

THE YOUNG AND THE SENSELESS (A TALE OF UTTER STUPIDITY) By Forrest Musselman

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

(In order of appearance: 2 Males, 2 Females, 4 Either)

PAT	SHE is an air head and in love with Biff.
ROSE	SHE is an air head and in love with herself.
BIFF	HE is a stupid jock.
JOCK 1	HE / SHE is an even stupider jock.
JOCK 2	HE / SHE is an even stupider jock.
ALBERT	HE is a nerd.
NERD 1	HE / SHE is even more of a nerd.
NERD 2	HE / SHE is even more of a nerd.
MOTHER	This a voice from off stage and can be said by one of the cast members.

NOTE: If you want a smaller cast, JOCK 1 and 2 can be combined as well as NERD 1 and 2.

TIME

The Present.

PLACE

A high school anywhere.

PRODUCTION NOTES

It is important for the actors to overly play their parts in a melodramatic style. This play is a parody of soap operas, among other things, as well as a spin off of the traditional melodrama plays.

The main music cue can either be the dramatic “DUN, DUN, DUN!” or a dark, crashing chord on the organ.

Props needed are: lipstick, Star Trek badges, a football and a geek ray gun.

Costumes should reflect the stereotypes of the characters.

A similar version of this play *The Young and the Senseless, A Tale of Utter Stupidity* was first performed at Studio Academy Charter Arts High School on November 15th, 2001, as part of a collection of one-act plays called *Caboodle*. The original cast is as follows: Adam Brady, Jessi Sawyer, Aaron Bateson, Mary Krueger, Ashley Cook and Becca Stiles. Technical support was provided by Brianne Brutinel, Lindy Sexton, Bobbi Wilson, Kris Holsen, Laura Goetsch, Katie Koga and Beth Johnson.

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SETTING: The play takes place at school and at Albert's home. There is a small platform on stage right that represents Albert's home, and a set of lockers can be placed center stage to represent the school. Additional pieces can be added if needed.

AT RISE: Scene opens with some jocks standing around some lockers in the high school. PAT and ROSE are standing stage left.

PAT: Hey, Rose. Check out the jocks. Biff is looking at us.

(Dramatic Music)

ROSE: More like lurking at us. What a bunch of Neanderthals. C'mon, Pat, let's go.

PAT: No, let's stay. Here put on some of this lipstick. *(Puts it on wrong)*

ROSE: No thanks. I don't wear lipstick.

(Dramatic Music)

PAT: What? How can you not?

ROSE: Don't you know what they test that lipstick on?

PAT: No, what?

ROSE: Rabbits.

(Dramatic Music)

PAT: Rabbits?

ROSE: Yes.

PAT: What do they have to look pretty for?

(Focus changes to the JOCKS, who suddenly begin to cheer. BIFF is holding a football.)

BIFF, JOCK #1 and JOCK #2: Titans! Titans! Titans! Titans for title!

JOCK #1: Hey, Biff! Who's number one? Huh, who's number one?

BIFF: Larry Thuduski!

JOCK #1: What?

(Dramatic Music)

BIFF: Larry. He got number one on his jersey. You know, the kicker.

JOCK #2: No, Biff. Who's the number one football team?

BIFF: Oh, we are. We're number one. Titans for title!

JOCK #1: Hey, look out.

(Dramatic Music)

Here comes the geek patrol.

(ALBERT and the TWO NERDS enter.)

BIFF: Line up nerds!

(The NERDS quickly form a line and the JOCKS punch each NERD in the arm as THEY pass. The NERDS quickly go by and form into a little group. The JOCKS laugh.)

ALBERT: Oooo, I hate Biff so much. One day I'll get him.

(Dramatic Music)

He's such a Klingon.

NERD #1: Just let him go, Albert. One day he'll get what he deserves.

ALBERT: No, it'll never happen. Biff runs this school like the Founders ran the Gamma Quadrant. Whatever Biff wants, Biff gets.

Resistance is futile. Let's face it, if you're a jock, you've got the whole world in your hands.

