

**The Legend
of
Firemarth**



Once upon a time
there was a kingdom called Firemarth.

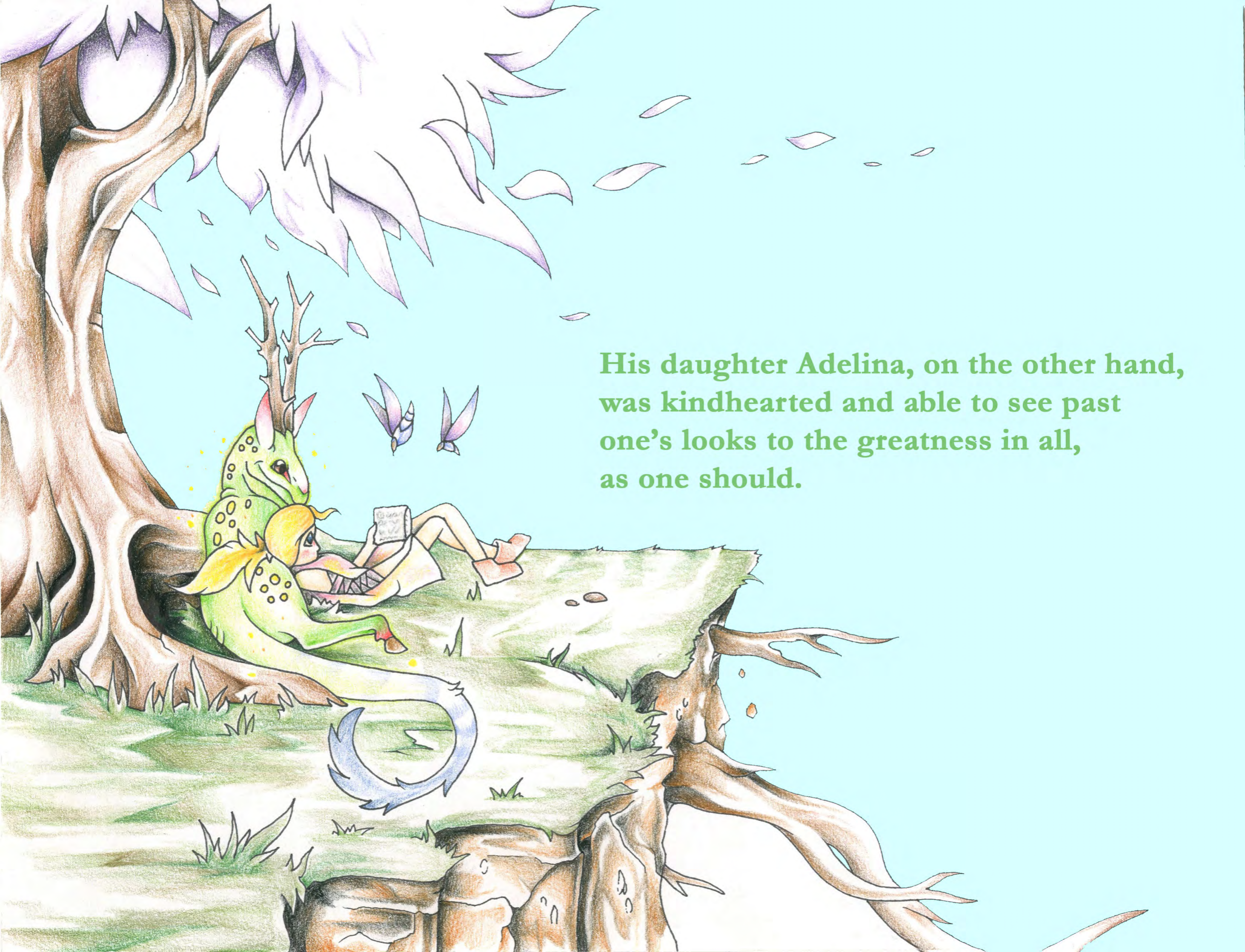
Many creatures roamed this fine kingdom,
but it wasn't always that way...





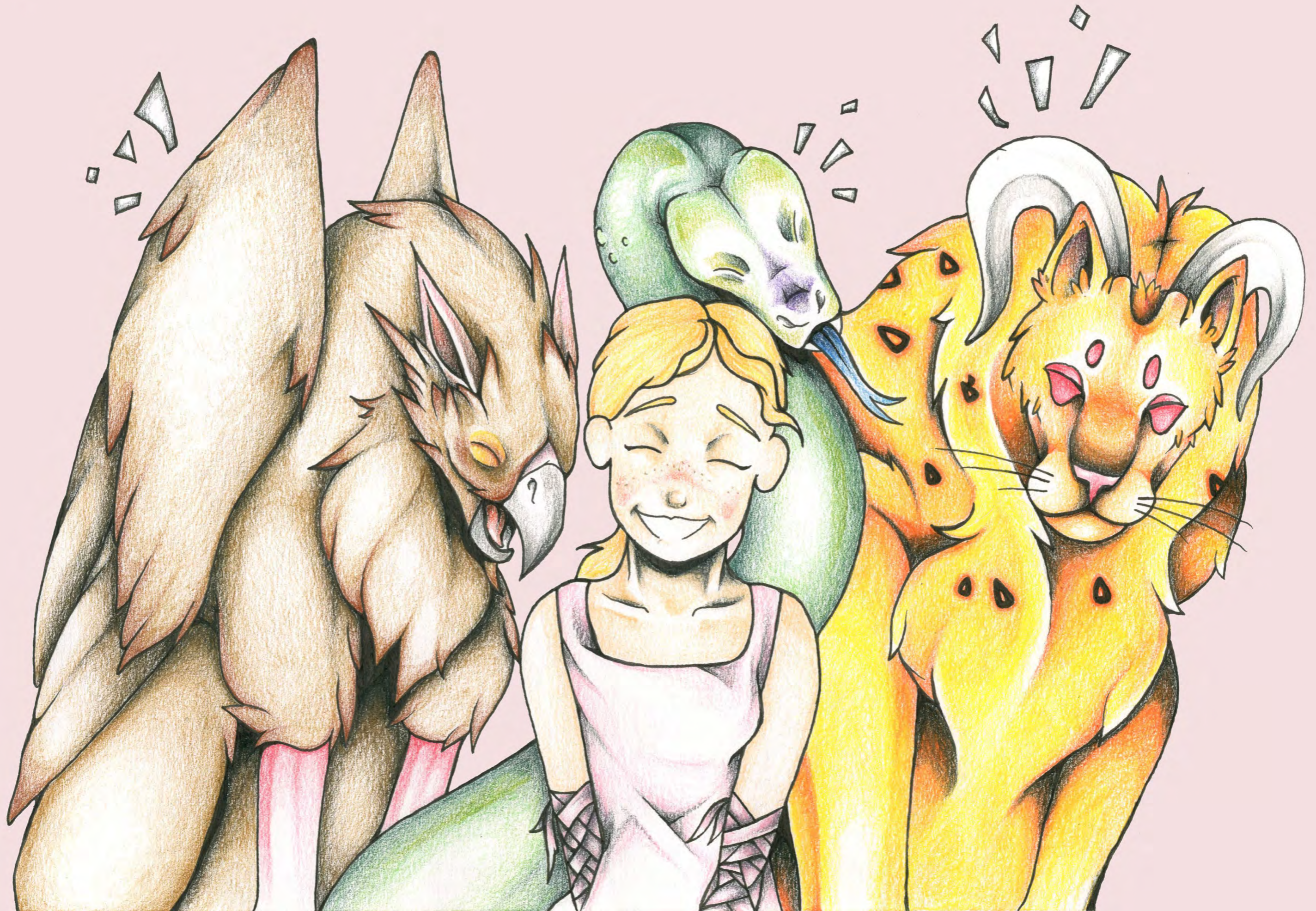
The kingdom was ruled by a stubborn king who couldn't see past one's appearances.

