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# BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE

CHRISTIAN PLAYWRIGHT

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## Sample Script



## SCENE I

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### LIGHTS UP

*Jezebel enters, pacing back and forth on the stage. She is very upset.*

**JEZEBEL:** Who does he think he is...this prophet? I am Jezebel...princess from the rich Coastal city of Sidon. My father was a king. I am married to a famous warrior king of Israel. Does he even know who he is messing with? What's his name...what is his name...this Elijah? Hundreds of my priests...my prophets were slaughtered by this incompetent man. So, what if his God could send fire from heaven...so what if baal chose to hold his tongue as he always does when it matters. That gave him no right to slay my people. I will have my revenge.

*(Pause)*

As soon as we find where the little rat is hiding...dogs will eat his flesh. I swear by my gods they will.

*(Pause)*

And speaking of incompetence...my husband Ahab is turning into quite a spineless critter. He wants a plot of land to serve the palace at Jezreel and the owner Naboth would not sell...so what does he do? He shuts himself away in a room and cries like a wimp. The great warrior Ahab...just a shadow of his famous father. I pity the poor soul...after all, I did marry the wretched coward. I had to take matters into my own hands to have Naboth killed. It was fun for me, and my husband got what his heart desired. It doesn't matter if the majority of the people disagreed with what I did. I don't care. I'm all about me and my own self interest...and as long as I live, this world will bend backward for

my own goals and personal interest, now, if you will excuse me, I have a prophet to find and kill.

*Jezebel exits.*

*Salome enters.*

**SALOME:** You think Jezebel was bad. You haven't seen anything yet. Jezebel died a very disgraceful death. She was flung from a balcony by her own people. Dogs ate her leaving her head and hands behind. She was nothing but a wanna-be bad girl...and speaking of heads. My name is Salome, and I am known for the execution of John the Baptist. How could a slender-built, innocent-looking little girl like me accomplish this? With my hips. When a girl can dance, she can get a man to do just about anything and I am living proof of that.

*(Pause)*

My stepfather, Antipas, imprisoned a man named John because he was constantly flying his mouth about his marriage to my mother Herodias. According to the Mosaic Law, Herodias was divorced making her second marriage null...but who cares. Antipas ruled a large part of Palestine, and we all know that politicians make laws obsolete. John was seen as a troublemaker criticizing the royal family...a political pest that they had to get rid of because even in prison, John kept on ranting about Herodias which would have forced her to get a divorce.

*(Pause)*

That's where I came in. One dance and I had the king eating out of my hands. He was so pleased he promised me anything I asked for, so I went to my mother for advice. She knew exactly what she wanted, and I went back to the king with a request for the head of John the Baptist. I got exactly what I asked for making me a real bad girl.

*Salome smiles and exits.*

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