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Illustration

DEVASY

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“You must try hard and become the first”. This is common advice given to children by parents and teachers in order to motivate them to do their best. But, this seemingly innocent message contains a very poisonous seed of competition. In the struggle to become the first, very often one tends to forget that the others are one’s brothers and that they too have the right to live, to grow and to develop their abilities.

We can see this spirit of competition in all areas of life. From the child who tries to become first in the class to Super powers who are trying to dominate the world, people are involved in a struggle to become first. In this

struggle, our own fellow men are often pushed aside, oppressed and even destroyed.

The tendency to become “first” by dominating and destroying others is as old as humanity. The story of “Cain and Abel” depicts this vividly. Brother rejects brother. Competition leads to violence and murder. The “strong” destroys the “weak”. Cain, in the process of asserting himself and dominating the world, rejects everyone including God.

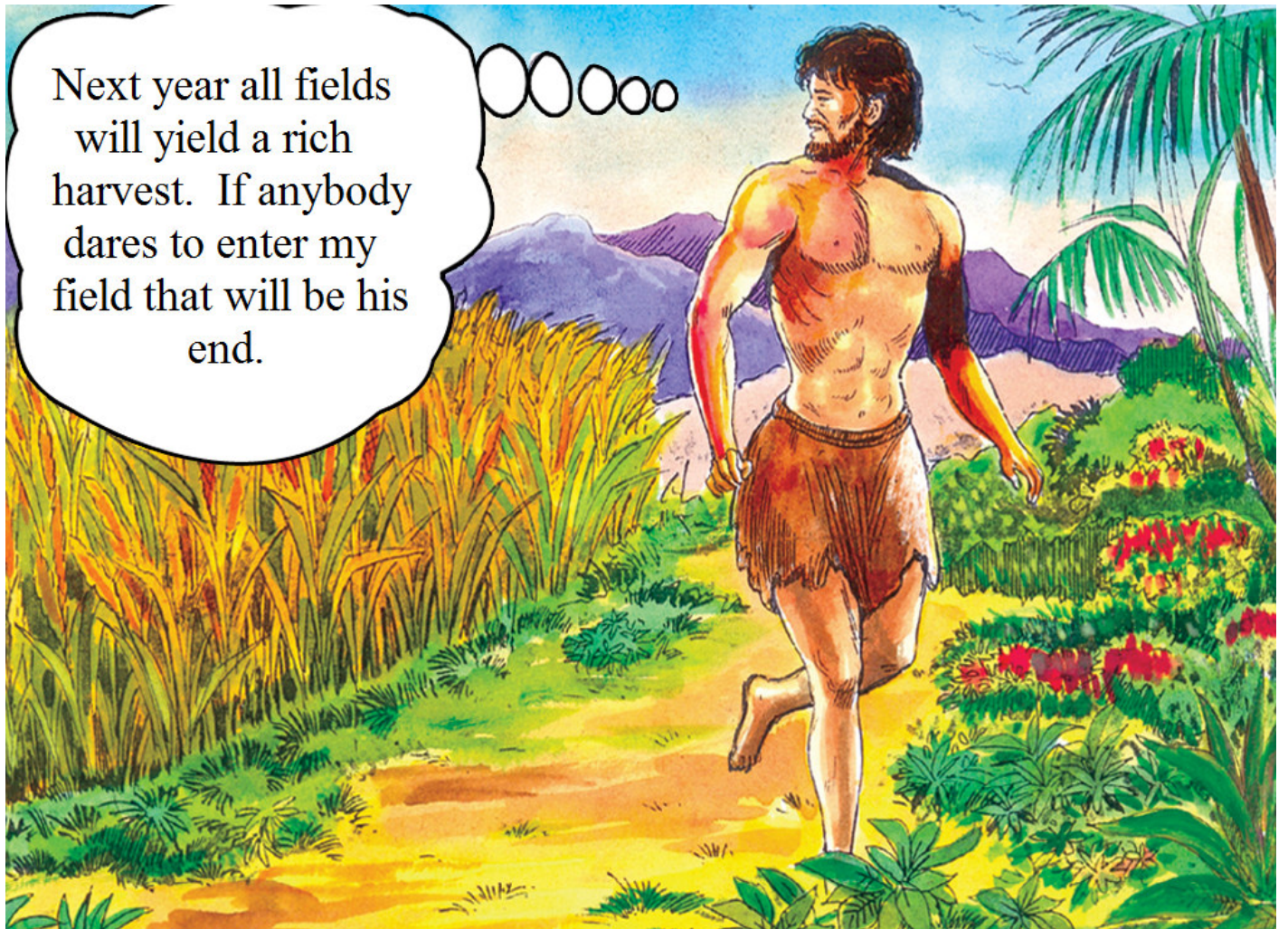
Cain’s action was a sin. But the beginning of sin was not in Cain but in Adam who tried to become God. Adam’s sin was in his heart while Cain’s sin was the acting out of that rejection. So, ultimately sin is rejection of God. The

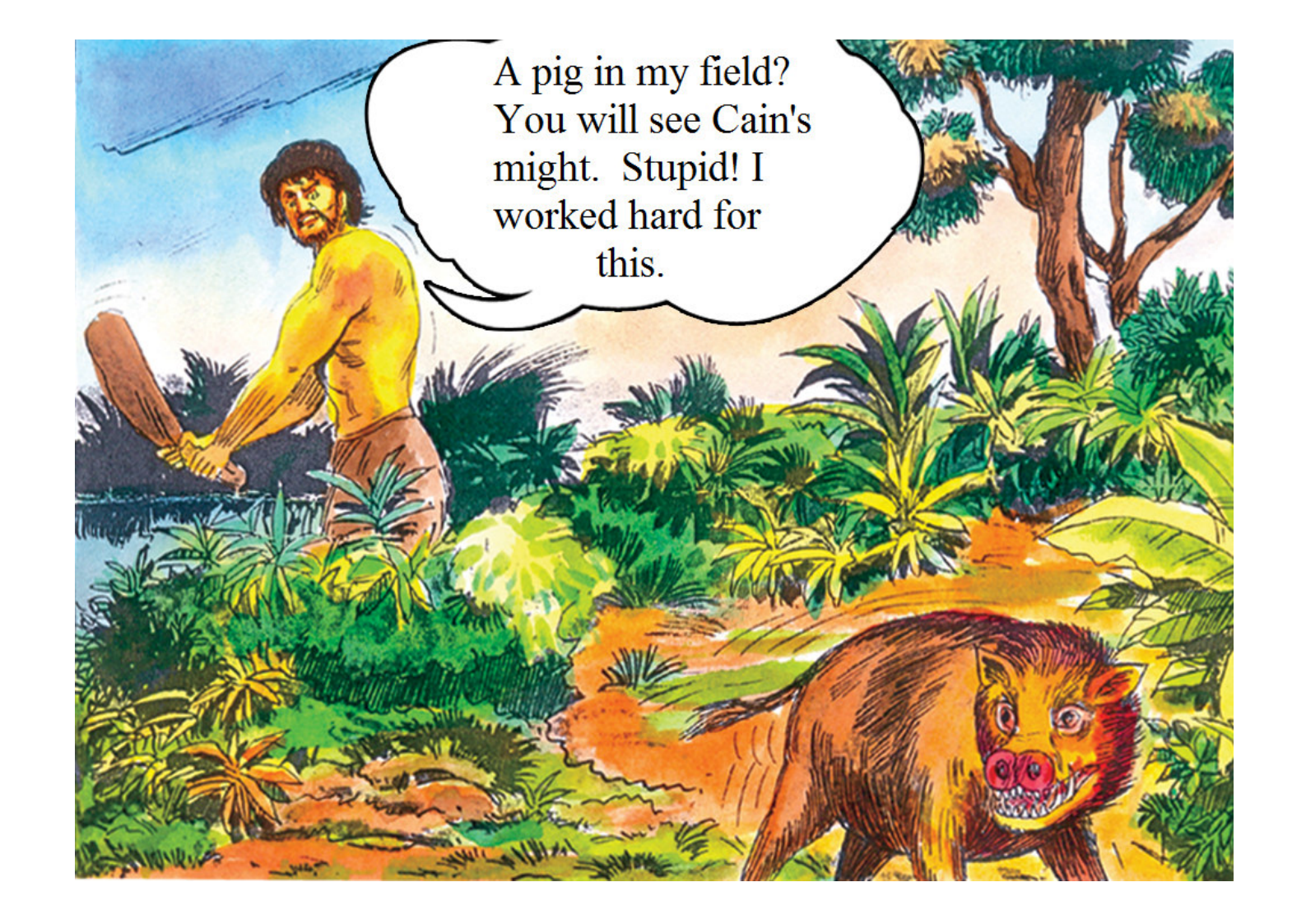
Bible teaches that this is the root cause of evil in the world.

“Cain and Abel” is not just the story of oppression of the weak by the strong. It is also a story of Divine Justice and mercy. The voice of God descends upon Cain like thunderbolt and demands an account of his action. Though Abel was not able to withstand Cain, God avenged for Abel’s innocent blood. This story presents God as one who sides with the weak and the innocent. God cursed Cain but still protected his life. He expelled Adam and Eve from the Paradise but promised them a Savior. All these would reveal that God wants the repentance rather than the destruction of the sinner.

The story of “Cain and Abel” teaches us that we all are brothers and sisters and that everyone is responsible for the other. On the other hand, if anyone uses his abilities to destroy the other, he will be haunted by the relentless question, “Where is your brother?”

Next year all fields
will yield a rich
harvest. If anybody
dares to enter my
field that will be his
end.



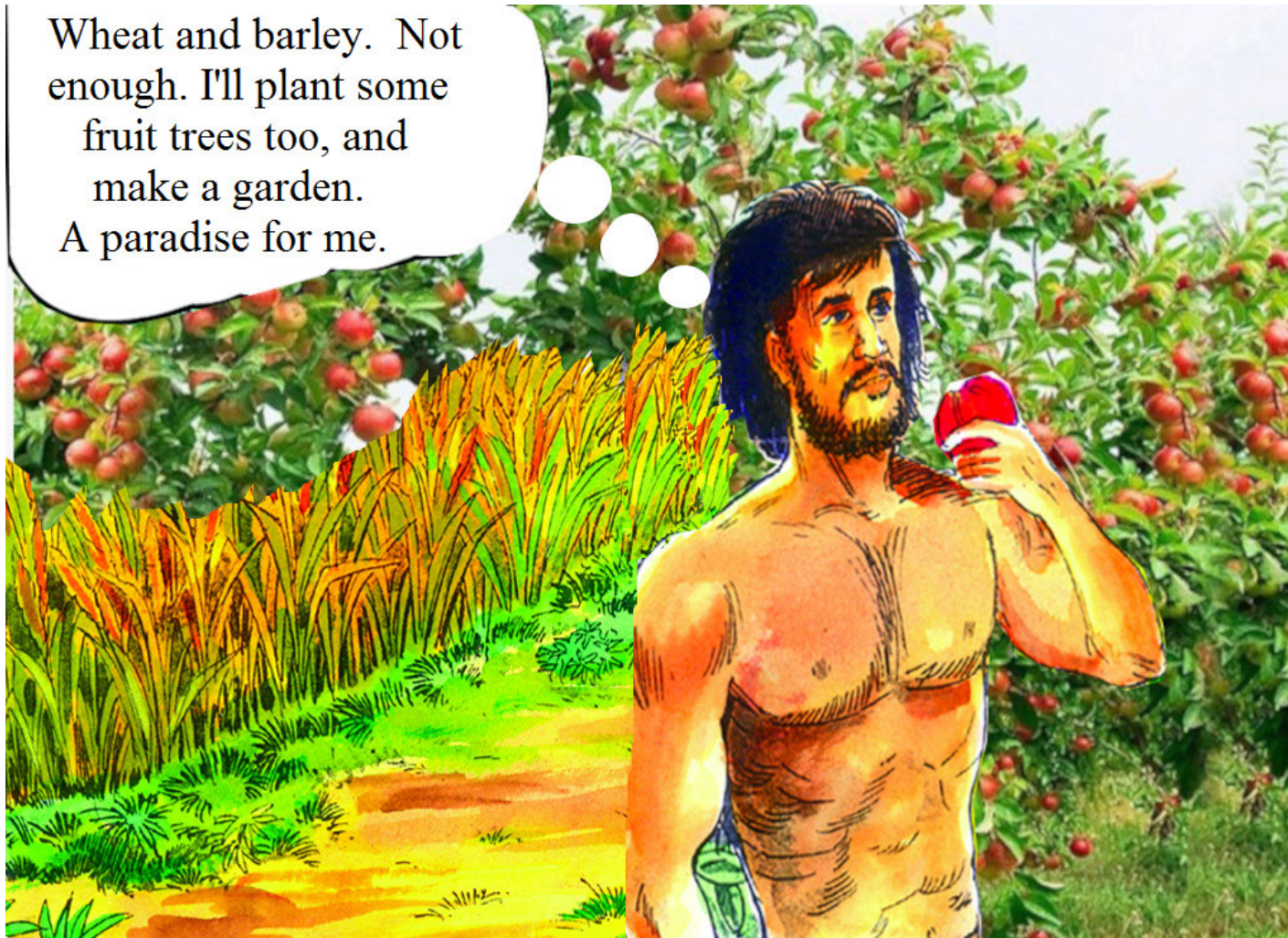
A colorful illustration of a man with a beard and long hair, wearing a yellow tunic and brown shorts, holding a wooden club. He is standing in a lush jungle with various green plants and trees. In the foreground, a wild boar with a pink snout and sharp teeth is looking towards the man. A speech bubble above the man contains the text: "A pig in my field? You will see Cain's might. Stupid! I worked hard for this."

A pig in my field?
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this.

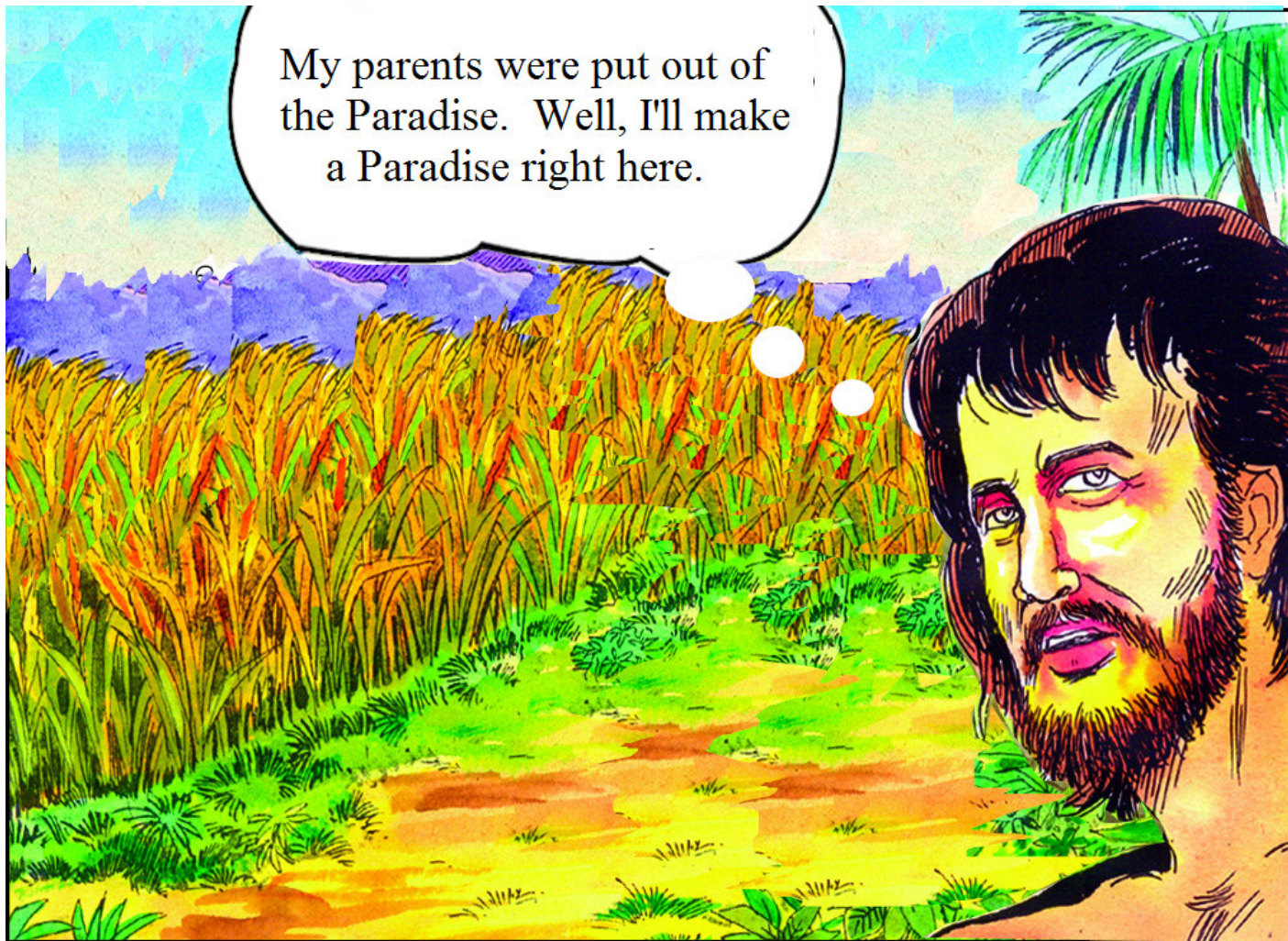
Cain went after the Pig




Wheat and barley. Not
enough. I'll plant some
fruit trees too, and
make a garden.
A paradise for me.



My parents were put out of
the Paradise. Well, I'll make
a Paradise right here.

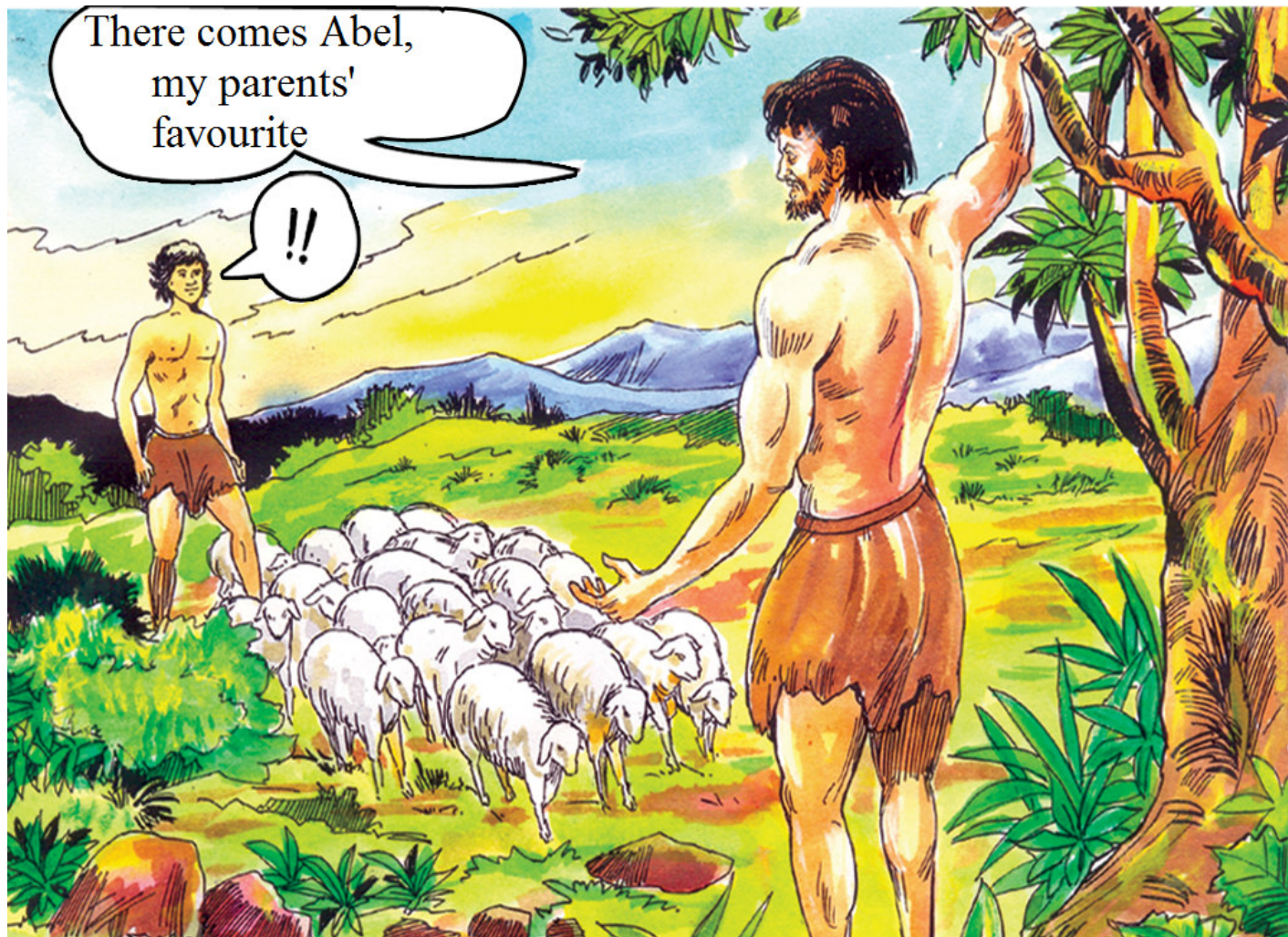


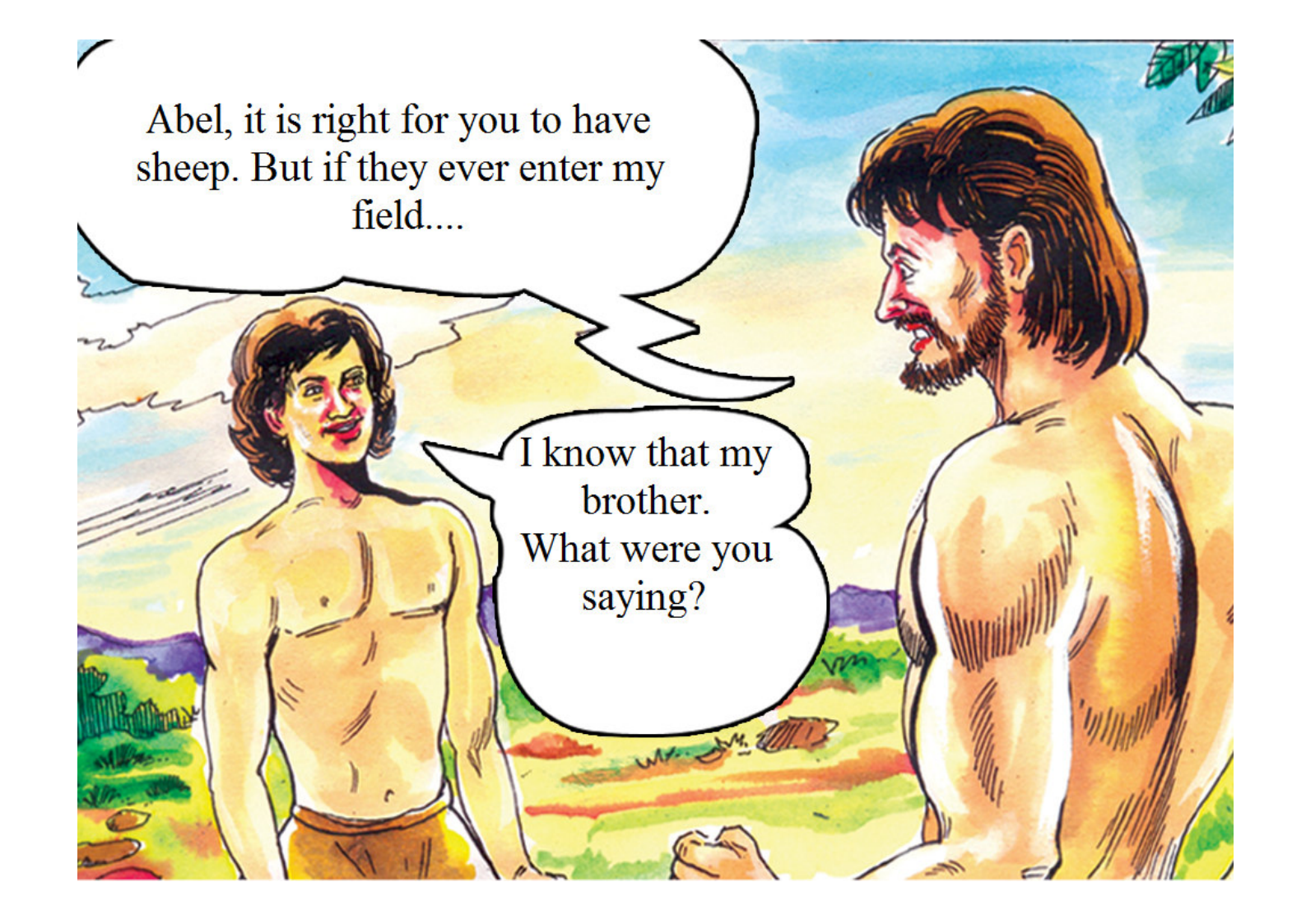
A man with a beard and long hair, wearing a simple loincloth, stands in a savanna landscape. He is looking towards the left. The background features rolling hills under a blue and yellow sky, with a large tree on the right and various green plants in the foreground. A white speech bubble with a black outline is positioned above him, containing text.

Thrown out. Just
for eating a fruit.
It was outrageous.
How cruel!

