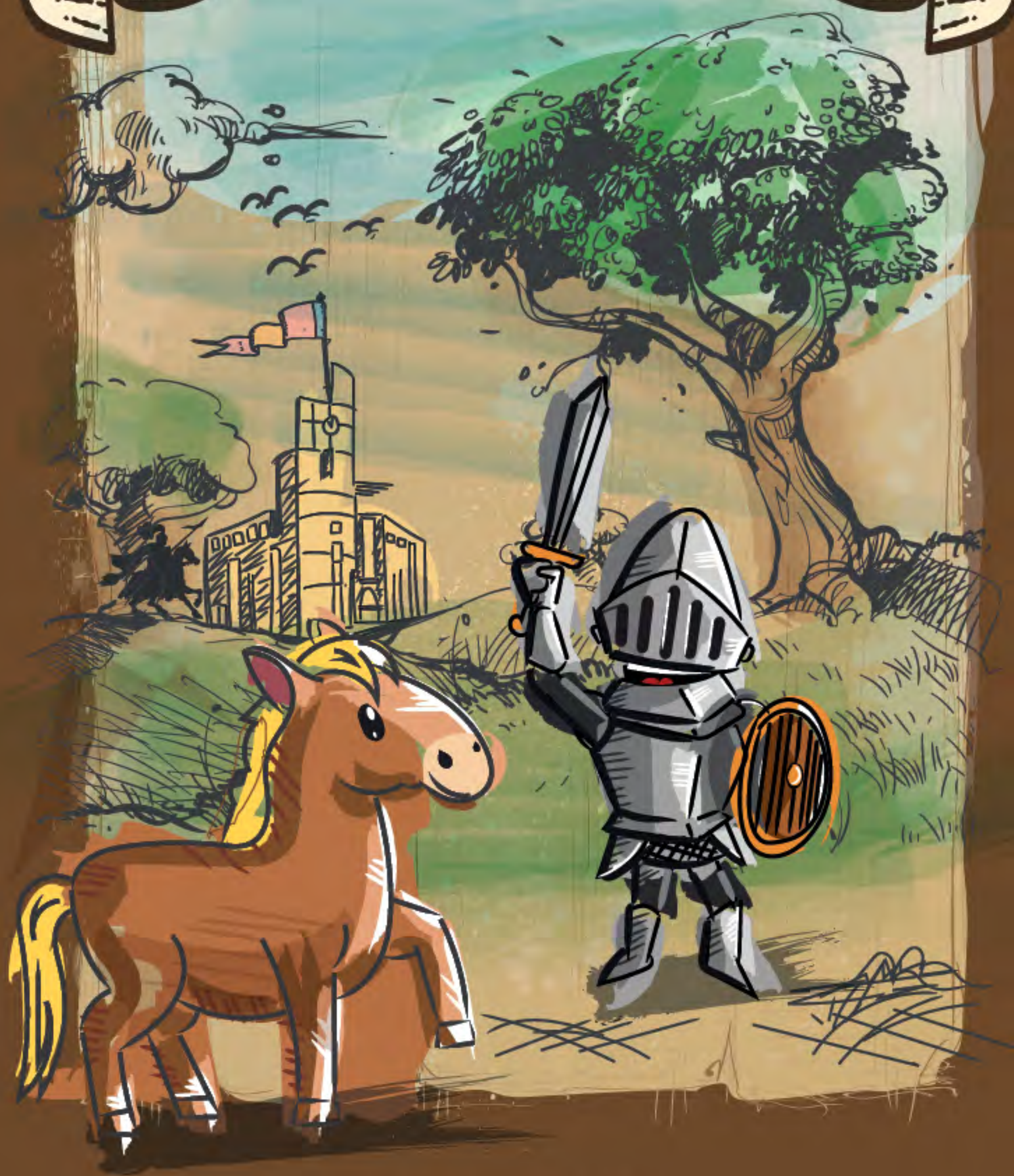




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The Knight's Grand Quest



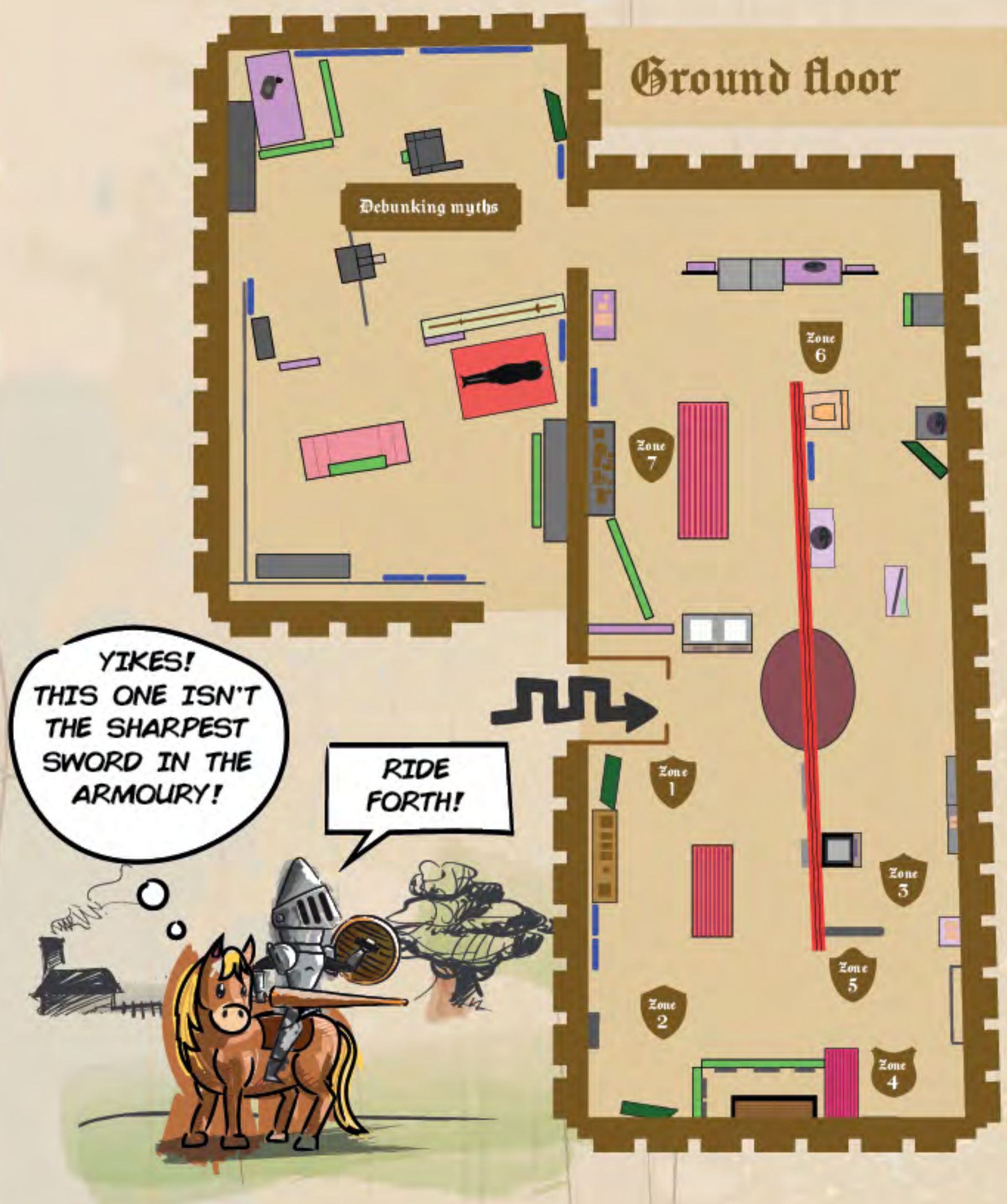
FAMILY VISIT BOOKLET

Greetings! I'm Tristan the squire. I'm an apprentice knight. I carry my master's weapons and train for battle. It's a key step on the road to knighthood. And I almost forgot...

This is my mare, Victory. I couldn't do it without her. She's by my side on every adventure.

Want to learn more about knights? It's a fascinating topic. We'll look at all sorts of armour and weapons, we'll explore the world I live in, and we'll discover life in the castle.

Join Victory and me on this exciting adventure!



1. Collection and collector

Before starting our quest, allow me to introduce Frederick Stibbert. He was a collector who was fascinated by armour and medieval weapons. Over the years, he amassed a collection of tens of thousands of objects. You'll see many of them in the exhibition.

Collectors are people who like to accumulate objects that interest them. Different people collect different kinds of objects. Some collect stamps, others collect toys, or rocks. Do you have a collection?

Check out this picture. Stibbert was photographed wearing his armour, like a knight. The photo shows many important elements of knighthood, like armour, helmet, sword, and coat of arms. We'll learn more about these on our quest.

Look closely at this picture and the original in the exhibition. Find the 7 mistakes hidden in the image.

I'M COUNTING
ON YOU!
I CAN'T SEE
A THING!



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2. Timeline

Do my eyes deceive me, or is that the *Mona Lisa*? La Gioconda? Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece? Well, not quite. This is a copy of the original, painted about a hundred years later. Stibbert didn't just collect weaponry and armour; he also collected art from different periods.

