

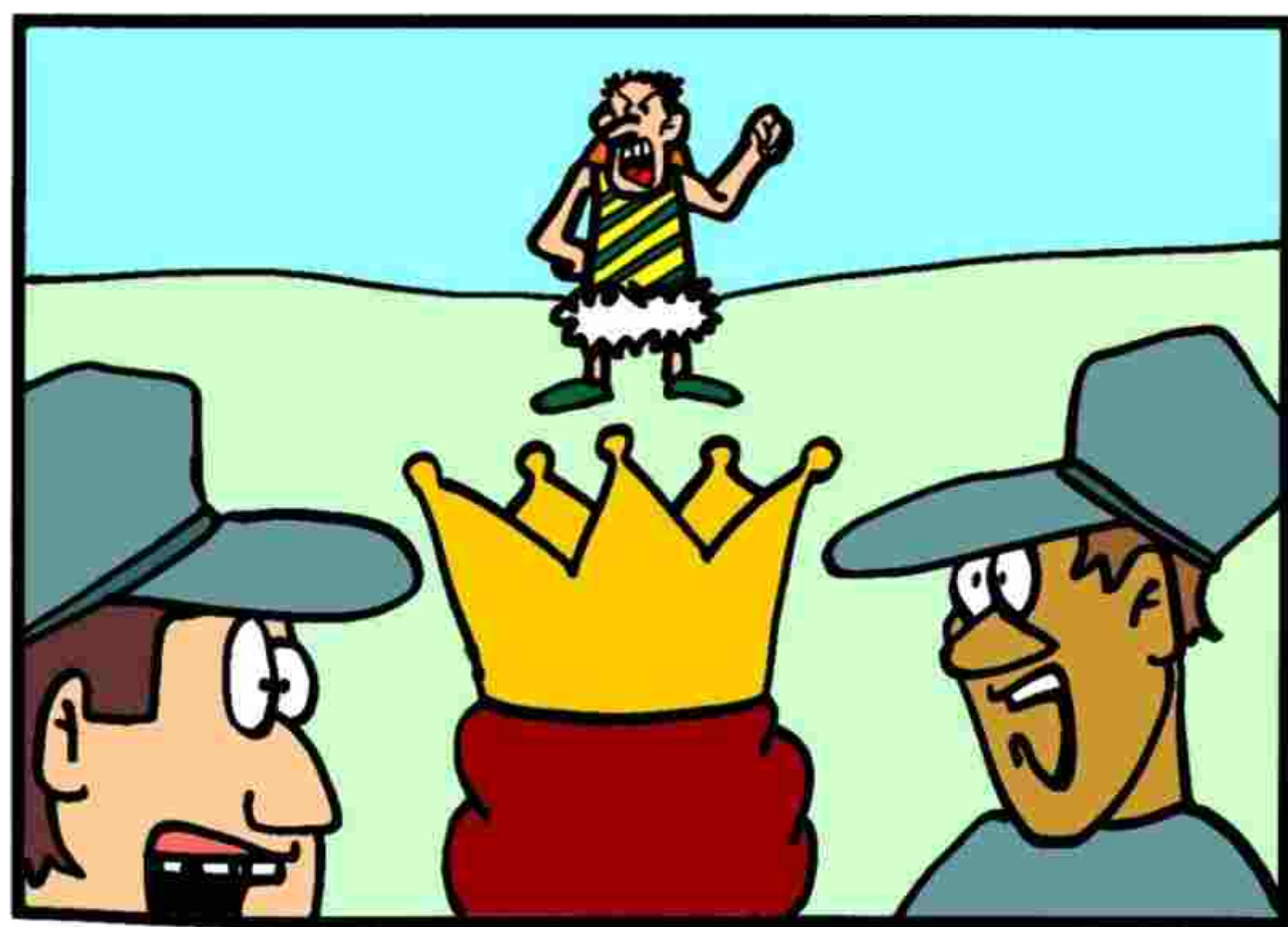
# Shimei Curses David

*(Based on 2 Samuel 16:5-13, 2  
Samuel 19:16-23, 1 Kings 2:36-46)*

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Now when King David had to leave Jerusalem because of Absalom's rebellion, a man named Shimei walked along the hillside and threw stones at King David.



Then he started yelling rude words to David. “Get out! Get out you bloody man, you man from the devil!” David’s men wanted to kill Shimei, but David would not let them.



