



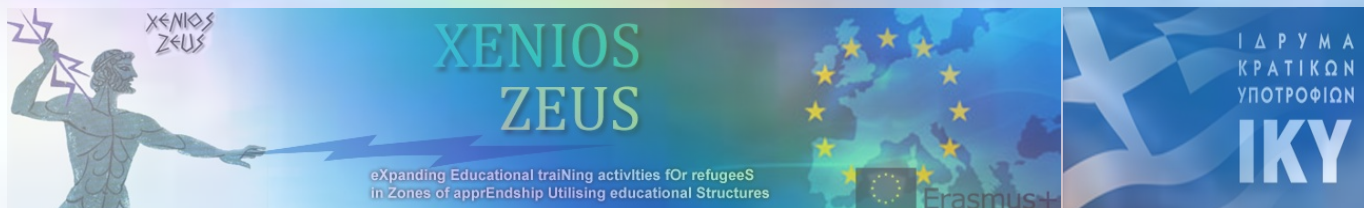
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Welcome Guide



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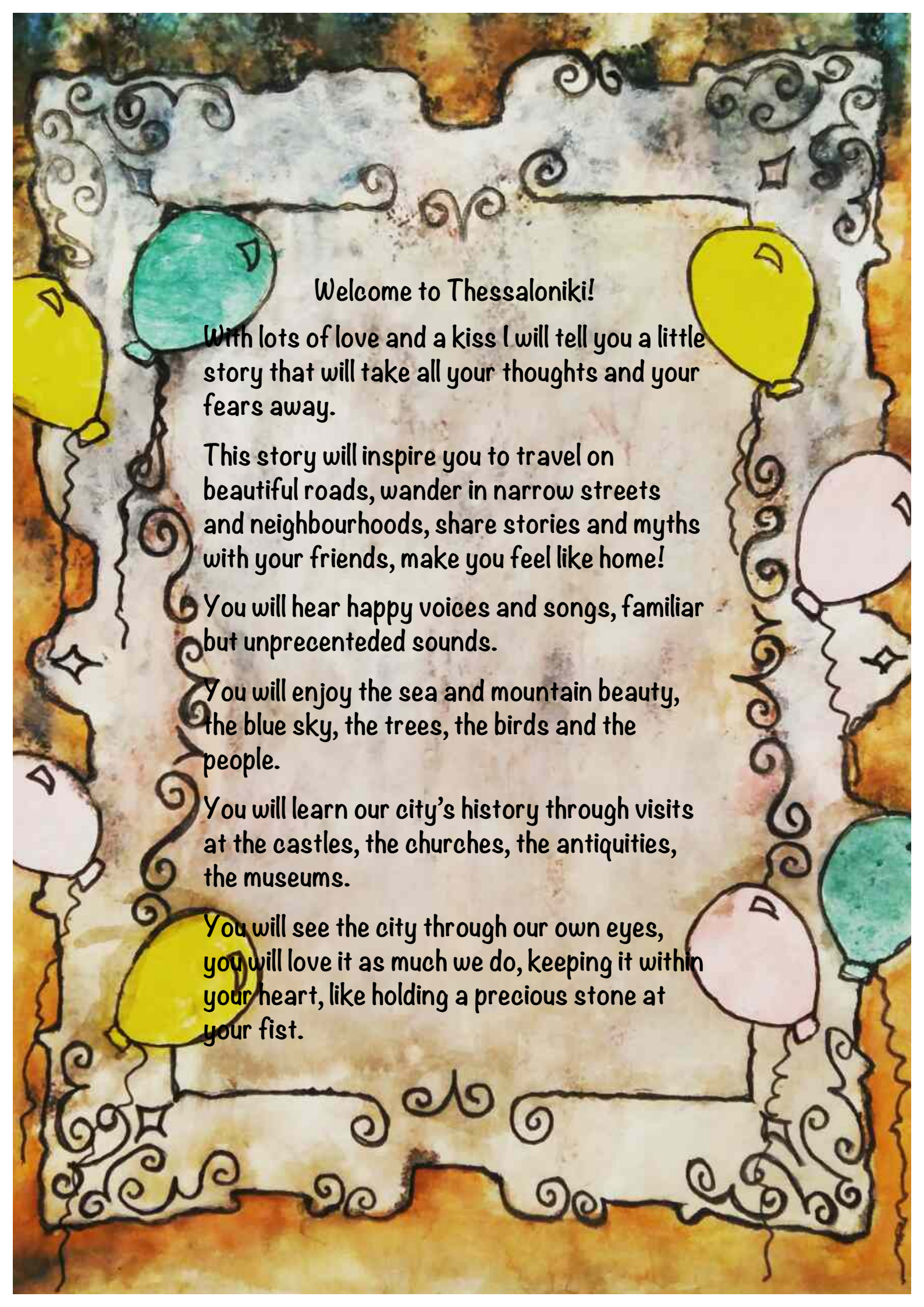
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Welcome to Thessaloniki!

