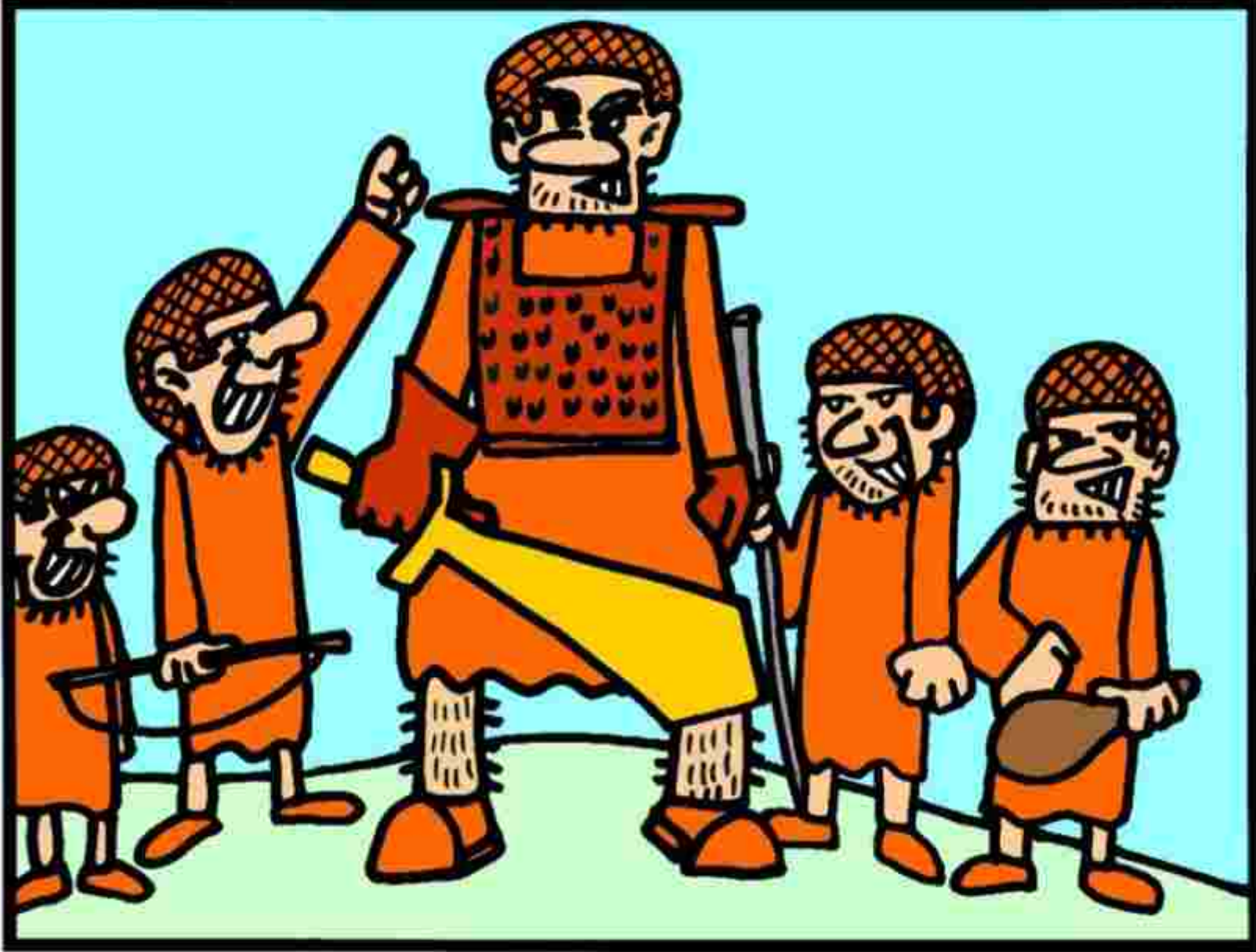# David & Goliath

(Based on 1 Samuel 17)

