

CHAPTER 3

MOSES

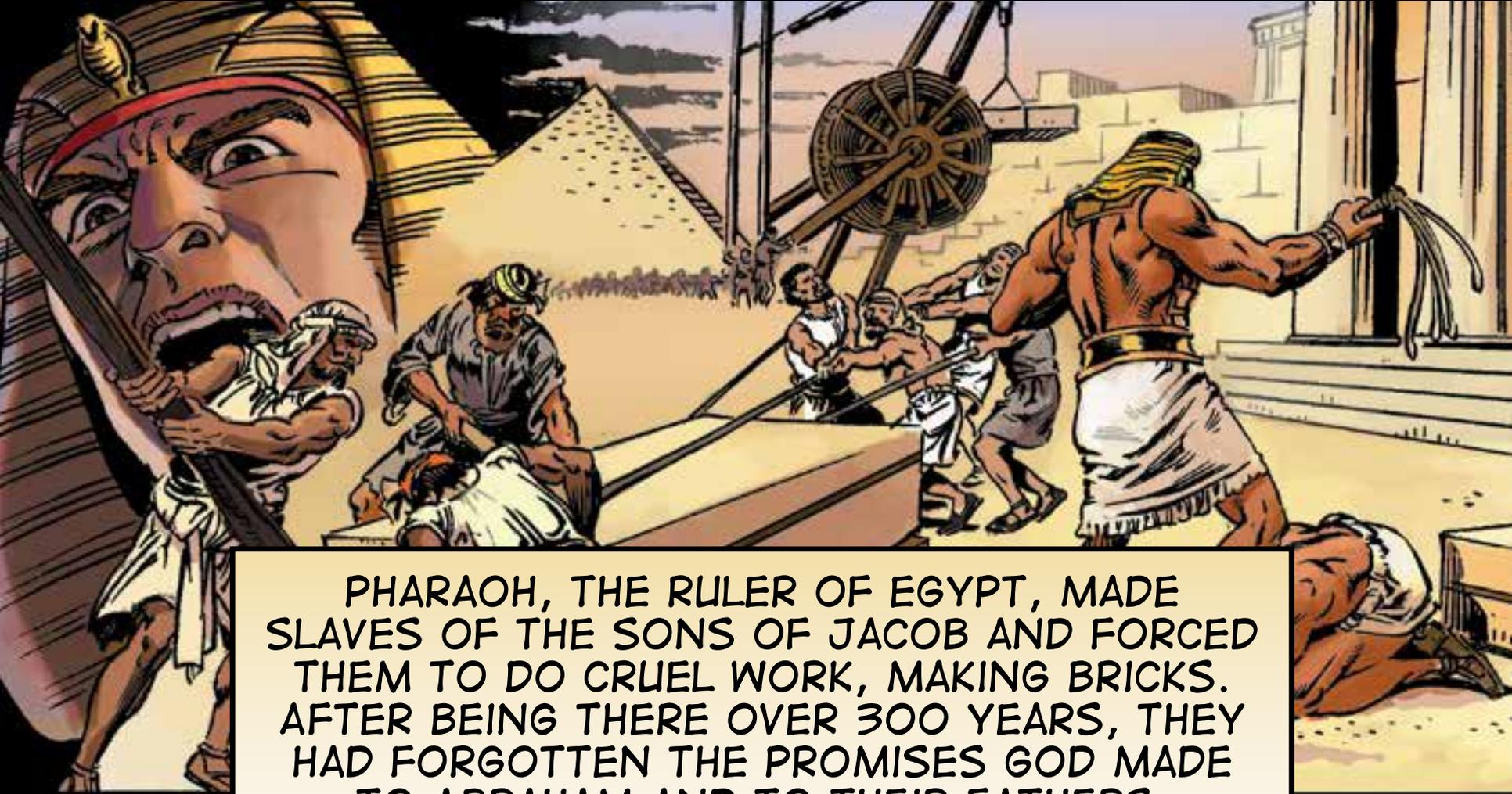
1706 B.C.

DURING A FAMINE, JACOB, WHO WAS ABRAHAM'S GRANDSON, TOOK HIS TWELVE SONS AND ALL THEIR CHILDREN AND SERVANTS DOWN TO EGYPT TO LIVE. IN EGYPT THEY MULTIPLIED LIKE THE DUST OF THE EARTH.



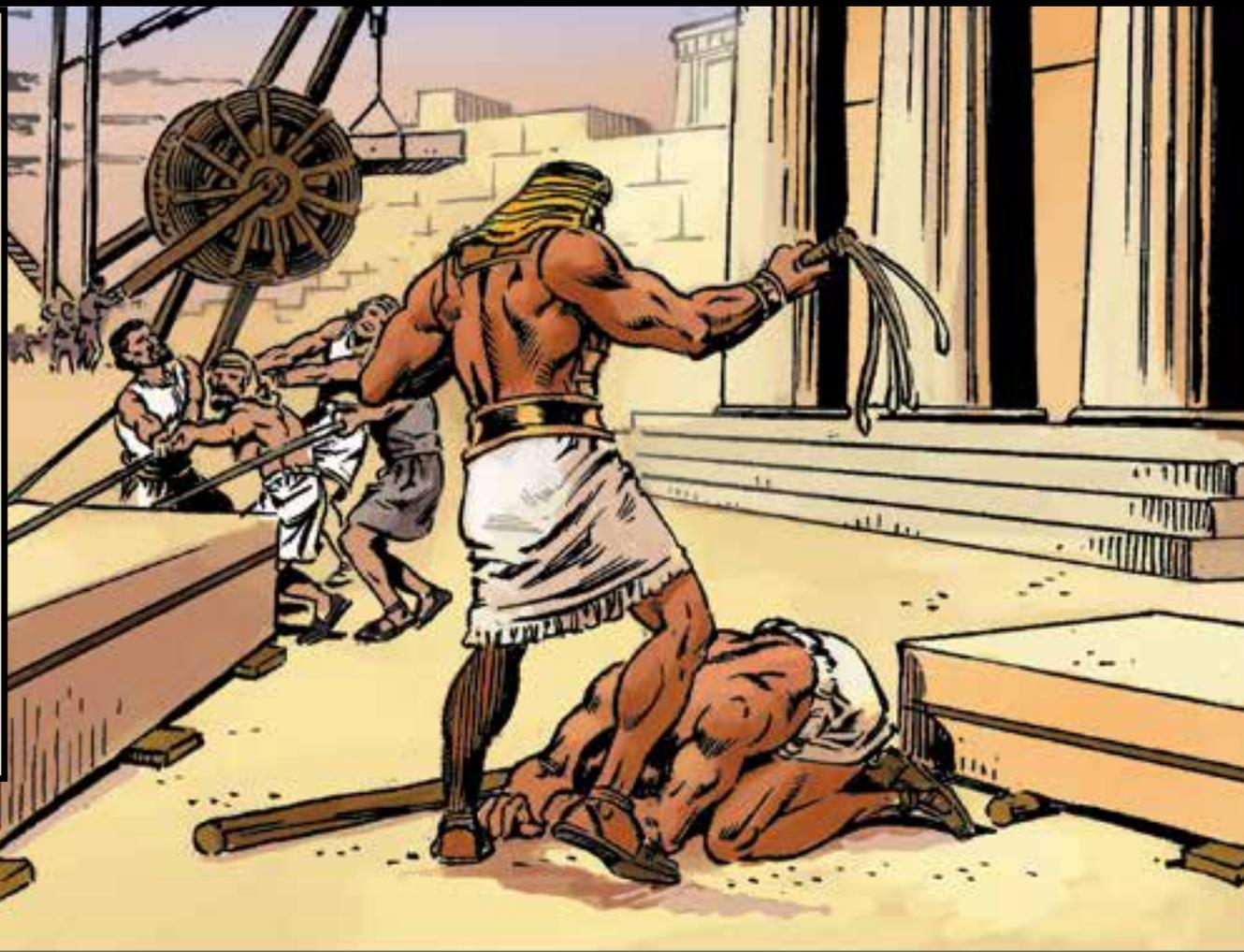


SOON THE SONS OF JACOB, WHOSE NAME WAS CHANGED TO ISRAEL, OUTNUMBERED THE EGYPTIANS.



PHARAOH, THE RULER OF EGYPT, MADE SLAVES OF THE SONS OF JACOB AND FORCED THEM TO DO CRUEL WORK, MAKING BRICKS. AFTER BEING THERE OVER 300 YEARS, THEY HAD FORGOTTEN THE PROMISES GOD MADE TO ABRAHAM AND TO THEIR FATHERS.

GOD HAD TOLD ABRAHAM THAT HIS PEOPLE WOULD GO DOWN TO A STRANGE LAND AND BE SERVANTS THERE. HE ALSO PROMISED THAT AFTER 400 YEARS HE WOULD JUDGE THAT NATION AND BRING HIS PEOPLE BACK INTO THE LAND OF PROMISE.





I TELL YOU IT'S TRUE! PHARAOH
FEARS WE ARE BECOMING TOO MANY.
HE IS KILLING ALL THE BABIES. THE
EGYPTIANS ARE WEAK AND LAZY. OUR
MEN ARE STRONG FROM HARD
WORK. THEY ARE AFRAID
OF US.

THEY ARE
NOT GOING TO KILL
MY BABY. GOD WILL
PROTECT HIM.

HA! WHAT CAN
GOD DO AGAINST
THE MIGHT OF
PHARAOH?



**NO! NOT
MY BABY.
YOU CAN'T
DO THIS.**

**PHARAOH, FEARING THAT THE
JEWS WERE BECOMING TOO
MANY, DECIDED TO KILL ALL
THE NEWBORN MALES.**

GENESIS 46:5-7; EXODUS 1:1-12, 22



BUT MOTHER,
WHAT WILL I TELL
THE SOLDIERS AND
THE NEIGHBORS
WHEN THEY ASK
WHERE OUR
BABY IS?

YOU WILL
JUST TELL
THEM THE
TRUTH. HIS
OWN MOTHER
THREW HIM
INTO THE
RIVER SO THE
SOLDIERS
WOULDN'T
DO IT.

APPROXIMATELY 1525 B.C.



MOTHER,
ARE YOU SURE
IT WON'T
LEAK?

IT IS
COATED
WITH TAR. IT
WILL FLOAT.



WILL WE EVER
SEE LITTLE BROTHER
AGAIN? OH, THOSE
MEAN EGYPTIANS!

GOD WILL
PROTECT HIM.
YOU STAY CLOSE
BY AND WATCH.

PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER CAME
TO THE RIVER TO BATHE.



LOOK! THERE IS A
CRYING SOUND COMING
FROM THAT BASKET!



HE MAY
BE ONE
OF THE
HEBREW
BABIES.

OH,
ISN'T HE
CUTE?

HE
MUST BE
HUNGRY.



I WOULD
KEEP HIM IF
I COULD FIND
SOMEONE WHO
COULD NURSE
HIM.

THERE IS ONE
OF THOSE HEBREW
CHILDREN. MAYBE SHE
KNOWS SOMEONE
WHO COULD NURSE
HIM.



I WILL GO
SEE IF I CAN FIND
SOMEONE WHO COULD
NURSE HIM. I KNOW OF A
HEBREW WOMAN WHOSE
BABY WAS THROWN IN
THE RIVER. SHE STILL
HAS PLENTY
OF MILK.

EXODUS 2:3-9

YOU HAD
NO CHOICE. YOU
COULDN'T HIDE HIM
FOREVER. SOONER OR
LATER THE SOLDIERS
WOULD FIND HIM AND
KILL HIM. YOU JUST
HAVE TO KEEP
TRUSTING GOD.

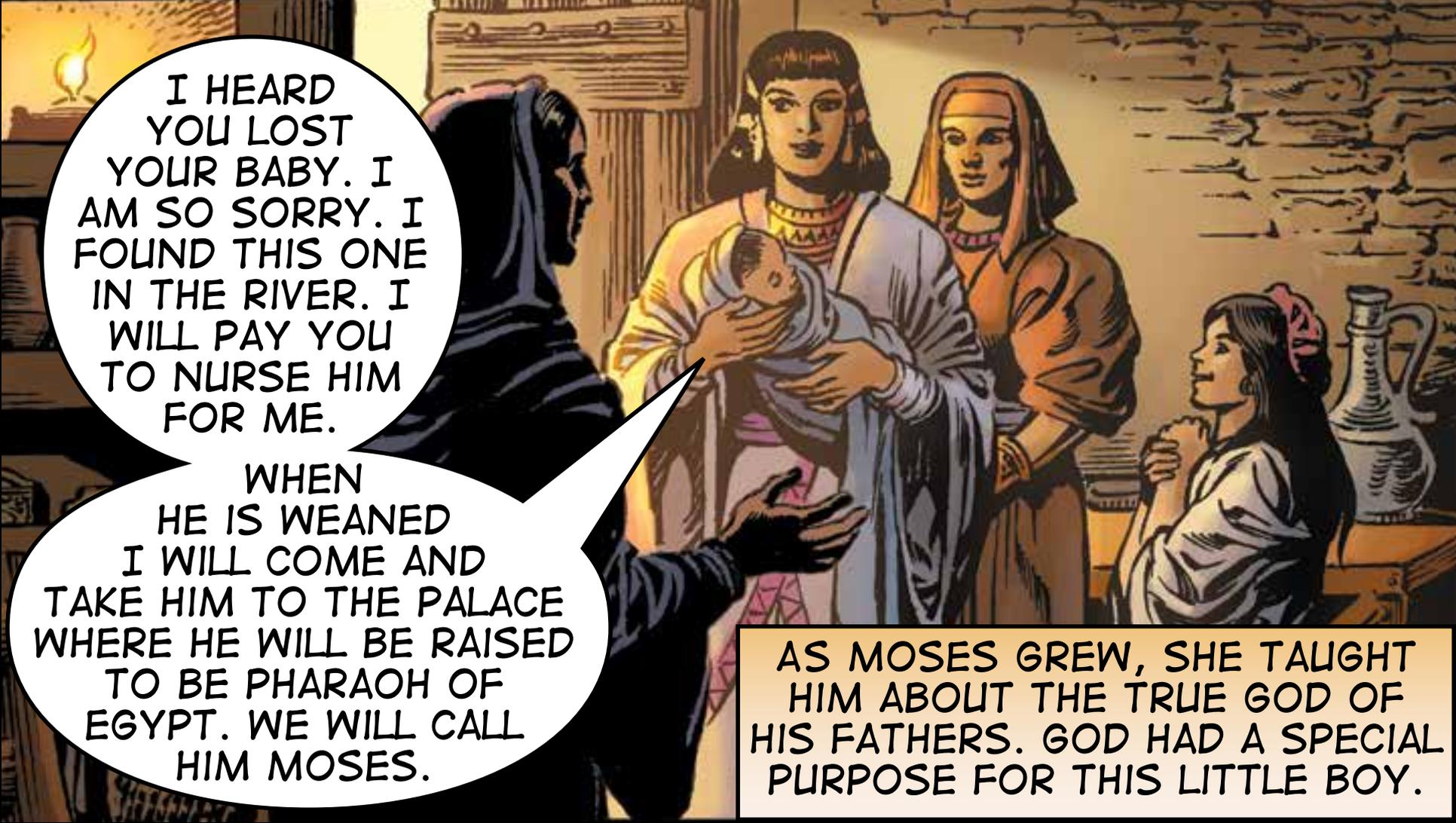
WHAT HAVE
I DONE? WILL
I EVER SEE MY
BABY AGAIN?
DOES GOD
CARE?

**MOTHER,
MOTHER!**

A comic book panel featuring two characters. On the left, a woman with long dark hair and a black choker looks surprised. On the right, a man in profile, wearing a blue head covering and a gold earring, has his hand to his chin in a thoughtful or surprised expression. A large speech bubble from the woman contains the text: "MOTHER, THE DAUGHTER OF PHARAOH CAME TO THE RIVER AND FOUND MY LITTLE BROTHER. SHE WANTS TO KEEP HIM FOR HER OWN, AND SHE IS LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO NURSE HIM! SHE IS COMING HERE NOW!". A smaller speech bubble from the man contains the text: "BLESSED BE THE ETERNAL GOD!".

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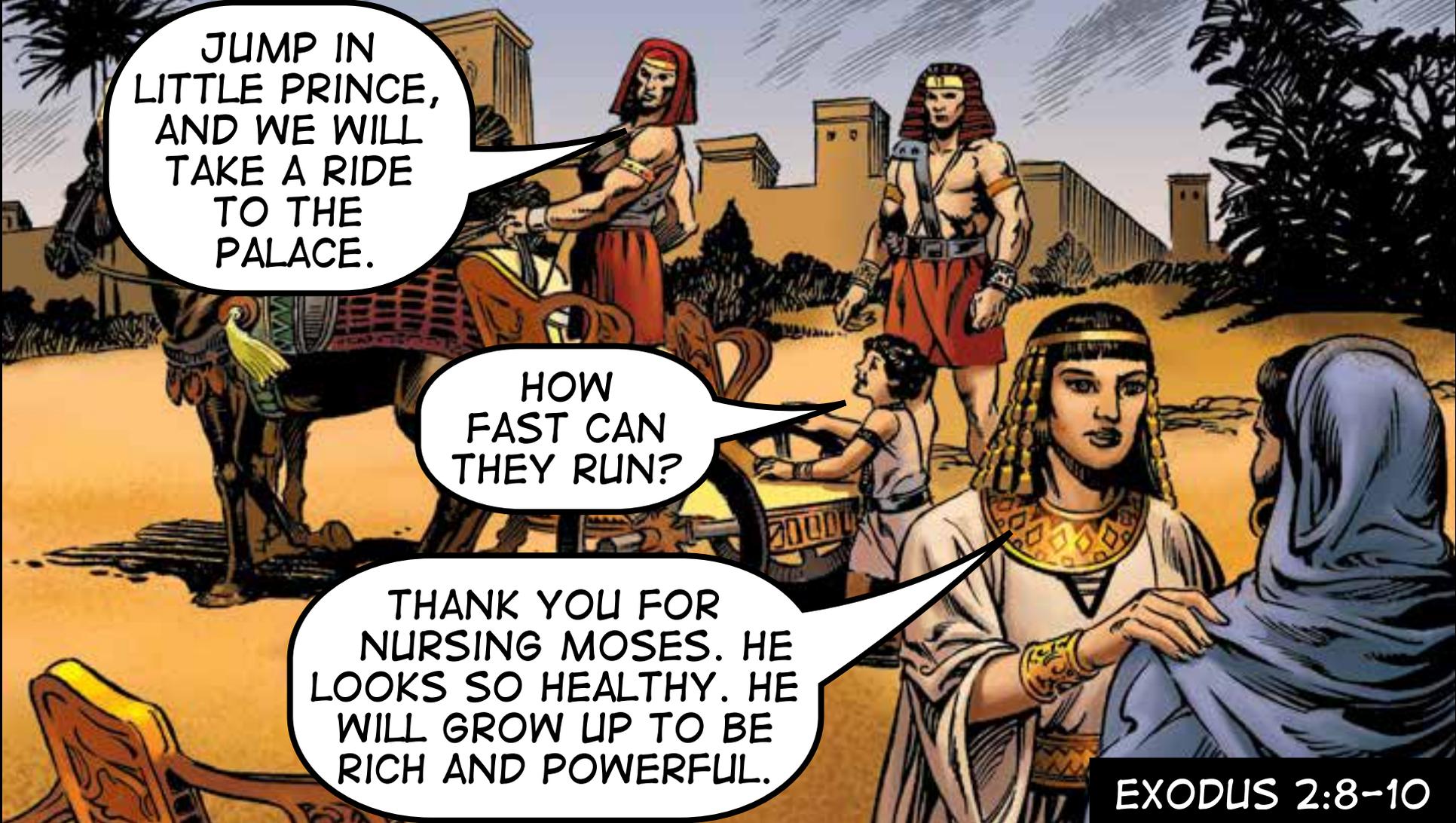
BLESSED BE THE ETERNAL GOD!



I HEARD
YOU LOST
YOUR BABY. I
AM SO SORRY. I
FOUND THIS ONE
IN THE RIVER. I
WILL PAY YOU
TO NURSE HIM
FOR ME.

WHEN
HE IS WEANED
I WILL COME AND
TAKE HIM TO THE PALACE
WHERE HE WILL BE RAISED
TO BE PHARAOH OF
EGYPT. WE WILL CALL
HIM MOSES.

AS MOSES GREW, SHE TAUGHT
HIM ABOUT THE TRUE GOD OF
HIS FATHERS. GOD HAD A SPECIAL
PURPOSE FOR THIS LITTLE BOY.



