



The Phillips Tale

Chapter XXXVI

concerning the year 2010

The Preface –

IDLE READER: The writer's Omni-perceptive mind notes the scoffing within you that "once again Sir Wynn has missed the Christmas newsletter". May the writer counter your inconsiderate rude scoffing with two points, irrefutable in their logic and application? They are that this tale, though published in the Christmas season, has never alluded to nor alleged that it will be published "at Christmas time"; and secondly, that due to an almost catastrophic crash of the compuntador¹, it was only recovered... nay resurrected at the last moment. Thus you should have gratitude in your heart that this illustrious chapter is in your pudgy hands.

So with no further ado, **Welcome** to the XXXVI Chapter of the Phillips Tale. This tale, originating in 1969 and growing by a chapter each year (except when it wasn't) has been compiled into one epic manuscript available upon request. As one once observed, "It is thumbed and read and got by heart by people of all sorts; the children turn its leaves, the young people read it, the grown men understand it, the old folk praise it."²

My wish is to present this most recent chapter to thee plain and unadorned, without any embellishment such are commonly put in today's writings though in doing so it caused me some labor, because of the greatness of those of whom I write.

The Tale –

First we must describe the circumstances surrounding this family in the year 2010. The election of 2008 promised the birth of twins, "hope and change". After

¹ O ye who are extremely perceptive. Within this cobbled Portuguese word is reflected a slang phrase. When translated it means "to devote to corrupt for unworthy purposes", a less common definition, but which personifies at times the character of the computer.

² Don Quixote, page 51

two years, only change was born...hope was stillborn. Change arrived alone and...changed. Where it wasn't needed it encroached, and where it was needed it didn't go. The non-restraint of Empire spending, a downturn in prosperity, the continued fight against terrorism hampered by empirical restraints, the non-action towards illegal immigration, the murkiness of promised Empire transparency, and the increased corruption of the Empire's upper class, caused the spontaneous evolution of the Tea Party, an organization representing those who were disenchanted, discontent, and disillusioned. The influence of the unified citizenry's cry for help and the general deafness of electors to their pleas caused more incumbents

to be voted out than has occurred over many years.³

Lady Karen and Sir Wynn

Lady Karen – La Buena Dueña⁴, the grand dame of the family, now in her third year of retirement still giggled whenever it came to mind. Not that she didn't enjoy her 20 years of counseling naves and maidens, but everything has its time and place, and this is no longer the time nor the place for counseling (with exception of meeting Sir Wynn's ever pressing needs).

³ For information on helping our Empire return to being a Country, visit Sir Thair Phillips' website at <http://retiresafe.org/>. Sir Thair is President of the non-profit Retiresafe. Approval rating of the Empire's Congress was at a historically low of 20% as this chapter was being written.

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

⁴ 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 Doce– Sweet one; O Urso Bueno– The Good Bear; A Quieta– The Quiet One; El Guapo– Mr. Cool; A Graçiosa– The Gracious; O Odinha– The Little Curly One; A Estrela– The Star; A Blanca– Whitey.

La Buena Dueña aggressively pursued her quilting interests, using her fine workshop and superb equipment to craft quilts in quantities that covered the land like a bedspread. For a diversion, she made a “Mojo” doll and found in the Quilter’s Home Magazine, April/May 2010 Issue.⁵ Interrupting her diversions, Lady Karen was called to serve the “Beehives” in the Ward Young Maidens organization, giving up her primary love, Primary.

Since Chapter XXXV that devilish Magician Merlin remained on the back of La Buena Dueña. She attacked the problem her way, for “no hammer drives the hoops of a cask as she drives one to do what she wants.” Through balms, potions, powders, exercise (and should we mention her kind friends Lori and Tab?) La Buena hammered the pain. As some hoops are secured, some become slack, the hammering continues.

Quiet, sublime and possibly dozing reader- I ask that you persist with your reading. Secure a quick energizing cup⁶ to awaken your senses so that the truth of these words might raise you to greater heights than anyone ever thought possible of you.

