

She had water in her lungs.

She began to question what she did wrong.

The King told her to invite the people of the village to his banquet.

She invited them. Some were receptive and some became angry and began to hit her with switches. She was shocked and tried to cover her face. But they beat her in her face.

She rubbed her hand over her disfigured face and turned and looked at her face in the vanity. *mi rro*

Some of the people of the village tried to intervene and stop the mob from hitting her and the mob started hitting the people. She ran to the people to block the hits of the stinging and cutting switches and the mob got even more angry with her. The mob grabbed her and began to beat her with their fists and bite her in the head.

The mob began to holler "Drown her!!"

She could not think, as they lifted her up and carried her to the well and threw ^{her} down the well.

Some of the village^s grabbed her sack and was going through it.

Several women of the village beat the robbers and took her stuff back and ran and hid her pack.

As she fell into the deep dark water of the well, she started to splash and jumped and caught the last bit of rope before she slip into the well. *w ater*

The mob thought she was drowned.

She waited until they all left.

She saw a little boy run to the well and looked for her. He said, "I don't see her."

Several women and a man ran to the well and called for her.

She said nothing.

She was shocked and trying to deal with the water in her ^ulungs, the cuts all over her face and freezing to death she could not speak.

She knew her invitation was exactly what the King told her to say.

The big sister thought, "Did I say it wrong? Why are they so mad about being invited to the King's banquet? Why would they try to kill me over his invitation?"

She ^{said} the King did not make a mistake. This was her first village. He told her to go to many villages. She would not fail her King.

She tried to pull herself up but found she was too weak.

Later once the village people and the mob had gone home, the previous group of people and the little boy came back.

The group was quite because they did not want anyone to know they were trying to help the little girl.

Another came into the village that evening and he walked to the well and said, "Can I get a drink?"

He startled the group of people who jumped.

He said, "I'm sorry I scared you, But all I want is a cool drink of water."

The group looked at him and then at one another.

He pushed passed them and grabbed the rope and began to pull the rope.

He said "My, this bucket is heavy."

The man and his son rushed to the well to help, because they figured the little girl was in the bucket.

As the three were pulling the bucket the strange man said, "What could be this heavy?"

The people still did not answer.

Two of the women that hid her stuff were standing by with her stuff and blankets.

Then several men from the mob saw the people at the well and ran over yelling, "Get away from the well!!"

The strange man said, "But I'm thirsty."

The men ran towards the strange man.

The village man and his son ran away, but was hiding by a buggy.

The women ran away and were peeping from the corner of the store, they left the little girl's bag.

The strange man held onto the rope and kicked the several men to the ground.

The men of the mob could not get up, but one man looked at the strange man and crawled away.

The group ran back to the well they helped the strange man pulled up the bucket.

The strange man was looking down into the well and he saw the little girl.

She was about to pass out and over to the side of the bucket into the water.

The strange man had a burst of energy and pulled the bucket to the top and caught the little girl by the hair who began to fall out the bucket.

The man pulled the little girl out the well's mouth.

The women ran and put blankets on her.

They the mob returning.

The strange man said, "What happened here?"

The group looked at each other and then him as they looked down the alley at the shadows of the returning mob.

The little boy said, "She invited us to the King's banquet. We accepted and then some didn't and they beat her and threw her into the well to die."

The strange man said, "You'll left her all day?"

The people in shame, held their heads down.

The strange man looked at the ground and said, "Is that her stuff?"

The women stooped down and was putting her stuff back in the sack.

The mob was nearing.

The strange man said, "You go. I'll take care of her."

The people looked at him.

The strange man thought, "Now you care."

The strange man said, ~~the group~~, "I'll take care of her."

The people were scared for her.

He said, "I'm be right outside of town, a mile and a half to the left."

One woman was trying to wrap the little girl with a blanket, the other women pulled her away and they all ran to left of the well.

The strange man ran to the right of the well with the little girl in his arms and her sack on her stomach.

The strange man saw the group of people watching.

He ran from the village and carried the little girl to a cave he had prepared.

He laid her on his bed and began to hard press on her chest until the water began to come out and she began to cough and shiver.

The man took off her wet clothes and put her on a new and clean night gown.

He covered her with the women's blankets and turned and made a burning fire.

He was talking to another man.

The man asked the strange man what happened to the little girl.

The strange man told him.

The little girl could hear their muffled conversation.

The man asked the strange man, did anyone try to help the little girl.

The strange man told of the group of the village people.



The strange man was stooping at the fireplace.

He heard people a good distance away.

He turned and looked at the sleeping little girl.

He covered her face with clean cloth for the scratches to be healed, from the mob's switches.

The little girl could not see because of the cloth the strange man put on her face. He told her not to move it.

She reached out to him and he leaned forward, she touched his face and said, "Thank you. I will ask the King to reward you."

JESUS was standing by the fireplace.

The little girl would not eat.

The strange man tried to feed her many times, but she refused.

That morning the strange man stood up and walked outside the cave door.

He watched a wagon pull up and stop at the bottom of the grassy hill.

No one could see the cave from the road.

The strange man watched as the man from the town and the women and the little boy jumped out the wagon.

The little girl heard men's voices.

One of the men said, "They can take care of her now."

The man from the village scoured the landscape and there was no place for anyone to be. He looked up and saw the grassy place. He knew that was the only place the strange man and little girl could be.

He started walking up the grassy plane followed by his son.

The three women looked back toward the village and yelled, "What are you doing?"

The man waved to the woman to be quiet.

The strange man stood and watched the man and boy climb to the top of the little hill.

The man looked up and saw the strange man looking at them.

The strange man's look caused the man from the village to jump.

The strange man turned to go inside he said, "Come inside."

The village man and little boy ran behind the strange man.

The village man said, "Where is she?"

The little boy stood close to his father.

The strange man pointed.

The village man and his son looked over and saw the little girl lying in a very clean bed, with a nightgown on.

The little girl turned her head to hear.

She was not afraid, because the strange man was there to help her.

The little boy ran over to her and he wanted to touch her.

He said, "Hi. Do you remember me?"

She said nothing.

The strange man said, "Give her time. She has been through a lot."

The village man nodded his head.

The strange man and the three women were entering into the cave.

They bowed their heads in greeting the strange man.

He nodded his head at them.

They looked over at the little girl.

One of the women said, "How is she?"

The strange man said, "Her lungs are clear of all the water and most of the bruises are healed."

One of the women cut him off and said, "How do you know her lungs are cleared of the water?"

They all looked at him.

He looked at them and said, "No cough."

He said, "But her face is permanently scarred."

The little girl heard the strange man and touched her face through the cloth and began to cry.

The little boy looked at her and said, "Mom."

His mother walked over and sat on the little girl's bed and patted her hand.

The strange man looked at the tenderness of the woman.

The other women were holding baskets.

The woman who asked the strange man how he knew the girl's lungs were cleared, looked around and her sack and it was closed.

She asked the strange man, who was looking at her and caused her to jump, "Where you get the nightgown from?"

The strange man pointed to a basket in the corner where there were clean linens.

The strange man pulled the village man outside, under the ears of the bossy woman.

He said, "I have to leave."

The village man said, "Sir, we will take care of her and not let anyone know she is here."

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The bossy woman walked over to the entrance to hear the men conversation.

She was holding the basket of medicines and flowers they brought for the little girl.

The strange man heard her sneaking up on them. He looked at her.

She realized she was spotted and said, "I'll stay with her."

Her brother-in-law looked at her and said to the strange man, "She can take care of the child. I'll bring food and medicine once a week. So the village people won't suspect anything. They know I leave village to go to the neighboring town for my building supplies. I noticed you don't need anything here."

The strange man said, "Alright."

He passed the bossy woman and said, "Defend her with your life."

She looked at him.

The strange man went to the little girl's bed and kneeled down.

He would kneel down at her bed all through the day and night to check on her.

He whispered in the little girl's ear and said, "I have to go. The people of the village will take care of you. They are good people and bossy."

He looked at the bossy woman, who looked at her brother-in-law. Her sister looked at her with a question mark on her face.

The little boy peeped around his mother and looked at his aunt who volunteered to stay with the little girl.

The little boy said, "I'll stay with you."

The little girl began to cry.

The strange man rubbed her head and said, "Don't worry. I won't be too far away. Remember to invite everyone to the King's banquet. You see many won't accept, but you continue to invite them."

The little girl reached for the strange man's face.

He leaned forward and the little girl touched his face.

She said, "I'll invite all to the King's banquet. Thank you."

The strange man stood up and went to the fireplace and picked up his bag.

He patted the little boy on his head.

He looked at the bossy woman.

She squirmed under his look and looked at her cousin and sister.

The village man and his son walked the strange man out of the cave.

They waved at him when he turned around to look at them.

He looked passed them to the bossy woman.

The strange man turned around and walked down the dirt road until he disappeared behind the trees along his path.

The village man stood and looked at the cave. He touched the opening of the cave.

He and his son walked backed into the cave.

He told his sister, who was the cousin to the bossy woman, "I don't see how this was done?"

He continued, "We've lived here all of our lives and I never notice this cave and to have this magnificent fireplace with no exit for the smoke."

His wife who was sitting on the little girl's bed, lifted her clean cloth and nearly screamed from her scarred face.

She bit her lips and exchanged the cloth for the bandages she brought.

The others looked on.

The village man said, "I pray God won't hold us for that."

The cousin had baked fresh bread and brought butter and jam.

She walked over to the little girl's bed and kneeled down and said, "I baked fresh bread and crumpets. I brought my butter and jams that I am famous for."

The little boy ran to the little girl's bed and said, "The jam is good too. She brought the raspberry, my favorite. Uh, Uh good." Rubbing his belly.

The little girl giggle.

The cousin said, "Dear, you want some?"

The little girl shook her head for no.

They all looked at one another.

The cousin patted her on the arm and said, "I will leave them here for whenever you want them."

She was walking away from the bed and uncovered the fresh milk and orange juice she squeezed for the little girl.

The cousin said, "I almost forgot dear. I brought you fresh cream milk and orange juice I squeezed myself. I don't know where to put them." Looking around the cave.

She looked up and walked over to the table the strange man made from a tree trunk. She thought that was neat.

The little boy walked over to get a better look.

He helped her to put the items on the table and his aunt came over and put the medicines and fresh flowers.

The bossy woman, looked around and said, "I don't know to sleep. Where did he sleep?"

She said, "I guess I'll sleep with my back against that wall."

Her brother-in-law looked around and said, "Sweetie where the man sleep?"

The little girl who was very sorrowful that the man who saved her life and brought her back to life and healed her was gone.

He was her true friend.

She thought, "I don't know these people, but he trusted them

Then his words came back to her, "Never too far away."

She took a deep breath and answered the village man, "He never slept. He would be standing over me all night."

The bossy aunt folded her arms, sniffed and shuffled her feet, said "Well that won't happen."

Her sister who was still sitting on the little girl's bed patted the little girl's hand and giggle said, "That wasn't meant at you. She loves to sleep."

They all laughed.

The village man said we must be going.

He looked around and said, "How did he closed this cave entrance off?"

The little girl said, "He didn't'."

The bossy woman looked around.

The village man patted the girl on her head and said, "Don't worry her bark is worst than her bite. I'm leaving Joshua here with her to help both of you. He's a good helper."

Joshua said, "Dad I'm your best helper ever."

They all laughed and Joshua's mother stood from the bed and then thought, "What type of mattress is this?"

She pulled the covers up and saw it was a large tree that was split and had feathers stuffed inside the covering.

They all looked amazed.

She said, "Whoa."

She leaned over and kissed the little girl on the forehead through the bandages.

She told the little girl, "That soup smell really good, you ought to eat some. I can smell the vegetables that could heal you. If nothing else try to eat my sister's marvelous crumpets and raspberry jam."

Joshua chimed in and said, "I'll help you eat them."

Everyone laughed.

They all walked out of the cave.

Joshua and his aunt Betsy stood at the cave's entrance and waved at them.

His father looked in his wagon and ran back and gave Betsy a sledge hammer.

Betsy looked at him.

He said, "In case you have to use it. Use it.!!!"

Their family had just turned the wagon around to head back to the village when they saw some of the mob people, rushing down the dirt road.

Betsy and Joshua saw them. Betsy threw Joshua against the wall of the cave and held him there with her arm.

They heard the mob people say, "Did you'll see a strange man on this road?"

The village man looked at them and thought about the scarred little girl.

The leader of the mob looked and saw the cousin and tilted his hat off to her and she turned her head.

The village man said, ' Haven't yall done enough hellish damage this week?"

The leader of the mob said, "Just answer us."

The village man said, "Nall."

He sped away in his wagon.

The mob continued down the road.

Aunt Betsy and Joshua ran into the cave.

The little girl listened.

Betsy and Joshua were quiet.

Joshua got on his stomach and crawled to the cave's opening and listened.

The little girl also listened.

Betsy went to the slow cooking pot of soup.

She looked around.

The little girl said, "He placed the ladle on the top of the fireplace."

Betsy was startled and held her stomach with her hand.

She said to the little girl, "How did you know I was looking for the ladle?"

The little girl said, "I listened."

Aunt Betsy said, "I have to be careful."

Joshua and the little girl laughed.

Joshua walked back into the cave and said, "The mob is running down the dirt road looking for the strange man."

The little girl said, "They won't catch him."

Joshua said, "He left a long time ago."

Aunt Betsy said, "What would make them look for him now? Why not days ago?"

Joshua said, "You're asking me? I'm just a kid."

Aunt Betsy looked at her nephew and laughed.

The little girl said, "May I have a piece of bread and butter?"

Both the aunt and Joshua bumped into each other to reach the table with the food.

The little girl giggled.

Aunt Betsy cut a piece of bread and spread butter on the bread. She put the piece of buttered bread on a beautiful dainty bread plate she made for the little girl.

The dainty bread plate was made of ceramic.

She walked over to the little girl's bed and sat on the bed and took the little girl's hand and place the bread plate in her hand.

She told the little girl, "My name is Betsy. I bake all the breads in the village and make the jams. I creamed the butter."

Betsy and Joshua made a song and tick tock their heads to the many things Betsy makes.

The little girl giggled.

The strange man grinned.

Joshua said, "I don't want to be pushy but you got to try Aunt Betsy's raspberry jam. I pick the raspberries myself."

Aunt Betsy, leaned across the little girl's bed and pinched Joshua's cheek and said, "You are the best Raspberry picker in the whole world."

Joshua blushed and said, "Heavens to Betsy."

They all laughed.

The strange man sat on top of a hill and watched the village mob running down the dirt road looking for him.

He kept his eyes on the cave where the little girl was with Joshua and Betsy.

The little girl thrust her piece of bread forward and said, "Raspberry jam please."

Both Joshua and his aunt were so surprised and delighted they looked at each other and bolted from the little girl's bed to get the raspberry jam.

The little girl laughed out.

Joshua and Betsy looked at each other and smiled as they heard the little girl laughed.

They brought the jam and spreader and Aunt Betsy spread the raspberry jam over the buttered bread.

She watch as the little girl guided the bread to her mouth.

She and Joshua were excited to know the little girl's reaction.

The Little girl chewed and swallowed.

Both Joshua and Betsy were gleefully waiting for the little girl's judgement.

The little girl's first bite brought a big grin on her face.

Joshua exclaimed, "She likes it. No she loves it."

Betsy said, "Don't put words in her mouth."

The two looked at the little girl and she said, "I love it very much so."

Joshua and Betsy jumped from their knees at the little girl's bed and clapped each other hands and they were so excited that the little girl loved her raspberry jam.

The strange man sat and watched.

Betsy said, "Now that you love my raspberry jam..."

Before she could finish her sentence Joshua exclaimed, "You must try Aunt Betsy's blueberry and blackberry preserve."

Aunt Betsy turned to the little girl and said, "Yes you must try my blueberry jam and blackberry preserves."

The little girl reached the empty bread plate in the air and Joshua took the bread plate and placed it on the table.

Aunt Betsy watched him.

Aunt Betsy smiled at Joshua and turned back to the little girl and said, "I made that dainty little bread plate for you. I do ceramics on the side. It is a light lavender with lilacs cascading down a wooden fence with pink roses on the other side of the fence."

The little girl said, "It sounds lovely. I can't wait to see it. Thank you."

Betsy thought about the little girl's face and was sadden.

The little girl sensed Betsy was disturb and said, "Why are you sad?"

Betsy said, "Who me? I'm not sad."

The little girl said, "You are too sad. Is it because the strange man said my face was scarred?"

Betsy said, "Yes."

The little girl waited for a minute.

Joshua was standing at the foot of her bed waiting to see what was going to be said.

The little girl said, "My father sent me to invite people to his banquet. If the ones don't want to come then they won't come. But to try to kill the King's daughter because I obeyed my Father's command, he will not tolerate. I know that much about him."

Betsy said, "But you are just a little girl, why would the King send you out without escort?"

The little girl said, "The King has his reason for everything he does. He taught me to ride horses, to swim, to shot an arrow and wield the sword. He trust me to do his will. "

Betsy said, "Can't you go back home now or the very least go home and get an escort?"

The little girl said, "My King trust he has trained me well enough to hold my own. I am tired."

She turned slightly to her left and was quiet.

Betsy rubbing the little girl arm said, "I'm sorry little one for being noisy and bossy."

The strange man smirked.

He continued to watch the mob go down the dirt road towards the village.

Betsy said, "My, he has clean water in here. Joshua do you want some soup?"

Joshua was at the little girl's bed on his knees. He looked at his aunt and said, "And some bread and raspberry jam."

Joshua and his aunt both laughed.

Betsy whispered, "Come from her bed so you won't wake her."

Betsy shook her head in disbelief.

Joshua looked up at his aunt.

She said, "If I can get to that King I would tell him something about sending a child out to invite evil people to his party."

The strange man smirked.

Joshua said, "But he is the King. Don't you think he knew what type of people his little girl would run into and what they would do and say against her?"

Betsy said, "I suppose."

She handed Joshua a bowl of soup and a spoon.

Betsy said, "I didn't notice these before."

She reached for the other bowl and spoon.

She filled her bowl and joined Joshua on the floor by the fireplace.

They inhaled the delightful aroma of the soup before they dug in.

Both licked their lips and talked about the healthy vegetables and herbs.

Betsy cut both of them a slice of bread and covered the bread with raspberry jam.

They sat and watched the little girl sleep but who was not asleep.

Betsy washed the dishes with the clean water.

She and Joshua drank some water from cups she found behind the table made from a tree trunk.

She thought that was strange, with her priding herself on being very observant that she did not see the cups before.

She thought, "Very strange from a strange man."

The strange man listened.

Betsy and Joshua slept next to the fireplace.

The little girl heard them snoring as she was talking to the King.

She said, "King the mob tore up my face. Can you fix it? It really hurt and sting. But I will not fail you. You chose me from all your children to go and invite everyman to your banquet. You told me that many would not accept your invitation and would turn on me and hurt me even to death. But my first village King!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

She sobbed.

A shadow passed Betsy and Joshua.

Joshua had done what he has done all of his life, sneaked over and laid his head on his Aunt Betsy's lap.

The next morning, Betsy woke and looked over at Joshua's side of the fireplace and nearly jumped when she did not see him.

Joshua saw her and said, "Aunt Betsy, I'm here."

Aunt Betsy smiled and then yawned and stretched.

She looked towards the opening of the cave and saw the morning light creeping in.

She smiled.

Joshua said, "God's glory is beautiful, isn't it Aunt Betsy?"

Betsy smiled and said, "Huh, Huh."

The little girl woke and sat in the bed.

The little girl reached to remove the bandage.

Betsy jumped from the floor and said, "No baby. Keep it on".

The little girl said, "It doesn't hurt anymore. He told me when it doesn't hurt. I am well enough to remove it."

The little girl removed the bandage.

Aunt Betsy cried.

Joshua cried.

The little girl touched her face and felt the cuts.

She cried.

The little girl said, "Is there a mirror?"

Aunt Betsy said, "I don't remember seeing one and I didn't think to bring that nor a comb with me."

The little girl said, "The man spoke about me seeing my face. There must be a mirror around."

Joshua broke free from his aunt's arm and said, "The water!"

Aunt Betsy, "What?"

Joshua, "There's a little stream out back. I saw it yesterday. You can see your reflection in the stream."

Aunt Betsy, "Are you sure about that? I didn't see any stream."

The strange man shook his head and said, "Bossy".

There were a muffled sound.

Aunt Betsy said, "Before we take her outlets go and see this strange stream from this strange man."

Joshua grabbed his aunt's hand and was leading her to the cave opening like she was a little child.

They exited the cave and immediately to the right was a very small stream that only a child would have notice.

Aunt Betsy said, "You're right!!!"

She bent over and grabbed Joshua's face and kissed him on his forehead.

She said, "Let's go and get our patient."

They both turned to rushed back into the cave to get the little girl.

But they saw the little girl had felt on the cave walls to get to the exit.

Joshua ran to the little girl and caught her hand and walked her to Aunt Betsy.

Aunt Betsy grabbed her other hand and they gently walked her down to the stream. They sat down and the little girl looked at her beautiful face now all scarred forever.

She cried.

Aunt Betsy sat next to her and held her.

Joshua sat on the little girl's right side and put his head on her shoulder.

They sat there most of the morning.

They felt the sun heat rest upon their bodies, like God said, "It will be okay."

Joshua looked at his aunt.

She looked at Joshua.

Joshua and Aunt Betsy did not know what to say. So they were quiet.

The little girl lifted her head from Aunt Betsy's shoulder looked her in the eyes.

Aunt Betsy was bewildered and said, "What dear?"

The little girl said, "I know what will make me feel better."

Both Joshua and Aunt Betsy jumped and said, "What??!!"

The little girl said, "A crumpet and raspberry jam."

Aunt Betsy hugged her and said, "Truly the King's daughter."

Joshua jumped up and bowed with one hand in front of him and another behind his back.

He said, "I'll get it."

He ran into the cave and came back with three crumpets and the jar of raspberry jam and the spreader.

The three sat and had a wonderful morning basking in the light of God's glory.

Betsy said, "That fresh water from the stream has made me thirsty. Does anyone else want something to drink?"

The little girl jerked her head around and looked at Joshua.

Both the little girl and Joshua yelled, "Juice!"

Aunt Betsy, "I hope it kept."

The little girl looked sad and held her head down towards her crumpet.

Joshua touched her shoulder and said, "What's wrong?"

Aunt Betsy was standing at the cave entrance and stopped to listen.

The strange man shook his head at Aunt Betsy.

The little girl said, "You and your Aunt Betsy are funny and kind. But what about other people who will see my scarred face. Will they be turned off and not accept the King's invitation to his banquet because of my face. And say why did the King send her? She offends us because she is ugly."

Joshua said, "I'm a kid. I don't know. You are truly the King's daughter because you think about stuff the rest of us kids can't even think about. Who cares about them? You just do what your daddy told you to do. I know when my daddy tells me to do something if I half way do it, he's mad and make me go and do it again. Do you want to go to your daddy and say I don't want to do what you told me to do because I'm ugly? And besides the King can probably fixed your face."

Aunt Betsy waltzed out the cave with their and handed them the cups.

But she brought the container and stooped down at the stream and gathered fresh water.

They made a morning habit of the three of them getting up and going to the stream for their "Morning glory with God".

They always said a prayer and sang a song.

The strange man returned a month later.

The little girl was healed and running with Joshua exploring the nearby areas.

Betsy and Joshua's would come once a week and refresh them with food.

The strange mad came when they all were at the cave.

He looked at the little girl and bent down and said, "Hi beautiful. I see you are healed."

The little girl touched her face, "But I am ugly."

The strange man said, "Only to those who don't know. It is time for you to continue your journey for the King."

The little girl looked at him then she looked at the rest of her friends.

She went into the cave and got her sack which she already packed.

She knew the day was coming for her to continue her journey.

The cousin and Joshua's mother brought a little basket of jams and bread and put her dainty bread plate and cup in the basket.

The little girl was so delighted and thrilled she opened her mouth with pleasure.

She told them, "I will be sure to tell the King of great kindness to me."

The strange man touched her shoulder.

She looked up at him.

She hugged him and the rest of her friends.

He walked her to the dirt road and she continued to the next town.

Her new friends walked to their wagon and yelled, "Stay off the road at night."

She waved and continued her journey as the strange man stood and watched her.

The little girl thought to herself, "If I got this treatment from the first village, it will get worst."

She walked along the edge of the King's highway and saw began to look at the edge of the cliffs.

Her eyes fell on an object up ahead.

The little girl ran and picked up a couple of rocks that fit into her hands.

