

SAMSON et DALILA

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SAMSON
leader of the Israelites



DALILA
a Philistine priestess



HIGH PRIEST
a Philistine religious official



OLD HEBREW
an Israelite



ABIMÉLECH
a Philistine governor



The Israelites suffer in captivity under the Philistines. They sing a mournful prayer and beg for relief from their suffering.

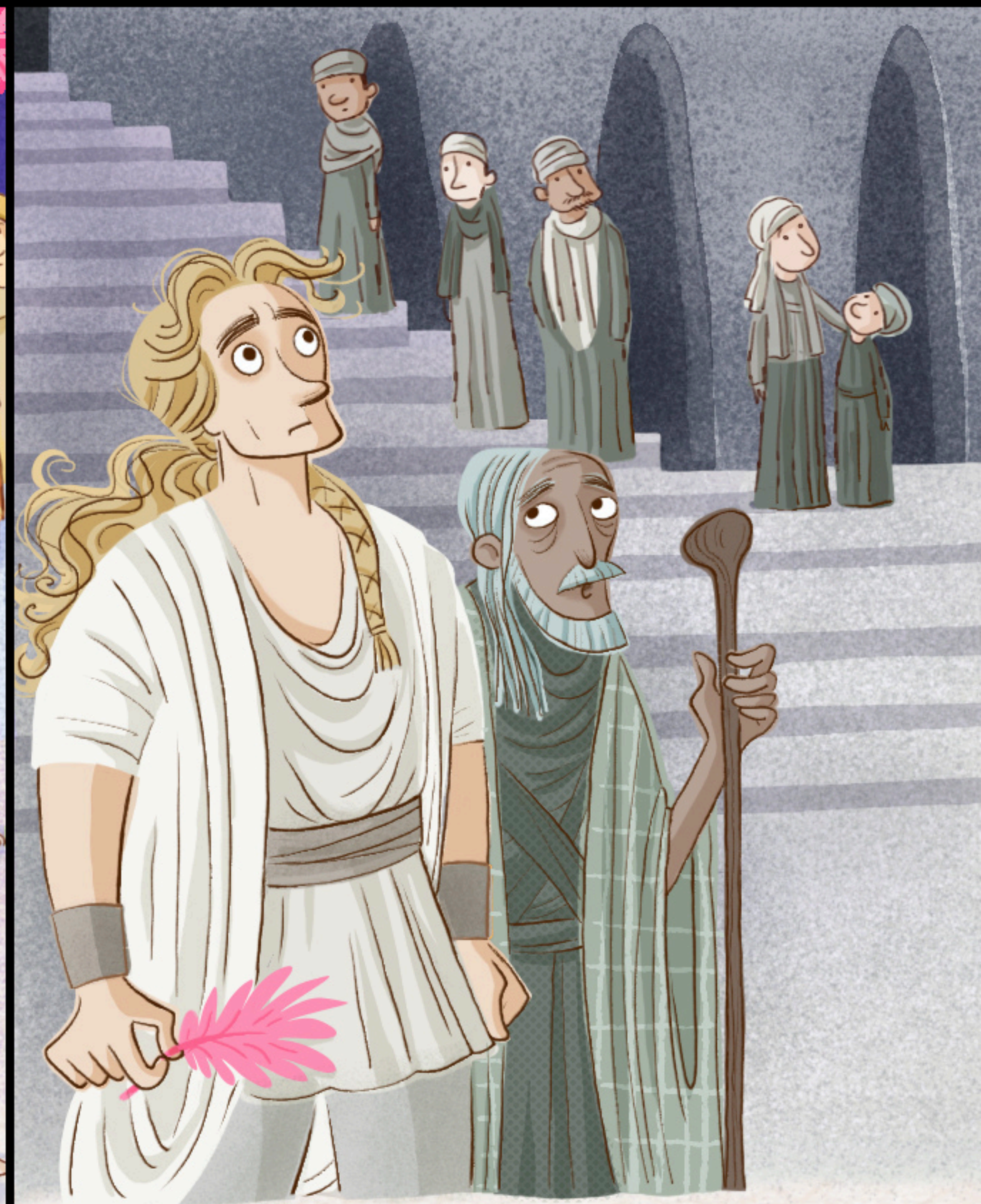
Samson, a powerful Israelite leader, urges his people not to lose hope.



