

Personal Incorrectness

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TEASER

SCENE A

FADE IN:

INT. — HUNTER COLLEGE — HALLWAY — DAY  
(NICK, RON, RYAN, ADAM)

NICK APPROACHES A GROUP OF FRIENDS WHO ARE LAUGHING TOGETHER.

RON  
Hey Nick, come closer, Ryan has a great joke.

NICK  
Really? How offensive is it?

RYAN  
It's not offensive. Why would you think that?

NICK  
Because it's supposed to be funny.

RYAN  
Well it's funny but it's not offensive.

NICK  
Okay but what's the joke then?

RYAN  
What problems do Republicans have when they do laundry?

NICK  
I don't know, tell me.

RYAN  
They only have whites.

NICK CHUCKLES.

NICK  
That's a good joke.

RYAN

Thanks.

NICK

But it is offensive.

RYAN

Wait, you're a Republican?

NICK

No, I'm a liberal. But it's still offensive if it makes fun of someone. I still like offensive humor though. In fact, I have a good offensive joke of my own.

RYAN

Tell me then.

NICK

Are you sure you're ready for this?

RYAN

Yeah, I already told you mine.

NICK LOOKS AROUND

NICK

Okay then, this nigga went to McDonalds, this nigga stayed home, this nigga had fried chicken, this nigga had none, and this nigga cried racism all the way home.

RYAN LOOKS IN DISGUST

RYAN

That's sick.

RON

That's racist.

ADAM

That's the worst joke I ever heard.

NICK

It's not that bad. It makes fun of black stereotypes.

RON

But you're not even black.

NICK  
And you're not Republicans but you  
made fun of their stereotypes.

RYAN  
Republicans aren't black.

NICK  
First of all, a few of them are,  
even if it's just a few. Plus that  
joke breaks barriers.

RON  
How does that hate speech break  
barriers?

NICK  
-I can give you a list of reasons,  
first off-

NICK'S PHONE RINGS WITH HEAVY METAL RINGTONE

NICK (CONT'D)  
-hang on, I have to take this.

END TEASER

ACT ONE

SCENE B

FADE IN:

INT. - HUNTER COLLEGE - 1ST FLOOR LOBBY - DAY

(DAVID, NICK)

DAVID IS ON THE PHONE WITH NICK.

NICK (VOICE OVER)  
Hey David, I was just talking  
about a joke, wanna hear it?

DAVID  
Nick, I'm not in the mood right  
now.

NICK  
Why?

DAVID  
Do you remember how I was dating  
Denise?

NICK  
Yeah, it's been like three weeks  
now. Did something happen?

DAVID  
Yeah, she missed her period and  
she's pregnant.

NICK  
Holy crap.

FADE OUT:

SCENE C

FADE IN:

INT. - JFK AIRPORT - RECEPTION DESK - DAY

(ALEEMAH, TSA WORKER)

ALEEMAH ARRIVES AT JFK AIRPORT AND IN THE AIRPORT SHE TALKS  
TO A TSA WORKER.

TSA WORKER

I'm sorry ma'am but you've been randomly selected for additional screening.

ALEEMAH

But I just got off the plane. It's my first day of classes.

ALEEMAH THINKS "It's only random because it depends on how many Muslim people they see."

TSA WORKER

I'm sorry ma'am but it won't take long.

ALEEMAH

You've gotta be kidding me.

ALEEMAH THINKS "I should have came yesterday. I've gotta catch up with Nick and David."

FADE OUT:

SCENE D

FADE IN:

INT. - HUNTER COLLEGE - 3RD FLOOR LOBBY - DAY

(JACOB, PASSERBIES #1-4)

JACOB IS PROMOTING AN "INTERNATIONALIST CLUB" ON CAMPUS BY APPROACHING PEOPLE ABOUT MARXISM.

JACOB

Sir, are you interested in seeing a state that caters to the working class?

PASSERBY #1

Are you talking about communism?

JACOB

Yes, but it's not what you think, it's-

PASSERBY #1

A workers' revolution, right?

JACOB

Exactly, you see-

PASSERBY #1

Not interested.

PASSERBY #1 WALKS AWAY.

