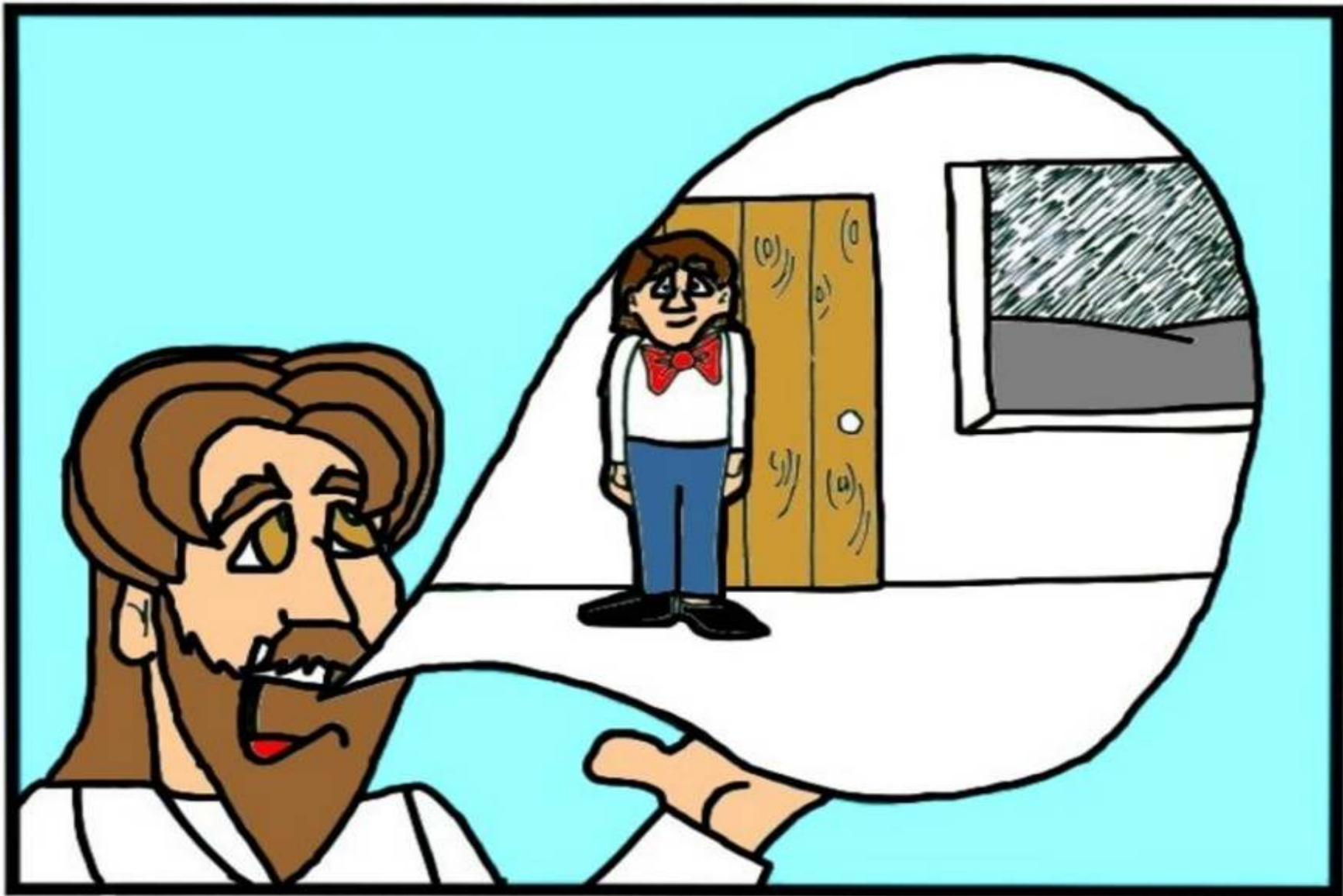


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Faithful Service

(Based on Luke 12:35-48)

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Jesus taught, "Live always ready and waiting for your Lord. Be like a servant who is waiting for his master to return from a far journey. Even if the master comes in the middle of the night, that servant is ready."



