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THE MEN
WHO
WOULD
NOT BEND



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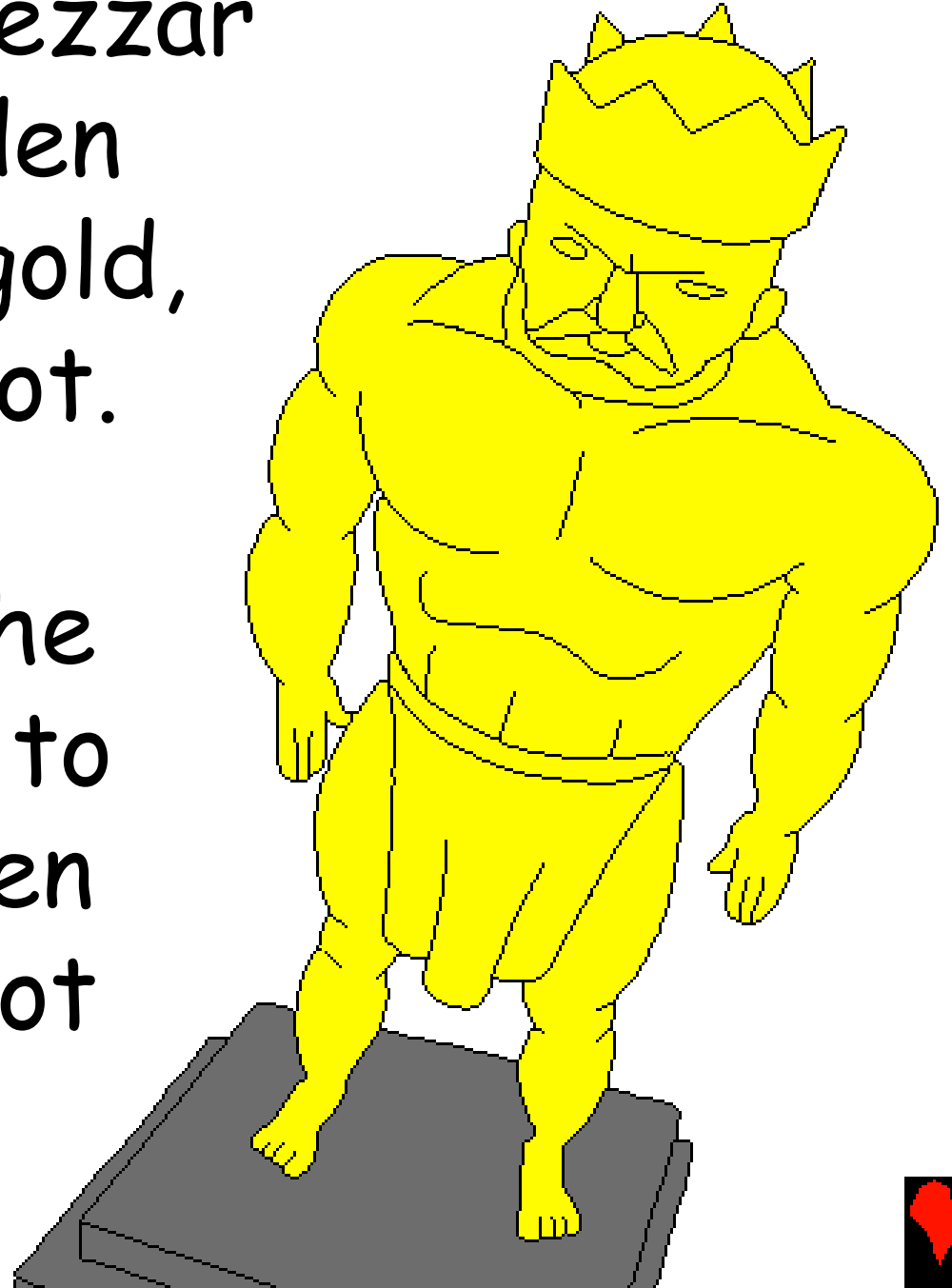
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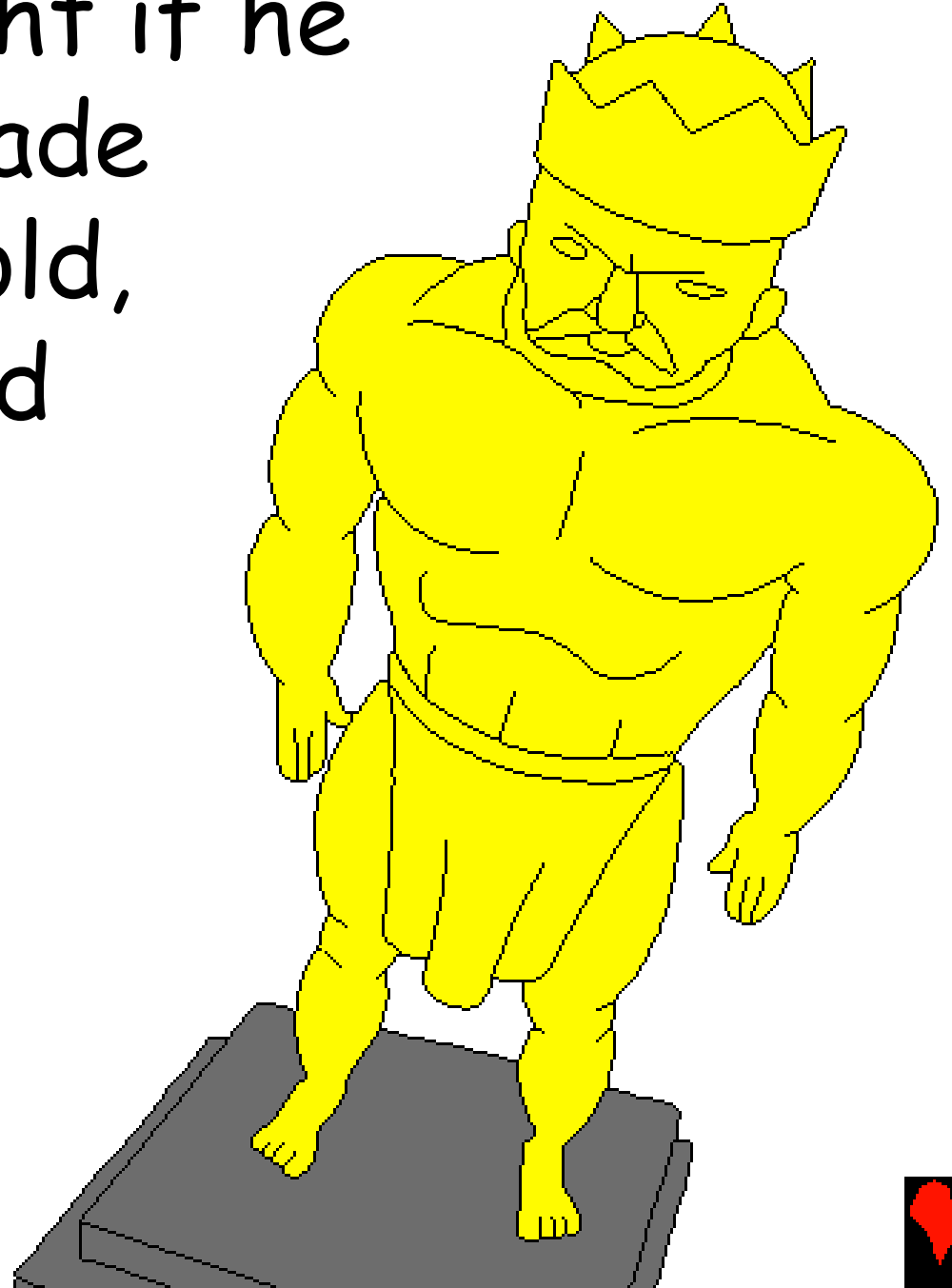
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King Nebuchadnezzar built a huge golden statue. It was gold, from head to foot. Maybe the king had forgotten the dream God sent to tell him his golden kingdom would not last forever.



