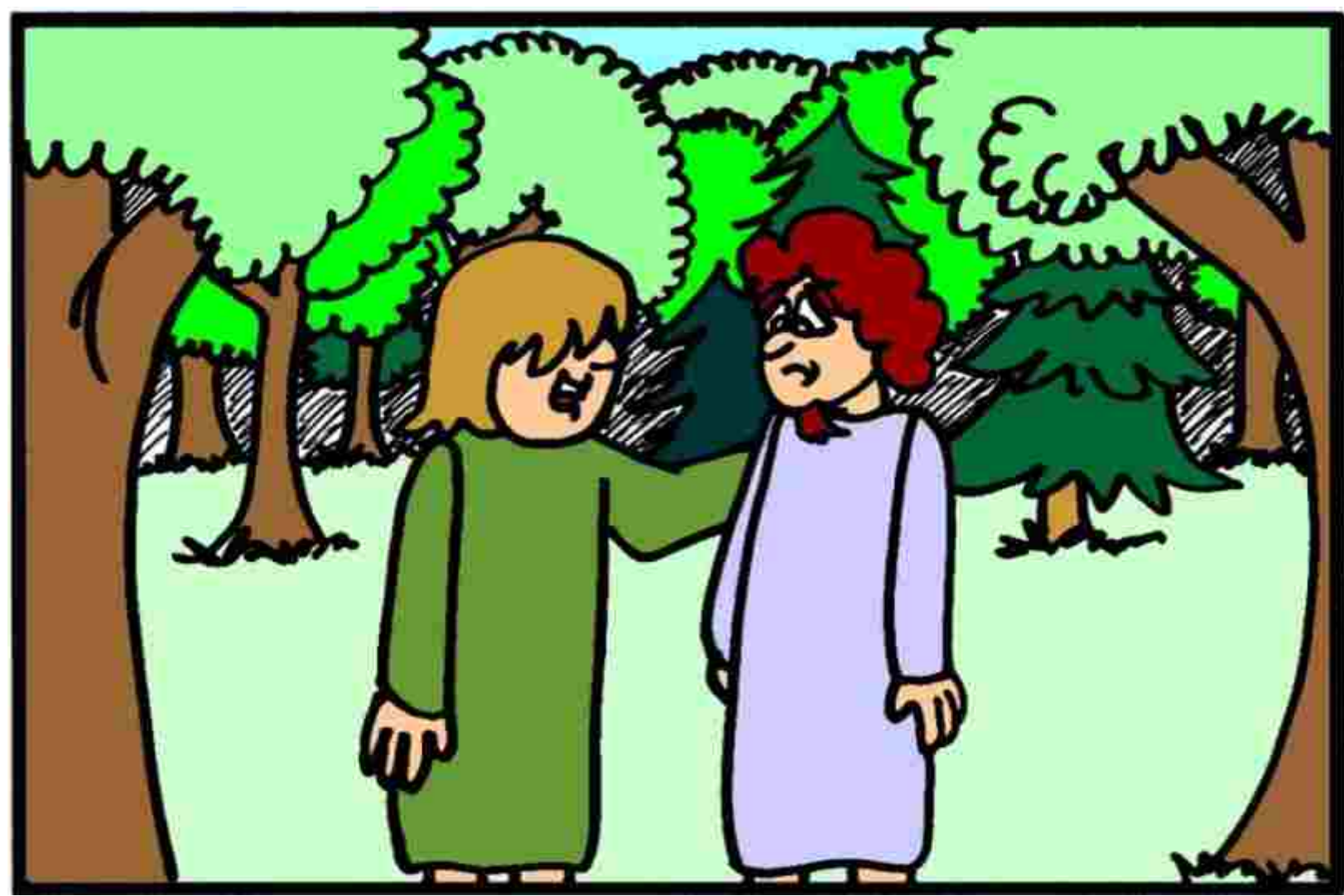


# David Spares King Saul

*(Based on 1 Samuel 23, 24, 26)*

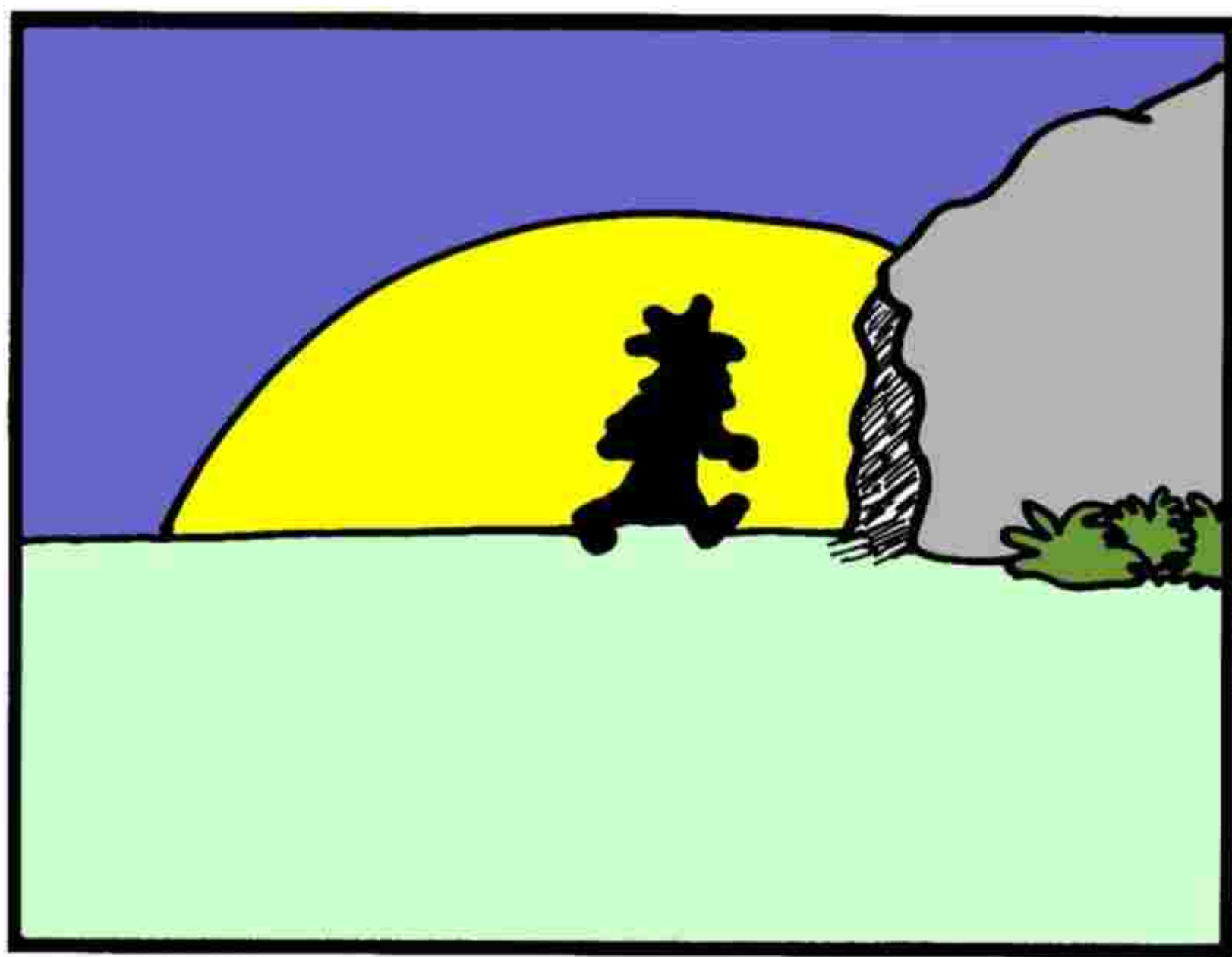
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Everyday old king Saul searched for David, but he could not find him. Jonathan though, knew where David was and he came to visit him in the forest. He encouraged David. "God will help you. My father will not hurt you. You will be the king one day and I will be your helper."



One time king Saul and his army had David totally surrounded. Suddenly king Saul received a message that the Philistines had invaded the country and Saul left that place to go and fight against the Philistines.



David moved into a cave on the side of a mountain. Once again king Saul started looking for David. One night old king Saul went into the cave to sleep. David and his men were hiding in the darkness.



“Now is our chance to get rid of him,” exclaimed David’s men. David cut off the corner of king Saul’s robe. Then David felt very bad about what he had done. “We are not going to hurt God’s anointed king,” he said.



