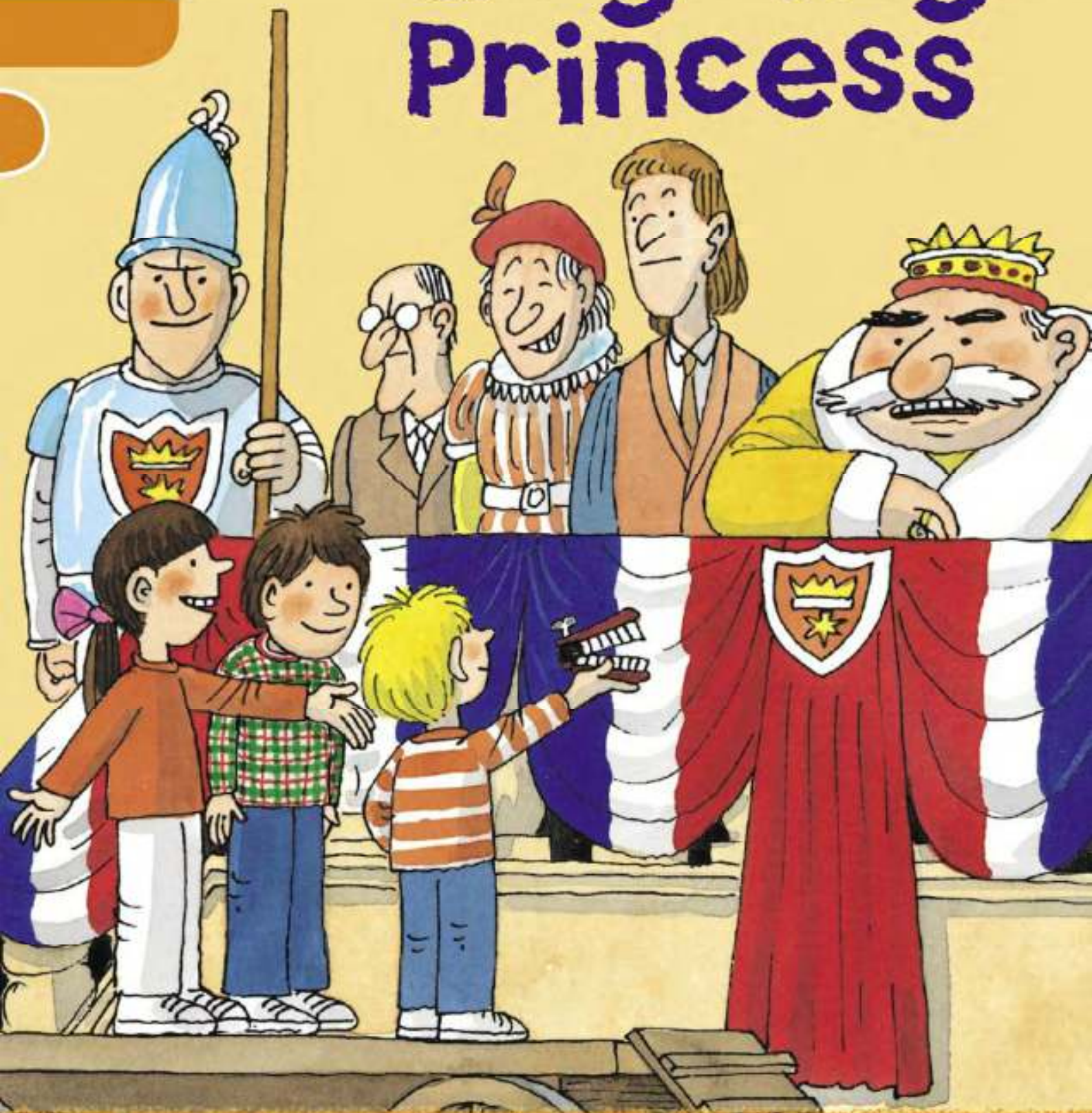


# The Laughing Princess





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## BEFORE READING

### Talk together

- Look at the cover and read the title together. Ask: *What do you think this story is about?*
- Ask: *When do you think this story is set? Why?*
- Look through the book and talk about the pictures.

### About the words in this book

- Your child should be able to sound out and blend some words, which may include:

**don't about made make  
saw put princess**

- Some words may be more challenging. Encourage or model blending, then read the words below to your child if necessary.

**oh people looked asked  
could cushion groaned  
idea notice**



## DURING READING

Enjoy the story together.  
If your child needs support to read the story:

- Remind your child to blend unfamiliar words from left to right.
- If a word is still too tricky, simply say the whole word for your child.
- Re-read sentences to focus on their meaning where necessary.

