BLOOD IN THE SENATE:

Charles Sumner

1811-1874

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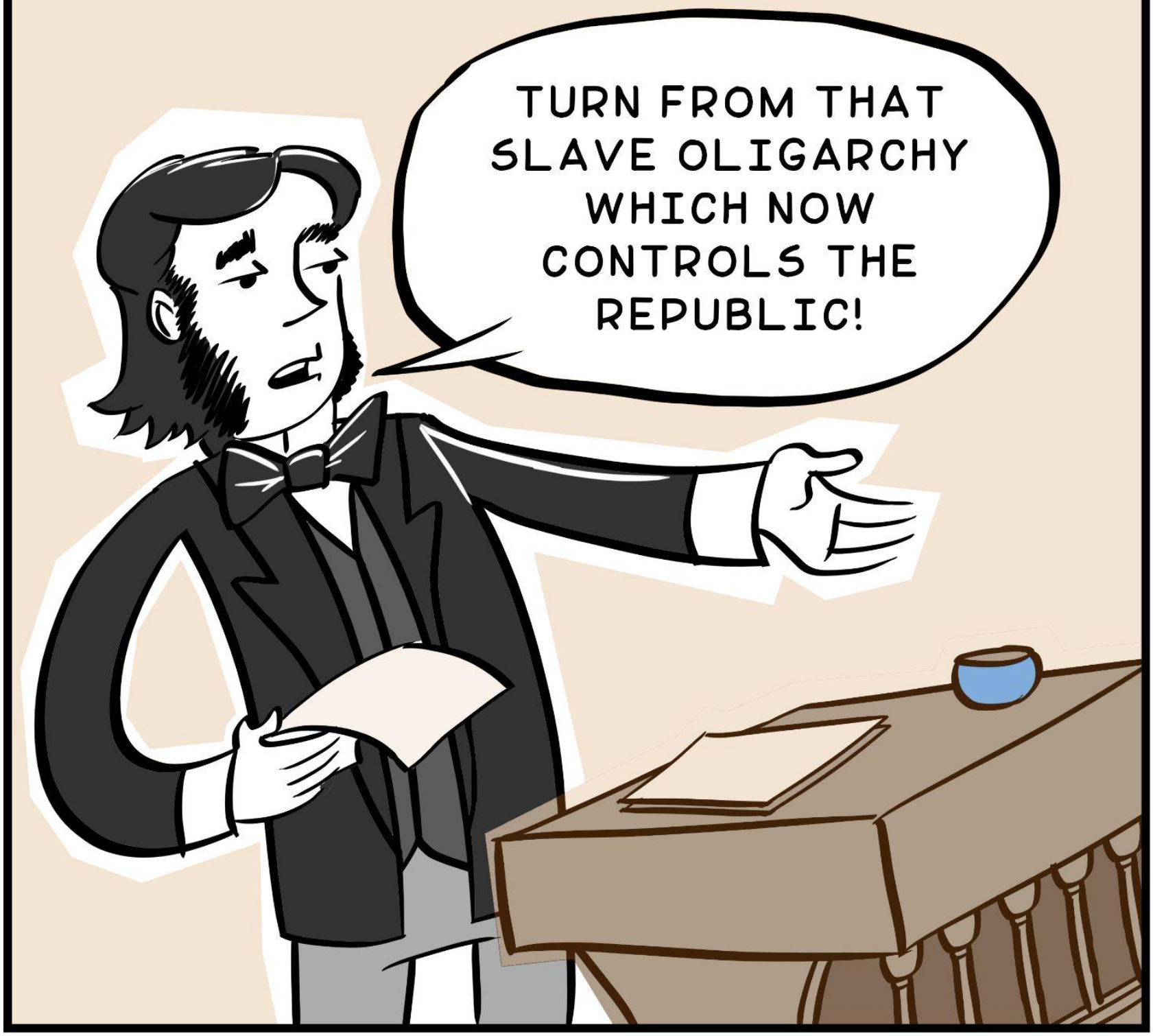
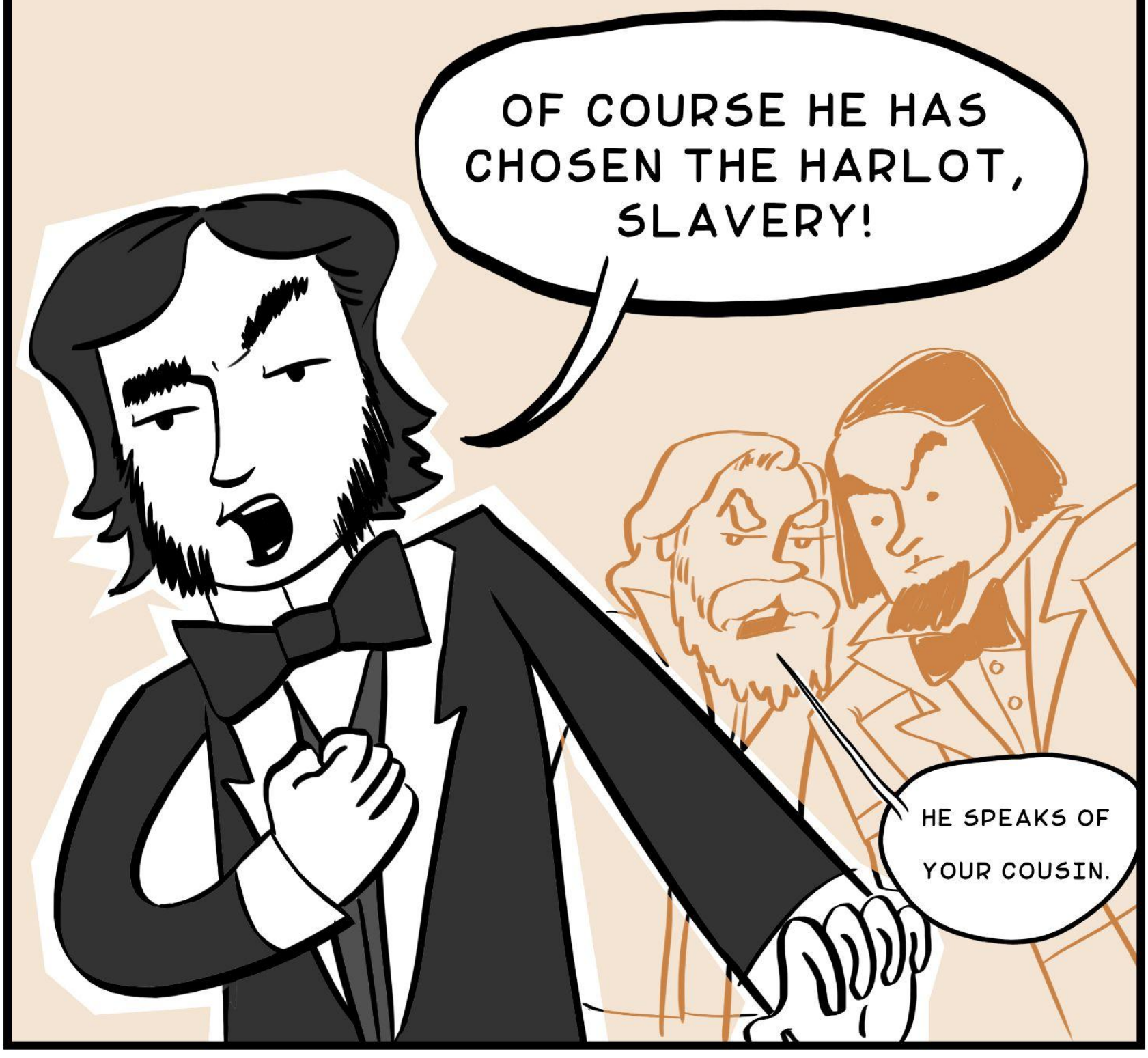
IN 1856 **CHARLES SUMNER** OF MASSACHUSETTS WOULD GIVE ONE OF THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL SPEECHES IN THE SENATE'S HISTORY, TITLED **"THE CRIME AGAINST KANSAS."**