Maybe he thought if he built a statue made completely of gold, then God's Word in his dream would not come true.



One of the king's servants
read the order to all the
people: " ... you shall fall
down and worship
the golden
statue ... And
whoever does not ...

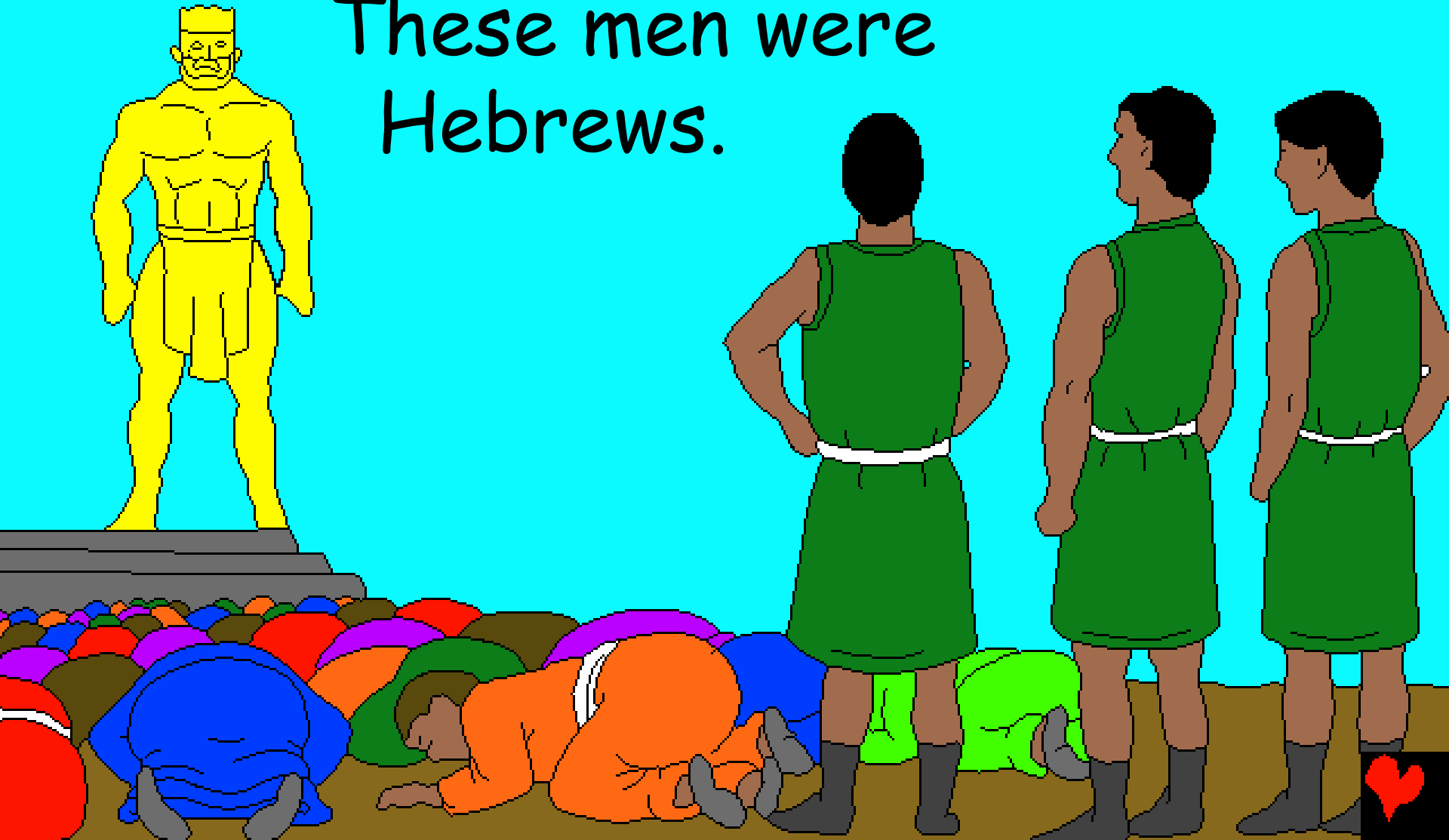


... fall down and worship
will be thrown into the
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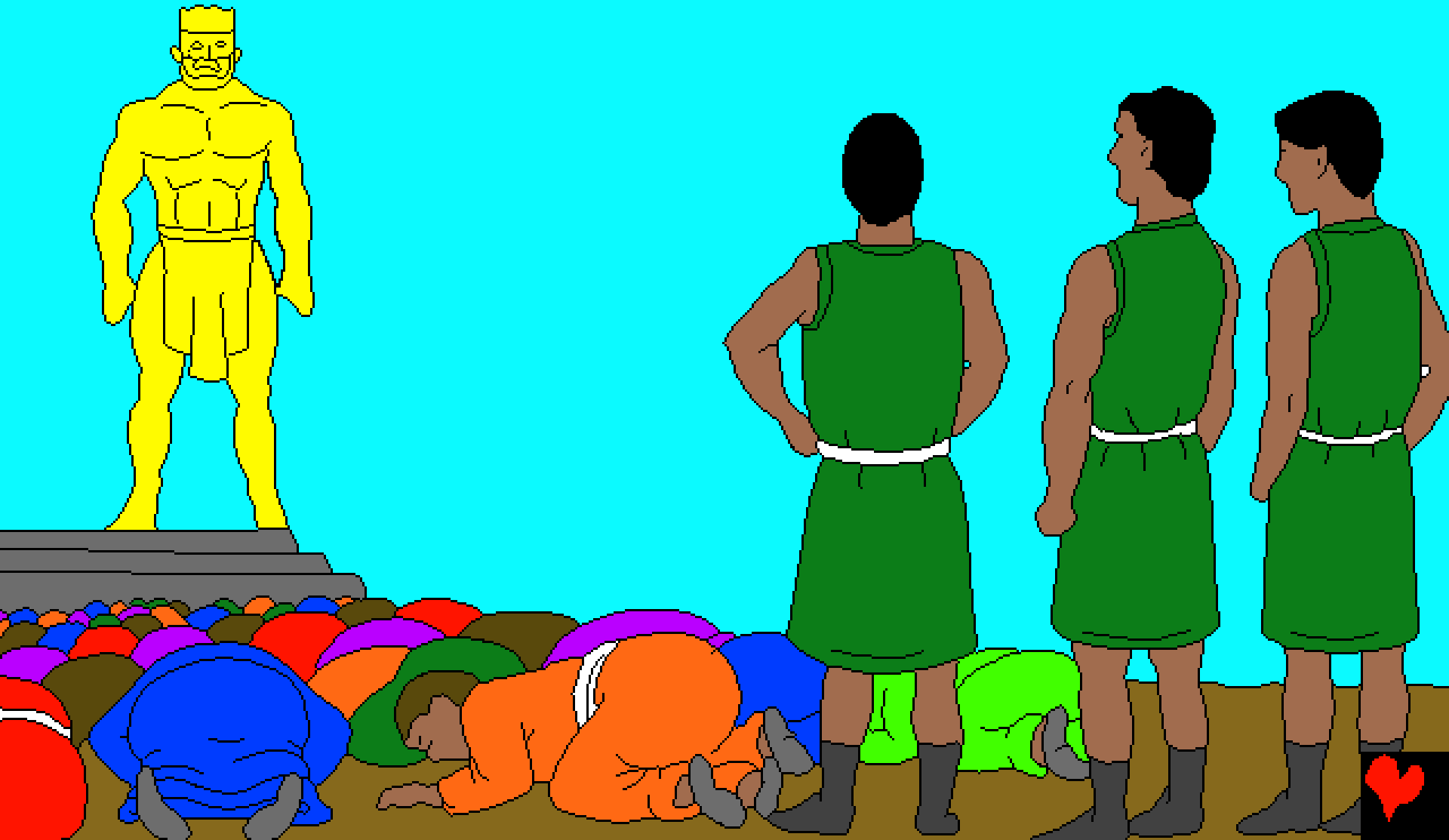


