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THE MAN  
OF FIRE



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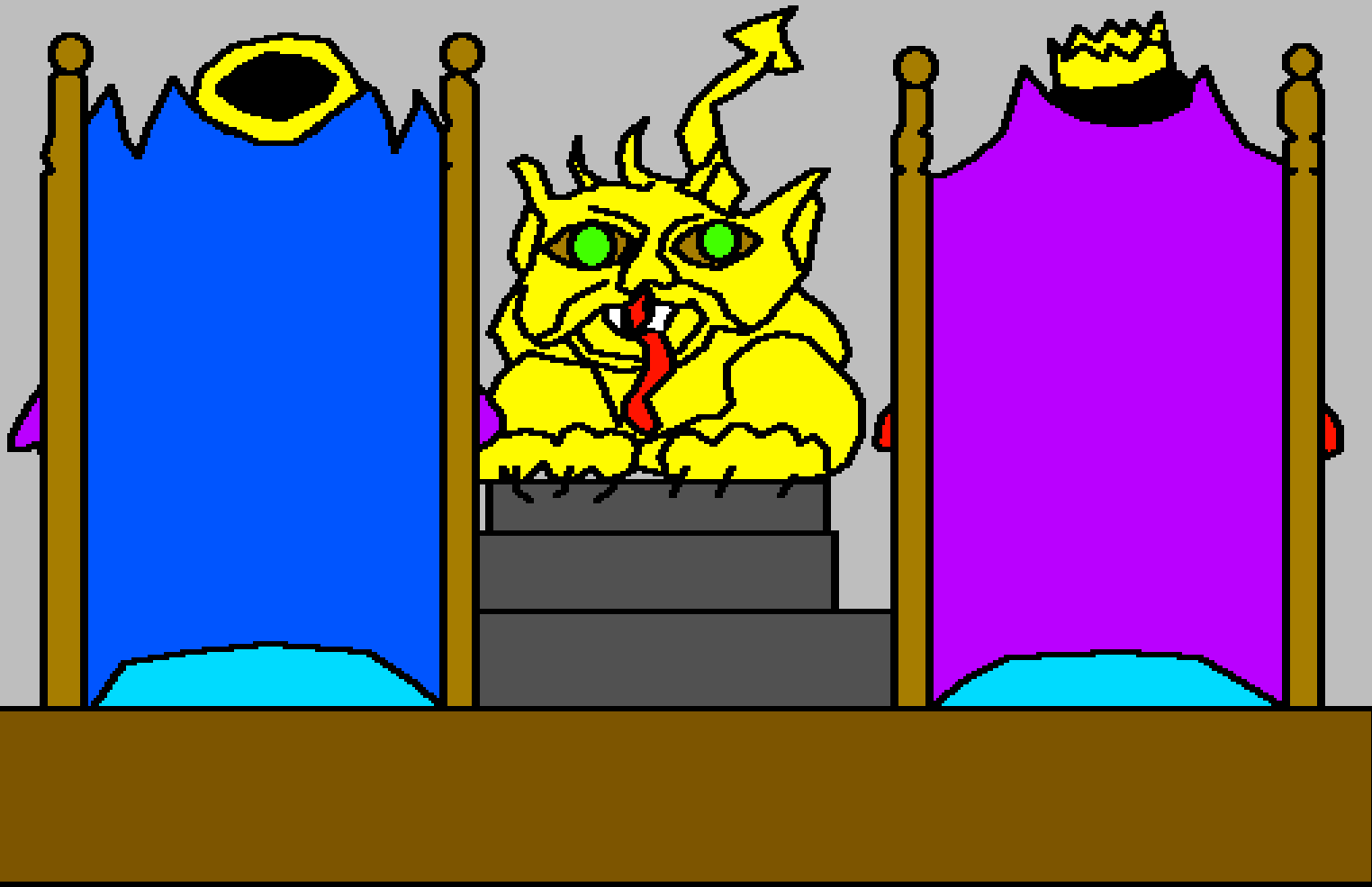
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Everything looked bad for Israel.  
The king and queen hated God.  
What a bad example!



Soon the people also hated God and worshiped false gods. Did anybody love God?



Yes, there were a few faithful worshipers. One day, God spoke to one of them, named Elijah.



Elijah told wicked King Ahab, "As the Lord God of Israel lives, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word."



This meant  
famine! God  
would not let  
His people  
Israel go  
on in their  
wickedness.





After  
warning  
the king,  
God  
sent Elijah

to a quiet place in the country.  
There, by a brook, Elijah waited.







God sent  
ravens  
to feed  
him.

They brought bread and meat,  
morning and evening. And  
Elijah drank from the brook.



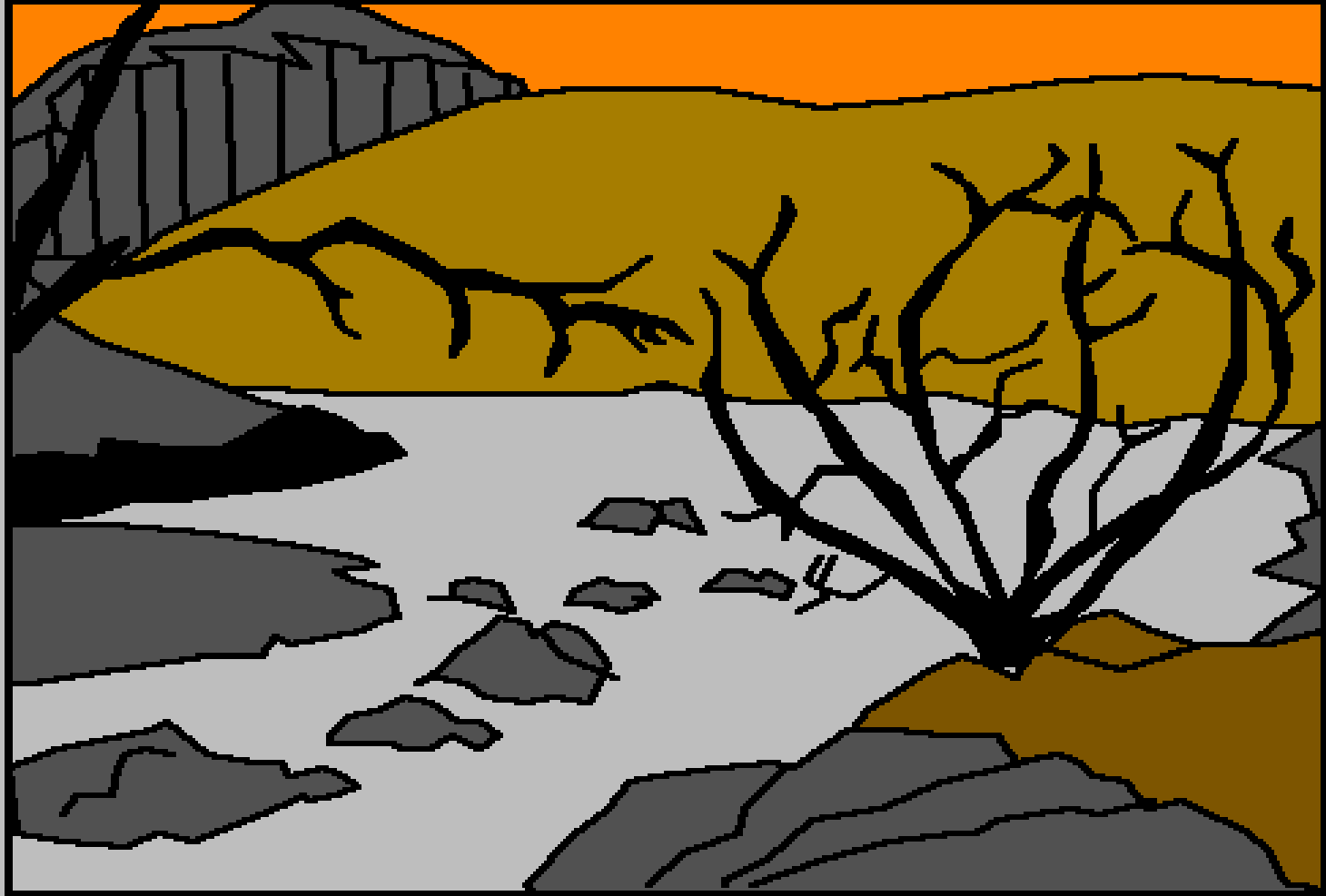
Soon  
the  
brook  
dried  
up,  
because  
there  
had



