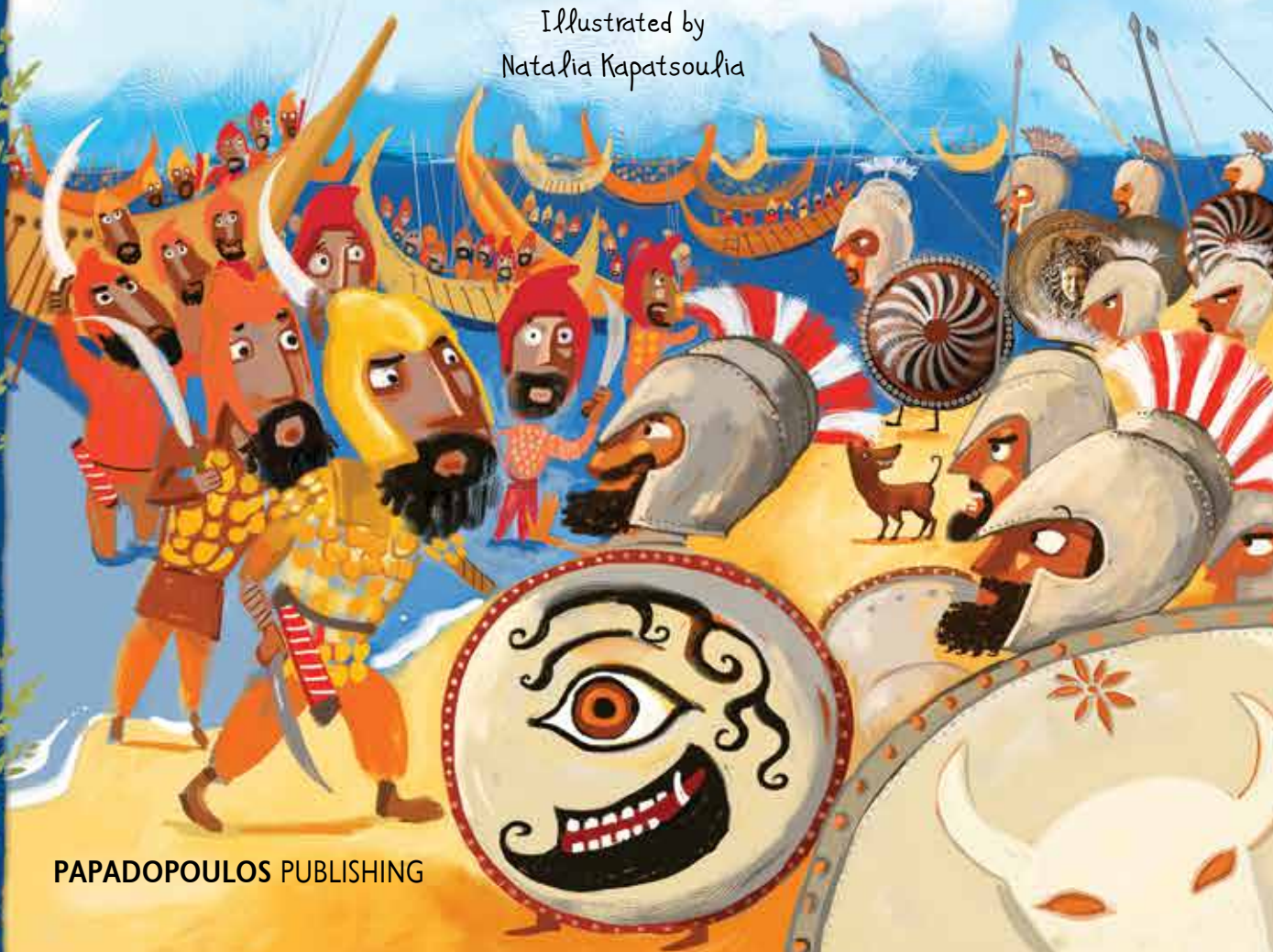


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In the olden days it was an uninhabited bare plain,
with a village hidden behind the mountain's terrain.

A strip of land ending up to the beach,
where the Persians arrived wishing a lesson to teach.
But a handful of Greeks were waiting for them there,
and chased off to their ships, the Persians fled in despair.

