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Christmas Gifts

Endtime Hunger Pangs



BECOME AN ACTIVATED EXPERT



Mark B.F.



(Jesus:) Many of you who have not caught the vision of the Activated program don't know the content of the materials well and the general appeal and approach. Those who know those magazines, who have read them, sell them, and teach their sheep with them, know that they're a tool for reaching the educated people.

ML #3400:56

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Keys Promise

I will open your spiritual eyes and senses through the power of the keys turned to swords, and you will do battle against your enemies from the netherworld. You will rise victorious!

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Check out Interview with a Walking Encyclopedia.

Was the Queen of Sheba the same person as Queen Makeda from Ethiopia? Nobody knows for sure! But it makes for fun reading!



Notable Quote

What's the main job of the Family? To witness the Words to the waiting world! Dad

ML #3400:125

Heaven delights in spreading My love. The keys will tap you into all the love-spreading power of Heaven.

Keys Promise

Xn:

Happy Christmas to you all! We love you and are claiming the keys to help you to spread the Lord's love everywhere this Christmas!

Live Your Life!

Sometimes you spend so much time trying to figure out your life that you leave little time or mental ability to actually live it! You can make such an issue out of simple things that they lose their beauty. I want to give you back this gift you have lost—the gift of simplicity, of appreciating the beauty in the things that, though they may seem small, are real—far more real than the delusions which seem so grand but are based and founded on nothing. I want you to live more in the reality of what your life is, and dwell less in the realm of what “could be” or “might have been.”

ML #3401:110



Mike D.

Is my Mission You?



(Akmeel, angelic being speaking:) I'm a fighter in training. I'm training to be a defender of the faith in these last days.

By Earth years I'd be about 14 years old. I've been training for some time now for this mission. And you know what? It's one of you! I was assigned to someone two years younger than me (this is by Earth years because in Heaven we don't have the same

measure of ages), but I don't know who it is yet. Is it you? Jesus told me that someone is going to request my help, but I haven't heard from you yet.

The artist was inspired to draw my picture so that one of you could ask me to come and be your defender. I'm just awaiting my orders. Will you be my commander? I'd love to fight by your side.

Oh, I nearly forgot

to mention that I'm part of an entire class of warriors. I was chosen as the spokesperson for our whole class. We have been trained by the Lord to help you, but we're waiting for you to call on us.

So call on us and we'll be your defenders and partners in this big fight of the Endtime.

Don't keep us waiting. We've been waiting to come to your aid and we just can't wait any longer. Get your defender today!

Keys Promise

The keys put the power of Heaven at your fingertips.

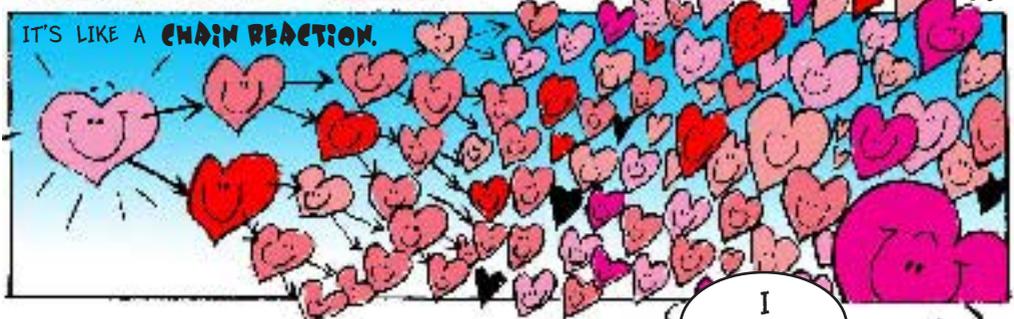


SHOPPING MALL

REACH ONE HEART



(JESUS:) EVERY TIME YOU LEAD A SOUL TO ME, EVERY TIME YOU PRAY WITH A PERSON, THAT PRAYER HAS A GREAT IMPACT ON BOTH THE LIFE OF THE PERSON WHO GOT SAVED, AND IN THE LIVES OF THOSE HE COMES IN CONTACT WITH.



IT'S LIKE A **CHAIN REACTION.**

ONE LITTLE SOUL MIGHT NOT SEEM LIKE A WHOLE LOT TO YOU. YOU COULD EVEN SAY THAT IF THAT PERSON LIVED A GOOD LIFE, EVEN IF HE DIDN'T GET SAVED, THEN WHEN HE DIED HE'D HAVE A CHANCE TO RECEIVE ME, BUT WHEN YOU THINK OF HOW THAT ONE SAVED SOUL CAN AFFECT ANOTHER PERSON, AND THAT PERSON ANOTHER PERSON, IT'S JUST AMAZING! IT REALLY IS.



MY LOVE AND SPIRIT MOVES
AND GROWS IN THE HEARTS
OF THOSE WHO OPEN UP AND
RECEIVE ME.

HI, SUZY!
NICE DAY TODAY,
ISN'T IT?

AND AS THEY YIELD AND BLOSSOM UNDER THE SUNSHINE
OF MY LOVE, THEIR SAMPLE AND THUS MY WITNESS IS
POURED OUT ON THOSE AROUND THEM.

LET ME
HELP YOU!

THANK
YOU!

EVEN IF THEY DON'T OUTWARDLY WITNESS TO THEIR FRIENDS
AND RELATIVES OR DO GREAT WORKS, THE SAMPLE THAT THEY
SHOW AND THE LOVING ACTIONS THEY DO GO FAR BEYOND
WHAT ANY DEAD CHURCH SERMON COULD DO.

