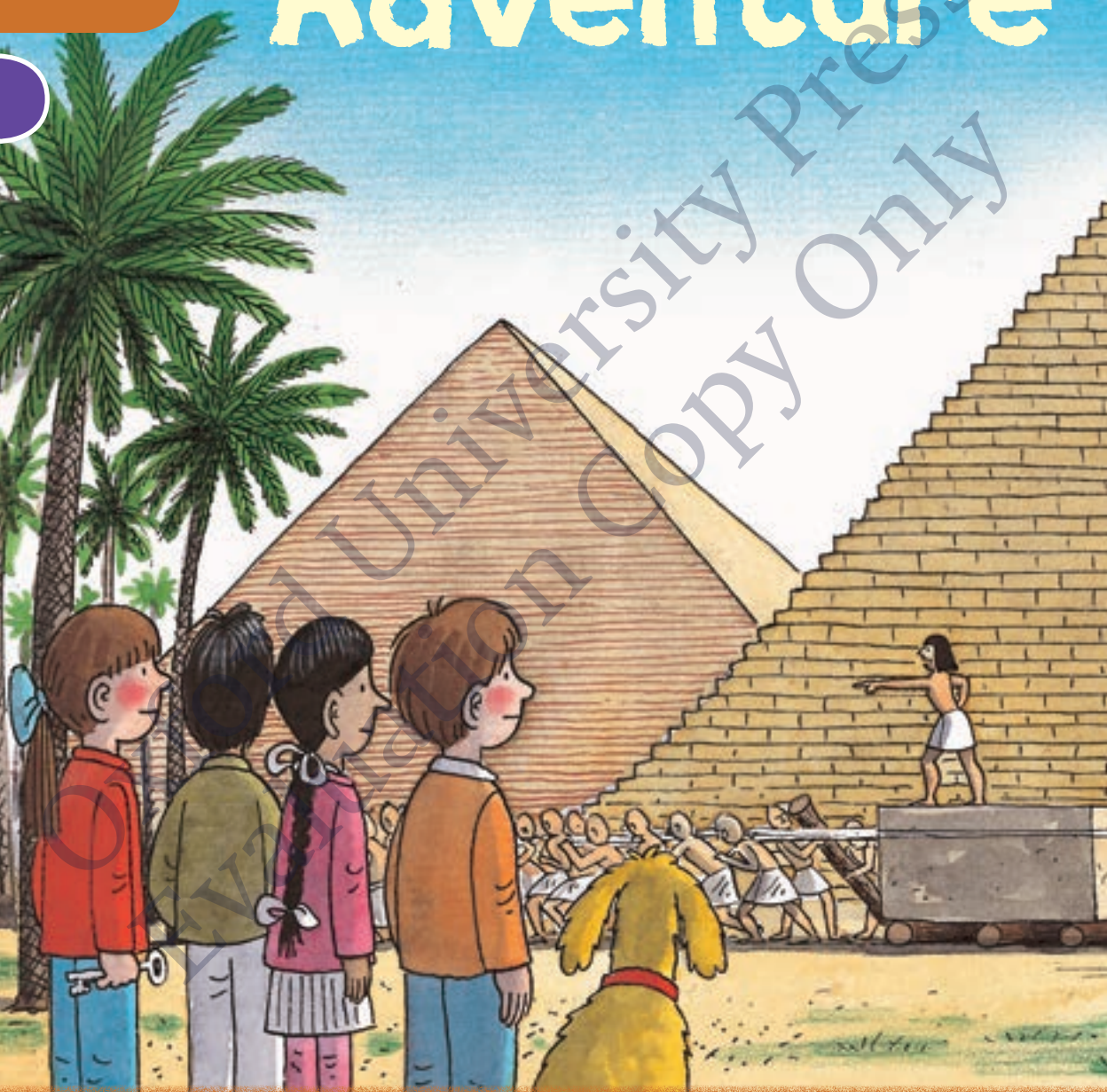


Egyptian Adventure





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BEFORE READING

Talk together

- Read the title together and look at the cover picture. Ask: *Where and when do you think the story is set?*
- Talk together about Ancient Egypt and the pyramids.
- Look through the book and talk about the pictures.

About the words in this book

- Your child will probably be able to read most of the words in this book. Encourage your child to sound out and blend any challenging words, such as those below. If necessary, model the blending or read the words for your child.

pyramid
Egyptian

climb
pharaoh

DURING READING

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

- Break unfamiliar words into chunks or syllables to work them out (e.g. e–nor–mous).
- 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.



Nadim and Anneena came to play at Biff and Chip's house. Nadim had a book about the Ancient Egyptians.

"It isn't just a book to read," said Nadim. "It's a special sort of book."



“It’s a model book,” said Nadim.
He opened it to show everyone.

“I get it,” said Chip. “You press out the shapes.
Then you fold and glue them to make a model.”



The book had lots of shapes to press out and fold. Nadim pointed to one.

“Can you see what this will be?” he asked.

“Of course we can,” said Anneena. “It will be a pyramid.”



