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?

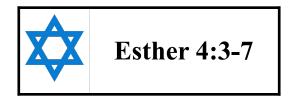
HAMAN: (mystified) I'm sorry, what?

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.)



<u>SCENE 7</u> 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

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