

A detailed illustration of a blacksmith in a workshop. The blacksmith, wearing a red tunic and a white headscarf, is using a hammer to shape a glowing red metal piece on an anvil. The workshop is dimly lit, with a window on the left showing a grid pattern. Various tools and materials are visible in the background, including a wooden barrel and a rack of tools.

The Blacksmith

Tasks based on 'The Blacksmith'

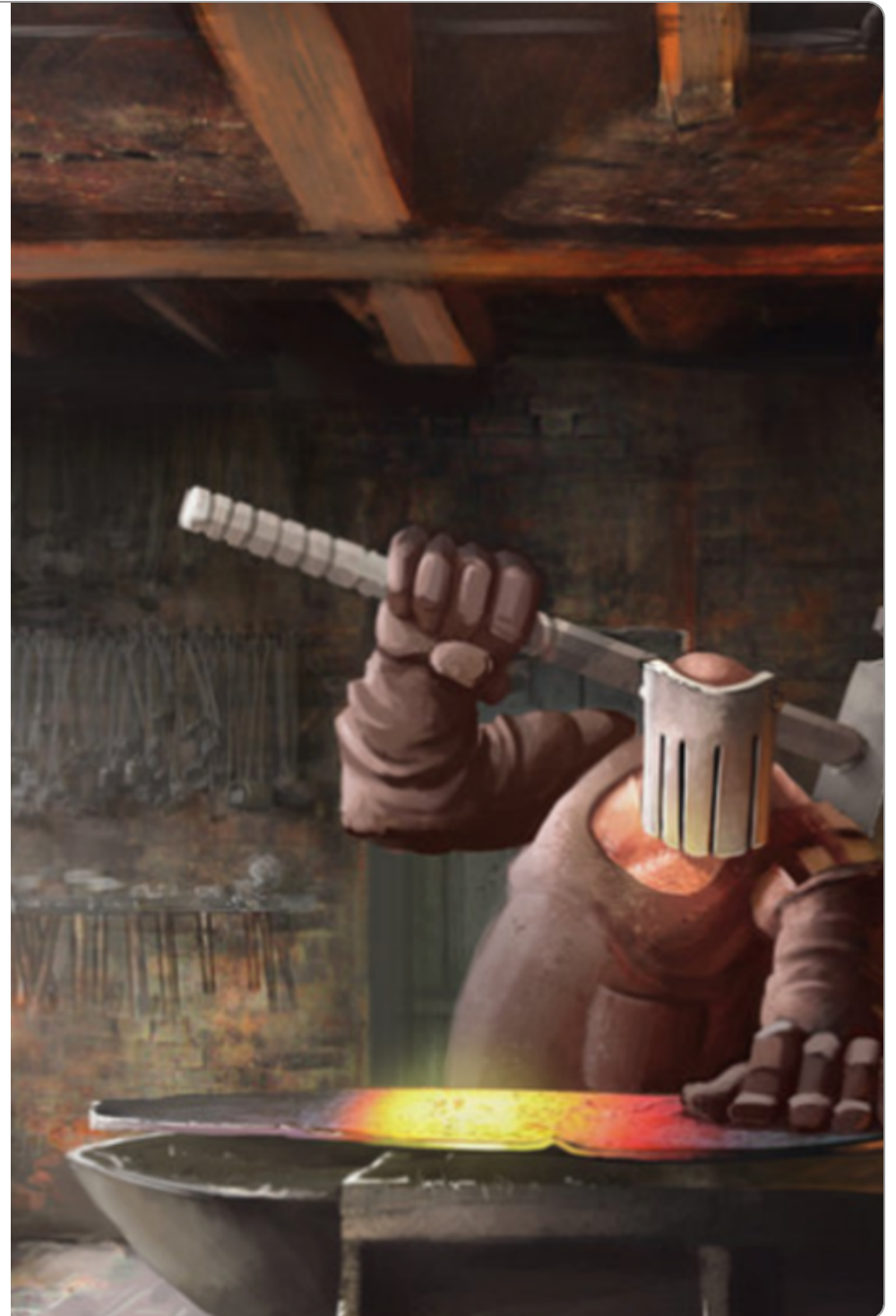


Story starter

Ulrik had always been the strongest man in the village: it was said that he could lift a cart all by himself! Growing up, his father, and his father before him, had been builders. He had even heard that a great uncle of his had been a mighty warrior! Ulrik, however, dreamed of a different path. He had always wanted to be a blacksmith.

