

OUTRAGEOUS TALES FROM THE

# Old Testament



Wrath of GOD

HUMAN SACRIFICE



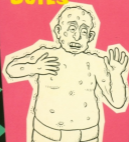
MURDER



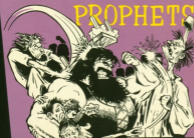
Deadly  
Tent Pegs




ENORMOUS  
BOILS




JUDGES, KINGS and  
PROPHETS







**One of God's redeeming features  
Is His creation of the creatures,  
Making an amazing cageless zoo,  
And all the animals He wrought  
Did not have to be taught,  
They just knew exactly what to do.**




The Aardvark vacked hard, the Apes aped, the Pinnacled pined, the Tapir taped,  
Roosters roosted, Louie lozed, Limpets lirped, Dacos diced,  
the Mandrill drilled, the Porpoise poised, Rays raised, Oysters noised,  
the Irlpala irpaled, the Otter oted, the Pea Hen peed, the Hippo potted,



the Beetle beed, the Gazelle gazed, Hedgehogs hedged, Razzbills razed,  
the Slowly blew, the Stoa stowed, Pigs pigmented, Pigeon towed,  
the Swordfish fenced, the Stingray stung, Angel Fish angled, Bell Birds rung,  
the Adder added, the Skunk stunk, the Viper wiped, the Skink skunk,

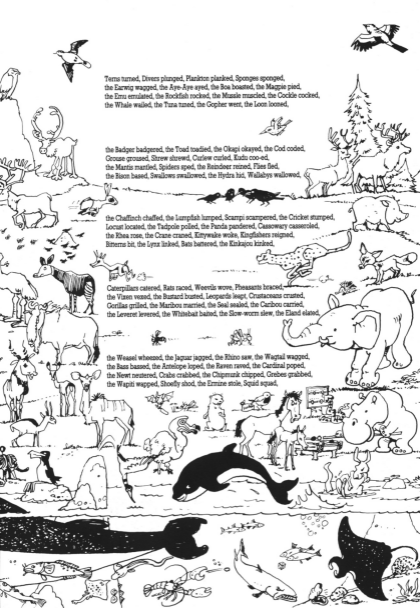


the Civer sieved, the Dodo did did, the Jay jode, the Mocking Bird Kidded,  
the Mastiff massed, the Weaver Bird wove, Butterflies buttered, Doves dove,  
the Mite mired, the Pipper pipped, Dingos dinged, Dippers dipped,  
the Skate skid, Orangs crated, the Buzzard buzzed, Bees berated,



the Walrus rusted, the Stag staged, the Crayfish crazed, the Ram rarraped,  
Moles molested, Spoonbills spooned, Primates primed, Opposums oppugned,  
the Myrah mined, Robins robbed, the Mandrill drilled, the Lobster lobbed,  
Rodents rode, Barracuda barricaded, the Bobcat bobbed, the Shad shaded,





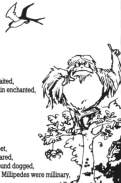
Terns turned, Divers plunged, Plancton planked, Sponges sponged,  
the Earwig wagged, the Aye-Aye ayed, the Boa boasted, the Maggie pied,  
the Emu emulated, the Rockfish rocked, the Mussle muscled, the Cockle cocked,  
the Whale wailed, the Tuna tuned, the Gopher went, the Loon loomed,

the Badger badgered, the Toad toadied, the Okapi okayed, the Cod coded,  
Grouse grouched, Shrew shrewed, Curlew curled, Kudzu croo-ed,  
the Martis mantled, Spiders sped, the Reindeer reined, Flies fled,  
the Bison bused, Swallows swallowed, the Hydra hid, Wallabys wallowed,


the Chaffinch chaffed, the Lurplish lumped, Scampi scampered, the Cricket stumped,  
Locust located, the Tadpole poled, the Panda pandered, Cassowary casserled,  
the Rheo rose, the Crane craned, Kittywake woke, Kingfishers reigned,  
Binorns bit, the Lynx linked, Bats battered, the Kinkajou kinked,

Caterpillars catered, Rats raced, Weevils wove, Pheasants braced,  
the Vixen vexed, the Bustard busted, Leopards leapt, Crustaceans crusted,  
Gorillas grilled, the Maribou married, the Seal sealed, the Caribou carried,  
the Leveret levered, the Whitebat baited, the Slow-worm slew, the Eland elated,


the Weasel whoozed, the Jaguar jagged, the Rhino saw, the Wagtail wagged,  
the Bass bassed, the Antelope loped, the Raven raved, the Cardinal popped,  
the Newt neutered, Crabs crabbed, the Chipmunk chipped, Grebes grabbed,  
the Wapiti wapped, Shoofly shod, the Ermine stole, Squid squad,




Egrets egressed, Great Tit titilated, the Asp aspired, the Penguin wasted,  
the Polecat poiled, the Panther parted, the Harrier harried, the Merlin enchanted,  
Sloth slept, Cows cowed, Cockatoos cocked, Crows crowed,  
the Wamp wasted, Naps scolded, the Flacco put, Foals folded,




the Rudge budged, the Cheetah cheat, the Camel came, the Flea fleet,  
the Hampster Hampsoned, the Hare hared, the Gru nude, the Bear bared,  
the Llama alarmed, the Hog hogged, the Electric Eel elected, the Hound dogged,  
the Cockchafer chaffed, Soldier Ants were military, Starfish starred, Millipedes were military,



Insects inserted, Invertebrates inverted,  
Mastadors masticated, Leviathans levitated,  
Elephants elevated, Ants articulated,  
Termites terminosed, Germs germinated,  
Reptiles replicated, Congas congratulated,  
Nits initiated, Felines felicitated.



Each creature small and great in short,  
Lived in its natural state as ought.



It is difficult to tell  
Why, when the scheme had worked so well,  
God went on and marred the plan,  
Spoiled it with the making of a  
Confused, messed up, lots of bother,  
Mixed up thing as Man?  
One is entitled to complain —  
Human behaviour is so rarely humane.



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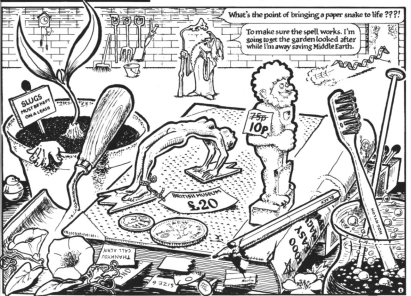
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One, two, three four five.  
Junk earthenware  
garden gnome,  
**BE ALIVE!**



One, two, three four five.  
Plastic replica of an Etruscan  
bronze pan-lid handle in the  
form of a girl acrobat,  
**BE ALIVE!**



Oof!

Hey! These  
turned out  
really good!

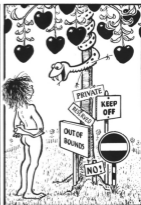
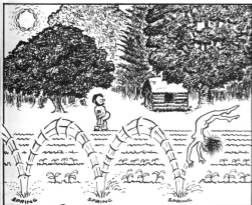
Make yourselves at home, folk.  
A couple of trees are marked  
with 'keep off' signs, but help  
yourselves to anything else  
you fancy. It's all edible.

We'll have a talk  
when I get back.  
No time just now.  
Toodle-oo!



How  
kind!

What a nice  
old chap!



Yoo-hoo!!!  
I'm ho-ome!  
Where are you?



Hee-hee!! Don't mind me folk.  
I was young myself once.

Begging your pardon, Sir,  
it isn't what you think, Sir.  
We haven't been issued with  
clobber yet, Sir, Sir,  
and it wouldn't be decent  
to welcome you naked.



**Who told you that  
you were naked?**

You snivelling little clay  
turd, you've eaten fruit  
from that tree I told you  
to keep off!!!



It was the woman's fault, Sir.  
She told me to eat the fruit Sir.

Actually it was the snake's  
fault, Sir, He tricked me.

SHRIVES!  
SHRIVES!  
SHRIVES!

Snivelling  
little clay  
turd.

C'mere you! Your legs come off!

*Ssssssee if I care!!  
I've made this too ssskiny  
to support my assomachs,  
you incompetent old git.*

Then see if you care about  
this, you creepy bastard:  
You will be  
utterly repulsive  
to women!

You, woman, will  
be irresistibly  
attracted to that  
snivelling turd!

And you, snivelling  
turd: whatever you  
plant in the garden,  
thorns and thistles  
will come up!

Face worse  
than death.

Fate worse  
than death.

Well, at least  
I got the girl.

I'll teach 'em  
to disobey...  
PUTTER PUTTER

Ungrateful little  
ceramic hodjigams  
PUTTER PUTTER PUTTER

Good job they only nicked  
from one forbidden tree.  
If they'd tried the other...

They  
still  
could.

FEARFUL  
CURSE

They still could!

