

1 AINT. BACK STAGE

PASTOR

Well everyone, thank you so much for being part of the committee and for helping out. We still have to calculate all the details, but it looks like we have a projected number for how much we made.

AGNES

Here's the secret envelope Pastor.

PASTOR

Thank you Agnes. Now then...let's see how much we made!

fx; rip of the paper

PASTOR

We made...three hundred and forty dollars.

fx; crickets.

ELIJAH

Are we missing a fourth digit? And maybe a fifth digit?

PASTOR

Oh good point...nope, it's spelled out as 'three hundred and forty dollars'.

fx; more silence and crickets.

GLADYS

What the hell happened?

MARJORIE

Well on our end...we bought a lot of wine. Too much wine. So that's a couple thousand.

ELIJAH

And whoever spilled that wine on the speaker system cost us two thousand dollars.

CAROL ANN

Don't forget we got ticketed by the official police for serving under aged

kids. So that's a few thousand.

JONATHAN

I had to pay the drag queens, so that's a couple hundred...

GARFIELD

I had to buy a gun!

GLADYS

I bought those boards. I swear, I didn't embezzle money either. I just won a couple prizes.

JUSTINE

We raised a lot of money on our end!

JUSTIN

Yeah, like two hundred bucks.

PASTOR

So all the money we made...wow. Guys. I don't know what to say.

SHARON

I know what I need to say...

fx; heads turn and people gasp.

MARJORIE

Oh my goodness gracious, where's that wine?

JUSTIN/JUSTINE

Wow, holy cow. Jynx. Love you babe.

GLADYS

Now this is one raffle I wouldn't have bet on...seeing her face after all this time...

GARFIELD

The gun I bought was a rifle!

GLADYS

I said raffle you saggy, weak boned bafoon.

CAROL ANN

Wait till I tell my husband Patrick about this...

JONATHAN

Oh this spicy bitch...the tea is about to get good girls.

ELIJAH

Jesus Mary Joseph Buddha...every spirit from ying and yang to alpha and omega.

PASTOR

I...I have been struck by the higher power that be.

LIV

Who the hell is that?

ELIJAH

Liv, this is the receptionist we had before you, Sharon.

PASTOR

She stole over fifty thousand dollars from the church and all the miscellaneous office supplies.

SHARON

It wasn't fifty thousand, it was fifty-three. I see that in my time you guys haven't gotten around to getting shit done right around here.

LIV

Well Sharon, getting shit done wrong is what we do best. Welcome back to SCONE.

## 2    THEME SONG

PASTOR

How dare you step foot in our holy church?

SHARON

Sweetie this is just the parking lot.

ELIJAH

Well the parking lot ALONE is too holy for your footsteps.

JONATHAN

That's not true considering the dirty

secrets I know about this parking lot...

SHARON

Wait a minute, everyone hear me out!

GARFIELD

Hear? I can't hear anything!

CAROL ANN

Sharon, honey. What's there to listen to? You stole all that money.

JUSTINE

Yeah shouldn't you be like arrested Sharon?

JUSTIN

Nah babe, *all of us* are already in jail anyway. That's the *human condition*.

AGNES

Ignore these hippies who are higher than a jet plane, Sharon why are you here? What's going on?

SHARON

I came to apologize. I...I was in a bad place back then when I stole all the church's money and supplies. I've changed...I've gotten some help and atoned my wrong decisions.

PASTOR

I'm glad you got help, But Sharon, you're still not welcome. No judgement, but...what you did...I don't think I can forgive you.

ELIJAH

I can't forgive you either.

SHARON

But I'm here with some of the money. Here's ten thousand dollars on a cashier's check.

PASTOR

Oh wow, that's a lot of zeros.

RICKY

Well, if Sharon had never taken that 53 thousand, we would have had that amount accruing interest in the church bank account at a modest guess-timate of 6.5% interest...we would have been accruing roughly \$287 monthly. and thats just principle interest. So adding up the interest lost over the 12 months that you've been gone. We've lost what *could* have been \$3,444, respectively.

CROWD MUMBLE AND GASP OVER RICKY.

LIV

Um what the hell? Is Ricky a math wiz? Did we know this?

JONATHON

We all thought Ricky was just a paint-eating dummy who worshiped Annabelle.

PETER

Breaking News: Ricky knows math! Another reason that I'm proud of my son.

MARJORIE

\*gasp\* Peter OHMIGOSH we should help Ricky pursue his newly revealed math skills. Maybe he can go to a math camp?

PETER

Ricky, where did you learn all of this?

RICKY

Gladys brings me to her special card games in the basement...

GLADYS

(cutting Ricky off)

Dut! Dut! Dut! Dut! Dut! Card games? Who said card games? Last thing I heard was Sharon was giving us some of the money back she stole.

ELIJAH

Which is just one-fifth of the money

you stole...

SHARON

And I'll pay the rest of that money back. I promise.

LIV

Wait a minute...I'm confused. Sharon, you come in out of nowhere with some of the money you stole and expect everyone to believe you have no ulterior motive?

SHARON

Like I've said, I've changed my wicked ways. I'm ready to redo all the wrongs by giving back all the money I stole and dedicating some time to SCONE.

ELIJAH

You mean...you want to atone by volunteering around SCONE?

SHARON

Exactly! What's the best way to work towards redemption? By putting in some hard work around this parish.

PASTOR

Sharon, this is a lot to think about...