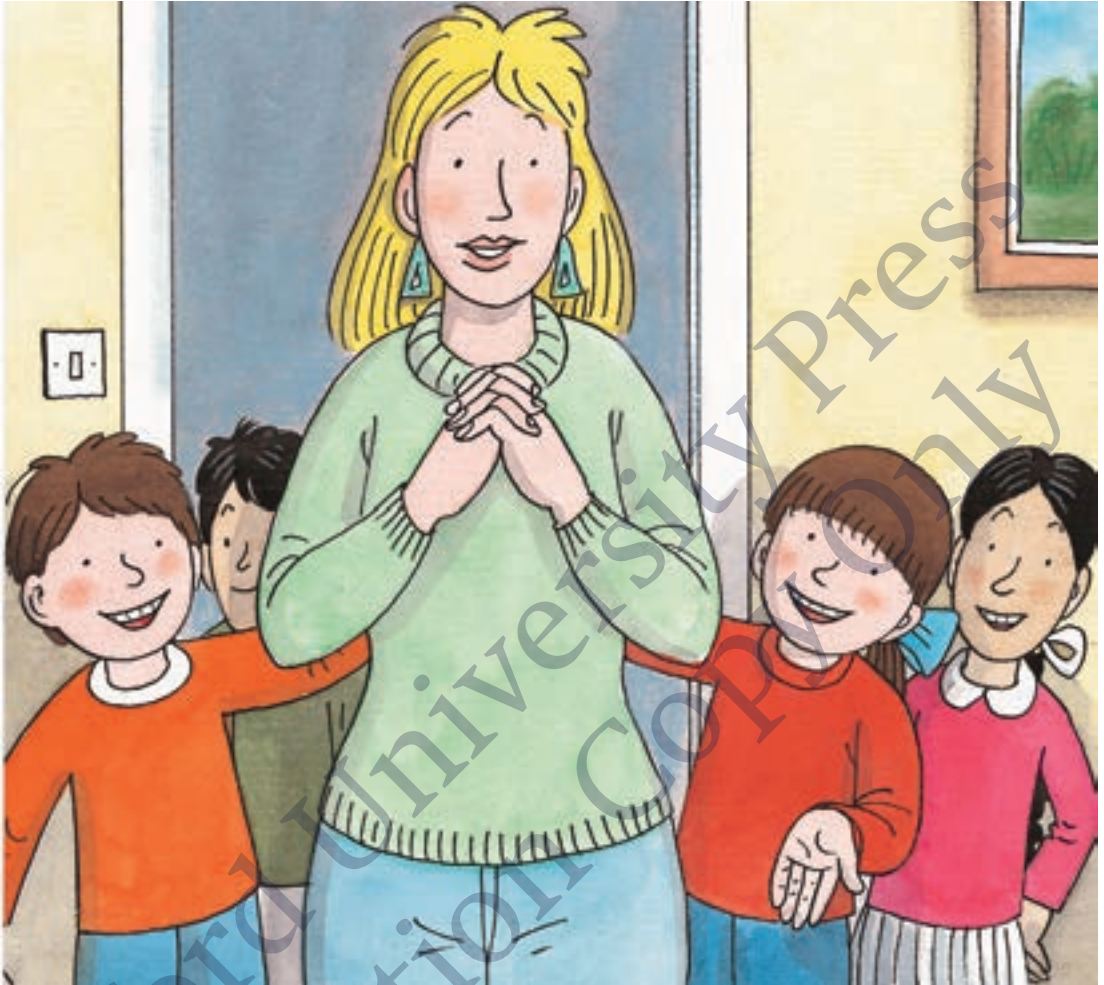
Chip found some glue. Then Nadim pressed out the shapes and the others began to fold them. First they made the pyramids. Anneena had a difficult shape to fold.

“This is a sphinx,” she said.



They pressed out some tiny trees and people. Biff glued them all on to a sheet of paper. It made a scene of Ancient Egypt. The children were pleased with it.

“I’m really pleased with the sphinx,” said Anneena.



At last the model was finished. It looked so good they called Mum upstairs to have a look.

“What a good job you made of it,” said Mum.
“I like the pyramids and the sphinx.”

“The sphinx was hard to make,” said Anneena.



Floppy ran into the room. He didn't see the model on the floor and he trod on it with his big paws. He knocked over a tree and crushed the sphinx.

“Oh Floppy!” everyone yelled.



