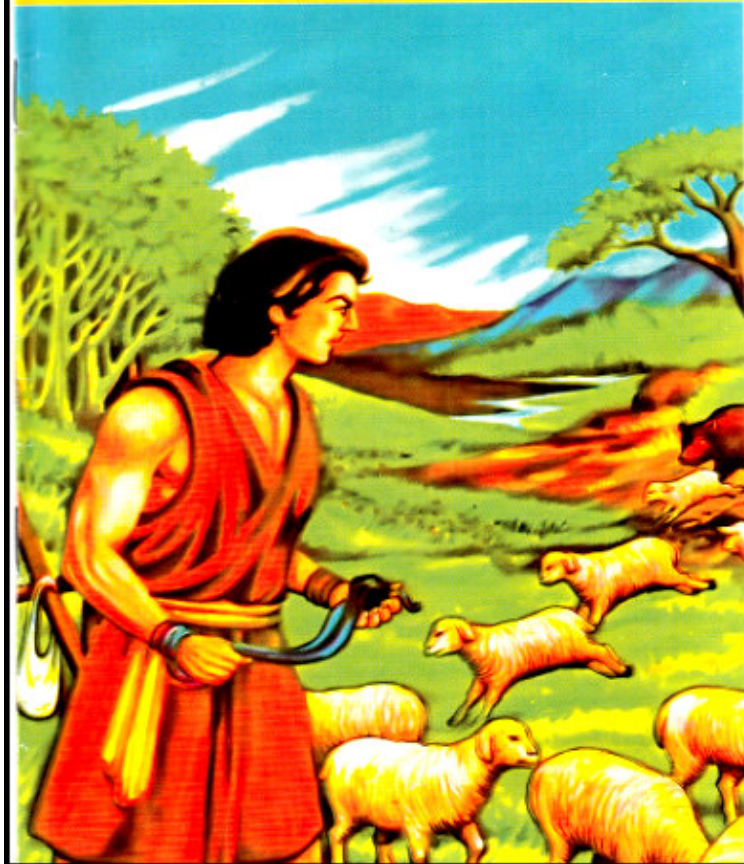


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David was the greatest king of Israel. Though Saul was the first king, the institution of Monarchy became a reality in Israel only with David. Sixty nine chapters of the Bible (I & II Sam; I King; and I Chr.) deal with him. Seventy three Psalms are known as the 'Psalms of David'. David belonged to the tribe of Judah and was born in Bethlehem which later came to be known as the town of David. The glorious rule of David gave

rise to the Messianic expectations in Israel. Thus, David occupies a unique place in the history of Salvation.

The present book, “David”, deals with his early life as a shepherd, as a bodyguard of King Saul, and as a fugitive. His ascent to the heights of glory and his fall to the depths of shame and loneliness will be presented in the next story, “King David”.

David was a self-made, self-taught man. His faith, courage, loyalty and clever political moves enabled him to become the greatest king of his time. Himself anointed, David attributed great value to the 'anointed of Yahweh'. This becomes evident in his attitude towards King Saul. At no time did he turn against the king. Even when Saul hunted him and tried to kill him, David remained loyal. At the end, he killed the man who claimed to have killed Saul for he would not tolerate any violence against the 'anointed'.

David was a faithful friend. Bible depicts the relationship between David and Jonathan as the ideal friendship. In this we can see great devotion to each other, unselfish acts of love, risking life for the friend, sincere appreciation for the qualities of the other, and willingly stepping aside in favor of the other.

As a gifted musician David was able to sooth his own pain as well as of others' by his music. When Saul fell into fits of depression it was in David's music that he found consolation. All his

life David sang beautiful songs to praise Yahweh. He composed many Psalms of praise, petition and laments and thus came to be known as the Psalmist.

More than any one quality, it was David's strategy that raised him to the heights of power. He knew which move to make and when. As a fugitive he resorted to guerilla warfare. He provided asylum to all those who sought his protection. With these fugitives, he built up an army of the most loyal soldiers. His calculated,

accurate moves made him victorious and popular, so much so that even his enemies admired him.

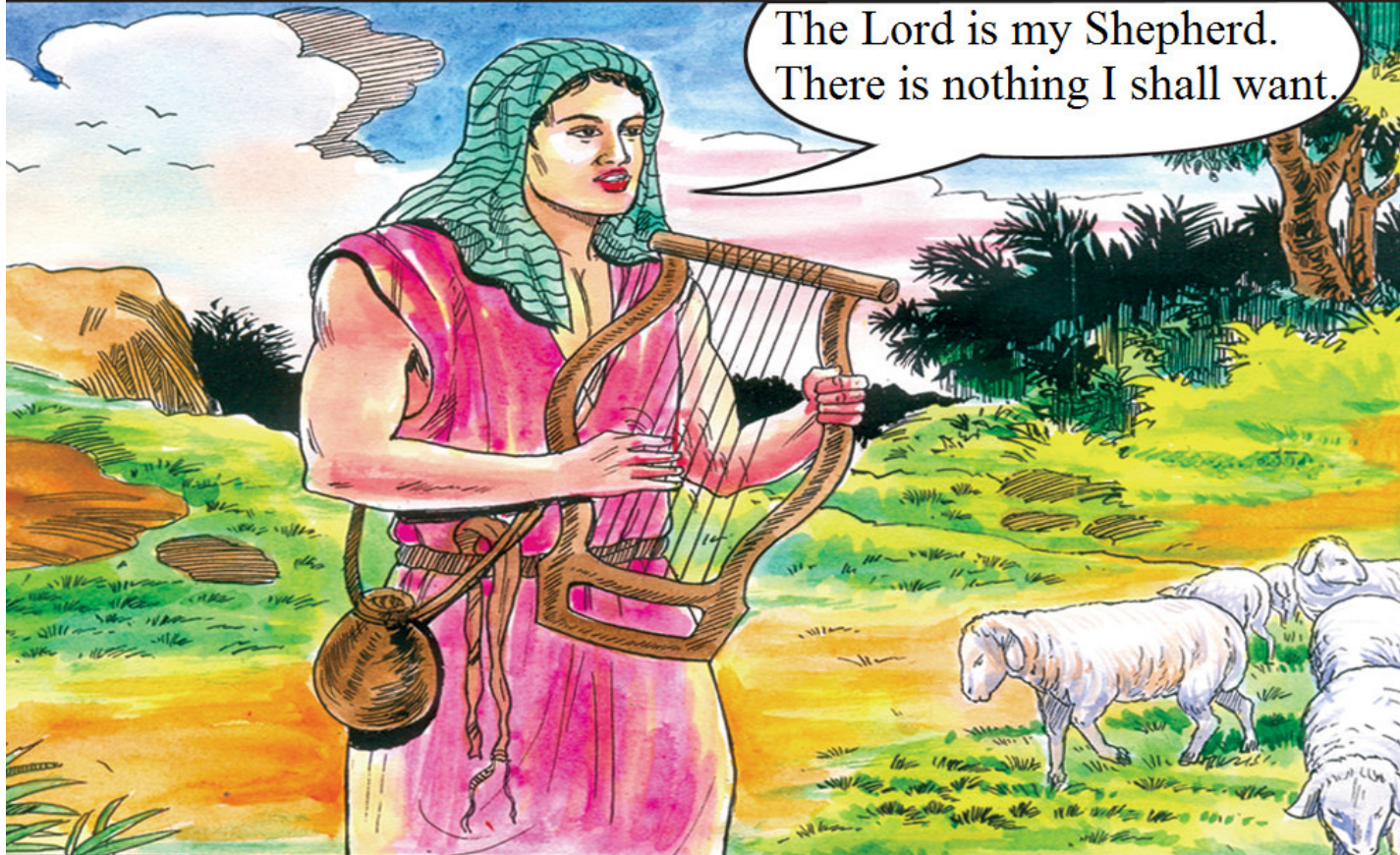
David was a man of God, a man of faith and prayer. In danger he prayed to Yahweh, and in victory he praised Him. David knew that he was loved by Yahweh and chosen for a great mission. Acceptance by the priests and the Prophet Samuel deepened this conviction. It was his trust in Yahweh that gave him strength to face the enemies and not to lose heart in adversities.



Young David is a model of unwavering faith, undying hope, undivided loyalty and forgiving love. His life is a source of inspiration for all those who are going through trials and tribulations.

In the town of Bethlehem there lived a man called Jesse. He belonged to the tribe of Judah and was the grandson of Boaz and Ruth. The youngest son of Jesse was called David. While David was tending his father's flock.

The Lord is my Shepherd.  
There is nothing I shall want.







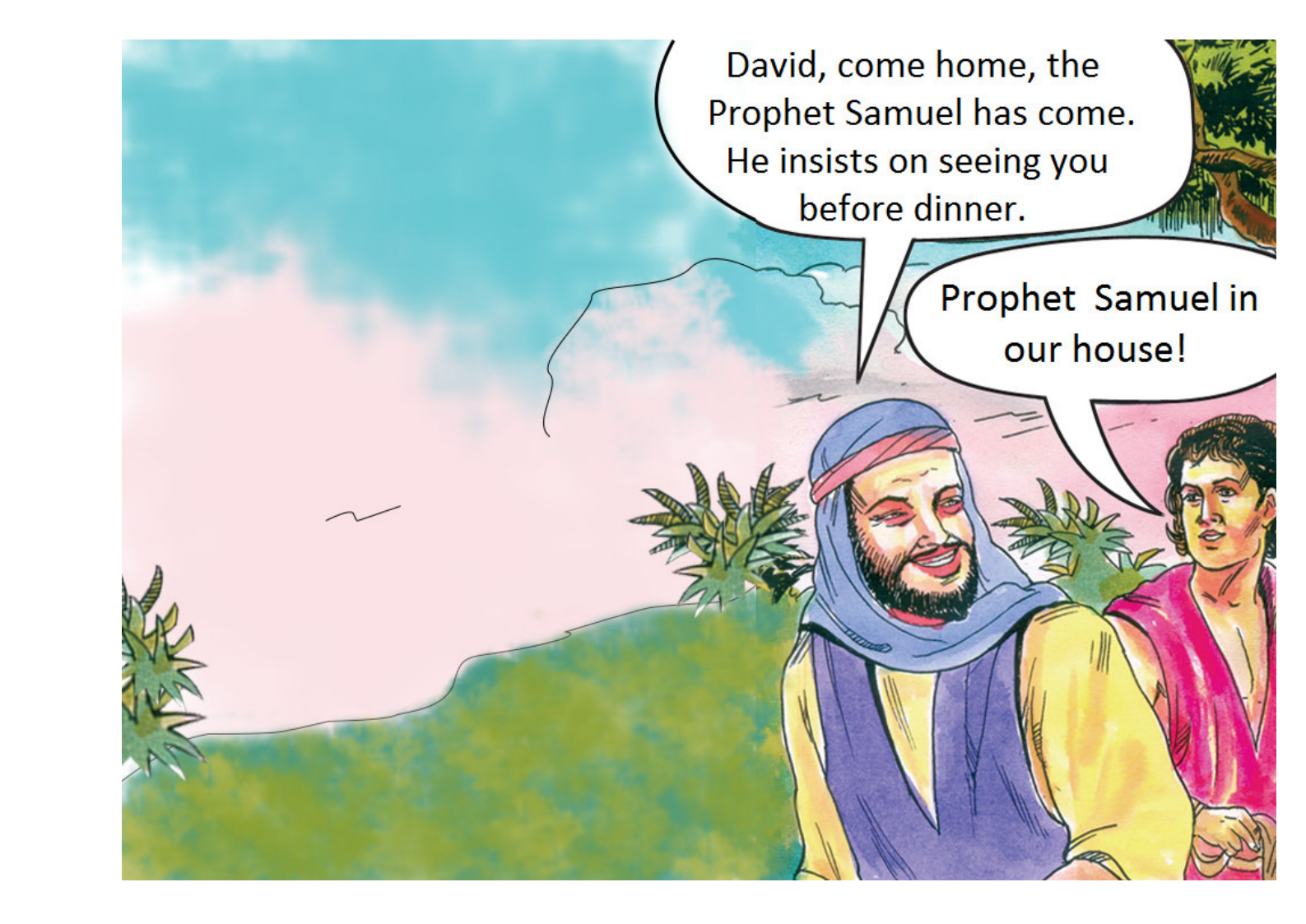


David's eldest brother Eliab came to meet him.

What are you up to?  
Going after the bear.


Look who is here!  
Eliab, so good to  
see you.  
What is new?





David, come home, the  
Prophet Samuel has come.  
He insists on seeing you  
before dinner.

Prophet Samuel in  
our house!



Well, Eliab, when did you come? How goes the war with the Philistines?

I just came yesterday. I've to leave again in two days.



At Jesse's house.

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Yahweh, the God of Israel, anoints you...

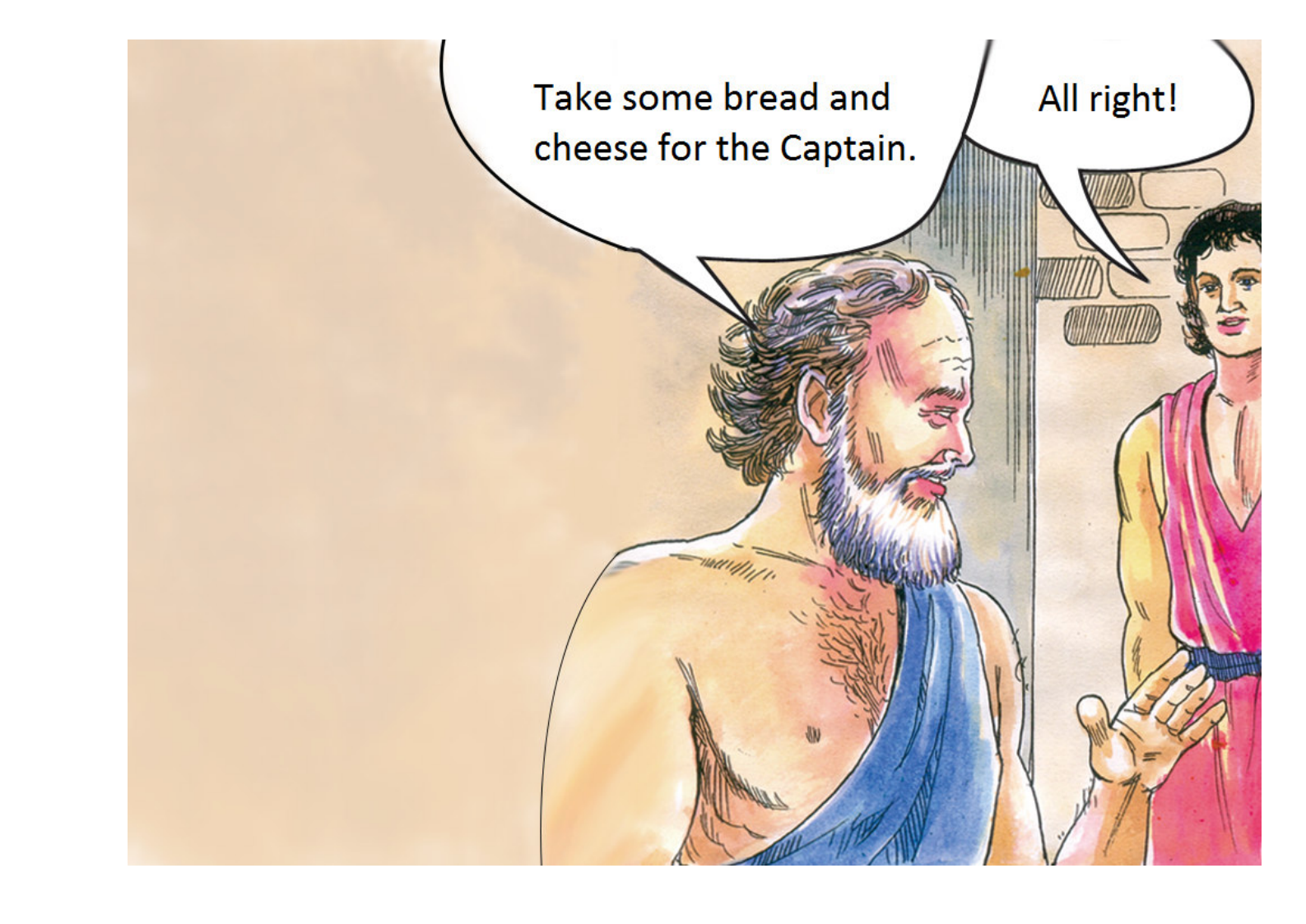


After a few days

David,  
I am worried about  
your brothers. We  
haven't heard  
from the Camp  
for a long time.

Don't worry Father.  
I shall go and  
find out.





Take some bread and  
cheese for the Captain.

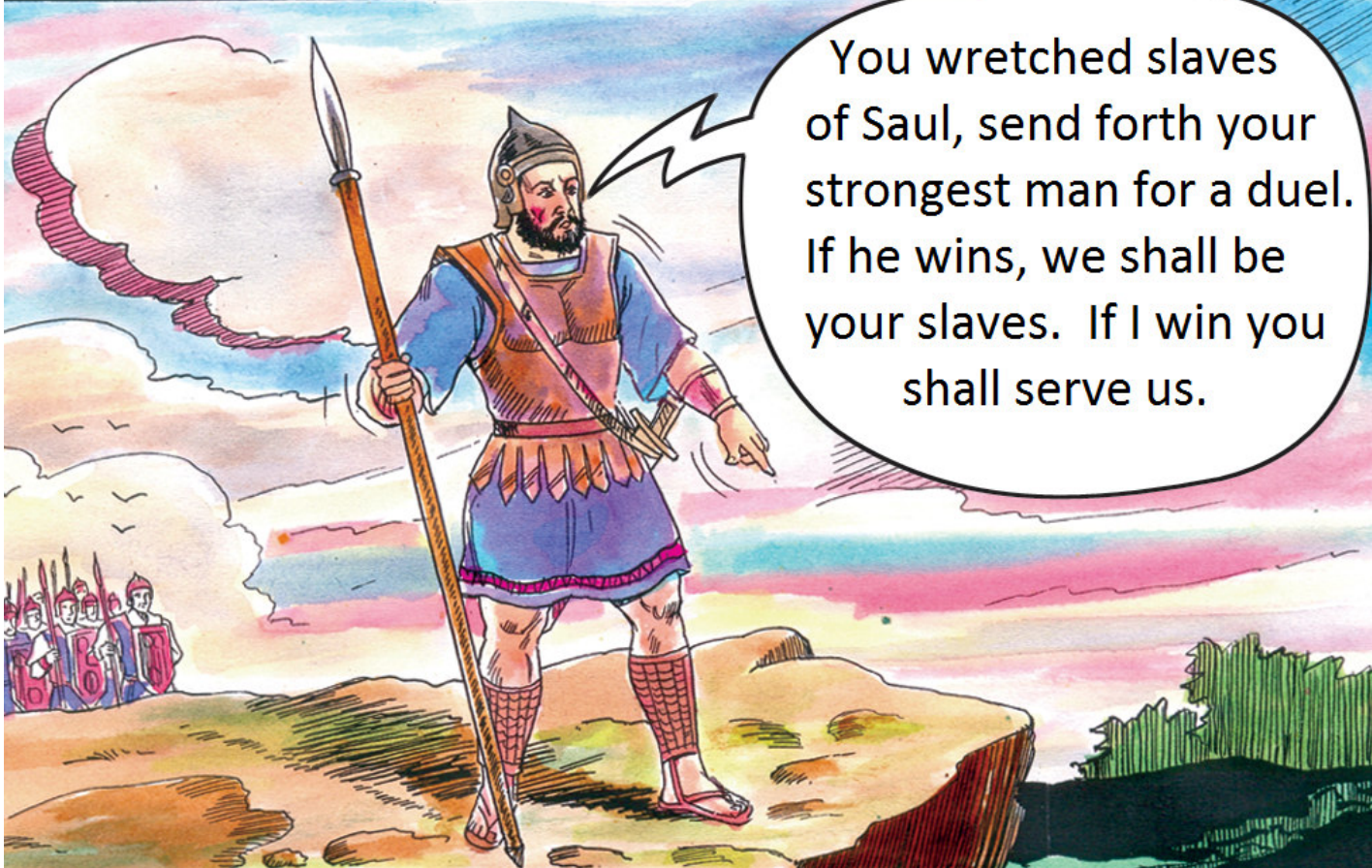
All right!

