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שמות רבה א:כונַתְּבָאֵהוּ לְבַת פַּרְעֹה וגו'. הָיְתָה בַת פַּרְעֹה וּמְשַבֶּקֶת וּמְשַבֶּקֶת וּמְשַבֶּקֶת וּמְשַבֶּקֶת וּמְשַבֶּקֶת וּמְשַבֶּקֶת וּמְשַבֶּקֶת וּמְשַבָּקָת וּמְשַבָּקָת וּמְשַבָּקוּ רוֹאַהוּ הוּא בְּנָה, וְלֹא הָיְתָה מוֹצִיאַתּוּ מִפֶּלְטֵרִין שֶׁל מֶלֶךְ, וּלְפִי שֶׁהָיָה יָפָה הַכֹּל מִתְאַוִּים לְרְאוֹתוֹ, מִי שֶׁהָיָה וּמְשָׁכְיוֹ שֶׁל רֹאשׁוֹ, לֹא הָיָה מַעֲבִיר עַצְמוֹ מֵעָלָיו. וְהָיָה בַּּרְעֹה מְנַשְׁקוֹ וּמְשַבְּקוֹ, וְהוּא נוֹטֵל כִּתְרוֹ שֶׁל פַּרְעֹה וּמְשִׁימוֹ עַל רֹאשׁוֹ, כְּמוֹ שֶׁעָתִיד לַעֲשׁוֹת לוֹ כִּשֶׁהָיָה גַּדוֹל...

ְוָהָיוּ שָׁם יוֹשְׁבִין חַרְטֵמֵי מִצְרַיִם, וְאָמְרוּ, מִתְיָרְאִין אָנוּ מִזֶּה שֶׁנּוֹטֵל כִּתְרְדְּ וְנוֹתְנוֹ עַל רֹאׁשׁוֹ, שֶׁלֹא יִהְיֶה זָה אוֹתוֹ שֶׁאָנוּ אוֹמְרים שֶׁעָתִיד לִּטֹּל מַלְכוּת מִמְּדְ. מֵהֶם אוֹמְרִים לְהָרְגוֹ, מֵהֶם אוֹמְרִים לְשָׁרְפוֹ, וְהָיָה יִתְרוֹ יוֹשֵׁב בֵּינֵיהֶן וְאוֹמֵר לָהֶם, הַנַּעַר הַזֶּה אֵין בּוֹ דַּעַת, אֶלָּא בַּחֲנוּ אוֹתוֹ, וְהָבִיאוּ לְפָנֵיו בִּקְעָרָה זָהָב וְגַחֶלֶת, אָם יוֹשִׁיט יָדוֹ לַזָּהָב יֵשׁ בּוֹ דַּעַת וְהָרְגוּ אוֹתוֹ, וְאִם יוֹשִׁיט יָדוֹ לַגַּחֶלֶת אֵין בּוֹ דַעַת וְאֵין עָלָיו מִשְׁפֵּט מְוָת.

מִיָּד הֵבִיאוּ לְפָנָיו וְשָׁלַח יָדוֹ לִקּח הַזָּהָב, וּבָא גַּבְריאֵל וְדָחָה אֶת יָדוֹ וְתָפַשׁ אֶת הַגַּחֶלֶת וְהִכְנִיס יָדוֹ עִם הַגַּחֶלֶת לְתוֹךְ פִּיו וְנִכְוָה לְשׁוֹנוֹ, וּמִמֶּנוּ נַעֲשָׁה "כְּבַד פָּה וּכְבַד לְשׁוֹן" (שמות ד:י)...

Shemot Rabbah 1:26 ... "And she brought him to the daughter of Pharaoh..." The daughter of Pharaoh would kiss and hug and adore him (Moses) as if he were her own son, and she would not take him out of the king's palace. And because he was so beautiful, everyone yearned to see him. One that would see him would not leave his presence. Pharaoh would kiss him (Moses) and hug him, and he would remove Pharaoh's crown and place it on his own head, as he would do to him in the future when he was great...

And some of the observers sitting among them were the magicians of Egypt that said, "We are wary of this, that he is taking your crown and placing it on his head, that he not be the one we predict will take the kingship from you." Some said to kill him, and some said to burn him. And Jethro was sitting among them and said to them, "This child has no intent [to take the throne]. Rather, test him by bringing in a bowl of gold and a coal. If he outstretches his hand towards the gold, he has intent [to take the throne], and you should kill him. And if he outstretches his hand towards the coal, he does not have intent, and he does not deserve the death penalty."

They immediately brought the bowl before Moses, and he outstretched his hand to take the gold, and Gabriel came and pushed his hand, and he grabbed the coal. He then brought his hand along with the coal into his mouth and burned his tongue, and from this was made "slow of speech and slow of tongue" (Exodus 4:10)...