There comes Abel,
my parents'
favourite

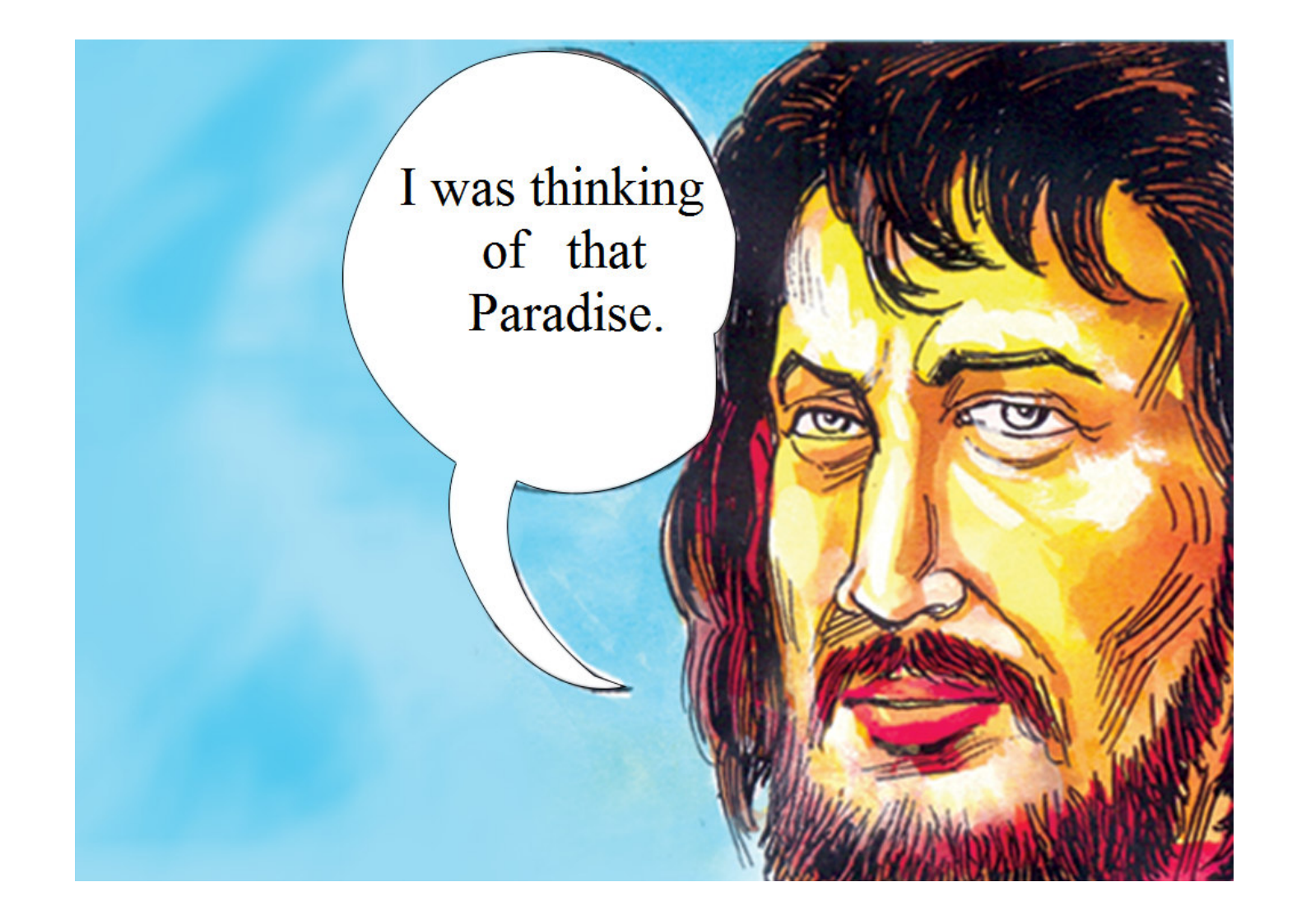
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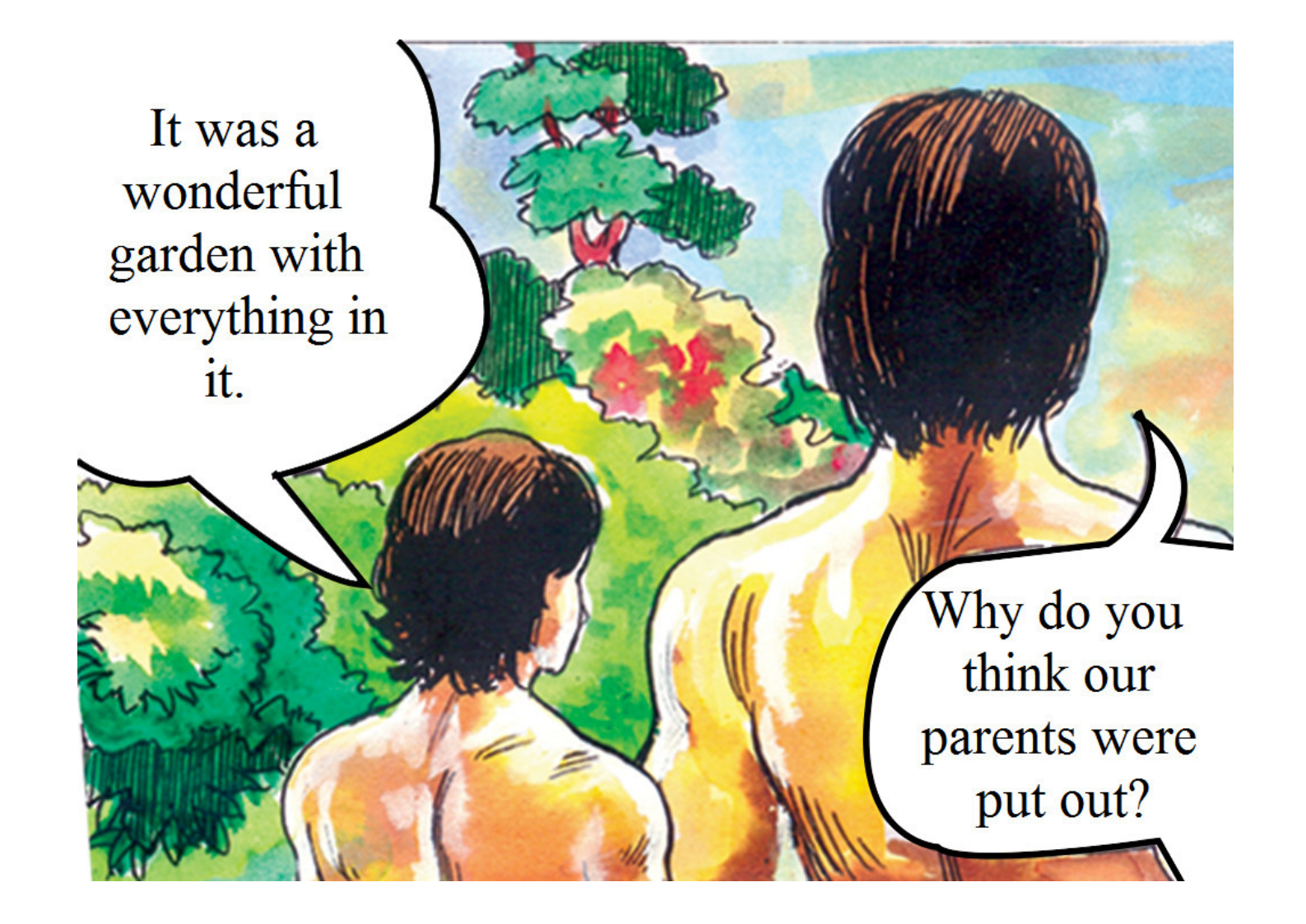


Abel, it is right for you to have sheep. But if they ever enter my field....

I know that my brother.
What were you saying?

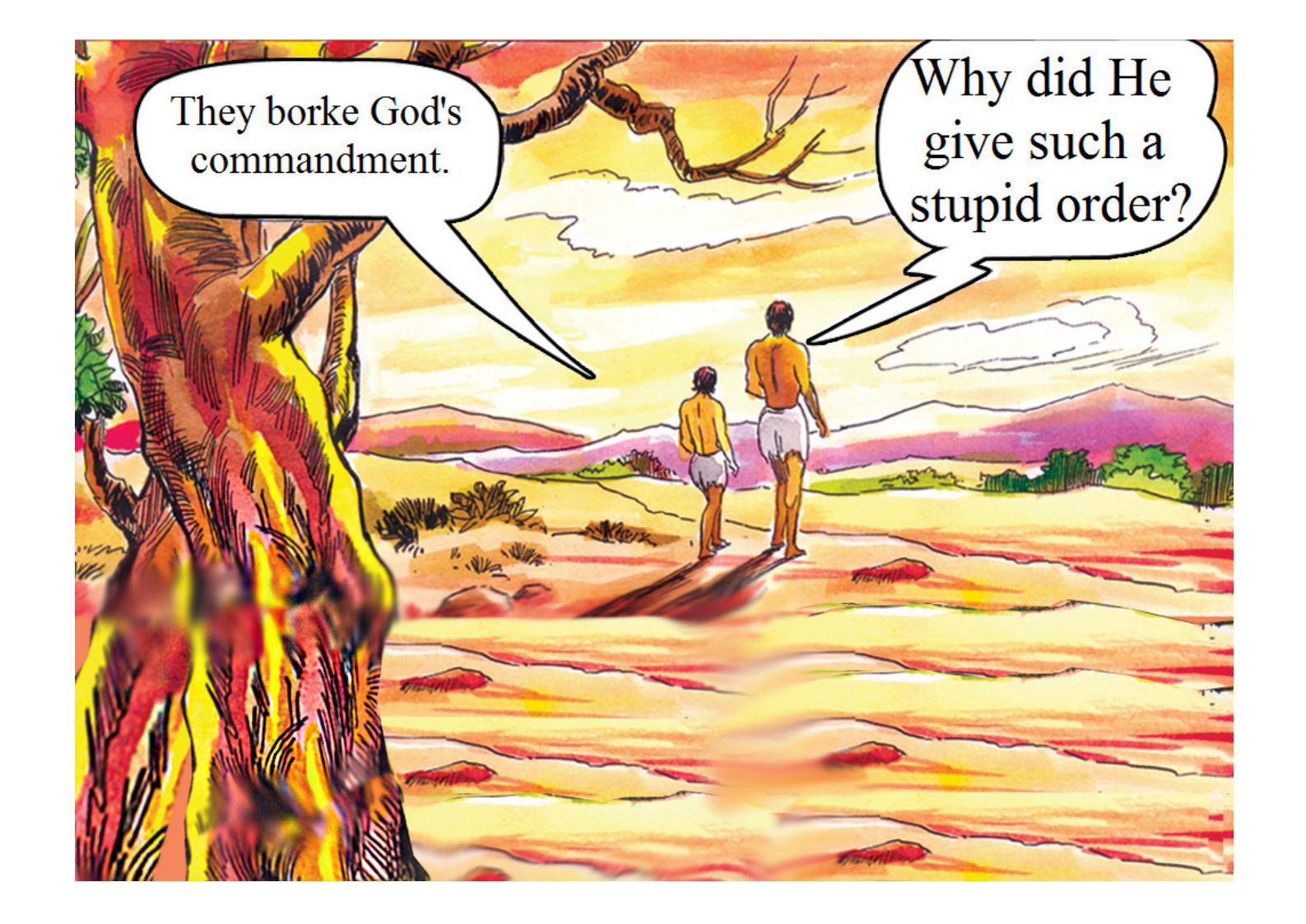


I was thinking
of that
Paradise.



It was a
wonderful
garden with
everything in
it.

Why do you
think our
parents were
put out?

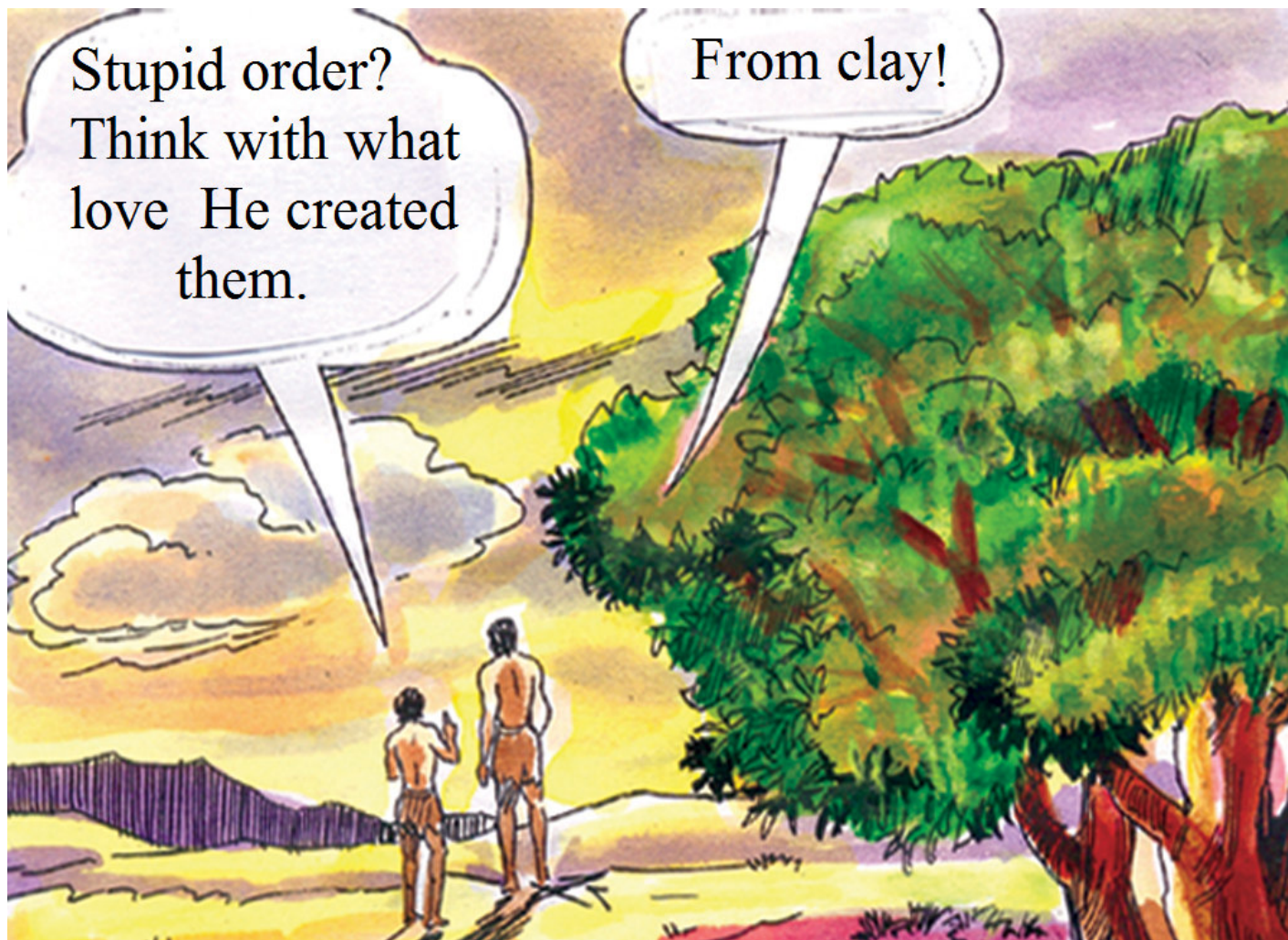



They borke God's
commandment.

Why did He
give such a
stupid order?

Stupid order?
Think with what
love He created
them.

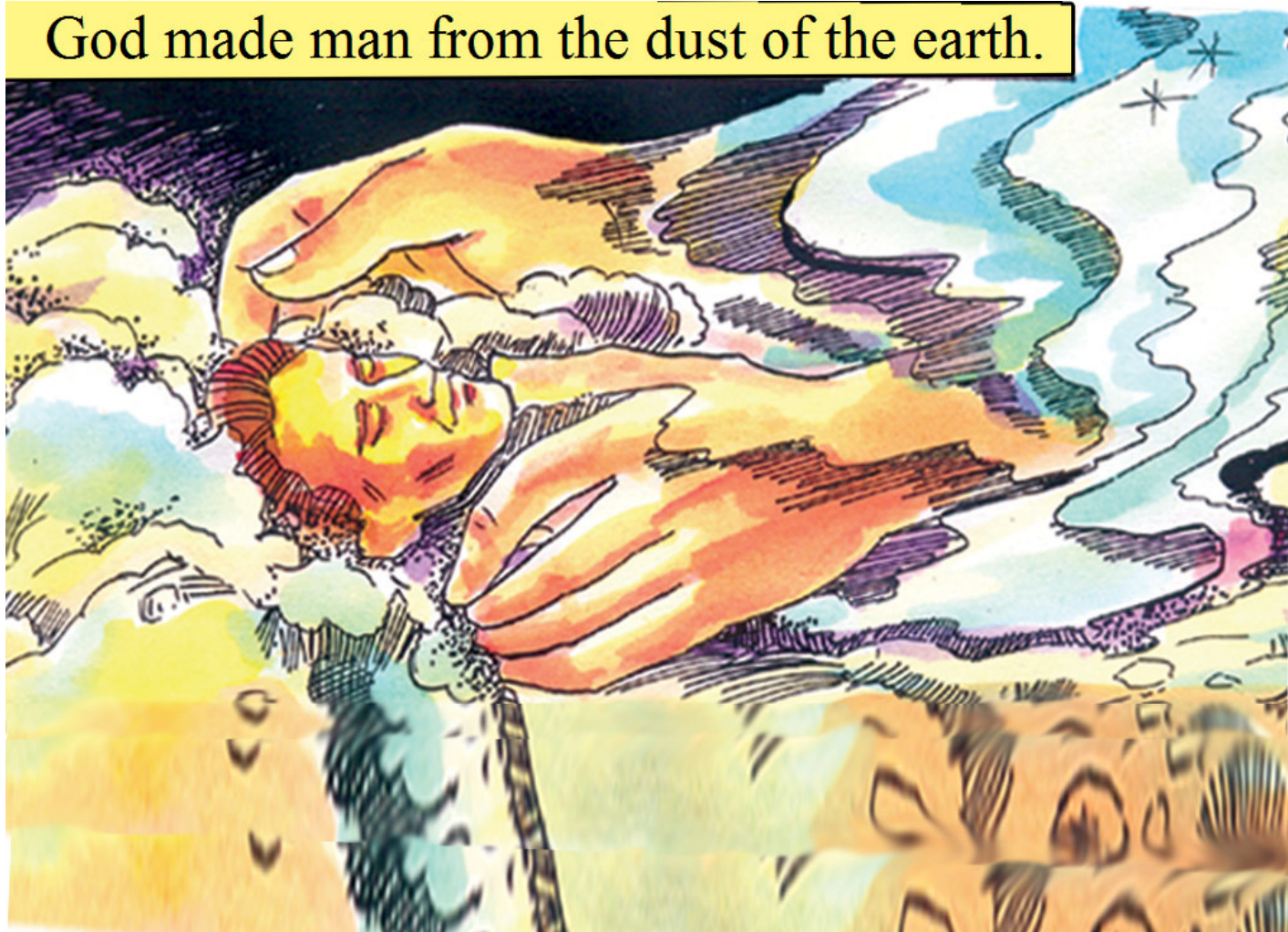
From clay!



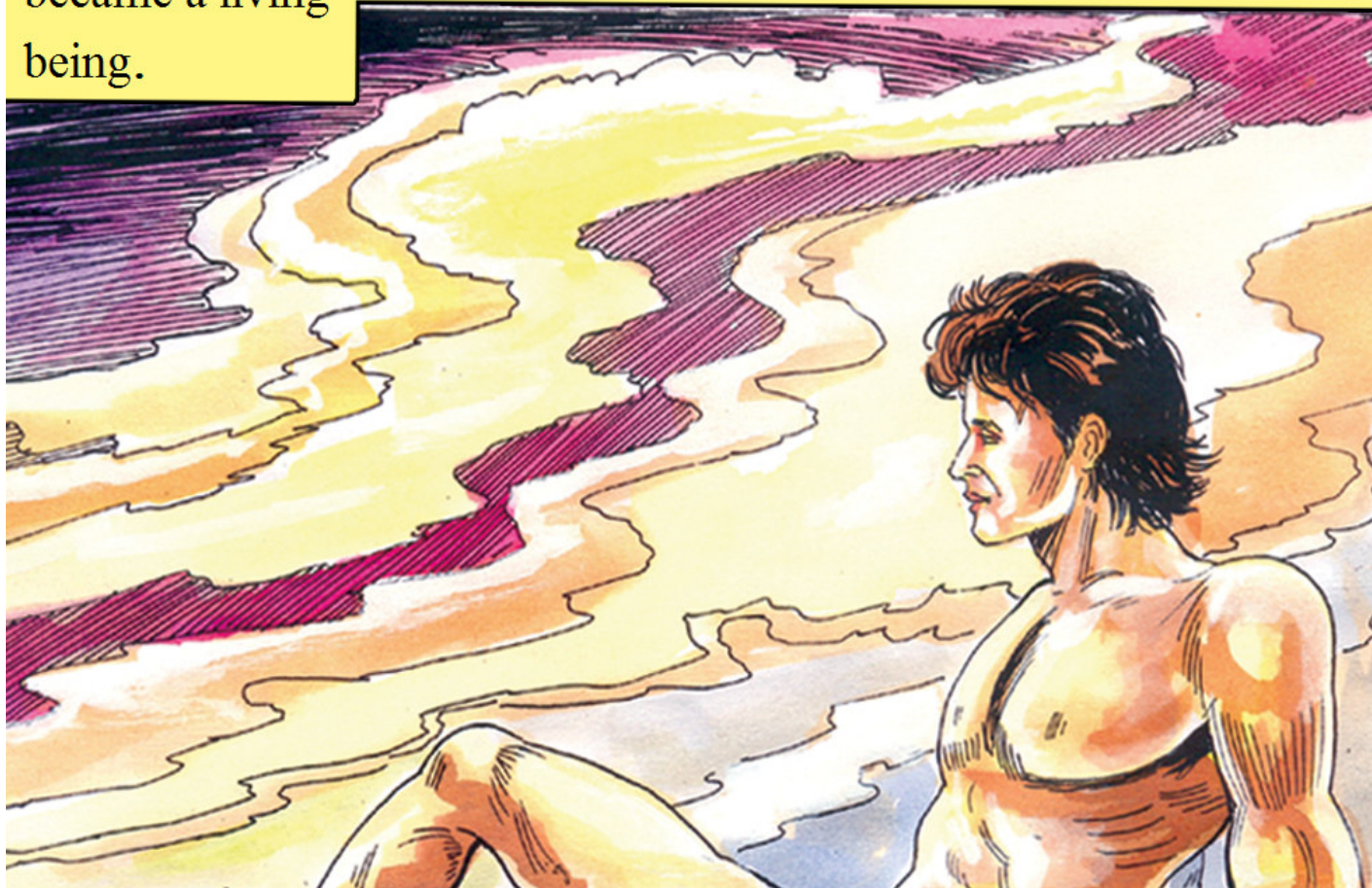
A woman with dark hair and red lips is shown in a close-up, looking slightly to the left. She is speaking, with a speech bubble above her head. The background is a bright, yellowish-orange sky. To the left, there is a large, green tree with a thick trunk. The overall style is that of a comic book or a stylized illustration.

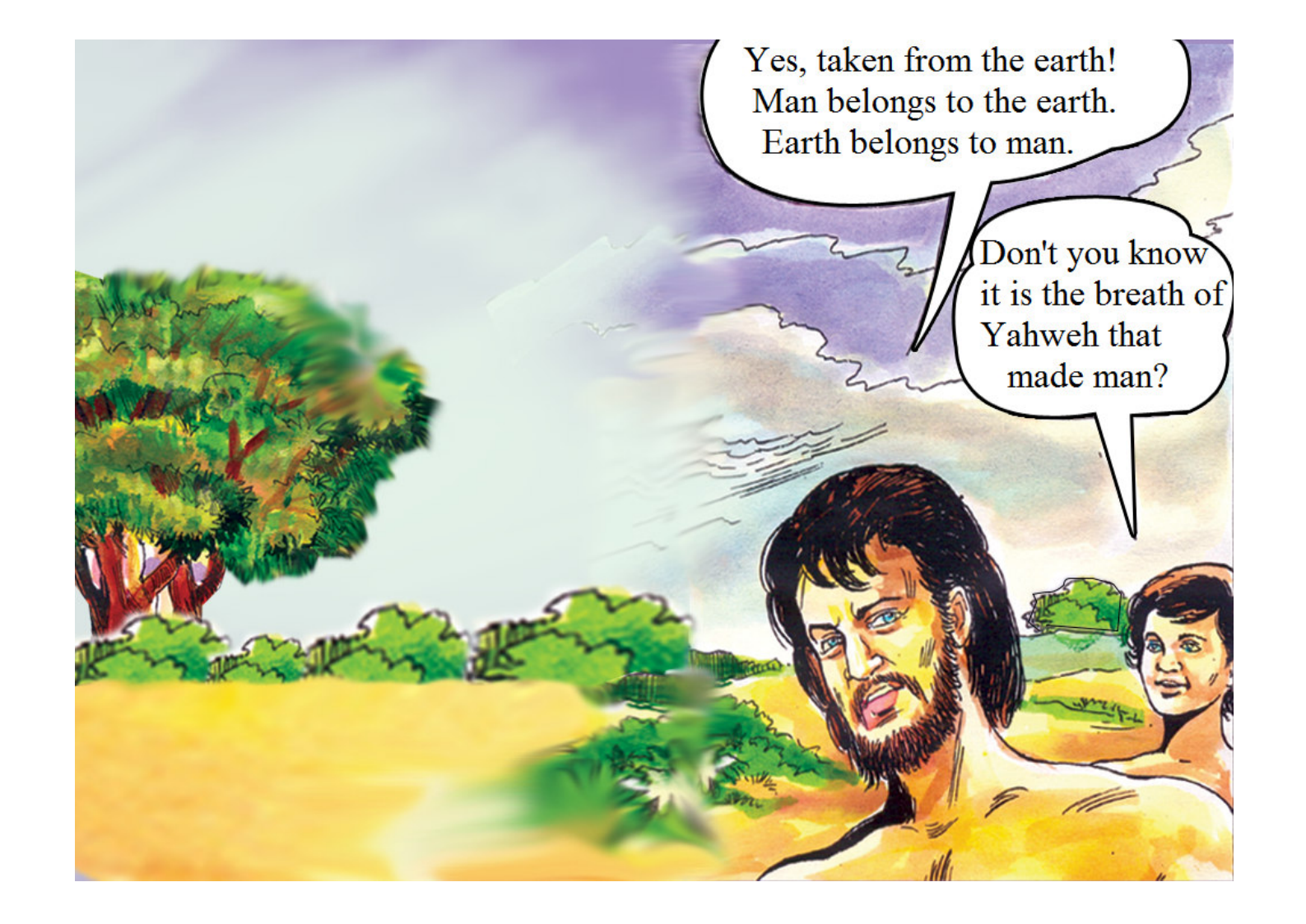
But it was God's
fingers that shaped
them.

God made man from the dust of the earth.



He breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and thus man became a living being.





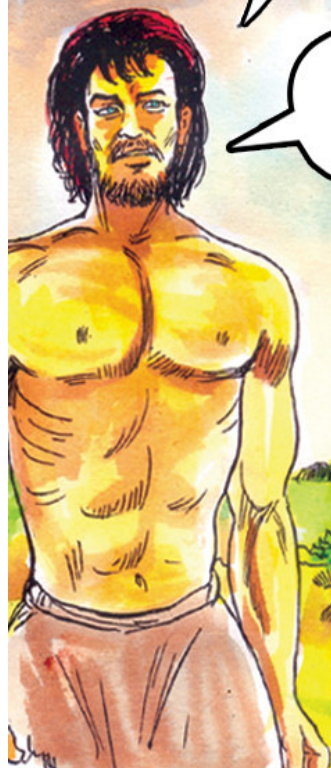
Yes, taken from the earth!
Man belongs to the earth.
Earth belongs to man.

