

# Ham's Lack of Respect

*(A story based on Genesis 9:20-27)*

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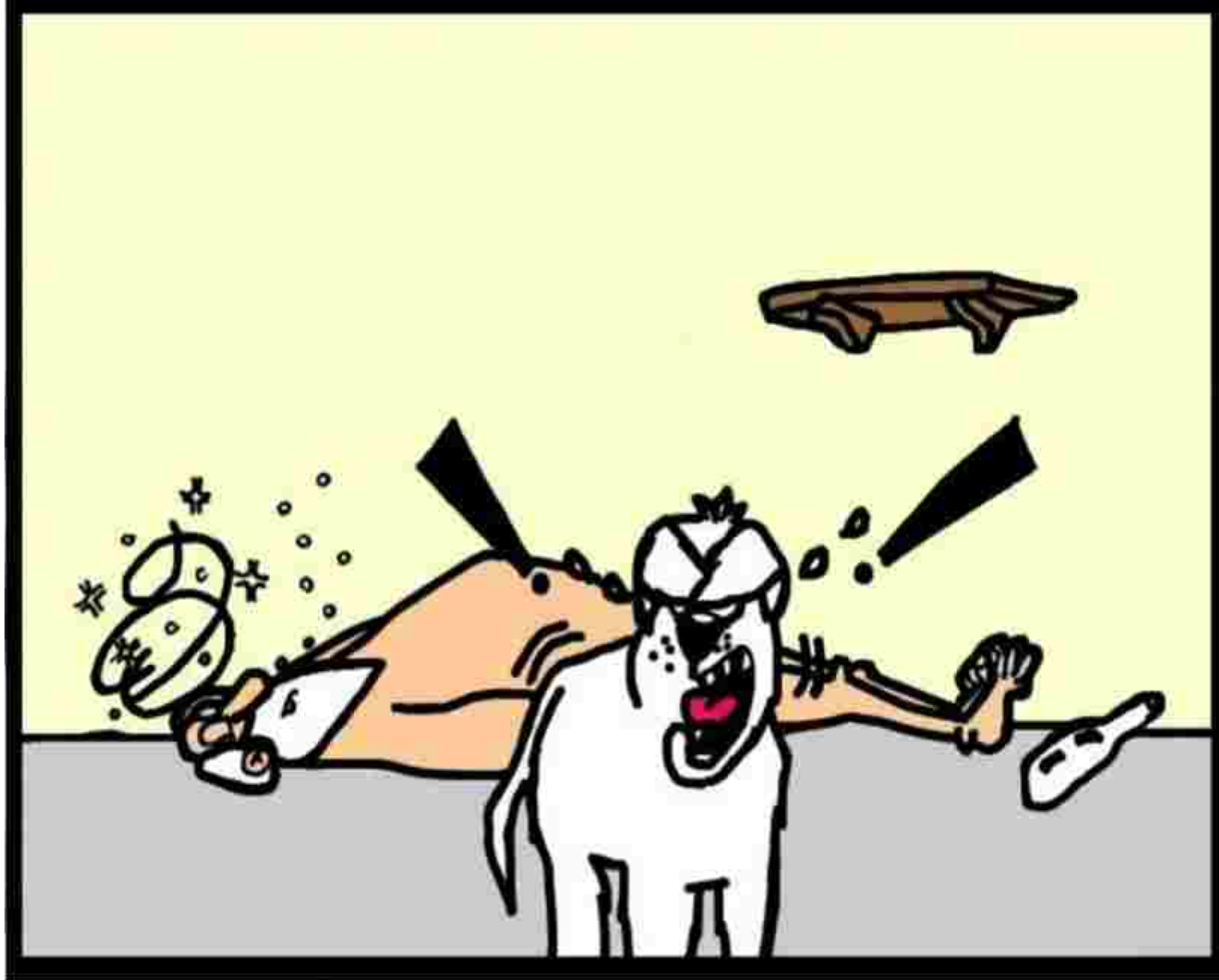
After the flood that destroyed the whole world, Noah decided to plant a vineyard. He took all the yummy grapes that he grew and made them into wine. One day he drank some wine.



Then he drank more wine.



