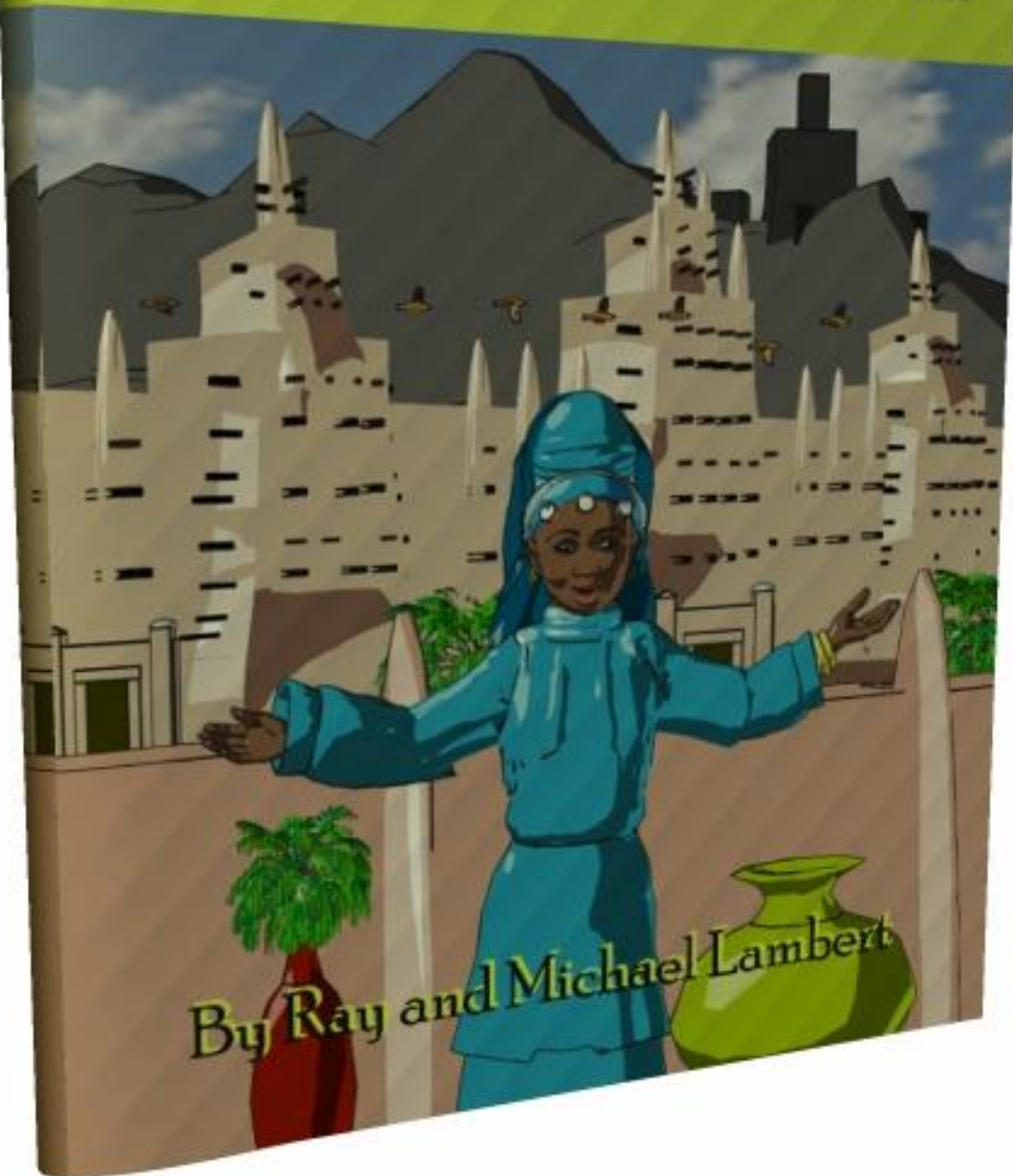


Things We Do In Timbuktu



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Hi. My name is Zahara,
I live in Timbuktu.
In the African empire of Mali
The year 1332.





My father carries gold
In Saharan caravans.

Camels and mules are rode
Across the desert sands.





Down at our river Niger
My mother works as well.

Other women work beside her,
Doing chores at the rivers swell.






Some people work the mines
That make our city rich.



Soldiers guard the city walls
To protect our heritage.



