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BEAUTIFUL  
QUEEN  
ESTHER



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There was once a beautiful girl named Esther. When her father and mother died, Esther's cousin Mordecai brought her up.



Esther honored her cousin by obeying him as a good daughter.





Esther lived in Persia. But,  
Esther was not Persian.  
She was Jewish.





Her ancestors came to Persia as prisoners of war. In Esther's day, many Jews lived in Persia.





The King of Persia held a huge banquet for princes from all over the world.





The men  
ate apart  
from the  
women who  
were also  
banqueting  
with Queen  
Vashti.





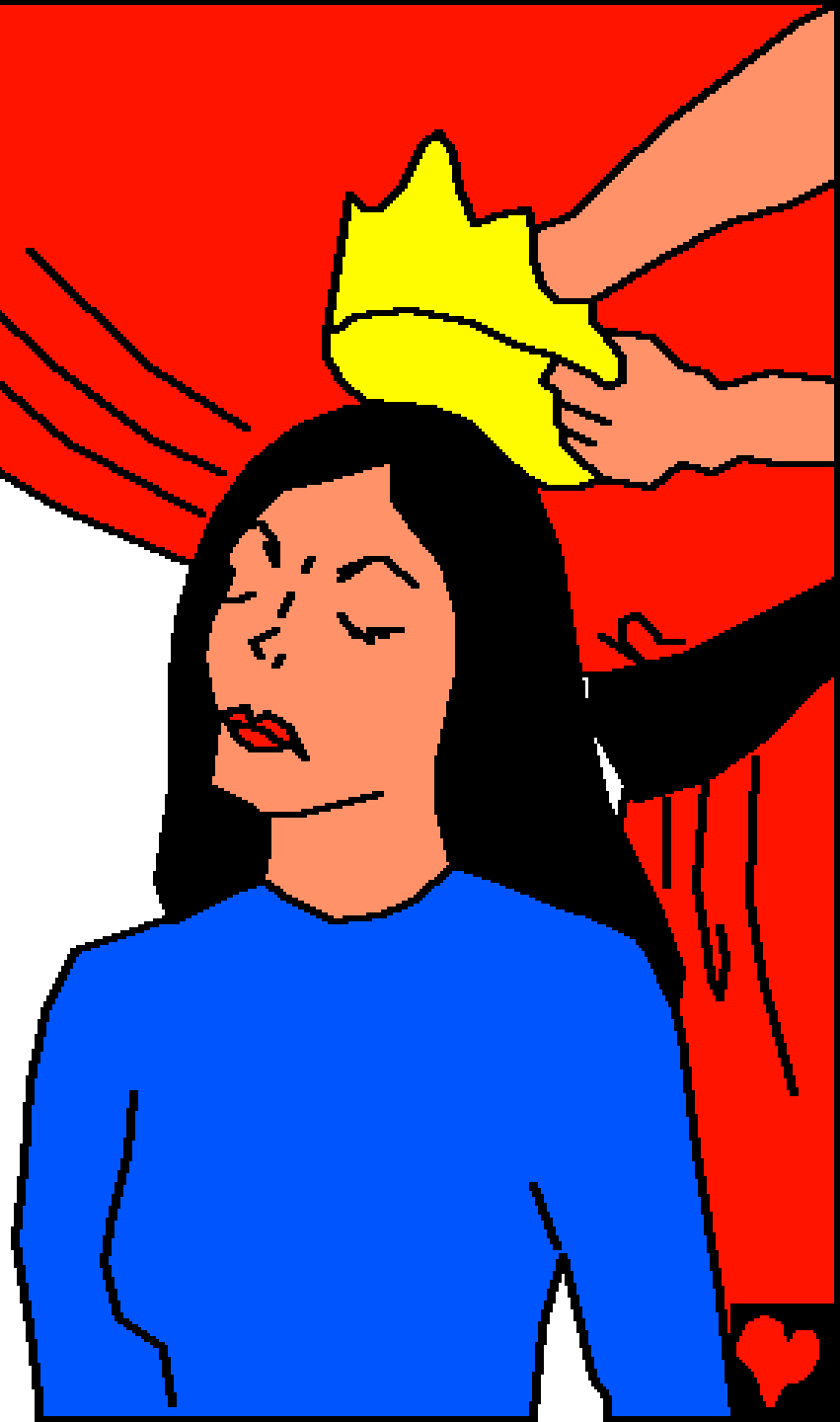
The drunken King ordered Queen

Vashti to wear the royal crown and show her beauty.

Queen Vashti refused.



To show that ladies should honor their husbands, the king passed a law which took the crown from Vashti. She was no longer queen.



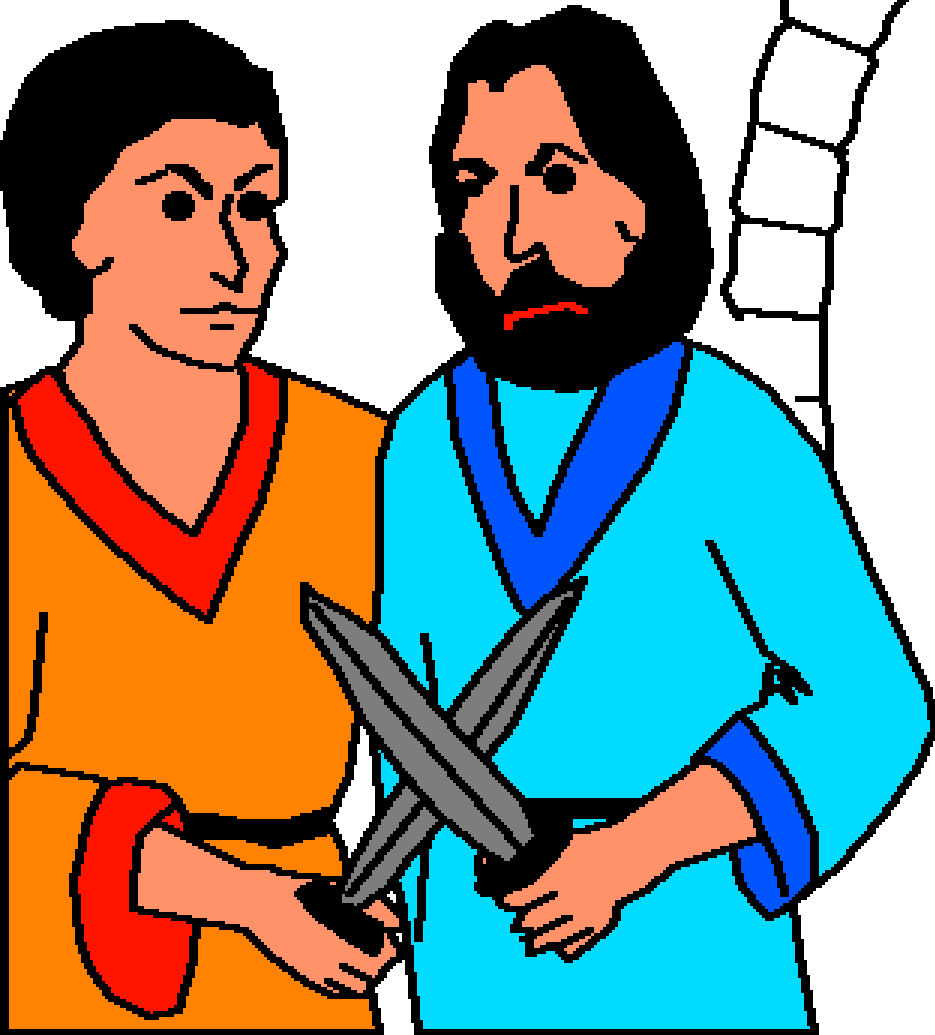
A search was made for a new queen. Out of all the beautiful girls in the kingdom, the king chose Esther as his wife.



He set the royal crown upon her head. Esther did not tell the king she was Jewish because her cousin had told her not to.



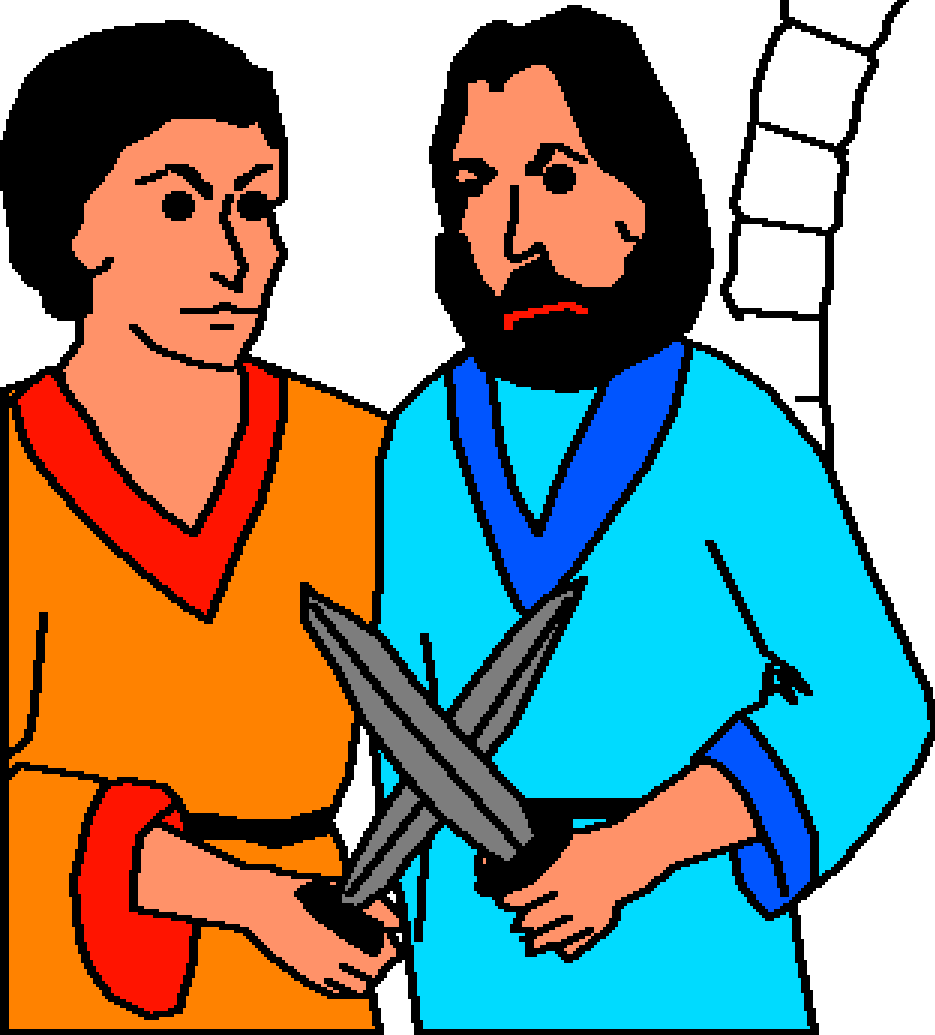
Cousin Mordecai  
spent his time  
at the



