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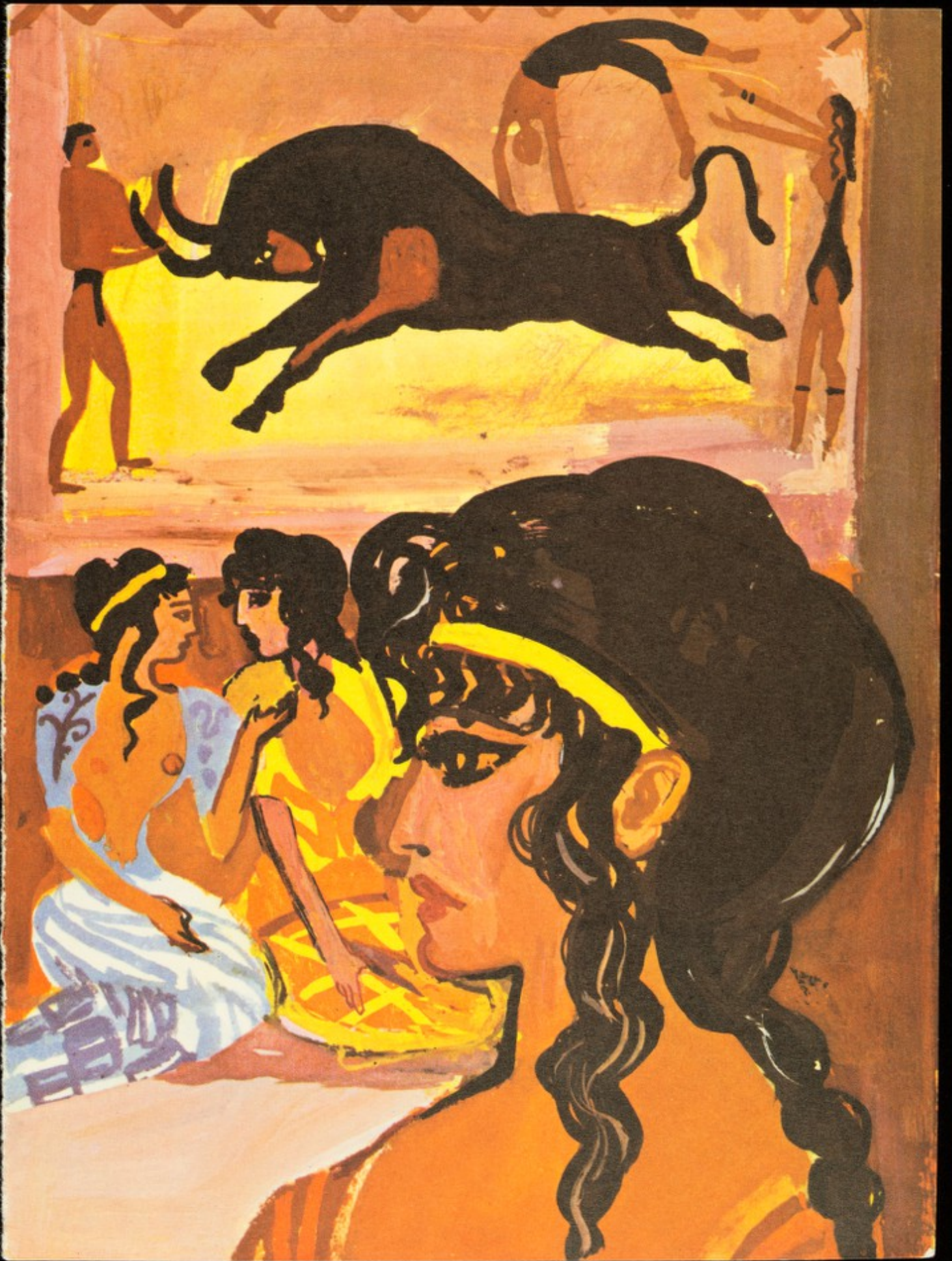
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# *Hair styles through history*

A series of illustrations by Ronald Glendening which depict the changing mode of hair dressing since the days of early Egyptian culture . . .

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## GREECE

Ladies of a Cretan Court.

*Hairstyles in ancient Greece were extremely varied; men adopted spiralled curls, ringlets and even hair cuts not unlike those seen today, i.e. cut very short all over the head. In the third century B.C. Alexander ordered men to be clean shaven, particularly so if they were of the soldiery, as he saw that a beard would serve as a convenient "handle" to the enemy in warfare.*

*Feminine hair was normally long and the contour of the head was preserved unless it was cut as a sign of mourning. The classic coiffure of the Greek woman was that in which her hair was parted in the middle and drawn into a chignon. Greek women were frequently blonde but, nevertheless dyed their hair dark shades.*

*The hairstyles of the women in the illustration are typical of the period around 2,000 B.C.*

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