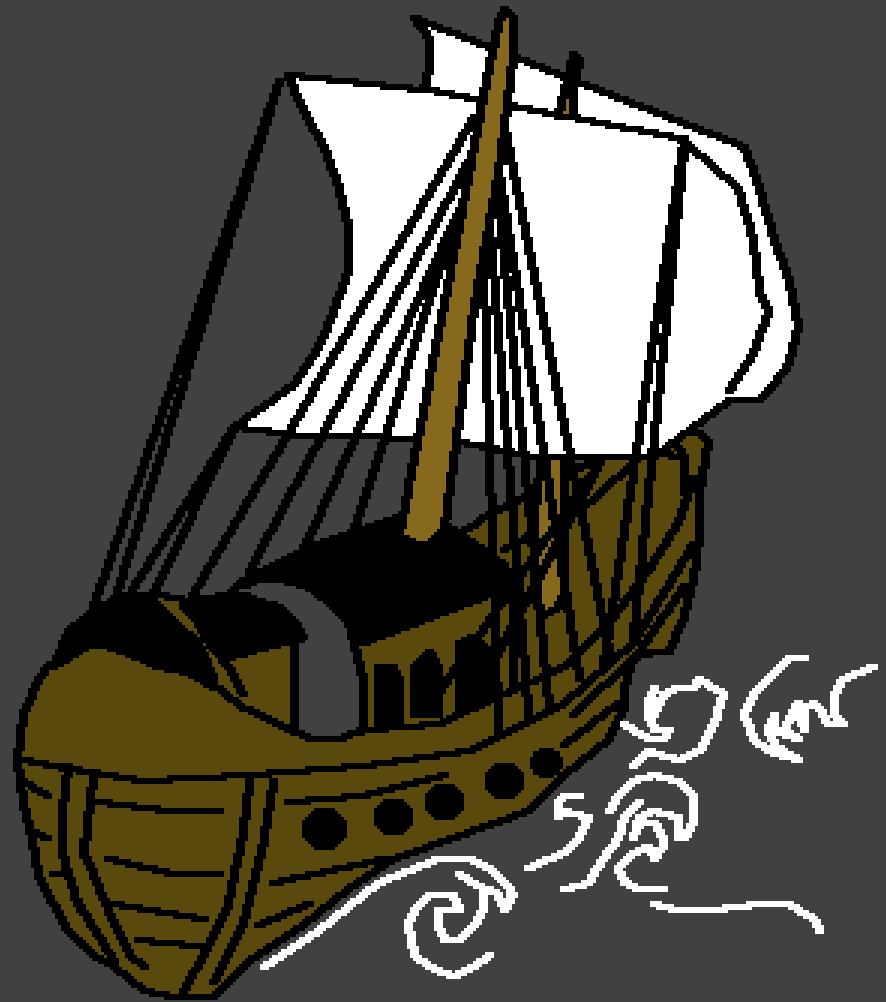


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PAUL'S
AMAZING
TRAVELS



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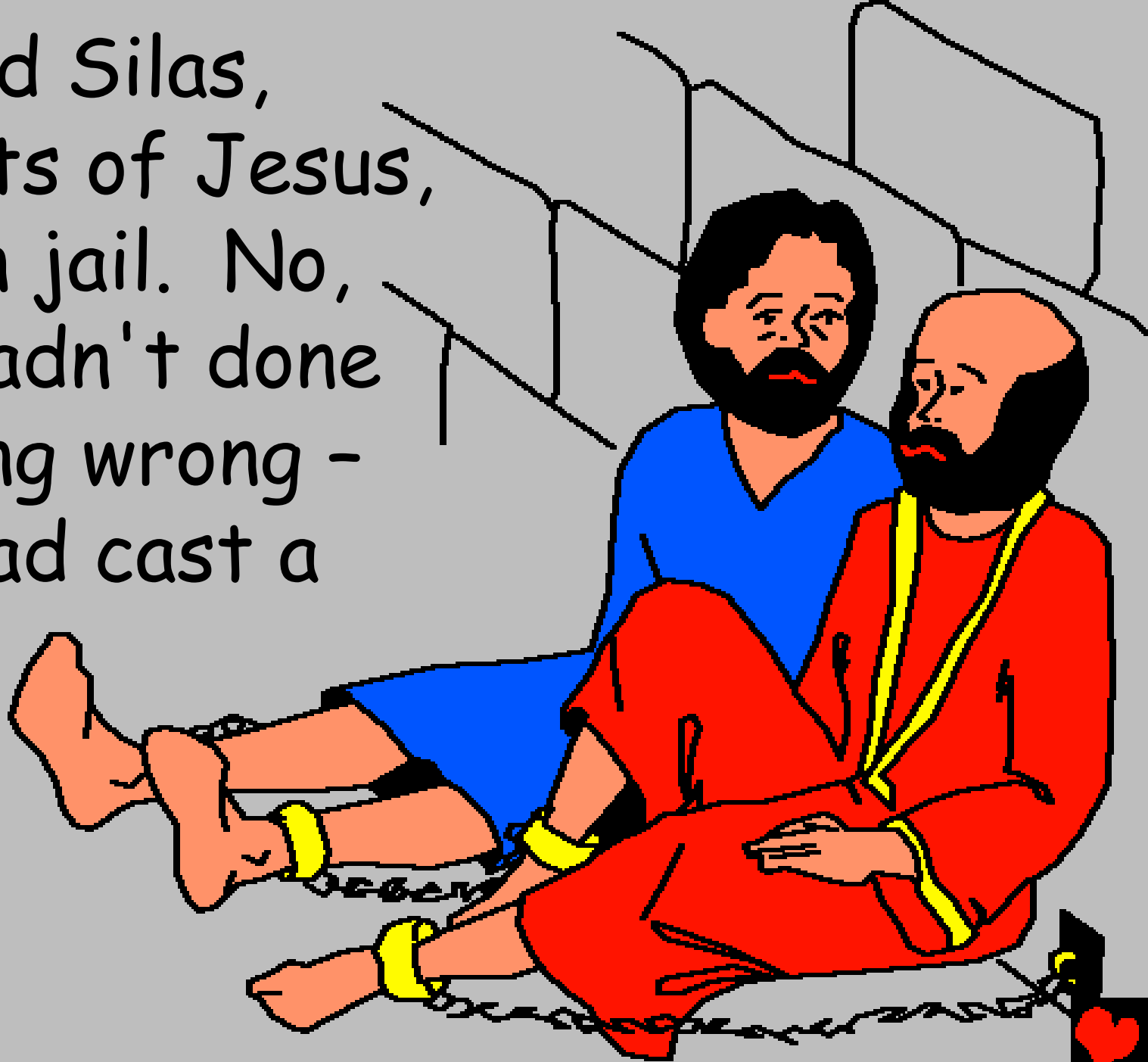
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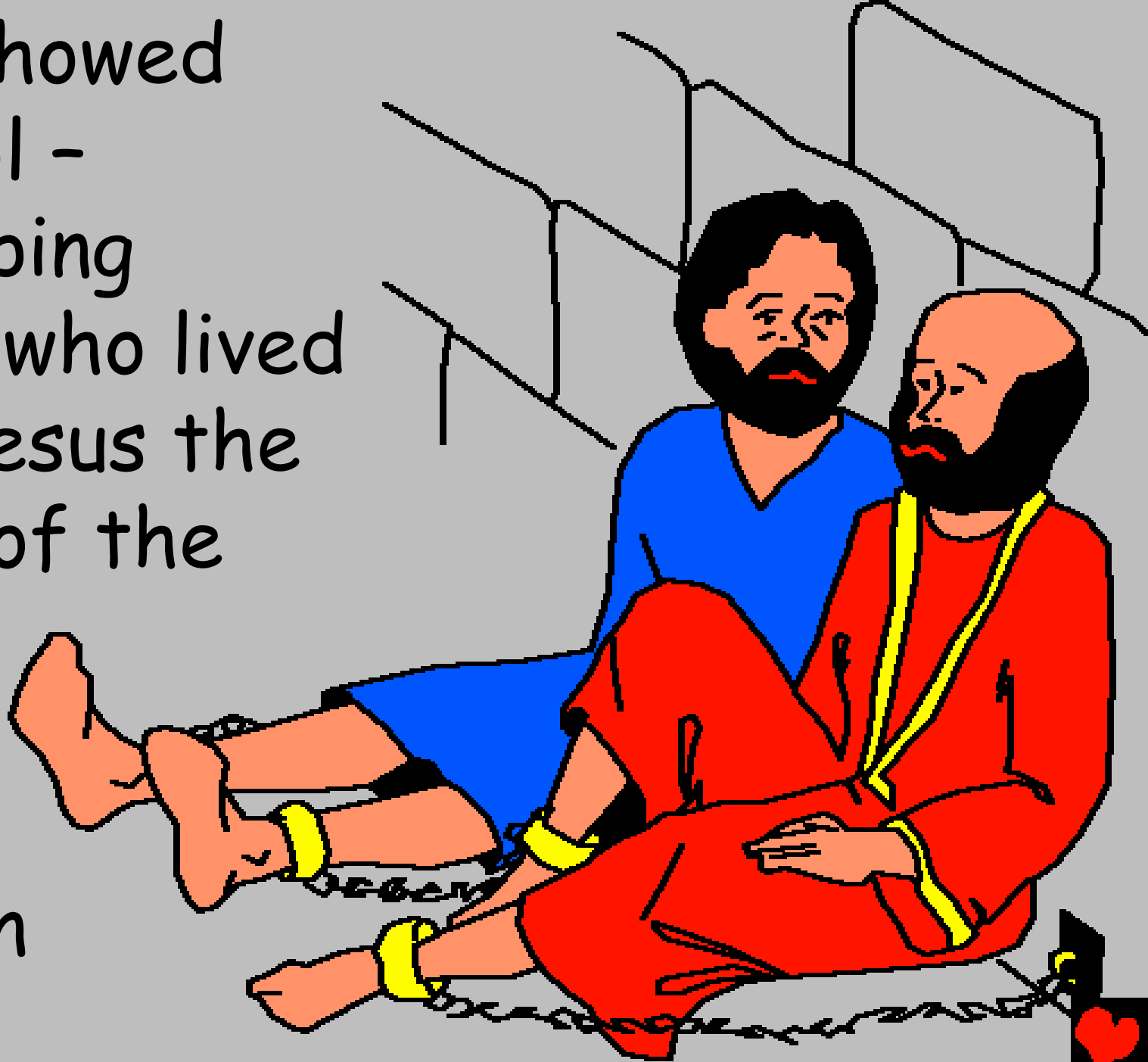
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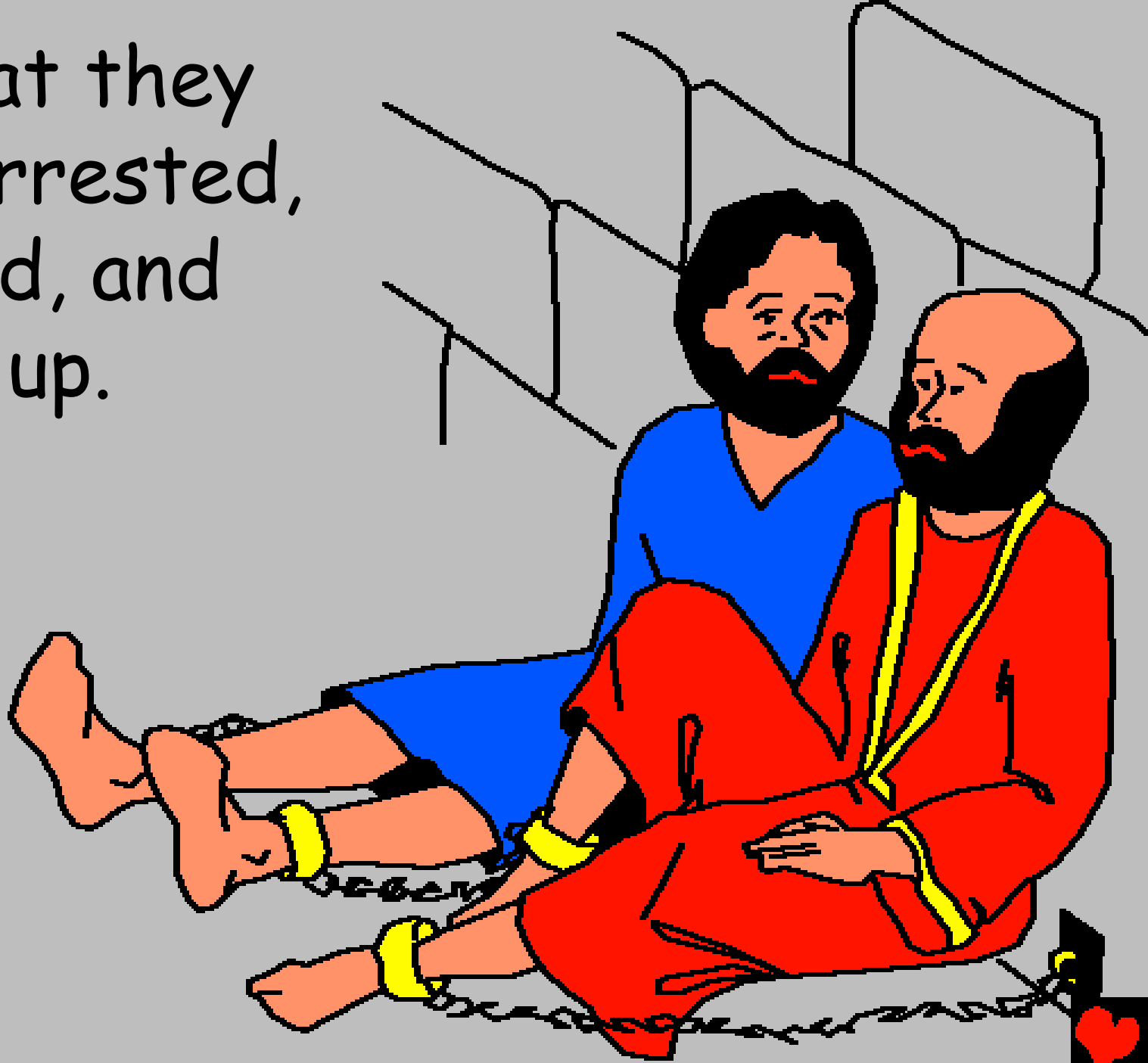
Paul and Silas,
servants of Jesus,
were in jail. No,
they hadn't done
anything wrong -
they had cast a
demon
out
of a
woman.




