



## Chapter II: The Rising and the Trembling

In the second chapter of the comics column about the travels of the Hassid and illustrator, Reb Schneur Zalman Mendelovitch, we find him in India during the Uprising of the Doubters, headed by their leader, Doubting Thomas.

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English translation (scroll the image from right to left):

Reb Schneur first stops in a land  
That is near sometimes  
But far from others,  
**India**  
That has risen against its masters.

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**Thomas:** "Circumcise yourselves to Thomas  
and rescind the foreskins of your hearts!"  
And Reb Schneur fell in with the Doubters  
Who have shed the yoke of Hosts.

**Thomas:** "I doubt!  
That this elephant is an elephant!  
That this soldier is a soldier!  
That our Queen is our Queen!"

**Reb Schneur:** "Pray tell, who is this Queen  
Who is not?"

**Elephant:** "Not is Victoria, Queen of the English,  
Her Majesty, on the glorious throne of India.  
Come my friend, climb on into me."

The rise of uncertainty is greater  
Than the doubt nesting  
In Reb Schneur's trembling heart.  
Escaping Hosts,  
Into the beast's maw  
He climbs.

As the opening shuts, the flame of doubt in Reb Schneur melts  
on the mild tongue  
between Plenty and Thirst.



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