

You're Single, Childless and Your Aunt Is Nosy. Happy Thanksgiving!



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The Fourth Thursday in November is upon us. If you're one of the brave people visiting a Black family as a single and childless person, you need to devise a strategy for dealing with nosy people. Don't think you need a strategy? Well, what are you going to do when Nana gives you a look that says "you should have a baby in those arms instead of that store-bought pie"? Lucky for you, I've prepared some canned answers you can recite when people become emboldened after a few nips of Crown Royale.

Question #1: Why Aren't You Dating Anyone?

Your "Uncle" Charlie, who is not related to you or anyone else at the dinner, is going to ask this. At least he stopped commenting on how much you've "grown". Unfortunately, Charlie is not interested in hearing the truth. Don't bother talking about your journey to self-love or the promotion that has kept you busy at work. At best, this question is an elaborate ruse for him to give out unsolicited advice. At worst, it's a way for him to offload a used copy of *Think Like A Man* onto you. Since it's the holidays, be generous and tell Charlie what he wants to hear: the problem is *you*. Confess to the sins of being picky and uppity. If you really want to sell it, make sure your voice cracks and you shed a few tears (extra points if the tears pool on your top lip like Viola Davis in, well, anything). In the end, this answer will make you both happy. Charlie will

have a reason to leave early for his Turkey Day Spades game and you'll get to enjoy the rest of the evening in peace.

Question #2: Have You Tried Meeting Someone at _____?

Here comes Cousin Dee, who got married on the march to Montgomery, with her fail-proof places to meet a mate. "Have you tried meeting someone at church? Or an HBCU mixer? What about the Home Depot on Nostrand?", Dee slurs as she challenges you to a bounce off. Keep dancing and tell Dee this: You can't meet anyone at the 50 places she's mentioned because they've all been affected by gentrification. Since you insist on Black Love or Bust, you've decided to take a trip to Ghana to find your King and that cost serious money. This answer will satisfy and impress Dee so much that she'll pass around a collection plate to get you a first class ticket to Accra.

Question # 3 Why Haven't You Had Kids Yet?

What's going on in your womb is nobody's business. You would think that not bringing up someone's reproductive crystal ball is common sense. But, if sense was common, your nosey half-sister- in-law would've left Curtis two outside babies ago. Instead of answering this question verbally, I suggest you take the alternative route of crafting a Host Gift that says "No Babies Yet But I Am Two Credits Shy of My Masters Degree".

Step 1: Collect 10 negative pregnancy test.

Step 2: Glue the tests together into a circle.

Step 3: Decide if you want to present the final product as a wreath for the door or as a centerpiece to complete a festive tablescape. For a wreath, attach a bow to hang it from. For a centerpiece, add a candle.

When you present the gift at dinner your nephew who *Facebook Lives* everything won't post your gift. Be sure to take your own pics and tag them in it.

So there you have it, all the responses you need to survive as a single person without kids at Thanksgiving. If for some reason none of these responses work, immediately stop talking to all adults present and head over to the kid's table. Honestly, children tend to be better conversationalists.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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The Baby Shower (Sketch)

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INT. LIVING ROOM

A baby shower. GRACE, a pregnant woman, opens gift. MONA, SHEILA, and DONNA watch.

GRACE

A bib with Kanye West's face on it?
I love it.
(grabs her stomach)
Ouch!

MONA

Is the baby kicking?

GRACE

No, it's these maternity jeans.
They pinch my puffy vagina.

SHEILA

Sucks for you. I'm super
comfortable.

Sheila stands up to show off her SKINNY JEANS.

SHEILA (CONT'D)

Thanks to my Non-Maternity Jeans.

GRACE

Non-Maternity Jeans?

Sheila crosses and addresses the group.

SHEILA

Are you a successful woman who
don't need no man because you can
take care of yourself?

DONNA

Sometimes?

GRACE

So this is about my marriage?

MONA

Who are you talking to?

SHEILA

Do you feel like ever since *Girls*
went off the air, society doesn't
celebrate your lifestyle choice?

DONNA

Definitely!

GRACE

The literal point of this day is to celebrate my lifestyle choices.

MONA

Are you talking to us?

Sheila takes a pair of JEANS and hands them to Donna.

SHEILA

Then you need *Non-Maternity Jeans*. My new line of denim for women who **aren't** pregnant and want to celebrate it!

