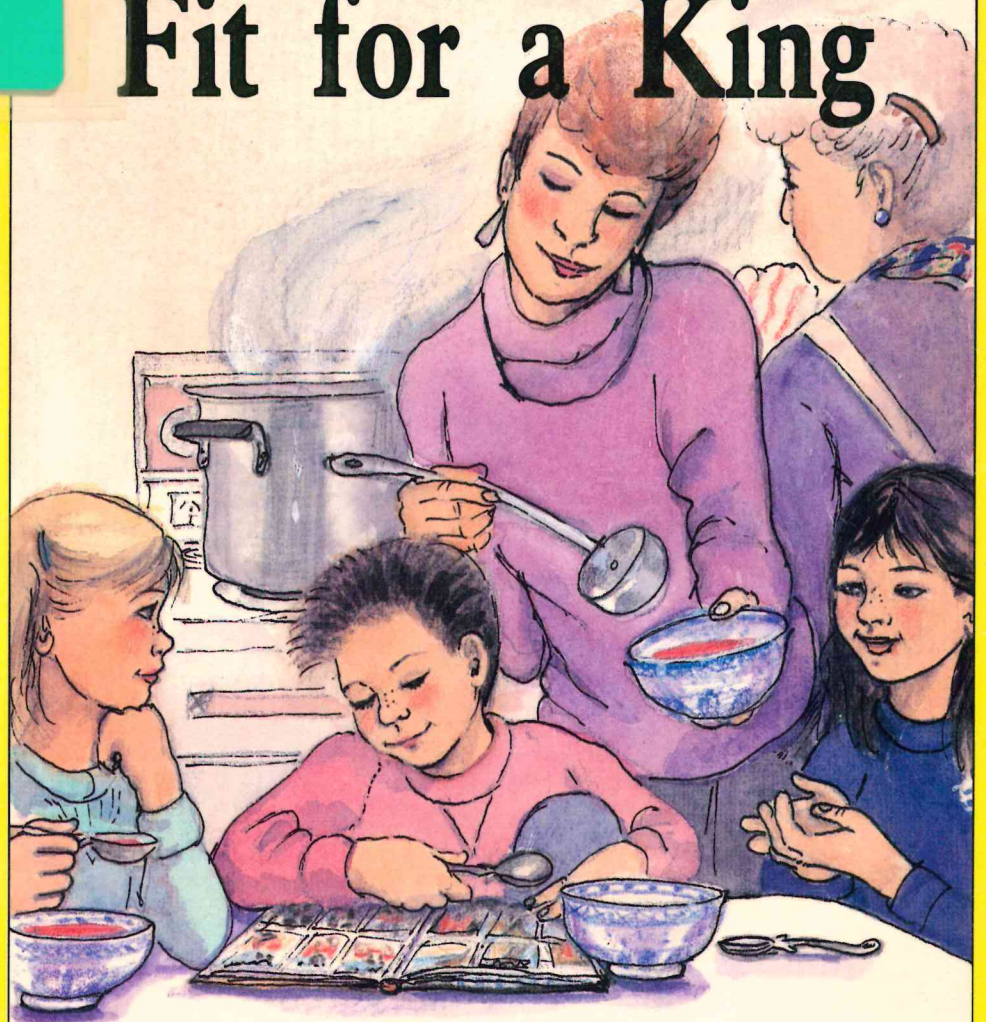


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