

IT'S ALWAYS SUNNY IN PHILADELPHIA

COLD OPEN

TITLE: 9:30pm

TITLE: On a Friday

TITLE: Philadelphia, PA

INT. PADDY'S PUB - NIGHT

Dennis and Dee are standing behind the bar. Frank and Mac are sitting in front.

DEE

Another dead night. I'm gonna order something to eat.

DENNIS

How about hot wings?

MAC

No, Dennis. Not hot wings! Spicy food really tears up my asshole.

DENNIS

Okay, don't get your panties in a bunch!

MAC

They're not "panties," they're special underwear made for full range of motion.

FRANK

How 'bout some pasta?

DEE

Where the hell am I supposed to get pasta this time of night?!

DENNIS

We got a hot plate in the back; why don't you make yourself useful and get a pot going?

Charlie enters from the back.

CHARLIE

You guys ordering food? The only thing open right now is Chinese.

Everyone nods approvingly.

DENNIS

Let's get a large order of fried rice, orange chicken, and some egg rolls.

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FRANK

And make sure you order from The Jade Palace.

DEE

Frank, that's an extra 2 miles away! Why can't we just call Panda Plate?

CHARLIE

Food's not as good at Panda Plate.

MAC

Yeah, I don't know what it is, but Jade Palace is definitely better.

FRANK

It's the Mexicans! Jade Palace has real Mexicans cooking in the back!

Everyone oohs in agreement.

MAC

That's gotta be it! Chinese food is always better when Mexicans make it.

CHARLIE

Wait a second, if Mexicans are good at making Chinese food, then who's good at making Mexican food?

FRANK

Still the Mexicans; they're masters in the kitchen!

DEE

And in the garden.

MAC

And in the sack!

VOICE (O.S.)

Seriously?!

The Gang looks over at the front door and sees a CUSTOMER recording their entire conversation on their cell phone.

DENNIS

Are you recording us?

MAIN TITLES

TITLE: "The Gang Gets Cancelled"

TITLE: "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia"

"The Gang Gets Cancelled"

ACT I

INT. PADDY'S PUB - NIGHT

Mac, Charlie, Dee, and Frank are drinking at the bar. Dennis comes in from the office with a laptop.

DENNIS

Well, it's official: this has been our worst week since we opened!

MAC

Maybe could brainstorm ideas to bring in more customers.

DEE

How about a ladies night? Having more ladies will bring in more dudes!

CHARLIE

Yeah, but how are we supposed to convince women to come to Paddy's?

MAC

We'll do a gay night! Chicks love dancing with gay guys.

FRANK

How do we get gay guys to come?

MAC

Joe Rogan's podcast usually does it for me.

CHARLIE

Is that who listens to him?

DENNIS

I don't think any of those ideas are going help because here's the real reason business has been so bad...

Dennis turns the laptop over to face them. He plays the video from the Customer.

ZOOM TO:

INT. PADDY'S PUB - NIGHT (ON VIDEO)

We see the footage of the Gang's conversation about Chinese food and Mexicans. A caption is superimposed on the video:

PADDY'S PUB IS FULL OF RACISTS AND BIGOTS! DON'T GIVE THEM YOUR BUSINESS! #PADDYSISCANCELLED!

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INT. PADDY'S PUB - NIGHT

The Gang watches the video from the table.

CHARLIE

That little punk called us racists on the Internet!?

FRANK

So what? Who cares?

DEE

They're trying to cancel us!

FRANK

What does that mean?

DENNIS

"Cancelled," Frank. That's what it's called when people boycott a business for doing something controversial.

FRANK

I thought that was for the real bad stuff like dog-fighting or kid-diddling. They wanna cancel us just for sharing our opinions?

MAC

It's that goddamn liberal Cancel Culture! Those little terrorists have no respect for the First Amendment!

DENNIS

It's nothing new; Americans have always screwed with those they disagree with. Cancelling somebody is actually the most patriotic thing you could do.

MAC

No way, dude! Honest God-fearing patriots are all about peace and forgiveness.

DEE

Are you forgetting about the Jews, the Muslims, and like every gay person ever?

