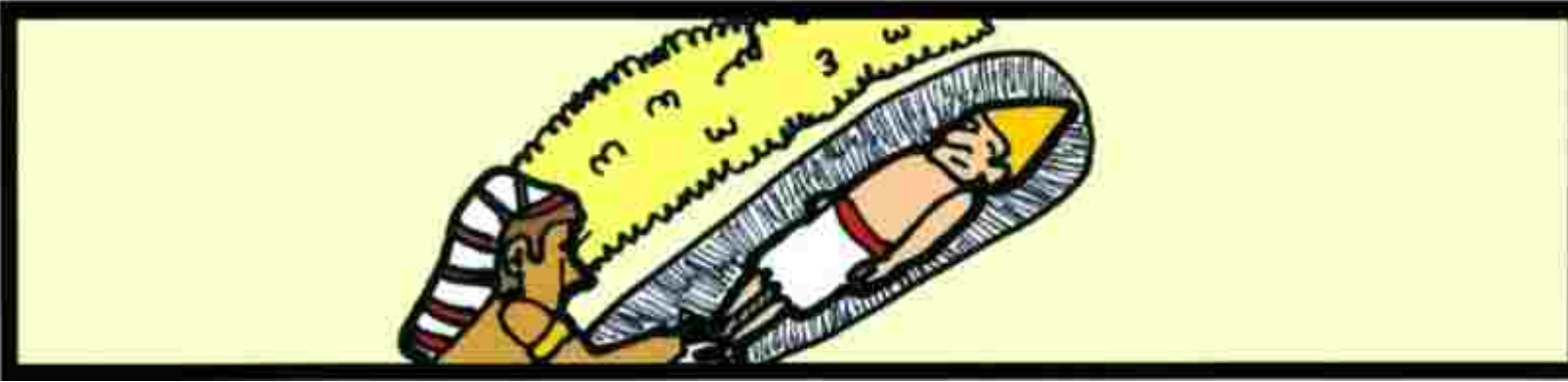


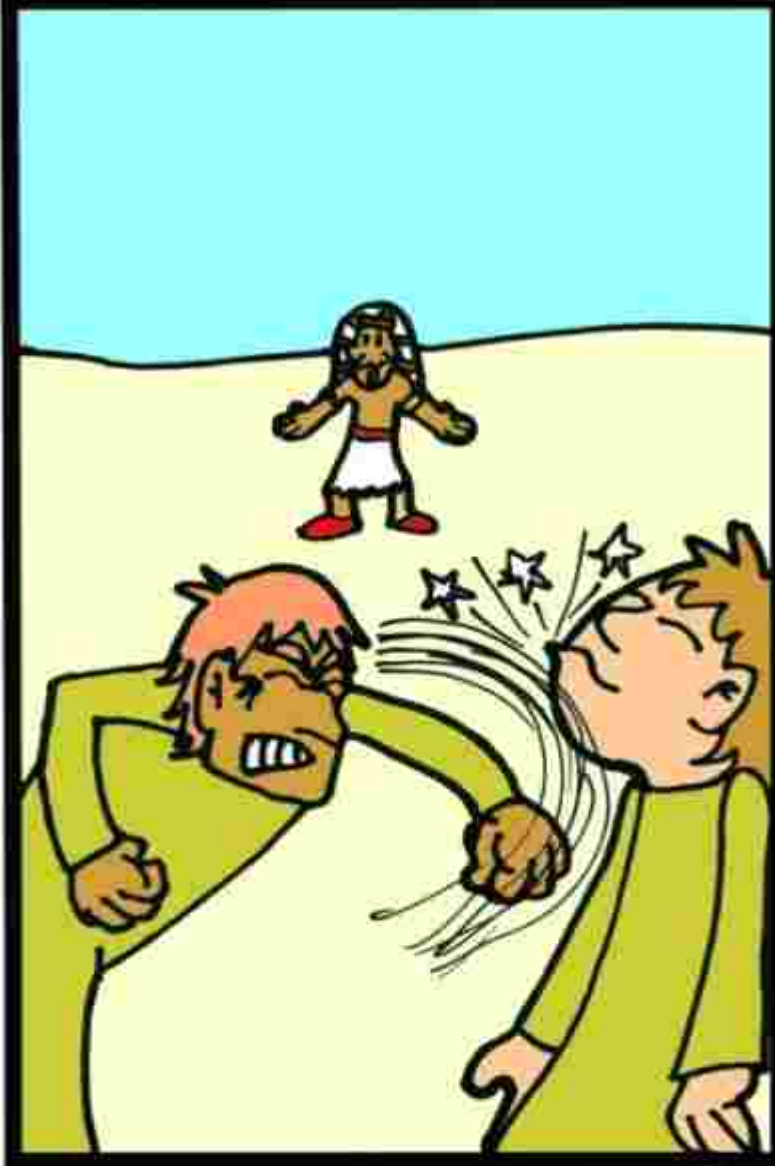
Moses and The Burning Bush

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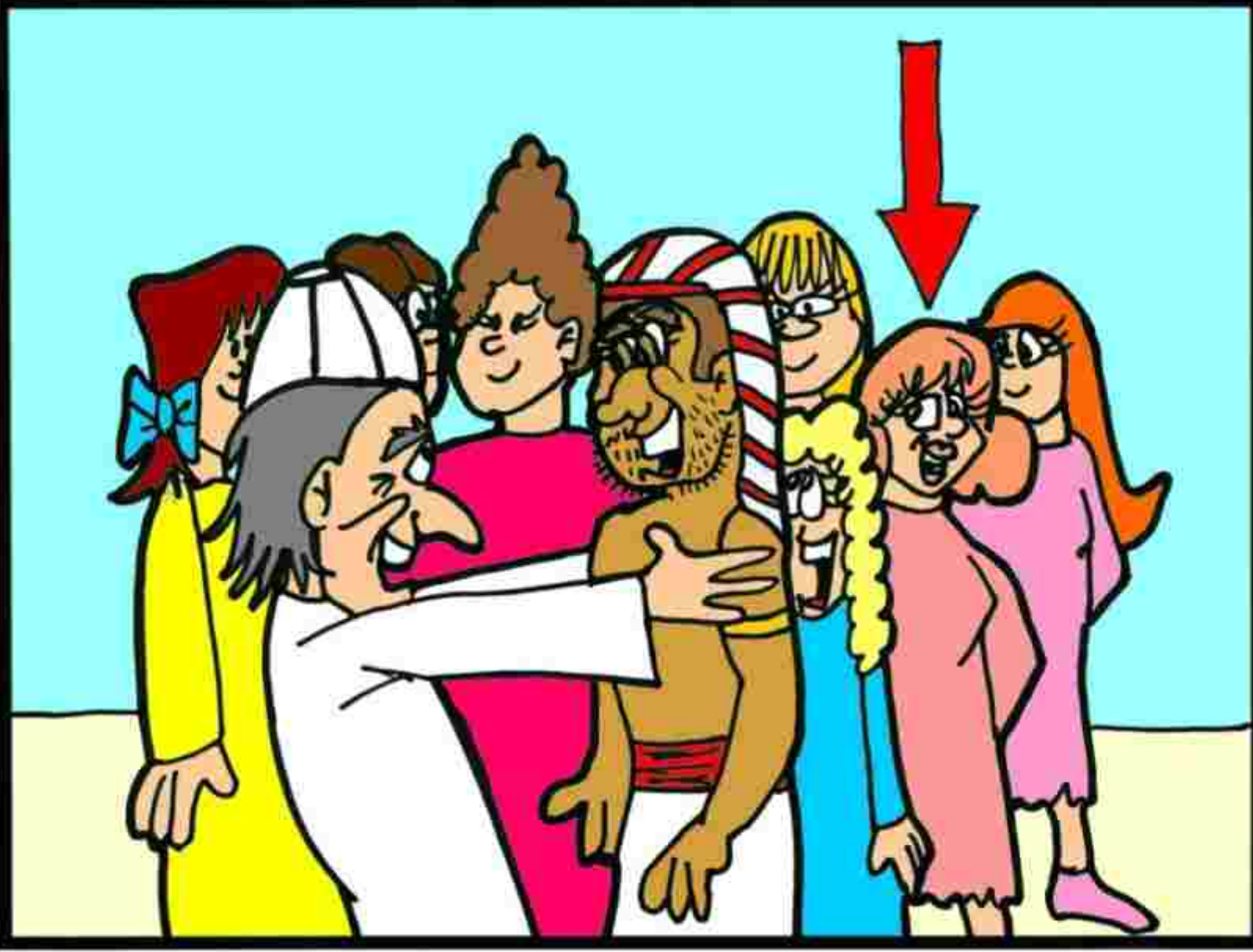
When Moses was grown, he went to see the Israelites at work and he saw an Egyptian beating an Israelite man. Moses looked both ways, then he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.



The next day Moses saw two Israelite men fighting. "Why are you hitting your friend?" asked Moses to the man who started the fight. "Who made you the boss over us? Are you going to kill me like you killed the Egyptian yesterday?" answered the nasty man.



Pharoah tried to kill Moses for what he had done, but Moses escaped to the land of Midian. He sat by a well and seven sisters came to water their sheep. Nasty shepherds pushed the women away. "Leave these ladies alone!" said Moses. Then Moses watered their sheep.