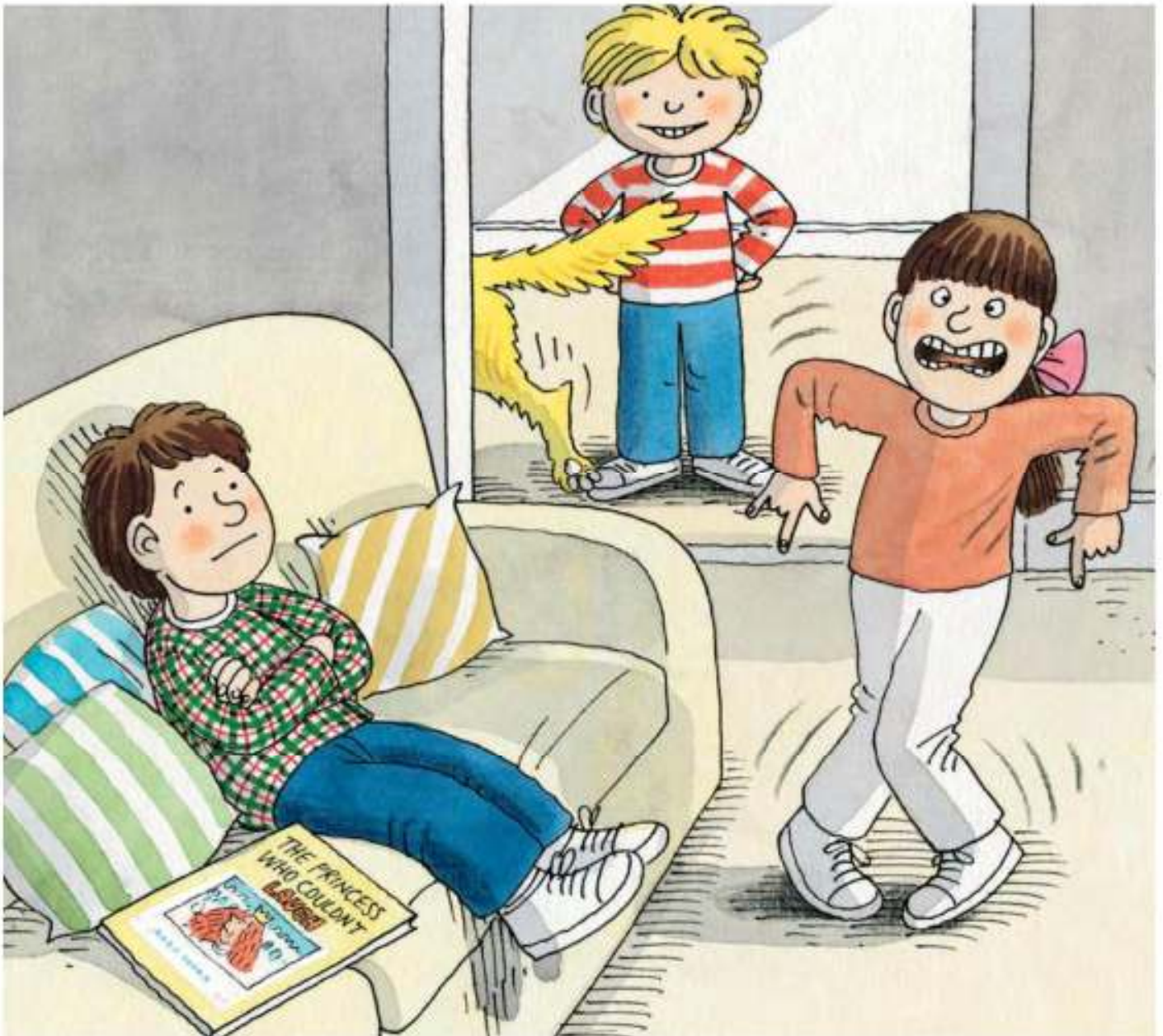


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for more ideas.





Chip had a new book. It was about a princess who couldn't laugh. Nobody could make her laugh.



Chip had an idea.

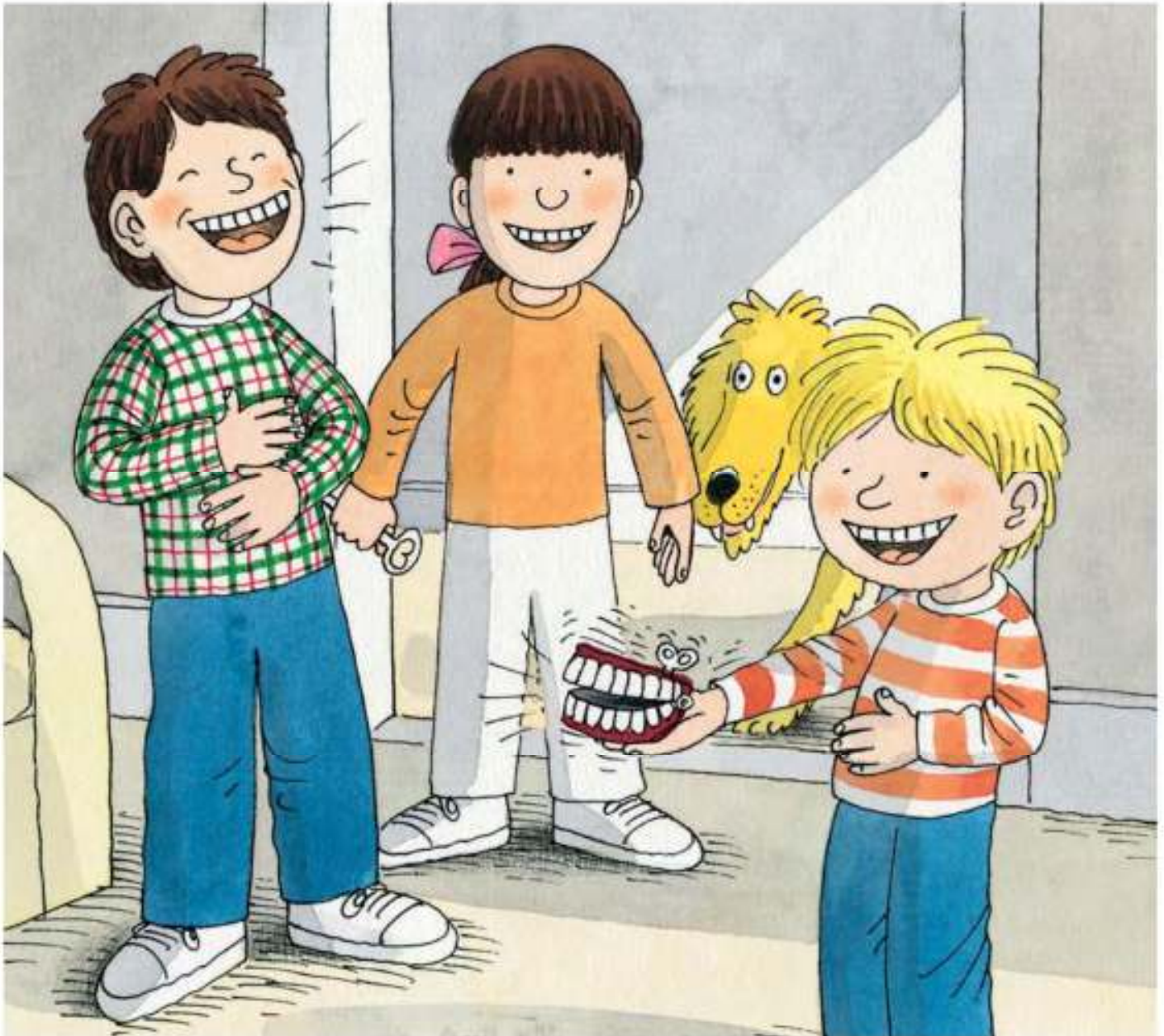
“Try and make me laugh,” he said.  
Biff made a funny face, but she couldn’t  
make Chip laugh.