CHARLIE

Yeah Mac, you cancelled yourself for the first 40 years of your life.

Mac lunges at Charlie and chokes him.

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MAC
YOU TAKE THAT BACK OR I'LL CANCEL YOUR
AIR SUPPLY!

Dennis separates Mac and Charlie.

DENNIS
Way to be peaceful and forgiving, Mac...

FRANK
Don't worry, I'm sure it will all blow
over by next month.

DENNIS
That's the thing: we've been in the red
for the past few months.

DEE
What does that mean?

DENNIS
We have no more money. And if we can't
get some customers in here real soon,
we're going to have to close the bar.

CHARLIE
What? We can't close the bar; we'd never
see each other again!

DEE
We'd have to get real jobs like teaching
high school or making video games.

MAC
Ugh, I'd rather kill myself. How can we
get un-cancelled?

DENNIS
I'm glad you asked...

INT. PADDY'S PUB - LATER

The Gang sits at the bar as Dennis sets up an easel pad with
three steps written on it: 1. Assume Full Responsibility / 2.
Right the Wrongs / 3. Ask for Forgiveness.

DENNIS
The only way out to recover from being
cancelled; we have to get ahead of it
with a public apology. But we have to do
it perfectly; a botched apology will
only make things worse. Luckily, I have
a lot of experience. There are three
components to a proper apology.

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Dennis points to the easel pad: 1. Assume Full Responsibility

DENNIS (CONT'D)

First things first, we gotta acknowledge what we did wrong.

DEE

They called us "racists and bigots."

CHARLIE

Why would they think we're racist?

BEGIN FLASHBACK MONTAGE

- From "The Gang Gets Racist": Charlie says the N-word.
- From "America's Next Top Paddy's Billboard Model Contest": Dee showcases her ethnic characters, Martina Martinez and Taiwan Tammy.
- From "Dee Reynolds: Shaping America's Youth": Clips from *Lethal Weapon 5*, featuring Mac as Murtaugh and Frank as Chief Lazarus.
- From "The Gang Recycles Their Trash": Dee again as Martina Martinez.
- From "The Gang Makes Lethal Weapon 6": Mac as Murtaugh, Frank as Chief Lazarus, and Dee plays Murtaugh's daughter.
- From "Dee Day": Frank as Martina Martinez and Mac as Taiwan Tammy.

END FLASHBACK MONTAGE

DENNIS

You see, Charlie, this is why you can't **question** or **fight** the responsibility. You have to take it in **fully** or else it gives people a reason to **dig deeper**. Just relax, open wide, and get ready to take the blame for **as long as it takes**. The more you **squirm**, the longer it'll take for me to **finish**.

CHARLIE

Okay, then while we're at it, can you take responsibility for the creepy things you always say?

DEE

Can we at least agree that when done correctly and with respect, accents on characters can be really funny?

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Dee pulls on the sides of her eyelids so they become slanted.

DEE (CONT'D)
(as Taiwan Tammy)
I accept-uh "furr lesponsibirity."

VOICE (O.S.)
Seriously?!

The Gang looks over at the front door and sees a Chinese DELIVERY GUY holding their food.

DELIVERY GUY
Order for Deandra Reynolds.

DEE
(as Taiwan Tammy)
Me so sorry. I didn't--

Dee takes her fingers off her eyelids and clears her throat.

DEE (CONT'D)
(normal voice)
I didn't see you there.

INT. PADDY'S PUB - LATER

The Gang is seated in one of the booths. Charlie is portioning the food onto everyone's plates.

FRANK
Charlie, what about the egg rolls?

CHARLIE
Sorry, Frank. Don't see any in here.

FRANK
(sighs)
Mexicans... forgetful folks, but they sure can fry some rice!

CHARLIE
One thing I still don't get is that out of all the things that could have gotten us cancelled, it was a compliment. I mean, what's wrong with saying that Mexicans are good at cooking?

FRANK
That's a good point, Charlie. It was a compliment! Just like when I say Black guys are packing king-sized Snickers. I mean it with respect and jealousy!

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DENNIS

To be honest, I'm not sure about this one. We all know why Dee's black, brown, and yellowface are bad and wildly unfunny, but I don't see what's wrong with a positive stereotype.

