

First Visit to Pharoah

(Based on Exodus 4:27-6:13)

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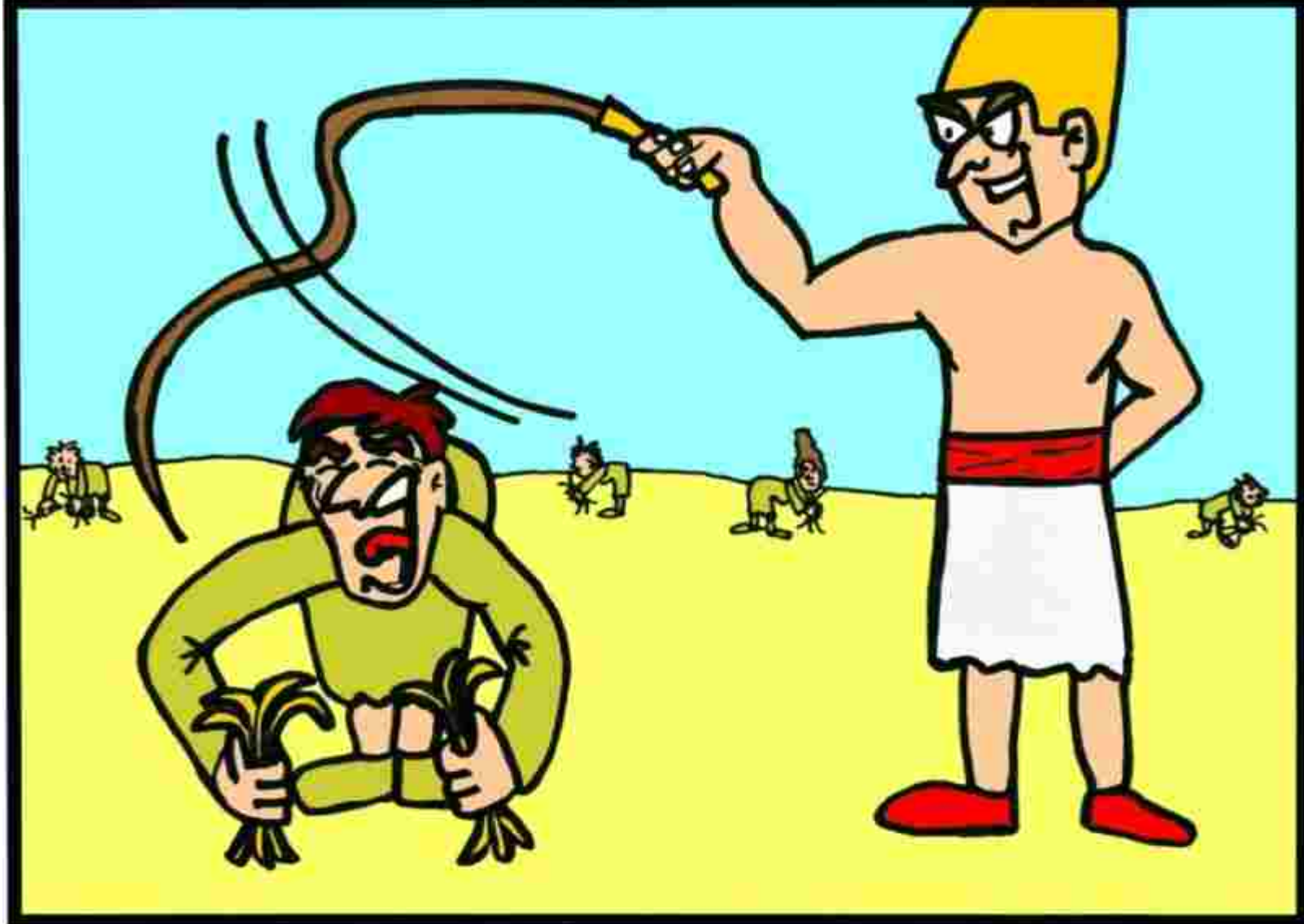
Moses told Aaron everything that the Lord had told him. Together they went to the leaders of the people of Israel and told them what God had said.