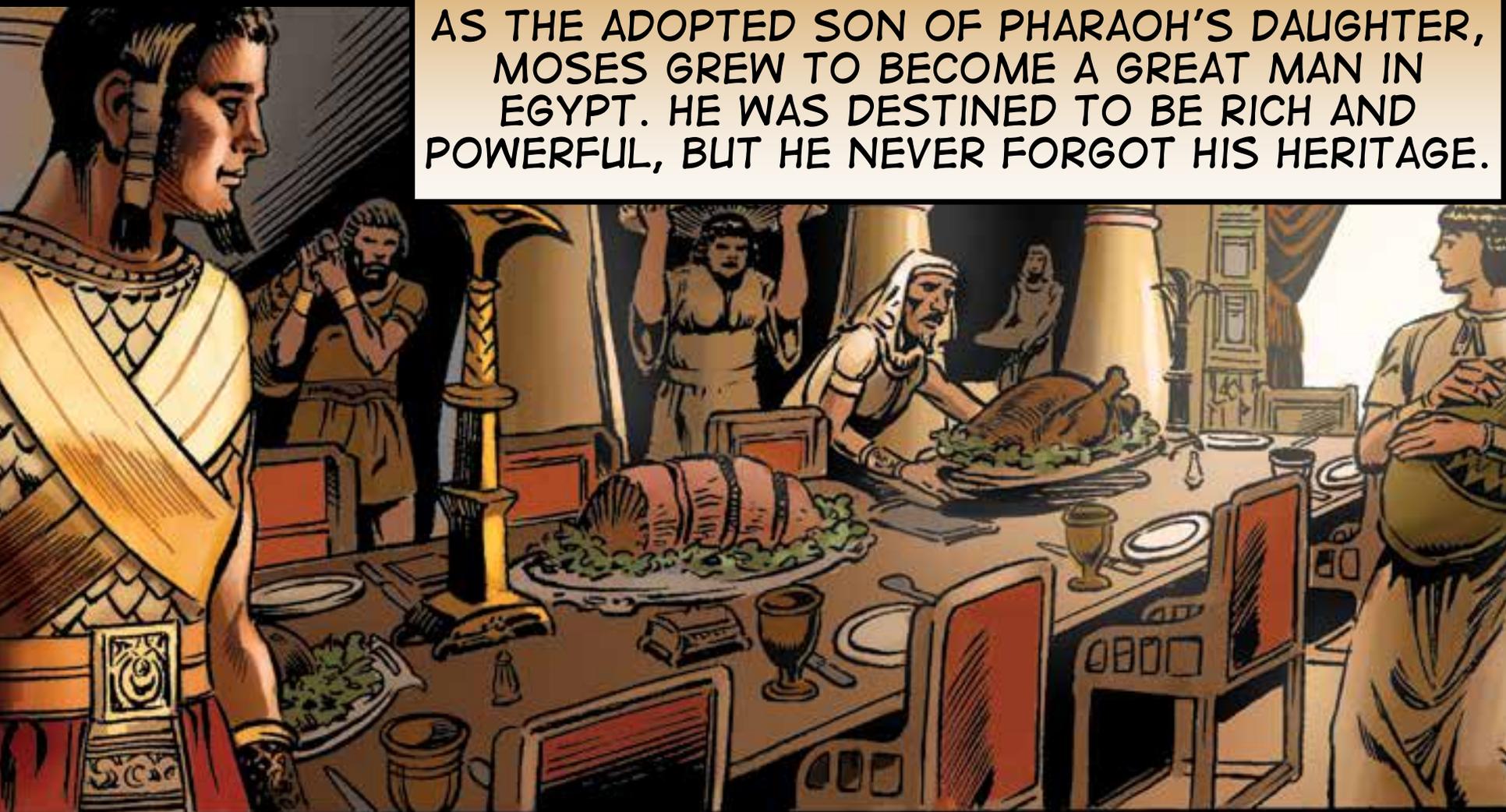
JUMP IN
LITTLE PRINCE,
AND WE WILL
TAKE A RIDE
TO THE
PALACE.

HOW
FAST CAN
THEY RUN?

THANK YOU FOR
NURSING MOSES. HE
LOOKS SO HEALTHY. HE
WILL GROW UP TO BE
RICH AND POWERFUL.

EXODUS 2:8-10

AS THE ADOPTED SON OF PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER, MOSES GREW TO BECOME A GREAT MAN IN EGYPT. HE WAS DESTINED TO BE RICH AND POWERFUL, BUT HE NEVER FORGOT HIS HERITAGE.





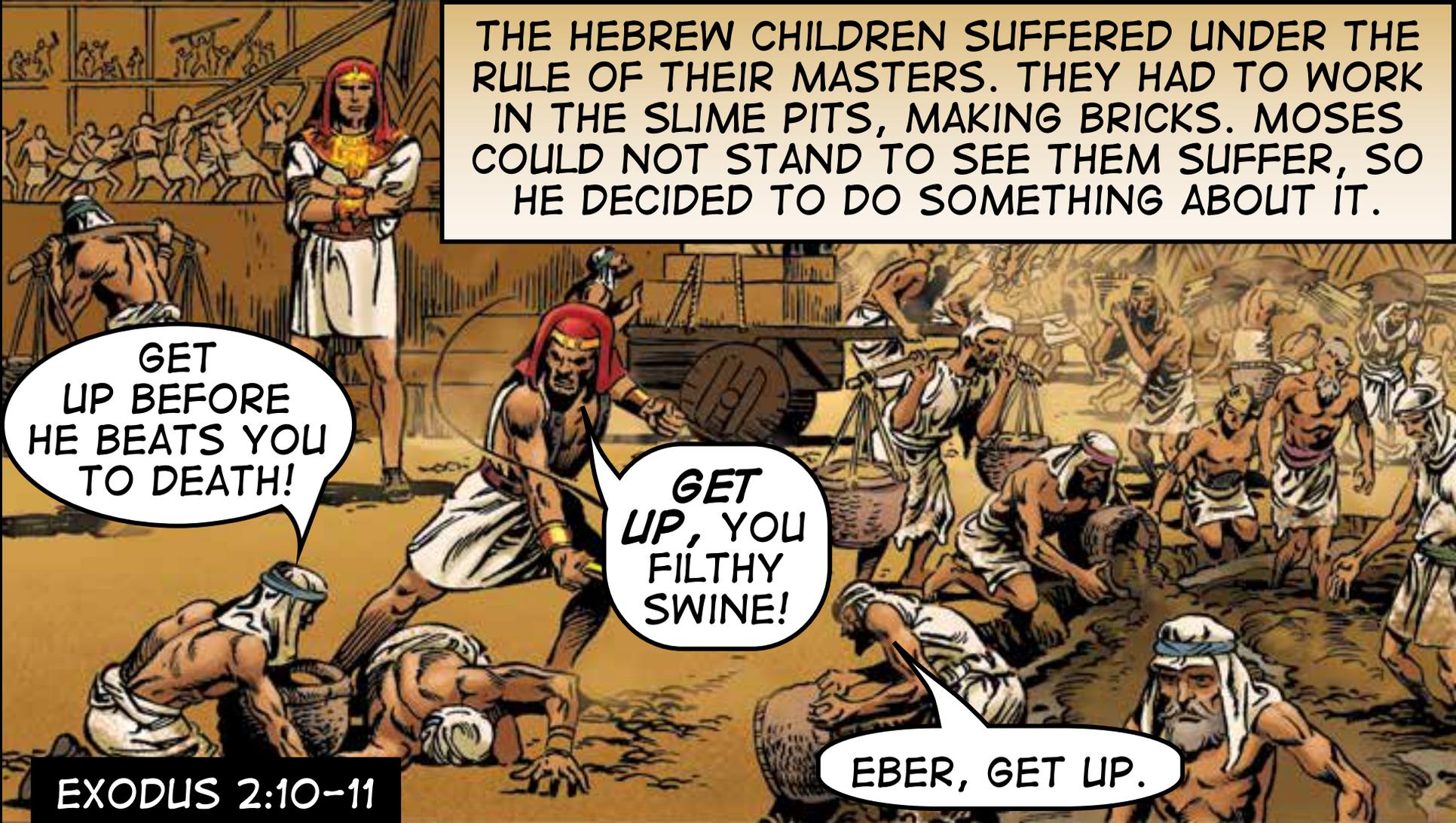
I AM TELLING YOU, MOSES, THE GOD OF OUR FATHERS, ABRAHAM, ISAAC, AND JACOB, TOLD ABRAHAM THAT HIS SEED WOULD MULTIPLY AND THAT THEY WOULD BECOME STRANGERS IN A LAND THAT WAS NOT THEIRS. WELL, HERE WE ARE!

YEAH, AND HE ALSO TOLD ABRAHAM THAT WE WOULD BE AFFLICTED IN THAT STRANGE LAND FOR 400 YEARS. WE HAVE NOW BEEN HERE 359 YEARS, JUST 41 YEARS TO GO.



THAT SEEMS INCREDIBLE. PHARAOH WOULD NEVER LET ALL OF HIS SLAVES LEAVE, AND HE CERTAINLY WOULDN'T ALLOW THEM TO LEAVE WITH WEALTH. BUT PERHAPS THERE IS A WAY. WHY WAIT 41 MORE YEARS?

AND HE ALSO TOLD ABRAHAM THAT HE WOULD JUDGE THAT NATION FOR THE EVIL THEY WOULD DO TO US, AND THAT WE WOULD LEAVE WITH GREAT WEALTH AND GO BACK TO THE LAND GOD GAVE TO OUR FATHERS.



THE HEBREW CHILDREN SUFFERED UNDER THE RULE OF THEIR MASTERS. THEY HAD TO WORK IN THE SLIME PITS, MAKING BRICKS. MOSES COULD NOT STAND TO SEE THEM SUFFER, SO HE DECIDED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

GET UP BEFORE HE BEATS YOU TO DEATH!

GET UP, YOU FILTHY SWINE!

EBER, GET UP.

EXODUS 2:10-11



ONE DAY MOSES
SAW ONE OF THE
EGYPTIANS CRUELLY
BEATING ONE OF
HIS OWN PEOPLE.

THE TIME OF
DELIVERANCE HAS
COME. THIS MUST
STOP.



WHACK!

**NO
MORE!**

MOSES KILLED THE EGYPTIAN
AND BURIED THE BODY, BUT
SOMEONE SAW HIM AND
REPORTED IT TO PHARAOH.

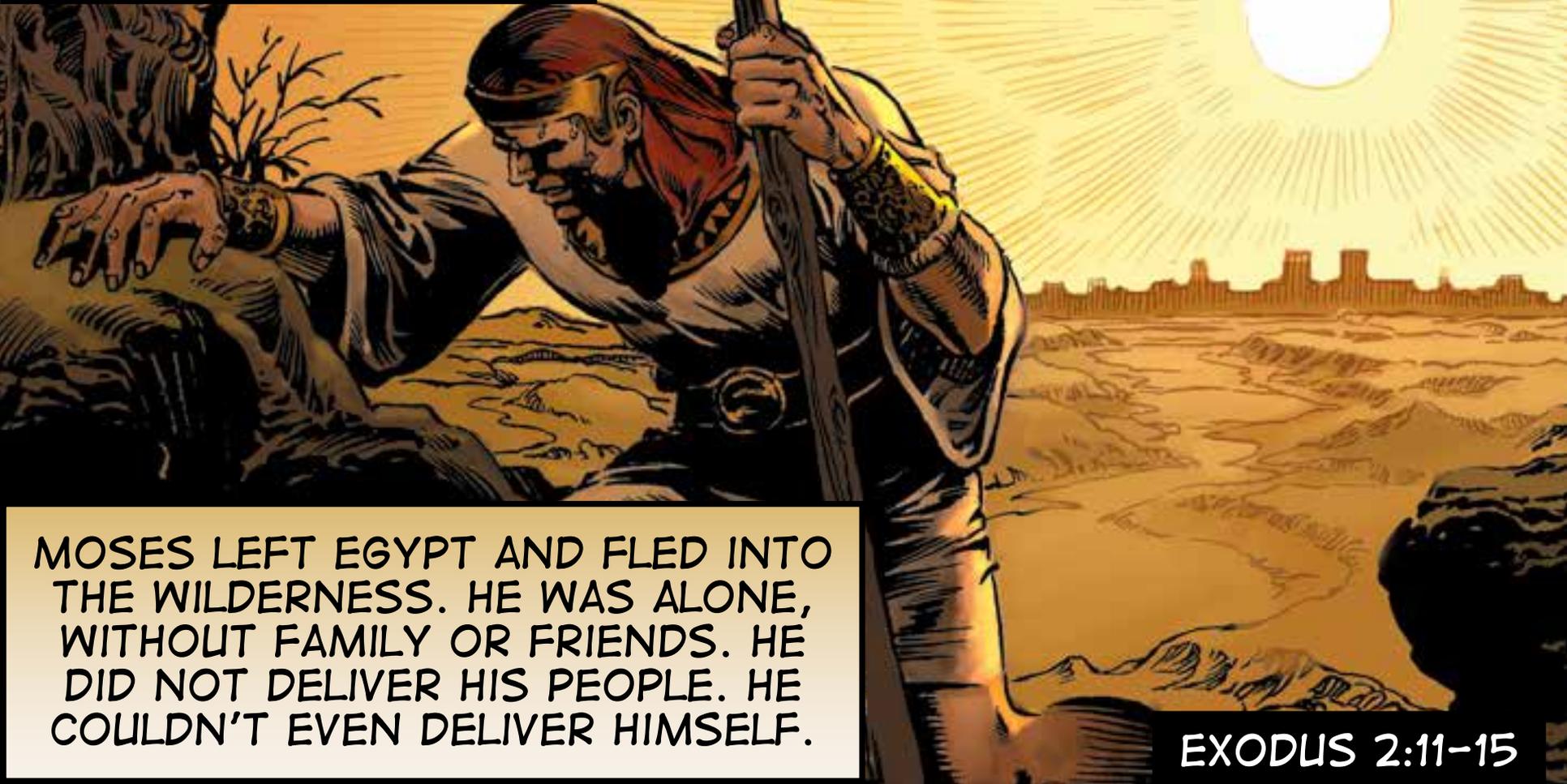


OH GOD!
WHAT HAVE
I DONE?

STOP! YOU
MUST STAND TRIAL
FOR MURDER!

IT'S
MOSES!

APPROXIMATELY 1491 B.C.



MOSES LEFT EGYPT AND FLED INTO THE WILDERNESS. HE WAS ALONE, WITHOUT FAMILY OR FRIENDS. HE DID NOT DELIVER HIS PEOPLE. HE COULDN'T EVEN DELIVER HIMSELF.

EXODUS 2:11-15

MOSES
WALKED FOR
MANY DAYS.
WHEN HE
COULD GO NO
FARTHER, HE
CAME UPON
A CAMP OF
SHEPHERDS.

LOOK!
A MAN!

HE LOOKS
NEARLY DEAD.
BRING WATER.

HE IS AN
EGYPTIAN!



MOSES FOUND A NEW LIFE AMONG THE MIDIANITES. HE LEARNED THE WAYS OF THE WILDERNESS, MARRIED, AND BECAME A SHEPHERD. FORTY YEARS PASSED AND EGYPT BECAME A DISTANT MEMORY. MOSES HAD GIVEN UP HOPE OF EVER SEEING HIS PEOPLE AGAIN.



THAT IS INDEED STRANGE!
HOW DID THAT BUSH CATCH ON
FIRE, AND WHY DOES IT NOT
BURN UP? IT JUST KEEPS
ON BURNING AND
BURNING.





**MOSES, TAKE YOUR
SHOES OFF. YOU ARE
STANDING ON HOLY GROUND.
I AM THE GOD OF YOUR
FATHERS, ABRAHAM,
ISAAC, AND JACOB.**

**I HAVE SEEN THE
SUFFERING AND HEARD THE
PRAYERS OF MY PEOPLE IN
EGYPT. IT IS TIME TO DELIVER
THEM FROM THEIR OPPRESSION
AND BRING THEM BACK
INTO THE LAND I PROMISED
THEIR FATHERS.**

**I WILL SEND YOU
TO PHARAOH AND YOU WILL
BRING MY PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR
BONDAGE. YOU WILL TELL HIM TO
LET MY PEOPLE GO, AND HE WILL
REFUSE. THEN I WILL SHOW MY
POWER TO EGYPT. AFTER THAT
HE WILL LET THEM GO.**



EXODUS 2:16-3:10

BUT THEY
WILL NOT
BELIEVE THAT
YOU HAVE SENT
ME. THEY WILL
JUST LAUGH.





**THROW YOUR
STAFF ON THE
GROUND.**

**WHAT? MY
STAFF!**



**IT HAS
BECOME
A DEADLY
SERPENT!**



**PICK UP THE
SERPENT BY
THE TAIL.**



**IT HAS
TURNED
BACK INTO
MY ROD!**



**GO TO EGYPT.
I WILL TEACH YOU WHAT
TO SAY AND TELL YOU
WHAT TO DO. YOUR
BROTHER AARON WILL BE
YOUR ASSISTANT.**



EXODUS 4:1-4, 12-16

1445 B.C.

IT HAS BEEN FORTY YEARS. ALL WHO KNOW ANYTHING OF MY PAST ARE DEAD. NO ONE WILL RECOGNIZE ME.

UNTIL PHARAOH LETS GOD'S PEOPLE GO.

YOU ARE GOING BACK TO EGYPT! BUT WHAT ABOUT ALL THOSE WHO SEEK TO KILL YOU?

HOW LONG WILL YOU BE GONE?

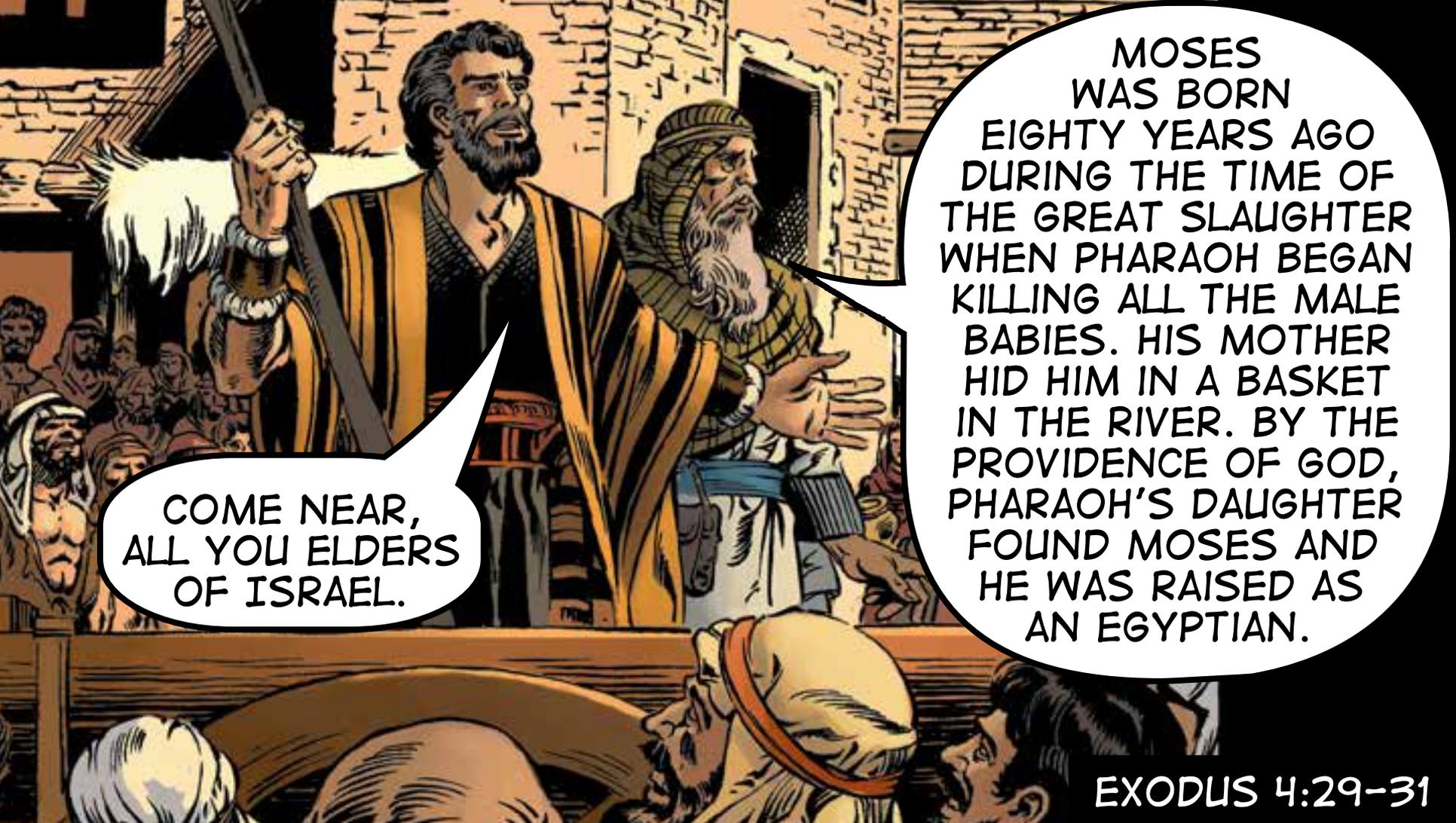




CALL ALL THE
ELDERS TOGETHER! THE
TIME OF DELIVERANCE HAS
COME!