They showed
the idol -
worshiping
people who lived
at Ephesus the
power of the
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God
and
His Son
Jesus.

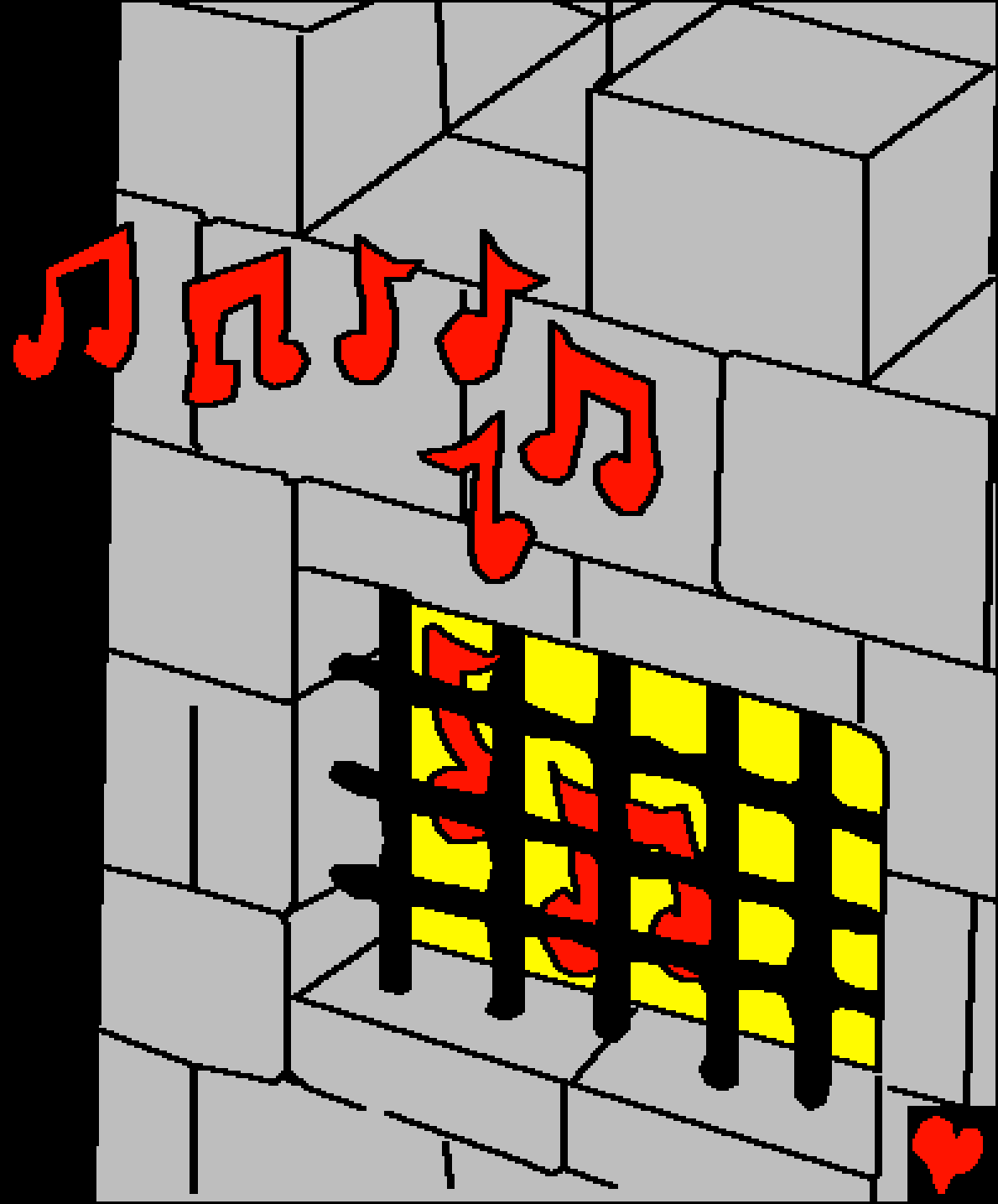


For that they
were arrested,
whipped, and
locked up.

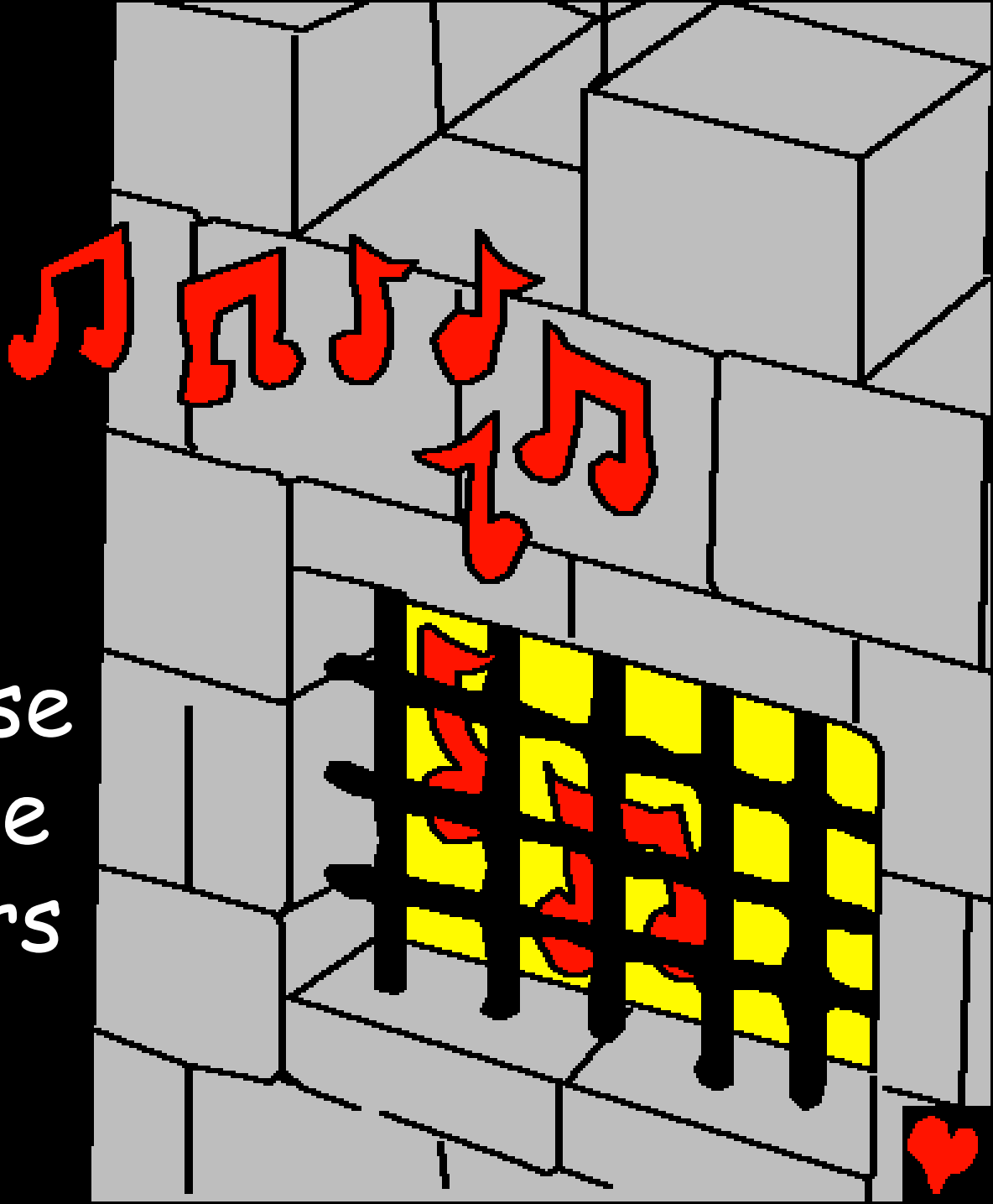




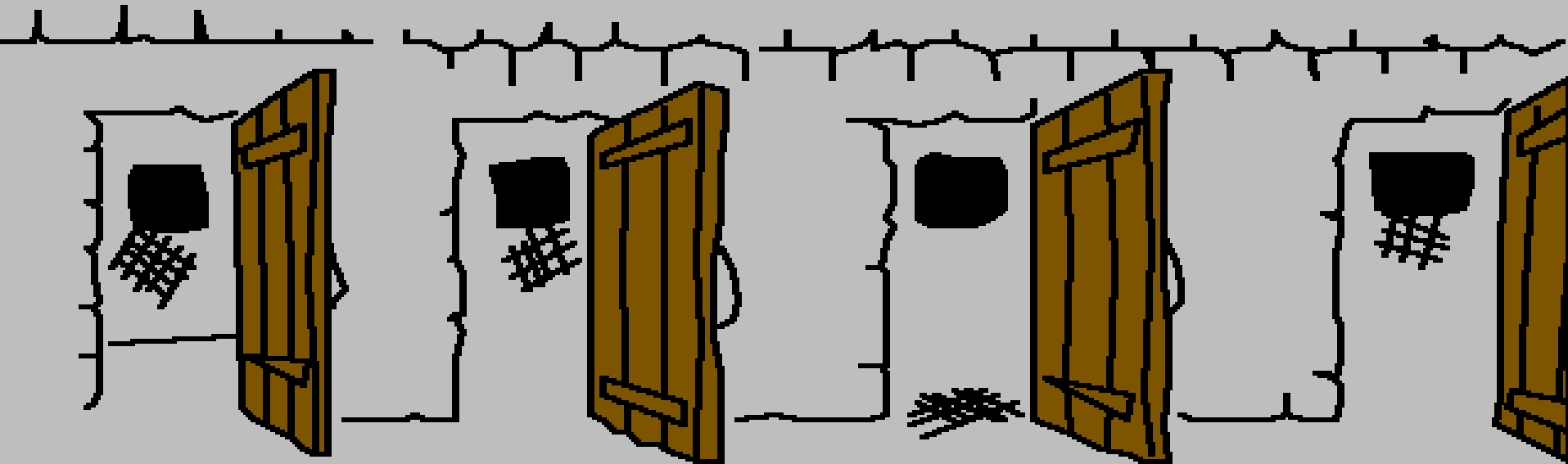
You might expect Paul and Silas to be angry and bitter. But they weren't.



