

Socio Club

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COLD OPEN

FADE IN:

INT. KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM - DAY (FLASHBACK)

KHALIL (V.O.)  
This is the first time Madeline  
Schwartz ruined my life.

MISS KNIGHT (20s) reads the attendance to her classroom of frantic kindergartners. She pauses when she sees a name on the sheet.

KHALIL KALUUYA

Miss Knight surveys the lily white classroom and her eyes stop at the only black kindergartner.

KHALIL (V.O.)  
That's me. Khalil Kaluuya. Aren't I  
cute? I'm about to encounter white  
ignorance for the very first time.

Miss Knight awkwardly tries to pronounce Khalil's name.

KHALIL (V.O.) (CONT'D)  
I think she was afraid if she  
didn't pronounce my name right I'd  
protest her.

MISS KNIGHT  
(mispronouncing)  
Khalil Kaluuya.

KHALIL  
(raises hand)  
Here.

Miss Knight sighs in relief, avoiding the race riot. A blond apple faced little girl raises her hand-- MADELINE SCHWARTZ.

KHALIL (V.O.)  
Madeline was only five when this  
happened so I don't want to call  
her a heinous bitch. But she will  
eventually grow up to become an  
evil, heinous bitch.

MADELINE  
What kind of name is that?

MISS KNIGHT

Well, it's a special type of name  
that comes from Africa.

MADELINE

What's Africa?

MISS KNIGHT

(nervous)

Any questions you have about people  
of color, you can ask your  
classmate, Khalil.

KHALIL (V.O)

And that's exactly what she did.

EXT. PLAYGROUND - DAY

Khalil is playing with other kids. Madeline taps him on his  
shoulder.

MADELINE

What's Africa like?

INT. LUNCHROOM - DAY

Khalil eats lunch with his class. Madeline sits down next to  
him.

MADELINE

Does your family know Michael  
Jackson? Are there tigers in  
Africa? Are they nice? Are they  
like Tony the Tiger? What does NWA  
stand for?

INT. KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM - DAY

Khalil sits in class. He looks back and sees Madeline,  
staring at him in awe.

INT. KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Khalil feeds the class hamster, MR. NIBBLES. Madeline  
approaches him.

MADELINE

Can I play with you and Mr.  
Nibbles?

KHALIL

No?

MADELINE

Why not?

KHALIL (V.O)

I should have said that it wasn't my job to help her understand black culture and her questions made me feel like my identity was an oddity made for her entertainment. But I was five so instead I said--

KHALIL (CONT'D)

You're weird and you're a racist.

Khalil walks away. Madeline stares at the hamster, coldly.

INT. KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Khalil is playing when Madeline taps him on the shoulder.

KHALIL

What?

KHALIL (V.O) (CONT'D)

What she said next still haunts me to this day.

MADELINE

(emotionless)

You should have played with me.

Suddenly, there's an ear piercing scream. The entire class crowds over a desk. Mr. Nibbles the hamster LIES DEAD on Khalil's desk.

Madeline, out of nowhere, starts crying.

MADELINE (CONT'D)

Khalil did it. He said that he didn't want to share him with anyone else.

On little Khalil, speechless and confused.

KHALIL (V.O)

Now remember, that was only the first time Madeline ruined my life.

FADE OUT.