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Men of Action Series

Statement

The Men of Action Series (there are four pieces so far) started with the idea that adult men sometimes, unnecessarily, leap into action at a perceived injustice to themselves (or to those they believe themselves responsible to defend) often without a clear direction or understanding. Their actions and attitudes would be comic if they were not so consequential.

These pieces (Men of Action II and III) come from the awareness that our society, its politics and commerce and structure, is under the control of a select group of powerful men, whose influence shapes (and limits) the world the rest of us live in. (I think of them as The Rich White Guys Who Rule the World.) The actions these men take are generally aimed at preserving their way of life and maintaining a degree of separation between their class and others.

Despite the existence of the phrase, “We hold **these truths** to be self-evident, that all men are created equal...” in our Declaration of Independence, rich and powerful men expect and receive exceptional treatment; the laws that we are subject to do not apply equally to these people.

Ordinarily clothed in the international uniform of power—the business suit—their nakedness reveals humanity, vulnerability, weakness and mortality. They were, in a physical (if not a financial) sense, created equal.