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A Modest Proposal

For preventing the abuse to women by men, and, consequently, lifting the spirits of our degenerating world.

“If he’s mean to you, that means he likes you!” Said every mother, grandmother, aunt, and cousin ever. From kindergarten to marriage, women are exposed to the volatility of men and are, with much consequence, forced to endure it. In the privacy of their own home, behind the curse of locked doors and curtained windows, women are beaten, raped, and abused by insecure, vile, monstrous men who, other than capital and commerce, contribute nothing to society. The funny thing is that growing up women are made to believe that these acts—dehumanizing and loathsome— are normal. Every few houses down the road, a woman goes to pick up her kids with a bruise hidden under her clothes. *It’s fine. He just “had a rough day.”* But what does this mean? How does this abuse affect us? An abused woman is not herself, but an entity of a being that was once her own. After falling victim to the hands of a male, the woman loses her sense of self. She becomes dependent. She becomes weak. Men become powerful. Men become greedy.

I, therefore, suggest a proposal— humble and well thought out—to level out the playing field. If it is us—humans, citizens, members of society—who raise and create these vile men, then we, surely, can prevent the development of their chauvinistic

tendencies. I believe that by individually introducing males to the rape, abuse, and depreciation women are forced to suffer, cases of domestic violence would 100% decline. All it takes is a four-stage process: at the age of ten, they will be beaten; at the age of fifteen, they will be raped; at the age of twenty, their rape case will finally be seen, and tossed aside, by a judge; and at age twenty-five, they will give up their individuality and live, for a whole year, under the command of a woman. By the time the process is finalized, and the stages are cleared, these men will have lived and endured the hardships and abuse women have suffered for years, and these chauvinistic and violent practices will eventually cease to exist.

These degenerate men are everywhere: in the streets, catcalling seventeen-year-olds, at the bar, roasting college students, and even in your house, calling you a whore for wearing a crop top. It's better for us to take a stand now, and free our world from toxic masculinity. It is time to knock men down from their self-proclaimed throne, and as they fall, women will be able to take charge and mend our world.