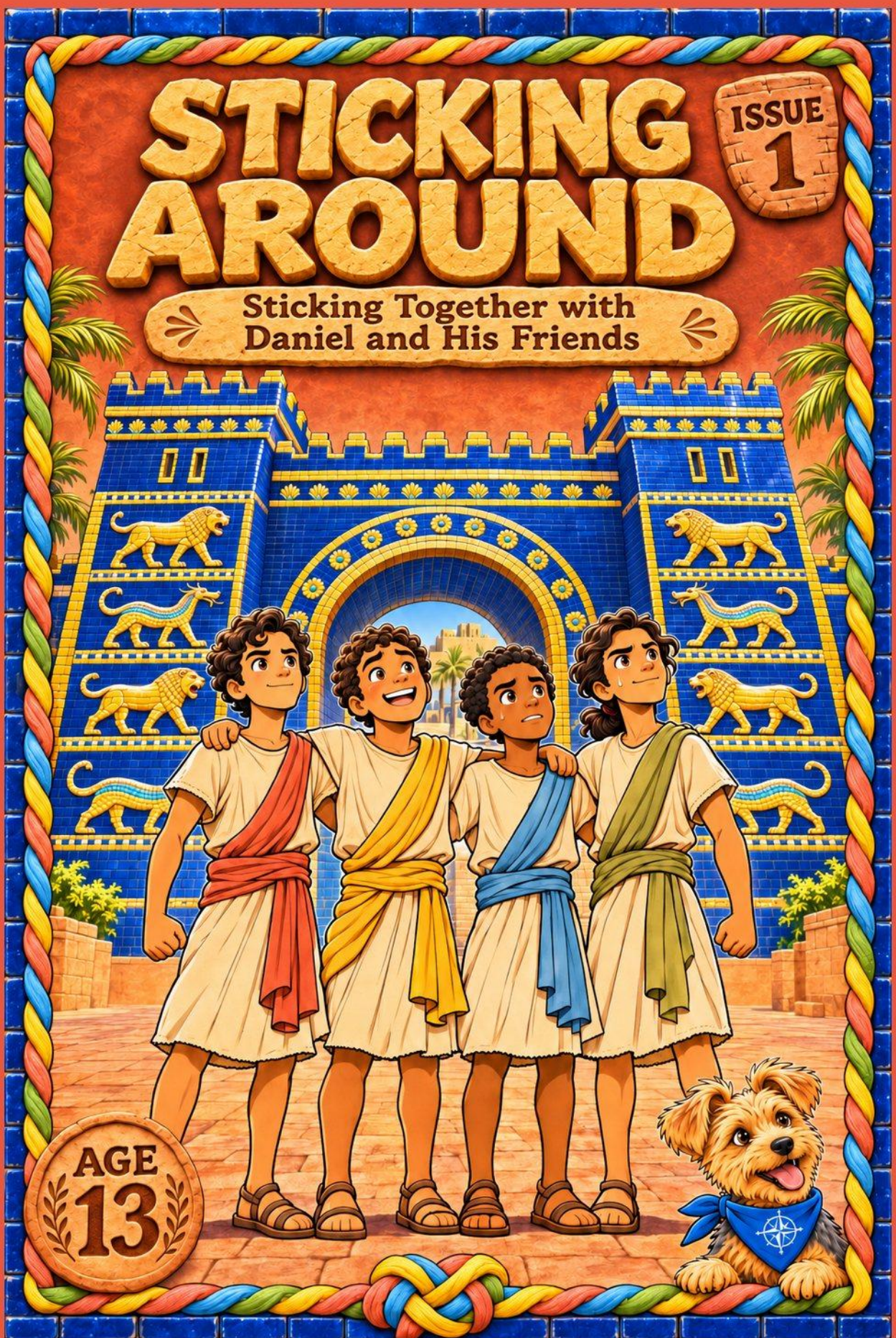
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STICKING AROUND

ISSUE 1

Sticking Together with Daniel and His Friends



AGE 13

MEET YOUR TOUR GUIDE

Before the story starts



Hi! I'm Baxter. I'm 13 pounds of scruffy, and the compass on my bandana is special. When a kid has a problem, it takes us into a Bible story where someone faced the same thing!

MY FRIENDS (THEY LIVE ON MY STREET)

MAYA age 10
Always has her notebook

ELI age 11
The jokester

SAM age 9
Quiet, and new in town

SOFIA age 11
The artist

IN BABYLON, WATCH THE SASH COLORS

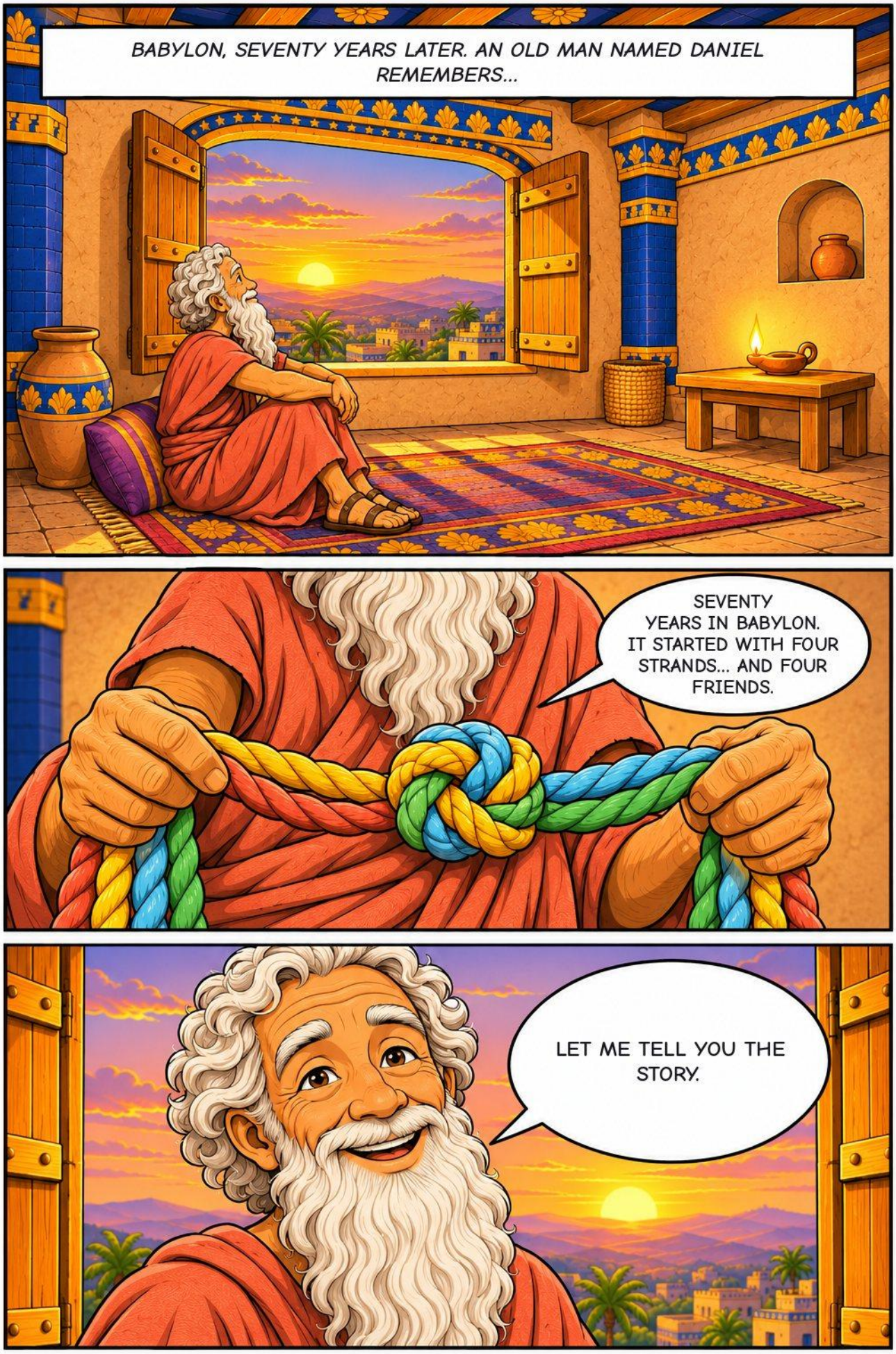
DANIEL DAN-yul

SHADRACH SHAD-rak

MESHACH MEE-shak

ABEDNEGO uh-BED-nee-go

Grab my bandana, and we're off. In this series we visit Daniel and his three friends, who were taken far from home to Babylon. They held on to God, and to each other. Watch for their cord: four strands, one for each friend.


BABYLON, SEVENTY YEARS LATER. AN OLD MAN NAMED DANIEL REMEMBERS...
SEVENTY YEARS IN BABYLON. IT STARTED WITH FOUR STRANDS... AND FOUR FRIENDS.
LET ME TELL YOU THE STORY.


A HAILSTORM HIT THIS MORNING. NOW BAXTER WON'T GO OUT!
MAYA, ELI, SAM AND SOFIA LIVE ON BAXTER'S STREET.

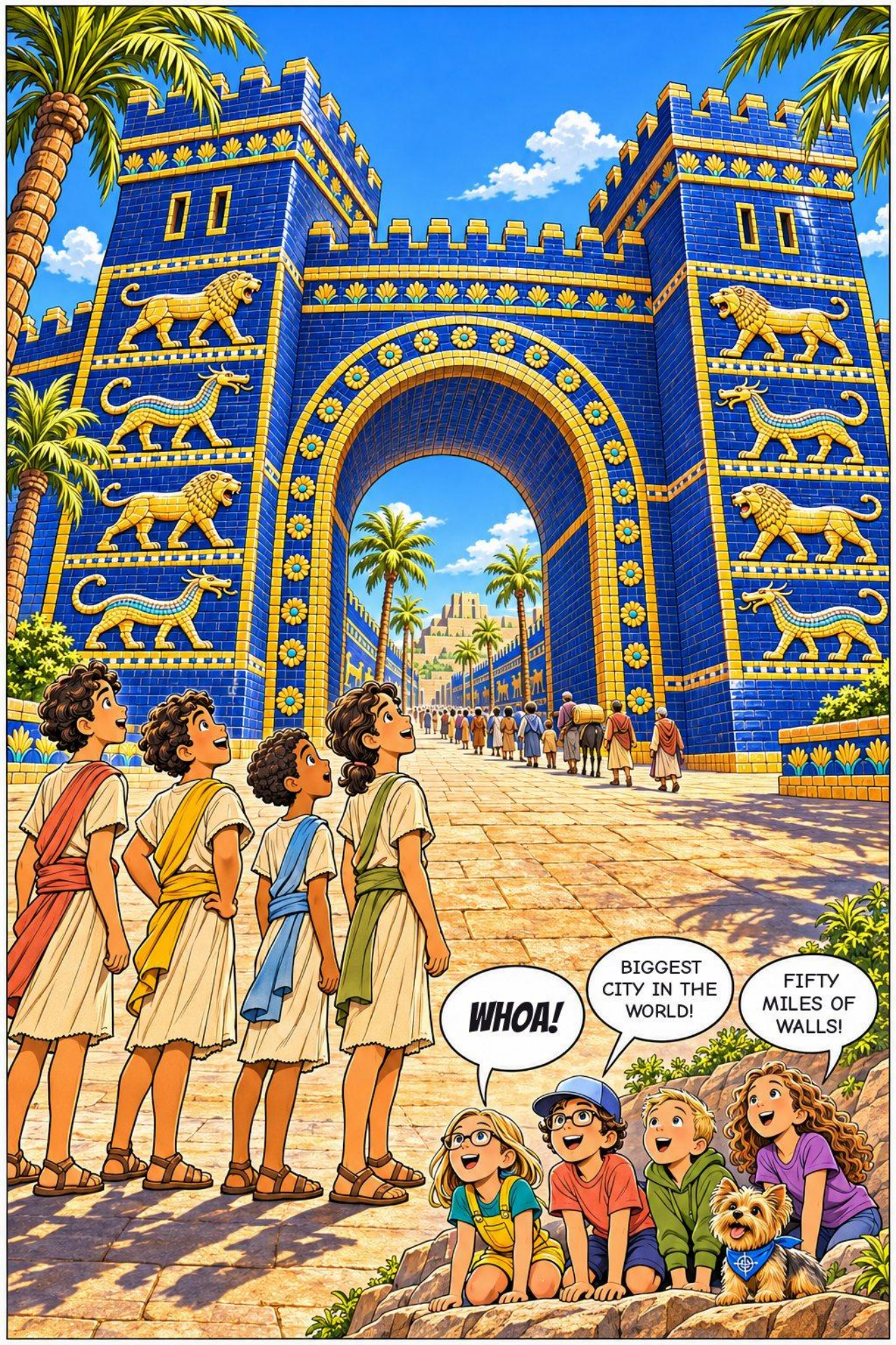

I'VE NEVER SEEN HAIL! IT FELT LIKE GOD WAS THROWING ROCKS AT ME!
NOPE. I'M NOT GOING OUTSIDE AGAIN... UNLESS IT'S FOR A BIBLE STORY!


SAM? YOU LOOK WORRIED. WHAT'S WRONG?


MONDAY'S MY FIRST DAY AT MY NEW SCHOOL.
AND THEY *ALREADY* GOT MY NAME WRONG!
WELCOME, STAN!
STAN IS A PRETTY COOL NAME— OW.
NOT HELPING, ELI.
WHAT IF I FORGET WHO I AM?
SAM, WANT TO MEET FOUR BOYS WITH NEW NAMES TOO?
GRAB MY BANDANA! MY COMPASS TAKES US INTO THE BIBLE STORY!
NOPE. THIS POODLE DOESN'T TIME-TRAVEL.

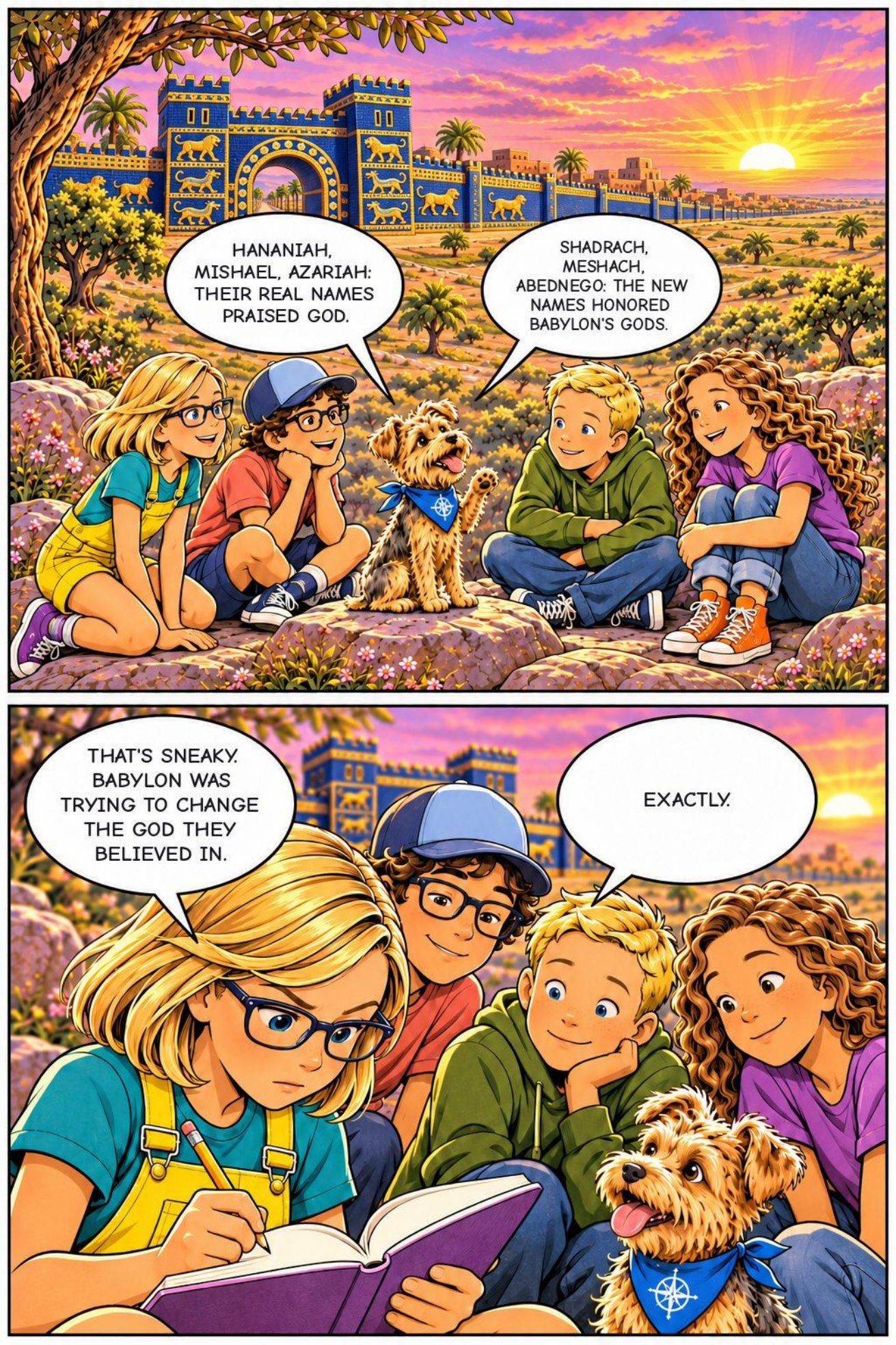

JERUSALEM, ABOUT 600 YEARS BEFORE JESUS WAS BORN.
THEY'RE OUR AGE!
THAT'S DANIEL AND HIS BEST FRIENDS. BABYLON'S KING TOOK THEM FROM HOME.
ARE THEY EVER COMING BACK?
MOST OF THEM NEVER GOT TO GO HOME AGAIN.


LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE. LONG WALK. GREAT VIEWS. NO HOMEWORK.
I MISS MY MOM.
I MISS MY BED.
WE STILL HAVE GOD. AND WE STILL HAVE EACH OTHER.
BABYLON COULDN'T MAKE HIM FORGET WHAT HIS FAMILY TAUGHT HIM ABOUT GOD.

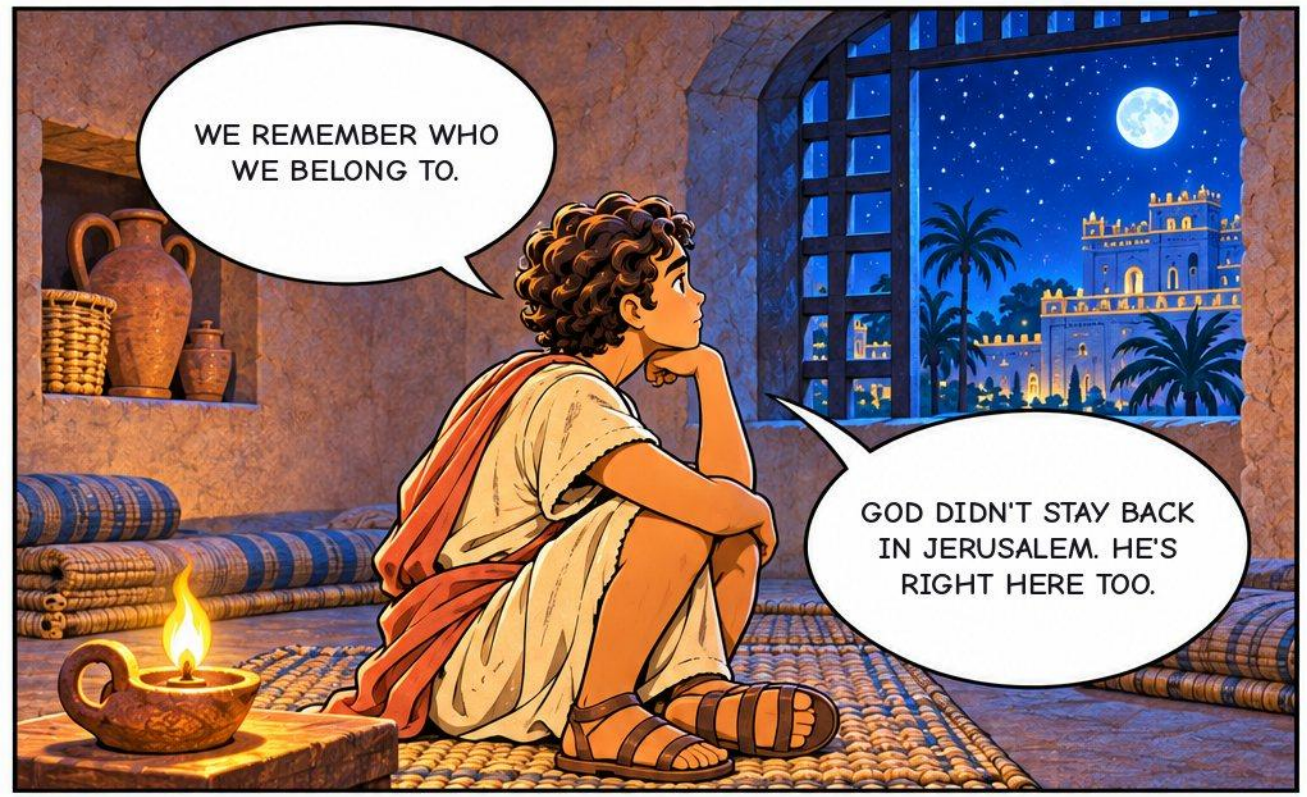

WHOA!
BIGGEST CITY IN THE WORLD!
FIFTY MILES OF WALLS!


THE KING ONLY WANTS THE BEST PEOPLE!
WELL, THAT'S DEFINITELY ME.
SHH!
THREE YEARS OF BABYLON'S SCHOOL.
THEN YOU SERVE THE KING!


YOU. YOUR NAME IS NOW BELTESHAZZAR.
NOT ANYMORE.
BUT MY NAME IS DANIEL. IT MEANS "GOD IS MY JUDGE."
YOU'RE SHADRACH. YOU'RE MESHACH. YOU'RE ABEDNEGO.
SHADRACH? I CAN'T EVEN SAY IT.
IT'S LIKE "STAN"!
YEAH. EXCEPT WAY WORSE.


HANANIAH, MISHAEL, AZARIAH: THEIR REAL NAMES PRAISED GOD.
SHADRACH, MESHACH, ABEDNEGO: THE NEW NAMES HONORED BABYLON'S GODS.
THAT'S SNEAKY. BABYLON WAS TRYING TO CHANGE THE GOD THEY BELIEVED IN.
EXACTLY.


THEY CAN CHANGE OUR NAMES. OUR CLOTHES. OUR SCHOOL.
CAN THEY CHANGE *US?*
ONLY IF WE LET THEM.
SO WHAT DO WE DO, BELTE... BELTESHAZ... DANIEL?



EVEN IN BABYLON, GOD WAS IN CONTROL. HE WAS WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES THE WHOLE TIME. (DANIEL 1:2, 9, 17)

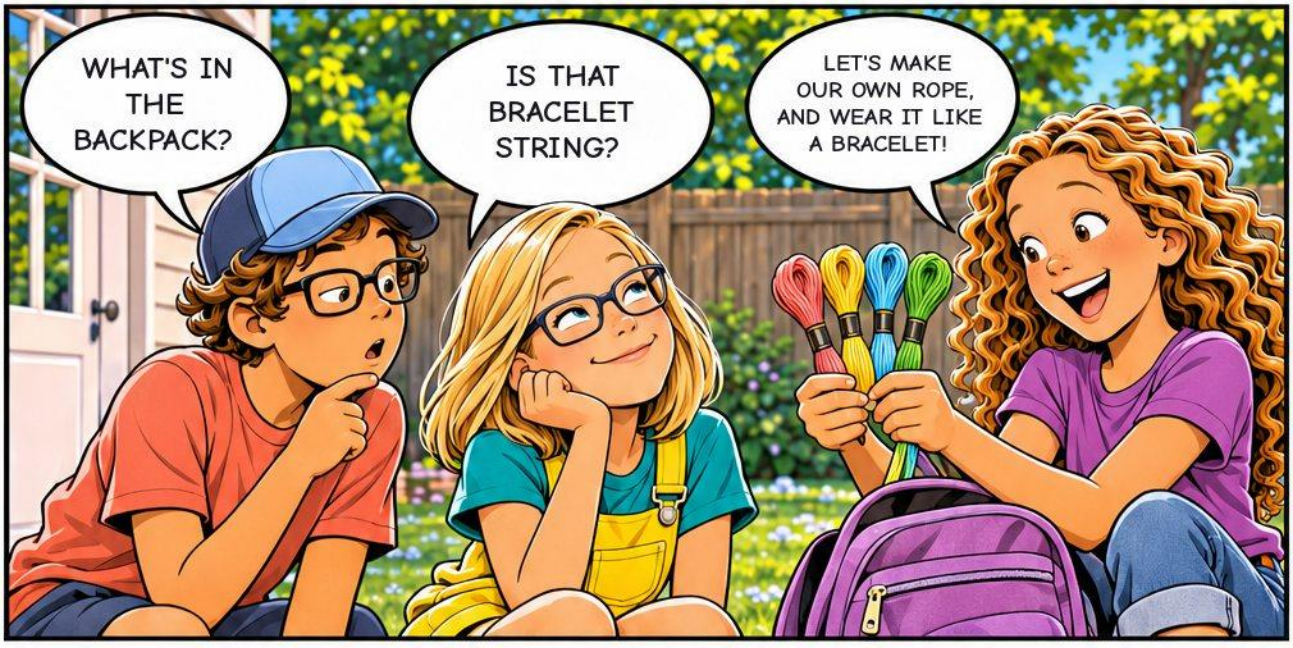



WAIT. WHAT'S THE ROPE FOR?
FOUR TOGETHER? NOT A CHANCE.
EACH STRAND IS A TRUTH ABOUT GOD WE LEARNED AS KIDS. WOVEN TOGETHER, THEY'RE STRONG!
NEW PLACE. NEW NAMES. SAME GOD. AND FOUR FRIENDS WHO DECIDED TO STICK TOGETHER.


THEY DIDN'T FORGET WHO THEY WERE...
...BECAUSE THEY HAD EACH OTHER.
AND THEY REMEMBERED WHO THEY BELONG TO.
READY TO GO HOME?


YOU'RE BACK! HOW WAS BABYLON?


THEY MIGHT GET MY NAME WRONG.
BUT I KNOW WHOSE I AM.


WHAT'S IN THE BACKPACK?
IS THAT BRACELET STRING?
LET'S MAKE OUR OWN ROPE, AND WEAR IT LIKE A BRACELET!




WELCOME! YOU MUST BE... STAN?


IT'S SAM. BUT CLOSE!


PRAYING FOR YOU!
NEW SCHOOL, SAME GOD!
SAVE ME A FUNNY STORY!


STILL *NOT* GOING OUTSIDE, THOUGH.

REMEMBER IT!

ISSUE 1

NEW PLACE, NEW NAME, SAME GOD.

HAND MOTION

Point to a new spot (new place), tap your chest (new name), point up (same God).

MEMORY VERSE

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding. In all your ways obey him. Then he will make your paths smooth and straight."
Proverbs 3:5–6 (NIrV)



BAXTER'S BARK: HAILSTORMS COME AND GO. GOD STAYS.

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THE ROPE · KNOT 1 OF 8

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Four strands, coral, gold, blue and green, twisted together for the first time.

TALK IT OVER

1. Have you ever been somewhere brand new? What was the hardest part?
2. Babylon gave the boys new names to change who they belonged to. What helps you remember that you belong to God?
3. Who are the friends who help you stick close to God?

TRY IT THIS WEEK

Make a four-strand bracelet with a friend or someone in your family. Every time you see it, pray for each other. If something is hard right now, tell a grown-up you trust.

