

The NSA's Guide to Love and Sex

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TOM, 20s-50s,

About the play: In this TED talk, two NSA agents help Americans with their love lives using the agency's ability to monitor all communications and obtain total knowledge.

About this scene: Tom has had it with people questioning the NSA's tactics. He lays into the audience exactly what he thinks of them.

Time: Present.

TOM

You know what! You people don't even deserve to be protected anymore, we're trying over here

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GABRIELLE

We are.

TOM

And you think its fun for us to have complete knowledge of your lives? You think we enjoy knowing everything about you? It's a terrible, terrible burden this knowledge. I know what you do in the morning. I know what you do at night. I know there are people out there who dress up like stuffed animals and have sex with each other. They cut little holes out of their costumes. I swear to God. I may not believe in furry sex, but if it takes a few hundred laser-guided bombs on some middle East shit-hole to kill a whole bunch of people, I will kill those people so that you can have your freaky furry sex in the privacy of your own home, only watched by me and a few thousand other NSA employees. Because that is America! Where we have the right to do anything the fuck we want and we will kick your ass if you hate us! That's all. We just want to be loved. And if you don't love us, I've got fifteen invisible drones flying over your country to drop a million tons of goodwill up your fucking ass. And by the way, if you love America, you can get fucked up the ass all you want. Try that in Pakistan, Omar.

GABRIELLE

Goddamn I love America.

TOM

Fucking A I do. So this is what I want you to do. I want you people to go to your respective houses with your opposite-sex partners. I want you to love each other in a good old-fashioned American way. Complacent ignorance. Okay? You don't know anything about the rich interior life of your partner and you don't want to know. Let us know that for you. And if your mind ever drifts to the fact that your government is spying on you and knows every disgusting detail about your lives, I want you to look into the love of your life, and I want you to think about how the love of your life loves you for you, and how he or she no longer loves you in a red-hot passionate

way, but rather has settled into a routine, comfortable, complacent affection – and that’s how I want you to feel about the NSA, okay? Love us like you love an old spouse. Because it’s till death do us part.