



# Come with us

on an awesome painting journey through time! With our crayons, brushes and pens ready, we'll go back in history to see how people made some of the greatest masterpieces of art—masterpieces that we now enjoy in museums, cathedrals and palaces.

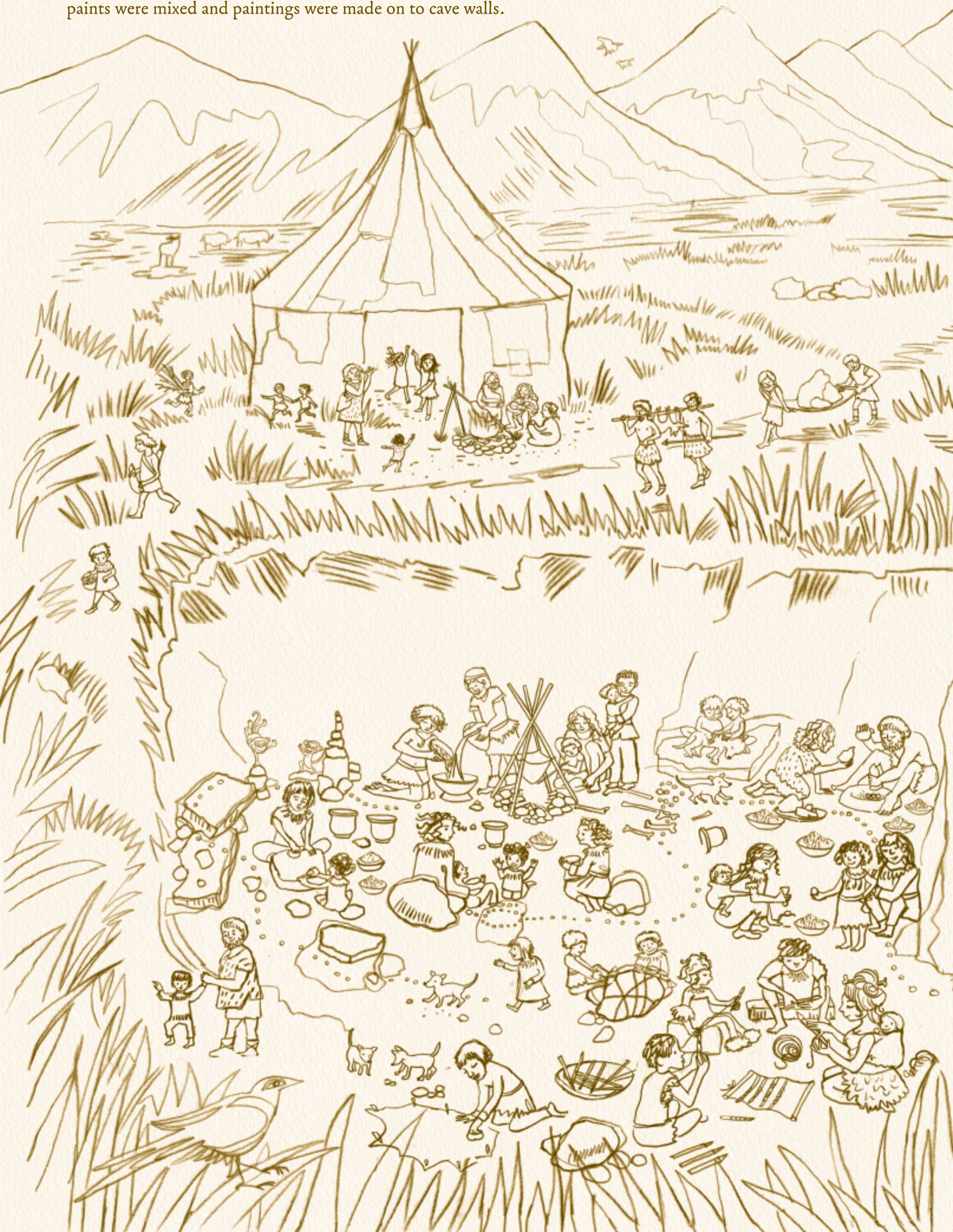
We'll look over the shoulder of famous artists to discover their secrets. What materials did cave painters use in the Stone Age, and what were the preferred colours of 'Der Blaue Reiter' (The Blue Rider) group? Were ancient statues really so bright and colourful, and why did the Bauhaus art school love red, blue and yellow so much? We can even lend these artists a hand!