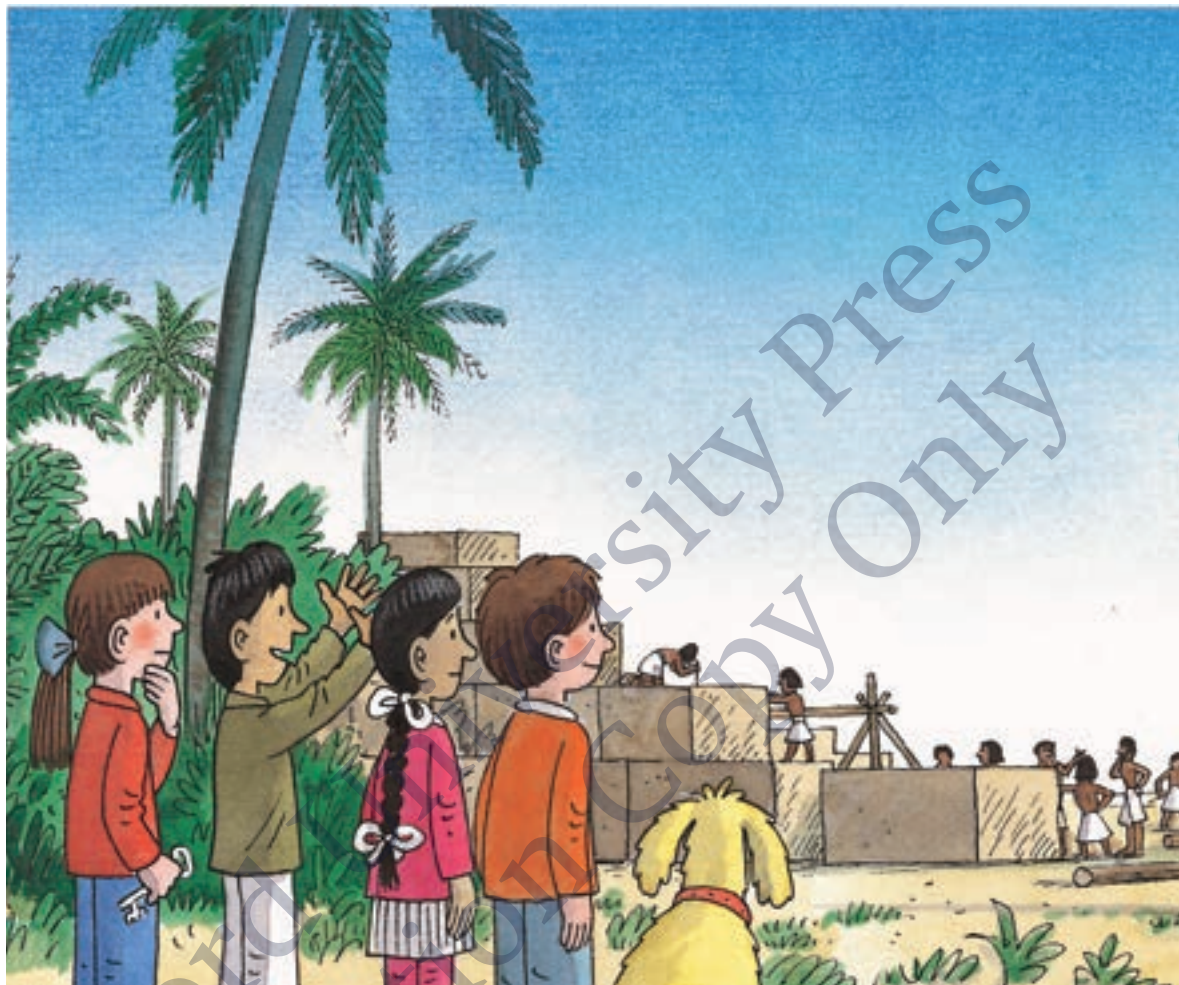
Floppy looked unhappy. He knew he had upset the children.

“Never mind,” said Chip. “It wasn’t Floppy’s fault. The sphinx looks even better than before.”



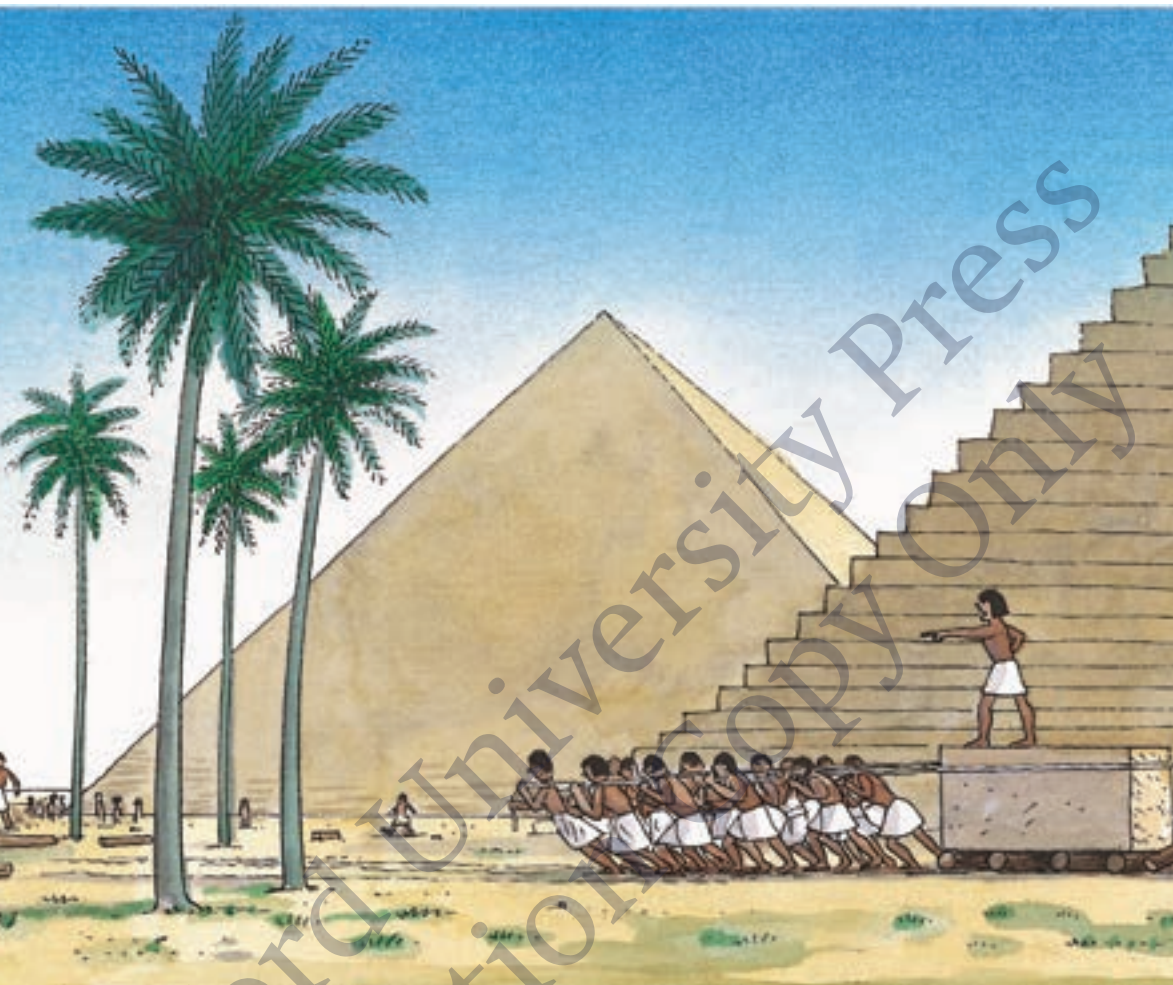
Suddenly the magic key began to glow. The key took the children back in time. It took Floppy too.

