PERSONAL INCORRECTNESS: TO DISREGARD DECENCY

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SCENE A

FADE IN:

INT. - COLLEGE - HALLWAY - DAY (DAVID)

WHILE WALKING THROUGH A CROWDED HALLWAY, DAVID DOES A SORT OF DANCE WALK WHILE PASSERBIES NOTICE IT, THEN DAVID JUMPS FOR JOY WHILE PASSERBIES NOTICES IT, THEN HE DANCES IN A SILENT FRENZY UNTIL HE NOTICES ALL THE PASSERBIES STARING AT HIM.

END TEASER

ACT 1

SCENE B

FADE IN:

NICK, ALEEMAH, AND CHRIS ARE SITTING IN THE CAFETERIA AS NICK TAKES OUT AND STARTS TO EAT A B.L.T. SANDWICH.

ALEEMAH

What's that?

NICK

A BLT. I got it from a deli on 64th street.

ALEEMAH

How can you eat that stuff?

NICK

Well it's not like I'm Muslim or Jewish.

ALEEMAH

But pigs are filthy animals.

NICK

Then what do you expect me to eat? The cafeteria food here tastes like crap.

NICK TAKES A BITE OF HIS BLT.

NICK (CONT'D)

Besides, pigs may be filthy animals, but they haven't done half of the nasty things the Kardashians did.

ALEEMAH

Then don't try to eat any Kardashians either.

DAVID APPROACHES THE TABLE.

DAVID

Hey guys. You know you shouldn't be eating that.

DAVID POINTS TO THE BLT AND SITS DOWN.

NICK

Now you're complaining too? I thought you were Catholic.

NICK TAKES ANOTHER BITE OF THE BLT.

DAVID

I am. I just said you shouldn't because eating bacon lowers your sperm count.

NICK

Oh.

NICK PUTS DOWN THE BLT.

DAVID

By the way, I have good news, guess what it is?

CHRIS

You're getting a dog?

DAVID

No.

ALEEMAH

You're getting a driver's license?

DAVID

No.

NICK

You cleared up your rash?

N-, wait what?

NICK

A few days ago when we were changing in the gym locker room, I noticed you had a rash.

DAVID

I didn't have a rash.

NICK

Well it was something red down there.

DAVID SIGHS.

DAVID

Those were hemorrhoids that I already took care of and no, that's not the news!

ALEEMAH

Then what's the news?

DAVID

I got a date with Carla.

THE THREE OF THEM APPLAUD DAVID.

DAVID (CONT'D)

Thank you. Thank you.

NICK

That's great news, but are you gonna tell her about your hemorrhoids?

DAVID SCOWLS AND LEAVES WITHOUT SAYING A WORD.

NICK GETS UP.

NICK (CONT'D)

Well, I'm gonna leave too and head to the fight club here.

CHRIS

It's not a fight club; it's just a room where you play video games.

NICK

Nevertheless, I still train there competitively.

NICK LOOKS AT BLT, SHRUGS AND TAKES IT.

NICK (CONT'D)

And I play Super Smash Brothers.

NICK EATS THE REST OF HIS BLT AS HE EXITS.

ALEEMAH

You really need to get over Denise.

CHRIS

I'm trying.

ALEEMAH

You shouldn't have to try, she was horrible to you.

CHRIS

But I thought we were meant for each other.

ALEEMAH

Chris, she was a time bomb. Besides she cheated on you like every other week.

CHRIS

But she was always sorry about it.

ALEEMAH

She was only sorry about it when she was caught. You don't need someone like that.

A PRETTY GIRL PASSES CHRIS WITH A SMILE.

ALEEMAH NUDGES CHRIS.

ALEEMAH (CONT'D)

Well?

CHRIS

Well what?

ALEEMAH

Why don't you go up to her and ask her out?

CHRIS

Why would I do that?

ALEEMAH

Because she's pretty and she obviously finds you attractive.

CHRIS

I just got out of one relationship; I'm not ready for another. Besides, would you want to be picked up by a random guy you see in a cafeteria?

ALEEMAH

If I found them attractive I would.

CHRIS

Well I still won't pick her up.

ALEEMAH

Then I will.

CHRIS

Wait, what are you-

ALEEMAH GETS UP TO GO TALK TO THE PRETTY GIRL.

