

Kalevala

A Finnish epic poetry compiled by Elias Lönnrot (19th-century) from Karelian and Finnish oral folklore and mythology

Poems of Kalevala were originally songs: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hz-2FoCqpr0>

Literary serie Lord of the rings, written by J.R. Tolkien, is inspired from Kalevala: [\(Here you can see animation\)](#)

Finnish heavy metal band Amorphis is inspired from Kalevala:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tptu0kptwcE>

Various Finnish artists published Kalevala dead or alive -record 2019:
[Kalevala elävänä tai kuolleena](#)



First there was goddess Ilmatar.

She was the spirit of nature, spirit of air and water.



*This is how
creation of
the earth,
plants,
creatures and
the sky
happens...*



Earth, sun,
star and
moon are
created
from the
shards of a
small duck
egg.



The first man,
Väinämöinen, born to
the goddess Ilmatar.



Väinämöinen is a shaman who lives in village called Kalevala.

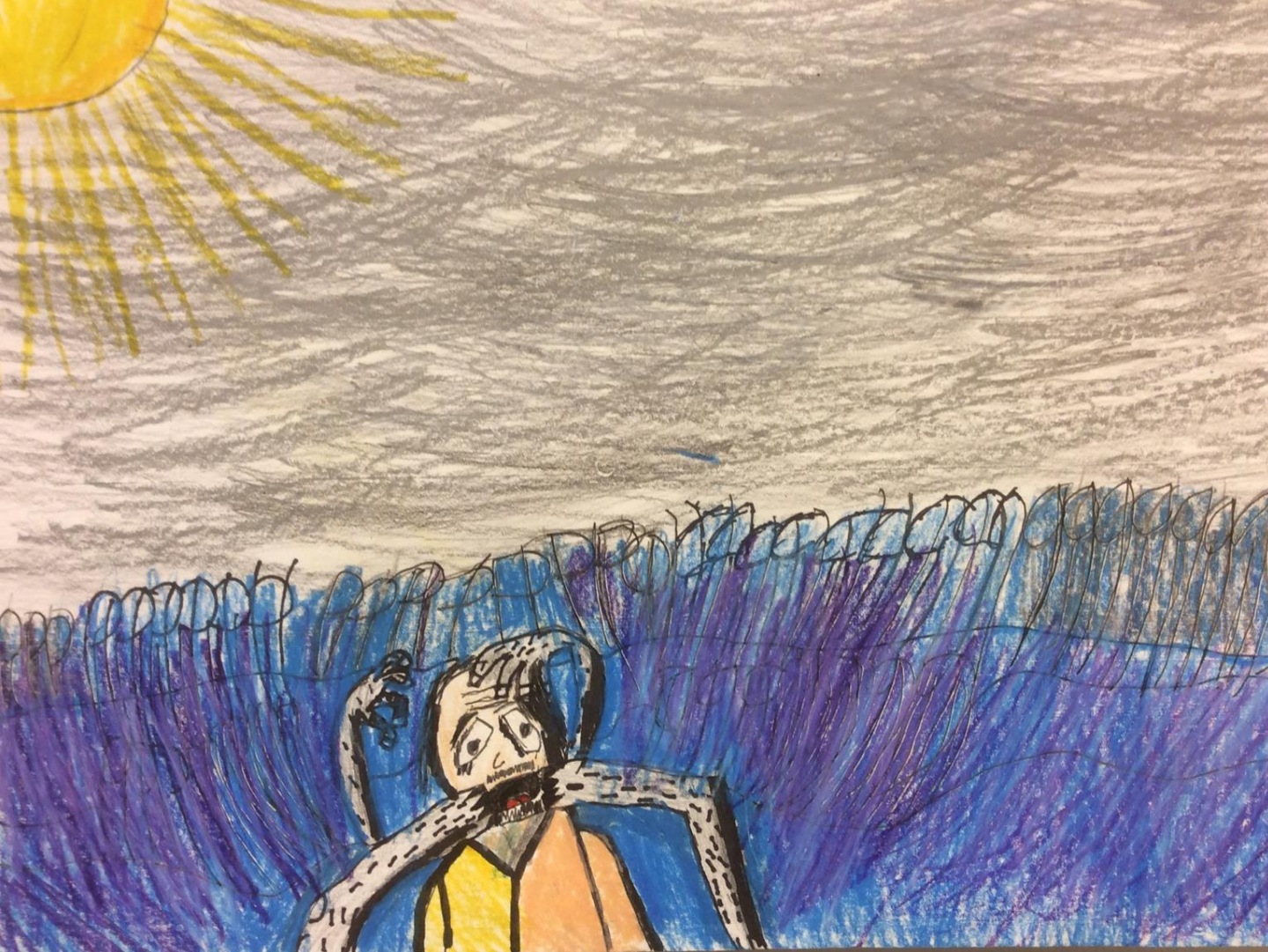


Kalevala is a beautiful village.



