

~~THOMPSON: Thanks for having me. Mark, we'll talk. Christine, it was lovely to meet you. Julie, you got me there. My wife and I? We talk about this all the time. Can Black People be racist? And there it is.~~

~~LAWRENCE: Excuse me?~~

~~THOMPSON: That was by far the most racist thing I've ever seen in my life.~~

~~JULIE: Racist?~~

~~THOMPSON: The most racist~~

~~CHRISTINE: (quietly) No.~~

~~JULIE: I can't oppress you.~~

~~THOMPSON: Yes. Racist.~~

~~CHRISTINE: No. Stop.~~

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~~THOMPSON: Sorry?~~

CHRISTINE: No! Stop! Stop stop stop! I can't. She can't oppress you. Racism is prejudice plus systemic power.

THOMPSON: I'm sorry?

CHRISTINE: Racism is prejudice plus systemic power! She doesn't have systemic power over you! Or me! (*looks at Mark*) Either does he!

MARK: Please don't.

CHRISTINE: When I say systemic power... we represent that. You come in here and you're obviously looking for a Black man to fill your roster!

THOMPSON: ...

CHRISTINE: Someone who reminds you of your friend?

THOMPSON: ...

CHRISTINE: It's rude.

THOMPSON: Lawrence?

CHRISTINE: It's racist.

THOMPSON: Racist? I'm married to a Black Woman, my kids are black.

CHRISTINE: Right. Sure. And you can't be misogynistic because you're married to a woman, right?

MARK: *(to THOMPSON)* I'm really sorry about this.

CHRISTINE: No. This is not your responsibility. Like you said. It's not your job to teach this. You said it. He's exotifying you. *(To THOMPSON)* You're exotifying him! And just because you're a white man with a Black wife doesn't make that okay! It's weird! *(to MARK)* I'm sorry, it's weird. I don't do stuff like that.

MARK: Christine. Please.

CHRISTINE: *(to THOMPSON)* You're upholding the system, upholding white supremacy!

THOMPSON: White supremacy. As in. The Klan? Sweetheart –

CHRISTINE: No, as in the system. The system!

LAWRENCE: Christine.

CHRISTINE: Not the Klan. Ughh... The legal, the political... the structures that uphold this country. What makes this place so easy for me and you and not... not for the people you represent!

THOMPSON: Thank you for a wonderful evening.

THOMPSON begins to exit. CHRISTINE stops him.

CHRISTINE: The things that break them down or kill their soul, take their joy, day after day. Does wearing a hoodie threaten your life? Can you buy flesh colored bandages and expect them to match your skin? Are you mad that I just called you white?

LAWRENCE: Christine!

CHRISTINE: *(to THOMPSON)* You benefit. We benefit. *(to LAWRENCE)* Fine. I'll stay out of it. Fine. *(to MARK)* I mean, don't you think it's weird?

LAWRENCE motions for her to stop. She pulls back.

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