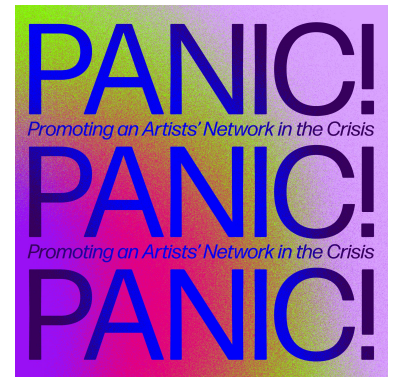


Hannah Lawless:
Battle of the Vaccines:
Karen vs. Dolly Parton



Text Description Transcript of:

Battle of the Vaccines: Karen vs. Dolly Parton, Hannah Lawless, filmed performance (00:10:38), PANIC! Bursary, courtesy of The Tetley (2021)

Rich Tea (Commentator) 00:00

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, people of all genders, Welcome to the Battle of the vaccines. My name is Rich Tea and I will be your commentator for this evening. This match will be contested under the rules of professional wrestling. Victory can be achieved by pitting your opponent's shoulder to the map for a count of three, or by forcing them to tap out via submission. Let's get ready to rumble!

[CLAPPING/CHEERING]. Making her way to the ring, hailing from the whitest parts of the home counties. She wants to talk to your manager... iiiit's Karen! [BOOS] [KATY PERRY, ROAR PLAYS] Karen is a middle aged middle class white woman she emerges to the door wearing jeans and a nice top. She is holding the I want to speak to the manager haircut and carrying glass of Chardonnay. She enters the room some truly dreadful white people music.

News clip excerpt - American Woman 00:55

So who is the Karen really? she's an entitled middle aged white woman. Karen is a white woman whose oblivion of their privilege causes them to act in a way that is oppressive, and, oftentimes insane. A white woman appears to call police accusing a black man of threatening her after he asked her to put her dog on a leash. Coronavirus

Karen, I don't wear a mask for the same reason I don't wear underwear. Things got to breathe! I am discriminated against every single day.

Karen 01:31

Give me a live, give me a laugh, give me a love [KAREN THREATENS WITH CUTTING NECK GESTURE]

Rich Tea (Commentator) 01:45

Making her way to the ring, from East Tennessee, she's been working nine to five on that vaccine. It's Dolly Parton [CHEERS]. [DOLLY PARTON - BABY I'M BURNIN' PLAYS] Dolly is icon, legend and star. She is dressed in a long denim dress that just about covers her massive breasts, a rhinestone denim face mask and pastel cowboy boots. She has an over exaggerated hourglass figure, massive curly blond hair, a giant radiant smile.

Dolly 02:17

Well hey, it's me, I'm finally going to get my vaccine. I'm so excited. I'm old enough to get it and are smart enough to get it. So I'm very happy that I'm going to get my maternal shot. And I wanted to tell everybody, I think you should get out there and do it too. I even changed one of my songs to fit the occasion. it goes (sings) vaccine, vaccine, vaccine, vacciiiiine. I'm begging of you please don't hesitate. Vaccine vaccine vaccine vacciiiiine cos once you dead then that a bit too late. So I just want to say to all you cowards out there, don't be such a chickensquat! Get out there and get your shot.

Karen 03:03

I wish the girls were here for a Beveragino. [A KAREN POPS UP ELSEWHERE] Did someone say beveragino? [KAREN EMERGES FROM AROUND A CORNER] Did somebody say beveragino? [KAREN PEERS THROUGH DOOR] Did someone say beveragino? That was a white nonsense. OOO, go on then, But I only have one. [SHE POURS WHOLE BOTTLE INTO GIANT WINE GLASS AND SIPS]. Lovely. Who's this slut? [BOOS].

Dolly 03:40

Nice to meet you, I'm Dolly Parton. [CHEERS].

Rich Tea (Commentator) 03:43

Dolly extends her hand towards Karen in a display of sportsmanship.

Karen 03:46

Absolutely not.

Rich Tea (Commentator) 03:48

Karen holds out her hand and jerks it away, how rude!

Karen 03:52

Now I'm not racist, but I don't want to wrestle a foreigner [BOOS].

Rich Tea (Commentator) 03:56

Wow, that escalated quickly. Karen is shouting out racism in a completely unprovoked diatribe. Let's listen in.

