

Saint Joan by George Bernard Shaw

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Inquisitor I have warned you before, Joan, that you are doing yourself no good by these pert answers.

Joan But you will not talk sense to me. I am reasonable if you will be reasonable.

Inquisitor Why did you jump from the tower?

Joan How do you know that I jumped?

Inquisitor You were found lying in the moat. Why did you leave the tower?

Joan Why would anybody leave a prison if they could get out?

Inquisitor You tried to escape?

Joan Of course I did; and not for the first time either. If you leave the door of a cage open the bird will fly out.

Inquisitor That is a confession of heresy. I will call the attention of the court to it.

Joan Heresy, he calls it! Am I a heretic because I try to escape from prison? I am weary of this argument: we have been over it nine times already. I have sworn as much as I will swear; and I will swear no more.

Inquisitor Do you hear me Joan? This is what happens to the obdurate. You shall be put to the torture.

Joan If you tear me limb from limb until you separate my soul from my body you will get nothing out of me beyond what I have told you. I will be first up the ladder when we reach the fort, Bastard. I dare you to follow me.

Inquisitor You must not dare an officer, Joan.

Joan I am not a dare-devil: I am a servant of God. My sword is sacred: I found it behind the altar where God hid it for me.