

MISS UNDERSTOOD

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SV4CT INT. COFFEE SHOP - DAY

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A white English gentleman(24) is sitting at a table enjoying a cup of coffee. His name is STERLING ALISTER. Soon enters MADISON CROSS(23). Her accent and striking features reveal her Congolese heritage.

MADISON

Sterling? Hi, it's me, Madison...

STERLING

As in... my date today, Madison?

MADISON

*Oui*. I have always wanted to try this place. Can I have a menu?

STERLING

Ahhh... Ofcourse. I thought... you would like it... here. (long sip)  
SURPPP...

After an awkward pause Madison breaks the silence.

MADISON

Is everything ok?

STERLING

(anxiously)

Me, I'm great... I just realized I should of asked you something... but it's not a big deal.

Madison's posture changes.

MADISON

Ask me what?

STERLING

Nothing! Really, nothing at all.

MADISON

You said it wasn't a big deal...

STERLING

(defensively)

It's not.

MADISON

Then what is it?

Unable to respond, Sterling takes another long sip of his coffee. Madison folds her arms and leans back into her chair.

MADISON (CONT'D)

I hope this isn't about what I think it's about.

STERLING

(sighs)

Look... I'm sorry ok. I had no idea, you were so --

MADISON

So what (pause), So what (pause),  
So black!

PHSSSS! Mid-sip, Sterling spits out his coffee struggling to explain himself. Madison stands out of her chair, grumbling expletives in French.

STERLING

(while cleaning his face)

Madison wait... I can explain--

MADISON

Mr Alister, I hope the coffee is better than the people that patron this dump.

STERLING

Whoa! Pull-up selector. If you knew how I liked my coffee, you wouldn't jump to such conclusions.

MADISON

*Excusez moi?*

Sterling, 5'6", stands out of his seat, just below Madison's 6ft point of view. He takes Madison by the hand, looking down.

STERLING

I should of asked you, **not** to wear heels...

Madison, left blushing and speechless, slowly step out of her heels, making their eye-lines just a bit more level.

CUT TO BLACK.

**THE END**