

FARCE

a ten minute play by Holly Adams

Cast:

Eight on-stage actors, all female or all male (preferably female) who will play the roles of both genders. Can also be played with just 2 actors.

Four audience plants, a mizture of male and female. Plant #2 must be male and should be sitting in the center section, womewhat near the front, saving a seat.

Set:

Dark and minimalist, with pools of light isolating the four corner areas of the stage and CS. Rehearsal cubes or actual couch and chairs may be used. Cubes are funnier. *At some poin, when the audience is still getting settled and a poignant or bitter song is playing for the “pre-show” music (choose a song apropos to the audience population), the room lights and stage lights and sound should all have a ‘blip’ – a short ‘brown out’. Then resume as normal. After a few more minuts, begin show.*

Actual House Manager or Theatre Manager of performing space:

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. *(Insert local traditional speech about fire exits, sponsors and upcoming shows)* Tonight’s performance is particularly exciting for us here at the _____ Theatre. We are honored to present the national debut of this hot new work by a local playwright. So, without further ado, please welcome FARCE! Enjoy the show! *(Lopes off in a traditional “I’m a theatre person” style.)*

*Lights dim to black out. Late Comer (Plant #1) enters, very apologetically making his/her way through the audience to get to Plant #2. Should drop something at some point and step on someone at some point, but **don’t overdo it!***

USR light pool up. Man and Woman kissing tenderly on a couch. 5 count, then lights down.

DSL light pool up. Woman reading in a chair. Man comes up to her, touches her shoulder. 7 count, lights down.

USR light pool up. PASSIONATE couch moment between man and woman. 2 count, then lights down.

Voice over begins, running as shown, concurrent with visual beats. Voice over can be taped or miked.

AUDIO**VISUAL****AUDIENCE PLANTS****Woman:**

I really wish you wouldn't treat me that way.

Man:

WHAT way?! What are you TALKING about?!?

W:

At the party. Just because I disagreed with you, you got nasty and vicious. I feel like you

*Conversation continues with Man speaking concurrently.***W:**

Only respect go again. my opinion

when it's the same as yours.

Why do you need to you humiliate me?

W:

Don't swear at me! I'm just trying to make a point.

*USR pool up, Man and Woman cooking together**Pool out**USL pool up. M or W alone, dejected**Pool out.**USR pool up. M and W holding hands, walking and talking.**Pool out.*

Plant #3 sneezes 5 times.

End sneezing fit. Pause.

Blow nose loudly.