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the facts will bring humiliation."*

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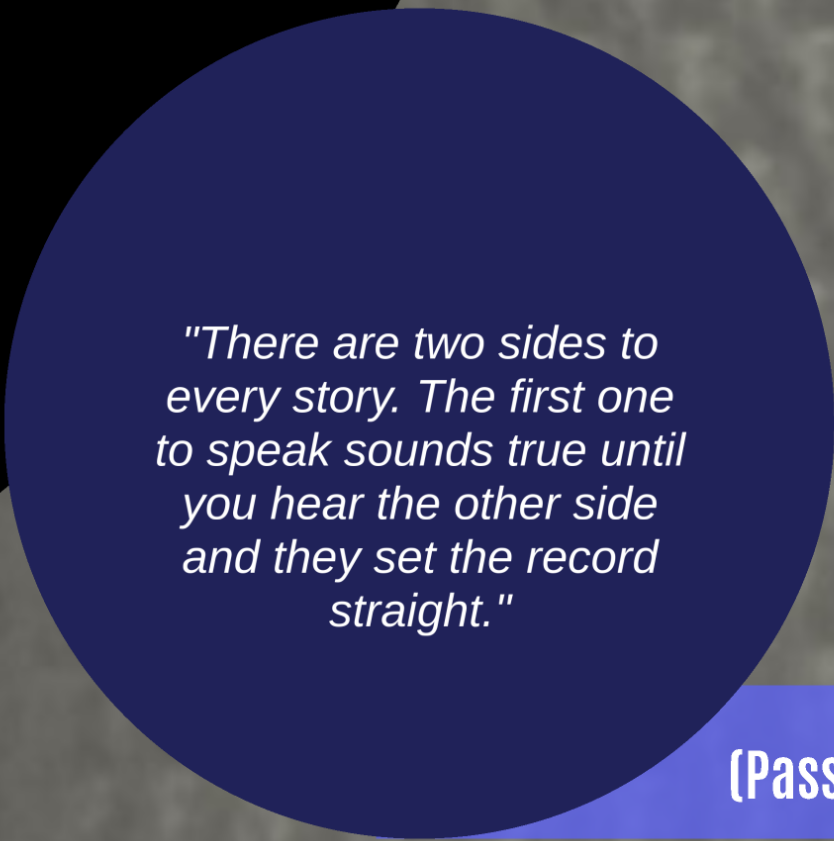
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"The person who tells
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"There are two sides to every story. The first one to speak sounds true until you hear the other side and they set the record straight."

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[through discussion]."*

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"My dear brothers and sisters, understand this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger."



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Bava Metzia 84a:11-12

One day Rabbi Yochanan was swimming in the Jordan. Resh Lakish saw him and leapt into the Jordan after him. He [Rabbi Yochanan] said Rabbi Yochanan is very beautiful. Resh Lakish (also known as Bar Lakish) is a thief.

"Your strength for Torah." He [Resh Lakish] said, "Your beauty for women." He [Rabbi Yochanan] said "If you return also, I will give you my sister who is more beautiful than me." He [Resh Lakish] accepted, He [Resh Lakish] tried to go back and collect his weapons but he was not able to go back. He [Rabbi Yochanan] taught him [Resh Lakish] scripture and he taught him Oral Torah and he made him a great man.

One day they diverged in the Beit Midrash "The sword and the knife and the military spear and the hand sickle and the harvesting sickle, from when do they acquire tumah (ritual impurity)? From the time when their production is complete." And when is their production complete?

Rabbi Yochanan said, From when they are tempered in the furnace. Resh Lakish said, From when they are polished with water. He [Rabbi Yochanan] said to him [Resh Lakish] "A thief knows about [the tools of] thievery" He [Resh Lakish] said to him [Rabbi Yochanan], "And how have you benefitted me? There they called me 'master' and here they call me 'master.'"

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He said (Bava Metzia 84a), "When I would make a Halachic pronouncement, (Rabbi Shimon) would challenge it with 24 questions, and I would answer each of them, and by that dialogue, the true understanding of the subject matter would emerge." Now I have no one to help me learn Torah. "Where are you, son of Lakish? O Where are you, son of Lakish?"

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Don't Go Alone

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**Surround yourself with
those you trust who will
tell you the truth and not
what you want to hear**

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**Empower Those With
Strengths In Areas You
Are Weak**

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**Don't entrench yourself
in a point of view without
engaging those that
have a differing view**

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