He judged all creatures on their looks alone.

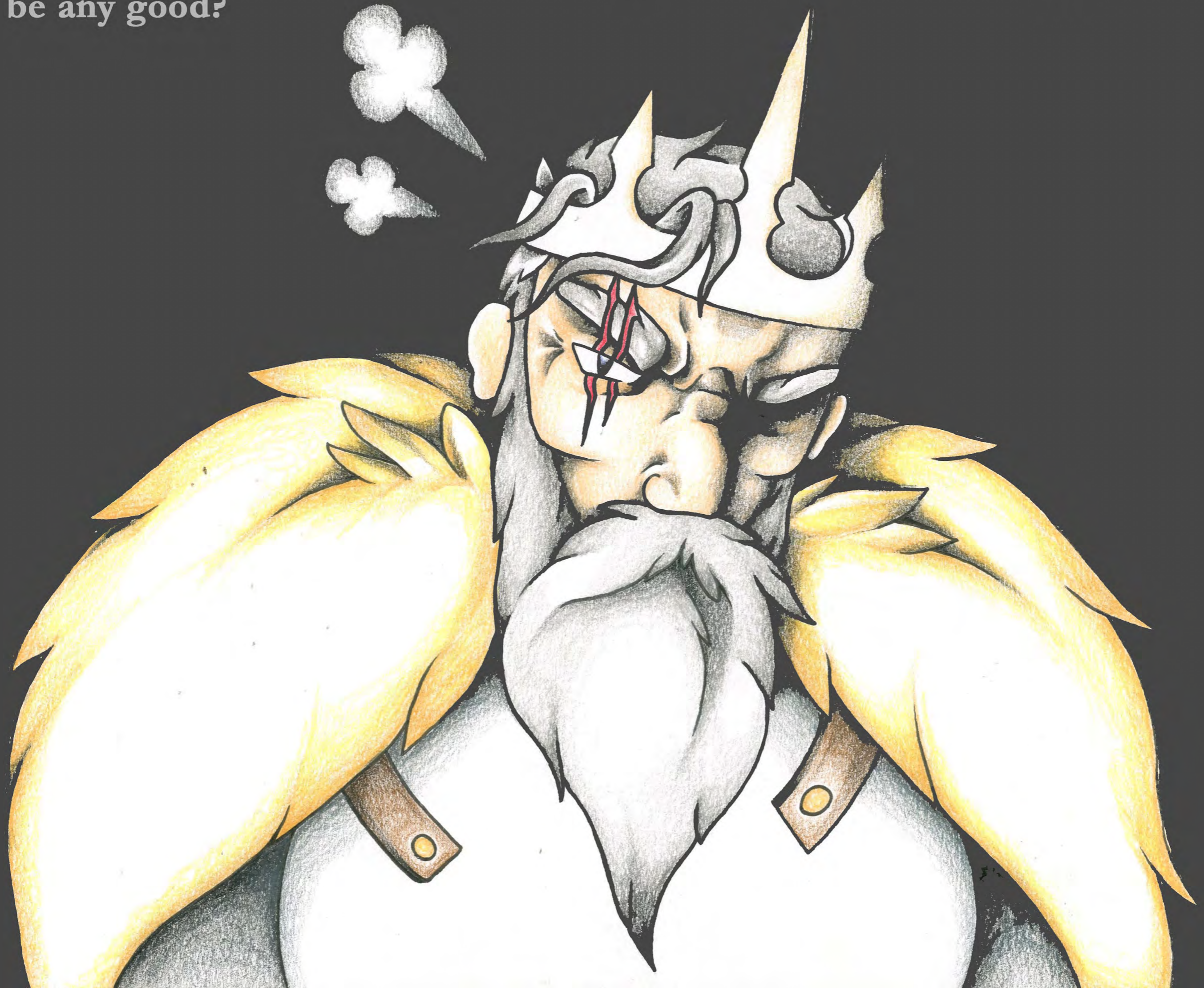


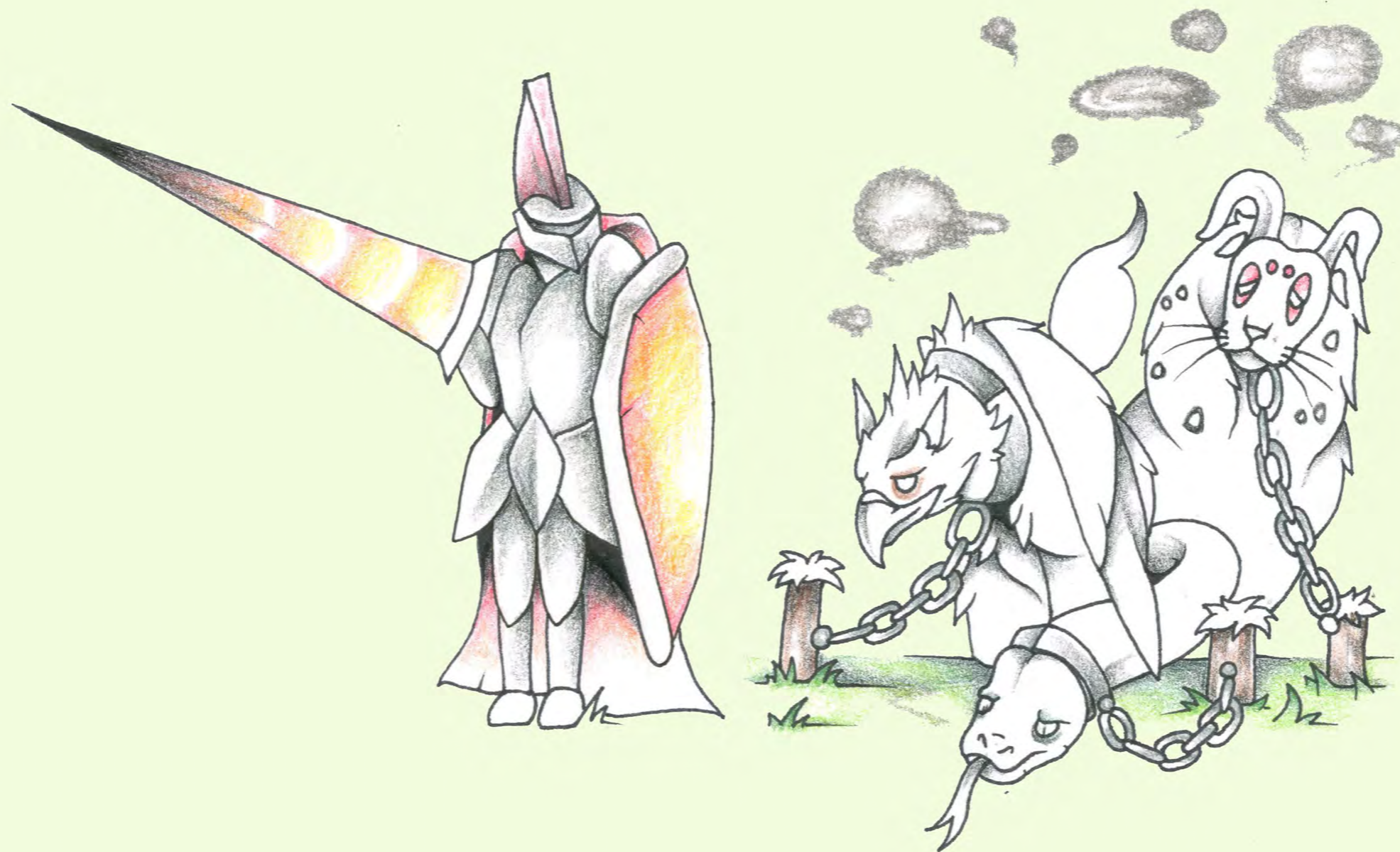
His daughter Adelina, on the other hand, was kindhearted and able to see past one's looks to the greatness in all, as one should.

**She even saw love in the beasts of the land,
who weren't monsters,
just misunderstood.**



The king hated and feared the beasts, for how could something so different be any good?





