

Wisemen Visit

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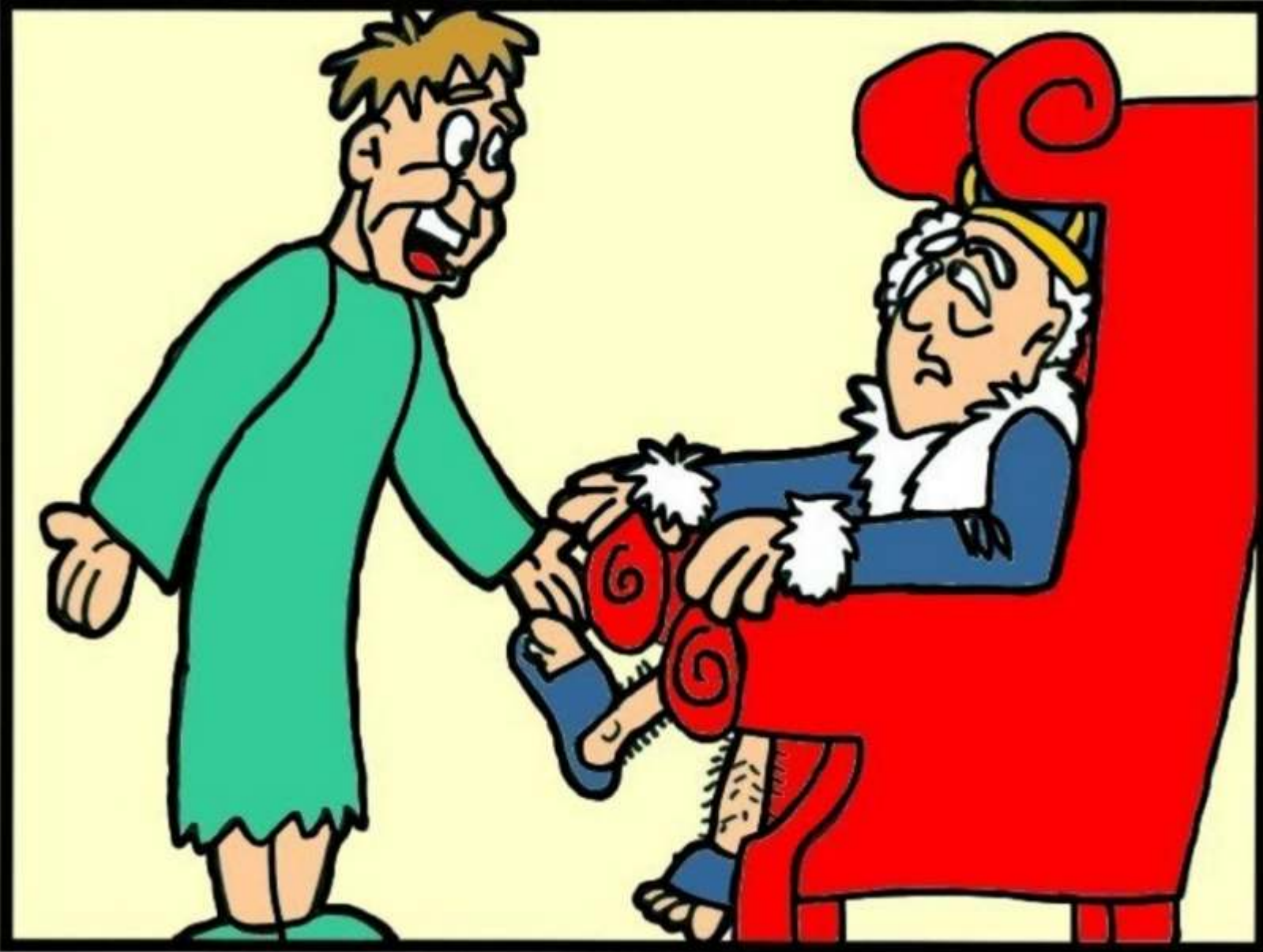
"Excuse me mister", said the strangers. "Where is the one that is born the King of the Jews?"
"Huh?", answered the people.



"We saw his star in the east," continued the strangers. "And we have come all the way here to worship him!" "We don't know what you're talking about!" answered the residents of Jerusalem.



No one in Jerusalem seemed to know about the new baby king or about his star in the east. "There's a new baby king? I don't know anything about it?" said one. "I didn't see a star. Did you see a star?" said another.



Soon news about the strangers reached King Herod. "Hey King Herod, there are men from some country east of here and they are looking for the King of the Jews who they say was just born. They have been following his star and they came here because they want to worship him!" said the messenger.



"King of the Jews!" gasped King Herod. This was NOT happy news to King Herod. "Bring me the priests and scribes!"



"Priests and scribes, tell me, where is the Messiah supposed to be born?" demanded King Herod. "The answer is Bethlehem," said the scribes.



King Herod called the wisemen. "When did this star appear? Go to a little town called Bethlehem. Search for him carefully and when you have found him, send a message to me telling me where he is, so that I can come and worship him too."



The wisemen began their journey toward Bethlehem. "Hey!" said one of them. "Look! The star we saw in the east is moving ahead of us!" Suddenly the star stopped. The wisemen rejoiced with exceeding great joy."



The wisemen entered into the house. They worshiped Jesus and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. "Wisemen," said God in a dream. "Don't go back to see Herod." So they went home another way.



“Joseph get up,” said an angel in a dream. “Take the young child and his mom and run to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you to come home again. King Herod will look for the young child to kill him.”



In the middle of the night Joseph, Mary and Jesus escaped to live in the country of Egypt.



Meanwhile back in Jerusalem, “Kill him!” shouted Wicked King Herod. “Kill ‘em all! Kill all the boys two years old and under in and around Bethlehem!” Later when King Herod was dead Joseph returned to the town of Nazareth.



Lord help me to remember that you are watching over me, just like you took care of Jesus.