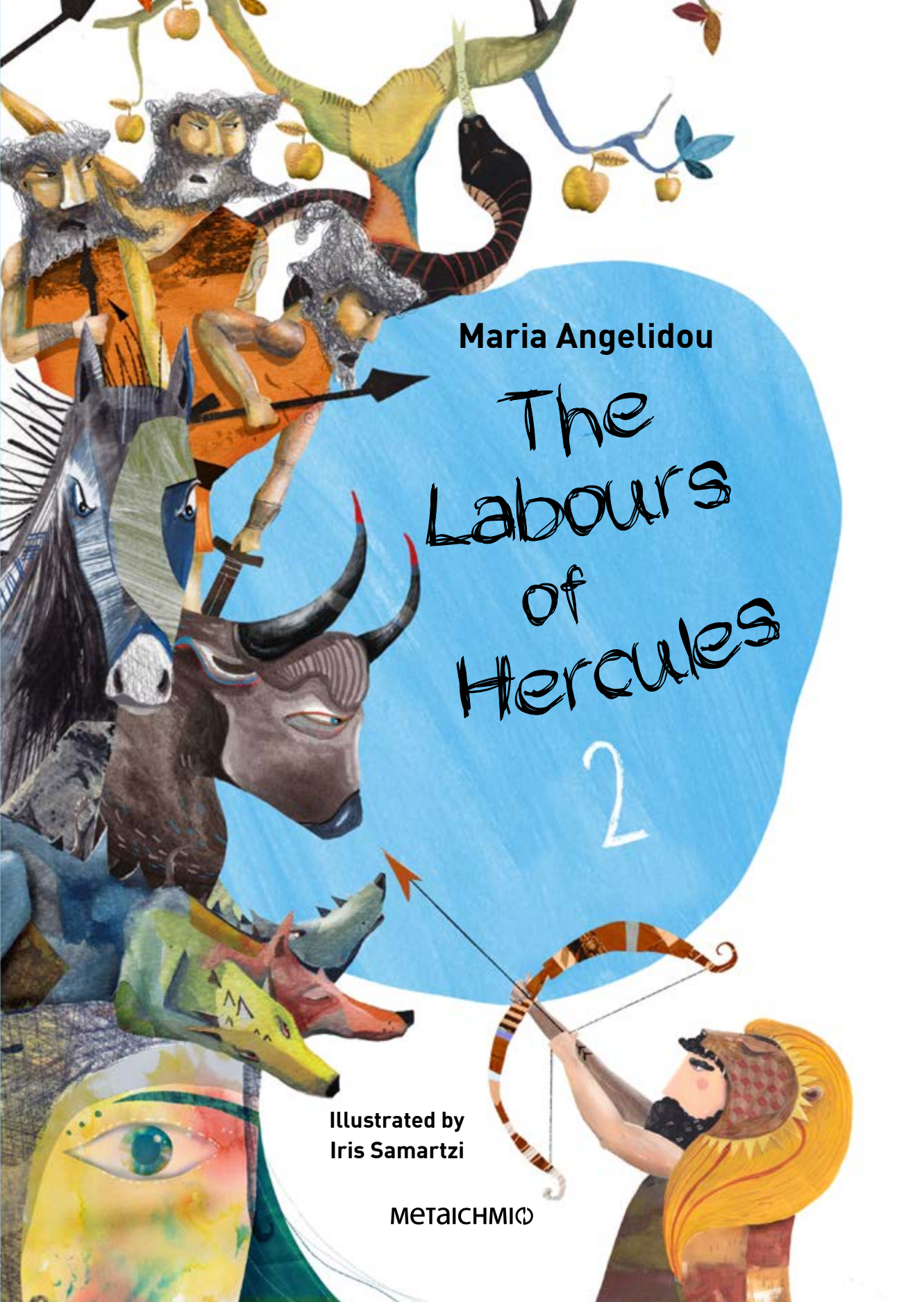




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At the beginning of time, the gods were prone to floods. You could hardly make one little mistake before a great shower of rain came down, drowning cities, harbours and mountains. All the people were drowned, too. Not a soul would survive – well, perhaps one or two. Those who survived gave their name to the flood: Noah's flood, Deucalion's flood, Pyrrha's flood.



It's as if it were their very own flood, that they would name and hand down to their children when they died.



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