

The Hinckley Scrolls

1. God created Heaven and Earth, and upon the earth he put Green pastures.
2. And amidst the green pastures He placed agri-lime and bases, and he chalked the fields.
3. And He placed upon the chalked and agri-limed green pastures a game which He called softball.
4. And it came to pass that He called teams together to play softball in a tournament called Hinckley.
5. But the tournament was without substance, so God spoke unto a resident of Hinckley whose name was Leo. And God said unto Leo "You will call unto Hinckley a team from a far away land, and they will come forth and pitch their tents upon the green pastures
6. And Leo asked unto the Lord, "Pray Lord – how shall I know this team?"
7. The Lord spoketh unto Leo and said, "Upon this team shall I place an old man. He shall run slowly. He shall moan and groan and complain of the many ailments which afflict him. He shall be called Al."
8. "And to compensate for this old man I shall place two young men. They shall run like the wind and they shall have boundless energy and be damned good looking. The first shall be called Lance, and the second shall be called Lance's brother. And Lance shall watch over his brother for he shall be his brother's keeper."
9. "And I shall place upon this team one who shall be called King. And He shall be a King among men. But he shall not be a queen, that will be another chapter. And this King's name shall be Scott.
10. "So shall I place upon the team one who is made in my image. He shall be like a God. So near to Heaven shall he be that you will call him sky King. And each ball that he hits shall soar among the eagles like the King of the sky. And they shall come down eight feet short of the fences."
11. "And also shall I place another who will not hit the ball as far as Sky King, and who will not be able to throw the ball like Sky King, and who will not be able to run like Sky King. This one will be unlike Sky King, and this one shall be Hung."
12. "And I shall place upon the team two who shall be called Steve"
13. And Leo spoke unto the Lord, "Pray then Lord, how shall I know them then, one Steve from another?"
14. And the Lord spoke unto Leo and said "I will give one of them an arm that throws the ball like a rainbow. And you shall call him "Rainbow Arm". And whenever you see him throw you will remember this rainbow, and you will think of me"

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15. "And also shall I place upon the team two Marks. And they shall be of great talent. They shall be fleet of foot, and shall hit the ball and shall field and throw with great accuracy. And they shall be the envy of their peers."
16. And Leo asked unto the Lord, "Pray Lord, if these two Marks are both the envy of their peers, then how shall I know them, one Mark from another?"
17. And the Lord paused, for it pleased him not that Leo kept interrupting. "OK, OK," He said, "Then I will allow one Mark to keep all of these talents, and from the other Mark I will remove all skills, and I will make him a manager."
18. "So then shall I place upon the team two Mikes."
19. And Leo spoke unto the Lord again saying, "Pray then Lord, if there be two Mikes, then how will I know them, one Mike from another."
20. And the Lord looked down upon Leo and said, "You know Leo, you're really starting to grind on me. So I shall make one Mike lean. And I shall remove the hair from his head and I shall give it to the other Mike, who shall have lots of pretty hair. And to keep one Mike lean, I will rip skin from his body so that he will not grow. And this Mike you shall call lean, and the other Mike shall be called Emanuel."
21. And Leo spoke unto the Lord once again, "Pray then Lord, is this how I shall know the team, by these twelve?"
22. And the Lord spoke unto Leo and said, "Well, we should have one more so the count will be thirteen, which is unlucky and will doom this team forever. And unto this team I will place a player who shall have not softball skills. Hitteth shall he not. He shall run but like a glacier. Nor shall he be able to throw worth a damn."
23. But then shall I give him great girth. And too shall he smoke like a chimney, and drink great quantities of white wine and Bombay Gin Martinis. When he runs to catch a ball he shall flounder and roll in the grass, And you shall know by his head which shall be a barren of hair, and like a solar collector. And his name shall be David."
24. And after all of this, God had to rest.