SHARON

Please think about forgiving me...I know that might be a lot to ask. But I think I deserve forgiveness.

PASTOR

Well...like Jesus in the river or Abraham up the mountain, I will need some time to think about this.

SHARON

I still have the same number, so please call me so I can begin making up for all the things I did...

JONATHAN

Really bitch because when you first left we tried to call you on that number and that line was disconnected.

SHARON

That's because I dropped my phone in the toilet, *not* because I was avoiding you or anything, but my phone number is working now. Alright, I must be going...we will be in touch.

fx; footsteps, everyone mumbling about what happened?

GARFIELD

Was that one of the drag queens?

3 INT. RECTORY

PASTOR

Liv, I need you to call everyone thjat we owe money to. Tell them that at 3pm today, we will have a press conference and pay everyone what we owe them.

LIV

We're paying back everyone the church owes money to? Mmm, let's see we owe the bank, the electric company, the water company, Space Werner cable and phone, the gas company, the loan company for our shuttle..., the organ...oh, well the A/C is paid off for the next year. So in total, we owe payments to sixteen companies.

PASTOR

Well call them all up please.

LIV

(light sigh)

Jonathan, can you call half of them?

JONATHAN

You want me to call *eight different numbers*? All in *one morning*? I don't think I get paid enough for that kind of work. The last time I had to make more than four phone calls in the morning was the morning I found out I had strep. I needed to make about seventeen phone calls, but I just stopped after three and a half. Calling all sorts of numbers not a road I wanted to go down again. It's not healthy to call your exs...

FX. Liv deeply inhales pretending like she didn't hear that.

LIV

I guess I'll make all of the phone calls.

PASTOR

Thank you. We're lucky...if we hadn't gotten this money then this church would be boarded up like a hurricane was coming. As much as I'm upset with...her, I'm glad we got some money.

LIV

Speaking of Sharon...

PASTOR

Praise the Messiah, Liv I do not have the energy to talk about Sharon.

LIV

Well are we going to let Sharon spend her time volunteering?

JONATHAN

Yeah, volunteering to steal some more money from us.

PASTOR

I need to listen to some harp and lute music before coming to my personal opinion.

LIV

Alrighty then. So press conference today at 3pm? Can't wait.

PASTOR

I can't wait either, it's kind of nice to have money again!

JONATHAN

Now you know how we all feel after payday around here.

4 INT. SCONE CONFERENCE ROOM

fx; murmuring of the people SCONE owns money to

ELIJAH

Thank you all for coming to this press conference.

BUSINESSMAN 1

Well we came because of the money.

ELIJAH

And you came because of the sound of an exciting press conference!

BUSINESSMAN 2

Mmm nope, we were told that you had money for us.

BUSINESSMAN 3

We had more questions, but we were greeted by some sassy gay guy who said 'what do I look like, some business bitch?'

JONATHAN

EXCUSE ME I said 'what do I look like, some kind of fashion bitch'. Fake news!

fx; footsteps

MARCY

Hope I'm not late for the press conference.

ELIJAH

What are you doing here Marcy?

MARCY

I was told the church is having a press conference. That's why I wore my finest cocktail dress.

ELIJAH

The press conference is about the money we finally have.

JONATHAN

And if that's your finest cocktail dress, I would have stayed home.

MARCY

Oh, I thought this press conference was about the colorful celebrities of

the church.

LIV

We have colorful celebrities at the church?

JONATHAN

Yes, the color of slime green and urine.

MARCY

I'm sorry, there's just one colorful celebrity and that's me.

ELIJAH

Well I hate to burst your bubble Marcy but you'll just have to sit in the back.

MARCY

No worries, I'll hang around towards the end and see if anyone has any questions for me...

JONATHAN

They won't.

PASTOR

Thank you for coming everyone. We invited you here so we could give you all the money we owe you. I just want to say...thank you for being patient.

BUSINESSMAN 1

Well we did repo your shuttle and organ. But we're ready to give it back. Mainly because we realized that we can't make money on either a half-busted organ and a 1972 Volkswagon van.

BUSINESSMAN 2

Really though, a 1972 Volkswagon Van...is that even safe to drive?

PASTOR

Well the car is safe. But sometimes the person driving the shuttle isn't safe.

fx; cough and quick silence

CAROL ANN

I'm the only one who drives on that shuttle...

ELIJAH

First up is the bank. Here's two thousand and seven dollars.

BUSINESSMAN 2

Why are these checks so large? Are these fake checks?

PASTOR

They're fake checks but the money is real!

BUSINESSMAN 3

I'm confused, is the money real? Or is there no money?

BUSINESSMAN 1

Maybe they called us here for this 'press conference' to kill us or something...

LIV

(whispers)

I told the Pastor that we shouldn't print out giant checks.

JONATHAN

(whispers)

Well if the check isn't giant, I'm not going to cash it.

LIV

(whispers)

Let me guess, if the check isn't big you're not going to cash it with your ass.

JONATHAN

(loud)

Oh my gosh Liv, no I meant cash it in the bank. JESUS!

PASTOR

Carol Ann can you start to pass out the giant checks?

CAROL ANN

I'm afraid my arm length isn't long enough to hold these checks. Back in the day I played varsity basketball, but age takes away a few things like arm and wing length--

PASTOR

Carol Ann, we are in the middle of hosting a press conference, not an anatomy class!

CAROL ANN

My apologies!