When Abimélech insults the God of the Israelites, Samson kills him. Under Samson's leadership, the Israelites escape and revolt against the Philistines.



One day, a group of Philistine priestesses emerges from the temple. With them is the beautiful Dalila. As they sing and dance, Samson cannot look away from her.



An old Hebrew warns Samson against Dalila's charms and urges him to continue fighting alongside the Israelites. But in his heart, Samson knows he'll be unable to resist Dalila.





*Through love for me,
he will bow down.*

At her house, Dalila meets with the High Priest of Dagon. Together, they plot to uncover the secret of Samson's strength.



Je t'aime!

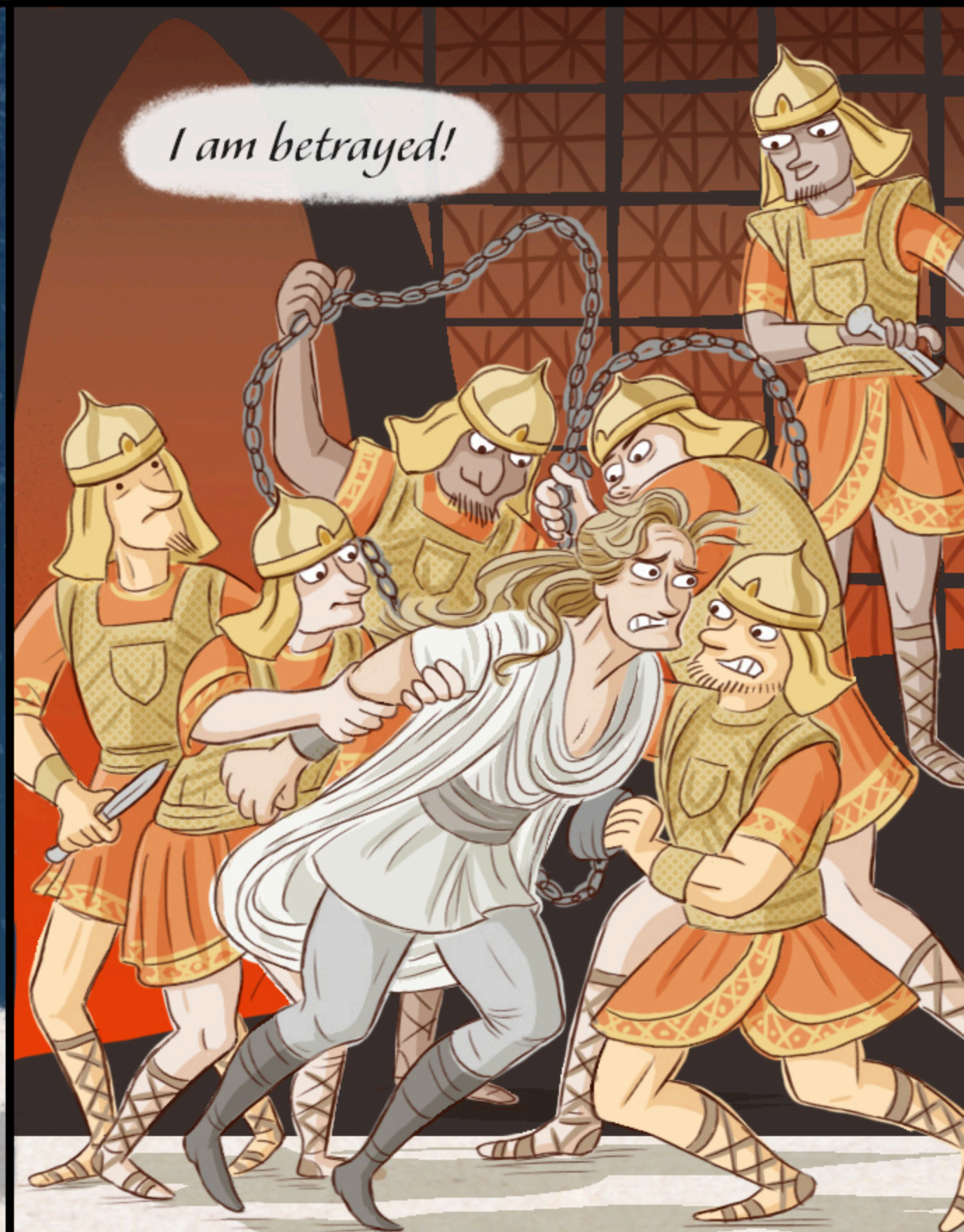
Samson arrives at Dalila's house, intending to end their affair. But when faced with her seduction, he instead confesses his love for her.