been no rain in the land. God's Word  
was coming true. The whole  
country was short of water.



The  
crops  
didn't  
grow.  
People  
were  
hungry.



Perhaps Elijah wondered what  
would happen to him now  
that the water was gone.



God told Elijah, "Arise, go to Zarephath, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow to

provide for you."



God knew His servant's needs. But what a strange way to provide. Humbly, Elijah obeyed God.



When he got to Zarephath, the widow was at the city gates gathering sticks for firewood.



"Please bring me a little water in a cup," Elijah asked the woman. "Please bring me a morsel of bread."



"I do not have bread," the widow answered. "Only a handful of flour in a bin and a little oil in a jar."

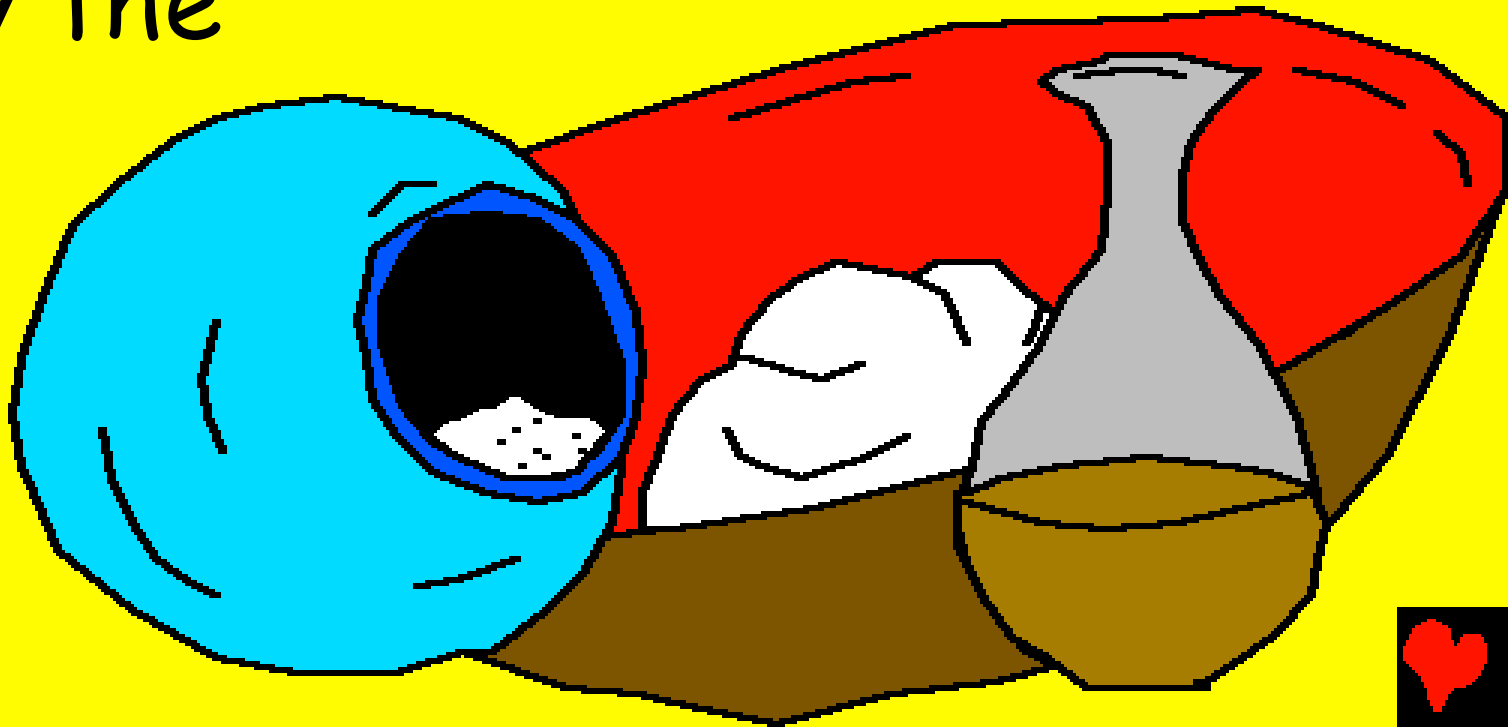




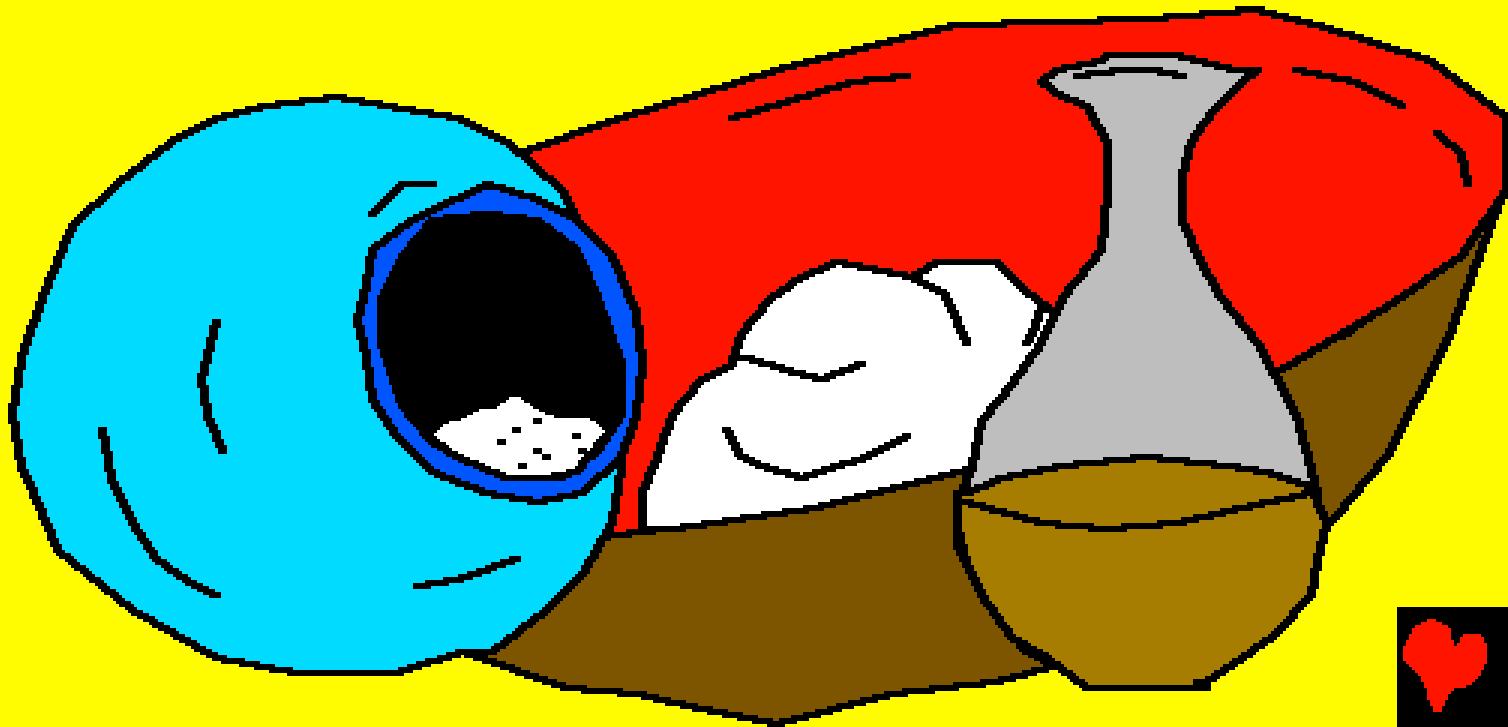
Sadly, the lady told the prophet  
that when this was finished,  
she and her son would  
starve to  
death.



"Do not fear. Make me a small cake from it first, and afterwards make some for yourself and your son,"  
Elijah said. "The flour will not be used up, nor the oil, until  
the day the  
LORD  
sends  
rain  
on the  
earth."

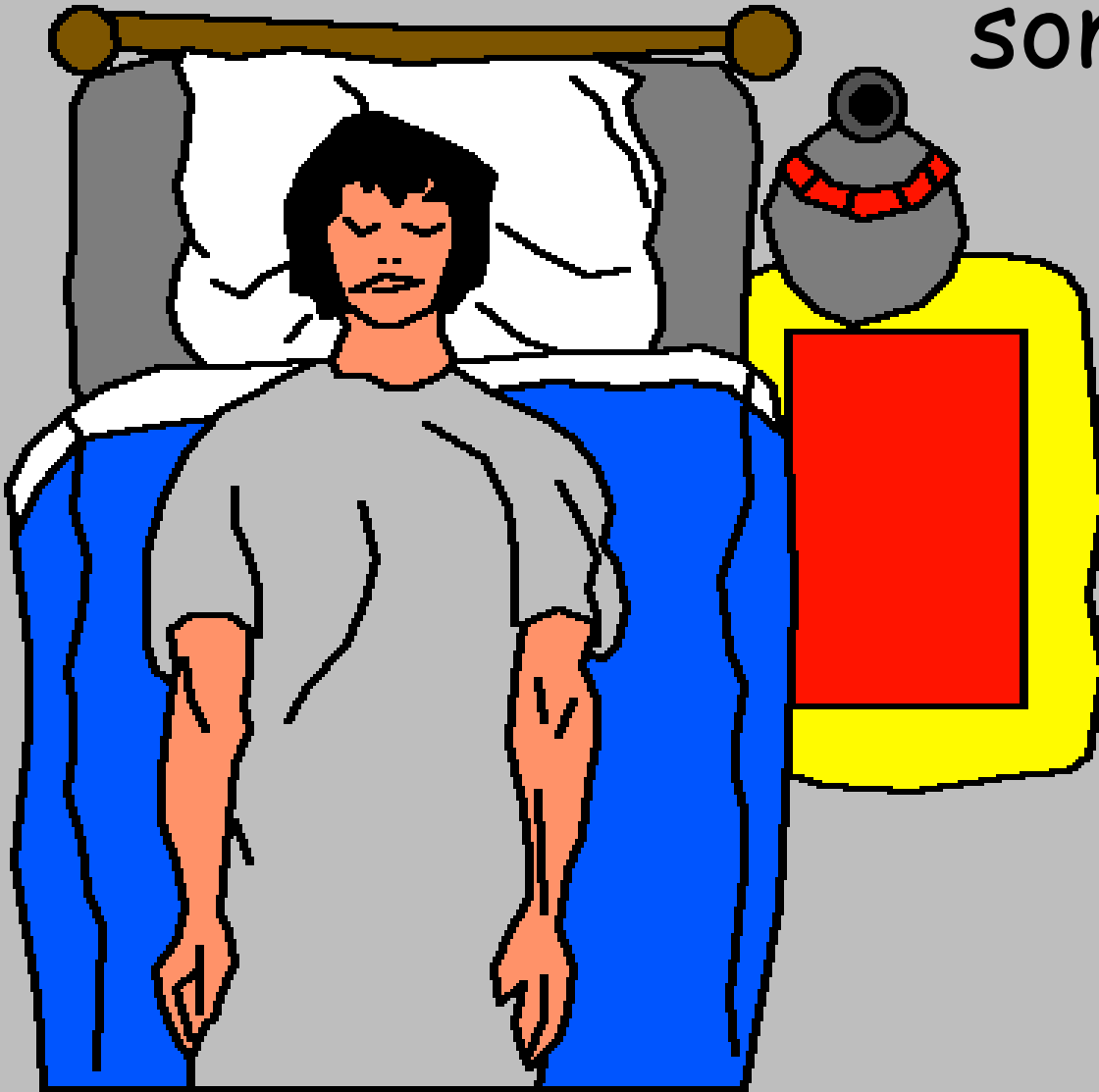


God would have to work a miracle for that to happen. And He did! The lady and her son ate for many days, yet the bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry.

