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Dear Sonny and

Daughter-in-Law:

Old Abraham and his Sarah had to give up their old home.

They had shown, ^{with} beginning ~~with~~ the circumcision of their son who was their joint progeny, to those who were not their immediate family, or rather were not blood relations, but were of their household family, that they, Abie and Sarah, no longer held to a genuine belief in the goodness of and gratitude for those in the household, but not in the blood family, to be comrades in the general purpose of retaining the "Household" in the splendor and goodness that was ^{its} ~~the~~ lot at the time of said circumcision.

[Read Bible, see where Abie's older son, though being ^{Jew} ~~Jew~~, through his male parent, was thought of as not being all Jew, and, therefore, was thought to be not worthy of circumcision. Read how, in order probably to put some balm upon his own ego, this older son ^{did} ~~did~~ guffaw (laugh loudly) at the solemn sanctimoniousness of the occasion. He was ordered out of the house, and he did leave.]

Then, through the years, ~~did~~ leave one by one all of the household's retainers (faster than new ones could be employed). Even the newest ones would come to feel that if it could happen to Ishmael, as it had happened to Ishmael, it could happen to them.

Not being able to operate the big plantation-type white elephant by themselves, Abie and Sarah had to abandon it, too. Decent Son had already gone off on his own.

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He had gone off to soldier for fortune among near blood-kin folk, who were thought of as "Decent Jews" by Abie and Sarah; though other near kin thought that those whom "Sonny Boy" was aiding, were truly the indecent folk.

Sonny Boy heard how Abie and Sarah had had to give up their positions of glory, and wrote them a complaining letter, in which he said, "I hear you have become so groveling, so like unto cur dogs, that you, yourselves, have become retainers in an ungodly Egyptian household, while I, your noble son, Is'e-ac-ac-ac-ing away with my machine gun for the forces of Decency."

"Pappy"

P.S. Read further in the Bible to see how Isaac's own forces of Decency were to be split into two factions before he himself was buried. (Only the machine gun is fictional.)

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