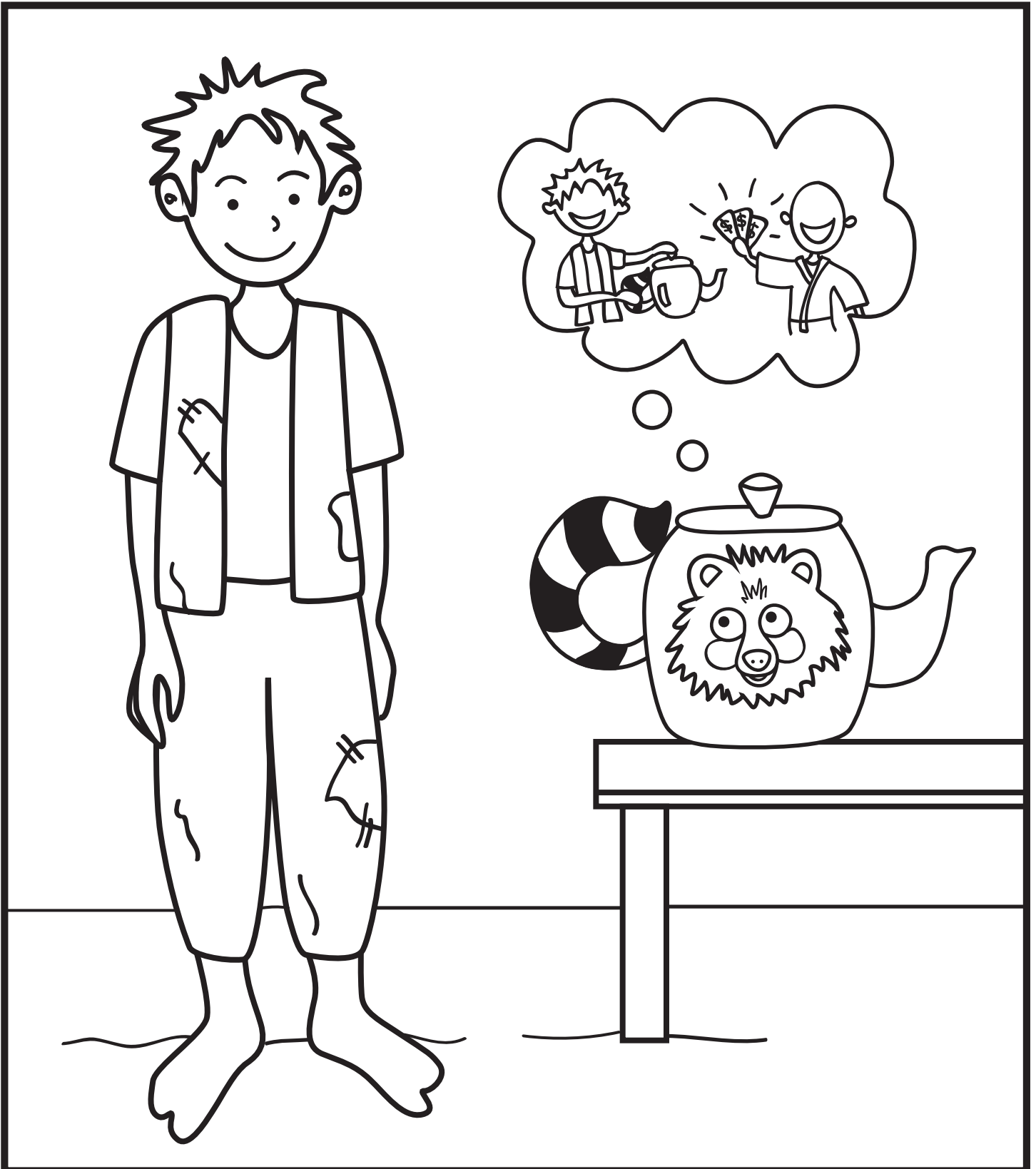
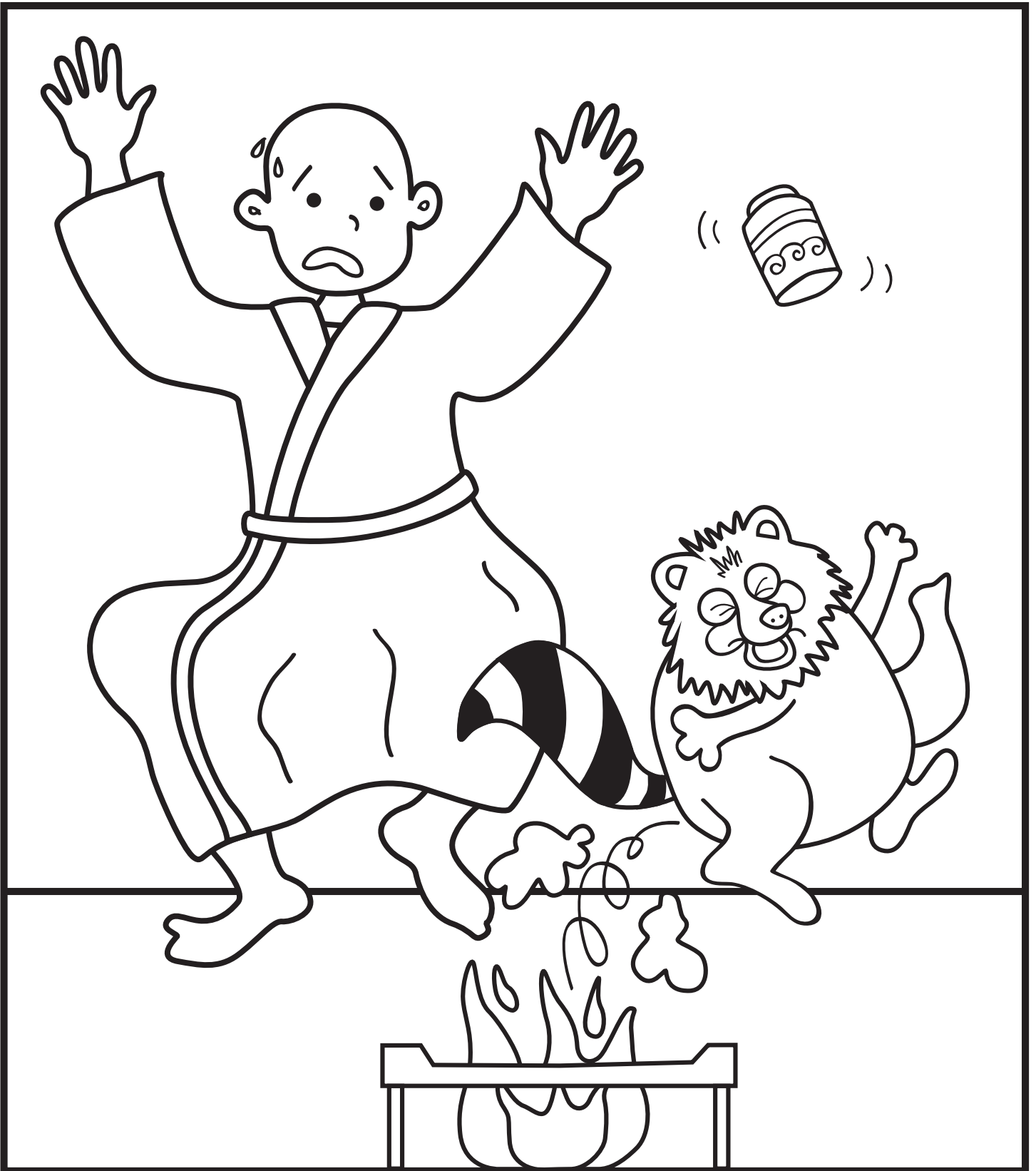


**Once upon a time a poor man saved a tanuki that was caught in a trap. In Japanese folklore a tanuki is a raccoon-dog that has the power to change its appearance.**



**The tanuki was very grateful that the man saved his life and wanted to thank him. He transformed into a tea kettle (or chagama) and told the man to sell him for money.**



**The man sold the tanuki-tea kettle to a monk who took it home and set it over a fire to boil water. The fire was very hot so the tanuki-tea kettle sprouted legs and ran back to the poor man's house.**



**The tanuki suggested to put on a show and charge people to see a tea kettle walk on a tightrope. The tanuki's idea worked! The man made a lot of money and the tanuki had a new home.**

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