

Katie AND
THE
MONA LISA

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Make Art an Adventure!



KATIE AND HER GRANDMA often went to the gallery on their days out together. Grandma liked to tell Katie all about the famous paintings.

“Which picture do you like best?” asked Grandma.

“*Mona Lisa*,” said Katie. “She smiled at me.”

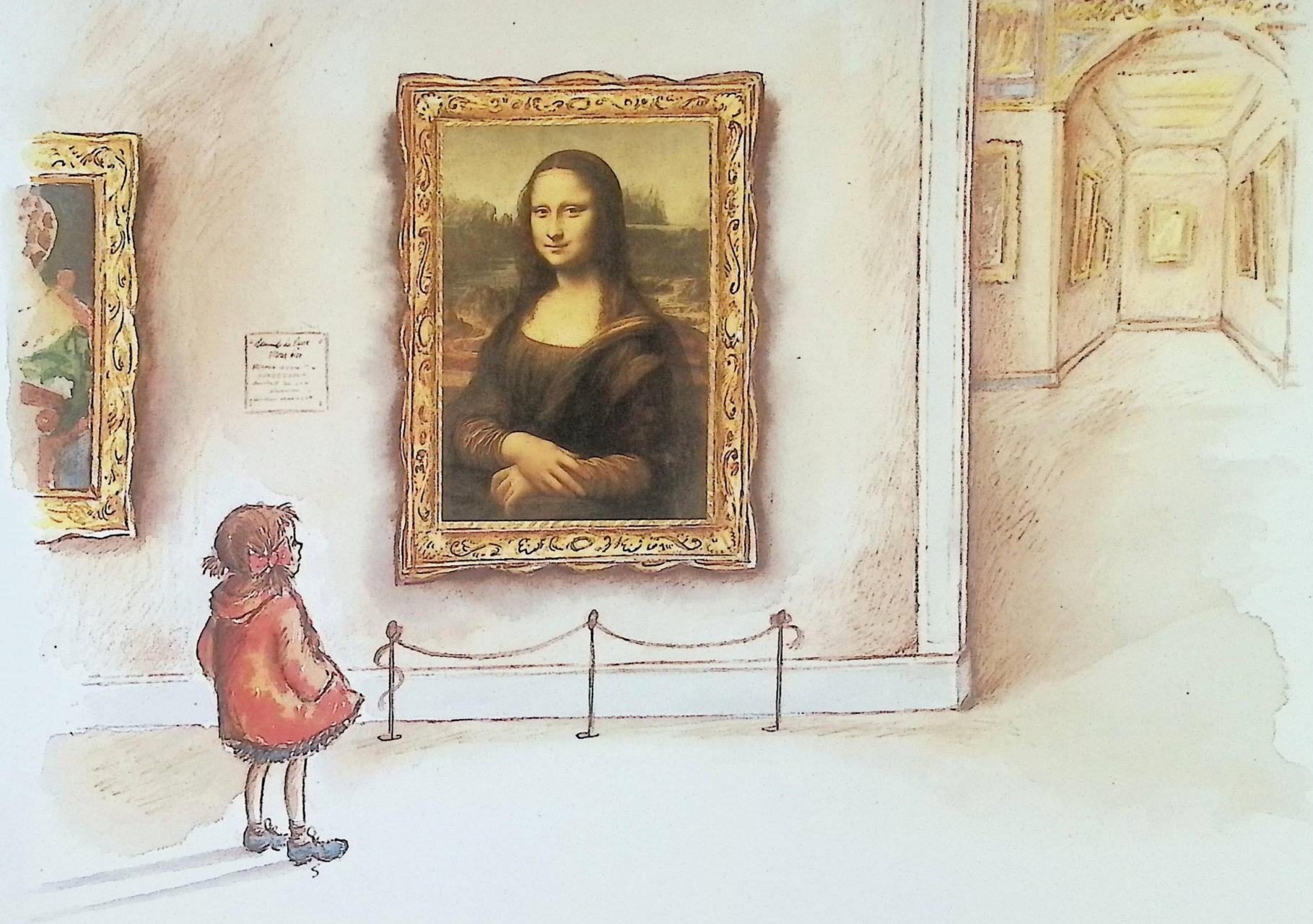
“Ah, it’s her smile that makes her famous,” said Grandma.



