

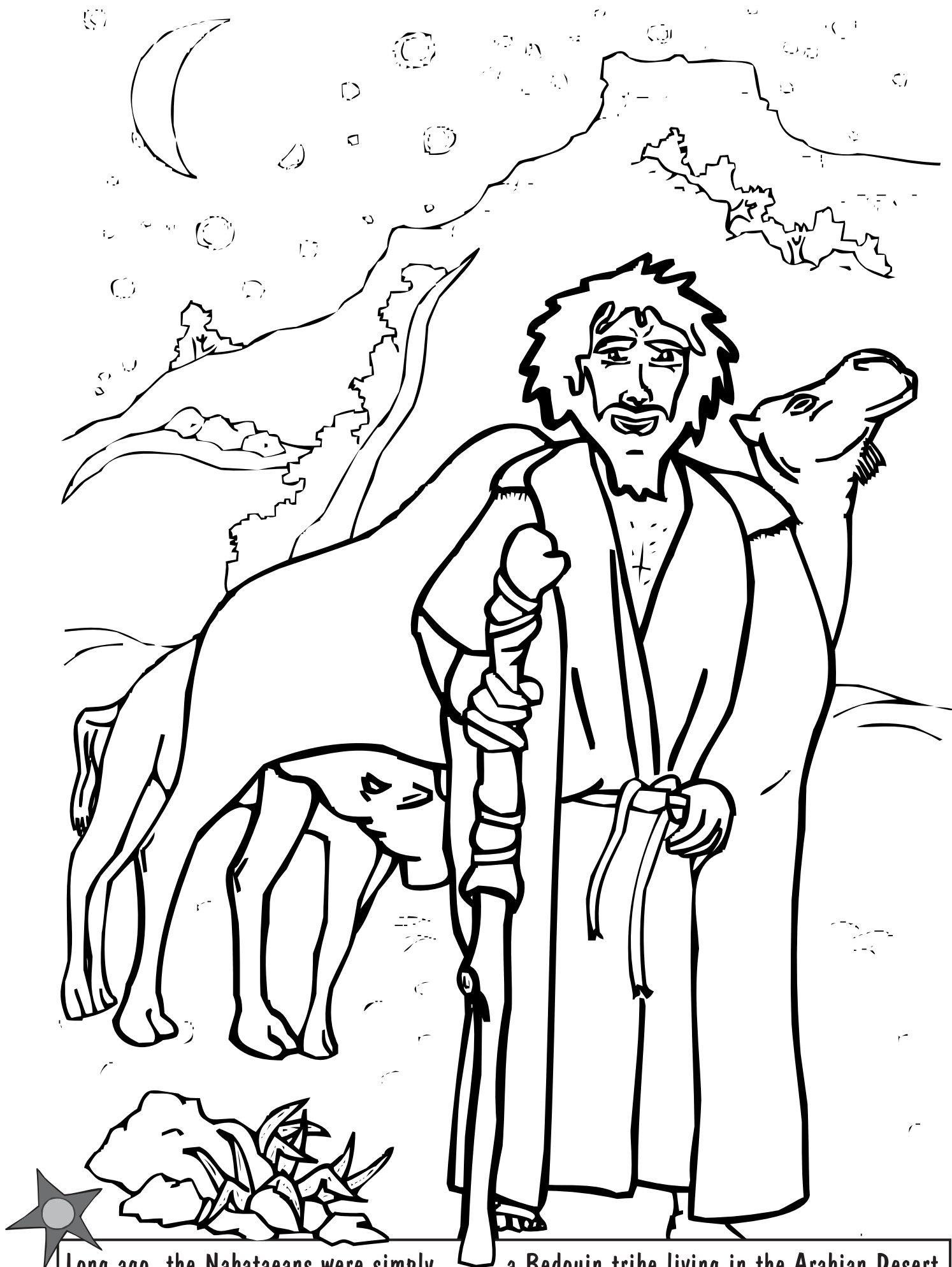
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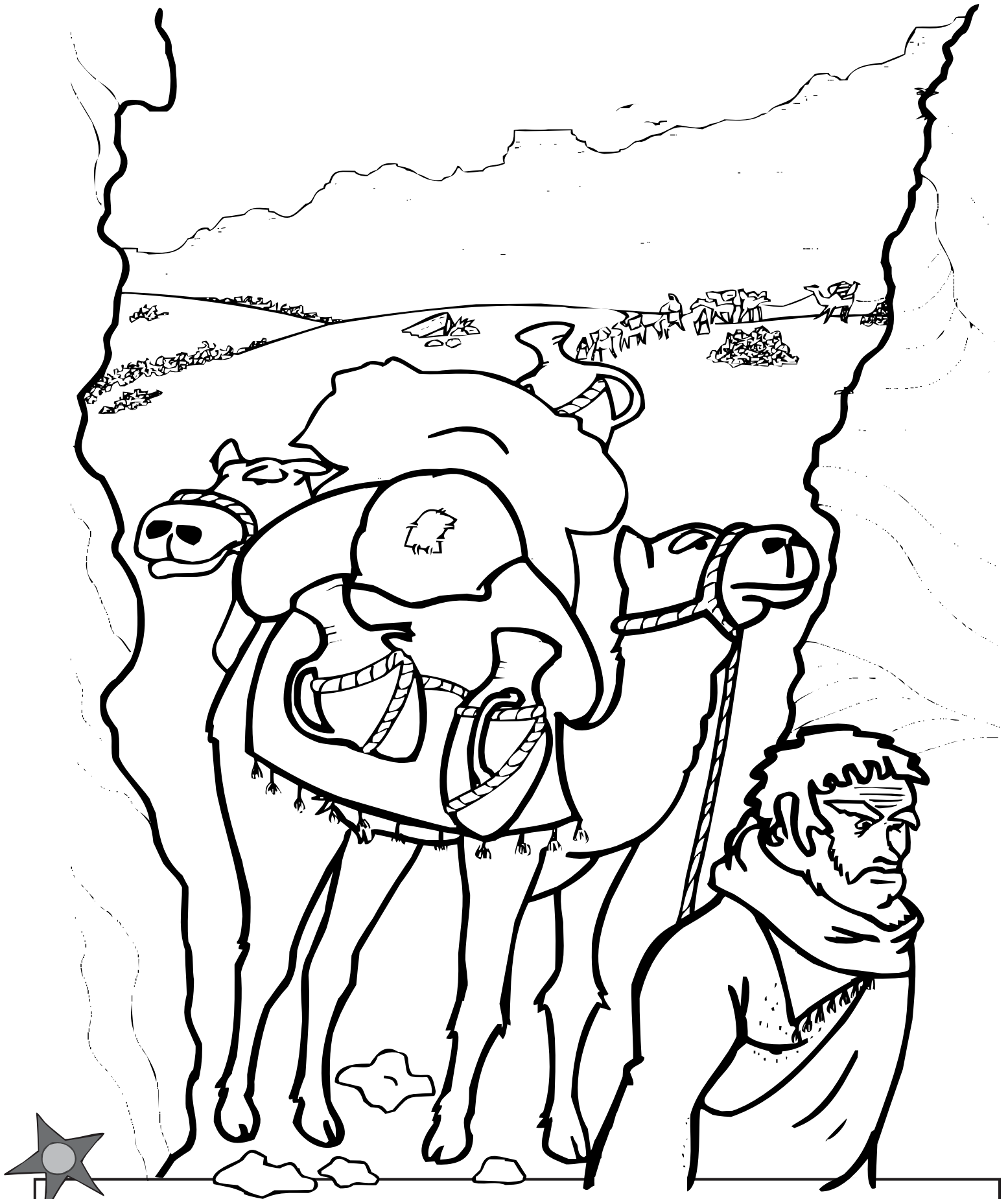
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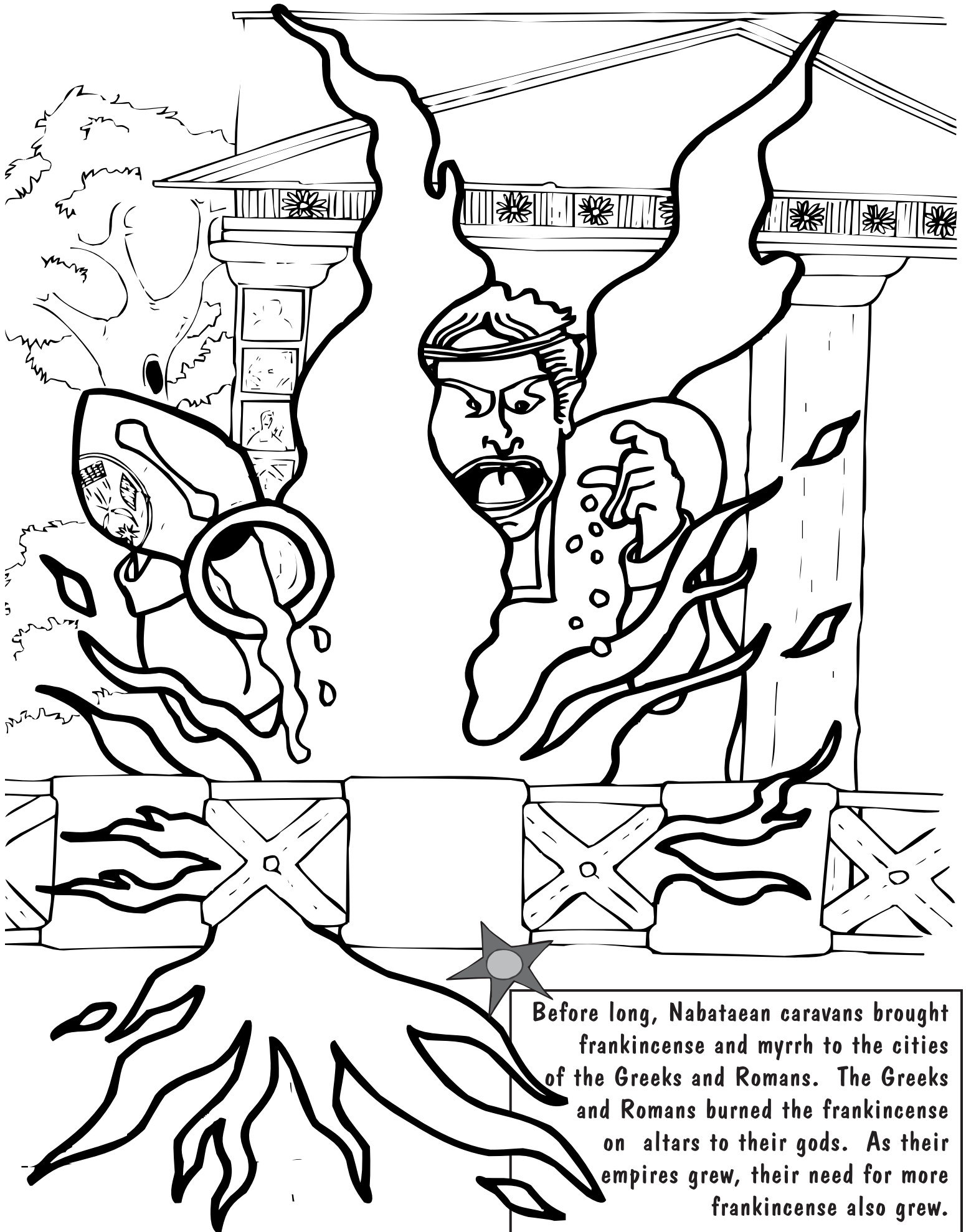
Long ago, the Nabataeans were simply a Bedouin tribe living in the Arabian Desert.



