

You don't see yourself. Maybe in the mirror, where you stare at the reflection in front of you and gently run your hands over your face. Here is the only place you'll see someone with this kind of face.

Grab some sunglasses and slip on shoes. Remember when he said you didn't need shades? "Why would the light trouble you? Your eyes look like they're already shut with glue". Stomp out your aggression as you walk down the heavily crowded street. You are better than his racist hits and will not give him the satisfaction of letting him feel elite.

Put one foot in front of the other and ignore the cloud of doubt. You look around and see that everyone has them out, so you too are tempted to reach into your back pocket and fish it out. But when you do you feel alone. No one like you will exist on your phone.

Pass a decorated front of bricks and basketball courts, this is where you study and write all those reports. Then you remember what happened the other day and think, Why did he have to say it that way?

"Your people are so *smart*".

You round the block and inhale buttery goodness. Take in the bright lights and colors. You glance at the glamorous Hollywood posters. But the illusion fades away as fat red lips and big blue eyes stare you down. Voluminous blonde hair perfectly frames their powder-filled, pale faces. You subconsciously reach up and run your nimble fingers through your straight black strands and for some reason you can't help but feel lesser than.

Sometimes you think you relate. What they go through you do too. Sure, you've failed a test, found a first love, and had to move, but why can't someone who looks like you go

through it too?

Every now and then they make an appearance, but they completely lack any human essence. She can't move a limb without the help of a man, but you hope for more than a half-witted heroin. Of course there's the warrior, but she's often stone cold. Why does being strong mean you can't have a soul?

You get home and flop on the couch. You hope that one day little girls who look like you will see other girls who look like them too. That their identity won't be trapped in the mirror in order to be seen on any sort of screen.