Don't you know
it is the breath of
Yahweh that
made man?

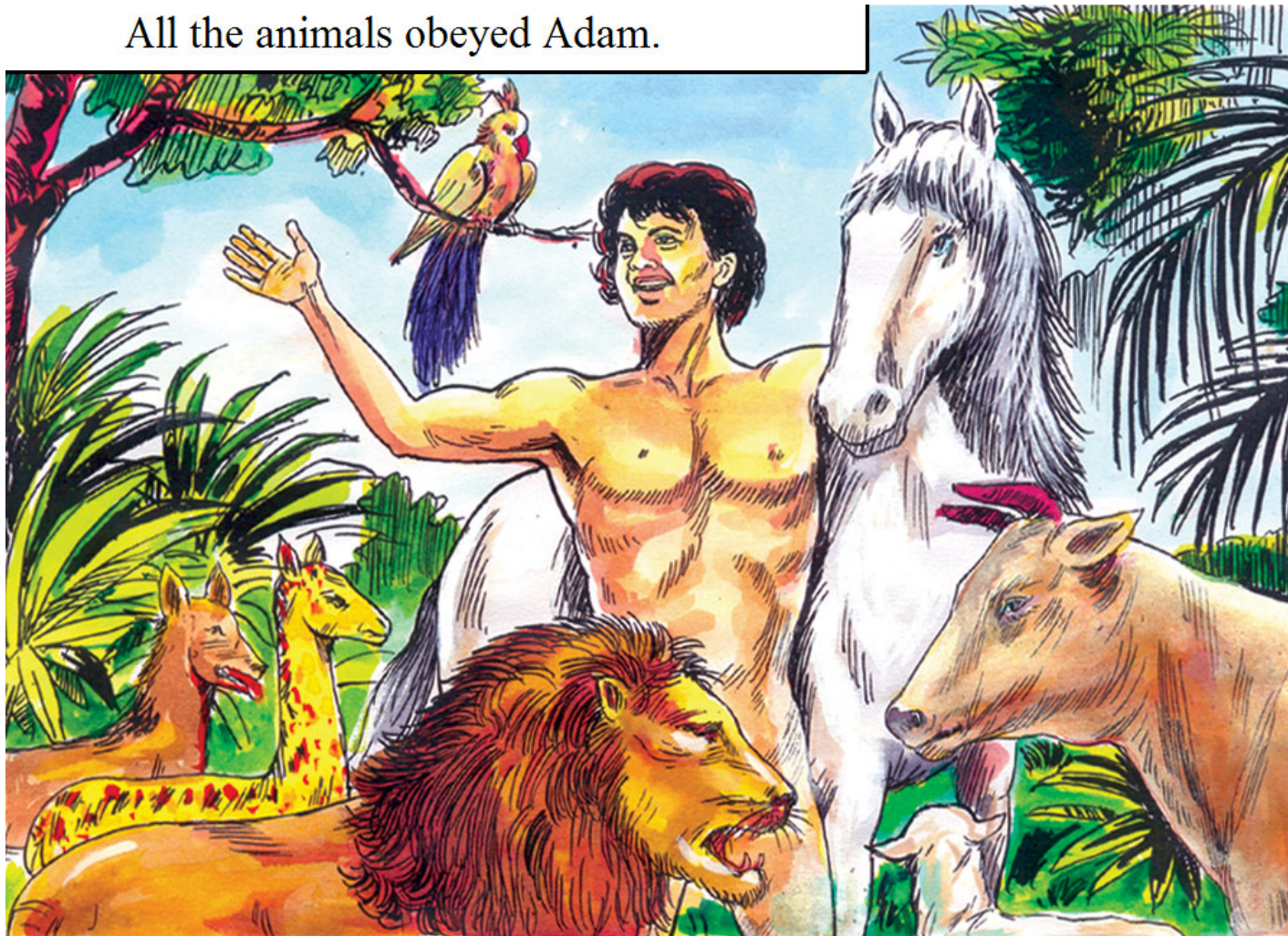
What breath? Dust we are! Living and breathing dust!

How come you don't remember who gave us life?

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All the animals obeyed Adam.




Animals. Yes. But he
was lonley.

So, Yahweh
created mother
from father's
own rib.



You stupid, why
are you forgetting the
clay so soon?





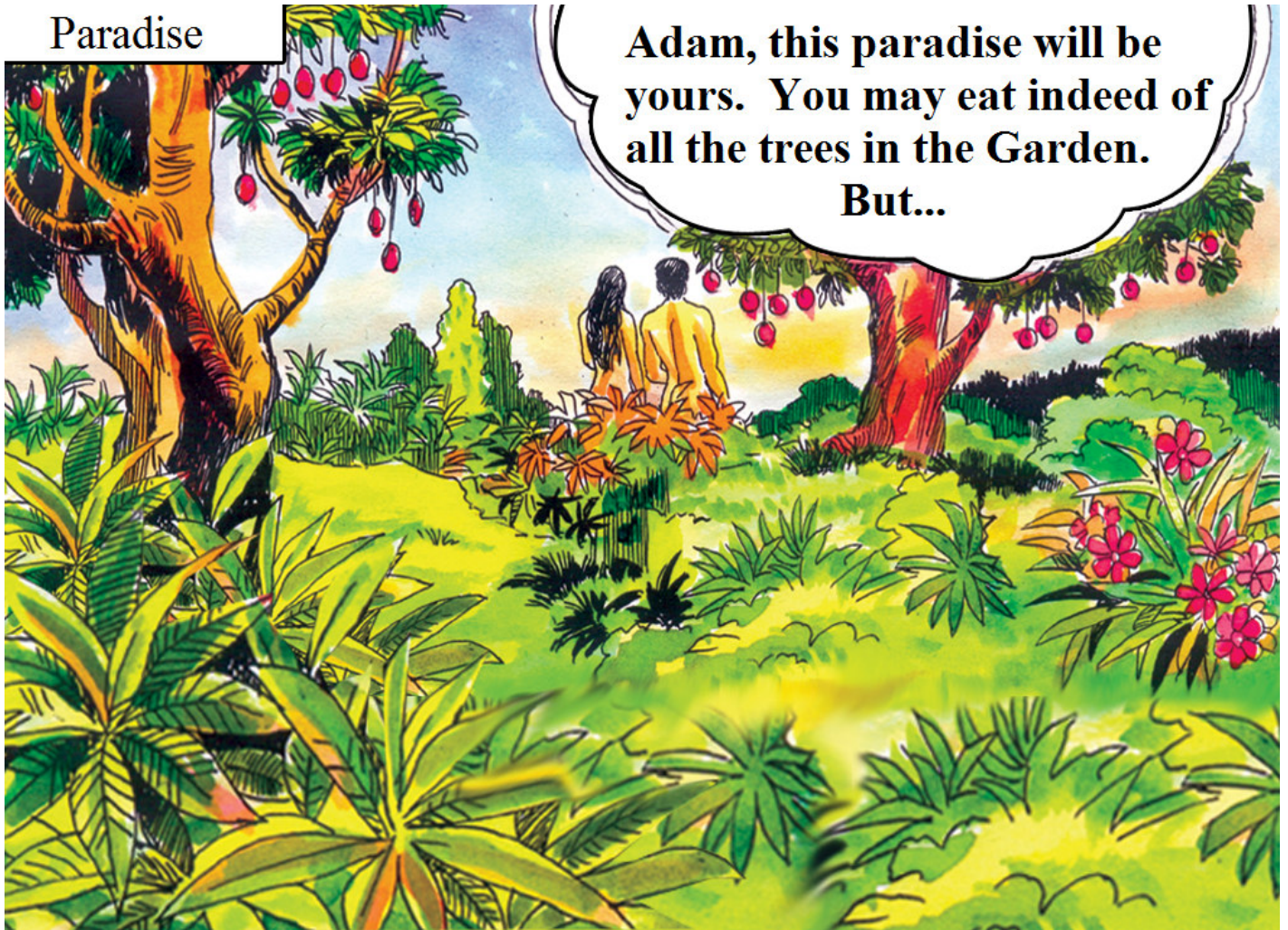
No, my
brother, I don't
forget the clay.
I feel so
overwhelmed
by God's love.

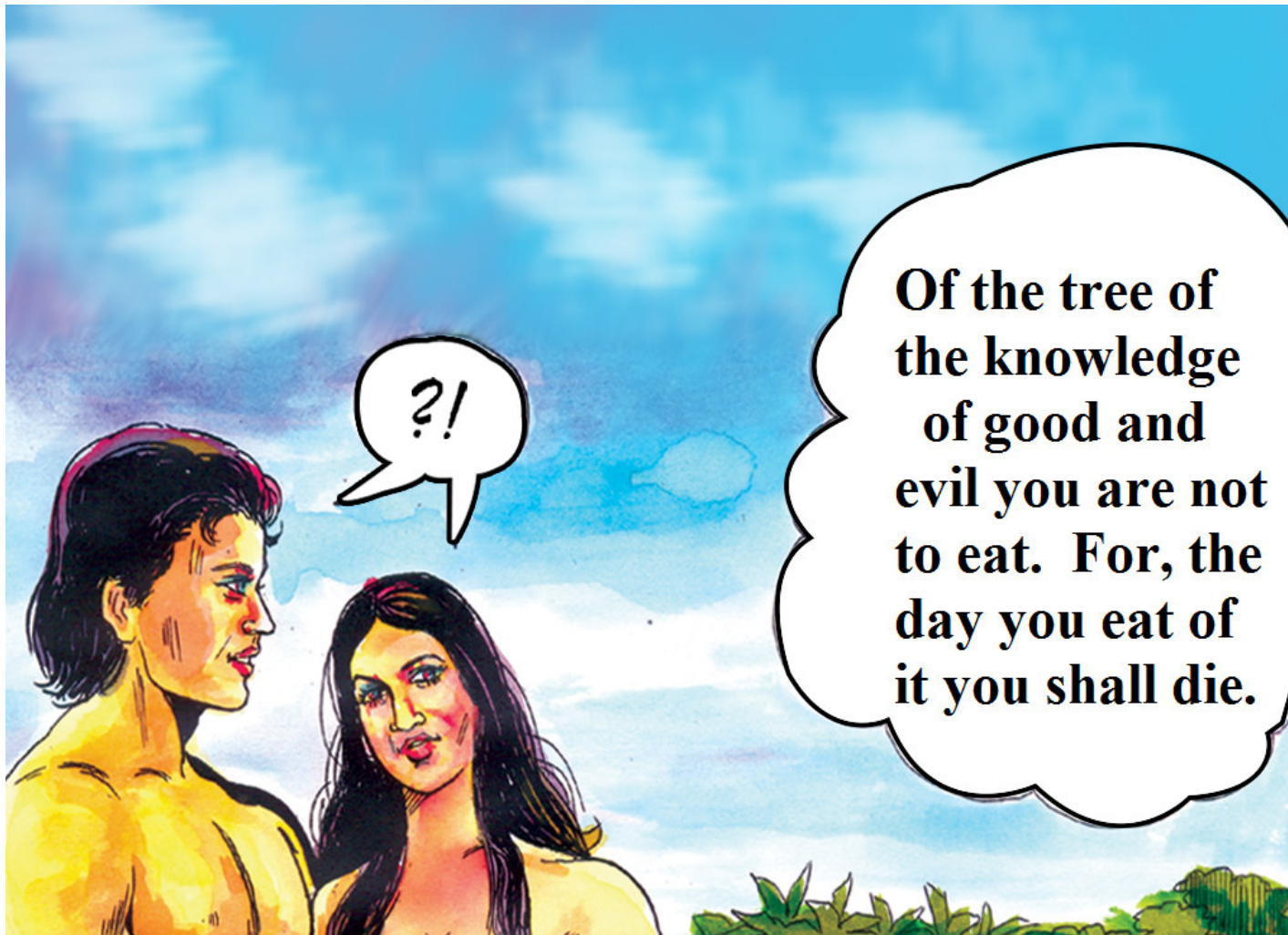
Love.
Big deal!

Certainly.
Paradise
was love.

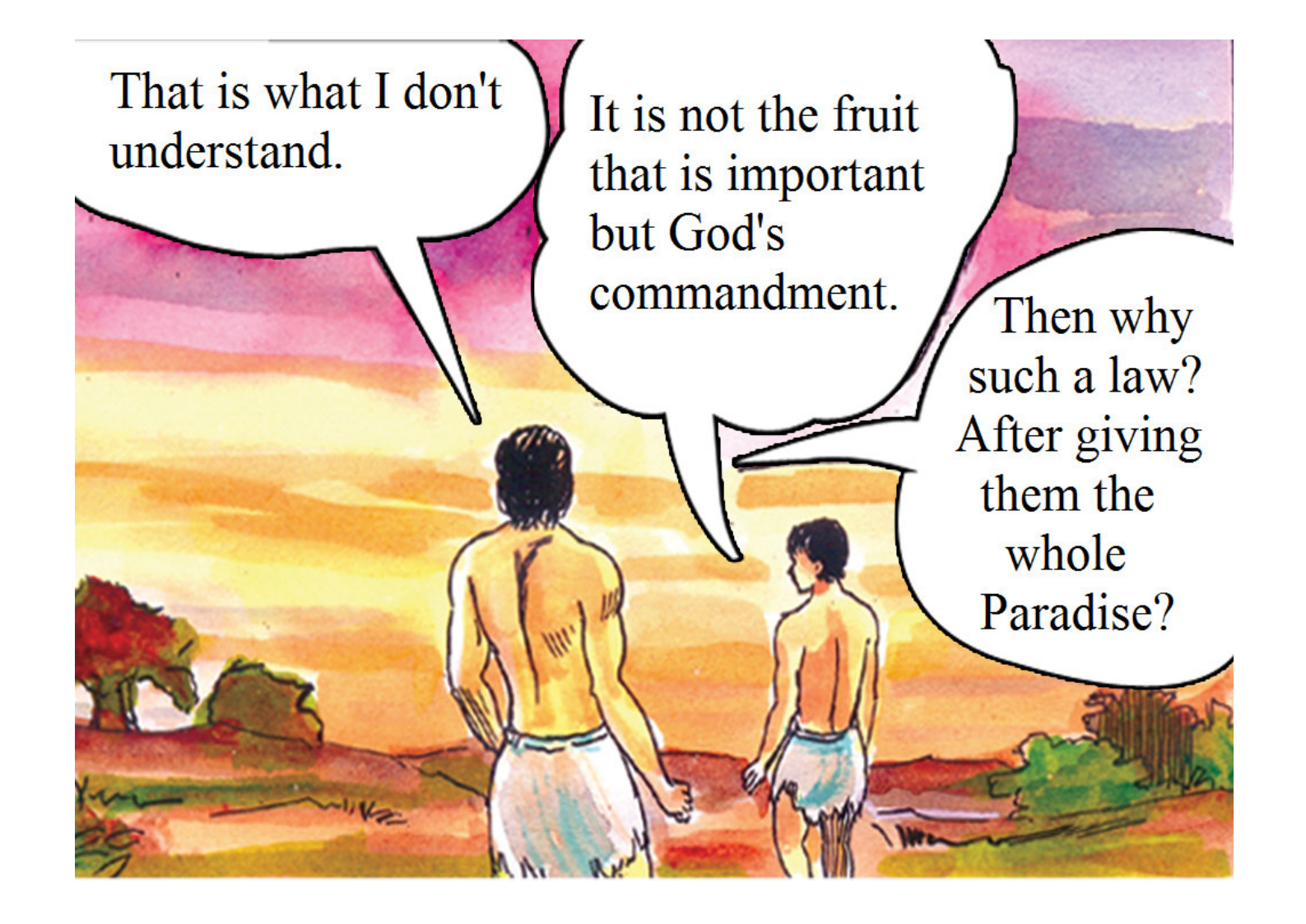
Paradise

**Adam, this paradise will be yours. You may eat indeed of all the trees in the Garden.
But...**





**Of the tree of
the knowledge
of good and
evil you are not
to eat. For, the
day you eat of
it you shall die.**



That is what I don't understand.

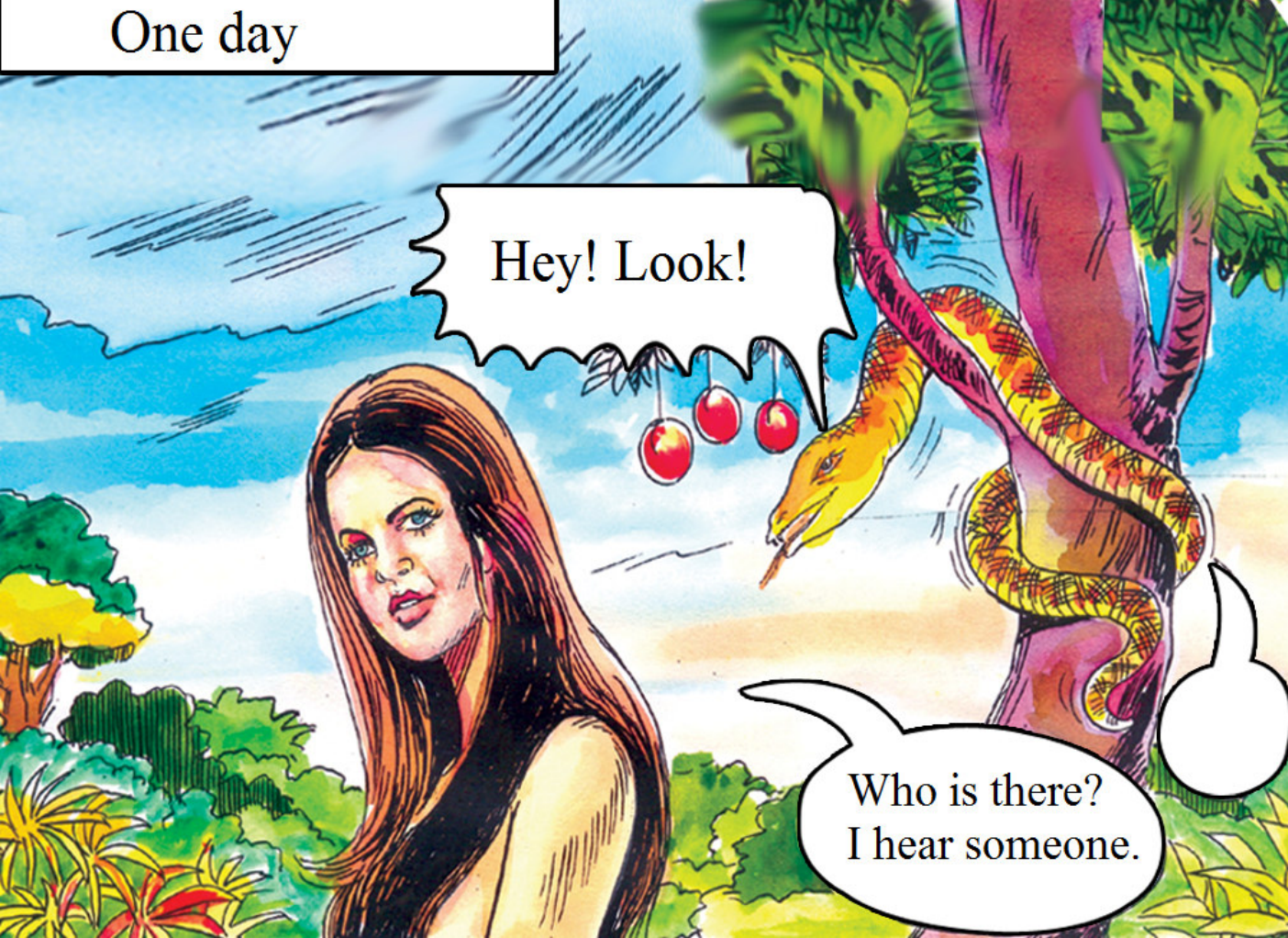
It is not the fruit that is important but God's commandment.

Then why such a law? After giving them the whole Paradise?

So that they may
not forget that it
is His gift.

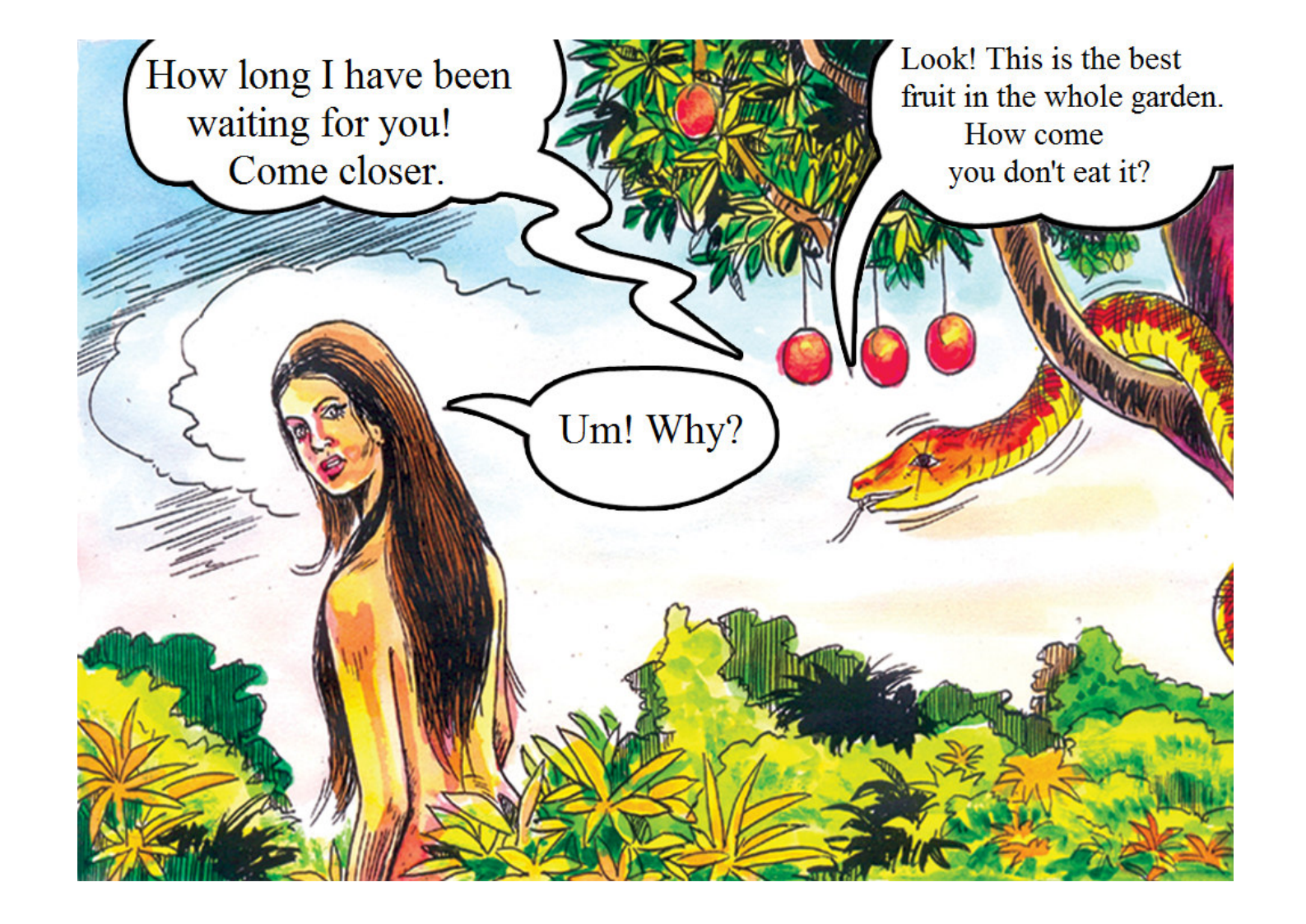


One day



Hey! Look!

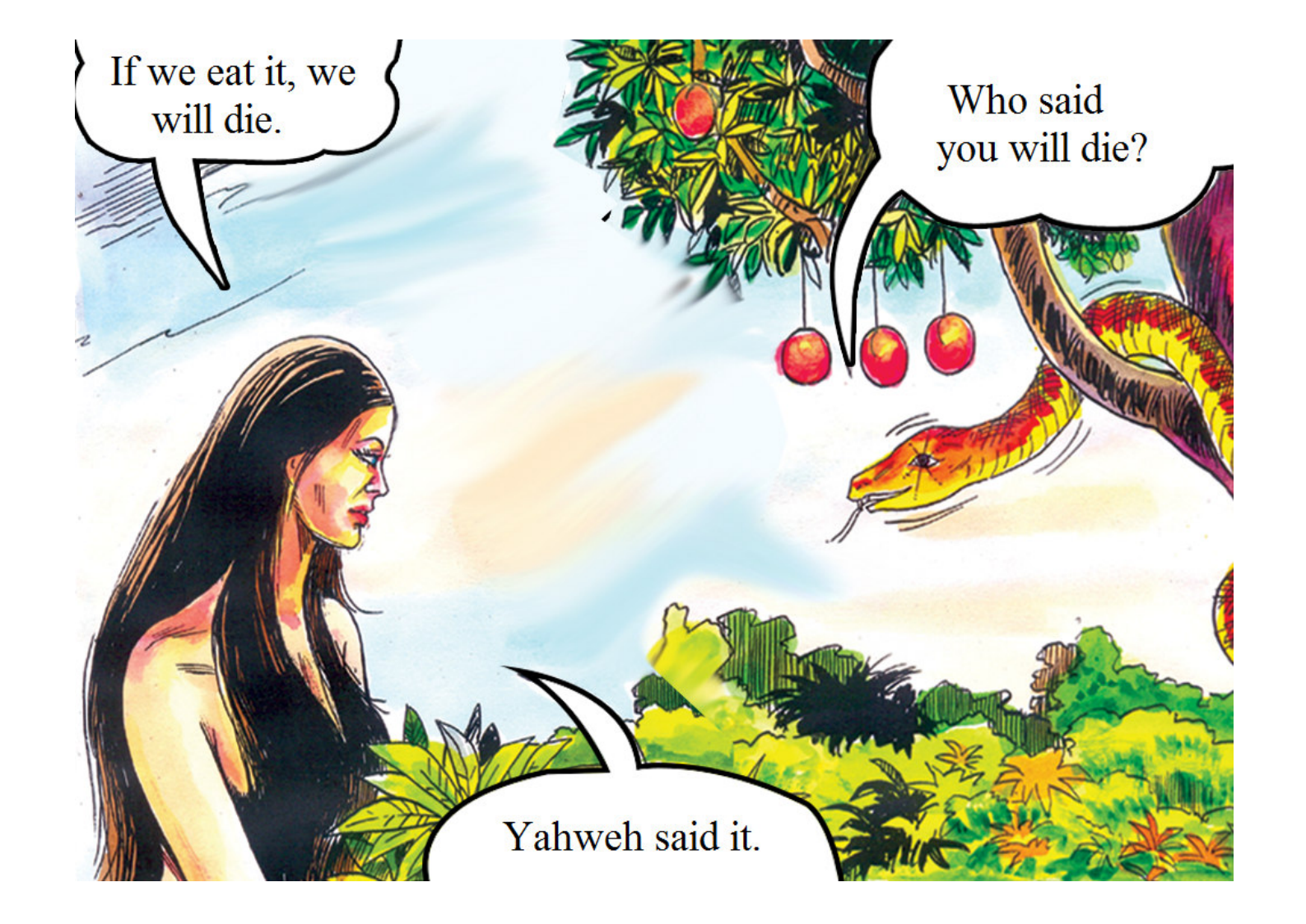
Who is there?
I hear someone.