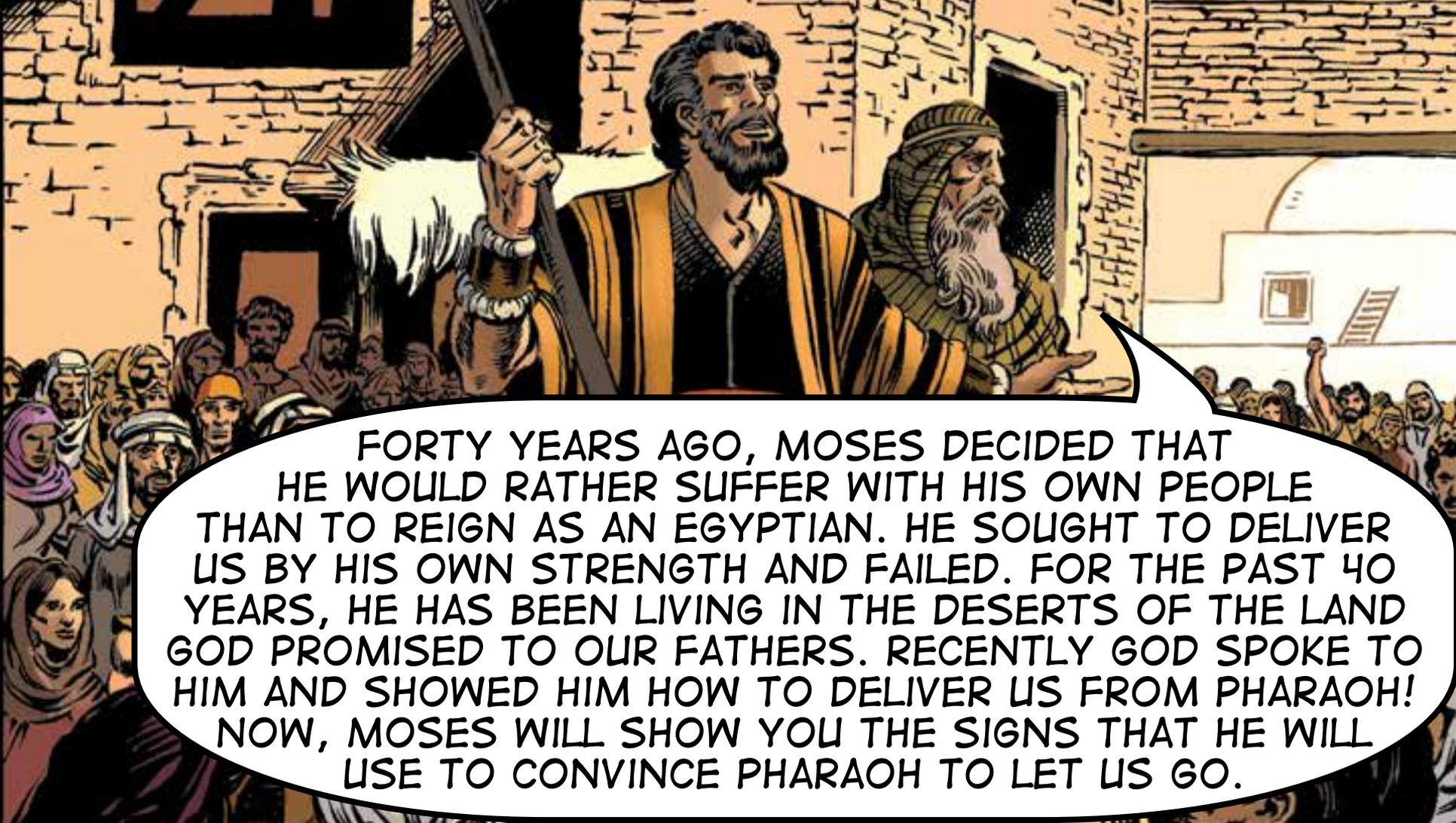
WHO ARE
THEY?

THAT IS AARON THE
LEVITE. THE OTHER ONE
LOOKS LIKE US, BUT HE IS
NO SLAVE.



COME NEAR,
ALL YOU ELDERS
OF ISRAEL.

MOSES
WAS BORN
EIGHTY YEARS AGO
DURING THE TIME OF
THE GREAT SLAUGHTER
WHEN PHARAOH BEGAN
KILLING ALL THE MALE
BABIES. HIS MOTHER
HID HIM IN A BASKET
IN THE RIVER. BY THE
PROVIDENCE OF GOD,
PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER
FOUND MOSES AND
HE WAS RAISED AS
AN EGYPTIAN.



FORTY YEARS AGO, MOSES DECIDED THAT HE WOULD RATHER SUFFER WITH HIS OWN PEOPLE THAN TO REIGN AS AN EGYPTIAN. HE SOUGHT TO DELIVER US BY HIS OWN STRENGTH AND FAILED. FOR THE PAST 40 YEARS, HE HAS BEEN LIVING IN THE DESERTS OF THE LAND GOD PROMISED TO OUR FATHERS. RECENTLY GOD SPOKE TO HIM AND SHOWED HIM HOW TO DELIVER US FROM PHARAOH! NOW, MOSES WILL SHOW YOU THE SIGNS THAT HE WILL USE TO CONVINCe PHARAOH TO LET US GO.



THE GOD OF
ABRAHAM SPOKE TO ME
FROM A BURNING BUSH
AND SENT ME TO LEAD YOU
BACK TO THE LAND OF OUR
FATHERS. HERE IS A
SIGN.



**YIKES!
HIS ROD
TURNED INTO
A SERPENT.**

**DON'T
BE AFRAID.**

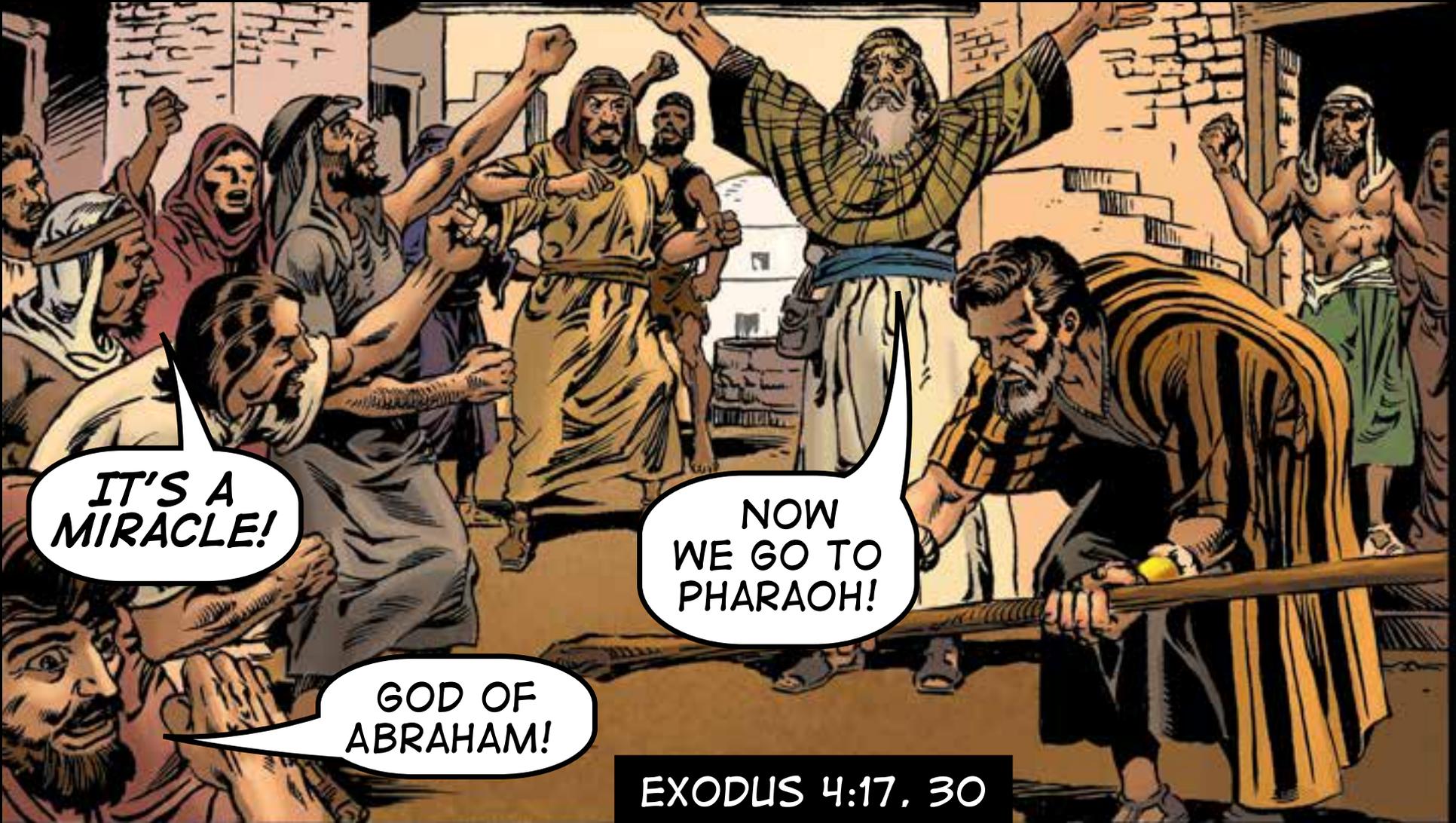


WATCH
THIS.



**GOD
HAS SENT A
DELIVERER.**

**YES,
THAT WILL
SHOW
PHARAOH.**



**IT'S A
MIRACLE!**

**NOW
WE GO TO
PHARAOH!**

**GOD OF
ABRAHAM!**

EXODUS 4:17, 30

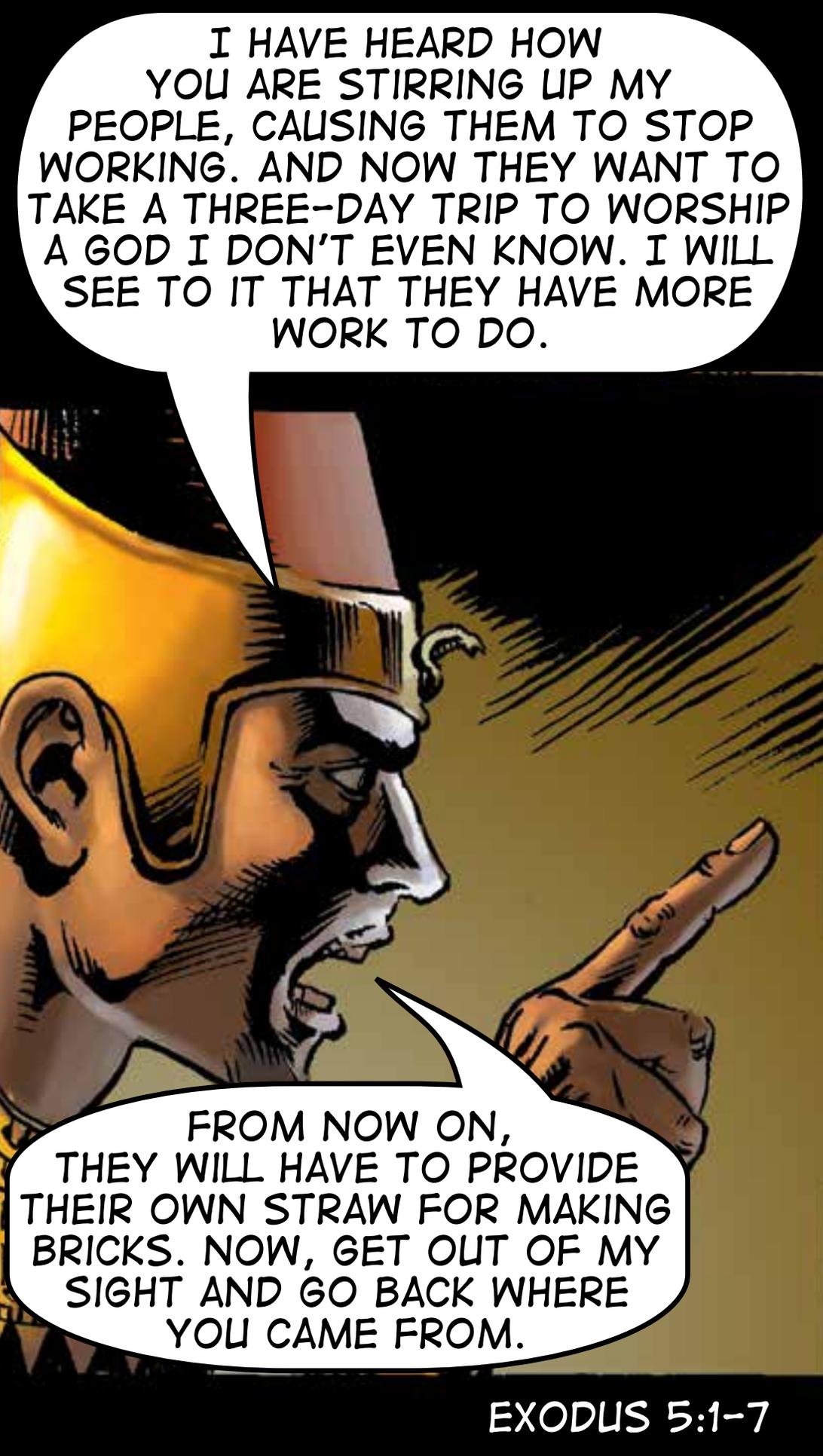
IT HASN'T
CHANGED SINCE
I LEFT HERE FORTY
YEARS AGO. REMEMBER
TO SAY JUST WHAT I
TOLD YOU.





THE GOD OF ISRAEL HAS SPOKEN TO MOSES. GOD SAYS YOU ARE TO LET THE PEOPLE GO ON A THREE DAY JOURNEY INTO THE WILDERNESS TO WORSHIP AND TO OFFER SACRIFICES.

HA! THE GOD OF ISRAEL? **HA, HA, HA!** I DON'T KNOW YOUR GOD. WHO IS THIS GOD THAT I SHOULD OBEY HIM? THAT'S RIDICULOUS. I AM NOT GOING TO LET MY SLAVES TAKE A THREE-DAY TRIP INTO THE WILDERNESS.



I HAVE HEARD HOW
YOU ARE STIRRING UP MY
PEOPLE, CAUSING THEM TO STOP
WORKING. AND NOW THEY WANT TO
TAKE A THREE-DAY TRIP TO WORSHIP
A GOD I DON'T EVEN KNOW. I WILL
SEE TO IT THAT THEY HAVE MORE
WORK TO DO.

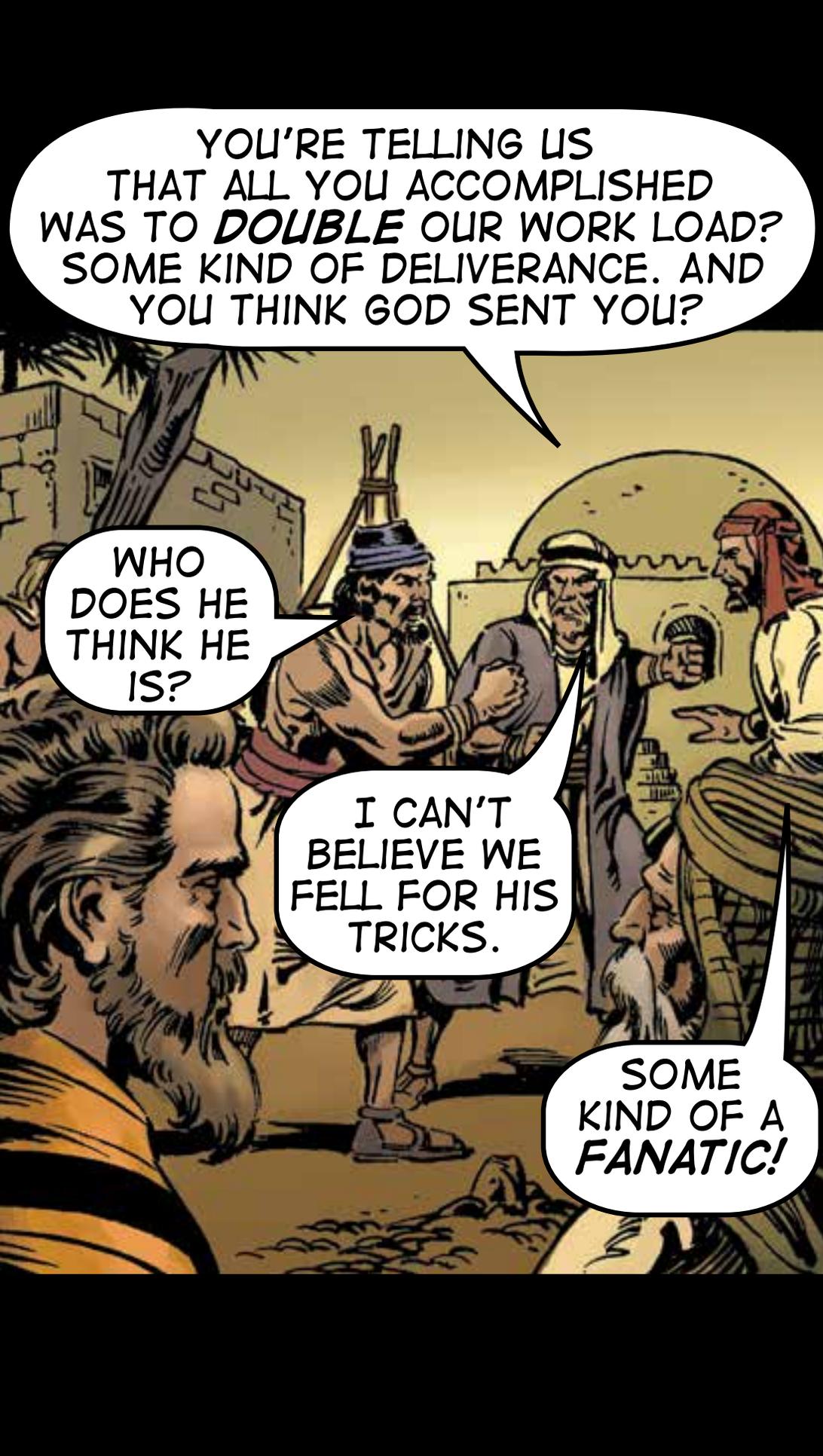
FROM NOW ON,
THEY WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE
THEIR OWN STRAW FOR MAKING
BRICKS. NOW, GET OUT OF MY
SIGHT AND GO BACK WHERE
YOU CAME FROM.

EXODUS 5:1-7

CAN YOU
BELIEVE THE
AUDACITY?



THAT WAS
FUNNY. THEY
MARCHED IN HERE
LIKE THEY WERE THE
VOICE OF GOD.



YOU'RE TELLING US
THAT ALL YOU ACCOMPLISHED
WAS TO *DOUBLE* OUR WORK LOAD?
SOME KIND OF DELIVERANCE. AND
YOU THINK GOD SENT YOU?

WHO
DOES HE
THINK HE
IS?

I CAN'T
BELIEVE WE
FELL FOR HIS
TRICKS.

SOME
KIND OF A
FANATIC!

SO, YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TO DO. YOU WANT TO GO WORSHIP YOUR GOD. WE'LL TEACH YOU NOT TO BE IDLE.





**JEHOVAH,
SINCE I HAVE
COME SPEAKING
IN YOUR NAME,
THINGS HAVE
GOTTEN MUCH
WORSE. WHY DID
YOU SEND ME
HERE?**

**I AM
JEHOVAH, THE
GOD OF YOUR
FATHERS, AND I
HAVE SEEN THE
SUFFERING AND
HAVE HEARD
THE CRIES OF
MY PEOPLE
ISRAEL.**

**IT IS TIME TO
FULFILL MY PROMISE TO
ABRAHAM AND LEAD THIS
PEOPLE TO THE LAND OF
CANAAN. YOU, MOSES, WILL
LEAD THEM.**



BUT I CANNOT
SPEAK WELL.
PHARAOH WILL NOT
LISTEN TO ME.

**AARON WILL DO
THE TALKING; YOU JUST
LISTEN TO ME AND TELL
HIM WHAT TO SAY. AT FIRST,
PHARAOH WILL NOT LISTEN TO
YOU, BUT I WILL SHOW HIM
GREATER SIGNS UNTIL THE
EGYPTIANS KNOW THAT I AM
THE ONLY TRUE GOD.**



HA, HA!
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING BACK
HERE AGAIN?

JEHOVAH
SAYS, "LET MY
PEOPLE GO."

HERE IS A SIGN THAT
JEHOVAH HAS SPOKEN.

HA, HA, HA!
THAT'S JUST
A MAGIC TRICK.
THAT DOESN'T
SCARE ME.
CALL OUR
MAGICIANS.





HE DID THAT
REAL SMOOTH.
IT LOOKED REAL
DIDN'T IT?

WONDER WHERE HE
LEARNED TO
DO THAT?

EXODUS 5:10-23, 7:7-11

**COME QUICKLY AND
BRING THAT MAGIC TRICK WHERE
YOU TURN YOUR RODS INTO
SERPENTS.**



OUR GOD OF SERPENTS, NESERT,
HAS SENT US TO TELL
YOU TO MAKE MORE
BRICKS. HA, HA, HA!





MOSES, WHAT DO
WE DO NOW? WE LOOK
LIKE *FOOLS*.

EXODUS 7:11-12



LOOK!
HIS SERPENT
WANTS TO
FIGHT OURS.



**HIS
SERPENT
IS EATING
ONE OF
OURS!**



*IT SWALLOWED
OUR SERPENT
COMPLETELY!*



DON'T TELL ME
IT IS GOING TO TRY
TO EAT *ANOTHER* ONE!
OUR SERPENT GOD,
NESERT, WILL BE
ANGRY.



