Scene 2

*Jasmine enters.*

MACK
Sooooooo. What are we talking about. What’s going on. Wait, is something happening?

JIMBO
I have posed a hypothetical question.

MACK
Reeeallly.

JIMBO
It has rankled some,

MACK
Intriguing.

JIMBO
But I would like to pose it to you, if you, uh, consent.

MACK
I do. What is it?

JIMBO
Alright.
If you could choose to be a different race, what race would you be?

MACK
Hmn. Are we asking about race or ethnicity?

JIMBO
Yeah, if you could be a different race or ethnicity, what would you be.

MACK
Hmn. Like, would I have to be that race all the time?

JIMBO
Yeah you’d have to be that race 24/7.
MACK
I see.

JIMBO
Right.

MACK
Would I have like grown up as that race?

JIMBO
Um.

MACK
Or would I like,

JIMBO
Yeah.

MACK
just turn into that race like right now?

JIMBO
Let’s say that you’re you,

MACK
Ok.

JIMBO
but then you like magically become,

MACK
Magically?

JIMBO
like you just wake up one morning and you’re a different race. Right?

MACK
Got it. And it’s like in today’s world,

JIMBO
Yes.
MACK
it’s not in the past.

JIMBO
No. So, what would you be?

Jasmine is alone on stage.

MACK
It’s interesting, you know?
Like if I was going to like Become a different race,
and I could choose that.
It would be like ... I mean based on what criteria, you know?
Like if I just think about, like, would I want to choose a race that is more
like who I actually am? To express something essential about myself?

OR would I want to choose a race that is totally different from who I
actually am. To like, try something new.

I feel like I would want to try something that expresses more of who I am,
maybe.

Do you know what I mean?

Yeah, If I could choose to be a different race,
I’d want to be latinx.

Beverly enters.

SUZE
Why would you be latino?

MACK
Is there something wrong with being latinx?

SUZE
No, oh my god, I don’t mean there’s anything wrong with being latino,
I’m just trying to ask why you’re choosing to be latino.

MACK
Latinx.
SUZE
Right.

MACK
Well, because, honestly,
I just think it would be so fucking major to be latinx.

SUZE
No, I mean like – Do you speak Spanish?

MACK
No. Do you?

SUZE
I don’t, but.

MACK
But it’s like, I would love to speak Spanish. Obviously.

SUZE
Me too, but.

MACK
I keep doing this app, but it’s not working.

SUZE
Oh.

MACK
I think it’s hard without having people to practice with.

SUZE
Right, but.

MACK
And besides they say it’s best to learn from conversation.

SUZE
Right, but.

MACK
Or, from, like, taking a lover.
SUZE
Right, but.

MACK
I would love to take a Latinx lover.

SUZE
But you’ve traveled to –

MACK
Where?

SUZE
To, like, Latin … you know …

MACK
Oh, right I see.

SUZE
Right.

MACK
I haven’t.

SUZE
Ok so, I’m trying to understand,

MACK
What’s the matter?

SUZE
Yeah, why would you choose to be, you know, Latinx?
Do you know what I mean?
Like, if you don’t speak the language, and you’ve never been there,
what about it is appealing to.

MACK
Well, excuse me for even having an opinion.

SUZE
Oh, no I don’t mean that.
MACK
Like, excuse me for not being as cultured as you.

SUZE
No, I’m just curious.

MACK
You know, I’m not like you, ok?

SUZE
I’m just curious.

MACK
I didn’t grow up with like Money to like Travel.

SUZE
I didn’t grow up with money to.

MACK
I didn’t grow up with money to go to like
Language Immersion Summer Camp, or whatever.

SUZE
I didn’t.

MACK
Like, I haven’t actually left the country,

SUZE
I didn’t.

MACK
except to go to like, Canada once, which isn’t even a different country,

SUZE
I’m sorry.

MACK
except politically.

SUZE
I’m sorry.
MACK
I know you are sweetie, it’s fine.
I’m not mad, I’m just passionate.
Because it’s like, you know that
you don’t have to go to another country
to experience Latinx people and culture.

SUZE
Of course not.

MACK
It’s not like you have to like go to some like village or something.

SUZE
Of course not.

MACK
They are in our country too.

SUZE
Of course.

MACK
And that’s what’s amazing – it’s like because they’re here,
it’s like their identity is being made here.
Like, most people are just what they are,
you’re like, oh, that person is Black that person is Asian,
but with Latinx people it’s like,
they’re like making it right now and it’s intersecting with gender
in like this amazing way, that is really really really …
it’s just politically good, you know?