And another thing...

You're banned  
from the garden,  
effective now.

Go on...  
Piss off!

Whatever made  
us think he was  
a nice old chap?

MY FIRST FIELD TEST! ALL IT WAS SO LONG AGO... BUT I REMEMBER IT CLEARLY. I'D BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO IT...



THE LOCALS CALLED THE PLACE HANZE.



... AND DAY WAS IN ITS FULL HEAT WHEN WE ARRIVED.



DESPITE THE HOUR, WE FOUND OUR SERVANT ABRAHAM ASLEEP AT THE DOOR OF HIS TENT.

MY...?



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# SODOM AND GOMORRAH

MY LORD, IF NOW I HAVE FOUND FAVOUR IN THY SIGHT, PLEASE NOT AWAY. I PRAY THEE, FROM THY SERVANT, LET A LITTLE WATER, I PRAY YOU, BE FETCHED AND WASH YOUR FEET AND REST YOUR SLAVES UNDER THE TREE...



... FAR FROM DUNS.



... AND I WILL FETCH A MORSEL OF BREAD AND CONSOLE THEE YOUR ABARTS: AFTER THAT YE SHALL PASS ON; FOR THEREFORE ARE YE COME TO YOUR SERVANT.



SO DO, AS THOU HAST SAID.



... AND FAD, FAR FROM LAME.



MAKE READY QUICKLY THREE MEASURES OF FINE MEAL, KNEAD IT AND MAKE CAKES UPON THE HEARTH.





WE WERE PATIENT  
WILL HE SAY  
TO OUR EVERY  
WANTED  
NEED...



IT PLEASED HIM TO SHOW US  
HOSPITALITY, AND WE COULD  
AFFORD TO AMUSE HIM...



WE TOOK GOOD, ABRAHAM'S  
FULL-THROTTLED PLEASURE  
SEEMING OUT OF ALL  
PROPORTION TO OUR  
POLITE NEEDS...

THE MEAL OVER,  
IT WAS TIME  
TO TALK.



WHERE IS SARAH,  
THY WIFE?



BEHOLD, IN  
THE TENT...



I WILL  
CERTAINLY  
RETURN  
TO THEE,  
ACCORDING  
TO THE TIME  
OF LIFE AND  
LO, SARAH  
THY WIFE  
SHALL HAVE  
A SON.



THE WOMAN  
MADE NO  
SOUND...



...BUT WE  
KNEW IN  
HER  
THOUGHTS

WHEREFORE DID  
SARAH  
LAUGH,  
SAYING  
"SHALL I  
OF SURETY  
BEAR A  
CHILD,  
WHEN I  
AM OLD?"



IS ANYTHING TOO  
HARD FOR THE LORD?  
AT THE TIME  
APPOINTED, I WILL  
RETURN UNTO THEE,  
ACCORDING TO THE  
TIME OF LIFE AND  
SARAH SHALL HAVE  
A SON.



I  
LAUGHED  
NOT.



NE...

BUT THOU  
DIDST  
LAUGH



LAUGHTER AND  
LIES CANNOT  
BE HIDDEN  
FROM US...



...NOW SHAME

AS WE LEFT, ABRAHAM  
MADE ANWARD SHOW  
OF HELPING US ON  
OUR WAY, ASSISTING  
US ACCOMPANYING US  
FOR SOME DISTANCE.

THOUGH WE NEEDED  
NO WORDS, THE SUPERIOR  
SPOKE, IN THE LOCAL  
TONGUE, OF OUR TASK.

SHALL I HIDE FROM ABRAHAM  
THAT THOU WHICH I DO? BEING  
THAT ABRAHAM SHALL SURELY  
BECOME A GREAT AND MIGHTY  
NATION AND ALL THE NATIONS  
OF THE EARTH SHALL BE  
BLESSED IN HIM?

FOR I KNOW HIM,  
THAT HE WILL COMMAND  
HIS CHILDREN AND HIS  
HOUSEHOLD AFTER HIM AND  
THEY SHALL KEEP THE WORD  
OF THE LORD, TO DO JUSTICE  
AND JUDGEMENT THAT  
THE LORD MAY GRASP  
ABRAHAM THAT WHICH  
HE SAITH SPOKEN  
OF HIM.

BECAUSE THE CRY OF SODOM AND GOMORRAH IS GREAT AND VERY HEAVY, I WILL GO AND SEE WHETHER THEY HAVE DONE ACCORDING TO THE CRY WHICH IS COME TO ME; AND IF NOT I WILL KNOW.

I SAW THE SUPERIOR'S STRATEGY.

... FOR ABRAHAM HAD A MERRYMAN WHO LIVED WITHIN THE CITY OF SODOM -- AND ABE HAD NOT DULLED THE OLD MAN'S HEARING.

WILT THOU DESTROY THE RIGHTEOUS WITH THE WICKED?

PERADVENTURE THERE BE FIFTY RIGHTEOUS WITHIN THE CITY, WILL THOU ALSO DESTROY AND NOT MAKE THE PLACE FOR THE FIFTY RIGHTEOUS THAT ARE WITHIN?

THAT BE FAR FROM THIS MANNER, TO SLAY THE RIGHTEOUS WITH THE WICKED; AND THAT THE RIGHTEOUS SHOULD BE AS THE WICKED, THAT BE FAR FROM THESE...



NOR HAD IT WITHERED HIS BOLDNESS...



...NOR HIS ELOQUENCE...



SHALL NOT THE JUDGE OF ALL THE EARTH DO RIGHT?

NOR HIS NOSE FOR SABBARDING



IF I FIND IN SODOM FIFTY RIGHTEOUS WITHIN THE CITY, THEN I WILL SHARE ALL THE PLACE FOR THESE SAKES.



BEHOLD NOW, I HAVE TAKEN UPON ME TO SPEAK UNTO THE LORD WHICH AM BUT DUNT AND ACHES; PERADVENTURE THESE SHALL LACK FIVE OF THE FIFTY RIGHTEOUS; WITH THOU DESTROY ALL THE CITY FOR LACK OF FIVE?



IF I FIND THERE FORTY AND FIVE, I WILL NOT DESTROY IT.



PERADVENTURE THESE SHALL BE FORTY FOUND THERE?



I WILL NOT DO IT FOR FORTY'S SAKE.



OH, LET THE LORD NOT BE ANGRY AND I WILL SPEAK; PERADVENTURE THESE SHALL BE THIRTY FOUND THERE?



I WILL NOT DO IT IF I FIND THIRTY THERE.



BEHOLD NOW, I HAVE TAKEN UPON ME TO SPEAK UNTO THE LORD; PERADVENTURE THESE SHALL BE TWENTY FOUND THERE?



I WILL NOT DESTROY IT FOR TWENTY'S SAKE.



OH, LET NOT THE LORD BE ANGRY AND I WILL SPEAK; BUT THIS ONCE I PERADVENTURE TEN SHALL BE FOUND THERE?



I WILL NOT DESTROY IT FOR TEN'S SAKE.



ABRAHAM KNEW OF OLD JUST HOW FAR TO GO; HE HAD SHOWN COURAGE AND HAD SHOWN COMPASSION; HONOUR WAS SATISFIED.



THE SUPERIOR DEPARTING WITH HIS CUSTOMARY SUPREMACY, DISMISSED US ALL, LEAVING ABRAHAM TO CARRY ONLY WHAT HE WENT BACK TO HIS TENT...



...AND MASTER AND PUPIL, WITH OUR SUPREMACY OF JUDGEMENT, TO CONTINUE TOWARDS THE CITIES.

IN THE COOL OF EVENING, AS WE NEARED BODDIN, ONLY ONE LOOKED OUT FOR US.



BEHOLD NOW...

LOT WAS AS INSISTENTLY HOSPITABLE AS HIS UNCLE...



MY LORDS...

TURN IN, I PRAY YOU, INTO YOUR SERVANT'S HOUSE AND TARRY ALL NIGHT AND WASH YOUR...



FEET.

A... AND YE SHALL RISE UP EARLY AND SO ON YOUR WAYS.



NAY.

BUT WE SHALL ABIDE IN THE STREET ALL NIGHT.

I HAD SOUGHT TO AVOID PHYSICAL CONTACT. MY MASTER CORRECTED ME.



ORIENTALLY, I TRIED THE SEETHING BUTTERS WHICH WERE BODDIN'S BYWAYS, THE MORE FULLY TO FORM JUDGEMENT.

THE REEK OF CORRUPTION ASSAILED US...  
...THE CIVIL OF THE CITY RANG OBSCURELY ABOUT US.



WE HAD SEEN ENOUGH.

THERE WAS NO SENIOR.

AT LOT'S HOUSE... WE ACCEPTED THE ROOM AND REST HE RESPECTFULLY OFFERED, THOUGH, IN TRUTH, WE HAD NO USE FOR EITHER.



