

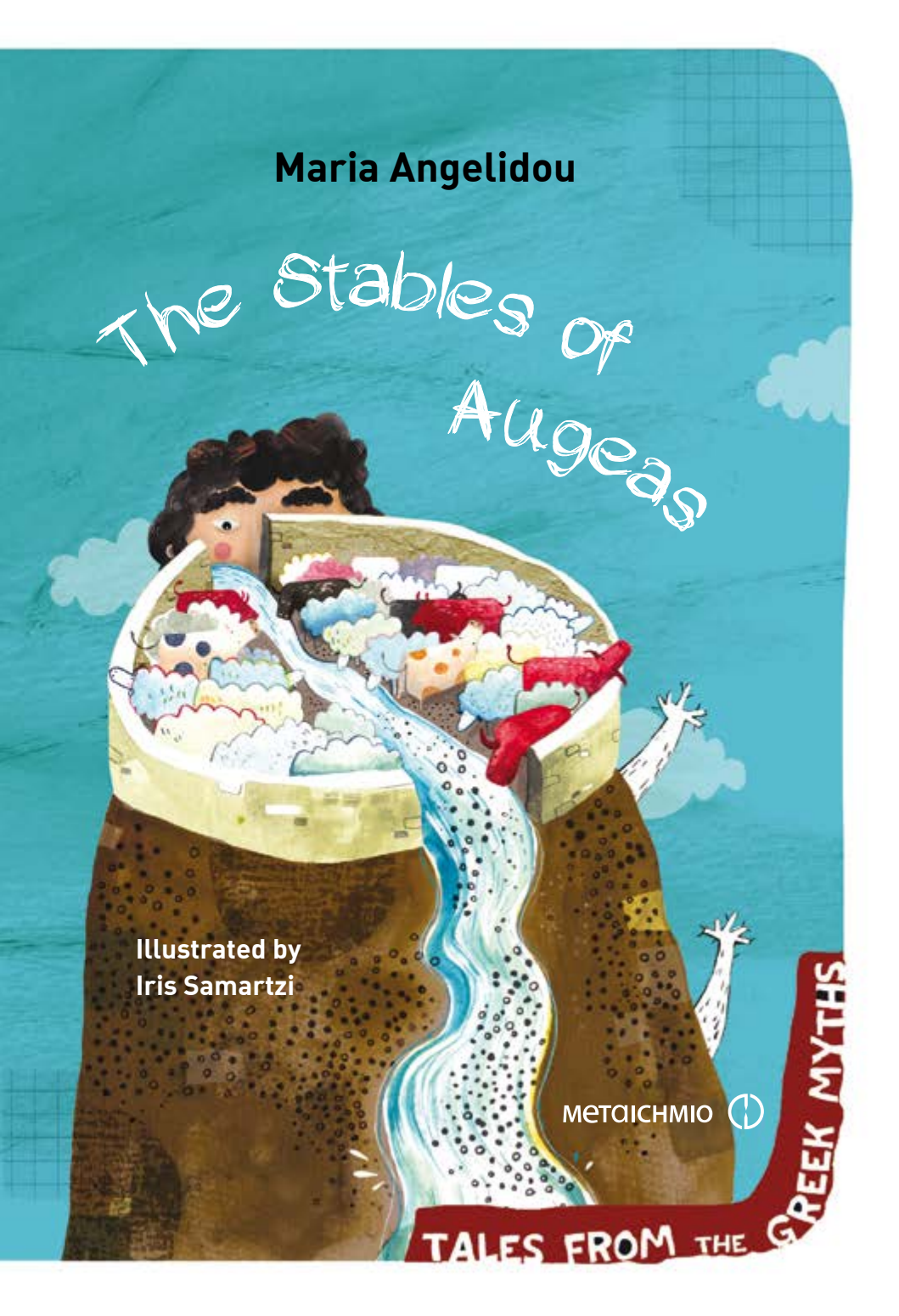
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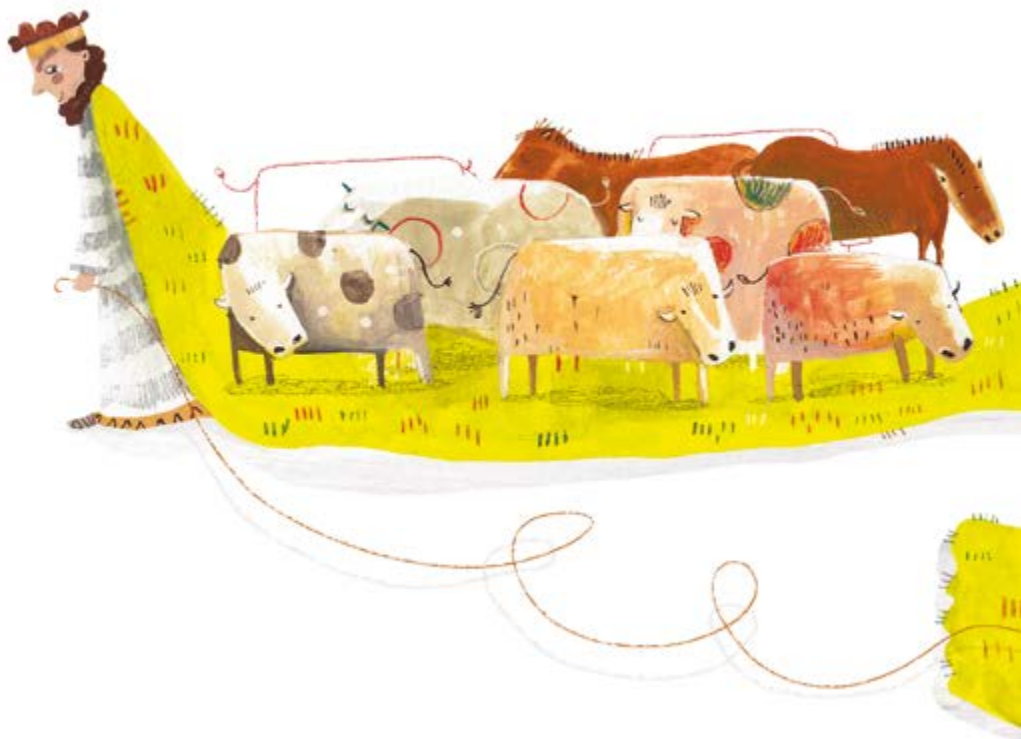
# The Stables of Augeas

