

Millionaire

CHARACTERS: 3 and voice

COSTUMES: Street clothes

PROPS: “monitors”, 2 chairs, screen, millionaire game, phone ringing sound effect, if possible Millionaire music.

SETTING: Game show “Who Wants to be a Millionaire”

At rise: Carol and Regis are sitting, facing each other and looking into “monitors” like those on the show “Who wants to be a Millionaire. On a screen behind them is the Millionaire board with the question and answer choices that follow.

Regis: Well, Carolyn Page from Cooperstown. New York, you’ve won 500 thousand dollars so far and you haven’t used any of your lifelines. I bet you have plans for that money, right Carolyn?

Carol: Yeah, we want to become home owners and we’re hoping to have a family

Regis: Well, the next question is worth 1 million dollars; with that, you could own a house and start family. Are you ready?

Carol: I sure am, Regis.

Regis: All right here we go... Where is the Oceana Naval Base located? Is it Coastal City, California ... Virginia Beach, Virginia.....Honolulu, Hawaii ...? Or Jakarta, Indonesia

(Carol hesitates)

Regis: Take all the time you need.

Carol: ... I’d like to use my 50 -50.

Regis: Hey absolutely. Take away two wrong answers..... It is either Virginia Beach, Virginia or Jakarta, Indonesia.

Carol: I know they call that area of the Pacific Ocean Oceania but ... I’m going to go with Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Regis: Is that your final answer?

Carol: Final answer.

Regis: And the answer is Virginia Beach, Virginia. (Carol leaps up, screaming, crying, laughing, hugging Regis.) Carol Page, you have won 1 million dollars.

Carol: (Through tears and laughter) I have never been so happy.

Regis: Of course you haven’t. Carol, wave to the folks watching the show. (She numbly does) That’s all for tonight folks. See you next week. (Regis and Carol wave)

Stage Manager: (Entering) That’s a cut and wrap. (Regis drops the fake smile, exits. Stage manager comes over to Carol) Congratulations, Ma’am, on your big win. We just need you to sign this release (hands her the clipboard) and answer the final question.

Carol: (Confused) Final question? What final question? I just won the million dollars, didn’t I?

Stage Manager: Yes, but look in the fine print here. You have to answer one more question before we can release the money to you. Have a seat. This will just take a second. (Waves and new question appears on the

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screen)

Stage Manager: Who is Jesus to you? Is He a) Lord, b) a lunatic, c) a liar or d) myth?

Carol: What?

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Carol: What happens if I don't get this one right? Do I lose the million?

Stage Manager: No, absolutely not. The million is yours to keep regardless. However, you could lose your soul.

Carol: My soul?

Stage Manager: Yes. Like the Bible says "What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? (*Carol looks lost, after a second for it to sink in*) If you need some help, you could use one of your two life lines. Want to call a friend?

Carol: I don't know who I'd call. I don't really have any religious friends. I... um

Stage Manager: Then why not call Jesus himself.

Carol: Ok.

Stage Manager: Our friends at AT&T are going to help Carol phone Jesus. (*sound of phone ringing and being picked up*)

Jesus V/O: Hello Carol. I was wondering if you were ever going to contact me.

Carol: Jesus? Is that you?

Jesus: It is.

Carol: Who are you? Are you Lord.... Lunatic.... Liar ... or a myth?

Jesus: There is only one way to find out for sure, Carol. It's just like I told a rich young man about 2000 years ago. Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.

Carol: The million too?

Jesus: Yes.

(*Carol is overwhelmed with confusion and the gravity of the situation and appears paralyzed*)

Stage Manager: Carol, you have another life line. Do you want to use it and ask the audience? (*Carol can do nothing but nod mutely*) Folks, help Carol out. Who is Jesus? Is Lord ...? Lunatic.... Liar Or myth?

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