With lots of love and a kiss I will tell you a little story that will take all your thoughts and your fears away.

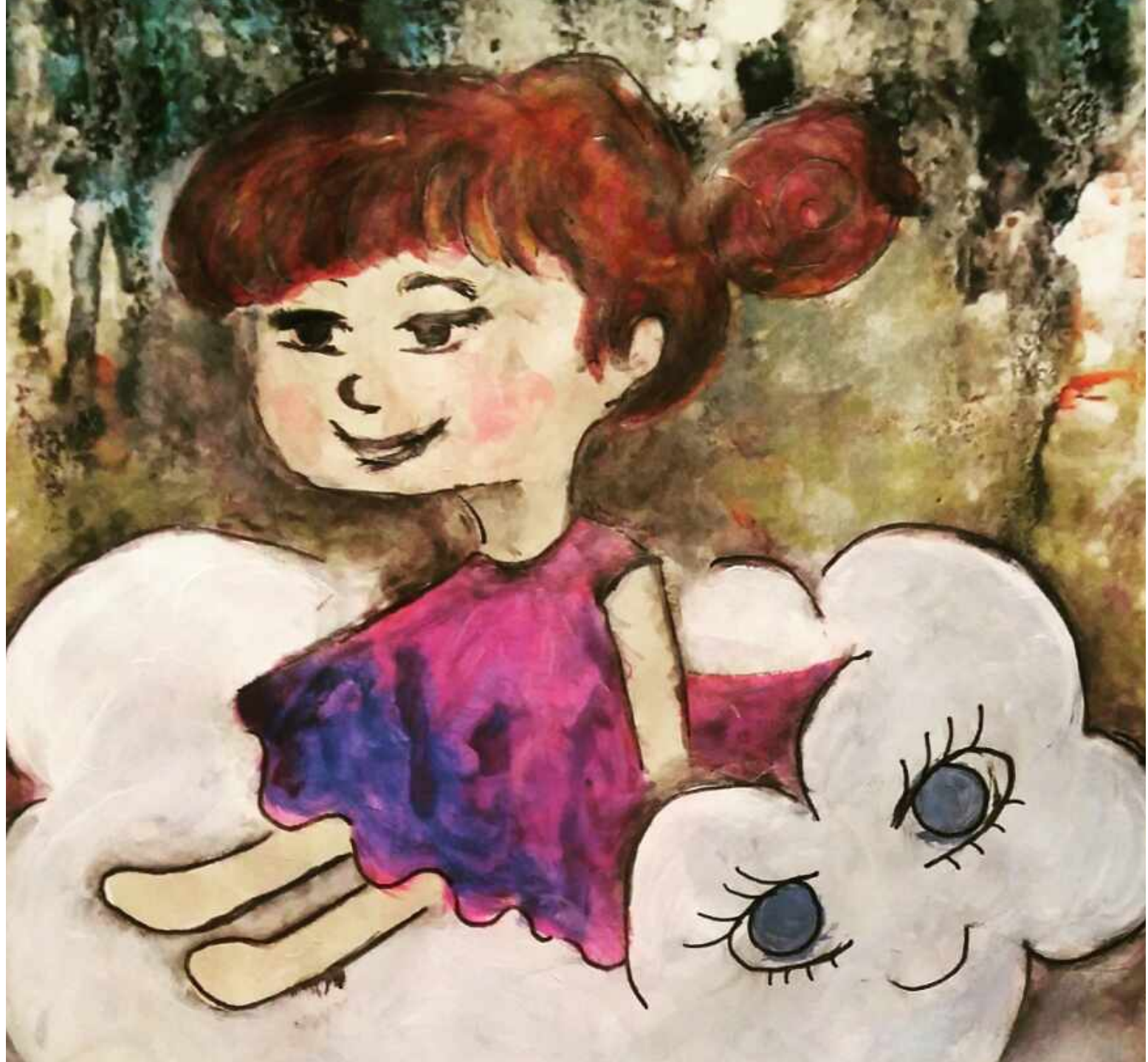
This story will inspire you to travel on beautiful roads, wander in narrow streets and neighbourhoods, share stories and myths with your friends, make you feel like home!

You will hear happy voices and songs, familiar but unprecedented sounds.

You will enjoy the sea and mountain beauty, the blue sky, the trees, the birds and the people.

You will learn our city's history through visits at the castles, the churches, the antiquities, the museums.

You will see the city through our own eyes, you will love it as much we do, keeping it within your heart, like holding a precious stone at your fist.



My name is Nefeli, the puffy cloud. Come, hop on and see this new world from above.

Let's goooooooooooooo!

Doesn't it feel good to fly? Look down; there is a beautiful city where you are going to live! Let's get to know it together!

This city is called Thessaloniki. Thessaloniki was sister of Alexander the Great.

Look down, there! There is the statue of Alexander the Great. He was the King of Macedonians. He looks majestic riding his horse!



