

LIGHTS UP

SENATOR TURNER is center stage delivering a speech directly to the audience.

SENATOR TURNER

And that is why we need to change policies! We need to change policies at the judicial level, at the civic level, and at the economic level is we want to truly have an equitable society!

CLIVE and POLLY stand up with banners and shirts that say #AllLivesMatter.

CLIVE

SENATOR TURNER, SENATOR TURNER, YOU WILL LET ME SPEAK.

TOMLIN, the elderly security guard, moves to block the protesters.

TOMLIN

Now now, this is not the time.

POLLY

THIS IS THE TIME! YOU WILL LET US SPEAK! WE HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY!

SENATOR TURNER

This is not the appropriate time, my position has always been one of support...

CLIVE

WE WILL SHUT DOWN THIS RALLY IF YOU DO NOT LET US SPEAK!!!

TOMLIN

Now look, look, why don't we let you speak after the Senator?

POLLY

YOU WILL LET US SPEAK NOW! ALL LIVES MATTER! ALL LIVES MATTER!

SENATOR TURNER

But what are you protesting?

CLIVE

We are protesting the lack of public acknowledgement that we are pretty good guys!

POLLY

I AM A PRETTY GOOD GUY! DON'T YOU GET THAT?!

CLIVE
WE ARE BOTH PRETTY GOOD GUYS!

TOMLIN
Now look, this is no place...

POLLY
YOU WILL LET ME SPEAK!!!

SENATOR TURNER shakes his head and exits.

COLDS?

CLIVE
WAIT, WHAT IS IT DESIGNED FOR?

POLLY
IT'S THE NASAL DECONGESTANT SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR MALE AFRICAN
AMERICAN CHILDREN WITH SINUS CONGESTION.

CLIVE
WHAT'S IT CALLED AGAIN? OH RIGHT.

CLIVE & POLLY
BRO-NASE.

TOMLINE
What is the point of this?

CLIVE
Just that he is a nice guy.

POLLY
I'm a really nice guy. A nice white man.

CLIVE
One of the good ones.

TOMLIN
And?

Pause.

POLLY

And we've been feeling left out.

Pause.

CLIVE

Because we're actually really nice guys.

Pause.

POLLY

Senator Turner?

LIGHTS OUT