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CLASS ACTION

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: Looking for the next big thing in class action lawsuits, a pair of sleazy lawyers decides they will sue God for all the pain and suffering he has allowed.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: These are not the slick lawyers you see on TV; these are the guys chasing ambulances, looking for that one big score. You can reflect their low-level status by the office appearance and by putting them in cheap suits.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2

TOPIC: Sin

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Genesis 3, 2 Chronicles 7:14

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Seeker Service, Sermon Starter

CHARACTERS:

TONY - a law partner

DAN - a lawyer working for Tony

PROPS: Mylanta, Tums, legal briefs, a desk, chairs, other legal office furnishings

COSTUMES: Suits

SOUND: Wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: A law office

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TONY is at his desk, drinking Mylanta and downing Tums. DAN walks in.

TONY: So what's the verdict?

DAN: 200 big ones. Burns, Howerstein, and McMahon are gonna clear at least 65 of that.

TONY: 65 million dollars. Tony, they don't make antacids to cure that pain.

DAN: No, sir, they don't.

TONY: It was right under my nose. Practically bit me in the face! Dolores always said didn't pay enough attention to the children. "Daddy, my thumb hurts. I can't move it." Clear cut case of Gamer's Thumb. I should have smelled the greenbacks right then and there!!

DAN: Cheer up, sir. We've still got a successful practice going. McGillicuddy tells me that semi-truck case is gonna bring in a grand at least.

TONY: Pittance, Dan. Pauper's wages. I don't know about you, but I'm tired of listening to every sad sack who comes in here with a busted car and a fake neck injury. All I want is one case, one sweet class action case that'll let me retire.

DAN: Then we'll find it. Janine was just telling me there's a professor at the university that's been accused of sexually harassing his interns.

TONY: Oh, gee, a university professor. Why not just sue the homeless. (He thinks about it for a moment, then shakes it off) No, Dan, if you want to make the big score, you have to go for the big fish. Trouble is all the big fish have been caught, filleted, and tossed out.

DAN: Are you sure about that?

TONY: Painfully sure. The little old lady with the spilled coffee got McDonalds. Bratty kid gets sucker-punched by Tigger, he nails Disney. The government nailed Microsoft.

DAN: What about pharmaceuticals? There's gotta be some drug out there maiming people, right?

TONY: Ah, they've been bled to death. Cut their veins now, and moths fly out. Big oil, big tobacco, big fast food. Now big video games. Gamers thumb, gosh!

DAN: We can't just give up, sir. What if we went on a retreat, put our heads together? You know, one of those team builder things?

TONY: No thank you. Last time I went on one of those, I ended up staying married another year.