entrance to  
the palace to  
hear news of  
Esther. One day  
he overheard two  
palace servants  
planning to  
murder  
the king.



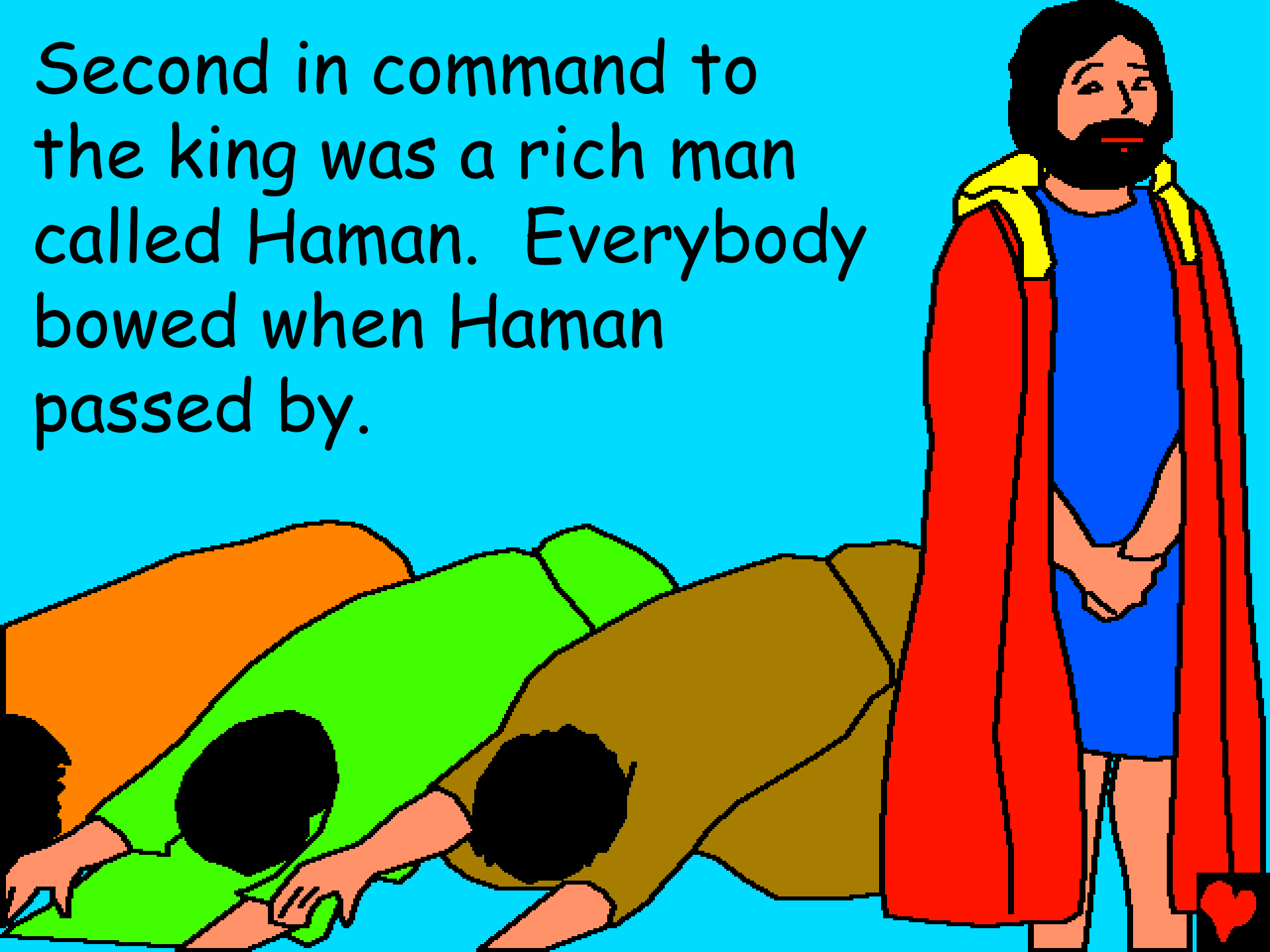
Mordecai sent a  
warning which  
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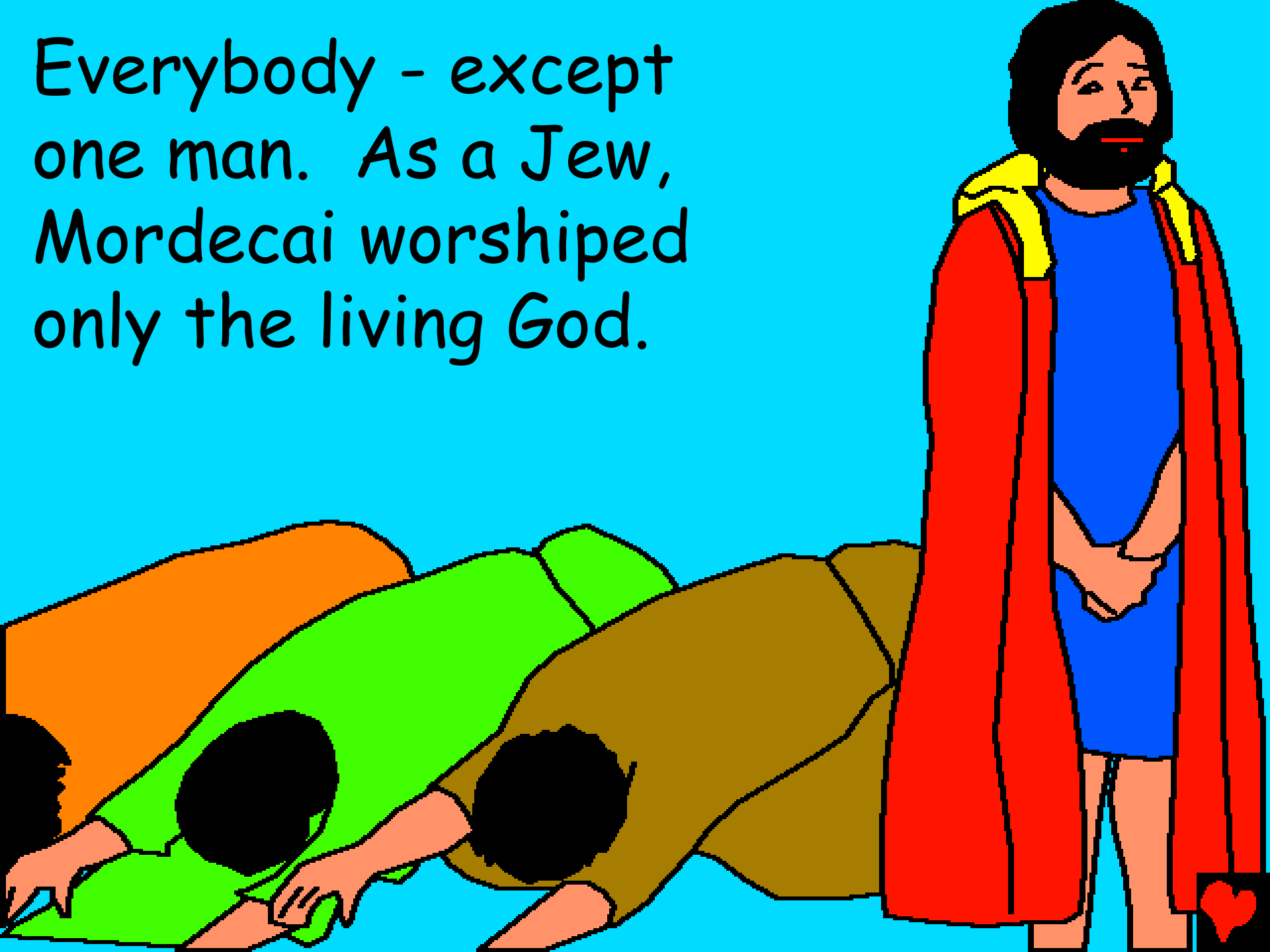
king's life.  
The servants  
were hanged, and  
Mordecai's name  
was written in  
the king's  
record book.



Second in command to the king was a rich man called Haman. Everybody bowed when Haman passed by.

