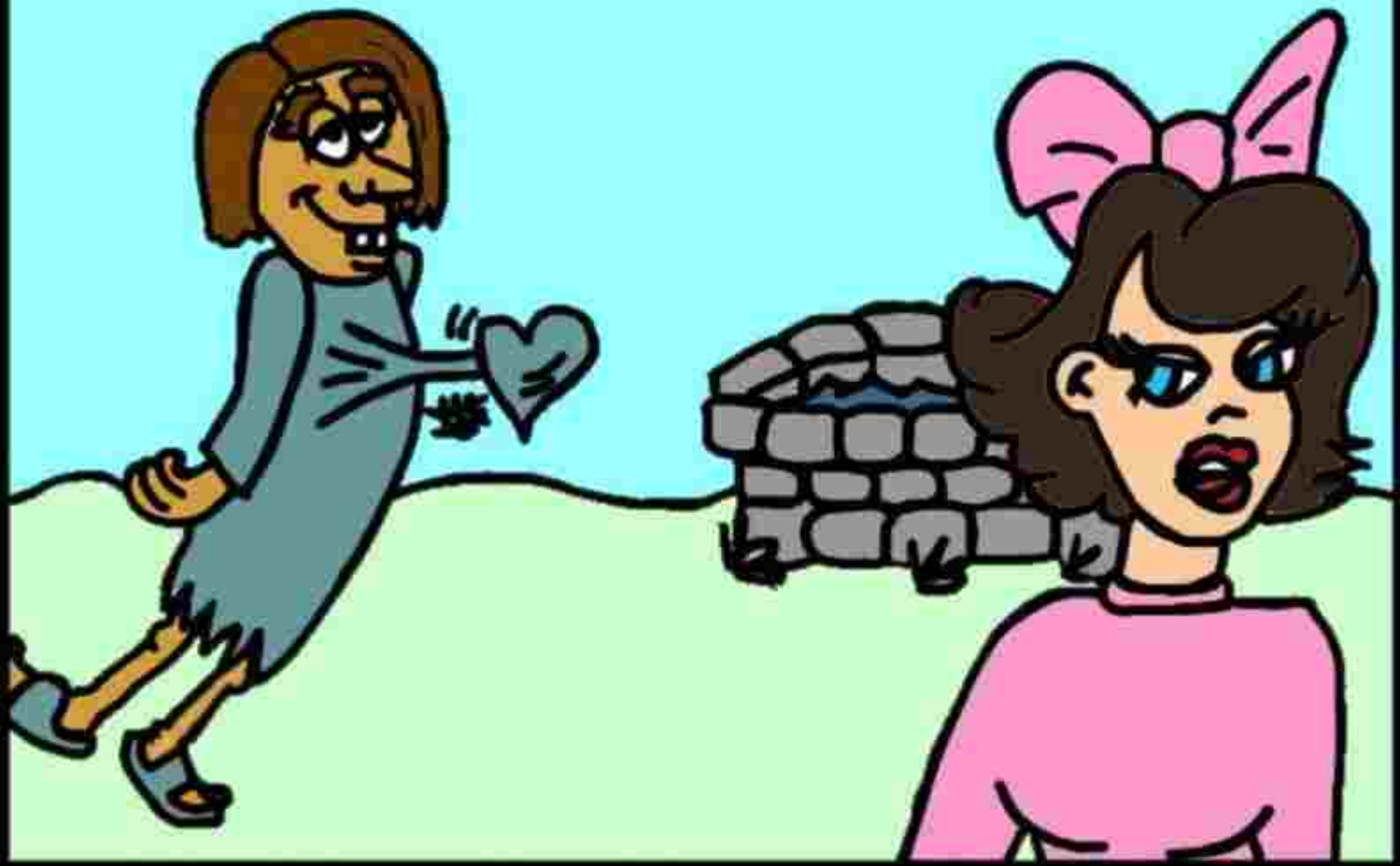


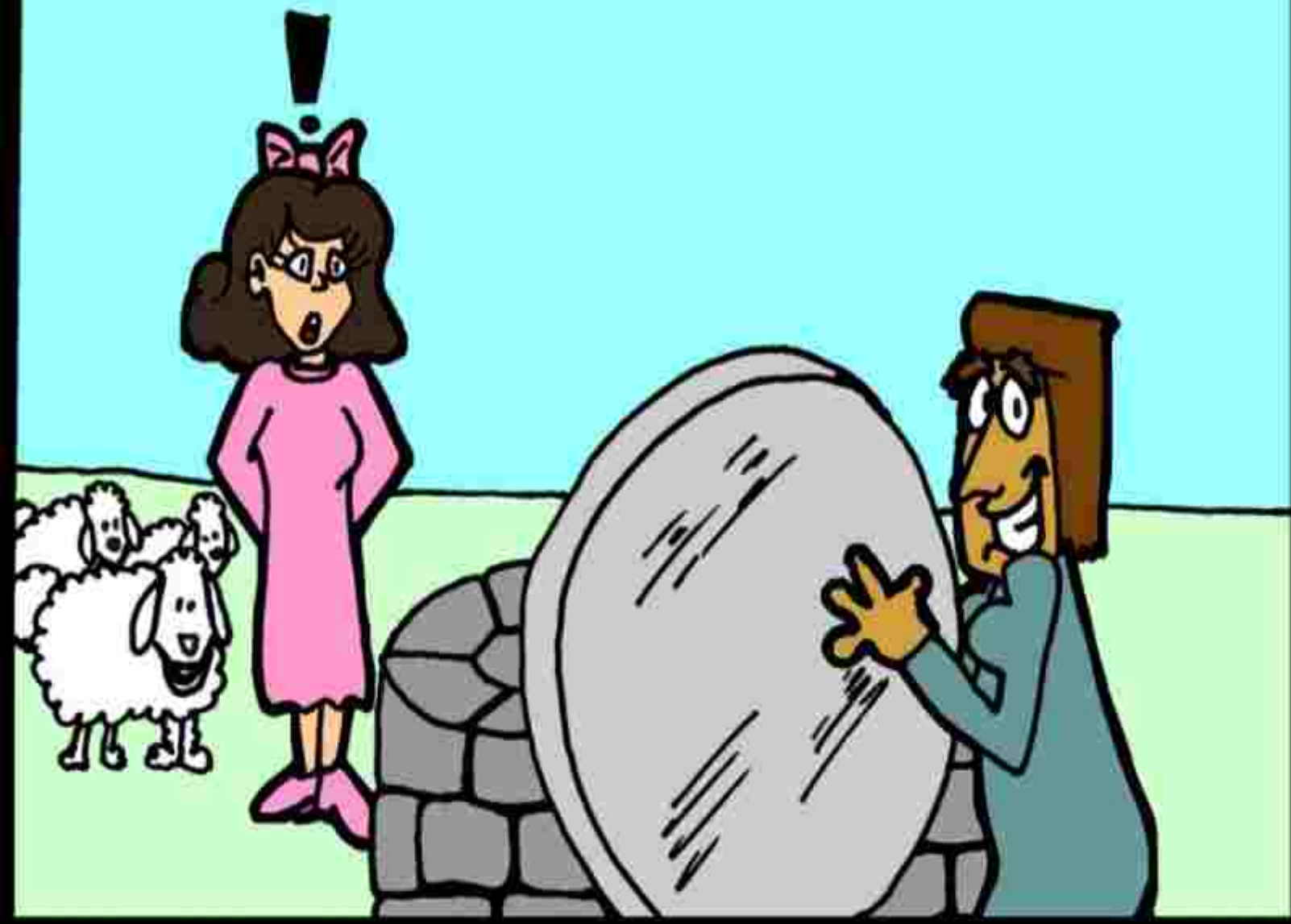
The Deceiver is Deceived

(Based on Genesis 29:1-30)

