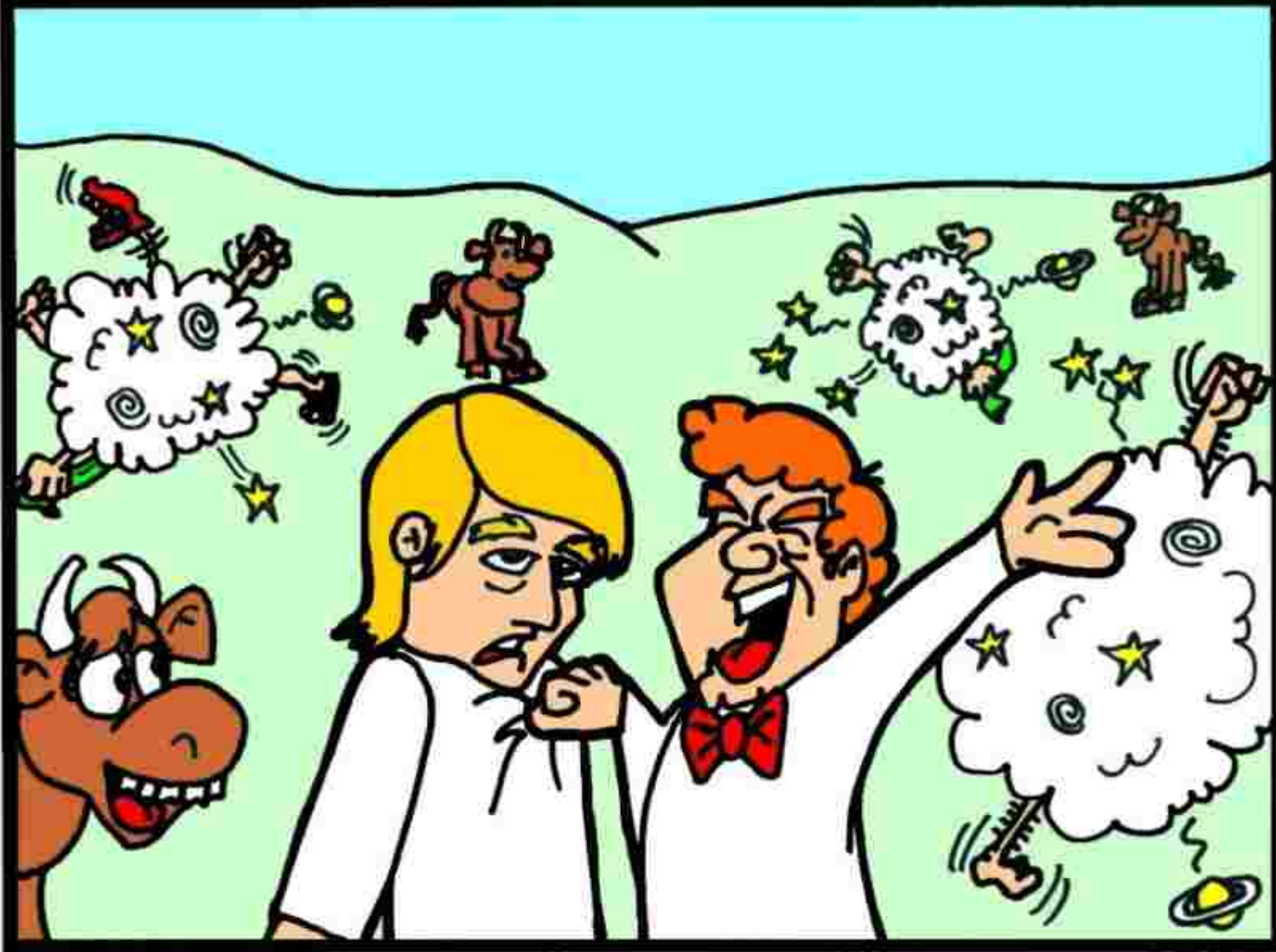


Sodom and Gomorrah

*(Based on Genesis 13:5-13, 18:16-33, 19:1-30,
Ezekiel 16:49)*

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Both Abraham and his nephew Lot had many animals and there was not enough land to feed them. Abraham and Lot's helpers began to fight with each other.



