

# TIGER QUEEN SAVES THE SLAVES!

**Passover Zoom Play 2020**  
**3 Acts/18 Min.**

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*Four siblings stuck inside together because of the coronavirus come up with a plot to pass the time and write a passover play that tells the tale of then and now with way more fun and much more meaning.*

*And pets.*

*Based on the four children in the Haggadah and current events  
this play is pure fiction. Mostly.*

## WHAT IS THIS??

Welcome to a brand new online Passover Play written during social isolation by three kids and one of their parents, over screens, meant to be used at our family Seder on Zoom - and also at yours!

The play, written for anybody to use, is about Passover - and Coronavirus, and it includes three acts - one to get Seder started, the second during the storytelling part of the Seder (Magid) and the third after dinner.

**The total run is approximately 18 minutes, just about the time it takes to bake a Matza.**

The play's characters are inspired by the Passover Haggadah and the Exodus story. It includes roles for four main actors, plus a narrator, and roles for younger kids with a passion for making different kinds of animal sounds. There is also a participatory moment in Act Two - for all Seder participants to engage.

### How to activate:

1. **CAST!** Make sure roles are assigned ahead of time and actors have their scripts ready to go, printed or edited with individual roles highlighted.
2. **Animals!** Depending on how many younger kids and what ages - there are lines in each act for different animals. Have fun with that and let the kids (or whoever) know ahead.
3. **Rehearse!** At least once.
4. **Narrator** - Ideally an older teen or adult who can help weave this into Seder and facilitate conversation in the middle of act two.
5. **Props/Costumes** - Optional! At the very least you can have actors change backdrop and/or their name in their Zoom room to reflect the character they're playing. Other costume pieces and set design - go for it!
6. **Have fun!**

### Characters:

Narrator

4 Siblings

1 Queen

Pet/s (as many as there are kids who can make animal sounds!)

# ACT ONE

# LET'S GET THIS SEDER STARTED

## ACT ONE CHARACTERS

### Narrator

**Snarky** 18 years old, home from college

**Smarty** 14, know-it-all

**Sassy Simplish** 11, loves animals a lot, great at plays

**Sorta Clueless** 8, all heart!

**Matzo Ball** The Dog

### Narrator:

Happy Seder Folks! Remember the story of Passover? When a mysterious mean spirit aka The Tenth Plague struck the land of Egypt at midnight, passing over the homes where doors were smeared with blood but killing lots of people in the other homes and then the Hebrew slaves went FREE?

OMG.

Now it's kinda like CORONA! Kinda?

Anyway. We wrote a play about it for the seder... Here goes. It all starts with four siblings who've been stuck home together for a few weeks coz of the virus and ARE LOSING IT.

Let's go. Please mute unless you're in the play!

### Snarky:

You guys, I can't take this anymore! I'm inside with all of you losers because of this quarantine. NOW I'm LOSING IT TOO.

Is there anything good happening in the world? There's just chaos everywhere!

### Smarty:

Ok chill out. Of course there are good things happening. I mean, no, that was cancelled. Oh! No, that was also cancelled. Well, we're all still here and together, which is rare and fun. Mostly...

### Snarky:

SOOOOO bored. What do we do to pass the time?

### Matzo Ball:

WOOF! WOOF!

### Clueless:

MatzoBall is bored too, and hungry. Me too...

### Simplish:

We can do a puzzle!

**Smarty:**

I love puzzles. But. Our fifth hundred time doing the one puzzle we have? I don't think so. By this point I think I memorized the whole periodic table. Another idea?

**Simplish:**

We could play Mario Kart.

**Snarky:**

Ugh! Apparently a hundred races can make you sick of the stupid game!

**Simplish:**

Well, when we were all younger we put on all of great plays. Remember?

**Clueless:**

YEAH! Remember when we were all Disney characters? I was the best toad. Ribbit.

**Other pets:**

Ribbit (other animal sounds)

**Matzo Ball:**

WOOF!

**Simplish:**

Let's do a play! With animals!

**Matzo Ball:**

Woof Woof!!!

**Smarty:**

Ok pipe down...We've all gotten so much more mature. Most of us anyway. How about Shakespeare?

