

The Story Teller (Old)

Posted by Grant400 - 09 Dec 2020 17:53

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TRIGGER WARNING!

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Righteous Indignation

Chapter One:

January 13 2010 2:50 am; Brooklyn N.Y.

Moe Steiner was laying in his bed wide awake. His family were already sound asleep. But not him, he already gave up trying to sleep, after twisting and turning fitfully for 3 hours. Tomorrow was the big day. His heart started pounding with nervous anticipation, yet again. It finally arrived, after weeks of incredible highs and terrible lows, the speculation and wondering were almost over, tomorrow he was finally going to propose. Oh! How his heart was singing, this girl was the one, of that he was always certain, now that they were on the same page they were done with the feet dragging. He was more than ready to get the show on the road.

He planned the perfect proposal. Never one to spare an expense, he excitedly rented a full size luxury car, a Cadillac - his favorite - to pick up his wonderful Esther Berg, soon to be his very own Esther Steiner! He spread the back seat with an assortment of her favorite chocolates and candy for a mini lichaim together after he said the words. Of course the jumbo bouquet of red roses were going to be waiting in the trunk for right after. Oh, he couldn't wait. Those beautiful four words; Will you marry me? He'd been practicing in the mirror the whole night.

He decided to drive down to N.J. tomorrow and take a nice walk with her on the Point Pleasant boardwalk, ending at a small dock where his good friends set up a small table with a bottle of champagne resting on a bed of ice, flanked by two thin stemmed champagne flutes and

sprinkled with red rose petals. He wanted it to be perfect, just like the life ahead of him. Perfect of course.

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Moe lay with his hands tucked comfortably behind his head, imagining the future. How beautiful it will be. To finally have someone with whom he can have a real honest and deep relationship. Someone to laugh with and someone to cry with. He knew he was going to be the best husband ever. He just knew he will always be there for Esther, and she will always be there for him. Their relationship was going to be legendary. To be able to open up and share the most raw emotions, to be vulnerable and honest...Honest! Moe abruptly sat up and kicked off the covers. He suddenly felt stifled and short of breath. Honesty. Is he being completely honest?

He swung his bare feet onto the cold wood floor and started pacing back and forth. A weird feeling bubbling up in his chest. What was it he wondered? Fear? Guilt? Confusion?

All these years he knew the time would come, the time he will have to let go and never turn back. When he would finally have to face reality and admit the painful truth to himself. The truth about his secret. Until now he always excused himself, boys will be boys - of course I wouldn't do it forever, that's disgusting. But that was always deep in the unforeseeable future, but that future had just arrived. To have an honest and healthy marriage, to be the husband and father he wanted to be, meant finally facing reality.

His hands shaking, he headed towards his desk where his pants were neatly folded and draped over the chair. He picked them up with purposeful intent, then he stopped in place. Was he ready? Can he give up all those years of pleasure and bliss? All the hours and history together? He sighed, his heart heavy. But he knew what he must do, no, what he wanted to do. He set his jaw determinedly, stuck his now steady hand into his pocket and pulled out his treasured and secret device. He tiptoed toward his bedroom door and ever so softly padded his way into the hallway bathroom. He turned around and closed the door gently clicking the lock into place. He stood in front of the toilet, memories flooded his senses. That was then, he chided himself. It's over I'm not that person anymore. He picked up the cover of the toilet tank and without hesitation dropped his phone into the water, holding his breath without realizing until he heard the telltale thud of the now despised device hitting the bottom. He exhaled, expelling his mixed feelings along with his pent up breath.

He instantly felt better, he knew he did the right thing. No regrets. Now he can face tomorrow with a clean conscience and build an honest and open relationship together. All those years and all those times were over, from now on it wasn't just Moe for himself. Now it is Moe and Esther, an entirely new entity, an entirely new beginning.

He couldn't wait for tomorrow. He headed to bed and snuggled into his quilt. Feeling the soft mattress envelope him in a hug, he sighed in satisfaction and immediately drifted to sleep with a smile on the corner of his lips. Pleasant dreams of the future accompanied his contented snoring. He knew everything will work out.

To be continued...

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by eyes - 01 Mar 2021 17:58

Dear Guard,

I am no place to metal with the vaad's decision. But I want you to know that this story really helps me. I am having urges that I haven't had in a long time. I am now going to read part of this story to get me back on track.

Thanks

Eyes

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by eyes - 01 Mar 2021 18:07

[the.guard wrote on 15 Feb 2021 09:51:](#)

This is fantastic, such a wake-up call to us here on GYE!

I hope the story leads into a good ending that we can all learn from :-)

PLease guard

PLease let the story to continue.

Let it be on the BB group with a forward and if someone doesnt want to read they dont have to.

I am very sensitive to any sexual material and my heart starts to pant and out it comes. This did not happen to me in the last chapter. Please let grant continue

Eyes

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by Pure123 - 01 Mar 2021 19:22

i found this story very helpful for me...