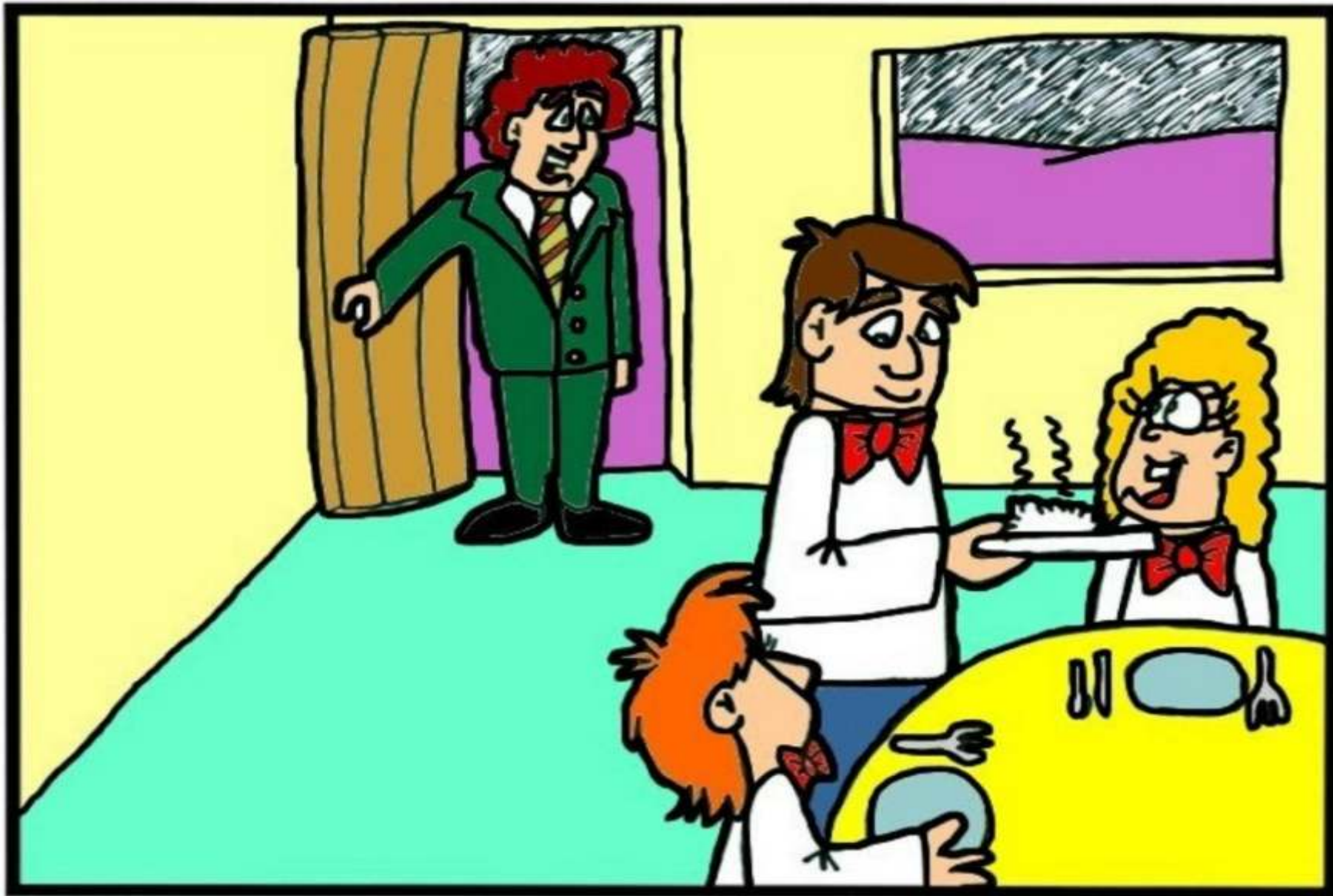
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I tell you the master will have the servants sit down, and he will serve them food. Be ready, because I am coming back at a time when people aren't expecting me.