ALEEMAH

Hey, I'm Aleemah. My friend Chris and I saw you pass our table amd we couldn't help but notice you were really cute.

THE PRETTY GIRL SMILES.

PRETTY GIRL

Thanks. I couldn't help but notice you were really cute too.

ALEEMAH

Thanks, I was hoping you'd-, wait me?

PRETTY GIRL

Yeah, I just wasn't sure if you were interested or not.

ALEEMAH

Well I was hoping you'd be interested in Chris.

PRETTY GIRL

I guess he can watch if you'd like.

ALEEMAH

Ummm, never mind. Sorry to bother you.

THE PRETTY GIRL STARES AT ALEEMAH LUSTFULLY AS ALEEMAH BACKS AWAY TO CHRIS'S TABLE.

ALEEMAH (CONT'D)

OHH-kay, I guess that one's my bad.

CHRIS

Great. Now can you please just let me wait to find someone else when I feel like it?

ALEEMAH

Nope. I still have a really hot friend I could set you up with. She loves black guys.

CHRIS

No thanks.

ALEEMAH

It's no problem. Besides I left my phone at her place anyway.

CHRIS

Aleemah, I don't want you to-

ALEEMAH

Well too bad, I'm doing it without your consent and you're either gonna like it or regret not doing it.

ALEEMAH GETS UP AND LEAVES.

FADE OUT:

SCENE C

FADE IN:

NICK IS IN THE GAME ROOM SITTING IN FRONT OF A TV NEXT TO A CHUBBY ASIAN GUY NAMED ANDREW AS THEY'RE TOGGLING THEIR CONTROLLERS.

NICK

Damn, damn, DAMMIT!

ANDREW

Ha-ha! No gamer alive can survive my ultimate move.

NICK

Ultimate move? You just farted on me!

ANDREW

It wasn't just any fart. It was the product of two baked potatoes and a smoked ham.

NICK

Oh, speaking of ham, do you wanna hear a priest and a rabbi joke Andrew?

ANDREW

Sure.

NICK

Okay: a priest and a rabbi walk into a supermarket. The priest asks "how about ham?", the rabbi says "no", the priest asks "why?", and the rabbi says "because it's not on sale."

ANDREW LAUGHS.

ANDREW

Dude, that's a funny joke, but is it okay for you to tell that joke out loud?

NICK

I don't see why I shouldn't be able to tell it if it's funny. Besides for all I know I could've had a Jewish ancestor somewhere down the line.

ANDREW

So you're saying it's okay for you to tell an offensive joke because you may have an ancestor who would roll over in his grave if he heard one of his descendants tell it?

NICK

Yup.

ANDREW SHRUGS.

ANDREW

That's all I needed to hear.

FADE OUT:

SCENE D

FADE IN:

DAVID IS IN CLASS WITH CHRIS.

DAVID

Oh Chris, you know how I asked Carla out?

CHRIS

Yeah, what about it?

DAVID

Well, Carla has a friend she wanted me to set someone up with. She's an attractive brunette named Kelly and I figured you might want to move on from Denise.

CHRIS

I'm sorry, I'm just not ready yet.

DAVID

Please Chris? Carla really wants me to bring another guy to see her friend. Besides, she just got off a bad breakup like you did.

CHRIS

Why do you guys keep trying to set me up with people? Just give me time to get over Denise.

DAVID

Look, when I set the date with Carla, she asked me to find someone that her friend could go out with too. That's why I need you to do this Chris.

CHRIS

Then you can just bring Nick along.

You know I can't do that. For all I know he could mention the hemorrhoids I had a few days ago or ruin things by telling a bad joke.

CHRIS

Well I'm sorry David but I can't come with you.

FADE OUT:

SCENE E

FADE IN:

ALEEMAH IS AT CINDY'S PLACE.

ALEEMAH

Sorry about leaving my phone here.

CINDY

It's fine.

ALEEMAH

Hey Cindy, you're single right?

CINDY

Yeah, but I'm only into guys.

ALEEMAH

That's not what I meant, you see I have this friend who got off a bad breakup and I thought he might feel better if he went out with you.

CINDY

Is he black?

ALEEMAH

He's black.

CINDY

Is he black-black?

