

Stoned

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Cast of Characters

<u>Father Kolankewicz (aka Father "K"):</u>	Pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Church
<u>Sister Regina:</u>	Immaculate Heart of Mary nun, Catholic school teacher, Eucharistic Minister and all-around woman of God
<u>Joshua:</u>	Twelve-year-old altar boy
<u>Mustafa:</u>	a Galilean (played by same actor playing Father K)
<u>Gia:</u>	a Galilean (played by same actor playing Sister Regina)

Scene

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church / a town square in Galilee

Time

Present day / 76 BC

Lights up on Father Kolankewicz, Sister Regina and Joshua, an altar server. They are giving out communion. Father offers the host, Joshua juts the communion plate under their chins, and Sister Regina offers the sip of wine.

FR. K
Body of Christ.

SR. REGINA
Blood of Christ.

JOSHUA
You two think you're sooooo sly...

FR. K
Body of Christ.

SR. REGINA
Blood of Christ.

JOSHUA
I may only be only twelve, but I'm on to you.

FR. K
Body of Christ.

SR. REGINA
Blood of Christ.

They turn and genuflect to the altar.
(whispering) Joshua, what on earth has gotten into you?

JOSHUA
All shall be revealed Sister.

Joshua stares at them, wiggles and scratches his midsection fiercely, weirdly.
Pardon me a moment.

Joshua runs toward the altar and peeks down his cassock. He seems to chide something in there. Fr. K and Sister Regina turn and look deeply into each other's eyes. They each raise a host.

FR. K
(softly) So many people opt to take the Eucharist by hand these days. But not us.

SR. REGINA
(softly) No, not us. We take the lord directly into our mouths.

*They close their eyes, present their soft tongues,
and place a host inside the other's mouth.*

FR. K
(dreamily) Tell me again about your "call" to holy
orders, Sister.

SR. REGINA
(dreamily) I got "the call" in the shower, Father.

FR. K
(dreamily) Right. You were lathering, and...

SR. REGINA
(dreamily) Yes, I was lathering, and-

Joshua returns.

JOSHUA
Call me crazy, but I'm picking up on some serious
sexual tension between the two a' you.

FR. K/ SR. REGINA
(loud whisper) THE BIBLE SAYS NOTHING AGAINST TENSION!
TENSION IS ALLOWED!!!!

*Beat. They scurry up the altar and quickly put
away the Eucharist. Joshua follows. They sit.
Joshua scratches and wiggles more intensely as he
looks out at the congregation.*

JOSHUA
Look at them. Peacefully praying post communion,
blissfully unaware they're led by trollops!

FR. K
Joshua, do you have a rash?

JOSHUA
Tell me, how many times you tapped that, Padre?

SR. REGINA
Joshua!

FR. K
Son, you are mistaken. Absolutely nothing's been
tapped.

SR. REGINA
We take vows of celibacy.

JOSHUA

Celibacy my ass. I'm gonna expose the shit outta you.

Joshua scratches and wiggles a third time.

SR. REGINA

Joshua, are you alright? You're behaving as if you have a rodent in your cassock.

JOSHUA

As a matter of fact? I. Do. Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!!

Joshua pulls a hamster out from under his robe. In his other hand he holds a sharp No. 2 pencil. He rushes the congregation.

JOSHUA

Everyone stay in your pews if you know what's good for you!!

SR. REGINA

Joshua! What are you doing with our class hamster?

JOSHUA

Let it be known that Jebediah here had non-marital relations with Sunpetal, the visiting hamster from Sister Dolores' 5th grade class! Let his fate be a lesson to you all. All lecherers will be punished! You hear that Father Kolankewicz and Sister Regina? All lecherers will be punished!

Joshua lifts the No. 2 pencil high over his head, ready to plunge into Jebediah.

FR. K/SR. REGINA

Joshua No!!!!!!

JOSHUA

Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!!!!

A flash of lightning! Thunder! The church bells chime like mad! The pages of the Bible on the altar go berserk of their own accord! Joshua freezes.

What the...

