

ONE FLESH

CHARACTERS: 1M, 1F, 1 Child

PROPS: Credit card bill, Bible

COSTUMES: Street clothes

SETTING: none specified

(Man and wife start out barely civil to one another and end up in a shouting match. It is important that it escalates at each step, not jump from civil to very loud from one line to the next. The transition should be as gradual as the short script allows)

M: *(Holding up a piece of paper)* What's this?

W: *(Preoccupied with what she is doing - cleaning, fixing, typing, whatever. Doesn't look up)*
What's what?

M: *(Shoves bill in front of her so she has to look)* What are these charges on the Visa bill?

W: *(Defensive)* The coat and new curtains I bought.

M: *(Incredulous)* You bought a coat and new curtains?

W: *(getting more defensive and loud)* Yes, I haven't had a new coat in three years and the old curtains looked like we were hanging the wash up in the window.

M: You are so irresponsible...

W: *(Loudly)* Me, irresponsible? *(Accusing)* At least I don't buy lottery tickets - they're nothing but a tax on fools.

M: *(Shouting)* Well I don't go running home to mommy all the time.... *(both see child enter and change tone of voice to polite)*

W: Lily, do you need some help?

Child: *(Holding open Bible and asking in an innocent child like voice)* Mom, dad. I don't get our memory verse. It says "A man and a woman shall become one flesh". *(Looking at parents)*
Does that mean they get skin grafts?

(Parents mouths drop open and they look guiltily and chagrined at each other)