

It's even more sickening when you see it in the flesh.



It takes about twenty minutes to torture a bull to death. The picador starts the proceedings by stabbing the bull in the neck with a steel-tipped lance.

This is done to weaken the bull's neck muscles.

Next on are the banderilleros. They continue the picador's work by embedding six barbed spikes (or banderillas) into the bull's neck.

The weight of the banderillas ensures that the spikes tear at the bull's flesh every time the animal moves.

Finally, the matador enters the ring. It's his job to plunge a long, curved sword into the bull's heart, to kill it.

Usually, the sword misses the heart and the matador has to sever the bull's spinal cord with a dagger. This results in paralysis, followed by death by asphyxiation.

Why do they do this? For the sad and simple reason that some people want to watch it.

These people don't need to see a bullfight. They need to see a doctor.

If you're going to Spain, don't go to the bullfight.

