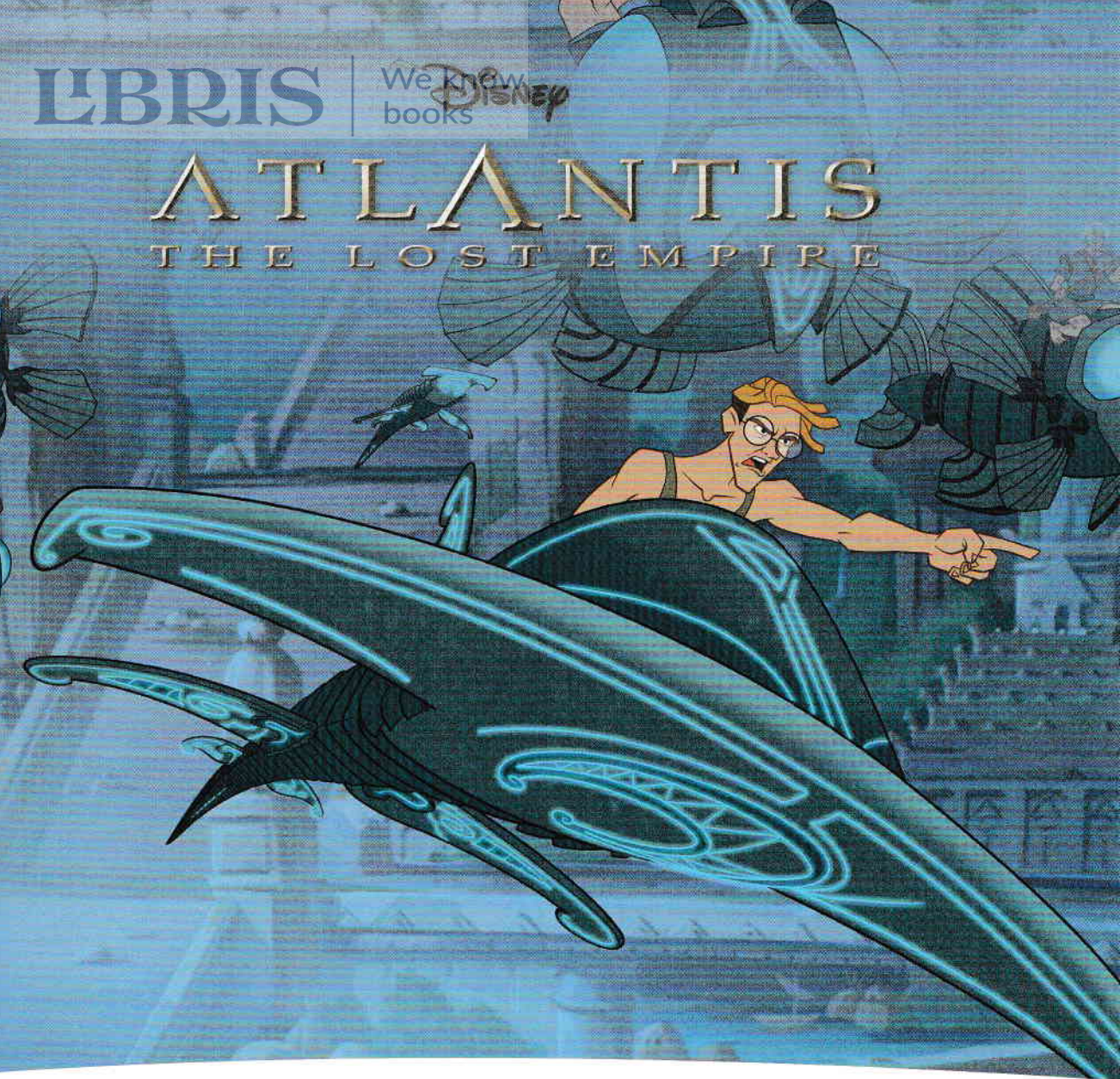


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In This Book



The Empire of Atlantis

A wonderful place that people believed to be lost for many years



Milo Thatch

A young man who works in a museum and dreams of finding Atlantis



Mr. Whitmore

A friend of Milo's grandfather—he has a lot of money and wants to help Milo



Commander Rourke

A big, strong man who leads Milo and his crew on an adventure



Kida

The Princess of Atlantis who wears a crystal around her neck



The Emperor of Atlantis

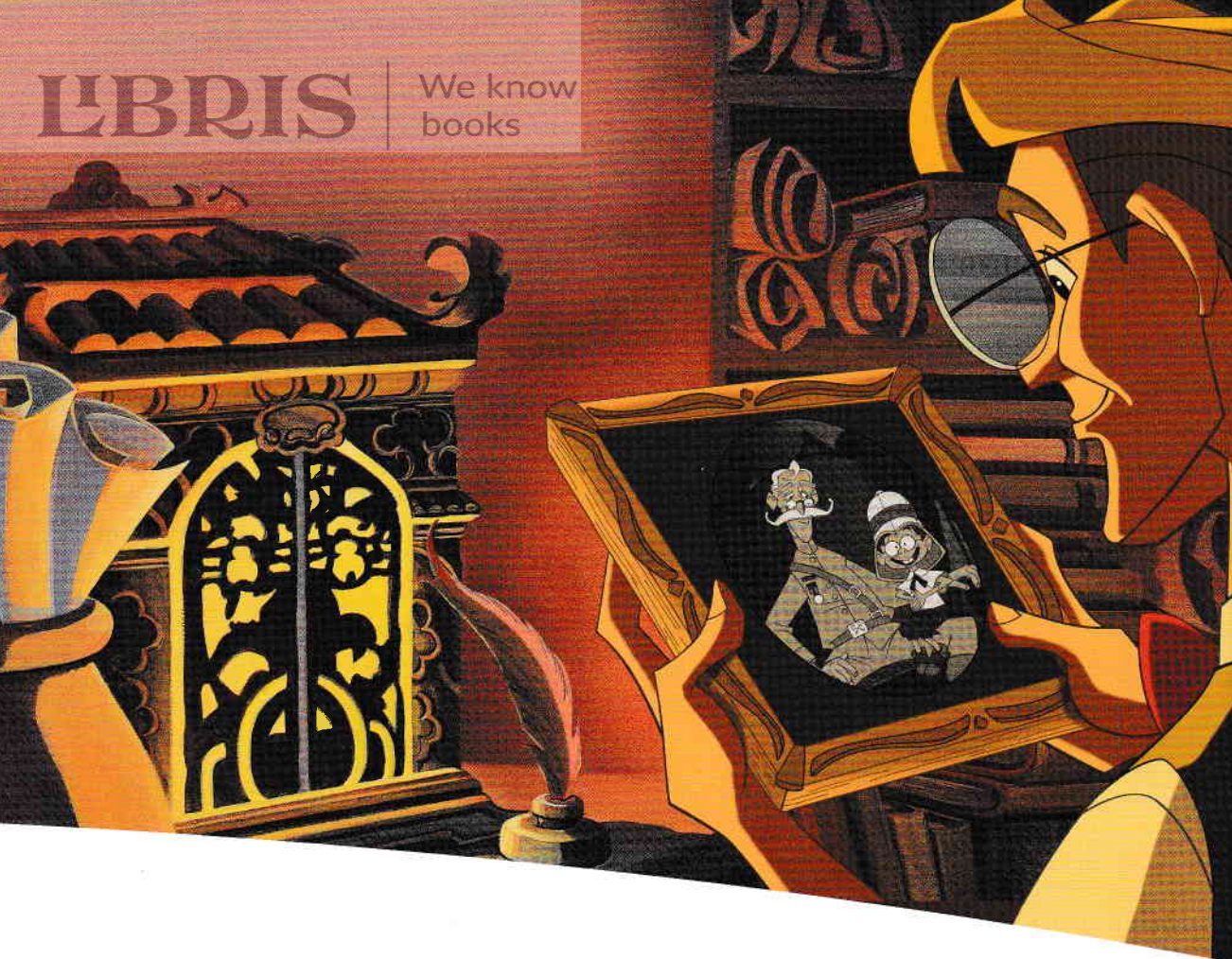
The leader of Atlantis and Kida's father



Milo Thatch

Thousands of years ago, the Empire of Atlantis was a wonderful place. The people of Atlantis were intelligent. They built computers, amazing buildings, and fantastic flying machines. Their lives were as comfortable as our lives are today.

Then one day, a terrible thing happened. A great storm came to Atlantis. The sky became dark and the ocean became angry. The waters rose higher and higher, and soon they covered everything and everyone. In just one day, the whole Empire of Atlantis disappeared.



Milo Thatch loved hearing his grandfather's stories about the lost Empire of Atlantis. His grandfather told these stories every night when Milo was young. Milo was excited by this wonderful place. His grandfather always said, "Remember, Milo, Atlantis was a real place. Maybe you'll find it one day."

Then, sadly, Milo's grandfather died. When Milo grew up, he worked in a museum. He dreamed of finding Atlantis one day, but he had no money, no time, and no one to help him.

