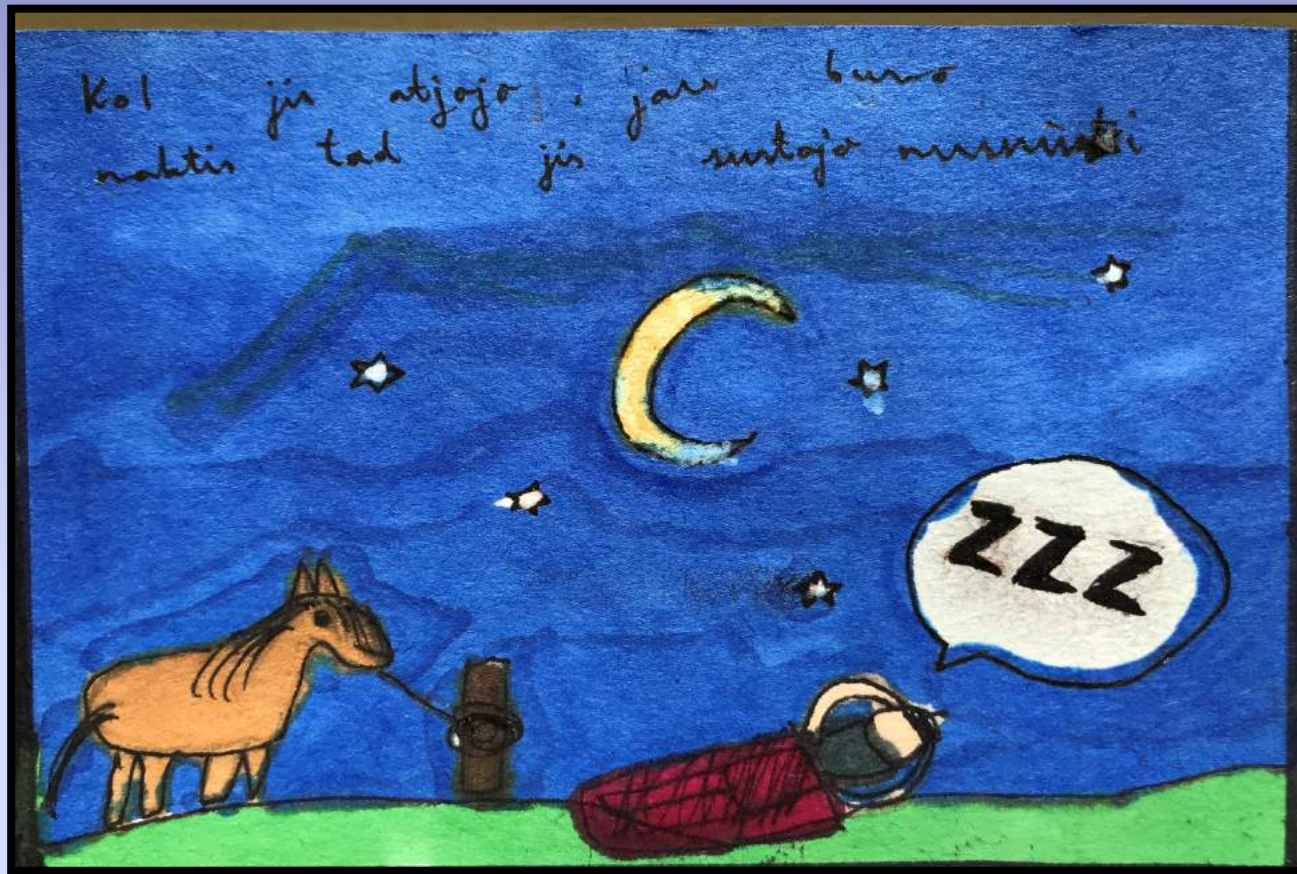


The Legend of Vilnius



One day Lithuanian Grand Duke Gediminas
went for a hunt .