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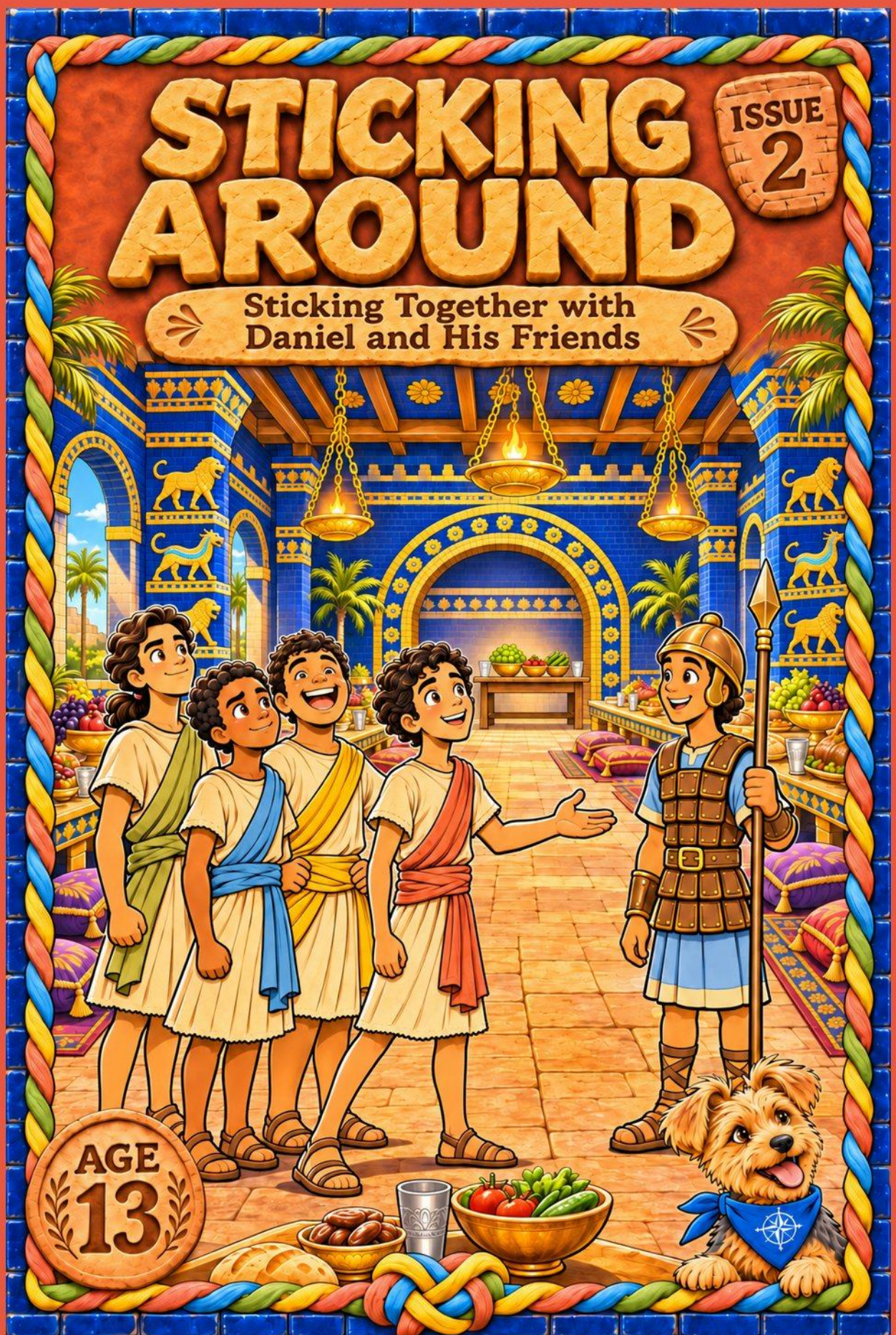
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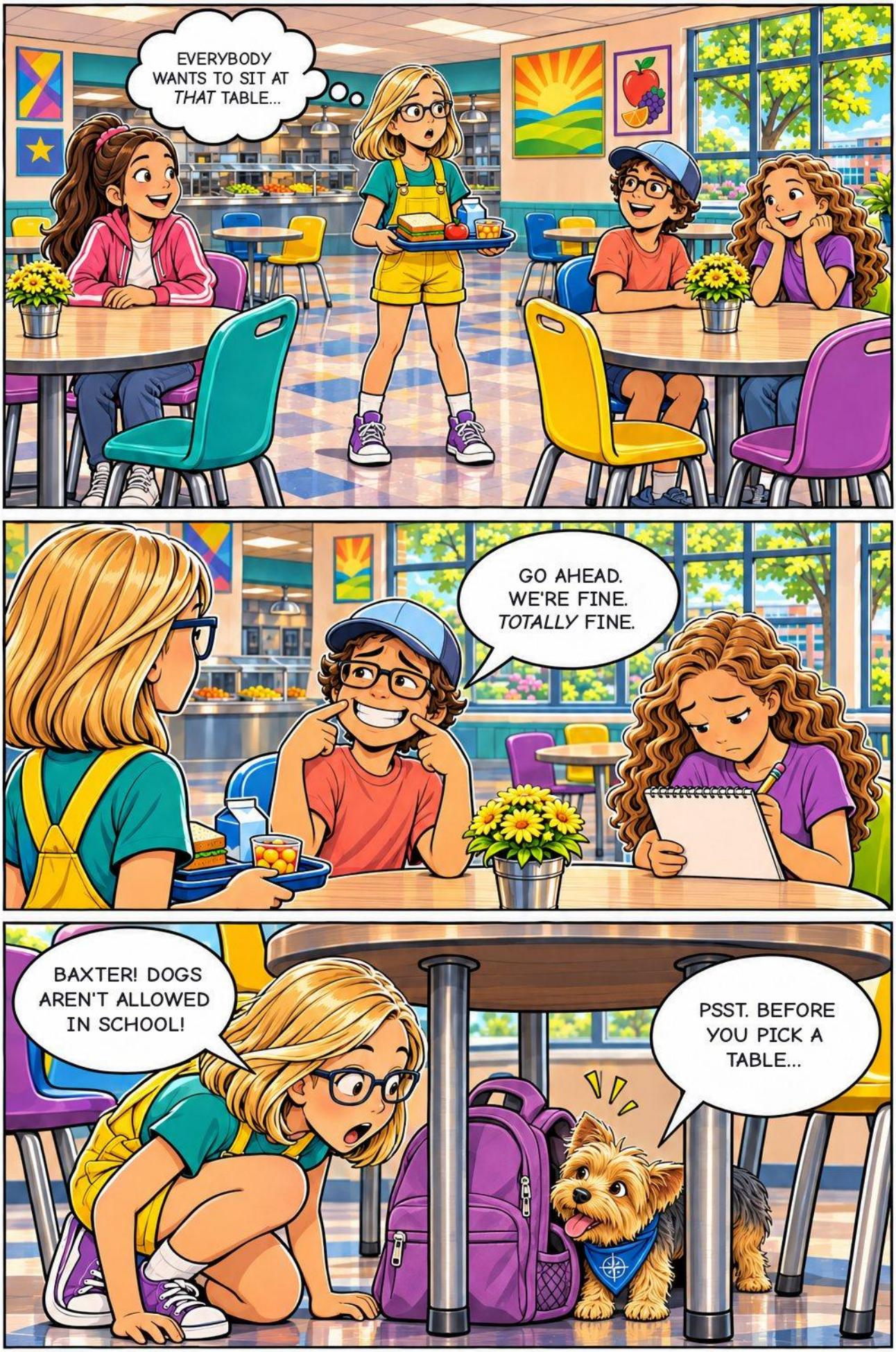
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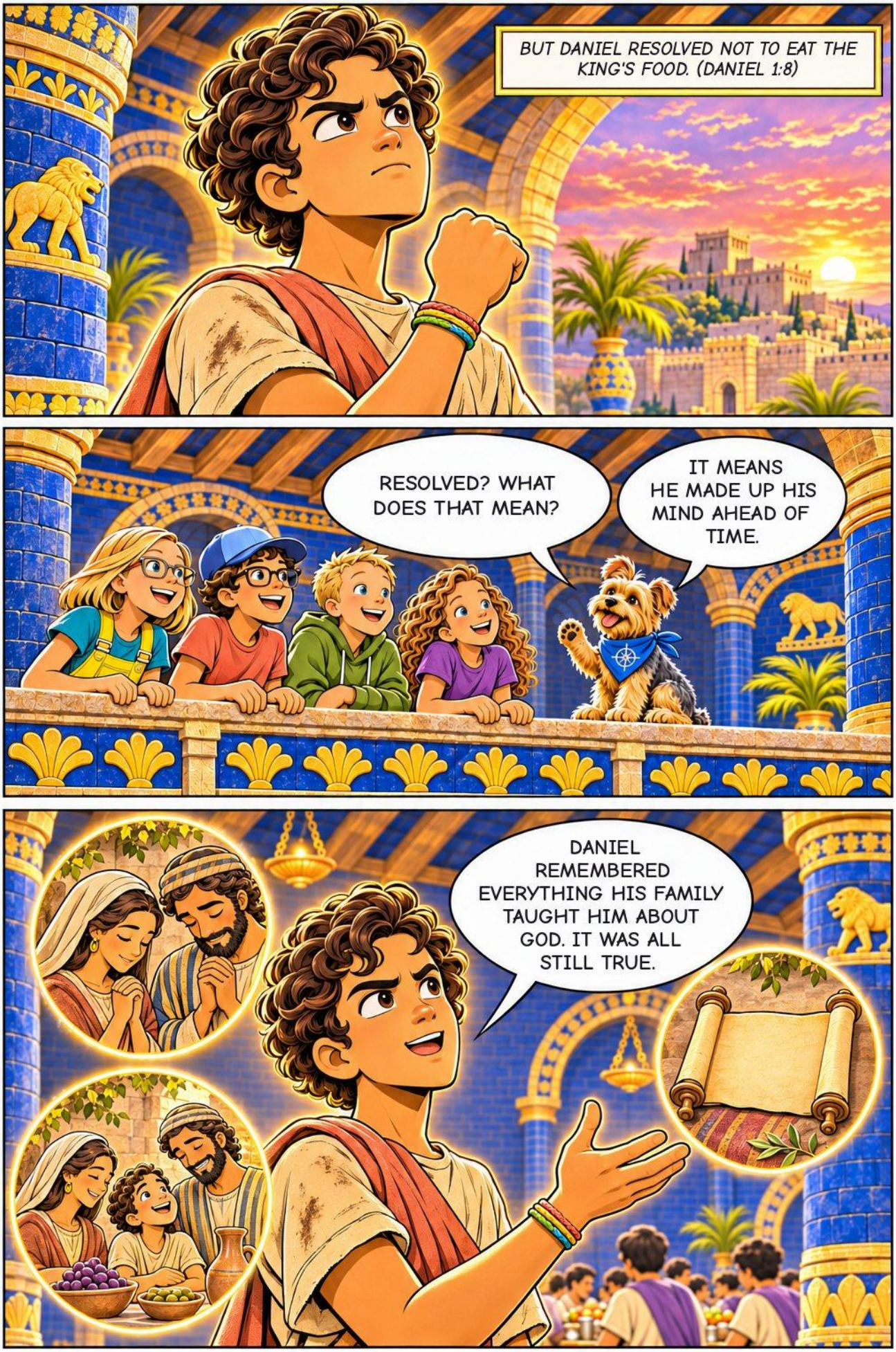

MAYA'S SCHOOL. TUESDAY.
MAYA! SIT WITH US TODAY. YOU'RE *FUN*.
JUST YOU, THOUGH. NOT THEM.


EVERYBODY WANTS TO SIT AT *THAT* TABLE...
GO AHEAD. WE'RE FINE. *TOTALLY* FINE.
BAXTER! DOGS AREN'T ALLOWED IN SCHOOL!
PSST. BEFORE YOU PICK A TABLE...


THEN LET'S NOT BE IN SCHOOL. WANT TO SEE WHAT DANIEL DID ABOUT A LUNCH TABLE?
WAIT, I'M AT *MY* SCHOOL— WHOA!


THE KING'S PALACE. THE BEST FOOD IN THE WORLD, EVERY DAY.
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THAT STEAK *ALL* MORNING.
THAT LOOKS AMAZING. WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?


THE KING'S FOOD WAS OFFERED TO BABYLON'S GODS FIRST.
EATING IT MEANT SAYING, "I BELIEVE IN THEM NOW."
ALMOST EVERYBODY ATE IT. IT WAS EASY.
WHAT EVERYBODY DOES ISN'T ALWAYS RIGHT.


BUT DANIEL RESOLVED NOT TO EAT THE KING'S FOOD. (DANIEL 1:8)
RESOLVED? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
IT MEANS HE MADE UP HIS MIND AHEAD OF TIME.
DANIEL REMEMBERED EVERYTHING HIS FAMILY TAUGHT HIM ABOUT GOD. IT WAS ALL STILL TRUE.


I'M NOT EATING THE KING'S FOOD. WHO'S WITH ME?
I'M, UM... STILL PRAYING ABOUT IT.
I'M NOT SURE.
CAN I WRITE MY MOM A LETTER FIRST? AND ASK HER?
NO. WE'RE DOING THIS. *TOGETHER.*


GOD CAUSED THE OFFICIAL TO BE KIND TO DANIEL. (DANIEL 1:9)
SIR, MAY WE PLEASE SKIP THE KING'S FOOD? WE WANT TO HONOR OUR GOD.
IF YOU BOYS LOOK SKINNY AND SICK, THE KING WILL BE FURIOUS WITH *ME!*
HE DIDN'T YELL. HE JUST *ASKED.*
RESPECT OPENS DOORS THAT SHOUTING NEVER WILL.


PLEASE TEST US FOR TEN DAYS. GIVE US ONLY VEGETABLES AND WATER.
THEN COMPARE US WITH THE OTHERS. YOU DECIDE WHAT'S FAIR.
TEN DAYS. DEAL.
TEN DAYS. OF *THIS*. PRAY FOR ME.


OKAY, CUCUMBER. IT'S YOU OR ME.
THANK YOU, GOD, FOR... MORE VEGETABLES.
ENJOY YOUR LEAVES!

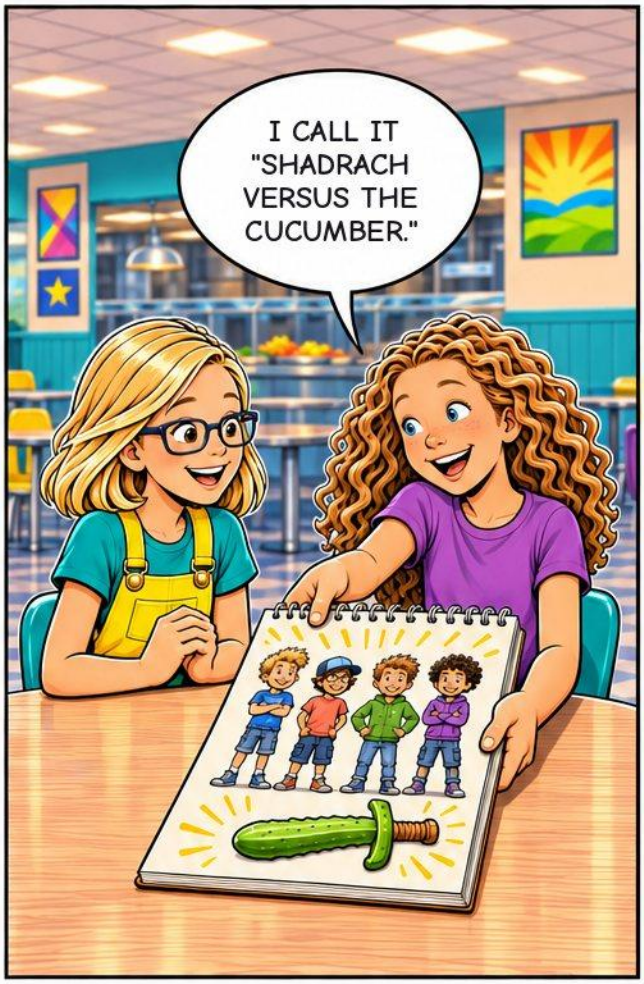

DAY 10.
HUH. YOU FOUR LOOK HEALTHIER THAN *ALL* OF THE OTHERS.
FROM THEN ON: VEGETABLES FOR EVERYONE! (DANIEL 1:16)
I'M STILL GOING TO MISS THAT STEAK.


DANIEL DID TWO THINGS.
HE DIDN'T DO WHAT THE CROWD WANTED...
...AND HE STOOD UP FOR HIS FRIENDS.
A GOOD FRIEND CAN HELP YOU STAND FOR WHAT GOD WANTS.


MY FATHER TAUGHT ME TO PRAY.
MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME THE PSALMS.
MY GRANDPA TOLD ME ABOUT MOSES.
MY UNCLE TAUGHT ME JOKES. THAT COUNTS, RIGHT?
EVERY BIBLE STORY THEY TOLD ME, I REMEMBER. AND I'M STRONGER TODAY.
LUNCH IS ALMOST OVER BACK HOME. READY?


SO? YOU COMING?
THANKS FOR ASKING, BROOKE. REALLY. BUT I'M SITTING WITH MY FRIENDS.
YOU COULD SIT WITH US, THOUGH. SOFIA'S DRAWING A COMIC.
...MAYBE TOMORROW.


YOU PICKED US? OVER *THAT* TABLE?
SCOOT OVER!


I CALL IT "SHADRACH VERSUS THE CUCUMBER."


SAT WITH A KID NAMED LEO TODAY.
TOLD HIM ABOUT THE VEGETABLES.
HE THINKS I'M WEIRD. HA!
SAM


I SUPPORT DANIEL. BUT I AM *NOT* DOING TEN DAYS OF THIS.

REMEMBER IT!

ISSUE 2

STEP OUT OF THE CROWD. STEP IN FOR YOUR FRIENDS.

HAND MOTION

Take one step to the side (out of the crowd), then step forward and hold out your arm like you're standing up for someone (in for your friends).

MEMORY VERSE

"Walk with wise people and become wise. A companion of foolish people suffers harm."
Proverbs 13:20 (NIrV)



BAXTER'S BARK: SAYING NO TO A TREAT IS HARD. I WOULD KNOW. I'VE NEVER DONE IT.

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THE ROPE · KNOT 2 OF 8

1 — 2 — 3 — 4 — 5 — 6 — 7 — 8

The four strands get thicker, with the strands their families gave them woven in.

TALK IT OVER

1. When has a crowd tried to pull you away from your friends, or away from God?
2. Daniel asked politely instead of demanding. Why do you think that worked?
3. Who could you step in for this week?

TRY IT THIS WEEK

At lunch, at recess or online, step in for one friend: sit with them, stand up for them, or invite them in.

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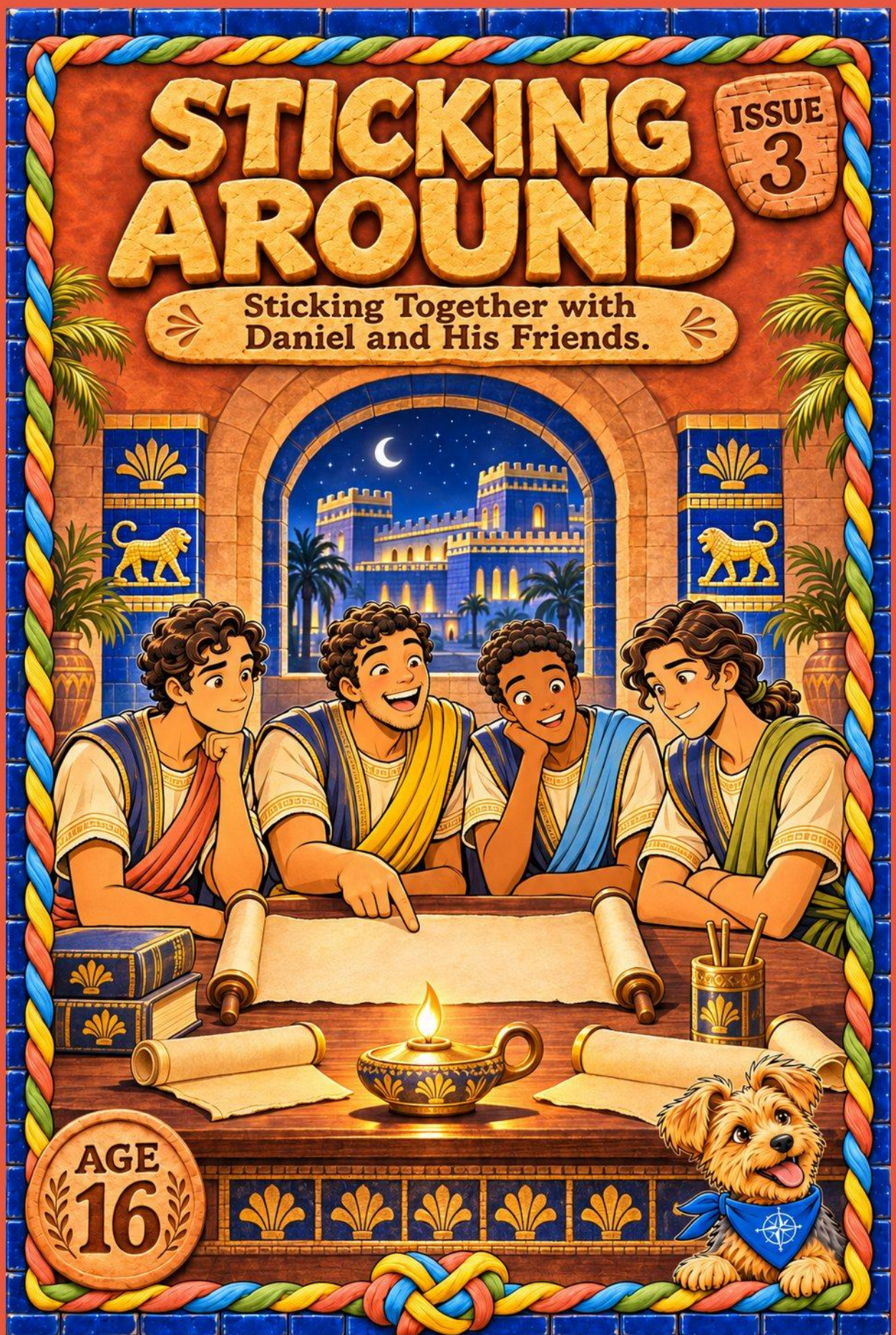
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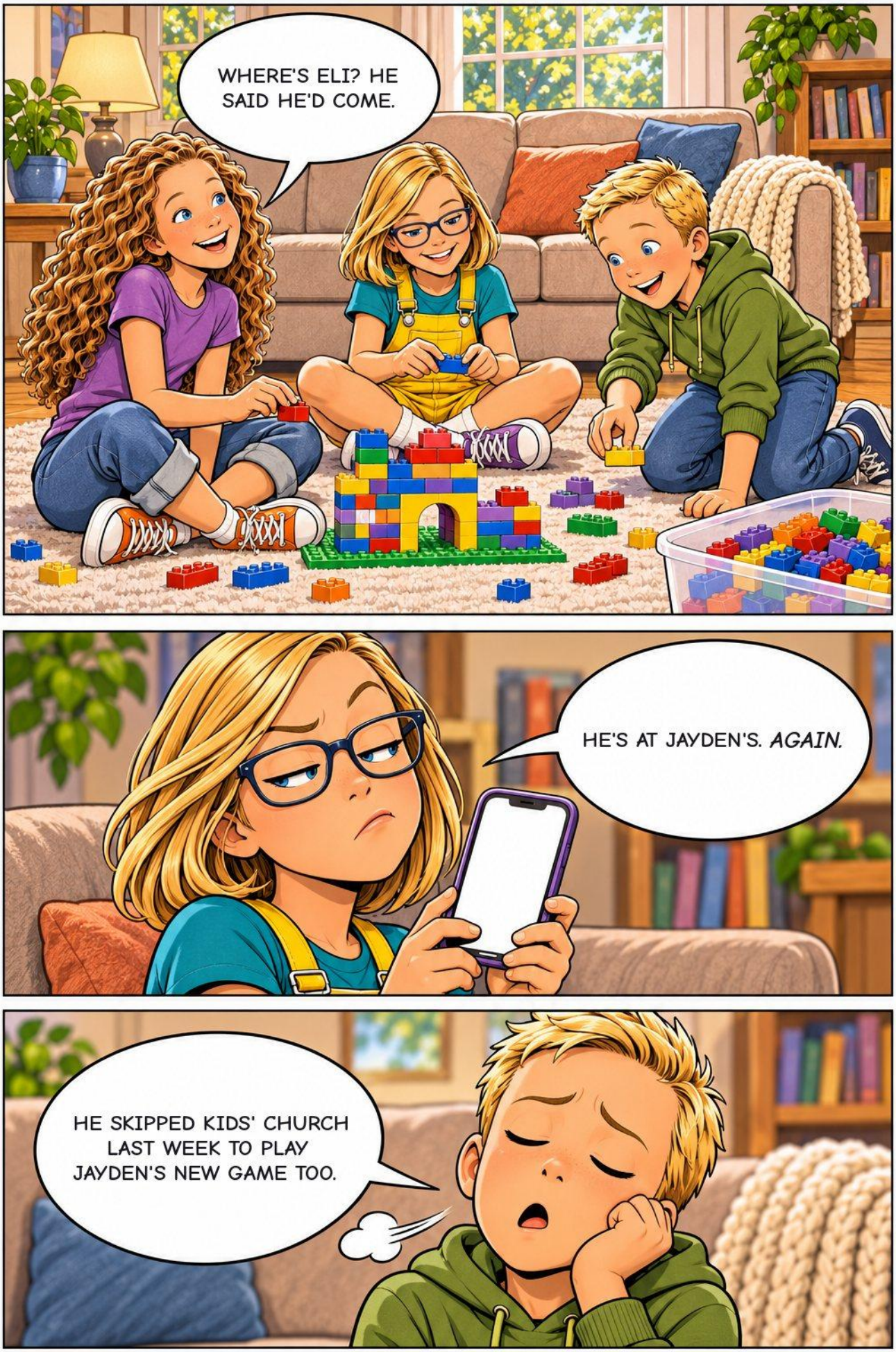
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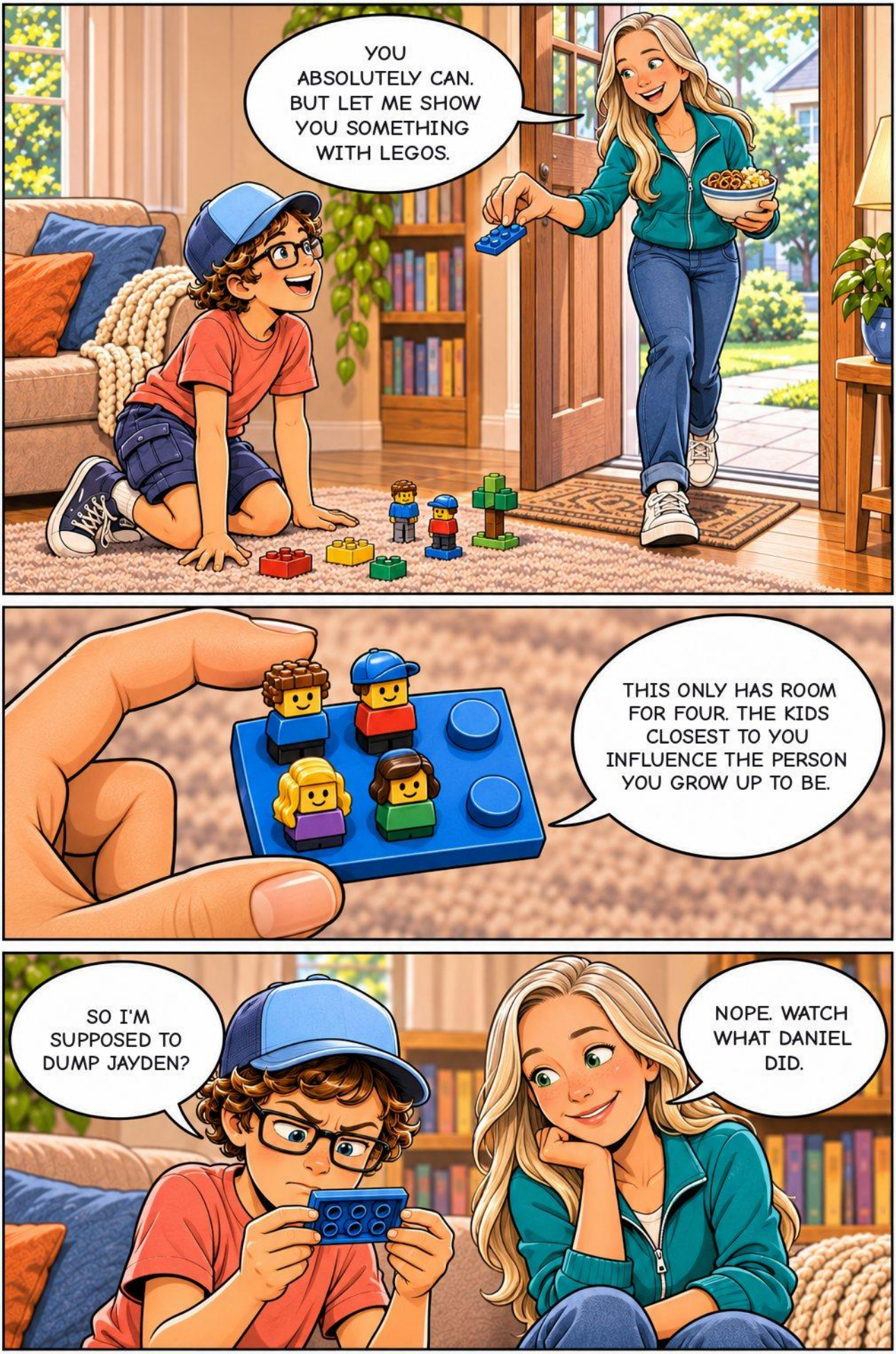
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AGE 16


WHERE'S ELI? HE SAID HE'D COME.
HE'S AT JAYDEN'S. *AGAIN.*
HE SKIPPED KIDS' CHURCH LAST WEEK TO PLAY JAYDEN'S NEW GAME TOO.