Now the Philistines came to have a war against the people of Israel. The Philistines had a champion named Goliath. He was about ten feet high and his coat of armour weighed about two hundred pounds.
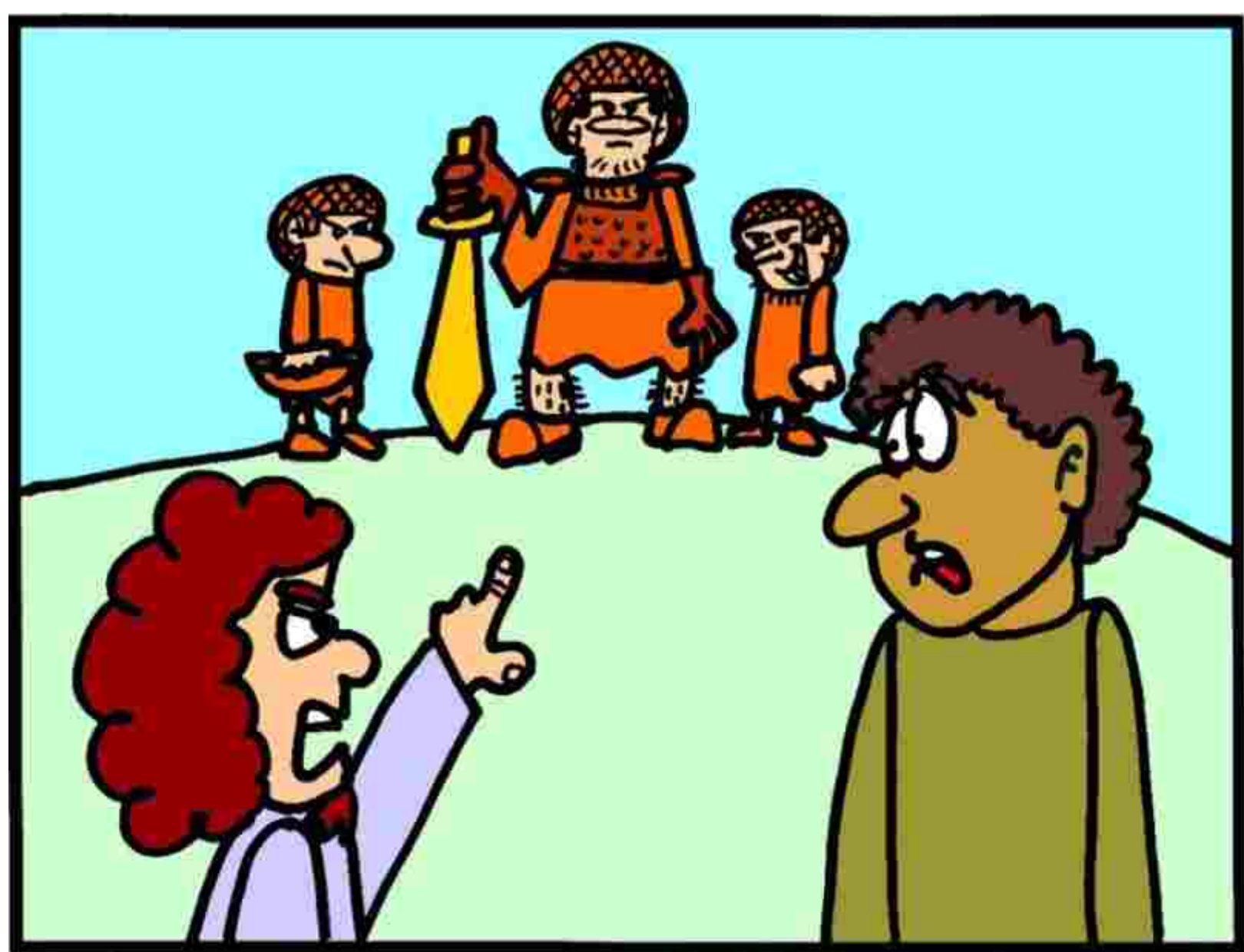
"Send a man to fight against me!" yelled Goliath. "If your guy wins, we will be your slaves. If I win, you will be our slaves!" Goliath said this morning and night for forty days.

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David's older brothers were in King Saul's army and David's dad sent him to bring food to them. "Hi brothers!" said David. At that very moment Goliath, the giant shouted again. The men of Israel ran to hide.

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"Did you hear?" they spoke to each other. "Whoever kills that giant, King Saul will make him rich, give his daughter to marry and his family won't pay any more taxes!"

David said, "Tell me again. What will happen for the person who kills this giant? Who does that Philistine think he is anyway that he should mouth off to the army of the Living God?!!!"

