



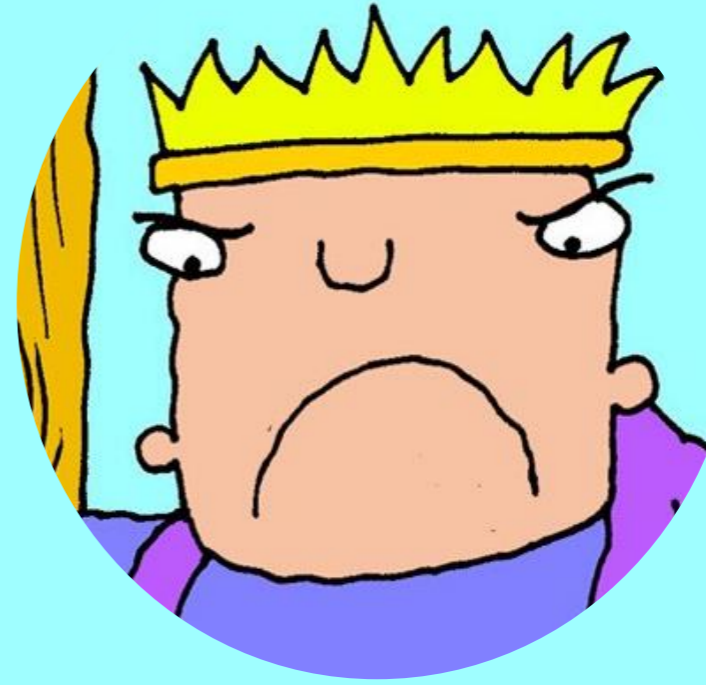
# KING AHAB STEALS A VINEYARD

1 Kings 21

# Characters in this Bible Story



Wicked Queen Jezebel



Wicked King Ahab

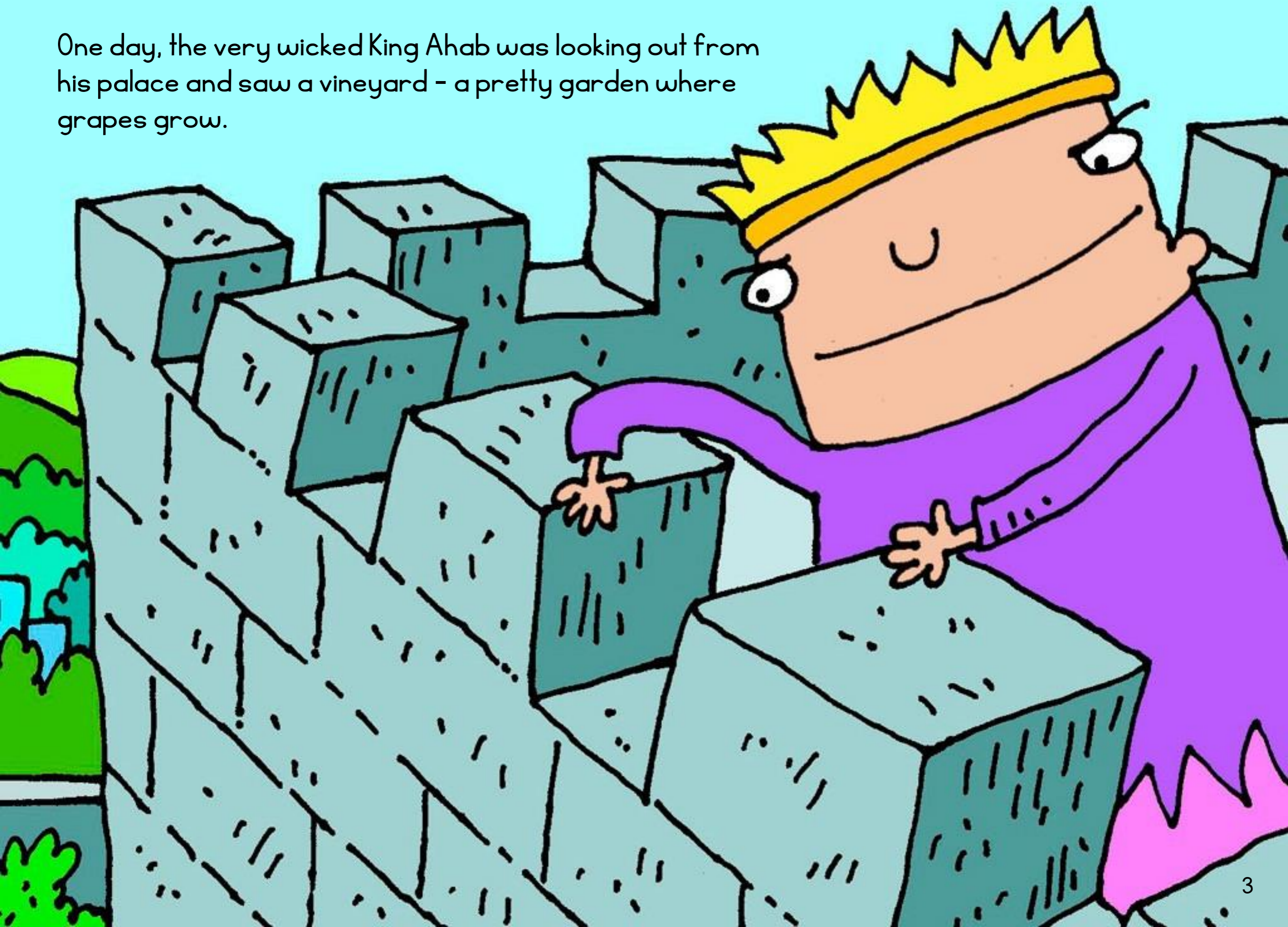


God's prophet Elijah



Naboth

One day, the very wicked King Ahab was looking out from his palace and saw a vineyard - a pretty garden where grapes grow.

