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AN INTERVIEW WITH A FELLOWCRAFT

Q. Pardon me, sir. Are you one of the fellowcrafts working at King Solomon's Temple.

JM Is that a trick question?

Q. No. I'm writing an article about the Temple and its workers for our local newspaper, The Jerusalem's Jazzy Journal. Would you answer a few questions for me?

JM Well, if it don't take too long. I'm kinda in a hurry.

Q. I'll make it brief. First, what is your name.

JM My name's Jubulum. Whut's yourn.

Q. You can call me Q.

Do you have a sobriquet?

JM No. While back I was thinkin bout gittin a used one but a guy tole me parts is hard to find for em. Anyhow, walkin's good fer ya. You got one?

Q. Uh - no. Are you the only member of your family who is a fellowcraft working at the Temple?

JM No. I got two brothers, Jubela and Jubelo, doin' the same. We's from Tyre and the other fellercrafts calls us La, Lo, & Lum. Lum's me.

Q. What sort of work do fellowcrafts do?

JM The job description sez we is hewers in the mountains, but most of the fellercrafts don't even know whut the heck a hewer in the mountains is suppose to hew, or even that if he knew how to hew, whut to do. If my boss, Hugh, handed me a hewer and told me to go into the mountains and hew a yew, I wouldn't have a clue on how to hew a yew. Would you? Then supposin I brung Hugh a new hewed yew. Hugh mite not like it and give me a bad new hewed yew report. Whut our crew usual do is this: A entered prentice digs up a rough ashlar (that's a stone, took from the quarry in its natural state) and knocks off the ruff edges. Then he brings it to a fellercraft like me or La or Lo who makes it into a perfect ashlar by makin shure it's plumb square and all 6 sides is level accordin to the size and specs Hugh drew. Maybe they's callin us Hughers insted of hewers. That'd make a lot more sense.

Q. Are you and your brothers happy ☺ and content doing this sort of work?

JM Yes and no. We's happy ☺ cause we'll soon git to be Master Masons, so we can travel in forrin countries, git masters wages and make more shekels for us and our

famblies and be able to help out some poor brothers, their widders & orphan kids. But we's not holy satisfied ☹ and content cause we's only this ☹ ☹ fer from achievin' that goal, so we's a gittin' mitey antsy and a number of us, was a plannin on formin' a committee to go ask Grand Master Hiram to hurry things up. But all the others chickened out.

Q. When will you get to be a Master Mason?

JM GM Hi promised us that after he was done buildin the Temple we would git to be Master Masons if we was found worthy by him and King Solomon and Hiram King o Tyre.

Q. Most fellowcrafts I have talked with say GM Hi is a great and good man. Do you agree with that?

JM I always did afore, but lately, my faith in him has swivered a mite on accounta it seems to me like he's a draggin' his feet in completin the Temple an delayin us from bein Master Masons.

Q. You appear to be a rough and tumble sort of guy, one who doesn't take any guff from anybody. Are your brothers La & Lo like that too?

JM No way, Hosea! Whut I purpose, that I perform! La & Lo ain't like that. They's a couple of half a**ed pussies.

Weiners! They talks tough but hardly never foller through with the rough part of portant jobs they starts. Then I ends up cleanin up their messes. Sometimes, it seems like they ain't got all their working tools. But they's my bros so I puts up with em. The best thing I can say bout em is they always agrees with me wen I sez we ort to do this or that.

Q. When do you intend to approach GM Hi about alleviating your concerns and elevating your stature?

JM Whut's that alleviatin crap mean, and jus whut's wrong with my stature? You callin me a slouch?

Q. Oh, no offense. I mean about finishing the Temple and making you a Master Mason.

JM Oh, thata way. We jus sorta been coastin' along, waitin' fer the right opper - opper - time, but now, since all the others cept La, Lo, & me have chickened out we decided to speed up or even go so far as to accelerate our meetin with Hi. As a matter of fack, as we speak, La is plannin on meetin Hi to talk with him about it when Hi retires at the south gate after he makes his daily visit to the sanctum sanctorum.

Q. Do you anticipate La will get positive results by meeting Hi by himself?

JM Nah. He won't git nothin done. Probably jus start somethin I'll have to finish up.

Q. Thanks for the interview, Lum, it's been educational and entertaining. May I quote you?

JM Is that a trick question?

Our Next Issue Will Feature an Interview with the Sea Captain