How long I have been
waiting for you!
Come closer.

Look! This is the best
fruit in the whole garden.
How come
you don't eat it?

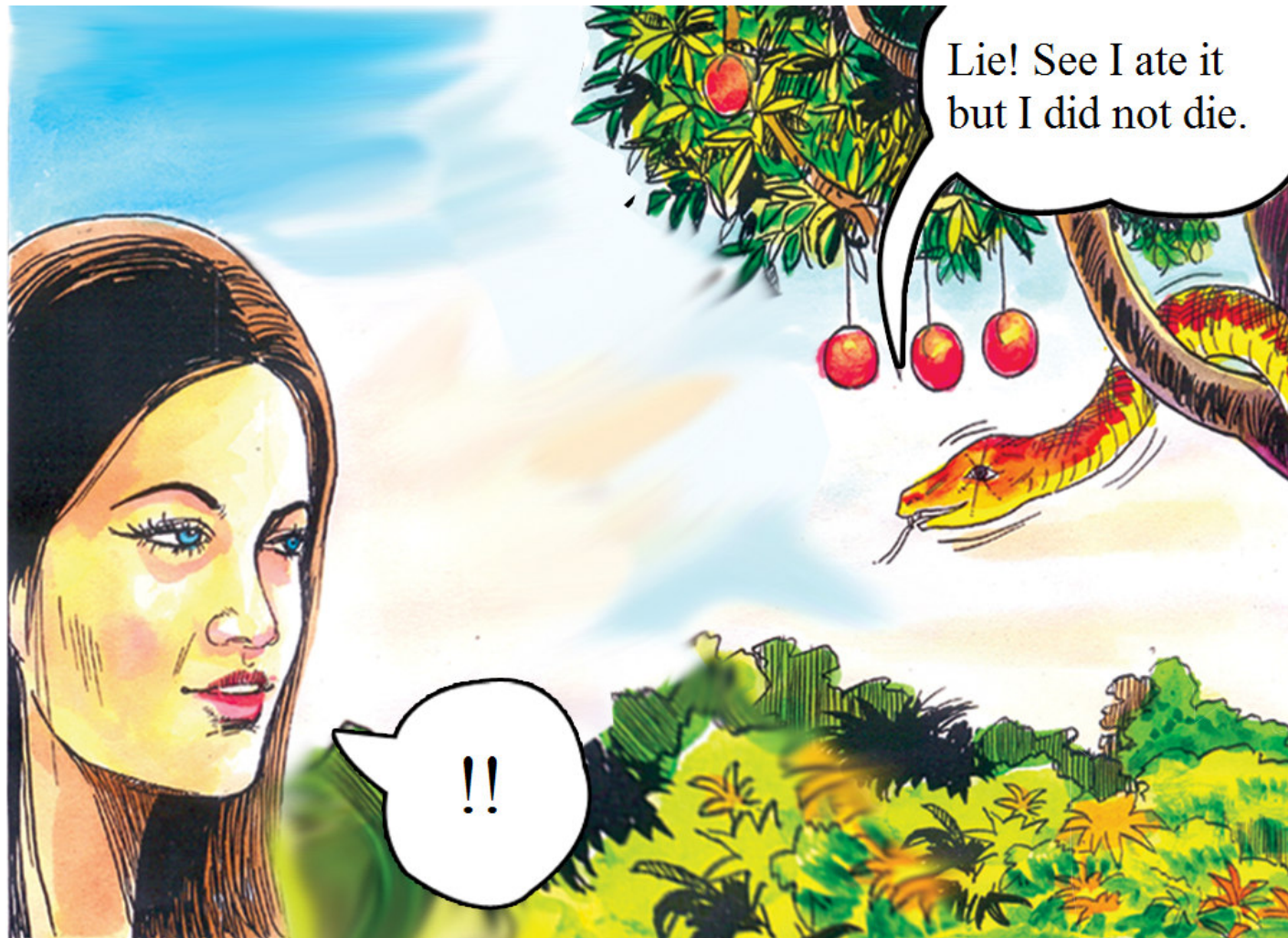
Um! Why?



If we eat it, we
will die.

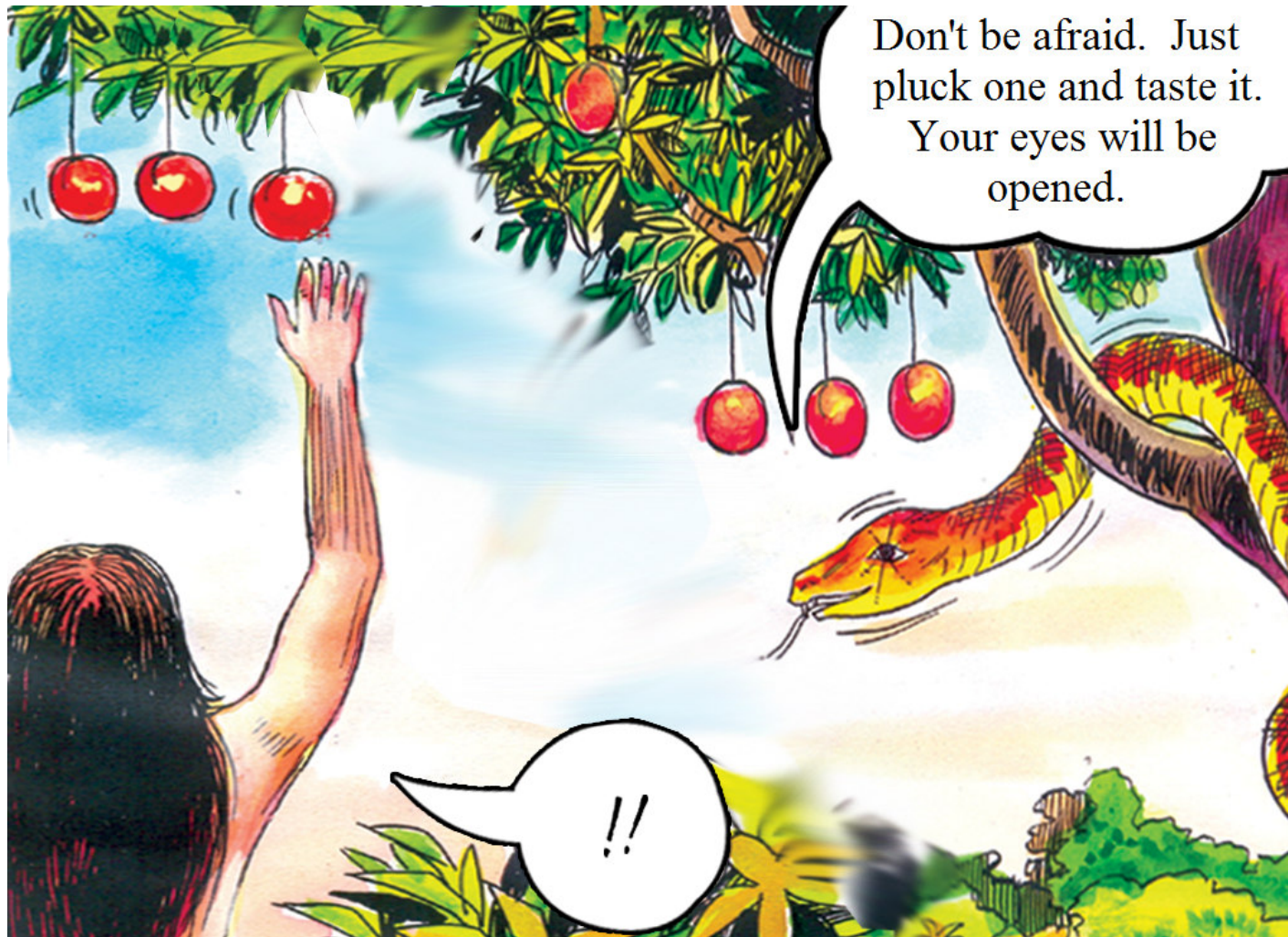
Who said
you will die?

Yahweh said it.



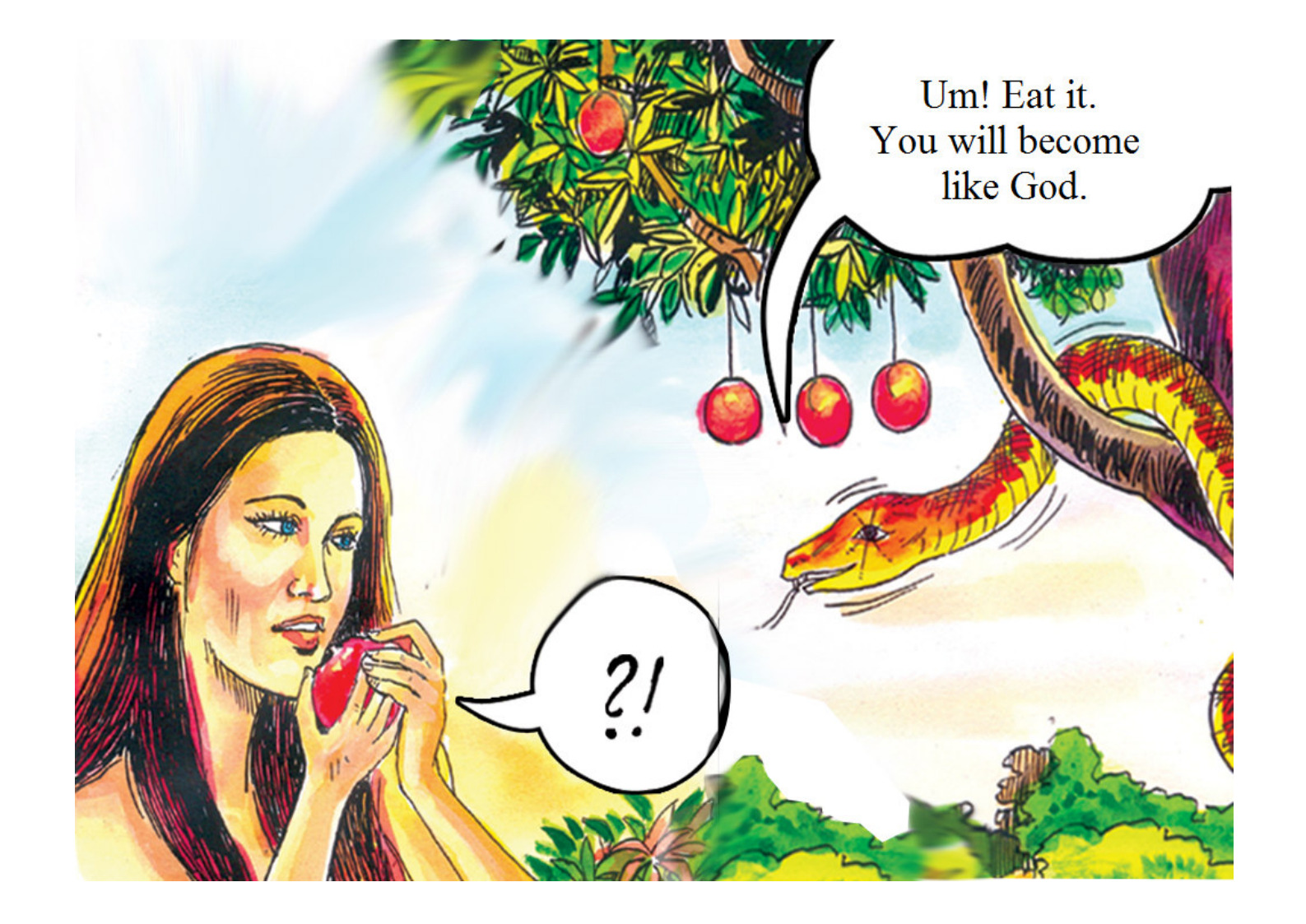
Lie! See I ate it
but I did not die.

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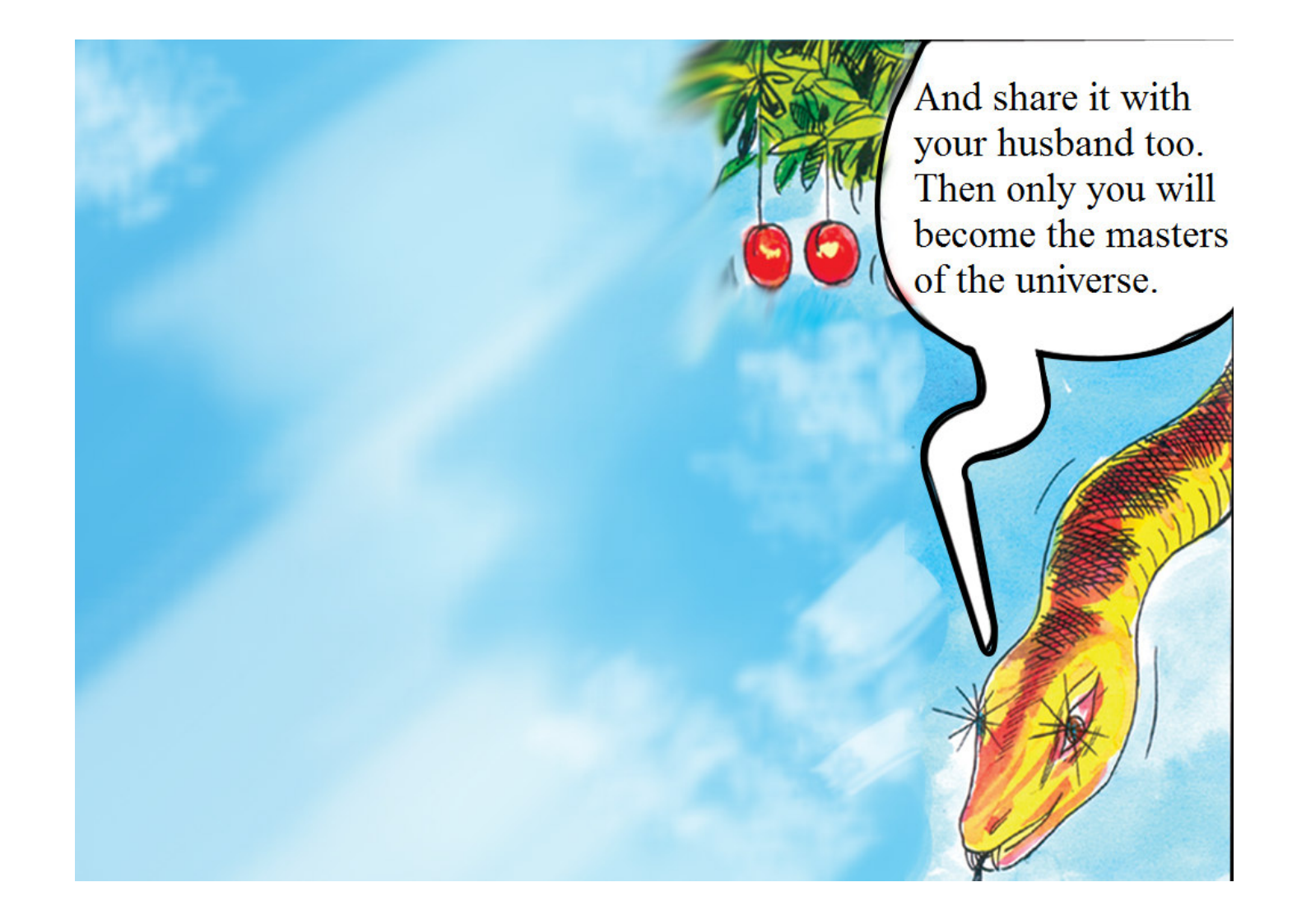
Don't be afraid. Just
pluck one and taste it.
Your eyes will be
opened.

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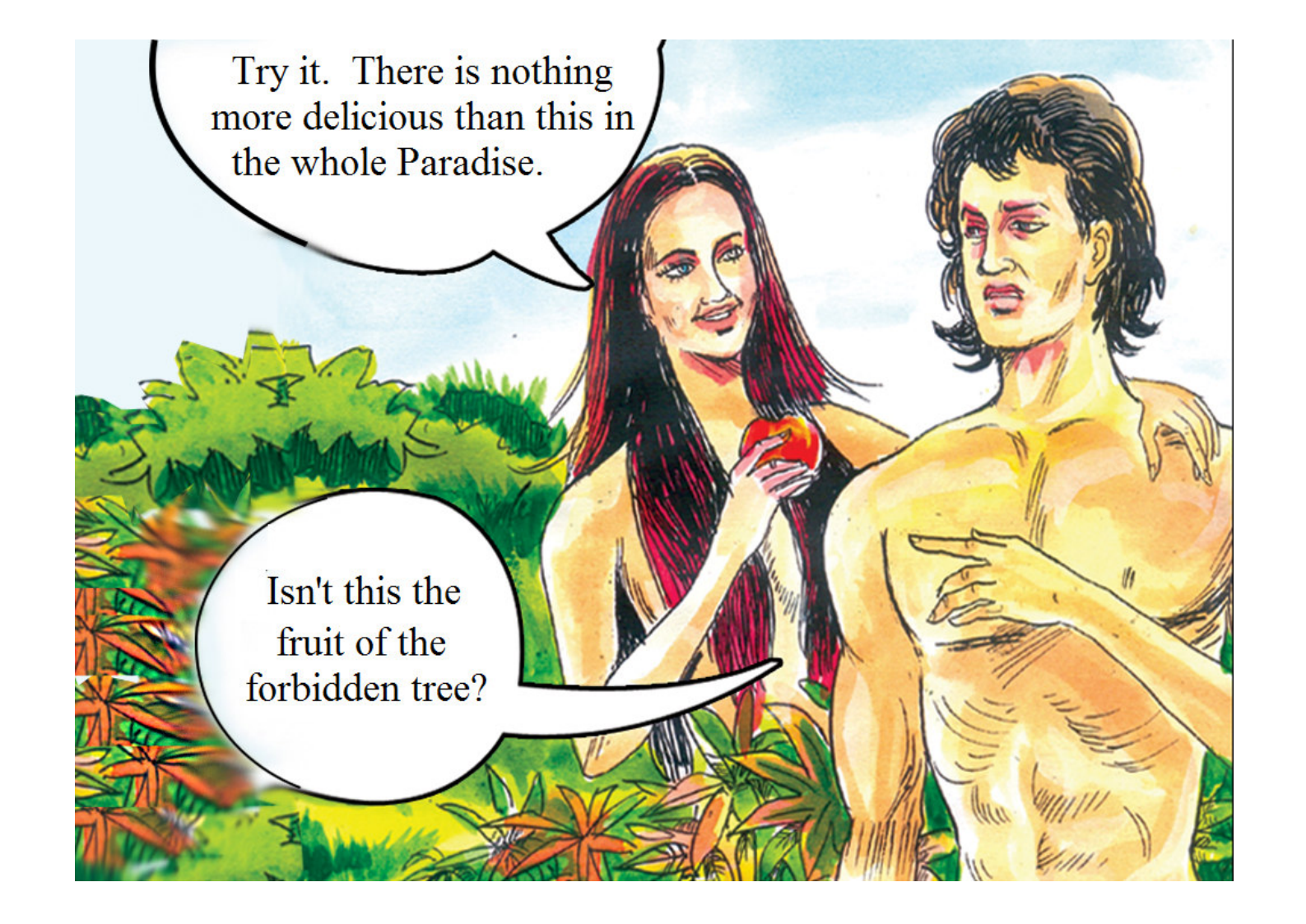


Um! Eat it.
You will become
like God.

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And share it with
your husband too.
Then only you will
become the masters
of the universe.



Try it. There is nothing more delicious than this in the whole Paradise.

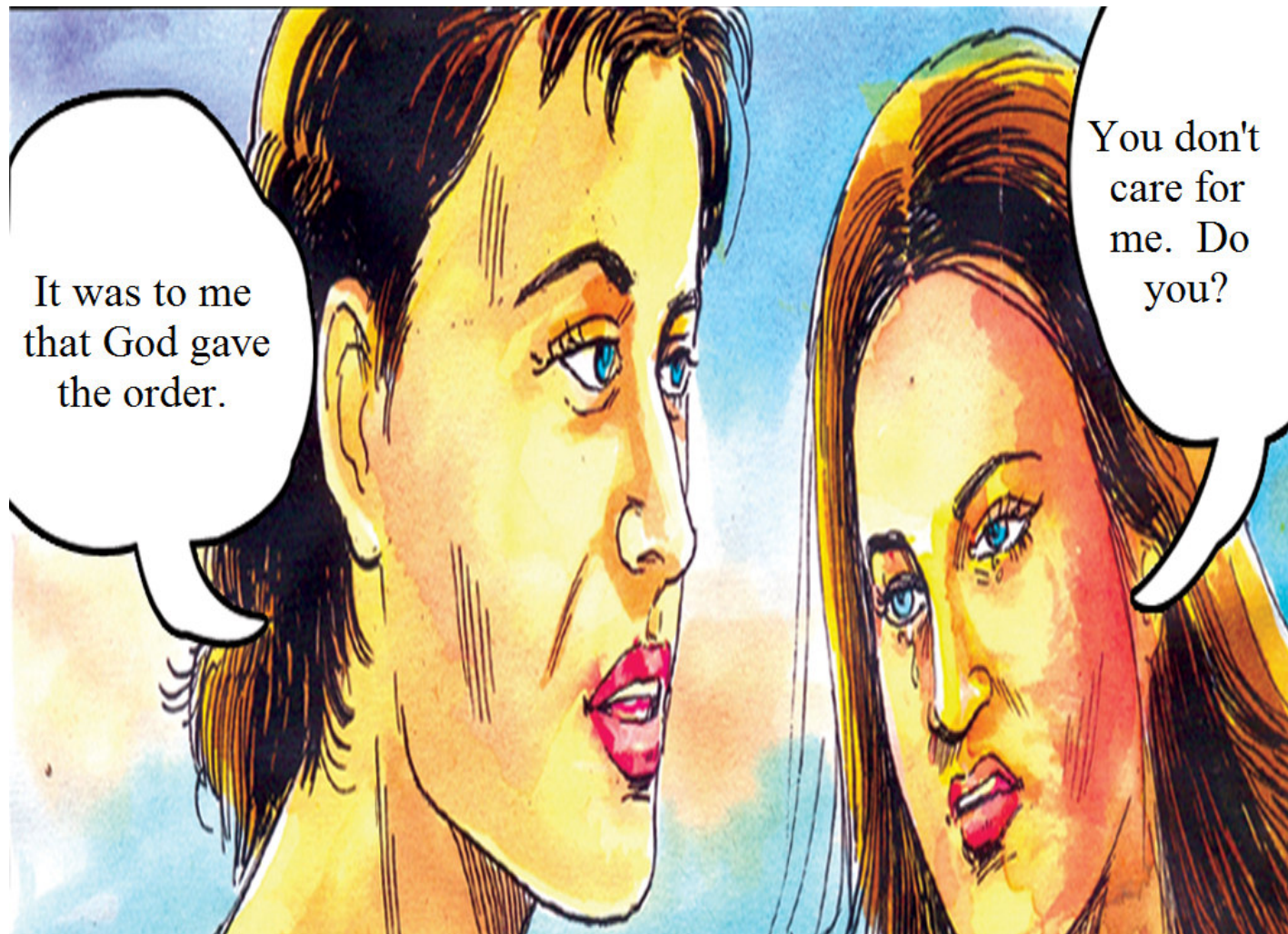
Isn't this the fruit of the forbidden tree?

Don't take it so seriously.

He just said it for fun. See, I ate it but didn't die.

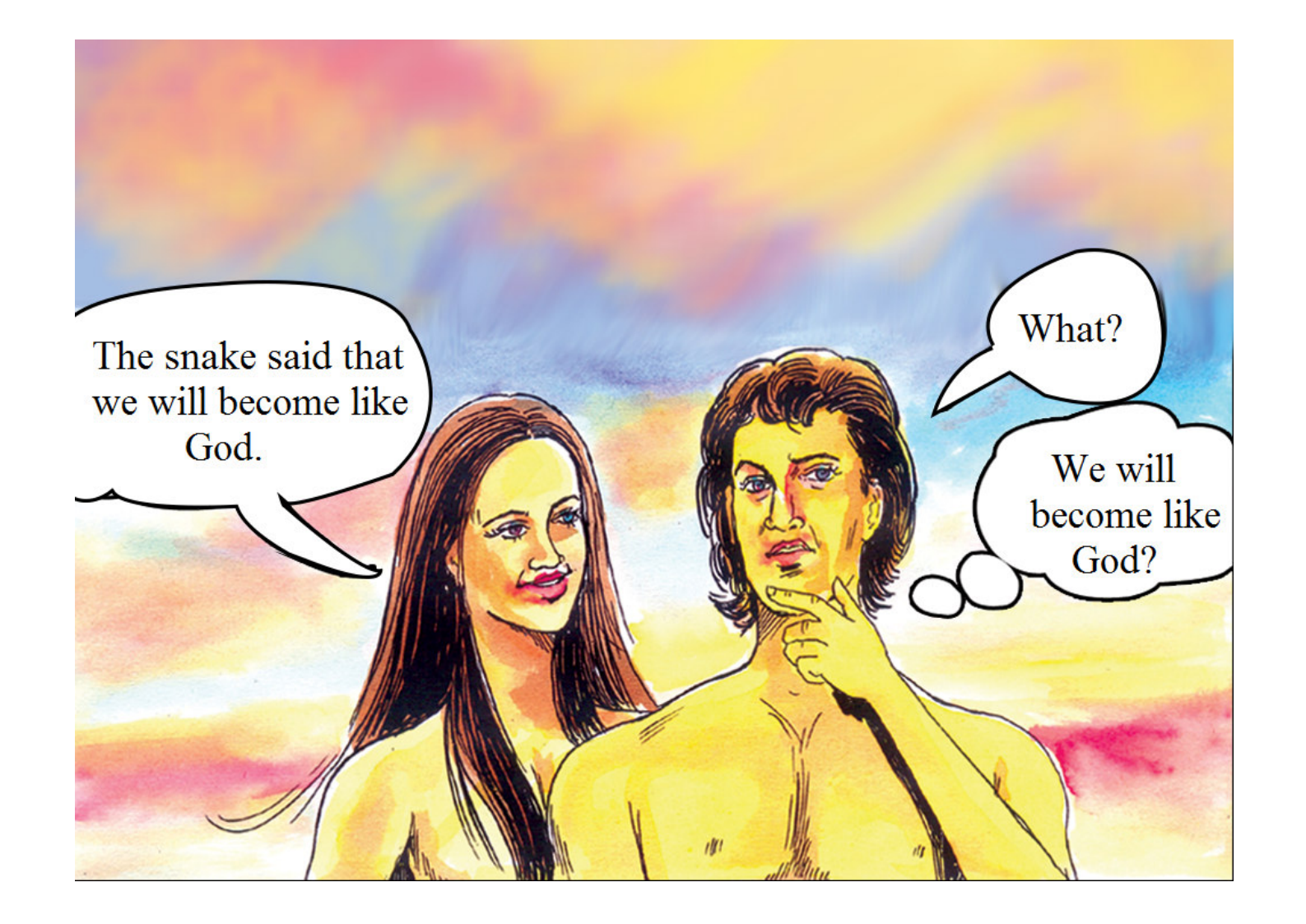
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God said that if we eat it, we will die.



