

**Adventures in
Medieval
Rus-Ukraine**

**The story about some
schoolchildren from
Kropyvnytskyi school meeting
Yaroslav the Wise**



Max



**Yaroslav
the Wise**



Ann

Ann, what book should I borrow from the library?

Max, some interesting one, with pictures and not too much text to read



Look, what a wonderful book.



Something is written here.

Oh, it's about Ukraine in the Middle Ages.



I wish we could learn history by pictures

I've got it. It's like comics about superheroes



Look, there is some bookmark here

This is a 2 hryvnias banknote with the picture of Yaroslav Volodymyrovych on it!



What's going on?



We are going into the portal!!!

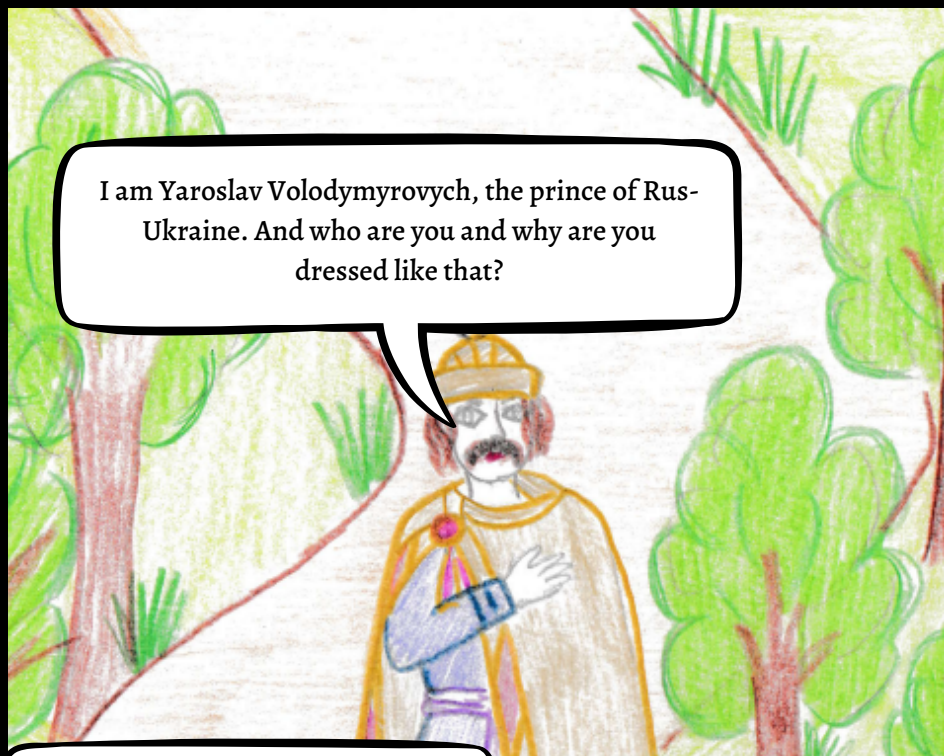
Aaaaah!!!




Where are we?

And again, this banknote of 2 hryvnias.






I am Yaroslav Volodymyrovych, the prince of Rus-Ukraine. And who are you and why are you dressed like that?

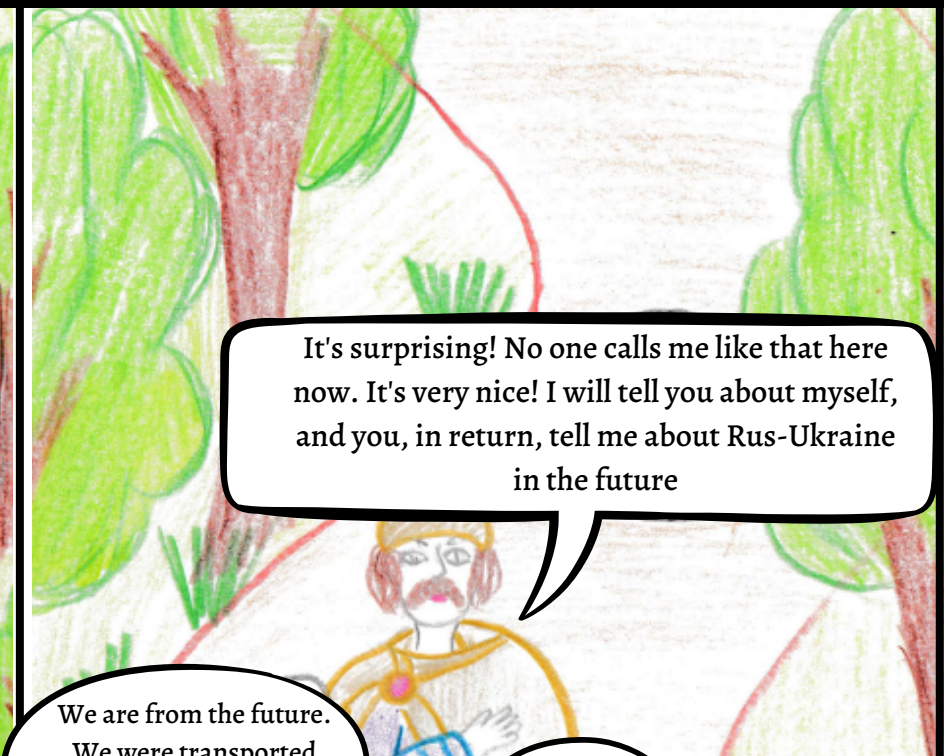


The portal is closing! What shall we do?




I can see a man who is very similar to this one on the banknote.

Prince Yaroslav?



We are from the future. We were transported here through the portal in the school library

It's surprising! No one calls me like that here now. It's very nice! I will tell you about myself, and you, in return, tell me about Rus-Ukraine in the future

