

MORDECHAI: I knew the invention of shoelaces was a mistake. Stick to sandals, I say!

HAMAN: No, my point is —

MORDECHAI: And it's like another two millennia until velcro...

HAMAN: I'm the new Prime Minister. You're supposed to bow before me.

MORDECHAI: You? Who cares about you?

HAMAN: (*mystified*) I'm sorry, what?

MORDECHAI: I'm a Jew and we only bow before God.

HAMAN: (*excitedly*) Are you ... are you *defying* me?

MORDECHAI: (*confused*) I guess so...?

HAMAN: My prayers have been answered! (MORDECHAI *exits*.)



SCENE 7

MORDECHAI *rushes up to* ESTHER.

MORDECHAI: We're in big trouble!

ESTHER: What happened?

MORDECHAI: Haman has convinced the king to destroy all of the Jews in the kingdom!

ESTHER: Why did he do that?

MORDECHAI: (*Innocently*) No idea!

ESTHER: Mordechai...!

MORDECHAI: (*sighing*) Okay, okay. Haman insisted I bow to him and I said no.

ESTHER: And now he's taking out his bad mood on *all* of the Jews, huh? What a mess you've made.

MORDECHAI: It's not my fault!

ESTHER: How is it *not* your fault?!

MORDECHAI: Okay, it's my fault. But you gotta do something to save us!

ESTHER: It's *your* mess, *you* clean it up!

MORDECHAI: I can't! I'm just a regular guy. You're the queen! If anyone can save us, it's you.

ESTHER: And once again, a man makes a mess of things and expects a woman to clean up after him. How am I supposed to do this? Five scenes ago, *I* was just a regular girl. And now you put the future of the Jewish people on my shoulders.

“Haman is Ga Ga”

MORDECHAI

You feel alone, you're filled with gloom
The pressure builds, the danger looms
And everything you used to know
Needs saving from this psycho

You'll save them all from Haman's plot
You've got to give it all you've got
He's made us cringe, he's made us cry
It's time to stop this evil guy

So don't give in to doubt or fear
It's time to fight until we're clear
We don't know how, we don't know where
We'll lose it all if you're not there

Now it's your time, you have the power
You've yet to have your finest hour
Esther, dear

All we know is Haman is ga ga