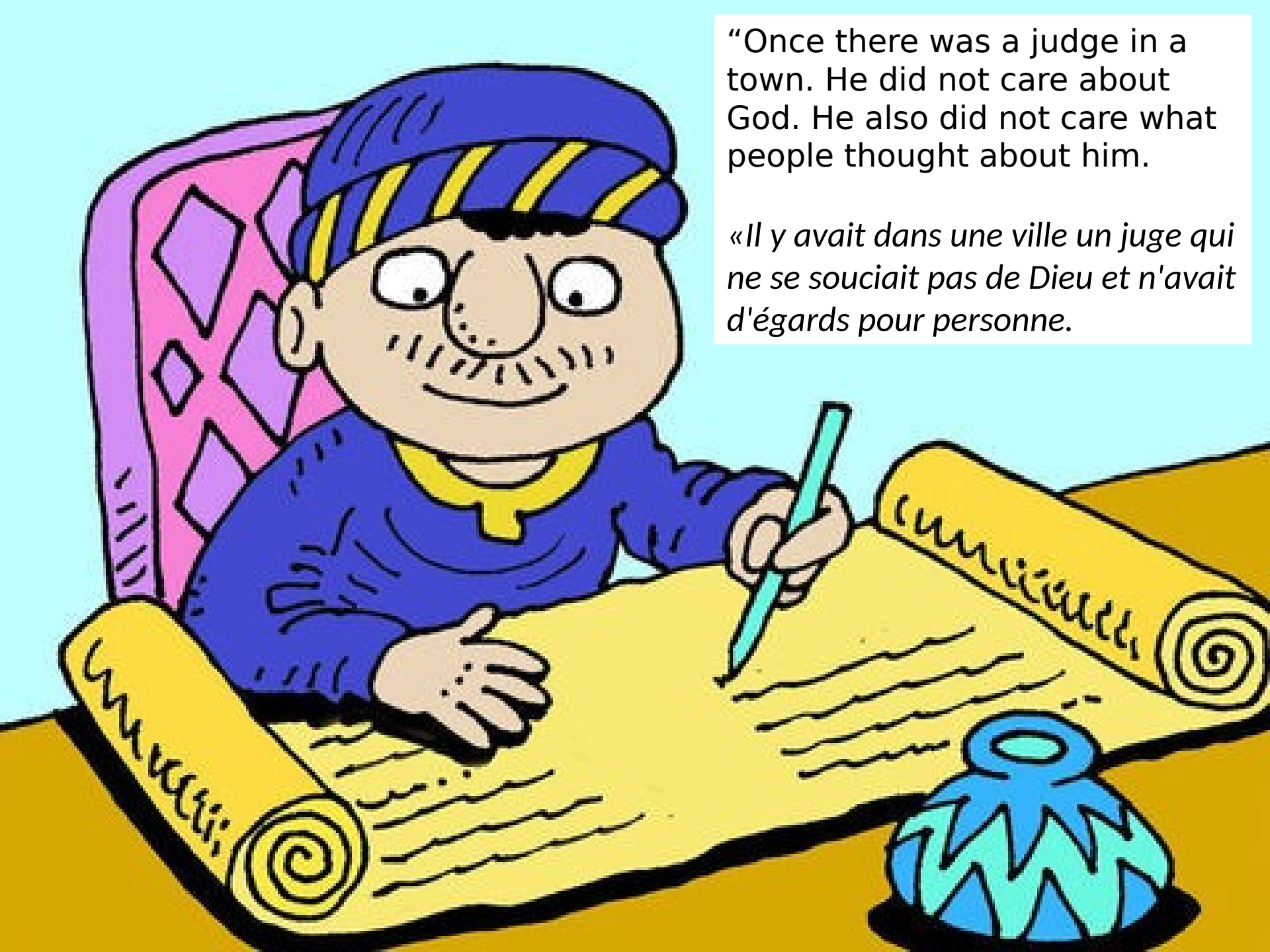
The Story of the Persistent Widow

One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up.