**Therefore, he chained up the beasts,
not noticing the love and kindness
within each one's heart.**



**Adelina, hurt by her father's actions,
fled the kingdom that day
with much sadness.**

Adelina thought to herself,
“Living creatures should be judged
by what’s in their hearts, not by
their appearance.”





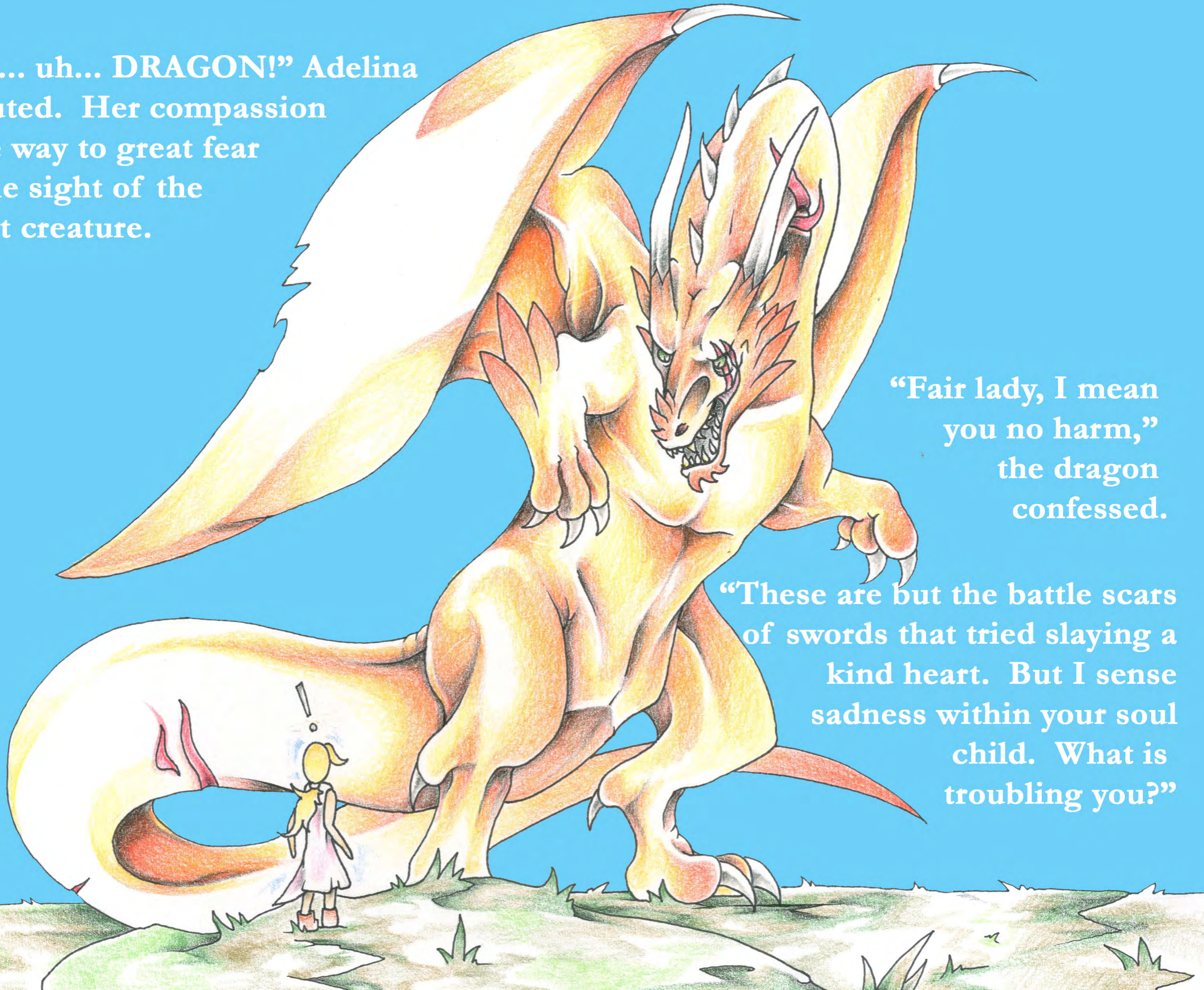
**Suddenly,
a shadow appeared
eclipsing the
dimming sun.**