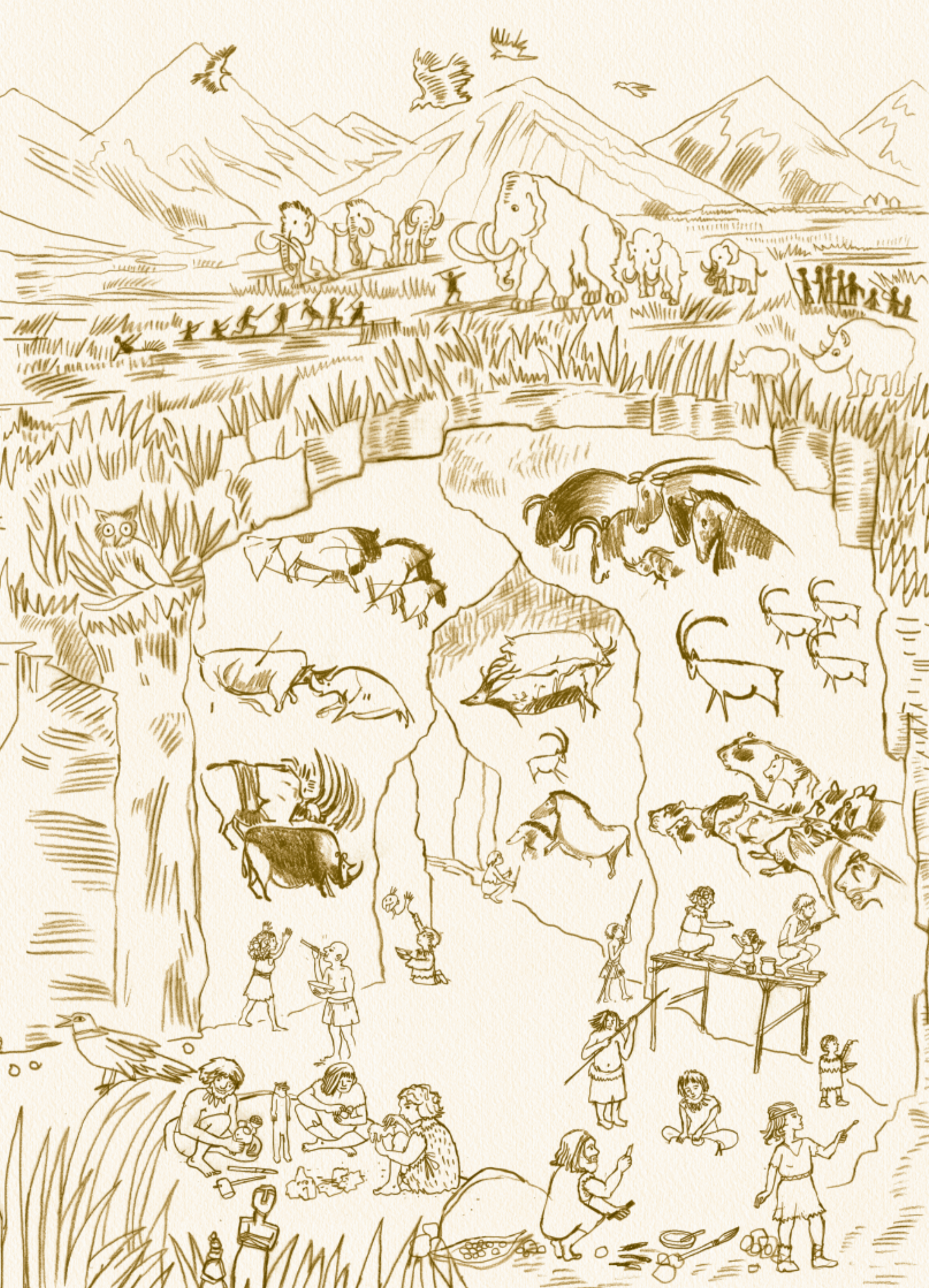
**If you're ready, let's begin our travels through the history of art making!**



# Art in Caves

During the Stone Age brushes were created, paints were mixed and paintings were made on to cave walls.