PASTOR

Here's are some giant checks, each for a thousand for the electricity, water and gas bills.

fx; thud sounds

BUSINESSMAN 1

OW!

BUSINESSMAN 3

Yikes, watch it with that check!

CAROL ANN

Sorry, I didn't realize it was so heavy OOOH

ELIJAH

Here's some money for the A/C company...

BUSINESSMAN 4

Oh, you guys paid up for the next year.

PASTOR

Oh yeah, Gladys used some guy's--I mean her husband's credit card.

ELIJAH

If we didn't owe you money, then why did you come?

BUSINESSMAN 4

Well someone who called me said there would be a free box lunch.

JONATHAN

I didn't say a free box lunch. I said you could launch into my free box--

ELIJAH

Okay so you don't need this giant check.

BUSINESSMAN 4

Well I'll still take it.

ELIJAH

Why?

BUSINESSMAN 4

Well there's no money right, these are fake checks. I can take it back and hang it in my office.

ELIJAH

No, this is real money. Sharon--.

fx; silence with scary string

BUSINESSMAN 1

Sharon what? I'm sorry, you were saying?

ELIJAH

Well our...*old secretary*...recently returned some of the money she plundered from us.

BUSINESSMAN 1

And her name was Sharon?

fx; silence with string

LIV

Sharon-

fx; silence with string

LIV

--is a sore subject that we have to address.

BUSINESSMAN 1

Well if you're addressing this old secretary the way you addressed these old debts then it'll take what, six

months to address this...Sharon?

fx; silence and small string

PASTOR

MOVING ON, here's some money for the fabrics, the smoke detectors, the smoke machine, the anti-smoking poster collection, the smoke and toke drug sweaters, the smoking rad electric scooter we had in the garage...oh and a check for Fresh Foods who supply us with vegan protein bars, flax chips and fair trade water.

BUSINESSMAN 5

Oh great. We'll get you your next shipment soon.

ELIJAH

Actually...I...well, I hate to say this. I hate telling people bad news.

BUSINESSMAN 1

Well business isn't personal kid, spit it out.

ELIJAH

When I was younger, I was taught not to talk back to people.

BUSINESSMAN 2

I thought this was a press conference not a group therapy session.

ELIJAH

Fresh Foods, we have decided to *forgo buying your products because it's expensive and it's not in the budget.*

BUSINESSMAN 3

I thought they cancelled Glee, why is this guy singing every two minutes?

LIV

Oh we're not Glee. Nobody can dance around here.

MARCY

Excuse me?

BUSINESSMAN 5

I understand that you're cancelling. Fresh Foods is a *high-tier* product that is not for *lowbrow* companies and organizations.

JONATHAN

Lowbrow? Honey these brows are high and arched. After all--

JONATHAN/LIV/PASTOR/ELIJAH

the eyebrows are the window to the face.

BUSINESSMAN 2

Well now that we got the money, I'm going to go now.

fx; thud

BUSINESSMAN 1

OW! Watch out with that giant check.

BUSINESSMAN 3

These giant checks are a pain in my giant ass.

BUSINESSMAN 4

If this money isn't legit, I'm calling the mafia.

JONATHAN

Please, I'm a member of the mafia.

LIV

You are?

JONATHAN

Well the gay mafia.

BUSINESSMAN 4

The gay mafia?

MARCY

Does anyone have any questions for me?

BUSINESSMAN 1

I'm sorry, who are you?

MARCY

I'm Marcy of Marcy's Playground.

BUSINESSMAN 2

You own a playground? Do you need any vendor services?

MARCY

Sir, i am a *musician*, not a typical plebeian. This press conference is about the release of my new album in 6 to 8 months, is it not?

BUSINESSMAN 5

Alright guys, let's move on. This lady is just trying to waste our time...

fx; footsteps

MARCY

(fades out with the footstpes)

Does no one want to ask me how hard it is being part of a band that produced one of the most iconic songs in the last century? Nobody wants to inquire about my upcoming EP?

LIV

MOVING on, well now that we've paid everyone off how much money do we have leftover?

PASTOR

We have ten dollars.

LIV

Not even enough to take everyone to Taco Bell.

ELIJAH

True, you know I do *chalupas*.

LIV

So now we can focus on Sharon.

fx; silence and string.

LIV

Seriously guys, we need to figure this out. What are we going to do with Sharon?

fx; silence and string

CAROL ANN

Well I have a few ideas of what we could do with Sharon...

JONATHAN/PASTOR/ELIJAH

You know what I think I have left a ham in the oven.../ Well time to go figure out if we can make more money... / I have to warm up my pipes for the upcoming church service...

5 INT. CHURCH

fx; organ playing

ELIJAH

How does one forgive the unforgivable?  
How does one say it's okay when it's not? How does one accept an apology?  
How do I do that oh lord?

PASTOR

Wow. I mean, Elijah you outdo yourself every time. You're like a fine wine.

MARCY

(side whisper)

Yes, Elijah is a fine wine...specifically a true barefoot pinot grigo that's been left open for a week.

PASTOR

Forgiveness...what a word. It's a perfect word for what a lot of us are going through. In case you missed out...Sharon returned to us last weekend.

fx; gasps

PASTOR

I know, I know...But she gave us ten thousand dollars and she wants to pay off her debts with both money and by volunteering with SCONE. The question is...can we forgive Sharon? Should we forgive Sharon?

DOROTHEA

I don't know Pastor, she stole so much

money. Sharon reminds me of another one of our flock...

fx; coughs

GLADYS

Why is everyone looking at me?