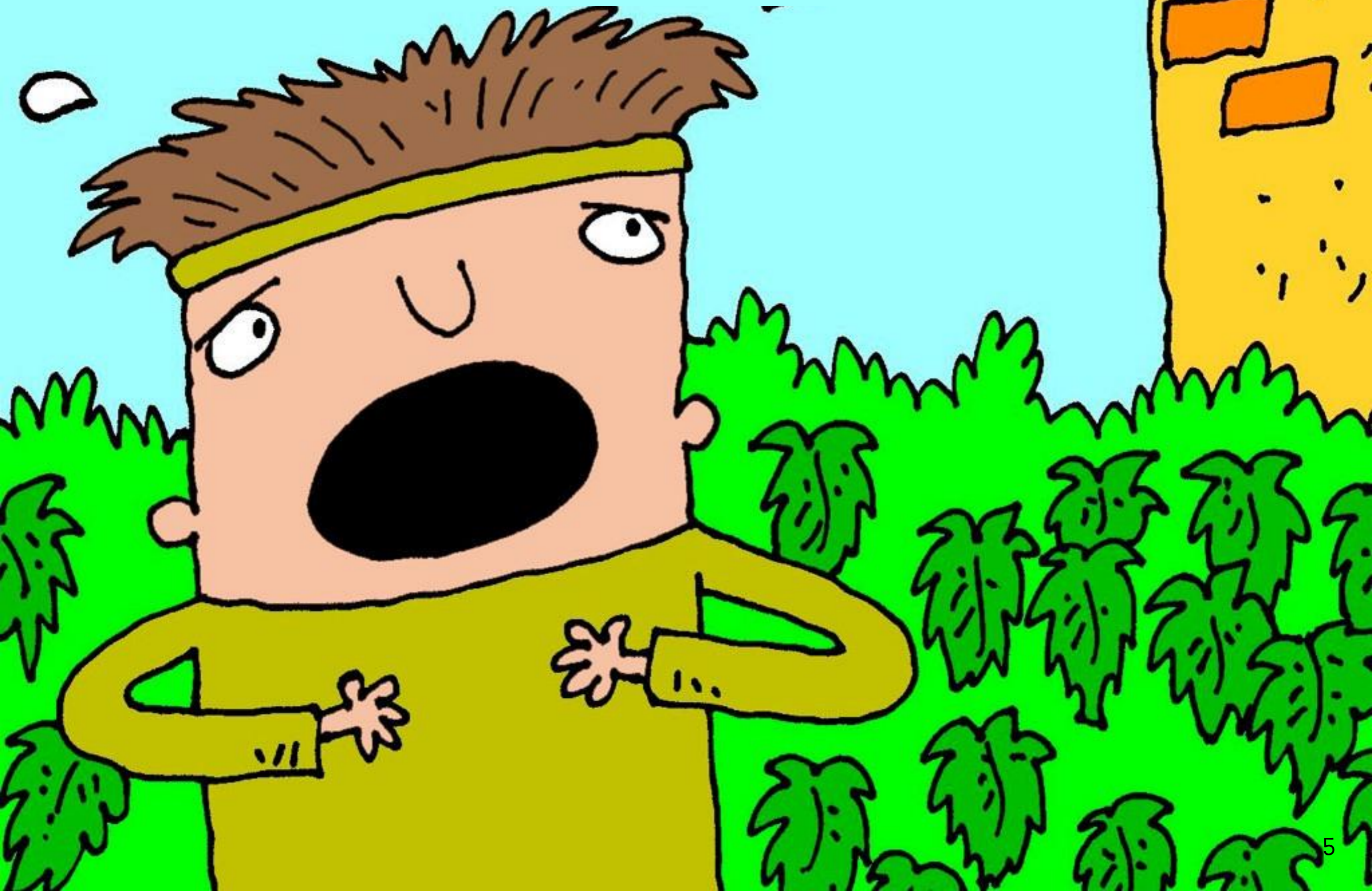


King Ahab wanted to have the vineyard. But it didn't belong to him. It belonged to a man named Naboth.