Don't roam around the camp. You must return soon.



The Israelites were encamped in the valley of Elam. From the Philistine camp a giant came forward challenging them.

You wretched slaves of Saul, send forth your strongest man for a duel. If he wins, we shall be your slaves. If I win you shall serve us.



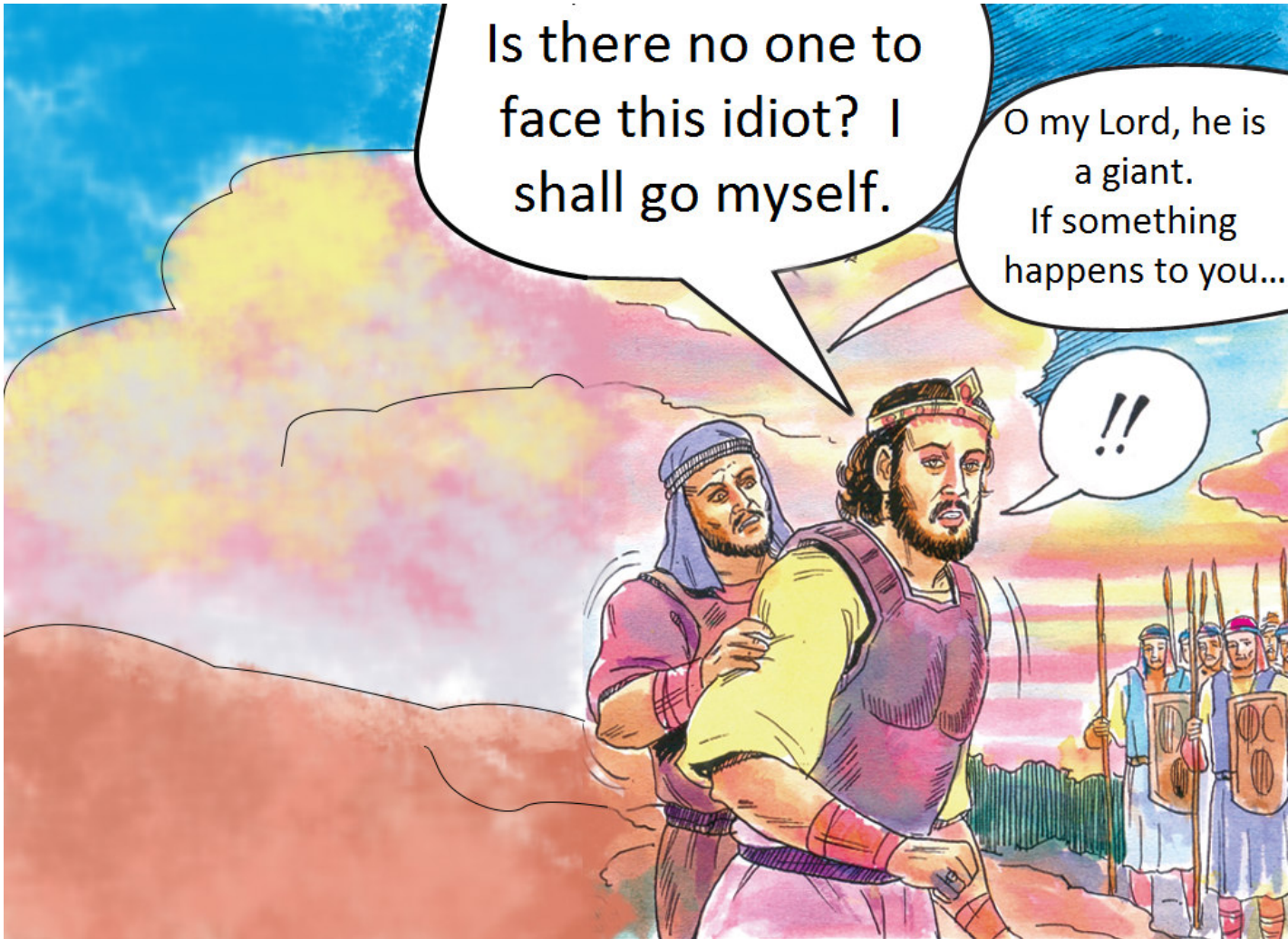
Where is your king?



Is there no one to  
face this idiot? I  
shall go myself.

O my Lord, he is  
a giant.  
If something  
happens to you...

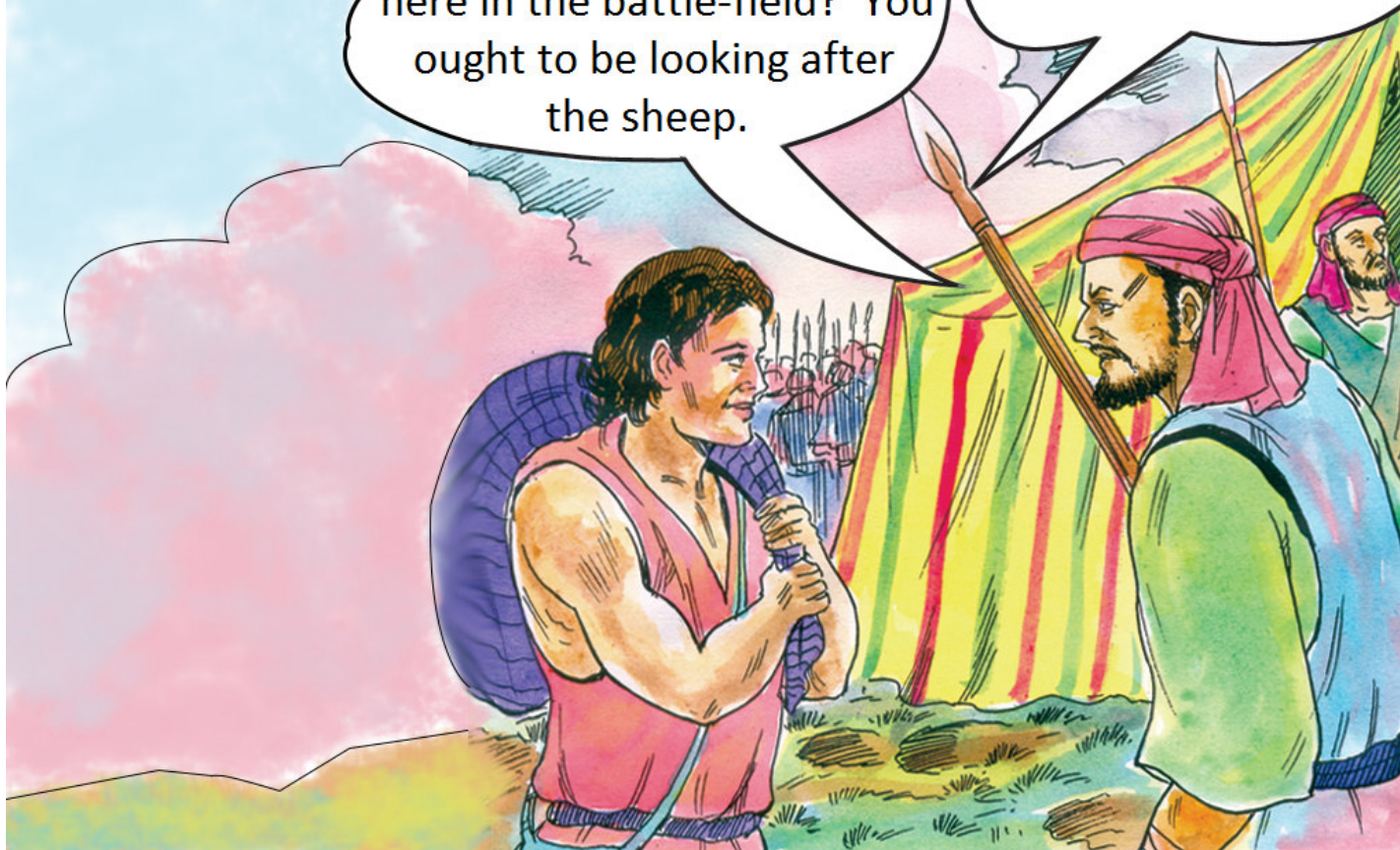
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David in the army camp.

David what are you doing here in the battle-field? You ought to be looking after the sheep.

Father asked me to come and see you.





Israel, where is your  
mighty king. Why is he  
hiding?

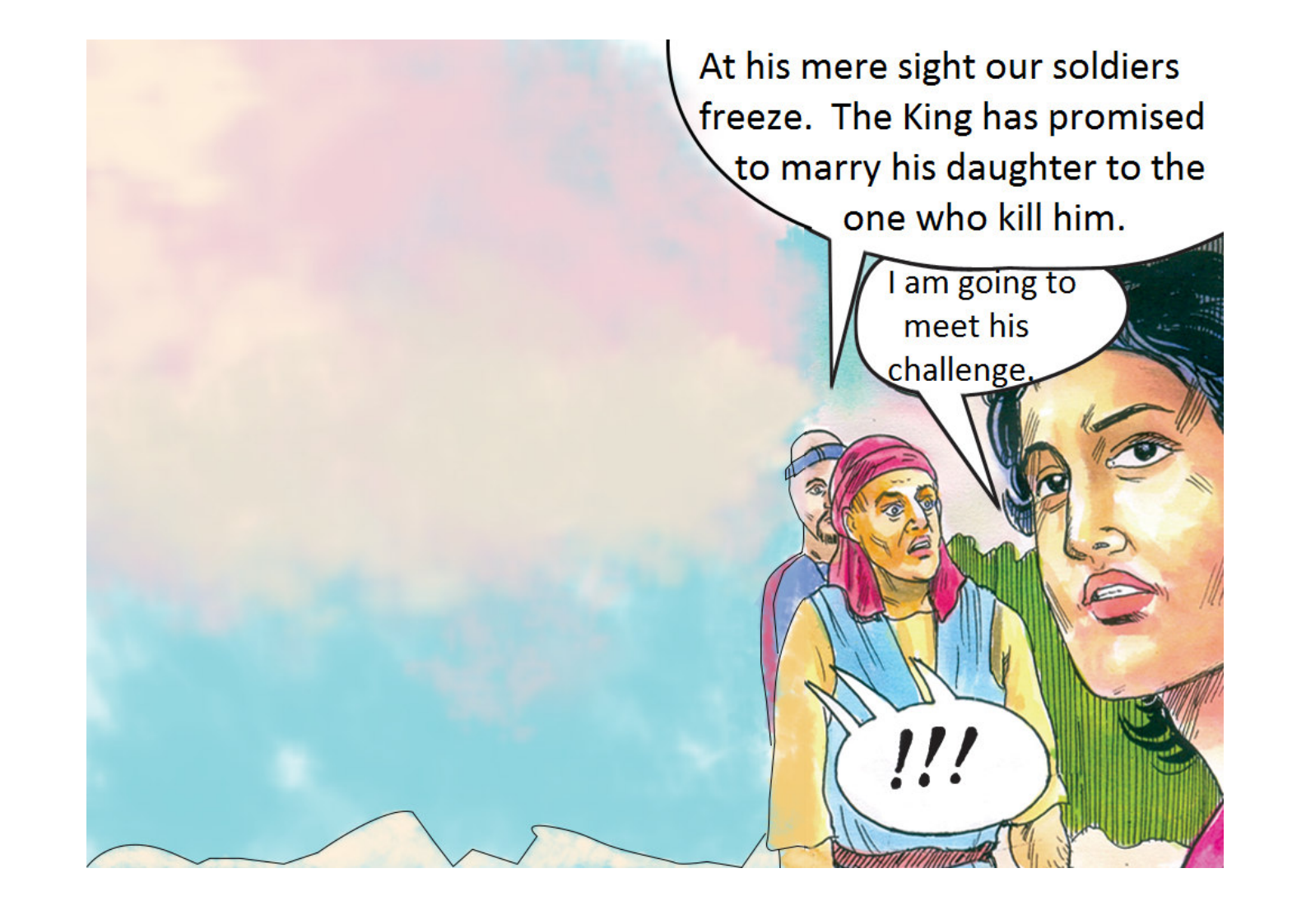


Who is this man?  
Insulting the  
anointed of God?

That is Goliath the leader  
of the Philistines. For  
days he has been  
doing this.



Yet no one came  
forward to face him?



At his mere sight our soldiers freeze. The King has promised to marry his daughter to the one who kill him.

I am going to meet his challenge.

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David was brought before Saul.

Son, I admire your courage and good will. But how can I send you to that monster?

Do not be worried M'lord. I have killed lions and bears to protect my sheep.



You can wear my armor and shield.

My lord, I cannot walk with all these.

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I shall face him with my own weapons.

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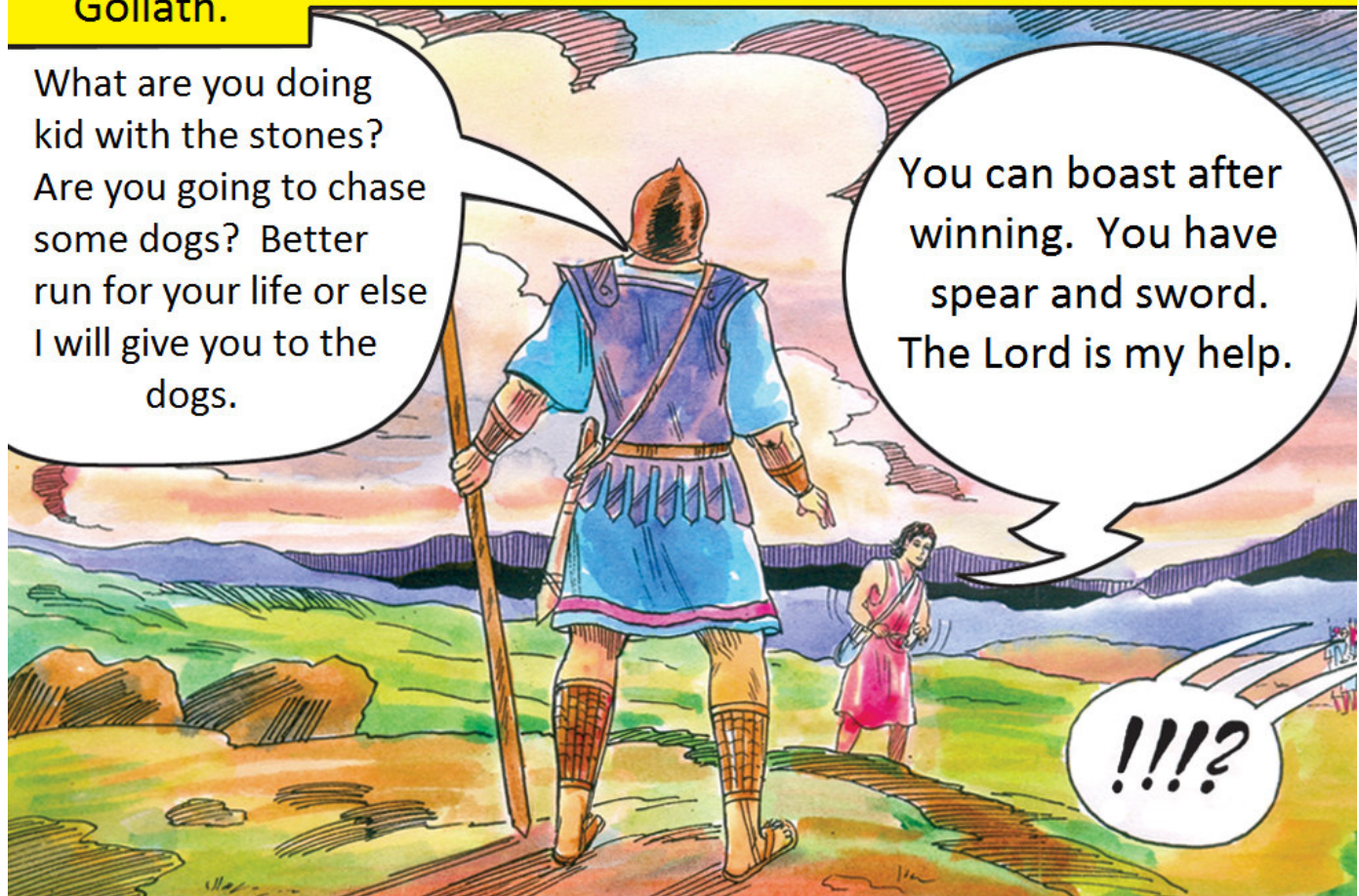


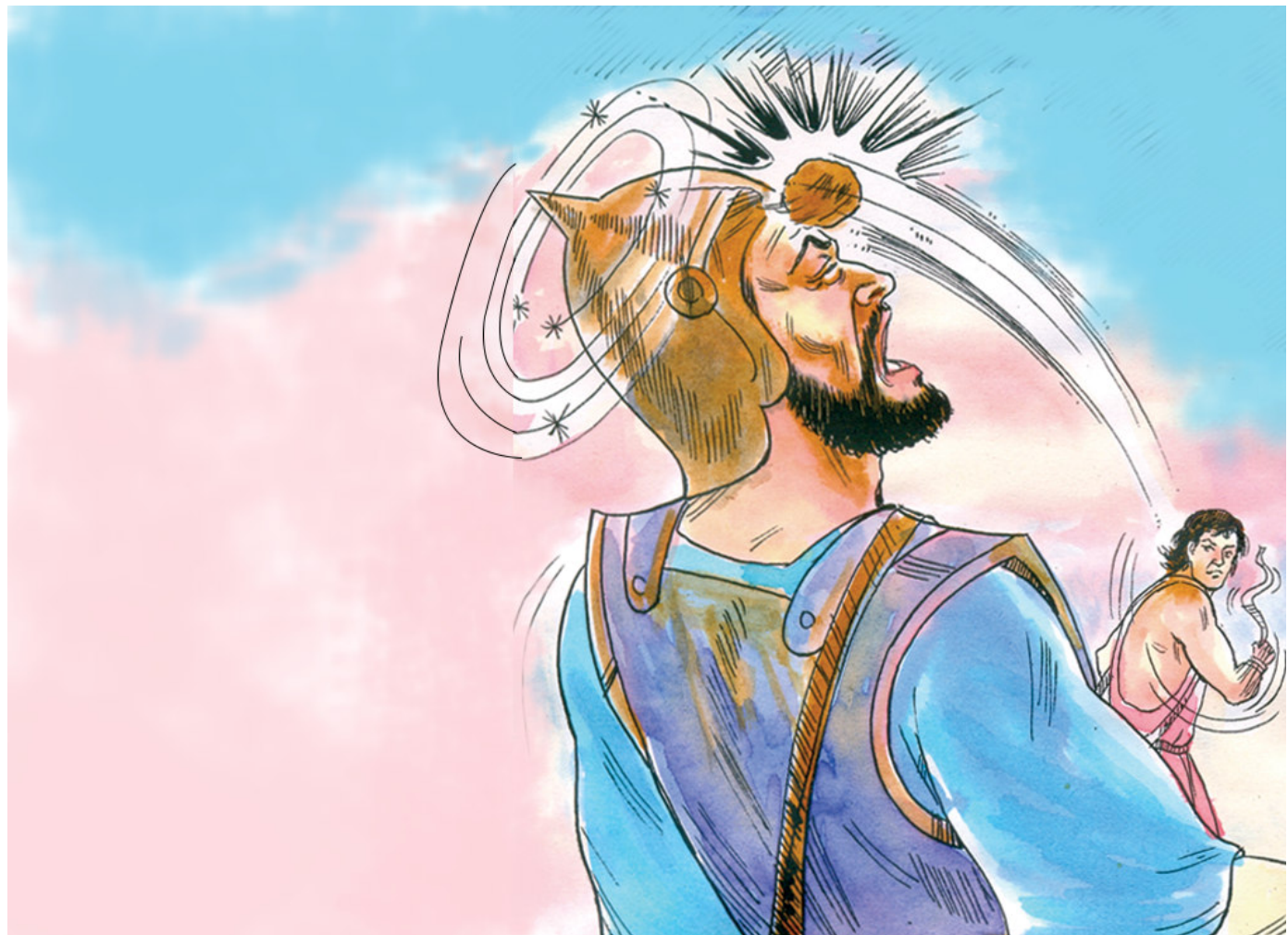
With his sling and five stones in the bag David approached Goliath.

