# WHITE MEN CAN'T JUMP

# Gloria

Thirty-nine is the answer. What is the question? ... How many books are there in the Old Testament? I am so fucking good honey.

# Billy

Did Jeopardy call yet?

#### Gloria

Not yet. But you know something? I'm going to need a nice dress because when they call you've got to be ready to go. Oh, I did the books of the Old Testament. You want to hear them backwards?

# Billy

No.

### Gloria

It's Malachi, Zechariah, Haggai ...

# **Billy**

Honey, please.

#### Gloria

Oh, and I did famous women and foods that start with the letter Q. You couldn't possibly imagine how many foods are out there that actually start with the letter Q.

## **Billy**

Will you please shut up.

## Gloria

What's wrong with you?

## **Billy**

I lost the money.

### Gloria

Oh Jesus, Billy, not again. How much?

# Billy

A lot of it ... most of it .... Roughly ... all of it.

# Gloria

Billy, you lost all our fucking money? Shit Billy. Jesus, man. Seventeen hundred dollars Billy. We were on our way to eight thousand. Were your opponents that good?

# **Billy**

No I beat guys that were better in Brooklyn and Jersey.

## Gloria

What you weren't hitting your jump shots?

# **Billy**

No I was hitting mine.

## Gloria

Well what about Sidney?

# Billy

He had an off-day, you know? He wasn't shooting that much, his guy was scoring on him, and then, you know, he wasn't D-ing up. He usually plays good D.

# Gloria

You got hustled.

# Billy

I did not get hustled.

### Gloria

Honey, you got set up. You got hustled by Sidney.

## **Billy**

I don't believe that. He's a good guy.

## Gloria

You said he was full of shit.

# **Billy**

Well he's full of shit and he's a good guy.

### Gloria

You're full of shit, okay? And fuck that shit because I'm going back to that house and I getting my motherfucking money back.

## **Billy**

No, no, no. Honey, a man cannot ask for his money back.

### Gloria

He lives in the jungle right?

# **Billy**

No honey we can't. We can't. I'm telling you. They do not let white people in the Crenshaw district. I don't know about Puerto Ricans, but I'm telling you it's a reverse discrimination thing.

#### Gloria

Alright let's see, we dropped off Sidney on the corner of Crenshaw and Washington ...

# Billy

Honey you don't understand how these things work, alright? Men understand how these things work.

## Gloria

Wasn't there a big apartment house or something there too?

# **Billy**

Let me explain. Alright, men's rules are very simple. If you win you win. If you lose you lose.

But under no circumstances do you ask for the money back.

#### Gloria

Why not?

# Billy

Because it's not part of the rules.

### Gloria

Oh yeah? Well you know Billy, I got a different set of rules of my own. Do you want to hear them? Here they go. Sometimes when you win, you really lose. Sometimes when you lose, you really win. And sometimes when you win or lose, you actually tie. And sometimes when you tie, you actually win or lose.

# Billy

I hate it when you talk like that. It makes me crazy when you talk like that.

# Gloria

Winning and losing is all one big organic globule from which one extracts what one needs.

## **Billy**

I'm fucked.