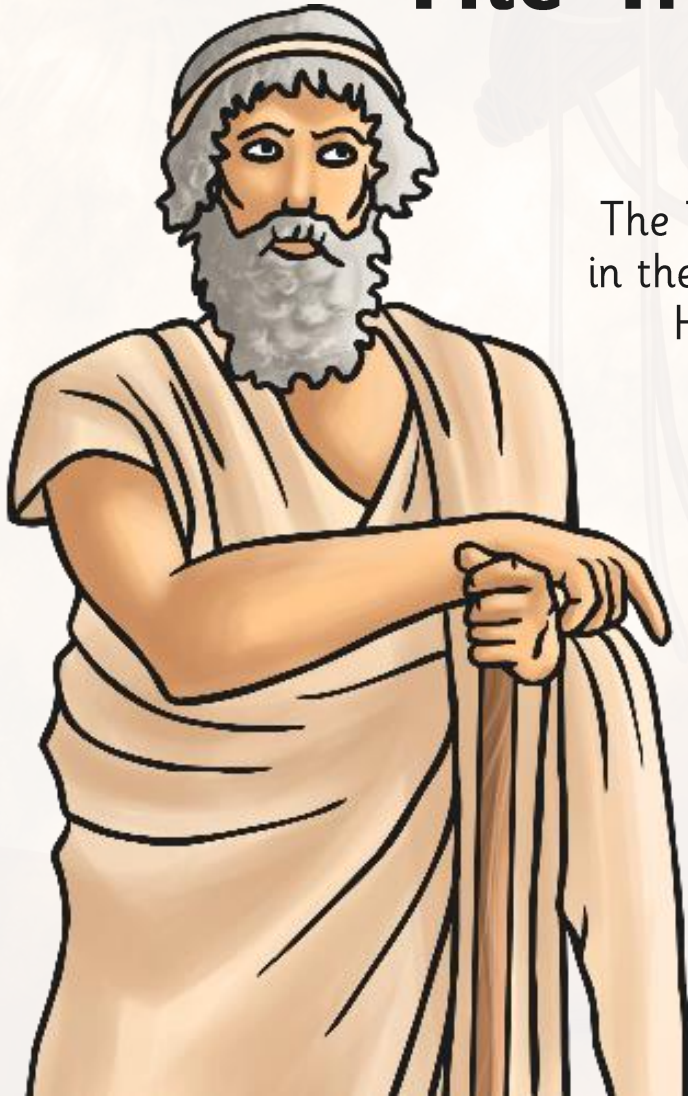


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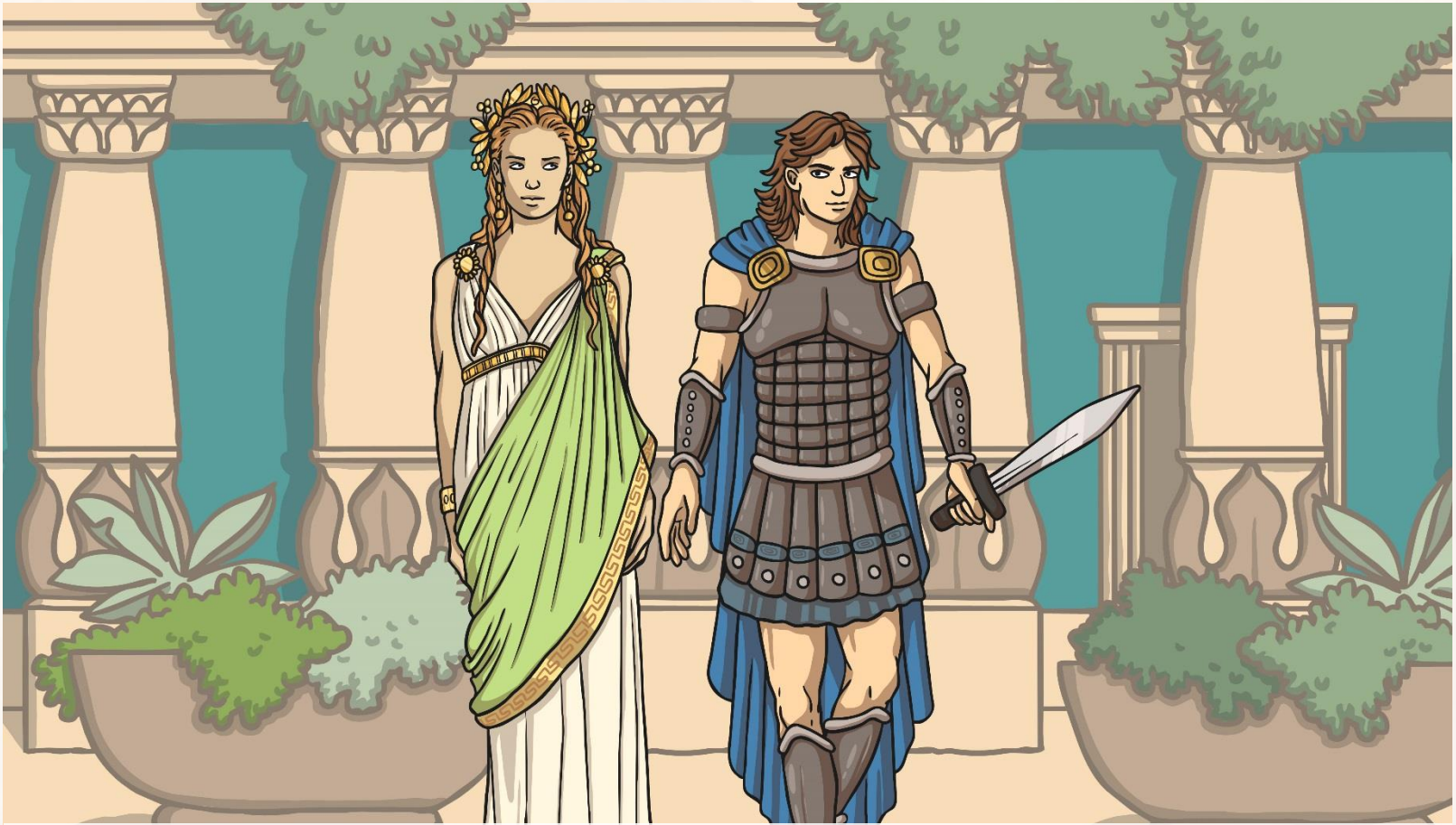
The Trojan War is a famous story told in the Iliad, which is a poem written by Homer, a famous Greek writer.