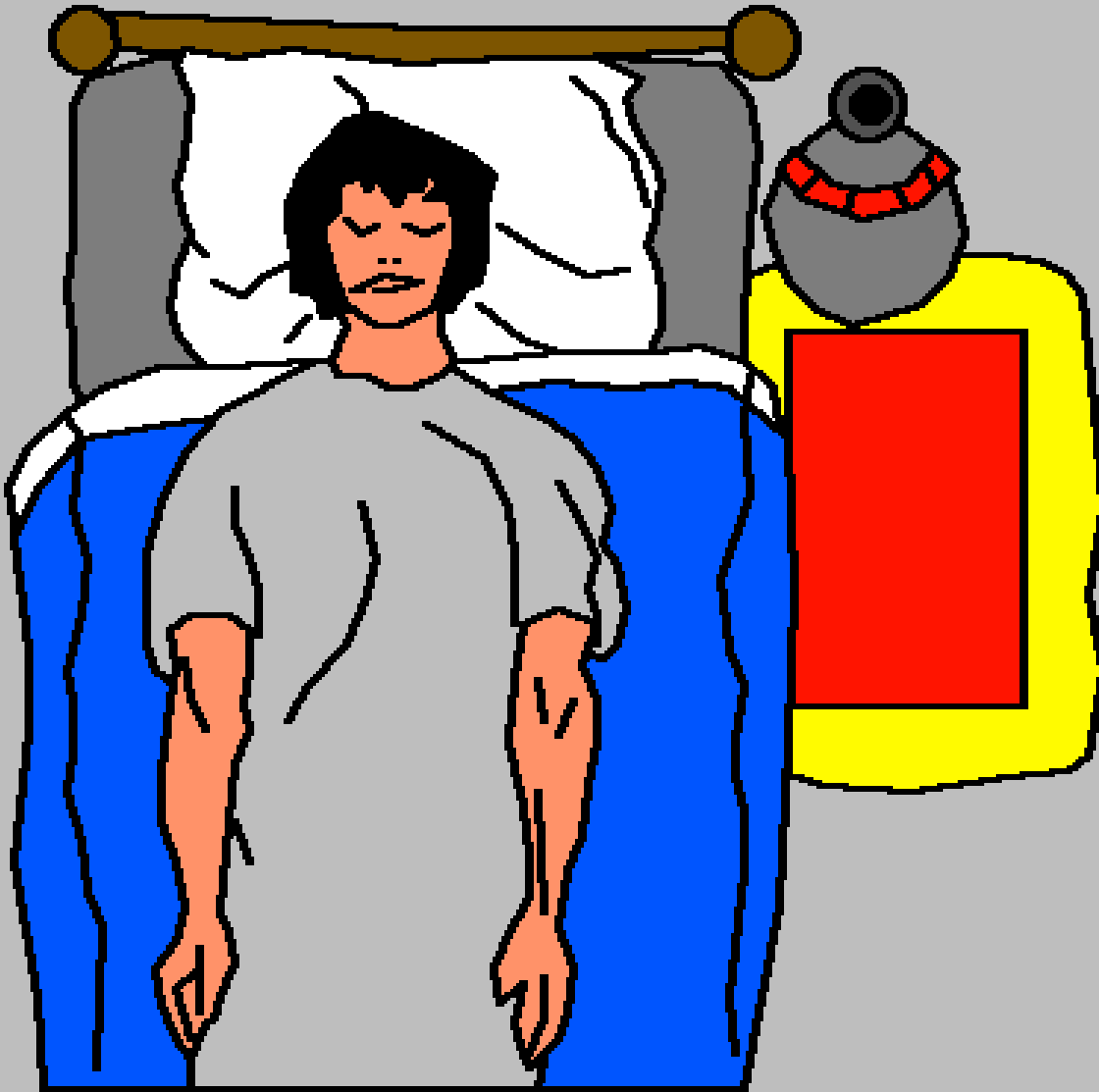


Elijah lived with them. One day a sad thing happened. The widow's son died. Elijah

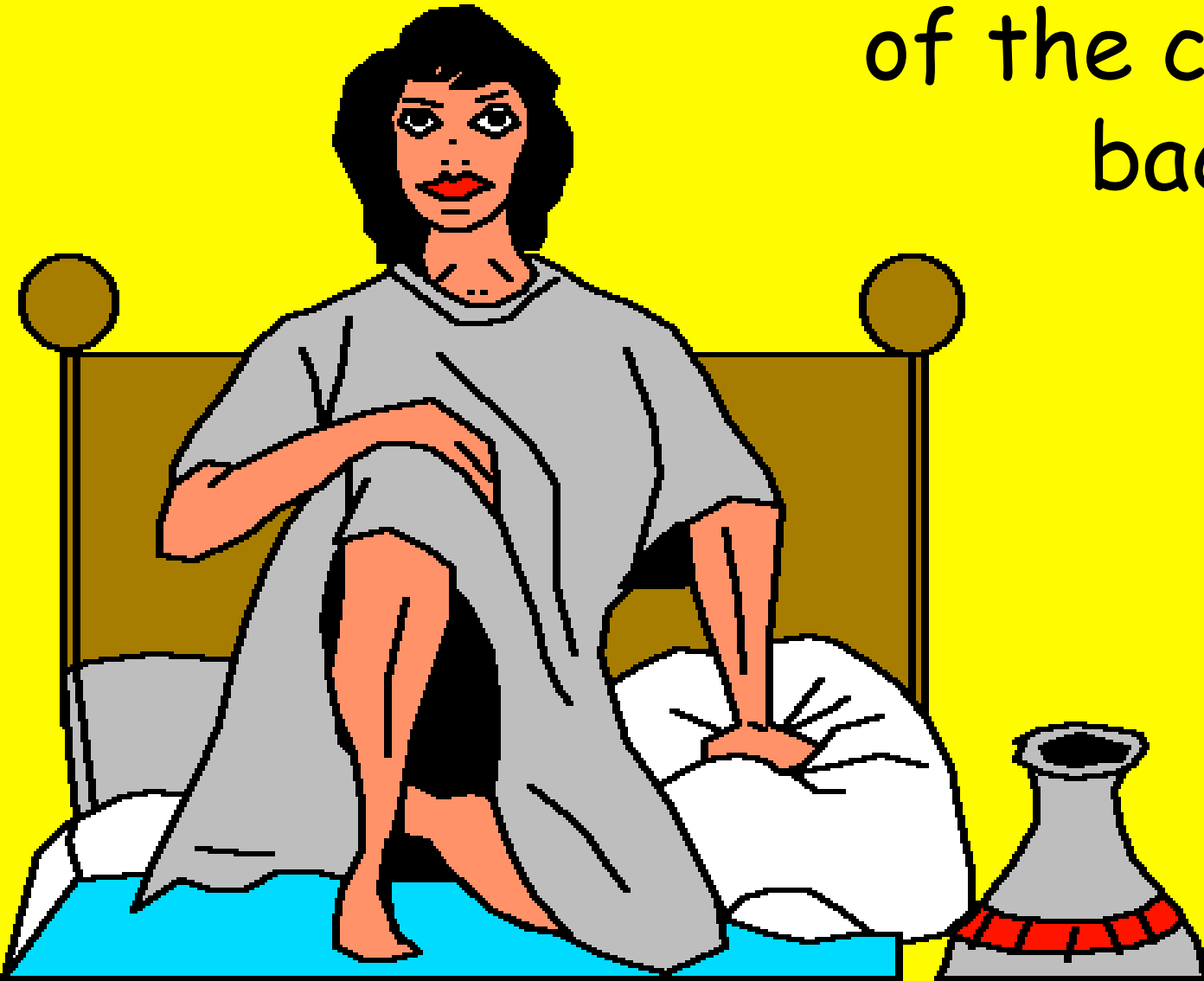
carried the boy's body to an upper room.



