**WOULD JUBILEE’VE IT?**

**By Rod**

*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 ponds 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?

*THE END*