Sir Wynn, with all superlatives of past chapters still applicable plus a few more such as timeless, omni-techo and electronically aware, we cover the always humble, but fully deserving Sir Wynn.

Knowing from whence his success derives, A Pedra affirmed once again that he shall not be the first who has risen through marriage from a lowly to a lofty station.

In recognition of that state, he continued to chant the mantra started in the Chapter XXVII (one must find past Chapters to read the exactness of the chant)⁷.

Though Sir Wynn officially ended his decade-long career in the security of USURF in the village of Logan⁸, he continued to grow his proverbial niche market in the



security world aka “JPASpros”⁹ and consulted from the castle. Sir Wynn also continued his association with the “do gooders” NCMS organization, joined some 18 years earlier.¹⁰

As an LDS Stake Executioner Secretary, A Pedra happily honored the continually required, ever-changing 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 coordinating, exacted time and effort, making Sir Wynn’s brain so dry he almost lost his wit. Observing the work of the fine Knights he serves, A Pedra recalled the saying “He preaches well who lives well”.

Now possibly slumbering and ungrateful reader, awake! Take a long draw from your energizing mug and then continue to the next section. It is hopefully written in a way that keeps your addled brain from once again slipping into that crevasse of numbness wherein it often lies.

Sir Scot and Lady Amanda of Ethington

This section treats the Família Ethington of Syracuse made up of Sir Scot “O Patrón”; Lady Amanda “A Distraída”; Sir Thomas “O Odinha”; Lady Josie “A Estrela”; and Ely “the Energetic”.

With trepidation we continue on with the misadventures that have caused physical harm to various members of the Ethington family, many recounted in Chapter XXXV.

O Patrón, because of the economy, spent many a week in Moab away from the Castle but finally got stationed nearer to home. He continued as the Master of large wagon-trains for the Union Pacific. As a Union Chairman¹¹ he attended training in hand-to-hand combat and aggressive negotiation, breaking heads only when necessary (having had much practice with his children). Upon purchase of a small motorized skiff O Patrón became Ship’s Captain but A Distraída was Second Mate. When O Patrón left town, the Second Mate launched the skiff and put many a wave under the bow.

A Distraída, though Second Mate on the skiff, was the Master when it came to moving youth between hamlets, schools, churches, cottages, and “Maverick”. Frequent

⁵ Visit www.quiltershomemag.com/content_downloads/QHMP-101100-dolls_web-v5.pdf to see her creation on page 52.

⁶ The drink of choice in many villages is Mountain Dew aka “yellow liquid of gods” known to be imbibed by family members to face life’s daily energy challenges, such as reading this Chapter.

⁷ Oh ungrateful, uncaring and slothful reader, have you discarded or misplaced those past Chapters? They may be reviewed in the Epistle.

⁸ USURF: Utah State University Research Foundation aka Space Dynamics Laboratory.

⁹ Find his web site at www.jpaspros.com.

¹⁰ The organization is the National Classification Management Society (NCMS). See www.classmgmt.com.

¹¹ Railroad Union Local BLET 374

visits to Maverick were by choice to replenish the yellow liquid of gods. Because of the beverage intake, she pruned, peeled, thinned and trimmed where she could to not add pounds. She expanded her teaching of lessons to the locals to include use of the compuntador, piano lessons and periodically taught in the hamlet's schools.

Sir Thomas "O Odinha" – Continuing the saga of Flog¹², O Odinha's Syracuse HS Flogging Team won the National Invitational and took 2nd place in State. Using the families new boat, he water boarded often.¹³ He continued the practice into the winter where the name changed to snowboarding, a less infamous term. O Patrón and "A Distraída were patiently waiting for O Odinha to complete his Eagle Scout requirements. Under the edict of "Eagle Scout before driver's license" we leave you the reader in suspense pending the March 2nd end date.