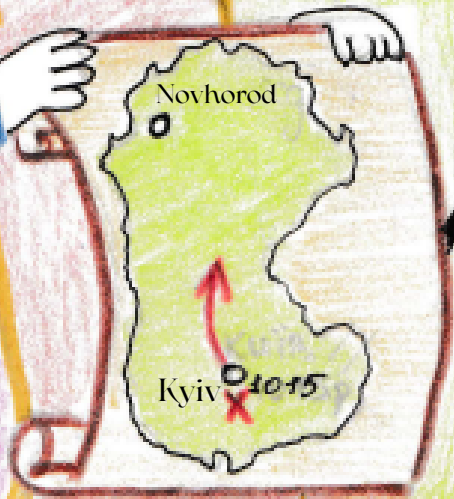


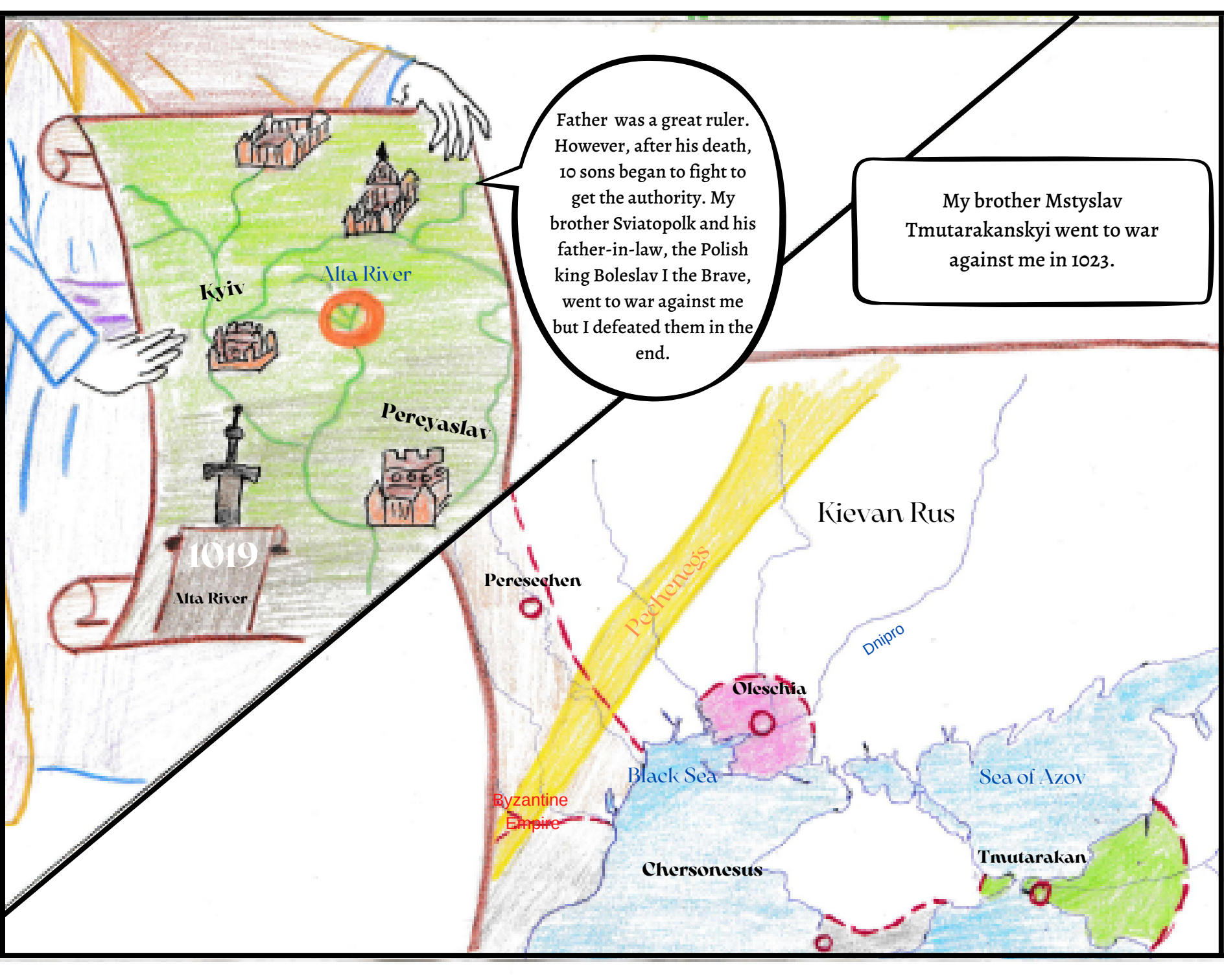
Prince Yaroslav, tell us about yourself! We call you the Wise

I will tell you how I got the authority. I had a strained relationship with my father Volodymyr. I ruled in Novhorod and did not want to pay tribute to my father. My father went to war against me, but died unexpectedly



And here Volodymyr the Great is depicted on 1 hryvnia banknote.



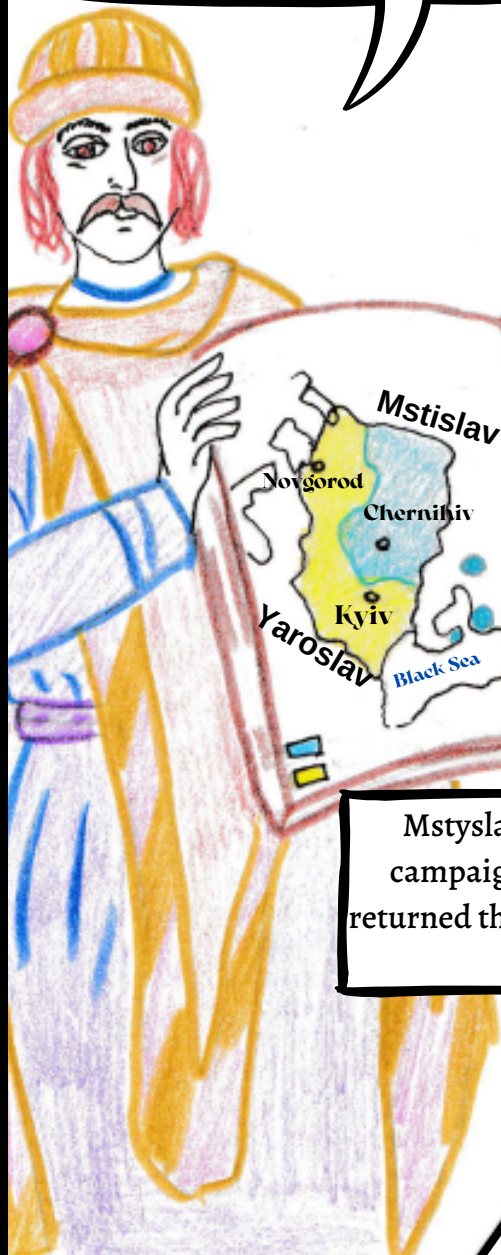


Father was a great ruler. However, after his death, 10 sons began to fight to get the authority. My brother Sviatopolk and his father-in-law, the Polish king Boleslav I the Brave, went to war against me but I defeated them in the end.

