

KING: What language is that? Italian?

ESTHER: Not exactly.

KING: Whatever.

KING *exits*.

NARRATOR: And so Esther, a Jewish girl who happened to be in the wrong place at the right time — or maybe the right place at the wrong time — well, anyway, she became queen of all Persia.

ESTHER: (*To NARRATOR*) Wait, was he serious about that? Am I really the queen?

NARRATOR: Oh yes, definitely. It says so in the Bible.

ESTHER: Weird. (*ESTHER exits.*)

## SCENE 2

KING *is seated on his throne*.

NARRATOR: Now that King Achashverosh found his new queen, he decided it was time for a new Prime Minister.

KING: What happened to the old Prime Minister?

NARRATOR: Eaten by alligators.

KING: This is Persia. Where did we get alligators?

NARRATOR: Amazon Prime.

KING: That's ridiculous. How's that possible?

NARRATOR: Amazon needed a new way to make money so they invented a time machine. Now even the dinosaurs can order online.

KING: Weird. Well, you seem to know what's going on here. Who is the evilest, cruelest, most monstrous person in my whole kingdom?

NARRATOR: You, your majesty.

KING: I know that! I mean other than me.

NARRATOR: That would be ... HAMAN!

HAMAN *enters, bowing to all the boos.*

HAMAN: Did somebody say my name?

KING: I heard you are the evilest, cruelest, most monstrous person in the whole kingdom other than me.

HAMAN: (*Blushing*) Thank you!

KING: I would like to make you Prime Minister so you can bring your horribleness to the whole kingdom!

HAMAN: Yay! (*Pauses*) How come no one else is cheering?

**“Haman Gets a Promotion”**

(Sung to the tune of “The Unbirthday Song” from *Alice in Wonderland*)

So Haman got a promotion that day  
And all the Jews just shouted “Oy vey!”  
They knew that with his power he would make their people pay  
When Haman got a promotion that day

That Haman really was evil you see  
You wouldn’t have liked him, we guarantee  
He’d lick all of your sandwiches and sneeze into your tea  
That Haman really was evil you see

One day as Haman went walking for fun  
Well everybody was cheering but one  
Our Mordechai refused to bow in front of everyone  
The day that Haman went walking for fun

HAMAN *and* HENCHMEN *are walking down the street like a celebrity and everyone is bowing.*  
MORDECHAI *is ignoring everything.*

HAMAN: Thank you, thank you! (HAMAN *sees* MORDECHAI) Wait a minute! You need to bow!