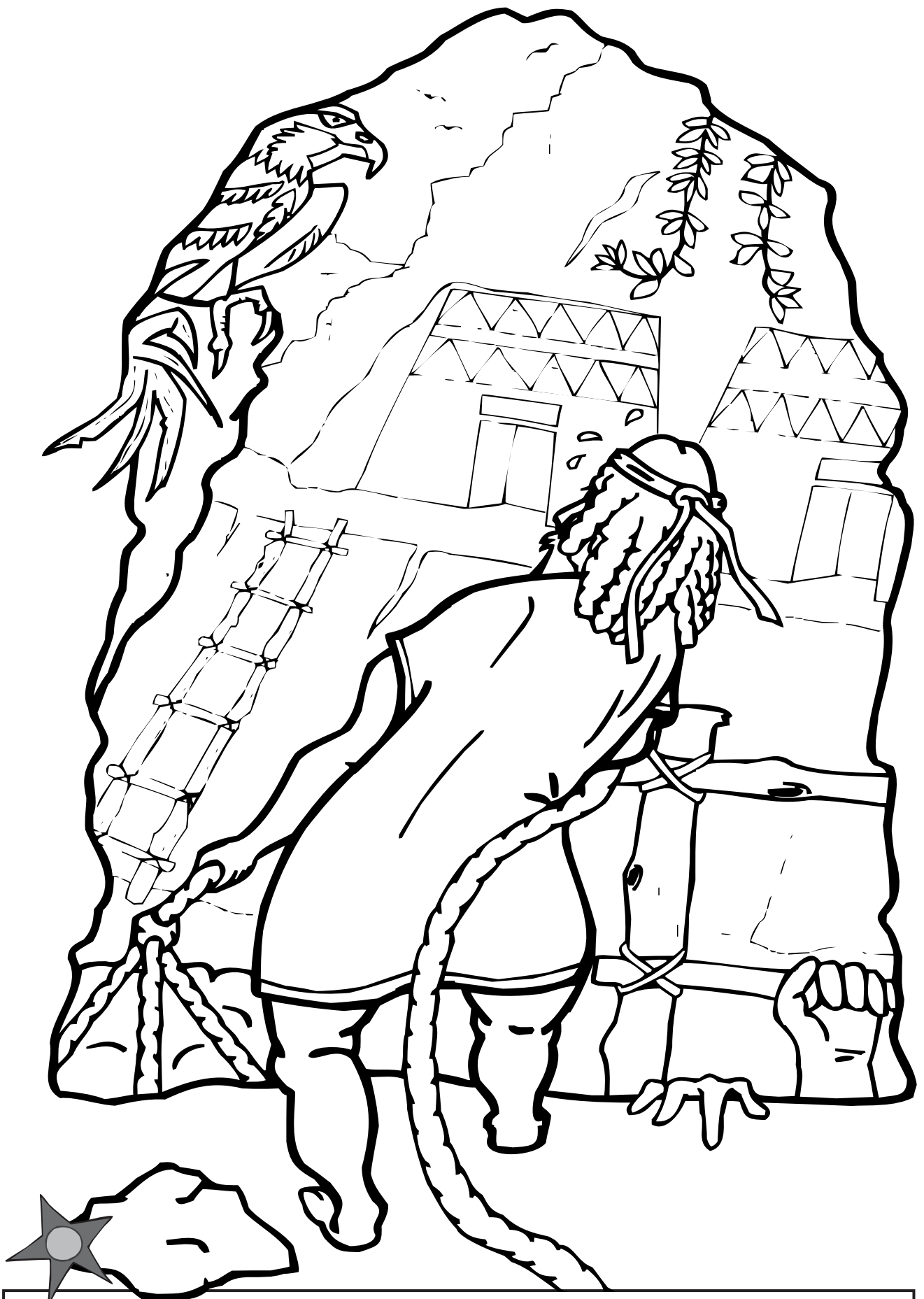
At that time the Bedouin tribes made their living by raising sheep and camels and by raiding the tribes around them.



One day the Nabataeans discovered that people in the big cities wanted frankincense, which is a type of perfume. The Nabataeans knew that frankincense came from the countries of Yemen and Oman. They travelled to these countries by camel caravans.



Before long, Nabataean caravans brought frankincense and myrrh to the cities of the Greeks and Romans. The Greeks and Romans burned the frankincense on altars to their gods. As their empires grew, their need for more frankincense also grew.



Soon the Nabataeans needed to have a secret place in the desert where their families could live safely and where they could store the frankincense and other goods that their caravans were carrying. They decided to use caves in the rocks.



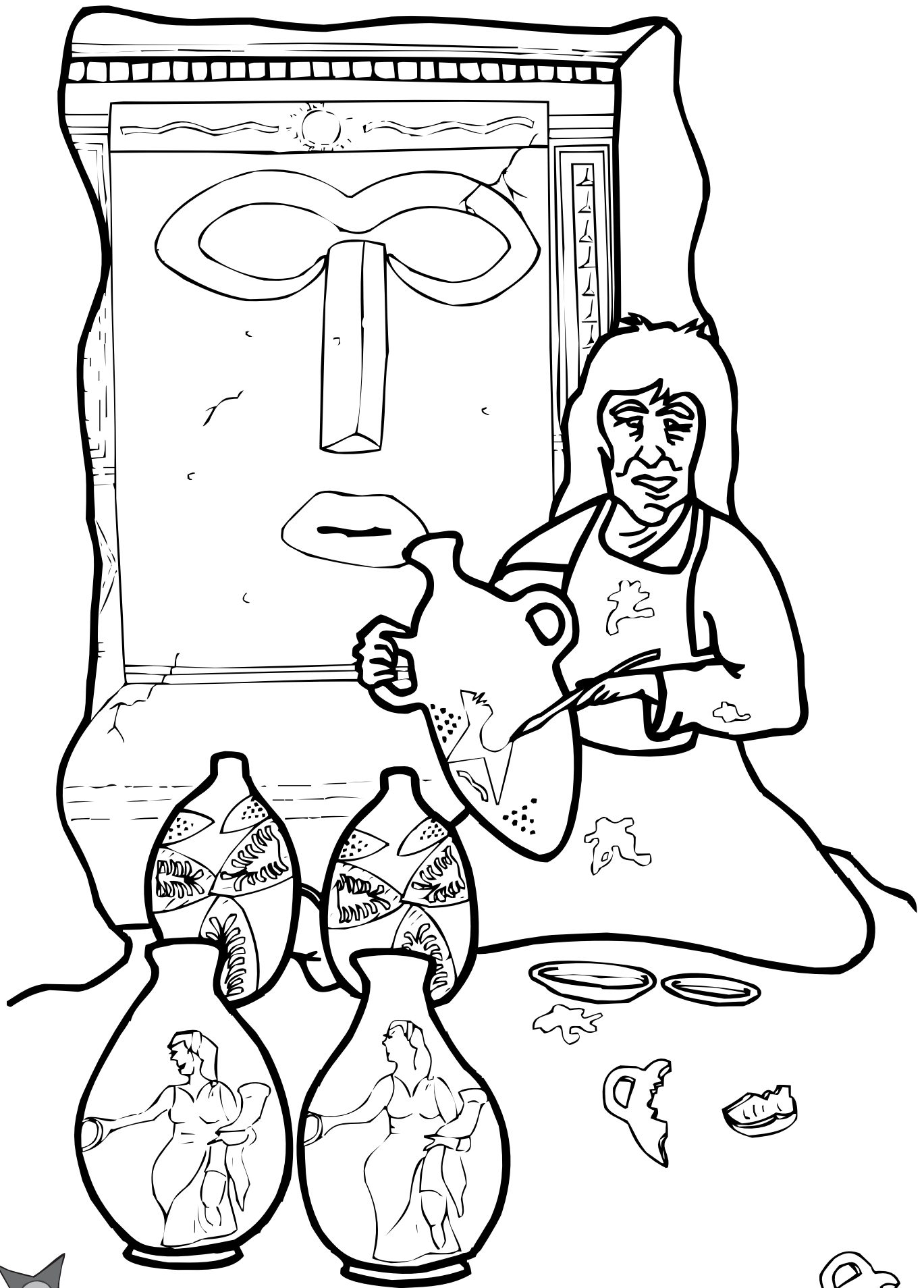
The Nabataeans created a secret city in the limestone mountains of Jordan. The entrance to the city was through a crack in the side of a mountain. This crack was 1.5 km long and over 90 meters (300 feet) high. They called their city Raqim, but later the Romans called it Petra.



