

Synopsis

Comically Right

Comically Right is a 10 minute play about a meet-cute between Jackie, an animal rights protester, and Drew, one of the organizers of the protest. It is a case of dueling beliefs and ideologies as they both attempt to challenge each other while flirting at the same time.

[Excerpt]

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"Comically Right"

ACT I

[Play is set at an animal rights protest. Specifically about anti-cosmetic testing on animals. This protest is sponsored by Andrew aka "Drew" who's one of our main characters. Our other main character is Jaqueline aka "Jackie" who's an attendee of this protest.]

[Jackie is standing holding a sign that says "Animals are our Friends not Accessories." Drew looking on his Blackberry, not paying attention accidentally bumps into Jackie. A little bit to where her arms move and her hips sway. To the point where it is a disturbance and interrupts her chanting. This is how their "meet-cute" begins.]

Jackie: They are our Friends not... Hey! Watch where you're going!

[Drew looks up from his Blackberry and looks at Jackie even though he's still not really paying attention.]

Drew: Oh, sorry I didn't see you.

Jackie: No of course not because you were on... What is that? Is that even a phone? It looks ancient. Like, from 2006 or something.

Drew: It's a Blackberry?

Jackie: Right, I just didn't think they made those anymore. I haven't seen one of those since I was in like middle school. Do you think you're twelve?

Drew: Actually I'm twenty seven. I just happen to be really dedicated to the environment.

Jackie: Oh. So, you're trying to tell me you're a rare Pokémon?

Drew: Yeah, it's knowing where to find one really. Plus it's better to keep what you have then to buy new technology. One less smartphone being made means less fuels going into the ozone layer.

Jackie: That makes sense. Remind me never to pull my phone out around you.

Drew: Why?

Jackie: Because I don't want to catch whatever nostalgic disease you have.

Drew: What are you afraid of?

Jackie: I'm not afraid of anything. Just like Henry Bergh when he went to New York City in 1866 to enact his "Declaration of Animal Rights." He had to plead in front of a court in order for people to listen to him.

Drew: Yes I know. He then founded the ASPCA.

Jackie: Exactly. He was fearless.

Drew: Did you know a member of ASPCA had to rescue a bunch of animals off a plane in Newfoundland during 9/11???

Jackie: Where did you find that out?

Drew: Found an old interview about it on Youtube.

Jackie: So you own a blackberry but you watch Youtube?

Drew: I own a computer. I'm not a Neanderthal!

Jackie: Ohhhh kaaaay...

[There's an awkward silence between the two of them. They're looking away from each other to watch the other people protesting. Then Drew turns his head back to Jackie.]

Drew: Is this your first one?

Jackie: How can you tell?

Drew: Well one of the principles of PETA is to look presentable. Nice tats.

[Jackie lowers her sign, rolls it up and tucks it underneath her left armpit to hold in place. Then she looks back up at Drew.]

Jackie: What's that supposed to mean? I'll have you know that all of my tats were done by an artist that uses vegan inks so they're cruelty free. I do my research! Who are you with your fancy clothes that are probably made in factories that run on bad fuels?

Drew: Well I get my clothes from thrift stores, vintage shops, or cruelty free companies. There are plenty of stores that sell vegan leather and vegan materials that look like wool.

Jackie: Is that suppose to impress me?

Drew: No that's just my life. Maybe you should give it a shot sometime! Not being me, but the vegan clothing idea.

Jackie: How do you know my clothes aren't vegan?

Drew: Because there's no way your leather outfit is fake. It's way too hot on you to be.

Jackie: What?

Drew: I said, it's way too hot outside for you to be wearing that outfit. Why are you dressed like a Vampire?

Jackie: Um, this is my badass spy outfit. Who are you Jim from the office?

Drew: No. [Pause] This is what I actually wear to work.

Jackie: Well I'm not going to remove my tats and change my style just because I want to fight for a cause I believe in. What makes PETA think there's a certain type of person who should join their cause? That's discrimination.

Drew: I just think they mean that if you're not physically prepared then the people against us can tell. We use PETA's principles as part of our basic model. Besides, I just meant that you're not one of our usual turnout members. We usually know everyone who attends.

Jackie: How would you even know that?

Drew: Because believe it or not, we actually have an organized system. I always collect the sign in sheets after every rally or event we put together.