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JESUS

Judge not, that you yourself shall not be judged. For whatever you deal out to others...

(NICK "punches" whomever is next to him. The "punch" travels down the line of the OTHERS, in various forms of comic "violence", accompanied by a vocal noise for each one. Once NICK has started the chain reaction, JESUS takes him and they run around the line, so that NICK is now at the end. Needless to say, he is there to receive the last "punch.". He falls back into JESUS' arms.)

#8a - After "All for the Best"

...will be dealt back to you. A sower went to sow some seed...

[NOTE: In the original production, this parable was narrated by PEGGY (UZO). The point is the parable narrators are changeable, depending on the best fit for individual characters.]

NICK

A sower went to sow some seed, and as he sowed, some seed fell along the footpath...

(In the manner of a school play, each of the sections of the parable is acted out. In this instance, UZO comes forward to enact the seed falling along the footpath. She comes downstage near NICK ... and collapses.)

...Where it was trampled on,...

(He makes trampling noises.)

...and the birds ate it up.

UZO

(Enacting being eaten by birds)

Tweet, tweet, tweet.

(NICK is pleased by the "power" he's had over this first character in her story, and he proceeds to the next with greater confidence.)

NICK

Some seed fell on rock.

(GEORGE jumps into place. As he lands, all the OTHERS jump as if his weight has made the stage bounce.)

...And after coming up, withered for lack of moisture.

(GEORGE illustrates this with accompanying vocal grunts and groans. NICK, now quite confident, crosses to CELISSE.)

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(NICK)

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*(CELISSE "grows")*

...and the weeds grew up with it...

*(JUDAS and LINDSAY "grow" on either side of CELISSE)*

...and choked it!

*(JUDAS and LINDSAY suddenly choke CELISSE, who coughs feebly.)*

And some of the seed fell into good soil...

*(A beat during which TELLY, MORGAN, and ANNA MARIA don't react; then TELLY realizes it's their turn.)*

TELLY

*(Sotto voce)*

Hey, that's us!

*(The "good seeds" leap up and begin waving their "leaves.")*

NICK

*(With a lavish gesture)*

And it grew, and it yielded a hundredfold!

*(NICK, thrilled to have completed his storytelling successfully, dances about the stage. JESUS follows him and gently stops him.)*

JESUS

~~New, if you have ears to hear, then listen, ...listen, for this is what the parable means. Do you know what the seed is?~~

NICK

Of course. The stimulus package.

~~[NOTE: In the original, PEGGY (UZO) said "A baby."]~~

JESUS

Uh... no. The seed is the word of God...

*(Coming to UZO)*

...And that seed which fell along the footpath represents those who hear the Word, but then the Devil comes and carries them off for fear they should believe and be saved.

UZO

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