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King of Egypt

The story of a very unlikely hero

Rob Gee - a mental health nurse turned stand-up poet - has created an award-winning show with help from his ex-patients.

Kevin, King of Egypt is about an unlikely friendship between an escaped mental health patient and a six-year old girl. The show's creator, Leicester-based Rob Gee, spent over twelve years working as a mental health nurse before becoming a full-time comic and poet.

Kevin is is not pleased about his diagnosis, even less pleased about being on a section of the Mental Health Act and distinctly upset about being told he is not the reincarnation of the pharaoh Ramses II. On his way to Egypt, via the Tesco Express, he stumbles across the nemesis to all his plans: Millie - a lost six year old. Together they embark on a journey that will change both their lives forever.

Rob explains: *"When I first wrote Kevin, I performed it to an audience of ex-patients. I couldn't have done it without them. One gentleman I'd nursed many times in the past approached me with a huge grin, shook my hand and said, 'An old Egyptian pharaoh - that's not much of a delusion of grandeur, is it?'"*

Rob, who has won over twenty awards for his solo shows, has performed with luminaries such as Harold Pinter, Sue Townsend, Jo Brand, Sarah Millican and Frankie Boyle. He is patron of Leicestershire Action for Mental Health Project (LAMP) and lead artist for the Comedy Asylum: comedy shows created and performed by people receiving mental health treatment. He also goes into mental health units to help people create their own comedy and poetry. *"The simple act of sharing a joke with someone can be tremendously therapeutic. Above all, laughter can remind us that we're not alone."* Rob's workshops in mental health settings recently won the Make Me Happy award at the Leicester Comedy Festival. For a full biography see <https://www.robgee.co.uk/Press>.

★★★★½ "A mind-roasting bipolar joyride... a moving, funny, deeply human show not to be missed"
Victoria Times, Canada;

★★★★★ "Hilarious... an uproarious journey" **London Pub Theatres;**

★★★★★ "Hilarious... bound to simultaneously break hearts and lift spirits" **Vue Weekly, Alberta**
"Delightful... Gee finds humour and heart among the humanity" **Orlando Sentinel**

★★★★★ "Larger than life, brilliantly portrayed and a great experience... anybody with experience in the mental health system will be able to relate to this" **The Clothesline, Adelaide**

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