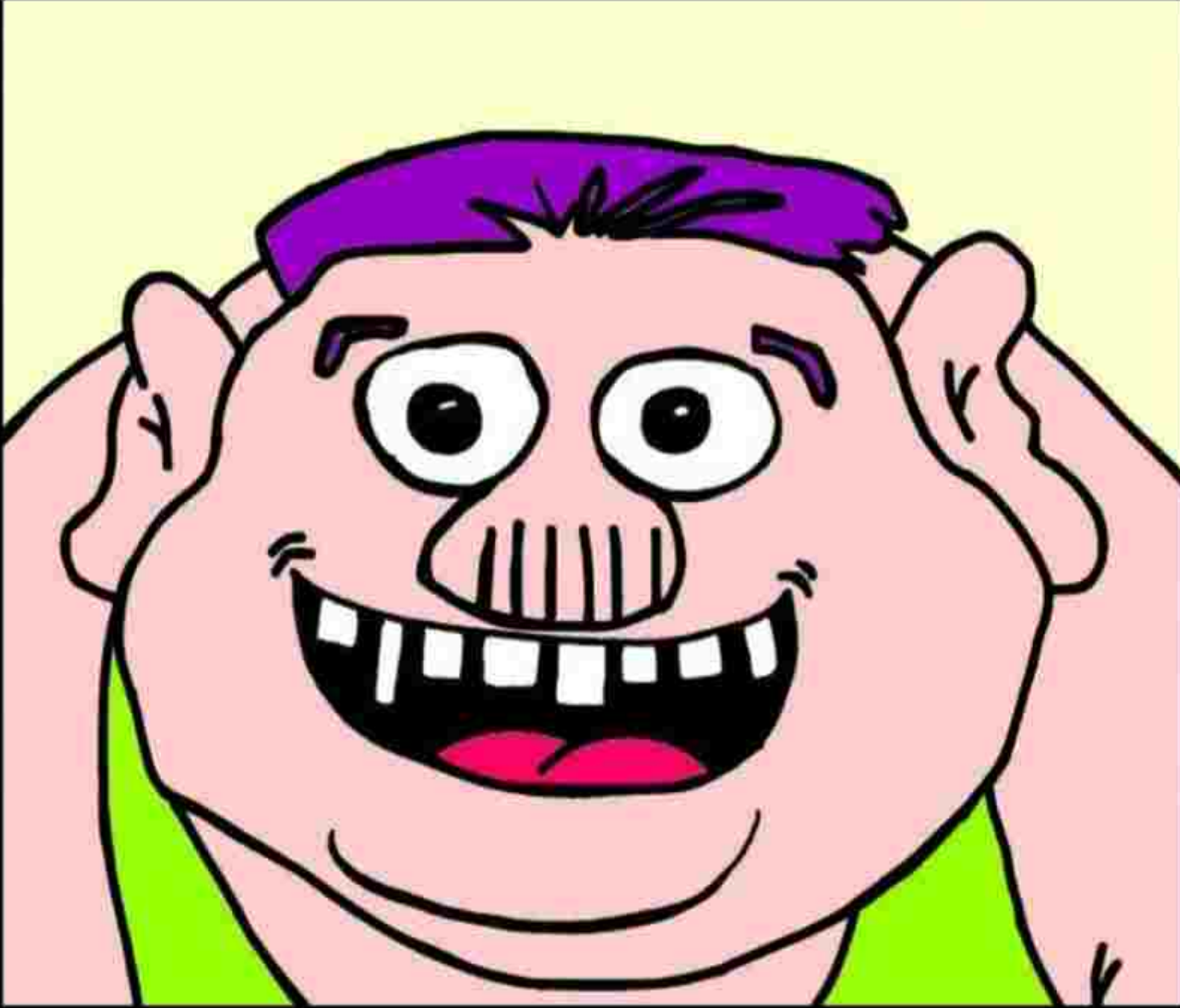
“Is it getting hot in here or what? I think I'll take my clothes off. Oh boy, I don't feel so good. I'm soooooo sleepy,” said Noah.