**As Adelina's
eyes focused,
blazing scales
of red ember
approached her.**

“Uh... uh... DRAGON!” Adelina shouted. Her compassion gave way to great fear at the sight of the giant creature.

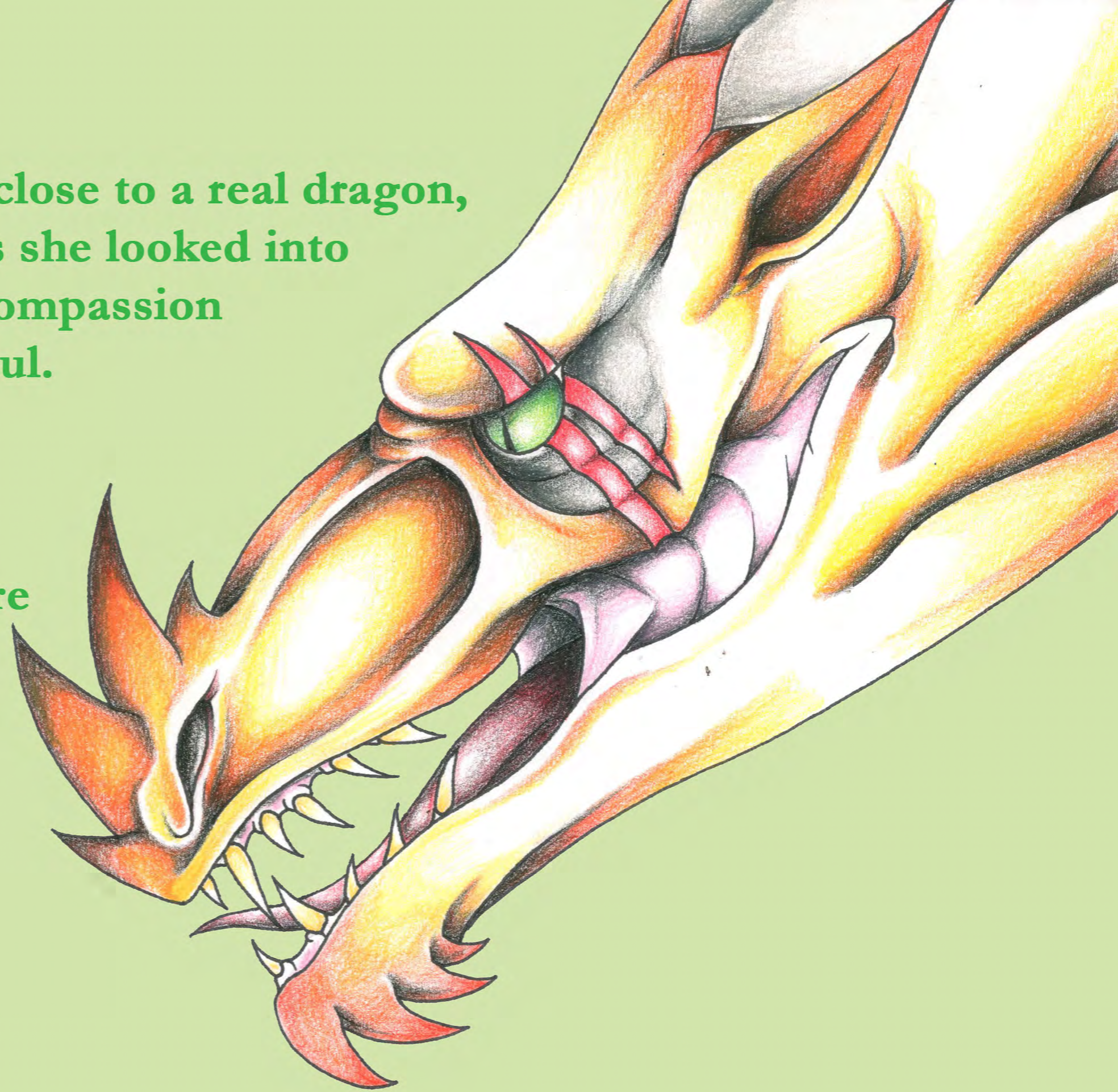
“Fair lady, I mean you no harm,” the dragon confessed.

“These are but the battle scars of swords that tried slaying a kind heart. But I sense sadness within your soul child. What is troubling you?”

