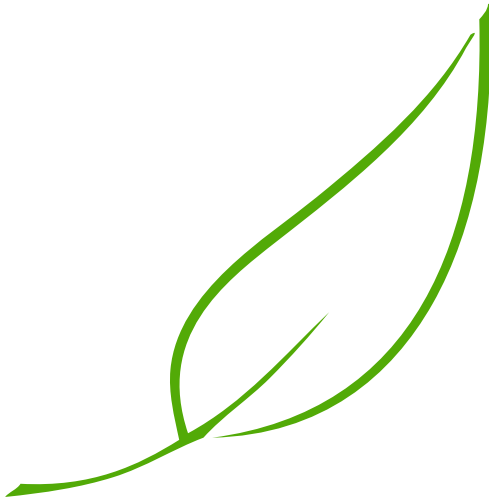


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Two characters: Jubayah, a travel agent, and Moses who is...you know ... Moses.

Scene: The office of Jubayah.

JUBAYAH: *(answering the phone at his desk)* Pyramid Travel Agency. Jubayah speaking. Sorry, all our Nile cruises are booked. I've got an overnight excursion to Alexandria and a weekend package in Aswan, but the Nile's overflowing with tourists this summer. I mean I'm flooded, buddy. Yeh. Thanks for calling.

MOSES: *(entering)* Uh ... is this the tour company?

JUBAYAH: Pyramid Travel. Hope you're not looking for a Nile trip.

MOSES: Nile? No ... no. In fact, I want to get away from the Nile.

JUBAYAH: I don't blame you. It's gotta be a rat race down there this summer with the International Stone Rolling festival and the Pharaoh's concubines all on vacation. So ... where do you want to go?

MOSES: The Red Sea.

JUBAYAH: You're kidding, right? *(pointing)* Look! Look buddy, that's the Red Sea right out there. You're there!

MOSES: I know. I want to cross it.

JUBAYAH: Oh! A cruise!

MOSES: Well ... in a manner of speaking.

JUBAYAH: *(as he begins to write)* How many in your party?

MOSES: Two million.

JUBAYAH: (*a pause, then*) I don't think you understood me. I mean, how many will be traveling with you? Just you and the Mrs. or do you have kids?

MOSES: Uh ... yes. The children of Israel.

JUBAYAH: Sounds like a singing group.

MOSES: Two million of them.

JUBAYAH: You're kidding.

MOSES: And their animals and all their household goods.

JUBAYAH: Really.

MOSES: And carts and donkeys and ...

JUBAYAH: Hey. Sam sent you in, didn't he? Just because I hot-wired his camel last weekend and took it for a spin, he

MOSES: Sam?

JUBAYAH: Samuel! The guy who owns the deli down the street. He put you up to this, didn't he?

MOSES: I don't know any Sam ... and I've never been in a deli. How soon can you book us?

JUBAYAH: Two million people, their carts and donkeys and kids on a cruise around the Red Sea?

MOSES: Not actually around it ... more like across it. We just want to get to the other side.

JUBAYAH: So ... like ... why don't you just walk around it?

MOSES: We don't have time.

JUBAYAH: Then why did you wait so long to book the tour?

MOSES: It just came up. Look, could you hurry? I'm in a bit of a rush.

JUBAYAH: Hey, it'll take weeks for you to get all those people ready. What's the hurry?

MOSES: Actually, they're all waiting outside.

JUBAYAH: They're what? (*Jubayah goes to the window and looks out*) Holy Moses!

MOSES: Thank you.

JUBAYAH: Huh? I mean, they're all over the place! I've got a thousand sheep in my parking lot.

MOSES: Sorry about that. It's hard to sneak around with two thousand friends.

JUBAYAH: Look, I don't want to get personal ... but ... I mean, you know ... are you completely out of your mind?

MOSES: I hope not. Sometimes I wonder. Look, can you do it or not?

JUBAYAH: You know, it's gonna take a few phone calls to get two million ...

MOSES: We don't have time.

JUBAYAH: Look, you show up here this morning and give me absolutely no lead time, then expect me to find enough boats for two million people and ... (*stops*) What's that noise? Sounds like chariots!

MOSES: It is. We have company.

JUBAYAH: More? You've got more guests going on this crazy trip?

MOSES: No. I didn't invite them. It's Pharaoh's army.

JUBAYAH: Oh, great. And I suppose you want enough cruise ships for them, too?

MOSES: No. In fact, I'd prefer you didn't help them at all.



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