BARBARA

Gladys, you steal money all the time.

GLADYS

I have never stolen any money in my entire life! And even if I did occasionally I've never stolen 50 grand! I would only taken a little off the top. Not enough for people to notice, do I look like some rookie! Trust me Barbara, I have dreams about stealing that much money...but that's the thing about smart people, they realize dreams are for the suckers and people who don't have children.

PASTOR

My office will be open for anyone who wants to talk about this trauma. I know Elijah has been doing some musical therapy...

ELIJAH

(singing)

*Yes I have.*

MARCY

I can assist with the musical therapy department.

JONATHAN

No Marcy, that would be musical trauma.

6 INT. RECTORY

LIV

SCONE, this is Liv...nope, we are not a bakery. Nope, I couldn't bake you a cake...yeah seriously. You'll have to find someone else. I don't care what google says.

ELIJAH  
Liv, are you busy?

fx; hangs up phone.

LIV  
I'm free now, what's up?

ELIJAH  
(spaced out)  
I...sorry, I forgot what I needed.

JONATHAN  
Are you okay?

ELIJAH  
Well...I've been feeling--

JONATHAN  
Okay, Elijah your response is too long  
for me to pay attention to.

LIV  
Elijah, you can tell me what's going  
on.

ELIJAH  
It's just this whole thing with  
Sharon.

LIV  
Yeah it's difficult.

ELIJAH  
I remember *that* day...the last day so  
well...

fx; wipe out fade

LIV  
(in the background)  
Is this...a flashback?

7 INT. RECTORY

fx; funky bed

ELIJAH (V.O.)  
It was six months ago. A beautiful  
day, the kind of day where you could  
wear just a T-shirt if you wanted to.

Or maybe a light jacket. But  
definitely not sweatshirt weather.

fx; phone rings

SHARON

Hello, this is SCONE...no. Not  
Cookies, the old cookie store. No sir  
we CANNOT make peanut butter banana  
chocolate oatmeal cookies. No  
judgement, but good day!

fx; phone slams down

JONATHAN

Sharon do you need help? After all,  
I'm still new to the job and I want to  
know everything I can do to help  
around here!

SHARON

(sighs)

No sweetie, you just sit there and  
read that Gay Ass Magazine.

JONATHAN

Sharon, don't use the word 'gay' as a  
slur!

SHARON

Boy, that magazine you have is called  
Gay Ass Magazine Monthly

JONATHAN

Oh yeah, no wonder there's so many  
bare asses in this magazine.

fx; footsteps

ELIJAH

Sharon! Have you seen my great-  
grandmother's stapler?

SHARON

I haven't. Where did you last see it?

ELIJAH

It was on my desk...

JONATHAN

Maybe it's a sign you need a new

stapler.

ELIJAH

Well it's a solid gold stapler.

JONATHAN

Solid gold?

ELIJAH

My great-grandmother smuggled it out of Russia.

SHARON

I thought you were Irish?

ELIJAH

She went to Russia for vacation during the Soviet revolution.

SHARON

Well that's some bad timing...that's like when I took a vacation to Seattle the day Amazon announced they were cancelling human rights...the traffic was terrible!

fx; front door

PASTOR

Good morning children and adults of God or a generic higher power or someone or thing more specialized.

ELIJAH

Pastor! Have you seen my great-grandmother's stapler?

PASTOR

No, I haven't seen it.

SHARON

Pastor, I'll be taking an early lunch today. But Jonathan should be good to cover the front desk, even though he's a bit new.

JONATHAN

I'll be able to answer any questions that people have about us being a bakery.

ELIJAH  
What's for lunch Sharon?

fx; suspicious strings

SHARON  
I'm in the mood to *spend* some  
money...so I'm thinking I'll go get me  
a steak and maybe a glass of champagne  
with caviar for an appetizer...?

ELIJAH  
Oh that sounds lovely!

fx; suspicious strings cut off

ELIJAH  
I gotta go, our child violin prodigy  
Stacey is off key again!

fx; hurried footsteps

ELIJAH  
(slight distance)  
Stacey, you gotta play the violin with  
more grace!

STACEY  
(slight distance)  
Okay Mister Corinthian!

PASTOR  
I'm heading out, I'll be back later.

fx; more footsteps

SHARON  
(in bad acting)  
Oh no, the Pastor's office door is  
wide open, better close that for her!

JONATHAN  
Mmmmmmm...

SHARON  
(muttering)  
Now where's the safe...I have the  
combination ready, I just gotta find  
the safe...

fx; violin music in the background

SHARON

Oh there's that puppy.

fx; safe sounds

ELIJAH

(background)

Stacey, less vibrato, more sonnato on that violin

fx; increasing violin music

SHARON

Yes, look at all that hard cash...

fx; shuffling money and footsteps

SHARON

I'm off to lunch everyone!

fx; door closes.

8 INT. RECTORY

fx; flashback music fades out

LIV

Oh wow, that flashback was as underwhelming as a Marcy story. You just summarized what we knew...that Sharon stole that money and your stapler.

JONATHAN

Also, Elijah how did you know those details of when Sharon entered the Pastor's office and stole money from the safe?

ELIJAH

Jonathan you were the one who witnessed that part!

JONATHAN

I thought Sharon was saying, 'Make sure to play safe' as in encouraging safe sex. I didn't think Sharon meant 'where is the safe'!