JACOB APPROACHES ANOTHER PERSON.

JACOB

Excuse me sir, but do you want to better understand how the working class is tied to the bourgeoisie in our materialistic society.

PASSERBY #2

You know I think Hunter College offers free mental health services.

PASSERBY #2 WALKS AWAY.

JACOB APPROACHES ANOTHER PERSON.

JACOB

Excuse me sir, do you have a problem with political parties helping big businesses put a stranglehold on the average American laborer?

PASSERBY #3

Yes.

JACOB

Do you want to see people have more of an influence on their own government?

PASSERBY #3

Yes.

JACOB

Are you sick of seeing hardworking Americans go through poverty?

PASSERBY #3

Yes.

JACOB

Are you interested in joining a revolutionary workers' party to take back our government and the means of production?

PASSERBY #3

No.

PASSERBY #3 WALKS AWAY.

JACOB

Dammit, what's so bad about taking an interest in Marxism?

PASSERBY #4

It's because you guys kill people who disagree with you and take everybody's property away.

JACOB

But property is an agent of greed and you're talking about governments that failed to successfully implement Marxism as they had greedy dictatorships and were filled with corruption.

PASSERBY #4

As they went under Marxism.

PASSERBY #4 LEAVES

JACOB

Why can't any of you listen?!

FADE OUT:



SCENE E

FADE IN:

INT. - JFK AIRPORT - CUSTOMS - DAY

Aleemah is going through the metal detectors.

FEMALE WORKER

I'm going to have to frisk you  
ma'am.

FEMALE WORKER FRISKS ALEEMAH

ALEEMAH THINKS "THIS WOMAN SEEMS TO ENJOY THIS, SHE'S REALLY FEELING ME UP. I GUESS I CAN THINK OF HER AS ROBERT PATTERSON. NOW THIS IS STARTING TO FEEL PRETTY GOOD," THEN MOANS IN PLEASURE.

FEMALE WORKER (CONT'D)

Sorry about that.

FEMALE WORKER LEANS OVER TO WHISPER IN HER EAR.

FEMALE WORKER (CONT'D)

I left my number in your pocket.

FEMALE WORKER LETS ALEEMAH PASS.

ALEEMAH

Thanks.

ALEEMAH WALKS AWAY AND THINKS "DID I JUST GET TURNED ON BY A WOMAN? I'M NOT INTERESTED IN HAVING SEX WITH ANY OF THEM BUT THAT WOMAN PUSHED A FEW BUTTONS WHEN FEELING ME UP. I HAD TO THINK OF HER AS A GUY BUT STILL, WHEN A WOMAN FEELS YOU UP, SHE MIGHT BE A CREEP BUT SHE KNOWS WHAT SHE'S DOING, WHILE WHEN A GUY FEELS YOU UP HE'S JUST BEING A CREEP."

END OF ACT ONE.



ACT TWO

SCENE F

FADE IN:

INT. - HUNTER COLLEGE - CAFETERIA - DAY

(NICK, JACOB, DAVID, CHRIS, ALEEMAH)

NICK, JACOB, DAVID, AND CHRIS ARE TALKING TO EACH OTHER IN THE HUNTER CAFETERIA.

NICK

I always thought that if anyone  
were to get their girlfriend  
pregnant, it would be-

CHRIS (HAPPENS TO BE BLACK)

Don't you dare say me. Don't you  
DARE!

NICK

I was gonna say Jacob. Why would I say that you would be most likely to do that?

CHRIS

No reason.

DAVID

So what should I do?

NICK

Well you shouldn't try to get her to abort it.

JACOB

He's right, it's her choice whether or not to carry it.

NICK

That's not what I mean. He consented to sleeping with her and he knew the risks of knocking her up. Now he has a responsibility to see that it's carried to term because it's still a life.

JACOB

Wait a second, I thought you were an atheist.

NICK

I am but I think it's still a life.

JACOB

But it doesn't become conscious until after 3 months and if you don't think a fetus has a soul then why do you even care?

NICK

It's a cellular life with human DNA, right?

JACOB

Yes, but it's still not conscious.

NICK

But it can develop later on to be conscious, making it a human life.