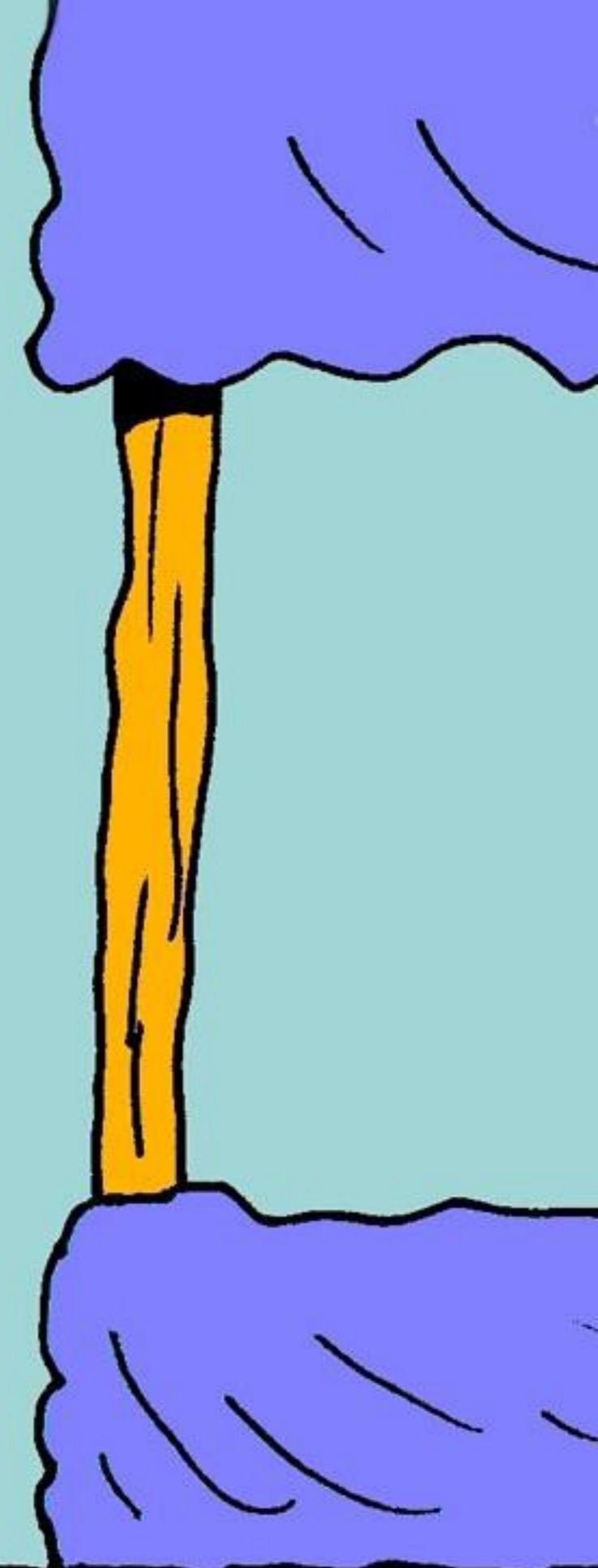
King Ahab went to him and demanded, "Naboth, give me your vineyard!"