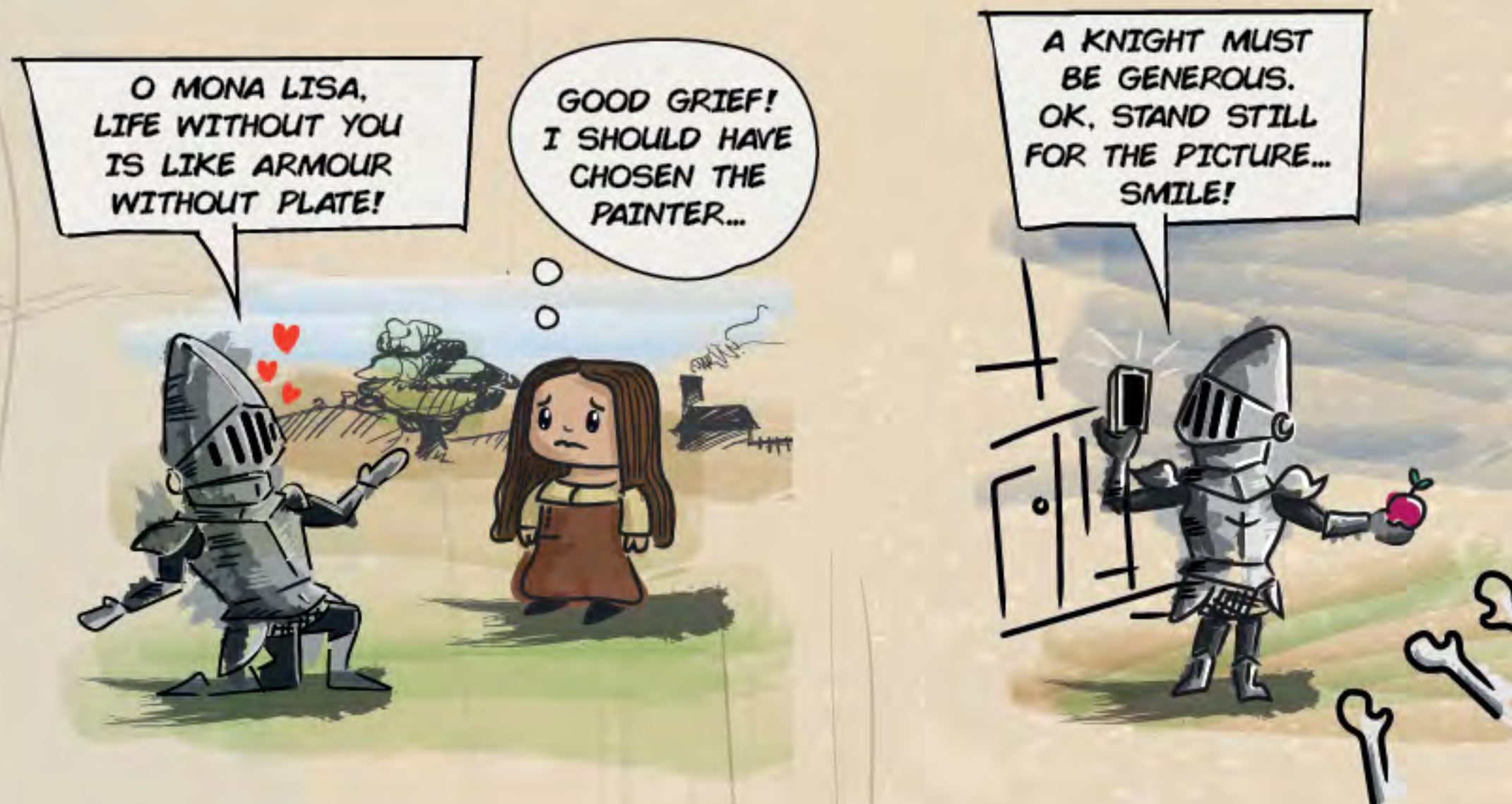
To help situate yourself in time, fill in the blanks of this timeline using the list of terms and dates below.

ESTABLISHMENT OF KNIGHTHOOD	_____	CONSOLIDATION OF KNIGHTHOOD	JEANNE DE CLISSON	_____
_____	1060 – 1100	_____	_____	1838 – 1906

LIST OF TERMS AND DATES

† 1300–1359 † 9th–10th centuries † Late 12th century
 † Frederick Stibbert † Godfrey of Bouillon – first knight

Hint: we will see many of these dates on our quest, so you can come back and complete this question at any time.



3. What is a knight?

Knights became a military force in the 9th century. They were a territory's most important protectors. Along with the military role of knighthood, chivalry became a cultural ideal with a strict code of conduct. A code of conduct is a set of social and moral standards.

Circle the values of chivalry in the list below.
Watch out. There are a few intruders.

BRAVERY	COURAGE	COURTLINESS
EQUALITY	HONOUR	HUMOUR
PRIDE	LOYALTY	PEACE



4. Feudal society

Knights lived in a society known as feudalism. Feudalism was a system in which kings granted lands to nobles, who protected peasants in exchange for labour and loyalty.

Learn more about the society that knights lived in. Fill in the blank with the person corresponding to the statement.

I am legal owner of all land. _____

I wield both religious and secular power. _____

I provide military service in exchange for lands. _____

I work the land in exchange for protection. _____

5. Moments in a knight's life

Would you like to become a knight? You'll have to follow a specific path, like me. Let's look at the key moments in a knight's life.

There are several very important moments in a knight's life. Place them in order and match them with their definition.

MOMENTS IN ORDER, 1 TO 5	KEY MOMENTS OF A KNIGHT'S LIFE	MATCH THE DEFINITION WITH THE CORRECT MOMENT
	Courtly love	Second step on the way to knighthood. They train for battle and carry the knight's weapons.
	Page	Competition in which knights show off their skills by fighting against each other. Their ladies might give them a token of affection, such as a handkerchief, as encouragement.
	Accolade	A respectful and pious way for a knight to express his love for a lady.
	Squire	Special ceremony in which a squire officially becomes a knight. The knight touches the squire's shoulder with a sword to confer the honour.
	Tournament and jousting	The first step toward knighthood. This person assists a knight by carrying his belongings and caring for his horse.