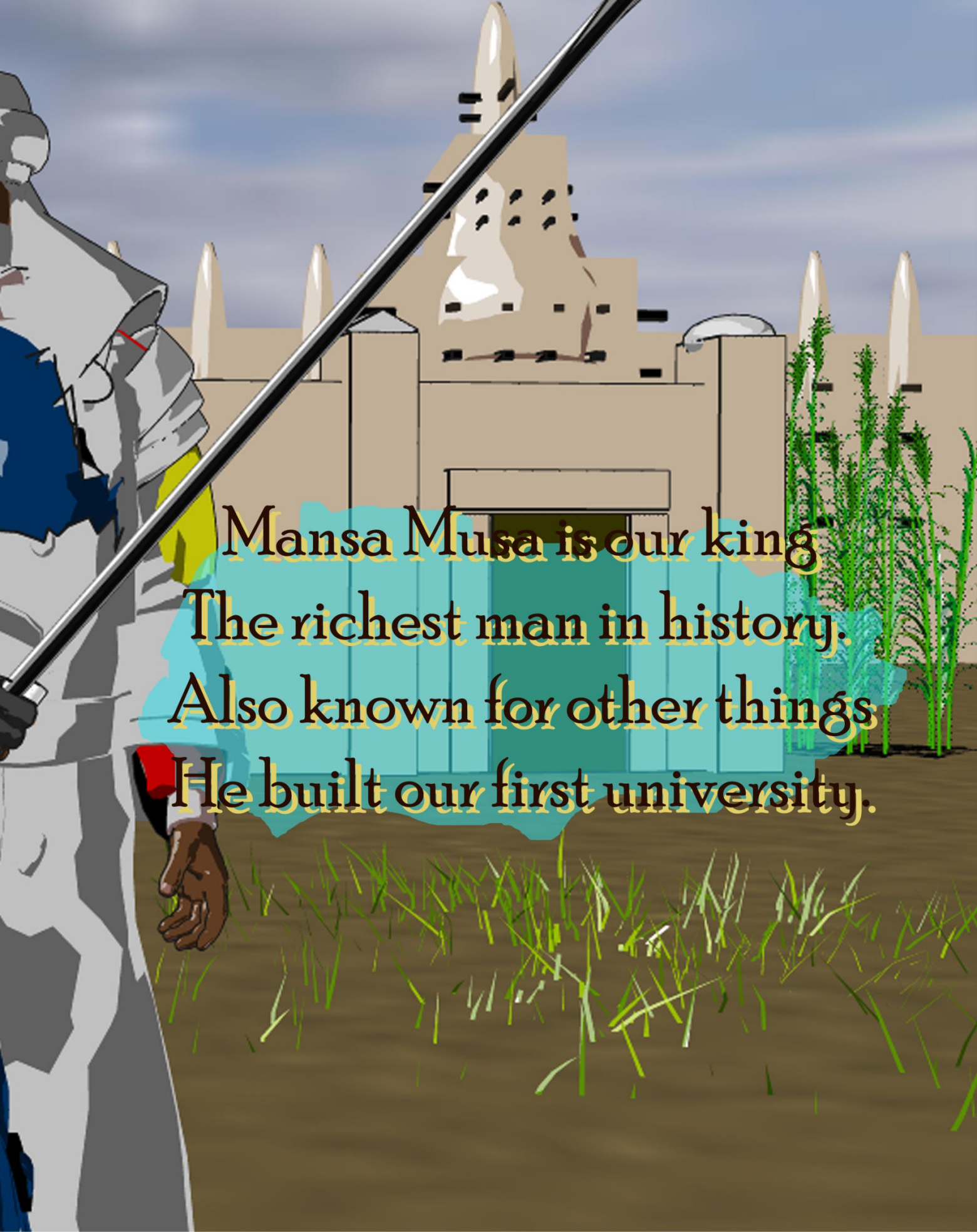


A stylized illustration of a market scene. In the foreground, a large yellow pyramid sits on a brown base. To the right, a building with a dark doorway and a blue vase is visible. In the background, there are more buildings and a large, light-colored structure. The text is overlaid on a green circular area in the upper part of the image.


People fill our markets
They come from all around
They buy and sell, shop and trade
From sun up, to sun down.





An illustration of Mansa Musa, a prominent figure in West African history, standing in a field. He is depicted from the waist up, wearing a white robe with a blue sash and a yellow sash. He has a long white beard and is holding a long, dark staff or scepter. In the background, there is a large, tan-colored building with a central tower and several smaller towers. The sky is a pale blue with some clouds. The ground is brown with green grass. The text is overlaid on a light blue background.

Mansa Musa is our king
The richest man in history.
Also known for other things
He built our first university.



Thousands of books, scrolls
and manuscripts,
Our great libraries hold all of this.







Children care for our cattle and goats.

Feeding them fruits,

Wheat and sometimes oats.







We play games the rest of the day.
Hide and seek, tag, and keep away.





Elephants, hippos, lions, and gazelle.

Our plains, and rivers are
where they dwell.





Hot and sunny most times here.
Our rainy season last three months a year.



I hear my mother calling.
That means it's time to eat.







So goodbye from Timbuktu.
Until next time we meet.

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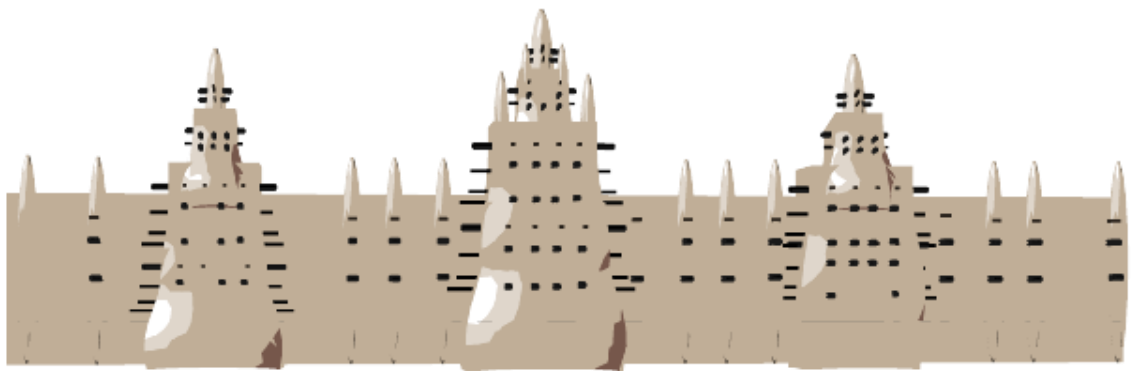
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