

Shot through the Heart

CHARACTERS: 3 (child is planted in audience ahead of time)

COSTUMES: Street clothes, but the “Clint Eastwood” character should dress “tough”.

PROPS: Small Bible, holster

SETTING: None implied

At rise: The characters walk towards each other warily. When they are about 8 feet apart they stop and take their stances. “Clint” draws his Bible out of the holster and points it at B

“CLINT”: *(slowly, clearly, cool)*

Listen Punk

You know what this is?

It's a spiritual 44 magnum.

It's got the power to save your life

I know what you are thinking

Yea, but does he have the guts to use it?

Go ahead, Punk

Make my day

B: (loudly and forcefully) Hebrews 4:12! (With the economy of motion all tough guys have, “Clint” flips the Bible open to Hebrews 4:12 with one flip. B grabs his chest and sinks to the floor as if shot. Gasping for breath he turns to CHILD and says) Hey, kid. Read it to me. (Get the child to get the Bible and read aloud)

CHILD: (Reading) For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

B: (Gasping the words out) Yeah, penetrates to the heart. (seems to die)

CHILD: (To “Clint”) Hey, mister, is he (pointing to B) dead?

CLINT: Not exactly. When you die to self, you live eternally. Watch this. (Places Bible on B. Steps back, protectively with CHILD. B slowly twitches, comes back to life. Stands up holding the Bible. Walks over and shakes CLINT's hand, gives him the Bible.)

CLINT: (Handing CHILD the Bible) Here kid. Keep it.

CHILD: (Wide eyed, jaw dropped awe) But Mister. I don't know how to use this.

CLINT: You will. Read it every day. Come to church. As often as you can. (Turns and walks off; B walks off in opposite direction)

CHILD: (Holding Bible out, to audience) The Bible. Powerful stuff.

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