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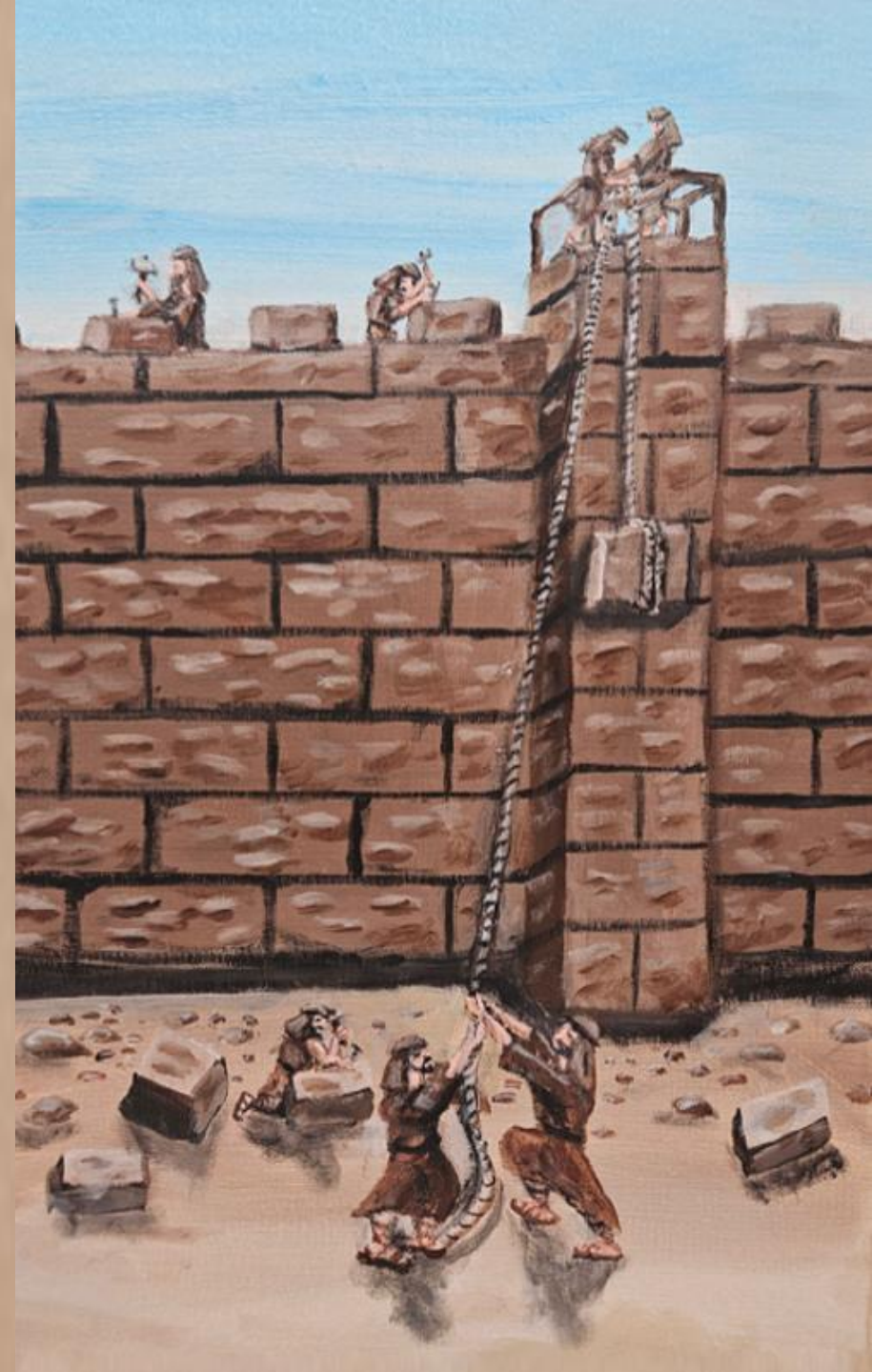


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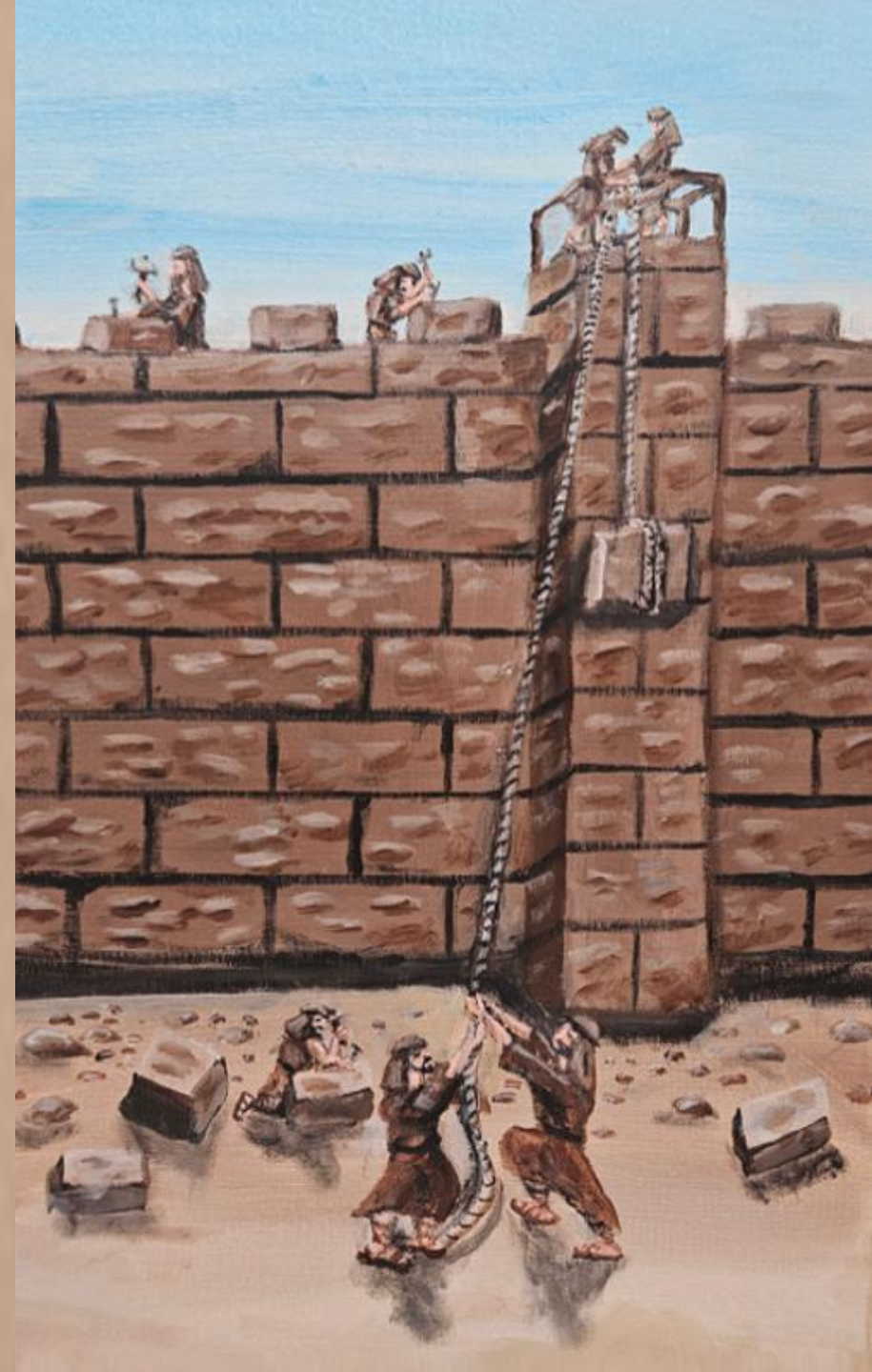
