

YOUNG EXPLORERS



ATHENS & AROUND



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Kaliméra, children!

Are you ready for your first peripéteia (adventure)?

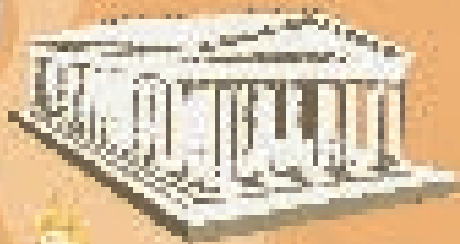
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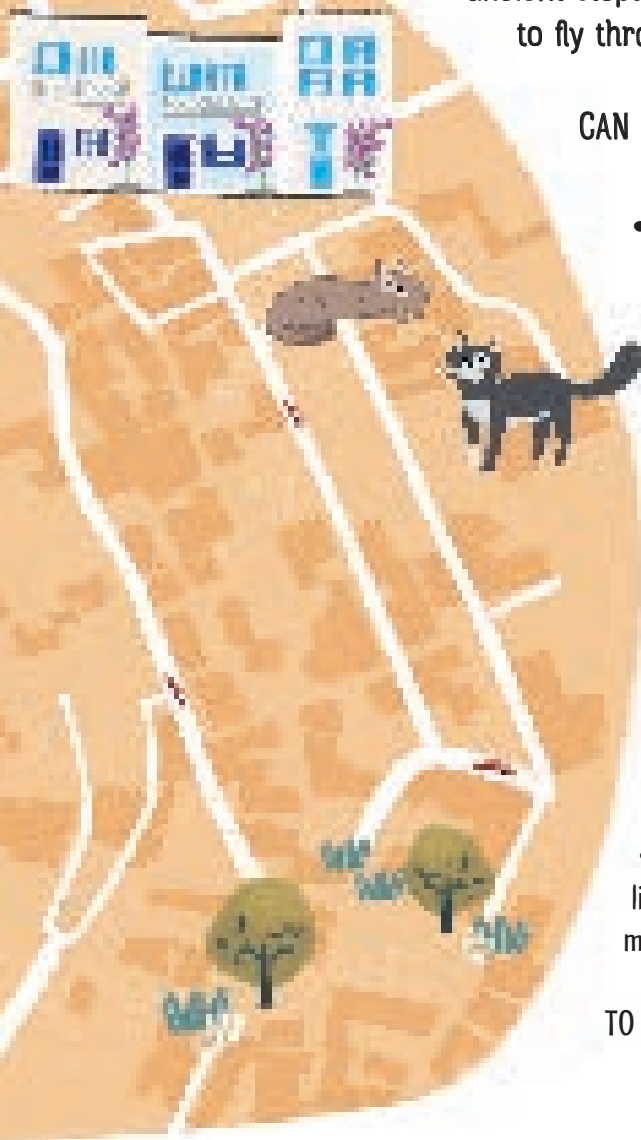


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Today we will start our adventure on the top of a rocky hill, an enchanted place that contains legends and ancient mysteries. With our gaze facing the sea and the lovely light that reflects on the temples, we will discover the secret of a sacred olive tree and a group of beautiful stone maidens. From here, after having listened to a concert on ancient steps, we will descend down to the acropolis to fly through the alleys of an “island” full of cats.

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ANAFIOTIKA



CAN YOU FIND THEM ALL?

• Broken but not destroyed

Athens is a very ancient city, and most of its monuments go back thousands of years. It is therefore natural that many of them have been damaged over the centuries due to wars and earthquakes.

Fortunately, every remaining ruin preserves memories of the past and continues to tell us its stories, like a large book made of stone.

• A stellar alphabet

Greek is not only a very ancient language, but it also has its very own alphabet.

Instead of our letters, A, B, C, etc., it uses α (Alpha), β (Beta), γ (Gamma) ... and so forth. Some seem similar but are read differently, while others look like mysterious symbols. Greek letters are also used in mathematics, sciences, and even...

TO GIVE THE STARS THEIR NAMES!

THE PARTHENON

Hoo hoo, friends, are you ready to fly over one of the most famous monuments in the world?

The Parthenon is a majestic temple made of sparkling white marble that rises on the Acropolis, the large rocky hill facing the heart of Athens. It was built almost 2,500 years ago to protect a precious treasure, to remember the victory of the Greeks against the Persians and, above all, to house a gigantic Statue of Athena, goddess of wisdom, war, and the arts, and protector of the city.

ATHENA WAS OFTEN REPRESENTED WITH AN OWL, SYMBOL OF HER WISDOM AND HER SHARP GAZE.



