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1 . After these things, when אחר האלה הדברים כשך חמת המלך אחשורוש זכר ושתי ואת the wrath of king Ahasuerus kshk appeased, achr edbrim eale chmth emlk achshurush zkr ushthi uath remembered Vashti, after the-things the-these as-to-subside fury-of the-king Ahasuerus he-remembered Vashti and » what she had done, and what was decreed against עליה אשר עשתה ואת אשר כגזר her. ashr oshthe ashr ngzr olie uath which she-did and » which he-was-severed on-her ² Then king's said המלך the בתולות ויאמרו משרתיו יבקשו נערות servants that ministered uiamru nori emlk mshrthiu ibqshu ImIk noruth bthuluth unto him, Let there be fair young virgins sought for the and-they-are-saying lads-of the-king ones-ministering-to-him they-shall-seek for-king maidens virgins kina: טובות מראה tubuth mrae ones-good-of appearance 3 And let the king appoint מלכותו ויפקד המלך פקידים מדינות ויקבצו 78 officers in all the provinces mlkuthu uiphqd emlk phqidim bkl mdinuth uiqbtzu ath of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the and-he-shall-commit the-king provinces-of kingdom-of-him and-they-shall-convene supervisors in-all-of fair young virgins unto Shushan the palace, to the כל נערה שרשך אל בתולה טובת מראה אל הבירה אכ בית הנשים house of the women, unto kl tubth nore bthule mrae al shushn ebire al bith enshim al the custody of Hege the king's chamberlain, keeper all-of maiden Shushan the-castle virgin good-of appearance house-of the-women to of the women; and let their things for purification be המלך רד דוגא סרים הנשים ונתון שמר תמרוקיהן given [them]: id emlk enshim unthun thmrugien sris shmr ega hand-of Hegai eunuch-of the-king one-guarding-of the-women and-to-give scourings-of-her ⁴ And let the maiden which המלך והנערה אשר תיטב בעיני תמלך עחת ושתי pleaseth the king be queen uenore ashr thitb boini emlk thmlk thchth ushthi instead of Vashti. And the thing pleased the king; and and-the-maiden wh o she-is-being-good in-eyes-of the-king she-shall-reign instead-of Vashti he did so. וררטב הדבר בעיני המלך ורעש כן uiith edbr emlk boini uiosh kn and-he-is-being-good the-word in-eyes-of the-king and-he-is-doing ⁵ [Now] in Shushan the בן ארש יהודי היה בשושך הבירה ושמו מרדכי בן שמער palace there was a certain aish ieudi eie bshushn ebire ushmu mrdki bn iair bn shmoi Jew, whose name [was] Mordecai, the son of Jair. Judean in-Shushan and-name-of-him Mordecai Shimei he-was the-castle son-of Jair son-of man the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite; בן קיש רמרנר ארש bn qish aish imini son-of Kish man Benjamite ⁶ Who had been carried מירושלים אשר הגלה עב הגלתה יכניה ענם away from Jerusalem with eglthe mirushlim ashr egle egle ashr om iknie om the captivity which had been carried away whohe-was-deported from-Jerusalem with the-deportation wh o she-was-deported with Jeconiah Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the בבל מלך מלך יהודה אשר הגלה נבוכדנאצר king of Babylon had carried mlk ieude ashr egle nbukdnatzı mlk bbl awav. whom he-deported Nebuchadnezzar king-of Babel king-of Judah ⁷ And he brought ויהי אמן JIX. הדסה דרא אסתר בת דדו コペ Hadassah, that [is], Esther, ddu uiei amn ath edse eia asthr hth ki ain le ah his uncle's daughter: for she had neither father nor she Esther uncle-of-him that father and-he-was fosterina Hadassah daughter-of is-no to-her mother, and the maid [was] fair and beautiful; whom ואם והנערה יפת תאר ובמות אביה וטובת מראה Mordecai, when her father iphth thar uenore utubth ubmuth abie uam mrae and mother were dead, took for his own daughter. and-mother shape and-good-of father-of-her and-the-maiden lovely-of and-in-death-of appearance לקחה לו לבת ואמה מרדכי lqche mrdki lbth and-mother-of-her he-took-her Mordecai to-him for-daughter ⁸ So it came to pass, when ורהר 8 בהשמע רבר המלך ודתו ובהקבץ נערות the king's commandment dbr emlk udthu ubeqbtz uiei beshmo noruth and his decree was heard, and when many maidens and-he-is-becoming in-to-be-announced word-of the-king and-edict-of-him and-in-to-be-convened maidens were gathered together unto