**Clueless:**

I love milkshakes!

**Snarky:**

You are so clueless. And no Shakespeare. This dude wears tights!

**Simplish:**

Animals!

**Snarky:**

Yeah! You can be a little doggie, and I will be a T-rex and stomp all over you! Happy ending.

**Smarty:**

Actually, T-rexes are extinct, so...

**Snarky:**

You are the most annoying sibling ever!

**Clueless:**

Hold up! I thought I was the most annoying sibling? Not fair!

**Snarky:**

AGGGGHHHHHHH! You are definitely the dumbest.

**Smarty:**

HEY! Stop that. You are mean for no reason.

**Snarky:**

YOU STOP THAT! Smartypants!

**Simplish:**

Oh wait. Isn't there this holiday coming up? It's got like, a huge story? Sail over? Glide over?

**Smarty:**

You mean Passover?

**Simplish:**

Knew it was one of those!

**Smarty:**

But how would we make a play out of it? It's a sacred story from the Torah. Isn't that offensive?

**Snarky:**

Who cares? This stuff didn't even happen. It's made up. And it's boring.

**Smarty:**

Actually, it's about freedom and fighting for what's right!

**Snarky:**

Well I do like fighting. Aren't there some seriously brutal scenes in that thing? Doesn't Moses kill a guy? We could put on one of those!

**Simplish:**

What about the animals?

**Snarky:**

Enough with the animals! This is pointless!

**Clueless:**

Like a broken pencil!

**Snarky:**

Gaaaah! I'm gonna kill you!!!

**Clueless:**

Not again!

**Smarty:**

Enough already! We need some order here!

**Clueless:**

Yeah! Let's order pizza!

**Snarky:**

No bread allowed! See...This holiday sucks already!

**Smarty:**

Wait - -- order... In Hebrew, the word order is "Seder." Get it??

**Simplish:**

I think I have heard that word before.

**Snarky:**

Duh... that's the Passover meal.

**Smarty:**

Bingo. Hungry? Let's get this Seder started!! Where does our play begin?

**Narrator:**

OK folks. You heard our four siblings...Time to fill your glasses, folks, it's time to Seder. The next act of our play will continue later.

# ACT TWO

## EGYPTIAN FIRST FAMILY FEUD

### ACT TWO CHARACTERS

#### Narrator

**Princess Batya of Egypt** Justice fighter (she/her)

**Prince Ramses of Egypt** Entitled (he/him)

**Princes Nour of Egypt** Kind (they/them)

**Queen Cleo of Egypt** Loves tigers (she/her)

**Tiger Queen the Royal Pet** Kid/s

**Random frogs** Kids

#### Narrator:

Dinner in the Palace of Egypt. It's been five plagues in Egypt. Morale is down.

Batya, Princess of Egypt, argues with her siblings, Ramses and Nour. She wants to go to their father, Pharaoh the king and demand that he let the Hebrews go because the plagues are real and change is needed. The Queen of Egypt and her pet tigers show up to save the day, and the Hebrew slaves.

#### Batya:

DUDE! Ramses. Put down your tablet and listen up. We gotta let them go! That last attack - this mysterious plague is killing lots of people!

#### Ramses:

What are you talking about? It's just some bad weather... Not a plague. You're just being silly. It'll go away eventually. You worry too much. You always do.

#### Batya:

Some bad weather?! Blood in the Nile, frogs in our beds?

#### Frogs:

Ribbit. Ribbit.

#### Batya:

See? Frogs everywhere. And lice and boils, and now this thing. Our economy is tanking, everyone is terrified and sleepless, don't you see? We are dealing with an extra supernatural angry force here! Wake up! We gotta tell dad! We gotta let the Hebrews go! It's a warning!

**Ramses:**

Nothing bad is gonna happen. They are just slaves and because of them we have the money we have, and the empire we need, and some bad weather and magic tricks won't stop us. Slaves stay.

What's for dinner?

**Nour:**

Yeah, Batya, I'm hungry. Can we stop talking about this?

**Batya:**

You guys, seriously. We got to get Dad to change his mind!

**Ramses:**

Well if you really want to change Dad's mind, the only way to do that is to convince YOU KNOW WHO.

