



Hans tied Gretel's wooden skate to her worn-out shoe.

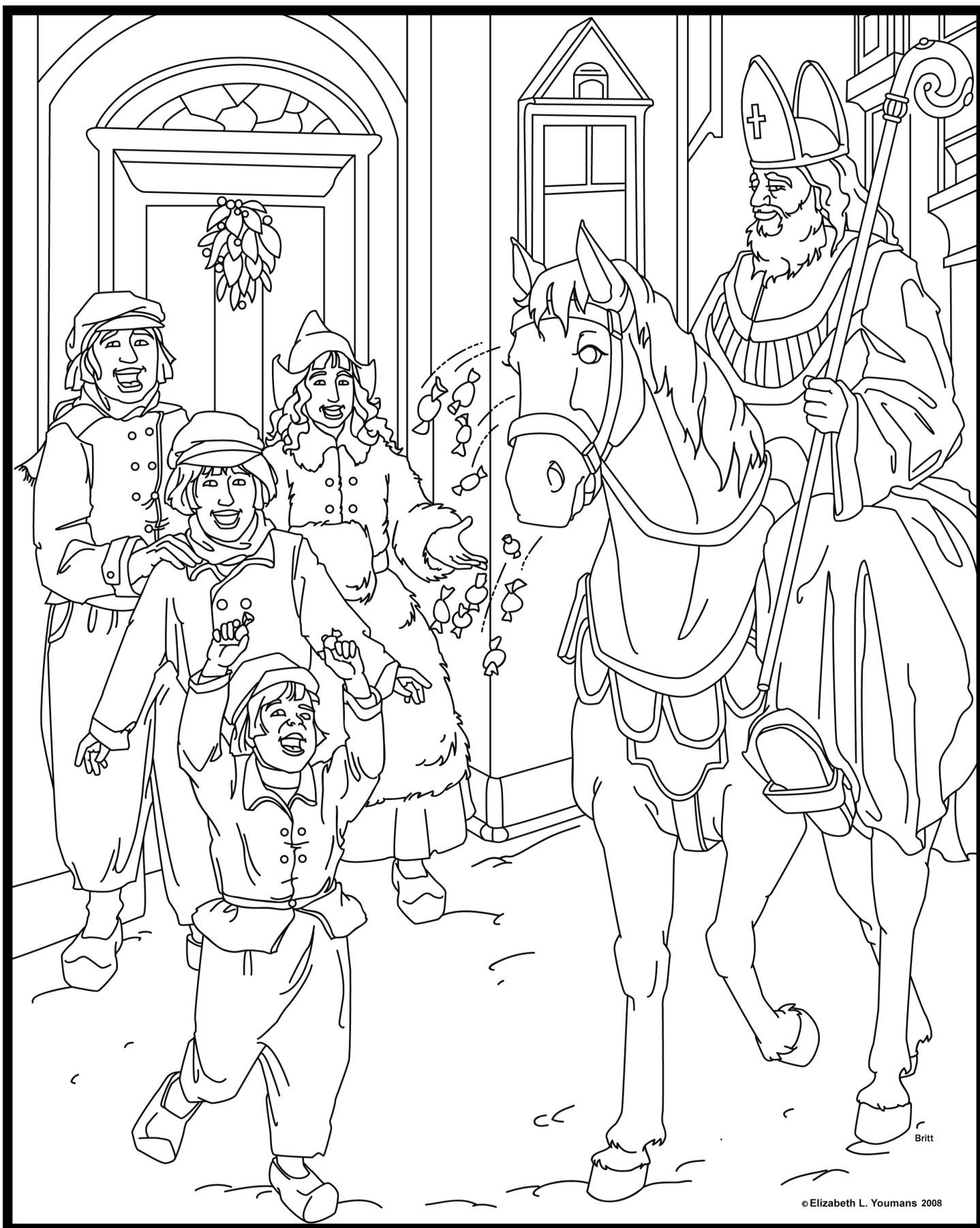




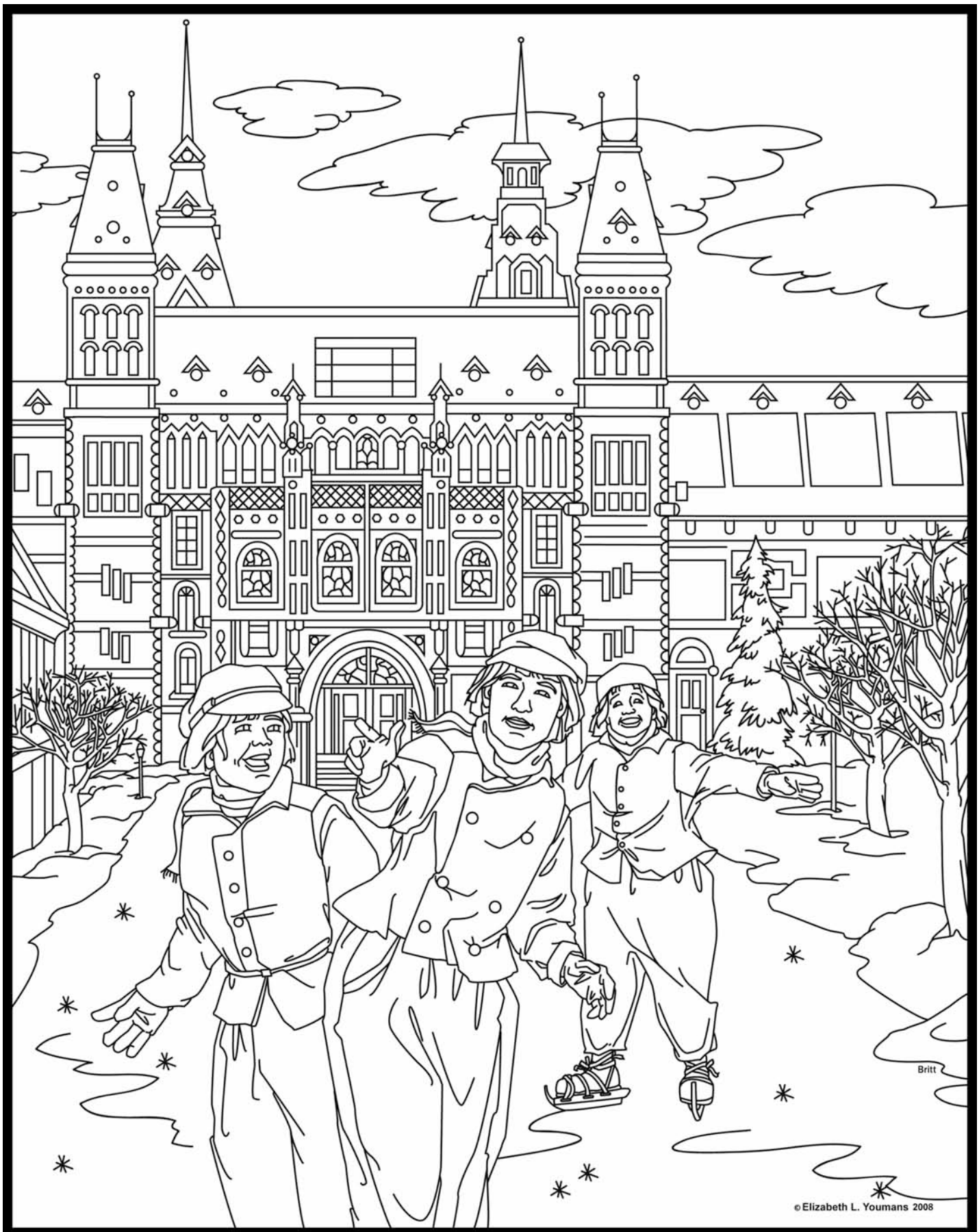

Hilda handed Hans money to buy a pair of silver skates.



Hans enjoyed his waffle as he selected his ice skates.