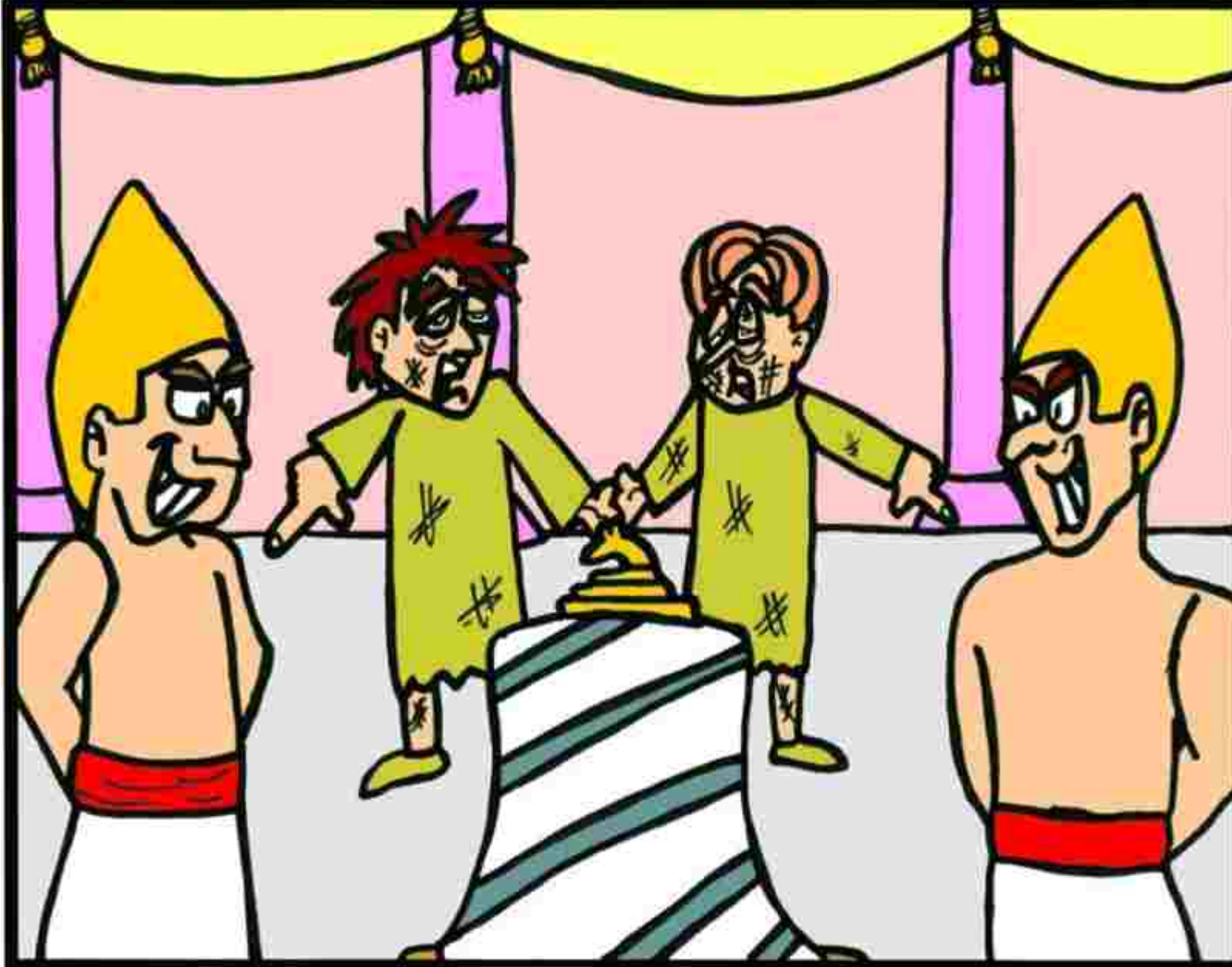
Moses also showed the people of Israel the miracles that God gave to him. The people believed. They bowed their heads and worshipped.



Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh with a message. "The Lord says, 'Let my people go so they can worship me in the wilderness.'" "I don't know the Lord and I'm not letting the people of Israel go!" answered Pharaoh.



