

“From the Burkha to the Thong” Street Theater

This is the script used in NYC. Don't feel locked into this, but we do think the ending must announce clearly that SUNSARA TAYLOR IS COMING [date and place]

Character B wears a burkha and holds up a sign: “OBJECT. SHROUDED. OWNED”

Character A wears or holds up a thong, and holds up another sign: “OBJECT. STRIPPED. FOR SALE”

A: Where you come from women are raped and beaten if they disobey the law to cover themselves.

B: Yes. And where you come from, women are harassed, disrespected, beaten, raped. Every hour, every minute, every second of the day, husbands beat and sometimes kill their wives and more often than not get off with little or no punishment.

A: Yes, but I have a choice. I have the power to entice men with my body. Where you come from women are stoned to death for falling in love.

B: Yes. And where you come from women voluntarily go through painful procedures to make themselves more valuable sex objects. Young girls cut and starve themselves when they do not fit your beauty standards.

A: Yes, but you are forbidden to go to school, shrouded and bought and sold in marriage. You are not free.

B: In your country women are told the most meaningful thing in the world is to be a wife, a mother, an object for the sexual pleasure of men, more important than your passions, education, what you think about the world and changing it, stopping wars, or global warming. Are you really free?

A: Anywhere you look in this world.

A and B: IF YOU ARE A WOMAN YOUR BODY IS A BATTLEGROUND

B: But it doesn't have to be this way! Sunsara Taylor is coming to recruit a new generation into the revolution.

A and/or B: From The Burkha to the Thong: Everything Must, And Can, Change—WE NEED TOTAL REVOLUTION! A talk by Sunsara Taylor. If you don't want to accept a world where women are harassed, raped, beaten, thrown acid at, made the butt of a joke, disrespected, beaten, murdered, and systematically diminished, come hear Sunsara Taylor. [time and place]