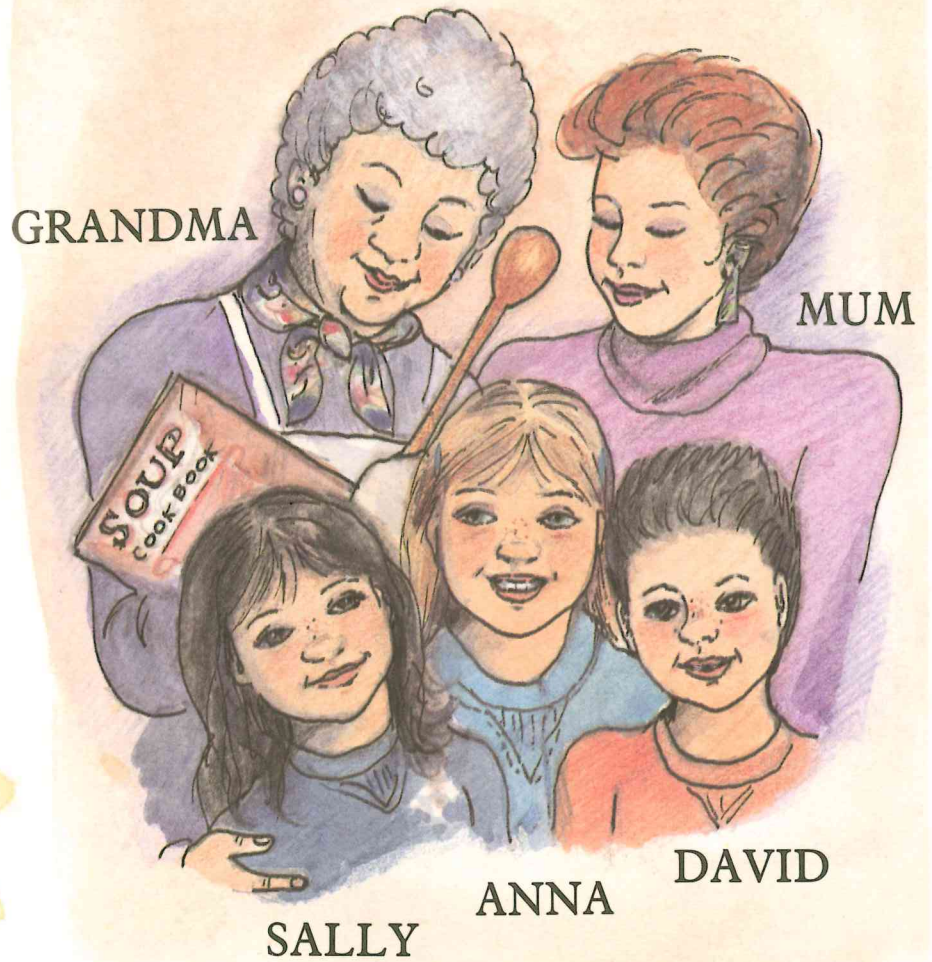
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People in the Play:



SCENE: *In the kitchen.*

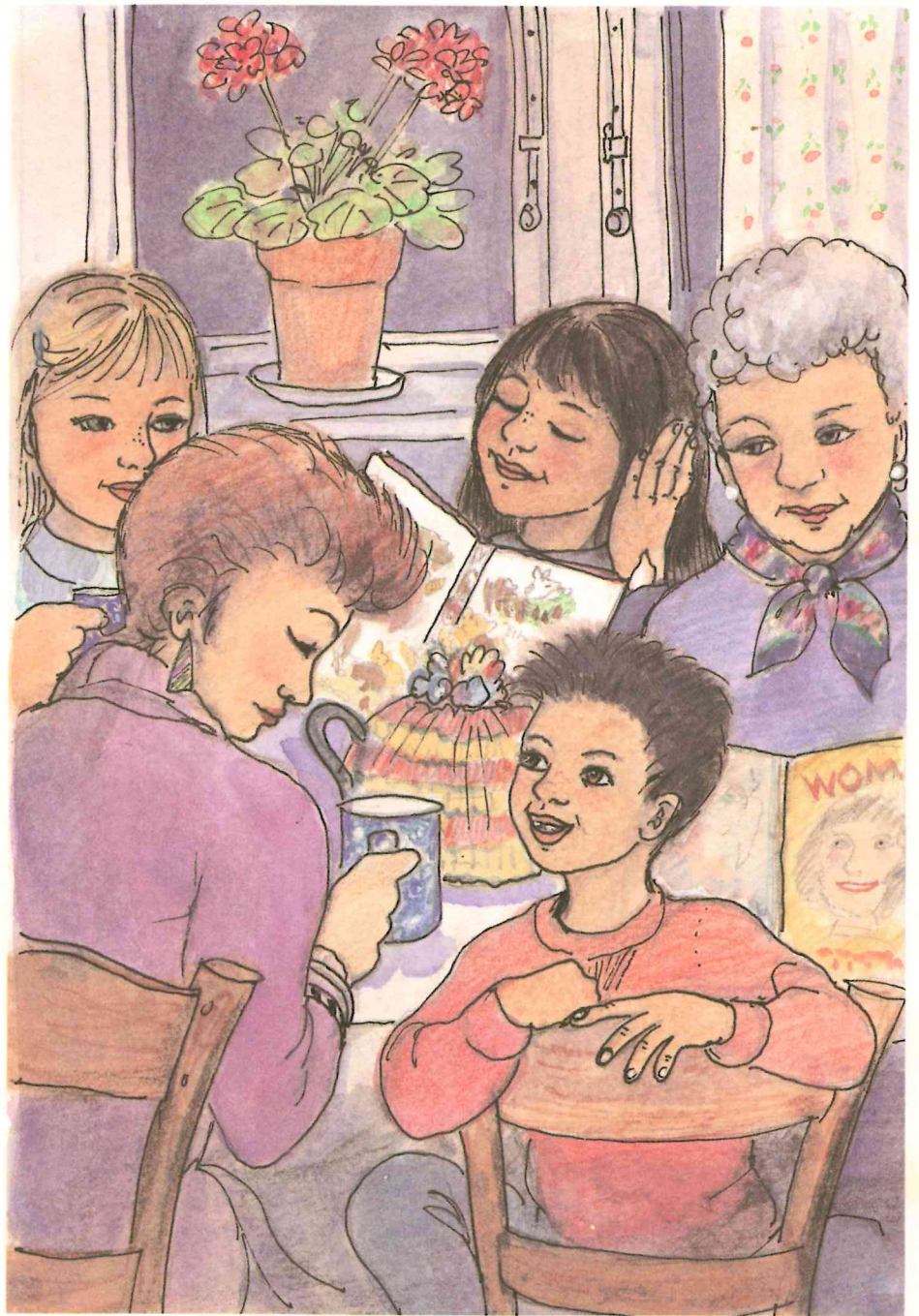
MUM, GRANDMA, ANNA, SALLY
*and DAVID are sitting at the table,
talking.*

DAVID: What's for dinner, Mum?

MUM: Let me see. What day is it
today?

ANNA: Thursday.

MUM: Then it's soup for dinner.



DAVID: Oh no, not *soup* again!

SALLY: We had chicken soup on Monday.



DAVID: And onion soup on Tuesday.



ANNA: And tomato soup on
Wednesday.



SALLY: What sort are we having
today?

MUM: Grandma's special recipe. Soup
fit for a king.



ANNA: We haven't had *that* one before.