Look at the sea, the beautiful sea with the big ships, the little boats and the birds. How are these birds called? They are called seagulls, they are white and eat little fish.

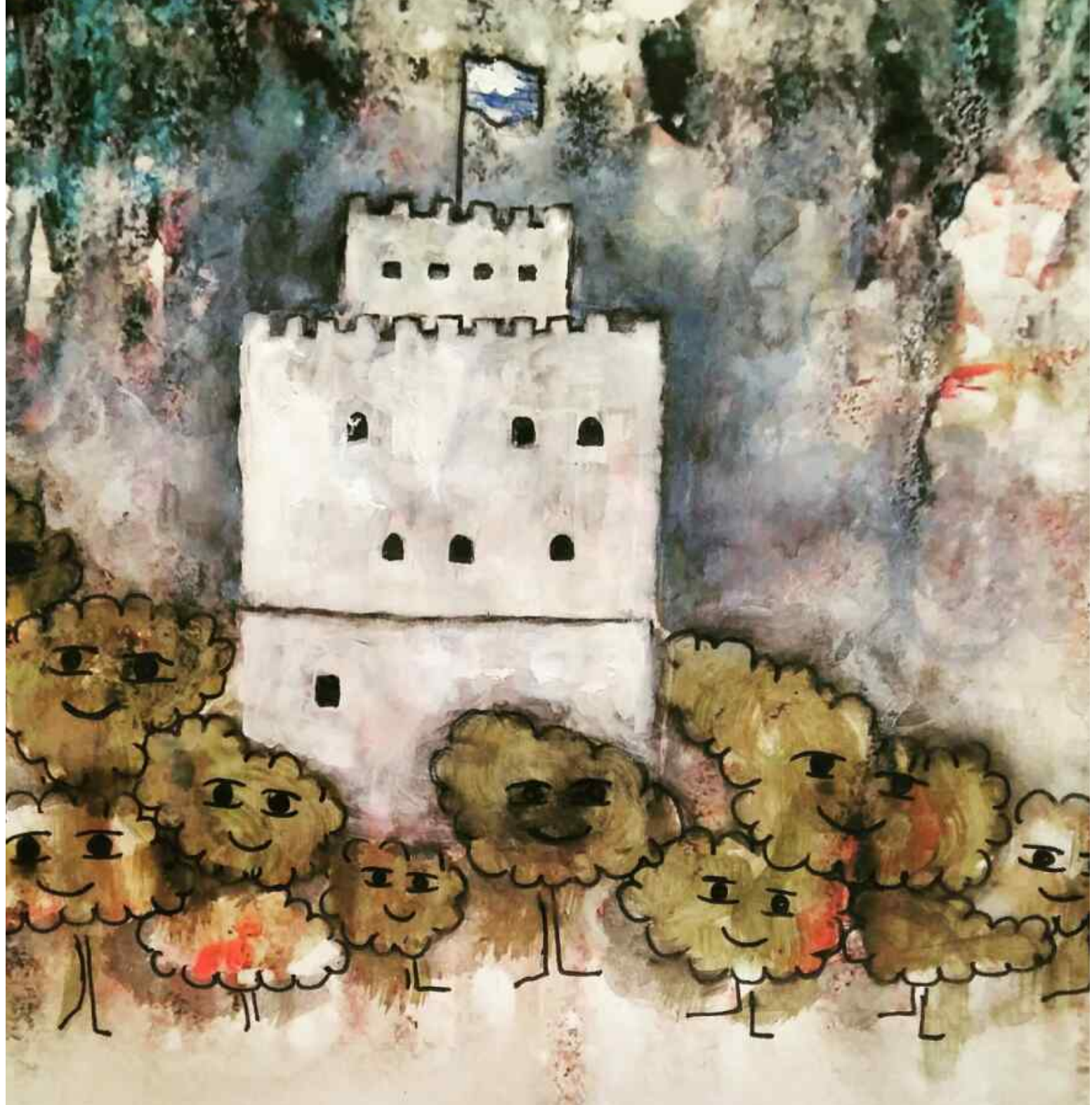
By the sea, there are some fishermen. Really, do you like fishing?



By the sea, on the beach, can you see the trees and the little parks?
Here children like you come to play and run. Some of them are younger
and other are older, but they are all playing joyfully together.

Look over there!

Swings, slides, teeters and all kinds of games for kids!



White Tower

Look at this tower, over there, by the sea!

It is the White Tower. It is tall and round. The White Tower is the symbol of the city, the most well-known spot. Lots of grey and white pigeons are flying around it.



Upper City

Let's move to the Upper City, a place with beautiful houses and narrow streets. Castles, towers, large gates and a wall that in the past would reach the sea...

This wall was protecting the city for centuries. It will help us travel back to time and learn about the history of the city.

