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The Original Stageplay

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Sample Script



Scene 1

LIGHTS UP

CBC (Christian Broadcasting Corporation) Network.

Seated at the News Table are Simon and Dorene. They prepare themselves to deliver the news.

On cue, they lift their heads and smile at the audience.

SIMON: Blessed Assurance! I am Simon...

DORENE: And I am Dorene....

SIMON: Welcome to tonight's Christian Broadcasting Corporation Network News.

DORENE: Where only good news makes the news.

SIMON: Tonight....a new bill has passed in parliament. Christianity is now official illegal in the United States. Sad to say, this will be our final broadcast. All Christian stations, radio and television, are being closed down.

DORENE: Three pastors received the death sentence today for failing to denounce their Christian faith. They will be executed at noon tomorrow...along with sixty-five members of their church.

SIMON: And our poll question for this evening... *'Should Christians invest in the Stock Market?'* To participate simply dial 999-2001, press five, then six, then three, then two, then nine, then eight and follow the instructions.

DORENE: We'll be back with the news right after this break.

We all watch as a young man dashes across the stage.

We pause and wait...Simon and Dorene look confused.

On cue they smile at the audience.

SIMON: Welcome back. I have absolutely no idea what that advertisement was all about but without any further ado...the News.

DORENE: Parliament has approved a new bill stating Christianity as an illegal practice system that threatens the very core of human survival and unity. The gospel of Jesus Christ is seen as threatening, abusive and insulting to humanity and should be erased from life as we know it. This brings us in line with the present governing systems operating in Great Britain, China and other parts of the world where the Bible and prayer has been vanquished from daily living and written off as heretic.

SIMON: The law force has been mobilized to infiltrate homes and remove all professing Christians who will be brought to trial for their beliefs. Failure to denounce Jesus or His teachings will result in a sentence to.....death. Churches and Bibles are being burnt to ashes right across the country.

DORENE: In Boston, three prominent pastors stood before the judge and proudly proclaimed Jesus Christ. They will face a firing squad along with 65 members of their church who also made the conscious choice to stand for Jesus. They will be executed tomorrow at noon in the town square.

SIMON: As it was in the beginning...so shall it be in the end.

DORENE: God asks...“What will it profit a man to gain the whole world...and lose his very soul?”

SIMON: And we ask you this question.....when your time comes....will you stand for Jesus or deny you even know Him?

DORENE: The choice will be yours.

Simon and Dorene pause....then sighs deeply.

SIMON: We now go over to Paula who is on the streets where we hope to get some feedback from the public on this matter. Over to you Paula...

Paula is standing in the aisle among the audience with a microphone in her hand.

PAULA: Yes, I am here on the streets where I intend to get some feedback on what is happening in our society, and how they feel about this new law against Christianity.

Paula approaches a gentleman sitting close by.

PAULA: Sir....Sir....How do you feel about the new bill the government passed?

MAN: The what?

PAULA: You are aware that Christianity is now illegal?

MAN: Word.....Am I on TV?

PAULA: Yes, sir.

MAN: Oh, well the church has been asleep for some time now...so a guess it don't really matter. Most Christians was denying Christ anyway. The government do the right thing. *(pause...big smile)* I would like to send greetings for me family in the Bronx...

PAULA: Thank you, sir.

Paula moves on to someone on the other side.

OTHER PERSON: As far as I see....the world will be a better place without all this talk about hell. People just want to feel and do as they please without feeling guilty.

Another person gets up and grabs the microphone.

ANOTHER PERSON: Hey...church is a place for hypocrites. Double standard, bare faced, backbiting, over the counter Christians. How can you say you are representing Christ and doing your own thing? Send all of them to prison. Justice is served. So, baby, you have a phone number I can get?

More and more shouts of displeasure from the audience.

Paula is overwhelmed by the responses; she turns to face the stage where Dorene and Simon stare back at her.

PAULA: There you have it. I don't need to summarize what these people think. It's clear as day that they were not pleased with the lowered standard of our churches. But they strongly agree that Christians were a negative impact on our society and the gospel should be abolished. *(pause)* God help us! This is Paula Paparazzi reporting live for CBC News. *(gestures the cut signal)* I'm outta here.

Sirens can be heard in the distance.

Paula quickly exits.

Simon and Dorene look at the audience and fake smiles.

SIMON: This is indeed a very dark hour for the church...and one is forced to wonder if we'll ever see the dawn of light...but Jesus is yet to return which means there is hope....somewhere, there is hope of a new dawn. *(pause)* I am Simon....

DORENE: And I am Dorene for CBC News.

SIMON: Amen, goodnight and goodbye.

Sirens are getting closer.

SIMON: Hey, we need to go like right now!

DORENE: I am right behind you.

They quickly pack up their things and exit as...

LIGHTS FADE

Scene 2

LIGHTS UP

The sound of sirens fills the auditorium.

Pandemonium and chaos reigns.

People are dashing in and out of the church frantic....afraid.

The police are all over trying to catch up with them.

George and Robert finally corner a young man, John, on stage right.

GEORGE: Hey, stop running. I am tired and out of breath. If you move, I will be forced to use this baton on you. Understand?

John nods.

ROBERT: What is your name?

JOHN: John.

GEORGE: John? That is a very common name. Show us some identification.

John produces his driver's license.

GEORGE: Your name is really John Brown?

JOHN: Yes saar.

GEORGE: Your mother was very inconsiderate. Are you a Christian, John Brown?

Pause. No response.

George grabs his collar.

GEORGE: That was a simple question, and I won't ask again. I will beat you the same way I used to beat my kids. *(pause)* Are you a Christian?

JOHN: No saar.

ROBERT: Why did you run?

JOHN: I was afraid.

GEORGE: And you have all right to be. *(Lets go of the collar and flexes his muscle)* Gym finally paying off.

JOHN: Can I go now please?

GEORGE: Run.....

John runs off without hesitation.

GEORGE: Robert, I can't do this much longer.

ROBERT: I think we deserve a better salary.

GEORGE: This is not worth it. Running people down with a baton is not really my style. I didn't sign up for the police force to catch men. I need a change.

ROBERT: I concur.

GEORGE: You even know what that word means?

A man strolls pass the stage with a Bible....the Police see him just as he sees them. He dashes off.

GEORGE *(looks at his partner)*: Well?

ROBERT: This is the last one for the day.

GEORGE: Agreed!

They take off after the man as

Sound of siren fades....

LIGHTS FADE

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