She said, "I had where the King told me how to pick my rock and hold onto it."

She stood by the cliff, on the dirt road with a rock in each hand and tried to remember how to select the right rock.

She dropped one rock by accident and it break into pieces.

She bent down and looked at it and said, "You weren't the one."

She stood up and tossed the other rock in the air.

She said, "Yeah, that fells good. I know it is not a sword, but it will do."

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The little girl sat for a moment by the side of the cliff.

She tossed the rock, her new friend in the air, to see how it felt in her hand.

The little girl remembered the dream where the King told her how to pick a rock and how to use it.

She thought, "King David don't have nothing on me."

She began to throw the rock and run fast to pick it up.

The strange man was a bit down the dirt road but he could see the little girl.

The little girl heard rowdy people coming down the dirt road.

She was frozen in fear, because she remembered the mob from the first village.

She ran back across the King's highway and grabbed her sack and basket.

By that time the group was approaching close to her.

The group of five women and ten men, looked hard at the little girl.

The little girl looked hard at them.

The fat woman with missing front teeth looked and saw the King's crest on the little girl sack.

She grabbed the shoulder of one of the loud men and began to shake it.

He turned and yelled, "What???"

The fat woman pointed at the little girl's sack.

The man, also missing teeth at the top and bottom, from years of street fighting for money.

He looked at the little girl.

The little girl watched the group and made ready her rock.

She thought, "The King has not given me the spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind."

The group stopped walking.

The man and woman with missing teeth approached the little girl.

They wanted a better look at her sack with the King's crest.

The group began to look around for her royal escort.

The little girl knew what they were looking around for.

The man stooped down to look at the little girl in her face and he saw her face was scarred.

He turned his head and said, "Whew! You're sure are ugly."

The fat woman laughed.

The little girl said, "So are you. Now be on your way. You have no business with me."

The group laughed at him.

The fat woman said, "She told you."

The man was angry.

The little girl dropped her basket and sack and revealed the rock in her hand.

He looked and said, "What you think you are gonna do with that little rock?"

Before he could finish harassing her and the group laughed, the man was being shook by his wife the fat woman.

The group was standing around him until he opened his eyes.

The man tried to sit, but fall back on the ground.

His wife shook him until he became conscious.

The man was rubbing his head and his temple.

He said, "What???"

Then he saw the little girl tossing her rock in the air.

The man lounged for the little girl and the men caught him.

The little girl said, "You want another one?"

The man said, "Another what?"

The little girl said, "A knot on this side of your head to match the one on the other side of your head?"

The group burst into a thunderous laugh.

The man shook his head and got off the ground.

He said, "Where's your daddy? Why are you out here by yourself?"

The man and the group were looking around for a royal escort.

The little girl said, "Who are you looking for? A royal escort? Why do I need a royal escort on the King's highway? Surely bad people know I belong to the King."

The group burst into a rowdy laugh.

The man and his fat wife laughed, but was still looking around.

The little girl said, "What is your business on the King's highway?"

The man was about to answer and he thought, and said, "Why am I answering a child?"

The little girl said, "Because I am the King's messenger."

The woman said, "What happened to your face?"

The little girl held her head down for a minute and said, "The King sent me to invite everyone to his banquet and the first village I went to a mob jumped on me and beat me in the face with switches, to permanently scar me, as a warning to the village people not to accept the King's invitation."

The man said, "Why on earth would grown people jump on a child and permanently scar you just because they don't want to go to the King's banquet?"

The little girl said, "There are those that hate the King and don't want anything to do with him."

A slim woman said, "Why don't you go home to the King?"

The little girl thought for a moment and took a deep breath and said, "He trust me to deliver his message and invite everyone to his banquet. I won't disappoint him."

A slim man said, "You haven't deliver the King's message of his invitation to us."

The man she hit with the rock said, "Only a rock and knots."

He laughed.

The group laughed.

The strange man, standing a good distance away laughed.

He turned and continued his walk on the King's highway, in the opposite direction.

The evening was settling in and the rowdy group pressed the little girl to stay with them that night and continue her journey the next day.

The little girl tossed her rock in her hand.

The fat woman holding her chest said, "Oh dear I don't want none of that."

Everyone laughed.

They settled in that even on the King's highway.

They made a fire and took out food from their bags to eat.

The little girl took out her jams and butter along with a loaf of fresh bread and put it in the center by the fire.

She offered her food to the rowdy group.

The slim woman touched her heart and nodded to the fat woman.

The fat woman said, "Surely the King's child."

The slim woman said, "Gracious and Kind."

The man said to the little girl, "Tell us the King's message. His invitation to his banquet. Because I want to eat fine food. They gonna have fine food. Right?"

The little girl said, "Yes."

The rowdy group tasted the little girl's bread, butter and jam.

They ate it all.

Another fat greedy man was using the spreader and lapping the last bit of jam from it.

He exclaimed, "OH dear all gone."

The little girl looked and was disappointed.

The fat man said, "If the jam was an example of the food, I want to go."

The rowdy group laughed.

She said, "That did not come from the King."

The fat man finally putting the spreader down, said, "Where?"

The little girl said, "If you go to the next village I have friends there. Betsy bakes breads and make jams and butter. You will pay her."

The group laughed and the slim man said, "I'm not a thief, but the rest of them..."

The man with the missing teeth said, "Enough of that. Little girl if you go to the next town down this road watch and be very very careful. You think that village mob was bad, but those people are wicked. They kicked us out of town and we were just passing through."

The little girl tossed her rock.

The fat man said, "You and your rock don't stand a chance. Now invite us to the King's banquet."

The little girl stood up and she gave the history of the King's request. Then she extended the King's invitation to his banquet to the rowdy group.

All of the group accepted but a man who sat alone.

She felt how he could feel being a cast away.

The fat woman leaned over to the little girl and said, "We don't know him. He joined us three towns ago."

The rowdy group looked on as the little girl went to the lone man and said, "I'm going to sit with you."

The man was surprised.

The rowdy group was surprised.

The little girl sat next to the man and explained the King's desire for a banquet. And he sent her out to invite the people of his land to come to his banquet and be safe.

The man sat and listen.

He said nothing.

The little girl sat next to him and looked at the star filled sky.

She thought about her Father the King.

The lone man looked at her.

He told her, "The next town is evil. The people are very wicked. You must be very very careful. Don't trust anyone. Start at the beginning of the town stating why the King wants to have a banquet. Don't stop walking. At evening you should have extended the King's invitation to his banquet and be leaving the town. There is a presence of great evil there. The rowdy group is right. Don't linger. Don't go into anyone home. Don't accept their invitation to stay. There is evil."

The man and his fat wife listened to the lone man.

The man said, "Thank God he told her that. Maybe she will listen to him."

The next morning the lone man was gone.

The fat woman stood up and looked around and saw the little girl asleep on the ground where the lone man was sitting the night before.

The lone man, was dressed in a white robe and standing next to JESUS looking at the rowdy group and the little girl.

Then the fat man slipped the little girl spreader in his vest pocket.

Then another woman in the group slapped his head and he handed her the spreader.

He said, "It didn't have the royal crest on it."

The woman said, "It' don't matter, it's hers."

Everyone got up and yawned and stretched.

The fat woman and the slim woman, hid a piece of the little girl's bread and put butter on it.

They walked over and woke the little girl.

The slim woman handed her the slice of bread.

The little girl said, "Thank you."

The slim woman said, "Truly, you are the King's daughter. You have manners and are gracious and kind. I will be at the King's banquet."

The fat woman said, "Me too. Remember what the lone man said. IT don't matter how kind some of the people are don't stop. They are very deceptive. They would send a child and you think they mean good and the child is as evil as they are."

The rowdy group looked around for the lone man and they did not see him.

The man with missing teeth stooped down in front of the little girl and said, "You be careful. People don't care about you being the King's child. They will hurt. You. Put up you rock and herald the King's message in the next town and run!!!!"

The entire rowdy group nodded their heads.

The little girl was about to become afraid.

She stood on the King's highway and watched the rowdy group walk away.

The fat woman kept looking back and was about to stop and her husband grabbed her by the arm and said, "Come on. She's fine. The King would not have sent her if she would not be fine."

The slim woman began to wipe tears from her eyes.

The fat thief tried touching the slim woman's face and said, "Now. Now."

She hit her father's hand and said, "Why didn't you teach me manners?" and walked away from him.

The fat thief yelled, "Because I'm not a King."

The rowdy group laughed.

When the little girl heard the rowdy group laughed she knew they were ok and she laughed.

She turned around and faced the direction of the next town.

She kept her eyes on the next town.

She remembered what the lone man said.

She thought about Jonah.

The little girl entered the town around noon.

She stood at the town's entrance and took a deep breath.

She put her basket and spreader in her sack.

The town people already began to gather and look at her.

She said, "That was quick."

She began to walk and look at the people.

Some were smiling at her, some had a question mark on their faces and some had an evil appearance.

The ones with an evil appearance made her shutter.

She saw a pack of dogs all the way at the end of the main street she was on.

She knew the dogs were evil.

She could feel their evil presence all the way to her.

The little girl thought, "All of this land belongs to the King. I won't be afraid of their faces."

Slowly she walked and began to yell the King's message.

When she reached the middle of the town she picked up speed her.

She kept her eyes on the pack of dogs and the man who stood near to the dogs.

She began to run and gave the invitation to the King's banquet.

A woman and a big boy were standing at the corner of the last building.

They waved at the little girl and said "Come with us. We will hide you until the evening."

The little girl made a step towards the woman and the big boy, but the words of the lone man and the rowdy group flooded her thoughts that all the people were evil and to run!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

She ran out of town.

Followed by the pack of evil dogs and the man that stood near the dogs.

The woman and the big boy ran from the corner of the last building.

The little girl turned her head to see how much time she had before the dogs attacked her.

When she turned her head to see the dogs distance, she saw the woman and the big boy come from around the building and were laughing at her and slapping their thighs with laughter.

The little kept on running and said, "Father you defend me."

The first dog leaped on her back and latched onto her neck and she swirled her shoulder and grabbed her sack and got her rock.

She felt the terrible pain from the dog's bite.

She knew it would not try to bite her again, because that meant he had to lose his bite and grip

On her.

She knew the next dog would latched onto her hand to keep her from hitting them.

She kept running and the weight of the first dog on her back was about to bring her down.

The second dog attacked her left arm, but she hit him in the eye with the rock, which caused him to fall.

The blood began to flow out of her neck and the vicious dog's was pressing his weight into her body to force her to fall.

The pack of five dogs ran passed the dog that the little girl, as it struggled to get up.

The little girl knew she had to hit the dog on her neck to stop the bleeding, until she was able to fight.

The girl felt the pack of five dogs bite her legs and their weight knocked her to the ground.

The first dog that bit her neck she was able to hit in the eye with her last strength.

He turned her neck loosed.

She fell to the ground but quickly rolled over onto her stomach and put her sack on her neck and back.

The remaining five dogs bit her over and over until they knew she was dead.

The man ran up along with the woman, the big boy and the rest of the town people.

↳ The jumped up and shouted with glee when they saw the little girl was so horrible eaten by the pack of dogs.

The town's people said, "Leave her here and let her died alone."

The town's people danced, hopped and skipped back to town.

They looked at the two wounded dogs and killed them with sticks and bricks.

They laughed at the dead dogs and entered into the town at dusk.

The little girl was lying on the King's highway.

Her blood was gushing out of her neck and the wounds on her legs, back and arms.

After the people entered into the town along with the pack of dogs.

A man coming down the King's highway saw the dogs attack the little girl.

He saw the town's people rejoice over the little girl and he saw them kill the wounded dogs.

The man picked the nearly dead girl up with her sack and basket on her back to protect her.

He ran as fast as he could with the little girl in his arms.

He continued to run until he was exhausted.

He heard someone from the town yelled to the rest of the people, "He got her!!! He got her!!!"

The town's people began to run out of the town, but did not pursue after a mile.

The man felt the warmth leaving the little girl's body.

He knew he had to hurry.

Earlier he passed a little brook.

He ran to the brook and laid her down on the grass.

JESUS was standing there.

The man looked at JESUS.

They watched as the last drops of blood were gushing from the little girl's body.

They looked at the many dog bites and the wounds the bites caused.

The little girl was mumbling and JESUS and the man understood her.

The little girl said, "Father, I was obedient to you?"

At the very last second before the little girl's death, the earth shook with a vicious quake.

JESUS and the man fell to their knees.

The LORD GOD almighty appeared with a great number of holy angels.

He looked at his daughter.

He said to the man next to JESUS, "Who was it?"

The man lifted up his head and began to call out names the human language could not pronounce.

The LORD GOD Almighty called a name.

The earth shook under the presence of this mighty angel.

The LORD GOD told him, "Bring all of them to me."

The mighty angel bowed to the LORD GOD Almighty.

JESUS and the man, who was a holy angel, stood.

The rest of the numerous angels stood.

Because the LORD GOD's judgment was issued.

The man looked at the little girl.

JESUS looked at the little girl and said, "She will be with us now."

The LORD GOD said, "No."

JESUS and the man looked at the LORD GOD Almighty.

The LORD GOD Almighty looked at his daughter.

The mighty angel returned with the devils that were in the evil dogs.

There were fifteen hundred devil spirits.

The devil spirits were shaking and quivering from the fear of the LORD GOD Almighty.

The LORD GOD Almighty with thundered voice said, "To outer darkness until you are cast into the lake of fire."

The LORD GOD Almighty judgement of fire flew into the fifteen hundred devil spirits and hurled them into the outer darkness.

The LORD GOD Almighty called another name that cannot be pronounced in the human tongue.

The angel appeared.

The LORD GOD Almighty said, "Go into the town and searched if any in the town heard and accepted my invitation to my banquet?"

The angel departed.

The LORD GOD Almighty walked to his daughter.

He said, "If she dies now, she will always believe she failed me. She will always believe her work was not completed."

The LORD GOD told the man, "Stop the last drop of her ^{blood} and bind up the bite on her neck."

The man said, "LORD GOD Almighty what about the other deadly wounds?"

The LORD GOD Almighty said, "I made the human body to heal itself. Stay with her and take care of her until she is healed."

The angel returned to the LORD GOD Almighty and bowed.

The LORD GOD Almighty turned to the angel.

The angel said, "LORD GOD Almighty only one person heard her invitation to the King's banquet and he did not accept the invitation."

The LORD GOD Almighty said, "That town has killed every prophet I sent to it. The people refused to repent. They refused my invitation to my banquet. My daughter is the last prophet they will kill."

JESUS and all the holy angels ~~are~~ looked at the LORD GOD Almighty.

The HOLY GHOST appeared and stood next to the LORD GOD Almighty.

When the LORD GOD Almighty makes a decree of his judgement, the trinity must be present.

The LORD GOD Almighty told the angel, "Take your angels and go to the town, rain fire and brimstone. Kill all the people, animals and every green tree and herb. Leave nothing."

The angel bowed.

The angel turned and he commanded his troop to follow him.

The numerous angels ran into the town.

The commander angel was in the air and flying over the entire town.

The other angels were in the air and rained down fire and brimstone on everything of that town.

The mighty angel the LORD GOD Almighty called to bring him the devils, the LORD GOD Almighty called him.

The mighty angel bowed.

The LORD GOD Almighty said, "Bring me her blood."

The mighty angel left and came back with the little girl's blood in a gold vial.

The LORD GOD Almighty saw her blood in the vial and said, "Take it to the temple."

The angel bowed and disappeared.

The thundered from the destruction of the town was deafening.

The LORD GOD Almighty, JESUS the CHRIST and the HOLY GHOST stood and watched the town burned and the numerous holy angels take the people to hell.

JESUS looked at the Father.

The Father said, "I had given them many of my prophets. They killed them all. Because I did not destroy them for the murder of my prophets, they felt they had power over me. No more mercy."

The wrath of the LIVING GOD against that town was unbelievable.

The holy angels rained down the fire and brimstone based on the judgement that was in the LORD GOD Almighty's heart.

The sound of the destruction of the town was terrible.

The stench of the evil of the town began to rise up.

The holy trinity stood and heard the blood curling screams of the town's people as they were being chained and taken to hell by the numerous angels.

The scribe angel assigned to the town was recording all the details of the town's destruction.

He recorded every man, woman and child that was chained and taken to hell.

The scribe recorded every tree and every herb that was destroyed.

The LORD GOD, HOLY GHOST and JESUS the CHRIST stood until the entire town was destroyed.

The little girl was quiet.

The man stood next to her.

He looked around at the quiet place.

The LORD GOD Almighty leaned and kissed her on her forehead.

The HOLY GHOST disappeared.

JESUS patted the little girl on her shoulder and looked at the man.

The man smiled.

The strange man from the previous village looked down the King's highway and saw the destruction of the town.

He could hear the town's people, both young and old, boys and girls being bound with the many chains of the LORD GOD Almighty's wrath and taken to hell.

He sighed.

He saw the HOLY GHOST disappeared.

He walked through the burning town to the LORD GOD Almighty and JESUS.

He bowed before them.

The LORD GOD Almighty bowed.

JESUS bowed.

They both disappeared.

The strange man walked over to the man and looked upon the little girl.

He looked at the man.

The man just looked at him.

The strange man looked around and said, "This is a good place to camp."

As the strange man and ^{the} man looked around the area, another man appeared.

The man greeted the two angels.

The two angels greeted him.

The new man looked down at the badly eaten girl.

He looked at the other two angels, they looked at him.

They heard the thunder of the angels raining down fire and brimstone.

The three angels' bodies were shaking from the wrath of the LORD GOD Almighty on the town.

The new man said, "The LORD JESUS the CHRIST said for us to look for any of her body parts and bring them to you."

The new man looked at the little girl and turned to his troop.

He called a name that could not be uttered in human tongue, the angel walked over to them and then looked at the little girl.

He said, "I remember her, being with the King every day."

The three angels nodded.

The new man said, "The LORD JESUS wants us to find any of her body parts and bring them here for them to re-attach. "

The angel looked at the two angels that were there and said, "Naturally."

The angel who said he remembered the little girl looked at the two angels and walked to the burning town

The scribe of the town, greeted the angel.

The angel greeted the scribe and told him JESUS said to find the little girl's body parts for re-attachment.

The scribe looked around and then back at the angel and said, "I don't see any. The natural dogs may have eaten them."

The scribe continued to record everything that was being destroyed.

The angel walked the King's highway.

The scribe angel watched him as he stooped down and picked up some pieces of flesh.

The scribe angel recorded what pieces the angel picked up.

JESUS was in heaven watching all things.

The angel who picked the little girl up from the King's highway and ran with her, looked around.

The strange man and the newest angels looked at him.

The man nodded and a bed appeared with new mattresses and coverings.

JESUS said, "Naturally."

The angel caused the mattresses and coverings to disappear.

The new angel smiled.

He saw the angel coming back from the scavenger hunt.

The angel had placed a few fingers and a kidney and partially devoured leg muscles on a silver tray and handed them to the angel who ran with the little girl.

All the angels looked at the human flesh.

Their thoughts were with the little girl and how badly she is injured.

They all wanted to heal her.

JESUS knew their thoughts and said, "Let her body heal naturally."

The angels said nothing.

JESUS said, "There is a reason for her to heal naturally."

The new angel brought a troop of six thousand angels with him.

The angels watched the destruction of the town.

They heard the screams of the men, women, boys and girls who were being chained and taken to hell's fire by the numerous holy angels of the LORD GOD Almighty

The troop of angels were bouncing from the fierce wrath of the LORD GOD Almighty.

The new angel said, "The wrath of GOD."

They all said, "Amen."

The strange man and the angel who ran with the little girl turned to the silver tray and began to put the pieces of the human flesh on the little girl's body.

The two angels looked around and saw tall grass to bind the flesh to the little girl's body.

They went looking for the herbs that would take away the infections and build her blood and tissues.

The other two angels stood guard over her.

The angels saw the last drop of her blood stayed and began to regenerate.

The angels found large leaves and made the little girl a bed.

They put the herbs in the basin of the brook so the healing power could be released.

JESUS watched everything from heaven.

Jesus heard pages flipping.

He turned and saw the LORD GOD Almighty going through the book of the destroyed villages, towns and cities.

The Book of Destruction list each of the villages, towns and cities that were destroyed because of their hatred of GOD and His CHRIST.

Those cities will not stand in judgement in the last day, because the LORD GOD Almighty had judged and destroyed them.

The scribe of the town appeared and bowed before the LORD GOD Almighty.

The scribe handed Him the book of that town.

The LORD GOD Almighty took the town's book.

He reconciled the Book of the Destroyed villages, towns and cities.

The LORD GOD Almighty, JESUS and all the inhabitants of heaven heard the fierce wrath of the LIVING GOD against His enemies.

The LORD GOD Almighty was writing with His own hand His destruction of the town.

He looked at the gold vial that contained his daughter's blood.

He wrote the names of all his saints and prophets that were killed in that town.

He wrote each name and how they were tortured for the Name of JESUS.

The LORD GOD Almighty wrote (down) in another book, called the Book of Rewards, each of those saints and prophets that gave the town the King's invitation to His banquet.

The LORD GOD Almighty wrote (down) each person rejection and their individual part in the murder of His saints and prophets.

The LORD GOD Almighty took the little girl's book and wrote down every person in the mob and the ones that rejected her invitation to the King's banquet and He wrote each person that accepted her invitation to the King's banquet.

He wrote (down) Joshua, Betsy, the cousin, the mother and father who befriended the little girl.

He wrote (down) their rewards, based on how they allowed the HOLY GHOST to teach them, lead them and guide them into living and not dead works.

JESUS remembered the kindness of the family to the little girl.

The LORD GOD Almighty wrote down from the first village the ones who wanted to accept the King's invitation to His banquet but were afraid.

He wrote their names in a Book of Visitation.

He wrote a reward for the little girl in her book for inviting them to the King's banquet.

JESUS looked at the names in the Book of Visitation.

The LORD GOD Almighty wrote the fourteen names of the rowdy group.

The fifteenth person was the angel standing by JESUS.

The LORD GOD Almighty wrote their names in His invitation accepted book.

He gave the little girl a reward for each of the rowdy persons that accepted the King's invitation to His banquet.

He gave each rowdy person a reward for being kind and friendly to his little daughter.

Because He had taught her how to fight and protect herself.

He gave the rowdy group a reward for being concerned for her safety.

He wrote their names on their books and began to list their rewards.

He thought for a moment and took the slim woman's book, who loved the little girl's manners and grace, He wrote princess.

He looked over at the wall of angels lined up.

The LORD GOD Almighty, took each person's book and He called each angel by name.

He gave the angel each person's book.

Each angel who had the person's book had a group of angels assigned with him for that person.

The LORD GOD Almighty called the angel to Him that was the lone person with the rowdy group.

He gave the angel the slim woman's book.

He told the angel to give her manners and grace.

The LORD GOD Almighty said, "Her husband is on page nine."

The angel bowed and disappeared.

The rowdy group had reached the little village and was inquiring about Betsy, when the LORD GOD Almighty began to rain down fire and brimstone.

The slim woman told Betsy they had befriended the little King's daughter.

Betsy and Joshua who had just returned from school, yelled with excitement when they heard the thunder of God's judgement.

The rowdy group and Betsy and Joshua ran to the road and they saw the fire and smoke of that town.

Joshua's father ran to the King's highway and was shocked at the fire.

The fat woman and the slim woman instinctively began to run down the King's highway along with Betsy and Joshua.

The LORD GOD Almighty saw them and He saw their love and concern for the little girl.

He told the angel over the destruction of the city to keep them away and do not allow them to be hurt.

The angel thundered fire, which caused all of them to fall.

The power and force of the thunder was so great none of them could stand.

They sat in the King's highway for days waiting for the fire and smoke to die down and fade away.

The rowdy man told the village mob that the King destroyed the town because they hurt his daughter.

The village mob ran and hide for weeks.

The fire and smoke of the town went ^{into} up the air for days.

The LORD GOD Almighty called for an angel.

The angel walked to the LORD GOD Almighty and bowed.

The LORD GOD Almighty gave the angel a number of books with person's name on each.

He told the angel to bring each of them to Him.

The angel re-appeared with a large number of people.

The people bowed before the LORD GOD Almighty.

The LORD GOD Almighty said, "I have avenged you of your enemies. I have given to each their just reward. Your blood has been avenged. Rest and wait for the rest of your brethren."

The people bowed and said, "GREAT is The LORD GOD Almighty, who is just and true."

The people disappeared.

The LORD GOD Almighty looked out the window at the group sitting in the King's highway to see what happened to the little girl.