Eliab David's older brother heard David's words and he became very angry. "Why did you come here?" he said. "You think you're a big shot! I know your naughty heart. You just came to see the battle!"
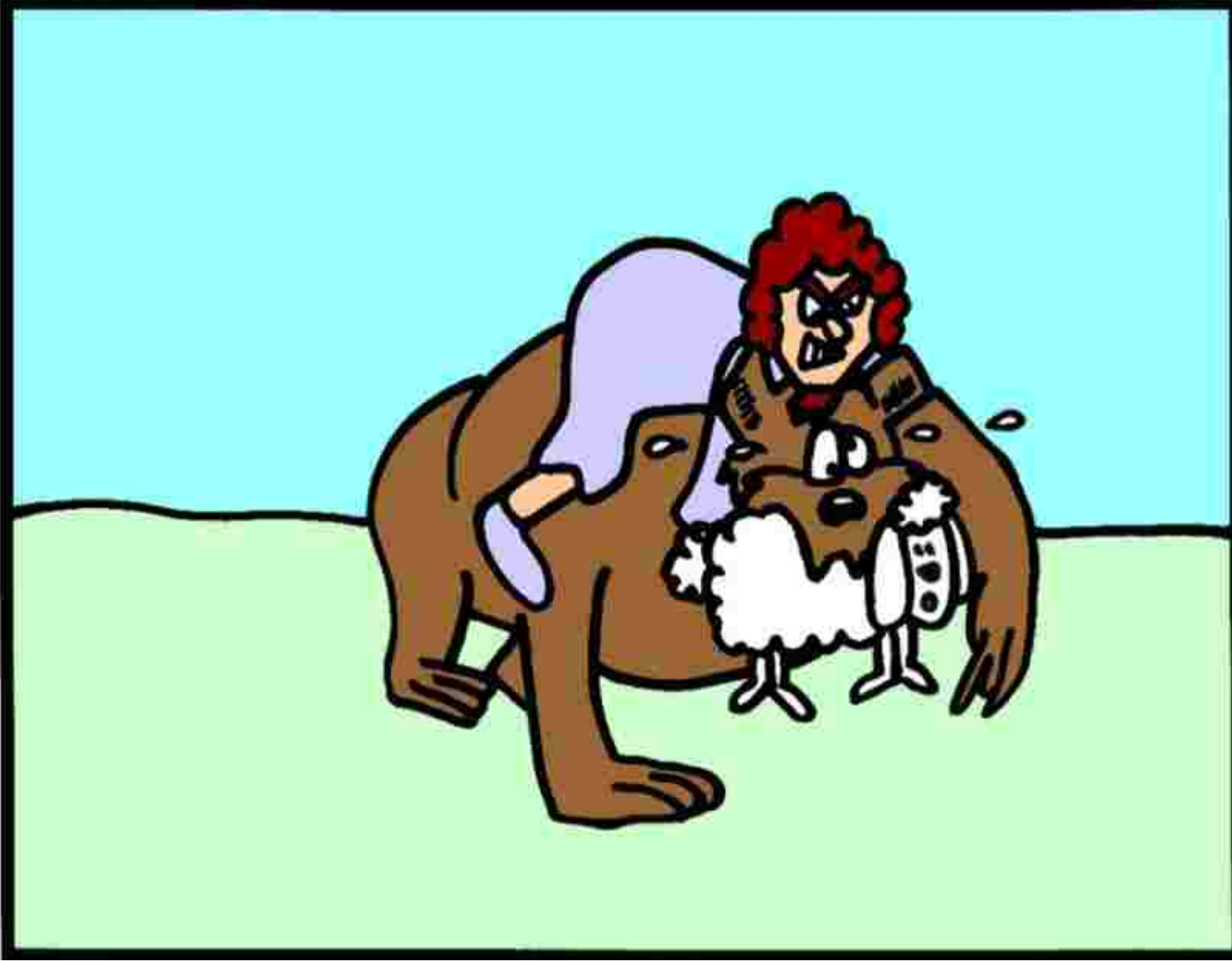
"What did I say wrong? Isn't it true what I said?" answered David. Then David turned to the men