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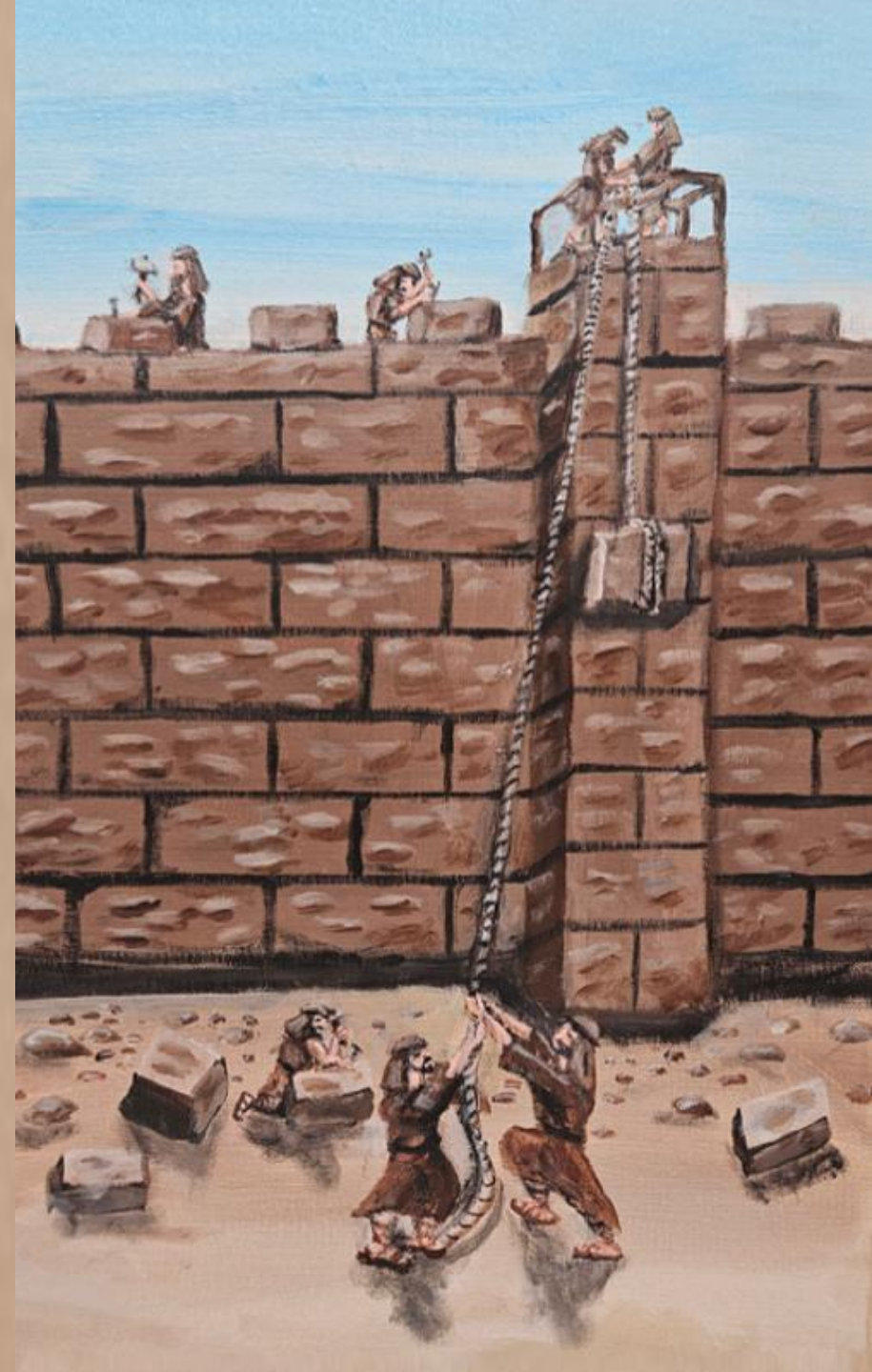
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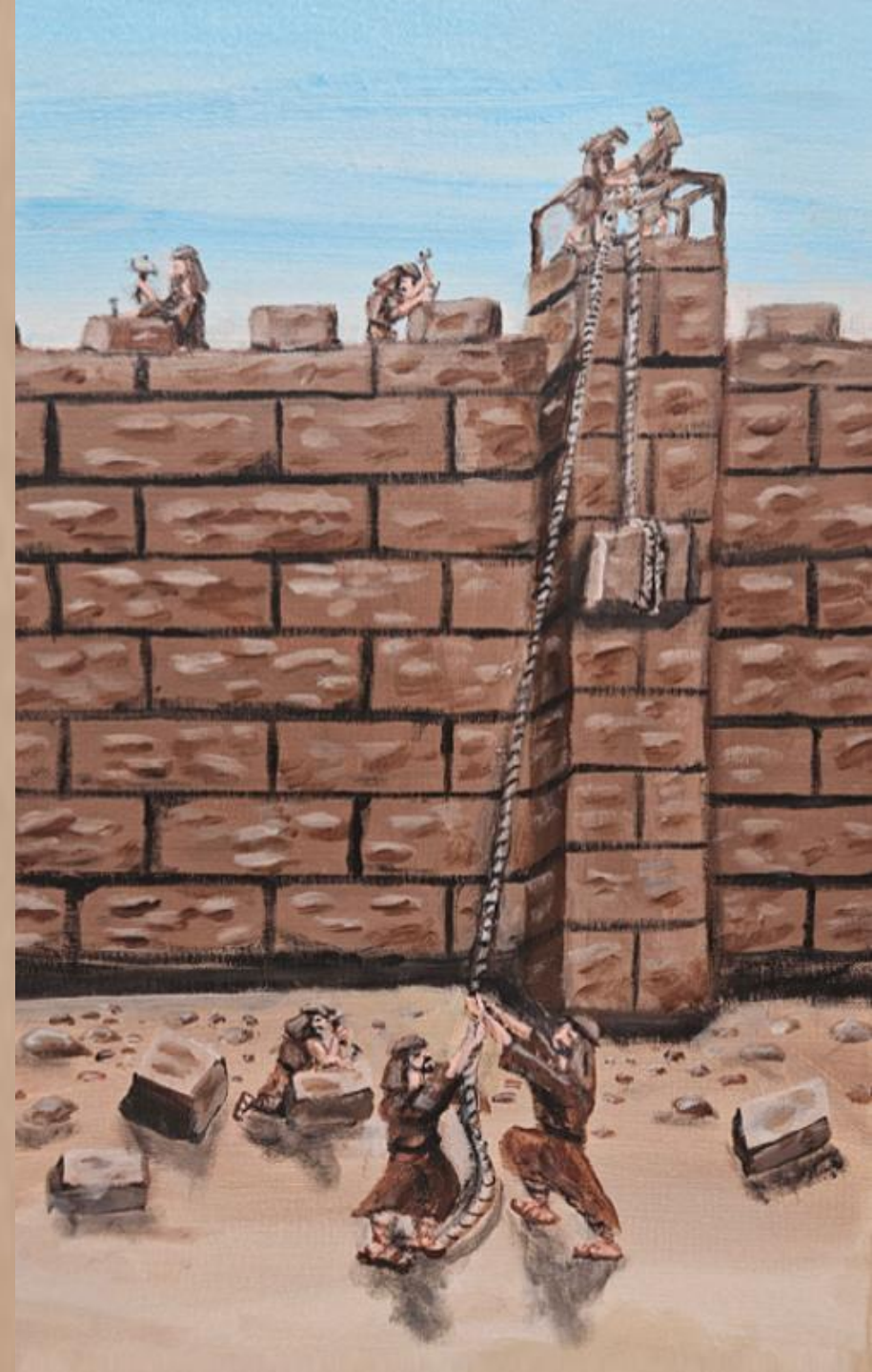
