



The Phillips Tale

Chapter XXXV

concerning the year 2009

The Preface –

IDLE READER: Herein lays the XXXV Chapter of the whimsical events and happenings of those who have suffered these many years from the descriptive cuts, slices, and thrusts of the author, Sir Wynn. And again they graciously suffer (though by no choice of their own) yet another ignominious chapter. Please, we ask that you sit down to this feast, taste each paragraph, savor each word, and spit out those morsels whose content cause indigestion. May your ultimate gluttoness experience be satisfying, nourishing, and cause minimal gas.

The Tale –

For a social view of 2009, the Kingdom continued fighting terrorism in Iraq and Afghanistan; President Obama was printing money unceasingly in hopes that more debt would save our indebtedness; The Senate and House were devising a better Health Care by charging more and providing less; and the administration wanted to increase taxes to help businesses. To hear foolish things and get nonsense answers I needn't look farther than the Congress. This is a banner year for Merlin the Magician (son of the devil), whose own skills could not devise a more devious curse wherein black is white; up is down; right is left; more is less; and bailout is bail-in¹.

To date, one analysis sets a peasant's share of the bailout at \$38,000. Sir Wynn promised that he would pay his share as soon as President Obama donated 10% of his personal income to charity. Thus, with no fear of ever paying, Sir Wynn now proceeds with a more detailed recounting of the Phillips Tale in Chapter XXXV.



Lady Karen and Sir Wynn

*Lady Karen - La Buena Dueña*²

Lady Karen, that illustrious and peerless dame of the Kingdom, mother of the motherless, balm of the injured, salve of the conscience, crutch of the lame, and counsel of all who are unfortunate, continued her matriarchal role. As they say, a good woman does not win a good name merely by being good, but by letting it be seen that she is so. And oh, La Buena Dueña was good.³ As one example, her propensity to “gift” each one of her 13 grandchildren was seen by all. She knew that on a good foundation you can raise good grandchildren and the best foundation in the world is money.⁴

Now in her second year of full retirement, she enjoyed - nay relished - nay both enjoyed **and** relished her second full year of retirement. Her quilting fame became known throughout the Kingdom and she taught less skilled but anxious ladies her skills in working on fat quarters, patchwork, blocks, and appliqué. All things are relative. If Sir Wynn would

have mentioned “fat quarter” in her presence, he would have been slapped for being insensitive, for Lady Karen had actually slimmed down.

While doing good to all mankind, La Buena Dueña had pain in her back which caused sleepless nights and endless days. With drugs and treatment she overcame the Merlin's curse.

Sir Wynn - A Pedra

Now, slumber less and alert reader, we ask that you remain so for the adventures of A Pedra, for the pen is

¹ Bail-in: When a person in a sinking boat, bails water into the vessel, accelerating his own submersion.
For information on helping our sinking boat, visit the brother of Sir Wynn, Sir Thair Phillips, as President of RetireSafe at <http://retiresafe.org/>

Note: Don Quixote on his horse was designed by Lady Rebecca, age 14. It first appeared in Chapter XIV of 1988 while the family was in Spain.

² The names in English for the language-challenged reader: A Pedra- The Rock; La Buena Dueña- The Good Dona; O Patron- The Boss; A Distraída- The Distracted; O Martelo- The Hammer; A Mãezinha- The Little mother; O Martelito- The Little Hammer; O Urso Bueno- The Good Bear; A Quieta- The Quiet One; El Guapo- Mr. Cool; A Graçiosa- The Gracious; O Odinha- The Little Curl One; A Estrela- The Star; A Blanca- Whitey.

³ Don Quixote, by Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra, page 455

⁴ IBID, page 446.

the tongue of the mind and by reading you will discern if A Pedra has one.

Sir Wynn, heart of steel, arm of brass, prop of the tottering, arm of the fallen, and local consultant⁵ continued to chant the mantra started in the Phillips Tale XXVII, that is,

*Your pleasure, pray thee, lady mine, unfold;
Declare the terms that I am to obey;
My will to yours submissively I mould.
And from your law my feet shall never stray.*⁶

It was well that this maxim was remembered by A Pedra because “Her Giftness” was such a good woman as shown to many, that straying from her law would not have been wise.