"Lot!" said Abraham. "Let there be no fighting between us. We are family!" Abraham lived in his tent, in the field but Lot moved to the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. It had the greenest grass, but the people did bad things. The people of Sodom were full of pride and food. They had too much idle time and instead of helping the poor and needy, they used their time to do all kinds of evil things. 13-03



One day the Lord appeared to Abraham with two angels, who looked like men. The Lord said, "I hear bad things about Sodom and Gomorrah." The Lord sent the two angels to the cities, but Abraham stood with the Lord.



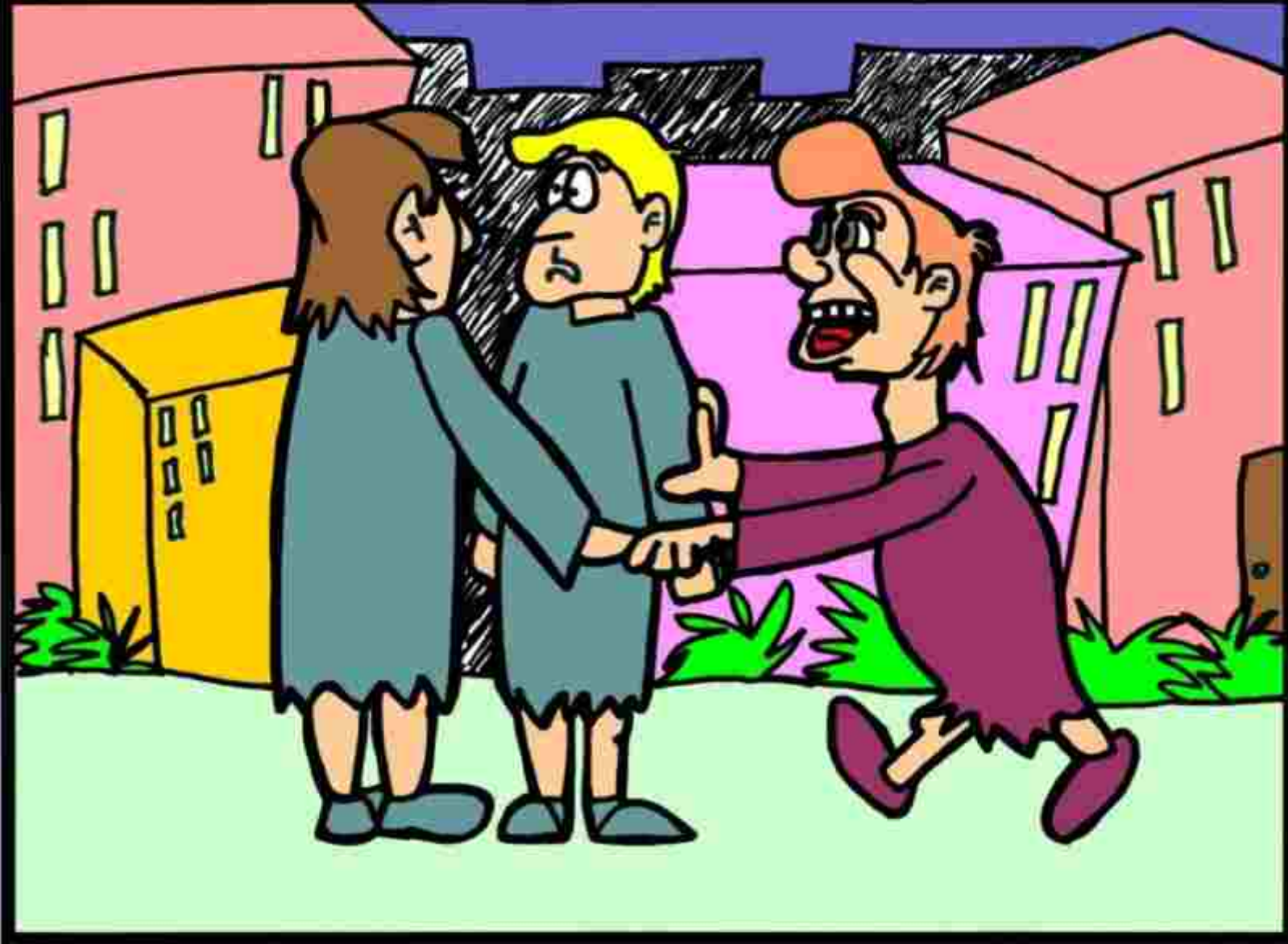
"What if there are fifty good people in the city?" asked Abraham. "This is not like you to kill good people with bad people." The Lord answered, "If I find fifty good people in the city then I will let the city be."