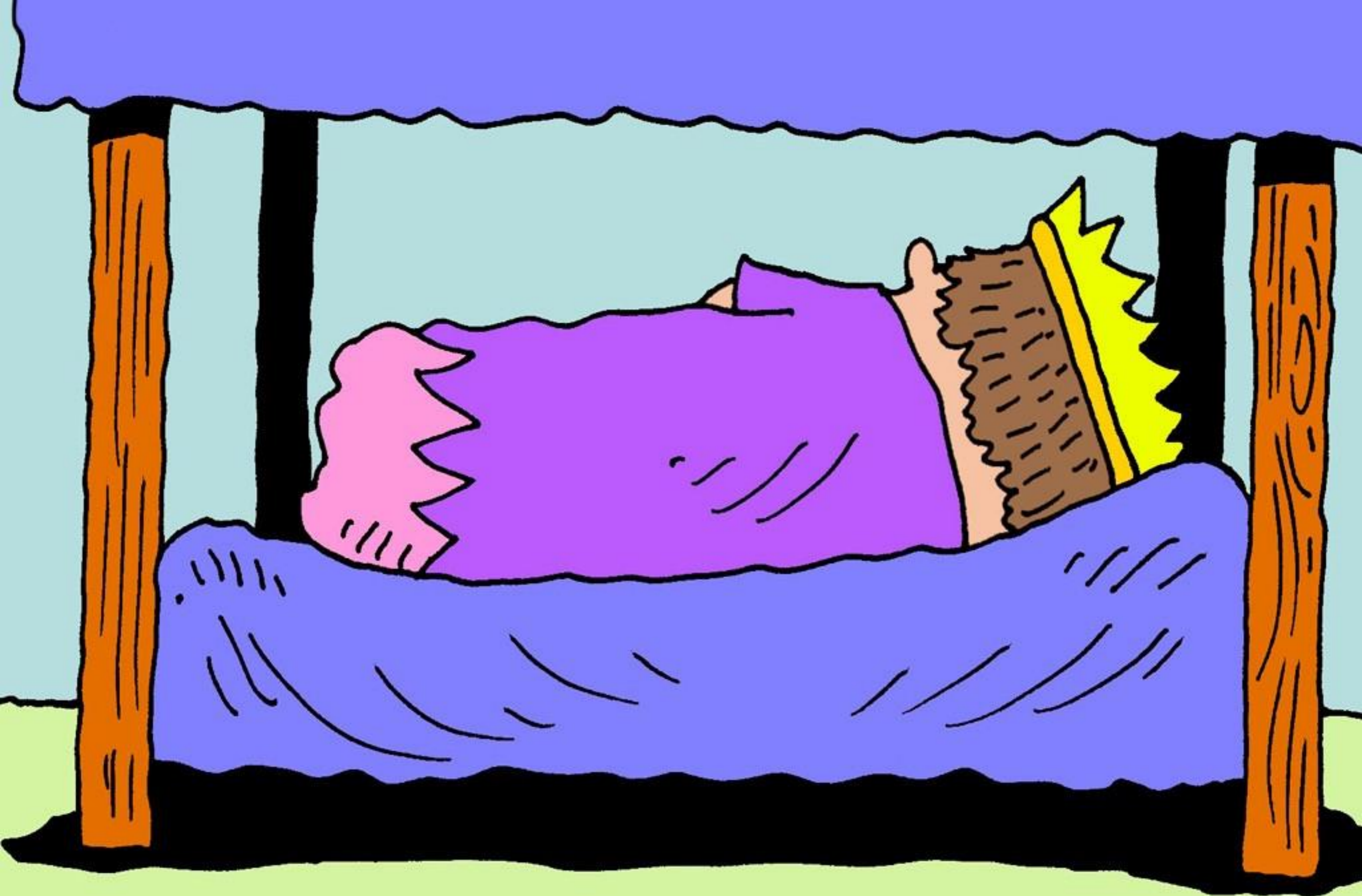


Naboth replied, "No, I could never give away my vineyard. It has belonged to my family for a long, long time."



Ahab was grumpy and angry he could not get his way. So he stomped off to his bedroom to sulk.





