

5. Now it came to pass, that a slight Report was rumoured, that the Enemies of *G—t B——n* intended to attack *H——r*, which was the Country Seat of *K—g Abasuerus*.

6. Then *Abasuerus* spoke unto his new *M——r*, and said unto him, Verily, our Enemies are coming to attack the Place of my Nativity, even the Place which so delighteth me.

7. Inform thou the People of *G—t B——n* of the Danger which my beloved Country is exposed to, and endeavour of them to raise Forces and Money to protect it.

8. And the new *M——r* answered and said,

9. Gracious Sir, what I can do shall be done, to fulfil your Royal Pleasure.

10. Then the *K—g* was well pleased, and said unto him, My Son shall command the Army for its Defence, to him can I trust, for he is valiant and wise.

11. But, soon after, the new *M——r* considered with himself how far his own Reputation might suffer, in a Demand of that Sort, and feared, lest they might suspect his Honour, which was dearer to him than Life.

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