



Queen Philippa

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A long time ago, in a country now called Belgium, there lived a princess named Philippa who would one day become queen of England.

One fine morning while Philippa was walking in her garden, her mother told her that the young Prince Edward of England had come to visit. Philippa and Edward enjoyed their time together and became good friends.



Many years later, when it was time for Edward to marry, Philippa was chosen as his bride. The people of England were happy to welcome their future queen. Soon after their marriage, Philippa and Edward had a little baby boy who would later be known as the Black Prince and a hero to the English people.

To celebrate their baby's birth, Philippa and Edward had a big tournament. A tower was built where the queen and all her helpers could sit and watch. The tournament had just begun when down came the tower with Philippa and her ladies!



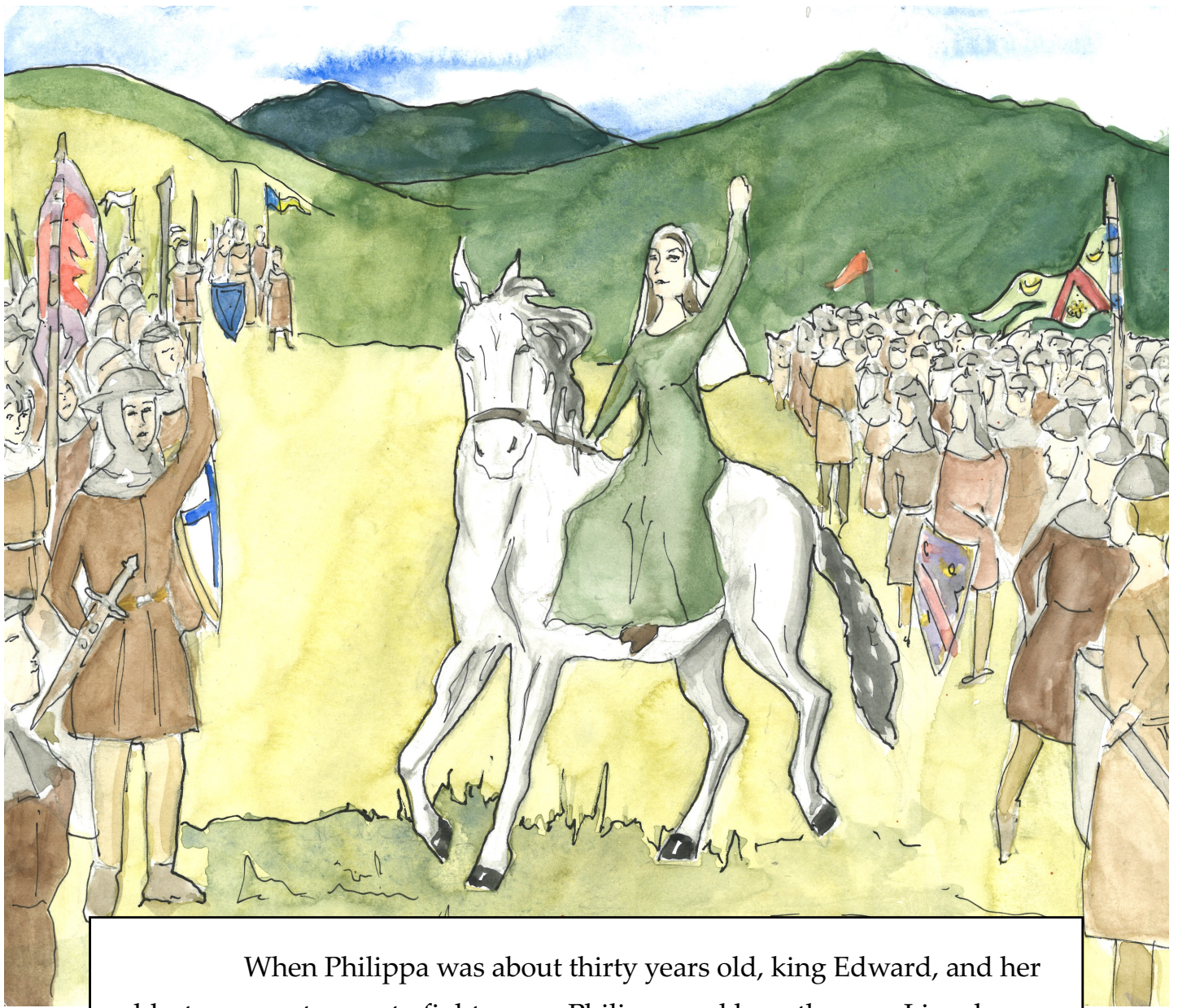
No one was hurt, but Edward was so mad that he wanted to kill the carpenters who had built the tower. Philippa, with her kind heart, begged Edward not to hurt them. Since Edward loved his wife, he forgave the men.



When Edward was seventeen and Philippa was sixteen years old, they became King and Queen of England. As the new queen, she decided to bring weavers from her country, Belgium, and teach the English how to weave. England soon became well-known for its cloths.



