

# David acts Insane/David Lives in a Cave

*(Based on 1 Samuel 21:10-14,  
1 Samuel 22:1-5)*

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David went to the town of Gath, in Philistine territory. People told the king of Gath that the famous David who had killed tens of thousands was there in the city.



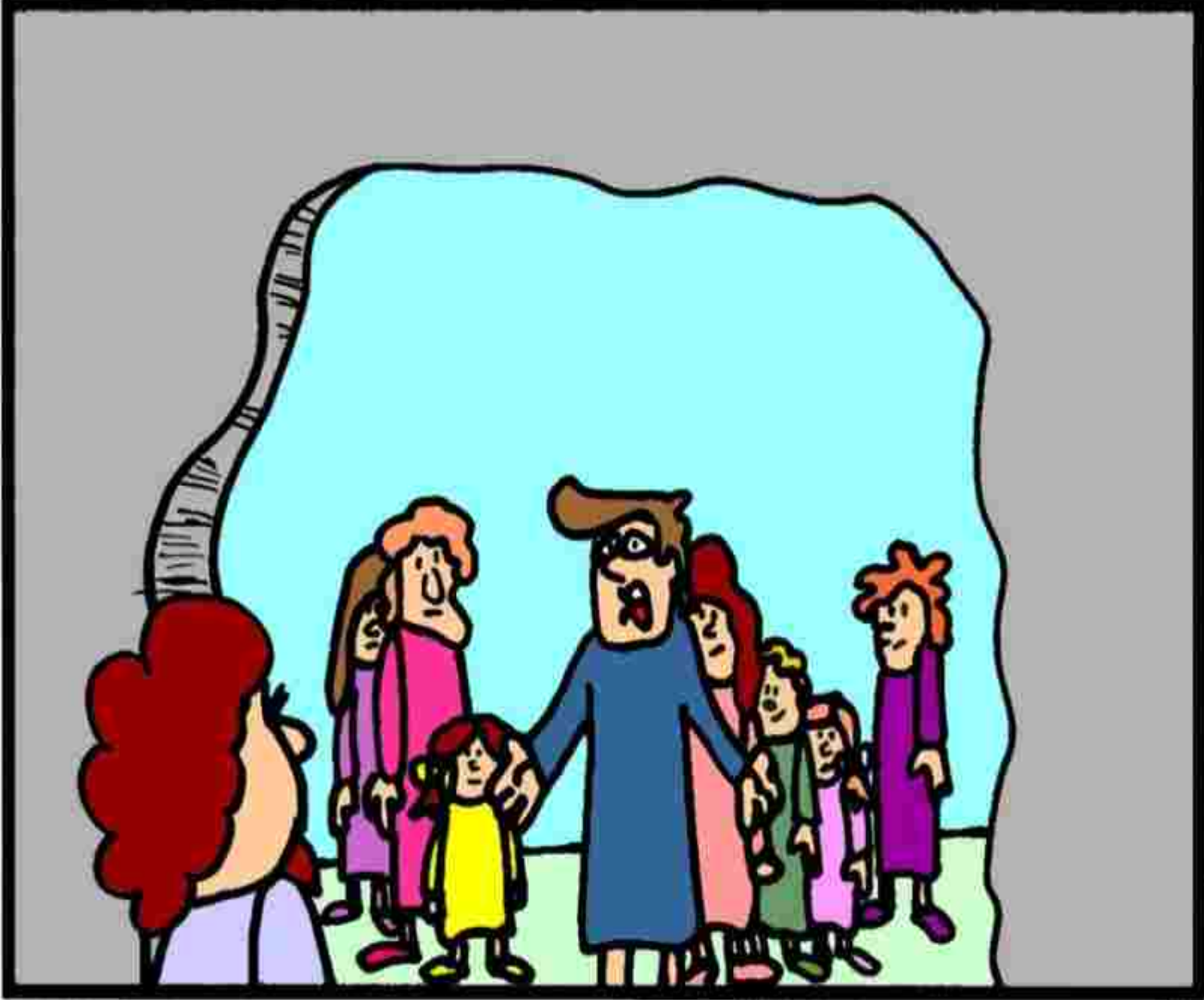
David pretended he was crazy. "Ooh ooh ah ah, screech, screech," chanted David like a monkey as he scratched on the door and drooled like dog.



