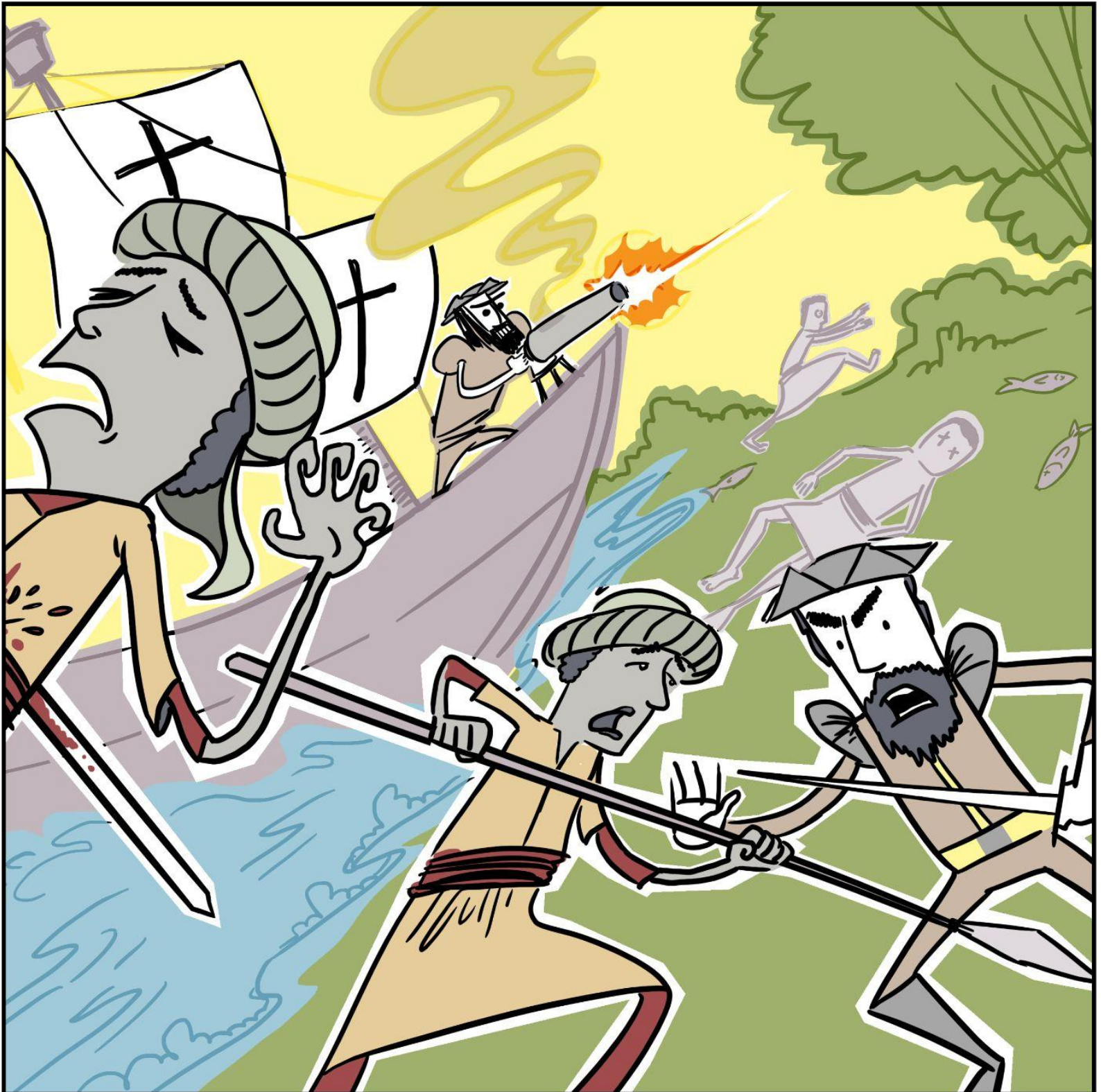


GOD BLESS SLAVERY

Prince Henry the Navigator

1394-1460

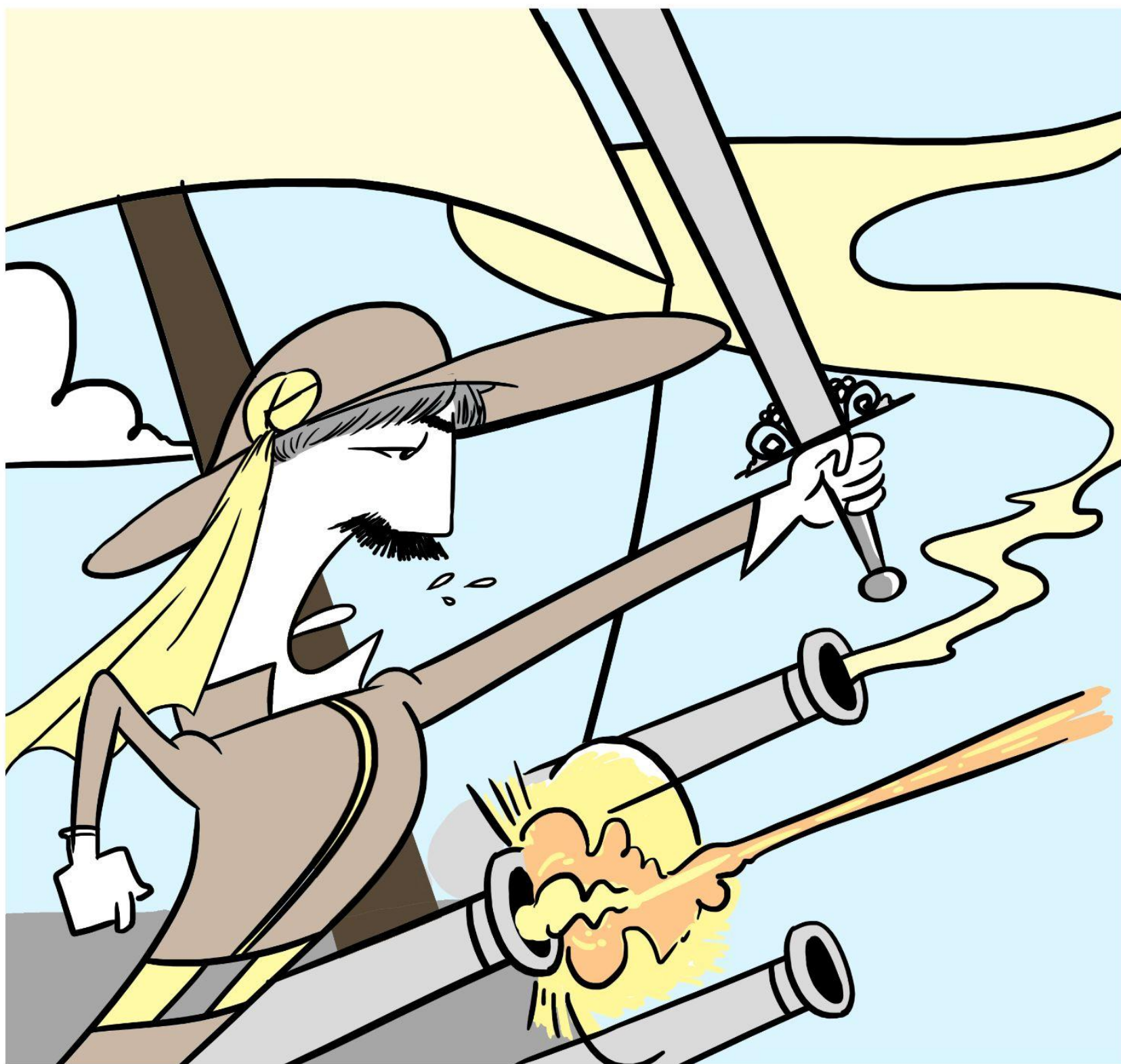


