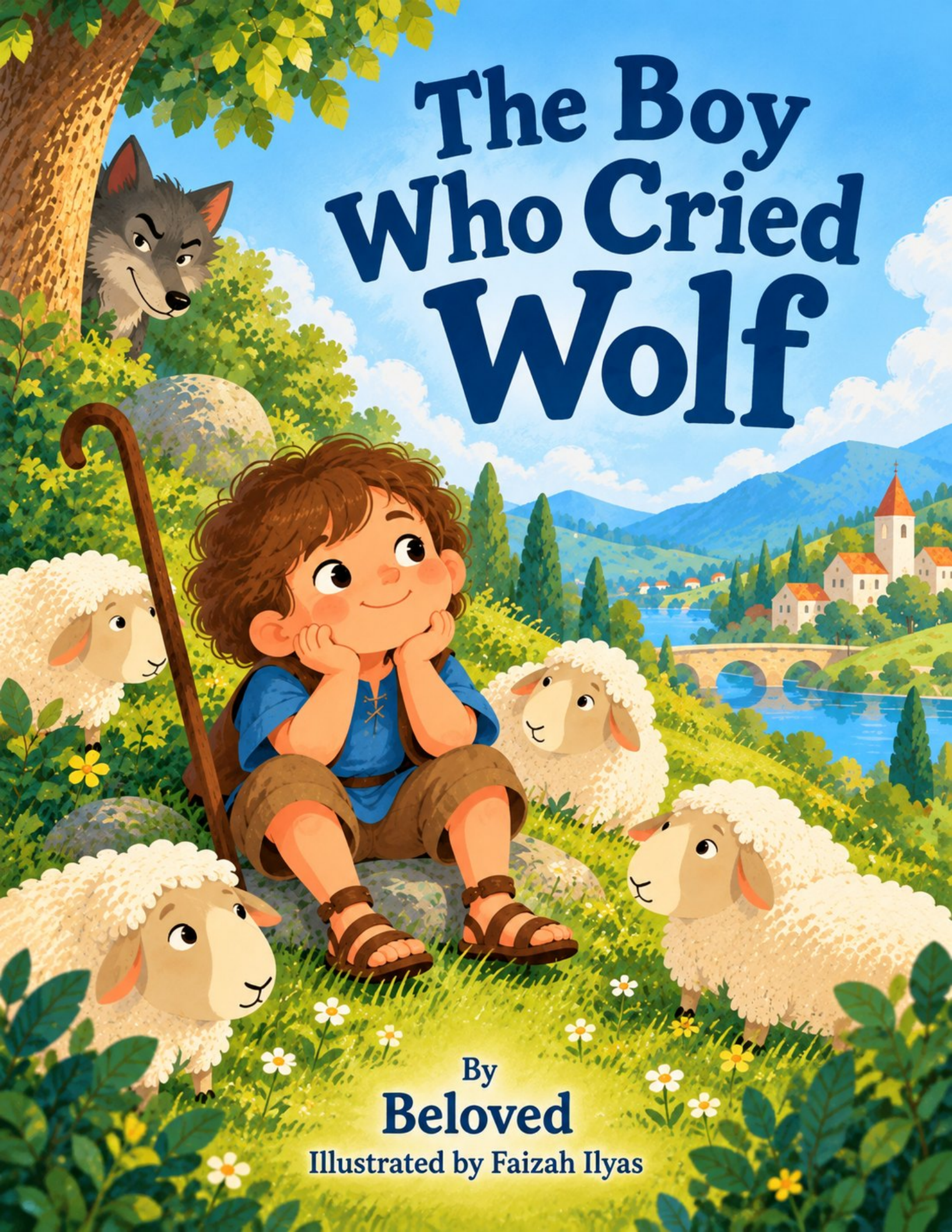
