

WAR OF 1812
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(Two mics needed-upstage L & R-Lights to black. Jillian takes stage. Two mics needed)

(Jillian comes out-audience welcome-introduces Paul as 'Captain Canuck'-he comes out in costume-music cue)

Jillian: The United States beats Canada at a lot of things.

Paul: Teen pregnancy.

Jillian: Incarceration.

Paul: Illiteracy Rates, for example.

Jillian: We simply cannot compete.

Paul: But you cannot beat us where it counts.

Jillian: War.

Paul: Yeah.

Jillian: War.

Paul: Yes, you get into more of them.

Jillian: But you don't win them.

Paul: Vietnam?

Jillian: Iraq?

Jillian: And how's that war against drugs going?

Paul: You did okay in the Second World War; but were late to the party.

Jillian: And you'll always be remembered as the guy who brought the nuclear bomb to the gun fight.

Paul: And lest we forget the War of 1812.

Jillian: What happened in 1812 you ask?

Paul: You got your ass kicked.

Jillian: What's that you ask? What happened in 1812?

Paul: Of course, they don't know, given the quality of their public education down here. Do they still teach history down here?

Jillian: The War of 1812 was supposed to be an opportunity for you to make Manifest Destiny real. Take over the entire continent.

Paul: But things didn't go according to plan. The commander of the American troops, William Hull, was a pompous drunk.

Jillian: His own troops hated him. And he was so dumb he thought he was outnumbered when the Canadian troops marched round and round, out of sight and back again.

Paul: They appeared to be five times larger than they were.

Jillian: It always has been, and always will be, all about optics with guys.

Paul: You guys burned York. We burned the White House. Which sounds more important?

Jillian: The heroes on our side included: Laura Secord, a woman who went on to have a chocolate company named after her.

Paul: Former slave, Richard Pierpoint, who raised an army corps to resist American incursion.

Jillian: Native leader Tecumseh, who came up with the 'round about marching' scheme.

Paul: How could we not win? We were already inclusive and politically correct, 200 years ahead of schedule.

Jillian: There are even rumors that a gay couple catered the for the Canadian army.

Paul: Canadians were also aided by deserting Americans. They were fleeing the high taxes of the US.

Jillian: The taxes had been raised to pay for your war against Britain. Canada was a financially stable haven at the time.

Paul: Sounds familiar, doesn't it?

Jillian: Except now you guys raise taxes to bail out banks, not governments.

Paul: Oh wait, they're the same thing in the US.

Jillian: We tricked our natives into aiding us.

Paul: You killed yours off.

Jillian: We starved ours. We kept them around long enough to help.

Paul: So there you have it.

Jillian: A brief history lesson.

Paul: Evidence of our superiority.

Jillian & Paul: Sorry.

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