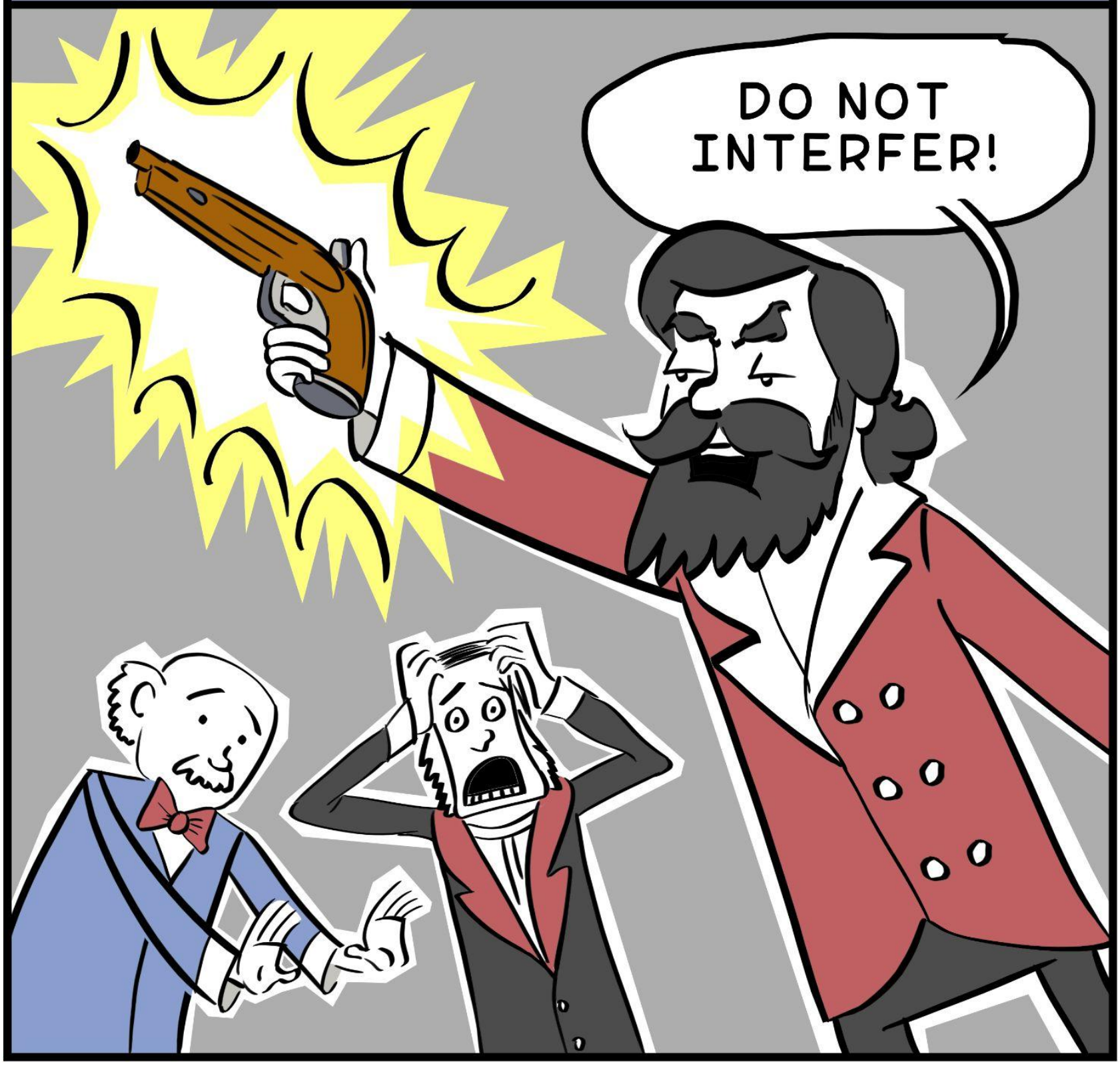
HE RAILED **AGAINST SLAVERY** AND LIKENED **SENATOR ANDREW BUTLER'S** RELATIONSHIP WITH SLAVERY TO THAT OF A LOVESTRUCK MAN MARRYING AN **UGLY HARLOT.**