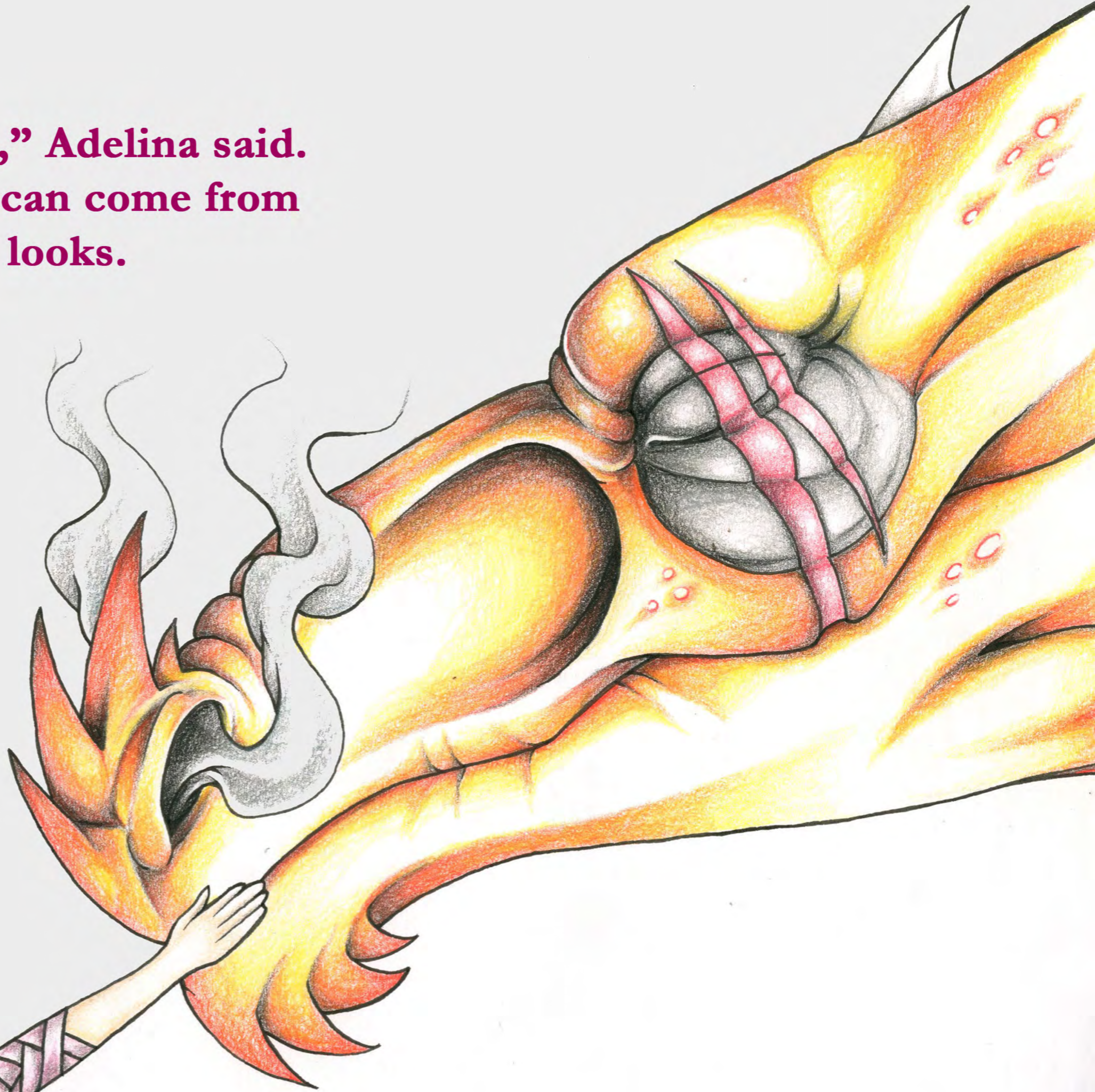
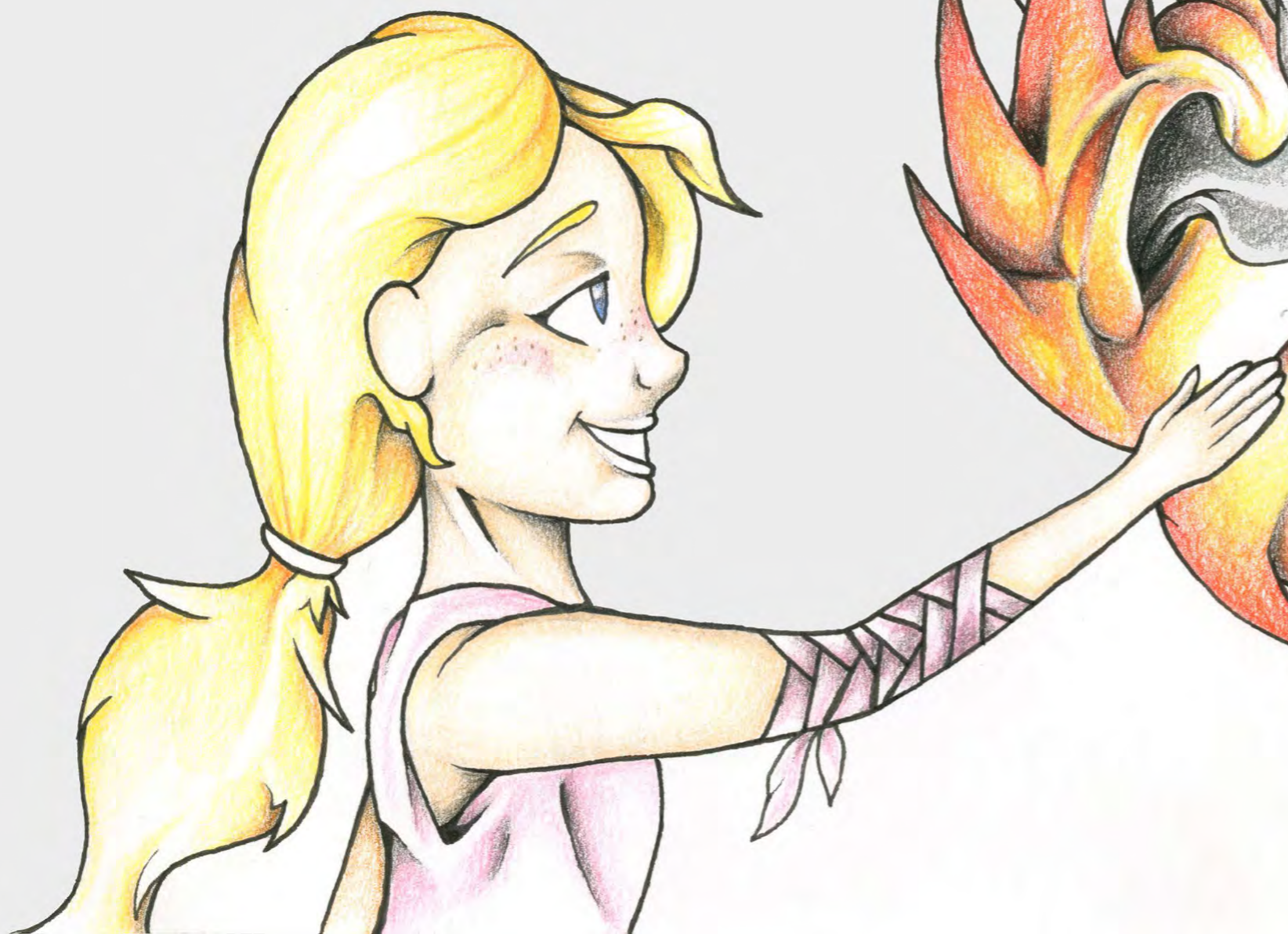


