

QUEEN OF THE WORLD

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CAST: one female

A YOUNG WOMAN, slightly giddy and caught up in the excitement of a New Year's Eve party, foregoes a simple New Year's resolution and tells her friends what SHE will do when SHE is Queen of the World.

Listen to you silly, silly people talking about your New Year's resolutions. Whaddaya mean whaddah I mean, silly? Don't get me wrong or anything, guys...I love you...you guys are the best friends that I ever had. No...seriously. What are you laughing for? No really, listen to me.... What? No, I don't think they're stupid...well, maybe I do.

I mean...C'MON... ***(Imitating stereotypical Italian guy ala Rocky)*** "My New Year's resolution is a really tough one this year. I'm gonna work out every single day no madda' what."

I mean, what is that?? That doesn't do anything. It's just a statement that somebody makes a half an hour before midnight simply because somebody asked them! I just never understood why people bother making New Year's resolutions. Who made the first one anyway? Who's bright idea was that? Make yourself a promise on the last day of the year??? Why do you have to wait until then?? Think about it. BE HONEST!!! By January 4th, at the very latest, they all go out the window anyway. Me, instead of just thinking about yourself and trying to make yourself better, or thinner, or whatever, I think you should go for something bigger. If you are going to make a resolution, think huge, think globally.

(imitating) "Why don't you give us an example there, smart girl." An example??? Fine. Example. Okay. If I had to choose one...uh...um...Oh, yeah!! Here we go, my New Year's resolution is...that...uh...I have decided that I need to be Queen of the World. None of this 'lose ten pounds and start working out more' for me. I'm going straight to the top!! Get outta my way! And, my dear ladies and

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gentlemen, WHEN I'm Queen of the World, I am going to be making some changes. BIG changes.

What do you mean, like what? Have you people no imagination!?!?!?! Sheesh...

Like...ok...uh...to start with, the first parking spot closest to wherever it is that I need to be going??? **(long pause and then slap to chest)** Oh yeah.... MINE! And while I am traveling to wherever it is that I need to be going...everybody yields to moi. You see the Queen of the World coming, you just step aside and get out my way, no questions asked. Come to think of it, I get my own lane on ANY road that I'm on!! Yeah! And a 'Jeeves' to drive me around saying "Where to next, Mum?"

And nobody drives 45 in the fast lane in my world; you're a slow poke, you drive in the pokey lane...NOWHERE ELSE.....and anybody caught with their blinker on for more than 5 minutes or three miles, *whichever happens to come first*, you are just too inattentive to be driving on my roads in the first place, so now you have to carpool with all the other Blinker Impaired Silly People on the short bus...driven by a highly-trained, blinker proficient employee of the Queen.

(Pause to think. The pauses in this piece where the actress attempts to collect her thoughts are good opportunities for some physical comedy)

OR I could just ***(Imitating Jersey girl)***... "I'm going to grow my hair and start being more confident in myself."

OR maybe ***(imitating pretentious New York Artsy Type)*** "I don't really believe in making resolutions. It is just some beaugois ploy to make people feel better about the pathetic states their lives are in. But, I would really like to follow the path that Kerouc took while he was writing On the Road."

But I choose MY WORLD!!!

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