He approaches the Bible, his arms outstretched, entranced, while the chaos continues. As soon as he makes contact, he is electrocuted!

Everything goes dark. We hear the sound of Joshua falling, as if through a tunnel. When lights come up, a terrified couple (played by the same actors who play Fr. K and Sr. Regina) are tied together with rope. They have thick mid-eastern accents. Joshua is disoriented on the ground.

(dazed) Where the hell am I?

MUSTAFA

Galilee, 76 BC.

GIA

Please don't hurt us, we're sorry!

JOSHUA

Don't hurt you...?

Joshua finds a bucket of stones (aka, painted foam craft balls) next to him. He picks one up.

Holy shit, is this a stoning? Sweet! Oooh, whadjado, whadjado whadjadoooo?

MUSTAFA

We related to one another without matrimony.

GIA

(referencing the audience) Now they make us pay.

JOSHUA

(referencing the audience) Oh snap! Look at all these bad ass Pharisees ready to pounce! Sup fellaz!?

Joshua high fives an audience member.

Ooooooh....

Joshua circles and threatens the couple with the first "stone". Gia starts to cry.

What are ya chicken?

MUSTAFA

No, we are not chickens. We are people.

GIA

I am Gia.

MUSTAFA

And I am Mustafa. Please don't hurt us.

JOSHUA

Hold the phone, are you the Lion King?

MUSTAFA

(confused) No. I am not the king of lions.

JOSHUA

Bummer. I might have pardoned ya if you were. Love that friggin film.

He raises a stone.

Say goodbye lovebirds.

MUSTAFA

We'll be together again in our father's kingdom.

GIA

I love you.

MUSTAFA

I love you.

They kiss.

JOSHUA

LECHERY!!!!!!

"Everybody must get stoned" by Bob Dylan plays. An enraged Joshua begins a slow-motion stoning ballet, pelting the lovers over and over with Styrofoam craft balls, aka "stones." They suffer, but stay upright. The song ends. Joshua is juiced. He turns to the audience, the devil in his eyes.

Join me. Join me my brothers. Underneath your seats you'll find some bad ass Old Testament ammunition.

Hopefully the audience gathers the "stones" planted under their seats.

On my command.... 3....2....1.... FINISH THEM!!

The audience pelts the lovers with stones. They die in each other's arms. Silence. Joshua takes in what he's done. He becomes very child-like.

Ohhhhhhhh, I don't feel so good. I've tasted vengeance and I don't feeeeeeeel so good.

He grabs the Bible.

Take me back, pleeeeeease, take me back!

He shakes the Bible. Nothing.

Please!!!

He shakes the Bible. Nothing.

I'M SORRY!!!!!!

A flash of lightning! Thunder! The church bells chime like mad! The pages of the Bible go berserk of their own accord! Joshua is electrocuted.

Everything goes dark. We hear the sound of Joshua falling as if through a tunnel. When lights come up, we are back in 2014 at Our Lady of Sorrows church. Joshua's pencil is in the air ready to attack Jebediah.

FR. K/SR. REGINA

Joshua No!!!!!!

JOSHUA

Ahhhhhhh-

Joshua freezes mid-air. He looks down at Jebediah. I no longer have the desire to kill or maim in the name of the lord. Jebediah, you screw Sunpetal as much as you like, ok buddy? Here. He's safer in your hands.

He hands the hamster to an audience member. And you two... You love each other.

SR. REGINA

(simultaneously) Certainly we do. As brethren do!

FR. K

(simultaneously) Well sure. As brothers and sisters in Christ do!

JOSHUA

Fuck that. There's a lust-storm blazing between you two that could burn down the whole diocese. You owe it to yourselves to explore it. I gotta believe that Christ got down at some point, right? All that celestial manpower wasted on celibacy? Shit, I just don't buy it.

Beat.

I hereby revoke my powers as altar boy.

Joshua takes off his cassock and throws it on the floor.

Be well my children.

He blesses them with the sign of the cross, then solemnly processes up the church aisle as choral music swells. Fr. K and Sister Regina smile sheepishly at the congregation.

Black out.