



Y5 Improving writing

To make sure we are writing at a higher level we need to think of interesting ways of starting our writing.

We want to avoid using starts like:

Once upon a time...

A long time ago...

So now let's go about changing some simple myths...

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Very simple start
with no detail

This tells the
reader why
they should
read on and
builds in more
detail about
the characters

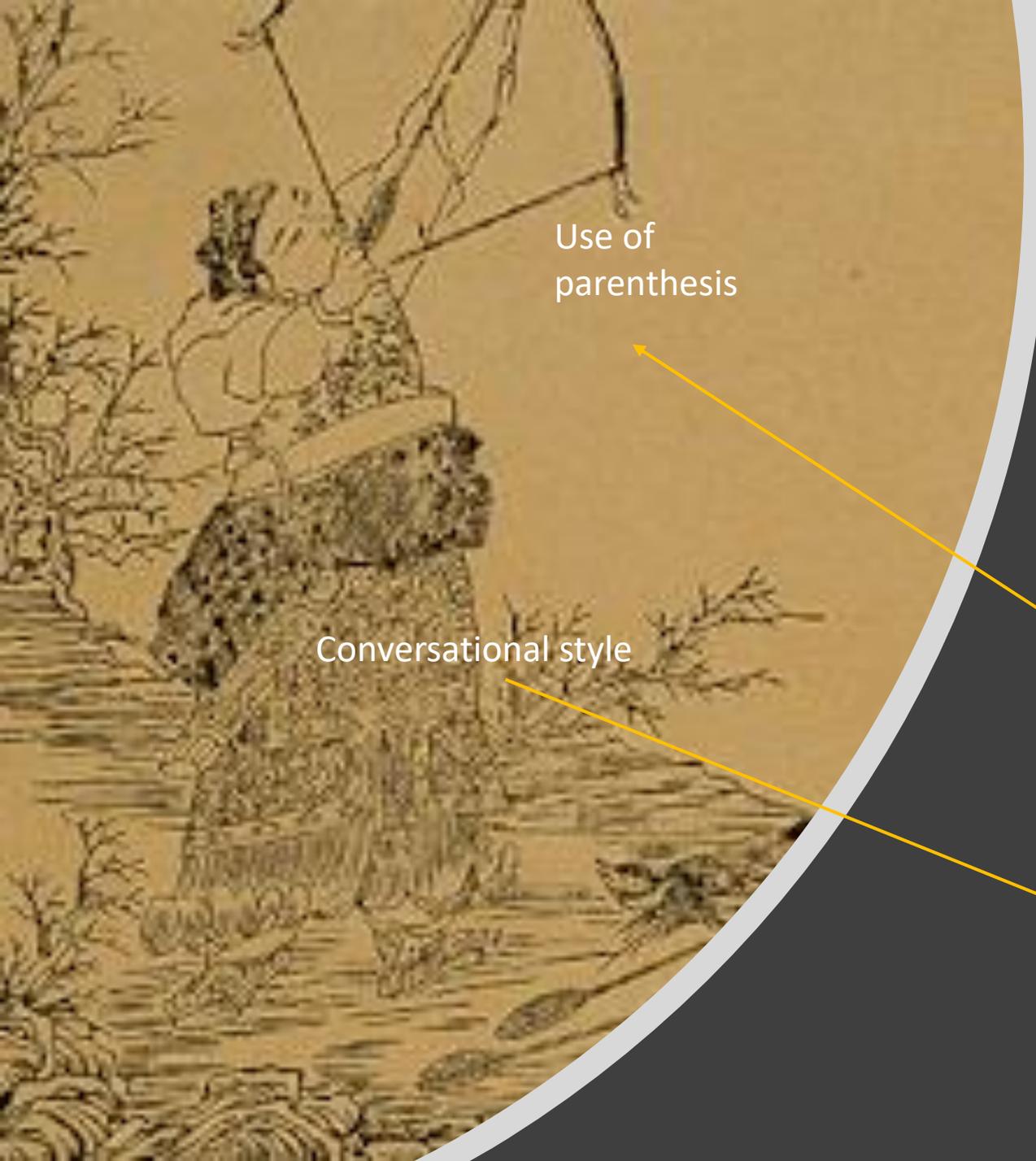
Use of a relative clause

Use of a hyphen

Once upon a time there was an emperor with ten sons

In the shifting sands of time, there is one legend, which has been passed down through generation after generation, and tells of great bravery and courage.