ALEEMAH

He's black-black and straight out of Harlem.

CINDY

Sure, I'll see him.

ALEEMAH

Thanks. Also, can I ask you another favor?

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SCENE F

FADE IN:

IN THE GAME ROOM, DAVID APPROACHES NICK AS HE'S PLAYING AGAINST ANDREW.

NICK

Feel my wrath you bastard!

ANDREW

You're not gonna destroy me! I can't be stopped!

NICK

Oh yeah?

ANDREW

Yeah!

ANDREW SUDDENLY WHIMPERS IN AGONY.

NICK

You were saying?

DAVID

Hey Nick.

NICK TURNS AROUND.

NICK

Oh hey David, did you see me destroy this guy?

ANDREW

You son of a bitch. I almost had you.

Can I ask you something Nick?

NICK

Sure, feuer frei.

DAVID

Wait, "feuer frei?" What does that mean?

NICK

It's German for "fire at will."

DAVID

Since when do you know German?

NICK

I don't. I just listen to a lot of German death metal. You wouldn't believe how angry German people can sound in their music.

DAVID

I think I could ballpark it.
Anyway Carla has a friend she
wanted me to set up with someone.
Do you wanna come with me to that
Italian restaurant on Lexington
Avenue for a double date in an
hour?

NICK

Sure.

DAVID

But you can't get pizza.

NICK

But I like pizza.

DAVID

You always make a mess when you have pizza and you're gonna embarrass me if you do it in front of Carla.

NICK

It'll be fine. I'll just have the pizza with a knife and fork so I don't make a mess.

DAVID

Fine, you can get the pizza.

DAVID FACEPALMS HIMSELF.

DAVID (CONT'D)

I'm gonna regret this idea.

NICK

No you're not. I wouldn't try to do anything to make you look foolish.

DAVID

Your problem is you don't have to. You just need to say one wrong thing by mistake.

NICK

Oh come on, stop getting your thoughts from todays' movies-

NICK AND DAVID -which are horrible by the way.

NICK

Like annoying romantic comedies people call... "Rom-Coms" now.

NICK SHUDDERS FROM SAYING ROM-COMS.

DAVID

And like those half-assed attempts at horror movies that don't make any sense. Okay fine, just meet us there in an hour.

DAVID EXITS.

NICK

Okay, so we've got an hour.

NICK AND ANDREW ARE TOGGLING THEIR CONTROLLERS.

ANDREW

Damn you!

NICK

Die you fat bastard!

FADE OUT:

SCENE G

FADE IN:

CHRIS AND ALEEMAH ARE IN CLASS AS THE PROFESSOR MAKES AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE FRONT DESK.

PROFESSOR

Make sure you all turn it in on Monday.

EVERY STUDENT LEAVES EXCEPT FOR CHRIS AND ALEEMAH

ALEEMAH

So I told Cindy about you.

CHRIS

I thought I told you I wasn't interested.

ALEEMAH

But she's interested in you. Also I told her you're from Harlem.

CHRIS

I'm not from Harlem I'm from
Oueens.

ALEEMAH

I said it because I thought it would make you seem more black.

CHRIS

Why would I need to seem "more black?"

ALEEMAH

Well you wouldn't need to. I just thought it would impress her more.

CHRIS SHAKES HIS HEAD.

CHRIS

I already told you I wasn't interested.

ALEEMAH

Well at least see what she looks like before you make up your mind.

ALEEMAH TOGGLES THROUGH HER PHONE.

CHRIS TAKES OUT HIS PHONE AS IT VIBRATES AND TOGGLES IT.

CHRIS

Did you just send me naked pictures of Cindy?

ALEEMAH

Yup.

CHRIS

How did you get naked pictures of Cindy?

ALEEMAH

I might have told her I wanted to use them to catfish guys online for fun.

CHRIS ISN'T PAYING ATTENTION BECAUSE HIS EYES ARE GLUED TO HIS PHONE.

CHRIS

Well I guess it wouldn't hurt for me to see her as soon as I possibly can.

PROFESSOR

Niiice.

CHRIS AND ALEEMAH TURN AROUND TO SEE THEIR PROFESSOR BEHIND THEM STARING AT CHRIS'S PHONE.