People in Stone Age times made beautiful artwork on the walls of caves. Using brushes of bone and hair, they painted images on the walls of the animals they hunted for food and clothing.

Can you find any mountain lions, woolly mammoths or goats here?

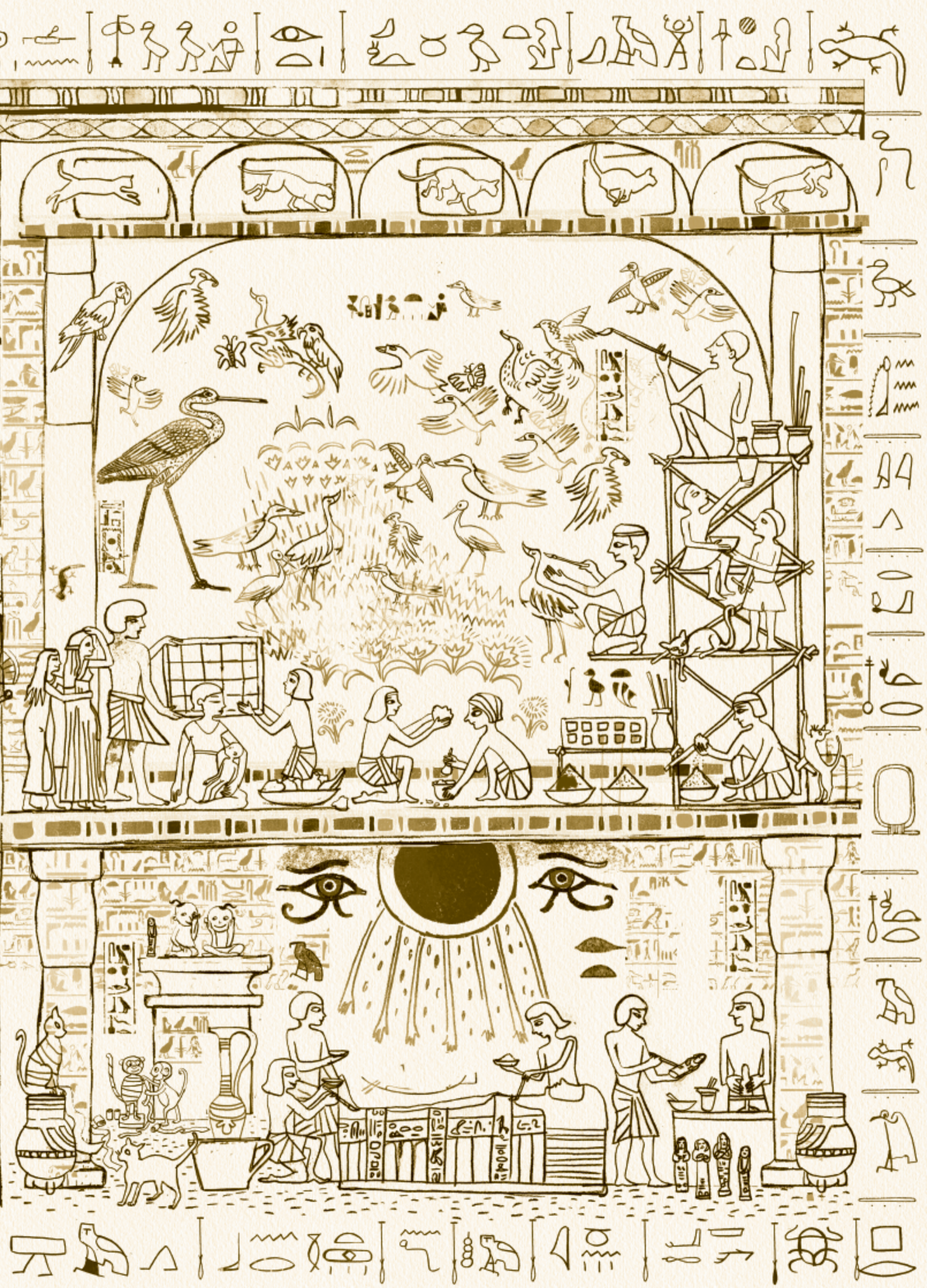




# A Trip to Ancient Egypt

Queen Nefertiti and her family gaze in awe at a new piece of art.