It was to me
that God gave
the order.

You don't
care for
me. Do
you?



The snake said that
we will become like
God.


What?

We will
become like
God?

Why are you so scared? Don't think so hard.

OK. Give me that fruit.




A woman with short, wavy red hair is shown from the chest up, eating a red apple. She has a content expression on her face. The background is a bright yellow field with green grass in the foreground and a green bush on the left. A speech bubble is positioned above her head.

Delicious!
I was a fool not to
taste it so long.

Eve,
what you
said is true.





What is happening? I am scared?
The sky is all changing!

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Shame and fear, consequences of sin. So they sewed fig leaves together to make themselves loin cothes and hid themselves among the trees.

How shall we face God now?

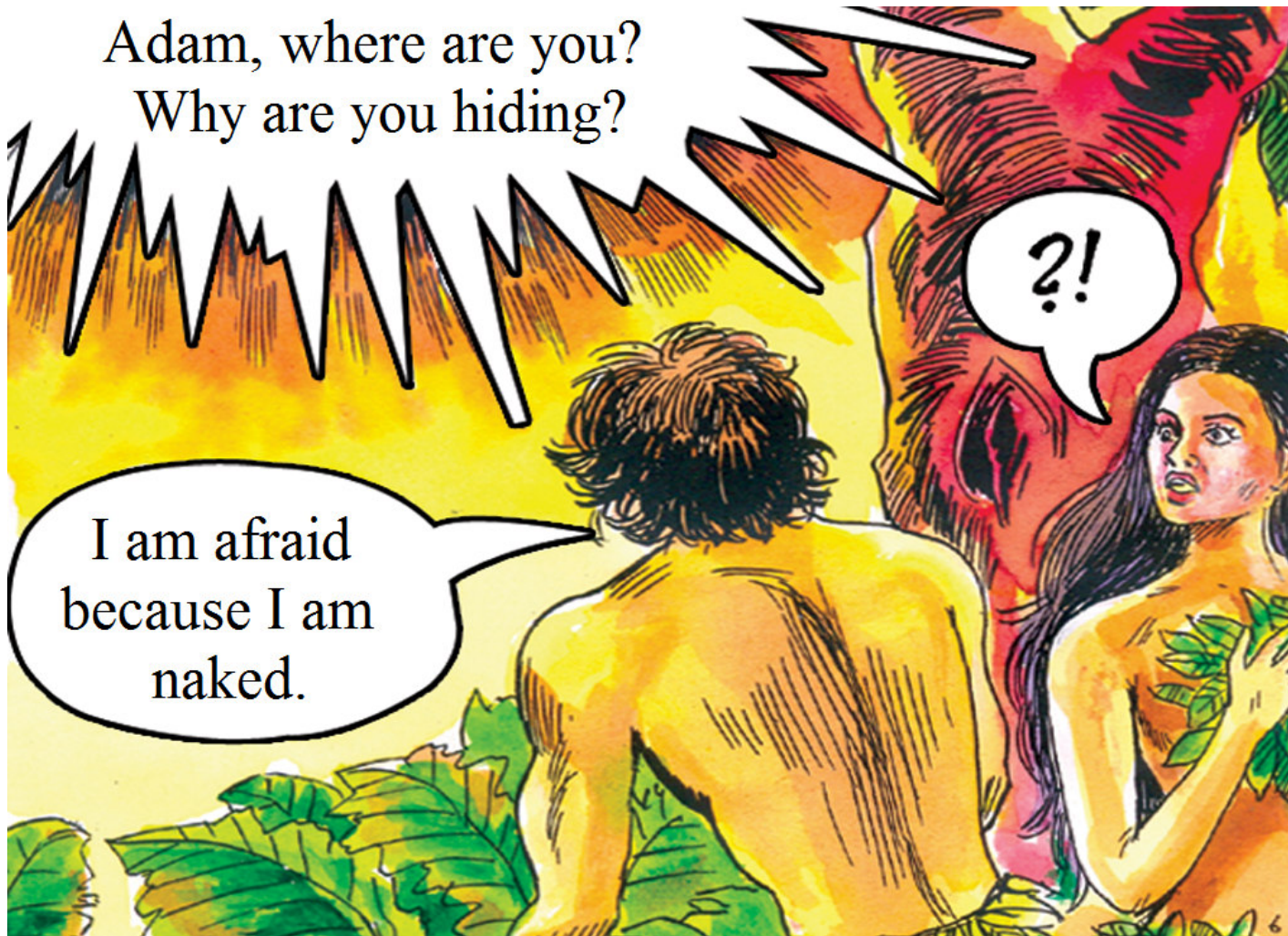
Let us go and hide somewhere.




Adam, where are you?
Why are you hiding?

I am afraid
because I am
naked.

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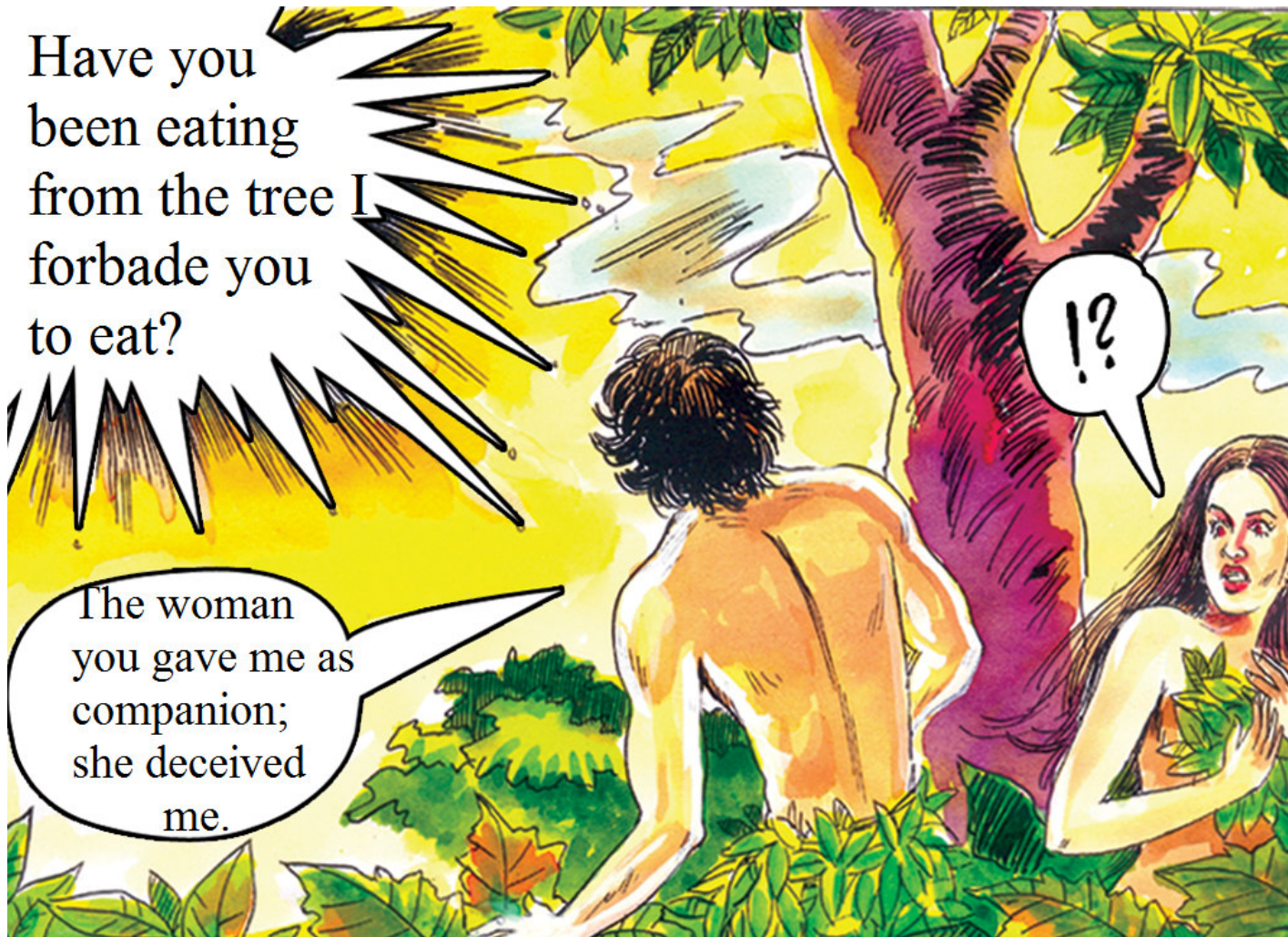


Tried to become
God and ended
up in shame and
fear? Come out!

Have you
been eating
from the tree I
forbade you
to eat?

The woman
you gave me as
companion;
she deceived
me.

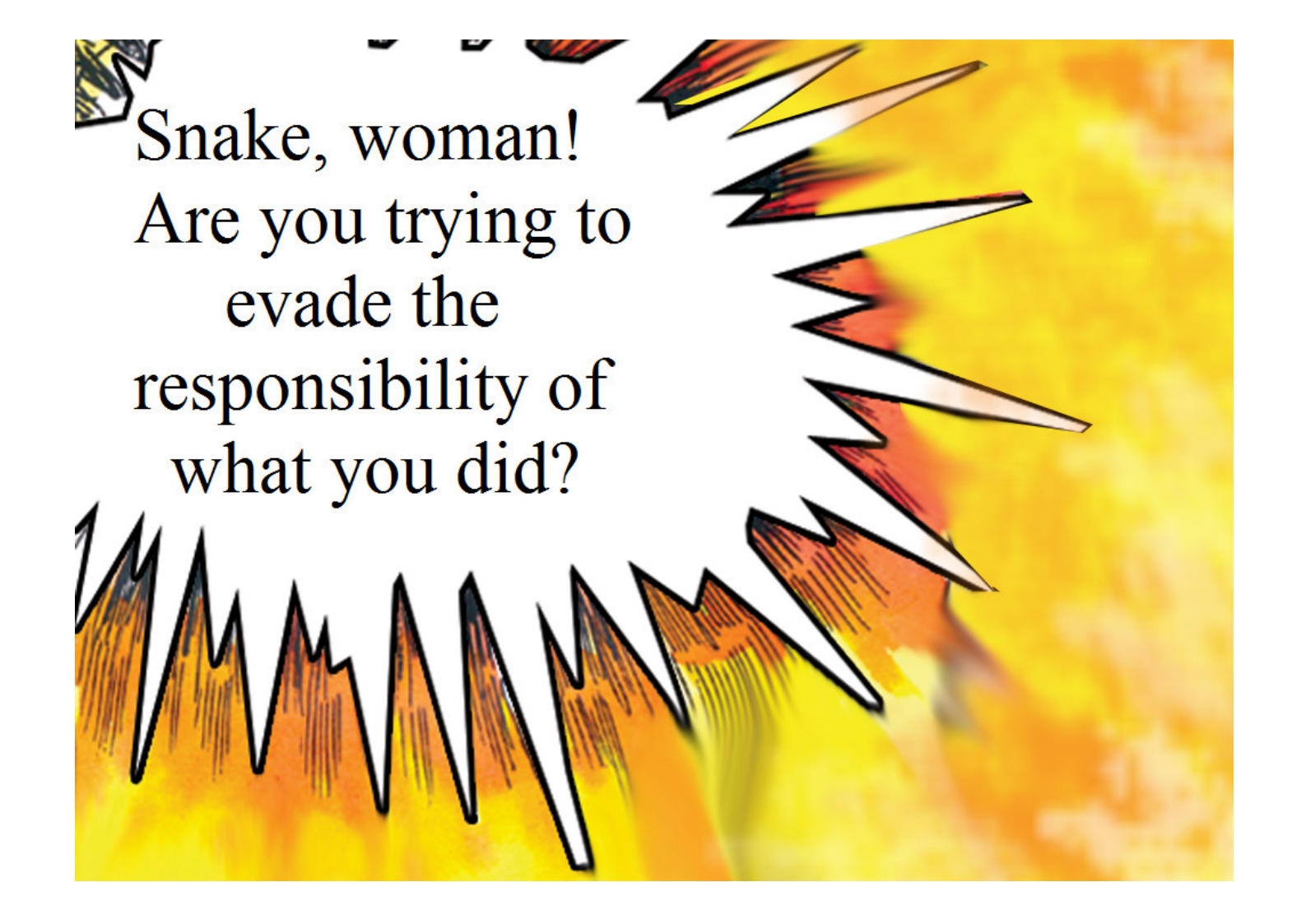
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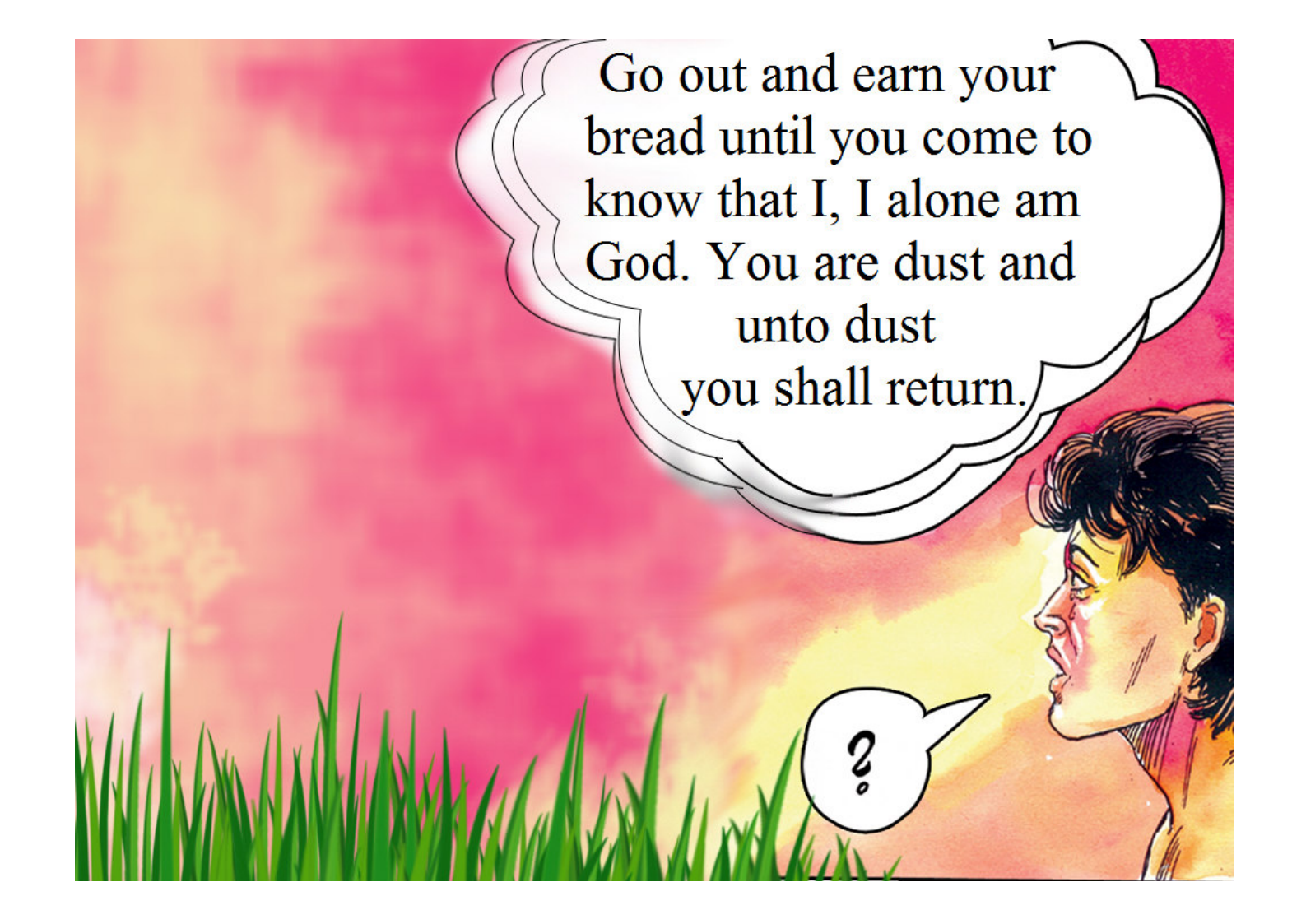


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The snake tricked me.



Snake, woman!
Are you trying to
evade the
responsibility of
what you did?

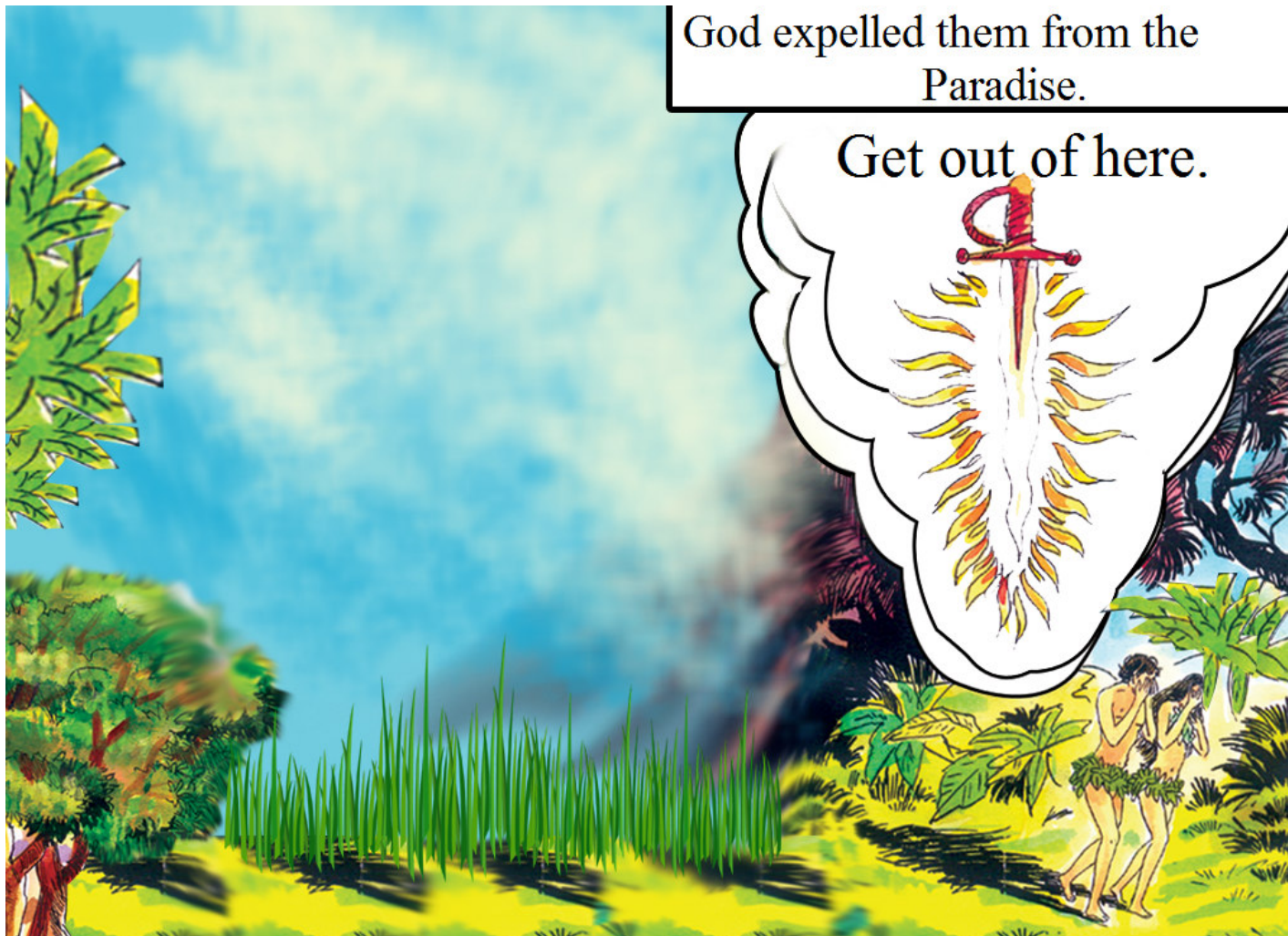
A man with dark, wavy hair is shown in profile, looking upwards and to the left. He has a thoughtful expression. The background is a vibrant sunset with shades of pink, orange, and yellow. In the foreground, there is a field of green grass. A large, white, cloud-like thought bubble is positioned above the man's head, containing text. A smaller, white speech bubble with a question mark is located near the man's mouth.

Go out and earn your
bread until you come to
know that I, I alone am
God. You are dust and
unto dust
you shall return.

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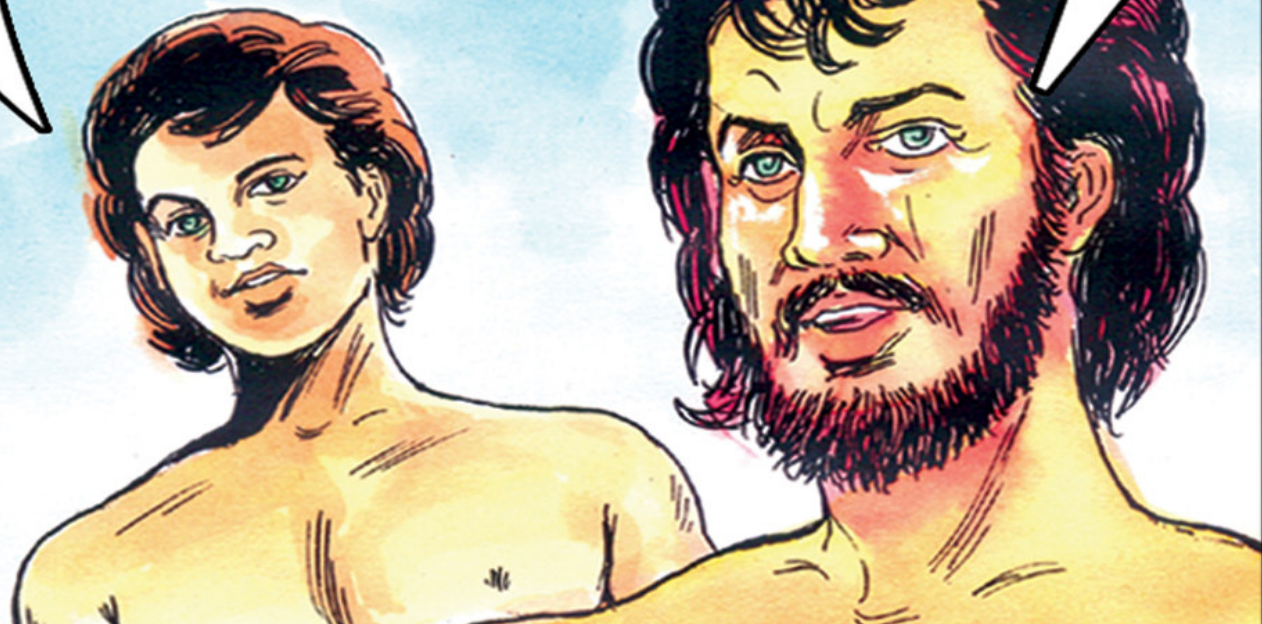
God expelled them from the
Paradise.

Get out of here.



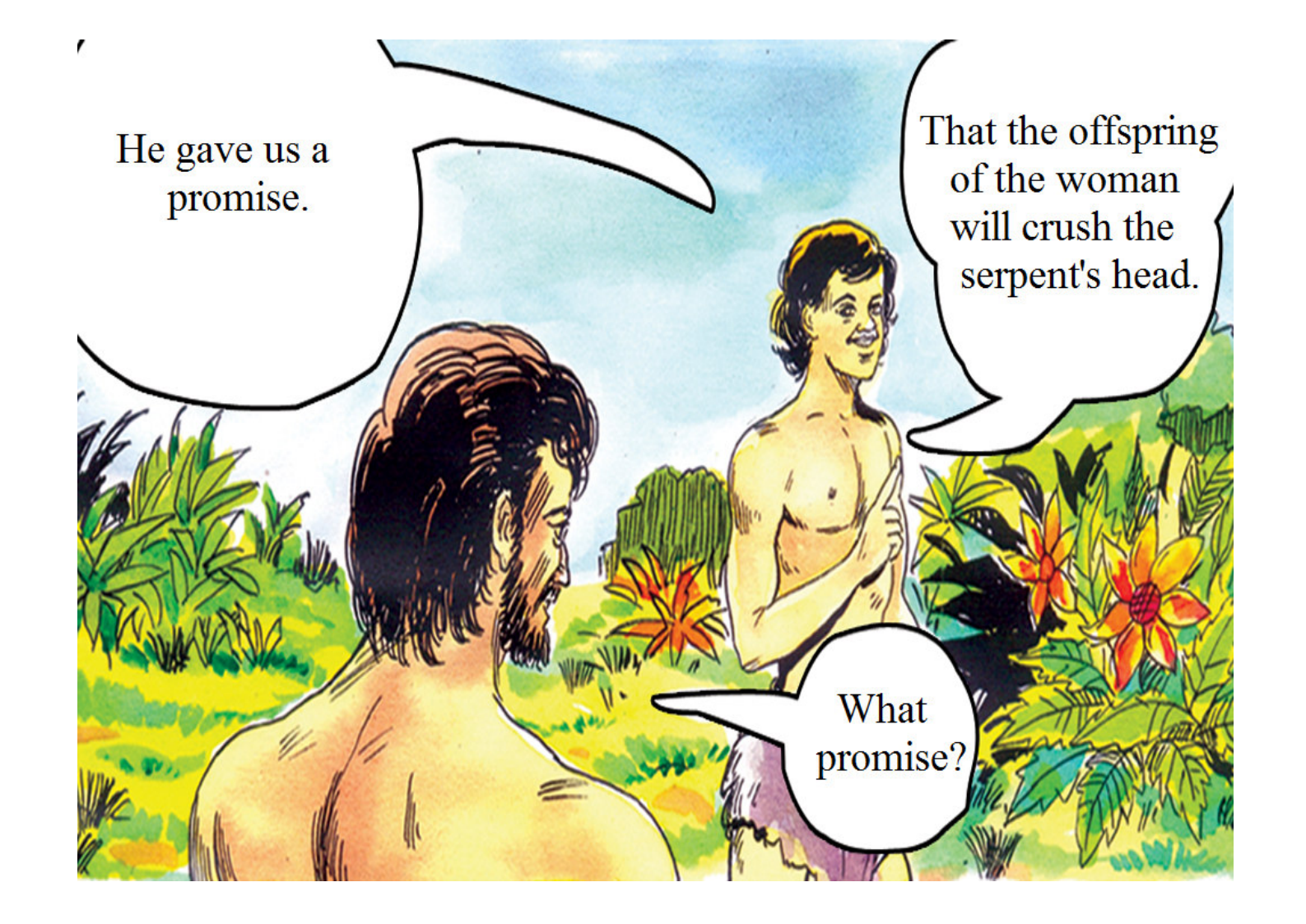
That happened
because they
disobeyed God. God
loved them so much.

