

NEW MERRITT: Was. *Underdog*. The cartoon in the sixties.

SIDNEY: Oh, I didn't watch—

NEW MERRITT: The villain was Simon Bar Sinister—the evil genius. Remember what he looked like?

SIDNEY: No, I never—

NEW MERRITT: Coarse hair, thick black eyebrows, and a big hook nose.

SIDNEY: In a cartoon?

NEW MERRITT: And he was always plotting and inventing machines that threatened— (*Looks expectantly at SIDNEY*)

SIDNEY: What?

NEW MERRITT: Polly *Purebred*. It was a recruitment cartoon for Hitler Youth!

SIDNEY: You might be reading too much into that—

NEW MERRITT: Why do you think you never see it on Nickelodeon?

SIDNEY: It's true I haven't seen—

NEW MERRITT: This is perfect! I'm trying to contain myself, but—

SIDNEY: What?

NEW MERRITT: You're why I came here. Why I was meant to come.

SIDNEY: You'll be seeing a number of people, as I understand it.

NEW MERRITT: When you touched my hand, I felt it.

SIDNEY: (*Looking at hand*) I had a cinnamon roll, but I washed—

NEW MERRITT: I am blessed!

SIDNEY: Um...this is a semi-government institution, so—

NEW MERRITT: (*Pulling out a vial attached to a necklace*) I wanna show you—

SIDNEY: —While religious freedom is certainly—

NEW MERRITT: (*Proffering the vial*) I got this in the Holy Land.

SIDNEY: What is it?

NEW MERRITT: The most holy relic of our Lord.

SIDNEY: I'd rather not—

NEW MERRITT: Touch it! God wants you to. You're meant to.

SIDNEY: No, I'm not that religious—

NEW MERRITT: Please!

SIDNEY: (*Fingering the vial*) All right, but I'd like to know—

NEW MERRITT: It's his foreskin.

SIDNEY: (*Dropping the vial. NEW MERRITT catches it.*) Whose?

NEW MERRITT: The foreskin of Christ. And now you've blessed it!

SIDNEY: I have not!

NEW MERRITT: Just by touching it! (*Dropping to knees, taking SIDNEY's hand*) Thank you!

SIDNEY: I'm Jewish, goddammit!

NEW MERRITT: Exactly! You're the One! All faiths can now unite! And I shall be sanctified! (*Gulps the contents of the vial*)

SIDNEY: No—don't!

NEW MERRITT: I believe in you! (*Rolls back head, begins speaking in tongues, with a death grip on SIDNEY.*)  
Thumma raaytu samaan jadidah was ardan jadia lianna elsamaa eloula wa elarda eloula madata wa elbahr la joujad fe ma.

SIDNEY: Um...excuse me. Merritt?

NEW MERRITT: (*Continues, as necessary, under dialogue as SIDNEY stretches toward the door*) Wa ana johanna raayton elmadina elmonkadassa urshelim el jadida nezilatan mina elsamaa min inda ellah monhayaatan kaaronsin mouzanatim lirajonliha. Wa samiiton sawtan aziman mina elsamai kailan houwaza maskinon ellahi maa elanas wa houa sayaskunu meehum wa hum yakunun lahu shaaban was ellah nafsushu yakun maahum ilahan lahum. Wa sayansahu ella hulhu damaatin min onyounihum wa elemawton la yakounon fe ma baadon wa la yakounon huznon wa la surakhon wa la wajaon fe ma baadon lianna eloumoura eleonla kad madat. Wa kal el jalison ala elarsh ha ana asnaon kulla shayin jadidan. Wa kal be onktub fainna hathihi elakwal sadikaton wa aminaton. Thumma kal le kad tanna. Ana huwa elalefon wa elyaon elbedayaton wa elneheyaton. Ana outti elatshan min yanboni maa elhayati majjanan man yaghlebe yareth kulla shay-in wa akounon lahu ilahan was huma yakunu le ibnan. Wa amma elkhaifun wa ghayron elmouminin wa elrajissom wa elkatiloun wa elzumat wa elsahara wa abadatu elawthan wa jamii elkathabati fanesibahum fe elbuhaurati elmutakkaditta binaren wakibritiu ellathi huwa elmawtou eltham. Thumma faa elayya wahidunmin elsabaati elmalaikati ellathiin maahum elsakaaton eljamatelmamlonon mina elsabii eldarabati elakhirati wa takallama maiikailan halluma faourika elarous imraata elkharouf. Wa thahabab be billrouhi ila jabaliu azimin alin wa arani elmadinata elazimata urshalim elmukaddassat nazilatan mina elsamai min

indellahi laha majdu ellahi wa lamaaniha shibhu akrami hajarin kahajari bashbin ballouriyin wa kana laha souron azimon wa alilnwa kana laha ithua ashara baban wa ala elabinaki ithna asharanaalakan wa assmaon maktonbaton hiya assanaon assbatti bani israili elithany ashara. Mina elsharki thalthatu abwabiou wa minaelshimali thalthatu abwabin wa mina eljanoubi thalthatu abwabiou wa mina elgharbi thalthatu abwabiou. Wa suru elmadinati kana lahuithne ashara assassan wa alayha assmaon roussouli elkharonfi elithuay ashara. Wa ellathi kana uatakallamon maii kana maahu kassabaton min thahabin likay yakissa elmadinata wa abwabaha wasouraha. Wa elmadinatou kanat mawdonaton wourabaatan toulaouha bikadri elardi. Fakassa elmadinata bil kassabati massafata ithany ashara alfa ghalmatin. Eltonlon wa elardon wa elirtifaon montassawiyaton. Wa kassa souraha miaatan wa arbaan wa arbainathira-aan thiraa inssanin. Ayi elmalaku. Wa kana binaon sourihamin yashbin was elmadinatu thahabon hakkiyyim wa assassatu sourielmadinati muzzayyanaton bikulli hajarin karinin. Ellassassonelwabu yashbon. Elthani yakuton azraku. Elthalith akikonabyadn. Elrabii zumouroudon thubabiyon. Elkhaminsu jazzaonakkikkii. Elsadisu akkikon ahmaron. Elsahin zabarjadon. Elthaninon zumurraudon silikkiion. Eltassiu yakkouton asfaron. Elashiru akkikon abhdaru. Elhaddiyu ashana asmanjounii. Elthani ashara jamashton. Wa elithua ashara babau ithnata asharata lonlon-atan kullu wahidin mina elabwabi kana min loulou-atinwahidatin wa suku elmadinati thahabon nakiyyon kazujajin shaffafin. Wa lam shayin huwa walhourouf haykaluha. Wa tamshi shou-onbon elmukjlissina binouriha wa moulonkon elardi yajionna bimajdihim wa karamatihim ilayha. Wa abambouha lan tonjhlak naharan li-anna laytan la yakounon hunak. Wa yajionna bimajdiel-oumami wa karamatihim ilayha. Wa