Thutmose, the sculptor, has made this bust of the beautiful queen out of limestone. He proudly offers it to Nefertiti and her husband, the pharaoh Akhenaten.



Ancient Egyptians loved animals, and especially birds. The heron here looks amazingly lifelike. All we need now are a few colours!



Try to paint Nefertiti in the most beautiful way you can! Don't worry about her left eye, though. It's probably still lying in the desert sand.

# A Festival for a Greek Goddess

Citizens of Athens are celebrating their new temple and its huge statue of goddess Athena.





ἕδος  
τῆς  
Ἀφροδῖτης

δαίδαλα

ἕδωμα

The Greek heavens are teeming with plenty of gods. You can see a few of them here. Artists in those days particularly liked the colours red, blue and gold.



Winged steeds are pulling the chariots of Apollo, the sun god.



Paint a new dress for Athena, the proud goddess of wisdom!



This is Hermes, the messenger of the gods.



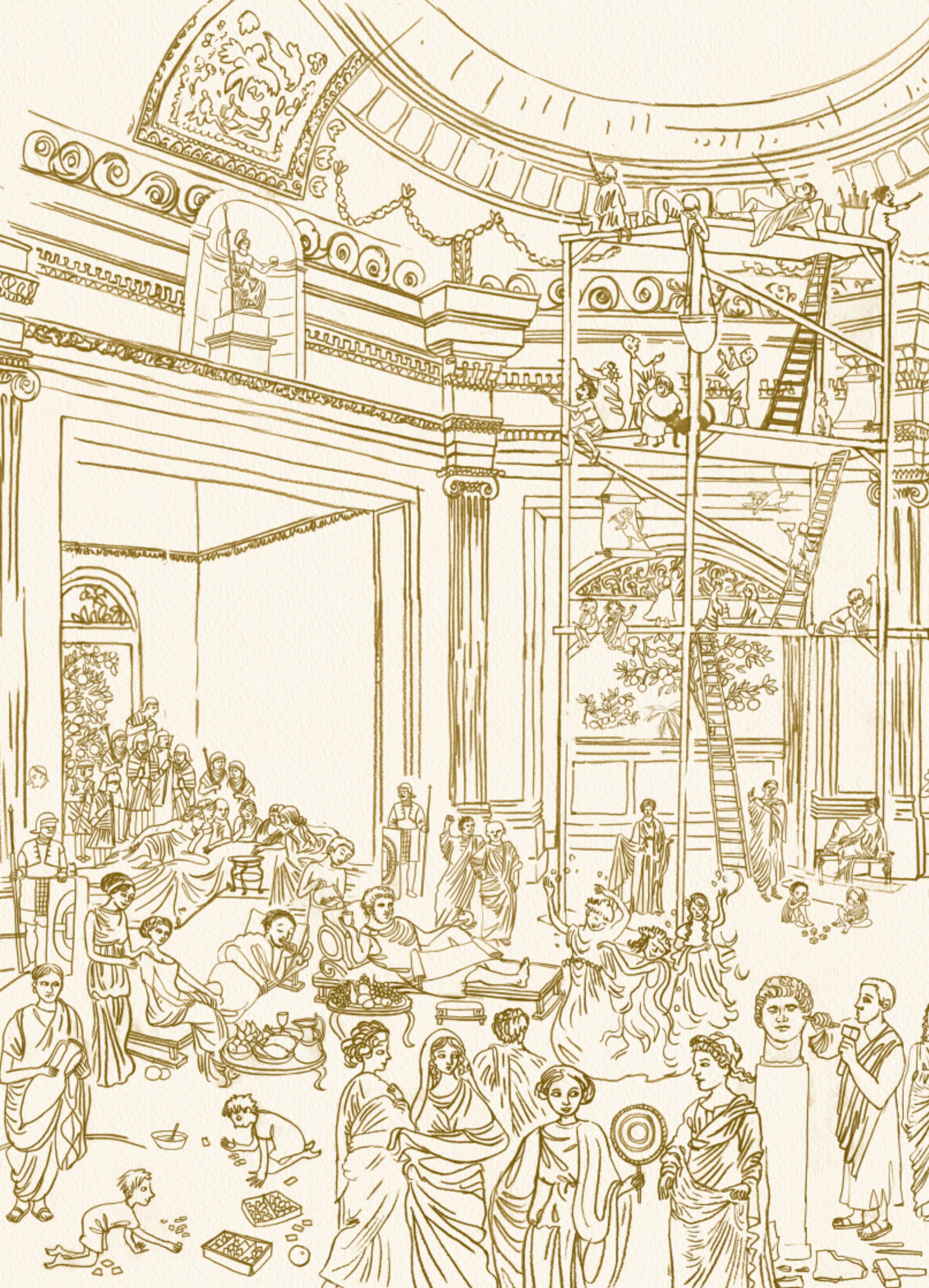
Dionysus, the Greek god of wine, was very popular.