Is God afraid
to loose his
position?



Why? He alone can be
God. We can never
become like Him.





He gave us a
promise.

That the offspring
of the woman
will crush the
serpent's head.

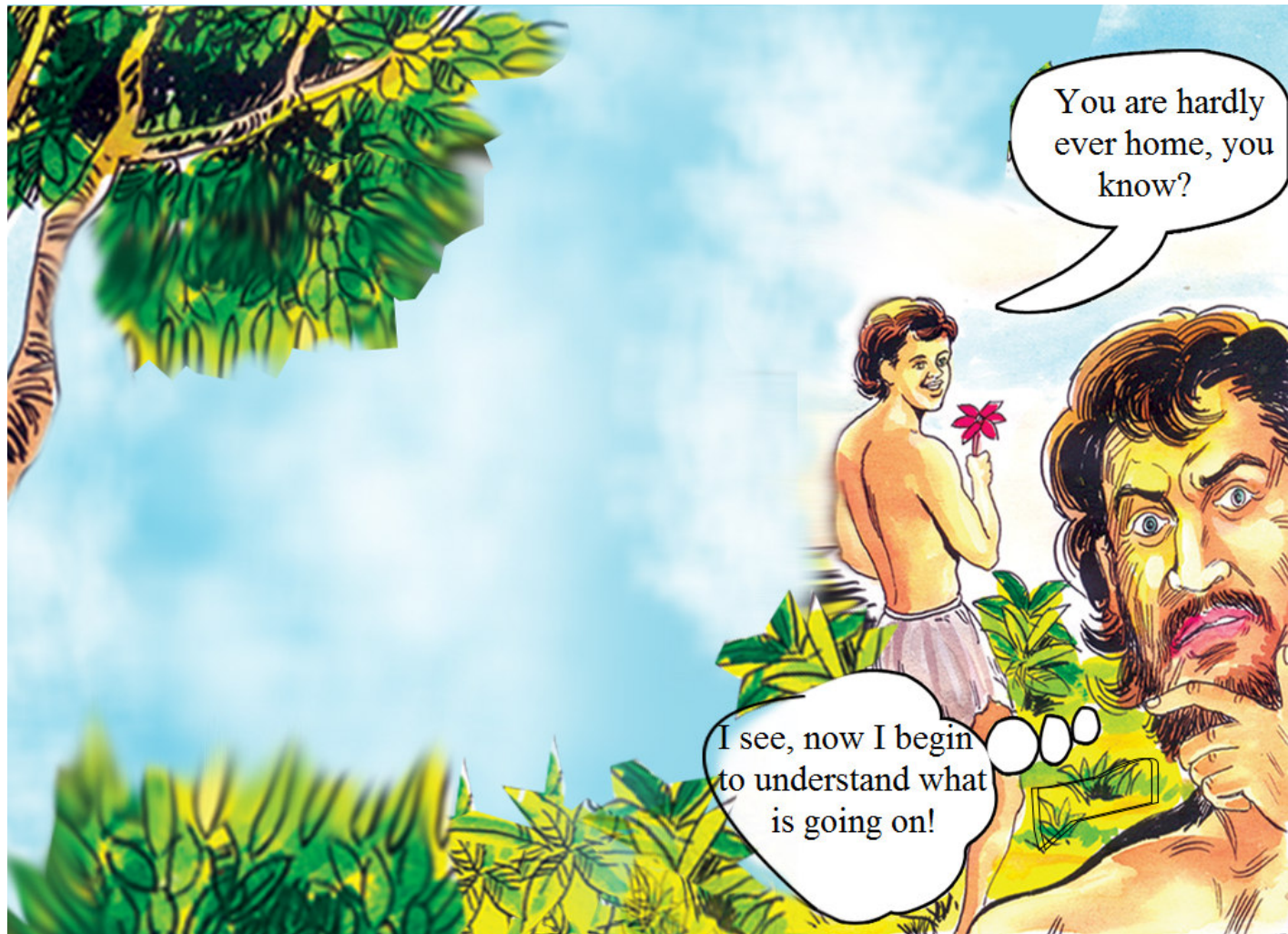
What
promise?



How did you know all these?


Our parents told me.

How come they didn't say any of these to me?



You are hardly ever home, you know?

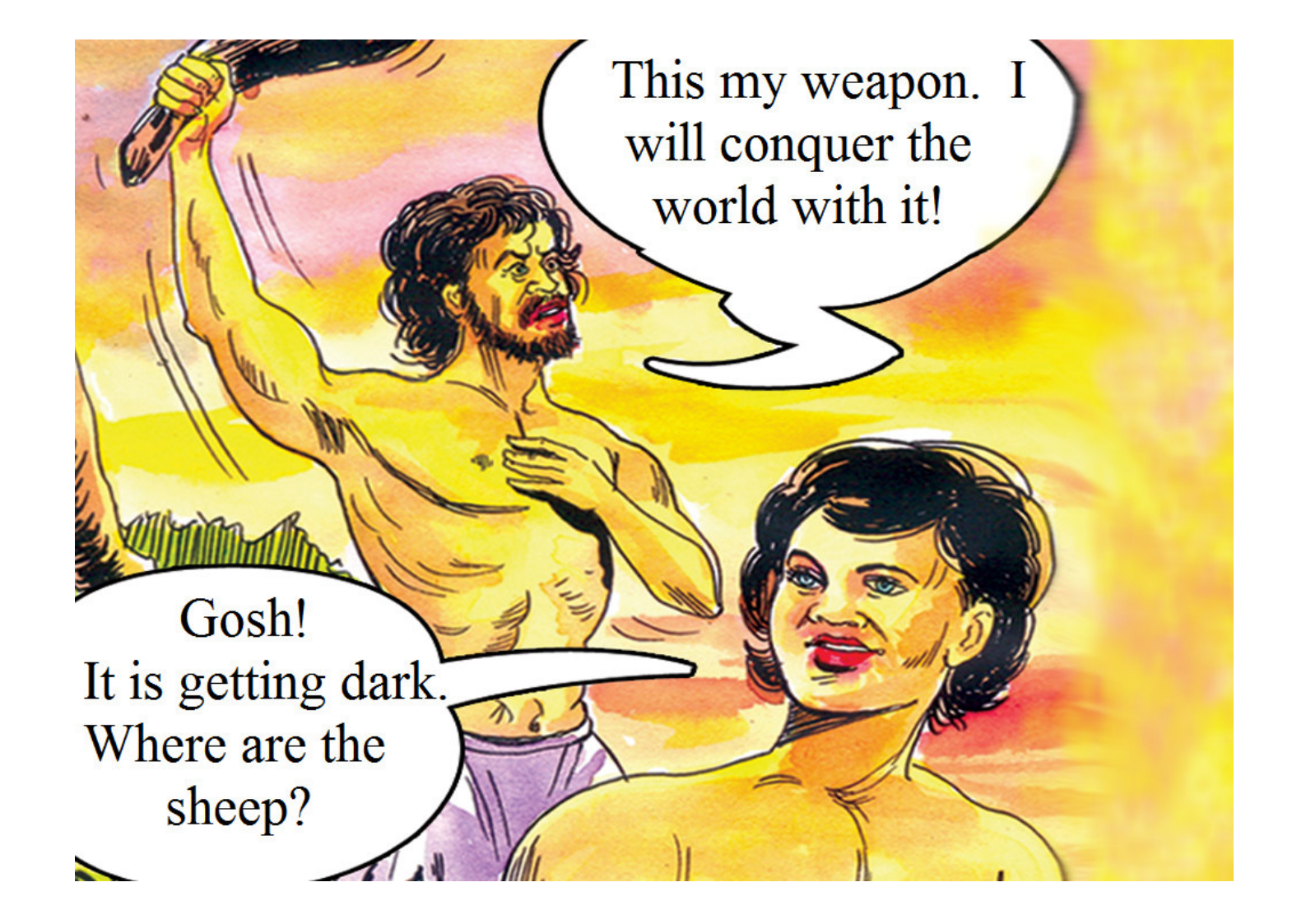
I see, now I begin to understand what is going on!



Father and mother feel
very bad that you are
working so hard.

Stop it. This
land is mine. I
will make a
Paradise out of
it. It will be
mine.

?




This my weapon. I
will conquer the
world with it!

Gosh!
It is getting dark.
Where are the
sheep?



Go and find out.
Just remember. If
they ever enter my
field, that will be
the end....

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I will be careful.
Tomorrow is the day we have to offer
the sacrifice. Shall
we do it together?

No! I don't want any
joint business. I know
how to make my own.



After Abel left the field.

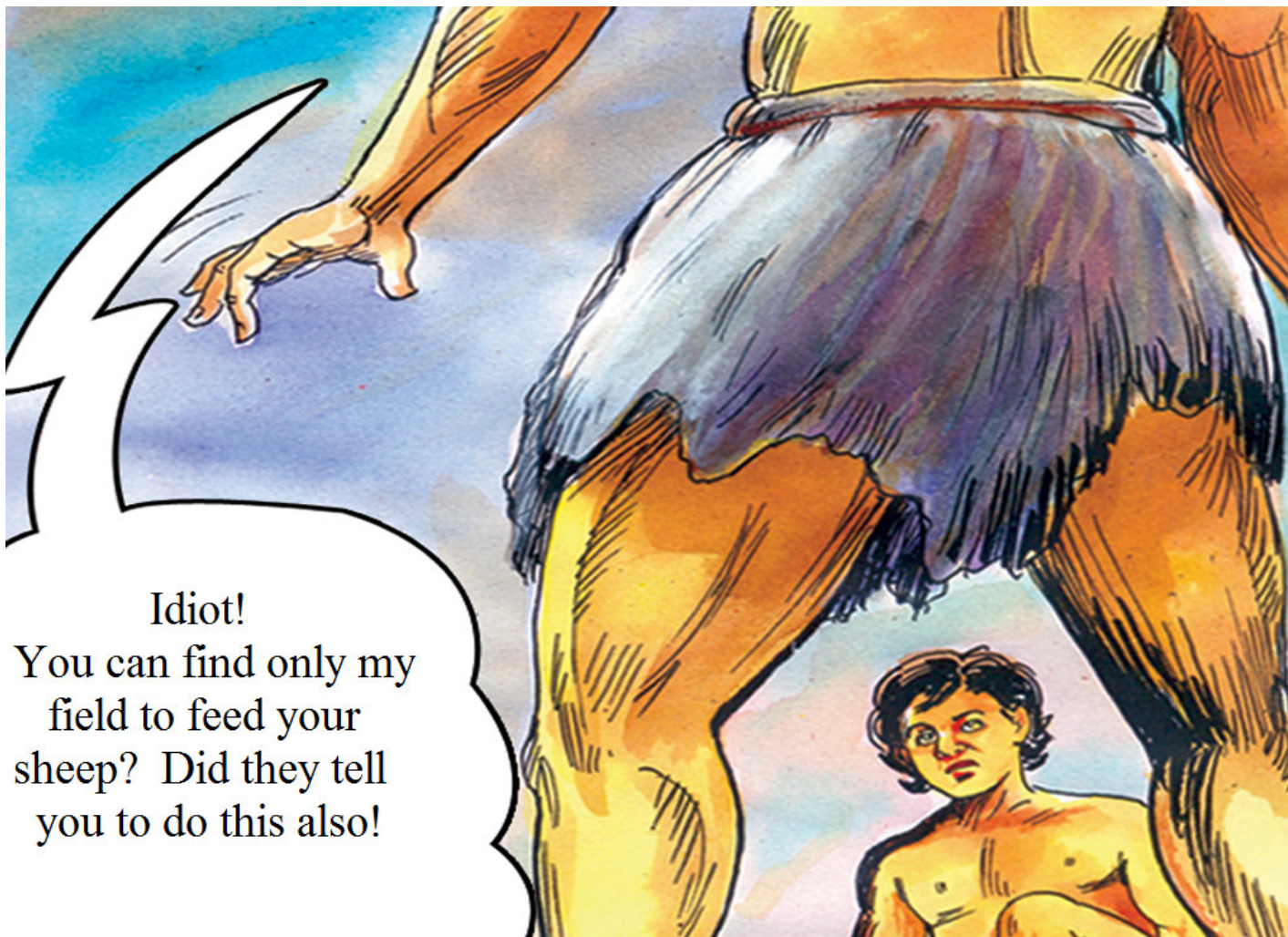
Well that is the story.
He is my parents' pet.
Ever since he is born, I
am out. Now, their
sympathy! I don't care.





There, sheep in my field.

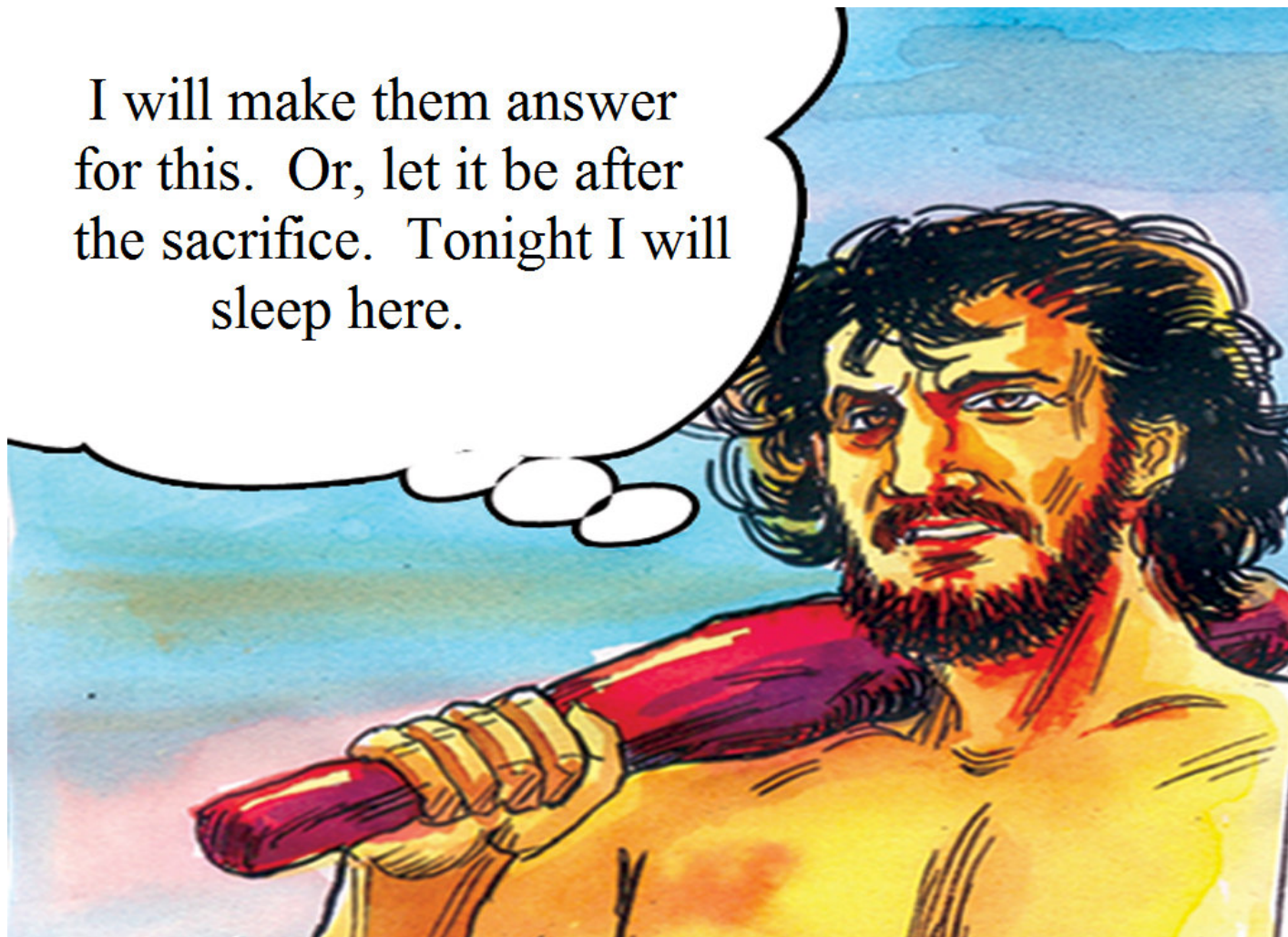




Idiot!

You can find only my field to feed your sheep? Did they tell you to do this also!

I will make them answer for this. Or, let it be after the sacrifice. Tonight I will sleep here.



Tomorrow at dawn.
I have to make the
offering as my
parents wish.



That evening at Adam's cave.

It is getting dark.
Cain hasn't come
home yet

He was rather
put out today.

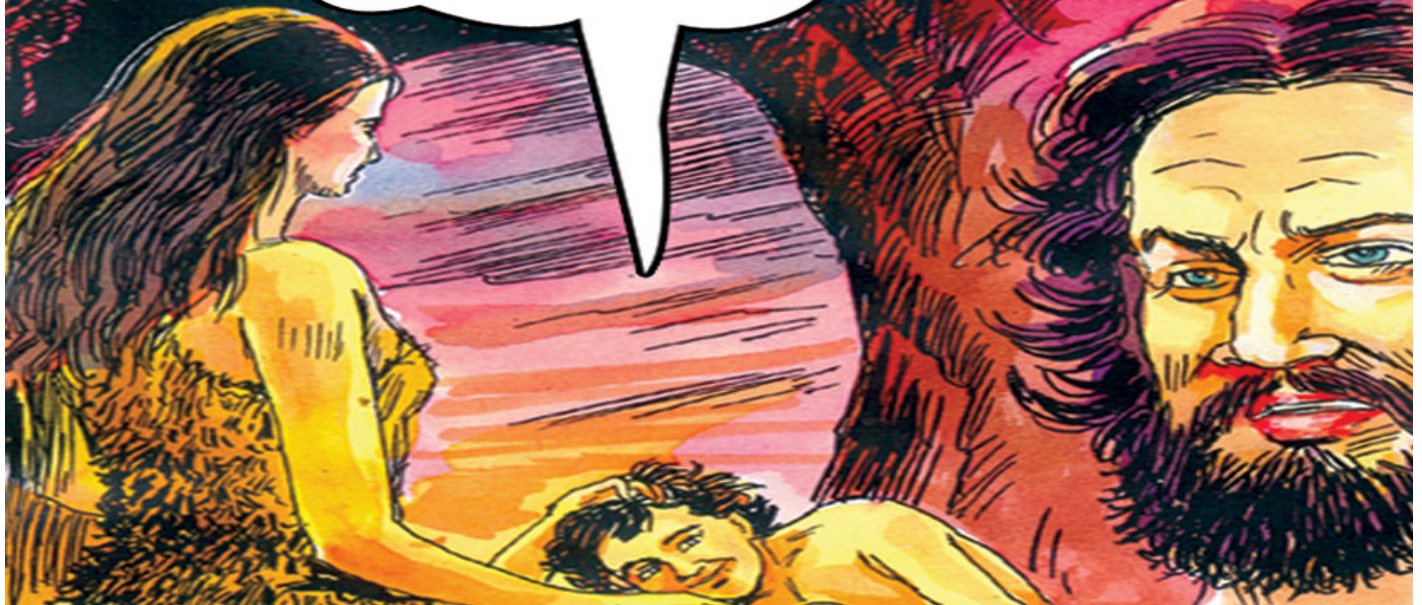
What is bugging
him now?

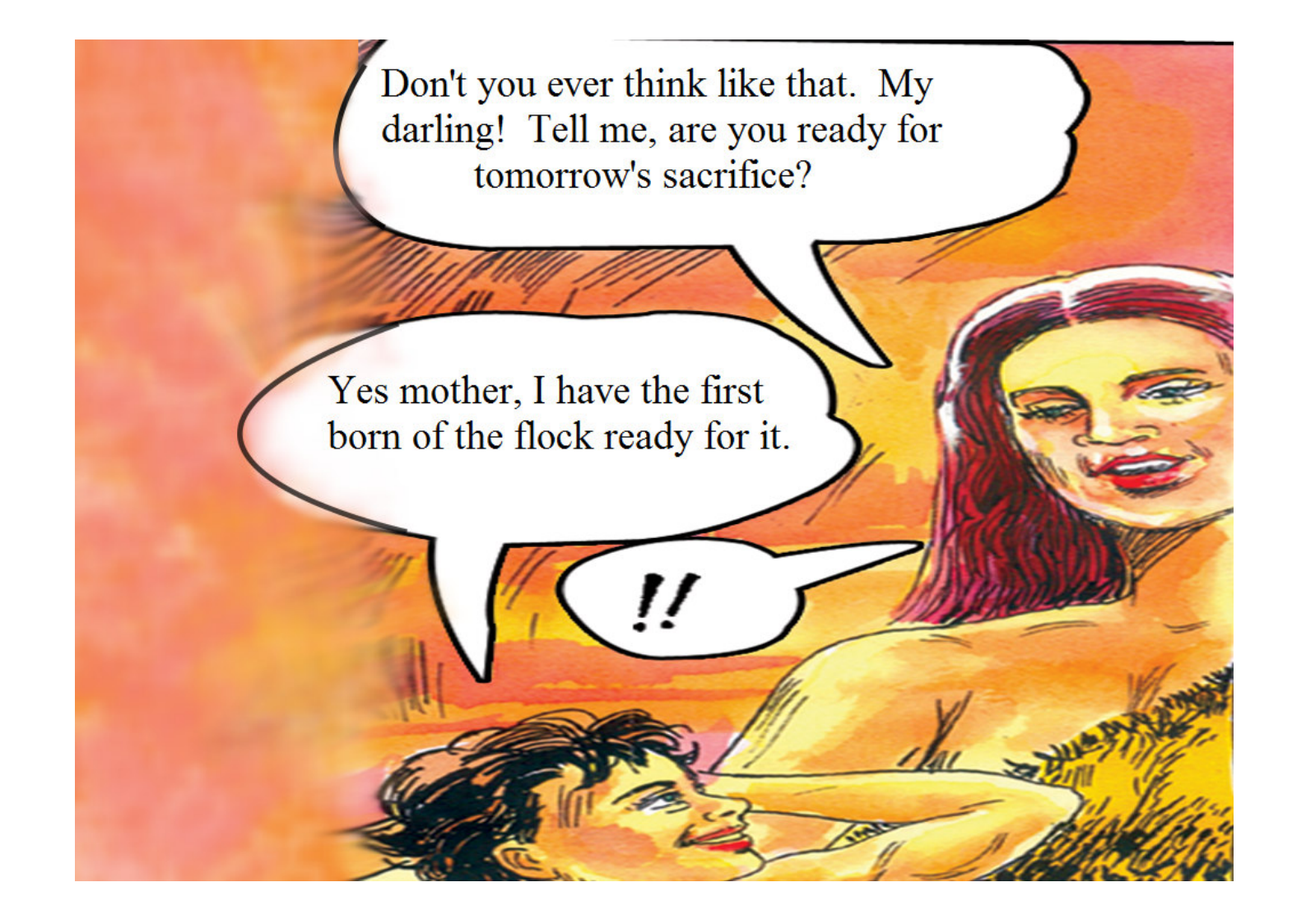


He has been different lately.

Once I also had that fancy.

He is determined to build his own Paradise.



A comic book panel featuring a woman with long, wavy red hair and a man with dark hair. The woman is on the right, looking towards the man on the left. The background is a warm, orange-red gradient. Three speech bubbles are present: a large one at the top, a medium one in the middle, and a small one at the bottom.

Don't you ever think like that. My darling! Tell me, are you ready for tomorrow's sacrifice?

Yes mother, I have the first born of the flock ready for it.


!!

At the crack of dawn
you must go and take a
bath in the river. Only
then you shall offer the
sacrifice. God will send
the fire to consume your
offer. OK?

Brother
hasn't come
home yet!

