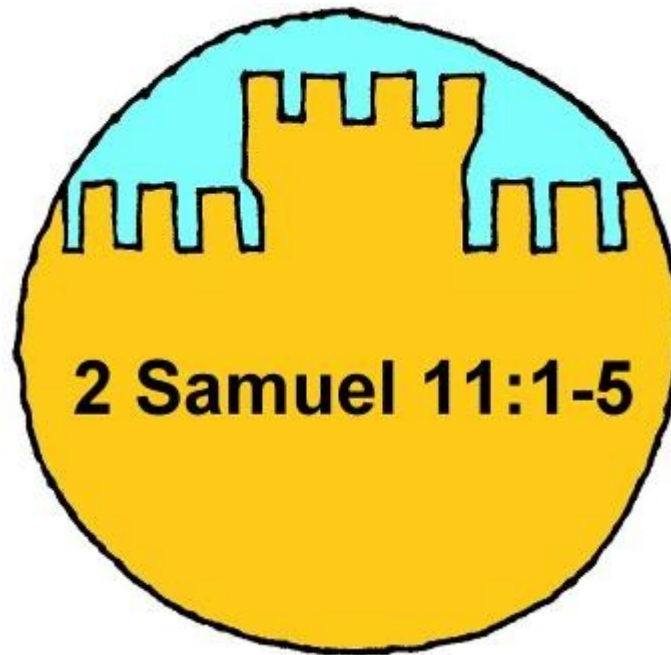
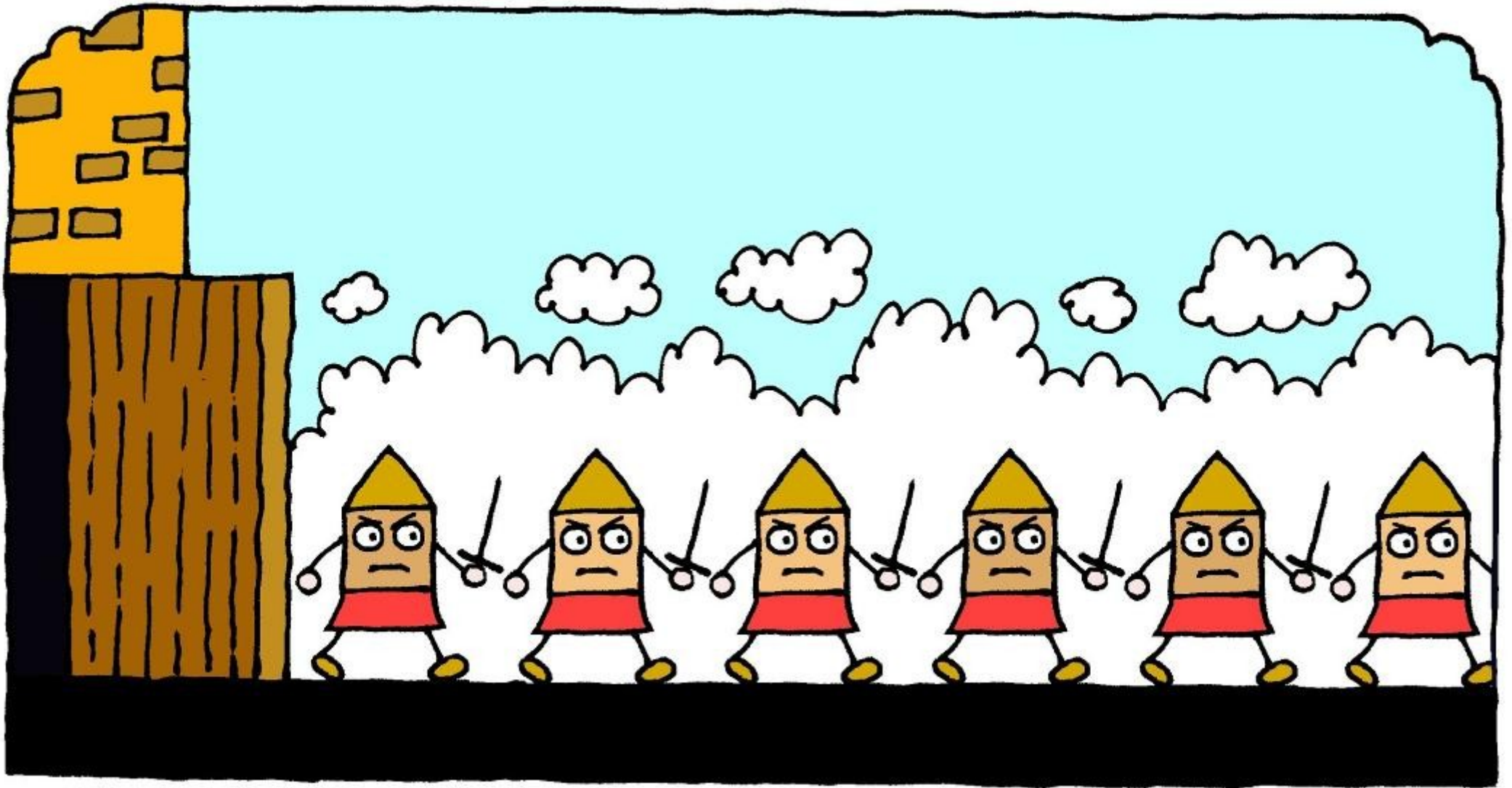


David And Bathsheba