In fact, at midnight they sat up singing hymns of praise to God! All the other prisoners and the jailer heard them.



Suddenly, the singing stopped. God sent an EARTHQUAKE to shake the prison. All the doors were opened. Everyone's chains were loosed.





Oh - oh! The jailer was sure all the prisoners had run away in the commotion. If even one escaped, the jailer would be punished by death.





Sadly, the poor jailer pulled out his sword. He may as well kill himself and get it over with.

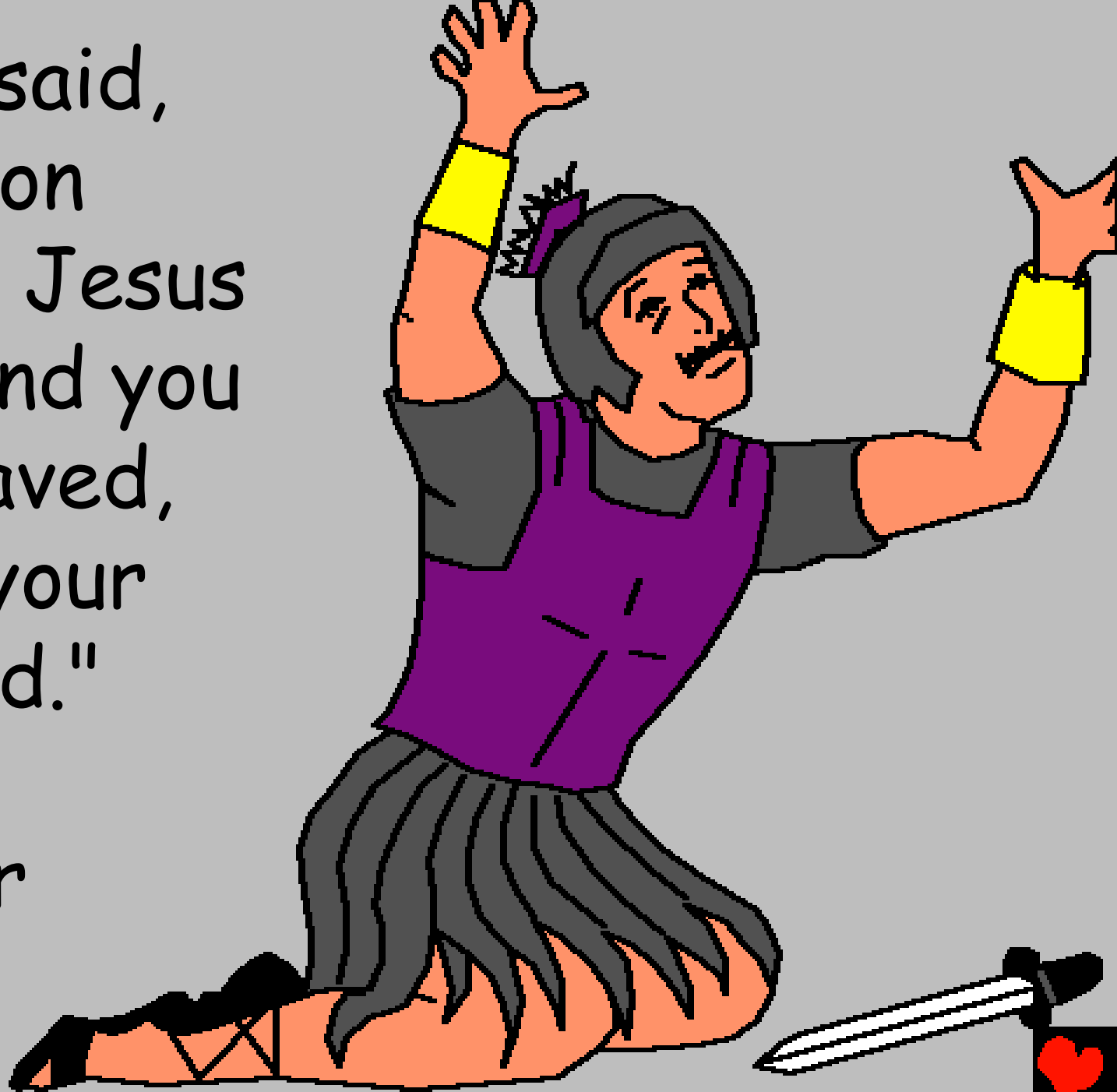


But Paul called out,
"Do yourself no
harm, for we are
all here." When
the jailer saw
that, he said,
"Sirs, what
must I do to
be saved?"



So they said,
"Believe on
the Lord Jesus
Christ, and you
will be saved,
you and your
household."

Joyfully,
the jailer
believed.





Released
the next day,
Paul and Silas
traveled to
many other
cities, telling
people about
Jesus.





Some people believed, others tried to hurt them. But God was with His servants. One night, Paul preached for hours.



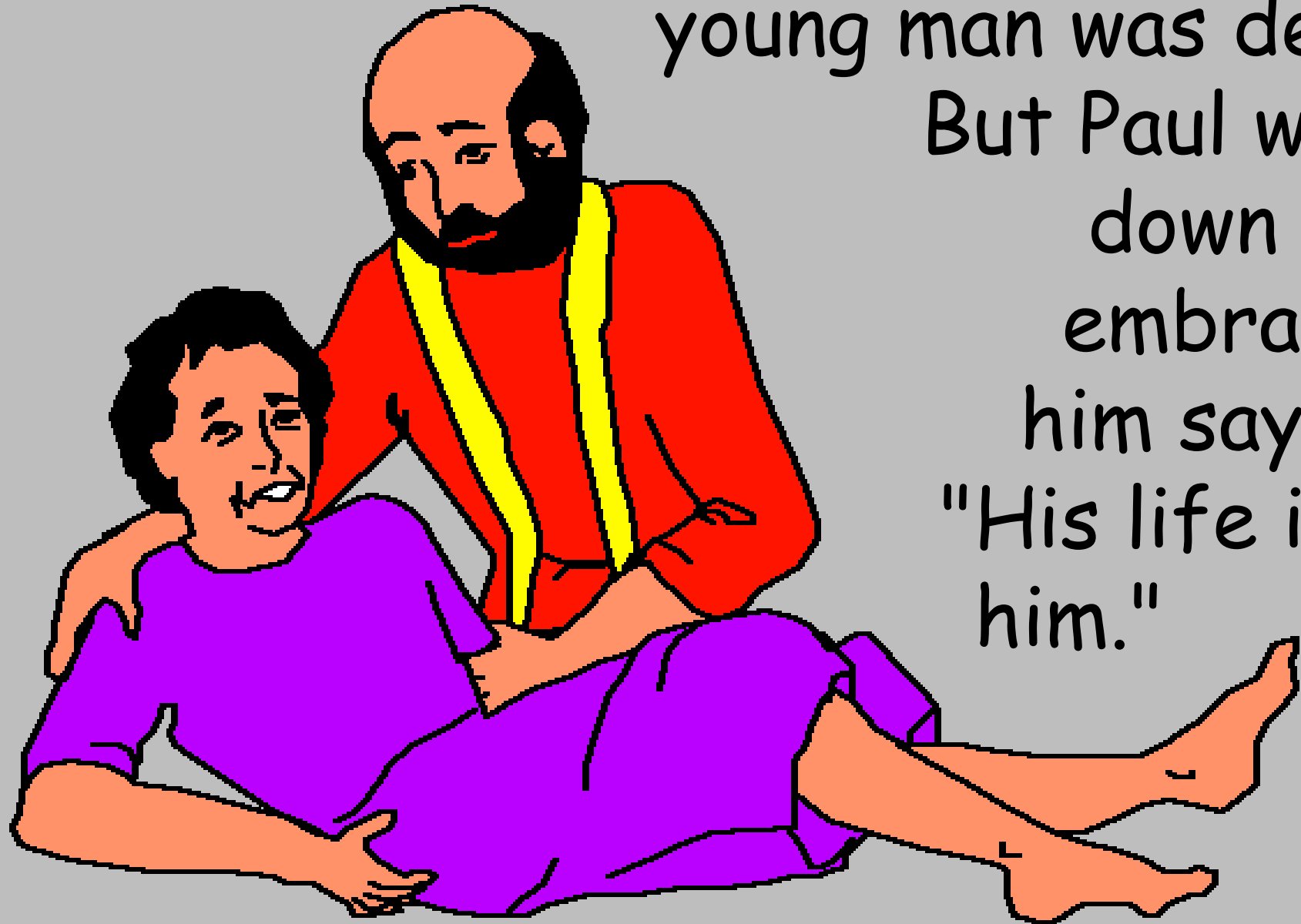


A young man sitting by an open window fell asleep. You can guess what happened.



Everybody knew the young man was dead.

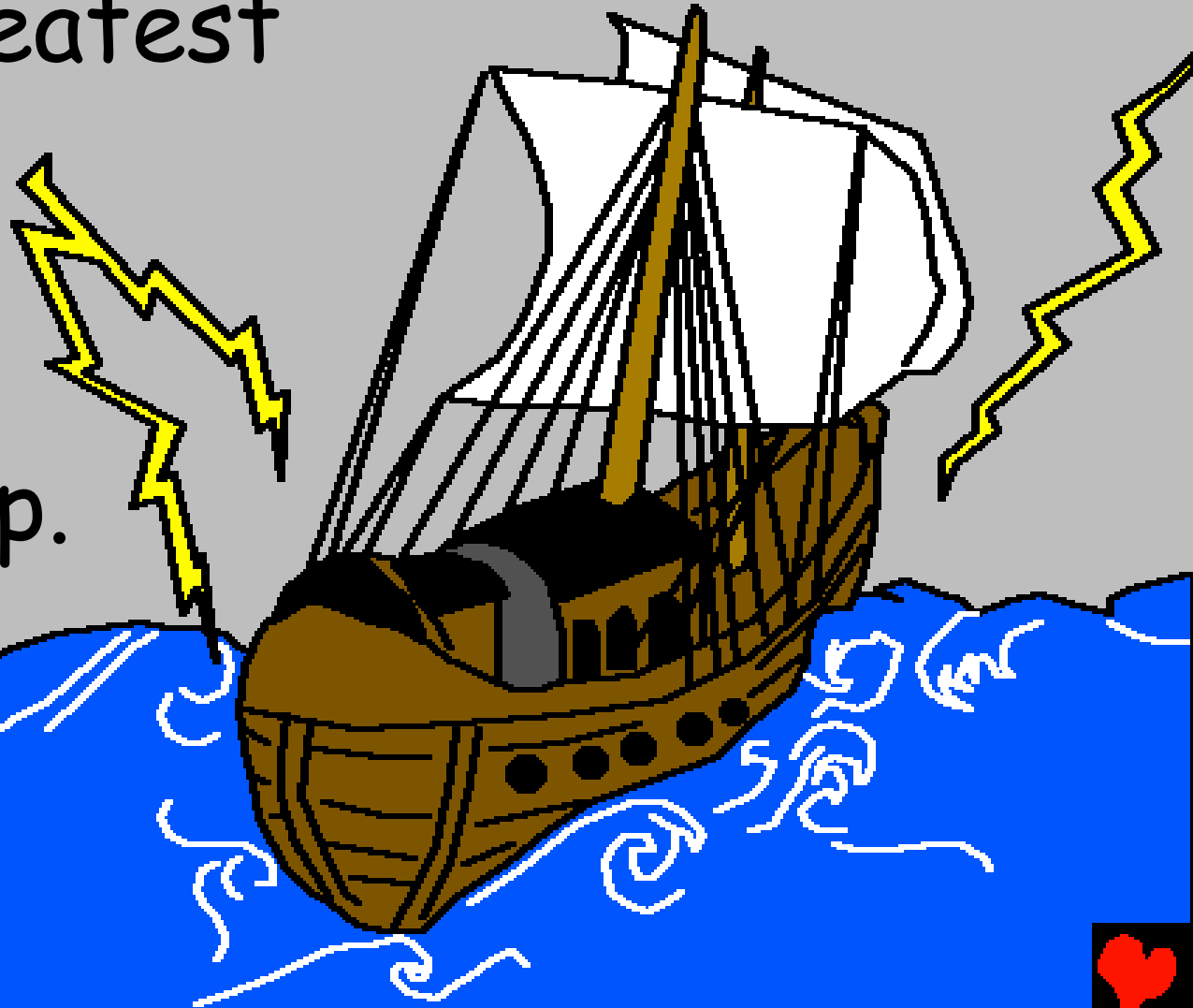
But Paul went down and embraced him saying, "His life is in him."