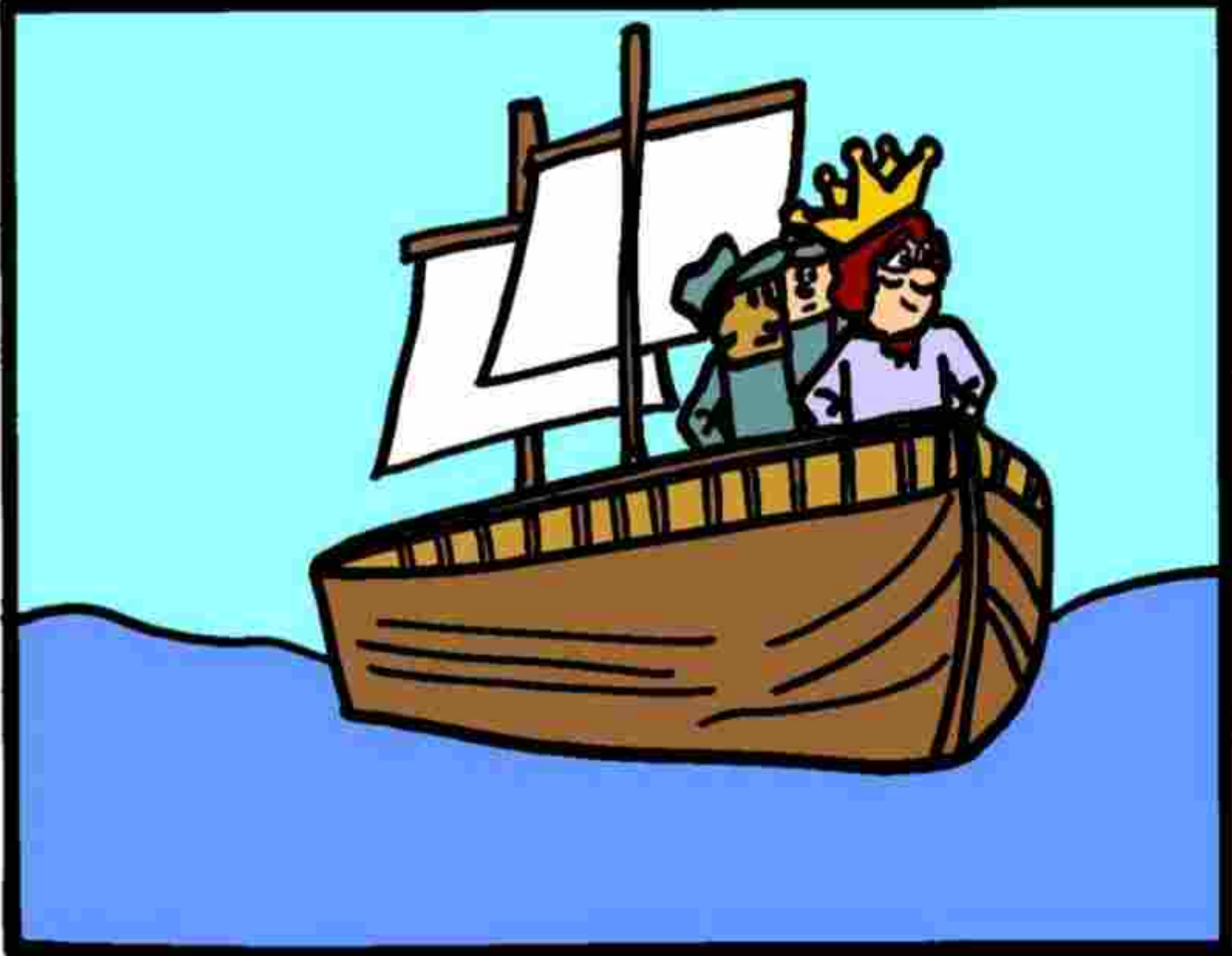
David knew the man. He was a relative of dead King Saul. He was angry because his family was not the royal family any more.



David decided to bite his tongue and not say anything back to the cussing man. "God is watching everything that is happening to me. I'm going to trust God," said David.



Quietly David and all the people that were with him walked. They went a long way until everyone was very tired. All that way Shimei yelled insults to King David and threw dust and stones at him.



Before long the rebellion was over and King David crossed the river on a ferry to return to his palace.



Shimei was one of the people who came to meet him. "Oh King David, please forgive me for all those bad things I said. I sinned really badly that day." He knew he was in trouble.





David's men wanted to kill him. "I know I'm the king and you know I'm the king. I promise I won't have you killed," said David to Shimei.



David didn't kill Shimei, but he did not forget about him either. Before he died he warned his son King Solomon, "Don't let Shimei go unpunished for all the bad things that he did to me."



Young King Solomon ordered Shimei to come and see him. "I want you to build a house here in Jerusalem and if you ever leave Jerusalem, you will surely die." Shimei agreed and moved to Jerusalem.



One day, three years later, Shimei forgot his promise to King Solomon and Shimei left town to search for his runaway slaves. As soon as he returned he was put to death.



Lord, help me to have self-control like King David when others say bad things about me.