

VIRUSES HAVE FEELINGS TOO

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Characters (5): Ebola, Flu, Pink Eye, Asthma, Arthritis.

Intro song: Chorus of "Sick of You" by G.W.A.R.

FLU and EBOLA are standing next to each other at FLU's house.

In thick west African accent.

EBOLA

Thank you, so much for inviting me to your home, Influenza! I brought you a blanket from Sierra Leone as a gift.

FLU accepts the blanket but only holds it with two fingers before throwing it aside.

FLU

Two things, Ebola. One, please, call me Flu. Only my victims call me Influenza. And two, I invited you over because I'm really mad at you.

EBOLA

Moi? But I never hurt a fly.

FLU

Ebola, your timing on your sudden United States debut has really pissed me off. Everyone knows that the months of September, October, and November are FLU season. This is my time, and maybe Pink Eye. But you, you're hogging all the infectious attention.

EBOLA puts his arm around FLU, FLU brushes him away.

EBOLA

Oh, Influenza.

FLU keeps sniffing and coughing.

FLU

FLU!

EBOLA

Flu, but I just wanted to come here, to America. To be like you and fight the good fight against immunizations. It's so easy to kill and reproduce in Africa.

FLU

I know, and I'm happy you finally made it out of Africa. But you don't belong in America. At least not now. Maybe in the summer.

EBOLA wretches, gags. Upset.

EBOLA

I can't flourish like I used to in the summer. Those mother fuckers Malaria and West Nile river are the most popular sicknesses of the summer.

FLU sniffs, coughs.

FLU

I don't care. I've got a brand-new strain to spread and you're raining on my parade. Not only that, a bunch of other Fall-season ailments are pissed at you.

EBOLA

Oh no! Who? Who?

PINK EYE enters, tearing and touching own face.

PINK EYE

Sup, Ebola.

EBOLA

Pink eye. Good to see you!

PINK EYE

Wish I could say the same. You know you shouldn't have come in the Fall. Back to school time is my busiest time of the year.

EBOLA

But Pink Eye, we see eye-to-eye on so much. We both spread through fecal matter.

PINK EYE

Sorry Eeeb. Your sub-Saharan ass
just ain't welcome here in
America.

EBOLA

I don't mean no harm! Flu, Pink
Eye, please don't be mad at me.

ARTHRITIS enters, wretching in muscular pain. Along with
ASTHMA, who is wheezing, coughing, indecipherably attempting
to speak.

ASTHMA

Fuck you, Ebola.

Shakes hands with ARTHRITIS and ASTHMA.

FLU

Asthma, Arthritis, glad you can
join us!

ARTHRITIS is massaging his own muscles and joints.

ARTHRITIS

Who the fuck do you think you are
Ebola?

EBOLA

Arthritis! Why are you mad at me?

ARTHRITIS

When the weather gets cold,
arthritis gets the party
started---in the joints!

ARTHRITIS pops neck, snapping sound overheard.

EBOLA

Asthma? Why are you mad, bro?

ASTHMA hockers its throat. Wheezing.

ASTHMA

I just want attention.

ARTHRITIS

Another thing, Ebola. Why do you
kill people so damn fast. Everyone
knows that fall seasonal
sicknesses aren't deadly, WE'RE
JUST SUPPOSED TO BE A PAIN IN THE
ASS.

EBOLA

I can be a pain in the ass! Ever
hear of blood--- in the stool??

FLU

Knock it off with that shit,
Ebola. It's time we get rid of you
once and for all.

ARTHRITIS

Pink, Asthma, Flu.

ARTHRITIS snaps his fingers. The four viruses start to
restrain EBOLA as EBOLA struggles. FLU puts on a rubber
glove and grins demonically.

EBOLA

Please please! I'm new to America!
I'm new, I don't know what to do.
I'm sorry, please don't eradicate
me!

FLU

Welcome to America, Ebola!

LIGHTS DOWN

Newspaper flash on display screen reads, "EBOLA ERADICATED;
FLU, PINK EYE, ASTHMA, ARTHRITIS REVERED AS HEROES"