

Chapter 2 – Drawings from Italy

Weeks later, Hezarfen is near the Bosphorus again. Again he is looking carefully up at the sea birds in the sky. These days he is making some big **wings** in his **workshop**. He needs some help with the **design**.

‘Hezarfen!’ someone calls. Hezarfen sees his friend, Mehmet, with a second man. He goes over and says hello to the two of them.

‘Hezarfen, this is my brother Ali,’ Mehmet says. ‘He’s got some **drawings** for you from Italy.’

‘They’re old drawings of birds’ wings by Leonardo da Vinci,’ Ali says.

‘Ah, yes. I know Leonardo’s work,’ Hezarfen says. ‘Let’s see them, then.’

Ali gives the drawings to Hezarfen. He looks at them for a minute.

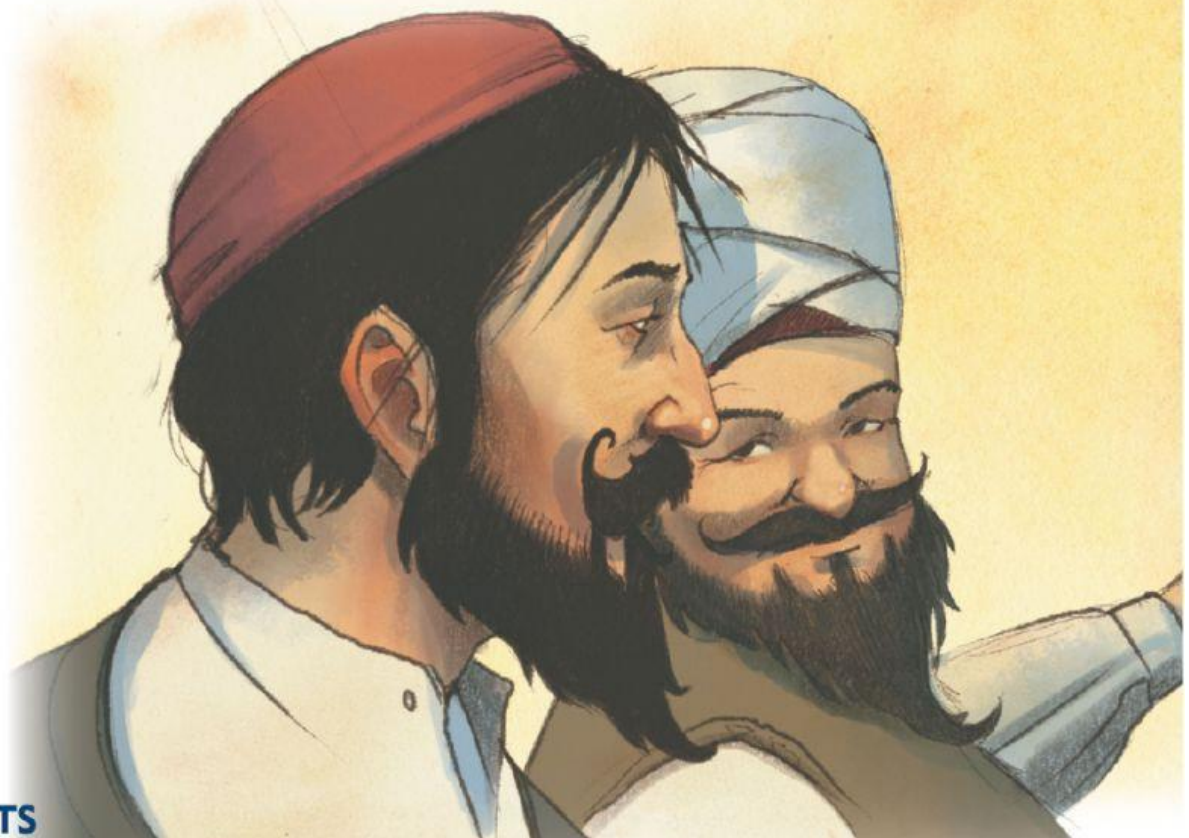
‘Interesting,’ Hezarfen says. Then he gives them back. ‘Thank you, Ali!’

wing a bird flies with two of these

workshop a room where you do work with your hands

design this shows the shape of something in a picture before you make it

drawing a picture



Days later, in Hezarfen's workshop ...

'My wings are ready,' Hezarfen tells his friends.

'Let's see you fly, then,' Mehmet cries.

'Your brother Lagari wants to fly too, I hear,' Ali says. 'Everyone in Istanbul knows that.'