LATER, IN CHILL NIGHT, WE FELT OUTSIDE THE MANIFOLD GATHERING OF FEAR, SUSPICION, ANGER...



LOT!

WHERE ARE THE MEN WHICH CAME UNTO THEE THIS NIGHT?

BRING THEM OUT UNTO US THAT WE MAY KNOW THEM!



AND LUST.



VAINLY, LOT TRIED TO SEE OFF THE MOB...



I - I PRAY YOU, BROTHERS, DO NOT GO WICKEDLY!

BEHOLD NOW, I HAVE TWO D-DAUGHTERS WHICH HAVE NOT KNOWN MAN.

LET ME, I PRAY, YOU SEND THEM OUT UNTO YOU AND DO YOU UNTO THEM AS IS D-GOOD IN YOUR EYES.

...ONLY UNTO THESE MEN DO ANSWERS FOR THEREFORE CAME THEY UNDER THE SHADOW OF MY ROOF.

STAND BACK!



THIS FELLOW CAME IN TO SODOM AND HE WILL NEED BE A JUDGE

NOW WE WILL DEAL WORSE WITH THEM THAN WITH THEM!



MY MASTER INTERVENED WITH EFFECTIVE SIMPLICITY...



THEN INVITED ME TO CORRECT AS EFFICIENTLY, THE SITUATION TO WHICH MY OWN APPEARANCE HAD CONTRIBUTED.



I DID NOT FEAR HIM IN THIS TEST.

SUDDENLY BLIND, THE RABBLE TURNED FROM LOT'S DOOR, NOW THINKING ONLY OF THEIR OWN...

...FOR WHAT ELSE MIGHT THOSE WITHOUT SIGHT LOSE, WANDERING THE STREETS OF SODOM?



HAST THOU HERE ANY BROTHERS? SON-IN-LAW AND THY SON AND DAUGHTERS AND WHATSOEVER THOU HAST IN THE CITY, SEND THEM OUT OF THIS PLACE...

...FOR WE WILL DESTROY THIS PLACE BECAUSE THE CRY OF THEM IS WAXEN GREAT BEFORE THE FACE OF THE LORD AND THE LORD HATH SENT US OUT TO DESTROY IT.



MUCH HAD HAPPENED TO LOT THAT EVENING...

HE HAD BEEN NEVERTHELESS COMPELLED TO MEET STRANGERS AT THE CITY GATE.

STRANGERS THAT HE SOONER RECOGNIZED

STRANGERS WHO AFTER HOURS OF WAGGLE AND WERE NEITHER THIRSTY NOR TIRED.

STRANGERS WHO BLINDED A MOB WITH BUT A THOUGHT.

NOW, HIND RACING HE RAN, SEEMINGLY MADE IMPASSIBLE THROUGH THE DOWNED STREETS TO HIS SON-IN-LAW'S HOUSE.



OUR BARGAIN WITH ABRAHAM REQUIRED THAT WE AT LEAST ALLOWED LOT THE CHANGE TO ASSEMBLE THE TEN RIGHTEOUS SOULS THAT WOULD PERMIT US TO SPARE SODOM AND GOMORRAH.

IF GET YOU FROM THIS PLACE FOR THE LORD WILL DESTROY THIS CITY!



THEY FEARED, BUT ONLY FOR A STARTLED MOMENT.

SODOM WAS IN THEM THEY WOULD NEVER LEAVE IT.



OF THOSE WHO  
BAZED UPON  
THE DESTRUCTION  
OF THE CITY...

... ONLY WE WHO  
WERE NOT  
MORTAL WOULD  
SURVIVE THE  
SPECTACLE

IT TOOK ONLY A SLIGHT  
DISRUPTION OF THE CONTINUUM  
... A COMPARATIVELY FEW ATOMS  
STRIPPED OF THEIR ENERGY

THE SIMPLICITY  
OF SUCH THINGS  
ONLY **BE** AFFAIRS  
ONE'S CONFIDENCE  
IN THE SUPERIOR.



THE CRY OF  
SODOM AND  
GOMORRAH  
WAS INDEED  
GREAT THAT  
DAY.

THE EARTH **QUAKED**,  
SPRING LEVA AND  
SCALDING STEAM.

THE SKY **HEPT**,  
FIRE AND  
BRIMSTONE  
CASCADING  
DOWN THE FACE  
OF HEAVEN  
TO THE HEAVING  
VALE BELOW...

... AND THE WIND  
**KEENED** IN  
ANGUSH TO  
THE FOUR  
CORNERS OF  
THE WORLD.

ONCE MIGHTY  
MASONRY  
FELL INTO  
CHARRED  
RUBBLE...

RUBBLE  
SPROUNG  
ITSELF  
INTO  
DUST.

... AND DUST, IN SCOURING  
TURBULENCE, BECAME ONE  
WITH THE SOILING  
SITTER SMOKE.

SOFT FLESH  
WAS TORN FROM  
BONES IN THAT  
SCREAMING  
CRUCIBLE OF  
RIGHTOUS RAY...

FRAGILE BONE  
CRUMBLED  
INTO ASH...



... AND LIFE'S WATERS  
BOILED AWAY WHERE  
THEY FLASHED.

IT WAS **EVENING** BEFORE  
OUR WORK WAS FINISHED.

**EVENING** BEFORE, IN THE  
BUTTERING SHIVERS, IN  
THE PALL OF ACID FLAMES,  
NO LIFE REMAINED.

NO MAN, NO WOMAN,  
NO CHILD, NO DOG,  
NO FLEA.

NOTHING.

MY FIRST FIELD  
TRIP WAS A  
SUCCESS.

IN THE DAWN, MY  
SMALL TEARFUL  
EYES WERE  
OVERLOOKED.

AND, AS HE STRUGGLED  
TO UNDERSTAND, ABRAHAM  
WAS ENLIGHTENED.

BEYOND PUNISHMENT  
BEYOND THE SETTING  
OF EXAMPLE, ABRAHAM  
SAW WHAT I MEANT.

THE VISION WE GAVE HIM  
OF GREAT DARKNESS HAD  
COME TRUE.

HIS WIFE,  
THESE DAYS  
WOULD  
SCARE HIM  
A SON.

IT MEANT  
THAT HE  
COULD DO  
BUSINESS  
WITH US.

WE KEPT OUR  
PROMISES.

EVEN THOUGH, AS MY SECOND  
FIELD TRIP ATTEMPTED, ABRAHAM  
THE REPRESENTATION OF A NINETY-  
YEAR-OLD WOMAN BY A NINETY-  
NINE YEAR-OLD MAN IS FAR  
MORE DEMANDING THAN MERELY  
BREACHING THE FABRIC OF SPACE.

NEVERTHELESS, IN DUE  
COURSE, SARAH GAVE  
BIRTH TO ISAAC, AND  
SOON HIS CHILDREN  
WERE EVERYWHERE.

THEY WERE A RIGHTEOUS  
FAMILY AND PRODUCED  
CONSIDERABLE PROPHETS.

LOT  
DON'T CARE  
SO WELL.

DESPITE MY  
EFFORTS, HIS  
WIFE PERISHED  
AND HE  
DEVELOPED A  
PHOBIA OF  
CITIES.

HE ENDED  
UP IN THE  
MOUNTAINS,  
AFTER ALL,  
WITH HIS TWO  
DAUGHTERS.

IN THE  
ABSENCE OF  
ANY OTHER  
MEN, THEY  
GOT HIM  
DELINK AND  
BOTH HAD  
INLESTIGIOUS  
INTERCOURSE  
WITH HIM.

WE TURNED A  
BLIND EYE... WE  
HAD JUDGED  
THE SOLD  
WHOLESALE.  
AFTER ALL, SO  
THEY WERE BARE  
THINKING ONLY  
OF POSTERITY  
AND THE CHILDREN  
WHO WOULD  
POPULATE IT.

NO CHILD THOUGH,  
WILL EVER LIVE  
IN THE SALT  
WASTES WHERE  
ONCE SODDOM  
AND GOMORRAH  
STOOD.

AH,  
ALL SO  
LONG  
AGO...

...AND TODAY,  
LESSONS LEARN'T,  
I AM A MASTER  
MYSELF.

BUT, ENOUGH OF  
MY FIRST FIELD  
TRIP, SUFFICE FOR  
YOUR INITIATION  
IS NOW AT HAND.

...AND I  
SHOULDN'T BE  
STANDING  
IN OLD  
REMINISCENCE.

AS MY MASTER  
WOULD SAY,  
STONY-FACED,  
WHENEVER  
MY EYES  
GREW MUSTY  
WITH PAST  
EVENTS...

"LOOK TO THE  
FUTURE... FOR  
THERE IS  
LIFE. THE  
PAST IS  
DEAD..."

