

MRS NOAH  
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PREMISE

Behind every great man there is a great woman who has to make up some great excuses to cover for the strange doings of that great man. . . . One of these was Mrs. Noah.

PICKING UP A TELEPHONE (heavy Jewish accent)

"Hello, yes this is Mrs. Noah.(Cough).. (Cough)"

"Oh, it's you again Sadie. (Cough)"

"No it's not a cold at all. It's all the saw dust. It's everywhere. And the noise of the hammering is giving me a headache."

"Yes Noah is well."

"Yes he's still out back working on the ARK."

"Why? Well it's his hobby. It keeps him home rather than bumming around with the camel jockeys."

"Yes I know he's in debt to everyone, and I talked with him about that, but he assures me that in forty days there won't be a single person around that he owes money."

"Yes the Ark is big."

"How big? 300 cubits long."

"How long is that? Well a cubit is a foot and a half so it must

be 450 feet long.”

“Yes I know he claims it's a boat.”

“Yes I know this is a desert. But you notice that there are no sails; no rudder and no oars. So I ask you what kind of boat is this? I like to think of it as a very large barn that can float.”

“Oh you wanted to talk about that.”

“Yes the wind is blowing from here to your house.”

“Oh that's the elephants.”

“Well we have them on oat bran. They are overweight and their cholesterol is out of sight. Noah wanted them to be in good shape so he fed it to them.”

“Yes I know it causes gas.”

“Well I'll see that he changes their feed right away.”

“Yes that does sound distressing.”

“It's hard to train the vultures so they won't sit on your roof and stare at you.”

“It only started last week when we had that shower?”

“I'll have Noah look into it maybe he can cage the vultures up so they won't go over there.”

“No Sadie we aren't violating the zoning law. We're zoned rural so we can keep animals around”

“How many?”

“I swear we have no more than two of anything.”

“How do we keep the rabbits in check? Noah figured that out a while ago. He feeds them to the lions.”

“Sadie I remembered Noah wanted me to ask you to return the set of Unicorns. He wanted them back tonight. He was very insistent.”

“Yes I know he has been acting strange since the chariot accident at the intersection , but I like to humor him.”

“Why all the animals? Let me tell you confidentially, Shem is the doctor, Ham is the lawyer and he wants Japheth to be a veterinarian.”

“Don't pay any attention to his talk about a flood. Why would a flood come here? We're a desert, right? Look Sadie I have to go. You won't forget about the Unicorns?”

“Look outside Sadie it's just starting to rain”

“Yes we have to humor him. Well I have to go and sit in the ARK until this blows over. It's latest rule. Anything to keep peace.”

SWITCH TO SADIE (another Jewish accent)

“MOISHE I was just talking to Mrs. Noah. Noah wants the Unicorns back today. He's in a rush”

“No problem, I'll get the Unicorns to him as soon as the rain stops.

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