**The grich cannon**

Long long ago, things were very different than they are today. There were many armies and there was a lot of fighting. The Ottomans often attacked Croatia. They burned and destroyed many towns.

One day, the people of Zagreb saw a large Ottoman army camped not far away from their city. They knew that the Ottomans would attack them, so they quickly started to get ready. They sharpened their swords and made the city walls stronger. They also got a cannon. They were very proud of their cannon because it could shoot very far.

When they were finished getting ready, it was almost noon. It was a warm and sunny day so the people decided to test the cannon to see just how far it could shoot. At the same time in the Ottoman camp, the Pasha was having a roasted chicken for lunch. All of a sudden, he heard a very loud noise! It sounded like thunder!

A cannon ball fell right in the middle of his camp! The soilders had never seen a cannon ball before and were very confused. They started yelling and running around!Hasan Pasha and his army were scared and ran away!

Today, the Grich Cannon still fires once every day at noon to remember Zagreb's famous victory over the Ottoman Empire.