



THE BIG DEAL

J.T.C.

Hey, lil' sister, thanks
for bailing me out!



This is the
last time!

Look, Janet, I was innocent.
It was a misunderstanding.

That's a crock, Ronnie,
and you know it. You're
a lousy con man.



How did you get out a day early?

It was set for tomorrow
and *you* messed me up.

I sweet talked them into
letting me out today.

I have to meet Bob Williams in 20
minutes. He's got a deal for you that
you might be interested in.

Sounds good. Lead
the way, baby sister.

Bob, this is my brother, Ronnie.
I hope you don't mind him joining us.



Not at all, Janet. I'm happy
to meet you, Ronnie.

Janet told me all about you.



Thanks a *lot*, Janet!

I told him all about your sleazy deals, lies and all the people you cheated.

I'm dead!

Not really, Ronnie. I know about a guy just like you...

He made the deal of his life, became rich and famous and ended up with other people's possessions.

Want to hear how he did it?

Sure! Who is he?

Twin brothers were born to a man named Isaac. (See Genesis 25:21-24)



The first born was Esau... a mighty man. He was very strong, with skills that his father admired, but he wasn't too bright.



His brother, Jacob, was different. He was gentle and a good cook... and like his mother, he was a schemer.

Ronnie, Jacob was sharp like you.
Now the **one** thing Jacob was
after was Esau's birthright.*



He'd do **anything** to get it.

*Birthright: the right of inheritance to control the family's wealth.

One day, Esau returned from a hunt...
He felt like he was starving, so Jacob
took advantage and made him a deal.



Esau, you can eat everything on the table, but it'll cost you your birthright.

Would he be dumb enough to do it?

It's a deal! I'm starving and
I can't eat my birthright!



Hey, that's my kind of guy.

Ronnie, wait till you hear about his next swindle.

I gotta hear this.

Esau gave away his key position in the family. Now Jacob was number one.

Isaac was old, blind and thought he was going to die. So he called Esau to his tent.

Kill a deer and make me my favorite supper and I'll give you my blessing.*



*The blessing prophesied his future greatness.

Their mother overheard this. She wanted Jacob to get the blessing.



But he's a hairy man.



I'll fake the dinner and dress you up like Esau.

Go kill a goat and I'll cover your hands and neck with its skin.

If Esau got back before they pulled off this scam, Jacob's life was in danger.

When Jacob delivered the dinner to Isaac, the old man was suspicious and checked him out.



Jacob and his mother pulled it off. Isaac enjoyed the meal and gave Jacob his blessing.

Let people serve thee and nations bow down to thee... be lord over thy brethren.



Cursed be everyone that curses thee and blessed be he that blesses thee.

As soon as the blessing ended, Jacob ran out of the tent.

Just then Esau walked in

Father here's your dinner
Where's my blessing?

Who
are you?

I'm Esau your first born

Impossible! I just gave
someone my blessing

And he will be blessed!

It was Jacob! I'll kill him for this!

Jacob was scared to death
His mom told him to leave
before he got hurt



She told him to go to her brother
Laban and they'd contact him
when things got better

As Jacob was leaving his father
gave him this command



You marry one of Laban's
daughters and the blessing of
my father Abraham be with you

On his journey, God met Jacob in a dream.



