

** Lights up in Jessies Basement**

Jessie

Wow, I really do like hanging out with you guys... I mean not like "You" guys in an offensive way or anything like that I just mean-

AJ

Girl shut the hell up and pass the damn blunt.

Jessie

Sorry! My bad I didn't realize I still had it. Anyways, I really liked talking with you in science Dylan. And i'm glad you guys agreed to hang out

Dylan

Yeah of course Jessie, you cool as hell and AJ and Reese need to get out they crib anyway

AJ

Uh, my crib is a perfectly fine thank you

Reese

Yeah what she said. Anyway, Jessie, Yo crib has an interesting.....Infrastructure

Jessie

Thank you! This house has been in my family for a really long time

AJ

You sure your parents are cool with us smoking down here?

Reese

Yeah and what do you mean by a "really long time"?

Jessie

My parents don't mind, plus they're away for the weekend so as long as we keep things clean it's fine. Oh and to answer your question Reese, I'm not really sure of exact dates

Reese

Ah yeah that's cool and all Jessie but Imma need you to find some exact dates

Dylan

Damn Reese why you being all pushy

Reese

I'm just inquiring, a nigga can't inquire?

Jessie

It's okay AJ, Reese sounds interested

Reese

Yeah something like that

Jessie

Well uh, I believe my parents said my great great grandparents bought this house

Reese

Would you say that's around the time of the confederacy? I'm just curious i'm not accusing you of nothing.....yet

Jessie

I'm not really sure.

Reese

Oh really? Cause this interesting infrastructure looks eerily familiar to something i've seen in history books.

Dylan

What are you talking about Reese?

Reese

Does all this not worry the two of you at all?

AJ

What do you mean?

Reese

I'll give yall the benefit of the doubt cause it's dark outside, but we just walked into a giant white house with an even bigger field in the back not to mention the little "guest house" hiding back there

Dylan

So...

Reese

Passed down by WHITE people generationally

Dylan

What's your point Reese?

Reese

My point is DYLAN, that this is the United States of America land of the free home of the plantation and if I am correct in my assumptions, I'm pretty sure we're currently sitting on one

AJ

What? A plantation? Come on Reese you trippin

Dylan

Yeah Jessie's all that and then some. She wouldn't do that, right Jesse? *(Pause)* Tell him you wouldn't do that girl!

Jessie

...yeah I wouldn't do that....unless of course this is where I lived and called my home for my whole life and it might just so happen to also be a plantation

Dylan

Ah shit

AJ

Jessie what the fuck

Jessie

No, it's fine! My grandparents told me that their parents were really nice to their slaves!

AJ

NICE TO THEIR SLAVES???

Suddenly a loud bang is heard coming from upstairs

Reese

What the hell was that?

Jessie

Oh no it's okay it's just the house settling

Dylan

The house has had over 150 years to settle. Why has it not settled?

Reese

You know what, I'M unsettled, let's get up outta here

Jessie

No wait guys! I'm sorry I didn't tell you about the house, I just didn't want to make you guys feel weird

Reese

You know who else didn't wanna make us feel weird? The white folks who got us on that damn boat in the first place and I'll be damned if there's a part two! My crew, let's go!

Dylan

Yeah Jessie, he's right. Now you're a cool lil white girl and all but this house is a danger zone for the three of us and we will be getting out of here

Three loud bangs are then heard from upstairs

AJ

Yall doing all this chatting when we need to be running.

The three of them race to the door of the basement just to find that it's locked

AJ

Uh Jessie, if your parents aren't here then who the hell locked the door?

Jessie

It's okay sometimes that door gets jammed

Reese

Jammed?! Man I shoulda known we was in trouble when I saw the wrap around porch

AJ

AND them folks got deer heads in they living room??? What the hell were we thinking!?!?

Dylan

Guys calm down and move out of the way so she can get us through the door

Jessie

I'm so sorry you guys I really didn't-

Reese

LESS TALKING MORE MOVING GIRL

Jessie

SORRY! *Rushes to the door and tries to open it. She struggles intensely* Just give me one second

AJ

Oh yeah we're fried

Dylan

Shhh give her a second

Jessie

GOT IT!

Dylan

Really?

Jessie

...no it's really stuck in there

AJ

THEN BITCH WHY DID YOU SAY THAT YOU HAD IT?

Jessie

I'm sorry I thought I did!

Three loud bangs are again heard from upstairs

Dylan

Jessie, Is there another way to get out of this basement?

Jessie

uuuuuh I don't think so

Reese

Yeah Dylan, this prolly where her grandpappy kept all the house slaves-

Jessie

Don't talk about my grandfather!

Reese

Man fuck yo raggedy ass grandfather!

AJ

Hey! Dylans right we need to calm down and find a way out of here

Three more loud bangs are heard from upstairs

Dylan

I'm not gonna lie Jessie, I am sick of yo unsettled ass house

Reese

Its prolly unsettled cause it's three niggas in here without chains on their ankles

Jessie

You have no idea what you're talking about Reese!

Reese

(Mocking Her) “YoU HaVe nO iDeA WhAt You’Re tAlkInG aBouT ReeSe”

AJ

What part is he wrong about Jessie? Hm? The part where your family were “nice” To their slaves

Jessie

I am so sick of that narrative! My great grandparents treated their slaves with kindness. They bathed them, clothed them, and fed them really good food!

