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The Original Stageplay

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Sample Script



Scene 1

LIGHTS UP

Francis Asbury is standing CS.

He holds his head up to address the audience.

FRANCIS: They say heroes are not born...they are made. That may be true. I want to tell you a story about a great man we seldom hear about in black history. His name is Richard Allen. *(pause)* I see all those eyebrows raising. Some of you are hearing that name for the first time. Richard Allen was the founder of the AME church. This is his story.

LIGHTS OUT

Scene 2

LIGHTS UP

A young Richard Allen is standing CS with his three brothers...their heads are bowed as they await inspection.

Stokeley Sturgis enters.

He carefully looks at the boys one at a time. Satisfied he shakes his head affirmatively and exits.

LIGHTS OUT

Scene 3

LIGHTS UP

Richard serves tea to Stokely who is going through some paperwork.

STOKELY: Thank you, Richard.

RICHARD: Will that be all, sir?

STOKELY: No. Have a seat. I've been meaning to talk to you.

RICHARD: If it pleases you, I prefer to stand, sir.

STOKELY: Suit yourself. *(sips tea)* People are complaining that you are bothering them down by the church.

RICHARD: Me, sir, I don't bother nobody. I sit quietly at the back and just listen to God's word.

STOKELY: That's not what I hear.

RICHARD: Sir, people will say anything.

STOKELY: Yes they will....but that don't mean we gonna give them something to say. That's a white man's church you are visiting and to say it simple, Richard, they don't like you.

RICHARD: Jesus didn't come for the white men only. He came for everybody. That's what it says in the book.

STOKELY: I will not dispute what you believe and if it was up to me...I couldn't care less if you wanted to go to church or not....but unfortunately it is not up to me. Do you understand?

RICHARD: What will you have me do, sir?

STOKELY: Stay away from that church.

RICHARD: But the book says that we should not forsake the assembly of ourselves together.

Pause.

STOKELY: Well, you heard what I said....don't go back to that church. Go find another church somewhere or form one even but do not go back to that church.....you hear me?

Pause.

LIGHTS OUT

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