Though Sir Wynn officially ended his decade-long career in the Security of USURF in Logan⁷, he continued to grow his proverbial niche market in the security world aka JPASpros⁸ and consulted from the castle. Sir Wynn, continued his association with the “do gooders” NCMS organization, joined some 18 years earlier.⁹

Continuing his Church service as the Stake Executive Secretary, A Pedra honored the continual requests of the most remarkable Knights-errant Sir K. Brent Keller, Sir Jay Ward and Sir Darcy Wride. The dawn to dark scheduling, calendaring, and writing computer programs, caused little sleep and much reading, making his brain so dry he almost lost his wit.

Now possibly slumbering and ungrateful reader, awake!. Find energizing refreshment¹⁰ and then continue to the next section, hopefully written in a way that keeps your addled brain from once again slipping into that crevasse of numbness wherein you often lie.

Sir Scot and Lady Amanda

This section treats the Ethington’s of Syracuse made up of Sir Scot “O Patrón”; Lady Amanda “A Distraída”; Sir

⁵ In the author's opinion there was no need to mention anything so obvious as providing necessary money and having clean shirts.

⁶ Don Quixote, by Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra, page 270.

⁷ USURF: Utah State University Research Foundation.

⁸ Find his web site at www.jpaspros.com.

⁹ The organization is the National Classification Management Society (NCMS). See www.classmgmt.com.

¹⁰ Some energizing refreshments of today being Mountain Dew, Diet Coke, and Diet Pepsi, for the more gentle members, Red Bull and NoDoz are for those of a harder character.

Thomas “O Odinha”; Lady Josie “A Estrela”; and Ely “the Energetic”.

Oh unbelieving reader: A side note as to odd misadventures concerning the Ethington Family. That is, during this past year, O Odinha broke 3 ribs falling on a garbage can in a church building; A Estrela, Energetic, and yes, O Odinha, each had a broken finger at the same time; A Estrela broke a toe which was disassociated with the eight weeks on crutches due to a shopping accident to her Achilles tendon or the broken finger. O Patrón “blew out a knee”, as they say, and is pending additional treatment. And lastly, A Distraída is scheduled for a review of her finger injuries due to saving A Estrela from disaster while on a summer family hike. We know that compassionate heaven sends aid in our sorest need, and did so here, in that there were no residual physical ill effects from these calamities. Now I return to the narration, apologizing for running into curves and slants while relating the straight truth of these events.



O Patrón, because of the economy, spent many a week in Moab, away from the Castle. He continued as wagon-master of large wagon-trains for the Union Pacific. As Chairman of Union Local BLET 374, he attended training in hand-to-hand combat and aggressive negotiation. Though having an injury justly noted above, he still lost many pounds in his quest for excelling on the field of battle.

A Distraída expanded her distractions by training and becoming a substitute teacher about 4 times a month in the local elementary. She had been serving in the YW in her ward, but presently is without a calling, pending new assignments in their recently split ward. A Distraída claims her only break from boredom is an occasional rebellious early morning party with local moms.

Sir Thomas “O Odinha” at the awesome age of 15 decided to concentrate on Flog¹¹. He competed with many others and was victorious in being a member of the Syracuse HS Flog Team as a mere commoner in the 9th Grade. Though called upon infrequently due to his youthfulness, his Team one 5-A State Title for 2009. O Odinha had worked his way to Life in Scoutus Americas and was showing strong motivation to complete his eagle project. A subtly to his motivation was the house rule “no Eagle rank, no drivers license”.

Lady Josie “A Estrela” mimicking the fickle nature of young women, changed her interest from stage to volleyball. Though being ignominiously injured as

¹¹ Flog: Later changed to the name golf because of the bad connotation and results when the team lost.

earlier related, she was able to finish the season. She continued aggressively pursuing her “Young Women Award” Her star is expected to rise in any endeavor she chooses, since such is her personality.