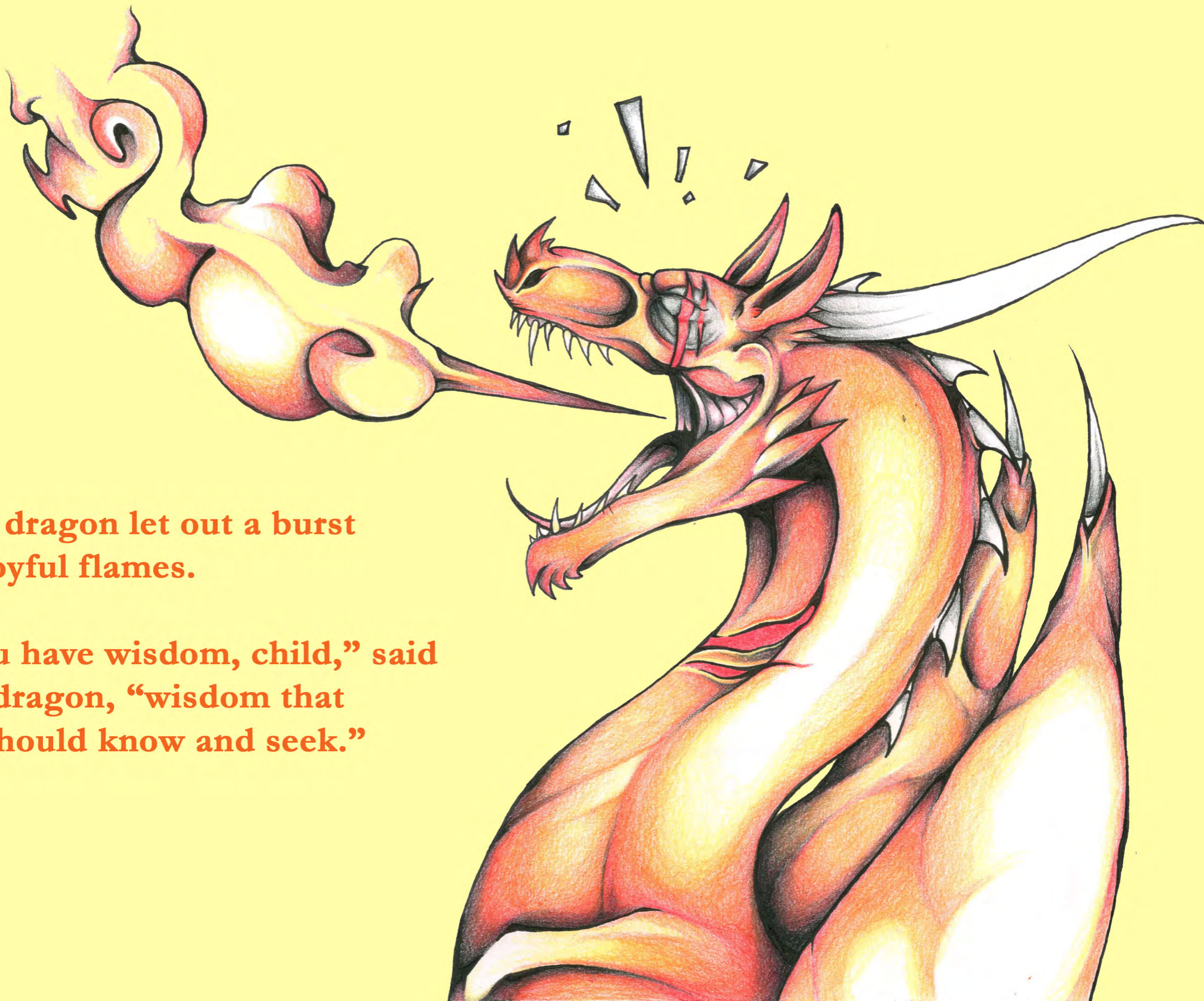
Adelina, never having been so close to a real dragon, was terrified at his size. But as she looked into his eyes she began to see the compassion deep within his kind, caring soul.

“I would understand your desire to flee for a dragon slaying knight,” the dragon said with a deep sigh.



**“I have no desire to flee,” Adelina said.
“The greatest of hearts can come from
anywhere, regardless of looks.
You just need to search
deeper to find it.”**