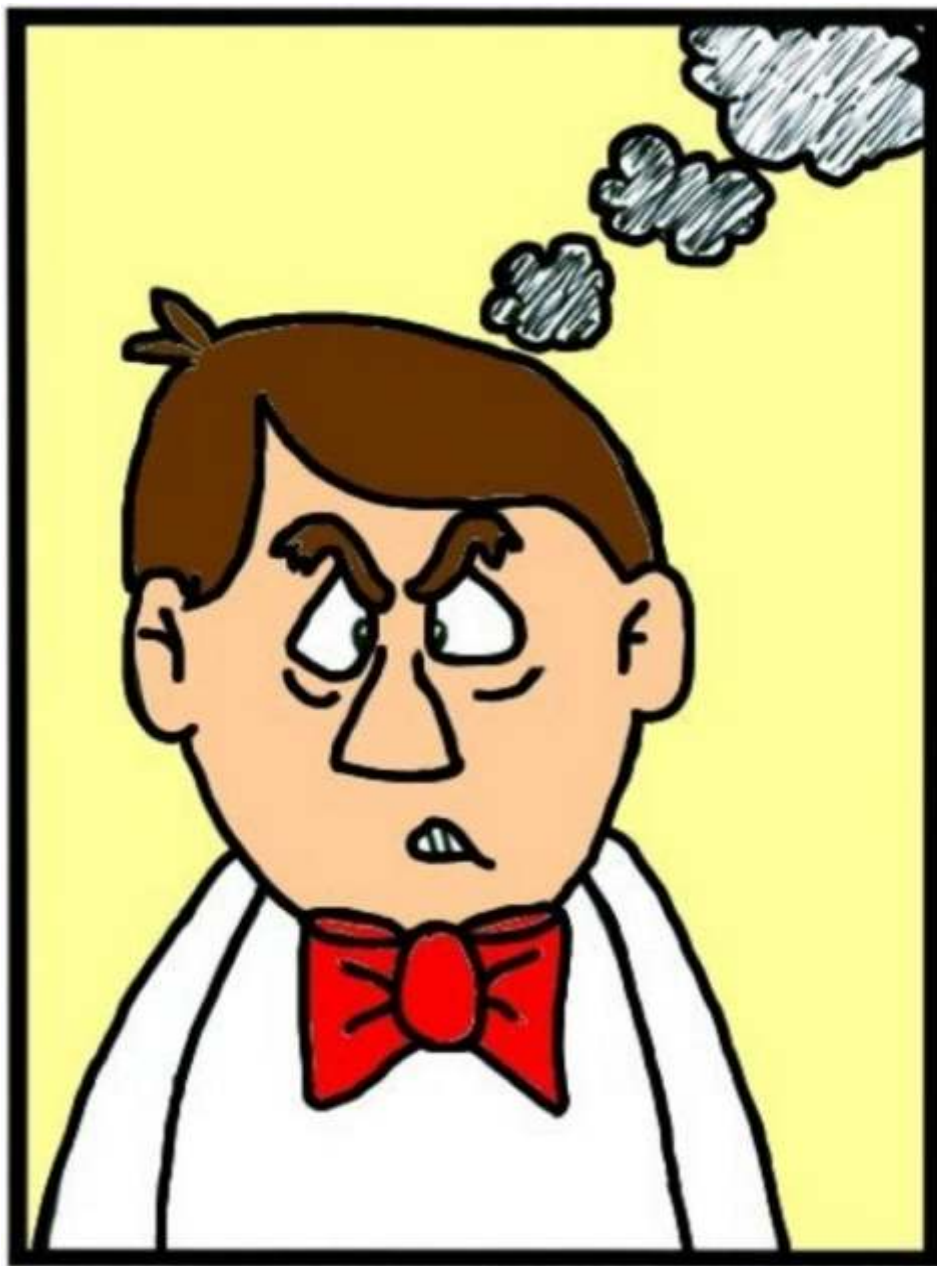
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If the owner of the house had known the time that the thief was coming he would have been watching and he would not have let his house get broken into.



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Who will the master pick to be the boss, to take care of everyone and give food to all the other servants? This servant will be a very blessed person if he is doing a good job of taking care of everyone when the master returns.



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But if that servant begins to say in his heart, 'I don't think the master is coming back any time soon. I can do whatever I want!' And if he starts to beat the other servants,



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eat like a pig and get drunk, the master will come back, and that servant won't be expecting him. The master will kick him out and he'll get what's coming to him, just like all the other unfaithful people.”



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Lord, help me to always be ready for when you come back. Help me to treat other people well.