I'll bless you and bring you back to possess all this land



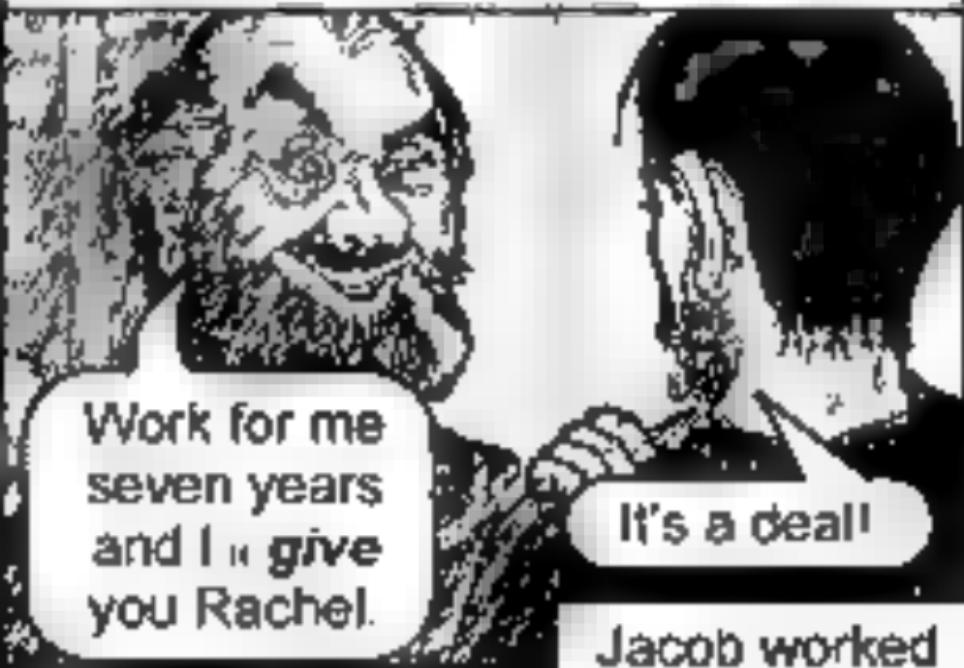
God, if you take care of me and bring me back safe

then you'll be my God

When Jacob got up, he was afraid. This was a *holy* place and it was here that he made a deal with God.

Jacob had no idea what was coming.

Jacob fell in love with Laban's youngest daughter, Rachel



Jacob worked hard and the years passed like days. The wedding finally came and Jacob took his bride into his tent.

The next morning, Jacob got the shock of his life. It wasn't Rachel in his bed.



You married me, not Rachel!

Laban had conned the con man! Jacob was furious and faced Laban.

And it is our custom to always marry the oldest girl first

but what about her?



She'll cost you
another seven years

Jacob had no choice. Now he
had two wives and another
seven years of hard labor

What a dirty dog
I love this guy I swear!



But he was on a
collection course
with us

Jacob's family grew. He now had eleven sons and one daughter.



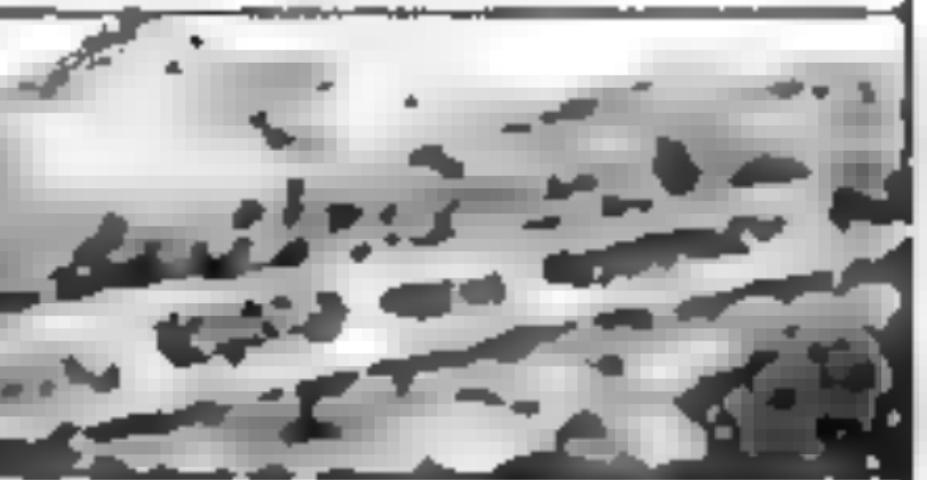
God made his flocks grow even larger than Laban's and his uncle became jealous.

It was then that God told Jacob to return home. They took everything they owned and left.



