

¹² Now his brothers had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem, ¹³ and Israel said to Joseph, "As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them." "Very well," he replied. ¹⁴ So he said to him, "Go and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks, and bring word back to me." Then he sent him off from the Valley of Hebron. ...

GENESIS 37: 12-36

When Joseph arrived at Shechem, ¹⁵ a man found him wandering around in the fields and asked him, "What are you looking for?" ¹⁶ He replied, "I'm looking for my brothers. Can you tell me where they are grazing their flocks?" ¹⁷ "They have moved on from here," the man answered. "I heard them say, 'Let's go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan. ...

GENESIS 37: 12-36

¹⁸ But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him. ¹⁹ "Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other. ²⁰ "Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams." ²¹ When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. ...

GENESIS 37: 12-36

"Let's not take his life," he said. ²² "Don't shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don't lay a hand on him." Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father. ²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the ornate robe he was wearing— ²⁴ and they took him and threw him into the cistern. ...

GENESIS 37: 12-36

The cistern was empty; there was no water in it.
²⁵ As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt. ²⁶ Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? ...

GENESIS 37: 12-36

27 Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood." His brothers agreed.

28 So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt. ...

GENESIS 37: 12-36

²⁹ When Reuben returned to the cistern and saw that Joseph was not there, he tore his clothes. ³⁰ He went back to his brothers and said, "The boy isn't there! Where can I turn now?" ³¹ Then they got Joseph's robe, slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. ³² They took the ornate robe back to their father and said, "We found this. ..."

