

TWO OF YOU

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EXT. ROOFTOP - NIGHT

CHARLES and JEFF, both mid 20s white men, stand on a roof top. Charles points a gun at Jeff.

JEFF

Come on, man, you know I'm not the clone.

CHARLES

I just can't tell you two apart.

JEFF

Really? There's no way you can tell us apart? Do you really not see how we might be different?

Reveal JEFF'S CLONE, a black man wearing the same clothes as Jeff standing next to Jeff.

CHARLES

(Awkwardly)

I just don't see why you both can't be human beings.

JEFF

I don't believe I have to say this, but he's clearly black.

CHARLES

Listen...I don't really, you know, see race.

JEFF'S CLONE

If only more people were like you.

CHARLES

I'm progressive. Some of my best friends are...um...clones. I voted Obama. What I'm trying to say is we're all people.

JEFF'S CLONE

(To Jeff)

Yeah man. Am I not a person to you?

JEFF

Of course not!

JEFF'S CLONE

Now who's the real monster?

JEFF

You kidnapped me and tried to take over my life.

JEFF'S CLONE

Is there anything you can do that I can't?

JEFF

He's basically admitting it! This went on for weeks. How did you not know the difference between us?

CHARLES

Like I said, you guys are completely equal in my eyes. I'm not going to discriminate and say that my friend Jeff can't be Jeff just because he's black.

JEFF

I can't believe this. I was locked in a basement. He tried to completely replace me. The world needs to hear about this.

CHARLES

How's that going to look on the news?

JEFF

What the hell are you talking about?

CHARLES

You know how the media works. My face is going to be everywhere as the guy that shot a...clone.

JEFF

You'll be a hero.

CHARLES

That's probably what Zimmerman thought.

JEFF

He can't be allowed to exist. Think about it. What if you were replaced by a clone.

CHARLES
I hardly think that would happen.

JEFF
And why not?

CHARLES
Well...um...statistically, I have a
higher level of education
than...um...the more urban-
(Abruptly changes subject)
That's not important. What if I
just throw the gun in the air and
whoever catches it can use it?

JEFF
That's not fair!

JEFF'S CLONE
Why do you think I can jump higher
than you?

JEFF
It was a compliment.

CHARLES
Dude, I'm pretty sure you can't say
that.

JEFF
Just look at the NBA. Whatever. How
about some kind of test?

CHARLES
I don't know. Tests are usually
pretty culturally biased.

JEFF
Just ask something only the real
Jeff would know and everyone will
know what really happened.

JEFF'S CLONE
Or you could just shoot him.

CHARLES
Why would I do that?

JEFF'S CLONE
Then you'll be the guy that stopped
a hate crime. Also, I'll come to
your parties.

Charles thinks for a second then shoots Jeff.

CHARLES
Can I touch your hair?

JEFF'S CLONE
No.

Blackout.