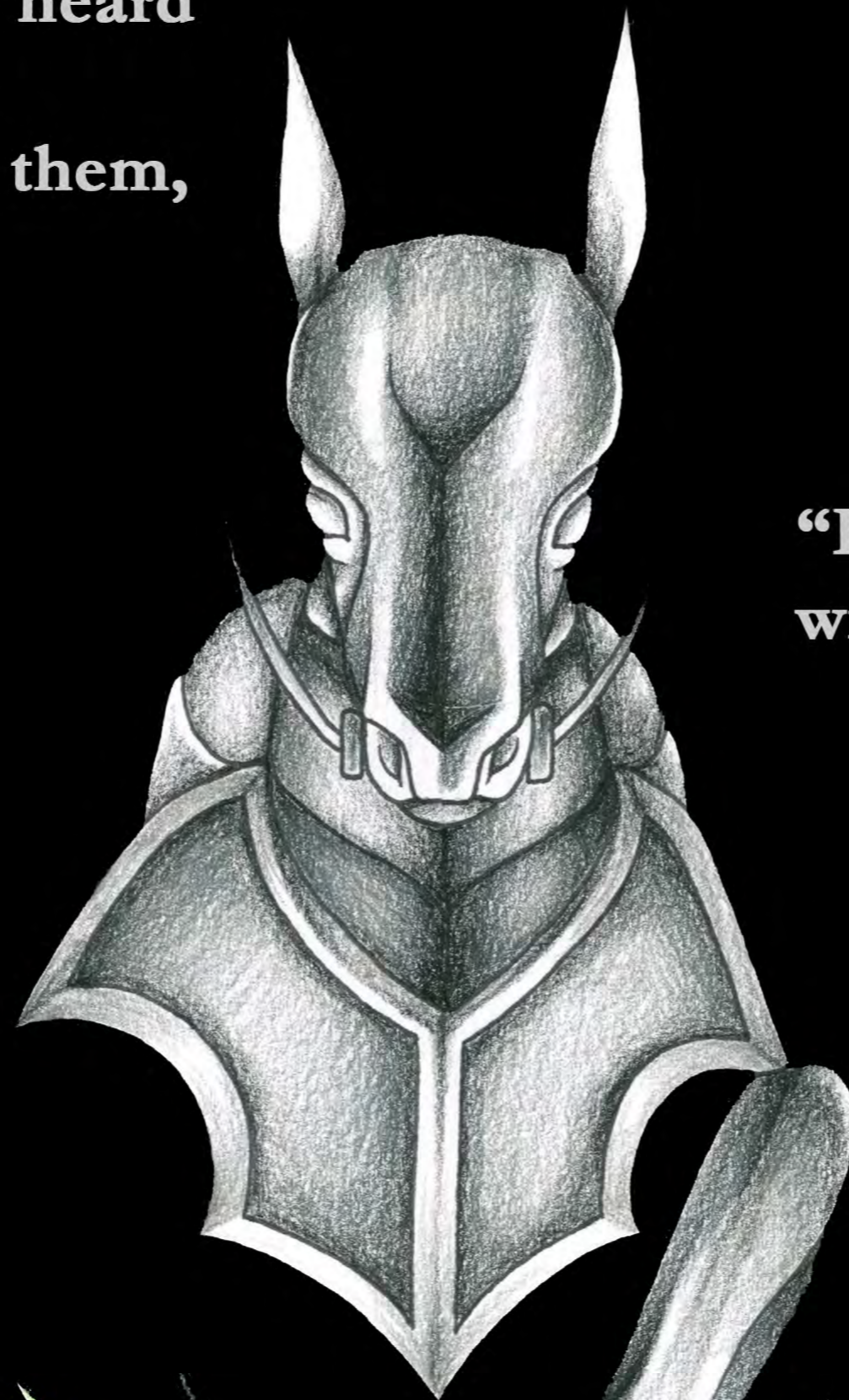




**The dragon let out a burst
of joyful flames.**

**“You have wisdom, child,” said
the dragon, “wisdom that
all should know and seek.”**

**In the far distance they heard
the thundering sounds
of hooves approaching them,
ever closer.**



**“Father,” Adelina mumbled
with growing fear.**

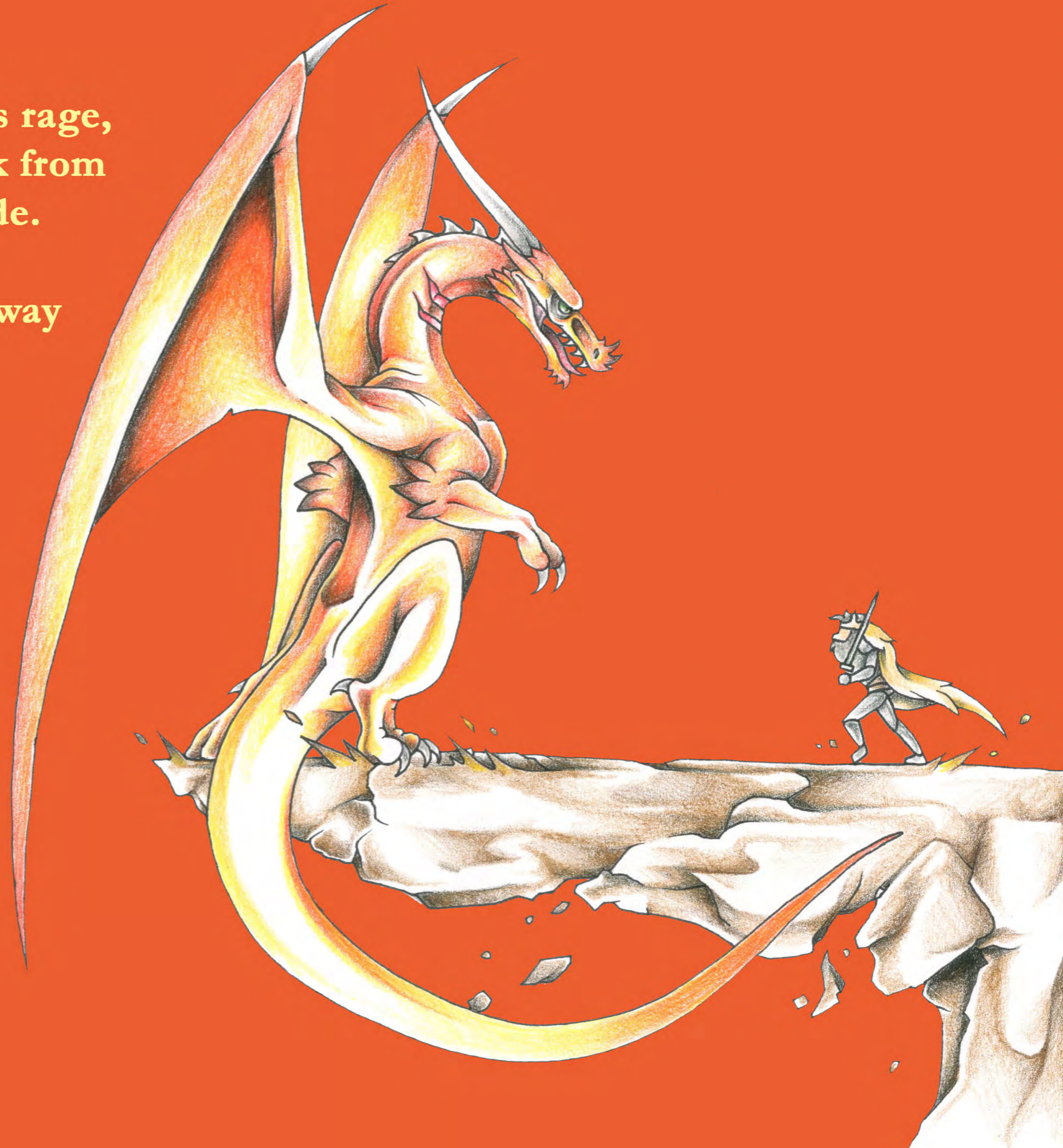
**“Adelina!”
the king howled.
Get away from that
savage beast!”**

**He lunged at
the dragon.
“Prepare to be slain!”
he screamed as
he drew his sword.**



Frightened by the king's rage,
the dragon jumped back from
the king's fine steel blade.

The cliff began to give way
from the weight of the
huge beast.

