**DRAGON’S DENTURES**

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*This sketch is a modern version of the parable of the Unforgiving Servant from Matthew 18 vv 21-35. It can also be used to illustrate the ideas on forgiveness in Colossians 3 v 13*

*CAST*

*Narrator 1 The straight man. Tells the story.*

*Narrator 2 Asks questions, makes comment along the way.*

*‘Dragon’ Multi-millionaire. No words to say, but plenty of actions*

*Small businessman No words to say, but plenty of actions.*

*Fellow businessman Small part. No words, just actions.*

*Other actors Could play people in café, users of computers, solicitor, guards, women and children etc.*

Narrator 1 Once upon a time there was a multi-millionaire.

Narrator 2 So he was rich then?

Narr 1 Yes, very very rich. He had made his money in IT.

Narr 2 Oh, did he own a café?

Narr 1 What?

Narr 2 A café or tea rooms – where he sold his high tea.

Narr 1 Not high tea. IT. It’s to do with computers.

Narr 2 Oh, computers. I never have got the hang of them.

Narr 1 Well he had, and he had invented a thing called ‘Facegram Snaptweet’.

Narr 2 Sounds more like a breakfast cereal. Was it successful?

Narr 1 It had gone viral.

Narr 2 Oh dear, sounds nasty.

Narr 1 Which means that it was popular all over the world. It made him loads of money.

Narr 2 I expect that meant that he was able to live a life of luxury, and enjoy his fortune.

Narr 1 Yes, and no. He was very rich and powerful, but he decided to use his money as venture capital.

Narr 2 Come again.

Narr 1 He leant some of his money to people to help them start up their own businesses.

Narr 2 A bit like Dragons’ Den.

Narr 1 That’s right. And then one day he decided to conduct a review to see how the start-up businesses had gone.

Narr 2 That is sensible. As a dragon he would want to know where his money had gone.

Narr 1 He examined the situation of one particular small businessman.

Narr 2 You shouldn’t mock people because they are not very tall.

Narr 1 He wasn’t small – but his business was. He had borrowed a million pounds….

Narr 2 Wow, that is a lot of venture capital.

Narr 1 … and he had lost the lot. He had spent all the dragon’s money and there was nothing left.

Narr 2 Oh no, an angry dragon then?

Narr 1 Yes, the dragon ordered his solicitors to take the man to bankruptcy court.

Narr 2 Oh dear, owing a million pounds he would lose his house, his furniture, his car, his possessions… everything. He would not be able to provide for his wife and children. He would be destitute.

Narr 1 Indeed. He was in a desperate situation, and so he fell at the dragon’s feet.

Narr 2 How humiliating for him; but it was about all he could do.

Narr 1 He begged the dragon to give him more time to pay back the money.

Narr 2 Some hope with a million pounds worth of debt; and dragons are not known for their friendliness.

Narr 1 But this one was different.

Narr 2 A friendly dragon?

Narr 1 A forgiving dragon. He felt sorry for the man, wrote off his debt and let him go.

Narr 2 Wow, that is amazing! How generous.

Narr 1 Yes, it was a remarkable act of kindness.

Narr 2 I expect the small businessman felt mightily relieved.

Narr 1 He was. But after he left the dragon a surprising thing happened.

Narr 2 He turned into a tall businessman?

Narr 1 No, he went to find a fellow small businessman.

Narr 2 To tell him about his good fortune no doubt?

Narr 1 This man owed him a hundred pounds.

Narr 2 Peanuts. He could easily right off that debt.

Narr 1 And he grabbed the man by the neck and nearly choked him.

Narr 2 What!

Narr 1 “Pay back what you owe me” he demanded.

Narr 2 That is outrageous.

Narr 1 The man fell on his knees and begged, “Be patient with me and I will pay it back.”

Narr 2 Did he give him more time?

Narr 1 No, he had the man arrested and thrown into prison until he could pay the debt.

Narr 2 That is not very forgiving.

Narr 1 Indeed. But the dragon heard about what had happened.

Narr 2 Uh oh, the dragon was roused from his lair?

Narr 1 Yes, and he was hopping mad.

Narr 2 Hopping’s not easy for a dragon.

Narr 1 He summoned the small businessman and gave him a huge telling off.

“I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me. Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow businessman just as I had on you?

Narr 2 He was breathing fire!

Narr 1 He ordered the man to be thrown into prison until he could pay back the million pounds he owed.

Narr 2 Some hope! That was that for him.

Narr 1 Yes, not a happy ending.

Narr 2 I suppose he did bring it on himself. He had not learned the lesson of forgiveness the dragon had taught him.

Narr 1 No, and he also learned that dragons have teeth.

*THE END*