What are you doing kid with the stones? Are you going to chase some dogs? Better run for your life or else I will give you to the dogs.

You can boast after winning. You have spear and sword. The Lord is my help.

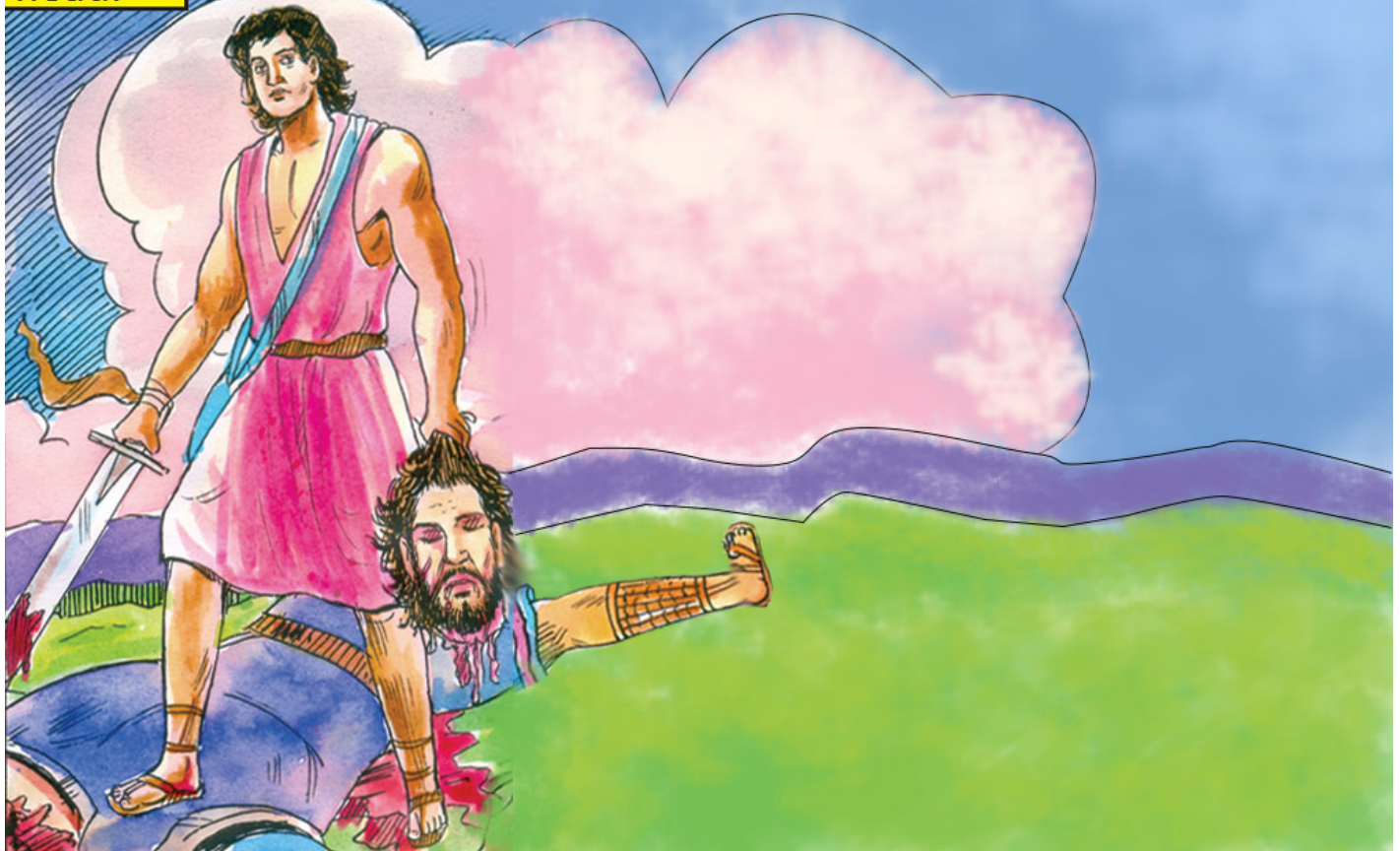
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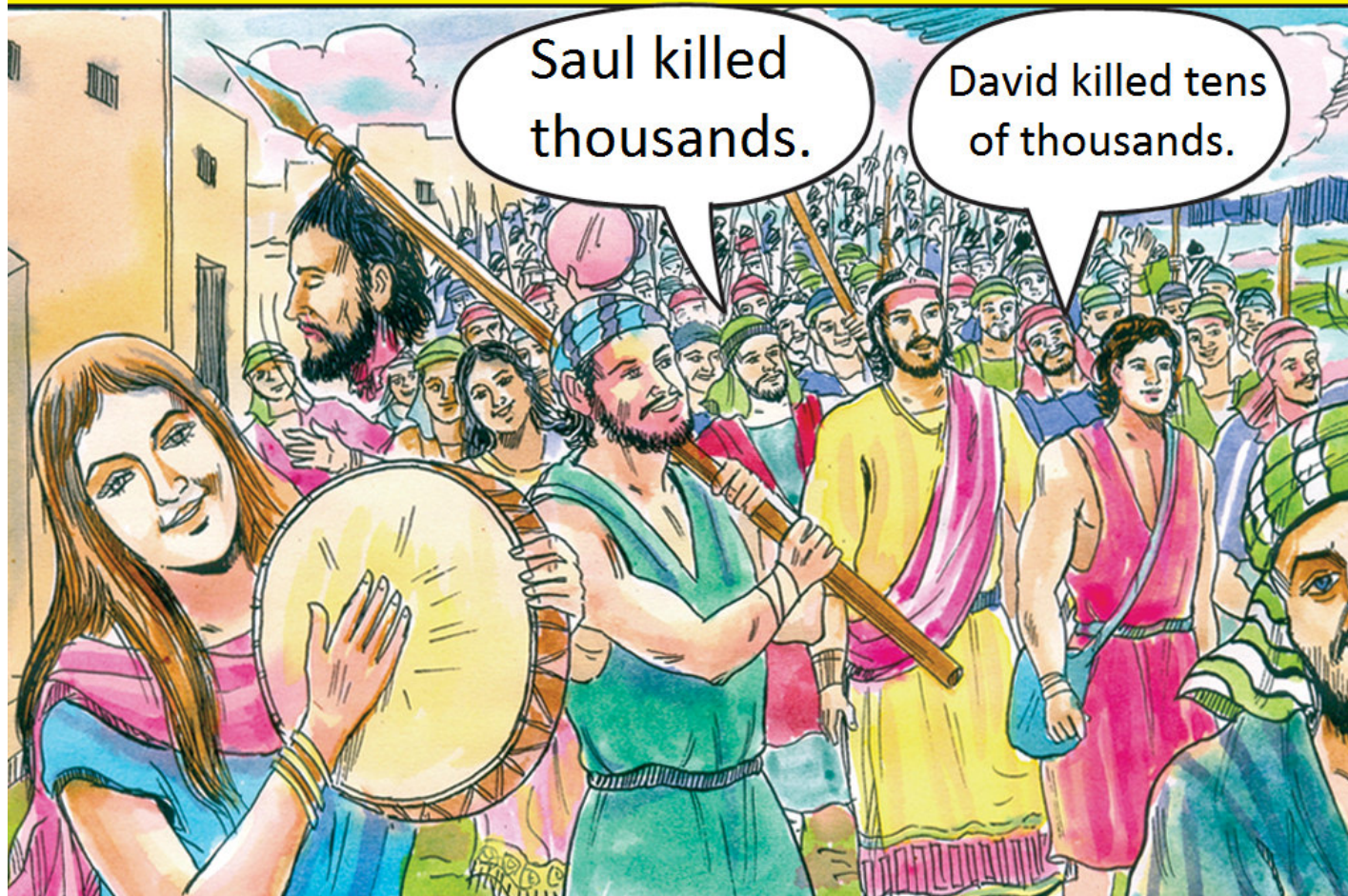




David took the sword from Goliath and cut off his head.



Seeing that Goliath was dead the Philistines fled. Israel won the war.



David, I wish you to be  
my body guard.  
Stay here with my  
son Jonathan.

Do I deserve  
such an  
honor? I'll  
always be  
grateful to  
you.



Jonathan and David became good friends.

David, beginning today  
we'll be brothers. My  
life for your life!

I'll never  
forget this,  
Jonathan.

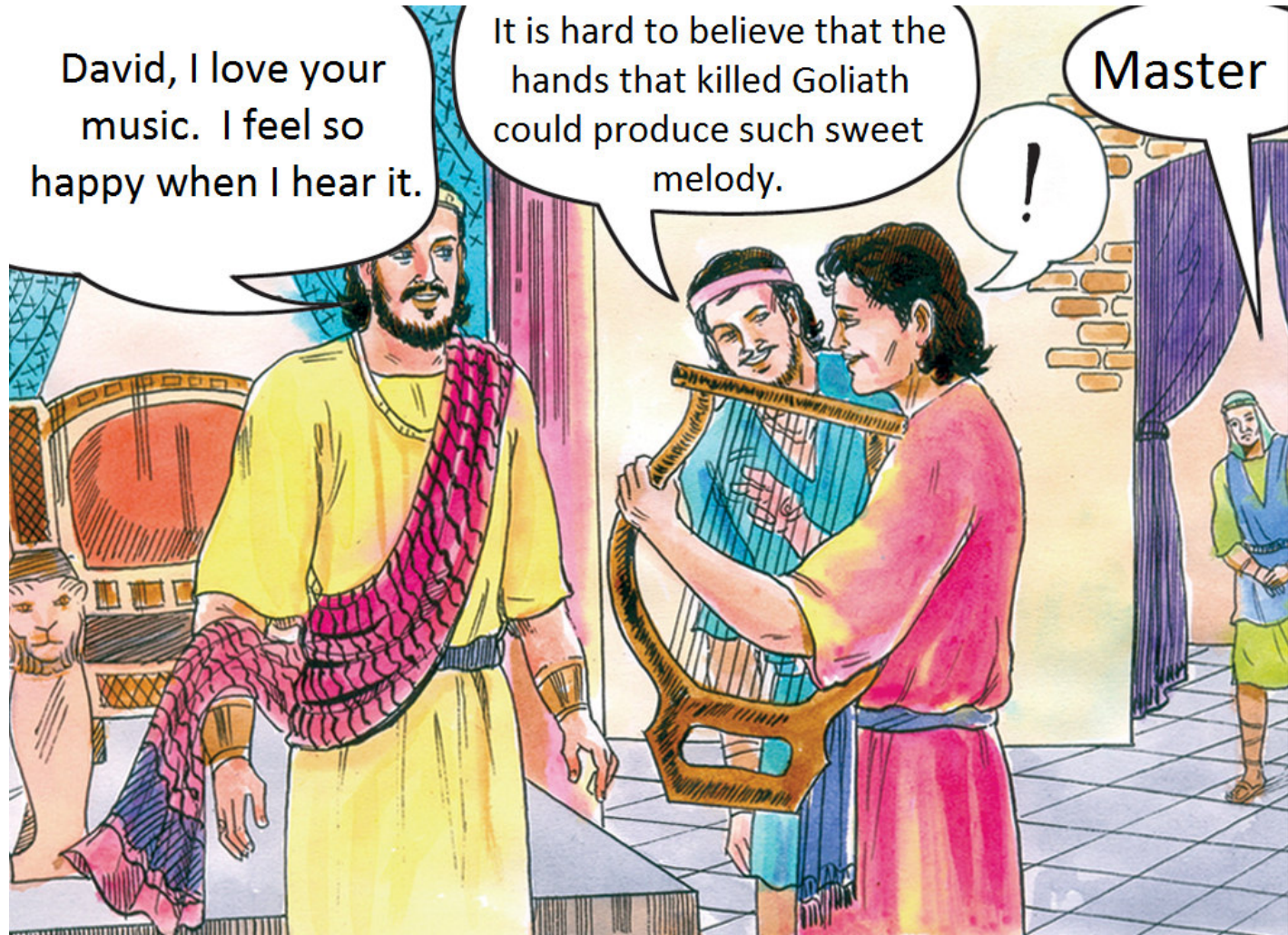


David, I love your music. I feel so happy when I hear it.

It is hard to believe that the hands that killed Goliath could produce such sweet melody.

Master

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People of Gath are gathering force to take revenge for Goliath's death. They may attack at any time.

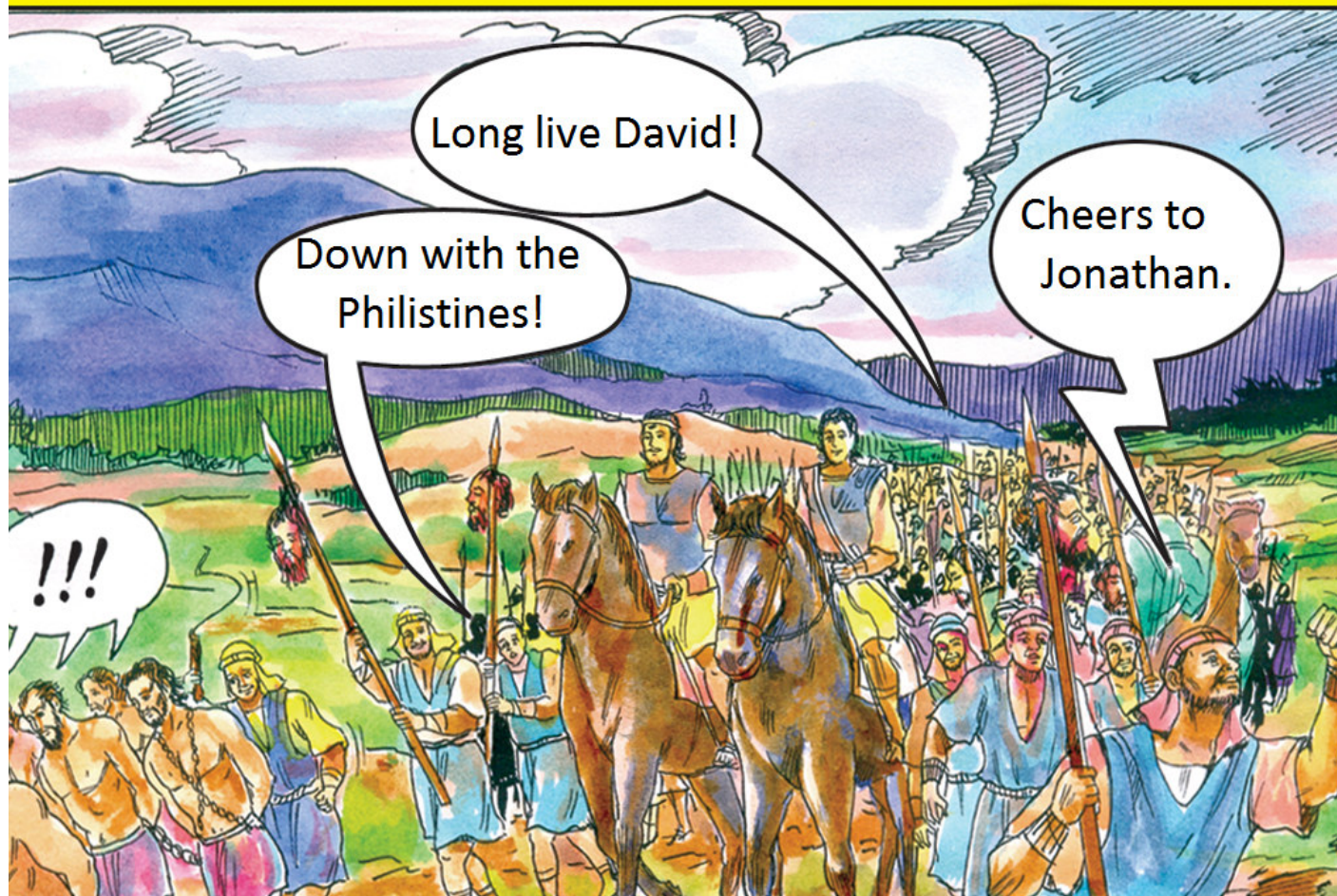


David and I shall meet  
them. Come David,  
let us go.

Be careful they are  
strong as well as cruel.  
Take five thousand  
men with you.



Jonathan and David returned on the seventh day after defeating the Philistines.





Jonathan rejoiced at David's victory. But Saul was jealous and decided to kill him.

David, I am well pleased with you. You can have my daughter Michal in marriage.

My sister can never get a better husband.

I, a shepherd, am not worthy for such honor.



You are more than worthy, but you must give me a present.

What gift can this poor man give to the king?

As your wedding gift give me a hundred heads of the Philistines. You must do it alone, without the army.

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They will finish him off.



This is awful. You can't give him to the Philistines to be slaughtered.

Let David prove his strength.

