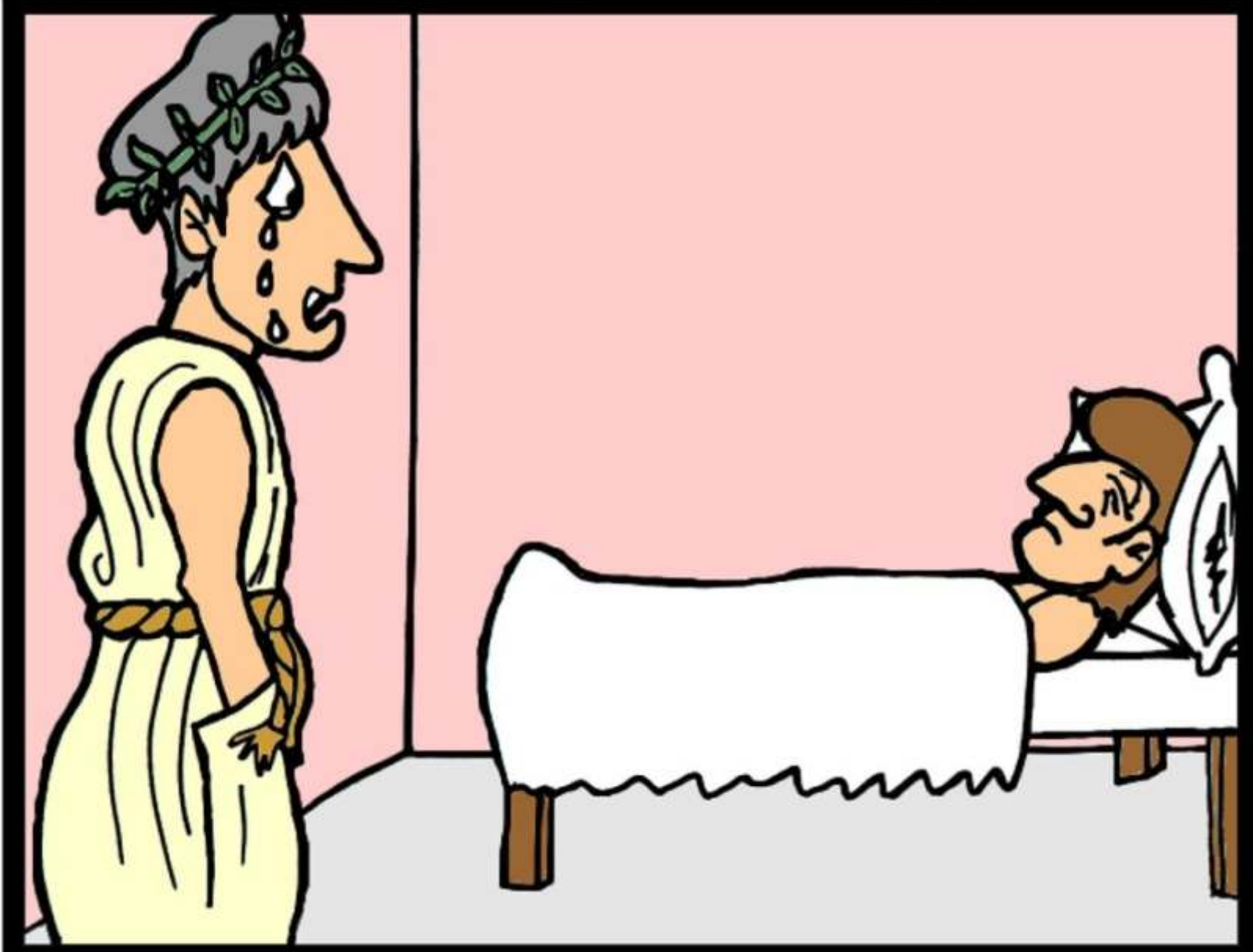


# Healing of Centurian's Servant

(Based on Luke 7:1-10, Matthew 8:5-13)

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"Please don't die, my servant!" cried the Roman Centurion. (A centurion is a boss over 100 soldiers.) The Centurion cared very much about his servant.



Friends came to visit. “Jesus of Nazareth is coming to town!” they said.



"He touches people and they are healed," said one. "He commands the demons to leave and they obey," said another.





"Why are you standing here?" gasped the centurion. "Go get him!" Quickly the friends ran to meet Jesus.