The story begins in the city of Troy, which is now modern day Turkey. The story tells us that the goddesses had a disagreement which they apparently asked Paris, the Prince of Troy, to settle.



The three goddesses then offered the Prince a bribe. One offered him an empire, one told him he would be heroic in war and the last, Aphrodite, the Goddess of love, offered him the most beautiful woman in the world. The woman was Helen, the wife of King Menelaus, of Sparta.



Paris agreed and so Aphrodite ensured that Helen fell in love with Paris and they both ran away together.



King Menelaus sent an army, led by his brother Agamemnon, to go and bring Helen back to Sparta.



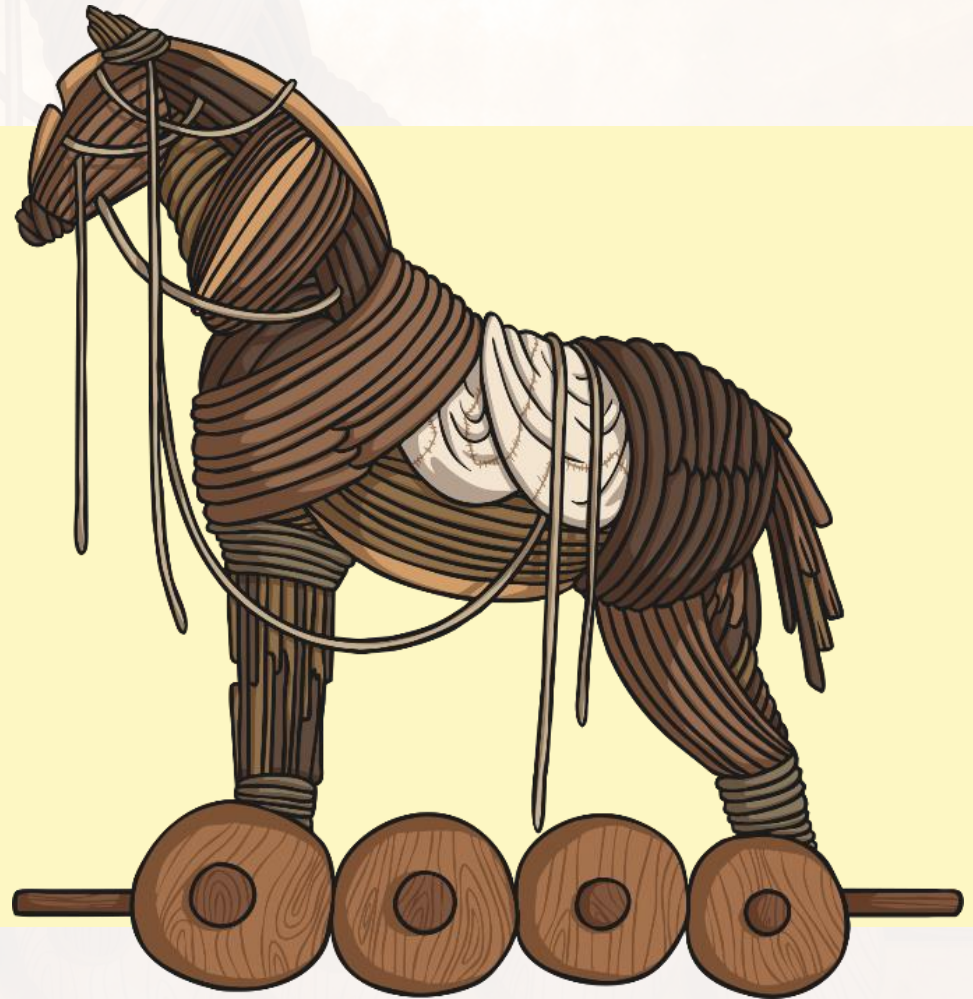
The war went on for ten long years! Many died in battle including Hector; Paris' brother, Achilles; the most skilled Greek fighter and even Paris himself.

