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EVE AND ADAM: THE UNTOLD STORY (from **OY!**)

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Place: The Garden of Eden
Time: In the beginning
Characters: EVE
ADAM
GOD
NARRATOR (can be a voice-over)

NARRATOR

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. And she filled the earth with plants and trees, and birds that flew and creatures that slithered, all of which were biodegradable. On the sixth day, God created the human being. And she looked at her creation and said:

In the middle of the garden, a woman stirs from the ground. She is naked and unashamed. (The nudity can be simulated.) God observes.

GOD

I do such good work.

EVE

Pardon me?

GOD

I didn't think the human being would turn out to be so cute.

EVE

Thanks.

GOD

Enjoy my garden, Eve. It is a gift from me to you.

EVE

And what do you want from me?

GOD

Just enjoy life and be happy.

EVE

Maybe it's the way you created me,
but why do I feel there's a catch?

GOD

There's one catch.

EVE

I knew it.

GOD

You may not eat the fruit from
the Tree of Knowledge.

EVE

But how am I going to get enough
roughage in my diet?

GOD

I have provided you with everything
you need, Eve.

EVE

"Eve"? Why have you named me "Eve"?

GOD

Because I got the idea for you last night.

EVE

Well, thanks, God. I appreci— ooo –

Eve stands. She feels unbalanced. She touches her ribcage.

GOD

Something the matter?

EVE

I feel like I have an extra rib or something.

GOD

I'm glad you reminded me. From that
rib, I will create for you a partner.

EVE

I'm getting a girlfriend?

GOD

No, from that rib, I will create "man".

EVE

Why?

GOD

You need a man so you can go forth,
be fruitful and multiply.

EVE

I thought you said I could enjoy life
and be happy.

GOD

But you will want to be fruitful and multiply.

EVE

Can't we wait until my fifties when I'm
exhausted from enjoying life so much?

GOD

No.

EVE

But I don't want to –

GOD

I said, "*No!*"

EVE

Oh, yeah? Well, who made you God?

GOD

I don't know. I've only had the job for a week.

EVE

God, please, I'm really happy –

GOD

It's too late. I have my plans.

God claps. A cloud of dust rises, consuming Eve.

EVE

Owwwcchhhh!

When the dust settles, a man stands naked and unashamed.
Eve holds her rib.

EVE (cont'd)

If childbirth hurts half as much as this,
forget it.

Eve notices Adam.

ADAM

Yo, babe.

EVE

Well, so much for paradise.

NARRATOR

And God looked at woman and man,
the crowning achievements of her
universe, and she said:

GOD

I need a day off.

The narrator and God exit.

ADAM

So – come here often?

EVE

Now I know why God invented pets.

ADAM

So, like, you free tomorrow night?

EVE

What's tomorrow night?

ADAM

It's Saturday night – date night. I thought
we could go into the woods and observe
the evolution of the species.

EVE

Please. I'm innocent, not stupid.

ADAM

C'mon, loosen up. Let's party.

EVE

I think I liked things better when
I had lopsided ribs.

ADAM

What?

EVE

You came from my extra rib.

ADAM

No way.

EVE

It's true.

ADAM

I don't like this at all.

EVE

What's wrong?

ADAM

If the other guys find out I came
from a gal's rib, I'm never gonna
hear the end of it.

EVE

There are no other guys.

ADAM

Yeah, but –

EVE

At this rate, there will be no other guys.