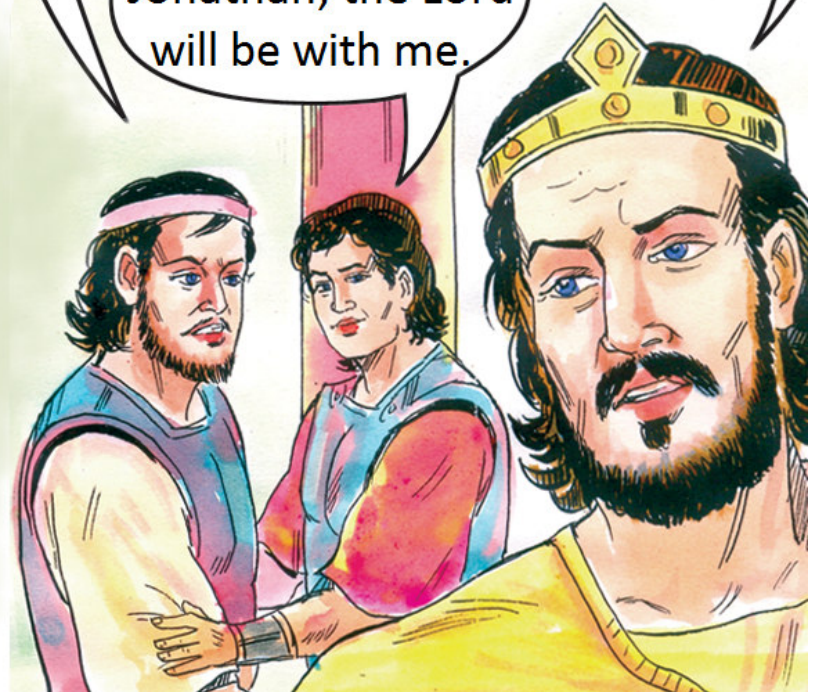
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What more proof you need? Aren't Goliath and Gath enough?

Well, David can take ten soldiers.

Don't worry Jonathan; the Lord will be with me.



That night David attacked a village of the Philistines. The next morning.

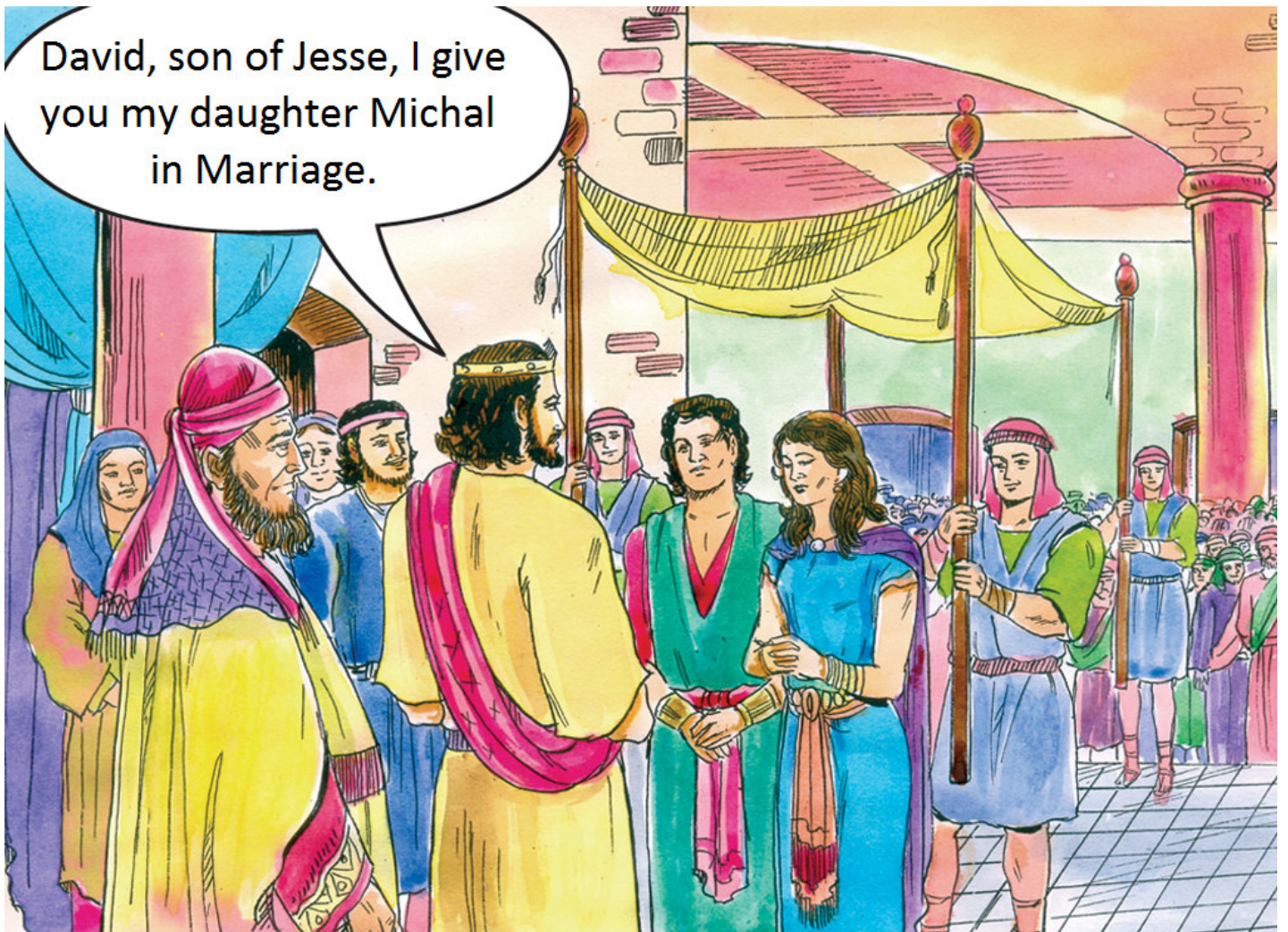
Master, here you can have two hundred heads instead of a hundred.



Good. You may marry  
Michal within a week.



David, son of Jesse, I give  
you my daughter Michal  
in Marriage.



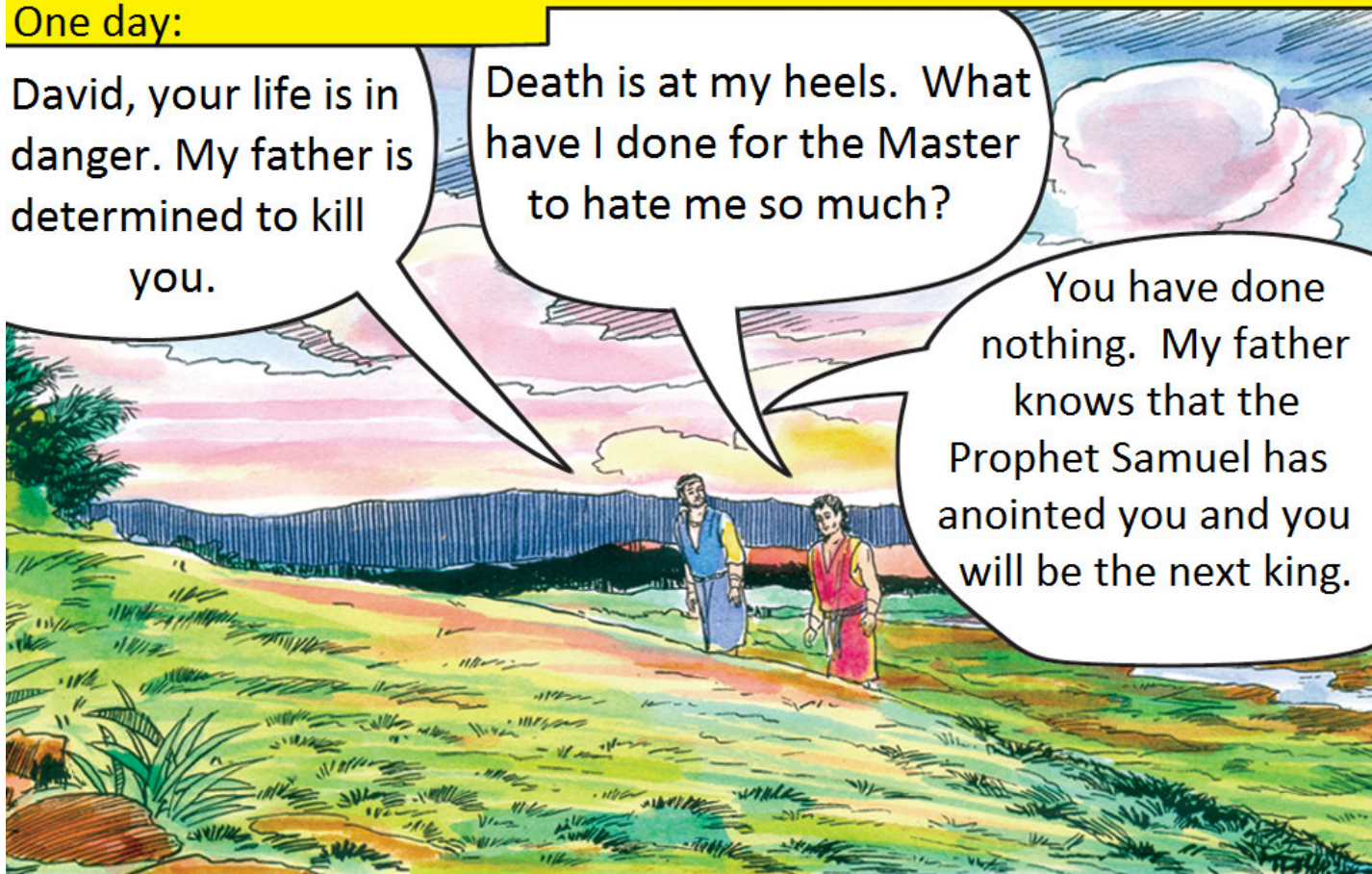
Even after the marriage Saul's jealousy continued to increase. Slowly Jealousy turned into hatred. Several times he tried to kill him.

One day:

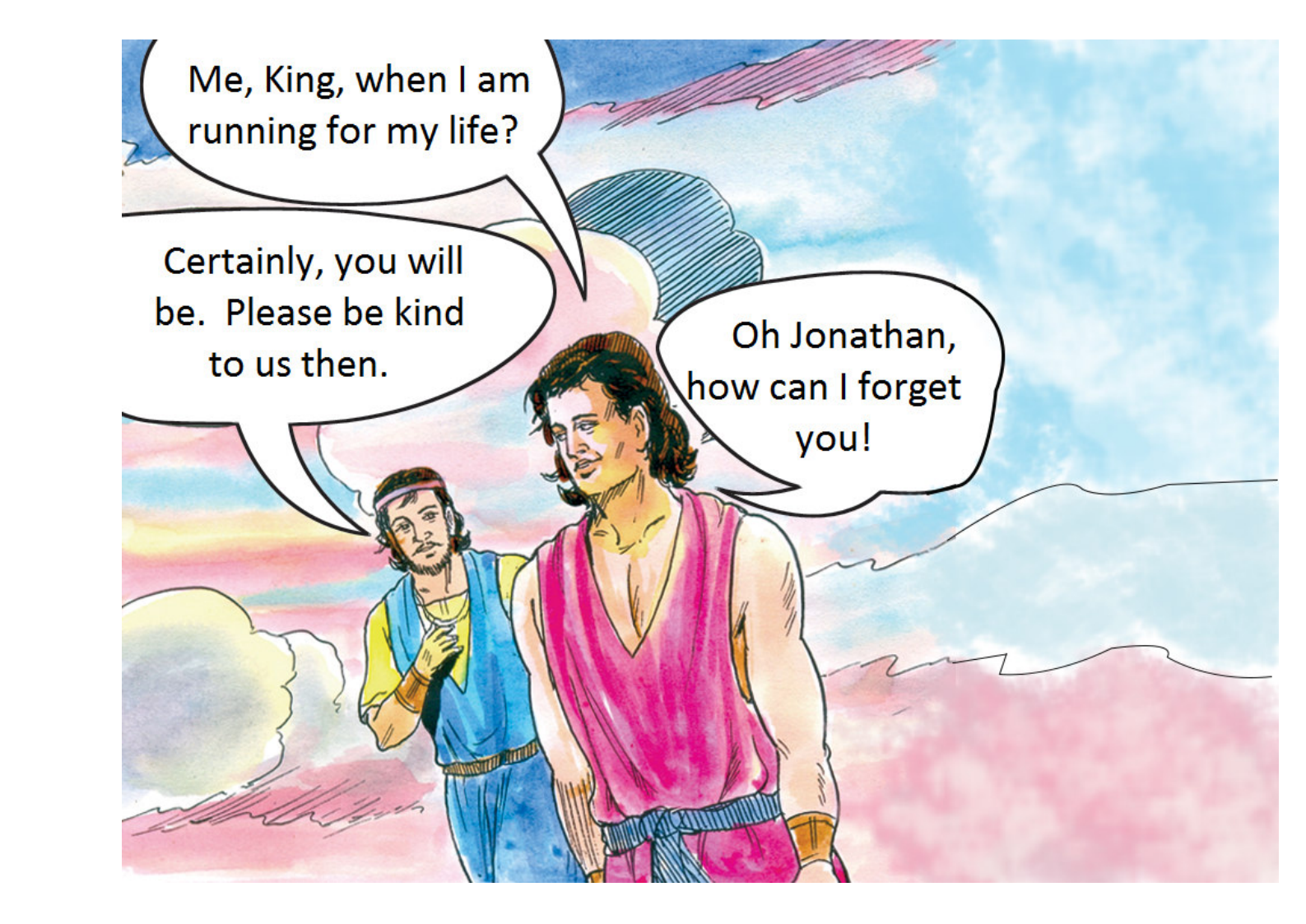
David, your life is in danger. My father is determined to kill you.

Death is at my heels. What have I done for the Master to hate me so much?

You have done nothing. My father knows that the Prophet Samuel has anointed you and you will be the next king.







Me, King, when I am running for my life?

Certainly, you will be. Please be kind to us then.

Oh Jonathan, how can I forget you!

David, you must  
escape tonight.

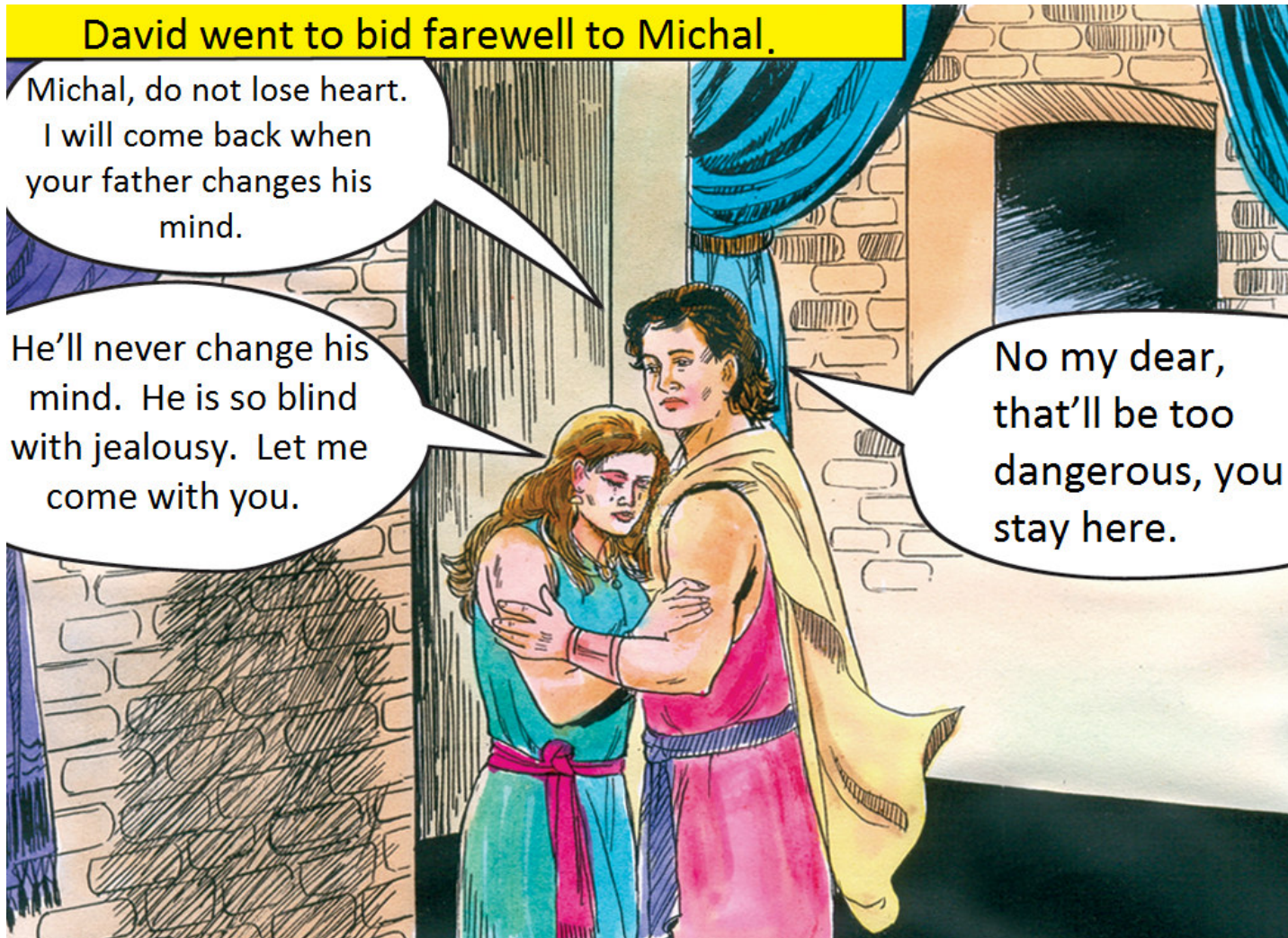



## David went to bid farewell to Michal.

Michal, do not lose heart.  
I will come back when  
your father changes his  
mind.

He'll never change his  
mind. He is so blind  
with jealousy. Let me  
come with you.

No my dear,  
that'll be too  
dangerous, you  
stay here.

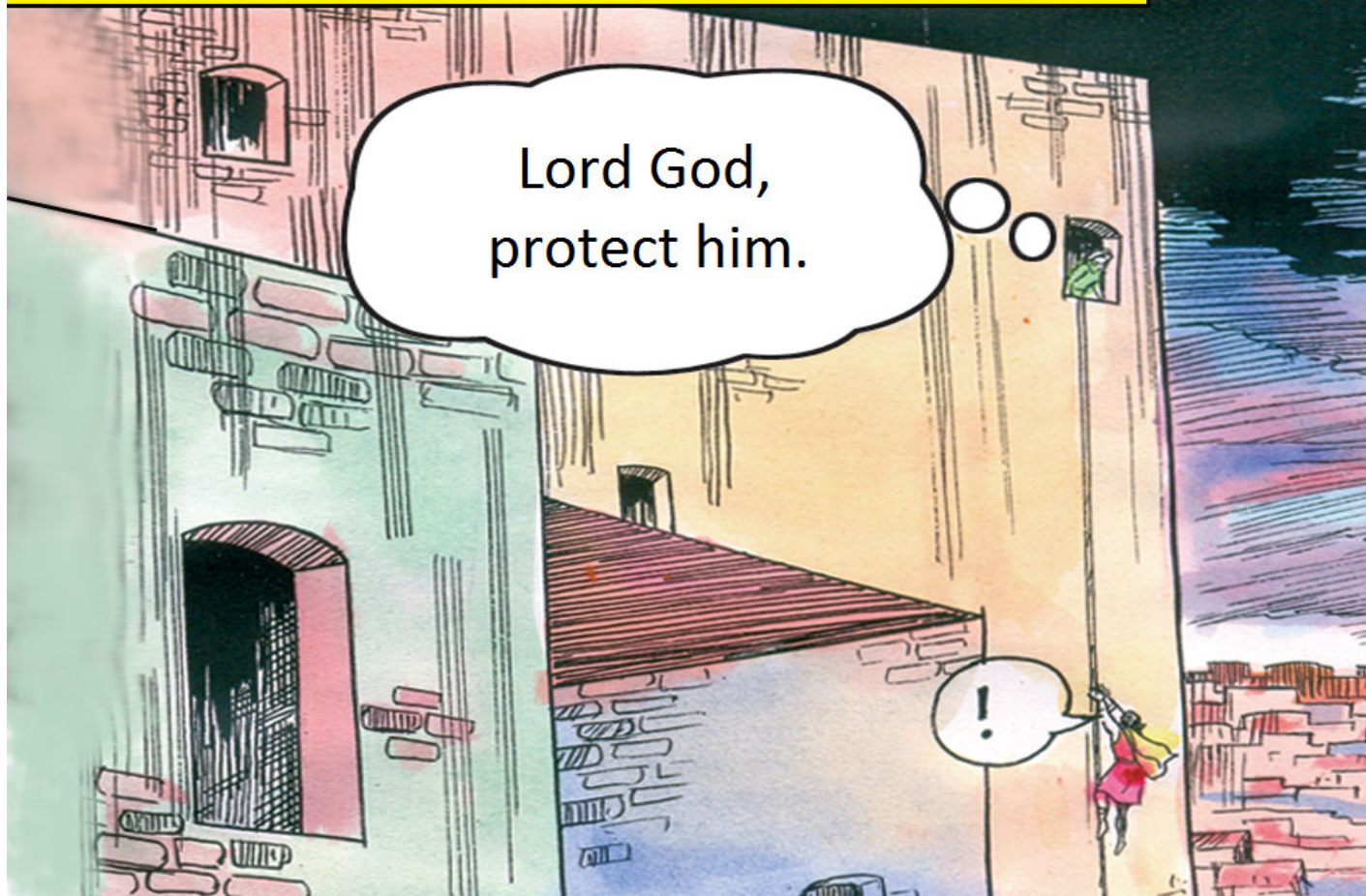




Wait until the city is  
asleep before you leave.  
Then no one will see you.