“What makes her smile?” asked Katie.

“I don’t know,” said Grandma, resting on a chair.

“Perhaps you should take a closer look at her.”



“*Mona Lisa* by Leonardo da Vinci,” said Katie, reading the notice by the painting. “I wish I knew why you are smiling.”

“Then come inside, *bambina!*” said Mona Lisa.

Katie was very surprised. But Grandma was dozing and the gallery was empty, so Katie climbed over the frame and into the picture.

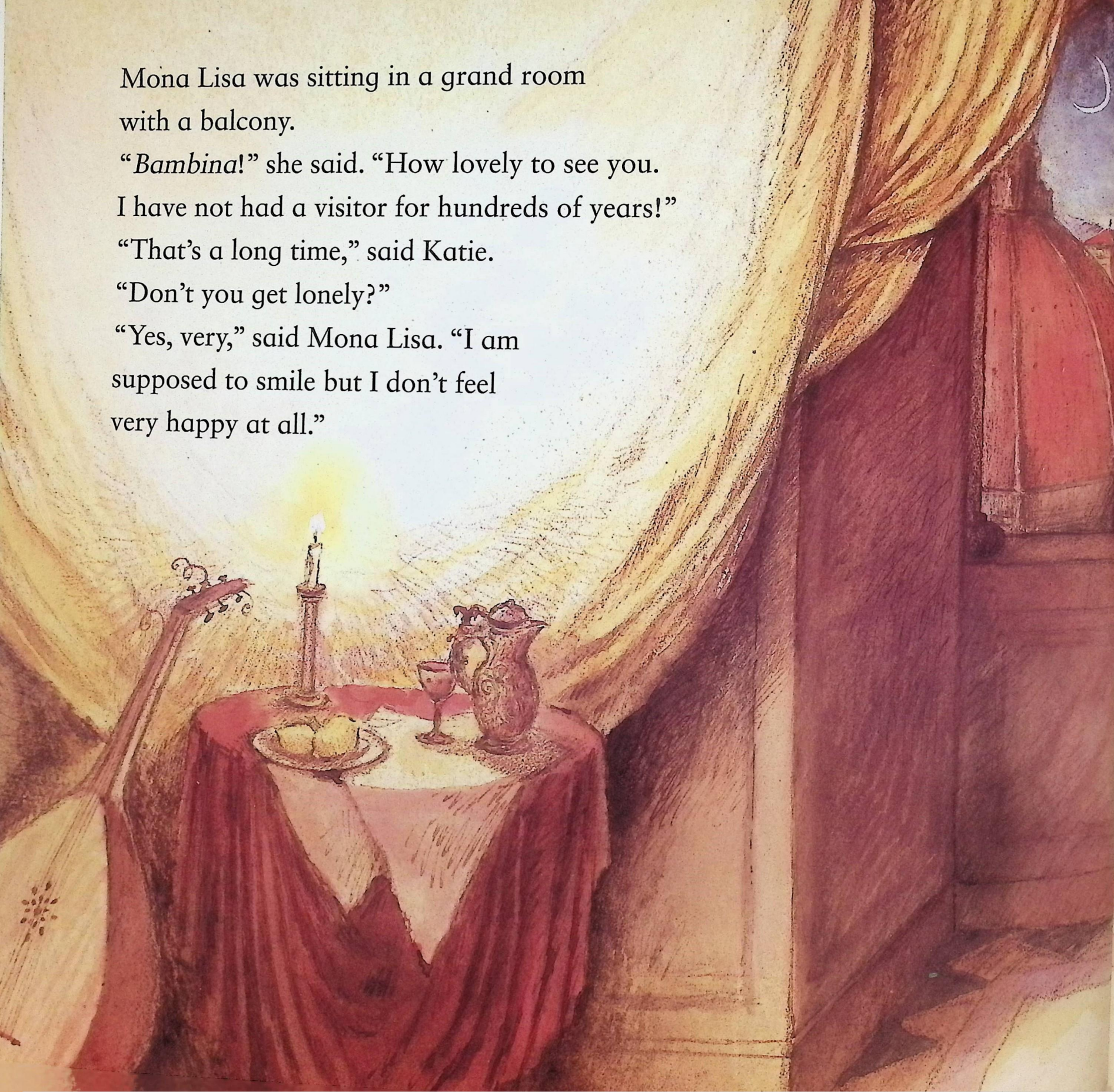
Mona Lisa was sitting in a grand room
with a balcony.