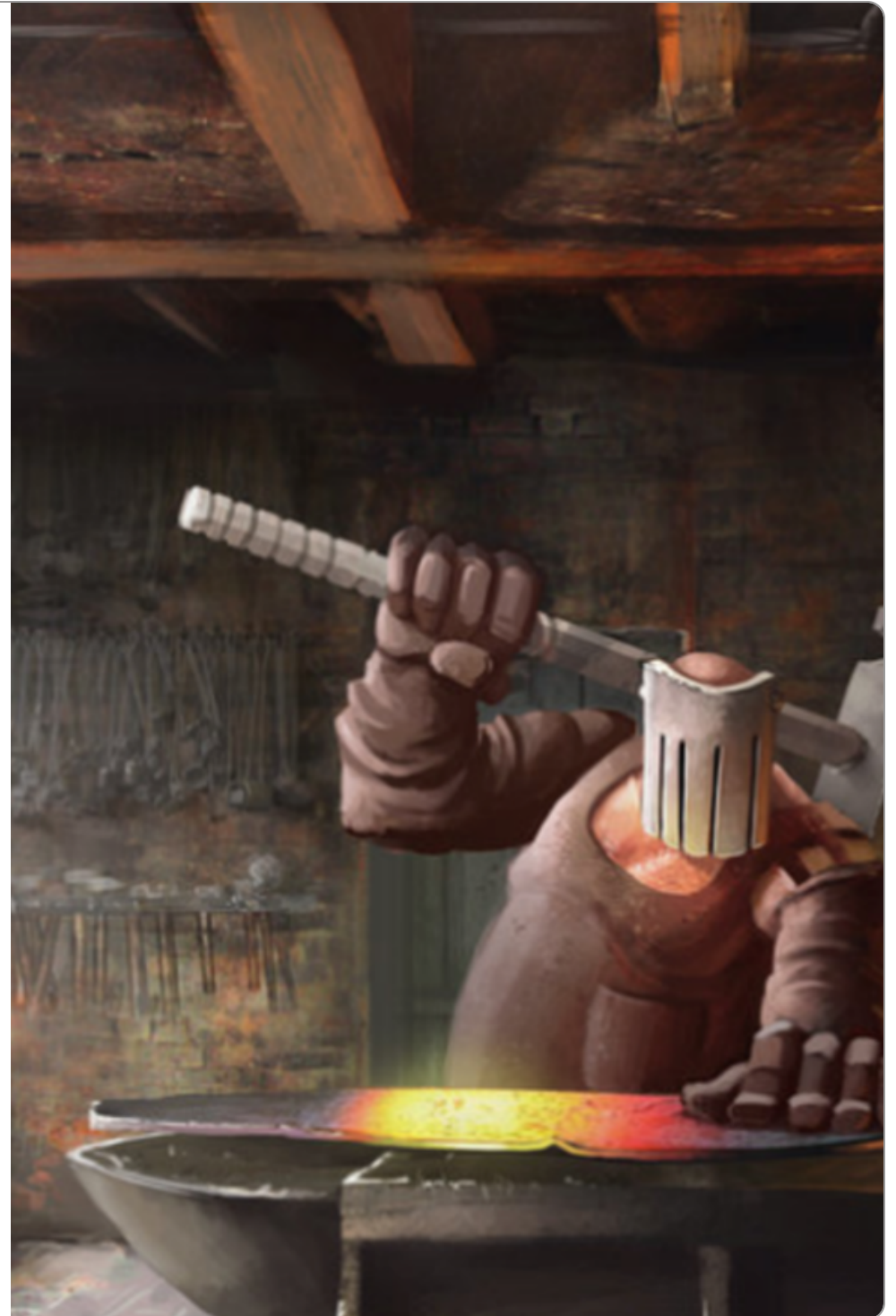
Sure enough, Ulrik grew up to be the best blacksmith in the whole country. Anything you wanted made, he could make it! That was until a fateful evening on a snowy night, when he was visited by a darkly-cloaked, mysterious man...

