

## **Pre-Lesson Downloads**

### ***#41 Fruit of the Spirit – Patience***

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Dear Families: I pray your summer is fun and relaxing. Those of you that still have to work hard, I pray you find something calm and enjoyable to restore you. As we are able to get back to being with others, I pray you are safe. We are working on patience today. Our lifestyle in America does not always teach us to value patience. We are bombarded in the media with, “Buy this. You should have this, and on and on.” All these things that come at us from every direction make it harder for us to hear the quieter voice of God who tells us that most of us have all we need to be happy and appreciate all that we already have. I pray that this lesson will help families, especially our precious children to slow things down and be able to feel thankful and grateful for what we have and to be patient for the things for which we hope. Patience not only feels better as we have to wait, it is also good for our bodies not to be anxious and upset as we build endurance both emotionally and physically. God Bless!

**Bible Text:** Genesis 37-50

(I told the children this story last Fall near the beginning of our lessons. It covers 14 chapters in Genesis. I am going to summarize the story with bullet points as a reminder. To help your child to remember the story more completely, I am providing pictures of the story your child/children can color. I am also including the dialogue for each picture. Depending on their writing skills, they can copy the dialogue or cut out the writing and glue it to the back of the picture that comes before it, so that it can be read while looking at the picture. This is an important story in Jewish history as well as the foundation of our Christian history. I found pictures of actors dressed for this story. If you have your child look at these pictures, they will see authentic Middle Eastern people and understand their ethnicity better. I found cartoons to tell the story online, but the artists made all of the characters look very anglo. This is incorrect. This is a great book to make at home. If the children work on it, she/he will remember and understand the story better.)

#### **Joseph’s Story:**

\*Joseph’s father gives him a “Coat of Many Colors.” His brothers are angry at him, because Joseph is the favored son.

\*Joseph tells his family about his dreams. They are even angrier. “Are you indeed going to reign over us?” Jacob, the father sends Joseph to check on his brothers while they are watching the sheep up in the pasture. Some brothers want to kill Joseph, but Ruben, the oldest says, “No,” and talks them into throwing him into a pit. He planned to come back and get Joseph out later, but a band of merchants came by while Ruben was away and the other brothers sold Joseph into slavery and who is taken to the country of Egypt. Ruben returns and they have to figure out what to tell their father Jacob. They put goat’s blood on Joseph’s coat and tell Jacob he has been killed. Jacob is heartbroken.

\*Joseph stays faithful to God no matter what happens to him. He has to develop a lot of patience because he knows God will deliver him. He is a slave of a man called Potiphar and Potiphar’s wife tells lies about Joseph because he will not be unfaithful to God or to Potiphar. He is thrown into jail and interprets dreams for other prisoners. One of the prisoners is the Pharaoh’s (King’s) helper. When the helper is released from jail Joseph asks him to tell the Pharaoh how he can interpret dreams. The helper forgets and Joseph stays in jail two more years.

\*Joseph interprets a dream for the Pharaoh when the Pharaoh's helper remembers Joseph from jail. Joseph first tells Pharaoh that he does not interpret the dreams on his own, but that God tells him what the dreams mean. The dream meant that there were going to be 7 years where plenty of food would be available. After that there would be 7 years when a famine will strike the land and there will not be enough food for anyone. Pharaoh is impressed by Joseph and puts him in charge of collecting the food they will need for the famine time, which he does very well.

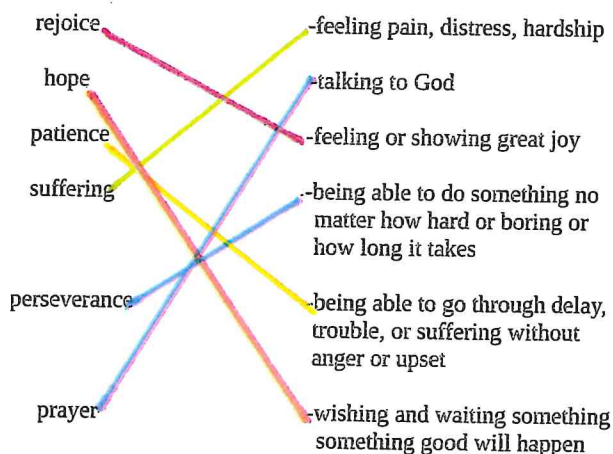
\*Joseph is still in Egypt. His family back in Canaan was starving. Jacob sends some of the brothers to Egypt to buy some food for the family. The brothers get there and bow before Joseph (just like in Joseph's dreams when he was young) to beg for food. Joseph recognizes them, but they do not know that this man is their brother. Joseph sells them the food and tells them they have to bring back the younger brother to get more food. Jacob decides to take the entire family. Joseph reveals himself to them when they get back to Egypt. He is able to save his entire family from starving. He then understands why he had to go through all of the trouble and pain in his life. He had waited with patience until God had completed Her/His plan.

Verse: Romans 12:12

*Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.*

**Activities:** \*Page to color (Remember to save it!) \*Define verse words page \*Pictures to make a book about Joseph (first for younger children and then for older children or with lots of help)-The instructions are in parentheses under the **Bible Text**. Online you will find many simple ways for your child to bind her/his book. They go from very easy to complex. I hope you take the extra time to do this. It will show the child how important this story is and have a quick review available. If your child is learning to read or needs practice reading, it can also help with that.

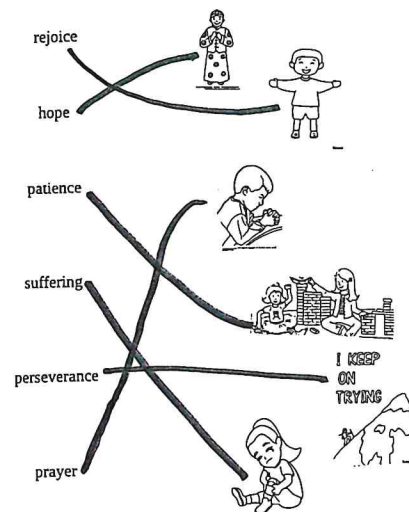
Answers to: Defining the verse words page