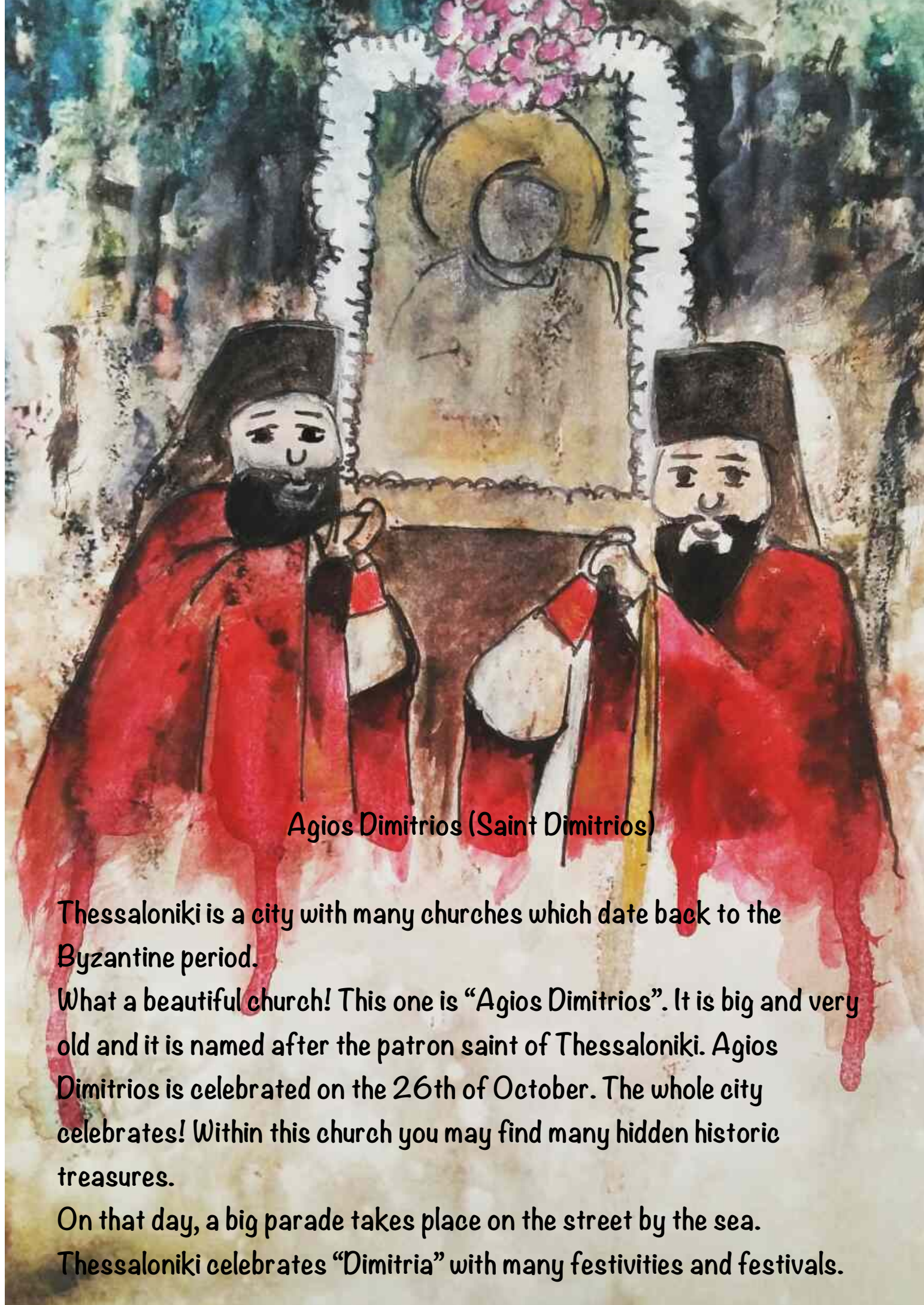


Aristotle Square

Oh! I'm so exhausted from this long walk in the Upper City!
Let's sit here, at Aristotle Square, to rest a little bit and eat a fresh ice cream.

Such beautiful buildings! So many pigeons! Let's feed them with some seeds and continue our walk!

Oh! There is the statue of Aristotle! Aristotle was the teacher of Alexander the Great. What a famous philosopher!



