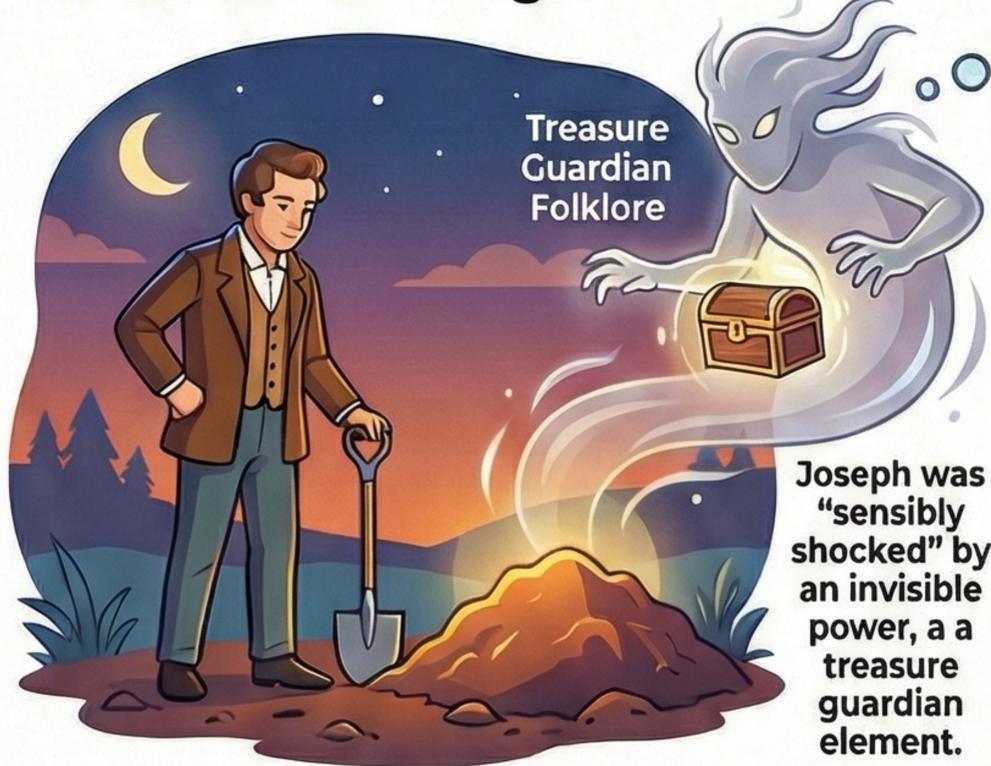


Unearthing the Truth: The Golden Plates & Treasure Digging

The Failed Attempts (1823-1824): Roots in Folk Magic



Guardian demanded: Bring "oldest brother," Alvin (magical date requirement).



Prophecy failed: Alvin died two months later. Family later exhumed his body, likely to fulfill the command.

The "Successful" Retrieval (1827): An Inconsistent Narrative

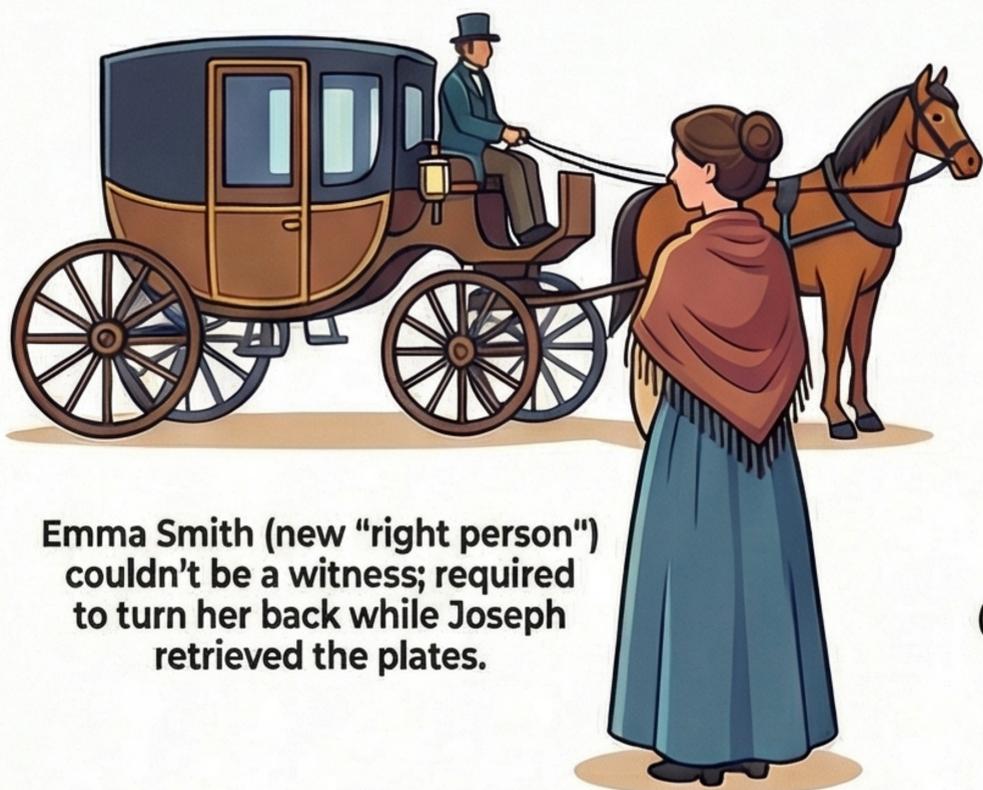


Another seer, Samuel Lawrence, "saw" them first



Claimed impossible escape: Ran miles, fighting off three attackers with 40-60 lb plates, despite life-long leg injury.

The Math Problem: A Physical Impossibility



Emma Smith (new "right person") couldn't be a witness; required to turn her back while Joseph retrieved the plates.



Apologists cite Pyrgi Plates, but mathematical comparison reveals the Book of Mormon's massive record is implausible.