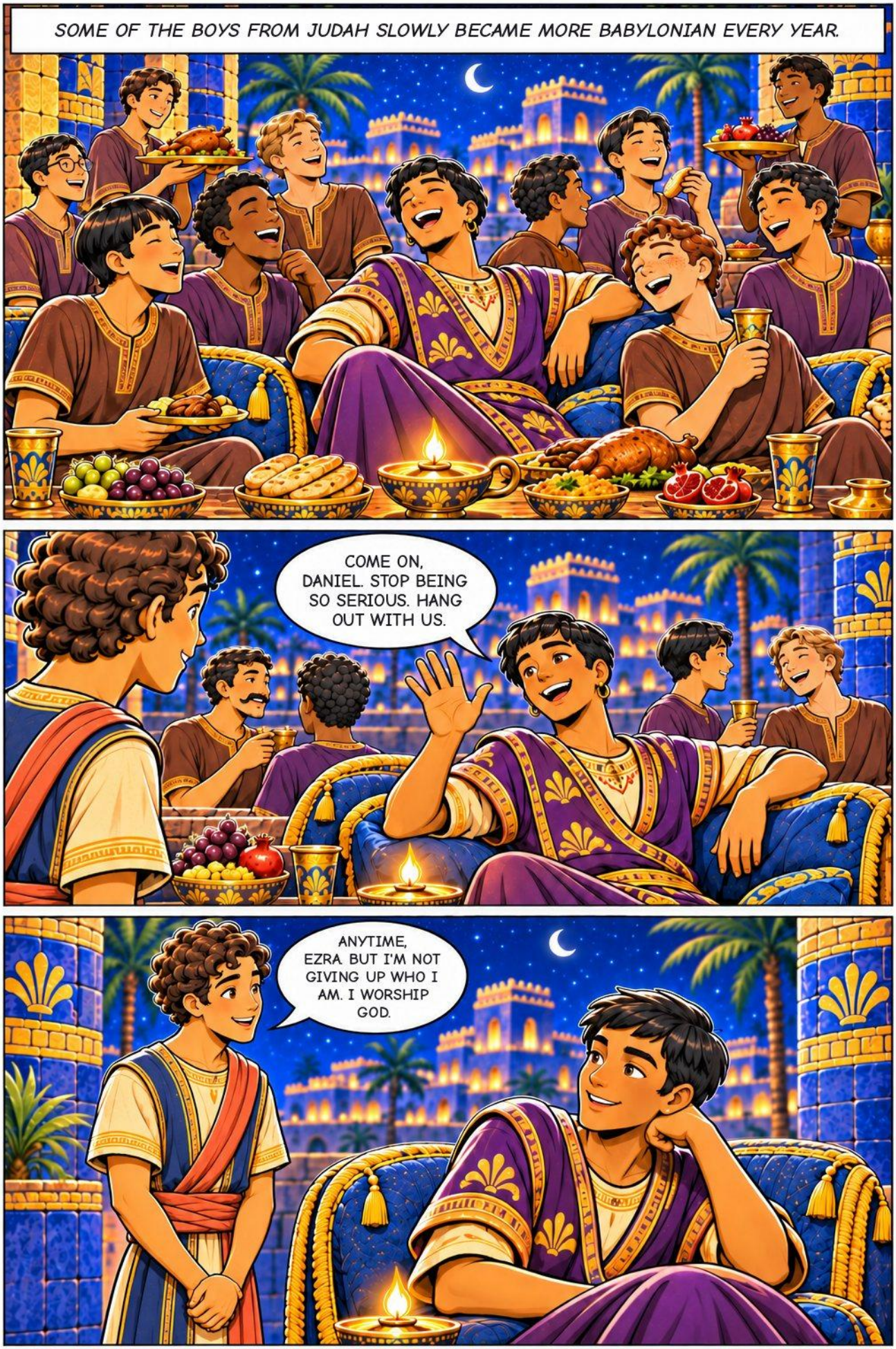

SORRY, SORRY! JAYDEN'S GAME IS *SO* GOOD. YOU GUYS SHOULD PLAY.
YOU'VE BEEN AT JAYDEN'S EVERY DAY.
SO? I CAN HAVE MORE THAN ONE FRIEND.


YOU ABSOLUTELY CAN. BUT LET ME SHOW YOU SOMETHING WITH LEGOS.
THIS ONLY HAS ROOM FOR FOUR. THE KIDS CLOSEST TO YOU INFLUENCE THE PERSON YOU GROW UP TO BE.
SO I'M SUPPOSED TO DUMP JAYDEN?
NOPE. WATCH WHAT DANIEL DID.


DID SOMEBODY SAY DANIEL?
HERE WE GO AGAIN!

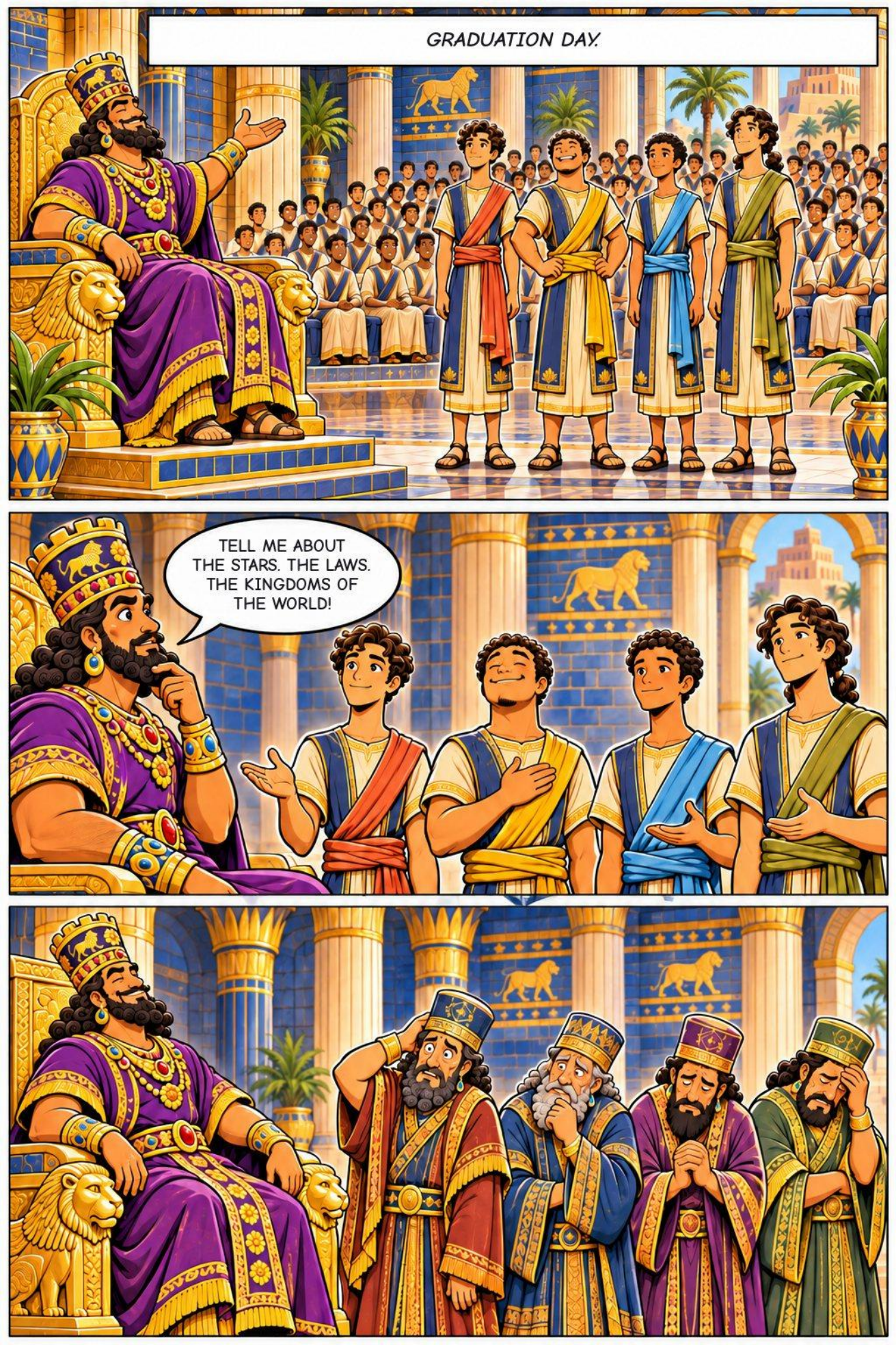

BABYLON. THREE YEARS OF THE KING'S SCHOOL.
THE STARS TELL YOUR FUTURE!
PSST. THE STARS DON'T. *GOD* DOES.
LEARN IT. JUST DON'T BELIEVE ALL OF IT.


OKAY. BABYLONIAN WORD FOR "VEGETABLE."
HA, HA.
THEY KEPT EACH OTHER GOING.
THEY'RE LIKE A TEAM.
BETTER. THEY'RE A TEAM THAT *PRAYS*.


SOME OF THE BOYS FROM JUDAH SLOWLY BECAME MORE BABYLONIAN EVERY YEAR.
COME ON, DANIEL. STOP BEING SO SERIOUS. HANG OUT WITH US.
ANYTIME, EZRA. BUT I'M NOT GIVING UP WHO I AM. I WORSHIP GOD.


DANIEL HAD TWO KINDS OF FRIENDS.
FRIENDS WHO DIDN'T KNOW GOD YET. HE WAS KIND TO THEM AND PRAYED FOR THEM.
AND FRIENDS WHO FOLLOWED GOD WITH HIM. THOSE FRIENDS BECAME HIS BFFS: BEST FRIENDS FOREVER.
SO DANIEL DIDN'T DITCH ANYBODY...
...BUT HE WAS CAREFUL WHO HE LET BE THE LEADER.

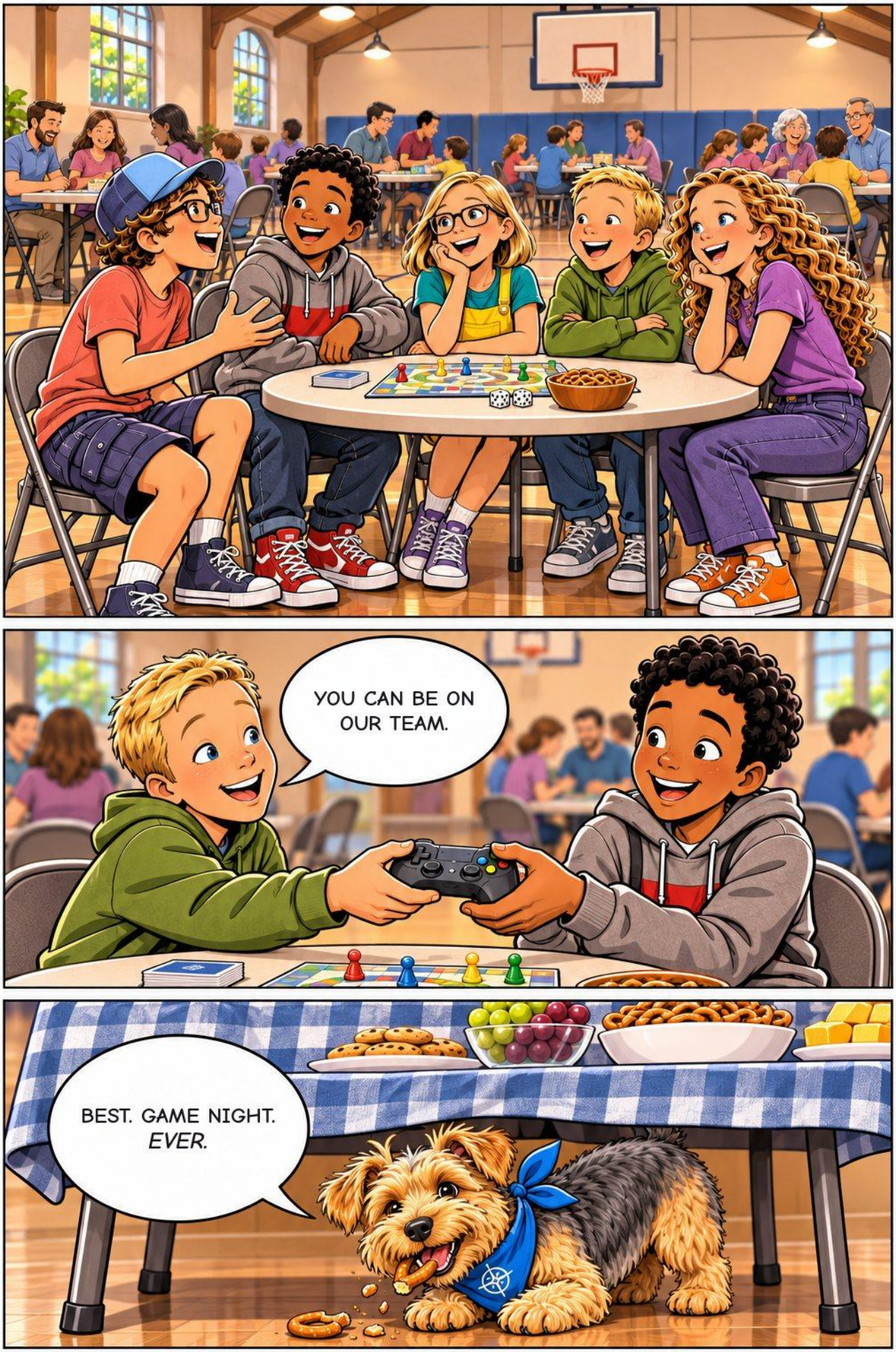

GOD GAVE THESE FOUR YOUNG MEN KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING. (DANIEL 1:17)
AND GOD HELPED DANIEL UNDERSTAND DREAMS.
GOD *GAVE* IT. THEY DIDN'T FIGURE IT OUT FOR THEMSELVES.


GRADUATION DAY.
TELL ME ABOUT THE STARS. THE LAWS. THE KINGDOMS OF THE WORLD!


NO ONE ELSE IN THE KING'S SCHOOL COMPARED WITH THEM. (DANIEL 1:19)
TEN TIMES BETTER THAN MY MAGICIANS!
WAS IT THE VEGETABLES? I THINK IT WAS THE VEGETABLES.
SO THE FOUR FRIENDS WENT TO WORK FOR THE KING.


I DON'T WANT TO DITCH JAYDEN.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO.
BUT I WANT YOU GUYS TO BE MY BEST FRIENDS.
THAT'S THE NICEST THING YOU'VE SAID ALL WEEK.


"WANT TO COME TO GAME NIGHT AT MY CHURCH FRIDAY? MY FRIENDS ARE HILARIOUS."
JAYDEN
LOL SURE
BEING KIND TO JAYDEN AND KEEPING MY BEST FRIENDS CLOSE. LIKE DANIEL!


YOU CAN BE ON OUR TEAM.
BEST. GAME NIGHT. *EVER.*


EVERY YEAR, WITH EVERY SMALL CHOICE, THEIR ROPE GREW LONGER AND STRONGER.
LONGER ROPE.
STRONGER FRIENDS.

REMEMBER IT!

ISSUE 3

SHOW ME YOUR FRIENDS, AND I'LL SHOW YOU YOUR FUTURE.

HAND MOTION

Hold up both hands like you're showing something (show me your friends), then point far ahead (your future).

MEMORY VERSE

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."
Proverbs 27:17 (NIrV)



BAXTER'S BARK: GOOD FRIENDS ARE LIKE GOOD REFLEXES. THEY HELP YOU SWERVE.

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THE ROPE · KNOT 3 OF 8

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

The four-color cord gets longer. Every year of small choices adds to it.

TALK IT OVER

1. Who fills the closest spots in your life right now?
2. How can you be kind to a friend who doesn't know Jesus, without letting them steer you away from him?
3. Which friends help you follow God? How can you thank them this week?

TRY IT THIS WEEK

Invite a friend who doesn't go to church to something fun with your church friends.

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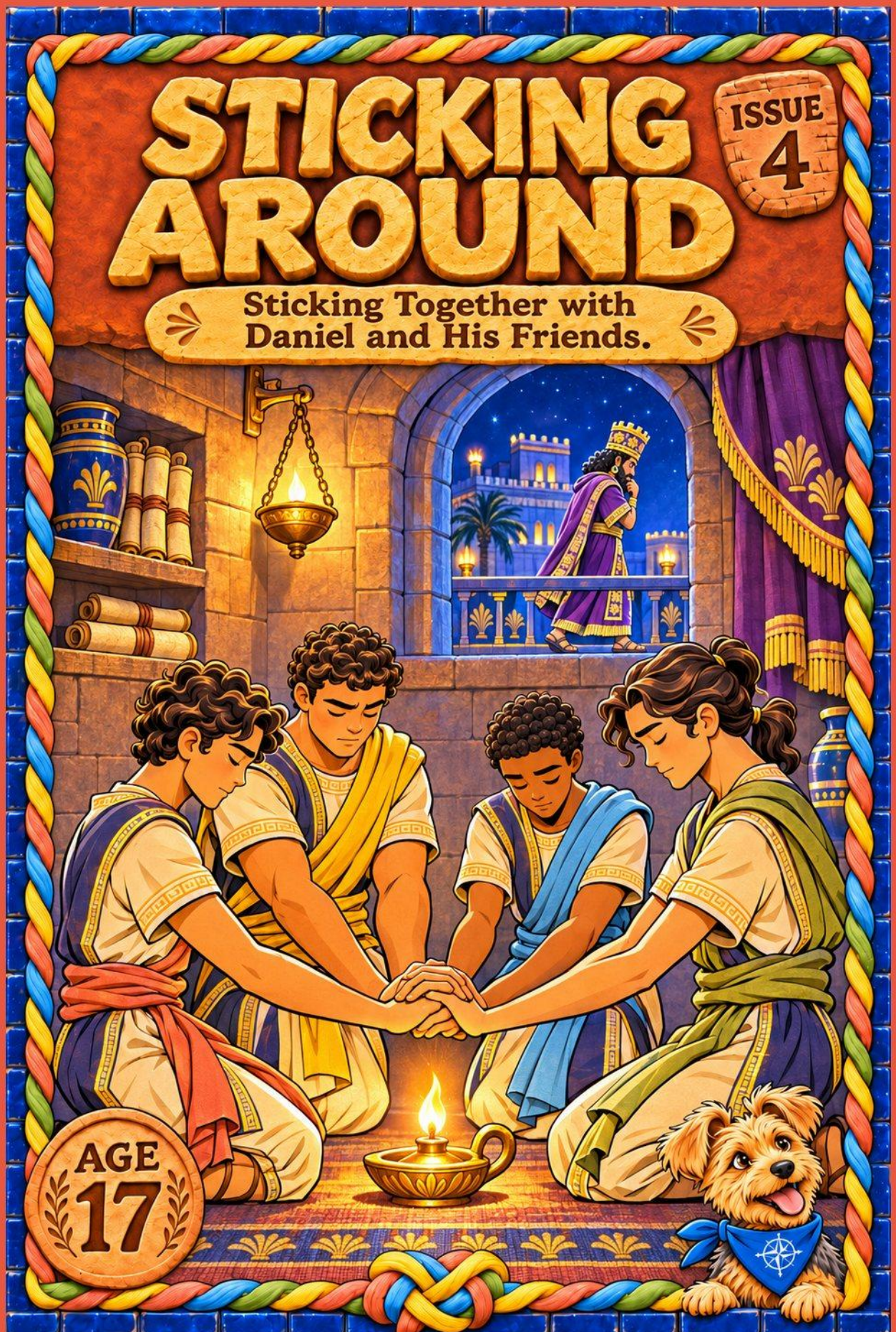
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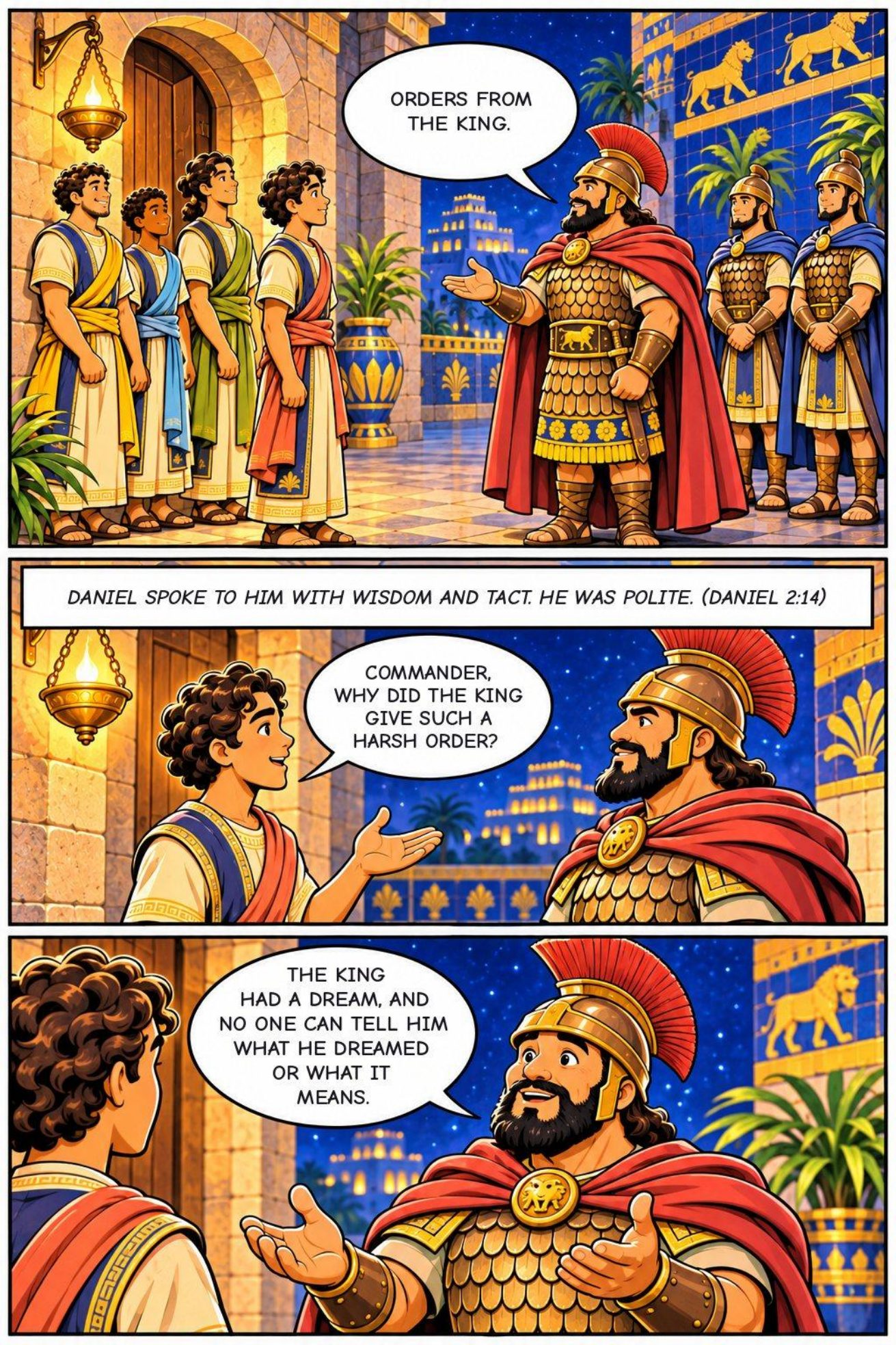
AGE 17


WEDNESDAY NIGHT, BEFORE KIDS' CHURCH.
SOFIA? WHAT'S WRONG?
MY DAD LOST HIS JOB. HE HAD AN INTERVIEW FOR A NEW ONE, BUT NOW WE HAVE TO WAIT TO SEE IF HE GOT IT. MY MOM KEEPS SAYING "WE'LL BE FINE," BUT SHE LOOKS WORRIED.


WAITING IS THE WORST. WANT TO SEE FRIENDS WHO WAITED TOO?


BABYLON. DANIEL AND HIS FRIENDS ARE ABOUT 17.
THAT DREAM... WHAT DOES IT *MEAN?*
TELL US YOUR DREAM, YOUR MAJESTY, AND WE'LL EXPLAIN IT!
NO. *YOU* TELL *ME* WHAT I DREAMED. THEN I'LL KNOW YOU'RE NOT MAKING THINGS UP.


IMPOSSIBLE! NO ONE ON EARTH CAN DO THAT!
TOO BAD! THEN *ALL* THE WISE MEN WHO CAN'T DO IT WILL BE KILLED!
DANIEL AND HIS FRIENDS GOT JOBS AS WISE MEN!
YEP. THEY'RE ON THE LIST.


ORDERS FROM THE KING.
DANIEL SPOKE TO HIM WITH WISDOM AND TACT. HE WAS POLITE. (DANIEL 2:14)
COMMANDER, WHY DID THE KING GIVE SUCH A HARSH ORDER?
THE KING HAD A DREAM, AND NO ONE CAN TELL HIM WHAT HE DREAMED OR WHAT IT MEANS.