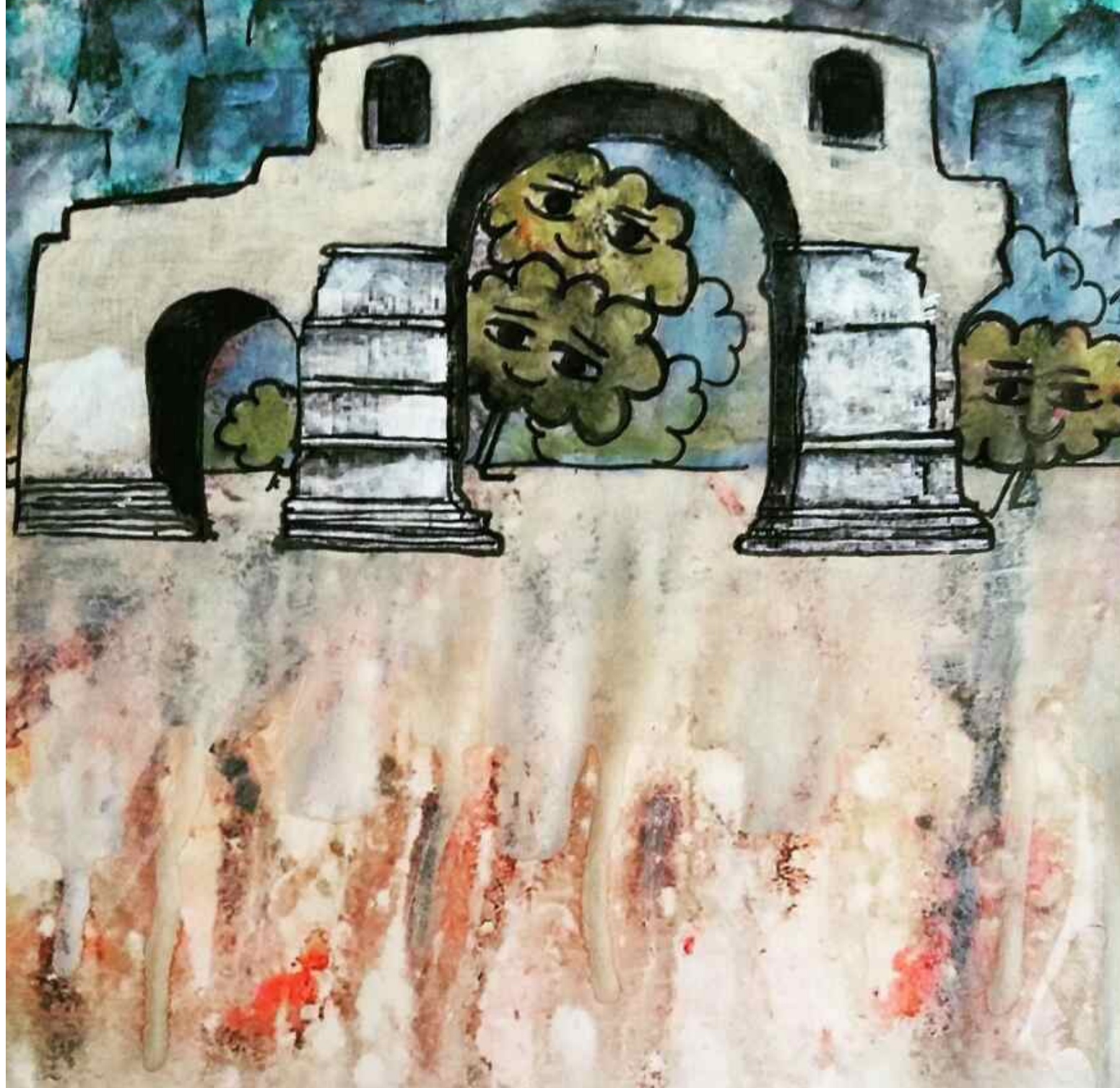
Agios Dimitrios (Saint Dimitrios)

Thessaloniki is a city with many churches which date back to the Byzantine period.

What a beautiful church! This one is “Agios Dimitrios”. It is big and very old and it is named after the patron saint of Thessaloniki. Agios Dimitrios is celebrated on the 26th of October. The whole city celebrates! Within this church you may find many hidden historic treasures.

On that day, a big parade takes place on the street by the sea.

Thessaloniki celebrates “Dimitria” with many festivities and festivals.



Camara

What about that weird building? This is Camara, it was built a long time ago in honour of the Roman emperor Galerios. Located at the center of Thessaloniki and it is a very popular meeting point. If you look carefully, you can see that a little story is engraved on it...!