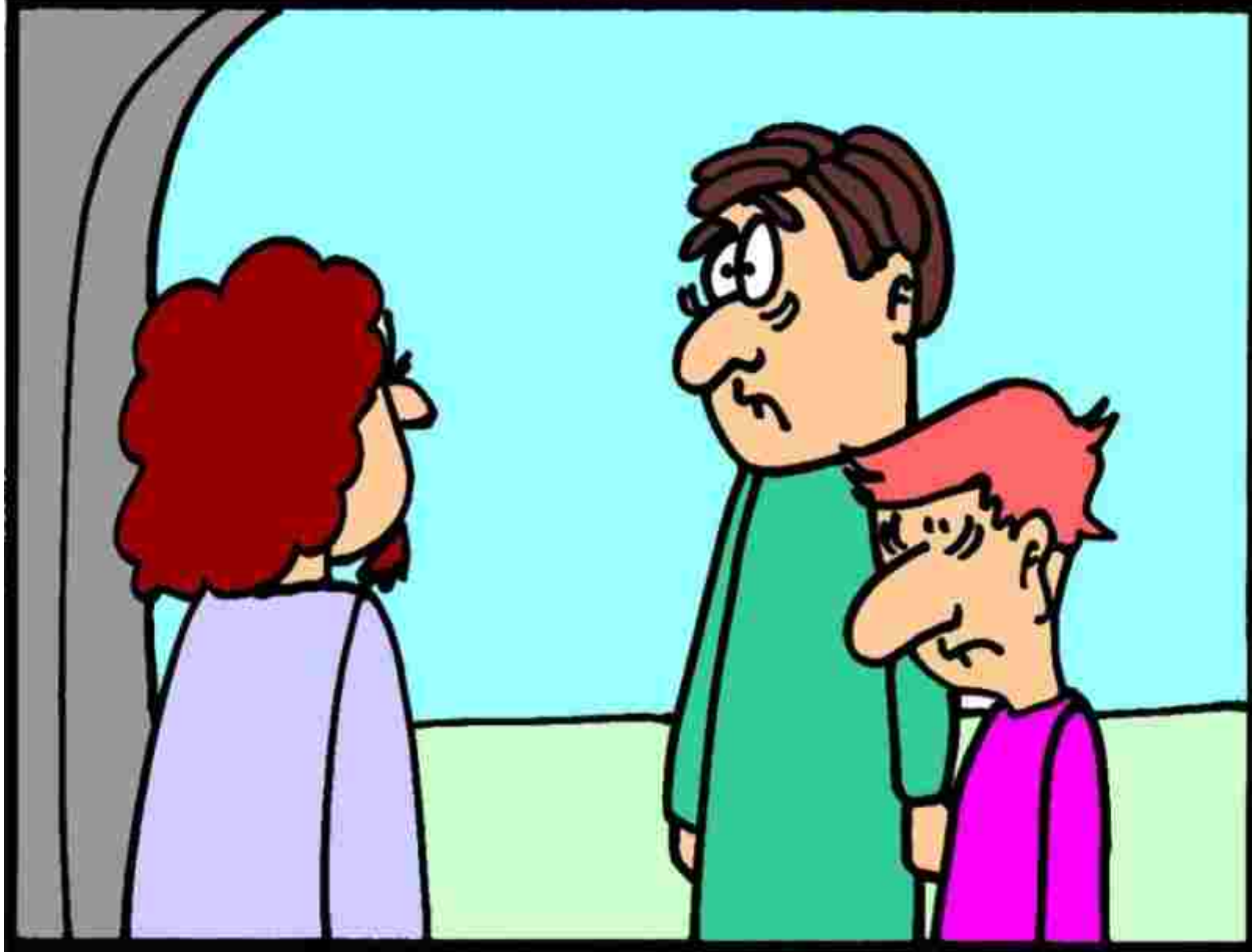
"This guy is crazy in the head!" exclaimed the Philistine King. "Why did you bring him to me?" asked the King to his servants. "Do I need a crazy man in my house?" asked the King.



