

Adventure Cabaret

Vegetables Are Superior to People

Actors: (*Entering, one by one.*)

When has a vegetable ever started a war?

When has a vegetable ever raped another vegetable?

When has any vegetable of any kind ever committed any kind of crime?

When has a vegetable ever held an idiotic political or religious belief?

No jaywalking by vegetables!

No cutting in line, either!

The final vegetable snaps into place in the line of vegetables. The vegetables are now standing in a crisp, clean line, as in a tidy garden patch.

Actors: (*One by one.*) I am lettuce! I am arugula! I am cucumber! I am chard! I am leek! I am tomato!

Actors (*All but tomato are taken aback.*): But tomato is a fruit! (*The actors other than tomato become suspicious, and begin to surround the tomato.*)

Actor (tomato): Not according to the Supreme Court! In *Nix v. Hedden*, 1893, the Supreme Court declared that while tomato is botanically a fruit, it can be considered a vegetable for tariff purposes.

Actor: So you're just *pretending* to be a vegetable for tariff purposes? (*The other actors surround the tomato more tightly, with a hint a threat.*)

Actor (tomato): No! I really am one of you! Just picture me in a salad! I mix right in!

The vegetables look at each other. Pause.

Lettuce: We, the true vegetables must confer for a moment. Excuse us.

The vegetables step aside, huddle and confer. After a moment, the huddle breaks.

Arugula: We have decided to accept you into our group, even though you are not a true vegetable, because we recognize that you identify as a vegetable, and that's what matters.

Tomato is welcomed into the group with handshakes, hugs and kisses on the cheek, tender touches on the back.

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One of the vegetables starts to cry. It is chard.

Lettuce: What's wrong?

Chard: I'm just so sad that we have to be associated with human beings at all.

Cucumber also begins to cry.

Cucumber: They just eat us, but they don't appreciate us.

Leek: I agree. It's terrible. Perhaps one day humans will finally choose to improve themselves, and become as good as we are.