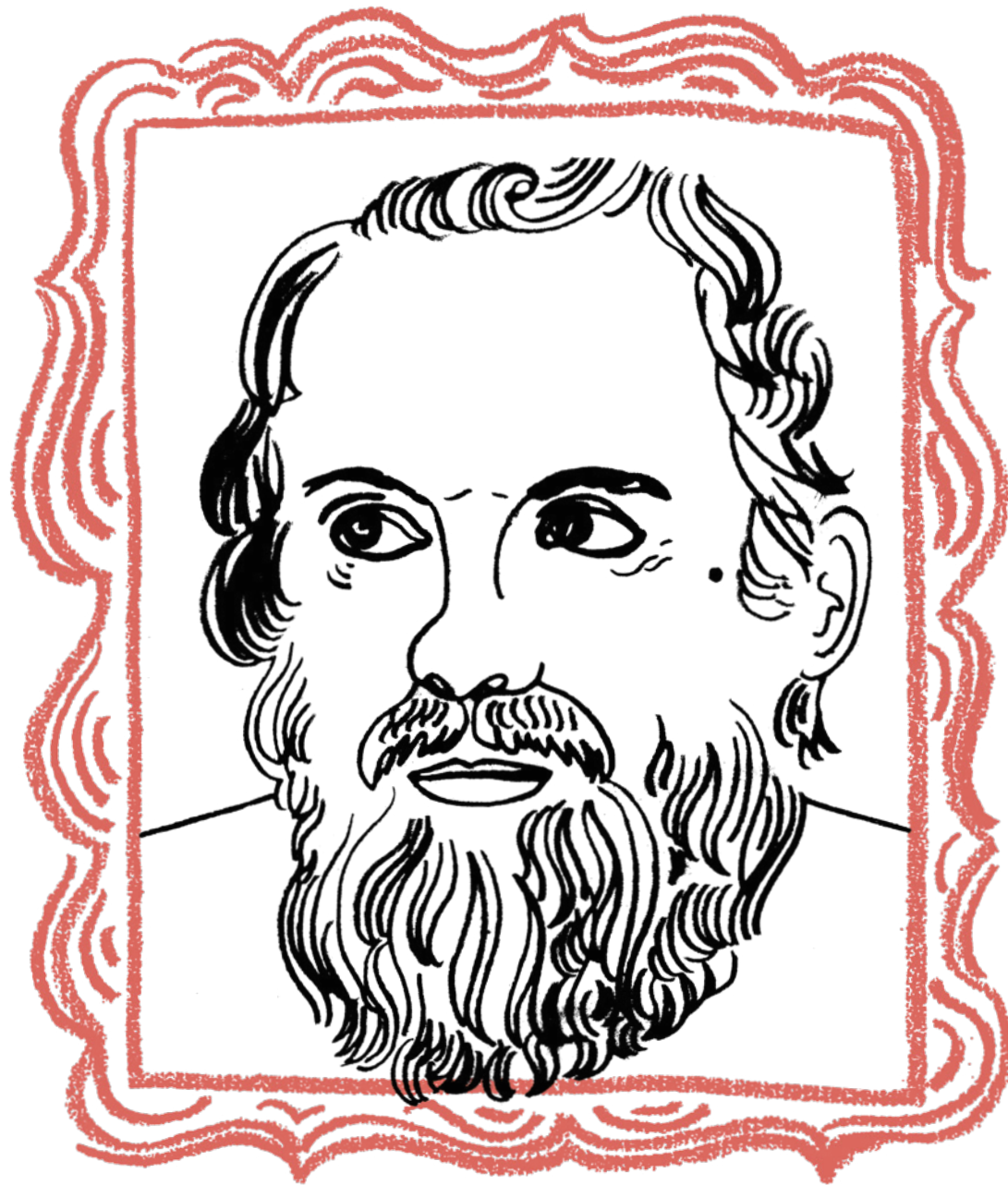


# “And yet it moves”

**T**he famous astronomer Galileo Galilei, known as **Galileo**, lived in **Pisa** more than 400 years ago (page 84). When he was young, he wanted to be a monk, but his father encouraged his curious son to go to school instead, sending him to study medicine in Pisa.

Galileo was very observant and liked to experiment. When he found out that someone in the distant Netherlands had invented a telescope, he immediately constructed a similar device that was actually even better. Through it, he was able to see craters (big holes) on the Moon and the four biggest moons circling the planet Jupiter.

One day he heard about a Polish astronomer named **Nicolaus Copernicus**, who had died just a few decades before Galileo was born. Back then, people believed that the Sun revolved around the Earth, but



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