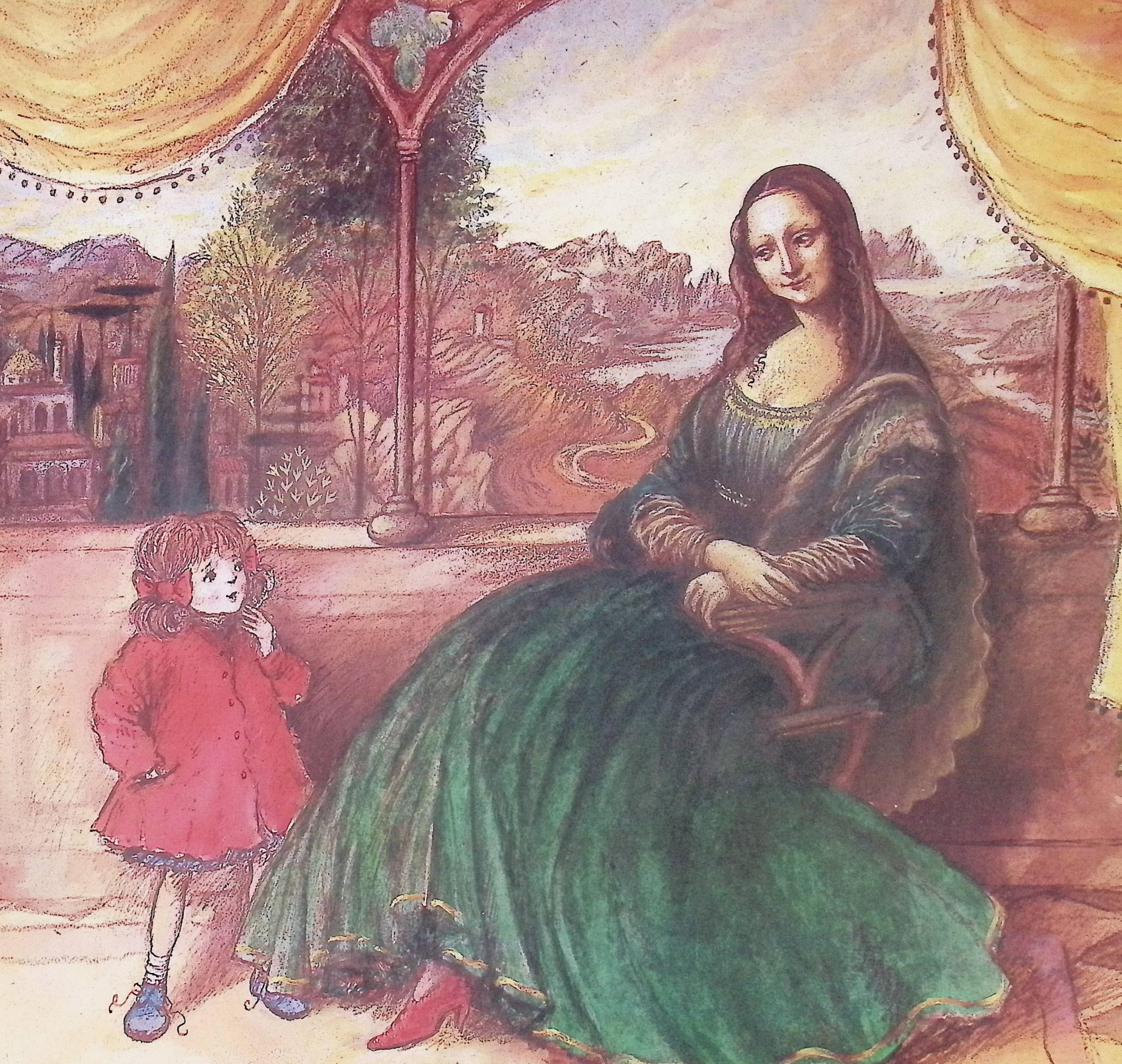
“*Bambina!*” she said. “How lovely to see you.
I have not had a visitor for hundreds of years!”

