

THE NEW SIGNING

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This sketch is based on 1 Peter 1 v 14 and Romans 12 v 2. These verses point out how Christians should no longer follow their 'bad old ways' but need to be transformed in both their thinking and their actions. Sadly we are very slow to make this transition. This short drama aims to highlight how ridiculous such actions are.

CAST

Boss Chairman of United Football Club
Bobby An expensive new signing to the club

The scene is the Chairman's office. The Boss is seated at his desk. There is a knock at the door.

Boss Come in. *[Rising from his seat]* Hello, Bobby. Thanks for coming to see me.

Bobby No trouble, Boss. You're the guv'nor. Was there something special you wanted to see me about or was it just for a chat like?

Boss Well, I haven't really had a chance to talk to you properly since you signed for the club last week.

Bobby I've been kinda busy, what wiv the move and that.

Boss How is your new place? I hope it's to your liking. I know my son prepared it for you specially.

Bobby Oh, the gaff's great. Really comfortable.

Boss And are you happy with the financial package we've agreed?

Bobby Oh yes, boss. T'rific. I've now got wealth beyond even my wildest dreams.

Boss Good, good. I'm glad to hear all that because there was one thing I wanted to mention.

Bobby What was that, boss?

Boss It was about the match on Saturday – against your old club, City.

Bobby Was there a problem, boss?

Boss I did notice that you went into the wrong changing-room before the game.

Bobby Sorry about that. Force of habit.

Boss Understandable I suppose – but you also seemed reluctant to join in our team’s pre-match warm-up. Team togetherness is very important. We believe that strongly here at United.

Bobby I needed time to compose myself – it was a big game for me, what wiv the change of clubs and that. I’ve been a City player all my career up to now.

Boss I realise that, Bobby, but it probably wasn’t the best idea to compose yourself by warming up with the opposing team. Our supporters were very confused.

Bobby Yes, I see that now, Boss. I won’t do it again.

Boss Excellent. I have to admit your play showed great promise. Especially that goal you scored. It was really special.

Bobby Oh, tar very much, Boss.

Boss The way you received the ball with your back to goal, turned and then dribbled past six players before burying the ball in the roof of the net – it was exceptional. I’ve never seen anything like it.

Bobby Thanks Boss.

Boss The crowd behind the goal went crazy with delight.

Bobby They did seem to enjoy it.

Boss There was one tiny thing about it, however.

Bobby What was that, Boss?

Boss It was the away crowd that went crazy with delight. You scored an own goal!

Bobby Yeah, sorry Boss. In the heat of the moment I forgot I’d changed clubs. I saw the red shirts of United and just sort of set off to attack them. As I’ve always done.

Boss Well, Bobby, you see it just won’t do. It cost us a lot to get you to join United and we really want to have you in our team. It makes no sense for you to continue to play for the opposition.

Bobby Sorry, Boss. It’s really difficult. What can I do?

Boss Maybe if we practise the club chant together it would help.

Bobby Oh yeah. You mean, “City! City! City! City!”

Boss No Bobby, “United! United! United! United!”

Bobby Oh right, of course. “United! United! City! City!”

Boss No Bobby *[Encouraging Bobby to chant with him] ...*

Together *[Quietly and slowly to start with but getting stronger. They end with arms over each other’s shoulders.]* “United! United! United! United! United! United!”

Bobby It’s working, Boss. I really feel like a United player now.

Boss That’s great, Bobby. Welcome to United. You’re going to be a real asset to the team. *[They go off together chanting]*

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