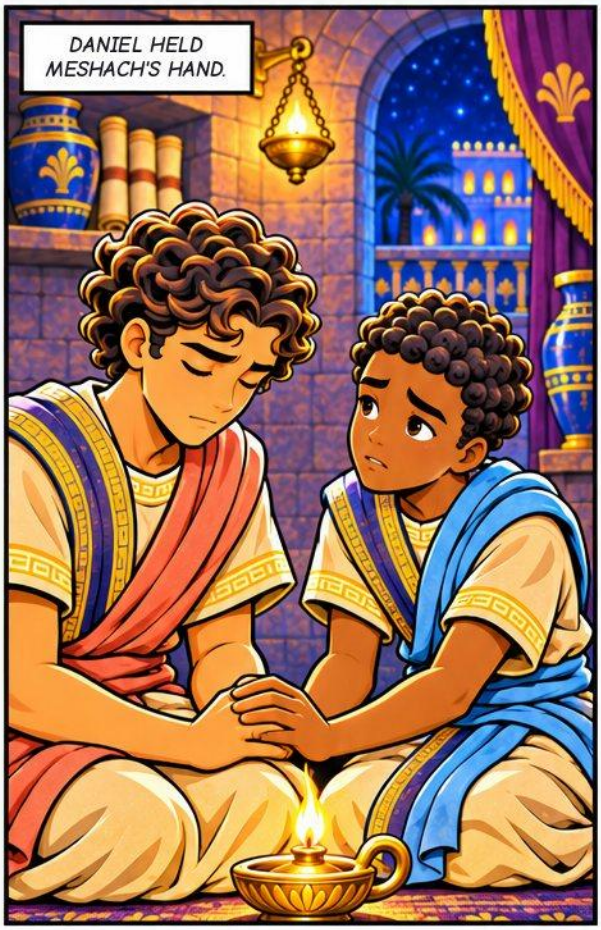

YOUR MAJESTY, PLEASE GIVE ME SOME TIME, AND I WILL TELL YOU.
FINE. BUT YOU'D BETTER BE RIGHT.
HE DIDN'T PANIC. HE WAS POLITE AND ASKED FOR MORE TIME TO SOLVE THE DREAM.
WHILE YOU'RE WAITING, GOD IS WORKING. HE'S FIXING THE PROBLEM.

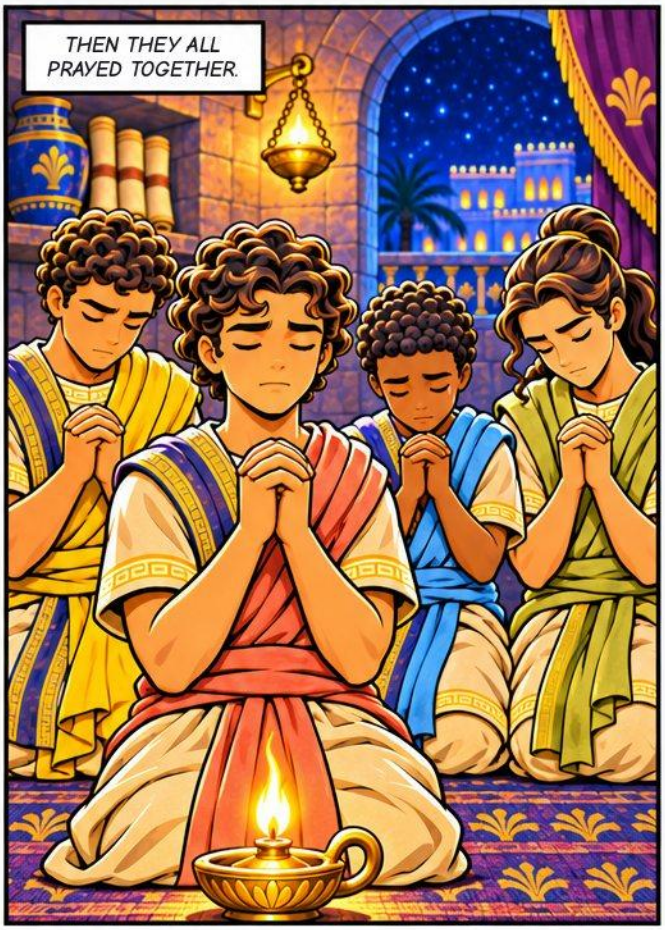

THEN DANIEL WENT HOME AND TOLD HIS FRIENDS. (DANIEL 2:17)
SO... BAD NEWS, OR REALLY BAD NEWS?
I CAN'T DO THIS ALONE. WE NEED TO PRAY. ALL OF US. TONIGHT.


HE ASKED THEM TO PRAY TO THE GOD OF HEAVEN FOR MERCY. (DANIEL 2:18)
GOD, I USUALLY MAKE JOKES. NOT TONIGHT. PLEASE HELP US.


ABEDNEGO SAT CLOSE TO DANIEL.


SHADRACH HUGGED MESHACH.


DANIEL HELD MESHACH'S HAND.


THEN THEY ALL PRAYED TOGETHER.


DURING THE NIGHT, GOD SHOWED DANIEL THE MYSTERY DREAM IN A VISION, LIKE A DREAM OF HIS OWN. (DANIEL 2:19)
HE REALLY DID IT! GOD ANSWERED OUR PRAYER!


WAIT. FIRST WE THANK GOD.
LET'S *GO!* BEFORE THE KING CHANGES HIS MIND!
PRAISE GOD FOREVER! HE GIVES WISDOM. HE ANSWERED WHAT WE ASKED!
THEY THANKED GOD FIRST!

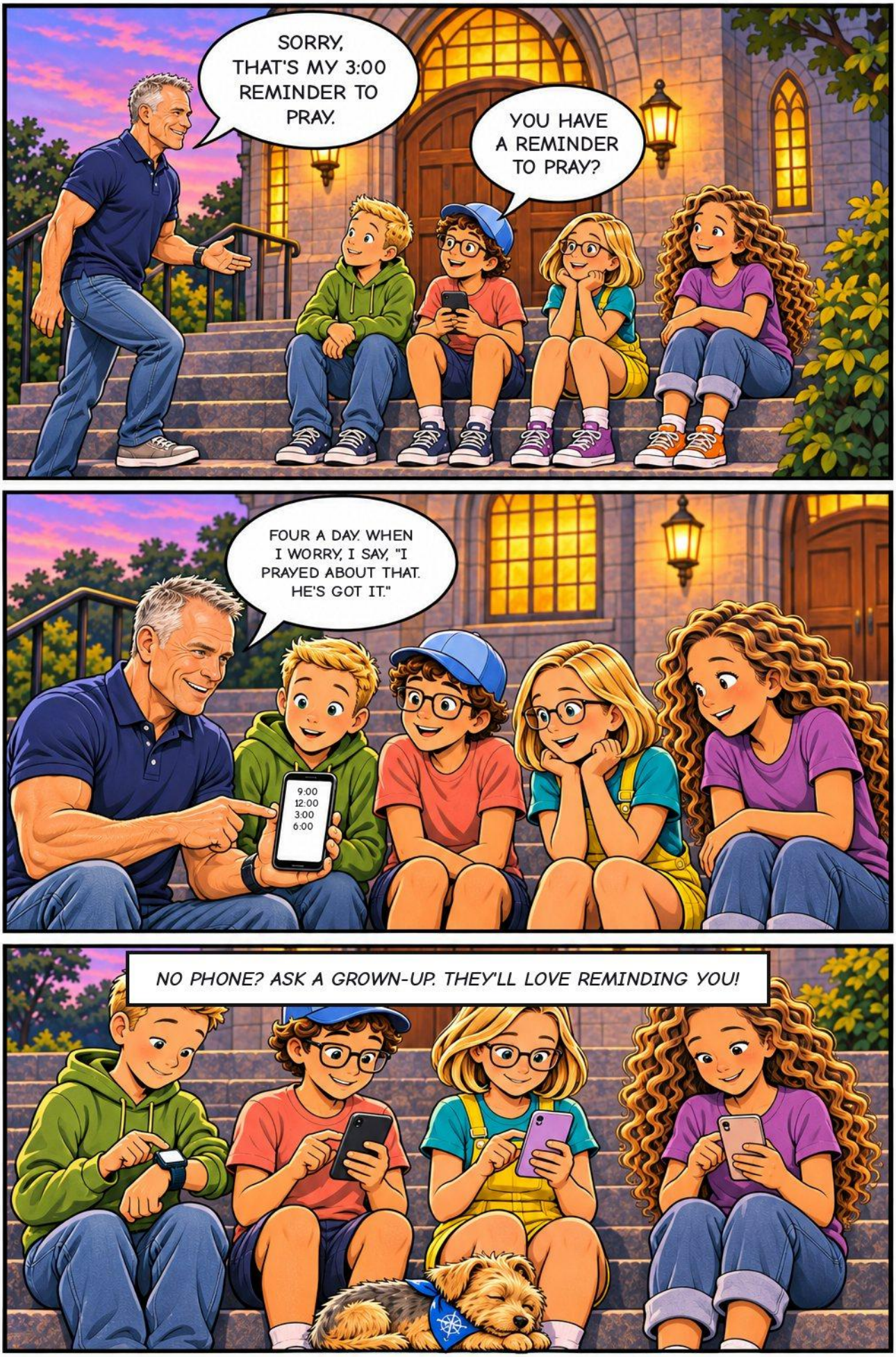


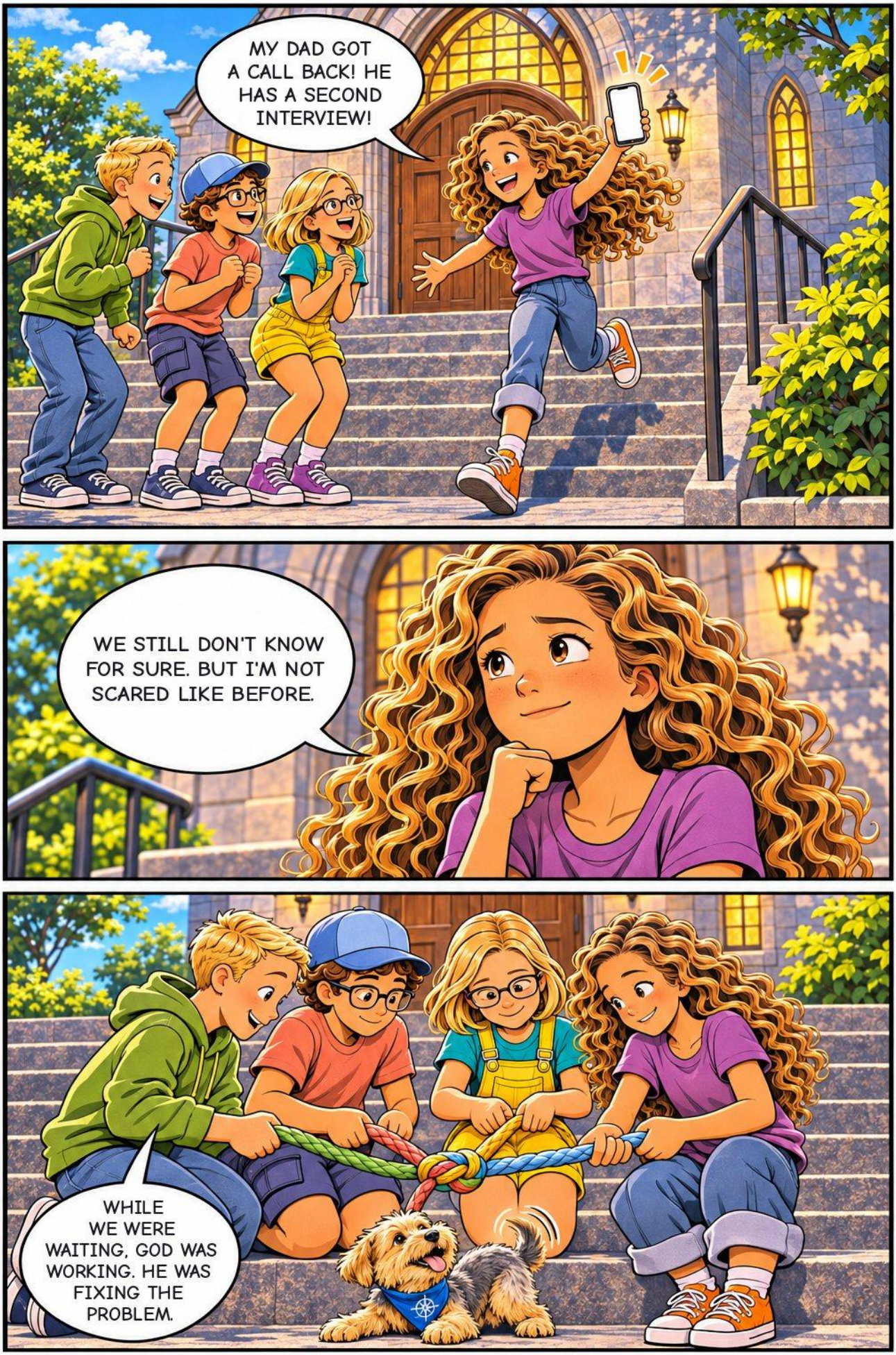


EACH FRIEND TIED A PIECE AROUND HIS WRIST. FRIENDS WHO WANT WHAT GOD WANTS, TIED TOGETHER.




DANIEL COULDN'T FIX HIS PROBLEM UNTIL THEY PRAYED. TOGETHER.
THEN THAT'S WHAT WE'LL DO.


SORRY, THAT'S MY 3:00 REMINDER TO PRAY.
YOU HAVE A REMINDER TO PRAY?
FOUR A DAY. WHEN I WORRY, I SAY, "I PRAYED ABOUT THAT. HE'S GOT IT."
9:00
12:00
3:00
6:00
NO PHONE? ASK A GROWN-UP. THEY'LL LOVE REMINDING YOU!


MY DAD GOT A CALL BACK! HE HAS A SECOND INTERVIEW!
WE STILL DON'T KNOW FOR SURE. BUT I'M NOT SCARED LIKE BEFORE.
WHILE WE WERE WAITING, GOD WAS WORKING. HE WAS FIXING THE PROBLEM.

REMEMBER IT!

ISSUE 4

PRAY FOR ONE, FIND ONE, BE ONE.

HAND MOTION

Fold your hands (pray for one), shade your eyes like you're looking (find one), point to yourself (be one).

MEMORY VERSE

"One person could be overpowered. But two people can stand up for themselves. And a rope made out of three cords isn't easily broken."
Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NIrV)



BAXTER'S BARK: PASTOR RICK ONCE DREAMED JOY WAS A SECRET AGENT. SOME DREAMS ARE JUST DREAMS. THE KING'S DREAM WAS NOT ONE OF THOSE.

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THE ROPE · KNOT 4 OF 8

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

The four strands, now tied in a strong knot.

TALK IT OVER

1. What are you waiting on right now?
2. Who could you ask to pray with you? Who could you pray for?
3. Which is harder for you: lending your strength to a friend, or letting a friend be strong for you?

TRY IT THIS WEEK

Set a reminder to pray for one friend every day. If you're worried about something big, talk to a grown-up you trust.

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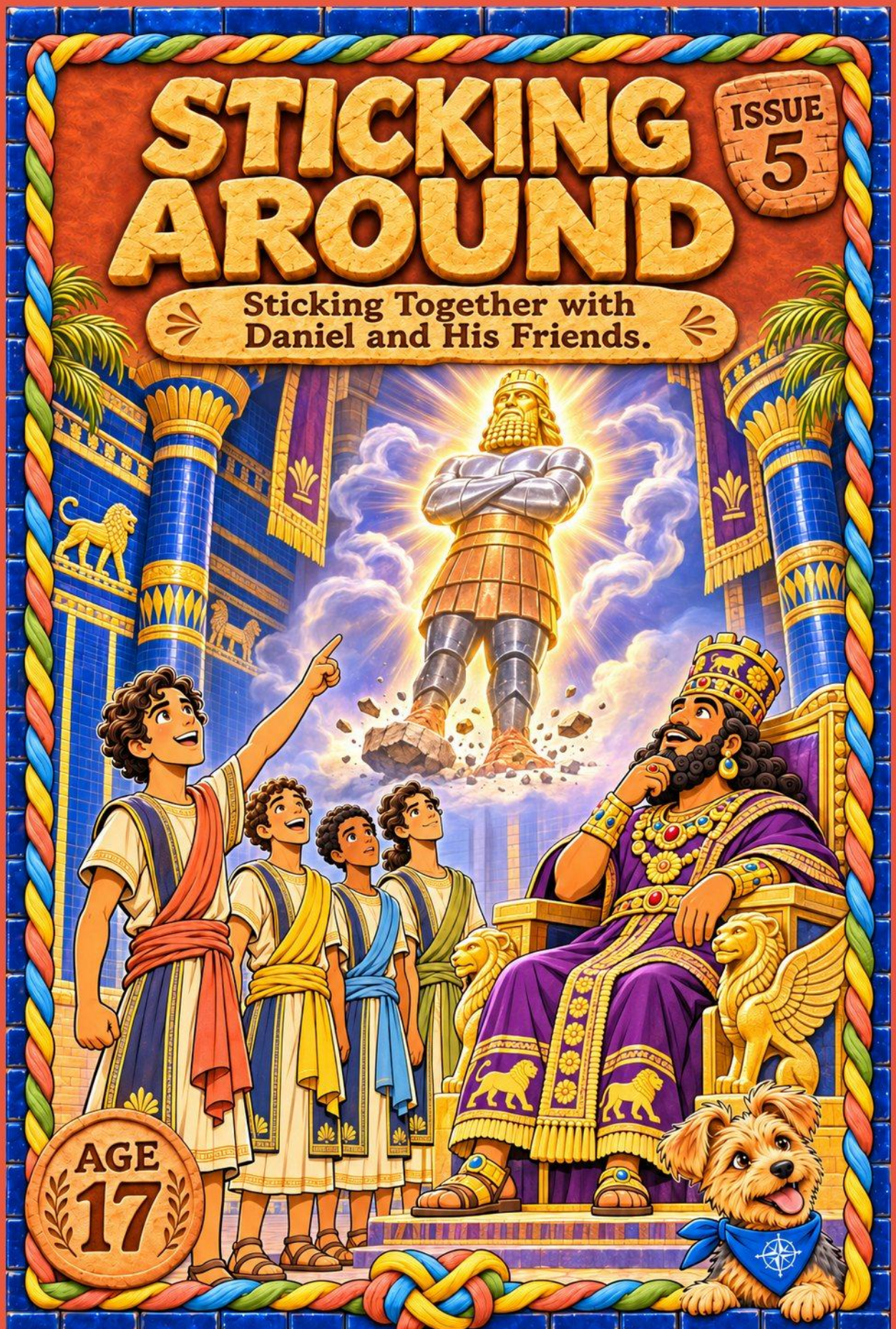
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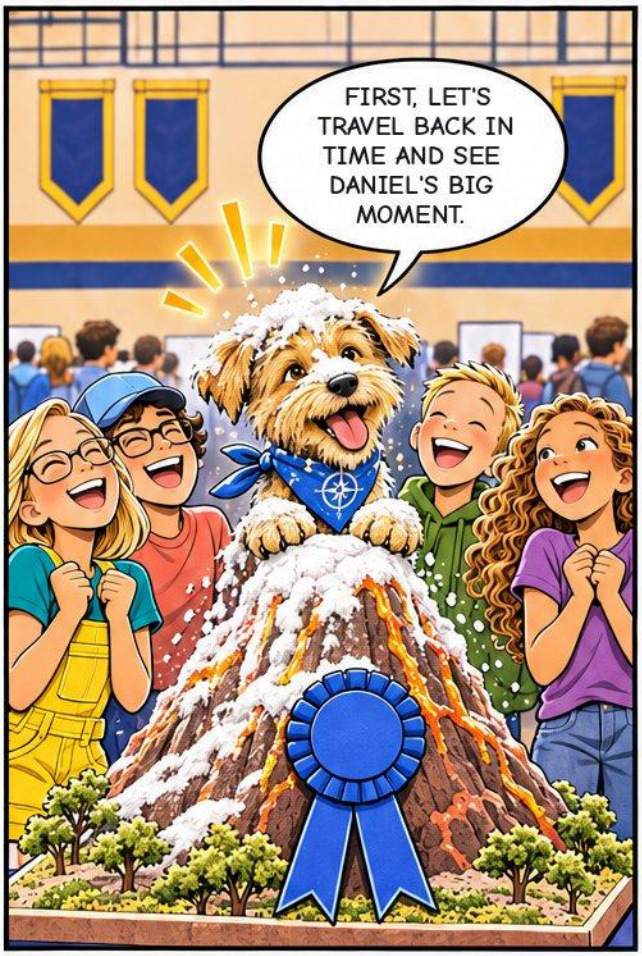


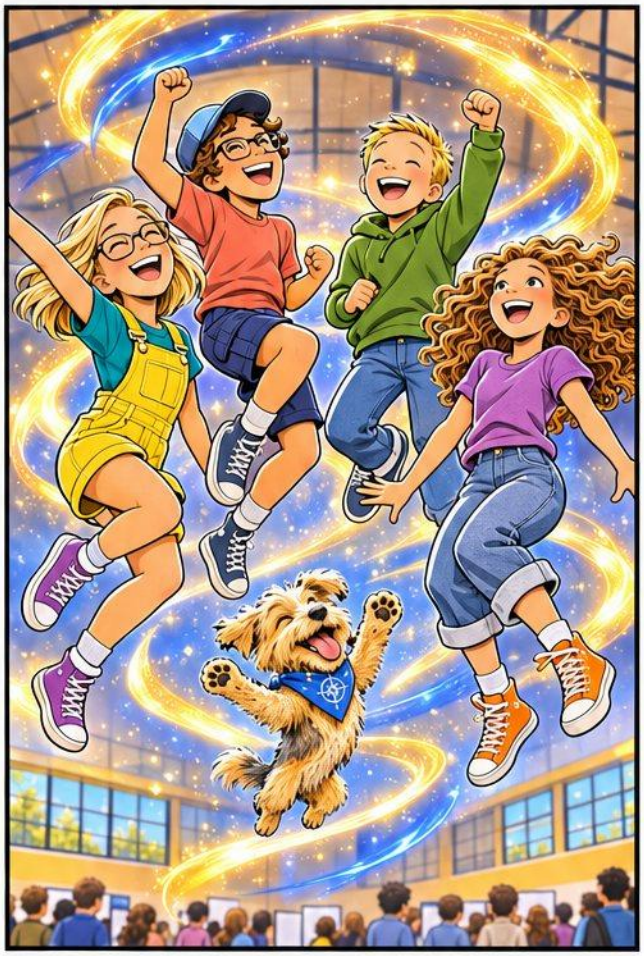

THE SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR.
MAYA, YOU WON! YOU GET TO PRESENT IT FRIDAY!
WAIT. THEY HELPED TOO...

ELI BUILT THE FRAME. SOFIA PAINTED IT. SAM MADE IT FIZZ.





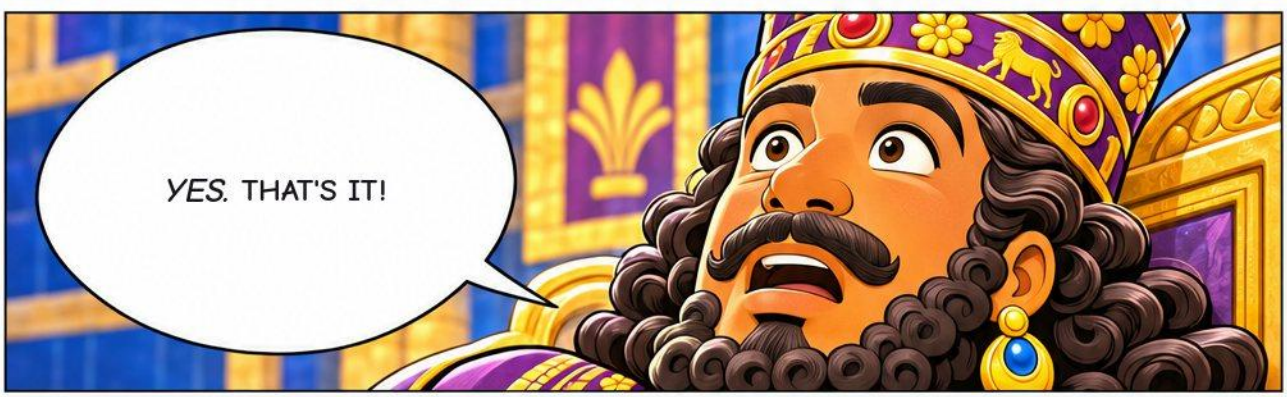





BABYLON, THE NEXT MORNING.
DON'T KILL THE WISE MEN! I HAVE GOOD NEWS. TAKE ME TO THE KING.
HE'S SAVING THE STAR-WATCHERS' LIVES TOO? THEY DON'T EVEN BELIEVE IN GOD!
DANIEL CARED ABOUT PEOPLE, EVEN IF THEY WERE VERY DIFFERENT FROM HIM.


CAN YOU TELL ME MY DREAM *AND* WHAT IT MEANS?
NO WISE MAN CAN. BUT GOD CAN. AND HE SOLVED THE MYSTERY.
HE SHOWED ME, NOT BECAUSE I'M SMARTER THAN ANYONE, BUT SO YOU CAN KNOW WHAT IT MEANS.


YOUR MAJESTY, YOU SAW A HUGE, AMAZING STATUE...

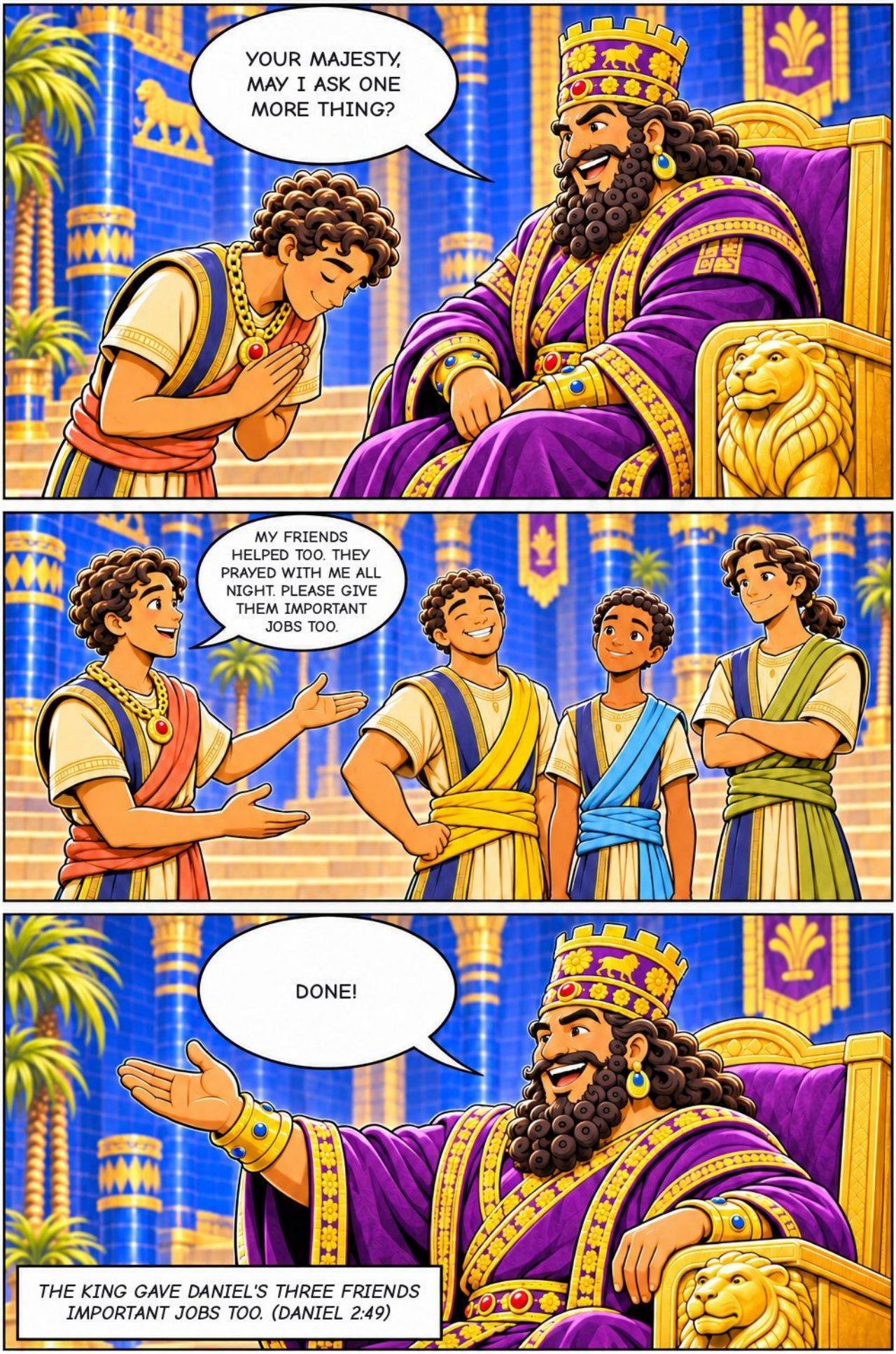

YES. THAT'S IT!