Everybody did what the king
ordered - except for three men.

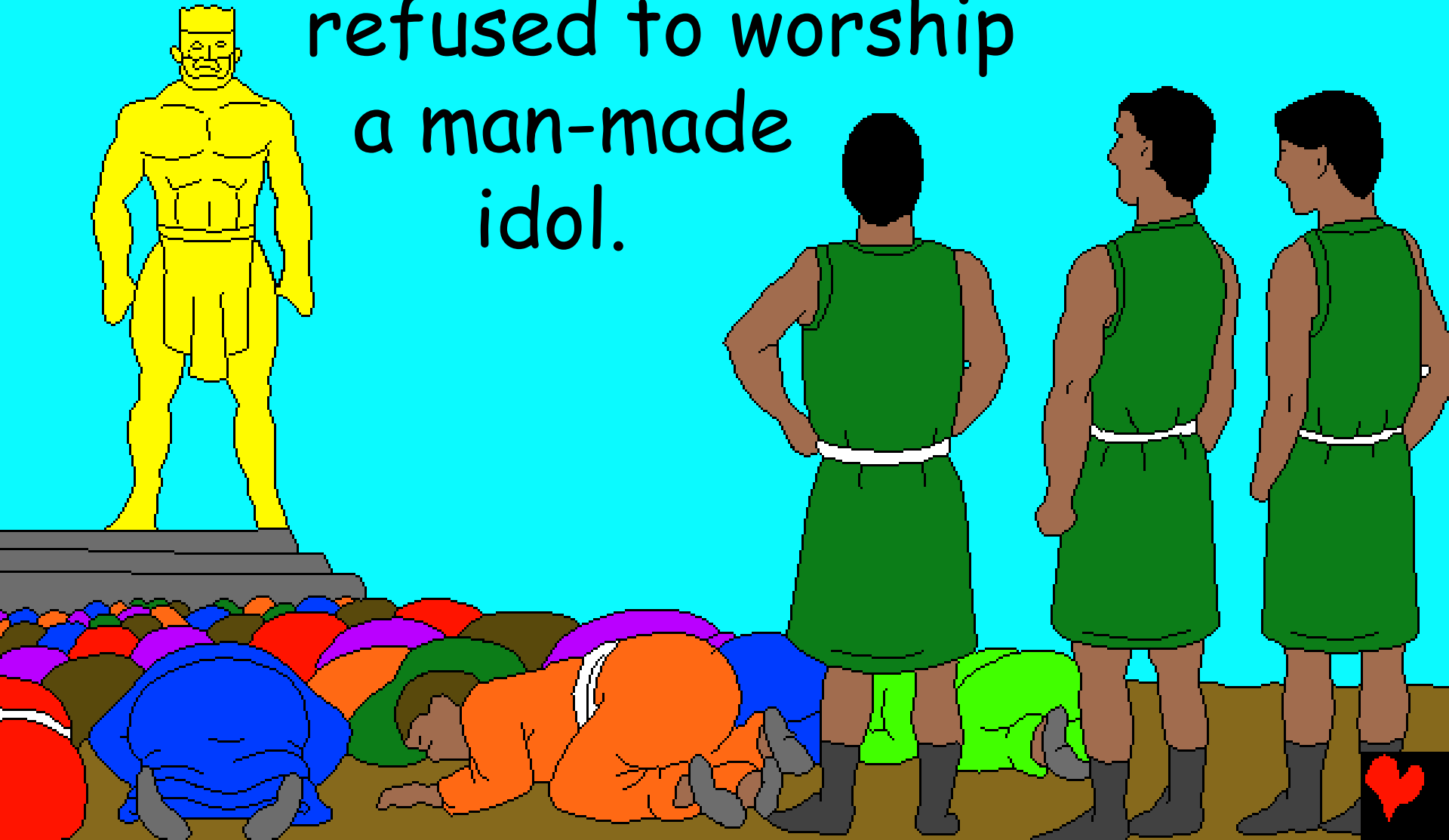
These men were
Hebrews.