Saint Nicholas showered them with sugarplums.

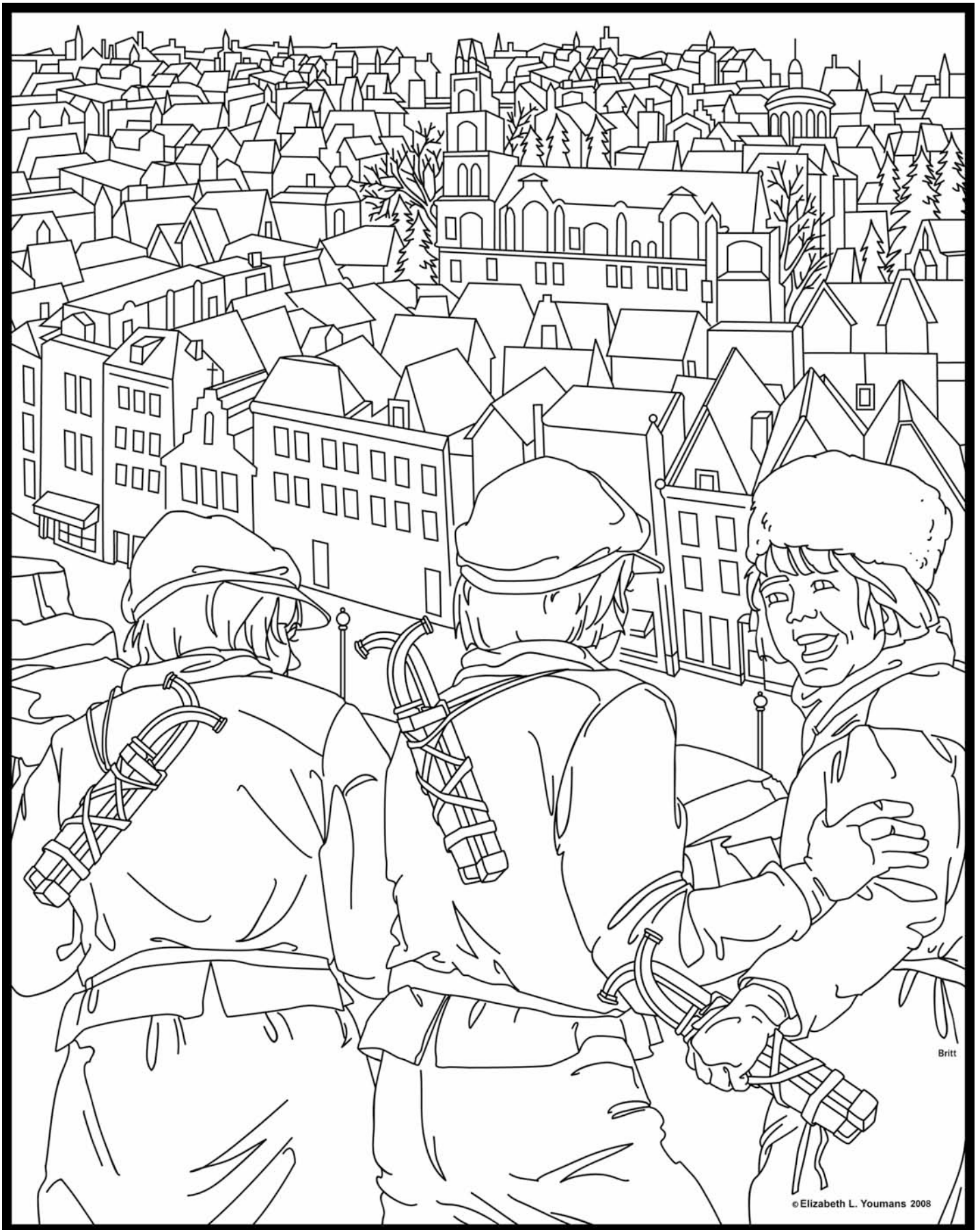


In front of the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam



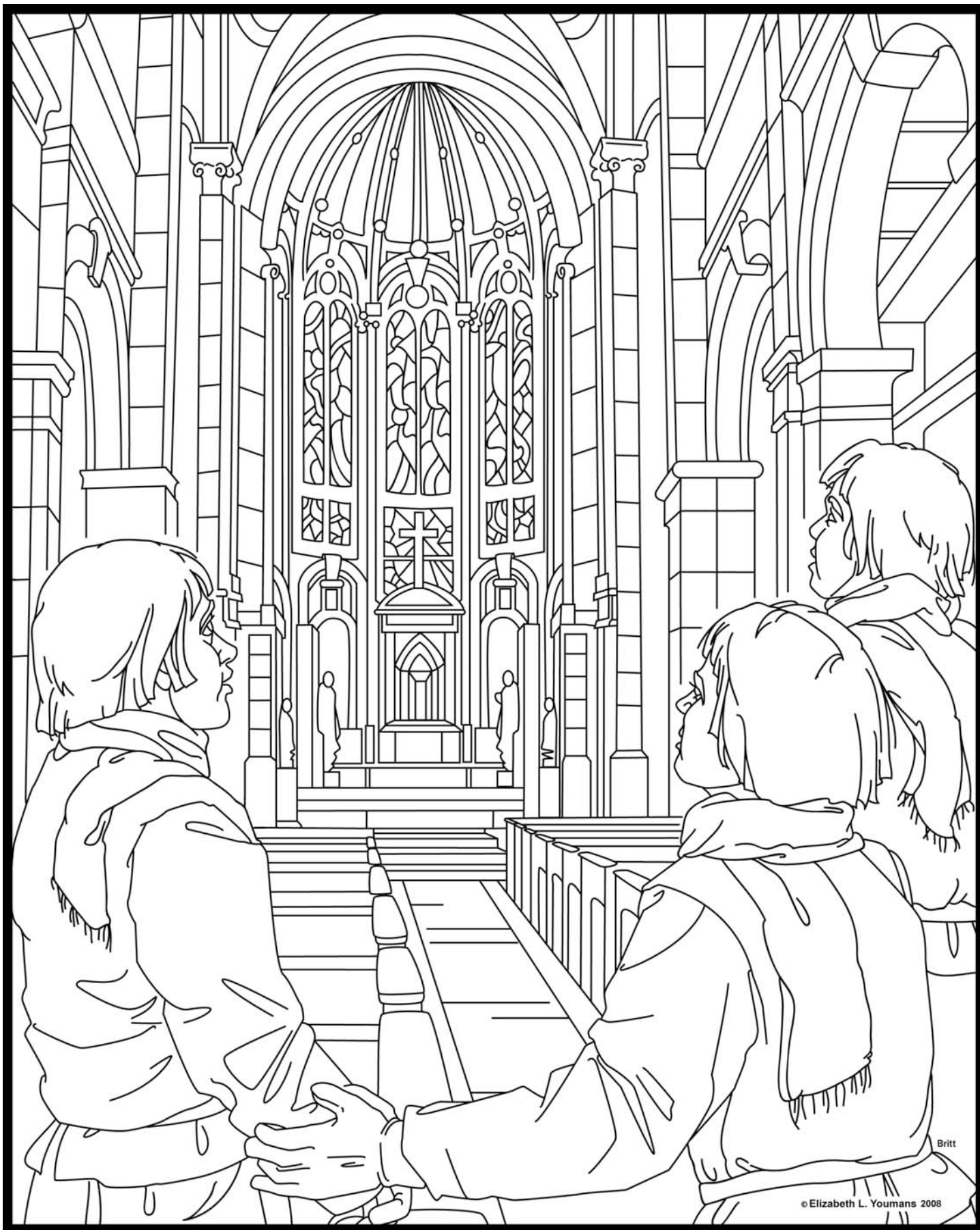


The hero of Haarlem, who represents the spirit of Holland.