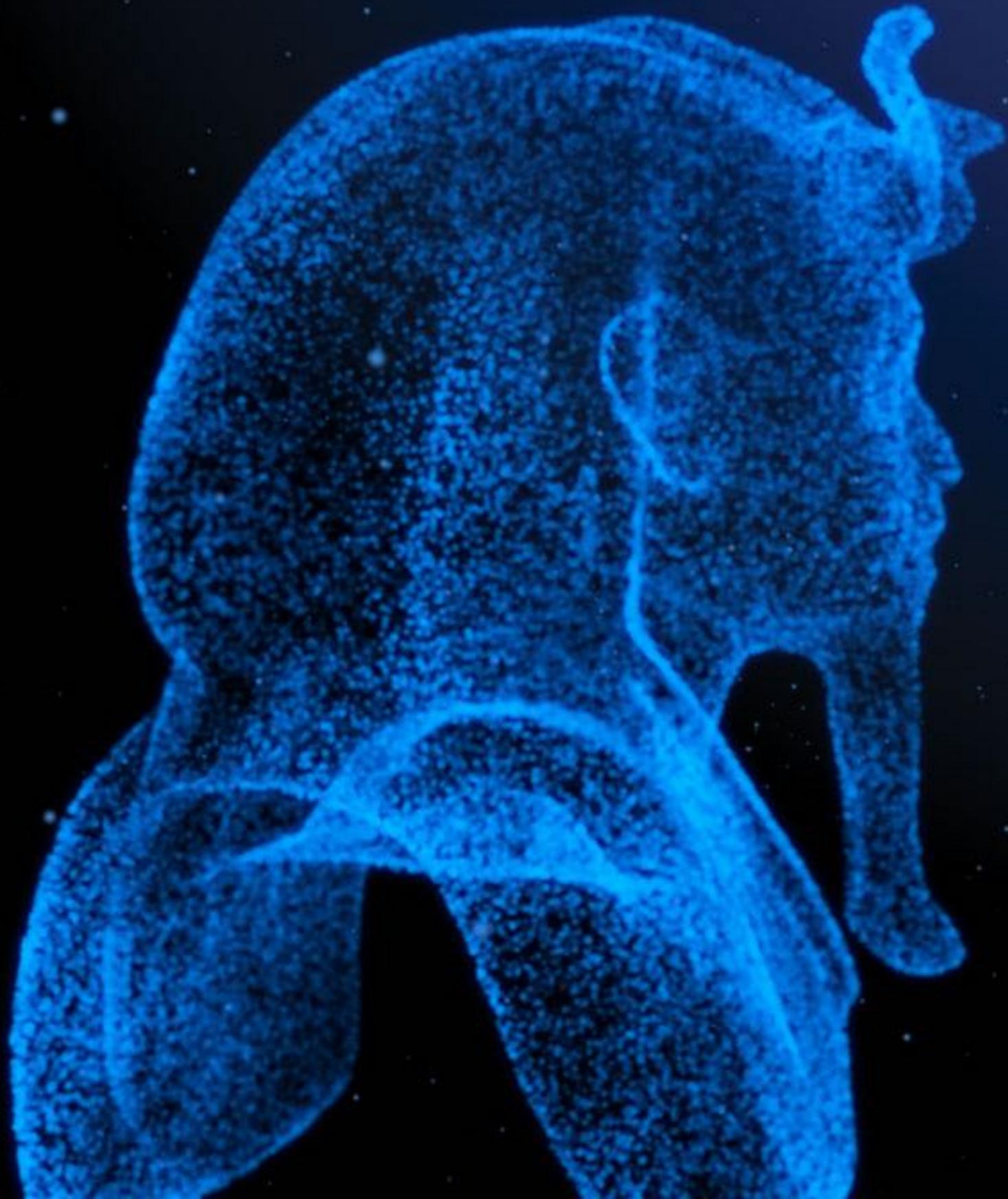
GENESIS 37: 12-36

Examine it to see whether it is your son's robe."
³³ He recognized it and said, "It is my son's robe!
Some ferocious animal has devoured him.
Joseph has surely been torn to pieces."³⁴ Then
Jacob tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and
mourned for his son many days.³⁵ All his sons
and daughters came to comfort him, but he
refused to be comforted. ...

GENESIS 37: 12-36

"No," he said, "I will continue to mourn until I join my son in the grave." So his father wept for him. ³⁶ Meanwhile, the Midianites sold Joseph in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard.

GENESIS 37: 12-36



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Joseph, when seventeen years of age, was pasturing the flock with his brothers while he was still a youth...And Joseph brought back a bad report about them to their father.

GENESIS 37: 2

“BAD REPORT”

“BAD REPORT”

“EVIL SLANDER”



Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his sons,
because he was the son of his old age;
and he made him a varicolored tunic.