The Trojan Horse

The last and most famous battle of the Trojan War began when the Greeks came up with a clever and cunning plan!

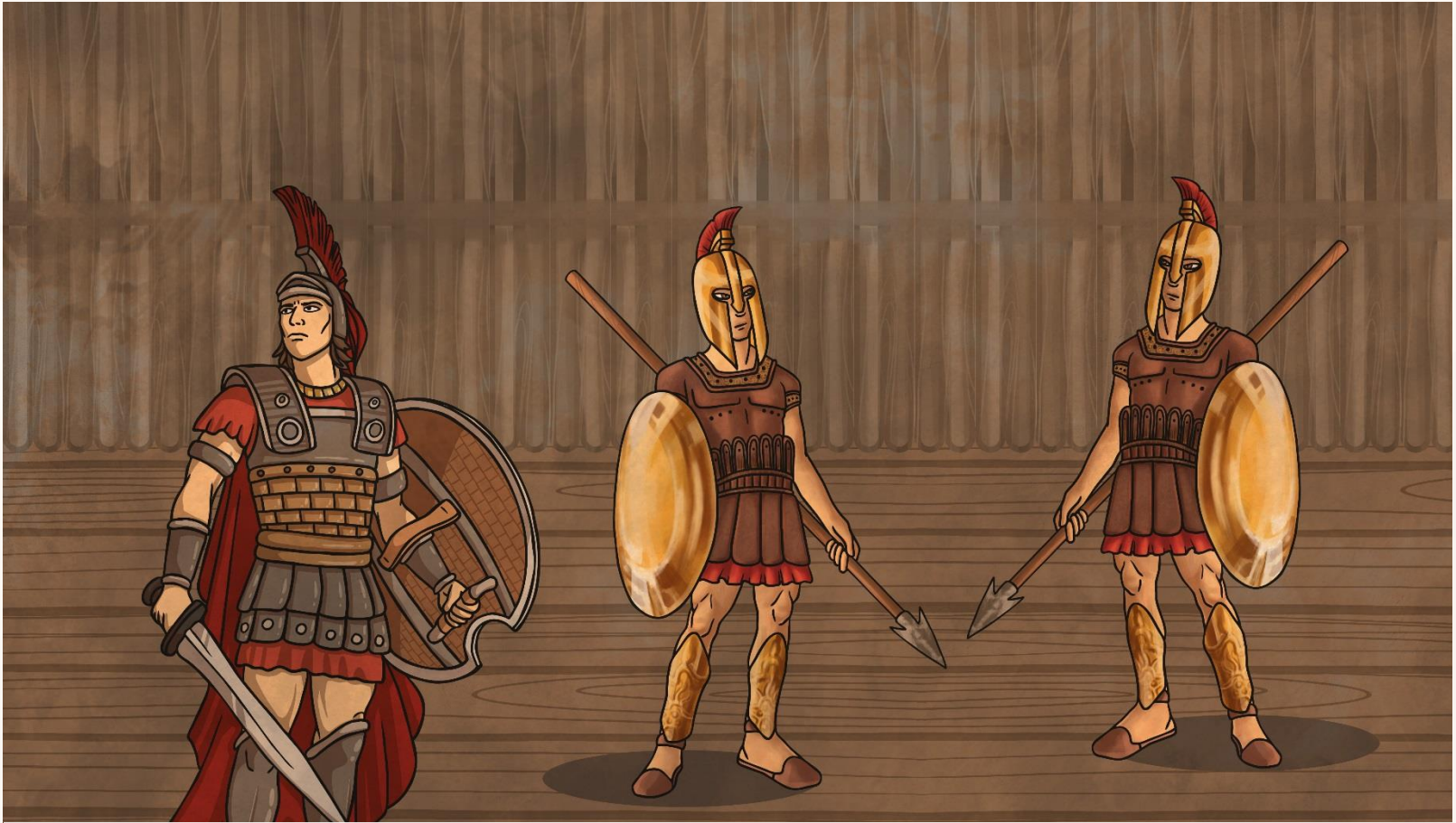
The story, which was told by many writers and poets, was thought to be untrue.

