

## Narratives of Racial Fear and Resentment among White California Youth

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(1)

1 Zoe: Also one time I was walking with my friends to math class,  
2 and this guy,  
3 like,  
4 he was,  
5 on m-  
6 on my,  
7 (1.0)  
8 Anyways he was like on the right side I guess.  
9 And so he started walking sort of like to the left.  
10 Like sort of like pushing me over.  
11 And I was like,  
12 “Ah,”  
13 you know?  
14 Mary: Wow.  
15 Zoe: Um-  
16 an-  
17 and,  
18 the—  
19 like this guy that we were walking with,  
20 like we know him and stuff?  
21 And 'cause he kn:ew.  
22 Like he realized that someone was behind us.  
23 And he-  
24 he said later,  
25 he was like,  
26 “Yeah I was afraid they were going to do something to me.”  
27 But I was totally oblivious.  
28 Mary: [1 Mm. 1]  
29 Zoe: [1 So like, 1]  
30 I don't know.  
31 I think it's different for guys,  
32 also.  
33 [2 A little more. 2]  
34 Mary: [2 Oh really? 2]  
35 In what sense?  
36 Zoe: It's like,  
37 more intense for them,  
38 I guess.  
39 Mary: [3 Hm. 3]  
40 Zoe: [3 Because 3] I mean he was so aware.  
41 Like he was just,  
42 like I [4 was- 4]=  
43 Mary: [4 Wow. 4]=  
44 Zoe: =[5 I was just 5]=

45 Mary: =[Why? ]=  
46 Zoe: =[6 walking to class, 6]=  
47 Mary: =[6 That- 6]=  
48 Zoe: =[7 I was totally oblivious— 7]  
49 Mary: =[7 that seems like it's the opposite. 7]  
50 Zoe: Yeah.  
51 Well like for w-  
52 (1.0)  
53 Yeah.  
54 I don't know.  
55 For a white,  
56 guy.  
57 I don't know.  
58 I think so.

(2a)

1 Brand One: two months ago this dude,  
2 um,  
3 (1.5)  
4 <tongue click>  
5 I was walking up to uh,  
6 to,  
7 the bus stop,  
8 and he-  
9 and he was in my backpack right?  
10 this,  
11 this black dude was like six,  
12 maybe like fi:ve ten,  
13 he was big,  
14 he was a lot bigger than me,

(2b)

1 Mr. Frisky: Tim was talking shit,  
2 and suddenly,  
3 it seemed,  
4 <rising pitch> {out of the woodwork,}  
5 once again,  
6 the uh,  
7 @  
8 you know,  
9 suddenly about fifty to,  
10 you know,  
11 sixty,  
12 black kids suddenly swarm after him.

(2c)

1 Nico Caen: Over in the Park,  
2 like,  
3 beginning of this year,

4 we uh:,  
5 [tʃ]  
6 some little Asian fools tried to start,  
7 f:unk with me and my friend,  
8 just two of us,  
9 and like thirty of them,  
10 you know?

(3)

1 Peanut: Actually,  
2 at this guy's party that I went to-  
3 uh,  
4 my friend Nick and I went to,  
5 these big Asian guys were trying to start something,  
6 because they thought we were in some gang from Sunset, <a neighboring  
city>  
7 or something like that.

(4a)

74 Brand One: Steven's on the basketball team,  
75 on varsity,  
76 he's like six <creaky> {three:},  
77 big ass,  
78 fool,  
79 hella sca:ry,  
80 And then Kevin's just,  
81 he's like five ten but people-  
82 he's just—  
83 he's just—  
84 people are intimidated of him because of who he knows,  
85 you know?

(4b)

1 Nico Caen: Keith came through,  
2 he was like=  
3 Billy: =Keith is hella [t:all, ]  
4 Nico: [You know] he's got drea:ds,  
5 he's,  
6 he's a ra:sta,  
7 Billy: He's extre:mely <[stra]->  
8 if you [see him—]  
9 Nico: [He's— ]  
10 you would not fuck with him if you saw him.

(5)

1 Mr. Frisky: They strike,  
2 me,  
3 as being stro:nger,

4 more loy:al,  
5 um,  
6 you know,  
7 m-  
8 better-  
9 better warriors per se?  
10 Mary: Mm.  
11 Mr. Frisky: Like,  
12 you know they,  
13 are,  
14 <finger snap> {quick} to fight,  
15 they're,  
16 really hard to knock out and knock down.  
17 Mary: Mhm.  
18 Mr. Frisky: You know,  
19 I've,  
20 never-  
21 I've been in,  
22 a fight,  
23 only with one black person,  
24 and,  
25 it,  
26 was over real quick.  
27 With me on the ground holding my head going,  
28 <higher pitch> {"Ow,  
29 that,  
30 kind of hurt."}

(6)

1 Mr. Frisky: I was,  
2 sitting there grinning,  
3 you know,  
4 just kind of,  
5 cackling,  
6 at them,  
7 and you know,  
8 with this huge grin on my face,  
9 like,  
10 "Come on,  
11 let's do this."  
12 Mary: Mhm.  
13 Mr. Frisky: And suddenly there would be six guys all around me,  
14 you couldn't really see me anymore,  
15 and suddenly two or three of them would just fly back a good three feet  
onto the [ground.]  
16 Mary: [Wow. ]  
17 Mr. Frisky: And I'd be sitting there in the middle just swinging and  
batting fools around like little play toys. <sniff>  
18 Mary: Wow.  
19 Mr. Frisky: And,  
20 it kind of struck me as you know,

21 “Eee.  
 22 (.)  
 23 That’s seven people to my one,  
 24 and that’s just Filipinos.  
 25 So,  
 26 let’s say,  
 27 uh: that had been,  
 28 black men.  
 29 (1.2)  
 30 Ouch.”

(7)

1 Nico Caen: I just put my head down and was just swiŋging at people,  
 2 I-  
 3 I was making contact too.  
 4 These fools,  
 5 all right,  
 6 all of a sudden=  
 7 Billy: =them fools were like,  
 8 [## ]  
 9 Nico: [all of a sudden],  
 10 all of a sudden,  
 11 yeah,  
 12 all of a sudden fools were like,  
 13 “Oh.  
 14 Don’t fight,  
 15 you know,  
 16 fuck with him,”  
 17 you know?  
 18 Mary: Right.  
 19 Nico: Because,  
 20 they don’t expect a fucking,  
 21 a-  
 22 a white person to be fighting,  
 23 you know?  
 24 Mary: Yeah.  
 25 Nico: I’m Puerto Rican.  
 26 I-  
 27 I look white though,  
 28 you know?  
 29 They don’t expect,  
 30 they don’t expect the Caucasian person to be fighting,  
 31 Mary: [Oh. ]  
 32 Nico: [You know?]  
 33 They expect him to get his ass whupped,  
 34 you know?  
 35 And I’m not having that.

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