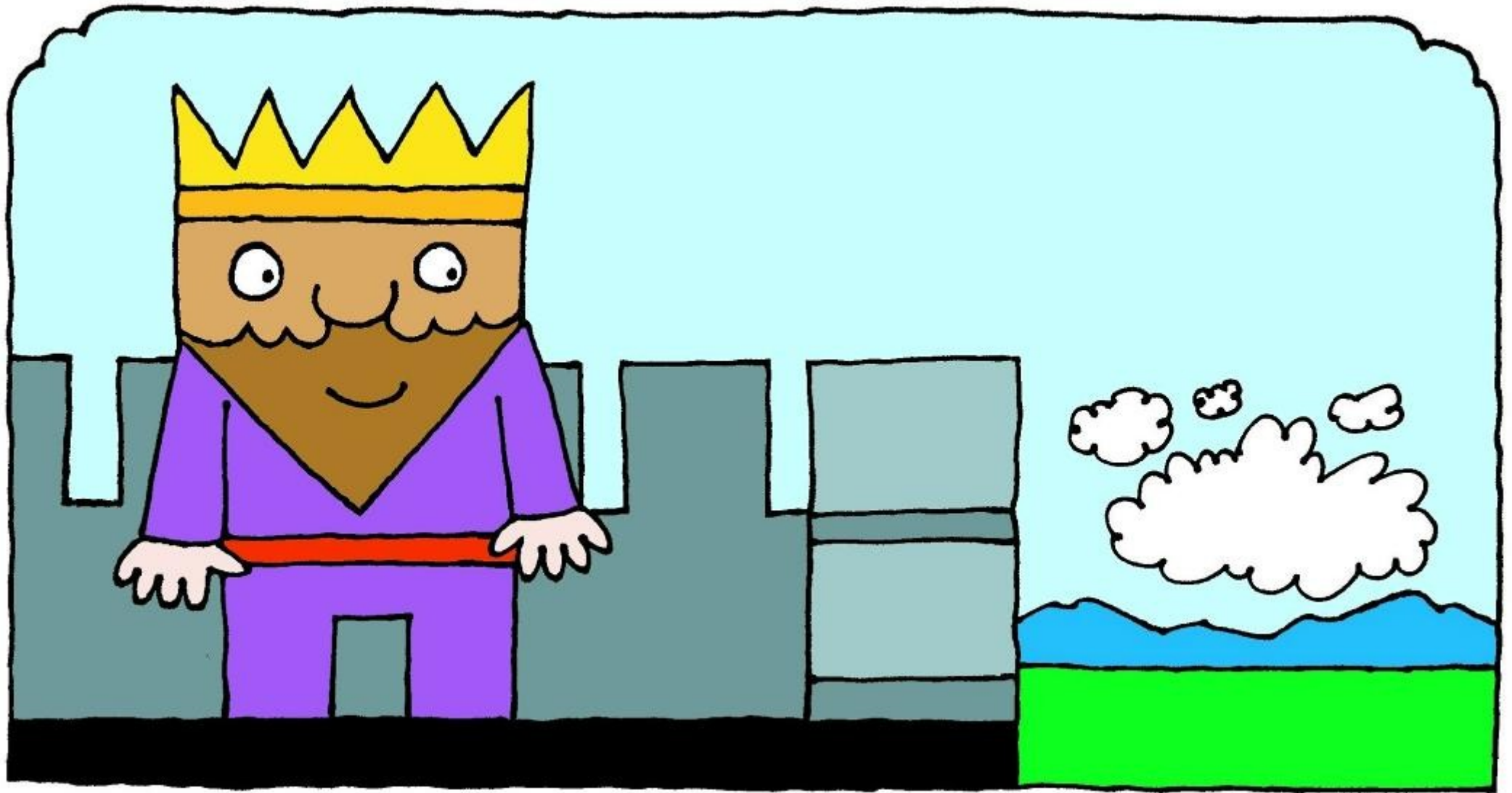
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