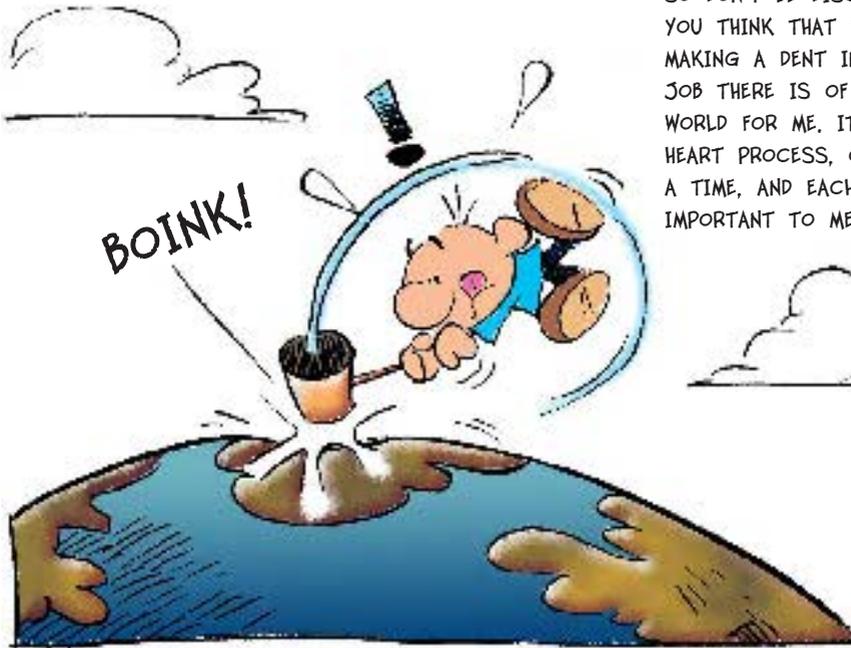
WHAT
HAPPENED
TO MEL?

WANT ME TO
HELP YOU WITH
YOUR ALGEBRA,
HERBERT?

COULD
YOU?

THAT'D BE
WONDERFUL!

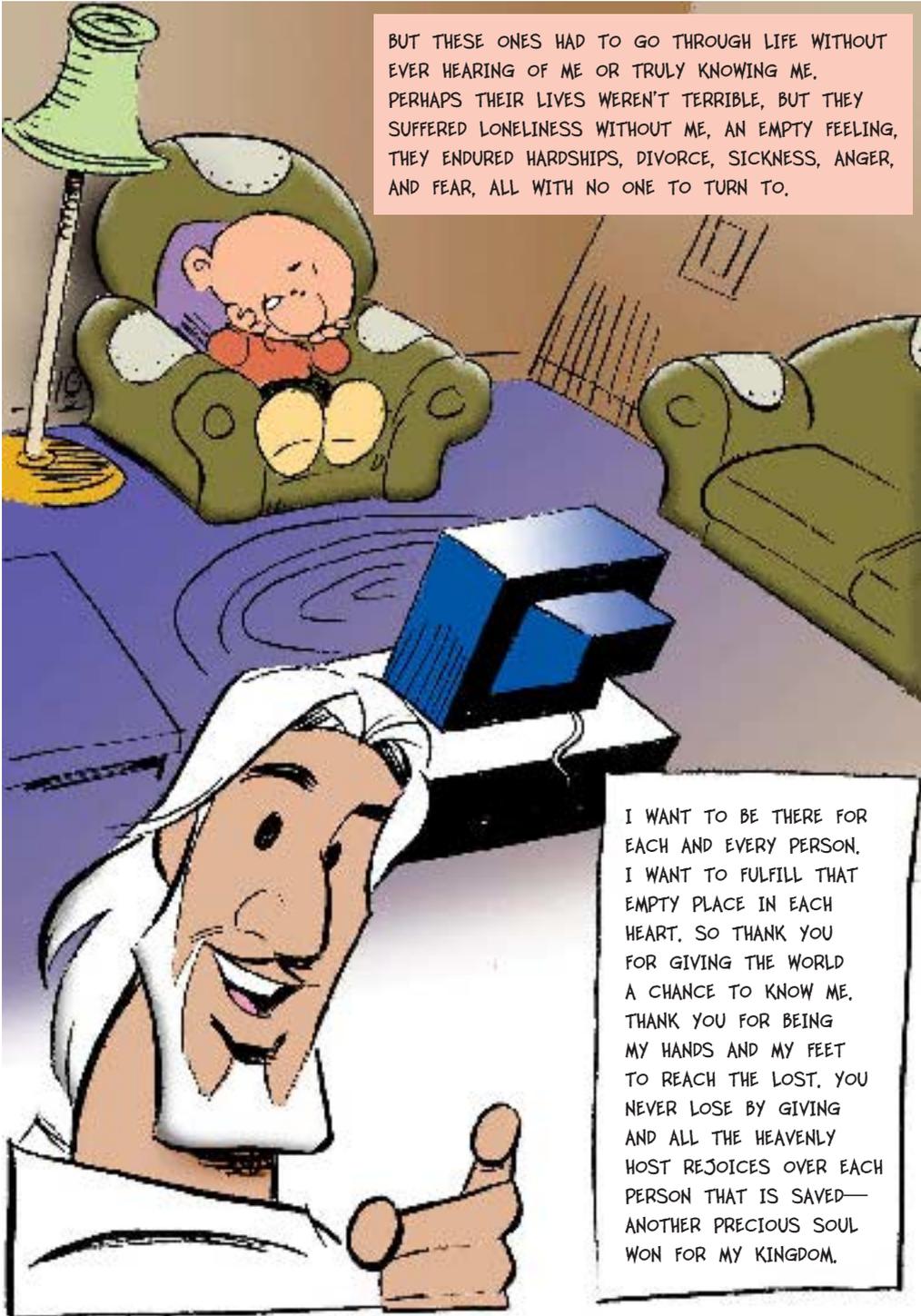
IT'S THE ACTION THAT COUNTS
AND THAT REALLY CHANGES LIVES.



SO DON'T BE DISCOURAGED IF YOU THINK THAT YOU'RE BARELY MAKING A DENT IN THE BIG JOB THERE IS OF WINNING THE WORLD FOR ME. IT'S A HEART BY HEART PROCESS, ONE SOUL AT A TIME, AND EACH ONE IS AS IMPORTANT TO ME AS THE NEXT.

I WANT EVERYONE TO GET A CHANCE TO KNOW ME IN THIS LIFE. OF COURSE THERE ARE MANY WHO HAVE DIED AND NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO RECEIVE ME, AND WHEN THEY ARRIVED UP HERE, THEY GOT THEIR CHANCE TO HEAR MY MESSAGE OF SALVATION.