Karen 04:04

Now I know you're not from here, right. But I can't be racist because if you read the news we actually don't live in a racist country.

Dolly 04:09

Jesus Christ

Karen 04:11

Karen [ANOTHER KAREN PEEKS FROM BEHIND A WALL, HOLDING A PHONE] I'm gonna press 99 and when you say I'll press 9. [BOOS]

Rich Tea (Commentator) 04:15

Wow that was a lot! Let's ring that bell and get this match underway. [BELL DINGS]

Karen 04:22

Help Help, she's trying to vaccinate me against my will! She's trying to rearrange my DNA! [BOOS]

Dolly 04:27

I'll rearrange your face if you don't stop.

Rich Tea (Commentator) 04:30

[THE IMMORTALS - THE ULTIMATE WARLORD PLAYS] Lockup. Karen has Dolly into a wristlock. How's she gonna get out of this one? Dolly rolls forward, rolls back, kips up and what a beautiful arm drag sending Karen across the ring! Runs at Karen again, drops into the splits and sends Karen flying again.

Dolly 04:55

Not bad for seventy-one right!

Karen 05:01

She's full of microchips! That's why she's got superhuman strength, I read it on Facebook!

Rich Tea (Commentator) 05:09

Dolly runs at Karen again, goes for a crossbody, she catches her, Dolly's in trouble now. Karen bends Dolly's back over her knee, absolutely vicious! Karen has taken control of this match!

Karen 05:31

This is what happens when you put poison in your body!

Rich Tea (Commentator) 05:44

Karen is assaulting Dolly with a series of forearms and uppercuts.

Karen 05:51

Pandemic? More like plandemic!

Rich Tea (Commentator) 05:59

Picks her up for scoop slam, this could be absolutely devastating. Oh Dolly evades masterfully! Snap mare by Karen, goes for a massive kick, misses! schoolboy, one, two! [OOOOH] Oh! Karen appears to have thrown essential oils in Dolly's eyes, that's an illegal move! Karen isn't here to fight fair. Karen rags Dolly round by her hair, bends her backwards.

Karen 06:44

Wake up Sheeple! 5G! The vaccine will sterilise you!

Rich Tea (Commentator) 06:49

Absolutely vicious! Karen gets Dolly in a chinlock, how's she going to come back from this? She seems to be fading, the light going out from her big beautiful eyes. But wait! She's coming back, get behind her. let's will Dolly on! [CLAP, CLAP, CLAP] [CHEERS] Big elbow to the stomach! No Karen, don't do it! She smashes a glass of wine over Dolly's head, is it all over?!

Dolly 07:30

I think I felt something touch my head.

Rich Tea (Commentator) 07:32

Thanks to her enormous hair, Dolly is completely unharmed!

Karen 07:38

No! No no no no ahh argh [CRYING, WHINING SOUNDS]

Rich Tea (Commentator) 07:51

Karen appears to be throwing a tantrum! I've never seen anything like it in all my years of wrestling.

Karen 08:01

[CRYING, WHINING SOUNDS]

Rich Tea (Commentator) 08:05

Karen screams and runs at Dolly, looking to take her head off with a clothesline. Oh my god! Massive hurracarana can you believe it?

Karen 08:21

NO! I demand to speak to the manager of this match! Hello? 999? I'm being oppressed!

Rich Tea (Commentator) 08:41

Karen appears to be calling 999...

Karen 08:48

Why are you attacking me?

Dolly 08:50

This is a wrestling match. No one is out to get you. You're not that special. [SIGH] Come here.

Rich Tea (Commentator) 09:14

Dolly, The eminent sportswoman that she is appears to be holding Karen to her breast in what can only be described as a hug!

Dolly 09:23

It's hard believing in white privilege when you've amounted to very little despite it.

Rich Tea (Commentator) 09:29

What a turn of events!

Dolly 09:32

Oh I know. I know you're used to being at the top... Time to bring you down to earth.

Rich Tea (Commentator) 09:40

Oh! Ohh! Stunner! Stunner to Karen!

Rich Tea (Commentator) 09:44

Cover one, two, three. Dolly Parton is the winner of this match! [KAREN, PLEASE WEAR A MASK PLAYS] [CHEERS] [DOLLY RAISES ARMS IN CELEBRATION] [KAREN CRYING].