They were Shadrach, Meshach, and
Abednego, friends of Daniel.



It seems Daniel wasn't there at the time, for surely he too would have refused to worship a man-made idol.



The king's wise men were jealous of Daniel and his friends because the king liked them.



So they said, "There are three men whom you have placed as rulers over the province of Babylon - Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.



These men, O king, do not obey you.
They do not serve your gods nor
worship the golden statue which
you have set up."



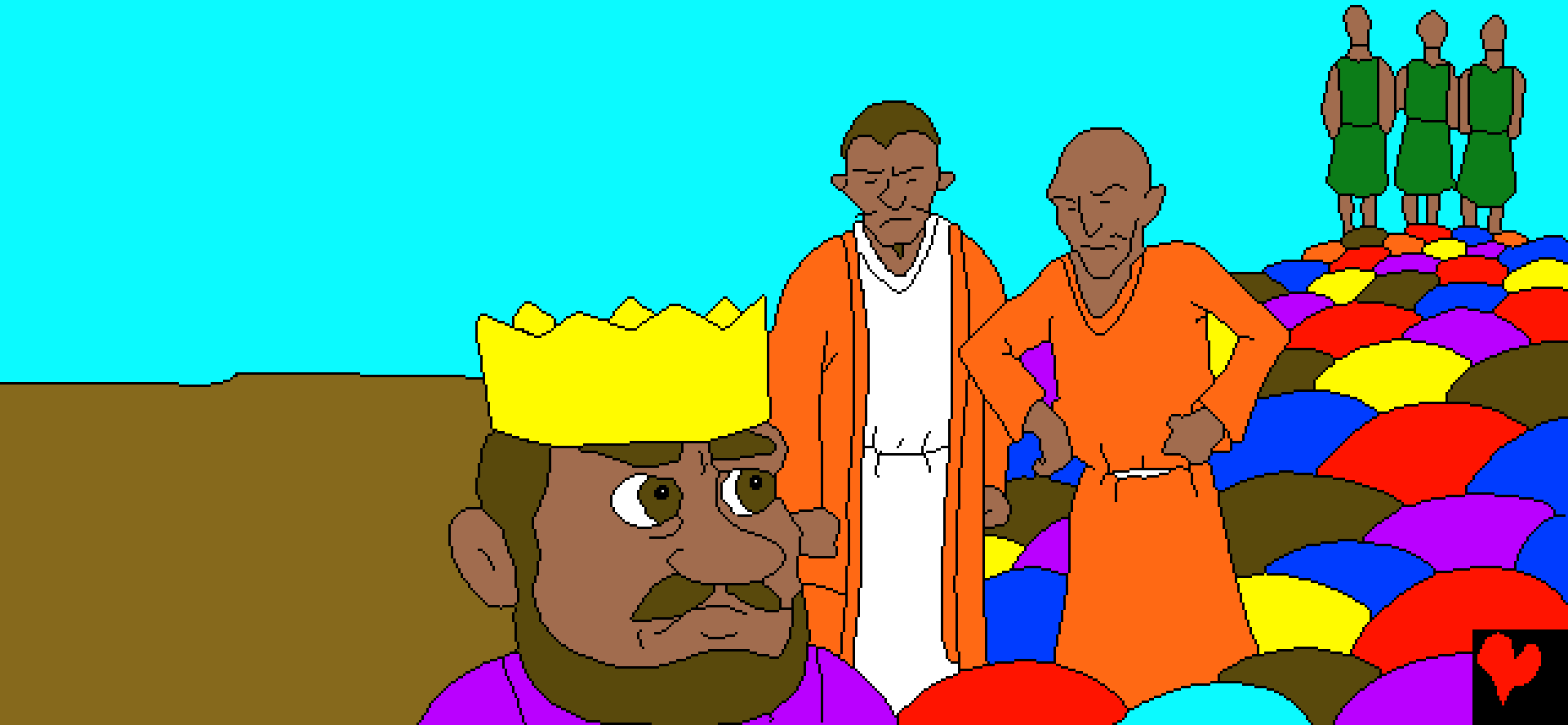
King Nebuchadnezzar was filled with rage. He warned them, "If you do



not worship, you will be thrown into the middle of a burning fiery furnace. And which god will deliver you out of my hand?"



