

OLD TOOMAS



Every city boasts its heroes and legends, which over time blossom into tales, forming the very soul of the place. Tallinn stands as no exception. Its meandering lanes and expansive squares brim with stories handed down through generations. Amongst these is the legend of a boy named Toomas and his extraordinary destiny, which is intertwined with the history of this city.

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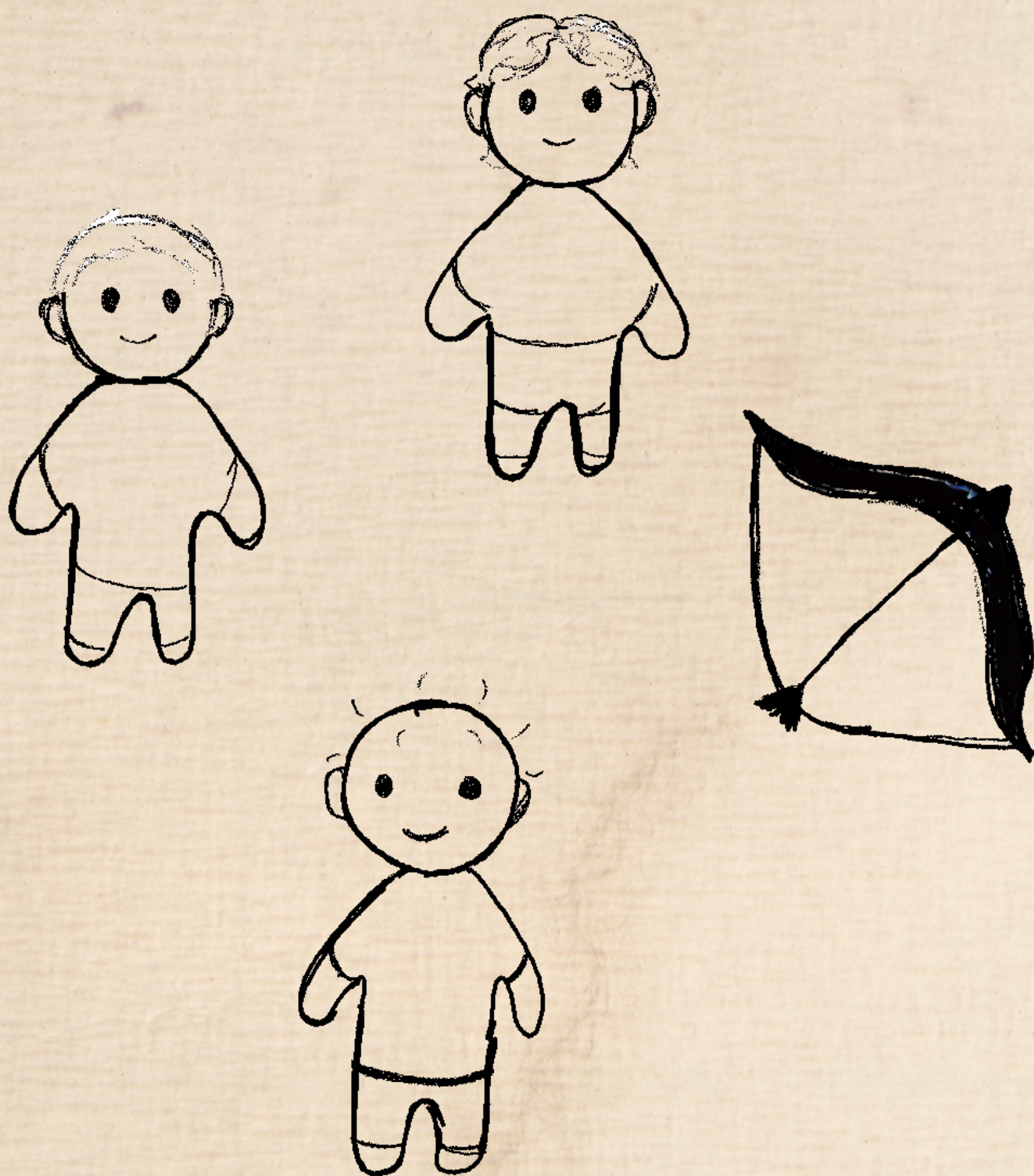
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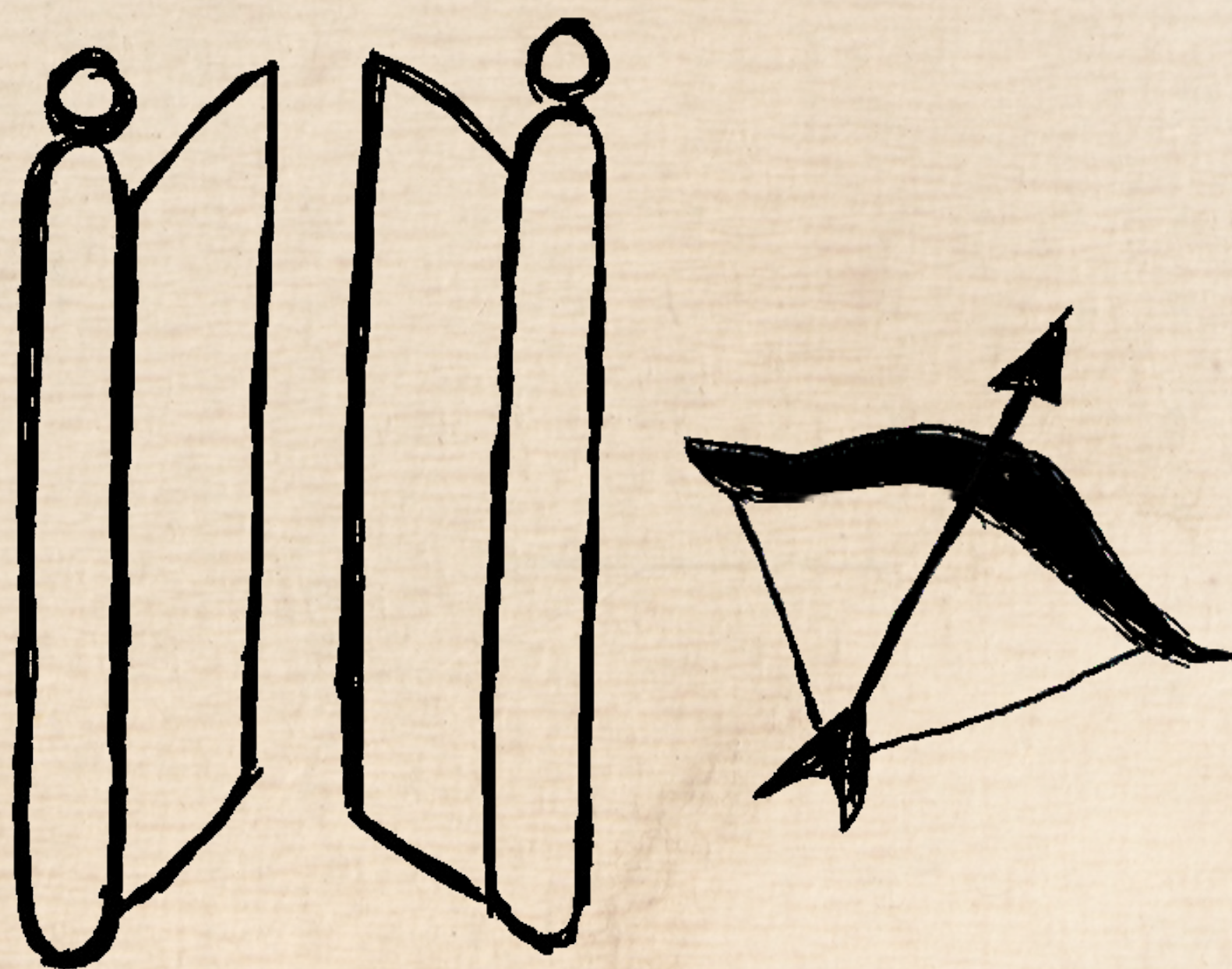
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At the old Fishing
Harbour, a
fisherman's widow
lived with her son
Toomas.



Toomas and other
boys liked to
practise bow
shooting together.