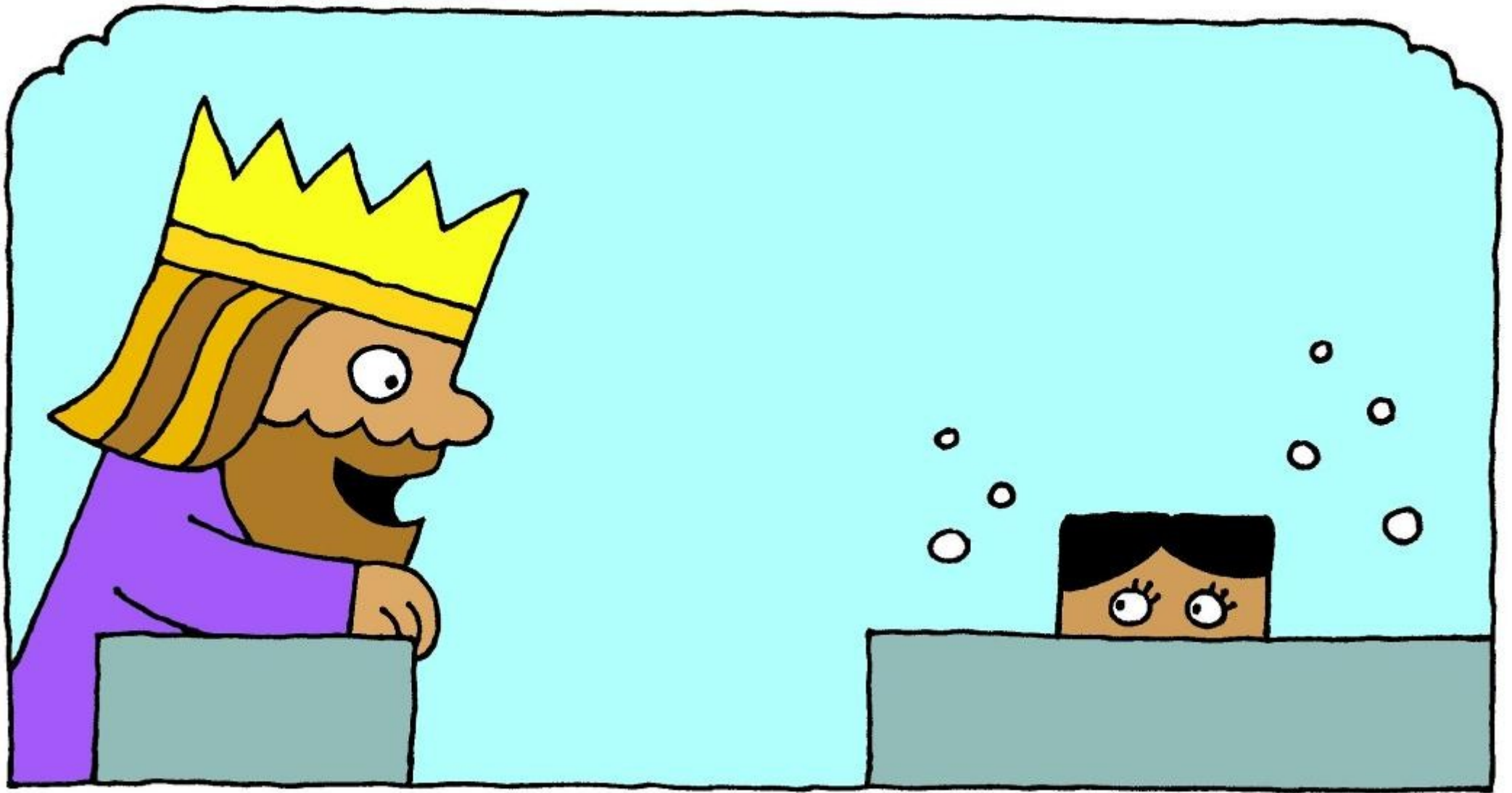




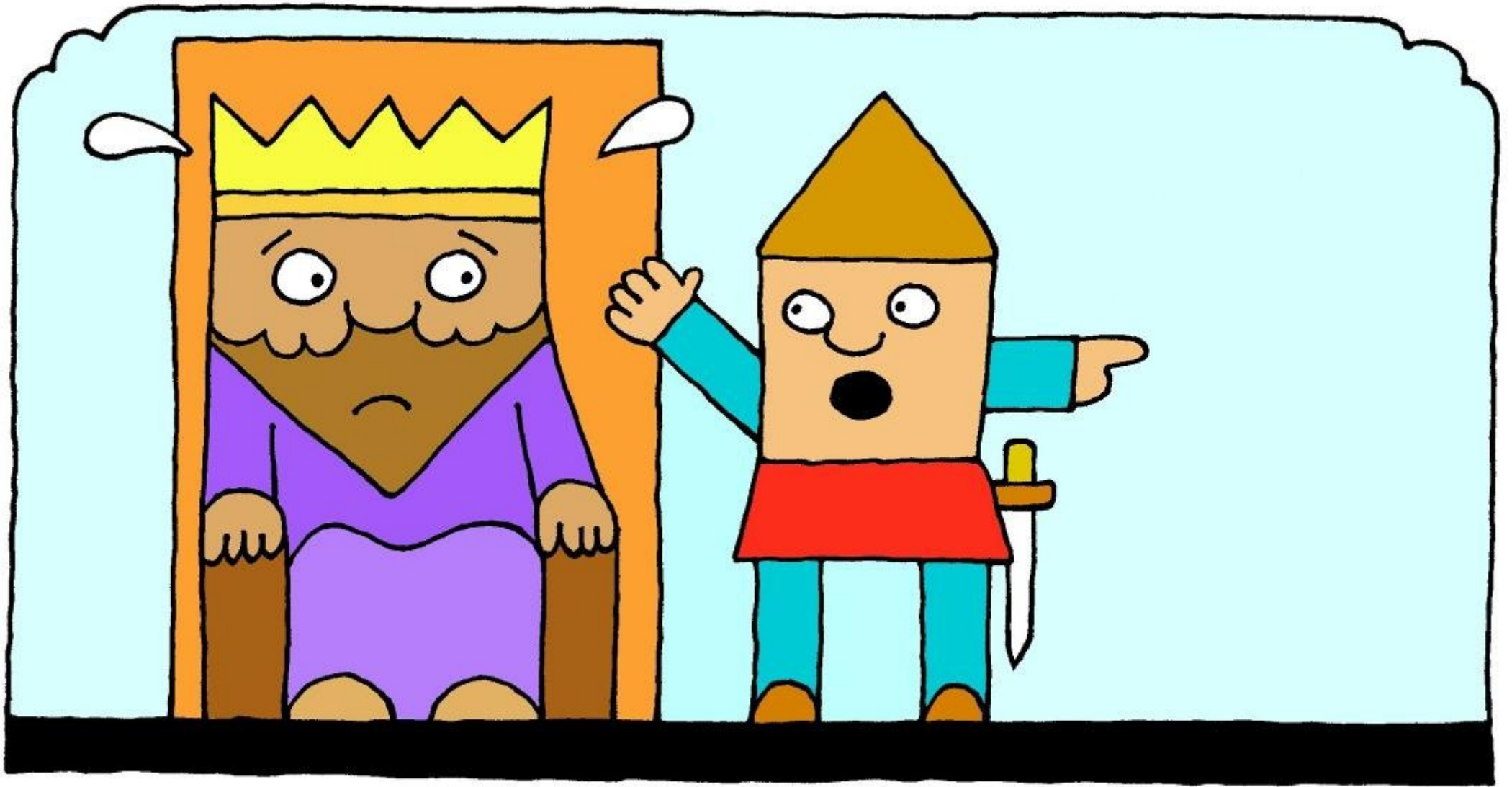
Every year, when the weather got warm again after winter, King David sent his soldiers off to fight their enemies.



