

A BITING COMMENTARY

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Cast of Characters

Ella Mentary - Young female, a teacher. Everyone is constantly trying to give her a gun.

Kerry Tuterm - Young female, pregnant. Discovered early on that she has been bitten by a zombie.

Jerry Mandurring - Older white male, always trying to put things to an arbitrarily weighted vote.

Lee Gullizit - Older presenting person, always wants everyone to just chill out.

Setting

In a boarded up house during a zombie apocalypse. The apocalypse is a few weeks in from patient zero. Everyone has just entered the home and has seemingly avoided a recent attack from a hoard of zombies.

INT. A darkly lit house. Possibly a boarded up window or doorway. Possibly a large piece of furniture blocking an entrance. Four people in ragged, torn up clothing are catching their breath. They have all just come from the outside where the world is infested with zombies. A pregnant woman, KERRY TUTERM, hides a bite on her arm from the others. A teacher, ELLA MENTARY, is in shock as she stands by herself. A stoner, LEE GULLIZIT, is freaking out as he barricades the entrance. An older male, JERRY MANDURRING, carries a gun and supervises Lee. Zombies can be heard moaning outside.

Ella Mentary

I'm okay. Is everyone else alright?

LEE Gullizit

I dropped my freakin' stash, man.

Jerry Mandurring

I'm okay as long as I still have bullets in Harvey.

(cradles his gun like a baby)

Everyone looks at Kerry.

Ella Mentary

And you?

Kerry Tuterm

Yeah?

Ella Mentary

Are you good?

Kerry Tuterm

(covering up bite on forearm)

Yeah. I did...um...

Jerry Mandurring

(points gun at Kerry)

She's bit! She got bit by one of those things! We gotta put her down now!

Kerry closes her eyes and prepares for her fate.

Lee Gullizit

Whoa, brother man. Just chill out for a sec.

Ella Mentary

You can't shoot a pregnant woman. Are you crazy?

Jerry Mandurring

She's a zombie! All zombies need to die!

Kerry Tuterm

Not yet I'm not! Zombification does not begin at conception...or mastication...or whatever.

Jerry Mandurring

You're a zombie the second you're bitten. It is a God given fact. It's in The Bible...somewhere. Don't ask me what page.

Lee Gullizit

You should give up the gun, Jerry.

Kerry Tuterm

You definitely shouldn't have any say over my body. Right, Ella?

Ella Mentary

I don't know. I was just a teacher in the pre-pocalypse. I already had so much on my plate before the dead started rising. I mean, do you know how many of my students I've seen walking around out there?

Lee Gullizit

You heard her. She was a teacher. Give *her* the gun.

Ella Mentary

Whoa, I'm not trained to touch a gun.

Kerry Tuterm

Yeah, give Ella the gun. Teachers should have guns.

Jerry Mandurring

While I generally agree with that, it is my constitutional right to carry this here symbol of freedom.

Ella Mentary

Let me say this again. I. Do. Not. Want. The. Gun.

Jerry Mandurring

Let's put it to a vote. All in favor of Miss...

Ella Mentary

Mentary. Ella Mentary.

Jerry Mandurring

All in favor of Ella Mentary, the teacher, holding the gun say, "Aye".

Kerry Tuterm and Lee Gullizit

Aye.

Jerry Mandurring

All opposed? Nay.

Ella Mentary

Nay!

Jerry Mandurring

Well, it's settled. I keep the gun.

Lee Gullizit

Hey, man! I may not be good at math, but I'm pretty sure it's a tie.

Jerry Mandurring

Three votes to two.

Kerry Tuterm

Now, hold on a second...

Jerry Mandurring

People that carry guns get an extra vote in this district...er...room.

Ella Mentary

Mister...um...

Jerry Mandurring

Mandurring. Jerry Mandurring.

Ella Mentary

Mr. Mandurring, you have no reason to get an extra vote here. I know I got the outcome I wanted, but that's hardly fair.

Kerry Tuterm

He's an old, white, man. How are you not used to this by now?

Jerry points the gun at Kerry.

Lee Gullizit

Bro, stop pointing the gun at the pregnant lady!

Jerry Mandurring

We have to put her down, uh...what's your name?

Lee Gullizit

Gullizit. Lee Gullizit, man.

Jerry Mandurring

Mr. Gullizit, we have to put it down before it turns into one of those things.

Kerry Tuterm

One, not an "it". I'm a person...still...I think. I have a heartbeat. Two, I have a name.

(beat)

Ella Mentary

And that name is?

Kerry Tuterm

Tuterm. Kerry Tuterm.

Jerry Mandurring

We should put it to a vote on whether or not I shoot Kerry Tuterm in the head or the stomach. All in favor of the stomach, raise your hand.

(Jerry raises his hand)

Then it's settled. We shoot her.

(points gun at Kerry's stomach)

Lee Gullizit

Wait a minute, man! First off, you have to shoot them in the head for it to even matter. Second, us three didn't even get to vote. Third, why were those the only two options on the ballot? Wasn't there a sensible third option?

Jerry Mandurring

(points gun at Lee)

You ever been arrested, Lee Gullizit?

Lee Gullizit

No...yes. I had like an ounce that I forgot about as I left Illinois, where it's legal by the way, and traveled into Indiana. I even have a medical card for it, but the judge didn't care.

Jerry Mandurring

As a felon, you can't vote. Since Kerry Tuterm is a zombie, she doesn't get a vote.

Kerry Tuterm

I'm not a zombie...yet...probably!

Jerry Mandurring

And Ella Mentary hasn't shown voter ID, so she gets no vote either.

Ella Mentary

I have an ID.

(takes out ID)

Jerry Mandurring

That's not valid in this county and you took too long to vote too...and you did it by mail...also, you were hacked by the Russians.

