

**Freshman Section of Heaven, or Blind Fucking Rage**

a complaint

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FRESHMAN SECTION OF HEAVEN, OR BLIND FUCKING RAGE was commissioned and first produced by The Tank (Meghan Finn + Rosalind Grush, Co-Artistic Directors) as a part of The Fast and the Furious at The Tank in New York City on September 4, 2018. It was performed by Kev Berry.

**Who**

Man

**When**

Today

**Where**

Here

A theatre

**What It Looks Like**

A music stand

He wears a black t-shirt and khaki shorts

This play is for all the men who've ghosted me

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"I was waiting for so long for a miracle to come  
Everyone told me to be strong hold on and don't shed a tear"

Celine Dion  
"A New Day"

Before the show  
Quiet  
Darkness

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Then  
Man there as we're accustomed to

MAN

I think it's time I started airing my grievances  
Like really just  
Like really just fucking going for it airing my fucking grievances  
Not giving a fuck about who gives a fuck about what the fuck I have to fucking say  
Because at this point with all of the fucking complaining all of the fucks I have to give  
All of the fucks I've been actively fucking giving for two fucking years at this point  
Really fucking going at it too really fucking getting really fucking mad  
Some of them have been fucking polite some of my fucking grievances  
Some of them have been really fucking restrained and well thought out well written  
Some of them have been fucking angry some of my other fucking grievances  
Angry tweets and Facebook posts and posts to my fucking Xanga  
And they all as it fucking turns out they all just fucking contribute to the

Makes a white noise sound into the mic

Of it all they all just go out into the

Makes a white noise sound into the mic

Fucking void where all of the screaming that's supposed to turn into action  
Just fucking melts into a steaming pile of screaming fucks sitting at their laptops  
Screaming into the fucking void screaming into the fucking

Makes a white noise sound into the mic  
Looks up at the booth

Sorry can we adjust the fucking lights  
You're not supposed to fucking see me  
Not supposed to see my fucking face  
This is an Everyman type of thing  
This character I've been this fucking version of myself  
This person in front of you I've been propagating for the last 23 months  
Is supposed to be vague and you're not supposed to fucking see me  
You can't see me and get to know me at the same time  
Thank you thank you a little dimmer thank you

Makes a white noise sound into the mic

I just figure I'd start fucking going for it since none of my previous fucking grievances  
Seem to rise above the

Makes a quick white noise sound into the mic

In anything more than a blip that seems like a mistake

Makes a white noise sound that lasts a second into the mic

Last week I made a Ding Dong the Witch is Dead post about dancing on the grave  
Of a fucking war criminal and do you know what fucking happened  
Family members jumped on my post telling me how I was way out of line  
How I should watch a fucking Ken Burns documentary  
About how I have no idea what those fucking boys went through in fucking Vietnam  
About how I misspelled fucking war hero as fucking war criminal  
And do you know what I did then I fucking doubled the fuck down  
And posted about how one president passing another president's wife a salt water taffy  
At the initial fucking war criminal's funeral was just so fucking adorable  
I might be willing to forgive that fucking president's own war crimes  
Because now that he's aging and has taken up painting his fucking presidency  
Seems like the fucking golden age compared to the death spiral we're fucking stuck in  
No one responded to that post where I joked I'd be willing to forgive Guantanamo  
I guess they didn't have anything to say or they've given up on me there

It's hard it's really hard to live in a world where  
You can argue that a man who killed civilians which is a yes war crime  
Who voted against a day dedicated to the memory of Martin Luther King Junior  
Who voted against laws prohibiting employment discrimination setting us back years  
Who said no he's a decent man when some racist bitch called his opponent an Arab  
It's really hard to live in a world where among other fucking countless sins committed  
This fucking indecent man is hailed as a hero because he was a prisoner of war first  
Because he graciously conceded victory to his opponent in a speech written for him  
Because he defended Huma Abedin and called the ridiculous conspiracy ridiculous  
It's really hard to live in a world where we are willing to ignore the deep seated issues  
And in its place recognize and defend and praise the most basic human decency  
Maybe that's where we're fucking at and that fucking sucks