**I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT!
HIS SERPENT
HAS EATEN
EVERY ONE
OF OURS.**

**HOW
COULD THIS
BE?**



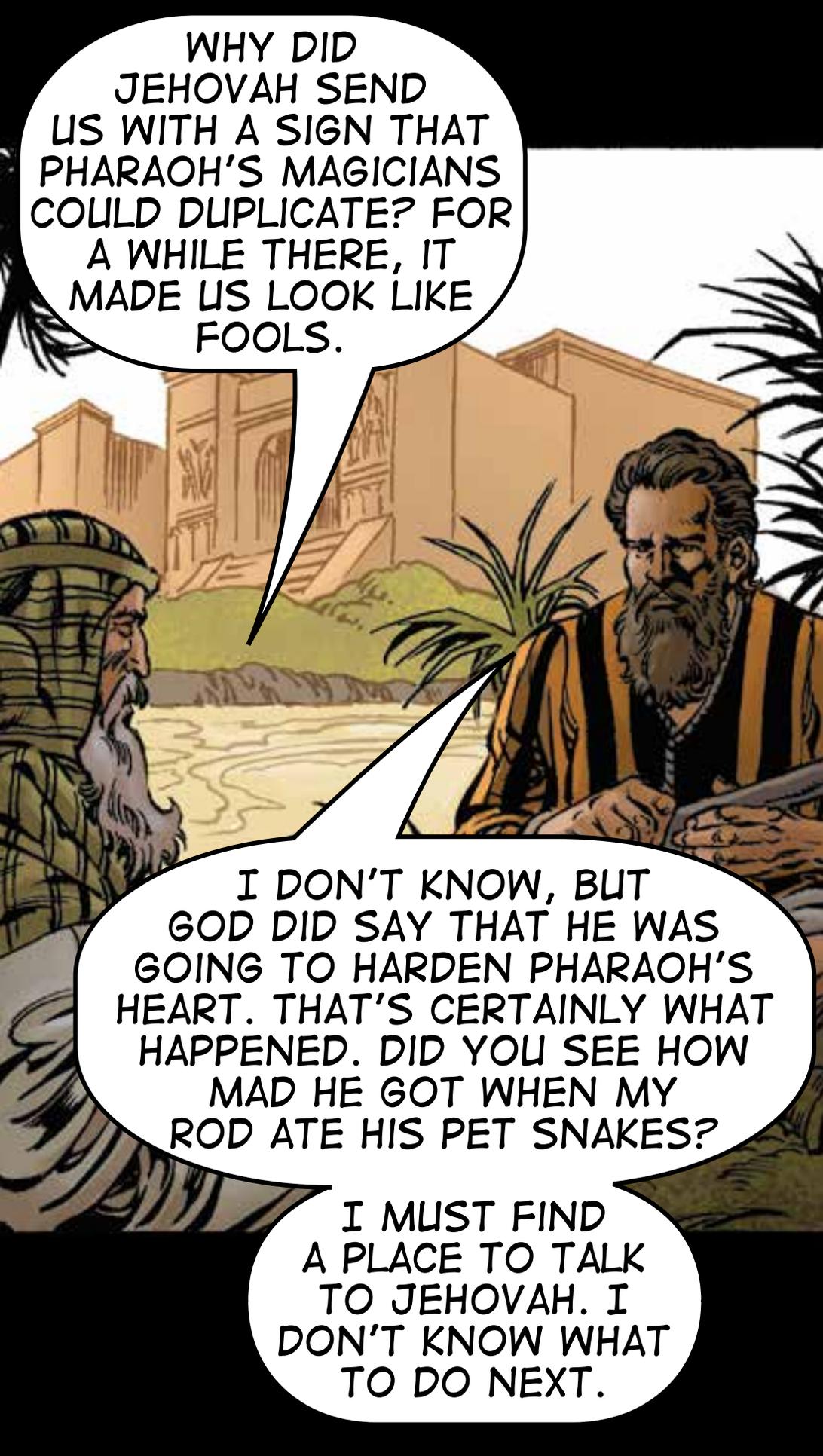
JEHOVAH IS THE
GOD OF CREATION.
HE SAYS, "LET MY
PEOPLE GO."

EXODUS 7:12

I DON'T KNOW
HOW YOU DID THAT,
BUT I AM NOT GOING
TO PAY FOR THE SHOW
WITH A MILLION SLAVES.
**GET OUT OF MY
SIGHT!**



EXODUS 7:13 "AND HE (GOD)
HARDENED PHARAOH'S HEART,
THAT HE HEARKENED NOT UNTO
THEM; AS THE LORD HAD SAID."

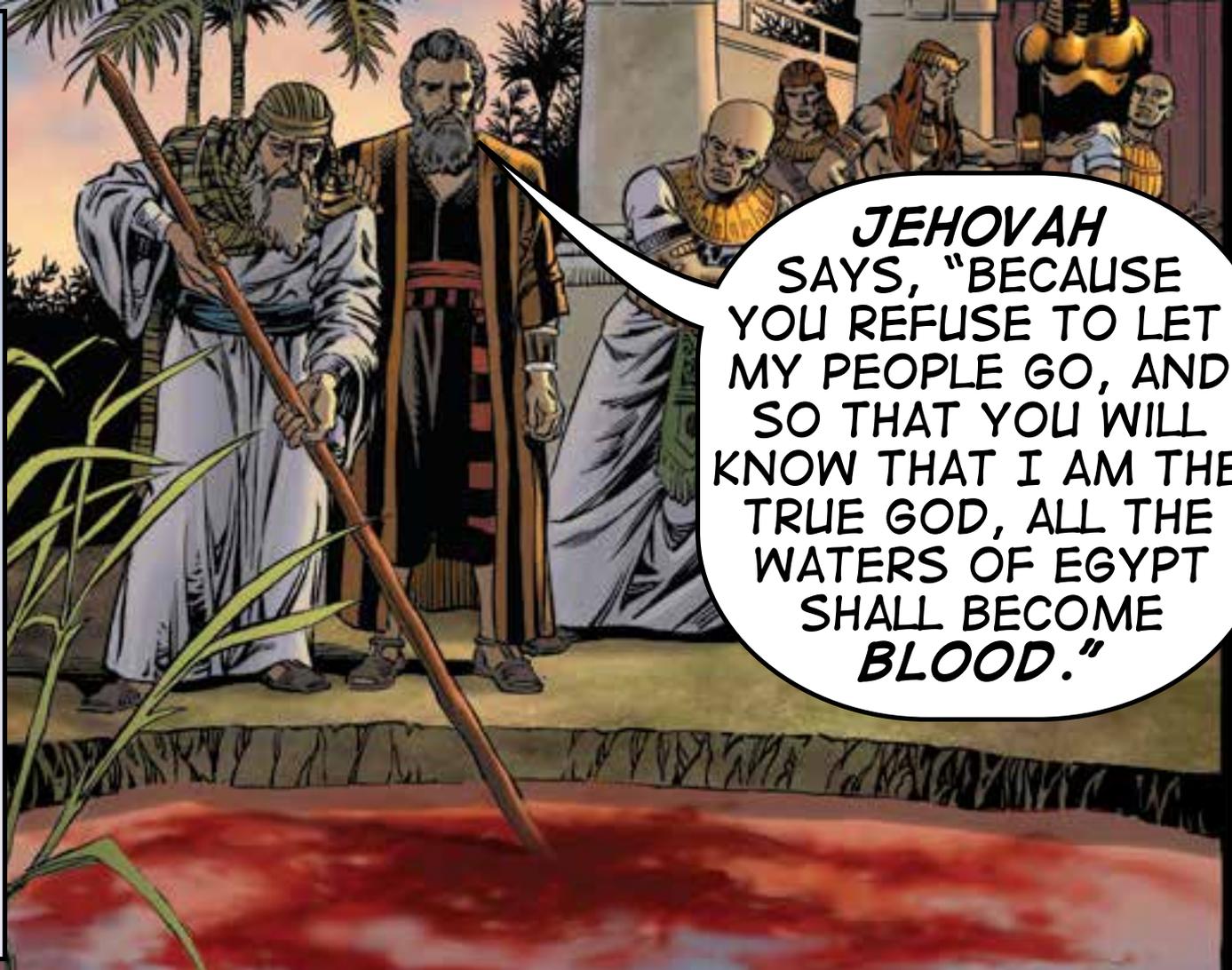


WHY DID
JEHOVAH SEND
US WITH A SIGN THAT
PHARAOH'S MAGICIANS
COULD DUPLICATE? FOR
A WHILE THERE, IT
MADE US LOOK LIKE
FOOLS.

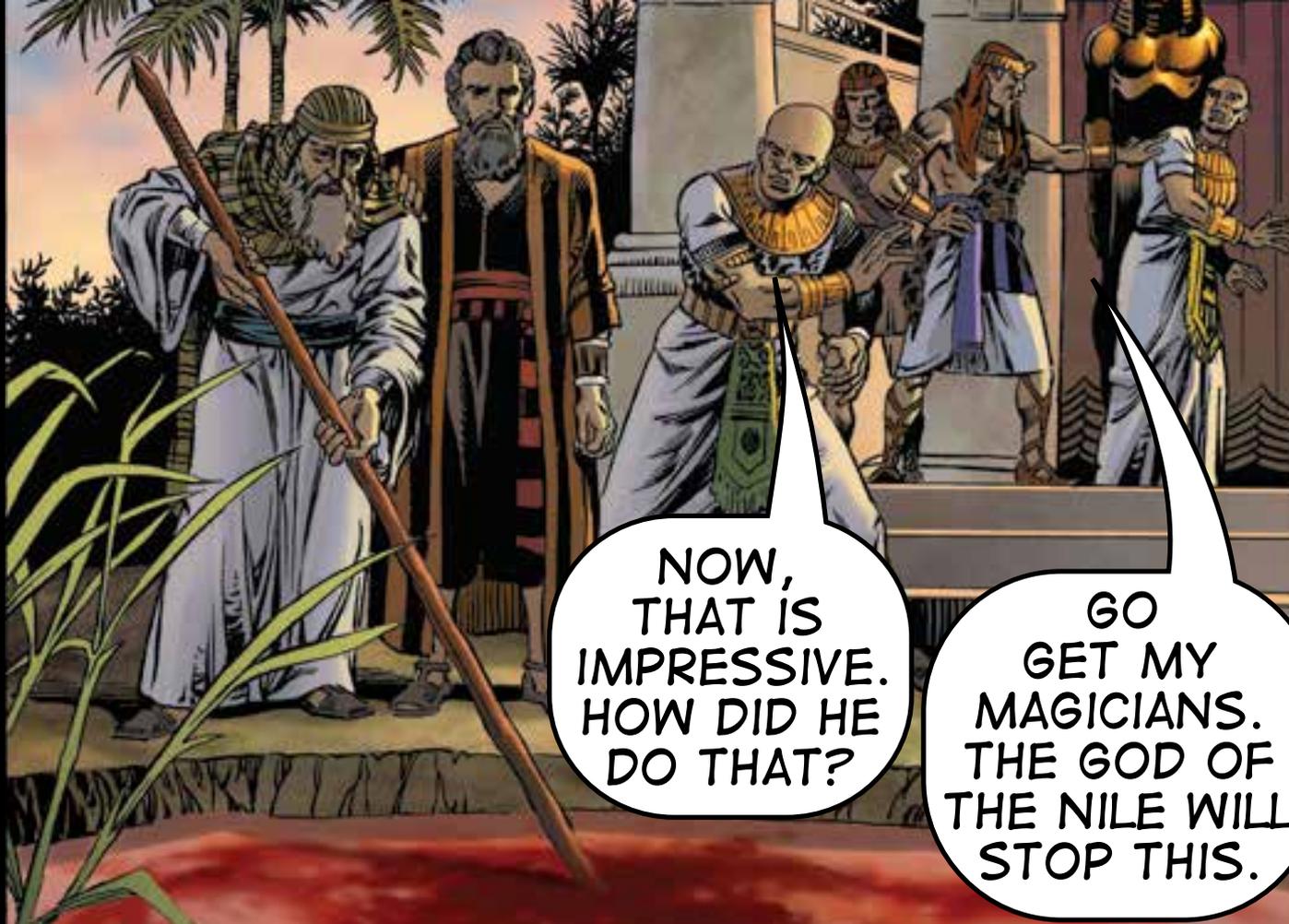
I DON'T KNOW, BUT
GOD DID SAY THAT HE WAS
GOING TO HARDEN PHARAOH'S
HEART. THAT'S CERTAINLY WHAT
HAPPENED. DID YOU SEE HOW
MAD HE GOT WHEN MY
ROD ATE HIS PET SNAKES?

I MUST FIND
A PLACE TO TALK
TO JEHOVAH. I
DON'T KNOW WHAT
TO DO NEXT.

GOD MET WITH MOSES AGAIN AND TOLD HIM WHAT TO DO. THE EGYPTIANS HAD RIDICULED MOSES. HIS OWN PEOPLE REJECTED HIM BECAUSE PHARAOH MADE THEIR BONDAGE CRUELER, BUT MOSES BELIEVED GOD AND OBEYED EVEN THOUGH HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND.



JEHOVAH SAYS, "BECAUSE YOU REFUSE TO LET MY PEOPLE GO, AND SO THAT YOU WILL KNOW THAT I AM THE TRUE GOD, ALL THE WATERS OF EGYPT SHALL BECOME **BLOOD.**"

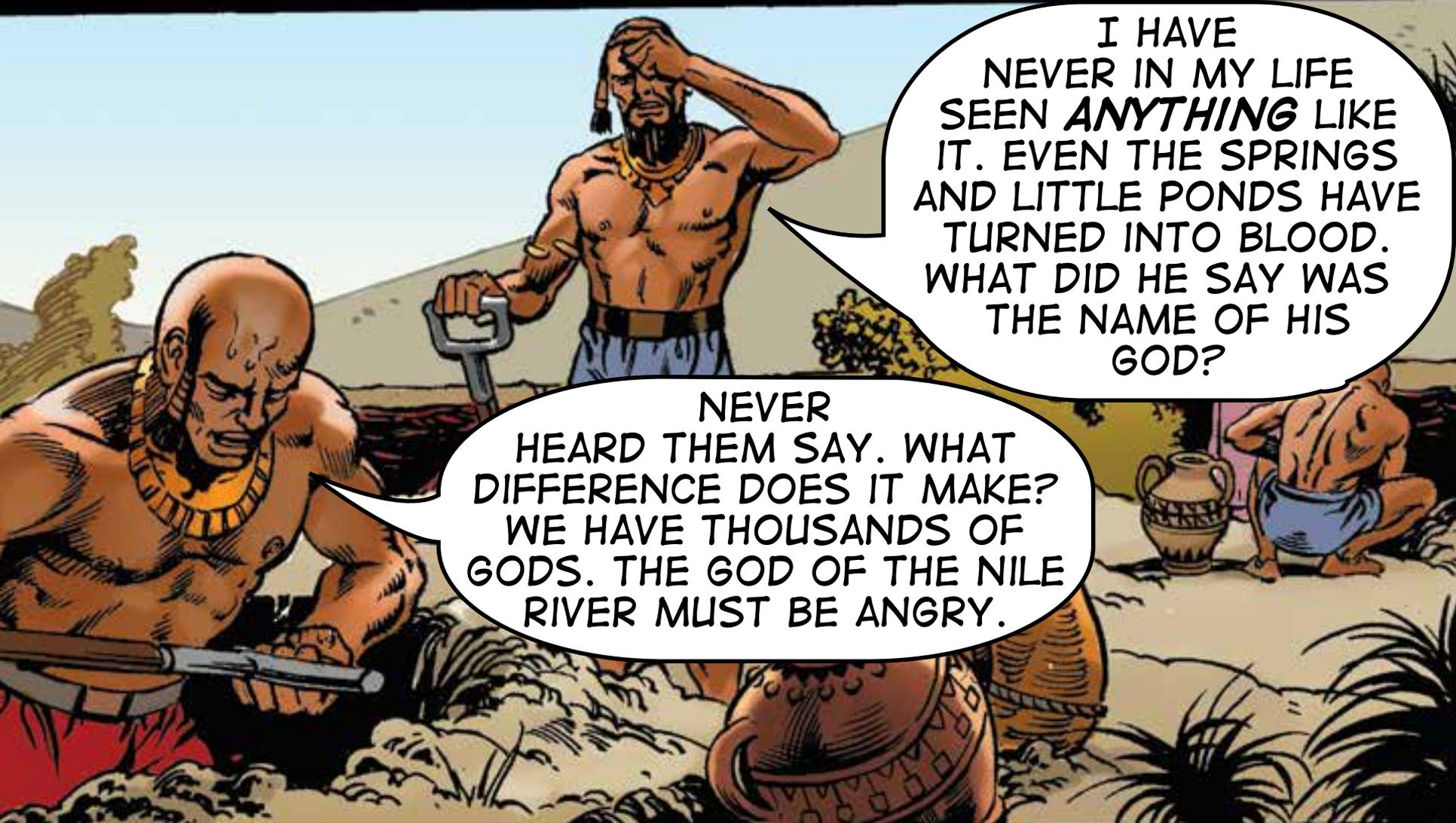


NOW,
THAT IS
IMPRESSIVE.
HOW DID HE
DO THAT?

GO
GET MY
MAGICIANS.
THE GOD OF
THE NILE WILL
STOP THIS.

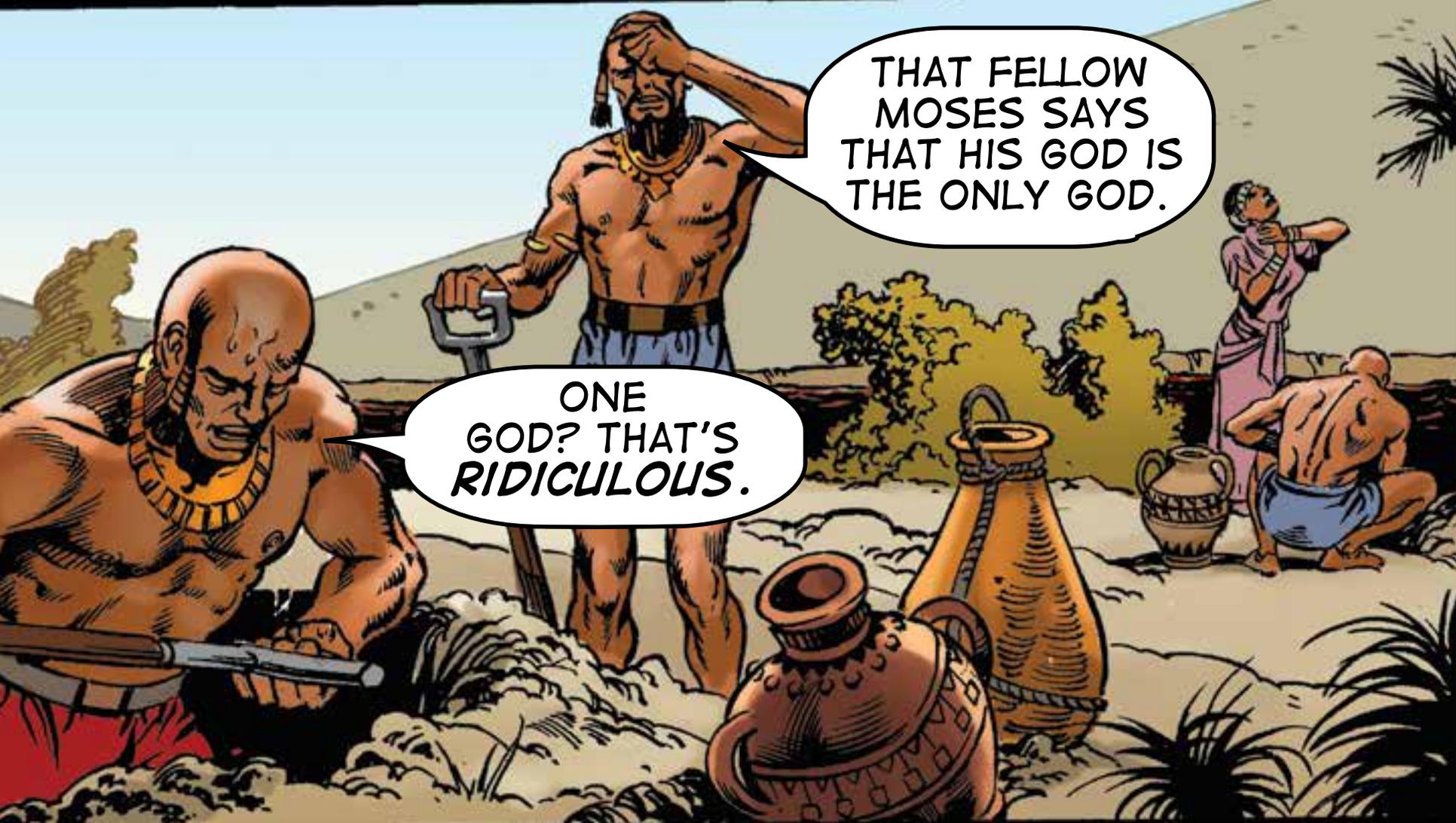


SEE? MY
MAGICIANS CAN
DO THAT TOO.
I WILL NOT BE
PERSUADED BY
YOUR *MAGIC
TRICKS.*



I HAVE NEVER IN MY LIFE SEEN **ANYTHING** LIKE IT. EVEN THE SPRINGS AND LITTLE PONDS HAVE TURNED INTO BLOOD. WHAT DID HE SAY WAS THE NAME OF HIS GOD?

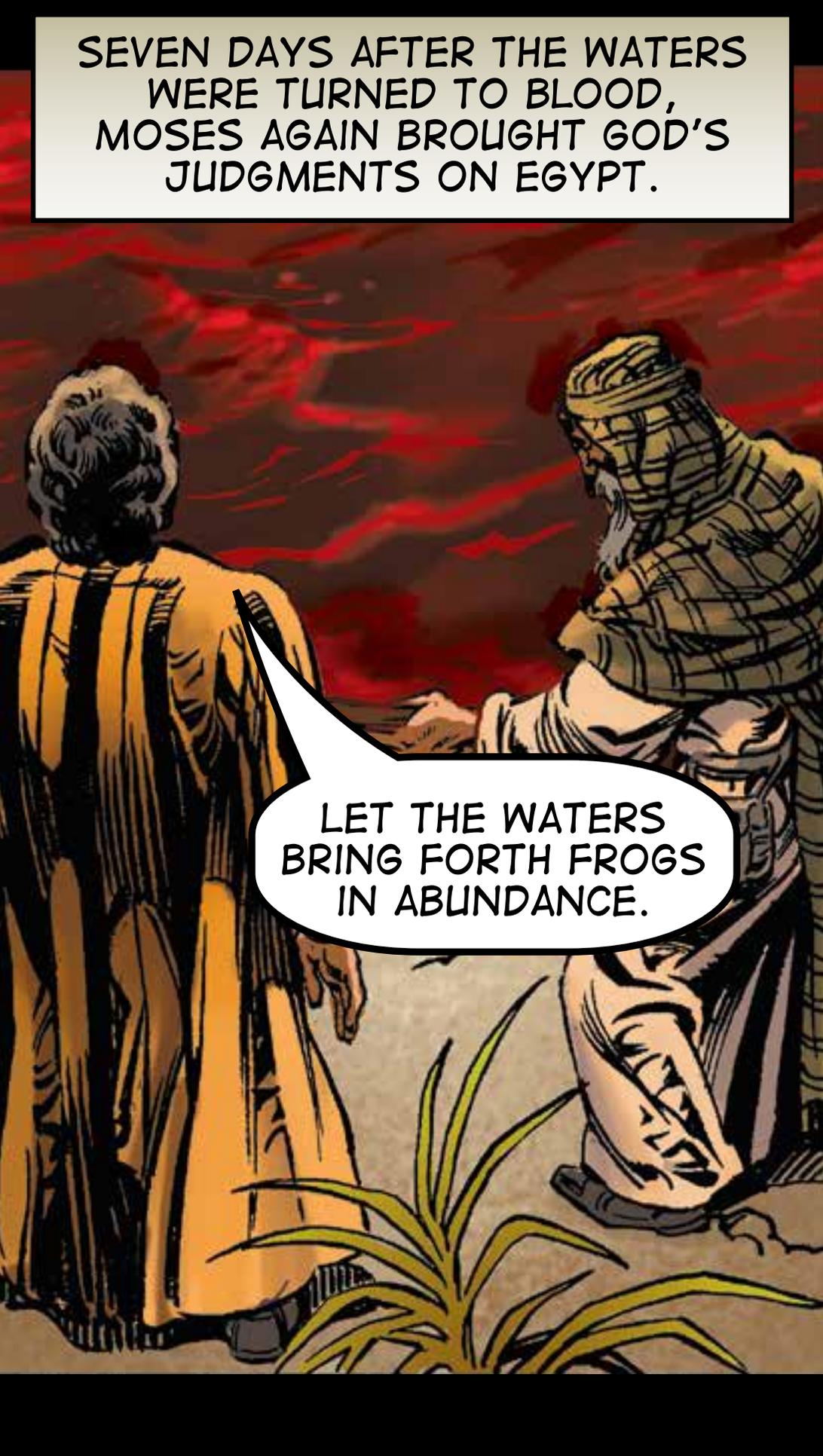
NEVER HEARD THEM SAY. WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE? WE HAVE THOUSANDS OF GODS. THE GOD OF THE NILE RIVER MUST BE ANGRY.