Tapio and
Mielikki
are the
Elfs of the
Forest.





Väinämöinen
meets the
jealous
young man
Joukahainen.




Väinämöinen
and
Joukahainen
do battle.
They sing
magical
songs.



Joukahainen loses and he is scared. He promises that his sister Aino can marry Väinämöinen.

Iki vahha
tietäjä,
sä ässä
heikko
henken!



Aino has
other plans
for her life.

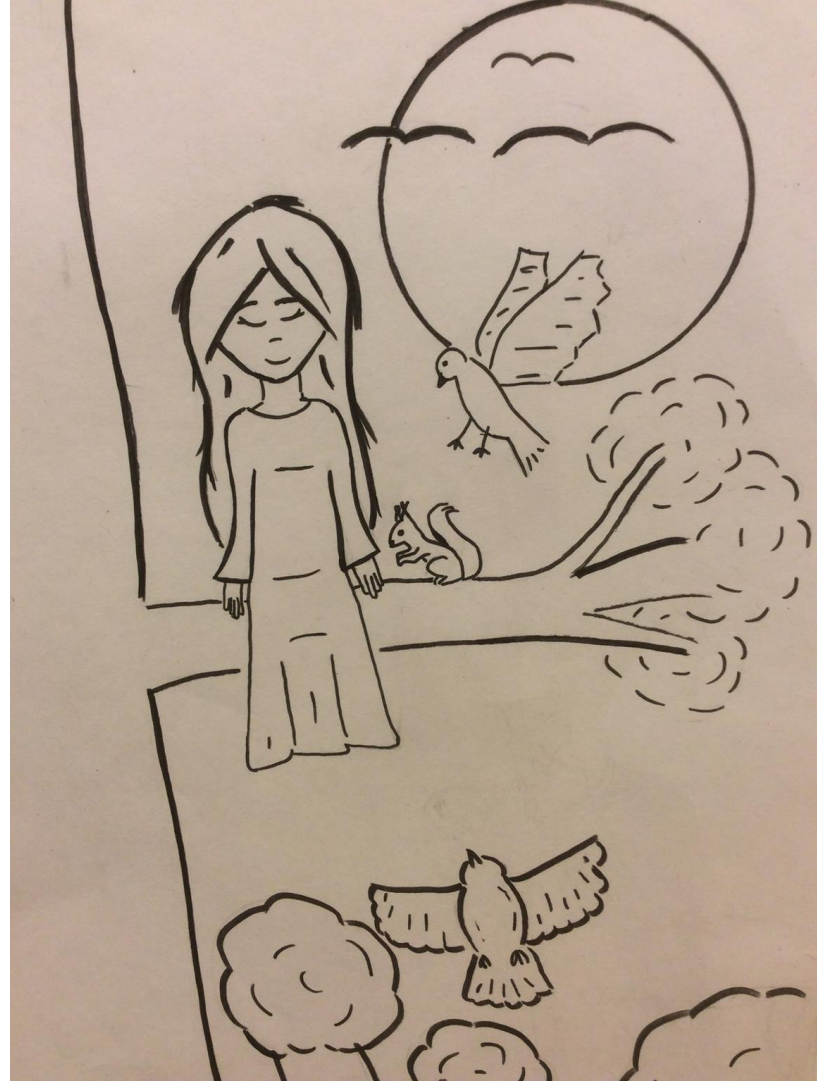
She doesn't
want to marry
old shaman
Väinämöinen