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the women. enshim emlk al id egi shmr the-king to hand-of Hegai one-guarding-of the-women ⁹ And the maiden pleased לפניו ותיטב הנערה בערניו ותשא חסד him, and she obtained kindness of him; and he uthith enore boiniu uthsha chsd Iphniu speedily gave her her things kindness before-him and-she-is-being-good the-maiden in-eves-of-him and-she-is-obtaining for purification, with such things as belonged to her, ויבהל לתת לה תמרוקיה ואת מנותה ראת שבע and seven maidens, [which uibel ath thmrugie uath mnuthe Ithth le uath shbo were] meet to be given her, out of the king's house: and and-he-is-hustling scourings-of-her and » assignments-of-her to-give to-her and » seven-of he preferred her and her maids unto the best [place] לתת לה הנערות הראיות מבית המלך וישנה ראת of the house of the women. enoruth eraiuth Ithth mbith emlk uath le uishne the-maidens the-ones-being-seen to-give to-her from-house-of the-king and-he-is-altering-her and » נערותיה לטוב בית הנשים noruthie Itub bith enshim maidens-of-her to-better-of house-of the-women 10 Esther had not shewed מולדתה הגידה לא את אסתר עמה ואת מרדכי צוה אשר her people nor her kindred: muldthe ki la egide asthr ath ome uath mrdki tzue olie ashr for Mordecai had charged her that she should not shew people-of-her and » kindred-of-her that Mordecai he-instructed not she-told Esther on-her which ſit1. 24 תגיד thgid la she-shall-tell not ¹¹ And Mordecai walked ובכל ויום חצר הנשים דעת JIN. every day before the court ubkl uium mrdki mthelk Iphni bith enshim Idoth ath chtzr of the women's house, to know how Esther did. and and-in-every-of day and-day Mordecai walking before court-of house-of the-women to-know what should become of her. שלום ロコ ומה אסתר רלזלמה shlum asthr ioshe he ume welfare-of Esther and-what he-is-being-done in-her 12 Now when every maid's המלך ובהגיע תר נערה ונערה לבוא אחשורוש מקץ היות turn was come to go in to ubegio thr nore Ibua al emlk achshurush mqtz eiuth unore Ahasuerus, after that kina the-king she had been twelve and-in-to-attain and-maiden to-enter Ahasuerus from-end-of exploring-of maiden to to-be months, according to the manner of the women, (for כן לה $\subset \Gamma$ הנשים שנים עשר חדש כר ימלאו רמר מרוקיהן so were the days of their le kdth enshim shnim oshr chdsh k kn imlau imi mrugien purifications accomplished, [to wit], six months with oil they-are-being-fulfilled days-of regimen-of-her to-her as-edict-of the-women two ten month that SO of myrrh, and six months with sweet odours, and with ששה חדשים בשמז וששה חדשים בבשמים ובתמרוקי הנשים המר [other] things for the ubthmrugi enshim shshe chdshim bshmn ushshe chdshim bbshmim emr purifying of the women;) six months in-oil-of the-myrrh and-six months in-aromatics and-in-scourings-of the-women ¹³ Then thus came [every] אל המלך ובזה **□%**□ Π8 אשר תאמר ינתן maiden unto the ubze enore bae emlk ath k ashr thamr whatsoever she desired was given her to go with her out and-in-this the-maiden the-king comina anv*thina* which she-is-saving he-was-being-given to of the house of the women unto the king's house. לבוא לה עמה מבית הנשים 777 בית המלך emlk le Ibua ome mhith enshim od bith with-her from-house-of the-king to-her to-come the-women unto house-of 14 In the evening she went, בית אל בערב ロ※コ שבה הנשים שבר אל 77 דיא ובבקו דרא and on the morrow she borb al id ubbar eia shbe al bith enshim shni eia bae returned into the second house of the women, to the and-in-morning she the-women hand-of in-evening she coming returning to house-of second to custody of Shaashgaz, the king's chamberlain, which המלך שעשגז סרים שמר הפילגשים לא תבוא עוד אל המלך kept the concubines: she ephilgshim came in unto the king no shoshaz emlk la oud al emlk except the more. kina Shaashgaz the-king one-guarding-of the-concubines not she-is-entering further to the-king eunuch-of delighted in her, and that she were called by name. כר חפץ ココ המלך ונקראה בשם **bshm** ki am chphtz be emlk ungrae except only he-delighted in-her the-king and-she-is-called in-name 15 Now when the turn of ובהגיע תר אסתר אביחיל מרדכי אשר לכח לו בת Esther. the daughter of

