

Loved Not Their Lives

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Based on the true story of Wrunken

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A1 EXTERIOR OF FLANDERS - DAY - (PRESENT DAY BELGIUM)

VARIOUS MONTAGE SHOTS OF THE PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS;
BEING HANGED, DROWN, TORN TO PIECES AND BURNED ALIVE AT THE
STAKE AT THE ORDERS OF KING PHILIP II OF SPAIN WHO IS
SENDING THE DUKE OF ALBA TO FLANDERS TO STAMP OUT
PROTESTANTS WHO INSIST ON READING THE SCRIPTURES IN THEIR
OWN LANGUAGE.

A2 INTERIOR - DAY - THE HOUSE OF MAYOR BRUGGE

THE MAYOR IS IN HIS STUDY. WRUNKEN WALKS IN WITH HIS MORNING
TEA.

MAYOR

I am so looking forward to this
tea. I had such a terrible sleep
last night. After having heard
King Philip II's decree of the
persecution of the Protestant
church, it disturbed my sleep so
much I dreamed about it all night
long.

(he backs up to defend
himself)

Not that I'm a Christian. I do
believe there is a God, but have
not been able to become a believer
of Jesus Christ who King Philip II
persecutes.

WRUNKEN

(Not engaging in his
conversation)

How is the tea sir?

MAYOR

All is good. Have you had your
breakfast?

WRUNKEN

No sir.

MAYOR

Go, have something to eat, you have
a lot of chores today. Thank you.

WRUNKEN

For what are you thanking me?

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MAYOR

Just for being a listening ear to me. You know, I don't confide my dreams with just anybody. I needed the peaceful presence that I find in you to start my day.

WRUNKEN

Well, this I know, peace is only found in Jesus Christ, regardless of the persecution that follows.

MAYOR

You know, you may be right Wrunken. Go on now. Oh, and Wrunken, please clean the heirloom tea pot and cups. I'd like you to drink your morning tea from them, nobody has used them for years. Please, enjoy. You can clean them when you're doing your chores.

A3 INTERIOR - DAY - THE HOUSE OF MAYOR BRUGGE

WRUNKEN IS SITTING IN THE SERVANTS QUARTERS AFTER PREPARING HER TEA WITH THE HEIRLOOM TEAPOT AND CUP, HAVING BREAKFAST READING HER BIBLE. SHE'S READING THE SCRIPTURE WHERE JESUS TALKS ABOUT THE PERSECUTION OF BELIEVERS.

WRUNKEN

(reading quietly to herself
from John 15:20,)

"Remember the words I spoke to you: 'No servant is greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also."

Wrunken flips to the beginning where it says:
"To Wrunken, I'm so glad that someone finally has found a use for this book of dreams that I could never understand fully. Mayor Brugge."

There is a knocking on the door downstairs. Another servant opens the door.

INQUISITOR

We'd like to see the Mayor. We're here to search his home for Christian Bibles.

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He pushes the door open and proceeds to walk in. Wrunken hears what's happening and drops the tea cup and it shatters on the floor. She tears out the page in the Bible written by the Mayor, throws the page in the fire and scurries to hide the Bible in the kitchen in the bread box and cleans up the tea cup. The Inquisitor hears the noise and it tweaks his interest towards the kitchen.

The Mayor hears the commotion and comes to the foyer to see the Inquisitor and the Duke of Alba.

MAYOR

What is going on here? Who are you? Why have you barged into my house?

INQUISITOR

I highly suggest you cooperate Mayor, this won't take long.

Pushing the Mayor against the wall with a sword in his hand. He motions to his assistant.

INQUISITOR

Start searching the house, every part of it.

Both the Inquisitor and his assistant search the house, throwing books off their shelves in the library, going to the bedrooms, closets searching for any clue of Bibles. They go into the kitchen and when they open then bread box, they find the Bible.

INQUISITOR

(with a twisted, cynical voice
holding up the Bible)
I found one! Ah, the bread of life.
(flipping through the pages)
This looks like a full loaf of
bread to me.
(he pauses with a cynical
look)
But very costly, as in; lives.
Bring in the Mayor and his family.
Someone is reading the Bible in
this house!

CUT TO SHOT OF WRUNKEN IN A ROOM OFF THE KITCHEN PRAYING AS SHE HAS HER EAR TO THE DOOR OF THE KITCHEN. THE INQUISITOR DEMANDS THAT THE WHOLE FAMILY BE CALLED INTO THE DINING ROOM. HE JUMPS ON THE 30 FT LONG EXQUISITE TABLE AND STARTS PARADING UP AND DOWN, WAVING THE BIBLE IN HIS HAND. SHOTS OF HIM QUESTIONING EACH FAMILY MEMBER.

