

FADE IN:

INT. DORM ROOM - DAY

Three friends, PENNY (ASIAN, 18), ANNA (WHITE, 18), and DREW (WHITE, 19) lounge in a dorm room as they silently scroll on their phones. Penny and Anna sit on their own beds positioned next to each other and Drew lays on the floor. At the foot of Penny's bed is a small bowl of pretzels.

Penny leans forward and reaches for a pretzel with her right hand. As she's grabbing one, Anna notices black ink on Penny's forearm.

ANNA

Is that a tattoo?!

Penny immediately rescinds her arm in panic.

PENNY

You guys weren't supposed to see that.

ANNA

It looks like a quote of something.

DREW

No it actually says "chink."

Drew is still looking at his phone, not even raising his head to get a look of the tattoo. A moment of silence follows his comment. Penny is visibly shocked and speechless, staring at Drew. Anna is oblivious.

ANNA

How many do you have?

It takes a few moments for Penny to react to what Anna says. She turns her head to her eventually.

PENNY

Just the one but I really want another one soon--

DREW

You should get a tramp stamp that says "ching chong."

Drew is still on his phone. Penny looks at him and opens her mouth to say something, but Anna is still oblivious.

ANNA

What's the second one gonna be?

Penny is completely detached from this conversation.

PENNY

I'm...thinking my mom's signature.

Drew sits up and casually takes a pretzel from the bowl on Penny's bed.

DREW

When Asian daughters desire approval so much they need to get a tattoo of their mother's signature to signify that they are worthy.

Penny gives Drew a stern stare.

PENNY

Is there a point to what you're saying?

DREW

What do you mean? You're Asian.

PENNY

What does that have to do with me getting a tattoo?

DREW

Does everything have to have a deep underlying meaning behind it? I was just cracking a few jokes.

PENNY

Using derogatory racial slurs, which is pretty racist--

DREW

Do you always have to make everything about race?

PENNY

How do you not see the irony of what you just said--

ANNA

Wait is chink offensive?

DREW

It is if you wanna victimize yourself.

PENNY

How is me pointing out an offensive term victimizing myself?

DREW

I don't know. Maybe so you can have another social justice issue to make an Instagram infographic about.

ANNA

I love those accounts. It makes me feel like I'm doing something without actually needing to do something.

Penny abruptly gets up from her bed and walks towards the door.

PENNY

Fuck this. Never get a tattoo if you have racist friends.

The dorm door slams shut behind her.

FADE OUT.