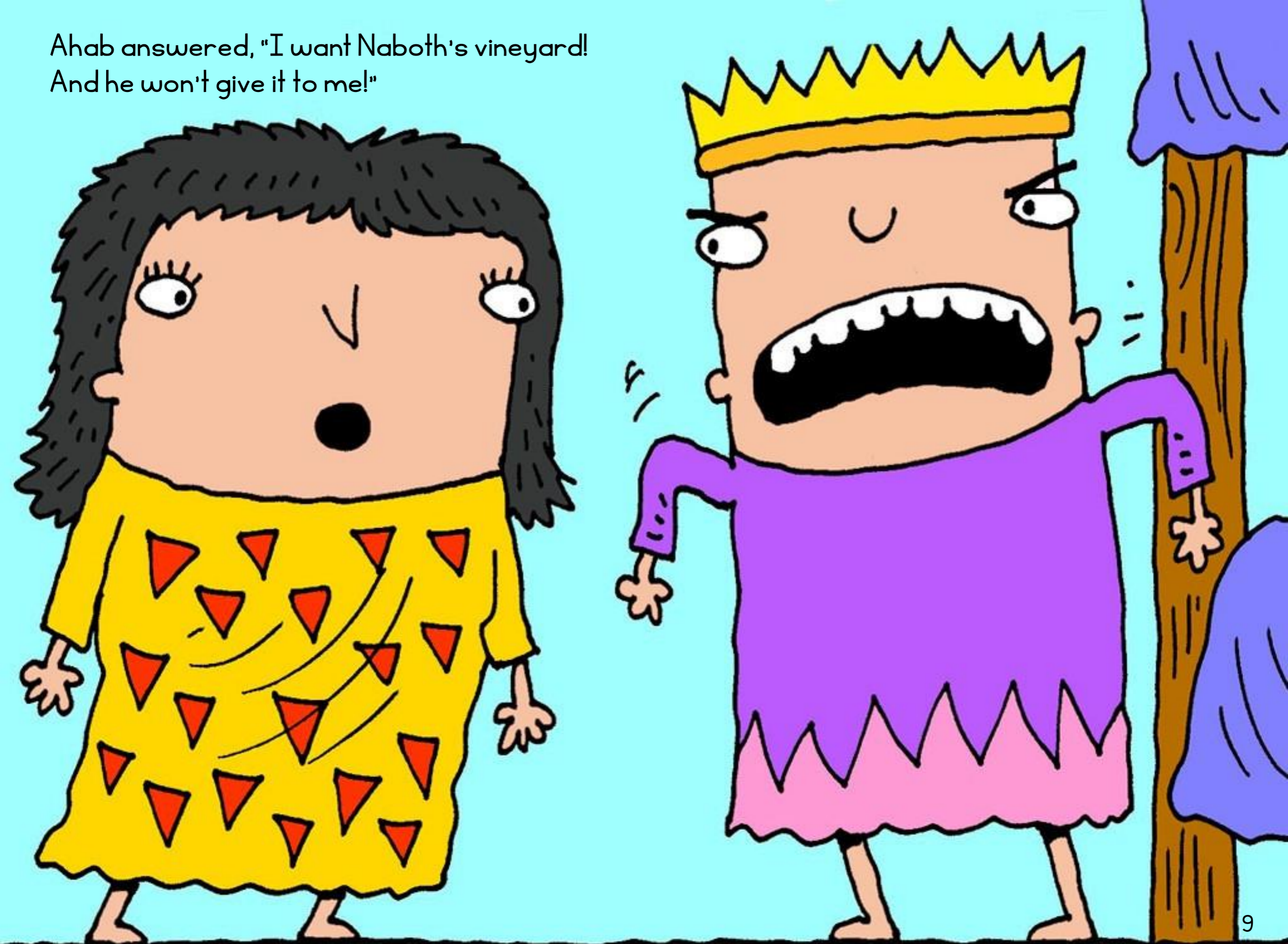
Since he was the king, Ahab was used to getting his way. He felt so mad. So he pouted.



Now Ahab had a very wicked wife named Jezebel. When she saw him pouting, she asked, "Why are you so upset?"



Ahab answered, "I want Naboth's vineyard!  
And he won't give it to me!"





"You are the king!" Jezebel said. "Cheer up! I'll get your vineyard for you...even if I have to take it."

Now Jezebel was very wicked. And she came up with an evil plan.



She commanded some city leaders to lie about Naboth and kill him.



So the evil men obeyed the evil queen and they killed Naboth.  
They took poor Naboth and stoned him to death.



Then Jezebel told King Ahab, "Naboth is dead! Now you can have the vineyard!"





But God had seen how Ahab pouted and how Jezebel had killed Naboth.

God was not pleased.

So he sent his prophet Elijah to go talk to King Ahab and Queen Jezebel.