“It’s not my day!” thought Floppy. “First, I get into trouble. Now, it’s a magic adventure.”



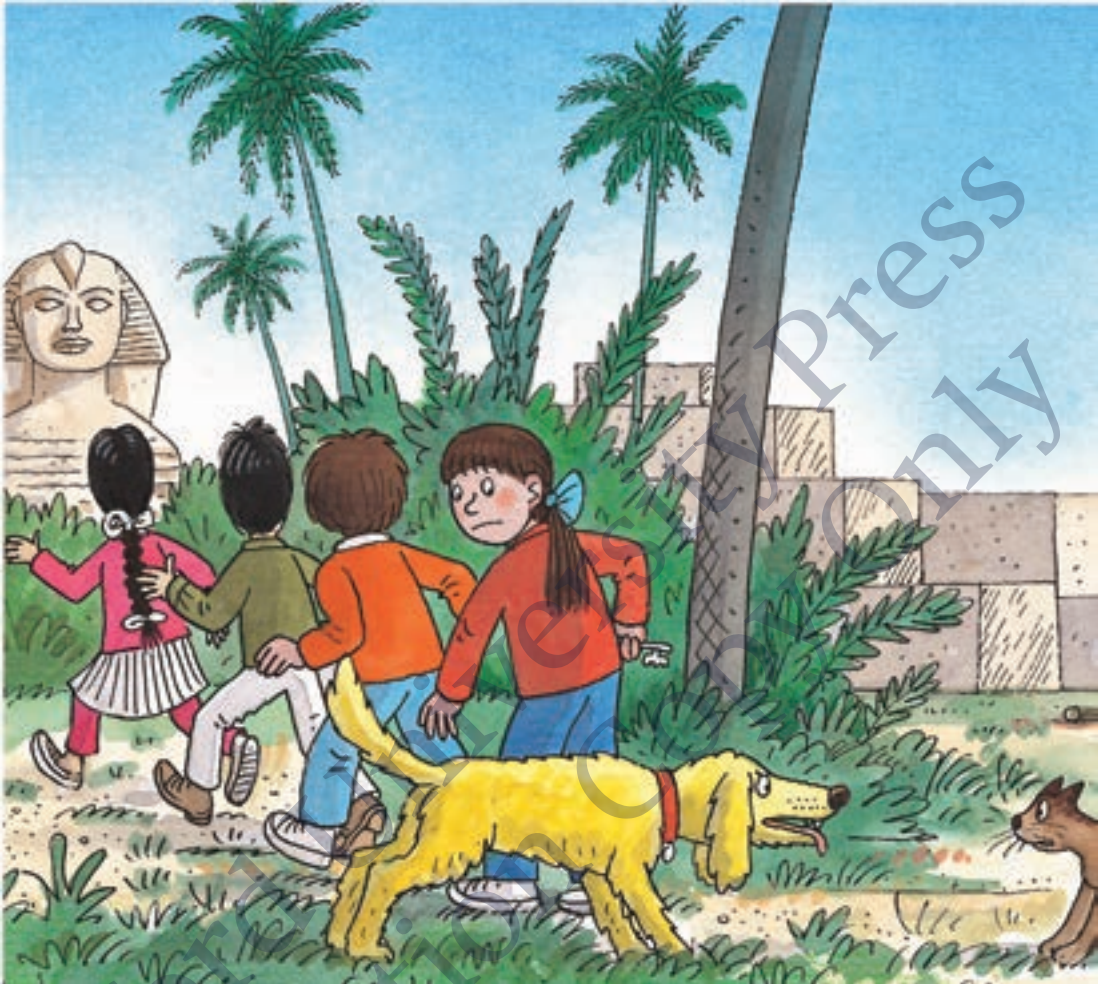
The magic took them back to Ancient Egypt. They were standing by a pyramid. The pyramid was still being built. Far off they could see two more pyramids.