BUT THESE ONES HAD TO GO THROUGH LIFE WITHOUT EVER HEARING OF ME OR TRULY KNOWING ME. PERHAPS THEIR LIVES WEREN'T TERRIBLE, BUT THEY SUFFERED LONELINESS WITHOUT ME, AN EMPTY FEELING, THEY ENDURED HARDSHIPS, DIVORCE, SICKNESS, ANGER, AND FEAR, ALL WITH NO ONE TO TURN TO.

I WANT TO BE THERE FOR EACH AND EVERY PERSON. I WANT TO FULFILL THAT EMPTY PLACE IN EACH HEART. SO THANK YOU FOR GIVING THE WORLD A CHANCE TO KNOW ME. THANK YOU FOR BEING MY HANDS AND MY FEET TO REACH THE LOST. YOU NEVER LOSE BY GIVING AND ALL THE HEAVENLY HOST REJOICES OVER EACH PERSON THAT IS SAVED— ANOTHER PRECIOUS SOUL WON FOR MY KINGDOM.

Christmas Gifts

MY HEART IS HEAVY,
FOR MY LOST SHEEP
ARE LEFT BLEATING.
WILL YOU GIVE MY
WORD, MY HOPE,
MY LIFE TO THOSE
YOU MEET, AS
THOUGH EVERYTHING
DEPENDS ON IT?

THIS CHRISTMAS
COULD BE YOUR
LAST CHANCE
TO GIVE MY
WORD TO THAT
PARTICULAR
PERSON,

THE LAST OPPORTUNITY TO
PASS THAT TRACT TO THEM,

TO SHARE THAT SMILE
OR LOOK OF LOVE,

TO GIVE THEM MY ANSWER
TO THEIR PROBLEMS.

BASED ON
"MY
CHRISTMAS
HEARTCRY!"
ML #3261,
GN 865 AND
"ACTION
THROUGH
PRAYER, PART
3," ML #3339,
GN 933



Art by
Jeremy

IN PUEBLA, MEXICO, THE LORD HAD SHOWN THE TEAM THERE TO USE THEIR BAND, **LUNA**, AS THEIR MAIN FORM OF OUTREACH DURING CHRISTMAS.

MEXICO

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, **LUNA** OFTEN PERFORMED IN CLUBS, HOTELS, IN PLAZAS, AND AT THEIR LOCAL AND AREA ACTIVATED MEETINGS.

DURING SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER THEIR FREE TIME WAS SPENT FOCUSING ON PUTTING TOGETHER THEIR CHRISTMAS SHOW, WHICH RAPIDLY FELL INTO PLACE.

THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE FAXED US.

I THINK WE SHOULD TRY THE CHORUS AGAIN!

THEY'RE ASKING IF **LUNA** COULD PLAY ON CHRISTMAS EVE AT THE CALIENTE YOUTH HANG OUT.

YOU'RE KIDDING! THAT'S SO COOL!

WE DO HAVE ONE SHOW IN THE MORNING, BUT WE'D PROBABLY BE ABLE TO DO BOTH.



LET'S PRAY AND FIND OUT WHAT THE LORD WANTS US TO DO.

GOOD IDEA.

...AND LORD HELP US TO BE FAITHFUL TO BE THE WITNESSES YOU NEED US TO BE!

CHRISTMAS EVE.

LUNA

I THINK THIS IS THE LARGEST CROWD I'VE EVER PERFORMED FOR.



YOU GUYS ALMOST READY?



JUST ABOUT...

SUDDENLY...

WUMP!

WHAT HAPPENED?

BLACK OUT! I'LL SEE IF I CAN FIND OUT ANY INFORMATION.

FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER...

LOOKS LIKE NO ELECTRICITY FOR THE REST OF THE EVENING. THE GENERATOR ISN'T WORKING, AND THEY DON'T HAVE A BACKUP ONE.

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? THE LORD GAVE US A CLEAR CONFIRMATION ABOUT PERFORMING HERE TODAY.

YES, HE INSTRUCTED US TO COME HERE, AND HE TOLD US TO REACH OUT TO THOSE IN NEED.

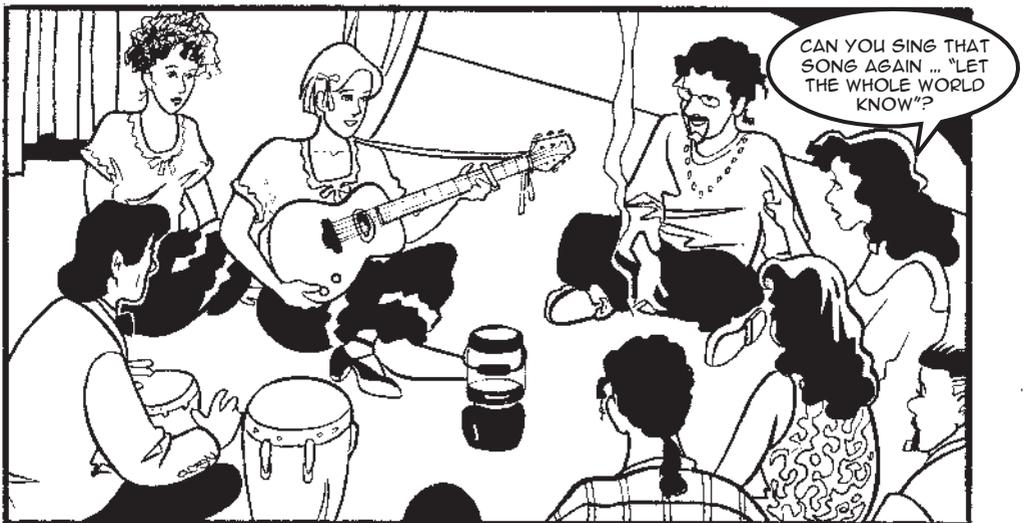
WE'VE BEEN FOLLOWING WHAT HE'S BEEN SAYING ALL ALONG, SO HE MUST HAVE A REASON FOR THIS.

