

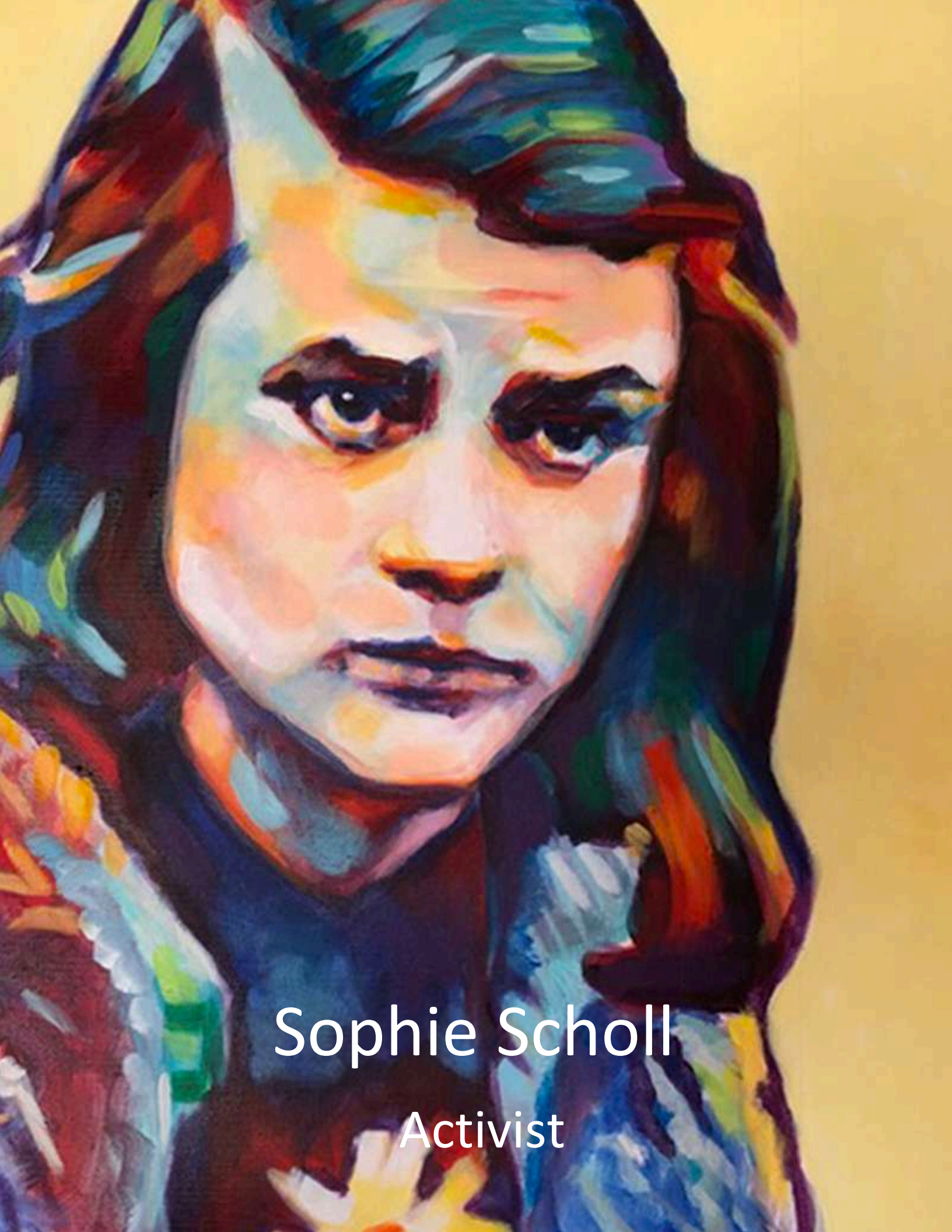
**Girls Who Grew
Up to Change the**



Sophie Scholl



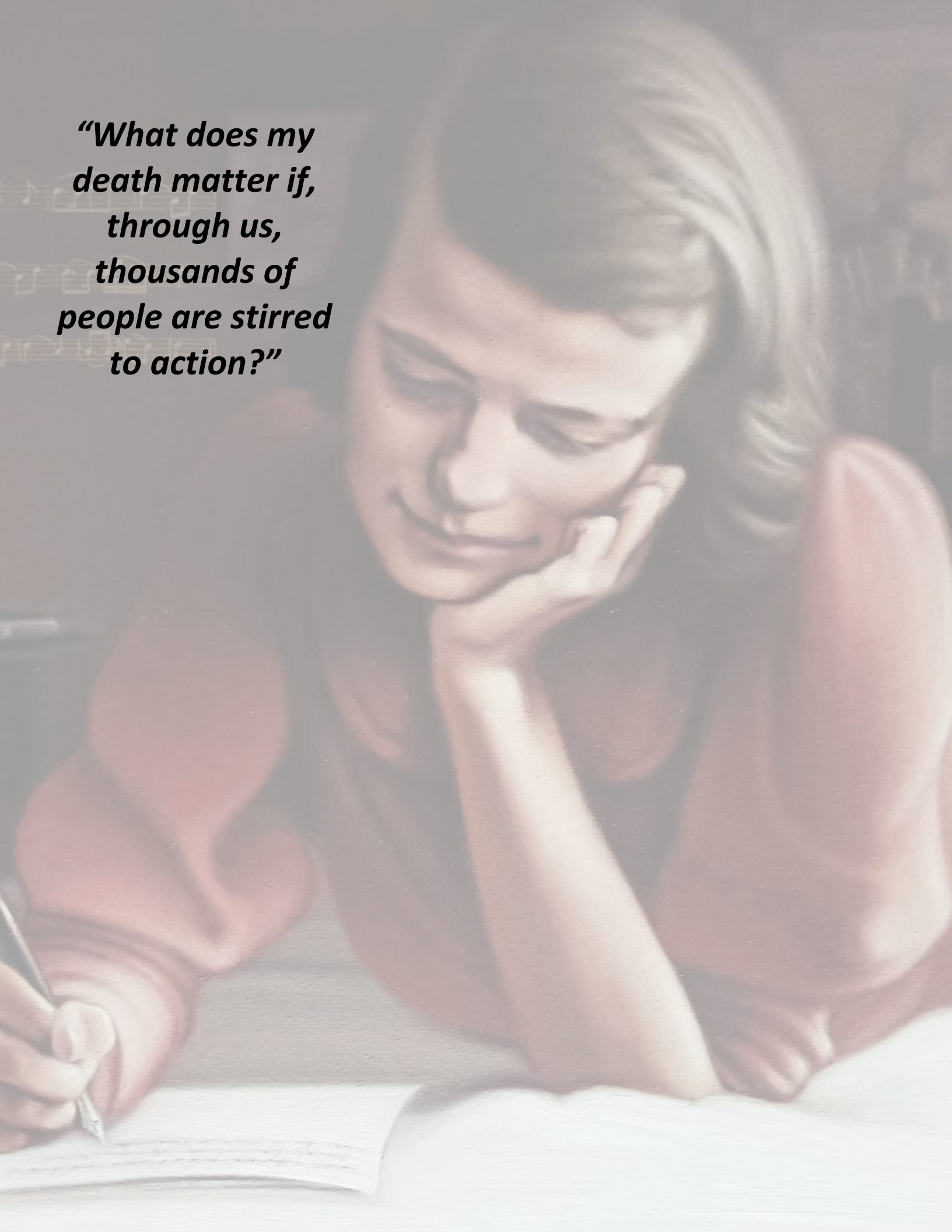
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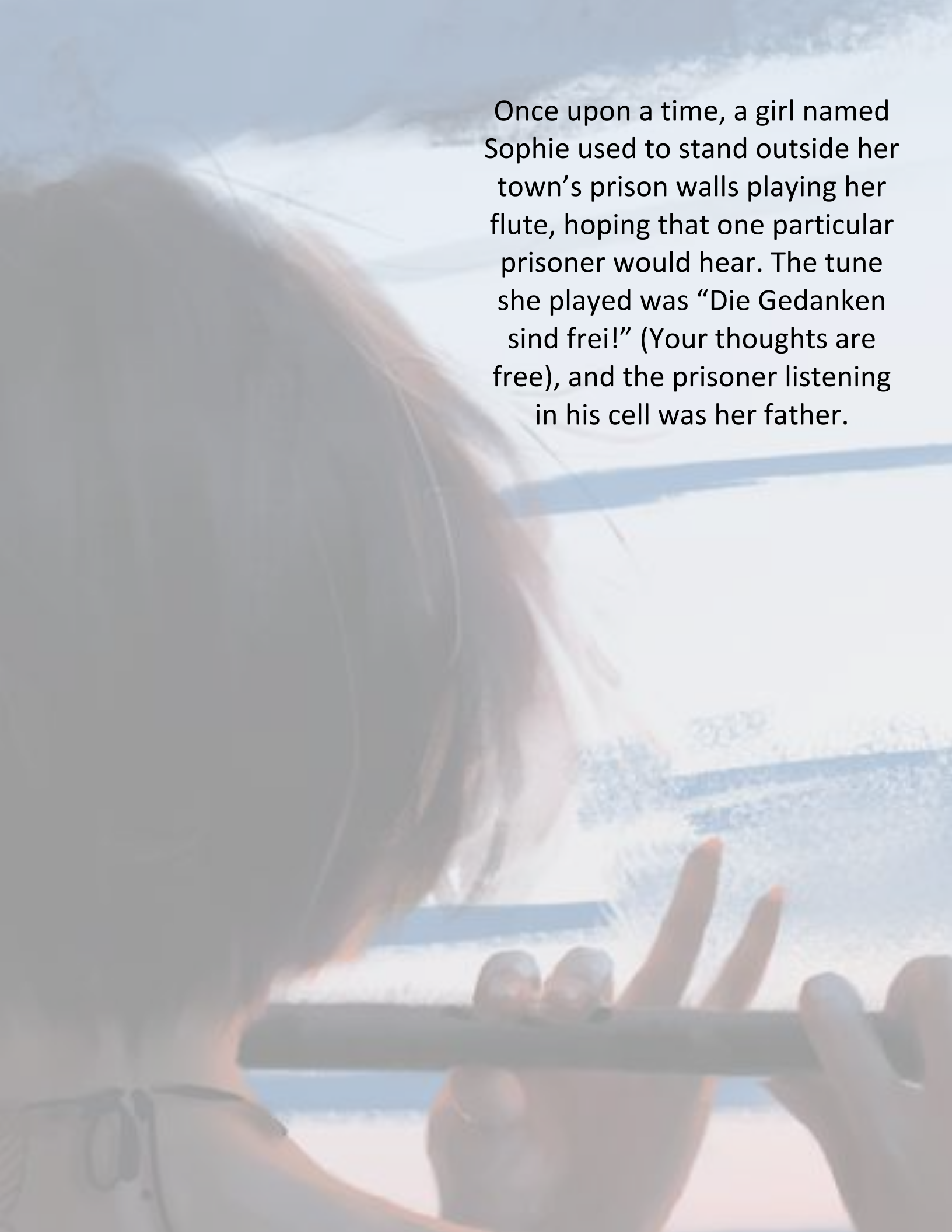


