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# LA PATENTE



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## **Progetto PAGE**

### ***Controvento***

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## Judge D'Andrea

Judge D'Andrea is a tall, slim man.  
He is 40 years old, but he looks older.

Judge D'Andrea works a lot and is tired.  
His body is hunched and crooked.  
He does not sleep during the nights  
because he is always thinking on his work.





Everyone knows that Judge D'Andrea is a very honest person. Judge D'Andrea works at the Office of Preliminary Investigations. In his office there are always many files with different cases he must work on.



One of these cases is very difficult and that makes him angry. He also finds this case boring. Judge D'Andrea falls asleep every time he starts reading its file.



## The victim

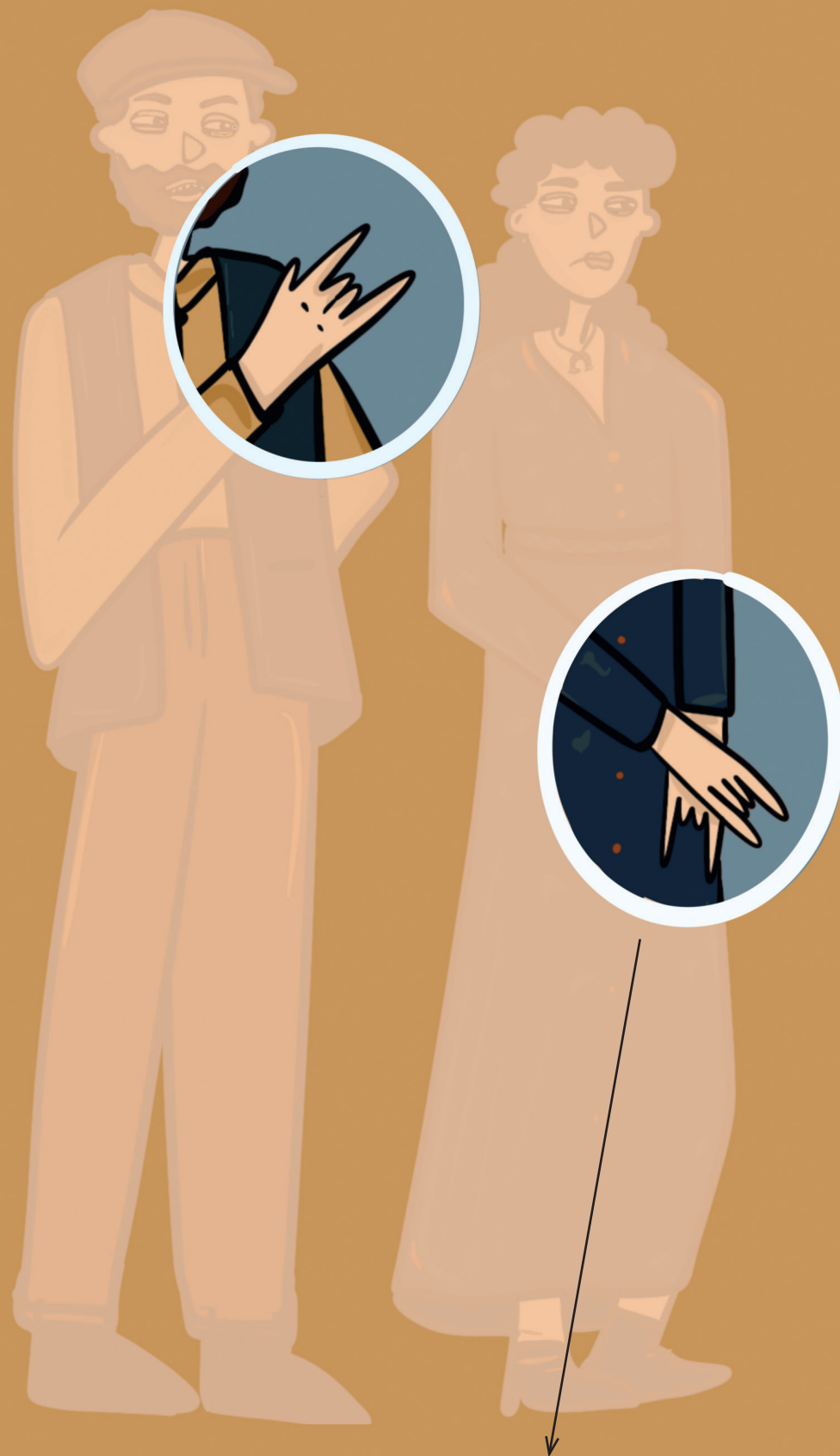
The victim in this difficult case is named Chiàrchiaro.

Judge D'Andrea does not know how to help him.

When people hear the name Chiàrchiaro, they make superstitious gestures to protect themselves.