Makes a white noise sound that lasts a second into the mic

In the Ancient Greek myths Achilles claimed Briseis as his war prize  
But he did not make her his bed-slave as she would have become had  
King Agamemnon claimed her as his own  
Instead he and his companion-servant Patroclus treated her with kindness and decency  
Which enraged Agamemnon because straight men hate women and want to fuck only

Agamemnon was shortly thereafter forced to relinquish his own war prize  
The daughter of a high priest  
Because the first time her father the priest asked for her back nicely  
Agamemnon refused and her father the high priest sent a plague upon the Greeks  
So Agamemnon gave the daughter back and claimed Briseis as his own war prize  
Which in turn in the confiscation of Briseis from Achilles dishonored Achilles  
And he refused to fight until honor was restored to him and Briseis returned  
Achilles had his mother pull a favor with Zeus to let the Trojans advance towards victory  
Until the return of Briseis and honor to and on Achilles  
Achilles refused and refused to fight and fight as the war began to lean in Troy's favor  
His ego was fucking enormous fucking enormous as he sat there arms folded  
Refusing to even consider taking his armor back up and heading out onto the battlefield  
Only when his servant Patroclus was slain in the field after pretending to be Achilles  
Did he come back out onto the field to avenge Patroclus's death at the hands of Hector  
Achilles was killed shortly thereafter by Paris  
And he was remembered as a great hero  
We are willing to ignore the deep seated issues his arrogance caused  
Asking his mother to allow Troy to advance and gain ground and kill Greeks  
And in its place recognize and defend and praise the most basic human decency  
Treating Briseis well and not raping her like congrats man you're decent  
And eventually coming back onto the field  
That's like me throwing a temper tantrum at the bar stepping outside to smoke a blunt  
And then coming back in guys and being like hey guys what's up like nothing's wrong  
Maybe we're in Ancient fucking Greece and that fucking sucks

Maybe begins to make a white noise sound into the mic

You know what drives me fucking crazy is how it all went down on the fucking Internet  
Tweeting about the fucking war criminal and the mother of rock and roll  
Sitting together in the freshman section of heaven like heaven is a fucking cafeteria  
I think that that's maybe the fucking part that's the most fucked up  
That this Republican nutjob we like sometimes because sometimes she's on The View  
Railing against the current president and tweets against him sometimes  
We stan her we love her we fucking love her yes yas yes  
And then she tweets this perverted shit that drives me crazy

White noise sound into the mic

Sorry I was just thinking about heaven as a cafeteria  
Like imagine dying  
Literally please join me and imagine dying  
Indulge my fantasy here please imagine dying  
And you die and assuming you're all good people that we're all good people  
Up we go up to fucking heaven  
Indulge the fantasy of heaven please imagine heaven is a place we go when we die  
Up up up to heaven and when you get there

God says hello newly dead soul what's your name  
Which of course is a ruse because in the monotheistic traditions God is omniscient  
He knows your name when you get there and he says  
Oh here you are after ages and ages of looking through his stone tablet of names  
Of the newly dead here you are thought I couldn't find ya for a second there  
And he says welcome to heaven  
And steps aside and dead you looks up at the Pearly Gates  
And they open slowly slowly and the light is blinding but it doesn't hurt  
And then when your eyes adjust you're like  
Fucking wow  
A fucking cafeteria  
With fucking fluorescent lights  
And fucking linoleum floors  
And fucking rickety tables  
And fucking ladies with hairnets  
And fucking hot lunches where one dish is indistinguishable from the next

I think I'm going to start airing my grievances  
Like really just fucking going for it airing my fucking grievances  
Because apparently all it fucking takes to get into heaven is human fucking decency  
Because apparently most Republicans are at their core decent fucking human people  
Because today at the confirmation hearings for a fucking Supreme Court Justice  
One of the fathers of one of the kids murdered in that fucking shooting in Florida  
And isn't it a sad fucking thought that we have to fucking ask which shooting  
One of the fathers of one of the victims approached the Supreme Court candidate  
Held out his hand and said  
Hi my daughter was murdered in the shooting at Parkland  
The candidate for the bench of the highest court in the land buttoned his blazer  
And walked away  
That's what we should be fucking remembering  
The indecency of the people hailed as heroes on their death  
The fucked up legacies we provide these fucking asswipes who don't deserve it

I think I'm going to start airing my grievances  
It's about fucking time

The lights snap out

**End of Play**