And Zeus, the father of the gods, hurls lightning flashes whenever he gets angry. Next to him is his wife, Hera.

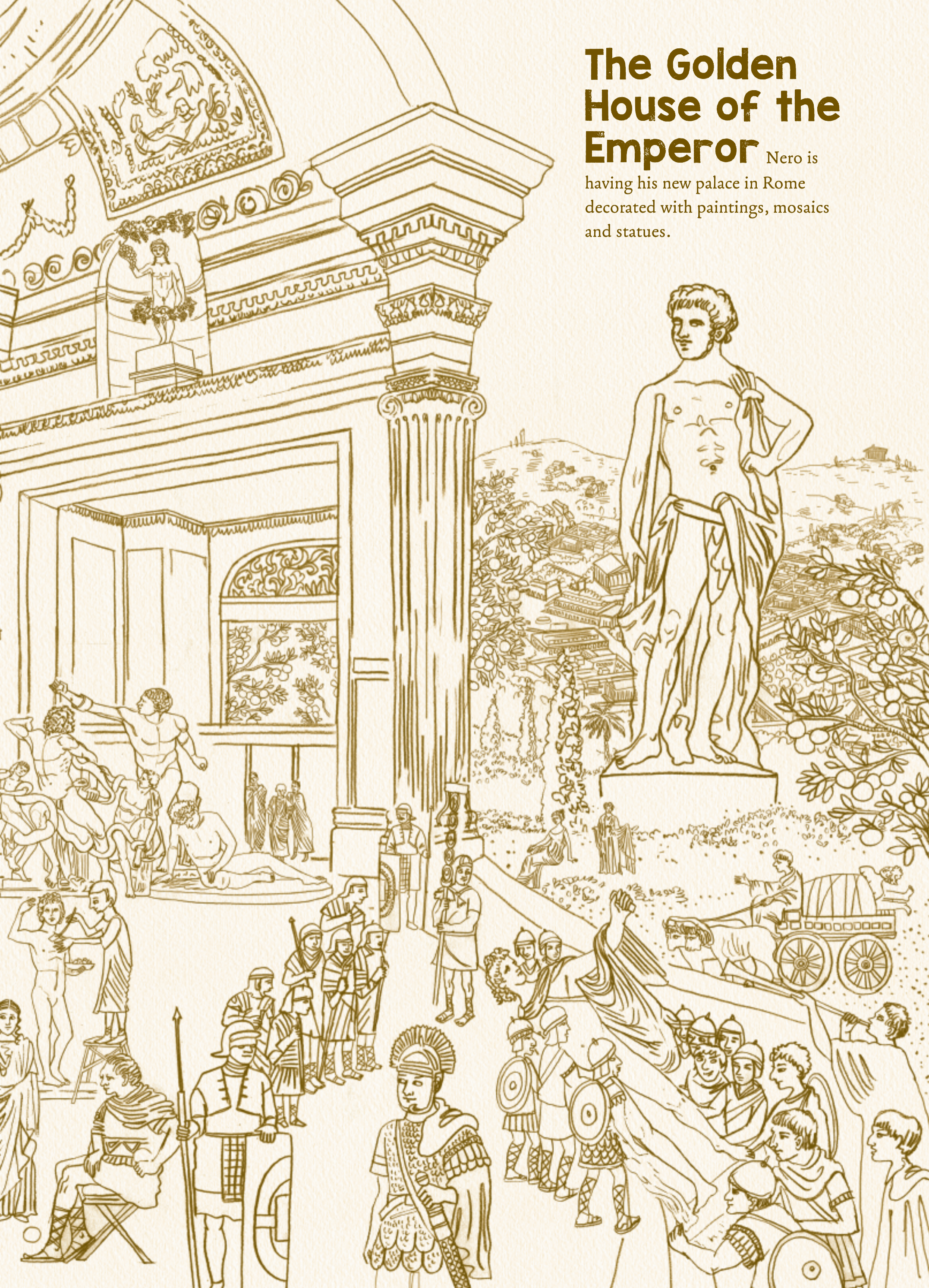


You can identify Poseidon, the god of the sea, by his trident.