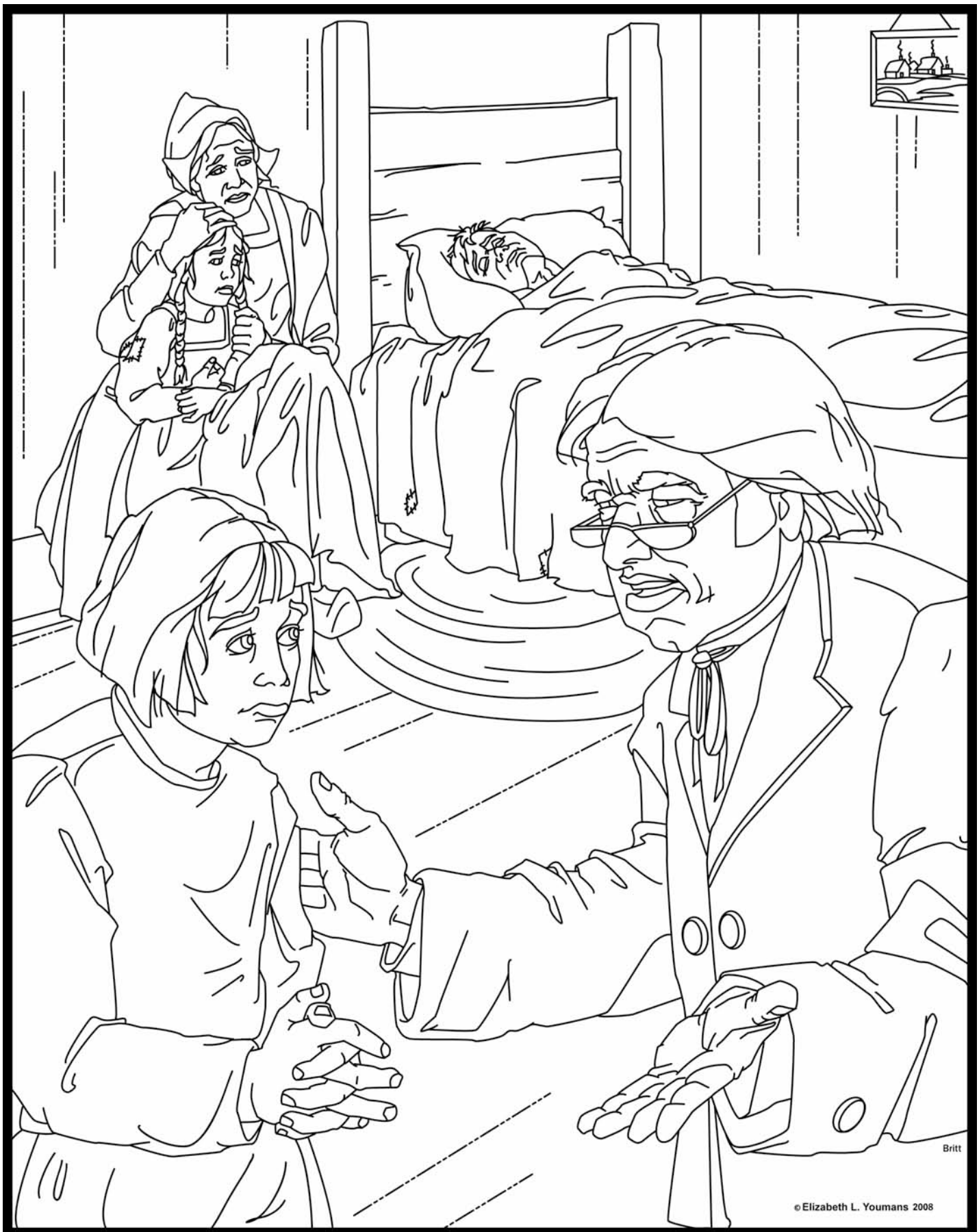


In the castle tower, the boys had a grand view of Leyden.