I AGREE. LET'S PRAY AND ASK HIM WHAT WE SHOULD DO.

LATER

I'VE TRIED TO END MY LIFE ... I COULDN'T TAKE IT ANY MORE.

JESUS CAN HELP YOU. THAT'S WHY HE CAME TO EARTH MANY CHRISTMASSES AGO...



THE NEXT MORNING.





THOSE PEOPLE WE WERE DOING THE GYPSY DANCE WITH ... THEY KEPT BRINGING MORE AND MORE FRIENDS.

AND THEY ALL RECEIVED THE LORD.

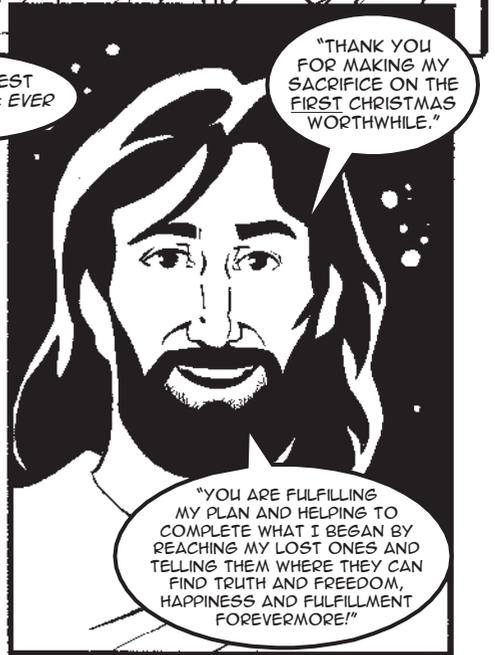


WE GOT OUT A BUNCH OF ACTIVATED MAGAZINES AND ALSO GOT SEVERAL ADDRESSES TO FOLLOW UP ON.



THAT PROBABLY WOULD'VE NEVER HAPPENED IF THE ELECTRICITY HAD STAYED ON.

THIS IS THE BEST CHRISTMAS I'VE EVER HAD!



"THANK YOU FOR MAKING MY SACRIFICE ON THE FIRST CHRISTMAS WORTHWHILE."

"YOU ARE FULFILLING MY PLAN AND HELPING TO COMPLETE WHAT I BEGAN BY REACHING MY LOST ONES AND TELLING THEM WHERE THEY CAN FIND TRUTH AND FREEDOM, HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT FOREVERMORE!"

FOR THE LAST TWO CHRISTMASSES THE HOME IN TIMIȘOARA, ROMANIA, HAD TAKEN A TWO-WEEK ROAD TRIP TO THE SOUTH OF ROMANIA.

ROMANIA

HOWEVER, THIS YEAR THE LORD INSTRUCTED THEM TO PUT TOGETHER A SHOW AND VISIT THE LOCAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS WITH THE SPONSORSHIP AND ASSISTANCE OF THEIR ACTIVE MEMBERS, TO BRING THE MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS TO THE SICK AND NEEDY, AS WELL AS THE HOSPITAL STAFF AND SUPERVISORS.



I WAS WONDERING IF YOU'D BE INTERESTED IN SPONSORING THESE VIDEOS...

EMIL AND NICOLAE BECAME THE OFFICIAL CLOWNS, AND THE REST OF THE TEAM JOINED IN, DOING THEIR PART TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SHOW.

LORD, I'M REALLY NOT THE GREATEST CLOWN. IT'S SO HUMBLING, AND I FEEL I'M GOING TO MESS THIS ALL UP.

I'VE ALWAYS LOOKED FORWARD TO GOING ON THE ROAD AT CHRISTMAS. BUT IF THIS IS WHAT YOU WANT US TO DO, THEN I PRAY YOU WILL HELP ME TO BE EVERYTHING YOU NEED ME TO BE. ANOINT ME FOR THE JOB. ...

HELP ME TO BE YOUR LOVE AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THESE DEAR ONES.

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INTERVIEW WITH A WALKING ENCYCLOPEDIA

We have the wonderful privilege of entering this magnificent palace in order to interview our dear king Solomon, the man who has brought peace to our nation after so many years of innumerable wars and difficulties with our neighboring countries.

Bible Times: Your Majesty, it's rumored written as many as 3000 proverbs.

King Solomon: An exaggeration, my son. Although I wrote many of them, I didn't write all of them.

Bible Times: Can you please quote some of your most famous ones, and what they mean?

King Solomon: Let me see ... what about, "The fear of the LORD is the



King Solomon and Queen Makeda in a relaxing moment when she was visiting Israel

Bible Times: A beautiful song indeed. What about other literary and scientific works? It is common knowledge that you have given lectures on science, lectures which amaze our greatest scholars.

King Solomon: I have indeed expounded

Some workers, located in chambers that are close to the surface of the ground, remove the seed's outer husk and carry it outside. Next, workers transport the inner, nutritious part of the seed to a deeper chamber that is reserved for storing seeds.

If a seed is damp and at risk for rotting, the ants carry it to the surface and wait for it to dry before bringing it to the storage chamber. Anyway, the whole subject is fascinating!

Bible Times: OK, let's get a bit more personal, if I may. How many wives and concubines do you have, Your Majesty?

King Solomon: I don't really count them, but I believe I have around 700 wives and 300 concubines...

beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.” It may seem a very new concept to some of us, but our ancestors had already penned this. For example, our great spiritual father Job once said, “And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.”

Another one that I personally like and I used in my collection is, “A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.” The more you hear the Word the easier it will be to understand the parables and deep sayings you find in the Word of God.

Bible Times: Beautiful and wise adages, I must say.

King Solomon: Yes. I wish more took heed to them.

Bible Times: It is also said that you have written many great hit songs such as that beautiful one which starts with ... let me see if I remember the tune...

“Give the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son. He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment.”

King Solomon: Yes, I wrote about a thousand of them.

on trees, as they are all around us and yet we often take for granted what a marvelous creation of God they are. I also spoke of plants which are directly linked with the worship of the Lord. Take, for example, the cedar tree, which I have imported in large quantity from Lebanon for the building of the Temple. However, in God's eyes size isn't all, which is why I also gave an extensive lecture on the hyssop, which our priests use for sprinkling water in their ceremonies.

