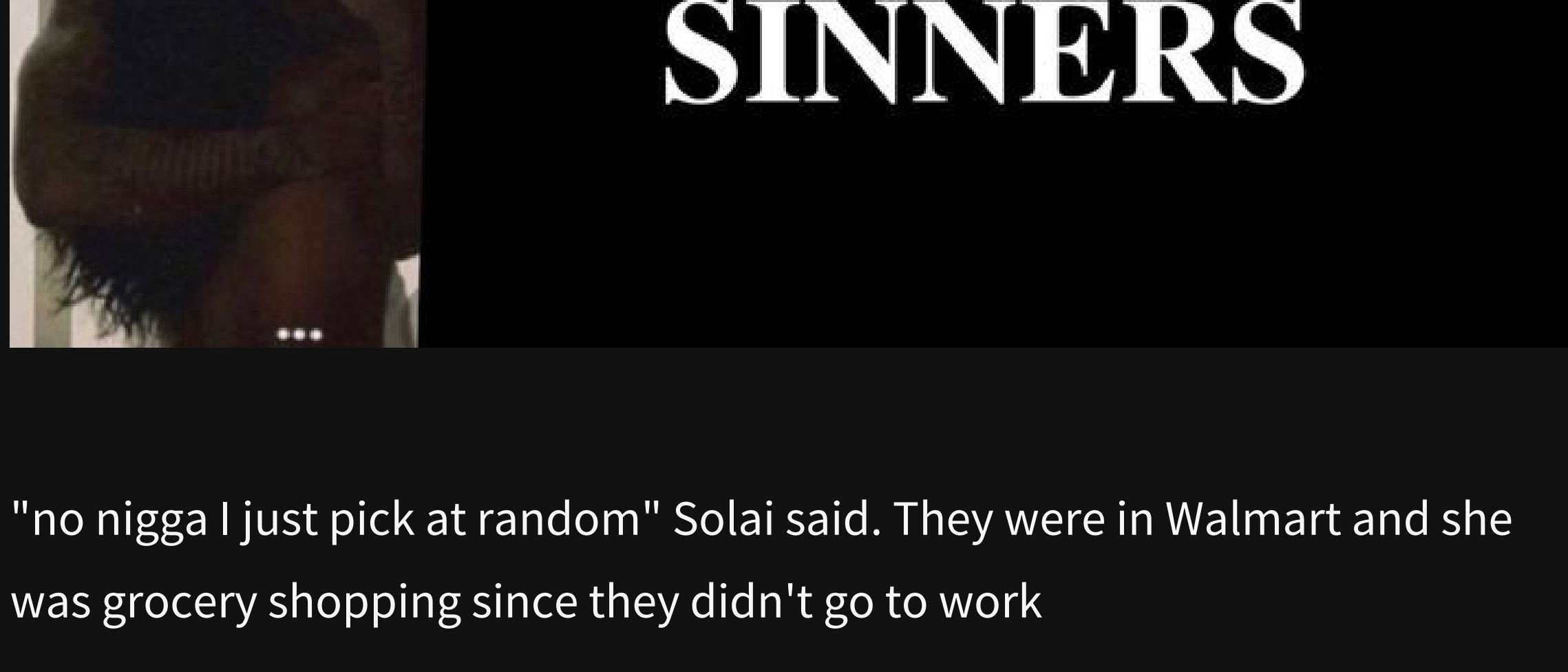


## chapter sixteen



"no nigga I just pick at random" Solai said. They were in Walmart and she was grocery shopping since they didn't go to work

"oh hell nah" he grabbed all the different boxes of caprisuns and put them next to her. She decided to sit in the cart

"omg I'm really craving a spicy hot pickle. You know the one covered in chumoy in the bag type pickle" Solai said out of no where

"I'll get you one later they don't sell that here" Aubrey said

"Solai" they heard making them turn to see Jeremiah

"what the actual fuck?" Solai squinted her eyes at him making Aubrey burst out laughing

"what you squint yo eyes for" Aubrey said in between laughs

"shut up" Solai laughed at Aubrey

"we need to talk Solai" Jeremiah said to her

"you can text me" she said

"you blocked me on everything" Aubrey was trying his best to hold in his laugh

"actually my email is still available for you to send messages or business inquiries" she said that was Aubreys last straw

