

Papers, Please: The Musical

Random Encounter

Welcome to our most glorious nation
Papers, please, and we'll get you on your way
Please provide some identification
Tell me now, how long do you plan to stay?

Please, sir, let me through
My family has the flu!
They're dying in Arstotzka while I'm stuck in here with you!

Sir, your state ID
Is out of date I see
But since you've implored it, I simply ignore it!
The rest seems good to me

Welcome to greatest country, Arstotzka
Papers, please or you will not be allowed
Just a few simple questions to ask ya-
I will stamp your passport once these things you have avowed
Is this here your name?
Your visa's not the same

I changed it only Sunday-

Where's the proof to back your claim?

Please I have not lied
I am a brand new bride
My husband's awaiting consumating

Your entry is denied!

WE, THE LEADERS OF ARSTOTZKA
HEREBY RAISE SECURITY
EVERY PERMIT MUST BE SIGNED
UPSIDE-DOWN OR YOU'LL BE FINED
GLORY TO...ARSTOTZKA!
YOU WILL TEAR UP EVERY VISA
FROM A PERSON WITH A BEARD
EVERY WOMAN, CHILD, AND MAN
FROM ANTEGRIA IS BANNED
GLORY TO-
GLORY TO...ARSTOTZKA!

Welcome into our beautiful country
Papers, please, or I'll have you thrown in jail
Please forgive, I must put this quite bluntly
On this card, it says that you are a male

Oh, I got that changed
I've since been rearranged

If you're no man
This body scan
Sure looks a little strange!

Surely this could make it all a small mistake?

A false alarm, ma'am, do no harm!

I've got some lives to take!

IN THE INTEREST OF ARSTOTZKA
WE IMPOSE NEW PROTOCOLS
EVERY MIGRANT OVERWEIGHT
YOU MUST NOW INTERROGATE
GLORY TO-
GLORY TO...ARSTOTZKA!

Hey, yes, you! Do you back the rebellion
'Gainst the state and it's grip upon the land?
Vile, corrupt, truly Machiavellian
Join the revolution, now's the time to take a stand

Listen, sir, you seem suspicious and extreme

It's true my covert goal's to overthrow the whole regime

Which side should I choose?
When either way I lose?
My occupation or my kids and wife-
My aspirations or my worthless life-
Deny, or approve!

[Peter:] Cause no trouble...
[Rebel:] I'm a hooded figure, it's what I do!
[Peter:] Next! Papers, please
[Beard:] Oogh!
[Peter:] Nope! I quit