AT LAST, I'M READY TO DEFEND MY LORD AND DO BATTLE!

6. Evolution of armour

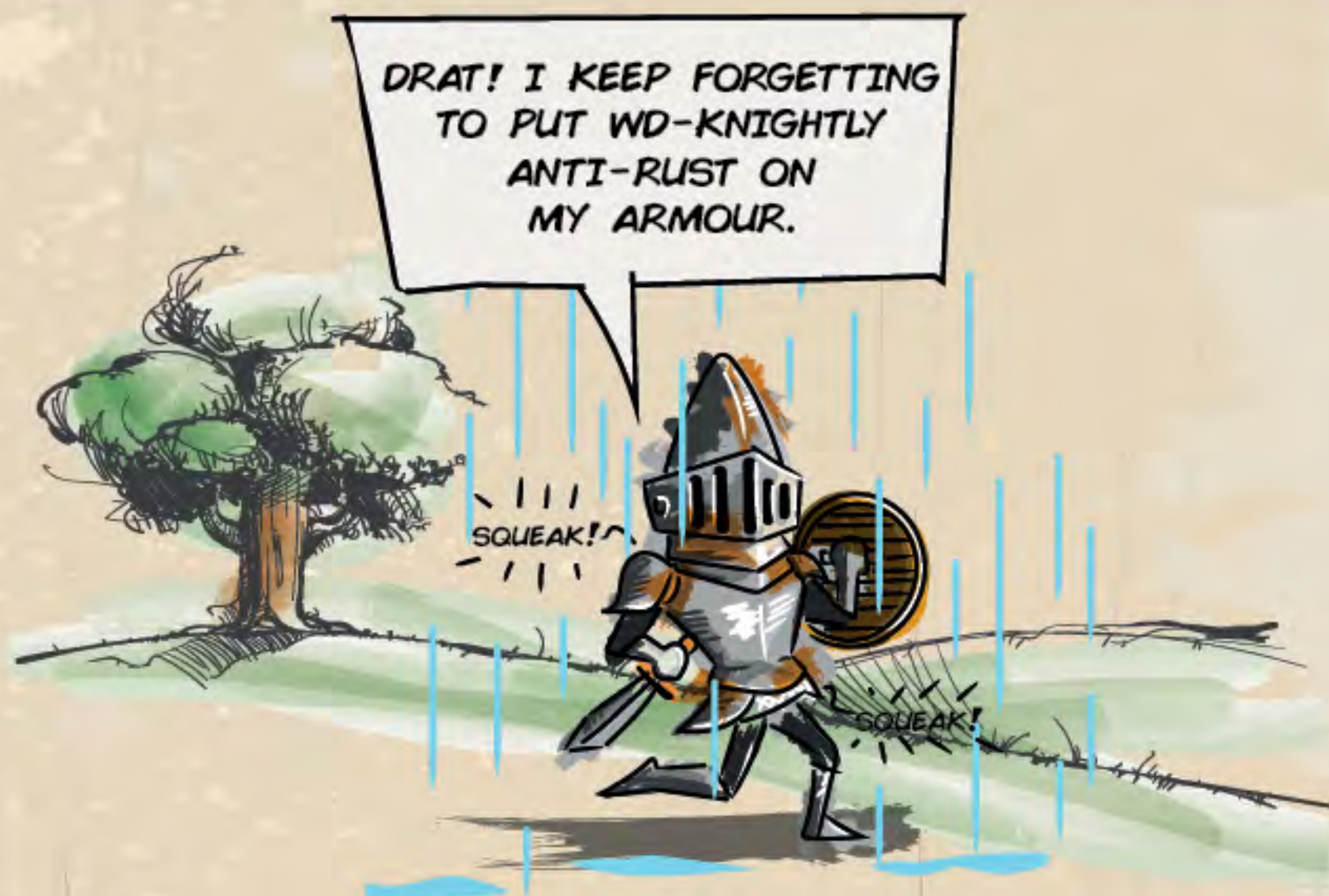
Knights wore fine suits of armour that made them almost invulnerable. Armour evolved from the 12th to 15th centuries to provide ever better protection.

Complete these three sentences to learn more about the evolution of armour. Read the different texts about armour in the exhibition to find the answers to your questions.

Chainmail — Weighing about _____ kg distributed over the knight's _____, _____ slowly evolved between the 11th and 13th centuries.

13th century — Metal _____ were added to chainmail to provide enhanced _____. Plates were used to cover the _____, _____ and _____.

White armour — The first full-body _____ armour appeared around _____. The knight's body was _____ enclosed in pieces of _____ and riveted metal.



7. Evolution of armour (cont'd)

I full-body plate armour, also called “white armour” (or alwyte armour), completely enclosed the knight's body, providing both protection and flexibility. It represented the high point of medieval armour.

Knights were proud of their suits of armour and would often add decorations to them. In a way, they were like works of art. Look around you and admire the artistic details of the armour.