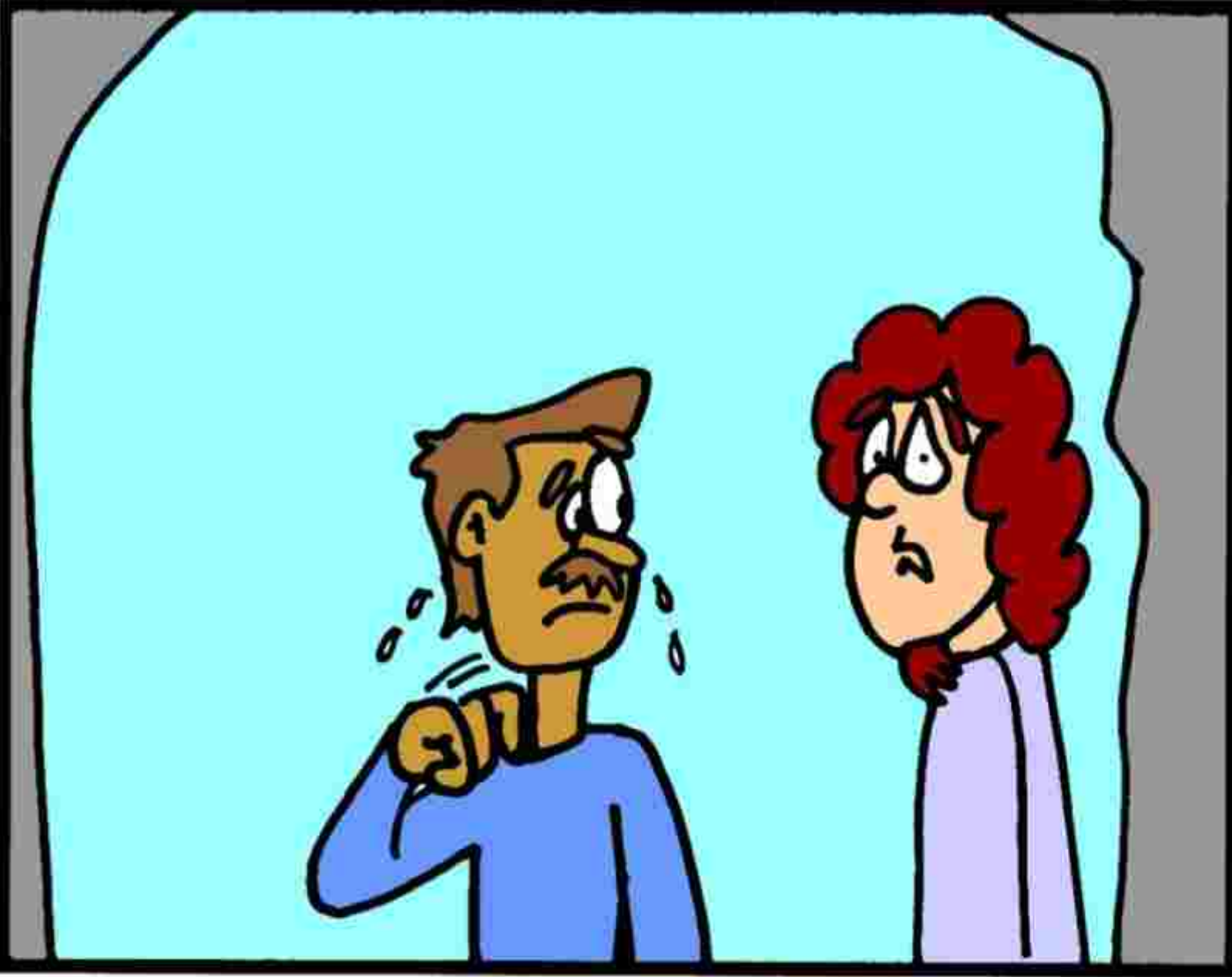
As soon as the Philistine King and his helpers were gone, David escaped out of their town.