As time passed, their empire grew and many Nabataean families became wealthy. Their caves, which they used as warehouses, had beautifully carved designs.

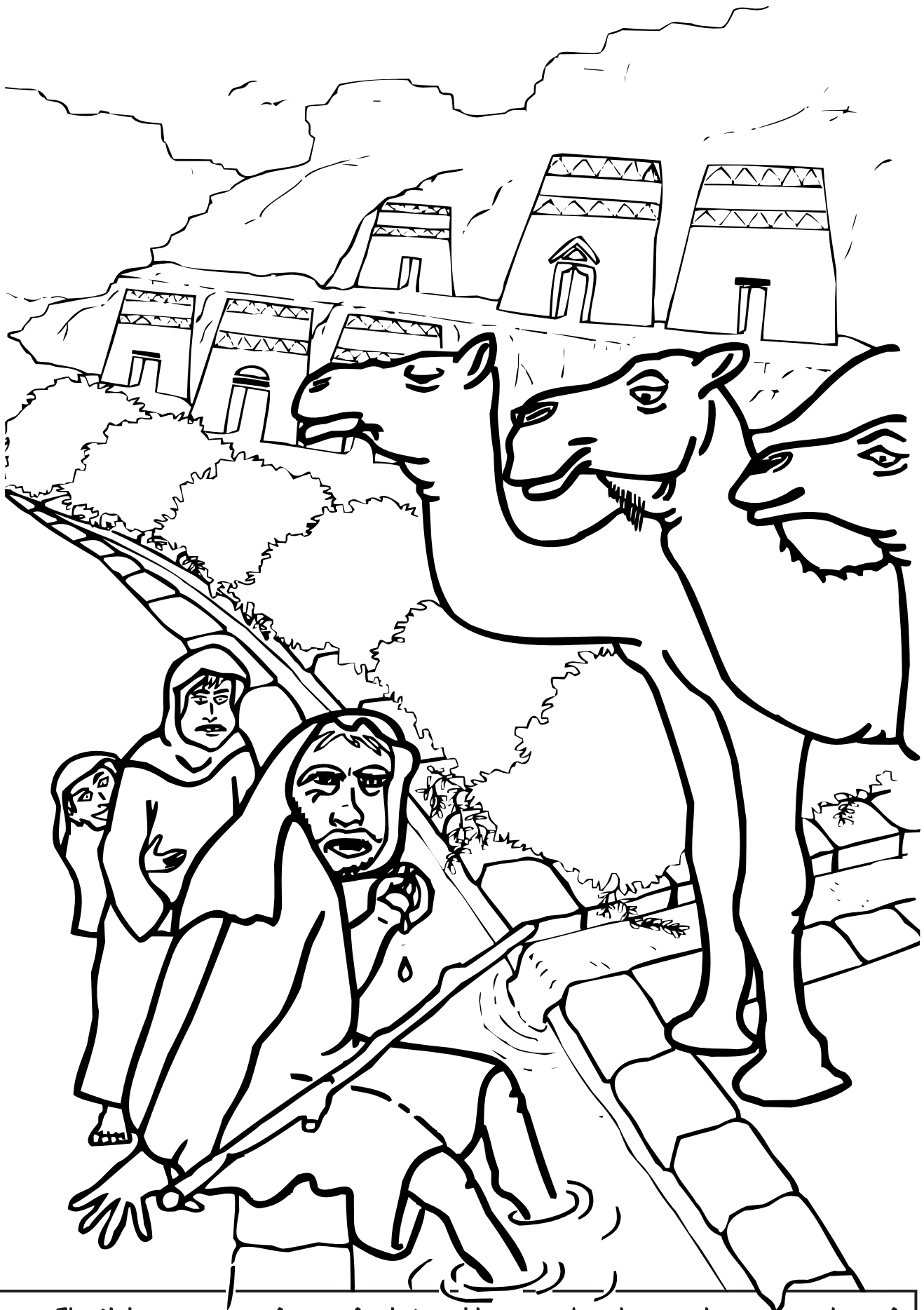


Petra also grew until it had many houses and temples, and a large marketplace.

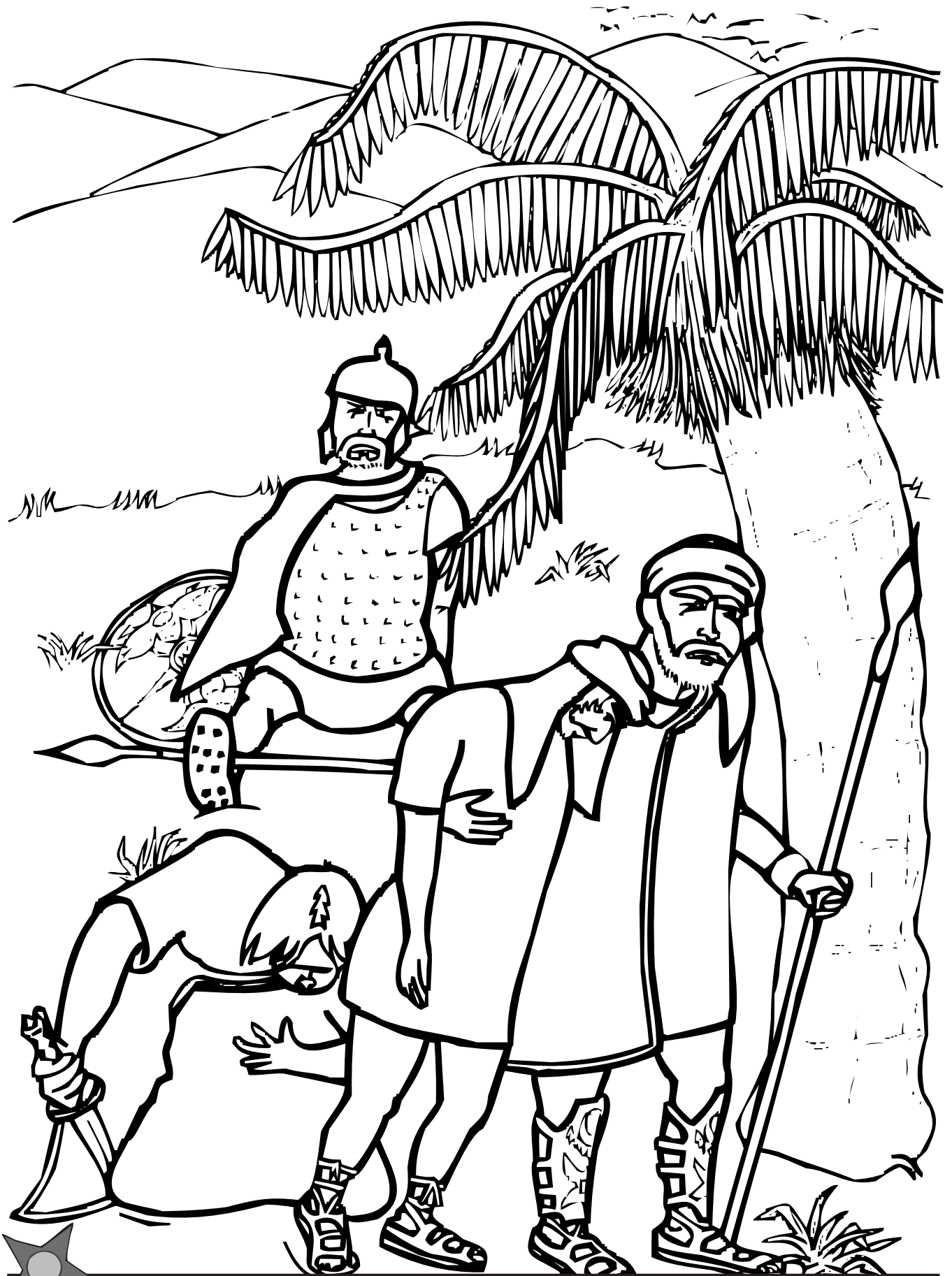


Soon the Nabataeans also developed very beautiful pottery and jewelry.