Next morning king Saul left the cave and afterwards David came out. David shouted to king Saul, “Who says I want to hurt you? I could have killed you but I only cut off the corner of your robe.”



Old king Saul began to weep. “You are a better person than me. I know that you will be the king one day. Promise me that you won’t kill my family when you are the king.” And David promised.

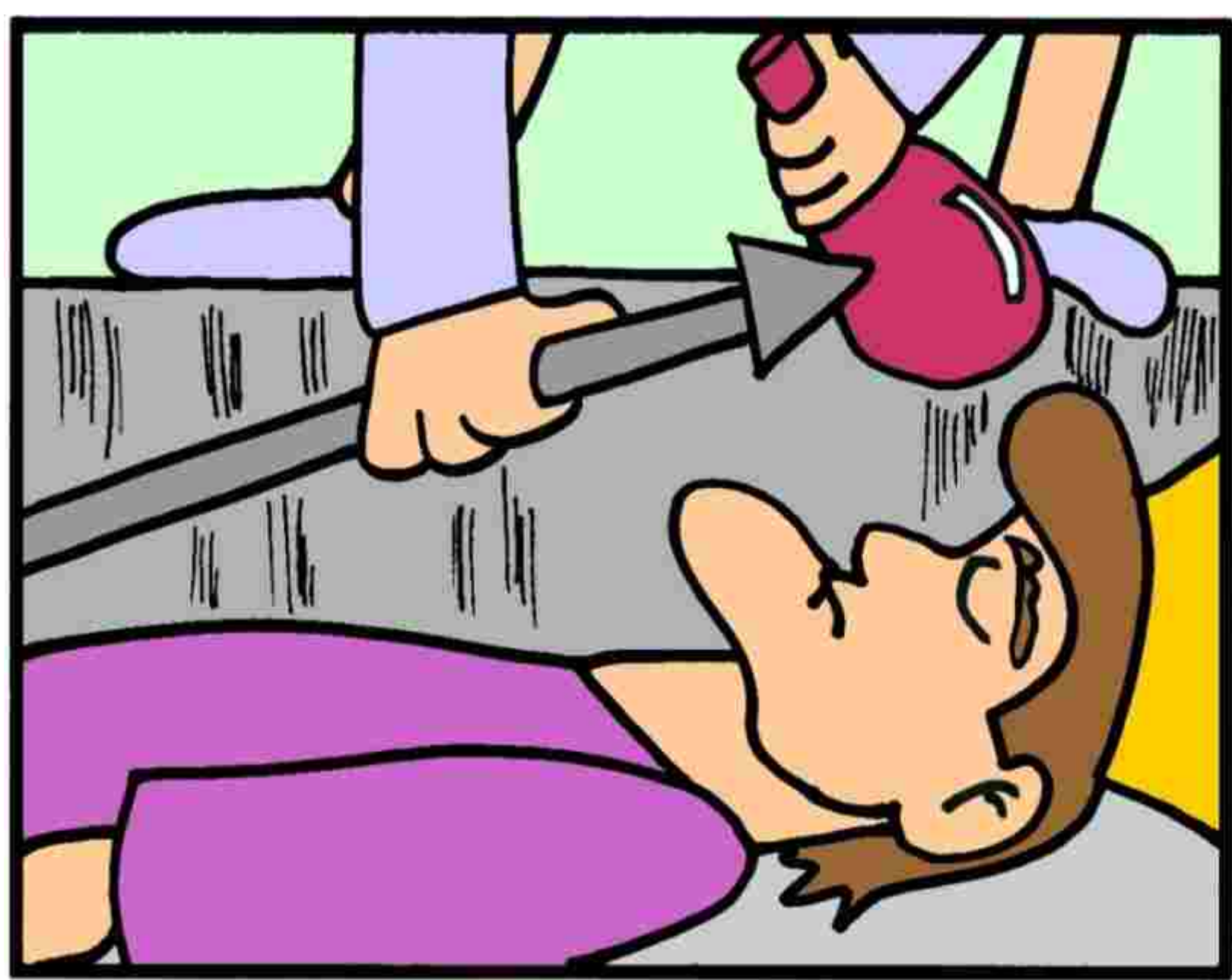


Old king Saul soon forgot David's kindness to him and began again to hunt for him to kill him