MAC

I think I can answer this one. It's harmful because it puts unfair expectations on people. Like how we rag on Black guys who are bad at basketball or only hire lawyers if they're Jewish.

Or if a guy expects to see a long, thick barbershop pole, but instead they end up with a fun-sized candy cane, it just ruins the whole date for the both of us... what are we talking about again?

FRANK

I get it; stereotypes are bad, even if they're positive. Can we eat now?

DENNIS

Hang on, Frank. That's just step one.

Everybody whines. Dennis points to the easel pad: 2. Right the Wrongs

DENNIS (CONT'D)

The second part of an apology is to make things right. We gotta correct our mistakes and fix the damage.

DEE

Alright fine, I won't do the voices when other people are around.

DENNIS

Not just when other people are around; all the time. We've been caught twice already! We have to assume that there's always someone around with a camera in their pocket. We all have to be... what's the word? ... *Accountable*.

MAC

I agree with Dennis. We gotta stop talking about other races, period... Unless it's really funny.

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CHARLIE

Exactly. That's why guys like Louis C.K. and Bill Cosby got away with it for so long; people were be too busy laughing to be offended! But once you stop being funny, they'll turn around and cancel you! See, that's your problem, Dee.

DEE

I'm not funny?

CHARLIE

No, you're a woman.

Mac, Dennis, and Frank laugh. Mac high fives Charlie.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

(laughing)

Now that's how it's done! You're offended, but we're laughing too much to care!

DENNIS

This is great; we can all agree that Dee isn't funny. But the second step is to undo any of the damage we've caused.

MAC

Okay, so the Mexicans, we gotta do something to make it up to them.

FRANK

And the Chinese.

CHARLIE

While we're at it, why leave anyone out? We gotta make everyone feel welcome at Paddy's, right? So why don't we put up a rainbow sign on our door that says "we serve your kind." Problem solved!

DEE

Why is there a rainbow?

CHARLIE

To show that every color is welcome.

MAC

Yeah, but rainbows are for gay people.

CHARLIE

Fine, lose the rainbow. How 'bout a black-and-white rainbow?

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DEE

Black-and-white rainbow - that's just stripes!

CHARLIE

You know what I mean! Just a picture of like one of each race.

DENNIS

You mean like a Benetton ad? Fine, whatever! But what about "we serve your kind?" It sounds like we just want their money.

MAC

But we DO want their money.

DENNIS

We can't tell them that outright. We have to talk them into it... buy them a drink first.

MAC

That's it; we seduce with free drinks. The first free drink is on the house. But only for non-whites.

Frank takes a bite out of his food.

FRANK

Can we hurry this up? Food's gettin' cold and it's starting to taste weird.

Dennis points to the easel pad: 3. Ask for Forgiveness

DENNIS

Alright, last and most important part of the public apology: we have to ask for forgiveness. And when they forgive us, we have to record it. This whole thing is pointless if we can't post it on the Internet to un-cancel ourselves.

MAC

Who are we going to ask?

DEE

The delivery guy?

DENNIS

Too insignificant.

CHARLIE

The President of Mexico?

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DENNIS

Too busy.

FRANK

Let's talk to Ming! He owns the Jade Palace. We used to gamble together. We can go down there tomorrow and get our egg rolls!

DENNIS

Frank, this is very important so you and I will go see Ming and ask for his forgiveness together.

MAC

Charlie and I will "Right the Wrongs."

CHARLIE

We're going to make Paddy's the most welcoming and diverse bar in town!

DEE

And I'll find the girl that posted this video and "Assume Full Responsibility" for it.

DENNIS

Perfect. Eat up, gang, we'll be un-cancelled in no time!

CUT TO BLACK.

END OF ACT ONE

"The Gang Gets Cancelled"

ACT TWO

INT. PADDY'S PUB - DAY

Dennis waits outside the office. Dee is using her phone.
Dennis knocks on the office door.

DENNIS

C'mon Frank! Let's try to get there
before the dinner rush!

