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Coloring Sheets

Five legendary moments from the Shahnameh, presented for our youngest heroes

Zal and Simorgh

Kaveh Raises the Banner

Siavash Rides Through the Fire

Rostam and the Dragon

Rostam and the White Div

Color each scene however you imagine it, then read the story at the bottom of the page aloud.
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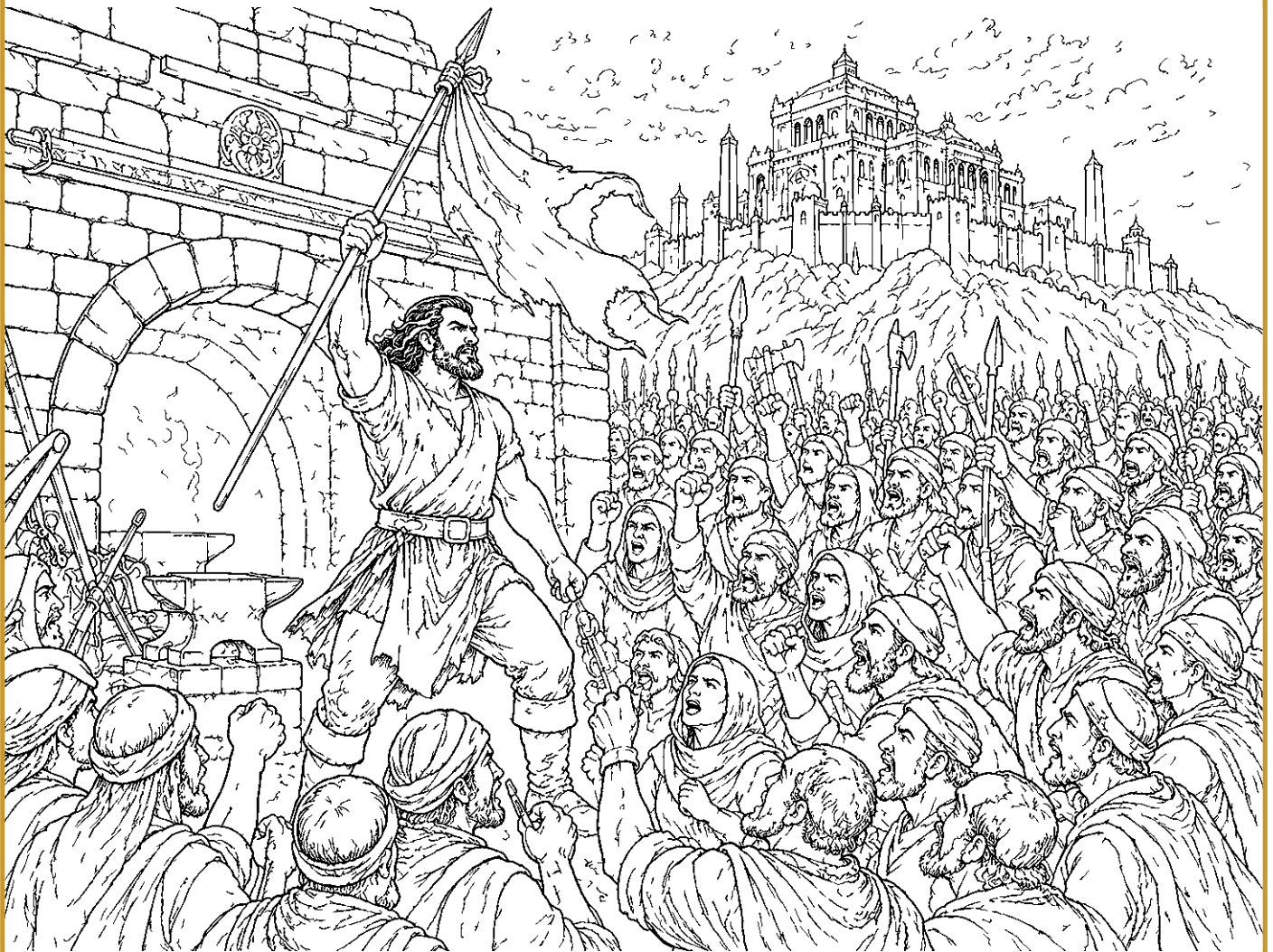
Zal and Simorgh



♦ THE STORY ♦

A baby named Zal was born with skin and hair as white as snow. His father Sam became afraid of the strange child and left him all alone on a mountain. But a wise, magical bird called the Simorgh found the tiny baby. She carried him gently to her nest on the highest mountain peak and raised him beside her own chicks. Zal grew up strong, kind, and clever. Years later, Sam was filled with regret and climbed the mountain to find his son, and when Zal set off for home, the Simorgh gave him some of her magical feathers so he could call her whenever he needed help.

