

012 RAMSES

This man looks different than the mighty Hittite king who met us in the Battle of Kadesh. Are you sure this bloodied, toothless shell of a man the same Hittite who led the Hittite armies in Canaan? The one who killed my daughter's husband?

013 MUWATALLI II

I would kill you, too, if you had the courage to face me yourself!

WALLA: 4-5 GUARDS BEAT MUWATALLI SENSELESS.

014 PASER

I can assure you, my Lord, he will never insult you again after my men have finished with him.

015 RAMSES

(nonchalant)

He is of no consequence to me. Just see to it that he sleeps comfortably tonight. Along with all of his men.

016 PASER

...my Lord?

017 RAMSES

There is a soft bed of sand at the bottom of the Nile River.

018 PASER

Ah, understood. Take them away!

THE GROUP OF HITTITES LAMENT AND MOAN. MUWATALLI WRITHES AND SCREAMS. THEY ARE TAKEN AWAY.

019 AIDE

A report on the Hebrews, mighty Ramses.

020 RAMSES

Proceed.

021 AIDE

The store city of Pithom is being erected far more quickly even than the store city Ramesses. The Hebrews are marvellously efficient workers.

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022 RAMSES
Excellent!

023 AIDE
Our success is due to their
fecundity: they continue to
multiply, sir. No matter how hard
we work them.

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024 RAMSES
How many?

025 AIDE
We estimate their numbers to be
over 600,000 working men, sir.

026 PASER
More men, more slaves! More slaves,
more monuments to the great and
mighty Pharaoh!

027 RAMSES
Do not speak imprudently, Paser. If
the Hebrews outnumber us, they
might revolt. Our hand must be
heavy against them.

028 PASER
What **are your orders, my Lord?**

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029 RAMSES
The Hebrews are **a problem, but they**
are simple creatures. If they fear
us in their hearts, they will not
rise up against us. If we stop them
from multiplying so quickly, they
will be unable to rise up against
us.

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BITHIAH ENTERS.

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030 BITHIAH
Father!

031 RAMSES
Bithiah! Daughter, please, do not
interrupt-

032 BITHIAH
Father, how could you! How could
you keep this news from me?!

033 RAMSES
What news, child?

034 BITHIAH

My husband died in Kadesh?!

035 RAMSES

It was a great and mighty battle. Many men died. Even some of your brothers died, Bithiah. But they will be avenged, and we will soon have peace.

036 BITHIAH

Peace?! Peace won't bring my husband back! Father, you do not know what it is like to be childless! Your thirteenth son was born this very month!

037 RAMSES

Do not speak to me like this, Bithiah. I rule as a god over Egypt. I would do anything for you, and I can find a way to ensure you will not remain childless.

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038 BITHIAH

Father! I-

039 RAMSES

Enough. Leave me now, my daughter. I have much larger problems to deal with at the moment. Paser!

BITHIAH EXITS.

040 PASER

Yes, Pharaoh?

041 RAMSES

Make ready my vessel. Let us float down the Nile and see the Hebrews for ourselves.

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EXT. THE NILE RIVER - DAY

MIRIAM SWOOSHES A BUCKET THROUGH THE WATER AND WALLA: HOISTS IT ONTO HER SHOULDER. ANKLE-DEEP WATER SWISHES AS SHE WALKS TO SHORE.

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SUDDENLY A FLOCK OF EGYPTIAN GEESE HONK AND SWARM IN A PANIC TO GET AWAY FROM AARON WALLA: LAUGHING AND CHASING THEM.

THE BUCKET OF WATER CRASHES TO THE GROUND.