

## EVERY BOY'S DREAM

by JOHN C. HAVENS

**GENRE:** Drama/Light Comedy

**SYNOPSIS:** Three friends sit in a Starbucks, trying to 'one up' each other by bragging about how important their jobs are for the betterment of the world. However, when they find out the man next to them is a fireman, they begin to get some perspective on how to help others before themselves.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** Although some lines are written for comedic effect, the three 'one uppers' should not be played as 'bad guys,' but rather people caught up in bragging and pride, a trap we all can fall into. When they hear that Bill is a fireman, however, they are in awe of him. But this drama is not about hero worship; rather, they admire Bill for his bravery and the simple value of what he does.

**TIME:** Under 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 4

**TOPIC:** Pride, Priorities

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Proverbs 13:10, John 15:13

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** Worship Service, Men's Group / Women's Group, Youth Group

**CHARACTERS:**

BILL - the Fireman  
BRENT - the Lawyer  
BOB - the Broker  
BEAU - the HMO Executive

**PROPS:** Four chairs, coffee cups (if desired)

**COSTUMES:** Suits for BRENT, Bob, and Beau. Bill is upscale casual.

**SOUND:** Four wireless mikes

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** A coffee shop

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*Lights up on four men in a coffeehouse. Three sit together at one table while one sits apart by himself. The three men are in power suits, ties undone and collars open after work.*

**BRENT:** So it turns out this dog had eaten completely through this guy's guitar.

**BOB:** His guitar?

**BRENT:** Yeah. Rotweiler/Lab mix, this enormous gray beast whose canines popped through this guy's guitar case like it was a melon rind. Guy turns around just in time to see Garganta-pup claw into his 1978 Fender Stratocaster and bite the neck in half like a chow mien noodle.

**BEAU:** *(Cringing)* A Stratocaster?

**BRENT:** Yup.

**BEAU & BOB:** *(Shaking their heads in pity)* Ooh.

**BRENT:** Good news is, guitar boy hires old Brent here, *(indicates himself)* and after three moderately lengthy visits to the courtroom won his case and got him some serious money.

**BOB:** What'd you go for, emotional damages?

**BRENT:** Big time. *(Putting on his lawyer voice as if speaking to a jury)* Ladies and gentleman, my client has owned that guitar since he was 17. It's like a child to him. *(Dramatically)* That animal killed my client's child.

**BEAU:** Layin' it on a little thick there, aren't ya', Brent?

**BRENT:** Hey, whatever works. *(Starting the 'one upmanship' game)* I'm a lawyer. I sell justice for a living.

**BEAU:** Hey, Brent, did the guy get hurt at all? Maybe the dog bit him or something?

**BRENT:** I don't think there's a sale here for you, HMO guy. Unless he had full body coverage on the Strat, you're out of luck. Dog didn't touch him.

**BEAU:** Just checking. You're not the only one who has to chase an ambulance once in a while to make a living.

**BOB:** Come on, Beau. You provide a service, just like Brent and me. People pay your company a lot of money, sure. But you have a needed product.