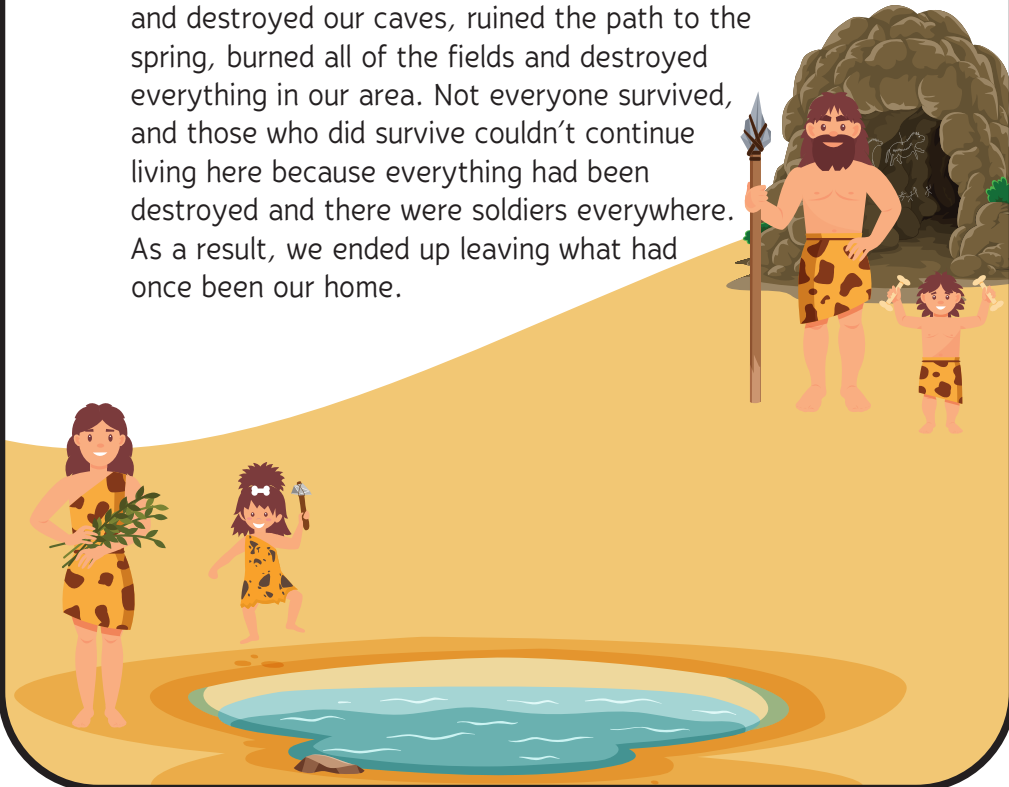


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Hi, my name is Adam and together with my wife, Asha I have two children- Ben and Melanie.

Every day, Ben and I would go hunting for the food that we'd eat that day, while Asha and Melanie would gather plants for us to eat. Afterwards, we'd meet back in our cave and prepare a meal by the fire. Sometimes, when Melanie was bored, she'd draw on the walls of our cave. Our neighbors, the Flintstones, lived in a nearby cave. Sometimes we'd all go out to the spring for water; it's a short walk down, but not an easy one so it was easier for us all to go down together.

Unfortunately, a few years ago an army invaded our city and destroyed our caves, ruined the path to the spring, burned all of the fields and destroyed everything in our area. Not everyone survived, and those who did survive couldn't continue living here because everything had been destroyed and there were soldiers everywhere. As a result, we ended up leaving what had once been our home.