Dalila enacts her plan and asks Samson to reveal the secret of his strength.

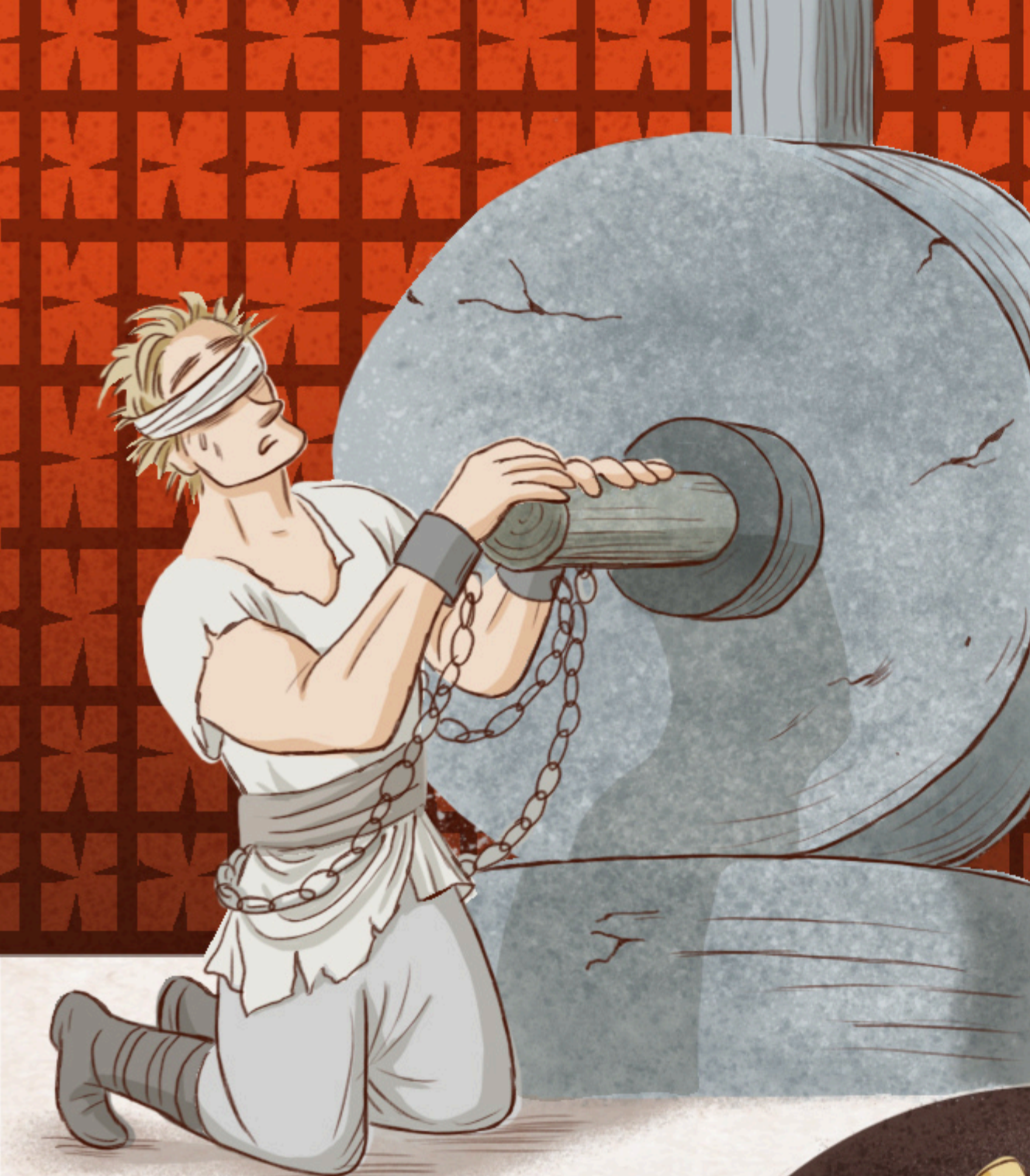
*Prove to me
your love! Reveal
this secret that
haunts me!*