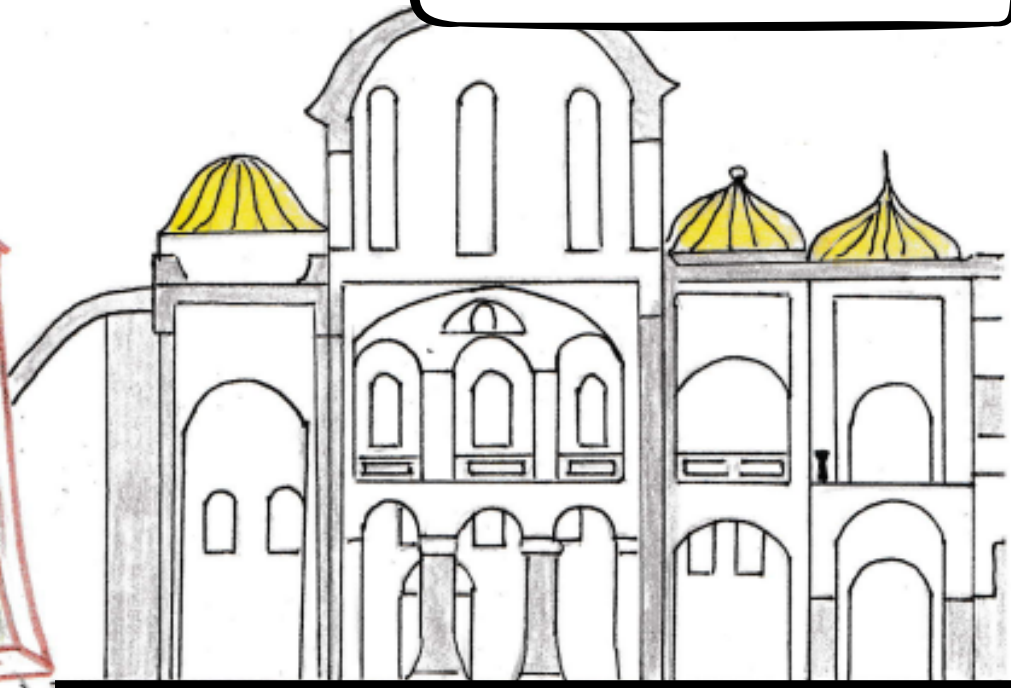
My brother Mstyslav Tmutarakanskyi went to war against me in 1023.

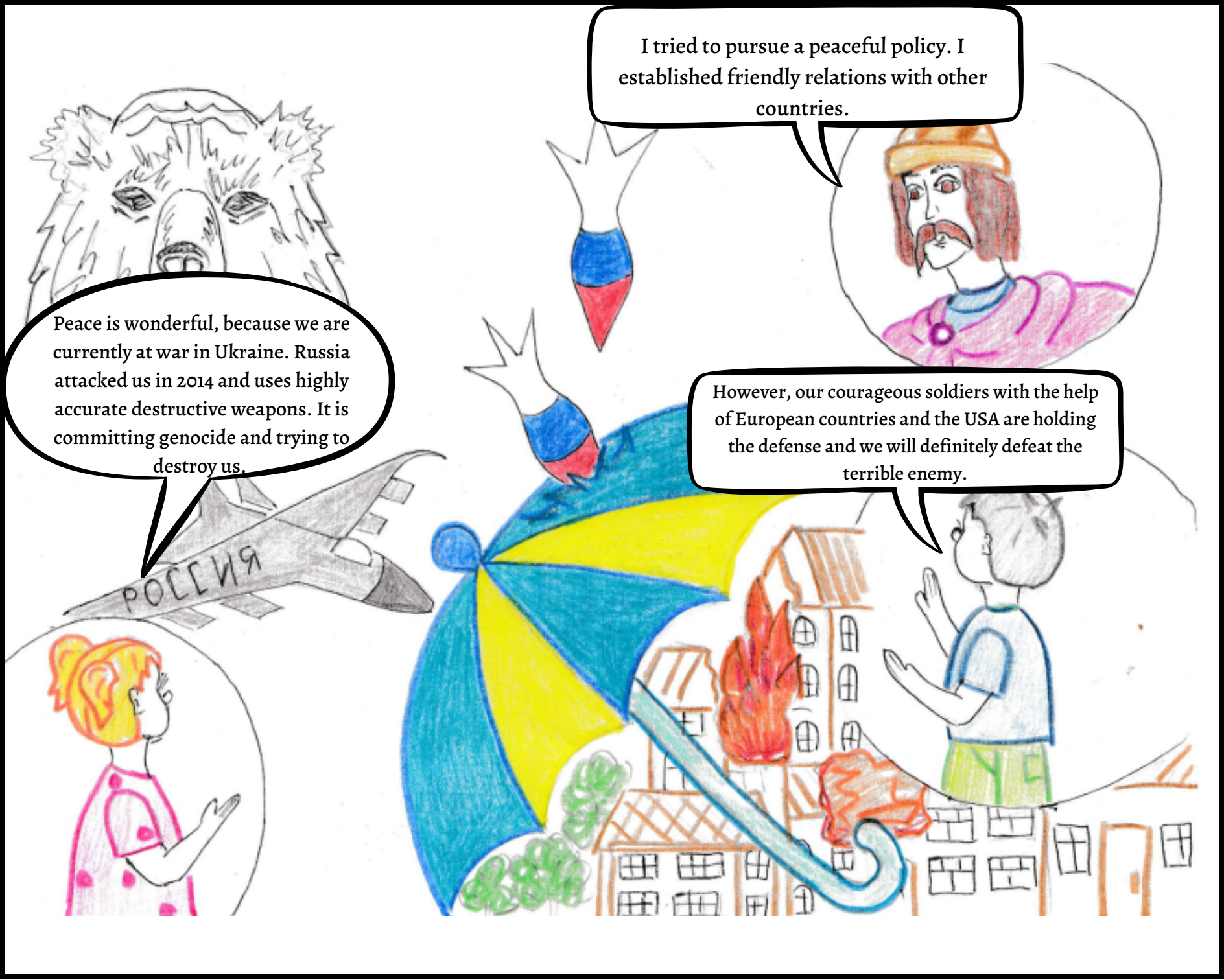
In 1024, Mstyslav defeated me. However, Mstyslav acted very wisely and he said "We are brothers! There should be no war between us! We can create a better Rus-Ukraine by ruling together."

Mstyslav built up Chernihiv. However, in 1036, he fell ill while hunting and died. He was buried in Transfiguration (Spaso-Preobrazhenskyi) Cathedral in Chernihiv.



Mstyslav went to military campaigns with me and we returned the territory of Cherven cities.