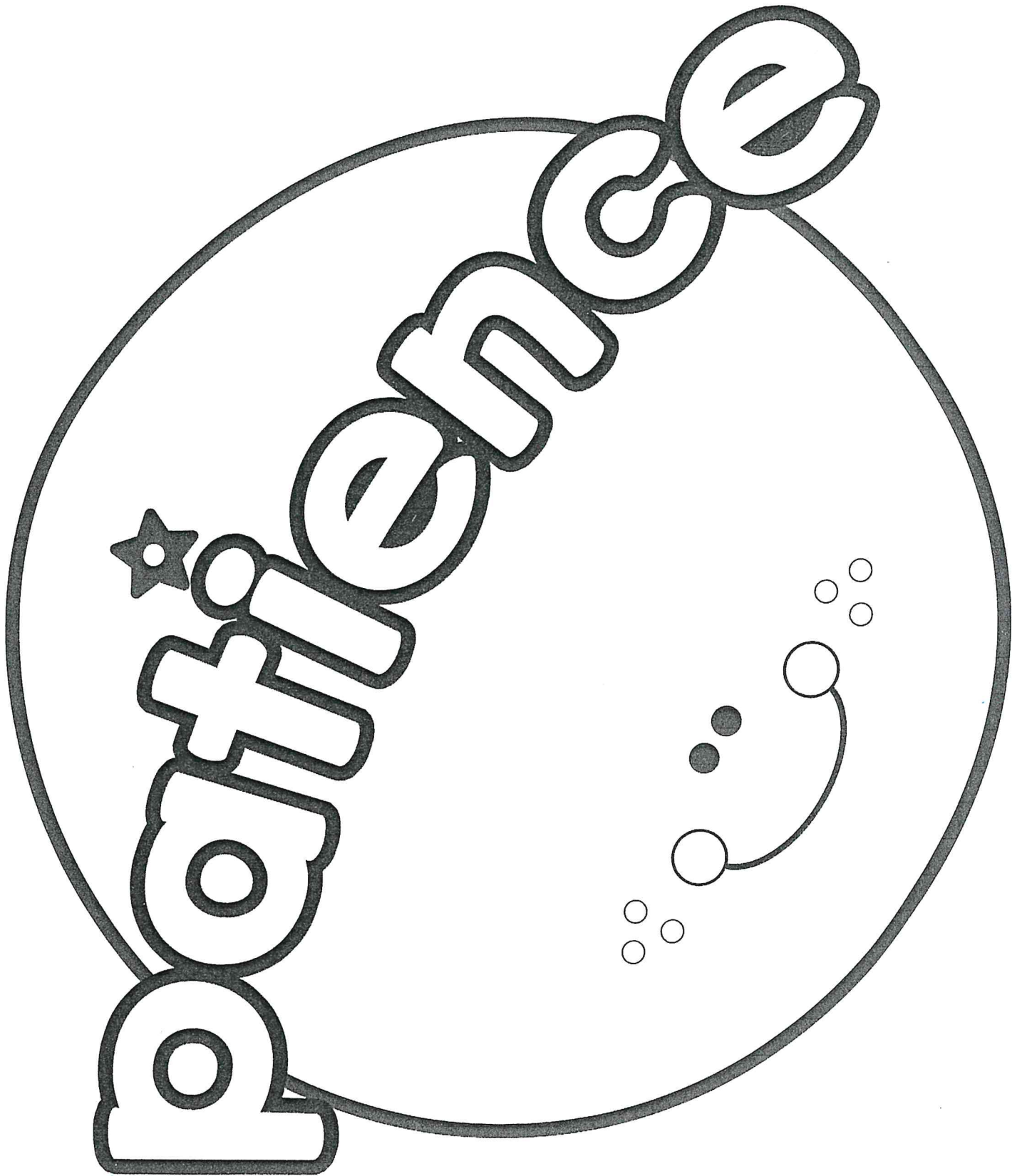


Other verse choices:

-Romans 8:28 We know that all things work together for good to those who love God.

-Psalms 27:14 Be strong and don't lose hope. Wait for the Lord.





### Definitions for words in the verse

Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

Romans 12:12

(Draw a line from the word in the first column to its meaning in the second column.)

rejoice	-feeling pain, distress, hardship
hope	-talking to God
patience	-feeling or showing great joy
suffering	-being able to do something no matter how hard or boring or how long it takes
perseverance	-being able to go through delay, trouble, or suffering without anger or upset
prayer	-wishing and waiting something something good will happen

### Rewording the verse-

Be joyful and happy while you wait, be calm when bad things happen, talk to God a lot. Romans 12:12



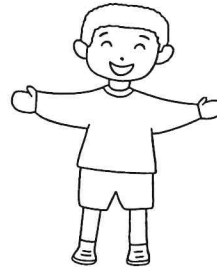
## Definitions for words in the Verse for younger students

Have child color pictures at left. Draw a line from the word to the picture it fits.

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hope



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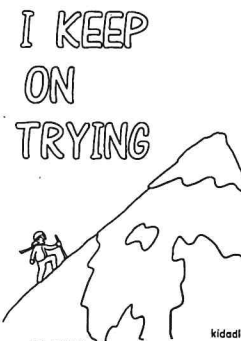
patience



suffering



perseverance

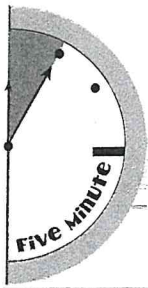


prayer



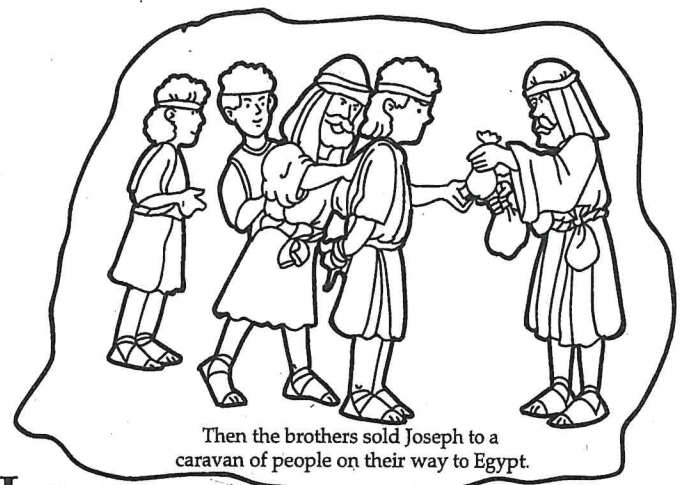
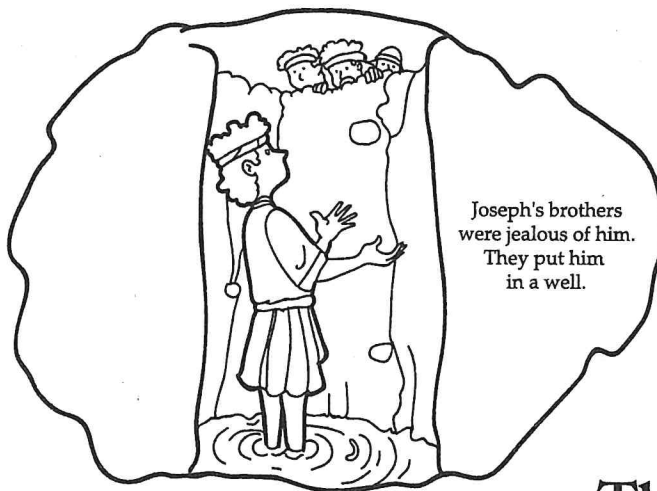
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Reworded verse – Be joyful and happy while you wait, be calm when bad things happen, talk to God a lot. Romans 12:12

