

Lucky's Used Religions

CHARACTERS: 3; 1M, 1F, 1 either

PROPS: None

COSTUMES: Street clothes

SETTING: Used car lot implied

Lucky is a fast moving, hustling, fast talking salesman but changes tempo to deliver the punch line. For female – Lucky Linda's, male – Lucky Louie's.

At rise: Lucky rushes over to the couple the moment they start their entry, begins pumping their hands instead of merely shaking them.

LUCKY: Welcome to Lucky's used religion lot. Yes sireee bob we got 'em all here at a price you can afford. All kinds of used religions. And I'm sure we'll find the one to fit your budget. What can I do for you today ?

MAN: We're looking for a used religion.

LUCKY: *(Full of enthusiasm)* We've got the top of the line used religions here at Lucky's. Like I always say – "If you've got the cash, Lucky's got the splash!"

WOMAN: And we want to keep the price down.

LUCKY: You've come to the right place. *(Steers them in a new direction)* Right over here we have our newest model. Yes folks it's flashy, it's shiny. The neighbors will know you've got it! What do you think ?

(Couple looks at each other, shake heads no)

W: Could we see something else ? We're not really wanting to "advertise", if you know what I mean.

LUCKY: Absolutely! No sense having people know what you got. *(Steers them in a new direction)* We got 100's of used religions here and we'll have one right for you. Here's something a little more conventional, Well ?

MAN: *(Not happy about working on it)* Does it require much maintenance?

LUCKY: *(sadly)* I'm afraid so. Daily maintenance. *(Couple looks at each other, shake heads no)*

LUCKY: *(cheerfully)* If low maintenance and low profile are issues, don't despair. Lucky's got the perfect model for you.

MAN: We'd like to see it?

LUCKY: Sure, sure, *(Steers them in a new direction)* right this way. I know you're going to like this model. It's one of those new hybrids. Mix in anything you want. A little of this, a little of that.

MAN: *(looking at price)* Still a bit pricey.

LUCKY: I see you are discerning shoppers for religion so I'm going to show you this little beauty – low profile, low maintenance AND low cost. It's clean and was used by a little old lady only on Sunday mornings. It's one of our most economical, traditional models. Whadya say ?

(Look at each other, smile, nod)

MAN: What about guarantees?

LUCKY: *(Proudly)* Every used religion sold here at Lucky's comes with a lifetime guarantee!

WOMAN: But what about an after life guarantees?

LUCKY: *(Sobering up. You know you're in trouble now)* Religions don't come with after life guarantees. Only personal relationships with Jesus Christ have after life guarantees.

MAN: Why don't more people get those ?

LUCKY: They're high maintenance, high profile and cost everything you own.