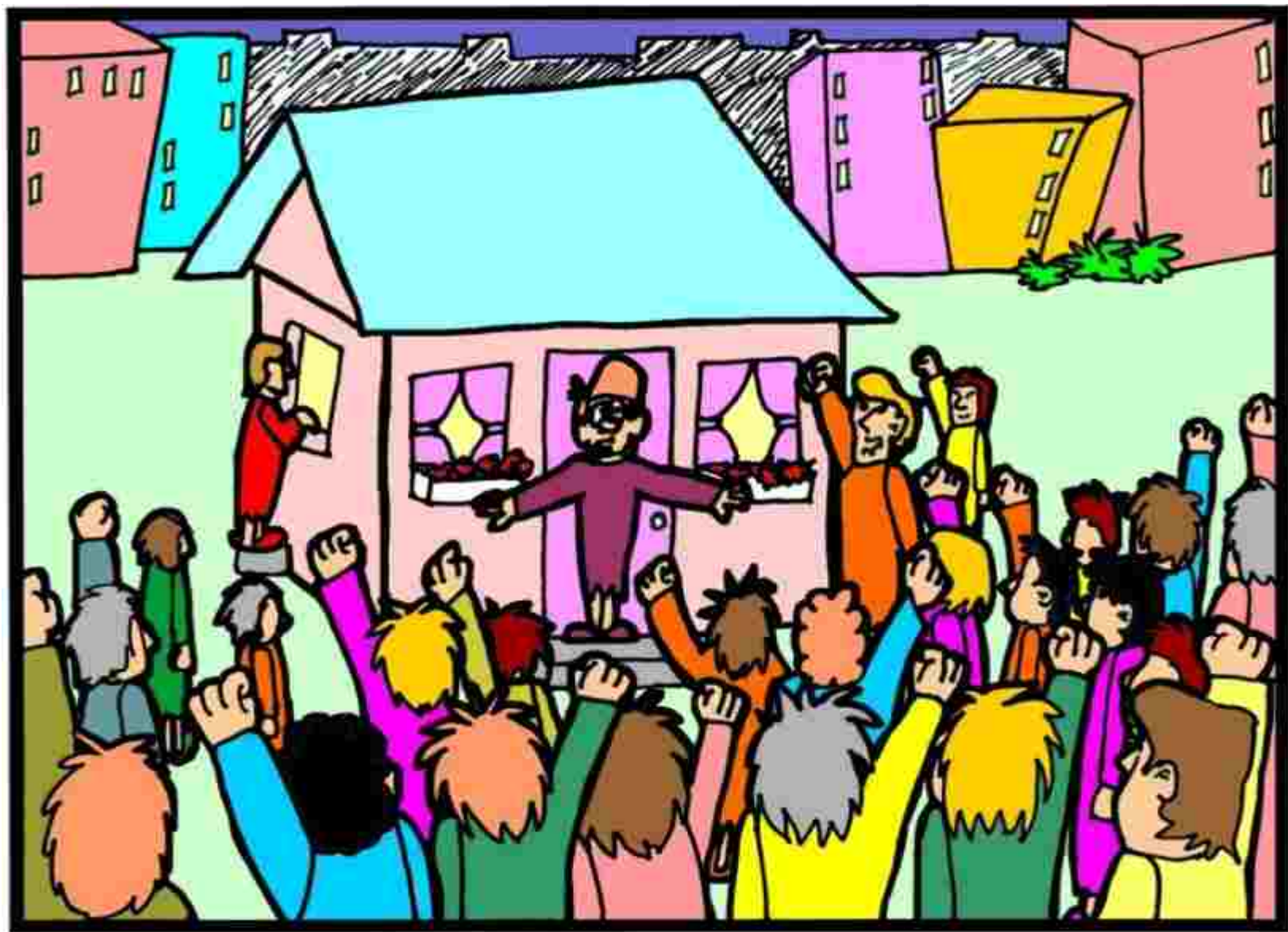
"What if there are only forty-five good people?" asked Abraham. "If I find forty-five good people I will not destroy it," answered God. "What about forty good people?" asked Abraham. "I will not do for forty good people," answered God.