An archery
competition was
held in May at the
Great Coastal Gate
in Tallinn.



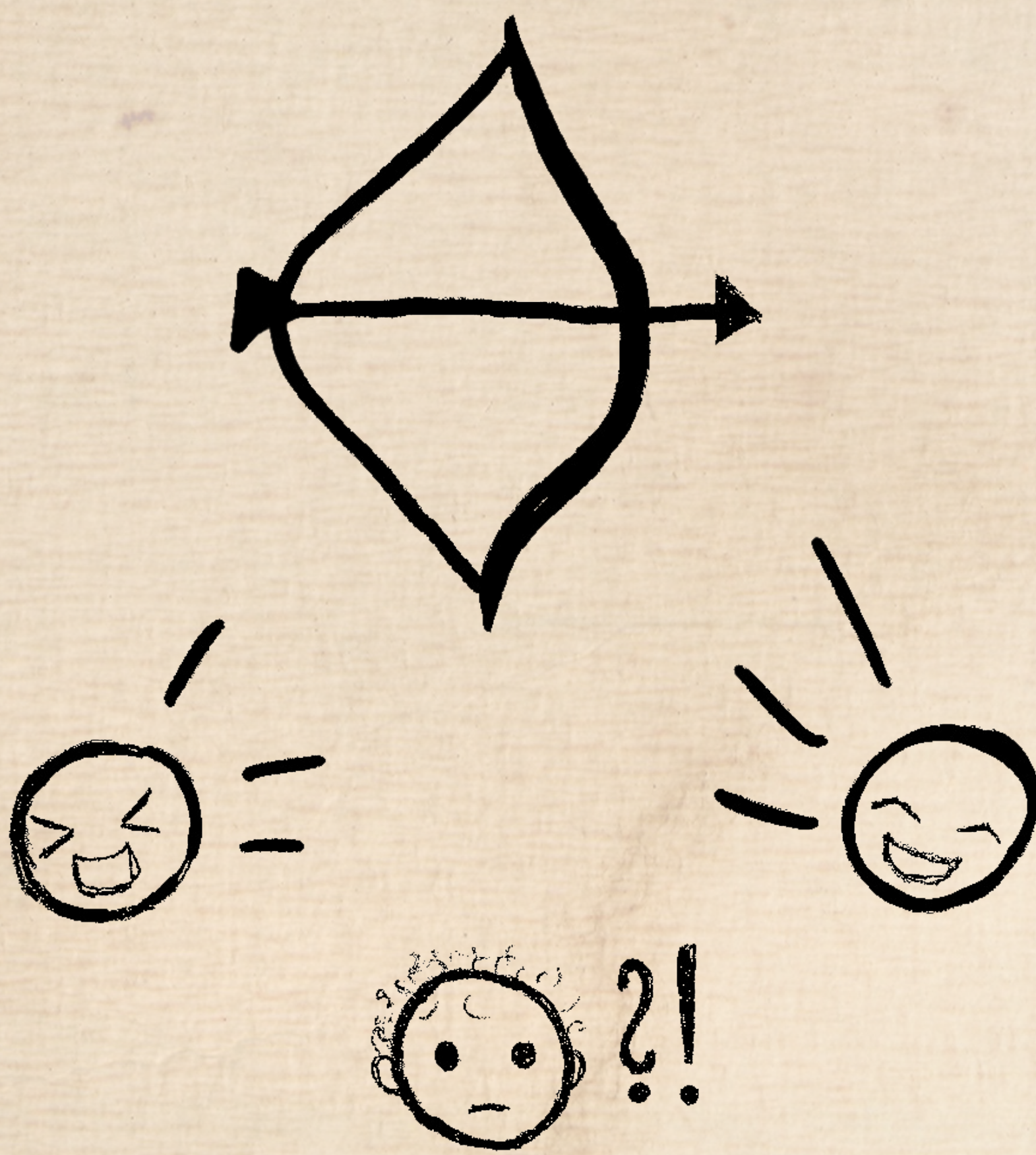
A wooden parrot was
put on the top of the
tall mast.



