

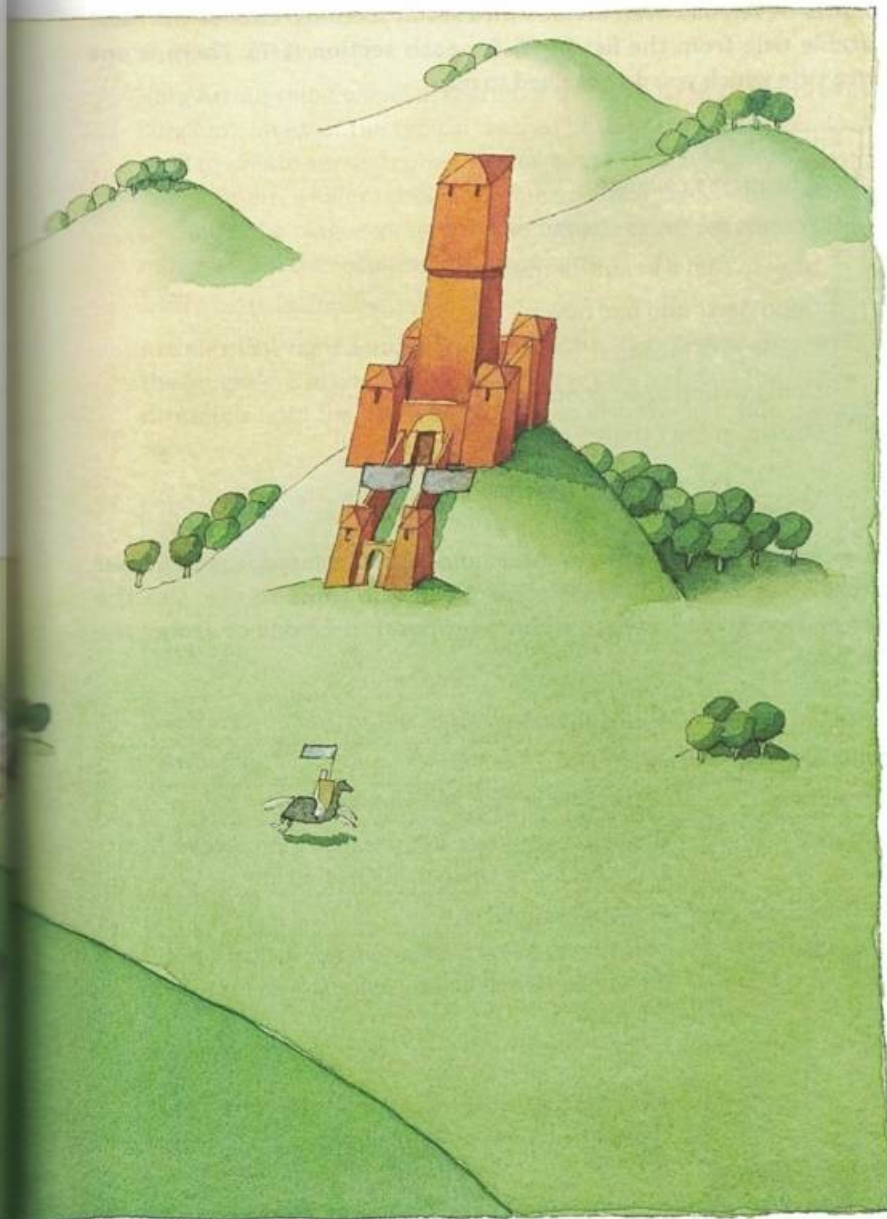
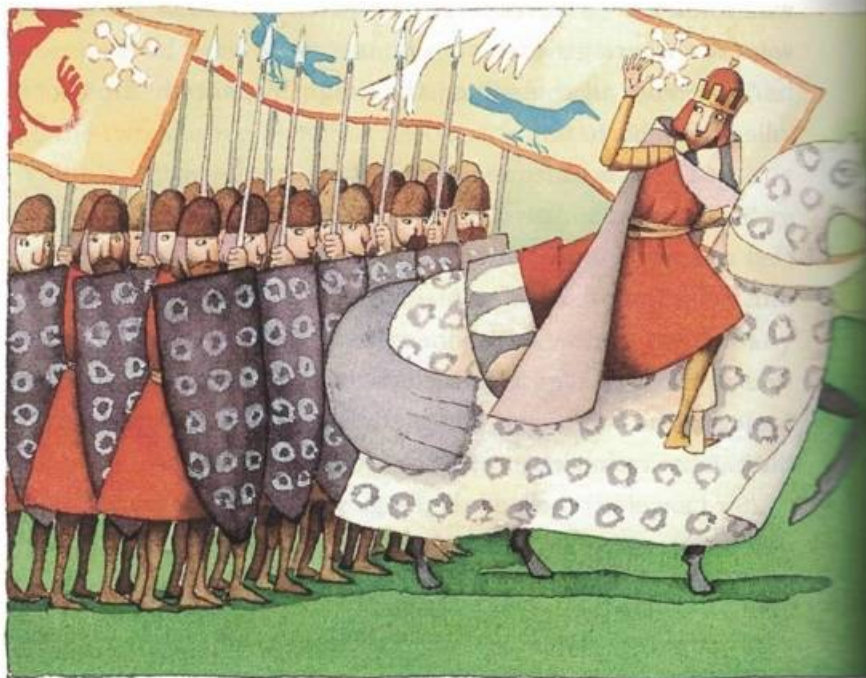
6 Sir Lancelot leaned over the castle walls to reply to the king.

'My noble lord and king,' he cried, 'you may say what you like to me, but I shall never fight against you. It is true that I have taken the queen, but I saved her from a shameful death. It is also true that I killed some of the knights of the Round Table, but I did that to save the queen's life.'

7 'You betrayed me for years with the queen,' Arthur accused him. 'I gave you friendship and made you the most famous knight in the world, yet you betrayed me. I'll never forgive you!'

'The queen is innocent,' Sir Lancelot replied. 'I will fight any knight who accuses her, except for you and Sir Gawain.'

'Enough fine¹ words, traitor!' cried Sir Gawain. 'Come out from the castle and fight.'



1. **fine** : (here) noble-sounding.