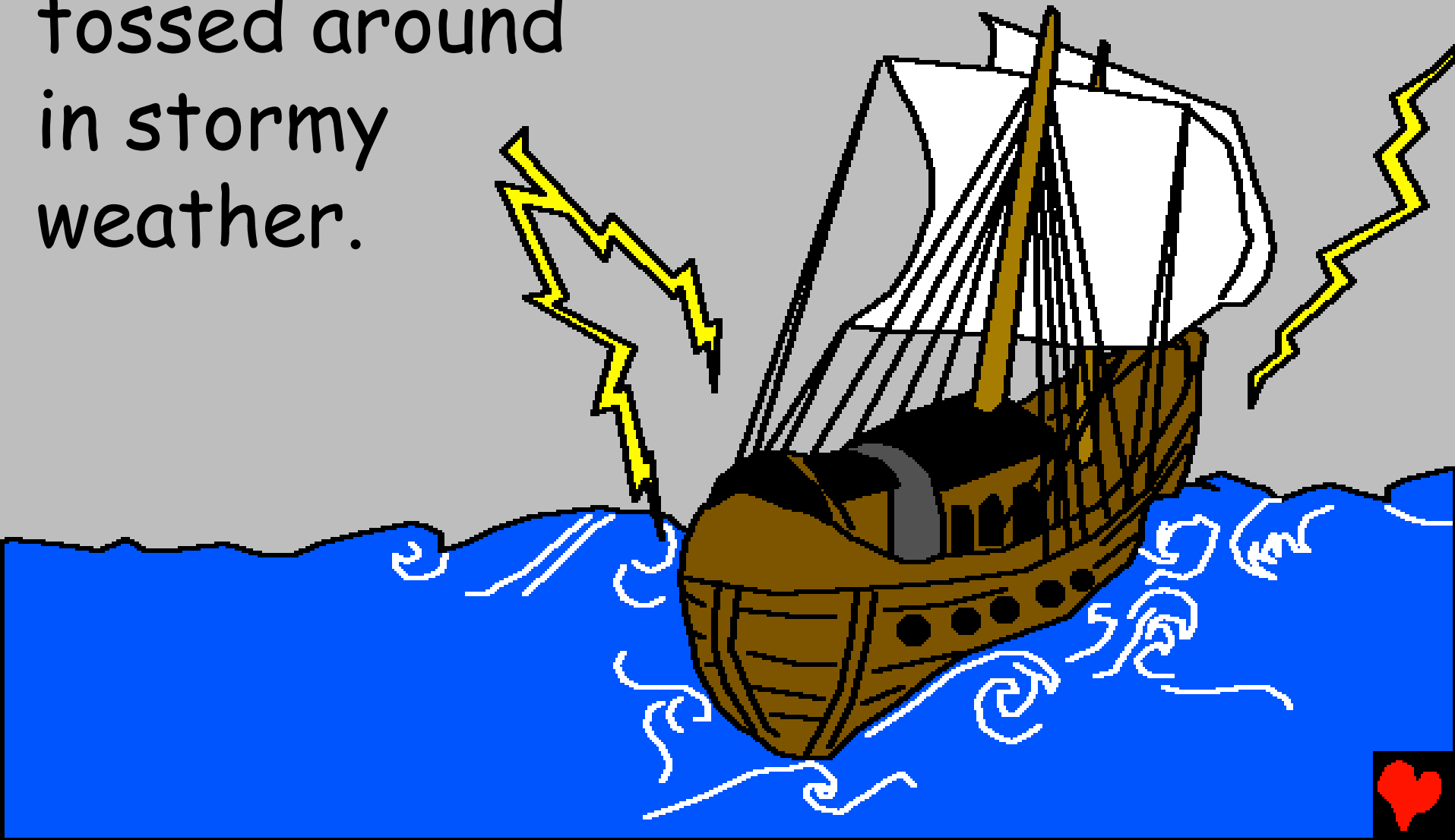
They brought the
young man in
alive, and they
were very
happy.

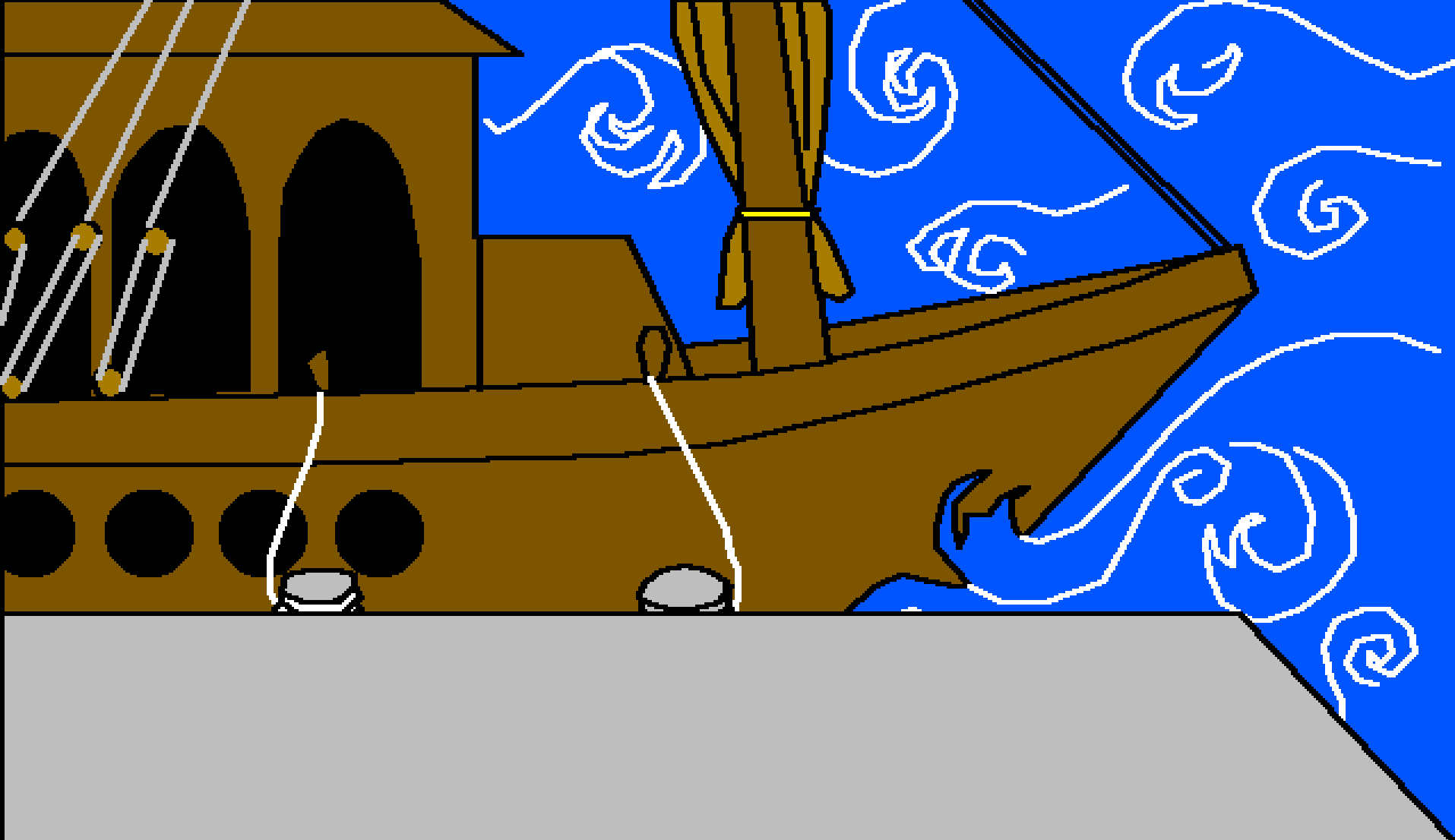


Paul and Silas had many adventures as they traveled in Europe. One of Paul's greatest adventures happened when he was on a ship.



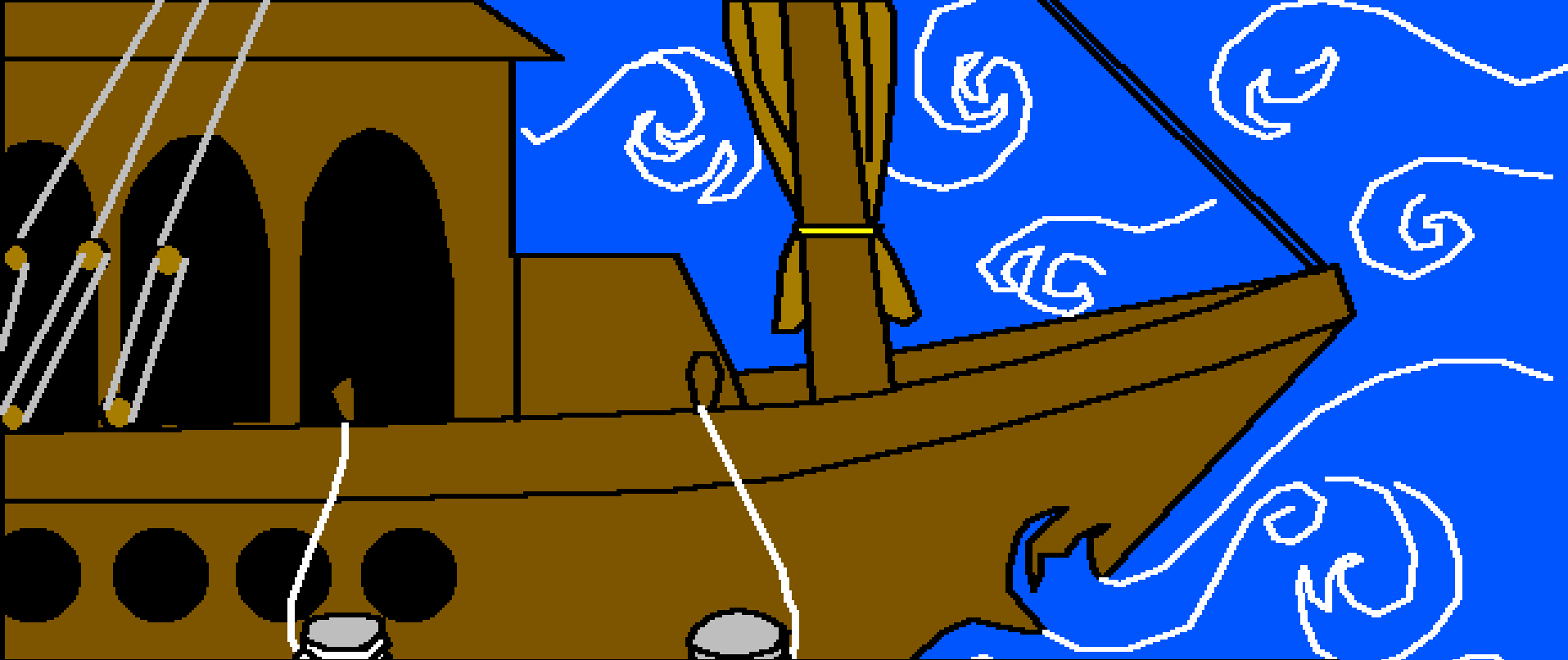
These weren't steel ocean liners,
but sail boats, easily
tossed around
in stormy
weather.





