

Script V1

Ants fighting

Thoreau: Adel

Manservant: Niranjan

Grey Ant 1 – Kobe BryANT: Lauren

Grey Ant 2 – Mark ANTony: Ishana

Red Ant 1 – Kevin DurANT: Ayaan

Red Ant 2 - ANTrew: Andrew

Act 1:

(ENT Thoreau SR to CS)

**Thoreau:** Helllllloooo my loyal subjects, it is I, your great emperor, Henry David Thoreau, and welcome to the gladi-ants! where these lowly scum will fight ... To the death! And here come the fighters ... drumroll please ...

(SND drumroll + Audience drumroll)

**Thoreau:** The undefeated champions, the small, the useless, the GREY ants!!!!!!

(ENT Grey Ants SL, parading around the “Colosseum” (stage))

**Thoreau:** And now our rookies, the lowest, the grossest, the scummiest, The Red ants!!!!!!

(ENT Red Ants SR, parading around the “Colosseum” (stage))

**Thoreau:** The black ants are almost twice as big as the red ants and I bet are twice

**Thoreau:** You ants are like the poor; not so cold and hungry as you are dirty, ragged and gross! (voice gets louder in heated anger, munches on more grapes) FIGHT for your right to live!!!!!!

(Red ants fight grey ants)

**Kevin DurANT** - (Charges Kobe BryANT, screaming) AHHHHHHH!

(Exchange sword fighting)

**Thoreau:** Ahh, oh how I love watching such insignificant beings do how I bid. Watching the poor and weak fight with each other gives me so much amusement. LOOK!!! Look at how

the grey ant, twice as large as the red ant, tries to strike! They fight with more pertinacity than bulldogs!

**Thoreau:** I believe the all-powerful, such as a supreme being like myself, should force their ideas and power onto their lowly subjects. They must be obedient and listen to everything their leader tells them because it is always correct. I must teach them what they know nothing about, that is the ways of royalty. Look at them! Fighting so fiercely. And look at the audience! Celebrating the shedding of blood while their own lives remain safe in the comfort of their seats. Let's applaud the gladi-ants for their misguided journeys while we all conveniently overlook our own hypocrisies! By critiquing them and their foolishness, we find peace and pride in ourselves. So, let's all cheer and clap at their measly and trivial war!

(Fighting is still happening as the monologue goes on)

**Kobe BryANT** - I'm going to get you!

**Kevin DurANT** – Oh no you don't!

Mark ANTony cuts off ANTrew's arm

**Mark ANTony**– Aha! Take that! I got you now!

**ANTrew:** Tis but a scratch!

**Thoreau:** Although the ants' lives are filled with poverty and misery, of their own fault of course, I will acknowledge the fact that they do bring some entertaining gossip and bANTer. I love listening to the stupidity and hilarities of their gossip, it brings me such amusement! Listening to how they live their meaningless, misguided lives are the peak of my day

**ANTrew:** Come and taste my revenge you little ant!

**Mark ANTony:** Oh no you don't!

**Thoreau:** Come Manservant, fill my wine glass

(Manservant fills the wine glass)

(Kobe BryANT falls over and yells)

**Thoreau:** THUMBS ..... UP!

**Mark ANTony:** WAIT!!!! Do you guys... do you guys actually agree with this guy? Or are we just doing this because he told us to? He's the real enemy!

**Antrew:** You're right! This entire time he has watched down on us as if he was somehow better. He is ignorant of the ways and needs of the common ant, all the while he sits atop that throne benefiting from the dollars of others.

**Kobe BryAnt:** He looks down on us just for being a class beneath him but continues to use us for his own entertainment!

**Kevin DurAnt:** He tells us how to live OUR lives and forces us to do things that we don't want to with no reasoning as to why but that he enjoys it.

(Ants turn to crowd)

**All Ants** (Helping each other up): We will not stand for a leader as elitist and egotistical as him.

(Ants turn to Thoreau)

**All Ants:** You're reign of terror ends today!

**All Ants:** GET HIMMMMMMM!

(SND intense music)

**Thoreau:** WHAT ARE YOU DOING?? WHAT IS THIS INSUBORDINATION

(Thoreau struggles to defend himself from the four attackers and is slowly pushed to the edge of the stage)

**Thoreau:** I will have your limbs ripped from your thorax for this! You think you knew pain in the arena! I will make sure you but barely live after every fight from now on! You lowly commoners cannot defeat me with your inferior ways of thinking and living!

(Thoreau is backed up against the stage edge and Kevin DurAnt disarms Thoreau and Antrew knocks him off the stage using the shield)

**Antrew:** That's for making me lose my arm! And that's for letting me truly fight again...

**Kevin Durant** (speaking to audience): My fellow ants, now is our time to rise up. We will re-work the great nation of WaldANT pond and put an end to the tyranny of Thoreau. I believe in you and if we all work together, we can form a more fair, free life, for the rising juniors. So, they need never experience his hypocrisies and his arrogancies. Rise up and end his reign today!

(Thoreau gets up and tries to flee as the audience attacks him)