

God Sends Quail

(Based on Numbers 11)

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Once again some of the people had food cravings and began to complain. The fire of the Lord burned among them and some of the people on the edge of the camp were actually burned up. Moses prayed to the Lord, and the fire was stopped.



"Do you remember the food we used to eat in Egypt?" said one to another. "Remember the fish and the cucumbers? Remember the melons, onions and garlic? Hmmm, yummy onions and garlic. Now all we have is manna!"



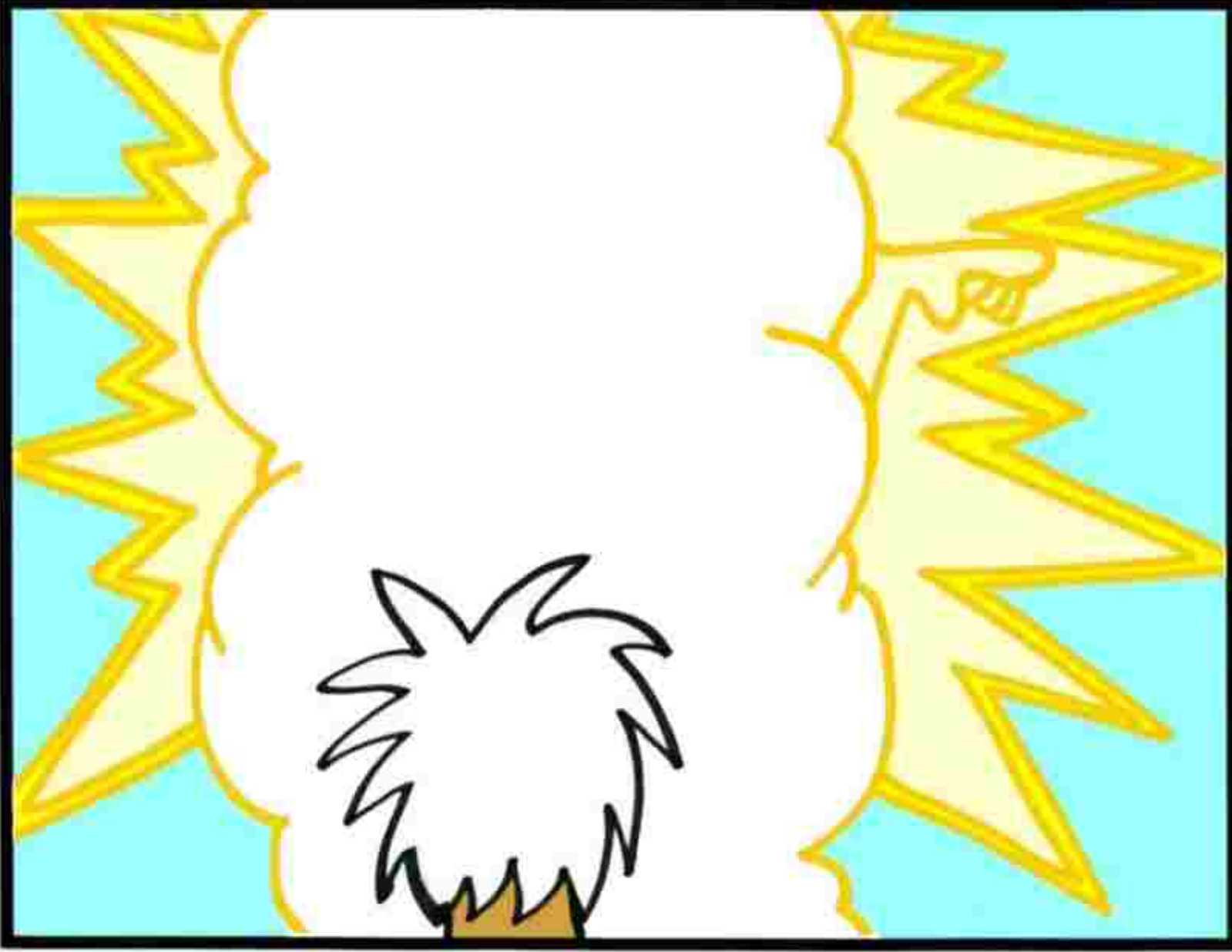
When Moses heard everyone weeping in their tents he became very angry. God also was angry. "God, why do I have to be the boss over these people? The burden is too heavy. If you are going to treat me like this, please kill me right now!" cried Moses.



God promised to put his Spirit onto the seventy men who would help. Moses gathered the seventy men and placed them around the tabernacle. The Spirit of the Lord came upon them and they spoke out messages from God.



The Spirit of the Lord even came upon two men who were not at the tabernacle. Out in the camp they started giving messages from God. Joshua asked Moses to make those men stop but Moses answered, “I wish that God would put his Spirit on all of the people.”



"Tell these people to get ready," said the Lord. "Tomorrow I am going to give them so much meat it will start coming out of their noses until they hate it, because they have treated me badly!"



The Lord sent a wind. It brought all the quail birds that were flying over the sea and made them land all around the camp. They were piled three feet high and it was a whole day's walk just to get to a place where there was no birds.



The people gathered quail all that day, all night and all the next day. Then they started eating it. But while they were chewing, the Lord was angry with them. The people who had given in to the food cravings died and were buried.



Lord, thank you that now the Holy Spirit can come and live in every believer. Help me to ask nicely for things and not to complain.