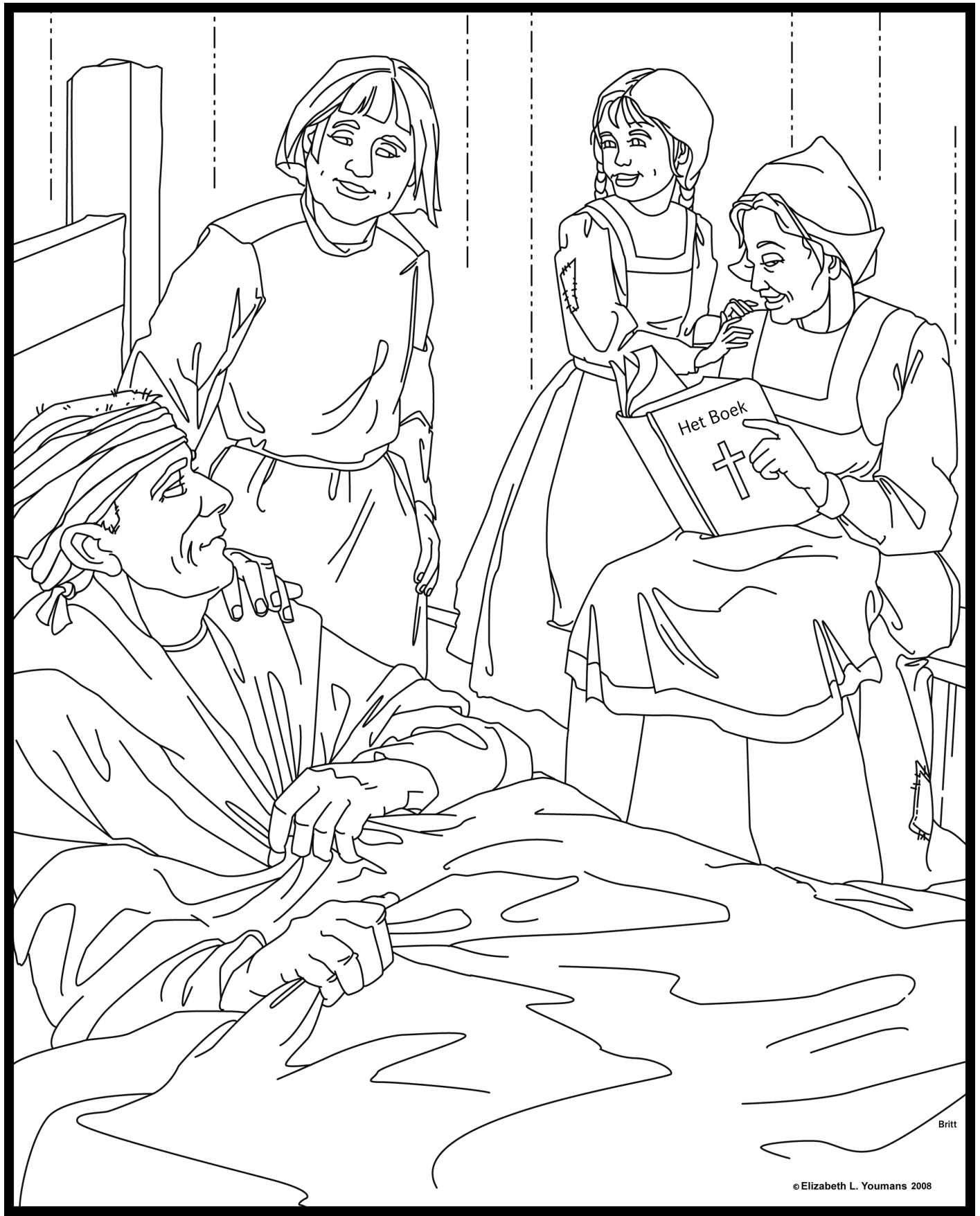




They entered a fine, old Gothic church in The Hague.