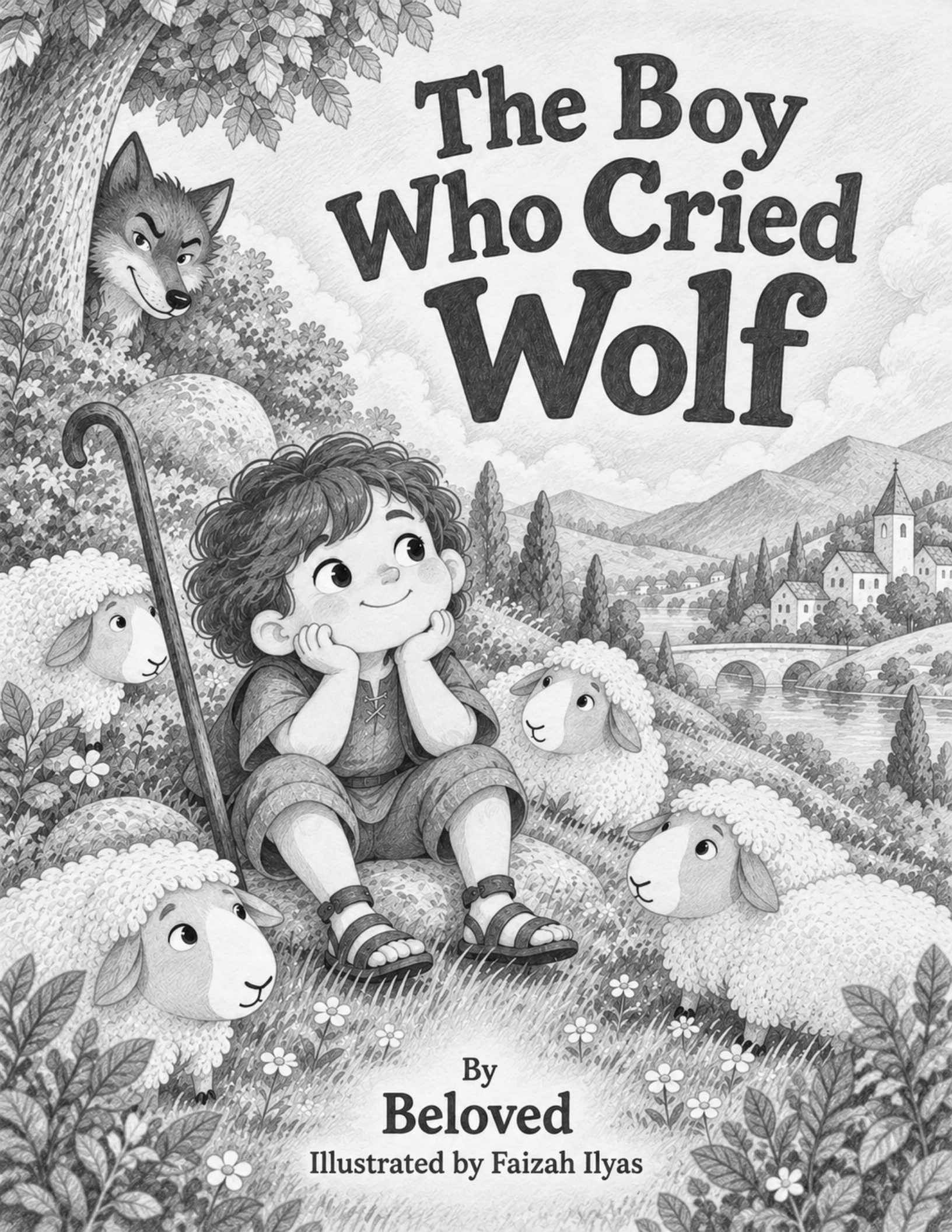