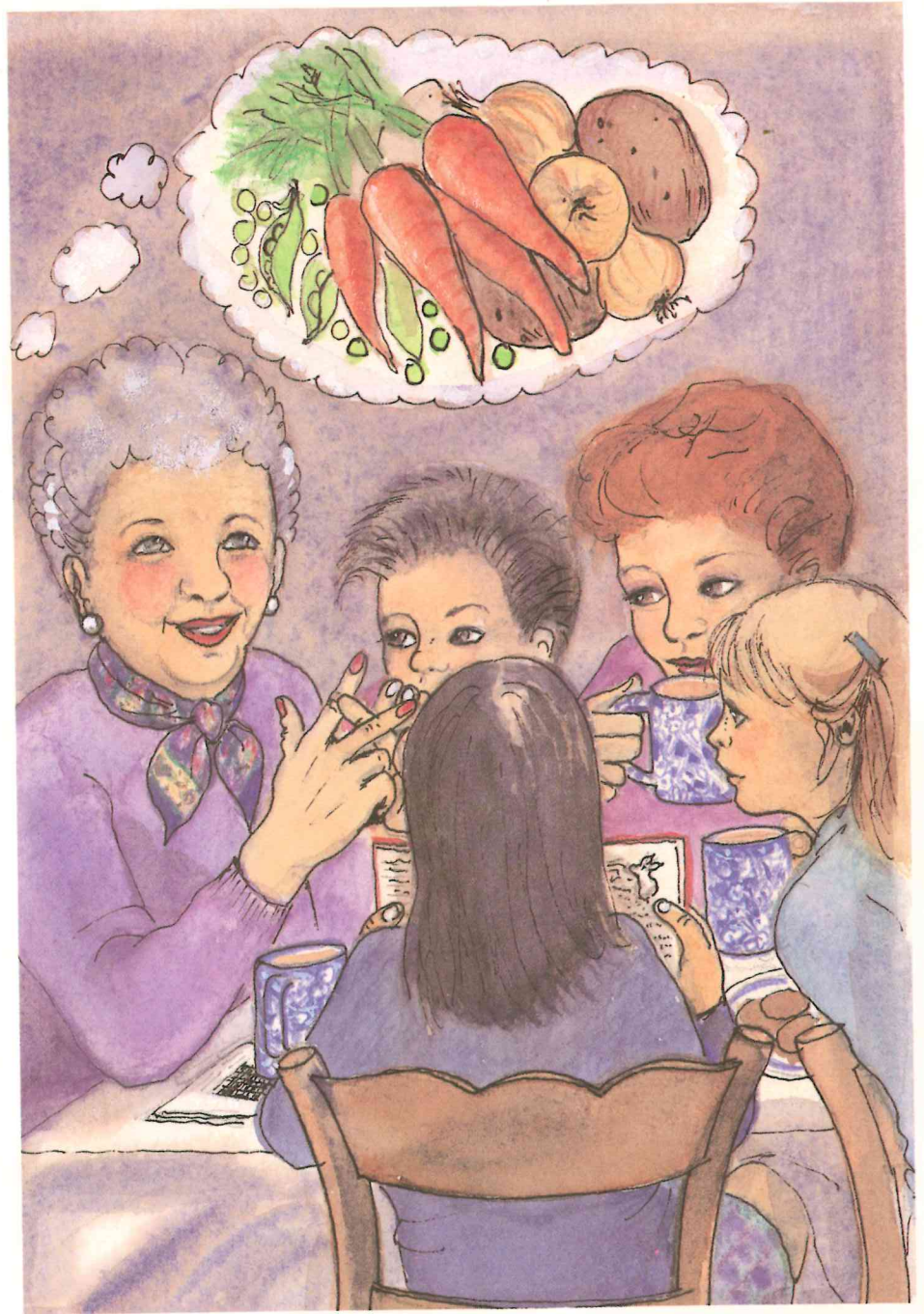
SALLY: What does soup fit for a king have in it, Grandma?

GRANDMA: [*Counts off the ingredients on her fingers.*] Potatoes. Carrots. Peas. Onions. And water. And... and... oh yes, a pinch of salt.

ANNA: Soup fit for a king is only vegetable soup!

GRANDMA: Kings *love* vegetable soup! Now run away and play while I get it ready.

[*The CHILDREN go out.*]





GRANDMA: Let me see. Potatoes.
Carrots. Peas. Onions. And water.
And put it on the stove to cook.

*[She puts the pot on the stove and
goes out. MUM comes in.]*

MUM: Good, the soup is cooking. I'll
just put in a pinch of salt.
Grandma always forgets the salt.

*[She puts in a pinch of salt and goes
out. SALLY and DAVID come in.]*

SALLY: We'd better put some salt in the soup. Grandma always forgets. A spoonful each will be enough.

[They each put in a spoonful of salt and go out. ANNA comes in.]

ANNA: Mmmmmmm. The soup smells good. I bet Grandma forgot to put in the salt. She always forgets the salt!

[She puts in a pinch of salt and goes out.]