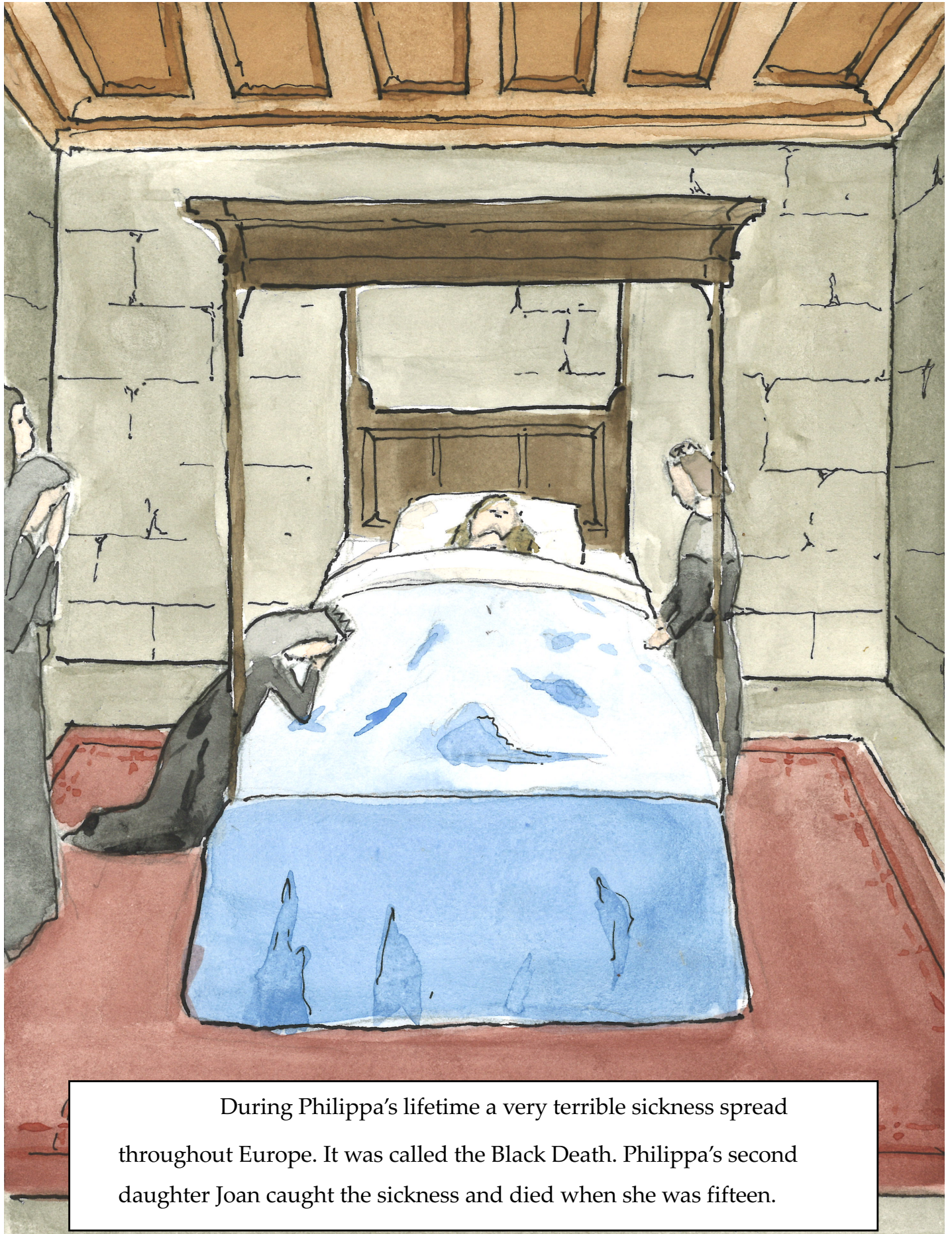
Whenever she could, Philippa would go with Edward when he went to battle and pray that their country would win. This would help him be brave when fighting his enemies.



When Philippa was about thirty years old, king Edward, and her oldest son went away to fight a war. Philippa and her other son Lionel were left to rule the country. Their neighbors, the Scots, thought it was a good time to try and take over England. Philippa got together an army to stop the Scots. Seated on her white horse, Philippa cheered on her soldiers and then prayed for victory. They were able to win against the Scots and England was saved.



Once, when Edward had won a battle against a French town, he said that six of the most important men in the town had to die as a punishment. Again, gentle Philippa begged Edward to forgive the men. Edward could not refuse his wife's wishes and the men were able to go back to their families.



During Philippa's lifetime a very terrible sickness spread throughout Europe. It was called the Black Death. Philippa's second daughter Joan caught the sickness and died when she was fifteen.



At the age of fifty-six Philippa died after living a happy life and peaceful marriage. Before she died, Philippa asked to be buried next to Edward when his time came to leave this world. She is still remembered by the English people as one of their most kind and gentle queens.

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