DEE

Dennis, look at this... That customer
that recorded us last week--her name is
Jamie and she's posted all her
information online; her name, her
address, her car. I even know she goes
to UPenn. Guess it's time for me to
return to the old alma mater.

DENNIS

Whatever, Dee. Just remember; it's all
about "Assuming **Full** Responsibility." So
don't half-ass it or make excuses. Just
own up to it and get out.

DEE

Of course, I'm not an idiot. I'll be
back before you can get Frank out of the
office. In fact, I'll be the first one
to finish my step of the apology, *which
would be the first time a woman's ever
finished before you guys!*

DENNIS

If that's your idea of a joke, then I'm
with Charlie. Your unfunniness is what
got us into this mess and you should
just give up on comedy like you did
motherhood.

DEE

Whatever, boner, just don't forget the
egg rolls this time.

Dee exits. Dennis knocks on the office door again.

DENNIS

Goddammit, I'm opening the door!

FRANK (O.S.)

I'm coming, I'm coming!

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Frank comes out of the office holding a camcorder, spotlight, and duffel bag.

FRANK (CONT'D)

Let's go, we're burning daylight!

DENNIS

Frank, what the hell is all this?

FRANK

You said we had to make sure we got the apology on camera; this is all my gear. I got lights, a boom mic, my zoom lens.

Dennis rolls his eyes and takes his phone out of his pocket.

DENNIS

I've got that all junk you're carrying in the palm of my hand.

FRANK

Whaddya mean?! This top of the line video equipment.

DENNIS

"Top of the line?" Maybe in 1995; get an iPhone already, you cheap bastard!

Dennis hands his phone to Frank. Frank taps it cautiously. He opens up the selfie camera and he sees himself with a filter that adds a beard to his face.

FRANK

The hell is this?! That's not me!

DENNIS

Dammit Frank, that's just a filter. Look, when we get there, just hit the red button to start recording and that's all you need to do. Now let's head out.

Dennis and Frank exit.

EXT. PADDY'S PUB - CONTINUOUS

Dennis and Frank walk out the door.

Charlie is taping up a flyer for Paddy's Pub. Mac is holding a box full of flyers.

CHARLIE

You guys heading to the Jade Palace?

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DENNIS

That's right. Hopefully, there will be a lot of customers by the time we get back.

CHARLIE

Frank, don't forget to get the egg rolls!

FRANK

(jokingly)
Of course not; I'm white!

CHARLIE

(laughs)
It's too bad Dee didn't get her sense of humor from you.

DENNIS

Listen, Mac, if any customers of color stop by, be sure to treat them extra special. Free nuts, generous pours, that sorta thing.

MAC

How should I treat the white customers?

DENNIS

The same as usual. Unless there are any minorities in the room. Then you should treat the white customers like shit. Minorities love it when you turn the tables on white people.

MAC

Wait a second, isn't that reverse-racism? Won't that upset the white customers?

DENNIS

They're not the ones cancelling us, Mac. One thing at a time; don't let me down!

Mac is perplexed. Dennis and Frank get into the car and drive off. Charlie takes a step back to admire his handywork.

MAC

Charlie, what the hell is that?

CHARLIE

What do you mean? It's the flyer.

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Mac opens the box of flyers and sees a poorly photoshopped image of Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker, Owen Wilson, Rosalyn Sanchez, and Kung Fu Panda inside of Paddy's Pub. In crude handwriting, it reads: Come free / one drink / your kind / not white.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

I got one of every kind, just like
Dennis wanted.

MAC

Oh goddammit, why the hell did we put
you on flyer-duty!?

EXT. UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA PARKING LOT - DAY

Dee is sitting on the hood of a car. JAMIE, the customer that posted the recording, walks up to the car.

JAMIE

Excuse me, you're on my car.

DEE

Hello Jamie... recognize me?

JAMIE

I don't think... wait a second...
you're... Deandra Reynolds!

DEE

You know my name, too. Well this should
be quick--

JAMIE

You're the founder of the UPenn Comedy
Society! I'm Jamie Garcia, this year's
president!

Jamie extends her hand. Dee reluctantly shakes it.

DEE

(apprehensive)
Nice to meet a fellow comedy fan.