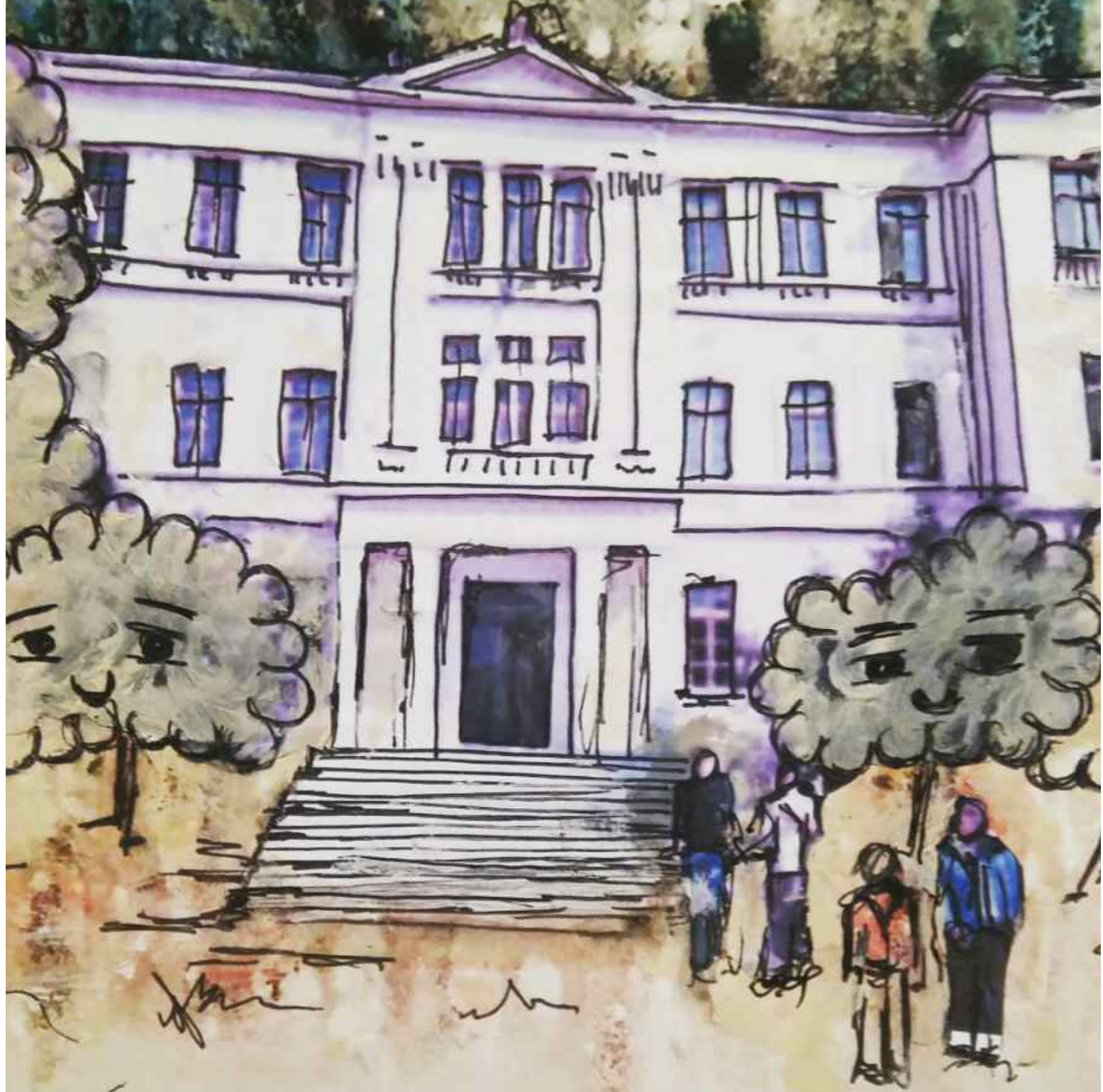


Navarino's Square

Sloping down from Camara towards the beach, look where we stand! We are at a big square, with so many people!

It is Navarino's Square! Here, there was a palace that dates back to Roman times. At the center of the square we can see the ruins of this palace.

If we are lucky, we may meet street musicians and artists displaying their paintings.



University

In Thessaloniki, there is a big university, with thousands of students from Greece and from all over the world. This university has existed for many years and many well known scientist have graduated from it. It is one of the biggest and most historic universities in Greece, called *Aristotle University*, named after the great philosopher Aristotle.