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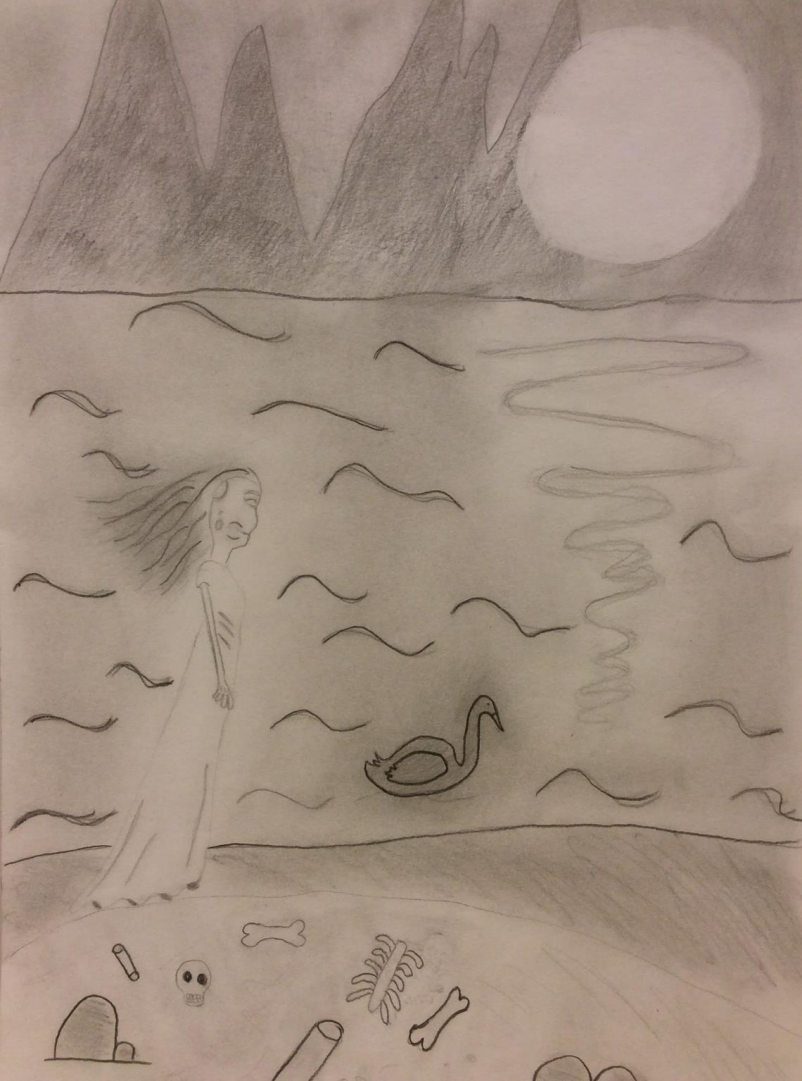
Aino
prefers her
freedom.

At the end
she
tragically
drowns
herself in
the sea.

