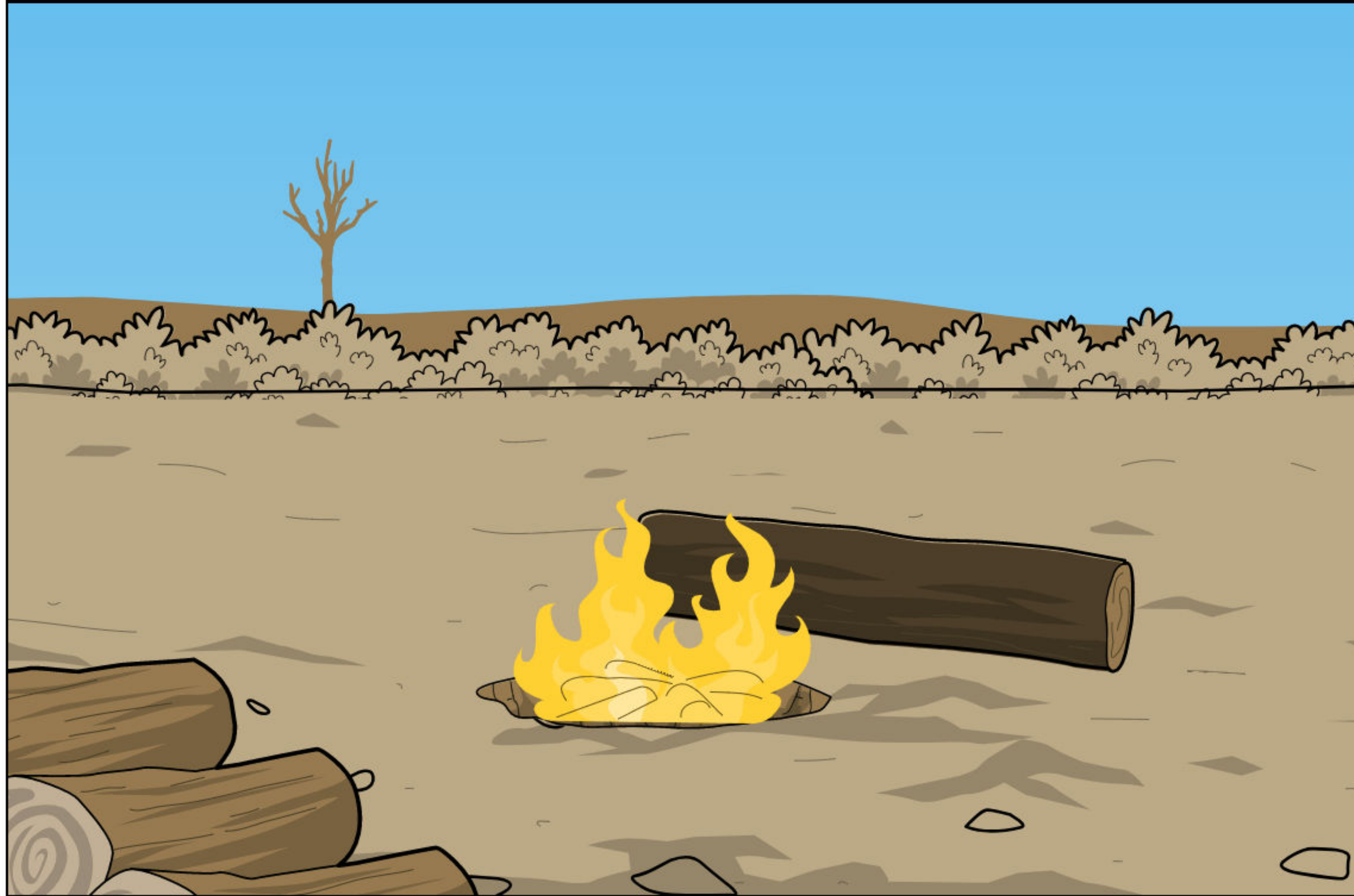
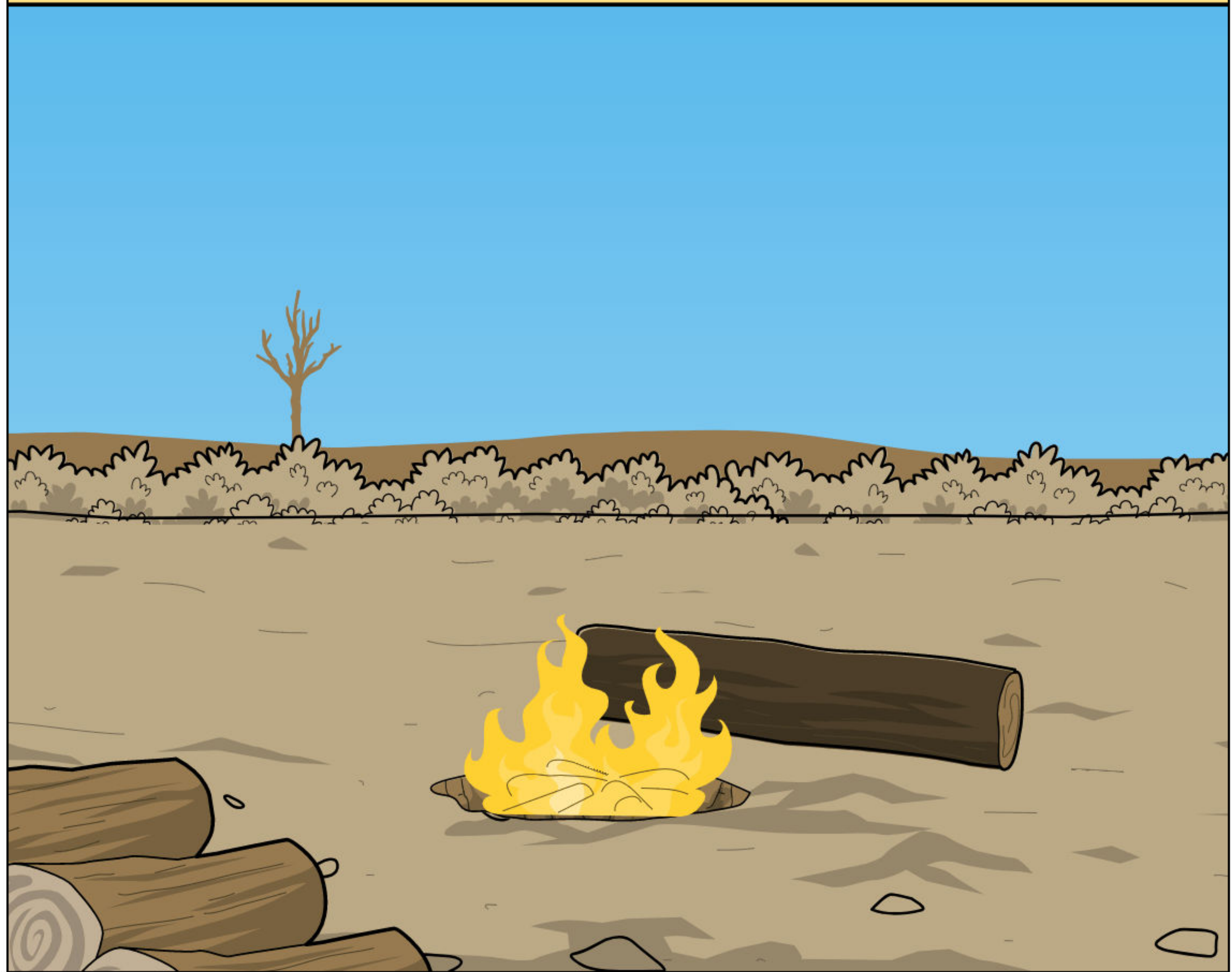


So Moses prayed for the people, and the LORD said to Moses, "Make a saraph and mount it on a pole, and whoever looks at it after being bitten will live." Moses accordingly made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole, and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, he lived. (Numbers 21:8-9)



The story of the Israelites is an interesting one. So after God saved them from slavery, and while they were in the desert on their journey back to their own soil, they rebelled and turned against the Lord.



How quickly one forgets the Lord's deeds eh. When in trouble we call on him with devotion, and then when in comfort we ask him to take the back seat.



But then, in spite of their rebellion and sins, the Lord came to their aid again and again, making a remedy for them to save them from the serpents tormenting them for their sin. The bronze serpent on a wood is a symbol of the true wood that would save the entire world: the wood of the cross.