## Assault and Other Stages, A New Web Series, New Episodes Weekly



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Assault and Other Stages is a new dark humor web series with new episodes uploaded every Sunday on Youtube .

The series is a dramedy that is loosely based on the filmmaker's own experience with sexual assault and subsequent life as a survivor. Sexual Assault has recently become a headline in the media, but what many miss when considering sexual assault is what happens *after*. Assault and Other Stages explores what it means to live as a survivor. Spread over 6 episodes, Assault and Other Stages follows the 5 stages of grief to a conclusion of a 6th stage -- joy. The series jumps non-sequentially through 7 years of coming to terms with being a survivor. And, yes, it is a comedy. Written and produced by comedian and writer, **Rosa Escandon**, the series makes jokes about rape, but never lets rape become a joke.

The cast features New York comedians including Otto Fernandez, Sarah Jane Dillion, Irene Fagan Merrow, Misha Han, Ben Lerner, Kimberly Stewart, Jon Skinner, and many others. The

creative team consists of real life couple, comedian Rosa Escandon and Emmy-winning producer, Sam Wild, who also both appear in the series.

This series was created by and dedicated to survivors of sexual assault. And while it may be triggering to some, the intention of the series has always been one of empowerment. The script was reviewed by survivors and the cast has many survivors with their own stories.

Assault and Other Stages grew out of Escandon's stand up about her own assault and journey as a survivor and comedian. Talking about sexual violence has never been more important than it is today. With huge movements, celebrities, and shocking revelations, the true nature of being a survivor is so often lost. Assault and Other Stages is a genuine look into the true nature of survivorship in interesting and often hilarious ways.

The script for *Assault and Other Stages* was originally picked up by a small production collective, but when scheduling delayed production, Escandon and Wild decided to make it themselves. With almost no budget, *Assault and Other Stages* was truly a labor of love and a feat of low budget production. With no outside financiers or crowdfunding to back it up, the series was **made for under \$200**.

While Assault and Other Stages is free to watch online, any proceeds we make from this series will be donated to RAINN: The Rape and Inscest National Network. Including the over \$85 dollars we raised at our premiere screening in Queens this April.

April is winding down and even though Sexual Assault Awareness Month is almost over, we hope to keep the conversation moving forward. We hope you can help us!

We look forward to hearing from you.

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