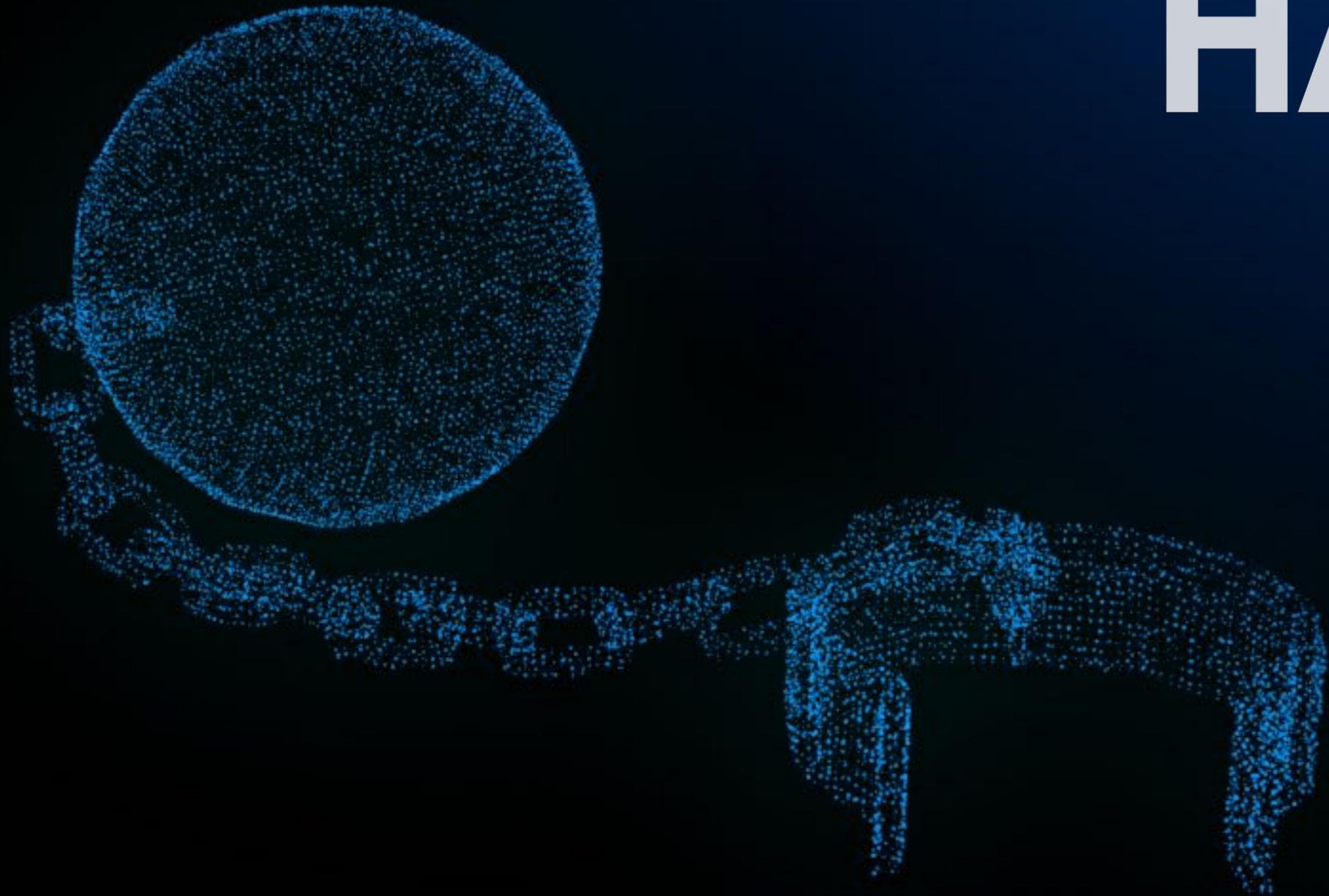
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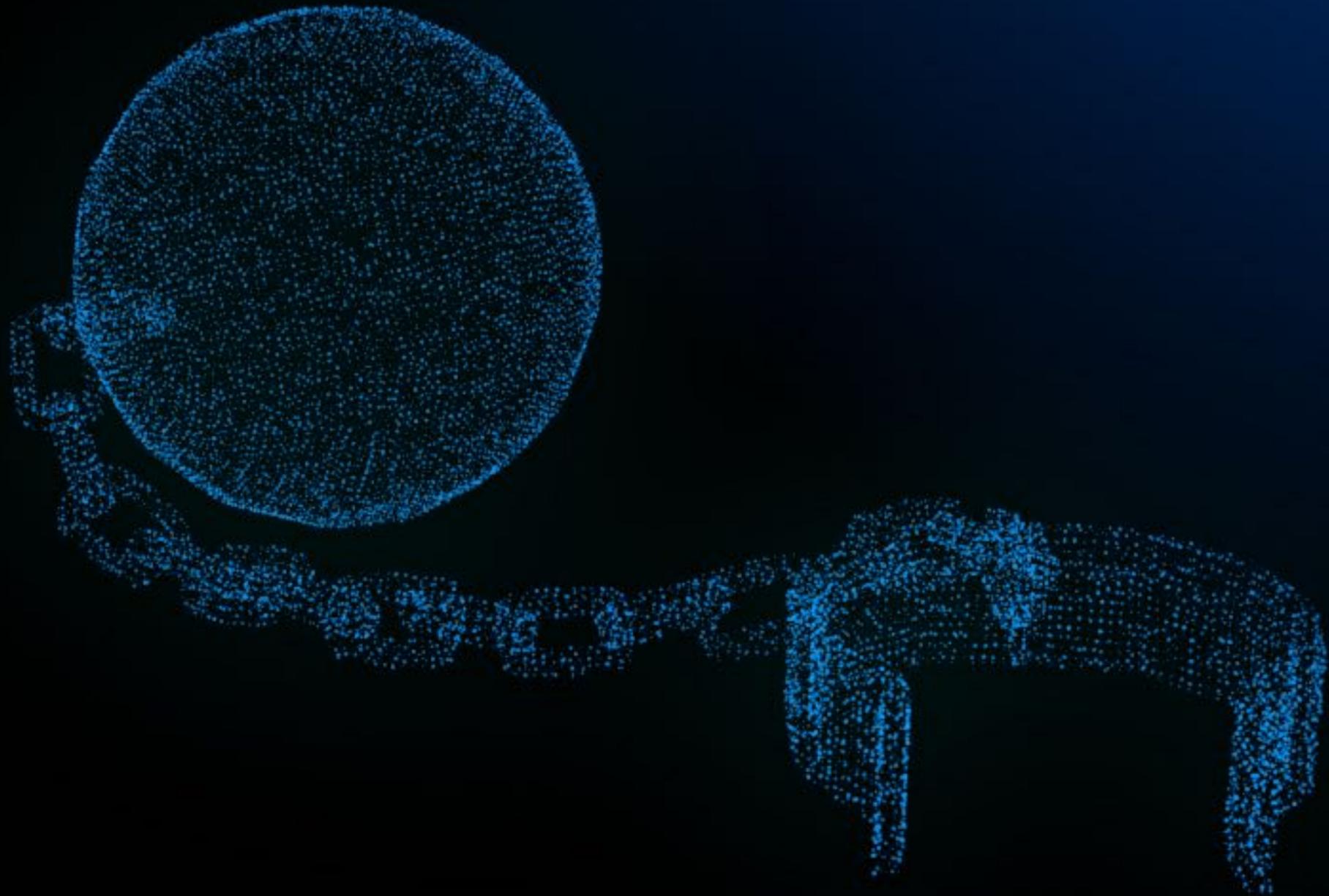
His brothers saw that their father loved
him more than all his brothers;
and so they hated him and could not
speak to him on friendly terms.