"DON'T  
LOOK  
BACK"

# LEVITICUS CHAPTER 20

ALAN MOORE and HUNT EMERSON







"SANCTIFY YOURSELVES, THEREFORE, AND BE YE HOLY, FOR I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND YE SHALL KEEP MY... IS THIS WORD STATUETTER?"

AAARR!



STATUTES!  
...KEEP MY STATUTES AND DO THEM! I AM THE LORD WHICH SANCTIFY YOU! FIRE EVERYONE THAT CURSES HIS FATHER OR HIS MOTHER SHALL BE SURELY PUT TO DEATH..."

HAH! I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS!

NO PAWL... WAITT...



...HE THAT HATH CURSED HIS FATHER OR HIS MOTHER... HIS BLOOD SHALL BE UPON HIM!"

THERE! HEAR THAT? I'LL TEACH YER TO "DAMNIT, MAN, NO' LOCKETS AND HONEY AGAIN." YER LITTLE BLEEDER!!



"AND THE MAN THAT LIETH WITH HIS FATHERS WIFE HATH UNCOVERED HIS FATHER'S NAKEDNESS! BOTH OF THEM SHALL SURELY BE PUT TO DEATH..."

NO, HIRAM! PLEASE! HE WAS ONLY THREE AT THE TIME! HE HAD WHOOPIING COUGH!



...and er... their blood shall be upon them...

BDAM!



"...AND IF A MAN LIE WITH HIS DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, BOTH OF THEM SHALL SURELY BE PUT TO DEATH! THEY HAVE BROUGHT CONFUSION! THEIR BLOOD SHALL BE UPON THEM..."

IT'S NO USE, DED! RACHEL TOLD ME EVERYTHING!







HULLO DEARIES!  
I'M THE  
**OLD BIBLE  
KEEPER!**  
AND I'M HERE  
TO TELL YOU ABOUT  
THE **BOOK  
OF  
JUDGES**

NOW PAY  
ATTENTION  
WHILE I  
EXPLAIN THE  
BACKGROUND.

IT ALL STARTED  
BECAUSE THE ISRAELITES  
DIDN'T PRACTICE A POLICY  
OF GENOCIDE AND SUCH ON  
THE OTHER INHABITANTS,  
SUCH AS THE CANNANITES,  
BUT ALLOWED THEM  
TO LIVE AND  
PRACTICE  
THEIR OWN  
RELIGIONS!

THIS MADE GOD MAD. SO AN ANGEL OF THE  
LORD CAME DOWN AND SAID...  
"THE LORD TOLD YOU  
WHEN HE GAVE YOU THIS  
LAND THAT YOU WERE  
TO DRIVE OUT THE  
ORIGINAL  
OWNERS...  
AND YOU DIDN'T!"

SO FROM NOW ON, YOU'RE IN  
BIG TROUBLE! GOD HAS OBTAINED  
YOU WILL START MARRYSIPPING  
THEIR GODS...

IT'S DIVINE  
JUSTICE!

THEN CAME THE  
**JUDGES!**  
MEN AND WOMEN WHO  
DELIVERED THE JEWS FROM  
SLAVERY!

THE FIRST JUDGE WAS OTHANIEL; AND  
HE DELIVERED  
THE JEWS  
FROM THE  
KING OF  
MESOPOTAMIA

**JUDGE EHUD**

THE NEXT  
WAS EHUD  
THE LEFT-  
HANDED...

AND EVERY TIME YOU DO  
THAT, GOD'S GONNA GET ANGRY!  
GOT IT? YOU SHOULD WIPED  
OUT THE CANNANITES WHILE  
YOU HAD THE CHANCE!

AS JUDG'S MENTIONED  
ONLY FIVE... PLEASE  
DON'T MISS THE ONLY  
ONE-WOMAN  
OF JUDGES.

AND GOD'S DECREE  
CAME TO PASS...  
THE ISRAELITES WENT-A  
WORSHIPPING AFTER OTHER GODS,  
AS GOD HAD OBTAINED...  
THIS GOT GOD REALLY  
FURIOUS; SO HE SOLD  
THEM ALL INTO  
SLAVERY!

AND EVERY  
TIME A JUDGE DIED,  
GOD WOULD DELIVER  
THE JEWS BACK  
INTO SLAVERY!

NOW IN HIS  
FINE THE ISRAELITES  
HAD SEENED  
EGLON, KING OF  
MOAB, FOR  
18 YEARS...

CHANNI'S SUPER YEEESS!

AND KING EGLON WAS A VERY FAT MAN!

SO  
COME  
ON!





# Jael & Sisera

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THIS IS SISERA, CAPTAIN OF THE HOSTS OF JABIN, KING OF CANAAN WHO DWELLS IN THE HAROSHETH OF THE GENTILES. HE'S HAVING A LOUSY BATTLE ---



HEY... UN... EVERY BODY ON MY SIDE... (MAYBE) THE BATTLE IS GOING TO GOING TO YOU WOULD RETREAT... RUNAWAY!

I... UN... WHEN... ILL BE FINE IF I CAN... AL... MAKE IT... TO THE HOUSE... OF HEBER... THE KENITE... UN... UN... AEBNT AT WAR WITH HIM!



THERE'S HEBER'S TENT GASP!



AFTERNOON... BARAK AND THE ISRAELITES... THEY'RE AFTER ME!

MY LORD SISERA! I AM JAEEL, WIFE OF HEBER, COME TO MY TENT HERE. LET ME HELP YOU UP...

TURN UP TO ME, MY LORD THERE IS NOTHING TO FEAR, I WILL PROTECT YOU!



UMPFH!!



THANK YOU... I DO APPRECIATE THIS... COULD I HAVE A DRINK... IM SO THIRSTY!



DRINK THIS MILK... YOU MUST BE VERY TIRED!



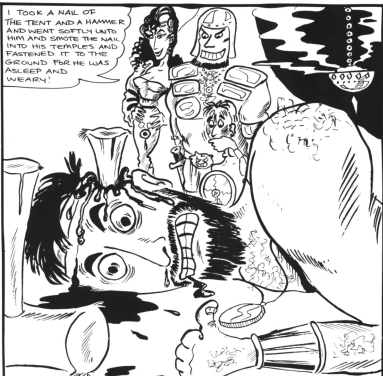
BY SAAL, WOMAN, IM EXHAUSTED! COULD YOU STAND AT THE TENT AND MAKE SURE NO ONE COMES IN?

YOU GO TO SLEEP, SISERA. ILL TAKE CARE OF YOU...





I TOOK A NAIL OF THE TENT AND A HAMMER AND WENT SOFTLY UNTO HIM AND SMOTE THE NAIL INTO HIS TEMPLES AND FASTENED IT TO THE GROUND FOR HE WAS ASLEEP AND WEARY!



SO HE DIED, MAY I BORROW YOUR SWORD, MY LORD BARAK?

CERTAINLY!



And the hand of Israel prospered and prevailed until King Achish had destroyed Gath, the King of Gath...



Then Sang Deborah and Benaiah the son of Abinon, on that day Slayed...

DESPISE YE THE LORD FOR THE AVENGING OF ISRAEL, THE LORD GAVE US DOMINION OVER THE WASTEN...



HOORAY!

SHE GRABED OFF HIS HEAD AT HER FEET HE BOWED, HE FELL, HE LAYS DEAD!

AT HER FEET HE BOWED, HE FELL, DOWN DEAD!



SIGH  
(SANG SOTIA SOTIAH)

BLESSED ABOVE WOMEN BE JACEL! THE LIFE OF HOBBS THE KENTITE... BLESSED ABOVE ALL THE WOMEN IN THE TENT!



HE ASKED FOR WATER AND SHE GAVE HIM MILK. SHE GAVE HIM BUTTER IN A LORD'S DISH!

SHE PUT HER HAND TO THE WALL AND HER RIGHT HAND TO THE HAMMER AND WITH THE HAMMER SHE DICED AND STRUCK THROUGH HIS TEMPLE!



The father of Sam looked out of a window and cried through the lattice...

WHY IS HE SO LONG INCOMING? WHY IS HE HIS CHARLOT SO SLOW?



HE'LL BE HERE SOON YOU'LL SEE!

WHY HAVEN'T THEY HURRIED BACK? PERHAPS THEY ARE DIVIDING THE SPOILS... TO EVERY MAN A DRAVEL... MAYBE TWO DRAVELS... AND SISERA...

...TO SISERA A PREY OF DIVERS COLOURS... A PREY OF DIVERS COLOURS OF NEVDORABLE... ON BOTH SIDES... SOMETHING NICE TO GO ROUND HIS NECK!

So let all thine enemies perish, O Lord. But let them that love him be as the sun when he goeth forth in might...



And the land was at peace for forty years...