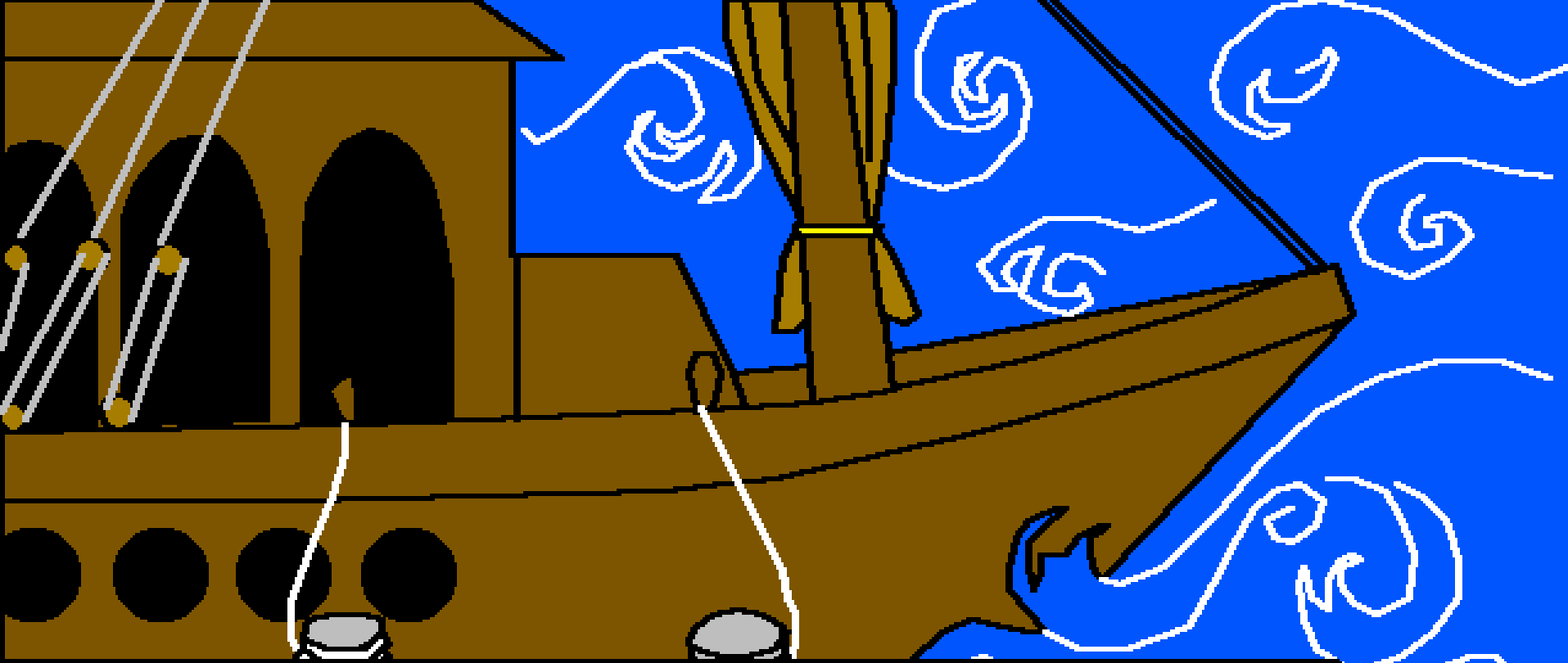
Paul was on the ship because he had been arrested again.





Now he had to appear before the emperor in Rome, the capital city of the world. High winds slowed the ship down.

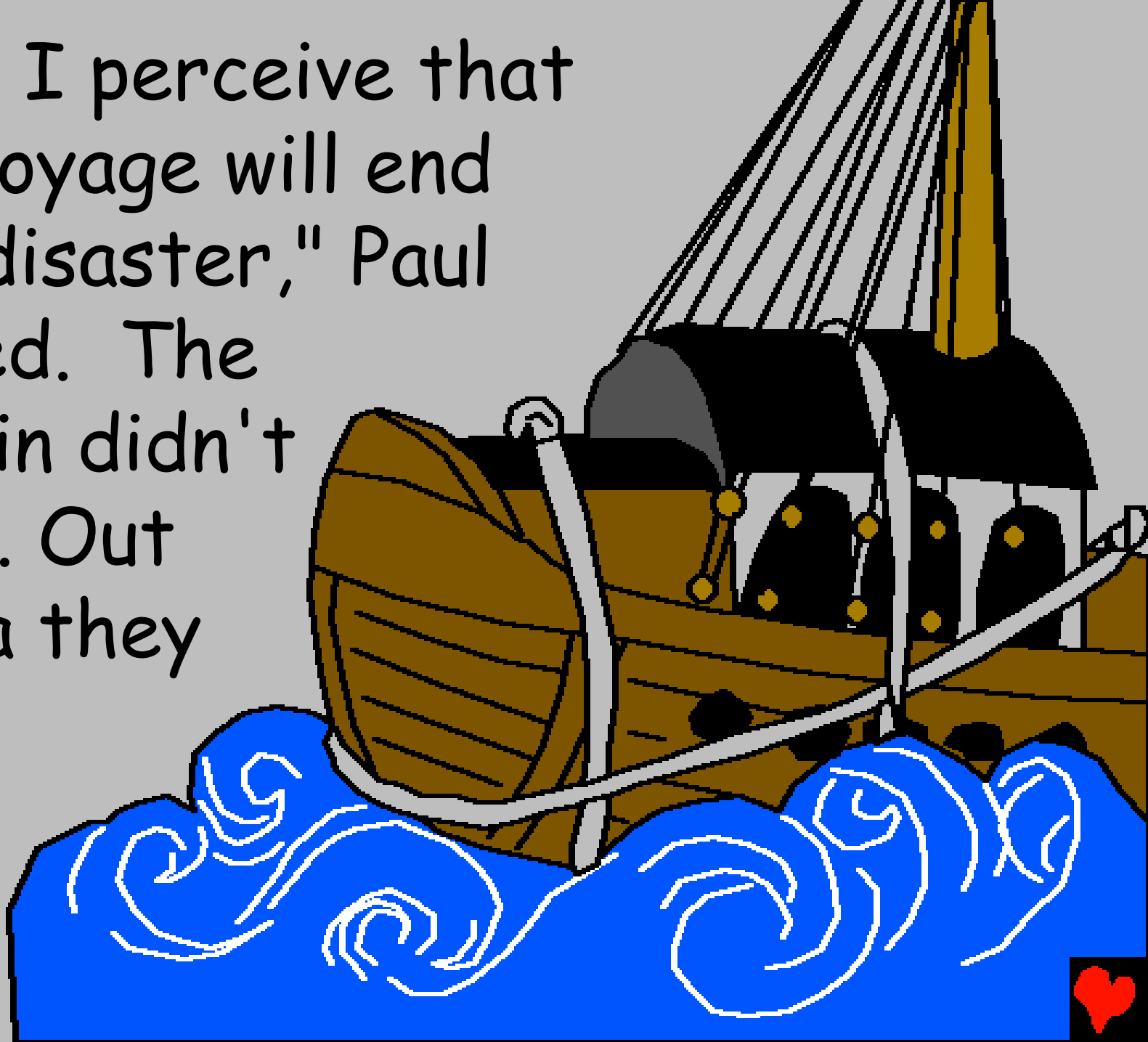




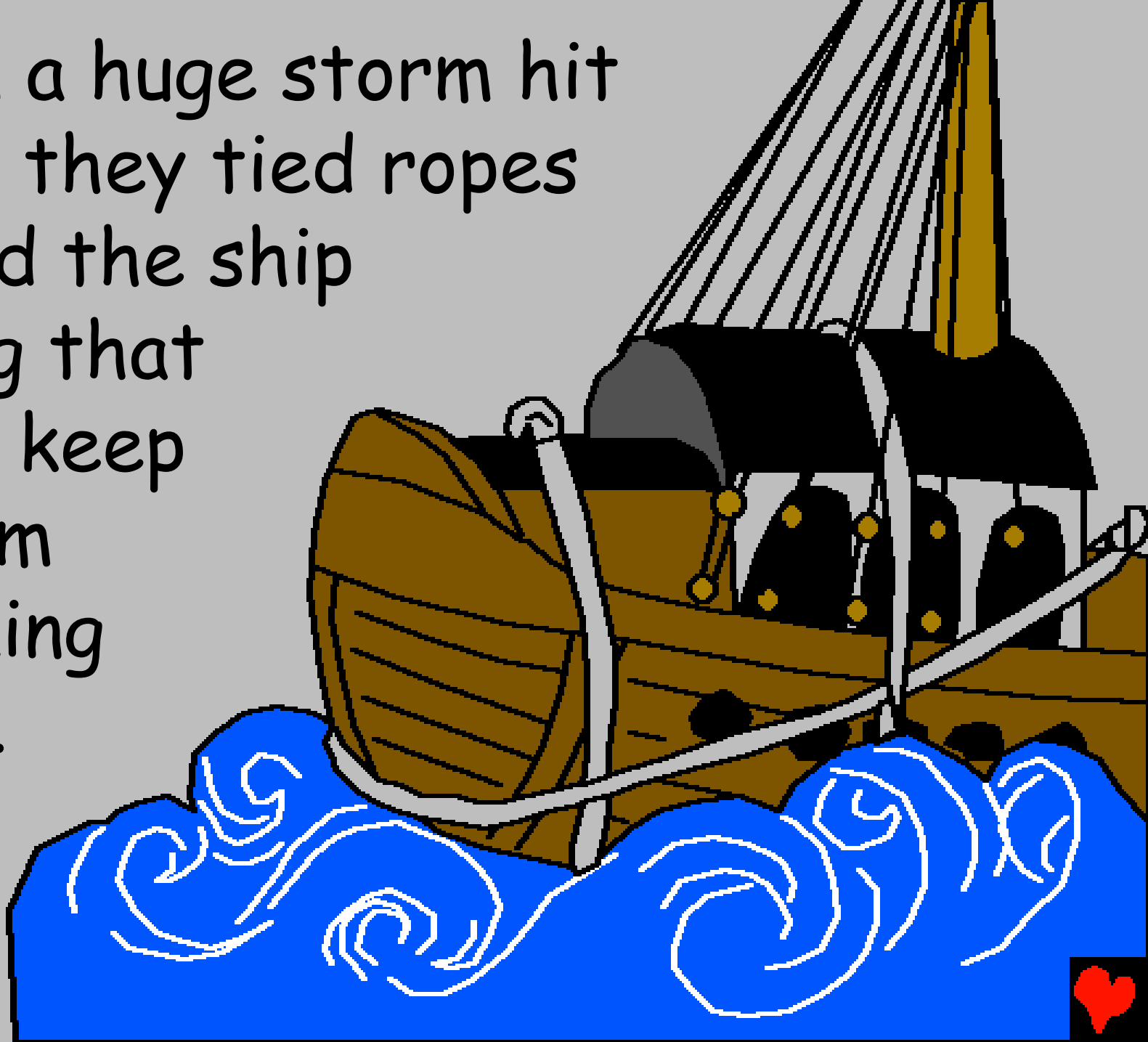
It looked like stormy weather was ahead. It was a rough trip for Paul and the other prisoners, as well as the crew.