Lady Josie "A Estrela". A Distraída designated this year as "the Year of the Hospital" for A Estrela. With a ruptured appendix, subsequent hernia from the ruptured appendix, and other miscellaneous and sundry injuries caused by walking, falling, staying cool, etc. thanks was given that she still was alive in the Kingdom. Even more miraculous was that she played on the Elite Volleyball Team of her Junior High. She further tempted fate with cliff diving in St. George and snowboarding in winter, amazing all including her insurance company that there was no injury.

Ely "the Energetic" added his part to the Year of the Hospital by receiving stitches at various times caused by his own actions and/or those of others, to include O Patrón in the breaking of heads earlier mentioned. The Energetic was the best when he went head to head in electronic games, amazing many for a 1st grader.

Sir Tab and Lady Becky Jorgensen

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

¹² Flog: Later changed to the name golf because of the bad connotation and results when the team lost.

¹³ Oh misunderstanding reader. This is not the waterboarding made infamous by the news media, and which use saved citizen's lives, but the water boarding of riding the waves.

The Família Jorgensen, as consequence of the economic downturn mentioned at the first of this chapter, sold their castle in the Land Bountiful and temporarily (the term having a different definition to those involved) moved into Sir Wynn's and Lady Karen's Castle in Camelot. The dungeon had not seen so much activity since Sir Wynn was banished there by Lady Karen. Exiting their castle took longer than planned and more boxes due to the treasures and prizes accumulated by Lady Becky in the Saturday morning forays to the local markets and sales.

Sir Tab, "O Martelo" continuing his skills in the art of working with wood found a nail here and a board there to add or subtract as he worked on a myriad of projects. He helped to re-structure the castle of his brother, while on his off-time, playing walleyball (played in an enclosed castle court where caroms and ricochets were legal).

Lady Rebecca, "A Mãezinha" immersed herself into quilting both physically and virtually. She belonged to groups galore, websites aplenty, and provided a world-wide association where fair ladies combined skills, won prizes, and generally kibitzed about quilting. Find it at **Patchwork Posse**.¹⁴ As in the past years, A Mãezinha continued with home school in the Phillips Castle, with the O Doce, O Martelíto, the Amiable, and the Eloquent being the entire student body. A Mãezinha played soccer for the female soccer team "Arsenals", a name inferring they can put out when necessary to win the game.

Lady Jerika "O Doce" (for sweetness becomes her) worked on her Silver Award as a Cadet in Girl Scouts. Her ability as forward to run goal to goal for the whole game amazed player and on-looker alike. Her slim figure and quiet demeanor camouflaged her competitive spirit,

Jarom "O Martelíto" built anything with wood using leftovers from O Martelo's jobs, including building on-line orders for yo-yos and ladders. He was first nave in the village neighborhood to have his own jigsaw. This allowed him to build ramps for his scooter and bike, mastering tricks with both vehicles.

As a Webelos Cub Scout he continued his goal of self-improvement. His excellent work ethic was already displaying itself as he looked ahead on any assignment and perceived the assistance needed and did it.

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



Ammon the Amiable started to mellow out (not because of the yellow liquid of gods mentioned earlier). He entered the Cub Scouts as well as Knights of Freedom, attending with O Martelíto. The imagination of The Amiable was a wonder to behold. He could wander off at a whim. Once wandering, he visited places, saw things, and described happenings of which Harry Potter would have been proud. Some of the wanderings could have been due to bumps on the head when he tried out new wooden contraptions built by O Martelíto as noted above.

Eliza the Eloquent being one of the top four students in her home school started to understand the world of reading. She continued as a Daisy in the Girl Scouts. A quick tilt of her head masked the teasing aspect of her character. She could devise a cunning trick concocted in moments, driving the older siblings to find corners of solitude.

Sir Aaron and Lady Wendy Phillips

Sir Aaron, "O Urso Bueno"; Lady Wendy "A Quieta"; Kailey "the Busy"; Alec Wynn "The Namesake"; Chloe "The Clinger", and now Ellie "The Teaser" enjoyed their home in Syracuse more so with new windows.