The seven sisters told their father about the nice man who helped them at the well. Their father invited Moses to come and stay with them. Moses married Ziphorah, one of the sisters and they had a baby boy named Gershom.



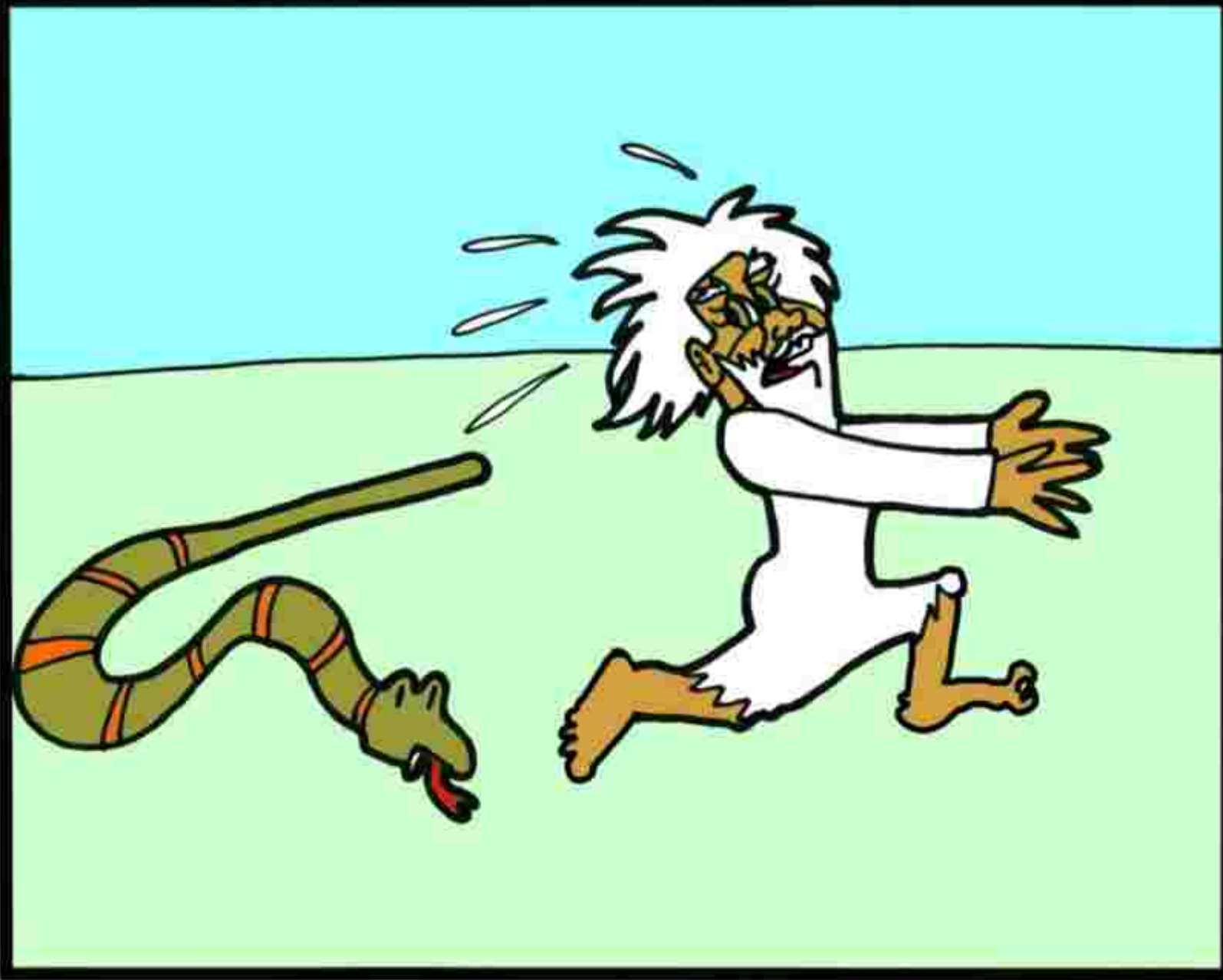
Forty years passed and one day while Moses was taking care of sheep in the desert, he saw a most unusual thing. A bush was on fire but it was not burning up. Moses came closer to the bush to check it out.