Ely “the Energetic” continued with his Star Wars and other electronic mania with no diminishing of controller skills due to the broken finger. He remains undefeated in the game “Candy Land”. In his first year of school, he has learned to read and enjoys doing so.

Sir Tab and Lady Becky

Now “buzzed” reader (due to your constant imbibing of energized drinks), we turn to the Jorgensen family. Made up of, Sir Tab “O Martelo”; Lady Rebecca, “A Mãezinha”; Jerika “the Chooser”; Jarom “O Martelíto”; Ammon “the Amiable”; and Eliza “the Eloquent”.

The Família Jorgensen continued living in their castle in the Land Bountiful. Caught in the kingdom’s financial crises, the sale of the Castle on the hill of Bountiful delayed and delayed but was finally closed. The booty¹² mentioned in the previous chapter was not obtained but they were blessed, for a bee in the hand should be quickly freed.

Sir Tab, “O Martelo” being skilled in the art of drafting and designing buildings, continued through thick and thin to search out jobs¹³. With almost two years of self-employment and closing in on his General Contractor’s License, his goal is just on the horizon.

Lady Rebecca, “A Mãezinha” continuing somewhat the visionary ways of her progenitors devised yet another method to hopefully supplement the family’s income. She brings together those who are addicted to quilting, providing a full-dose, frequent fix. Her venture is titled *Patchwork Posse*.¹⁴

To sustain them for Thanksgiving, the forward (but consequence-blurred) vision of Lady Rebecca resulted in the purchase of a turkey chick that was to grace the family Thanksgiving table.. For a more-entertaining rendition of the adventure and demise of the turkey, please contact A Mãezinha, for the exploits of just this one event could fill this Chapter. As in the past years, A Mãezinha continued with home school, with the Chooser, O Martelíto, the



Amiable, and Eloquent being the student body.

Jerika “the Chooser”, turned twelve, the age of a Lady. With that hallmark, she earns rite of passage for a name-change. She will hence forth be known as Lady Jerika “O Doce” for sweetness becomes her, both looks and character. O Doce quietly continued her pursuit of excellence in Girl Scouts, advancing to the rank of Cadet. Her skills as a forward in competition soccer are extolled by family and fans. Competitors find her bitter-sweet.

Jarom “O Martelíto” continued to show extraordinary skills with hammer, saw, and measure by self-designing and constructing his own Club House. He was the talk of the town as the house was transported from building spot to final resting place. Though losing some of the roof, having no windows, and a door with a gap, it was restored to its original beauty and value with his craftsmanship.

As a Cub Scout he holds the rank of Bear. He joined a local youth group, “Knights of Freedom” which trains him in the values of Knights Errant at an early age. His in-group name is “Sir Jarom of Ingenuity”, an obvious reference to those skills shown in his Club House construction.

Ammon the Amiable has a spirit that has mellowed from age. He plays a myriad of games and enjoys winning and accepts losing. A Pedra found an equal in playing Foosball with The Amiable and left the game a loser on a number of occasions. Adam, his chicken, evaded the proverbial boiling pot for a second year.

Eliza the Eloquent entered home school at the Kindergarten level. For social skills and character building she became a Daisy in the Girl Scouts. Sage the cat and The Eloquent have a love-hate relationship. Love is never seen, but hate is reflected by the frequent scratches that appear on the face of Eloquent. Fortunately, The Eloquent loves to read and so she consoles herself on the couch, scratch treated and a good book in hand.

Sir Aaron and Lady Wendy

Sir Aaron, “O Urso Bueno”; Lady Wendy “A Quieta”; Kailey “the Busy”; Alec Wynn “The Namesake”; and Chloe “The Clinger” enjoyed their new home in Syracuse.