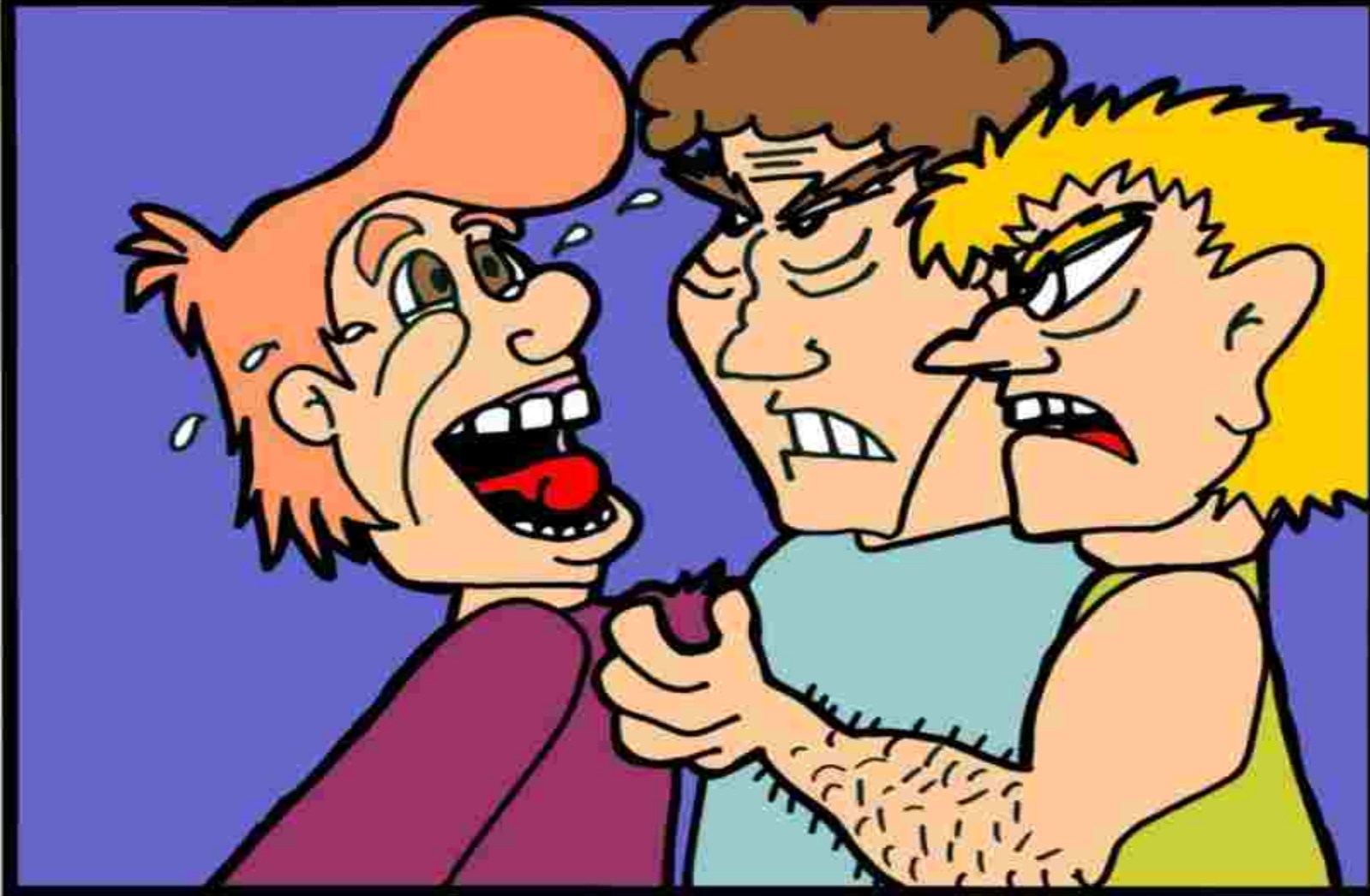
"Don't be angry with me Lord, but what if there are only thirty?" Asked Abraham. "I will not do it if I find thirty," answered God. "Twenty?" asked Abraham. "Won't do it," answered God. "This is the last time. Ten?" answered Abraham. "I will not destroy it if I find ten there," answered God.