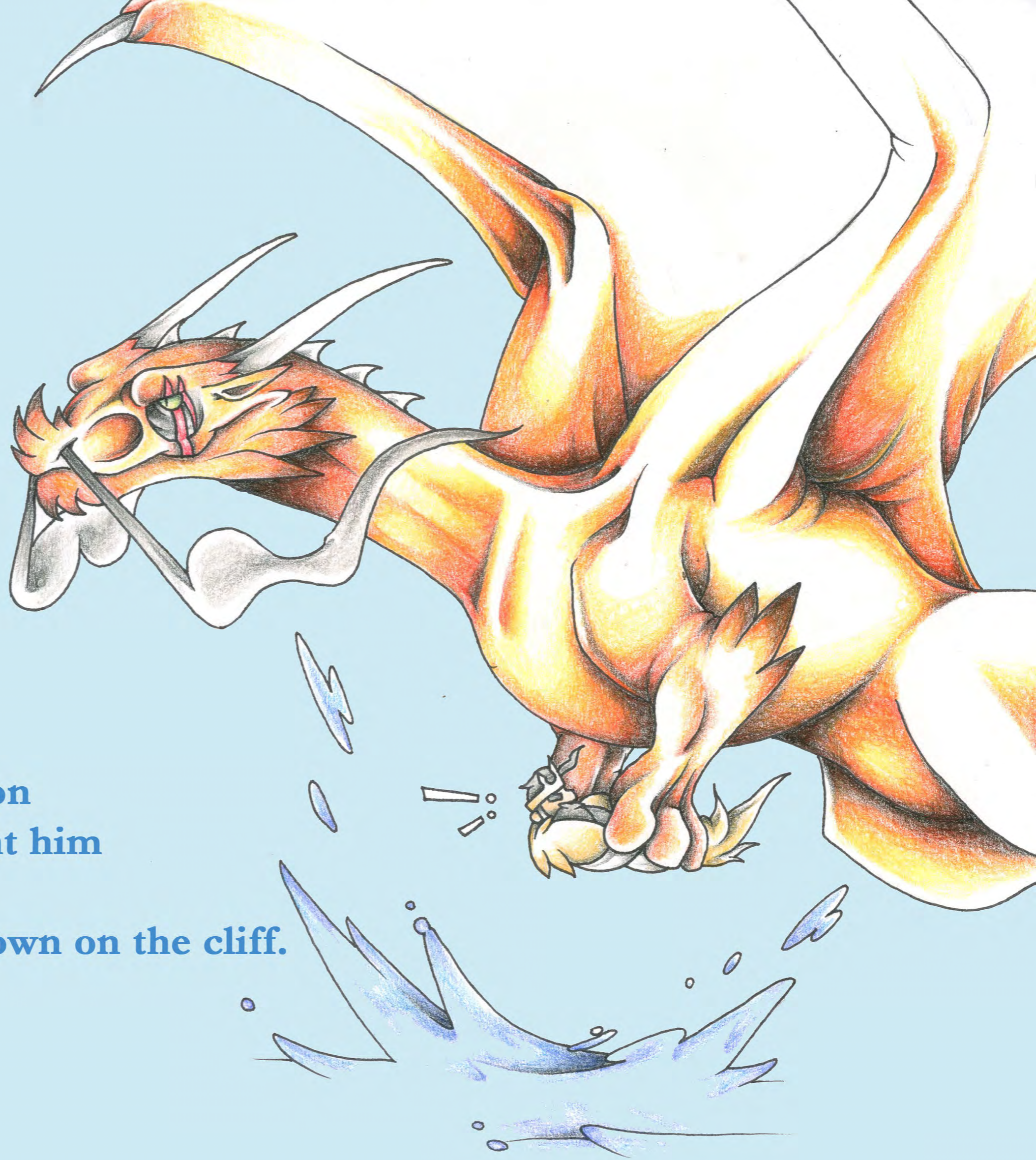


**The ground
crumbled
under the
feet of the
king.**



**“Father!” Adelina shouted
as he started falling
down the steep
cliffside.**

As the king fell, the dragon swooped down and caught him with his massive wings, laying him gently back down on the cliff.



**Adelina rushed
to her father.**



**“Adelina, I...
I am ashamed.
I hated the dragon
as I hate all beasts of the
kingdom.**

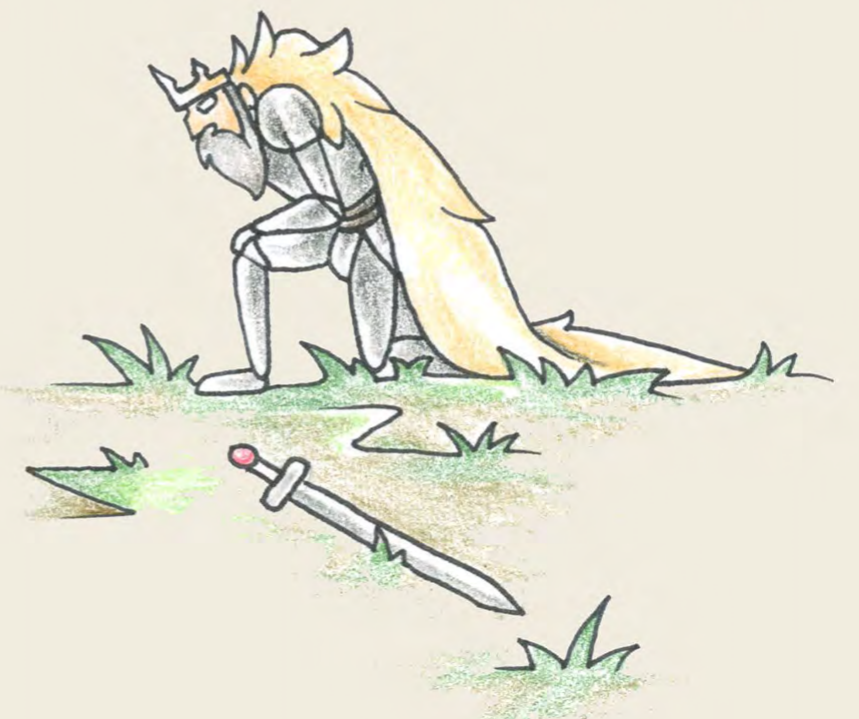
**But I have been
saved by the
fiercest beast of all.
I am deeply ashamed
of my actions,”
the king confessed.**



**The king bowed his head
to honor the dragon.
“I owe you my life.
Thank you,” the king said
with deep compassion.**

**“I realize that you shouldn’t
deny someone respect simply because
they’re different.**

**We are all equals in this world,
regardless of our skin or scales.”**



Therefore, the king lifted the chains from all the friendly beasts of the land, finally seeing the greatness that is within each one's heart.





And beast and man lived
side by side,
living happily ever after
in the kingdom of Firemarth.