

CONSPIRACY THEORY

by MOLLY WU

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: A conspiracy theorist finds faith in an all-powerful God a concept too hard to swallow.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: Much of the comedy of the scene lies in the complete (and manic) conviction of Glen, so play with the intensity to achieve the maximum result.

TIME: 4 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2M

THEME: Faith

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Romans 8:28-39

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Seeker Service, Worship Service

CHARACTERS:

GLEN
CHARLIE

PROPS: A park bench, newspaper, business card, cell phone

COSTUMES: Contemporary

SOUND: Wireless mics, if desired

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: A park bench

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Lights up on a park bench, where GLEN sits reading a newspaper, his face entirely hidden. After a moment, CHARLIE enters, checking e-mail messages on his phone, and sits down. A moment passes, then, without lowering the paper:

GLEN: Psst.

CHARLIE looks up and around, frowns, then goes back to his phone. Another silent moment, then:

Psst.

CHARLIE looks over at GLEN, who still sits, apparently reading the newspaper. Silence, then:

Psssst.

CHARLIE: *(baffled)* Did you want someth...

GLEN: Shhhh...Don't look at me.

CHARLIE: What?

GLEN: They may be watching.

CHARLIE, confused, takes a bewildered look around.

CHARLIE: Who may be watching? Who are you?

GLEN: Let's just call me "Glen".

CHARLIE: I'm Charlie. Nice to meet y...

GLEN: You haven't met me. We've never spoken. This conversation never happened.

CHARLIE: *(slowly)* Ooookaaay...

GLEN: You on the internet much, Charlie?

CHARLIE: I gue...

GLEN: I want you to go to this website.

Passes a white business card to CHARLIE, who takes it cautiously.

CHARLIE: What kind of uh, website?

GLEN: The kind that'll open your eyes, man. Like your third eye, you know what I'm sayin'?