WELL! WASN'T THAT A NICE STORY DEARIES? I BET THAT Jael WAS A REAL HEADACHE TO LIVE WITH! HEH...HEH!... NOW LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT A DEVOTED FATHER! HIS NAME WAS JEPHTHAH, ANOTHER OF THE JUDGES —

# JEPHTHAH AND HIS DAUGHTER

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NOW JEPHTHAH THE GILEADITE WAS A MIGHTY MAN OF VALOUR AND HE WAS THE SON OF AN HARLOT.



-ANYWAY- YET AGAIN THE ISRAELITES HAVE GONE WHORING AFTER STRANGE GODS.... ISRAEL IS AT WAR WITH THE CHILDREN OF AMMON — AND JEPHTHAH IS IN CHARGE OF THE ARMY!



RIGHT, CHAPS. IT'S UP AGAINST THE AMMONITES TOMORROW. — I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I'VE VOWED TO GOD THAT, IF WE BEAT THE SOCKS OFF THE AMMONITES....



... THEN WHATSOEVER COMETH FORTH FROM THE DOORS OF MY HOUSE TO MEET ME, I WILL OFFER IT UP TO THE LORD AS A BURNT OFFERING!



EXCUSE ME, SIR, BUT DO YOU THINK THAT'S WISE?



DON'T BE STUPID, MAN! THE LORD WILL DELIVER THE AMMONITES INTO OUR HANDS TOMORROW!

SEE? BEATING THEM HOLLOW! NO BACKBONE, AMMONITES!

YES, SIR, BUT THAT WASN'T PRECISELY WHAT I MEANT...

DO STOP WHIMPERING, MAN!

THEY DON'T LIKE IT UP EM THESE AMMONITES



NOT A BAD SHOW EH?  
I BHOKE THE BUGGERS  
EVEN UNTO THE RAIN OF  
VINEYARDS! WITH A  
VERY GREAT SLAUGHTER!



JUST GOES TO SHOW  
WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH  
GOD ON YOUR SIDE...

USEFUL CHARGE,  
GOD, IF YOU ASK  
ME!

WHICH REMINDS ME -  
BETTER KEEP A LOOK-  
OUT FOR THAT BURNT  
OFFERING...

OK GIRLS -  
A ONE - TWO -  
ONE - TWO -  
THREE - FOUR ...



OOooOOooHHH!

DOO-BE - DOO-DOO-WOP!



HELLO FATHER, YES HELLO FATHER,  
IT'S SO GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK IN GRENID...  
YOU'RE LOOKING FIT, FATHER,  
NOT A BIT FATTER,  
LIKE YOU'VE JUST BEEN WASTING AMMONITES  
BY THE CHILEAD!

(#A THOUSAND)

HOW DID IT GO, DADDY?

WELL, I'VE GOT SOME  
GOOD NEWS... AND  
SOME BAD NEWS...



DOO BE DOO BE DOO WOP

THE GOOD NEWS  
IS WE BEAT THE  
CHILDREN OF AMMON  
WITH GREAT  
SLAUGHTER!



BE DOOBY DOOBY

AND THE BAD NEWS?

WELL, I DID SWEAR TO GOD  
THAT I'D SACRIFICE THE FIRST  
THING THAT CAME OUT TO SEE  
ME WHEN I GOT HOME...  
AND, WELL, IT WAS YOU...



DOO BE DOO SHALLALALA.....

WILL YOU LOT SHUT UP!



I'M-UH-GOING TO  
BE A BURNT OFFERING?  
HOW YUCK! - BUT THEN  
AGAIN, YOU DID WIN THE BATTLE...

WELL, I DID  
TRY TO WARN HIM.  
IT'S NOT AS IF I  
DIDN'T SAY  
ANYTHING.

AND SHE SAID  
UNTO HER FATHER, 'LET  
THIS THING BE DONE FOR  
ME... LET ME ALONE  
TWO MONTHS, THAT I  
MAY GO UP AND DOWN  
THE MOUNTAINS, AND  
BEWAIL MY  
VIRGINITY, I AND  
MY FELLOWS.'



AND HE SAID: 'GO!' AND HE SENT HER AWAY FOR TWO MONTHS. AND SHE WENT WITH HER COMPANIONS, AND SHE BEWAILED HER VIRGINITY ON THE MOUNTAINS.

SHE'S A VIRGIN AND SHE'S GOING TO DIE-E-E!  
SHE'S A VIRGIN AND SHE'S GOING TO DIE-E-E!



AND IT CAME TO PASS THAT AT THE END OF TWO MONTHS SHE RETURNED TO HER FATHER, WHO DID WITH HER ACCORDING TO HIS VOW WHICH HE HAD VOWED.



AND SHE WAS A VIRGIN AND HAD KNOWN NO MAN.



AND IT WAS A CUSTOM IN ISRAEL THAT THE DAUGHTERS OF ISRAEL WENT TO LAMENT THE DAUGHTER OF JEPHTHAH FOUR DAYS IN EVERY YEAR.



STILL LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, SIR!

WHAT'S THE BRIGHT SIDE?

WELL WE DID BEAT THOSE BLOODY AMMONITES!



QUITE RIGHT! DASHED GOOD VICTORY TOO. GOOD MAN, HEZEKIAH!

I DO TRY, SIR...

AND JEPHTHAH THE GILEADITE JUDGED ISRAEL SIX YEARS, THEN DIED JEPHTHAH AND WAS BURIED IN THE CITIES OF GILEAD.

# SAMSON

## THE DYNAMITE NAZARITE!







...SMITING THE PALESTINE HIP AND THE THIGH!



THEN HE WENT UP TO CHILL. ATOP THE EDIN CALLED ETAM, FOR VERBALLY HE WAS SOME KNACKERED FROM SPLITTING...



BUT IT HAPPY ENDED EARL LONG THAT THIRDS THOUSAND WENGE JEWAN HAPPENED TO PASS BY AND BY HOWE CHANGE, EGGED THE MORMAN!



GARCON WE'VE BEEN ANGRIN BY THE ARRIVAL OF THE UNBROUINGRED! THE FORBISH FORDS DEMAND WE WAND YOU OVER!



PROOY! THEY DON'T PUT OUT BUT THEY CAN'T PUT IT ON, ILL COME, BUT PROMISE YOU HAIN'T DO ME OVER YOURSELVES!



SO SARTON WAS DALT DELIVERED INTO THE HANDS OF THE PALESTINE!



BUT, HOUDEST THOU NOT KNOW IT? — THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD CAME UPON HIM, AND IT WAS NOT THE PRICY SPIRIT!



AND HE FOUND A NEW JAWBONE OF AN ASS, AND HE PUT FORTH HIS HAND, AND TOOK IT, AND DREW A THOUSAND MEN OF THEM THEREWITH!



HAPP... JAWBONE OF AN ASS, DUT WERE ONE LONG, HERE, CATCH!



HEY! YOU MOOYAWMEH! WOH'E ABOUT A DIBRACY? Y' DON'T SLAY A THOUSAND GENTLES WITHOUT Y' WORD UP A THIRST, KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING? A DUY COULD USE A GARDGILL!



AND A SPRING SPRING, AND SAMSON SIPPED THEREOF, IN THE MICHIGAN GUIDE TO LEH IT IS AWARDED THREE NET STARS AND IS KNOWN EVEN TO THIS DAY AS EN-HAKKORE, WHICH IS TO SAY "PLACE OF THE LOUGHMOUTH!"



HOW SAMSON BE TOOK HIMSELF TO GAZA, AND SAW AN HARLOT!



AND HEENT IS UNTO HERE



FOR THE MUSEUMISHOR THOSE UNFAMILIAR WITH ROBUST OLD TESTAMENT PLOTS, THE PUBLISHERS ARE PLEASED TO PROVIDE THIS OUT-AND-KEEP ALTERNATIVE FRAME FOR YOU TO PASTE IN...



MEANWHILE AT THE CITY GATES, A LINGOR HORN ANNOUNCED!



BUT THAT SELF OLD SPIRIT OF THE LORD SAKE HAS GIVEN HIS BED AND WALK!



THE SPIRIT DID NOT MOVE HIM TO DOUBLS OF FRANKLDATE SENTIMENTALITY BUT UNTO BURLUK



AND WAS SOON ENJOYING THE FACILITIES OF THE TOWN...



BEEN THOU A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD?, IN WHICH THOU HAST COMMON INTERESTS AND SHARED WISDOMS THAT THY MOMENTS OF TOGETHERNESS MAY BE MANY.



THEY BRANKED OVER THE RESULT, AND IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST FIGHT!



BUT BEWARE THAT THE WHITE HEAT OF LOVE BRINGETH NOT NASTY GROTTY LITTLE NUGGETS TO THE SURFACE.



FOR THE HEAT OF AN EMPEROR'S PIRING SWEETS THE IRON IN THE SOUL... AND NOW SAMSON WAS THINKING ABOUT THOU STOUT BARBOL-HOOPERS.