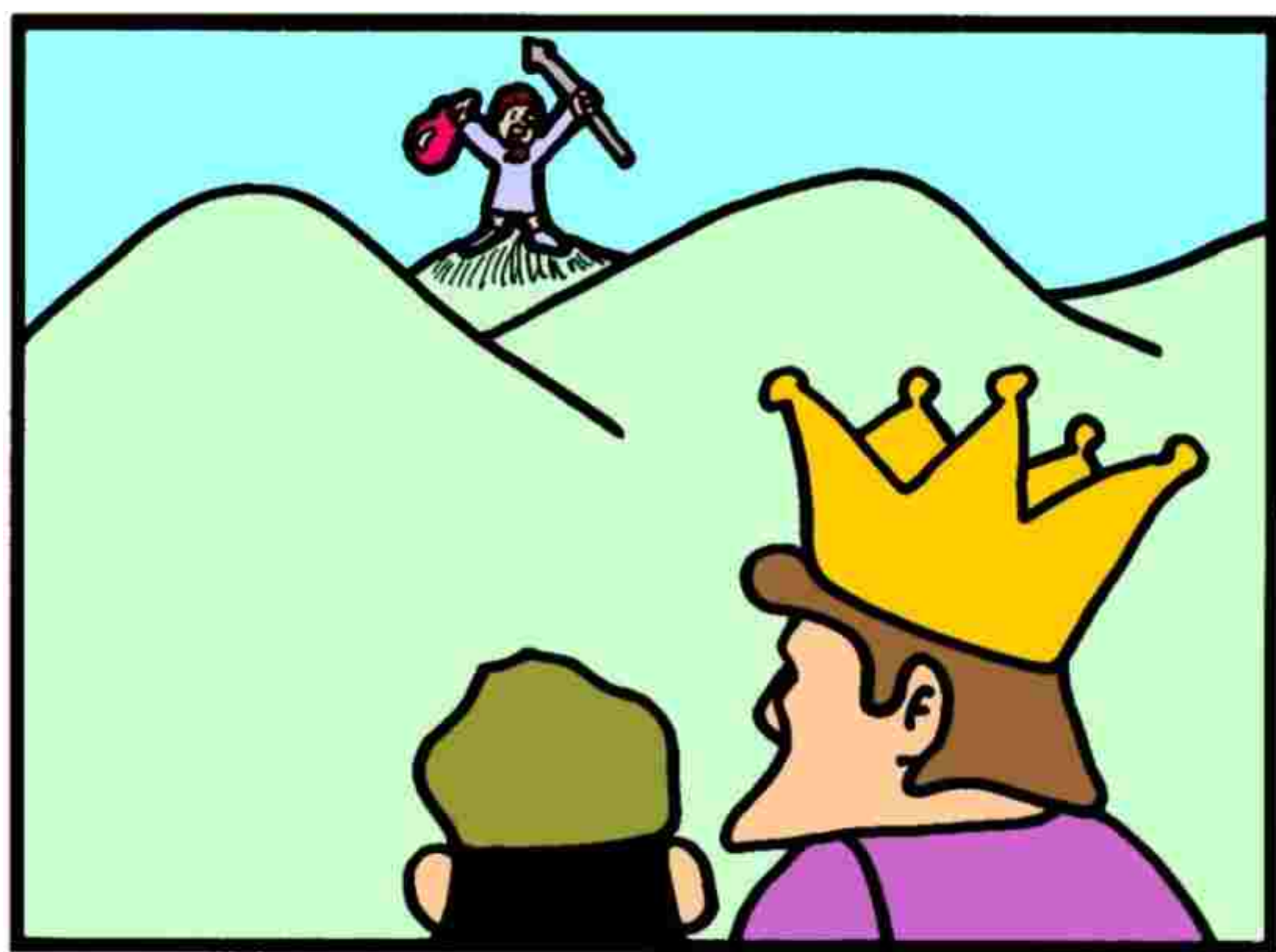




Once again David had the chance to kill King Saul. Saul was sleeping in a trench and all his soldiers were sleeping around him. God had put them into a deep sleep.



David's men wanted to kill king Saul, but David would not let them. Instead David took Saul's spear and his water bottle.



David went to the top of a hill far away and yelled, “Saul why are you trying to kill me? What bad thing did I do? Send someone to get your spear and water bottle.” David went on his way and king Saul went home.



Lord, help me to trust in your timing  
for my life the way that David did.