ELIJAH

Whatever, Liv, don't you see? Sharon

conned us so hardcore. She just took us, slammed us down, pressed up against us and did us dirty and raw.

JONATHAN

Oh I was *definitely* in those shoes last Friday night.

LIV

Well, Sharon is asking for forgiveness. And think about all the times you had to ask for forgiveness Elijah...

ELIJAH

But I never did anything as bad as Sharon!

fx; footsteps

PASTOR

Elijah, Liv, Jonathan! I've come up with a solution!

JONATHAN

A solution to fixing the coffee maker so that we can have cold brew and iced coffee?

LIV

Since when has that been a problem?

JONATHAN

I don't do hot coffee Liv. The lack of iced coffee here is a problem.

ELIJAH

What have you devised Pastor?

PASTOR

We should have a circle.

ELIJAH

Oh my gosh, a circle!

JONATHAN

A circlejerk--?

LIV

Clearly not that kind of circle. Pastor, what do you mean by a

'circle'?

PASTOR

It will be like a giant intervention,  
forgiveness and rant circle. About  
Sharon. It's open to the public.

LIV

The public? You just mean the parish?

ELIJAH

The same difference.

LIV

Well...

PASTOR

CAROL ANN! I need your help now  
please!

CAROL ANN

(in the distance)  
I'm coming!

JONATHAN

That also happened on last Friday...

LIV

Jesus you're lucky we don't have a  
human resources department.

PASTOR

I am the only resource for humans this  
church needs. Also, we had an HR guy  
for three hours before he quit, and  
we've been fine without him.

LIV

Yes. Never mind our several pending  
lawsuits.

CAROL ANN

(huffing and wheezing)  
I...came as quick...as I could...

PASTOR

Carol Ann. That took you nearly took  
twenty seconds. That is four more  
seconds than usual. We don't have time  
for your dilly dallying. I need you to  
go buy a hundred candles from Mystic

Mama.

CAROL ANN

(still huffing)

Well...the bus...doesn't go that far...

ELIJAH

Maybe Mystic Mama will do a drop off? After all, one hundred candles is a huge order.

LIV

Do you want to use generic candles instead? Cause Mystic Mama charges ten dollars a candle...

PASTOR

Well since Sharon returned with some money, we have some money to burn.

LIV

Aren't we in debt? And didn't we already spent all but ten bucks for that 10k?

ELIJAH

We set aside a lot of money for wine and candles. Every religion has wine and candles after all.

LIV

That feels like a stretch.

PASTOR

What do you think? Maybe if we have a circle we will find the ability to forgive Sharon?

ELIJAH

I agree. I want to forgive Sharon but I don't know if I'm ready yet. Maybe the circle will make me explode with love.

JONATHAN

That actually wasn't part of my last Friday...

CAROL ANN  
 (Under her breath)  
 I shuffled all the way over here for  
 this bullshit?

9 INT. CHURCH HALL

fx; chairs slamming

PASTOR  
 Thank you for setting up the chairs in  
 a circle, Church Hall Hermit Benni.

BENNI  
 Well I do love a good, round circle.  
 And I am in charge of the Church  
 Hall...

PASTOR  
 I'll have to thank Elijah for hiring  
 you. You're quite the asset we hired  
 Benni!

BENNI  
 (nervous)  
 Uh yeah, I was definitely hired and  
 I'm on payroll and everything...

ELIJAH  
 Carol Ann, do we have enough coffee  
 for everyone attending?

CAROL ANN  
 I made ten gallons, all very hot like  
 you asked.

fx; sipping sound

ELIJAH  
 Mmmm..this isn't really that hot.

CAROL ANN  
 Well I burned my hands on the coffee a  
 few times.

ELIJAH  
 Oh my gosh, Carol Ann can you please  
 put some concealer on those hands?  
 They're as red as the steak Sharon had  
 the day she stole all our money!

CAROL ANN

I haven't had time to focus on myself because I had to make ten gallons of very hot coffee--

ELIJAH

Well please be careful back in the kitchen we can't have accidents happening before our intervention/forgiveness/rant circle.

LIV

Jonathan, what's our final count for those who RSVP'd.

JONATHAN

Oh, just 38 people.

LIV

That's not a lot.

JONATHAN

I think most people don't care about Sharon. Or maybe they forgot who she was.

LIV

How do you not care about the person who stole 53,000 dollars from your church?

JONATHAN

On the basis of No judgement, most people just referred to Sharon as the old ass secretary.

LIV

Calling her 'old ass secretary' feels more judge-y than saying 'Sharon' don't you think?

PASTOR

Speak of the devil/demon/antichrist/fallen angel/Lucifer/spooky mean ghost herself, why hello Sharon!

SHARON

Pastor, thank you for hosting this intervention/forgiveness/rant circle. I think it'll be good for everyone to

beget things off their chests. Just take it off your chest, clean it up with a rag and throw it into the trash!

JONATHAN

Like last Friday night--

LIV

Jesus, someone's Friday nights are too wild...

JONATHAN

Yup and we know it's not your Friday nights that are wild.

PASTOR

We only have about forty people coming tonight, so there won't be too much of a commotion-

fx; commotion

MARCY

Oh thank GOD!! PASTOR!!

JONATHAN

There's the commotion.

PASTOR

And here comes what seems like all forty of those RSVP'd people in one person.

MARCY

Pastor, I just had to leave the line and come find you.

PASTOR

What line?

