

Joseph in Egypt

Characters: Narrator, Merchant, Potiphar, God, Joseph, Mrs. Potiphar, Guard, Butler, Baker, Pharaoh, Magician, Wise Man

Narrator: Joseph's brothers were jealous, and sold him to merchants.

(Enter Merchant, Potiphar, Joseph, and God.)

Merchant: Hi Potiphar, would you like to buy Joseph?

Potiphar: Sure, he can be my servant. He should like being my servant, because I'm a very important person in Egypt. I'm Pharaoh's officer and captain of the guard.

(Joseph goes with Potiphar, Merchant exits.)

God: I am going to bless Potiphar's house, because Joseph is living there.

Potiphar: I like Joseph, because he's a really good servant. I'm going to let him take care of all of my things.

Joseph: Sounds good!

(Potiphar exits, Mrs. Potiphar enters.)

Mrs. Potiphar: Hm, I kind of like this Joseph... Joseph, do you want to fall in love with me?

Joseph: It would be a very grave sin against God to fall in love with you! How could I hurt Potiphar and sin against God?

Mrs. Potiphar: Very well, then. Goodbye!

(Joseph exits.)

Mrs. Potiphar: I am mad at Joseph now, because I didn't get my way. Hmm, I have an idea.

(Potiphar enters, and Mrs. Potiphar goes over to him.)

Mrs. Potiphar: Your servant Joseph came into the house to make fun of me, and when I cried, he ran away. I'm really upset now.

Potiphar: I am so mad! Joseph, come here!

(Joseph enters, and guard enters.)

Joseph: Hi Potiphar, what's up?

Potiphar: I am hereby sending you to prison!!

Joseph: What?! Why??

Guard: Come on, Joseph, let's go.

(Guard takes away Joseph. Potiphar and Mrs. Potiphar exit.)

God: Oh dear, Joseph is in prison. I will bless him even in this bad situation, and I will make the prison guard think well of him.

Guard: I like Joseph so much that I'm going to put him in charge of all the other prisoners. But the butler and the baker have offended Pharaoh, so they have to go to prison, too.

(The Butler and the Baker enter and stand with Joseph).

Butler: I had a strange dream last night.

Baker: Me too.

Butler: But we have no one to interpret it for us.

Joseph: Dreams can come from God, and I can interpret it for you.

Butler: In my dream, there was a vine with 3 branches. It budded, made flowers, and then grapes grew. I was holding Pharaoh's cup and I squeezed the grapes into his cup, and gave it to Pharaoh.

Joseph: The 3 branches are 3 days. Within 3 days, Pharaoh will take you out of prison, and you will be his butler again. You will give him his cup, just as you used to do.

Butler: That's awesome.

Joseph: But when you go back to Pharaoh, please mention me to him, and ask him to get me out of prison. I was stolen away from the land of the Hebrews, and I didn't do anything deserving of prison.

Butler: Ok!

Baker: Joseph, can you interpret my dream now?

Joseph: Sure.

Baker: In my dream, there were 3 baskets of bread on my head. In the top basket, there were baked goods for Pharaoh, and the birds ate them out of the basket on my head.

Joseph: The 3 baskets are 3 days. In 3 days, Pharaoh will have you hanged and the birds will eat you.

Baker: Oh, how horrible!

(Joseph, Baker, and Butler exit.)

Narrator: In 3 days, Pharaoh made a feast for all his servants. He took the butler out of prison and made him a butler again, and he hanged the chief baker, just as Joseph had said. Then two years went by.

(Pharaoh, Butler, Wise Man, and Magician enter.)

Pharaoh: I had a strange dream last night. I was standing near the Nile river, and 7 fat, healthy cows came out of the river and grazed. After that, 7 thin, scrawny cows came out of the river and ate up the fat cows.

Narrator: The next night, Pharaoh had another strange dream.

Pharaoh: In this dream, 7 ears of corn came up on one stalk. Then 7 small, unhealthy ears of corn came up and swallowed the healthy ones.

Magician: I have no idea what these dreams mean.

Wise Man: Me neither.

Pharaoh: Then who can interpret the dreams for me?

Butler: I have an idea! I know this guy Joseph that once interpreted a few dreams correctly.

Pharaoh: Send for Joseph!

(Guard enters with Joseph.)

Pharaoh: Joseph, can you interpret my dreams for me?

Joseph: I don't have the power to interpret this dream, but God can give you an answer. It looks like these two dreams mean the same thing. God is trying to show you what he's going to do.

Pharaoh: What will God do?

Joseph: The 7 fat cows and healthy ears of corn represent 7 years of great plenty, and the 7 scrawny cows and small ears of corn represent 7 years of famine.

Pharaoh: So what should we do?

Joseph: You should probably gather extra food during the 7 good years, and then you'll have this extra food for the years of famine.

Pharaoh: That sounds like a good idea. You can be in charge of doing this, and all my people will be ruled by you.

Joseph: OK! This sure beats prison!