Laban was furious but God sent Laban a dream and told him to back off and he did.

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and is asked "Please show us what you
have" and they like it presented.

When they finally met Esau ran to Jacob kissed him and hugged him. All hatred was gone.



See Gen 27:33

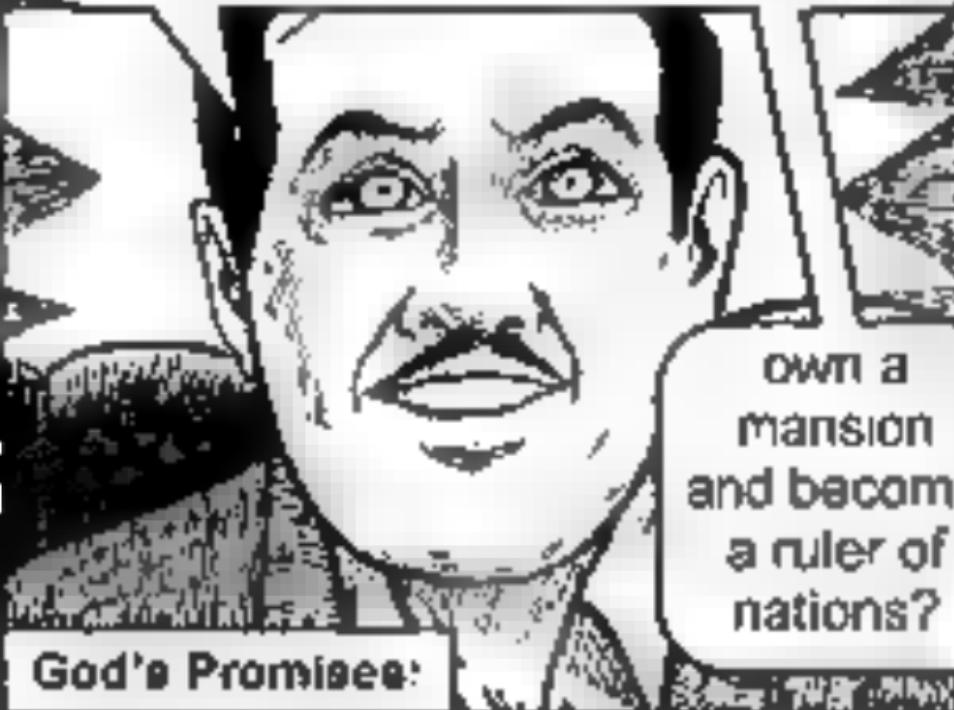
Rachel had one more son giving him the 12 tribes of Israel.

Ronnie Jacob left home with nothing and came home with everything.



That was a good deal!

I've got a **better deal** for you. How would you like riches unspeakable



What?? I'd be an idiot to turn **that** down.

What's the catch?



For Believers: • Eternal Life (John 3:16) • Mansion (John 14:2) • Joint Heirs (Rom 8:17) • Crown (1 Tim 4:8)

For Unbelievers: • The Lake of Fire (Rev 21:8)

Ronnie, like it or not, you'll be
in hell as soon as you die.



But God set up a **deal** for you!
He sent His Son Jesus from
heaven to save your neck.