David went to live in a cave and his brothers and their families came to live with him.

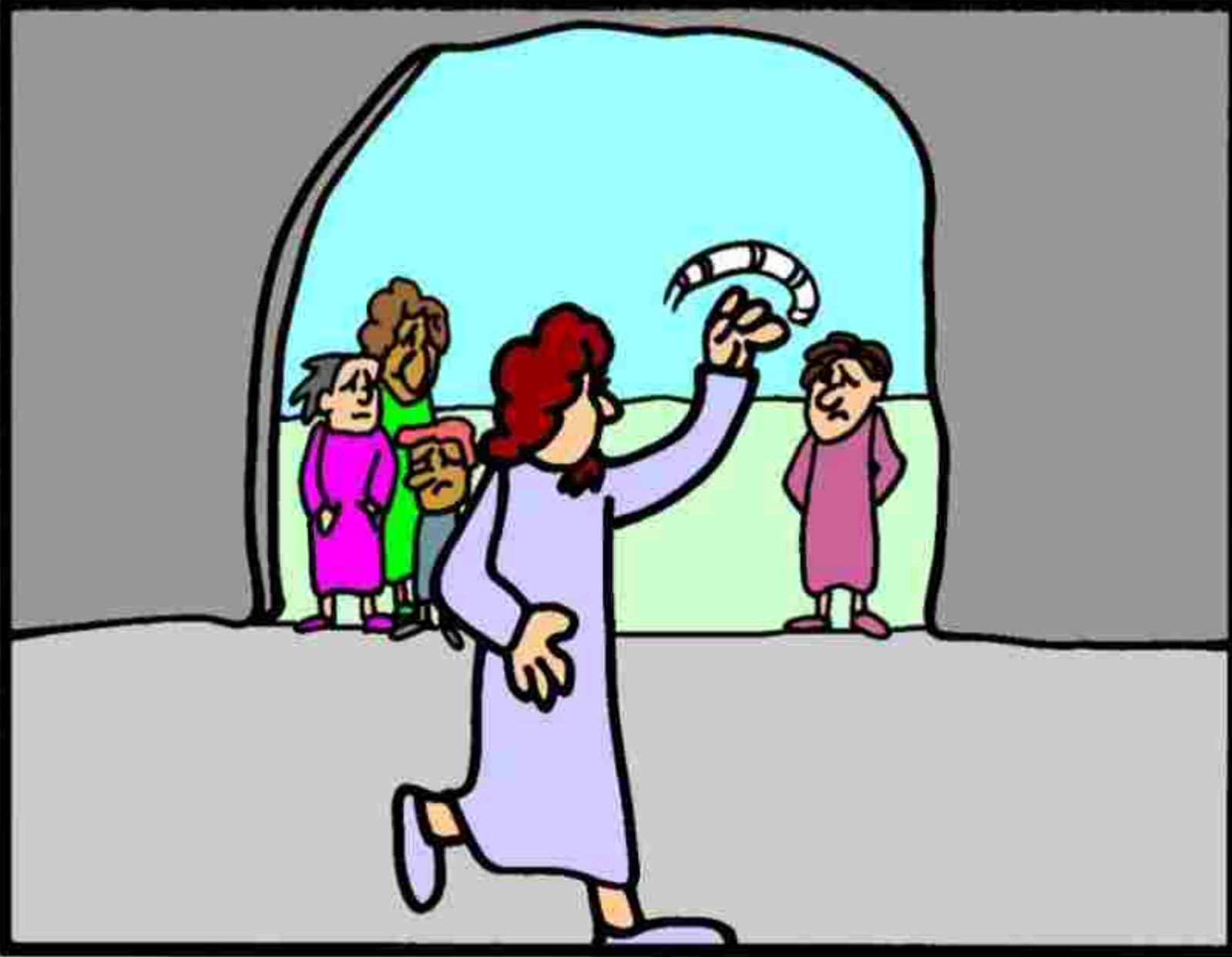


Then the people who were stressed-out came to hide with him.

