

“The Narrated Nativity” script sample #02

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Actions during the next part of the narration: *One of the shepherds rises, straining his eyes in the darkness, as if listening closely to something. The others look at him and wonder what he is doing.*

Narrator: One of the men, named Ruben, seemed to sense something in the air of that peaceful night, as all was calm. Listen, he told them... do you hear what I hear?

Now, it was safe to say that the shepherds were more than a little taken aback by the sudden appearance of a man who glowed with his own light. Terrified is more like it!

Actions during the next part of the narration: *The angel comes upon them from the opposite direction they had been looking, and one of them sees him first, with his eyes wide in fear. The others are looking around to find the source of the light shining all around them. The one spying the angel shakes the shoulder of the one nearest him, turning him in the direction he is looking and pointing, getting the attention of the others who then also look, spinning and staring, then all drop to their knees in awe. Several of them cover their faces on the ground, until the angel speaks.*

Narrator: As the heavenly glory of the Shekinah light illuminated the fields all around them, emanating from the stately being before them, the shepherds tremble for their very lives. They knew all too well that an appearance of the Angel of the Lord could mean judgment and death. But their fears were soothed as the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid! Behold, I bring you news of great joy, which is for all men." As they shaken shepherds realized they weren't about to die, their apprehension turned to awe and wonder. Good news? What kind of news would be relayed to them, of all people, way out here in the wilderness? Their angelic visitor continued, "Unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior... which is Christ the Lord."

The shepherds looked at each other with shock. This... was the announcement which all Israel had been waiting for, for generations! The Messiah, the Son of the Most High, now born in the nearby city that was King David's home town! The news was almost to great a joy to bear. Then the angel gave them details on where to find this hoped-for Deliver, eternal heir to David's throne. "And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

Actions: *The shepherds look back up at the sky which is filled with angels. Their faces show shock and awe at the display. When they disappear, they get up and talk among themselves excitedly.*

Narrator: And with that, the skies were suddenly filled with a mighty host of angelic beings, all giving praises to the Most High, and saying "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Now, if the effect of one angel appearing was shocking, the impact of a multitude of them must have been overwhelmingly stunning. This was a sight seldom seen by man, and they knew their lives would never be the same. The brilliant clothes of the angels shimmered like the sun on the water as they...