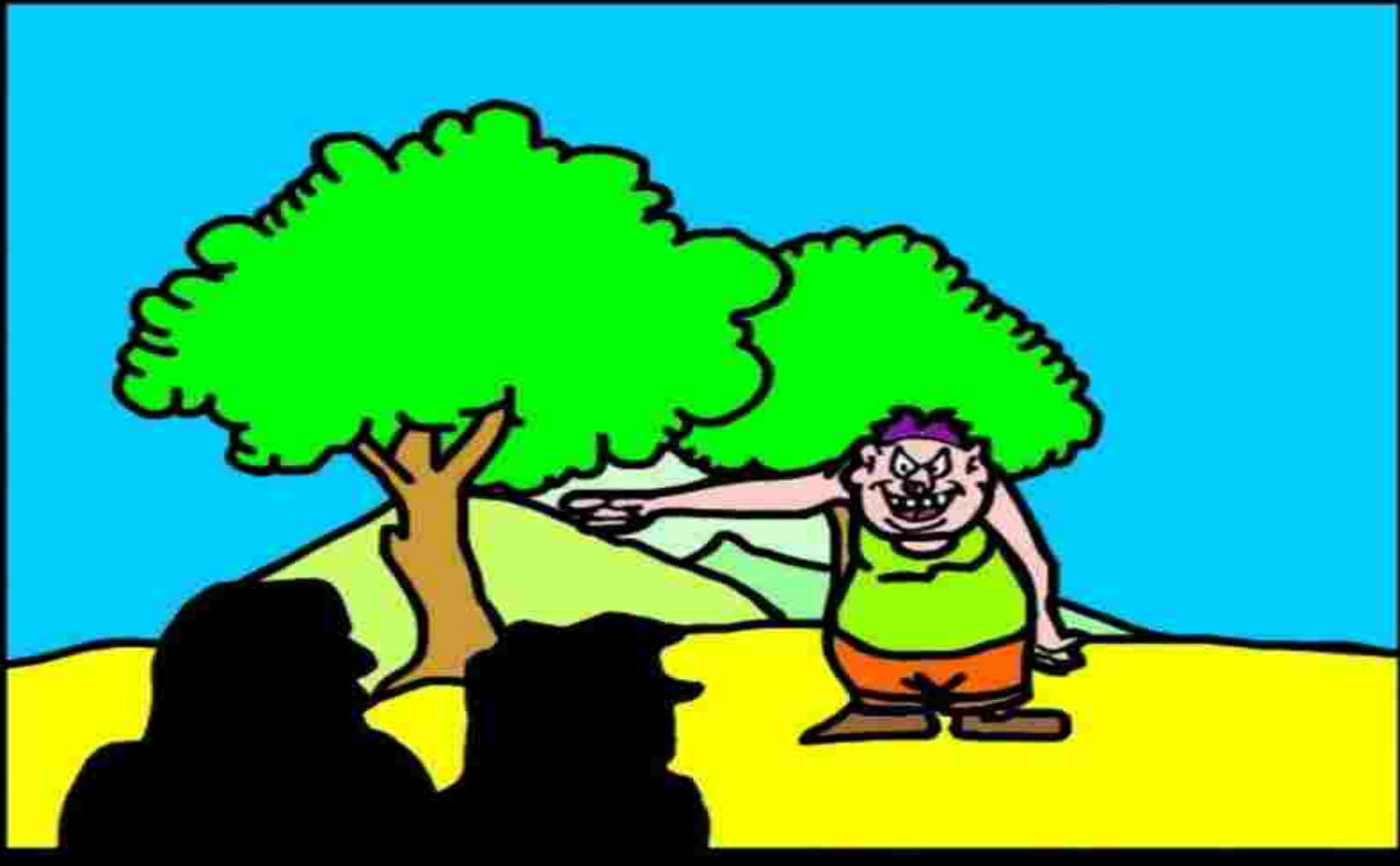
And with that, Noah fell on the ground in his tent, bare-naked and drunk.



"Da de dum de dum de dum. I wonder where Dad is? He's not in the field. I'll just check in his tent. Hey dad where are you?" asked Noah's son Ham as he threw open wide the tent door.



"Whoa, what a sight! Dad's drunk and he's bare-naked!"