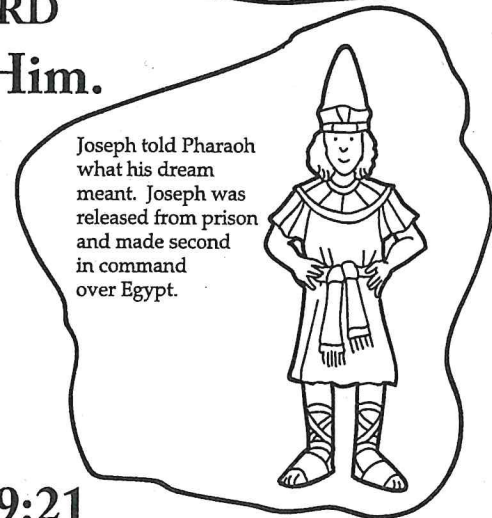
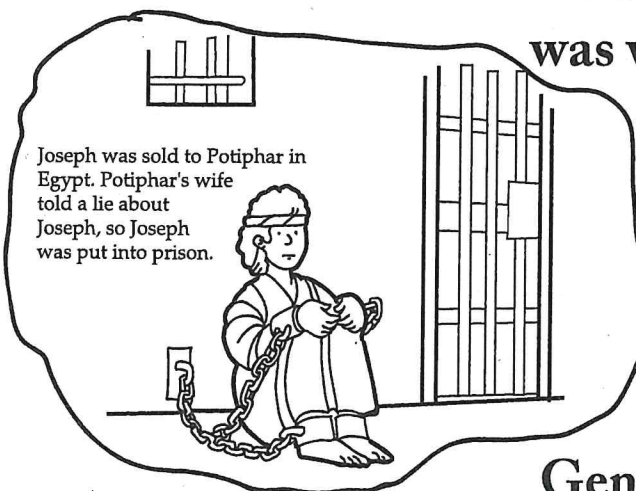


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ake a God's Care Poster to show how God took care of Joseph.



**The LORD  
was with Him.**



**Genesis 39:21**

## Joseph and his Dreams

1 Jacob had 12 sons by four mothers. By Leah: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar and Zebulun. By Rachel (who died in childbirth): Joseph and Benjamin. By Rachel's servant Bilhah: Dan and Naphtali. By Leah's servant Zilpah: Gad and Asher. Of his 12 sons Jacob favoured Joseph the first son by Rachel and gave him a richly decorated coat of many colours.

2 Joseph then had a strange dream that he shared with his brothers. 'We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field,' explained Joseph, 'when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it.'

3 The brothers were angry, 'Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us? And they hated him all the more because of his dream.'

## Joseph thrown in a pit

1 Joseph's brothers had travelled north to Shechem to find pastures to graze their father's flocks. Joseph had remained at home with his father Jacob in the valley of Hebron.

Jacob told Joseph, 'Go and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks, and bring word back to me.'

2 However, when his brothers saw him in the distance they plotted to kill him.

3 'Here comes that dreamer!' they muttered. 'Let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns. We can say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams.'

4 Reuben, the oldest of Jacob's sons, protested. 'Let's not take his life,' he said. 'Don't shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern but don't lay a hand on him.' Reuben said this planning to rescue Joseph later and take him back to his father.

5 So when Joseph arrived his brothers stripped him of his ornate robe and threw him into an empty cistern.

6 Judah said to his brothers, 'Let's not kill Joseph but sell him to the Ishmaelites.' So they pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelite traders.

They took the ornate robe back to their father and said, 'We found this. Is it your son's robe?' 'It is my son's robe!' Jacob cried. 'Some ferocious animal has devoured him.'

7 Grief-stricken, Jacob tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and mourned for Joseph. No-one could comfort him. He wept, 'I will continue to mourn until I join my son in the grave.'

## Joseph reunited with his family

1 The famine continued to ravage Canaan so Jacob said to his sons, 'Go back and buy us more food.' 'We can only return if Benjamin is with us,' said Judah. 'I personally guarantee his safety and will be responsible for bringing him back.' Very reluctantly Jacob sent Benjamin with them.

2 When Joseph came home the brothers bowed before him and gave him gifts. 'Is your father still alive and well?' Joseph asked and was pleased to hear that he was. 'Is this your youngest brother?' Joseph enquired. 'May God be loving to him.'

3 Joseph could bear it no longer. He asked his servants to leave so he could be alone with his brothers.

'I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold as a slave,' he announced. The shocked brothers were speechless.

4 'Don't be upset, or angry with yourselves. It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives. This famine that has ravaged the land for two years will last five more years. God made me an adviser to Pharaoh and the governor of all Egypt.'

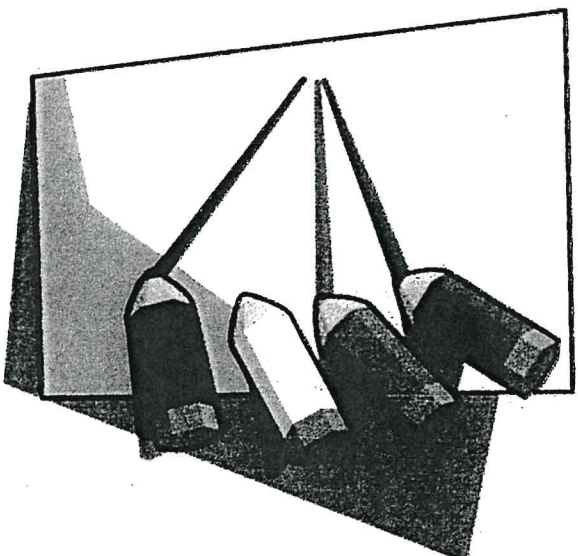
5 Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'Tell your brothers to hurry back to the land of Canaan and get your father and their families. I will give them the very best land in Egypt'

6 Jacob and his whole family set off for Egypt. On the way God told him, 'Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make your family into a great nation.'

# JOSEPH AND HIS DREAMS

Genesis 37:1-11

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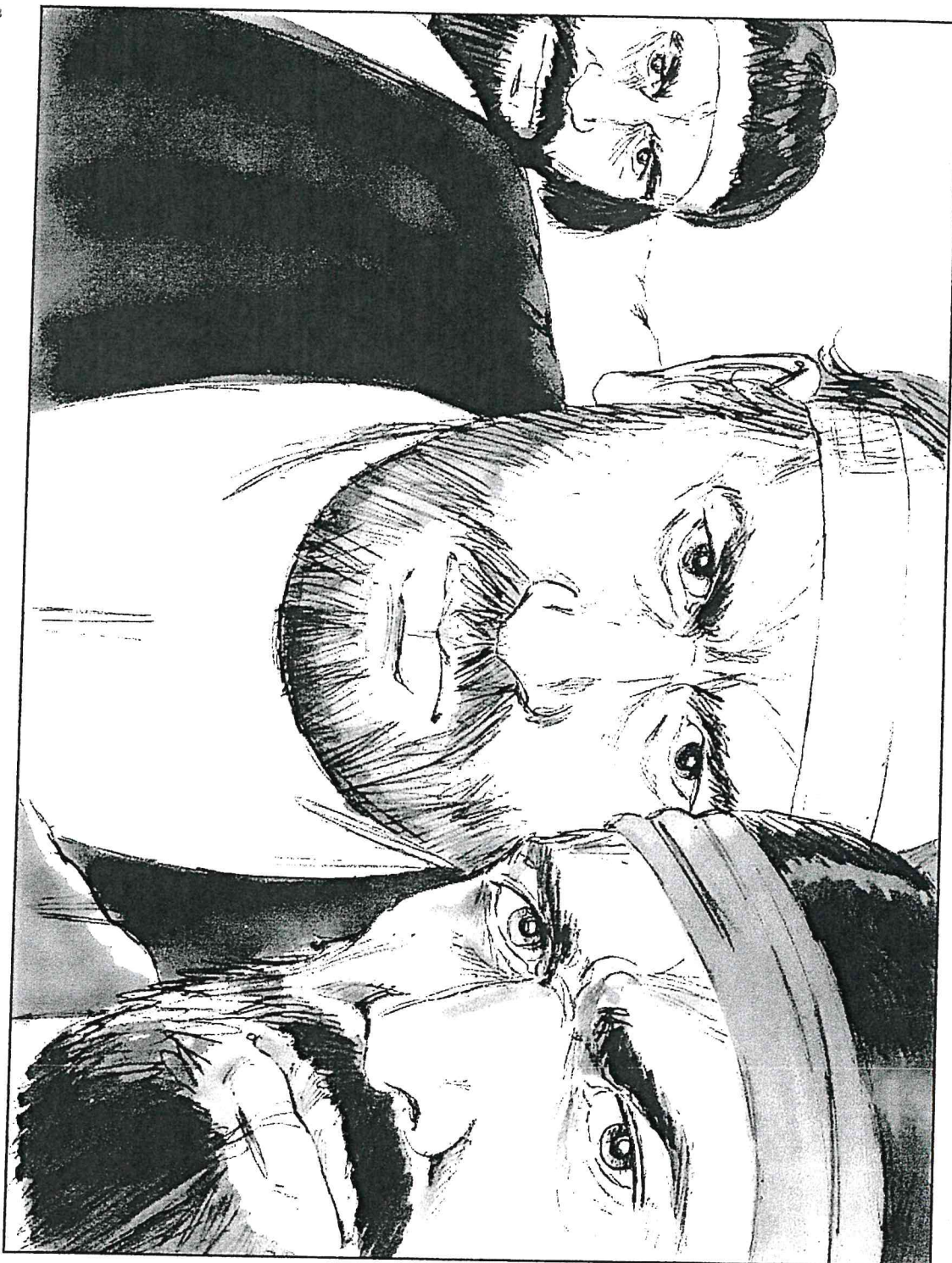
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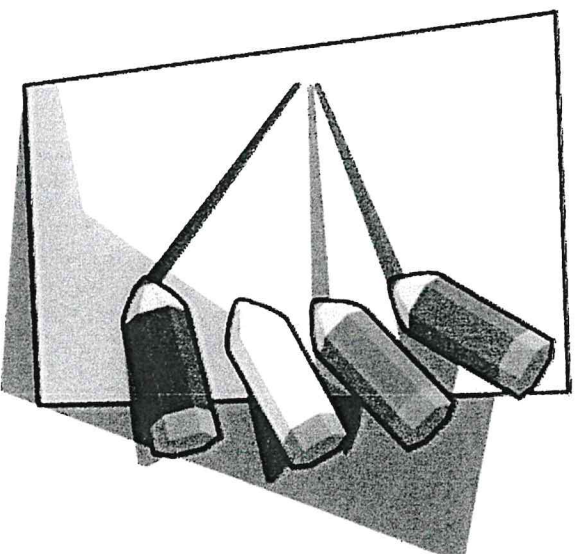