O Urso Bueno, who understands the matters of money, took and past the last of seven examinations for the illustrious title of Certified Financial Examiner (CFE) referred to in last year's chapter. In celebration he did not chance playing "Futebol de Salon" because past contests resulted in the following injuries: eye (floating spots); ankle sprain; rolled ankle, and dislocated finger. For a lessor dangerous activity, he continued to assist A Pedra with consulting.

"**A Quieta**", continued quiet but firm in her resolve to properly bring up her children. A technique used in teaching gratitude was applied when she went on week strike from food preparation due to ingratitude expressed by the children. The children had to fend for themselves, resulting in two dining choices, slathered sandwiches of peanut butter or cold porridge. The lesson might not have been so well learned by the knave and maidens, but O Urso and A Quieta ate high on the hog with steaks, pies, and other goodies. To increase respect and admiration, A Quieta ran 5K races. To offset the fast paced racing she took up the slow tread of quilting. Applying both in her life, she averaged a speed of a normal housewife.

Kailey "the Busy" continued her responsible ways, helping where she could but joining in the ingratitude conspiracy. Her love for "My Littlest Petshop" made her the typical 9 year-old maiden of the day. She sang in various productions at the village elementary school, the sweetness of the sound bringing tears to listening ears.

Alec "The Namesake" showed a marked improvement in his speech skills as he practiced often. He ventured

forth in his first hunting trip with O Urso. Competing between keeping The Namesake within eyesight and scouting game, The Namesake won and the kitchen larder remained empty. The Namesake also employed tactics such as springing from ambush taking down O Urso with a tackle or attempted throw, learned in The Namesake's wrestling class.

Chloe "The Clinger" wasn't clinging as she had been, but now ventured forth with the house her stage, the family her audience, and her a star. She could sing, dance, act and laugh, with or without an audience. In fact, the continual banter was like living with a droning ever-present echo. Some thought this was a main reason why A Quieta chose to run.

Oh anticipating reader. We take a moment for you to rest your weary mind, to stretch cramped muscles, and to imbibe a little energy from your goblet before we name our newest member in the Phillips Tale...and so we continue.

Ellie Andrea Phillips was born on October 26, 2009. A Pedra declined to give her a Phillips Tale name until her personality came forth. And so, with the wisdom of years, the humility of the ages, and using the traditional flipping of the coin, we name her "The Teaser". She has so soon in life perceived the shocked reaction of others by holding out an object and then quickly hiding it behind her back when reached for. She is also learning that a quick escape is important in such situations when dealing with siblings, and has moved from crawling to walking. Now remember, oh memory challenged reader, the name given will remain in this epic book until Ellie Andrea Phillips reaches the age of 12 and young womanhood.

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 Department of Conflagration. He completed schooling at We-bore State U and now is an honored Paramedic. His after-the-fact recounting of adventures and escapades of those whom he serves are most entertaining (names are always changed to protect the innocent). Examples of new adventures were titled "Never Abandon a Moving Wagon" and "If Someone Needs Help, Stop. Don't just call 911 and Leave".

Megan, "A Graçiosa", continued *Little Learners Pre-School* in Happy Valley teaching some 20 potential Knights and Ladies, bringing added income for discretionary spending. After four years serving as Cub master for a group of young naves, she was released. In celebration, she and El Guapo traveled to a warm, sunny, and beach-like country where they spent time away from O Cheeser and A Blanca. Looking into the smiling,

glazed eyes of A Graçiosa one sees that she has yet to return from the pleasure trip.

O Cheeser, still with a gentle smile on his face, now had determination as he entered his first year of school. To improve his reading, O Cheeser was issued assisted vision equipment. The clarity helped him to excel in math which is an unnatural trait in the Phillips Family. To prepare himself for life's bumps, and to manhandle any who referenced his assisted vision equipment, he took up karate. This, added to his soccer and football skills, allows him to kick butt in both sports and at school, when necessary.

