

they resolved to compass his destruction.

And it came to pass that when slumber lay heavy upon his eyelids they did form in bands and did lay siege to the chamber wherein he lay.

And when the man with the beautiful whiskers would not come out at the importunity of those who did desire to look upon him,

Then they did enter and did bear him upon his couch to the room of their friends.

And being assembled they did take counsel the one with the other as to what they should do.

And some cried out that the man should be put away, and others that his beautiful whiskers should be shorn off.

And when they could not agree as touching the thing they might do unto him, they did enter into a more careful consideration of this matter.

And now it happened verily that when they were in the midst of these weighty matters there arose a commotion without.

And suddenly the door did open, and one who was an high and mighty potentate in that land stood before them, and when they beheld him they were sore afraid.

And when he had spoken they were affrighted at the thunder of his voice and did hie each one to his own home.

And the man with the beautiful whiskers did escape, and it was so for his whiskers remaineth even unto this day.

But the end is not yet, for it came to pass that these wicked men who did desire for themselves the beautiful whiskers they had seen, were called upon to give an account of their deeds.

And fear and trembling came upon them all and they did say unto one another, Wherefore has this great calamity come upon us?"

And thus it was that upon a certain day these wicked men did stand before the men who were mighty and wise in that land and who did rule with a powerful hand.

And one, who seemed to be chief among them, arose, and when he had spoken concerning the things which had been done by these wicked men, he commanded that they should beseech the brother with the beautiful whiskers that he should forgive them for their wicked deeds.

And it was so that one of these wicked men did arise, and he did pray that the man with the beautiful whiskers should forgive them for what they had done and for what they had not done.

And for what they might have done and for what they might not have done and for what he thought they might have done and for what he thought they might not have done.

And for what the potentates of that land thought they had done and for what the potentates thought they had not done and for what they thought they might have done and for what they thought they might not have done.

And this saying pleased the wise and mighty men exceeding much, and they did allow these wicked men to depart, and the wise men rejoiced that they had been able to preserve the beautiful whiskers, which were for an ornament to the face of their brother.

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