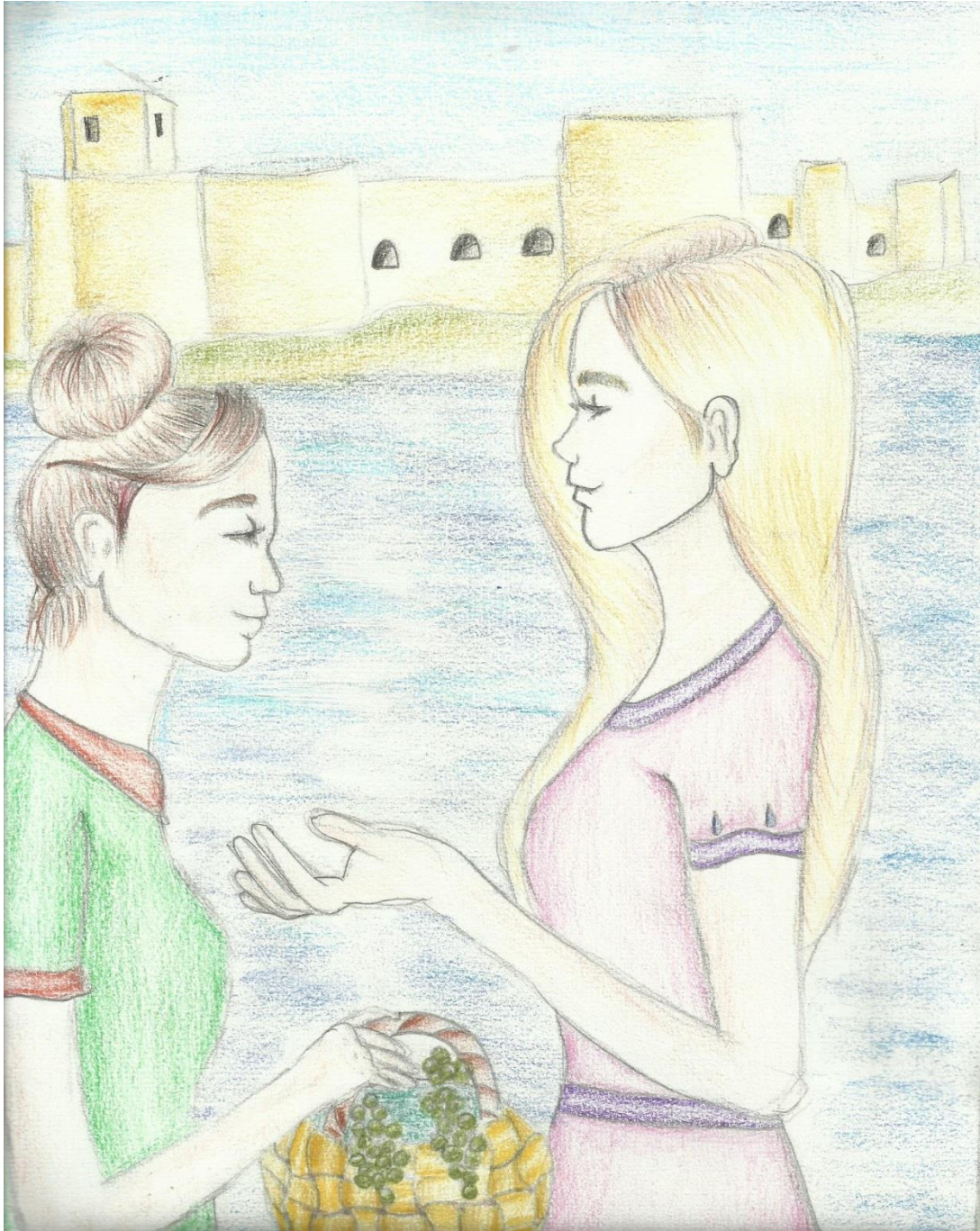


## THE MAIDEN CASTLE



Anamur, Turkey

Once upon a time, long long ago, in the far far away, there was an ancient city called Korykos. It was in the coast of Mediterranean Sea.



The King of this city was a wise and good-hearted man but he was very unhappy because he didn't have any children. One day, his wife gave him the good news: She was pregnant and the King was looking forward to hug his baby.

When the queen gave birth to the little Princess, everybody was so surprised because the new baby's skin was as white as snow, her hair was as bright

as sun and her face was as pretty as angels. The days passed and the princess grew up and she became the beloved of the King and the people due to her beauty and goodness of her heart.

One day, the King took his daughter to a fortune teller to learn about her future. When the fortune teller held the girl's hand, she began to tremble and refused to talk. The King felt sad and asked fortune teller what she had seen. At first she didn't want to tell but the King insisted to learn. She told to King that 'One day, this beautiful and good-tempered





lady will be bitten by a poisonous snake and so she will die at a very young age.’ The King was so worried and tried to find solutions to prevent this tragic death.

In the end, he decided to build a castle in the middle of the sea and make her



daughter live there. In his opinion, snakes won’t be able to reach the castle thanks to the sea so he can save his dear daughter’s life.

The days and the years passed. The cute Princess was living in the castle in the middle of the sea.

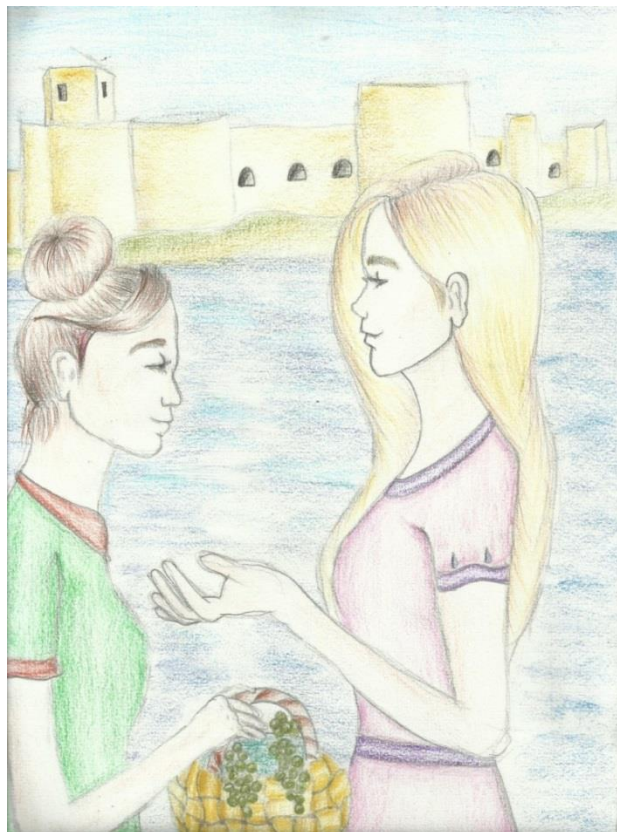
The King was very happy because the fortune teller’s prediction was wrong and his daughter was still alive. When the princess was turning to 19, the King decided to throw a party to celebrate her birthday.





Everybody in the country was invited to the party in the castle.

One of the guests was a peasant woman who brought a basket of grape as a gift. When she saw the basket, she was very happy because grape was her favorite fruit.





When the party is over, after everybody left the castle, the princes started to open the presents



As soon as she picked the grape grain, a snake jumped from the basket and bit her. She was poisoned and died.

