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A Word from our Principal

By Rabbi Ringo



Tayere Talmiddim sh',

A large group of chassidim once came to Liozna to experience being with the Alter Rebbe. The Alter Rebbe however was in his study and they were not able to even see him. The Alter Rebbe was sitting near the window of his room and his son the Mittler Rebbe gently opened the blind so that the Chassidim could see in and they would be able to see the Alter Rebbe as he learned.

After a few moments the Alter Rebbe realized that the blinds were open and he went and closed them. The same series of events repeated themselves shortly afterwards as the Mittler Rebbe opened the blinds so that the chassidim could see the Alter Rebbe and the Alter Rebbe soon after then closed the blinds. After this happened a third time the Mitterler Rebbe said to the Alter Rebbe that the chassidim "want to see the Rebbe!" The Alter rebbe responded that he is not closing the window because he wants to "hide" from the chassidim but rather he finds it difficult to look at them because there is such a strong light shining from them and it is disturbing his avoda. We find a similar concept in the beginning of parshas Shemos where the daughter of Paroh saw a special light coming from Moshe Rabbeinu's face when he was a baby in the basket. In truth every Yid has a special light that shines from him, we just need to be able to "tune in" and appreciate just how special every single Yid truly is. When we do this, showing care and concern becomes natural, even if we don't appreciate the light in the same way as the Alter Rebbe or bas Parah were able to. Wishing you much hatzlocho in all that you do and especially in growing to love and appreciate each and every Yid!

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A Story of the Rebbe

By Mendel Labkowski

A woman from Crown Heights was pulled over by a N.Y.C. traffic cop for some traffic violation. Standing outside her open car window and watching her search for her license and registration papers, the police officer caught sight of a picture of the Rebbe in her open purse. "Excuse me, madam," he asked, "are you one of the followers of this Rabbi?" "Yes," she replied. "Well, in that case I'm not giving you a ticket." He closed his ticket book and continued, "Do you know why? Because this Rabbi," he pointed to the picture she was now holding in her hand, "Did a very big miracle for me." "Well," said the grateful woman, "since you aren't giving me the ticket, I have time to hear the story." The policeman smiled and said, "It's my favorite story, but I haven't told it to many Jewish people, in fact I think that you are the first." The cars were whizzing by behind him and he had to raise his voice slightly. "The story goes like this: I used to be in the police escort that once a week escorted the Rabbi to the Montefiore Cemetery (The Ohel of the Frierdiker Rebbe, and where the Rebbe is now buried). I got to know some of the young men who accompanied the Rebbe, and I learned a lot of things. They are very friendly people, which you probably already know, and we talked a lot while the Rabbi was inside praying. "Well, one day I saw that all the fellows there were really talking excitedly to each other so I asked them what happened. So they told me that the Rabbi does a lot of miracles for people, but today he did a miracle that was really something. I didn't even ask what was the miracle that they were talking about, I just asked them if the Rabbi helps non-Jews also. "'Sure,' they said, 'The Rebbe helps anyone who asks. Why? Do you need something?' So I told him, this young fellow, that me and my wife had been married nine years with no children, and a week ago the doctors told us that we had no chance. We had spent a

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lot of money on treatments, seen all sorts of big professors, we were running around like crazy for the last six or seven years, and now they told us that they tried everything and there is no chance. You can't imagine how broken we were. My wife cried all the time and I started crying myself. "So this young man tells me, 'Listen, the next time that you escort the Rebbe to the cemetery stand near the door of his car and when he gets out ask him for a blessing.' So that is just what I did. The next time I was in the escort I stood by his door and when he got out I said to him: 'Excuse me, Rabbi, do you only bless Jewish people or non-Jews too?' "So the Rabbi looked at me like a good friend, it was really amazing, and said that he tries to help anyone he can. So I told him what the doctors said, and he said I should write down on a piece of paper my name and my father's name together with my wife's and her father's names and that he would pray for us. So I did it, my hands were shaking so much I almost couldn't write, but I did it and you know what? My wife became pregnant and nine months later she gave birth to a baby boy! The doctors went crazy, they couldn't figure it out, and when I told them that it was all the Rabbi's blessing they just scratched their heads and — Wow! I felt like the champion of the world! "But here comes the good part. Do you know what we called him? What name we gave our baby boy? Just guess! We called him Mendel after the Rabbi. At first my wife didn't like the name because its not an American name, but I said, No! We're calling him Mendel! Each time we say his name we'll remember that if it weren't for the Rabbi this boy would not be here. "But when our parents heard the name they really objected. They said, 'With a name like that, all the kids will think he's a Jew or something and they will call him names and be cruel to him. Why make the kid suffer for no reason?' 'That's just what I want,' I said to them. 'When he comes home and says that the other kids called him names and beat him up because he has a Jewish name, I'll tell him that I want him to learn from those other kids how *not* to behave. They hate the Jews for no reason, but you should love the Jews, you should help the Jews. You just tell them that without that Jewish Rabbi called Mendel you wouldn't be here at all, and then maybe they'll start thinking differently too!'



