

MAHESH DATTANI'S "SEVEN STEPS AROUND FIRE"

THE TABOO UNLEASHED

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ABSTRACT

Society, an amalgam of different species, has been constituted to provide a comfortable life to everyone whoever is blessed with life. Rights are given and duties are assigned to make it so. But how far this is true? Are not there communities which are panting under deprivations and exploitations, for whom there is no sky of freedom, no land of rights, and that is because they cannot be bound in the definition of a male or a female. The paper aims to throw light on the grievances of the lowest community of the society i.e. eunuchs who are entrapped in the heinous life of sneers and sorrows just because they have not been blessed with the title of either man or woman. Mahesh Dattani, the famous playwright has tried to touch this hush-hush subject and has come up with a strange solution that they should be accepted with open heart and broad mind.

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