Gilded Age Political Cartoon

*Your task is to draw a political cartoon that demonstrates the Gilded Age, what it was like, and the vast differences in wealth. Your cartoon should be both creative and informative.*

Tips for drawing a great cartoon:

* Experiment with exaggerating different elements in your drawing, particularly on any figures
* Shade in areas for emphasis or to add a darker tone
* Include a background to provide context or place to your cartoon
* Let your lines do the talking, straight severe lines can express anger while squiggly lines can be playful and curvy can be soft
* Add a caption or dialogue to help convey meaning
* Stretch or enlarge parts of your image to draw attention to it
* Crop your drawing for emphasis

Cartoonists use five elements to convey their point of view:

1. **Symbolism:** Using an object to stand for an idea
2. **Captioning & Labeling**: Used for clarity and emphasis
3. **Analogy**: Comparison between two unlike things that share some characteristics
4. **Irony:** The difference between the way things are and the way they should be or are expected to be
5. **Exaggeration:** Overstating or magnifying a problem or a physical feature or habit: big nose, bushy eyebrows, large ears, baldness, etc.

Draw your cartoon here: