

INT. FREDDY'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

Freddy and FIONA (29) Filipina Stylist, Freddy's live-in girlfriend, eat dinner on the couch with the TV on.

FREDDY

Don't you consider yourself Black?

FIONA

You really crack me up. You know, for the two years that we've been together, I just thought you were being cute when you'd make little comments to your friends about me being Blasian. Black Asian.

FREDDY

I'm not being cute, that's what you are. What, are you ashamed of being Black?

FIONA

I consider myself Pinoy.

FREDDY

But doesn't that include ancestry from the Moors, the Aboriginal peoples of the Philipines that have afros and dreadlocks and shit?

FIONA

Yes, we're mixed. I'm proud of all my peoples, and I acknowledge all of those peoples, including our Spanish and American oppressors.

FREDDY

That's what makes you so much like African Americans. You had to take on slave names, you eat mad pork and were cutting cane just like us. What was your people's name before it was Gonzales?

FIONA

I don't know.

FREDDY

Exactly. Neither do we. We're the same.

FIONA

The same is an absolute. You mean similar? We're both mixed.

FREDDY

I am an African prisoner of war.

FIONA

Freddy, you haven't even been to Africa.

FREDDY

You think because you did a little study abroad semester in Ghana, you more African than me?

FIONA

Sometimes I can't tell when your joking.

FREDDY

I'm as serious as a heart attack.

FIONA

Your father is white.

FREDDY

My father is a two time looser, bum.

Freddy walks into the kitchen, cleans the ends of his food into the trash.

FIONA

You're the one who wants to talk about genetics.

FREDDY

That's fucked up that you deny your African heritage. You best rethink that shit because I only date sistas.

FIONA

Your last girlfriend was Chinese.

FREDDY

Chinese people are Black. You ever hear of the Shang Dynasty? They had afros. The later Dynasties destroyed a lot of the art and evidence of that shit, but it's real. There's a great book called Black Jade...

FIONA

You really live in a fantasy world,
Freddy. Does everybody have to be
Black for you to accept them?

FREDDY

That's stupid, of course not. I
accept people for who they are.

FIONA

Then can't you accept me for what I
am?

FREDDY

The question is can you accept
yourself?

FIONA

Well, I guess the ultimate question
for you is can you accept and love
yourself? But until you're ready
for that, you could take the first
step and accept me for who I am.
Fiona. Pinoy. South Asian woman
who loves you.