JACOB

Okay, let's say the same with sperm, because it can develop into being a conscious life. So when you're masturbating you're killing millions of unborn children.

NICK

No, because it doesn't have that potential until it combines with the egg.

JACOB

Well here's an idea: why don't we give each woman their own choice to consider if it's a life or not.

DAVID

I like that idea.

NICK

If you consider it to be a life then it doesn't matter. You'd be against that idea regardless.

JACOB

I still don't understand why you're such a conservative about this.

NICK

I'm not a conservative, I'm a true liberal.

JACOB

A "true liberal?"

NICK

Yes, the point of being a liberal is to have free thinking which uses both left-wing and right-wing ideas.

CHRIS

How the hell did we get from hearing about a white guy knocking up his girlfriend to hearing Nick make up terms to fit his ego. And you know, maybe it's a bad idea just for a couple of guys to talk about abortion. We need at least one woman to weigh in. Why don't we call Aleemah?

DAVID

Thank you Chris. I'll call her right now.

DAVID CALLS ALEEMAH.

NICK

I'm not fitting my ego, I'm thinking for myself and not for a washington party line. If that means I have an "ego" then so be it. And it's better than being a communist.

ALEEMAH

Hey David.

DAVID

Hey Aleemah, can you weigh in on what you think about abortion?

ALEEMAH

Sure, but why?

DAVID

Well do you remember when I told you about how I met Denise?

ALEEMAH

Oh my god, you plowed her! Good job David. How was she? What kind of foreplay did you do together? Did she let you do any weird stuff? How many times did you do it? How many minutes did you last?

DAVID

Aleemah this is serious. She's pregnant and Nick has this rant about how abortion is wrong and "true" liberalism uses right-wing ideas.

ALEEMAH

Fine, but I'm making you give me the nasty details later with or without your consent. I think it's a woman's choice in the first trimester. If you want to recommend abortion, then proceed with caution. You have to make sure to think about her in this because she's gonna have to carry it.

NICK

But-

ALEEMAH

I swear to Allah Nick, if you say some stupid argument I will cut you!

NICK

But you're only saying it's stupid because I disagree with you.

ALEEMAH

It doesn't help that you're a man and don't have to worry about getting pregnant.

NICK

Even if we don't have to carry it, we still provide the sperm to make it. So shouldn't we be able to have our arguments heard about it.

ALEEMAH

You're a sweet kid Nick but you're giving a sexist opinion. You think you guys have a say just because you pour semen in us?

NICK

Aren't you the one being sexist for shutting me down because I'm a guy?

ALEEMAH

Listen, I'm about to take the subway over there. Once I get to Hunter, after I go to class, first I'll learn all about David's sex life then I'm gonna beat you down and rape you!

ALEEMAH HANGS UP.

NICK

You know if I yelled at her that way I could get arrested.

DAVID

Well it's hard to picture a guy saying "I'm gonna beat you down and rape you" to a woman without ringing alarms in someone's head.



JACOB

Also you have the nerve to make an n-word joke.

NICK

But that joke was funny.

JACOB

How the hell was that joke supposed to be funny?

NICK

It makes fun of black stereotypes and puts in the word "nigga" for a funny "this little piggy" effect.

DAVID

You know you only have to say the word once to be seen as a racist. In that joke you say it five times.

JACOB

Plus that word happens to be a lynch word. When black people were being lynched they were referred to as "niggers."

NICK

But the original definition wasn't out of racism. I'm removing the hate from the word by making it seem more endearing and casual.

JACOB

But even the original definition was derogatory to black people.

NICK LOOKS AROUND AND WAITS FOR A BLACK PASSERBY TO WALK OUT OF EARSHOT.

NICK

The original definition is not racist. Over time the word was used in racism.

JACOB

When referring to slaves. They called them "niggers." And you do realize that even right now you're looking out to see if any black people are within earshot to hear you say it.

NICK

My opinions don't say anything about if I wanna get beat up after this argument is over. Also, can't we just google the definition?

JACOB

Go ahead. Prove me right and prove yourself right-leaning.

NICK GOES ON HIS PHONE

NICK

Yes, I told you: definition number 1, to refer to people as dark-skinned, definition number 2, refer to people as African-American, both are listed as derogatory but definition number 3 isn't.