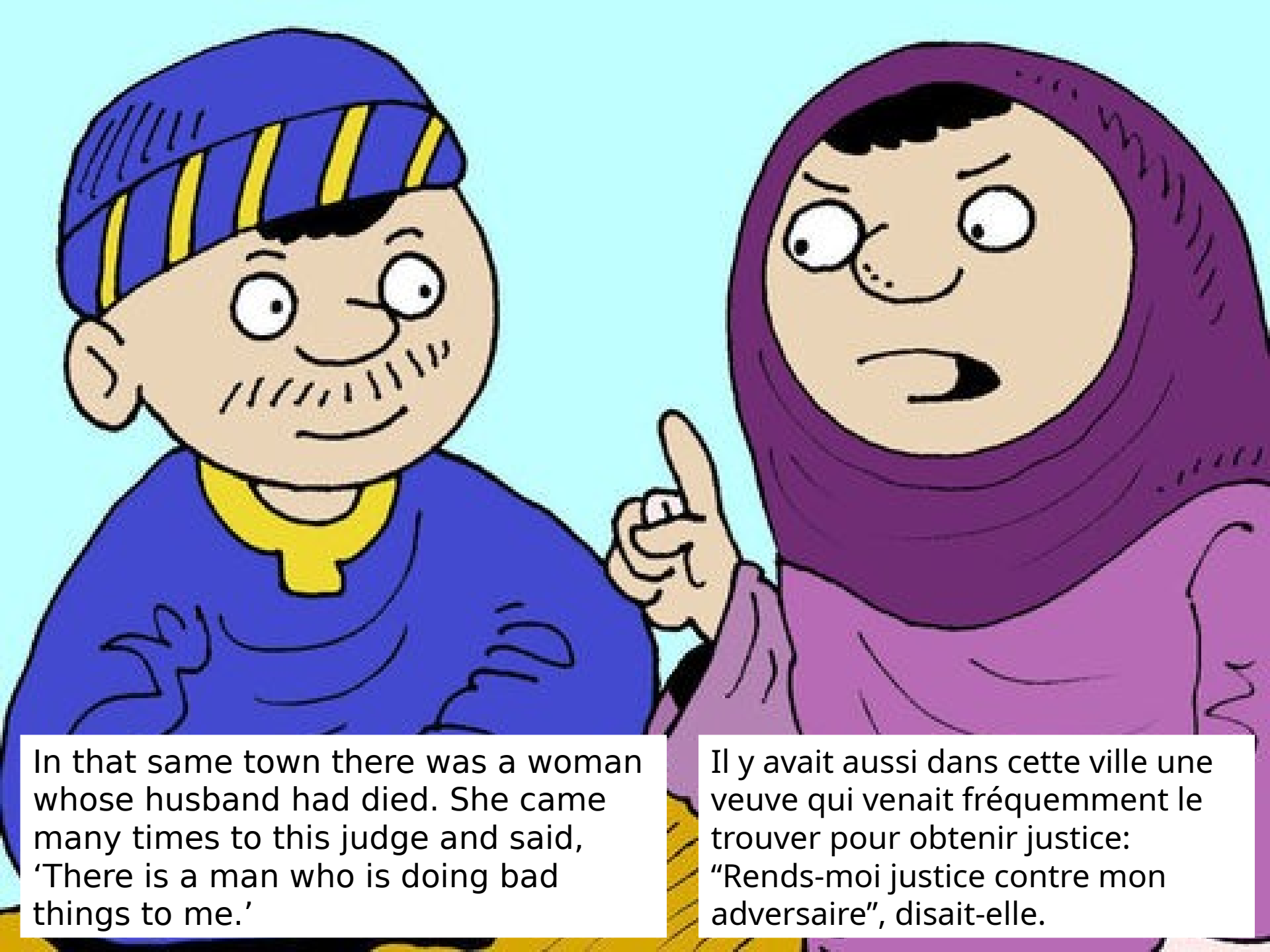
La parabole de la veuve et du juge

Jésus leur dit cette parabole pour leur montrer qu'ils devaient toujours prier, sans jamais se décourager:



“Once there was a judge in a town. He did not care about God. He also did not care what people thought about him.

«Il y avait dans une ville un juge qui ne se souciait pas de Dieu et n'avait d'égards pour personne.