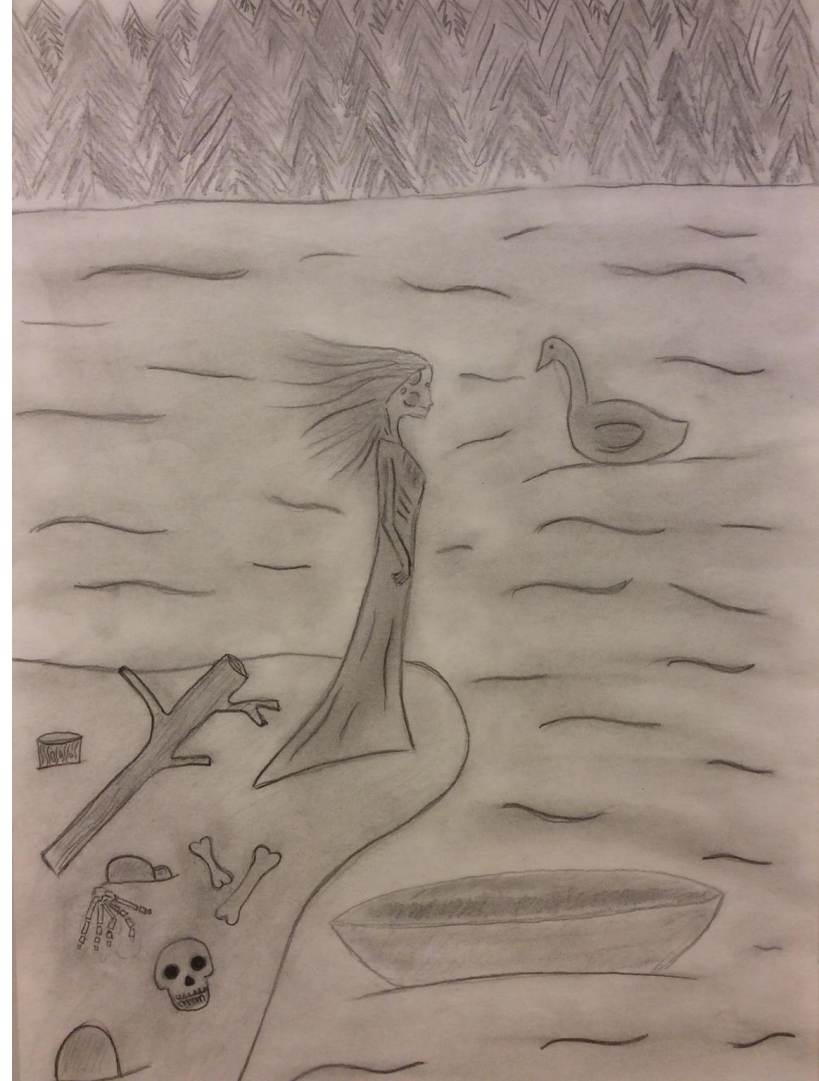




People
who die in
Kalevala
go to
Tuonela,
The land
of Death.

