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LONG, LONG TIME AGO, LORD RASTISLAV REALIZED THAT FRANKS ARE SPREADING THEIR INFLUENCE ON SLAVIC COUNTRIES.





RASTISLAV DID NOT WANT CHRISTIANITY TO BE SPREAD WITH THE HELP OF THE CROSS AND SWORD, SO HE SENT THE MESSENGER TO THE BYZANTINE EMPEROR ASKING FOR HIS HELP.



THE BYZANTINE EMPEROR SENT TWO OF HIS BROTHERS, KONSTANTIN AND METOD, WHO WERE WISE AND KNOWLEDGEABLE MEN.

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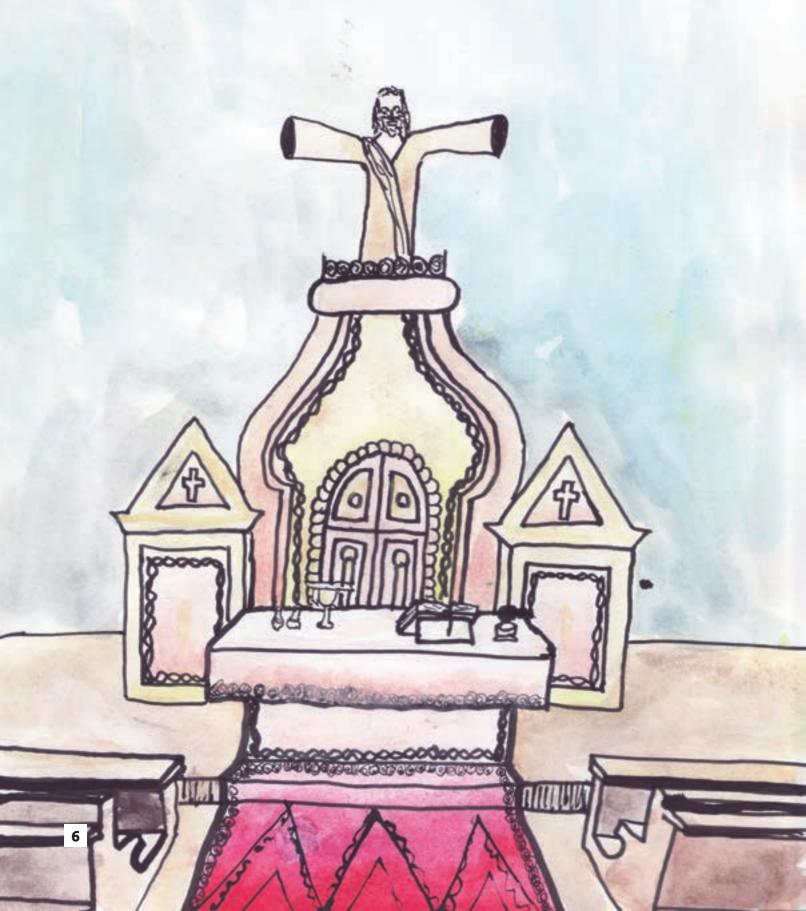
THE TWO BROTHERS ACCEPTED RASTISLAV'S INVITATION AND SO BEGAN TO PREPARE FOR THEIR JOURNEY TO THE FAR AWAY LAND OF MORAVIA.



HERE IS WHAT THEY DID. THEY CREATED A NEW SCRIPT WHICH THEY WILL USE TO TRANSLATE RELIGIOUS BOOKS FROM LATIN TO SLAVIC.



THE GLAGOLITIC SCRIPT WAS THE NAME OF THIS NEW SCRIPT, AND SLAVIC PEOPLE WERE NOW ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THEIR PRIEST AND THE HOLY SERVICE.



THIS MADDENED FRANK PRIESTS THUS THEY COMPLAINED TO THE POPE. THEY TOLD HIM THAT KONSTANTIN AND METOD WERE SPREADING HERES

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THE HOLY BROTHERS WERE DETERMINED TO CONVINCE THE POPE THAT CHRISTIANITY COULD BE SPREAD ONLY IF PEOPLE UNDERSTOOD THE SERVICE. THE POPE WAS WISE AND RESPONSIBLE MAN. HE ALLOWED THE BROTHERS TO CONTINUE WITH TRANSCRIPTION OF RELIGIOUS BOOKS INTO THE GLAGOLITIC SCRIPT. THE HARD WORK WAS DONE. LUCKILY, THEIR STUDENTS HELPED THEM. RELIGIOUS BOOKS WERE REWRITTEN, AND THE PEOPLE WERE PRAYING ON THEIR LANGUAGE.

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AFTER KONSTANTIN AND METOD HAD DIED, THEIR STUDENTS CONTINUED WITH TRANSCRIPTION OF THE RELIGIOUS BOOKS, AND THE PEOPLE UNDERSTOOD THE SERVICE.

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OUT OF ALL SLAVIC NATIONS, THE CROATS KEPT THE GLAGOLITIC SCRIPT THE LONGEST. GLAGOLITIC LETTERS WERE WRITTEN FOR ALMOST THOUSAND YEARS. THE BAŠKA TABLET, THE OLDEST WRITTEN CROATIAN MONUMENT, WAS WRITTEN IN THE GLAGOLITIC SCRIPT.





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