JAMIE

What are you doing here?

DEE

Huh? What do you mean?

JAMIE

At UPenn? It's been like 20 years.

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DEE

Oh, well I guess I just wanted to check out the old stomping grounds... see what makes the kids laugh these days.

JAMIE

I'm about to head over to improv practice. I would be honored if you joined us as a guest-coach!

Dee has a look of intrigue and mischief.

DEE

Guess I could show you a thing or two.

Dee and Jamie get into the car.

INT. JADE PALACE - DAY

Dennis and Frank enter.

DENNIS

Alright, Frank. Take the phone out. Once you hit the button, just make sure you keep the phone focused on me. Then, pick up Ming's face when my apology moves him to tears.

FRANK

How do I turn on the camera?

DENNIS

It's the button that looks like a big camera. Dammit, Frank, do I have to everything?

FRANK

(defensive)
I got it!

Frank opens the livestream app instead of the camera app.

INT. JADE PALACE - DAY (POV DENNIS'S PHONE)

Dennis starts to psych himself up. The word "LIVE" is superimposed in red.

DENNIS

Alright, are you ready to do this?

FRANK (O.S)

Yep.

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DENNIS

Shut up, Frank. I'm talking to myself...
(sighs)
Let's go! You got this! C'mon! You are
perfection. Even your mistakes are
perfect. Forgive these ants for being so
beneath you and they'll forgive you too.

INT. JADE PALACE - DAY

The OWNER (caucasian, 50s) walks up to them.

OWNER

Table for two?

DENNIS

Actually, we're not here to eat. We were
hoping to speak to the owner.

OWNER

That's me; I'm the owner of the Jade
Palace.

FRANK

Where the hell is Ming?

OWNER

Ming doesn't own this place anymore. I
bought this restaurant from him a few
months ago.

DENNIS

Wait a second, this changes everything!
There's no way in hell I'm apologizing
to this guy!

FRANK

Why not?

DENNIS

He's a white guy. I can't be forgiven
for racism by another white guy. You can
turn the camera off; a tape of me
apologizing to him isn't worth shit...
It might even hurt the cause.

Frank tries to stop recording, but fails.

OWNER

I'm sorry, what's going on?

DENNIS

Look, I'm gonna level with you, from one
business owner to another.

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DENNIS (CONT'D)

We came all the way here to apologize for a little bit of racism and ask for forgiveness from an old Chinese man. Can you maybe do us a solid and bring out a cook or dishwasher or something? We just want to speak with them.

OWNER

And then you'll leave?

DENNIS

Of course we'll leave. I wasn't planning on spending my whole Saturday here!

INT. JADE PALACE - DAY (POV DENNIS'S PHONE)

The Owner goes into the back.

FRANK (O.S.)

I can't believe this guy took over Ming's business.

DENNIS

This guy makes the minorities slave away in the kitchen while he counts the money? ... Genius!

INT. JADE PALACE - DAY

The Owner returns with a caucasian CHEF.

DENNIS

Wait, who's this?

OWNER

You said you wanted to speak to one of our cooks.

DENNIS

But he's another white guy.

CHEF

I don't understand. Was there a problem with your food?

FRANK

What happened to the Mexicans?

CHEF

We don't have any Mexicans working in the kitchen.

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FRANK

I thought the food tasted different!
What the hell are YOU PEOPLE doing
cooking Chinese food?

OWNER

Alright that's enough, I'm gonna have to
ask you two to leave.

DENNIS

Hang on, I think I know what's going on
here... These gentrifiers muscled out a
minority-owned business... appropriated
Chinese culture... fired all the Mexican
staff members... and we're supposed to
ask for *their* forgiveness?

FRANK

I don't understand; what the hell does
that mean?

DENNIS

Don't you see, Frank. These guys are
even worse than we are. We don't owe
them an apology!

FRANK

You mean this entire time, we were
wrongfully cancelled?

DENNIS

Exactly. When we said that it's better
to have Mexicans cook our food... We
were just speaking up for the little
guy! Against these oppressors.

OWNER

If you're just going to stand here and
insult us, I'm going to call the cops!