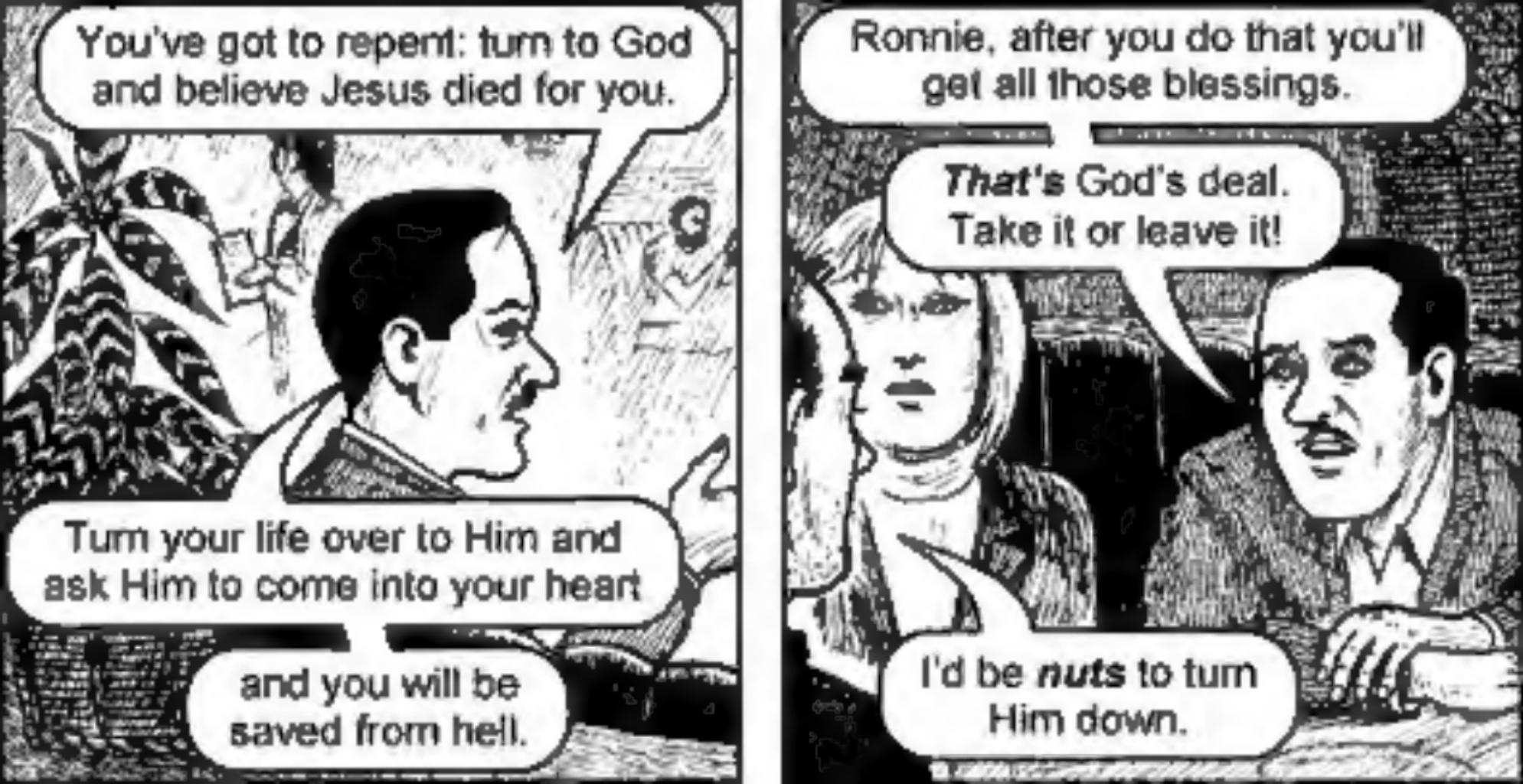
You see, Jesus came to this earth
to suffer and be put to death for
your sins.

"For God so loved the
world, that he gave his
only begotten Son, that
whosoever believeth in
him should not perish,
but have everlasting
life." John 3:16



He shed His precious blood to
wash away your sins. 3 days
later He arose from the dead.

Now, here's the catch!



You've got to repent: turn to God
and believe Jesus died for you.

Turn your life over to Him and
ask Him to come into your heart

and you will be
saved from hell.

Ronnie, after you do that you'll
get all those blessings.

That's God's deal.
Take it or leave it!

I'd be *nuts* to turn
Him down.



"For whosoever shall call upon the name
of the Lord shall be saved." Rom. 10:13

Man, I feel clean. I'm *forgiven*. My sins
are gone and I want to stay this way!



I'm on my way to heaven! This is
the *greatest* deal I've ever made!

THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

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