The Jade Emperor, ruler of Heaven, had ten unruly god-forsaking sons.



Use of
parenthesis

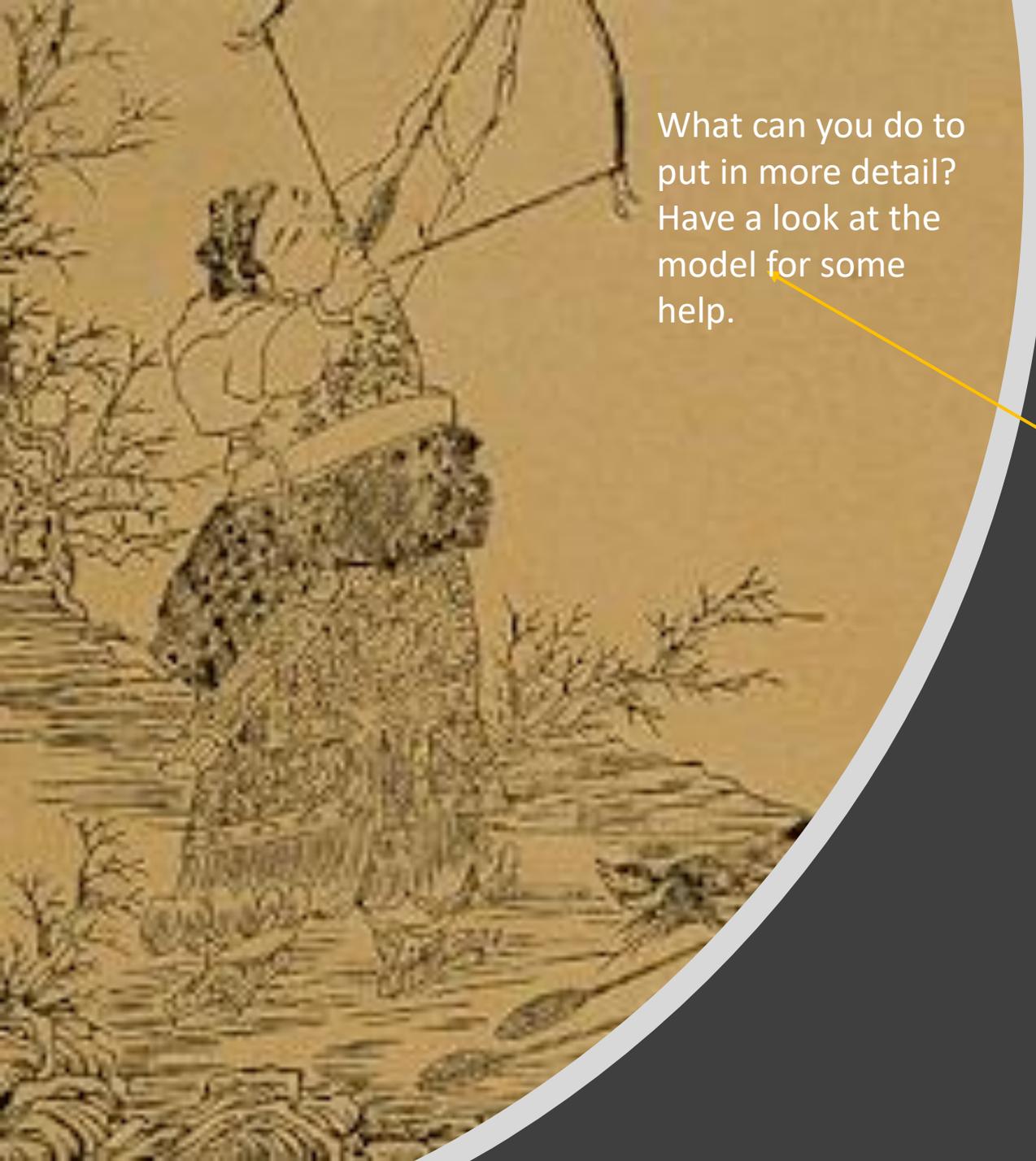
Conversational style

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One day, they changed into ten suns and burnt up the ground on Earth.

Those sons didn't have a care in the world. They danced and frolicked around the skies (as if their lives depended on it). Worse still they had no respect for their much more honorable father. There was no end to their games and one morning they woke to decide that they would transform themselves into 10 suns.