Bible Times: You have also spoken about animals, haven't you?

King Solomon: Yes, I have spoken of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes. I have mentioned some of these animals in my collection of proverbs, mainly taken from extensive observation of their behavior. You probably remember my proverb about the ant.

“Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,

Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.”

These so-called harvester ants, which are noted for their industriousness, live in the arid or semiarid parts of our nation. They ensure a continuous food supply by collecting seeds and storing them in special underground chambers for use when other types of food are scarce.

Bible Times: I'm guessing that these women keep Your Majesty very busy. I don't know how you can find time to write songs, proverbs, and do scientific work!

King Solomon: Well, there's a time for everything...

Bible Times: It mustn't be easy to please them all, especially when some of them are from different religions and faithfully worship a god that is not ours.

King Solomon: I know what you are trying to say. Some of my opponents say that I am being influenced by my wives and that in my attempt to please them I am also worshipping their gods.

Bible Times: Is it true, Your Majesty?

King Solomon: Next question?

Bible Times: Since we are talking about women from other nations, there are reports of your involvement with the Queen Makeda of Sheba and that Menelik, her son with you, is now being reared to become a Jewish king among her people.

King Solomon: If that's the case, then my involvement with women like Makeda, who used to worship the sun, is helping spread the faith of our fathers among the nations.

Bible Times: Thank you very much for giving us some of your precious time, Your Majesty.

King Solomon: May the Lord bless you and give you peace.

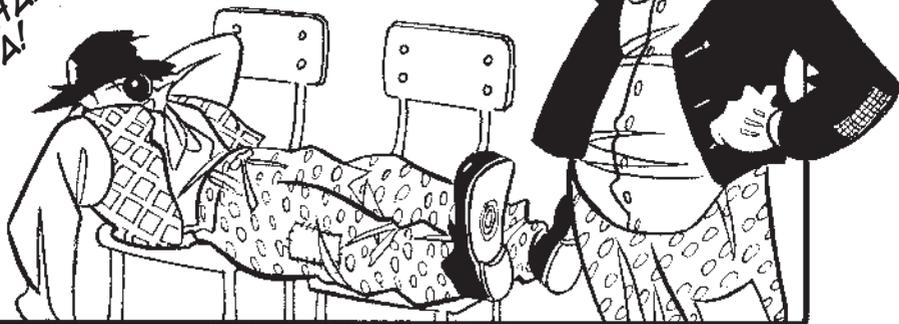
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"I ASK FOR YOUR HANDS.
I ASK FOR YOUR FEET."

JESUS' LOVE IS
VERY WONDERFUL...

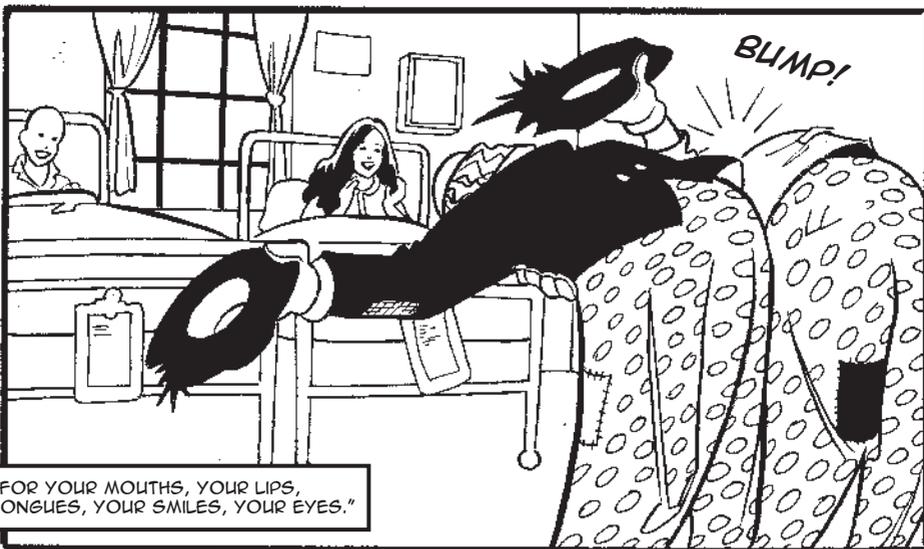


HA! HA!
HA! HA!



BLIMP!

"I ASK FOR YOUR MOUTHS, YOUR LIPS,
YOUR TONGUES, YOUR SMILES, YOUR EYES."



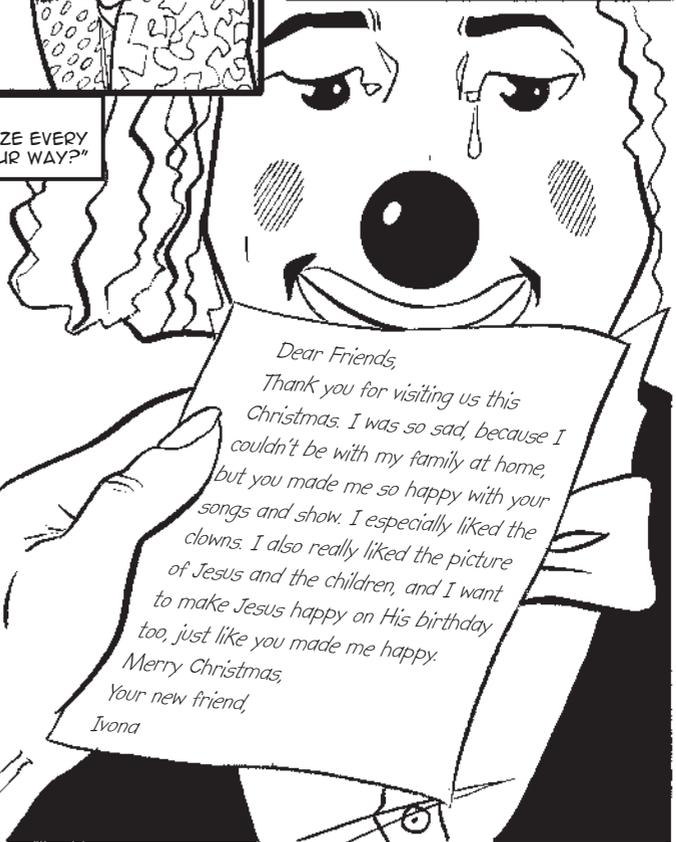


THANK YOU FOR COMING!
AND THANK YOU FOR
EXPLAINING THE ACTIVATED
MAG! THE STAFF HAVE
SIGNED UP FOR IT!



