

Adventure Cabaret

Horrors of Homophily

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An actor walks center stage, holding a sign that says "Humanity is horrible." He reads the sign aloud once, just to make sure that everyone in the audience knows what the sign says. A second person walks on, reads the sign and begins to physically threaten him. Others gather around him, and begin to do the same, also spitting at him. The person holding the sign refuses to be chased away.

Screen: The Earth in space slowly fades in.

The others begin shoving him. They shove him to the ground such that he drops the sign center stage. They begin punching him and kicking him. A female police officer enters, sees what is happening, and blows her whistle loudly. The police officer is visibly pregnant. The actor who has been knocked to the ground calls out in a desperate voice "Help me!" The police officer comes over, stops for a moment over the already beaten person on the ground. She takes the sign from him and reads it, then also begins punching and kicking him. All the others join in the ultimately fatal beating. Finally they all stop the beating, one of them listens for a heartbeat and says "He's dead."

Two people drag the corpse off stage, then return. One of them is holding his own hand, which has a small cut on it.

Actor 1: Are you ok?

Actor 2: That bastard scratched me while we were killing him.

Actor 3: That's terrible!

Actor 4: He was so violent! They are all so violent, unlike us.

Police officer: We had to kill him, for the sake of my unborn child. I am absolutely pro-life.

Actor 2: At least that terrorist is dead.

Actor 1: But there are more terrorists, and we must always defend ourselves against them.

Screen: [Flags of nations of the world begin to appear, one by one: US, Israel, Palestine, Russia, China, more. This sequence is followed by a sequence of corporate logos: Amazon, Exxon, etc. Finally, a sequence of symbols of the major world religions.]

The group gathers center stage, unwittingly directly over the sign. Again, they high five each other and congratulate each other, have a group hug, and say in unison "We are morally superior!" twice. Then one of them holds up the "Humanity is wonderful" sign again, and they all say "Yay us!"

They disperse, still happily congratulating themselves. The police officer is the last on stage. She bends down and picks up the sign, first such that the audience can read it again. She flips it over so that she can read it, then laughs and shakes her head derisively.

She tucks the sign under his arm and walks off smugly.

Screen: No national anthem in the world includes moral ideals of any kind.