

SHE KILLS MONSTERS

geeks and warriors

written by
Qui Nguyen

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through
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By Qui Nguyen

Directed by Danielle Drakes

Content Advisory: This production contains use of atmospherics (haze/fog), strobe lighting, violence with weapons but not firearms, gore, slurs, strong language, and sudden loud noises. It also contains discussion of sexual assault, death, and homophobia.

Director's Note:

1995. 11th grade. Oh, do I remember the struggles. The labels, boxes, mistakes and regrets, my own emerging identity and the identities of those around me. One of the ways I dealt with my own "monsters" and challenges faced as a young adult was to dive into the world of the theatre. It was an opportunity to be someone else and to create something beautiful and meaningful through play. And for thousands of years the theatre has been used to create change and understanding in the society in which it lives.

And this show is no different. Some of the language and situations in this play may not be exactly appropriate for children under 13, but this show is relevant to our students sharing this story with you. After losing her entire family Agnes begins a literal and figurative quest: To discover the sister whom she lost and discover something extraordinary about herself. This is her journey through immense grief, dealing with loss and missed opportunities.

Through the role-playing game Dungeons & Dragons, Agnes copes with her powerlessness to save her sister. She cultivates an imagined power to control and slay the demons that haunt her in real life. For anyone who has ever felt like an outsider, invisible or powerless, this play shows us how to take something you have no control over and imagine yourself courageous, heroic and even superhuman.

We hope you use this hour and a half to find new ways of understanding each other, and, ultimately, to remember to tell your loved ones they matter to you.

- Danielle Drakes

Cast

Tilly Evans - Sierra Basilio

Agnes Evans - Jackie Kim

Chuck - Michael Carpenter

Miles/Gelatinous Cube - Colin Maher

Lillith/Lilly - Katie Hetzer

Kalioppe/Kelly - Alex Shawn

Orcus/Ronnie - Theodore Sherron III

Vera/Beholder/Oni - Sarah Gould

Steve/Mage - Caleb Griffith

Farah/Tina/Oni/Tiamat - Stephanie Wagner

Narrator/Gabbi/Bugbear/Oni - MaryGrace Ruebens

Ensemble/Kobold/Bugbear/Magic Missile - Iffy

Ensemble/Kobold/Bugbear/Beholder - Niara Richards

Understudies - Shay Chubin, Gabby Grant, Lukas O'Boyle, Cece Smith

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