Lee Gullizit

What are you talking about, man?

Ella Mentary

I don't make enough to put up with this. Give me the gun, Jerry Mandurring.

Jerry Mandurring

Absolutely not.

Ella Mentary

Oh, thank God. Right as I said that I thought I was going to vomit. I shouldn't have a gun. Who am I going to protect without any training whatsoever? I'm more likely to drop it and accidentally kill an innocent person.

Kerry Tuterm

You know what? I'm kind of sick of all this. Go ahead and shoot me.

Jerry Mandurring

As someone that is incredibly pro-life, it will be an honor to kill you and your unborn baby. As I've said from the beginning, it is incredibly important to me that we kill someone that will turn into a zombie before they turn into a zombie.No matter what.

(rolls up his shirt sleeve, points gun at Kerry's stomach, he has a visible bite on his arm)

Lee Gullizit

Whoa, man! Is that a zombie bite?

Jerry Mandurring

(noticing his arm)

Yeah. What of it?

Kerry Tuterm

So you've been going on about killing me because I'm bit,
but you've been bit too?

Lee Gullizit

What about the whole, "kill zombies before they turn"
stuff?

Ella Mentary

Okay, give me the gun.

Jerry Mandurring

Second Amendment! Get away from my gun.

Ella Mentary

Thank God. I'm not trained to hold that thing.

Jerry Mandurring

This bite is different.

Lee Gullizit

Why is your bite different?

Jerry Mandurring

(stalling)

Because...I...uh...wasn't bit by a zombie.

Kerry Tuterm

What were you bit by?

Jerry Mandurring

Um...ANTIFA! Yeah. ANTIFA bit me.

Ella Mentary

The whole of ANTIFA bit you? No. If you're a zombie, then
you can't have the gun. We have to kill you. Hand it over.

Kerry Tuterm

I thought you didn't want it?

Ella Mentary

Oh, eww. I almost touched it! Oh, I know. Give it to Lee!

Lee Gullizit

I can't touch a gun, I'm a felon. Also, if he can't have a gun because he's a zombie then I should probably admit something.

Jerry Mandurring

What?

(Lee rolls up his pant leg and reveals he has a bite)

Lee Gullizit

I got bit too. I smoked a bit too much and thought a zombie was a bearded dragon and I tried to pet it.

Ella Mentary

You're all bit? Seriously?

Kerry Tuterm

Seems like it.

Jerry Mandurring

This can only mean one thing. We have to put it to a vote on what to do next.

Ella Mentary

How do you always want to do the democratic thing, but also try to dismiss democracy at the same time?

Jerry Mandurring

Do we shoot the teacher now or just rip her to shreds after we've turned? Teacher doesn't get a vote because she isn't a zombie.

Kerry Tuterm

I don't care either way. I'm just happy to not be marginalized for once.

Lee Gullizit

Why don't we just bite her and make her one of us so we are all on equal footing for this vote?

Ella Mentary

I strangely hate that idea and appreciate it at the same time.

Kerry Tuterm

If we bite her before we turn into zombies will she even turn into a zombie?

Jerry Mandurring

Good point. We aren't ANTIFA zombies yet, so we should wait to turn into them before we vote a second time. Make it a landslide victory, you know. Until then, as a good guy with a gun, I'll just shoot her in the uterus.

Ella Mentary

You said earlier that once you're bit, you're a zombie.

Jerry Mandurring

That was before I gained a new forced perspective.

Kerry Tuterm

I should get extra portions since I'm eating for two.

Lee Gullizit

Is the baby a zombie too?

Kerry Tuterm

I don't know. I could very well give birth to a delicious snack for us all to share.

Ella Mentary

(pulls a book out of her purse)

Alright, hand the gun over.

Jerry Mandurring

What's that?

(points at book)

Ella Mentary

Oh, this old thing? Just a little bad boy I like to call...a banned book...

(the trio gasp)

...on *Critical Race Theory!*

(the trio gasp again)

Jerry Mandurring

I've never seen it up close. It's as terrifying as they say.

Lee Gullizit

I was pretty sure it wasn't real at all.

Ella Mentary

Oh, it's real alright. And if you don't hand me the gun now, I'll start teaching it to you.

(Jerry hesitates handing it over)

Hurry up, or I'll read a different banned book that will turn you gay!

Jerry Mandurring

(hands over gun)

You're the real monster here, not us soon to be zombies.

Kerry Tuterm

Yeah, that's pretty messed up.

Lee Gullizit

I mean, I'm already gay, man.

(Jerry and Kerry look at him shocked)

What? Not every gay person you've ever met is flamboyant.

Jerry Mandurring

I feel like I don't even know who you are anymore.

Kerry Tuterm

We all met like ten minutes ago.

Lee Gullizit

Actually, I matched with Jerry on Grindr months ago.

Jerry is flabbergasted.

Ella begins pointing the gun at everyone in the order of Lee, Kerry, and finally Jerry.

Ella Mentary

Alright, I'm getting out of here. None of you chase after me or I'll put you down.

(points gun at Jerry)

Jerry Mandurring

(gasps)

Is this what it feels like to have someone point a gun at you? This feels awful.

(to Kerry)

I'm so sorry I was doing that to you.

Kerry Tuterm

That's the first time a man has ever apologized to me.

Ella Mentary

(starts to back out of the room)

It was really nice meeting you all, but I have to go before you all turn and try to kill me. K? K. Toodles.

Ella EXITS.

The three others sit in uncomfortable silence for a bit, not sure what to say. Finally, Jerry breaks the silence.

Jerry Mandurring

Do you think zombies go to heaven?

The three of them debate the matter as the lights fade.

FADE TO BLACK

THE END