WHEN **SUMNER** INSULTED BUTLER IT ENRAGED **BUTLER'S COUSIN** NAMED **PRESTON BROOKS.** WHO WAS A **REPRESENTATIVE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.**

DAYS AFTER THE SPEECH, **BROOKS ATTACKED SUMNER FROM BEHIND**, BEATING HIM WITH A WALKING STICK UNTIL HE WAS UNCONSCIOUS, **LEAVING BLOOD EVERYWHERE!**

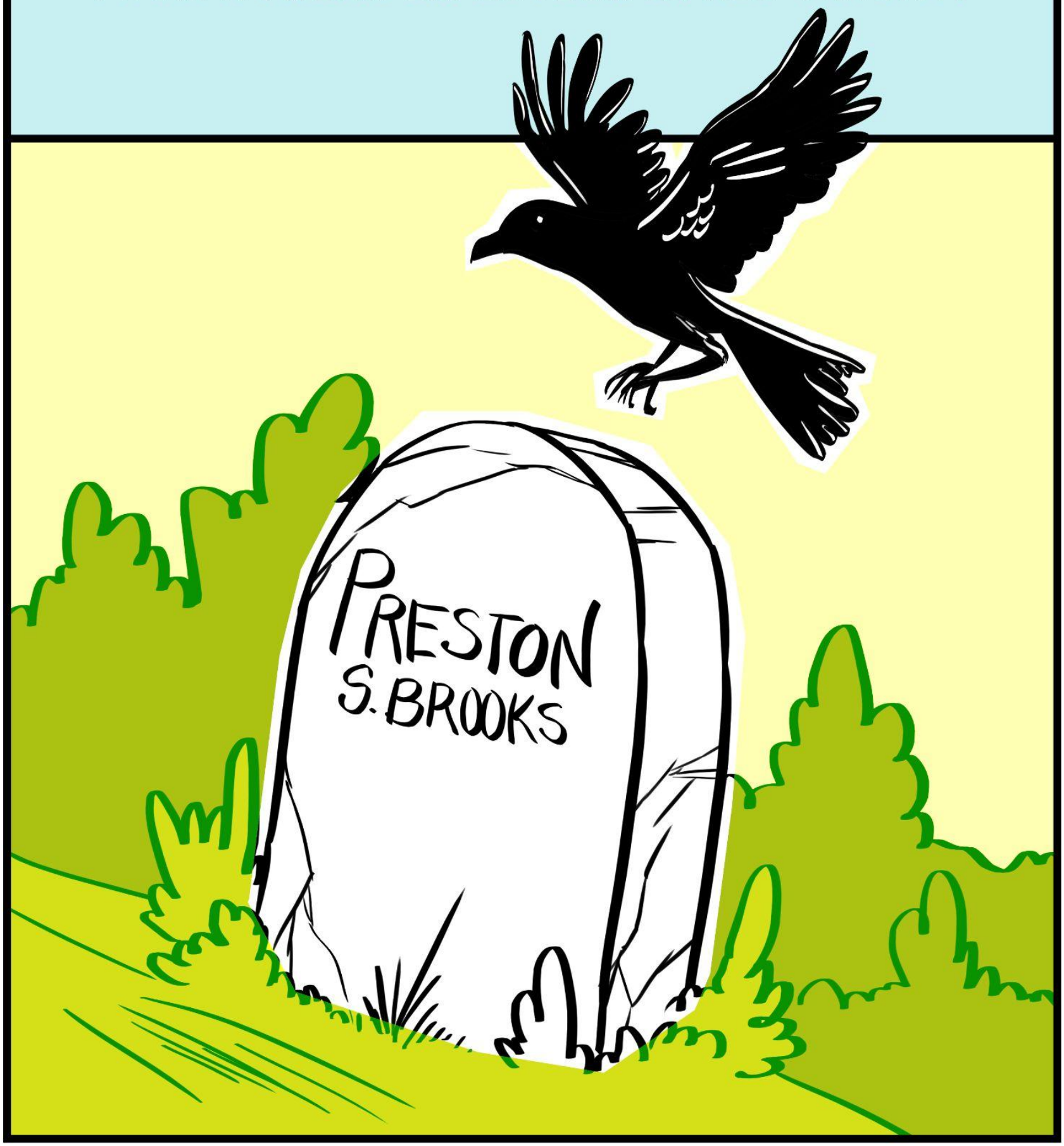
SUMNER'S COLLEAGUES TRIED TO STOP BROOKS, BUT A REP. FROM SC, **PULLED A PISTOL OUT TO HINDER THEM!** DESPITE THIS, SUMNER'S FRIENDS SAVED HIS LIFE, **RESTRAINING BROOKS.**



IT TOOK **THREE YEARS** FOR SUMNER TO RECOVER. **THE STATE LEGISLATURE** WOULD VOTE HIM BACK INTO THE SENATE, THOUGH HE COULD NOT ATTEND SESSIONS FULL TIME. HIS EMPTY SEAT WOULD BECOME A SYMBOL OF **DEFIANCE AGAINST SLAVERY!**

PRESTON BROOKS WAS CHARGED AND **CONVICTED** OF ASSAULT BUT **WITHOUT JAIL** TIME. HIS BAIL WAS FULLY PAID FOR BY HIS SUPPORTERS AND HE WOULD RESIGN FROM THE SENATE ONLY TO BE **VOTED BACK IN.**

BROOKS WOULD DIE SEVERAL MONTHS LATER FROM A **FREAK INFECTION** IN HIS THROAT.



SUMNER WOULD RETURN TO THE SENATE AND ONCE AGAIN, **FEARLESSLY,** CONTINUE TO ARGUE **AGAINST SLAVERY.**

DURING THE CIVIL WAR, **SUMNER** WOULD PERSUADE **PRESIDENT ABARHAM LINCOLN** TO ISSUE THE **EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION, SETTING THE SLAVES FREE** THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY!

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