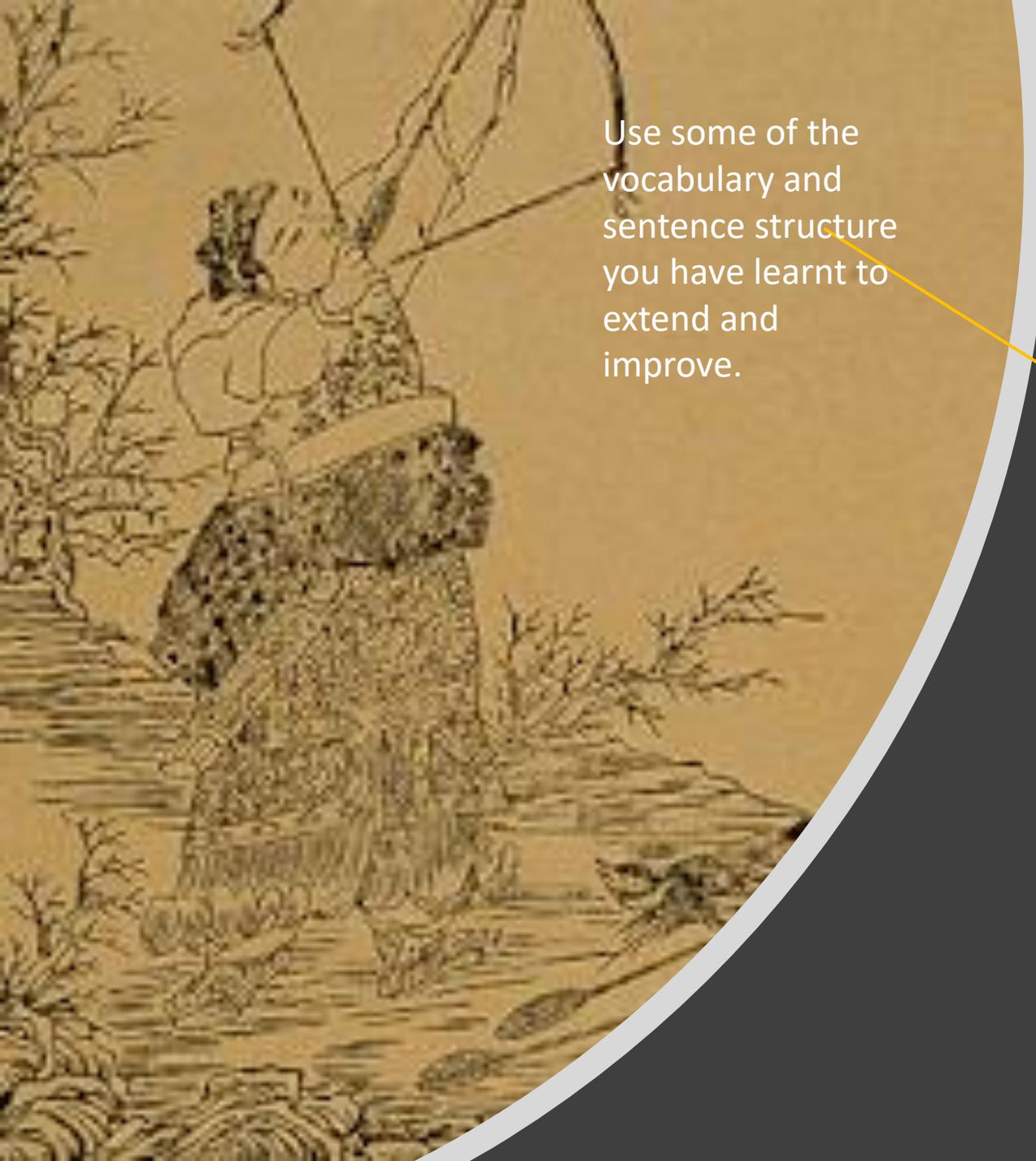
Now, anyone in their right mind would understand that this was an incredibly bad idea but not those god-forsaking individuals who had nothing but menace on their minds.



What can you do to put in more detail? Have a look at the model for some help.

Now it is your turn...

The land was burnt and the emperor couldn't stop them so he called Hou Yi, the greatest archer.



Use some of the vocabulary and sentence structure you have learnt to extend and improve.

What about this one?

The emperor told him to teach them a lesson.



Now look at the rest of the story and try to improve it further. How do you think you did? What can you improve further?