He said, "JESUS give them peace until they see her."

JESUS walked to the rowdy group and to a number of people from the village.

Some were crying for days.

Some were so afraid for the little girl.

The slim woman and the fat woman were holding onto each other.

JESUS looked at the people.

He looked back at the destruction of the town.

He leaned down to the fat woman and spoke in her ear, "She is not dead."

The fat woman sat up and said softly, "I believe she is alive."

The slim woman said, "How do you say that?" and pointed at the burning town.

Joshua sat up and listened.

He said, "Let's pray."

Everyone looked at him.

Joshua said, "That's what she did all the time."

The slim woman said, "What?"

Joshua's father said, "Good idea. Does anyone know how to pray?"

The slim woman who wanted manners, said "What we do? What we say?"

Her father, the fat thief, said, "First bow your heads in reverence."

His daughter said, "Ain't nobody gonna listen to you."

The fat woman's husband and Joshua's father said, "Let's do it."

The fat thief said, "I was brought up in church."

His daughter smirked at him and said, "Right."

The fat woman said to the slim woman, "Shush."

The slim woman said, "Me?"

The fat thief said, "LORD GOD our friend. Keep her safe and protect her, and let us see her well. And that she aint' in your wrath."

Joshua said, "Amen."

Betsy said, "Amen."

Their cousin said, "She's the King's daughter. He got her out before he destroyed the town."

They all said, "Right," and looked towards the town.

JESUS rubbed Joshua and another little boy on their heads and walked to the burning town.

He looked around and saw the very ground was burning.

The numerous angels were standing around the town in a complete circle so nothing can come in nor out.

Not even the air of the town could penetrate the good air.

Joshua's father notice that, he said, "It doesn't smell burnt."

Betsy said, "How did you go in and out the town?"

Everyone looked at Joshua's father to see if he was a good person or a bad person.

He told Betsy, "I never went to that town I went to the village behind it."

They all sat and watched the wrath of the LIVING God and were afraid.

JESUS walked through the burning wrath of the LIVING God.

He walked to the little girl.

The angels bowed.

The strange man was standing guard over the little girl while the other angel went to gather logs for a shelter.

The little girl was quivering, but her mind was saying "Father.Father".

JESUS leaned over the little girl and patted her head.

He said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

The HOLY GHOST appeared and he said to the little girl, "No weapon formed against me shall prosper."

He began to explain the scripture to the little girl.

His words kindled the fire of the word of God in the little girl's spirit.

They saw her spirit and the words the HOLY GHOST spoke blew over the words of God as wind blowing over a smothered fire to re-kindle it.

The angel returned with logs to build shelter for the little girl.

He stood and listened.

The new commander and the second in command stood with their troop and listen.

JESUS said to her, "You have to endure many things for my name sake, but hold on and I will reward you at the end."

The angels said, "Amen and amen."

JESUS looked at the angel with the logs and looked around and saw an early fall and said, "Good."

The angel began to saw with his hands and make planks out of the logs.

Each day JESUS and the HOLY GHOST would come to the little girl.

They spoke the word of life to her.

The HOLY GHOST would give the little girl a scripture and explain the scripture.

They would watch as the scripture would add to the fire of the words of God.

The words the HOLY GHOST gave to the little girl caused her spirit to grow in the power and the might of the LORD GOD Almighty.

As the little girl grew in the power and the might of the LORD GOD Almighty, the attributes of JESUS the Christ grew in her.

The village people and the rowdy group were anxiously waiting for the fire and smoke to clear so they could go to the little girl.

Many travelers waited at the village because they were too afraid to pass the destroyed town.

The people of the village behind the town needed the goods and the wares from Joshua's father.

They were also afraid to move.

After two months the fire abated.

The smoke was disappearing.

Betsy looked up and saw the smoke disappearing.

She could hardly talk. She was holding a sleeping Joshua in her lap. She yelled, "It's gone. It's gone."

Everyone began to wake up and looked around and they saw the smoke was abating.

They jumped up and cheered.

Betsy said to Joshua, "Hurry and pick berries."

Joshua jumped up and ran back to the village heralding, "The fire is gone."

People ran out of the village to see the fire was gone but the smoke was lingering.

The fat woman grabbed her husband's arm.

The slim woman grabbed the fat woman's arm.

The slim woman, thieving father kneeled and said, "We thank you God, for this day and the safety of your daughter."

Everyone said, "Amen."

The LORD GOD Almighty called an angel to him and said, "Prepare the old town with new seed. Let the rowdy group settle in the area."

The angel bowed and flew into the destroyed town and told the commander angel and the scribe, the LORD GOD Almighty said for him to prepare the ground with new seed and for the rowdy group to settle a new town.

The scribe and the commander angel said, "Amen."

The angel walked the length and the breadth of the town.

He surveyed the land.

A new scribe angel was sent by the LORD GOD Almighty for the new town.

The scribe approached the angel God sent to bring forth life and creation to the new town.

The scribe said, "I am the scribe of this place. The LORD GOD Almighty said it will be a city with much business and industry."

The angels stood and talked in the midst of the smoke.

The little girl for two months was quiet.

The fire of God's words the HOLY GHOST spoke to her was creating life in her spirit to fight and live.

The more fire created from God's word the more the healing of her body was undergoing.

The little girl's kidney was healing in her body and because she fell on her stomach and hid her face in her arms, her internal organs were not destroyed, but damaged.

Her blood began to regenerate.

The horrible fevers and infections began to cause the little girl's body to be rived up with horrific pain.

She was unconscious for three months.

Her screams all day were horrible.

The angels stood watch over her.

The newest commander was watching the next village.

The second in command was watching the village.

The scribe of the village appeared and continued to record.

The strange man and the man who ran with the little girl looked at the angels and kept doing their tasks.

The man who ran with the little girl, made a beautiful little house with a sitting area and a bedroom for her.

Once he completed the building, he moved the little girl inside to a bed he made.

He would go out each day and collect the herbs he needed to heal her body.

The third month, Betsy and Joshua had loaded her brother-in-law wagon with all sorts of delicacies.

The people of the village had loaded another wagon with medicines, bandages and coverings.

The man placed the little girl on her stomach.

It was not as badly damaged as her back.

He continued to work on her body everyday.

The HOLY GHOST and JESUS came everyday.

They saw the strength the word of God was giving the little girl and the word of God in her spirit was causing her to fight for her healing.

JESUS and the HOLY GHOST were looking at the word of God in her and the LORD GOD Almighty said, "I give her the gift of miraculous healing and nothing can stand in opposition to her command."

JESUS and the HOLY GHOST said, "Hallelujah."

JESUS said, "Father I thank you "because these works and greater works shall she do."

JESUS turned and looked at the troop of holy angels and said, "GET ready."

They laughed at said in oneness, "Amen and amen."

The people of the next village began to venture out.

They stopped a mile from the destroyed town.

The people from the first village began to venture to the destroyed town. Al they could think about was the little girl.

Betsy and Joshua sat on the back of the wagon and thought about her.

Betsy was holding a large jar of raspberry preserves and Joshua was holding a little boat he made with a sail.

She enjoyed playing at the little stream and he wanted her to feel better, because no one thought she was dead only injured.

The fat woman was walking arm in arm with her husband.

The slim woman was practicing her curtsy and nearly falling each time.

The fat woman smiled, but not loud and rowdy as before.

Her husband looked at her and he was nervous.

The fat woman looked at her nervous husband and grinned.

She finally said, "Whatever we find, it's the King's will."

He looked at her.

The village people made it to the destroyed town around noon.

They were afraid to enter.

The new scribe stood at the entrance.

The angel that brought new life stood at the entrance to welcome them.

JESUS appeared and said, "It is safe. No harm will come to you. All the evil has been destroyed. Enjoy your new home."

Joshua jumped off the wagon followed by Betsy.

They began to run into the town calling the little girl.

JESUS smiled and disappeared.

The village people ran into the town with the travelers.

Betsy nearly fell.

She saw the new grass and grabbed Joshua's arm.

They stood still.

The fat woman and her husband ran into them.

The fat woman's husband said, "What? What you stop for?"

All the people were waiting for Betsy's answer.

Joshua was looking at his aunt and wondered what she was doing.

Betsy said, "New grass."

The fat woman's husband looked around and saw the new grass and the new trees, he said "New life."

He held his wife and jumped up and said, "New life!!! She brought new life."

The slim woman's fat thieving father looked around said, "God gave new life. This is a good place to settle, now since the evil is gone. Let us good folks live here."

The slim man from the rowdy group said, "And we don't have to pay nobody for nothing."

They all screamed and began to run throughout the town and stake out lots.

Joshua, Betsy and the slim woman ran to the end of town looking for their friend.

Joshua's father followed with the wagon.

He jumped out the wagon and said, "It's getting evening. Let's settled here for the night and start out in the morning."

Betsy and Joshua were disappointed.

The strange man and the new commander were watching them.

The strange man said, "The bossy woman."

The new commander angel laughed.

The man who ran with the little girl was putting new herbs on the scars and open wounds.

The little girl was screaming.

Joshua stopped and listened.

Betsy reached for him and would not move.

Betsy said, "What Joshua?"

He said, "Don't you hear her?"

Betsy stopped to listen. She thought she heard something.

She began to walk onto the King's highway.

Joshua followed her.

The strange man and the new commander were surprised and to see them walking.

Joshua's father was unloading the wagon.

He saw them walk out to the King's highway and said to his wife, "They couldn't wait until the morning."

The fat woman looked up and saw Betsy and Joshua and she hit her husband's arm and they all dropped everything and began to follow them.

They passed the slim woman who looked at them and immediately followed.

The angels stood and watched.

JESUS said, "Let them pass."

The strange man and the new commander and his troop of six thousands of angels disappeared.

A new man who was travelling through to get to the big city was delayed for three months.

His move to the big city was on hold.

He decided the fire and the smoke were gone and he and his fellow will continue their journey that night.

His fellow walked to him.

They both stood and looked at the king's highway.

The fellow pointed out the path they should take before dark, to get through the town before midnight.

They went to get their horses and the third horse which carried their supplies.

The angels were watching them as they mounted their horses and began their journey on the King's highway.

Now there were many people on the King's highway.

The angels were watching everybody.

The strange angel turned to the angel who was healing the little girl.

The angel looked up and said, "I know."

The little girl reached out and the strange angel knew what she was doing.

He leaned forward and she touched his face.

Both angels were pleased, because she was coming back to life.

Betsy and Joshua neared the near dark figures on the King's highway.

Betsy's brother -in- law walked in front of the group with the fat woman's husband and the fat thief.

They two fellows stopped and saw the group and said, "We don't want trouble. We only want to pass through. We were delayed for nearly two months."

Joshua's father had the sledge hammer in his hand.

The first fellow said, "No need for that. We just want to pass through."

Joshua's father said, "Pass."

Then they heard the screams of the little girl.

Joshua and Betsy took off running.

The angels stood watch.

The slim woman ran behind them and saw the strange men and curtsy and continued running.

They arrived at a cute little house and heard the screams of the little girl.

They ran into the house and saw the man sitting on the bed and applying herbs and bandages to the little girl's body.

The two fellows jumped off their horses and ran the screams.

Betsy and Joshua recognized the hair of the little girl.

Joshua fainted and Betsy tried to catch him and passed out on top of him.

The two fellows and the slim woman ran in and saw the mangle flesh and the younger fellow ran out and threw up.

Joshua's father and the rowdy men jumped and peeped inside and saw the eaten flesh and knew it had to be the little girl.

The slim woman and the older fellow ran to the bed and said, "What you want us to do?"

The man said, "Nothing. The herbs are healing her. She is not conscious only the pain."

The man said, "I'm a doctor and I was going to the big city. I can help."

The slim woman did not look at him but only her friend.

The angel who gave the slim woman's book to, stood beside her and nodded at the man on the little girl's bed.

Joshua's father looked down at his son and sister on the floor and walked out the little house.

Joshua's mother and cousin shook them and walked them out the little cute house.

They all sat outside by the fellow he ran out and threw up.

Joshua looked at him.

Betsy looked at him then his vomit.

She said, "Go and get some dirt and cover that."

The strange man said to the new commander angel, "Bossy woman."

The new commander angel laughed.

The older fellow who looked at the slim woman when she curtsy, followed her into the cute little house and was appalled at the condition of the little girl.

But the slim woman was not.

She asked the man who ran away with the little girl, what happened.

Everyone was quite.

Everyone were listening.

The man told how he was coming down the King's highway, when he saw something about a mile away.

He said it was the little girl running.

He did not know why she was running then he heard the barkless dogs.

He said the lead dog jumped and grabbed her neck and put his weight into to knock her down for the rest of the pack. But she was strong and did not fall.

Everyone nodded with agreement.

The troop of angels watched the people sincere reaction and felt they wanted the little girl whole.

JESUS stood in the midst near the angels and said nothing.

The man saw JESUS and continued, then the next dog ran and bite her in the shoulder, she was able to hit him in the eye with such force it was knocked down and could not move.

The dog that bit into her neck was trying not to let loose, but she hit it in the eye.

She knew the pack was upon her and she fell down on her stomach and covered her neck and back with a little basket and a sack.

She knew how to fight and protect herself.

Then Betsy stood up and yelled, "You didn't help her."

The man looked at Betsy and said, "Mame, it happened fast and I had no weapon. I looked around for something and I did not see anything in the King's highway."

The rowdy men got loud and said, "How dare you leave a defenseless child to a pack of ravenous evil dogs."

The man said, "When I did not find anything, I charged down the King's highway to help when the whole town came out and was laughing and rejoicing over her dead body. So they thought. They said to each other leave her out there. The dogs have done their job. As they were going back into the town, I tipped toe to the little girl. I thought she was dead. Her blood was everywhere and pieces of her flesh all over the ground. The people killed the two dogs that were injured."

The fat woman's husband smirked.

The man continued, "I sneaked to the half-eaten flesh on the dirt road and grabbed it and began to run.

A young man from the town yelled, "He got her! He got her!"

The man said, "I ran with all of might until I got home and I have been here for these three months taking care of her."

The fat woman said with a hesitant voice, "Did you see what happened to the town and its people?"

The man looked towards JESUS and said, "The King had his vengeance on that town. Now He wants us to heal his daughter."

The slim woman never moved her eyes from the little girl.

The man watched her. He knew she had a caring heart and would not faint in the time to come.

The older fellow said, "Sir I am a doctor."

The slim woman turned quickly and looked at the fellow.

The angel with her book looked at page nine and smiled.

The fellow continued, "I see you have done a good job."

The man looked at him, because he did an outstanding job.

The strange man looked at the fellow.

The fellow continued, "Can you show me what medicines you used to heal her?"

The man looked at the fellow.

The fellow turned to go to his horse and get his medicines.

The man stood up and watched him and he looked at JESUS.

JESUS said nothing.

The fellow came back with an armful of medicines and walked to the little girl.

The man said, "Don't touch her."

Joshua looked and stood up with her sailboat in his hands and Betsy stood up.

Joshua said, "Don't touch her. He has helped my sister and brought her back to life and I want him to continue to help her."

Betsy said, "You are not welcome. Go your way."

The lead commander angel looked at Betsy and smirked.

The fellow walked out the house passed a yard full of people to get to his horse.

His younger fellow was tossing dirt on his vomit.

Betsy looked at the younger fellow and said, "You can go after him."

The strange man shook his head and said, "Bossy woman."

Betsy said, "What?"

The young fellow stood up with dirt in his hand and said, "What? I did not say anything."

Betsy said, "Am I a liar?"

The young fellow said, "I don't know. Are you?"

Betsy held the jar of the little girl's raspberry preserves and threw it hard at the younger fellow.

The fellow caught the raspberry preserves and began to run to his horse.

The fat thief tripped the younger fellow and he fell, but he did not drop the jar of raspberry preserves.

The fat thief said, "Darn! Why didn't you just drop the raspberry preserves and run. Now I got to fight you to get them back."

The young fellow crawled to his horse and stood up.

The rowdy group had ran to the horses and surrounded the two fellows.

Betsy and picked up a partial limb and walked passed the strange man and the new commander and stopped.

She looked them squarely in the face.

Then walked away to the rowdy group.

The strange man and the new commander looked at JESUS.

JESUS smiled and said, "The men were about to leave and they are to stay and marry these women."

The strange man and the new commander watched the group.

Betsy walked up and said nothing and hit the young a few times.

The young fellow held his elbow up and yelled, "Ouch. You hurt my elbow. I am a surgeon. Suppose I can't operate anymore?"

Betsy said, "Then everyone will know you are a thief."

The older fellow holding onto his horse's bridle looked to see how badly hurt was his younger fellow.

He told the younger fellow, "Give that bossy woman her preserves back and let's go. We are not welcome here."

The strange man laughed.

The group turned and looked in his direction.

JESUS laughed.

The man who ran with the little girl stood in the doorway and watched all of them.

The slim woman looked around for a chair.

She said, "No chair?"

Then she remembered and said to the little girl, "You would not have said that."

The man listened.

The slim woman said, Sir, might you have a chair that I can sit?"

The slim woman looked at the little girl and giggled.

The man turned from the doorway and handed her a beautifully embroidery chair.

The slim woman said, "Oh my I can't seat in that. That's too fancy for me. Do you have a chair that worn and tattered?"

The man slipped the chair under her and bowed for her to sit.

The slim woman said "Oh my."

The man looked at her and whispered to the little girl, "Fancy that."

She and the man sat and never let their eyes wander from the little girl.

The group outside were still arguing with the two doctors.

Betsy was demanding her raspberry preserves back she made for the little girl.

The young fellow said, "That's all you had to say."

Betsy said, "What?"

The younger fellow said, "That the raspberry preserves were for the patient."

Betsy said, "I can't stand you. Give me the raspberry preserves now!"

The older fellow and the fat thief charged the younger fellow and he threw the jar of raspberry preserves in the air and Betsy caught the jar.

Joshua blew a deep breath.

Joshua's mother yelled at the young fellow and said, "Bedside manners you have not."

The young fellow stuck his tongue at her and she charged him.

Joshua ran to help his mother.

Joshua's father stood with his hands on his head in bewilderment.

He said to the rowdy men, "How did we get to this point?"

The rowdy men laughed.

The older fellow stood by his horse.

The other rowdy slim man joined the chase.

They ran the younger fellow down the dark road to the village he came from.

The older fellow said, "What kind of people are you?"

The fat thief said, "The kind that kick your butt for stealing."

The fat thief charged the older fellow.

The older fellow stood because he just knew the fat man was not going to hit him.

The man had pulled up a matching embroidered chair and sat with her.

The slim woman said, "These are such beautiful and fine chairs. I never seen such like them. And to sit in one."

The man said, "I think you need to help your father."

The slim woman was startled out of her concentration on the little girl.

She said, "My father? How did you know?"

The man interrupted her and pointed outside.

The slim woman turned around in the chair and saw her father punched the older fellow in his chin.

She said, "Oh god. Was."

The man looked at her.

She turned to the little girl and said, "Pardon me."

The slim woman jumped up and curtsy to the man and ran and jumped off the porch.

The strange man looked at her angel and said, "Needs work, but good so far."

The slim woman's angel smiled.

JESUS disappeared.

The troop of angels looked at the wild scene.

The little girl began to scream out in pain.

The slim woman had wrestled her father down to the ground.

She was telling him to behave.

Everyone heard the little girl screaming in pain.

The slim woman jumped up off her father and stood frozen in pain for her friend.

Everyone was frozen for a moment and then a stampeded to the cute little house, which seem bigger when they ran back.

Joshua's father turned around and looked at the house.

Betsy said, "I swear this house has grown."

She looked around to see the younger fellow's vomit.

It was over the same distance from the house.

She looked at Joshua's father and said, "Strange things."

He shook his head for yes.

The little girl was shaking.

The rowdy man and his fat wife said, "Give her something!"

The older fellow was running and trying to open a bottle at the same time.

The group yelled at him to "Go!!"

The fat thief tripped him and he felled on his stomach with the bottle up in the air.

Joshua's mother, Joshua, the slim rowdy man and the young fellow heard the scream of the little girl and they all ran to the house.

Joshua ran with the little girl's sailboat in his hands.

He stopped and looked at the cute little house.

He said, "It's bigger. I think."

Betsy twisted her mouth in agreement with Joshua.

The older fellow yelled at the fat man, "I am a doctor. I can give her something for pain."

The older fellow was getting off the ground.

The fat thief ran to the older fellow with his fist.

His daughter caught his hand and pulled him down to the cute little house.

She said to him, "Sit down on this porch and don't move."

The fat thief said, "But baby."

She cut him off and said, "Shush."

The little girl screamed again.

The slim woman walked in and sat in her chair.

She looked at the man.

He said, "She is not conscious."

The younger fellow was chased into the house, by Joshua's mother.

The younger fellow said, "We have medicine that can help with the pain."

The man turned to a beautiful of roses and dipped a clean bandage in the bowl.

The man squeezed some of the water into the little girl's mouth.

A few minutes later the little girl was quiet.

The younger fellow nervously shook his fingers at the man said, "What's that you gave her?"

The man said, "Natural herbs."

The older fellow stood outside and listened.

The man said, "Your medicines are chemicals and with the type of wounds she has her body has to be gently healed."

The older fellow said, "You are kidding."

The older fellow turned and walked to his horse.

He put his medicines back in the saddle and began to secure everything so he can leave.

The younger fellow said to the man, "Can you show the herbs you used and what they do?"

The man listened.

JESUS said, "Yes."

The man said, "Yes. I'll show you tomorrow."

The younger turned and was confused and went and sat next to Betsy on the porch.

He was in deep thought about what properties the herbs had that could keep the little girl unconscious during the healing process.

Betsy thoughts were on why they let the little girl go to the town where she met such an evil fate.

Joshua's father and the fat woman's husband watched how close the young fellow sat to Betsy.

Betsy and the young fellow took a deep breathe at the same time and looked into each other's direction.

Betsy realized it was not Joshua but the young fellow that sat next to her.

Joshua's father grinned.

Betsy took the limb she held and began to hit the young fellow and said, "Get Up! Get Up!"

The young fellow said, "Ouch." He jumped up and ran to his horse.

The older fellow looked around his horse at the younger fellow and said, "Are you ok?"

The younger fellow said, "At she didn't hit my elbow."

The older fellow shook his head.

And got on his horse.

He noticed the younger fellow did not get on his horse.

The older fellow sighed and leaned over to the younger fellow and said, "You are a medical doctor."

The younger fellow did not respond.

The older fellow got off his horse and held his horse's bridle. He walked to the younger fellow and whispered, "You want to learn about herbs. But you are staying for that woman."

The younger fellow said, "Betsy."

The slim rowdy man had spotted a place on the King's highway to sleep for the night.

He learned to lay still and play dead.

The older fellow said, "Are you nuts? There will be educated women and professional women in the big city that can run circles around these country women."

The slim rowdy man sat up and said, "Country. I'm gonna tell her."

The slim rowdy man jumped up and began to run to the cute house holding onto his hat.

The young fellow turned and saw the slim rowdy man knew his secret he sighed. He outran the slim rowdy man to get to Betsy.

Joshua's father and the fat woman's rowdy husband jumped to see what the running was about.

Joshua's father had a questioning look on his face, but the fat woman's rowdy husband figured it out and nudged Joshua's father.

He whispered, "The doc fancies your sister."

Joshua's father thought, "We don't have a doctor in our family. It would be nice, if she doesn't kill him."

The two men looked.

The young fellow reached Betsy a second before the slim rowdy man.

The young fellow turned and tried to slap away the slim rowdy man from Betsy.

Betsy was still in her thoughts and looked up at the two men in bewilderment.

The rowdy man yelled, "Ms. Betsy, this fellow likes you."

The older fellow standing by the horses turned his head in disgust.

The rowdy fat woman's husband slapped Joshua's father's arm and said, "Didn't I tell you?"

Joshua's father gave a half smile because Betsy had not reacted yet.

All Joshua's father could do was say, "Oh, God, don't let Betsy kill him. You know she has been hurting these five years since Ken left her for a school teacher. She has not allowed no man near her but me and Joshua. This is going to be interesting. I wonder can her heart ever have space to love another."

Betsy stood up.

The young fellow punched the slim rowdy man in the stomach.

Betsy walked away to the side of the cute house.

The young fellow looked at Betsy and then at the slim rowdy man on the ground, who was on his knees and reached for the young doctor to help him up.

The young doctor looked at the slim rowdy man and made it look as if he was going to give him a hand.

But he passed the slim rowdy man with his eyes on Betsy.

He followed Betsy.