GENESIS 37: 3

HATE

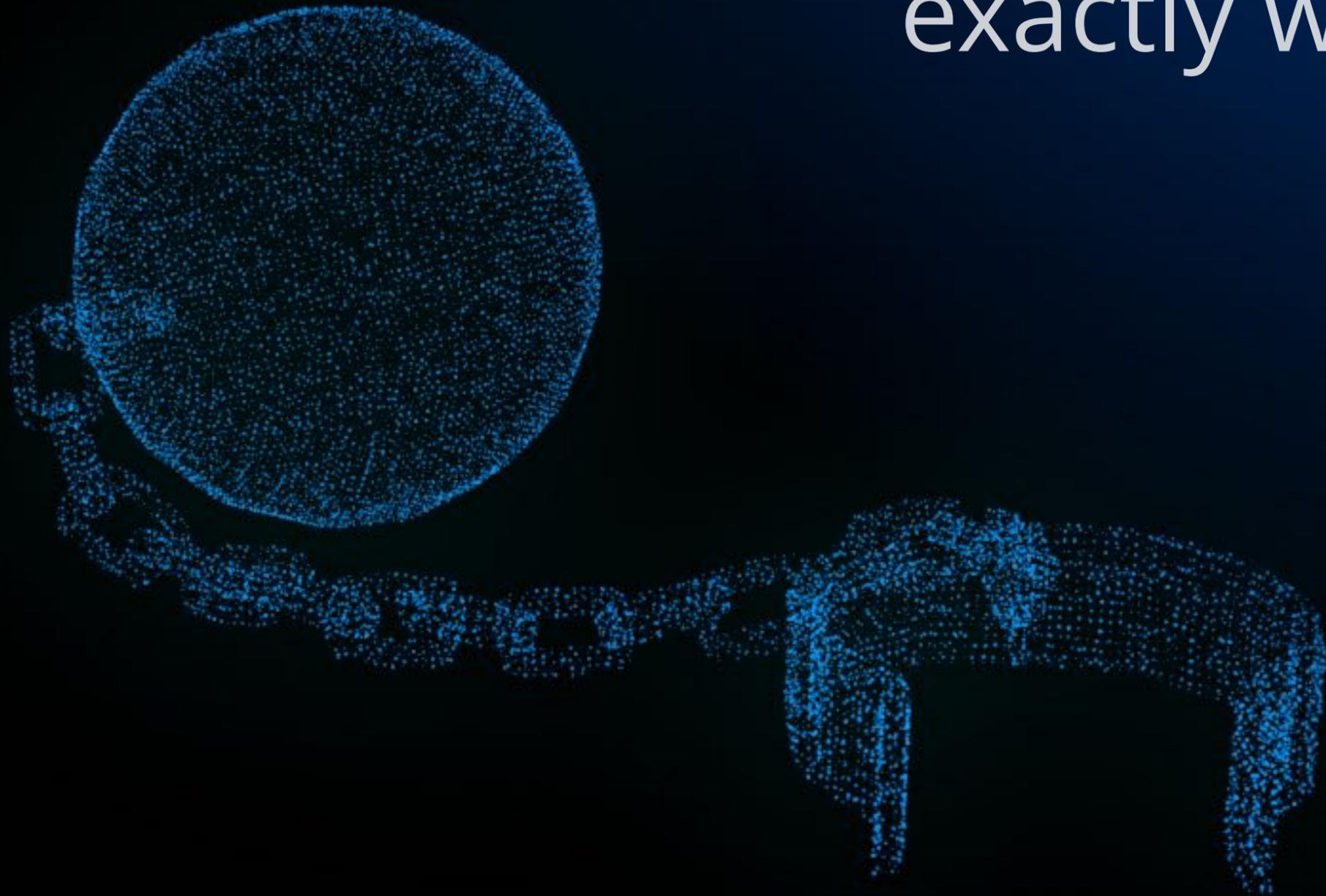


WHAT IS GOD SHOWING US?