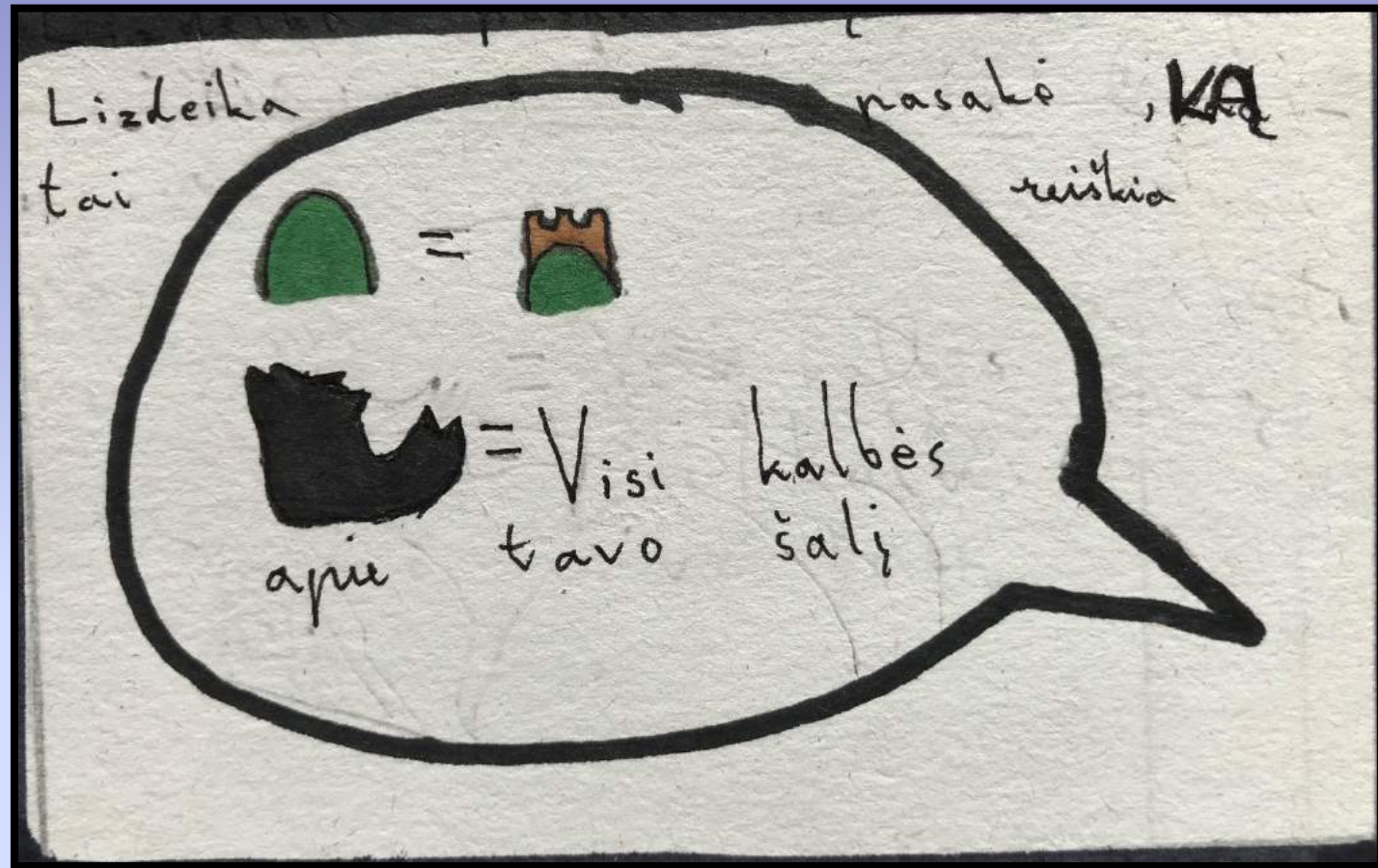
After a successful hunt it was too late to go back home. He stopped in Šventaragis Valley for the night.



Gediminas had a dream that a large iron wolf was standing on a hill and it was howling so loud as if there were hundreds of wolves.



After sleep Gediminas told the pagan priest
Lizdeika about the dream.