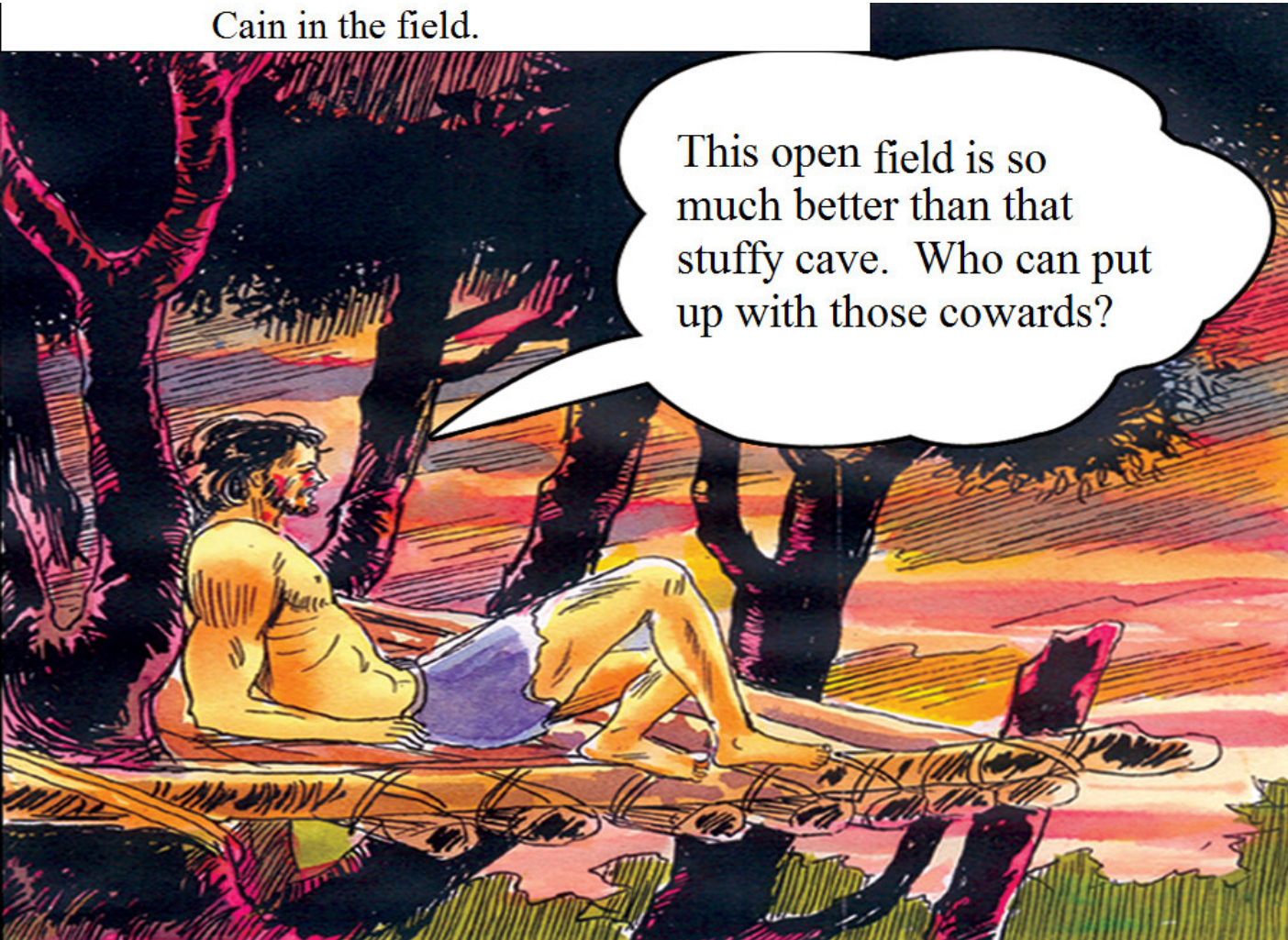
Don't worry my son.
May be he decided
to sleep in the field.
You go to sleep.





Lord my God,
bless my
brother.

Cain in the field.



This open field is so much better than that stuffy cave. Who can put up with those cowards?


The illustration depicts a man, identified as Cain, sitting on a large log in an open field. He is shown in profile, facing right, with a beard and long hair. He is wearing a simple, light-colored loincloth. The background features several trees with dark trunks and dense foliage. The ground is rendered with horizontal lines, suggesting a field or a path. The overall style is reminiscent of a comic book or a graphic novel, with bold lines and a limited color palette of reds, yellows, and greens.

The next morning Cain and Abel got ready for the sacrifice.

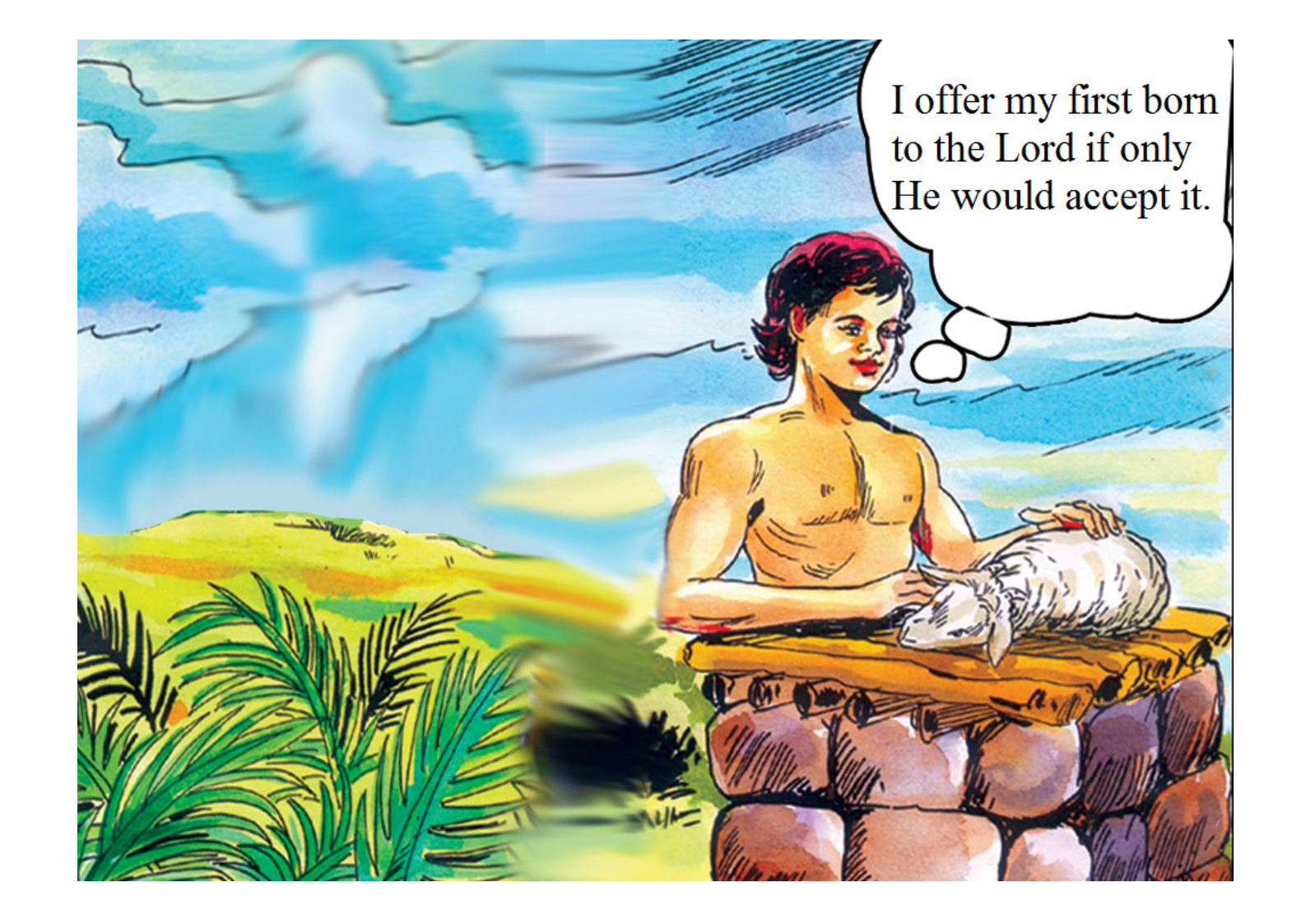
Mother told us to
build the altar with
stone.

I will keep the
sheaf on the wood
to make it easier to
burn.





God must receive
my offering first.

A young man with dark hair, shirtless, stands in a rural landscape. He is holding a white lamb on a wooden altar. The altar is built on a stone base. The background shows rolling green hills under a blue sky with white clouds. A thought bubble above him contains the text: "I offer my first born to the Lord if only He would accept it."

I offer my first born
to the Lord if only
He would accept it.

Here I offer the first
fruits of my field as
my parents have
commanded. Do
send the fire and
consume it.



Lord God I and all that I
have belong to you.
Accept this humble
offering and bless thy
servant.



Fire descended from heaven and consumed Abel's offering.



God did not accept Cain's offering

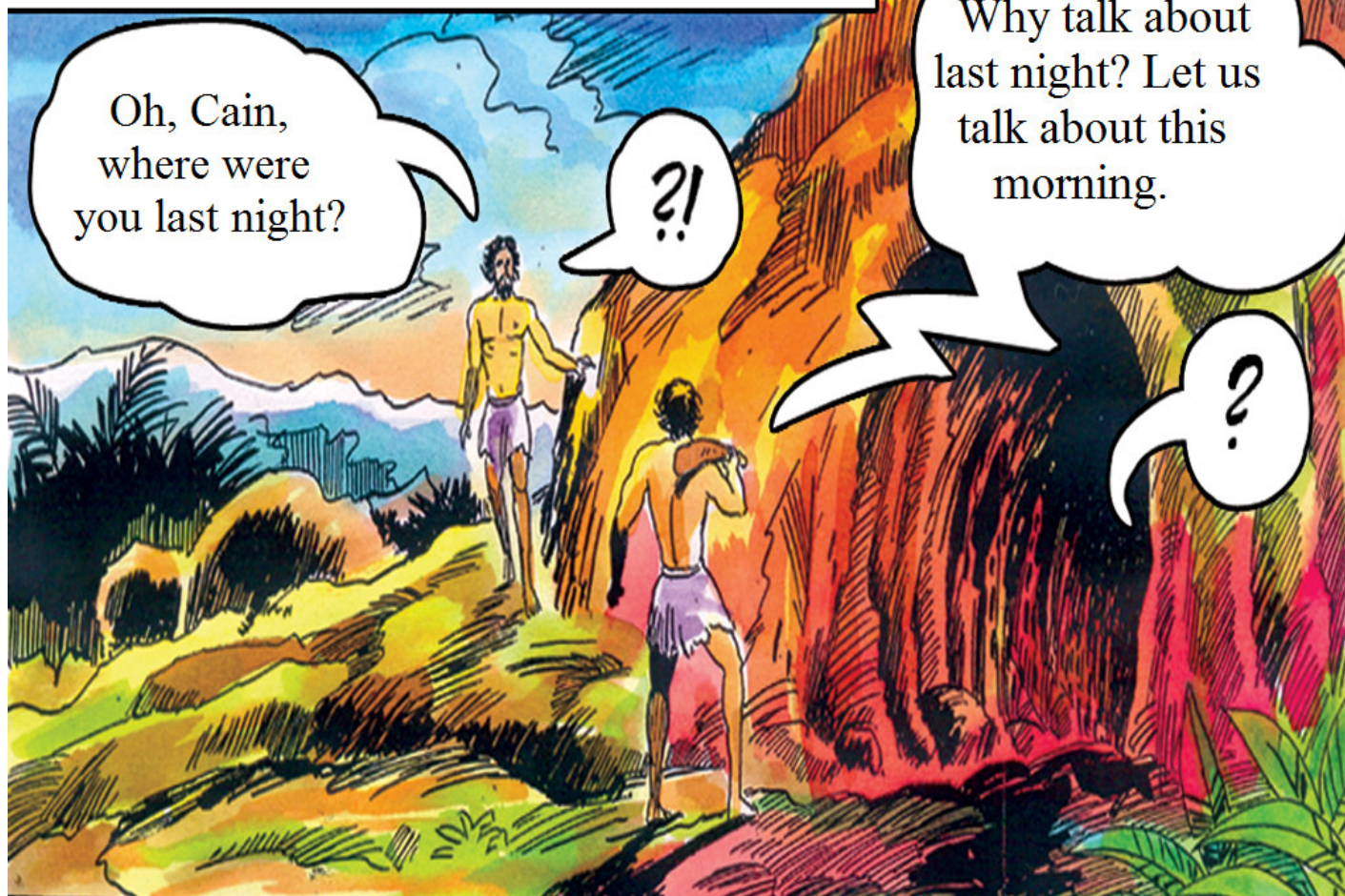




I am
going to
find out
why they
made a
fool out
of me.

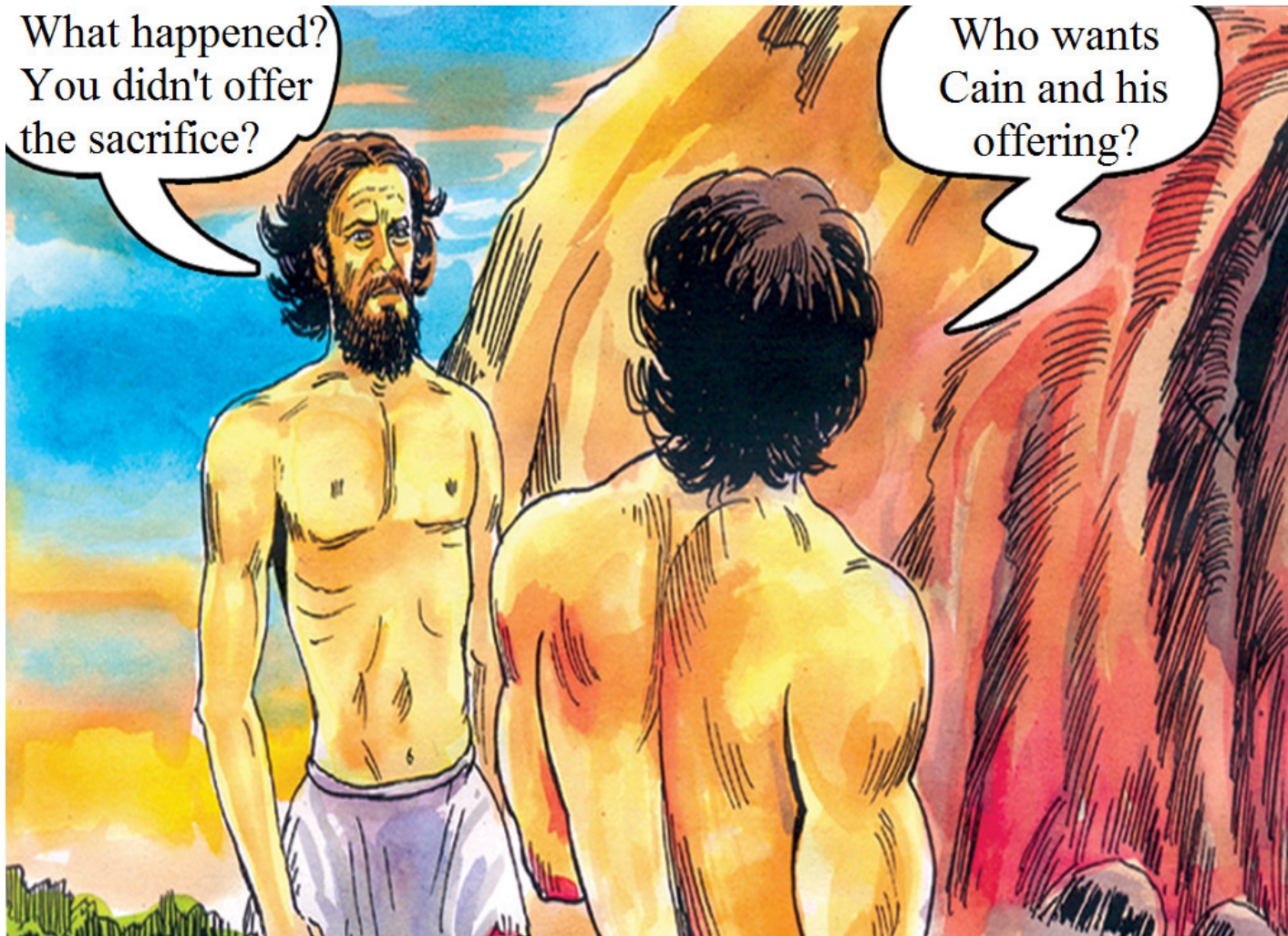
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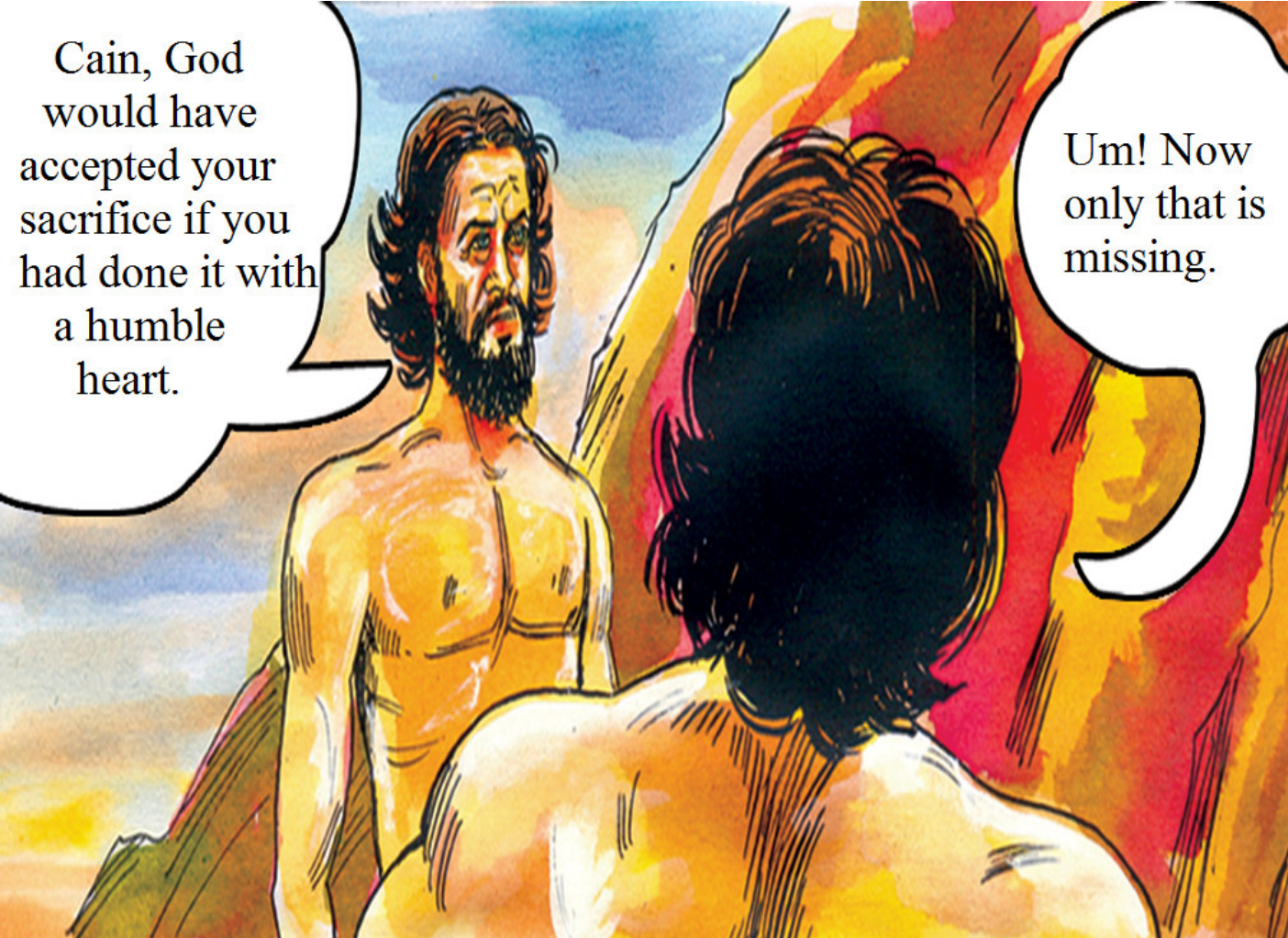
Cain at Adam's cave



What happened?
You didn't offer
the sacrifice?

Who wants
Cain and his
offering?





Cain, God
would have
accepted your
sacrifice if you
had done it with
a humble
heart.

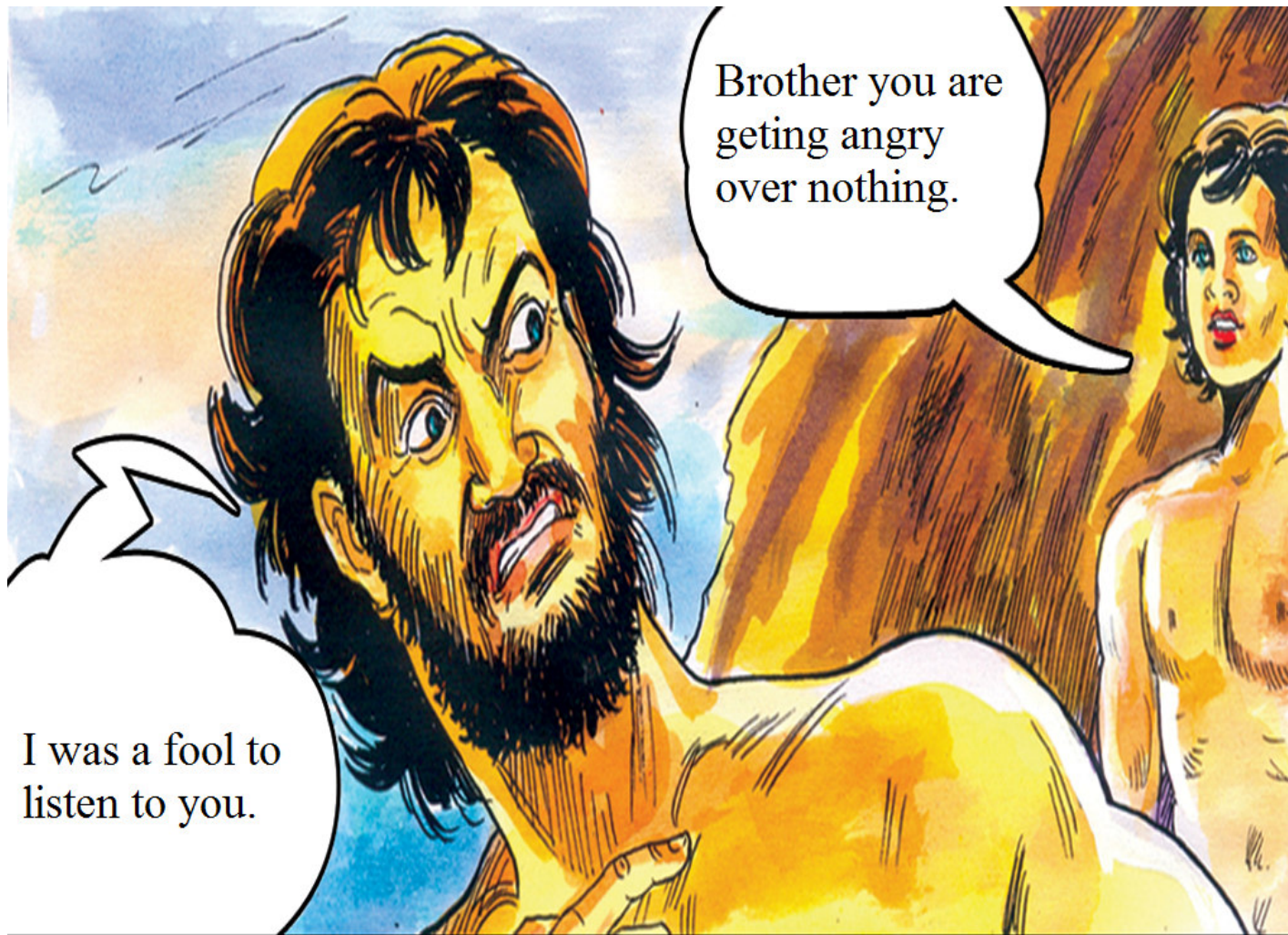
Um! Now
only that is
missing.



Didn't I tell you to offer
the sacrifice together
on the same altar?

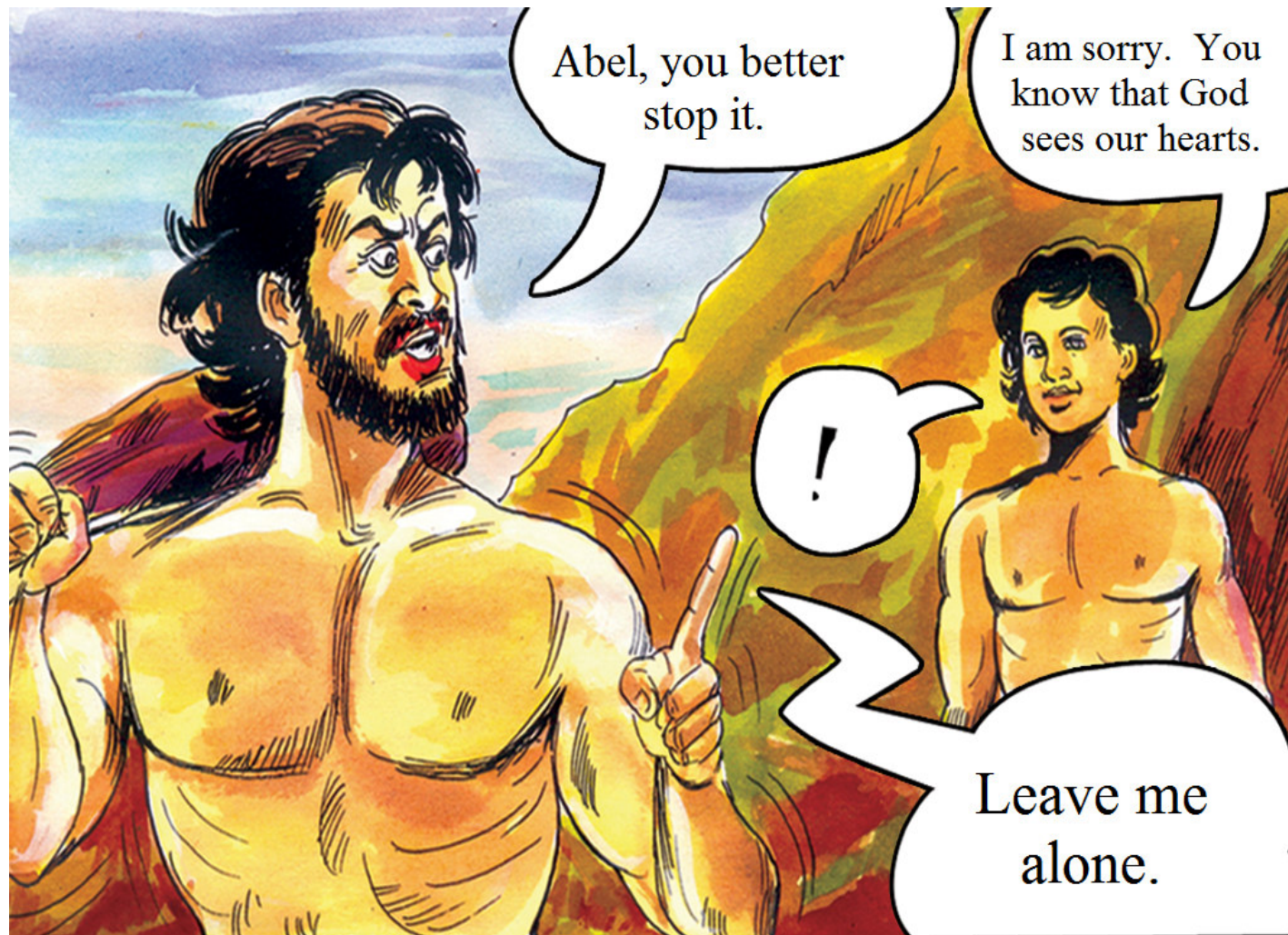
Only with him
my offering
will be
accepted?

