHTER,
WAS UNHAPPY
AT WHAT HER
SISTERS SAID.

WHAT DO I DO? I
LOVE MY FATHER
MORE THAN THEY DO.



BUT I CAN'T SPEAK OF
MY LOVE. I CAN'T LIE AND
FLATTER* HIM, AS THEY DO.

IF MY FATHER
DOESN'T KNOW
THAT I LOVE HIM,
THEN I CAN'T HELP
IT!



* make someone think he is better than he really is