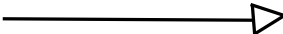


A white-looking reenactor jumps to his feet.

START



JESSIE

*They ain't goin' nowhere! Dammit, I'm comin' out: I'm half-nigger!*

His white wife CHOKES on her food.

JESSIE

Me and the boys been to their show and I ain't hidin' it no more: I'm black, black, black! Grandmama's black as pitch!

"Jessie"  
4/12/22

Inspired, his whole table of WHITE REENACTORS rise up in black pride.

WHITE REENACTORS

I'm black! Me too! So am I!

One of them is confused.

CONFUSED REENACTOR

Wait - Jessie, we ain't black.

ANOTHER REENACTOR

Looks like today we sure as hell are!

Outraged, a table of RACIST REENACTORS stand up.

RACIST REENACTOR

What are you, *activists* now?! I don't care if you are the whole damn school board - Mrs. Lovejoy says *NIGGERS AND WIGGERS OUT!*

CIVIL WAR BREAKS OUT - fists and fake swords fly. The choir ducks as Mrs. Lovejoy CLEAVES at them like a madwoman. Emboldened, skinny Mr. Lovejoy rips down the sign, howls like a buckaroo then swings from a chandelier and tackles his rabid wife. We CUT from the madness to a:

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Flanked by the Jubilees and rows of black schoolkids, the banged-up, broken-nosed *Black Pride* SCHOOL BOARD make a shocking announcement:

JESSIE

We, the Jersey City Board of Education, chastened by the word of *Jubilee* and a nobler vision for our nation, renounce the discriminatory policies of our past and declare our schools fully *integrated*. Furthermore, we urge Congress to pass the Civil Rights Bill without delay.

END

STEAL AWAY