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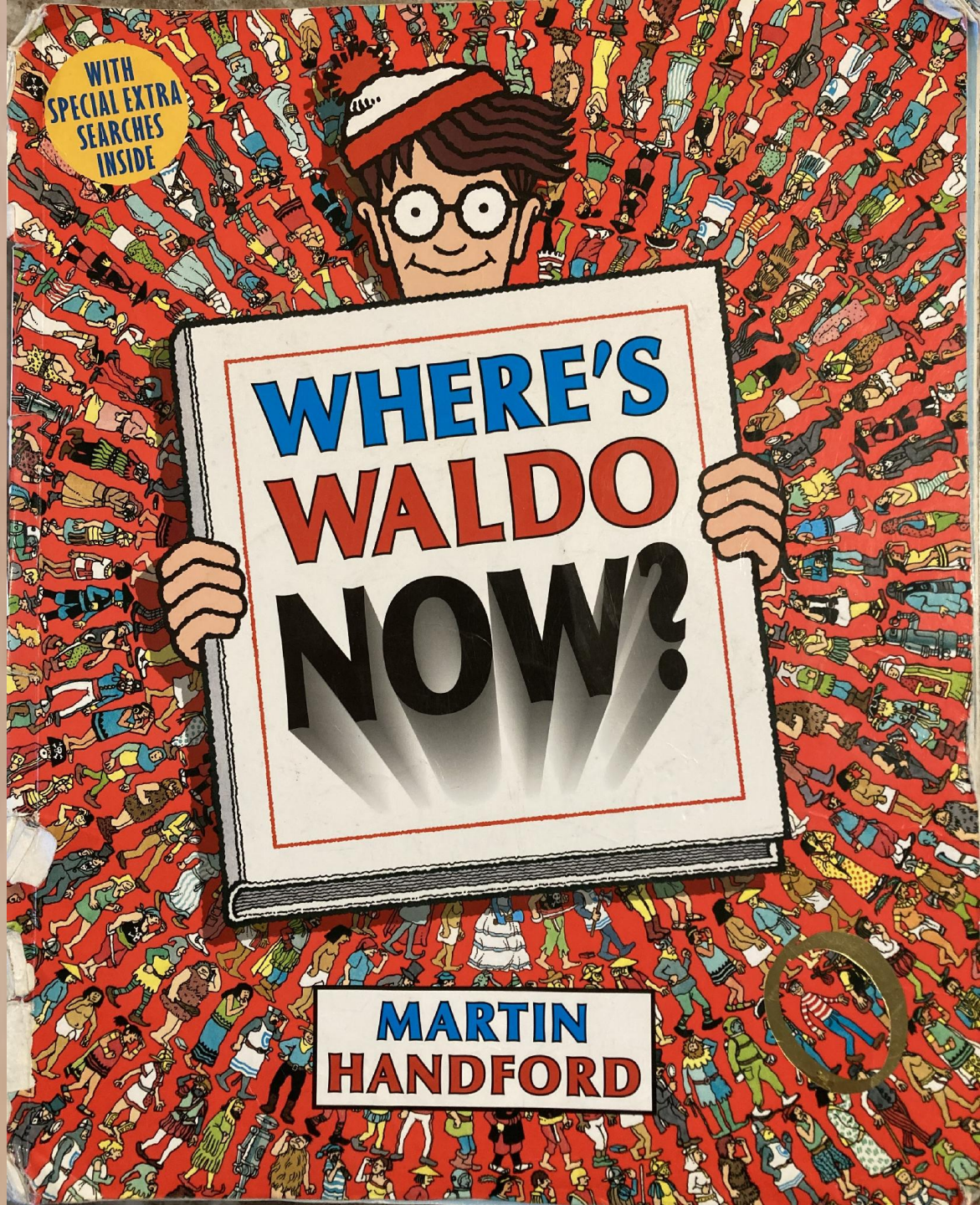
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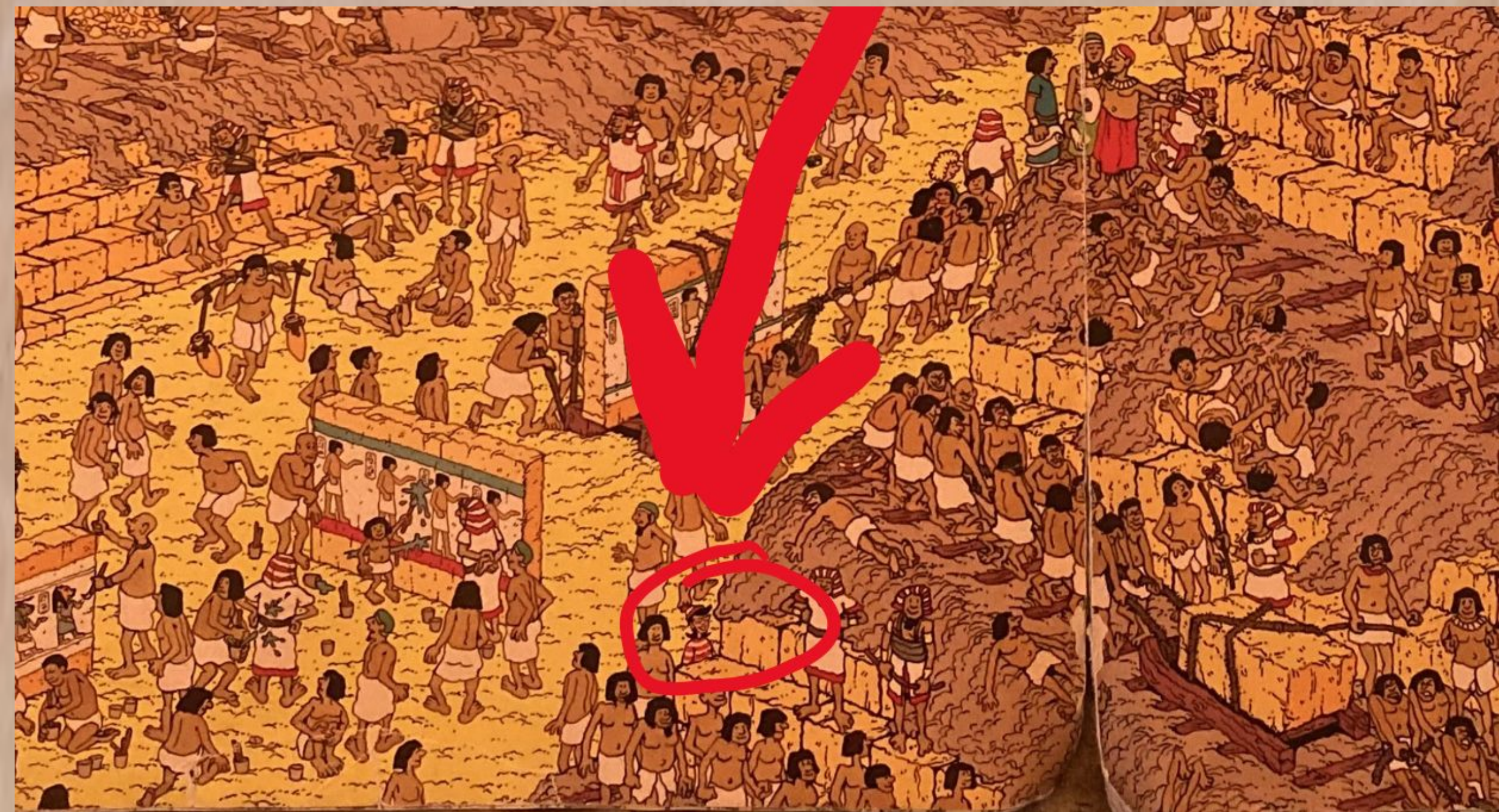