ONE
GOD? THAT'S
RIDICULOUS.

THAT FELLOW
MOSES SAYS
THAT HIS GOD IS
THE ONLY GOD.

SEVEN DAYS AFTER THE WATERS
WERE TURNED TO BLOOD,
MOSES AGAIN BROUGHT GOD'S
JUDGMENTS ON EGYPT.



LET THE WATERS
BRING FORTH FROGS
IN ABUNDANCE.

THE STINKING BLOOD
WATERS SUDDENLY
PRODUCED MILLIONS
OF FROGS.



EXODUS 7:21-25, 8:6



MY
HOUSE IS
FULL OF
FROGS.



ALL OF
EGYPT IS FILLED
WITH FROGS. **THE
GODS ARE
ANGRY!**

WHERE ARE
OUR PRIESTS?
CAN'T THEY DO
SOMETHING?



EIIIII!



WHY ARE
THEY MAKING *MORE*
FROGS? DIDN'T THAT
FELLOW MOSES GIVE
US ENOUGH? NOW
PHARAOH GIVES US
MORE.

PHARAOH,
SEE, WE
MAGICIANS CAN
MAKE FROGS
TOO.



WHY DON'T YOU LET
THEM GO INTO THE
WILDERNESS AS THEY
ASKED? WE CAN'T STAND
MUCH MORE OF THIS.



CALL
MOSES. TELL
HIM I WANT
TO TALK.

YES
MASTER,
AS YOU
SAY.

ASK JEHOVAH TO TAKE AWAY THE FROGS. IF HE WILL DO SO, I WILL LET YOUR PEOPLE GO AND DO THE SACRIFICE.

YOU NAME THE TIME YOU WANT THE FROGS TO DIE AND IT WILL BE SO.





TOMORROW
MORNING.

ACCORDING TO
YOUR OWN WORDS SO
SHALL IT BE, THAT ALL MAY
KNOW THERE IS NO GOD
LIKE JEHOVAH GOD.

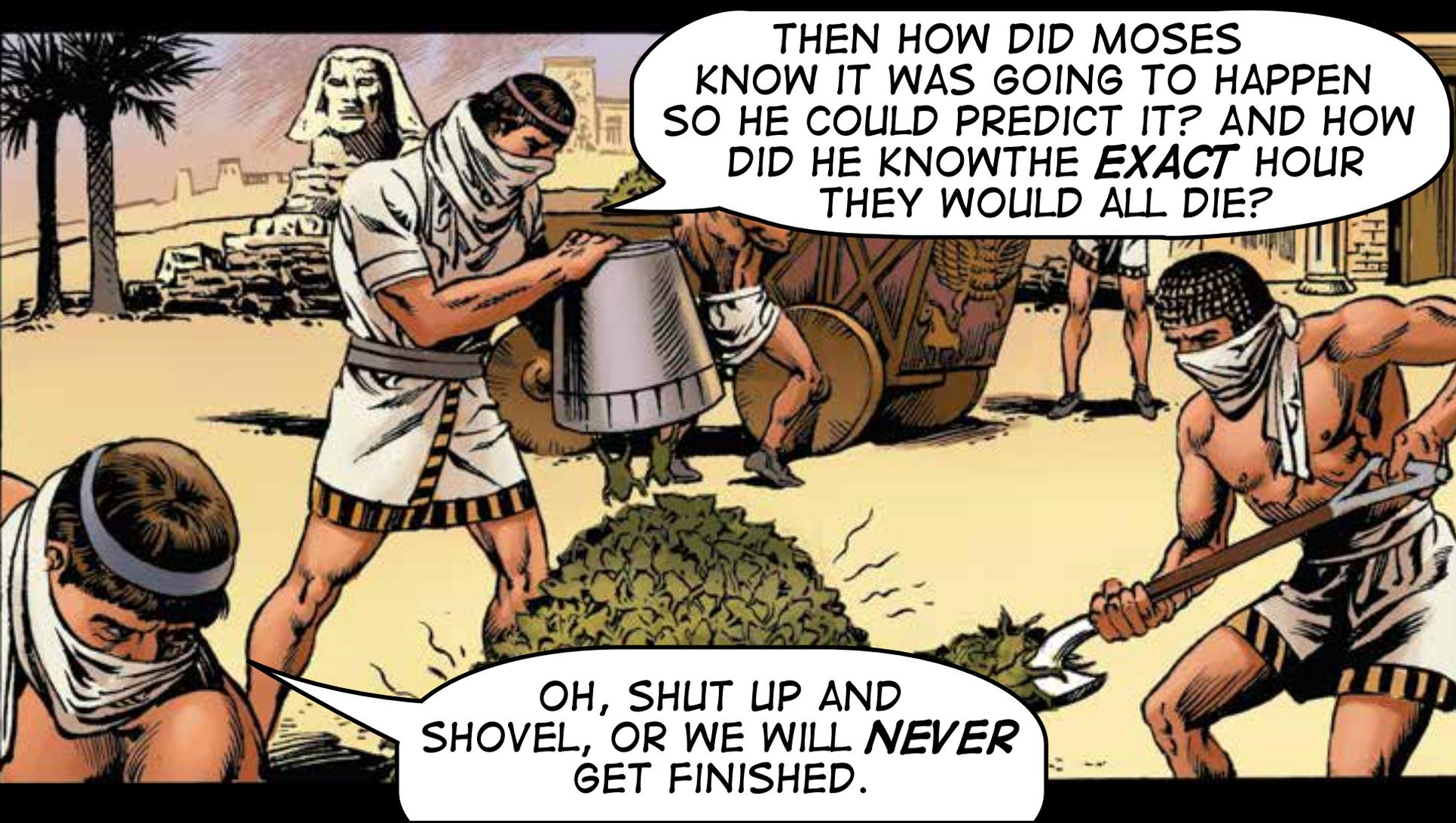
EXODUS 8:7-10

WHEN PHARAOH SAW THAT THE FROGS DIED AT THE TIME HE APPOINTED, HE HARDENED HIS HEART AND REFUSED TO LET THE HEBREWS GO.

WHAT KIND OF GOD IS THIS JEHOVAH THAT HE FILLS OUR LANDS WITH FROGS?

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK A GOD DID IT? MAYBE IT IS JUST A NATURAL PHENOMENON.





THEN HOW DID MOSES
KNOW IT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN
SO HE COULD PREDICT IT? AND HOW
DID HE KNOW THE **EXACT** HOUR
THEY WOULD ALL DIE?

OH, SHUT UP AND
SHOVEL, OR WE WILL **NEVER**
GET FINISHED.

AND JEHOVAH SAID UNTO MOSES, "SAY UNTO AARON, STRETCH OUT YOUR HAND AND STRIKE THE DUST OF THE GROUND THAT IT BECOME LICE THROUGHOUT THE LAND OF EGYPT."



AND ALL THE DUST
IN EGYPT TURNED
INTO LICE.



EEEEEE!



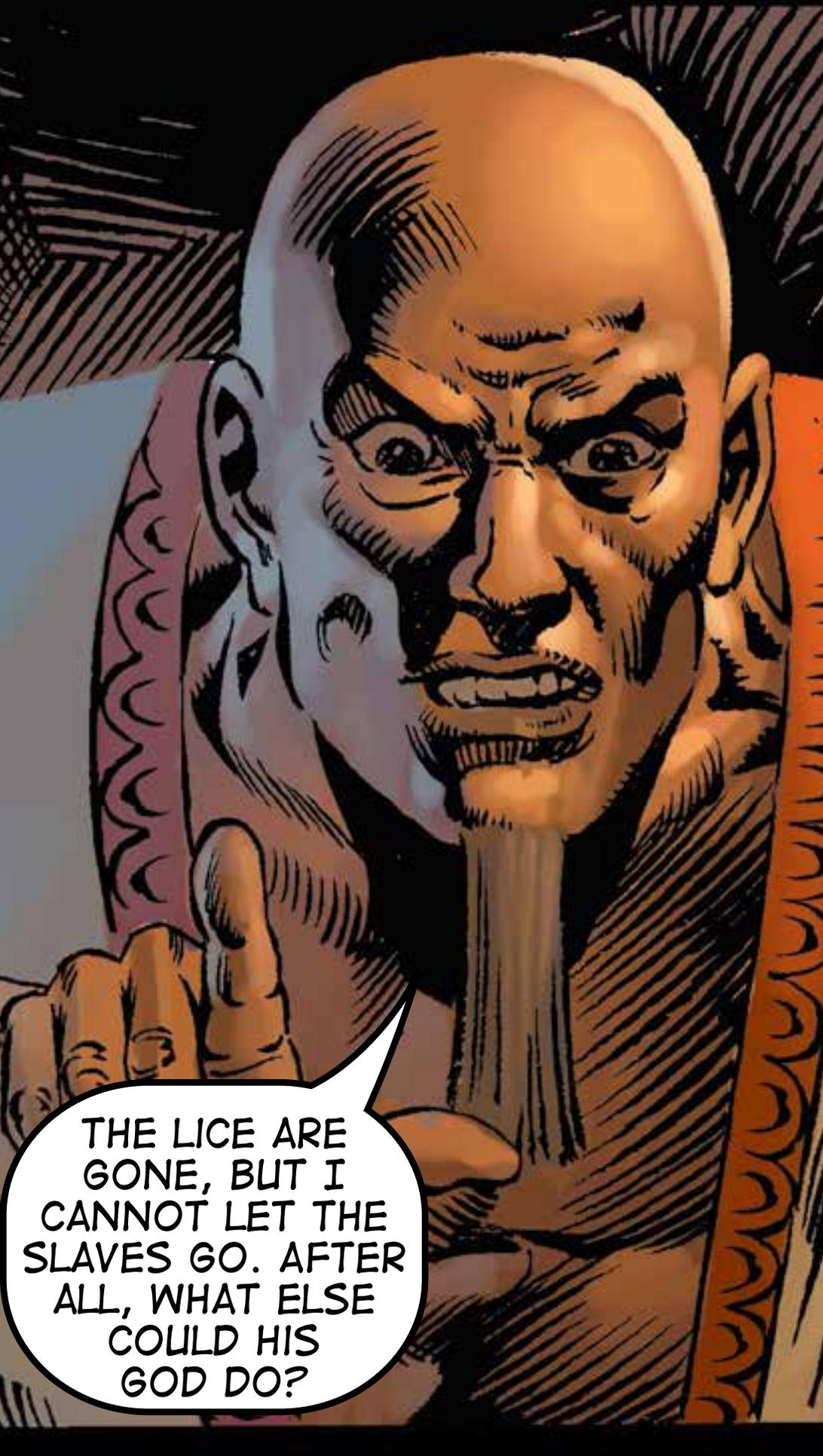
BUT SIR, SURELY THIS *IS* THE WORK OF GOD. NO MAN CAN DO THE THINGS THAT THOSE TWO HAVE DONE. WE ARE POWERLESS.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU CAN'T MAKE LICE? *THE PEOPLE WILL THINK THAT HIS GOD IS MORE POWERFUL THAN OURS!* MAGIC TRICKS, THAT'S ALL YOU CAN DO.

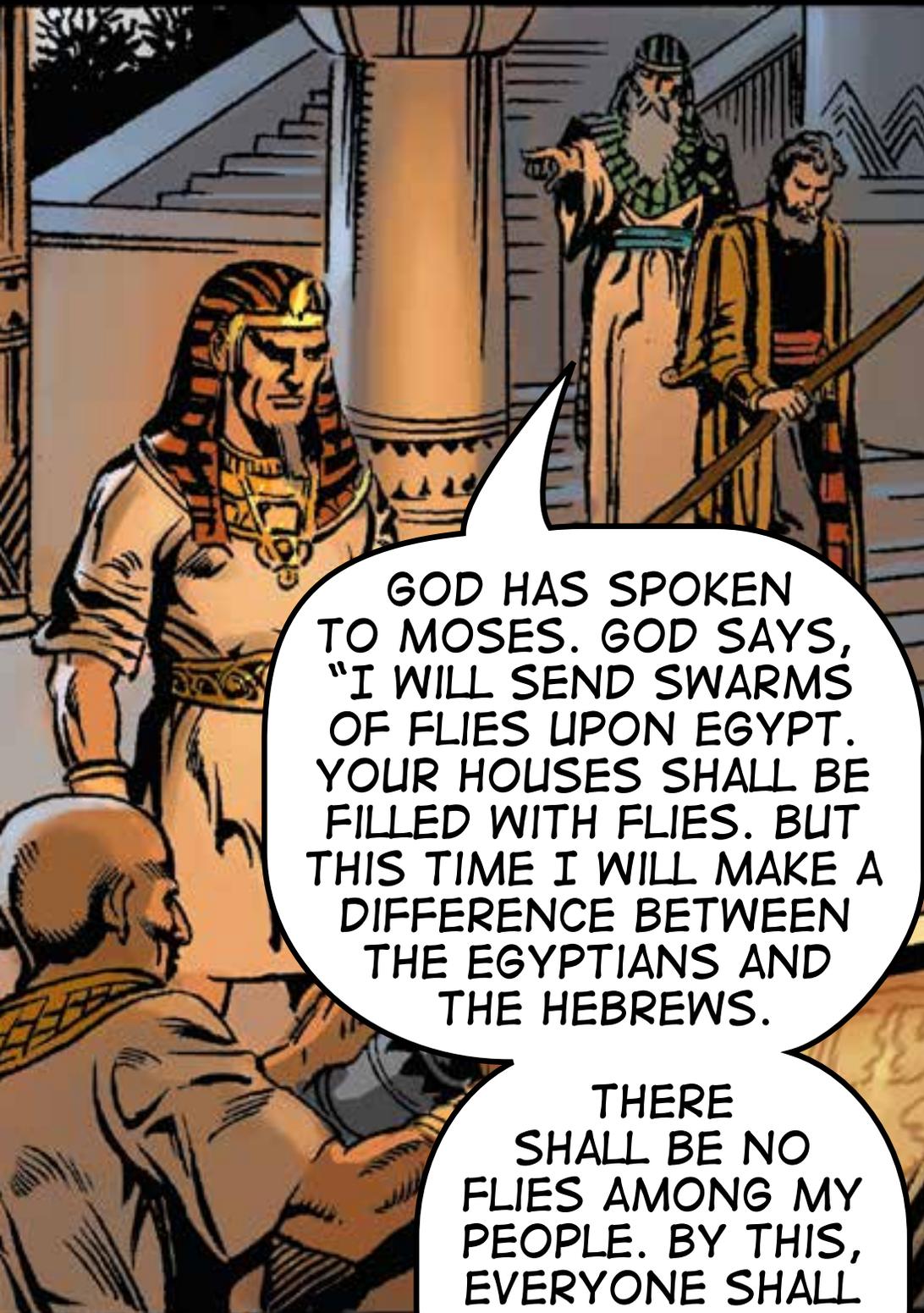


THERE MUST BE A NATURAL EXPLANATION, BUT WE CAN'T STAND ANY MORE OF THIS. SEND WORD TO MOSES. TELL HIM THAT IF HIS GOD WILL TAKE AWAY THE LICE I WILL LET THE HEBREWS GO TO SERVE THEIR GOD.

EXODUS 8:13-19



THE LICE ARE
GONE, BUT I
CANNOT LET THE
SLAVES GO. AFTER
ALL, WHAT ELSE
COULD HIS
GOD DO?



GOD HAS SPOKEN TO MOSES. GOD SAYS, "I WILL SEND SWARMS OF FLIES UPON EGYPT. YOUR HOUSES SHALL BE FILLED WITH FLIES. BUT THIS TIME I WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE EGYPTIANS AND THE HEBREWS.

THERE SHALL BE NO FLIES AMONG MY PEOPLE. BY THIS, EVERYONE SHALL KNOW THAT I AM GOD OF THE WHOLE EARTH!"

DADDY,
WHY CAN'T
OUR PRIESTS
STOP THIS MAN?
WHERE IS THEIR
POWER?



I DON'T
KNOW ANYTHING
ABOUT RELIGION.
I JUST MIND MY
OWN BUSINESS.



IT IS JUST AS HE
SAID; *THERE ARE NO
FLIES AMONG THE
HEBREWS!* THIS MUST
BE THE WORK OF
THEIR GOD.

GO FIND
MOSES.



GO THEN, AND
SACRIFICE TO YOUR
GOD, BUT **DO NOT**
LEAVE THE LAND OF
EGYPT.

WE MUST GO
AT LEAST THREE
DAYS' JOURNEY.

I SAID YOU CAN
GO, BUT YOU CANNOT
GO VERY FAR. NOW TALK
TO YOUR GOD AND ASK
HIM TO TAKE AWAY THESE
STINKING FLIES.

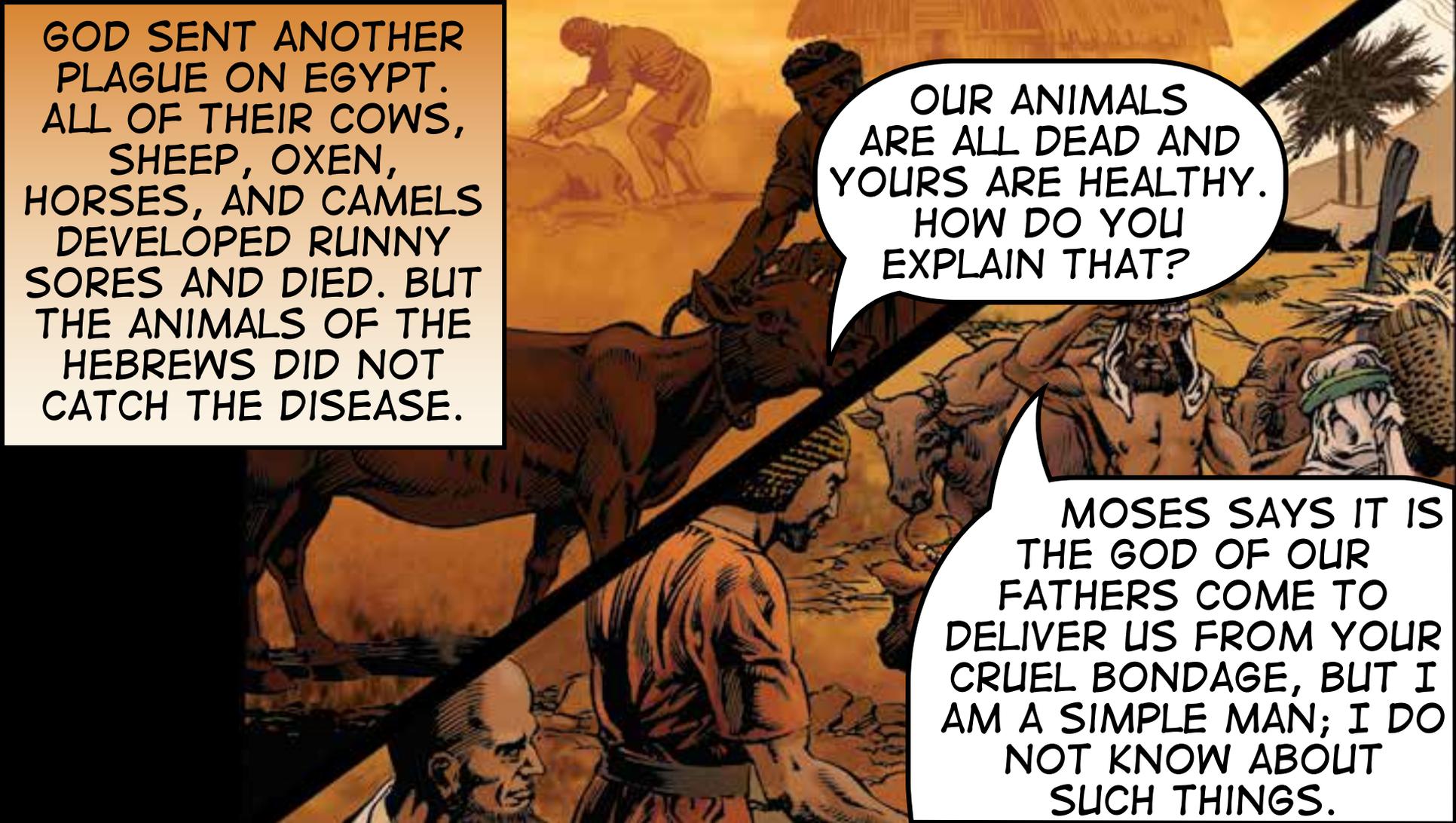


THERE IS
NOT ONE FLY
LEFT ALIVE IN ALL
EGYPT. NOW THAT
IS A MIRACLE.