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INQUISITOR

I have questioned all of your family Mayor and everyone denies that the Bible belongs to them. Bring in your servants.

The servants come in and are questioned.

INQUISITOR

(Coming to Wrunken)

Is this your Bible young lady and are you reading it?

WRUNKEN

Yes it's my Bible and I am reading it!

MAYOR

(knowing what the penalty is)

No, no, no. She's only owns it, she never reads from it!

WRUNKEN

(very boldly and not shying away)

This book is mine. I am reading from it in my own language, and it is more precious to me than anything!

INQUISITOR

Thank you everyone, please excuse yourselves. I want to have a word with Wrunken.

Everyone leaves the room, very shaken up.

INQUISITOR

More precious than your life young girl?

(He presses into her face)

How would you like to die? To be hanged, drown, torn to pieces or burned alive at the stake? Or maybe we'll just bury you alive! In the city wall.

WRUNKEN

(boldly and brazen)

Well Mr. Inquisitor, how would you like to see me martyred? You can torture and kill my body, but you can't kill my spirit. It belongs to Jesus.

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INQUISITOR

Young girl, you will suffocate in the city wall in a few days! I'll see to it that you are placed in the wall, alive, and bricked in permanently!

WRUNKEN

Huumm. I wonder how you will die some day? You know, it is appointed unto a man to die once, and then judgment. And that is far greater than what you are planning to do to me.

INQUISITOR

(throwing his hands in the air)

ENOUGH!

(he looks at his assistants)

Seize her now!

The assistant grabs her and drags her out of the house. He throws her into a horse drawn wagon.

A4 EXTERIOR - DAY

BRICKLAYERS ARE RIDING IN A WAGON DOWN THE ROAD BESIDE THE CITY WALL

MR FRANS

So, where are we going? What are we working on today?

MR. GILLES

We're going to, by orders of King Philip II, hue out a hole in the city wall and there, a defiant Christian lawbreaker is going to be tied inside. Our job is to close up the wall with her in it.

MR. FRANS

(stops in the cart)

You woke me up today to do such a horrific crime? Stop!

(the horses come to a halt)

I'm not for hire on this job! You can do this on your own.

(he jumps off the wagon).

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MR. GILLES

Are you crazy? This is ordered by King Philip II! The pay is extraordinary, nothing like we've ever been paid before. You'll make 3 times the wages we normally make.

MR. FRANS

I wouldn't care if they paid me 10 times my normal wage. This is absolutely an unacceptable job. You're the one that's crazy.
(He walks off)

A5 - INTERIOR - DAY - JAIL CELL

WRUNKEN IS SITTING ON A COLD STONE FLOOR IN THE JAIL CELL. THERE'S A RAY OF LIGHT THAT'S COMING THROUGH A SMALL WINDOW. SHE'S PRAYING PSALM 27:1-2

WRUNKEN

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

As Wrunken is praying, the guards come into the cell, pick her up by the arms and take her out of the cell.

A6 - EXTERIOR - DAY - CITY WALL

BRICKLAYER IS WORKING ON THE JOB SITE CUTTING OUT A HOLE IN THE WALL.

MR. GILLIS

(mocking the response that Mr. Frans gave)

I wouldn't care if they paid me 10 times my normal wage. This is absolutely an unacceptable job. You're the one that's crazy. I'm the one that's crazy....

He starts laughing and has a bad fall as he trips over some boulders and breaks his leg. The Inquisitor is just riding up, jumps off his horse, runs over and asks what has just happened.

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INQUISITOR

Mr. Gillis, are you ok?

MR. GILLES

(painfully grabbing his leg)

I don't know sir. It feels broken.

INQUISITOR

Oh, that's terrible. Who's going to hue this wall out? Do you have a worker to continue this job?

MR. GILLES

Well, I did have one, Mr. Frans, but he refuses to do this job because of moral convictions regarding this young girl, Wrunken.

INQUISITOR

Well, he must be a Christian also if he's defending her!

MR. GILLES

No...it's just complicated that's all. Might be just having a bad day. Don't know what's got into him.

INQUISITOR

Bad day or not, he will be on the job today by MY orders, and MY order stands, like those of King Philips. Let's get you to a Dr. now and I'll go summon Mr. Frans to complete this work.

A7 - EXTERIOR - DAY - CITY WALL

THE JAIL GUARD AND WRUNKEN PULL UP TO THE CITY WALL. WRUNKEN IS UNDER LOCK AND KEY IN THE BACK OF THE CARRIAGE. THEY STOP AND HE POINTS OUT TO HER WHERE SHE'LL BE BURIED.