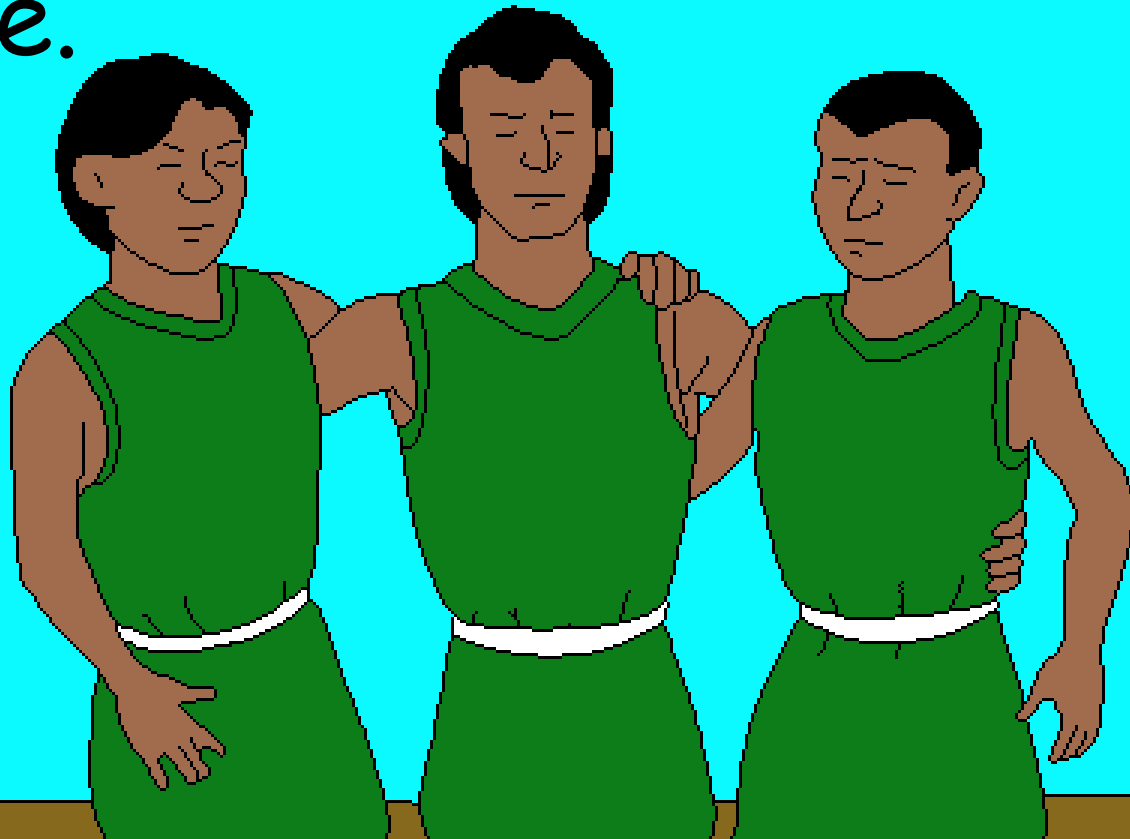
The king was making a big mistake.
He was really challenging the living
God.



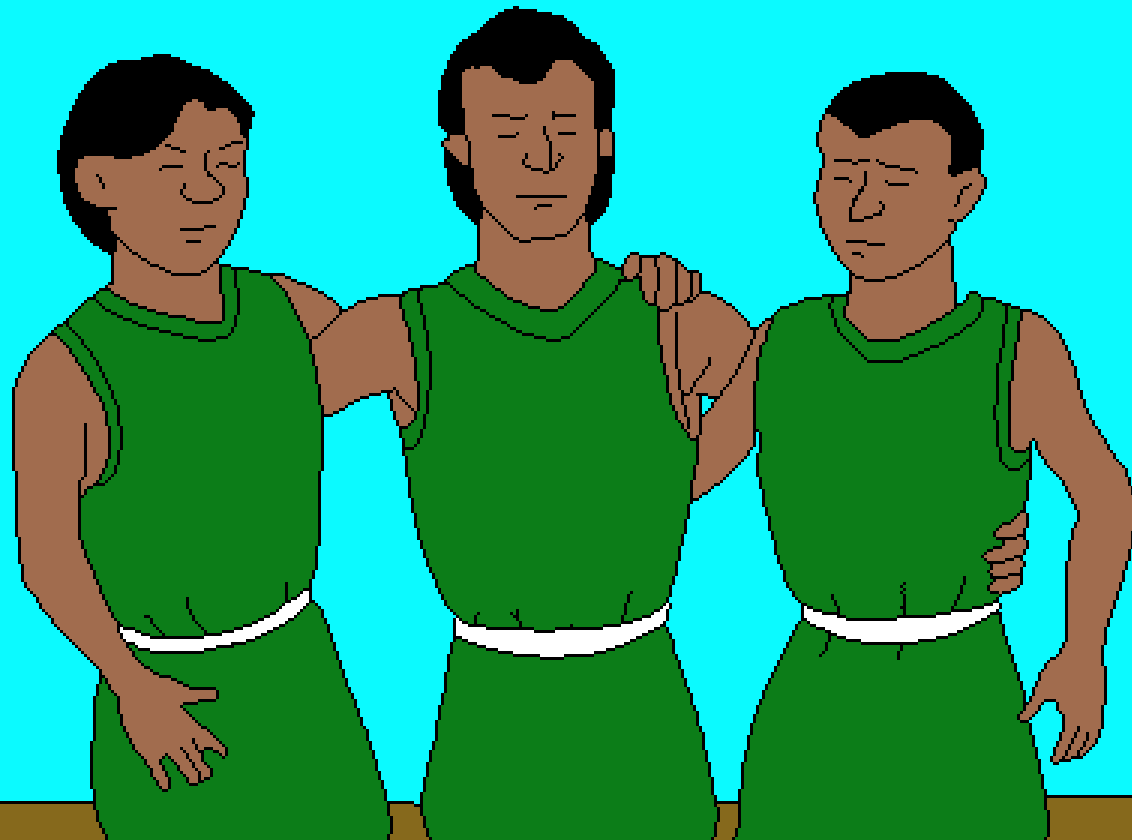
The three Hebrew men knew it was against God's law to worship a statue. They stayed standing. Because they trusted God, they were not afraid of the king.