The rowdy fat woman's husband and Joshua's father laughed amongst themselves.

The older fellow walked passed them and he looked at them.

The rowdy fat woman's husband and Joshua's father saw the older fellow.

The older fellow looked at them as he passed.

The two men looked at him with questioning looks.

The rowdy man said, "Where you going?"

The older fellow said nothing.

Then they ran to grab him and Joshua's father stepped in front of the older fellow and said, "I don't have a doctor in my family."

The older fellow said, "I don't care. You don't have one now."

The rowdy man said, "Let him go."

The older fellow looked at the two and continued to walk to his younger fellow.

The younger fellow stood by Betsy.

He did not know what to say.

The slim rowdy man still on his knees had his hand up in the air for help, he yelled to the young fellow, "I thought you was a doctor?"

The young fellow slightly looked back and said, "I am."

He turned back to Betsy who stared off into the distance.

The slim rowdy man, "you aint helping me."

Joshua and his mother and cousin looked at the scene.

Betsy's cousin and her sister began to whisper to themselves.

Joshua looked at them and said, "What? I can't hear."

They giggled and Joshua figured out what they were talking about. He became angry and stormed off the porch to get that young fellow from his aunt Betsy.

Joshua's father and the rowdy man were helping the slim rowdy man up when Joshua passed them.

The rowdy man nodded at Joshua's father.

The older fellow looked at Joshua as he walked next to him.

Joshua's father ran and grabbed him and threw him over his shoulders and walked away with a kicking Joshua.

Joshua's mother and cousin peeped around at Joshua's father and they continued to giggle and watch the young fellow and Betsy.

The older fellow walked up and said, "Pardon me."

The slim rowdy woman heard him and smiled because that's what she said.

The older fellow said, "Are you going?"

The younger fellow slightly turned to his older fellow and looked at Betsy said, "No."

The older fellow said, "What? You are a promising brilliant surgeon. You are needed at the city hospital."

Betsy did not turn around to address either one.

The young fellow said, "I'll be fine here."

The slim woman sat and kept watch over the little girl.

The older fellow walked away.

He passed the open door of the cute house.

The man who took care of the little girl watched him as he passed the door. He looked at the slim rowdy woman as she was so caring for the little girl.

He looked at her angel standing outside watching everything.

The older fellow passed Joshua and his father having a heart to heart talk.

He heard Joshua's father tell him, "Your aunt Betsy is a jewel and she needs somebody."

Joshua leaned forward to interrupt his father and say, "She got me."

Joshua's father smiled and said, "Son, she loves you and you love her. But your aunt is young and needs to marry and have her own family."

The older fellow said, "Not with my young fellow with her country self."

The older fellow made it to his horse and untied the third horse with the medicines and supplies and walked the horse to his young fellow.

The young fellow turned and said, "Thank you."

The older fellow walked away shaking his head and mumbling to himself.

The attending man walked to the door of the cute little house and looked around and went back inside and sat.

He said to the slim rowdy woman, "Do you need to rest?"

She replied, "No."

He said, "Why not?"

She said, "I'm not used to sleeping in a bed or resting." She shrugged her shoulders.

The man looked at her angel.

Her angel just looked and opened her book. He looked at the older fellow set on leaving.

He said, "If he wants to leave, I can't stop him."

The attending man looked back at the little girl.

The little girl screamed.

The older fellow ran back to the cute little house.

The young fellow turn to run to the house, but he stopped and touched Betsy's elbow.

Betsy' cousin held her breathe and leaned to cousin.

They both said, "Spring. Unless."

They giggled, "Winter. "

Joshua's mother laughed.

Her cousin said, "With winter berries."

They both giggled.

The young fellow saw them giggling, he said to them, "Do I have a chance?"

The women giggled.

Joshua yelled, "No!!!"

His mother and cousin, shouted, "Shut up. And stay out of grown folk's conversations."

Joshua was so shocked at his mother's and aunt attitude.

His father trying to score points with his wife slightly slapped Joshua on the head and smiled at his wife.

Joshua turned to his father and said, "What I do?"

Joshua's mother said to her husband, "Hit him again."

Joshua's father swallowed and sighed.

Joshua walked back to the house as the young fellow watched him.

Joshua walked onto the steps.

The young fellow bent down to Joshua and said, "I am really a good person."

Joshua looked back at the slim rowdy man that the rowdy fat woman's husband was helping up.

The young fellow said, "He deserved that."

The young fellow followed the older fellow into the cute little house.

They saw the attending man drop water filled with herbs into the little's mouth.

The older fellow the little girl calm down and went back into her unconscious state.

The older fellow wondered at the herbs.

The slim rowdy woman turned and saw the fellows observing.

The attending man looked at her.

The slim woman's attention was on the little girl.

The attending man said, "I need to change her bandages for the night."

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The younger doctor was settled into the cute house.

He made a tent outside so he could be near to the little girl and the attendant.

He still wondered at the slim rowdy woman.

He wondered what type of person she was not to run away from helping the mauled little girl.

One day she stood up and walked from the little girl's side and walked around the yard.

She stood and looked off into the distance.

Joshua was out in the yard along with his cousin.

The attendant watched the slim rowdy woman and wondered who she was.

The slim rowdy woman's angel just watched, since the man she was supposed to marry left a month ago and had not returned.

The younger doctor stayed by the little girl's side and he followed the attendant every morning into the woods for the herbs he used.

The younger doctor began to point out the herbs and tell the attendant the function of each herb, how to prepare them and when to use the herbs.

The attendant was impressed.

That particular morning the slim rowdy woman was at her breaking point.

She stood in the yard with her hands behind her back and the sun on her face.

She had not allowed her mind to wonder why the great King had allowed such evil to come upon his daughter and he had not tried to help her. She thought surely he had a great number of physicians and chemist that could help her.

Her faith in the King had begun to wean.

She did not know whether she wanted to attend his great and magnificent banquet if he could not heal his daughter.

Joshua walked up and looked at the slim rowdy woman.

He knew something was wrong, because she never left his friend's side.

He looked at her closed eyes and her hands behind her back and slid his hand into her hands.

The slim rowdy woman felt the little hand and realized it had to be Joshua.

She smiled.

Joshua cousin walked over and put her arm around the slim rowdy woman's waist and hugged her.

The younger doctor watched from the inside as he sat on a wooden stool he made.

He made the wooden stool in two days after he tried to sit in the slim rowdy woman's beautiful embroidered chair.

One day she had gone out to wash her body and use the bathroom.

The younger doctor watched her as she gathered the water basins and towels.

She was about to leave when the younger doctor said, "You leaving the soap."

The slim rowdy woman reached back and grabbed the lye soap and proceeded out the door.

The younger doctor watched her exited.

He breathe.

He was glad she was going to wash because she needed to bathe.

He did not know how to tell her to go and bathe.

The attendant watched him as the younger doctor twisted around on his knees to see the slim rowdy woman exit the cute and disappear around the corner.

The attendant watched him.

The younger doctor jumped off the floor and stretched and sat in her chair.

Less than fifteen minutes later he felt a presence over him.

The attendant kept on watching the little girl.

The younger doctor got up out the chair and stretched.

He did not turn to look at the slim rowdy woman.

She pulled the chair out and dusted the seat of the chair with her hand.

She sat and watched the little girl.

The attendant looked at her and the younger doctor.

The younger doctor later walked out the house and sat on the front porch to rest his legs.

The slim rowdy woman's daddy said, "You should know not to take her seat."

The younger doctor looked at him and wondered if he could ask him about his daughter.

The fat thief gave the younger doctor a look not to try to ask him nothing.

The younger doctor sat and watched the fat thief and the slim rowdy man clean the yard and feed the horses.

The younger doctor slightly wondered about the older doctor who abandoned him for the big city.

He wondered if he made it to the big city's hospital.

Then he smirked and was going back inside when the slim rowdy man said, "Hey fellow."

The slim rowdy man refused to acknowledge him as a doctor, since that's what they wanted for Betsy.

The younger doctor stood and being exasperated with the situation looked at the slim rowdy man and said, "What?"

The slim rowdy man smiled because he saw the younger doctor has grown tired and would be leaving soon.

He said to the younger doctor, "Here."

He reached the younger doctor some sticks.

The younger doctor said, "What the hell are those and what am I suppose to do with them besides beat your butt."

The attendant looked out the door.

The slim rowdy woman's daddy and the slim rowdy man coiled back at the younger doctor's response with laughter and oh my expressions.

The younger doctor thought and he looked towards the front door and saw the attendant looking out at them.

The younger doctor apologized to all of them.

The slim rowdy man smiled.

The younger doctor said, "You smiled. You think I am going to leave like the older doctor and not come back, so you can run behind Betsy."

The slim rowdy man smiled and shook his head for yes.

The younger doctor turned to the steps to go back into the house.

Then he thought, "I will not give this toothless man no joy."

The younger doctor reached for the sticks and the slim rowdy man ran and gave them to him with such joy.

The younger doctor held them in his hand and looked at the rowdy man.

The slim rowdy woman stood and walked to the front door and said to the younger doctor, "You make you a stool."

The younger doctor looked at the sticks and said, "Where is the seat?"

The slim rowdy woman turned and walked back to her beautiful embroidered chair.

The fat thief said to the younger doctor, "I guess she told you."

The slim rowdy man laughed and they both sat on the rail they made to tie the horses.

The younger doctor looked at them then back into the house at the slim rowdy woman.

She knew the conversation had ended with her father and Harold.

She knew they were mad and would not show the younger doctor how to make the stool so he could sit.

She stood from her beautiful chair and touched the little girl's arm and said, "I am just going outside for a moment to show him how to make a stool. You would be proud of me. I think that's the right thing to do. I'll be right back."

The attendant looked up at the slim rowdy woman.

She walked out the house and looked at her daddy and Harold and jumped off the porch and ran and swung at them.

They backed up from her as they twisted on the rail.

She said, "You know I am busy watching the little girl like I did Ma. Don't make me leave her again!"

She screamed at them and they tried to cover their heads and chests as she swung at them.

The younger doctor saw her fists flying in the air. He also heard the slim rowdy woman say something about "Ma".

He thought this is my chance to ask her about herself.

The slim rowdy woman stood for a moment and stared at her daddy and Harold, to let them know she meant every word she said.

Her daddy and Harold knew she meant every word she said and they better watch out.

She turned and saw the younger doctor watching her with a questioning look on his face.

She walked over and took the sticks out of his hands and sat on the porch and started the making of the stool.

The younger doctor walked and sat next to her.

Harold elbowed the fat thief.

They watched the younger doctor.

The slim rowdy woman began to make the stool. The younger doctor eased down beside her.

She said, "You better not ask me nothing but look at how I started this stool for you."

She handed the younger doctor the stick and looked at her daddy and Harold and stumped up the steps to her little princess.

She entered the house.

The attendant looked at her as she sat and patted the little girl's arm and said, "Baby I'm back. You might not be proud of the way I handled that sit-u-a-tion. I think that is the correct way to say it."

Harold and her daddy looked at the younger doctor who sat and looked at the stick.

They burst out into laughter at the younger doctor.

The younger doctor jerked his arms and threw the sticks down to the ground.

Harold started shaking his hand and pointing his figure to say, "No. No."

Both Harold and the fat thief looked at the house.

The slim rowdy woman's daddy whispered and said, "You better pick them up."

Harold peeping into the house said, "Quickly."

Harold and the slim rowdy woman's daddy peeped back at the house.

The slim rowdy woman looked back.

The attendant watched her.

The younger doctor peeped in the house and saw the slim rowdy woman looking out.

He quickly picked up the sticks and placed them on the porch and tenderly stepped on the steps to the house and walked in the house.

The slim rowdy woman looked at him as he continued to stand.

The attendant watched all of them.

The attendant had no thoughts, but he heard the comment about "Ma".

The fat thief and Harold began to hoot and laugh at the younger doctor, until the slim rowdy woman turned around and looked out the door.

They both stopped on a dime.

Her daddy said to Harold, "You know she can hear a rat piss on cotton."

Harold snickered and got off the rail and continued to rake the leaves.

The fat thief and Harold made a fire and burned the leaves.

The little girl began to cough.

The attendant told the younger doctor, "Please, close the door."

The younger doctor turned in anger to close the door.

The attendant said to the younger doctor, "They don't know."

The slim younger woman looked at the attendant and said, "You're real calm."

The attendant looked at the slim rowdy woman and wondered what she meant.

The younger doctor closed the front door.

He looked at the windows as the wind blew.

The younger doctor closed the windows.

The attendant was still in a stare down with slim rowdy woman, when the younger doctor walked back in the room and saw them.

The younger doctor knew not to say anything.

The attendant turned and got some herbs to dip in the little girl's mouth as she began to scream.

The slim rowdy woman watched the attendant as he watched her.

The younger doctor thought, "We all need a break."

A few days after her daddy helped the younger doctor make the stool the younger doctor sat on the porch and watched the slim rowdy woman, Joshua and Joshua's cousin.

He knew how the slim rowdy woman felt.

No progress.

There was no surgery he could perform on the little girl and he shuddered at the thought of operating on her and getting the slim rowdy woman's approval.

He had begun to let go of his fear and asking for permission to perform surgery.

He was beginning to learn bedside manners.

He thought about the older doctor and said, "He could have learned a few things also, but his mind was made up to get to the big city. He won't get a chance to see how this turned out. The little girl has too much life to die."

The younger doctor sat and wondered how much longer before they could see some progress.

Joshua looked back at the younger doctor and he did not care if the younger doctor married his beloved aunt Betsy. Because Joshua saw how it was beside his future wife.

The fat thief and Harold were walking into the yard and they perused the situation and they sat next to the younger doctor.

The slim woman's angel said to the attendant, "Tell the younger doctor and the slim rowdy woman to go to the big city."

The attendant looked out at the sad and grief stricken group and said, "Why".

The slim rowdy woman's angel said, "Because it is in her book. Give her money to go."

The attendant stood up and walked to the door and looked at the people.

He knew they needed help.

They needed something to hold onto to keep them believing and not to give up.

The little girl said quietly, just above a whisper, "Water."

The attendant heard her and rushed into the bedroom.

The slim rowdy woman heard the attendant run back in the house and so did the younger doctor, they ran into the house.

Joshua and his cousin ran into the house.

The slim rowdy woman's daddy and Harold ran into the house.

The little girl was still lying on her stomach with her back covered in herb soaked bandages.

The little girl said, "Please, water."

The slim rowdy woman had her hands clasped in front of her chin and was smiling with tears falling down her cheeks.

She looked around for water.

The attendant pointed to the water pitcher in the living room.

Joshua and his cousin looked and ran to the water pitcher. His cousin poured the water into a beautiful white tumbler with bluebells.

Betsy and Bill were walking in the yard when they saw everyone run into the house.

Betsy stopped in her tracks.

Bill touched Betsy's elbow and walked to the house.

Bill saw his cousin and Joshua get the water.

He wondered what was going on.

The younger doctor looked back and saw Bill, but no Betsy.

He walked to Bill and said, "Hello. She's awake."

Bill let out a great sigh of relief.

The younger doctor looked at Bill.

He nodded his head outside.

The younger doctor ran to the porch and saw a frozen Betsy.

He saw Joshua's mother and the rowdy couple entering into the yard but they stopped.

The younger doctor ran to Betsy and grabbed her two elbows.

Joshua's mother covered her mouth and began to cry.

Joshua ran to the porch and saw his mother and the rowdy couple.

He jumped off the porch and ran to his mother and saw her crying.

He said, "You heard?"

The young doctor peeped around and smelled the food, he said, "She's awake. She's going to be fine."

Joshua looked at his mother and said, "You thought she was dead?"

He walked away from her but he reached and got a fried chicken drumstick from the basket she had and a biscuit from his beloved aunt Betsy.

The attendant continued to walk into the woods.

The young doctor followed.

The older doctor followed.

The attendant began to stoop down and explain the different herbs.

He explained the history of the different herbs, when man began to use the different herbs and the functions of the different herbs.

The attendant explained the purposed healing time based on the different wounds and ⁺he infections of the wounds.

He explained to them ^{doctors} the difficulty of the wounds would determine the amount and the mixture of the different herbs for each wound.

The young doctor said, "You are very knowledgeable. How did you learn so much?"

The older doctor turned his head and looked around at the woods. He was still upset about the "Thelma" comment.

The attendant said, "I watched my father."

The older doctor said, "Is he still alive?"

The attendant said, "Yes."

The older doctor said, "Does he live around here? Can I meet him?"

The strange man laughed.

The attendant said, "Maybe one day. But now your education of the healing properties of the herbs must continue. We have to get back to the little girl before the sedative wears off."

The younger doctor said, "Which one of these herbs you use for the sedative? And how much do you mix together? Do you soak the herbs separately or boil them together or seep them together?"

The older doctor was observant, that helped him keep his mind off of Thelma.

He thought, "I haven't thought about her for years. I hope she is well. I hope she is happy and have a house full of bad ass children."

The strange man laughed. Then he stopped and said "Whoa."

The new commander angel was looking at the village the little girl was scheduled to go. He did not like the village but he knew the LORD GOD Almighty had a plan.

The older doctor realized the more he listened to the attendant the less he thought about Thelma. He could not understand why after all of this time the buried pain could re-surface, and especially around these country people. He thought the attendant was not country and he seemed out of place. That's why he wanted to meet his father.

The attendant knew the older doctor's thoughts.

The strange man said to the attendant, "You got to be more "country".

The attendant smirked.

The young doctor said to the attendant, "Why you smirked?"

The attendant was surprised at the young doctor's recognition ability.

He thought, "He is a caring person."

JESUS and the HOLY GHOST were with the little girl.

The HOLY GHOST gave her the living stone, the living word of God for her for that day.

He explained the meaning of the word and how it related to her growth and healing.

JESUS and the HOLY GHOST watched her spirit as the living word with the power of God became alive in her and burst forth into fire.

JESUS and the HOLY GHOST smiled.

They saw the living word, like liquid, flow into each of her cells and made them new.

They saw the scars began to heal as her spirit grabbed the living word and turned it into the living stone that LORD GOD Almighty had determined would help heal her soul and her flesh.

The little girl's mind was in a deep place.

All she could think was, "Father, I want to do your will. I want to invite people to your banquet."

The more living words the HOLY GHOST gave to the little girl, the more her soul would began to think on those words.

Her thoughts were being transformed into what the Father's desire was and how He will bring about deliverance of her and all those who seek Him.

The LORD GOD Almighty smiled.

The HOLY GHOST stood and explained the scripture the LORD GOD Almighty had released for the little girl for that day.

JESUS stood and listened.

He looked at the slim rowdy woman, who loved this little girl because of the grace and etiquette she saw.

The HOLY GHOST and JESUS stood and watched God's word be transformed from a rock to a living stone by the washing of the water.

The LORD GOD Almighty was pleased.

HE said, "I give unto her the working of mighty deliverances."

JESUS and the HOLY GHOST were very well pleased.

JESUS and the HOLY GHOST said, "Amen."

JESUS walked out the house and joined ~~to~~ the new commander.

They both watched the next village the little girl would travel to.

JESUS said to the new commander, "You know what to do."

JESUS turned and walked to the woods and watched the three men.

He listened to the attendant's explanation of the herbs.

He watched ~~the~~ both doctors and especially the older doctor.

The older doctor was not understanding why the replacement of medicine and chemicals with the herbs. Even though the older doctor did not voice his concern.

The attendant looked at JESUS.

JESUS nodded to the attendant.

The attendant opened the older doctor's mind so he could have understanding.

A light went off in the older doctor's mind and he began to understand why to use herbs and when to use them.

He was so excited, but he did not let the attendant nor the younger doctor see his excitement as he learned new healing principles.

The older doctor thought, "I can use this at the city hospital."

The attendant said, "Let's go back to ^{the} house."

The young doctor said, "Thank you. I am very hungry and was about to lose my concentration."

He walked out the woods with the attendant.

He noticed ^{ed} the older doctor was not with them. ^{ed} He stopped. ^{ed} He saw the older doctor stooped down and rubbing dirt through his hand with great concentration.

The young ^{er} doctor wondered what he was doing and what he was thinking about.

But the young doctor's stomach began to growl and he said, "Well. I'm going to get something to eat. He knows his way back."

The attendant stood and watched them.

The young doctor walked to the attendant and they continued to the cute little house.

When they reached the cute little house, the young doctor stopped and said, "I know ^{this} his house looks bigger. I just know it."

The attendant heard the younger doctor and continued to the house.

He heard the LORD GOD Almighty decree that the little girl would work mighty deliverances. He was ready for the fight.

He was well pleased with the LORD GOD Almighty decree.

The younger doctor ran to his horse and pulled out his food sack and flipped it open and grabbed the first thing he saw, some beef jerky.

He bite the beef jerky and relished in its delight.

JESUS was standing in the woods watching the older doctor.

The older doctor was thinking, "If this really work why not market this for the world to use."

JESUS spoke, "The world is greedy for gain and would water down the herbs until the benefit would be nominal."

The older doctor said, "I know but how could I stop that?"

The older doctor cut off his sentence and jumped up and quickly looked around and saw no man.

He looked at the path the attendant and the younger doctor walked out the woods.

He looked around again and saw no person, and he ran out of the woods.

The young doctor turned just in time to see the older doctor running out of the woods.

The younger doctor jumped off the rail the horses were tied to. He looked behind the older doctor and expected to see a bear or wolves or something. He stood and saw nothing.

The older doctor passed the younger doctor and stopped and looked back to the woods. He peeped and then he stooped down and peeped. He saw nothing moving.

The younger doctor was startled and he slowly bit another piece of beef jerky and watched the older doctor.

The attendant stood on the porch to the larger cute house and watched the older doctor then the younger doctor.

He turned and walked into the cute house to the little girl and the slim rowdy woman.

He looked at both of them, he turned and went into the living room and got water pails from underneath the table and went to the brook and got water.

He passed both of the older and the younger doctors.

The Older doctor face was flushed.

He was scared.

The older doctor stood and gained his composure.

He finally looked and saw the younger doctor sitting, eating and staring at him.

The younger doctor did not know what to do so he instinctively held up his hand and without a word offered the older doctor ~~some beef jerky~~ ^{with the beef jerky}.

The older doctor stared at the younger doctor and looked back into the woods ^{He} was about to ask ^{the younger doctor} him if he saw anything, but the older doctor decided not to, especially the way the younger doctor was looking at him.

Betsy and Joshua entered the yard.

The younger doctor stopped chewing and put down his beef jerky and ran to Betsy, wiping his hands on his shirt.

Joshua looked at the younger doctor and tuned up his nose because he wiped his hands on his shirt.

The older doctor looked at Betsy who had the same dress on from yesterday.

The older doctor looked at the younger doctor and shook his head and walked passed them.

Joshua looked at the older doctor and said, "Good morning to you too."

The older doctor stopped and turned slightly around and said, "Good morning."

Joshua said, "Your mommy should have taught you better. My momma has."

Betsy said, "Joshua."

The younger doctor smiled and smirked at the older doctor and shrugged his shoulders. He did not know how the older doctor would react, especially since he did not know him. He meet the older doctor in the next village. The older doctor left the big city and was going to the next big city to work at the city's hospital.

The younger doctor entered the village a day behind the older doctor. The younger doctor also wanted to work at the big city hospital so he could perform more surgeries. The younger doctor went to a very prestigious big city teaching hospital. He returned home and found there was not enough people who needed surgery. He also found out his sweetheart did not wait for him and moved on after five years and moved to the next big city with a professor at the university.

His father told him to move to another big city hospital where he could practice his craft.

So after a year he moved on. He was on his way to the big city hospital until he was delayed for two months by the fire and another month by the clearing of the smoke.

He thought his life was over, until he saw country Betsy. And now she's dirty.

He smiled.

Joshua looked at the young doctor. Then he looked at the older doctor.

Joshua knew that apparently the older doctor did not like his beloved aunt Betsy and maybe he could be an ally.

The younger doctor took his eyes from Betsy to catch Joshua looking towards the older doctor.

The younger doctor said, "Good morning."

Joshua said, "Really. A hour late."

Betsy said, "Joshua, you know better than to correct an adult."

The younger doctor said, "An hour."

Joshua turned to walk to the older doctor.

The younger doctor knew Joshua's planned attack.

It was the same attack he used against every woman his daddy got involved with.

The younger doctor bent down in Joshua's face and said, "I've been there. It won't work. I want Betsy."

He smiled at Joshua and rubbed his hair.

Joshua's mother and Father were entering the yard with fresh food.

The young doctor stood up and greeted them.

