

To Serve Massachusetts, a parody of *To Serve Man* which was first televised on March 2, 1962, Rod Serling's Twilight Zone.

Our story opens with Michael Gaymen (played by any gay man or woman) lying on a table in a solitary room. We hear a machine-like drone in the background. A voice asks Gaymen what would he like for his meal, but Gaymen refuses to eat. He asks the voice for the time of day. The voice responds that there is no time in space, and thus we learn that Gaymen is aboard a spaceship. Gaymen begins a narration to us, stating that **this is the way nightmares begin**. He continues, that on a normal September day in 2005, with the world facing all its usual problems, a spaceship landed outside Boston, Massachusetts bearing creatures from **VoteOnMarriage.org**. We are then taken to the Corner Office of the State House, where **Governor Romney** is informing members of the House and Senate that more spaceships have landed around the Commonwealth. He advises no retaliation on the part of the Legislative Districts or the Houses of Worship. While the press inquires about the appearance of the creatures, known as **Discriminits**, a messenger arrives, informing the Legislature that a spaceship has just landed outside the State House, and a representative of the **Discriminits** is on his way.

Enter the **Discriminit** (played by 6'-5" minister, **Kris Mineau**, who also is the Director of the **Massachusetts Family Institute**). The **Discriminit** is almost angel-like, dressed in a long robe, but has a high domed head and somewhat sinister eyes. Sorry, this should read, "is always impeccably dressed and quite polite."

Here is our version of Rod Serling's intro: *"Respectfully submitted for your perusal --- a Discriminit. Height: a little over six feet. Weight: in the neighborhood of two hundred and fifty pounds. Origin: unknown.*



Motives? Therein hangs the tale, for in just a moment we're going to ask you to put down your copy of our State Constitution, to set aside for a moment your knowledge of the three branches of government and to shake hands, figuratively, with a Christopher Columbus from another galaxy and another time. This is the Twilight Zone."

Back to our story... The **Discriminit** speaks to the Legislature telepathically. He says they come as friends and desire to help this 5000 year old institution known as "Marriage" and set up reciprocal visits to their planet. They have noticed that the **Commonwealth of Massachusetts** is plagued by both natural and un-natural calamities such as **job loss, high property taxes, people leaving the state and un-affordable healthcare** and that they only wish to help. They inform the voters that keeping gays and lesbians from being able to marry should be the Commonwealth's biggest concern and they offer a solution--**Discrimination added to Our Constitution by means of a Ballot Question**. The **Discriminit** states, "We wish only that you simply trust us." As he departs, he leaves a book behind.

Gaymen tells us that he is a decoding expert and he is part of a team assigned to translate the book, which turns out to be a most difficult task. While he is discussing the situation with several other gays and lesbians who only wish to make sure that their families are protected, his assistant, Aileen, rushes into the room with news that the title of the book has been deciphered. The title reads, "**To Serve Massachusetts.**"

Meanwhile, the Legislators at the State House watch a film of several tests given to the **Discriminit** representative. It's basically a lie detector test, and the results show that the **Discriminit** is making truthful statements when it comes to his "motives" of coming to earth to offer help only to the majority. **Nineteen other States** across the nation offer their thanks as **anti-gay, anti-family petitions** are circulated, **state constitutions are changed to keep same-sex couples from marrying, amendments are enshrining discrimination, loving gay couples are kept from adopting children that need them, corporations are forced into not being able to offer domestic partner benefits** and, even in some states, "**sexual orientation**" is removed from non-discrimination legislation (all these are reality by the way). We next see gay AND straight people standing in line to board spaceships as the *reciprocal* flights to the **Discriminit's** planet begin. They are weighed and measured upon entry, checked against the **Discriminit's** list of criteria judging moral "worth" and the would-be travelers are reminded that all of this is for the good of Democracy. As this is being done people speak of upcoming events as one would before leaving on a vacation.

Gaymen and his assistant, Aileen, discuss all the recent events. They note that there are no more codes to decipher, that nearly **170,000 Discriminits** are now in Massachusetts, and that they are amazed at how easily man decides to go off to a strange planet known as "**Second Class.**" In fact, they are both on a waiting list to go themselves. Although Gaymen has given up on deciphering the book, Aileen states that she is still working on it and getting close to a translation.

Gaymen is now in line to board the spaceship. As he is ascending the steps, Aileen rushes up desperately trying to get his attention. As she is held back by the **Discriminits** she warns Gaymen, "Don't get on the ship. The book, **To Serve Massachusetts, IT'S A COOKBOOK!**" A struggling Gaymen is forced into the ship.



Once again we see Gaymen in the solitary room. Again he is offered a meal, but he tosses it on the floor. A **Discriminit** enters the room, picks up the meal, and gives it to Gaymen stating, "Eat. We wouldn't want you to lose weight." Gaymen faces the camera and speaks directly to us. He says, **"whether we are on the ship with him or back on earth, it doesn't matter, we will ALL be on the menu."**

Rod Serling (parodied) then ends the tale as follows: ***"The recollections of one Michael Gaymen, with appropriate flashbacks and soliloquy. Or more simply stated, the evolution of man, the cycle of going from dust to discrimination, the metamorphosis from being considered an Equal Citizen of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to an ingredient in someone's political soup. It's tonight's bill of fare on The Twilight Zone."***



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