

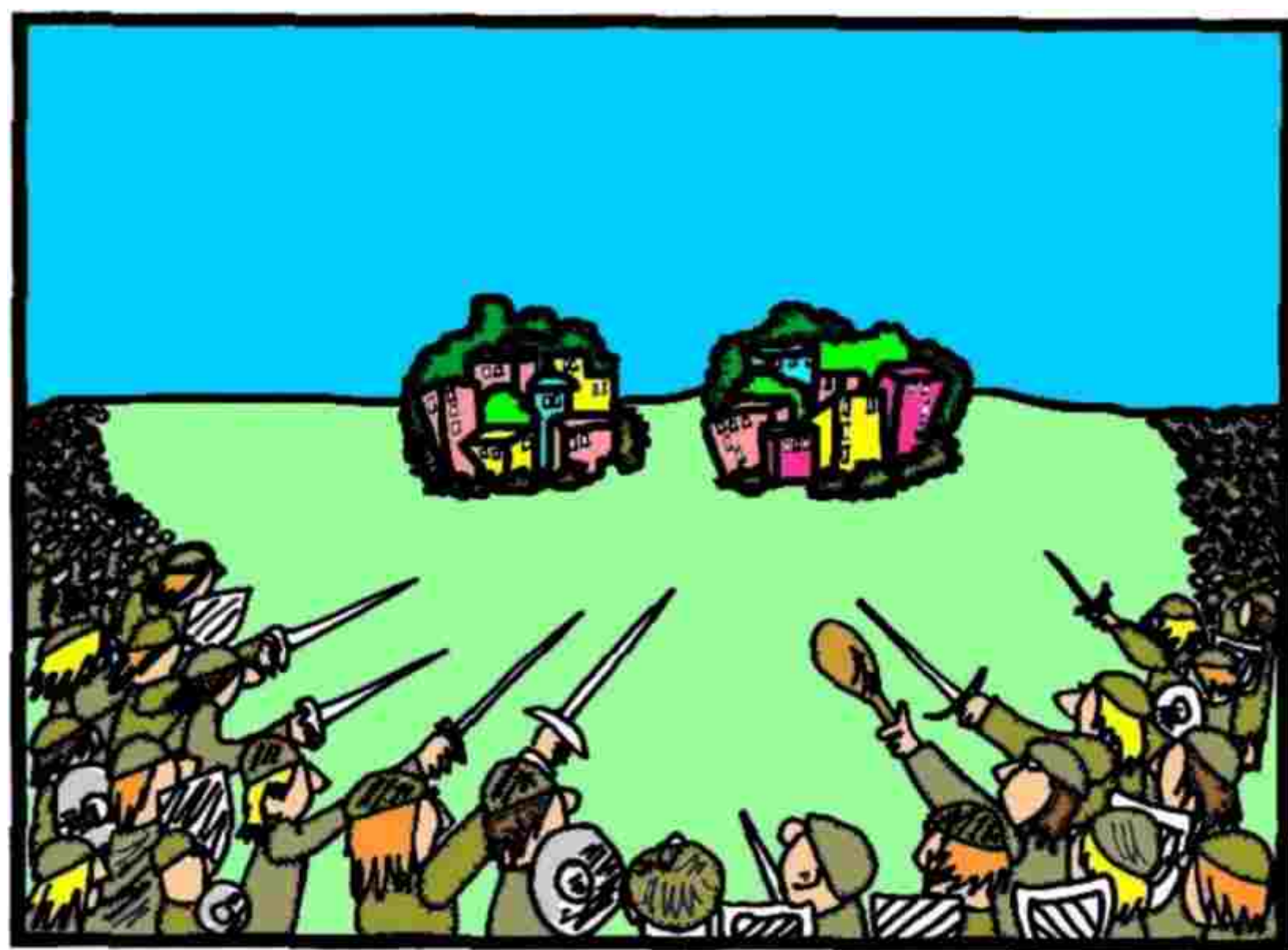
Abram and Melchizedek

(A story based on Genesis 14)

