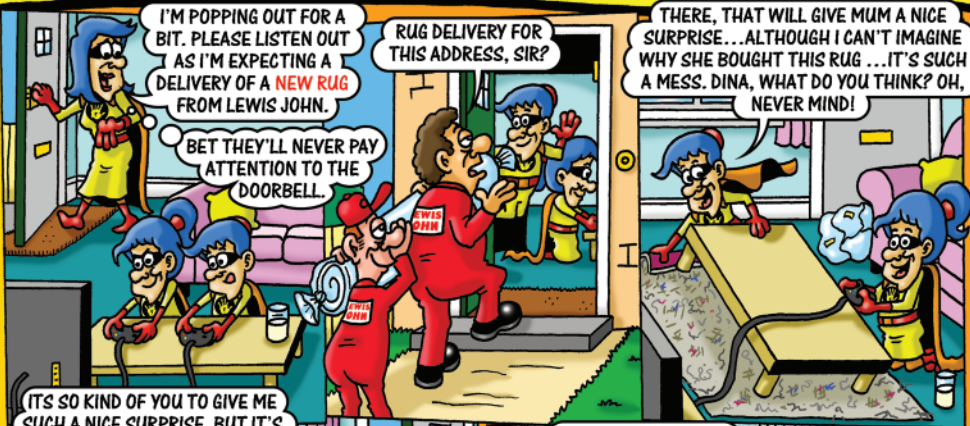




# THE TRIBE SCRIBE

VAYIGASH: RUG TALES!

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I'M POPPING OUT FOR A BIT. PLEASE LISTEN OUT AS I'M EXPECTING A DELIVERY OF A NEW RUG FROM LEWIS JOHN.

RUG DELIVERY FOR THIS ADDRESS, SIR?

BET THEY'LL NEVER PAY ATTENTION TO THE DOORBELL.

THERE, THAT WILL GIVE MUM A NICE SURPRISE... ALTHOUGH I CAN'T IMAGINE WHY SHE BOUGHT THIS RUG... IT'S SUCH A MESS. DINA, WHAT DO YOU THINK? OH, NEVER MIND!



IT'S SO KIND OF YOU TO GIVE ME SUCH A NICE SURPRISE, BUT IT'S UPSIDE DOWN! WILL YOU HELP ME TURN IT OVER?

THAT LOOKS BETTER!

THIS RUG IS A BIT LIKE LIFE ISN'T IT? IT LOOKED LIKE A JUMBLE OF THREADS ALL TANGLED AND A BIT RANDOM. BUT WHEN WE TURNED IT OVER, IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL DESIGN. SOMETIMES OUR LIVES MAY FEEL A BIT LIKE THAT TOO, WITH NOTHING MAKING SENSE, BUT WE HAVE TO REMIND OURSELVES THAT WE ARE SIMPLY LOOKING AT THINGS FROM THE UNDERNEATH OF A RUG.

IT REMINDS ME OF WHAT WE WERE DISCUSSING IN **CHEDER** LAST SUNDAY. WHEN **JOSEPH** FINALLY REVEALS HIS IDENTITY TO HIS BROTHERS AFTER TWENTY TWO DIFFICULT YEARS. JOSEPH SAYS TO THEM THAT IT WAS "NOT YOU THAT SENT ME HERE BUT GOD" (**GEN 45:8**). JOSEPH KNEW THAT ALL THE CHALLENGING EVENTS THAT HAPPENED TO HIM WERE ALL PART OF **GOD'S MASTER PLAN**. AND THAT ONE DAY IT WOULD ALL BECOME CLEAR.



GOD, WHO IS THE ONE WEAVING IT ALL TOGETHER, KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT HE IS DOING.



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