

# you're so pretty for a dark skin girl



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## WHAT YOU'RE REALLY SAYING

Is that you believe that this black women is an uncommon exception to your European beauty standards perspective.



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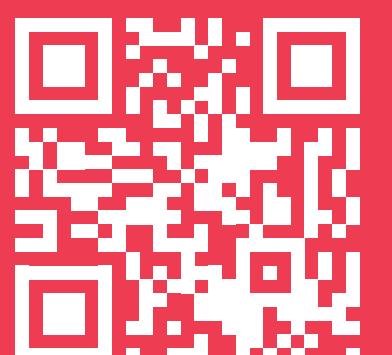
# they make the neighborhood bad



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## WHAT YOU'RE REALLY SAYING

What you are really saying is that because these are black children, they must be committing some type of crime or sinister action. They cannot just be innocently playing outside.



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# do you live here?



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## WHAT YOU'RE REALLY SAYING

Based on your race, I assume you to be a dangerous criminal and you cannot just be entering into your home.



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# don't all of you listen to Beyonce?



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## WHAT YOU'RE REALLY SAYING

You are assuming that just because Beyonce is African American, everyone that is African American likes and listens to her music.



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# what are you?



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## WHAT YOU'RE REALLY SAYING

What you are really saying is that I recognize that your skin and facial features look different from mine and I am wondering why.



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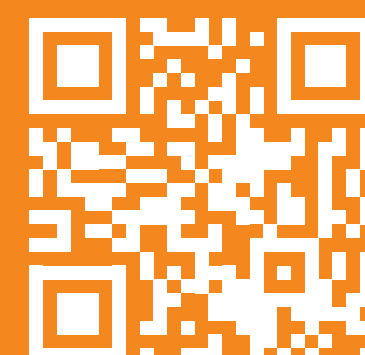
# your hair is so curly



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## WHAT YOU'RE REALLY SAYING

What you're really saying is that, your hair is different from mine and because of that difference, I get to touch it without your consent or permission.



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# your hair is not professional



Microinvalidation

## WHAT YOU'RE REALLY SAYING

What you are really saying is that I don't recognize your hair as professional because it is different from what European beauty standards promote.



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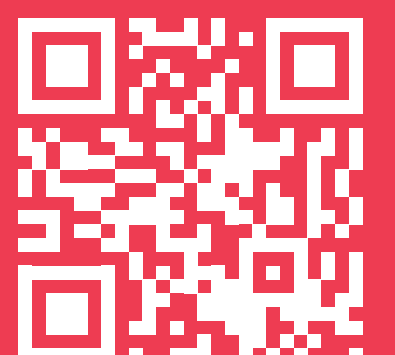
# you speak so well



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## WHAT YOU'RE REALLY SAYING

What you are really saying is that I assumed that all people of color could not speak well and since you're African American and you speak well, you are an exception to that.



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# you're so articulate



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## WHAT YOU'RE REALLY SAYING

What you're really saying is that normally you do not consider people of color as articulate, but this African American is the exception to that perception.



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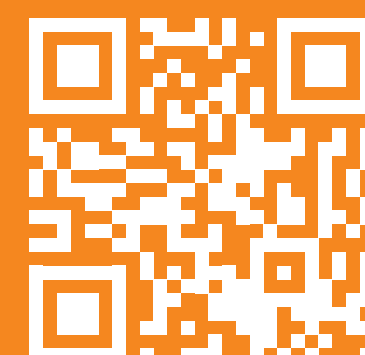
# where are you really from?



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## WHAT YOU'RE REALLY SAYING

What you are really saying is that I recognize from your skin that you do not have the typical American features that I'm used to, so you are different and must be born somewhere other than America.



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# you're so aggressive



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## WHAT YOU'RE REALLY SAYING

What you are really saying is that I see you as a African American woman taking charge. I may or may not perceive that as intimidating and as a result I will call you aggressive for thinking you can boss me and others around.



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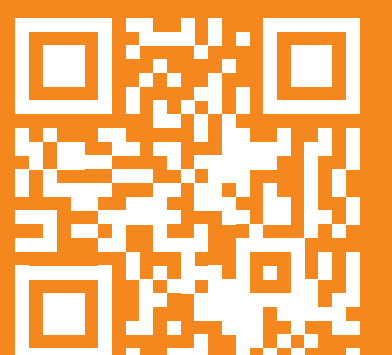
# how did you get your hair so knotted?



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## WHAT YOU'RE REALLY SAYING

What you are really saying is that your hair is different from my own, and even though I do not understand the cultural significance behind your hair, I will touch it out of my curiosity anyway.



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