

LOVE HAS NO COLOR

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Based on, Short film script

Address
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INT. CAROLINE'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - DAY

Sun shining bright through the window blinding...

CAROLINE, 18, enters, jeans and t-shirt.

JOSEPH, 60, sits on couch, jeans and t-shirt, stares at television.

DEBBIE, 59, sits in jeans and t-shirt, watches television.

Joseph looks up.

JOSEPH

Where are you going?

Caroline stops, looks at Joseph.

Debbie continues to watch television.

CAROLINE

Going to see Antonio.

JOSEPH

No you're not.

Caroline folds her arms.

Debbie turns and looks at Joseph.

CAROLINE

What is your problem with him?

EXT. CAROLINE'S HOUSE - FRONT DOOR - DAY

ANTONIO, 19, walks up, raises hand to knock, stops before knocking, Josephs voice loud through door.

INT. CAROLINE'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - DAY

DEBBIE shakes head at Joseph.

JOSEPH

His skin color.

EXT. CAROLINE'S HOUSE - FRONT DOOR - DAY

Antonio puts hand down, turns towards road.

INT. CAROLINE'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - DAY

CAROLINE

That's a stupid reason. He is not his skin color. He is a person just like you and me!

JOSEPH

Black and white should never mix!

CAROLINE

That sounds ignorant. If he treats me right I don't understand what the problem is!

JOSEPH

It's a sin!

CAROLINE

You are just making things up now. I'm going to see him whether you like it or not!

JOSEPH

I forbid you to see him!

DEBBIE

Joseph.

JOSEPH

Joseph nothing. I do not condone what she is doing with this boy!

DEBBIE

He is just a boy Joseph.

Joseph stands, crosses arms.

Debbie stands, EXITS.

CAROLINE

I love him daddy.

JOSEPH

I don't care. If you do not stop seeing him I will disown you. If you have a baby by him I will disown you. If you ever get married to him or any other race besides white I will disown you?

CAROLINE

What made you feel like that? They bleed just like you and I.

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CAROLINE (CONT'D)

The only difference is they have different pigment of skin.

JOSEPH

I was taught that you never mix races. God will frown upon it.

DEBBIE enters, glass filled with water in hand.

DEBBIE

Do you hear yourself talking? You sound ignorant hunny. I love you but I have never heard you talk like this.

JOSEPH

My dad taught me that whites should stay with whites and Blacks should stay with Blacks.

CAROLINE

Normally I would do what you tell me too but I don't agree with you this time daddy.

Caroline paces back and forth.

JOSEPH

If you decide to stay with that boy then you will not call me daddy.

CAROLINE

His name is Antonio. Again I tell you I love him and I will be with him. I want you to accept it. If you can not accept it I will never talk to you again if that is what you want!

JOSEPH

The only thing I don't want is you to be with that boy. I will always love you but that will force me to turn my back on you!

Caroline stops pacing, looks at Joseph.

CAROLINE

I don't know what to tell you.

JOSEPH

If you walk out that door do not bother coming back.

Caroline Exits.

DEBBIE

Joseph.

JOSEPH

No Debbie. My word is final and if you or our daughter can not abide by my rules then both of you can leave.

DEBBIE

You would do your own daughter like that just because she doesn't do what you approve of?

JOSEPH

Yes. I will never condone her loving outside of her race.

Caroline enters, holding a bag in hand.

CAROLINE

I'm sorry you feel that way but I think it is time for me to leave.

JOSEPH

Is that how it is going to be?

CAROLINE

Yes. I love him. He treats me like I am the only person that matters to him. He looks at me the way I see you look at mama.

JOSEPH

That still doesn't make it right.

CAROLINE

This man is the best person I know. If loving him makes you not want me around than I will leave. Honestly dad if that is all it takes for your love to be turned off then I don't want it. One day you will look up and be alone because your ignorance and prejudice will turn people away from you.

Caroline walks to door, puts hand on the handle.

CAROLINE (CONT'D)

Honestly I feel bad for you. Your ignorance will make you miss out on some amazing people. Love has no color. You should never judge a book by it's cover. Who they are is what counts.

DEBBIE

Joseph. She is our daughter.

JOSEPH

Debbie let her go. I will not change my mind.

CAROLINE

It's okay mama. One day when I'm gone and he realizes that he made a mistake it will be too late. I love you mama and I will always be there for you. If his love can be turned off just by who I love then so be it.

DEBBIE

Caroline. Joseph if you do this then you will lose me too.

JOSEPH

I don't care. I will never accept her children if they have any other race than white in their blood.

Caroline opens door, tears fall, she stops, looks at father.

CAROLINE

I want you to know that I still love you and I forgive you.

EXT. CAROLINE'S HOUSE - FRONT PORCH - DAY

Caroline looks at Antonio, runs to him.

Antonio holds her.

Joseph stands at door watching.

Caroline looks behind her.

Debbie stands beside Joseph.

Joseph opens door, walks out.

JOSEPH

Caroline.

CAROLINE

You have said all that I need to hear.

JOSEPH

I'm sorry. I don't understand it but I don't want to lose you over my ignorance.

Caroline walks to father.

Joseph hugs Caroline, then looks at Antonio.

JOSEPH (CONT'D)

Come on son. I recon I should get to know you since my daughter loves you so much.

Joseph, Caroline, and Antonio walk into the house. The door closes.