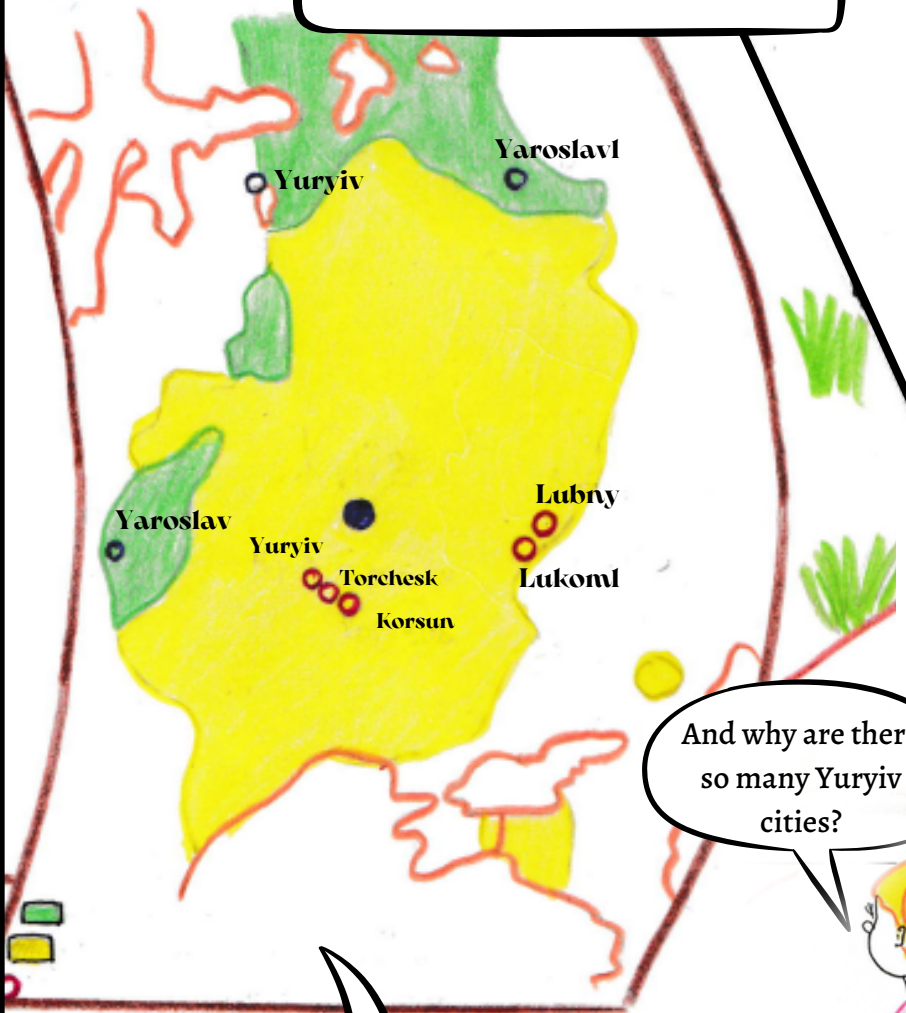


I tried to pursue a peaceful policy. I established friendly relations with other countries.

Peace is wonderful, because we are currently at war in Ukraine. Russia attacked us in 2014 and uses highly accurate destructive weapons. It is committing genocide and trying to destroy us.

However, our courageous soldiers with the help of European countries and the USA are holding the defense and we will definitely defeat the terrible enemy.

I increased the territory of Rus-Ukraine.
I founded new cities



And why are there so many Yuryiv cities?



Because my baptismal name is Yurii.
I've built a lot of temples, like my father,
spreading Christianity



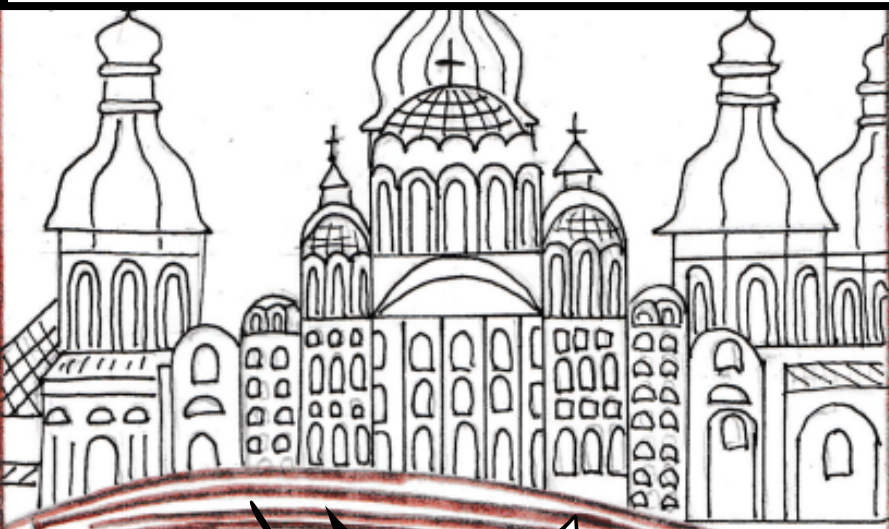
In honor of my wife Ingigerda, who was named Iryna at baptism, I built the Irynynska church



The Pechenehs attacked Rus-Ukraine very often.



While I was in Novhorod, they decided to attack Kyiv. However, in 1036 I decisively defeated them. And they never again attacked Rus-Ukraine.



And on the site of the victory over the Pechenehs in 1037, I built St. Sophia Cathedral in Kyiv



St. Sophia Cathedral is one of the most beautiful places in Kyiv even today.

I increased the territory of Kyiv by 7 times. Kyiv became one of the largest cities in Europe

100 thousand.

And now there are almost 3 million

And how many residents were there in Kyiv?