AJ

Yeah I'm sure the two grains of salt on the pig's feet was more torturous than actually just killing them!

Jessie

It's not like you people didn't like it!

Reese

YOU PEOPLE?!?!?

Dylan

EVERYBODY SHUT THE HELL UP! AJ, go see if you can find something we could pry the door open with. Reese, see if you can find out what's jamming the door, i'll see if I can find another way out here, and Jessie, if I hear a single word from you after you brought the first three black people to ever like you to a slave plantation, imma take a crowbar to your ankle and make sure that your permanently crip walking for the rest of your days.

AJ

OOP

Right as everyone begins to assume their duties, Jessie starts uncontrollably crying on the couch. Everyone ignores her until her cries become uncontrollable laughter. Everyone stops to look at her as she stands and starts maniacally laughing

Jessie

You blacks think you're so smart.

AJ

BLACKS?!

Reese

Damn when did we get demoted to cigars???

Jessie

I wish you would all shut up! We gave you your voices and you are all so ungrateful. You know, I told my grandparents that we shouldn't sacrifice you. I said "they're one of the good ones!" But they made me do it and you know what, I'm glad!

Dylan

Sacrifice? Jessie, what the hell are you talking about?

Jessie

What am I talking about Dylan? Well since the three of you know so much about history, let me give you another lesson. After my family was forced to give up their help, they struggled to keep up with the expenses of living in this house and our comfortable lifestyle. Luckily my great grandparents were gifted the opportunity to keep their fortune in another way-

Reese

DEVIL WORSHIP!?!??

AJ

That's some unoriginal white people shit

Jessie

Oh please, a little sacrifice of three people every 100 years? If you worked as hard as they did you would've done the same! My grandparents did it and now it's my turn, all I need to do is keep you locked down here for another (*Looks at her watch*) 5 minutes while my parents finish with the pre-ritual duties.

They hear another 3 loud bangs from upstairs

Jessie

(In reaction to the noise) They're almost done! It's only a matter of time now!

AJ

What. The. Fuck

Reese

It's always a white woman

Dylan

Jessie, I would just like to say that I have never felt so betrayed, taken advantage of, lied to, manipulated, or fucked over at any other point in my life. Do you wanna know the worst part Jessie (*Dylan Begins to move closer to Jessie*) It was by an irrelevant, pasty white, uncultured, racist, loser ass bitch who had to beg the three flyest niggas in school, to come and smoke with her cause she was lonely

AJ

CLOCK IT DEE

Dylan

I should've never convinced AJ & Reese to come hang out with you and I regret it

Reese

Yeah I knew you was off when you told us you don't use a washcloth to wash your ass!

Dylan

And you know what, I'm not gonna be the only one to regret it! (*Dylan launches herself at Jessie and punches her in the face, Jessie falls and hits her head on the table next to the couch*)...Oh my God. (*Dylan goes to check her pulse*)

AJ

Did you kill her

Reese

damn Damn DAMN!!! Now we going to jail!?!?

Dylan

No, she's alive I gotta Pulse!

Three more loud bangs are heard coming from upstairs

Reese

Yeah now we face the problem of getting the hell out of this spirited dungeon

Dylan

We need to start looking for another way out of here

Dylan, AJ, and Reese frantically look around for a way to leave the basement. They begin moving furniture around as they look. They hear laughter from upstairs

AJ

What the hell is that?

Reese

It's her evil ass parents we need to move faster or they gon come down here and buss a cap in our asses

They continue looking frantically

Reese

Wait- Guys I think I got something over here!...Behind the ominous painting of a dead white man in a powdered wig

AJ

Why would they- Man we should've saw the signs

Dylan and AJ run over to Reese. They found a doorknob behind the painting and try to get it open. They begin hearing Latin Chanting from upstairs getting progressively louder. The chanting stops

Reese

I can't get it unlocked

They hear keys at the main entrance of the basement and fiddling with the door

AJ

Come on Reese just bust the door down before these white folks finish what their ancestors started

Reese

I don't know if I can do that AJ

Dylan

Why not? The door is old as dirt it can't be that hard

Reese

I'M FRAGILE OKAY

AJ

Then move yo fragile ass out the way!

**Dylan and AJ position themselves in front of the door*

Dylan & AJ

1...2...3

They launch themselves at the door successfully getting it open.

Reese

Psh, I coulda did that. I'm just a feminist so I let y'all do it.

The door is heard opening and footsteps are heard coming down the stairs.

Jessie

(Crawling towards them) MOM DAD HURRY THEY'RE ESCAPING!!

AJ

DAMN BITCH HAVE YOU NOT DONE ENOUGH!?! You know what? *(Aj runs towards Jessie on the ground and tries to kick her one more time before they leave, Reese and Dylan hold her back and get her through the door)* NAH I'M SICK OF HER ASS!

Reese

Me too AJ! Trust she gotta ass whooping coming to her just not right now!

Dylan

Yeah right now we need to bounce! Come on, we have to get up these stairs to the surface! The door up top is already open!

The three of them run through the door and Slam it behind them

Jessie

NOOOOOOOOOOO!

Reese

(From a distance) WE'RE FREEEEEEEE!

Lights go out

END OF PLAY