FADE OUT:

SCENE H:

FADE IN:

INT. - RESTAURANT - DAY

(DAVID, CARLA, KELLY)

DAVID, CARLA, AND KELLY ARE STANDING IN THE RESTAURANT WAITING FOR NICK.

CARLA

So, where's Nick?

DAVID

Oh, well he must be on his way here.

DAVID FURIOUSLY TYPES ON HIS PHONE TO CONTACT NICK.

DAVID (CONT'D)

Yeah, he should be here soon.

DAVID, CARLA, AND KELLY AND STANDING STILL IN AN AWKWARD SILENCE.

DAVID (CONT'D)

Sooo, have you guys seen any new movies lately?

CARLA AND KELLY

No.

DAVID

Don't you think that movies these days are just boring, hour-long wastes of time?

CARLA

I guess.

KELLY

I wouldn't really know.

DAVID SHRUGS AND NODS, THEN HE GOES RIGHT BACK TO FURIOUSLY TEXTING NICK.

FADE OUT:

SCENE I:

FADE IN:

NICK AND ANDREW ARE PLAYING VIDEO GAMES WHILE ALEEMAH IS STANDING BEHIND THEM AS NICK SUDDENLY PAUSES THE GAME.

NICK

Crap!

ANDREW

What's going on? Why did you pause the game?

NICK

I forgot something important.

ANDREW

Really? What was it?

NICK

Oh wait, never mind. I just remembered the kill combo.

THEY CONTINUE PLAYING.

NICK (CONT'D)

And you're gone!

ANDREW

Damn you!

ALEEMAH

Hey Nick.

NICK TURNS AROUND.

NICK

Oh hey Aleemah. Did you see me destroy this guy?

ANDREW

You cheating son of a bitch! That doesn't count, you paused the game in the middle of it.

ALEEMAH

Anyway, David told me to find you since you weren't answering your phone.

NICK

Ohhh, right. I had my phone on vibrate next to me.

NICK PICKS UP HIS PHONE AND GOES THROUGH IT.

NICK (CONT'D)

Damn, he's pissed. There's just a whole row of curses he texted me.

ALEEMAH

Yeah he's afraid you might've ruined things with him and Carla.

NICK

It'll be fine. Being late is never a deal breaker.

ALEEMAH

Oh, guess what I just did?

NICK

What did you do?

ALEEMAH

I just set Chris up with one of my friends.

NICK

Good work Aleemah, now he can finally get over Denise. Wish him luck for me.

NICK BEGINS TO HEAD OUT AS HE'S STARING AT HIS SCREEN.

NICK (CONT'D)

Hey Aleemah?

ALEEMAH

Yeah?

NICK

What's a "quim?"

FADE OUT:

SCENE J

FADE IN:

DAVID, CARLA AND KELLY ARE SITTING AT THE SAME TABLE AS THEY ARE EATING PIZZA AWKWARDLY.

CARLA

So David-

DAVID

Don't worry Nick is gonna be here soon.

CARLA

Actually I was going to ask you how your day went.

DAVID

Oh, my bad. Well today I learned that I can't dance.

CARLA

Really?

DAVID

Yep. I tried to dance in the hallway today and it ended up being a poor spectacle.

CARLA CHUCKLES AS NICK WALKS IN.

NICK

Sorry I'm late. I wasted too much time playing video games. That's not a deal breaker is it?

KELLY SMILES.

KELLY

I quess not.

NICK

Okay, I'll be right back.

NICK APPROACHES THE COUNTER WHILE DAVID IS SITTING DOWN CRINGING.

CARLA

Are you alright David?

DAVID

Yeah, I just have a minor headache.

NICK COMES RIGHT BACK WITH A SLICE OF PIZZA.

NICK

Yeah I get those during the day when I go without drinking coffee.

DAVID

Then why don't you take an aspirin instead?

NICK

Aspirin doesn't keep me awake, coffee does.

DAVID PUTS AN EXTRAORDINARY AMOUNT OF PARMESAN CHEESE TO HIS OWN SLICE.

NICK (CONT'D)

That's a lot of cheese.

DAVID

So? I like cheese.

NICK

Well the pizza is already made with cheese. When you add that much cheese to a pizza there's a point where it ceases to be a pizza and is just a triangular hunk of cheese.