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Late at night David got out through a window and left the town.



David went to the priest of Nob.

David, are you alone today? What's the matter?

The king has sent me on a secret mission with four men. Since we left in a hurry we could not take any food or weapons.



So, you are hungry.  
My son, we have  
nothing but the  
consecrated  
bread.

Isn't that the best  
food for a traveler?  
We are pure. Do  
you have any  
weapons?

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Here is the sword  
of Goliath whom  
you killed.

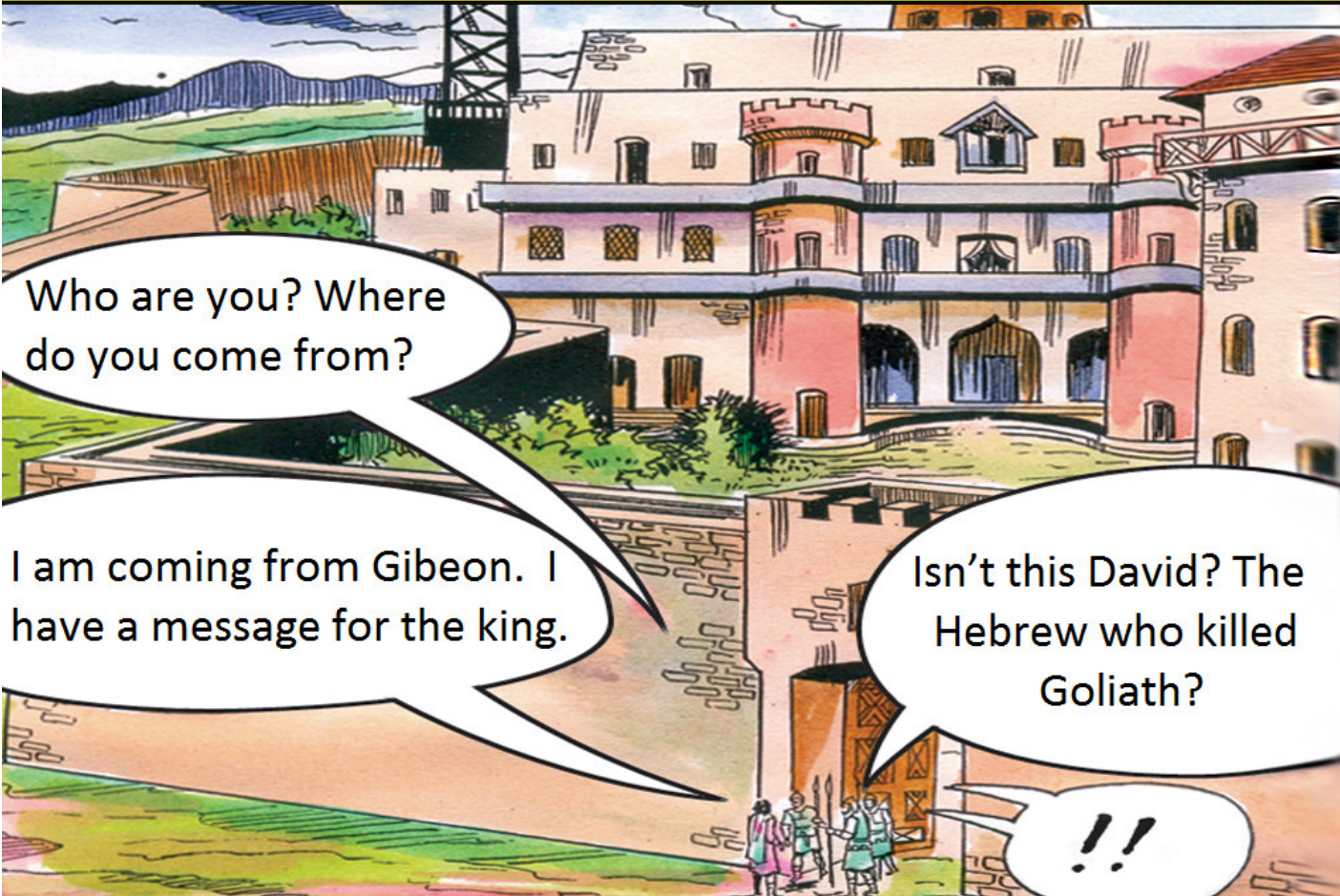
Thank you;  
there is none  
equal to this.

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David sought refuge with the king of Gath.

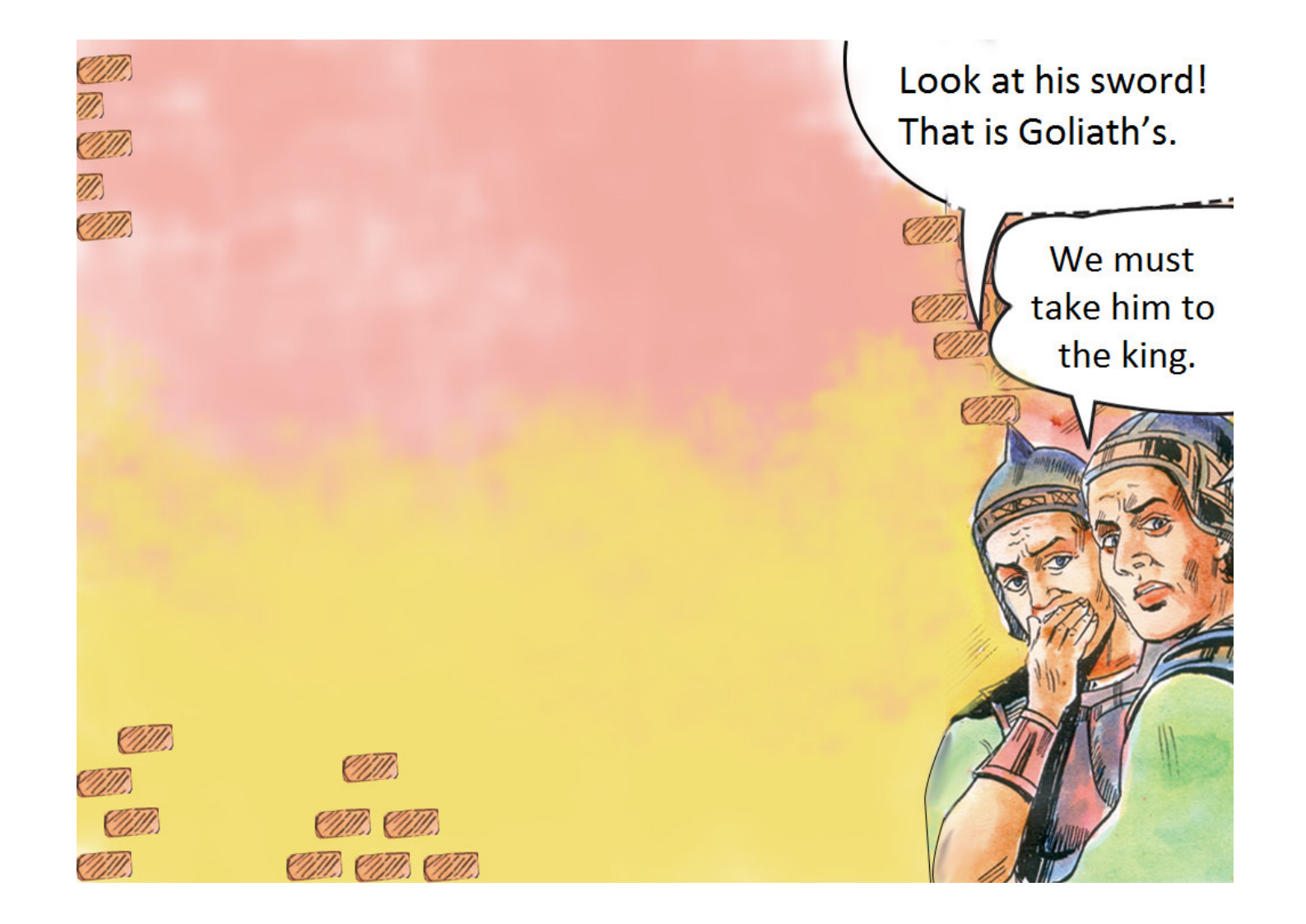


Who are you? Where do you come from?

I am coming from Gibeon. I have a message for the king.

Isn't this David? The Hebrew who killed Goliath?

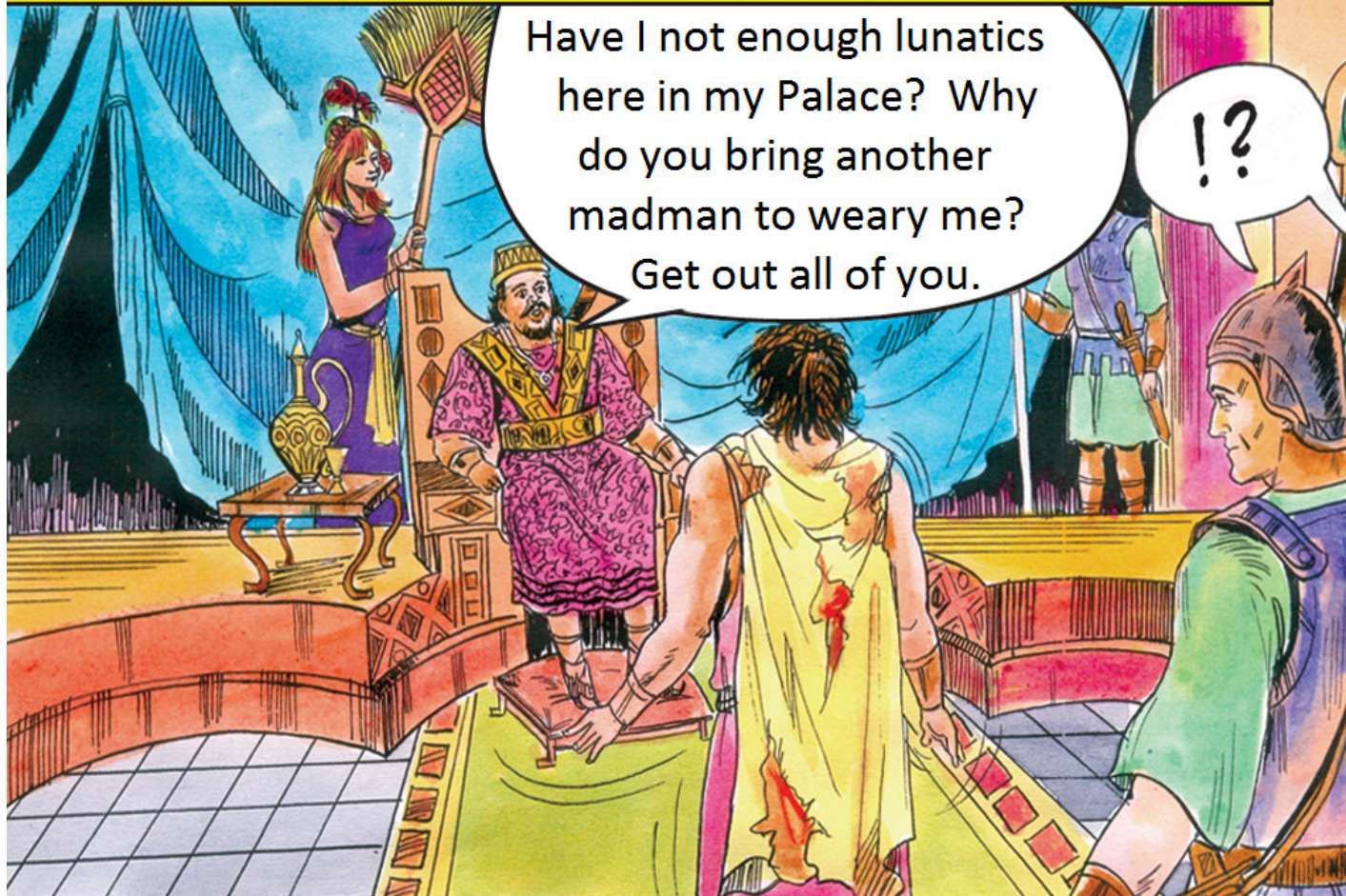
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Look at his sword!  
That is Goliath's.

We must  
take him to  
the king.

Realizing that they recognized him, David pretended to be insane.



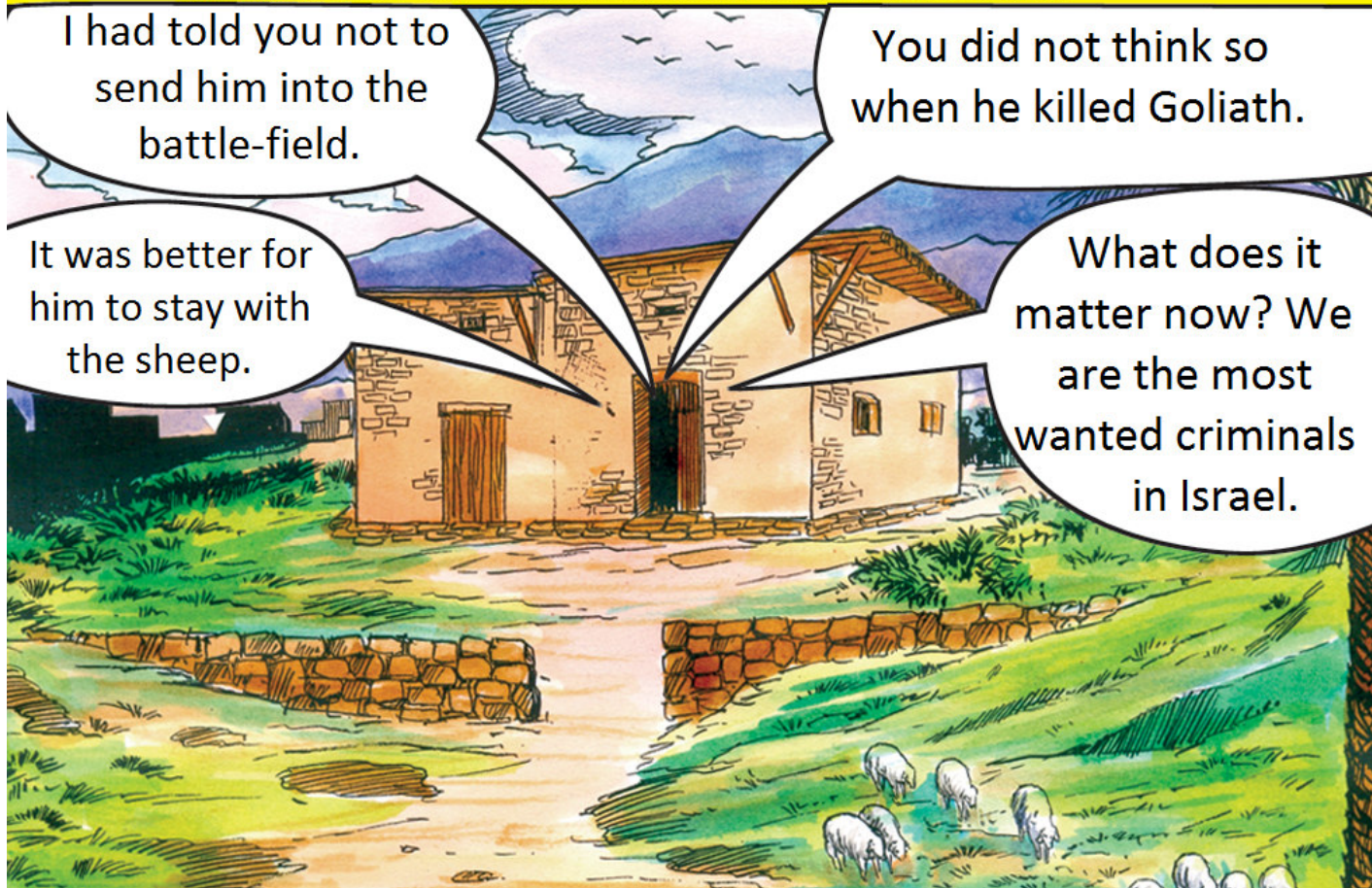
Escaping Gath, David went into the wilderness and dwelt in the cave of Adullam. At the same time in Jesse's house.

I had told you not to send him into the battle-field.

You did not think so when he killed Goliath.

It was better for him to stay with the sheep.

What does it matter now? We are the most wanted criminals in Israel.

