

# "Something to Drink with That, Sir?"

An American freeform game poem for exactly 4 players by Evan Torner, anno 2015

- Choosing to play this game means you will care for and respect your fellow players. Do so.
- The person reading this scenario will play the airline passenger. He sits down in a chair. The other players remain standing as the passenger determines what roles they will play: the **flight attendant**, the **attendant's feelings**, or the **attendant's emotional labor**. The attendant will treat the space next to the passenger as if it were an aisle of an airplane. Her feelings and emotional labor stand on her left and right, following her wherever she goes.
- The passenger is gendered male, the other characters female. Players do not need to match this.

## **Play:**

- The passenger presents the first situation (below), then begins to act it out.
- Before the flight attendant comes over to deal with it, feelings reminds her of her personal life and emotional labor reminds her that her job depends on her caring about the passengers.
- The flight attendant comes to the passenger and tries to deal with the situation.
- The passenger exhibits behavior that puts stress on the attendant.
- When things seem stressful, the passenger says "PAUSE" and everyone freezes silent 30 seconds.
- During these 30 seconds, the flight attendant absorbs how she feels right in that moment. Then the passenger remains frozen as the other 3 characters convene.
- The attendant's feelings tells the attendant how she feels and what she would like to do.
- The attendant's emotional labor suggests a way of feeling empathy with the passenger and how to make him feel at ease. Maybe she could treat him like she did her grandfather when he spilled his drink on his birthday. Maybe she could nurture him as if she were her own son.
- When emotional labor is finished speaking, everyone freezes for another 30 seconds.
- The flight attendant unfreezes the scene, then does what she thinks is right.
- Advance to the next situation, and repeat as above.

## **Situations (to be read aloud by the passenger):**

- "I have spilled a drink on myself!"
- "I am sitting next to a mother with a baby and would like to move to a different seat."
- "The plane is experiencing in-flight mechanical trouble and the pilots have requested that passengers such as myself to remain calm. You will need to calm me."