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DRAWING CARTOONS

Here are some of Marcia Williams' top tips for drawing cartoons and including speech bubbles.

DRAWING CHARACTERS

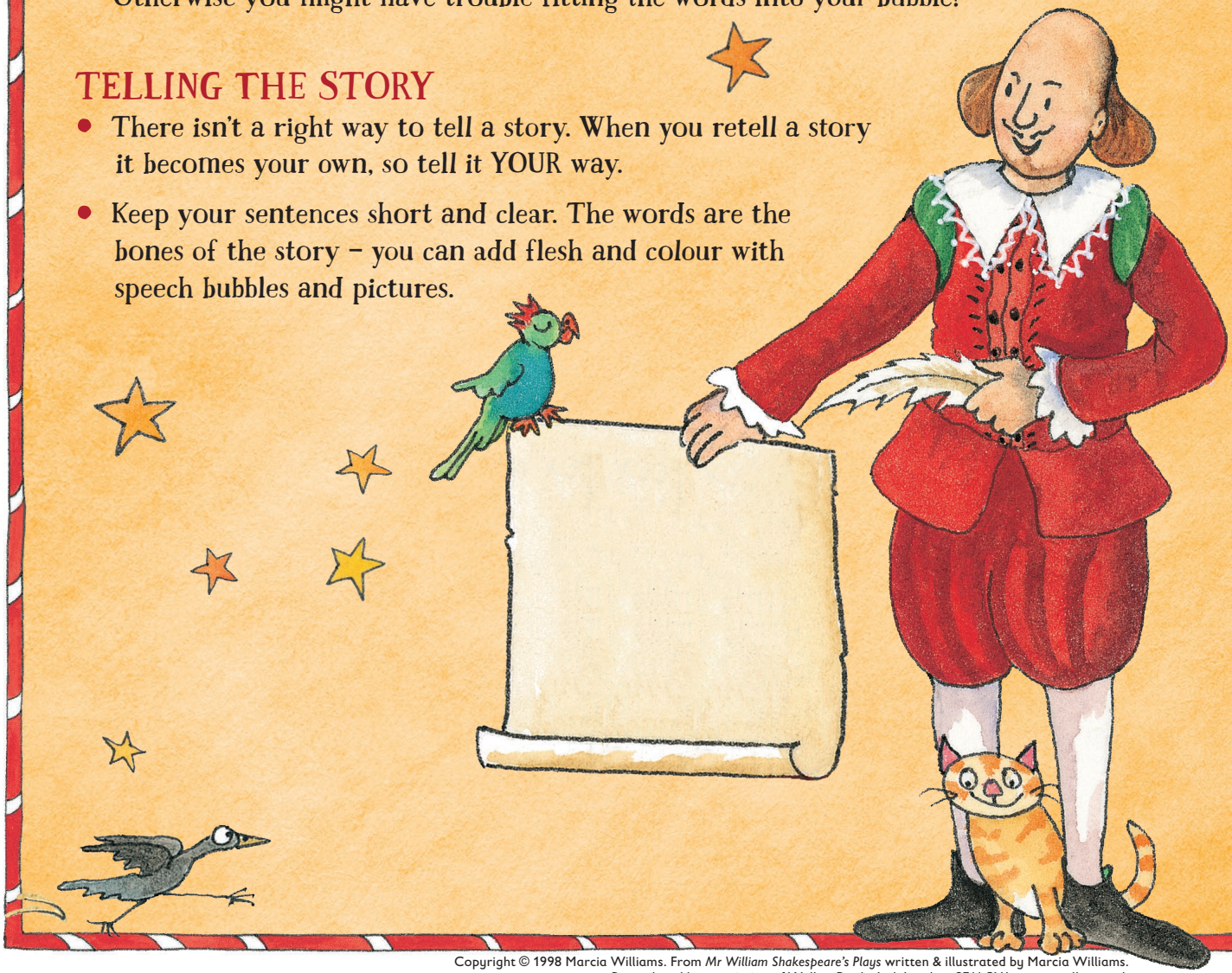
- Make sure each character looks very different so that your reader doesn't get muddled.
- Your characters will look more interesting if you exaggerate some of their features. For instance: if he or she has a big nose, make it a real hooter, and if he or she is tall, make them as tall as a tree!

SPEECH BUBBLES

- Speech bubbles always read from left to right.
- Keep the bubbles at the top of your picture so you have more room for your drawing.
- Write the text for your speech bubble first, then draw the bubble around it. Otherwise you might have trouble fitting the words into your bubble!

TELLING THE STORY

- There isn't a right way to tell a story. When you retell a story it becomes your own, so tell it YOUR way.
- Keep your sentences short and clear. The words are the bones of the story – you can add flesh and colour with speech bubbles and pictures.



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MONTAGUES CAPULETS

ROMEO *and* JULIET

In the ancient Italian city of Verona, Lord Capulet was planning a party. He was sure no members of the Montague family would turn up, as the Capulets and Montagues had been feuding for years. The quarrel ran so deep that even their servants fought. But Lord Capulet was wrong.

Romeo, Lord Montague's son, and Mercutio, his friend, *did* come – in disguise. He was infatuated with Lord Capulet's niece, Rosaline.

Romeo, however, instantly forgot Rosaline when he saw Lord Capulet's sweet young daughter Juliet. Her beauty stole his heart.