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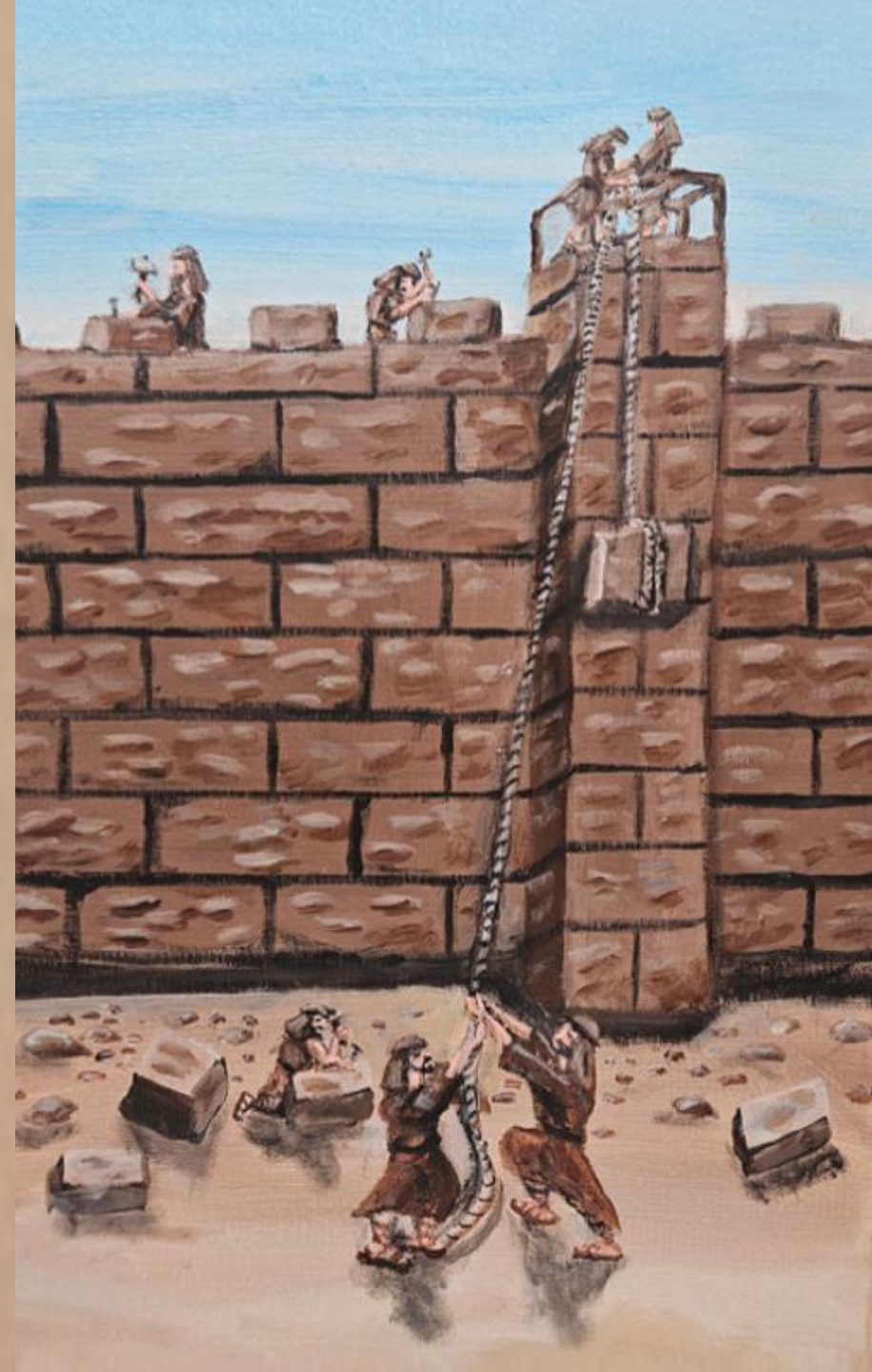
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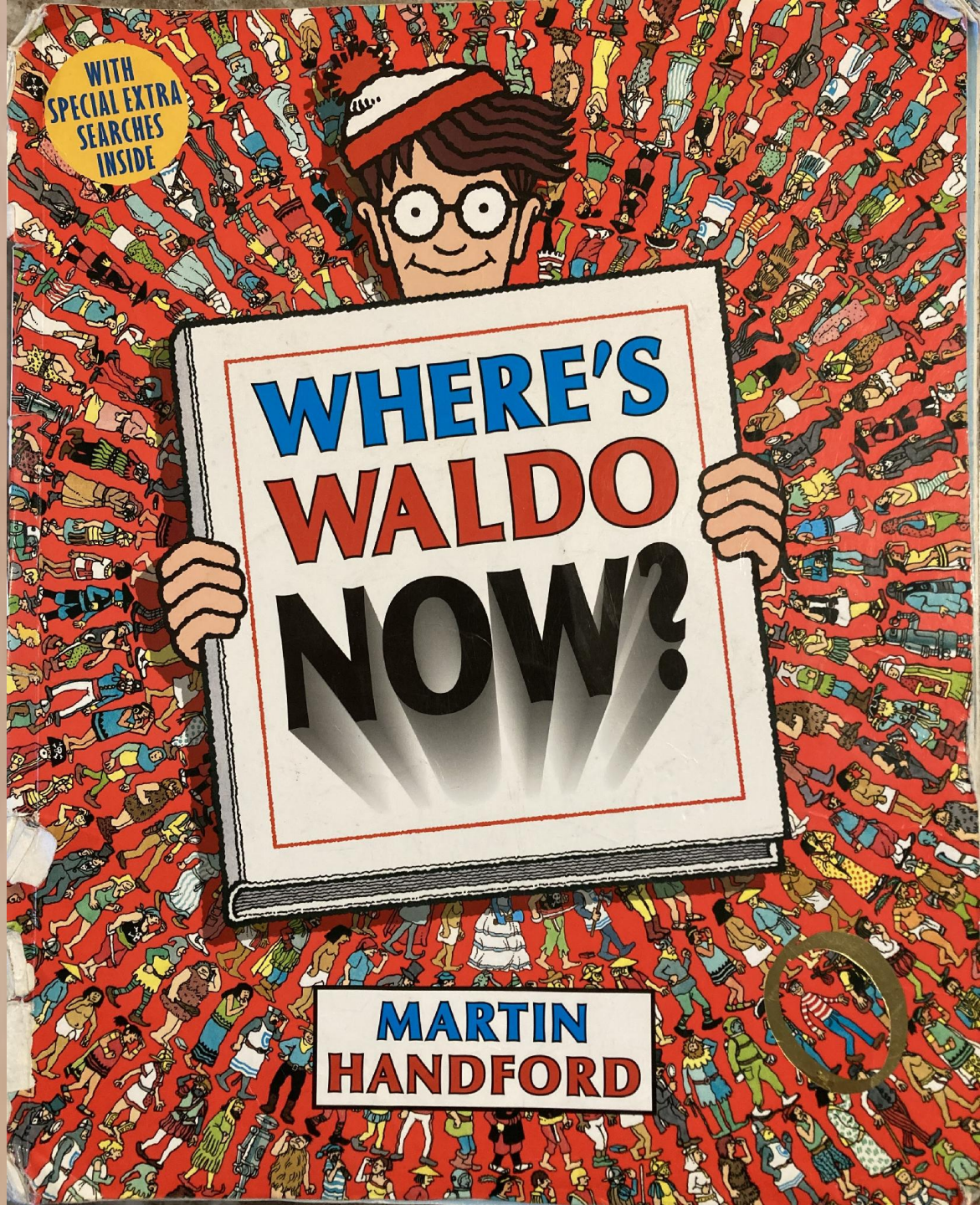




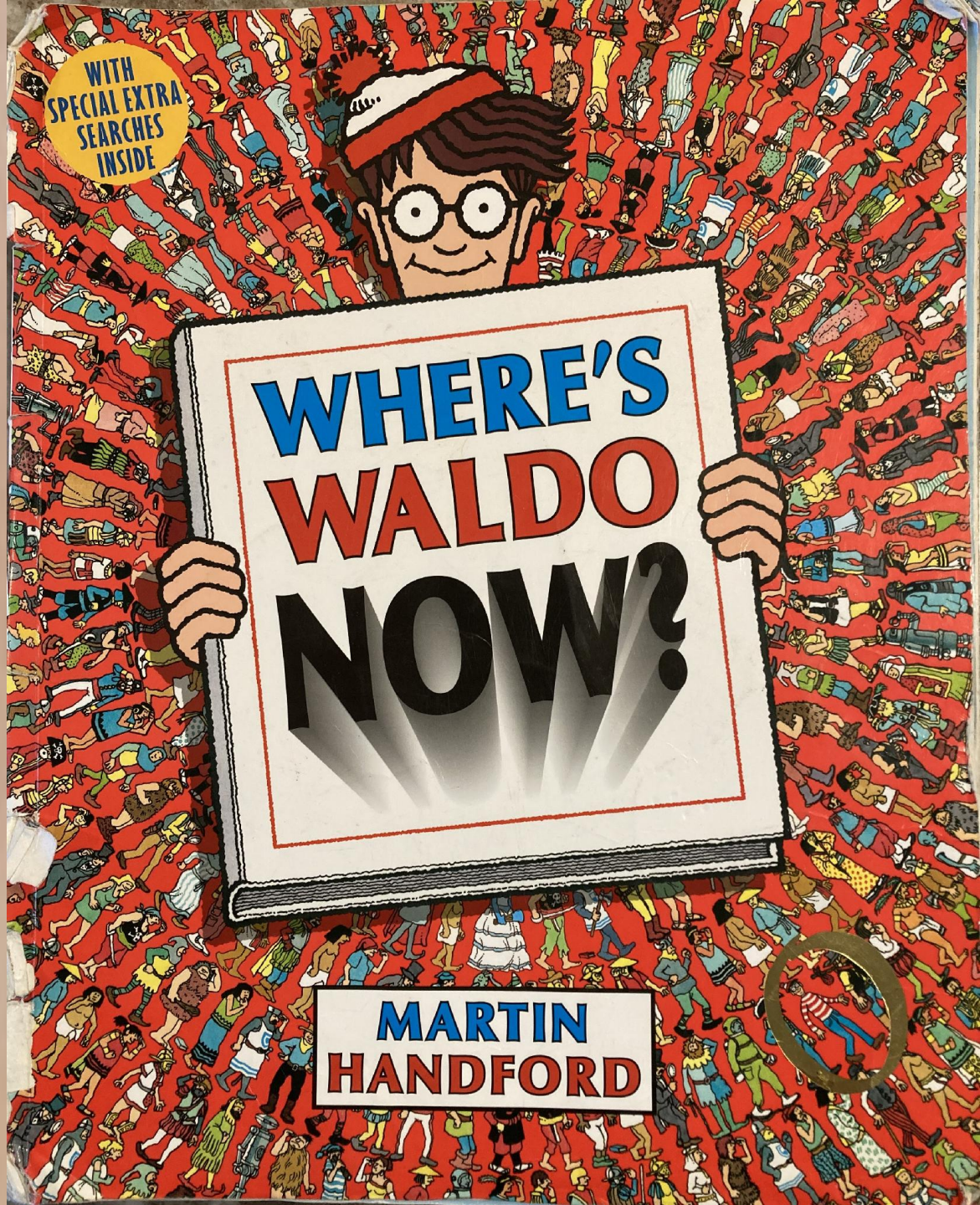