Go to the display with the leg harnesses. You can always look at the map of the hall showing where the questions are located. Look closely at these elaborate leg harnesses and answer the following questions:

† Where are the two masks found?

† How many knights to you see?

† What are the knights doing?

† Where are the knights found?

† What landscape elements are seen behind the knights?

† How many 6-petal flowers are on the shins (greaves)?



Ground floor ~ Conclusion

If Congratulations! You have shown great curiosity, patience, dedication, and intelligence in the first part of the exhibition. Useful qualities for a knight! Now, your strength, accuracy, and balance will be put to the test in the **Debunking myths** zone.

Quest forth, brave knights and knightesses. When you are ready to continue your epic journey in the world of knights, Victory and I await you upstairs.

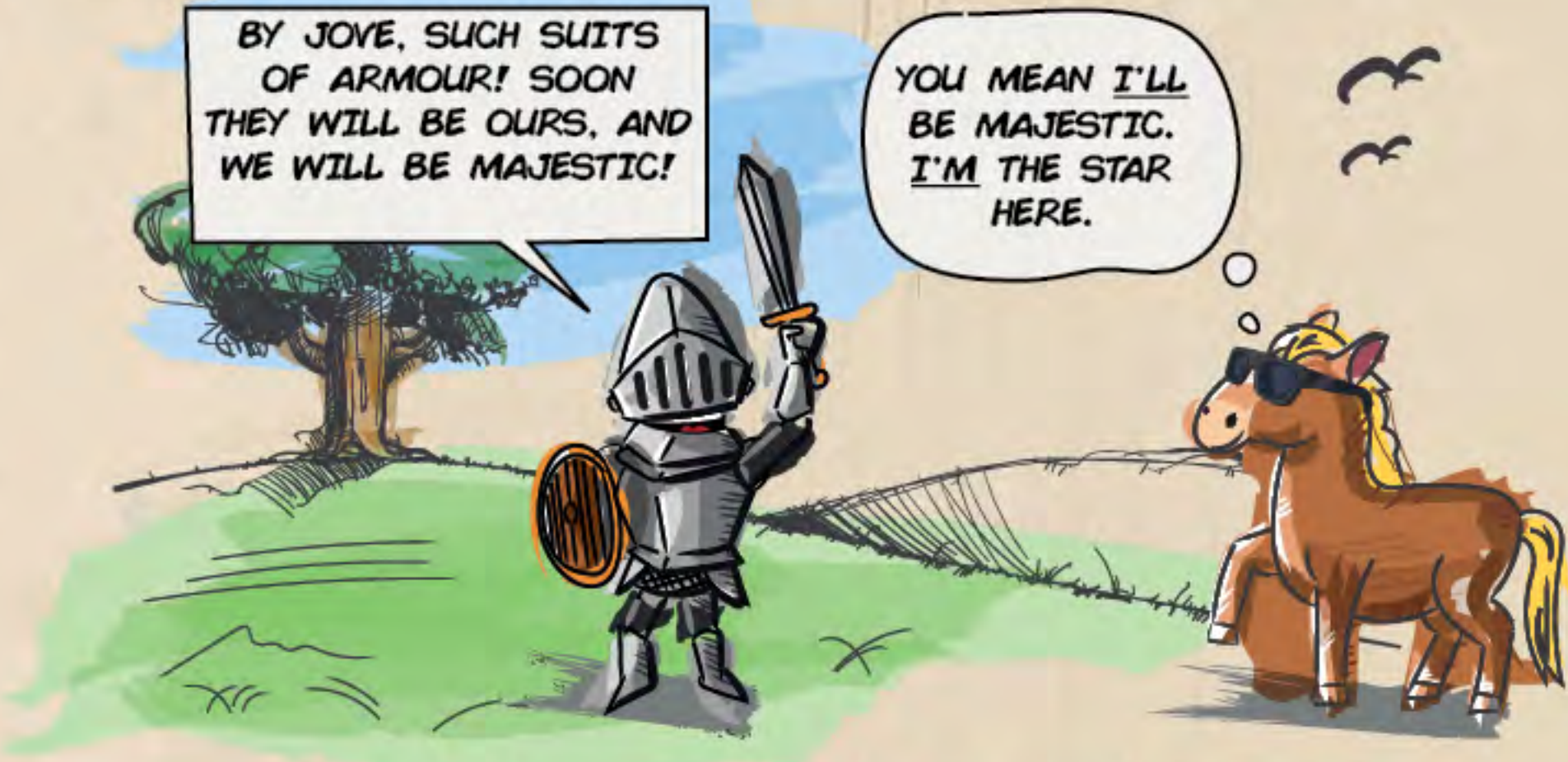


EVEN A KNIGHT'S
COURAGE HAS
ITS LIMITS!



8. Knight and steed

Horses were central to a knight's existence. Without a horse, there was no knight. And these powerful warhorses, called destriers, needed protection too. Many parts of their body were covered with armour, just like their riders.



The parts of an armour for a horse were called “bards.”
If you want to learn the definitions of the different terms,
you’ll find them in the exhibition hall.