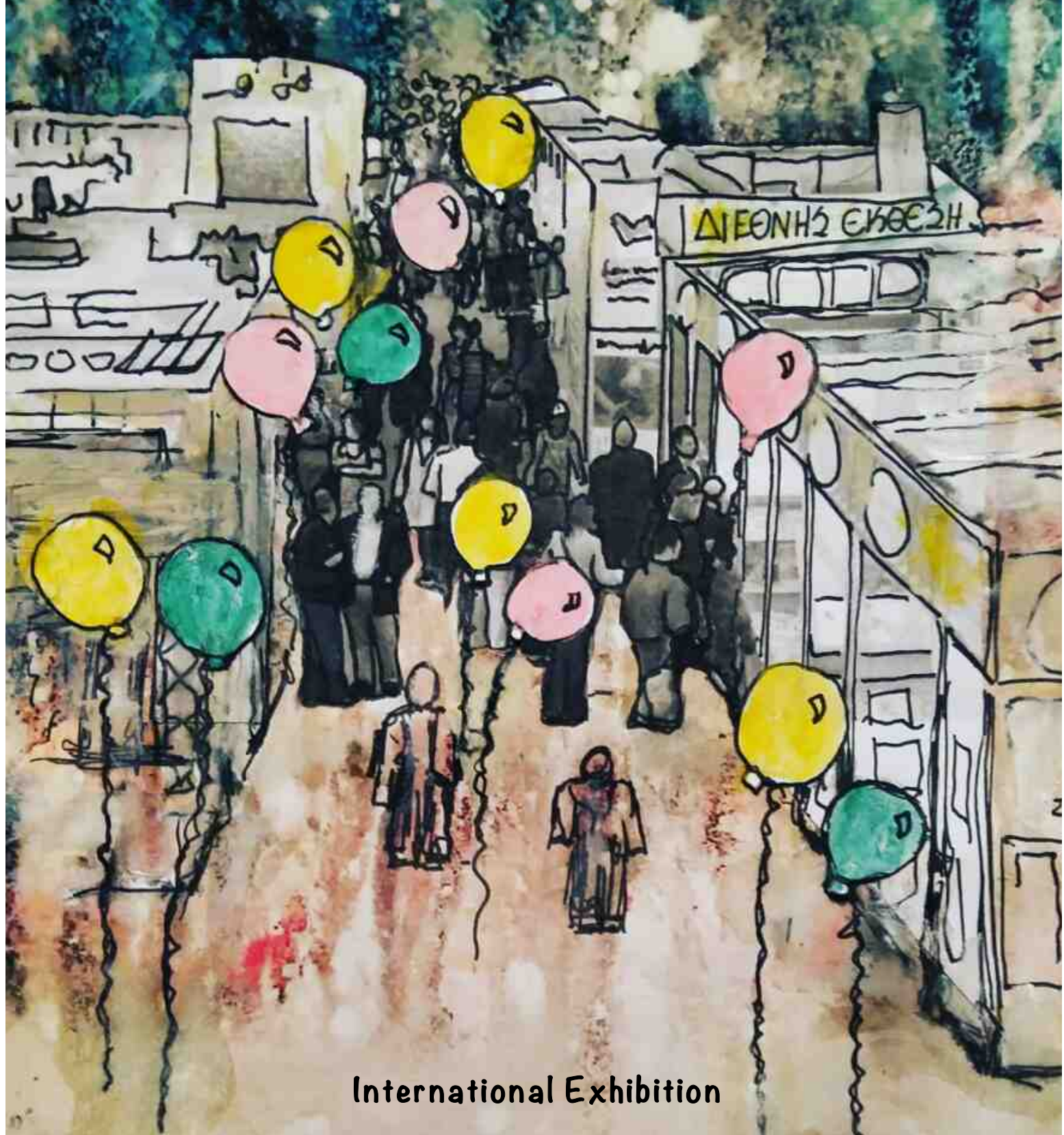


Archaeological Museum

There are many museums in Thessaloniki; the Archaeological museum, the Byzantine museum, the Folklore museum, the Photography and Cinema museum, the Art museum, the museum for the Greek struggle for Macedonia, the Musical Instruments museum etc.

This one is the Archaeological museum.

Inside, you can see many statues and other exhibits from the ancient times. You can travel in time through the history of ancient Macedonia.



International Exhibition

Check this out! Look at the flags from all over the world! It's the International Exhibition of Thessaloniki. Every year in September, people from different countries come here to present pictures and products from their cultures. September is a very vivid month in Thessaloniki.



