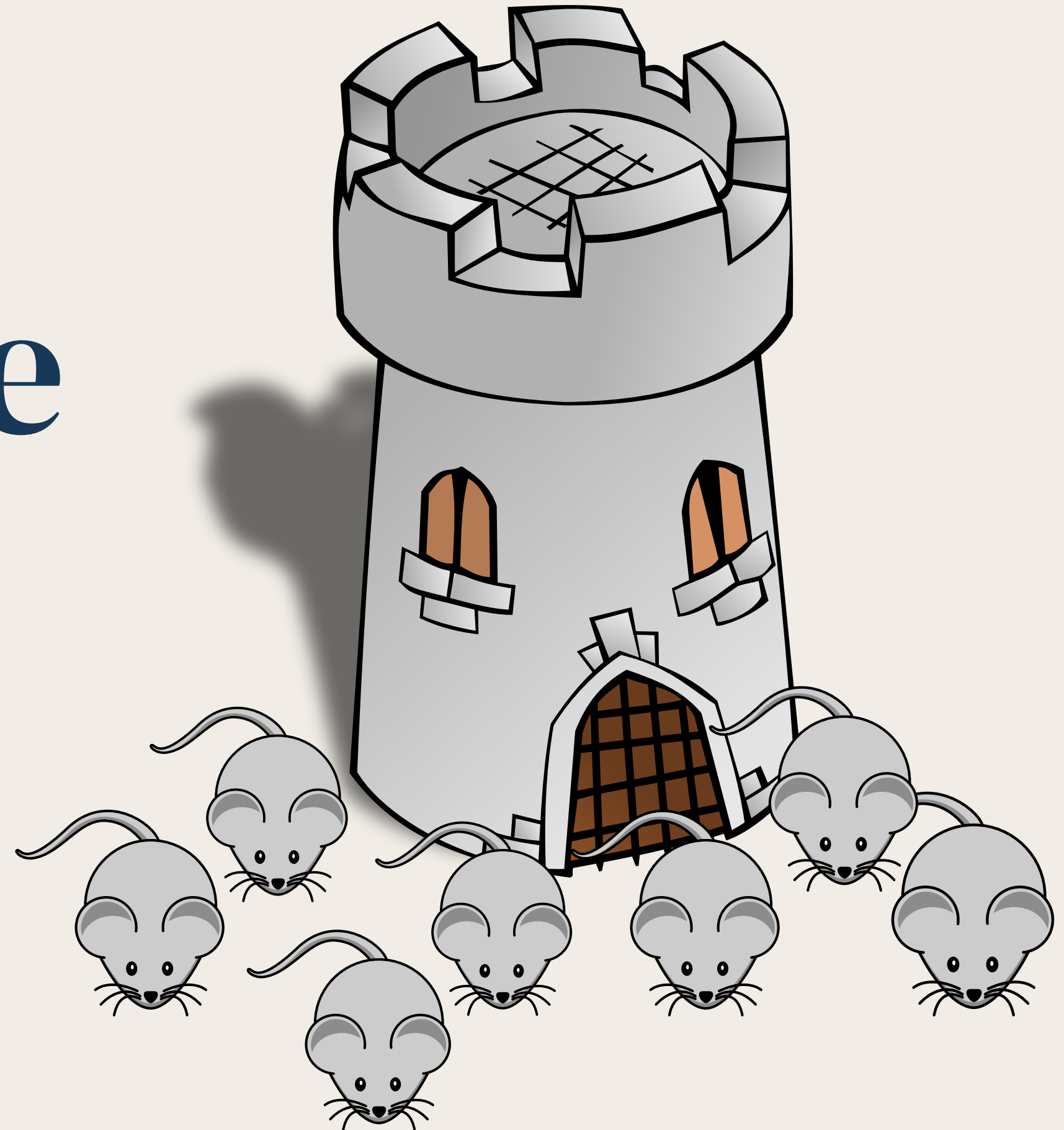


# King Popiel and the Mouse Tower

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# Lake Gopło



The lake is connected to one of Poland's most ancient and popular legends, which I will tell you about today.



