

N V. N

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INT.LIVING ROOM - DAY

Bobby(white) and Devin(black) are sitting on the couch. Devin is in the middle of a story.

DEVIN

So, I see this girl and boi, is she hot. Pretty face good everything else.

BOBBY

That's not hot, that's average.

DEVIN

I mean, average is hot for me.

BOBBY

But you said, "hot" not "average".

DEVIN

I mean, it's all subjective.

BOBBY

I guess, but--

DEVIN

Can you forget how the girl looks.

BOBBY

Fine.

Pause.

DEVIN

So, I walk up to her.

BOBBY

The average looking girl.

Devin just looks at him fed up.

DEVIN

Yeah... the average the looking girl. And, I go for it.

BOBBY

You kiss her?

DEVIN

What? No. Why would I kiss a random girl I just met?

BOBBY

I don't know. That's Where it sounded like you were going.

DEVIN

Well, I didn't. That's how you get pepper-sprayed.

BOBBY

Or tasered.

DEVIN

Exactly. I asked her out and guess what?

BOBBY

What?

Devin reaches into his back pocket. Pulls out a small piece of paper.

BOBBY(COUNT'D)

You got her random assortment of numbers?

DEVIN

You damn right, I got her random assortment of numbers.

They laugh, they high five each other

BOBBY

My nigger!

Devin face slowly transform from a smile to, what the fuck.

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Cut back to, Devin face. Bobby continues to laugh.

DEVIN

Why did you say that?

BOBBY

(confused)

Say what?

DEVIN

The n-word.

Bobby is now no longer laughing.

BOBBY  
You said, I can say the n-word?

DEVIN  
No. I said, you can say nigga. Not the  
n-word.

BOBBY  
What's the difference?

DEVIN  
One means "inferior" the other means  
"friend".

BOBBY  
That makes no sense.

DEVIN  
How exactly?

BOBBY  
It's the same word. It doesn't change  
just because, you change the last  
couple of letters from "er" to "a"

DEVIN  
Now, that doesn't make sense.

BOBBY  
How?

DEVIN  
Their, There, and They're.

BOBBY  
What's happening?

DEVIN  
I'm just saying. If nigger and nigga  
doesn't make sense, then neither does  
their, there, and they're.

BOBBY  
It's different.

DEVIN  
How is it different?

BOBBY  
It's just different.

DEVIN

They're both words that sound the same, hell that's even spelled the same. But, depending on the last couple of letters changes the context of the sentence.

DEVIN(COUNT'D)

So, I ask once again. What's the difference?

BOBBY

Well, when you explain it like that. Nothing.

DEVIN

That's my point.

BOBBY

Point taken

DEVIN

Thank you.

BOBBY

I'm sorry.

DEVIN

It's okay. I just want you to use it right,

BOBBY

Yeah.

Awkward silence.

BOBBY(COUNT'D)

My nigga!

DEVIN

My nigga!

They laugh, they high five. They watch T.V.

Credits

DEVIN(COUNT'D)

Don't say that outside this room with me. All black people don't by that you will get beat the fuck up.