



# THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY!

**PART I.**

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She almost got a hook in my jaw but I made it!

GOD'S WORD

I, Maria, and David were trying to win Brian for the Lord. He agreed that he was a sinner and he believed in God and in Christ, His Son.

Yet he was not willing to go all the way; taking the final step to personally receive Christ!

So finally I went to visit him alone to try and get him to accept me.

David couldn't go, he was so sick. The Lord must have rigged it!

I went out of our house to meet him out front at his car.

You talk and I answer

Well, why don't you try talking and I'll answer!

You can't leave David!

He's fine, Brian! Becky is taking care of him, and she will take good care of him!

Excuse me if I don't talk, but ever since Tuesday I have just had this band around my head!

It's like, I guess, my spirit's gone!

He is turning more and more of a deaf ear to the Words of God and His Love!

It used to be he wanted to hear everything, discuss everything, and now he doesn't even want to hear anything anymore!

God, give him another chance! Accepting God's Love in me is just like accepting Your Love in Christ!!!



Meanwhile, David was praying...

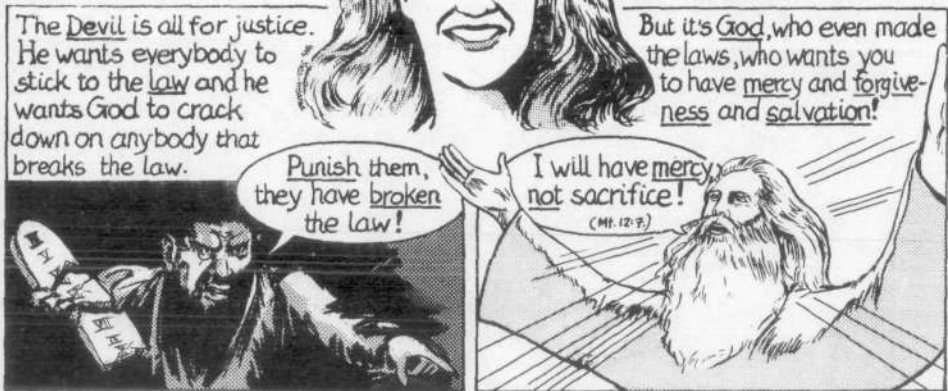


Lord, You must come first! You are not playing second fiddle to anybody! If You are going to show Brian Your love through Maria, then You keep him from getting any other kind of love in between at all, until he has received her love, Your love, all the way.-- If he will not receive Maria all the way as an example of Your ultimate in love and his ultimate in surrender to Your love, then let him be accursed, as John 3:18 says, "He that believeth not is condemned already!"

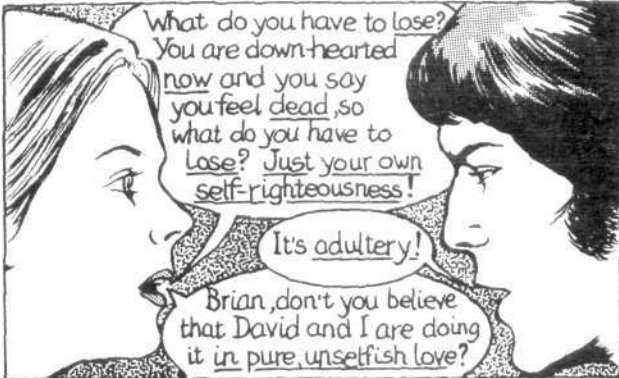


Well, I just have that love for Helen and I can't help it. I'm in love with her, and she has first place! I appreciate that she didn't. If she had done it, then I would have known that she would have done it with other men and I wouldn't have wanted her any way!





If Brian would go all the way with me, Maria, then he would feel obligated to me for the rest of his life, just like the picture we saw of the knight, "Lord Byron's Surrender." (See #3015) This is the picture God sees, God's ideal, the way God wants it. But this is what Brian is fighting



What an illustration to the sinner and to the World today who are all crazy for sex and all that kind of love. Here we are giving Brian a concrete example in terms they can understand, in a picture they can comprehend, by a literal illustration of the love of God and how crazy anybody is to reject it! Isn't it amazing? Instead of humbling himself!

Even the picture of Jesus on the cross has lost its emotional effect on most people.