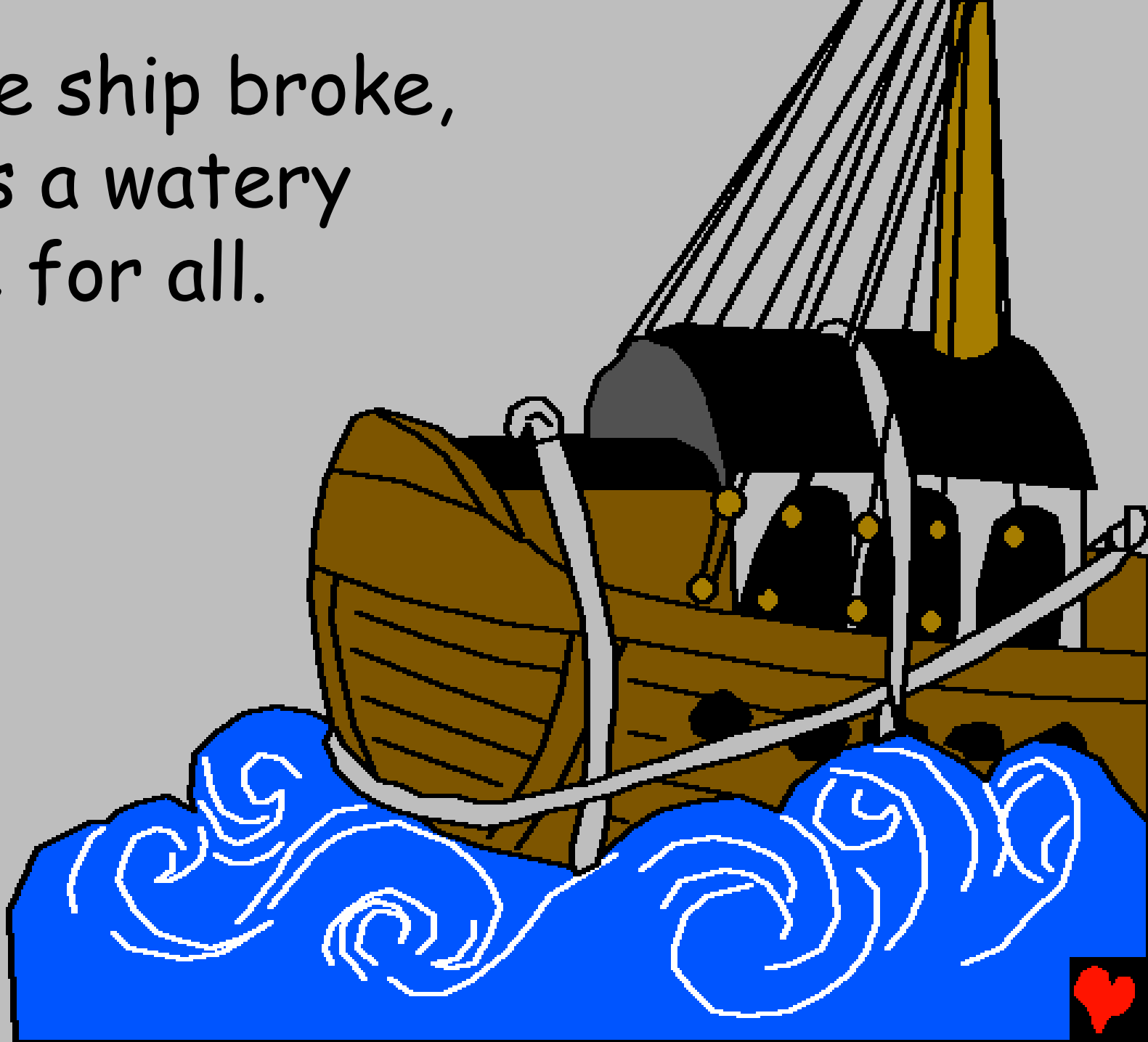
"Men, I perceive that this voyage will end with disaster," Paul warned. The captain didn't listen. Out to sea they went.



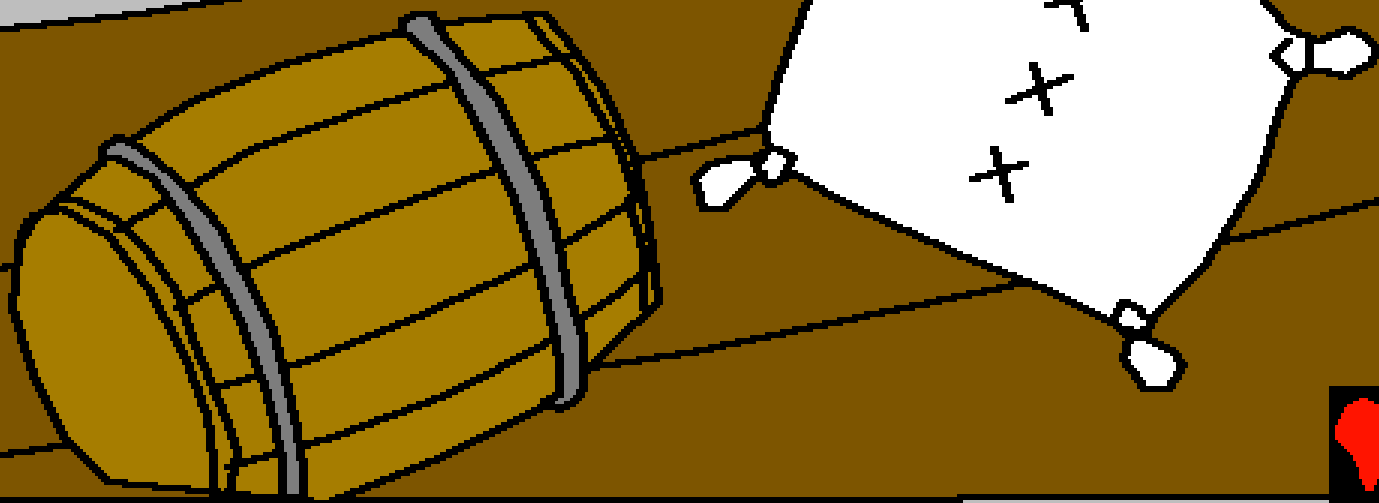
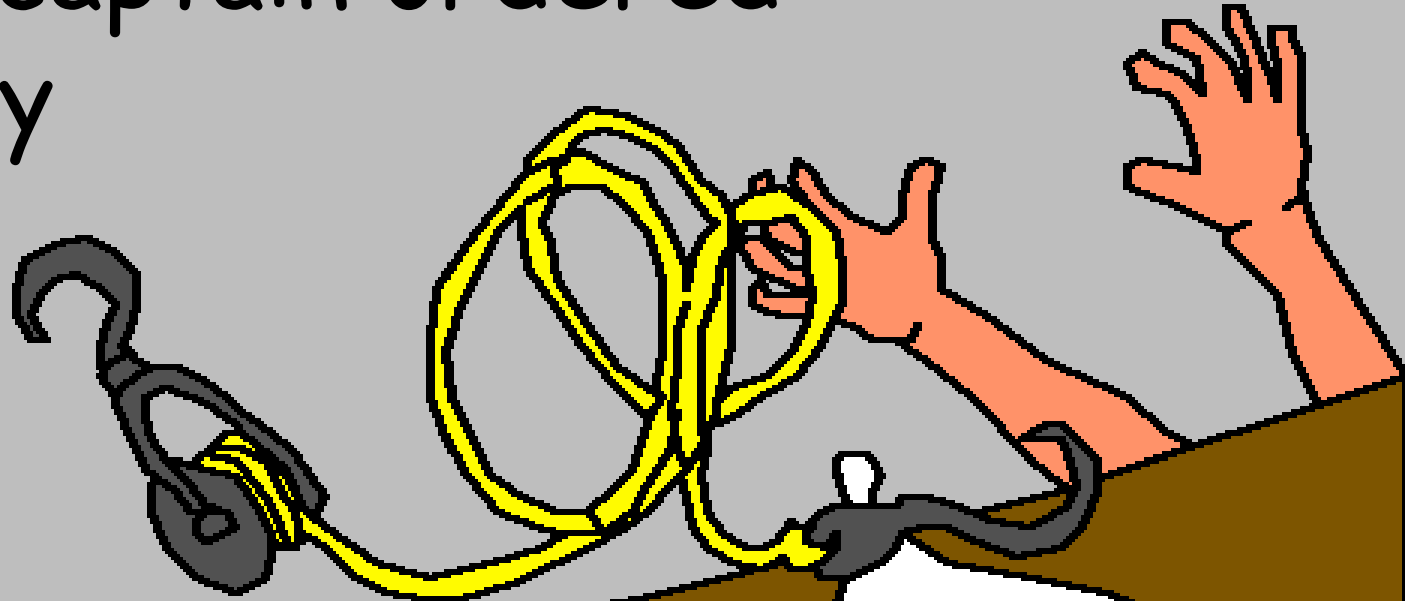
When a huge storm hit them, they tied ropes around the ship hoping that would keep it from breaking apart.



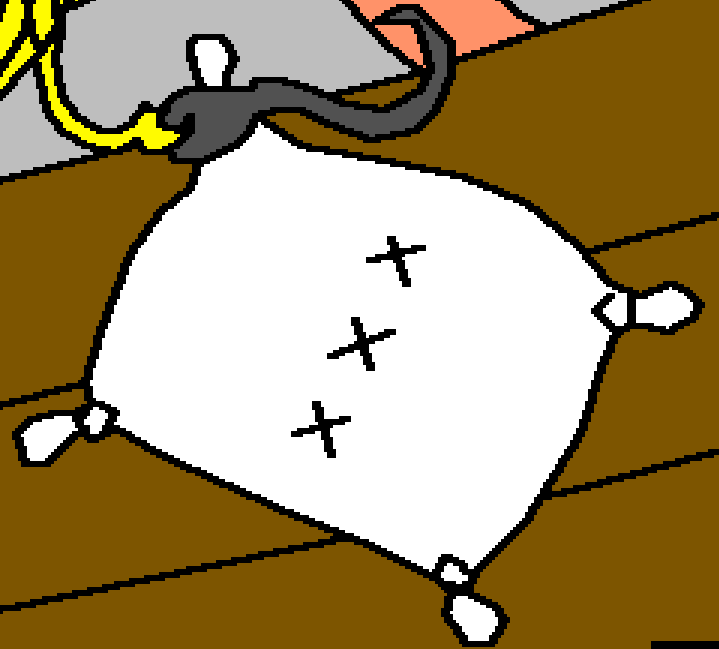
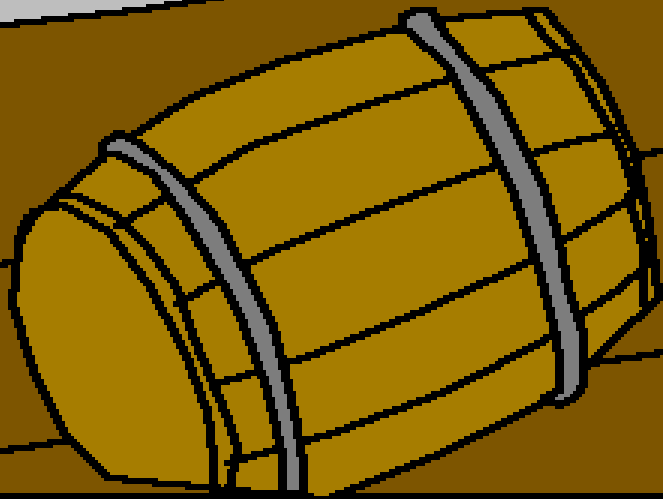
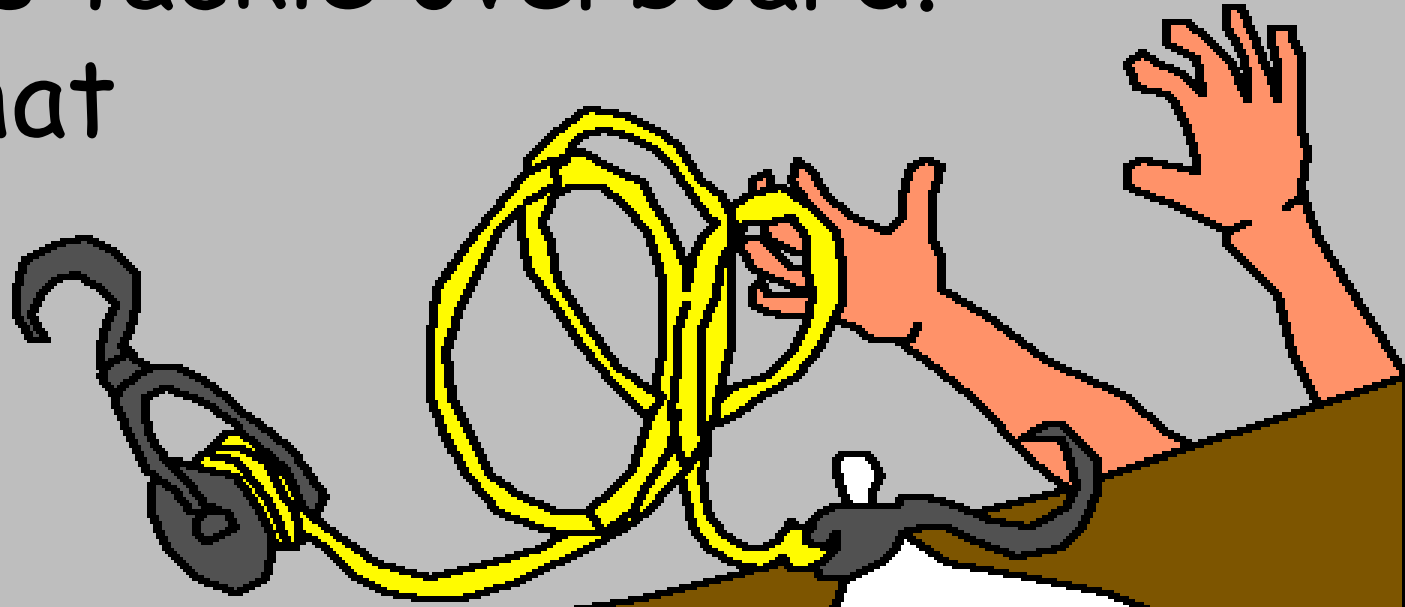
If the ship broke,
it was a watery
grave for all.



