

BLACK VERSUS WHITE | Extract

Dark. WHITE dressed to leave. She packs her bag. BLACK dealing with dinner.

WHITE.- We're happy. I'm happy, hurry up!, they're waiting outside so that they can take us, are you healed, we did it!, you're normal, you can move, finish you're dinner and then we're leaving, I'll finish tidying up in just a minute, finally at home, I'm so happy, everything will be different from now on, filled with light and happiness, in the midst of nature, you'll be a different person, are you happy?, do you love me?, what am I even doing asking you, I don't care about your chatter, I only relate to your heart directly, without intermediaries of any kind, and your heart loves me, it's proven that to me, I've promised it that I will always defend it from you and that I won't ever allow for the rapture in which you and your disgusting head had it, a bit more and you would have fooled me, it would have all been over, I would have never been able to forgive myself, but all of that has passed, let us forget this sinister place, we're going to be so happy, and the first thing we're going to do is get married, I've dreamt of this moment for so long, a huge wedding with tons of guests, I've already bought the rings, *WHITE takes out the rings and shows them to him*, aren't they precious, it's so romantic that we're going to be husband and wife, we'll have a baby boy, that way you can play with him all day, I'm just so happy, and if we like it, we'll have many kids, I love family, we'll make a numerous family for ourselves, it's much more cheerful, everyone screaming, for our honey moon we'll go on a trip, which place do you prefer? I have some pamphlets, look, *WHITE takes out a few pamphlets*, I was thinking a beach in the Caribbean or if you don't like that, look at this other one, a cruise across the northern sea, where days never turn into nights, always light, you and me on the deck, holding hands, watching the sun, filled with colors, always quiet, I don't want you to talk to me, come on, you can look at them at home, let's not get distracted, *WHITE puts away the pamphlets*, before your silent face, all of your being will empty itself of that crap that you're holding and you'll be happy, you won't want to die anymore...

BLACK.- Please.

WHITE.- What?, excuse me?, did you speak?, what did you say?, do you not hear me?, what did I tell you?, did I not forbid you from speaking?, isn't it for your own good so that you can heal yourself?, is that you just don't want to listen?, is everything beyond you? WHITE hits BLACK in the face, do I not exist for you?, do you not see me?, do you not

hear me?, am I transparent?, am I simply not here?, you hear me better now, don't you?, you'll forget about everything and let me do me, won't you?, because you have no intention of rebelling, right?, or is it that you want me to hit you until I finally kill you...?

BLACK.- Please...!

WHITE.- And what do I care about your words, say what you want, I have no intention of listening to you, spit out the putrefied shit that corrodes you from within, *WHITE takes out the gun from the bag. She gets on top of BLACK*, I've repeatedly told you not to speak but you're looking to provoke me so that I'll kill you, everything else matters nothing to you and you think that I'm an imbecile, everything I say to you just means shit to you, pointing the barrel of the gun at him, it goes in one way and out the other, I forbid you to speak! did you hear me loud and clear? you're only going to do what I say, pause, fine, I'm throwing the towel, this is what you wanted, I've taken everything within me to try and save you but I just can't anymore, I'm drained, I do want to live and I can't keep crashing against the same brick wall, I'm hurting myself too much and no one can help you, I'm not blind anymore, I accept the truth, *WHITE leans the gun against BLACK's temple*, I'll unload the entire barrel so that you can be happy you'll be free you'll float just like you've always dreamed of floating it's the least that I can do I'll let you fly I won't abandon you and it's not true that I won't love you I'll keep on loving you very much because you want to leave Black you want me to kill you...

BLACK.- Yes, I do.

WHITE.- Goodbye my love kiss me, *WHITE plunges herself against BLACK. She pins his mouth against hers. The gun against BLACK's temple. She's going to shoot. Very long pause. WHITE parts her mouth from his*, I can't! but I'll be able to do it I promise that I'll get myself together and I'll be able to I swear don't worry you have my word I'll get some air and we'll go now, pause, I won't fail you I'm not like that you at least know me enough to know that I always follow through with what I say we could have gotten to know each other more but, pause, you know that I do whatever you ask of me everything that you enjoy my greatest pleasure is to see you enjoy yourself if I go right now don't think that I'm forgetting you're your joy is my joy and your joy right now is for me to kill you, right? Answer is that you're joy I won't fail you this time now I'm ready I'll close my eyes I'll count I'll blow the lid of your brains off everything will have been lost but it's what you want, pause, I won't fail you you'll see I won't betray you this time tell me to kill you...

BLACK.- Please!!

WHITE.- No! tell me not to tell me not to tell me not to, *WHITE stops pointing the gun at BLACK. WHITE points it against her own temple*, tell me not to kill you...