again and asked for a third time to hear about the rewards for killing the giant.
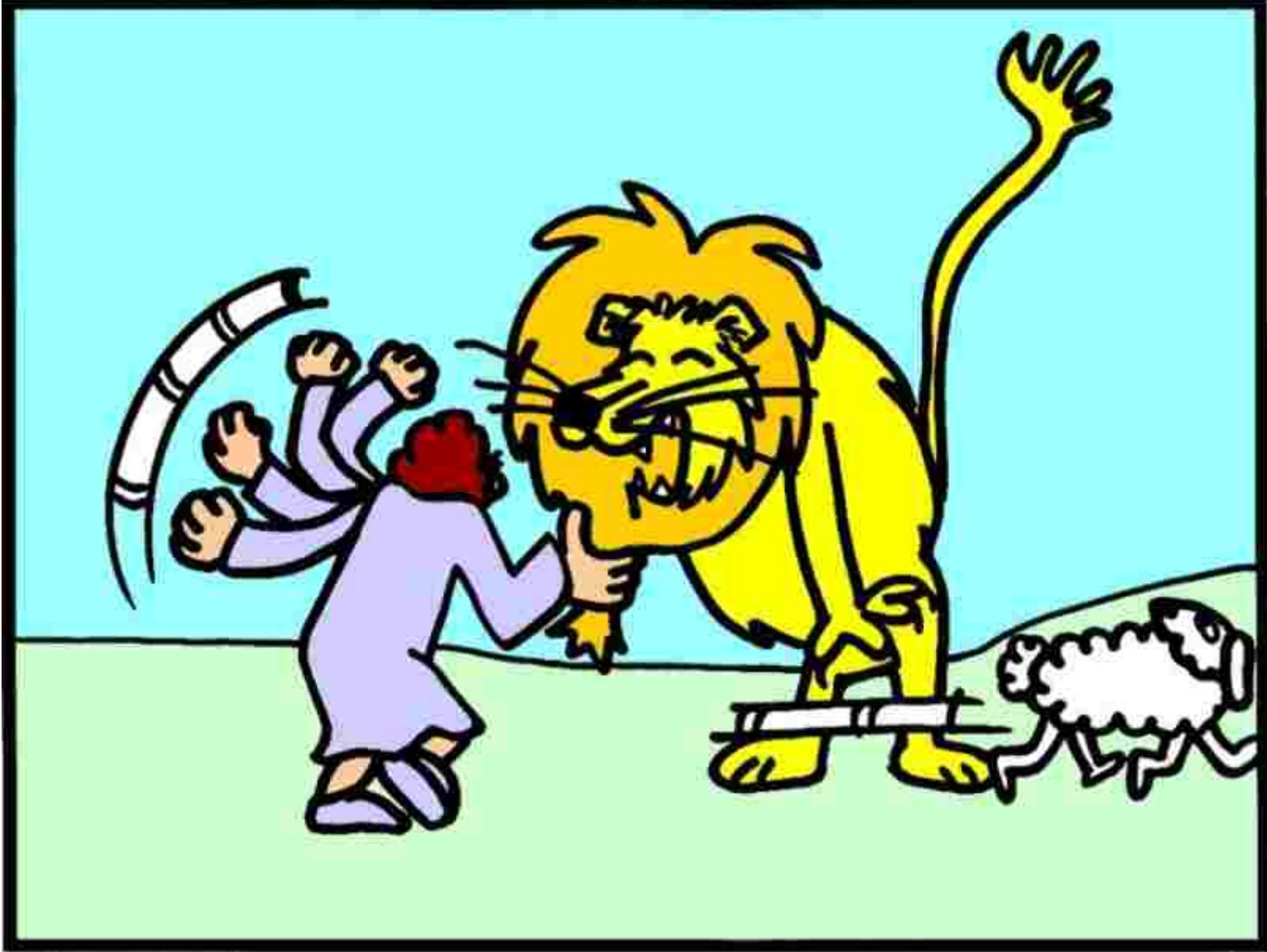
Saul heard about David's words and called for him. "Don't let anybody be scared because of that giant," said David. "I will go and fight with him." King Saul didn't think he could do it because he was so young.