THEN A ROCK THAT NO PERSON MADE CAME FLYING AND SMASHED INTO ITS FEET.
THEN THE ROCK GREW INTO A MOUNTAIN SO BIG IT COVERED THE WHOLE EARTH!


YOUR MAJESTY, IN YOUR DREAM, YOU ARE THE GOLDEN HEAD.
I'M THE *GOLD!*
DID HE HEAR THE PART WHERE IT ALL FALLS APART?
NOPE. KINGS ARE LIKE THAT.
KINGDOMS ARE HERE ONE DAY AND GONE THE NEXT. BUT GOD'S KINGDOM WILL NEVER END.


SURELY YOUR GOD IS THE GOD OF GODS AND THE LORD OF KINGS!
DANIEL GAVE GOD THE CREDIT FOR TELLING HIM THE KING'S DREAM. HE NEVER TOOK THE CREDIT HIMSELF.


YOU WILL RULE THE WHOLE COUNTRY OF BABYLON AND BE THE BOSS OF ALL MY WISE MEN!


YOUR MAJESTY, MAY I ASK ONE MORE THING?
MY FRIENDS HELPED TOO. THEY PRAYED WITH ME ALL NIGHT. PLEASE GIVE THEM IMPORTANT JOBS TOO.
DONE!
THE KING GAVE DANIEL'S THREE FRIENDS IMPORTANT JOBS TOO. (DANIEL 2:49)


I'M AN *ADMINISTRATOR!* DOES ANYONE KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS? I'M ONE, THOUGH!
WE DID THIS TOGETHER, SO I ASKED THE KING TO REWARD YOU TOO.
YOU DIDN'T FORGET US!


THIS HONOR BELONGS TO ALL OF US.
AND TO GOD FIRST.
GOOD THINGS ARE BETTER WHEN YOU SHARE THEM.

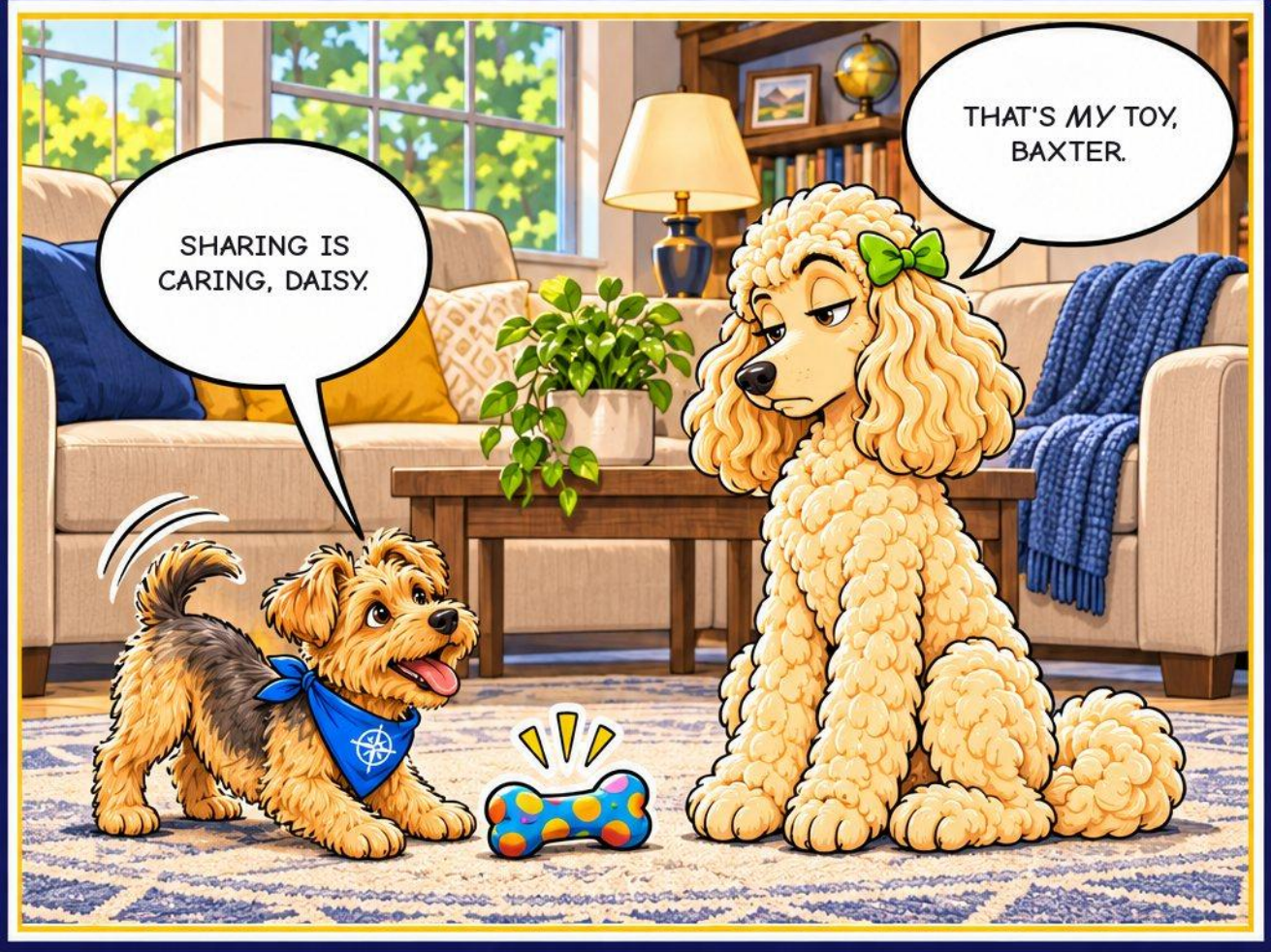

FRIDAY.
BEFORE I START, I WANT TO SAY SOMETHING.
THIS PROJECT WASN'T JUST MINE. ELI BUILT IT. SOFIA PAINTED IT. SAM MADE IT FIZZ.
CAN THEY COME UP HERE WITH ME?




YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THAT.
WE DID THIS TOGETHER. I WOULD NEVER LEAVE YOU OUT.


AND THANKS, GOD, FOR HELPING ME WITH THE HARD PARTS. THE *REALLY* HARD PARTS.


THAT WAS REALLY NICE, WHAT YOU DID.


SHARING IS CARING, DAISY.
THAT'S *MY* TOY, BAXTER.

REMEMBER IT!

ISSUE 5

GIVE GOD THE CREDIT. BRING YOUR FRIENDS ALONG.

HAND MOTION

Point up (give God the credit), then sweep your arm toward you like you're waving friends in (bring your friends along).

MEMORY VERSE

"None of you should look out just for your own good. Each of you should also look out for the good of others."
Philippians 2:4 (NIrV)



BAXTER'S BARK: EVERY BIG EMPIRE IN HISTORY IS GONE NOW. ONLY GOD'S KINGDOM LASTS FOREVER. (ALSO MY SQUEAKY TOY. I'M KEEPING THAT.)

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THE ROPE · KNOT 5 OF 8

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

The knotted cord, with a gold thread running through all four strands.

TALK IT OVER

1. When something good happens to you, who helped you get there?
2. Daniel saved people who didn't believe in God. Why do you think he did that?
3. How can you share credit with a friend this week?

TRY IT THIS WEEK

The next time someone praises you, thank God and name a friend who helped.

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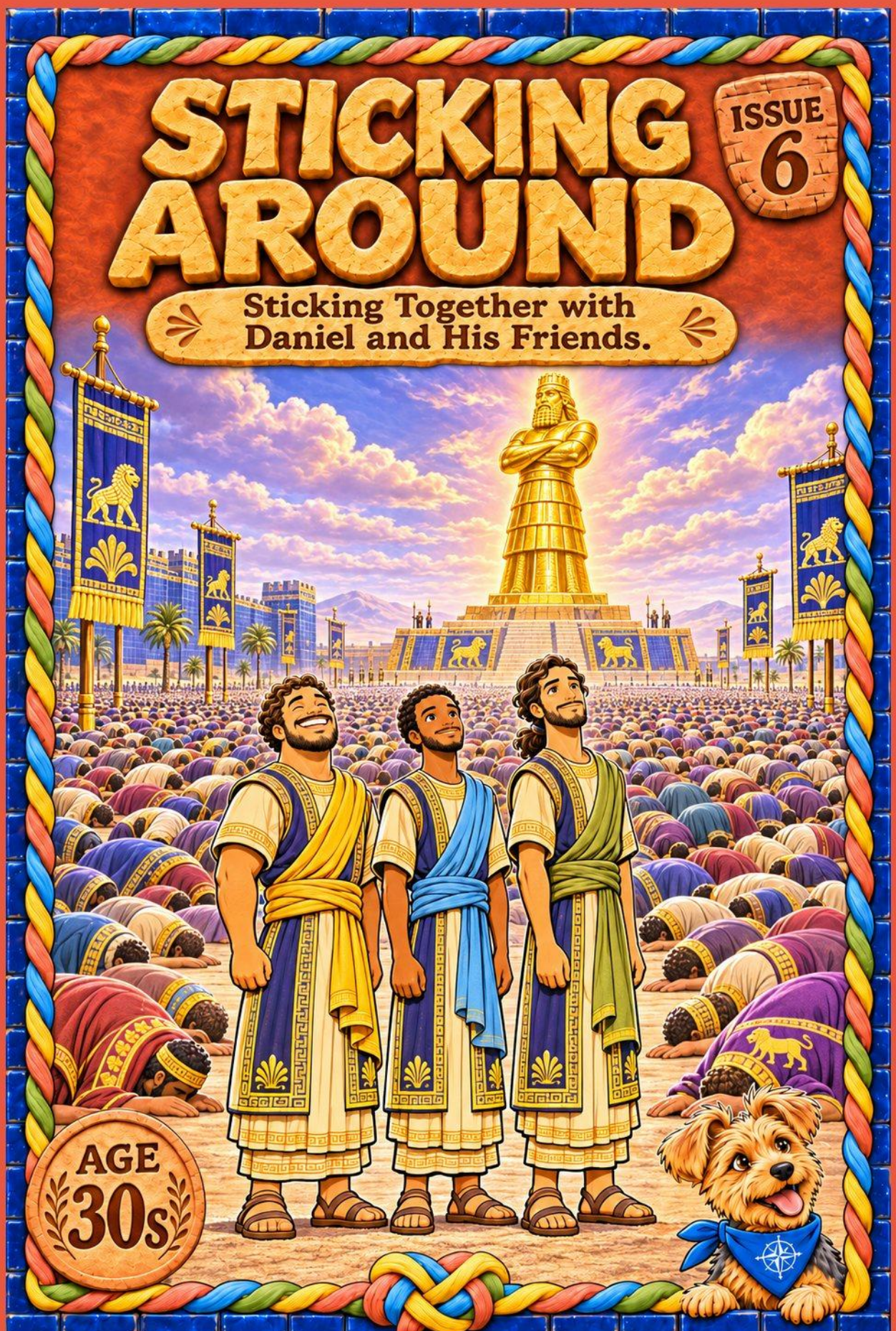
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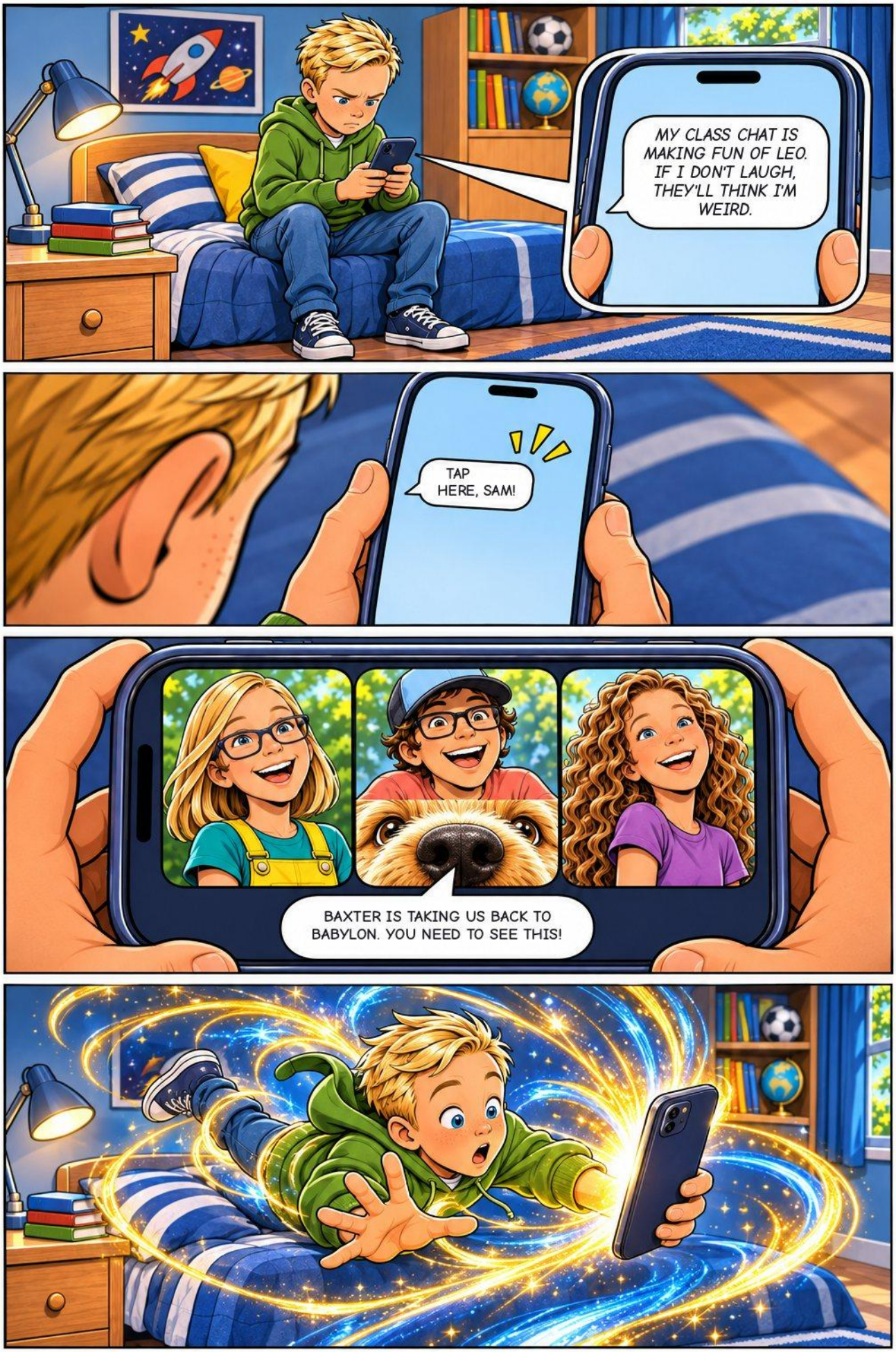
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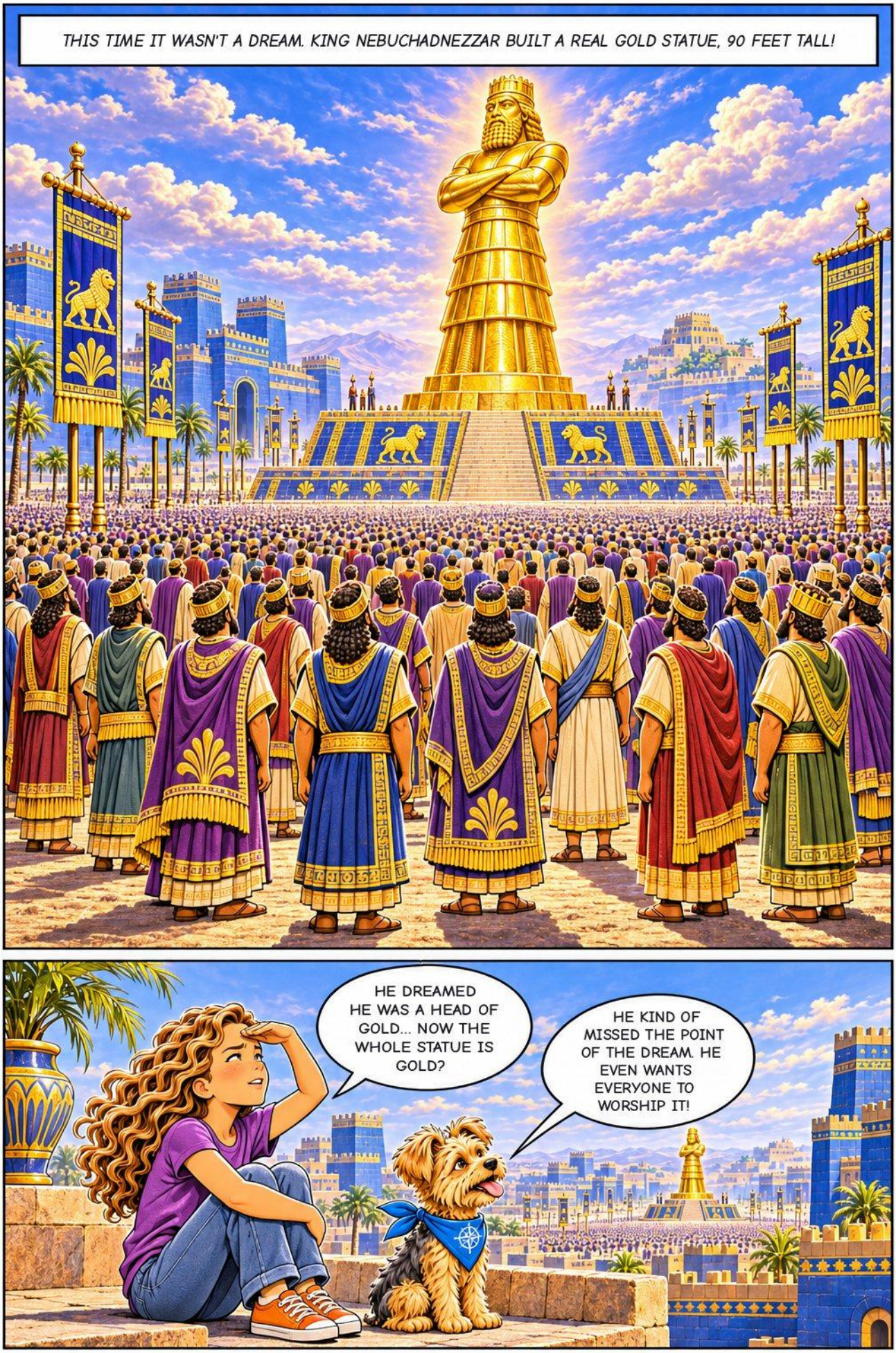


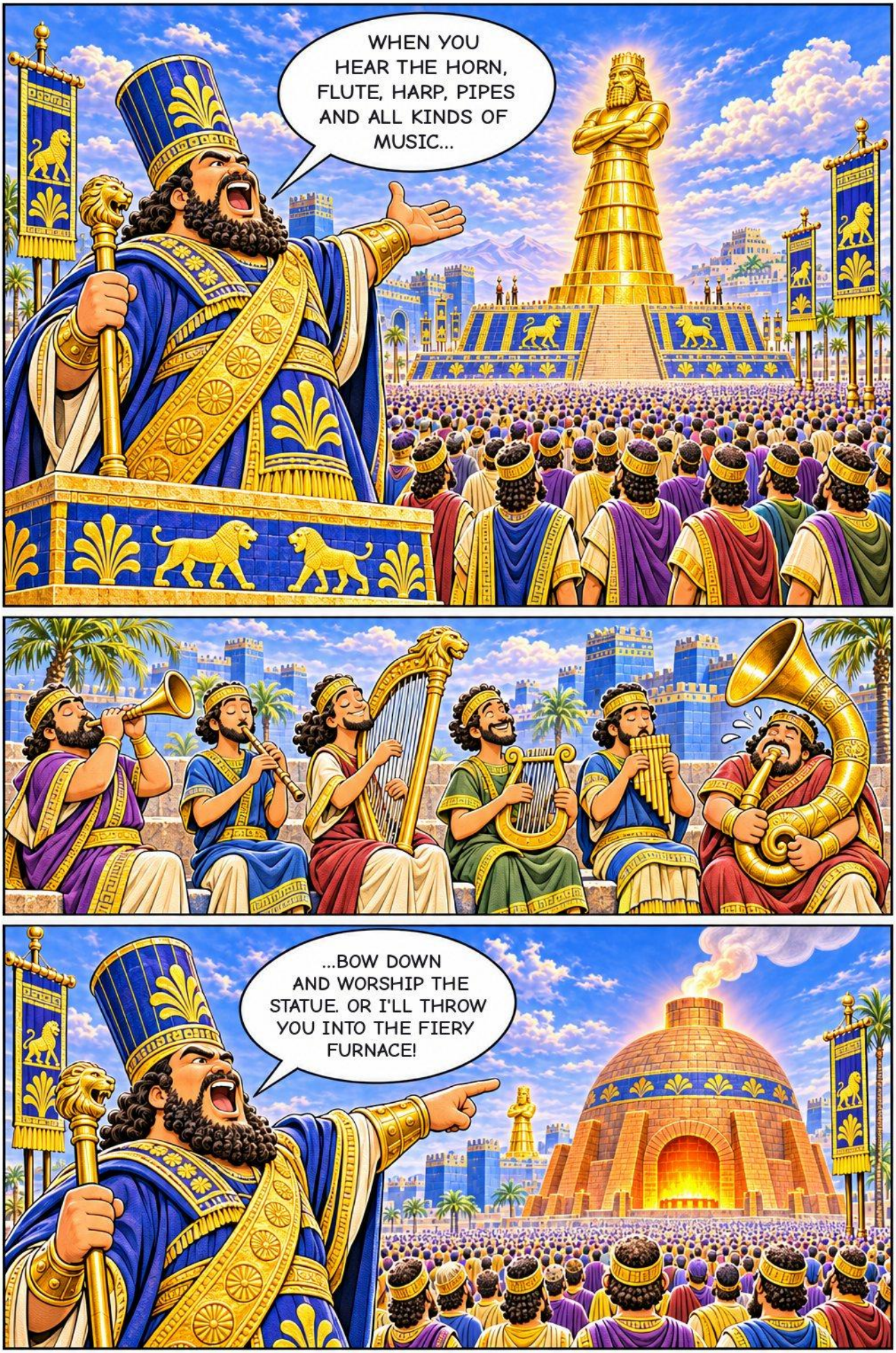
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SAM'S NEW SCHOOL GROUP CHAT.
LOL
HAHAHA
SEND IT TO THE WHOLE GRADE
EVERYBODY'S DOING IT... BUT LEO'S MY FRIEND.

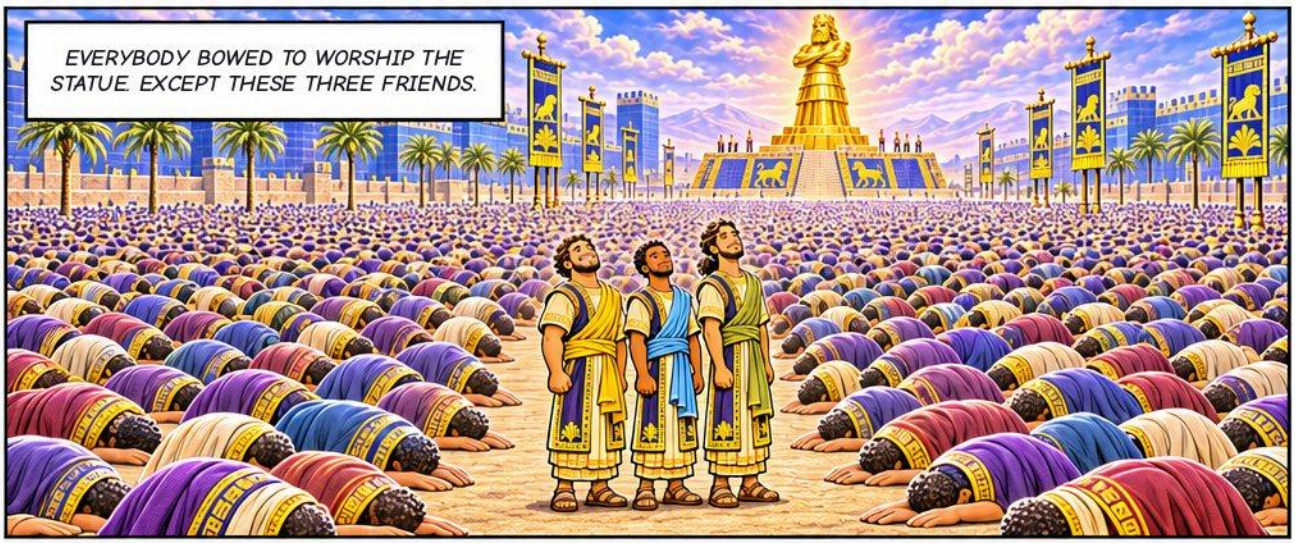

MY CLASS CHAT IS MAKING FUN OF LEO. IF I DON'T LAUGH, THEY'LL THINK I'M WEIRD.
TAP HERE, SAM!
BAXTER IS TAKING US BACK TO BABYLON. YOU NEED TO SEE THIS!

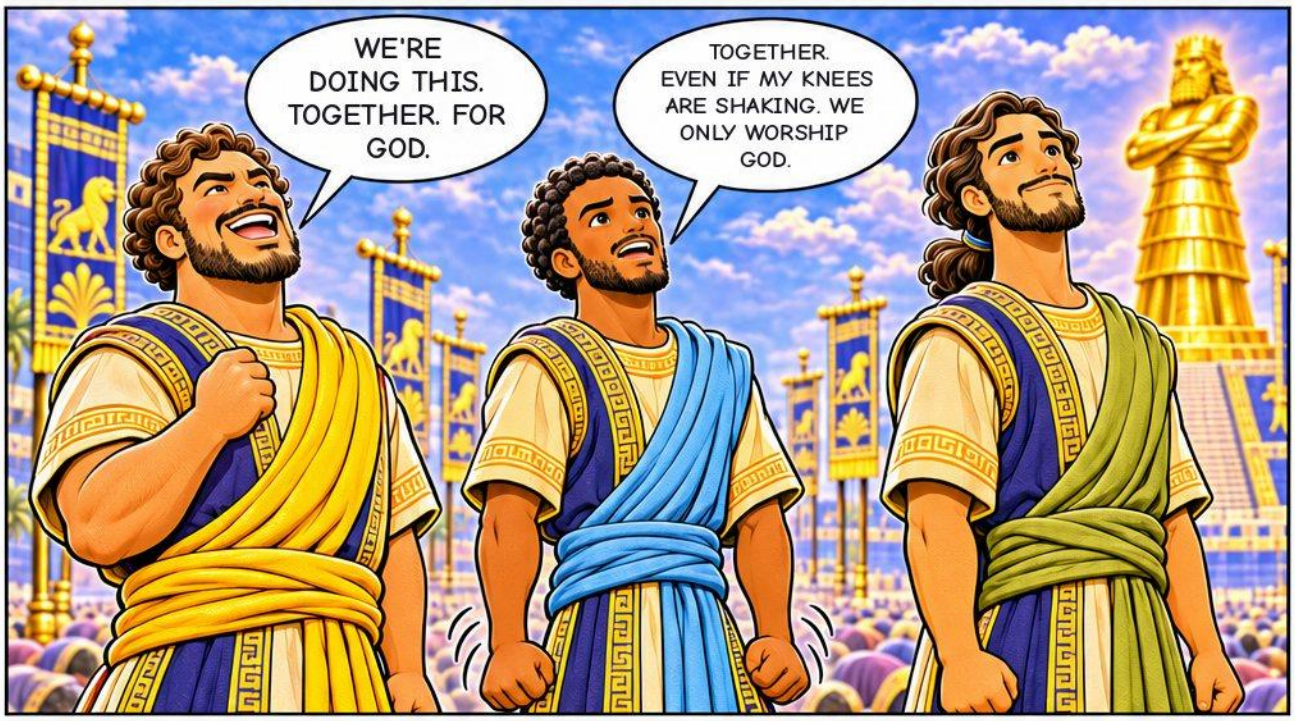

FIFTEEN YEARS AFTER THEY CAME TO BABYLON.
THEY'RE ALL GROWN UP NOW!
FIFTEEN YEARS IN BABYLON. FIFTEEN YEARS OF MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICES.
DANIEL IS ON A BUSINESS TRIP FOR THE KING. SHADRACH, MESHACH AND ABEDNEGO ARE ON THEIR OWN.