Continue the story.



Question time

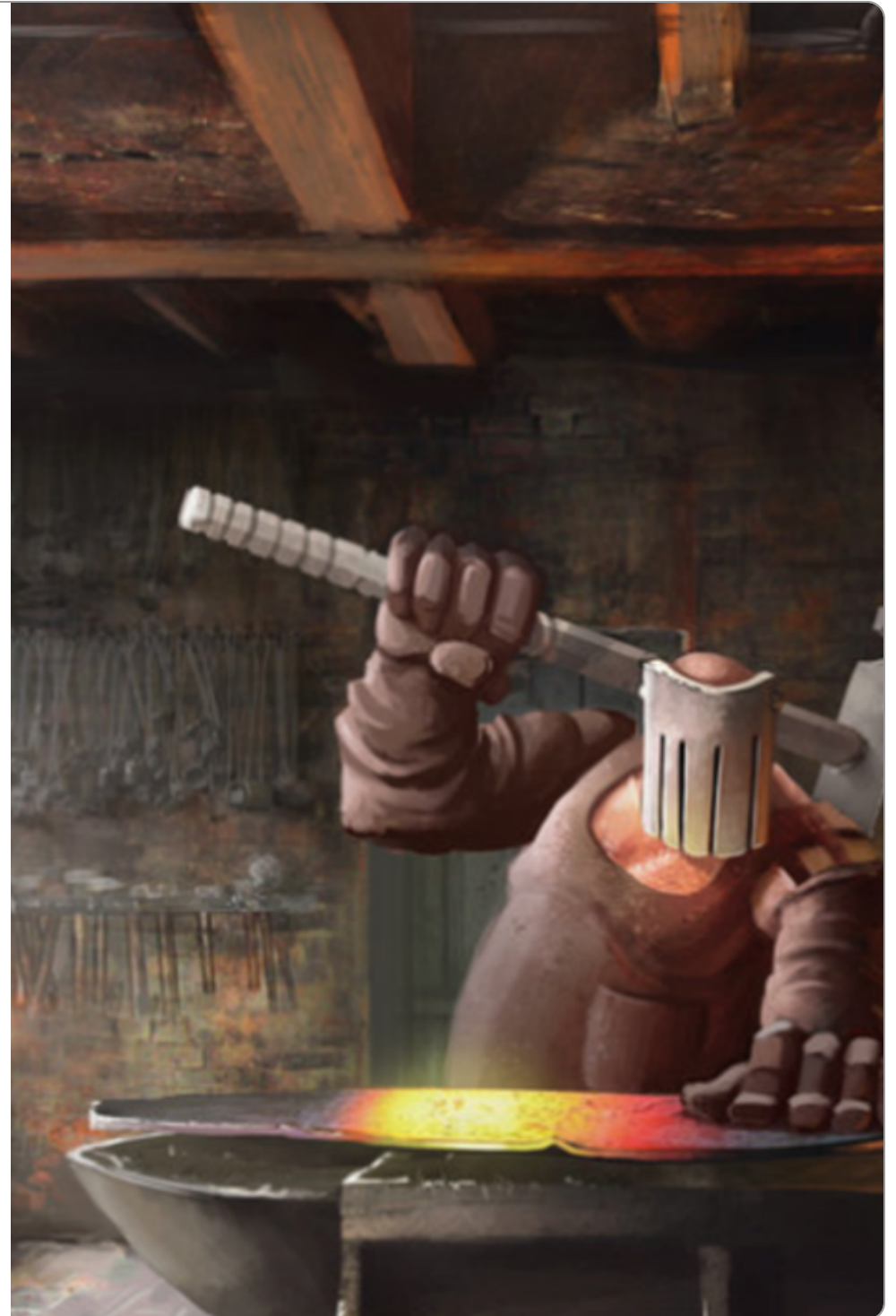
- Who was the mysterious visitor in the night?
- What do you think it's like inside a smithy?
- What kind of person do you think Ulrik is?
- What country do you think he lives in?
- What things do you think Ulrik has made for people?
- What kind of people come to Ulrik for help?
- Why do you think Ulrik did not want to be a builder?
- What do you think his mother did?
- How do you melt metal?
- What's stronger: metal or wood?