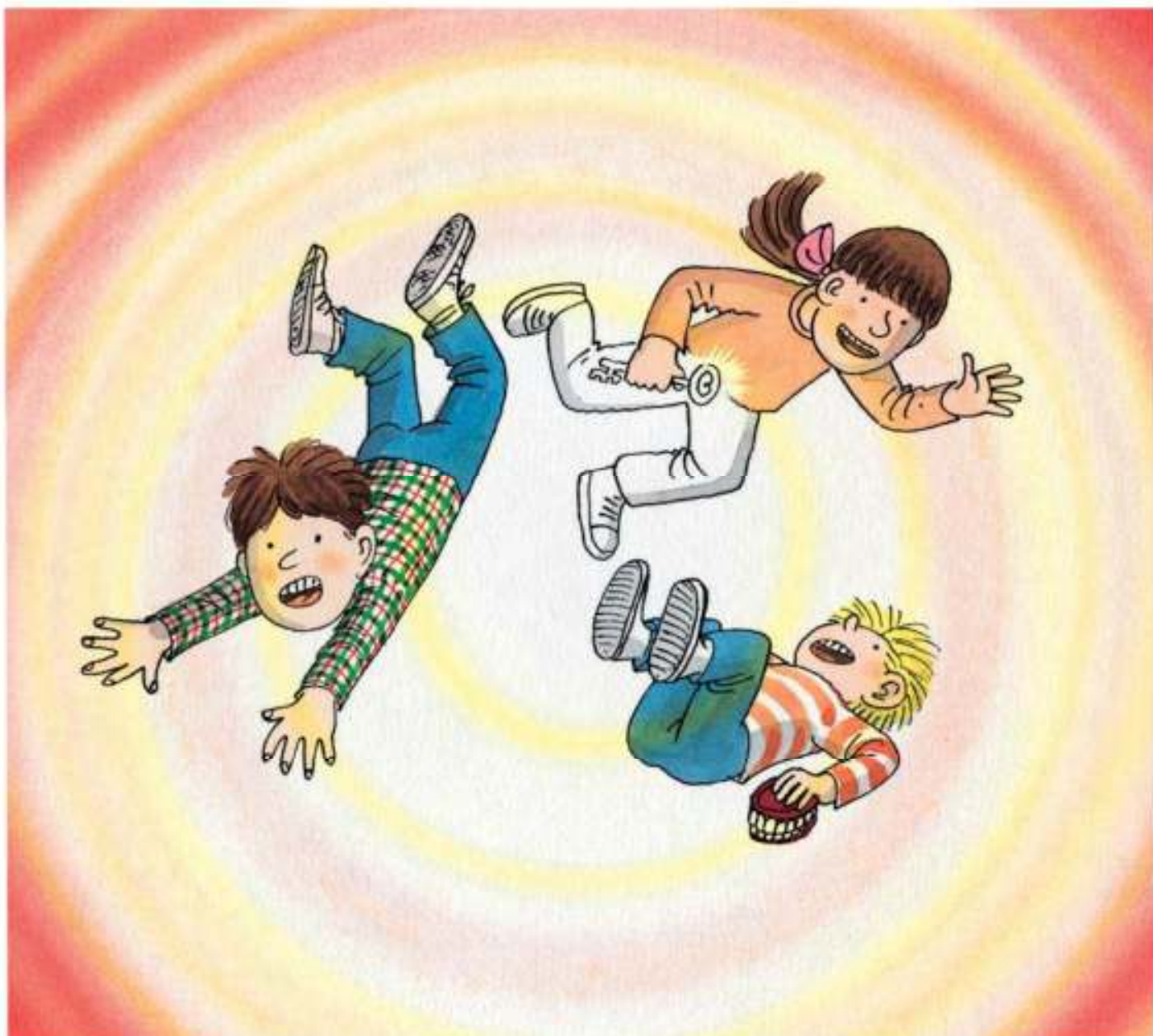
Biff put on a funny wig. She told a funny joke, but she still couldn't make Chip laugh.

"It's no good," she said.

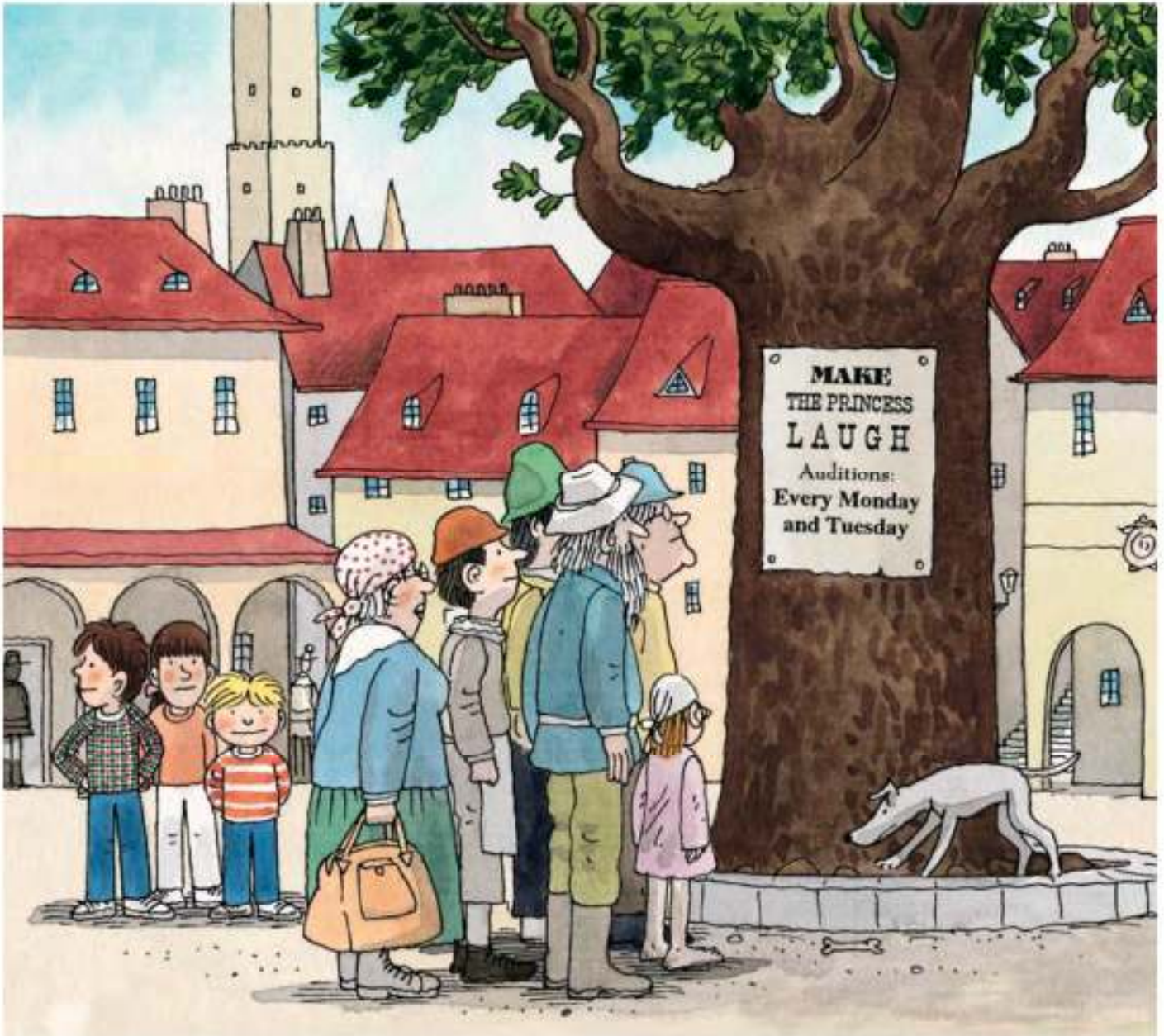


Kipper had some joke teeth. The joke teeth were new. The teeth went click, click, click. Everyone laughed and laughed.





The magic key began to glow. The children ran into Biff's room. The magic took them on a new adventure.



The children were in a village. They saw a notice on a tree. It was about a princess who couldn't laugh.