**Batya:**

OH WOW. Here She Comes Now!

**Narrator:**

All Rise, Cleo The Mighty, The Queen of Egypt, Enters!

**Ramses:**

Oh Hi Mom.

**Nour:**

When do we eat?

**Batya:**

Mom, we have to... LET THE HEBREW SLAVES GO.

**Queen:**

Hi kids. What are you talking about? Surely you're joking (stifled laughter)HA HA HA.

**Batya:**

No mom, we have to talk - this "weather" is doing crazy and unthinkable things to our people. They say it's their God messing with us. We MUST LET THEM GO!



**Queen:**

Which God, dear? There are so many of them.

**Batya:**

The Hebrew God

**Queen:**

Oh that one. Invisible, no? Strange name. How silly. Whatever. No. I see no point in letting them go. We can handle this.

**Ramses:**

See, told you?

**Batya:**

WHAT!?! You see NO point in letting them go!?! Our people are being tortured, the only reason we are not being harmed is our palace guards and security.

**Queen:**

Yes. And I am deeply thankful for our guards. Our thoughts and prayers to those harmed.

**Batya:**

Seriously? People. I need some help here. How do you get her to change her mind??

Or we will all perish! Any suggestions? What would you say to the Queen right now to get her to see what's needed and change her mind?

**Narrator:**

Folks, please unmute yourselves and maybe share ways you can help Princess Batya change the Queen's mind? You can also write in the chat box.

**Guests:**

Respond

**Batya:**

Thank you everyone. Very helpful.

So, Mom, what do you think? Can we let them go??

**Queen:**

Nice ideas everyone. Refreshing. But I don't think we are ready to budge on public policy quite yet. So. No.

**Nour:**

Hey Mom. Honestly I don't know what you're all arguing about. But Look at what happened to your favorite pet tiger, Tiger Queen!

**Tigers:**

Long sad whimper/howl

**Queen:**

OH NO! What happened to Tiger Queen! Fur falling out, scabs everywhere, the poor thing! Is it that plague?? OK. ENOUGH. Dayenu. Those slaves have to go. I've had it with their cruel invisible god and unreasonable union demands and all these plagues!! OFF THEY GO! TONIGHT! I'm on it.

**Ramses:**

Well I'm the firstborn so that's VERY good news for me!

**Batya:**

Oh. Wow. We did it! Hey Nour - nice work! You saved the day! Not so clueless after all...  
Change IS possible if we work together!

**Nour:**

Whatever. When do we eat??

**Narrator:**

And that's the lesser known story of how the Hebrew slaves were liberated from Egyptian slavey thanks to a brave princess who loved justice and a tiger! Believe it or not.

Stay tuned to the final act of our four siblings and their exotic animal collection.

# ACT THREE MATZOBALL! (AFTER MAIN COURSE)

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**Snarky:**

Well guys, that play was not the most boring thing ever so good job everybody! I guess it takes a pet you love to make you change your mind??

**Simplish:**

Well wouldn't you do anything for Matzo Ball? Best dog ever.

**Matzo Ball:**

WOOF!

**Clueless:**

A pet tiger would be pretty cool...

**Smarty:**

Maybe? But not a good idea for so many reasons. But the point is, it takes a lot to change our minds, and whatever it took - we got their royal majesties to finally agree to a free and better life for everybody...

**Snarky:**

Well. Yeah...I guess we learned that change is pretty difficult to agree to. But totally worth it.

**Simplish:**

And that pets are people's weak spot.

**Animals:**

Roar, Meow, Etc.

**Clueless:**

And that it's fun to write a play together!

**Snarky:**

Y'all don't suck that much after all. I love you guys.

**Matzo Ball:**

WOOF!

**Snarky:**

You too Matzo ball. Speaking of. Are there any matzo balls left..?

**Tiger:**

HOWL!!!

**Smarty:**

O wow! I guess Tiger Queen escaped the story and joined us! I guess we have a new pet!

**All:**

Happy Passover!

**Narrator:**

And that my friends is the story of four siblings making it through tough times, learning how to live together, fight for justice, adapt to new realities and love their pets. Happy Passover! Stay safe and healthy. Next year together!