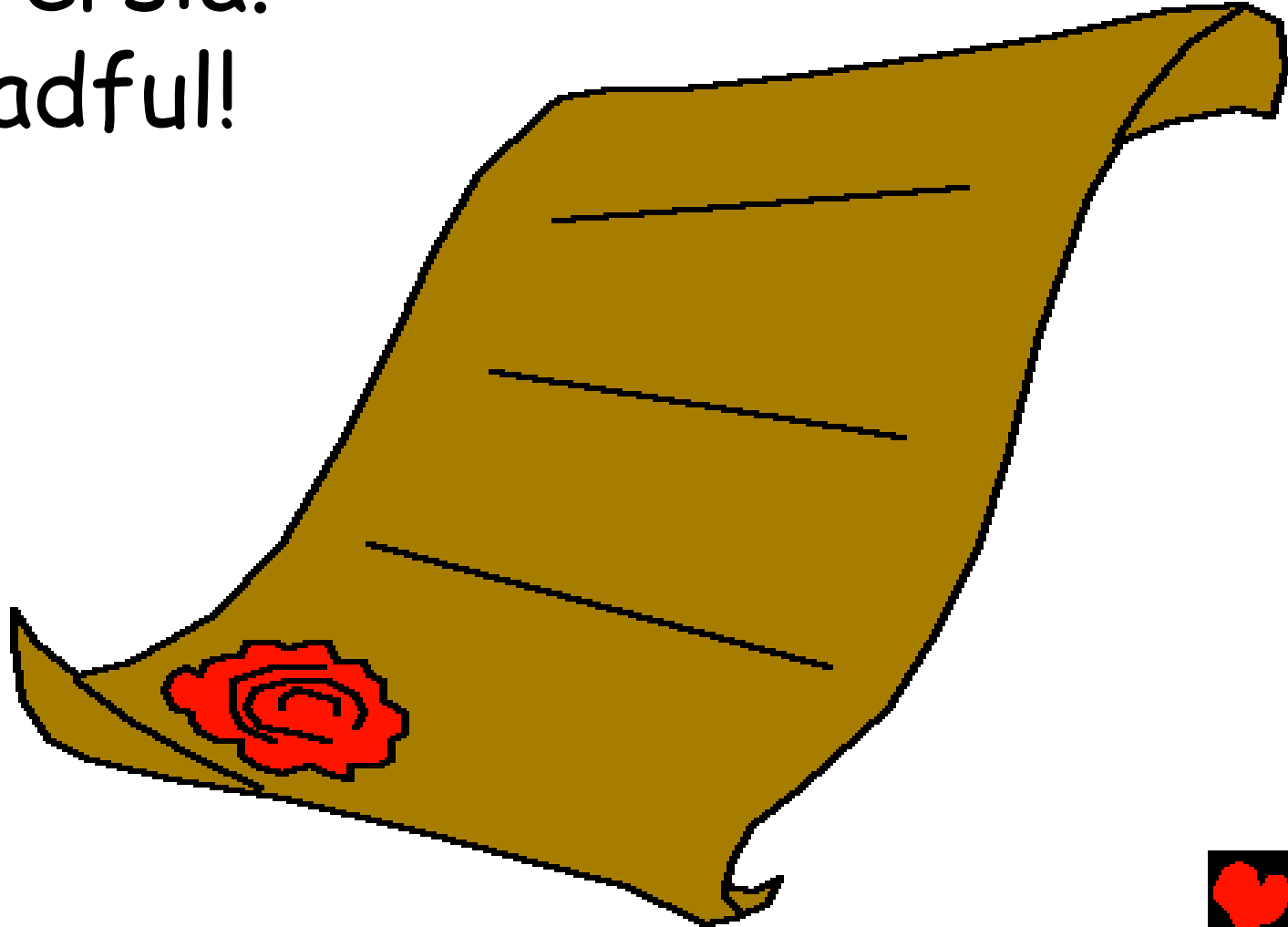


Everybody - except one man. As a Jew, Mordecai worshiped only the living God.

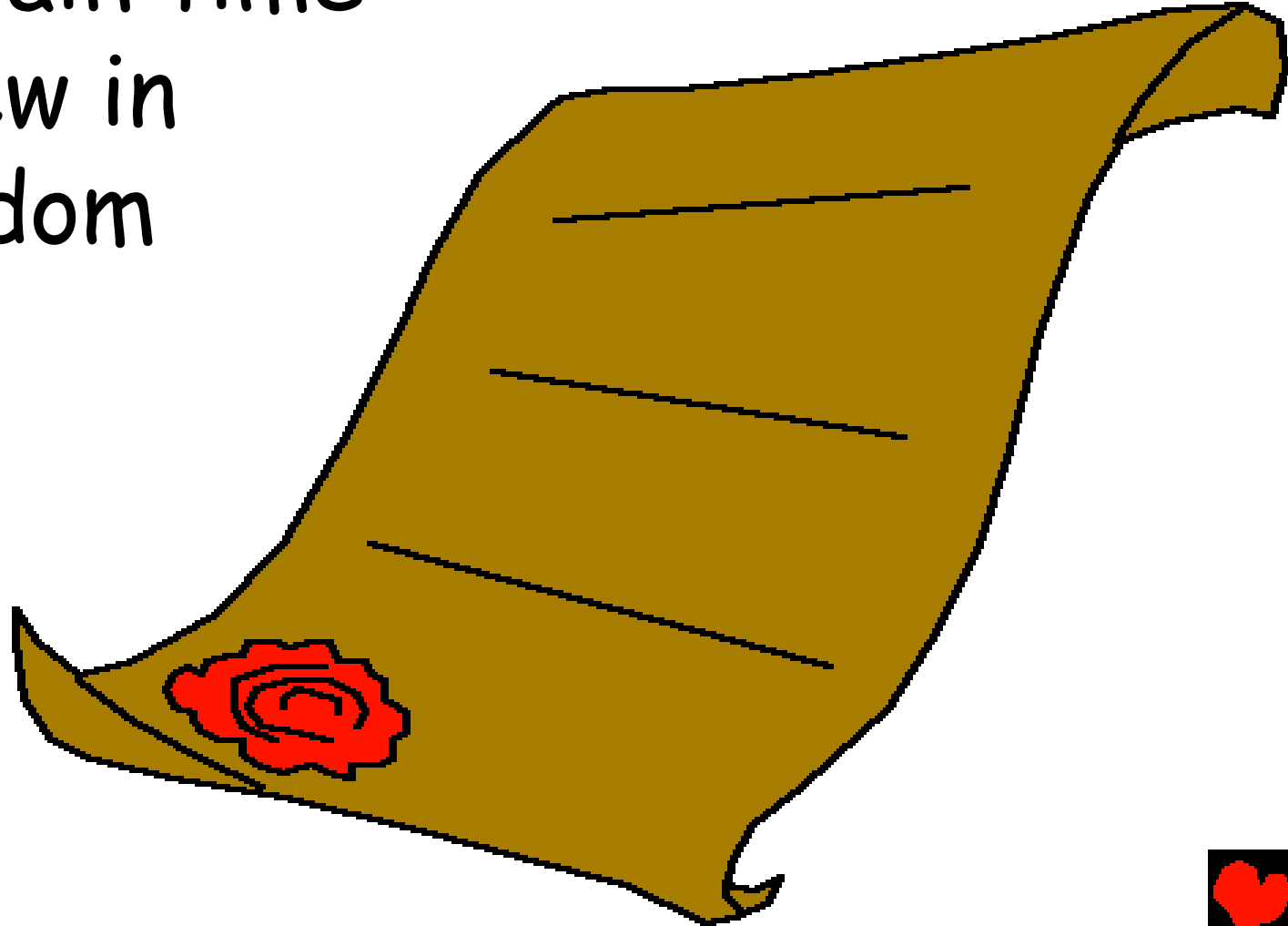




Haman hated Mordecai so much he  
decided to kill him and all the  
Jews in Persia.  
How dreadful!



Wicked Haman tricked the king into signing a law that at a certain time every Jew in the kingdom would be killed.





It was a terrible law. Both Jews and Persians mourned. But remember - God had made Esther queen. And she was a Jewess.