WHY IT HAPPENED THAT THE PALISTINESE AND AGENTS IN THE MARKET WERE DELUSION CHOPPED BY DARK WERE ROAN GAND AND CHOPPED LIVERLAND SO...



"WAGH! YOU'RE THE PALISTINESE BIT OF FLUFF, ANCHAH?"



"WOULD YOU LIKE TO TURN OF GARY PLEASURES INTO COOL PROFIT?"

"TELL ME MORE OR SAY YOUR PALISTINESE PENCE-NEGO"

"FIND OUT WHAT MAKES HIM SO STRONG AND I COULD CUT YOU IN FOR SOME OF THE BEST PROFITS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT!"



"THINK ABOUT IT - THE ARMY-WRESTLAND LORDS IS PARTING FOR THE MATCH OF THE COUNTRY - SAMSON VERSUS DELILAH! WITH ALL THE SMART MONEY ON THE HAZARD, YOU'VE FOUND THE SECRET OF HIS STRENGTH AND YOU COULD MAKE A PILE!"



"HOW ARE YOUR GLANDS TODAY?"

"JUCK! GARY! SAM! (GIVING AWAY HIS SECRET WOULD MAKE SAMSON REALLY MAD - WORTH THEN HE'D BEAT SOME REAL-ACTION!)"

"VICE FRESH YING PITYFARMY JUST IN MESS!"



"AND LO SHE TAMED HIM WITH IT..."

"HHA HAHA (I'M HOME)"



"HOWAM CANNOT LIVE BE MUSCLE-BUILDERS AND BENCH-CURLS ALONE, SWEETHEAT! I TELL ME THE SECRET OF YOUR PANTS!"

"I WANT THAT STRONG, OUDENPUSH (THE HAD UP WITH GREAT REASON) (I'LL BE PUTTY IN YOUR HANDS)"



"WHY THESE WORDS WHEN ARMING LUTY MEN IN WERE CHAMPIONS?"

"OOOH! THAT SHAKTS!"



"FEEL! REINFORCE SAMSON! CRY HAVING AND LET SLIP THE HOUNDS OF THE PALISTINESE ENGINE!"

"BET SAMSON KISS YOUR MOUTH-GAMES (CAPERS)"

"AN INDELIBLE TRAIL OF UNHITCHED CARIBBEA FOLLOWS"

"CENTRAL SCOUR FORCES US TO PORTFOLIO THE EXPLOSIVE AND LINDYING PROGNOSTIC WHICH ENLIVES"

"AFTER ALL-ONE DOES NOT MAKE SPORT OF THE LORD'S WEALTH"

"OH VERY WELL THEN..."



"FRESH FRESH PUPP!"



"DO YOU WERE ONLY KIDDING ABOUT THE REEDES, HUH?"

"AH! DON'T GIVE UP SO EASY, SAMSON! YOU'VE GONE BARE! WANT LETS TRY AGAIN - WITH REEDES THIS TIME!"



"AND IF IT CAME TO PASS THAT HE HAS ONLY JAGGING USE"

"SAMSON! THE PALISTINESE!"



"WORTH! SAITH THE LORD! CAN'T LIVE WITH 'EM, CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT 'EM! NOW DELILAH HAS NO QUIET-TIME"

"THEY YOUR LOVE'S OK BUT I JUST BARRA GOOD FIGHT AND OLD TIMES"

"HEY YOU'VE GOT SPILT-SWED CAN I LAYER IT FOR YOU?"

"GON TUGH MY HAIR OR I'LL GET BRAL HEAD!"

"OH YEAH?"



# JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM - JUDGES 19.

AND IT CAME TO PASS THAT THERE WAS A CERTAIN LEVITE WHO TOOK TO HIM A CONCUBINE FROM BETHLEHEM...

HELLO.

MY NAME IS ARNOLD AND THIS IS MY WIFE, TRACEY.

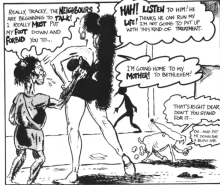
YOOHOO! BIG BOY!! THANKY SOME HANKY PANKY?

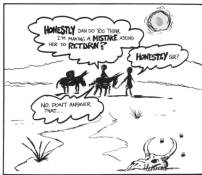
HOW MUCH? TO A STRAPPING HUNK LIKE YOU? NAH... LL...

TRACEY... I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE... I DO WISH YOU WERE HERE... I DON'T DO THIS... I DON'T...

NOT NOW ARNOLD... LATER.

PLANE.









UH, ARNOLD... I WANTED TO, OH,  
**APOLAZZI!** FOR WHAT I DID  
BEFORE, I MEAN COMING TO  
OBT ME AND, WELL...

IT'S OKAY,  
DARLING...

NO, LET ME FINISH, I  
WANTED TO TELL YOU THAT  
I REALLY... I'M **SURE!**  
I **DO** LOVE YOU...

**EXCUSE** ME... I  
COULDN'T HELP  
MURKING YOU...



I REALLY **CANT** LET TRAVELLERS  
LODGE IN THE **STREET**. PLEASE  
COME TO MY HOUSE. I HAVE STRAW  
FOR YOUR ASSES, FOOD FOR YOU AND  
YOUR WANDMAD, AND FOR THE SERVANT  
OF YOURS. ONLY...  
**DON'T** SLEEP IN THE ROADWAY!!

**KOFF!**



THIS IS SO **NICE** OF YOU  
NO, I MEAN IT...

THINK NOTHING OF IT,  
REALLY, IT'S A **PLEASURE.**



THIS IS **GREAT** WINE!  
WHERE DO YOU **BUY**  
IT?

**THIS** STUFF? EHH, IT'S NOTHING  
SPECIAL. THERE'S THIS  
LITTLE **PLACE** I KNOW.



WELL, I'VE BEEN A **WONDERFUL**  
PARTY, BUREN RILLING  
**ASLEEP**. SO, G'NIGHT...

"NIGHT, ARNOLD.

G'NIGHT, LITTLE OLD MAN.

G'NIGHT, DINK.

G'NIGHT, DONKEYS.



**BAM!**  
**BAM!**



YES? W-WHAT IS  
IT? WHAT DO  
YOU WANT?

THE **MAN** WHO  
CAME TO YOU TONIGHT...



... THROW HIM **OUT** TO US.  
WE GOING TO **RAPE** HIS  
**BUNS**. YAK, YAK.



And they **KNEW** her, and **ABUSED** her  
ALL the **NIGHT** until the **MORNING**.



And when the **DAY**  
began to spring  
They **LET** her **GO**.



Then came the woman in the dawning of  
the day and **FELL DOWY** at the **DOOR** of  
the **MAN'S HOUSE**, where her **LORD** was,  
**UNTIL** it was **LIGHT**.



WE'LL GOT A **LONG** DAY  
AHEAD OF US, DE DWAN?

WATKIN STREET,  
SIR.

REY!  
LET US HIT  
THE LONESOME  
TRAIL AS TRY LIKE  
THIS MIGHT YOU  
FEEL **GOOD** TO  
BE--



... ALIVE!

WELL, TRACY! GET UP  
AND LETS GO **HOME!**



AND WHEN HE WAS  
COME UNTO HIS HOUSE,  
HE TOOK A **KNIFE**...



...AND DIVDED HER  
TOGETHER WITH HER  
BONES, INTO **TWELVE**  
PIECES...



YOU'LL TELL THEM, WONT  
YOU? YOU'LL TELL THEM  
WHAT THEY DID TO HER!  
YOU'LL **SHOW** THEM?

YES, SIR I'LL  
SHOW THEM



...AND SENT  
HER INTO ALL  
THE COASTS  
of  
**ISRAEL**

WELL, DEARIES...!

THOSE WERE A FEW  
MORAL TALES FROM THE  
'BOOK OF JUDGES'  
FOR YOU...!

WHAT'S  
THAT YOU  
SAID...?

NOW  
DOES IT  
END?

I HOPE YOU'LL ALL  
TRY TO LIVE YOUR LIVES  
BY THESE BIBLICAL  
LESSONS FROM  
NOW ON...!

WELL...

THERE WAS A LONG AND BLOODY CIVIL WAR BETWEEN  
THE TRIBE OF BENJAMIN AND  
EVERYONE ELSE...

BECAUSE THE  
BENJAMINITES REFUSED  
TO EXECUTE THE  
RAMPANTS OF  
GIBEAH...

THOUSANDS  
DIED...

THE ISRAELITES ALSO  
SWORE THEY'D RATHER  
DIE THAN GIVE THE  
BENJAMINITES  
WIVES FROM  
THEIR TRIBES!

SNIGGER,  
LADIES...?

EVENTUALLY  
THEY ALL MADE  
A PEACE TREATY.