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by YeshivaGuy - 01 Mar 2021 19:37

(I love how this discussion is bringing everyone out of the woodwork!)

The story is great. I have gained from it, bh.

Yes, I did get a shtikl taiva here and there, however, I do believe I have gained more.

I've even shared certain parts with a friend of mine who was moved by it as well.

Seeing the toll this can take on a marriage, and the repercussions of being out of touch with the reality (like who's fault something is) is very moving.

As well, I see how easy it is to go from dropping the phone into the toilet before proposing and meeting up with another girl in shana rishona.

Honestly, I find it to seem very very realistic, which I find scary.

This story compels and teaches me to get my act together before marriage, as I B'eZRas HaShem, intend to.

I think Grant does a great job at portraying the girls side of it. I think it would be interesting to have a GYE lady write the girls side and Grant Wright the mans side, but that would entail them working together, and I'm doubtful how positive that would be.

So, I vote to keep it here. Though I do acknowledge that it has triggered me, I do still believe it's more worthwhile than not.

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by concernedjew21 - 01 Mar 2021 22:11

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I understand your frustration, trust me. I'm the cause for this topic of controversy. Yet we must respect The Guard. He isn't just any poster with a trigger happy finger dying to share his opinion for others to read. He is honestly here for people like us, only looking out for our good and our growth.

I too am shocked by how many people found the content triggering. It has given me my own set of doubts, and I'm not sure we can do away with that aspect under the guise of "more good will come out than bad". That is a question only fit for minds greater than ours, and given to judgement solely to more experienced people. We can only view things through out perspective and experience, we need an outsider who will have a greater scope.

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by Yehuda B - 02 Mar 2021 00:57

Im not sure why some of you don't understand the difference between what has been written here in the story as opposed to all other threads on this website but I'll explain. Normally people post their struggles with a focus on the downside and clearly portrays regret and concerns about the activities being discussed. However for better or worse these stories are different. That's because it's drawn out to give a clear in depth picture of certain situations. Which inevitably is resulting in somewhat glorifying certain scenerios which one would find in the thousands of romance novels you can find at your local public library. Now the author, who has contributed so much on this website, might have only positive intentions. But in order to give a clear picture and detailed account of ones struggles in a story format the only way to truly do so is to get into the details and focus on them as the story progresses which can give the reader the wrong impression of the whole situation at least at those moments of the story. Which is possibly why so many of us are so curious about who that woman was in the last chapter....Either way it's obviously not my call. I'm just adding my two cents in, don't wanna be left out of the peanut gallery over here...

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by concernedjew21 - 02 Mar 2021 01:21

There is nothing glorifying about the story, in fact the story is laced with a palpable and almost unbearable sense of impending doom and destruction, which is a credit to the author, resonates and hits very hard with people, and is its entire purpose.

THAT is the difference between this story and the countless posts on this website. Those posts detail the destruction porn and lust addiction wreak upon peoples lives, sure, but often in a somewhat generic, clinical, "yeah yeah I've seen this before sort of way". This is hitting right where it hurts.

No one is reading this story to get their erotic kicks, there are [trigger warning!], MUCH better places for that.

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by Lou - 02 Mar 2021 02:11

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by Lou - 02 Mar 2021 02:13

[Ish MiGrodno wrote on 25 Feb 2021 17:54:](#)

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After having read through the many posts on this thread,I can agree with parts of some and parts of others. However,what IMG said is the only post i can wholeheartedly agree with. This is what we do when we have a question of this magnitude.

Thank you

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by Zedj - 02 Mar 2021 04:42

Can we please have a final verdict on this!?

All these posts debating whether or not a story is triggering may actually cause triggers...

I feel that unfortunately grants story is tainted that it's "triggering". If grant gets the green light, I hope he will be able to continue with the same sincerity as he had before this "triggering" saga.

Grant,

just in case it's not clear.. we all appreciate your contributions to the forum.

Thank you for all your hard work and effort you put into your posts!

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by Hashem Help Me - 02 Mar 2021 04:59

Sorry for my late joining into this conversation. I have been basically off GYE for quite a bit due to being bh very busy.

I humbly request that the thread continue in the section where bochurim can read it. I also think it should be given to all chosson rebbis to have each chosson read before the chasuna. I think there are so many lessons that we all can learn from this story. Yes, there should be a disclaimer that there is a potential for one to be triggered, while at the same time warning that the reader will experience being banged over the head with a sledgehammer.

GYE is not the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation. Although we are careful with language and how things are written, we must face reality. It is a place where guys who have been very exposed to really horrible stuff, are coming to. This story has the ability to undo the brainwashing of pornography being great/exciting/pleasurable/fulfilling, in a way that 20 speeches cannot accomplish.

That being said, i think we all realize that GYE has been there for us, and has a great track record. If the vaad decides to cut the thread, we should respectfully accept that.

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Can we make this the most thanked post ever?

Also wanted to again thank the good general for the incredible impactful stories that have been released to date and can only guess what will come in the future

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