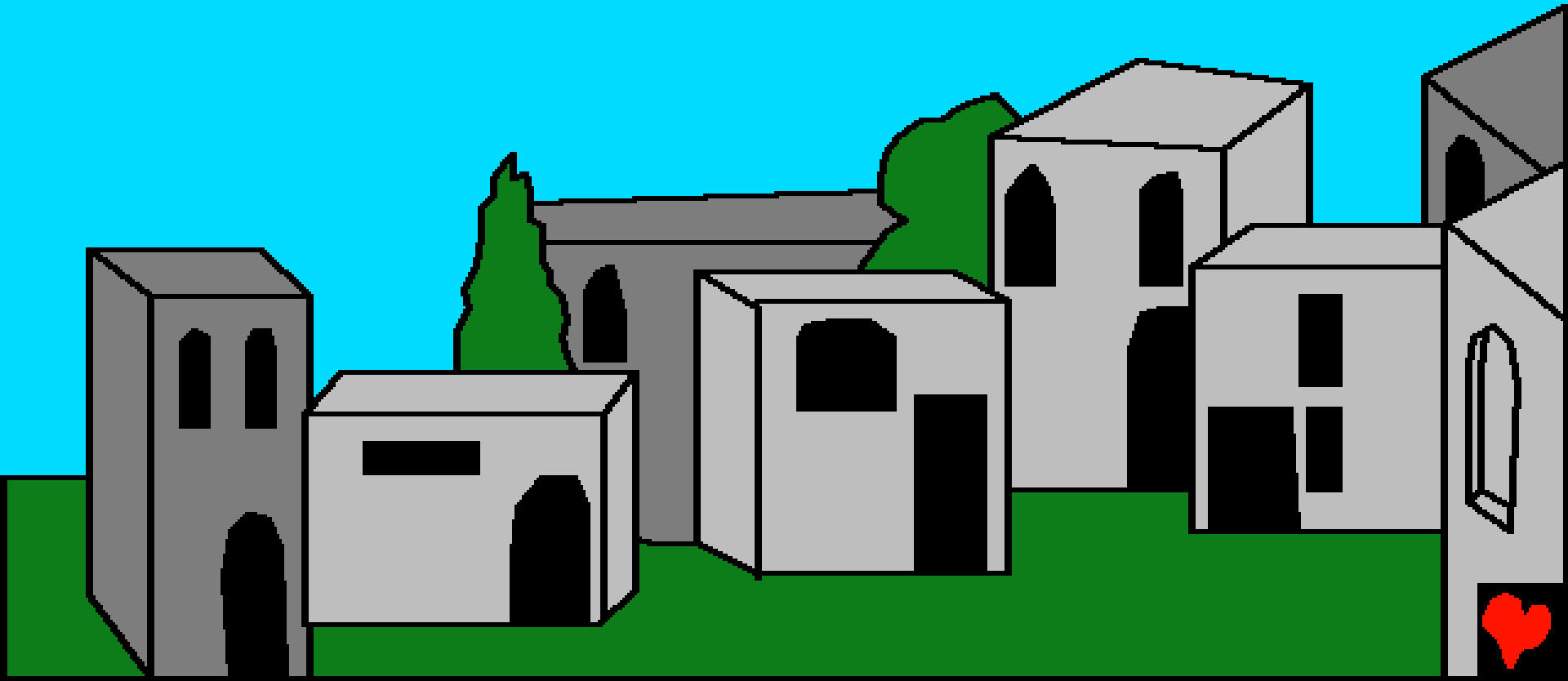




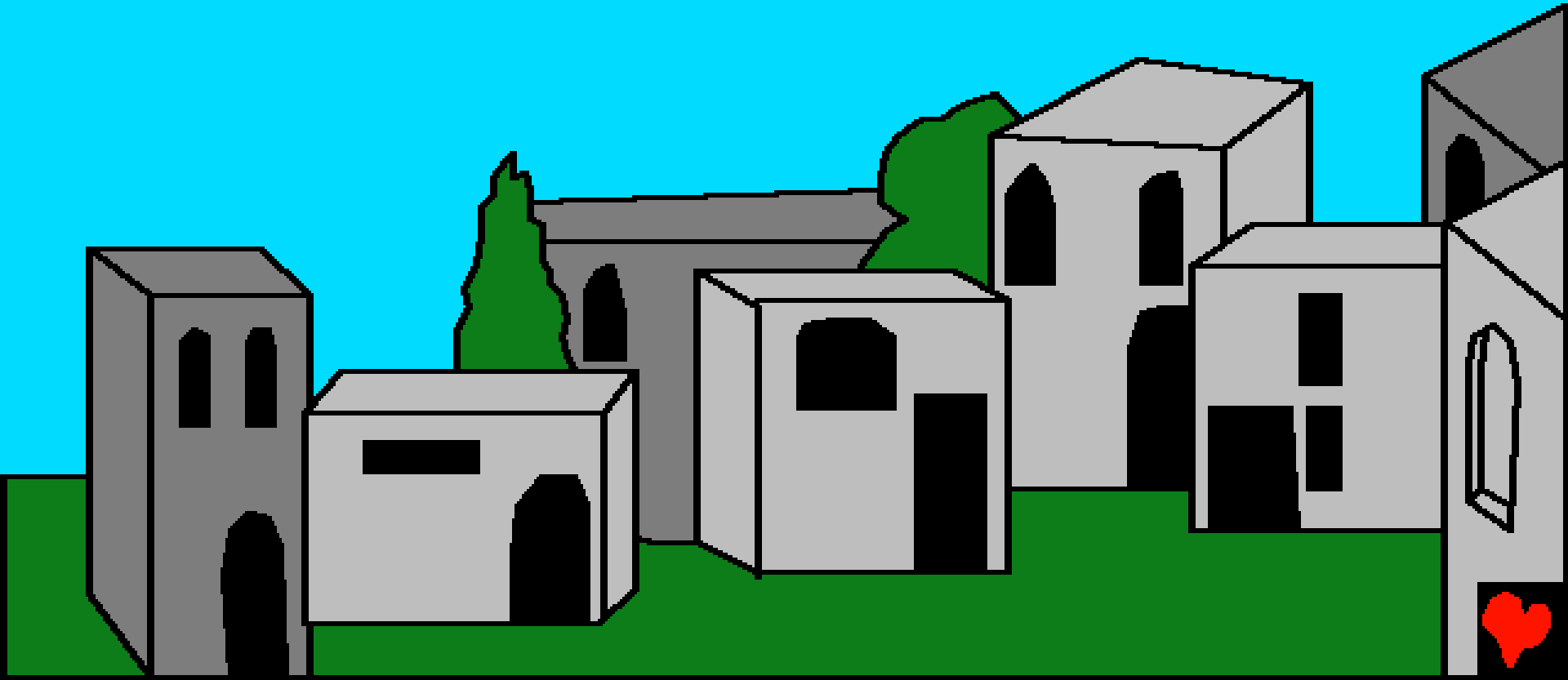
Would  
she keep  
her secret  
from the king?  
Or, would she risk  
death to try and  
save her people?



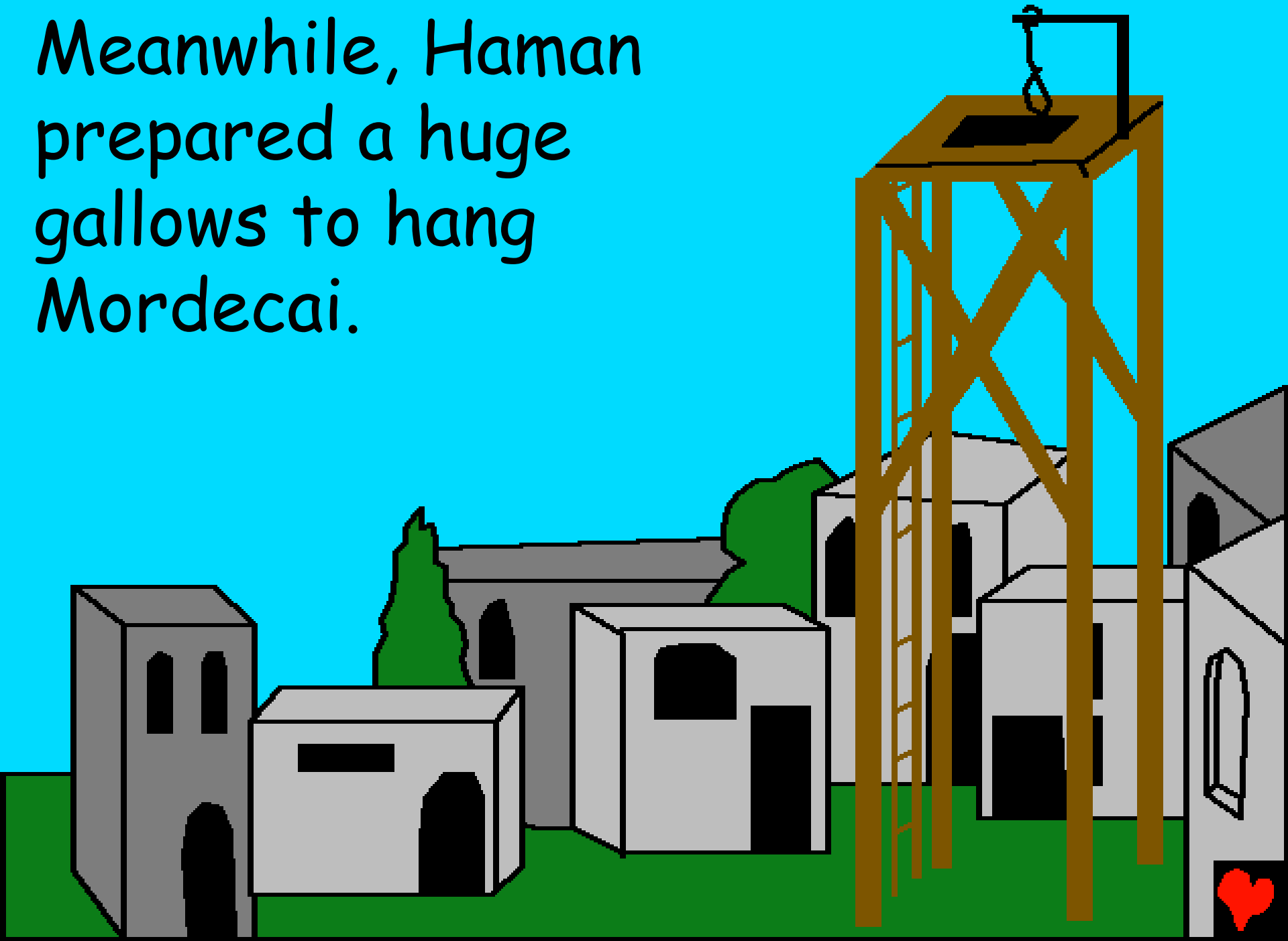
God gave Esther a clever idea. She invited the king and Haman to a banquet. There the king promised her anything she asked.