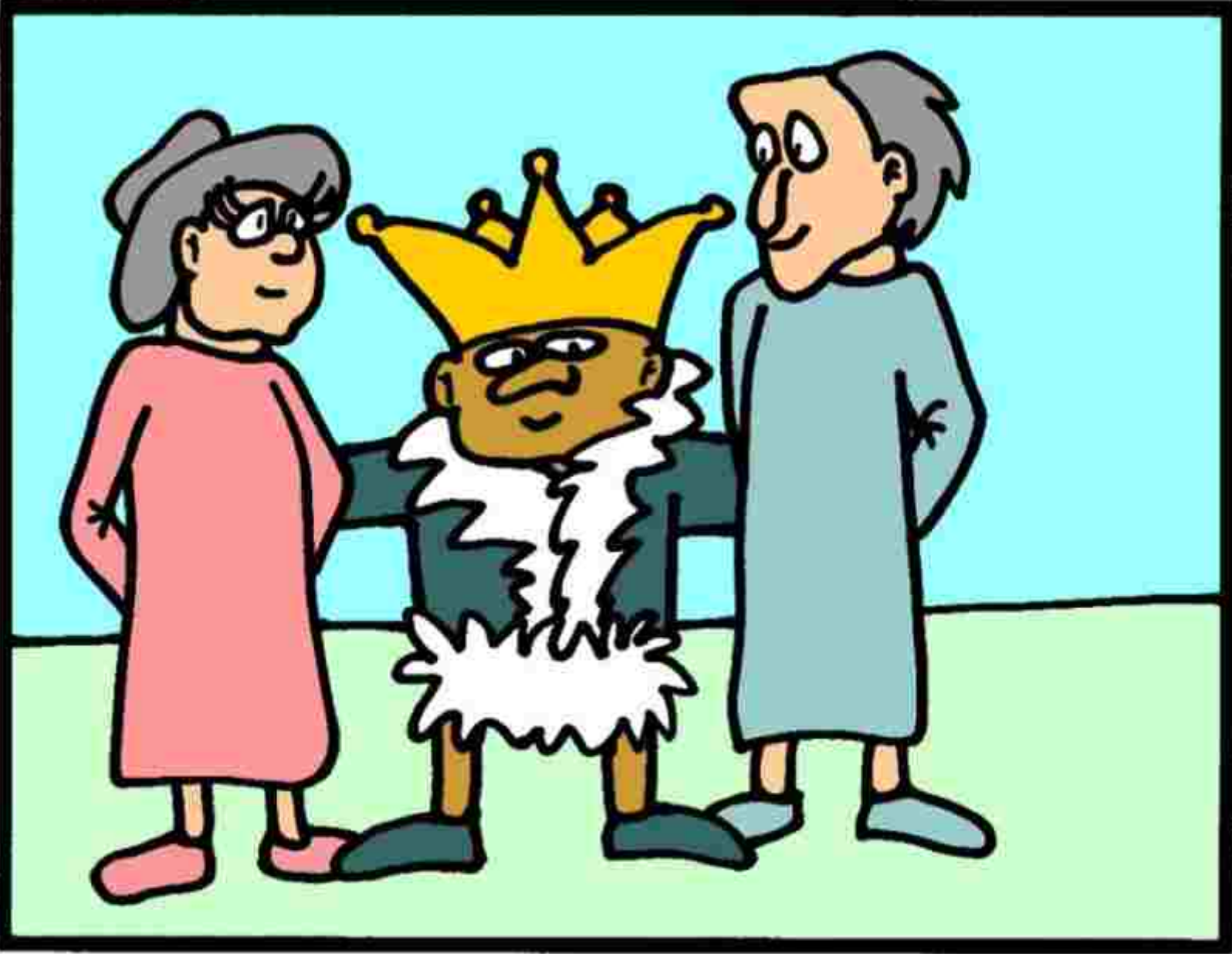


Then the people who were in debt and owed money came to hide out with him.