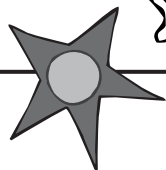




The Nabataeans were famous for being able to catch and store almost every drop of rain. They brought water into their secret city in open channels carved into the rock and in clay pipes under the ground.



At one time the Roman army tried to find where the Nabataeans got their frankincense from. Their Nabataean guides led them along through the desert where most of the army died of thirst.



Eventually Nabataean rulers became powerful kings, and coins were made with their faces on them.



Some Nabataean rulers made huge tombs for themselves, beautifully carved from the mountainsides.



Eventually the Romans were successful in finding out that frankincense came from Yemen and they started taking it back to Rome by boat.



With the Romans getting their own frankincense, the Nabataeans were out of a job. Their beautiful Petra slowly died and fine warehouses once full of goods became empty. Earthquakes then destroyed many buildings and people in Europe forgot that it ever existed.



NABATAEAN ALPHABET

The Nabataeans had their own alphabet. Few people know it. It is one of Petra's Secrets!

Practice writing the Nabataean letters.

ENGLISH NABATAEAN

PRACTICE HERE

a	Ⲁ	
b	ⲁ	
c	Ⲃ	
d	ⲃ	
g	Ⲅ	
h	ⲅ	
k	Ⲇ	
l	ⲇ	
m	Ⲉ	
n	ⲉ	
p	Ⲋ	
q	ⲋ	
r	Ⲍ	
s	ⲍ	
t	Ⲏ	
w	ⲏ	
y	Ⲑ	
z	ⲑ	
sh	Ⲓ	
Other sounds we don't have in English	ⲓ	
	Ⲕ	
	ⲕ	



BREAK THE CODE

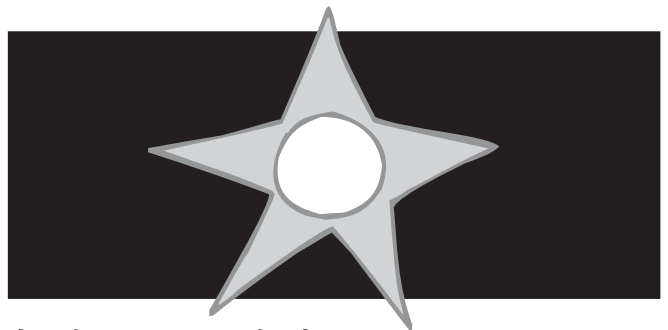
Nabataean is a difficult language to read. Can you read the message below?
It is an English message written in Nabataean script. Can you guess what
the missing letters are?

9 _ 6 7 9 _ 7 9 J _ 9 7

9 1 9 4 _ . _ 7 _ 7 9

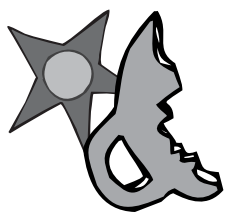
4 _ 7 7 _ _ J 7 7 _

7 _ 4 7 .



Write your name below in Nabataean

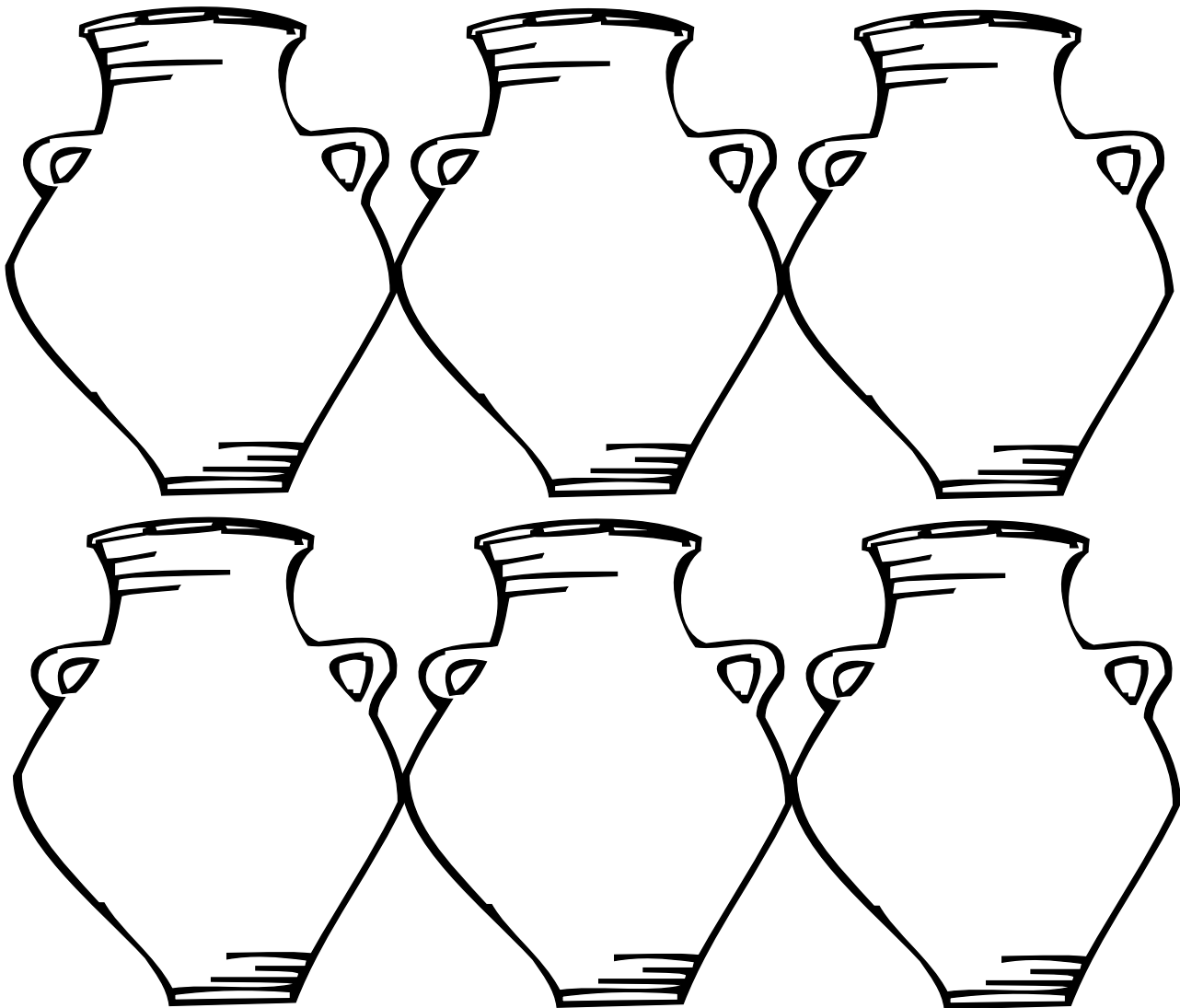
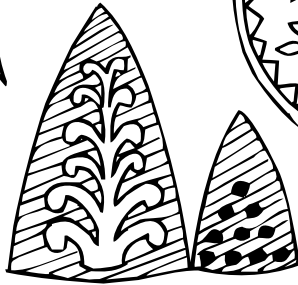
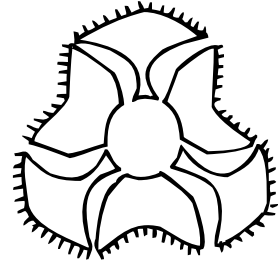
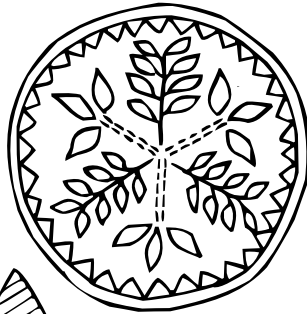
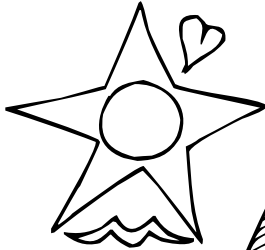
Write from right to left. If your name has an
E, F, I, J, O, U, V or X just leave a blank or make up your own letter!



PAINTING POTS



The painter has left without painting her pots. Can you finish the job for her? Luckily she's left some Nabataean designs for you to copy or, you could make up your own Nabataean designs.





WORD SEARCH

The camel caravan trader wanted to see all the sights of secret Petra.
See if you can find all of the places on his list from the letters below.

