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And he said, Hear thou, therefore, the words of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left. And the Lord said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner. And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the Lord, and said, I will persuade him. And the Lord said unto him, By what means? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also; go forth, and do so.

I Kings 22:19-22

It wasn't his fault he couldn't hear the right man who said don't go darling don't. He could have if his ears opened heart stopped at the sight of the Cheyenne and Dakota the spirit-warriors and whoever else joined. The tent of angels trucking out west the lonesome cowboy there on the hill.

THE BUFF AT RED HART CAFE

Here I am a little buffalo wiping tables with my tail. It was the only job I could get what with my size. They killed so many of us. _____ million. Sometimes soldiers shot from trains passing. We didn't hardly have sense to know what was happening. It was called extermination a word lovely as crematorium you'd think was in the butterworks.