DENNIS

I think we've made our point here. Let's
go, Frank.

Dennis and Frank head towards the door. Frank quickly runs
back.

FRANK

Can I get a dozen egg rolls to-go?

INT. PADDY'S PUB - NIGHT

Mac and Charlie are alone in the bar.

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CHARLIE

Where are all the people? I guess the flyers didn't work!

MAC

Of course they didn't work, Charlie! They look like love letters from a Jackie Chan stalker!

CHARLIE

How are we going to "Right our Wrongs?"

A BLACK CUSTOMER enters. Mac and Charlie look at each other.

MAC

(privately)
Charlie, this might be our only chance. Let's make Dennis proud...

CHARLIE

(privately)
Time to get uncanceled.

Mac and Charlie rush to the Black Customer's side and usher him inside.

MAC

(enthusiastic)
Hey! Welcome to Paddy's Pub! Have a seat! Take a load off. I'm Mac, this is Charlie. What's your name?!

BLACK CUSTOMER

My name's Jamal.

MAC

Jamal, that's a great name! I wish my parents named me Jamal! My dad's name is Luther--I know what you're thinking and no, he's white. Weird, right? Do you know your dad's name or did he leave before you got a chance to meet him?

JAMAL

Excuse me?!

MAC

Where are my manners? You probably want something to drink! Do you want me to read the menu to you or are you good?

JAMAL

(annoyed)
I'm good, man. I'll have a lemonade...

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CHARLIE

Nonsense! You deserve something a little stronger! If money is an issue for you, I can add a couple shots for you, on the house!

Charlie runs behind the bar to mix the drink.

JAMAL

Why would I come into a bar if I didn't have money? I just have to drive home later.

MAC

If you get too drunk, we got a cot in the basement. Feel free to use it. Or better yet, call up some of your homies and we can have a slumber party!

Jamal tries to sit at the bar.

MAC (CONT'D)

No no no, what are you doing, Jamal?

JAMAL

Sitting down... like you told me to.

MAC

Wouldn't you prefer to sit in our special VIP section?

Mac points to a dark, dank booth in the back of the bar.

JAMAL

Nah, I'll be fine right here.

MAC

You may be fine, but don't you want to be BETTER than fine? What if a white customer comes in and sits at the bar? That wouldn't be very special.

JAMAL

You want me to sit in the back? Away from the white customers?!

MAC

Because you're important to us! Not more important than other minorities, but certainly more important than our white customers.

A WHITE CUSTOMER walks into bar.

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MAC (CONT'D)

(shouts to White Customer)

Hey, sit wherever you want, you son of a bitch! Just stay away from our VIP, Jamal!

(privately to Jamal)

Whities, am I right?

Charlie returns with the drink and hands it Jamal.

CHARLIE

Let me know if you need any changes!

Jamal takes a sip and spits it out.

JAMAL

What the hell is in this drink?!

CHARLIE

That's a lemon drop; it's vodka and a drop of lemon juice. We just want you to have a good time!

JAMAL

This bar is whack! I'm leaving.

MAC

(panicking)

"Whack?" is that a bad thing?! You can't leave. You're a VIP!

Charlie brings out a bowl of nuts. And starts cracking them aggressively.

CHARLIE

The nuts are on us!

JAMAL

Oh hell no!

Jamal runs out of the bar. Mac and Charlie look defeated.

CHARLIE

Where did we go wrong?

MAC

(to White Customer)

Sir, what can I get for you today?

INT. STUDENT CENTER - NIGHT

Dee is sitting in front of an improv group comprising of 5 college students including Jamie.

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STUDENT 1

But mom, I can't clean my room. There's so much macaroni everywhere!

The students laugh.

JAMIE

Sweetie, if we work together, we can do the... "impastable."

The students applaud.

DEE

(annoyed)

Alright, scene scene scene. Uhh what the hell was that?!

The students quickly become uncomfortable.

JAMIE

What do you mean?

DEE

That was cheesy.

The students laugh.

DEE (CONT'D)

I mean, it wasn't funny!

JAMIE

We were just having a good time.

DEE

See that's the problem right there. Comedy isn't about having fun and playing it safe; it's about taking risks and being edgy! Here, I'll show you.

