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Paradise Lost

EXT. GARDEN OF EDEN - DAY

The garden is lush and full of an assortment of plants and animals. Two trees stand in the middle of the garden. ADAM and EVE are under one of the trees. There is a quick rustle in the leaves.

As she chews on a piece of the fruit, Eve hands it to Adam and he also eats of it.

Beat.

ADAM

Alright, well that snake lied
because I feel no differ- WHOA!

Adam drops the apple and his and Eve's eyes widen. They notice each other's nudity and scream. Eve screams again and kicks Adam between his legs. He keels over and moans in pain.

ADAM (CONT'D)

Why the hell did you do that?!

EVE

The snake that gave us the fruit!

It's stuck to your body!

ADAM

(in confusion)

Woman, what?! No! It's not the

snake!

Adam looks down.

ADAM (CONT'D)

It's my... That's my... my...?

EVE

(gagging)

Well, whatever the hell it is, it's
GROSS and you need to put it away
because I don't wanna look at it.

ADAM

Stop making me feel bad about my
body! When you insult it, you
insult me!

EVE

Well, then you both must be worthy
of insult!

ADAM

(scowling)

Well come to think of it, this is
what I used in those quiet hours of
the night and you certainly weren't
complaining about it when it was in
your-

EVE

(closes eyes and covers ears)

Do NOT finish that statement!

ADAM

Honestly, I don't know how I was
going to do it. What exactly is
that between your legs?

Eve bends her knees and cranes her neck to look down.

EVE

I don't really know. It's kind of

hard to see.

Eve stands up straight and Adam's eyes go wide.

ADAM

Have those sacks always been on
your chest? And have they always
been so...bulbous?

Eve covers her chest with her arms.

EVE

Stop staring! Now you're making a
spectacle of my body!

ADAM

Well, no one told you to be...to
be naked!

EVE

(in confusion)

What?

ADAM

Nay-ked. I just made it up.

EVE

One, that's dumb. Two, stop using
words I don't know the meaning of.
And three, whatever it means, it
isn't my fault!

ADAM

(accusingly)

Then whose fault is it?

Eve looks around.

Beat.

Her eyes land on the fruit.

EVE

Ugh! That damned snake!

ADAM

Well, that damned snake isn't here
to blame right now! We'll have to
come up with a different excuse to
save our asses!

They HEAR a mule WHINNY. Adam and Eve cross their arms and glare at each other.

Beat.

BOTH

I'm blaming you!

Adam points his finger at Eve. She slaps his finger away.

ADAM

You are so much more to blame than
me! You're the one that took the
fruit from the snake! I didn't tell
you to do that!

EVE

You also didn't tell me not to do
it! And really? I'm more to blame?
You were there too!

ADAM

Maybe, but I didn't do anything.

EVE

Exactly! That's your damned

problem! You don't ever do anything! What a poor excuse for a man! Grow a backbone! Or did I get it when you gave that "this is bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh" spiel? If anything, I'm having trouble figuring out if that creature is the real snake or if it's you!

ADAM

Wow. So you're just gonna—

EVE

Uh uh, I'm not done! Your sorry ass sat there and watched—and WAITED—for me to take a bite of that fruit to see if something would happen! You let me be the test subject! But you do realize that nothing happened until you bit into it, right? She waves her hands in front of her and Adam's naked bodies.

EVE (CONT'D)

THIS is your fault!

As she notices her hands in front of her, she promptly tries to cover up again.

ADAM

I... well... well I...

EVE

(mockingly)

“I, well, well, I” nothing! Shut
your ass up!

ADAM

(offended)

Did you just tell me to shut up?!

EVE

(irritated)

Of everybody in this WHOLE WIDE
WORLD, who else would I be talking
to?!

Adam and Eve hear footsteps in the garden. They freeze.

ADAM

Oh my God oh my God oh my God oh
my God.

EVE

(whispering)

Ok yes, we know it's him. But shut
up! He can hear you!

ADAM

(whispering)

Oh nooo! He's gonna see me naked,
too!

Reminded of their nudity, Adam and Eve try to cover their bodies from each other. They are unable to do so, so they look around the garden for what they can use.

EVE

Leaves! Ok! Grab some of those and
cover up that ugly hanging thingy.

Adam looks offended, but takes the leaves and does so. Eve also takes some leaves and covers herself.

The footsteps get louder.

ADAM

Quick! Hide behind this tree!

EVE

(sarcastically)

You mean the tree we took from?
In the middle of the garden? What
a grand idea! While we're at it,
why don't we just take another fruit
and cook it up for dinner!

ADAM

You obviously don't have many
options right now! Just hide!

Adam and Eve crouch behind the tree.

GOD (O.S.)

Where are you?

ADAM AND EVE

(glaring at each other)

Oh, damn you.

FADE TO BLACK.

THE END

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