

How Very Bronx

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How Very Stressed

ACT 1

INT - SUBWAY TRAIN - MORNING

Rochelle stands holding the handrail dressed up, Shanice is sitting down, Franklin hanging on in his wheelchair for dear life on the central pole

SHANIQUA

What's our stop?

ROCHELLE

Fulton Street

FRANKLIN

Do we HAVE to go to New Jersey?

ROCHELLE

Yes, I have to get my paycheck

FRANKLIN

You got fired

ROCHELLE

After working

SHANIQUA

A single day

ROCHELLE

And?

SHANIQUA

Didn't you start smoking a bong and singing The Beatles

ROCHELLE

Well, I thought, the more I smoked, the less there is for them to smoke

FRANKLIN

That's fair

SHANIQUA
How?

ROCHELLE
It's called being practical

SHANIQUA
So, if you worked in a bank-
Franklin why are you in a wheelchair

FRANKLIN
Rochelle said-

ROCHELLE
It's easier

SHANIQUA
How?

ROCHELLE
Because, if I wheel him around that means people will actually
move out the damn way

A man glares at Rochelle

ROCHELLE CONT'D
Just because you didn't think of it

SHANIQUA
So, you're going to wheel him around all day?

ROCHELLE
It's convenient

FRANKLIN
And I get a guaranteed seat on the train

THEME SONG-WALK LIKE AN EGYPTIAN-THE BANGLES

ACT 2

INT - NEWARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - MORNING

*Shanice & Daniel stand in the queue at Arrivals, waiting to see
the guard to be welcomed back into America*

SHANICE

God, I wish we went to LaGuardia

DANIEL

Why

SHANICE

Because this is taking forever

DANIEL

My Mom & Dad are waiting for us

SHANICE

Okay

The Guard waves for them to come over to the desk

DANIEL

Oh ok

Shanice & Daniel walk over to the desk

THE GUARD

Passports

DANIEL

Here

Daniel hands him the passports

The Guard reads them

SHANICE (Sarcastically)

Oh, you're welcome

THE GUARD

Excuse me Ma'am?

SHANICE

Nothing

Shanice looks at the dog

THE GUARD

What's the purpose of your visit to the United States?

DANIEL

We live here

THE GUARD
Where'd you travel from?

SHANICE
Rome, they thought we had drugs

THE GUARD
What?

DANIEL
We didn't don't worry

THE GUARD
I should hope so

He hands them the passports

THE GUARD CONT'D
Here's your passports, welcome to New Jersey

SHANICE
Thank you so much

Shanice & Daniel walk off into the baggage claim area

DANIEL
And we're free

SHANICE
Thank God, he was kind of rude though

DANIEL
Well, at least he doesn't think we're drug traffickers

A security guard with a rifle looks at Daniel

SHANICE
NO

ACT 3

INT - DOLAN'S CAR - DAY

*Jeff is driving, Pamela in the passenger seat, nearing JFK
Airport*

JEFF

Thank God they're coming home

PAMELA

I know, what would people think if our son was a drug dealer

JEFF

I meant for their SAFETY

PAMELA

Oh, well, so I did I if you put your mind to it

JEFF

Really, Pam?

Really!?

PAMELA

Oh, you know what Jeff-

Pamela's phone rings

PAMELA

Hey Daniel

DANIEL (On the phone)

Hi Mom, we're just coming out the airport now

SHANICE

FINALLY

PAMELA

Okay, we're coming up to Terminal 4 now

DANIEL

Terminal 4

PAMELA

Yeah? It's the 4th terminal

DANIEL

Mom, we're in Newark

PAMELA

What?

SHANICE

WE'RE IN NEWARK

PAMELA
Oh my God

Pamela angrily hangs up

She takes a breath

PAMELA
JEFFREY

JEFF
What?

PAMELA
FOR GOD'S SAKE

JEFF
OH, wrong airport?

PAMELA
WRONG STATE

JEFF
Oh
Oh!
OH!

PAMELA
YEAH

JEFF
Well, that's remarkable issue
Pamela sighs and shakes her head

ACT 4

INT - OCULUS BUILDING - MIDDAY

*Rochelle wheels Franklin through security, Shaniqua already
through*

FRANKLIN
Damn that's a lot of security

SHANIQUA
I know

*Rochelle wheels Franklin, half on the top step, holding on,
Shaniqua stood next to him*

SECURITY GUARD

Excuse me, ma'am I need to check your bag again

ROCHELLE

Oh yeah, of course

Rochelle lets go of the wheelchair

SHANIQUA

ROCHE

ROCHELLE

No!

Everyone gasps

*Franklin is rapidly rolling down the stairs as if the chair has
an engine*

FRANKLIN

AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAGH

SHANIQUA

OH MY GOD

ROCHELLE

FRANKLIN NO

SHANIQUA

ROCHELLE

ROCHELLE

What?

SHANIQUA

YOU'RE GOING TO KILL MY SON

ROCHELLE

He'll be-

Rochelle looks back at Franklin speeding across the floor

ROCHELLE CONT'D

Never mind
FRANKLIN JUMP OUT OF IT

Franklin looks back at Rochelle

FRANKLIN
WHAT?

Franklin crashes into the Apple store

Everyone in the Apple store gasps

Rochelle & Shaniqua run to Franklin

FRANKLIN (groaning)
Jesus

Two workers walk over to him

WORKER 1
Hello sir, welcome to Apple how can I help

Rochelle & Shaniqua catch up

FRANKLIN
Are you serious!?

WORKER 2 (commercial voice)
With every Verizon account, you can get \$50 off, on us!

SHANIQUA
Really.

ROCHELLE
I could go for a new phone

SHANIQUA & FRANKLIN
ROCHE

ACT 5

INT - CLINTON APARTMENT - AFTERNOON

Shanice & Daniel walk in

They look around for people

DANIEL
Where's?

SHANICE
Mom

DANIEL
Where's?

SHANICE
Franklin

DANIEL
Where's?

SHANICE
Rochelle

DANIEL
Should we check the bedrooms?

SHANICE
Sure

They walk into Shaniqua's bedroom

There's no one there

DANIEL
Nothing

SHANICE
Where'd you think they went?

DANIEL
I don't know?

They walk into Franklin's bedroom

SHANICE
Nope

DANIEL
Hmm

Daniel walks over to the closet & opens it

SHANICE

What are you-
Actually, I've been waiting for him to come out the closet for
some time

DANIEL

He is very flamboyant

SHANICE

You're the one who went to a gay bar

DANIEL

WHO TOLD YOU THAT

SHANICE

Roche

DANIEL

How did she know-
Oh

SHANICE

Again-

OH

They walk back into the living area

SHANICE

So, we're here on our own

DANIEL

Yeah?

SHANICE

And they're out, I think they went to Hoboken

DANIEL

Mhm?

SHANICE

Dammit Daniel, FREE APARTMENT

DANIEL

Oh

SHANICE

YEAH

DANIEL

Well, I guess lead the way

SHANICE

Indubitably

Shanice walks Daniel into her bedroom

Credits Roll