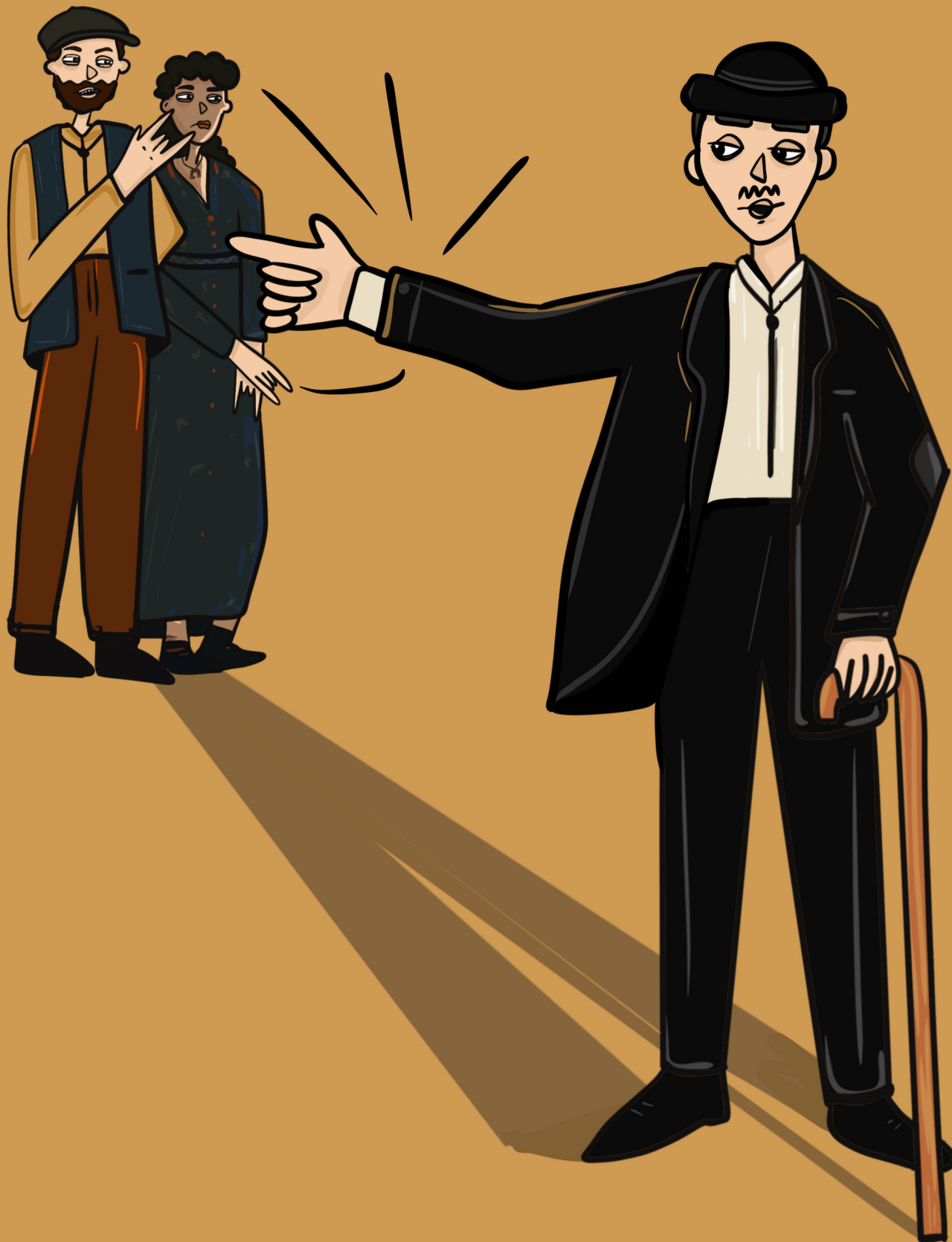
Some touch a piece of iron or wood.

Others throw salt over their shoulders.



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Everyone calls Chiàrchiaro “The Jettatore.”  
A “jettatore” is a jinxer,  
a person who brings bad luck.



Two men made superstitious gestures when they saw Chiàrchiaro. Chiàrchiaro got upset and wants to sue the men for defamation. He wants a court to punish the men. Defamation or slander is when a person does or says something bad about someone else.

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## The lawyers

The lawyers defending the two men think they easily will win the case.

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Judge D'Andrea has asked Chiàrchiaro to meet him in the office. He wants to ask Chiàrchiaro to drop the complaint and not take it to court. Judge D'Andrea is convinced that the two men will win.



When Chiàrchiaro enters the office  
he is dressed like a “jettatore.”  
Judge D’Andrea gets really scared  
but also confused.

He does not understand if Chiàrchiaro  
is a jettatore or not.