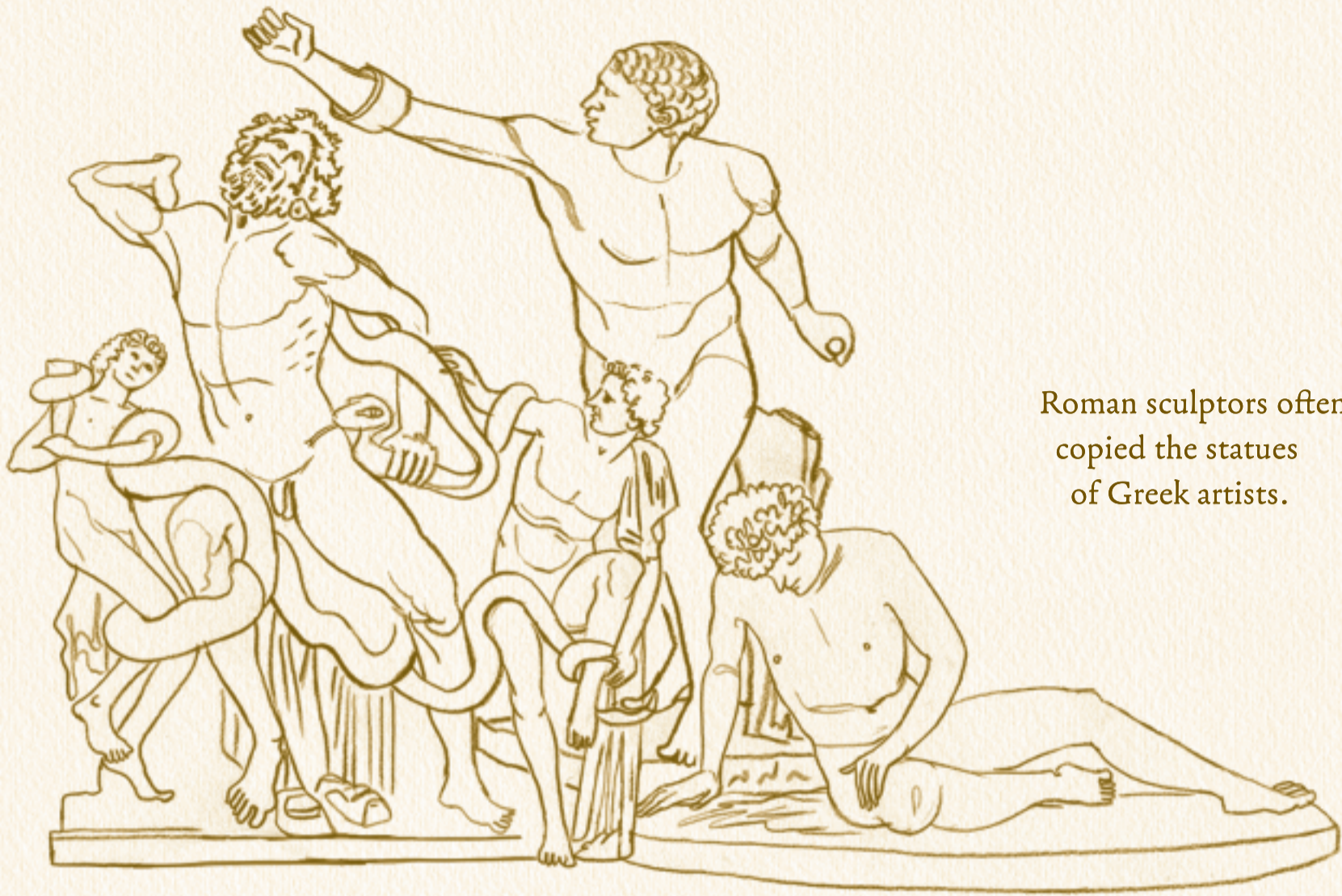


# The Golden House of the Emperor

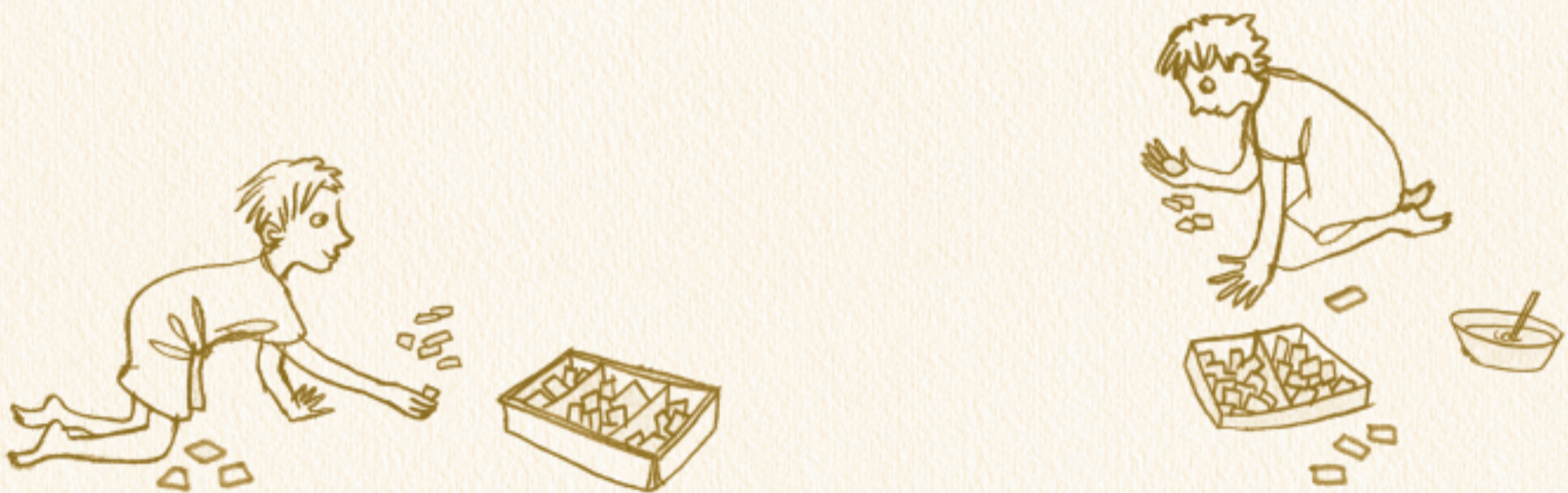
Nero is having his new palace in Rome decorated with paintings, mosaics and statues.