Obolon

Podil

Chikavitsa

Castle Hill

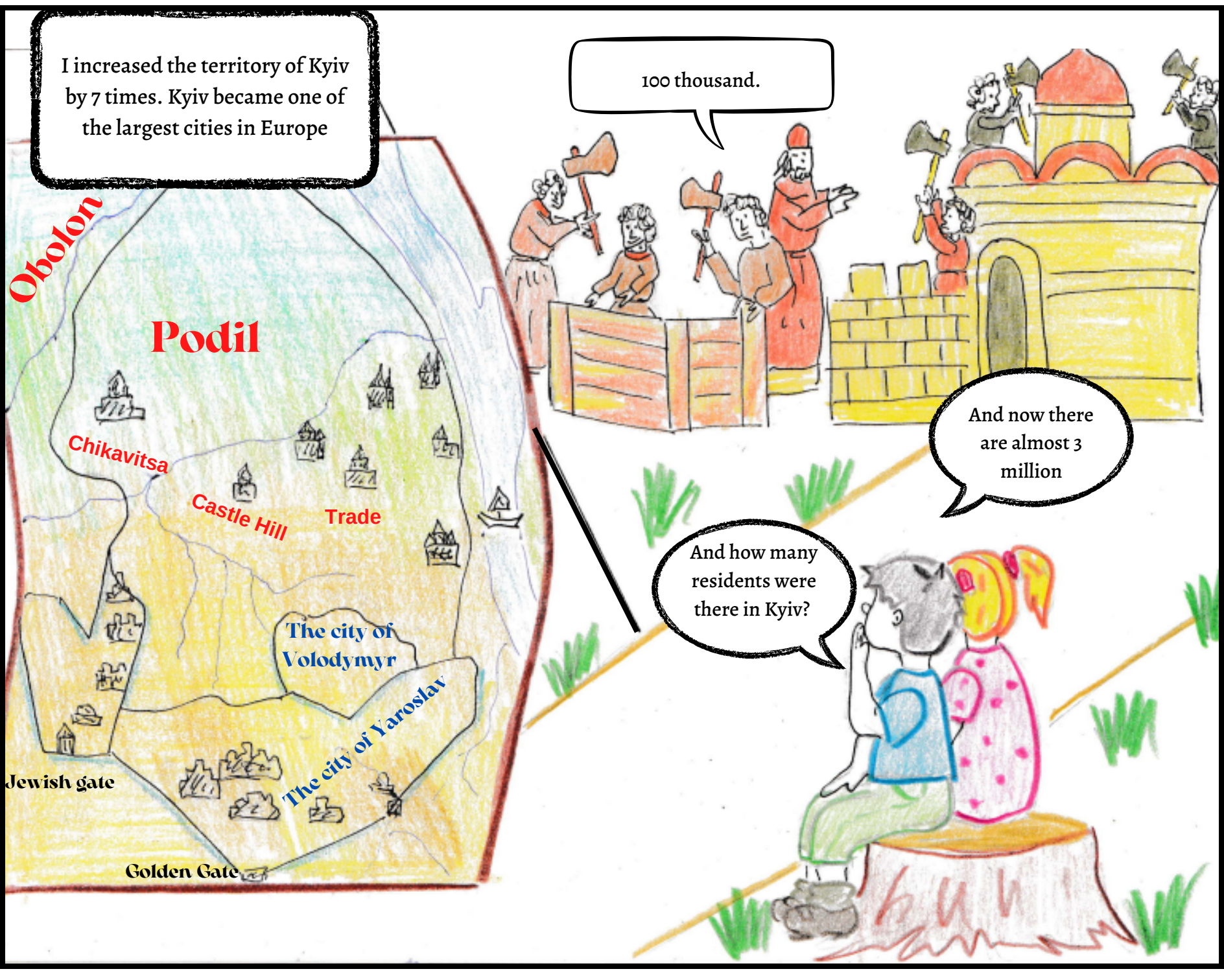
Trade

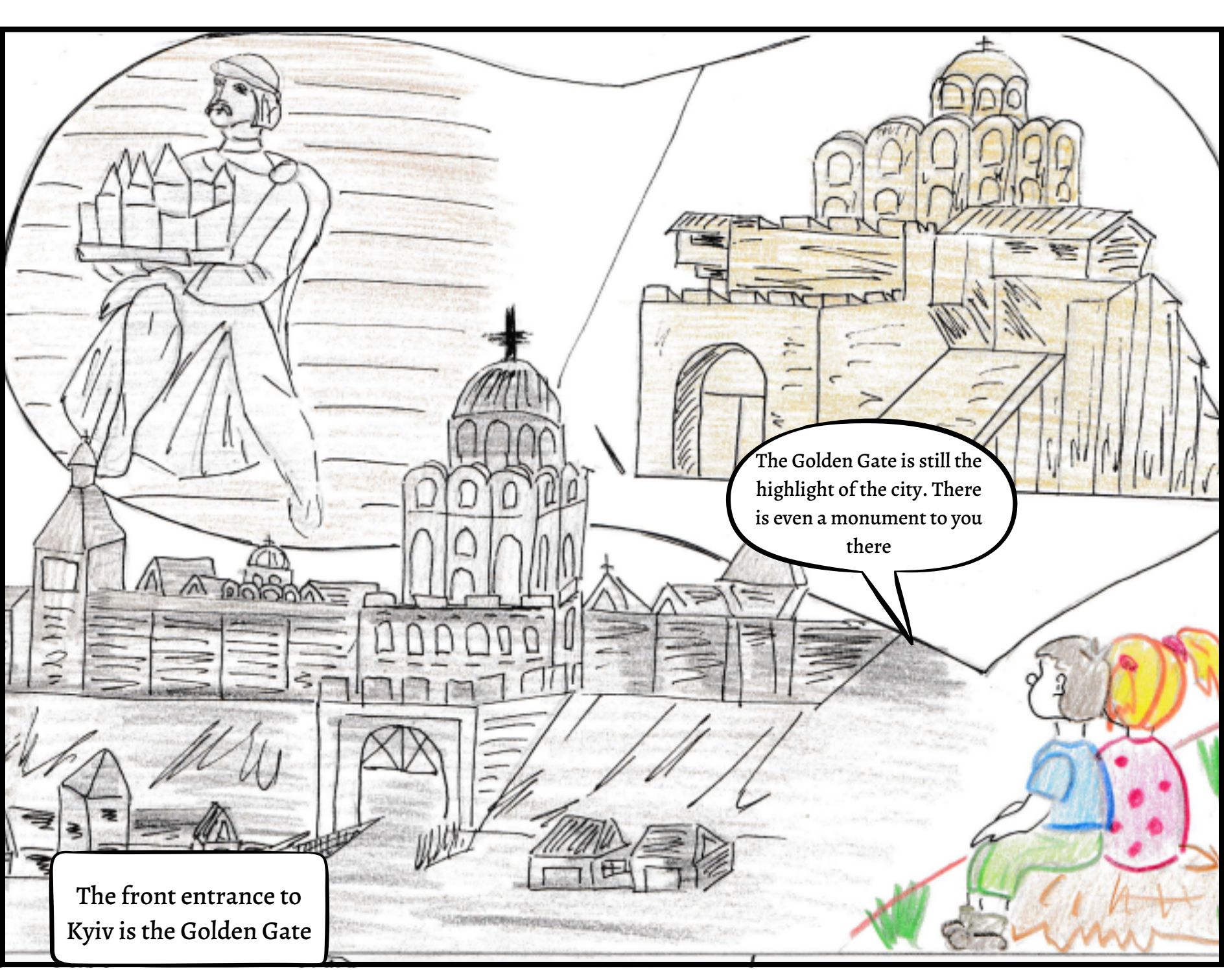
The city of Volodymyr

The city of Yaroslav

Jewish gate


Golden Gate





The Golden Gate is still the highlight of the city. There is even a monument to you there

The front entrance to Kyiv is the Golden Gate



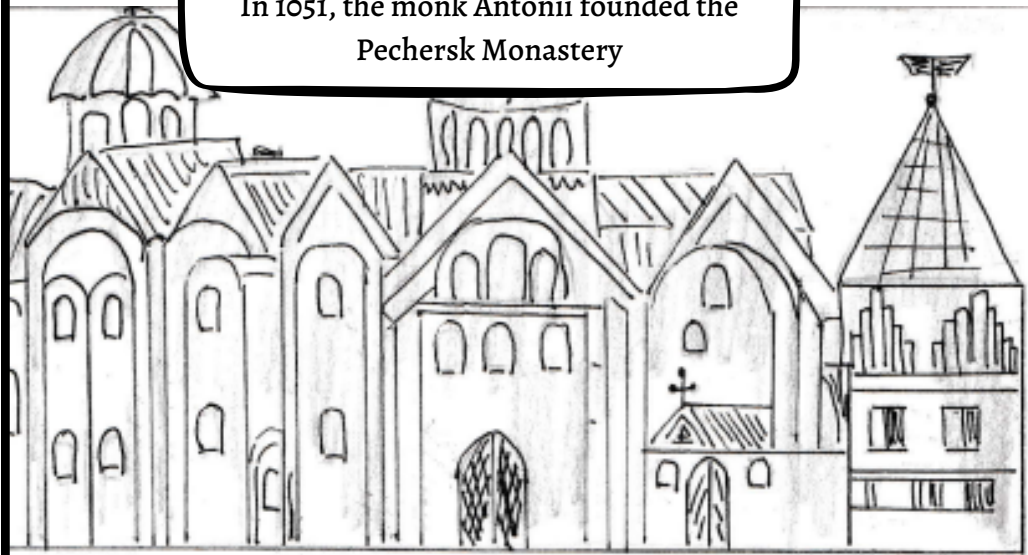
In the same year 1037, I published
"Rus Truth", which contained the
norms of ancient Rus law

