Understanding The Act Of Killing - sexual politics
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Background

- The army purge of October 1 1965
- Suharto’s coup
- Massacre of between 1-3 million people
- TAOK: incitement to murder
- Anwar Congo: economic reasons
- The 1983 propaganda film
- Arsan’s murder by Aminah: this scene should be shown at the beginning
Genjer-genjer

- Genjer-genjer nong kedo'an pating keleler
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  Ema'e thole teko-teko mbubuti genjer
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  Oleh satenong mungkur sedot sing toleh-toleh
  Genjer-genjer saiki wis digowo mulih

Genjer-genjer esuk-esuk didol neng pasar
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Dijejer-jejer diuntingi podo didasar
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Ema'e jebeng podo tuku gowo welasar
Genjer-genjer saiki wis arep diolah
translation

- Translation (by author)
- Genjer-genjer, it is all over the field (2x)
- The boy’s mother has picked it (2x)
- She only selected the young genjer
- And took it home

- In the morning she brought it to the market (2x)
- She neatly arranged it for the buyers (2x)
- My mother bought it and put it in her bag
- Now the genjer is being prepared
• Jendral Jendral Nyang ibukota pating keleler Emake Gerwani, teko teko nyuliki jendral Oleh sak truk, mungkiri sedot sing toleh-toleh Jendral Jendral saiki wes dicekeli

Jendral Jendral isuk-isuk pada disiksa Dijejer ditaleni dan dipelosoro Emake Gerwani, teko kabehe milu ngersoyo Jendral Jendral maju terus dipateni
The generals are all over the capital
Gerwani (members) came to abduct them
They got a truck and went home to lactate their children
The generals were already captured

In the morning the generals were tortured
They were displayed, tied up
Gerwani members came to join the torturing
Then the generals were killed.
Who?

• Who conjured up this campaign?
• Army: Soeharto, Ibnu Subrote (head of Indomrtaion services), Djuhartono (Sekber Golkar) who else?
• Subchan
• Pater Beek
• Foreign intelligence?