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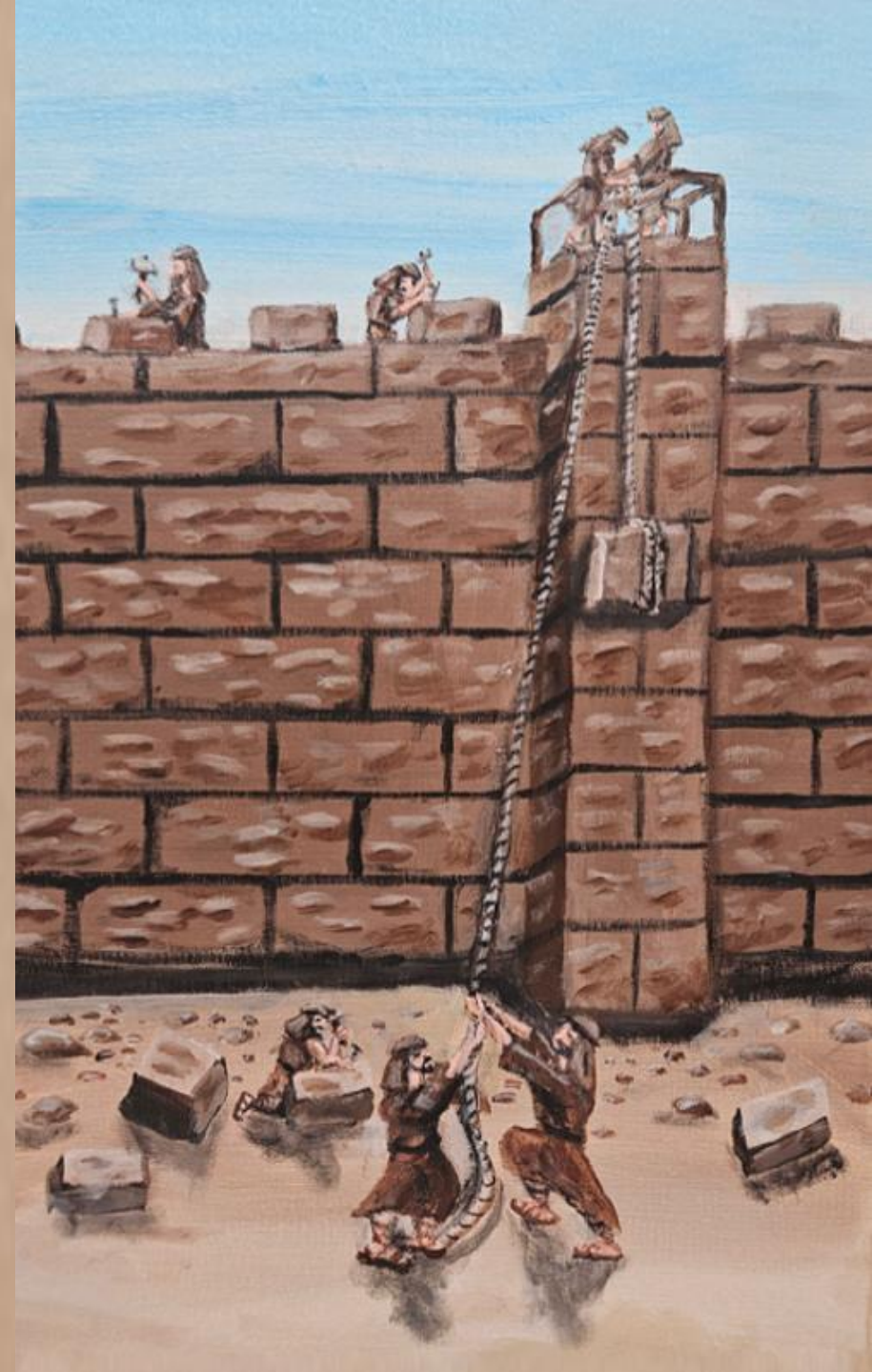
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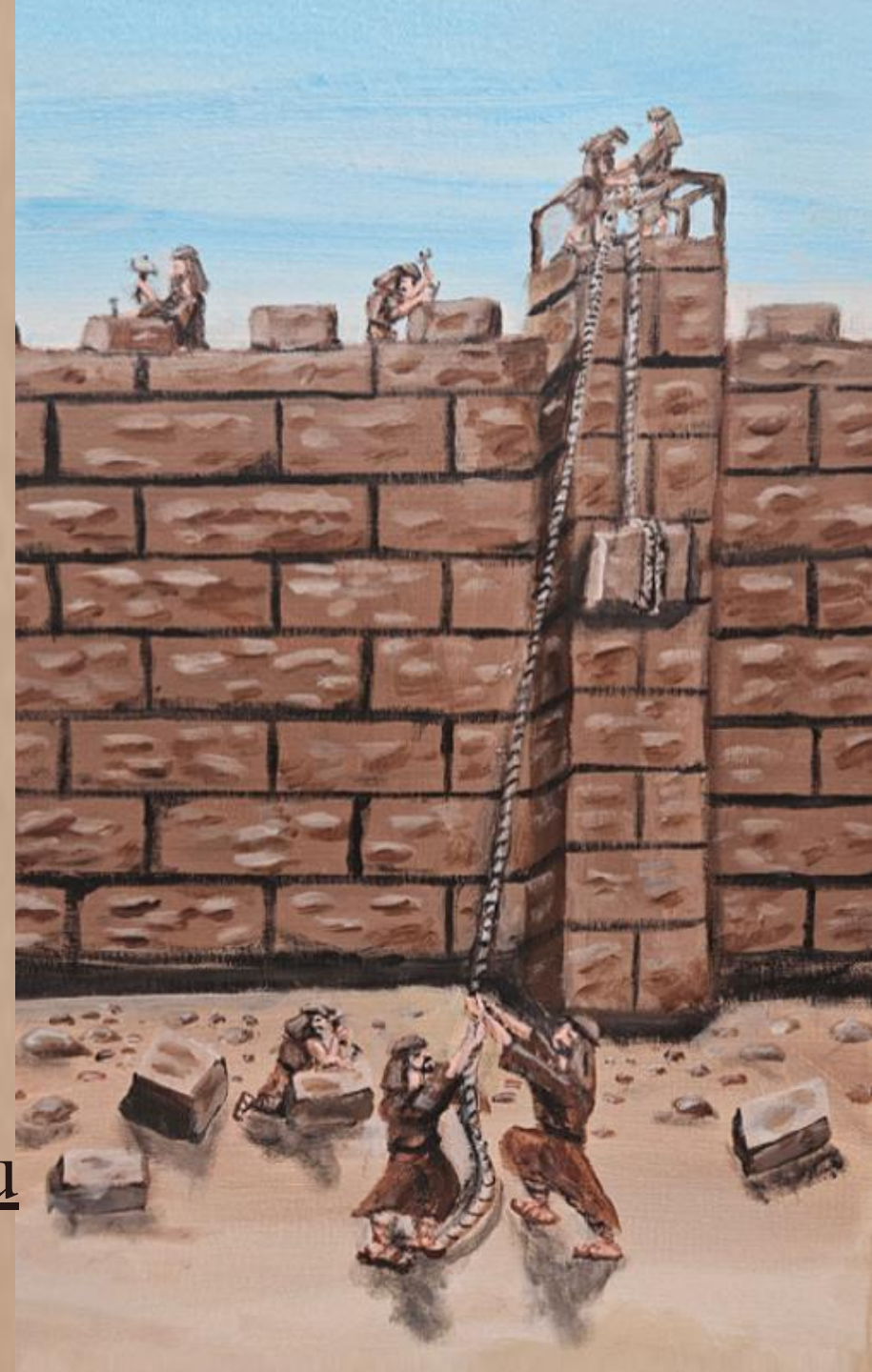