# JOSEPH THROWN IN A PIT

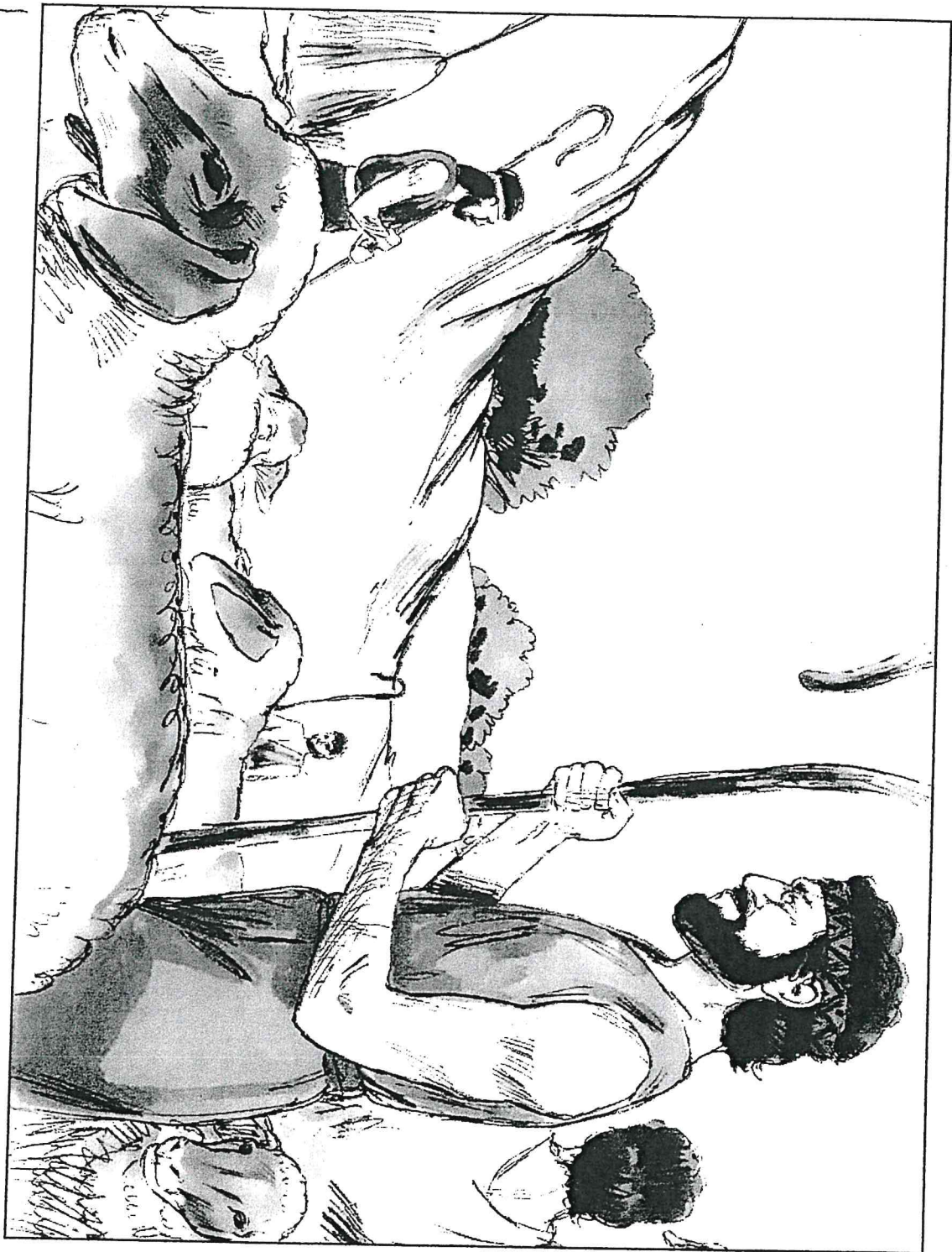
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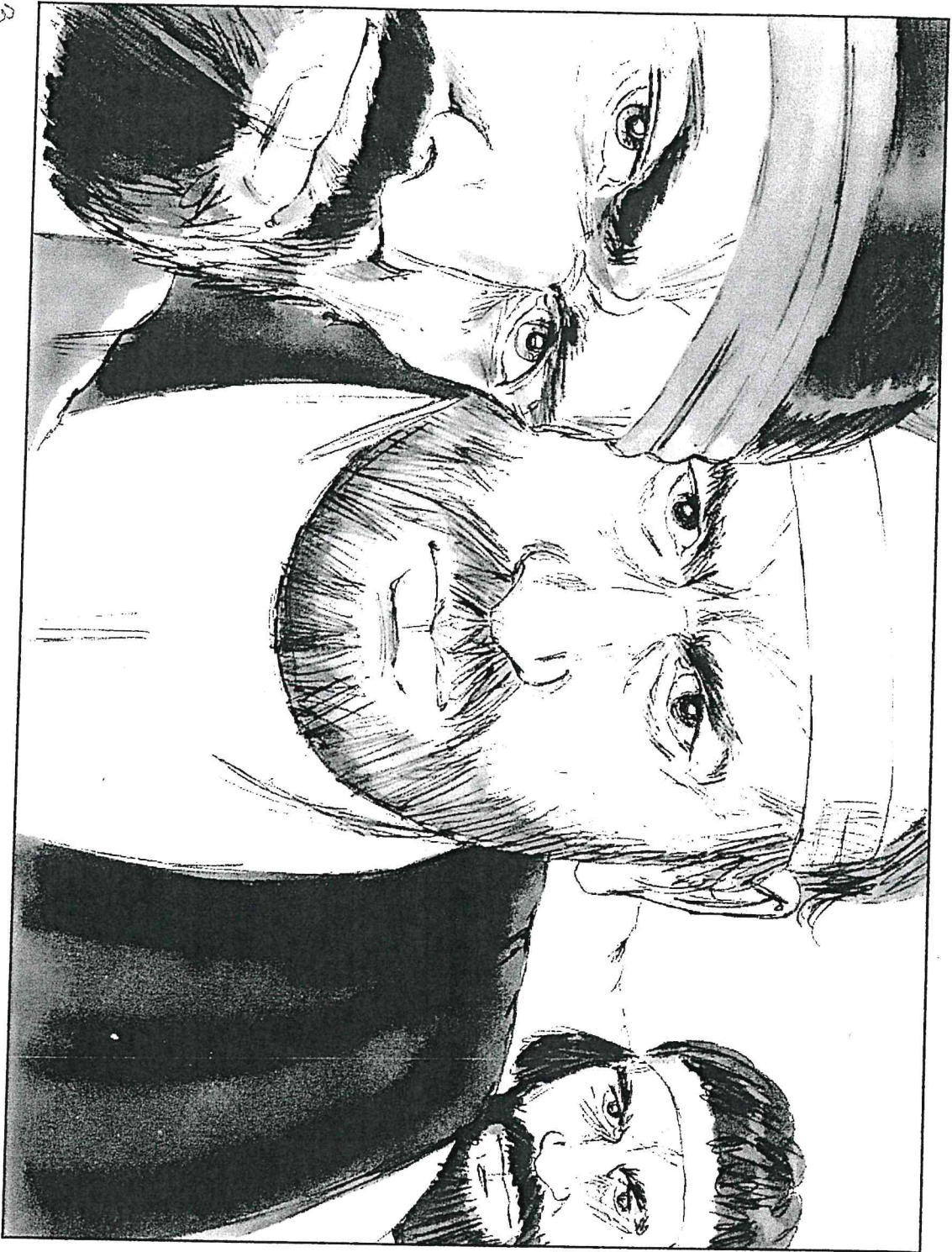