Sophie Scholl

Activist

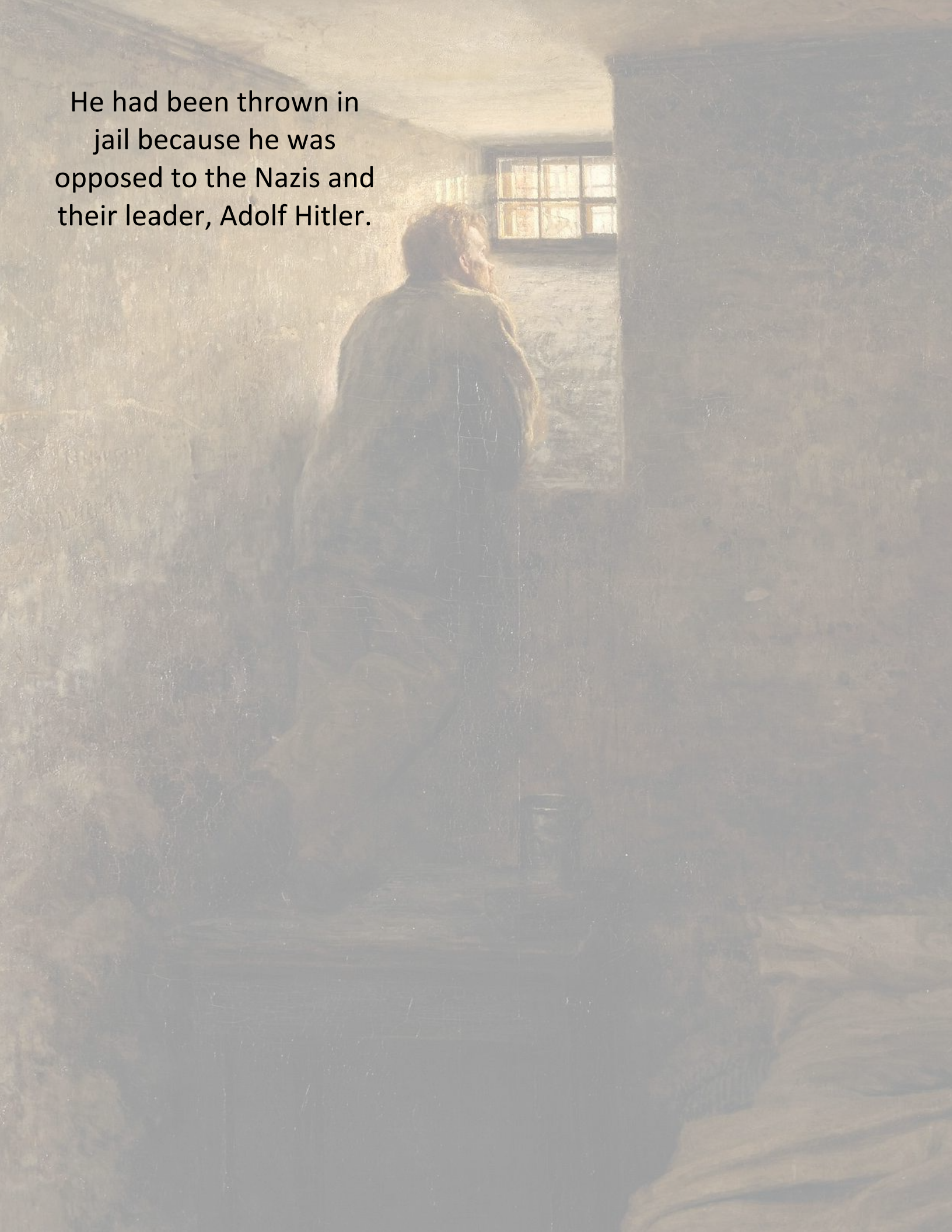
***“What does my
death matter if,
through us,
thousands of
people are stirred
to action?”***