JACOB

What's definition number 3?

NICK

To refer to a group of people as systematically discriminated against, a.k.a. black people.

CHRIS

How come none of you asked me what I thought of Nick using the n-word?

DAVID

Oh right, we kind of forgot you were black for a second. What were you gonna say about the word?

CHRIS

I was just gonna say if this asshole wants to joke about how his ancestors enslaved people then let him but he ignores all the centuries where we were oppressed for our skin color. It might not make him a racist but it makes him a selfish prick.

NICK

But it's just a harmless joke. Why can't the joke be judged on how funny it actually is and not on the issues it touches? Plus, none of my ancestors ever enslaved black people. Only some white people actually did that and to say we all did would just be bad stereotypes. And weren't stereotypes that were taken seriously part of what influenced racism to begin with? My joke attacks the stereotypes of black people, not the black people themselves.

DAVID, CHRIS AND JACOB PAUSE FOR A SECOND.

NICK (CONT'D)

And to think this nigga cried racism all the way home.

DAVID

Oh come on Nick!

CHRIS

I hate having to listen to you people whine all the time. David always seems like he has a real problem to talk about but somehow he can't because you spin his problem to be about how you're allowed to be an asshole, and Jacob, you're just a commie.

CHRIS LEAVES THE CAFETERIA.

JACOB

What did I even do?

NICK

David, can I say something to you about your problem?

DAVID

I don't care anymore, just say what's on your mind.

NICK

Look, whatever you do, you shouldn't base it on other peoples' opinions. You need to do what you think is the right thing. Not what anyone else thinks.

DAVID

That's actually the first thing you said today where you weren't being annoying. Do you see what happens when you think about others before you say something? You don't sound like such an ass and you actually have something good to contribute.

FADE OUT:

SCENE F

FADE IN:

INT. - SUBWAY - DAY

(ALEEMAH, NICK)

Aleemah is on a crowded subway on the phone with Nick.

NICK

So they selected you for additional screening after you landed?

ALEEMAH

Yeah.

NICK

By whatever creator, that's nuts. You know, if it's so important for the airports to do additional screening for passengers then shouldn't they do it for everyone to make it a safer flight instead of doing it at random?

ALEEMAH

It's almost never random though. If it were, I probably wouldn't have been selected.

NICK

For the most part, the TSA doesn't even prevent terror attacks.

ALEEMAH  
What do you mean?

NICK  
Well, I mean that all the attempts were prevented by the CIA and Homeland Security beforehand. Apparently all the TSA ever did was confiscate sharp objects.

ALEEMAH  
That's weird. Hey am I forgetting about something?

NICK  
I don't think so.

ALEEMAH  
Okay. Anyway, Nick, did a guy ever... touch you in a way that felt good?

NICK  
Aside from myself, never. Why?

ALEEMAH  
A woman frisked me and well, it felt pretty good.

NICK  
You know I think I saw something like that.

ALEEMAH  
Where?

NICK  
Pornhub.

ALEEMAH  
That's charming. But do you think it means anything?

NICK  
Well it depends.

ALEEMAH  
On what?

NICK  
On if you want to frisk her.

ALEEMAH  
Well I would've liked to but just out of spite.

NICK

From the footage I've seen, spite can lead to angry sex. So that's open to interpretation. How was her body?

ALEEMAH

I guess it wasn't half bad but nothing I'd want to frisk.

NICK

Okay, were you thinking about a guy at the time?

ALEEMAH

Yeah actually.

NICK

That's a sign that it doesn't mean anything but let's erase doubt here. What kind of hands did she have?

ALEEMAH

Well, they were pretty big.

NICK

Were they calloused?

ALEEMAH

Now that I think about it, they weren't very delicate. I guess the doubt's been erased but now I'm kind of disappointed.

NICK

Why, because you're not gay or bi?

ALEEMAH

A bit. I mean the woman really checked me out. In fact, I think I could kill it if I played for the other team.

NICK

I guess it could make you more of a player for guys too.

ALEEMAH

What do guys find so alluring about a woman doing another woman?