He cried out to the LORD, saying,  
"O LORD my God I pray, let this  
child's soul  
come back  
to him."  
What an  
impossible  
prayer!



The LORD heard the voice  
of Elijah and the soul  
of the child came  
back to him,  
and he  
revived.



When Elijah took the child and gave him to his mother she said,  
"Now by this I know  
that the word of the  
LORD in your  
mouth is  
the truth."



Three years later, God sent Elijah  
back to the king, ...





... saying, "I will send rain on the earth." Go to Ahab?



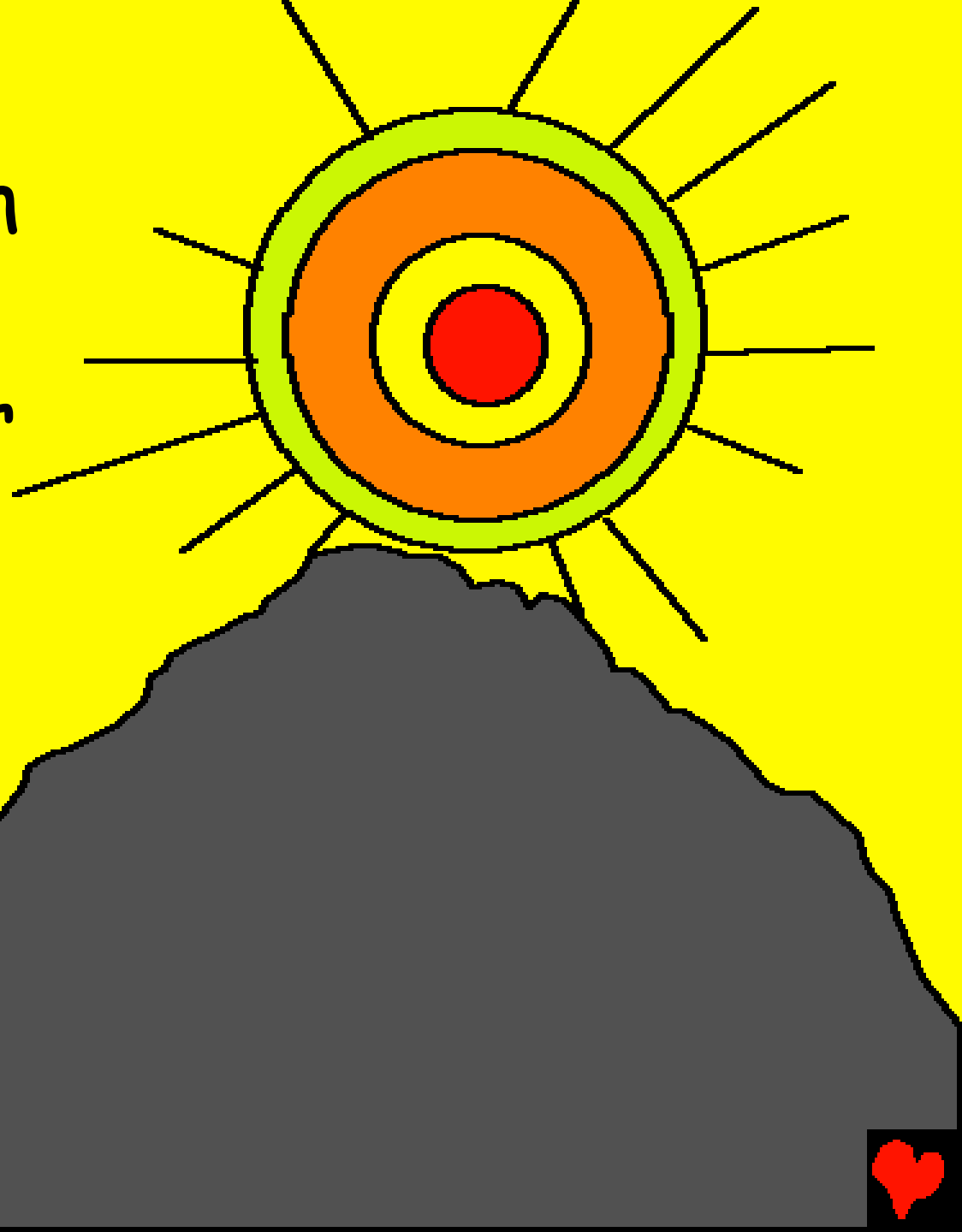
His wife Jezebel had already murdered a hundred prophets of God.