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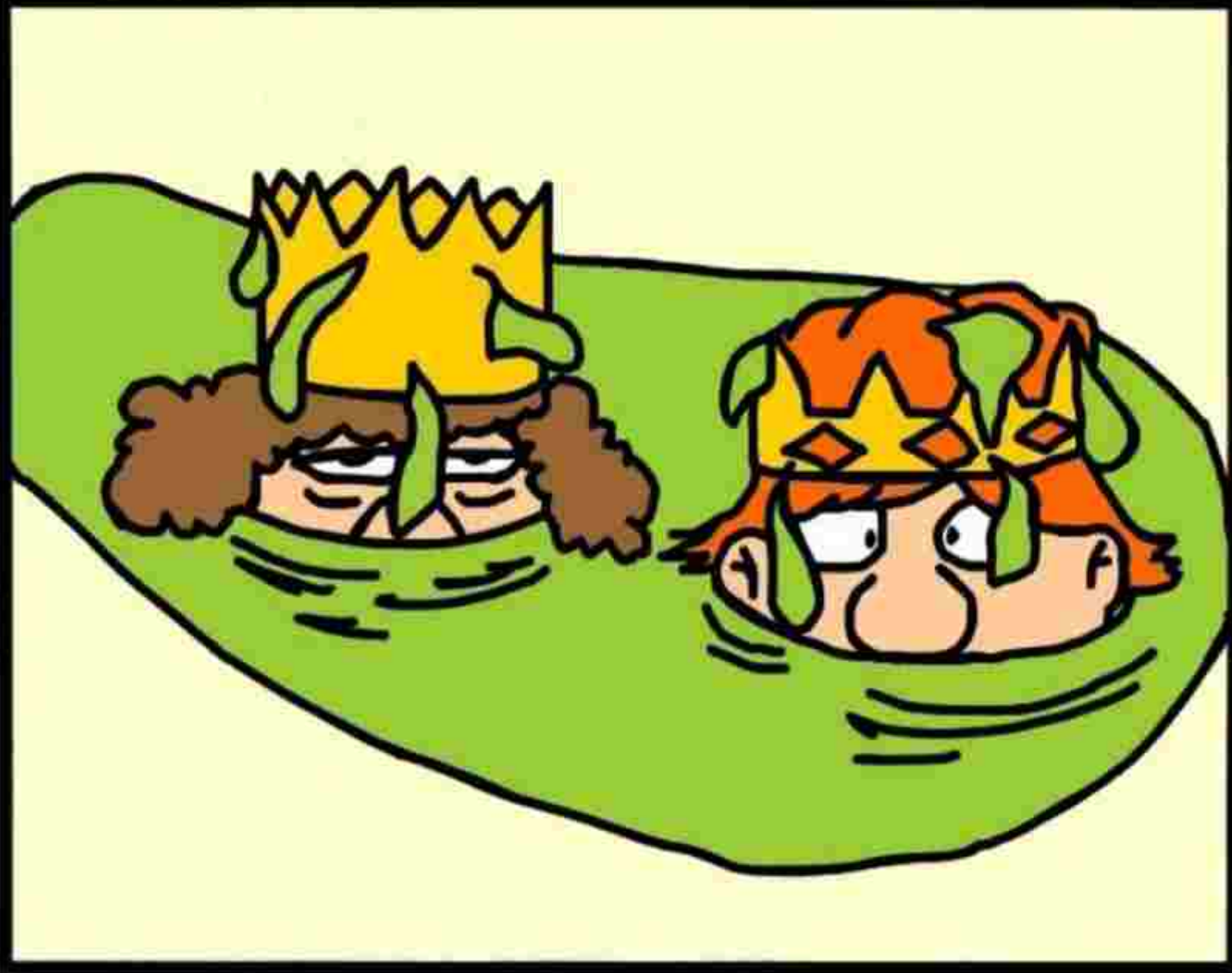
"Help Mister! Please help!" cried the stranger, struggling to catch his breath. "Here, have a seat young man and tell us what is wrong," said kind old Abram. This was before God changed his name to Abraham.



"Five kings with all their armies attacked us!" cried the stranger. When Abram learned that the stranger came from Sodom and Gomorrah, his ears perked up. "What's the condition of your cities?" asked Abram with a very concerned look on his face.



"They took all our stuff away. They even took away our food!" "But what about the people?" asked Abram. "Are the people okay?" Abram's only other family member in the whole country lived in Sodom. It was his nephew Lot. "I don't know," sobbed the stranger. They captured them and took them all away."



"Where are the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah right now?" asked Abram. "They're hiding in the slime pits," cried the stranger. "It's **HOPELESS!!!!!!**"



"No, it's not hopeless. Red alert! Code Red!" Yelled Abram. Immediately men came running from everywhere. Some had been feeding camels. Some had been digging wells and some had been cooking supper. "Yes boss, yes boss, what is it boss?" they said.



