

WOULD JUBILEE'VE IT?

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Based on Leviticus Chap. 25, The Year of Jubilee. The three characters are playing Monopoly, sat at table around a board.

Alan He is winning easily. He has stacks of money and most of the properties in front of him.

Jacob Is not doing well. He has £122 cash and Old Kent Road, Coventry Street, Trafalgar Square, Pall Mall, Euston Road and 2 stations.

Levi He is the Banker but has very little money of his own, all three orange cards plus Pentonville Road, one station and the electric company.

[The board is laid out. Three players are seated around it. Alan throws – perhaps standing up to throw and move his piece.]

Alan [Moving piece to Go]. Excellent – collect two hundred pounds for passing Go. And double for landing on it – so that is four hundred pounds please Mr Banker.

Jacob [Gloomily] Another four hundred pounds, that is.

Levi Here you are, Alan. That is forty-nine.

Alan [Puzzled, not understanding.] What? Thanks. Your turn, Jacob.

Jacob OK – although there is not much point. [Picks up dice and throws.] Seven.

Levi I think you may be in trouble, Jacob.

Alan Yes, I think you are. [Rubbing hands in glee.]

Jacob [Moving piece.] One two three four five six seven. Mayfair – great.

Alan Let me see. [Holding Mayfair card.] Mayfair with a hotel. That is two thousand pounds please.

Levi Two thousand pounds for one night? That is an expensive hotel.

Alan You do get a choice of pillows.

Jacob I am not sure I've got two thousand pounds.

- Alan How much have you got?
- Jacob *[Counting money]* One hundred and twenty-two pounds precisely.
- Alan OK, I'll take your one hundred and twenty-two pounds, plus Coventry Street, Trafalgar Square, Pall Mall, Euston Road ... and your two stations.
- Jacob That only leaves me Old Kent Road.
- Alan Beggars can't be choosers.
- Jacob I suppose so. *[Hands over properties and money.]*
- Levi Right. My turn. *[Throws dice]* Nine.
- Jacob Uh, oh!
- Levi *[Moving piece.]* One two three four five six seven eight nine.
- Alan Is that Bond Street by any chance? Bond Street with my hotel on it?
- Levi I am afraid so.
- Alan *[Consulting card]* That is one thousand four hundred smackeroos please.
- Jacob That is cheap – no choice of pillows here?
- Levi I fear I am temporarily short of funds. I will have to give you all my orange properties. It is all I have got left – for now. *[hands over three cards.]*
- Alan The future's bright, the future's orange.
- Jacob All right, don't rub it in, moneybags. Anyway it is your turn.
- Alan I think first of all I will just build some hotels on my newly acquired premises in the orange quarter. This should cover it, Mr Banker. *[Hands wad of money to Levi].* Could you put them in place for me Jacob?
- Jacob *[Putting hotels in place]* What did your last slave die of? Overwork?

- Alan Right, here we go. *[Throws dice]* Eight. *[Moving piece]* Ah, Euston Road! How nice to be able to pay a visit.
- Jacob Typical – I owned that last turn.
- Levi And you do so again, Jacob – and Coventry Street, and Trafalgar Square and Pall Mall.... and your two stations.
- Jacob How do you mean?
- Alan What on earth are you talking about?
- Levi Well, that is the fiftieth turn.
- Alan Yeah – so what?
- Levi Well the fiftieth turn is the Jubilee Turn. See it says so in the rules. *[Holds up rules. Jacob takes them.]*
- Alan Don't be ridiculous. I have never played that rule.
- Levi Well you haven't read the rules properly. And it means I get my Orange properties back. *[Grabbing properties from Alan and returning to Jacob and himself.]*
- Alan Hey, you can't do that. *[Goes to stop Levi but fails.]*
- Levi Yes I can.
- Jacob *[Excited']* He is right you know! *[Reading from rule book.]* "The fiftieth turn shall be a Jubilee for you. Everyone's property will remain in their possession and be returned in the Turn Of Jubilee."
- Alan I have never heard anything so stupid in all my life.
- Jacob Well I think it is brilliant. Levi – you and I are back in the game.
- Levi Indeed we are. Now, who's turn is it?

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