"Let the king and Haman come to the banquet . . . tomorrow," Esther replied. Then she would tell the king what she wanted.

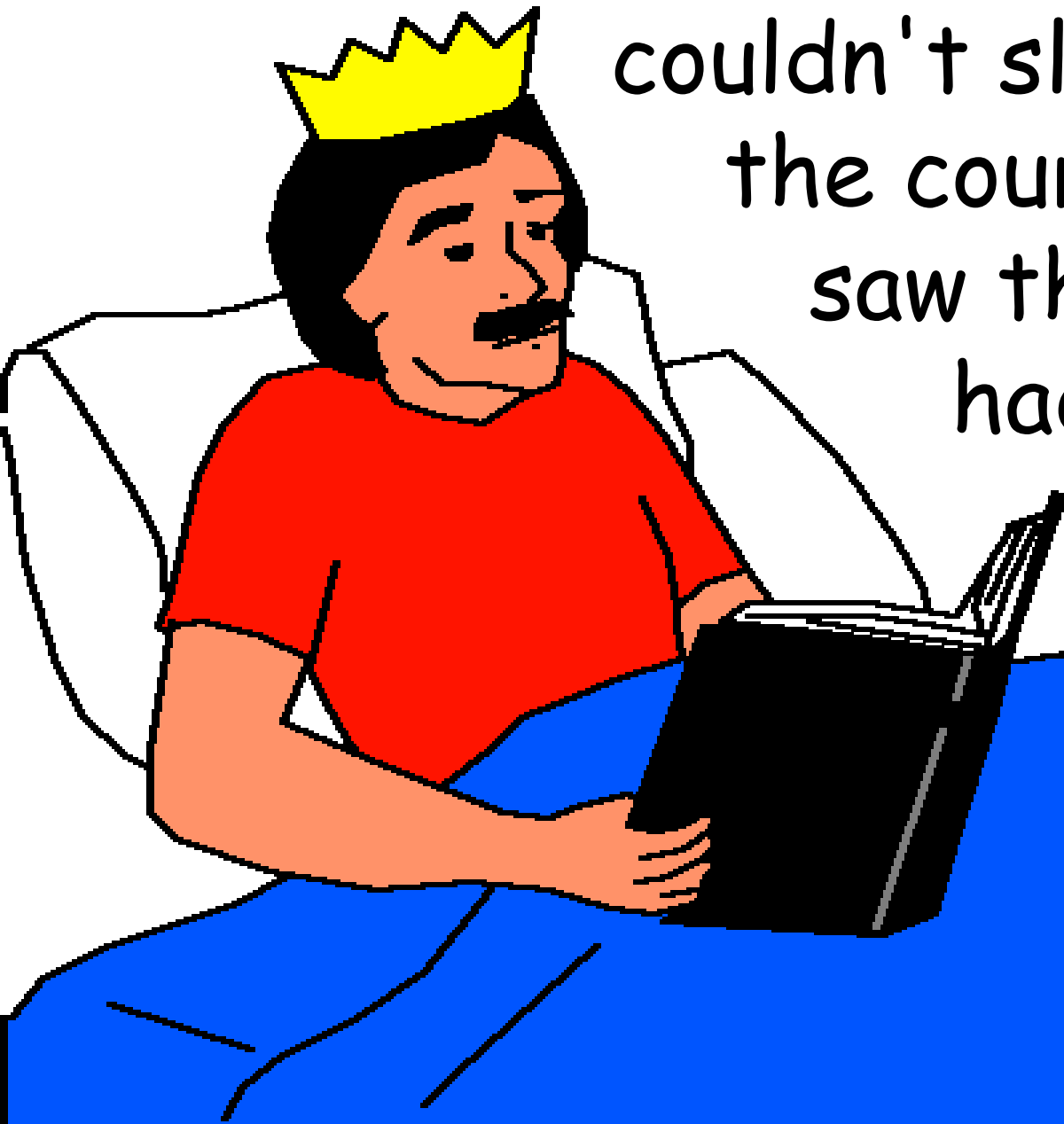


Meanwhile, Haman prepared a huge gallows to hang Mordecai.



That night the king  
couldn't sleep. Reading  
the court records he  
saw that Mordecai  
had never been  
rewarded

for saving  
his life.





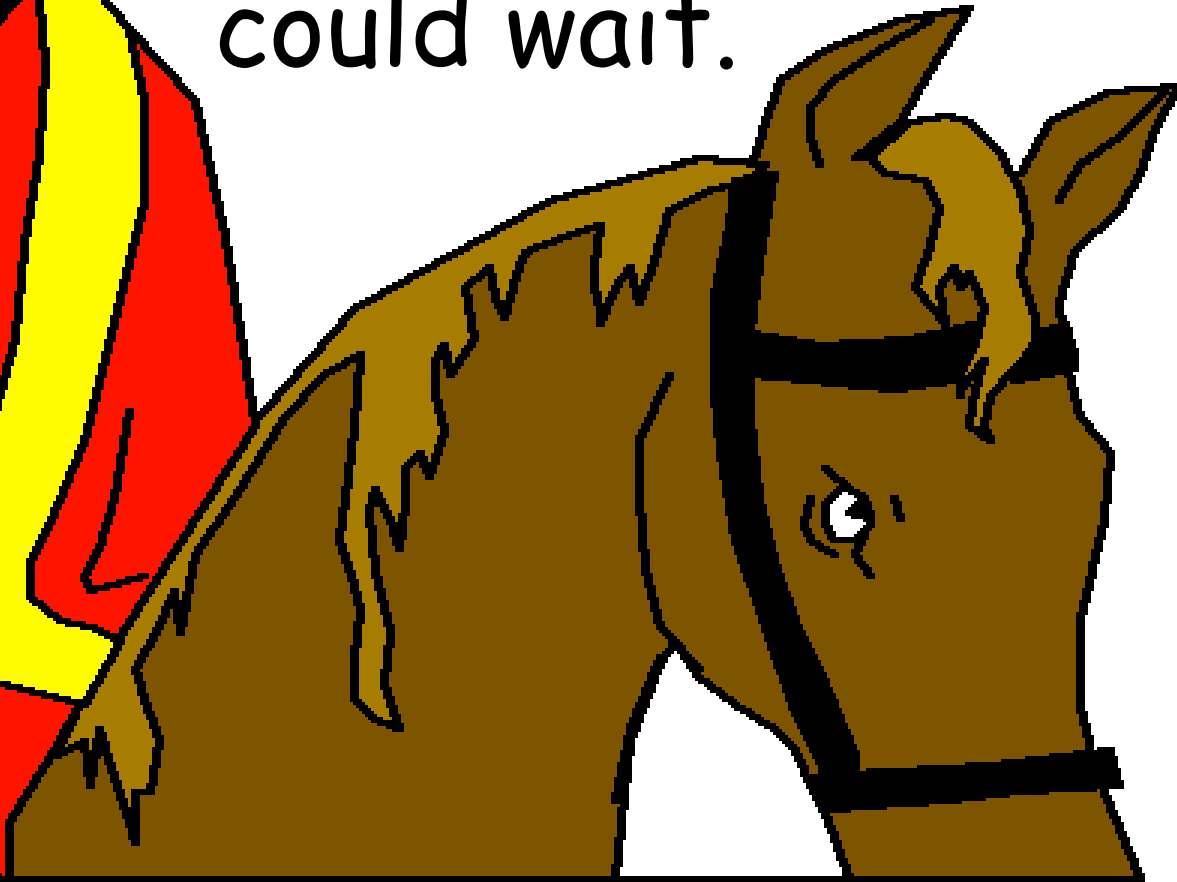
Next morning, the king asked Haman, "What shall be done for the man the king delights to honor?"



Haman was  
delighted.  
He thought the  
king meant him!