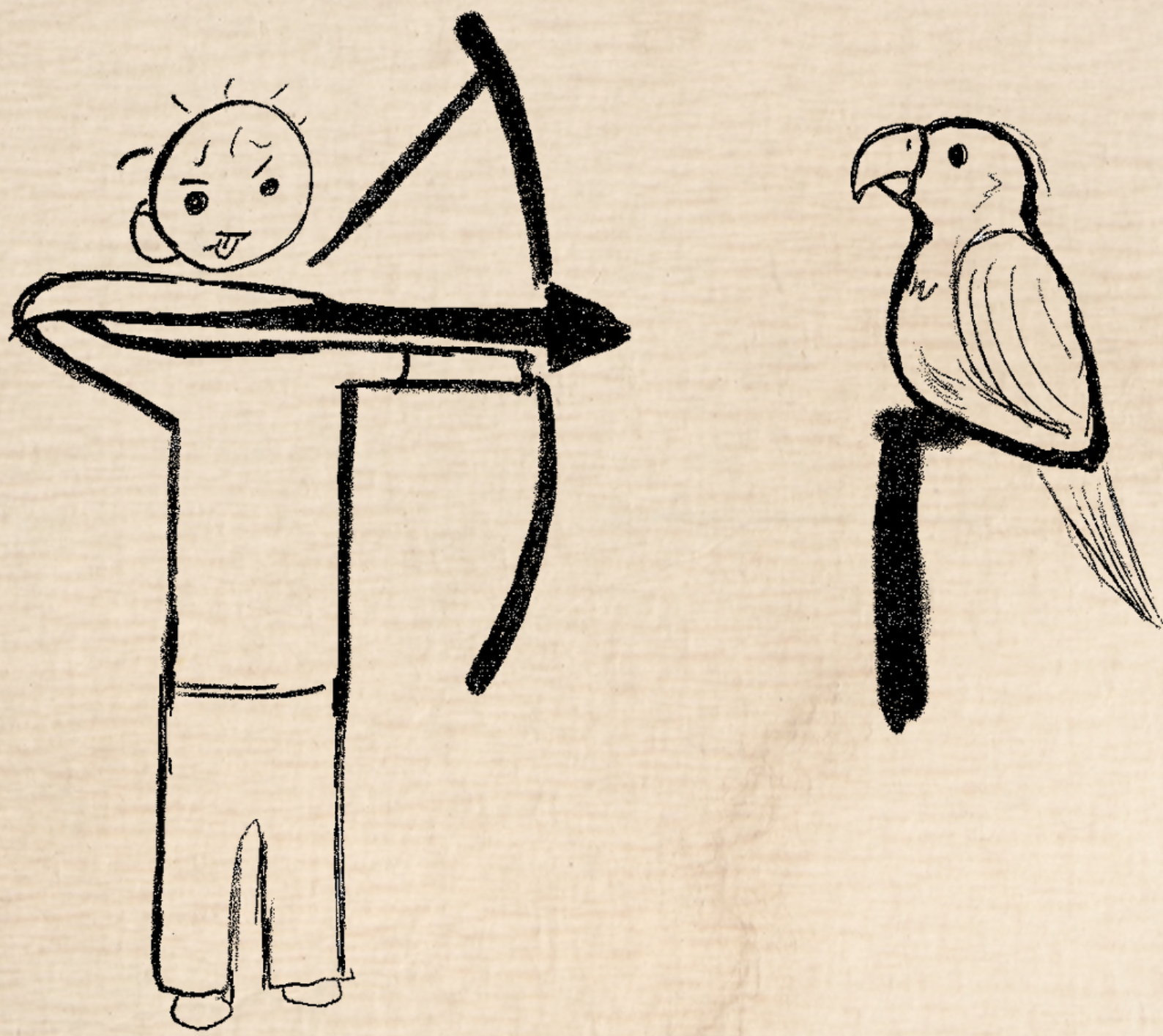
The one that managed
to kick the bird off the
mast got the Great
Guild Cup.



