

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

<i>Narrator 1</i>	<i>The straight man. Tells the story.</i>
<i>Narrator 2</i>	<i>Asks questions, makes comment along the way.</i>
<i>'Dragon'</i>	<i>Multi-millionaire. No words to say, but plenty of actions</i>
<i>Small businessman</i>	<i>No words to say, but plenty of actions.</i>
<i>Fellow businessman</i>	<i>Small part. No words, just actions.</i>
<i>Other actors</i>	<i>Could play people in café, users of computers, solicitor, guards, women and children etc.</i>

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 lent 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.

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