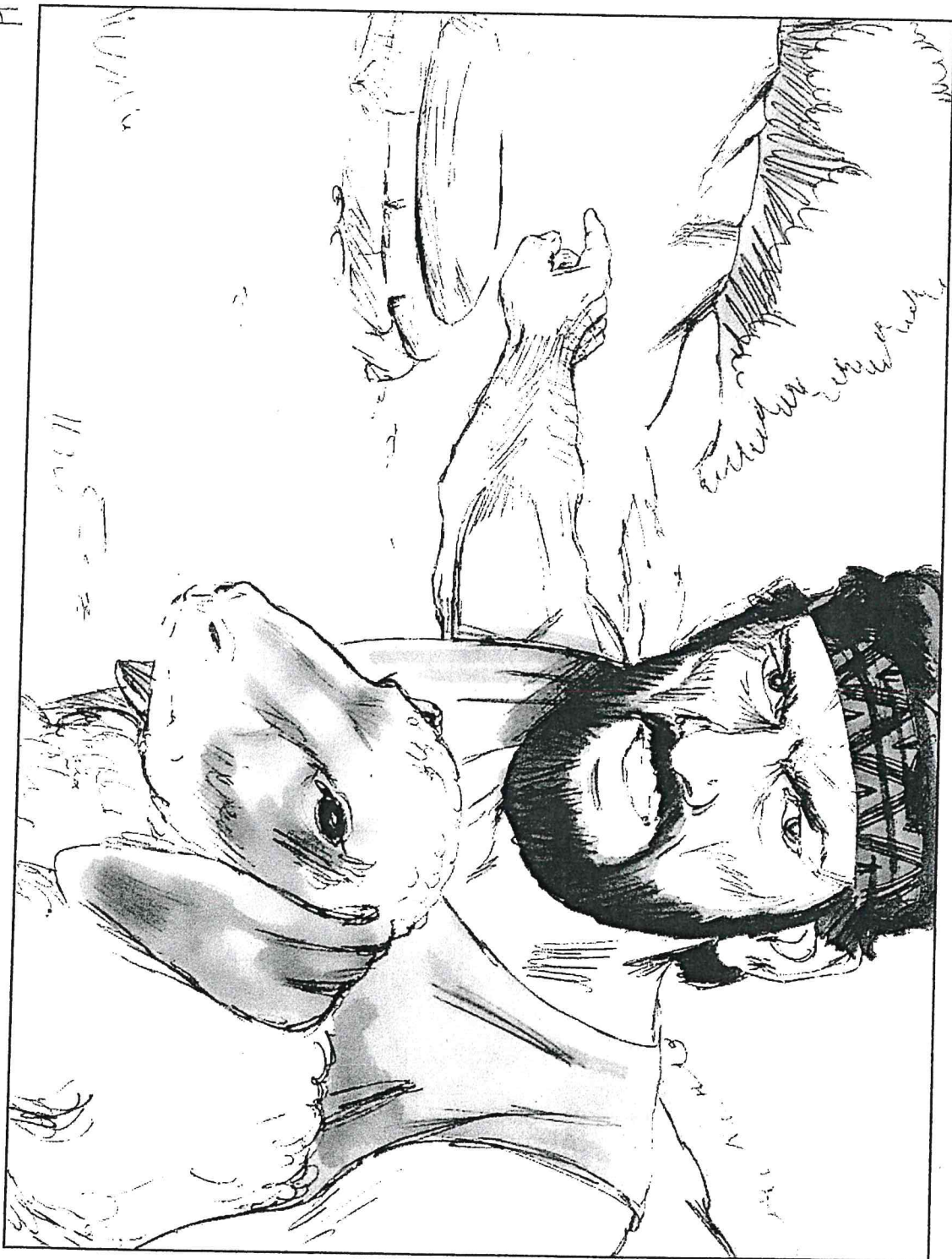




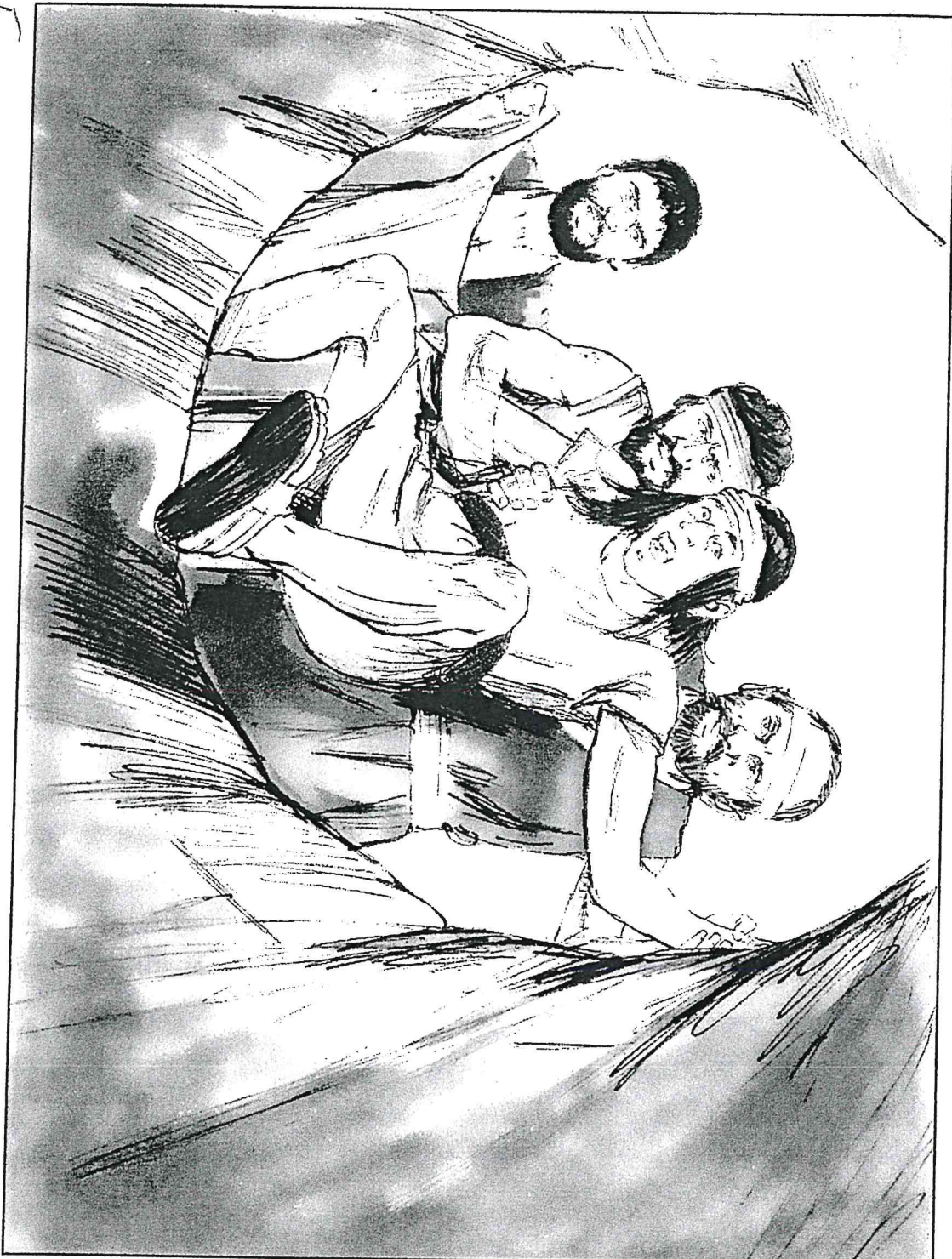
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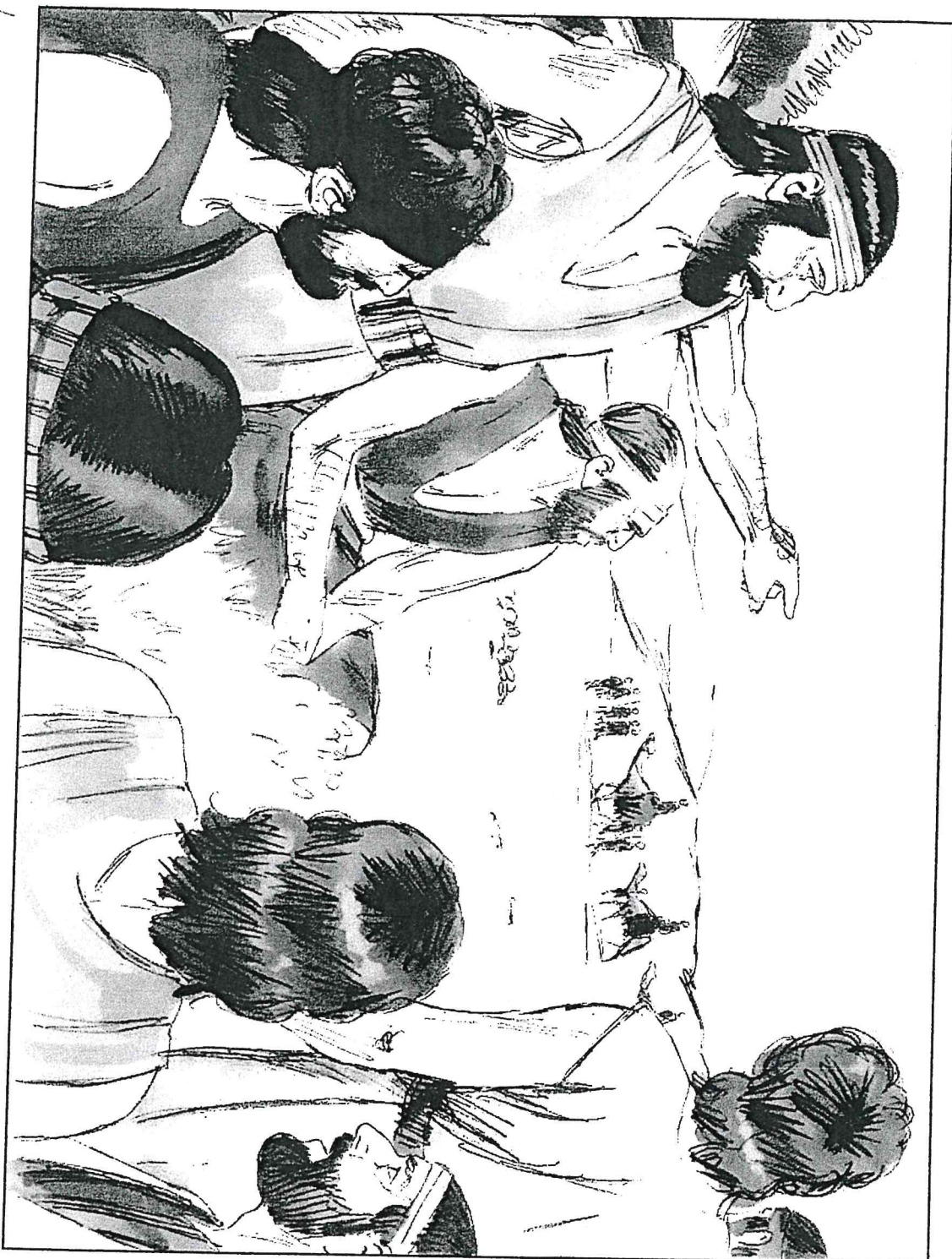