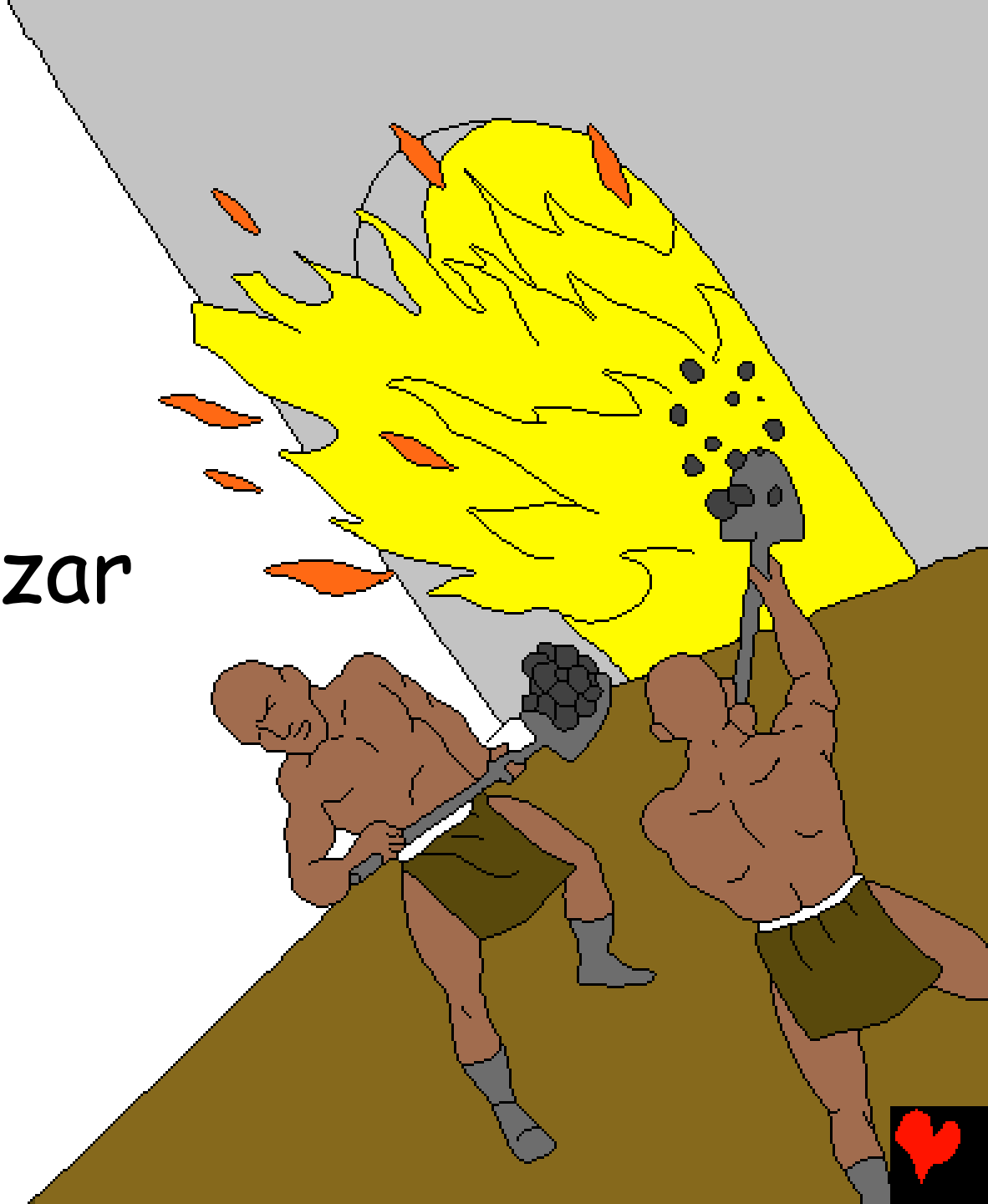
These three brave men had an answer for the king. They said, "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace."