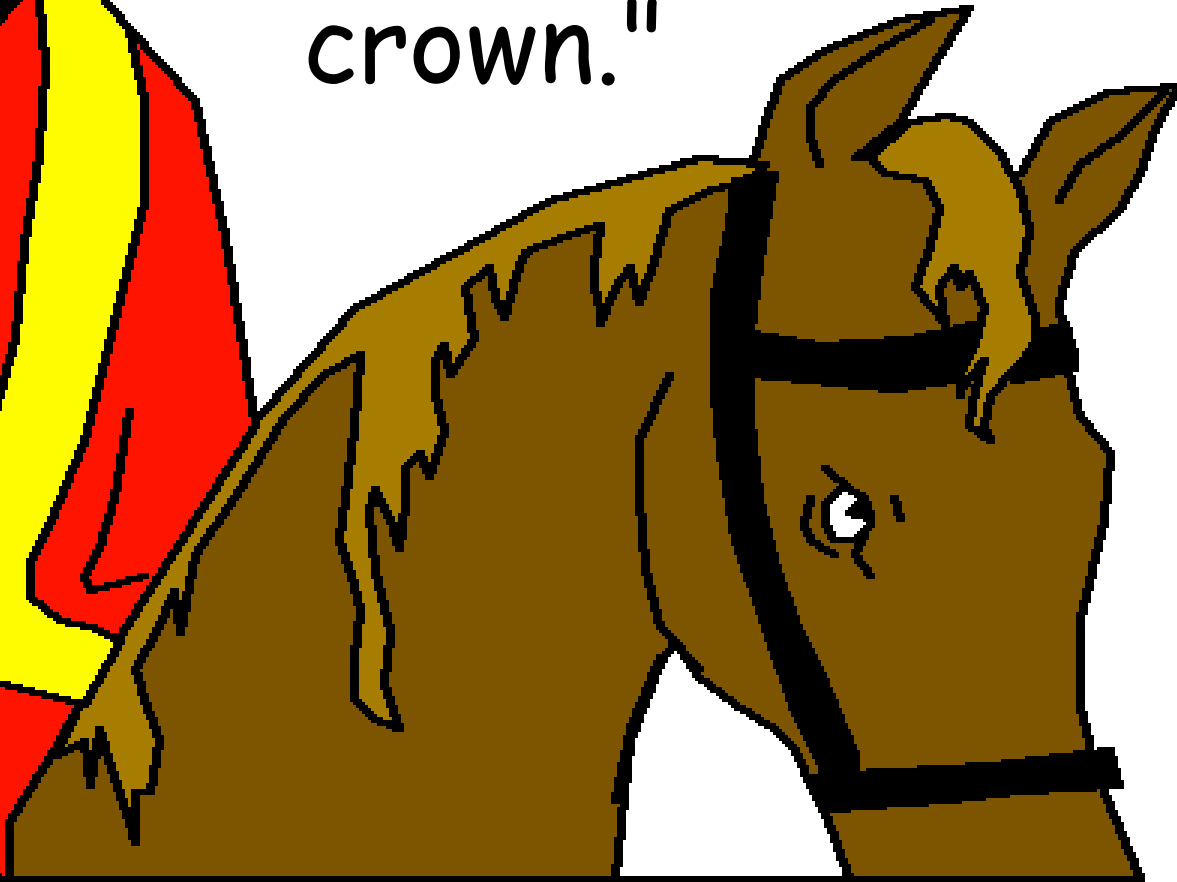


Haman had come to ask the king's permission to hang Mordecai. The gallows were all ready. Now that could wait.



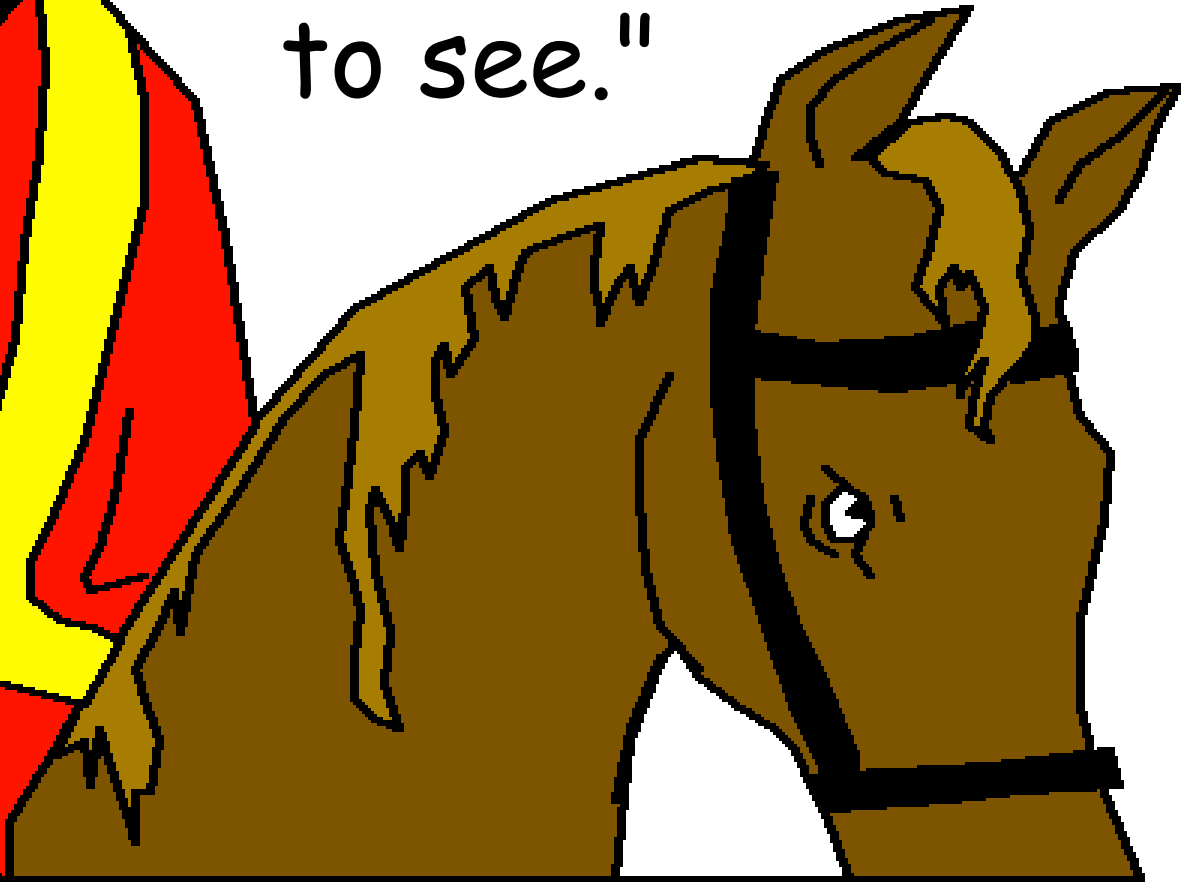


Excitedly, Haman poured out his suggestions.  
"Dress the man in the king's robe and crown."





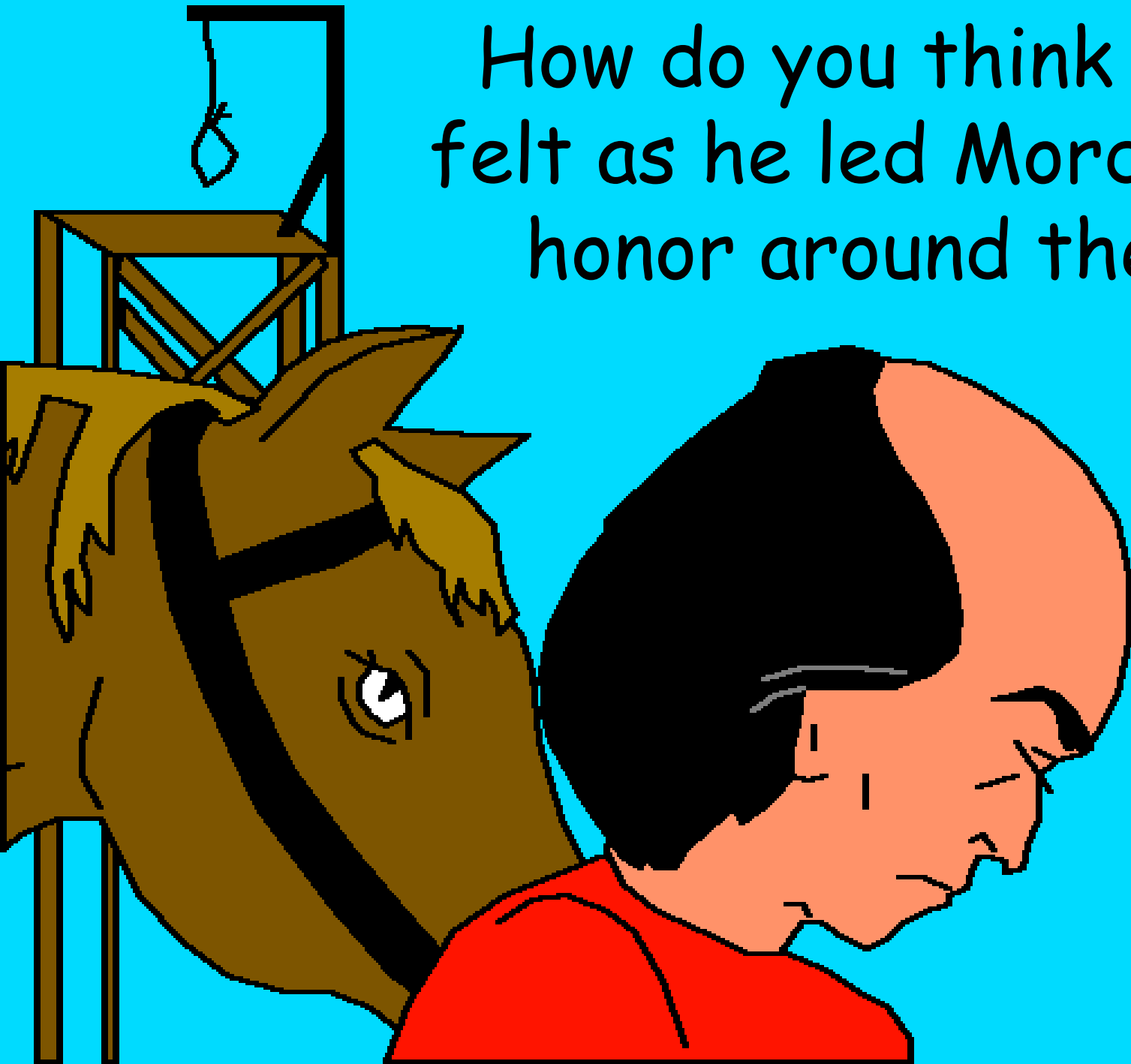
"Sit him on the king's horse.  
Command a royal prince to  
lead the man through the  
city for all  
to see."