SHUT UP. YOU
SOUND AS IF YOU
ARE BEGINNING
TO BELIEVE THE
BABBLER.

AGAIN PHARAOH HARDENED
HIS HEART AND REFUSED
TO LET THE PEOPLE GO.

EXODUS 8:20-32



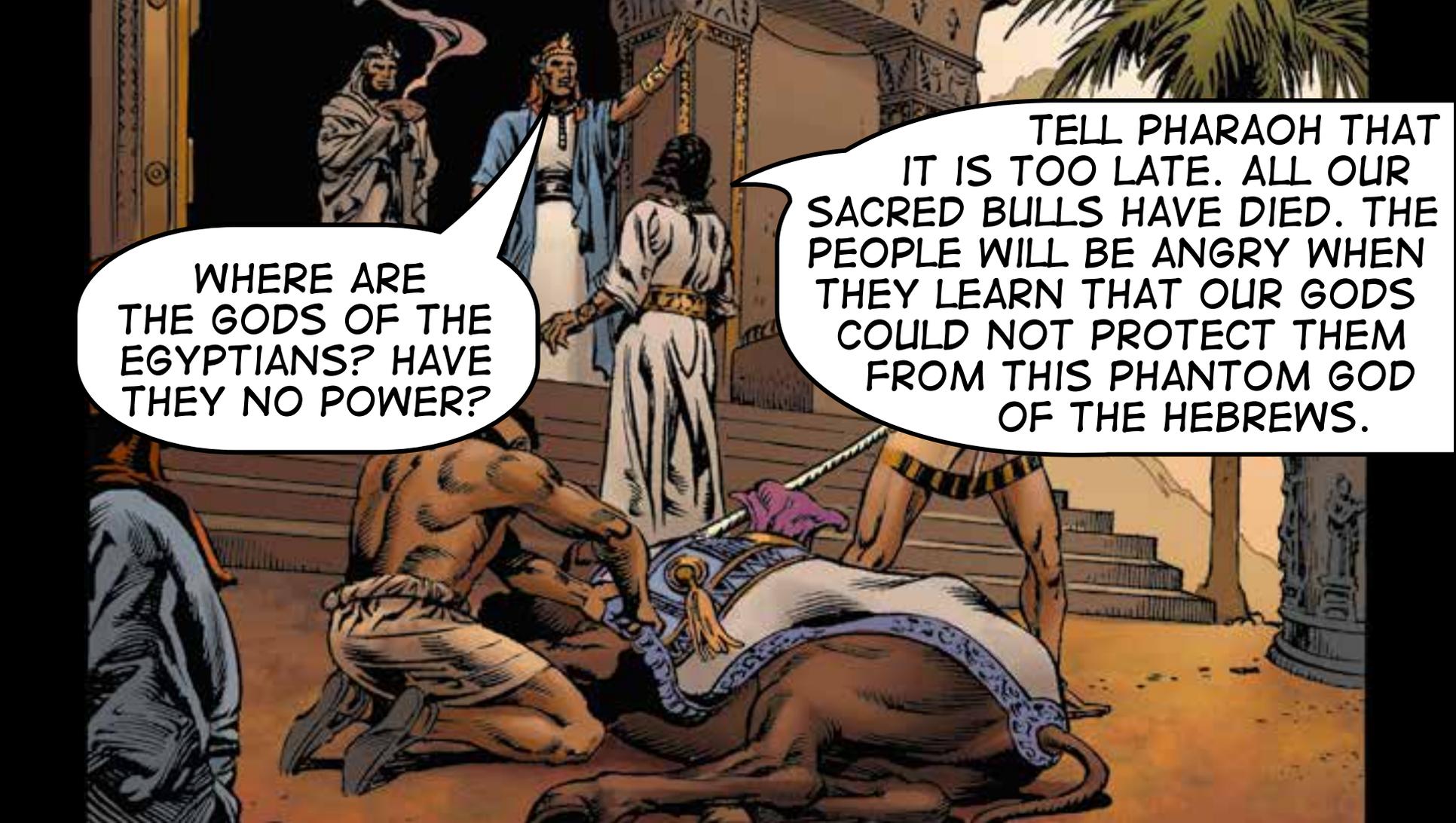
GOD SENT ANOTHER
PLAGUE ON EGYPT.
ALL OF THEIR COWS,
SHEEP, OXEN,
HORSES, AND CAMELS
DEVELOPED RUNNY
SORES AND DIED. BUT
THE ANIMALS OF THE
HEBREWS DID NOT
CATCH THE DISEASE.

OUR ANIMALS
ARE ALL DEAD AND
YOURS ARE HEALTHY.
HOW DO YOU
EXPLAIN THAT?

MOSES SAYS IT IS
THE GOD OF OUR
FATHERS COME TO
DELIVER US FROM YOUR
CRUEL BONDAGE, BUT I
AM A SIMPLE MAN; I DO
NOT KNOW ABOUT
SUCH THINGS.



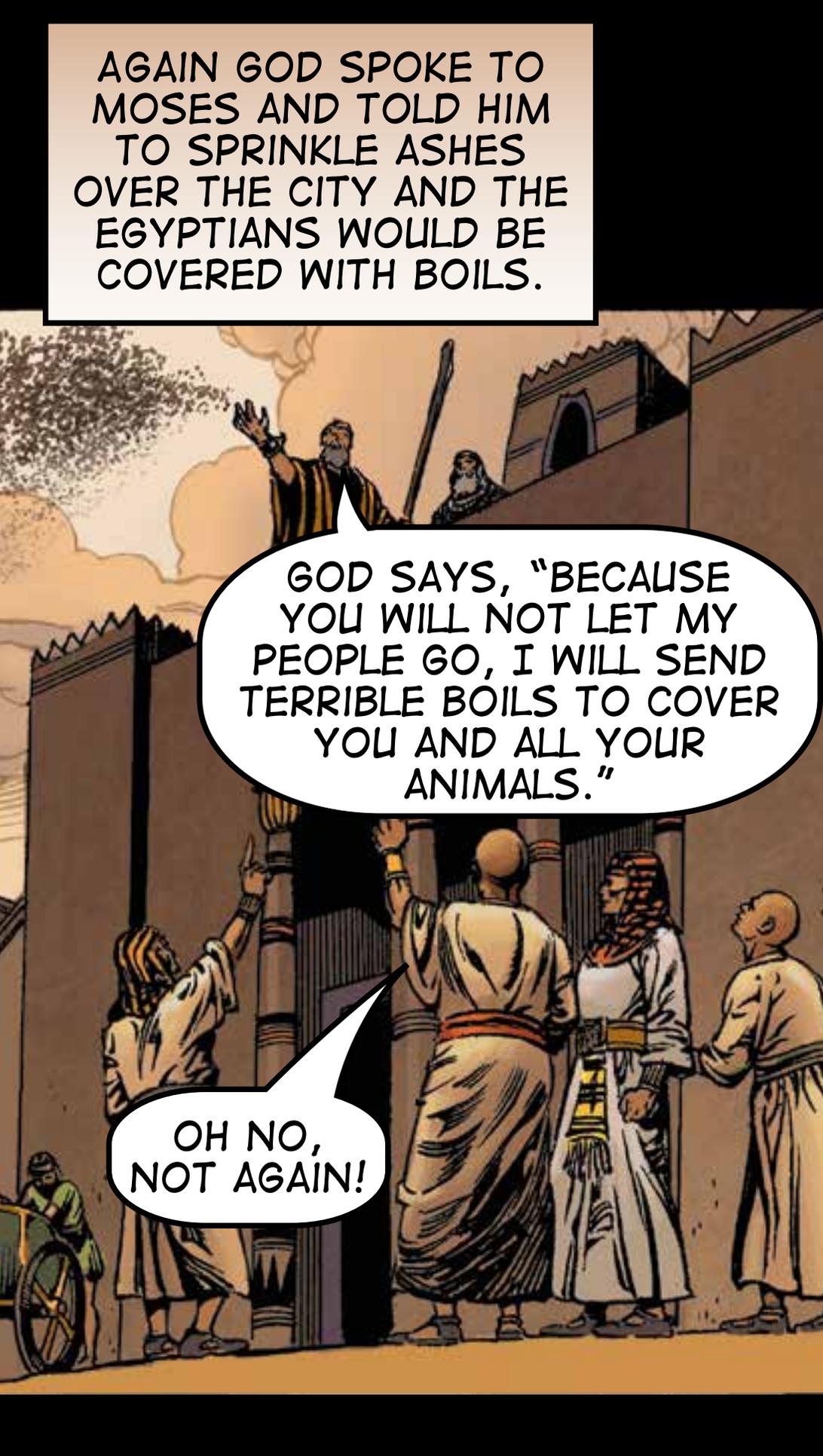
OUR PRIESTS
ARE OFFERING
SACRIFICES TO OUR
GODS. OUR SACRED BULL
WILL BE ANGRY AND PUT
A STOP TO THIS.



WHERE ARE
THE GODS OF THE
EGYPTIANS? HAVE
THEY NO POWER?

TELL PHARAOH THAT
IT IS TOO LATE. ALL OUR
SACRED BULLS HAVE DIED. THE
PEOPLE WILL BE ANGRY WHEN
THEY LEARN THAT OUR GODS
COULD NOT PROTECT THEM
FROM THIS PHANTOM GOD
OF THE HEBREWS.

AGAIN GOD SPOKE TO MOSES AND TOLD HIM TO SPRINKLE ASHES OVER THE CITY AND THE EGYPTIANS WOULD BE COVERED WITH BOILS.



GOD SAYS, "BECAUSE YOU WILL NOT LET MY PEOPLE GO, I WILL SEND TERRIBLE BOILS TO COVER YOU AND ALL YOUR ANIMALS."

OH NO,
NOT AGAIN!

CALL THE MAGICIANS.
TELL THEM TO SUMMON ALL
THEIR POWERS. SACRIFICE TO
THE GODS. **PUT A STOP
TO THIS.**





YOU CALLED,
MOST EMINENT
ONE?

YOU
TOO? HAVE
YOU NO POWER
AGAINST THIS
GOD OF
MOSES?



GET OUT OF MY
SIGHT, YOU **POWERLESS
BUNCH OF FRAUDS**. YOU DO
SLEIGHTS-OF-HAND AND FOOL
THE PEOPLE, BUT I KNOW YOU ARE
DECEIVERS. WHERE ARE YOUR GODS?

RISE UP EARLY AND STAND BEFORE PHARAOH AND SAY, "THE GOD OF THE HEBREWS SAYS, 'LET MY PEOPLE GO. FOR THE NEXT PLAGUE WILL BE FAR WORSE. IT WILL BRING DESTRUCTION THAT WILL KILL MANY OF YOUR PEOPLE. BY THIS YOU SHALL KNOW THAT THERE IS NO GOD LIKE ME.

YOU DON'T REALIZE IT, BUT I AM THE ONE WHO MADE YOU TO BE PHARAOH. YOU SEE, I KNEW YOU WOULD HARDEN YOUR HEART AND REFUSE TO LET MY PEOPLE GO.'



**'YOUR STUBBORNNESS GIVES ME
THE OPPORTUNITY TO MANIFEST MY
POWER AND BRING JUDGMENT ON
EGYPT FOR THEIR CRUEL TREATMENT
OF MY PEOPLE. YOU PROMOTE YOUR
OWN INTERESTS AND RESIST DOING
MY WILL, ...**

**...SO TOMORROW
AT THIS TIME I
WILL SEND A RAIN
OF ICE AND FIRE
LIKE THE EARTH
HAS NEVER
SEEN BEFORE.' "**



A man with a beard, wearing a brown robe, is lying face down on the ground. His hands are clasped together in front of him. The background is a textured, yellowish-brown surface. A speech bubble is positioned above the man's head, containing text.

**"I TELL YOU SO
YOU CAN WARN EVERYONE
TO PUT HIMSELF OR ANY
ANIMALS HE MAY HAVE
INDOORS, FOR ALL THAT
ARE OUTSIDE WILL
DIE."**

EXODUS 9:8-19



BE IT AS
JEHOVAH HAS
SAID.



HOW
CAN SUCH A
THING HAPPEN,
FIRE AND ICE
MIXED?

MIGHTY
GOD SETH,
SAVE US.

AHHHH!

THOSE WHO DID NOT REGARD
THE WARNING AND WERE
CAUGHT OUTDOORS DIED.



FATHER, HOW DOES THAT MAN MOSES DO THIS? IS HIS GOD MORE POWERFUL THAN SETH, LORD OF CHAOS AND STORMS?

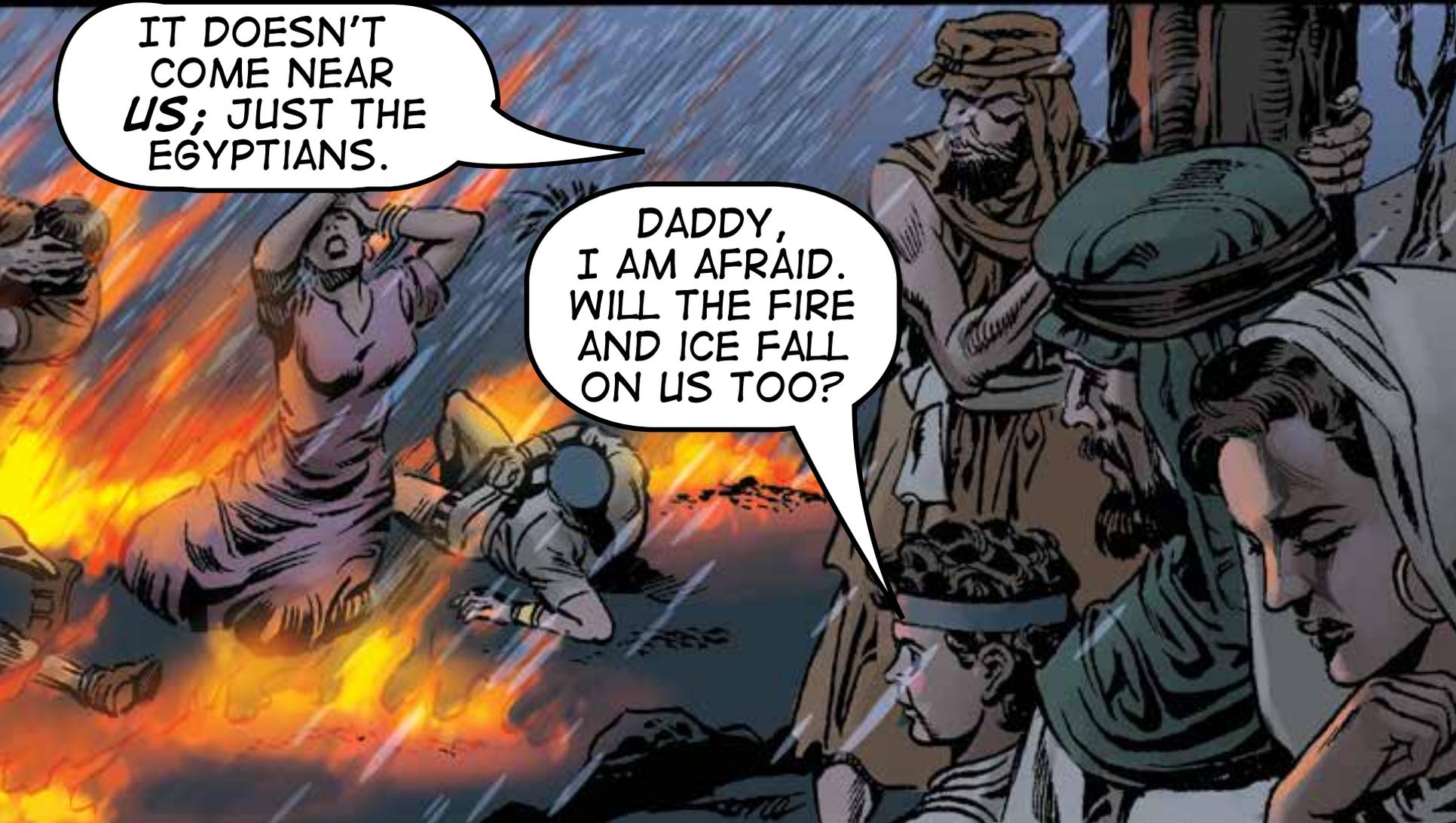
HE CLAIMS THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD AND THAT THESE HEBREWS ARE HIS CHILDREN.

BUT NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN HIS GOD, NOT EVEN THE HEBREWS. HIS GOD, WHICH HE CLAIMS IS JUST A SPIRIT, IS TRYING TO CONVINC PHARAOH TO LET THEM GO INTO THE WILDERNESS TO WORSHIP.



OH MIGHTY
SETH, LORD OF CHAOS
AND STORMS, WE BEG OF
YOU, PUT A STOP TO THESE
TERRIBLE STORMS. SURELY
YOU ARE GREATER THAN
THIS UNSEEN GOD OF
MOSES.

EXODUS 9:23-26



IT DOESN'T
COME NEAR
US; JUST THE
EGYPTIANS.

DADDY,
I AM AFRAID.
WILL THE FIRE
AND ICE FALL
ON US TOO?



NO CHILD,
JEHOVAH IS
PUNISHING THE
EGYPTIANS FOR NOT
OBEYING HIM. HE IS
SHOWING THEM THAT
THEIR GOD OF
STORMS, SETH, IS
POWERLESS TO
HELP THEM.

IT IS SO
HORRIBLE.

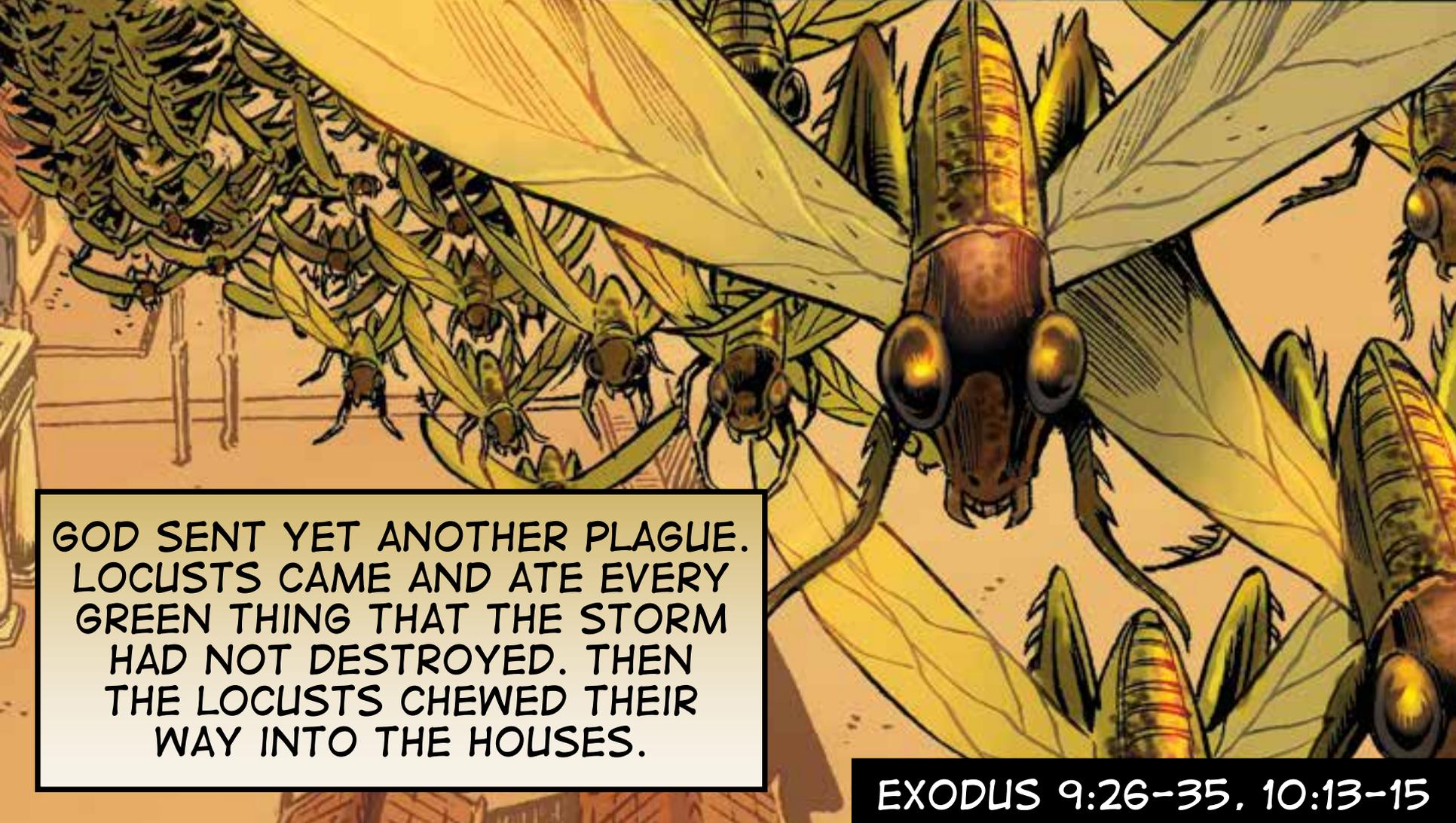


I HAVE SINNED AGAINST JEHOVAH. THE
GOD OF THE HEBREWS IS *RIGHTEOUS*
AND I AND MY PEOPLE ARE *WICKED*. ASK
JEHOVAH TO STOP THE FIRE AND ICE,
AND I WILL LET YOUR PEOPLE LEAVE
IMMEDIATELY.



