



# ON THE ROAD

Sir Guy de Frinton  
and his squire,

William de Lacy, are hungry.

It is eight o'clock in the morning when they arrive at the market town of Barton, but they have been on the road since five. They are on their way to Belmont

Castle to take part in a tournament and have stopped at an inn to order a good breakfast. While it is being prepared, they will do some shopping. It is market day and the streets are busy with farmers, traders, and town craftsmen.



Sir Guy hands William a purse full of money and tells him to buy ale, cheese, bread, beeswax, salt, oil, and other supplies.

As Sir Guy waits for William, he listens to a herald announcing the tournament. The townsfolk love good tournaments. They are always exciting to watch and provide a chance to make money!

## Fact or fiction?

Knights rescued  
damsels in  
distress.





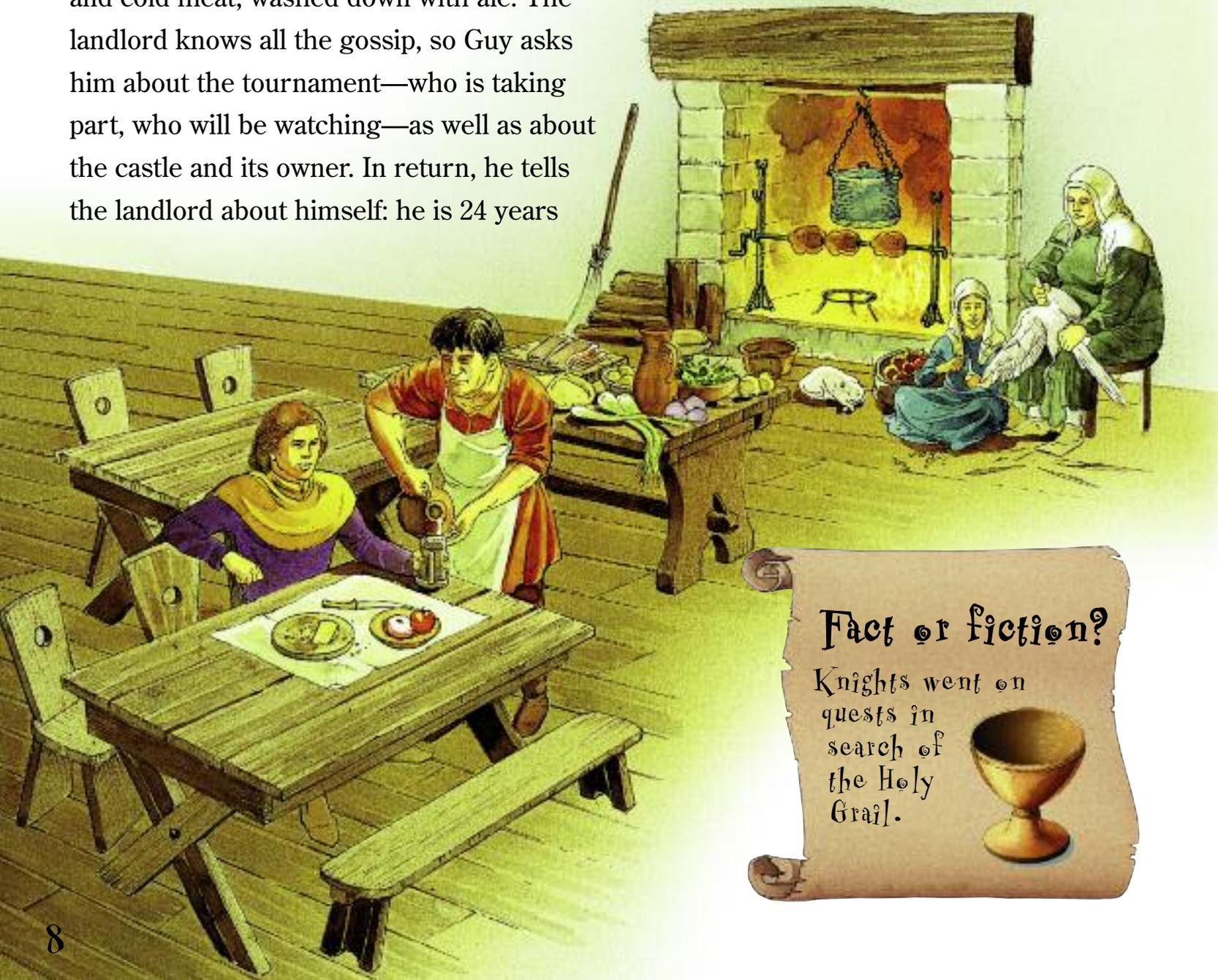
# BREAKFAST

**N**ow it is nine a.m. Sir Guy eats his

old, not yet married, and an only son and heir to his father's two estates.