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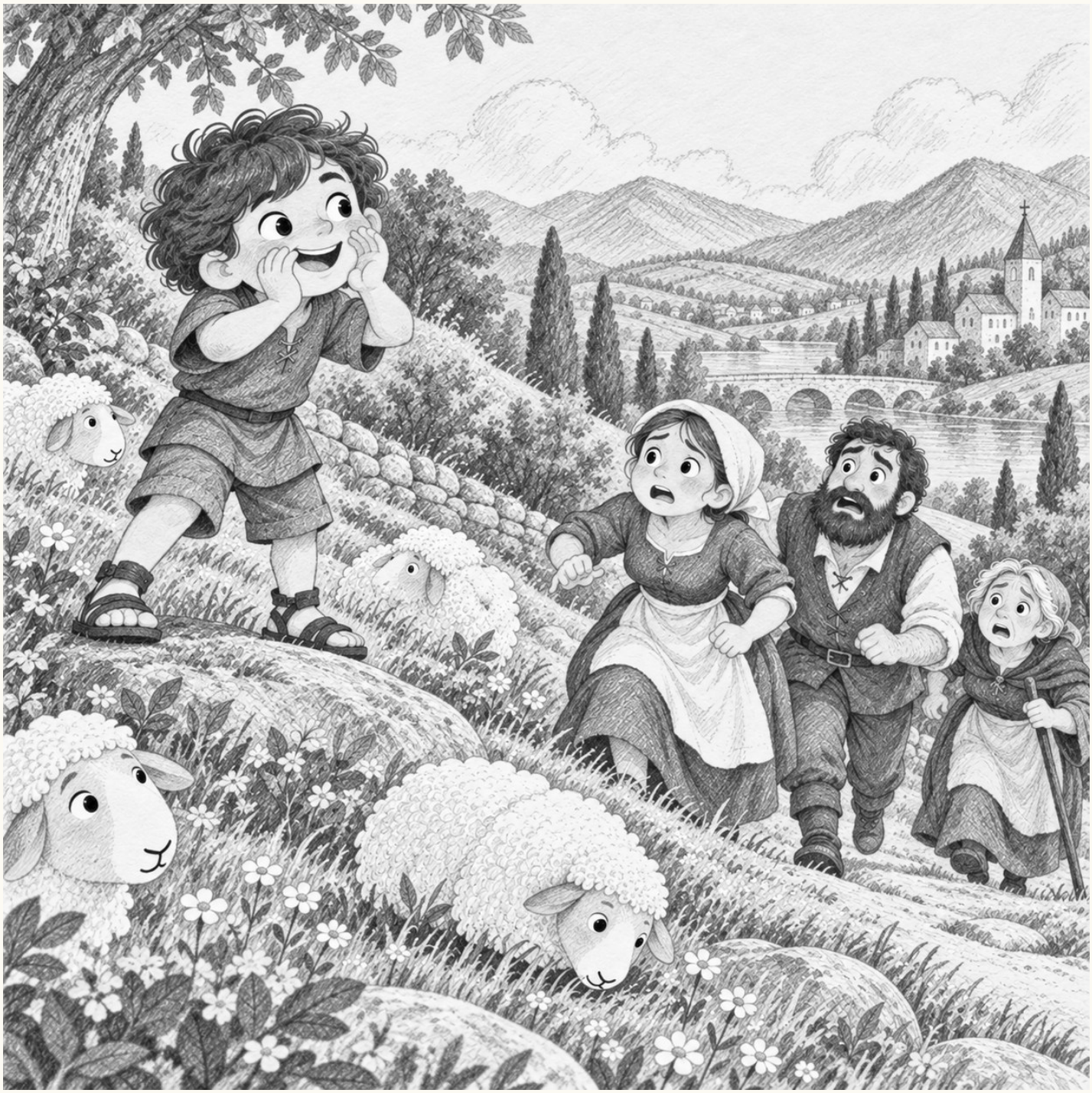
Every morning, a shepherd boy watched four woolly sheep above the village. The river sparkled, the leaves rustled, and the sheep nibbled grass.