JAILER

Wrunken, I brought you here to the city wall to show you where you'll be buried alive very soon. I want you to think this over because you will have an opportunity to recant your decision to read the Bible and be able to live freely.

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WRUNKEN

Well, I can't think of a better place to be entombed than this. Right on a main street, in the city wall. It will be a continual reminder to the Protestant believers in Flanders to not be afraid to read their Bible and if necessary, die for for their faith.

The jailer rides off with a puzzled look, shaking his head.

A8 - INTERIOR - DAY - MR. FRANS HOME

MR FRANS IS IN HIS HOME, SITTING AT THE TABLE TALKING TO HIS WIFE. SHE'S HOLDING A BABY WHO IS CRYING, AND A FEW OTHER CHILDREN ARE RUNNING AROUND. SHE'S ARGUING AND YELLING AT HER HUSBAND.

MRS. FRANS

I can't believe you turned this job down! That was triple your salary, it could have put bread on the table for the next few months!

MR. FRANS

Am I Judas? Is my last name Iscariot? This is our fellow Protestant, our sister in the Lord!

MRS. FRANS

Sister in the Lord or not, she rebelled against the orders of King Philip II and should not have read the Holy Bible.

The Inquisitor pulls up outside their house on his carriage, jumps off and goes to knock on the door.

MRS. FRANS

I bet you that's Mr. Gilles right now, offering you a second chance to take this job!

She opens the door.

INQUISITOR

Under the orders of King Philip II, I order you, Mr. Frans, to come with me.

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MR. FRANS
Come with you for what?

INQUISITOR
Let's just say that there's some unfinished business, as in, brick business. You were offered a job by Mr. Gilles and you will complete this job by the orders of King Philip II.

The Inquisitor motions to his assistants to take Mr. Frans away. The Inquisitor and Mrs. Frans are left standing there for a moment. He hands her a bag of money with a lustful look in his eyes, admiring her.

INQUISITOR
30 pieces of silver and the rest will be paid in full when his job is complete.

He leaves, joins his assistants. Mrs. Frans holds up the bag of money with a happy gleam in her eyes.

MRS. FRANS
"Am I Judas?". I can't believe he even said that.

A9 - EXTERIOR - DAY - CITY WALL

MR. FRANS IS HOLLOWING OUT THE CITY WALL WHERE WRUNKEN IS TO BE BURIED.

MR. FRANS
(mumbling under his breath)
Well, this is really interesting. Me, Mr. Frans, is now hollowing out a hole in the city wall to bury alive his fellow sister in the Lord.

He pauses, puts the shovel down
Lord, you must have some higher purpose in all of this. You've seen the forcing of my hand to hollow out this hole. Have mercy on our sister Wrunken, during this trial of her faith.

A10 - INTERIOR - DAY - PRISON

THE INQUISITOR

Right now, Wrunken, a tomb is being hollowed out of the city wall and you will be tied up and bricked in but you will be given an opportunity to change your mind to stop reading the Bible and submit to King Philip's authority regarding the practice of religion.

WRUNKEN

Bricked in! (she laughs at him) Oh death, oh death, where is your sting for the believer in Christ Jesus. You can kill the body but you can't kill the soul. It's you that will live in torment, eternally separated from God, burning in hell's fire! But there still is an opportunity to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus. And we can have another section of the wall, hallowed out right beside me for you to be entombed in! Wouldn't that be great.

The Inquisitor is beside himself with anger. He leaves her, slamming the cell door behind him. As he's walking out, he runs into the Mayor who has arrived to visit Wrunken.

A11 INTERIOR - DAY- PRISON

THE INQUISITOR

Mayor, what are you doing here?

THE MAYOR

I wanted to come and see Wrunken. And just maybe, she'll recant, and won't be buried alive in our city wall. Oh, and by the way, the whole city is in an uproar about this!

THE INQUISITOR

(absolutely mad)

You're wasting your time Mayor. Your maid servant will not change her mind or recant. Be careful, lest she lead you astray also, so to make you believe that anyone can

(MORE)

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THE INQUISITOR (cont'd)
 read the Bible in their
 language. She won't repent!

The Inquisitor storms off. The Mayor proceeds inside to the prison cell where Wrunken is being held. As he approaches her cell, he hears her praying for the Inquisitor.

WRUNKEN
 Father, you tell us to forgive
 those who persecute us, so I
 forgive the Inquisitor and I ask
 that you have mercy on him and open
 up his eyes to see you Jesus in
 your Word.

The Mayor motions to the jail guard to let him in.

THE MAYOR
 Wrunken, I had to come to see how
 you are fairing?

WRUNKEN
 She draws near to him to whisper in his ear.
 Master, you have nothing worry
 about. I tore out the front page of
 the Bible with your note in it to
 me. They'll never know you gave it
 to me to read.