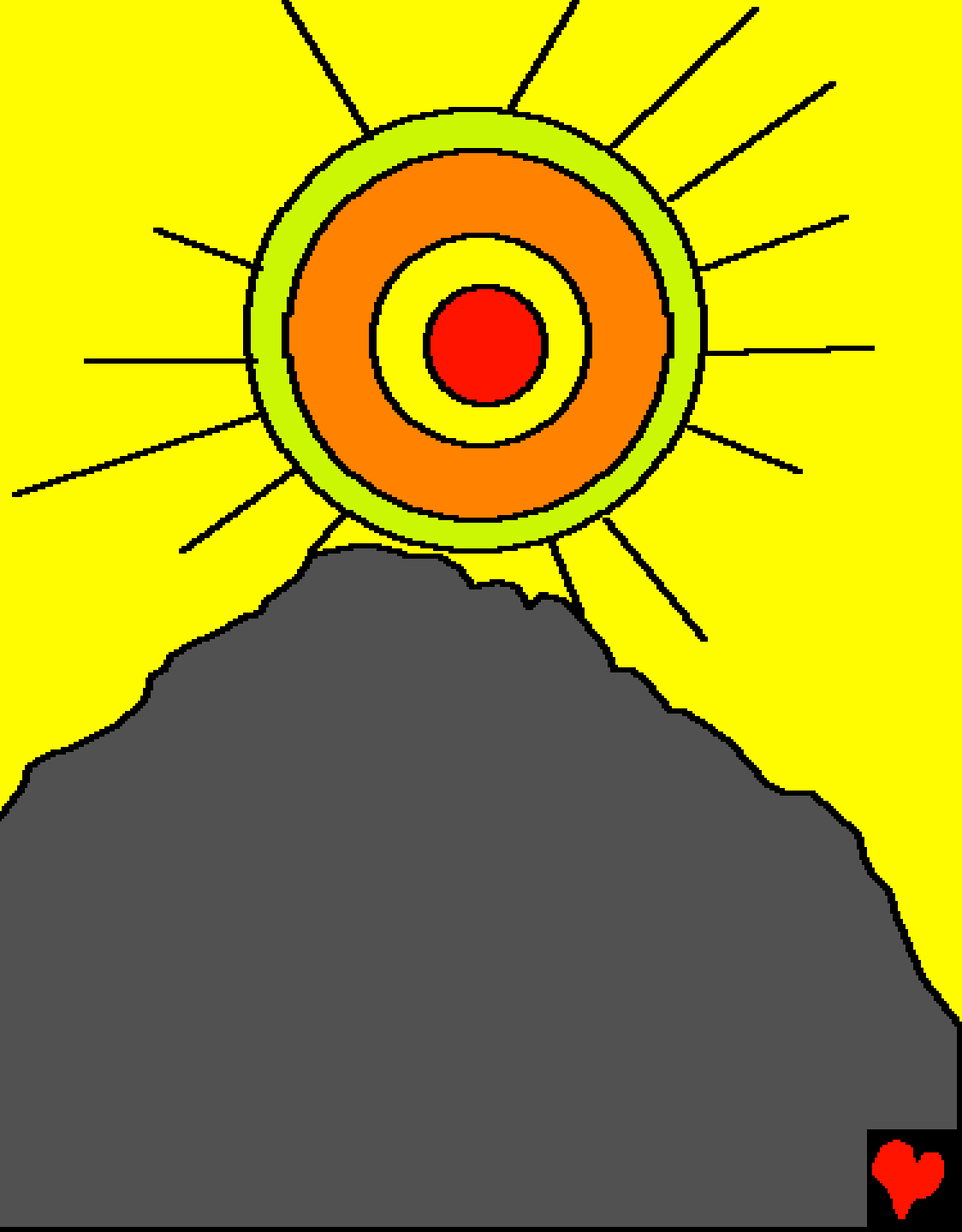
But Elijah didn't argue.  
He went to King Ahab.



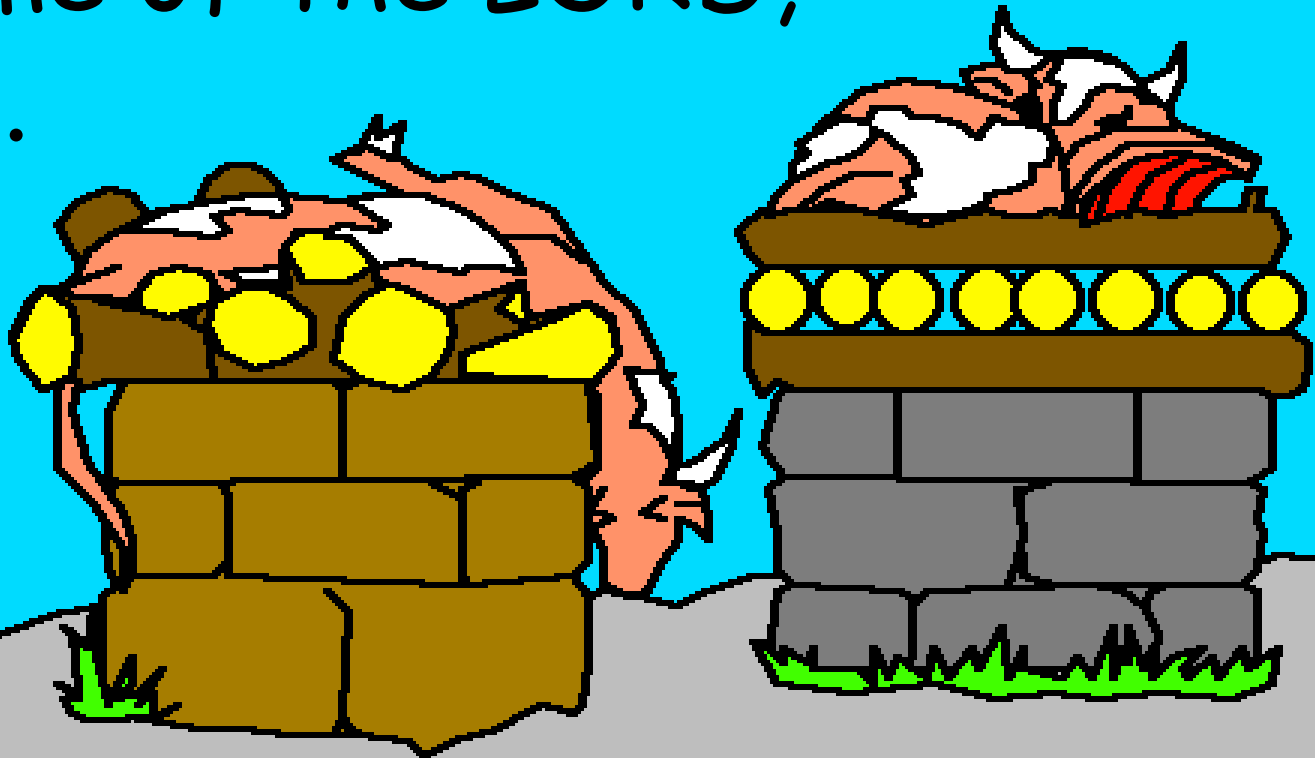
When the two men met, Elijah challenged Ahab to gather all Israel and the 850 false prophets.