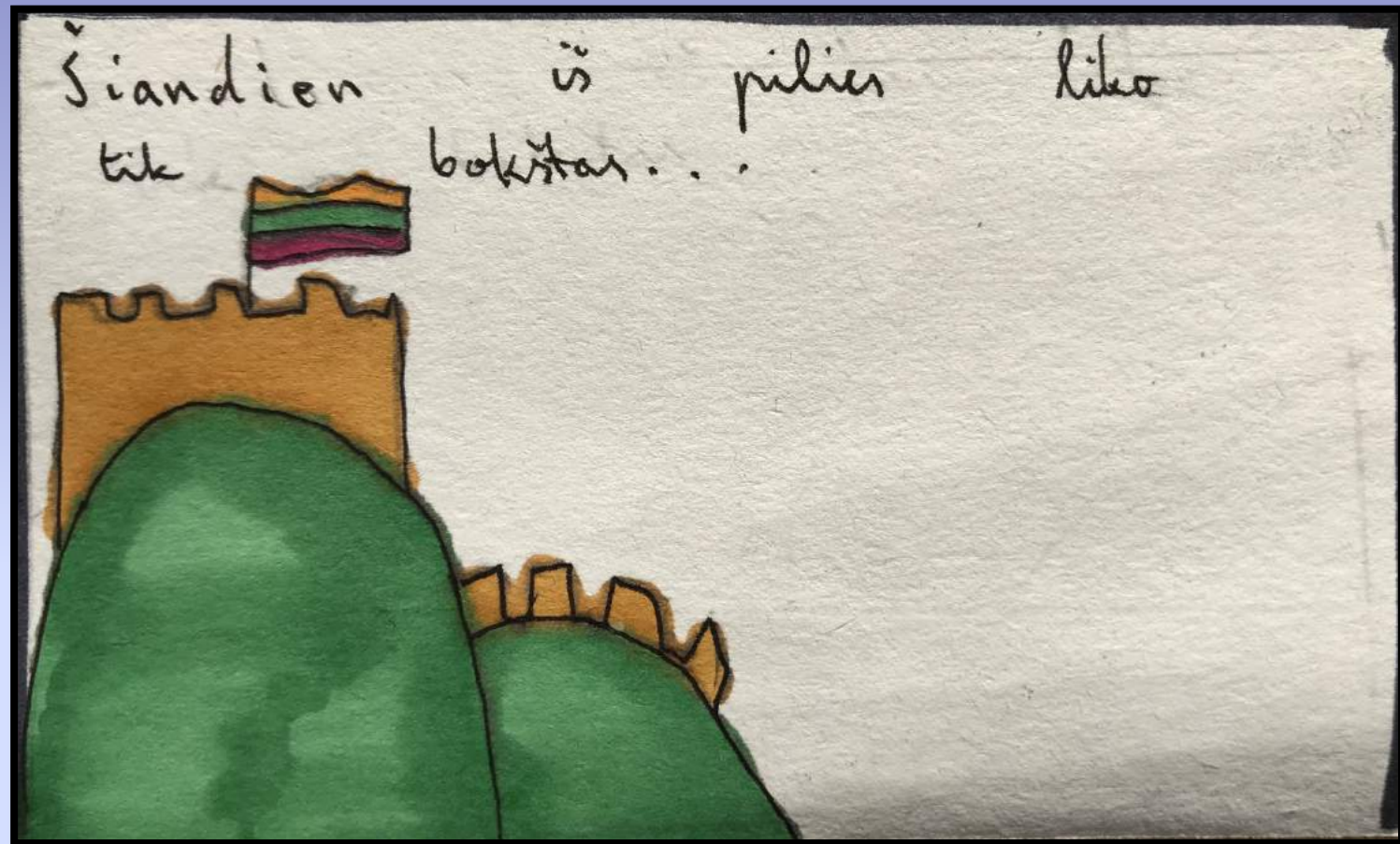
Lizdeika explained that the iron wolf meant that the great capital would be located here and a howling of the wolf meant that it would be known all over the world.