They smiled at the young doctor.

Joshua's father looked around for the slim rowdy man.

He did not see him.

Harold was awoken just before dusk, by some of the other rowdy group members.

One of the rowdy men named, Steve, to sang, "Come out. Come out. We know you got it bad for Ms. Betsy and you can't have her."

Harold grabbed his worn out boots and sat up on his blanket and threw his boots out of his tent.

Three men started running and looking back at Harold's tent laughing.

But the fourth man, Steve was trying to steal Harold's worn out boots.

The three men yelled to Steve, "Come on man."

Steve turned to run and fell on his face.

Harold ran out of his tent and began to throw rocks at the other three men.

He gathered the rocks earlier that day.

Harold did not know what type of animals were around of if any animals were left from the destruction.

The rowdy men that Harold used to be a well known American baseball pitcher.

Harold became a drunk, gambler and cheat.

He lost his job and his money.

Harold's family tried to find him, but he was so disgraced that he hid from them.

He had no money and no home.

He wandered through the city's allies and food and garbage cans to find something to eat.

A few women saw Harold going into the allies behind the food places where they worked.

The women recognize Harold from the papers.

They felt sorry that he was disgraced.

Harold would walk into the back alleys of the food places and rummage through the garbage cans for food.

The women felt sorry for him and would sneak out clean food the patrons did not eat.

One of the three women contacted Harold's family and wanted a reward from them, if she told them where Harold was.

Harold's oldest brother declined the offer.

He thought Harold may find out he had some money left and would gamble and drink his life work.

Harold's sister in law overhear the conversation between Harold's two brothers.

The next day she sneaked out her house and went to Harold's widowed mother and two of his sisters and told them what she heard.

The women did not include Harold's third sister, Irene, in their conversations because she hated Harold for ruining their family name and wanted him to die.

Her mother told her often she had to learn to forgive.

But Irene always replied that Harold kept her from marrying up in society.

Harold's ex-girl and Irene became the best of friends.

They both were school teachers, like most of Harold's family.

They both eventually married educators like themselves.

Two years after Harold disappeared, Irene attended a lecture on foreign policy and met the visiting instructor.

They married that following spring and he received an ambassadorship to a foreign country.

Irene's mother told her God had a plan for her life.

Irene cried as she walked down the aisle of the big church.

She looked towards the seats of her family and saw Harold's silhouette and sighed then grinned as she reached her new husband.

She had peace, once she turned loose the bitterness she harbored in her heart against Harold for his vices.

Her new husband did his research and found out about Harold.

He found Harold passed out in the back alley a local restaurant.

He woke Harold.

Bradley introduced himself to Harold and gave him an invitation to attend their wedding.

Many out of town dignitaries attended the wedding.

Bradley's parents were diplomats and his two sisters were married to members of the diplomatic core.

Their wedding was the wedding of the season.

Bradley saw Harold's silhouette.

When Irene reached Bradley he whispered, "Forgiveness is a beautiful thing".

Irene smiled and looked towards the window.

Her mother followed her eyes and knew it must have been Harold she saw.

Her mother thought about the two of them being so close, she could not pry them apart for dinner.

She cried for Harold.

She hurt for her son, but she knew Irene must have forgiven Harold and she hoped Harold could feel the forgiveness.

Harold's ex-girlfriend, followed his sister and married a college professor in June of that year.

She had a beautiful garden wedding.

She did not have all of the out of town dignitaries but she had all the college professors.

It was a beautiful wedding and all his sisters and sister in law were matrons and maids of honor.

Harold was there watching his love marry another.

He reached his hand over to the hor d'oeuvres table and snatched a few sandwiches and ran as the fat caterer tried to catch him.

Harold tried to use the women who gave him clean food.

He thought he could have sex with them and get to move into their homes.

The women were appalled.

They told Harold they were married with children and were decent women. They were being kind to him because of his station in life. And they did not want him and would report him to the authorities.

Harold ran out the city and travelled from city to city rummaging for any alcohol or food.

He found a half bottle of Scotch that was in the garbage can.

The fat man threw it in the garbage can because he thought he saw his wife with their nosey neighbors.

Harold had been rummaging all the garbage cans all day and found nothing.

When Harold saw the half bottle of Scotch he knew he was dreaming.

He hid the bottle under his clothes and ran to the other side of town.

He passed the people who gathered to gamble on a street fight.

A fat loud woman was passing a hat around for donations and a skinny man was dancing in the street waiting for a challenger.

Harold ran and found an alley close to the street fighting.

He tiptoed into the alley and looked around for any sign someone had claimed the alley.

He saw nothing, he hurried and open the scotch and quickly drank it.

He passed out.

Harold was awoken by loud talk.

The fat rowdy woman was peeping over in Harold's face and said, "Are you alive?"

The skinny man was sitting on the floor of the alley with a bloody nose and busted lips and two black eyes.

Harold jumped and sat up in the alley.

He was afraid.

The fat rowdy woman looked back at Harold and said, "Ain't nothing for you to be afraid of."

She walked over to the skinny man.

He said, "Glenda, how we do?"

Glenda, fighting back tears, said, "I thought I was going to lose you."

The man said, "I'll do it for you."

Glenda said, "Frank I hate it. My heart is ripped out each time you fight. You know you can't fight. We just been lucky no body came looking for us."

Frank waved his hand for his wife to stop.

He screamed as she applied pressure to his wounds and cleaned them.

She went into a bag and pulled out mercurochrome and applied it to his bruised knuckles.

She looked over at Harold and saw him holding onto the bottle of Scotch with an ounce of liquor in it.

Harold saw her get up and walked towards him, but he was too drunk to move.

Glenda yanked the Scotch out of Harold's arm and slid next to him.

With great sadness she looked over at Frank and began to cry.

She drank the rest of the Scotch and fell asleep.

She woke suddenly when she heard a group of men walking down the street.

The men were peeping under wagons and peering into the alleys.

Glenda was too tired to move.

She looked over at a beaten man that was too weak to move.

Harold was too afraid to move.

Glenda said, "Hey you. God knows what they will do to us if they find us. You need to run away now."

Harold said, "I don't know you. This is my alley. You run."

Glenda said, "I can't. Frank can't move. I can't leave him."

Harold jumped up and began to run down the opposite end of the alley and the men saw his silhouette and ran passed Glenda and the weak Frank.

Glenda, closed her eyes and said, "Thank you God."

Then she hurried and crawled to Frank and laid on top of him.

The men would not know if she was with him or not.

The group of six men caught the drunk Harold and began to beat and kick him.

They said, "where is it?"

Harold tried to get up but he wanted to protect his body he reached the men the near empty bottle of Scotch.

They pulled up Harold and saw that it was not Frank.

The threw Harold back to the ground.

The men fled when the Sheriff yelled at them.

Harold laid unconscious in a jail cell next to Frank and Glenda for two days.

Glenda was awake.

She sat next to a weak Frank.

The sheriff saw Harold waking up.

He walked over to Harold's cell and said, "Get up."

Harold fumbled and got up.

He sat on his cot for a few minutes.

The sheriff said, "I recognize you."

Harold looked at the sheriff under eye.

The sheriff nodded at Glenda and a passed out Franks and said, "Do you know them?"

Harold said, "No sir."

The sheriff questioned, "Why did you run from that gang?"

Harold replied, "I didn't want to be beaten."

The sheriff turned to his deputy and nodded.

The deputy walked over and unlocked Harold's cell.

The sheriff said, "It didn't do you any good. Did it?"

The deputy smirked as Harold walk passed them.

The sheriff said, "Why don't you go home to your family and make things right?"

Harold held his head between his shoulders and said, "I don't know how."

The sheriff said, "I saved you once. Don't let night catch you here."

The sheriff turned to Glenda and Frank and said to his deputy, "Let them out."

The sheriff looked up and saw Harold closing the door,

Harold had no place to go and now has been kicked out the second city.

He leaned his back against the brick wall of the sheriff's office and tilted his head back.

The other sheriff's deputy walked out and told Harold, "The sheriff said for you to go. Move it now."

Harold could not think.

Glenda was holding Frank up and walked passed the deputy.

She looked at Harold and said, "Sir can you help me?"

Harold threw his cap in the air and walked away from them.

Glenda said, "I really need your help with my husband."

Harold continued to walk.

He saw two of the men from the gang.

The gang members were watching them as they headed for the city entrance.

It took all day for the three to walk out the city.

They were out by night fall.

They hid from the gang and other robbers and thieves along the King's highway.

They all were too weak and sick to continue to the next city.

They would walk a mile or two and then rest.

The three did not say anything for several days.

Glenda and Frank knew Harold was angry with them for getting him kicked out the city.

They were hungry, thirsty and broke.

Harold was so weak he was crawled along the top of the cliff.

Frank and Glenda followed him.

Harold passed out.

The storm clouds moved in and drenched the three with rain.

Glenda opened her mouth and caught rain water.

She pried Frank's mouth open and he began to strangle from the rain water until she helped him sit.

She began to tap Harold until he responded.

She yelled, "Catch some rain water like this."

Harold looked at Glenda and opened his mouth.

He still had the scotch bottle.

He managed to screw the top off and held it out to catch some rain water.

Glenda and Frank looked at Harold trying to figure out what he was doing.

Then Glenda started searching her bag and had only the mercurochrome bottle.

She poured it out.

Frank tried to stop her.

Glenda rinsed out the bottle with rain water. She caught water and gave to a thirsty Frank.

Frank said, "Why you poured that out? Now we have to buy some more."

Glenda said, "Not anymore Frank. It's over."

Frank weak and leaning on one elbow was startled and said, "What?"

Glenda said, "We have to get jobs."

Frank and Glenda waited a few minutes and they both burst out into laughter.

Harold woke at the break of day.

He was completely wet.

He shook the scotch bottle and it was full and he jumped to drink the liquid.

Glenda and Frank watched him.

Harold forgot it was water and threw the bottle down and spilled the water.

He began to shake and walk and talk and hold his arms across his body.

Glenda and Frank looked at each other.

Glenda began to walk on the other side of the cliff where she saw apple trees. She looked around to see if they belonged to anyone. She did not see any fence nor "No trespassing" signs.

She slid down the cliff and picked several apples and put them in her skirt.

She ran back to Frank and saw Harold on the ground shaking and trembling.

She held up an apple and told Frank to bite.

Frank showed Glenda he had no teeth in the front of his mouth.

Glenda said, "Right".

Glenda, watched Harold and then she would bite an apple and placed a piece in Frank's mouth.

Frank said, "We've been here nearly a week, Shouldn't we be leaving?"

Glenda looked at Harold and crunch down on an apple and handed it to Frank.

Frank turned his head.

Glenda looked at Frank and said, "No more apples?"

Frank said, "No more apples."

Glenda looked over at an unconscious Harold and told her husband how Harold jumped up and ran and took a terrible beating for them and she would not leave him in that condition.

Frank said, "I wouldn't neither."

A few days later Frank had his back to Harold and was washing out his mouth and sore gums.

Glenda was sitting next to them when they heard people yelling and running.

Glenda and Frank got on their stomachs and crawled over Harold to see what was going on.

They saw the slim rowdy woman and her daddy being chased out of town and a handful of people.

The two were desperate.

Glenda whistle.

Frank hit her arm and said, "What you doing?"

Glenda said, "They need help."

Frank shook his body and said, "And."

Glenda said, "People helped us."

Frank said, "You don't know what they have done."

Before Frank could say anything else the slim rowdy woman had climbed onto the cliff from where the rain water rain onto the dirt road.

The slim rowdy woman turned around to watch her daddy run.

Frank and Glenda were quiet.

The slim rowdy woman was lying on Harold's body she whispered to them, "Is he dead?"

They crawled along the cliff following the crowd running behind her daddy.

Glenda said, "Nall, just dead drunk."

The slim rowdy woman said, "Oh."

Frank said, "What you'll do?"

The slim rowdy woman said, "He stole a loaf of bread and the bread dish."

Frank, "they ran behind you for a loaf of bread?"

The slim woman whistled.

Glenda and Frank looked at her then at each other and then over at a passed out Harold.

The fat man looked up and saw his daughter's head.

They all ducked.

The slim rowdy woman said, "He'll be back later."

She sat up.

Frank said, "all of this over a loaf of bread?"

The slim rowdy woman said, "Not over the loaf of bread but the bread plate. I told him not to take the bread plate. But he feel it is not proper to eat bread without a late."

Frank was lying on his back.

Glenda sat up and was facing the slim rowdy woman.

Glenda said, "A thief said it was not proper."

The slim rowdy woman pulled the loaf of bread and the bread plate out of her bosom.

Frank sat up and his wife watched the skim rowdy woman break the bread and put the loaf on the plate.

The slim rowdy woman had a mouth full of bread and looked at Frank and Glenda and spitting the bread out of her mouth said, "Want some?"

Glenda grabbed the loaf and broke Frank a piece and was about to chew it for him.

Frank said, "Don't."

Glenda looked and said, "Baby I thought you liked me getting your food all wet."

Frank looked at Glenda who leaned over to kiss him and said, "No."

The slim rowdy woman sat with her mouth opened and watched them.

Frank rolled a good distance away.

Then Glenda followed rolled after him.

The slim rowdy woman looked over at Harold and laid down flat on the cliff.

She saw the people returning and no daddy, she smiled.

Frank and Glenda were lying on their stomachs talking.

Glenda had her left arm on Frank's back.

Harold spring up on the cliff.

He scared the slim rowdy woman.

She hissed for Frank and Glenda.

After several times, Frank and Glenda looked.

They saw a dried out Harold.

Harold was confused.

But they got him to lye down again.

Then Frank, Glenda and the slim rowdy woman turned at the same time because they heard a noise.

The slim rowdy woman said, "Oh, it's dad."

They did not move everyone laid flat on the cliff.

They watched the people returned to the city.

The slim rowdy woman was trying to count the people and make sure no one doubled back on them as before.

Her concentration was broken as they heard snoring.

They all looked and it was her father.

The slim rowdy woman casually said, "He's tired."

Glenda laughed.

Frank said, "Glenda hush."

Glenda said, "No one else see this is funny."

Frank said, "Glenda."

She saw Frank was getting mad, so she rolled over to the other side of the cliff.

Frank whispered to the slim rowdy woman, "When it gets dark you'll better run out of here and don't stop until you get to the next town or village."

She looked at Frank and shook her head for yes.

Frank fell asleep next to the slim rowdy woman and Harold.

Glenda saw people approaching the cliff and crawled on her belly and elbows to the slim rowdy woman.

The slim rowdy woman was watching the city's entrance.

Glenda crawled fast to the slim rowdy woman who jumped.

Glenda whispered, "There are people on the back of the cliff".

Frank woke up and laid still.

The slim rowdy woman crawled over to the other side of the cliff and saw three men.

She laid still and watched them.

The three were talking about which town or city was next.

One of the men, Steve said, "They have a sheriff in this city so we have to keep a low profile".

Frank was still but listened to their every word.

Glenda and the slim rowdy woman were on their stomachs and listened to every word.

Harold was unconscious and the fat thief was sound asleep.

A fourth ran to the three and said, "They're looking for somebody and they're coming this way. Let's go".

The slim rowdy woman said to Glenda, "Over a loaf of bread and a bread plate?"

Frank flipped over on his stomach and crawled to the edge of the cliff.

The four men ran around the cliff and pretended they were coming from the city that kicked out Harold, Glenda and Frank.

The slim rowdy woman crawled to her daddy and elbowed him.

She and Glenda continued to Frank and they all watched as the four men were stopped by a group of men from the next town.

The men from the next town asked the four men where they were from, where they were travelling to, what type of business they were in and why they had no goods and supplies.

The fat thief said to his daughter, "Where's the bread?"

Frank looked at the fat thief and thought, "Is that all you care about?"

The slim rowdy woman, said "Not now."

Her daddy said, "The hell, after I ran a mile and a half."

They all pointed to the bread plate next to a rock.

The fat thief sat and ate a piece of bread.

He said, "They are really questioning them. I wonder what they did?"

The fat thief looked at his daughter and said, "Let's go."

The two slid down the back of the cliff and went around and looked back at the city's entrance and tiptoed to where the group of men were.

The slim rowdy woman and her fat thief daddy hid their bags by the entrance to the city.

They ran and grabbed their bags and pretended they were leaving the city.

They passed the group of men that were questioning the four men.

The slim rowdy woman waved at the four men and said, "Did you enjoy your stay?"

Steve tipped his hat and nodded and said, "Yes mame."

The slim rowdy woman looked back and saw the sheriff.

She whispered to her daddy, "Sheriff"

She pointed and told the group, "Oh the sheriff".

The men from the prior village began to walk away fast.

The four thieves began to walk behind the men.

The slim woman and her fat thief daddy walked fast in front of the group of men from the next town.

The sheriff yelled, "All of you stop!"

Everyone stopped.

Glenda and Frank backed back on the cliff.

Harold was lying on the cliff.

The slim rowdy woman wanted to run, but her daddy looked at her.

The sheriff deputies rode out of town on their horses.

The sheriff looked hard at the slim rowdy woman and said, "Who are you?"

The slim rowdy woman looked at the sheriff and pointed to herself and looked around at the men and said, "Me?"

The sheriff said, "Yes."

The sheriff sat up in his saddle.

Glenda and Frank said, "Oh my."

Glenda sat up and grabbed the collar of her dress.

Frank knew that was a sign Glenda was very nervous.

The slim rowdy woman said, "Natalie."

The sheriff looked at her and said, "What do you do?"

The slim rowdy woman said, "I'm a nurse. I am looking for work and daddy s travelling with me for my safety."

The sheriff's deputies laughed, because her daddy was fat.

The sheriff looked back at his deputies.

The deputies stopped laughing.

The sheriff said, "You two can go."

The two began to walk fast to the next town.

The sheriff said, "All of you come back with me."

The ten men walked to the city with the sheriff and his deputies.

Frank and Glenda grabbed their stuff.

They looked at Harold.

Frank and Glenda grabbed Harold's arms and dragged him off the cliff and part of the way down the King's highway.

Harold hollered in pain.

Frank and Glenda dropped Harold.

Harold sat for some time in the road.

Frank and Glenda caught up with the slim woman and her fat daddy.

Glenda said to the slim rowdy woman, "Are you really a nurse or did you just tell them that?"

The slim rowdy woman smirked.

They entered into the next town.

Harold entered the town at daybreak.

The group was sitting around the town's square.

Harold was frail.

He had no apples to eat and he was faint.

The fat thief looked around and saw a bakery and everyone said no.

They saw the ten men entering into the town.

They looked at the ten men and the four thieves stayed at the town's square.

Frank said to Glenda, "Maybe..."

Glenda cut him off and said, "No".

Glenda was looking around and finally said, "Where is Harold?"

Frank looked around and saw Harold coming out the bake shop carrying a box.

The four thieves stood up.

Glenda said, "Harold?"

Harold said, "I asked them did they have any old bread or something for us travelers."

Glenda and the slim rowdy woman rushed and peeped.

The bakery gave them a dozen of day old cinnamon rolls.

The five vagabonds and the four thieves devoured the cinnamon rolls.

Frank said to Glenda, "Let's go."

Glenda learned not to ask questions she picked up her bag and followed Frank.

They spoke to several men who were standing around the corner watching them.

One man stepped in front of Glenda and Frank, blocking their path.

The man said, "Do yall know those four fellows?"

Glenda and Frank looked back and said together, "No sir. They came into town about an hour ago and we shared breakfast."

The man said, "Go ahead."

Harold looked and did not see Frank and Glenda he shook his head for ok.

He ate the crumbs from the cinnamon rolls as he left town.

Harold passed the group of men lying in wait for the four thieves.

The fat thief was sitting talking to the four thieves when his daughter was licking her hands and saw the men lying in wait.

The slim rowdy woman looked around and did not see Frank, Glenda nor Harold.

The slim rowdy woman said, "Let's go."

Her fat daddy said, "I'm enjoying my talk."

The slim rowdy woman said, "Enjoy it in jail."

Her fat daddy instantly got up and said, "See you around."

His daughter walked fast before her fat daddy.

She looked at the men that were lying in wait.

Her fat daddy saw the men and he sped up.

The three separate groups left the town.

The first was Frank and Glenda, then Harold and then the slim rowdy woman and her fat thief daddy.

After a few days the three separate groups entered into another village.

Harold found a bakery and asked for bread.

The slim rowdy woman stood up and walked over to the other side of the city wall.

She stayed away from Glenda and Frank.

She told her fat daddy, "You have to pay for that with cash."

Her fat daddy would get up every morning and returned with breakfast for ate and Priscilla.

His slim rowdy daughter knew he was stealing the food.

Harold earned enough money to buy him a used pair of boots, a coat and two blankets.

He gave a blanket to the slim rowdy woman.

Her daddy asked Harold, "Where was his blanket?"

Harold did not answer.

Harold got up one morning to go and find work and his blanket was gone.

Harold got his coat and left the group.

The slim rowdy woman looked around and saw Kate and Priscilla were sharing Harold's blanket.

The slim rowdy woman, Frank and Glenda knew the fat thief gave them Harold's blanket.

The slim rowdy woman realized they were going to freeze to death that winter, so she got up every day and went to find work.

The slim rowdy woman found several people she stayed with and nursed them back to health during that winter.

She had a roof over her head and a hot meal every day.

Her fat daddy and Kate and Priscilla had no place and sleep close to the barns.

Harold disappeared for the winter.

He emerged that spring.

He had another pair of boots, a tent and a blanket.

Harold passed the group in the city's center.

He spoke to them and continued to the next city.

The slim rowdy woman last patient died and left the city.

She saw Harold in front of her and she ran and caught up with him.

She told Harold about her last patient and she apologized her fat daddy stole his blanket.

Harold said, "Never trust a thief."

The two continue for three days to the next city.

When they entered the city they spotted a place to sleep.

They were away from everybody.

Each morning they would grabbed their bags and go and look for work.

Sometimes work was easy to get and sometimes it was difficult.

A month later Frank, Glenda and the slim woman's daddy, Kate and Priscilla came to the city.

When the slim rowdy woman returned to her spot that evening she saw another woman and two men were sitting and talking with her father.

The slim woman had eaten for the day and pulled out her blanket and fell asleep.

Harold arrived about an half hour later and he spoke to the group.

The new woman said her name was Shelia and she was traveling with her brother Thomas and cousin Casey.

The four thieves caught up with the rowdy group in the summer.

They told the rowdy group they got into a fight with the six men from that town and they hurt three of them really bad and the sheriff put them in jail for year, but had to let them go after nine months.

Steve said he had no hard feelings because, "They feed him, clothed him and gave him boots and let him bathed all the times."

They all laughed.

They laughed loudly.

People walking by looked at the group.

People living nearby opened their windows and looked below at the group.

Shop owners came out and watched the group.

The people determined they were not harmful, but rowdy.

That's why they are called the rowdy group.

The younger doctor said, "Let's go and wash up for the day."

The rain had stopped.

The early dawn brought a new freshness to the air.

The doctors stepped off the porch and went to their supplies.

They got a couple wash basins and soap and towels.

They walked to the brook and got water and brought heavy basins full of cool refreshing water to the cute little house.

They both stood and looked at the cute little house, then at each other.

The slim rowdy woman was washing her face in a white porcelain basin with blue flowers.

They looked and asked her where did she get the water.

She pointed and said, "He gave it to me."

She continued, "I feel so good."

The older doctor turned and walked out the door and said, "Soap and water usually does."

The young doctor looked at him.

The attendant stood in the doorway of the little girl's bedroom and watched the older doctor.

The younger doctor spoke to the slim rowdy woman and the attendant, "Please forgive him. He's bad, but not like this."

The slim rowdy woman patting her neck dry said, "Forgiven. I'm use to people saying all kind of things to me."

The young doctor looked at her in bewilderment.

The slim rowdy woman said, "It's alright."

She spit in the basin.

And reached the basin to the attendant.

The attendant told her to take the water outside and pour it out.

The older doctor said, "Ugh."

The slim rowdy woman's angel stood outside and read her book.

The slim rowdy woman returned to the house and put the basin the stand.

She very lovingly walked to the little girl's door and stood for a minute.

She walked in and sat and began her watch.

The older doctor looked at her.

The attendant watched her.

The attendant told the slim rowdy woman, "I have washed her and dressed her wounds."

The young doctor looked at the attendant and said, "When did you leave the house for water?"

The attendant said, "I got it last night, when you two were asleep on the porch."

The older doctor said, "I didn't sleep last night."

The attendant said, "You did and you called for Thelma."

The older attendant was thinking and stumped off the porch and walked to his horse with his back to the house.

