THE Y FILES
(*YERUSHALAYIM)

Year 1: Haftarot

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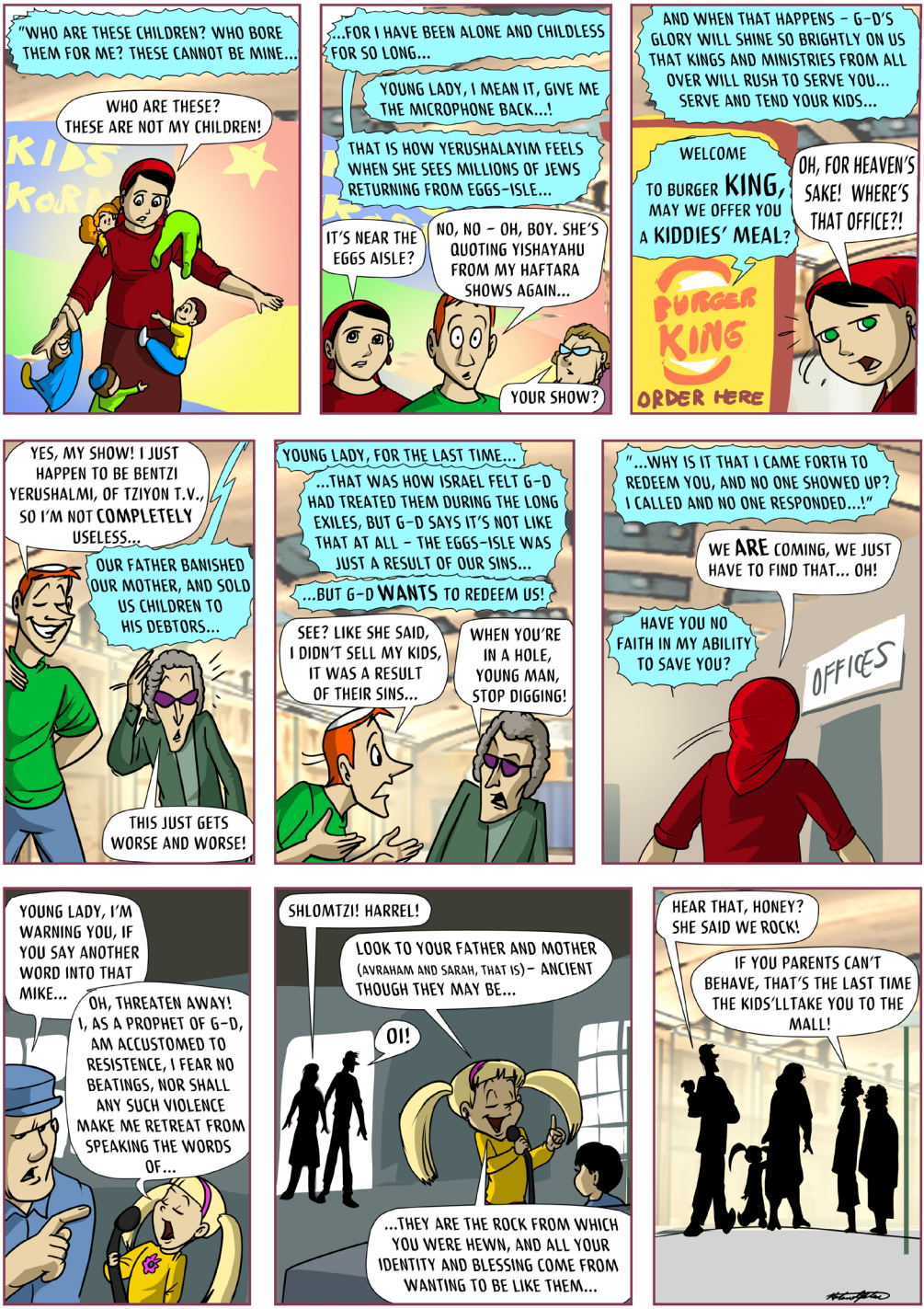
"WHO ARE THESE CHILDREN? WHO BORE THEM FOR ME? THESE CANNOT BE MINE...
WHO ARE THESE? THESE ARE NOT MY CHILDREN!
...FOR I HAVE BEEN ALONE AND CHILDLESS FOR SO LONG...
YOUNG LADY, I MEAN IT, GIVE ME THE MICROPHONE BACK...!
THAT IS HOW YERUSHALAYIM FEELS WHEN SHE SEES MILLIONS OF JEWS RETURNING FROM EGGS-ISLE...
IT'S NEAR THE EGGS AISLE?
NO, NO – OH, BOY. SHE'S QUOTING YISHAYAHU FROM MY HAFTARA SHOWS AGAIN...
YOUR SHOW?
AND WHEN THAT HAPPENS – G-D'S GLORY WILL SHINE SO BRIGHTLY ON US THAT KINGS AND MINISTRIES FROM ALL OVER WILL RUSH TO SERVE YOU... SERVE AND TEND YOUR KIDS...
WELCOME TO BURGER KING, MAY WE OFFER YOU A KIDDIES' MEAL?
OH, FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE! WHERE'S THAT OFFICE?!
BURGER KING
ORDER HERE
YES, MY SHOW! I JUST HAPPEN TO BE BENTZI YERUSHALMI, OF TZIYON T.V., SO I'M NOT COMPLETELY USELESS...
OUR FATHER BANISHED OUR MOTHER, AND SOLD US CHILDREN TO HIS DEBTORS...
THIS JUST GETS WORSE AND WORSE!
YOUNG LADY, FOR THE LAST TIME...
...THAT WAS HOW ISRAEL FELT G-D HAD TREATED THEM DURING THE LONG EXILES, BUT G-D SAYS IT'S NOT LIKE THAT AT ALL – THE EGGS-ISLE WAS JUST A RESULT OF OUR SINS...
...BUT G-D WANTS TO REDEEM US!
SEE? LIKE SHE SAID, I DIDN'T SELL MY KIDS, IT WAS A RESULT OF THEIR SINS...
WHEN YOU'RE IN A HOLE, YOUNG MAN, STOP DIGGING!
"...WHY IS IT THAT I CAME FORTH TO REDEEM YOU, AND NO ONE SHOWED UP? I CALLED AND NO ONE RESPONDED...!"
WE ARE COMING, WE JUST HAVE TO FIND THAT... OH!
HAVE YOU NO FAITH IN MY ABILITY TO SAVE YOU?
OFFICES
YOUNG LADY, I'M WARNING YOU, IF YOU SAY ANOTHER WORD INTO THAT MIKE...
OH, THREATEN AWAY! I, AS A PROPHET OF G-D, AM ACCUSTOMED TO RESISTENCE, I FEAR NO BEATINGS, NOR SHALL ANY SUCH VIOLENCE MAKE ME RETREAT FROM SPEAKING THE WORDS OF...
SHLOMTZI! HARREL!
LOOK TO YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (AVRAHAM AND SARAH, THAT IS) – ANCIENT THOUGH THEY MAY BE...
OI!
...THEY ARE THE ROCK FROM WHICH YOU WERE HEWN, AND ALL YOUR IDENTITY AND BLESSING COME FROM WANTING TO BE LIKE THEM...
HEAR THAT, HONEY? SHE SAID WE ROCK!
IF YOU PARENTS CAN'T BEHAVE, THAT'S THE LAST TIME THE KIDS'LLTAKE YOU TO THE MALL!