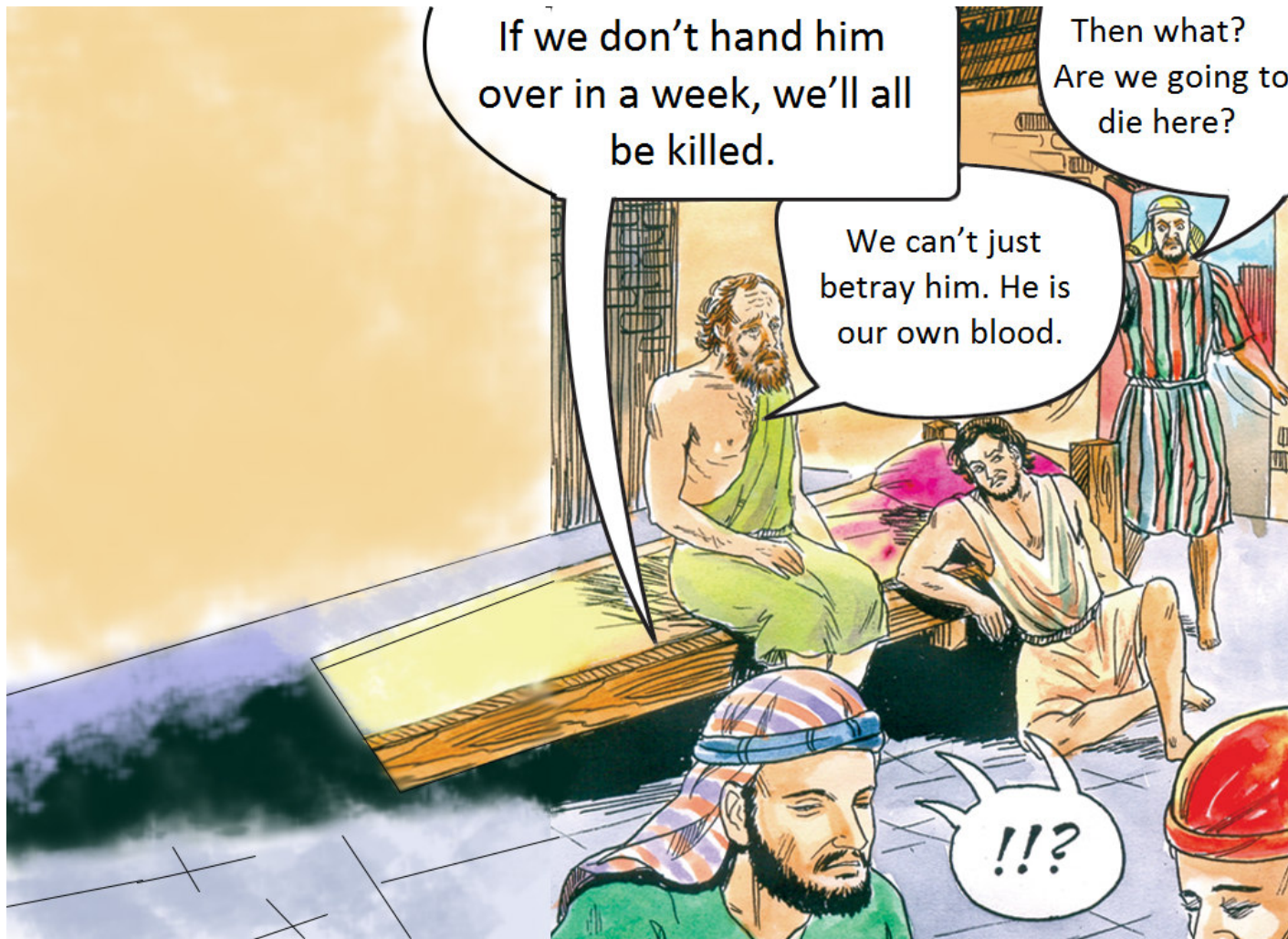



If we don't hand him over in a week, we'll all be killed.

Then what?  
Are we going to die here?

We can't just betray him. He is our own blood.

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No, we will go and  
join David.

If necessary, we  
will fight. Let us  
face death  
together.

In another village of Judah.

The king has gone mad. How else can he levy such taxes?

We have to give money for him to squander?

No more paying of taxes. Being a king, he thinks he can do anything.



If we don't pay, our  
lands will be  
confiscated.

That has to be  
seen!

Haven't you heard what he  
did to the priest of Nob? Just  
because he gave a piece of  
bread to David, the whole  
family was slaughtered!





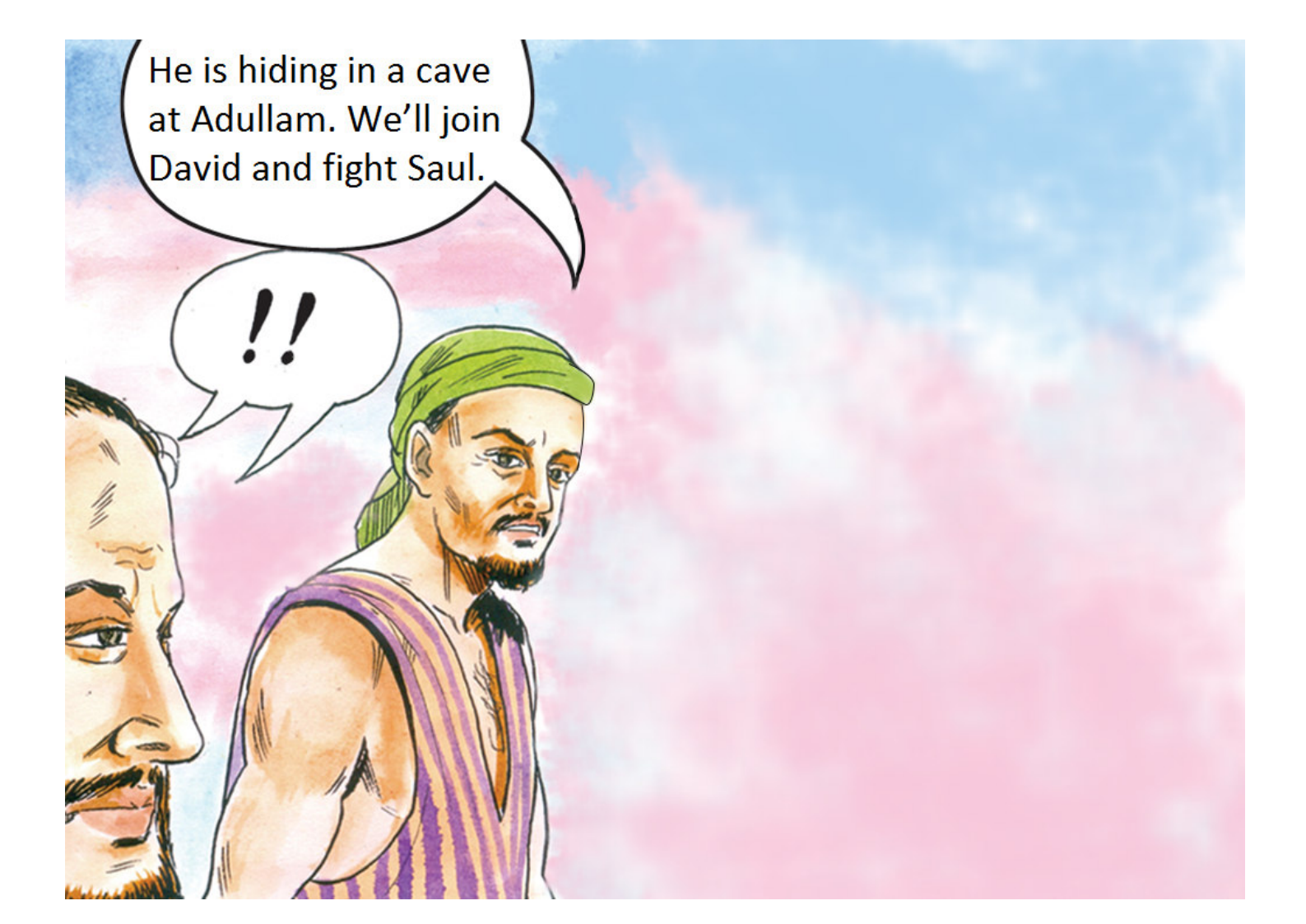
That's why I told that  
he is mad.

But how are we  
going to find  
him?

There is only none  
way out. We'll join  
David.

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He is hiding in a cave  
at Adullam. We'll join  
David and fight Saul.

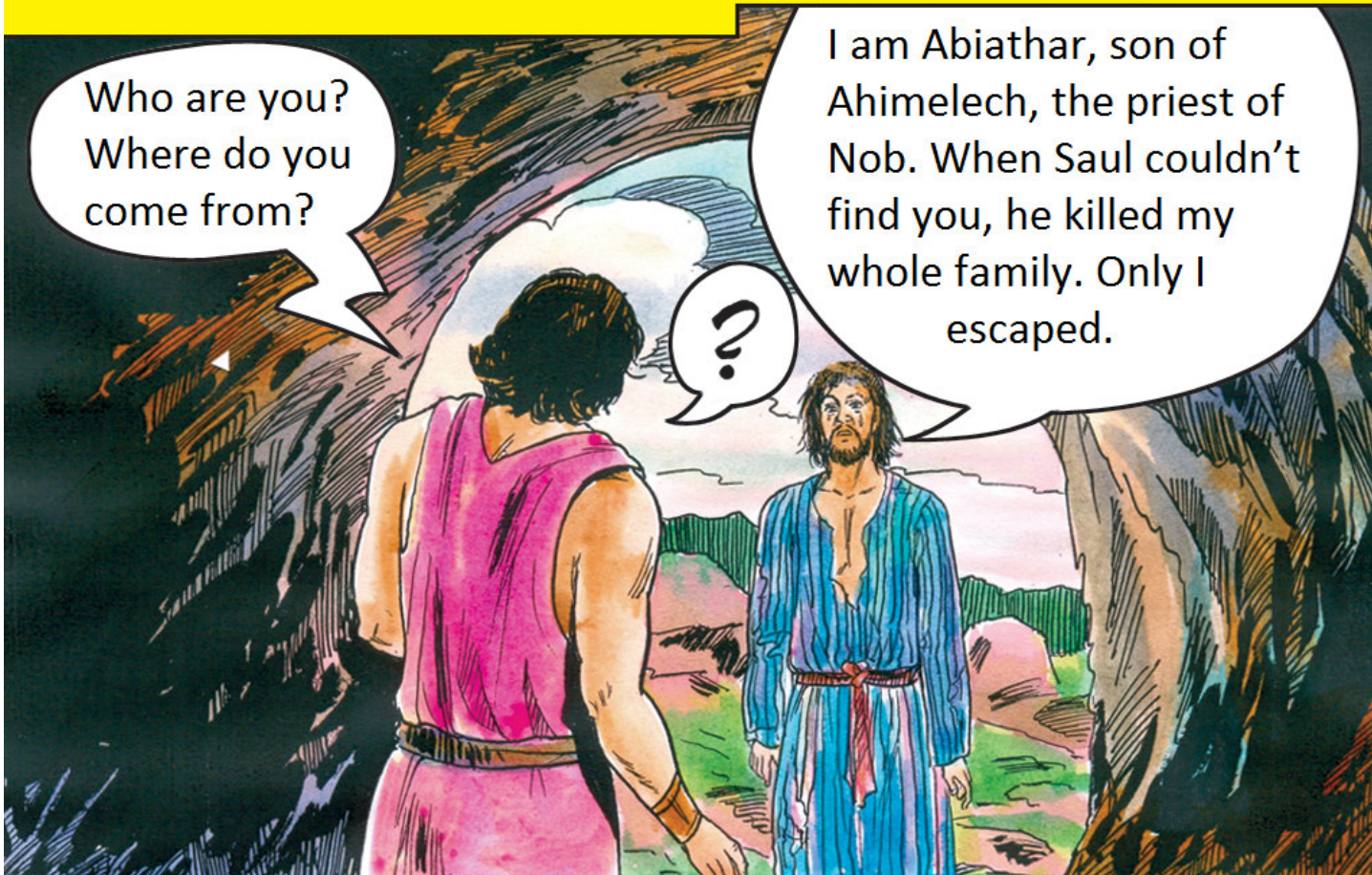
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Discontent with Saul's rule and plagued with debts, many people came to David. He trained them to be guerillas. One day...

Who are you?  
Where do you  
come from?

?

I am Abiathar, son of Ahimelech, the priest of Nob. When Saul couldn't find you, he killed my whole family. Only I escaped.



All these happened to you  
because of me. The ones who  
seek my life will try to kill you  
too. You will be safe with me.

I'll pray for you.



Master, save!

We are coming from Keila. The Philistines have surrounded our town.

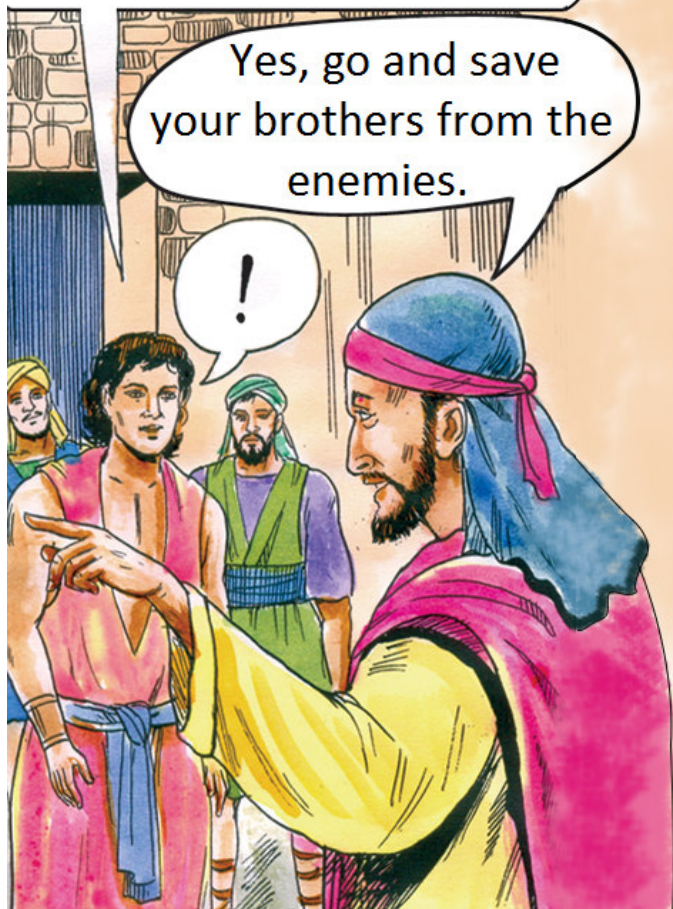
Please wait a moment. Let me find the will of God.



Tell me, does the Lord  
want me to go to Keila?

Yes, go and save  
your brothers from the  
enemies.

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David with his men marched to Keila.



David defeated the Philistines and saved the people of Keila.



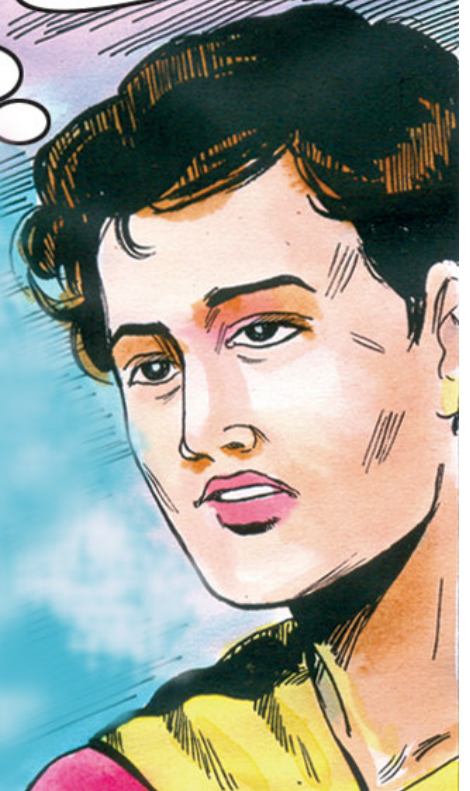


Hearing that David was in Keila, Saul went with his army to seize him.  
David escaped into the desert.

Lord God, hear my  
prayer. Listen to my  
cry and save me.



What have I done that the king  
hunts me like this? Oh Lord, You  
alone are my refuge and  
Fortress.



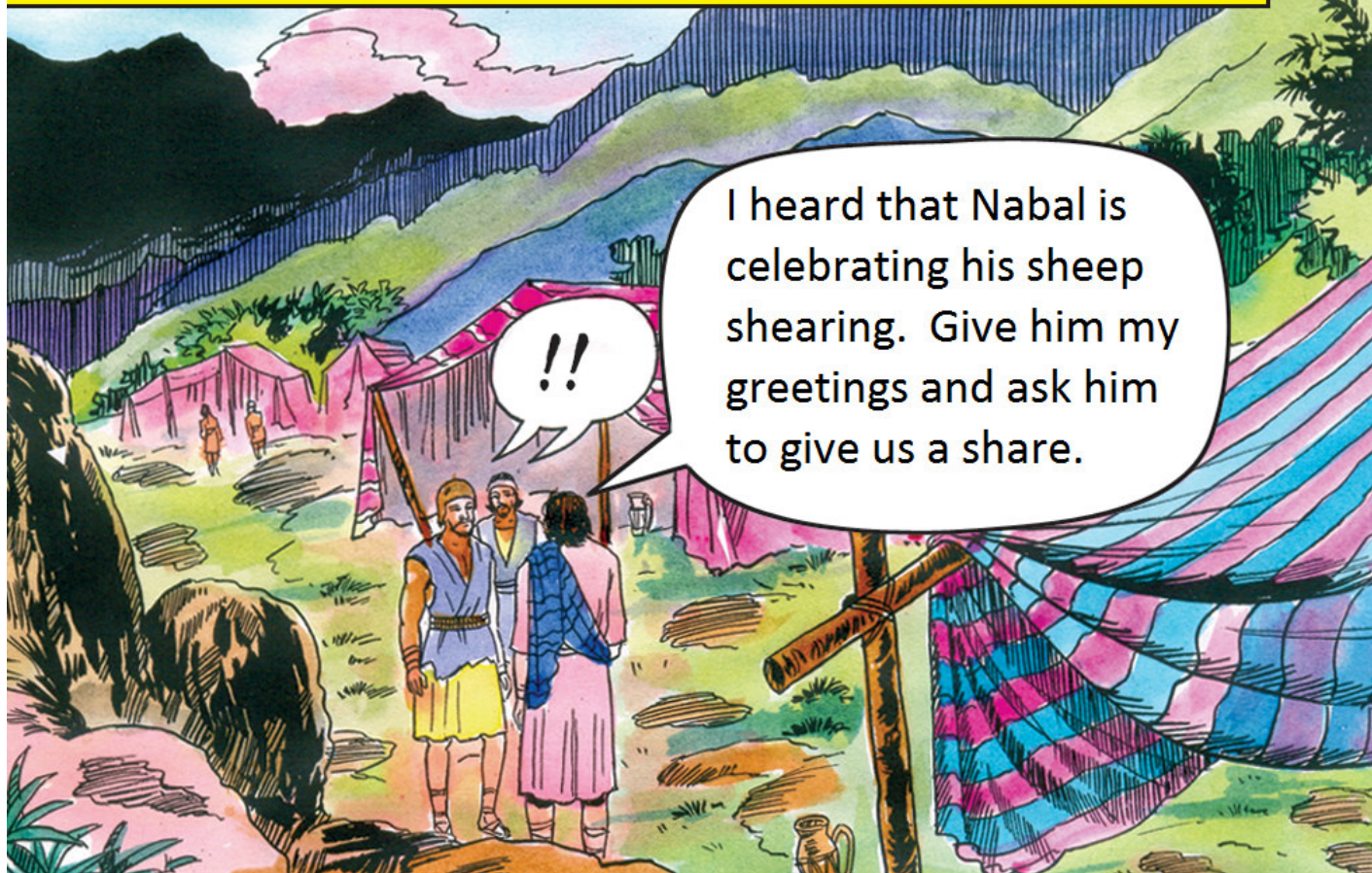
Master look,  
there comes  
Saul with his  
army.

Let us move north. By  
the time they climb this  
mountain we'll get far.

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David settled with his men in the forest near the village of Carmel.



## David's men at Nabal's house.

If you don't get out fast, I'll show you who'll be sorry.

What? Gift? Who is this David? I am not a fool to feed some run-away-slaves.