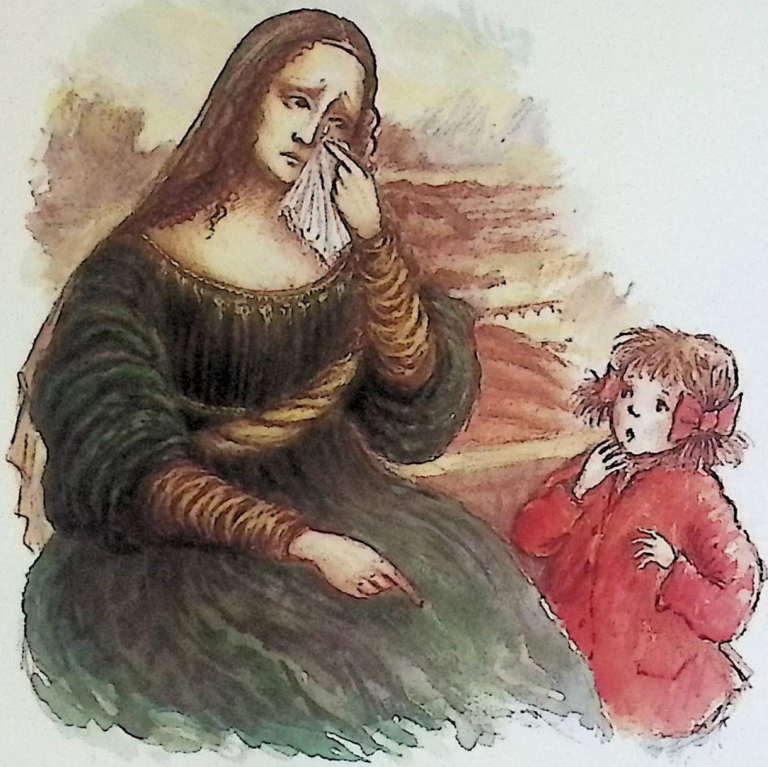
“That’s a long time,” said Katie.

“Don’t you get lonely?”

“Yes, very,” said Mona Lisa. “I am
supposed to smile but I don’t feel
very happy at all.”







A small tear ran down Mona Lisa's cheek. "I'll cheer you up," said Katie, handing her a handkerchief.

"When Leonardo painted me, he asked clowns and musicians to make me smile," said Mona Lisa, blowing her nose.

"Can you dance or sing?"

"I've got a better idea," said Katie. She took Mona Lisa by the hand, and very carefully they stepped out of the picture and into the gallery.

"You can meet anyone you like here," said Katie. "I'm sure there is someone who can make you smile again."





Katie

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Join Katie as she steps into
the most famous paintings
in the world for an exciting
art adventure!

When the Mona Lisa's smile goes missing, it's up to Katie to help find it again. On the way, they meet a princess, a winged lion and an angel. And wherever you find Katie, you'll find fun close behind!

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