The young doctor who stood in the door turned and looked out at his older fellow.

He said, "Who is Thelma?"

The attendant said, "Let's go and I will show you the herbs I use and the herbs you can use on your patients."

The young doctor shook his head to shake off disbelief at the attendant's word.

He said to the attendant, "How do you know the type of herbs I would need to give to my patients when the surgeries are different?"

The attendant said, "Let's go."

The attendant walked out the house and he stood and called for the older doctor.

The older doctor stepped and then turned around and walked to the attendant.

The attendant looked at the older doctor and said, "We go through the woods but close to the brook."

The doctors followed him.

The younger doctor could not contained himself.

He kept looking at the older doctor.

The attendant sensed younger doctor question.

The younger doctor turned to the older doctor, the older doctor threw up his finger to the younger doctor for him not to ask him anything.

The younger doctor caught up with the attendant.

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Under his breath the older said, "Country."

He shook his head.

The woman looked at the older doctor and said, "Good morning."

She curtsied.

The older doctor looked at the attendant who had another beautiful white basin with pink flowers on it.

He used the water to wash the little girl and her wounds.

He placed new herbs and bandages on her wounds.

The older doctor said to the attendant, "Why does she always curtsy?"

The attendant looked into the cute house at the slim rowdy woman and back to the older doctor and said, "She wants to be a better person. She wants to be a lady and gracious and kind."

The older doctor looked at the attendant.

The attendant said, "You are going to help her."

The attendant walked away.

The older doctor looked at him.

The younger doctor looked at the slim rowdy woman.

Several of the other rowdy people decided to also stay.

The rowdy people walked through the burned town and could not smell smoke only freshness and could smell the coming rain.

They picked out land to put a claim of settlement.

The fat rowdy woman and her husband decided to wait a few days, but had decided to stay.

The glow of the fire lit up their smiling faces.

The fat rowdy woman who leaned on her husband's chest saw the slim rowdy man running.

They looked at him.

The glow of the fire lit up their smiling faces.

She said, "What trouble have gotten into?"

The slim rowdy man walked over and brushing off his dirty clothes said, "I think I am fine enough to date Betsy."

The rowdy couple laughed.

The slim rowdy man was offended and walked away.

The rowdy man yelled to the slim rowdy man, "It smells like rain tonight maybe all day tomorrow, so go and find somewhere to be."

The slim rowdy man threw his hand at them saying leave me alone.

The rowdy couple laughed.

The fat rowdy woman said, "No way."

Her husband smirked and they sat under their tent.

The rain began to sprinkle and they closed their tent flaps and listened as the rain put out their fire.

The slim rowdy man walked the length of the town and came across a piece of land next to the brook.

He stood for a while and stared out towards the soothing sound of the babbling brook.

He smelled the coming rain.

Then he remembered, he left his stuff back with Bill's wagon.

He did not want to face Joshua's mother.

He kept turning around facing the King's highway and then back to the babbling brook.

He knew it made no sense for him to get wet and sick, when he had a small tent in his stuff.

He then thought, "Damn that young doctor may have to take care of me."

He turned and began to run down the King's highway yelling all the way.

The slim rowdy man ran passed the rowdy's couple place and they wondered what he was doing.

They did not come out of their tent.

Bill was holding his wife as they sat and cried over the little girl and Joshua, and he saw the slim rowdy man's stuff next to their stuff.

Bill turned his wife loose and she looked at him.

He said, "I'll be right back."

She looked at Bill as he was getting the slim rowdy man's stuff and said, "You don't know where he is. But he better not come back here." And tuned and rested her head on the wagon wheel.

Bill looked at his cold wife and picked up the slim rowdy man's smelly stuff.

He whiffed the smell.

Bill turned and began his walk down the King's highway.

He could hear the slim rowdy man screaming coming down the King's highway.

Bill stood still a few feet from their camp.

He felt the rain began to fall on his head and face.

The rain felt refreshing and he said, "Thanks God."

The slim rowdy man ran upon Bill.

He grabbed his stuff and began to drag it down the King's highway.

Bill said, "You need to wash all that stuff, maybe you would have a chance."

His wife was listening and leaned around the wagon and yelled cutting off her husband, "A chance for what????"

Bill shook his head and walked back to their wagon and looked at his wife and said, "Cold woman."

She elbowed him and pulled her cover up to her chin.

She said to Bill, "The rain fell good. It's like God is saying he's making all wrong right."

Bill said, "Yeah."

They fell asleep.

The slim rowdy man drag his stuff down passed the rowdy couple.

They sat and watched him pass them.

The slim rowdy man said, "I don't have a chance with Betsy."

Then he stopped at the brook and stoop down to unload his stuff and then he got a smell of it.

The smell of his stuff nearly made him puke.

The next morning the slim rowdy woman and the younger doctor casually met in the lobby.

The younger doctor had the attendant's supply list.

He was walking down the stairs reading the list.

He heard the giggles of females and looked up and saw several women sitting in the parlor having breakfast.

The women nodded at him and he tilted his hat to them.

The slim rowdy woman looked from them to the younger doctor in disbelief.

The younger doctor saw her and he continued out the door.

She stood for a minute and watched him.

She thought, "Where is he going? I have the wad of money. I need to count this money. It is not safe here,"

The front desk clerk watched the slim rowdy woman.

She heard the giggles of the females and turned about to look at them when she saw the front desk clerk watching her.

He turned up his nose, like he smelled something and looked at the polish women.

The slim rowdy woman became angry and rolled her eyes at him and stormed out the door, where the younger doctor was waiting for her.

She passed him and he got a whiff of her body odor.

He quickly walked behind her and grabbed her arm.

She angrily looked at the younger doctor's hand and then at him.

He did not respond to her threatening look.

He pulled her over to the side so others could pass.

He waited until most of the people passed.

The younger doctor bent down a little to look her in the eyes.

She snatched her arm away from him.

He let her arm go.

The younger doctor said, "I don't want to be here with you neither. But you must bathe. No one should smell like you do. Especially not a woman."

The slim rowdy woman turned to walk from him.

He grabbed her by the arm.

She was surprised.

He pulled her off the street around to the stables where their horses were.

He said, "I don't know you. I don't know who you are nor do I know what you are. All I know you have been attentive to that little girl. You said she impressed you so much that you wanted to be a lady. Make her proud and go and bathe."

The slim rowdy woman snatched away again and stormed away from him.

He continued to read his list and yelled to her, "And buy new clothes and throw that mess away."

The stable workers stopped their chores and listened to the younger doctor scolding the slim rowdy woman.

The younger doctor knew they were listening and he did not care.

He was fed up with the stinky slim rowdy woman.

He just did not understand how she could completely disregard her body and her health and then have nerve to want to fight and be respected.

He looked over the list and he held his head up and looked out onto the big city square. He turned around to the stable workers. The stable workers quickly turned back around and pretended to be busy doing their chores.

The younger doctor said, "Sure."

He walked to one of the stable worker who was passing him and said, "Pardon me where can I hire horses and wagons to carry supplies for about an hundred miles from here?"

The stable worker had a rag in his hand and pointed to the next street sign.

The stable worker told the younger doctor, "Turn left and then walk half of a mile. No about a quarter of a mile and you will run into the district that has the horses and wagons and supplies and stuff."

Another stable worker was brushing a horse and checking it's shoes.

He kept looking at the younger doctor and the younger doctor was watching him.

The other stable worker got a pail and walked out of the stables to get some oats.

The other stable stood up and looked after the first stable worker and then the younger doctor.

The younger doctor looked at the stable worker and had a dare on his face.

The stable worker wiped his hands and walked over to the younger doctor and held out his clean hand to shake.

The younger doctor appreciated that the stable worker was decent and cleaned his hnds before trying to shake his hands.

The younger doctor believed in being as clean as possible.

The younger doctor reached his hand out and shook the stable worker's hand.

The stable worker said, "Good morning."

The younger doctor said, "Good morning," and waited for the next statement from a stable worker.

The stable worker looked hard at the younger doctor, who was just a little bit younger than himself.

The stable worker said, "You were harsh to the lady."

The younger doctor said nothing.

The younger doctor was kind and caring but arrogant.

The stable worker said, "You are kind and caring which are good qualities. You must learn that people have hurts that hurt them daily."

The younger doctor said, "She needs to bathe."

He turned his head defiantly from the stable worker and walk out the door.

The stable worker walks passed the younger doctor as he returned with a large pail of oats.

He looked at the younger doctor with a question mark on his face and said, "Sir you need some help?"

The younger doctor pointed back and was about to say he was talking to the other stable worker when he didn't see him.

The younger doctor didn't say anything but walked out the stable.

The stable worker looked at the younger doctor and then turned slowly and looked into the stables.

He walked into the stables and began to feed the horses.

The slim rowdy woman was sitting on the porch of a breakfast eatery having grits, eggs and black coffee.

She and the younger doctor saw each other at the same time.

She was sitting with her back to the eatery door and sitting wide legged fanning her legs.

Several men walked out the eatery with the woman and pointed at the slim rowdy woman.

The younger doctor looked at her rolling her eyes at him.

He did not stop.

He said nothing to her.

He did not slow down to see what was going to happen.

He was not hunger and he wanted to get the supplies ordered and get back to Betsy.

He smiled and said her name again, "Betsy."

The slim rowdy woman was watching him and the lady from the eatery came and stood next to the slim rowdy woman.

The lady took a deep breathe and said, "Good morning again. May I sit?"

The slim rowdy woman looked at lady and said nothing.

The lady sat next to the slim rowdy woman.

She looked around at her usually morning customers.

The slim rowdy woman looked at the lady then her customers and jumped up to leave.

The lady grabbed the slim rowdy woman by her hand and said, "Sit."

The slim rowdy woman jerked her hand from the lady.

The lady looked very stern at the slim rowdy woman and said quietly, "Sit!"

The slim rowdy woman sat.

The lady looked around at her patrons and smiled.

She said through her teeth, "You stink. You smile rotten. The patrons are complaining."

The lady looked the slim rowdy woman in the face and said, "They want you to leave. I told them your money was as good as theirs."

The lady looked at the slim rowdy woman and then her plate she said, "You finish?"

The slim rowdy woman looked at the lady and said nothing.

The lady picked up the plate, cup and fork and walked back into the eatery.

She said to the slim rowdy woman, "Sit."

The slim rowdy woman was puzzled. She was used to people running her away. But she thought about what the lady wanted. She was not going to let her steal her money rather the attendant's money.

The slim rowdy woman thought how nice the lady was dressed. She was casually dressed and had on a pair of blue earrings on.

The slim rowdy woman looked and saw the younger doctor still walking.

The patrons on the porch were pointed their fingers and nodded their heads at the slim rowdy woman.

The lady was walking out the door to go back to the slim rowdy woman, when she saw two men had their noses pinched and walking behind the slim rowdy woman, fanning the air.

The two men were about to pick a fight with the slim rowdy woman, as she sat with her torn up boots on the rail of the porch fanning her legs opened.

The tallest man was one of the blacksmiths. He had on black pants, white shirt with rolled up sleeves, gray vest and a black derby. He pretended to stumble and fall by the slim rowdy woman.

The slim rowdy woman jumped up from her seat.

He began to say, "Whew something is really rotten."

All the patrons began to laugh.

The younger doctor heard the laughter and shook his head.

He entered the first door that was opened and asked about the hire of horses and wagons.

The owner walked the younger doctor out of his establishment and pointed down the street.

The younger doctor tilted his hat and said, "Thank You."

And he and the owner heard the laughter and looked down the street at the establishment.

The younger doctor turned and said within himself, "I do not care."

The lady of the eatery and the owner walked out the door, she quickly grabbed the hot coffee pot.

The slim rowdy woman thought, "Let me have it."

The lady began to serve the people hot coffee.

The slim rowdy woman was appalled. She stomped passed the man on the floor.

The owner of the eatery walked over to the man and reached out his hand and said, "Earle, give me Your hand."

Earle and the patrons were laughing at the slim rowdy woman.

The lady turned around and handed the coffee pot to the owner and quickly pulled off her apron and ran off the porch and behind the slim rowdy woman.

The lady ran and caught up with the slim rowdy woman.

They passed a very well dressed gentleman. Who stopped and tilted his hat and said, "Good morning."

The slim rowdy woman said nothing.

The lady looked at the strange face and said, "Morning."

The stranger looked over at the porch full of patrons.

The owner of the eatery said, "Earle, you know not to mistreat nobody. Why did you do that?"

Earle said, "Because she skunk."

The patrons laughed.

The owner said, "Go to work Earle."

Earle said, "Where's my breakfast?"

The owner nodded behind his wife and said, "The cook is gone."

The owner looked at the well dressed man who had walked onto the porch.

He walked over and said, May I help you? The cook is gone and the only thing we have is coffee."

He heard the last of the hot coffee being poured out into a cup.

He turned to see who had gotten the last of the coffee and it was Earle.

He looked at Earle.

Earle held his cup up to the owner and the patrons laughed.

The well dressed man looked round the owner at Earle.

The owner said, "Sir don't mind him. I'm working on him."

The well dressed man tilted his hat and said, "Good morning" and walked away

The well dressed man was passing an eatery where the older doctor was having breakfast.

The older doctor was reading the paper and drinking a cup of coffee and turned his head just in time to see the well dressed man he encountered on the king's highway.

The older doctor sat and watched the well dressed man.

He peeped to see the shoes he had on.

The older doctor was trying to remember the details so he could have a pair made.

He looked around the restaurant to see if anyone notice him.

A young woman was sitting across from him who had a cup of coffee to her mouth smiling at the older doctor.

He smiled back at the woman and got up and walked across to her and introduced himself s Dr. Albert Obersteen.

The woman batted her eyes and said, "Do you care to join?"

She peeped around the older doctor and said, "Oh, someone is waiting for you at your table. He has nice shoes."

She smiled.

Dr. Obersteen said, "Huh."

When he turned he saw the well dressed man with the stylish shoes, standing at his table waiting for him.

Dr. Obersteen turned back to the woman and before he could say anything , she handed him a note card with her name and contact information/.

He took her card and bowed and said, "You will hear from me soon."

The waiter walked up and said, "Pardon me."

He reached the well dressed woman a plate with tomatoes, eggs and toast.

Dr. Obersteen said, "Good choice."

The woman said, "I am glad the doctor approves."

She nodded to his table.

Dr. Obersteen looked back at the well dressed man and immediately left the woman's table and walked back to his table.

He held out his hand and invited the well dressed man to sit at his table.

Both men sat.

They greeted each other with, "Good morning."

Dr. Obersteen kept looking at the woman.

She kept batting her eyes at him.

Dr. Obersteen was smitten with the woman.

The woman finally left.

Dr. Obersteen watched her out of sight and when she exited the door he peeped out the window to see her pass by.

She blew a kiss at him.

He smiled.

The well dressed man and watched this interaction.

The older doctor sat and smiled and then he remembered the well dressed man in front of him.

Then he leaned forward and said, "Sir, how are you?"

Before the well dressed man could answer, Dr. Obersteen looked at the clock on the wall and mumbled that can't right and pulled out his pocket watch and said, "Oh my. I'm late for work. I don't know where the time went."

The waiter stood and smirked and brought coffee to the table.

Dr. Obersteen jumped from the table and reached in his pocket for money to pay but the well dressed man said, "No."

Dr. Obersteen looked at the man very strangely until the waiter looked at Dr. Obersteen.

Dr. Obersteen said, "Until the next time."

He picked up the newspaper and hurried out the door.

The waiter walked back to the table to the well dressed man's breakfast order and he was also gone.

But he left a very large bill on the table.

The waiter looked each way and slipped the bill into his pocket.

The older doctor was rushing down the street and he saw the slim rowdy woman and a lady.

He slowed and looked at the slim rowdy woman until he recognized who she was.

The slim rowdy woman slowed and looked at him.

The lady smiled and looked at the older doctor.

The slim rowdy woman rolled her eyes at the older doctor and he turned up his nose and hurried down the street.

The lady looked back at the doctor and grabbed the slim rowdy woman's arm and said, "He's good looking. You need to pursue him."

The lady said, "You act like you know each other."

The slim rowdy woman stood on the sidewalk and looked up and down the sidewalk.

The slim rowdy woman said, "Yeah we know each other. From the same place."

The lady was all smiles and giggles and pulled the slim rowdy woman down the street.

They ended up in front of a bathe house and salon.

The slim rowdy woman looked and said, "I'm going in there."

The looked out the window and waved at the lady.

The lady said, "I can't make you go in there. I can only ask. I do not know what is wrong with an attractive woman won't take care of her God given body and offend everyone with your body. I just don't understand."

The lady turned and ran away.

The well dressed was passing across the street and saw the slim rowdy woman.

He also saw the woman from breakfast that morning walking pass the slim rowdy woman.

The slim rowdy woman saw her reflection in the salon's window.

She also saw the woman from breakfast pass her and covered her nose and kept on walking.

The slim rowdy woman wandered through the big city all day.

The evening time approached and as she walked back to the hotel she passed a doll shop.

She looked in the window and saw a beautiful doll for the little princess.

She ran into the shop and pointed to the doll

The owner got the doll and wrapped it up.

The slim rowdy woman pulled out the wad of money and paid for the doll.

The store owner and his assistant were impressed with the wad of money.

But they smelled something and the slim rowdy woman saw them smell the money and turned up their noses.

The slim rowdy woman watched the two passing the money between themselves because they did not want to touch it.

The slim woman was touching the doll's hand and said to the owner and the clerk., "My money ain't good enough for you?"

The clerk said, "The money is fine but it's you that stank."

The clerk handed the slim rowdy woman her change.

The slim rowdy woman was exiting the store with the doll, the owner said. "You got some place to put that doll?"

She said, "Why?"

Some more patrons entered the store and complained to the clerk, there was a foul odor in the store.

The clerk said, "It's leaving now."

The slim rowdy woman looked back at him.

The owner whispered and said, "The doll is beautiful and expensive don't kept it with you. Put it someplace where your scent won't spoil it. We are not taking it back. Whoever you are giving the doll to probably would appreciate it if it didn't stink."

The younger doctor was walking down the street and he saw her in the shop and realized it was a toy shop.

He remembered the list and Betsy had requested a doll for the little girl.

He kept on walking.

He had not eaten all day.

He only had a few cups of coffee.

The younger doctor was very tired.

The slim rowdy woman passed him.

He looked at her and shook his head as she left her scent behind.

People on the street looked at him.

He kept walking.

The slim rowdy woman was at the hotel desk when he arrived.

He knew it was a problem but kept on walking.

He went upstairs to his room and sat in the chair.

He was going over the list.

He marked most of the supplies off. He really did not know how many wagons and horses to hire. So he ordered five horses and five wagons.

He sat and pondered over the list.

Then he pondered if they had enough money to pay for all of the supplies.

He thought, "I'll review that tomorrow".

He untied his boots and crawled on his bed and stretched out.

He knew he was to have an early supper with the older doctor.

He smelled his under arms and said, "A hot bathe, shaved and new clothes."

The younger doctor raised his head off the bed and looked passed his ragged socks to his worn boots.

He laid back on the bed and said out loud, "New boots. I should have enough of the hundred dollars to do all of this."

He fell asleep thinking about his country Betsy.

Then he suddenly woke and said, "Will I have enough to buy her a new dress?"

He looked over at the dresser and saw his letter to the city hospital's administrator.

He fell back on the bed and went to sleep.

He woke when a commotion took place downstairs.

He figured it was the slim rowdy woman and he turned over and slept until a loud bang was at his door.

He jumped off the bed and ran to the door.

The front desk clerk stood at his door and the younger doctor was so sleepy he could barely keep his eyes opened.

The younger doctor said, "What's the problem, you need a physician?"

Two of the females from that morning were passing by the younger doctor's room when they heard, "physician".

The front desk clerk stared at the younger doctor, because he did not know he was a physician.

He thought, "I got to hurry back and Mellissa and Aaron and the manager."

The front desk clerk thought, "Why is he travelling with stank pot?"

The younger doctor was looking at the front desk clerk.

The front desk clerk turned sideways and pointed at the slim rowdy woman.

The slim rowdy woman was holding the wrapped doll under her arm.

The younger doctor looked and said, "Well that's it for the doll."

The front desk clerk started to laugh but stopped.

The front desk clerk said, "Sir. Doctor the manager wants to see you."

The younger doctor said, "Me? Tell him no. I'm going to sleep. For him to resolve the problem."

The younger doctor was sitting with his hand on his cheek on the sidewalk in front of the hotel with his letter and list.

He was angry, bitter, tired and sleepy.

The slim rowdy woman was sitting on porch of the stable in a corner fast asleep.

She was snoring.

The younger doctor looked over at her.

The woman from the hot bathes and the front desk clerk looked out the window.

The manager was still asleep.

They wondered about the stinky woman and the younger doctor.

The lady from the eatery was walking with her husband and several of their employees going to work.

They came across the slim rowdy woman at the stables and kept on walking and they saw the hotel employees looking out the window and then they saw the younger doctor sitting on the hotel's porch.

The lady and her husband walked over to the younger doctor, she looked back at the sleeping slim rowdy woman.

She said, "Good morning sir, do you know that lady?"

The younger doctor barely coherent was able to slightly turn his head and looked at the lady and then the slim rowdy woman.

He still had his hand on his cheek and was tired. His speech was a little slurred and he said, "Yes. I wished I didn't."

The lady sat next to him and she said, "What happened?"

He said, "The short version. She stunk up the hotel room. They put us out. No more rooms in the city."

The lady looked at the younger doctor, who had worn boots and ragged socks himself.

The younger doctor was so very tired.

The lady was intrigued and said, "You are travelling with her? Right?"

The younger doctor said, "Right."

The lady said, "Why are travelling with her?"

The younger doctor was becoming irritated and said, "I am a doctor and we were sent to buy supplies for our small community. I got stuck with stank pot."

The slim rowdy woman was waking and stretching and yawning from a restful night's sleep.

Everyone turned and looked at her.

The younger doctor said, "Just look at that, I have never seen anything like that. She smell raw and will not take a bathe."

The lady looked at the younger doctor.

The younger doctor said, "She's insane."

The lady had cried all night because she had never seen a human being like the slim rowdy woman.

The lady's husband said to the younger doctor, "Doc, what are you going to do?"

The younger doctor said, "I don't know. I am suppose to meet a college and others for supper. I did not get any sleep. I need to bathe and shave and buy me new clothes before this meeting."

The lady said, "You don't have any clothes?"

The younger doctor said, "I have money."

The lady's husband walked into the hotel.

The employees were standing and looking.

The lady wrapped her shawl around her shoulders.

The slim rowdy woman was sitting and watching the people.

The younger doctor was falling over from sleep and trying to stay awake.

They could hear the husband talking to the employees.

The husband walked out and the employees were looking out the window,

The lady looked up at her husband.

The husband looked at the tired nodding younger doctor and walked back inside.

The employees said, "Lydia we have to go."

Lydia said, "Go on."

The slim rowdy woman was looking over at the lady and nodding younger doctor.

The sheriff, doing his morning patrol routine before heading to Lydia's for breakfast.

He saw the slim rowdy woman and he looked at Lydia.

Lydia did not say anything.

He looked at the sleeping man next to Lydia.

He saw Lydia's husband standing in the doorway of the hotel.

The sheriff said, "What the smell is that?"

He began to look around and got on his knees and looked underneath the porches.

Lydia did not say anything.

Her husband was standing in the doorway to the hotel, when two travelers passed him.

The husband looked and walked back into the hotel.

The sheriff on his knees finally looked at the slim rowdy woman and said, "Is that you? Smelling like that."

The slim rowdy woman did not say anything.

Lydia said, "You better answer him and quick."

The husband walked out the hotel and said, "We got you'll a room."

Lydia's husband looked at the sheriff and said, "Morning sheriff."

The sheriff turned and looked very mean at the slim rowdy woman and she said, "Yes."

The husband walked over to the sleeping younger doctor and shook him awake.

The day was breaking and the fall air was crisp.

The husband looked at his wife and said, "You need to stay warm."

The younger doctor woke and was sitting in a daze.

He saw the sheriff standing back from the slim rowdy woman.

He saw the slim rowdy woman had fear on her face.

The husband leaned over to the younger doctor and said, "I got you'll a room."

The younger doctor was grinning,

The husband said, "They would only give me one room and they said she has to bathe everyday. If not they are going to put both of you out again and charge you for two rooms."

The slim rowdy woman heard them.

The younger doctor was in shock, because he did not want the slim rowdy woman near him.

The slim rowdy woman said, "Why don't you take the room?"