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המלך אל her for his daughter, was לבת לא לבוא בקשה כר DX. אניזר ראמר הגל come to go in unto the king, lbth Ibua al emlk la bashe dbr ki am ath ashr iamr egi she required nothing but what Hegai the king's for-daughter to-enter to the-king not she-sought thing except only which he-is-saying Hegai chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And המלך כל נשאת שמר הנשים ותהי אסתר בעיני חן Esther obtained favour in sris emlk enshim uthei asthr nshath chn boini k shmi the sight of all them that looked upon her. the-king all-of one-guarding-of the-women and-she-was Esther obtaining in-eves-of eunuch-of grace ראיה raie ones-seeing-her 16 So Esther was taken unto ותלקח המלך מלכותו אסתר אל אחשורוש 58 בית בחדש king Ahasuerus into his mlkuthu uthlach asthr al emlk hith bchdsh achshurush al house royal in the tenth month, which [is] the month and-she-was-being-taken Esther to the-king **Ahasuerus** to house-of kingdom-of-him in-month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign. למלכותו חדש הוא העשירי טבת כשנת שבע shbo Imlkuthu eoshiri chdsh tbth bshnth Tebeth the-tenth he month-of in-vear-of seven to-reign-of-him ¹⁷ And the king loved Esther מכל ויאהב המלך JIX. אסתר הנשים ותשא חן וחסד above all the women, and uiaeb emlk ath asthr mkl enshim uthsha chn uchsd she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than and-he-is-loving the-king Esther and-she-is-obtaining and-kindness from-all-of the-women grace all the virgins; so that he set the roval crown upon her לפניו מכל הבתולת וישם כתר מלכות בראשה head, and made her queen Iphniu mkl ebthulth uishm kthr mlkuth brashe instead of Vashti. before-him from-all-of the-virgins and-he-is-placing kingdom in-head-of-her diadem-of וימליכה תחת ושתי uimlike thchth ushthi and-he-is-making-queen-her instead-of Vashti ¹⁸ Then the king made a לכל גדול ררעש המלך משתה וזוררר ועבדיו 78 משתה אסתר great feast unto all his uiosh emlk mshthe gdul lkl shriu uobdiu ath mshthe asthr princes and his servants, [even] Esther's feast; and he and-he-is-making the-king feast for-all-of chiefs-of-him and-servants-of-him feast-of Esther great made a release to the provinces, and gave gifts, ויתן למדינות והנחה עשה משאת המלך according to the state of the uenche Imdinuth oshe uithn mshath kid emlk king. and-rest-day for-provinces he-made and-he-is-giving helpings as-hand-of the-king ¹⁹ And when the virgins ובהקבץ שנית בתולות ומרדכי רשב בשער המלך were gathered together the ubeqbtz bthuluth shnith umrdki ishb bshor emlk second time, then Mordecai sat in the king's gate. and-in-to-be-convened virgins second-time and-Mordecai sitting in-gate-of the-king ²⁰ Esther had not [yet] מולדתה ארך מגדת אסתר ואת עמה כאשר צוה ואת shewed her kindred nor her mgdth muldthe mrdki ain asthr uath ome kashr tzue olie uath people; as Mordecai had charged her: for Esther did is-no Esther telling kindred-of-her and » people-of-her as-which he-instructed on-her Mordecai and » commandment Mordecai, like as when she מאמר עשה אסתר כאשר היתה באמנה אתר was brought up with him. mamr mrdki oshe kashr eithe bamne athu Esther doing she-was in-to-be-foster-child with-him saying-of Mordecai as-which ²¹ . In those days, while בימים ההם ומרדכי רשב בשער המלך קצף בגתן ותרש Mordecai sat in the bgthn emlk bimim eem umrdki ishb bshor qtzph uthrsh gate, two of the king's chamberlains, Bigthan and and-Mordecai the-king Bigthan and-Teresh in-davs the-those sitting in-gate-of he-was-stirred-to-wrath Teresh, of those which kept the door, were wroth, and במלך המלד שבר משמרי ויבקשו לשלח יסי הסף sought to lay hand on the bmlk shni srisi emlk mshmri esph uibashu Ishlch id king Ahasuerus. the-king from-ones-guarding-of the-threshold and-they-are-seeking to-send hand in-king two-of eunuchs-of אחשורש achshursh Ahasuerus 22 And the thing was known ויודע למרדכי לאסחר המלכה 22 הדבר ויבד to Mordecai, who told [it] edbr Imrdki emlke uiudo uigd lasthr unto Esther the queen; and Esther certified the king and-he-is-being-made-known the-matter to-Mordecai and-he-is-telling to-Esther the-queen [thereof] in Mordecai's

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²³ And when inquisition was made of the matter, it was found out; therefore they were both hanged on a tree: and it was written in the book of the chronicles before the king.