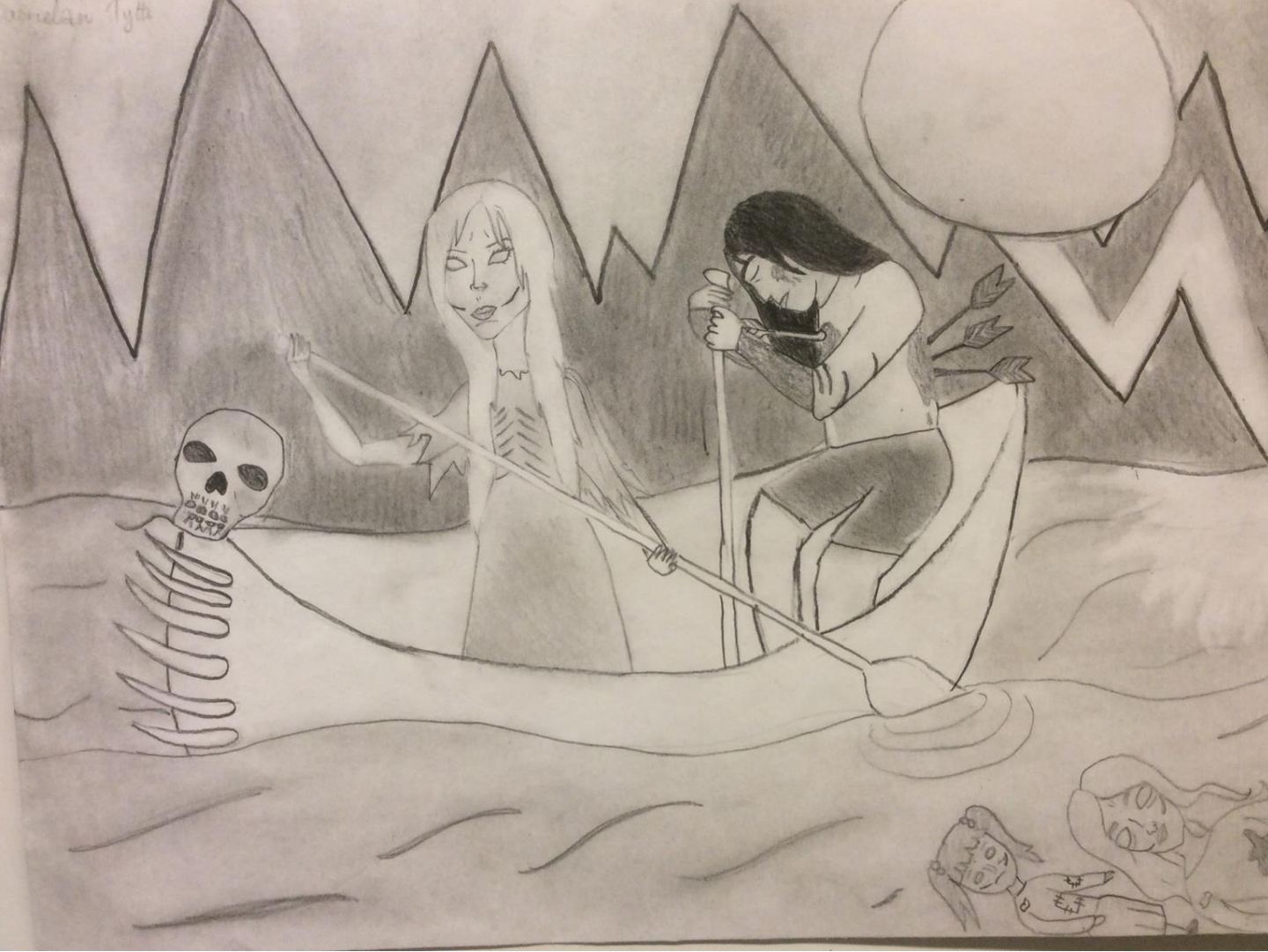


Tuonen
tytti is a
girl who
helps
dead
people to
get cross
the Black
river of
Death.





Black swan swims in the
Black river of Death.



Tuonen tytti doesn't take alive people in to her boat. She gives one-way lift to the Land of Death.



The coldest, darkest and the most scariest place on the Earth is village called Pohjola, the North.

Beasts, bad witches and other scary characters live in Pohjola.



Louhi is the Mistress of the North and she has a beautiful daughter, the Maiden of the North.



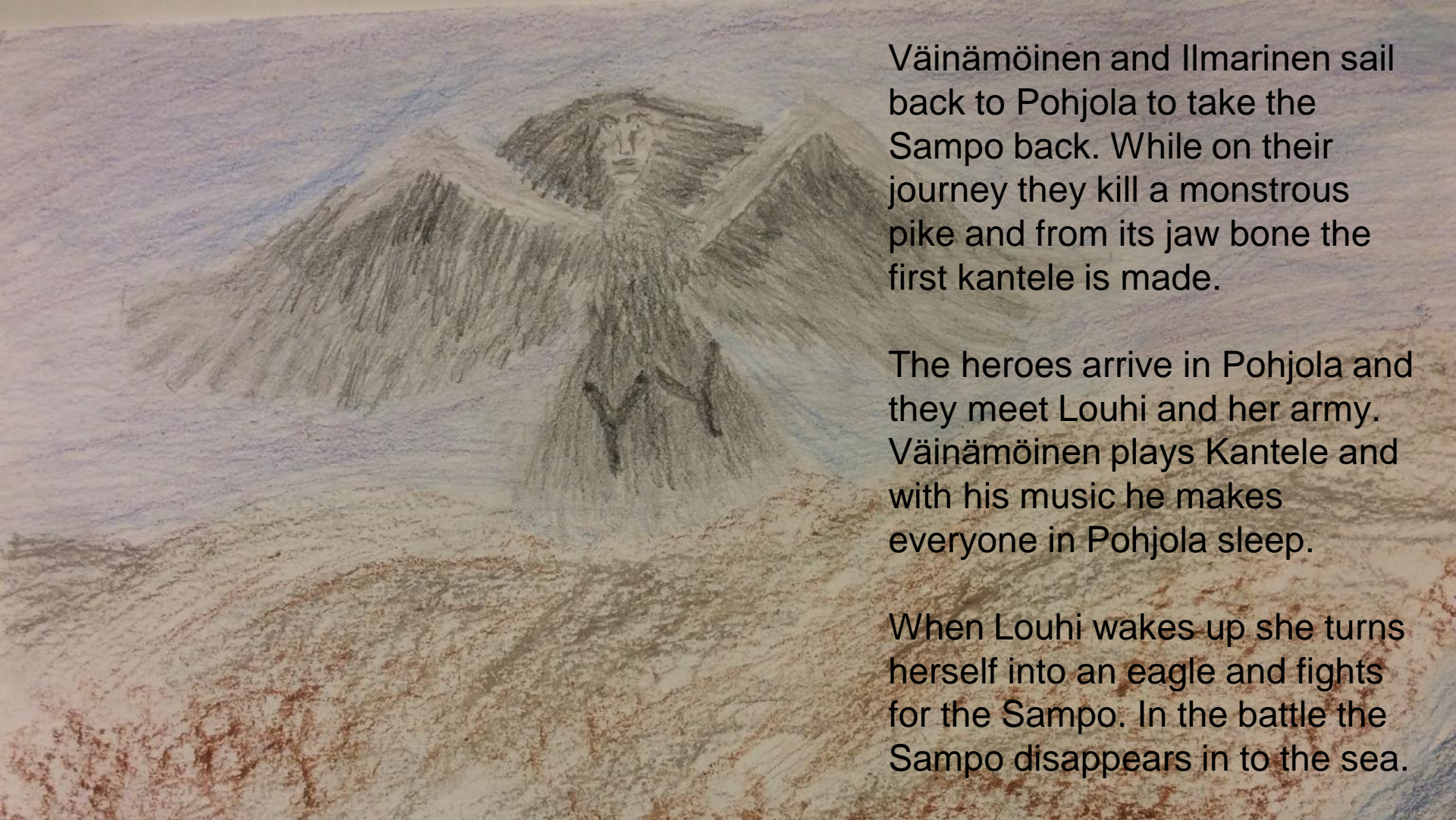
Väinämöinen
heads to
Pohjola to
propose to the
Maiden of the
North.
Joukahainen
attacks
Väinämöinen
again;
Väinämöinen
floats for days
on the sea until
he is carried by
an eagle to
Pohjola.



