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Theresia Walser (née 1967) is a German playwright. She started out as an actress and had her debut as a dramatist in 1997. Her play “King Kong’s Daughter” (1998) was a considerable success and has had more than twenty productions. Theresia Walser was voted Best Upcoming Playwright 1998 and Best Playwright in 1999 in the critics’ poll of the magazine Theater heute. She has been given numerous awards and grants, amongst them the Förderpreis des Schiller-Gedächtnis-Preises 1998 and the BHF-Bank-Foundation Grant 2006.

Titles

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR MRS SHIRAKESH

Precisely 77 minutes from now, Mrs. Shirakesh will be stoned to death in the marketplace of Chundakar. Simultaneously, a television talk show is trying to pay silent tribute to this cruel act from afar. The television host Hilda Ludowsky has invited the young, traumatized soldier Rose, who only recently returned from a tour of duty, and her father, Mr. Fahnenberg. They are joined by the beauty queens Ruth and Heidrun, who just stirred up a big controversy with their bikini pageant in Chundakar, and a General named Gert; at least his unit was able to set up port-a-potties in Chundakar’s marketplace to provide some relief to the women there. The guests are clashing already, even before the broadcast begins. They cannot even agree on the term “war”, and

the escalating controversy over education and human rights soon leads to anything but a moment of silence.

A LITTLE CALM BEFORE THE STORM

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