The Mayor sighs and has a sense of relief but also has tears coming to his eyes. The jailer is listening intently to what the Mayor is talking about with Wrunken. His ear is pressed against the cell door.

THE MAYOR
 He whispers back
 Wrunken, I wish I had the faith you
 have. But this Bible, it's just a
 family Bible to me, no meaning
 whatsoever. And yet I see how you
 changed since you started reading
 it. Is it real Wrunken? Is this
 faith in Jesus real? Is there
 eternal life found in reading the
 Bible and believing in Jesus?

WRUNKEN
 She continues to whisper,
 Master, Jesus loves you, died on a
 cross for you. He didn't leave you
 (MORE)

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WRUNKEN (cont'd)
as an orphan. He sent the
Comforter, the Holy Spirit to
comfort you. Just simply repeat
these words after me.

SHOT OF THE JAILER STILL LISTENING TO THE CONVERSATION.

The Mayor repeats Wrunkens prayer.

WRUNKEN
"Jesus, forgive me of my sins and
forgive me for denying you."

THE MAYOR
"Jesus, forgive me of my sins and
forgive me for denying you."

WRUNKEN
"Come into my heart and be my Lord
and Saviour. Amen."

THE MAYOR
"Come into my heart"

The jailer is repeating the prayer with the Mayor.

JAILER
"... and be my Lord and Saviour."

THE MAYOR
Amen.

JAILER
Amen.

The Mayor is moved with emotion and tears swell up in his eyes.

THE MAYOR
Now I know why you believe so
strongly. This is amazing, my heart
feels full and there is such
peace! Now the Bible, the book of
dreams that I've read over the
years makes total sense. Thank you
for introducing me to Jesus.

He withdraws from the prison cell, full of peace and very emotional. He walks by the jailer.

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JAILER

As he's locking up the cell after the Mayor leaves.
Thank you Wrunken. I over heard
your prayer with the Mayor and I
too received Jesus into my heart.

WRUNKEN

(smiling at him)
Oh I'm so happy for you. Jesus
will change your life.

The jailer is standing with his hands by his side,
overwhelmed, he starts to cry.

THE JAILER

I'll look after you while you're
here. You're safe in my care. (he
pauses) And...His care.

A12 - EXTERIOR - DAY - AT THE CITY WALL

THE MAYOR IS RIDING HIS CARRIAGE, ADMIRING THE SPRING BEAUTY
WITH JOY IN HIS HEART FROM HIS SALVATION EXPERIENCE AND
DECIDES TO STOP AT THE CITY WALL WHERE WRUNKEN'S TOMB IS
BEING HUED OUT. HE SEES MR. FRANS HARD AT WORK. HE STOPS THE
CARRIAGE AND GETS OFF.

THE MAYOR

(wanting to encourage Mr.
Frans in his work)
Now, that is the handy work of God!
You're doing a great job.

MR. FRANS

Handy work of God! How can God be
in any of this?

THE MAYOR

Well, I'm sure it's not God's will,
but He will be glorified in all of
this.

MR. FRANS

How can God receive glory in the
persecution of such a wonderful
young girl? It's just not right.

THE MAYOR

Well, it's not about right or
wrong. It's about Jesus being
glorified through Wrunken's death.
The Bible says that, 'we overcome

(MORE)

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THE MAYOR (cont'd)
 by the blood of the lamb and the
 word of our testimony and we don't
 love our lives unto death'. You
 know Mr. Frans, death has no sting
 for the Christian. And this
 memorial will bring glory to God in
 the end, through others believing
 in Christ.

Mr. Frans bows his head and drops to his knees and the Mayor
 puts his hand on him as he weeps.

THE MAYOR
 (He prays)
 You didn't leave him as an orphan
 Lord. You sent the Comforter, the
 Holy Spirit to comfort him. Holy
 Spirit comfort my brother. Amen.

A13 - EXTERIOR - DAY - THE MAYORS HOME

THE MAYOR IS ARRIVING AT HIS HOME. UP WALKS A YOUNG 15 YEAR
 BOY CARRYING A GUNNY SACK OVER HIS SHOULDER. HE REACHES
 INSIDE IT, NODS AT HIM WITH A BIT OF A SMILE AND SLIPS A
 PACKAGE INTO HIS HAND AND CONTINUES WALKING. THE MAYOR
 OPENS IT UP AND FINDS A BIBLE IN IT. HE GASPS AND LOOKS UP
 TO FIND THE YOUNG MAN BUT HE'S GONE.

