

# UNNECESSARY UNKINDNESS

I was walking home from work one evening when I noticed a little puppy crying on the side of the street. As I approached it, a man walked out from the nearby mosque in religious attire and for no apparent reason kicked the poor puppy off the curb. I ran to rescue it from the moving cars. When I confronted its attacker, he was furious with me. He said the puppy was unclean and had touched his feet. I didn't argue with him further in fear that he will hurt the puppy again, but was deeply shocked at the way people in our society treat harmless animals. Hurting an animal that can't speak for or defend itself makes a person dirty on the inside no matter how many times they clean themselves. That's something people should keep in mind.

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My mother was going somewhere by a rickshaw at noon, the other day. There was no traffic jam on the roads. The rickshaw was crossing an intersection when suddenly, a car came from the opposite side and hit the rickshaw. Luckily, nothing happened to my mom and the rickshaw-puller, but she was furious and shouted at the driver for his lack of driving skills. She noticed that a boy, in his twenties, was driving the car. He looked like he was from a good family. But he didn't even apologise for his mistake. My mom said to him, "I'm sure that you don't have a driving license judging from the way you drive." The boy then shouted back at my mother, "MP-er cheler license lage na!" (I am the son of an MP I don't need a license) and quickly left before my mom could say anything. This is the shocking truth of our society now. If you have connections to the ruling party you can do whatever you like, even run over someone on the street without fear of consequences.

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## A DEGENERATING SOCIETY



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MAD GENIUS

“ I HEAT MYSELF UP OVER THE FACT THAT I AM NEVER GOING TO BE AS GOOD AS I WANT TO BE.

I HATE IT WHEN PEOPLE TELL YOU YOU'RE GOOD WHEN YOU KNOW THAT YOU'RE NOT.

EVERY COUPLE OF YEARS – NO, THAT'S EVERY COUPLE OF WEEKS - I THINK I'M GOING TO GIVE UP ACTING.”

TO START, I WASN'T REALLY INTERESTED IN ACTING AT ALL, AND I DIDN'T MAKE MUCH IMPACT. THE FIRST PLAY I WAS IN WAS ON FOR FIVE NIGHTS AND I DIDN'T SHOW UP FOR TWO OF THEM AND NOBODY NOTICED. BUT I STAYED BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE MY FRIENDS WERE, AND AFTER A WHILE I FOUND MYSELF WANTING TO INHABIT OTHER PEOPLE'S WORLDS AND LIVES.

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## AIDAN GILLEN

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Irish actor Aidan Gillen is best known for portraying Petyr "Littlefinger" Baelish in the HBO series Game of Thrones, Stuart Alan Jones in the Channel 4 series Queer as Folk, John Boy in the RTÉ Television series Love/Hate, CIA in the The Dark Knight Rises and Tommy Carcetti in the HBO series The Wire. He has won two Irish Film & Television Awards and has been nominated for a British Academy Television Award, a British Independent Film Award, and a Tony Award.

Year	Work	Awards
2000	The Low Down	Edinburgh International Film Festival for Best British Newcomer
2009	The Wire	Irish Film and Television Award for Actor in a Lead Role Television
2011	Treacle Jr.	Milan International Film Festival Award for Best Actor
2012	Game of Thrones	Irish Film and Television Award for Actor in a Supporting Role Television