This is very cool, because now
people will not be judged by
anyone as they want, but
according to the law

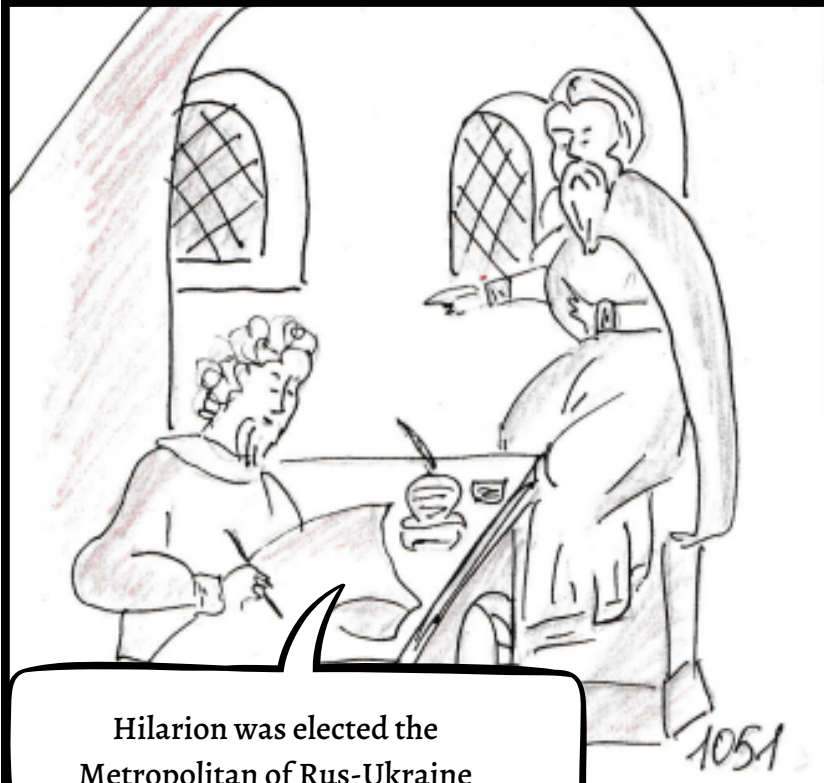
Yes! The punishment
included monetary
payments. Although the
blood feud remained

An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth!

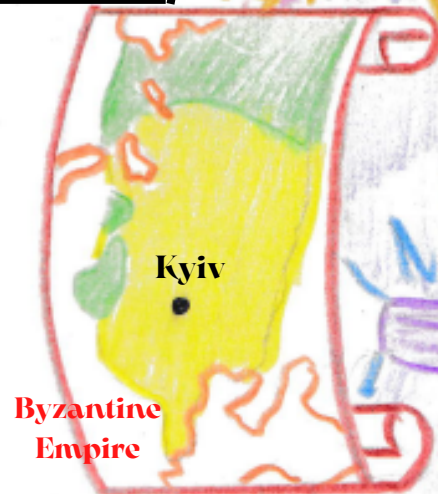
In 1051, the monk Antonii founded the Pechersk Monastery



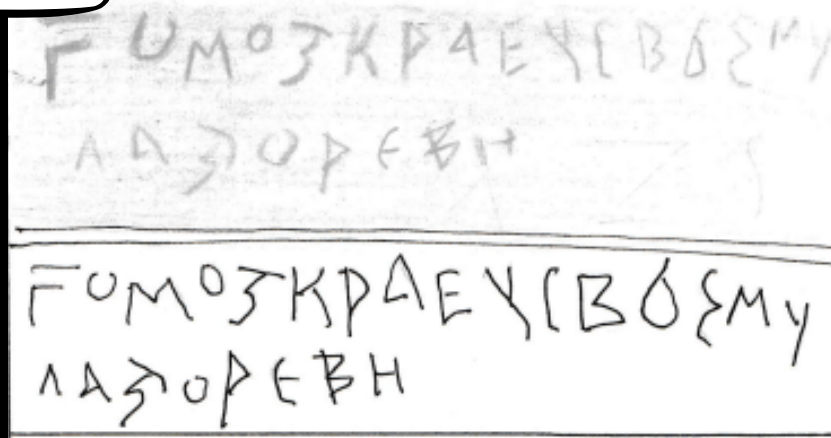
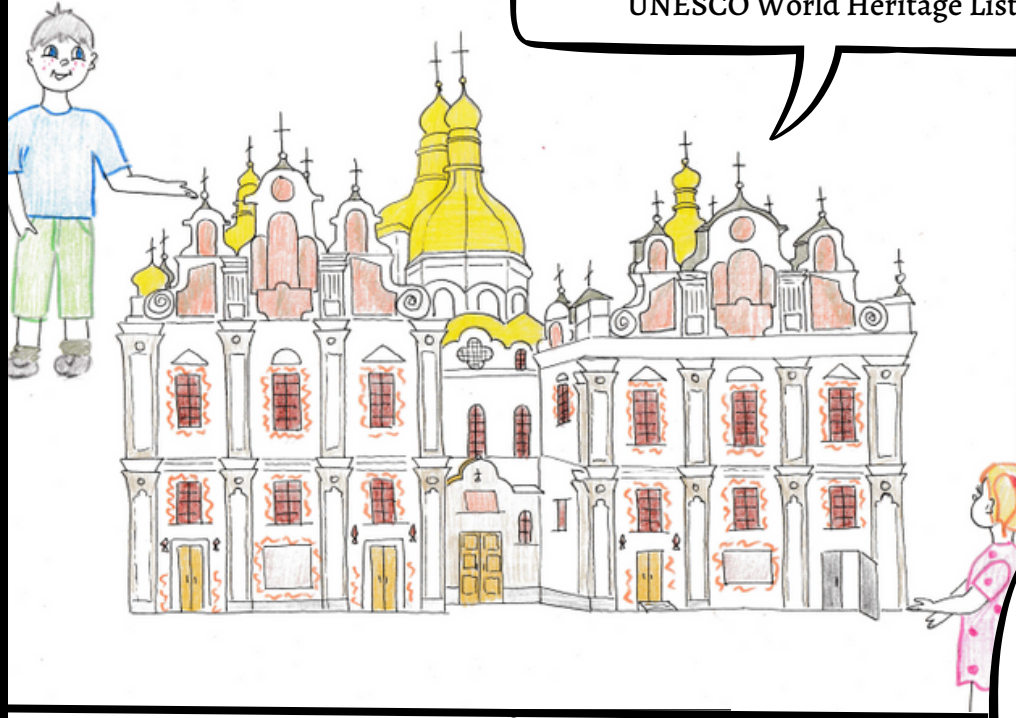
We tried to live according to Christian laws. My father baptized Rus-Ukraine in 988, and I promoted the independence of the church from Constantynopol