A14 - INTERIOR - DAY - THE PRISON

THE YOUNG MAN ARRIVES AT THE PRISON WHERE WRUNKEN IS AT. HE
 A BIT NERVOUS AS HE CARRIES THE GUNNY SACK. HE'S SEARCHED AS
 HE GOES IN TO VISIT BUT THEY ONLY FIND CLOTHING AND FOOD.
 HE'S LET INTO HER CELL AND AFTER THE GUARD LEAVES, HE
 EMBRACES HER, TAKES OFF HIS CAP AND PULLS OUT A BIBLE AND
 GIVES IT TO HER WITH A BIG SMILE ON HIS FACE.

YOUNG MAN
 The Mayor received his package.

A15 - INTERIOR - DAY - THE MAYORS HOME AND HE IS IN HIS
 STUDY

THE MAYOR IS IN THE COMFORT OF HIS SMOKING PARLOR, SITTING
 BY THE FIRE WITH 2 BEAUTIFUL OLD IRISH WOLFHOUSES, SMOKING A
 PIPE, AND HAS A GLASS OF BRANDY. THE MAYOR THUMBS THROUGH
 THE BIBLE TO FIND A NOTE A FROM WRUNKEN. INSIDE THE NOTE IT
 SAYS:

WRUNKEN'S VOICE OVER
 "Blessed are those who are
 persecuted because of
 (MORE)

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WRUNKEN'S VOICE OVER (cont'd)
 righteousness, for theirs is the
 kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you
 when people insult you, persecute
 you and falsely say all kinds of
 evil against you because of me.
 Rejoice and be glad, because great
 is your reward in heaven, for in
 the same way they persecuted the
 prophets who were before you."
 Matthew 5:10-12.

THE MAYOR

(lifts up his glass of brandy and takes a puff on his pipe).
 Well, the will of the Lord be done.
 (He toasts to the Lord)
 Here's to you Jesus.

CUT TO WRUNKEN SITTING IN THE COLD PRISON CELL. NO COMFORT,
 WET, COLD AND RODENTS RUNNING AROUND. AN EXTREME CONTRAST
 BETWEEN HERSELF AND THE MAYOR. BUT SHE HAS THE COMFORT OF
 CHRIST ON HER COUNTENANCE.

A16 - INTERIOR - DAY - THE PRISON - 5AM IN THE MORNING

THE JAILER IS AWOKEN BY TWO MEN KNOCKING AT THE PRISON DOOR.
 THEY HAND HIM A LETTER AND HE READS IT.

MAN 1

Here's a release letter from the
 Duke of Alba for Wrunken. Today is
 her execution day.

The jailer takes the letter, breaks the seal and reads it.

JAILER

Give me a few minutes to awake her
 and bring her out to you.

CUT TO WRUNKEN DREAMING. SHE'S IN A ROOM, PREPPING HERSELF
 BEFORE A BIG MIRROR WITH HER ATTENDANT WHO IS PREPARING HER
 HAIR AND HER DRESS TO GET MARRIED. SHE'S NERVOUSLY ANXIOUS.

ATTENDANT

What do you want me to work on the
 most? What's the most important
 thing for you to accentuate for
 your husband to be? Your hair, your
 dress, your shoes...What do you
 want give to him the most?

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WRUNKEN
Souls...many, many souls.

Wrunken wakes up with the jailer gently calling her name.

JAILER
Wrunken...Wrunken, wake up. It's
time to go.

He gives her a cup of something hot to drink and a biscuit .

WRUNKEN
Do I have time to make myself
presentable?

JAILER
(in tears)of course.

The jailer returns with a small mirror and a basin of water
and a rag. He also hands her a dress.

JAILER
My wife made this for you, would
you like to wear it today?

Wrunken takes the dress and holds it up to herself with a
beautiful smile on her face.

WRUNKEN
It's perfect. Thank you.

JAILER
No. Thank you for sharing Jesus.
We'll see each other again in
eternity.

They give each other an embrace.

A17 - EXTERIOR - DAY - GOING TO THE CITY WALL

THE INQUISITOR AND HIS MEN ARE RIDING IN A HORSE DRAWN
CARRIAGE AND THEY HAVE WRUNKEN IN CHAINS, WALKING BEHIND
THEM. THEY'RE PARADING HER THROUGH THE CITY. PEOPLE ARE
TAUNTING HER, CURSING HER, MOCKING HER. THE CAMERA IS
SHOWING IT ALL FROM HER PERSPECTIVE. VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS ARE
SHOWN; IN PARTICULAR, MR FRANS WIFE IS INSIDE A CLOTHING
STORE. SHE'S TRYING ON CLOTHING AND AS SHE GLANCES OUT THE
WINDOW, SHE SEES WRUNKEN. IT'S AWKWARD FOR HER. SHE HAS A
DRESS IN HER HANDS AND DROPS IT OUT OF CONVICTION. SHE
RUSHES OUT OF THE DOOR AND MEETS UP ALONG SIDE WRUNKEN.

