

CALIGULA NATION

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Lycra: (f) 30sa
Chilax: (m) 20s
Spurius: (m) 40s

Caligula: (m) 20s
Lisius: (m) 30s
Doug: (m) 30s

Narrator (V.O.)

We hear Roman-type music during the V.O. Lights in shadow on Lycra, Chilax and Spurius posed like they were in a piece of Roman art- stage lighting possibly in red at this moment.

V.O.

The year is 39 AD. The mighty Roman Empire is ruled by Gaius Julius Caesar Augustus Germanicus, known by his nickname-Caligula. To most, he was a deranged, scandal-ridden despot; but to his admirers, he was a ruler who could do no wrong...

Lights up to Lycra, Chilax and Spurius posed like they were in a piece of Roman art- stage lighting possibly in red at this moment. Lights change to wash.

CHILAX

A splendid orgy, is it not Spirius?

SPIRIUS

That it is, Chilax. Say what you will about Caligula, the man knows how to throw a party! Especially these two here...

(refers to audience... short ad lib)

LYCRA

Indeed he does... (to Spurius) So, you have journeyed all the way from SCARBORONIUM to Caligula's annual BBQ and orgy?

SPURIUS

Yes. I tell you, what a dreadful ride from Scarborough! If only that hateful Senate would approve Caligula's plan to build that Suburban Terrain Way...

LYCRA

Ah, yes, the SUB-WAY!

CHILAX

What's wrong with traveling with a train of goats?

LYCRA

Goats are too slow.

SPURIUS

Yes, the goat train IS too slow.

LYCRA

Well, I'm just here for the food.

SPURIUS

Come now... Caligula is the best Emperor Rome has ever had!

LYCRA

You've never had an interest in politics, Spurius.

SPURIUS

Well, we've never had a regular fellow as our Emperor. He's one of us, you know...the kind of guy you want to have a goblet of honeyed wine with at the ol' vomitorium.

LYCRA

He's got nothing in common with us! Caligula was born a silver scepter up his ass!

CHILAX

Ooooooo! I saw that earlier today at the orgy.

SPURIUS

But look at what he's done for us! He bought all those slaves with his own money then coached them at Don Boscona's school for gladiators.

CHILAX

(provoking)

I hear rumors that he likes to dress as a woman.

SPURIUS

Slanderous rumors. Absolutely untrue!

LYCRA

(Pointing off stage, laughing)

Look! Caligula is wearing his mother's silks!

CHILAX/LYCRA

Ooooooooooooo!

SPURIUS

That's not Caligula!

CALIGULA

(O.S.)

Guys! It's me! Caligula! IN A DRESS!

SPURIUS

Okay. So he likes to wear women's clothing. Tell me you don't have any idiosyncrasies.

CHILAX

And I hear he quimsticks his sister.

SPURIUS

That is a bald-faced lie!

LYCRA

Hey, look! He's quimsticking someone now!

All squinting to see.

SPURIUS

That is not his sister.

LYCRA

That's her alright.

CHILAX

Lycra is right! It is his sister!

SPURIUS

No, it is not! I'd stake my reputation on it!

CALIGULA

(O.S.)

Guys! Everybody! Look! I'm fucking my sister!

CHILAX/LYCRA

Ooooooooooooo!

SPURIUS

Okay! So he fucks his sister. What does that prove?

LYCRA

That your ignorance is willful, for one thing.

CHILAX

And that he fucks his sister.

SPURIUS

Well, he's still a great leader, despite your wise cracks.

CHILAX

Speaking of crack, it would appear that his worship is awfully fond of his sister's.

CALIGULA

(O.S.)

Wow! Look at this crack! I love my sister's beautiful crack! I can't get enough of this crack! I gotta have me more o' this crack!

LYCRA

I cannot believe you defend that monster.

SPURIUS

OH I see, you've never had crack? He's only human!

CHILAX

I thought he claimed to be a god.

SPURIUS

He never said that. Never! He cut our taxes!

CHILAX

I hear plans are afoot to do something about him.

LYCRA

An Asian Queen comes from the far east, I hear.

SPURIUS

Conspirators!

Caligula, Lisius and Doug enter, behind Spurius, begin to mimick Rob Ford drinking and driving in council meeting footage..

LYCRA

We're just voicing an opinion.

SPURIUS

A treasonous opinion! I must warn Caligula!

CHILAX

Careful, Spurius. I've heard what happens to messengers of bad news.

SPURIUS

Nonsense! I'll be rewarded for my loyalty. Why, I'd even give my life for Caligula.

CALIGULA

Taxpayer! What's your name, buddy?

SPURIUS

Spurius, your worship.

CALIGULA

Well, Spurius, sure are grateful for your loyalty. Have a bobble head doll. Lisius?

Caligula snaps his fingers. Lisius hands him a doll.

SPURIUS

It's a great honor, sir.

CALIGULA

And that is why I permit thee, Spurius, to die for me. Lisius! Doug! Prepare this loyal taxpayer for his painful sacrifice.

SPURIUS

No! No! No! That's not what I meant! I meant it figuratively!

CALIGULA

What?! Are you saying that I'm wrong?! I'm going to kill that fucking guy. I'm telling you it's first-degree murder. But I'll fight him... I'll tuh him muh I'll fuckin... d'uh fuh ging... No holds barred, brother. He dies or I die, brother. Brother, you've never seen me fucking go. Think so, brother? When he's down, I'll rip his fucking throat out. I'll poke his eyes out. I will,

fuck, when he's dead, I'll make sure that motherfucker's dead. I need fucking 10 minutes to make sure he's dead. It'll be over in five minutes, brother...10 minutes!

Doug and Lisius drag him off stage as he screams-

SPURIUS

Noooooooooooo!

CHILAX

Poor Spurius..

LYCRA

(feigning sadness)

I do hope his tax savings will comfort him before he becomes lion shit...

Beat. Lycra & Chilax clink their goblets and laugh.

CALIGULA

Ya Mon! Orgy Mon! Love dat shit!

CHILAX

I can't wait to see him on Julius Kimmel.

Lycra and Chilax laugh, and freeze. Lighting change, Roman music.

V.O.

And so began the fall of Rome. If history has taught us anything it is the heavy price of being led by a fuckwit.

Lights out.