

"GOD GETS FIRED"

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GOD

Yeah. It's basically the same but the 'E' is on it's side a little. It's pretty lame.

LYNETTE

Let's just see where we're at, okay?

She opens the folder. It's stuffed with hundreds of sheets. She thumbs through a few.

LYNETTE

Hmmm. Graduated from the Academy. Top of your class. Started here as an intern.

GOD

Unpaid intern.

LYNETTE

We don't usually assign worlds to interns.

GOD

Nobody else wanted it.

LYNETTE

Why would that be?

GOD

It's kind of small. The commute's a real hassle. Not really a smart career move for the big guys. Plus the humidity.

LYNETTE

It's bad?

GOD

Like a punch in the face.

LYNETTE

But the mild conditions allowed life to flourish.

GOD

I've hit a couple of long balls, yeah.

She removes a sheet from the folder.

LYNETTE

These are the results of a field audit.

(reading)

'Subject has elected to populate all habitable areas with an array of giant monstrous reptiles he calls dinosaurs.

(MORE)

FYI

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Subject shows open contempt for management when reminded of the limitations of his creational authority.'

She looks at him over the paper.

LYNETTE

How do you respond to that?

GOD

That guy was a total prick.

LYNETTE

Why did you overstep your bounds?

GOD

This one day I was making some plants, right? And I made one called, marijuana.

LYNETTE

M-m-marijuana?

GOD

Yeah. And it had some--
(cough, cough)
Hallucinogenic properties.

LYNETTE

I see.

GOD

Total mistake. Could happen to anybody.

LYNETTE

What does this have to do with--

GOD

I'm coming to that. So this one day I rolled a big old fatty the size of my forearm, right? And I started thinking, 'Wow, giant lizards would be so cool!' And the first ones were nothing. They were like puppies in the backyard. But then they started getting bigger and I needed other ones to keep them under control. And other ones to keep them under control, and it all started getting out of hand.

LYNETTE

And that's when you entered rehab?

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GOD
After the asteroid, yeah. It was--
(air quotes)
Rock bottom, so to speak.

LYNETTE
And follow-up tests have all been negative?

GOD
Totally clean.

Then she pulls out a picture of a human man and woman.
They look like featureless symbols from restroom doors.

LYNETTE
(gotcha tone)
Then how do you explain this!

GOD
You know about that?

LYNETTE
How could we not know? We had to change
frequencies so they wouldn't intercept our
communications.

God chuckles a little.

GOD
Yeah, they're pretty clever.

LYNETTE
You mean, pretty dangerous.

GOD
Dangerous!
(beat)
Yeah, okay, dangerous.

LYNETTE
How did this happen?

GOD
It's a funny story. Seriously, you'll
laugh. This one time, I was whipping up a
batch of monkeys, right? And I thought,
'Wow. These monkeys are really dumb. I
wonder if I can make them smarter.'

LYNETTE
And for the record you were totally drug-
free at this point?

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GOD
Yeah.

LYNETTE
Go on.

GOD
So I tweaked the recipe a tiny bit. Just a few centimeters of additional forebrain. And, BOOM, that was it!

He makes an exploding gesture with his hands.

GOD
The next thing I know, they started talking. To me! It was really freaky. I thought I was having a wicked flashback. Then they started building little huts, and making these cute little outfits. And having babies. It was charming.

LYNETTE
Charming?

GOD
For the most part.

She takes out another sheet.

LYNETTE
Here's a list of some of their 'charming' accomplishments.

(reading)
Slavery, prostitution, kidnapping.

GOD
Family, home, and tradition.

LYNETTE
Deforestation, human sacrifice.

GOD
Philosophy, architecture.

LYNETTE
Murder, rape, genocide.

GOD
Democracy, Pixar, deep dish pizza.

LYNETTE
Lust, cruelty, abandonment.

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GOD
Hope, forgiveness, love.

LYNETTE
There's just no way we can keep you on.
You're fired.

GOD
Over this!

LYNETTE
Over everything.

He stands. Starts to walk out. Depressed, dejected.

GOD
What happens to them?

LYNETTE
Best for you not to worry about it.

GOD
Ahh, come on. I kind of feel bad for the
little knuckle heads.

She nods. Rips open an envelope in the file. Unfolds a
sheet. Reads it.

LYNETTE
They're slated for destruction.

GOD
Asteroid?

LYNETTE
No. The new guy is supposed to do it.

GOD
Who's that?

LYNETTE
Donald Trump. Ever heard of him?

END

Long pause.

GOD
No.

LYNETTE
Me either.
(she points)
Payroll is down the hall.

He exits.

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