

JENNIE MAE. Oh come on.

DARLENE. It's true, Jennie Mae. Don't you guys read the Bible?

BUDDY. Nope, How bout you?

DARLENE. (*Not too happy about the fact.*) Yeah, I gotta learn the whole thing. Like, say I'm sittin at the table and I want seconds on dessert, Aunt Norma says, "Give me a verse first, Darlene." If I didn't know the Bible I'd starve to death, see?

JENNIE MAE. Your Aunt's awful strict.

DARLENE. But I been learnin who Adam and Eve are. You heard a them, ain't you?

BUDDY. Nope.

JENNIE MAE. The first people.

DARLENE. And they're livin in this great big old garden in Europe. And the thing about Eve is she's walkin around pickin berries and junk with no clothes on.

JENNIE MAE. She was naked?

DARLENE. Listen, Jennie Mae, they were like doin it all the time.

JENNIE MAE. They were doin it?

DARLENE. All the time, Jennie Mae.

BUDDY. What're they doin?

JENNIE MAE. Nothin.

BUDDY. Nothin?

DARLENE. All the time, Jennie Mae. That kind a stuff happens in Europe. But like I'm sayin, this snake comes strollin up, see? And he tells her how she's sittin there jaybird stark naked.

BUDDY. She's neked?

JENNIE MAE. Oh, that's crazy, Darlene.

DARLENE. Oh, there's lots crazier stuff'n that in the Bible. Like there's people turnin to stone. One minute

they're sittin there just shootin the breeze—and the next thing you know they're all rocks! Lots a wierd stuff.

BUDDY. How come they's rocks?

DARLENE. Cause they ask too many dumb questions.

JENNIE MAE. (*Watching out for her brother.*) Darlene.

DARLENE. So anyway, this business a bein naked really sets God off at the snake, see? Cause with Eve bein so dumb she didn't get in any trouble, but now it's like a whole nother ball game. And God wasn't just mad at this one snake either—he was mad at all a the snakes and all a the worms in the world. So he tells em "From now on you guys're gonna crawl around in the dirt!" God says, "From now on nobody likes you."

JENNIE MAE. God really said that?

DARLENE. Right in the Bible. Later on he gets really mad and floods the whole world out.

JENNIE MAE. You mean he kills em?

BUDDY. With water?

DARLENE. Floods em right under.

BUDDY. Under water?

DARLENE. He makes it keep rainin, see?

BUDDY. God makes it rain? He can't breathe in a water . . .

JENNIE MAE. It's only a story.

DARLENE. It's in the Bible—it's true.

BUDDY. How come God's mad? He ain't done nothin wrong. (*BUDDY runs cross stage as FERRIS and SHOWERS come out of the garage.*)

JENNIE MAE. It's only a story, Buddy! Wait!

BUDDY. It's gonna rain, C.C.! Gonna rain and it ain't gonna quit, Dad!

FERRIS. Now, slow down—

SHOWERS. Whats a matter?