

Megillat Esther - Dingbat Style

Long, long ago, in a  called Persia, there lived a  named Achashveyrosh and a  named Vashti. The  ordered his wife  appear   him at a  -L, but she refused. The king was furious and ordered that she  put to death.

King Achashveyrosh wasn't happy  long without a queen, so he ordered a search across the kingdom for a  ifful girl to be his . From among hundreds of  he chose E , a cousin of Morde  -P+Ch a leader of the Jews at that . Mordechai advised Esther not to  -B +T the king that she was Jewish.

The King's Prime  ster was an evil man named Ha . Ha  decided that as he was so import  everyone should bow  -CL + D to him. Mordechai refused. Haman was very angry and asked the King to make a royal ruling to kill all the  -N +J. Haman drew lots to decide when this was to ha . The chosen  was to be 13th Adar. Mordechai heard about Haman's evil  -t. He sent Esther a message telling her what Haman was plotting and asked her  go  the King on   of all the Jewish people.



Esther was afraid. No **1** could **C** the king without being invited by him. She fasted and prayed for **3** days, plucked  her courage and went **2C** the king. King Achashveyrosh was ha  to see her and offered her up to  of his kingdom. All she asked was that the King and Haman  **-C+J** her for dinner that .

As they were drinking  the king again asked Esther what was her request. Esther replied that the king and Ha  should attend again the follo  evening **4** another banquet.

Haman was very pleased that he had  asked to dine with Achashveyrosh and Esther for **2** nights in a  **-B+R**. But then he  Mordechai at the king's  and Mordechai still refused **2** bow **2** him. Haman was filled with rage. He decided that very night **2** build a gallows on  to hang Mordechai, and he planned to speak to the king about it the very next day.

That same  the king could not sleep. He ordered his  of Chronicles to be read to him. The book was opened to a day when Mordechai had helped  **-W+S** the King's life. The King asked what

reward Mordechai had received and was told that nothing had been done for him.

The next morning, just as Haman was about to ask that Mordechai be hanged, the king asked Haman, "What should  done for the  whom the king wants to honour?" Haman, still filled with  -B+P, mi  only thought the king  -T+M him. So he answered, "Let the man be dressed in the king's royal robes and be  -B+L through the city streets on the king's . Let them call out, 'This is what is done for the man who the king wants to honour!'"

Imagine Haman's  + H when the King commanded, "Go at once. Get the  -ward and the horse and do as you have suggested - for Mordechai the Jew." Haman obeyed the king but was incredibly un .

That evening, at the **2**nd banquet,  -J finally told the king that she was Jewish. She begged the king to save her  ple. The king was furious with Haman and ordered that he be  on the gallows that he had built for Mordechai. Haman's pride and  -A+TY had led to his own destruction and the brave Queen Esther had saved her people.

Answer the following questions and include your own dingbats in your answers:

1. In which country did the Purim story take place?

2. Why did the King order that Queen Vashti be put to death?

3. What did Esther keep hidden from the King?

4. Why did Haman want to kill all the Jews?

The Story of Esther - [Dingbats explained]

Long ago, in a land [hand-**h**!] called Persia there lived a **king** named Achashveyrosh and a **queen** named Vashti. The **king** ordered his wife **to** appear before [bee-**f**our] him at a banquet [blanket - **L**], but she refused. The king was furious and ordered that she **be** put to death.

King Achashveyrosh wasn't happy for long without a queen, so he ordered a search through the kingdom for a beautiful [boot-**i**ful] girl to be his **bride**. From among hundreds of **ladies**, he chose Esther [E-**s**tair], a cousin of Mordechai [Morde-**p**ie], a leader of the Jews at that time. Mordechai advised Esther not to tell [bell -**b**] the king that she was Jewish.

The King's Prime Minister [Minnie-**s**ter] was an evil man named Haman [Ha-**m**an]. Haman decided that as he was so important, everyone should bow down [clown -**cl**] to him. Mordechai refused. Haman was very angry and asked the King to make a royal ruling to kill all the Jews [news -**n**]. Haman drew lots to decide when this was to happen. The chosen **date** was to be 13th Adar.

Mordechai heard about Haman's evil plan [plant -**t**]. He sent Esther a message telling her what Haman was plotting and asked her to go to the King on behalf [bee-**h**alf] of all the Jewish people.

Esther was afraid. No **one** could **see** the king without being invited by him. She fasted and prayed for three days, plucked up her courage and went to see the king. King Achashveyrosh was happy [ha-**p**ea] to see her and offered her up to

half of his kingdom. All she asked was that the King and Haman join [coin -c] her for dinner that night[knight].

As they were drinking wine, the king again asked Esther what was her request. Esther replied that the king and Haman should attend again the following evening for another banquet.

Haman was very pleased that he had been [bean] asked to dine with Achashveyrosh and Esther for two nights in a row. But then he saw Mordechai at the king's gate and Mordechai still refused to bow to him. Haman was filled with rage. He decided that very night to build a gallows on which [witch] to hang Mordechai and he planned to speak to the king about it the very next day.

That same night [knight] the king could not sleep. He ordered his Book of Chronicles to be read to him. The book was opened to a day when Mordechai had helped save [wave -w] the King's life. The King asked what reward Mordechai had received and was told that nothing had been done for him.

The next morning, just as Haman was about to ask that Mordechai be hanged, the king asked Haman, "What should be done for the man whom the king wants to honour?" Haman, still filled with pride [bride -b], mistakenly [mi steak enly] thought the king meant [tent -t] him. So he answered, "Let the man be dressed in the king's royal robes and be led [bed -b]through the city streets on the king's horse. Let them call out, 'This is what is done for the man who the king wants to honour!'"

Imagine Haman's shock [**sock +h**] when the King commanded, "Go at once. Get the robe [**wardrobe -ward**] and the horse and do as you have suggested for Mordechai the Jew." Haman obeyed the king but was incredibly un**happy**.

That evening, at the second banquet, Esther [**jester -j**] finally told the king that she was Jewish. She begged the king to save her people [**pea**-ple]. The king was furious with Haman and ordered that he be **hanged** on the gallows that he had built for Mordechai. Haman's pride and cruelty [**Cruella -a**] had led to his own destruction and the brave Queen Esther had saved her people.