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Keeping from worldliness

4:4-10

and to keep oneself unstained by the world



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James' Illustration

“For if a man comes into your assembly with a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and there also comes in a poor man in dirty clothes, and you pay special attention to the one who is wearing the fine clothes, and say, ‘You sit here in a good place,’ and you say to the poor man, ‘You stand over there, or sit down by my footstool,’”

James 2:2-3



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When we play favorites we deny the Gospel.

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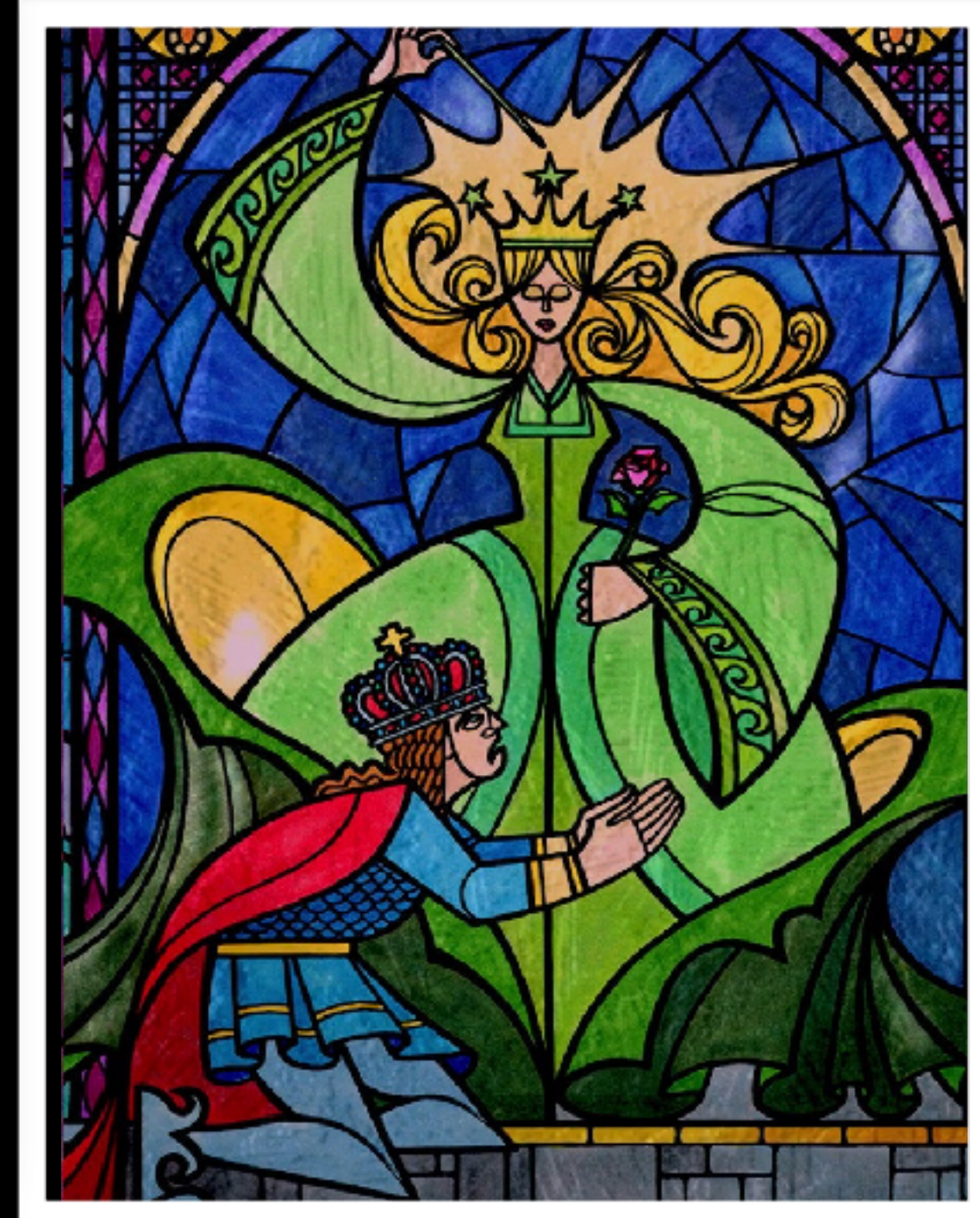
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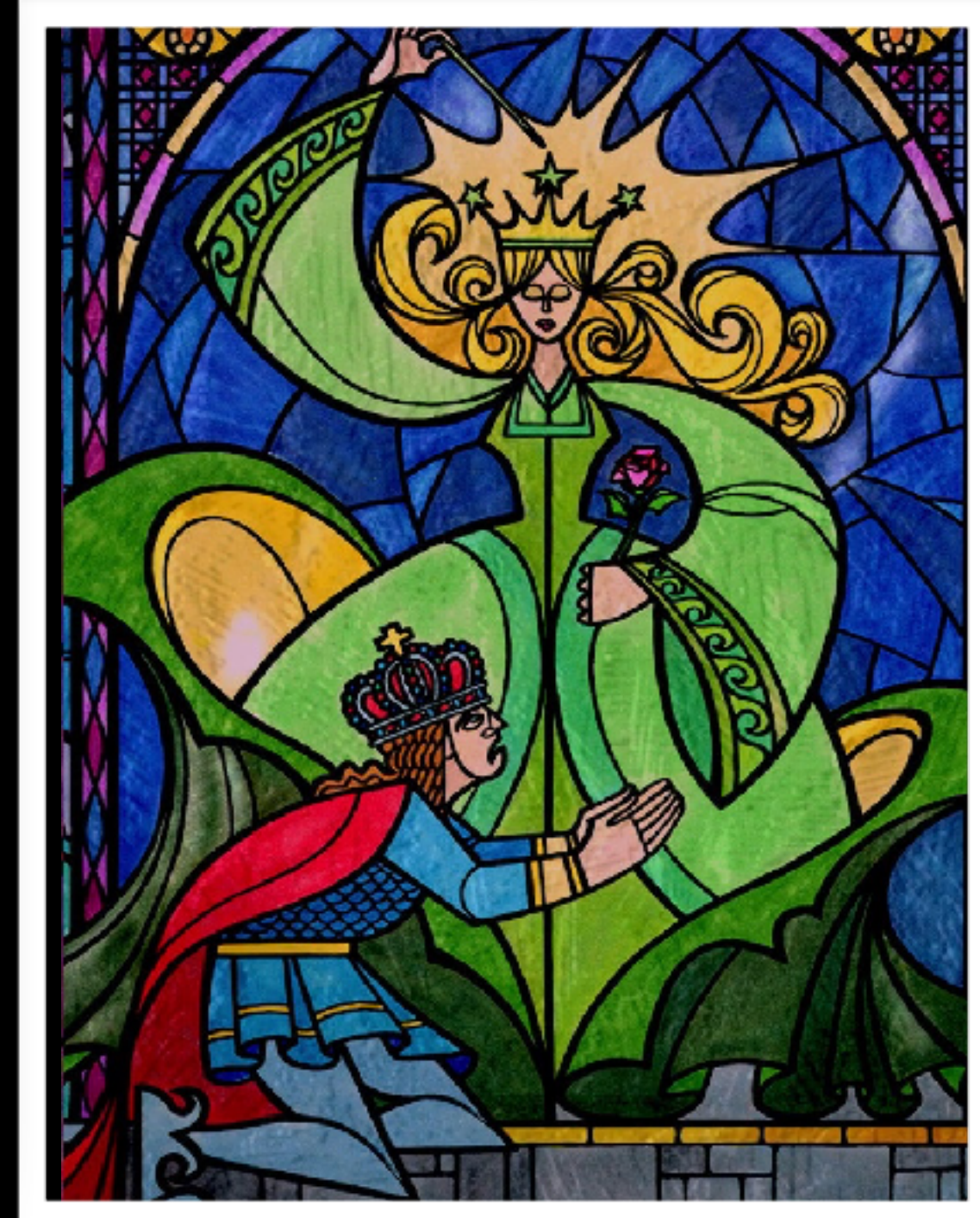