Dee stands up and points at a Hispanic student.

DEE (CONT'D)

You. "Cheech." Do a scene with me. The rest of you turds, take a seat!

Jamie and the other students sit down.

JAMIE

Your suggestion is... "windchime."

"CHEECH"

Sounds like there might be a storm blowing in tonight.

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DEE

That's not the only thing getting *blown* tonight...

"CHEECH"

(awkwardly)

Maybe we should nail the windows shut.

DEE

That's not the only thing that should get *nailed*...

"Cheech" looks at the rest of the group for support. Jamie gesture him to just go with it.

"CHEECH"

Do you hear that?! Sounds like the tree branches are *banging* against the house!

DEE

No, those aren't tree branches.
(exaggerated Hispanic
accent)

It's ICE! Quick, Paco, we have to hide! We're both immigrants and la migra will throw us into cages where we won't get any tacos!

Jamie rushes up to the front.

JAMIE

Whoa whoa whoa! That's inappropriate.

DEE

Why the hell did you stop us?! Things were finally getting interesting!

JAMIE

Those were very offensive stereotypes.

DEE

But it was funny, so it's okay! I'm just like Bill Cosby. You weren't offended were you, "Cheech?"

"CHEECH"

I didn't find that funny at all. And my name isn't Cheech or Paco. It's Chico!

DEE

Whose side are you on?! Jeez, I thought Mexicans were supposed to be loyal...

Jamie has a look of realization.

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JAMIE

Oh my god. THAT'S why you look so familiar. You're one of those awful bartenders from Paddy's Pub!

DEE

Yeah, that's right! And I meant what I said. I take FULL responsibility for being the only one in here with the balls to say what's really funny!

Jamie takes out her phone.

DEE (CONT'D)

Oh yes, record this. Get it on all on tape. I'm Dee Reynolds and I'm sick of you goddamn kids with your PC cancel culture and Ted Talk comedy specials!

END OF ACT TWO

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ACT THREE

INT. STUDENT CENTER - NIGHT (ON VIDEO)

We see the POV of Jamie's phone during Dee's tirade.

DEE

... I'm Dee Reynolds and I'm sick of you goddamn kids with your PC cancel culture and Ted Talk comedy specials! You wouldn't know comedy if it walked into the room and took a shit on the floor! ... You wanna see something funny?

Dee turns around, squats down and takes her pants off.

ZOOM OUT TO:

INT. PADDY'S PUB - NIGHT

The Gang sits around the table huddled around Dee's phone. Everyone except Dee winces.

DENNIS/MAC/CHARLIE/FRANK

(grossed out but impressed)

Ooooh!

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

Did you really take a dump in the room?!

DEE

Hell yeah, I did.

FRANK

I'm proud of you, Deandra.

DENNIS

Gotta hand it to you, Dee... that was funny!

DEE

Really?

DENNIS

No, you disgusting pigeon! You had one job to do and you literally shat the bed. You've proven once and for all that women aren't funny. And you ruined the apology!

DEE

Excuse me, I will NOT take responsibility for ruining the apology. What about Mac and Charlie?

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MAC

We tried our best...

Dee pulls one of the flyers out of her purse and slams it on the bar.

DEE

You call **this** your best?

CHARLIE

It was rush job. We only had an hour--

DENNIS

Charlie, if you don't know how to spell something, just ask one of us!

Charlie grabs the flyer and studies it closely.

MAC

Way to screw this one up, Charlie.

DENNIS

And another thing: whose *brilliant* idea was it to make a "VIP section?"

MAC

That was my brilliant idea, Dennis!

DENNIS

Interesting... and where would you put this VIP Section?

MAC

In the back of bar.

DENNIS

So your idea of Righting the Wrong was forcing Black customers to sit in the back?!

MAC

Not just the Black customers. Anyone who isn't white sits in the back; it's an exclusive area!

FRANK

Back in my day, we called that segregation.

DENNIS

Even Frank knows that's wrong!

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MAC

I don't know what else I could have done. This is a Wrong that just can't be Righted; it's like they don't want special treatment or something.