King Ahab was in Naboth's vineyard looking very happy! He had gotten what he wanted!





But when Elijah came, he told King Ahab that God had seen his sin and was not happy.



Elijah prophesied (that means he told about something that would happen in the future). He said, "You will die, Ahab, and dogs will lick up your blood."

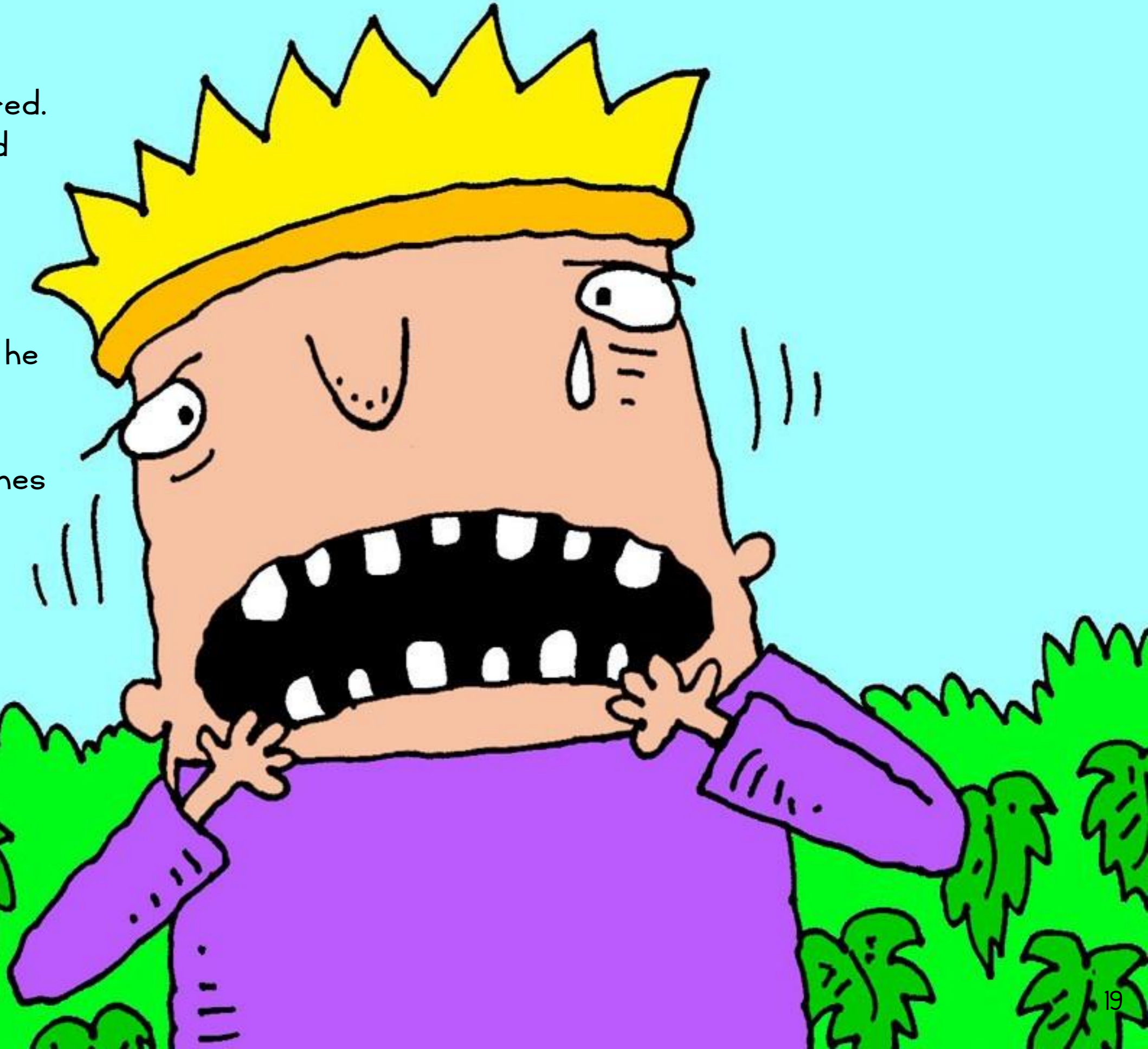
"Dogs will eat Jezebel, too, for the sins that she has done," continued Elijah.



King Ahab was shocked and scared. He realized he had done wrong.

For his sins, God punished him exactly as he said he would do.

God always punishes sin. When God speaks, it always comes true.





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