

# THE REPROBATE © LaTatia Stroud

## TREATMENT for TV Series

### PRIMARY CHARACTERS

Pastor Ozzy Burns – Age 40ish                      Prophetess Delphi’s Spouse - Zephyr 40ish  
Pastor’s Son Len Burns – Age 20                      The Child – (Son) Amari Payne (multiple)  
Len’s Fiance Allona Payne – Age 20                      Len’s Best Friend Calhoun Franklin – Age 20  
Pastor’s Wife Dalila – (Flashback Age 35)                      Cal’s Accomplice Barrett Jackson – Age 24  
Pastor’s Advisor Prophetess Delphi - Age 40ish

**SYNOPSIS:** The son of a cultish preacher (Rev. Ozzy Burns) becomes disillusioned with his church, family and faith after learning that his father, at the prompting of his assistant pastor (Prophetess Delphi) paid his fiancé (Allona Payne) to abort their child and leave the country. After this disclosure, the son (Len Burns) has a violent altercation with his father that culminates with the son having the father in a death hold head-lock while coldly saying, “An eye for an eye. To hell with you and your God!”. He drops the father and runs. The ensuing plot centers around both the son’s search for his fiancé, God, and his purpose in life. To survive he develops and uses his craft as a singer/song writer – guitarist. Plot develops when Len realizes he has the gift of discerning spirits/ the good & evil in people. He is able to read people and determine their intent. This is a gift he rejects, as he also rejects his religion and struggles w/ faith. He intentionally lives on the edge of society, risky and hedonistic by church standards – as he strives for his own identity. Though he rejects this gift, he finds himself unable to get away from it and makes efforts to warn people about those in their company. However, because of his own behaviors he is often discounted until tragedy strikes. The side story simultaneous develops as it is revealed that Len’s ex-fiancé did not abort the child nor leave the country but instead is in seclusion with her son (Amari). (The “Man vs Nature” conflict develops.) Unfortunately, the seclusion is wearing on her emotional and mental state which results in multiple psychosis. She eventually returns to her hometown to reconnect with friends and receive mental health treatment. She has also prepared a back story that

she has adopted the child of a deceased friend. She holds to this back story out of fear of retribution from the Pastor.

**PROLOGUE:** Len's mother & grandmother were killed during a home invasion when he was a teenager. The mother was home alone, sick with the flu. The pastor was set to hold a major church revival and refused to stay home with his wife even though his own mother begged him to. The pastor also demanded that Len attend the revival with him. Len blames his father for their deaths. The father is also battling internal "Man vs Man" conflict and grief. Len's fiancé Allona becomes pregnant while Len is home from college visiting. Len is attending school on a 4-year scholarship, pre-med. He's extremely intelligent but does not have a real passion for the medical field; he wants to be a musician. Pastor Ozzy has a past in gang affiliation. He has bitterness toward his son's fiancé Allona for becoming pregnant and threatens to use his past affiliations to kill her & her family if she did not abort and leave. He pays her to do so in hopes that his son will continue his education. Allona is from the foster care system and has no strong family ties – she is stigmatized in the community as a result.

**DRIVING ACTION:** Len has a close childhood friend, (Cal- Calhoun) who is the one who arranged the home invasion in which Len lost his mother and grandmother. Cal, also a member of Pastor Ozzy's church was aware that Len's grandmother kept a large sum of money in the pantry and anticipated that the home would be empty because of the revival. During the home invasion, he and a schoolmate (Barrett) tied both women and their mouths were taped – accidentally their noses were also taped and the women suffocated. Cal and his accomplice were never implicated and still reside in town. Cal remained very close friends with Len and is the one-person Len contacts as often as needed throughout the plot. Cal is also the only child of Prophetess Delphi. Prophetess Delphi serves as the Pastor's advisor and has visions that warn him of impending dangers – she also has an aggressive personality and they often have friction – but the pastor always defers to her since he respects her gift of prophecy. The prophetess is also married but is attracted to the handsome widowed Pastor Ozzy. Her husband, not a member of the church, is initially quite passive but becomes

accusatory and feels threatened by his wife's relationship with the pastor. The Pastor and Prophetess eventually engage in an affair.

**DENOUEMENT:** Len returns home after learning his fiancé has returned with a child. The Pastor and Prophetess eventually get caught during an encounter – (her husband learns of the affair, exposes the affair to the church congregation and leaves her). Barrett (the co-accomplice in the home invasion) commits a murder and is caught. He takes a plea deal and confesses to the previous crime he and Cal committed resulting in the double homicide. He also implicates CAL who has become the town's young congressman. CAL actually beats the charges by hiring a "Philadelphia" high priced lawyer. However, the charges still ruins his career. He descends into alcoholism which results in him driving while under the influence: he dies from driving his car off the road into a river. The conflict with CAL being charged with the deaths of his wife and mother causes Pastor Ozzy to end his relationship with Prophetess Delphi – he asserts that with her spiritual gift, she should have known her son was behind the deaths all along. Whether this is true or not is never revealed in the story. But the bitter Prophetess attempts in relentless ways to ruin the Pastor's chances in his new relationship with new member of the congregation. Pastor Ozzy eventually threatens her life and she stops.

**EPILOGUE:** Pastor Ozzy survives Len's assault but suffered a stroke during the assault. He remained Pastor of the church but has limited mobility in one leg and arm. He did not suffer facial paralysis. He never pressed charges against his son nor told anyone who assaulted him.

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