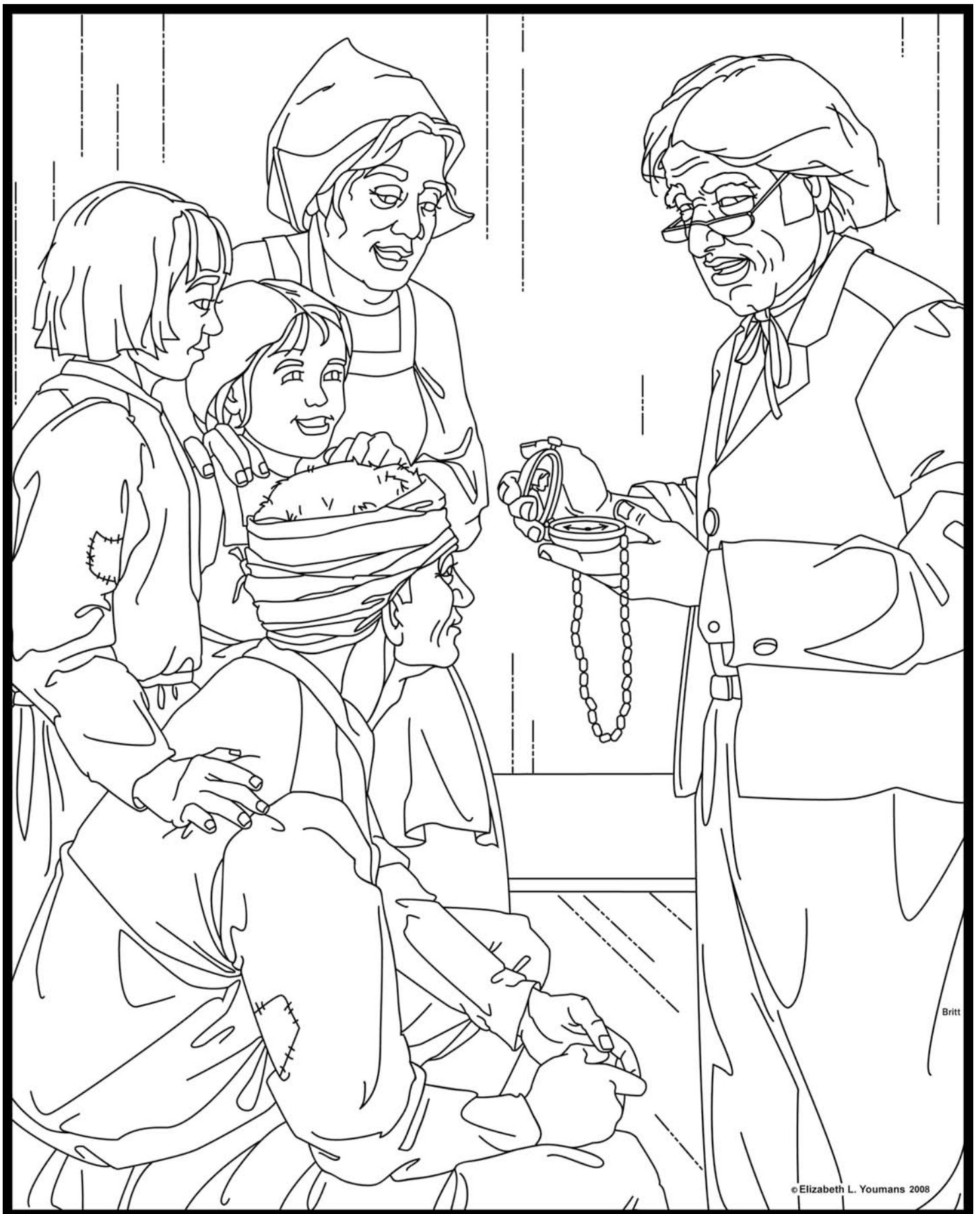
Dr. Boekman consults with Hans about his father.