AS SOON AS I AM OUT OF THE CITY I WILL LIFT MY HANDS TO HEAVEN AND THE PLAGUE WILL CEASE. BY THIS YOU WILL KNOW THAT THE EARTH BELONGS TO **JEHOVAH**, BUT YOU WILL NOT KEEP YOUR WORD. YOU DO NOT YET FEAR GOD.

WHEN PHARAOH SAW THAT THE STORM WAS PASSED, HE SINNED YET MORE AND HARDENED HIS HEART. HE DID NOT LET THE PEOPLE GO.



GOD SENT YET ANOTHER PLAGUE.
LOCUSTS CAME AND ATE EVERY
GREEN THING THAT THE STORM
HAD NOT DESTROYED. THEN
THE LOCUSTS CHEWED THEIR
WAY INTO THE HOUSES.

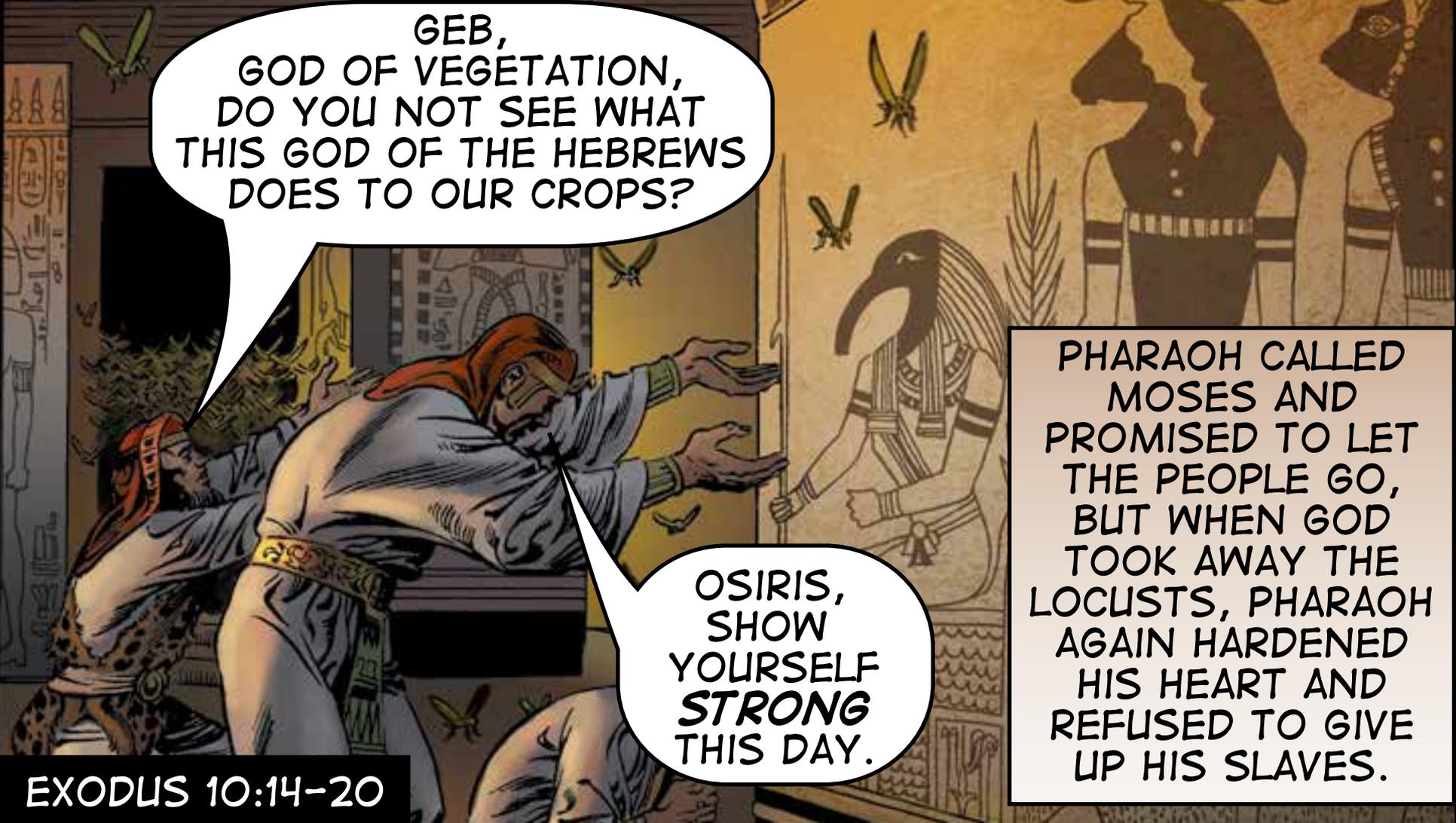
EXODUS 9:26-35, 10:13-15



**MAMA,
MAMA!**

АHHHHEEE!

**TAKE
THAT!**



GEB,
GOD OF VEGETATION,
DO YOU NOT SEE WHAT
THIS GOD OF THE HEBREWS
DOES TO OUR CROPS?

OSIRIS,
SHOW
YOURSELF
STRONG
THIS DAY.

PHARAOH CALLED
MOSES AND
PROMISED TO LET
THE PEOPLE GO,
BUT WHEN GOD
TOOK AWAY THE
LOCUSTS, PHARAOH
AGAIN HARDENED
HIS HEART AND
REFUSED TO GIVE
UP HIS SLAVES.

EXODUS 10:14-20

THEN GOD CAUSED A THICK DARKNESS
TO DESCEND OVER EGYPT. FOR
THREE DAYS IT WAS BLACKER THAN A
CLOUDY NIGHT, BUT IN THE HEBREW
HOMES THERE WAS NO DARKNESS.

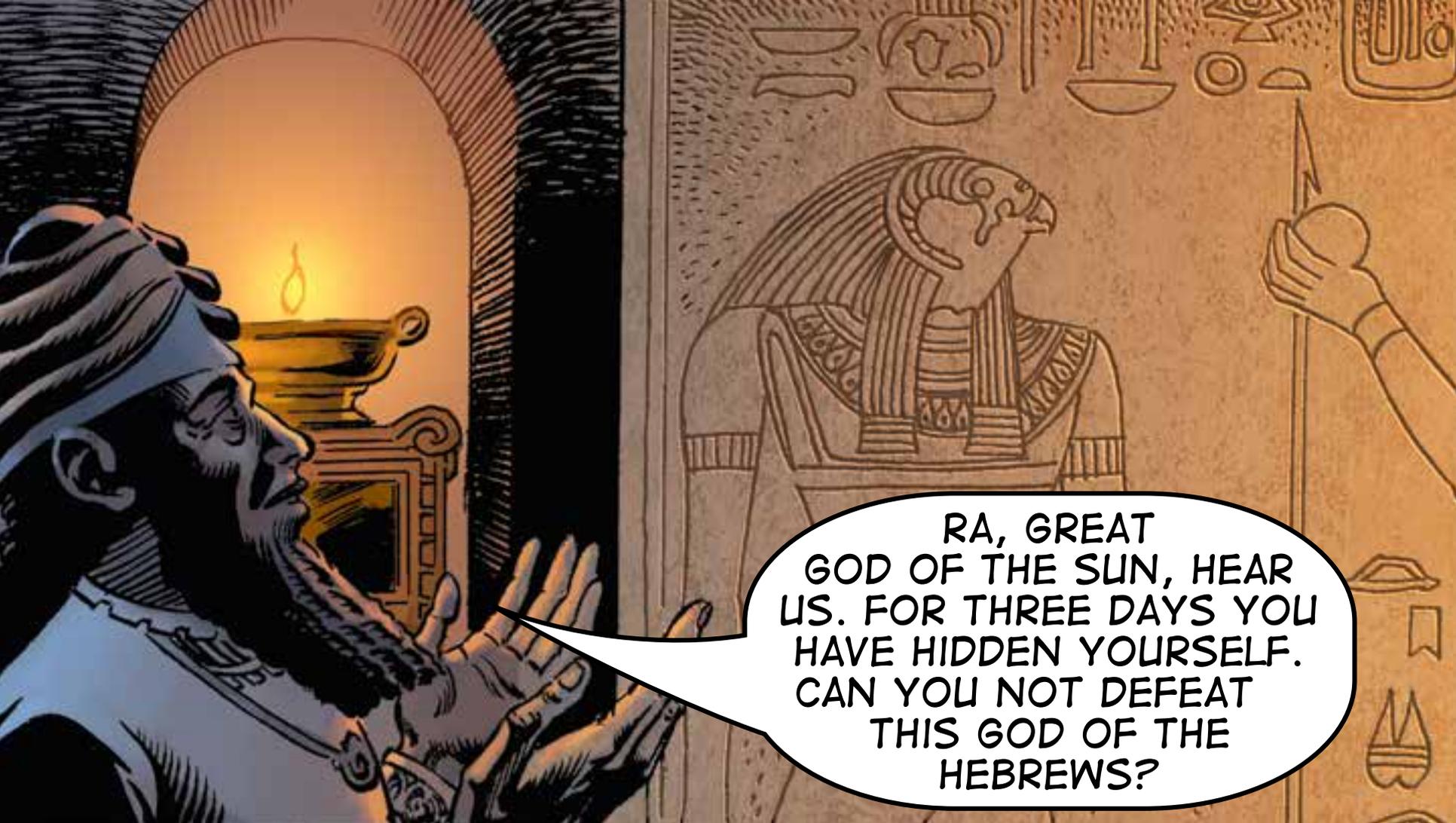


I COULD
HAVE HAD YOU
KILLED BEFORE
NOW, BUT THAT
WOULD PROVE
THAT OUR GODS
HAD NO POWER
AGAINST
YOURS.

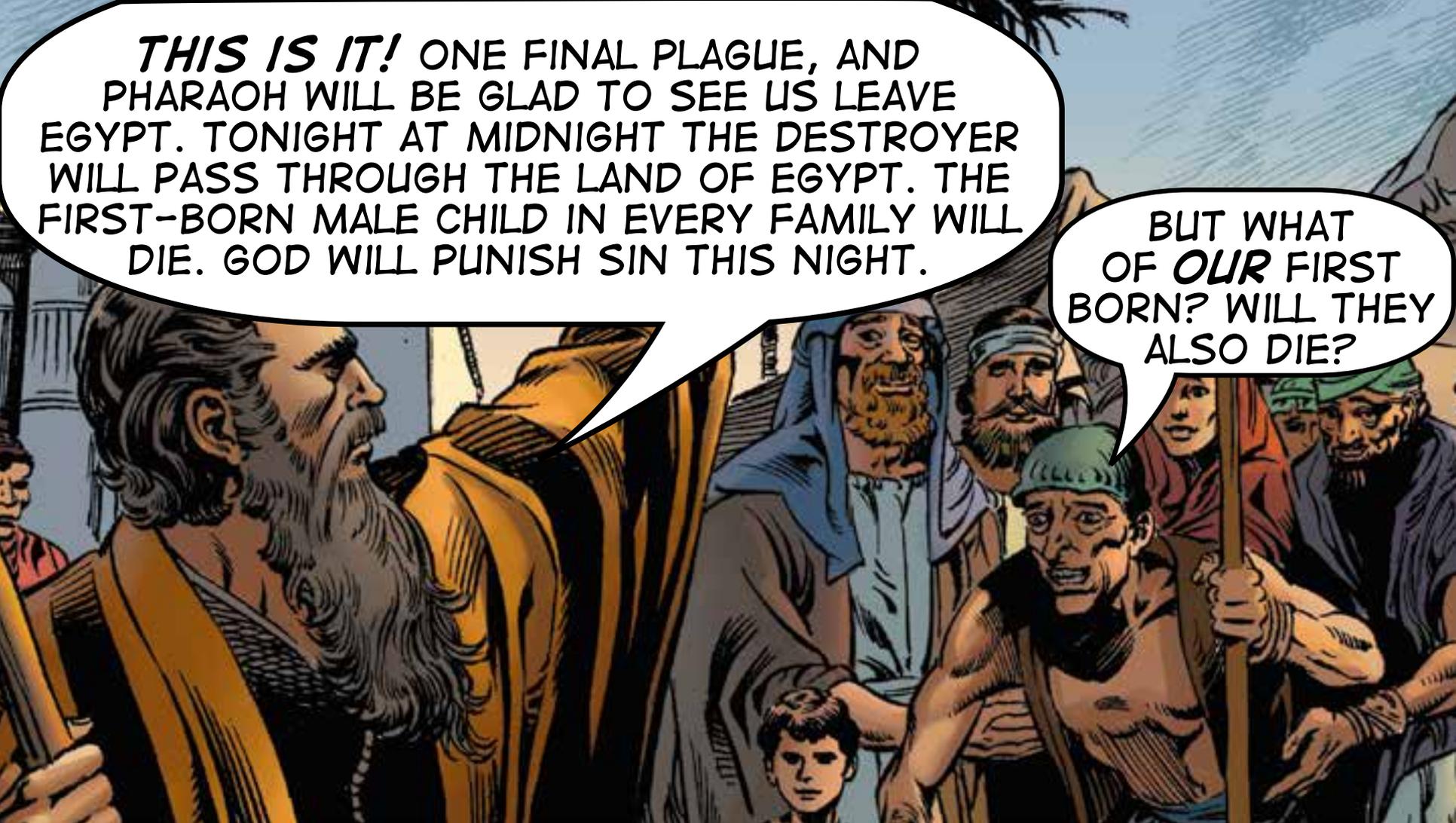


GET OUT OF MY
SIGHT. I WILL NEVER
SEE YOUR FACE AGAIN,
FOR IN THAT DAY YOU
WILL *DIE*.

YOU HAVE SPOKEN
THE TRUTH FOR ONCE.
WE WILL NEVER SEE
EACH OTHER AGAIN.

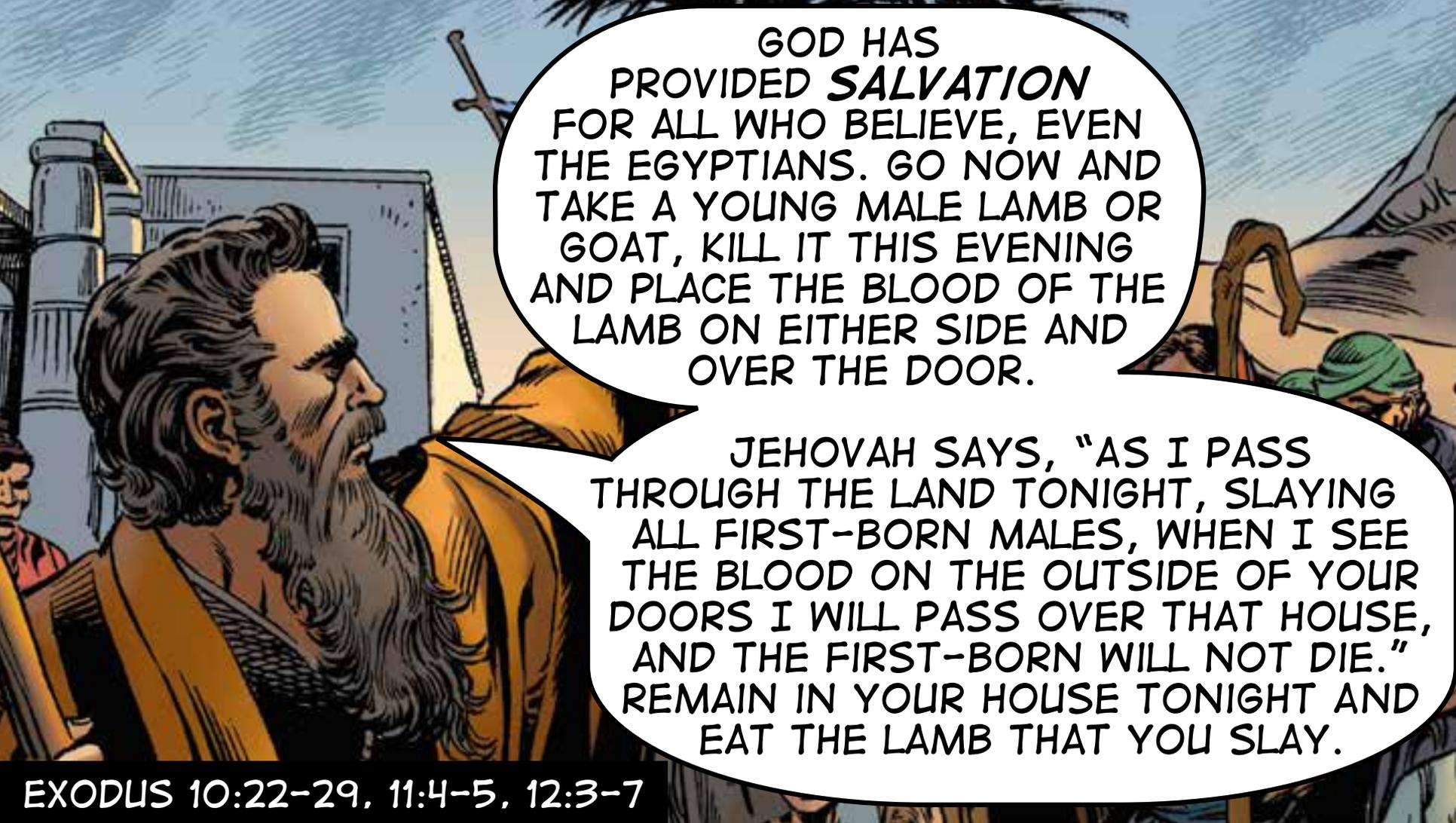


RA, GREAT
GOD OF THE SUN, HEAR
US. FOR THREE DAYS YOU
HAVE HIDDEN YOURSELF.
CAN YOU NOT DEFEAT
THIS GOD OF THE
HEBREWS?



THIS IS IT! ONE FINAL PLAGUE, AND PHARAOH WILL BE GLAD TO SEE US LEAVE EGYPT. TONIGHT AT MIDNIGHT THE DESTROYER WILL PASS THROUGH THE LAND OF EGYPT. THE FIRST-BORN MALE CHILD IN EVERY FAMILY WILL DIE. GOD WILL PUNISH SIN THIS NIGHT.

BUT WHAT OF *OUR* FIRST BORN? WILL THEY ALSO DIE?



GOD HAS PROVIDED **SALVATION** FOR ALL WHO BELIEVE, EVEN THE EGYPTIANS. GO NOW AND TAKE A YOUNG MALE LAMB OR GOAT, KILL IT THIS EVENING AND PLACE THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB ON EITHER SIDE AND OVER THE DOOR.

JEHOVAH SAYS, "AS I PASS THROUGH THE LAND TONIGHT, SLAYING ALL FIRST-BORN MALES, WHEN I SEE THE BLOOD ON THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR DOORS I WILL PASS OVER THAT HOUSE, AND THE FIRST-BORN WILL NOT DIE." REMAIN IN YOUR HOUSE TONIGHT AND EAT THE LAMB THAT YOU SLAY.

EXODUS 10:22-29, 11:4-5, 12:3-7



TOMORROW, GO
TO YOUR EGYPTIAN
MASTERS AND BORROW
THEIR VALUABLES, GOLD,
JEWELS, AND SILVER.
GOD HAS TOUCHED THEIR
HEARTS. THEY WILL
GIVE **FREELY** AND
ABUNDANTLY.

PACK YOUR THINGS AND
BE READY TO LEAVE TOMORROW
MORNING. YOU WILL NOT BE COMING
BACK HERE AGAIN. IT IS GOOD-BYE
TO EGYPT **FOREVER**. THIS WILL BE
THE BEGINNING OF TIME FOR YOU,
YOUR FIRST DAY.



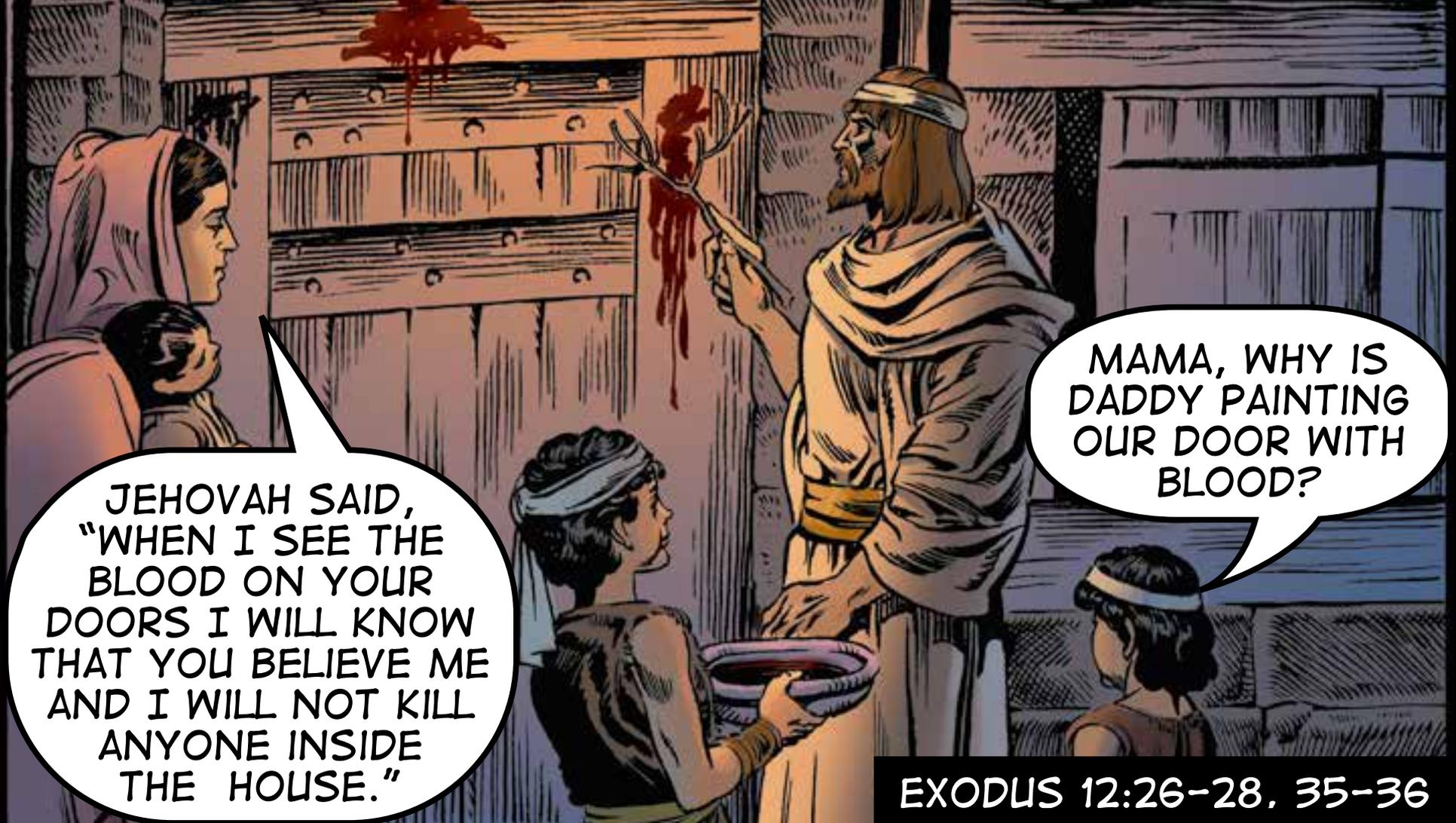
FATHER,
THAT IS OUR
ONLY LAMB,
COULDN'T WE JUST
USE RED *PAINT* OR
SOMETHING?