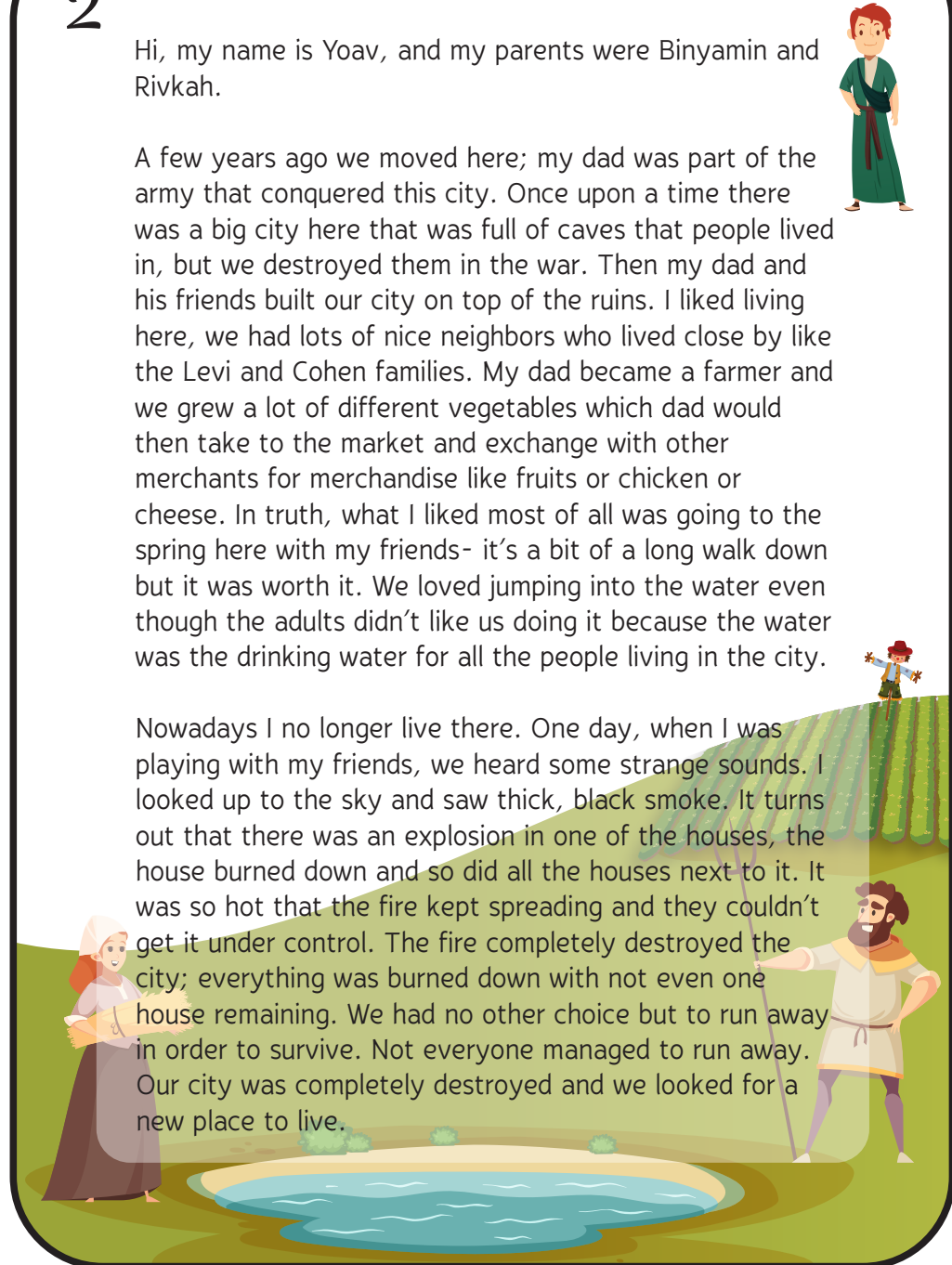


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Hi, my name is Yoav, and my parents were Binyamin and Rivkah.

A few years ago we moved here; my dad was part of the army that conquered this city. Once upon a time there was a big city here that was full of caves that people lived in, but we destroyed them in the war. Then my dad and his friends built our city on top of the ruins. I liked living here, we had lots of nice neighbors who lived close by like the Levi and Cohen families. My dad became a farmer and we grew a lot of different vegetables which dad would then take to the market and exchange with other merchants for merchandise like fruits or chicken or cheese. In truth, what I liked most of all was going to the spring here with my friends- it's a bit of a long walk down but it was worth it. We loved jumping into the water even though the adults didn't like us doing it because the water was the drinking water for all the people living in the city.

Nowadays I no longer live there. One day, when I was playing with my friends, we heard some strange sounds. I looked up to the sky and saw thick, black smoke. It turns out that there was an explosion in one of the houses, the house burned down and so did all the houses next to it. It was so hot that the fire kept spreading and they couldn't get it under control. The fire completely destroyed the city; everything was burned down with not even one house remaining. We had no other choice but to run away in order to survive. Not everyone managed to run away. Our city was completely destroyed and we looked for a new place to live.



# 3

Hey, my name is Yosef and I once lived here.

A few years ago, my family and a few others looked for a place to live in. When we came here, we saw that there is a spring which can be a water source for a city and we decided to build a new city here. When we started building, we suddenly saw that there were ruins of a previous city that seemed to have completely burnt down. We covered up the ruins with sand and started to rebuild. Here is where we built the main road and here is my school. I liked living here, it was my home.

One day I was at school and the ground started to shake, I remembered what they had taught us at school and ran outside to stand in a safe, open space with the rest of the students. We saw the entire school building collapse. Afterwards, we wanted to go home but the earthquake was so strong that it just destroyed the entire city. Not one house remained standing. People just stood in the streets, not knowing what to do, crying. Not everyone managed to escape. A few friends and I quickly went down to the spring to see what had happened there but the entrance to the spring had been destroyed and it was impossible to get it. The earthquake was so strong that the entire city was destroyed. My house, the streets, my school, the shops, everything was destroyed and we had nowhere to return to.



# 4

What's up guys? I am Yonatan, I live here with my family- Mom, Dad, and my sisters Michal and Lilach.

We moved here recently. I'm still getting used to this city - every day I wander around a bit in order to get to know a few more streets. We moved here because my dad got a job here. He's an urban planner and they needed one of those here. There was a city here until a few years ago but it was completely destroyed in an earthquake. When the first few families moved here after the earthquake, they began building their houses a bit haphazardly. Now that the city has grown they decided that they need to start building in a more organized fashion so they bought my dad here. My dad says that they need to get rid of all the remnants from the earthquake and then to build afresh.

So we're here for now - I don't know if we'll stay here a long time, but we'll give the city a chance. Actually, I heard that there is an amazing spring here just below the city. I need to make my way there one day, it would be great to jump in the water in this crazily hot place. I hear it's quite a trek to get there so I don't know if I'll really make it there. We'll see.