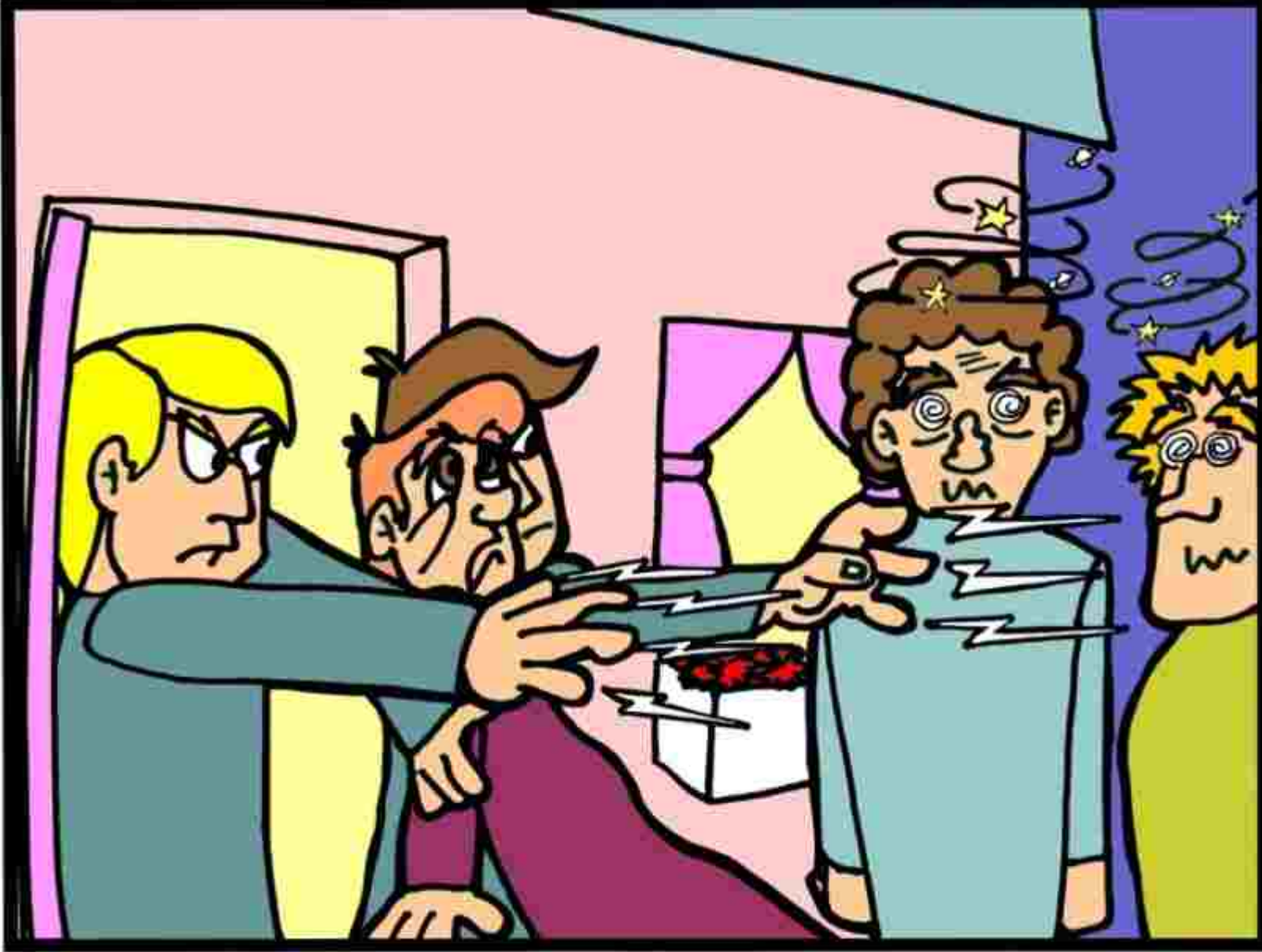
The angels arrived at the cities of Sodom of Gomorrah that evening and Lot invited them to spend the night at his house. "No, we will spend the night in the town square," answered the angels. Lot begged them to come to his house, and they did.