GARDEN

COLONNADED STREET

NYMPHAEUM

MONASTERY

HIGHPLACE

CHURCH

COLISEUM

TREASURY

OBELISK

PALACE

URN

FACADES

COIN

DAM

SELA

WATER

CAMEL

TUNNEL

SILK

LION

DJIN

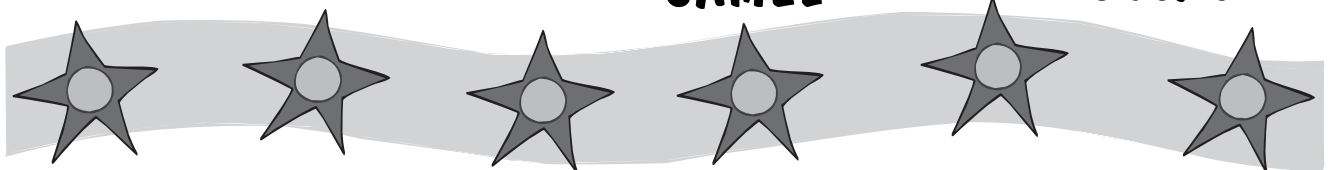
SIQ

PETRA

TOMB

FORTRESS

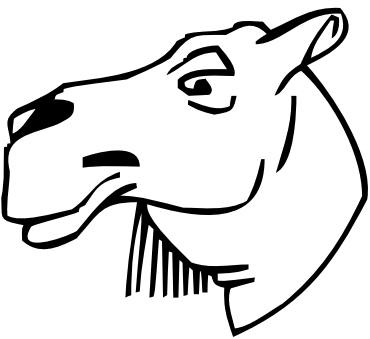
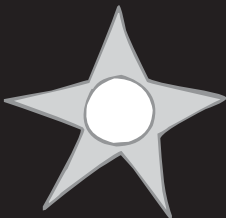
COINS



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

CAMEL BAGS

There are four camels arriving in Petra, but which is which? Use the clues below to see if you can discover who is carryiing what in their caravan, and what color each person's camel bag is.

	Yellow	Red	Brown	Black				
Ausos	X							
Walu		X	X	X		X		
Kalbu	X							
Nashgu	X							
Myrrh								
Cloves								
Frankincense	X							
Aloes								

To Get You Started: Walu has the Yellow camel bag and is not carrying Frankincense.

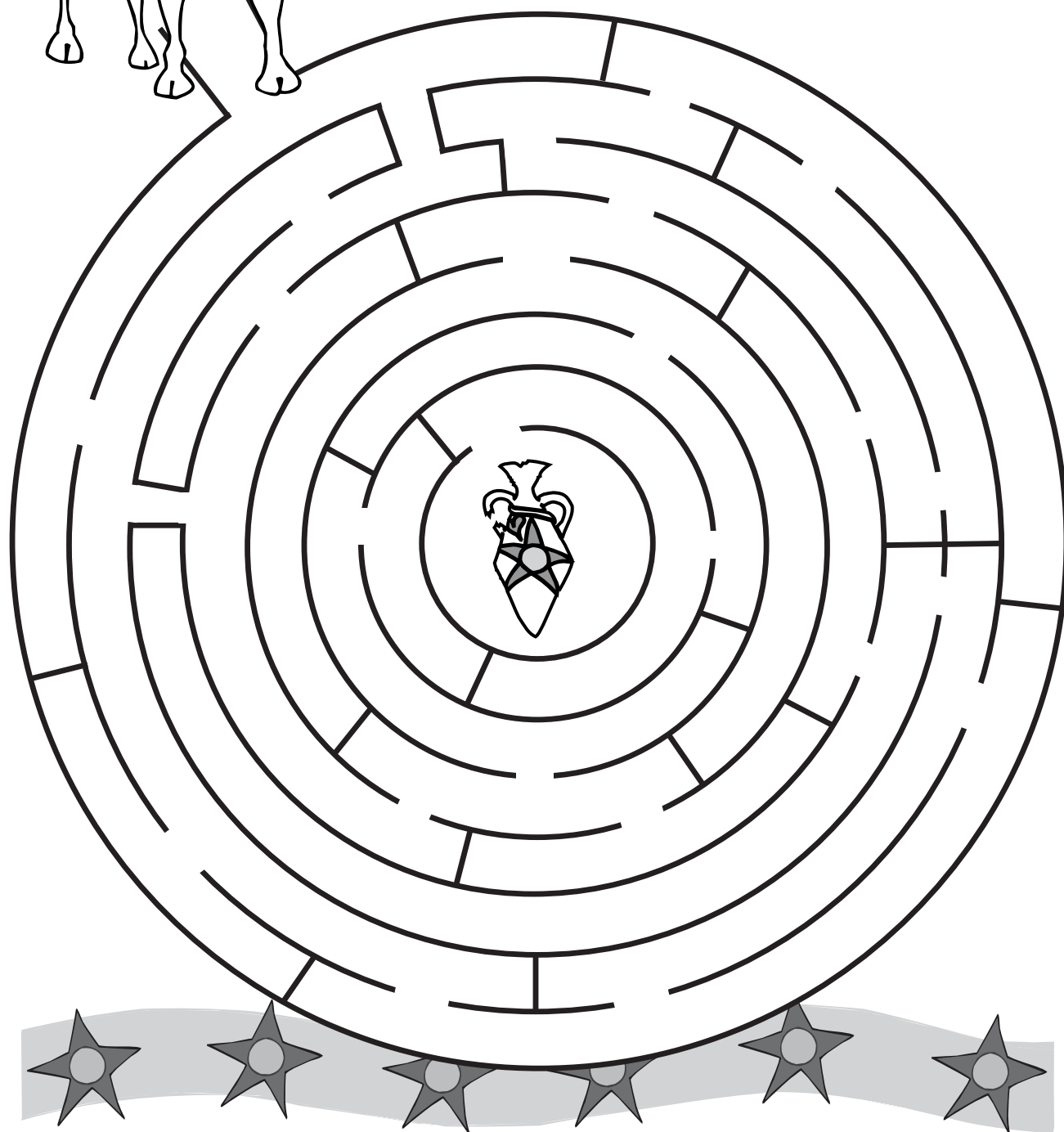
CLUES

1. Ausos does not have a Red camel bag, and does not carry Cloves or Aloes.
2. The Black camel bag is carrying Myrrh.
3. The Frankincense is not in the Brown camel bag or carried by Nashgu.
4. The Brown camel bag is not carrying Aloes.



MAZE

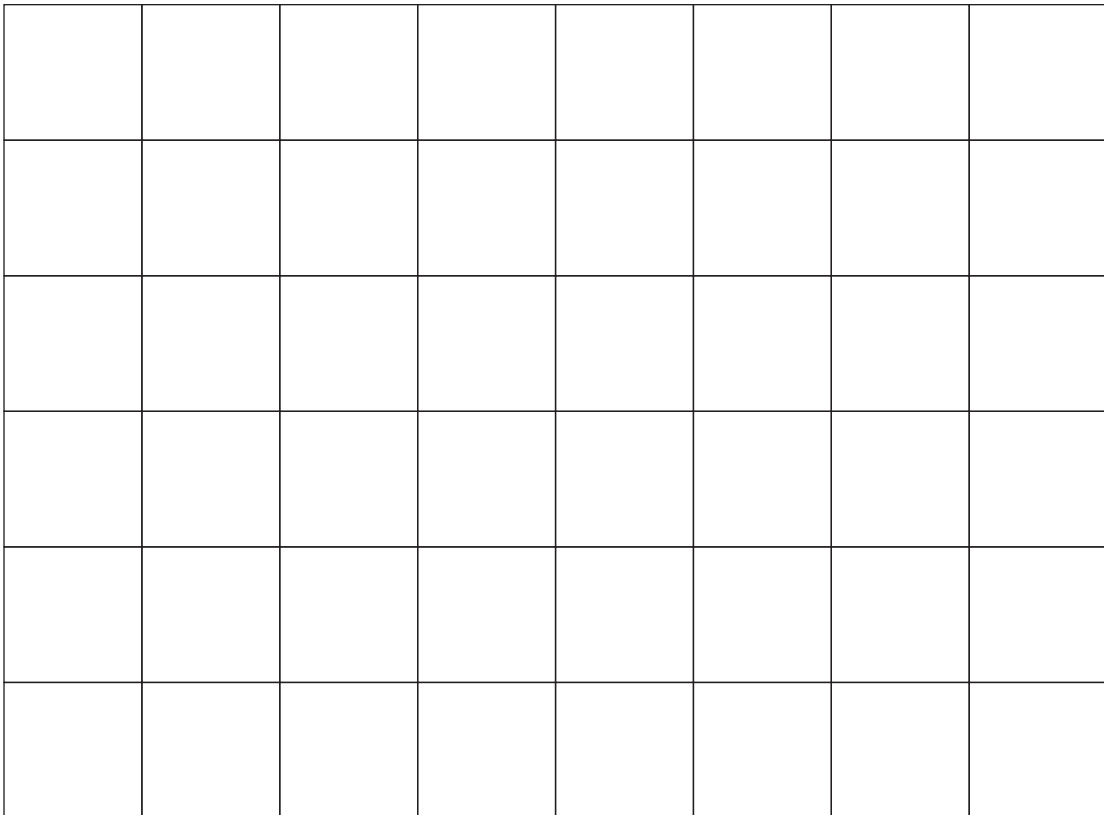
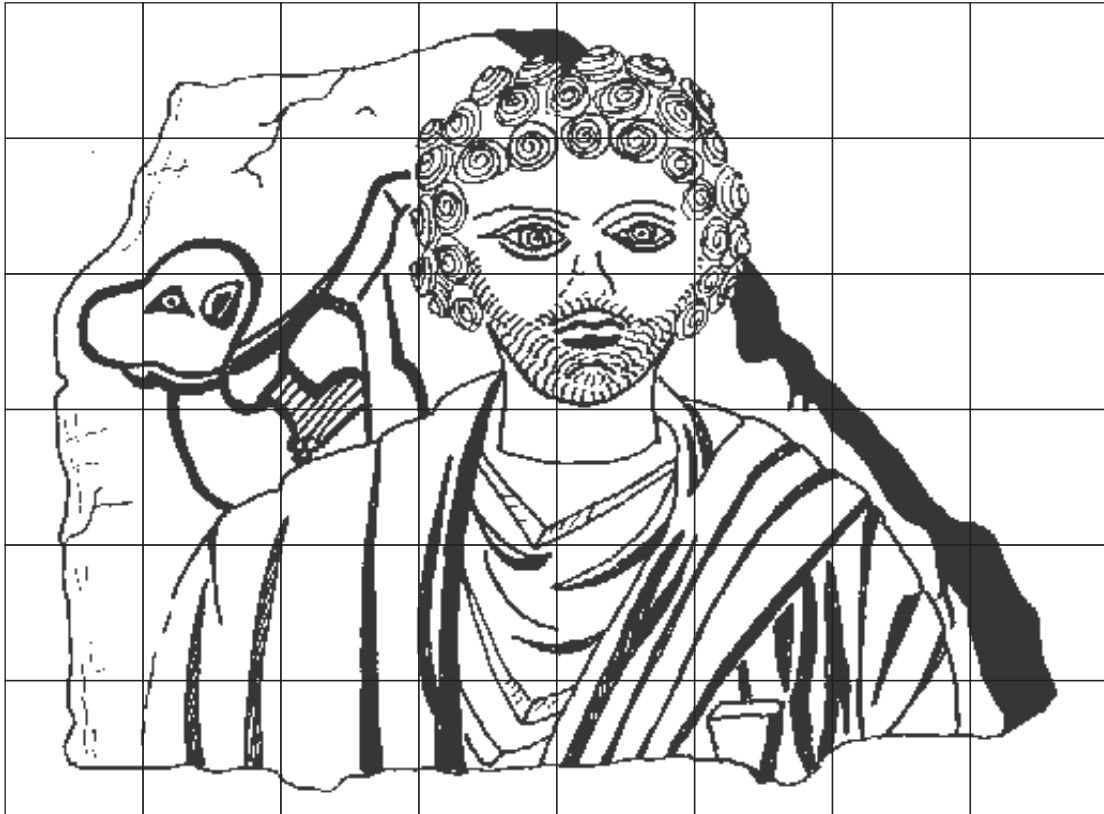
The desert is hot and dusty today. Can you help the camel caravan trader find the secret supply of water to drink?





