

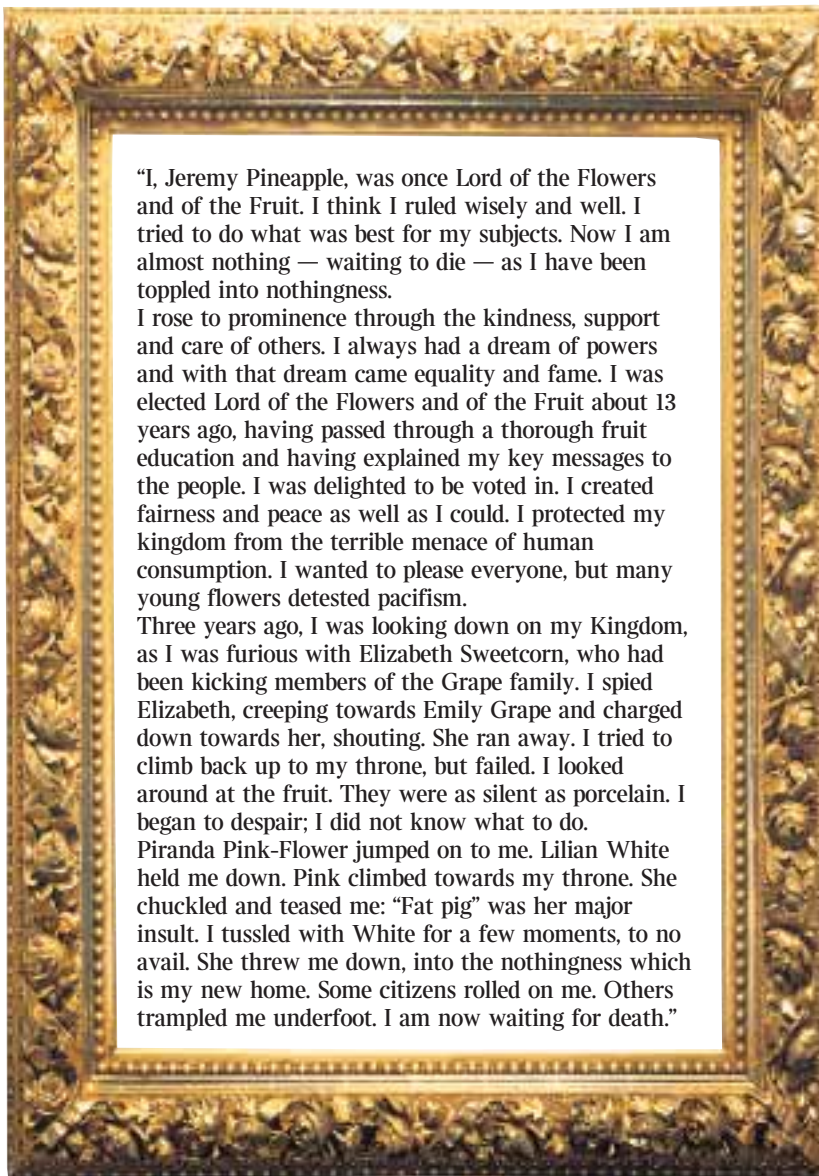
Young times

The frame academy

Every picture tells a story, and here we print the prize-winning tale behind this painting

What do you think is going on in this picture? The author Tracy Chevalier, who is famous for her novel *The Girl With A Pearl Earring*, asked people to write short stories inspired by the collection *A Thousand Words* at York Art Gallery. **Oscar Hughes**, 13, won the young person's category of the competition, with this story about the painting *Still Life of Fruit, Flowers and a Bird's Nest on a Marble Ledge* by Jan van Os, pictured below.

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"I, Jeremy Pineapple, was once Lord of the Flowers and of the Fruit. I think I ruled wisely and well. I tried to do what was best for my subjects. Now I am almost nothing — waiting to die — as I have been toppled into nothingness.

I rose to prominence through the kindness, support and care of others. I always had a dream of powers and with that dream came equality and fame. I was elected Lord of the Flowers and of the Fruit about 13 years ago, having passed through a thorough fruit education and having explained my key messages to the people. I was delighted to be voted in. I created fairness and peace as well as I could. I protected my kingdom from the terrible menace of human consumption. I wanted to please everyone, but many young flowers detested pacifism.

Three years ago, I was looking down on my Kingdom, as I was furious with Elizabeth Sweetcorn, who had been kicking members of the Grape family. I spied Elizabeth, creeping towards Emily Grape and charged down towards her, shouting. She ran away. I tried to climb back up to my throne, but failed. I looked around at the fruit. They were as silent as porcelain. I began to despair; I did not know what to do.

Piranda Pink-Flower jumped on to me. Lilian White held me down. Pink climbed towards my throne. She chuckled and teased me: "Fat pig" was her major insult. I tussled with White for a few moments, to no avail. She threw me down, into the nothingness which is my new home. Some citizens rolled on me. Others trampled me underfoot. I am now waiting for death."

The winners in our Barbarians competition are Callum Nicolson and Finley Griffin

daily dingbat

Which word or phrase is this? Say what you see.



Yesterday's answer Going through the motions

puzzle of the day

picture ladder

Write the names of the pictures into the numbered rows of the grid and the blue column will spell out the name of a famous painting (4,4)



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Yesterday's mystery guest Cheryl Cole



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