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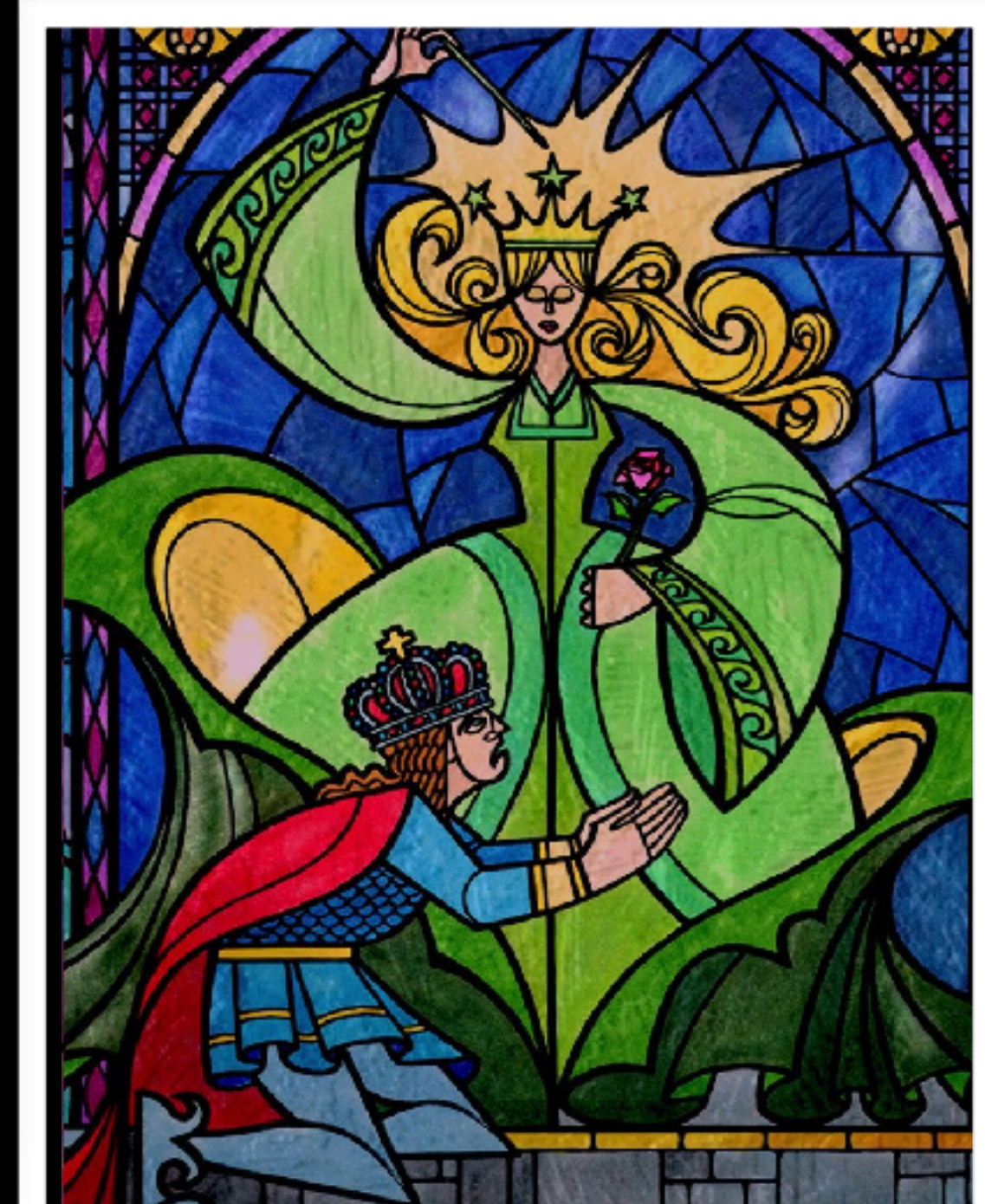
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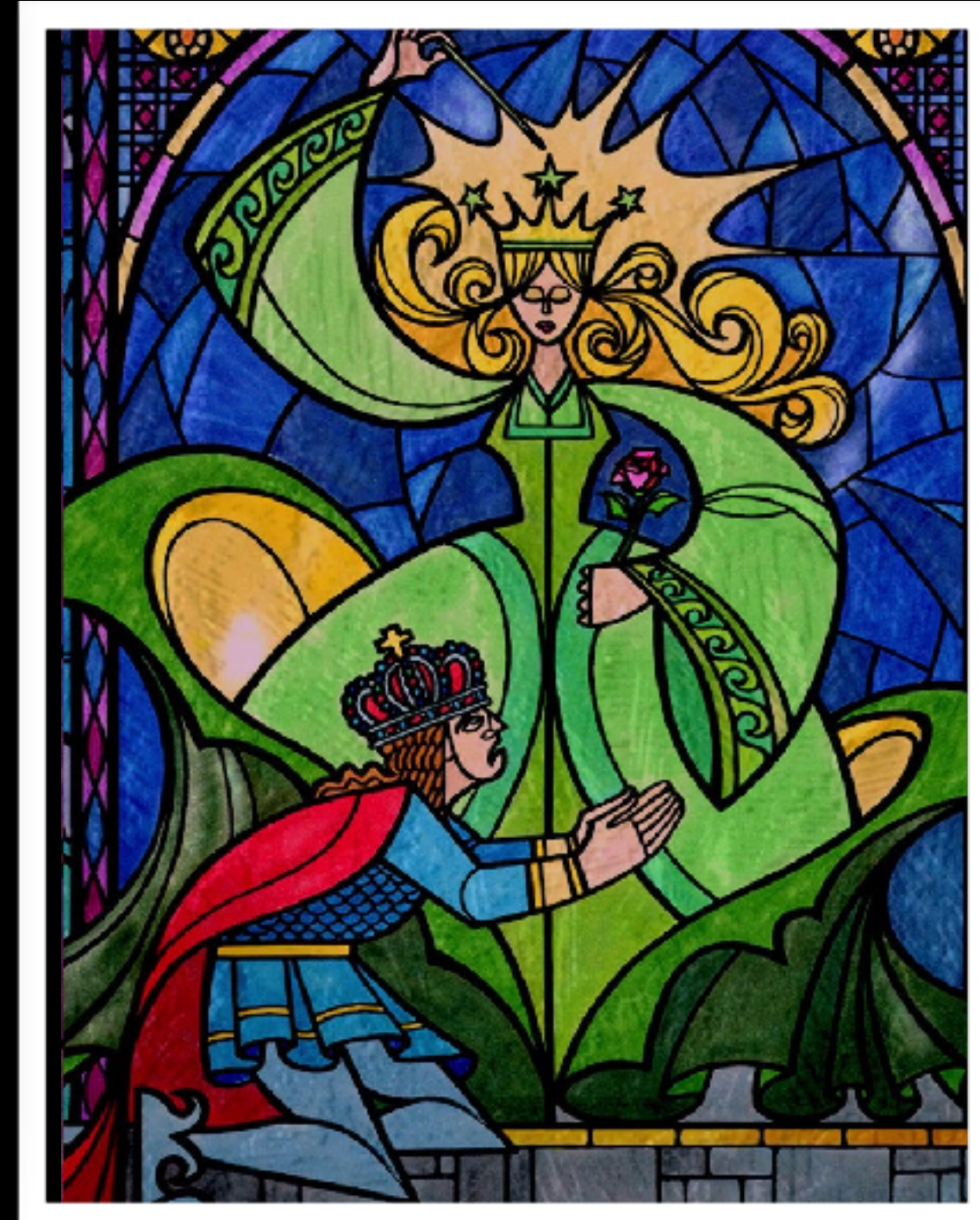
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