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Plague complains about not having much work to do in the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. Cast: Four, non-gender.

War
Death
Famine
Plague

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(The four horsemen of the apocalypse are sitting around. Plague is complaining.)

PLAGUE: It's not fair.

FAMINE: Technically, nothing's fair.

WAR: That's not true. All's fair with me.

FAMINE: Oh, no, here he goes again.

WAR: You know what they say: All's fair in love and war!

PLAGUE: You are going on all the time!

WAR: It's true. Humans just love to kill each other. Over borders. Over politics. Over religion. Over just about anything really.

PLAGUE: Death? Where's Death?

FAMINE: Probably out busy somewhere.

PLAGUE: Exactly! Death never gets a holiday.

WAR: We make a beautiful team, don't we? War and Death.

FAMINE: I think Death might want it to say Death and War.

WAR: Well all make a beautiful team in our own way. The four horsemen of –

PLAGUE: Even you!

FAMINE: Me? What about me?

PLAGUE: There are still famines.

FAMINE: Not as many as there used to be.

PLAGUE: More famines than I get plagues.

FAMINE: That's not true. There's Ebola, then there was that swine flu thing. Or was that the bird flu? I get them confused.

PLAGUE: Those were more outbreaks, not really plagues.

FAMINE: Sound like technicalities to me.

WAR: Not really big on technicalities. Skirmishes, conflicts, clashes – it's all still war to me. Oh, wait, my favorite of all time – “police action.”

PLAGUE: Now you're just making fun of me.

FAMINE: Just giving you some examples.

PLAGUE: Now the Black Death – that was a real plague. You might even call it pestilence. Why can't we have a good Black Death anymore?

I tell you, I hate modern medicine.

(Death enters.)

DEATH: Hey, Plague, ever heard of something called the coronavirus?

PLAGUE: No, why?

DEATH: You might want to check the news (option: turn on the TV). I think you're on, pal.

PLAGUE: Really? For real?

DEATH: I just love it when Death can make someone's day.

PLAGUE: Oh, look. It's my time to shine! My time to shine!

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