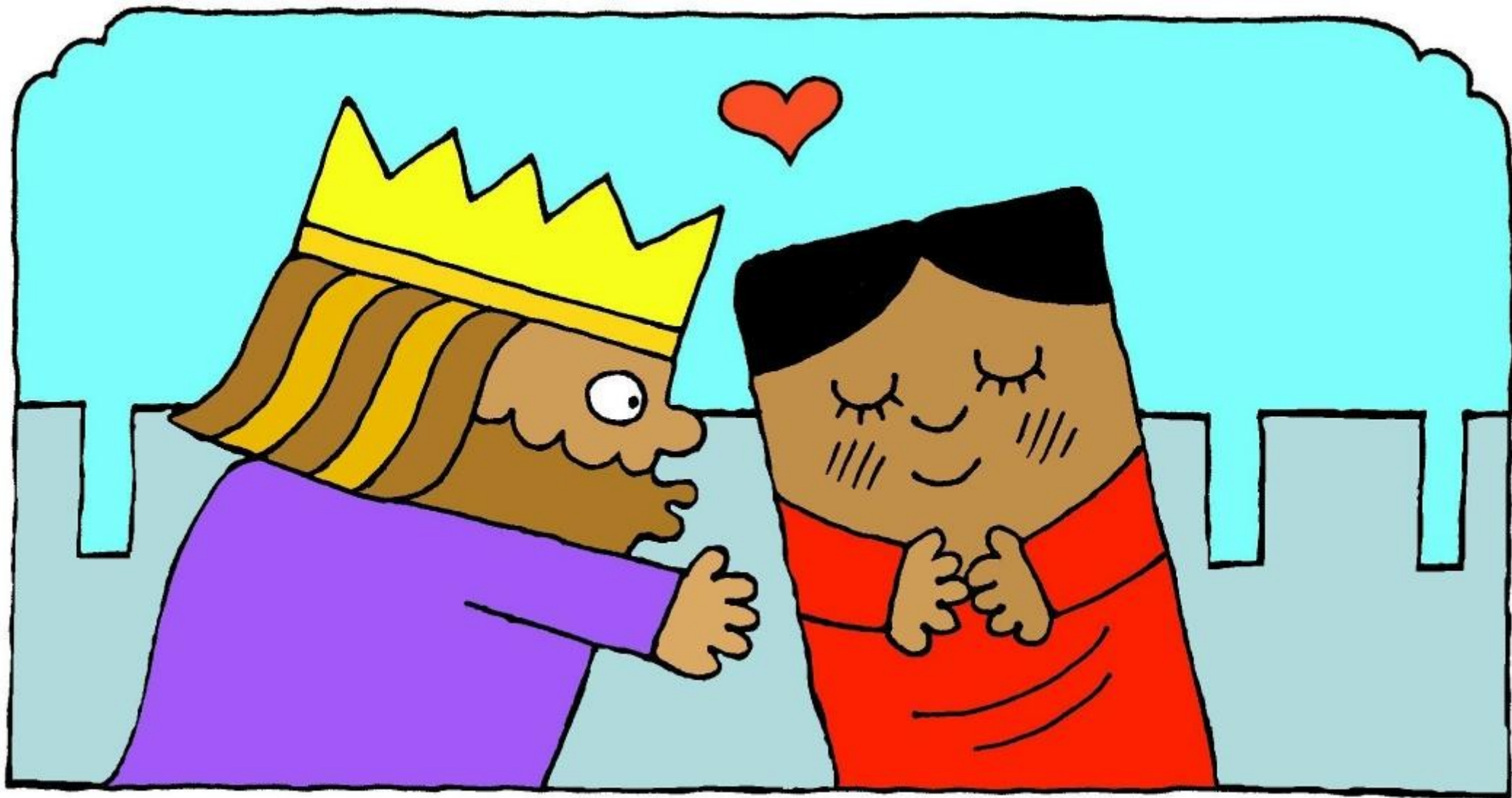
But, this time, he stayed home.
King David lazed about all day and
in the evening got up off his bed
and took a walk on his roof terrace.