written & illustrated by desire grover

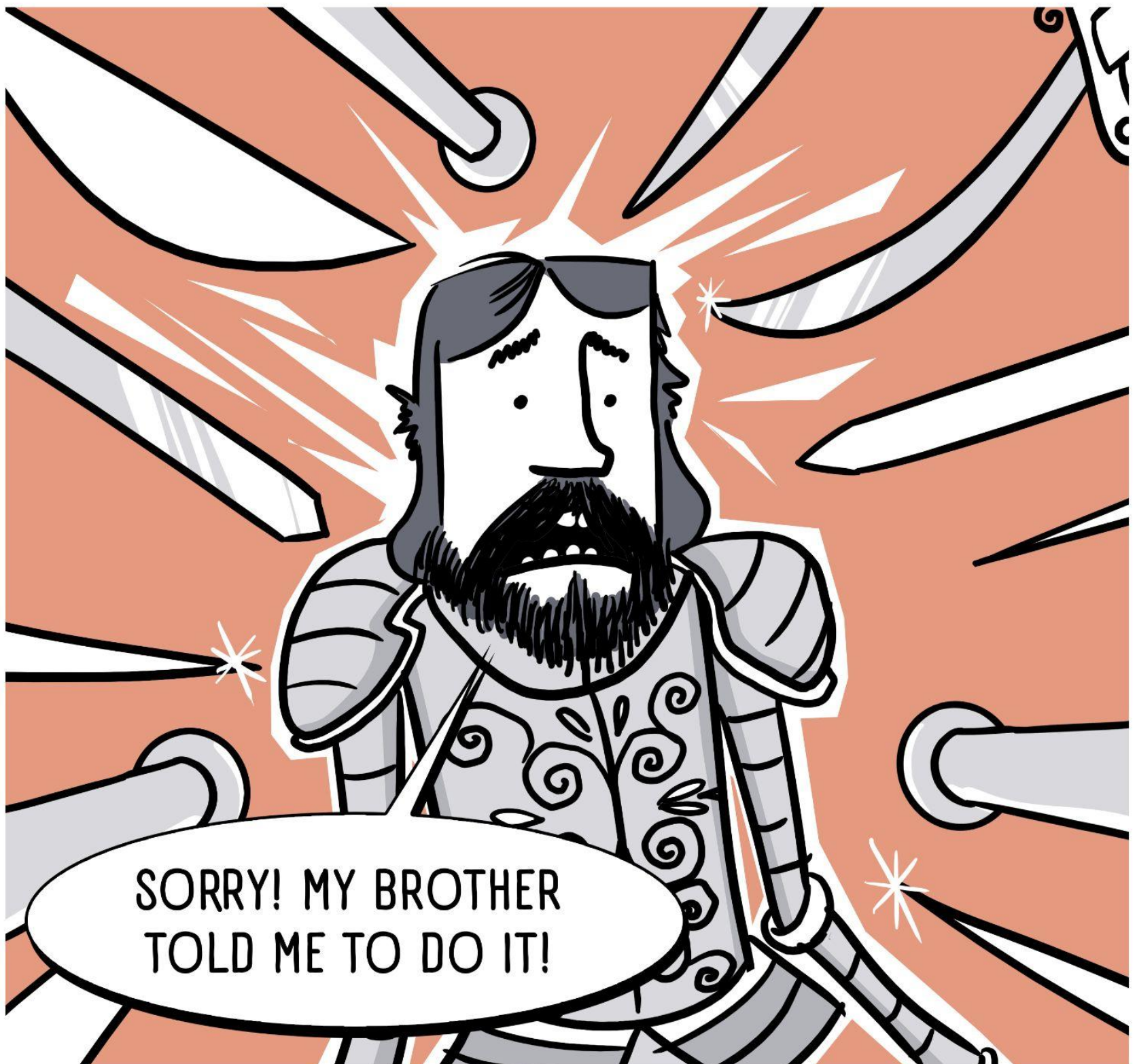
PRINCE HENRY'S AMBITION FOR WEALTH AND NOTORIETY IN **PORTUGAL** WAS FOUNDATIONAL TO CREATING **THE ATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE**. HIS SPONSORED EXPLORATIONS WOULD EARN HIM THE NICKNAME "**PRINCE HENRY THE NAVIGATOR.**"