But the boy felt bored. He wanted something exciting to happen.

Then he thought of a joke.

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A cry for help



"Wolf! Wolf!" he shouted.

The villagers hurried up the path, leaving their work behind. They searched the meadow, but there was no wolf.

The boy giggled. "I fooled you!"

"That is not a kind joke," said a villager. "We came because we believed you needed help."

The second false alarm

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The second false alarm



The next day, the boy grew restless again.

"Wolf! Wolf!" he called.

Once more, the villagers climbed the hill. Once more, the sheep were safe.

The boy laughed, but the villagers did not.

"When you call, your words must mean something," they told him as they went home.

A real wolf

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A real wolf



Later that afternoon, a branch cracked behind the tree. A gray wolf stepped out of the bushes.

This time, the boy was truly frightened.

"Wolf! Please help!" he cried.

Down in the village, people heard him. But after two false alarms, they thought he was playing another trick.

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No one came running.

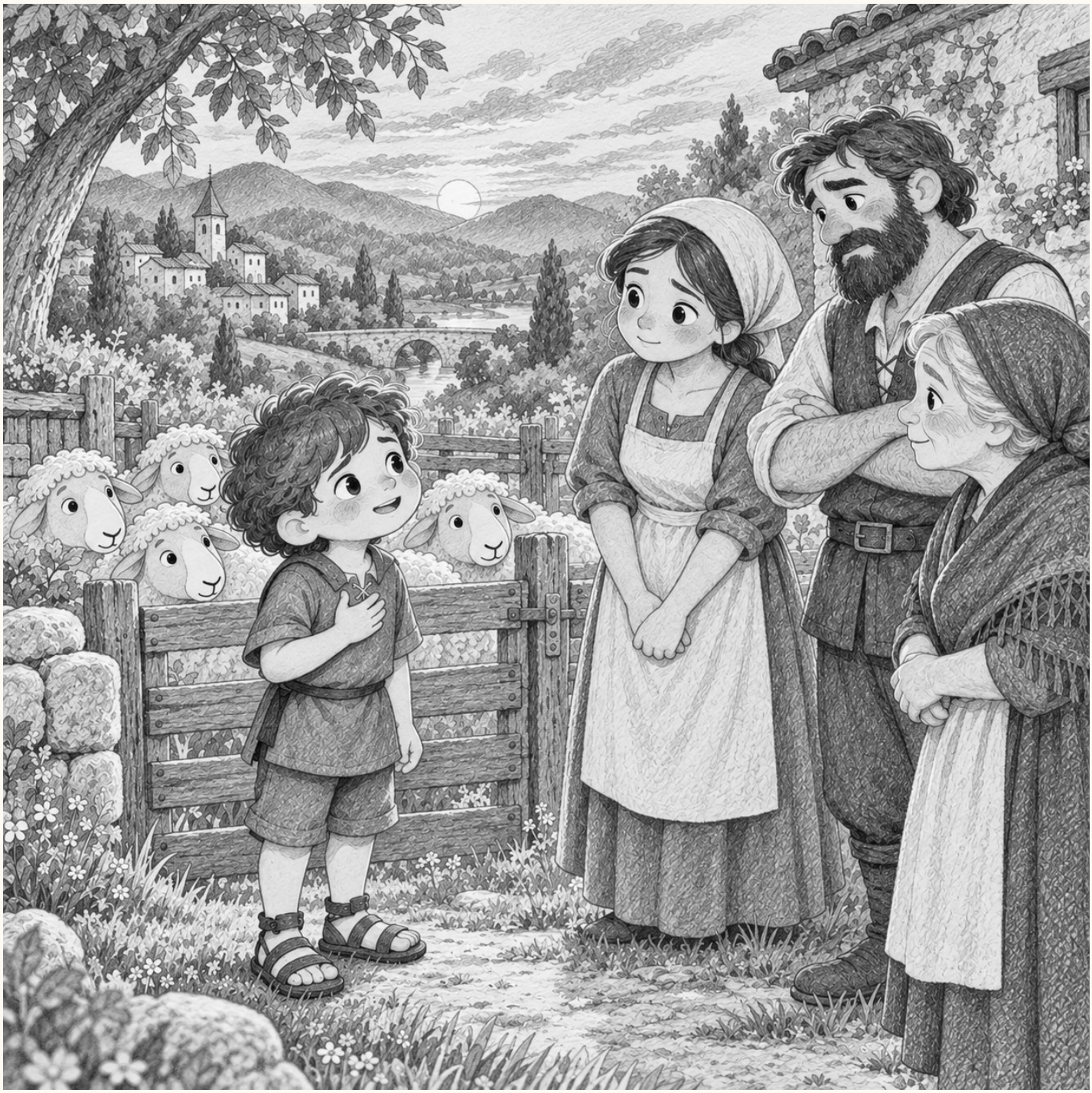
The boy gathered his frightened sheep and hurried them into the nearby stone pen. One, two, three, four - all inside!