Hilarion was elected the Metropolitan of Rus-Ukraine



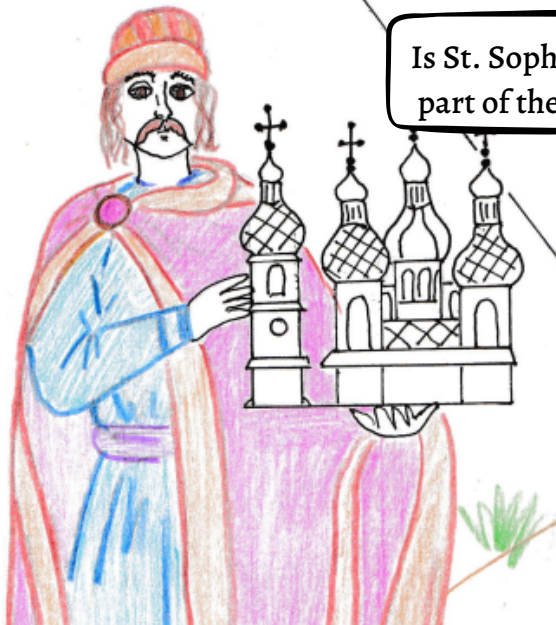
In 1990, the Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra
was included in the
UNESCO World Heritage List



Yes, of course, it was
also included in the
UNESCO world
heritage in 1990. Its
graffiti, left by priests
and visitors 1000
years ago, is known
throughout the
world.



Is St. Sophia Cathedral also
part of the world heritage?





I feel very proud of this cathedral. There was a scriptorium - a workshop for copying and translating books.



A lot of books were written in St. Sophia Cathedral, including Hilarion's "The Word of Law and Grace".

St. Sophia Cathedral is the largest temple in Rus-Ukraine. We put our hearts into its construction.

Even today, visitors from a lot of countries admire the six-meter "The Virgin Orans, Oranta", beautiful mosaics, and frescoes.


We began to use the Church Slavonic language for writing, which is different from the everyday language.




Oh! I've got that - it is like Latin, it is not spoken in everyday life, it is for books and studies, right?




Ѧ, Ѧ	— азъ	Ф, ф	— ф(е)рть
Б, б	— бѣки	Х, х	— хѣръ (хѣнн)ъ
В, в	— веди	Ѡ, ѡ	— отъ
Г, г	— глаголь	Ц, ц	— цы
Д, д	— добро	Ч, ч	— червь
Е, е, Ѣ	— есть	Ш, ш	— ша
Ж, ж	— живете	Щ, щ	— шта
З, з	— зело	Ъ, ъ	— ер
З, з	— земля	Ы, ы	— еры (ън)
Н, н	— ниже	Ь, ь	— ерь
І, і	— і	Ѣ, ѣ	— ять (ѣдь)
К, к	— како	Ю, ю	— ю
Л, л	— люди	ІѦ, іѦ	— я (юти-
М, м	— мыслете		роканое а)
Н, н	— наш	Ѧ, Ѧ	— юс малый
О, о, Ѡ, ѡ	— он	Ѣ, ѣ	— кси
Ѡ, ѡ	— о (омега)	Ѥ, ѥ	— пси
П, п	— покой	Ѧ, Ѧ	— фига
Р, р	— рци	Ѩ, ѩ	— ижица
С, с	— слово		
Т, т	— твердо		
Ѡ, ѡ	— үк		



The palace school of Yaroslav the Wise existed at St. Sophia Cathedral and was of international importance



In order to read books, it was necessary to teach children to read. I created schools attached to churches.



And I know that women in Rus-Ukraine were very educated. Anna Vsevolodivna, your granddaughter, opened a girls' school at St. Andrew's Church in Kyiv (1086).



The beloved son Vsevolod I Yaroslavych married the Byzantine princess Anastasia Monomakh.



Agatha became the wife of Edward the Exile, son of King of England Edmund Ironside



My son Iziaslav I of Kiev married Gertrude of Poland, a daughter of King Mieszko II of Poland.



Anastasia of Kiev – Queen of Hungary, wife of the Hungarian king Andrew I



Elisiv of Kiev - first Queen of Norway, married to Harald III of Norway, and later after his death - married the Danish king Sweyn II of Denmark.



Son Sviatoslav II of Kiev married Oda von Stade - a granddaughter of the German Emperor Henry II and a niece of Emperor Henry III of Germany.

I was called "the father-in-law of Europe". My three daughters became queens.



Anne de Kiev – Queen of France, married to King Henri I



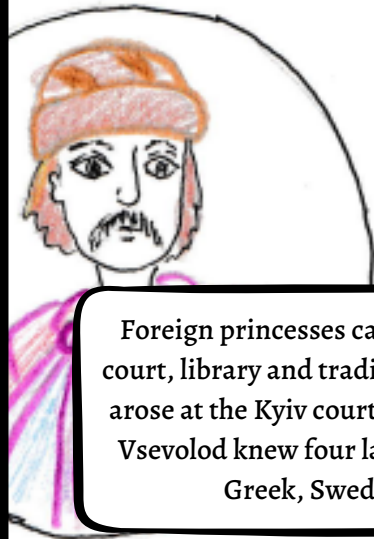
My wife Ingegerd is a daughter of the Swedish king Olof Skotkonung. She gave birth to 10 children.