But when Heinrich Schliemann found the area, he believed it to be Troy and convinced many that the story of Troy may be true after all.

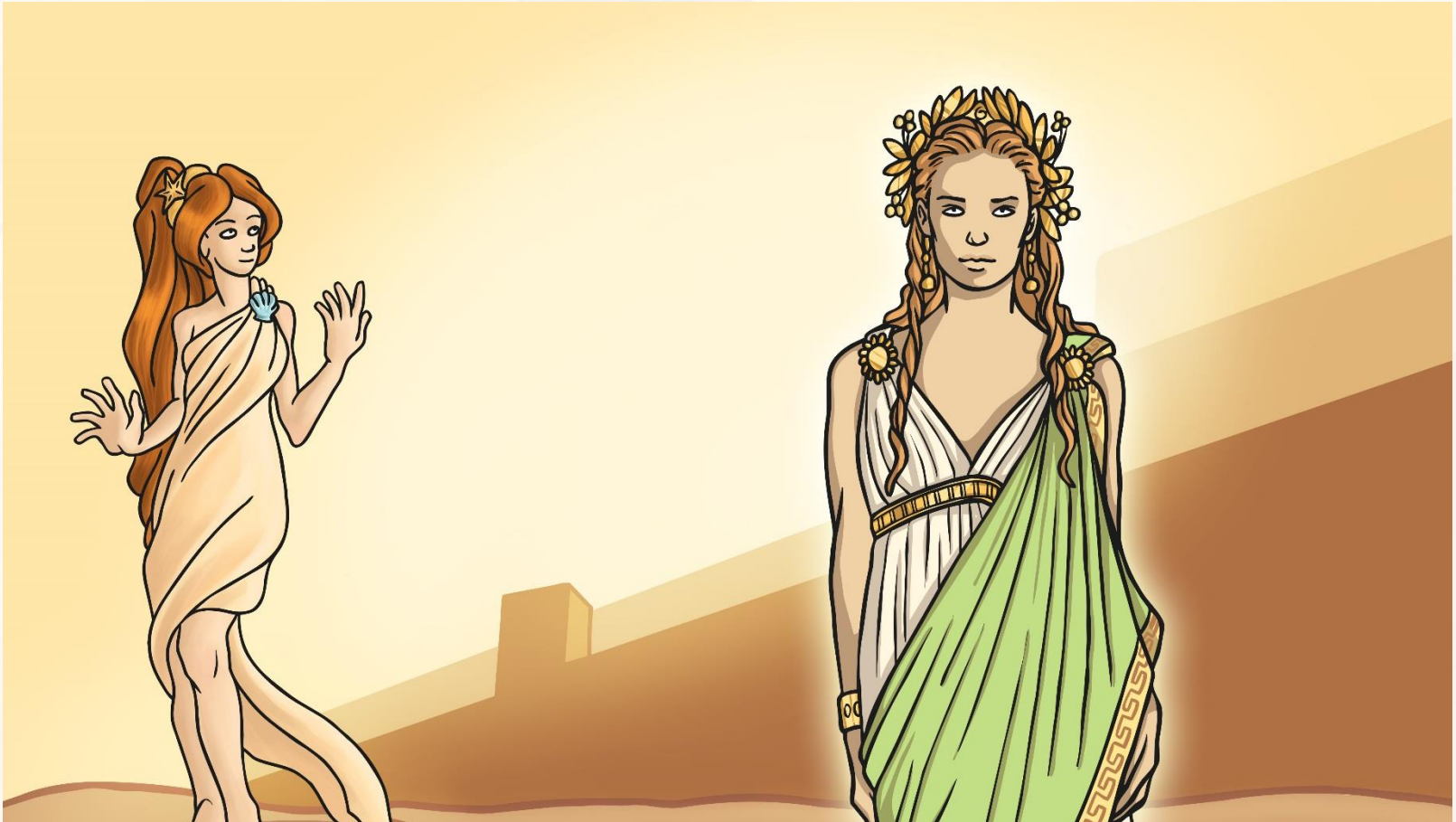




The Greeks decided to leave a gift for the Trojans; a large wooden horse. When the Trojans saw the horse, they thought it was a gift and a sign that the Greeks had given up. They saw the Greeks sailing away and so they dragged the enormous horse into their city.



However, hiding inside the horse were a group of Greek soldiers. After the Trojans went to sleep, they climbed out of the horse and let the rest of the Greek army into the city. The fighting began and Troy was destroyed.



The Greeks killed everyone. It is believed that King Menelaus found Helen and tried to kill her, but Aphrodite protected her from the king.