SON, GOD SAID
TO KILL A LAMB AND
PUT ITS BLOOD ON THE
DOORPOST. WE MUST DO
EXACTLY AS HE SAYS.
YOU HAVE SEEN HOW HE
JUDGES THOSE WHO DO
NOT OBEY HIM. THIS
LAMB IS TO SAVE YOU
FROM DEATH.



THEN
THIS LAMB
HAS DIED
FOR *ME?*

AND FOR
ME ALSO. FOR
I TOO AM A
FIRSTBORN
SON.



JEHOVAH SAID,
"WHEN I SEE THE
BLOOD ON YOUR
DOORS I WILL KNOW
THAT YOU BELIEVE ME
AND I WILL NOT KILL
ANYONE INSIDE
THE HOUSE."

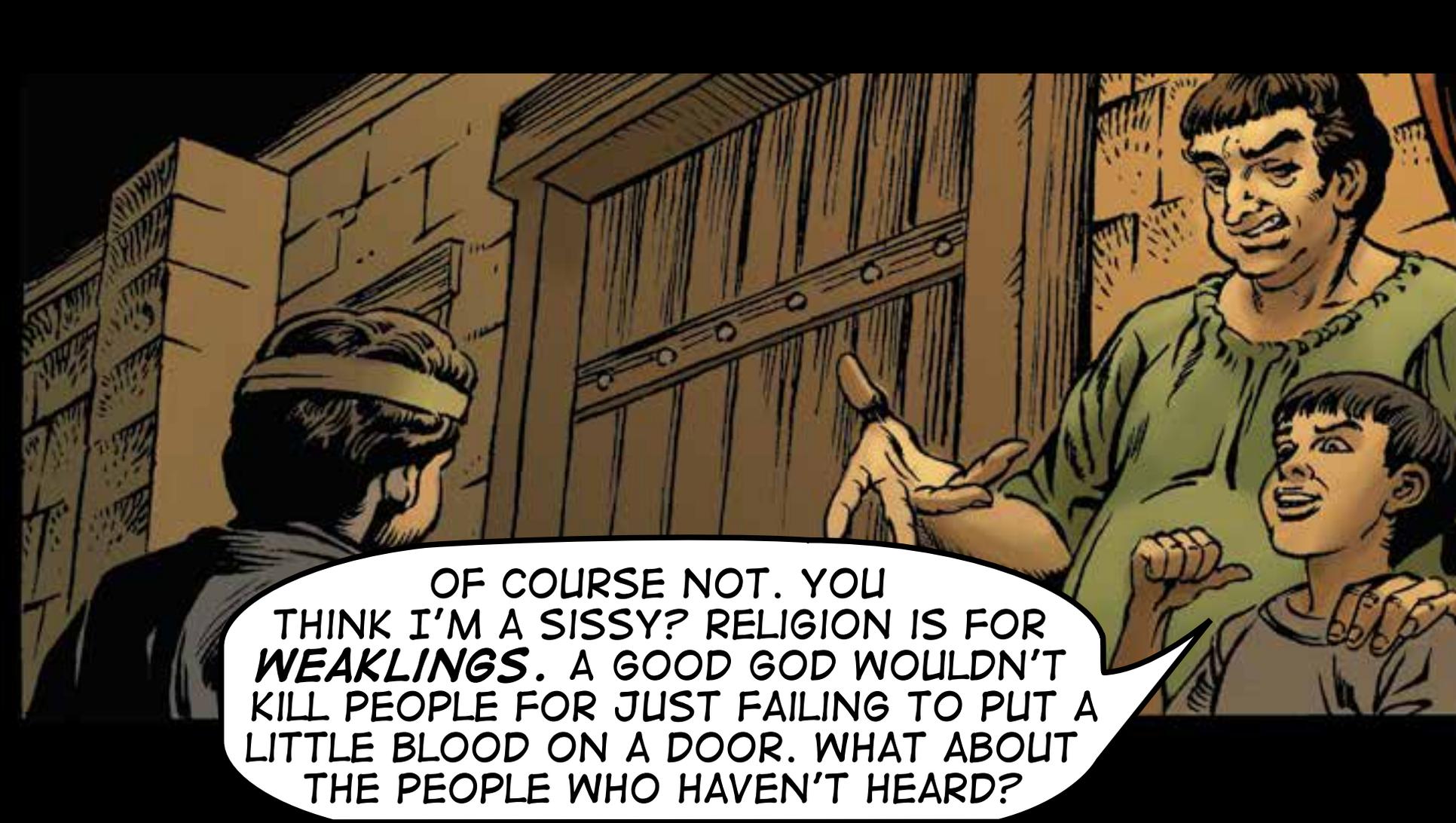
MAMA, WHY IS
DADDY PAINTING
OUR DOOR WITH
BLOOD?

EXODUS 12:26-28, 35-36

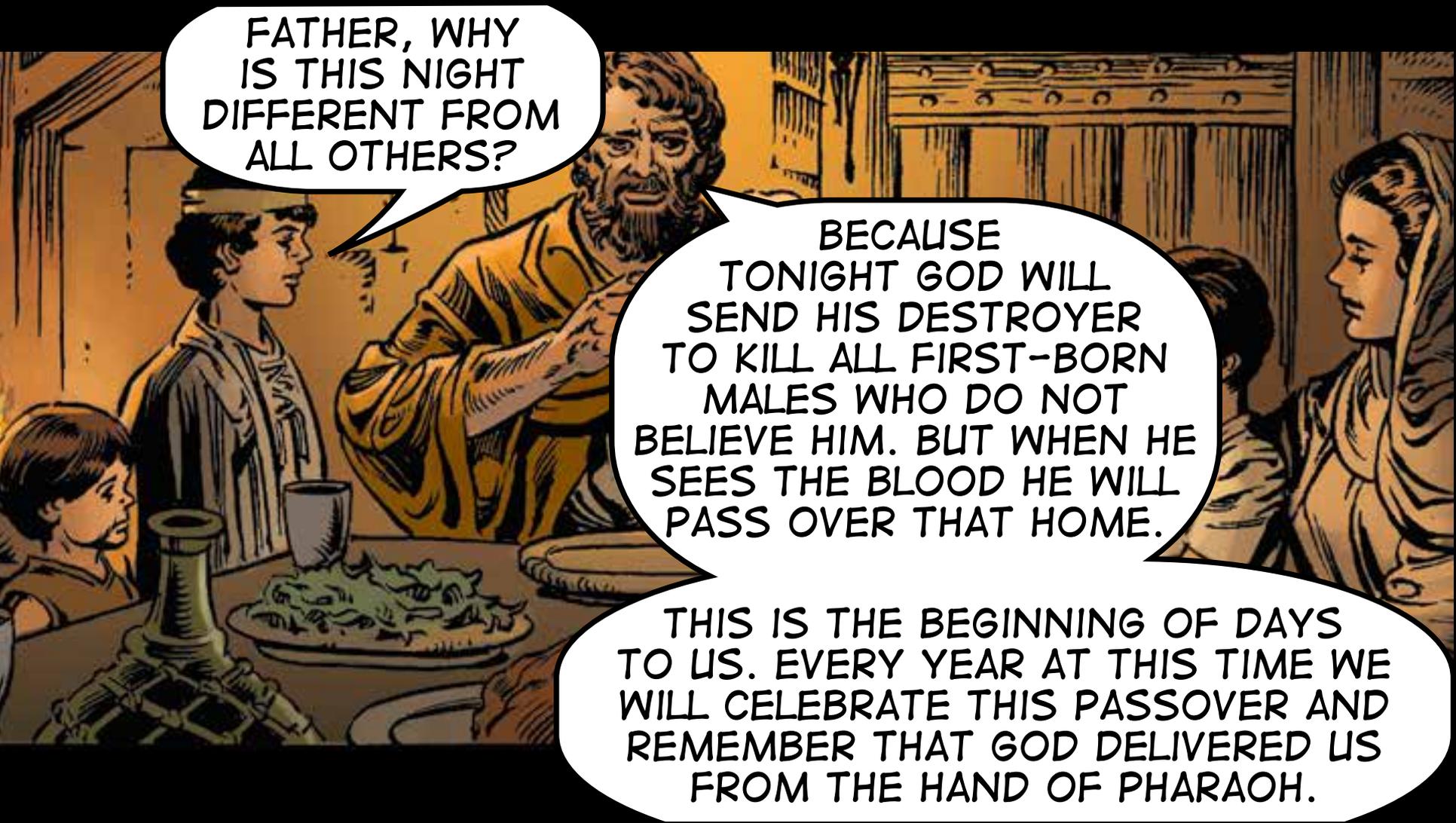


WHY HAVE
YOU NOT
KILLED THE
LAMB AND
PLACED BLOOD
ON YOUR
DOOR?

HA! YOU
BELIEVE ALL THAT
SUPERSTITIOUS STUFF?
HOW IS A LITTLE BLOOD ON A
DOORPOST GOING TO STOP
DEATH FROM COMING? MY
SON IS NOT SCARED, ARE
YOU, JOIKIM?

A comic book panel showing a man with a headband on the left, looking towards a man and a boy on the right. The man on the right is gesturing with his hands while speaking. The boy is looking up at him. They are in front of a wooden door with a stone wall to the left.

OF COURSE NOT. YOU
THINK I'M A SISSY? RELIGION IS FOR
WEAKLINGS. A GOOD GOD WOULDN'T
KILL PEOPLE FOR JUST FAILING TO PUT A
LITTLE BLOOD ON A DOOR. WHAT ABOUT
THE PEOPLE WHO HAVEN'T HEARD?



FATHER, WHY
IS THIS NIGHT
DIFFERENT FROM
ALL OTHERS?

BECAUSE
TONIGHT GOD WILL
SEND HIS DESTROYER
TO KILL ALL FIRST-BORN
MALES WHO DO NOT
BELIEVE HIM. BUT WHEN HE
SEES THE BLOOD HE WILL
PASS OVER THAT HOME.

THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF DAYS
TO US. EVERY YEAR AT THIS TIME WE
WILL CELEBRATE THIS PASSOVER AND
REMEMBER THAT GOD DELIVERED US
FROM THE HAND OF PHARAOH.



OH FATHER,
LISTEN TO THE
SCREAMS! THE
DESTROYER MUST
BE HERE!

DO NOT BE AFRAID.
WE HAVE OBEYED GOD.
THE BLOOD IS ON THE
DOORPOST. WE ARE
EATING THE LAMB.



**MY SON IS
DEAD! OH GOD,
DO SOMETHING.
CALL MOSES!**

EXODUS 12:28



IEEE!

**NO,
GOD!
NOT MY
BABY!**

NOOOO!





I AM SORRY, BUT IT IS TOO LATE. YOU WERE WARNED, BUT YOU **REFUSED** TO BELIEVE. I AM AFRAID THAT MANY HAVE DIED THIS NIGHT.

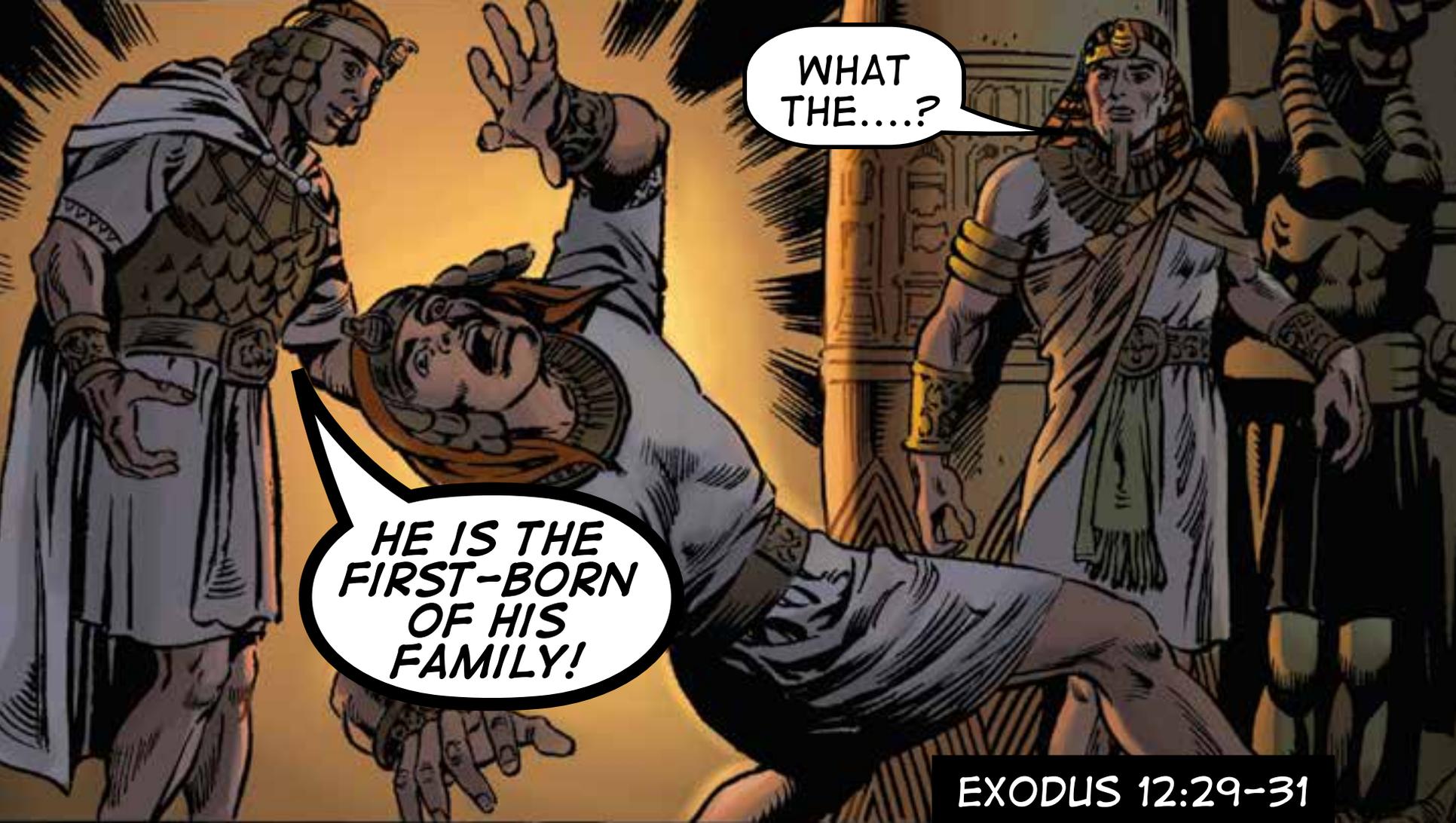


AS THE DESTROYER PASSED OVER THE CITY THAT NIGHT, THOUSANDS DIED. THOSE WHO BELIEVED AND APPLIED THE BLOOD TO THEIR DOOR LIVED.



OUR
SON IS
DEAD!

HURRY, BRING
MOSES HERE
IMMEDIATELY.



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THE....?

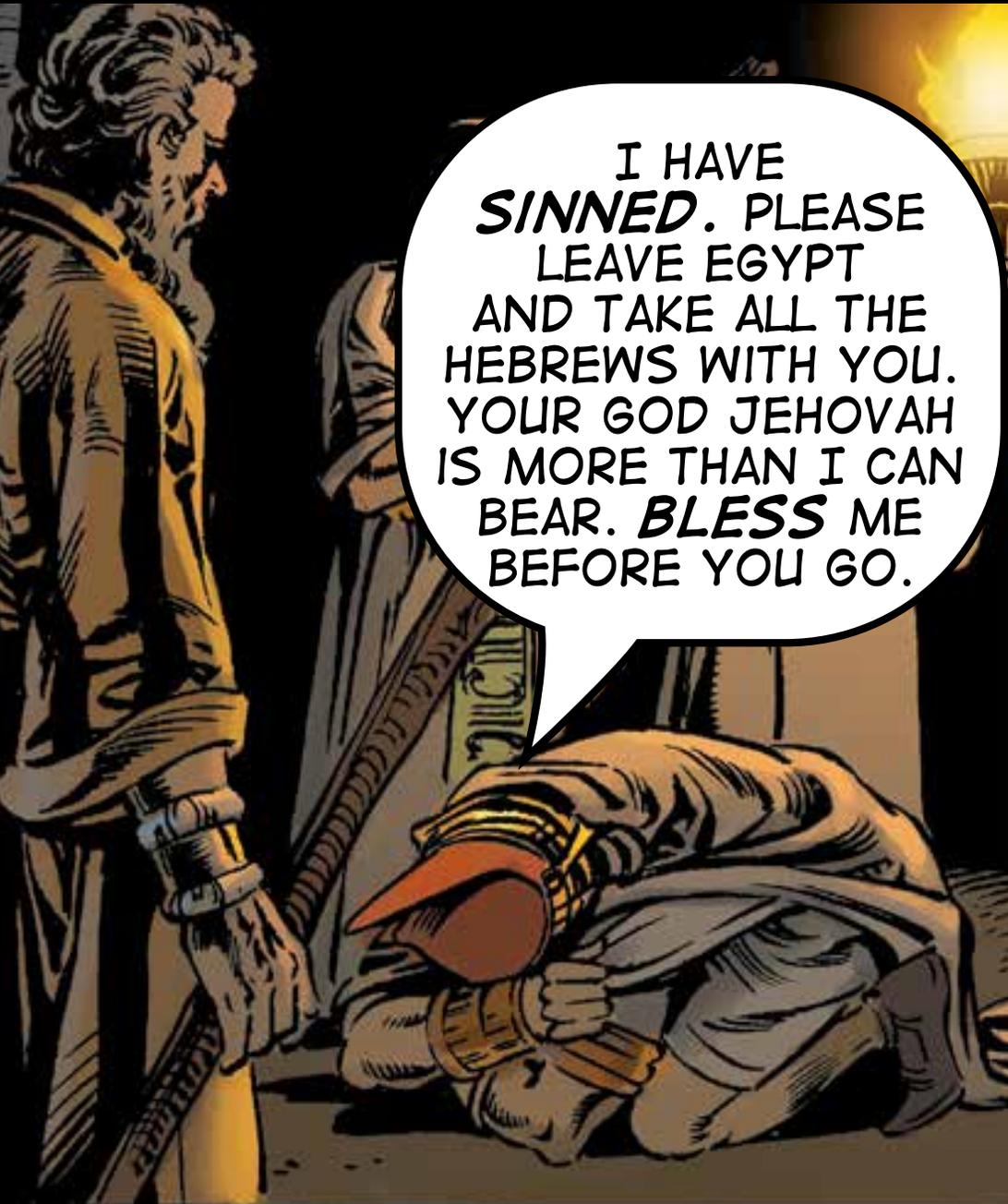
HE IS THE
FIRST-BORN
OF HIS
FAMILY!

EXODUS 12:29-31



PHARAOH
AGAIN CALLED
FOR MOSES.

BUT PHARAOH DID NOT
LOOK AT MOSES' FACE.



I HAVE
SINNED. PLEASE
LEAVE EGYPT
AND TAKE ALL THE
HEBREWS WITH YOU.
YOUR GOD JEHOVAH
IS MORE THAN I CAN
BEAR. **BLESS** ME
BEFORE YOU GO.



JUST AS GOD HAD PROMISED THEIR FATHERS, AFTER FOUR HUNDRED YEARS THEY WERE LEAVING EGYPT. THE EGYPTIANS GAVE THE HEBREWS GOLD, JEWELS, FOOD - ANYTHING THEY WANTED AND COULD CARRY. IT WAS A JOYOUS OCCASION FOR THE HEBREW CHILDREN: THE FIRST DAY OF A NEW NATION.



600,000
MEN, WITH
THE WOMEN
AND CHILDREN,
LEFT EGYPT
TO TRAVEL TO
THE PROMISED
LAND.

GOD LED THEM DURING THE
DAY WITH A CLOUD, WHICH GAVE
THEM SHADE, AND DURING THE
NIGHT WITH A PILLAR OF FIRE,
WHICH GAVE THEM LIGHT.

EXODUS 12:31-38, 13:21-22



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