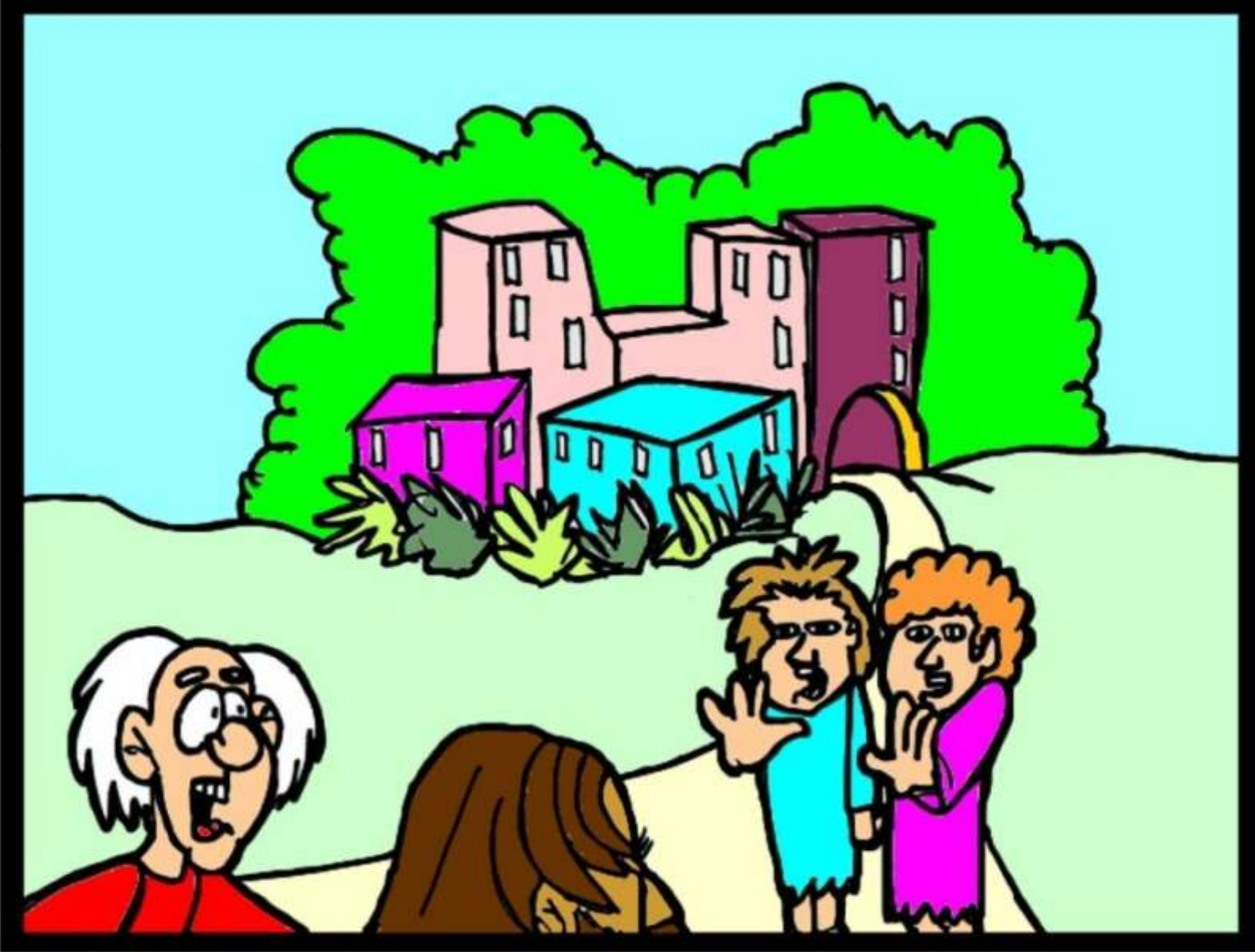


“Please come and heal a slave. His master is a Roman centurion and he loves our people. He built us a synagogue!” “Okay, I’ll go,” answered Jesus.



Meanwhile back at the house, the centurion was thinking. "I'm not good enough that someone like Jesus should come to my house. I don't need to cause him this kind of trouble."





"Stop," said messengers just as Jesus arrived at the centurion's house. He says, "Jesus I am not good enough for you to come into my house. I don't even think I am good enough to come and see you myself. Just say the word and my servant will be healed."