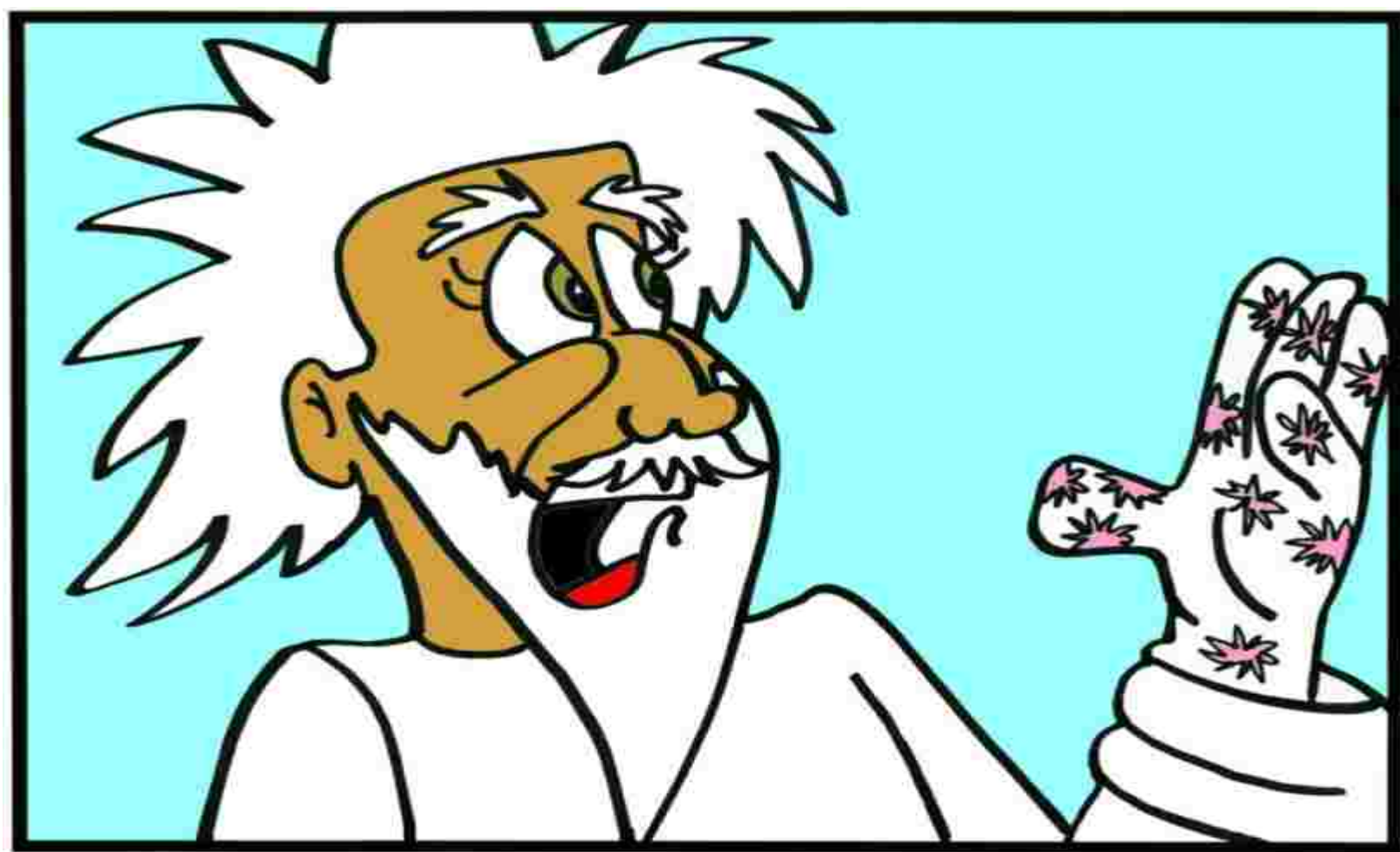
God called to him out of the bush. "Don't come close to this place. Take the sandals off of your feet because the ground you are standing on is holy." Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look upon God.



God said, "I have heard the cries of my people. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh and you will bring the people of Israel out of Egypt." "Who am I to go to Pharaoh? What if the people of Israel don't believe that you sent me?" asked Moses.



God told Moses to throw his rod on the ground and it became a snake. Moses ran away from it. When Moses grabbed the snake by the tail, it became a rod again.



"Now put your hand inside your clothes unto your chest," said God. When Moses brought his hand out, it was white with the leprosy disease. He put his hand back onto his chest and it came out normal. "If they don't believe these two miracles, then take water from the river, pour it on dry ground and the water will become blood," said God.



"Lord, I don't talk very good," pleaded Moses. God promised to give him the words and help him speak, but Moses still wasn't willing. "Your brother Aaron can do your talking. He is coming to see you," answered God. "Go back to Egypt. All the people are dead who were trying to kill you."



Lord, I thank you that whatever you call me to do, you will give me the ability to do it. Help me to step out in faith when I am young and when I am old.