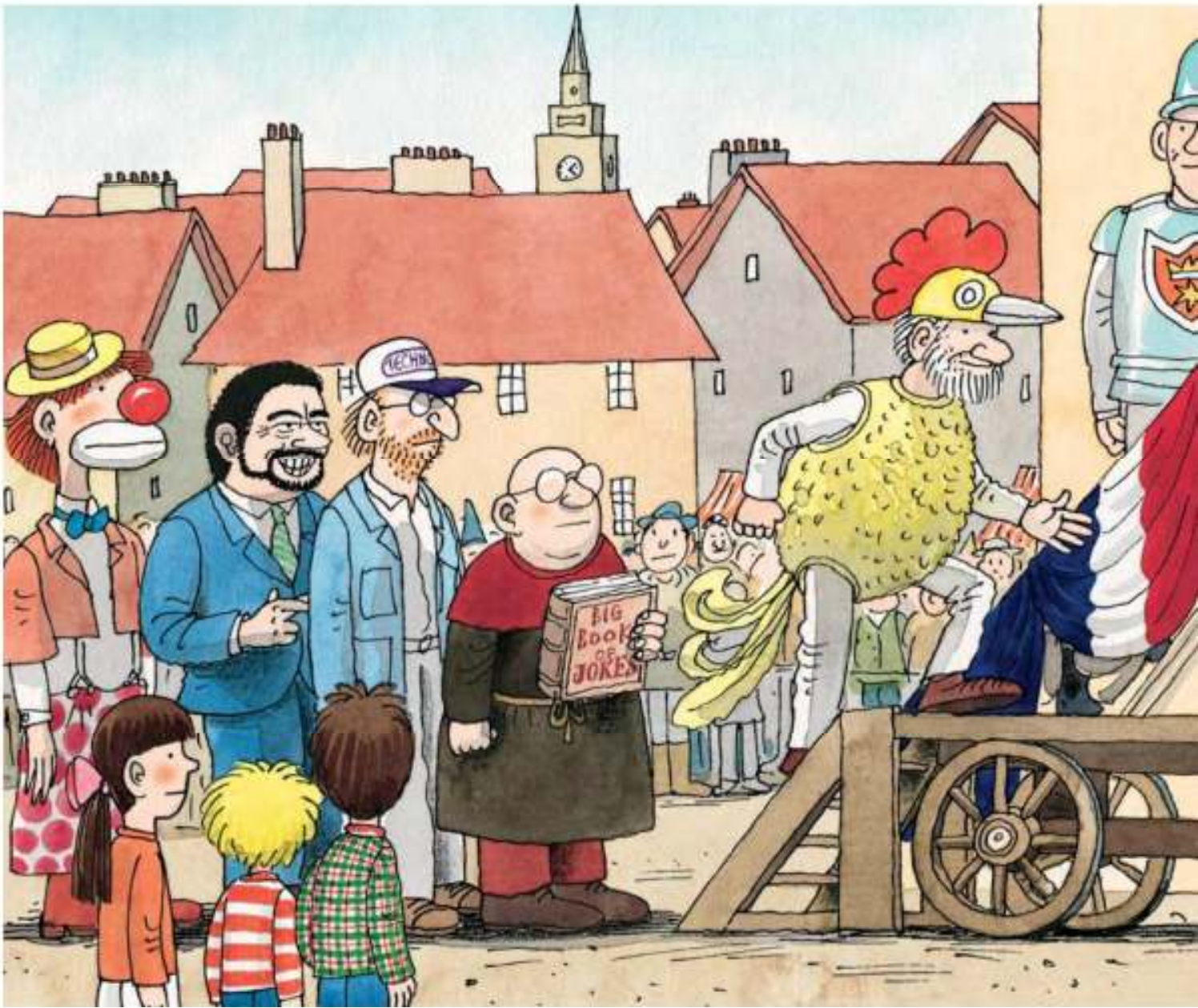




Kipper had an idea. He still had the joke teeth.

“I can make the princess laugh,” he said.

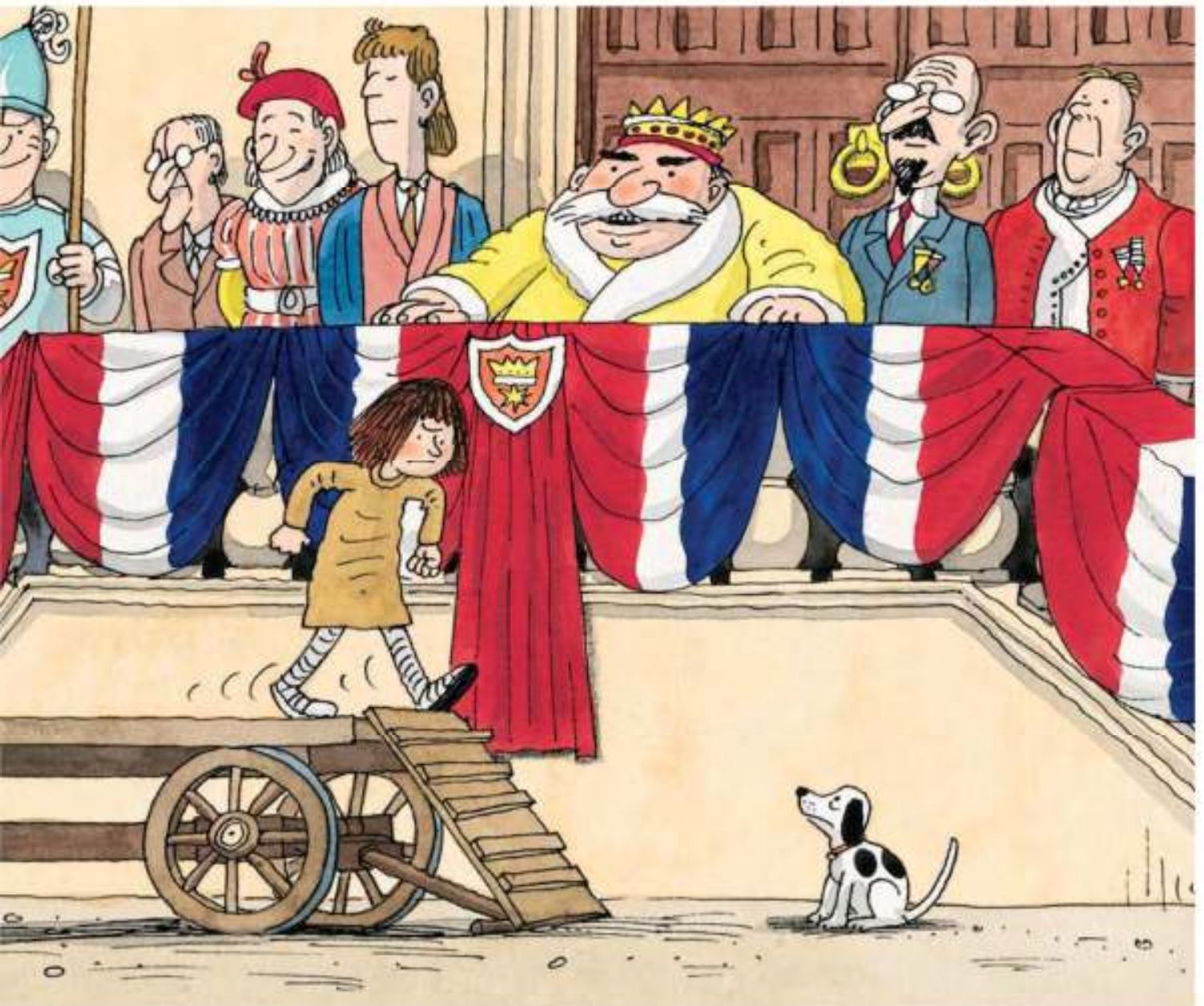




The king was in the village. A girl told him a joke.

