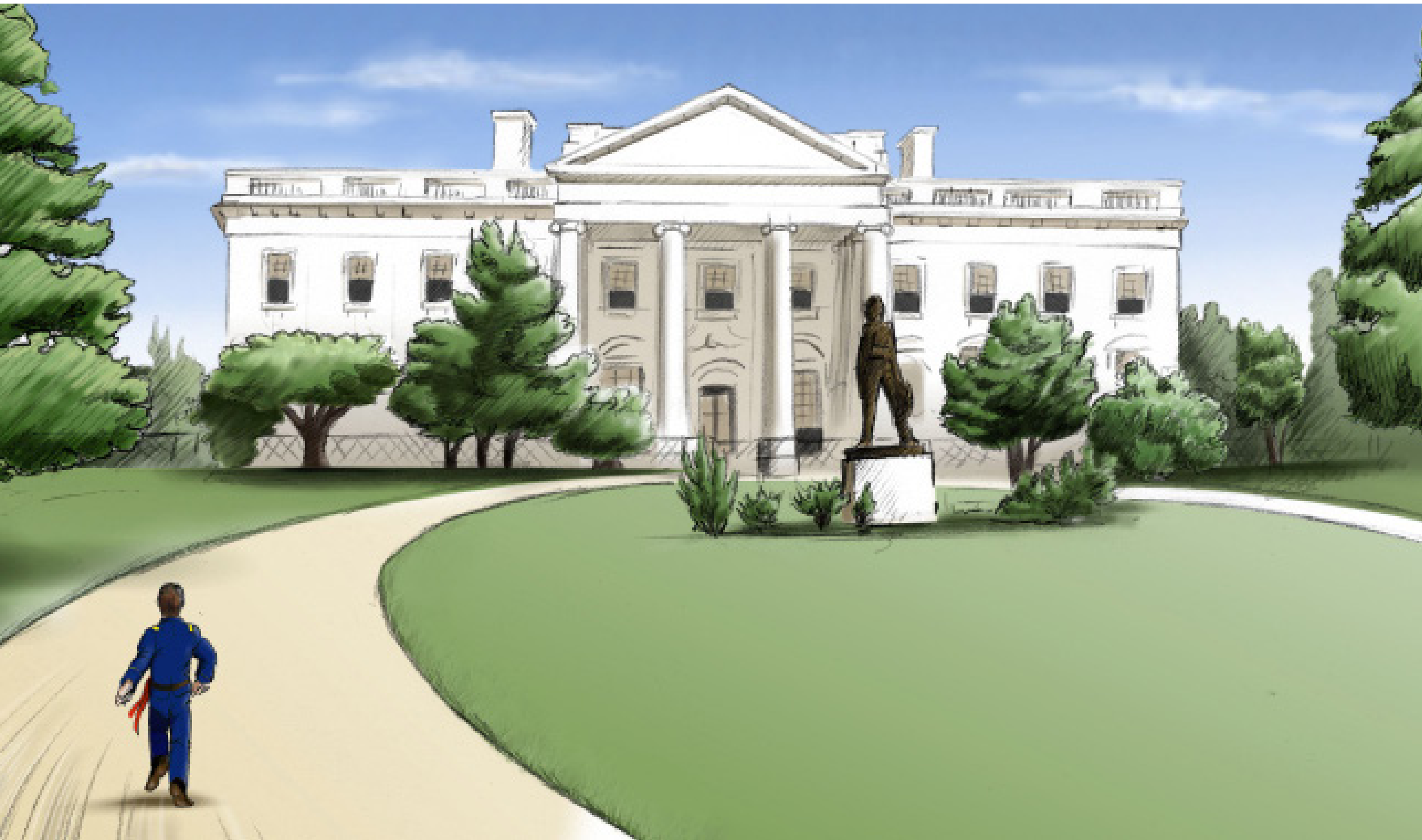


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During the American Civil war between 1861 and 1865, the White House, residence of President Abraham Lincoln, was regularly besieged by people wanting to see him. It was largely government representatives, parliamentarians, generals, and diplomats but also a number of people just anxious for a personal audience. They hoped for a favour for themselves, a family member, or a friend.



Their names would be noted down by a secretary who would disappear for a moment but then often return saying, "I'm afraid you'll have to wait, the President is unable to receive you right now."

In the midst of this crowd, a young boy managed to sneak through, diving past the guards and gesturing with his hands to the secretary. He ran past everyone, heading straight for the President's office and without knocking, turned the door handle, and went in.



The people waiting expressed their discontentment at the way this child managed to barge past the queue and enter the President's office without waiting his turn like the rest of them. The secretary quietened them saying, "But it's Ted, the President's son. His father has always told us, 'Never try and stop Ted from coming to see me!'"



In exactly the same way, we too are privileged to have free access to God, our Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, His Son, who was sent to save us and give us life! We can draw near to Him at anytime, all because of what Jesus did for us on the cross, paying the price for our sin!

We have far better than free access to the President of the United States of America... "For through Him, we have access by one Spirit to the Father", so Ephesians 2:18 tells us.

Don't hesitate. Come to the Father! The door is open; He is waiting!