AS A YOUNG MAN, HENRY WOULD BECOME KNOWN AS A **DARING COMMANDER** DURING HIS FATHER'S CONQUEST OF CEUTA IN 1415. **DESPITE BEING WOUNDED** IN BATTLE HE AND HIS FAMILY'S ARMY CAPTURED THE CITY!



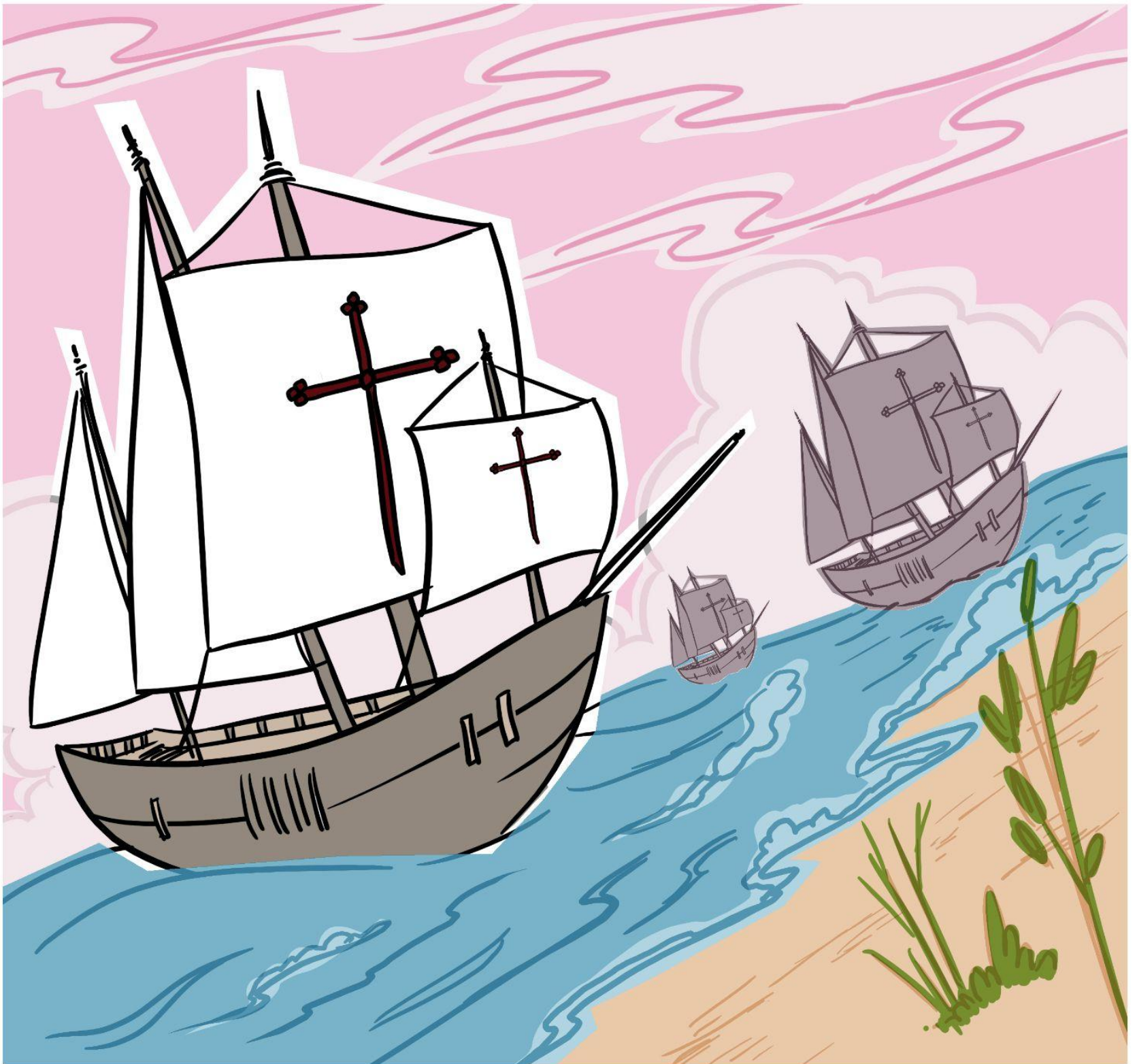
DECADES LATER IN 1436, HENRY WOULD SEND HIS YOUNGER BROTHER FERDINAND TO COMMAND A BATTLE AGAINST TANGIER IN MOROCCO. UNFORTUNATELY, HIS ARMY WAS SURROUNDED BY THE MOROCCANS AND STARVED INTO SUBMISSION!



