

David

We have a backyard you realize. You should be sitting out there.

Jonah

I'm just waiting.

David

Waiting? For whom?

Jonah

A miracle.

David

A miracle. Whatever a man prays for, he prays for a miracle. Every prayer then reduces itself. Is that what you're doing? Reducing the act of a prayer? For a whore?

(Jonah gets up and David pushes him back into his seat.)

David

I know. I know what you wait for. I know that her brother beckoned for her one last time before he sends her away. And I know you and that devious friend of yours.

Jonah

Katina is not devious.

David

And yet I said no name and you said hers.

Jonah

She's the only friend I have.

David

Aren't I your friend?

Jonah

You're my father. Nothing more. Nothing less.

David

Your sin will find you out.

Jonah

Provoke not your children to anger. Or they will be discouraged.

David

Colossians. It bothers me, Jonah. I make no light of the fact that this phase you are going through is not completed yet and that it bothers me. When you were in elementary school I thought it was a phase of curiosity. When you were in high school I thought it was a phase of experimentation. But now, after all you've been through. Your mother's death when you were nine, graduating college. Working as a practitioner, your phases are tethering on blasphemy. I would think by now you would start to settle down with a good girl of your kind.

Jonah

My kind? What is my kind?

David

The way your mother was, GOD rest her soul. A good woman. A GOD fearing woman. A woman that would love, honor, respect and obey.

Jonah

Aren't you missing the fact that you want her to be a white woman as well?

David

What is understood need not be said. GOD made the rules. Not I. We just follow them. But even with white women you have to be careful. She could end up being Jewish or Polish for that matter. You need to find the right woman for yourself. Sitting in that chair, waiting for a miracle, is a waste of time.

Jonah

It's not a waste of time to me. I don't understand why it's so difficult for you to realize that I love...

David

Don't even say those words in my presence. You're still stuck in the past. Civil Rights. The Women's Movement. All failed. Is that what you want to become? A failure?

Jonah

Stuck in the past? Aren't you guilty of the same? You quote and follow only the scriptures of the Old Testament. Remember dad. GOD sees all. And GOD loves all.

David

GOD does not love the wicked. He loves the righteous. And the righteous, my dear son, obey. Not only the laws of GOD but those of his followers, which is I. And I want you to stay away from that Spanish whore.

Jonah

She's not a whore.

David

Really? A little bird told me that she was sent away because she was pregnant. She ended the pregnancy. Rather I call her a murderer?

Jonah

That's a lie.

David

Are you calling me a liar?

Jonah

Yes.

(David smacks Jonah off of the chair. Jonah takes his time getting up to face him.)

David

He that spares the rod, hates his son. But he that loves him, chastises him constantly. How dare you speak to me in such a tone! You will do as you are told. That is the only way. And that is the way of the LORD. I brought you into this world...

Jonah

My mother brought me into this world. You just sort of helped a little.

David

Get in the house.

Jonah

No.

David

Now.

(Jonah turns towards the house.)

Your little sinner next door is a whore. And if I have to beat out the wickedness she placed upon you so be it. I will remove the image of her heathen face from your mind with any means necessary.

(Jonah turns towards David.)

Jonah

And the KING loved Esther above all the women. And she obtained grace and favor in HIS sight more than all the virgins. So that HE set the royal crown upon her head and made her Queen. I see her for her. Not her color like you. And you know what else I see when I see her? The face of GOD.

(Jonah enters the house. David grabs the chair and enters the house and closes the door. You hear small thuds.)

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