

JAYLEN SIDES

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INT. CLASSROOM - NIGHT

CARRIE LEANS AGAINST HER DESK.

JAYLEN

What up? Jaylen Watkins. I have a drop of Cherokee blood in me and I consider myself woke. I know what's what. The real real that no one talks about, okay? I mean, everybody goes on about the one-percenters, right? But, what about the three-point-five percenters that control the one-percenters? Hmm? And y'all gonna tell me the Illuminati didn't play a significant role in the downward spiral of the Quizno's franchise? Wake up, people.

CARRIE

Okay. Why didn't you finish high school?

JAYLEN

Because I was incarcerated. Don't ask. It's in my past. I turned my life around when I met my wife Trina. My Soulmate. My Queen. My Rib. My reason. My Cleopatra. My one and only.

CARRIE

Okay. Why are you here, Jaylen?

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JAYLEN

I recently lost my job at a bottling plant when I was replaced by a robot. Yup. *Terminator* wasn't just a cute little movie about buff-ass robots taking over the planet, ya'll. That shit was prophecy. Anyway, my Queen believes I'm destined for greater things and, apparently, you need a diploma for that. So... What else? I'm double-jointed. I can beatbox. I won't eat hummus. I love a good rom-com--

CARRIE

We got you, Jay.

JAYLEN

How come you're cutting me off? Luis got to talk about rattlesnakes. All I was just gonna say is I love a good rom-com and my celebrity crush is Rachel Maddow. Don't ask me why. I'm just as surprised as you are. Something about them glasses. Anyway, I'm good now. Who's next?

END SCENE

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OUR FIVE STUDENTS SIT WATCHING TEDDY PACE.

TEDDY

This is ridiculous! Night school's a formality, guys. You don't actually have to do it!

JAYLEN

Yeah, it's like when you agree to the terms and conditions of Apple music. You don't read it. They know you don't read it, but everyone acts like it's all cool!

TEDDY

Exactly! That's what Mrs. Winslow understood!

LUIS

Then you shouldn't have killed her.

TEDDY

That wasn't my fault, Luis!

JAYLEN RISES.

JAYLEN

(SETTLING THEM DOWN) Hold up, now! Luis, you can't pin that on Teddy. Was he reckless with that woman's health? Yes. Did his behavior contribute to her untimely and most likely painful death? Absolutely.

(MORE)

JAYLEN (CONT'D)

Would that angel still be alive today
if Teddy had not practically force-fed
her fatty, high-calorie foods simply
to serve his own interests? 100%.

(BEAT) What point was I making?

TEDDY

I think you were talking about how I'm
not responsible for Mrs. Winslow's
death.

JAYLEN

That can't be right. You definitely
killed that bitch. All I'm saying is,
let's move on, shall we?

TEDDY

Thank you, Jay.

JAYLEN

I got you, bruh.

JAYLEN SITS.

END SCENE