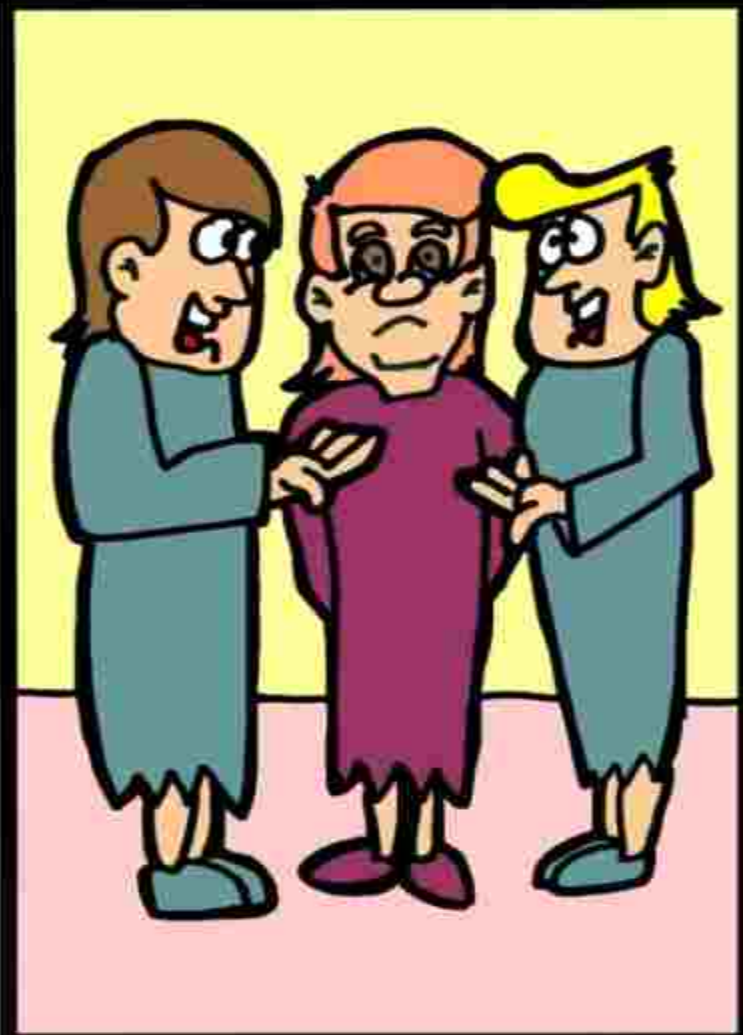
All the men of the city surrounded Lot's house. "Bring out your visitors so that we can molest them!" they said. Lot stepped outside and shut the door behind him. "Please my brothers, don't do such an evil thing!" he said.



"Stand back!" said the men. "This guy came to our town for a little visit and now he keeps acting like our judge! Now we are going to do worse to you than what we were going to do to your visitors!"