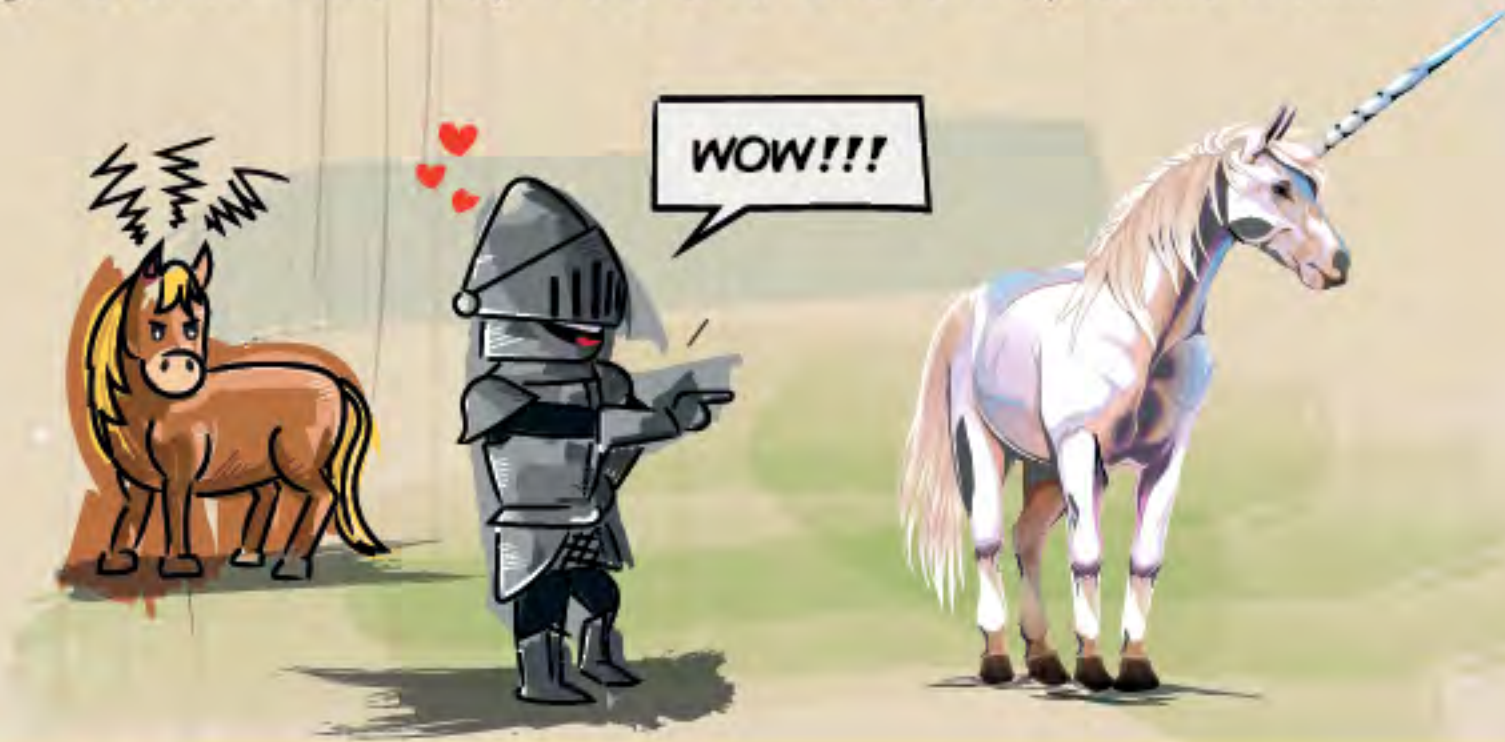
Use this word-search
to discover the vocabulary
of horse armour.

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CRINET	CROUPIERE	H	R	I	R	Y	H	S	A	D	D	L	E	S	E
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SADDLE	BLANKET	Q	V	K	C	T	F	L	A	N	C	H	A	R	D

9. Coats of arms

Starting in the 12th century, knights began displaying their coats of arms on caparisons, blankets covering their horses. Coats of arms were unique designs representing families, cities, or countries.

Coats of arms were designed according to the precise rules of heraldry, which defined what the symbols, colours, and shapes on coats of arms meant. It was like a secret language used by knights and kings to show who they were and where they came from.



The unicorn represents _____,
 _____ and _____.

Now it's your turn. Decode the secret message and learn more about heraldry.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	