NOT ONLY DID HENRY LOSE HIS AGGRESSIVE WAR WITH MOROCCO
BUT TO SECURE HIS ARMY'S RELEASE, HE ABANDONED HIS BROTHER
FERDINAND AS A COLLATERAL HOSTAGE.



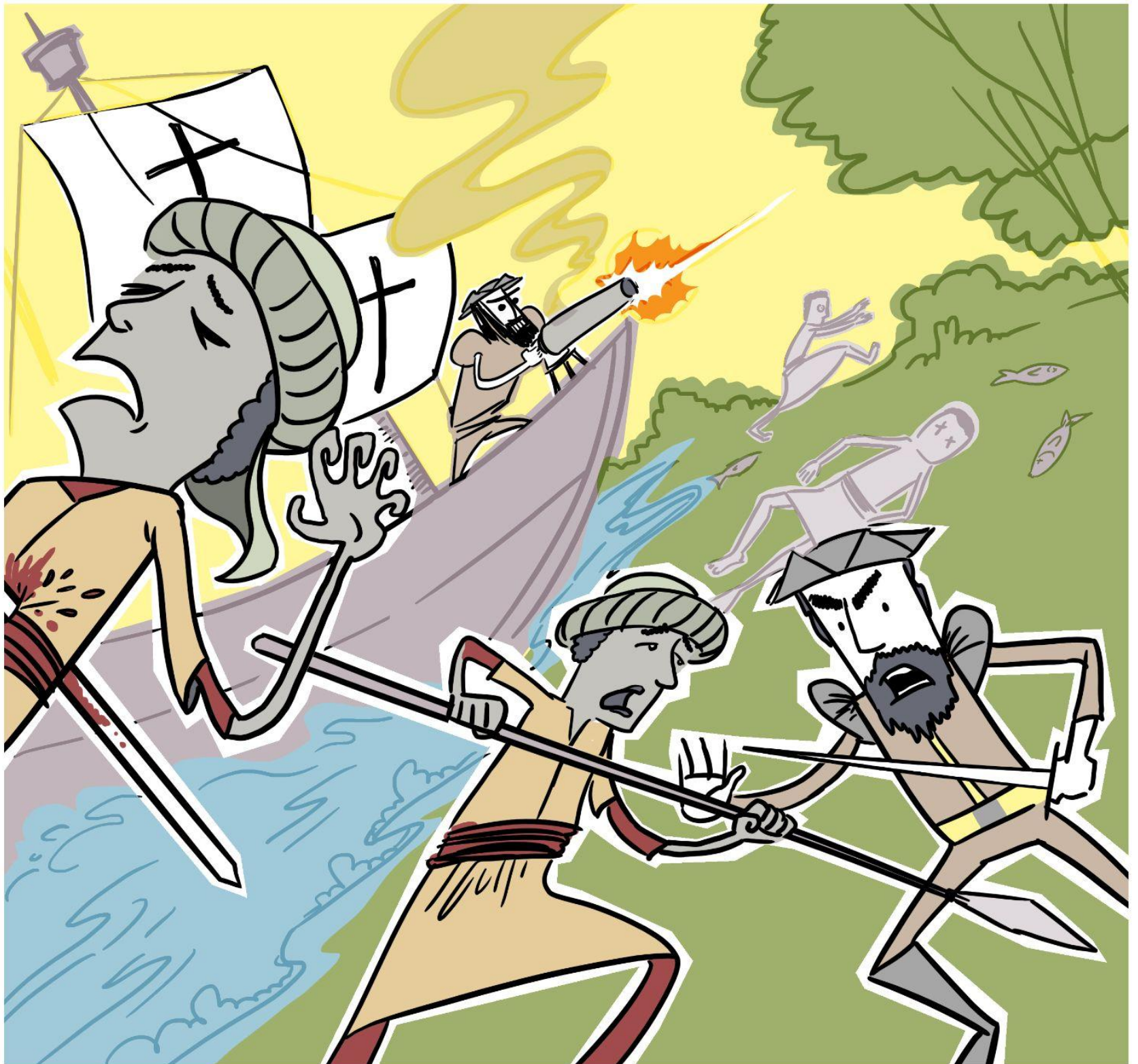
AFTER THE HUMILIATING DEFEAT IN TANGIER, HENRY SPONSORED EXPLORATIONS AND RAIDS ALONG THE WEST COAST OF AFRICA, SEARCHING FOR GOLD, FABRIC AND PRECIOUS GOODS!