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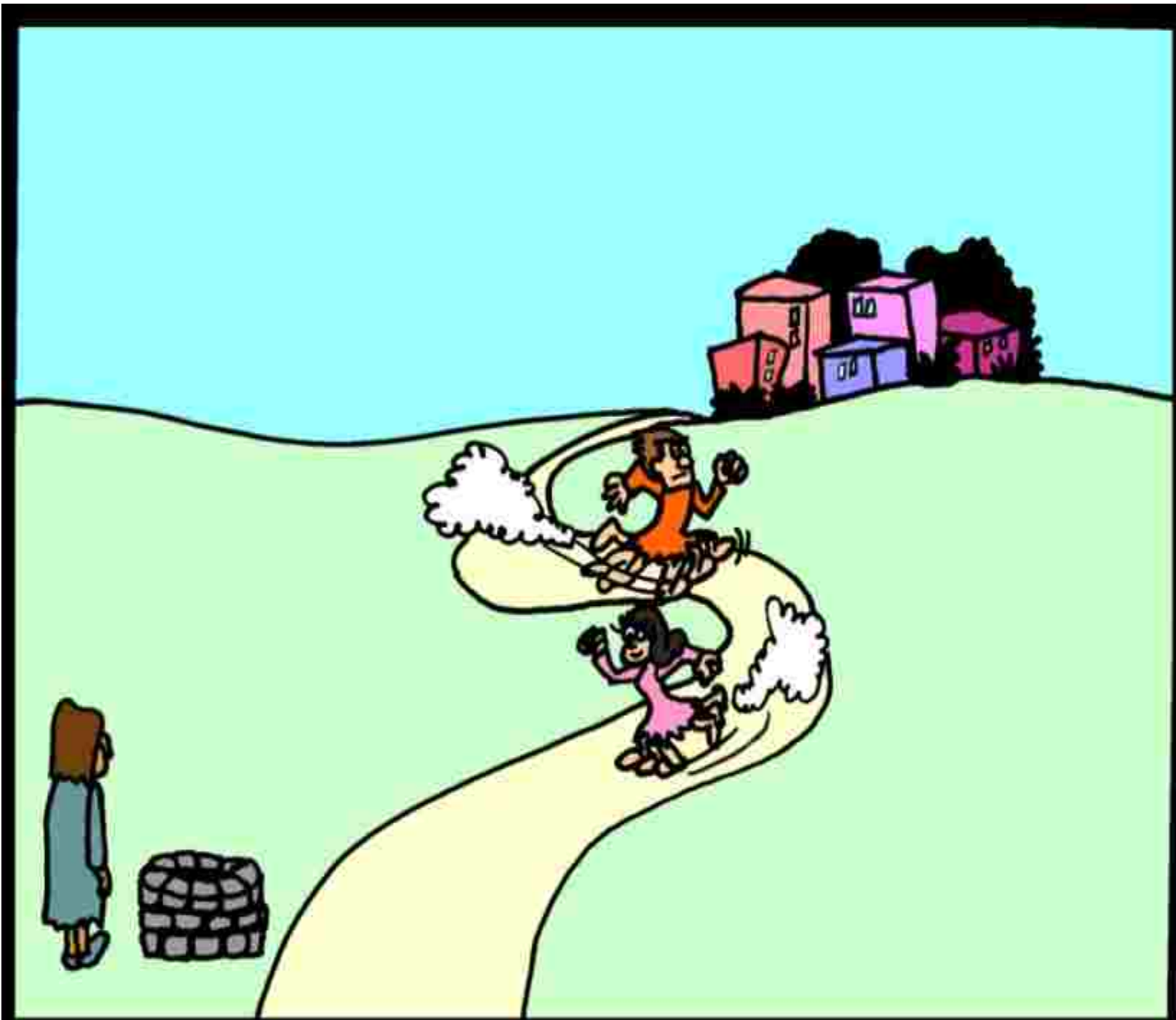
On the day that Jacob arrived in the town where his mother came from, he came to the village well. There he saw the most b-e-a-u-t-i-f-u-l woman he had ever seen! Her name was Rachel and her father just happened to be Uncle Laban.



