

American Repartee

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Just a political satire set in 1999 during the George Bush administration. I've had this play performed in three theatres around London (minor theatres that is) so I hope you will enjoy it!

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Act 1

Scene 1

George and three advisors are in George's office. George is sat on a plush, red arm chair smoking a cigar, behind a desk. The desk is strewn with official looking documents.

The three advisors are sat in different places around the room. Alan is sat directly opposite George with a laptop on his lap. Mike is reading a book (1984) and Dick is snorting cocaine. The office is in disarray, with cigarette stubs and empty liqueur bottles scattered on the floor.

George: [Puffing on cigar] This shit's good.

Alan: Specially imported for *you* Mr President. Cuba has a good reputation for their cigars.

George: Huh, why do most of our good imports seem to come from other countries?

Alan: Erm...Yes. Mr. President, as I was saying-

Dick: [Simultaneously with Alan saying and with an extremely lazy tone] Chillax Al. You take life too seriously. Here why don't you try some of this shit?

Alan: I assure you, *you* would be taking life seriously if you understood the full *implication* of the President's proposal. And no, I *refrain* from such lowly activity.

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Dick: [Looks towards George and laughs] (In a mocking tone) If you understood the full impli-bla bla bla.

Mike: [Absorbed in his book] Give the kid a break, Dick.

George: Alan! *You*, ma boy, areâ€¦ yes.

Alan: Thank you Mr, President.

Knock on the door. Dick quickly attempts to hide the cocaine but spills it everywhere

George: Who the fuck is it?

Voice at door: [High pitched, sensual] I heard someoneâ€¦ s been a *naughty* boy

Door opens. Policewoman enters holding a baton to her mouth and licking the tip suggestively.

Dick: About time! Al, liven up now, this is gonna get *sexy*!

Alan: [Shocked] Mr. President! Am I correctly led to believe that you have hired a *stripper* for a meeting regarding a *potential war*?

George: [Shocked] Al, of course I didnâ€¦ t! [Pause] The tax payers did.

Dick: You tell â€¦ im George.

George: Iâ€¦ ve told him, Dick.

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Alan: Mr. President, this is a serious issue! We mus-

Dick: Jheeze Al! Shut up! Why do you have to go all politics on us?

Alan: [Extremely sarcastic] I donâ€™t know. It canâ€™t *possibly* be because weâ€™re politicians!

Dick: [To George] I hate these new Harvard grads. They actually *know* things.

Mike: Thatâ€™s true. Hm.

Dick: [Lights a cigar] Hey George, give us a turn with her, why doncha?

Alan: [Turning to Mike and ignoring George, Dick and the stripper]: Mike, please tell me you donâ€™t agree with the presidentâ€™s proposal? Surely thereâ€™s a better way out of this...this mess!

Mike: Mâ€™fraid not Al. You see sometimes, force has to be used, and weâ€™re lucky. Weâ€™re the United States of America. We get away with things-

Alan: But Michael! How can a war possibly bring any good? *Countless* of civilians are going to be involuntarily drawn into the bloodshed. Children will *die*. Not to mention the economic *damage* we will suffer!

Mike: Al, â€™ war is peaceâ€™. And I believe I speak on behalf of Americans when I say we donâ€™t give two shits if people get hurt. As long as we get what we want.

Dick: Hey Al! Come and loosen up!

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Alan: [Ignoring Dick] War is just a continuation of politics by other means! Itâs just morally-

Mike: [Simultaneously with âmorallyâ] If youâre looking for doing the morally correct thing, you shouldnât be in politics.

George: Damn true.

Alan: Mr. President, there *must* be an alternative!

George: Maybe there is. But where is the fun in that?

Mike: Besides, the losses theyâll suffer wonât even be significant, Al.

End of scene 1. Curtain falls while stripper laughs childishly

(The other scenes and acts will be posted soon, depending on the reaction to this)

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