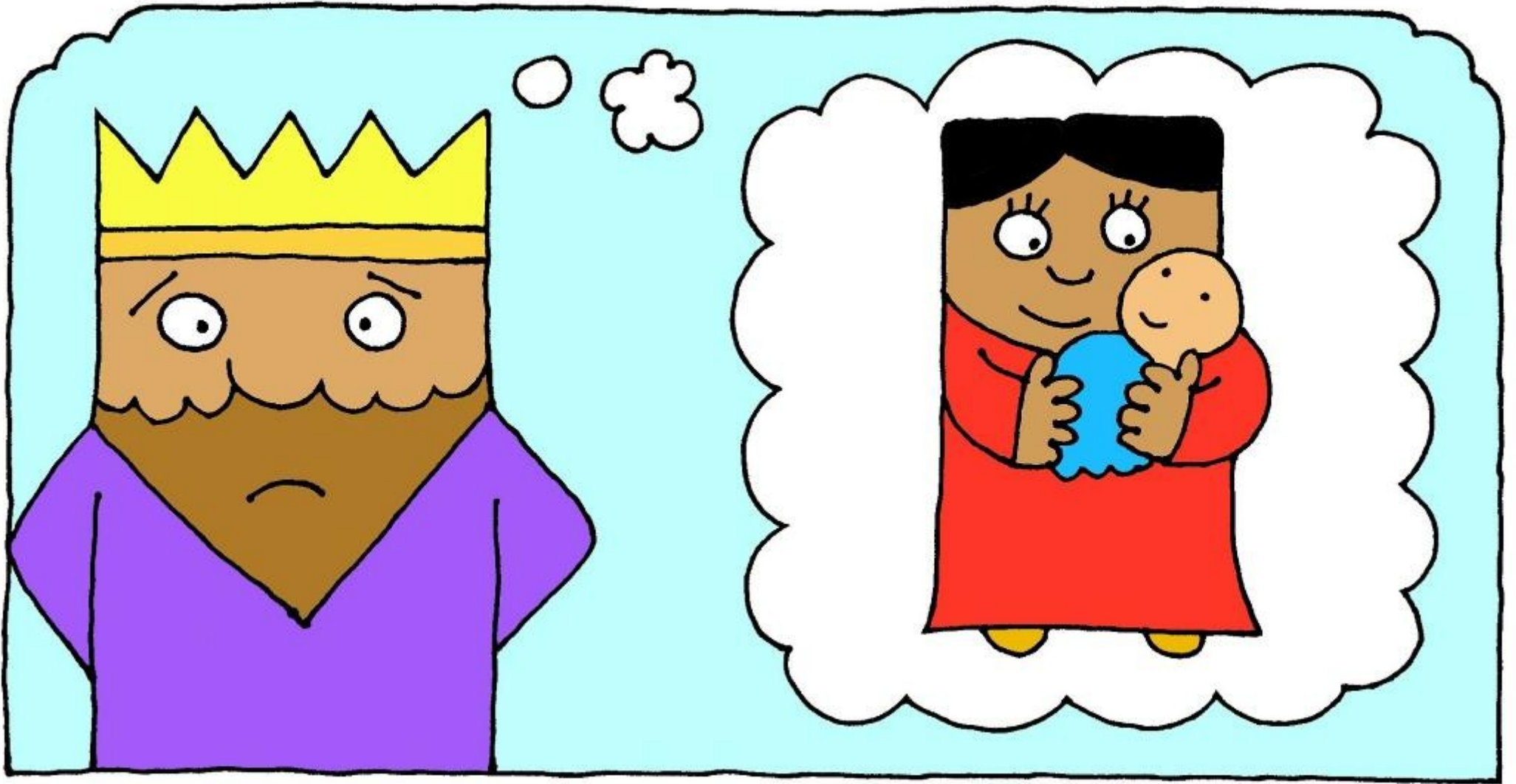
As he looked over the city
he saw a very beautiful
young girl washing herself,
on another terrace, nearby.



King David couldn't stop thinking about her and sent his servant to find out who she was. "She is Bathsheba, wife of Uriah the Hittite, a soldier away fighting in the army," he said.



King David sent for beautiful Bathsheba
and spent time alone with her.
They fell in love, while her own
husband was away fighting for the king.



A few weeks after Bathsheba
had returned back home,
King David got a message to say
that she was expecting his baby.



Now everyone would know that he
had taken another man's wife.
King David made a plan to cover up
what he had done. But God knew.