

# **Peace in Our Time**

**A one-minute play**

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## Cast of Characters

Dora – A yoga instructor

Allie – A seeker who lets Facebook come between her and serenity

## Setting

Dora's yoga studio.

October, 2016.

DORA and ALLIE are seated on yoga mats, in lotus pose, meditating. DORA exudes serenity with her perfect pose, perfect hair, and perfect Lululemon ensemble. ALLIE, in an old t-shirt and worn bike shorts, is fidgety and unfocussed.

DORA opens her eyes and turns slowly to glare at ALLIE. ALLIE meets her gaze, looks away, looks back, stills herself and closes her eyes.

DORA centers herself and closes her eyes. ALLIE immediately begins to fidget.

DORA (without opening her eyes)

You've been back on Facebook, haven't you?

ALLIE's eyes pop open and she freezes.

DORA

So you really don't want peace or serenity?

ALLIE

I do ...

DORA

Then why ...

ALLIE

My mother is wearing a "Make America Great Again" hat in her profile picture. My mother!

DORA

Has arguing with her on Facebook changed anything?

ALLIE

No...

DORA

And yet you persist. And you still wonder why you're agitated all the time.

ALLIE

I know ...

DORA

I have opinions, too.

ALLIE

You do?

DORA

And I vote. And I donate. And I get on with my life.

ALLIE

I just went on Facebook to wish my cousin a happy birthday ...

DORA

How long did that take?

ALLIE

Four hours.

DORA

Next time send a card.

ALLIE nods sheepishly.

DORA

Your choice is clear, peace or pixels.

Blackout.