

**Overall Synopsis:** The play portrays a rape that ends in the acquittal of the rapist.

**Meaning:** A theatrical statement showing the horrors of rape in light of a 1999 ruling in Italy that women in jeans cannot be raped. It also serves as a reminder that many crimes could be prevented with the help of bystanders.

### Scene I

Location: Outside street café in Italy,

Visual: slide of Italian scenery projected on wall?  
(or self made props)

Audio: street sounds (cars honking, glasses

Action:

1. Young couple sitting at a bistro table talking while being very focused on themselves (new love..) She speaks with an American accent, he has an Italian accent She is wearing Jeans.
2. Waitress walks up, guy asks girls what she wants to drink before ordering two espresso in Italian
3. Waitress leaves, couple flirting & laughing (audio changes to soft classical music)
4. Waitress returns with espresso, guy pays waitress while girl adores him
5. Couple drink espresso & leaves

### Scene II

Location: dark alley

Audio: dramatic music

Visual: room very dark, possibly strobe light

Action:

1. Guy chases girl / entering & exiting the room from various doors
2. Girl gestures to audience for help before having to run away again

3. Girl pleads to audience for help before being chased away again
4. Girl & guy exit through right back door

### **Scene III**

Location: completely darkened room

Audio: rape audio played from tape (or microphone)

Action: 1. After tape is over, guy walks back into the room with a self-satisfied shmuck grin and staring intently at the audience

### **Scene IV**

Location: court room

Audio: none

Action: 1. Announcer: all rise for the honorable Judge SomethingItalian

2. Guy & Girl stand up from their respective chairs in the courtroom

3. Announcer addresses audience to stand up too

4. Judge enters the room and walks to his desk

5. Announcer: Please be seated

6. Judge asks “Have the facts of this case changed? Girl accuses guy that he raped her while guy says she wanted it.”

7. Girl & Guy say this is correct.

8. Judge looks over his papers and announces his verdict.  
“It is common knowledge that it is nearly impossible to even partially remove jeans from a person without their cooperation, since this operation is already very difficult for the wearer

9. Judge & guy leave the room leaving girl by herself

10. Using gestures, facial expressions & breathing, girl addresses audience and breaks down crying, saying “This is 1999!”

11. Girl looks at audience and screams at them that they could have prevented it when she had asked for their help.

(12. Girl shoots herself?)