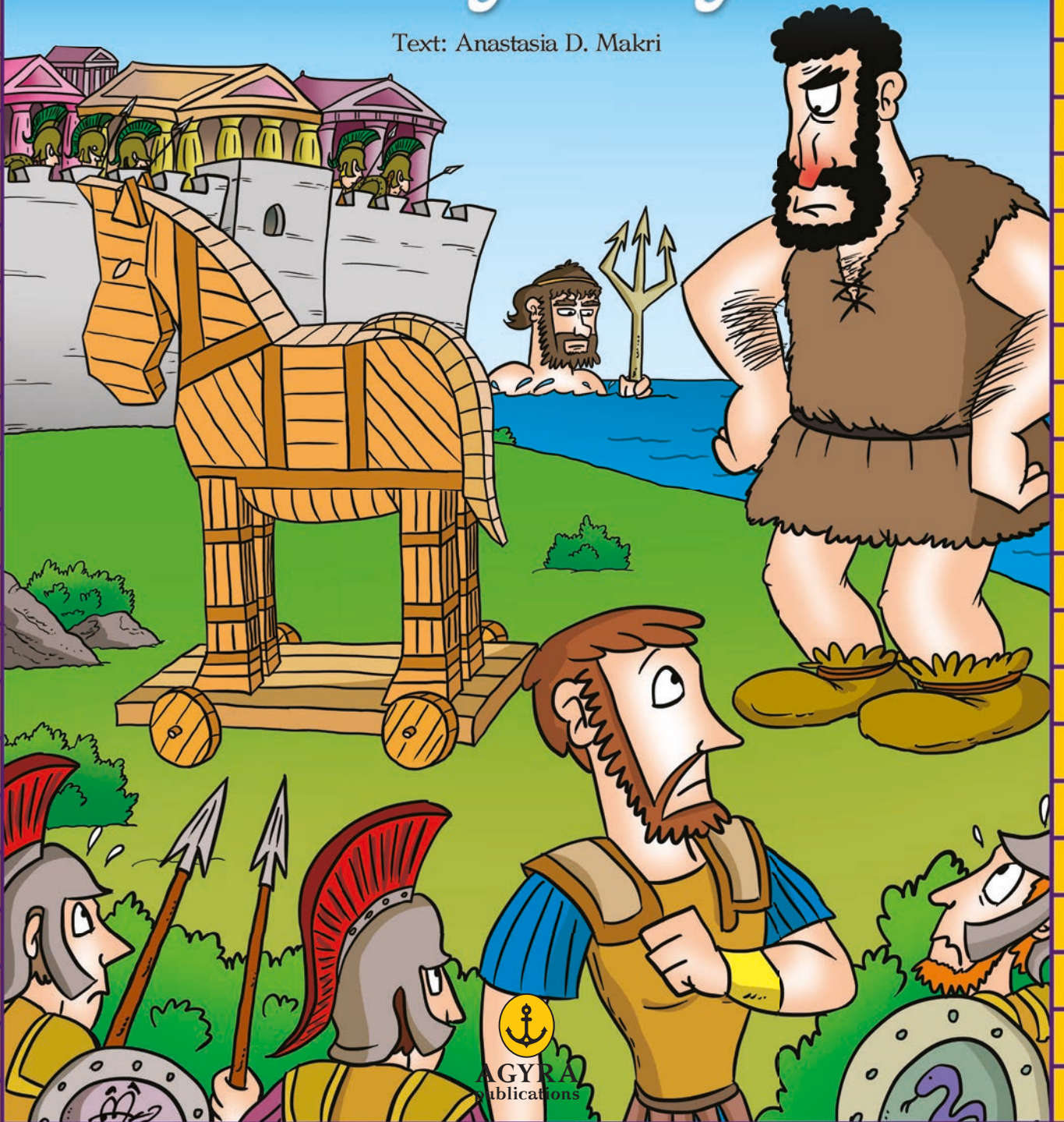


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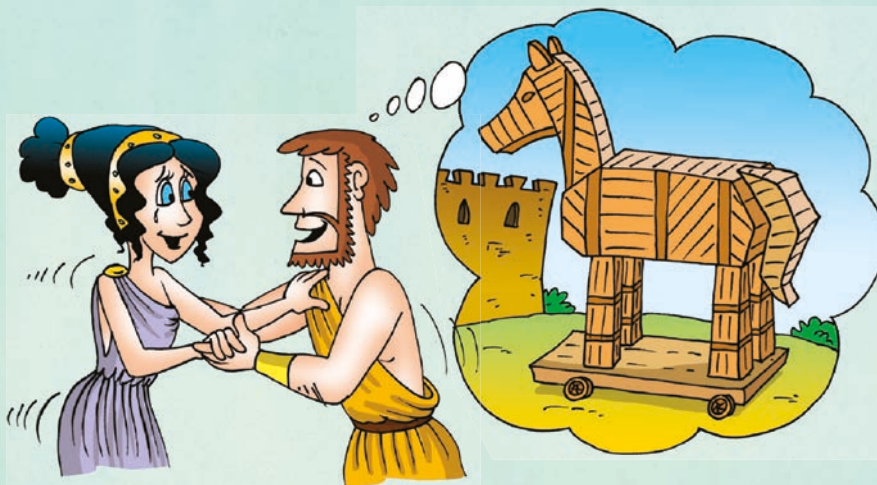
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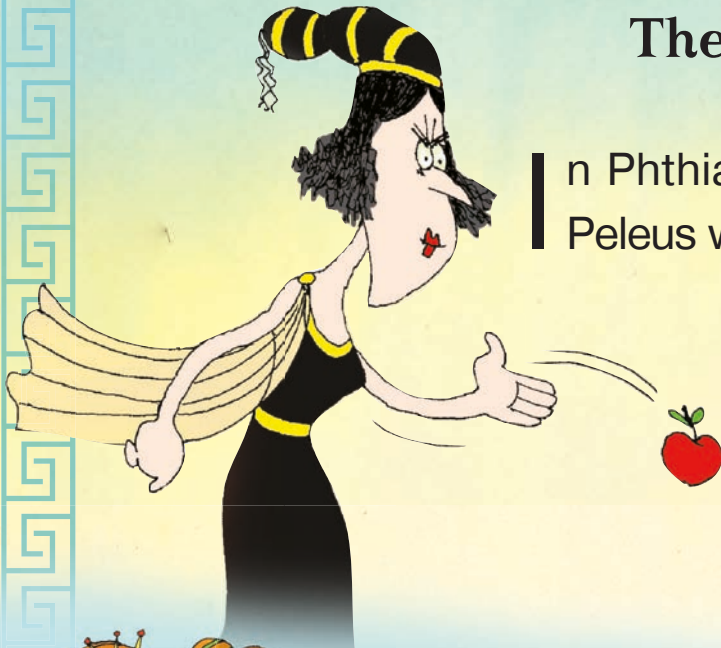