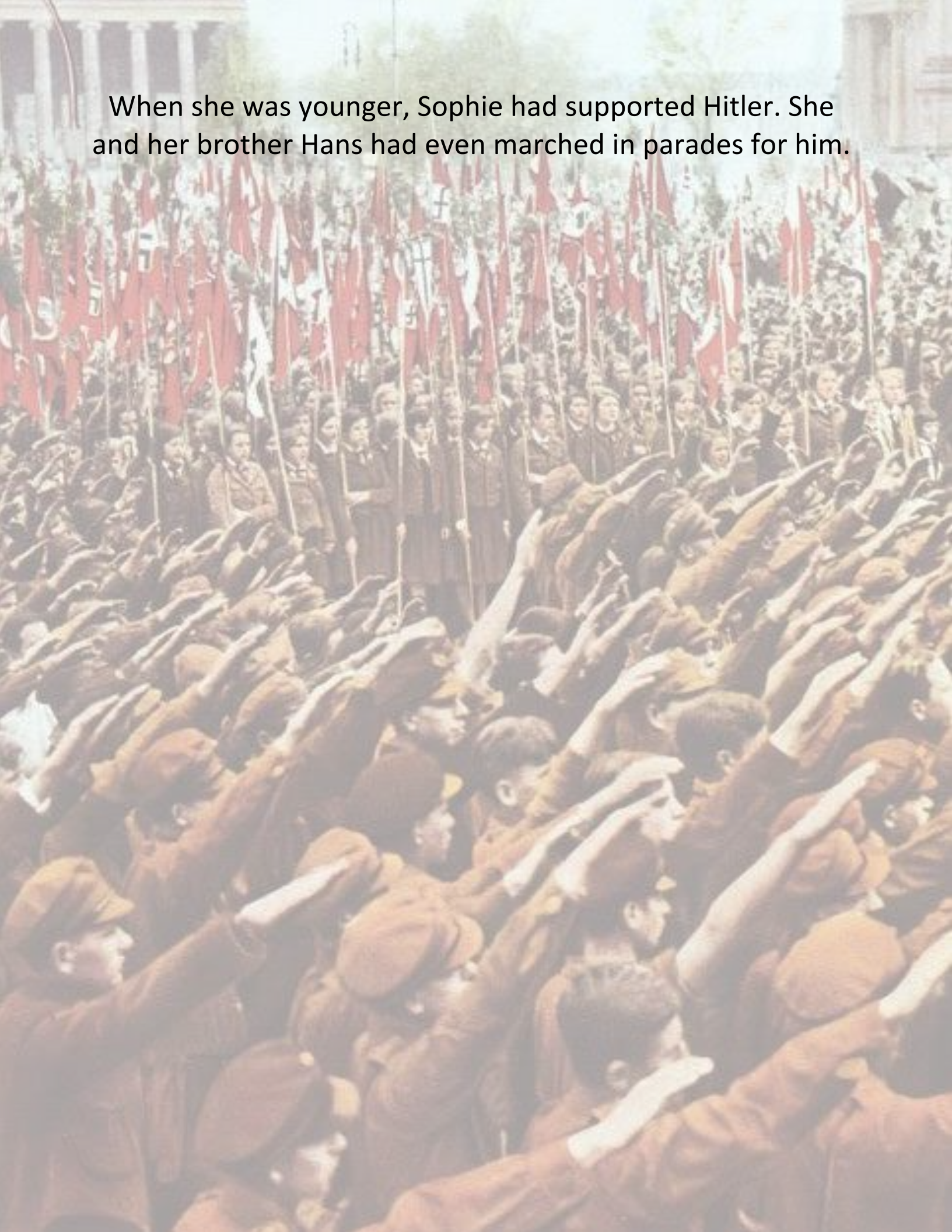
A person with long brown hair is shown from the back, playing a silver flute. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene with green foliage and a blue sky. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Once upon a time, a girl named Sophie used to stand outside her town's prison walls playing her flute, hoping that one particular prisoner would hear. The tune she played was "Die Gedanken sind frei!" (Your thoughts are free), and the prisoner listening in his cell was her father.

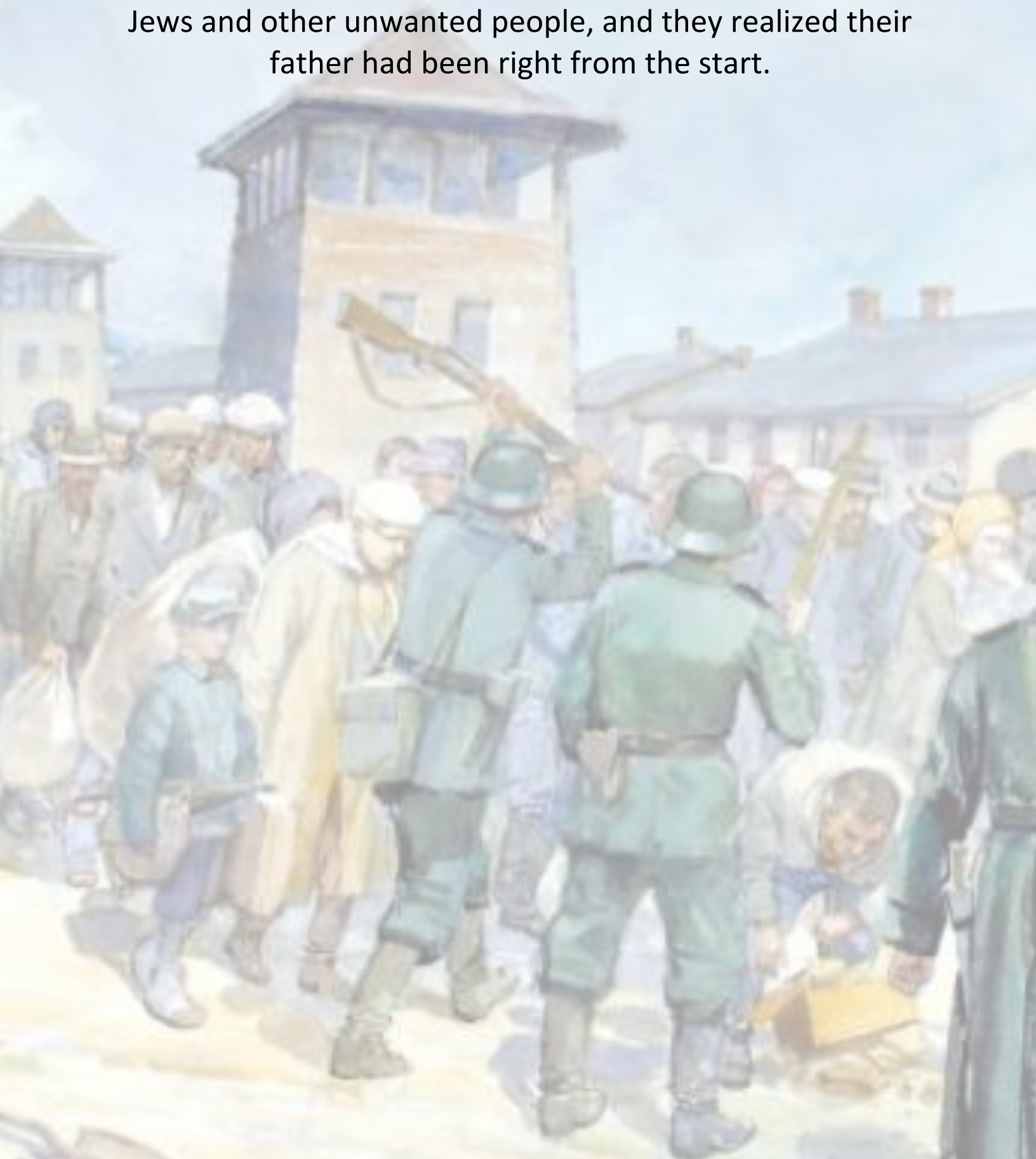
He had been thrown in
jail because he was
opposed to the Nazis and
their leader, Adolf Hitler.



