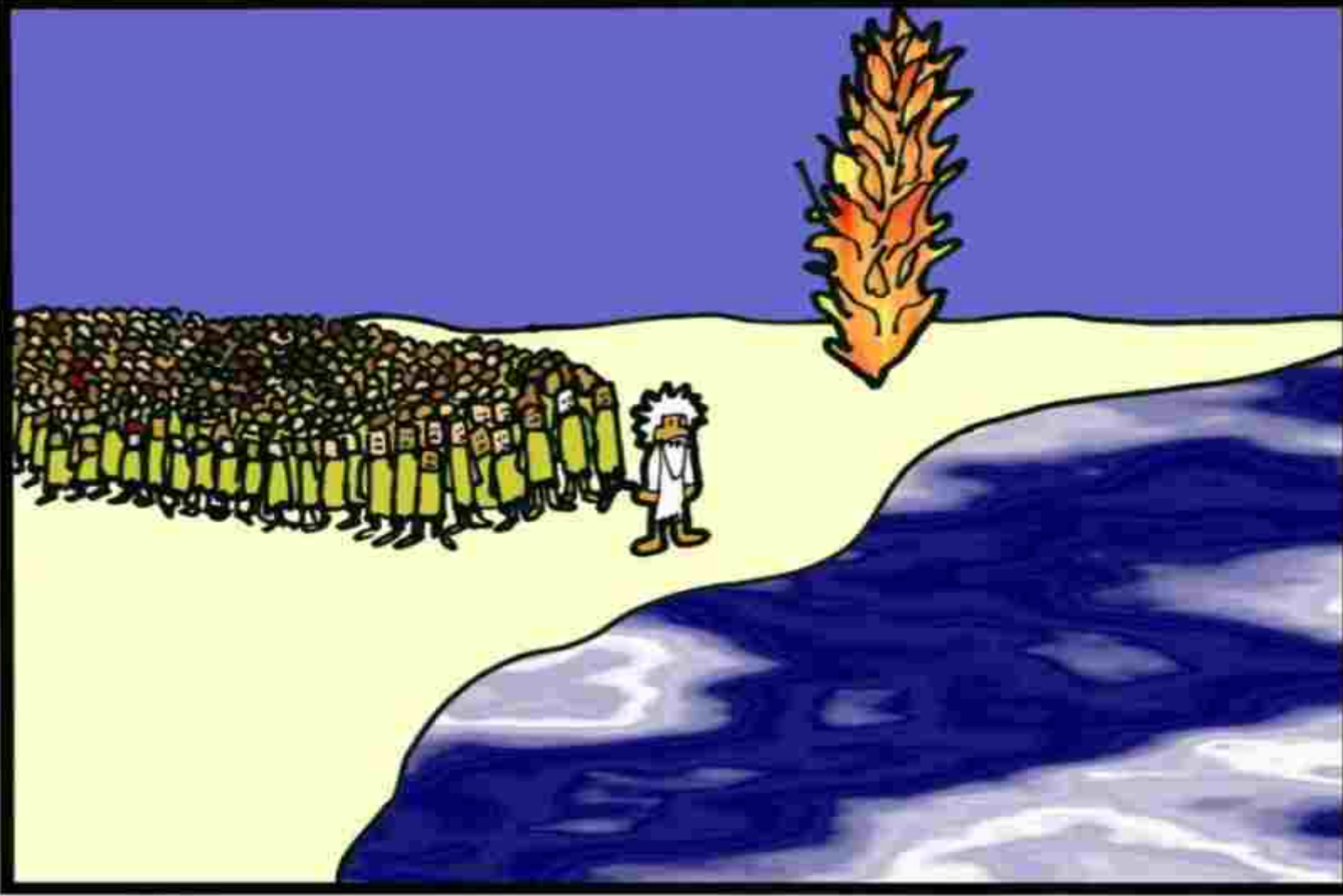


# Crossing the Red Sea

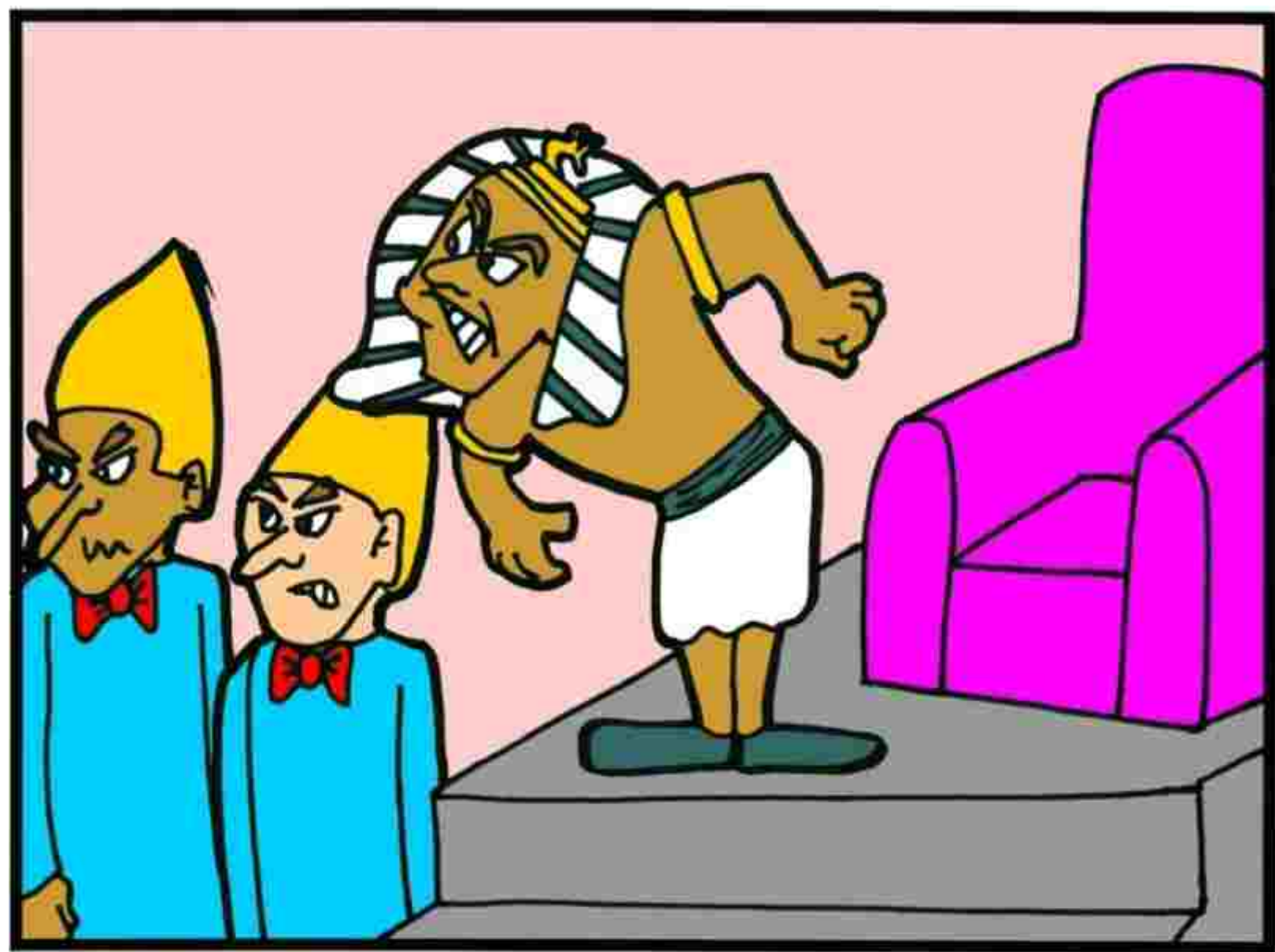
(Based on Exodus 13:17-14)

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When the Lord brought the people of Israel out of Egypt he led them to the Red Sea. During the day he led them in a pillar of cloud and at night, in a pillar of fire. God warned Moses that Pharoah would come after them. “I will deal with Pharoah and the Egyptians will know that I am the boss.”



When Pharaoh heard that all the people of Israel had left the country, he said to himself, "What have we done? Why did we let our slaves go?" And all Pharaoh's servants turned against the people of Israel too.



Pharaoh along with six hundred of the finest chariots chased after the people of Israel until they caught up to them at the Red Sea.



"Look the Egyptian army is coming! Moses, did you bring us here so we can die in the wilderness?" The people were very cranky against Moses. "Don't be afraid," answered Moses. "Stand still and see how God saves you. These Egyptians that you see today, you will never see them again."



Moses stretched his rod out over the red sea and God sent a strong wind that blew all night. The wind blew a path into the middle of the sea. Moses and his people walked down the path on dry ground. There was a wall of water on each side of the path.



Then the angel of God and the pillar of cloud went from in front of the people of Israel to behind them and kept the Egyptians separated from the people of Israel. To the Egyptians it was a cloud of darkness, but to the people of Israel it was a cloud of light.



Early the next morning the Egyptians went down the path into the middle of the sea. Then God took off their chariot wheels. Moses stretched his rod over the sea again and the walls of water came crashing down unto the path, drowning all the Egyptians.





The people believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. Then Miriam, Moses' sister took a tambourine and led all the women in singing and dances and they praised the Lord who had rescued them.



Lord, thank you that nothing catches you by surprise. You have a plan of escape for every trouble.