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vited except Eris, the goddess of discord. So, when she heard it she was furious with anger. To avenge them, she took a golden apple and wrote on it: "To the Fairest".

That is: The most beautiful goddess should get it. Then she rolled the apple in front of Hera, Athena and

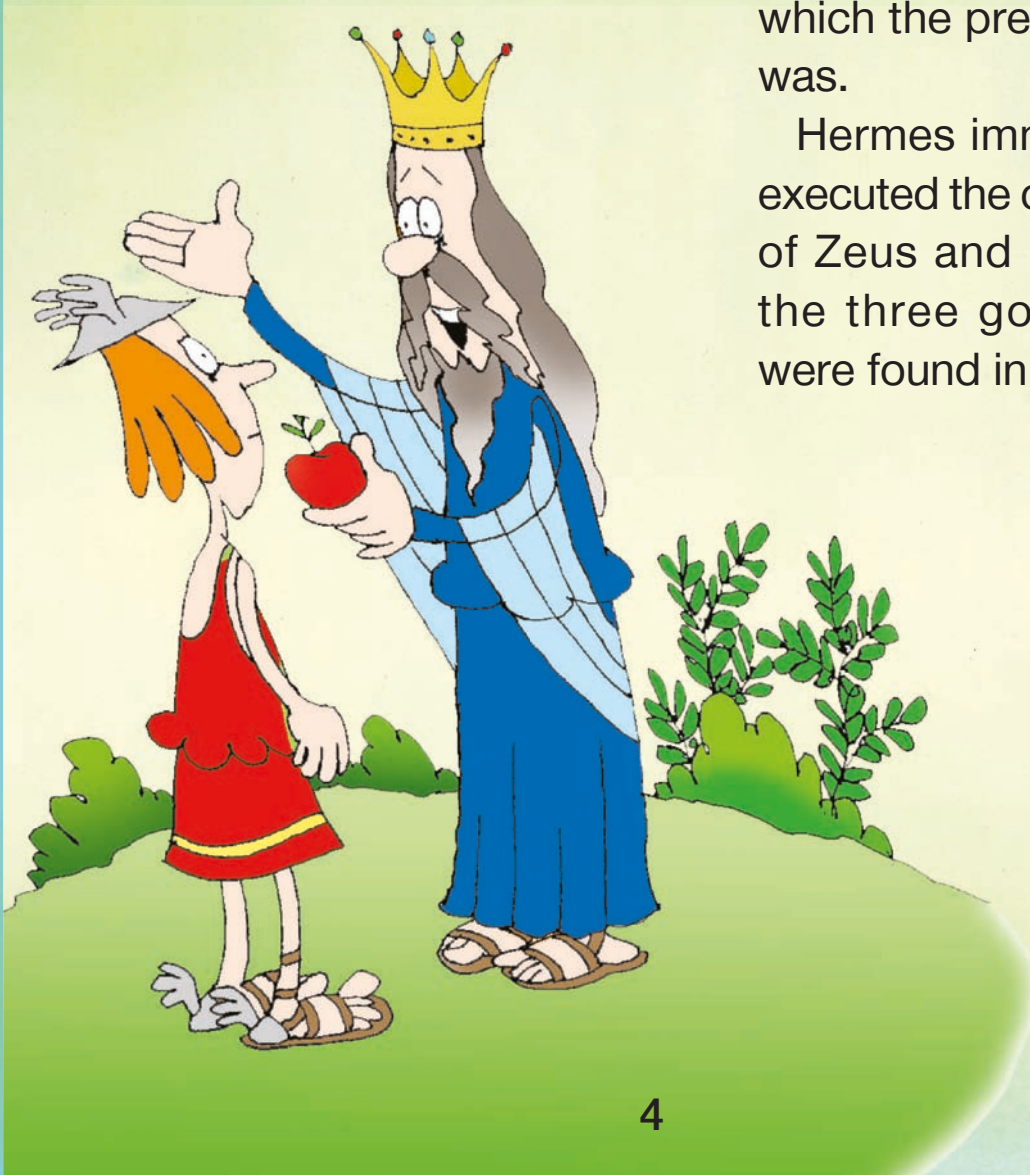


Aphrodite. Each one claimed the apple for herself and eventually began to quarrel bitterly over the apple.

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