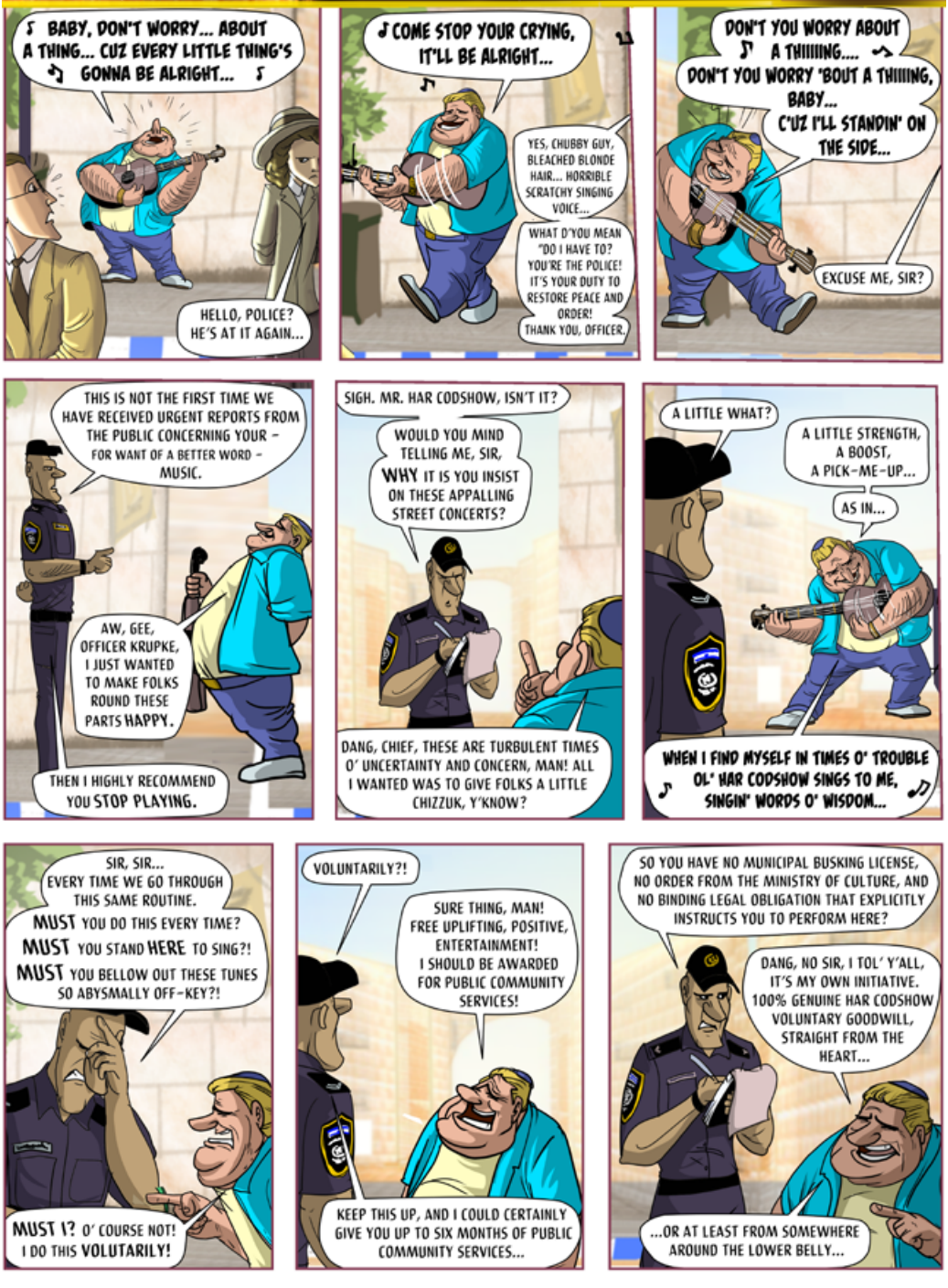
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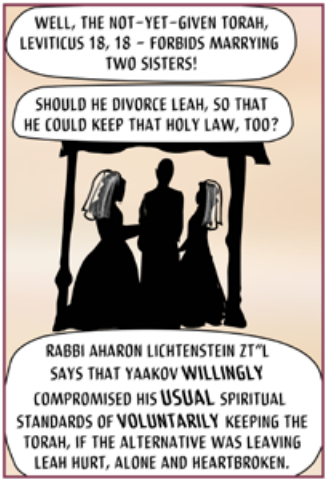