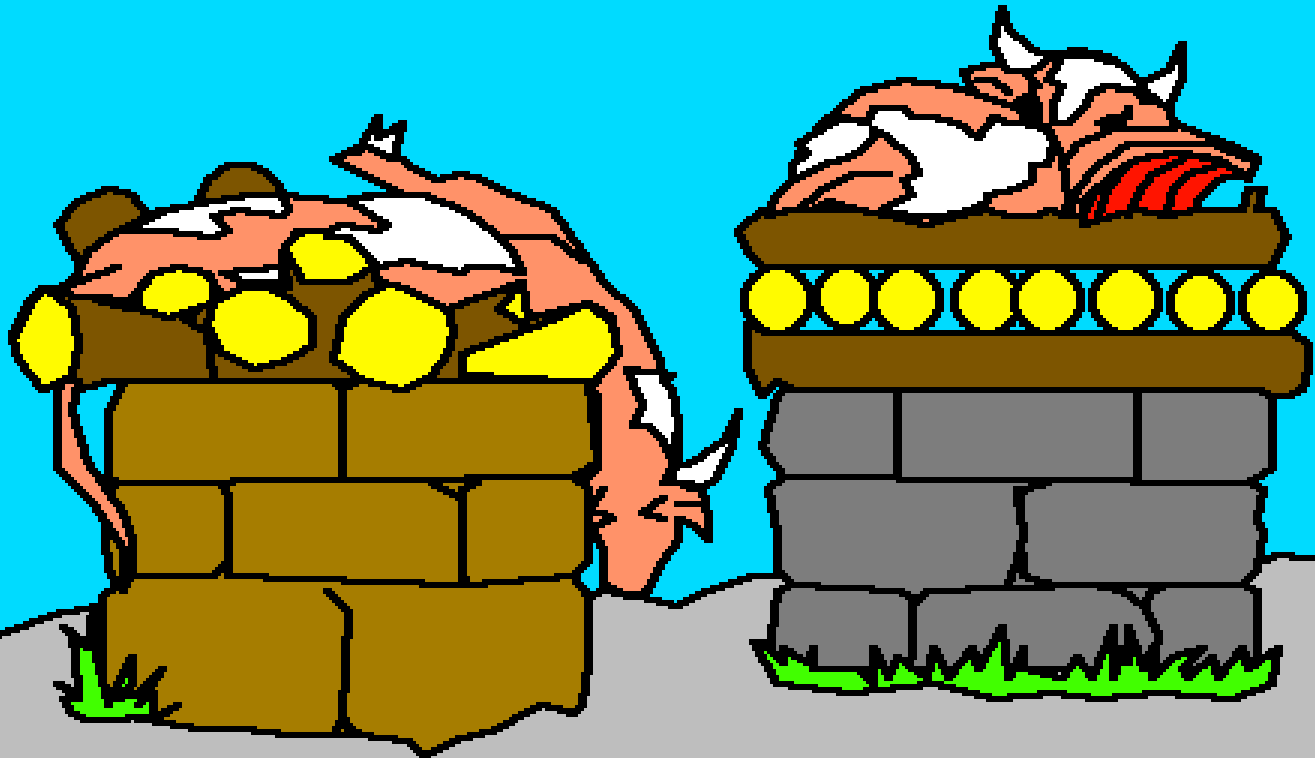
In a place  
called Mount  
Carmel, Elijah  
spoke to the  
people. "If  
the LORD is  
God, follow  
Him."



Elijah had two bulls prepared as sacrifices. But no fire was to be used to light them. "You call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD," he said.



"And the God Who answers  
by fire, He is God." "It is well  
spoken," the people answered.



From morning to evening the false prophets called upon their false gods. They leaped and danced and cut themselves with knives until they bled. But no fire came.





Then Elijah  
soaked the  
wood and  
sacrifice  
with water,  
and prayed.

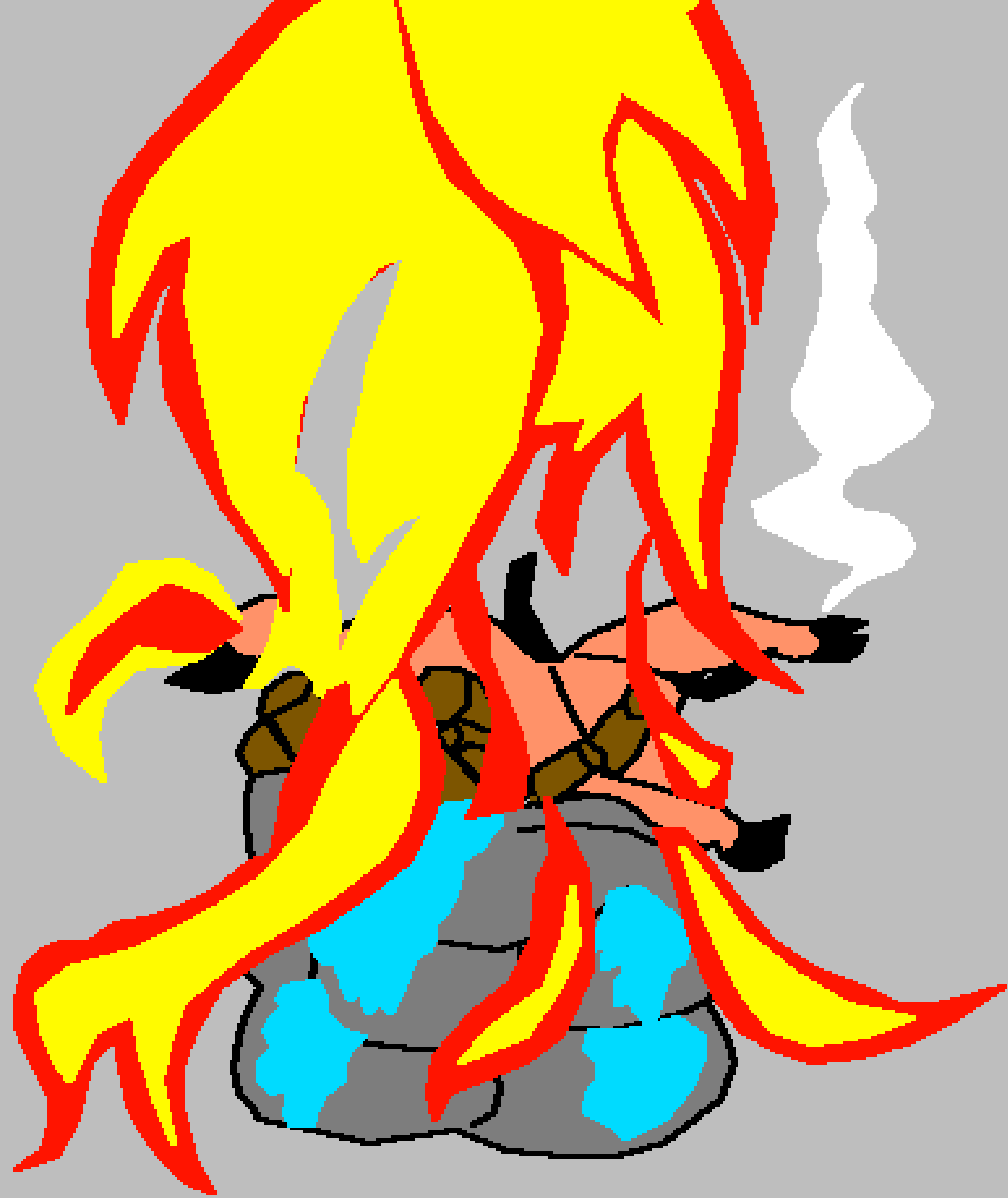




"O LORD,  
hear me,  
that this  
people may  
know that  
You are the  
LORD God..."

Then the  
fire of the  
LORD fell.





It burned up  
the bull and  
the wood.  
Then it  
burned up  
the stone  
altar!



When the people saw it,  
they cried, "The LORD,  
He is God!" And Elijah  
said, "Seize the prophets

of Baal.