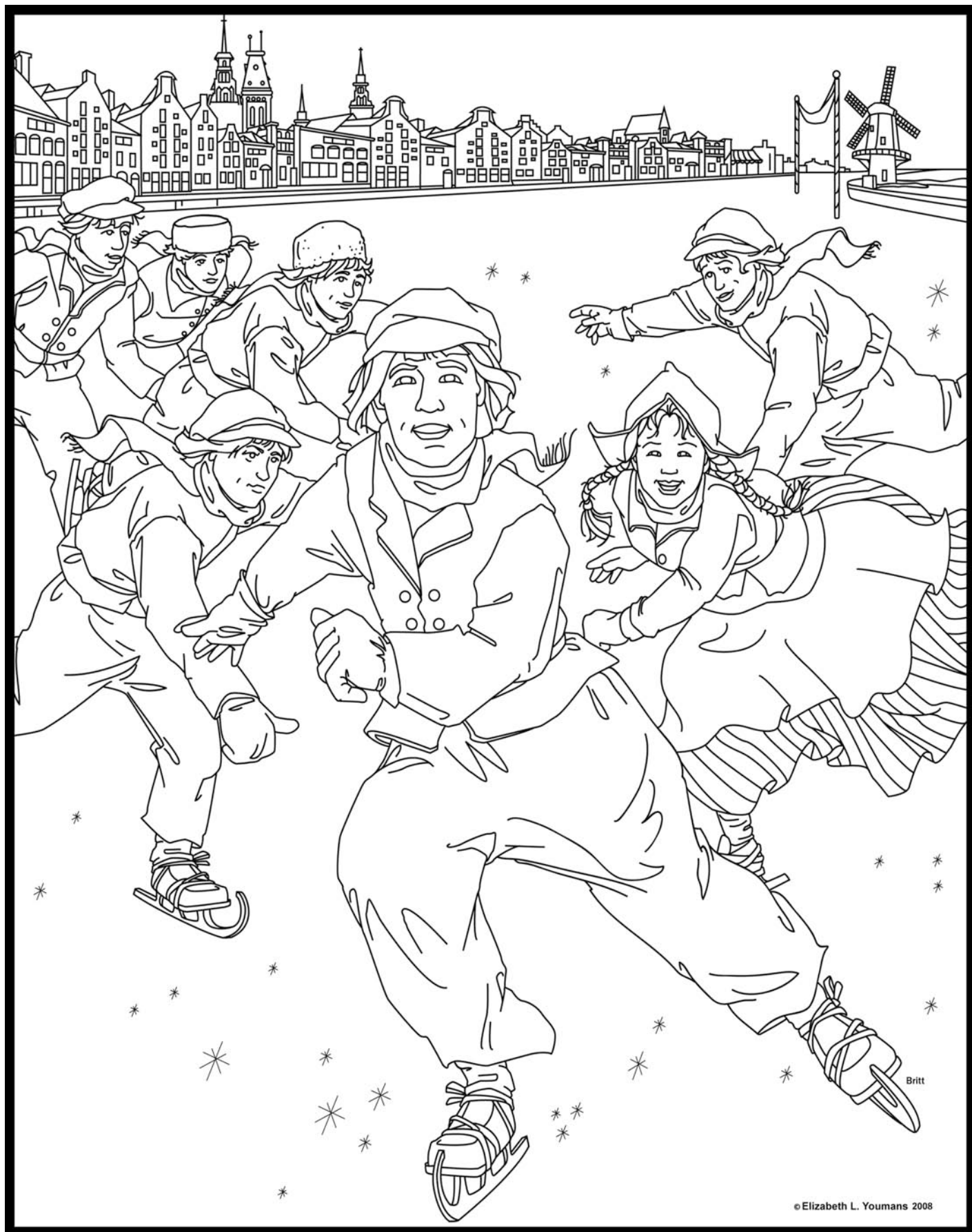
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The big Bible was opened and a chapter was read to Raff.



Dr. Boekman held the pocket watch tenderly in his hand.



The joyful skaters practiced for the big race.





Gretel, the Queen of the Skaters, stares with gratitude.