MONA

What about the woman who is happy with her life right now but wants to leave her options open?

SHEILA

Pick a side, Mona!
(to group)
Non-Maternity Jeans come with exclusive features like a birth control pocket.

DONNA

Those are regular jeans with regular pockets.

GRACE

Is that a camera? Are you recording a commercial at my baby shower?

MONA

Sheila, we all support your new business. But right now we're celebrating Grace's third kid.

A KID enters and runs towards Sheila hands first. When he gets to Sheila she pushes him sending him back to the exit.

GRACE

Tommy!

SHEILA

Not only do these jeans shout to the world "I'm child free by choice and loving it!", they also repel children.

GRACE

Sheila, I think you should leave.

SHEILA

Need a day to night look? Non-Maternity Jeans has you covered with our patented quick release crotch. Perfect for when you want to bang someone real quick 'cause you can. 'Cuz you only answer to you.

DONNA

That's just a zipper!

MONA

(brainstorming)

What about women who don't want kids but don't want to celebrate it either? You should market to them too.

SHEILA

If maternity jeans can market exclusively to pregnant women then *Non-Maternity Jeans* can market exclusively to women who don't want kids and want to celebrate it.

GRACE

Are you planning to do this at all of my pre-baby parties?

SHEILA

Yup.

GRACE

At my Sip n' See next weekend?

SHEILA

Definitely.

GRACE

And my Gender Reveal?

SHEILA

Hell yeah!

GRACE

What about my co-ed baby shower?

Sheila pulls out a pair of MEN'S JEANS.

MONA

The co-ed shower is where I'll debut my mens denim line. I'm calling it *Not-a-Dad-Dad Jeans*.

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GRACE

If you're going to act like this at my pre-baby experiences then you're uninvited.

Sheila sits down, relieved.

MONA

Thank you, sweet baby Jesus! See ya never!

Sheila exits.

GRACE

(to Mona and Donna)

She has been so extra since her abortion.

BLACKOUT.

The Sexy One (Sketch)

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INT. MOVIE SET

SARAH JESSICA PARKER, CYNTHIA NIXON, and KRISTIN DAVIS are shooting a scene. SIMON, the director, gives them notes.

SIMON

Ladies, you're killing it. I was nervous at first, but *Sex And The City 3* is even better without Kim Cattrall.

SARAH

Duh. We don't need the "sexy one" to appeal to fans.

KRISTIN

Yeah! We have the "funny one", the "smart one", and the "nice one".

That's enough!

(then)

Right?

CYNTHIA

Totally! I'm Cynthia Nixon and I declare that it's 2019 and sexy is out.

SARAH

You lost, sweetie. Move on.

SIMON

Kim may have put the "sex" in *Sex and the City* but you all are the heart.

The women give looks that say "I don't love that!".

SIMON (CONT'D)

Action!

SARAH

(acting)

I'm writing an article about juggling marriage and shoes. I'm thinking of calling it #MeDo?

CYNTHIA

The only thing I think about is sex because I'm horny!

SIMON

Cut!

Simon walks over to Cynthia.

SIMON (CONT'D)

Cynthia, what are you doing?
Miranda's line is "the only thing I
think about is hormone therapy
replacement."

CYNTHIA

I know, but I was thinking, we *do*
need sex. Wouldn't it be fun if
Miranda was the sexy one now?

KRISTIN

Yeah! Being smart is sexy. Right?!
Right, girls?

They ignore her.

SARAH

Miranda can't be smart AND sexy.
Our fans will get confused.

SIMON

Exactly. The women of 2019 are
turned on by brain stuff. Let's
take that again.

(then)

Action!

SARAH

(acting)

I'm writing an article about
juggling marriage and shoes. I'm
thinking of calling it #MeDo?

Cynthia picks up a banana from the table.

CYNTHIA

The only thing I think about is
hormone therapy replacement.

Cynthia "seductively" licks the banana.

SIMON

Cut! What are you doing?

CYNTHIA

I'm not just the "smart one" I'm
sexy too. Red hair is sexy! It
makes people think of lava. Hot
sexy lava.

SIMON

Fine. If you insist on being sexy,
you have to do it like a smart
woman does sexy.

Simon hands Cynthia a PAIR OF GLASSES.

SIMON (CONT'D)

Lick that banana while wearing
glasses. Action!