Torn between faith and love, he finally gives in to Dalila, revealing that his strength comes from his uncut hair.



I am betrayed!

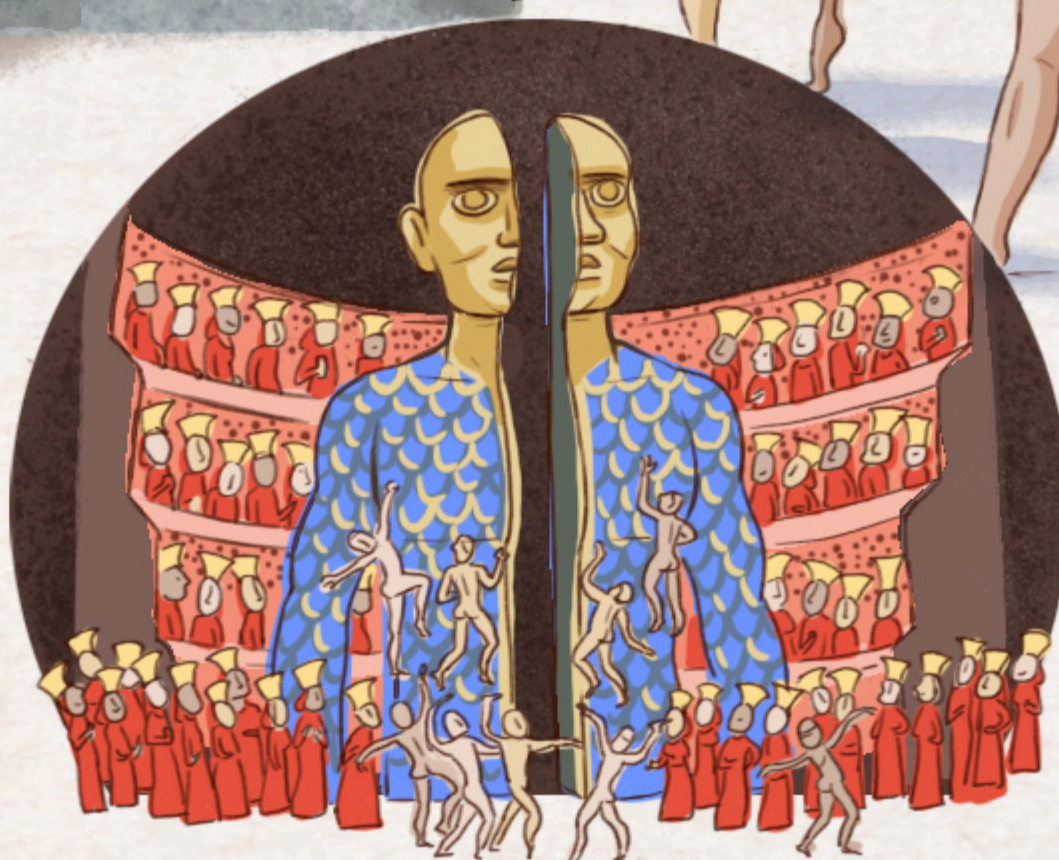
Dalila emerges with locks of Samson's hair in her fist. Stripped of his superhuman strength, Samson is captured and blinded by Philistine soldiers.



Imprisoned and forced to perform hard labor, Samson prays for his people and yearns for deliverance.



In the Temple of Dagon, the Philistines celebrate Samson's defeat. Their revelry becomes increasingly wild and frenzied!



A child leads Samson into the temple, and the Philistines mock the disgraced warrior.



Praying for help, Samson feels his strength return. He brings the temple crashing down.