MARCY

The line of people waiting to get into the intervention/forgiveness/rant circle.

PASTOR

A line? We only had 40 people RSVP. That's more of a queue, not a line...

MARCY

That's not possible, the parking lot is full! The line has to be two hundred people long already.

PASTOR

JONATHAN, you told me there's only 38 signed up!

JONATHAN

Ohhh...I thought that was a period. But that mark is actually a 0. Okay, so never mind, it's not 38, we have 380 people coming tonight.

PASTOR

Oh my heavens and a slice of country sugar ham!

MARCY

Take a look at this seating...this won't be nearly enough. We need all hands on deck. Where's Carol Ann?

SHARON

Almost four hundred people are coming tonight. Well, I guess I deserve that.

PASTOR

Sharon...I...I don't know what to say. You're taking so much responsibility for all this.

SHARON

I realized how irresponsible I was. And of course, I changed.

PASTOR

Who changed you?

SHARON

Why look he's here right now!

WYATT

Oh my Lord or Spirit or God in heaven or hell or purgatory! That line out the door is longer than a line out the brothel on a Saturday discount night with cheap beer and prime wings!

PASTOR

Sharon...Pastor Wyatt from Deerfield Friends Community Church is the man who changed you Sharon??

WYATT

Why hello Pastor...it's very good to see you. I see that one of my flock has come back to properly apologize.

LIV

(whispers)

Oh fuck, don't properly apologize to me Pastor Wyatt. Tell me I'll be sorry for ever looking in your direction.

JONATHAN

And you say I'm the human resources problem, mmmhm.

PASTOR

So, Pastor Wyatt...you were the one who got Sharon to see the light?

WYATT

Why yes, I used the bible, torah, q'uran, wiccan morals, a couple scientology tests and just a little bit of cult therapy magic to help Miss Sharon Ladron here come to confess her wrongs and inspire a desire to fix her wrongs as well.

SHARON

I didn't know who else to go to. I'm so glad Pastor Wyatt helped me out.

PASTOR

That. Is. Great. And Wyatt you came tonight because...?

WYATT

I wanted to support Miss Sharon as she undertook this circle here. After all you have everyone in the tri-county area outside, no doubt ready to hurl harsh judgments against Miss Sharon's character.

PASTOR

Well, I don't know about harsh. But

Sharon did steal money from the church...

WYATT  
Money she indeed is paying back, isn't that right?

LIV  
(sensually)  
That's very right. Wyatt is very damn right. Daddy's always right.

JONATHAN  
Wanna cool your jets, Navy pilot?

LIV  
As if you haven't acted like a fool with half the guys around here.

JONATHAN  
That's not true!

PETER  
Hey Jonathan.

fx; sexy music

JONATHAN  
PETER, hey yourself cutie...

PETER  
I better get going, I'm supposed to be quizzing Ricky on math flashcards. Good seeing you...

fx; footsteps

LIV  
Would you like that receipt printed or emailed or tattooed on your arm?

JONATHAN  
I was told my arms are too skinny for tattoos.

PASTOR  
Fine, Pastor Wyatt. You can stay and support Sharon. But I can't promise the circle will be like one of your southern soirees.

WYATT

I hope this circle doesn't truly represent SCONE or yourself Pastor Jamie. After all, our parishes are supposed to be supportive, constructive and kind--

ALICE

(in the distance)

DAMN IT DON'T CUT THE LINE OR I'LL PUT A GODDAMN HEX ON YOU!

DAVE

(in the distance)

SHUT UP YOU CAPITALIST WITCH BITCH!

ALICE

(in the distance)

GODDAMN IT DAVE!

DAVE

(in the distance)

MMMM IT'S SOCIALIST DAVE, NICE TRY CAPITALIST ALICE SCUM!

PASTOR

I believe those two are members of the public and not of the parish.

ALICE

(in the distance)

I HATE GOING TO THIS CHURCH AND BEING MEMBERS OF THIS CHURCH WITH YOU!

WYATT

Oh my goodness gracious, is this a public event? Like the stoning of Mary Magadlene or Bathsheeba or some other prostitute whose names I cannot remember in the bible...

ELIJAH

Mary Magadlene was never stoned to death...

CAROL ANN

Okay, I think I have the coffee set up properly.

ELIJAH

Where is the creamer?

CAROL ANN

Oh I think I forgot it...

ELIJAH

I know someone who might need to be stoned...especially if they think that coffee table is done without Cream! Oh lord and there's no NAPKINS!

WYATT

Sharon, are you okay?

ELIJAH

I'm not okay, there's no napkins on this *coffee table*!

SHARON

I should be okay Pastor Wyatt. I deserve this, even if the hall gets filled past capacity with people who think I deserve a good licking.

JONATHAN

Oh man, that too happened last Friday night--

LIV

Pastor Wyatt, I can make you a special seat.

WYATT

Why aren't you lovely Liz.

fx; record scratching

LIV

It's um...Liv

WYATT

Why yes, I live for some tea, could you get me a cup dear?

10 INT. CHURCH HALL

ELIJAH

(humming)

Twenty-five minutes later and four hundred people later...

PASTOR

Thank you everyone for coming to the

intervention/forgiveness/rant circle.  
 Sharon has returned both herself and  
 10 thousand dollars to the church. She  
 has the desire to come on as a  
 volunteer for SCONE.

fx; crowd muttering

SHARON

If I may begin this circle...