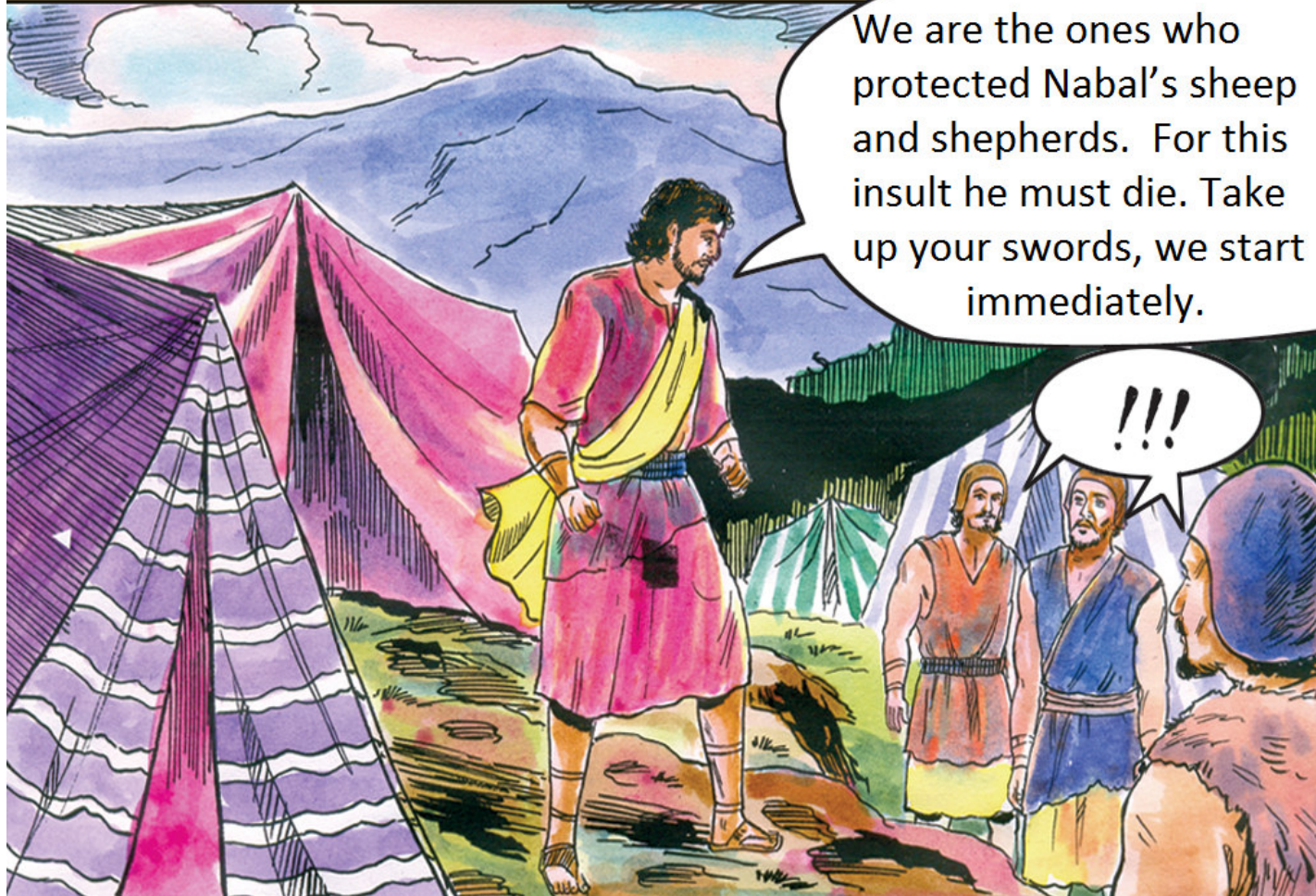
You will be sorry.



David was told of Nabal's arrogance

We are the ones who protected Nabal's sheep and shepherds. For this insult he must die. Take up your swords, we start immediately.

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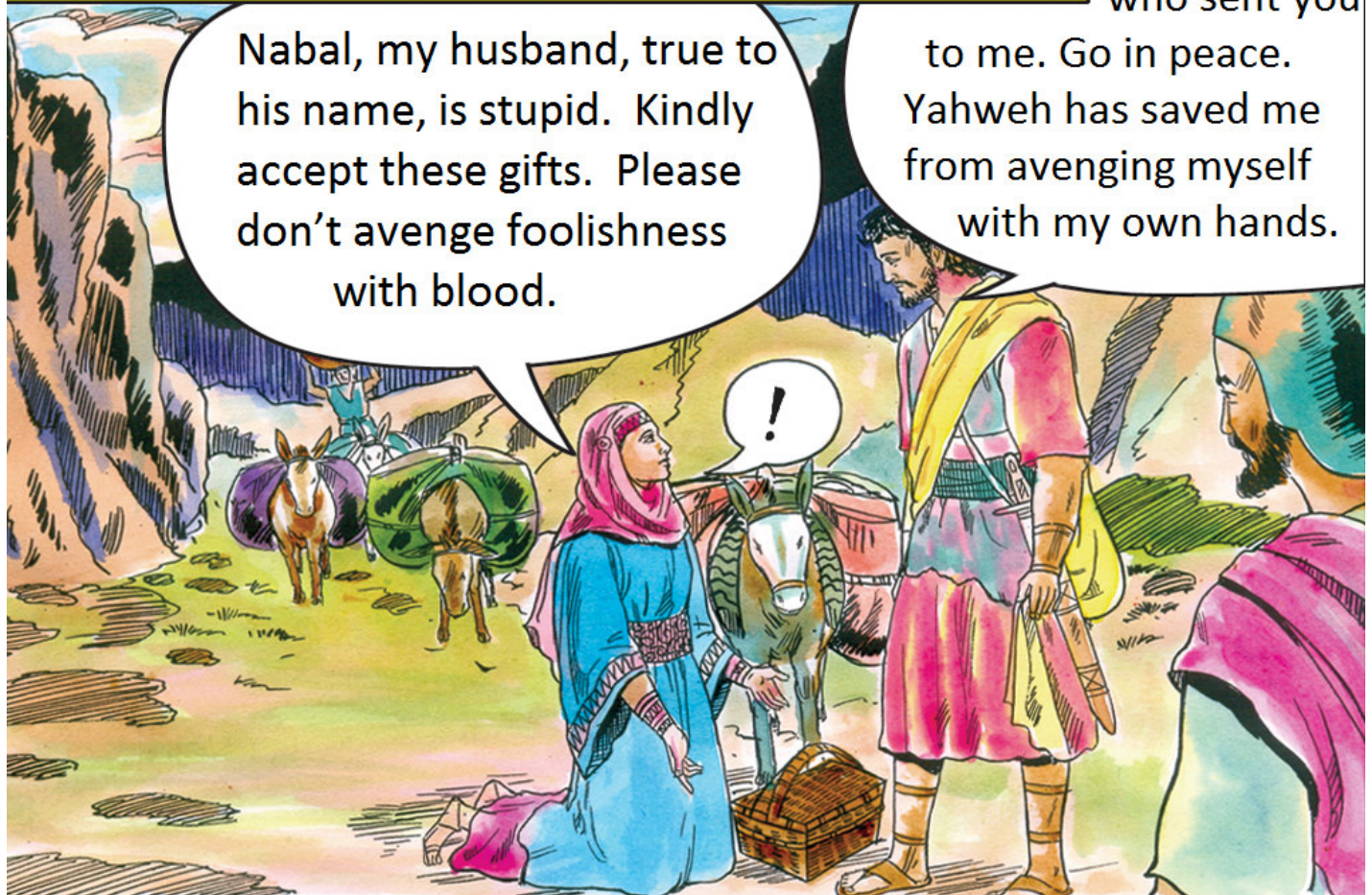


With four hundred men David marched out to Carmel. At the same time Abigail, Nabal's wife, came out to meet him with gifts.


It is the Lord who sent you

Nabal, my husband, true to his name, is stupid. Kindly accept these gifts. Please don't avenge foolishness with blood.

to me. Go in peace. Yahweh has saved me from avenging myself with my own hands.



Hearing about this Nabal died of shock. After a few days David married Abigail. Months later.



How long am I going to live like this? On the run! Sooner or later Saul will catch me. Let me go and live with the Philistines. There he won't be able to harm me.



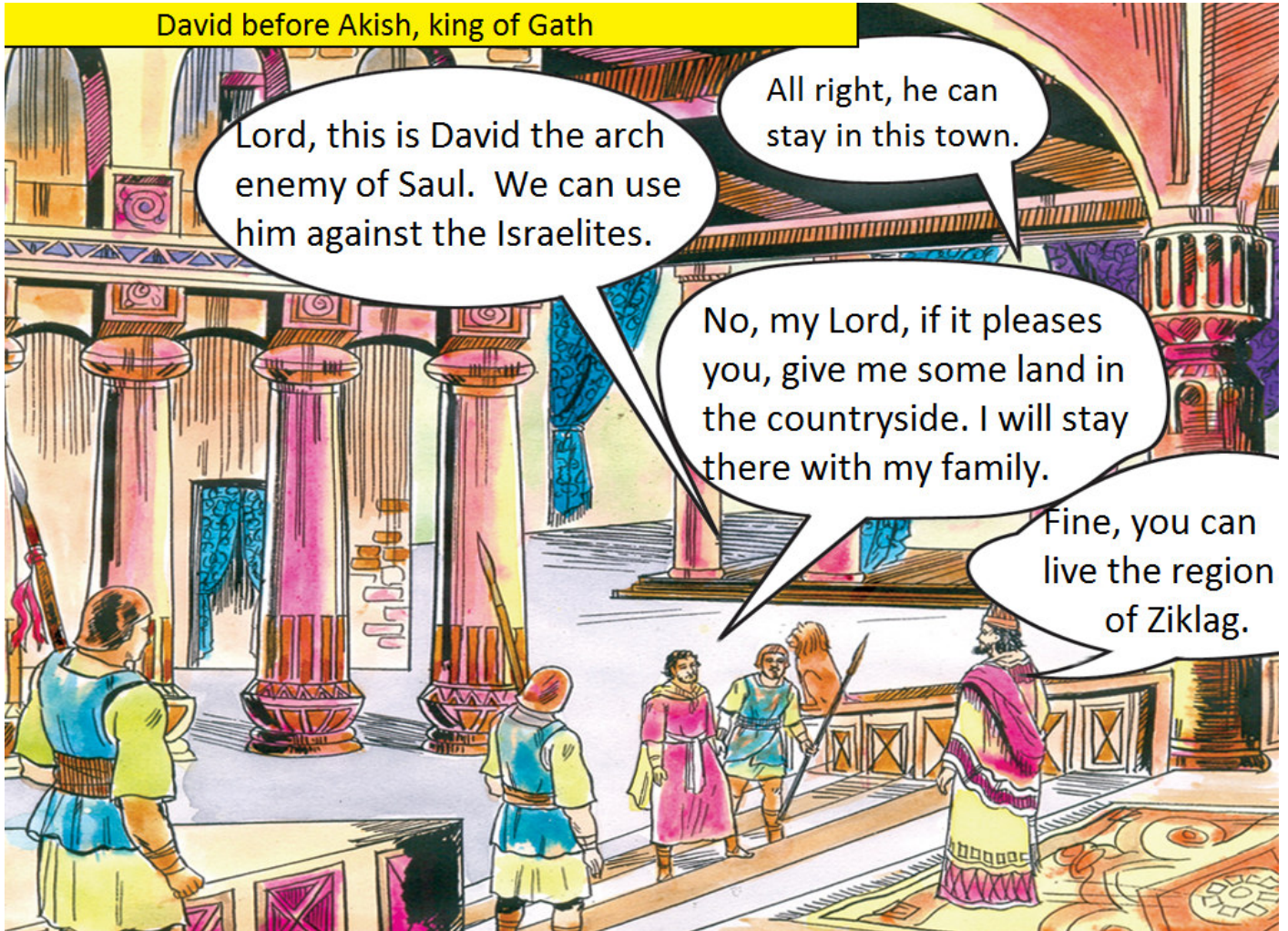
David before Akish, king of Gath

Lord, this is David the arch enemy of Saul. We can use him against the Israelites.

All right, he can stay in this town.

No, my Lord, if it pleases you, give me some land in the countryside. I will stay there with my family.

Fine, you can live the region of Ziklag.



David plundered the Amalekites, enemies of the Israelites and brought the spoils to the king Akish.

Whom did you plunder today?

Your majesty, kindly accept these humble offerings of ours.

We went to south of Judah.



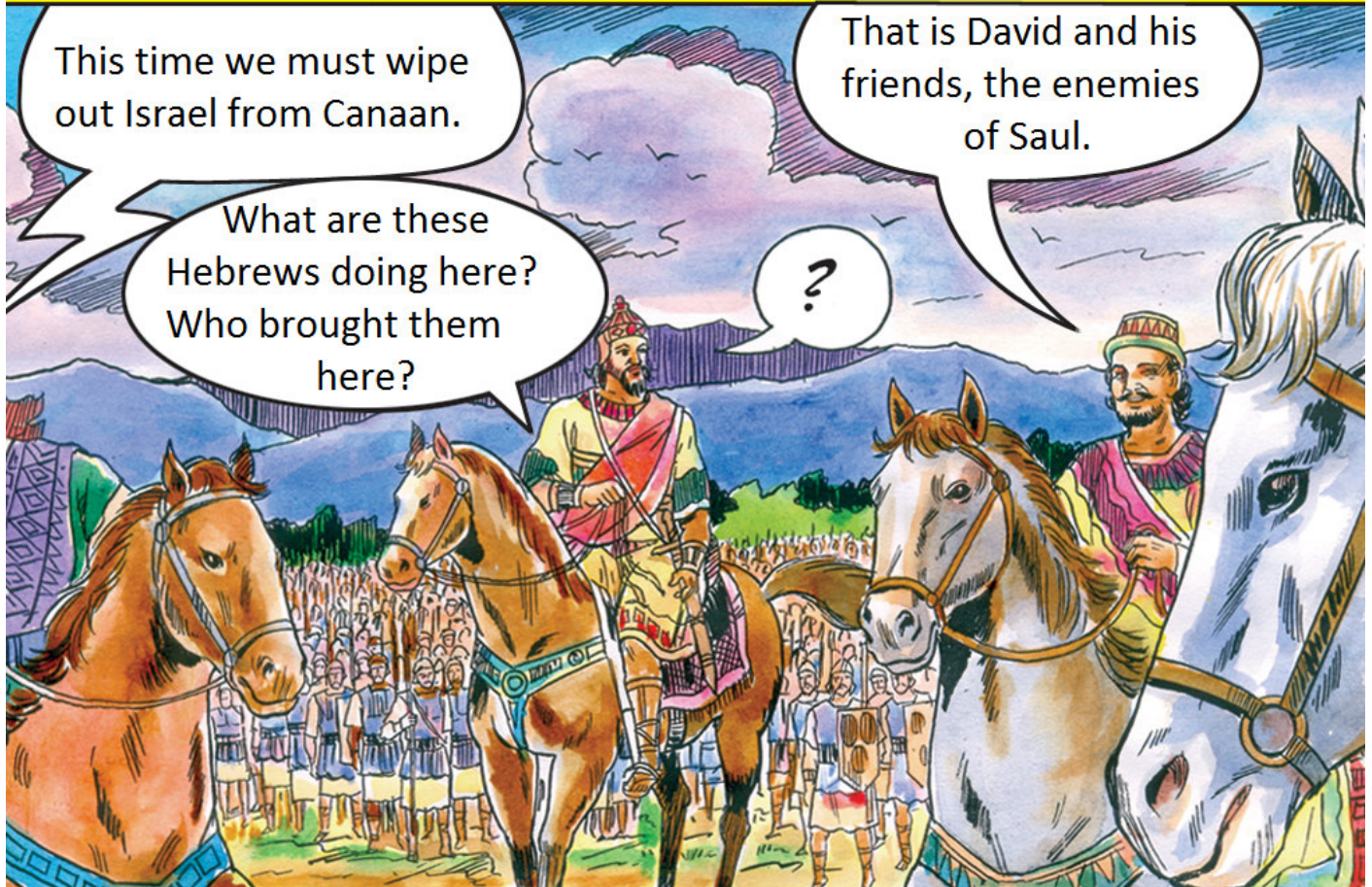
The Philistines again gathered forces in Aphek against Israel.  
King Akish took David along with him.

This time we must wipe out Israel from Canaan.

What are these Hebrews doing here?  
Who brought them here?

That is David and his friends, the enemies of Saul.

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Isn't he the one  
who killed Goliath?

It has all changed  
now. He is our  
most trusted  
friend.

Trust a Hebrew?  
Send them back  
immediately!



Rejected by the Philistine kings, David and his men went back to Ziklag. By then the Amalekites had plundered the town.

Our homes are all  
burned down. Who  
did this?

Where are wives  
and children?

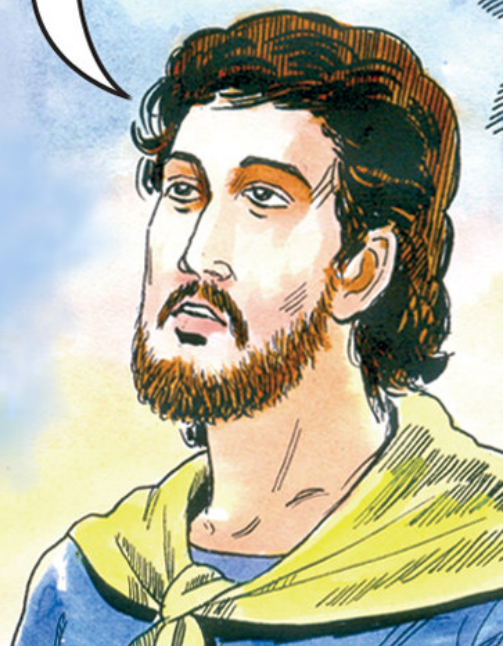
David is responsible.  
He must die.