NABATAEAN ARTIST

Now you be the Nabataean artist! Copy this famous rock carving square by square onto the grid below.





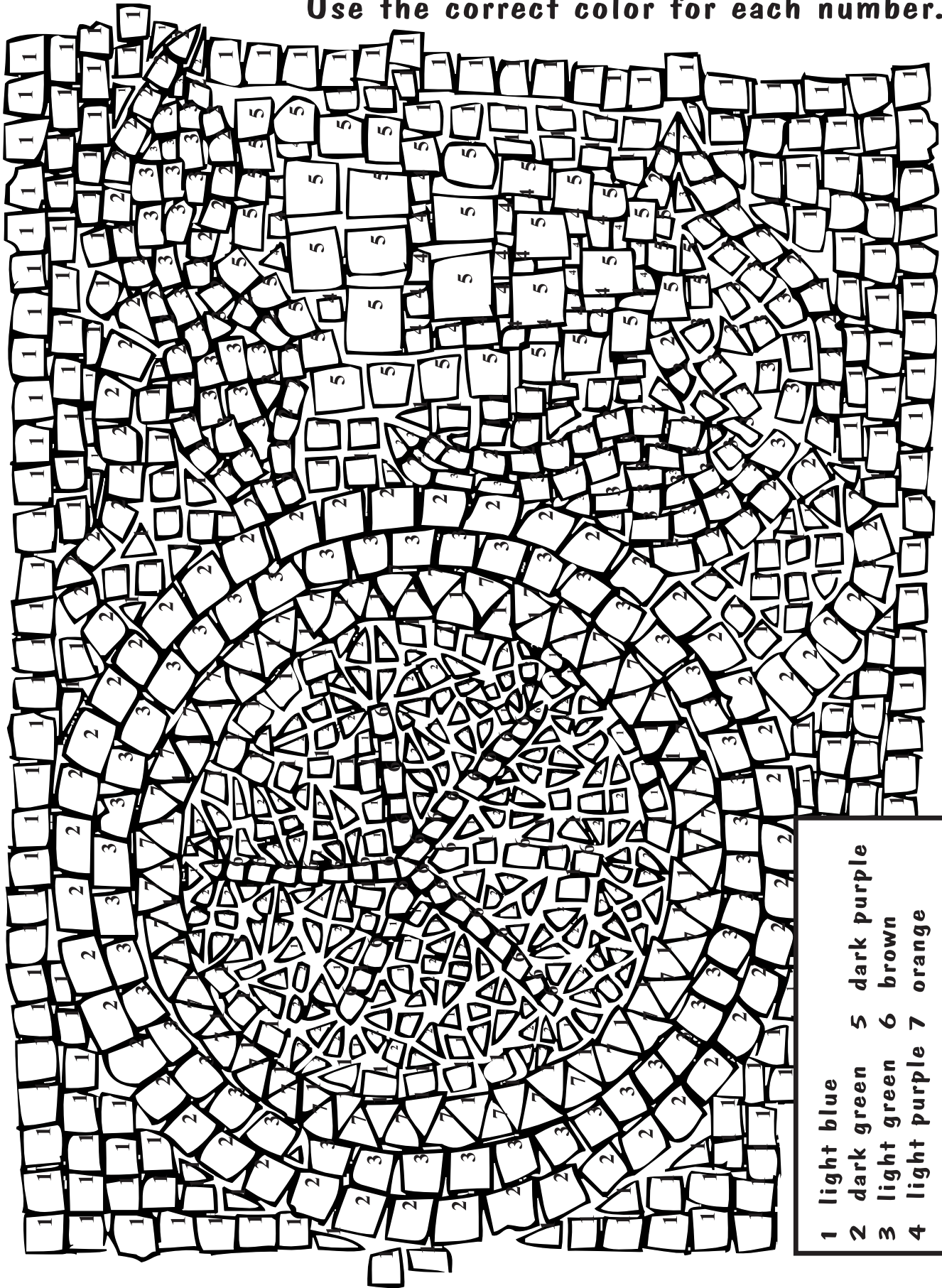
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A	Y	T	A	A	L	E	S	A	O	N	C
S	O	B	N	U	T	I	R	L	O	T	L
P	E	E	D	T	T	R	H	A	E	A	T
N	R	D	A	W	D	E	E	R	R	E	O
T	U	H	T	E	E	P	S	I	A	R	N
A	D	T	G	E	O	S	T	O	R	F	I
T	C	H	H	E	B	D	Y	E	I	S	T

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COLOR BY NUMBER

Can you help finish this new mosaic tile floor?
Use the correct color for each number.



- | | | | |
|---|-------------|---|-------------|
| 1 | light blue | 5 | dark purple |
| 2 | dark green | 6 | brown |
| 3 | light green | 7 | orange |