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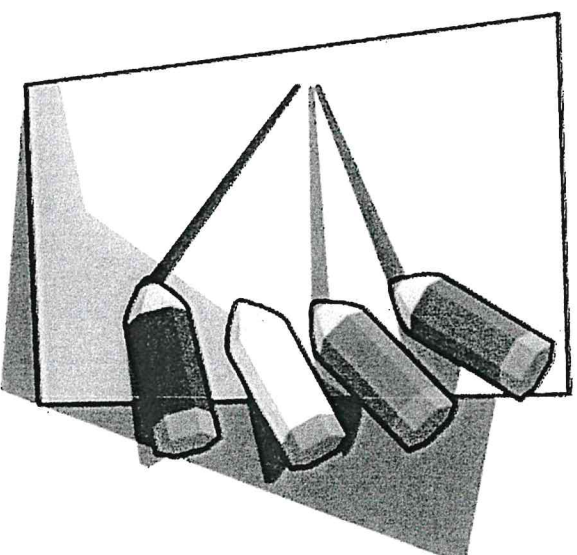






# JOSEPH REUNITED WITH HIS FAMILY

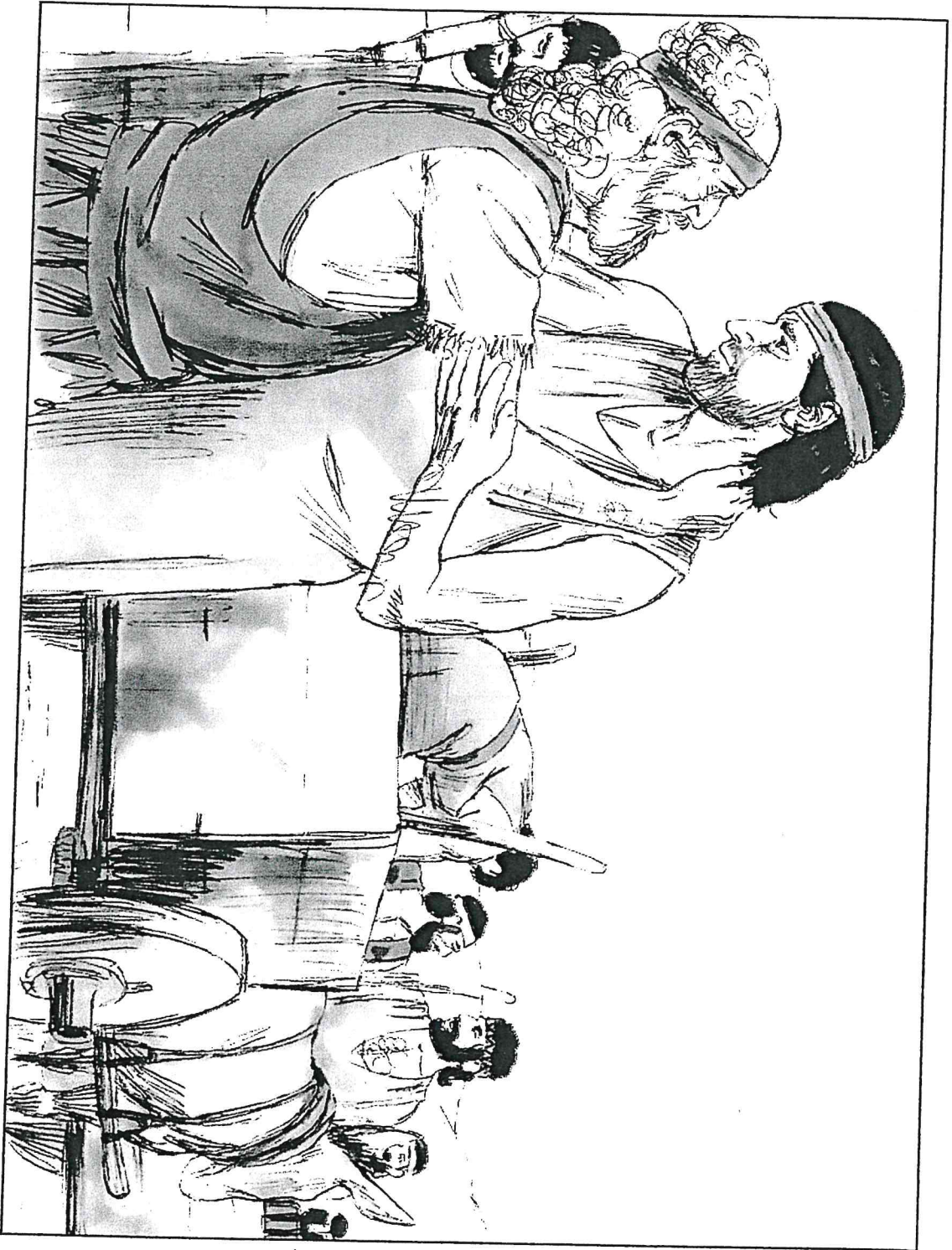
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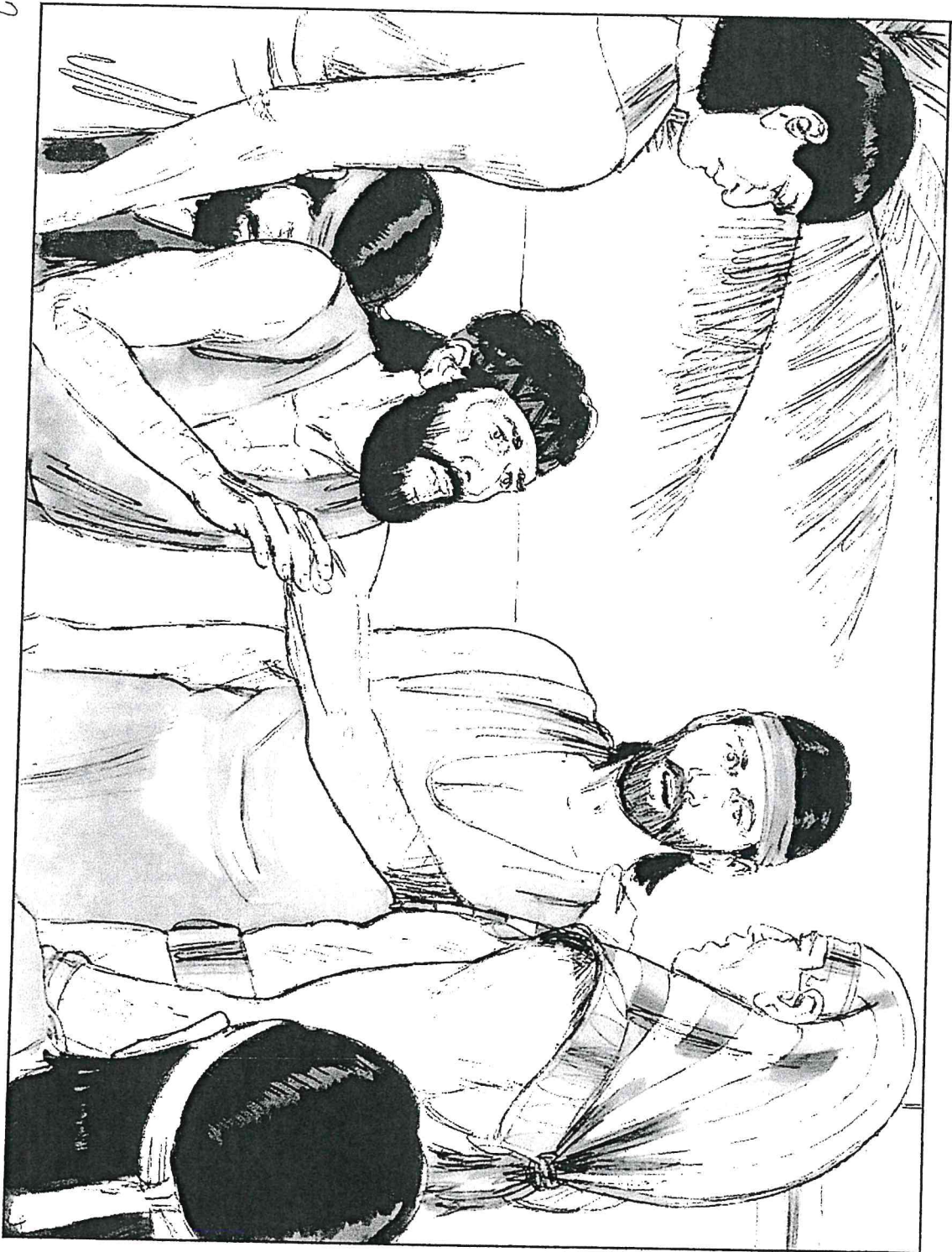