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MRS FRANS

I am so sorry Wrunken ... for what my husband was hired to do. I am the guilty one...don't blame my husband when you see him at the wall.

The procession stops as there is an interruption.

MRS FRANS

Wrunken, what would you like written in memory of you on the wall?

WRUNKEN

Revelations 12:11, And I overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of my testimony; and I loved not my life unto the death.

MRS FRANS

(trying to remember she repeats the verse)

Revelations 12:11

She's interrupted by the merchant who was selling her clothing.

MERCHANT

Ma'am, this would look just wonderful on you!

MRS FRANS

Would it? (In frustration and conviction of what's going on).

She walks away from the merchant and the procession in conviction.

(under her breath) I am as Judas.

She walks a little distance and then her eyes meet with the Inquisitor, who's in the carriage. She turns away and sees a poor young girl by the road, in tattered clothing. She approaches her and smiles.

MRS. FRANS

I have something to give you. My name is Mrs. Frans. What's your name?

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ISABELLA

My name is Isabella.

MRS. FRANS

Well Isabella. I have a very special gift for you at that store over there.

She points to the store where she was just at looking at clothing. Isabella's eyes light up.

What's colour of dress would you like?

Isabella points to Wrunken and the dress she's wearing.

ISABELLA

That colour.

MRS FRANS

That's a good choice.

She takes Isabella's hand and walks across the street to the store. They enter and Mrs. Frans talks to the merchant taking a coin out of the bag.

Please, take this and clothe this young girl in a beautiful white dress.

MERCHANT

Certainly. I have the exact dress in mind for you, it should fit you perfectly!

Mrs. Frans discreetly pulls out the coin bag with the remaining coins she had received from the Inquisitor and slips it into Isabella's bag that's strung over her shoulder. She whispers in her ear.

MRS FRANS

In memory of Jesus and Wrunken.

Isabella peaks inside the bag and her eyes light up.

ISABELLA

Thank you.

MRS FRANS

Don't thank me, thank Jesus.

Mrs. Frans walks out of the shop.

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ISABELLA
 (whispers under her breath)
 Thank you Jesus.

A18 - INTERIOR - DAY - AT AN ORPHANAGE

THERE ARE ABOUT 25-30 CHILDREN IN A CLASSROOM SITTING AT THEIR DESKS, THEY'RE ALL READING OR DRAWING, THEY'RE OCCUPIED. THE OWNER OF THE ORPHANAGE IS IN THE KITCHEN CHECKING OUT HER FLOUR CANISTER WHICH SHE FINDS EMPTY. SHE GOES TO HER SUGAR CONTAINER AND FINDS IT EMPTY. SHE PROCEEDS TO LOOK AT HER PANTRY AND IT'S PRETTY WELL ALL BARE. SHE IS OVERWHELMED WITH THE NEED TO PROVIDE A MEAL FOR THE CHILDREN. IN TEARS SHE PRAYS.

JOHANKA

Praying from Philippians 4:19
 Lord, I know you asked me to open
 this orphanage. You said you'd
 provide everything I would need
 according to your glory and riches
 in Christ Jesus. Jesus, I commit
 these children to the work of your
 ministry and commit myself to train
 them up in your way. All for your
 glory.

As Johanka is praying, Isabella bursts in giving her the bag.

ISABELLA
 Johanka, Johanka! Look what was
 given to me today by a kind lady in
 the street!

Johanka takes the bag from her looking very surprised, trying to calm her down. She opens it up and sees the dress and the coins.

ISABELLA
 She gave it in the memory of
 Wrunken who is about to be martyred
 today.

Johanka's eyes brim up with tears as she looks at the dress and the money, marveling at an answered prayer.

JOHANKA
 Quick, take this and run to the
 baker and purchase bread for our
 meal and lets make ready to go to
 the city wall to see Wrunken.

Isabella takes the money and runs out.

A19 - EXTERIOR - DAY - AT THE CITY WALL

THE MAYOR HAS ARRIVED BEFORE THE PROCESSION THAT IS BRINGING WRUNKEN TO THE WALL. HE WALKS TO THE WALL AND SEES MR. FRANS AND THE OTHER BRICKIE. MRS FRANS HAS ARRIVED ALSO, HAVING LEFT THE PROCESSION AND THE LITTLE GIRL.

THE MAYOR

Mr. Frans, I only have one request for you to do. Make sure you bury this Bible with Wrunken.

He slips Mr Frans a small Bible that's wrapped in a cloth.

MR FRANS

Well, what good is it for Wrunken in here? She can't read it or hold it and will die within a short time.

