



Priscilla and Aquila

Acts 18:1-28

Lieutenant Ruby Starlight took her place on the Bridge of the Skylab Omega and checked the power output of the engines. After she was satisfied that Captain Yago's repair job was still working perfectly, she commanded, "Computer, check our heading."

"Aye, aye, Lieutenant. Skylab Omega is orbiting planet Corinth," the computer replied.

"Good! Commander Cosmos is friends with the Mayor of Corinth," Lieutenant Ruby noted.

"That is correct, Lieutenant," the computer responded. "In fact, the Mayor of Corinth is teleporting aboard in 5-4-3-2-1."

Ruby heard the buzzing and rushed to the teleport room arriving just in time to greet Mayor Aquila. The mayor, who was dressed in a long gray robe, stepped out of the teleport. A woman dressed in a purple robe with a yellow belt followed him.

"Oy, hello, Shalom. God be with you. How are ya, little girl?" the mayor greeted.

Ruby saluted. "Lieutenant Ruby Starlight at your service. Welcome aboard, Mr. Mayor."

"Mayor, shmayer," the visitor said, waving his hand though the air. "You can call me Aquila. And this here is my wife, Priscilla."

"Yes sir, Mr. Aquila. Welcome ma'am," the lieutenant saluted again. "Hey, you have the same name as the husband and wife in the Bible."

Priscilla smiled. "We are the same husband and wife as in the Bible."

Ruby's jaw dropped. "You are Priscilla and Aquila from the Bible? But that would make you..."

"That's right, pretty old!" Priscilla finished for her. "Tell me about it."

"Must be something in the Corinthian water. Priscilla and I are healthy as horses," Aquila added.

"I know Commander Cosmos will be so pleased to see you. Please follow me to the bridge where you can wait for him." Lieutenant Ruby led the guests to their seats.

Priscilla sat down and turned to Aquila. "Well, tell her about Paul," she demanded impatiently.

Aquila nodded. "I was just about to..."

"This girl needs to know we're friends with Paul. Tell her," Priscilla repeated.

"Right," Aquila agreed. He looked at Ruby. "So Paul came to Corinth and stayed with us for a little while. Well, actually he stayed a year and a half! He taught us so much about Jesus."

"The man's a saint," Priscilla added. "Tell her how he taught us to serve Jesus."

"Oy, I'm tellin' it!" Aquila smacked his forehead in irritation before turning to Ruby. "Actually, I'll read it to you." Aquila pulled out an old leather Bible and turned to Acts 18. "Okay, here we go... I found it! See here, the title is 'Priscilla, Aquila and Apollos!'"

Ruby's eyes opened wide as she looked at the words. "Wow, you are in the Bible!"

"I told ya! Listen," Aquila read from the Bible. "Paul stayed on in Corinth for some time. Then he left the brothers and sailed for Syria, accompanied by Priscilla and Aquila."

"So you traveled with Paul?" Lieutenant Ruby asked with amazement.

"Yes, for a while. Then he went to Syria and we stayed in Ephesus, you know, helping out the Ephesian church. We just felt like God had a reason for us to stick around," Aquila explained.

"Then along came Apollos! Tell her about Apollos," Priscilla pressed.

"I was going to, my sunshine," Aquila said rolling his eyes.

"We met this Greek fellow named Apollos," Priscilla proceeded anyway.

"Did you want me to tell her?" Aquila questioned.

Priscilla nodded. "Oh, what a story. Tell her about Apollos!"

"Apollos came to Ephesus. Oy, he was a smart fellow. He studied so hard," Aquila began.

"Oh, he knew his Bible," Priscilla added.

Aquila nodded. "He was so excited about God. He told everyone about Jesus."

"Yeah, but he didn't know the whole story like we did. So, guess what we did?" Priscilla asked leaning toward Ruby and patting her cheek.

Ruby shook her head. "I can't guess, but I could check the Virtual Bible." She tapped a few keys on her keyboard and the words to the Bible story appeared on the screen. Ruby read out loud, "He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately."

"We invited him to our house. He just needed someone to tell him the rest of the story," Priscilla explained.

"Did it work?" asked Ruby.

"Did it work? Are you kidding me?" Aquila grinned proudly. "He went on to be a great preacher."

"Oh, we we're so proud of him," Priscilla said clapping her hands. "Let that be a lesson to you, girly! It's always good to be taking the time to serve with others and teach them about Jesus."

"That's right!" Aquila agreed. "Paul took time and invited us to serve with him..."

"...And we took the time to help Apollos understand God's ways," Priscilla finished.

"And now God has me going around the galaxy spreading the same message," Ruby exclaimed.

Aquila smile "Well, that makes sense after all..."

"Tell her what Commander Cosmos always says," nudged Priscilla.

"I was just about to," Aquila said.

"You know, the thing that he says."

"I was going to."

"Did you tell her what he says?" Priscilla persisted.

"I'M TELLING Her! Sheesh! Let's all say it together!"

"Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever!" they all proclaimed boldly! Then they began to laugh like old friends.

"Where is Commander Cosmos?" Aquila asked.

"I'll find him right now!" Lieutenant Ruby picked up the communicator and paged, "Calling Commander Cosmos. Calling Commander Cosmos. Please return to the bridge. We have some very special guests to see you."