I SEE...
100% VOLUNTARY GOODWILL, NO OBLIGATION...
WELL, THAT CHANGES THINGS, NOW... THIS REALLY MAKES THINGS MUCH MORE STRAIGHT FORWARD...
SO I CAN KEEP GOIN'?
"DON' WORRY - BE HAPPY..."
NO, IT MEANS YOUR UNDER ARREST!
HUH?!


MY JOB IS TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER, PEACE AND SAFETY, IN THESE PARTS. THEREFORE IT IS MY DUTY TO...
I DON'T GET IT, Y'ALL ARRESTIN' LI'L OL' ME BECAUSE I VOLUNTEERED ON MY OWN GOODWILL?
YES, I THINK SO...


YOU SEE, OUR THREE GREAT PATRIARCHS, AVRAHAM, YITZCHAK AND YAAKOV VOLUNTARILY KEPT THE WHOLE TORAH LONG BEFORE IT WAS GIVEN ON MOUNT SINAI!
WELL, THAT'S MIGHTY NOBLE O' THEM, BUT WHAT IN TARNATION'S THAT GOTTA DO WITH MY...?


...UNTIL YAAKOV AVINU WAS FACED WITH A MORAL DILEMMA:
HE'D BEEN TRICKED INTO MARRYING HIS FIANCE'S SISTER, LEAH...
IF HE WERE TO KEEP HIS WORD TO RACHEL AND MARRY HER TOO, HE'D END UP BEING MARRIED TO TWO SISTERS!


WELL, THE NOT-YET-GIVEN TORAH, LEVITICUS 18, 18 - FORBIDS MARRYING TWO SISTERS!
SHOULD HE DIVORCE LEAH, SO THAT HE COULD KEEP THAT HOLY LAW, TOO?
RABBI AHARON LICHTENSTEIN ZT"L SAYS THAT YAAKOV WILLINGLY COMPROMISED HIS USUAL SPIRITUAL STANDARDS OF VOLUNTARILY KEEPING THE TORAH, IF THE ALTERNATIVE WAS LEAVING LEAH HURT, ALONE AND HEARTBROKEN.


WAIT A SECOND, Y'ALL COMPARIN' MY...?
VOLUNTEERING WHERE ONE IS NOT OBLIGED IS A WONDERFUL THING, SIR, BUT IF ENDS UP CAUSING SOMEONE PAIN OR DISTRESS IN ANY WAY -
IT'S NOT A WONDERFUL THING ANYMORE, IT'S A CRIME!
ARE YOU IMPLYIN' THAT I'M DISTRESSIN' SOMEBODIES?
ONLY ABOUT 1.06 MILLION RESIDENTS OF THIS CITY, SIR.


DANG... Y'ALL RIGHT..
I'M SORRY, SIR, GIVEN THAT YOU'VE BEEN WARNED ABOUT THIS SAME OFFENCE SO MANY TIMES, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO PRESS CHARGES THIS TIME...
PERHAPS SOME AFOREMENTIONED COMMUNITY SERVICE OF CLEANING THE STREETS OUGHT TO HAVE YOU SINGING A DIFFERENT TUNE...


SO NOW I GOT TO BE HERE? FORCED TO BE RIGHT HERE ON THESE STREETS BY LAW?!
ER... Y-E-E-E-S...?


♪ GREAT!
"JUUUUUST WHISTLE WHILE YOU WORK... AND CHEERFULLY TOGETHER ♪ WE CAN TIDY UP THE MESS..."
MUST HE BE HERE?!
ER... ONLY BECAUSE I'M MAINTAINING PEACE AND ORDER...