The ship was so tempest-tossed
that the captain ordered
everybody
to help
lighten
it.



On the third day, they threw
the ship's tackle overboard.
Maybe that
would
help.



During the night, an angel stood
by Paul telling him things
would work out
all right.



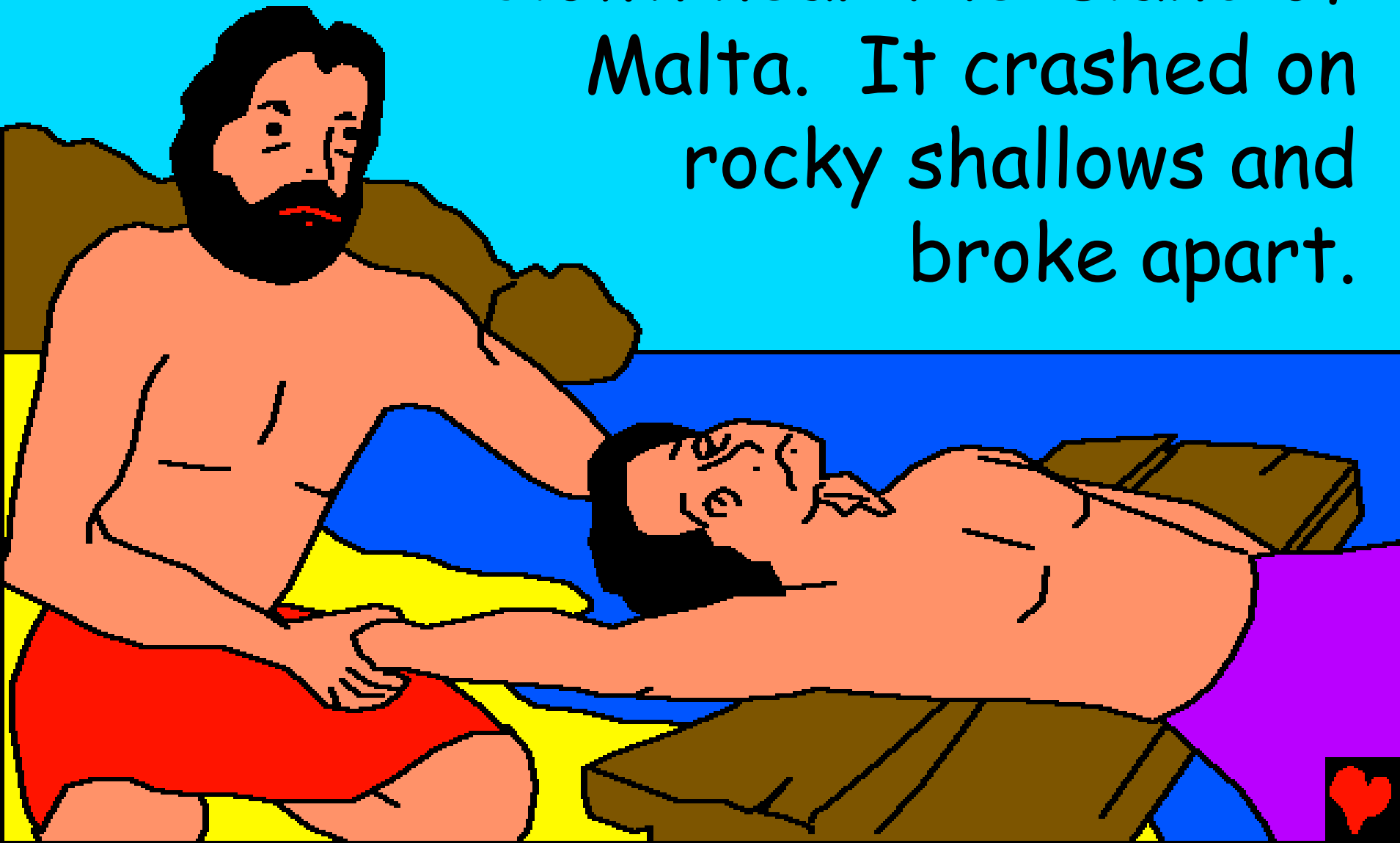
The others were encouraged when Paul said, "Take heart, men, for I believe God that it will be just as it was told me."



However, we must
run aground on a
certain
island."



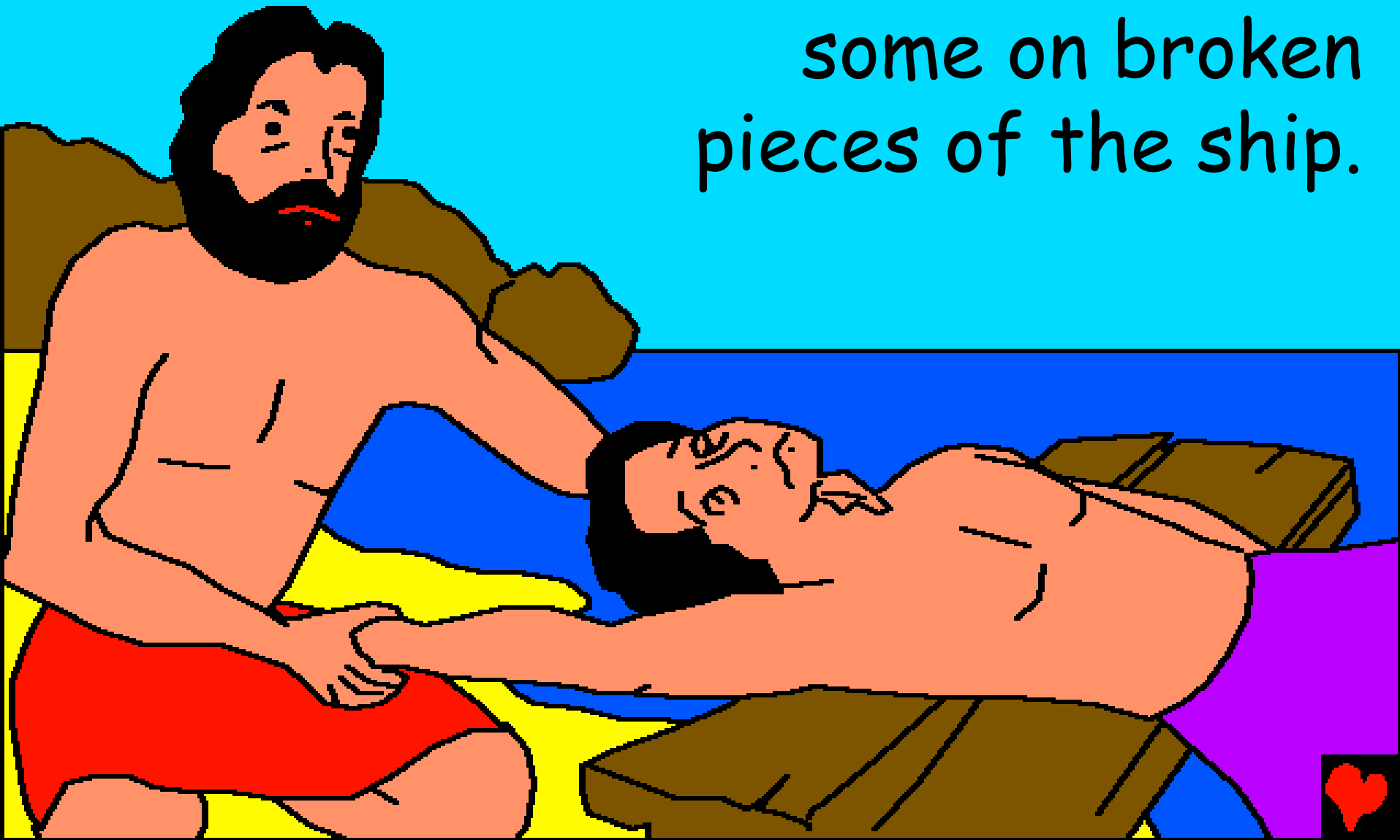
A few days later, the boat was blown near the island of Malta. It crashed on rocky shallows and broke apart.



The captain commanded those who could swim to jump overboard first and get to land.



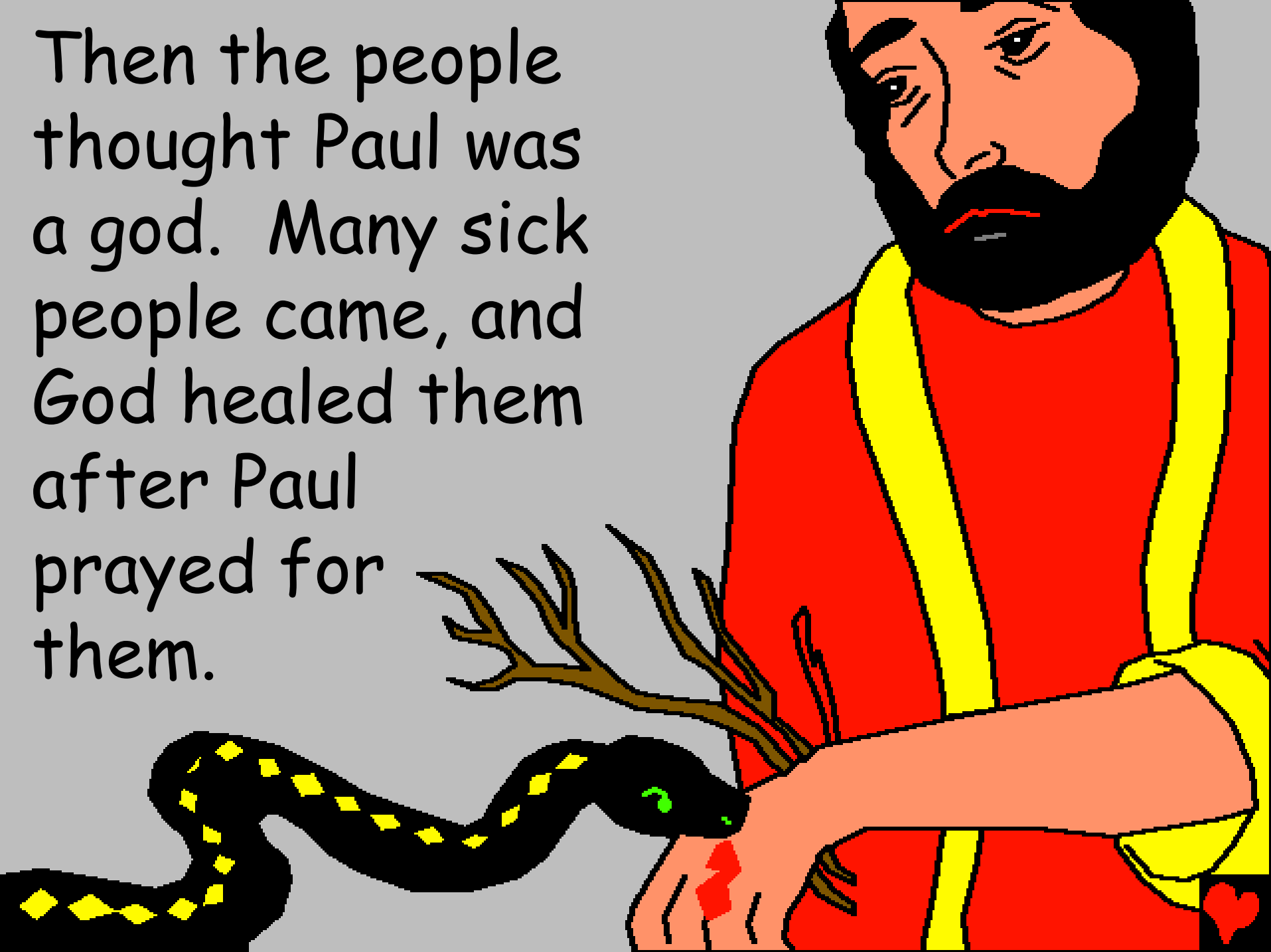
The rest also escaped safely,
some on boards and
some on broken
pieces of the ship.



