

Audition Sides - Eve

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(EVE walks slowly downstage, now a very old woman. She is holding Adam's staff. She stops and leans on the staff as she addresses FATHER.)

START

EVE

Father?

(silence)

Father. Speak to me once more. Just once.

(silence)

Tell me what happened to Cain. It's all I want to know. But you're not going to tell me, are you?

(silence)

No.

(...but she takes another breath and resumes her story, nonetheless)

When Abel was killed, I knew Cain had gone for good. But Adam could never believe it. Every day I'd see him searching the hills for a sign of Cain coming home. But he never came.

(her mood brightens)

We had our second chance with Seth.

(SETH enters.)

A wonderful boy. Just like Adam, naming everything in sight. At seventeen, he upped and disappeared without a word. Scared us both to death. Came back two weeks later with a girl from some tribe over the mountains.

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(SETH'S WIFE enters and stands by his side.)

(EVE)

They had seven children in as many years.

(Several CHILDREN of various ages join SETH and SETH'S WIFE.)

I don't know how she manages... And then one winter, Adam died. Suddenly, no warning.

(The light on ADAM slowly fades...)

Just fell over in the field and didn't get up.

(...and ADAM disappears into the darkness.)

We buried him by the waterfall. Was that the right thing to do, Father? Father?

(As EVE continues to speak, more STORYTELLERS come out of the darkness, some bearing torches, some lanterns with candles burning inside them.)

Three of Seth's children are married already. I had my first great-grandchild last year. We farm the whole valley now and half the range of mountains to the south. And the whole family comes together once a year, just after harvest time. To remember Adam. And give thanks to you, Father.

END

(#22 – INCIDENTAL BEFORE CHILDREN OF EDEN
begins. The whole company of STORYTELLERS is onstage now, gathered around EVE as her extended family. FATHER appears at a distance. EVE can hear FATHER's voice but the rest of the STORYTELLERS can neither see nor hear him.)

FATHER

Eve, my daughter.

EVE

Father! Why can't I see you?

FATHER

You'll see me soon enough.

EVE

(quite happily)

Then it's time for me to die?

FATHER

It's nearly time.