

# Welcome to the System

## Forum Theatre performance for YackBack Part I

### The Characters:

Foster dad .....Mike  
Foster son .....Roland  
Oldest daughter .....Laura  
Younger daughter .....Adrienne  
Corporate Calgary .....Kevin

### Opening:

Image of the family. Roland is in the middle. Mike, Laura, and Adrienne start in a big circle around him. They say all kinds of mean things to him and to each other – things that reveal the nature of their relationship. As they say things, they end up in a chant – getting closer and closer to Roland, circling him and trapping him in the middle of their chaos.

Mike: You worthless piece of shit.

Laura: I hate you.

Mike: Nobody cares about you.

Laura: Not even me.

Adrienne: I care about you Roland.

Laura: You shut up.

Adrienne: Don't tell me to shut up.

Laura: Fuck off.

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Laura: Shut the fuck up.

Mike: You worthless piece of shit.

Laura: I'll fucking kill you.

Adrienne: I care about you Roland.

Mike: You worthless piece of shit.

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Mike: You worthless piece of shit.

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Adrienne: I care about you Roland.

Roland: STOP!

Mike: I'll make you pay for this...

Roland: What, what did I do?

Mike: I ought to kick your ass.

Laura: You've really done it this time.

Roland: Done what?

Laura: As if! Don't even try your little innocent act. Poor little foster boy!

Adrienne: Maybe you should just tell him what's going on?

Mike/Laura: YOU SHUT UP!

Roland: I didn't do anything.

Mike: I can't believe I ever let you into this house.

Adrienne: Come on, it's not that bad...

Mike/Laura: SHUT UP!

Laura: Stay the fuck out of it or your next.

REPEAT AS NECESSARY. SPEEDING UP EACH TIME. UNTIL ROLAND SCREAMS "STOP". EVERYBODY FREEZES. ROLAND STEPS OUT OF THE IMAGE AND ADDRESSES THE AUDIENCE.

Roland: This is my foster "family". Apparently my real family is too fucked up for me to stay there, so they sent me here instead.

My foster "dad": alcoholic, out of work, mean. Well, every young boy needs a good role model!

Laura's the oldest. Mostly she tries to stay out of Dad's way. Usually this means making him mad at me.

Adrienne. She's alright. She hates it here just as much as I do. At least she tries to stand up for me.

Here what it's like for me to be part of the system...