

~~MARK exits. CHRISTINE stands above the book on the ground. She looks at it for a moment. She is about to say something to JULIE.~~

~~JULIE: We're not talking right now.~~

~~CHRISTINE picks up the book and sits at the dining table, flipping through it. PRECY folds a washcloth. MARK enters.~~

~~MARK: Found it.~~

~~CHRISTINE: Why won't you share things with me?~~

~~MARK: Let's talk about this at home.~~

~~CHRISTINE: I'm your girlfriend. You don't talk about race with me.~~

~~MARK: Can we talk at home? I'm gonna get some lumpia. You want some?~~

~~CHRISTINE: No thanks. I'm your girlfriend. We should talk about everything.~~

~~MARK: Let's talk about it later.~~

~~JULIE: Sorry, Mark.~~

~~Pause.~~

~~MARK: Yep.~~

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~~MARK exits without taking any lumpia. Silence.~~

CHRISTINE: Can I ask you a question?

JULIE: Sure.

CHRISTINE: It's the question from before.

JULIE: From this morning?

CHRISTINE: Yeah.

JULIE: Sure.

CHRISTINE: It might be offensive.

JULIE: I really don't care.

CHRISTINE: So Atticus Finch is in your movie, right?

JULIE: Yep.

CHRISTINE: So, why do you think you can write white characters?

JULIE: I've been studying white folks my whole life. Watching y'all on tv, film...
Reading books about you in school.

CHRISTINE: Right. Hm.

JULIE: It's like I have a degree or something.

CHRISTINE: Hm.

JULIE: So can I ask you a question?

CHRISTINE: Yes.

JULIE: Do you know why Mark doesn't talk race with you?

CHRISTINE: Do you know why?

JULIE: Yes.

CHRISTINE: So are you going to tell me?

Silence.

CHRISTINE: This is intense.

JULIE: It is too painful for Mark.

CHRISTINE: Oh.

JULIE: There isn't anything casual about it.

CHRISTINE: Oh.

JULIE: You may be like, "oh that's information" but for us to actually *share that information*. It costs.

CHRISTINE: I see.

JULIE: Were you offended by being called white?

CHRISTINE: Yes! You called me white once and I was offended.

JULIE laughs.

CHRISTINE: I googled "why am I offended by being called white."

JULIE laughs.

CHRISTINE: And then I googled white fragility. And then I read an article called “Why is it so hard for White People to talk about race.” And then I called myself out. Don’t laugh. I learn a lot from the Internet.

JULIE: True, true.

CHRISTINE: Oh my God I was so scared! I can’t believe I did that! Aaaaaa! Wild! Allyship is hard.

JULIE: About that. You don’t get a cookie. Or a check on your allyship card.

CHRISTINE: I know.

JULIE: You’re going to mess up everyday.

CHRISTINE: One hundred percent. You stopped me back there.

JULIE: I did. Yes. You were going to say the n word.

CHRISTINE: I was.

JULIE: That’s a trigger for me.

CHRISTINE: But it’s not directed at you.

JULIE: It’s painful. The word causes me pain.

CHRISTINE: Okay.

JULIE: The fact that I need to explain it causes me pain.

CHRISTINE: Okay.

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