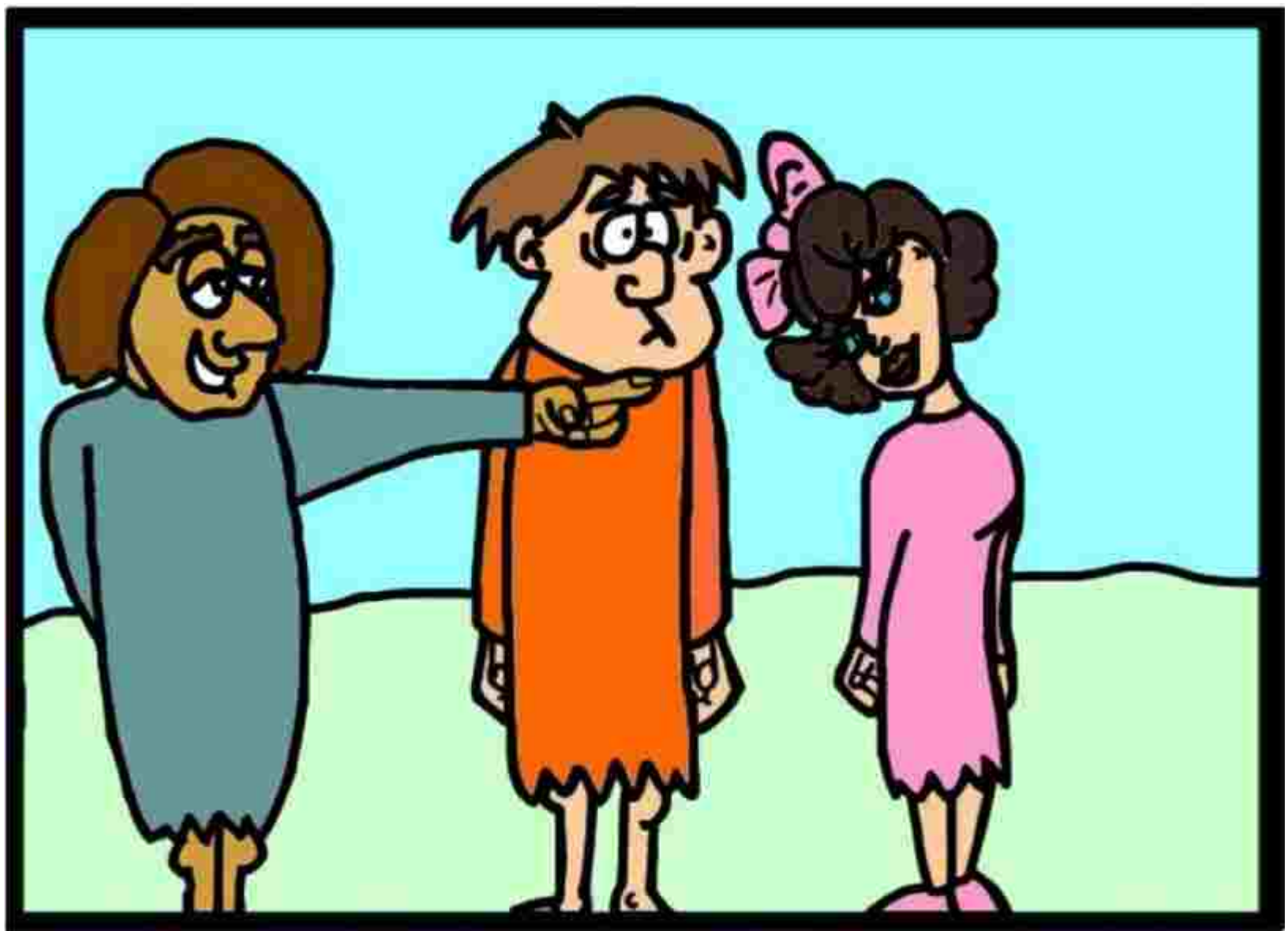
Jacob quickly took the stone cover off of the well and watered her sheep.