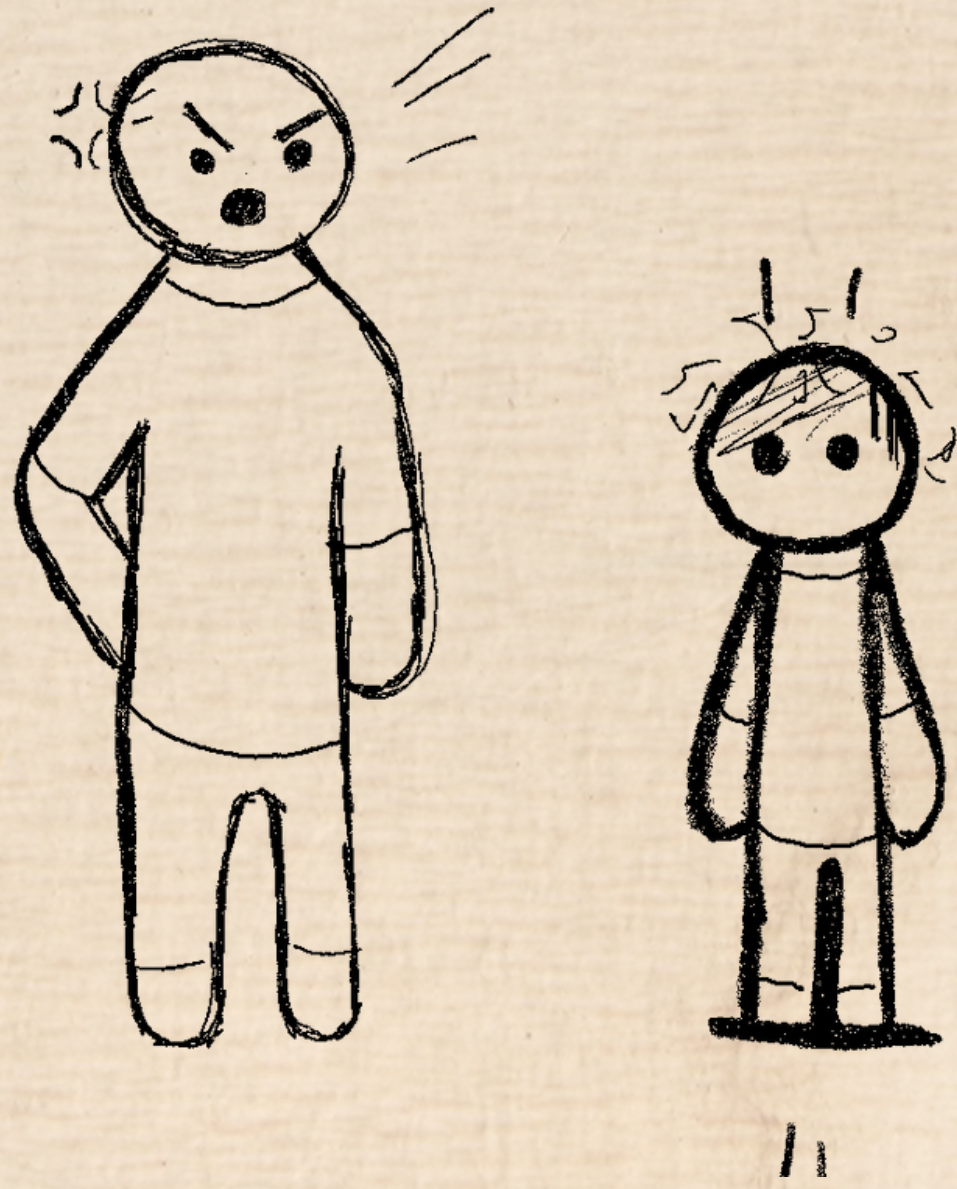
Little Toomas
happened to have
visited the Parrot's
Garden just before
the competition.



