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This book chapter investigates a series of actions attributed by ancient sources to “crazy” Roman emperors Caligula and Nero and argues that such actions were not the product of mental disturbance, but well-arranged performances, meant to display in front of a public the super-human nature of the emperor. Among the analysed performances are also those related to gender (as for example cross-dressing) and sex (as in the case of performed same-sex marriages or public sexual intercourse).