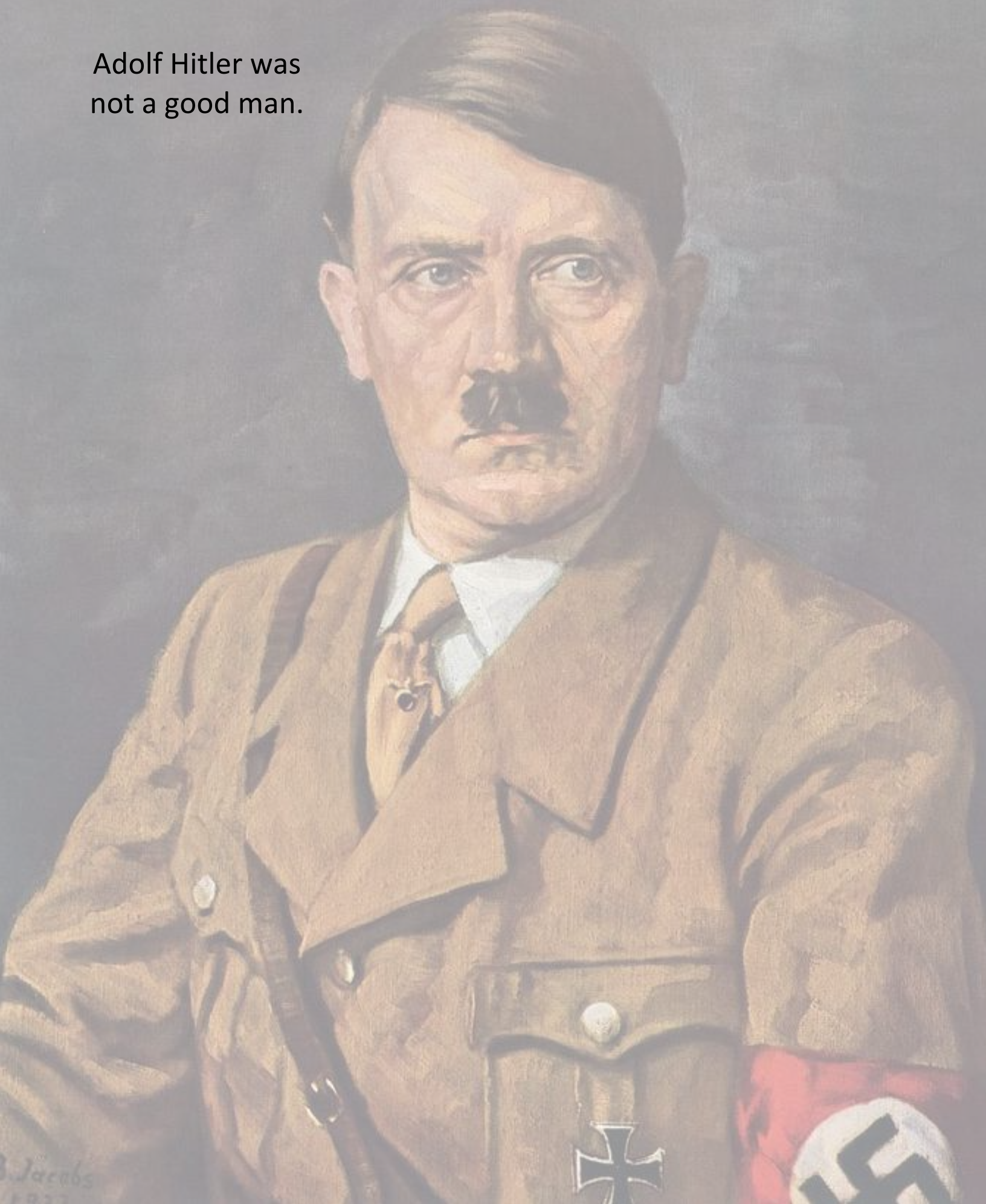
When she was younger, Sophie had supported Hitler. She and her brother Hans had even marched in parades for him.




But then they started reading about the terrible things the Nazis were doing. They learned about the mass murder of Jews and other unwanted people, and they realized their father had been right from the start.



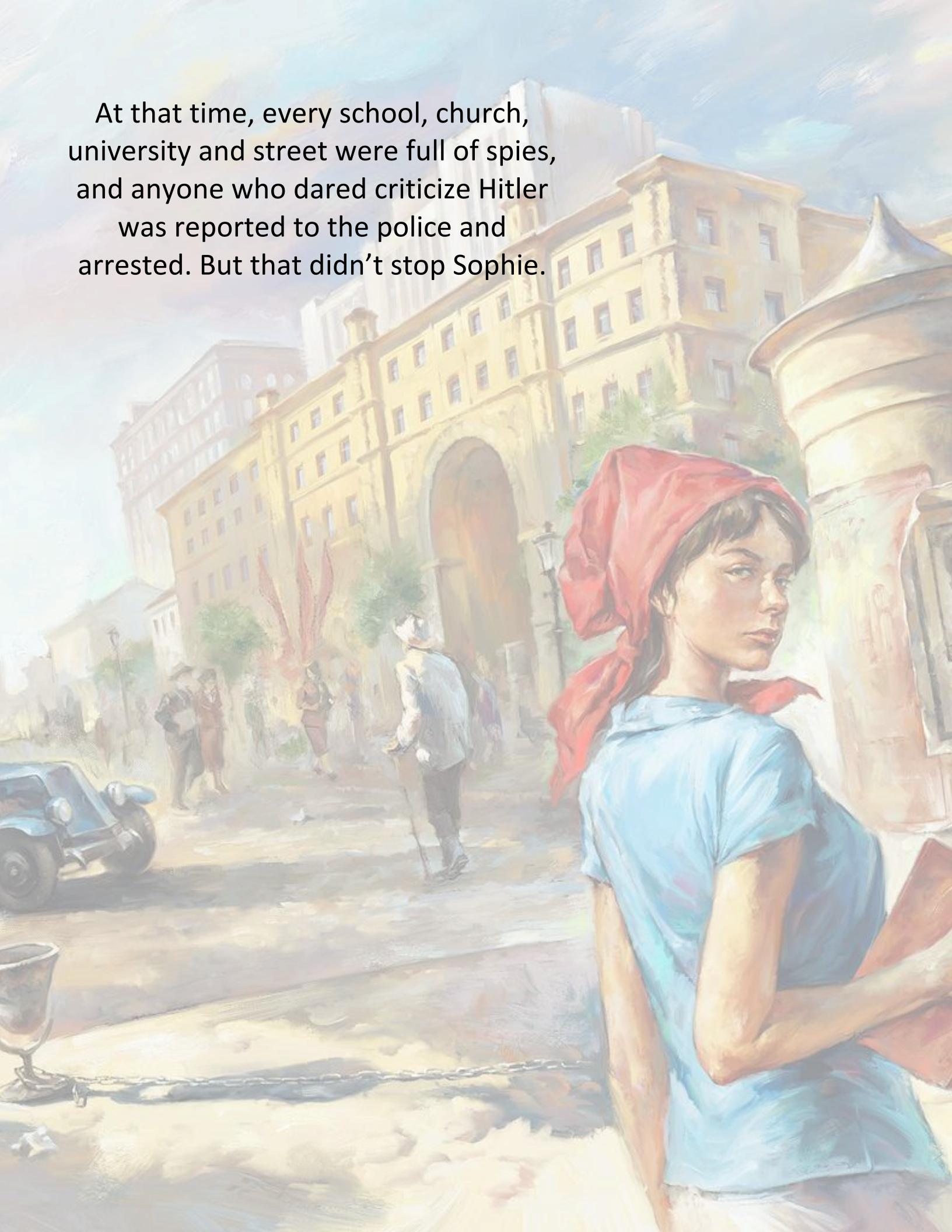
Adolf Hitler was
not a good man.