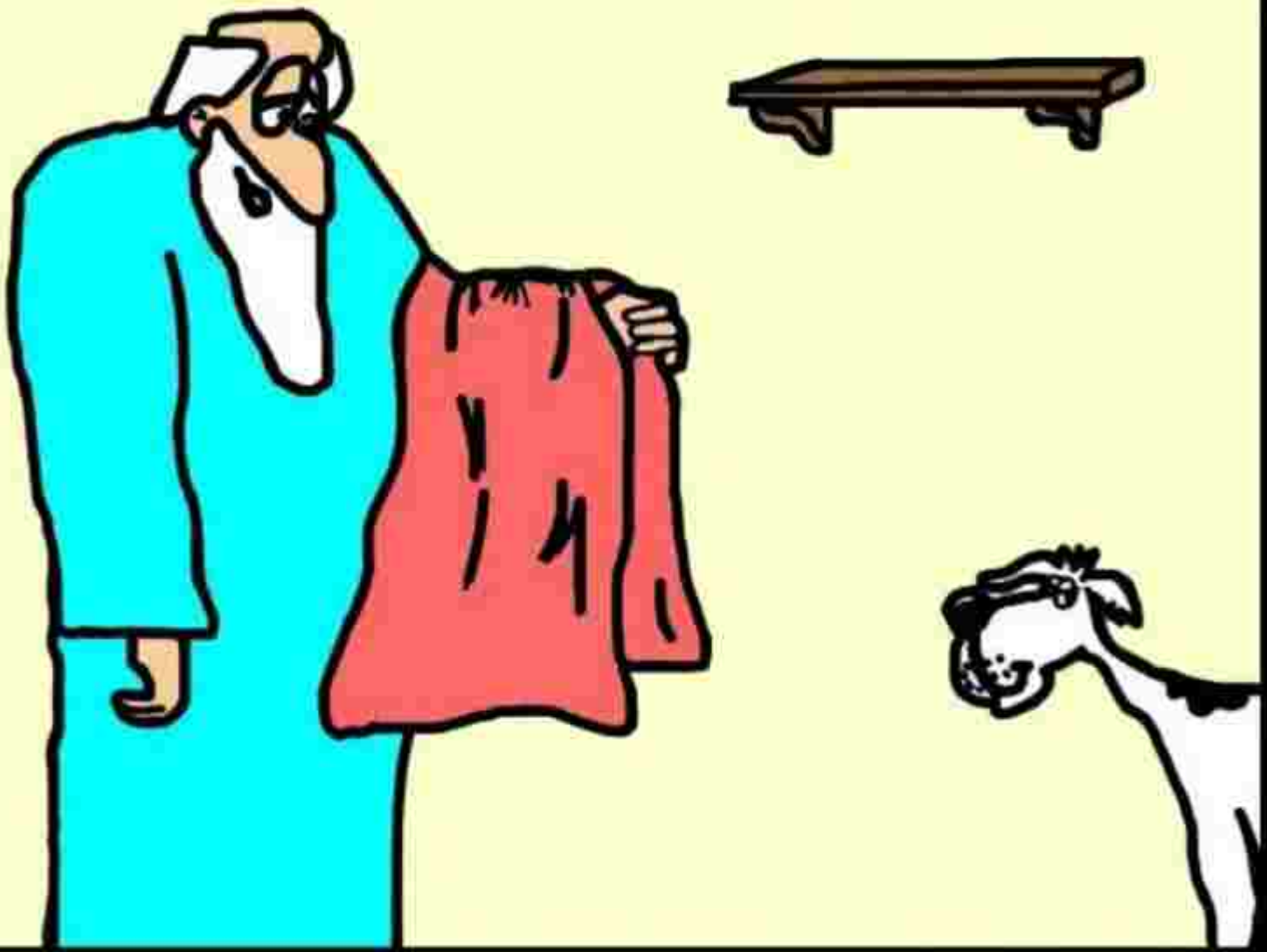


Ham left his father's tent to go and look for his brothers. "Shem! Japheth! You have to come and see this! Dad's drunk and he's bare-naked in his tent!" When Shem and Japheth heard about their father's state, they did not go looking for someone to tell, in fact they did the exact opposite. They went looking for a blanket to cover him up.

