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50 Guns

a short play

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Characters

EMMA

PLAYWRIGHT'S NOTE

The 'guns' can be as realistic, non-realistic or symbolic as the director or designer desires. They can be represented by replicas, toys, blocks of wood or even apples. It is only important that one of the objects used clearly stands out as the red 'gun'.

EMMA ENTERS CARRYING A LARGE BOX. SHE STANDS CENTRE STAGE. PAUSE.

EMMA EMPTIES THE BOX, 50 'GUNS' CLATTER ON TO STAGE. ALL ARE THE SAME COLOUR EXCEPT ONE, WHICH IS RED AND EASILY IDENTIFIABLE. **EMMA** PICKS UP A 'GUN'.

EMMA: I have always been fascinated by guns. Their sleekness, their shinyness, the elegance of their design.

1. Friday, October 25th, 1415. An unknown English soldier killed by a French soldier at the Battle of Agincourt. The first person ever killed by a gun

SHE PLACES THE 'GUN' IN THE BOX.

Guns know who they are. They do not experience existential doubt. Whatever happens the gun is still a gun.

SHE PICKS UP ANOTHER 'GUN'.

2. 15 July 1974. Christine Chubbuck, committed suicide during a live broadcast. At 9:38 am, 8 minutes into her talk show, on WXLT-TV in Sarasota, Florida, she drew out a revolver and shot herself in the head. Christine had been struggling with depression and suicidal tendencies. Bet the ratings were good that day.

SHE PLACES THE 'GUN' IN THE BOX.

Some say guns are evil. Anything created solely for the purpose of destroying other human beings must be evil.

SHE PICKS UP ANOTHER 'GUN'.

3. 14th of December, 2012, Newtown, Connecticut. Six-year old Dylan Hockley is one of 20 children killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School when twenty-year-old Adam Lanza opens fire on Dylan's class with a military style Bushmaster .223 semiautomatic rifle. All of the children killed are between the ages of six and seven. The gunman's mother, Nancy Lanza, volunteered at the school. Nancy is later found dead at her family home. Six female teachers at the school are also killed. The incident was the latest in a series of mass shootings in the US over the last several years. In 2007 32 people were gunned down by a student at Virginia Tech university. President Barrack Obama says: "Our hearts are broken today". Wayne LaPierre, chief executive of the National Rifle Association says: "The only way to stop a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun," and blames rap music, films and violent video games.

SHE PLACES THE ‘GUN’ IN THE BOX. SHE PICKS UP ANOTHER ‘GUN’.

4. Sharidyn Svebakk-Bohn. Utoya island, Norway.

On 22nd of July, 2011 Anders Breivik bombed government buildings in Oslo, Norway, killing eight people. He then took a ferry to Utoya where he shot dead 69 students, including 14-year-old Sharidyn, who were attending a camp of the Workers' Youth League on the island. Breivik outlined the reasons for the killings in a manifesto he posted on line. “Islam and cultural Marxism are the enemy", he wrote, “I seek violent annihilation of Eurabia, multiculturalism and the deportation of all Muslims from Europe.”

Sharidyn, the youngest victim of the massacre, was born in New Zealand but had lived most of her life in Norway.

Murder is easy. It's a terrible thing to say but murder is easy. The act itself is simple. You point the gun and pull the trigger. Easy. If that doesn't work, you do it again.

That is power and the gun gives you that power.

SHE PLACES THE ‘GUN’ IN THE BOX. SHE PICKS UP ANOTHER ONE.

5. Veronica Moser-Sullivan.

Midnight, Friday July 20th, 2012. Aurora, Colorado. A gunman in a gas mask and body armor enters a cinema during the midnight premiere of the new "Batman" movie. After hurling a gas canister into the theater he opens fire on moviegoers with an assault rifle, a shotgun and a pistol. He wounds 59 people and kills twelve, including six-year-old Veronica. “She was a very special girl”, said Veronica’s grandmother, Anne Moser. “She was very intelligent … she was a sweetheart to everybody, and lovable. She knew how to make people happy.”

The shooting evoked memories of the 1999 massacre at Columbine High School in Littleton, 17 miles from Aurora, where two students opened fire and killed 12 students and a teacher.

SHE PLACES THE ‘GUN’ IN THE BOX. SHE PICKS UP ANOTHER ONE.

March 12, 2006. Yusufiyah, Iraq.

Soldiers of the 502nd Infantry Regiment entered 14-year-old Abeer Qassim Hamza’s house and ordered Abeer’s father (‘GUN’ IN THE BOX), mother (‘GUN’ IN THE BOX) and six-year-old sister (‘GUN’ IN THE BOX) into another room where Pfc.

Steven Green summarily shot all in the head, emerging to say, "I just killed them."

Abeer was held down to the floor by another soldier. Green and at least one other soldier then raped Abeer, and then Green shot and killed her. The lower part of Abeer's body, was then set on fire.

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Murder is easy.

SHE PICKS UP ANOTHER 'GUN'.

10. Christopher Pitcock, 17, Oakland, California, USA.

Investigators say the shooting was a robbery gone awry. The gun used was a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson revolver.

According to a report the Smith and Wesson .38 is the most popular gun used in violent crime in the USA.

SHE PLACES THE 'GUN' IN THE BOX

Guns also have no conscience. They do not feel remorse or ask for redemption.

SHE PICKS UP ANOTHER 'GUN'.

March 31st, 1993, Brandon Lee, Wilmington, North Carolina on the set of The Crow

Lee was killed after another actor fired a prop gun at him. A 'squib load' was lodged in the barrel of the handgun. When the blank was fired, the bullet shot out and hit Lee in the abdomen, wounding him fatally.

SHE PLACES THE 'GUN' IN THE BOX.

And guns can not undo what they have done. You can't pull the trigger and bring somebody back. No matter how much you might want to, the genie can never go back in the bottle.

Once the bullet leaves - it's never coming back.

SHE COMES ACROSS THE RED 'GUN'. SHE LOOKS AT THE 'GUN'. BEAT.

SHE MOVES AWAY AND PICKS UP ANOTHER 'GUN'.