WHAT IS GOD SHOWING US?

exactly who we are



**WHERE ARE THE
GOOD GUYS
IN THIS STORY?**

WHAT IS GOD SHOWING US?

exactly who we are

a surprising way He grows us



*You can't just be told your faults,
you must be shown your faults.*



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A SECRET



...a man found him wandering around
in the fields and asked him,
"What are you looking for? "

GENESIS 37: 15

*After all,
how would you know
He isn't at work?*



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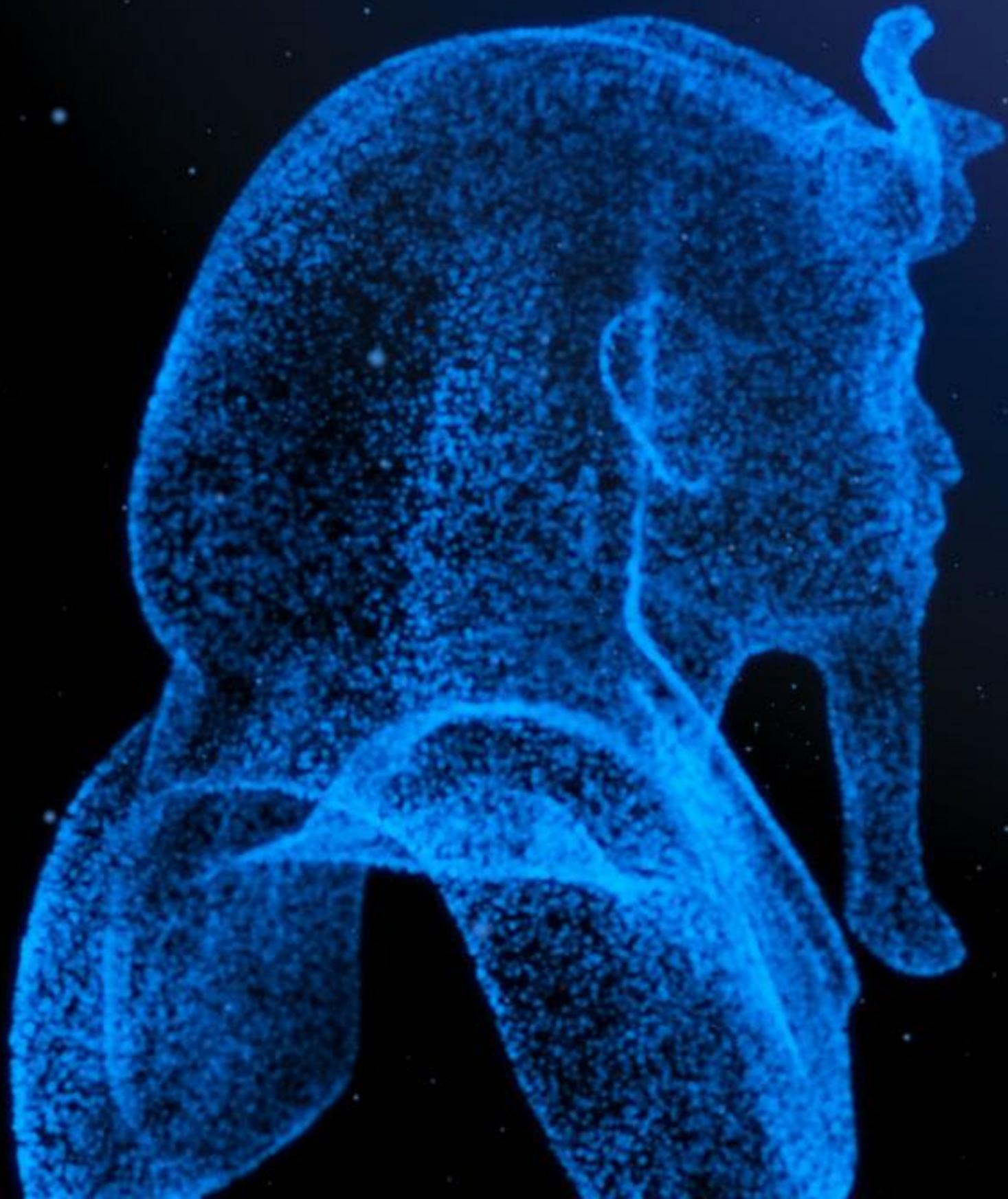
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I live to show his power,
who once did bring
My joys to weep,
but now my tears to sing

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