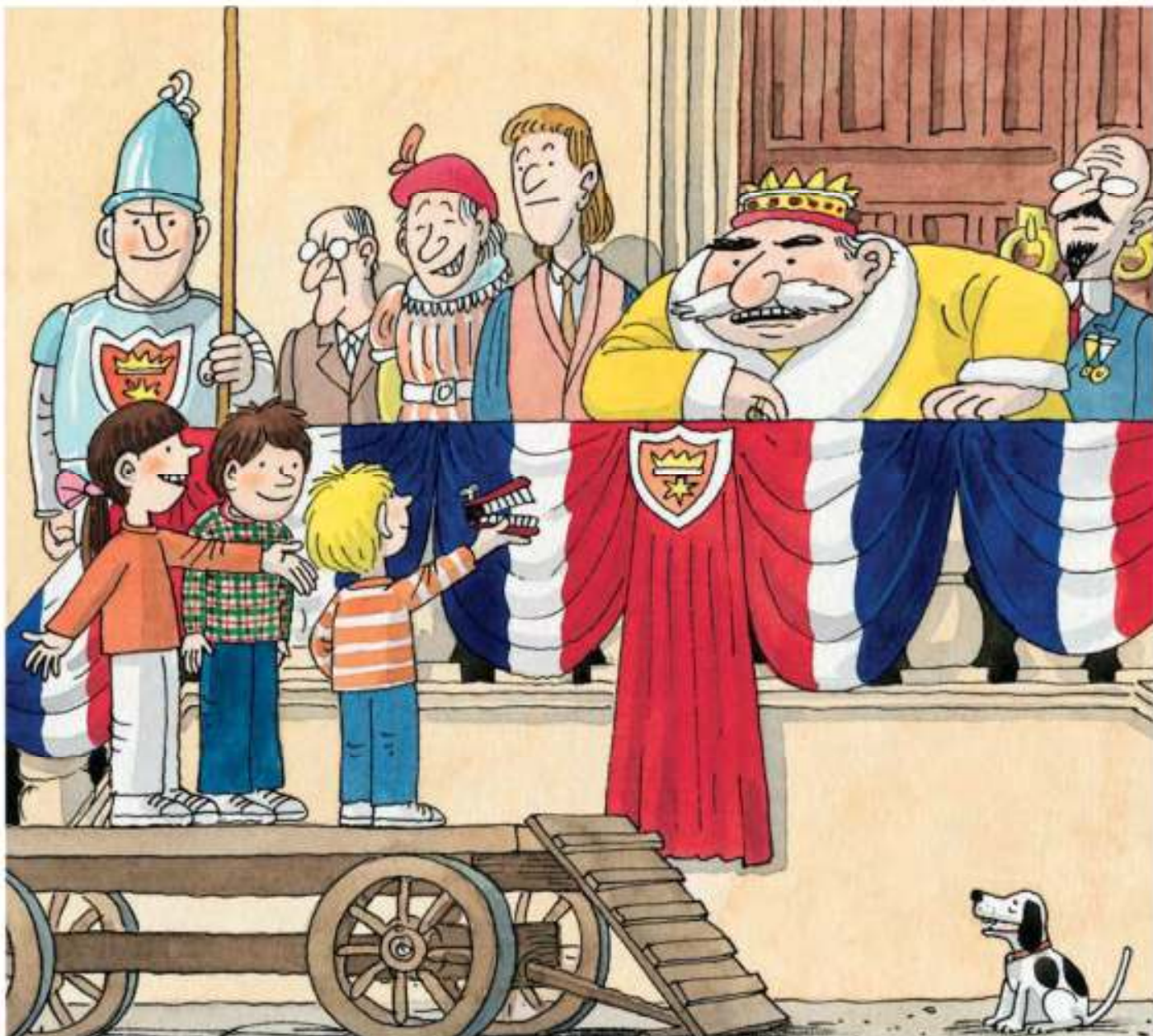
“That’s not funny,” said the king. “That won’t make the princess laugh.”





“Who’s next?” called the king.  
“I am,” said a man.  
“Oh no!” groaned the king. “Not  
another chicken!”





The children went to the king.

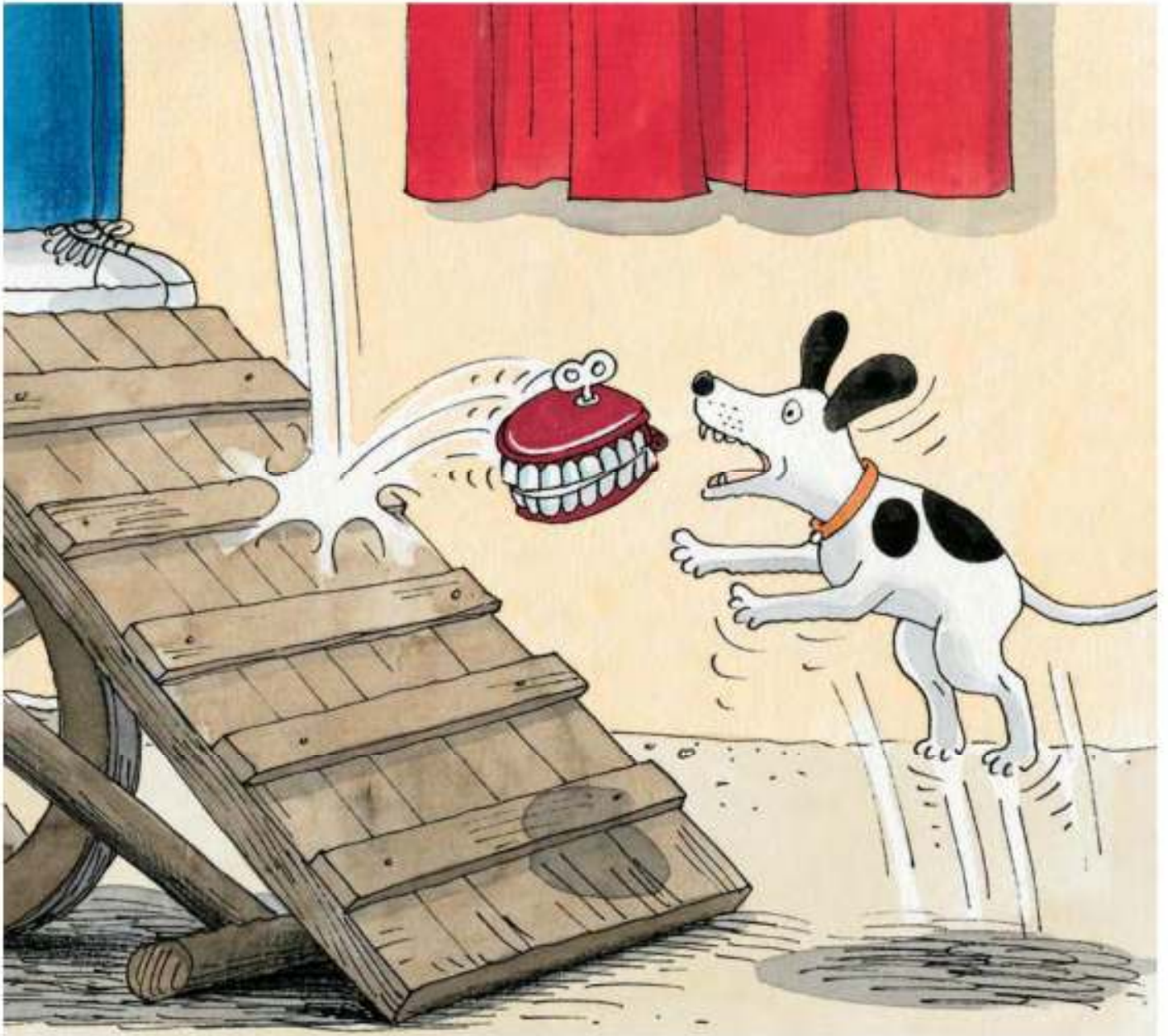
“We can make the princess laugh,” said Biff.