DEE

Well did you two at least get the forgiveness on video?

DENNIS

Sort of... the whole forgiveness thing didn't play out as well as we planned.

Dennis takes his phone out.

DENNIS (CONT'D)

What the hell? I have like hundreds of notifications. Frank, what the hell did you do?

FRANK

What do you mean? I opened the camera and broadcasted it.

DENNIS

"Broadcast?!" Oh goddammit, Frank! You streamed the botched apology! We'll never get uncanceled now!

FRANK

Well don't blame this on me. I didn't make you say all those creepy things.

DENNIS

Frank, since you ruined the apology, you're gonna have to fix this. You're gonna pay this month's bills.

FRANK

No way, I'm not bailing you out anymore.

DENNIS

Then I guess this is the end of Paddy's. All because Frank is too cheap to know how to use a camera phone!

DEE

You know what? Maybe we **should** get cancelled. Everyday, I come to work and get shit on by four men; I'm just glad that no woman will have to put with that ever again...

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MAC

Whoa, hang on there, Dee. Before you start playing the victim card, don't forget that I, as a gay man, have to take a lot more shit than you do.

DEE

Quit being such a sissy, Mac. No one cares that you're gay. We've never treated you any differently.

MAC

But I don't like the way you treat me. You know when you're being racist or sexist, but you say a lot of homophobic things without even realizing it. Like when you say I wear panties or call me a sissy or make fun of my tiny penis; they're called microaggressions, you bird-brained bitch!

CHARLIE

Hey! Don't call her "bird-brained!"

DEE

Thank you, Charlie.

CHARLIE

(snaps)

Shut up, bitch!

(normal voice)

If we're gonna start making rules for who we're allowed to make fun of, then you can't call anyone "stupid" anymore.

MAC

That's stupid. Why not?

CHARLIE

I don't know if you guys realize this, but... I have a learning disability.

The rest of the Gang looks at each other knowingly.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

I know you couldn't tell just by looking at me, but I can't read.

MAC

We know; you're dyslexic.

Mac presents the flyer as evidence.

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CHARLIE

You guys knew?! Well why didn't you tell me? I just found out!

DENNIS

It's why we made you the janitor. You can't mix drinks, you can't count change--Charlie, we switched your huffing paints with non-toxic hairspray and you still haven't noticed!

CHARLIE

You guys, that's so messed up! That's at least as bad as segregation or something. I'm glad we got cancelled!

FRANK

How could you say that, Charlie? I treat you like you were one of my own. I'd never do anything to hurt you 'cuz I know what it's like to be different...

CHARLIE

That's right, Frank. You know what it's like to be the victim because you're a dwarf.

FRANK

What? I'm not a midget! I meant 'cuz I'm half Jewish.

Charlie looks at Dee, Dennis, and Mac guiltily.

CHARLIE

Whoops, that's what I meant. You're not a midget. I'm such a retard.

FRANK

My mother was Jewish which makes me half Jewish and we've been victims way more than broads, homos, and nitwits. So stop calling me a cheap bastard; that's my culture!

MAC

Well, I guess if you really think about it, we're all victims in some way.

DEE

But wait a second... if we're all victims, then who's the oppressor?

Everyone looks at Dennis. His eyes widen.

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DENNIS

Well, it seems that cancel culture has finally made its way to Paddy's and infected our gang. And just because I'm a straight white man, you snowflakes decide to turn on me and make me out to be your oppressor...

Dennis gets up onto the bar.

DENNIS (CONT'D)

But we're all victims AND offenders in this world. I may be sexist, homophobic, ableist, and whatever the hell Frank is, but don't forget how we got in this mess in the first place... you were all being racist, which is the laziest way to hate someone.

When I hate someone, it's for living in filth or looking like a bird. When I hate someone, I look to their life choices; I hit them where it hurts. When I hate someone, it's not for the color of their skin, but for the content of their character!

The gang claps for Dennis.

VOICE (O.S.)

Seriously?!

They look over and see that another customer has walked in and has been recording them.

DENNIS

Ah shit.

CUT TO BLACK.

END OF SHOW

"The Gang Gets Cancelled"