



The Trade II

To Solomon was born Isaac; and to Isaac, Abraham; and to Abraham, Jehoshaphat and his brothers. And to Jehoshaphat was born Eleazar, who begat Uzziash, who begat Zerah, who begat Jotham.

Jotham was a lonely man who begat no one, but he adopted Ahaz who begat Eliud, who begat Walter.

And to Walter was born Brent, Keith, and Wayne, who is called The Great One.

And the young man performed many miracles, and the people saw these and said "The saviour of hockey has arrived in our land."

For the child moved supernaturally over frozen water, and caused pucks to fly, and it was spoken that He had vanquished entire legions with only a wooden stick.

And behold, scouts and sponsors arrived from the south, saying "Where is He who is born King of Hockey? We have seen His all-star talent and have come to worship Him." And opening their treasures they presented to Him gifts of Easton, Jofa and CCM.

And The Great One called the multitude unto Him and performed great deeds, and transformed the weak and afflicted into rampant goal scorers.

And from these He chose 12 to be His disciples and take part in His miracles. Now the names of the 12 apostles are these: Jarri, Paul, Grant, Kevin, Mark, Glen, Esa, Marty, Charley, Dave, His coach Glen, and Peter Pocklington, the one who betrayed Him.

And together The Great One and His disciples journeyed across the land performing many miracles. And Lord Stanley appeared to them four times, and spake: "This is my Son, and I am much pleased in Him."

And in those days, The Great One gathered the multitudes unto Him and delivered His sermon from behind the crease. And opening His mouth, He began to teach them, saying, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the ice;" "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall resist box of sin;" and "Thou shalt not fight when thy neighbour striketh thee. Whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also... while Goliath soundly pummels him."

And He would not quarrel, thus fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah the prophet, who spake: "He need not quarrel, nor cry out, for to affront Him is to incur upon thyself much weeping and the gnashing of teeth."

Then Peter went to the money-lenders and said, "What are you willing to give me to deliver Him up to you?" And they weighed out to him 30-million pieces of silver.

And The Great One was sent from Edmonton to Los Angeles. And He spake, "Behold, your house is being left to you desolate," and "Many who are first will be last; and the last, first." And the sheep of the flock were scattered.

The Great One was delivered unto Pilate McNall, where He suffered for 2,718 days beneath the scorching heat of the spotlight whilst the quenching Stanley Cup of mercy was denied him.

And it came to pass that a great blight fell on the game of hockey, and no games were played. During this time, The Great One gathered His disciples unto Him and rained pestilence and death upon the unbelieving Eastern nations.

Then He gathered a multitude of reporters unto Him and spake, "It is a foolish man that builds his house on sand. I must go hence, for Lord Stanley hast forsaken this brood of vipers."

And He ventured forth through the arch of righteousness, and there He found a man, who spoke unto Him, "I am a Hull without a centre, I beseech thee to make me whole." And The Great One laid hands upon him and it was so.

And Lord Stanley appeared to them saying, "This is My Son and I am much pleased in Him."