Unfortunately, Romeo was recognized by Lord Capulet's fiery nephew, Tybalt.

But Lord Capulet forbade fighting at his ball and made Romeo welcome.

So Romeo wooed Juliet and soon their love was mutual, despite the feud.

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As the party ended, Juliet ran to her balcony to declare her love for Romeo to the stars.	Romeo risked death by climbing the Capulets' orchard wall to see Juliet.	That night, the loving pair agreed to wed in secret, lest their feuding families part them.
As dawn broke and Juliet's nurse finally got her to bed, Romeo raced to Friar Laurence.	The friar agreed to marry the sweethearts, hoping this would unite the families.	Later that morning, Juliet joined Romeo at the chapel, and the happy pair were wed.
Then Romeo and Juliet parted, as they knew they must, until Friar Laurence had broken the news to their families.	On the way home, Romeo met his good friends Benvolio and Mercutio, being harangued by Tybalt for consorting with a Montague.	
Romeo, now related to Tybalt by his marriage, tried to prevent a fight, but failed.	Tybalt and Mercutio's swords clashed and Mercutio fell dead.	Provoked by his friend's death, Romeo struck Tybalt a fatal blow.

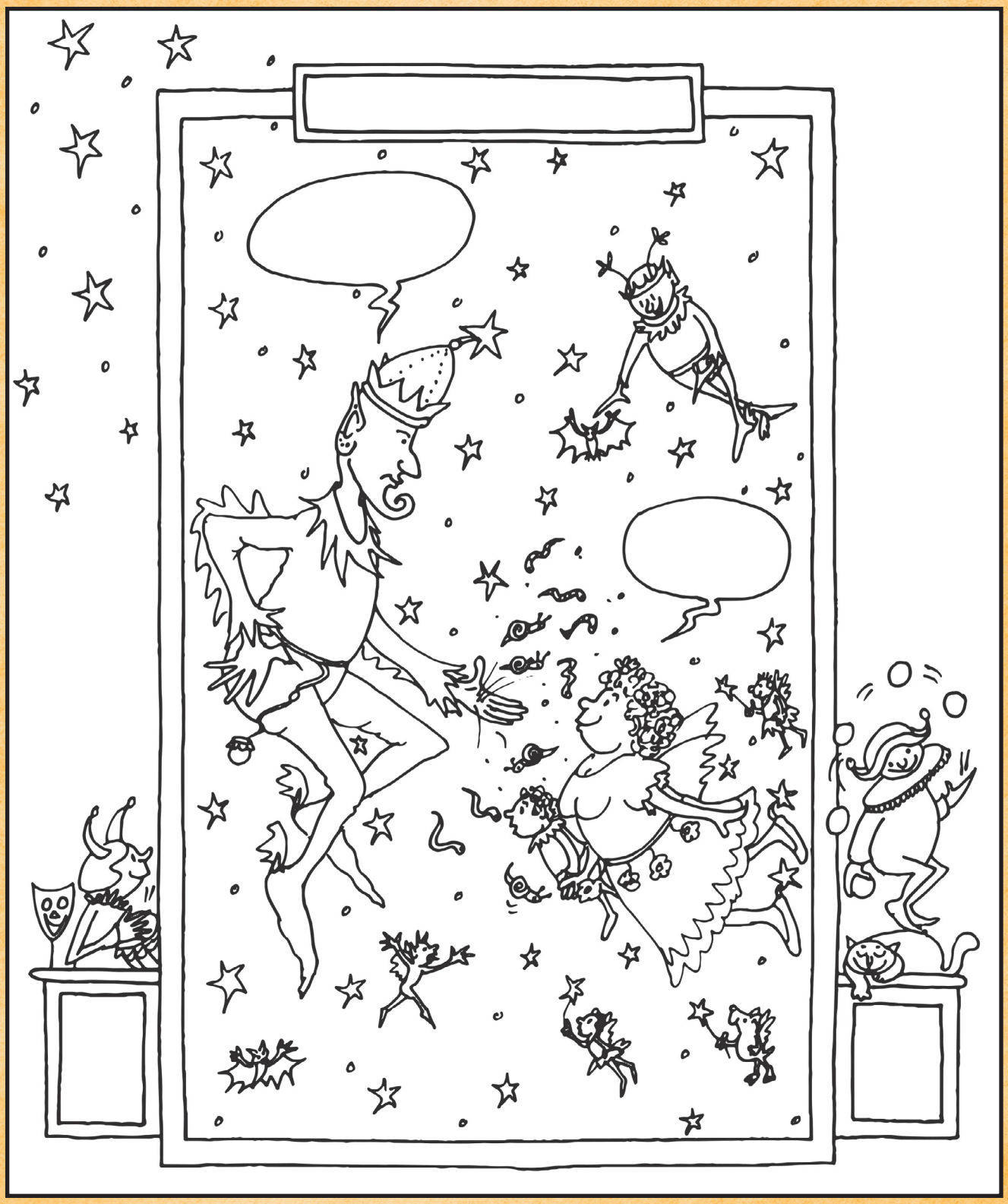
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A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM SPEECH BUBBLES

At the beginning of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, the Fairy King and Queen, Oberon and Titania, are arguing. Colour in the picture and write down what you think everyone is saying. Give the picture a title.



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