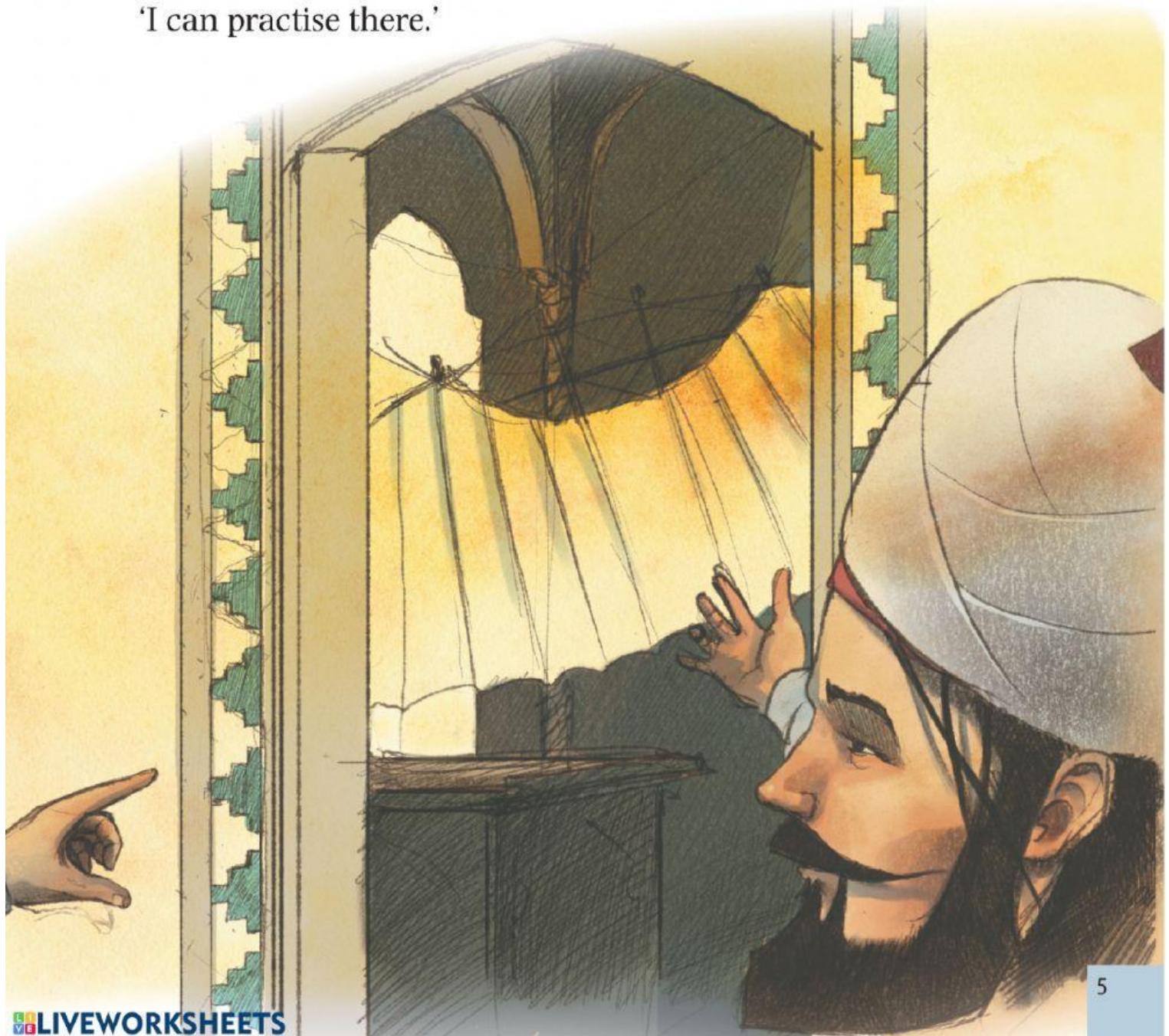
'Yes. Everybody's talking about him these days, I hear. But he isn't interested in wings. He wants to make a **rocket**,' Hezarfen answers.

'So where do you want to **practise**?' Mehmet asks.

'There's a hill not far from here,' Hezarfen says. 'I can practise there.'

rocket a long thin air ship that can fly quickly up into the sky

practise to do something many times so that you can do it well



Hezarfen and Mehmet go up to the **top** of the hill. Ali waits at the foot of it. Mehmet helps Hezarfen with his wings. Then he looks down. 'Hey! Don't **jump** from here,' he says. 'It's **dangerous**.'