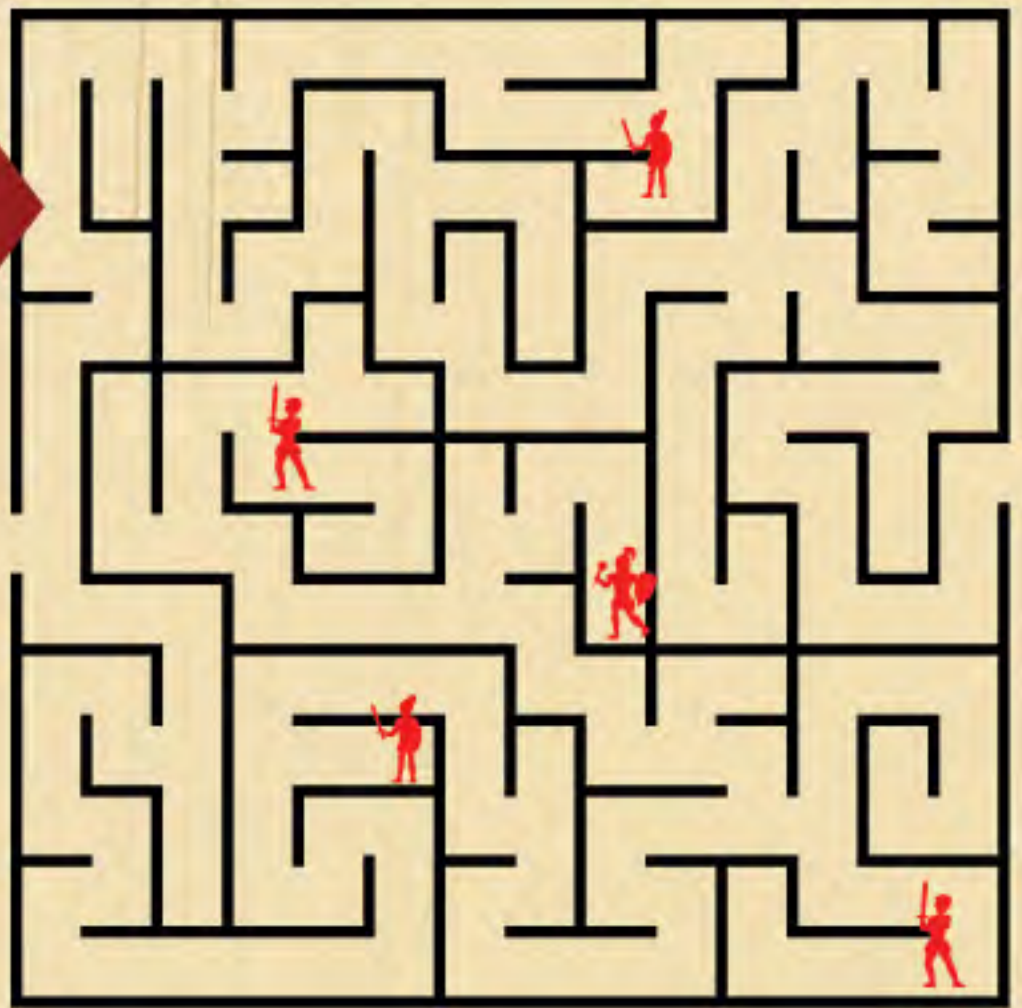


WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HERALDRY? CREATE YOUR OWN KNIGHTLY COAT OF ARMS WITH THE INTERACTIVE DISPLAY RIGHT HERE.

10. Tournaments and jousts

Tournaments and jousts were equestrian competitions originally meant as military training exercises that gradually became entertainments. Jousts were duels where two knights faced each other with lances.

Giddy up! Try and get through this maze without facing another knight. Watch out for the obstacles!



11. Castle life ~ At the dining table

Few knights actually lived in a castle. However, they did come to their lord's castle for grand meals, festive gatherings, and ceremonies. For lords, such events were an opportunity to demonstrate their wealth and power.

Look at the grand banquet table. The abundant food, the rare wines, the rich spices, and the vases from far-off lands all reflect the lord's high status.



Look at these silhouettes. Some are exact matches for objects on the table.
Others are intruders. Can you find the ones that don't belong?
Open your eyes wide and look closely at the details.



12. Women

Aristocratic ladies played essential roles in medieval society. When their husbands were away, they ran the estates, managed the finances, and saw to the safety of their lands.

Women also played roles in education and the arts, including embroidery, weaving, and lacemaking.

Look at that magnificent brocade (silk fabric).
Try to draw the other half of this piece of velvet as a mirror image.



13. The end of the Age of Knights

As new weapons such as firearms began to appear, and with the development of new military strategies, knights were no longer invulnerable in combat.

Decipher this riddle to find the important new element of European armies that would dethrone the knights.

† First syllable: Not out, but _____.