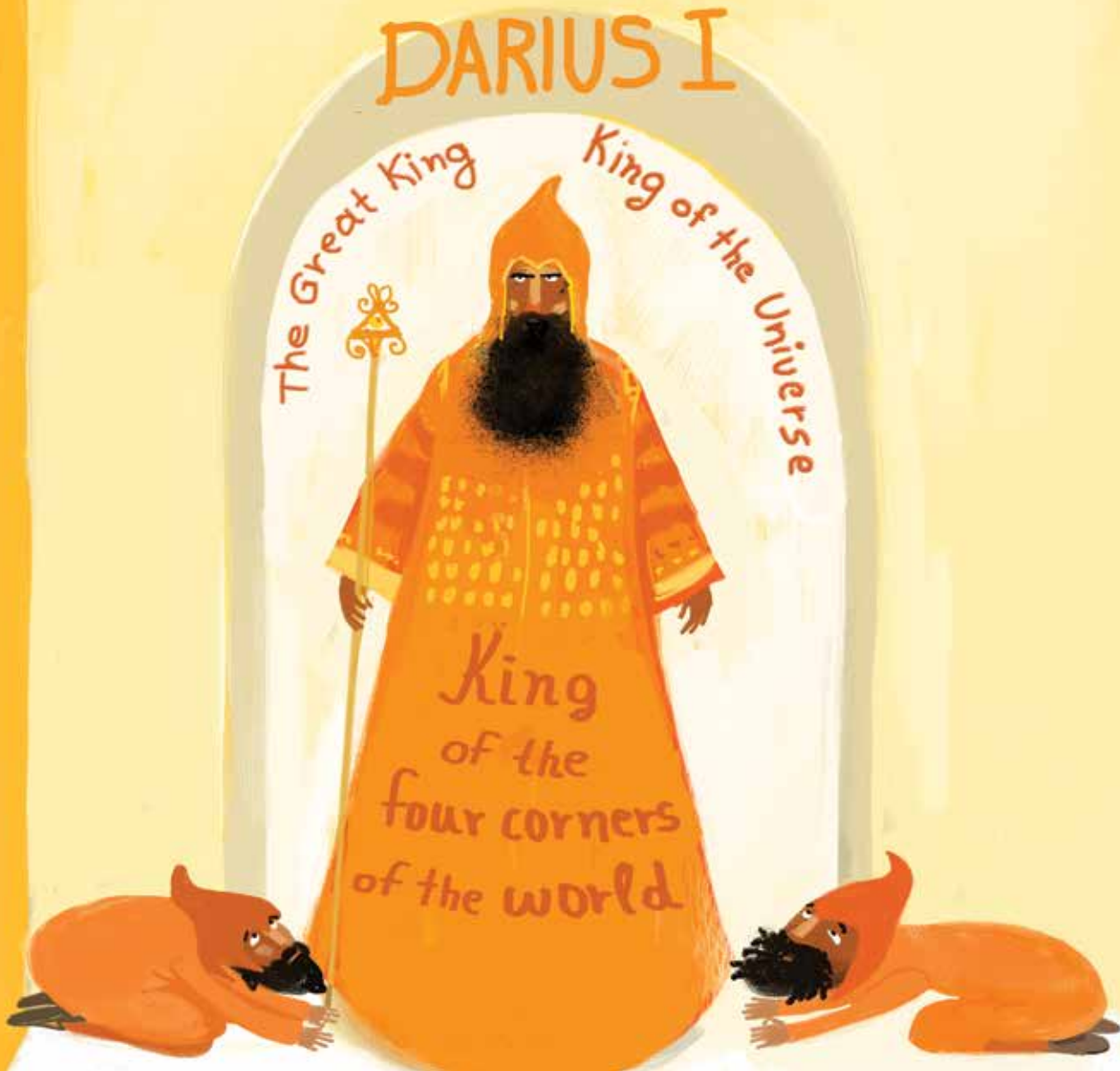
Where did one of the most important battles
in world history take place?



5th century BC
Persia: an empire vast
as the eye can see,
from the furthest
part of India to
the Aegean Sea.

