A Community of Assholes

Although I feel like I find all four theories of humor funny the one I can relate to the most is superiority. Superiority theory is comedy that creates feelings of superiority; it makes me feel better about myself, laughing at inferior individuals because I feel a boost in my status.

An example of this is a show called World’s Dumbest that I watch with a few close friends. Seeing people put themselves in these horrible situations and getting hurt absolutely kills me. If they don’t get hurt I am honestly disappointed. This is funny to me because if the people that appear on this show are senseless enough to think jumping off a roof and think they are not going to hurt, they deserve to be laughed at when they do get hurt. It makes me feel better about myself because I know I would never do something so stupid.

Watching stand-up comedians annihilate people and their ideas or beliefs is truly amazing. For instance, I recently watched a stand up performance of Katt Williams and the topic of atheism came up. He laughs at people that believe in the big bang theory saying, “Atheists believe two atoms just came together, banged together, and made this whole perfect earth. If you’re stupid enough to believe this shit, then after the show go bang on your car till it becomes a better car.” He then begins banging on the stool with his microphone shaking his head at the audience and proceeds to say “Nope still a corolla, still a corolla.” It may have been because of his delivery or because he was belittling these people and their beliefs and the fact that I don’t believe in the big bang theory, but I found this hilarious.
The last example I’ll give is a personal experience that highlights my sarcastic attitude that plays into superior theory. A little background information; I work as a manager in a retail store and am constantly working with the public. I am also the one employees call when a customer is unhappy with anything. A night not too long ago there was a gentleman that had come up behind me and started yelling about how incompetent one of my employees is. I asked him, “How may I help you, sir? Is there something wrong?” Annoyed, he tells me that the employee didn’t apply a coupon to his transaction. He goes on to say, “How stupid do you have to be to get ringing someone up wrong?” Upset that he’s disrespecting my employee and treating me like he is better than me, I ask, “I’m sorry, sir, how old are?” Confused he asked “Pardon me?” I continue sarcastically trying to diminish his entitled attitude, “Are you a child? Do you need someone to hold your hand?” Now getting what I am trying to insinuate that he is no better than me or my employee he smirks and says, “You didn’t have to say that.” I smiled back and while handing him back his money I’d say “You didn’t have to be so rude, did you? Have a wonderful evening, bye,” and I walked away leaving him feeling less than he had before.

Yes this theory and my humor might make me sound like an asshole because I enjoy seeing foolish people getting hurt or find pleasure in roasting others, and I am okay with that. For the people that don’t relate to my humor or find it offensive, then they can go away and not have to listen and deal with it. For those who can and have similar taste in comedy, then they are welcome to sit with me and we can be assholes together.
Works Cited