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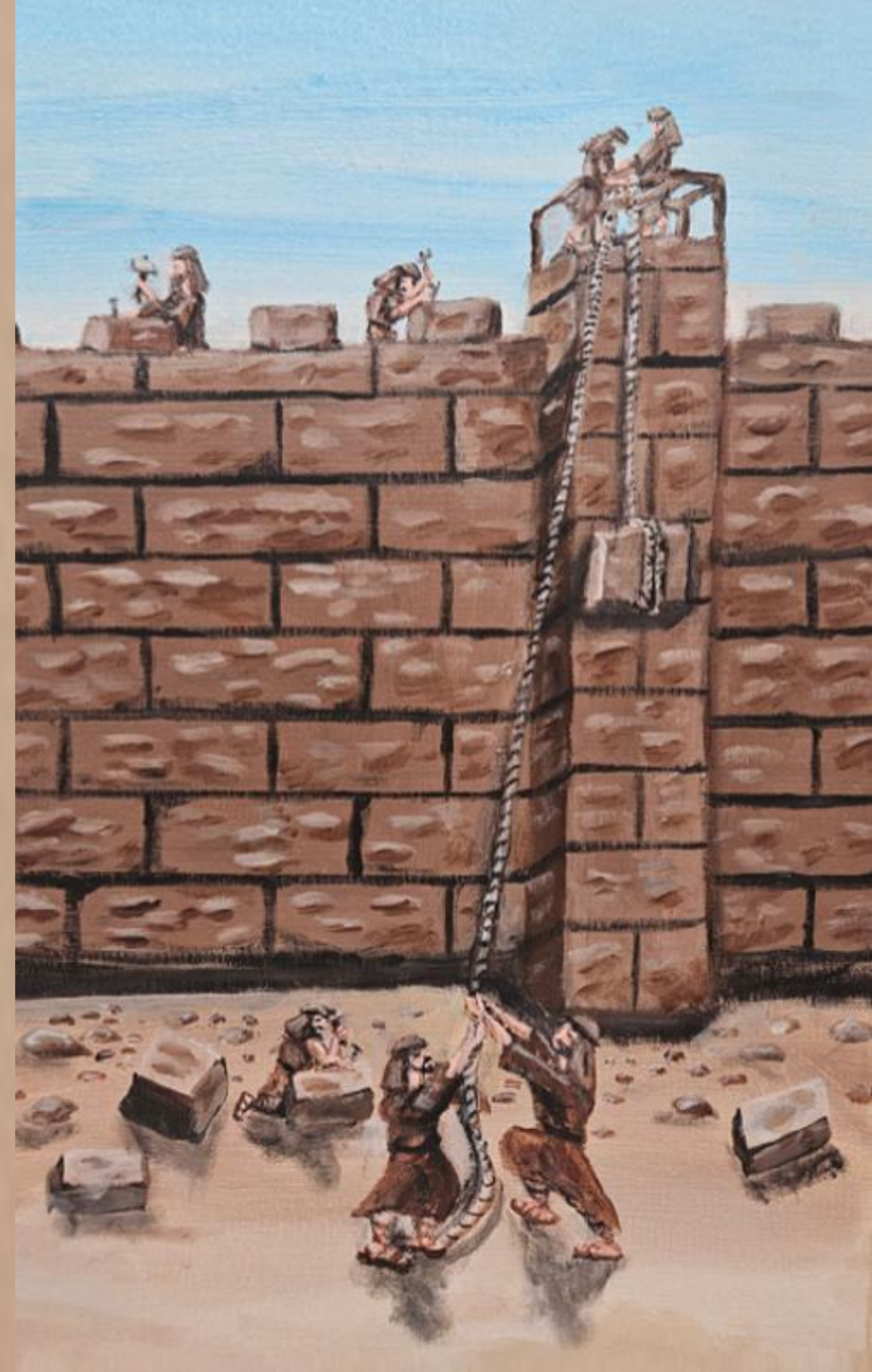
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Ellicott's Comm. For English Readers

