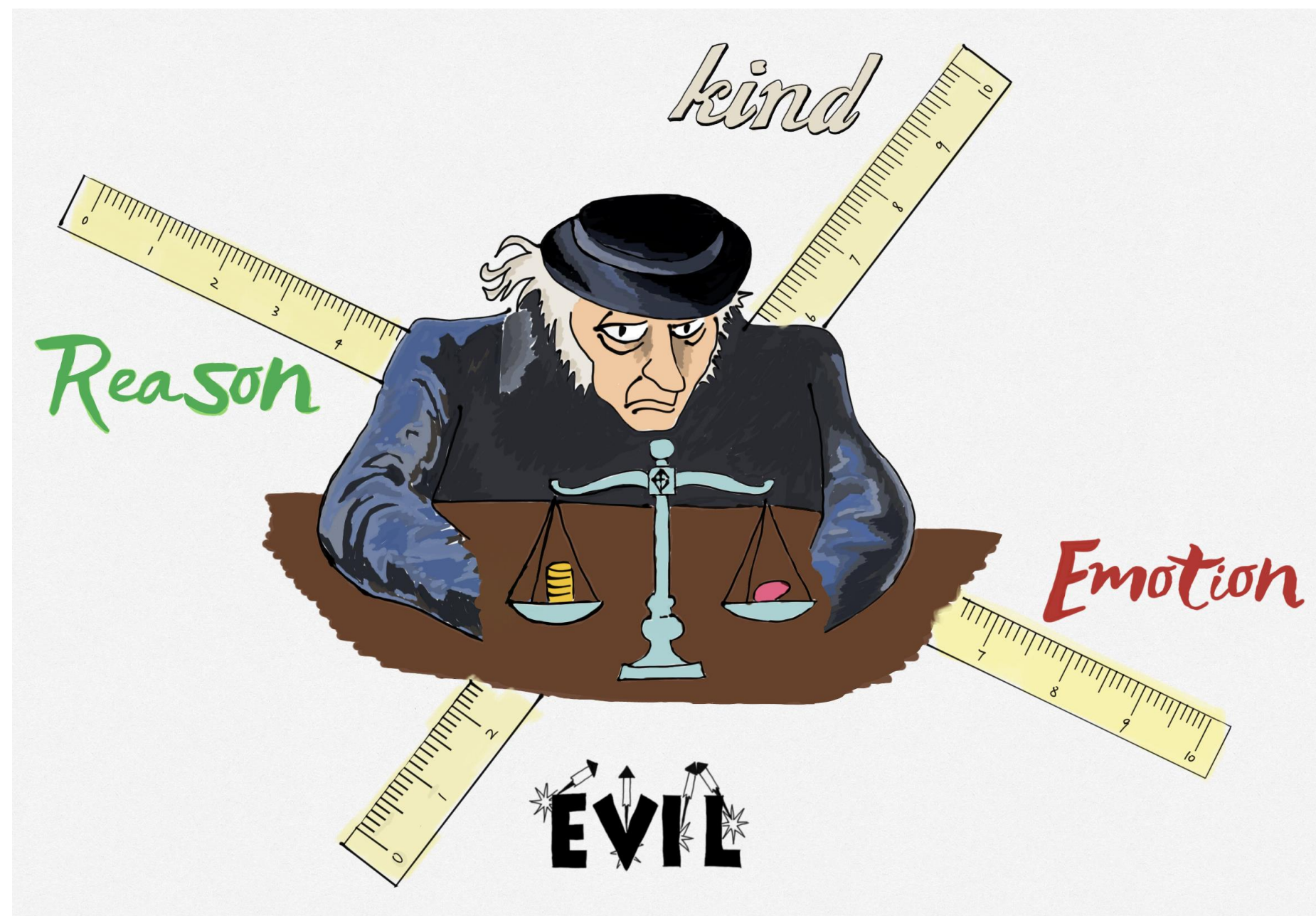


Shylock's choice

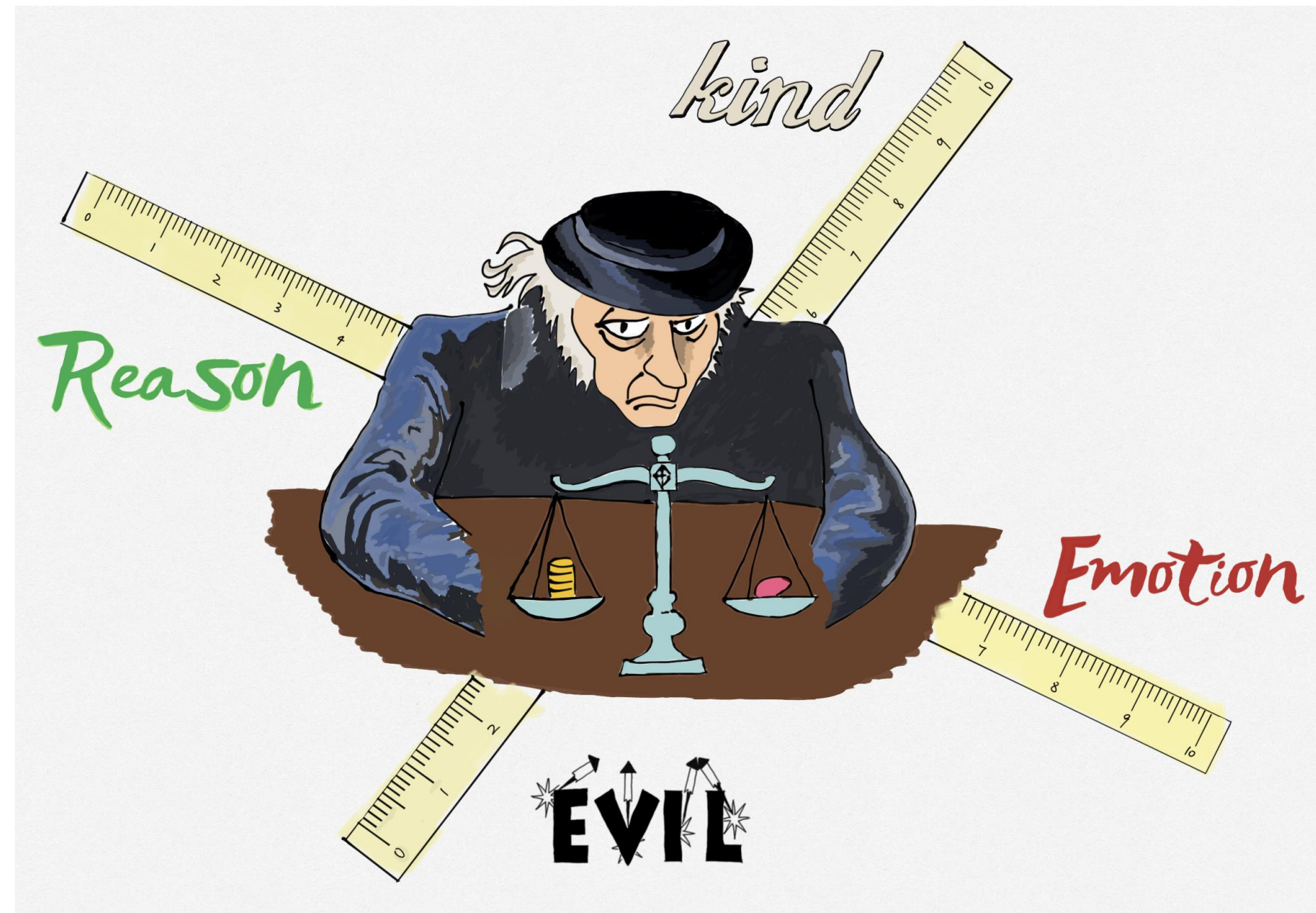
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Entering the inner world of Shylock



- Shylock is not a natural born monster. Analyzing his motives and intentions.
- Money v.s. One pound of Flesh
- Out of emotions
 - “He hath disgraced me, and hindered me half a million; laughed at my losses, mocked at my gains, scorned my nation, thwarted my bargains, cooled my friends, heated mine enemies; and what’s his reason? I am a Jew.”
- Out of reasoning
 - “If a Christian wrong a Jew, what should his sufferance be by Christian example? Why, revenge. The villainy you teach me, I will execute, and it shall go hard but I will better the instruction.”

Shylock's choice is our choice



- Build connection between Shylock and us. We also face moral decisions in life.
- “If to do were as easy as to know what were good to do.”
- Inner conflict between reason and emotion, good and evil
- “It is no mean happiness, therefore, to be seated in the mean.”
- Use both our mind and our heart
 - Mercy is our dominant strategy
 - Understand and empathize with our enemies

Thanks for listening!