

**PROLOGUE**

SFX: MUSIC.

ACTORS ONE, TWO, THREE & FOUR enter, each holding a book.

START:

ACTOR ONE

Dracula-

ACTOR THREE

By Bram Stoker-

ACTOR TWO

Was first published in 1897.

ACTOR ONE

And its themes still resonate today.

ACTOR TWO

It plays with gender roles-

ACTOR FOUR

It questions the patriarchy-

ACTOR THREE

And it features a hot guy who takes off his shirt.

ACTOR FOUR

(re: an audience member)

Someone's gonna have to hold that lady back!

ACTOR ONE

It's also four hundred and eighteen pages long.

ACTOR TWO

So to save you time, we've done some creative editing.

WHOOSH. They toss them.

ACTOR ONE

But before we begin, management has asked us to issue the following instructions.

ACTOR TWO

Please unwrap your candy-

ACTOR THREE

Turn off your devices-

ACTOR FOUR

And put on your turtlenecks.

ACTOR ONE

You never know who you're sitting  
next to.

ACTOR THREE

In the unlikely event of a vampire  
bite-

ACTOR TWO

Please see a member of the house  
staff immediately.

ACTOR FOUR

And they will pray, for your  
eternal soul.

END

THUNDER CLAP SFX: HORSES CLOPPING, CARRIAGE WHEELS ON THE  
GROUND, WOLVES HOWLING LOUD WIND