

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: (*Stepping forward, 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 other vegetables step aside and confer, and finally decide that they must be tolerant of differences, and perhaps should even expand their definition of what it means to be a vegetable. Eventually they decide to add a new letter to LBGTQ+]

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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.

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