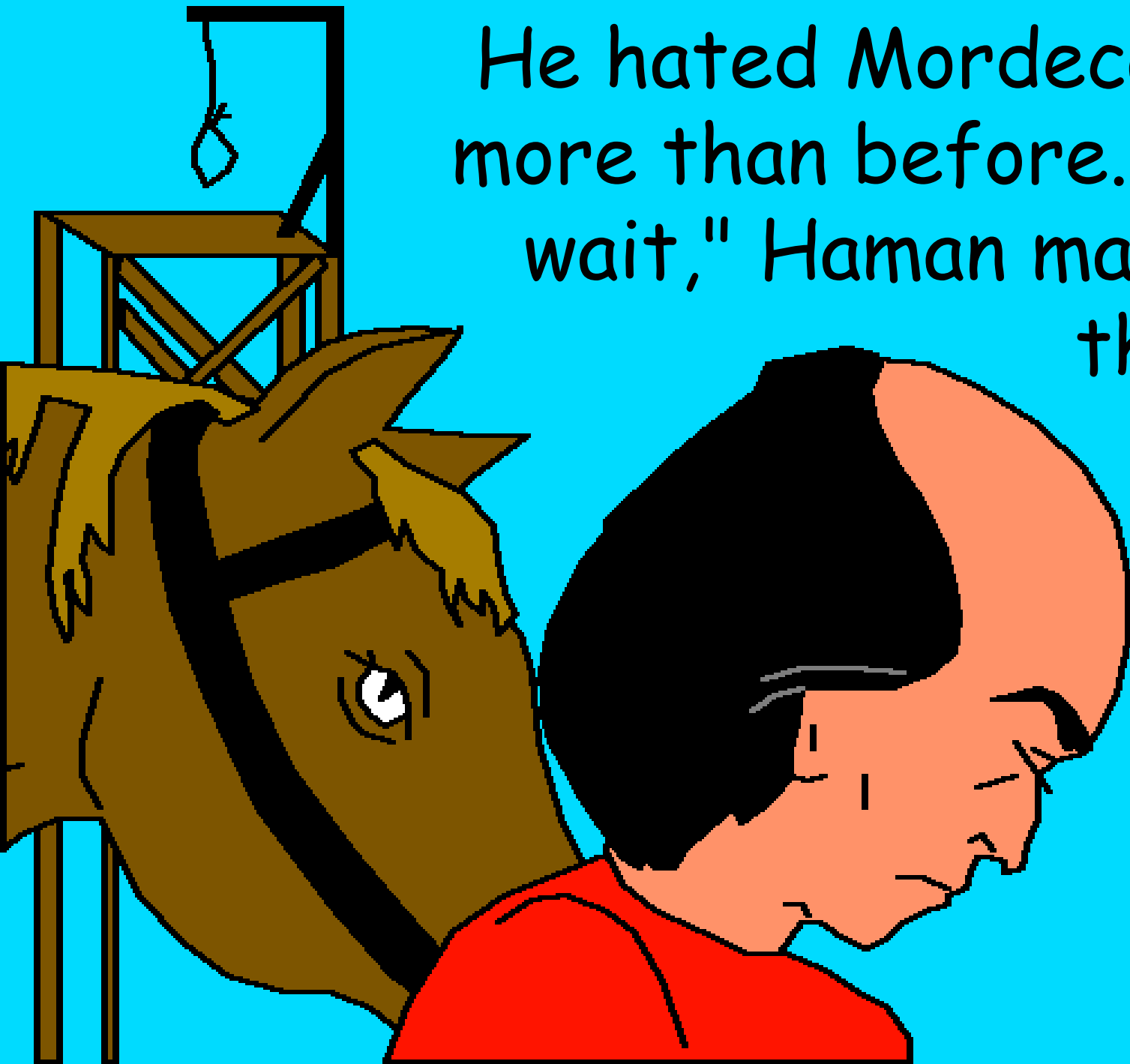
"Hasten, and do so for Mordecai the Jew," the king commanded Haman.



How do you think Haman felt as he led Mordecai in honor around the city?



He hated Mordecai even more than before. "Just wait," Haman may have thought.

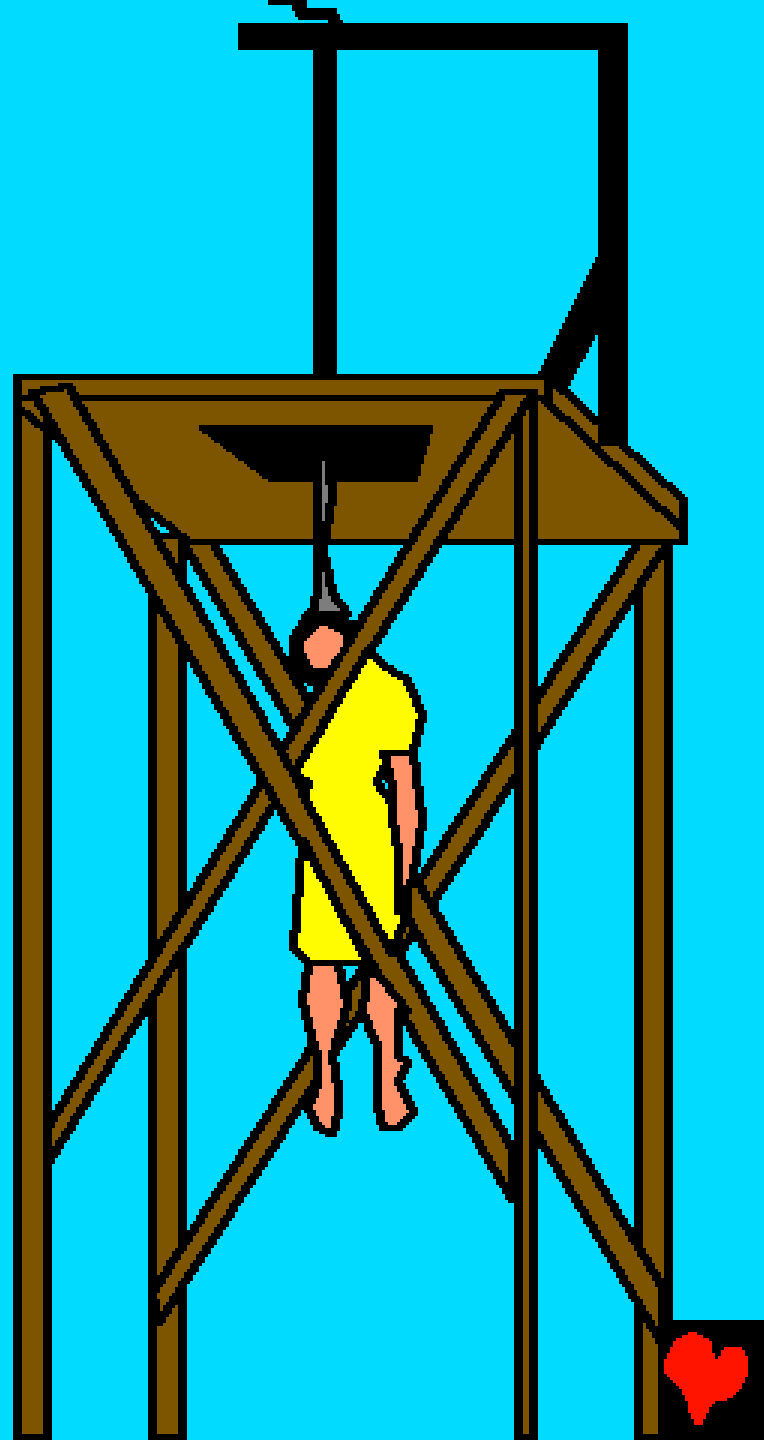




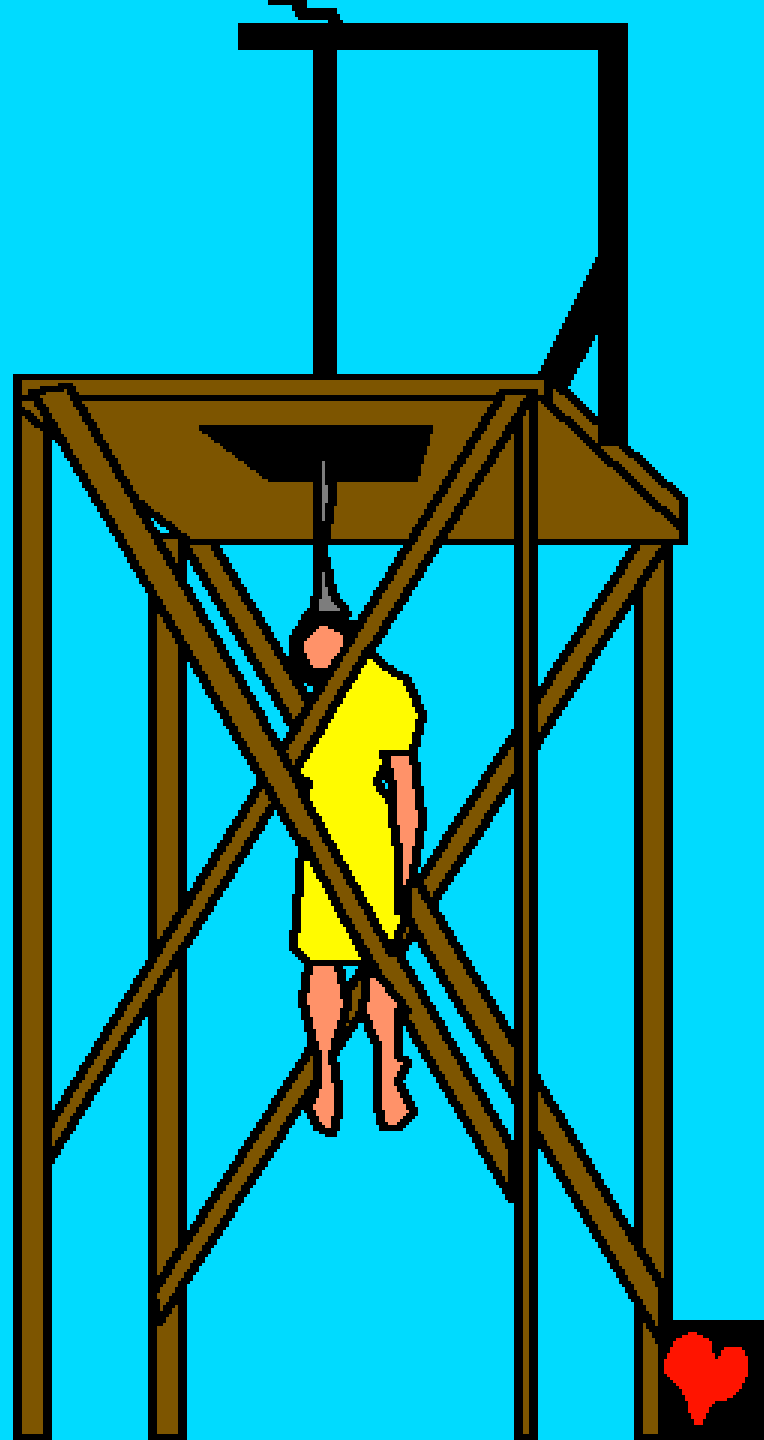
"He'll soon be dead  
- along with all the  
other Jews."