NICK

What do women find so alluring about a guy doing another guy?

NICK AND ALEEMAH (IN UNISON)  
Threesomes.

NICK  
See?

ALEEMAH  
Okay, I get what you mean. I guess  
I don't go on Pornhub as much as  
you do.

FADE OUT:

SCENE G

FADE IN:

INT. - HUNTER COLLEGE - INTERNATIONALIST CLUB - DAY

(JACOB, ALEX, NICK)

JACOB IS IN AN "INTERNATIONALIST CLUB" MEETING.

ALEX  
So how did the recruitment go?

JACOB  
Horribly. Every time I tried to  
explain Marxist doctrine to people  
they rejected it just because it  
was Marxist.

ALEX

Why can't people see that their lives could be better if they rose up to take their government and prevent each other from owning property. All property does is encourage greed.

JACOB

Well we kind of looked bad when Stalin starved his people. We had a much better platform back when Lenin promoted free thinking.

ALEX

Stalin did what he had to do to provide for the Soviet military.

NICK ENTERS.

NICK

Hey Jacob, I'm sorry to interrupt your commie plot but you left your bag in the cafeteria. What crazy thing are you talking about now?

NICK HANDS JACOB THE BAG.

JACOB

Well we're talking about whether or not Stalin was responsible for giving the communists a bad name.

ALEX

I was just making the case how the bourgeoisie made Stalin out to be a villain when he was forced to make choices that hurt some people for a time to secure progress.

NICK

It didn't just hurt them, they starved to death over years and years.

ALEX

The bourgeoisie hypes up Stalin to be some kind of monster when-

NICK

Stalin was a monster.

ALEX

-when he protected Russia from the evils of capitalism.



NICK

Yeah, evils of capitalism such as access to food, freedom of speech, and the right to own things the government can't just take away. People are WAY better off without those evils.

JACOB

As bad as Stalin was, you can't say the same things about Lenin. He supported the arts.

NICK

But he also censored free speech if it disagreed with him. He still took away property but I guess he only starved people to feed his soldiers so they could kill any opposition.

JACOB

Nicholas, you are ignoring the big picture of the struggle of the working class, which we are trying to emphasize in society.

NICK

Then why do all of your revolutions end in dictatorships and firing squads?

JACOB

That's because we still have a materialistic world that is led by the bourgeoisie.

NICK

So you use that as an excuse to exploit people just as badly as big business does?

JACOB

Are you accusing our club of being liars that use capitalist oppression for our personal gain?

NICK

Of course I am.

JACOB

Get out Nick! Just get out. I've had enough doses of your crap today.

END OF ACT TWO.

ACT THREE

SCENE H

FADE IN:

INT. - DENISE'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - DAY

(DAVID, DENISE)

DAVID IS SITTING DOWN WITH DENISE ON THE COUCH.

DAVID

Listen Denise, I've tried to give this pregnancy thing a lot of thought. I know that we haven't been dating for very long but I still like you and want to make it work with you. Most of all, I don't want to see you go through this pregnancy alone, whatever you decide to do.

DENISE

Oh my god, David, you're so sweet. I wanna make it work with you too.

DENISE LEANS OVER TO HUG DAVID.

DENISE (CONT'D)

It's great that I have you to see me through the next 8 months even though the baby's not yours!

DAVID

Well, I just want to... wait, what?

DAVID GIVES A SHOCKED YET RELIEVED LOOK.

DENISE

Yeah, it turns out that my ex-boyfriend Brad is the father. It happened a week before we started dating. I'm sorry but I had no idea that this happened until I realized I was late. But it's amazing that I have you to be there for me for the pregnancy.

DAVID

Ummm, yeah.

DENISE

I can have you calm me down when I have all those pregnancy mood swings.

DAVID

I guess so.

DENISE

You can come with me to see all those sonograms. You can even help me bond with it before they're born.

DAVID BEGINS TO GRIMACE.

DAVID

Yeah.

DENISE

You can hold my hand while I give birth.

DENISE EMBRACES DAVID

DAVID

Sure.

DAVID THINKS "I'VE GOTTA GET OUT OF THIS."

