

# **The challenge of loving a different other: An analysis of Athol Fugard's 1972 play 'Statements after an arrest under the Immorality Act'**

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## **Abstract**

Athol Fugard, South Africa's eminent playwright, died early in 2025. This psychoanalytic couple therapy paper analyses Fugard's (1972) play *Statements after an arrest under the Immorality Act*. The paper illustrates the developmental challenge and potential of loving a different other. The play is analysed using some psychoanalytic couple therapy concepts on difference. It demonstrates the challenge and potential of loving a different other. The couple therapist's challenge in the triangle of couple therapy working with racially different couples is also briefly explored.