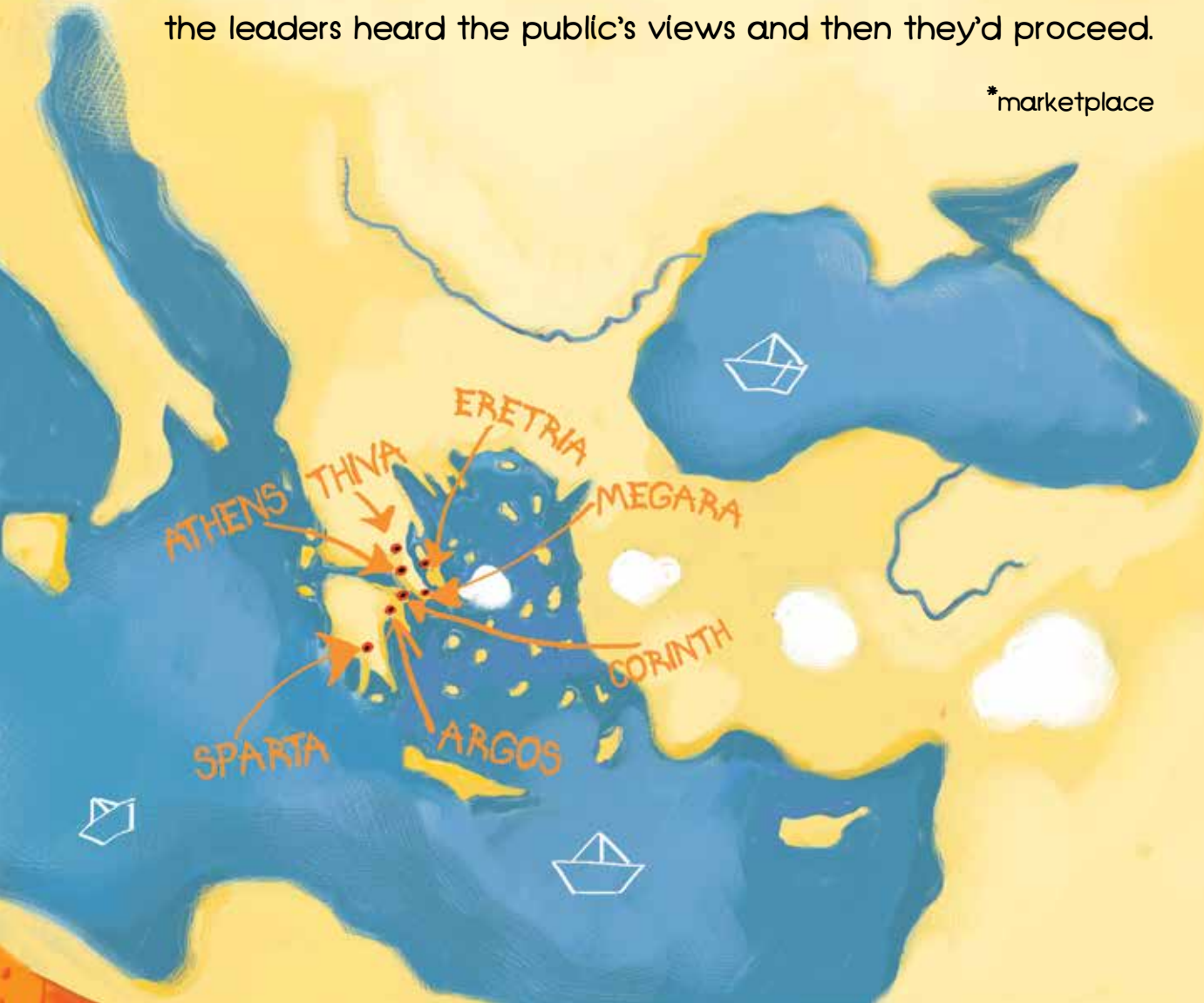


The kingdom of the Great King is here,
his army invincible, the world's trembling with fear!
From his golden palace he rules North and South,
no one dare to resist, no one open their mouth.



Those days in Greece every city was a state,
and alone each one determined its destiny and fate.
In the Agora* all together on friends and enemies agreed,
the leaders heard the public's views and then they'd proceed.

*marketplace



But what are they doing in the marketplace all day?
To me, that's plain stupidity and useless delay!



The Battle of Marathon is written in simple, clear
and rhyming text, easily memorized by children:

*Panicked, they make a run for it, the great Persian hordes,
pursued by the Athenians, waving triumphant swords.*

*They reach the sea and hurriedly on their ships they go aboard,
wishing to move quickly away from the shore.*



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...with colorful, bright
and funny illustration
by Natalia Kapatsoulia...



...information and fun activities
at the end of the book,
for preschoolers and first graders
wishing to know more about this story.