Cynthia wears the glasses and resumes licks the banana.

CYNTHIA

(acting)

Steve wants another baby but my
ancient uterus is decaying.

SARAH

If you want a bun in that oven you
better act like yeast and rise
fast.

KRISTIN

Or, you could act like Samantha
with a penis and hop on it!

SIMON

Cut! Kristin, Charlotte's line is
"I love babies. Babies, babies,
babies".

KRISTIN

Well, I don't want to be the "nice
one" next to Cynthia's "sexy smart
one" I want to be nice and sexy
too!

SIMON

Fine. But you have to be sexy the
way a nice woman is sexy. Sexy-nice
women get really excited talking
about babies. Let's see it. Action!

Cynthia licks her banana. Kristin breathes heavily.

CYNTHIA

Steve wants another baby but my
ancient uterus is decaying.

SARAH

If you want a bun in that oven you
better act like yeast and rise
fast.

Kristin breathes and gasps like she's having an orgasm.

KRISTIN

I love babies. Babies, babies,
babies. Yes, yes, yes!

A WAITER enters.

WAITER

Can I offer you fine ladies some
dessert?

SARAH

"Doughnut" tempt me! I've only got
a "sweet tooth" for Mr. Big.

SIMON

Cut! Sarah. That's not your line!

Simons checks the script.

SIMON (CONT'D)

Carrie's line is...Oh, never mind.
That *is* your line. Wow, this movie
is garbage.

BLACKOUT.

A Prisoner (Character Monologue)

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INT. FILM SET

KENDRA, a woman wearing an orange jumpsuit, waits in line.

KENDRA

Yo bitch, don't be cutting, there's a line here. This your first day or something? Well, you better watch out 'cuz things run a bit differently here on the set of *Orange Is The New Black*. One slip up could get you cut...from the show's final edit. So, if you want to survive in this prison yard, you better mind the rules. Rule # 1: I'm the HBIC, that's Head Background Actress In Charge. Nobody fucks with me 'cuz I'm a big threat, a triple threat.

Kendra does a kick ball change and turns.

KENDRA (CONT'D)

Trust me, you don't want catch these

(singing)

Jazz hands. Rule #2: The yard is divided into two gangs: Screen Actors Guild members and Non-Unions aka wannabes. Rule #3: SAG members eat first and when we're done wannabes eat da scraps. Okurrrrr? So you can--oh, you're a SAG member? My bad. Come stand with me.

(then)

So how long you been in for? A year? I've been in SAG since 2007. That makes you my bitch. I'm gonna call you Booboo.

(to Group)

Booboo meet the baddest background actors in New York. The girl with the shaved head? That's Razor-blade. Her real name is Margot Robbie but she had to change after the success of Margot Robbie. Next to her is Bootsy. Don't ever look Bootsy in the eye, she studied Meisner Technique. She'll repeat everything you say back to you and it'll drive you cray-cray. Lady with neck tattoo is Alicia, you're going to be seeing a lot of her because she only does nude scenes.

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KENDRA (CONT'D)

Wait till you see her bush, it looks like she's sitting on Questlove's shoulders. It's also really inspiring to watch her work. And last, but not least, is Big Kathy. Today is bittersweet 'cuz Big Kathy's getting out.

(tearing up)

She just booked five lines on *God Friended Me*. So that's the gang. You down? Are you about this thespian life? Are you willing to get shot...

(holds up picture)

...by the best photographers in New York?

(re: pic)

\$950 bones for one look. Retouching is extra. Damn, I'm hungry. Time for some grub.

KENDRA (CONT'D)

Let me give you a tip on how I survive these long shoots. I grab as much food as I can, eat half, and then stuff the rest up my butt...Right now, I got a bag of *Hot Cheetos* in my prison purse.

She points to her butt.

KENDRA (CONT'D)

(to food server)

What's up lunch lady, meet my new bitch. Let me get a kale smoothie with an immunity booster and... What, what do you mean lunch is being pushed back two hours? But I'm hungry now. Attention Silvercup Studios, once again, Netflix is working us past lunch. Ain't we got rights? We're out here, showing our titties for the minimum day rate and this is the thanks we get? I say we strike! Strike! Strike! Strike--

SFX: Crunch!

KENDRA (CONT'D)

Ah! My *Hot Cheetos* burst in my prison purse!