

068 MEDAD

Who... Is this guest of yours,
Aaron? He looks... strangely
familiar.

069 ELDAD

Medad, focus! Aaron, the meeting?
Did anything... important happen?

070 AARON

It was all well. Very well. Now, if
you'll excuse us, we have to go.
Urgently.

AARON AND MOSES LEAVE, HURRIEDLY.

071 ELDAD

(calling out)

Go? Where are you going.

072 AARON

(away)

To save our people.

073 MEDAD

(confused)

Save our people? What does *that*
mean?

ELDAD SIGHS, RESIGNED.

074 ELDAD

I'm sure nothing important. Come,
let's have something to eat.

075 MEDAD

Good idea. This race to the meeting
made me hungry.

ELDAD AND MEDAD WALK AWAY.

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EXT. STREET - EGYPT - DAY

DISTANT SOUNDS OF EGYPTIAN CIVILIZATION GROWING
CLOSER. WHEELS OF CHARIOTS PASSING. WALLA:
MERCHANTS CALLING. MOSES AND AARON

Side 2
START >>>

076 AARON

Moses... are you certain about
this?

077 MOSES

Are you changing your mind, Aaron?

078 AARON

No! It's just... What if... what if we're making a terrible mistake?

079 MOSES

We're not making a mistake, Aaron. We're following God's command.

080 AARON

How can you be so calm? I've never... I've never spoken to anyone more important than a Hebrew overseer.

081 MOSES

We'll fine, brother. Remember, you're not speaking for yourself. You're speaking for the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob... Let's go through that alley. It will take us faster to the palace.

MOSES AND AARON KEEP ON WALKING.

082 AARON

Moses... are you sure we're going the right way? How do you know your way around here?

083 MOSES

I grew up here, Aaron. This was my home, once. I know the palace inside out.

098 AARON

(whispering)

Moses, I can't do this. Did you see how he looked at me? Like I was nothing. I'm just a slave -

099 MOSES

You are a son of Abraham, Aaron. I'll be right beside you. We'll face this together.

MOSES faces AARON.

100 MOSES

Look at me. When we get to Pharaoh, remember these things: He will try to intimidate you with his size, his voice, his golden throne. Don't let it work.

101 AARON

What is that supposed to mean?

102 MOSES

He'll keep his distance, he'll shout, he'll try to make you feel small. When he does, stand straighter. Speak louder. Don't let him see fear. I lived with him. And I know he's still the same boy who used to have tantrums when he couldn't get his way. Except now he has an army.

103 AARON

Is that supposed to calm me down?

PASER COMES BACK.

104 PASER

Very well. Pharaoh will see you. Try not to embarrass yourselves before the son of Ra. Follow me.

MOSES AND AARON FOLLOW PASER THROUGH A GRAND HALL WITH ECHO.

105 AARON

This is it, brother.

106 MOSES

God is with us.

THE TENSE MUSIC BEGINS TO SWELL.

126 AARON
(shaking)
Great Pharaoh...

127 MOSES
(whispering)
Do not be afraid.

AARON TAKES A DEEP BREATH.

128 AARON
(stronger)
We come with a message from the God
of the Hebrews.

129 MERNEPTAH
The god of slaves dares to speak to
me?
(scoffs)
Speak, trembling one.

130 AARON
(finding his voice)
The Lord God of Israel says: Let my
people go.

THE LAST WORDS OF AARON ECHO THROUGH THE HALL.

131 AARON
So that they may hold a feast to me
in the wilderness.

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132 MERNEPTAH
Is this your great message? To ask
for a holiday?

133 MOSES
It is not a request, Merneptah. It
is a command from the one true God.

MERNEPTAH WALKS ANGERED TOWARDS MOSES.

134 MERNEPTAH
(louder)
What is the god of the Hebrews to
me? What power does he have in
Egypt? Tell me, Moses, who is 'the
Lord' that I should hear his voice
and let Israel go? I know not the
Lord, nor will I let Israel go!

135 MOSES
Our God, the God of Abraham, Isaac,
and Jacob, has met with us.
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