[GRANDMA *rushes in.*]

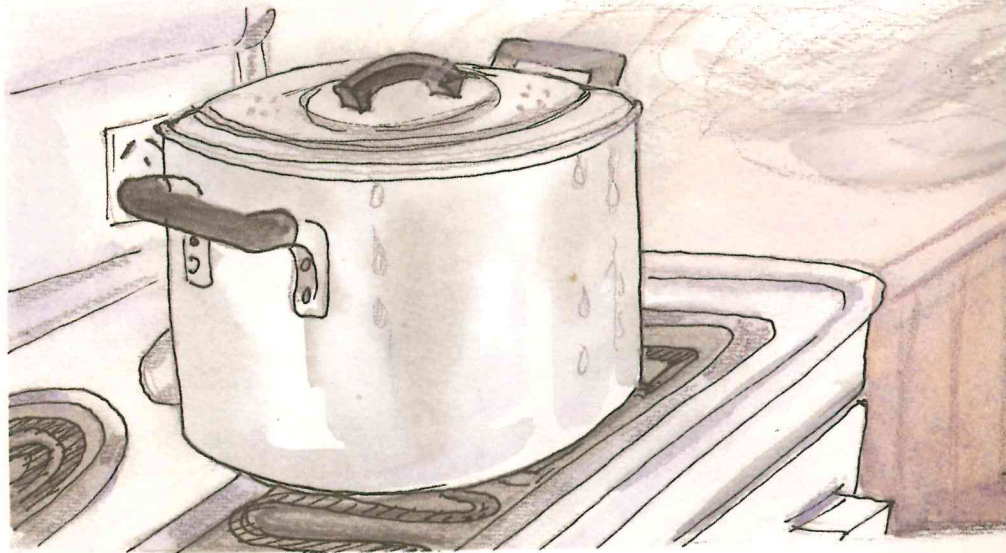
GRANDMA: I nearly forgot something!
The pinch of salt!

[*She puts in a pinch of salt and sits down to read a book.* DAVID and SALLY *come in.*]

DAVID: I'm hungry.

SALLY: Me too.

GRANDMA: The soup is ready now.
Get a plate and spoon.





[DAVID *and* SALLY get their plates and spoons, and sit down at the table. GRANDMA puts soup into their plates. MUM *and* ANNA come in.]

MUM: That looks good.

ANNA: Can I have some, Grandma?

GRANDMA: Of course. Anyone can eat soup fit for a king. [She gives MUM *and* ANNA some soup.]

[The CHILDREN take mouthfuls, then cough and choke.]

GRANDMA: What's wrong? It's usually delicious! It's lucky I remembered the salt this time.

[EVERYONE turns to look at her.]



MUM: I thought you would forget, so
I put in a pinch of salt too.

SALLY *and* DAVID: So did we!

ANNA: [*laughing.*] Me too!

GRANDMA: Maybe we should call *this*
soup, salt soup! Would anyone
like any more?

DAVID: NO THANK YOU!

SALLY: The king can *have* it!

ANNA: I'd rather have plain vegetable
soup.



MUM: Never mind.

Come on, everyone.

We'll have hamburgers tonight!

EVERYONE: Hooray!

[They all go out.]



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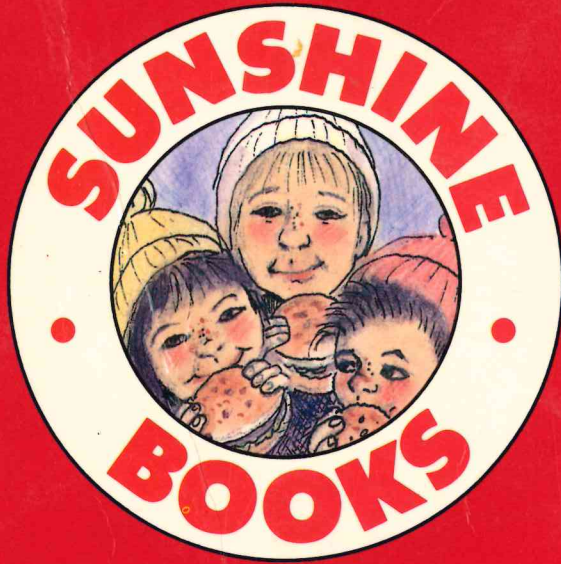
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