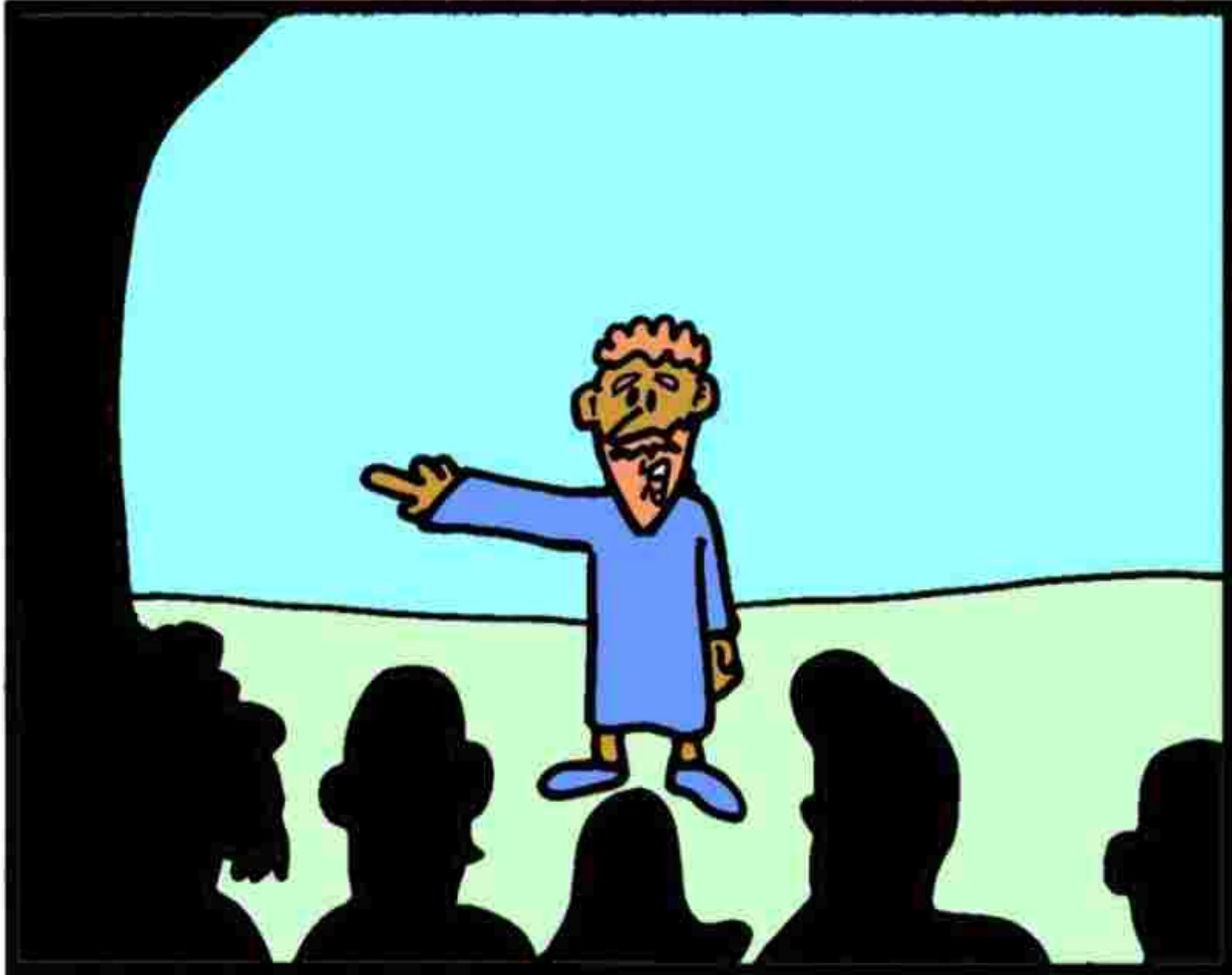
Lastly the people who just weren't happy with how things were, came to hide out with David. All together there were 400 men and David became the boss over them.



David asked the King of Moab to take care of his mother and father and they stayed with him all the time that David was hiding.



During his time living in the cave, David wrote some songs pouring out his heart in sorrow and praise to the Lord.



One day God's prophet named Gad came and told David to leave the cave. "Go and hide in the land of Judah." So, David took all his men and they hid in the forest there.



Lord, help me to sing your praises  
even when I go through hard  
times.