Do not let one of them  
escape!" Elijah did what  
King Ahab should have  
done long before. He  
killed the

false prophets.



Then God's  
servant told Ahab  
that rain was on the  
way. Soon a small  
cloud

appeared.



Would there be rain? After more than three years of deadly drought?



In a little while, the sky became black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy rain. God sent the

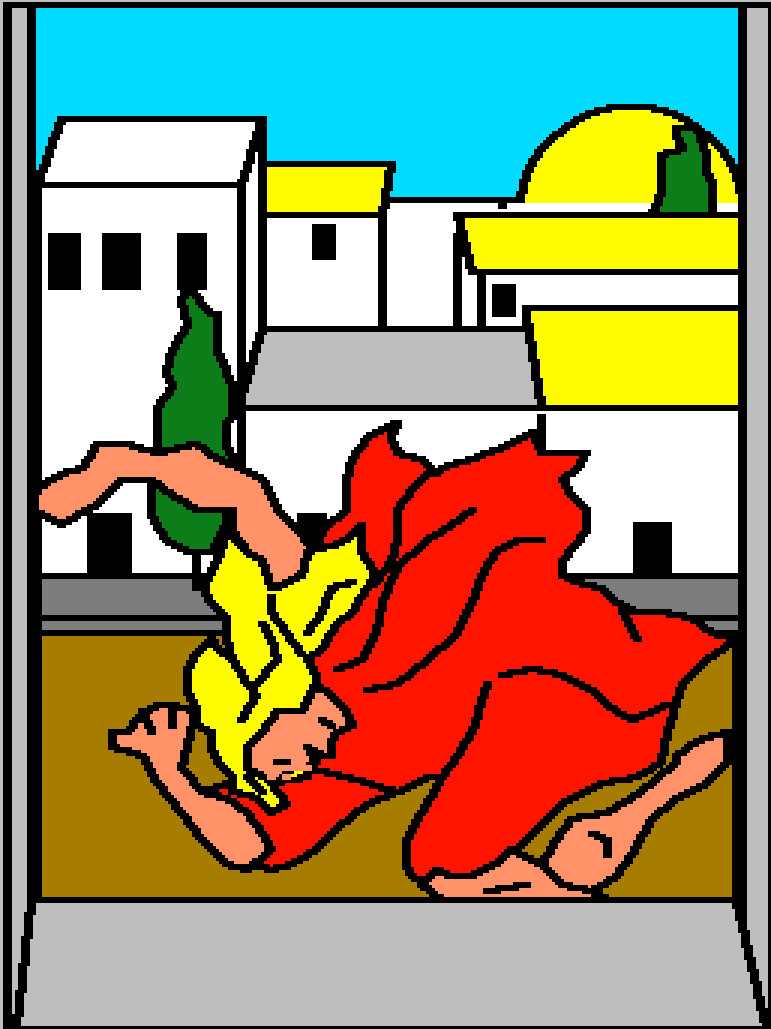
rain. God sent the rain. God showed the people that Elijah was telling them the truth. God showed that He alone is the true God.





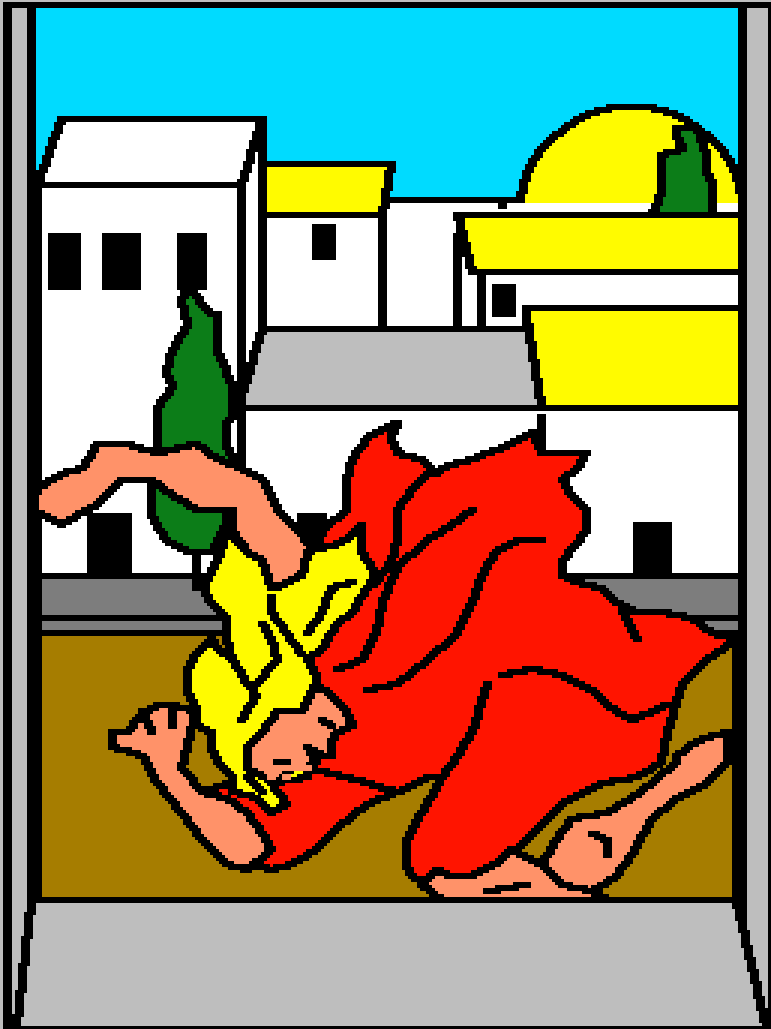
Do you think King Ahab honored  
God and His servant Elijah?

No! In fact,  
Jezebel tried  
to kill Elijah,  
but he got  
away.



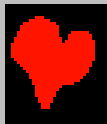
In the end, Ahab died in battle and servants pushed Jezebel off a high wall in the palace.

She crashed to her death on the stones below.





What happened to Elijah? One day God sent a chariot of fire with horses of fire; and Elijah, ...





... God's man of  
fire, went up by a  
whirlwind into  
heaven.



# The Man of Fire

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

1 Kings 17-19; 2 Kings 2

"The entrance of Your Words gives light."

Psalm 119:130



The End



This Bible story tells us about our wonderful God who made us and who wants us to know Him.

God knows we have done bad things, which He calls sin. The punishment for sin is death, but God loves us so much He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on a Cross and be punished for our sins. Then Jesus came back to life and went home to Heaven! If you believe in Jesus and ask Him to forgive your sins, He will do it! He will come and live in you now, and you will live with Him forever.



If you want to turn from your sins,  
say this to God:

Dear God, I believe that Jesus died for me  
and now lives again. Please come into my  
life and forgive my sins, so that I can have  
new life now, and one day go to be with You  
forever. Help me to live for You as Your  
child. Amen.

Read the Bible and talk with God every  
day! John 3:16