A Short Dvar Torah

By Levi Schmerling



In this week's פרשה we read about the גזירות that פרעה made against the Yidden. The third גזירה that he made was: כָּל הַבָּנִים הַיְּלֻדִים הַיֵּאָרָה תִּשְׁלִיכֵהוּ וְכָל הַבָּתִּים תַּחֲיוּן, all the boys who are born should be put to death, and all the girls should be given life.

Seemingly the גזירה was only against the boys, that they should all be thrown in the Nile, why did פרעה mention the girls?

When פרעה said וְכָל הַבָּתִּים תַּחֲיוּן, that all girls should be given life, that was part of the גזירה. Just like the boys would be killed, so too, פרעה wanted the girls NOT to be killed; by being raised by the Egyptians, the girls would lead a life like them, full of זרה עבודת and עבירות.

We see this earlier in the פסוק as well: פרעה said to throw the boys specifically into the Nile, which the Egyptians worshipped, because he wanted the אידישע children to be thrown into the idolatry of מצרים.

In each generation of גלות there are some things that are similar to מצרים גלות, just like then the יצר הרע wants us to be raised in and to be involved with עבודה זרה and קליפה, but by fighting against the גזירה of פרעה and making sure to be involved with הייליגקייט we will be זוכה to coming of משיח now! פ

The Weekly Shmooze

By Levi Schmerling

**This Week With:
Meir Goldman**



Where in the world do you live?

Gainesville, Florida.

So tell me a bit about the Chabad House in Bradenton. We are shluchim on campus in of the largest universities in the USA, with over 50,000 students!

What are some of the programs you do on shlichus?

Pizza & Parsha,
Bagels-Lox-Teffilin.

What do you enjoy about being a Shliach of the Rebbe?

Helping my parents teach other Yidden.

What's something cool about the city of Bradenton?

We have a non-kosher cheesecake factory located here.

Did you ever visit the factory?

No, I never did.

What are some of the challenges you have on shlichus?

It its very hard to get kosher milk and meat here, and we have to go to Miami in order to get.

What are some things you like about Online school

It is online and I don't have to go to a non-jewish school.



Triple Agent



By Shmuli Goldman

Last week: “Tell us what YOU ARE PLANNING!” the commander screamed. “I don't know.” the man said “I will kill you if you don't tell me in 3 2 1.....

“Nooooo, I will tell.” “Speak quick!” barked the commander. “Okay, can I do it tomorrow?” “NO NOW!” screamed the commander. “Fine” said the man. “We are planning to fight back, and just load everything to try to protect us.” “Hmmmm...” and the commander left the room. “Oh no, I am in big danger” thought the man. Yachmed came into the room and started speaking. “TELL US NOW WHAT YOU GUYS ARE PLANING OR ELSE!” “Okay, I will tell you. In a few days we are going to make a suprise attack early morning.” And the man started telling him the whole plan. As the days went by, he started saying more and more of the plan. He really made it look like he would join them. *At 2 AM.* “The attack starts in 2 weeks from now, and we need to get ready.” “Okay.” the man said. All of a sudden, they heard a big explosion from outside. “Go, I forgot about their plan” the commander said. The group ran outside, but what they saw outside was totally unexpected.

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FUN PAGE!

By Mendel Labkowski

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Riddle #1

My tongue is long, my breath is
strong, And yet I breed no strife;
My voice you hear both far and
near, And yet I have no life.

What am I?

Riddle #2

My thunder comes before the
lightning; My lightning comes
before the clouds; My rain dries
all the land it touches. What am
I?

Riddle #3

Eight years ago, Yankel was
eight times the age of his son
Dovid, Today, if you add their
ages together, they add up to
52. How old are Yankell and his
son?

Riddle #4

Three men are walking across
a green and luscious field.
Only two of them are wearing
rubber boots and yet the feet
of the third man remain dry.
Why?