top the tallest part of something

jump to move quickly on your feet from one thing to a different thing, or into the air

dangerous that can kill you

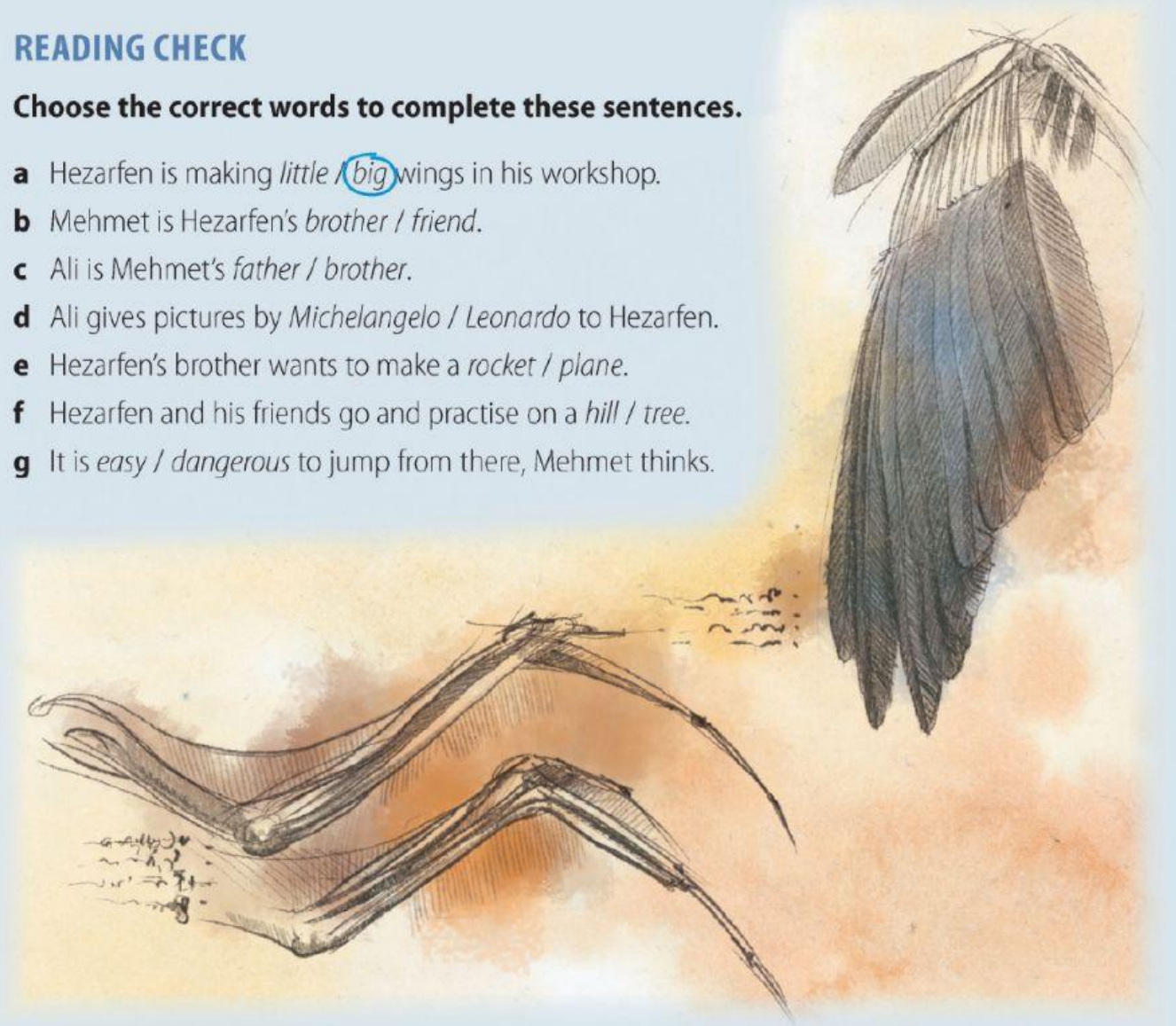
'But I must,' Hezarfen says. 'My brother's beginning work on his rocket now. But I want to fly first!' Then he runs and jumps. Mehmet closes his eyes.



READING CHECK

Choose the correct words to complete these sentences.

- a Hezarfen is making *little* / *big* wings in his workshop.
- b Mehmet is Hezarfen's *brother* / *friend*.
- c Ali is Mehmet's *father* / *brother*.
- d Ali gives pictures by *Michelangelo* / *Leonardo* to Hezarfen.
- e Hezarfen's brother wants to make a *rocket* / *plane*.
- f Hezarfen and his friends go and practise on a *hill* / *tree*.
- g It is *easy* / *dangerous* to jump from there, Mehmet thinks.



GUESS WHAT

What happens in the next chapter? Tick the boxes.

- a Hezarfen flies from the hill.
- b He doesn't go very far.
- c He and his friends take the wings to his workshop.
- d Hezarfen must make better wings.
- e He flies up to the sun with his new wings.
- f He falls down into the Bosphorus and nearly dies there.
- g He and his friends go across the Bosphorus to Galata.

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