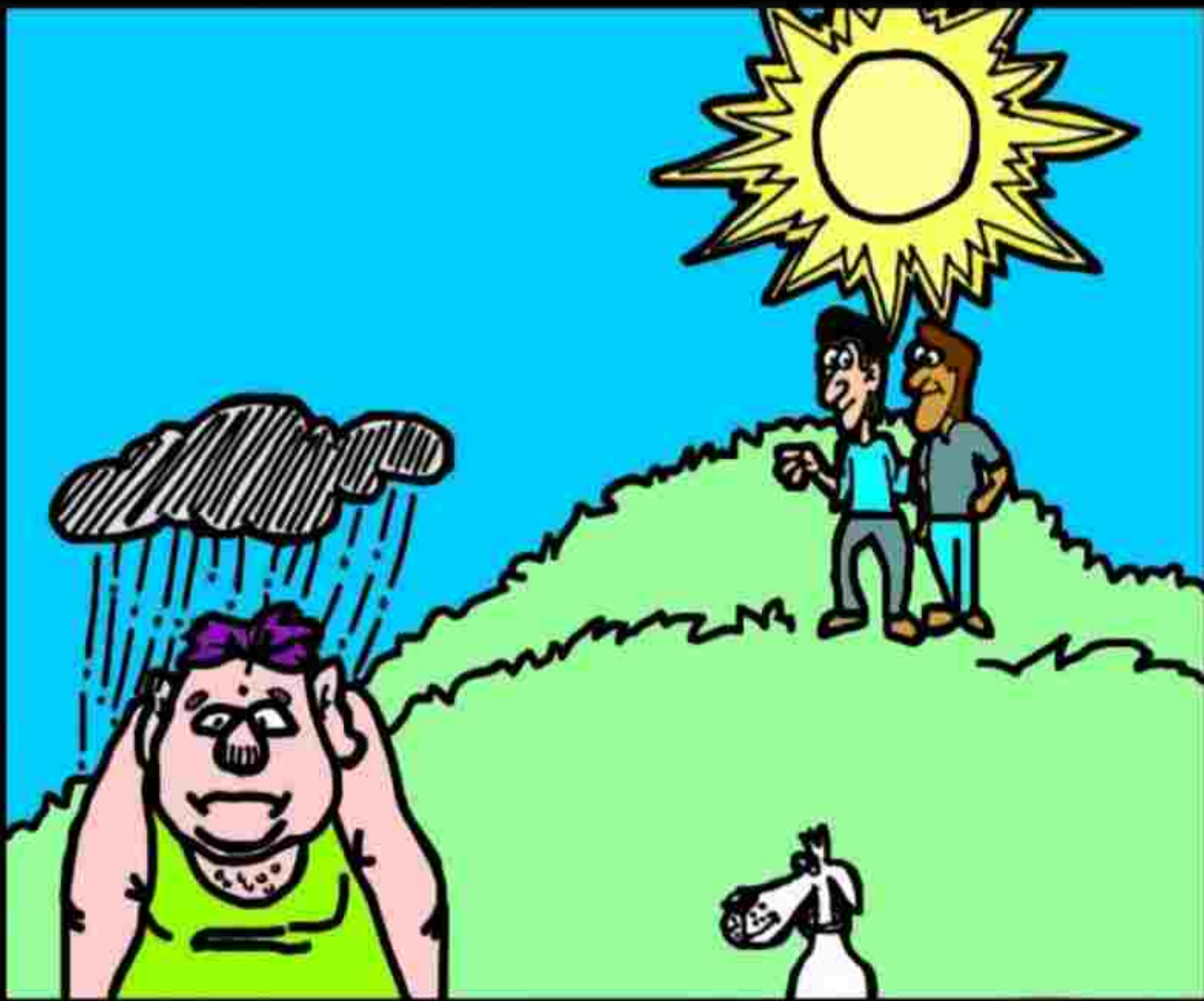




After they found a blanket Shem and Japheth laid the blanket on their shoulders and tiptoed backwards into the tent. They quietly covered up their dad and they never turned their heads around to look at him. They just dropped the blanket down on him and quietly closed up the tent. 07-09



Soon Noah was awake and he learned what his son Ham had done to him. He also learned how that his other sons, Shem and Japheth had treated him with honour and respect.



Noah foretold that Shem and Japheth's descendants would be very blessed by God, but that Ham's descendants would become servants.



Lord, help me to give honour and respect to people even if they are not perfect and even when they make mistakes. Help me to always speak respectfully to my parents and teachers.