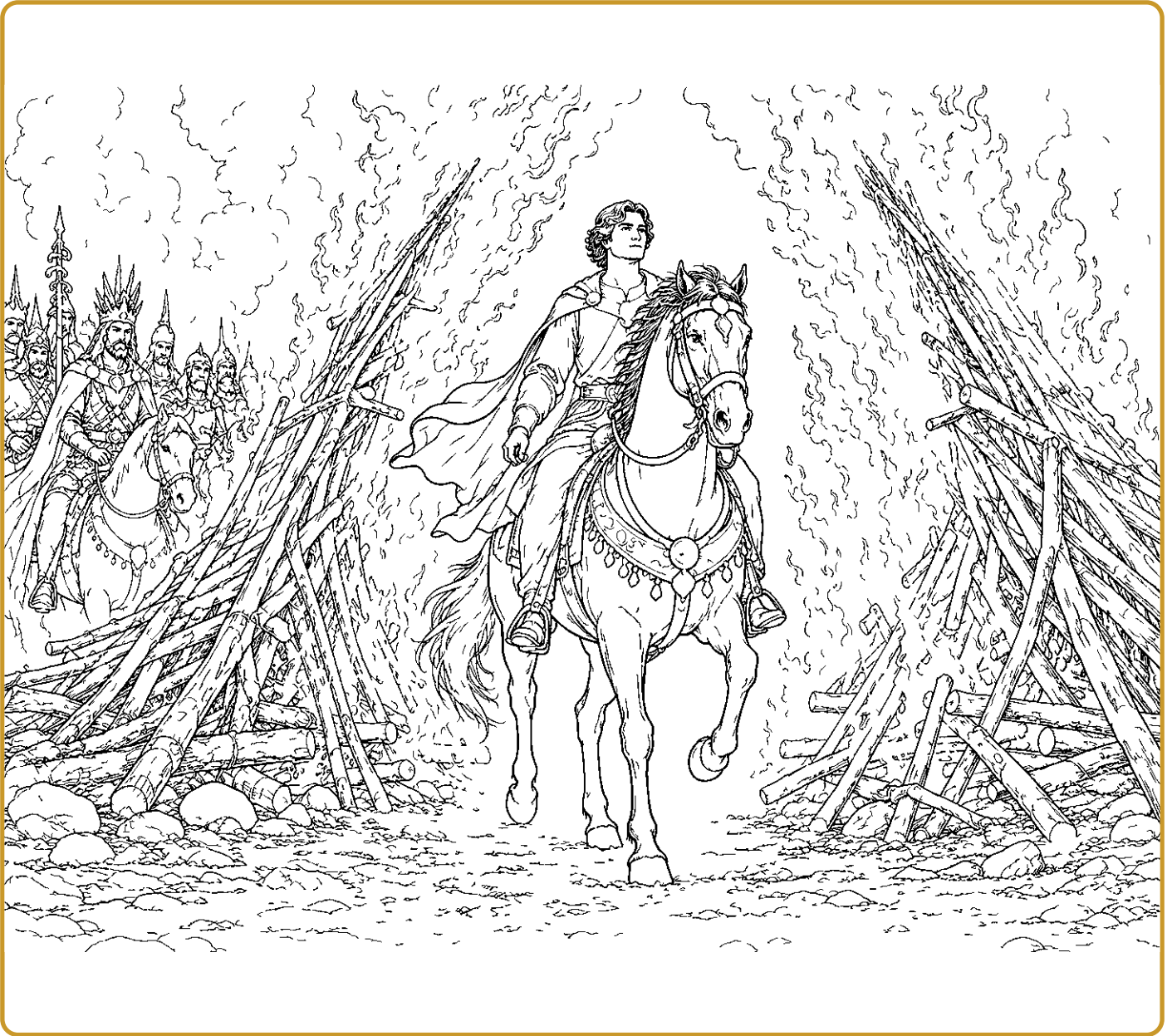
Kaveh Raises the Banner



◆ THE STORY ◆

The cruel king Zahhak had two hungry snakes growing from his shoulders. To feed them, his soldiers took young people from their homes. A blacksmith named Kaveh had already lost seventeen of his sons this way. When the soldiers came for his very last son, Kaveh refused to stay silent. He tore off his leather work apron and raised it high on a spear, like a flag. Then he marched out of his forge. Crowds rushed to follow him. That humble apron became the banner Iran carried into battle against Zahhak.

Siavash Rides Through the Fire



♦ THE STORY ♦

Prince Siavash was blamed for something terrible that he had not done. To prove he was innocent, he agreed to a test by fire because people believed that flames would never harm someone who told the truth. Two huge piles of wood were set ablaze, and Siavash galloped his horse straight between them. He came out the other side without a single burn. In that moment, all of Iran knew Siavash had told the truth.

Rostam and the Dragon



◆ THE STORY ◆

Rostam had a mighty horse named Rakhsh who watched over him like a loyal friend. One dark night, while Rostam slept, a huge dragon slid out of the shadows. Rakhsh stamped and cried out to wake Rostam. But each time, the dragon slipped away before Rostam could see it. This happened once, then twice, then a third time. The third time, Rostam finally spotted the beast. With brave Rakhsh by his side, Rostam finally defeated the dragon.

Rostam and the White Div



♦ THE STORY ♦

A giant demon called the White Div captured Iran's king and his whole army. The demon struck them all blind and left them trapped in the dark. To rescue them, the hero Rostam had to survive seven terrible dangers, one after another. The very last danger was battling the White Div himself, who was waiting deep in a pitch-black cave. Rostam wrestled the demon in the dark and defeated it. The demon's blood became a medicine that healed the king's eyes. Light returned to Iran at last.