I WOULD LIKE
YOU TO COME BACK AND
OFFER ACTIVATED TO ALL THE
PARENTS AT ANOTHER HOLIDAY
EVENT SHORTLY!

"I ASK FOR YOUR READINESS AND
WILLINGNESS. I ASK, 'WILL YOU SEIZE EVERY
GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY I BRING YOUR WAY?'"



Dear Friends,
Thank you for visiting us this
Christmas. I was so sad, because I
couldn't be with my family at home,
but you made me so happy with your
songs and show. I especially liked the
clowns. I also really liked the picture
of Jesus and the children, and I want
to make Jesus happy on His birthday
too, just like you made me happy.
Merry Christmas,
Your new friend,
Ivona

MIDWAY THROUGH THEIR CHRISTMAS PUSH.

BRAZIL



...AND THIS COMPANY SAID THEY WANTED TO TAKE 150 CD CARDS!

THANK YOU, LORD!

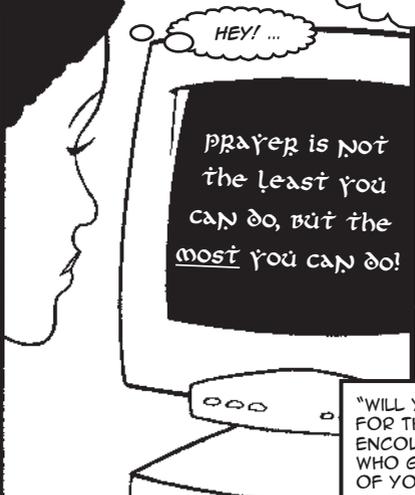
I WISH I COULD BE DOING OUTREACH THIS CHRISTMAS, RATHER THAN STAYING BACK WITH THE KIDS.

I THOUGHT CHRISTMAS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE ABOUT REACHING THE LOST, NOT FEEDING BABIES.

BUT I GUESS THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU'RE A HOME BODY AND AREN'T DYNAMIC LIKE OTHERS...

"YOU AT HOME SHARE EQUALLY IN THE REWARDS WITH THOSE WHO PASS OUT MY WORDS."

THAT'S HOW I SHOULD CONTRIBUTE—THROUGH MY PRAYERS! I'LL MAKE PRAYER MY CHRISTMAS PUSH. LORD, I CLAIM THE KEY OF WITNESSING...



HEY! ...

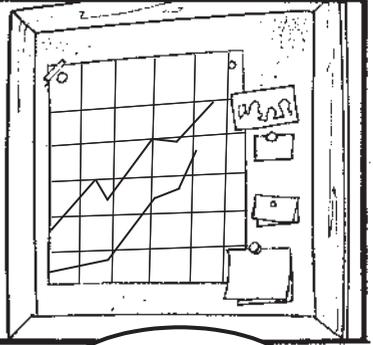
PRAYER IS NOT THE LEAST YOU CAN DO, BUT THE MOST YOU CAN DO!



"WILL YOU GIVE YOUR ALL TO PRAY FOR THEM AND FOR THE LOST, TO ENCOURAGE AND UPHOLD THOSE WHO GO OUT, EVEN IN THE MIDST OF YOUR OTHER DUTIES?"

A FEW DAYS LATER.

CHECK THAT OUT! THINGS ARE REALLY ROCKING THIS CHRISTMAS! I'M GOING TO KEEP ON PRAYING.



TINA AND I WERE PRAYING A BIT LAST NIGHT ABOUT OUR CHRISTMAS OUTREACH.

THE LORD SUGGESTED WE HOLD AN OPEN HOUSE FOR OUR FRIENDS AND CONTACTS.

DURING THE EVENING SOME OF OUR ACTIVE MEMBERS COULD GIVE THEIR PERSONAL TESTIMONIES.

EXCELLENT IDEA! IT'D BE A WONDERFUL WAY TO DRAW OUR NEW CONTACTS CLOSER.

THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

HERE'S THE TO-DO LIST THE LORD GAVE US. HOW DO WE WANT TO DIVIDE IT UP?

I HAVE A BURDEN TO WORK ON THE INVITATIONS, AND CALL OUR ACTIVE MEMBERS.

I'LL PRACTICE THE KIDS' SHOW WITH THEM, AND THEN WORK ON PROVISIONING THIS AFTERNOON.

FELIZ ANIVERSÁRIO, JESUS!

THANK YOU FOR INVITING US! IT'S WONDERFUL TO GET TO KNOW YOU BETTER.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS, FABIO!

WOW, THE SETUP IS IMPRESSIVE!

WE JUST FOLLOWED EXACTLY WHAT THE LORD SHOWED US. THANKS ALSO FOR YOUR HELP WITH THE PICKUPS.

YOU BROUGHT YOUR BROTHER.

"THERE ARE THOSE WHO PRETEND TO HAVE THE ANSWERS WHEN INSIDE THEY HAVE ONLY A GREAT EMPTINESS, CRYING OUT TO BE FILLED; WHO PRETEND TO KNOW WHERE THEY'RE GOING, BUT ARE SO VERY LOST."

TALK WITH HIM. TELL HIM MORE ABOUT ME.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SIT DOWN?

THE TESTIMONIES OF YOUR FRIENDS WERE SO INCREDIBLE. AND THE WORDS TO THAT SONG THE CHILDREN SANG, "WHAT CAN I GIVE HIM?"

I HAVEN'T GIVEN JESUS ANYTHING OF ME.

LATER THAT EVENING.

THANK YOU FOR TALKING WITH ME, SILVIA. IT'S MADE ALL THE DIFFERENCE. I'LL SEE YOU AT THE BIBLE STUDY NEXT WEEK.

