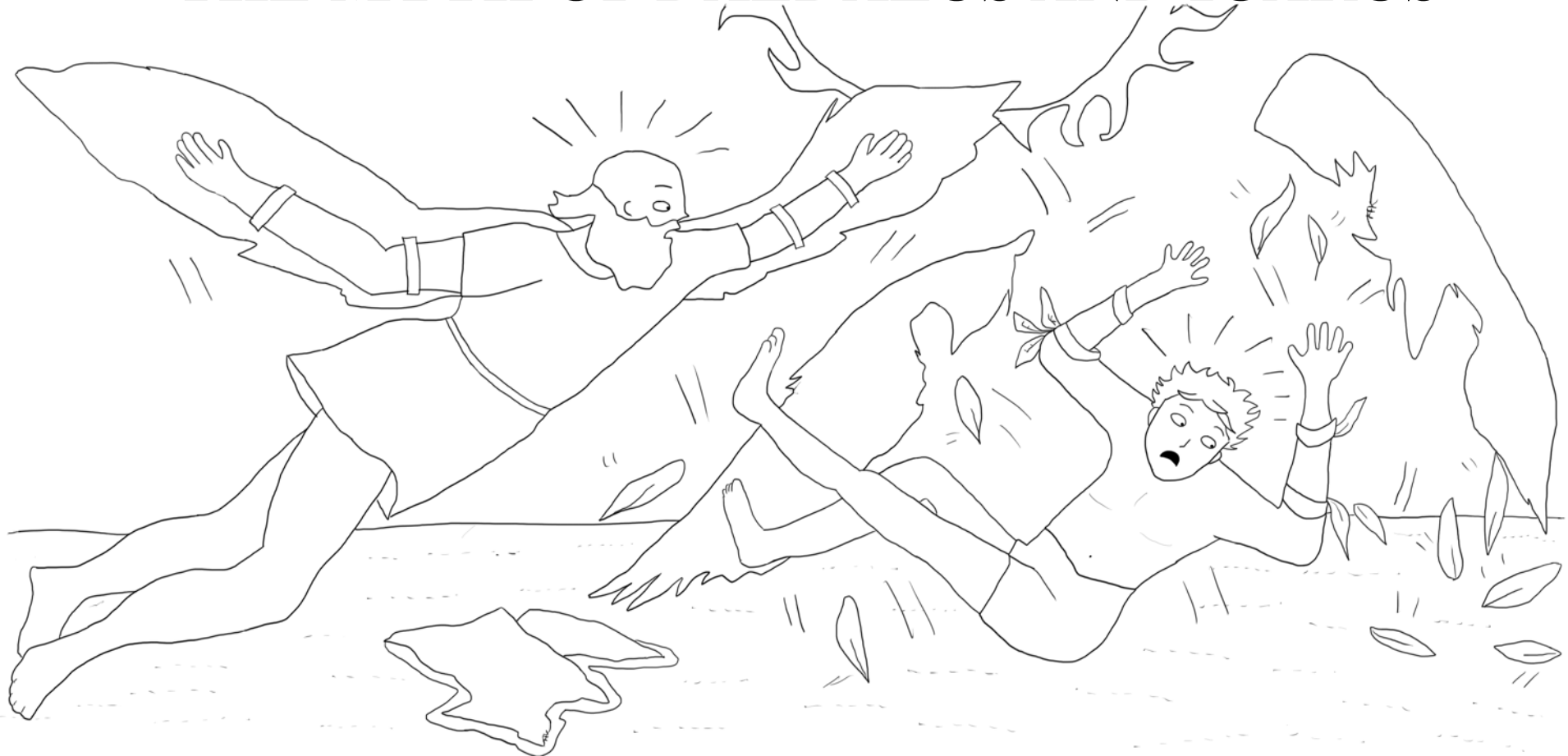


THE MYTH OF DAEDALUS AND ICARUS



Daedalus was an inventor who created the maze that imprisoned the Minotaur. King Minos imprisoned Daedalus and his son Icarus so that no one would learn the secret of the maze. To escape, Daedalus came up with the idea of making wings from feathers and wax so that he and Icarus could fly to freedom. The idea was successful however Icarus became overconfident and despite his father's warnings Icarus flew higher and higher until he was too close to the sun causing the wax to melt. When his wings became soft and fell apart, Icarus plunged into the sea and drowned. The island near to where he fell was named Icaria after him.