Sentence challenge

These sentences are 'sick' and need help to get better. Please help.

He was tired off lifting the hammer. The room smelt of burning wood. The room was hot.



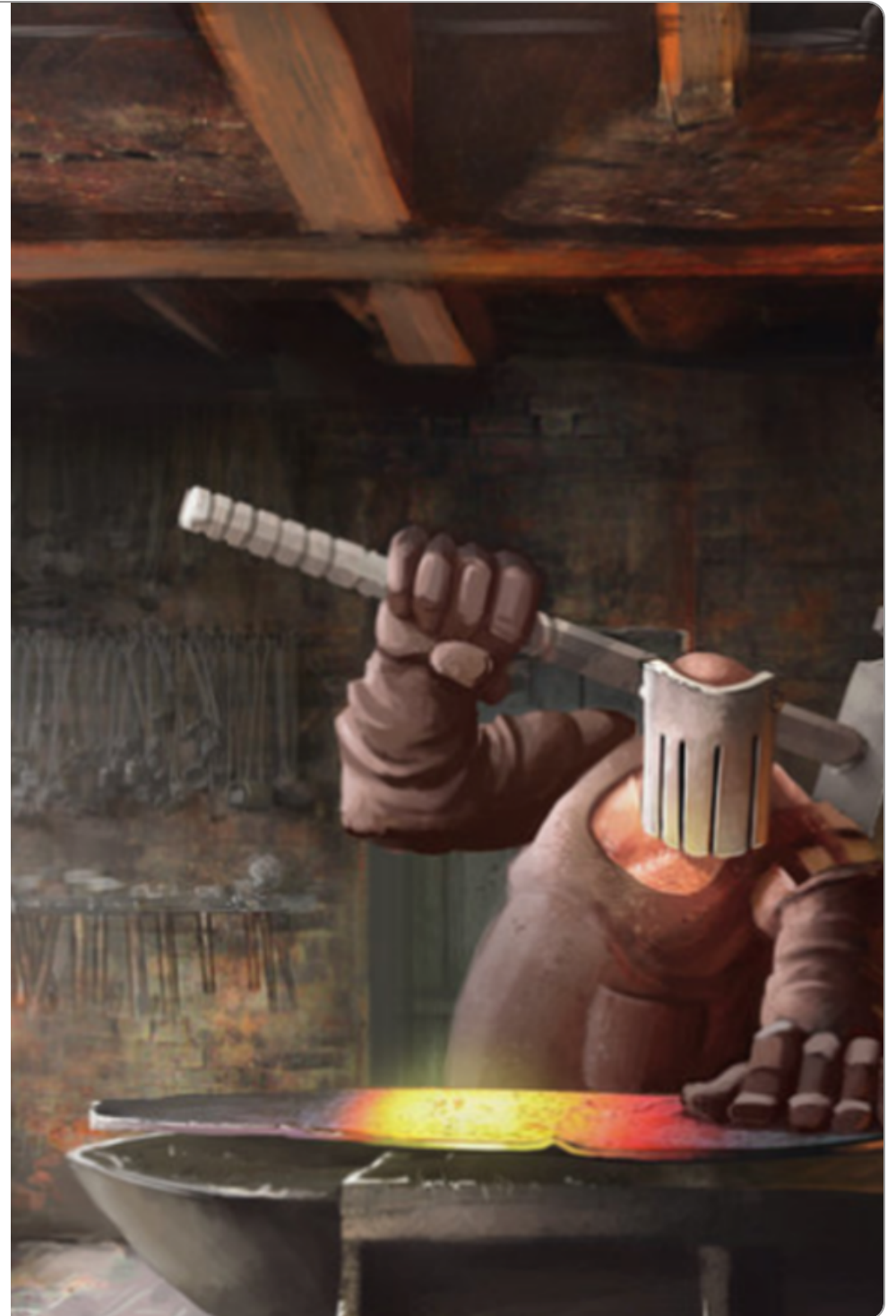
Grammar/punctuation challenge

Make a list of adjectives to describe anything in the picture.