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Acts 5:38-42 [read]

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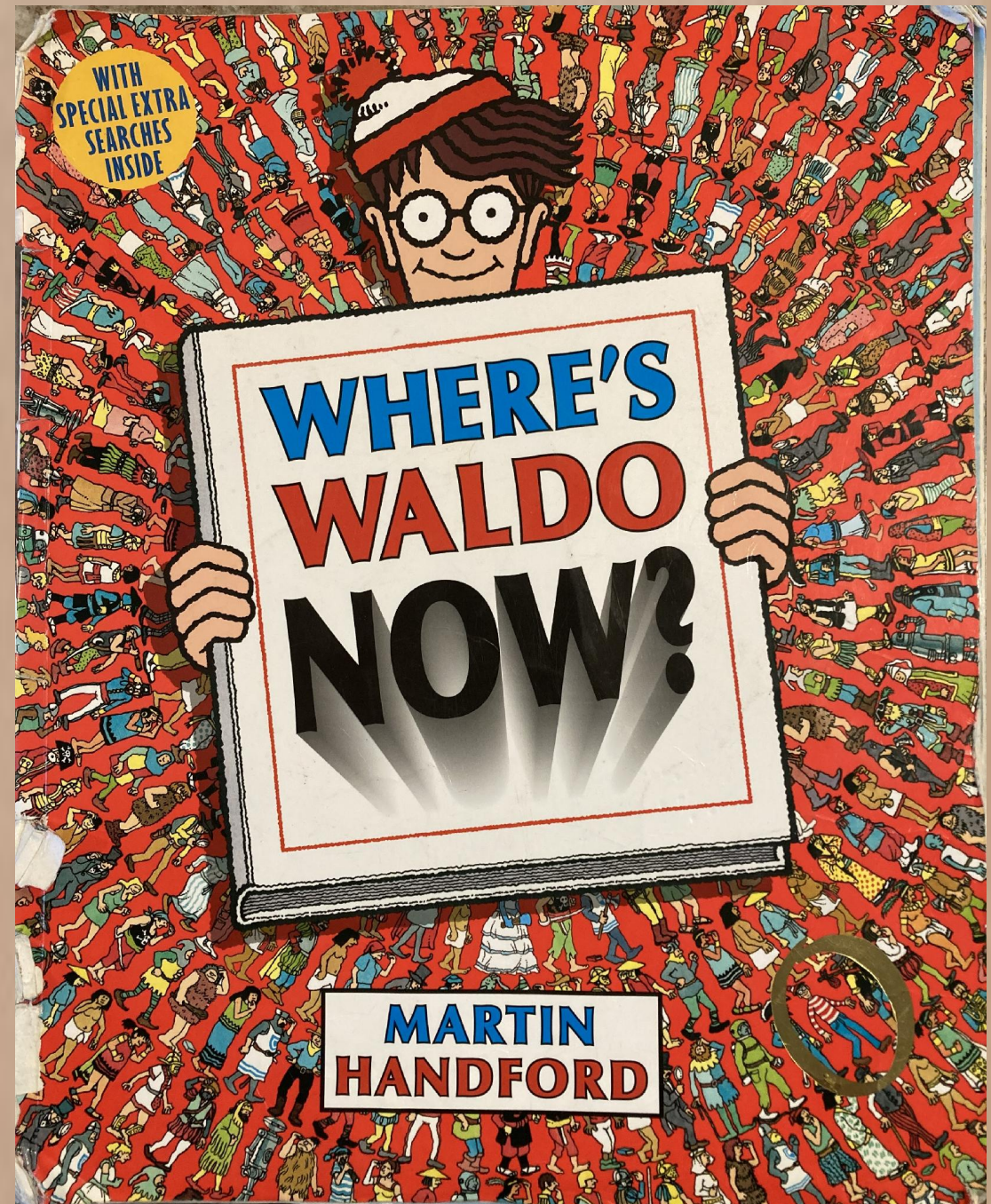
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