On Malta, God showed His power. While they gathered wood for fire, a viper bit Paul. The people thought he would die. But the viper's bite did no harm.



Then the people thought Paul was a god. Many sick people came, and God healed them after Paul prayed for them.



Finally, Paul arrived at Rome. It took over two years for his court case to be heard.

During that time, Paul rented a house and received visitors.

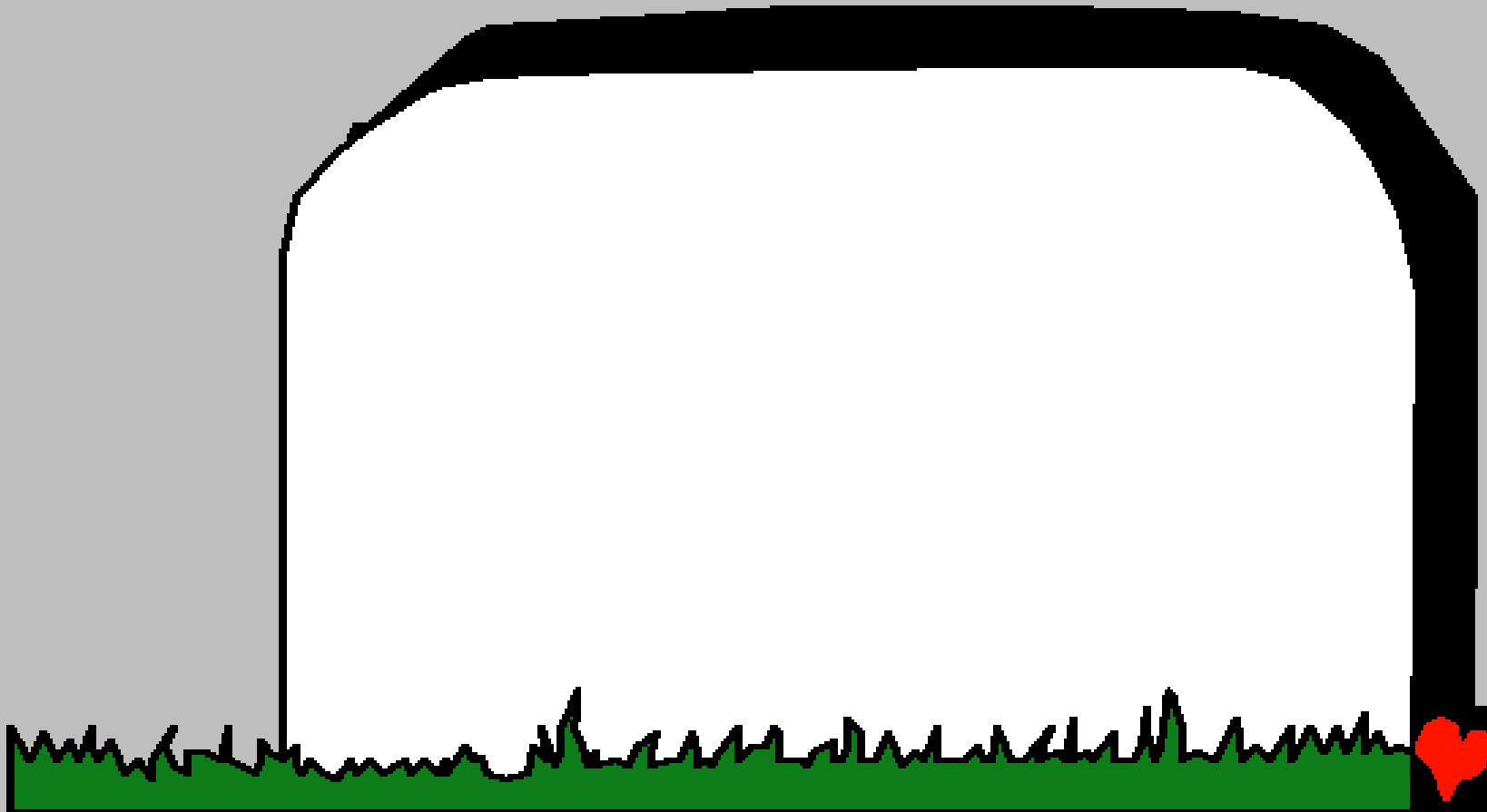


Do you know what Paul told his visitors about? The kingdom of God! The Lord Jesus Christ!

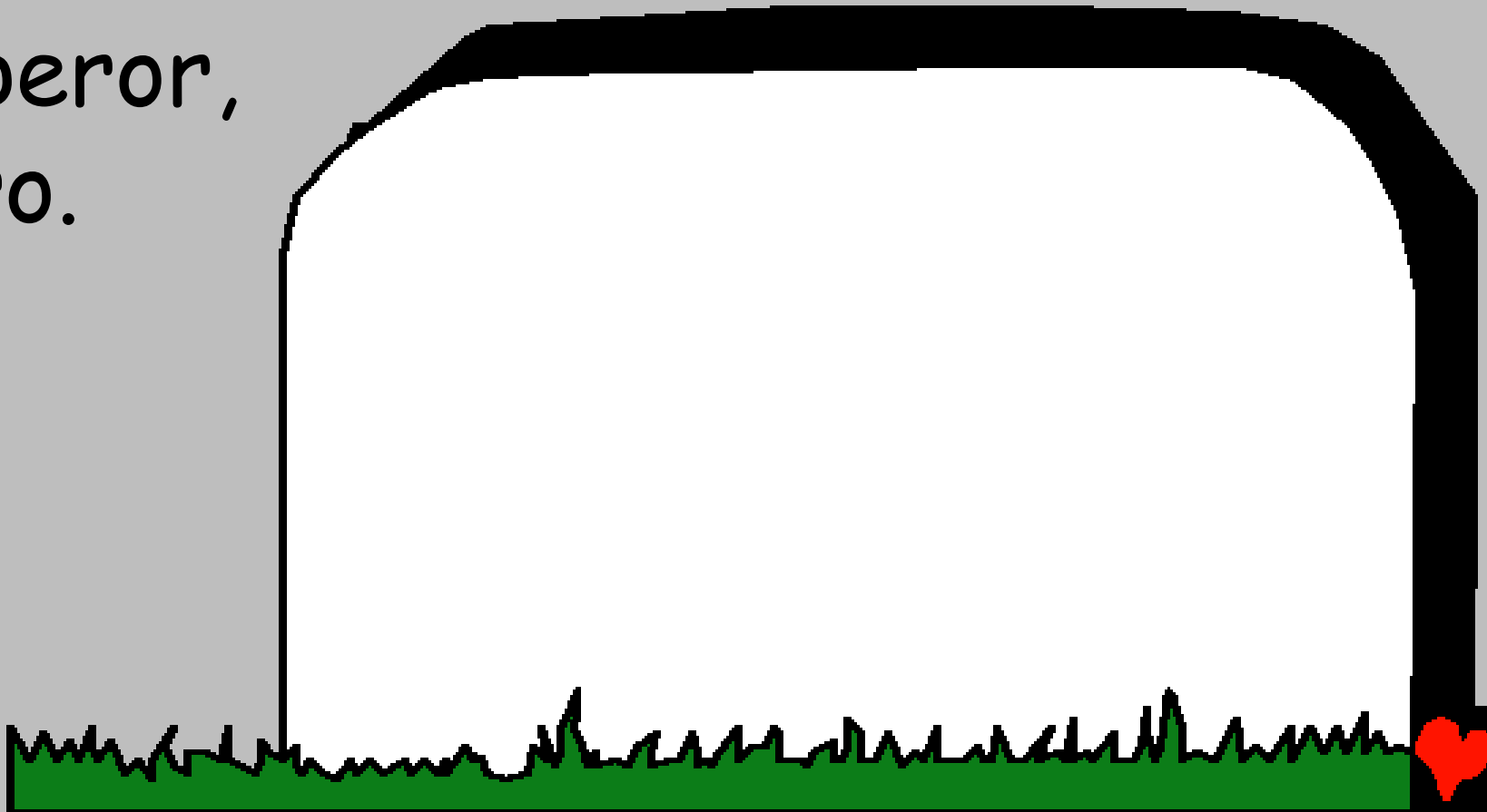
Paul was God's servant in Rome, just as in all his other travels.



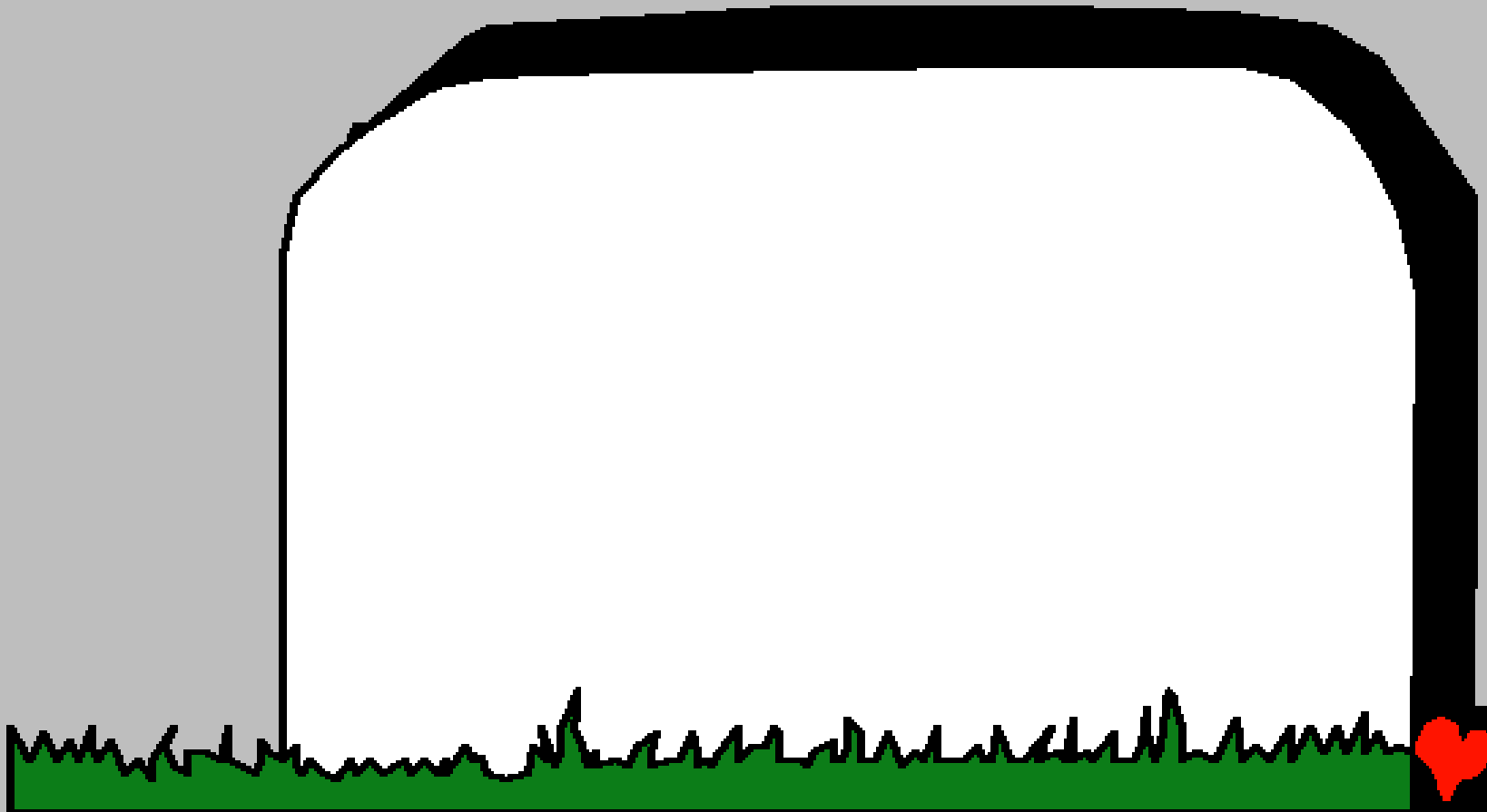
"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith," Paul wrote from Rome.



The Bible doesn't tell us how his life ended, but other records say Paul was beheaded at Rome by order of the Emperor, Nero.



Paul died as he lived - a faithful servant of God, telling others about Jesus Christ.



Paul's Amazing Travels

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

Acts 16, 27, 28

"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