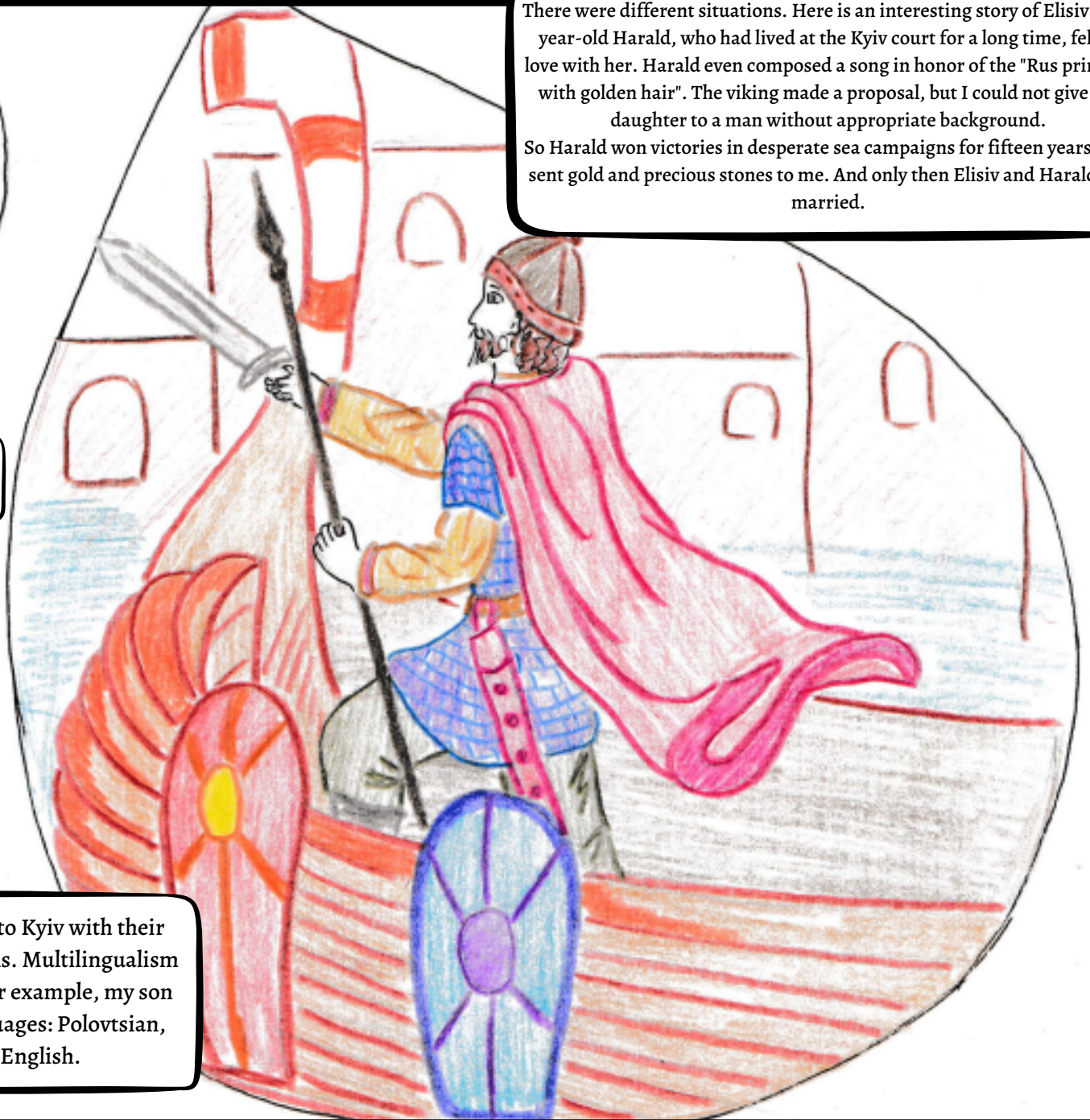
My sister Dobroniega married the Polish king Casimir I the Restorer.



Did they all love each other, or not?



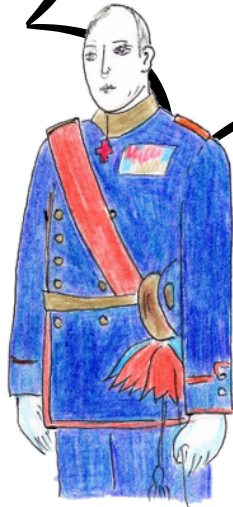
Foreign princesses came to Kyiv with their court, library and traditions. Multilingualism arose at the Kyiv court. For example, my son Vsevolod knew four languages: Polovtsian, Greek, Swedish, English.



There were different situations. Here is an interesting story of Elisiv: a 15-year-old Harald, who had lived at the Kyiv court for a long time, fell in love with her. Harald even composed a song in honor of the "Rus princess with golden hair". The viking made a proposal, but I could not give my daughter to a man without appropriate background. So Harald won victories in desperate sea campaigns for fifteen years, and sent gold and precious stones to me. And only then Elisiv and Harald got married.



Elizabeth II,
Queen of the United
Kingdom



Harald V,
King of Norway



Mary I Stuart



Catherine de Valois



Felipe VI,
King of Spain



Henry IV



James V of Scotland



I established the principle of succession when the deceased prince was succeeded by his brother, and later by his son.



Father

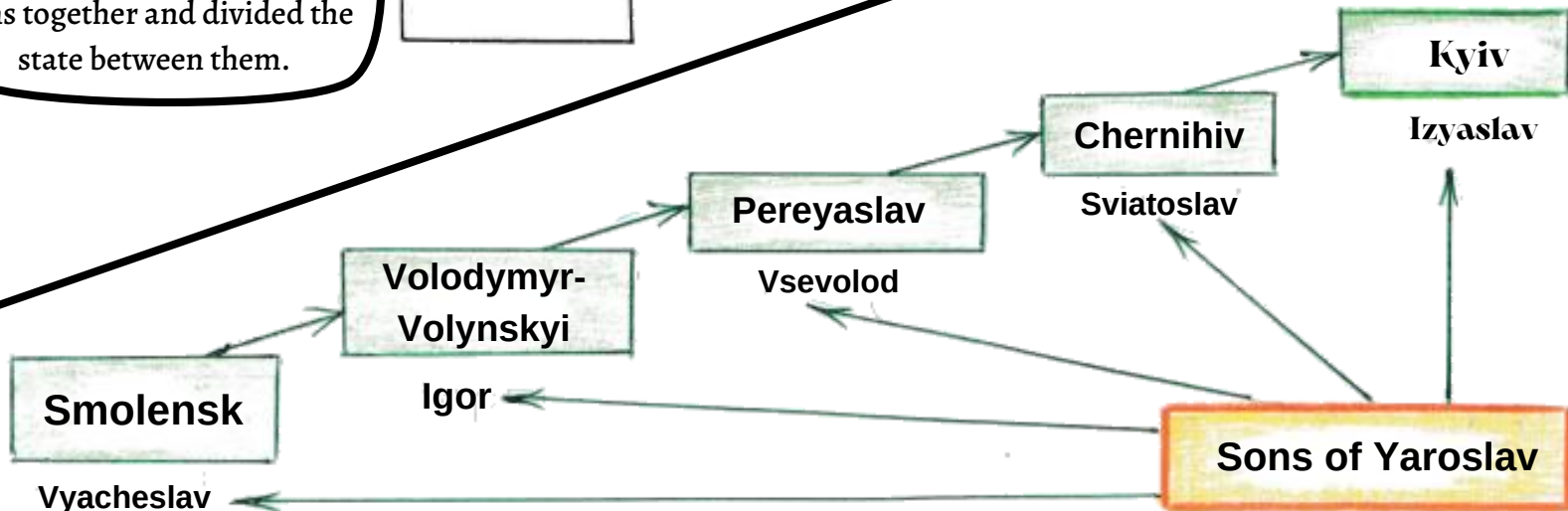
Elder son

Middle son

Younger son

Elder son

So that there would be no struggle for authority between my sons, I called my sons together and divided the state between them.



You and your father Volodymyr developed Rus-Ukraine. As a sign of respect, your portraits are depicted on 1 and 2 hryvnias banknotes. On July 11, 2008, at the Jubilee local cathedral, you were included among the ranks of saints. You are considered the heavenly patron of statesmen, lawyers, prosecutors, temple builders, librarians, scientists, teachers and students.



We thank you, Yaroslav, for starting the union with Europe, because we were and we are with Europe!



It's time for us to go home! Now we are definitely familiar with the history of Yaroslav Sviatoslavovych (the Wise)!