THIS TIME IT WASN'T A DREAM. KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR BUILT A REAL GOLD STATUE, 90 FEET TALL!
HE DREAMED HE WAS A HEAD OF GOLD... NOW THE WHOLE STATUE IS GOLD?
HE KIND OF MISSED THE POINT OF THE DREAM. HE EVEN WANTS EVERYONE TO WORSHIP IT!

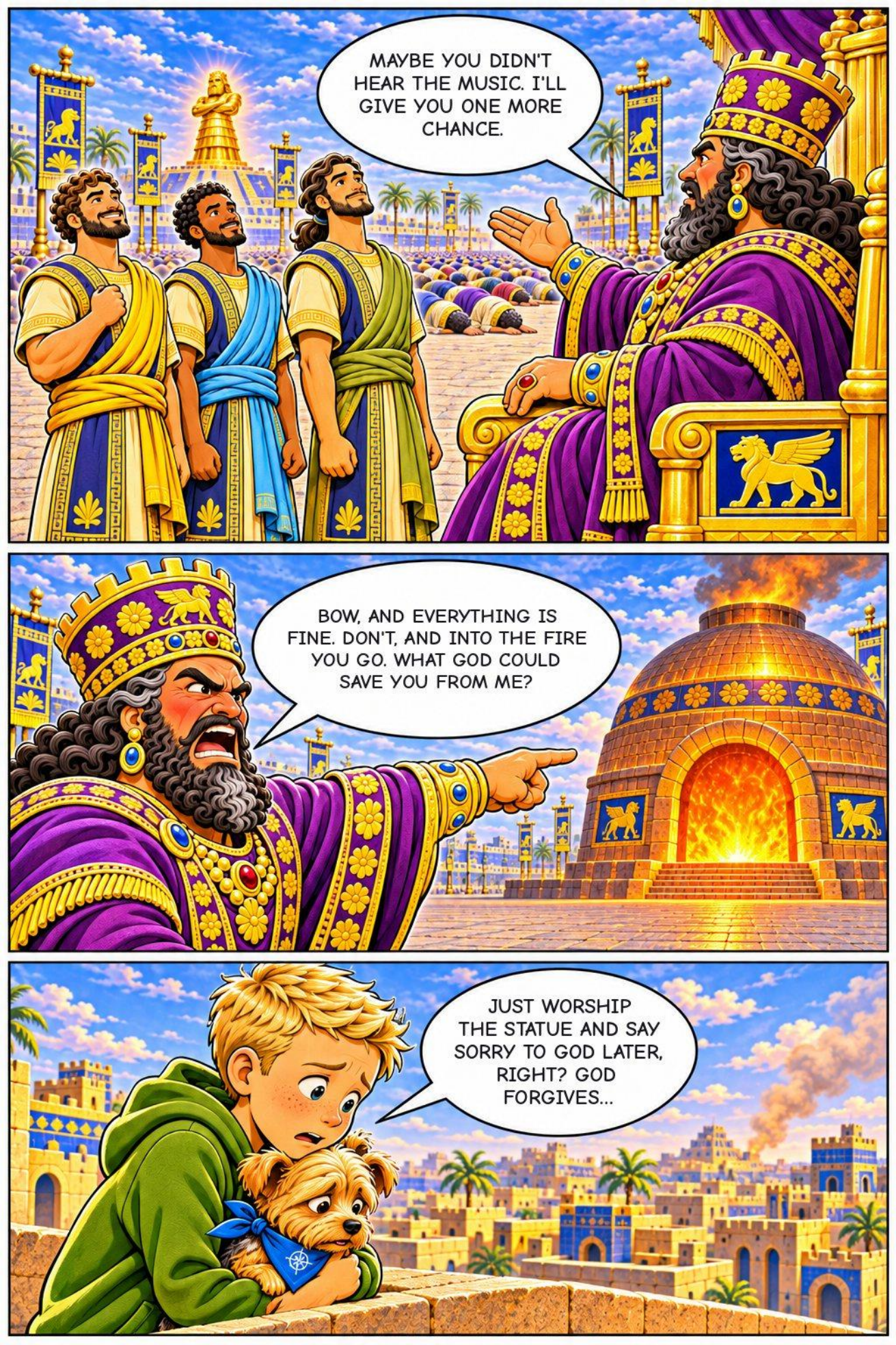

WHEN YOU HEAR THE HORN, FLUTE, HARP, PIPES AND ALL KINDS OF MUSIC...
...BOW DOWN AND WORSHIP THE STATUE. OR I'LL THROW YOU INTO THE FIERY FURNACE!

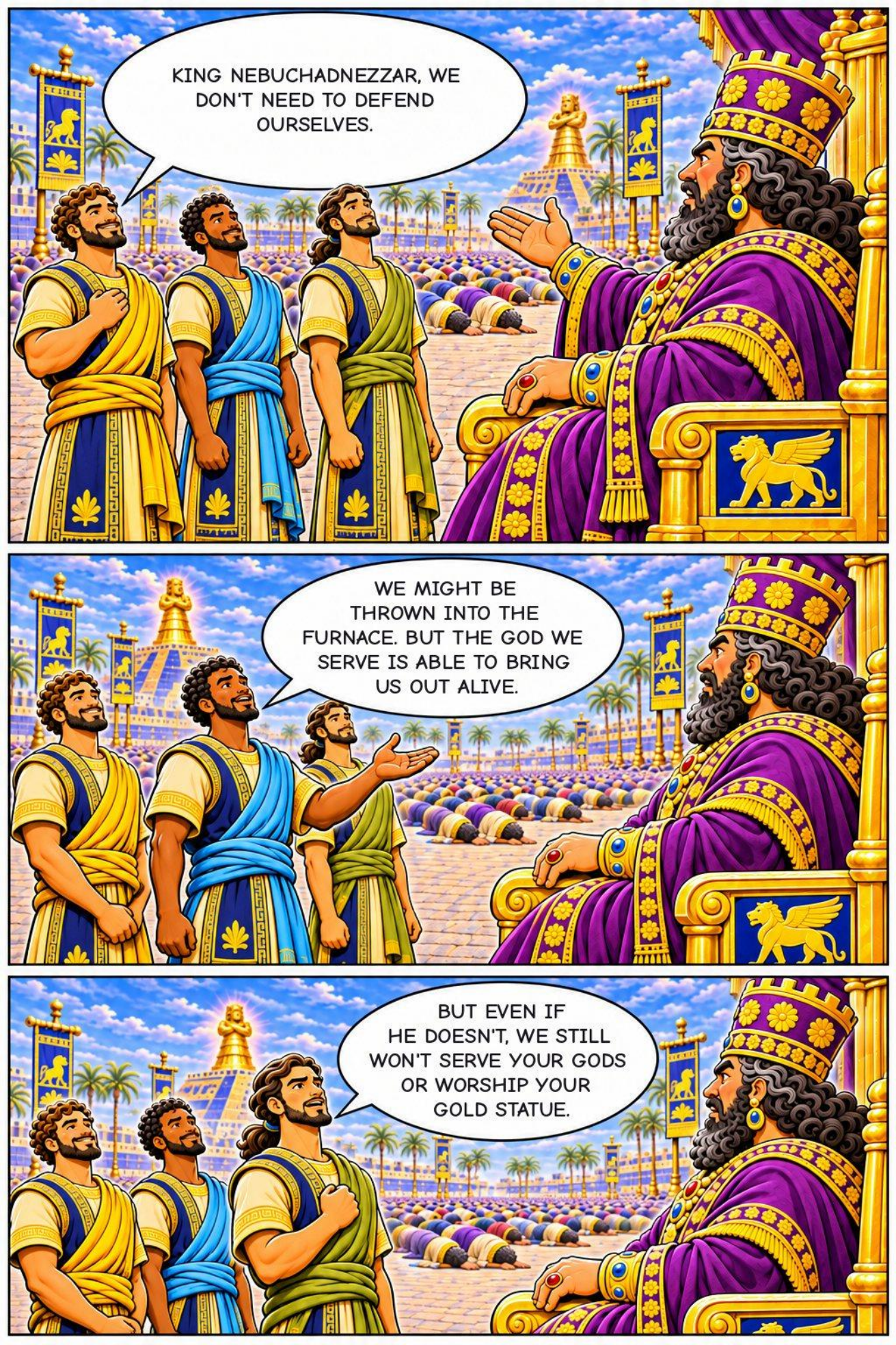



EVERYBODY BOWED TO WORSHIP THE STATUE. EXCEPT THESE THREE FRIENDS.


WE'RE DOING THIS. TOGETHER. FOR GOD.
TOGETHER. EVEN IF MY KNEES ARE SHAKING. WE ONLY WORSHIP GOD.


YOUR MAJESTY! SHADRACH, MESHACH AND ABEDNEGO WON'T BOW TO YOUR STATUE!
WHAT? I AM THE BOSS! I AM THE KING!

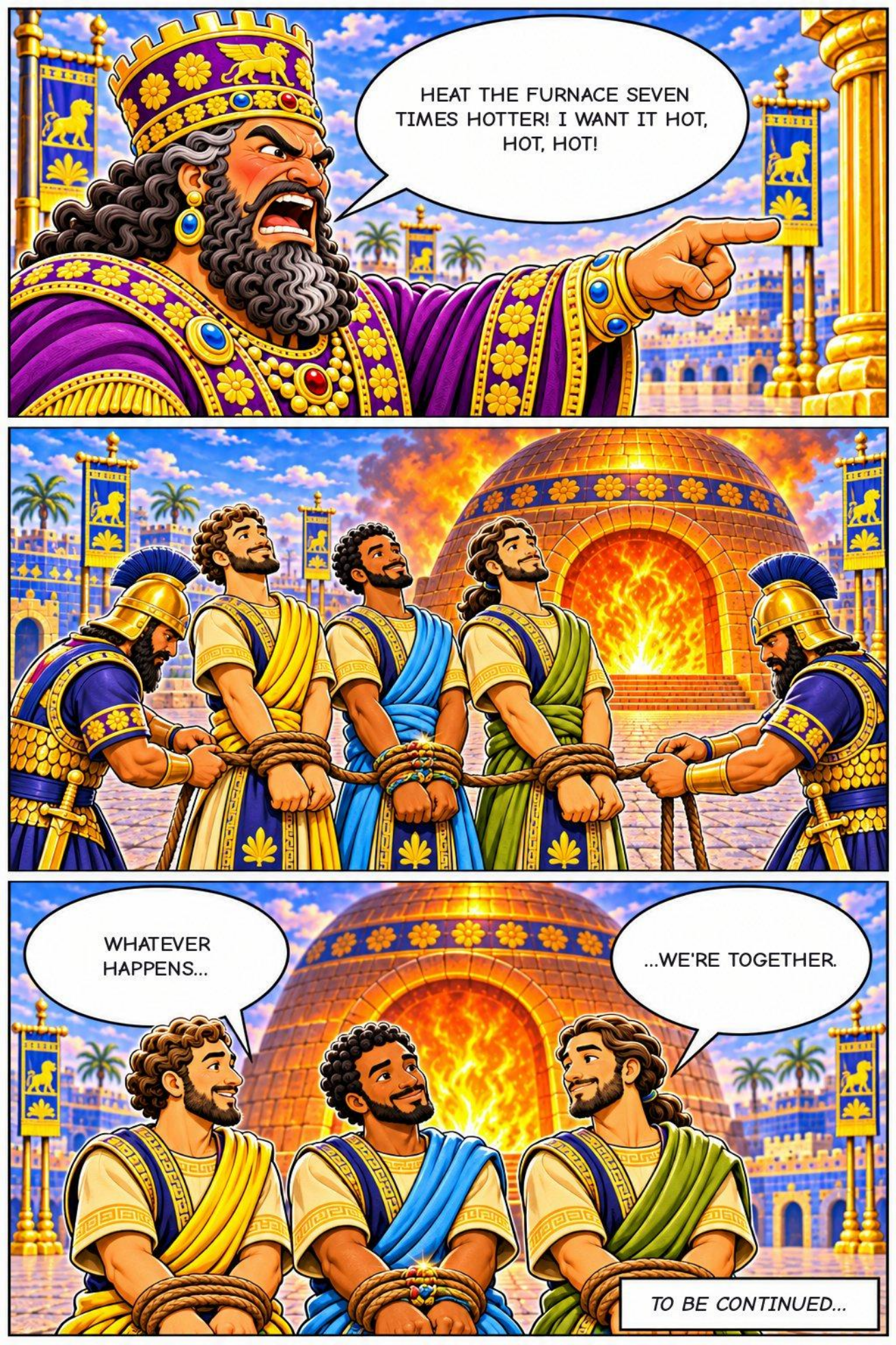

MAYBE YOU DIDN'T HEAR THE MUSIC. I'LL GIVE YOU ONE MORE CHANCE.
BOW, AND EVERYTHING IS FINE. DON'T, AND INTO THE FIRE YOU GO. WHAT GOD COULD SAVE YOU FROM ME?
JUST WORSHIP THE STATUE AND SAY SORRY TO GOD LATER, RIGHT? GOD FORGIVES...


KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR, WE DON'T NEED TO DEFEND OURSELVES.
WE MIGHT BE THROWN INTO THE FURNACE. BUT THE GOD WE SERVE IS ABLE TO BRING US OUT ALIVE.
BUT EVEN IF HE DOESN'T, WE STILL WON'T SERVE YOUR GODS OR WORSHIP YOUR GOLD STATUE.


CAN GOD SAVE THEM? YES, HE CAN.
WILL HE? THEY DIDN'T KNOW.
EVEN IF HE DOESN'T, THEY'LL STILL TRUST HIM.
MESHACH WAS THE QUIET ONE. AND HE WAS THE ONE WHO SAID IT TO THE KING!

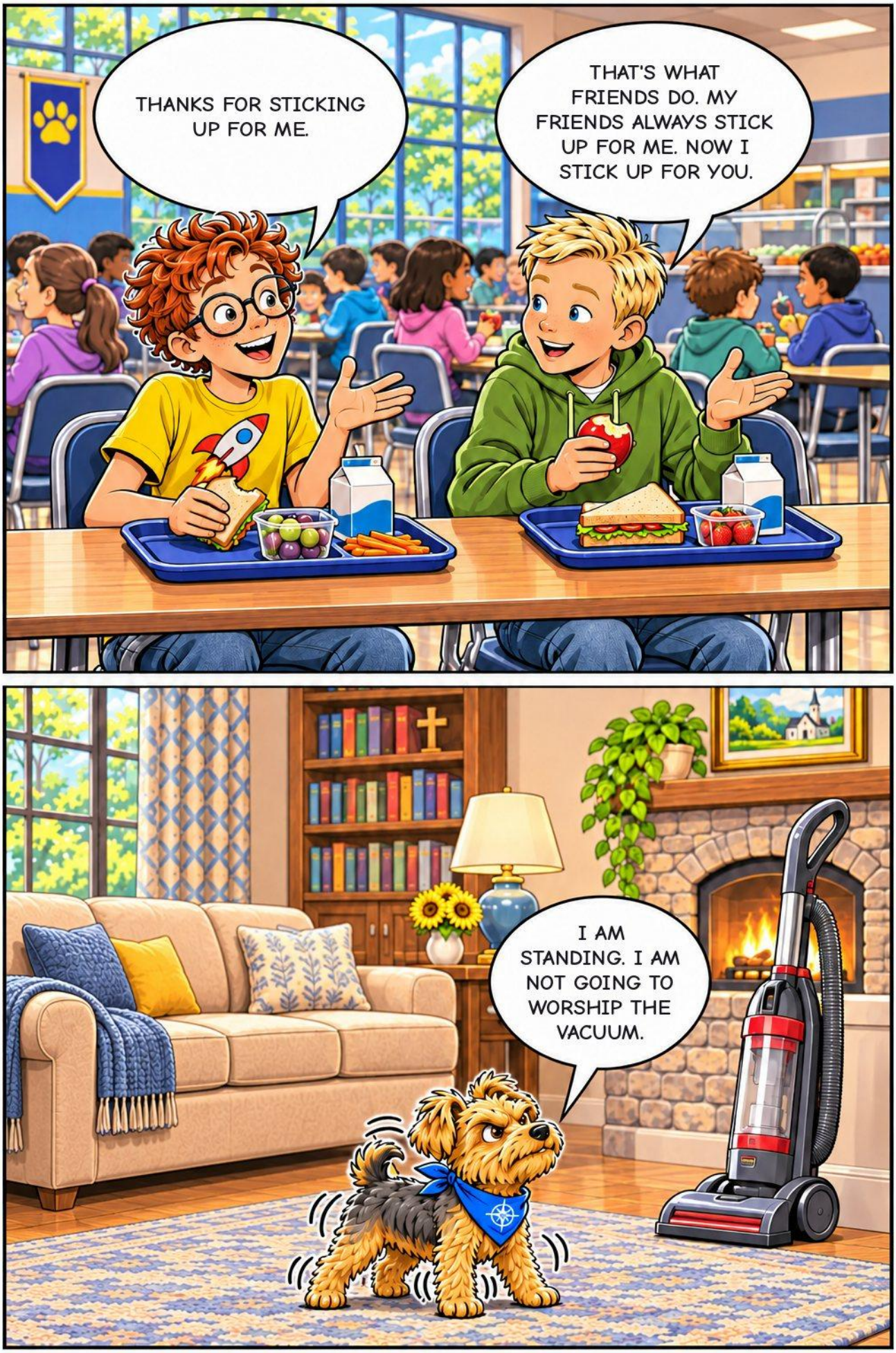

DANIEL WAS FAR AWAY. BUT THE FRIENDSHIP THEY BUILT TOGETHER WAS STILL THERE.


THREE FRIENDS. EACH WITH A ROPE MADE OF WHAT GOD TAUGHT THEM. STILL HOLDING STRONG.


HEAT THE FURNACE SEVEN TIMES HOTTER! I WANT IT HOT, HOT, HOT!
WHATEVER HAPPENS...
...WE'RE TOGETHER.
TO BE CONTINUED...


GOD CAN HELP. THEY MIGHT NOT STOP. EVEN IF THEY DON'T...
NOT COOL. LEO'S MY FRIEND. I'M NOT MAKING FUN OF HIM. IT'S WRONG.


YEAH... SAM'S RIGHT. DELETE IT.
SORRY LEO
ME TOO
SAM! THE QUIET ONE!
JUST LIKE MESHACH!


THANKS FOR STICKING UP FOR ME.
THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS DO. MY FRIENDS ALWAYS STICK UP FOR ME. NOW I STICK UP FOR YOU.
I AM STANDING. I AM NOT GOING TO WORSHIP THE VACUUM.

REMEMBER IT!

ISSUE 6

GOD CAN. HE MAY. EVEN IF HE DOESN'T, I'LL TRUST HIM.

HAND MOTION

Make a strong arm (God can), open both hands (he may), put your hand on your heart (I'll trust him).

MEMORY VERSE

"Even if we knew that our God wouldn't save us, we still wouldn't serve your gods."
Daniel 3:18 (NIrV)



BAXTER'S BARK: THREE GUYS STOOD UP IN A CROWD OF THOUSANDS. I CAN'T EVEN STAND UP TO THE VACUUM CLEANER.

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The knotted cord, held by three hands. Three strands still hold.

TALK IT OVER

1. When have you seen "everybody" doing something wrong? What did you do?
2. What would "even if he doesn't" sound like for something you're praying about?
3. Who stands with you when it's hard to do the right thing?

TRY IT THIS WEEK

If you see someone being made fun of, in person or online, be the first to say "not cool." Tell a grown-up you trust if it keeps happening.

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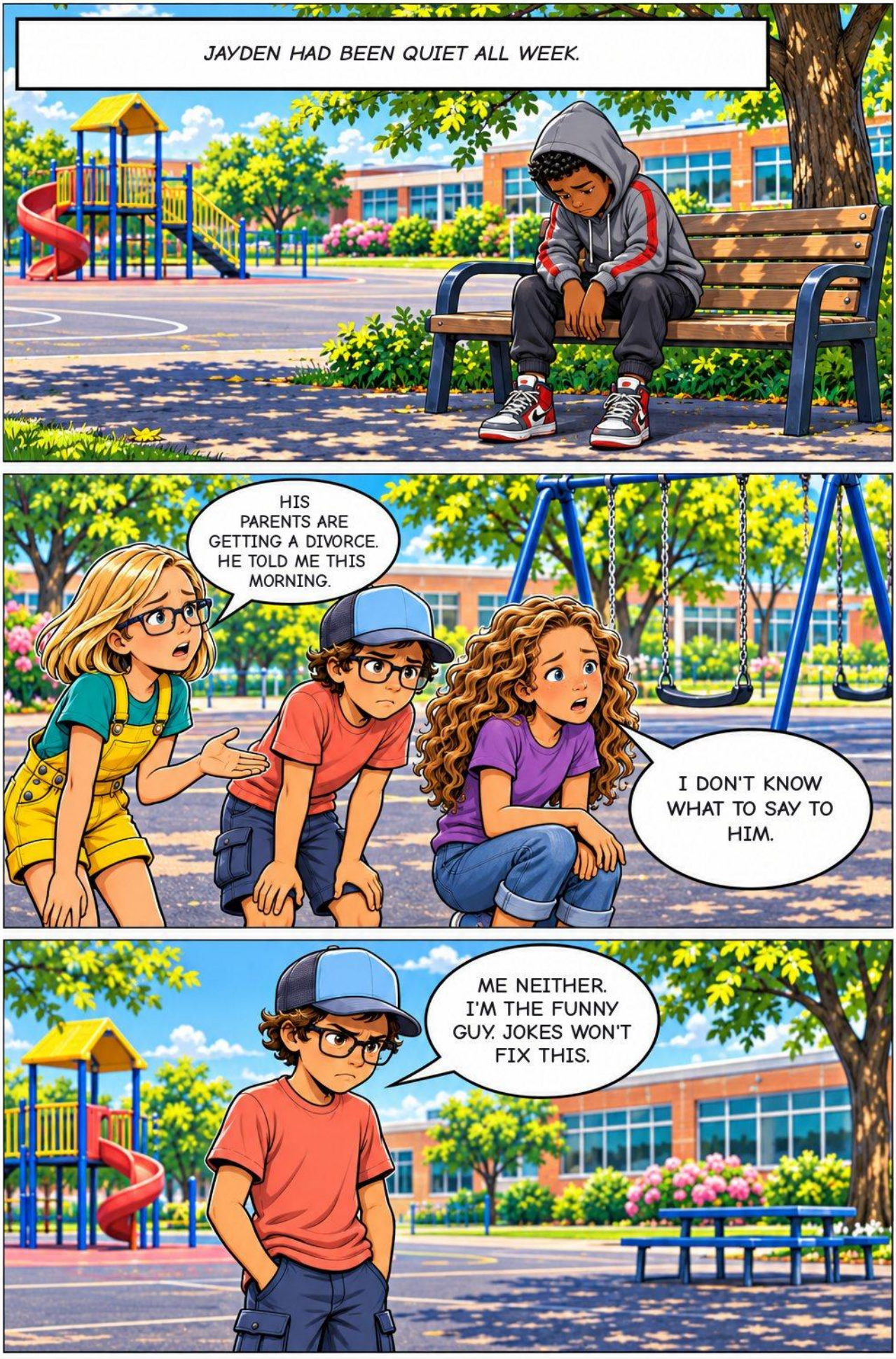
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JAYDEN HAD BEEN QUIET ALL WEEK.
HIS PARENTS ARE GETTING A DIVORCE. HE TOLD ME THIS MORNING.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY TO HIM.
ME NEITHER. I'M THE FUNNY GUY. JOKES WON'T FIX THIS.


WHAT IF I SAY THE WRONG THING?
PSST. BEFORE YOU SAY ANYTHING, YOU NEED TO SEE HOW THIS ENDS.
BAXTER! YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE AT SCHOOL!
DETAILS... LET'S TRAVEL BACK IN TIME!


BABYLON. RIGHT WHERE WE LEFT OFF.
SEVEN TIMES HOTTER. HE WASN'T KIDDING.
THE KING'S STRONGEST SOLDIERS TIED THEM UP.


IT WAS SO HOT THAT EVEN THE SOLDIERS COULDN'T GET CLOSE.
NO!


DIDN'T WE THROW THREE MEN INTO THE FIRE?
YES, YOUR MAJESTY.
WHY DO I SEE FOUR MEN WALKING AROUND? THE FOURTH LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE FROM HEAVEN!


WHO IS THAT?
THE BIBLE DOESN'T SAY HIS NAME. BUT A LOT OF CHRISTIANS BELIEVE IT WAS JESUS, NOT AN ANGEL. IT WAS A MIRACLE!
GOD GOT IN THE FIRE WITH THEM. HE NEVER LEFT THEM ALONE.

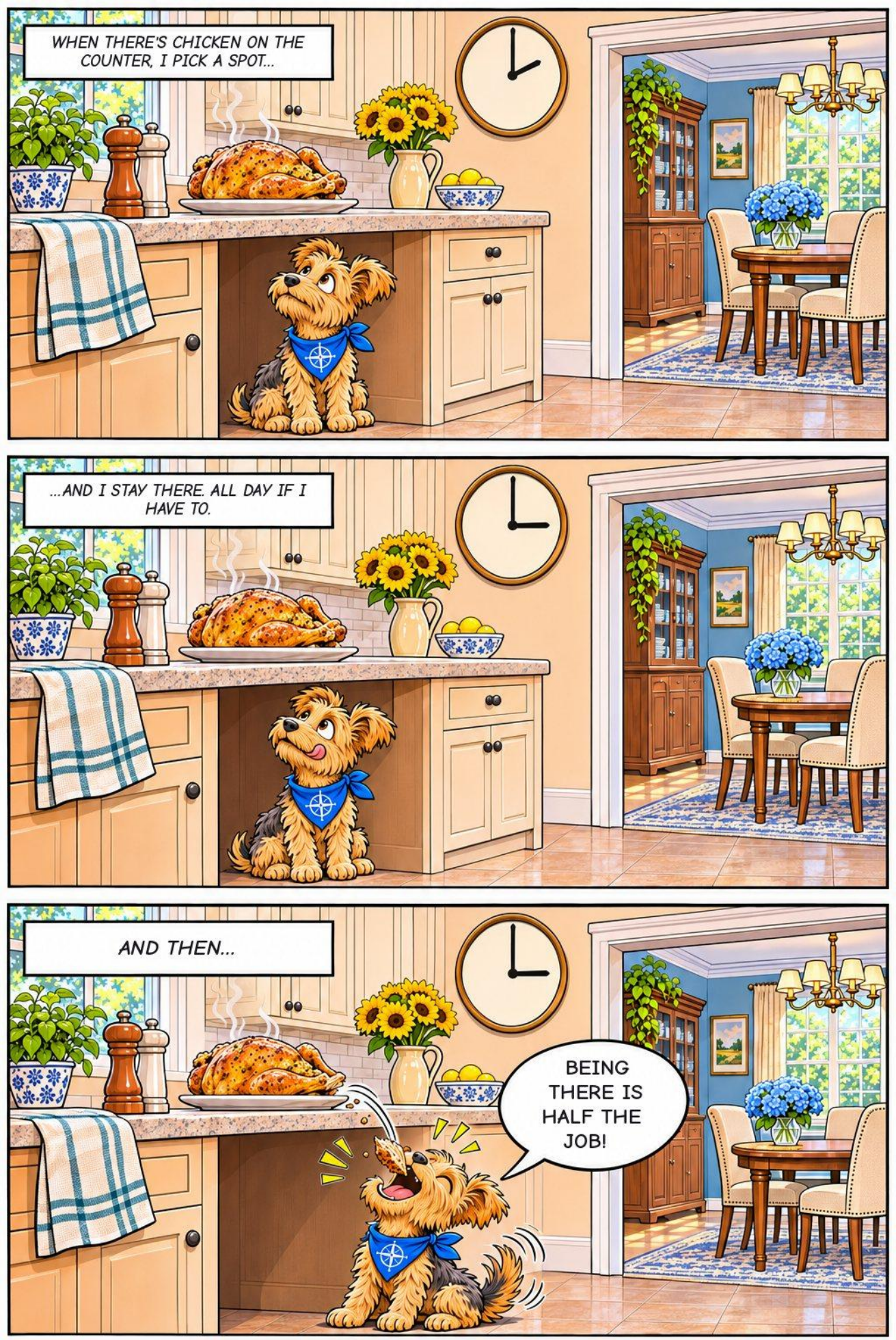

SHADRACH, MESHACH AND ABEDNEGO! SERVANTS OF THE ONE REAL GOD! COME OUT!