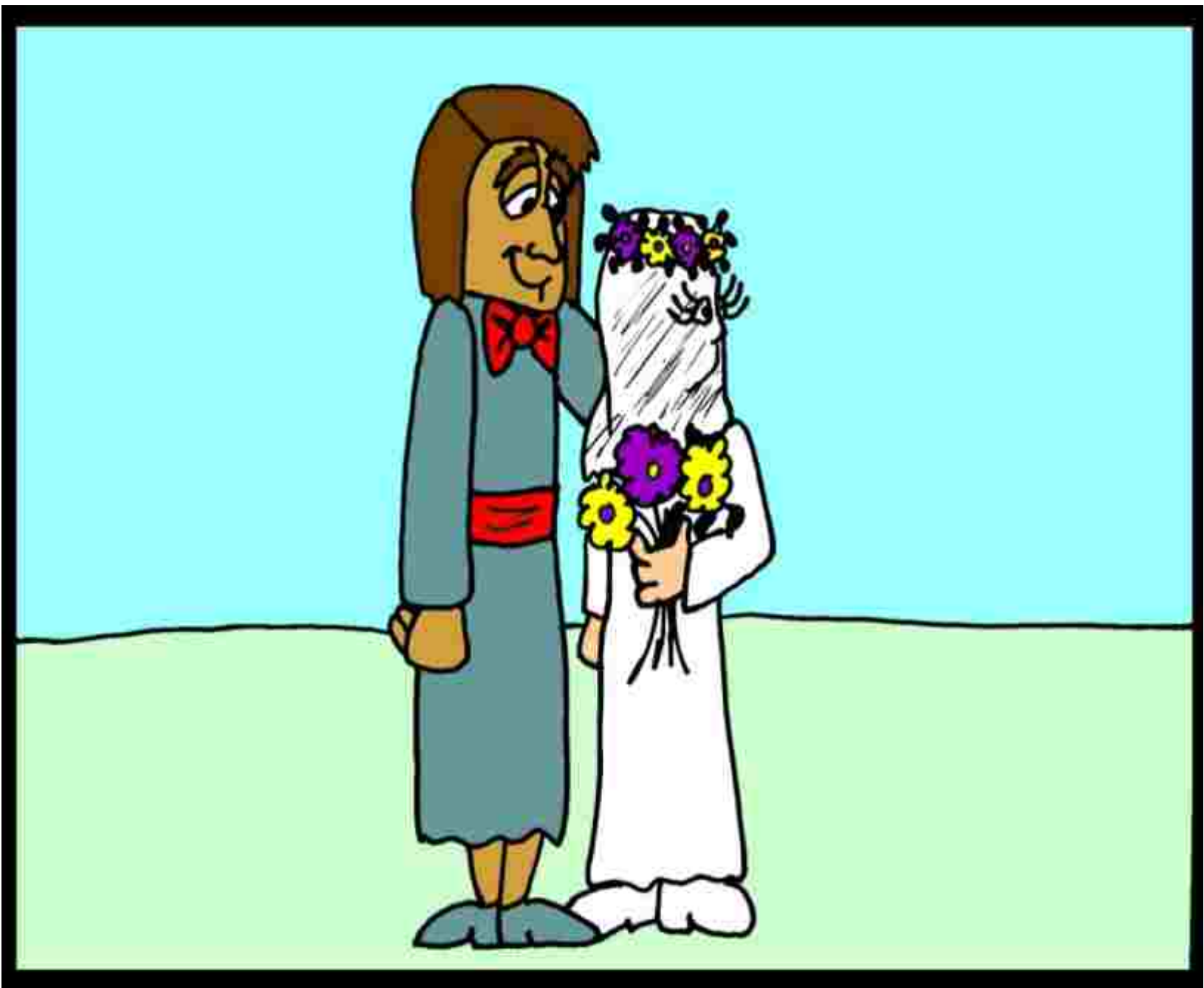
Jacob kissed Rachel and then he started to weep. “I’m your relative and I came from far away. I’m Rebecca’s son!” said Jacob.



Rachel ran and found her father. After he heard the story, he came running to meet Jacob.



Jacob worked faithfully for Uncle Laban for a month. Then Uncle Laban asked Jacob how much he would like to be paid. "I will work for you for seven years if you will let me marry your daughter Rachel," answered Jacob.



Uncle Laban agreed. The seven years seemed like a couple of days because Jacob loved Rachel so much. What a happy wedding day it was!

UNCLE LABAN!



The next morning when the sunlight shone into the tent, Jacob rolled over to kiss his new wife and he was horrified! He wasn't lying beside the pretty sister Rachel. He had married the not so pretty sister Leah! "You tricked me Uncle Laban!" yelled Jacob.



"In our country the younger sister can't be married before the older sister," answered Uncle Laban. "If you complete her week, then you can marry Rachel." So Jacob married Rachel too and worked another seven years for Uncle Laban. Jacob loved Rachel more than Leah.



Lord, help me to remember that I will reap what I sow. Help me to remember that if ever you call me to go to another country, that I should learn about their customs before I make a big decision.