O Urso Bueno continued work as a Insurance Auditor for the State of Utah, causing him to travel at times to the “left coast”. In his minutes of spare time during the week, O Urso Bueno studied for certain certifications necessary for his advancement in the King’s employ. As this Chapter comes to an end, O Urso Bueno is pending a final exam that will release him from these added shackles. To add to his load, he assisted A Pedra in his consulting service; injured himself a number of times

¹² Fair reader: I remind you since last chapter that “Booty” used herein refers to gold, silver, and coin of the realm. It is not used in the more course usage of the word that your readership conjured in your mind... and shame on you for so doing.

¹³ Find Tab at <http://www.t-kdesign.com/>

¹⁴ Find her new venture at www.patchworkposse.com/. Also find her at www.whosies.blogspot.com/

playing “Futebol de Salon”, and did other things as noted immediately below in this Chapter.

“**A Quieta**”, gracious mother of her children, found herself once again with child and gave birth to a fine female child on October 26th. With the wisdom of parents, they chose the name of Ellie Andrea Phillips. Because of the H1N1 virus plaguing the land, they kept Ellie indoors pending her official blessing. Ellie is now smiling and the hope is that she will be named before she goes to college. Due to her arrival close to publication, A Pedra will defer naming her for the Tale until her personality shows forth.

Kailey “the Busy” ran about her perceived responsibilities and chores, accomplishing much both at home and in her 2nd grade class. Unfortunately (and in the best tradition of her cousins, the Ethingtons) she fell from a monkey bar and broke her right arm in two places, the same arm injured by fire as noted in chapter XXVIII. With medical skills of today, she had pins and screws inserted while bones healed. The hardware was then removed, leaving her none the worse for wear. She continued to play soccer despite the injury noted above and, in fact, scored four goals in one game!

Alec “The Namesake” while in pre-school continued speech assistance to take care that his style and diction run musically, pleasantly, and plainly, with clear, proper, and well-placed words. The Namesake started to show favoritism towards his namesake, always looking for a lap to sit on or his back to be rubbed. He instinctively knew the way to A Pedra’s heart.

The Clinger, though remaining true to her name, started to venture forth with her own personality, words flowing from her mouth like water from a full bucket. She showed a tendency to have her way or no way, so “time-outs” were at times taken.

Sir Ashley and Lady Megan

Sir Ashley “El Guapo”; Lady Megan “A Graçiosa”; Logan “The Cheeser”; and McKell “A Blanca” continued to reside in Morgan also known as “Happy Valley” with all of the inferred meanings.

El Guapo continued saving life and limb in the Ogden City Department of Conflagration. He competed for and won an opportunity to train as a Paramedic and so added the pressure of time and school to his busy life that already included an extensive renovation of his house. Even with time restraints, it did not stop his attendance of many Real Salt Lake soccer games nor his annual family trip to Hawaii. He continued to bring mirth and merriment to family gatherings as he recounted “*Stories of the Conflagration*” to include, “Don’t cry over a Needle”; “You might want to turn your back, because this Ain’t

Pretty”, “You can’t call 911... I AM 911” and other classical stories of service to mankind.

Megan, “A Graçiosa”, continued *Little Learners Pre-School* in Happy Valley even with A Blanca now running under foot. With the renovation of the castle on the main floor, A Graçiosa was able to redecorate and host family events to her heart’s content.



The Cheeser entered that age of Kindergarten, leaving A Graçiosa to fend for herself in the Little Learner’s Pre-School. The Cheeser, like his cousins, was apt at all games electronic. He could, with a little change in his own logic and switching of players in his own mind, convince his opponent that he (The Cheeser) had won when in fact it was the reverse. With these tactics, he never lost a game. Accompanying El Guapo and A Graçiosa to Real Salt Lake

soccer games he emulated on his own home-town pitch the professional skills that he saw. Outside of soccer, he did develop one skill while in Hawaii with his family, a skill somewhat unknown in Happy Valley, that of surfing.