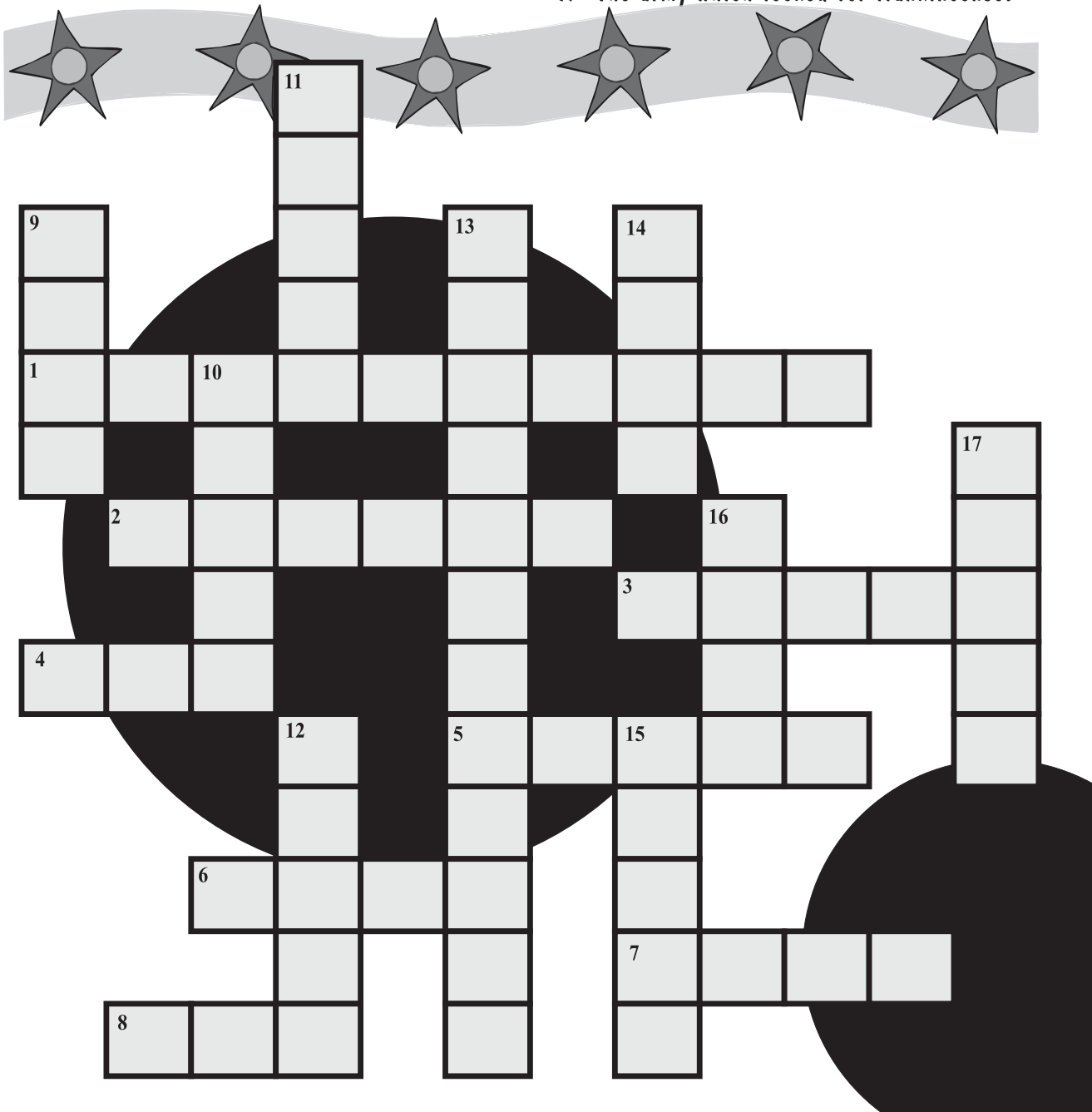
CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 The people who built the secret city of Petra.
- 2 The people whose capital is in Athens.
- 3 Original name of Petra.
- 4 Nabataeans used a kiln to fire this.
- 5 Useful desert animal.
- 6 A place frankincense came from.
- 7 Petra is carved out of this pink stuff.
- 8 Name of a tomb found in Petra today.

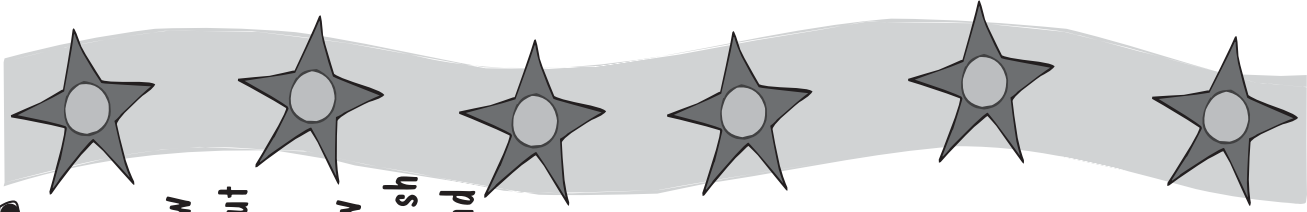
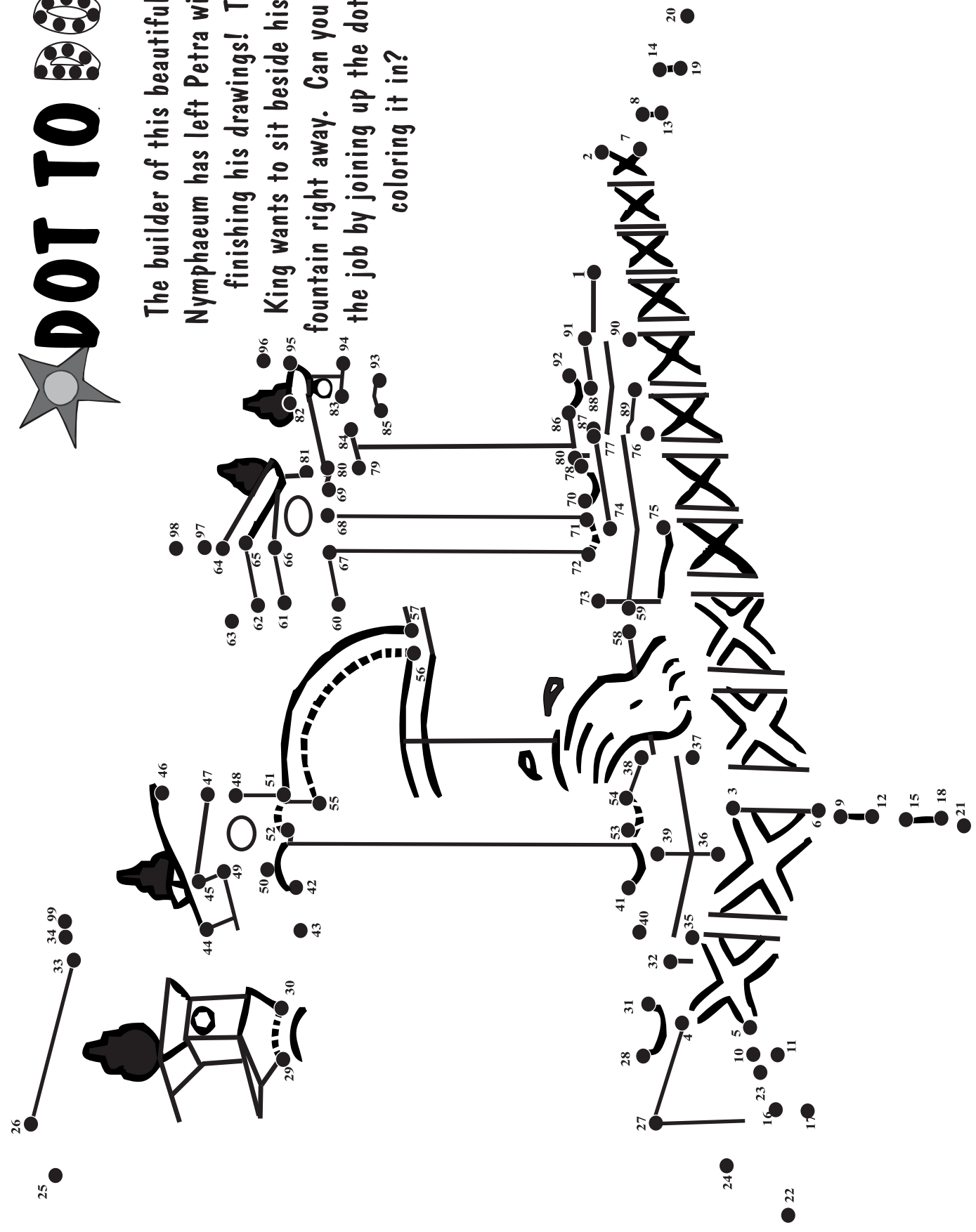
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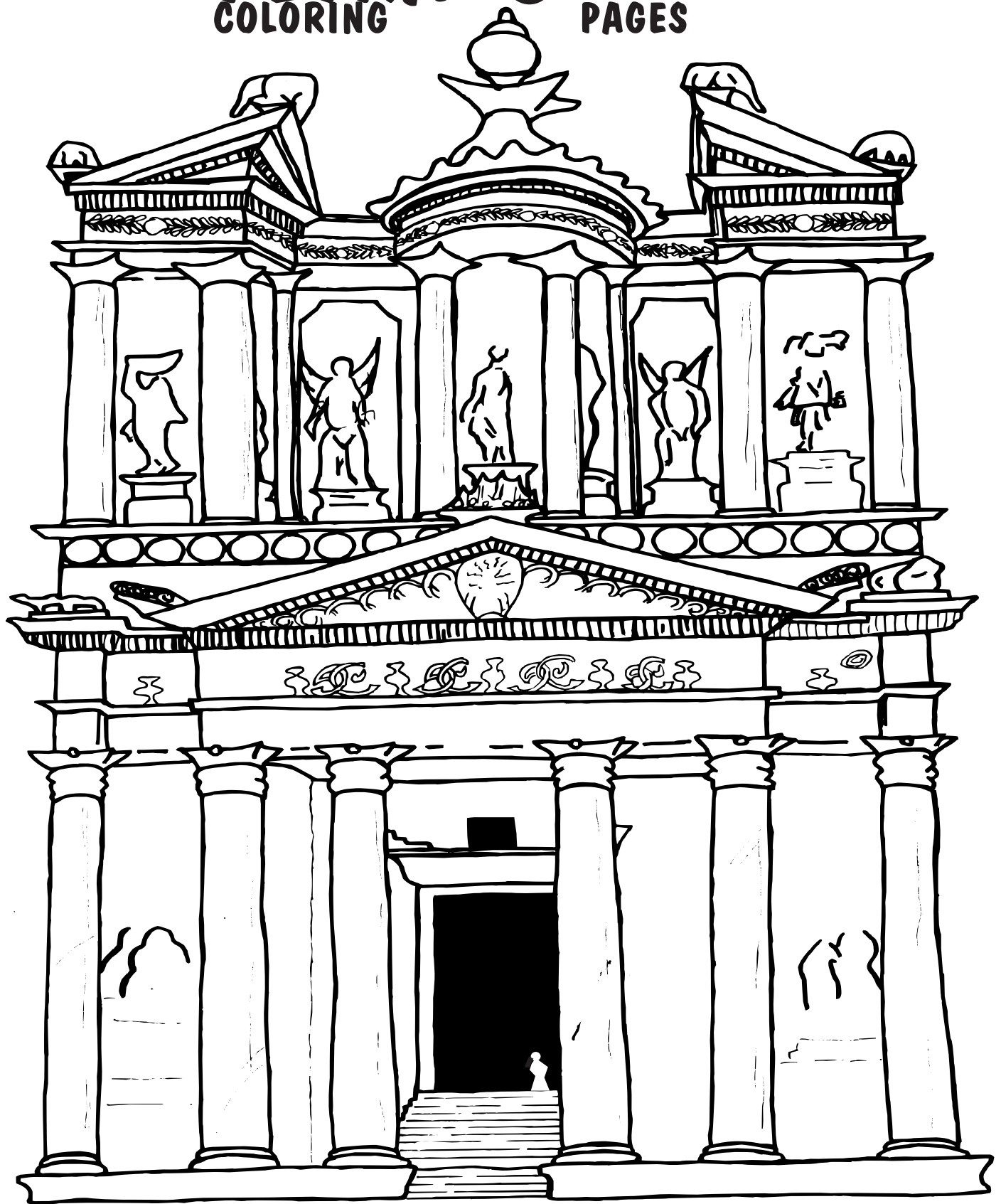
- 9 A person who lived in the Monestary.
- 10 Frankincense was _____ on altars.
- 11 The Roman name for the city of Raqim.
- 12 A country south of Jordan.
- 13 Perfume which made the Nabataeans wealthy.
- 14 Thing used by Romans to transport frankincense.
- 15 A perfume found in the Middle East.
- 16 In Petra, frankincense was stored in this.
- 17 The army which looked for frankincense.