The younger doctor getting off the front porch said, "Gladly."

He reached for the key.

The husband gave him the key and said, "They don't want her in the hotel or trying to slip in the hotel."

One of the women said to the slim rowdy woman, "You don't know the sheriff, you better bathe."

The slim rowdy woman turned her head.

The younger doctor walked and snatched her off the hotel's front porch and dragged for a quarter of a mile to the salon.

The women opened the door to the salon and the younger doctor threw her into one of the rooms and he went into the other room.

The three other employees had prepared the baths and his shave and haircut.

He asked the man and woman at the front desk where he could go and buy new underwear and clothes.

They told him while he bathed they could go down the street and get him new clothes.

They asked him what type of clothing, the price and color.

He was about to answer until they heard the slim rowdy woman scream.

The younger doctor did not turn around and they continued their conversation.

One of the women ran out the slim rowdy woman's bathroom with her ragged clothes.

The employee ran and put them in the barrel they use to burn trash.

The younger doctor went to his bathroom and relished in his hot bath, then his shave and his haircut.

As he finished, his clothes arrived.

A new white shirt, a pair of black pants, black socks and new underwear.

The younger doctor paid the store attendant and thanked him.

The younger doctor knew he smelled something but he did not say anything but he wondered.

He knew the slim rowdy woman had not for at least the two she waited on the little girl.

The younger doctor stood in the mirror and liked his new clothes and he was putting on his boots and realized they had to go.

The attendant placed on the list everybody a pair of boots for the winter.

He heard the slim rowdy woman complaining about her head hurting.

He said, "I bet so. You have not combed that crap in at least two months.

He could hear the slim rowdy woman saying "ouch" and "that hurt".

The younger doctor was hoping they would pull a plug out of her head not hair.

A thought came to him, "You are a doctor and is suppose to have compassion on people."

He was looking at himself in the mirror. He liked the haircut and shave, he answered the thought and said "I hate her."

He walked out his dressing room to the counter and pulled out his wallet.

He said "Pardon me, " to the people at the front desk.

The slim woman heard the younger doctor said,"I hate her."

He heard some noise and looked back and saw the employees cleaning out her bathroom.

The employees ordered her a blue dress and blue earrings and underwear;

The slim rowdy woman and the younger doctor put their same old boots back on.

The slim rowdy woman stood at the desk in front of the younger doctor.

The employees were beaming with delight and they were looking at the strikingly husband younger doctor to see his reaction to the slim rowdy woman's appearance.

The slim rowdy woman was paying for both their baths and clothes.

The younger doctor did not recognize her and began to look around for her.

The employees knew he was looking around for the slim rowdy woman.

They had to cut off most of her hair, but they pinned her up.

The employees gave her a scented pouch to put her money in and to kill the stench.

The woman in front of the younger doctor paid the bill and left.

The younger doctor walked up to pay and they all laugh.

The younger doctor said, "What is the amount I owe?"

The woman said, "She paid everything."

The woman at the desk said, "She paid for the whole week."

Then the younger doctor started thinking and he realized the slim rowdy woman was the woman who walked out the door.

He left and went down the block to the boot shop.

He tried on several pairs.

He ordered everyone a pair of boots.

He bought a good pair of boots for him and went back to the hotel and pulled off his clothes and slept until the older doctor came for him.

He hurried and washed his face and brushed his teeth and dressed.

The younger doctor counted his money and left the door unlock because nothing of value was in there.

He went downstairs and met the older doctor.

He had several other doctors with him.

The front desk clerk looked up and smiled.

Several well dressed women were in the lobby watching the doctors and giggling.

They walked to the next block to a very nice restaurant.

The younger doctor thought, he better order light.

The older doctor turned and said to his fellows, "It's my treat."

They all said, "Let's cheer on."

The doctors ate and ordered drinks.

The older doctor asked him about the little girl and told the other doctors the fascinating story.

The doctors were truly intrigued especially the one over the department of surgery.

The younger doctor told them of the herbs and the healing process.

The doctors could not contain themselves.

They wanted the younger doctor to bring the little girl to them along with the herbs.

The younger doctor sat back in his chair.

The doctors saw they put the younger doctor off and then said, "Well think about it."

The older doctor sat there and listened.

He did not like the other doctors' opinion to experiment and research on the child.

They all stood up and walked back to the younger doctor's hotel.

The younger doctor walked into the hotel and walked upstairs to his bedroom and realized the slim rowdy woman was in the room and in the bedroom sleep.

He sniffed the air and it was clean

He pulled off his clothes.

And he pulled up the chair and put a blanket over him and slept.

The outcast rowdy bunch was met by Glenda and Frank who was waiting for Harold and Betsy.

Glenda folded her arms and looked at them.

Steve stepped forward and said, "We want our part of the supplies and then we will leave.

Glenda turned and looked at Frank with a shocked "What" expression look.

Frank said, "That's what Harold said. We don't even know if that's true."

Steve said, "We'll wait til the morning and go and ask the attendant. If no then we'll keep walking. But if he is buying us some supplies then we'll wait for them."

Frank said, "Keep it moving."

They passed by Glenda and Frank, looked at Steve and said, "Eight o'clock, in the morning."

Steve looked hard at Frank and pointed where they were standing and said, "Right here".

Frank did not look at Steve but said, "Fine."

He kept his eyes on the King's highway and he saw Betsy and Harold silhouette.

Betsy's mind was on leaving her little princess with that strange man.

Harold almost reading the quiet Betsy's thoughts said, "You want to get your stuff and camp out back there?" pointing back to the cute house.

Betsy nodded her head for yes.

The attendant walked outside and stood on the porch.

The attendant was watching them.

The attendant looked at the strange man.

The little girl began to squirm and scream.

Betsy heard the little girl's scream and without saying a word between themselves, both she and Harold ran to the new settle and got some stuff and ran back to the King's highway.

Betsy was running so hard that Harold ran to her spot and slid. He did not see her and he quickly turned and ran passed Glenda and Frank.

Harold squinted his eyes and saw movement on the King's highway and he took off and ran fast to catch up with Betsy.

Frank said, "True love. On both their parts, but she does not know that yet."

Glenda was looking up at Frank and grinned and grabbed his arm and laid her head on his shoulder.

They turned and went to their spot.

The outcast rowdy group camped with Cate.

Frank and Glenda passed them.

Frank said to Glenda, "Don't look at them."

Frank and Glenda walked home, under the cold fall air.

They looked further down in the settlement and saw a fire.

They smiled because it was Shelia and Thomas.

A little behind them was another fire, they said that was Mike.

The two looked at each other and Frank said, "We need a fire woman".

Glenda smiled.

She was not feeling well and Frank knew it.

Frank looked around and pulled Glenda home and gave her his thin and frayed jacket.

Then he ran to the fat thief who was closest to them.

Glenda was sitting on their torn blanket, she bent to see her Frank run. She smiled.

The angel over the new city looked at her.

Frank ran to the fat thief.

The fat thief looked up at Frank.

Frank said, "Fire?"

The fat thief shook his head for yes said, "Fire."

Frank, "How? Why?" and looking around he saw a few pieces of wood and pointed at them.

The fat thief smiled and nodded his head for yes.

Frank grabbed the wood and reached for a match.

The fat thief handed Frank a lighted piece of wood.

He leaned back to settle onto his holey blanket.

He tossed it up in air and could see the fire.

Frank looked at him and he said to Frank, "How did we get to this?"

Frank stared and turned to get home to Glenda. Frank was not running but walking fast.

He was thinking about Glenda, who been with him through it all.

When his family kicked him out of the family business for stealing and giving the money to hookers.

When he was strung out on drugs. The many times he was in jail. When they were ran out of each town and city they went to.

All he could think of was Glenda.

After five years they finally married.

They married the day he got of jail.

They went to the Justice of the peace and as they walked out being Mr. and Mrs. they saw a street fight. Frank was looking how the money was paid. He looked at Glenda and Glenda looked at him. Then she realized that's how Frank decided to make money.

She grabbed his arm tighter and begged him "No".

Glenda was poor and had worked as a prostitute for a short time and hated it.

That's why she was hard on Cate and Priscilla.

Glenda had a job as a dishwasher at a local pub. She told Frank, she would talk to her boss for him to hire Frank.

Frank tried it a month was fired, both he and Glenda.

Frank took to the street for fighting.

Then he had busted lips and broken nose (several times) along with broken ribs.

Glenda could not take his beatings, because he was not a good fighter.

Sometimes the money they won others would jump on them and steal it because the robbers knew Frank was too beaten to fight them off.

The night they might Harold was his official retirement from the world of street fighting after three years and he wandered around another three years eating out of garbage cans and sharing that with Glenda.

He looked up at the sky and thought about what the little girl told them, that God is big.

Frank said, "Can you fix this? Really can you fix me?"

Glenda heard her husband talking to himself and when she saw his face lighted by the stick she smiled.

Frank stooped down and put the wood down and started their fire as Glenda rubbed his shoulder.

They kissed and fell asleep.

The next morning, Thomas and Shelia walked over to Glenda and Frank and said, "Morning."

Frank jumped up and said, "What time is it?"

Glenda was still lying down because she did not feel well.

She looked up at Thomas and Shelia.

Thomas was proud he had his watch.

He said a quarter to eight.

As Frank span around.

He told Thomas and Shelia they were going to ask the attendant did he pay for supplies for the outcast group members. If he did then they would wait for the supplies and if not they were to keep moving.

Mike was passing by going to Cate and he said, "Morning."

They were not comfortable with him but they said, "Morning".

Frank looked at Glenda.

Glenda smiled.

Frank said, "I don't want to leave you."

Shelia said, "Go. I'll stay with Glenda."

Glenda smiled.

Frank kissed her and said, "Hey. I'll ask that attendant does he have any herbs for you."

Frank jumped up and slapped Thomas on the arm and said,"Let's go."

The two were walking down the King's highway and saw the outcast s walking a good distance in front of them.

Frank and Thomas passed Cate and Mike who were standing and talking. They were not going to the attendant.

Frank looked around and he did not see the fat thief.

Thomas and Frank continued to the attendant's house.

The attendant was up by dawn and he got water and took it in the house and prepared the herbs and paste for the little girl.

The attendant passed the sleeping Betsy and Harold.

Betsy was curled up and had a pillow under her head and a quilt over her body.

Harold was lying next to Betsy on his holey blanket and had his feet hanging off the porch and his arm over his eyes asleep.

The attendant had brought water and placed in the kettle outside and started a fire.

He knew Betsy wanted to wash her face and shampoo her hair.

The he thought about the slim rowdy woman who was with the younger doctor.

He was glad she bathed and was being delivered from the things that oppressed her, even though now the younger doctor hated her. Which was another problem.

Harold was fast asleep but thought he heard voices but he could not make out what was being said.

He knew the porch was better than the ground he was sleeping on.

The attendant stood on the porch while the outcasts walked in the yard.

Thomas and Frank followed close behind.

JESUS stood on the porch next to the attendant.

The attendant looked at them and said, "Good morning."

Priscilla tried to wink at the attendant but could not.

She turned her head in shame.

One of the thieves was eyeing Betsy's pillow and quilt.

The attendant looked at the sleeping Betsy.

The other thief was watching Harold's new boots.

Steve said, "Did you buy supplies for all of us?"

Pointing to their group.

When Frank and Thomas walked in the yard, they walked up to the porch.

The attendant nodded at them.

The attendant said, "I bought supplies. I bought extra".

Steve, who was bent over and had his foot on the second step and had his arms over his legs looked back at the other smiling vagabonds and winked his eye.

The attendant said, "I bought extra as a payment if you would work and get this place ready for the harsh winter that is coming."

The other thief was looking at Harold's shoes.

The attendant was watching him.

Steve said, "Work?"

The attendant said, "That's how you get things by working and earning them. What did you think I was just going to give grown people my money and my stuff?"

The outcasts just looked at him.

The thief looking at Harold's new boots said, "Hey you got another fine new pair of boots like those?"

The attendant said, "No. Are you all going to work to get the settlement ready for the winter or are you leaving now?"

Steve said, "Are you going to give us something for the road?"

The attendant said, "No".

They looked at the attendant and the waking Harold.

Harold jumped when he heard voices.

He sat up when he saw the outcasts.

Then he saw Frank and Thomas.

Steve rolled his eyes at the attendant and looked back at the outcasts.

He turned to the attendant and said, "We're leaving."

The attendant said, "Don't come back with your hands out. You better prepare for the winter."

The outcasts left.

The thieves were eyeing Harold's fine new boots and Betsy's pillow and quilt.

Betsy woke and laid on her side.

She sat up and said, "Who were they? What they wanted?"

Harold reached over and patted her hand and said, "No body."

Betsy began to come back to her old self, she snatched her hand away from Harold and stared at him.

Harold turned his head and began to whistle.

Frank said, "We sure needed them."

Thomas said, "No we don't. Shelia knows how to trap and hunt. I know how to fish and plant. We got to get organized."

Cate and Mike walked into the yard.

Cate was peeping down the road to make sure the outcasts were gone.

Mike saw the attendant and nodded.

Cate was peeping so hard she did not notice everyone was looking at her.

Frank said to the attendant, "These two decided not to go".

Cate was a comical character, she was so busy peeping at the others she barely heard Frank said anything but she heard the attendant when he said she and Mike had to pull their weight for winter supplies.

They Cate turned around and saw Harold and the lady on the porch and the man standing on the porch, which she thought she saw two.

Cate was a little off balance and spoke, "Good morning."

Everyone spoke.

Cate said, "What are we suppose to be doing?"

As she kept looking back at the outcasts.

Betsy was giving a very mean look to Harold.

The strange man said, "She's back."

He and the new commander walked to the next village.

Harold cut his eyes at Betsy.

Frank said, "Thomas said Shelia can hunt and trap."

Mike said, "Why didn't she do that before? When we were starving."

Thomas said, "Her five children, my nieces and nephews, were killed in a house fire. She never wanted to kill and take the life of anything."

Cate turned from watching road to watching Thomas.

Frank said, "Why now?"

Thomas said, "God set her free. And me."

Mike turned and walked away and said, "After we had nearly starved to death."

Mike said, "Come on Cate."

Cate looked at Mike with a questioning look and started to move but stopped.

Mike looked back at Cate and wave his hand for her to come.

Cate shook her head and said, "Mike no. I'm not taking orders from you nor anybody else. If that's what you thought you can go and catch up with Steve and Priscilla."

Mike stood for a moment and looked at Cate and then he walked to the road and looked for Steve and Priscilla. He turned and walked back to the camp.

Cate ran to the road and began to look at Mike.

Frank said, "Cate! Get over here."

Cate had to break away from the road.

Before she ran to Frank she leaned backward and peeped one last time at the next village.

She looked at Harold and Betsy.

Betsy was still rolling her eyes at Harold.

Harold slid off the porch and followed Cate over to Frank and Thomas.

JESUS stood watched everyone.

He looked at Betsy, who started forming hate for Harold, because she thought he was trying to take advantage over her.

Frank said, "Pardon me sir. I wanted to know if you have any herbs that can help my wife?"

The attendant said, "What's is the problem?"

Frank said, "I don't rightly know."

JESUS said, "Cancer of the liver. She will die in six months."

JESUS paused for a minute as though he was thinking and said, "I will extend her life for six years. Give him the herbs and I will heal her."

The attendant said, "I'm going to give you some herbs that will help her."

The HOLY GHOST appeared on the porch next to JESUS.

He looked around at all the parties and hard at Frank.

JESUS said to the HOLY GHOST, "I decided Glenda will live for six years and she and Frank will come home together."

The HOLY GHOST nodded.

The attendant took a step to walk out in the yard.

The little girl began screaming from the pain.

Cate and Harold ran into each other and stumbled.

They ran out the yard.

The attendant looked at them.

Betsy jumped up and nearly stumbled over her quilt and pillow.

She ran to her little girl.

She passed JESUS and the HOLY GHOST.

The attendant walked into the house and went to the little girl.

JESUS and the HOLY GHOST walked into the house.

Thomas was used to children screaming from tormenting pain.

He walked casually to the boiling kettle of water

He said, "This is a good pot for skinning."

He turned and went into the woods.

Frank hurried and followed Thomas.

Frank did not like to hear the little girl scream from pain.

Frank and Thomas used their pocket knives and marked the trees to be cut down firewood.

Because no trees or shrubs were in the new settlement they had to cut and haul the trees back there.

Thomas stooped down at the brook and said, "Yeah, this is going to have plenty of fish."

They looked up as a flock of geese was flying by.

Thomas said, "My sister could have gotten all of them."

Frank said, "What?"

Thomas said, "Dad taught her well."

Frank said, "I hate to know that terrible fire happened, but it seemed like God delivered her just in time to save us."

Thomas and Shelia's cousin had entered the next city before their home city.

He was nearly a week ahead of schedule.

Casey found a good sleeping spot, at a tree next to the train stop. He fell asleep.

Shelia told Glenda of her five children dying in that terrible fire. And she never wanted to kill anything alive after that.

Mike was walking the land he was cutting out for himself.

The fat thief walked to Glenda and Shelia and sat and talked with them.

They saw Harold run pass.

The attendant went into the house and dripped some of the sedatives herbs in the little girl's mouth.

After she was a little calm he walked out the house to go to Frank

He saw Frank and Thomas stooped down at the brook.

He said, "If you walk the brook a little further you will see a large one with much fish."

The attendant said, "Frank I need to show you the herbs for your wife."

Frank thought, "Why show me. You're gonna be here. Right."

A man driving a wagon was nearing the new settlement.

Betsy was watching her little princess.

Her thoughts were on how they first met.

Betsy was sitting with her arms folded and legs stretched out with her feet under the little girl's beautiful bed.

Betsy looked around the ~~house~~^{room} with medium and light blue wallpaper.

She looked at the white iron bed and the white tables.

The bedroom had a window at the foot of the bed that had white shutters.

She thought white was an odd color for a man.

Betsy thought of the detail and thought that went into the building and furnishing the cute house.

She saw no kitchen, but a pot he must have used to cook.

Then Betsy thought, after two months I have never seen this man eat or drink anything but water.

She cut her eyes over at the attendant who had pushed his chair back by the window and had his arms and his legs stretched out.

He was sitting looking at Betsy.

Betsy became afraid.

She cut her eyes back at her little princess and began to wonder who this man really was.

She turned her head and looked at the attendant.

The attendant was asleep and nodding his head.

Betsy watched him all night.

The strange man and the new commander watched Betsy and they watched the next village the little girl had to go to.

They saw the courageous neighbor, who was the slim woman and her brother cousin, returning to his home.

They saw the angel assigned to the slim rowdy woman's house.

He had been assigned since the day of the tragic fire that killed her five children.

He was securing it for her and he keep evil ones away and spoke comfort to the children's friends as they passed by the house or stopped and looked at the house.

A little girl with blonde hair would come to visit and play with the children and when she comes and stand on the dirt road, she would always reach out and hold the angel's hand.

Her mother and father would see her but felt since she was blind she could see things they can't.

Thomas took the ragged blanket from his cousin Casey and went through out the new settlement looking for his sister.

Cate and Priscilla saw Thomas with the ragged blanket and they scramble off the ground.

They spoke and said, "Hello Thomas, what you got?"

Thomas kept on walking and smiled at them and said, "A blanket."

Priscilla said, "Where are you going with it?"

Thomas stopped walking and looked at Cate and Priscilla.

He thought about the times he stole and brought stuff to them for a moment of sex.

Thomas was free.

He knew God had set him free and he was happy.

Cate and Priscilla were hitting each other's hand like they had reeled in a fish.

Thomas said, "You are just sitting around doing nothing?!"

Priscilla said, "We aint doing nothing."

She and Cate laughed.

Thomas looking around at early evening falling. He closed his eyes and took in a deep breath.

They looked at him.

He said, "You smell that?"

Priscilla said, "What is that Thomas?"

Thomas said, "Freedom."

He turned and walked away from them.

Cate said, "We didn't get the blanket."

Priscilla said, "Next time you reel him in. I'm going to bed."

Cate laughed.

Priscilla laughed and went and laid on the holely blanket on the ground.

The angel over the new city stared at Cate and Priscilla.

He looked at Thomas and knew Thomas did not know where his sister was.

The angel looked up at the night sky and knew it was going to be cold that.

Cate went and laid on the holely blanket with Priscilla.

Priscilla lifted her head off the ground and said to Cate who was settling in behind her, "Did Thomas have his stuff with him?"

They both scrambled to get off the ground and crawled out to the dirt road and looked for Thomas.

The holy angels looked at them.

They crawled down the roadway looking back in Thomas' direction and got up and ran to Thomas' bag and threw his few things out.

Then they grabbed Shelia's bag and began to go through her few things and came across the picture of her five children.

Priscilla, leaning over Cate's shoulder said, "Wonder why they never mention these kids before?"

Cate, "Probably dead."

Thomas snatched the picture out of Cate's hand.

Cate and Priscilla both screamed.

Thomas picked up his and Shelia's stuff and put it all in the blanket.

He looked at the screaming women and shook his head.

He walked away to find Shelia.

The angel directed him to go further down by the brook.

Thomas walked and was letting his angry at Cate and Priscilla overtake his new freedom God had given him.

He said, "God forgive. Would you teach Cate and Priscilla what You have done in this place. A place that was evil and You destroyed it. And they have a chance to change, but they are bringing that same evil spirit here. I want to smell fresh air. Not their air."

Thomas stumble over something and was about to keep going and the angel over the new city said, "Shelia".

Thomas stood still and turned around and he could barely see because dark had set in.

He gently walked back and got on his knees and was feeling the ground in front of him.

He touched Shelia.

He dumped everything out of the ragged blanket and carefully put the blanket over Shelia.

He curled down next to the sleeping Shelia and folded his arms putting his head on her shoulder.

He thought, "I'm the eldest but I always depended on you sis."

The angel blew his breath over Shelia and Thomas which kept the cold air from them throughout the night and the early morning.

Before Shelia opened her eyes, she felt Thomas head in her back.

She smiled.

Then she opened her eyes and jumped up in shock and looked around.

Thomas felt her panic and quickly felt her panic and looked around in fear.

Shelia looked at Thomas and began to smile and cry.

Thomas did not know what to think.

The angel who was sitting on the ground watching them, caused Thomas to see his sister's smile.

Thomas looked around into his sister's face and laughed.

Thomas said, "You are smiling."

Shelia could not talk, but was wiping the tears from her face.

They both began to laugh.

They held each other and cried and laughed.

Thomas told Shelia, "Casey has gone back home."

Shelia had a wild look in her eyes. She down at the blanket.

Thomas, said "He wanted you to have it."

Shelia, "What about..?"

The rowdy couple walked up with Harold and said, "Good morning ya'll."

They saw peace on Thomas and Shelia's face.

Glenda dropped to her knees and looked at them.

They looked at Glenda.

Her husband, Frank said, "What are you doing here? We looked all over for you until we ran into Harold here and he said ya'll might be back here."

Shelia turned over on her hands and knees and looked at the surreal environment.

The sounds of the babbling brook, the birds the smell of the earth.

She closed her eyes and delighted herself in life or the first time in a long time.

Everyone allowed her a moment because it was a quit beautiful moment.

Glenda hit on the ground and said, "We got to get rid of Cate and Priscilla. I put up with them for three years and I can't' ... hitting on the ground, "and I just won't put up with them anymore."

Frank said. "We saw all that last night."

Harold standing next to Frank turned and looked at Frank and said, "Saw what?"

Frank said, "They were going through Shelia and Thomas' stuff trying to see what they could steal."

Harold shook his head.

Thomas said, "Where are they now?"

Glenda had a headache and rubbing her forehead and nose said, "Asleep at their place."

Thomas stood up and said, "Let's go."

Shelia looked back and slowly stood up looking at the beautiful nature surrounding her.

She said, "I'm free."

Thomas touched her back and said, "Come on".

They all began to walk to where Priscilla and Cate were asleep.

The fat thief saw them and followed.

Steve and the three other thieves got off the ground and followed.

When the group reached Priscilla and Cate, Priscilla did not open her eyes but said, "Ya'll want us gone."?

Glenda said, "Today. Now."

Steve said, "You can't nobody."

Glenda said, "You too Steve."

Steve said, "You too Steve what? You think you can put me out."

Frank said, "Yes."

The fat thief said, "Yes. Ya'll stole Harold's boots and you knew winter was coming. You had no feeling for him."

Steve looked at Harold and saw the new boots he had on and said, "He didn't do bad. Did you Harold?"

Harold looked at Steve and did not answer.