A Blanca AKA “Kelly” was her mother’s child in personality, but had such white hair and a cherub’s face that she could be the personification of the legendary “Cabbage Patch Doll”.¹⁵ She emulated her mother’s cleaning by gathering any pail and cloth and wiping down any surface at anytime, anywhere. A Graçiosa is praying that this interest will continue through Blanca’s teen years. A Blanca had one bad experience that ultimately turned out well due to prayers and supplication. Having been told a number of times that the front of the fireplace was “hot” and that fire does not burn from a distance, child curiosity overcame caution and A Blanca placed both hands on the glass. After a couple of trips to the doctor and burn center, for her right hand, she healed well with redness the only sign of disobedience.

Our Progenitors

This Chapter finds our progenitors still shrewd and sensible in all they do. It is good fortune for the Family in having such advisers in our time of need. Time, however, was eroding their freedom of movement.

Lady Marian, in her 91st year, continues with the penchant to see only good in all. Living in a commune¹⁶

¹⁵ Aged reader of the Inadequate Memory: Do not try to act like you don’t recall the late 1970s Cabbage Patch Doll and more so, deny that your closet contains such a toy. A Pedra knows the truth.

¹⁶ Lady Marian can be found at the Country Pines Assisted living, 1748 W 1800 N, Room 14, Clinton, UT 84015 – phone 801-775-8320; email marianp@earthlink.net

with many distinctive dames and gentlemen, she brought humor and friendship with many through her written poems, remembered jokes, and all around sunny disposition. She continues to write her thoughts, talks, poems and “to do” lists on her “Confusador Applus”. She greatly enjoyed the emails from grandchildren who were scattered throughout the world serving as missionaries and printed the emails so others could benefit. She continued doing her daily exercises, “reading” her books on tape, and devoting herself to devotionals for long periods of time. Except for the times she is found in deep contemplation of the thoughts expressed by the speakers, she could share the topic with anyone who wandered into her room.

Lady Margaret, in her 89th year and slower in stride, continues to reside in her residence of over 72 years and drive the family wagon for short trips to the market. She continued active in the “Daughters of the Utah Pioneers”, gaining the honor of being the oldest member in the North West Camp of said organization.

The End

Enduring and endearing reader: Having suffered through the above loquacious rambling of A Pedra, we arrive at the conclusion. Lady Karen and Sir Wynn hope to imitate all of God’s ways- a course that is worthy of imitation by all parents who wish to settle their children in life. We do not mean that we ought to leave our children to make a choice of what is contemptible and bad, but that we should place before them what is good and then allow them to make a good choice as they please.¹⁷

Forgive me my verbosity, have pity on my folly, and remember I know but little, and, if I write much, it’s more from infirmity than malice; but he who sins and mends commends himself to God. And I am mending as fast as I can.

Love – Sir Wynn & Lady Karen

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¹⁷ Don Quixote, by Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra, page 283, paraphrased.

The 1871 publication of forty-two carols titled, *Christmas Carols New and Old* was compiled by the Rev. H. R. Bramley, Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, and Dr. John Stainer. The influence of this book was enormous: as it placed in the hands of the clergy a really practicable tool, which came into general use. The great service done by this famous collection was that it brought thirteen traditional carols, with their proper music, into general use once again. It is mainly to Bramley and Stainer that we owe the restoration of the carols that we sing today. However, there were many carols that did not make the transition to “traditional” and have remained fairly unknown to this day. Wynn took one of the “forgotten” carols found in the above publication, one written by W.J. Widgand, and wrote four of his own versus as shown. Enjoy!

A Child this Day is Born

music by W.J. Widgand - 1871

words by Wynn Phillips - 2009

Piano

A Child so long ago was born in humble stall. to

bring us peace and joy and love. To save us one and all.

2. His birth we celebrate
by carol and by hymn.
And show through acts to fellow men,
we have deep love for Him.
3. May these our loving acts,
be simple, oft, and true.
That by our works we help mankind,
to know Him as we do.
4. So let us raise our voice;
an anthem to His birth,
and praise and honor Him this day
our Savior born on Earth.