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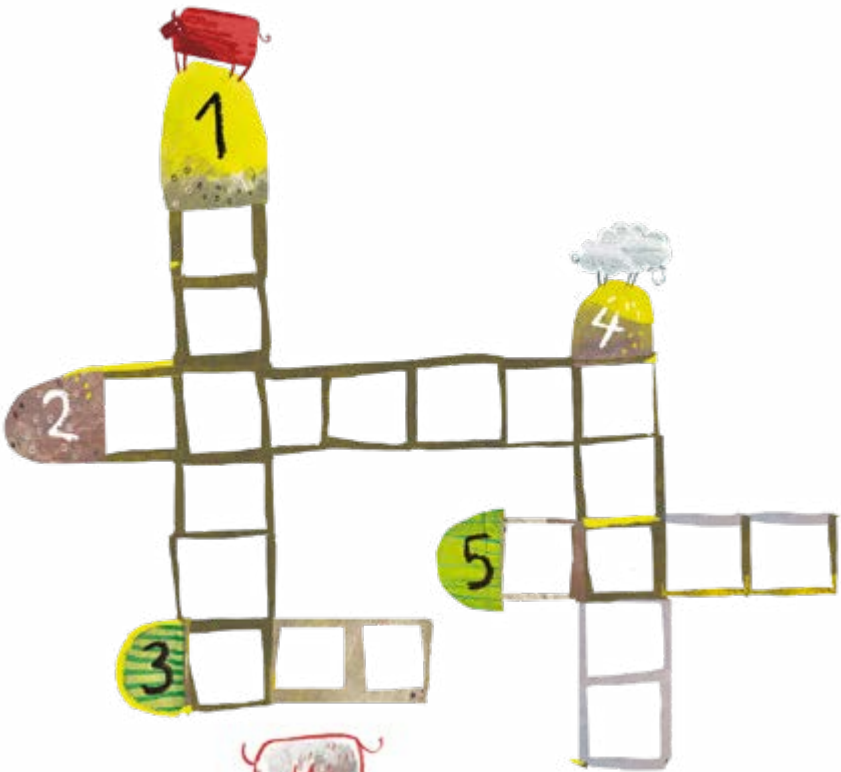
In the beginning, all kings knew how to do all the jobs. They were blacksmiths, hunters, doctors, farmers, craftsmen, sorcerers, warriors – everything. But above all they liked to work with animals. They were good with all animals. But with their own ones, with their own flocks... they were the best of the best. They were shepherd-kings and they had countless animals of their own –



sheep, goats, cows, horses... They loved their work – even the gods did it! Most of them had their own flocks, and they were so keen for more that they didn't hesitate to steal from each other. If anyone touched them, there was all hell to pay and the offender would be wiped off the face of the earth.

## WORDSEARCH

1. Augeas' father.
2. Hercules used the water of which river?
3. The manure ended up in the...
4. Because of the muck in the stables, there was a very bad... in Elis.
5. The Olympic Games were held in honour of...



**ANSWERS:** 1. Helios, 2. Aifelos, 3. Sea, 4. Smell, 5. Zeus



## TRUE OR FALSE?

- |  | T                        | F                        |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Augeas' servants managed to clean the stables.      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Hercules showed his bodily strength in this labour. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Augeas promised to give him a tenth of his flock.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Hercules did this labour in one hour.               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. This was the last labour of Hercules.               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

ANSWERS: 1.F. 2.F. 3.T. 4.F. 5.F.



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At the time when the Earth was still young, it was up to the heroes to carry out the most difficult, or even impossible tasks. And first among them was Hercules, who was sent to tidy up and clean all kinds of places, even the stables of Augeas, whose filth reached right up to the sky. Hercules harnessed the Cleansing Waters, and made the stables sparkling clean!

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