THE MAYOR

Yes, I suppose so.

MRS FRANS

Sir, if you don't mind, I know of someone who would love to have this Bible.

THE MAYOR

Really, who might that be?

MRS FRANS

A very poor young orphan girl, Isabella, that is in our city that I met today. I had the privilege of clothing her with a beautiful white dress, as per her request of color of course, after seeing Wrunkens dress.

MR FRANS

You bought her a dress? Where did you get the money to do that?

MRS FRANS

Well, it is better to give than to receive, especially at a time like this. Besides that, I believe she has a very special call on her life, like Wrunken.

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MR FRANS
 (whispers to her)
 Am I working for nothing?

MRS FRANS
 No, your labour is not in vain, the
 Lord will provide for us.

THE MAYOR
 She sounds absolutely perfect. Is
 this from the orphanage that
 Johanka runs?

MRS FRANS
 Yes, that's the one.

THE MAYOR
 Absolutely perfect. Please see that
 she gets this Bible....in memory of
 Wrunken. I would very much like to
 meet Isabella. Can you arrange that
 Mrs Frans?

MRS. FRANS
 Well, seeing that you're the Mayor,
 I don't see that as a problem.

He hands Mrs. Frans the Bible. She tucks it in her bag and
 whispers under her breath.

MRS FRANS

Quoting from John 12:24
 Except a kernel of wheat fall into
 the ground and die, it abideth
 alone: but if it die, it bringeth
 forth much fruit.

As they are speaking, the procession with Wrunken is seen
 coming down the road.

A20 - EXTERIOR - DAY - CITY WALL

THE INQUISITOR WITH WRUNKEN BEHIND THE CARRIAGE ARRIVE AT
 THE PLACE AT THE CITY WALL THAT HAS BEEN HUED OUT. THE
 GUARDS UNCHAIN WRUNKEN FROM THE BACK OF THE WAGON AND PULL
 HER TO THE HOLE IN THE WALL. THEY'RE ROUGH AND BRUTISH IN
 THEIR ACTION WITH NO REGARD OF HER BEING A YOUNG GIRL TO THE
 POINT THAT THE CROWDS ARE ALMOST SHOCKED AT HOW HARD THEY
 ARE ON HER. IT'S A QUICK TRANSITION.

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INQUISITOR

(speaking to Mr. Frans) Well,
what are you waiting for,
start bricking her in.

Mr. Frans is overwhelmed with what's happening that he's shaking and trembling as he picks up a stone and mortar. He lays the first stone at her feet.

WRUNKEN

(looking at Mr. Frans quoting
from Matthew 21:42) The stone
which the builders refused is
become the head stone of the
corner. Jesus was rejected and
so I am rejected.

CUT TO SHOT OF JOHANKA, ISABELLA AND THE ORPHANS ARRIVING TO THE WALL. THERE IS AN EYE TO EYE CONNECTION WITH WRUNKEN AND ISABELLA. WRUNKEN GIVES THEM BOTH A NOD OF RECOGNITION.

JOHANKA

Isabella, Wrunken was an orphan in
our home, like you are. She loved
Jesus with all of her heart.
(looking at Isabella) Like you
Isabella.

Wrunken looks at Mr. Frans, with her eyes looking at the orphans she whispers to herself.

WRUNKEN

These are who Jesus died for and
this is who I die for today.

As Mr. Frans is laying the stone, he looks up at the orphans, barely able to contain his emotions. He's very humbled as he sees what's really transpiring with Wrunken's decision. He has a flashback to his conversation with his wife when they were disputing about Wrunken disobeying the law of not reading the Bible in her own language. This is the scene;

MRS. FRANS

I can't believe you turned this job
down! That was triple your salary,
it could have put bread on the
table for the next few months.

MR. FRANS

Am I Judas? Is my last name
Iscaiot? This is our fellow
Protestant, our sister in the Lord!

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MRS. FRANS

Sister in the Lord or not, she rebelled against the orders of King Philip II and should not have read the Holy Bible.

SCENE CUTS BACK TO MRS FRANS COMING UP BEHIND ISABELLA AND SLIPS THE BIBLE WRAPPED IN A CLOTH INTO HER BAG WHICH THE MAYOR HAD ASKED HER TO GIVE TO ISABELLA. ISABELLA PEERS BRIEFLY INTO THE BAG, SEE THE BIBLE WRAPPED IN CLOTH AND SMILES.

MRS FRANS

A Bible for you, in memory of Jesus and Wrunken.

ISABELLA

Thank you, but why me? I'm an orphan.

MRS FRANS

But Jesus never left you as an orphan, he sent the Holy Spirit to comfort you.

Isabella's eyes well up with tears.