Väinämöinen makes a deal with Louhi to get Smith Ilmarinen to create the Sampo. Sampo is a magical machine which creates money, grain and salt.



Ilmarinen
refuses to go
to Pohjola so
Väinämöinen
forces him
against his
will. He
makes the
Sampo.
Ilmarinen
returns
without a
bride.



Väinämöinen and Ilmarinen sail back to Pohjola to take the Sampo back. While on their journey they kill a monstrous pike and from its jaw bone the first kantele is made.

The heroes arrive in Pohjola and they meet Louhi and her army. Väinämöinen plays Kantele and with his music he makes everyone in Pohjola sleep.

When Louhi wakes up she turns herself into an eagle and fights for the Sampo. In the battle the Sampo disappears in to the sea.

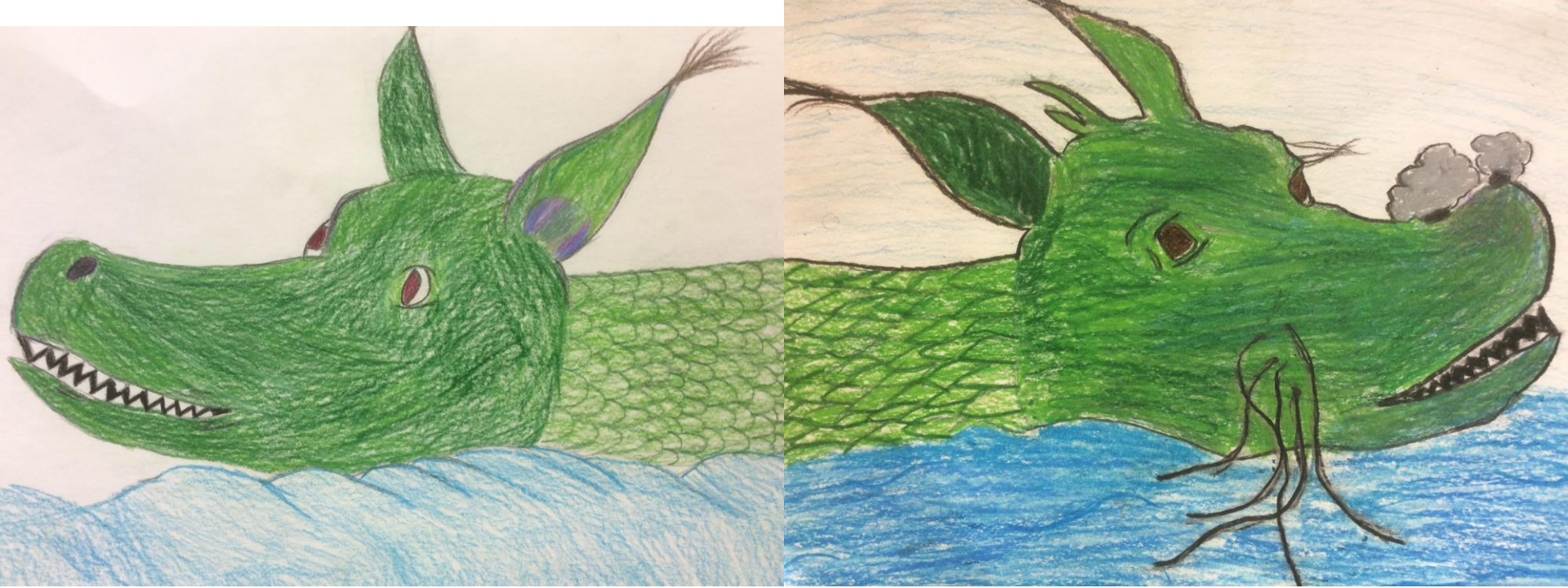
Under water
there is Ahtola,
the Kingdom of
Water.