“How?” asked the king.



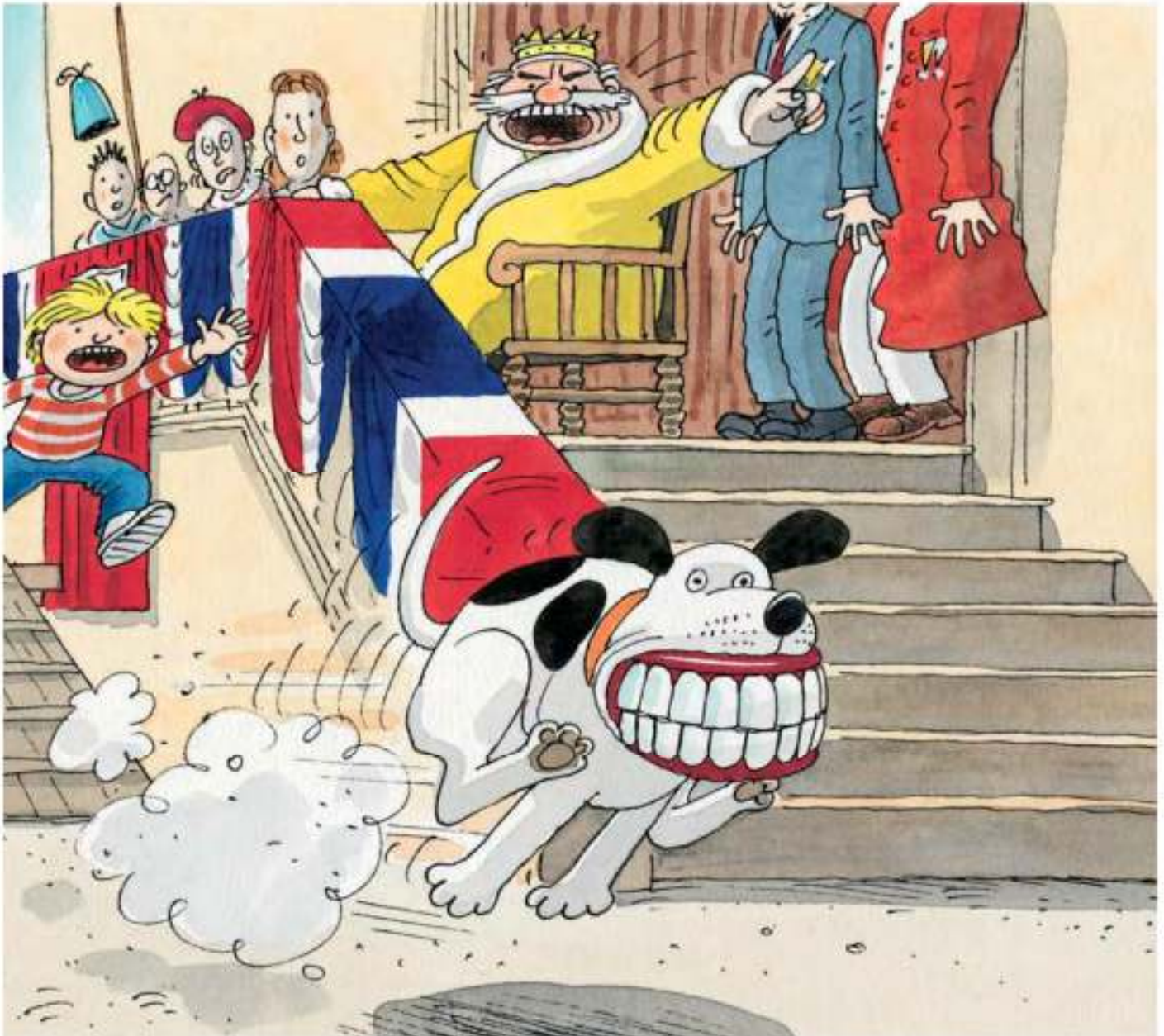


The teeth went click, click, click.  
Everyone laughed and laughed.  
“That will make the princess laugh,”  
said the king.



Kipper dropped the teeth. A dog caught them and ran off with them in its mouth.





“Stop that dog!” shouted the king. “Stop that dog and get the teeth.”

Everyone ran after the dog.

“Get the teeth!” shouted the king.

