

HE GOT GAME

JAKE

Hello, You all right? I heard a lot of noise next door. I thought you might need some help, or something like that. Here let me help you up there.

DAKOTA

What the hell do you want?

JAKE

Come on now...I ain't gonna hurt you. Can you walk? You all right?

DAKOTA

Yeah, I need some help. You weren't knocking on that door when I was getting my ass beat.

JAKE

Well I wasn't trying to get all up in your business.

DAKOTA

Smart.

JAKE

You got some ice around here?

DAKOTA

Sink doesn't work; there's some cold water in the bathroom tub. God, at least I got my teeth.

JAKE

Put that right here.

DAKOTA

Thanks.

JAKE

Right there.

DAKOTA

I see you around you know, I noticed you right away.

JAKE

Yeah?

DAKOTA

You don't belong around here.

JAKE

Oh yeah, how can you tell that?

DAKOTA

You don't seem like the kind of guy that would be round here in the house of ill repute.
My name's Dakota. You ever been there?

JAKE

Where?

DAKOTA

Dakota.

JAKE

Ahh, Nah I ain't never been no where. I'm from upstate New York. I'm a Jake, Jake...

DAKOTA

...Please no last names. In my line of work last names aren't needed. Actually better off without them.

JAKE

Why he beat you like that?

DAKOTA

Because he can.

JAKE

Why do you let him though?

DAKOTA

Look are you trying to get inside my head or something? Are you trying to see how I think?

JAKE

Nah

DAKOTA

You think your real slick huh?

JAKE

Nah, I just want to get to know you or something.

DAKOTA

Look I'm not a crack hoe O.K.! I don't do drugs!

JAKE

I ain't accusing you of nothing baby.

DAKOTA

Good I just want you to know I don't do drugs. I'm clean.

JAKE

Right...You still didn't answer my question though. Why you allow this this Pimp, you know to just....

DAKOTA

His name is Sweetness

JAKE

His what?

DAKOTA

His name is Sweetness

JAKE

All right, All right. Why do you allow Sweetness to beat you down?

DAKOTA

A lot of reasons take your pick.

JAKE

Shoot

DAKOTA

I love him, He loves me, I'm his #1 money maker, I'm his bottom bitch, Low self esteem, I was abused as a child, and you know I deserved it, he keeps me in line. And he always says he's sorry. You know we're going to get married once he saves enough money for us to get out of this shit hole.

JAKE

Here, let me freshen that up for you.

DAKOTA

So, what about you? I mean look that's one of my problems or many problems. I just tell people my whole life history and I don't even know a thing about them.

JAKE

I told you my first name was Jake, I got two children, a son his name is Jesus and I have a daughter named Mary.

DAKOTA

Are you like religious or something?

JAKE

Oh most definitely, More so like on the spirituality tip.

DAKOTA

You really think your slick huh? I'm not talking any more about me until you start talking some more about you.

JAKE

Ah...all right, well I like you...you know Dakota and ah...I think that I could help you

DAKOTA

You know trying to fuck me isn't going to help me, O.K. !

JAKE

I ain't talking about nothing like that.

DAKOTA

Why do you men all think that Dick is the cure all?

JAKE

I don't know about all men but I don't even think like that you know...

DAKOTA

Oh no?

JAKE

Nah.

DAKOTA

You gotta dick don't you?

JAKE

No doubt.

DAKOTA

You got balls don't you?

JAKE

Both of them. Both of them

DAKOTA

You really think your slick huh?

JAKE

No, I don't think nothin' like that. So you want to know something about me or not?

DAKOTA

I'm sorry. I talk too much that's what Sweetness always says. Where's my wig?

JAKE

Lost your wig? Did you look under the bed? Bingo there it is.

DAKOTA

Thanks.

JAKE

Anyway, I have a wife, had a wife, name was Martha. I loved her very much. I took her life, I murdered her. I'm serving time for that right now. Still got some ways to go. And I guess God is making me pay for my sins.

DAKOTA

Fuck you! O.k.? You killed your wife. I don't believe you.

JAKE

Well it don't matter, Its true. I'm kinda on a work release program.

DAKOTA

Here we are huh?.... both fucked up people.