Riddle #5

Who can shave three times a
day and still grow a beard?

There are are **five** things
wrong with this sentence;
only **geniuses** will be able to
to **spot all** of the mitstakes

WHAT'S WRONG HERE?



ANSWERS TO VAYICHA! RIDDLES

Riddle 1 - Down!

Riddle 2 - It Wasn't raining

Riddle 3 - Friday was the name of a 3rd person

Picture Puzzle 2 - B - The other ones can't even reach the gas

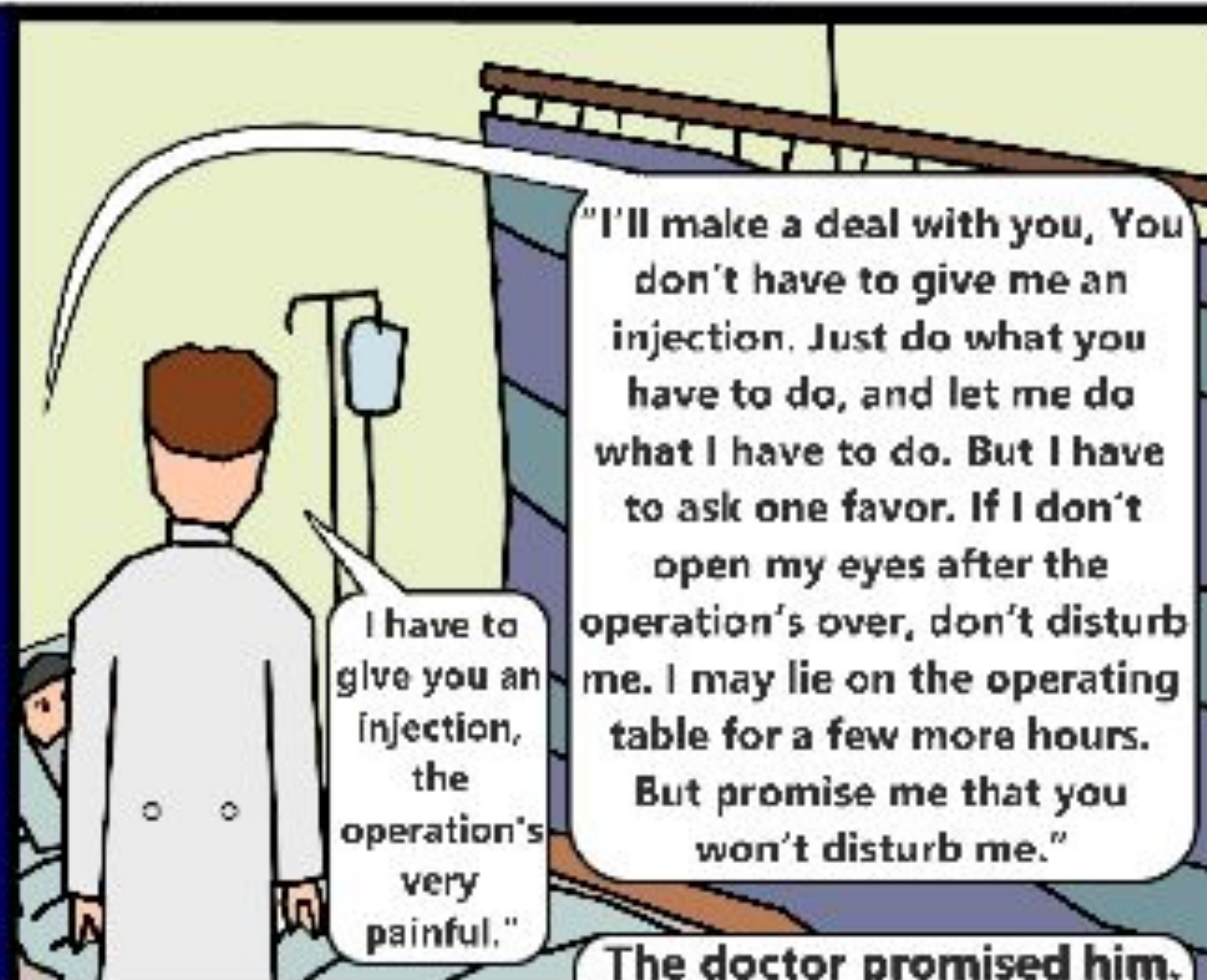
Rebbe Chayim of Tzanz suffered greatly from a foot problem. Finally, he needed an operation. Since the operation was very painful, the doctor wanted to give him an injection and put him to sleep.