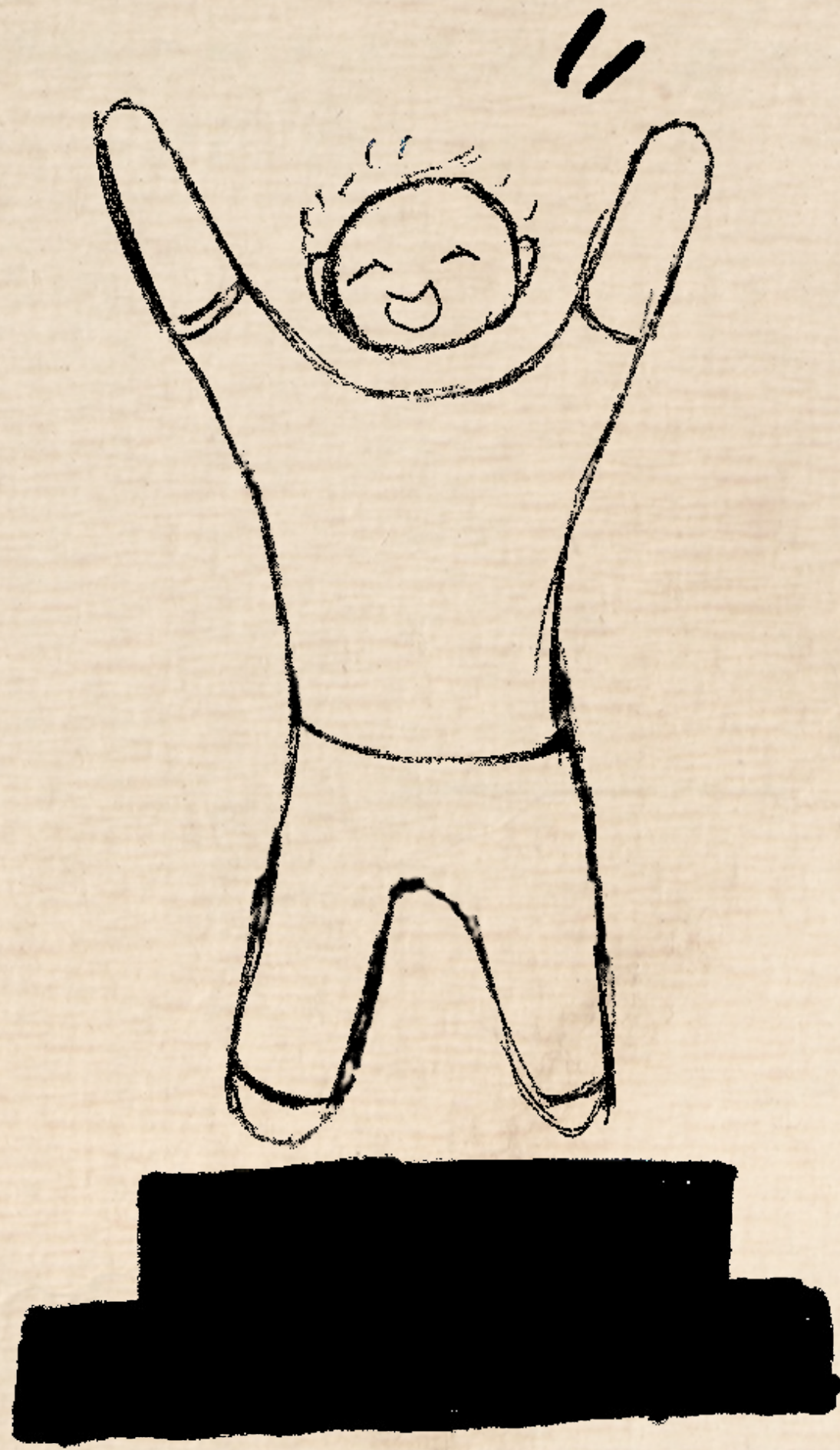
The boys egged him
on.



He shot the bow and
kicked the parrot off
the mast.



However, instead of getting the cup, he got scolded and was asked to put the parrot back.



Toomas' mother had
prepared for the
worst, but Great
Guild's master
didn't punish the
young man and
praised him instead.



Great Guild's
master summoned
Toomas and offered
him to become a
city guard.



Toomas and his mother
were delighted.



Toomas became a
city guard.



Toomas grew up and
took part in the
Livonian war. He was a
flag-bearer.



He grew a long
moustache and
became known as
Old Toomas.



For his merits, a
wind vane was
installed on the
Town Hall's spire.



One can still see it
up there.



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