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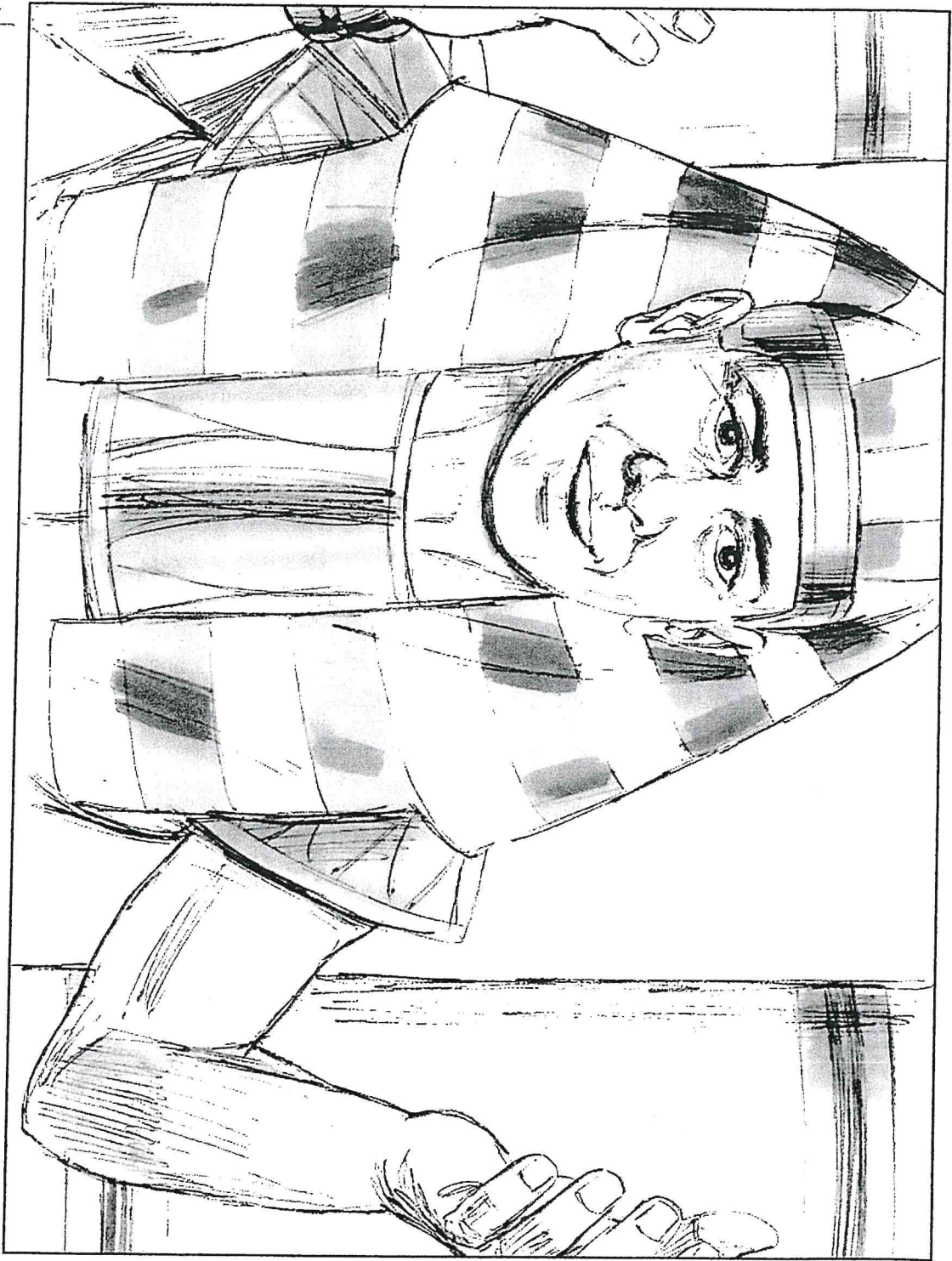












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