

Synopsis

Adam and Eve: the First Musical is a humorous and thought-provoking musical about the first man and woman to inhabit the earth. It begins with the creation of Adam and ends with the banishment of Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden.

Scene 1 opens with Adam enthralled with his new surroundings. He thanks God for all He's done and bids Him farewell, assuming His work is complete. God tells Adam that one task remains: Adam needs a wife. Adam protests, but God prevails (*You Need a Wife*). In Scene 2, Adam wakes up to find Eve next to him. Eve is equally excited about her new surroundings and asks Adam to show her around. Adam refuses, stating that he doesn't need anyone and is quite content living alone. Through *Alone*, however, Eve elicits within Adam feelings of shame. Adam relents, and together they explore their "new and wondrous land."

Scene 3 opens with Adam telling Eve that God gave him a job to "name things" and asks her to help. Eve agrees, and together they name things and exchange animal puns in a kind of old-fashion comedy routine.

Scene 4 opens with Adam and Eve eating by a campfire. Adam compliments Eve on everything she does for him, such as "cooking, cleaning, naming things." Eve suspects Adam is starting to like her. Adam denies it but confesses how much he enjoys being with her in *I Like You*. The scene ends with God warning them not to eat from the Tree of Knowledge or "you will surely die."

Scene 5 shows Eve carrying a basket into the forest "to pick a few things for dinner." She meets the snake, who suggests she take an apple from the nearby Tree of Knowledge. Eve tells him about God's warning. The snake retorts that God is only bluffing and that eating from the Tree would give her great power. In *The Snake Song*, he portrays himself as a kind, gentle, and trustworthy creature. Believing him, Eve bites into an apple from the forbidden Tree.

Scene 6 opens with Eve returning to Adam from the forest. She offers him one of the apples she picked from the Tree of Knowledge. Upon taking a bite, he senses that Eve is troubled by something. He questions her, after which she confesses to eating from the Tree of Knowledge. Realizing they have disobeyed God's injunction, they hurry into the

forest to escape God's gaze. Realizing the futility of hiding, Adam walks into the open and tells God he freely ate from the Tree to shield Eve from God's wrath. As punishment, God commands them to leave the Garden.

Scene 7 shows Adam and Eve fully dressed, preparing to leave. Eve asks Adam if he's angry at her for eating the apple. Adam responds that he's not and reassures her that they can build *A World Just as Fine* together. They exit, holding hands as Adam points to something in the distance.