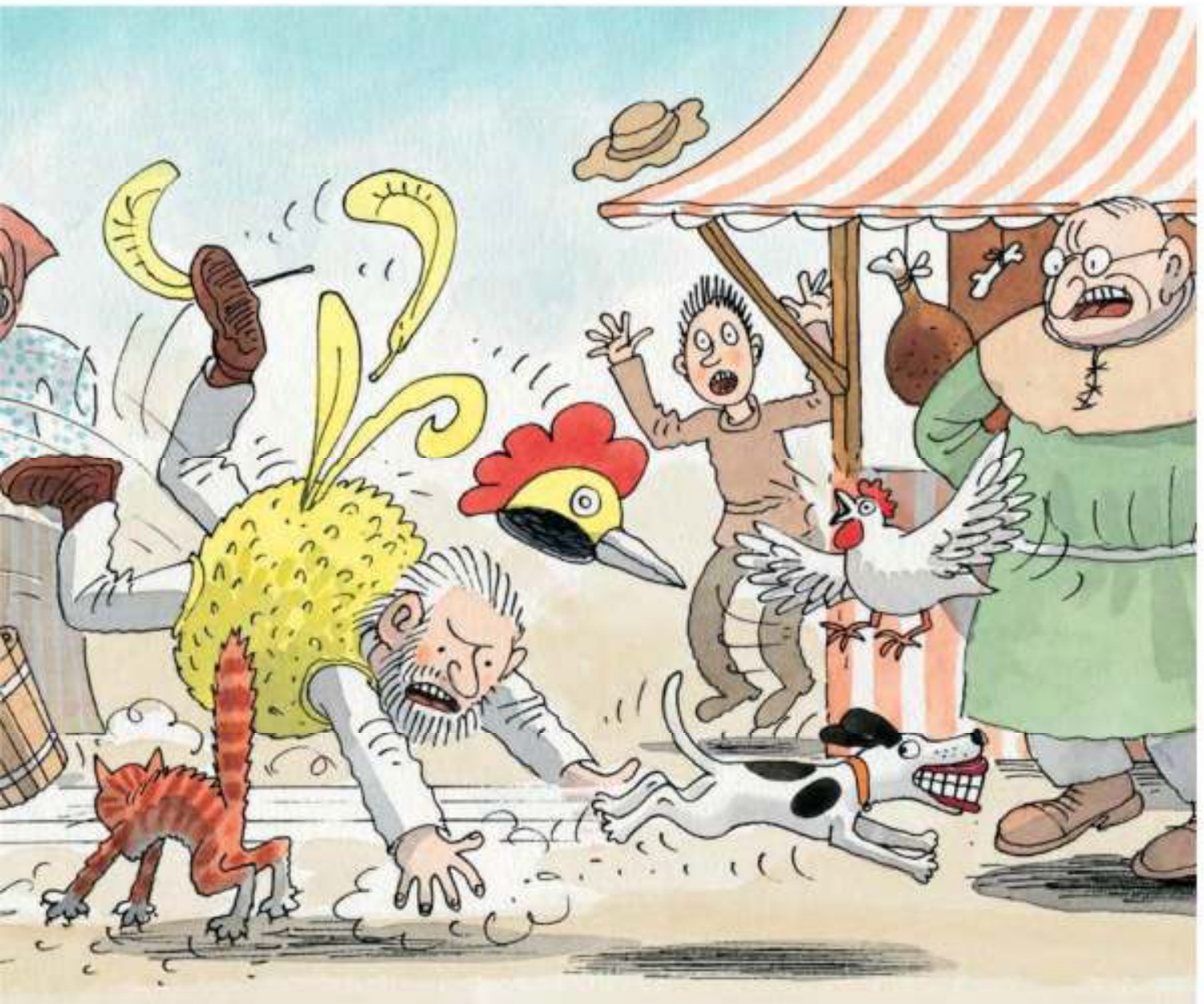




The dog was too fast. Nobody could catch it.

“Stop that dog!” shouted the king.





The dog ran this way and that. People tried to grab it, but it was too fast.

“Get the teeth!” shouted Kipper.



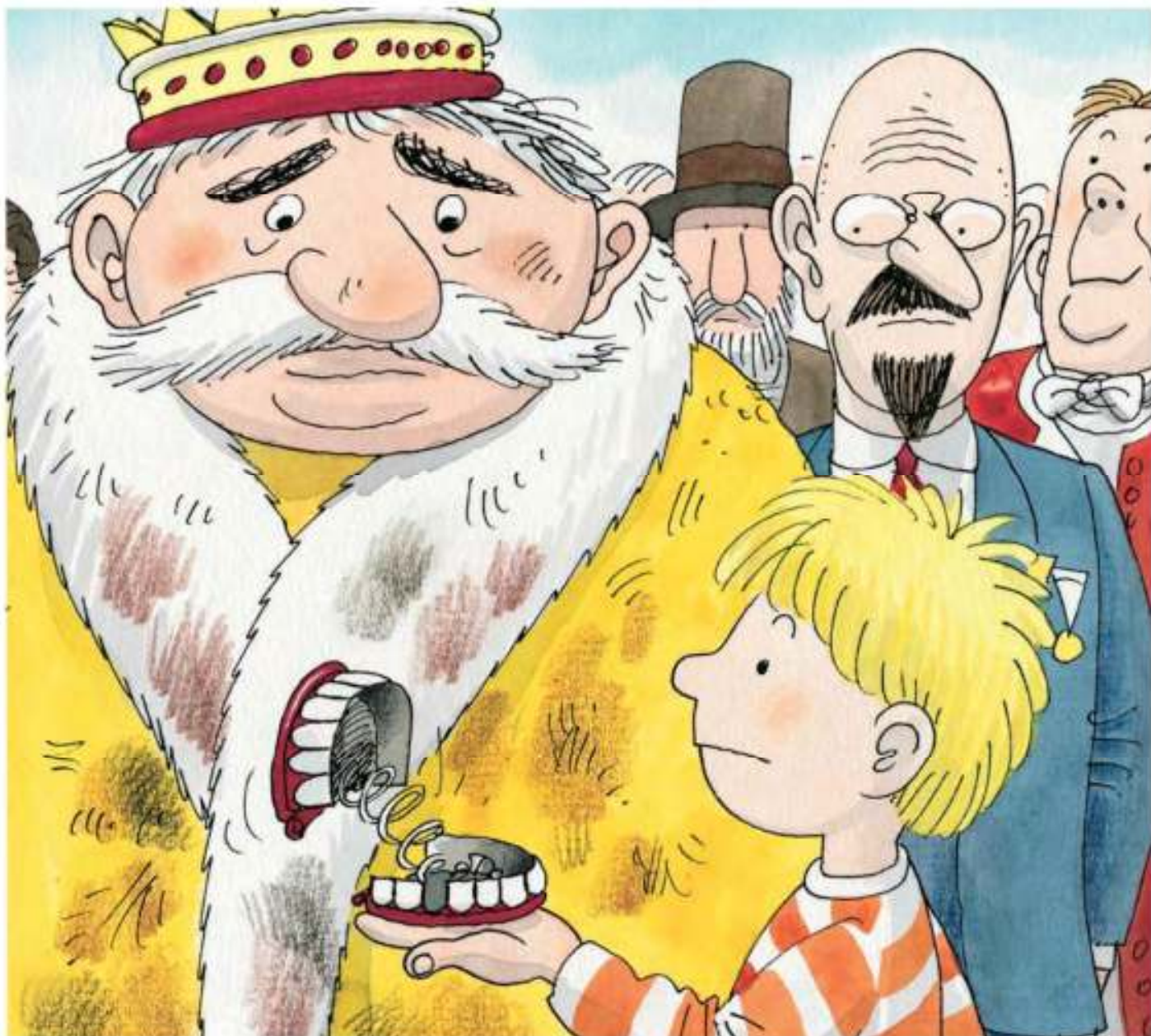


The king ran after the dog. Everyone ran after the king. The king fell over.