“This is amazing!” said Nadim. “I didn’t think the pyramids were so big.”



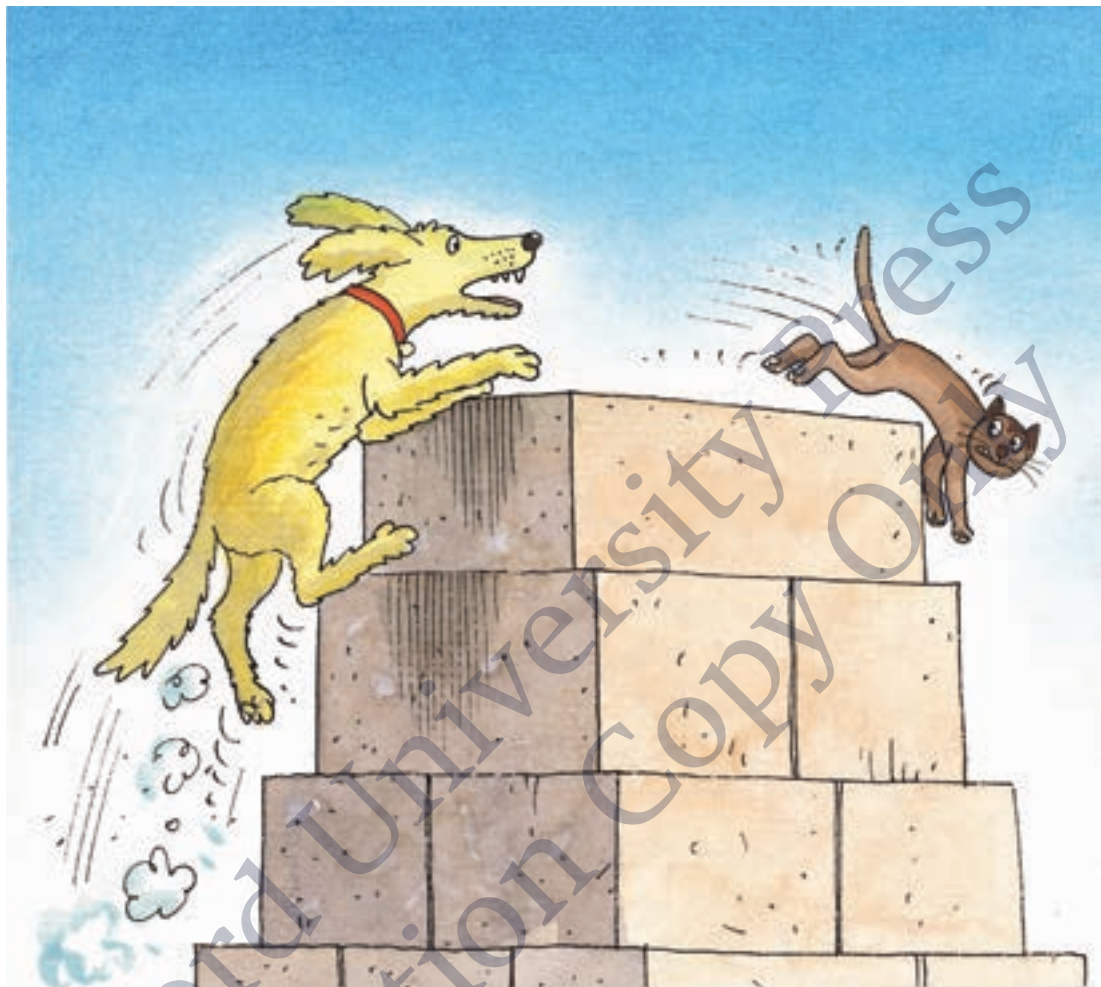
Some people were pulling on long ropes.
They were moving a big block of stone.

“That’s amazing too,” said Chip. “I didn’t
know the pyramids were made with such big
blocks of stone.”



“Look over there!” gasped Anneena. She pointed to a huge stone sphinx. “Let’s go and look at the sphinx,” she said.

They all began to run towards it. Floppy didn’t go with them. He had seen a cat!