Aubrey was laughing hard as hell. it was the way she got rid of her normal voice and put her work voice on which made him laugh

"I'm sorry" he let the isle to laugh

"this the lame nigga you fucking?" Jeremiah asked with a mug

"no we work together. He's my friend but if we was fucking what's wrong with it?" Solai said

"then you and him would die" Jeremiah said

"leave me alone bro" she mugged

"nah Solai I'm going to get you back by any means" he said in a creepy way

"if you say so Jeremiah" she waved him o

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"you fucking that shit up" Aubrey watched Solai eat her pickle

"this shit good" she put it in his face insisting for him to try

"I'm good thank you" he refused but she insisted

"please" she said making him take a small bite. She watched his reaction

"it's lght" he shrugged

"hater" she mugged making him laugh

"Aubrey let's get high tonight" she said. He turned to her

"why?" He laughed

"cause I told my dad tell my mom to give us a week o " she said

"okay Solai" he said making her smile

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"say you're sorry" Aubrey said to solai while he was on top of her. They were play fighting

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"I'm sorry" she laughed and he got o her and sat on the floor checking his phone

khalil 🤔

can you pick me up please.

Aubrey 🤔

yea but why?

khalil 🤔

she's drinking again

Aubrey 🤔

I'm on the way

"Solai I got a family emergency" aubrey said putting his shoes on

"oh okay... is everything okay?" she asked seeing how fast he was rushing

"yea it will be imma call you when everything is good" he said putting his coat on

he held his arms out for a hug and she smiled so ly before hugging him

"bye Solai" he said pulling away from the hug

"bye Aubrey" she watched him leave

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Aubrey pulled up to his moms house and saw khalil his ten year old brother at the front of the house with his five year old sister karine in his arms sleeping

"come on" Aubrey said walking up to them. Khalil stood up

Aubrey picked up the bag he had with him and they walked to the car

Aubrey put the bag in the back seat before taking karine out of khalilis hand and put her in the car seat

Khalil got into the front seat

"you eaten something?" Aubrey asked starting the car

"no" khalil said

"what you want to eat?" He looked at khalil. Something was o But Aubrey wasn't going to force it out of him

"anything" he said

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"khalil what's wrong with you?" Aubrey asked khalil as he sat down and ate his food

"nothing" he shrugged. Aubrey looked at karine

"kk what's wrong with khalil?" Aubrey looked at her look at khalil

Karine watched khalil signal to say she doesn't know

"I don't know" she mumbled. Aubrey nodded and turned back to khalil

"when you ready to talk you can" Aubrey got up and went into his room

he called Solai

"hey you actually called me" she smiled in the camera

"I told you I would" he laughed

"is everything okay tho? you le quite quickly" she asked concerned

"yeah just my siblings needed me to get them" he shrugged not trying to dwell on it

"okay cool... look what I got for the next time I see you" she held up a bag of weed

"damn you was serious huh?" He smiled

"hell yeah" there was a knock at aubreys bedroom door

"who is it?" Aubrey asked and khalil opened the door and walked in

"I'm ready to tell you" khalil said making Aubrey looked at his phone to solai

"Solai imma call you back" he said

"alright that's fine" she smiled and he ended the call

"wassup" Aubrey said

"mom said that I'm the reason dee died" khalil said to him making Aubrey take a deep breath

Dee was Aubreys older brother. Dee wasn't dead. He le and claimed he was never coming back. Everyone took it as he was killing himself because nobody had seen him since

a year ago Aubrey got a message from Dee that he was fine and well and Aubrey went o at him

They haven't contacted since

"it's not your fault. Dee was already sick there was nothing anyone could do" Aubrey said to him

Dee was battling a lot emotionally and mentally with seeing khalil almost die khalil got in the middle of a driveby and he was shot in his stomach. Dee couldn't get it out of his head and eventually everything caught up to him

"are you sure?" Khalil asked

" Yea, Dee loved you more than he loved himself it will never be your fault" just as he said that

dee.

I'm back in the city can I see you

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