FADE OUT:

SCENE I

FADE IN:

INT. - HUNTER COLLEGE - HALLWAY - DAY

(NICK, RON, RYAN, ADAM, CHRIS)

NICK IS WALKING AND ONCE AGAIN APPROACHES THE FRIENDS HE TOLD HIS N-WORD JOKE TO.

RON

Hey Nick, you've gotta hear Chris tell the joke. Come on Chris.

CHRIS

Okay, this nigga went to McDonalds, this nigga stayed home, this nigga had fried chicken, this nigga had none, and this nigga cried racism all the way home.

EVERYONE BUT NICK AND CHRIS LAUGHS.

ADAM

God I love how you make fun of black stereotypes with that joke.

RYAN

You're such a funny guy Chris, that's the best joke I ever heard.

NICK

But when I told it to you guys you called it hate speech.

RON

When you say it it's hate speech but when he says it he's being funny.

NICK

But Chris, didn't you say I was being a selfish prick to tell the joke.

CHRIS

That doesn't mean that I'm a selfish prick for telling the joke.

NICK

So certain speech, which is acceptable if you're black, is just hate speech if I tell it and I'm white?

EVERYONE BUT NICK

Yes!

NICK

You goddamn hypocrites that's racial bias!

FADE OUT:

SCENE J

FADE IN:

INT. - HUNTER COLLEGE - CAFETERIA - DAY

(DAVID, ALEEMAH)

DAVID IS SITTING DOWN WITH ALEEMAH.

ALEEMAH

So let me get this straight; you profess your willingness to commit to her for the sake of the baby which turns out to not be yours, so now you're stuck in a relationship you're uncomfortable in?

DAVID

Yes.

ALEEMAH  
How many times did you two do it?

DAVID  
Five.

ALEEMAH  
Ooooh, how long did you last?

DAVID  
8 minutes.

ALEEMAH  
Good work but remember this, the woman needs at least ten minutes to really enjoy it. How did she do for you?

DAVID  
To be honest, it seemed like she really knew what she was doing. That should've been my first clue.

ALEEMAH  
Did you get to do any weird stuff?

DAVID  
No.

ALEEMAH  
That's insane. How can you commit to a heavy relationship without doing any weird stuff first? It would've encouraged you to last a bit longer.

DAVID  
Do you have any ideas?

ALEEMAH  
To help you get her to do weird stuff or get out of this relationship?

DAVID  
I guess both.

ALEEMAH  
I don't think you can get out of this if you cut your leg off but on the upside at this point you only need to ask pretty please with a cherry popped for the weird stuff.

DAVID

Well at least I get a consolation prize. And I guess now you're juiced up to beat Nick down and rape him?

ALEEMAH

Thanks for reminding me David.

FADE OUT:

SCENE K

FADE IN:

INT. - HUNTER COLLEGE - 1ST FLOOR LOBBY - DAY

(CHRIS, BRAD)

CHRIS IS MAKING BRAD LAUGH AT THE N-WORD JOKE.

BRAD

That joke's amazing Chris.

BRAD CHECKS PHONE AFTER IT VIBRATES.

BRAD (CONT'D)

Oh crap, my ex just texted me.

CHRIS

The one you lasted a record of five minutes with?

BRAD

Yeah, and she's pregnant with my child.

CHRIS

What is it with all you white guys knocking up your girlfriends?

END OF ACT THREE.

TAG

SCENE L

FADE IN:

INT. - NICK'S HOUSE - BATHROOM - NIGHT

(NICK, ALEEMAH)

NICK IS GETTING OUT OF THE SHOWER AND WIPES THE MIRROR TO SEE ALEEMAH DRESSED IN A BATHROBE.

NICK TURNS AROUND.

NICK

Hey Aleemah, sorry we couldn't see each other today. I hope I didn't piss you off too much about that whole abortion debate.

ALEEMAH STEPS CLOSER TO NICK.

ALEEMAH

Oh it's okay Nick,

ALEEMAH UNTIES HER BATHROBE.

ALEEMAH (CONT'D)

Because now you can see all of me while I get to see you beaten to a bloody pulp.



NICK WAKES UP FROM HIS DREAM IN HIS BEDROOM.

END TAG.