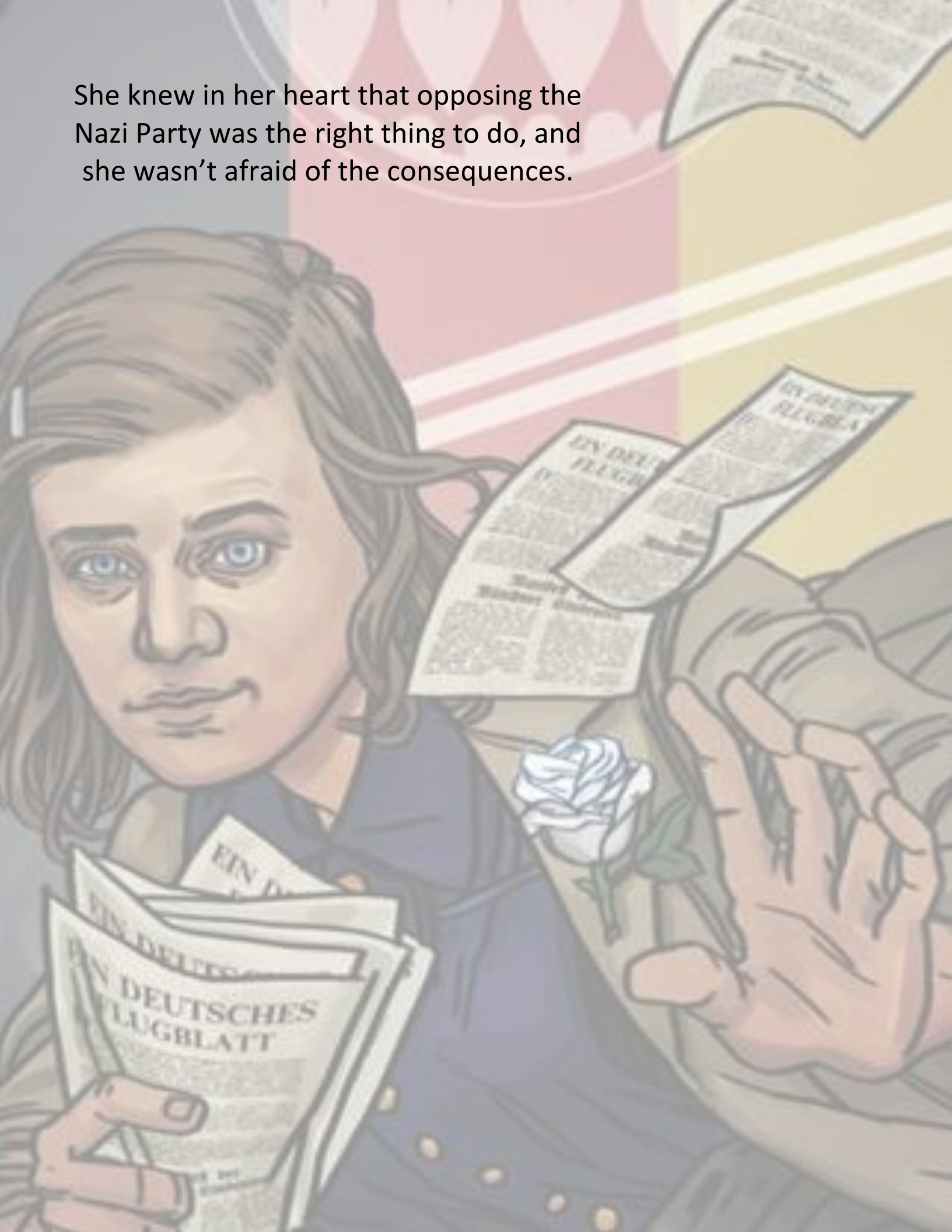
A woman with dark, wavy hair, wearing a red cardigan over a white collared shirt, is seated and looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. She is holding a rolled-up document or pamphlet in her right hand. The background is a window with a wooden frame, and the lighting is soft and natural.

Sophie and Hans formed
a group called the White
Rose and produced
flyers and pamphlets
encouraging Germans to
resist the Nazis.

At that time, every school, church,
university and street were full of spies,
and anyone who dared criticize Hitler
was reported to the police and
arrested. But that didn't stop Sophie.



She knew in her heart that opposing the Nazi Party was the right thing to do, and she wasn't afraid of the consequences.





“How can we expect justice to prevail if we don’t give ourselves up for a just cause?” she said.



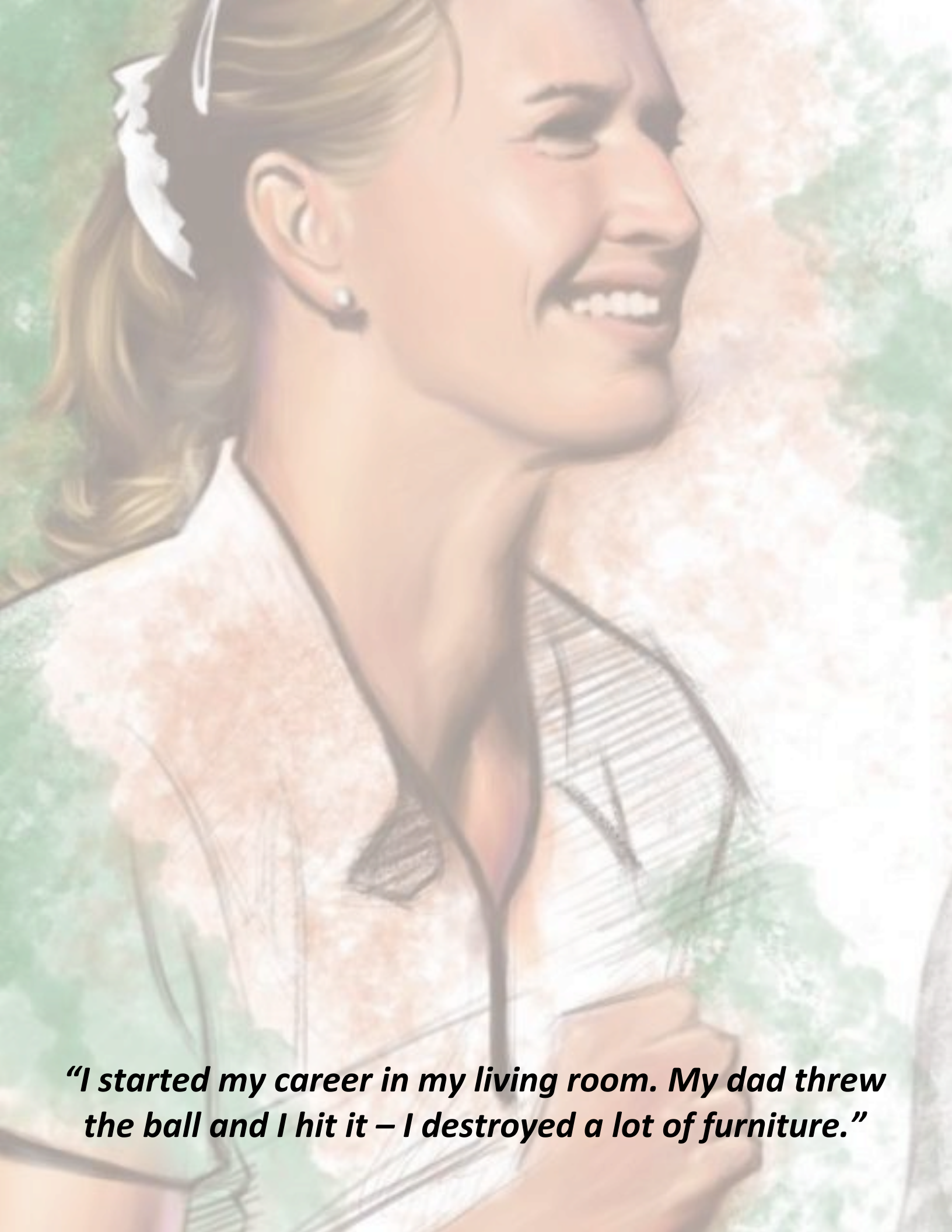
Sadly, Sophie and the other members of the White Rose were arrested, tried and executed by the Nazis, but their example inspired people all over the world to fight for freedom.