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I was a fool to listen to you.

Brother you are getting angry over nothing.



Abel, you better stop it.

I am sorry. You know that God sees our hearts.

!

Leave me alone.



You be happy
with your God's
blessing.

Cain, are you going to leave us?


Cain,
come back.

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Please don't go.



As moments passed Cain began to hate everybody, and his hatred turned into murderous fury.



Abel is a threat to me. As long as he is alive I won't be able to have my Paradise.

I will kill him.



There he comes! Now or never.



There you are. I
looked for you
everywhere.

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Come.
Come on.

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Oh, My God,
HE...LP.

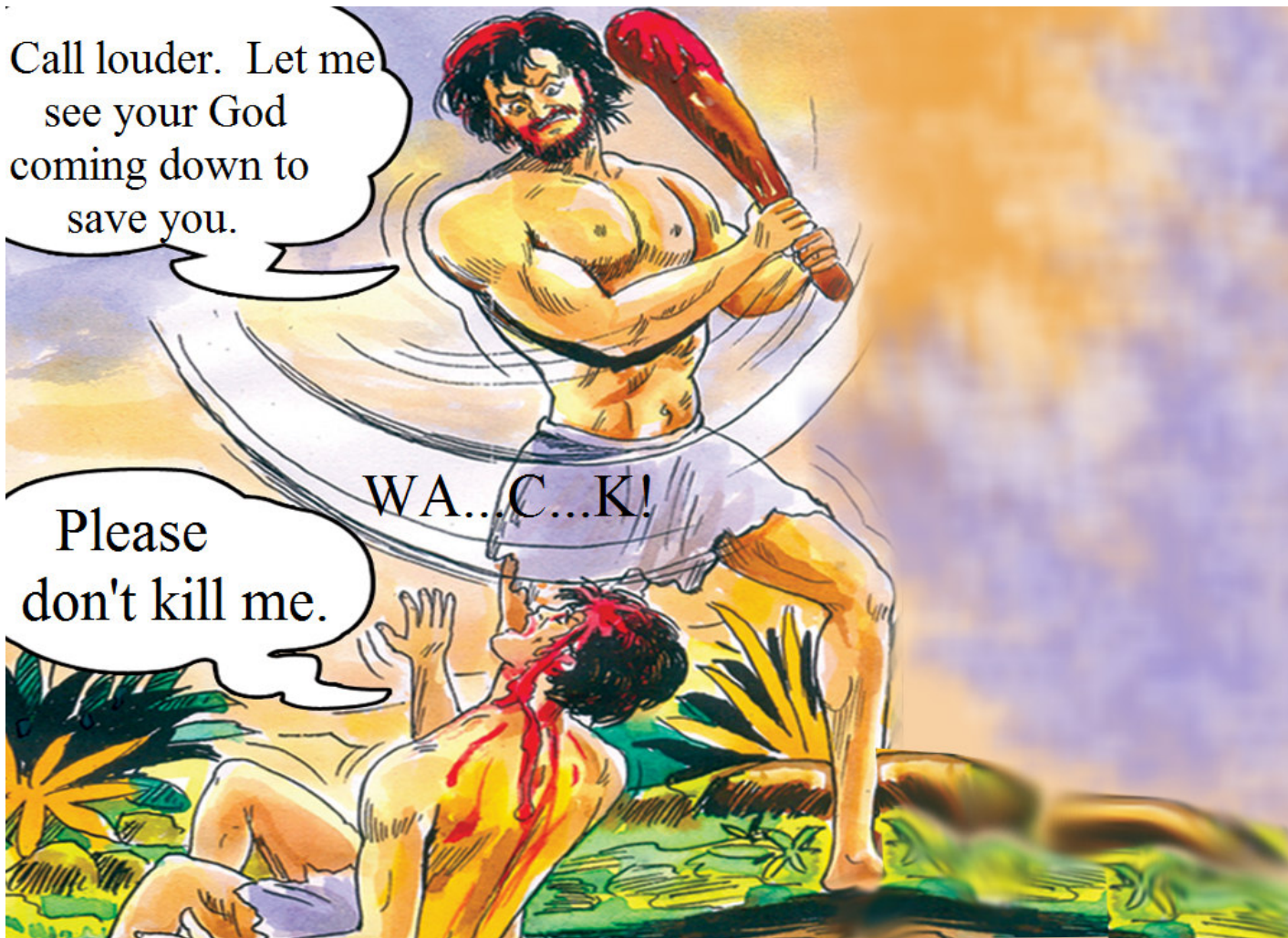
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Call louder. Let me see your God coming down to save you.

Please don't kill me.

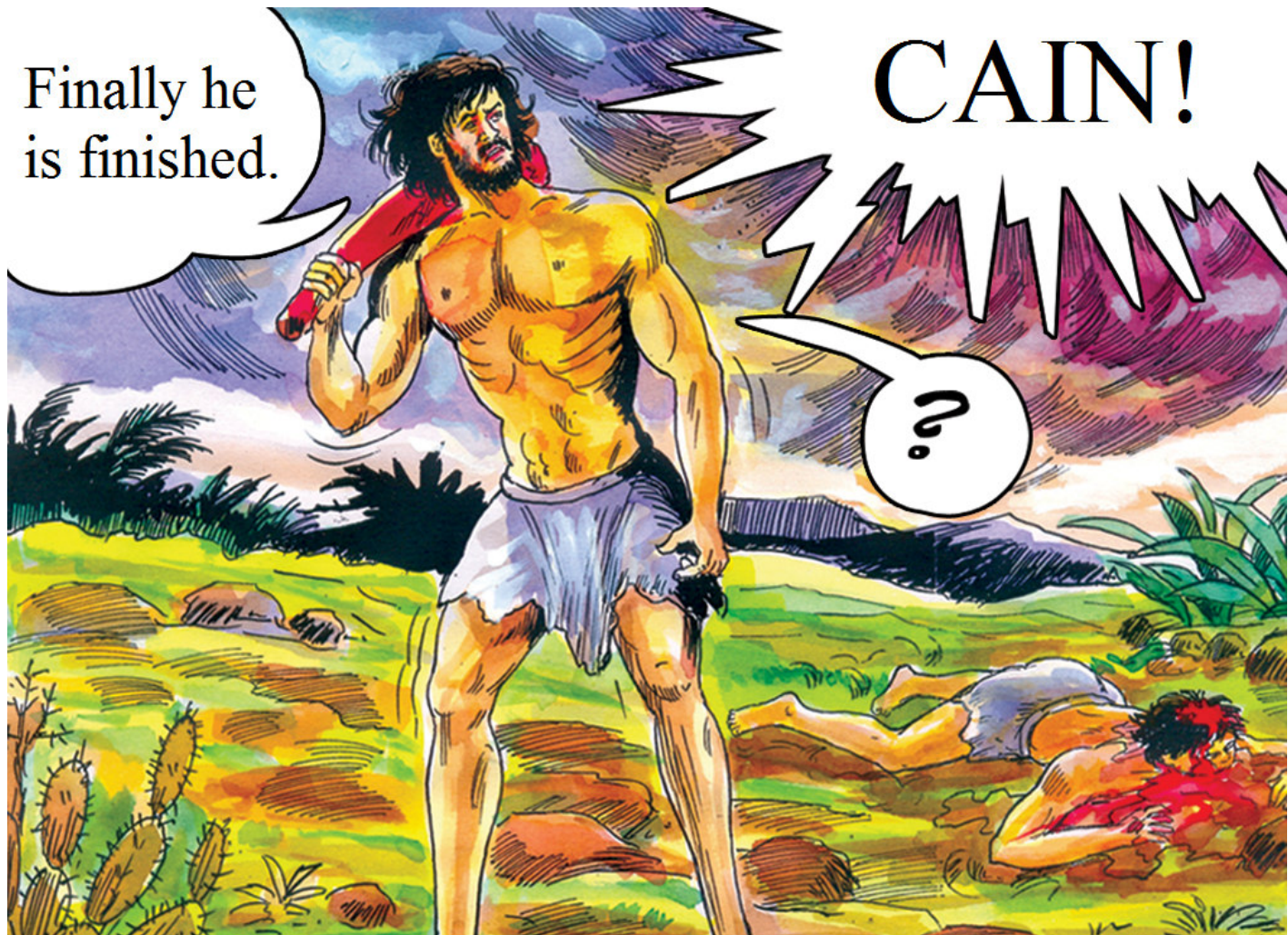
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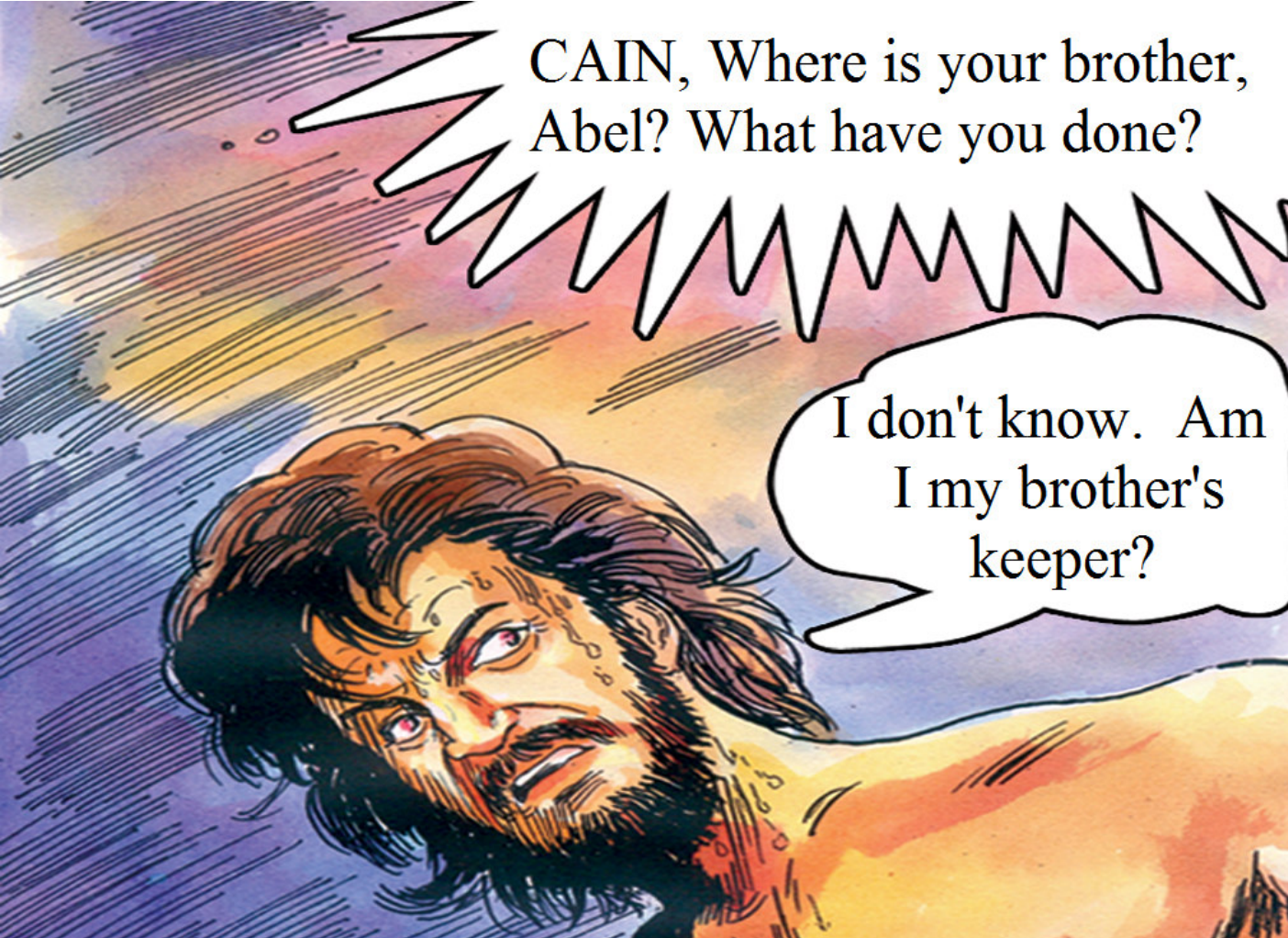


Finally he
is finished.

CAIN!

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A comic book illustration of Cain, a man with long, dark, wavy hair and a beard, looking upwards with a concerned expression. He is wearing a yellow garment. The background is a mix of purple and blue with horizontal lines. A large, jagged speech bubble is positioned above him, containing the text: "CAIN, Where is your brother, Abel? What have you done?".


CAIN, Where is your brother, Abel? What have you done?

I don't know. Am I my brother's keeper?

Listen to the sound of
your brother's blood
crying out to me from the
ground. Now be
accursed, driven from the
ground.

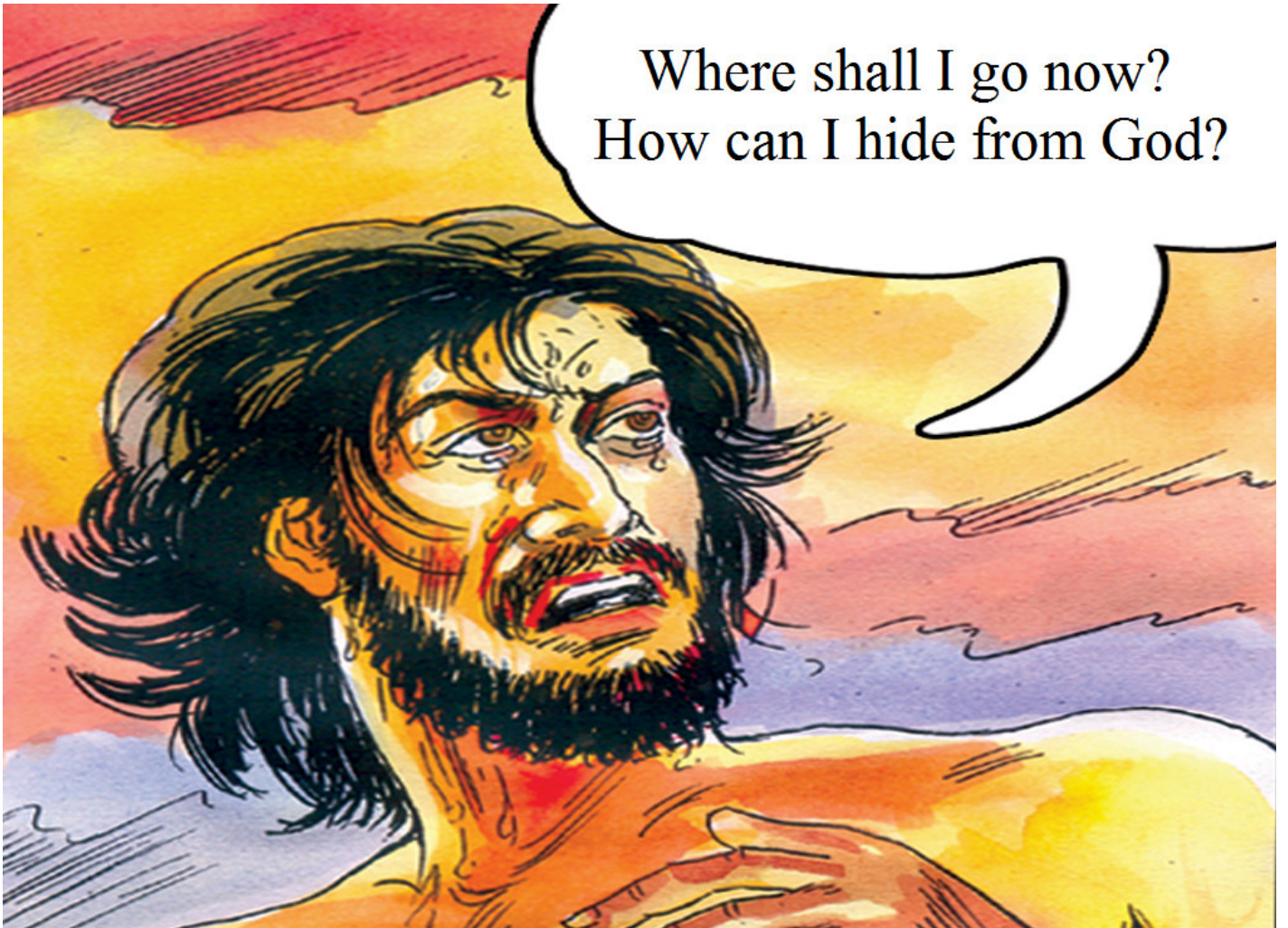


**It has opened its mouth to receive
your brother's blood at your hands.
When you till the ground it shall no
longer yield you any of its produce.
You shall be a fugitive and
wanderer over the earth.**

A man with a beard and long hair, wearing a simple loincloth, stands in a desert landscape. He has his hands on his head in a gesture of despair or grief. The background features a large, gnarled tree with a face-like shape in its hollowed-out trunk, and a cactus in the foreground. The sky is a mix of yellow and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. A speech bubble is positioned above the man, and another speech bubble is positioned to the right of the tree.

**I lost the world I
tried to possess.**

Where shall I go now?
How can I hide from God?



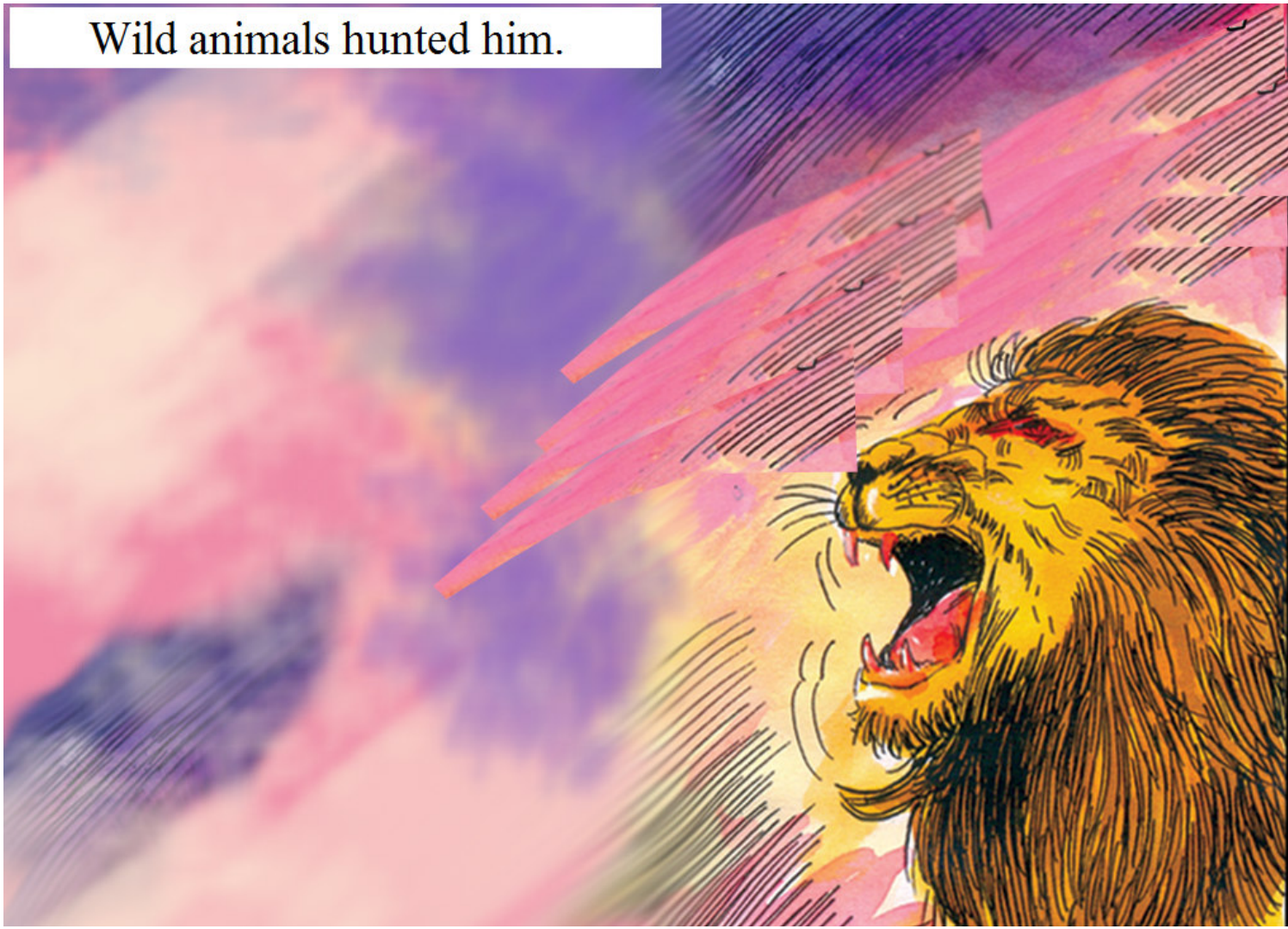
I thought that I was mightier than God.
Now everyone will try to kill me!



When man disobeyed God, nature turned against him.

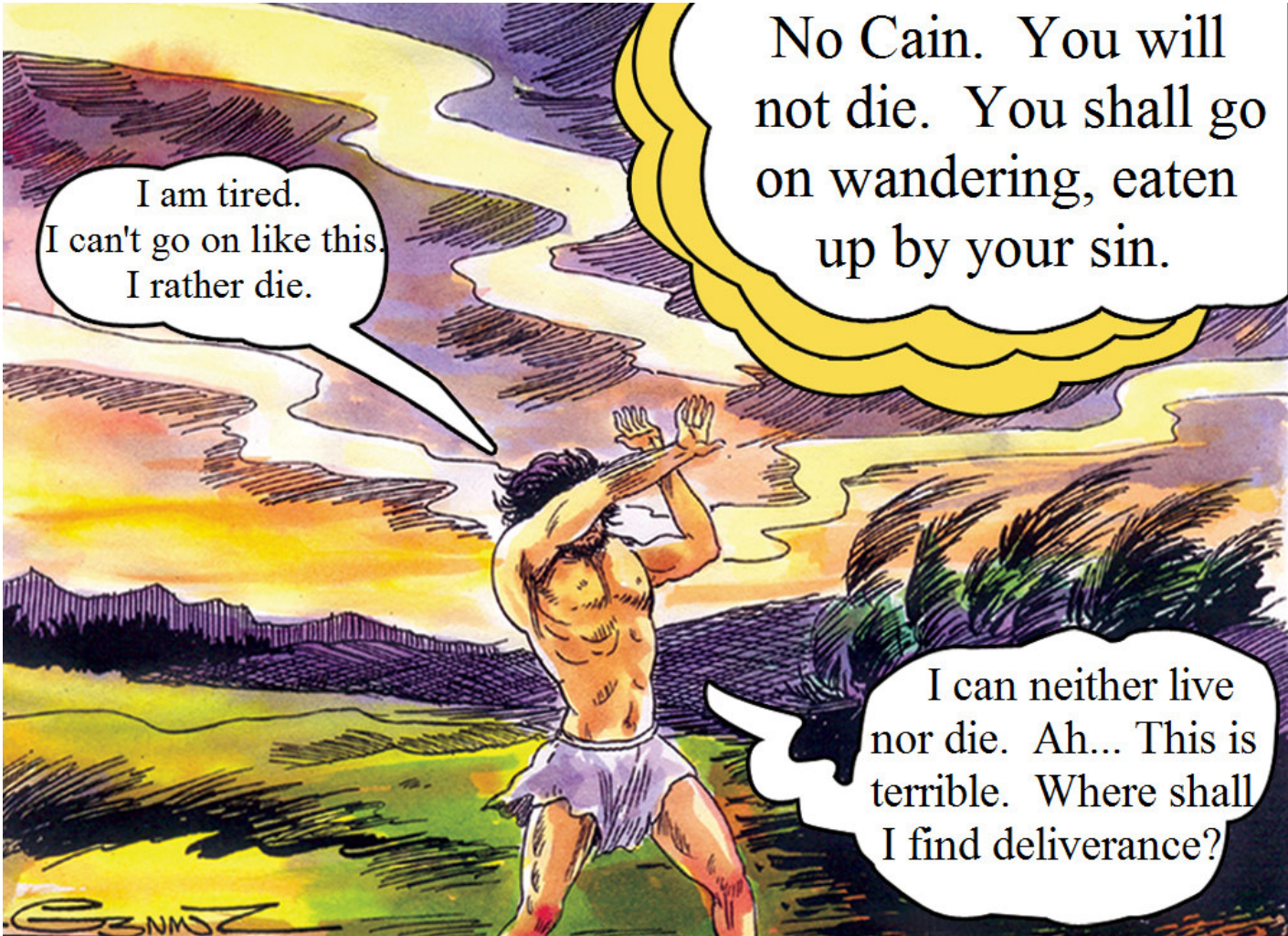


Wild animals hunted him.



No, I can't bear this any more.
I am doomed!





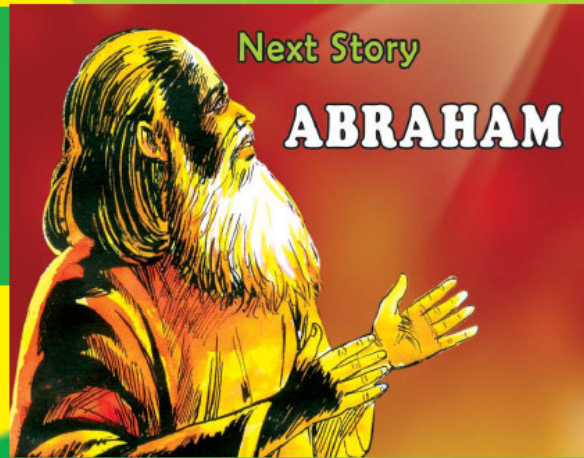
No Cain. You will not die. You shall go on wandering, eaten up by your sin.

I am tired.
I can't go on like this.
I rather die.

I can neither live nor die. Ah... This is terrible. Where shall I find deliverance?

Cain is not just a person who lived at the dawn of history. He is the symbol of the man who hates and kills his brother. He lives on in history. God will deliver man from sin and its consequences. This salvation history begins with the call of a man who will be faithful to Him.

For this he opens a new chapter in the history of humanity with the call of a man of unconditional faith and trust.



Study questions based on this story and the Bible text (Gen 2, 5 - 4, 16)

1. Why did God reject Cain's offering?
2. Why did Cain kill Abel?
3. What is Paradise?
4. What is the commandment God gave to Adam? What was its purpose?
5. Why were Adam and Eve expelled from the Paradise?
6. What is the promise God gave to Adam and Eve?
7. What was Cain's punishment?
8. Why did God protect Cain's life?
9. What does Cain stand for?
10. Cain and Abel are living even today. Explain.

Bible Comics 02

Abraham

