

ONE WOMAN COMING UP

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GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: Adam asks to help design his ideal mate.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: The success of this piece depends largely on the timing of the dialogue between Adam and God. Have your actors rehearse in your sanctuary or performance space to get used to any lag time, sound wise, that may occur due to microphones and speakers. Prop wise, you might consider giving Adam a white board or overhead projector to draw out his “woman requirements.”

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2

TOPIC: Marriage, Relationships

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Genesis 2:8

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Worship Service, Marriage Conference, Bible Study

CHARACTERS:

ADAM—man in his teens to early 20s

GOD—booming voice

DOG—a trained or low-key dog will do

PROPS: None

COSTUMES: Casual clothes for Adam

SOUND: General, voice over for the voice of God

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: Garden

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ADAM wakes up in the garden. He grabs his side. "Owww" registers painfully on his face. He looks around.

ADAM: What happened?

GOD: I removed a rib from your side while you were asleep, Adam. From it I will create a helper suitable for you. One who will stand by your side and support you and love you, so you can understand my love for you.

ADAM: Thanks, God. I guess you've noticed that I've been a little lonely. Not that you're boring or anything. Those conversations about how you designed that planet Pluto are fascinating.

GOD: I understand your needs. I have made you for companionship for not only me, but for your own kind.

ADAM: I'm sure whatever you create will be perfect.

GOD: That's right. Now, just give me a second and I will be back with your mate.

ADAM: Can I help?

GOD: What?

ADAM: Since you're going to be making her for me, I thought maybe I could have some input. I was here first.

GOD: No, I was here first, but I can listen to any suggestions.

ADAM: Good. I've been doing some thinking. Just a few things.

Adam unrolls a long list of requests.

ADAM: Let's see. I want her to make babies.

GOD: I will design her to give birth to babies. You will be fruitful and multiply while you are in the garden.

ADAM: That's great. Oh, I want her to be beautiful.

GOD: Absolutely, Adam. For everything I create is beautiful. She will be my most beautiful creation.

ADAM: Probably no need to mention that. Just thought I would bring it up. Oh, I want her to cook.

GOD: Cook?