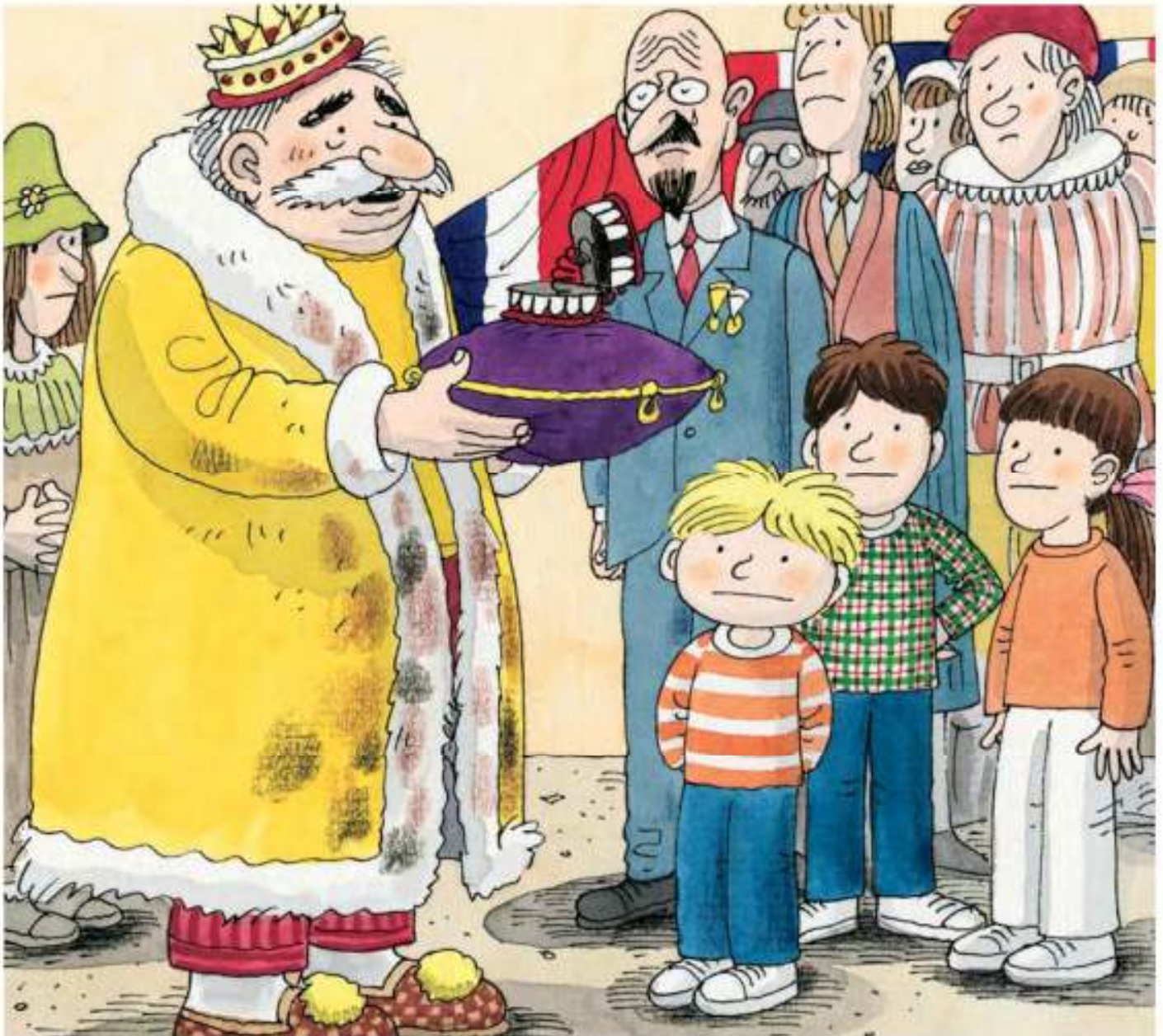
The dog saw a bone and it stopped.  
Chip grabbed the dog and the dog  
dropped the teeth.



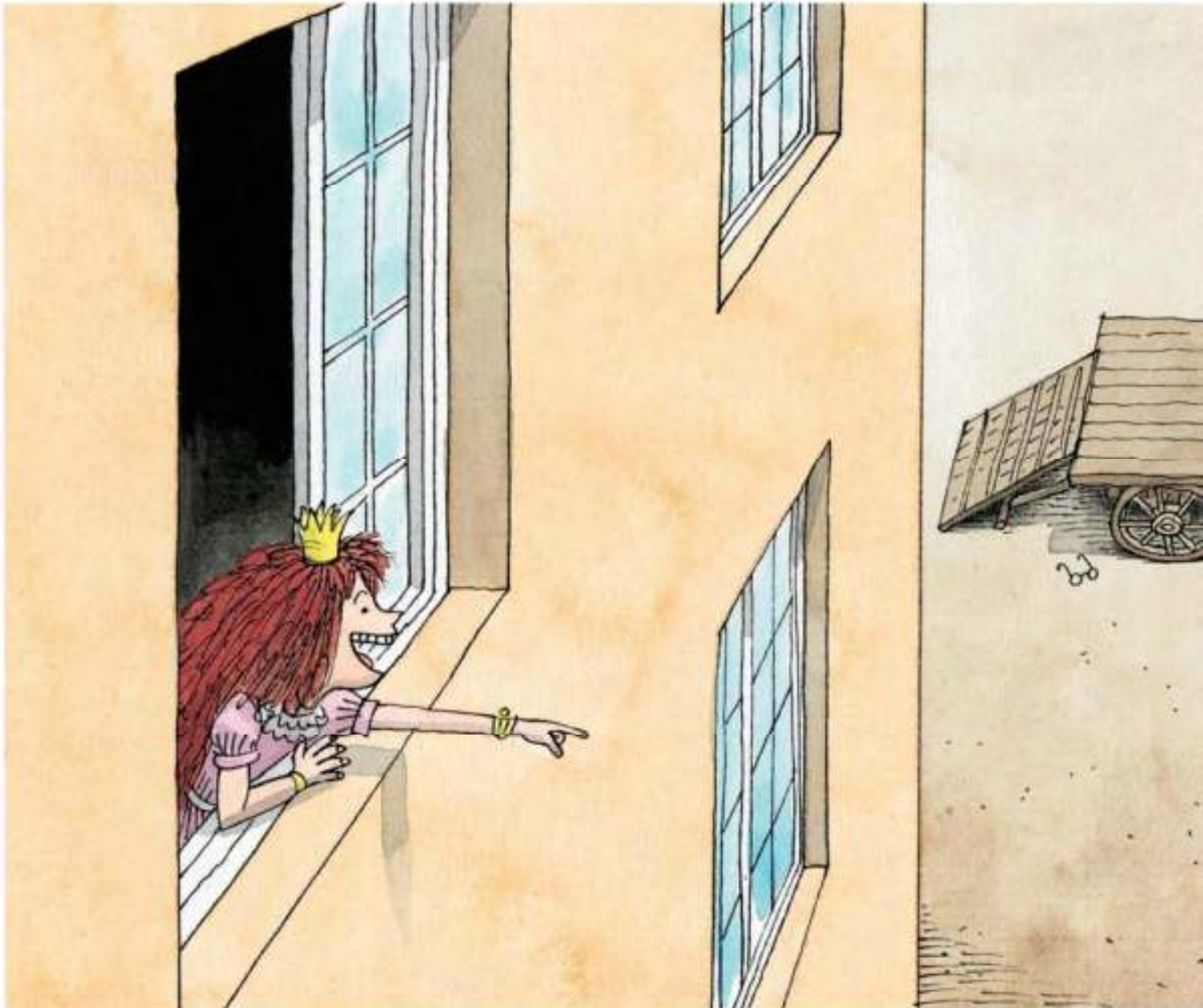
Kipper picked up the joke teeth.  
Everyone looked at them. The teeth were  
broken.

“Oh no!” said the king.





The king put the teeth on a cushion.  
“What a pity!” he said. “Now they  
won’t make the princess laugh.”



The princess heard the noise. She looked out of a window. She saw the king and she started to laugh.





The king had mud on his clothes. He had the teeth on the cushion. He looked so funny that the princess laughed and laughed.





The king looked at the princess.  
“I’ve made the princess laugh,” he said.  
Everyone laughed and cheered.





The magic key began to glow. The magic took the children home. But nobody saw the children go. Everyone was laughing.



“What made the princess laugh?” asked Kipper.

“I don’t know,” said Chip, “but people laugh at silly things.”



## AFTER READING

- Look again at the pictures on pages 7–9. Ask: *What would you do to make the princess laugh?*
- Turn to page 11. Ask: *Why did the king start to laugh?*
- Look at page 20. Ask: *Why did the princess start to laugh?*

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