# Popiel

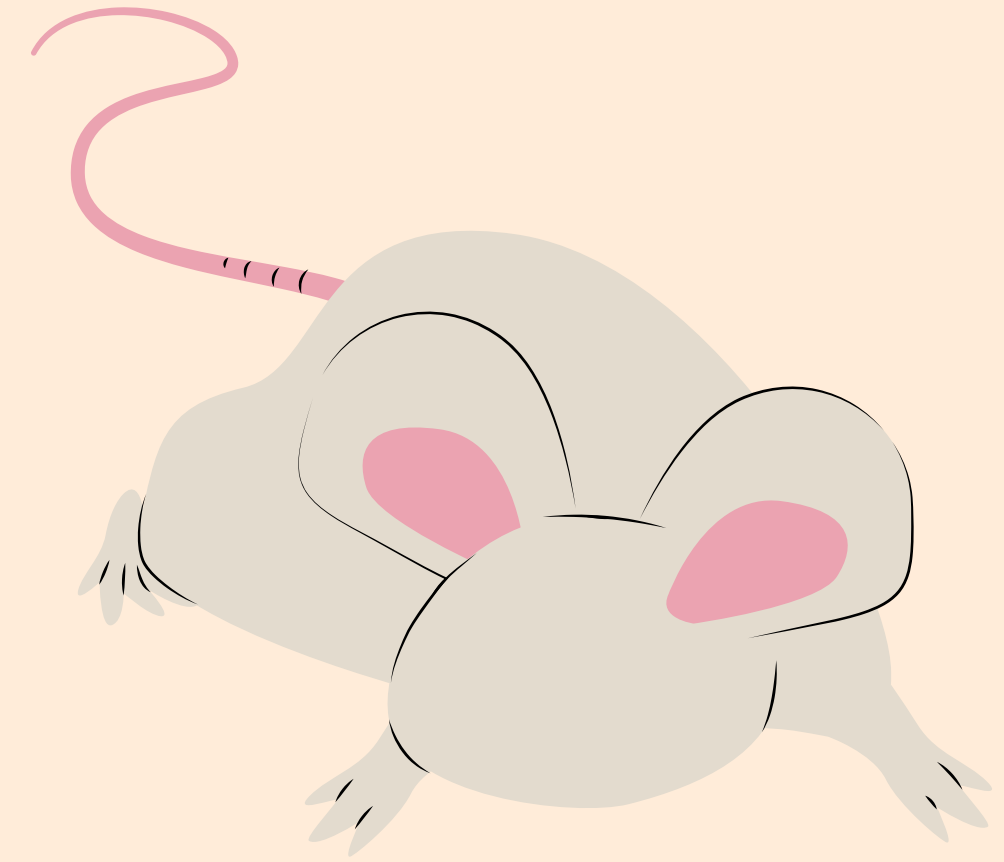


Once upon a time, the king Popiel lived by the lake. He was a cruel, unjust and corrupt monarch. After death of his first wife, he married a German princess who was beautiful but had a cold heart and craved for power. Together they ruled over the lands around the Lake Gopło.


Everyone knew very well about their crimes, but people were too afraid to take an action for a long time. Only the relatives of the king were talking to a him about it. They asked and requested him a lot of times to care about his country and citizens more, because his behaviour was not appropriate.




When they came, Popiel poisoned their drinks and they died immediately. Popiel didn't allow his people to bury their bodies, and they threw them to the deep waters of the Lake Gopło instead.

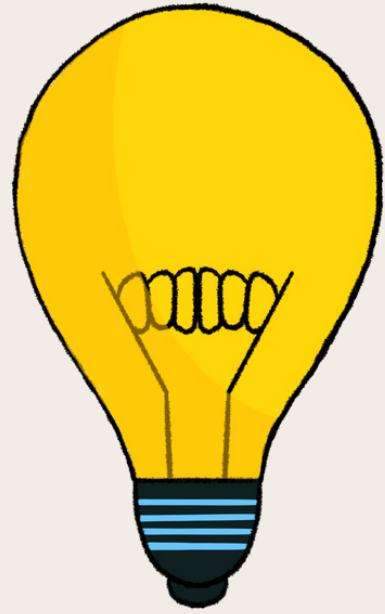


After some days hundreds of mice were going out of their bodies. Those were strange mice, unusually big and with sharp teeth, not afraid of the people. King's soldiers tried to kill them but from each mouse cut in half two new ones were emerging.



The king and his family got on a boat and escaped to the defensive tower located on an island in the middle of the lake. But the mice followed them, swam across the water, climbed up the high walls to the king's chambers, and bit through the barred doors.





# Conclusion



Even if someone is extremely rich, even if they have power, they are sometimes even cruel and selfish but they will always be punished for bad behaviour sooner or later.