...HOW DO I START?

GOODNIGHT, SILVIA.

GOODNIGHT, ERNESTO. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

THE FOLLOWING DAY.

ERNESTO!
WHAT A NICE
SURPRISE!

I'VE BEEN THINKING
ABOUT ALL YOU SAID
LAST NIGHT.

THIS IS FROM
JESUS TO YOU!

THANK YOU.
THAT'S SO SWEET.
WOULD YOU LIKE
TO COME IN?

AND I WANT
TO DO SOMETHING
MORE TO HELP YOU
AND YOUR WORK,
LIKE MY BROTHER IS
DOING.

I'D LOVE TO, BUT I'M
ALREADY LATE FOR AN
APPOINTMENT, BUT I'LL BE
HERE NEXT WEEK FOR MY
BIBLE CLASS.

I'M SO GLAD
I FOLLOWED THE LORD'S
CHECK AND TOOK THE TIME
TO WITNESS TO HIM. HE'S SO
SHEEPY. AMAZING!

IT'S ... IT'S, HALF A
MONTH'S RENT!

AND WHO WOULD'VE
EVER THOUGHT IT'D
BE FROM ERNESTO?!

AND HAPPY
BIRTHDAY,
JESUS!

What are the gifts I'm most pleased with, My loves?

YOUR LOVE FOR THE LOST,
AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.

YOUR DESIRE TO GIVE THEM MY GIFT OF
ETERNAL LIFE, AS I HAVE GIVEN YOU.

...AND
COME
INTO MY
HEART...

JOHN 3:16
SAYS...

...AND
COME
INTO MY
HEART...

YOUR FAITHFULNESS TO
GIVE MY WORD TO THOSE
I BRING ACROSS YOUR
PATH, THAT YOU MIGHT
LEAD THEM TO ME.

NOW YOU ARE
GOING TO
HEAVEN!

These are the gifts I most long for.

101 More, Part 2

(Excerpts from *101 more replies and reactions to "The Professionals."*)

The Family beats the System

By Andrew (20), Philippines

I'm 20 years old and I haven't necessarily had an easy life. I live in a small Home with only four voting members. I take care of the kids, clean the house, and I have little or no fellowship with other Family teens (not to mention sex) since our Home is the only one on an island far from the other Homes in the country. The contact I do have with other Family members is usually in the form of the occasional long-distance phone call or notes sent via e-mail. I work on my own education by studying in the afternoons and on weekends. To top all this off, I also have a brain tumor which is something that not only I, but the whole Home, has to deal with.

Sure it's tough at times, but it's a choice that I've made—no one forced me to be a disciple. I see so many young people in the world every day with messed up lives, tyrannical parents, and insane rules that I'm more than happy to sacrifice some of the so-called freedoms in order to serve the Lord.

Like Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and let him follow after Me. For whosoever shall save his life shall lose it but whosoever shall lose his life for My sake, the same shall save it."

I want to be a professional disciple and I am not ashamed to stand up and say so. The Family may not be perfect but it still beats the System at its best!

The only Family for me!

By a female in South America

I've been in the Family over seven years. I joined when I was 24 and the decision to forsake everything has been the most valuable thing that I've done in my life!

I think since the Shakeup 2000, the "Conviction vs. Compromise" series, Activated, and the board vision, the Family is really going the right direction. The only thing missing is for everyone to decide that being in the Family is what they want and to DO their part.

Don't sabotage my way of life!

By Mark (16), Croatia

I live in a Home that raises new disciples (so far we've had 14 altogether), therefore we have a much stricter standard of the rules, which must be kept by everyone in the Home—us Family-borns included. That's to say that going out to "have fun" should be the furthest thing from our heads because that's the life that they just came from and are trying to pull out of. Almost all these new disciples were from that kind of background of drinking, going to bars and pubs, and doing drugs with their friends and whatnot. I won't say that rules haven't been a prick in my side now and then, but when I look at them from a broader perspective I can truly see them as a wall of protection from a world that has lost sight of the most important rules of all.

Endtime

Hunger Pangs

Q: How are we going to be fed in the Endtime? Like, what will we do when we're down to nothing, haven't got a clue where to get food, and certainly don't feel like any great Moses or Elijah, able to be fed out of the clear blue?

Art by Sabine

A: (Jesus:) You don't have to be anything far-out in your mind for Me to care for you. Elijah didn't feel like he was some flaming, super-dude, who could get all he wanted, when he wanted it.



Those miracles I performed through him were what the time and moment warranted. When the time comes when you need some extra celestial help, I'll be there in full force.

When you feel you are weakest, and need Me to the max, that's when I most like to show you how great I can be, how real I am, and what a top-notch job I can do for you, My brave fighters.

WOW, MANNA!!

THANKS, JUST WHAT WE NEEDED.

I HAVEN'T EATEN SINCE LAST MONTH AND I FEEL GREAT!

IT'S GREAT NOT TO HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT WASHING DISHES!

You will have all that you need, whether it takes manna from Heaven, friends and secret suppliers, or just being able to go on without feeling the need for it...

YOU'D BETTER EAT UP, ELIJAH, THIS IS GOING TO HAVE TO LAST YOU FOR THE NEXT 40 DAYS!

WILL THERE BE SOME DESSERT?

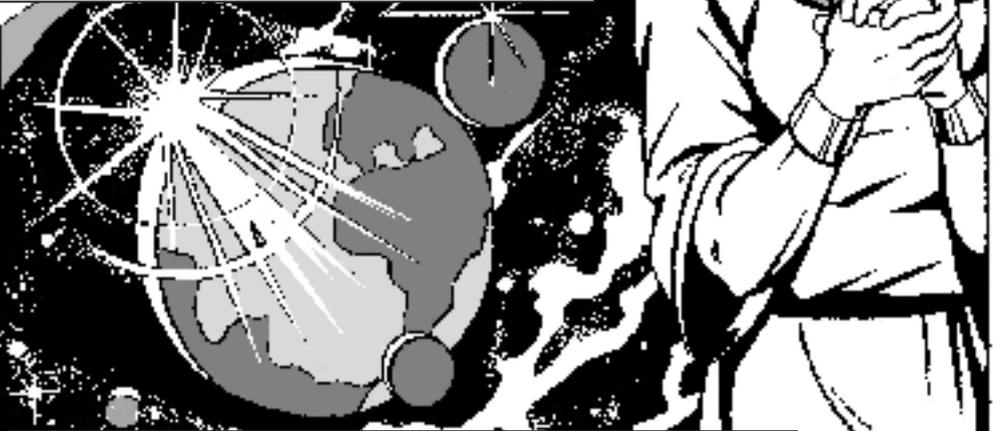
... like Elijah did for forty days and nights, after I sent the angel to fix him up with a good hearty snack. I can do the impossible.