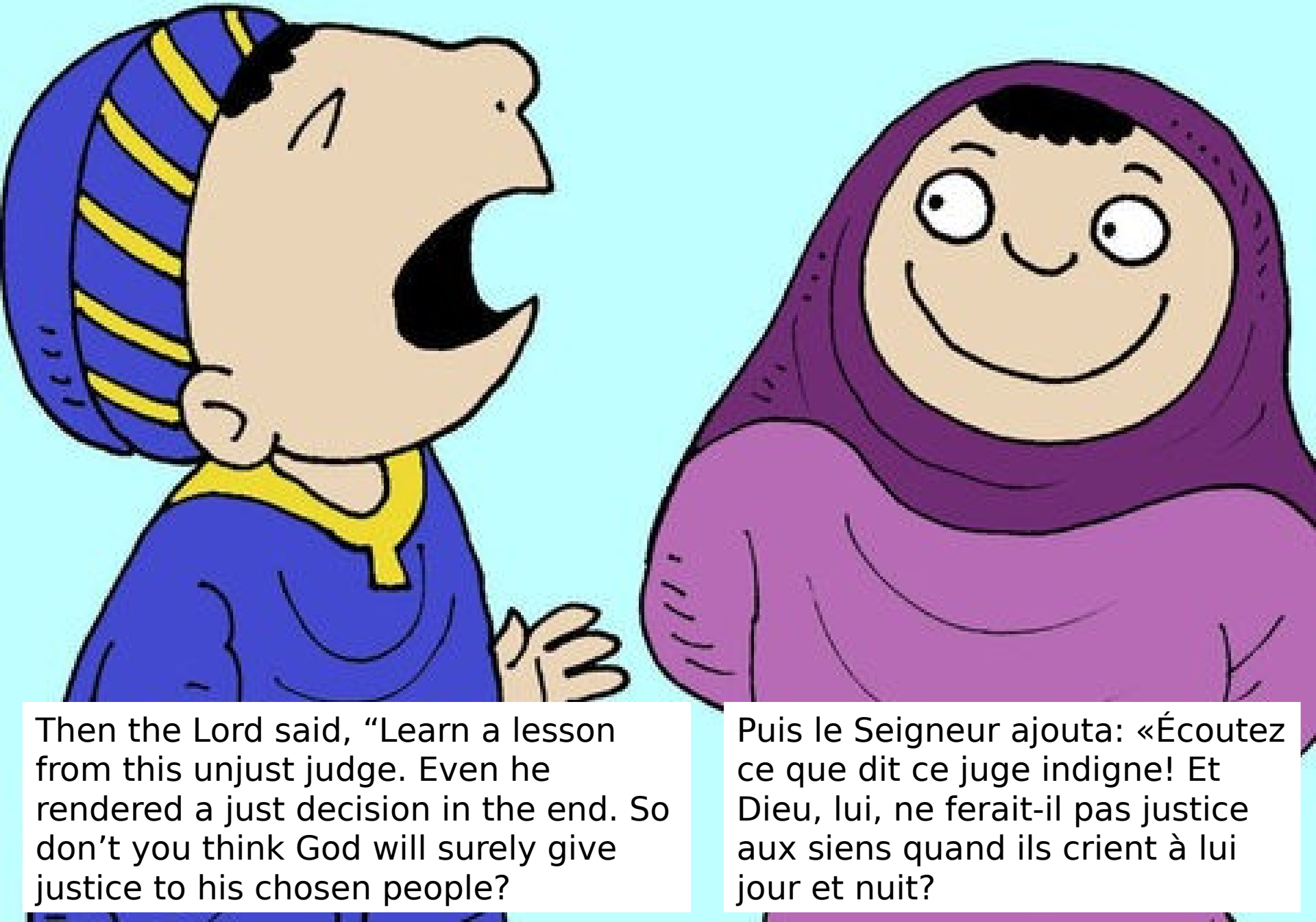

In that same town there was a woman whose husband had died. She came many times to this judge and said, ‘There is a man who is doing bad things to me.’
Il y avait aussi dans cette ville une veuve qui venait fréquemment le trouver pour obtenir justice: “Rends-moi justice contre mon adversaire”, disait-elle.

But the judge did not want to help the woman.
Pendant longtemps, le juge refusa.

The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself, ‘I don’t fear God or care about people, but this woman is driving me crazy!’
Mais ensuite il se dit: ‘Même si je ne crains pas Dieu et n'ai d'égards pour personne, cette veuve me fatigue.

I’m going to see that she gets justice, because she is wearing me out with her constant requests!’”

Je vais lui rendre justice afin qu'elle ne vienne pas sans cesse me déranger.’»



Then the Lord said, “Learn a lesson from this unjust judge. Even he rendered a just decision in the end. So don’t you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people?

Puis le Seigneur ajouta: «Écoutez ce que dit ce juge indigne! Et Dieu, lui, ne ferait-il pas justice aux siens quand ils crient à lui jour et nuit?

God’s people shout to him night and day, and he will always give them what is right. He will not be slow to answer them.

Je vous le déclare: il leur fera justice rapidement.

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