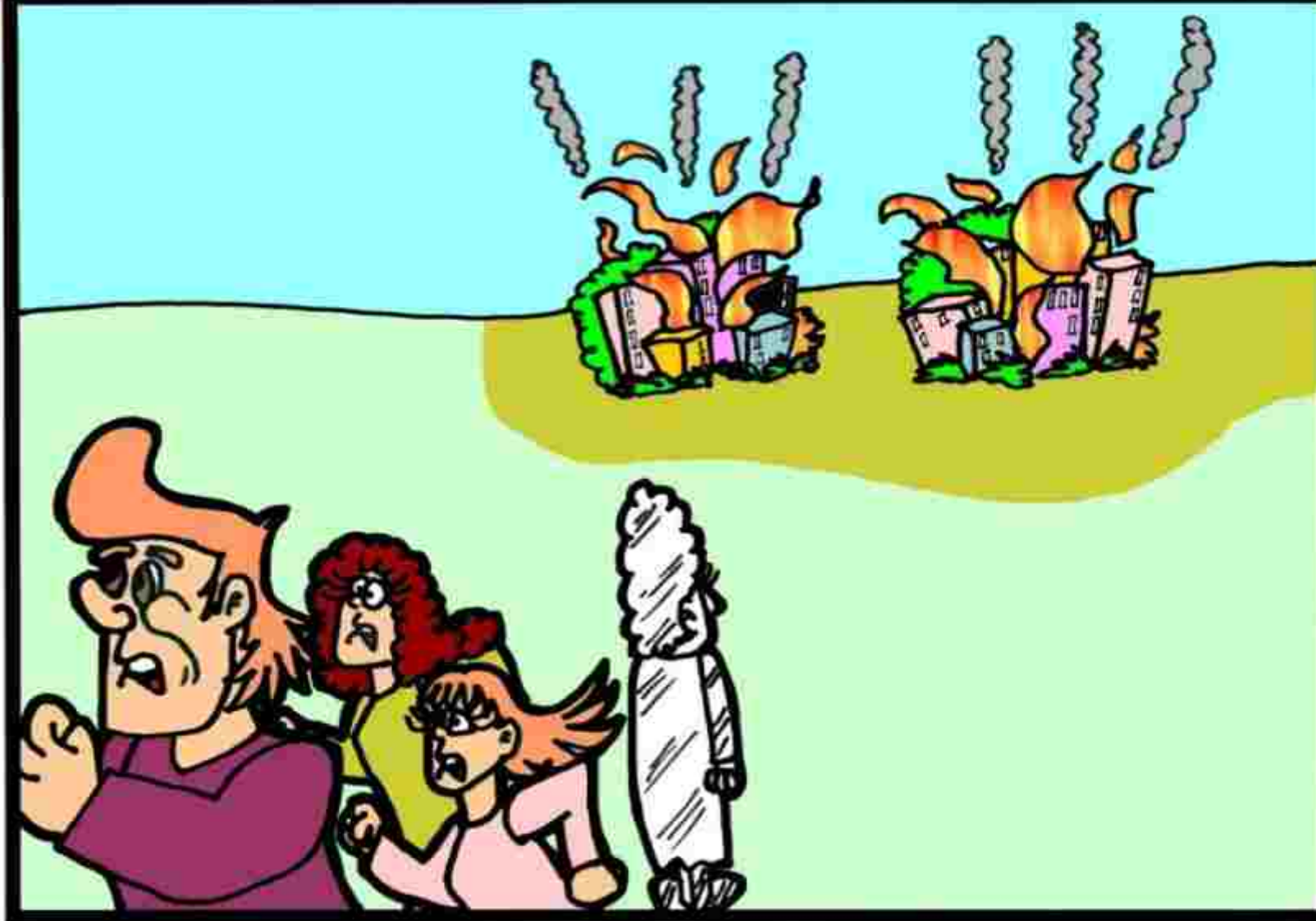
The angels pulled Lot into the house and shut the door. Then they struck the men at the door with blindness. The men tired themselves out, staggering around trying to find the door.



“Lot, whatever family you have in this city, take them out!” said the angels. “The Lord sent us to destroy this place.” Lot ran to speak to the men who had married his daughters. “Come quickly! We have to get out of this city. The Lord is going to destroy it!” “Ha ha ha,” laughed his sons-in-law. “What a funny joke!” they said.



The sun began to rise in the morning and while Lot was dilly-dallying the angels grabbed hold of him, his wife and daughters and they brought them outside of the city. "Escape for your lives and don't look back!" commanded the angels.



The Lord rained fire and brimstone down from heaven onto Sodom and Gomorrah. Lot's wife looked back and she became a pillar of salt.



Lord, help me remember what happened to Lot's wife and to always choose friends who do good things. Help me to remember how Abraham prayed and prayed, and that I should not give up on people because you want to save them.