He shut the wooden gate and stayed close while the wolf prowled outside. At last, it wandered away.

The sheep were safe, but the boy was shaking.

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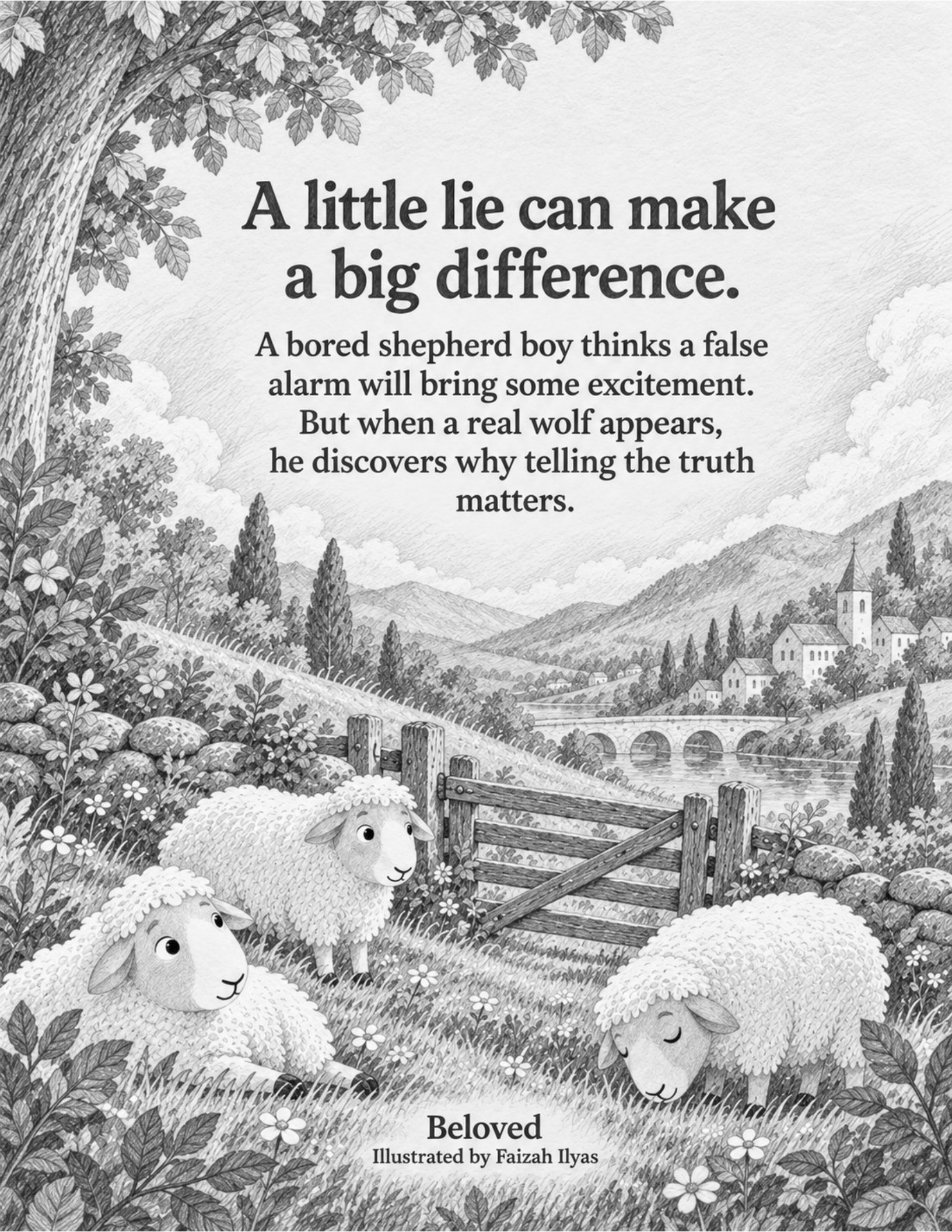


That evening, the boy told the villagers everything.

"I lied before. I am sorry. Today I needed you, and you could not trust my words."

"We are glad you are safe," they said. "Now show us we can believe you again."

From that day on, the boy told the truth - even when the truth was ordinary.


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