Weekly Comic

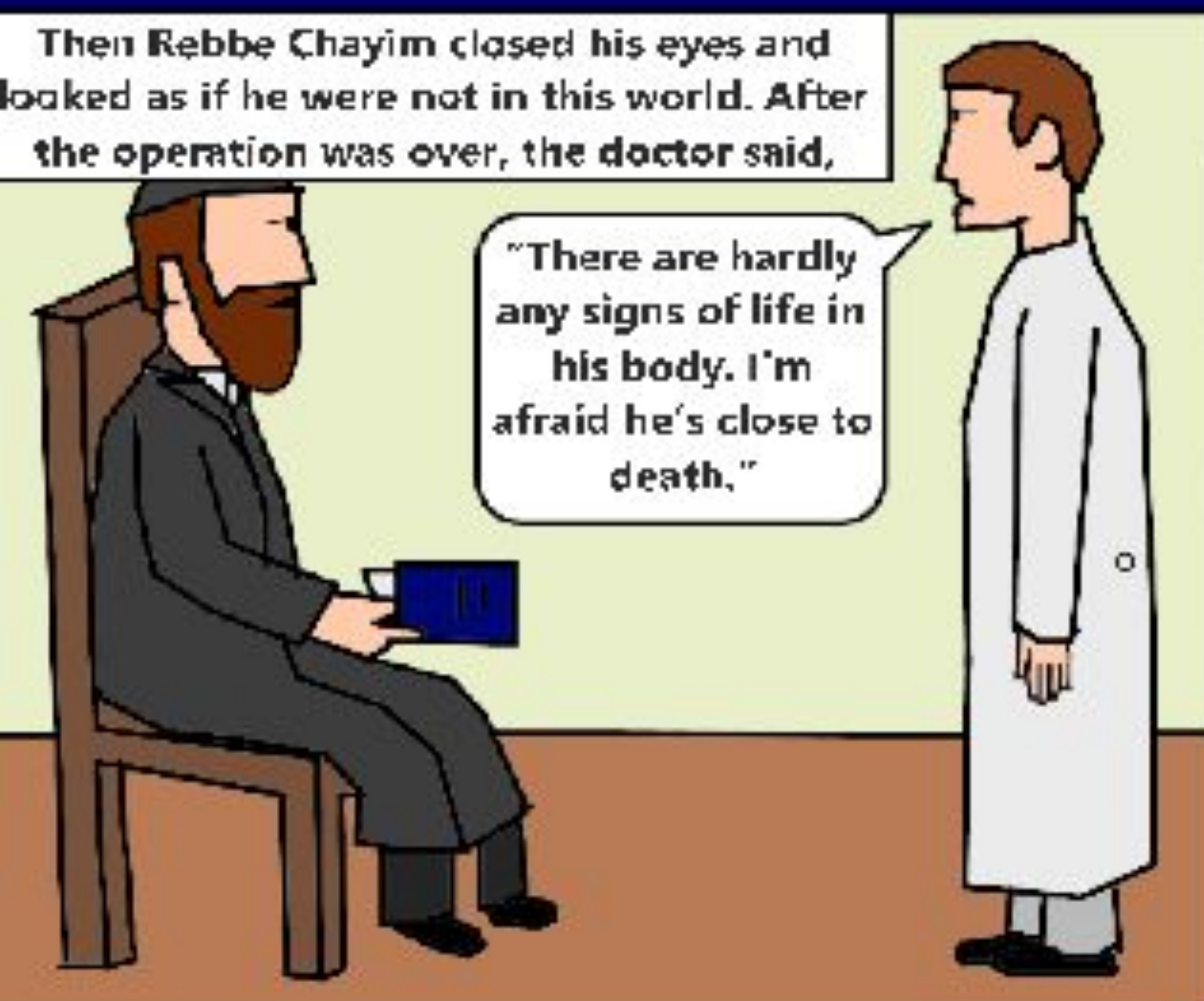
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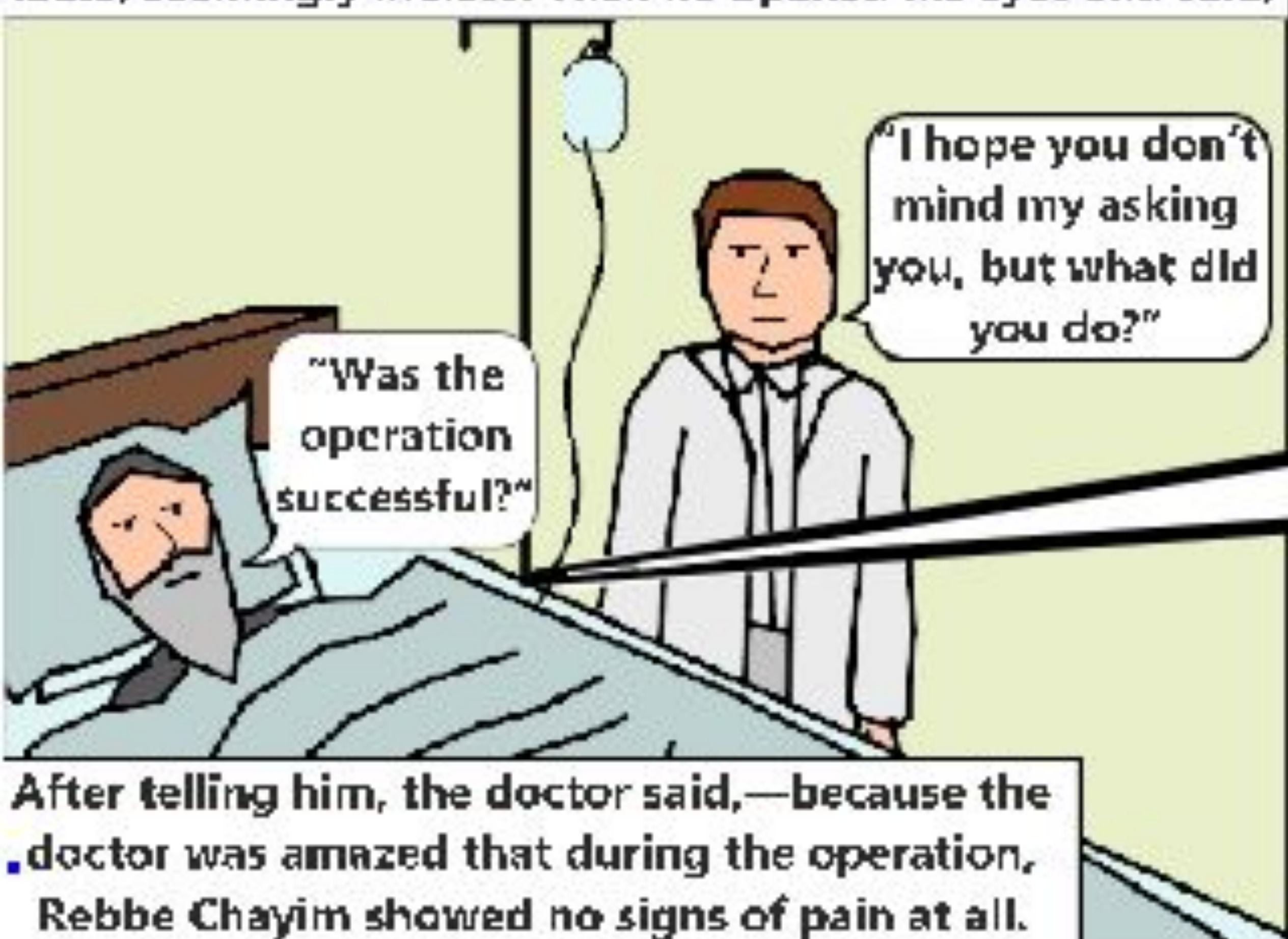
Then Rebbe Chayim closed his eyes and looked as if he were not in this world. After the operation was over, the doctor said,



Rabbi Chayim's children said:



For the next four hours, Rebbe Chayim lay on the operating table, seemingly lifeless. Then he opened his eyes and said,



After telling him, the doctor said,—because the doctor was amazed that during the operation, Rebbe Chayim showed no signs of pain at all.

Rabbi Chayim replied,

"I have to tell you something that my holy master, Rebbe Naftali of Ropshitz, taught me. We all know how to feel joy on a worldly level. We need a reason to feel joy. If something very good happens, we're joyful. My master, the Ropshitzer, taught me that I can be joyful for no reason. He said that one cannot always be in that place, but when you're there, you must really be there. So when I knew that I was going to have a lot of pain, I simply elevated myself to a state of pure joy. But because I had to be there fully, I couldn't come back right away."