Later that day,  
Haman and the  
king arrived  
at Queen Esther's  
banquet. "What is  
your petition?" the  
king asked.

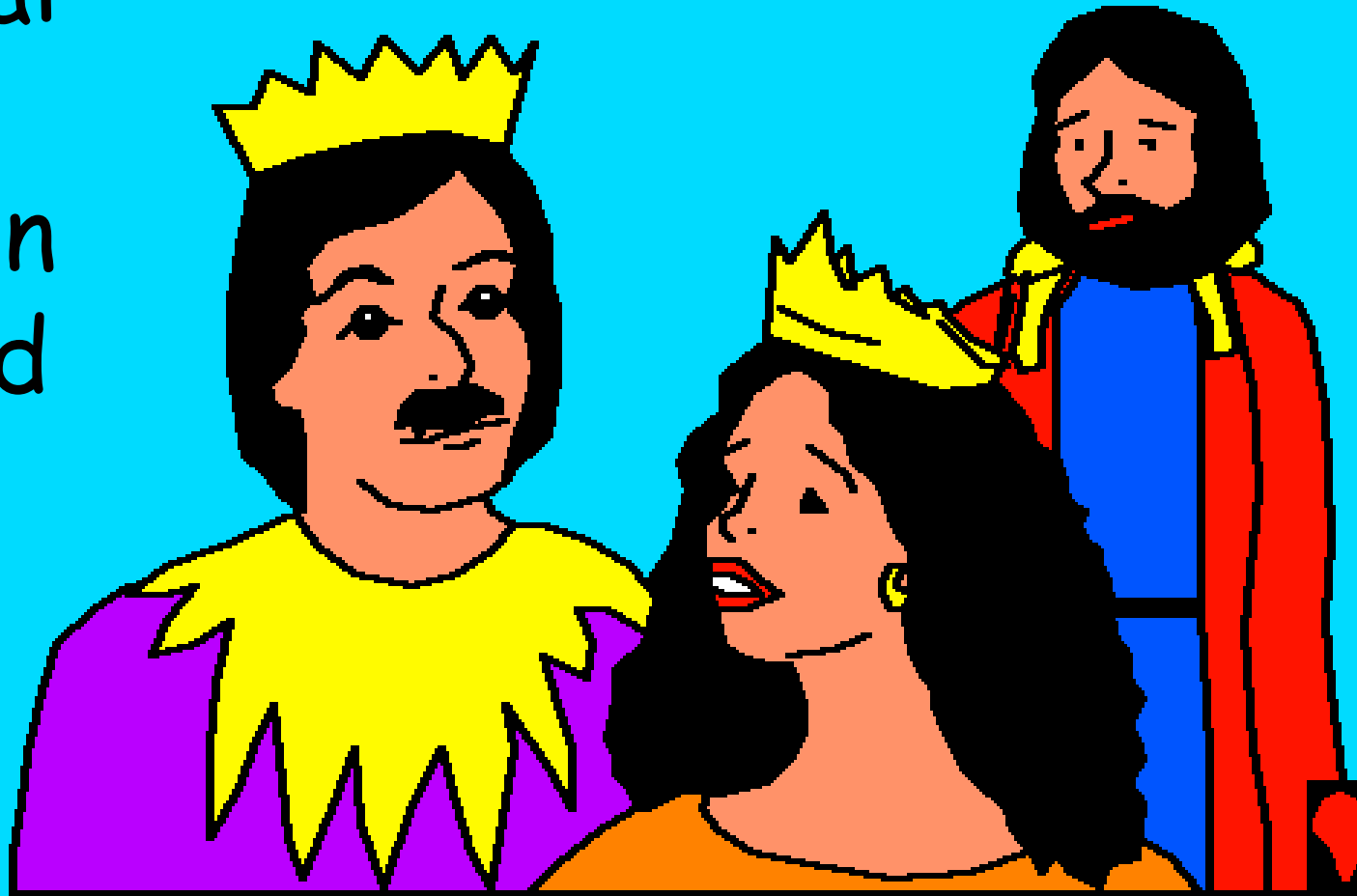


He had not forgotten his promise. Pointing to Haman, Queen Esther told the king all about Haman's wicked plot. "Hang him!" the king said.

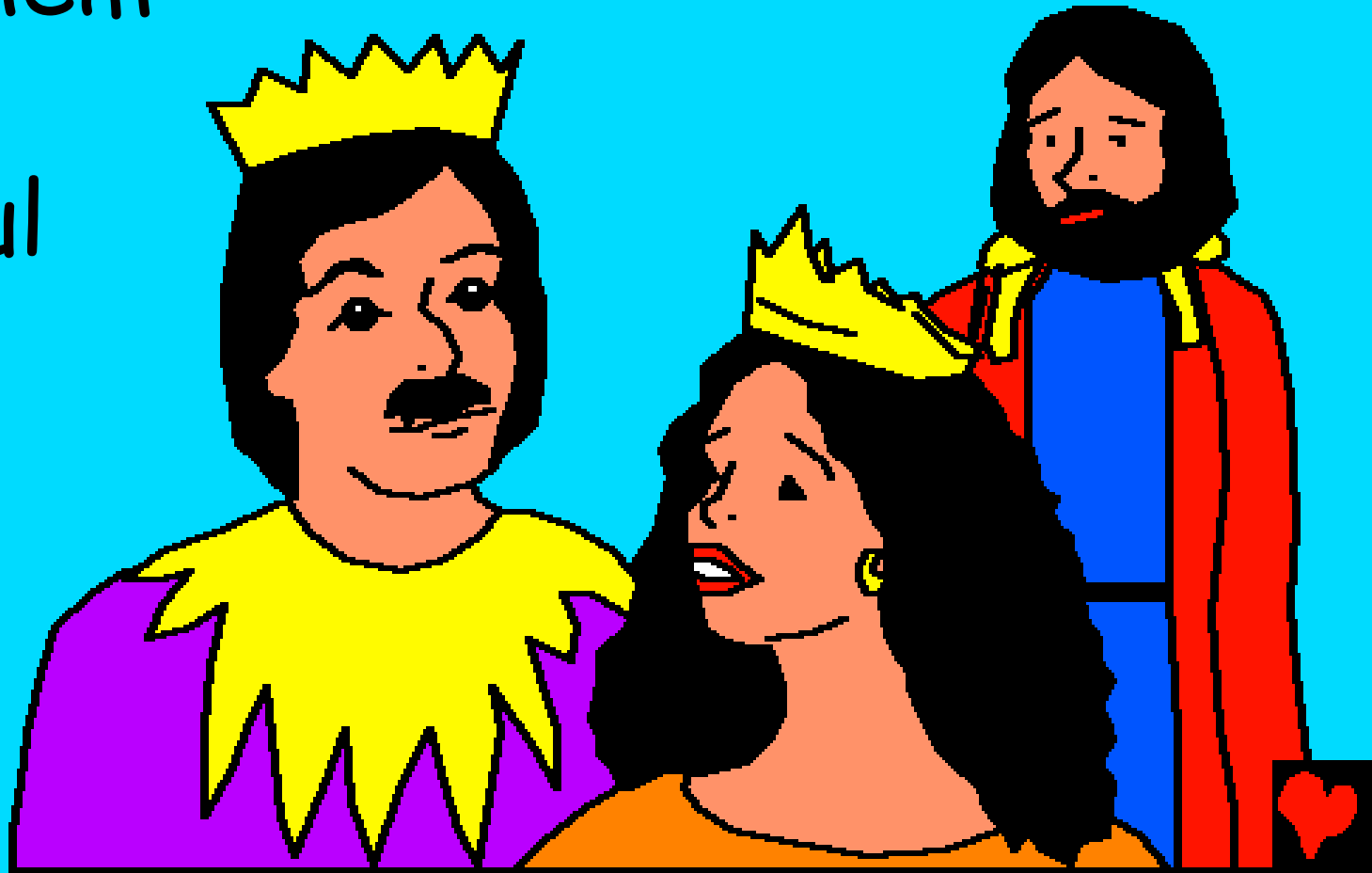


Then the king passed another law allowing the Jews to defend themselves. They were saved!

Mordecai became second in command to the king ...



... and all the Jews rejoiced and gave gifts to one another. Even today, Jewish people remember how God saved them through beautiful Queen Esther.



# Beautiful Queen Esther

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

Esther

"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