SOPHIE SCHOLL



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Tennis Player

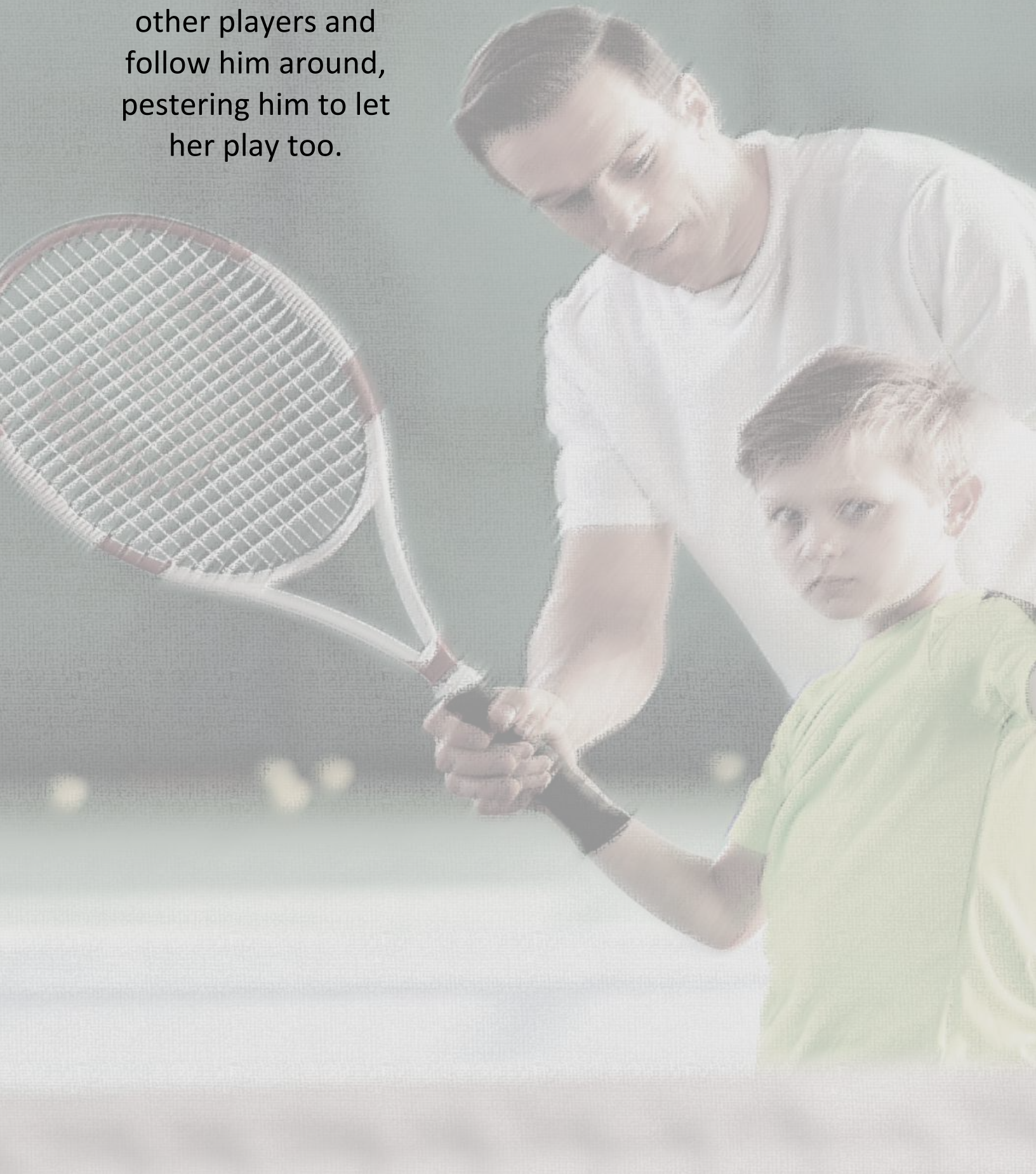


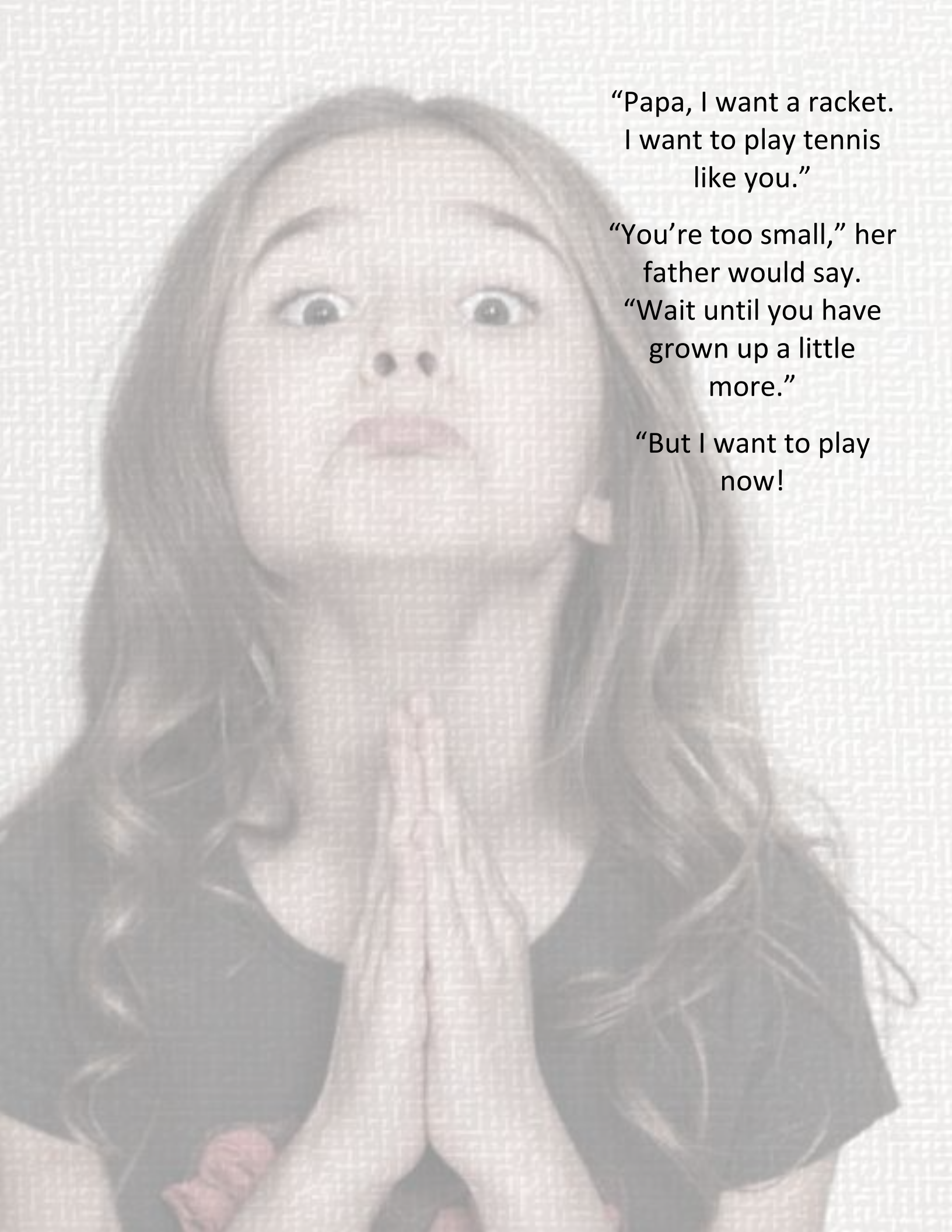
“I started my career in my living room. My dad threw the ball and I hit it – I destroyed a lot of furniture.”

Once there was a little girl who loved tennis.



Steffi would watch her father coaching all the other players and follow him around, pestering him to let her play too.





“Papa, I want a racket.
I want to play tennis
like you.”

