

TRACY

You haven't heard the best part.

WILLIAM

What's the best part?

GERRARD

I want you to join us.

WILLIAM

Me? I've auditioned for you twice and never been hired.

GERRARD

I want you to play the lead.

WILLIAM

Me?

GERRARD

This community needs to see that you don't have to be white to be a star. And you will be our new star.

WILLIAM is revealed with his girlfriend: TRACY.

TRACY

How'd it go?

WILLIAM

It's the lead!

TRACY

Holy shit!

WILLIAM

I know.

TRACY

He's-

WILLIAM

I know.

TRACY

You're totally a token.

WILLIAM (*taken aback*)

But... it's like here I am sitting at a table with one of the most powerful men in theatre, and he offers me a job. *The* job. Straight up. "Take this job."

TRACY

But- And?

WILLIAM

It felt right.

TRACY *says nothing.*

WILLIAM

You think it's totally for show?

TRACY

Well...

WILLIAM

Like "Ethnics On Parade" or something? "See them act! See them dance!"

TRACY

This is when it's shitty to have a conscience.

WILLIAM

I still believe in talent.

TRACY

You must be very lonely.

WILLIAM *says nothing.*

TRACY

You should have heard him speak. Gerrard Smith is a complete fucking hypocrite. He's going on and on about his great plans for multiculturalism in the arts, when his company hasn't appointed one fucking ethnic board member in the last 10 years!

WILLIAM

Well, this initiative sounds like it will change the balance.

TRACY

Yeah, but what's really going to change? He uses you for your exotic cache, gets more grant money for doing it, and still all the people running the show are white!

WILLIAM

Well, at least I get a job.

TRACY

I know you do, honey. And that's great. But until we get more people of colour running shit, we're picking up table scraps.

WILLIAM

Looks like your law school friends are rubbing off on you.

TRACY

Hey man, it's a good thing. This Equity Studies course is like the coolest course ever! I'm totally going into Labour Law.

WILLIAM

I'm glad that you finally have some focus, but I worry.

TRACY

About?

WILLIAM

Well, it's like you see all these people who are all about 'the cause' or whatever. But as soon as they get a piece of the pie, they're gone. It's like political activism is just another way to make contacts.

TRACY

Give me some credit.

WILLIAM

It's not that I don't think you're awesome. I do. I think you're totally doing the right thing, and trying to make a legitimate change. But I wonder how long you can really sustain the fight.

TRACY

As long as it takes.

WILLIAM

I mean, it's like if you didn't have to starve, why would you? Once you get a big job offer, why wouldn't you take it? You can just justify it by saying you're 'helping the cause from the inside' or-

TRACY

I totally get your point. But this is me. I'm for real, William. My mother raised me and my 2 sisters by herself. It may sound like another cliché of the single black mother who