Nick, when I'm having a pizza I can put on as much cheese as I damn well please.

NICK

That's kind of poetic.

NICK (IN NARRATION VOICE)

"When I'm having a pizza, I can put on as much cheese as I damn well please."

KELLY GIGGLES WHILE DAVID CRINGES.

CARLA

So how long have you guys known each other?

DAVID

We've been friends for 2 years now.

NICK STARTS EATING HIS PIZZA WITH A KNIFE AND FORK AS DAVID GLARES AT HIM.

DAVID (CONT'D)

Although for some reason it feels a lot longer.

KELLY

Why are you eating pizza with a knife and fork?

NICK

Well I find it neater to use a knife and fork rather than my hands.

KELLY

You know I think I should try doing that too.

KELLY STARTS TO EAT HER PIZZA WITH A KNIFE AND FORK.

KELLY (CONT'D)

You're right it's a lot neater. This way I don't end up getting any grease on myself.

NICK

Well maybe later if this goes well.

KELLY GIGGLES AGAIN.

NICK (CONT'D)

See that table over there?

NICK POINTS TO A TABLE WHERE A FAT GUY IS GORGING ON LOTS OF FOOD BUT IS DRINKING DIET COKE.

KELLY

Yeah.

NICK

I've never seen a thin person drinking diet coke.

KELLY LAUGHS HYSTERICALLY.

KELLY

Why does he even bother drinking a diet coke if he's just going to eat so much food?

NICK

I guess this way he might have a coronary but he can at least say he avoided diabetes.

DAVID CRINGES WHILE KELLY LAUGHS.

DAVID

Well, maybe he enjoys the prospect of depriving himself of refreshing beverages as he suffers an agonizing death. Ha-ha.

DAVID FEIGNS A CHUCKLE WHILE EVERYONE LOOKS AT HIM IN HORROR.

NICK

Dude, that was more grim than the darkest corners of your mother's womb.

KELLY AND CARLA LAUGH WHILE DAVID SHRUGS.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT 3

SCENE K

FADE IN:

INT. - COFFEE SHOP - DAY

(CHRIS, CINDY)

CHRIS APPROACHES CINDY'S TABLE AND SITS DOWN.

CHRIS

Hey Cindy.

CINDY

Are you Chris?

CHRIS

Yeah.

CINDY

I think Aleemah may have misunderstood.

CHRIS

Misunderstood what?

CINDY

You're not black-black.

CHRIS

Yes I am. I'm black-black straight out of Harlem.

CINDY

No you're not.

CHRIS

Okay, maybe I'm not from Harlem but I'm still black-black.

CINDY

No you aren't. You're only brown-black.

CHRIS

Does it matter?

CINDY

Actually it does. I'm sorry but I only date guys who are really dark-skinned.

CHRIS

But you're white.

CINDY EXITS LEAVING CHRIS WITH A LOOK OF SHOCK.

FADE OUT:

FADE IN:

EXT. - CARLA'S FRONT YARD - NIGHT (DAVID, CARLA)

DAVID IS WALKING WITH CARLA TO HER HOUSE.

CARLA

Thanks for walking me home.

DAVID

It's fine, I'm really sorry about Nick.

CARLA

It's fine, Kelly really liked him.

DAVID

How?

CARLA

Well I think it had something to do with him not worrying about the date going wrong.

DAVID

Do you think I was too nervous?

CARLA WRAPS HER ARMS AROUND DAVID'S NECK.

CARLA

I think you're too nervous now.

CARLA PULLS HIM INTO A KISS.

CARLA (CONT'D)

Call me tomorrow David.

CARLA ENTERS HER HOUSE AND SHUTS THE DOOR AS DAVID IS STANDING THERE STRICKEN.

FADE OUT:

SCENE K

FADE IN:

NICK AND KELLY ARE LYING IN BED WITH THEIR BODIES COVERED BY THE SHEETS.

NICK

Well that went well.

KELLY GIGGLES AND TURNS TO NICK'S SIDE TO PUT HER ARM ON HIS CHEST.

KELLY

Yes it did Nick. Yes it did. You should've seen the look on David's face before you came.

NICK

Yeah he worried too much.

KELLY

Well hopefully he's in the same place you are right now.

NICK

Well hopefully he's not; I don't want to have to share with him.