This will be his ninth tournament.

breakfast of porridge, bread and cold meat, washed down with ale. The landlord knows all the gossip, so Guy asks him about the tournament—who is taking part, who will be watching—as well as about the castle and its owner. In return, he tells the landlord about himself: he is 24 years



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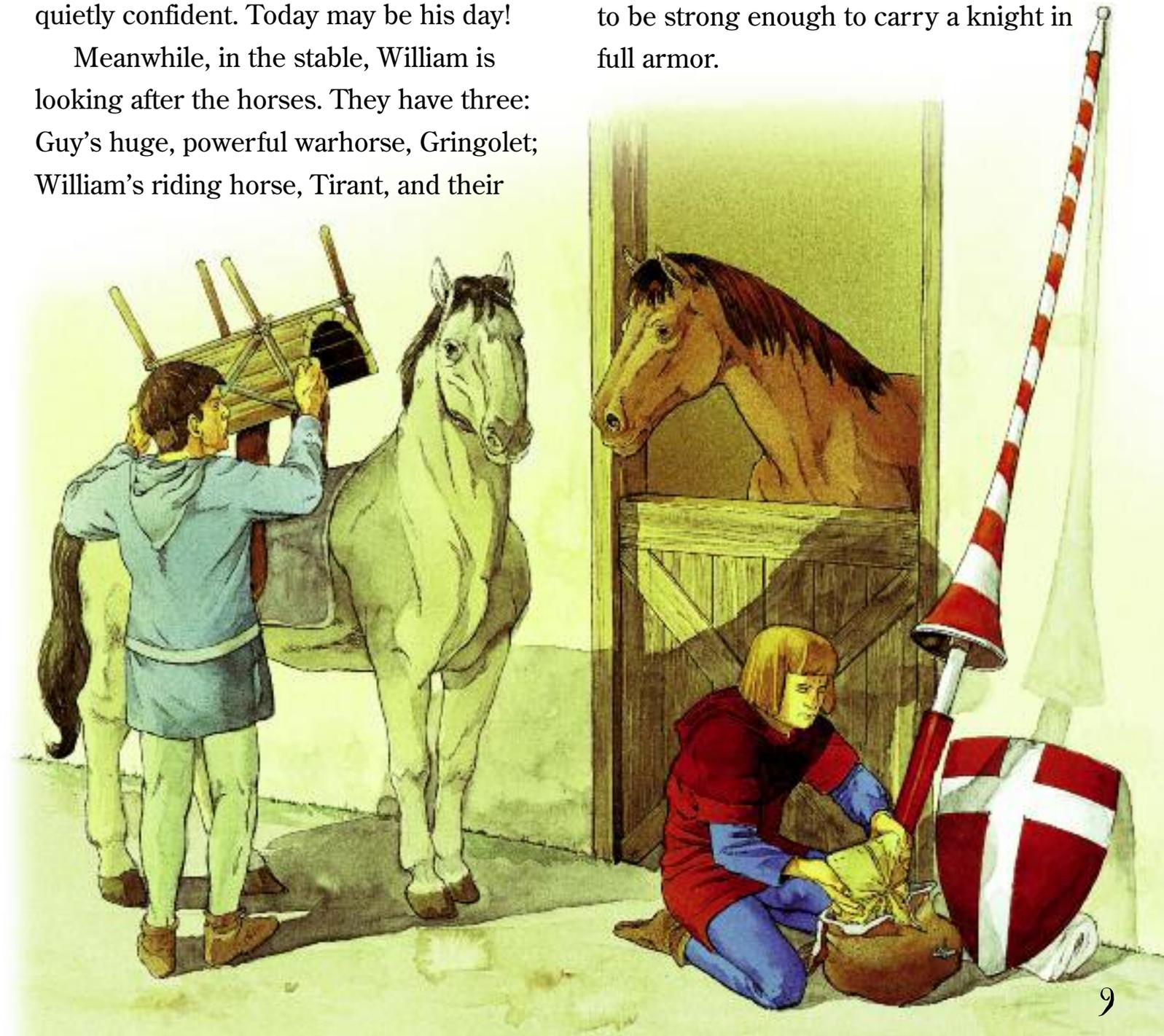
Knights went on quests in search of the Holy Grail.



Guy hasn't won a tournament yet, but he has worked hard and is eager to do well. The landlord thinks he looks like a strong, determined young man. Guy is quietly confident. Today may be his day!

Meanwhile, in the stable, William is looking after the horses. They have three: Guy's huge, powerful warhorse, Gringolet; William's riding horse, Tirant, and their

packhorse, Dobbin. Dobbin carries all their luggage, armor and equipment strapped to a wooden frame on his back. Gringolet is a heavy horse, specially bred to be strong enough to carry a knight in full armor.





# THE CASTLE

At about ten a.m., Sir Guy and William arrive at Belmont

Castle, home of Baron Richard Fitzroy. Guy's mother is related to the baron's wife, Lady Margery Fitzroy, so Guy will stay in the castle, instead of in a tent outside with the other competitors. Baron Fitzroy is wealthy and powerful. His castle has all the latest defenses: a new "curtain" wall, a moat, and a large gatehouse with a portcullis. Guy and William are very impressed.