GARFIELD

Why would we let you begin this circle  
 hussy?

PASTOR

Well Garfield, Sharon is the reason  
 we're having this  
 intervention/forgiveness/rant circle.

GARFIELD

I came so I can yell at Sharon and  
 judge her. And because I wanted some  
 snacks.

PASTOR

Let's try and remember our church's  
 motto of 'no judgement'.

AGNES

Just because it's a motto doesn't mean  
 it's right!

PASTOR

Sharon, I think it's a lovely idea for  
 you to start.

SHARON

Why thank you Pastor. Well first--

WYATT

Well I must first say that I  
 appreciate all of you for coming.  
 Okay, Sharon why don't you start.

SHARON

Thank you Pastor Wyatt. Well first--

PASTOR

Let me just add, as a closing note to  
 this prologue,...thank you for

spending part of your day in this circle of healing thank you. Alright Sharon, please begin.

SHARON

Well first--

WYATT

I must say this sweet tea that someone made is rather delicious. IT reminds me of my youth and home.

JONATHAN

Since we're talking about sweet tea, can we SPILL the goddamn tea.

ELIJAH

Wait, Carol Ann you didn't have time to put cream and napkins on the table but you made sweet tea?

CAROL ANN

Well Pastor Wyatt prefers tea so--

WYATT

Thank you for making the tea and allowing Sharon and I to join you for this space.

SHARON

Ok--

PASTOR

Finally, we must acknowledge our hardworking staff. Give it up to our beautiful team here at SCONE.

fx; awkward applause

PASTOR

Alright, now we shall ALL BE SILENT and allow Sharon to speak her truth

SHARON

Months ago...I let the Devil--

ELIJAH

OR Lucifer

MARCY

OR the Devil.

CAROL ANN

I like to call him Mr. Morningstar,  
that name makes him sound like a sweet  
gentleman.

AGNES

He's the devil Carol Ann, he's no  
gentleman. He's more like Denise than  
a gentleman.

DENISE

What did I do?

AGNES

Exactly!

PASTOR

Yes, yes, Satan, Beelzebub, the Prince  
of Darkness, King of the Night,  
whoever you believe in!

SHARON

I was tempted. I have always been a  
thief and klepto. I remember being a  
young girl on the shores of  
Carolina...

JONATHAN

(loud whisper)

Jesus Christ did she practice this  
monologue ten times in the mirror or  
what.

GLADYS

I'm sick and tired of all the dramatic  
flashbacks that really don't add any  
new information. What is this, a third-  
rate soap opera on Fox?

SHARON

...Well, I've been a thief all my  
life. At first it was nail polish and  
makeup.

AGNES

From the looks of her I'd say Sharon  
apparently only stole cheap makeup.

SHARON

And then I stole bigger things like  
cars and a couple hearts.

CHET

Is that your way of saying you can get guys?

SHARON

Well...Pastor Wyatt saved me. And because of him, I've become a stronger and better person

fx; weak applause

WYATT

I do declare, do not applaud for me but please applaud for Sharon. She deserves all the claps in the word.

fx; crickets

WYATT

Although I appreciate the applause for me.

fx; weak applause.

WYATT

But really we should clap for Sharon.

fx; crickets

PASTOR

Well, why don't we open the floor to any questions?

MYSTIC MAMA

I don't have a question, but I do got-a nice-a special, Jamacian Jams now available at Mystic Mama's Wine and Shine Emporium, Bed and Breakfast and Event Center.

PASTOR

Mystic Mama we're really looking more for intervention and relevant topics...

MYSTIC MAMA

But the people deserve to know about Mystic Mama's fresh from the ocean prices.

DENISE

Mystic Mama, is there enough room for the Scondies? Maybe we could have our Spring Dinner there...

PASTOR

Denise PLEASE! You and your niece Elise are both geese in my piece who ins-sist to increase obese word choic-e that wrecks the peace, capece?

DENISE

I...what did you mean to say?

ELISE

I can't believe I came to this.

AA GINGER

I have a question for Sharon.

ELIJAH

Finally, AA Ginger has a question for Sharon.

AA GINGER

Guys, it's just Ginger.

ELIJAH

But how would Sharon know who you are? Sharon might confuse you with Pagan Ginger?

PAGAN GINGER

Hi! It's me, Pagan Ginger

AA GINGER

But my name isn't like part of the question. I'm just asking a question that has nothing to do with my name...

PASTOR

Please, AA Ginger get to the point like a periodt. IS that how they say it on twitter, 'periodt'?

AA GINGER

(sighs)

Sharon, how do we extend trust to you after you stole all our money?

SHARON

That's an excellent question. I mean, truly a great question, do you have experience in questions?

JONATHAN

I've seen less stalling in a political town hall meeting JESUS

SHARON

To answer your question, I think trust is something that takes time to build.

BENNI

I have a question. About the money.

PASTOR

Can we pass Benni the microphone?

BARBARA

(into the mic)

Is this the microphone?

LIV

Yes, Barbara pass the microphone along please.

BARBARA

(into the mic)

Is this radioactive?

MARCY

Someone forgot to take their daily meds...this is why I have to sing my part *and* Barbara's part in the choir. Barbara, if microphones were radioactive I would look like some sort of mutant.

JONATHAN

Barbara pass the microphone look what the radiation did to Marcy's face.

BARBARA

Oh dear!

CHET

Marcy, this might sound like a dumb question, but how the fuck do you sing your part and Barbara's part in the choir?