"One time I was taking care of my father's sheep and a bear came and snatched a lamb. I ran after him and killed him and took the lamb out of his mouth," answered David.
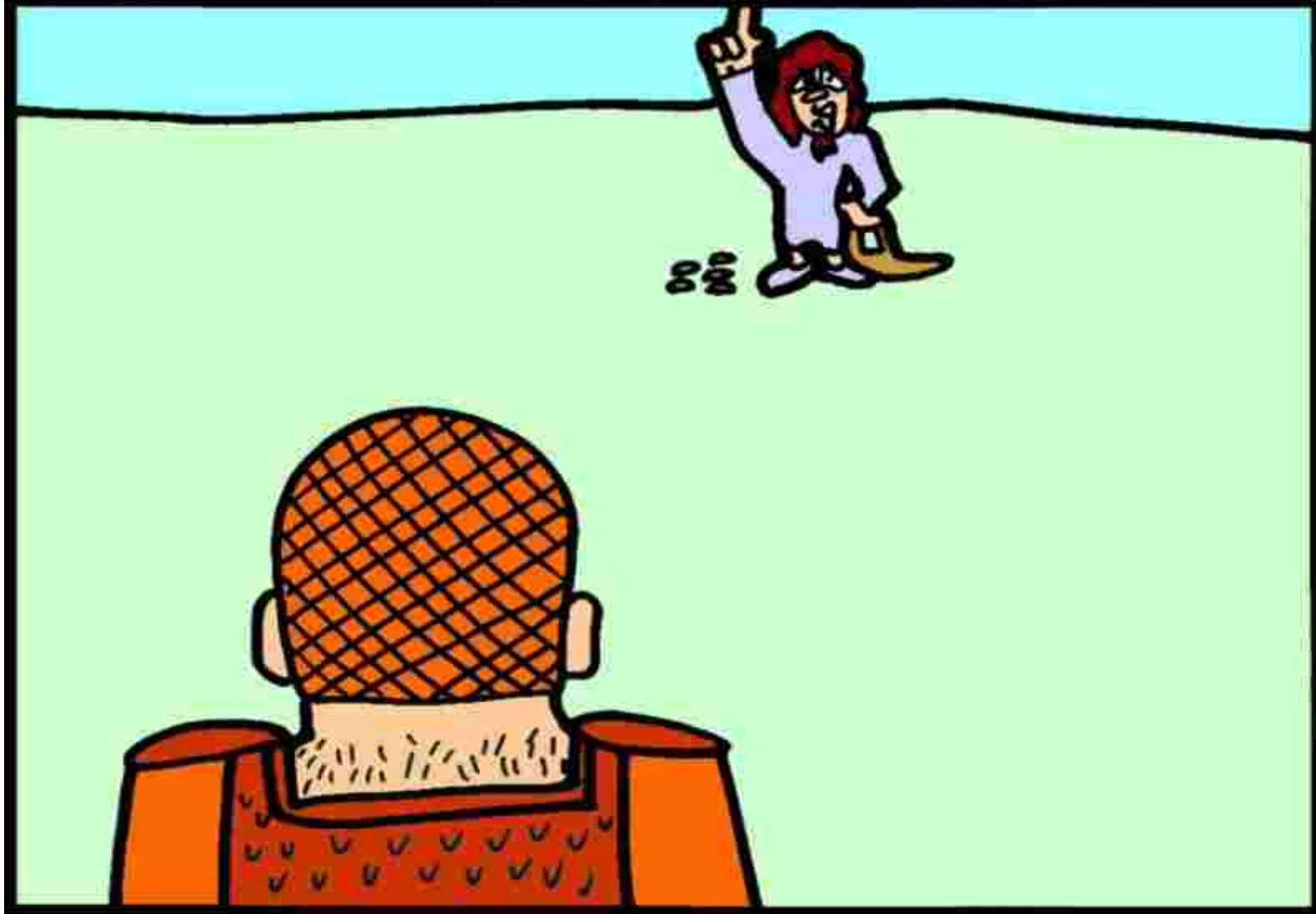
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"And another time a lion came and took a lamb from the flock. I caught him by the beard and killed him. The Lord who rescued me from the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine," said David.

King Saul put all his armour on David, but David was not comfortable wearing it since he had never tried it out before. Instead he chose five smooth stones from the river and took his slingshot.

When Goliath saw David he laughed at him. "What am I, a dog, that you are coming after me with stones? I will give your body to the birds and animals to eat!" Goliath put curses on David by the name of his gods.

David answered, "You are coming against me with a sword and shield but I come against you in the name of the Lord God of Israel. God will give you to me and I will cut off your head and give your body to the birds!"

When the Philistine came to fight, David ran to meet him. He reached into his bag, grabbed a stone, put it into the sling and slang it. The stone landed in the giant's forehead and he fell on his face to the earth.

David used Goliath's own sword and cut off the giant's head. Then the Philistines ran and the army of Israel chased them until they had won the battle.

Lord, help me to remember that no giant problem in my life is any match for the power of your name. Thank you for helping me to overcome all problems with your mighty power.