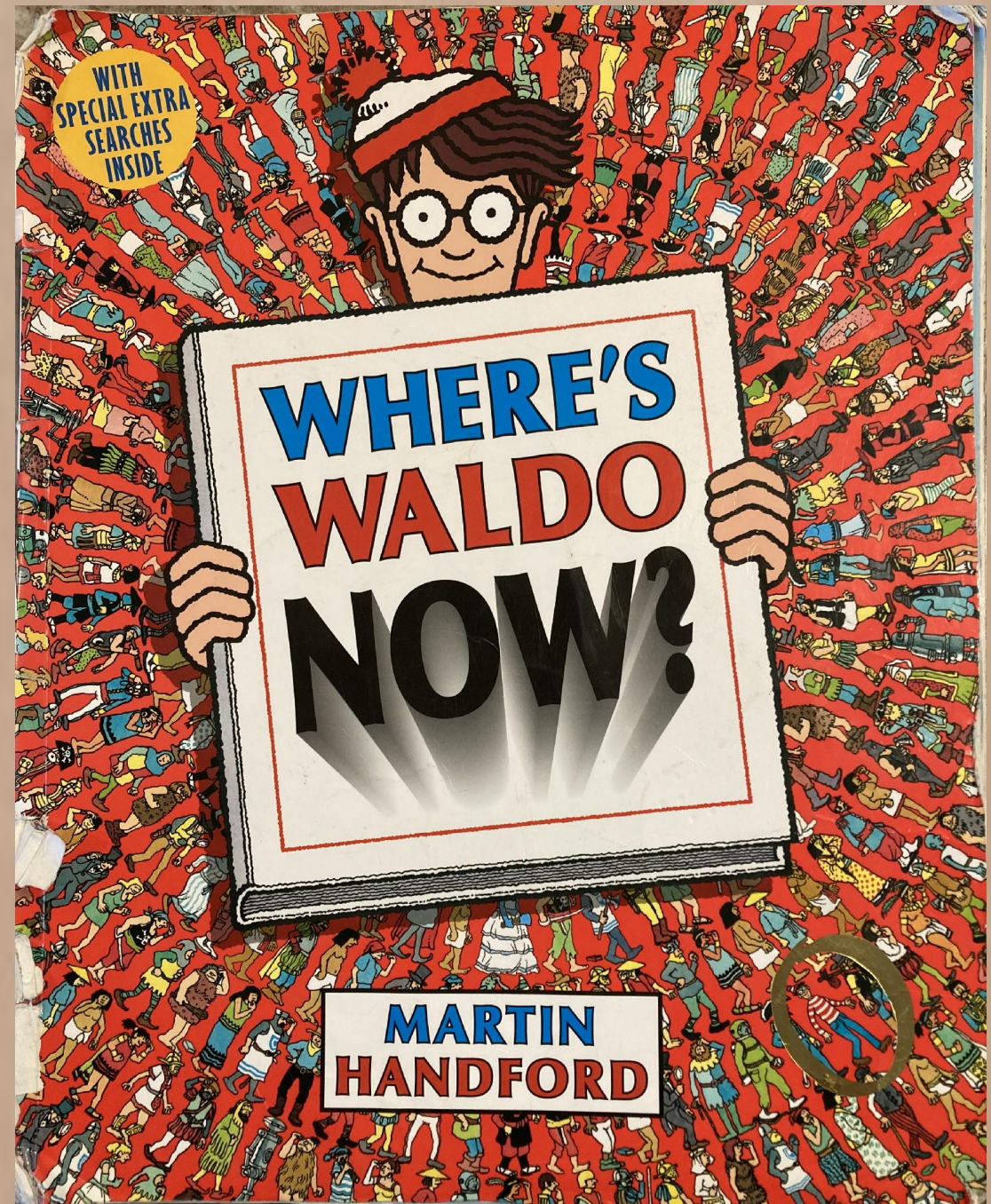
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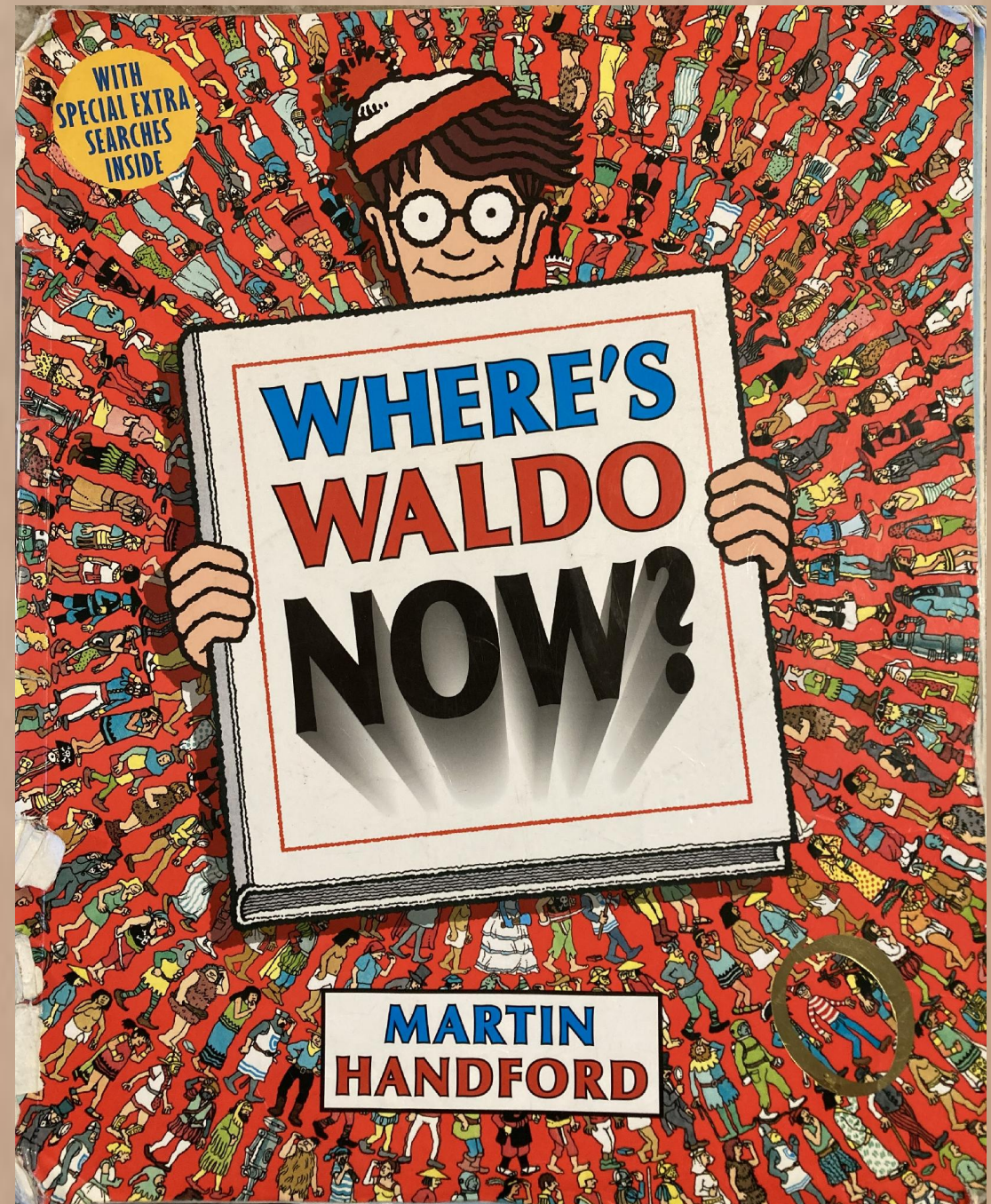
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