A Blanca aka "Kelly" was slowly evolving her own personality, or better said, she was insisting others change their personality. Though referenced last year as the personification of the legendary "Cabbage Patch Doll", her "Type A" personality started manifesting itself, to the point that if she didn't approve of an action, scolding was directed at the perpetrator. She took over cooking duties, setting the table, and who should sit where. If it wasn't her way, then please retire to your room without dinner! Between meals she changed clothes as often as a woman changes her mind, but always coming out in some form of a "princess". Her penchant for dusting and cleaning put even Lady Karen to shame.

Glazed eye reader- Thank you for persisting to this point in the Phillips Tale by imbibing your artificial stimulation. Your endurance will not go unpaid as we talk of those who begat us.

Our Progenitors

Lady Margaret of Jones, in her 89th year continued as sharp-witted as ever, though slower in stride. Abiding in her residence of over 72 years she ventures forth only occasionally, driving the wagon for short trips to the market. She was assisted by children and grandchildren who did the odd chore as needed. Lady Margaret continued active in the "Daughters of the Utah Pioneers", gaining the honor of being the oldest member in the North West Camp. (Oh disrespecting and assuming reader, this does not mean she remembers talking to Brigham Young).



Lady Marian of Phillips, in her 91st year, closed the door of life and opened the door to eternity. As we know, there's remedy for everything except death, under whose yoke we have all to pass when life's finished, whether we

like it or not. Lady Marian lived as she believed, and is so doing (to quote Don Quixote) "thy days will be long, thy fame eternal, thy reward abundant, thy felicity unutterable; thou wilt marry thy children as thou wouldst; they and thy grandchildren will bear titles; thou wilt live in peace and concord with all men; and, when life draws to a close, death will come to thee in calm and ripe old age, and the light and loving hands of thy great-grandchildren will close thine eyes."¹⁵

Astonished reader, this truthful utterance of our hero, Don Quixote, came true in all aspects as even Lady Marian's one month old great-grandchild, Kian Sebastian Mabey visited her two days before her passing, and helped to "close thine (her) eyes".

The End

Enduring and Endearing Reader: Having suffered through the above droll and loquacious rambling of A Pedra, we arrive at the greatly anticipated and prayed for conclusion.

Lady Karen and Sir Wynn proclaim "that the path of virtue is very narrow, and the road of vice broad and spacious; we know their ends and goals are different, for the broad and easy road of vice ends in death, and the narrow and toilsome one of virtue in life, and not transitory life, but in that which has no end; we know, as our great Castilian poet says, that--

*It is by rugged paths like these they go
That scale the heights of immortality,
Unreached by those that falter here below."¹⁶*

Love – Sir Wynn & Lady Karen



¹⁵ Don Quixote, by Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra, page 1254, paraphrased.

¹⁶ IBID Page 382

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A Poem written for Christmas in 1989 by Lady Marian for you.

I have a list of folks I know, all written in a book.
And every year when Christmas comes, I go and take a look.

And that is when I realize that those names are a part,
Not of the book they're written in, but of my very heart.

For each one stands for someone who has crossed my path some time,
And in that meeting they've become the rhythm in my rhyme.

And while it sounds fantastic for me to say it's so,
Meeting you has changed my life a lot more than you know.

For once I've met a friend like you, the years cannot erase
The memory of your pleasant word, or of your friendly face.

So never think my Christmas cards are just a mere routine
Of names upon a Christmas list, forgotten in-between.

For when I send a Christmas card that is addressed to you
it's 'cause you are one of the folks that I'm indebted to.

For I am but the total of the many folks I've met,
And you happen to be a kindly soul I never will forget.

And whether I have known you for many years... or few,
In some way you have had a part in shaping things I do.

And every year when Christmas comes, I realize anew
The best gift life can offer me, is finding a friend like you!

And may the Christmas spirit that ever more endures
Leave it's richest blessings in the hearts of you and yours.

And a Happy 1989! Love Marian