EVENTUALLY...!

BUT WHERE  
WERE THEY TO GET  
THE WIVES FOR THE TRIBE  
OF BENJAMIN...?

THEY HAD A  
MEETING...

WHERE  
GOD TOLD  
THEM TO 'PUT  
TO DEATH ANY  
ONE WHO DIDN'T  
TURN UP!'

LUCKILY, THE VILLAGE  
OF JABESH-GILEAD  
HADN'T ARRIVED AT  
THE MEETING...

SO IT WAS USED AS A SOURCE OF FEMALE  
FLESH!



THEY KILLED ALL THE MEN, ALL THE CHILDREN, AND EVERY WOMAN WHO HAD LAIN WITH A MAN.

WHICH LEFT THEM WITH FOUR HUNDRED VIRGINS.

NOT ENOUGH!

SO THE ELDERS OF ISRAEL SENT THE MEN OF BENJAMIN TO SHILON. WHERE THERE WAS A FESTIVAL OF THE LORD IN PROGRESS. AND THE ELDERS SAID...

LOOK IN THE VINEYARDS! AND WHEN THE DAUGHTERS OF SHILON COME OUT TO DANCE

CATCH YOU EVERY MAN A WIFE AND ESCAPE TO THE LAND OF BENJAMIN!



WHY THE FU? YOUR MESS!

SCOFF!



WHICH THEY DID?

WHOLESALE RAPE, SLAUGHTER, MURDER AND ABDUCTION: ORDERED OR CONDEMNED BY GOD TO MAKE UP FOR ANOTHER WHISKEY RAPE AND MURDER...!!

WELL?



YOU CANT SAY THE OLD BIBLE KEEPER DOESNT GIVE YOU THE GOOD STUFF, ER, KIDDIES.?? WELL, SURE!

OR THE MORAL?



JUST THIS... IN THOSE DAYS THERE WAS NO KING IN ISRAEL...

EVERY MAN DID THAT WHICH WAS RIGHT IN HIS OWN EYES.



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# THE PROPHET CAME TO DINNER

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THUS SAJETH THE  
LORD: "BEHOLD!"

A CHILD NAMED JOSIAH  
SHALL BE BORN TO THE  
HOUSE OF DAVID: ON  
THE ALTAR SHALL HE  
OFFER THE PRISONS OF  
HIGH PLACES!

MAN'S BONES  
SHALL BURN ON  
THIS ALTAR!

AND THIS IS THE  
PROOF THAT THE  
LORD HAS SPOKEN:

BEHOLD THE ALTAR SHALL  
BREAK, AND THE ASHES  
WHICH IT SHALL BE  
CARE OF!

WHY ARE YOU  
HERE? ON  
WHOSE COMMAND?

AND BEHOLD, THERE  
CAME A PROPHET, OUT  
OF JUDAH UNTO BETH-EL,  
AND KING JEREBAM  
STOOD BY THE ALTAR,  
BURNING INCENSE.

GOD TOLD ME  
TO COME HERE.

ARREST HIM.

WHY... HAVE YOU  
DONE TO MY HAND?

BEHOLD THE LORD  
OF THE LORD!

GUARDS - "WHY?"

RELEASE HIM.



ASK GOD TO RESTORE MY HAND TO ME NOW!



YOU ARE TRULY A PROPHET. COME BACK WITH ME AND FRESHEN UP I WILL REWARD YOU HANDSOMELY.

NOT EVEN FOR HALF YOUR KINGDOM! I DARE NOT...



THE LORD TOLD ME: EAT NO BREAD, AND DRINK NO WATER, NOR GO BACK THE WAY THAT YOU CAME. PLACE HE WITH YOU, OH KING.



SO HE WENT BY ANOTHER WAY AND RETURNED NOT BY THE WAY THAT HE CAME TO BETH-EL.



NOW THERE DWELL AN OLD PROPHET IN BETH-EL.

FATHER! THERE'S A NEW PROPHET IN TOWN!

MIRACLES AN' PROPHECYS 'E 'AVE DONE!

WELL AN' WHICH WAY DID HE GO?



GET UP, LAD, FOLLOW THE PROPHET...

IT'S BEEN SINCE I HAD ANOTHER PROPHET TO CHAT TO. I CAN'T WAIT TO SAY...



HELLO.

HELLO

I HEAR YOU'RE A PROPHET.

YEP. BUSINESS GOOD?

YUP. YOU?

YEP! IT'S A LIVING.

WOULDN'T ORUMBLE YOU?

YUP. WELL THEN...

WELL THEN, NICE MEETING YOU....

YOU TOO...



I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU'LL FANCY COMING BACK TO MY PLACE FOR A SPOT OF DINNER? WE CAN TALK ABOUT PROMISING AND STUFF...



I MAY NOT DO THIS

FOR THE LORD SAID I SHOULD EAT AND DRINK AND WATER HERE. NEITHER SHALL I TURN BACK THE WAY I HAVE COME!

AH! BUT AN ANGEL OF THE LORD CAME TO ME AND TOLD ME TO INVITE YOU TO DINNER!



HE SAID GOD WANTED YOU TO HAVE DINNER WITH ME...

OH



WELL IF GOD TOLD YOU IT MUST BE ALL RIGHT THEN

EXACTLY SO

BUT HE HAD LIED UNTO HIM.



I WAS SURPRISED THAT GOD SENT YOU ALL THE WAY UP HERE TO PROPHESY WHAT WITH ME BEING LOCAL AND ALL...

WELL, IT WASN'T TOO FAR OUT OF MY WAY, ALL THINGS CONSIDERED YOU KNOW...

AND THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME TO HIM WHO HAD BROUGHT THE PROPHET BACK, AND HE ROSE UP, SAYING :

THUS SAITH THE LORD ! THOU HAST DISOBEYED THE MOUTH OF THE LORD ! AND THOU HAST EATEN BREAD AND DRUNK WINE IN THE PLACE WHICH THE LORD GOD EXPRESSLY TOLD THEE NOT TO DO AND DO THINGS !



THY CARCASS SHALL NOT COME TO THE SEPULCHRE OF THY FATHERS ! I PROPHESY THY DEATH !



OH, RIGHT THEN. WELL, I'D BETTER BE GETTING ALONG THEN.

GOOD OF YOU TO STOP BY ... I HOPE YOU ENJOYED YOUR BREAK.

SORRY ABOUT THE PROPHESY, YOU CAN BORROW MY DONKEY, IF YOU WANT.

"that's verry kind of you."





SEE? THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU BREAK THE WORD OF GOD ...

you get born and slain by a lion, or will.



you can't say god don't warn him...

AND HE TOOK THE MAN BACK TO BETH-EL, AND HE BURIED HIM IN HIS OWN SEPULCHRE.

AND THE MORAL OF THIS STORY IS ...



NEVER LISTEN TO ANYONE WHO SAYS GOD TOLD HIM WHAT YOU OUGHT TO BE DOING. NOT EVEN A PROPHET. OR YOU'LL GET EATEN BY A LION ON YOUR WAY HOME, OR SOMETHING.

damn, no. that can't be right...



THERE WAS A MAN IN THE LAND OF UZ WHOSE NAME WAS JOB. AND THAT MAN WAS PERFECT AND UPRIGHT; ONE WHO FEARED GOD AND ESCHewed EVIL.

HE WAS A RICH MAN WHO OWNED THOUSANDS OF SHEEP, CAMELS, OXEN AND SHE ASSES.



AND THERE WERE BORN UNTO HIM SEVEN SONS AND THREE DAUGHTERS.



JOB FEARED THAT HIS INDULGENCE OF HIS CHILDREN MIGHT HAVE CAUSED THEM TO CURSE GOD IN THEIR HEARTS, SO HE MADE CONTINUOUS BURNT OFFERINGS TO GOD ON THEIR BEHALF.



ONE DAY GOD AND SATAN BECAME INVOLVED IN A DISCUSSION OF THE RESPECTIVE MERITS OF GODS PEOPLE.



HAVE YOU CONSIDERED MY SERVANT JOB?



SURELY HE IS A PERFECT AND UPRIGHT MAN!



AND WHY NOT? HAVE YOU NOT BLESSED HIM IN ALL POSSIBLE WAYS?



BUT TAKE AWAY HIS GOOD FORTUNE AND HE WILL CURSE THEE TO THY FACE!

SO IT CAME TO PASS THAT GOD DECIDED TO TEST JOB.



VERY WELL THEN, DO YOUR WORST, AND WE SHALL SEE!

THE ONE RESERVATION GOD MADE WAS THAT SATAN DO JOB NO BODILY HARM.

JUST AS YOU SAY.

HEH HEH.

NOT LONG AFTER, FOUR SERVANTS CAME UNTO JOB.



THE FIRST SERVANT TOLD JOB THAT THIEVES HAD STOLEN HIS OXEN AND SLAIN THE SERVANTS AMONG THEM.

