**IBRAHEEM**
- Magdy. MAGDY. Open up. Open up, Magdy! Magdy don't hide from me! Open up for your own sake, Magdy. I know you're inside. Magdy I saw you coming in while I was at the coffee shop. I'm at the end of my line here! Open up for your own sake! You acted like some big time artist and you turned out to be a con! Anyway I'm going to the police now to report your IOUs. I swear on your mother's life I'm sending you to prison, thief!

**MAGDY**
- Mr. Anees I'm telling you I was an accountant before becoming an actor.

**ANEES**

*Okay buddy. The important thing, I have good news for you.*

*The house and car have been sold.*

**MAGDY**

 What? The house and car got sold?

 Okay, keep the money so you can pay in court.

**ANEES**

*Alright?*

**MAGDY**

Yes

**ANEES**

*We owe nothing to your ex-wife anymore.*

**MAGDY**

Screw that day I married her.

**ANEES***Okay buddy, now just leave me alone for God's sake.*

**MAGDY**

Bye

**MAGDY**

- Talk to him, Mostafa.

**MOSTAFA**

*I called him a hundred times. I CALLED HIM.*

**MAGDY**

 Tell him I'm an actor. AN ACTOR! I can play any role!

**MOSTAFA**

*Alright, Magdy, Alright, Alright fine.*

**MAGDY**

Please, for my sake, just put me in any gig to get me out of this hole...

**GIRL**
- Hi, daddy. I want to see you and give you a very big hug. When I grow up I want to be a doctor rather than sitting like a bum waiting to get caught by the police... like you.

**MANAGER**- You can't come back to the company, Magdy. You've been out of work for years. Your experience is now far behind your age. People your age are now department heads and seniors. Every other company will tell you this.

**AHMAD**
- No matter what you do, the gods will never be contented. I still see you observing the stars, and memorizing the book of the dead. Go, for maybe you will find salvation from your deeds

**AHAMD**
 Can you believe the theater isn't even half full?

**MAGDY**
The show probably won't run for more than a couple of days. By the way Ahmed, can you spare ten pounds?

**AHMAD**
No... Why?

**MAGDY**
I'm starving and want to get a sandwich. I haven't had a bite all day.
**AHMAD**
Just spent every last penny I had. Didn't you just eat with me in the afternoon? You managed to digest all that cement we just ate?!

**MAGDY**
Cement, are you high? I've spent all day rehearsing these damn lines until my voice got hoarse. Isn't it enough what the director's doing to me?!

**AHMAD**
Personally, I've had it. We spent every penny we saved on this profession till we got broke. I can't do this anymore, I'm through after this. By the way, after tonight's show, I'm meeting a contractor from the Arab Gulf. He could get me a work contract for a good price. He also told me they need accountants over there. It’s a chance for you?

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*- Anees (Lawyer)*

**MAGDY**
- Yes Mr. Anees

***ANEES****Hey Magdy. Are you always in trouble? I got a call from my contact in the police department telling me that someone called Ibrahim Abdullah is reporting overdue IOUs in your name. Is this true? Hello? Magdy? Magdy?*

**AHMAD**
- What do you say, are you in with me?

**MAGDY**
- It's almost my cue. Let me finish my costume.

**MAGDY**
I am the child of the sun. The ever living. Forever enthroned. Of divine appearance. King of the two lands. Of mighty influence. Guardian of the people and protector of the realm. Let my names and titles be notched on the walls of the temples, and on the highest columns and obelisks. Erect my colossal statues throughout the lands, so that my name shall be immortalized in gold on the pages of history.

But I see that corruption and poverty have spread throughout the realm. Where is the palace sage? Where is the high priest? Where is my seal-bearer? Where is the commander of my Army? Where are the viceroys in Memphis, to obey my commands?

Today I open my vaults to flood all of Egypt, far and wide, with my gold, grain, and bread; until there is not a hungry soul in the land. I command this unto you. I, the magnificent king of Egypt Bestower of bread and food to all.

**END**