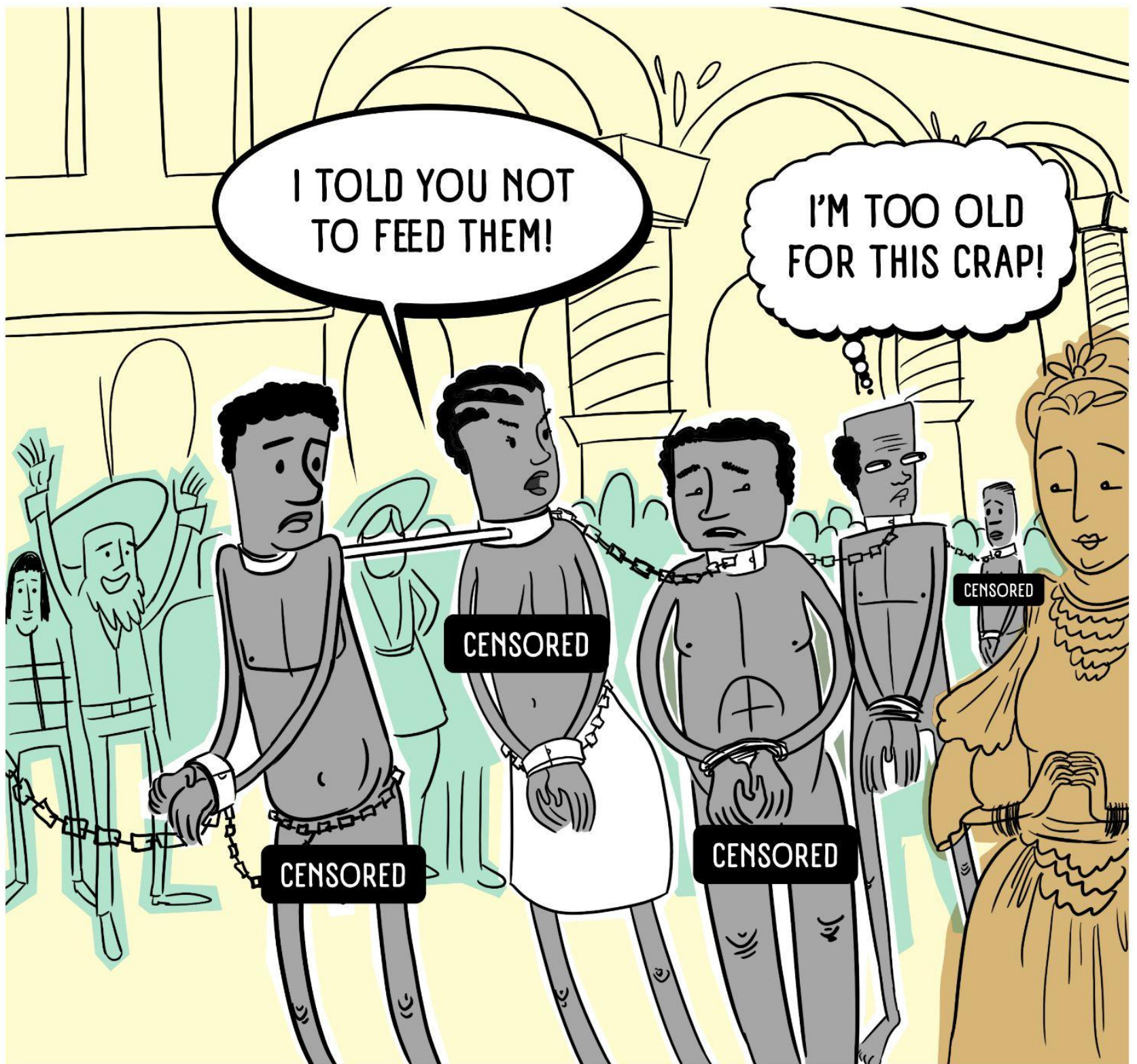
DURING A SPONSORED RAID ON ARGUIN ISLAND, HENRY'S EXPLORER **NUNO TRISTÃO**, WOULD ATTACK A FISHING VILLAGE OF **BERBERS (AMAZIGH)**, KIDNAPPING SEVERAL OF THEM AND TAKING THEM TO PORTUGAL AS SLAVES.



