

Garden of Eden

**One day in the Garden of Eden, Eve calls out to God,**

**"Lord, I have a problem!"**

**"What's the problem, Eve?"**

**"Lord, I know you've created me and have provided this beautiful garden and all of these wonderful animals, and that hilarious comedy snake, but I'm just not happy."**

**"Why is that, Eve?" came the reply from above.**

**"Lord, I am lonely. And I'm sick to death of apples."**

**"Well, Eve, in that case, I have a solution. I shall create a man for you."**

**"What's a 'man,' Lord?"**

**"This man will be a flawed creature, with aggressive tendencies, an enormous ego and an inability to empathize or listen to you properly. All in all, he'll give you a hard time. But he'll be bigger & faster & more muscular than you.**

**He'll be really good at fighting and kicking a ball about & hunting fleet-footed ruminants, & not altogether bad in the sack."**

**"Sounds great," says Eve, with an ironically raised eyebrow.**

**"Yeah, well. He's better than a poke in the eye with a blunt stick. But, you can have him on one condition."**

**"What's that, Lord?"**

**"You'll have to let him believe that I made him first."**