NOT ONE HAIR WAS BURNED.
THEIR CLOTHES WEREN'T SCORCHED.
SNIIIFF. THEY DON'T EVEN SMELL LIKE SMOKE!
YOUR MAJESTY, THAT'S A LITTLE PERSONAL.


THE ONLY THING THE FIRE BURNED WAS THE ROPES THAT TIED THEM.
LOOK AT THEIR WRISTS! IT WAS STILL THERE!
SOME THINGS THE FIRE CAN'T TOUCH.

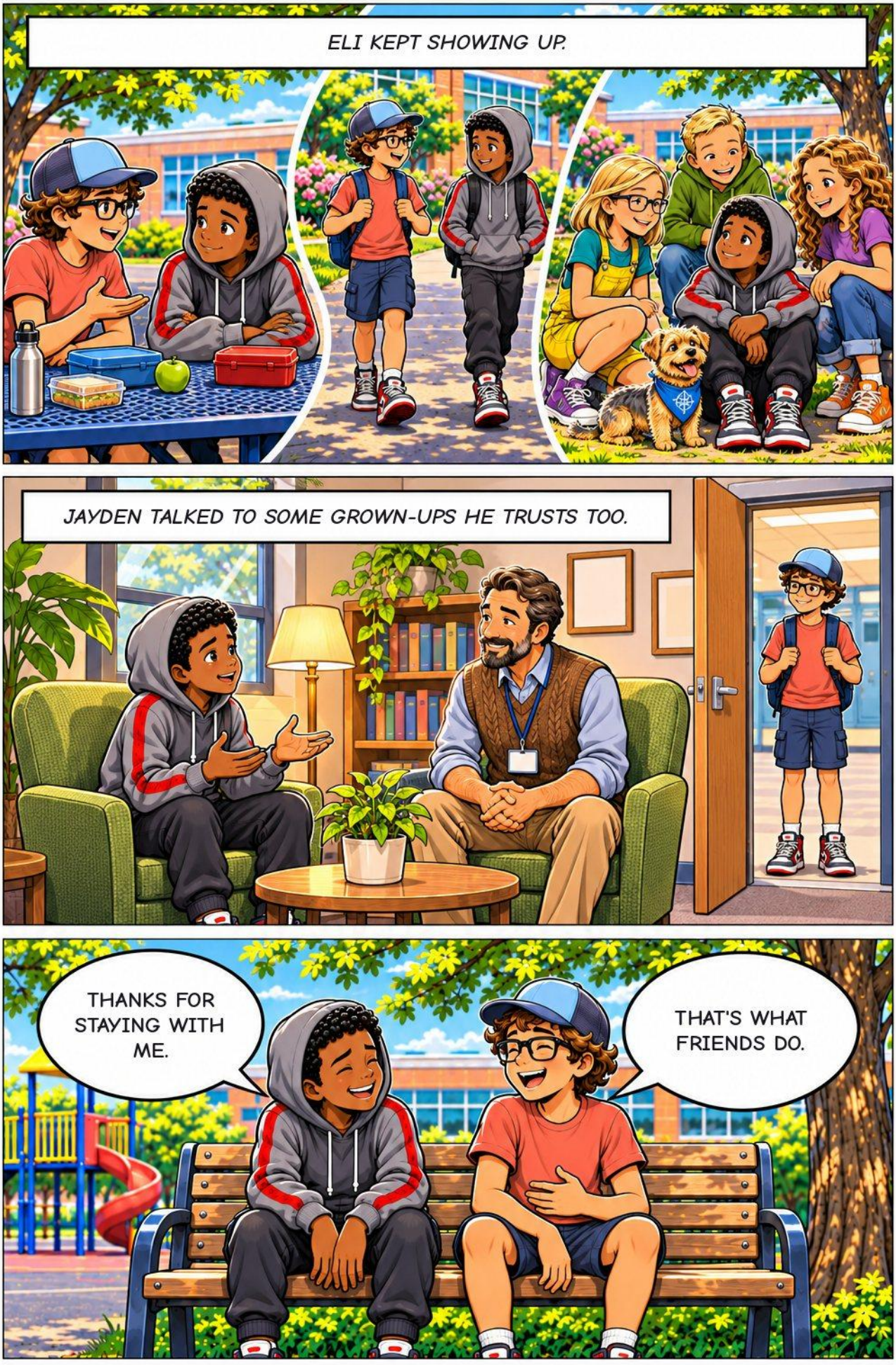

PRAISE THE GOD OF SHADRACH, MESHACH AND ABEDNEGO! HE DID A MIRACLE AND SAVED HIS SERVANTS!
NO OTHER GOD CAN SAVE LIKE THIS.
THEN THE KING GAVE THEM EVEN MORE IMPORTANT JOBS.
WE'D BETTER WRITE TO DANIEL AND TELL HIM WHAT HAPPENED.
HE'S GOING TO SAY "I TOLD YOU SO."


THEY DIDN'T JUST GET RESCUED FROM THE FIRE.
SOMEBODY GOT IN IT WITH THEM.
I DON'T HAVE TO FIX JAYDEN'S PROBLEM. I JUST HAVE TO BE HIS FRIEND AND BE WITH HIM IN IT.
NOW YOU'RE TALKING. I KNOW ALL ABOUT STAYING. EVER SEEN ME WAIT FOR MY MOM TO GIVE ME SOME CHICKEN?
...WHAT?


WHEN THERE'S CHICKEN ON THE COUNTER, I PICK A SPOT...
...AND I STAY THERE. ALL DAY IF I HAVE TO.
AND THEN...
BEING THERE IS HALF THE JOB!


YOU DON'T HAVE TO SIT HERE.
I KNOW. I WANT TO SIT WITH YOU.


EVERYBODY'S ACTING WEIRD AROUND ME.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY. BUT I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE.
WANT SOME? IT'S NOT CHICKEN, BUT...
WHAT?
LONG STORY.


ELI KEPT SHOWING UP.
JAYDEN TALKED TO SOME GROWN-UPS HE TRUSTS TOO.
THANKS FOR STAYING WITH ME.
THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS DO.

REMEMBER IT!

ISSUE 7

IN THE FIRE, I'M NOT ALONE.

HAND MOTION

Wiggle your fingers upward like flames, then hook your two pinkies together (not alone).

MEMORY VERSE

"You will walk through fire. But you will not be burned. The flames will not harm you."
Isaiah 43:2 (NIrV)



BAXTER'S BARK: WHEN THERE'S ROTISSERIE CHICKEN AROUND, PICK A SPOT AND STAY THERE. WORKS FOR FRIENDS TOO.

WHO'S WHO · SAY IT LIKE THIS

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MESHACH *MEE-shak*
blue sash · Hebrew name: Mishael

ABEDNEGO *uh-BED-nee-go*
green sash · Hebrew name: Azariah

The king: Nebuchadnezzar *(neb-uh-kad-NEZ-er)*

THE ROPE · KNOT 7 OF 8

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

The ropes that tied them burned. The four-color cord came out of the fire whole.

TALK IT OVER

1. Why do you think God got in the fire with them instead of keeping them out of it?
2. When a friend is going through something hard, what can you do even if you don't know what to say?
3. When have you felt like you were in a "fire"? Who stayed with you?

TRY IT THIS WEEK

Think of someone who's having a hard time. Sit with them, text them, or just say "I'm here." If a friend tells you something that worries you, tell a grown-up you trust.

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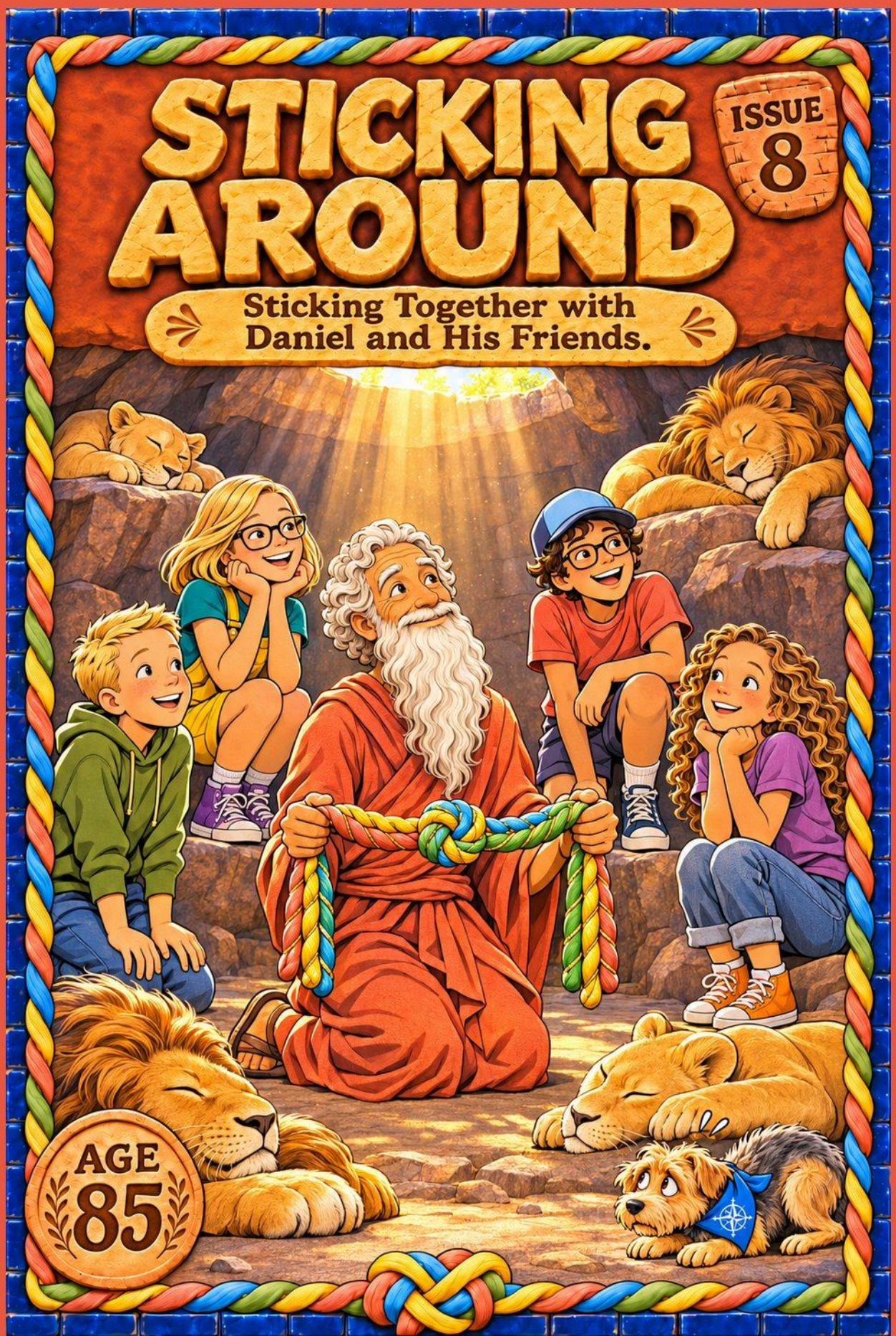
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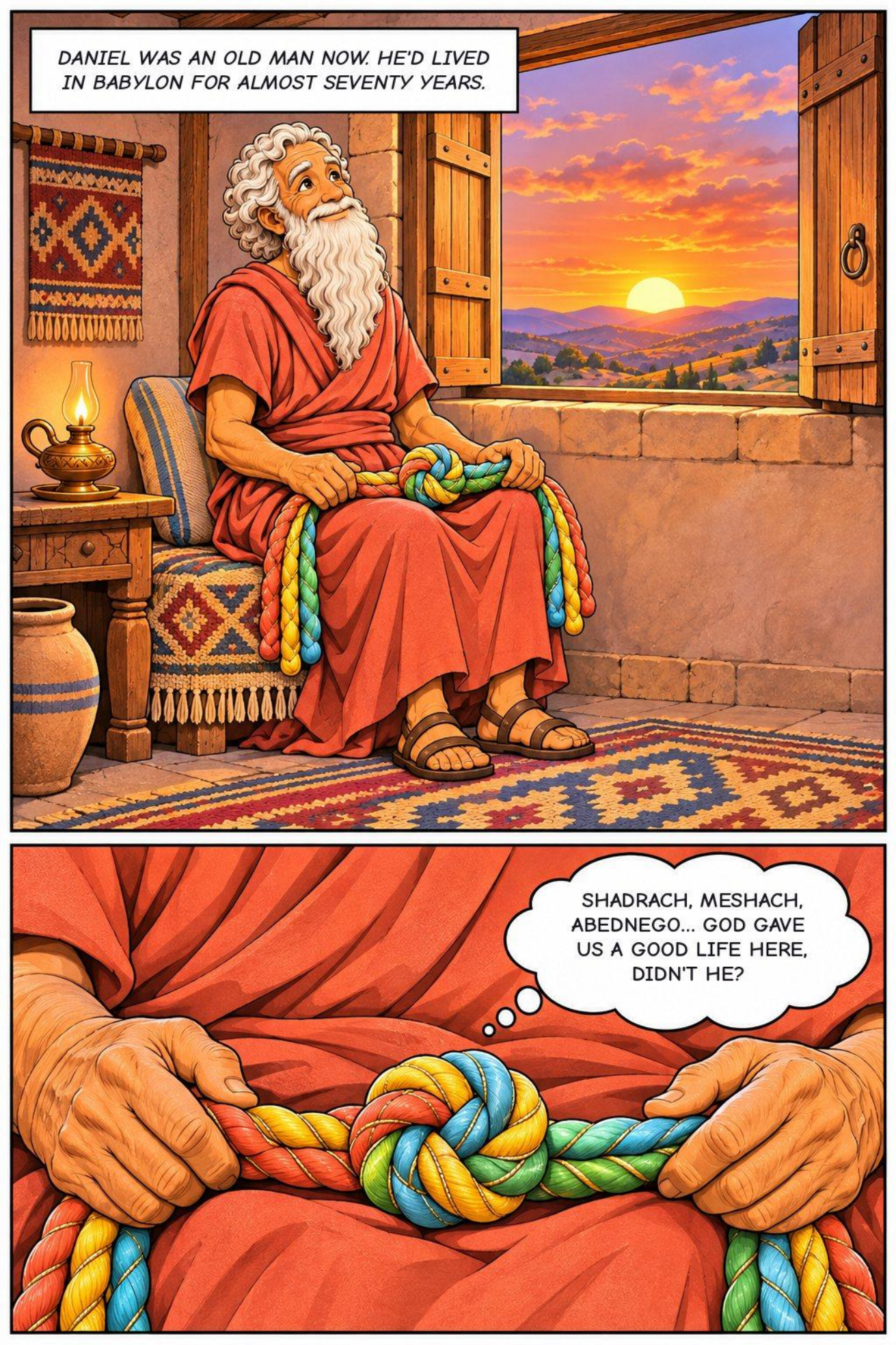
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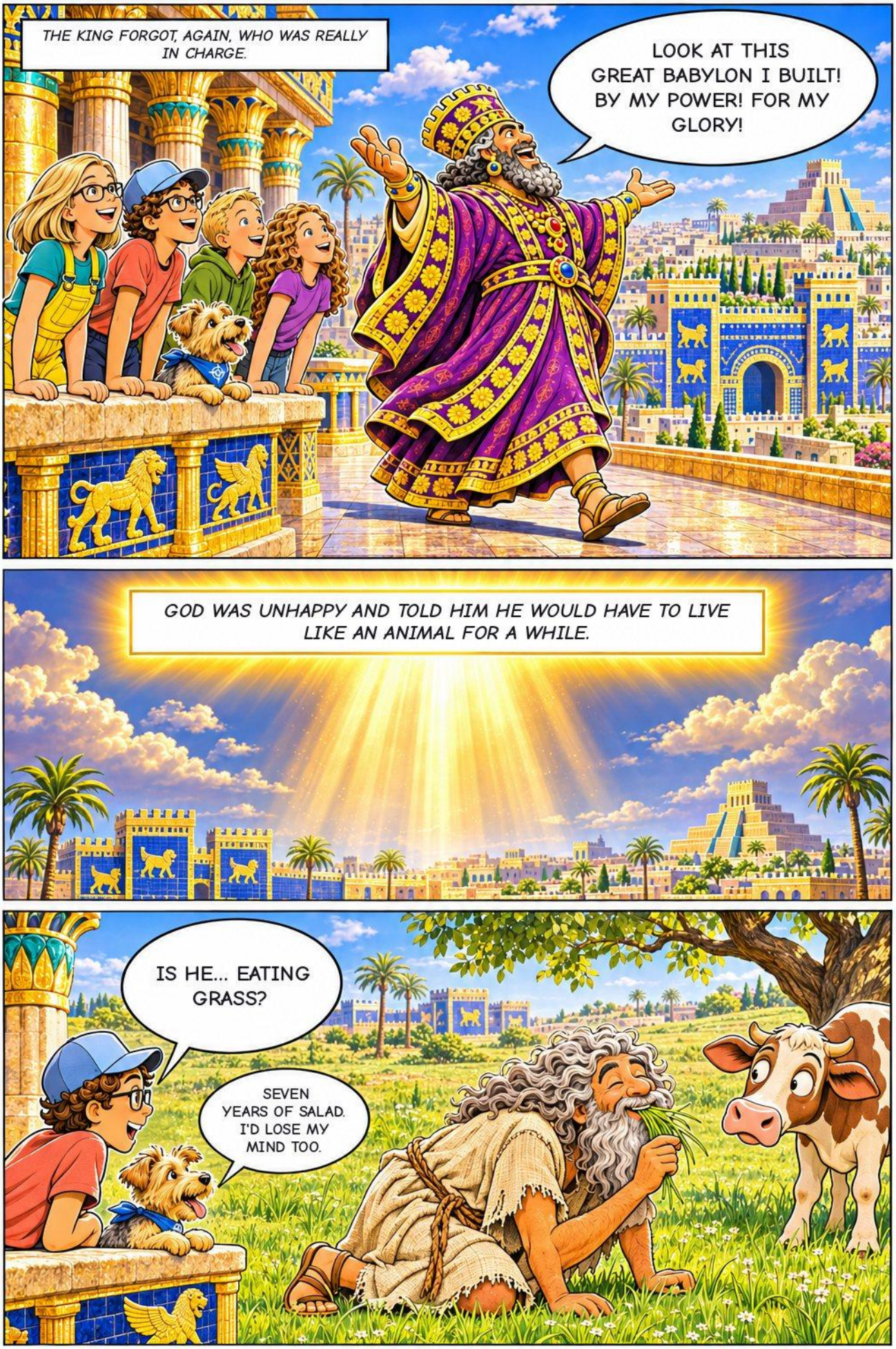
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DANIEL WAS AN OLD MAN NOW. HE'D LIVED IN BABYLON FOR ALMOST SEVENTY YEARS.
SHADRACH, MESHACH, ABEDNEGO... GOD GAVE US A GOOD LIFE HERE, DIDN'T HE?


THEY'RE ALWAYS LIKE THAT.
CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING? WHY ARE YOU GUYS SO... NICE TO EACH OTHER?

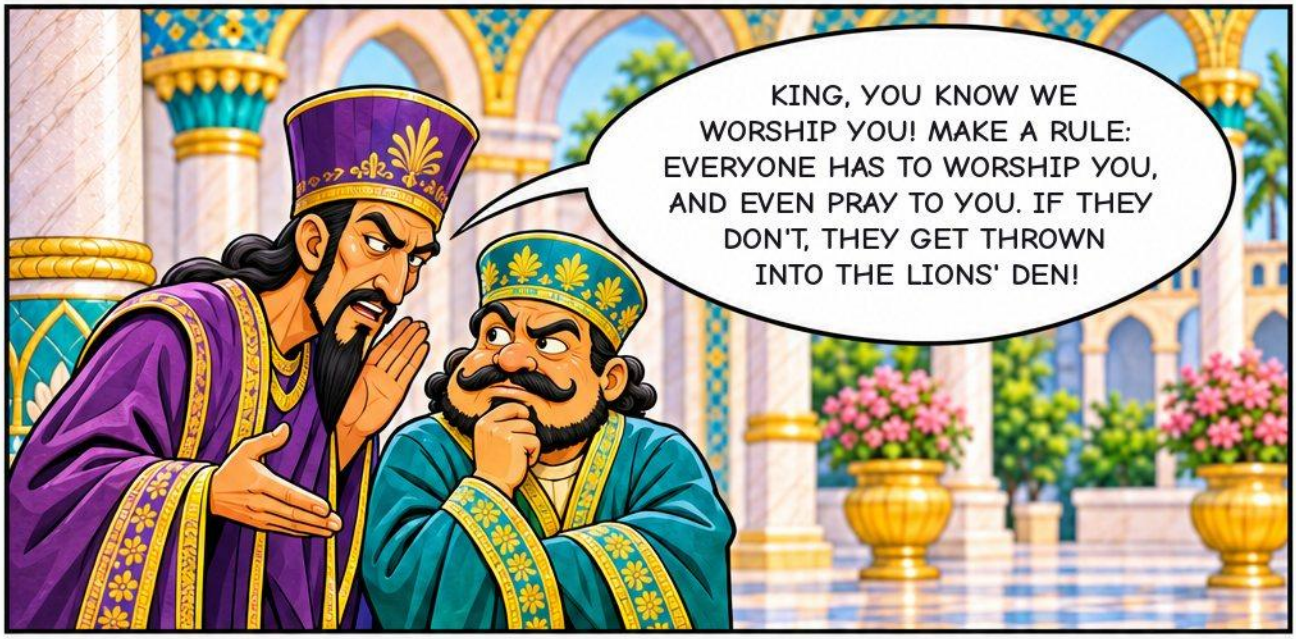

UM... THAT'S KIND OF A LONG STORY.
IS THAT A DOG?
LAST TRIP! LET'S TRAVEL!

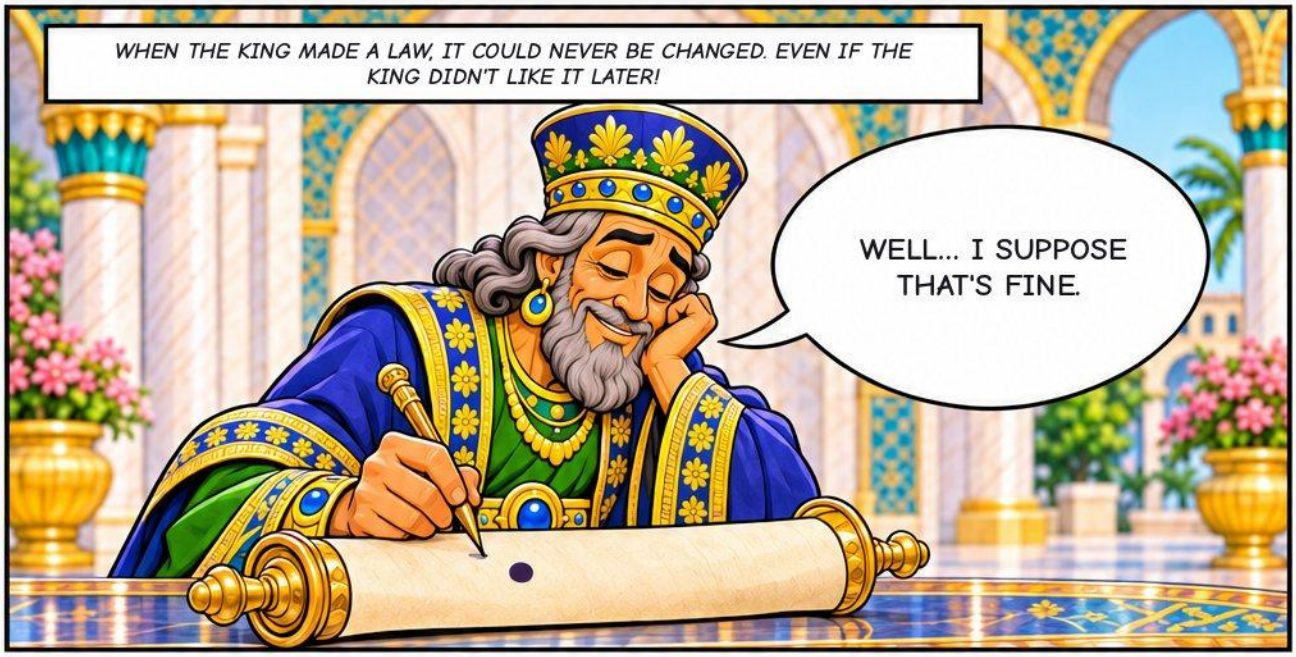

THE KING FORGOT, AGAIN, WHO WAS REALLY IN CHARGE.
LOOK AT THIS GREAT BABYLON I BUILT! BY MY POWER! FOR MY GLORY!
GOD WAS UNHAPPY AND TOLD HIM HE WOULD HAVE TO LIVE LIKE AN ANIMAL FOR A WHILE.
IS HE... EATING GRASS?
SEVEN YEARS OF SALAD. I'D LOSE MY MIND TOO.

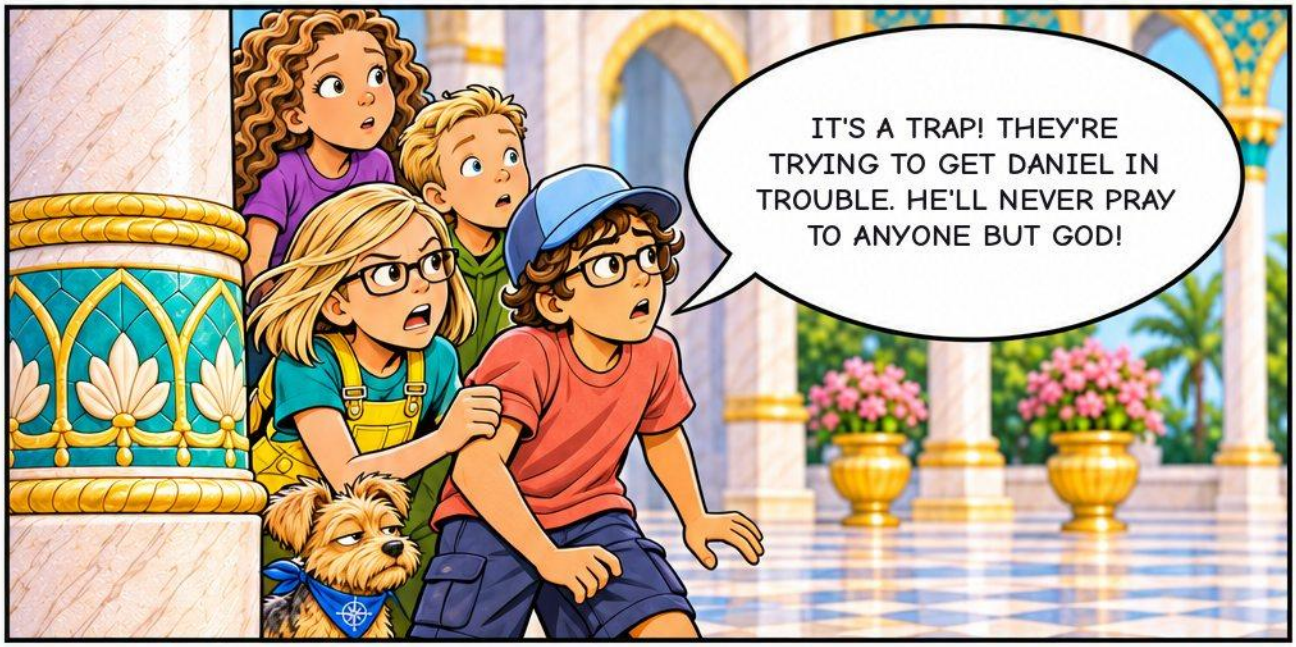

THEN THE KING LOOKED UP TO HEAVEN. HE FINALLY DECIDED TO WORSHIP THE REAL GOD.
NOW I PRAISE THE KING OF HEAVEN. EVERYTHING HE DOES IS RIGHT.
HE FINALLY GOT IT.