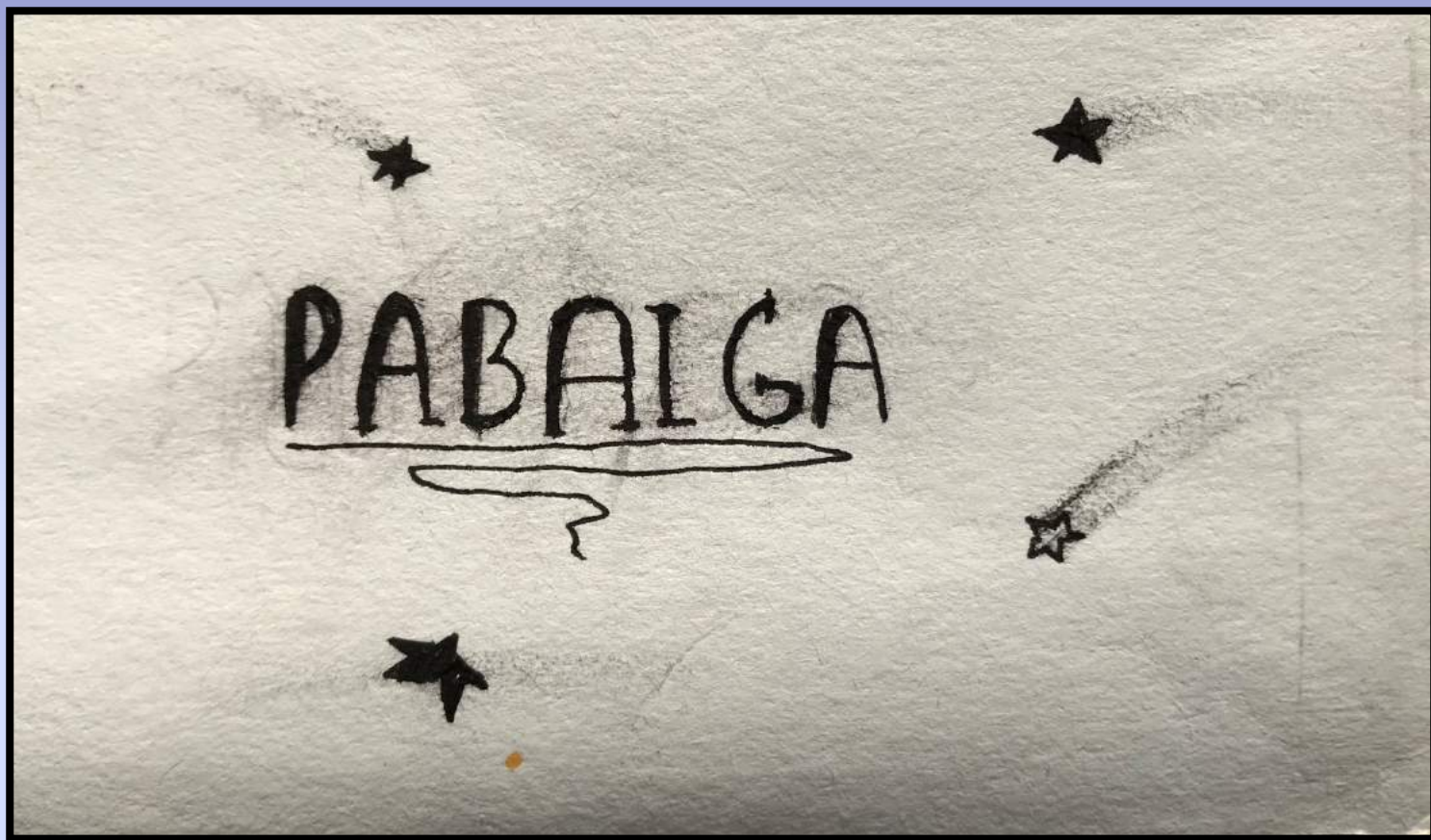
Next day, Grand Duke Gediminas, sent people and started building the town.



One castle was built in Šventaragis valley, another – on a high hill nearby. The town was named Vilnius.



Today there is only one defense tower left on the hill.



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