NICK AND KELLY KISS.

NICK (CONT'D)

Wanna hear another joke?

KELLY

Sure.

NICK

Okay, so a priest and a rabbi go into a supermarket...

FADE OUT:

SCENE L

FADE IN:

DAVID, CHRIS AND ALEEMAH ARE SITTING DOWN MULLING OVER THE EVENTS OF YESTERDAY.

ALEEMAH

So what happened with Carla? Give us all the dirty details.

There aren't any dirty details, we just kissed a little.

ALEEMAH

Well it's still something. It's better than what happened on Chris's date.

DAVID

Wait, Chris went on a date? I thought he was still getting over Denise.

ALEEMAH

He was but I made him come around.

DAVID

Well what happened?

CHRIS

She turned me down because I wasn't black enough.

DAVID

Ummm, what?

ALEEMAH

Apparently his skin wasn't dark enough.

DAVID

She turned you down... because you weren't black enough.

CHRIS

Yes.

DAVID

That's ridiculous, if anything you're too black.

CHRIS AND ALEEMAH STARE AT HIM SUSPICIOUSLY UNTIL DAVID REALIZES WHAT HE JUST SAID.

DAVID (CONT'D)

I'm sorry that didn't come out right. But it's pretty racist for her to reject you for not being as black as her.

CHRIS

She's not black she's white.

A white girl turned you down because you weren't black enough?

CHRIS

Yes.

DAVID

Talk about irony.

NICK APPROACHES THE TABLE AND SITS DOWN.

NICK

Hey guys.

DAVID

There's the man of the hour. Carla told me how much Kelly liked you.

NICK

Thanks. So Chris, yesterday Aleemah told me you had a date. How did it go.

CHRIS

She rejected me because I wasn't black enough.

NICK

You mean like an Uncle Tom?

CHRIS

No, because of my skin tone.

NICK

Are you kidding? If anything you're too black.

CHRIS, DAVID, AND ALEEMAH ARE STARING AT NICK WHO DOESN'T REALIZE WHAT HE SAID.

NICK (CONT'D)

What? What did I say?

ALEEMAH

So what happened with Kelly? Give us all the dirty details.

NICK

Well, on the date we were kidding around and laughing.

ALEEMAH

And then...

NICK

Then we got to her place.

ALEEMAH

And then...

NICK

Then the dirty details started.

ALEEMAH

Dirty details such as...

NICK

How we consummated.

DAVID, CHRIS AND ALEEMAH APPLAUD NICK.

NICK (CONT'D)

Afterwards we exchanged some pillow talk.

ALEEMAH

What kind of pillow talk?

NICK

Just a lot of kidding around until I told her my priest and a rabbi joke.

DAVID

Are you talking about the one where the rabbi doesn't want the ham because it's not on sale?

NICK

The same one that she threw me out for.

DAVID

Really? I mean it's not the best thing in the world but it's far from being the worst thing you've said even in the last two minutes.

NICK

Well it turns out she's Jewish.

DAVID

So that's why she loved your wisecracks so much.

NICK

Yup.

THE SAME PRETTY GIRL PASSES BY THEIR TABLE WITH A SMILE.

NICK (CONT'D)

Hey Chris, I think she likes you.

CHRIS

No she doesn't.

NICK

But she just-

ALEEMAH

Trust me Nick she doesn't.

END OF ACT THREE

TAG

SCENE M

FADE IN:

CAPTIONS SAY "A WEEK LATER" AS NICK, DAVID, ALEEMAH AND CHRIS ARE SITTING DOWN.

ALEEMAH

So how's Carla?

DAVID

We ended it.

NICK

Wait a second, I thought you had a huge crush on her.

DAVID

I did but we decided to stop seeing each other.

ALEEMAH

Do you realize what just happened David?

DAVID

Aside from us breaking up? No.

ALEEMAH

This just made all the time you spent last week worrying about your first date with Carla pointless.

So? It's not like it's one of those pointless, drawn-out romantic comedies where they base everything off of those boring "will-they, won't-they" couples.

ALEEMAH

You mean rom-coms?

NICK YELPS AS IF HEARING THE WORD GAVE HIM PAIN.

NICK

Carla saw your hemorrhoid cream didn't she?

DAVID

Yup.

END TAG