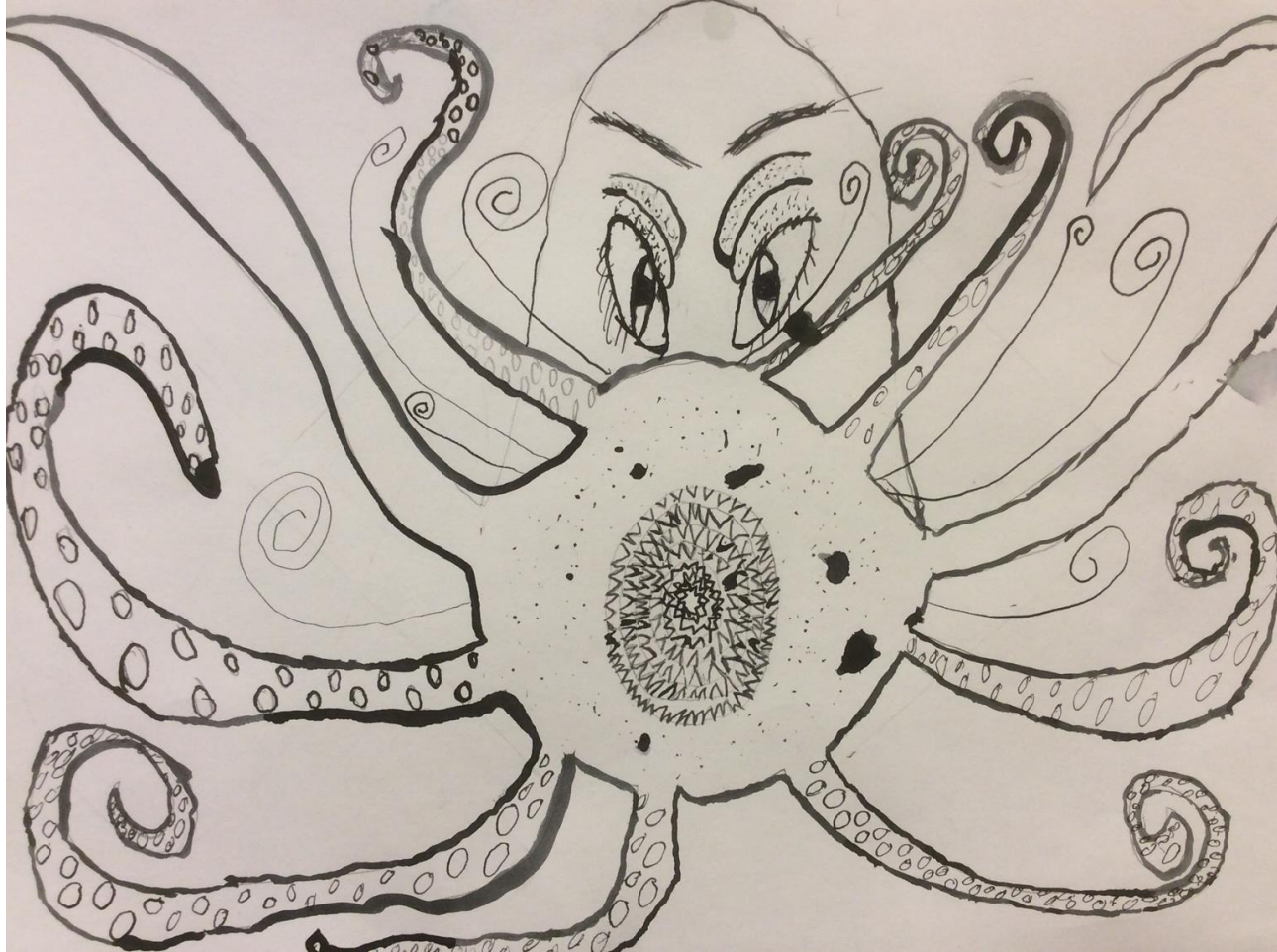


Water elves, fish
and seamonsters
live in Ahtola.

Rulers of the
Kingdom of Water
are Ahti and
Vellamo.



The most horrible seamonster is Ikturso.



Kalevala is full of magic!