

BENT SIDE

KAYLA

Ok yeah.

[INTERNET TROLL starts to walk off stage, slightly dancing]

Yeah, I guess.

BENT

You guess?! You're still saying that?

[INTERNET TROLL quickly whips his head back toward them, with surprise and interest at BENT's line]

KAYLA

No, I agree with you.

BENT

You don't seem too sure.

[INTERNET TROLL turns to face them, giddy]

KAYLA

[She raises a hand to steady all the hats she's balancing on her head]

Well, I've just been getting confused lately.

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BENT

Listen, I'm telling you the facts!

[INTERNET TROLL excitedly runs off stage]

KAYLA

Yeah, but you're also not acknowledging some other ones! Not every single immigrant that comes here is making Amer—is improving this country.

[INTERNET TROLL quickly returns with popcorn, spilling it as he rushes back. He sits down on a bench and throws pieces of popcorn at his mouth and "chews" quickly, though not eating it]

BENT

That's straight up white privilege. I can't believe you're being so racist.

KAYLA

Whoa. Look, that's not fair, and I don't really wanna keep talking about this.

BENT

Fair?! Kayla, listen, a lot of people don't think what you're saying is fair. Especially when they're the ones getting gypped for being people of color. Why don't you just admit to white privilege?

[During the next few lines, KAYLA's hats teeter on her head and eventually fall into her arms. She awkwardly carries them]

KAYLA

I'm not denying it–

BENT

It kinda sounds like you are.

KAYLA

No! I don't know! I just don't–

BENT

You "don't know."

KAYLA

Can we please stop talking about this?!

BENT

You brought it up!

KAYLA

Stop!

[beat]

BENT

[Breathes out loudly and quickly in disbelief]

Are you serious?

[INTERNET TROLL eagerly observes and dramatically reacts to their ensuing conversation]

KAYLA

Yes. I don't know where *[she gestures to BENT]* this is coming from, but I really don't appreciate how you're talking to me.

BENT

You don't appreciate how I'm talking to you?

KAYLA
Right. No, I don't!

BENT
Well...

KAYLA
No. You know what? I—I can't do this right now.

BENT
You can't do this right now? Maybe I can't do this right now! I'm the one handling—

KAYLA
Look, I kind of really don't want to be around you right now.

BENT
[He sharply exhales in a laugh. A pause]
Kayla, come on—

KAYLA
[She shakes her head].
Mmm. Can we... I think I kind of want to take a break.

BENT
You want a break. Because of what just happened?

[KAYLA nods]

[BENT speaks more gently]

BENT
Kale, I didn't—

KAYLA
No, I—I really just think it'd be good for me right now...

BENT
[remorseful]
Ok...Ok well then...yeah. Maybe a break would be good.

[KAYLA nods once, avoiding eye contact with him]

Okay.
[BENT pauses, turns, and walks away]

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