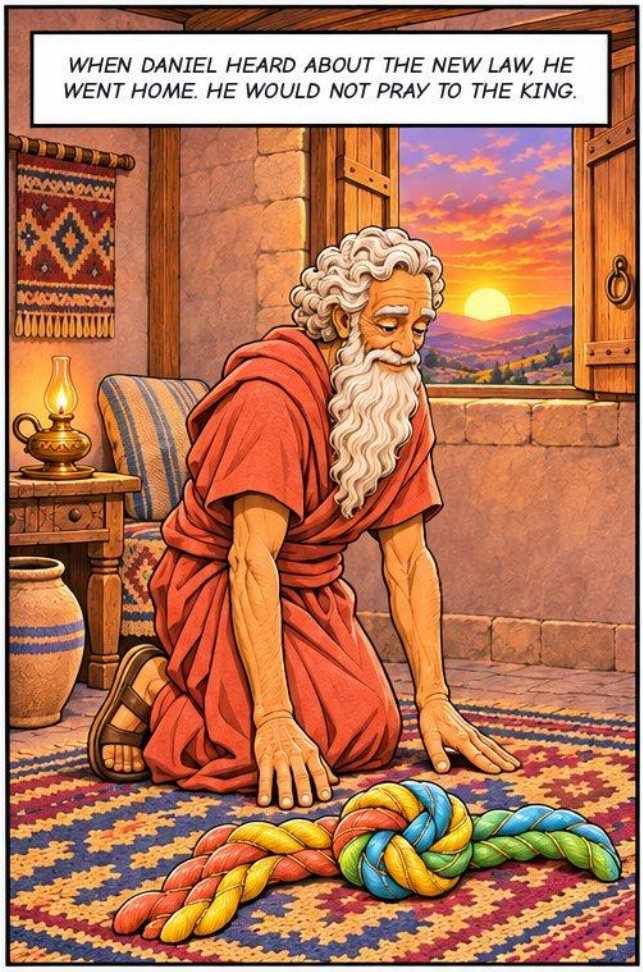

YEARS LATER, A NEW KING THREW A WILD PARTY, USING CUPS STOLEN FROM GOD'S TEMPLE.
OKAY, THAT ONE'S A LITTLE SPOOKY.
YOU FAILED GOD'S TEST. YOUR KINGDOM IS OVER.
THIS KING LEARNED THE HARD WAY TOO. THAT NIGHT, BABYLON WAS ATTACKED AND BEATEN.

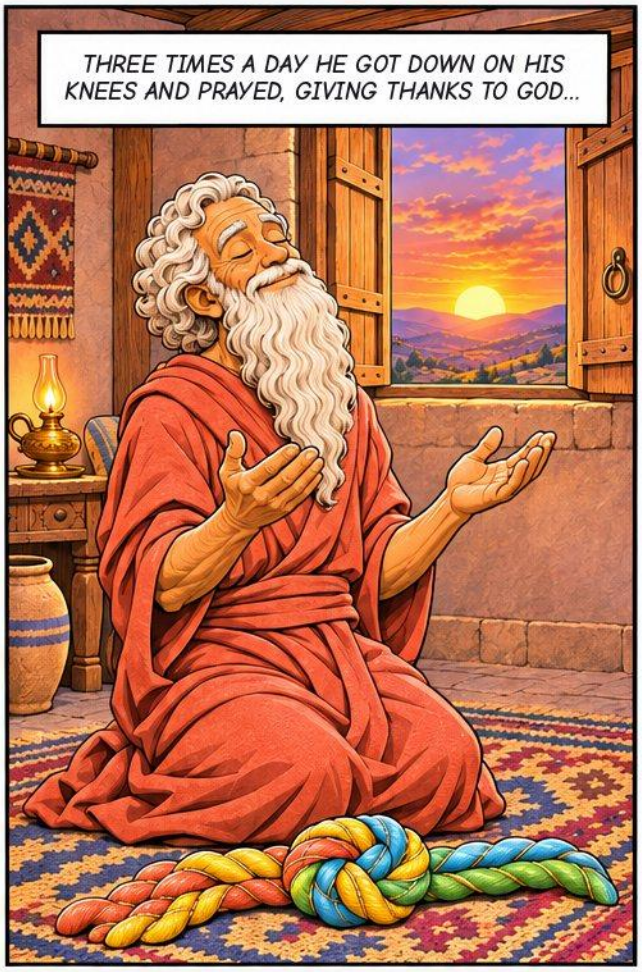

DANIEL GOT THE JOB WE WANTED! WE HAVE TO FIND SOMETHING HE'S DOING WRONG.
WE'VE LOOKED FOR MONTHS! DANIEL DOESN'T LIE, HE DOESN'T CHEAT, HE'S NEVER LATE...
THEY'RE LIKE THIS FLY, BUZZING AROUND DANIEL LOOKING FOR TROUBLE. BUT THERE'S NOTHING TO FIND!

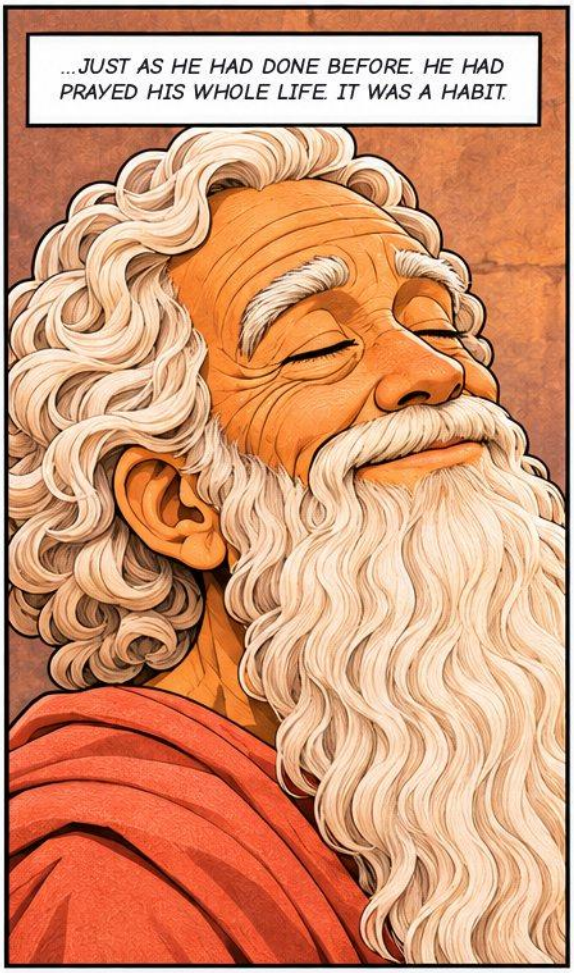

KING, YOU KNOW WE WORSHIP YOU! MAKE A RULE: EVERYONE HAS TO WORSHIP YOU, AND EVEN PRAY TO YOU. IF THEY DON'T, THEY GET THROWN INTO THE LIONS' DEN!

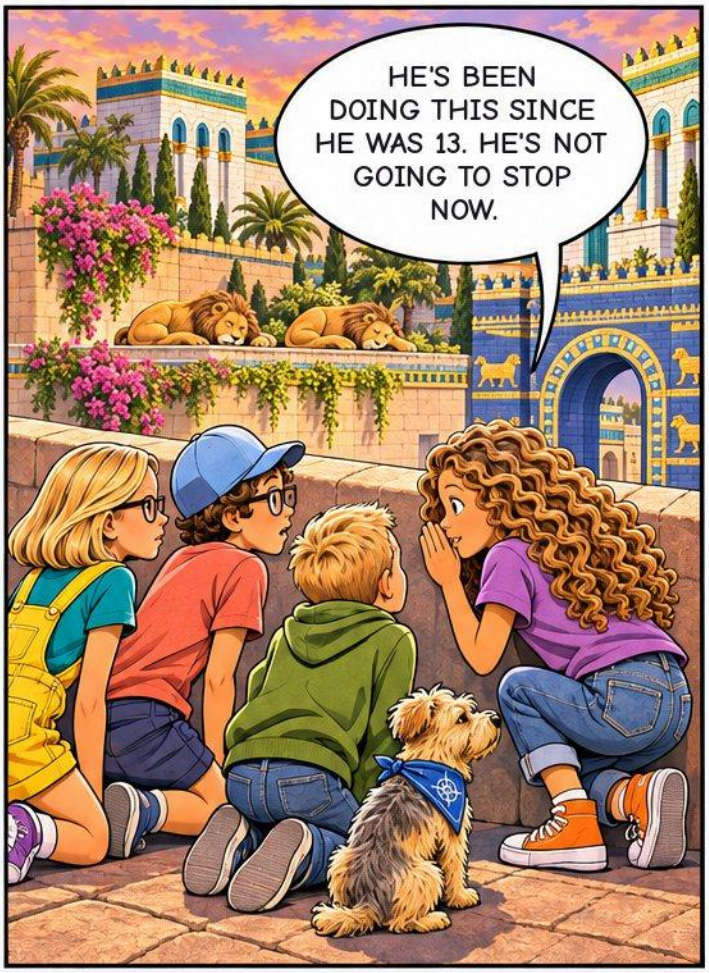

WHEN THE KING MADE A LAW, IT COULD NEVER BE CHANGED. EVEN IF THE KING DIDN'T LIKE IT LATER!
WELL... I SUPPOSE THAT'S FINE.

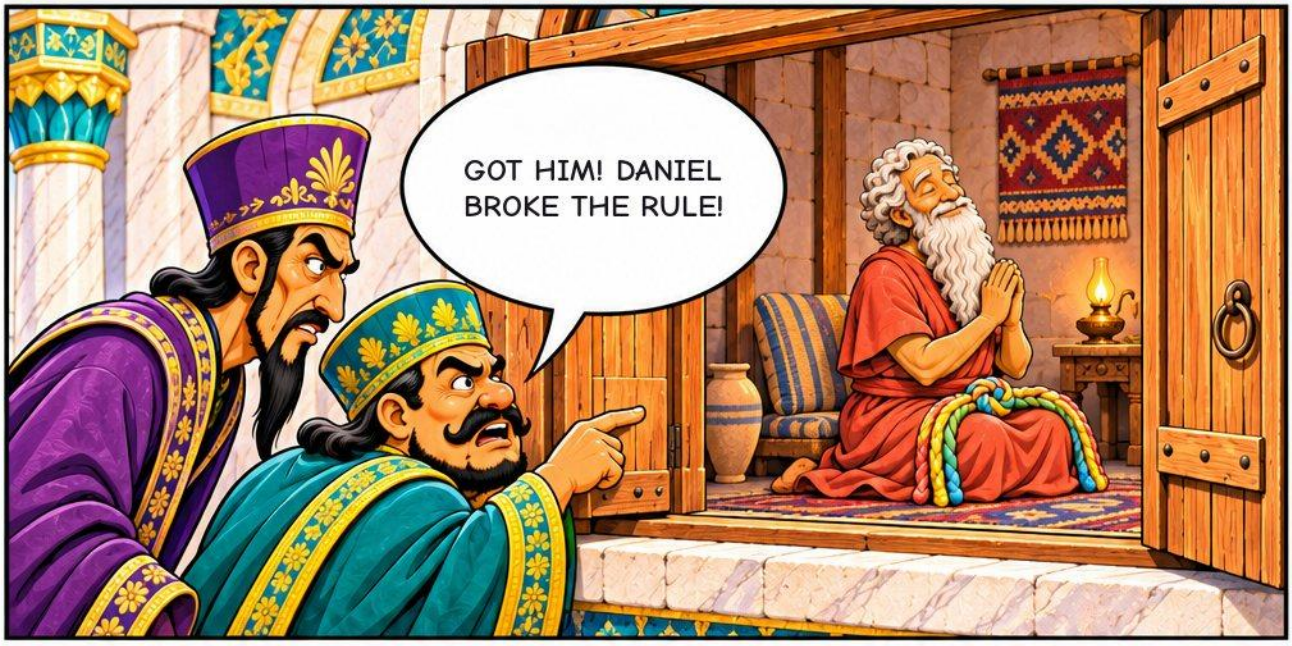

IT'S A TRAP! THEY'RE TRYING TO GET DANIEL IN TROUBLE. HE'LL NEVER PRAY TO ANYONE BUT GOD!


WHEN DANIEL HEARD ABOUT THE NEW LAW, HE WENT HOME. HE WOULD NOT PRAY TO THE KING.


THREE TIMES A DAY HE GOT DOWN ON HIS KNEES AND PRAYED, GIVING THANKS TO GOD...

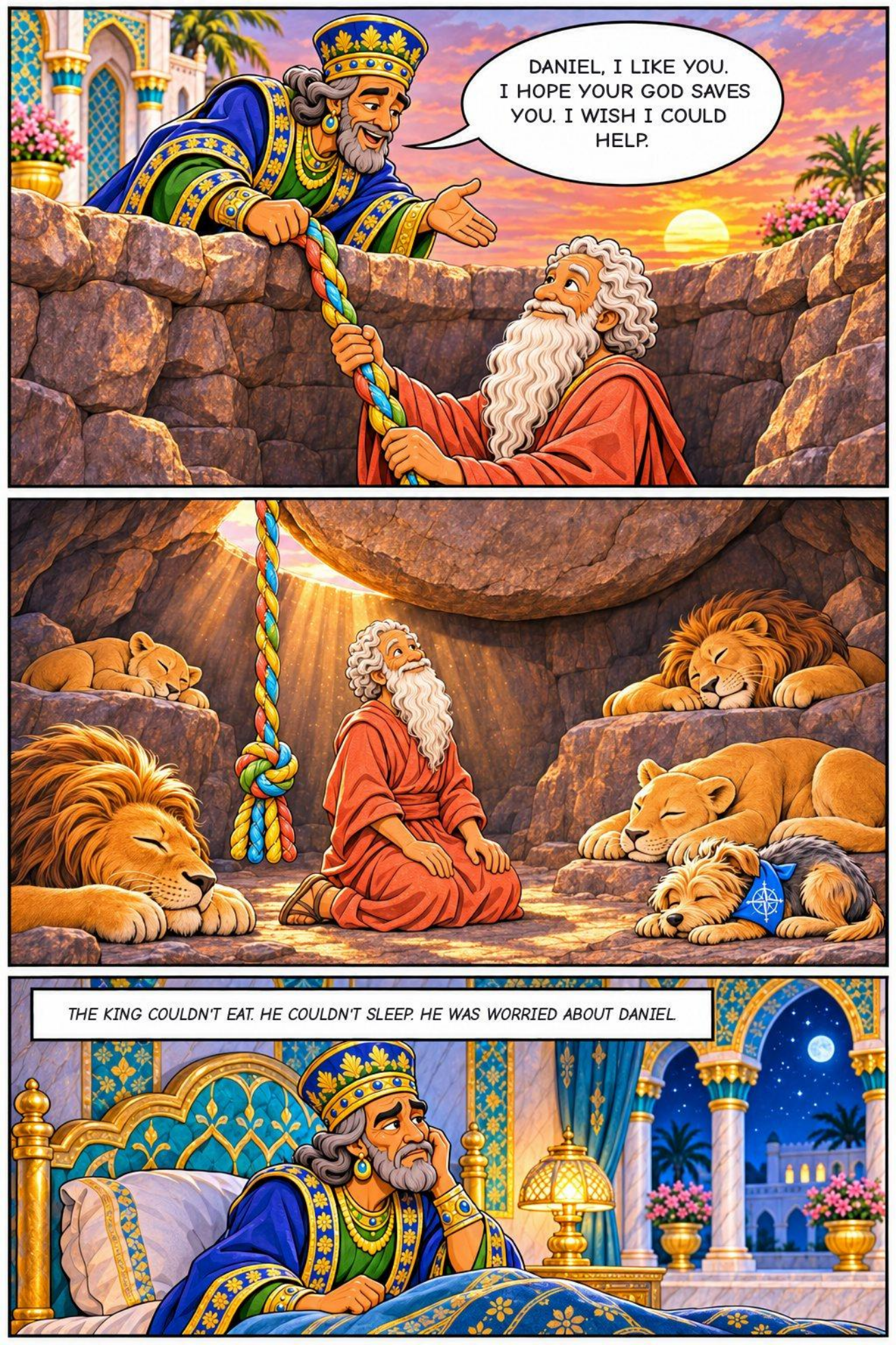

...JUST AS HE HAD DONE BEFORE. HE HAD PRAYED HIS WHOLE LIFE. IT WAS A HABIT.


HE'S BEEN DOING THIS SINCE HE WAS 13. HE'S NOT GOING TO STOP NOW.


GOT HIM! DANIEL BROKE THE RULE!

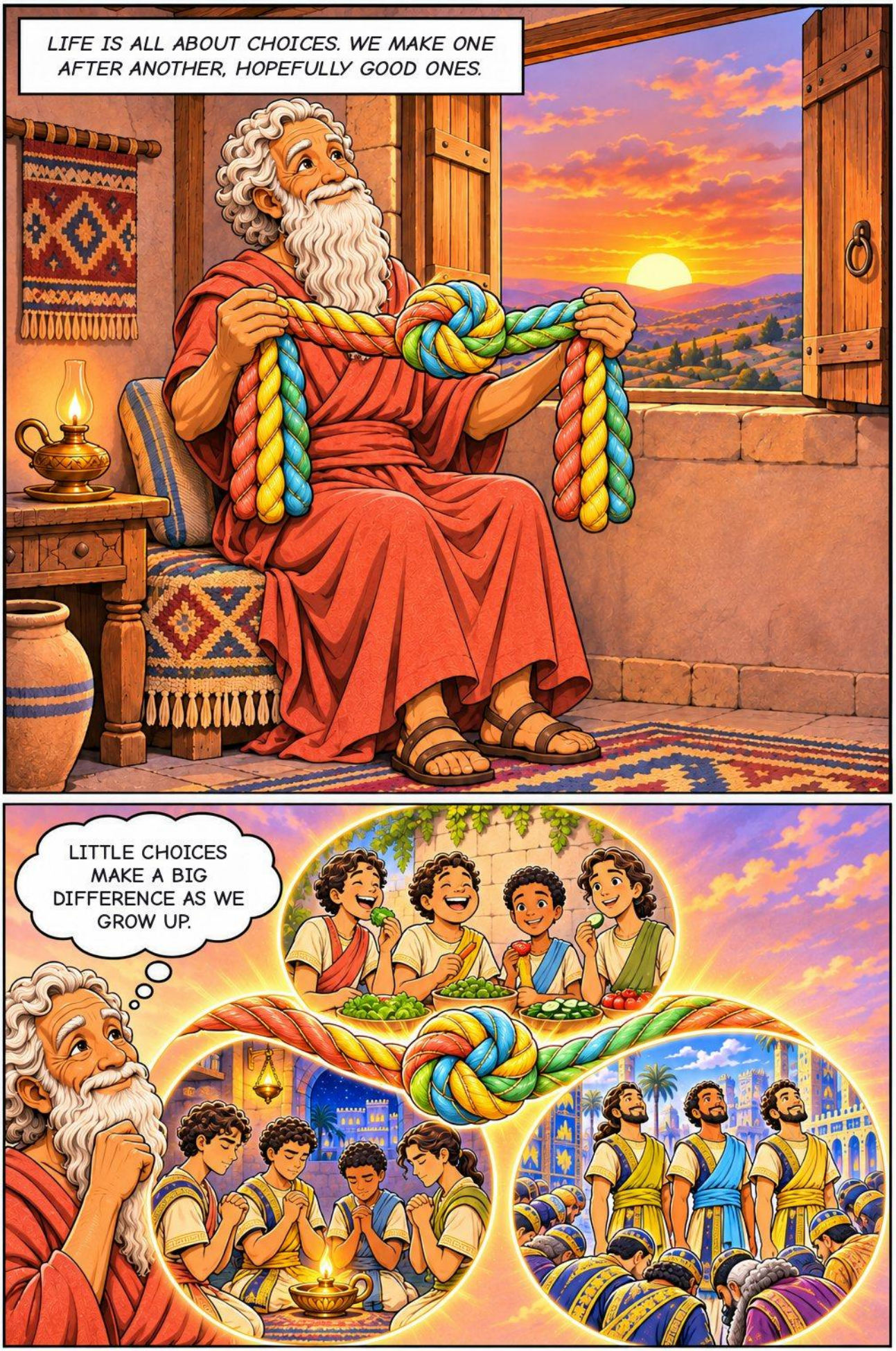

THE KING WAS VERY UPSET. HE TRIED ALL DAY TO FIND A WAY TO SAVE DANIEL.

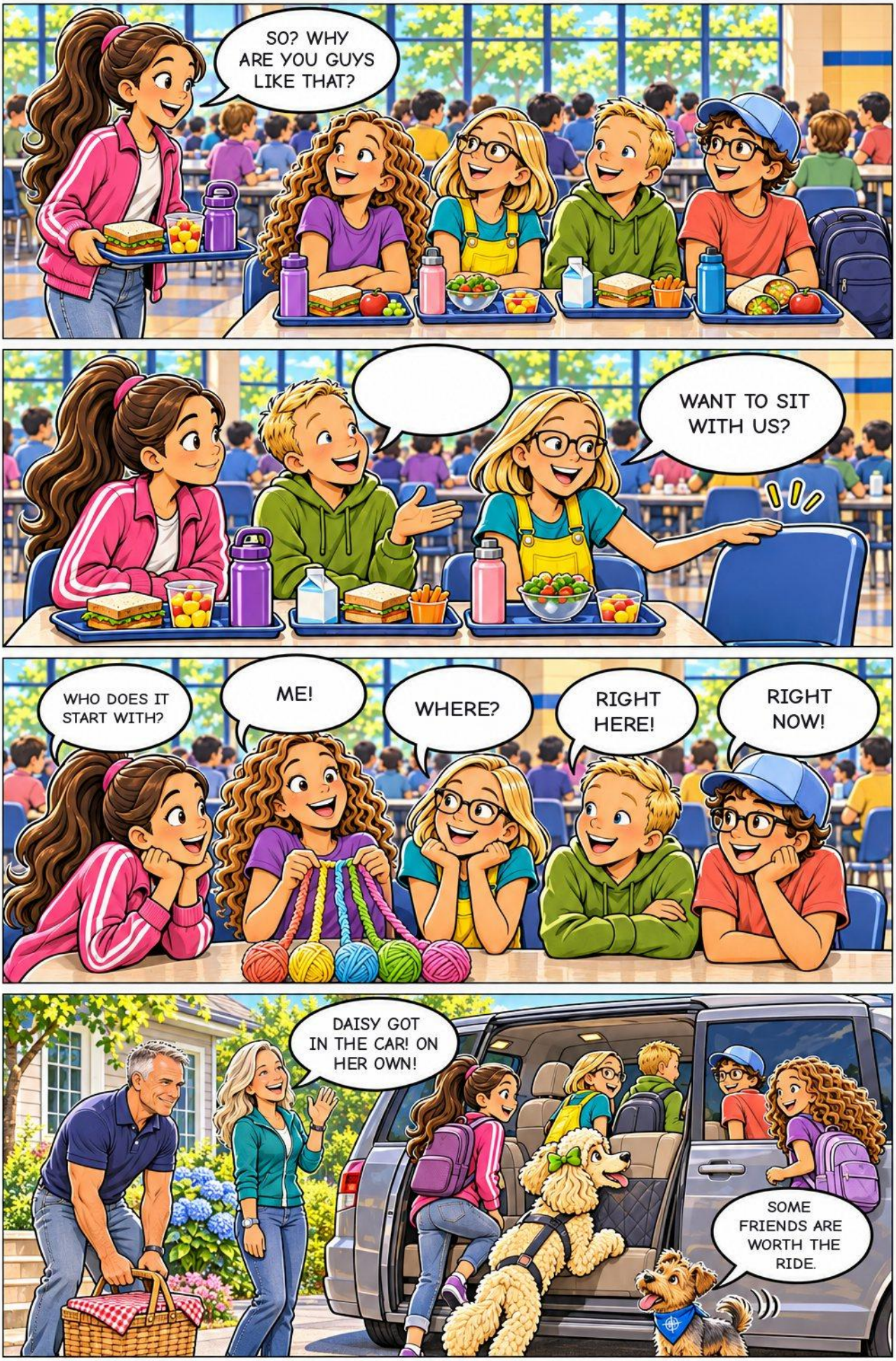

THERE MUST BE A WAY! THERE MUST BE! BUT NOT EVEN I CAN CHANGE MY OWN LAW...


DANIEL, I LIKE YOU. I HOPE YOUR GOD SAVES YOU. I WISH I COULD HELP.
THE KING COULDN'T EAT. HE COULDN'T SLEEP. HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT DANIEL.


DANIEL! HAS YOUR GOD BEEN ABLE TO SAVE YOU FROM THE LIONS?
MY GOD SENT HIS ANGEL, AND HE SHUT THE LIONS' MOUTHS. THEY HAVEN'T HURT ME.
BAD KITTY. GOOD KITTY? I'M GOING WITH GOOD KITTY.


EVERYONE IN MY KINGDOM MUST RESPECT THE GOD OF DANIEL. I LEARNED MY LESSON!
HIS FRIENDS WEREN'T THERE THAT NIGHT.
NO. BUT THEY WERE STILL FRIENDS, AND THEIR LOVE FOR GOD HELD THEM TOGETHER.


LIFE IS ALL ABOUT CHOICES. WE MAKE ONE AFTER ANOTHER, HOPEFULLY GOOD ONES.
LITTLE CHOICES MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE AS WE GROW UP.


SO? WHY ARE YOU GUYS LIKE THAT?
WANT TO SIT WITH US?
WHO DOES IT START WITH?
ME!
WHERE?
RIGHT HERE!
RIGHT NOW!
DAISY GOT IN THE CAR! ON HER OWN!
SOME FRIENDS ARE WORTH THE RIDE.

REMEMBER IT!

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LITTLE THINGS BECOME BIG THINGS.

HAND MOTION

Pinch your fingers close together (little things), then spread your arms wide (big things).

MEMORY VERSE

"A friend loves at all times. They are there to help when trouble comes."
Proverbs 17:17 (NIrV)



BAXTER'S BARK: YOUNG FLIES BUZZ ALL OVER THE PLACE. OLD FLIES JUST SIT THERE, STEADY. BE AN OLD FLY. (BUT PLEASE STAY OFF MY FOOD.)

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THE ROPE · KNOT 8 OF 8

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Daniel's rope is finished: a whole life of little choices with friends. The kids' rope gets a new strand: Brooke.

TALK IT OVER

1. Daniel prayed "just as he had done before." What little things could you do every day with God?
2. Brooke noticed how the friends treated each other. What do people notice about how you treat your friends?
3. Who could you invite to sit with you, play with you, or come to church with you?

TRY IT THIS WEEK

Pick one little thing to do every day, like praying before school or texting a friend something kind. Then invite someone new to join you.

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