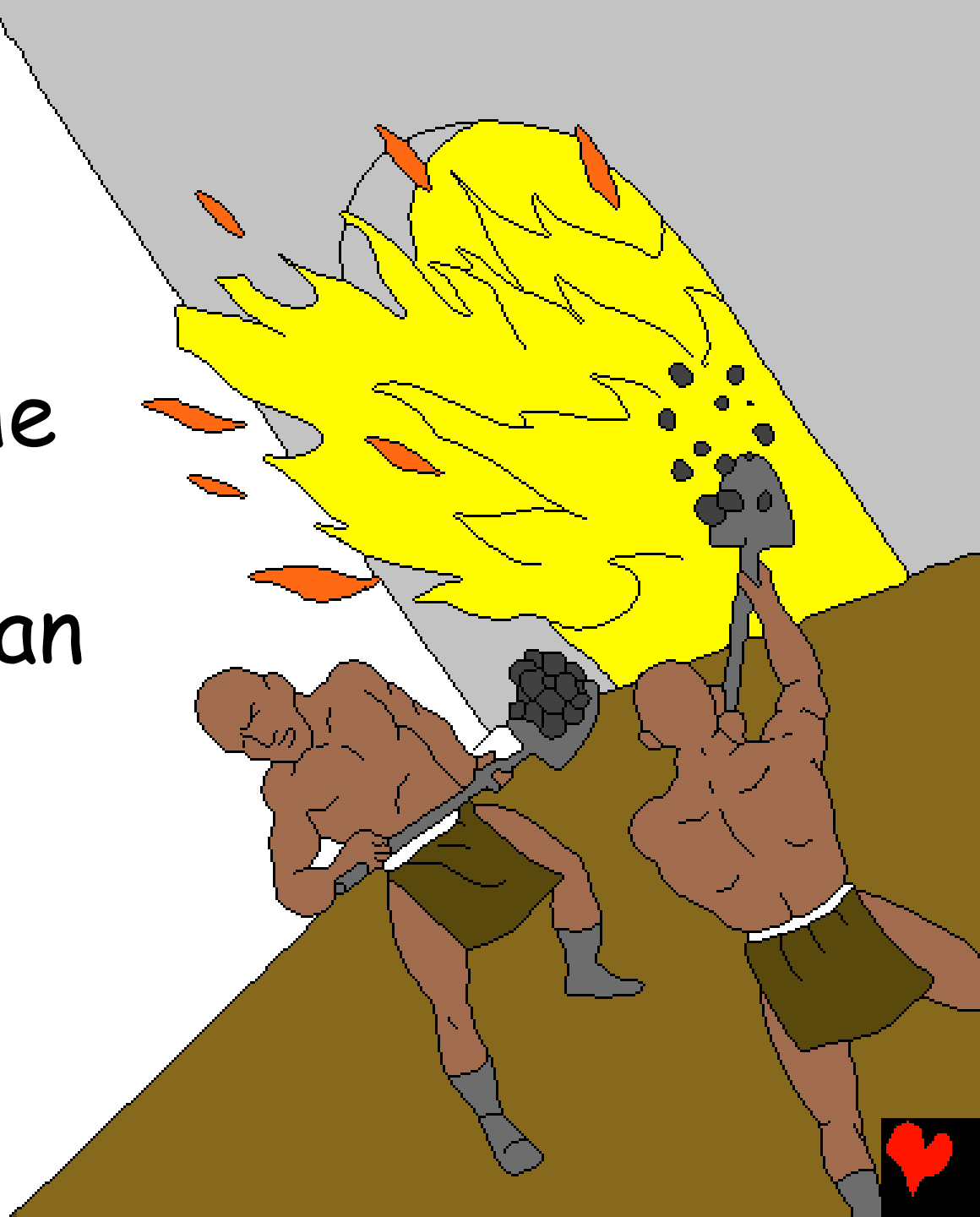
But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods nor worship the golden statue which you have set up."



King
Nebuchadnezzar
was furious!



He commanded that they should heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated. Still the men would not kneel.



The king commanded
mighty men
in his
army

to tie
up ...



... Shadrach, Meshach, and
Abednego,
and to
throw



them
into
the
burning fiery furnace.



The furnace was so hot that the men who threw Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego into the fire were killed by the heat.



The king watched from a safe distance. He saw the three men being thrown right into the middle of the blazing furnace. But that's not all he saw.



King Nebuchadnezzar was amazed! "Did we not throw three men bound into the middle of the fire?" he asked his helpers. "Yes," they replied.



He said, "Look! I see four men loose, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt.

And the fourth one is like the Son of God!"



Moving close to the door
of the burning fiery
furnace, the king
cried out, ...



... "Shadrach, Meshach,
and Abednego, servants
of the Most High
God, come out!"



Then Shadrach, Meshach,
and Abednego, came
out of the fiery
furnace.



Everybody gathered around and examined the three Hebrews. They had seen that the fire had no power to burn them.



Their hair wasn't scorched and their clothes were not burned. There was not even the smell of fire on them.



When he realized what had happened, King Nebuchadnezzar did something very wise.



He prayed, and said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent His Angel and has delivered His servants who trusted in Him."



The Men Who Would Not Bend

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

Daniel 3

"The entrance of Your Word 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