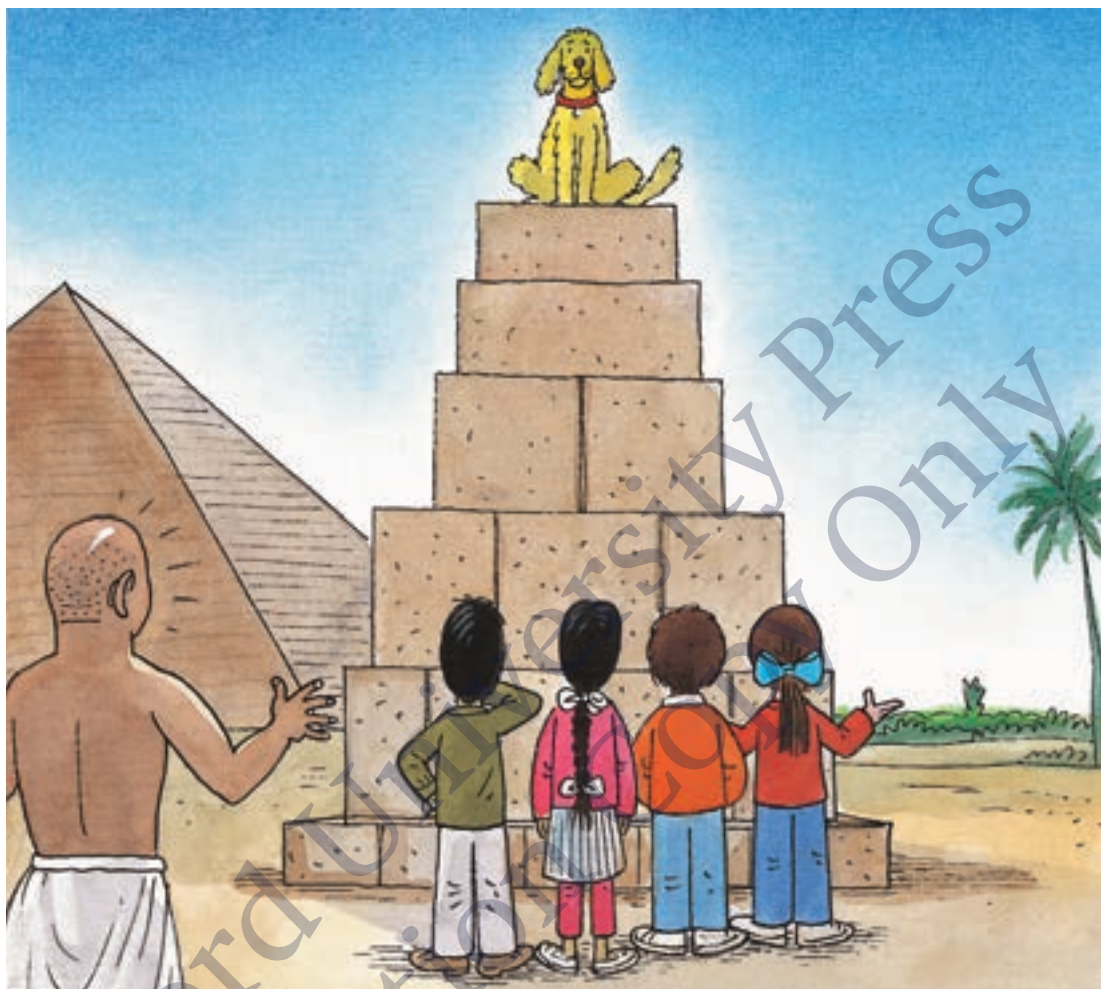


The cat hissed at Floppy. Floppy couldn't stop himself. He chased it! It leaped on to some blocks of stone. Floppy jumped up too, but the cat was too fast for him.



Biff saw Floppy chase the cat. She called to the others. They all went back to get Floppy, but he was stuck on the blocks of stone. He couldn't get down.

“Oh Floppy! You silly dog,” said Biff.