(THEY all look at the JOCKS who are now staring stupidly at the football, which BIFF is holding high in the air.)

NERD #2: The world is his until he graduates from high school. Then maybe he'll play a little college ball, gain forty pounds and become a traveling salesman who revels in his past until it destroys him.

ALBERT: Perhaps, but I can't wait that long. I need to destroy that Klingon now.

(Dramatic Music)

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NERD #1: Well, there's nothing you can do now. Hey, there's that new girl with Pat. Is she pretty to you?

ALBERT: Yes, there's something immensely curious about her. I'm drawn to her like Captain Kirk was once drawn to that salt sucker monster.

NERD #2: Well, once again you may be helpless. It appears the Jocks have singled her out.

(The NERDS watch as the JOCKS approach ROSE and PAT.)

JOCK #1: Hey, new girl. Is that seaweed on your head or are you trying out a new hair thinner?

BIFF: Yah, you know they invent something. It called soap.

(THEY laugh.)

ROSE: Get out of my face, creep-a-zoid.

(The JOCKS take a step back to regroup.)

JOCK #2: Hey, Biff. Maybe you should go talk to her a little one on one.

BIFF: That's a good idea. Maybe she'll go out with me. Hey, you guys go now. Leave me to do my work.

(JOCKS leave, BIFF approaches PAT and ROSE.)

Hey, new girl.

ROSE: Yeah, hi. My name is Rose. *(Slowly)* Can you say Rose?

BIFF: Yeah, sure, Rose. That a pretty name. You pretty, Rose. I like pretty. I sorry we so mean early before. Maybe, we dance sometime, yes? At Homecoming dance? Dancing fun, yes? Titans for title!

ROSE: Dancing is fun. Yes. Dating you for dance? No.

BIFF: Humpf, we'll see about that. No one say no to Biff.

(Dramatic Music)

PAT: Hi, Biff. Remember me? We went out last week?

BIFF: Huh? Uhh, yeah. *(Confused)* Titans for title! *(Exits like a gorilla)*

PAT: Are you crazy, Rose? Biff is the hottest guy in school.

ROSE: Then you go out with him.

PAT: I wish I could, but it's over between Biff and I.

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(Dramatic Music)

ROSE: I'm sorry to hear that. What happened?

PAT: I don't know. We were together at a party after the football game and then afterward ... afterward he wouldn't even talk to me.

ROSE: I'm sorry to hear that, but it seems like Biff is just using people for his own gain. You're better off without him.

ALBERT: This is my chance to introduce myself to this beautiful earthling. Beam me over there, Scotty.

NERD #1: Very well. Good luck with your mission.

(Hits a badge on his chest and makes a weird sound. ALBERT makes a strange motion with his hands and glides over to where PAT and ROSE are standing. When HE arrives, HE presses his badge and makes a weird sound.)

ALBERT: I've arrived. Prepare to stand by.

NERD #1: Roger, Albert. Kirk out. *(Looks at Nerd #2)*

NERD #2: He doesn't have a chance.

(THEY exit.)

ALBERT: Welcome to this teen haven of learning, stranger. My name is Albert.

ROSE: Uhh, thanks. I'm Rose.

ALBERT: A name befitting your beauty. I came over to your general location to ask you if you would be interested in going to the Universal Intergalactic Super Awesome Star Trek Convention this week-end?

ROSE: Uh, no thanks. I'm really not into trekkie stuff.

(Dramatic Music)

ALBERT: I assure you. A great time will be had by all. Almost as much fun as a shore leave on Risa. *(Pronounced Rise-ah)*

ROSE: Really, I could care less. C'mon, Pat, let's go somewhere else where there's more oxygen.

PAT: I'll be you with in a second.

ROSE: Suit yourself. *(Exits)*

ALBERT: Curses! My plans with Rose have failed. I must return to the ship. *(Hits his button)* What's this? No one is at the controls. Help me. Please. Help me. Khan!

PAT: Sorry, Albert. I guess it just isn't your day.

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