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INT. COFFEE SHOP - MORNING

Rex, 30, Caucasian and Sharp, 30, African American sit at a table eating.

REX

What were you doing up so late last night?

SHARP

I was just flipping channels. There aint shit on late at night.

REX

Unless you like a bunch of infomercials.

SHARP

I know.

Waitress comes over to take their order.

REX

I'll have two eggs scrambled, sausage patties, not those links. Links have that nasty casing on them. White toast, small orange juice, and a large glass of Milk.

WAITRESS

Would you like a cup of coffee?

REX

No thank you. Can I get some honey though for the toast. I'm not a big fan of Jelly.

WAITRESS

Absolutely. And for you?

Waitress turns to Sharp.

SHARP

Do you have a fruit plate?

Rex looks surprised by Sharps question.

WAITRESS

Yes we do.

SHARP

I'll have the fruit plate and a glass of water.

WAITRESS
Any Coffee?

SHARP
No.

WAITRESS
Thank you

The waitress turns to walk away.

REX
A fruit plate?

SHARP
Yes. Last night

Rex interrupted Sharps explanation.

REX
A fruit plate?

SHARP
One of the shows I flipped to last night was on Vegan lifestyle. They showed a video on factory farming and the impact it has on the animals.

REX
A vegan lifestyle? Sharp you could never be a vegan. Yesterday you had 3 plates of barbecue at Mia's house. Than you took one home.

SHARP
That was before I saw what happens to these animals. Some of these factory farms are nasty. Animals are so packed in they can't even lay down. They are stuck. Chickens are so crammed together, they have to cut off there beaks to avoid injury.

REX
(laughing)
Cut off their beaks. Do you hear yourself. Who cares about their fucking beaks. I just want my wings at hooters.

SHARP

What happens to the animals is not Humane. They get there legs tied together and dragged to slaughter. Horses get shot in the head. Not to kill them, but immobilize them. Then they slit their throats and hang them upside down to bleed out. It's like something out of a horror movie.

REX

It's a good thing I don't eat horses.

SHARP

You're missing the point. We should not continue to support an industry that treats animals this way. I'm going to join PETA. You know what PETA is right.

REX

Shit yea. I'm a member of PETA. People eating tasty animals.

SHARP

I'm done. I can't go back to steak. I'm going to become a Vegan.

REX

What is a vegan anyway.

SHARP

A vegan means and way of life that excludes all forms of cruelty to animals for food or any other purpose.

REX

So you're talking not just food. Clothes and shit too.

SHARP

Yes. If animals are being mistreated to make these clothes, than I don't want these clothes.

REX

Can I have your leather boots. Those are some nice boots.

SHARP

Yes. I won't need them anymore. I got rid of my old wallet also. I got this new one.

Sharp places a pleather wallet on the table.

REX

Do you know how many different things you will have to trade out? You're gonna be a hippie. A fucking tree hugger.

SHARP

I am just someone who is aware of the cruelty that happens and don't want to support it.

Rex is starting to show frustration. At this point the waitress brings their food.

REX

Ok. what would happen if all the world went to a vegan lifestyle?

SHARP

Everyone would be healthier. They would live longer.

REX

How many people would lose their job? These farms keep people employed. If people are not working you typically see crime rates increase. There would be more poverty. We would need to have more government assistance, and how does that get paid for. Taxes. There would be an increase in taxes. Those who do still have jobs, can they afford to live a vegan lifestyle. Fruits and vegetables are expensive.

SHARP

So are hospital bills for people who get sick.

REX

You talk about people living longer. Think about it. Look at living situations in China. What if our population continued to grow and people lived longer.

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REX (CONT'D)

We would come into an over population issue. We will run into supply problems. More people could potentially cause more disease.

SHARP

Your argument makes no sense. Your telling me we should just kill people now so they don't kill each other later, because they live longer.

REX

I need to use the bathroom. We will finish this in a minute.

Rex heads to the bathroom. Sharp looks at Rex's sausage patties disdainfully. Then Angus, 40, Caucasian approaches Sharp with a plate that has a steak on it.

ANGUS

Be cool. This is an intervention. My name is Angus.

Angus sets the plate in front of Sharp.

ANGUS (CONT'D)

I overheard your conversation. You think you want to be a vegetarian?

SHARP

A vegan actually.

ANGUS

You're off to a bad start. Is that your leather wallet there?

SHARP

Does it say "Mutha fuckin vegan" on it?

Angus grabs the wallet and sees it has "mutha fuckin vegan" embroidered on it. He realizes its pleather.

ANGUS

I guess its not leather after all.

Angus sits down and pushes the steak towards Sharp.

SHARP

I hate to burst your ego, but this is not the first time I've had a steak in front of me.

ANGUS

I want you to eat it.

SHARP

I can't do that.

ANGUS

It's not an option. I will feed it to you if I have to. I get tired of you vegetarians always telling us how to live our lives. I don't want to eat just vegetables. I want meat.

SHARP

Have you ever noticed that when people think of a carnivore, the imagery that comes to mind is the Tyrannosaurus, an extinct animal. This lifestyle will help. We were meant to eat like this.

ANGUS

Than why do we have canine teeth. Teeth that are meant for tearing. If we were meant to eat like this we wouldn't need these teeth. Have you seen a lot of vegans. The lack of protein affects there muscle growth. I know if your only out pulling your weeds for dinner than that's probably okay. But what if you want to play some kind of sport. Or pick up your children. Will you have the muscles to do that.

SHARP

If you manage your diet you will get sufficient enough proteins.

Rex comes back at this point.

REX

Dude, your in my seat.

SHARP

Be cool Rex. Angus and I were just having a little conversation.

ANGUS

What about vitamin B12? Without this, you will become anemic, you will have shortness of breath, fatigue. You need B12 to function properly.

SHARP

There are vitamin supplements you can take.

ANGUS

For gods sake man, just eat the steak.

SHARP

You have been a meat eater for a while right?

ANGUS

Yes

SHARP

Are you familiar with the carnivore creed 45 13. "The path of the carnivore is beset on all sides by high cholesterol, hypertension, heart disease and colon cancer trying to convince him to stop eating what he loves. Blessed is he who during the winter will still go out and grill some steaks in the darkness, for he is truly his brothers keeper and the finder of good friendships. And I will strike down upon thee with great vengeance and furious anger those who attempt to give me a salad before my steak. And you will know I am a carnivore as I eat my steak in front of you." I've been living that creed for years. If you ever heard it, than you knew we were going to have some good food. But I saw something last night that I can't get out of my head. I wish I could. That steak smells delicious.

ANGUS

Your life will be flavorless.

SHARP

But long lasting and my conscious
will be clear. It's time for you
to go.

Angus gets up to leave.

SHARP (CONT'D)

Take this steak with you.

Angus reaches for the steak but is blocked by Rex.

REX

I'll eat the steak. I love this
shit.

Angus looks to Sharp once again and leaves.

REX (CONT'D)

Who the hell was that guy? I
haven't had steak and eggs in a
long time. You want this sausage?

Sharp looks away and drinks his water.

FADE TO BLACK.