ISABELLA

I know. Thank you.

MRS. FRANS

Don't thank me, thank Jesus.

ISABELLA

Thank you Jesus.

A diverse crowd is present at the wall, young & old, sympathizers and opponents, even a few who are demon possessed are there. They're all voicing their thoughts and opinions, some in favor, some sympathizers. An official with the Inquisitor walks up to Wrunken.

OFFICIAL

Wrunken, so young and beautiful - yet to die. You can change your mind young lady.

WRUNKEN

How can I change my mind? I have the mind of Christ, I hear his voice and no other voices do I listen to, including yours.

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OFFICIAL

Well, not even your fathers voice?

FLASH BACK TO WRUNKEN AS A LITTLE GIRL IN THE ORPHANAGE WITH JOHANKA. A VISUAL OF THE FATHER BRINGING WRUNKEN TO THE ORPHANAGE AND WAVES GOODBYE AS WRUNKEN IS WITH JOHANKA. HER FATHER IS A SIMPLE MAN, A PAUPER, NOT HAVING ANYTHING IN HIS LIFE. JOHANKA IS LOOKING CLOSELY AT WRUNKEN, CHECKING TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY PHYSICAL SIGNS OF ABUSE BUT THERE AREN'T ANY. SHE INTRODUCES HERSELF TO WRUNKEN.

JOHANKA

Hi Wrunken, my name is Johanka.

WRUNKEN

But where's my father?(Wrunken starts to cry)

JOHANKA

(In a comforting way embracing her)
He has gone to work very hard to help provide for you stay here for a short while. He loves you very dearly. And God willing he'll be back soon. But in the mean time, this is your home and I will look after you Wrunken.

Johanka gives Wrunken a hug.

BACK AT THE CITY WALL, THERE ARE VARIOUS SHOTS OF THE CROWD, WITH A SHOT OF HER FATHER WHO IS HORRIFIED WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING. HIS HEAD IS HANGING LOW AND HE'S IN TERRIBLE AGONY SEEING WHAT'S HAPPENING TO HIS DAUGHTER AND YET KNOWS HE CAN'T STOP ANYTHING AND ANYTHING HE WOULD SAY WOULD PUT HIM IN JEOPARDY OF LOOSING HIS LIFE. HE'S UNDER THE FEAR AND THE TYRANNY OF THE RELIGIOUS SYSTEM.

The bricks are being laid over Wrunken and only the brick that would cover her face is left.

OFFICIAL

(trying to get her to repent)
You will suffocate and die in here!

WRUNKEN

I will be with Jesus.

OFFICIAL

(for the last time trying to persuade her)
Repent - just say the word and you will go free.

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WRUNKEN

Oh Lord, forgive my murderers.

As Wrunken says this, the last brick is placed over her face to entomb her. Various shots of the crowds reaction, including her fathers.

A21 - INTERIOR - DAY - THE MAYORS HOME

ISABELLA AND JOHANKA HAVE ARRIVED AT THE MAYORS HOME, IT SHOWS THE ADOPTION OF ISABELLA. THE MAYOR AND ISABELLA HAVE A PRIVATE MEETING, AND THEY OPEN THE BIBLE TOGETHER TO READ. IT REVEALS THAT EVEN IN PERSECUTION, THE CHURCH GROWS AND THE DEVIL CAN'T STOP IT THROUGH BRUTAL MURDERS.

MAYOR

Well, what a pleasure it is to meet you Isabella. You remind me so much of Wrunken, you have a similar spirit about you.

ISABELLA

That spirit is that of the Holy Spirit!

MAYOR

Ah yes, many a time sitting with Wrunken I sat listening to her talk about the Holy Spirit. I had the privilege of Wrunken praying the prayer of salvation and leading me to the Lord. Well, what is in your heart to do?

ISABELLA

(Pausing)

The main concern is that the orphans that I live with would be taught the Bible and that I'd have a place where we could read it and learn it.

MAYOR

I have exactly the place to do that! Follow me my child...daughter! Is that ok if I call you my daughter now that we've adopted you?

ISABELLA

Yes, of course. I'd love to call you my father!

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The Mayor leads her down a staircase that has a private entry. Mr. Frans is doing the finishing touches on the wall that hides the entrance. They enter into a large underground printing press, where people are printing off the Bible for distribution. Beside it, is a large room that is fully furnished to facilitate a classroom.

ISABELLA

(In utter amazement)

This is absolutely perfect father!

MAYOR

This is what Wrunken had hoped to set up prior to being arrested. It was her vision but she was unable to fulfill it. But now Isabella, we can finish it.

ISABELLA

Yes...thank you father....thank you Jesus!

The End

This is a fiction script based on the true store of Wrunken and her death.