



JUST JESUS JESTING

How Christ embraces the archetype of the Fool
to reveal the foolishness of those in power.



THE CLOWN



THE TRICKSTER



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The innocent and lovable character that brings laughter and joy to those around them through their optimism & humor.



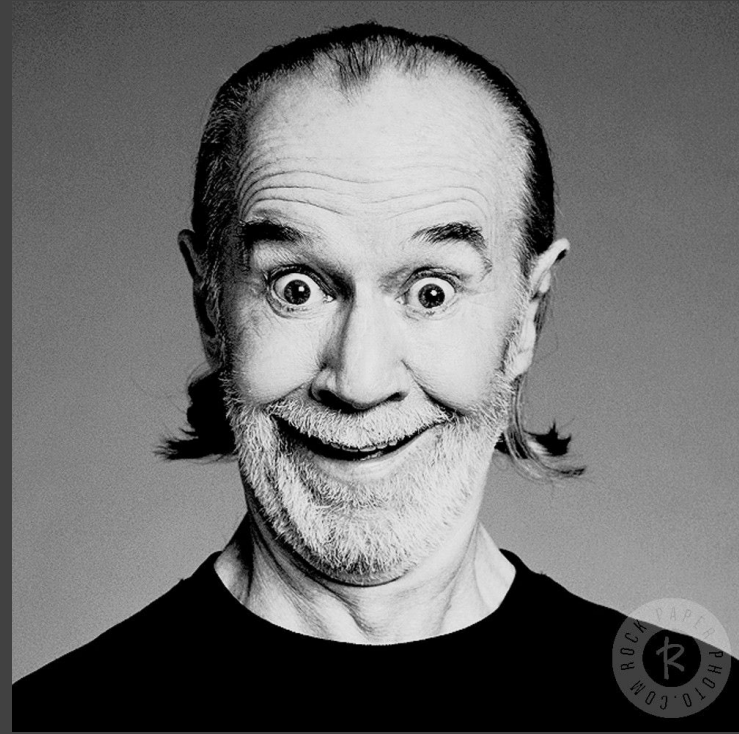
Examples: Mrs. Doubtfire, Olaf,
Buddy the Elf



THE TRICKSTER

The devious and cunning character that uses deception and half-truths to achieve their goals. Traditionally these characters are shape-shifters who take on animal form to win the confidence of their victims.

Examples: Loki, Maui, Ursula



THE JESTER

The quick-witted prophetic character that openly criticizes those in authority through humor and creative wordplay. They expose the hypocrisy of abusive leadership.



Examples: George Carlin, Tyrion Lannister, Rafiki



MATTHEW 7:1-5

¹ “Do not judge, or you too will be judged. ² For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

MATTHEW 7:1-5

³ “Why do you look at the *speck of sawdust* in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the *plank in your own eye?* ⁴ How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.



MATTHEW 19:21-26

²¹ Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

²² When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.

MATTHEW 19:21-26

²³ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ Again I tell you, it is easier for a *camel* to go through the *eye of a needle* than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

MATTHEW 19:21-26

²⁵ When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁶ Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

TRANSLITERATED FROM GREEK

Camel = Kamilon

Rope = Kamiilon



MATTHEW 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

²² Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

MATTHEW 18:21-35

²³ "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him *ten thousand bags of gold* was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

MATTHEW 18:21-35

²⁶ "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

MATTHEW 18:21-35

²⁸ “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him *a hundred silver coins*. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

²⁹ “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

MATTHEW 18:21-35

³⁰ “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

MATTHEW 18:21-35

³² “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

MATTHEW 18:21-35

³⁵ “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.



LUKE 11:9-12

⁹ "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

LUKE 11:9-12

¹¹ “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a *fish*, will give him a *snake* instead? ¹² Or if he asks for an *egg*, will give him a *scorpion*? ¹³ If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”



MATTHEW 23:23-24

²³ “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. ²⁴ You blind guides! You strain out a *gnat* but swallow a *camel*.

TRANSLITERATED FROM ARAMAIC

Gnat = Galma

Camel = Gamla



THE COURT JESTER (1955)

I was battered and bruised but the king was amused and before the siesta he made me his jester and I found out soon that to be a buffoon was a serious thing as a rule! For a jester's chief employment is to kill himself for your enjoyment, and a jester unemployed is nobody's fool!