Write a sentence using at least two of your favourite adjectives.

For example:

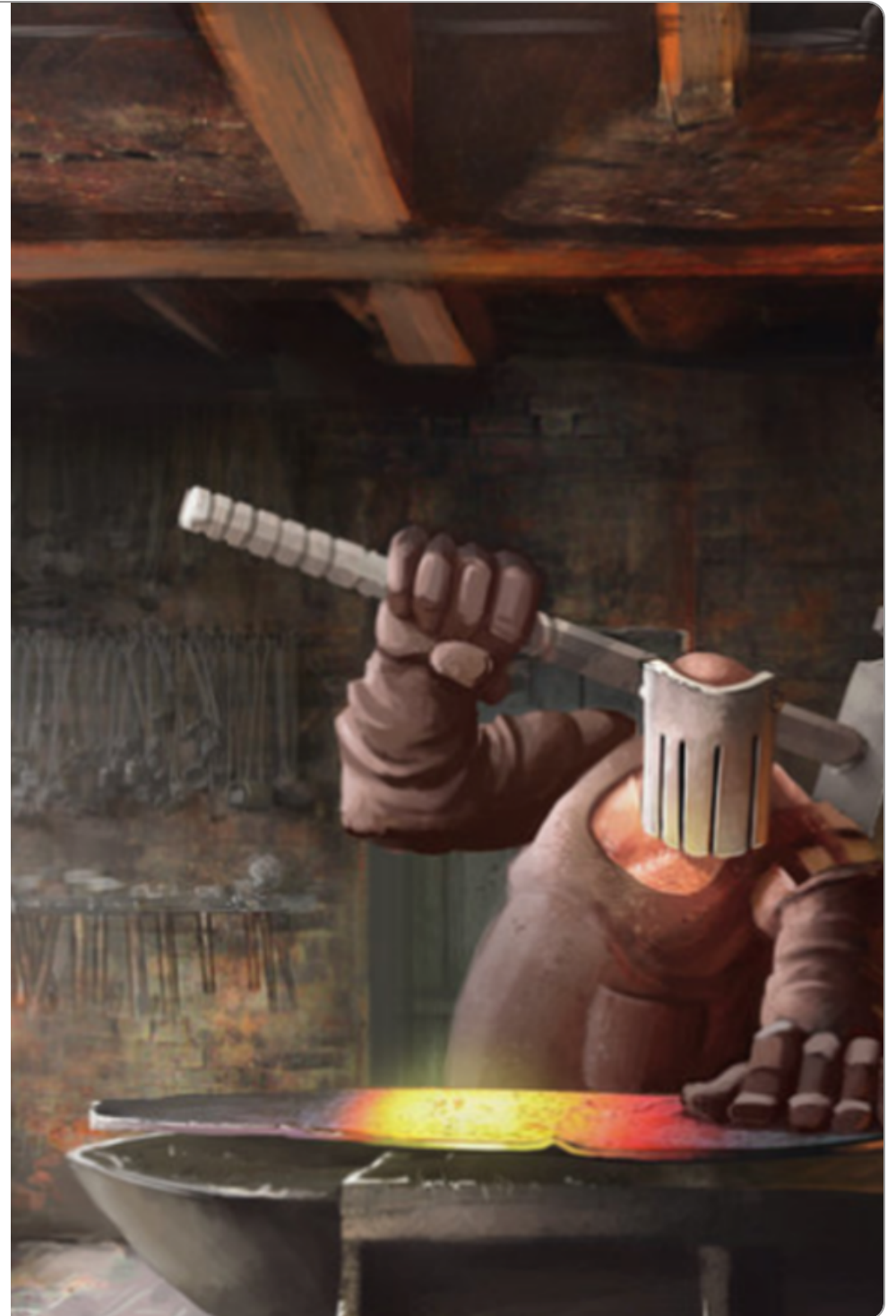
Ulrik brought the heavy, iron hammer down with a mighty crash onto the golden, molten iron.



Picture it

If you could ask the blacksmith to make anything for you, what would it be?

Draw what you have chosen.



Thank you

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