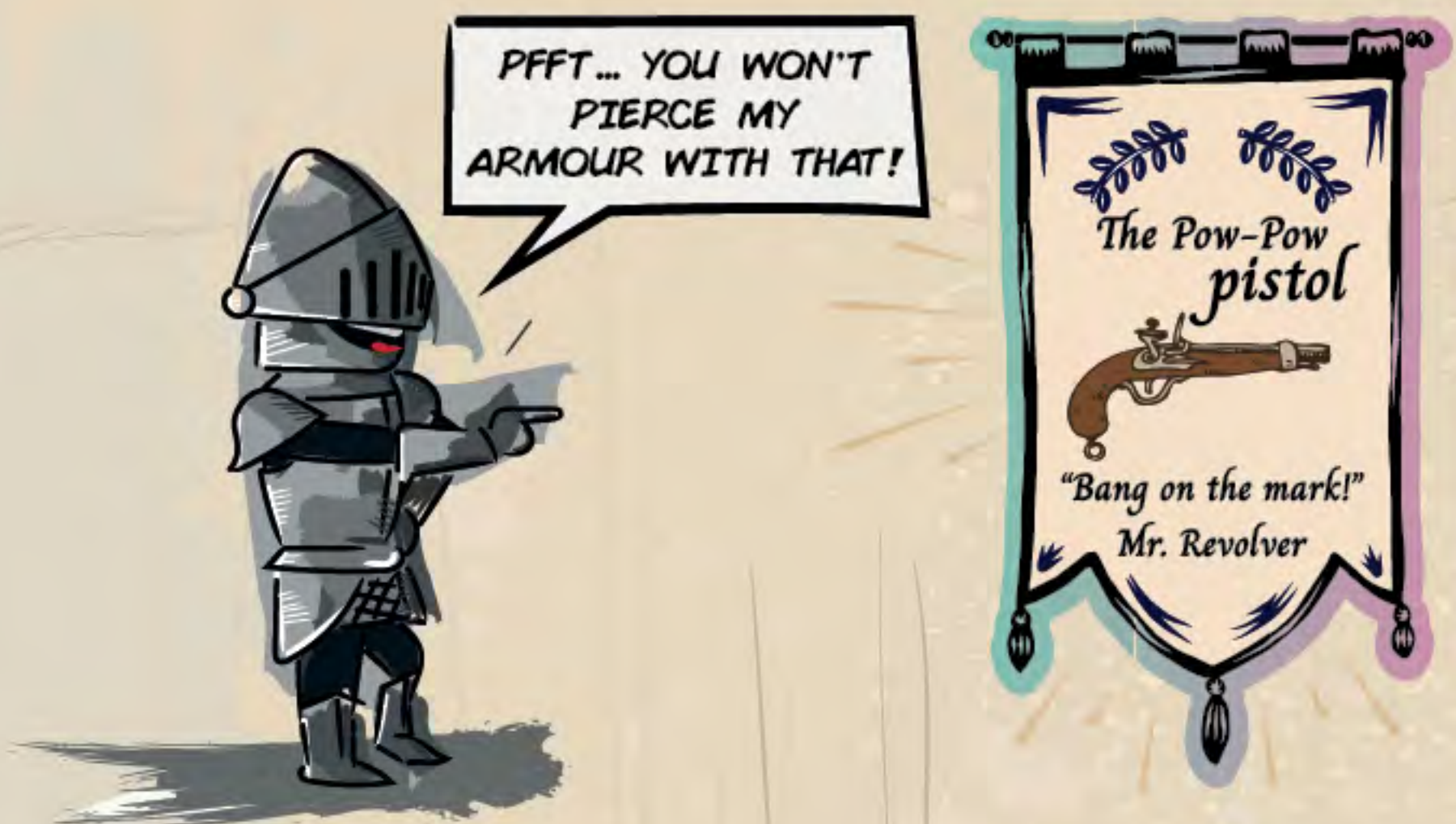
† Second syllable: This device will help keep you cool on a hot day.

† Third syllable: If you're not sure you can do something, but you attempt it anyway, you _____.

† Fourth syllable: What a boy grows up to be.

Together, they form a word for a warrior on foot, the ground-based part of an army.

Answer: _____



14. Final challenge

Though knights are no longer the kings of combat, the notions of knighthood and chivalry persist and have adapted to modern times. After our quest in the world of knights, do you think you have the qualities, values, and strength to be a modern knight or knightess?

Take this little quiz to see if you can take your quest to the next level. Ready?

- † What is the stage that comes after the role of page? _____
- † What is the name of the ceremony in which one officially becomes a knight? _____
- † Name one knightly value. _____
- † Who is a knight's best friend? _____

Solutions

Game 1



Game 2
9th-10th centuries
Godfrey of Bouillon – first knight
Late 12th century
1300 – 1359
Frederick Stubbart

Game 3
Bravery, Courage, Courtness,
Honour, Loyalty

Game 4
King, Bishop, Knight, Peasant

Game 5

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5	Tournament and jousting	The knees (poleyns) – 2 knights – Doing battle Thighs – Woods and castles 4 flowers, but 6 is also acceptable.	

Game 8

Game 8
S O U Q K F R A C L I M N K
C A P A R I S O H S C A Y C
L E R C B C F P O O A B M R
L C R K N T A H G O R I
E H R I B M R Y L O P Y E
M A O N Q J Z A Z U P Y E
G N O I C H A N F R O N A T
U F P E A M G O T W E J Z R
H R I K Y H S A O D L E S E
F E E U I S S P J E E Q R
Y I G E R K B L A N K E T Z
U M P L P E Y T R A L I S F
Q V K C T F L A M C H A H D

Game 9

The unicorn represents purity, nobility, courage, and magic.

Game 10



Game 13

IN – FAN – TRY – MAN : Infantryman

Game 14

Squire; Accolade (or knighting):
Bravery, Courage, Courtness, Honour, Loyalty
Their horse

Game 11





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**Congratulations! You have fulfilled your quest!
You have all the qualities to become a knight or knightess.**



**I hope you have learned a few things on this voyage into the world
of knights and chivalry!**