I ONLY AM ESCAPED AMONG THEM.



THE SECOND SERVANT TOLD HIM HIS CAMELS AND SERVANTS AMONG THEM SUFFERED A SIMILAR FATE!



THE THIRD SERVANT TOLD JOB THAT A FIRE FROM HEAVEN HAD DECEDED ON HIS SHEEP FIELD, BURNING ALL HIS SHEEP AND SERVANTS.



BUT IT WAS THE FOURTH SERVANT THAT JOB WAS MOST TERRIFIED TO SEE...



...FOR HE WAS A SERVANT FROM THE HOUSEHOLD OF HIS ELDEST SON.

HE TOLD JOB THAT HIS SONS AND DAUGHTERS HAD BEEN EATING AND DRINKING WINE WHEN A GREAT WIND SMOTE THE HOUSE CAUSING IT TO COLLAPSE.



KILLING ALL OF THEM.

I ALONE ESCAPED TO TELL THEE.



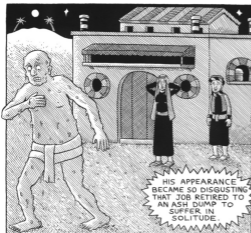
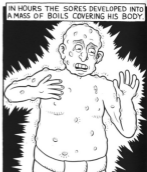
JOB SHAVED HIS HEAD AND TORE HIS GARMENT, AS WAS THE MOURNING CUSTOM. BUT IN ALL THIS, JOB DID NOT CURSE GOD.



INSTEAD HE SAID,

THE LORD GAVE AND THE LORD TAKETH AWAY. BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD.





LATE ONE NIGHT, JOB'S WIFE CAME TO SEE HIM AS HE SAT PAINFULLY AMONG THE ASHES IN PRAYER.



SHE CONSIDERED JOB'S PUBLIC DISPLAY OF PRAYER TO BE AN EMBARRASSMENT.

DO'ST THOU STILL RETAIN THY INTEGRITY?



WHY NOT CURSE GOD AND DIE!



BUT IN ALL THIS JOB WOULD NOT COMPLAIN.

WHAT!



SHALL WE RECEIVE GOOD FROM GOD AND NOT RECEIVE EVIL?

THREE WEALTHY FRIENDS NAMED ELIPHAZ, BILDAD AND ZOPHAR, DECIDED TO VISIT JOB.



BUT THEY FOUND ONLY HIS WIFE AT HOME.



YOU'LL FIND HIM IN THE CITY ASH HEAP. SHE SHAMEFULLY TOLD THEM.

AND SO THEY, ALONG WITH A YOUNGER MAN NAMED ELIHU, WENT TO COMFORT AND MOURN WITH JOB.



HIS CONDITION WAS SO MUCH WORSE THAN THEY'D IMAGINED THAT THEY COULD SCARCELY RECOGNIZE HIM.



JOB'S FRIENDS WERE SO STUNNED THAT THEY SAT IN SILENCE WITH HIM FOR A WHOLE WEEK.



AT THE END OF A WEEK, JOB SHOCKINGLY BROKE THE SILENCE BY CURSING THE DAY HE WAS BORN.



THEN ELIPHAZ SPOKE OUT.

PERHAPS GOD IS CORRECTING YOU. BE OF STOUT HEART AND HE MAY SEE YOU THROUGH THIS ADVERSITY.



JOB REACTED ANGRILLY, ...

I THOUGHT YOU CAME TO COMFORT ME AND INSTEAD YOU CHARGE ME WITH WICKEDNESS!



THE AIR GREW THICK WITH CONTROVERSY! BUT THE MORE SELF-RIGHTEOUS JOB BECAME, THE MORE CERTAIN HIS FRIENDS WERE, ...



ALL THE WHILE, ELIHU WATCHED AND WAITED UNTIL THE OTHERS CEASED TO SPEAK.



THEN HE TOO SPOKE, ARGUING THAT JOB'S ERROR WASN'T IN SECRET SIN,



SUDDENLY, AMIDST MUCH TURBULENCE,  
A GREAT WHIRLWIND APPEARED.



AND OUT OF THE WHIRLWIND, THE  
MIGHTY VOICE OF GOD ADDRESSED JOB.

WHO IS IT WHO  
SPEAKS SUCH THINGS  
WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE!!



QUAKING WITH  
FEAR, JOB SPOKE.

B'BEHOLD I  
AM VILE!...

AND GOD IN A FURTHER DEMONSTRATION OF HIS MIGHT, CAUSED A GIANT  
BEHEMOTH TO APPEAR BEFORE THEM, POINTING OUT THAT ONLY GOD, AND  
NOT PUNY MAN, HAS ANY CONCEPTION OF WHAT'S REQUIRED TO CREATE  
AND CONTROL THIS OR ANY OTHER OF GOD'S MIGHTY CREATIONS.



AND HAVE N'NOT  
THE WISDOM  
TO ANSWER.

I HAVE HEARD OF  
THEE BY THE  
HEARING, BUT NOW  
I SEE! I REPENT  
MY LORD! I  
REPENT!



THEN GOD TURNED HIS WRATH  
ON JOB'S THREE ELDER FRIENDS.

BECAUSE OF JOB'S  
SUFFERING, YOU HAVE FALSELY  
ACCUSED HIM OF BEING  
MORE WICKED THAN OTHER MEN!



BUT JOB HAS  
REPENTED HIS ERROR  
AND YOU HAVE  
NOT!



GOD ORDERED THE THREE TO MAKE A BURNT OFFERING OF SEVEN RAMS AND SEVEN BULLOCKS WHILE JOB PRAYED FOR THEM.



AND AS JOB PRAYED HIS BOILS BEGAN TO DWINDLE AWAY.



SOON HE WAS RESTORED TO PERFECT HEALTH AND GOD GAVE JOB TWICE AS MUCH AS HE HAD BEFORE.



IN ALL HE NOW HAD FOURTEEN THOUSAND SHEEP, SIX THOUSAND CAMELS, A THOUSAND YOKES OF OXEN AND A THOUSAND SHE ASSES.

THEN CAME THERE UNTO HIM ALL HIS OLD FRIENDS AND THEY DID EAT BREAD WITH HIM AND COMFORTED HIM OVER ALL THE EVIL THE LORD BROUGHT UNTO HIM.



HE ALSO HAD SEVEN MORE SONS AND THREE DAUGHTERS.



AND IN ALL THE LAND NO WOMEN WERE FOUND SO FAIR AS THE DAUGHTERS OF JOB.



AFTER THIS JOB LIVED A HUNDRED AND FORTY YEARS AND SAW HIS SONS AND HIS SONS SONS, EVEN FOUR GENERATIONS.



SO JOB DIED BEING OLD AND FULL OF DAYS.

THE END

# Daddy Dear



THE FATHER WAKETH FOR THE DAUGHTER WHEN NIMMAM  
KNOWETH AND CARE FOR HER TAKETH AWAY SLEEP...



WHEN SHE IS YOUNG, LEST SHE PASS AWAY  
THE FLOWER OF HER AGE ...



AND BEING MARRIED, LEST SHE  
SHOULD BE HATED...



IN HER VIRGINITY, LEST SHE SHOULD BE DEFILED  
AND GOTTEN WITH CHILD IN HER FATHER'S HOUSE...





LET HAVING A HUSBAND SHE SHOULD MISBEHAVE...



AND WHEN SHE IS MARRIED LEST SHE BE BARREN...

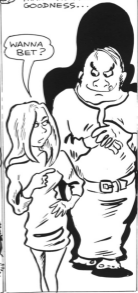
IT'S THE RIGHT TIME OF THE MONTH...  
MY TEMPERATURE'S IN...  
IT'S A FULL MOON...  
SO LET'S MAKE A BABY!



WATCH OVER A SHAMELESS DAUGHTER, LEST SHE MAKE THEE A LAUGHING STOCK TO THINE ENEMIES AND A BYWORD IN THE CITY, AND A REPROACH AMONG THE PEOPLE AND MAKE THEE ASHAMED BEFORE THE PEOPLE...



BETTER A MAN'S WICKEDNESS THAN A WOMAN'S GOODNESS...



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ELISHA LEFT JERICO TO GO TO BETHEL ...



BOLLARD



AND ON THE WAY

SOME BOYS CAME OUT OF A TOWN AND MADE FUN OF HIM.



GET OUT OF HERE BALDY!

THEY SHOUTED.

ELISHA TURNED ROUND, GLARED AT THEM, AND CURSED THEM IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.



THEN TWO SHE-BEARS CAME OUT OF THE WOODS...



...AND TORE FORTY-TWO OF THE BOYS TO PIECES.

ELISHA WENT ON TO MOUNT CARMEL, AND LATER RETURNED TO SAMARIA.





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