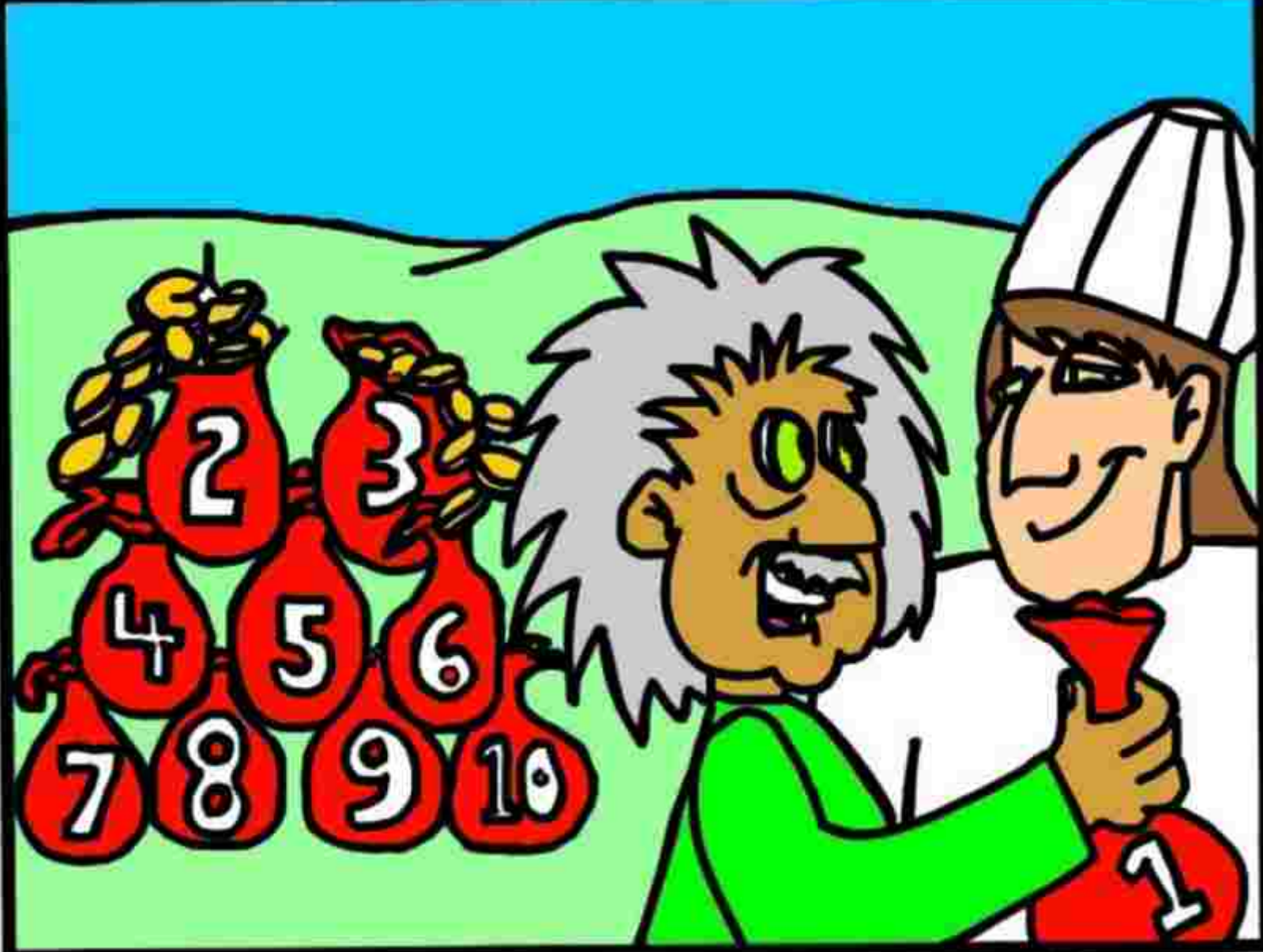
In the middle of the night Abram and his 318 servants attacked the five enemy kings. Abram's little army not only sent the enemy running, but they captured all the enemy's stuff and all the stuff that was stolen from Sodom and Gomorrah. They also brought home all the captured people.



"Uncle Abram! Uncle Abram!
Thank you for coming to rescue
me!" Shouted his nephew Lot.



“Blessed are you Abram of the Most High God!” said a man named Melchizedek who also came to meet him. He was the priest of the Most High God and he brought bread and wine.



Abram gave ten percent of everything he had to Melchizedek, the priest of God.



"Mr. Abram," said the King of Sodom, who had returned from hiding in the slim pits, "You can keep all the stuff, we'll just take our people and go home." "No, no, no," said Abram. "I don't want your stuff. God is going to make me rich - not you! The only thing we want is just the food that we ate."



Lord, give me the courage to stand up for the people who cannot stand up for themselves. Thank you also that we can invest money into your kingdom work and that the blessings of Abraham have come upon us.