

A Purim Tale

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A long, long time ago, many Jewish people lived in the city of _____^{Noun} in the country of Persia. The king of this _____^{Adjective} country was named King Ahashverosh. The queen of the great country was named Queen _____^{Noun}.

King Ahashverosh loved to give big parties in his palace. One night, he gave a big _____^{Noun} and wanted Queen Vashti to _____^{Verb} for his guests. Vashti did not want to dance, so she sent a _____^{Noun} that she would not attend the King's party. "Nobody says 'No' to the King," said an _____^{Adjective} Ahashverosh, "Vashti will no longer be my _____^{Noun}!" And Ahashverosh sent Vashti away from the palace.

King Ahashverosh sent messages throughout his country calling all young _____^{Noun} to the palace so that he could choose a new queen from among them. One _____^{Adjective} lady was a Jewish girl named _____^{Noun}. She did not want to go, but her cousin, Mordechai, said she must. "Perhaps some day you may be able to help the Jewish people," suggested Mordechai. The King chose the _____^{Adjective} and kind Esther to be his _____^{Noun}.

The King had a chief assistant to help him with all his important work. His name was Haman. Haman was a _____^{Adjective}, mean and _____^{Adjective} man. He would walk down the streets and tell everyone to bow down

to him. People were afraid of him so they _____^{Verb}_____ to him as he ordered.

But there was one man who refused to bow down. "I won't bow down to any man," he said, "I bow down only to my God, and Haman is not my God." This brave man was a Jew named Mordechai and Haman did not like him.

Haman decided to _____^{Verb}_____ all the Jews because of Mordechai. Haman did not know that Queen Esther was Jewish.

One day, Mordechai was standing outside the palace walls when he overheard two guards _____^{Verb}_____ about harming the King. Mordechai let the King know about it and saved him. The King was thankful and wanted to reward him. He gave Mordechai his best _____^{Noun}_____ to wear and told Haman to lead Mordechai through the streets of Shushan on the King's beautiful white _____^{Noun}_____. This made Haman even angrier and more determined to punish all the Jews.

One night, Esther invited the King and Haman to a _____^{Noun}_____. She told the King that Haman wanted to hurt her. "I don't want to hurt you," exclaimed Haman, "You are my _____^{Noun}_____." "Well," responded Esther, "you want to hurt the Jewish people and I am Jewish!" The King was shocked. He took Haman's job away from him and gave it to Mordechai. The Jews were very happy. They sang and danced and gave big parties.