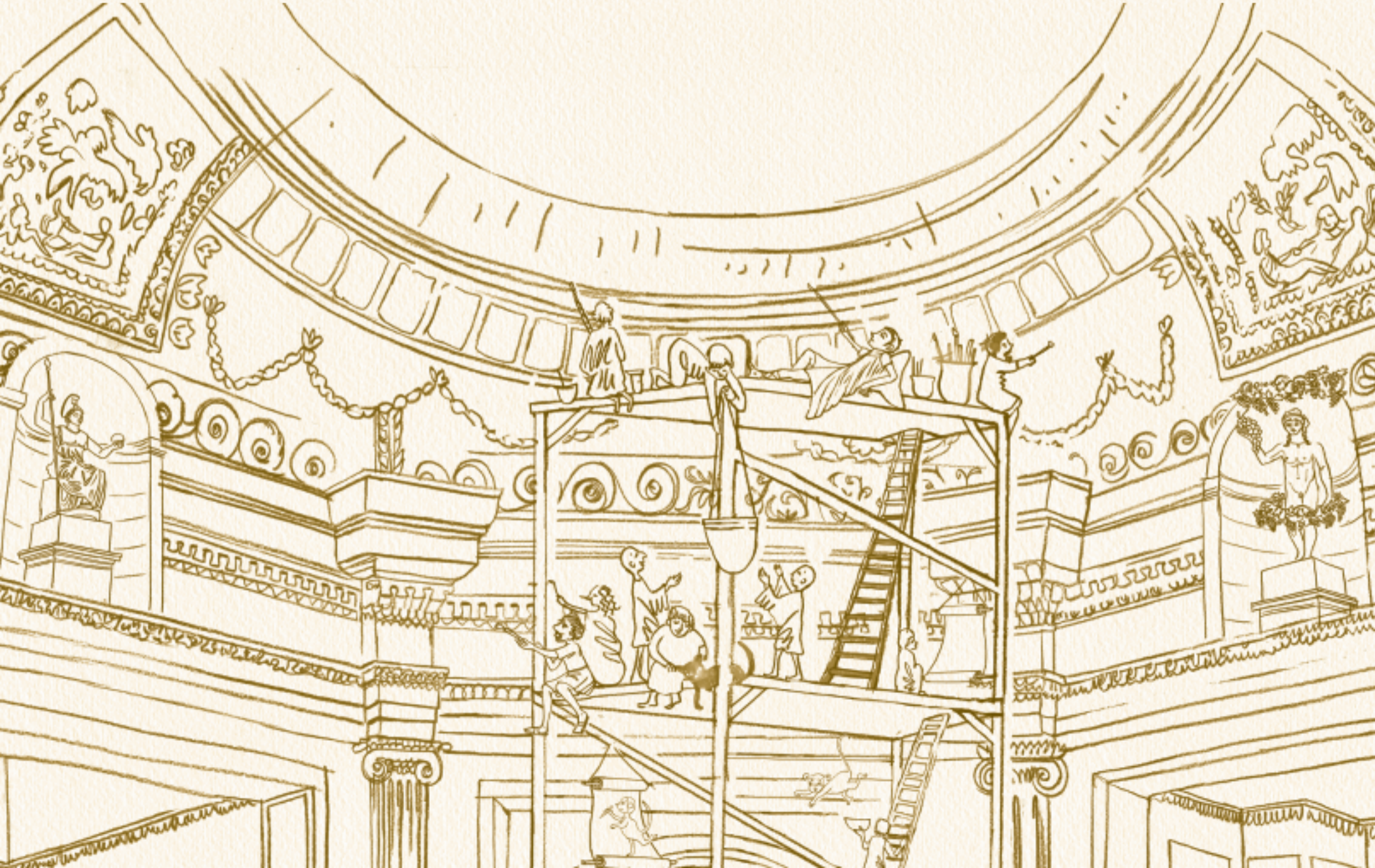


Roman sculptors often copied the statues of Greek artists.



A mosaic is formed from hundreds of tiny, colourful stones.  
Let's help these artists put a nice mosaic together.

The Roman artist Famulus is lying on his back and meditating. He is expected to create a ceiling fresco for Emperor Nero. Do you have any idea what he should be painting?



# Tales from Medieval Times

Monks loved to paint faces, especially in their books and on the walls of their monasteries.



