

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 concernedjew21 - 25 Feb 2021 02:34

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Agree 100 percent

Warning: Spoiler!

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by OivedElokim - 25 Feb 2021 03:15

General Grant, keep it up.

Uncensored.

Raw.

It'll do more good then harm.

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by Markz - 25 Feb 2021 04:40

[the.guard wrote on 24 Feb 2021 08:54:](#)

Amazing story, very well written. However, I do find certain parts a bit triggering, for example this last chapter... Not sure it's healthy to leave us hanging in such a part, it leaves too much for the imagination... For the guys on GYE, it can trigger their own feelings of desire for these kinds of "adventures" if you know what I mean... Instead, I think we need to quickly jump to the part where he starts to see how messed up his life is and how pointless and meaningless it is to chase false pleasures!

(For anyone triggered, listen to this: gyeboost.org/archives/133)

He didn't leave us hanging.

Please can he put it back? I have a copy...

He flipped the whole triggering segment on its head when he ended it with

"The woman walked up to the car and gently tapped on the window. She could see the man huddled over his phone. She knew it was him. There were no other cars in the area. The man jumped and looked up. She gasped. The man's mouth opened wide in shock. They stared at each other in frozen silence.

Who could've known? The man, snapping out of his reverie, rolled down the window. "Hey", said Moe. "It's you!" exclaimed the woman in disbelief!

To be continued..."

Without this ending, it would be inappropriate, but they way he wrote it, I'd also put in my vote

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by i-man - 25 Feb 2021 06:59

I think removing the chapter defeats the purpose, now people will in fact have much more of an open gap to fill with their imagination, whereby the story is written in a controlled environment.

Catch -22..

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by EvedHashem1836 - 25 Feb 2021 12:00

Also maybe if you are someone particularly triggered by the stories then don't read them - not

trying to be blunt btw j my opinion

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by Grant400 - 25 Feb 2021 17:52

So it seems that the general consensus is that the pros outweigh the cons. Yet, at the same time I cannot and do not want to be responsible for even one person being triggered.

It seems that people want me to attempt to continue writing the story, albeit while trying to minimize fodder for imagination and to do away with suspense. That in essence is impossible. That's what writing is. It is feeding and teasing the imagination, painting stormy emotions and fiery reactions with words that cause the reader to create an image in his head, causing him to experience it together with the characters.

Cutting out all such content will render the story virtually pointless and worthless. We all know how the story will end. The reason intense effort and immense time is being invested, is to take the reader through the intense desires, pain, dissatisfaction and disappointments that the main characters go through, 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.

I'm at a loss. Especially where the story is heading, towards rock bottom - there will be triggering content according to these stringent (albeit probably correct) standards. That is the whole point, to be blunt about the temptations - just as we experience them on a daily basis. To illustrate how if not reigned in, even when they seem unconquerable, it can lead to places many times worse and to pain many times greater.

Opinions?

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by Ish MiGrodno - 25 Feb 2021 17:54

Ask a Gadol? R' Elya Brudny?

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by Sapy - 25 Feb 2021 18:30

I would say, that you should send each chapter to the guard before posting. So you can find together a way to do both. I personally didnt find it triggering until now, but I can see it getting triggering very fast, especially when you wanna describe rock bottom with feelings...

But please dont stop, you see it making a positive difference for so many people, it's worth the koach to find a fine line, for the merit of helping so much people understand the danger of this.

Thank you Grant!

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by jewish jew - 25 Feb 2021 18:37

If you are taking a vote, then I am defiantly on the side that says continue and don't skip out any of the details...

I'm really liking the turmoil of the story and the real-life-look on how us, with sex warped minds, think and rationalize all the silly things that we do.

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Posted by othershot - 25 Feb 2021 19:05

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Personally I found the last chapter slightly triggering but how does GYE exist and do all of the amazing things it does without any triggers??

I think the good outweighs the bad and you

should continue with the story.

You can put a warning on top that says it may be triggering and let each guy decide for himself.

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by concernedjew21 - 25 Feb 2021 19:29

Excuse me for being harsh here, but having this whole site exist, having the whole balei battims forum exist, with the plethora of triggering material there, but to suddenly neuter your story, which is resonating and striking a cord with so many and serving as a real warning as to where this ends, would be nothing short of a maaseh satan.

Rabbosai, ad kan divrei hayetzer harah! This conversation is borderline absurd when you take a step back and look at the site we're on and the forum that exist here.

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by Iodaas - 25 Feb 2021 22:52

maybe finish each chapter in a way that portrays everything thats wrong with moes messed up brain and actions, and how it impact his wifes feelings. I think it would remove every trigger especially with grants writing skills.

And he would not keep us in suspense that much

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by eyes - 26 Feb 2021 12:39

As a staunch supporter of Grant400's story.

I would like to say the following.

I live with grant's stories. It plays in my mind and keeps me focused.

The amount of tears and worry over this story has brought me to a higher place.

PLease keep it coming

Eyes

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Re: The Story Teller

Posted by Ish MiGrodno - 26 Feb 2021 23:05

Eyes, I could not have put it better.

I constantly live with Esther's torturous predicament in the back of my mind.

I am now 98 days old cuz I promised myself that my wife will never again be an Esther.

And to the oilam just beginning - today is a day of miracles (I just happened to get the miracle a bit early this year)...

?A Frielichen Purim!

Resolved and Stubborn in Grodno ~ IMG

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