TRISTAO'S SUCCESS IN ARGUIN WOULD IGNITE A FRENZY OF VOYAGES TO THE ISLAND WHERE INHABITANTS WERE CAPTURED AND ENSLAVED.



**240 SLAVES WOULD BE BROUGHT BACK TO PORTUGAL
AND PARADED IN THE NUDE ON THE DOCKS OF LISBON.**



TO JUSTIFY THE UNETHICAL SLAVE RAIDS, ON JUNE 18, 1452, POPE NICHOLAS V ISSUED A PAPAL BULL AUTHORIZING THE PORTUGUESE TO CONQUER AND ENSLAVE NON-CHRISTIANS THROUGHOUT WEST AFRICA.

YOU HAVE MY...
I MEAN... YOU HAVE GOD'S
PERMISSION TO KILL,
STEAL AND DESTROY THE
AFRICAN PAGANS!



PRINCE HENRY WAS FUNDAMENTAL TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PORTUGUESE EMPIRE, BUT HE WAS ALSO FOUNDATIONAL TO THE BRUTAL ENSLAVEMENT OF AFRICANS. CHATTEL SLAVERY WAS CENTRAL TO THE EMPIRE'S DEVELOPMENT, LASTING OVER 500 YEARS IN PORTUGAL, SPREADING ACROSS THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.



Abulafia, David. 2025. “Prince Henry 'the Navigator'. A Life.”

<https://archives.history.ac.uk/history-in-focus/Sea/reviews/abulafia.html#:~:text=As>.

Cartwright, Mark, and Malyn Newitt. 2021. “Prince Henry the Navigator.” World History Encyclopedia.

https://www.worldhistory.org/Prince_Henry_the_Navigator/.

Lowcountry Digital History Initiative. 2014. “Pope Nicolas V and the Portuguese Slave Trade.” African Laborers for a New Empire: Iberia, Slavery, and the Atlantic World.

https://ldhi.library.cofc.edu/exhibits/show/african_laborers_for_a_new_emp/pope_nicolas_v_and_the_portugu#.

Zurara, Gomes Eanes D. 2022. The Chronicle of the Discovery and Conquest of Guinea; Volume I. N.p.: Creative Media Partners, LLC.

<https://archive.org/details/chronicleofdisco01zura/page/84/mode/2up>.



THE
HISTORY
COMIC.com