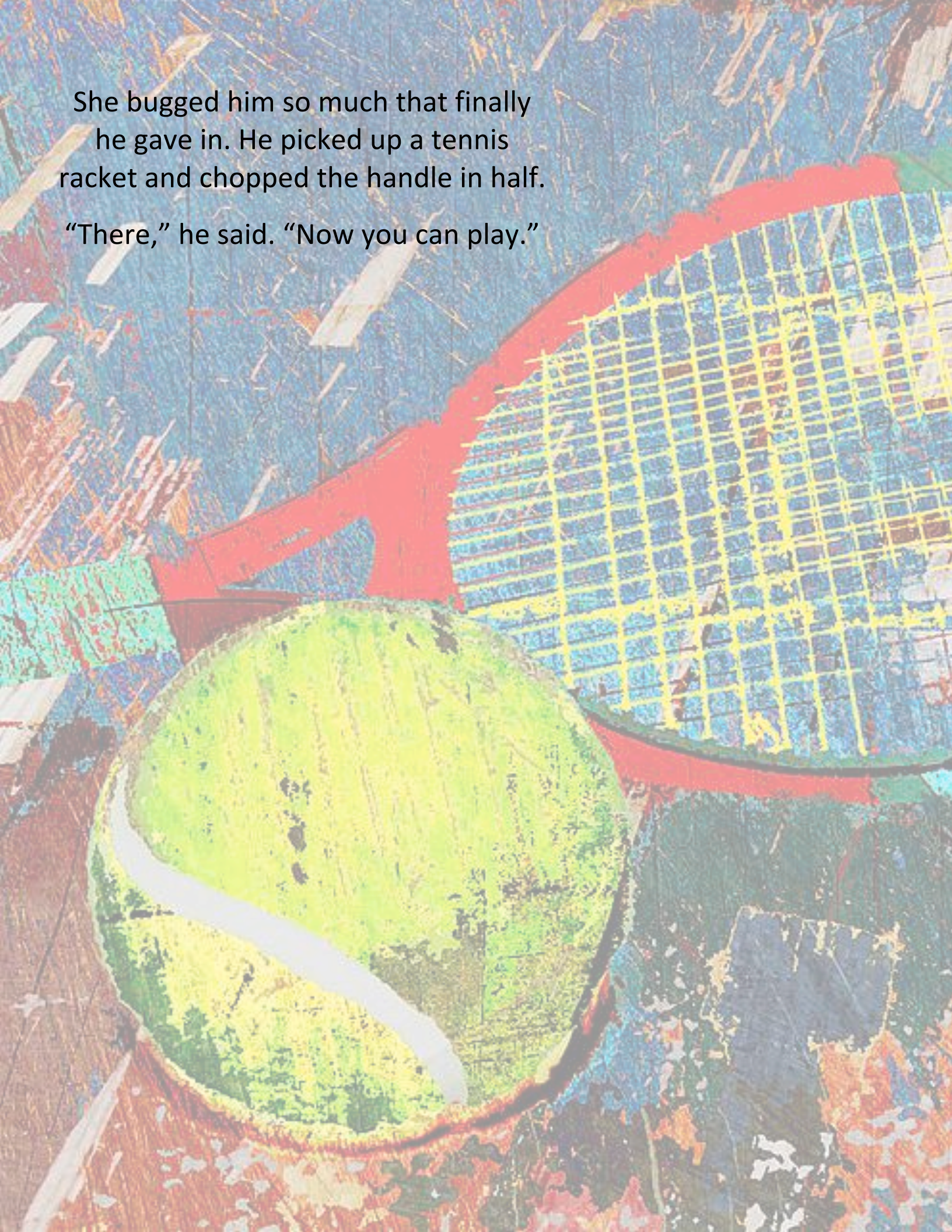
“You’re too small,” her
father would say.

“Wait until you have
grown up a little
more.”

“But I want to play
now!”

She bugged him so much that finally
he gave in. He picked up a tennis
racket and chopped the handle in half.

“There,” he said. “Now you can play.”



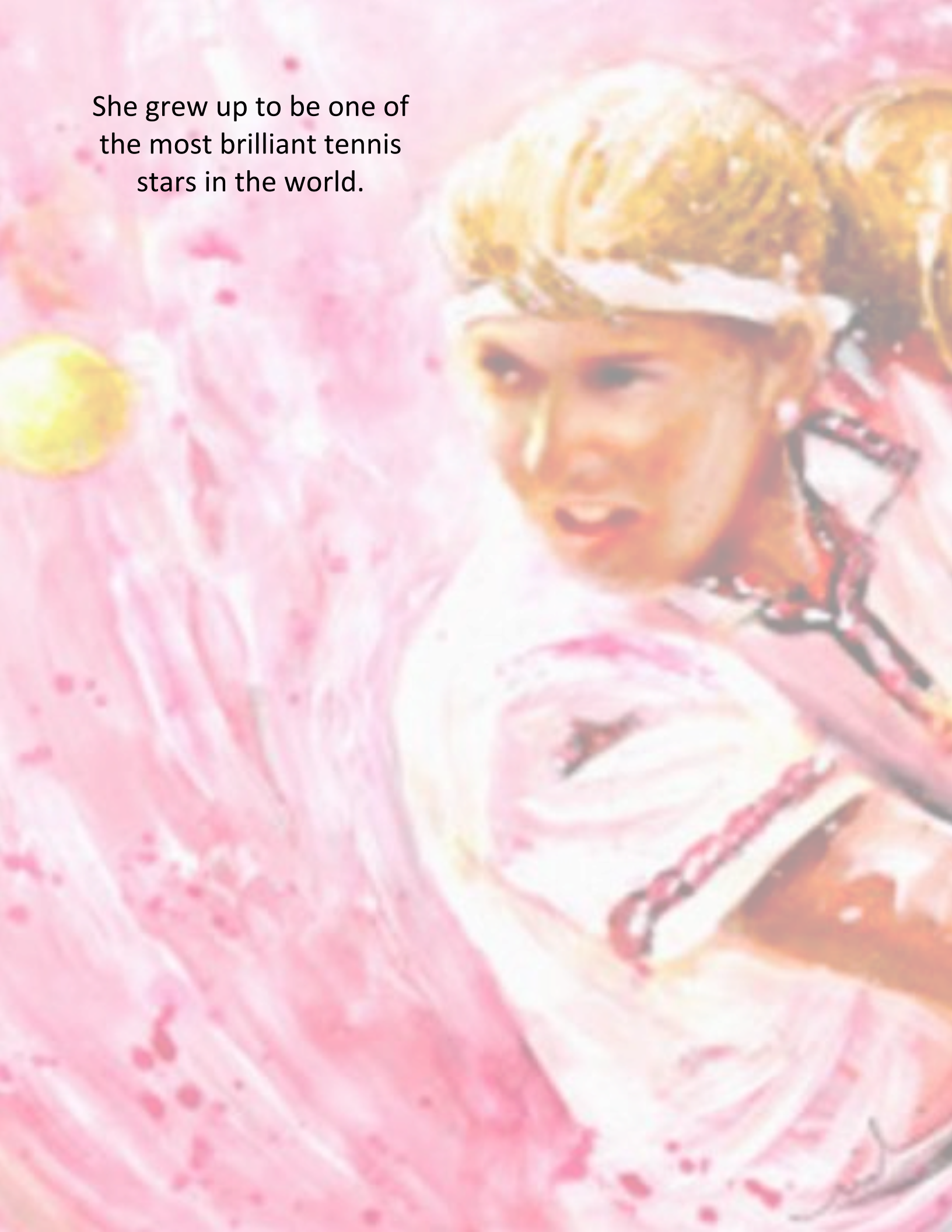
Steffi was thrilled. She made her own little court in the basement, tying a piece of string between two chairs for the net. She spent hours downstairs, blissfully banging the ball with her racket. She was very happy. Her mother was not so happy, though – a lot of lamps got broken!