As you focus on My needs and the needs of the sheep, I'll see that the rest is taken care of.



You'll have great stories to share when you meet together at last in Heaven, of the awesome display of My supernatural power and loving care of you during the darkest days of man's history.



What a rush! Wait'll you see the things I'm gonna do, My Endtime warriors.

The End.



LORD,
HELP ME!

...BUT WITHOUT THIS STIRRING OF THE POT, THOSE WHO WILL STAND WILL NOT HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO COME FORWARD AND BE COUNTED.



GIVE UP,
JASON!

START
↓

I KNOW THE HEAT OF THE BATTLE RAGES HOT AND HEAVY UPON YOU, MY CHILDREN...

WITHOUT THIS TURNING UP OF THE FURNACE, YOUR FAITH WILL NOT BE MADE GOLD, WHICH IS NECESSARY IF YOU ARE TO WITHSTAND THE EVIL ONE IN THE LAST DAY.

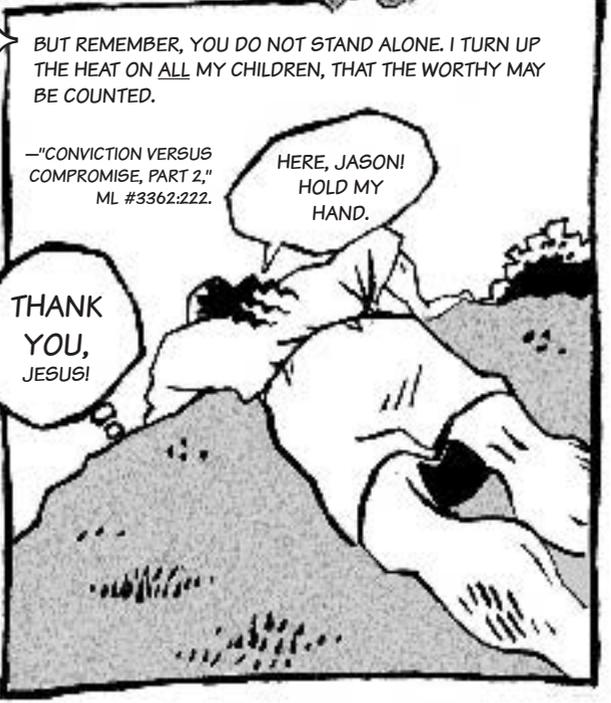


JUMP!
YOU WILL
BE SAFE!

SHOULD I?...
MAYBE THE
SIRENS ARE
LYING...



Tiago



BUT REMEMBER, YOU DO NOT STAND ALONE. I TURN UP THE HEAT ON ALL MY CHILDREN, THAT THE WORTHY MAY BE COUNTED.

—"CONVICTION VERSUS COMPROMISE, PART 2,"
ML #3362.222.

HERE, JASON!
HOLD MY
HAND.

THANK
YOU,
JESUS!



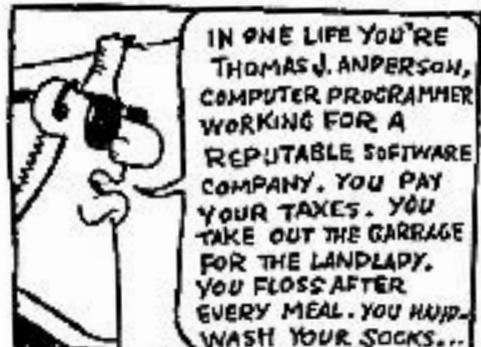
FOR THOSE WHO'VE JUST JOINED US...



..HERE'S A BRIEF VISUAL SYNOPSIS ..



and NOW → BACK TO OUR STORY...



IN ONE LIFE YOU'RE THOMAS J. ANDERSON, COMPUTER PROGRAMMER WORKING FOR A REPUTABLE SOFTWARE COMPANY. YOU PAY YOUR TAXES. YOU TAKE OUT THE GARRAGE FOR THE LANDLADY. YOU FLOSS AFTER EVERY MEAL. YOU HAIR-WASH YOUR SOCKS...



YOUR OTHER LIFE IS LIVED IN COMPUTERS WHERE YOU GO BY THE ALIAS 'EON' & ARE GUILTY OF VIRTUALLY EVERY COMPUTER CRIME WE HAVE A LAW FOR. MR. ANDERSON, WE KNOW YOU'VE BEEN CONTACTED BY...



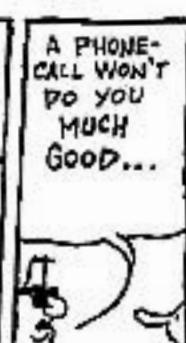
...MORPHAITH HE'S CONSIDERED BY MANY AUTHORITIES TO BE THE MOST DANGEROUS MAN ALIVE.



HELP US CATCH MORPHAITH AND WE'LL DROP ALL THE CHARGES AGAINST YOU.



NO WAY!! I KNOW MY RIGHTS! I WANT MY PHONE CALL!



A PHONE-CALL WON'T DO YOU MUCH GOOD...



...IF YOU DON'T HAVE A MOUTH!!



PHONG! CASP!



I-OH-A-UH-OH!

*"I DON'T HAVE A MOUTH!" (as spoken through the left ear)



STAY TUNED FOR MORE HIGH-POWERED ACTION

in the DOORMAT

Note for the SQUEEMISH

DON'T WORRY He gets his mouth back.