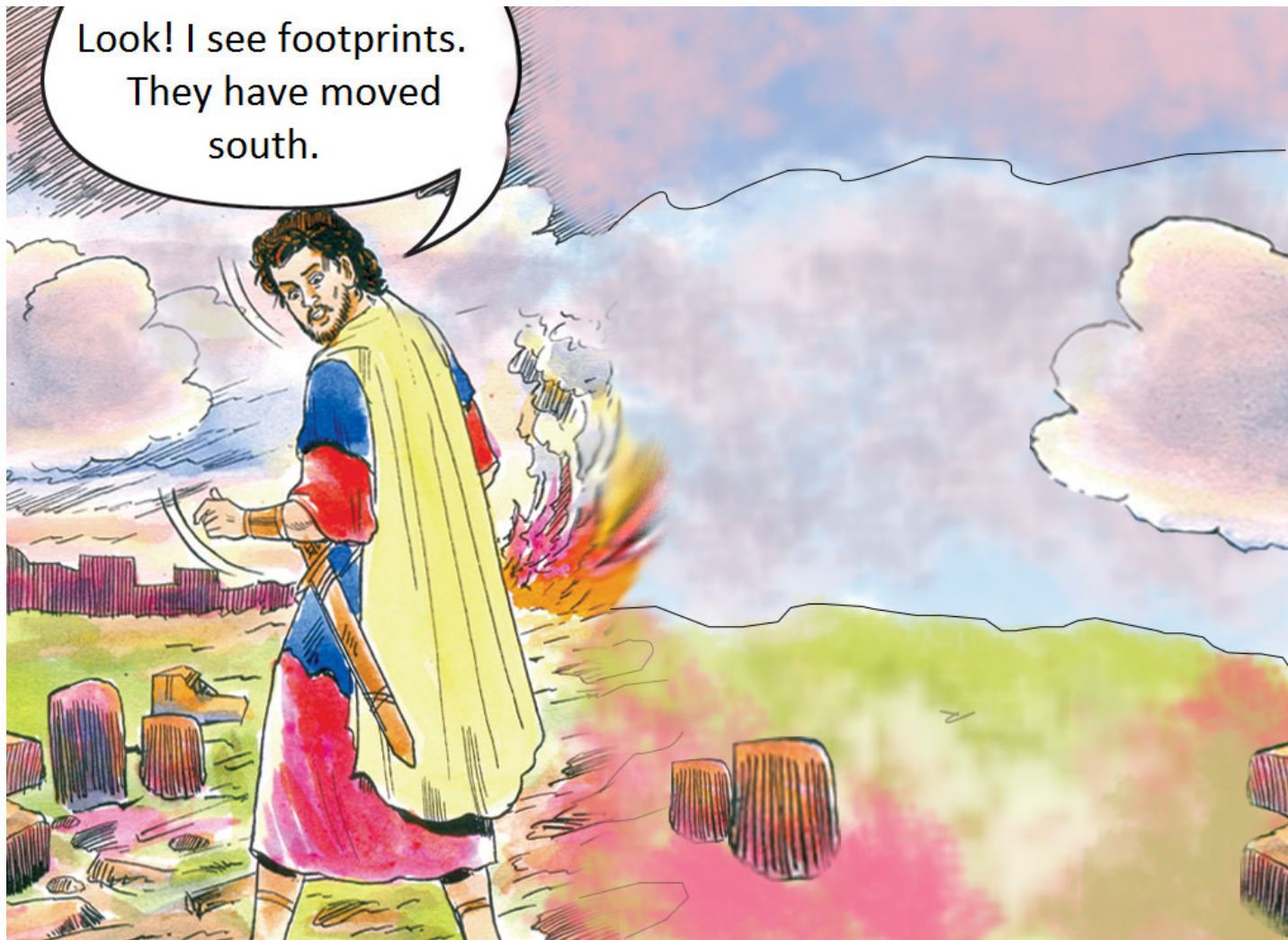
Oh God, what an  
ordeal! Lord you who  
protected me so long  
don't abandon me  
now.



Lord, you saved me  
from the hands of  
Saul and from all my  
enemies. Help us to  
find our women and  
children.



Look! I see footprints.  
They have moved  
south.



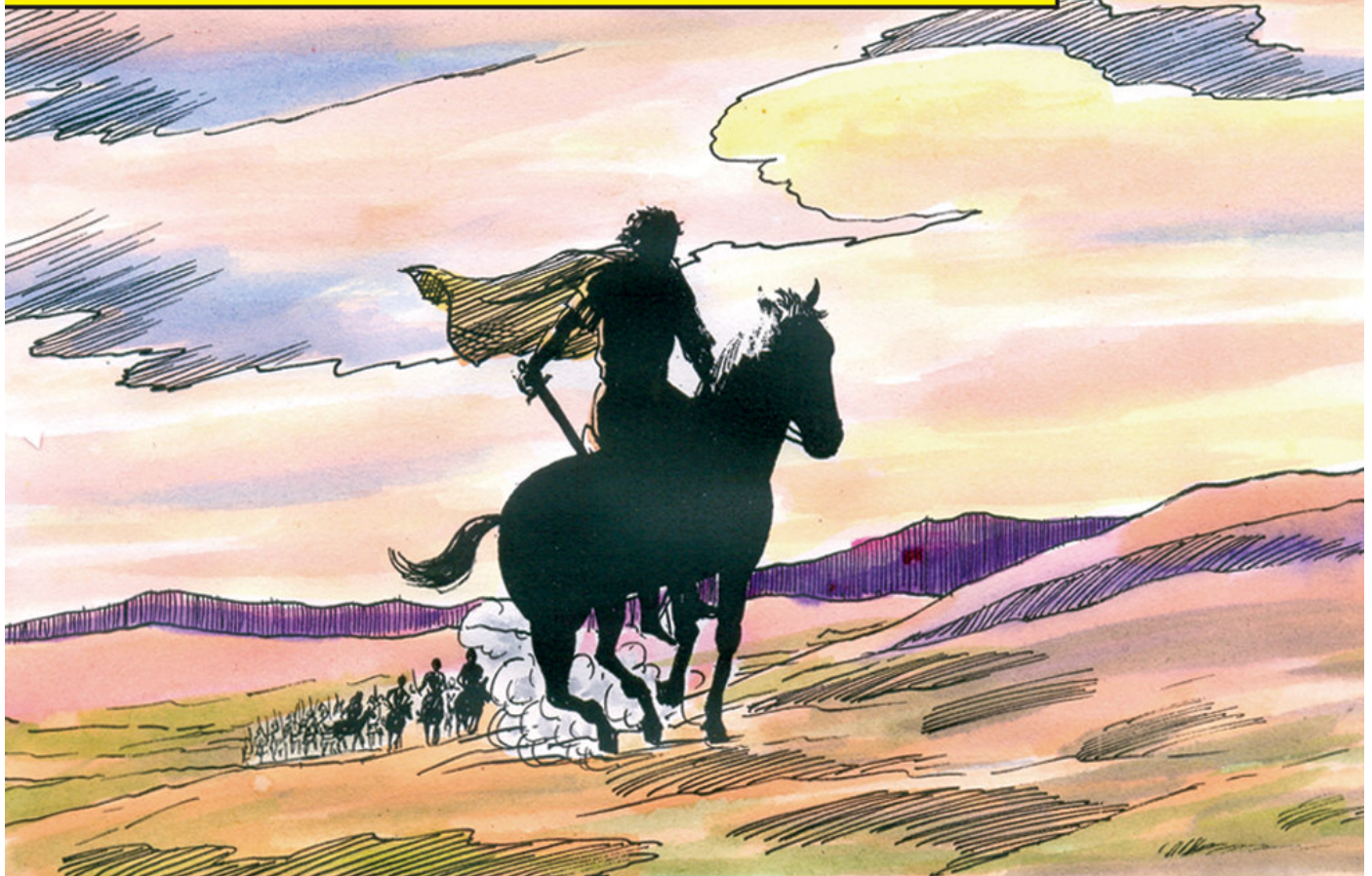


No point in quarreling among ourselves. Let us follow the footprints and get back our children.

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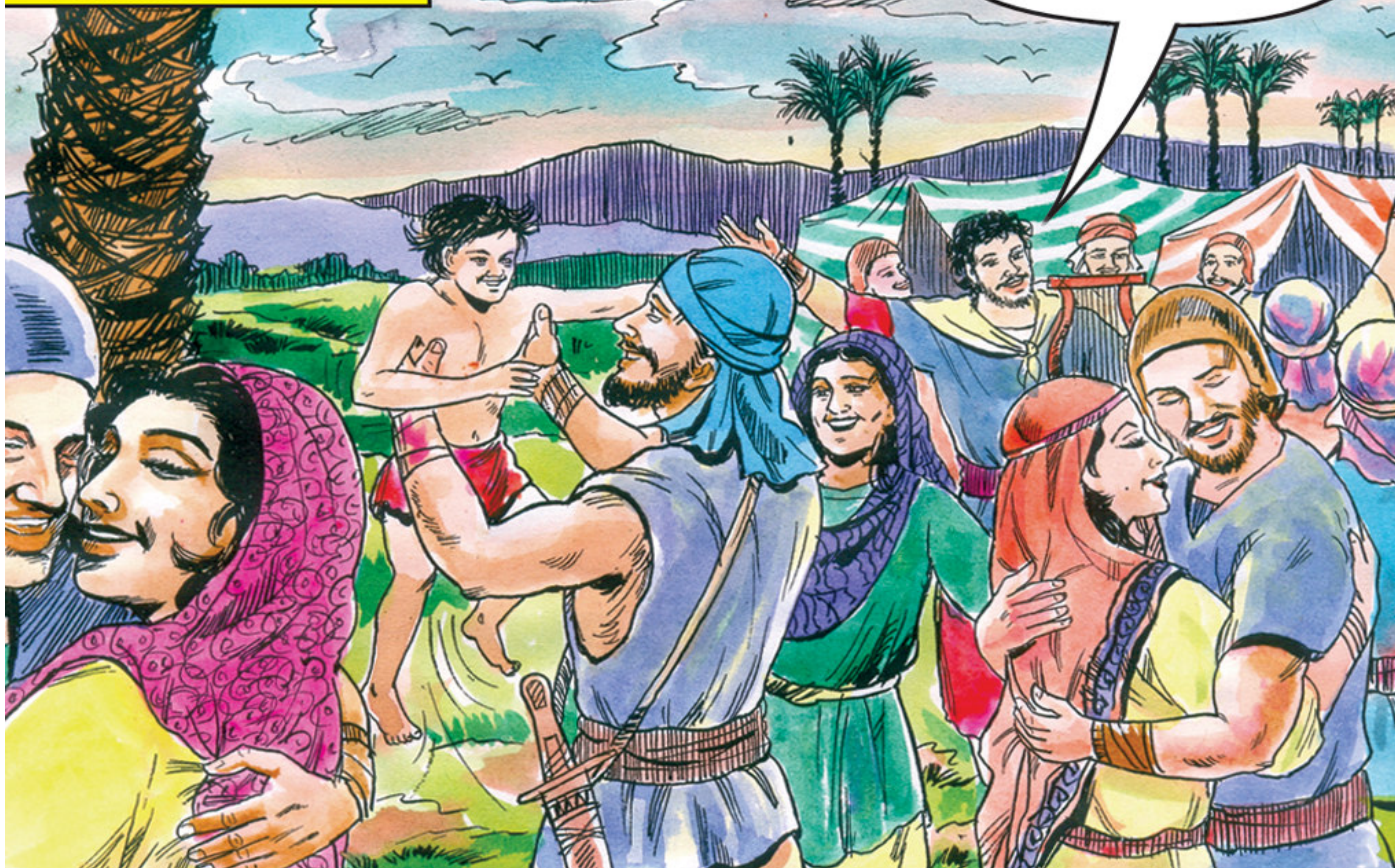


Helped by an abandoned Egyptian slave, they  
chased the Amalekites.



They fell upon the Amalekites and rescued their people.

Alleluia! Sing to Yahweh a new song. Praise Him with all your strength.



With great rejoicing they came back to Ziklag and divided the spoils. On the third day:

Who are you?

I am coming from the Israelite camp. Israel is scattered. Saul and sons are killed.

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How do you know that Saul has fallen?



It is I who killed the king, at his own request. Here is his crown for you.



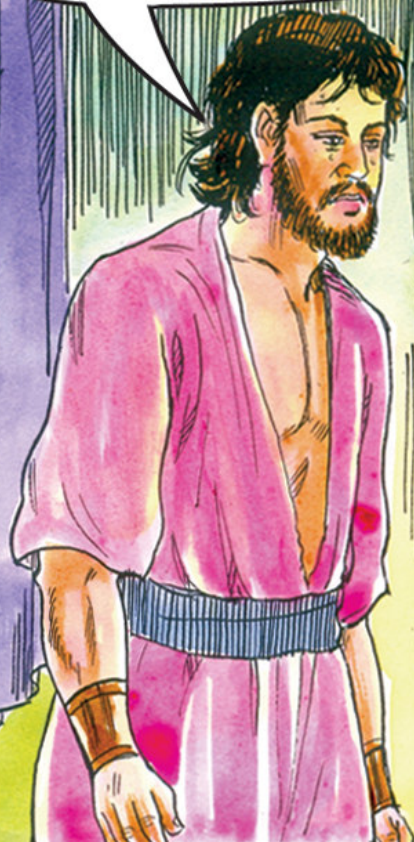
David tore his garments in grief

Kill the man who dared  
to kill the anointed of  
Yahweh.

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Oh Israel, your splendor has  
been crushed on your own  
mountains! Oh Jonathan!



When the days of mourning's were over,  
David consulted the will of Yahweh.

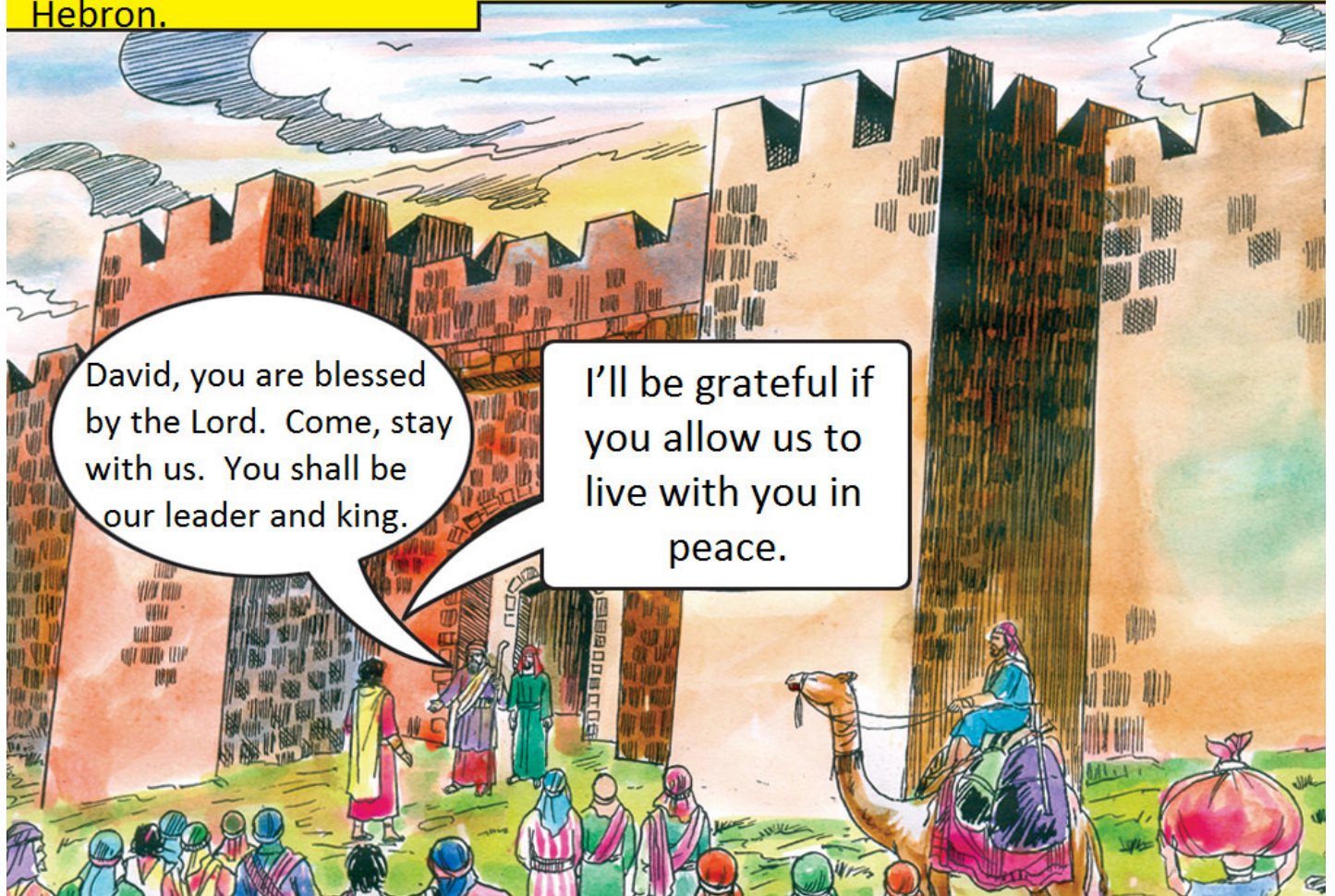
Please ask the Lord if I  
must return to Israel. If  
yes, to which town.

Go to Hebron. They  
will welcome you.





According to the command of Yahweh, David with his people went to Hebron.

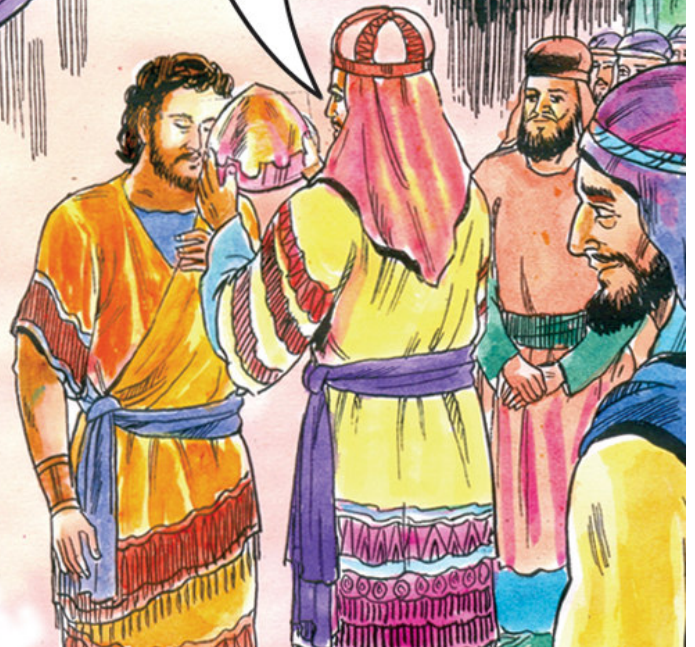


David, you are blessed by the Lord. Come, stay with us. You shall be our leader and king.

I'll be grateful if you allow us to live with you in peace.

All the people of the tribe of Judah gathered in Hebron to acclaim David as their king.

It is Yahweh who speaks. David, you are my son. Today I appoint you as the king of my people. Sit at my right hand.



Oh Lord, you are my God;  
you are my refuge, the rock  
of my safety.



The story of David does not end here. His victories and conquests, his ascent to the peak of glory, the temptations of wealth and power, his crimes and fall - all these you read in the

Next Story:

# KING DAVID



## Questions

1. To which tribe did David belong?
2. Where was he born?
3. How is he related to Ruth?
4. Who was David's father?
5. How did David come to the palace of Saul?
6. Jonathan and David were ideal friends. Explain
7. Why did Saul hate David?
8. David was a man of God, Explain.
9. David was a model of forgiving love. How?
10. What lesson do you get from the book of "David"?

# THE ENTIRE BIBLE IN COMICS

1. Cain and Abel
2. Abraham
3. Jacob
4. Joseph
5. Moses
6. Joshua
7. Samson
8. Ruth
9. Samuel
10. Saul
11. David
12. King David
13. Solomon
14. Elijah
15. Amos
16. Hosea
17. Micah

18. Isaiah
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20. Ezekiel
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22. Jonah
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27. Esther
28. Judith
29. Maccabeus
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32. Light of the world
33. The Herald
34. The Prophet
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36. The One to come
37. The Lord of the Universe
38. Son of God
39. The Son of Man
40. In the shadow of the cross
41. The Way
42. Son of David
43. Bread of Life
44. The Redeemer
45. With us forever
46. Tongues of fire
47. Baptism in blood
48. The chosen vessel
49. Libation
50. Come, Lord Jesus
51. Woman