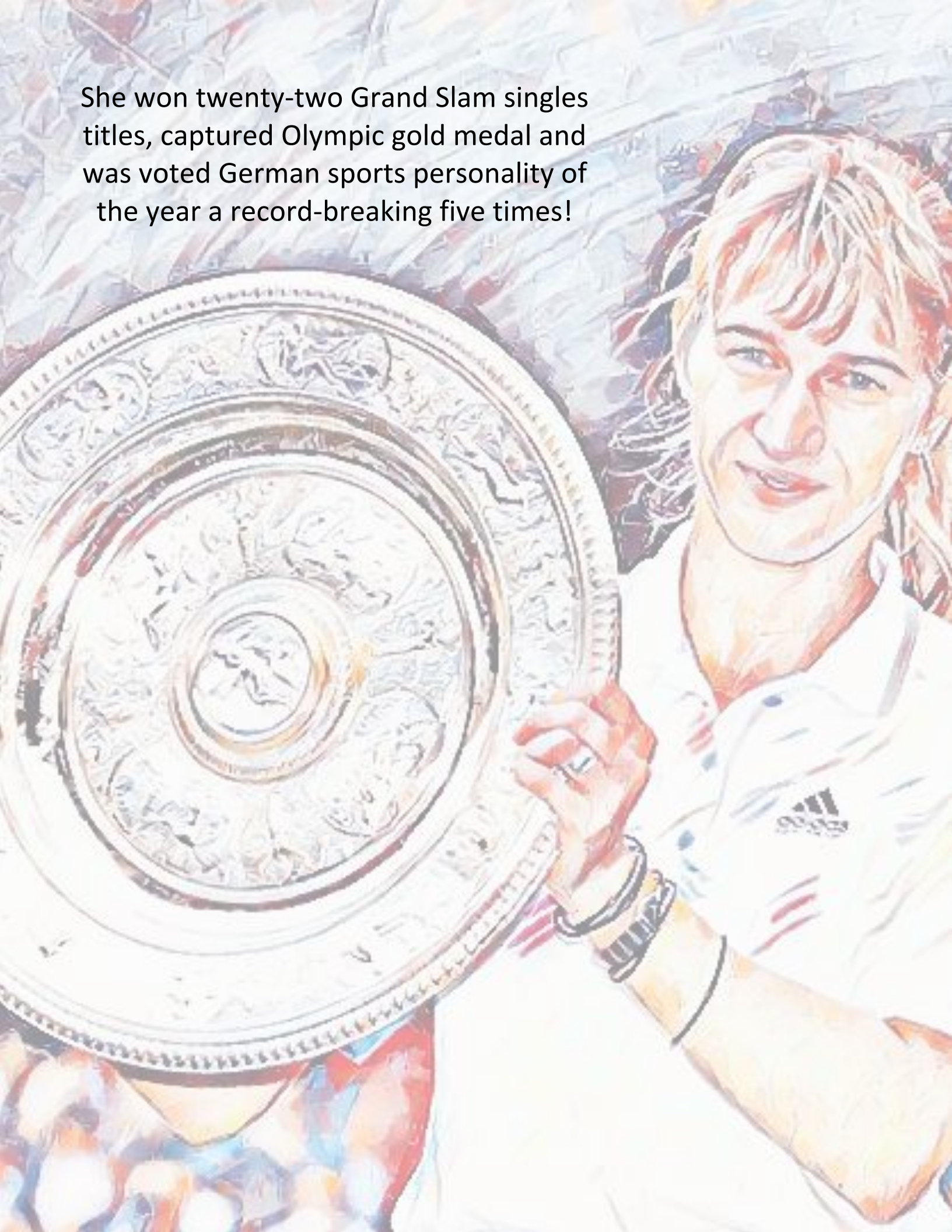
When she was just six years old, Steffi won her first tennis tournament, and from then on, there was no stopping her.



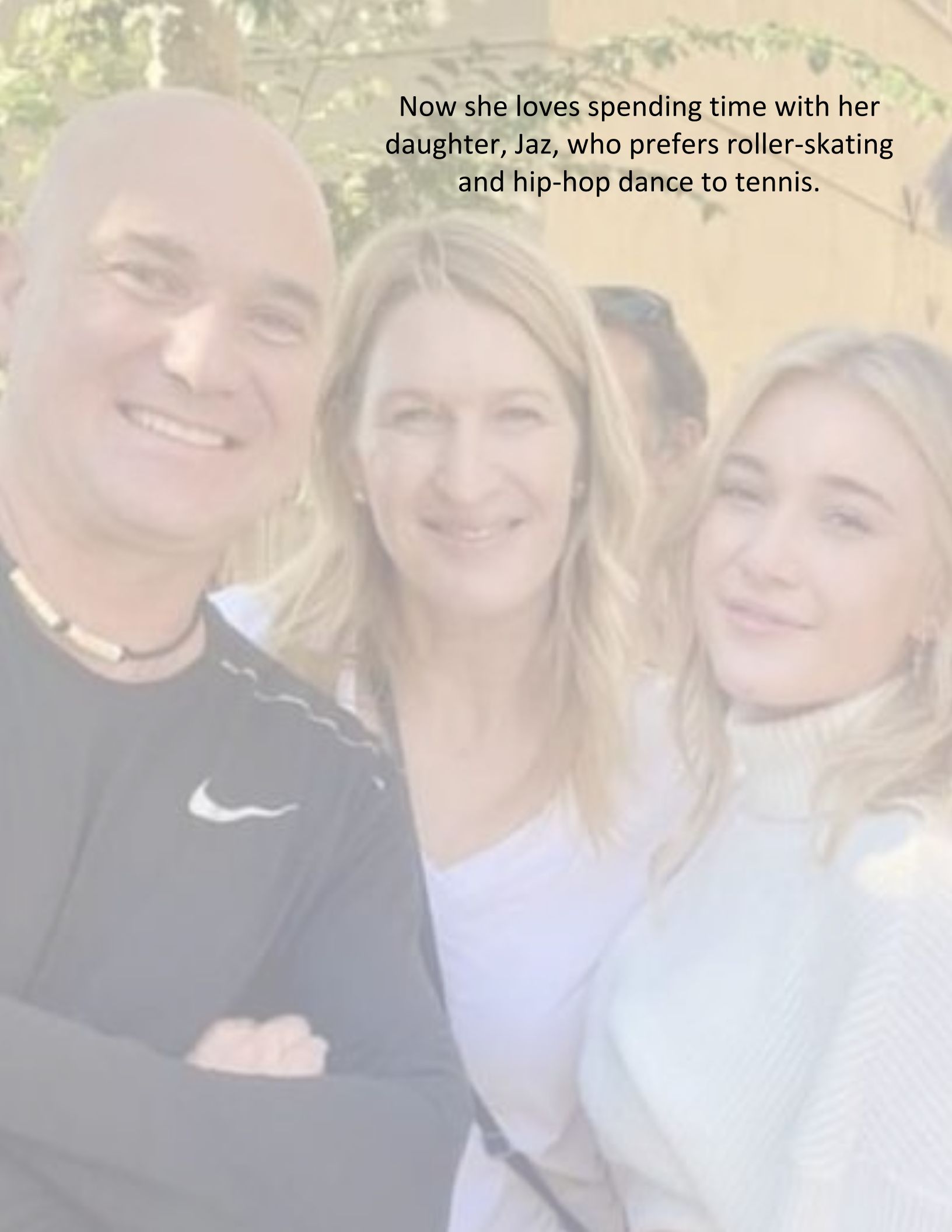
She grew up to be one of
the most brilliant tennis
stars in the world.



She won twenty-two Grand Slam singles titles, captured Olympic gold medal and was voted German sports personality of the year a record-breaking five times!



Now she loves spending time with her daughter, Jaz, who prefers roller-skating and hip-hop dance to tennis.





Steffi doesn't mind. She believes that every little girl should be free to do what she loves and what makes her happy.