Chiàrchiaro explains to Judge D'Andrea:

- I want to get paid to be a jettatore.

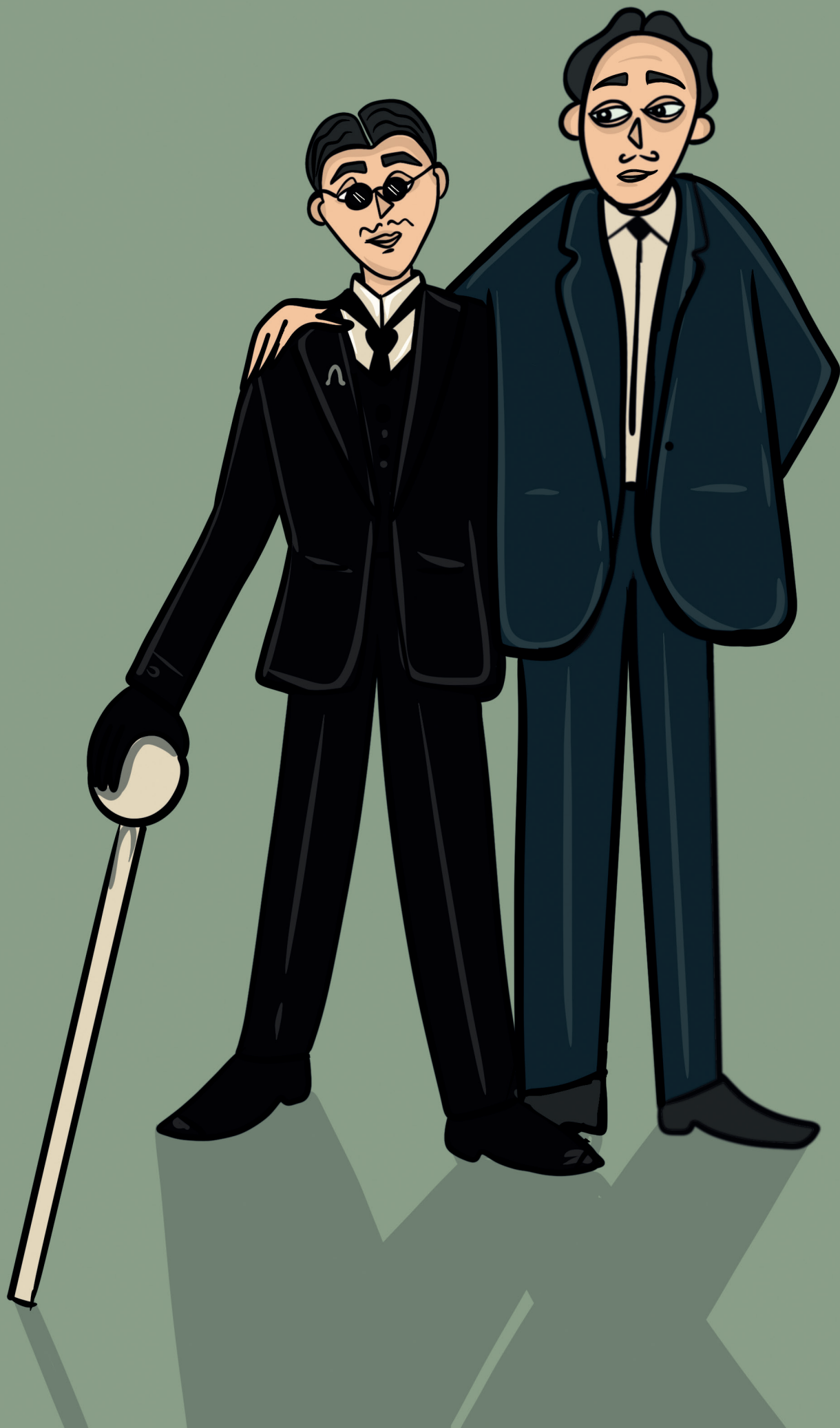
I need an official license!



Chiàrchiaro used to work, but he was fired.  
He needs to find a new way to get money.

Everyone will believe that he brings bad luck  
if he has a jettatore license.  
With a license, people will pay him to go away.





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Judge D'Andrea does not know what to say.  
He just hugs Chiàrchiaro.

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### **EXERCISES:**

#### *Open-ended questions*

- 1.** What is Judge D'Andrea like?
- 2.** How old is Judge D'Andrea?
- 3.** Where does Judge D'Andrea work?
- 4.** What is the victim's name?
- 5.** What does everyone call Chiàrchiaro?
- 6.** Whom does Chiàrchiaro want to sue?
- 7.** How does Chiàrchiaro enter the office?
- 8.** What does Chiàrchiaro want?
- 9.** Why does Chiàrchiaro need to be paid?
- 10.** What does Judge D'Andrea do at the end?

