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YOUNG MOSES

Do you remember another servant,
Hebrew? Jochebed, her name was. She
was my nurse when I was a child.

HEBREW SLAVE MAN 3

Jochebed? Yes, I knew her.

YOUNG MOSES

(lighting up)

You do! Where is she now?

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HEBREW SLAVE MAN 3

I don't know, my prince. I haven't
seen her since she left the palace
and returned to Goshen.

YOUNG MOSES

(disappointed)

I see. Well, if you hear of her
state, I should... Well, I would
just like to know, that is all.

HEBREW SLAVE MAN 3

Of course! I shall ask my brother.
You are too kind to think of her,
my prince. Too kind to think of us.

YOUNG MOSES

I only hope she is well. She was
good to me. Like a second mother.

A CLAY JAR SHATTERS!AN "OFFSCREEN" GASP, THEN GIGGLING...

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YOUNG MERNEPTAH

(drunken)

Whoops! Just some dusty old jar...

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MERNEPTAH STUMBLES IN, CLEARLY DRUNK.

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YOUNG MERNEPTAH

These steps. Did someone change
them?... Oh, Moses!

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YOUNG MOSES

(serious)

Merneptah.

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YOUNG MERNEPTAH

Moses! I didn't see you there! I
was just out with the nobles...

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(MORE)

YOUNG MERNEPTAH (CONT'D)
 But don't let me interrupt! You
 keep on with your p-p-punching!

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YOUNG MOSES
 You should get to bed, Merneptah,
 before your father hears of this.

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YOUNG MERNEPTAH
 You're right, Moses, you are right!
I shall retire to my chambers...
 And I will see YOU, little nephew,
 tomorrow at the contest.

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YOUNG MOSES
 Yes. May the best man win.

YOUNG MERNEPTAH
 Ha, hardly!

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HE SAUNTERS AWAY, HUMMING A SONG...

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MOSES MUTTERS TO HIMSELF.

YOUNG MOSES
 Drunken fool.

HEBREW SLAVE MAN 3
 Forgive me for seeing that, young
 master. I will not tell a soul.

YOUNG MOSES
 Very good. You may leave me.

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HEBREW SLAVE MAN 3
 (leaving)
 Thank you, young prince! I will
 pray for your success! May the Lord
 of all strengthen you tomorrow in
 your competition!

SANDALS SCURRY AWAY AS THE SERVANT LEAVES.

MOSES SMILES TO HIMSELF.

YOUNG MOSES
 The god of the Hebrews? I suppose
 I'll take all the help I can get.
 No sense in angering a god...

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(convicted)
 And I will show you, uncle! You
 will see how strong I am!

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MUSIC RISES, AS THE EPISODE SWELLS TO A CLOSE.