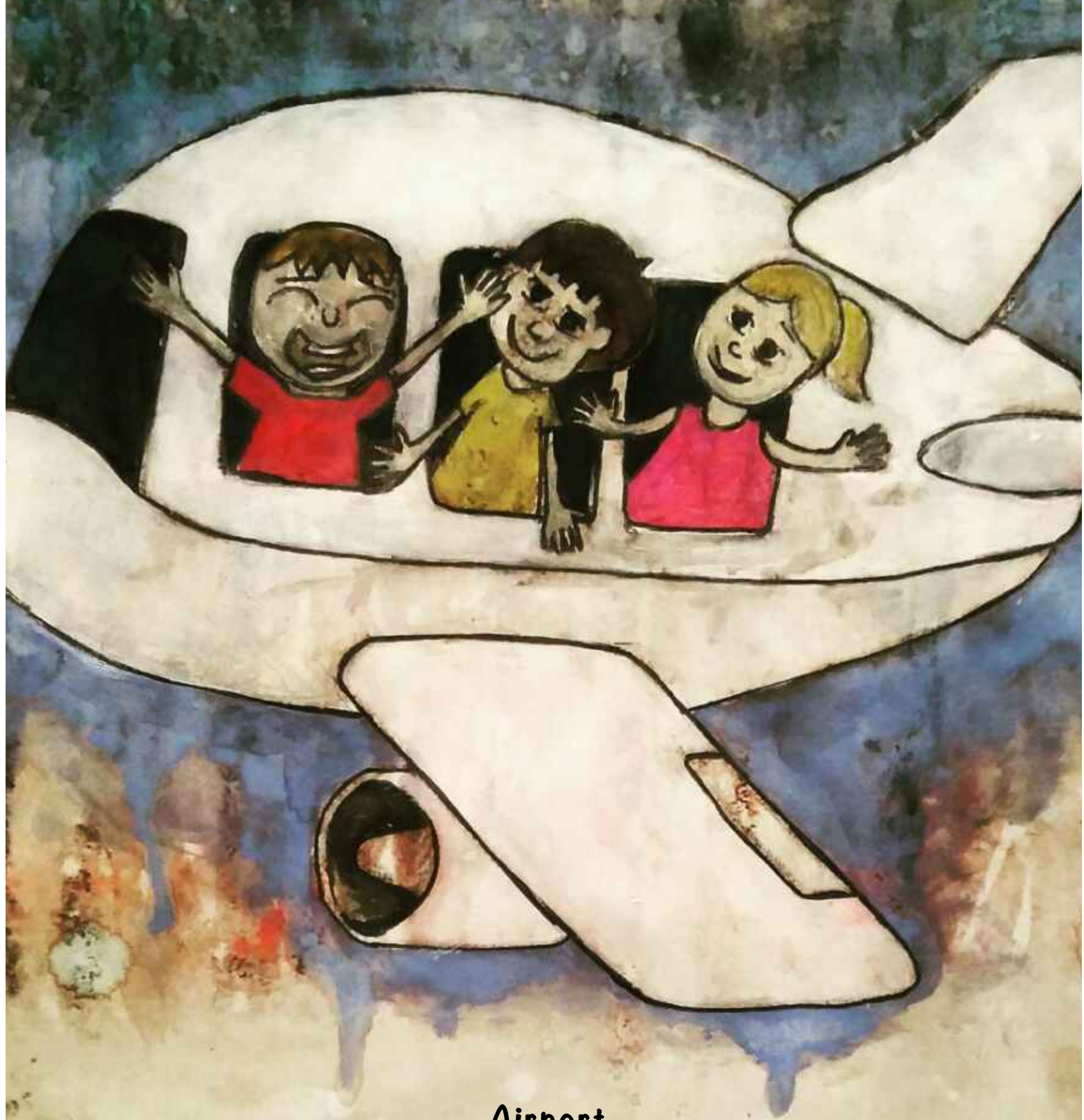
Train Station

Shall we go a trip by train?

Let's goooo!

Where can we find a train to travel around Greece?

We can go to the Train Station! Here, we can see big trains with all their wagons in a row that travel all over Greece!



Airport

What if we want to travel further away?

Then we should travel by plane! All the planes, with their big wings, are in the airport “Macedonia” and start their journeys in Greece, in Europe, all over the world!

Where would you like to travel?



For this beautiful city, lots of songs have been written.
Famous painters have drawn its beautiful corners.
Everyone who passed from here has loved this city very much.

Thessaloniki, I loooooove you!

Isn't it a beautiful city? Do you like it?

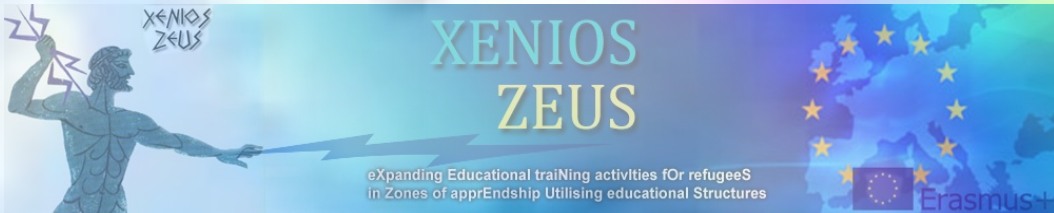
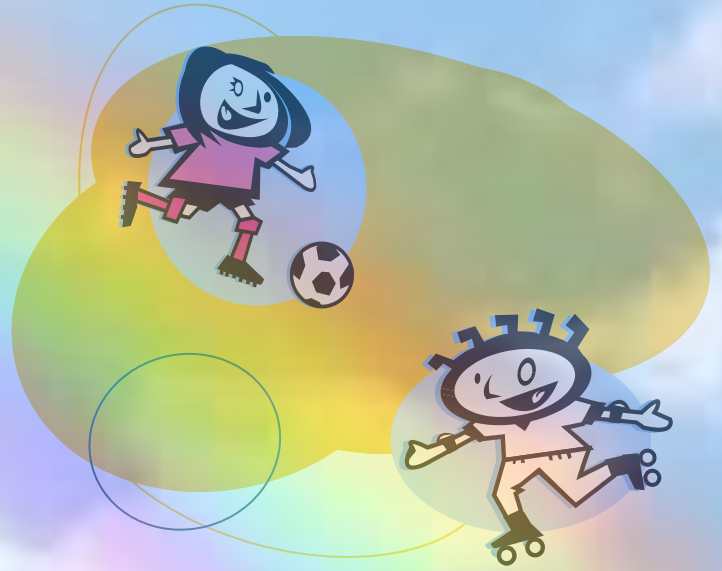


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