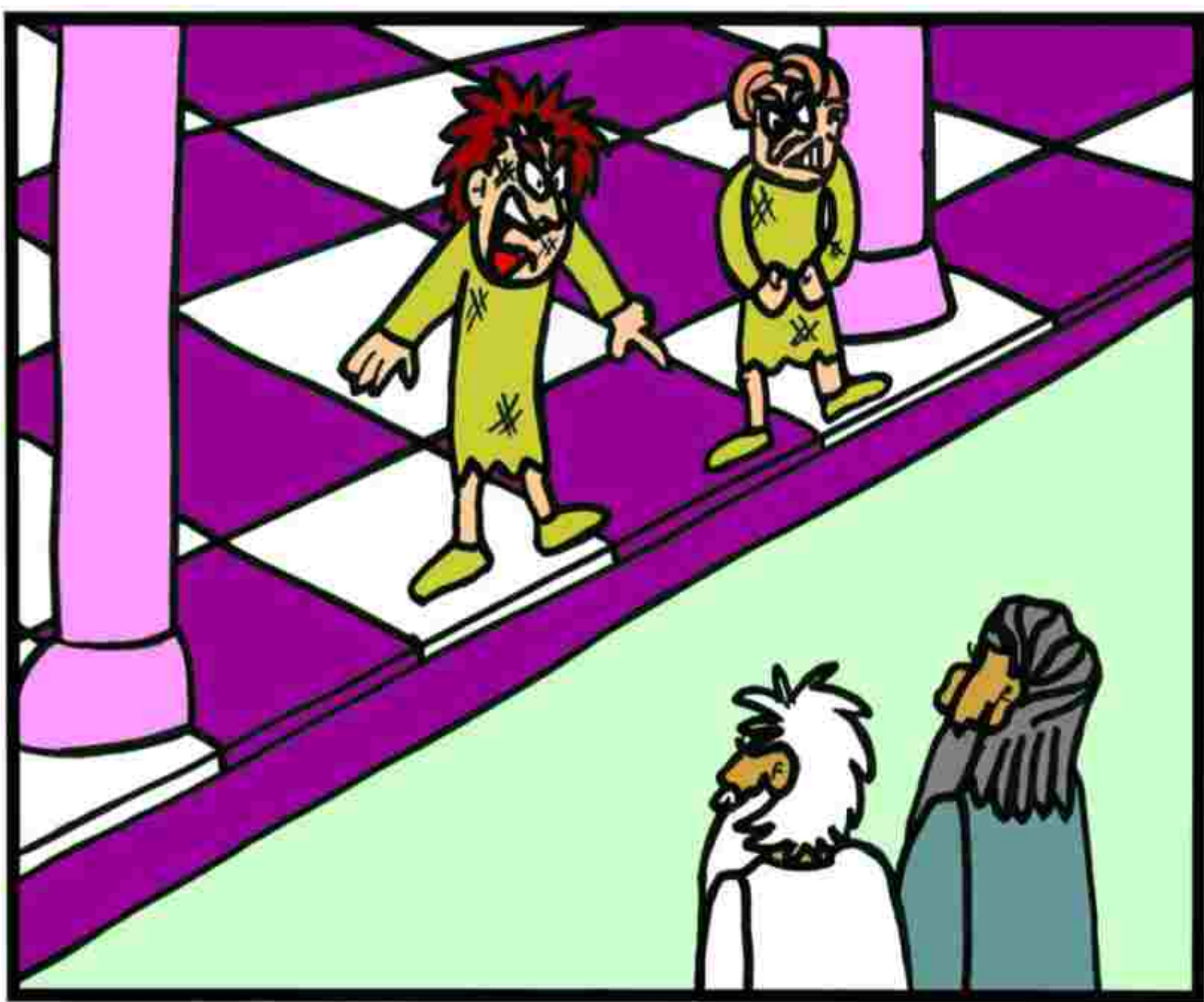
The slave masters used to give the Israelites straw to make bricks. Now they ordered the Israelites to collect the straw themselves and make the exact same amount of bricks as they did before. "Work faster! Work faster!" commanded the slave masters.



The Israelite work leaders were beaten because the people could not make enough bricks. "Why are you treating us, your servants, like this?" they asked Pharaoh.



"You people have too much time because you are asking to go and worship the Lord. Now get out! No straw will be given to you and you must make the same amount of bricks!" answered Pharaoh.



Moses and Aaron waited outside to meet with the Israelite work leaders. "You!" snarled the work leaders. "You have made Pharoah hate us!"



Moses went to pray. "Lord why did you send me here? Pharoah is meaner to these people and you haven't rescued them." "Now, you are going to see what I will do to Pharoah," answered the Lord. "I will rescue my people and bring them into the promised land."



Moses tried to comfort the people of Israel but they wouldn't listen to him because they were hurting so much.



Lord, if I am obeying you and doing your will and things seem like they are getting worse instead of better, help me to remember that you are working out a good plan and things will change.