

JUAN!...JUAAAAAN!!!

(THE SUPREME GOD)

DARK COMEDY IN 2 ACTS. (A short excerpt).

CHARACTERS: QAL, the Supreme God himself, JUAN, a poor mortal , and few mute participants.

ACT 1.

Russia. 17th century. Church with bulbous domes in the backstage, right side. Piggery in the downstage, left side. From the piggery just a small segment is visible. The piggery is an old, ruined, miserly place. A pig-pail stands ahead of it.

From the backstage, Qal, the Supreme God is bound here. Qal is taller than the humans. Golem his outlook recalls. Dilapidated triangle he has in his forehead, triangle has one eye inside. Qal's disgusting body covered with many ugly warts and with red and green, shiny cavities. Qal as stupid as no one in our world. He has a bass voice and continually grunts and murmurs.

QAL Juan!... Juaaaaaan!!!!... (*Grunting like a hog.*) Were are you? I'm here to carry you out!... Be happy Juan! For your all self-abasement and self-restraint you get now a very glorious reward! (*He tries to bend down to the piggery's opening and to see who is inside.*)

Inside the piggery a man appears wearing sackclothes. Scrambling in the dirt he moves and runs, among pig shits. When Qal bends down he disappears very quickly.

QAL Juaaaaan!!!!... Hey! Get out!... Out!! (*Haughtily.*) I see you very well! Eye of the God always see everything! (*Lifting the pig-pail up. Checking the content of it.*) This disgusting pig wash you eat?!... Do you endure anything?! Hmm... Hey! Come out! Come! (*Slopping the pig wash out.*)

JUAN (*He comes out. He has rags with pig shits everywhere. On his face he has stubble and marks of pig wash.*) Hands off! (*He becomes furious.*) Do you hear me??

QAL At long last!... (*Putting down the pig-pail.*) I did know that you'll come out!! I did!... I know you well! I know very well all of my creatures.

JUAN Balls!... Balls you know well! (*Moving back to the piggery's inside.*) Enough! Out of here!

QAL (*Making that kind of horrible howl that Juan stops.*) Juaaan!!!! (*Firmly.*) Your time has been expired on earth and now you come with me! (*Turning his head toward the sky.*) Up there, for your self-sacrifice you'll gain your great reward. (*Like the prophets.*) You'll live in Eternal Happiness till the end of the world.

JUAN (*After a short pause.*) Idiot! (*He disappears in the piggery very quickly.*)

QAL Juan!! (*Menacingly.*) Against the God any will of any mortal people is useless!

JUAN (*With heavy hate.*) Fuck you off!... Fuck you!... Take these friars, the Yurodivys, with you!... Help them! Make them happy instead of me!... (*Turning towards the piggery opening.*) Pure buddies! Almost dead they are now!

QAL (*On his body a knob he pushes. With a dim lamp he enlights the piggery. A few blowzy, ragged men scramble on the shitty ground inside, in panic.*) Holy men!... (*Reverently.*) Saints!... Not too much people made so much sacrifices for God than these mortals!... (*Wisely.*) Their turn too will come. Sometimes, in the future. (*He turns the dim light off.*)

JUAN But they're friars!! They're your proper people and not me! (*Softening. A bit entreating.*) Please! Watch! Watch them! Watch their outlook! Be gracious! (*Standing up. Fawningly.*) Prime feature of the God the clemency is!... You don't know that they how much suffer endured! They tried to free themselves from human desires, wishes, wills, vanity, everything. They tried fully to free themselves from the human features that always serve as a ground of crimes. With lashes they forced themselves to live among hogs and pigs!

With lashes they forced themselves to live the life of immaculate, crime-free animals! Everything they tried to turn themselves from sinful men into sinless zoological creatures!! Everything!

QAL (*Angrily.*) Hey!!.. Don't teach me!... In Russia, Yurodivy friars live in hundreds and hundreds of piggeries at recent. I do know them very well.

JUAN Then them carry with you! Right? And, Arrivederci Amigo! (*Turning back to the piggery.*)

QAL (*Stopping Juan.*) No!... You will come with me!...

JUAN (*Angrily.*) But why not you are concerned with your religious people?... Why with me? Who hates all your priests, all your pastors, all your rabbis, all your dervishes, lamas...

QAL (*Interrupting Juan with haughtiness.*) Because you did penance in this shitty piggery at long last! Past time, hiding on the trees from me among sleepy sloths, that was really not a penance. Clothes defecate less than hogs and pigs. (*Guffawing and grunting.*) Hhh...Hhh...Hhh.

JUAN (*Shouting loudly to the obtuse giant.*) Fuck! Remember!! Remember please!... I'm here from absolutely other reason as penance or atonement!

QAL (*Dumbfounded.*) But then why you are here?

JUAN (*Resignedly he leans back to the wall of piggery and stops. Short pause.*) Hmm... Fucking shit! He doesn't remember anything! Stupid mutton head!... (*Stepping to Qal.*) Listen to me again! I don't desire to be a human being!! Do you understand me??!!... I - don't - desire - to - be - a - human - being!!... Many times I told you! Do you understand it now??... I desire to be a pig! I desire to be a sloth, or any other animal! But to be a human being this I never want anymore!...I think everything is clear! So bug off now!..

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