

Monologue Options from *Grits* The Web Series

Straight Male

ELI

No, you don't know. I get it, Tiff. I'm a black man whose mom owns the only spot in town for gay folks, whose stepdad is a former gay dude, and I DJ for the girls every chance I get. I get it! But what you don't get is I was bullied all through high school for that shit. I could barely get a date or have a girl give me a second glance cause folks gotta question me. I'm sick of defending myself. Gay ain't no damn virus that's passed on. I can be a straight man in this world and be just fine...cause that's who I am. And at least I'm surrounded by folks who are comfortable being who they are. And it would be so fucking great if I could find a girl, just one girl, who could see that! So no! I got it!

Black Gay Male / Transgender Woman / Non-Binary

RHEA

Moodie, I said shut up! I know you think we all think of you as the rich bitch in this family. The one who gotta pay for and take care of everyone. I also know that comes with a burden on you sometimes, son. I'm sorry for that. I am. But what you don't recognize is just how blessed you really are. You come from a mother and a father who still loves you, a real mother and father, outside of us and all of this. You got school under your belt. A big fancy house, two amazing husbands, and a fat promotion of regional manager... yeah, you are blessed, all right. Your brother spent his entire life in foster care. He was thrown away before he even knew he existed and had to scratch and claw his way through life, and I'm amazed every damn day that he's made it this far. You don't get it, son. Stanka looks up to you. Everybody looks up to you! He's been wanting to be just like you his whole life. He just ain't got the tools like you do. A man can't build shit solid without the right tools...no matter how hard he tries. He needs this, Moodie.

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STANKA

You want your money back! That's it? Huh?! Well here! Take your damn money back and stop bitching about it! (pause) You know what? You the oldest, Moodie! You the oldest, and you treated us like this? Nigga we looked up to you! My whole life, all I ever wanted was for my big brother to look at me the way my damn daddy never did. But you never did! Now we got Ma sitting in a damn house with no lights or food! I don't know where Quest is, AND THAT'S OUR FUCKING BABY BROTHER! I'm sorry you hurt. I'm sorry he left. I'm sorry that we put so much on you, and we never stopped with our shit to ask how you were doing. To check in on you. I'm sorry, Moodie! I'm sorry! But I need you to be okay! So tell me what I gotta do to fix it, cause you the oldest. You the one that gotta fix this, so what I gotta pay for? What I gotta do to bring you back? I'll do it! But I need my brother! I need my big brother! I need you! I need you, Moodie!

Straight Female

TIFFANY

Nope. My turn to talk. Your turn to listen. I did not spend the past three months staying up 'till two in the morning every weekend, surrounding myself with men who won't stop giving me make-up tips and fashion advice, and turning down six, yes six, potential dates just to be ghosted by you cause your little feeling are hurt. What happened was fucked up, Eli. It was, but be mad at Chess. These folks ain't have shit to do with it. Eli, you helped me realize that I was missing out on some beautiful things in this world. You're a good guy. A real good guy. I can't stand by and let you forget that about yourself. You remind us that we're all human. We all deserve to be seen and valued. You celebrate so many differences while standing strong in your truth. You're considerate, patient, kind, sexy-as-hell- but right now, you're just a jack-ass. And I didn't sign up and invest all this goodness I got to give to end up with a jackass.

Lesbian

COUSIN FRANKIE

I ain't figured it all out just yet. See, me and my Q'Kisha are kind of on the run at the moment. But don't you stress yourself, cuz. It ain't all that series. See, her mama ain't really too sure where Q'Kisha is at the moment, so we like to switch it up every now and then. Give her some time to blow off some steam. Something about me stealing from her...hell, I don't remember. Anyway, we are back from Vegas, newlyweds, and ready to start our new life together. Ain't God good!

She back and ready to fuck shit up too! I want you all to meet my boo thang, this is my wife, my Q'Kisha. She is a foreign bitch, come all the way from Ohio. That's how she gets all that good skin. From them mountains and shit, they got up there.