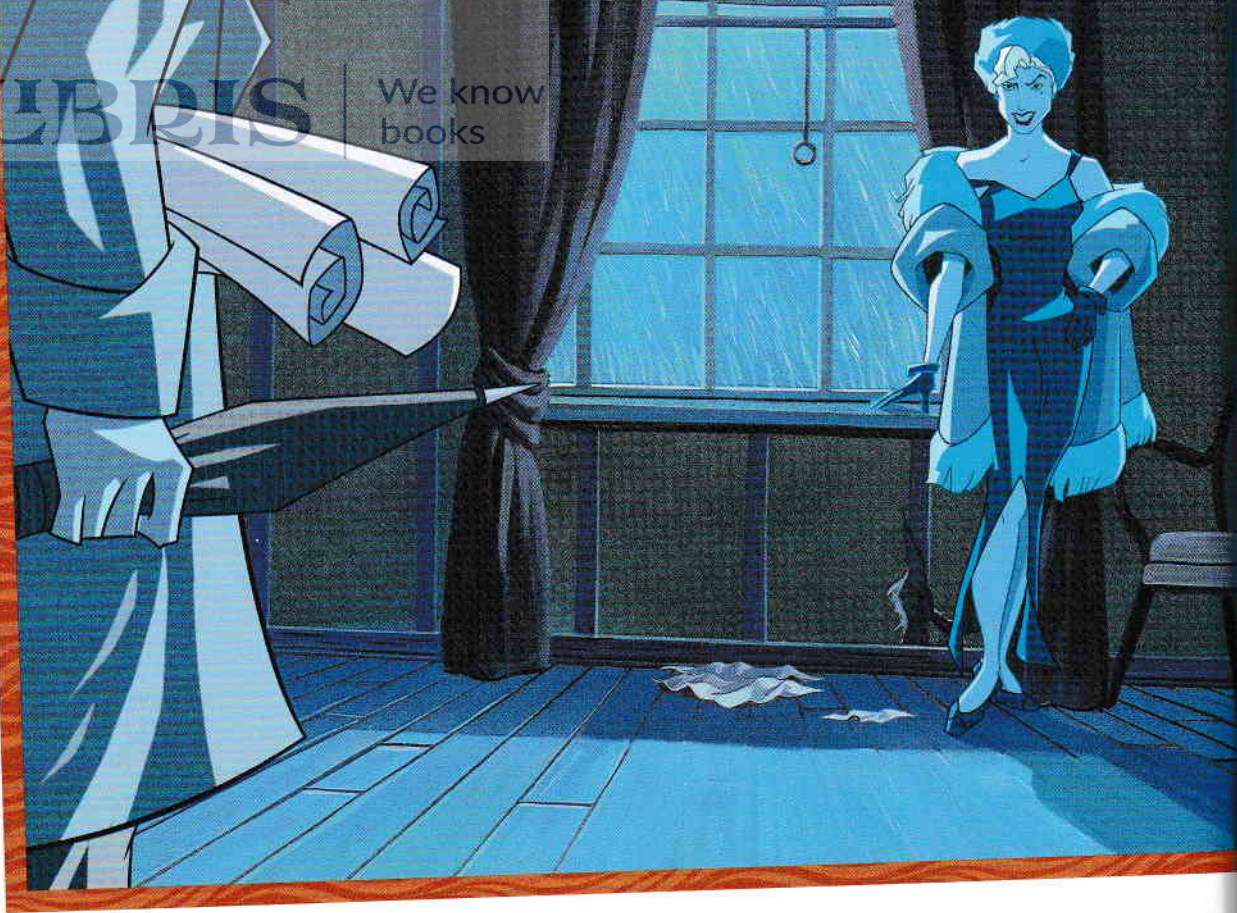
Milo didn't think that his dream would come true.

Milo imagined Atlantis and he read everything he could about Atlantis. He studied Atlantis and told everyone he knew about Atlantis. Many did not believe his stories. Was Atlantis a real place? How could there be flying machines and computers thousands of years ago?

"The stories are true," Milo told the people at the museum, again and again. "You have to believe me! Atlantis was a real place!"

Then, one evening, everything changed for Milo Thatch.





Milo returned home from work and found a strange woman in his house. “Are you Milo Thatch?” she asked. “There’s a very important man who would like to meet you. His name’s Mr. Whitmore. Come with me.”

Milo was a little scared, but he always liked an adventure. He followed the woman to Mr. Whitmore’s house.

Mr. Whitmore was waiting for them in front of the fire. He smiled when he saw Milo. “I knew your grandfather very well,” said Mr. Whitmore. “He gave me this package before he died. He asked me to give it to you.”



Milo smiled sadly. He missed his grandfather so much and now he had a gift from him. He opened the package carefully. It was a book. The language was not English. It was Atlantian.

Mr. Whitmore said, "This is a very important book, Milo, and I know that you can understand it. You'll learn all the secrets of Atlantis from this book. It will help you to find the lost Empire."

"Wow!" breathed Milo. "I'll leave America tomorrow! I'll take a little boat ..."

"Wait!" said Mr. Whitmore. "Forget the little boat. I have something much better for you."