★ DOT TO DOT

The builder of this beautiful new Nymphaeum has left Petra without finishing his drawings! The King wants to sit beside his new fountain right away. Can you finish the job by joining up the dots and coloring it in?





The Treasury: What was this building? perhaps a massive tomb for a Nabataean king, or a great library? Today it is still very impressive, but the carvings are very worn. See the man in the doorway? The building is huge!

PETRA

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PAGES



One of the first tombs that you see as you come into Petra is the Obelisk Tomb. It is actually two tombs built on top of each other. The top tomb has four obelisks on the top of it. The bottom tomb is very badly worn by wind and sand.

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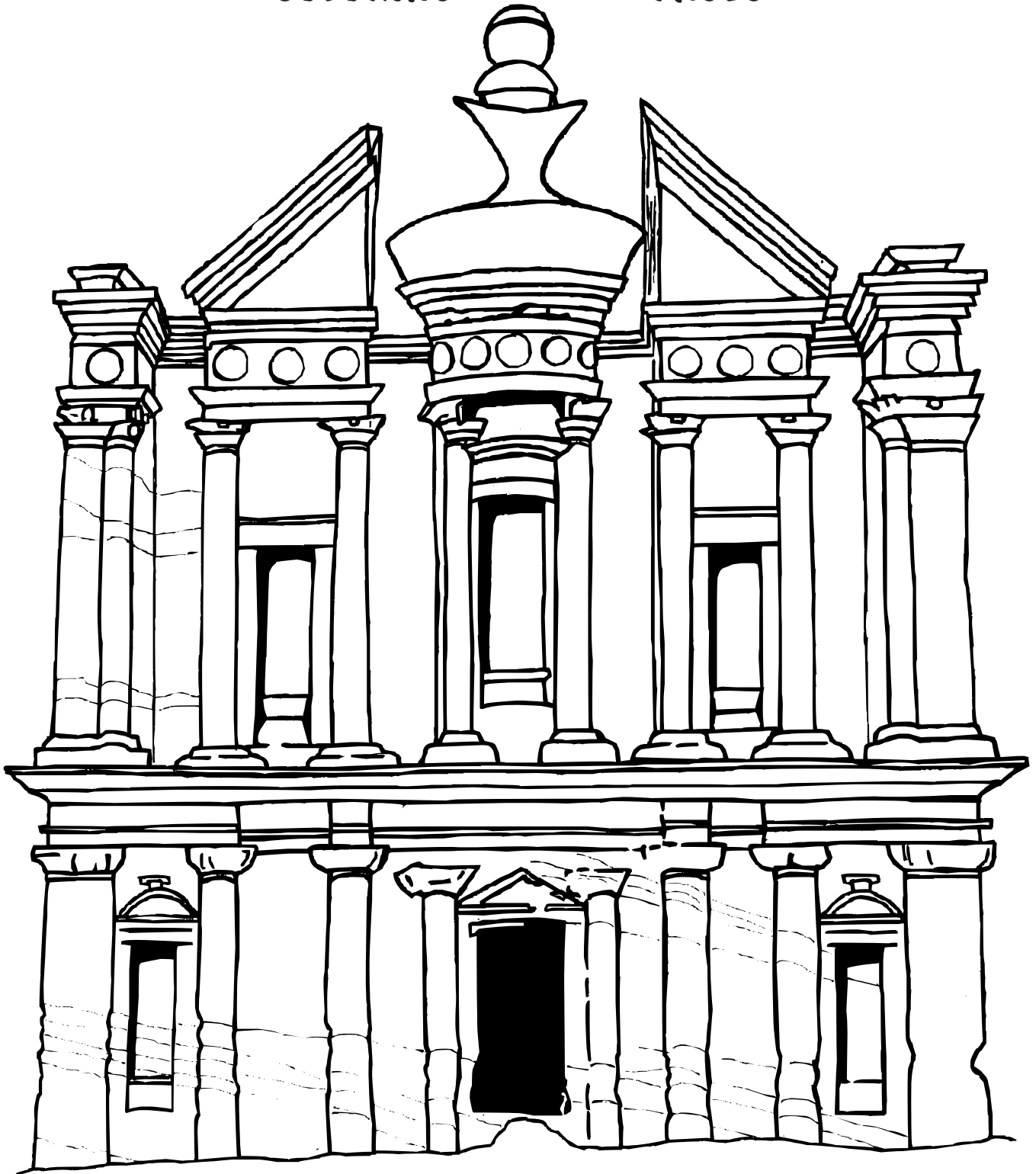
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The Urn tomb is found along one of the mountain walls in Petra. To get to the tomb you must climb up a long set of stairs. The Urn tomb had a large area in front of it where people could eat a last meal, to remember the person who was buried there. If you look closely you still see Nabataean writing on the columns.



The largest tomb in Petra is the Monastery. See the man in the doorway? While this monument was originally built as a tomb it was later adopted as a monastery by Christian monks who lived in nearby mountain caves during the Middle Ages. It's a bit of a climb to get to it, but you can hire a donkey to ride on up the narrow cliff trail if you're brave enough!

Answers

Crossword Puzzle

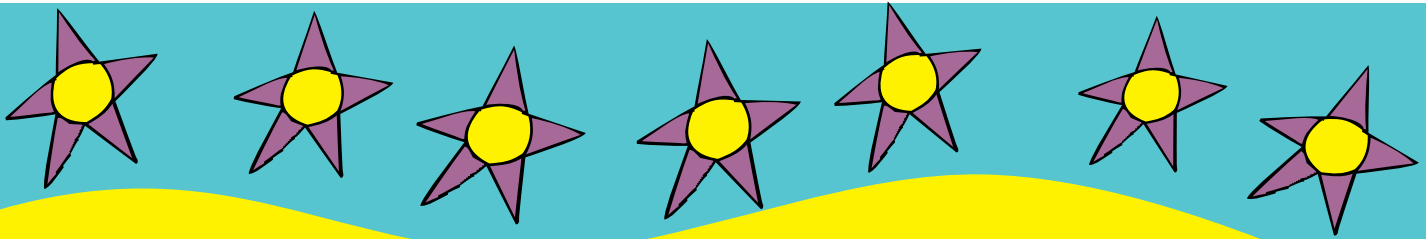
- Across
- 1 NABATAEANS
2 GREEKS
3 RAQIM
4 POT
5 CAMEL
6 OMAN
7 ROCK
8 URN
Down
9 MONK
10 BURNT
11 PETRA
12 YEMEN
13 FRANKINCENSE
14 BOAT
15 MYRRH
16 CAVE
17 ROME

SCRAMBLED MESSAGE

The Nabataeans
built Petra and
were the pirates
of the desert.
They also
controlled the
trade routes and
got rich by it.

Camel Bags

Ausos has the Black Myrrh bag
Walu has the Yellow Aloes bag
Kalbu has the Red Frankincense bag
Nashgu has the Brown Cloves bag



Designs featured
in this book are
authentic Nabataean.

PETRA'S SECRETS

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PETRA'S SECRETS is a wonderful introduction to the forgotten world of the ancient Nabataeans, the powerful Arabian empire which built the hidden red-pink rock city of Petra in Jordan.

Discover their kingdom by coloring the story of their history, learn the Nabataean alphabet, and explore Petra with this book packed full of exciting activities that will draw the whole family into the adventure!