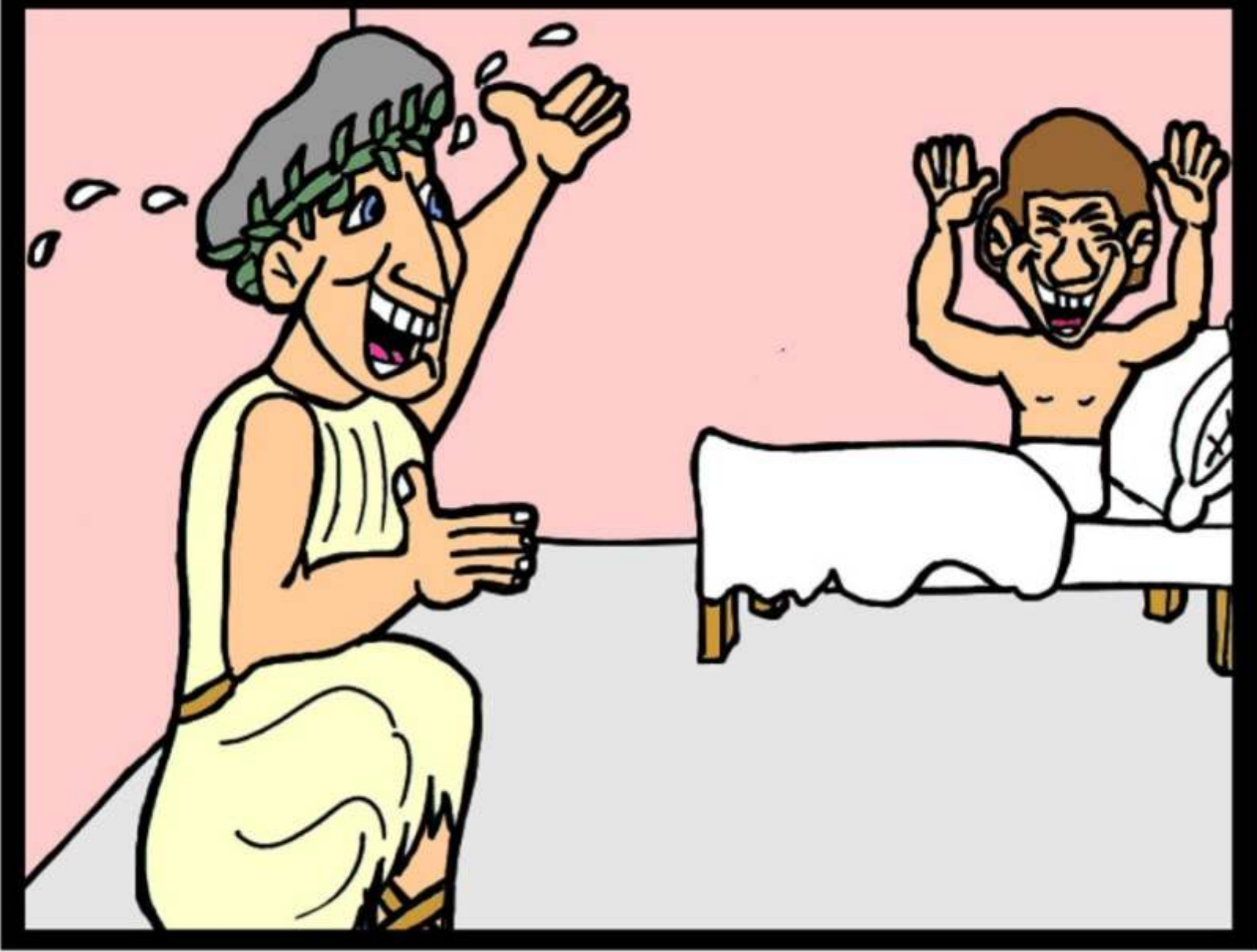




“I have a boss over me and I am a boss too. I have soldiers under me and if I tell one soldier to go, then he goes. If I tell one soldier to come, then he comes. I tell my servant, ‘do this,’ and he does it.”



"This is amazing!" said Jesus. "I have never found such great faith, not even in Israel!"



When the servants who delivered the message arrived back at the house, they found the servant who was dying, completely healed.





Lord, I want to make you so pleased with me. Help me to believe your words without any doubts.