One of the thieves said, "You got them from that attendant?" He looked around at Steve and the other thieves and said, "We robbed the wrong person. Let's go boys."

Cate, still had her eyes closed.

Priscilla sat up on the blanket and began to put her boots on and she looked back at Cate and hit her on her hips and said, "Get up".

Cate pulled the other blanket to her neck and said, "I'm not leaving."

Glenda said, "The hell you are. God gave us a whole new settlement. We can be whoever we want. And you two have decided you want to the city's whores."

The fat thief said, "Amen".

Steve yelled at him and said, "You can't talk. You—are---a---too," and poked him in his chest.

The fat thief said, "No more. God gave me a chance to change. I repented and I am going to do go."

Cate said, "Amen."

Glenda and Frank looked at Cate.

Priscilla stood up and looked back at Cate.

Priscilla said, "What?"

Cate sat up and looked priscilla straight in her face and said, "Priscilla, think about the number of times we got sick from these stinky men. Think about the number of towns we were ran out of. Think about the times we were in jail and they had their way with us for a piece of bread and ..."

Cate screamed,"For free. I'm sick of this life."

Priscilla said, "You're sick of living?"

Cate covered her eyes and shook her head in disbelief and said, "No. Priscilla, I do not want to make a living selling myself."

One of the other thieves said, "And she aint cheap. I had to steal two chickens once."

Cate rolled her eyes at him.

Priscilla said, "How you're to feed yourself? Winter is coming and Harold said it is going to be bad."

Everyone turned and looked at Harold.

Harold pointed down the road and said,"That's what the attendant said."

Harold continued, "I believe the attendant sent for some supplies for the winter. I'm pretty sure he sent for us some too. Since we poor and don't have anything. If you'll want to wait until they get back and see if you got something then otherwise leave. Leave now."

Cate rolled her eyes at Harold.

Priscilla was pushing Cate's hair down.

Glenda had her arms folded.

Steve broke to hit Harold.

The fat thief and Thomas caught Steve.

Harold jumped and faced Steve.

Harold said, "What is it Steve? You have hated me every since you'll came and attached yourselves to us."

Steve, being held by the fat thief and Thomas, screamed at Harold, "I know you are rich and you come from a rich family. Why don't you get away from here? You are the kind of vagabonds that make it bad for the rest of us."

Harold looked at Steve and said, "Jealous. Jealousy is an evil monster."

Steve broke loose from Thomas and the fat thief and ran to Harold.

Harold kicked Steve extremely hard in the stomach, until he bent over holding his stomach.

The thief that said, "Let's go", to robbed the attendant rushed to Steve as he was falling to the ground.

Harold could only think of getting to Betsy and he said, "Be gone before noon."

He looked at his new boots and walked away from the group and headed down the road to see Betsy.

Glenda slightly turned her head and said, "We're right behind you."

Harold jerked his head like he had done something big and as he passed the angel over the new city said, "Perfect fit. I didn't have to break them in."

Harold smirked.

The angel over the city smiled.

Harold continued his mile walk to the cute house.

He was thinking how to build them a house with the running water and a kitchen.

His thoughts of Betsy made him smile and the mile walk went quickly.

As Harold entered the yard, he thought he saw someone go around the back.

He ran around the back of the house looking at the closed door and he saw the attendant with the water pails.

The attendant looked at Harold in such a manner that he scared Harold.

Harold ran back around the house and stood in the yard. He had to keep his eyes on Betsy and the little girl that Betsy loved as her own child.

The attendant came from the back with the huge water pails.

Harold jumped in fear at the sight of the attendant.

He looked at Harold and said, "Good morning Harold."

Harold did not speak.

The attendant put one pail down and opened the door.

He left the door opened so Harold could see Betsy.

The attendant entered the house with the pails of water.

He poured water into the basin he used for the little girl and in the different bowls he used for her herbs.

The attendant gently washed the little girl's face and body under the fierce eyes of Betsy.

He looked at Betsy and continued to put the herbs on the little girl's wound.

Betsy jumped up and ran out the door.

She took in very deep breaths.

Betsy did not see Harold in the yard.

The little girl began to scream from pain.

Betsy turned quickly and looked inside.

She held her head down and began to turn around and around. She wanted to go in, but she didn't want to see her wounds or be that close to her and cannot heal her.

Harold was running to the porch.

But Betsy got enough courage and ran into the house with the little girl.

She saw the little girl was still unconscious and the attendant was very gentle.

He made a paste and was smoothing it over her horrific wounds, that had began to form scabs.

Betsy was biting her hands and turning around in the chair.

She was crying and trying not to see what the little girl was going through.

Betsy was looking at the attendant for help.

The attendant looked at Betsy and pulled the sheets on the little girl's back.

Betsy was in a worst state than the little girl.

The attendant said, "Once the paste settles in her skin and get hard, I will more cover on her. The coolness of the cotton helps calm the wounds."

Betsy could hardly talk said, "How you know that?"

The attendant looked at Betsy and then at the scared Harold.

Harold turned and ran out the door and stood in the yard.

The attendant picked up all the sheets and linens and took them outside to wash.

He looked at Harold and Harold quickly ran a little distance.

He looked at Harold and said, "Why are you afraid?"

Harold did not answer.

The attendant stooped down and started the fire.

Harold was watching him.

The attendant stood up and went to the brook and got some more water and put into the pot and he disappeared around the back of the house and came back with the last of the soap.

He looked at Harold, who backed up some more. He said, "That's the last of the soap. I believe these should last for two weeks."

The attendant looked up at the sky and said, "They need to hurry back with the supplies."

He looked at Harold fearful Harold and was walking back into the house, when the fat thief, Glenda and Frank walked into the yard.

They saw Harold standing still in the yard.

The attendant looked back at Harold and he looked at his visitors and said, "Good morning."

The rowdy people slowly said, "Good morning."

He walked into the house.

Glenda looked at the house and nudge Frank and said, "I swear this house is bigger than when we first came here."

Frank was worried and said, "I hope we have a bigger place for the cold winter."

He walked over to Harold and said, "What happen?"

The fat thief and Glenda walked over in time to hear Harold's response.

Harold said, "I can't explain it. I saw a person go around the back of the house and I looked at the door and it was closed." Harold shaking his head, like he was trying to dislatched the scene from his mind."

Glenda looked over at the pot and saw the sheets and linens.

Harold said, "He said those sheets should last about two weeks and he looked up at the and said they need to hurry."

Harold heard some voices.

They all turned around to see Steve, Priscilla and other two thieves going back down the King's highway.

Both parties starred at each other.

Harold started counting the members of the party and said, "It should be six. I only counted four."

Glenda said, "Yeah."

And she walked away.

Frank and the fat thief looked at her.

Glenda was standing looking at the babbling brook.

She thought she heard ducks.

She beckoned Frank with her hand and yelled, "Ducks!"

Frank did not move.

The fat thief ran to her and said, "I believe you're right."

Frank was not impressed and he turned to Harold and said, "Cate asked us to forgive her and to let her stay. She said she is a teacher and could teach with Betsy's cousin. Mike said he is a carpenter and he does not to a hobo anymore. To tell the truth I think he wants Cate."

Harold replied, "Where are they going to stay?"

Frank very calmly said, "With you."

Harold was too stunned to say anything.

Frank slapped Harold on the shoulder and laughed.

Frank said, "Mike is looking at the land at the very end of the new settlement, because he to raise cattle."

Frank away and walked to Glenda was standing at the brook.

Frank looked at Glenda, who had a shawl full with holes around her shoulders.

He knew she couldn't take another.

He felt like a loser, because he could not provide for his wife and had not provided for her.

A few hours later, the attendant was coming out the house to wash the sheets but Glenda and Frank were washing the sheets and the fat thief and Harold were putting up the line to hang the clothes.

The attendant walked to them with his hands on his hips and said, "I appreciate the help."

None of them said anything.

The attendant looked at them and turned around to go into the house. He turned back and said "We heard voices passing, who were they?"

They did not answer the attendant.

The attendant said, "Betsy wants to know."

Harold said, "It was those we put out of our camp."

The attendant said, "Who?"

No one said anything.

He looked and said, "I bought supplies for everyone. This is going to be a terrible time. They need to survive this winter. Go and get them."

Frank said, "Who are you talking to you?"

The attendant walked into the house and closed the door.

Harold said, "I guess you got that."

The fat thief said, "Harold you really should go because you them to get out today. When you knew the supplies were coming."

Harold did not say anything and he turned and saw Glenda watching him and he looked at Frank, who stared at him.

Harold said, "I just can't do it. You'll better pray and ask God to send them back."

The attendant told Betsy, "A part of the group you did not know that they put out."

Betsy said, "What out of what?"

The attendant looked at Betsy.

The strange man said, "Whoa."

Betsy said, "There is no place to put anyone out of. There is no town, all of it is an open field."

The attendant looked at Betsy and said, I believe they put them away from them because they did not to change and do better and was bringing back into the new city."

Betsy said, "Have they decided on a name for the new city."

The attendant said, "No."

Betsy looked at the attendant and the attendant looked at her.

JESUS and the HOLY GHOST stood and spoke God's word to the little girl.

The LORD GOD Almighty said, "I give her the gift of preaching the gospel of salvation."

JESUS, the HOLY GHOST and all the angels said "Amen."

The little girl began to scream at anytime.

She was in a lot of pain.

Betsy was learning to hear her and pat her on the hair and tell her everything was fine.

Later that night when Harold was sitting on the porch waiting to escort Betsy home he heard voices.

He stood up from the porch.

It was the other part of the rowdy bunch returning.

They looked at Harold and Harold looked at them.

THE NEW SETTLEMENT CHARACTERS

FIRST GROUP

William, Natalie, Ida, William Sr, Glenda, Abraham, Cate, Harold

The governor, David, First Lady Thelma- They have three children. The baby is Lydia.

The soldiers assigned as security to Ida – Joseph Smith and Marc Reynolds; second group Marvin and Roger

Youngest driver for governor's programs- Melvin

Clara and Laura are sisters who work on the governor's programs.

Clara-30 years old.

Laura-29 years old

Ricky-past with Laura. Mean captain.

Mellissa and Raymond Jones- friends of Clara and Laura

Janice-Mellissa's aunt

Johanna and Charles Johnson-is young couple who live next door to the evil banker.

Doreen and Larry-Next door neighbors to Mellissa

Barnes-soldier across the street from evil banker, hid their horses at Brianna, from Alberton (racist stronghold)

Waters-soldier across the street from evil banker, hid their horses at Brianna, from Alberton (racist stronghold)

Clarence-soldier across the street from Ida, he hid at the last building on the porch, Laura took him a horse, walked Laura back to Mellissa's house.

Mitchell-one of the five soldiers stationed across the street from Ida.

Isaiah-lead soldier at the building.

Stanley-soldier at building across from Ida

Monica-girl with no food

Tessa-looked at Sarah and then at Monica

Steve-Johnny's friend (children at the school)

Curtis-Emma beat with a rock

Vince- Joseph's cousin he sent to school. (security at Ida.)

Greene-commander's Greene nephew

Solomon-Joe's uncle

Theresa-a young woman at his church.

Loretta-family owned a small church

Mike-Loretta's neighbor

SKIP

First wife-Shirley

Sons-Bruce oldest, Andrew youngest

Current wife-Sheryl

Sheryl married Walter Perkins when she was 20 years old and he was 30 years old.

Walter retired from the military, repaired horse shoes, lived at the coast, married 20 years to Sheryl.

Sheryl married Skip four years later at 44 and she and Skip were married 10 years.

Sheryl is 54 years old.

Skip is 64 years old.

Bruce is 31 years old

Andrew is 28 years old

Betsy is 29 years old

Wes is 26 years old

Emma is 30 years old

Mattie is 26 years old

Skip dated Betsy her college years

Chelsea- bi-racial, dated Andrew; black mother died, Seymour (white father who is doctor), Eva (white step mother)

Harold and Vivian

Vivian- sister-in-law to Skip

Skip had fifteen subordinate commanders. He sent ten back to the capitol and left five with the troop and one medical doctor. The doctor was Donovan Wilson.

Skip Commanders:

Wallace 50 years old

Arnold 55 years old, retiring, five daughters

Porter 50 years old- investigated saddles, wife has affair with Johnson

Harold 60 years old

Bentley 55 years old- investigated saddles, preacher, uncle to Scott

Whatley -wants Chester to become head of headquarters, investigated horses, sister was killed by her husband and left all her children

Greene-short man

Randall- interrogated Shelia and Dexter, hand to hand combat instructor

Andrew- weapons instructor

Montgomery- met with governor's people

Adams- 40 years old

Johnson-go with commander's Porter wife

Smythe

Gaston, Percy

Bronson

O' Hara

Vincent

Malcolm- 45 years old, slept with troops at lake

Skip assignments:

Montgomery, Greene and Whatley-find out the horses coming from

Arnold, Harold and Bentley- meet with Donovan Jr.

Adams, Johnson and Smythe- cover the trial of the last soldier at the governor's tent and the soldiers at Harold's house

Gaston, Bronson, O' Hara, Vincent-Interrogate the five that shot at Chester

Wallace-supply list

Arnold:

Paula-mother

Paulina-sister

Greta-sister, married Dr. Benson

Anna-sister

Nealie Clever-Rented rooms to Commander Bentley

Young commanders under SKIP; Peter Mc Larin (young medical doctor), Friend of Mattie, Donovan Wilson (young medical doctor) friend of Mattie

Skip twelve special soldiers:

Tony-saved his money from their special assignments
Chester-saved his money from their special assignments
Danny-orphaned, put his money in the bank
Calvin- married Charlotte, sent five relatives to trade school
Charles-started a transportation business with Bruce for shipping
Adam-bought a house and farm land
Steve- preacher (with a church), bought a house and farm land
Robert-bought a house and farm land
The other four put their money in the bank

Bishop-biracial half brother of Craig, Cyndi (wife), Marcus (brother-in-law)

Bishop's friends-Danny Brooks, Terry Willis, Richard Snow (third in command), Reagan smith (Singer with Richard Snow)

Craig Brown-half brother of Bishop. Naomi (wife), Twins, Tony -long blonde hair and green eyes, Chester (red hair and green eyes).

Colleen-Tony's wife. Have two blonde hair and green eyes boys. Black. Teacher

Chester-31 years old
Tony- 31 years old
Colleen-29 years old

Chester:

Five soldiers that laid in ambush for Chester

Hunnicuttt 2 year soldier
Wilkinson 2 year soldier
Robinson 3 year soldier
Walters 3 year soldier
Matteson 2 year soldier

Office Soldiers

Ferguson-2nd in command
Bright
Woodsen
Garrison
Glover

Benson-soldier in detention, slightly retarded

Three soldiers in the interrogation:

Gibson
G. Smith
Harrison

Chester's witnesses in the interrogation:

Blaylock
Murphy
Gunnison
Kennedy
Michaels

Devil worshippers' children-Jason, Alice

Elisabeth Fowkles- poor child asking for bread

Johnny-boy Clara gave her lunch- three of the nine missing children from school are his brothers and sisters

Sarah-his sister

Brianna-Johnny and Sarah's mother. Married, Jerome Baker, Sr.

Had six children; Amy 12 years old, Jerome Jr., 11 years old, Peter 10 years old, Johnny 8 years old, Sarah 7 years old and Scot 2 years old.

Mr. Gray-evil telegram worker

James-devil worshipper

Edward Williamson-governor's chief of security

Ervin-security man
Joe-security man

Jake Jameson-friend of Raymond, Sarah (wife), Aaron (son)

Lydia-Jake's caregiver

Jay Smith-Lydia's husband

Dexter -soldier who gambles and traitor.

Dave and Jessica-evil bankers

Big city

April and Samuel-children of Abraham

Zachery-worked at hotel's stables

Nurse Watson- big city hospital

Bryce Porter-former hospital administrator

Sondra Porter-married Bryce, Bryce former secretary

Cal Winters -lead soldier-married Charlotte

Ben and Newsom

Scott-18 years old, sentry, James Bentley, is called *Jim* (grandfather), brother of commander Bentley (the preacher), Chester shot two assassins to keep them from cutting the young man throat.

White- captain stationed by the first neighbor in the town.

Todd- sent telegrams to headquarters

Foster- rode to the captain at the beginning of the town

Glover- rode to the captain at the beginning of the town

Miller-one of the soldiers in the front yard of the cute house

Johnson-one of the cooks at the cute house

Sergeant Pearson

Donovan Wilson Sr-First wife Victoria, Donovan Jr. (Victoria's son)

Second wife, Linda (much younger).

Eleanor – bi-racial (Shirley's mother), four sons; Percy (railroads), Bruce (shipping), Thomas (accountant) and Michael (family lawyer).

Bruce-Eleanor's husband. Shirley's father. Ran the family railroad and shipping businesses.

Bruce's family was in shipping and railroad

Bruce's family name-Simons

Eleanor's parents-Patrick

Brenda, free black, a conductor of the underground railroad

Eleanor's grandparents- on Patrick's side; Percy

Shirley- family owned coal mines

Patrick and Brenda Stith-three sons John, Patrick and Christopher

Claressa-Eleanor's best friend, governor's wife

Alvin-governor

C. Henry-Claressa's father

Patrick's five brothers

Gerald (Elizabeth-wife), Owen (Victoria-wife), Ethan (Mary-wife), Rodney (Barbara-wife) and Paul (Yvonne-wife).

Beverly Smith-Brenda's sister, only living relative, married Alfred Williamson (medical doctor)

Alfred Williamson-Beverly's husband.

Angelina-Brenda's very good friend, governor's wife, sexually abused and prostituted from the orphanage

The governor-wife Angelia

Brenda's servants at the mansion:

William-Butler

Robert -secondary butler

Robert-butler with Bruce, quit and married Bethany

Maids- Wyonna (wife of William), Alice, Vivienne, Monica, Glenda, Sue (fired for racial comments),

Mellissa, Tracey, Alice, Danielle, Nadine, Ruth, Betty, Natalie, Chasity, Harriet, Elizabeth

Dishwashers:

Day shift:

Denise-run -away slave-knits-Gary like

Mable or Mabel-run-away slave, hit by master and has a deformity that make her drag her right leg, excellent floral arranger, went to bone hospital did not come back, Shirley hired for housekeeper and garden, found and stayed with other freed men.

Night shift dishwashers:

Charlotte-fired for racial comments

Rebecca

Cooks:

Jose-brought Nancy from Philadelphia

Dan-bought house, asked Brenda for furniture and furnishings

Peter-pastry and breads

Thomas-chief cook, soups

Water workers:

Robert- fired for racial comments

Evan-fired for racial comments

Louis-live in bran, light torches

Laundry workers:

Steve-brother of Margaret

Max-married and have wife is going to school to be a teacher

Phyllis

Margaret, sister to Steve, no family, dates Stanley, have affair with Earle

Coal and wood:

Travis

Sam

Walley

Torch lighters:

Wallace-fired for racist comments, refusing to light torches at Denise and Mabel

Jerry-fired for racist comments, refusing to light torches at Denise and Mabel

Ben-fired for racist comments, refusing to light torches at Denise and Mabel

Nathan-former civil war soldier, homeless, run general errands to get money, hired to help with water and light torches

Shirley-five brothers; Percy over railroad, Bruce over shipping, Thomas the accountant and Michael family lawyer

Eleanor's European Workers:

Steve-butler, Belinda's husband, had twin boys, moved to Philadelphia, going to school to become teachers

Belinda-maid, Steve's wife, twin boys, moved to Philadelphia, going to school to become teacher

Ellen-maid, Belinda's sister, married Captain Moss in Paris, moved to Philadelphia

Roderick- boys teacher, married Sheryl, one son

Sheryl-boys teacher, married Roderick, one son

Eleanor- Lorraine (Shirley), Samuel, Robert (butler)

Philadelphia Bone Hospital:

Dr. Woodson, Bradley
Dr. Parker, Kenneth
Dr. Ralph, Jason
Dr. Greene, Tony
Nurse Wanda
Mr. Hall-Bone hospital administrator.
Unnamed woman- Mr. Hall's mistress

Ryan-security at the hospital, unemployed union soldier, Dennis Wade (father who owns hospitals),
Beverly Wade (mother of Ryan), married Alice

Bone hospital nurses:

Nurse Wanda-steal for the mob
Nurse Bridget-steal for the mob
Nurse Lynnette
Nurse Virginia-night shift
Nurse Annabelle-night shift
Nurse Rosa-night shift
Nurse Jennifer-night shift

Nurse Carolina-fired

Mrs. Perkins, Genevia-best friend of Brenda, sister to Danielle Russell (pianist), sister-in-law to Richard Russell (retired military), aunt to Sharon, son John Perkins Jr. (spent all his inheritance a freeloader), daughter -in-law Betty, married Ben Olsen, Dr. Woodson told had short time to live.

Olivia-Genevia's housekeeper

Debra-Shirley's private nurse from the bone hospital, travelled back to Pennsylvania, married Barry, Barry abused her, had a baby boy, divorced Barry and married Dr. Greene

Eleanor hired eight nurses before she went to Europe:

Alice-Shirley's private nurse, married Ryan Wade, quit
Sharon-girlfriend to Bruce, Genevia's niece
Smith-Head nurse (selected by Dr. Woodson)
Wilson
Green
Brown, Helen, worked on Alice side, dated Samuel, married Samuel Knight (Bruce's security man at the hotel)
Jackson-dated Craig (whose father died at the hospital) he is a minister of the largest church in Philadelphia
Smith
Brono

Roger-policeman

Oliver-policeman

John Smith-kidnapper

Daisy-hotel clerk

Samuel Knight-Bruce security at the hotel, dated Nurse Helen Brown, married Nurse Helen Brown

Jerome Peters-Bruce personal security driver.

Bruce's employees at the hotel:

Samuel-driver

Robert-butler

Lorraine-maid

Amanda-maid

Jose-cook

Peters-Bruce's driver, unemployed union soldier

Eleanor's maids at the hotel:

Lorraine-Shirley's nurse

Bethany-Robert's favorite sex partner, took Amanda's position (who worked for the mob to watch
Bruce)

Meredith-Michael's nurse

Sixteen unemployed union soldiers Bruce hired for security:

1-Ryan-at hospital

2-Bruce's office with the policeman

9- railroad

4-shipyard

Ryan suggested-Josh, Cody, Calvin and Raye for the shipyard

Dock workers:

Lou-head of security at docks, greeted Oliver

Steve-guard Mr. Simons' boat

Barney-guard Mr. Simons' boat

Earl-is Bruce's buggy driver, big and muscular

Mr. Miller-hotel manager

Maggie-hotel's dishwasher, mob killed, wife of Joe

Joe-hotel's dishwasher, mob killed, husband of Maggie

Sharon-hotel dishwasher, mob killed, daughter of Joe and Maggie

Vince-shot policeman

Betsy-Vince's wife

Sara-Vince's mother

Alice Bennette-young surgeon, mob plant

Jerome Bennette-young surgeon, mob plant

Brown-head of mob

Todd-mob plant in Bruce's office

The Big Gun Fight:

Jake -lost 5 soldiers

Cute House-lost 6 soldiers

Brook-lost no soldiers

Town-lost Barnes and Waters

Troop at the beginning of the town- lost 3

Prisoners:

Imprisoned-47

Contractors-15

False Soldiers-28

1865:

Shirley- 17 years old

Percy- 13 years old

Bruce-12 years old

Thomas-11 years old

Michael-9 years old

Percy born 1785

Patrick born 1805

Brenda born 1815

Eleanor born 1833

Shirley born 1848

Count Joseph-Austria, dates Eleanor

Earle-valet to the count, dates Margaret

Gary-stableman to take care of the boys' horses, likes Denise (run away slave)

Percy's family:

Richard-grandfather, preacher, dementia

Ida-grandmother, dementia

Michael-father (died when he was thirteen)

Ruth-aunt, oldest, married dementia

Betsy -youngest, teacher, married Herbert (doctor), Deborah married Bryson (lt. governor)

Ben-knee baby, owned clothing stores, dated married woman, Brianna (ten years younger than Ben) and had one son,

Al-next to the oldest, owned many businesses, married Lucy (teacher), three sons

Matthew-third oldest, owned clothing stores with Ben, Thomasine (married), adopted her two daughters from previous marriage, Olivia and Samantha both teachers.

Shirley's Family:

Thomas-father, Mary (wife), owner of coal mines, died from black lungs

Mary-Thomas (husband)

Thomas-oldest son, own coal mine

Timothy-second oldest, preacher, Sally (wife), own coal mine

Robert -knee baby, own coal mine

William-baby, owned coal mine