

ESTHER the very brave Queen

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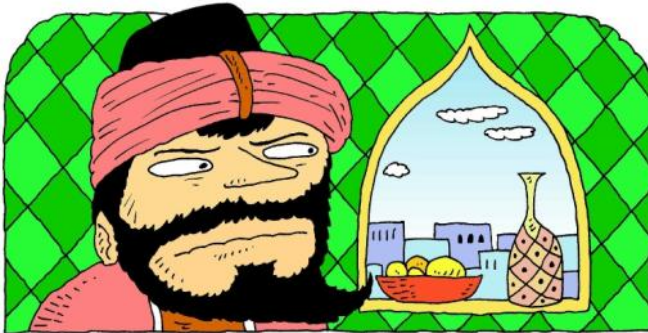
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Long ago, in the land of Persia,
lived a young queen called Esther.
She was beautiful and wise,
but she was also a Jew.



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Haman thought up a clever plan.
He would trick the king
into making a law
commanding all Jews must die.



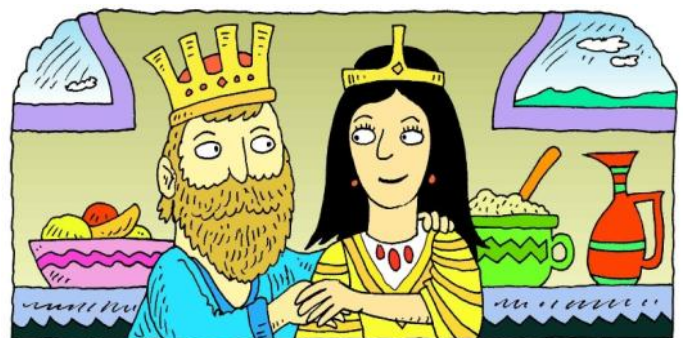
The water rushed past
the house built on the sand.
All the sand washed away.
That house fell down.



But Queen Esther was smart.
When she found out about Haman's plan
she invited Haman to a special meal.
He didn't know that Esther was a Jew.



At the special meal,
Queen Esther told her husband,
the king, about Haman's plan.
The king was very angry.



The king ordered that
Haman be killed.
Now the Jews were safe
and Queen Esther was safe too.