- **Wisdom with its weight in gold**

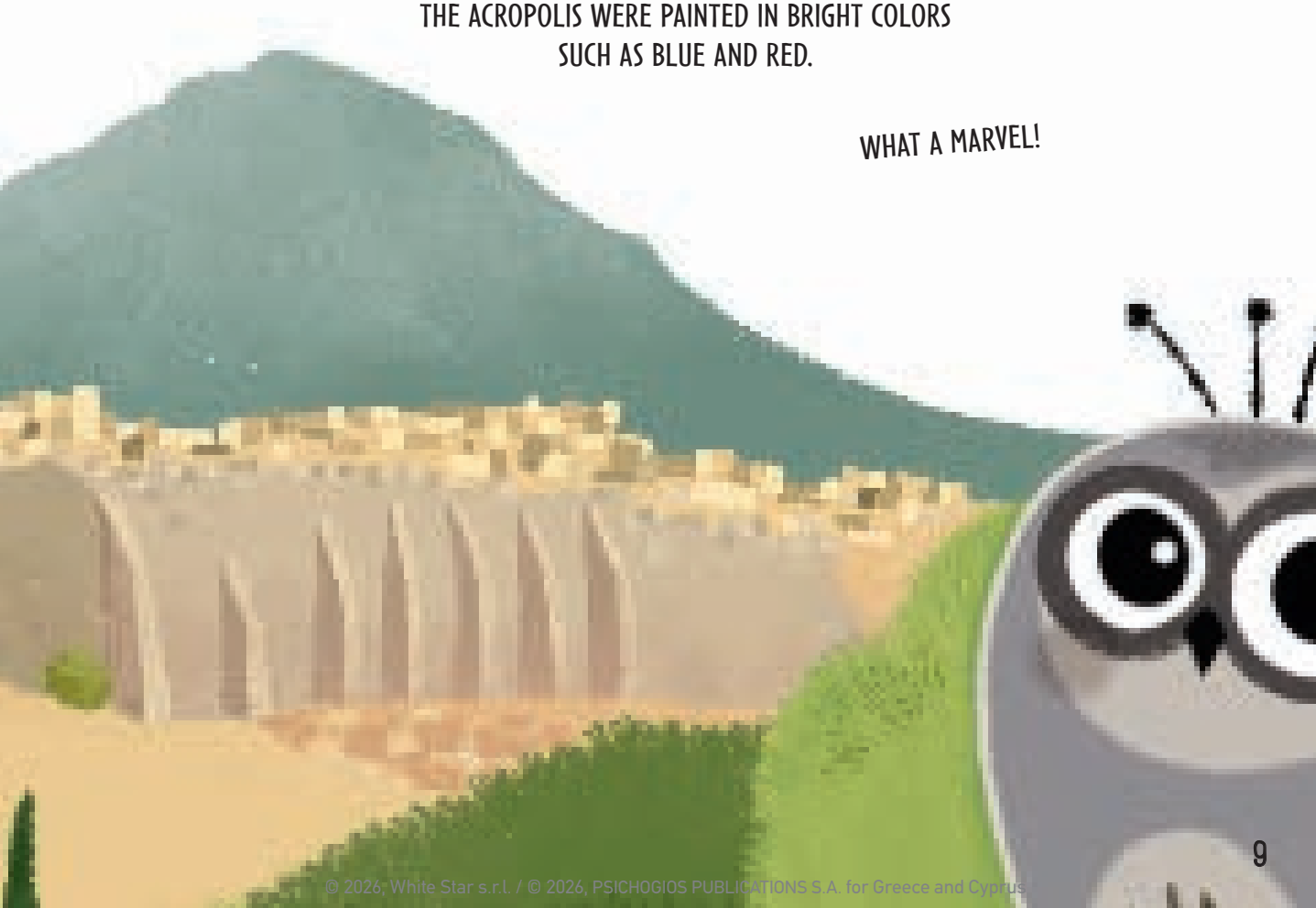
More than 39 feet (12 meters) high, the statue, which no longer exists, was made of wood and covered with ivory and 2,507 pounds (1,137 kilograms) of gold foil. If necessary the foil could be detached, serving as a precious economic reserve for the city.

- **The secret of perfection**

Do you see all those beautiful, tall, sturdy columns? They look straight but they actually are not! For the temple to appear perfect to the eye, the designers used some effective optical tricks such as the curvature of the base and the tilt of the columns!

DID YOU KNOW? AT ONE TIME, ALL THE DECORATIONS OF THE PARTHENON AND THE OTHER MONUMENTS OF THE ACROPOLIS WERE PAINTED IN BRIGHT COLORS SUCH AS BLUE AND RED.

WHAT A MARVEL!





Athens and Greece are waiting for you!

You'll embark on a journey to the heart of mythology, among unmissable archaeological sites.

You'll travel through time and witness the first Olympic Games, and then meet unforgettable gods and heroes.

This book is more than just a guide—it is a treasure trove of stories, legends, and fun facts for you to bring along on your travels ... even if it's just from your living room!

Four different itineraries will take you on an adventure through all the stops picked especially for you.

And between one wonder and the next, there will even be time to play together!



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