MARCY

Well my voice naturally has a chorus effect...I can make it sound like two to twelve people are singing at once.

CHET

Yeah and I have two to twelve dicks--

ELIJAH

CAN WE JUST PLEASE STOP TALKING ABOUT RELATIONS AND LET BENNI ASK HIS QUESTION

fx; muttering, 'the refreshments suck, we need to go to brucnh after this'

BENNI

So about the money...do we have enough to get me a place to live besides the church hall basement?

PASTOR

Wait do you live in the basement? I thought that was a joke or a rumor.

BENNI

I tell you I live down here all the time Pastor Jamie.

PASTOR

But I thought you meant like 'haha I work sooo much that I basically live here.'

BENNI

Well people do call me the church hall hermit...

PASTOR

That's not a joke?

ELIJAH

To go off of that point, Benni what exactly do you do as the church hall manager or whatever title you have.

BENNI

I move tables and chairs. And sneak food from events so I can eat.

GLADYS

Now that's resourceful. Like me during that stupid depression. It wasn't even that great. I don't know why they call it that...

WYATT

Pastor Jamie, this crowd is more out of control than my senior club at a Golden Corral's Two for Twenty Tuesday Special! May I corral us back on topic?

AGNS

Can't blame them, that cornbread just hits a certain way.

PASTOR

I'll corral this back on track. Ah, one of our SCONE families are here tonight. Peter, Marjorie and their son Ricky are here.

MARCY

(loud whisper)

I didn't bring my step-granddaughter Annabelle. Mainly because she's just so annoying.

DOROTHEA

I have a question...why would you call your own step-granddaughter annoying?

MARCY

Do you want me to lie to Annabelle just because she's a child?

DOROTHEA

I don't get why you'd find your step-granddaughter annoying...

MARCY

Because Annabelle thinks she's the next Whitney Houston. If anything, she's a Whitney Houston cover artist named Shitney Whoreston.

DOROTHEA

You're not that good of a person are you?

MARCY

I'm a great singer and that's *all* that matters.

DOROTHEA

I disagree Marcy.

MARCY

Awh, thank you, Dorothea! You're right...I'm an *excellent* singer.

PETER

Hi, I'm Peter. I'm a family man. A straight man. Definitely not secretly gay but unable to move past my parents' disapproval, society's expectations and the general pressure of sex. Definitely not me.

SHARON

...um okay. Gotcha.

PETER

This is my beautiful wife Marjorie who I totally do straight things with.

MARJORIE

Hello Sharon, nice to see you again.

PETER

Our question is what will you bring to the table? One thing I do around here is play the trumpet.

RICKY

My dad has the best horn in the church.

JONATHAN

We don't know that, I haven't even seen Peter's trumpet myself.

LIV

He meant the TRUMPET the INSTRUMENT.

JONATHAN

Oh I meant a trumpet too Liv, just one made out of skin.

LIV

I'm seriously going to throw up.

CAROL ANN

Oh no, is it because of the coffee? I really tried this time Liv...

SHARON

Back when I was secretary...

GARFIELD

And when you stole all our money!

PASTOR

(clapping)

Okay, you know what I think this has been helpful. Sharon. Welcome back.

SHARON

I don't feel very welcomed back so far Pastor Jamie

WYATT

Maybe we could all join hands and sing a psalm.

ELIJAH

I wrote a psalm just for this event actually.

WYATT

Er- I meant a psalm we all know.

ELIJAH

No worries this is a responsorial psalm.

WYATT

Well, Liturgical Minister Elijah I don't see a keyboard or an organ or a piano so--

ELIJAH

Oh no worries this responsorial palm is a cappella.

WYATT

(mumbling)

Goddamn it.

ELIJAH

I'm sorry, what was that?

WYATT

I said I can't wait for it.

ELIJAH

Alright, repeat after me: "I've stolen the goods and fled the coop."

ALL

"I've stolen the goods and fled the coop."

ELIJAH

"I took some cash and a gold stapler too."

ALL

"I took some cash and a gold stapler too."

SHARON

Pastor Jamie, this responsorial psalm is a bit daggered at me. Don't you think?

PASTOR

Really? I didn't hear that...

ALL

"Even though Sharon sinned hardcore, we'll bring her back to SCONE for more."

PASTOR

Okay that part seemed a bit directed.

ELIJAH

Amen, Awoman.

fx; half-hearted clapping.

PASTOR

Well I think we only have enough cake for fifty people but if we want to line up...

fx; absolute chaos

GLADYS

I will cut people for a slice of this goddamn cake.

JUSTIN

Is this cake a pot cake?

MARCY

Free copies of my new album, "Marcy's Playgirls" for those who don't get cake...

LIV

Hey, listen, I'm sorry about that stupid circle Sharon.

SHARON

Oh honey I've been going through that for years. It's good to be back.

LIV

So what's the first thing you want to do?

SHARON

I want to do something big.

fx; strings build up.

SHARON

I want to do something so big that it precedes everything before it. A major delicious event that will fade everything else to ruin proving that I am unstoppable and that I reign supreme.

LIV

Um...well, okay...

ELIJAH

Stacey, why are you practicing your violin in here?

STACEY

Sorry Pastor, trying to perform for all those who won't get cake!

LIV

Okay! We'll see you tomorrow then...

fx; dramatic strings again

SHARON

Oh you definitely will.

LIV

Um...Stacey, is that still you on the  
violin sweeite?