

‘ ‘Indonesian Fisherman’ ’

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from a scene with by Claire in Anoo’s VIF class.

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In the original class piece, Claire was an Indonesian Buddhist fisherman. She was fishing from the end of her dock. Problems were;

indonesian fishermen don't fish from the end of their docks. That's where the houses are. They fish from boats away from land. The waters around their houses have venomous sea snakes.

Indonesians are muslim, not buddhists.

I wondered "what do you do in a piece when one of your characters is the only buddhist in Indonesia?"

The line about coca cola comes from Guy.

FADE IN

FISHERMAN has lived on island all his life. is well respected by the other islanders.

MUSLIMS, CHRISTIANS, AMERICANS all people from outside.

The muslim, christian and american can be the same actor. You could do it with two actors, one the fisherman and the other playing the three visitors to the island.

location: end of dock in island village situated completely over water.

The piece starts with only the fisherman on stage. the fisherman stays on stage through the whole piece. The fisherman slowly hauls in net, with practiced hand throughout the piece. The other people enter and exit.

ACT ONE

1. EXT. DAY

MUSLIMS

(brandishing machine
guns. Pulls back
block to load
cartridge. Puts
hand around pistol
grip.)

We're muslims ...

FISHERMAN

(confidently)

I am a peace loving buddhist, a
humble fisherman, wanting nothing
but to feed my family. Welcome to
my island.

MUSLIMS

Listen infidel; This is a muslim
nation. We're freedom fighters.
We run this place now.

(exits firing
machine guns in the
air)

2. EXT. DAY

CHRISTIANS

(waving censer,
making signs of
the cross, looking
pious)

We're christians ...

FISHERMAN

(somewhat
cautious, but still
confident.)

I am a peace loving ... ah ...
muslim!, a humble fisherman,
wanting nothing but to feed my
family. Welcome to my island.

CHRISTIANS

We bring you the gift of love and
eternal life. But first you have
to stop sinning, renounce your
manifold wickedness and all the

(MORE)

CONTINUED

CHRISTIANS (CONT'D)
works of the great Satan, and let
the love of your lord and saviour
into your heart. Otherwise your
soul will roast for eternity in the
fires of hell.

3. EXT. DAY

AMERICANS
We're americans ...

FISHERMAN
(apprehensive, but
still confident)
I am a peace loving ... ah ...
christian!, a humble fisherman,
wanting nothing but to feed my
family. Welcome to my island.

AMERICANS
(enthusiastically)
Wow! This place is pristine.
We're here to bring you ... wonder
bread ... coca cola ... and
modern educational programs, like
creationism and abstinence.

FADE OUT

THE END