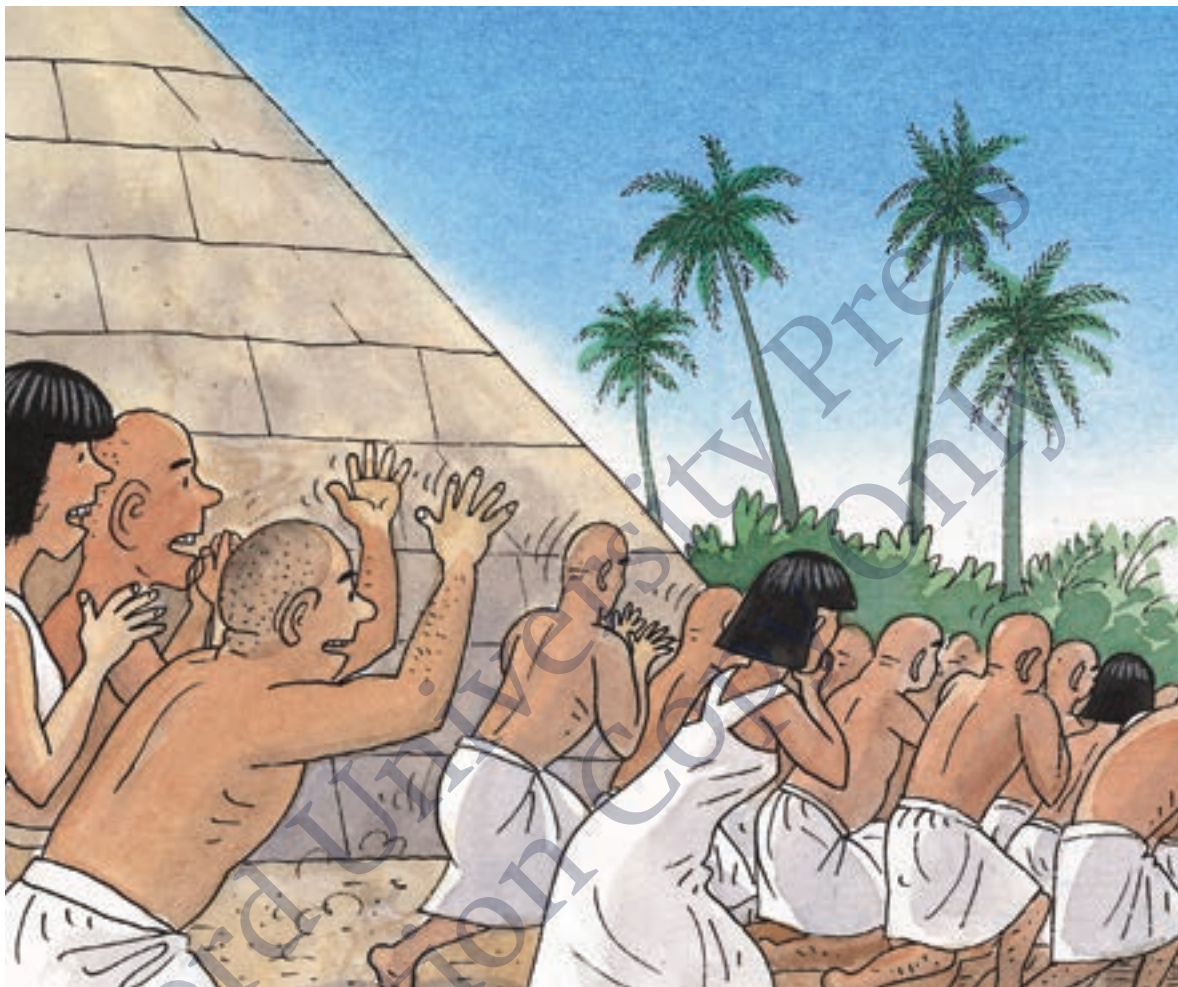


The children looked up at Floppy.

“He’s a long way up!” laughed Nadim.

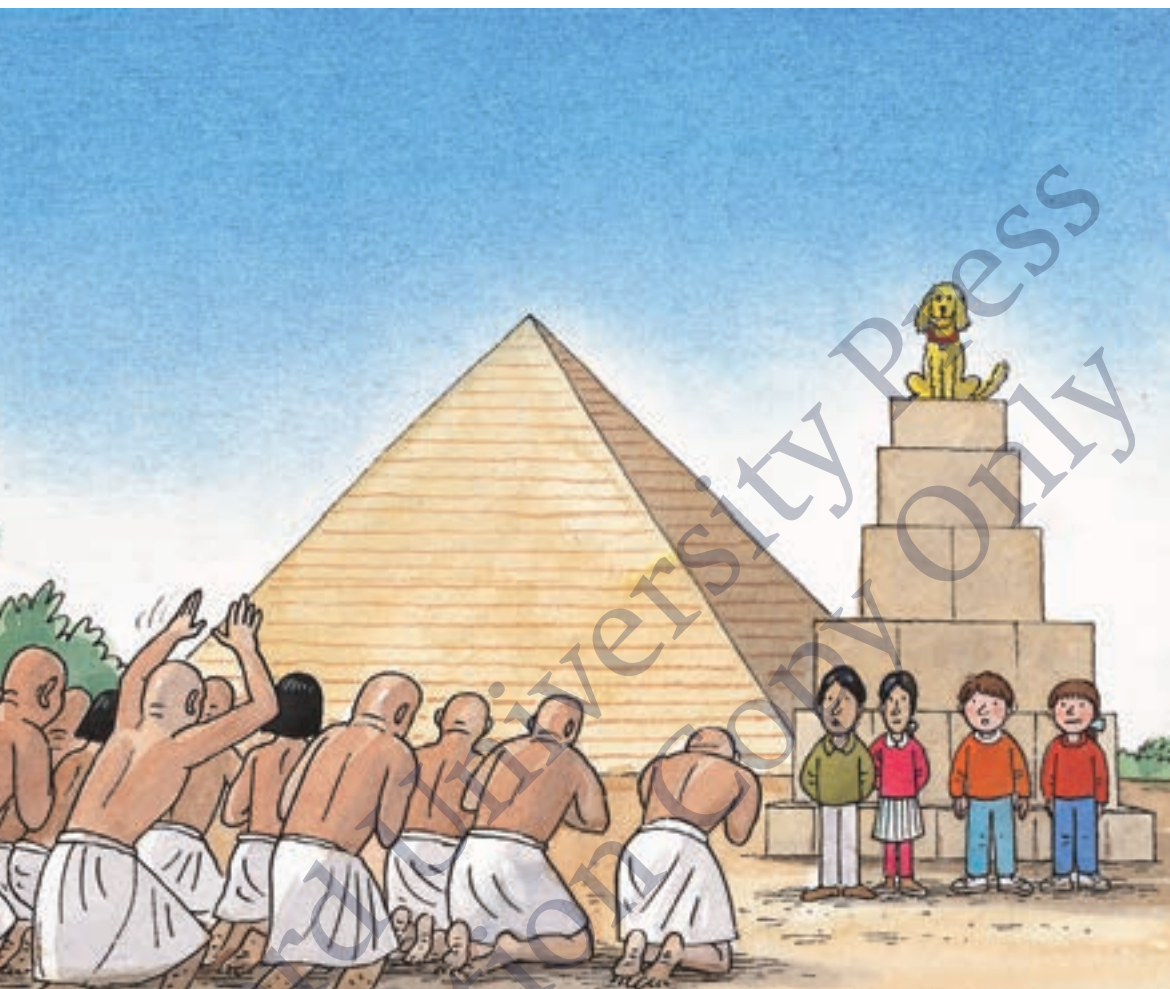
“I’ll just have to climb up and help him down,” said Biff.

