

The Story Teller (Old)

Posted by Grant400 - 09 Dec 2020 17:53

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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 the.guard - 27 Feb 2021 19:27

[lodaas wrote on 25 Feb 2021 22:52:](#)

maybe finish each chapter in a way that portrays everything that's wrong with Moe's messed up brain and actions, and how it impacts his wife's feelings. I think it would remove every trigger especially with Grant's writing skills.

And he would not keep us in suspense that much

1) If you could what he writes above, that would definitely be a big help.

2) Also, I think we should move this story to the balabatim's forum. Since that is a place by definition has more triggering things.

3) Perhaps we should place an announcement at the beginning along the lines of what Grant

wrote before (here's a rough draft taken from Grant's post, he can shorten it and fix it up if he wants).

DISCLAIMER: This story can be triggering at times, but the author deems it necessary to be blunt about the temptations - just as we experience them on a daily basis, in order to illustrate how if not reigned in, they can lead to places many times worse and to pain many times greater. The story's purpose is to take the reader through the intense desires, pain, dissatisfaction and disappointments that the main characters go through - until hitting rock bottom, in the hope that it will suffice as a tangible portrayal and prediction of one who doesn't gain control. Reading the twisted justifications and wrongful self righteousness, and where they can lead, will hopefully remove the need for one to heaven forbid experience these unfortunate circumstances himself, to gain the clarity reached only through personal experience and realization. To achieve this effect, there can be triggering situations depicted at times. Reader discretion advised.

In any event, if we can do these few things, I agree that you should put back the last chapter and continue as planned...

Thanks for the great story, it's really powerful!

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by OivedElokim - 28 Feb 2021 05:32

Please don't move it...

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by BHYY - 28 Feb 2021 23:29

Can we get a maskana from the moderators please?

Poor Grant has been completely derailed this past week. As someone who has been deeply

(might I add life-changingly) impacted by his story my firm opinion is that nothing should change. Not a thing. Everything should continue on as if this past week's discussion never happened. And it should stay here where single guys like me can be shaken up and given a few slaps telling us to get ourselves in order before we destroy a marriage. Without Grant's story I'd still in be in a helpless tail chasing yeiush cycle.

But the decision isn't mine to make.

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by starting - 01 Mar 2021 00:52

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by OivedElokim - 01 Mar 2021 01:21

[starting wrote on 01 Mar 2021 00:52:](#)

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Didn't mean to press thank you on this post. I am opposed to moving it. We have been exposed to much worse then this story.

We can borrow the phrase from ??? ????? in regards to this serial:

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And all of us on GYE , weather we are married or single are at some level ???.

And we deserve an equal chance to become ?????...

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by tzitzis dude - 01 Mar 2021 05:42

ANYWAYS, getting back to the story at hand (if I may):

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by Lizhensk - 01 Mar 2021 07:44

I personally think that the story should stay as is.

There are a lot of aspects of this story that I relate to even besides the porn, masturbation, and cheating (that looks like is about to happen). Chani's loneliness, Moe's rudeness and total lack of realizing what he is doing, Esther's pain, Yehoshua's blissful unawareness, his cluelessness on what his wife needs.

These are all aspects that we all need to hear, and I would venture to say that even bochurim should read. After all, we all have had our minds warped over time to think only about ourselves, and it would help to read that there are other people in a relationship that need things too.

With all that being said, whatever decision is made about this story, I would suggest deleting the whole back and forth regarding what to do. Especially since the original post that set it all off is no longer here. One day down the line, some noob will be reading this thread and will be extremely confused as to what happened here.

Hatzlacha!

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by Striving Avreich - 01 Mar 2021 10:17

I disagree about bochrim. I think there are some parts that can't be understood until in the situation (not because of lack of intelligence or understanding) but agree about the overall sentiment

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by Looking_to_improve - 01 Mar 2021 12:37

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Maybe it's Mrs. Reisman...

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by Grant400 - 01 Mar 2021 13:40

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Additionally, moving the story to the BB section is removing the main viewership from accessing the story. The primary intent is for bochurim to be educated how to create a marriage that is free of the terrible effects of uncontrolled lust.

I'm asking The Guard to please post a final verdict about what is required by GYE standards. I will follow his psak.

Any questions, feel free to email or PM me.

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by wilnevergiveup - 01 Mar 2021 14:02

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Can we have a breakoff minyan where you can post the story for anyone who is interested?

With all due respect to everyone involved, I think the value of this story as well as the value of Grant to GYE in general has been expressed very well. At this point, I think it would be wise for Harav Grant and Harav Guard to have a private conversation as far as how to proceed in a way that will provide the most benefit possible to the GYE community.

Additionally, I am not sure I agree that the target audience needs to be bochurim. You yourself have said many times that married guys are blinded by lust and make these mistakes until something forces the hard truth onto them. Some people just don't understand until they get married anyway. I think this story would be highly beneficial even in the BB section and feel that many would gain from seeing this new perspective.

All the best and keep up all the good that you are doing.

Wilnevergiveup

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by cordnoy - 01 Mar 2021 14:17

I think that the forum crowd (certainly those who post) and those who receive the gye chizuk emails are two different groups.

While I think that some things posted can be triggerin' (and I have been guilty at that a time or

two or three), i believe in general that experienced posters have shown excellent discretion, and truthfully, if gye is where you are bein' triggered, go for it!

Additionally, I have always held that these things should be in b"b forum (although, at times, I cannot locate it), and bochurim will eventually need to learn. It is not our responsibility to train them in marriage. We are here to fix mistakes.

(The womenfolk who read these is a separate discussion.)

I must concede that I have not really read the story well, but my vote is to brin' back whatever was deleted and continue on.

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by Markz - 01 Mar 2021 16:13

Thanks Guard, Cords, Grant and everyone else here. To summarize.

1. This thread became the place where we tell the story teller how to tell it.
2. It's very difficult for the guy behind the mic to follow a script (hey it's hard enough for him not to take the other look).

Grant, if you do the following we should be good to go.

3. Start a new thread.

I like what Lizhensk did where he has in the Topic header

“PLEASE READ THE FOREWORD“

This way you can write the short trigger warning with some for unmarried guys, and also a request for people not to comment on the Story thread itself.

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by EvedHashem1836 - 01 Mar 2021 17:13

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No pressure

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