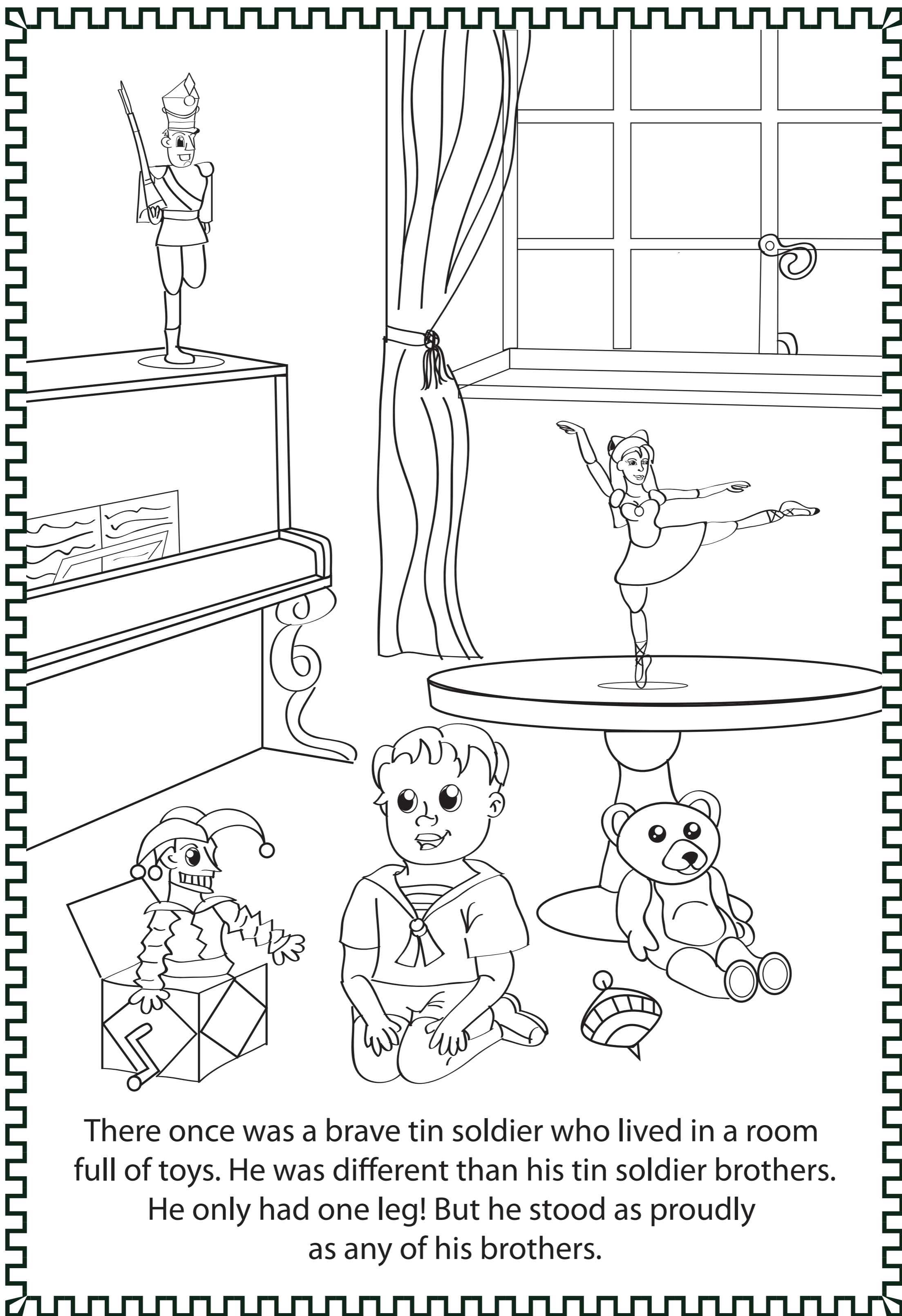


# THE STEADFAST TIN SOLDIER



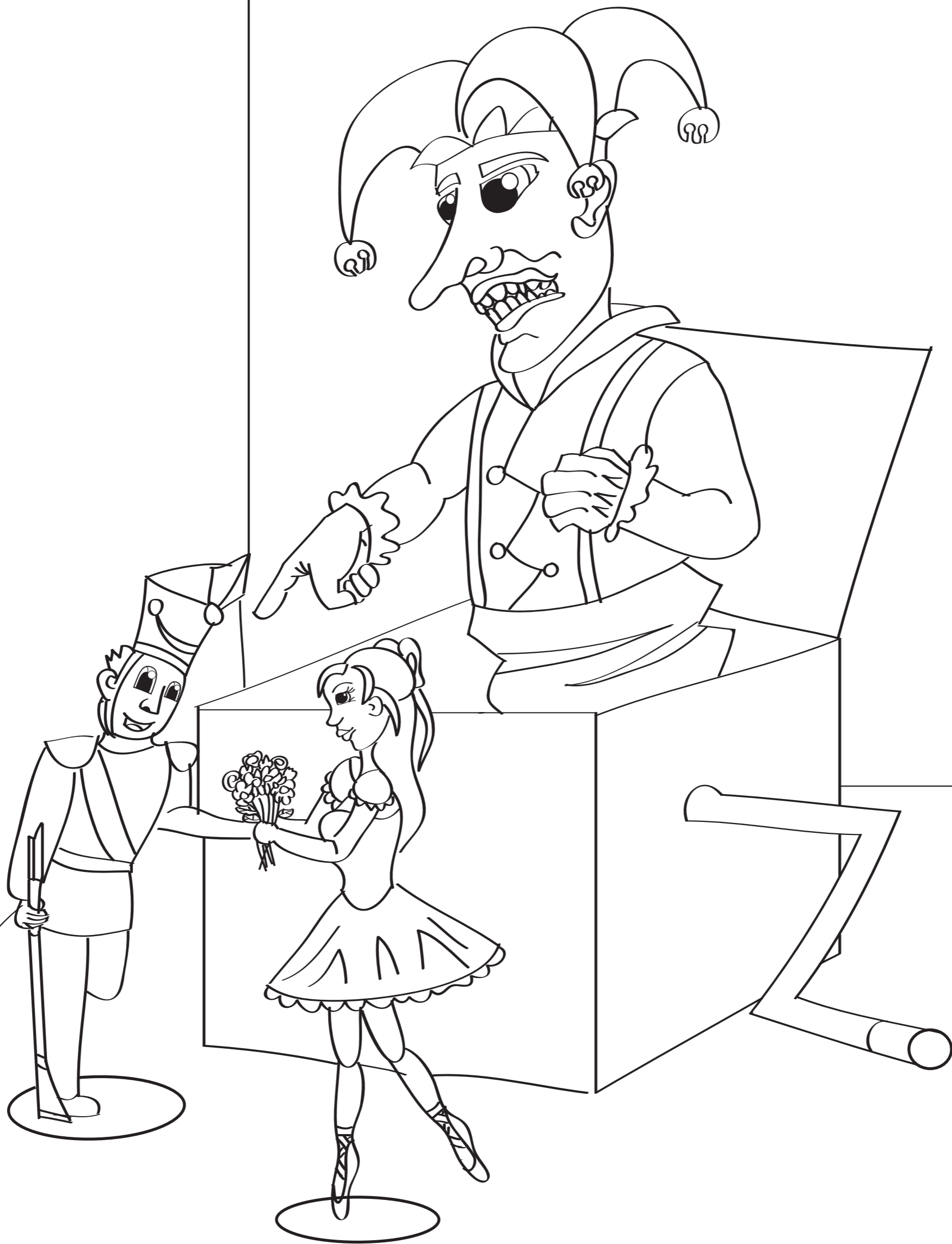
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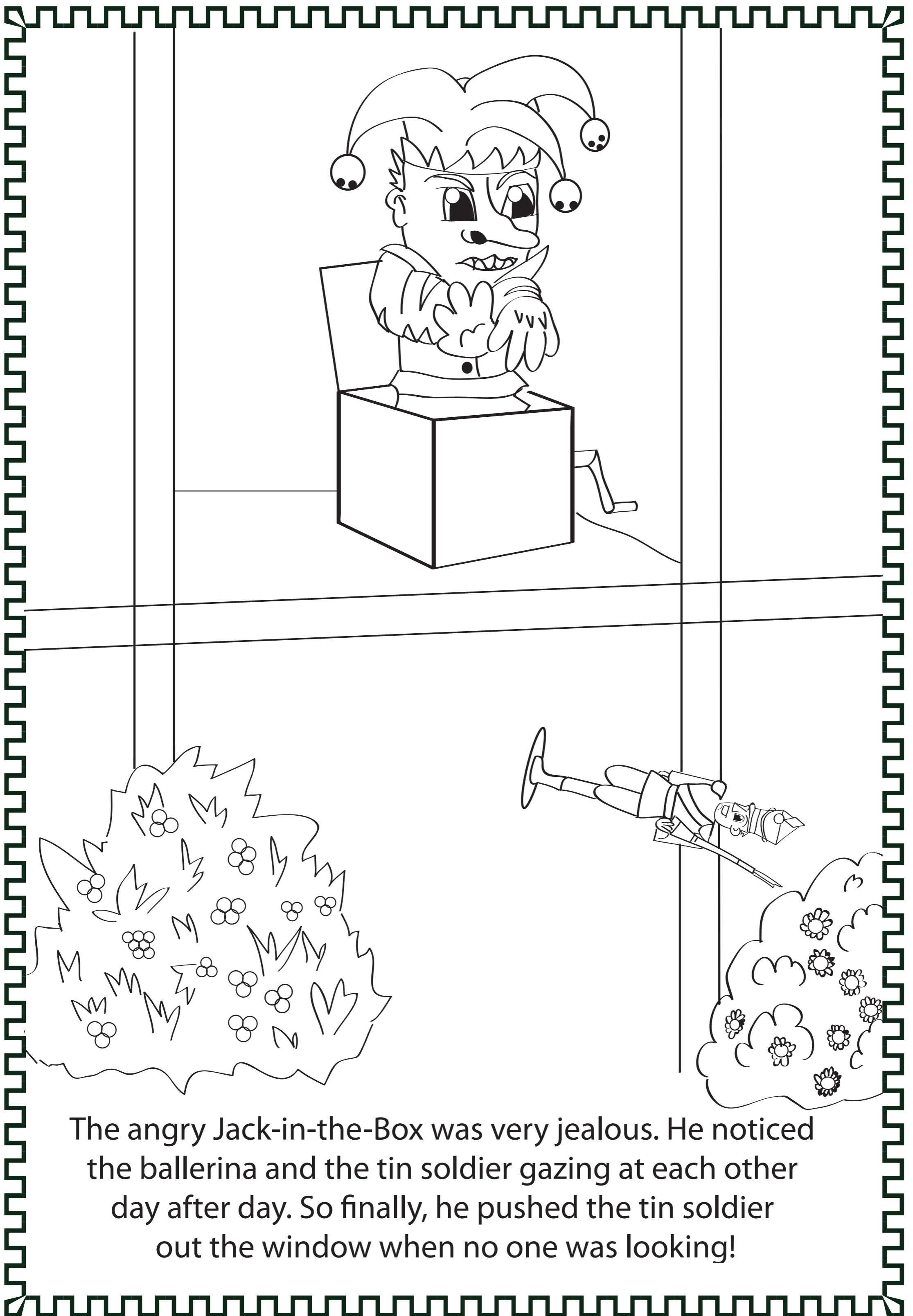
There once was a brave tin soldier who lived in a room full of toys. He was different than his tin soldier brothers. He only had one leg! But he stood as proudly as any of his brothers.



In the play room was a castle with a lovely ballerina. She stood gracefully on one toe, with her other leg held so high that the tin soldier couldn't see it. He thought she only had one leg, just like him! So he fell madly in love with her.



One day, the tin soldier got up the courage to talk with the beautiful ballerina. But he was interrupted by an angry Jack-in-the-Box who roared, "Don't ever talk to my ballerina again, or you'll be sorry!"



The angry Jack-in-the-Box was very jealous. He noticed the ballerina and the tin soldier gazing at each other day after day. So finally, he pushed the tin soldier out the window when no one was looking!