Then a man ran over. He looked at Floppy and gasped.



The man called to some people. They ran over to the children. At first they were talking and shouting. Then they all went quiet.

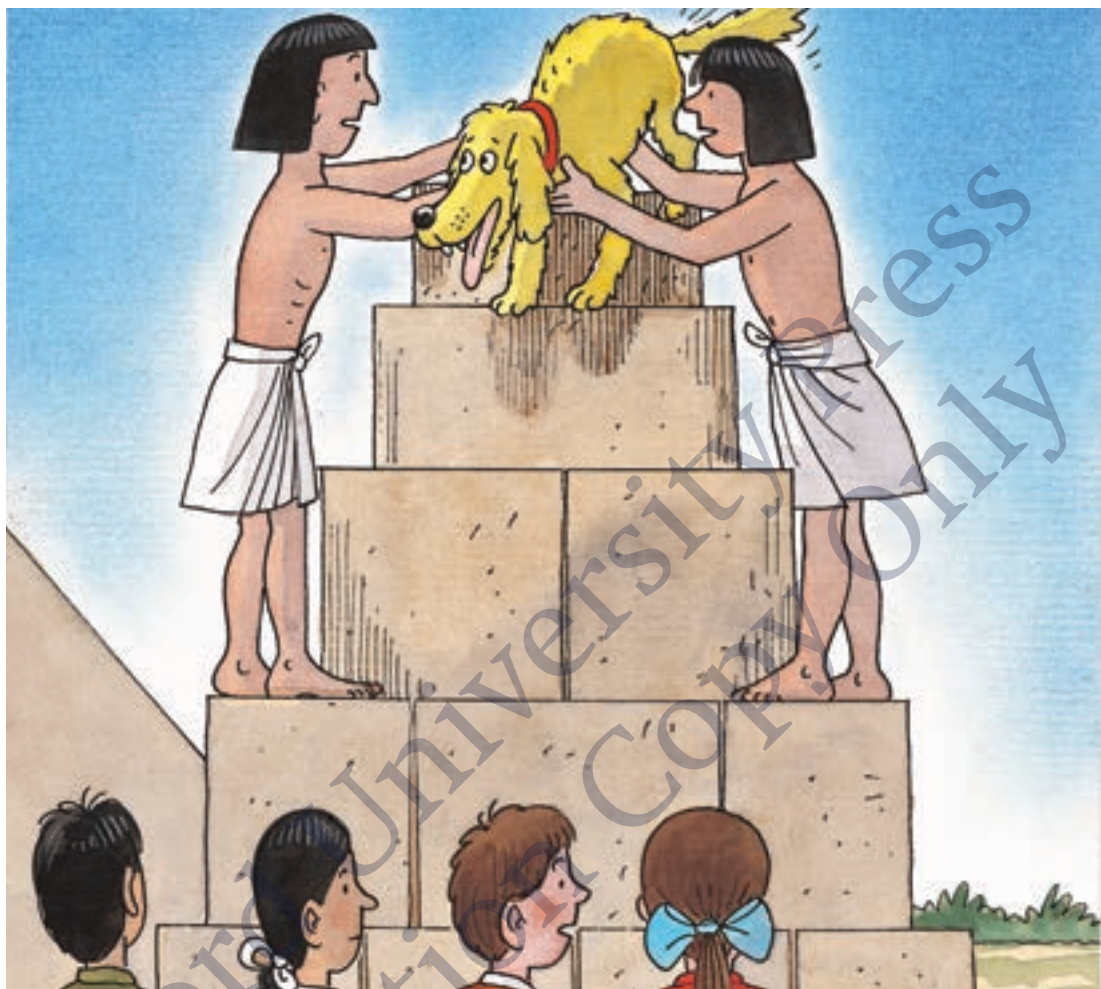
“What are they doing?” asked Biff. “Why are they looking at us like this?”



The people put their hands together and raised them in the air. Then they sank down on their knees.

“They are bowing to us,” said Chip. “They must think we’re important.”

“How strange!” said Nadim.



The people were not bowing down to the children. They were bowing to Floppy.

“I don’t believe it!” whispered Chip. “They must think Floppy is important. I wonder why?”