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often referring to it within a group

often aimed at it within a certain region

often interchangeable with it varying from region to region

often a way of positive interaction between communities

often ends a sentence

often illegal and looking for jobs

often illegal and looking over its shoulder

often not the case

often no offence I'm just saying

often relax man

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sometimes it leads to calls for violence

sometimes it holds that such stereotypes must contain a grain of truth

sometimes it is a common target

sometimes bombs

sometimes falls flat

sometimes it wonders if the humor comes from the inside or the outside

sometimes it laughs with others

## **PUNCH**

throw a quarter in it

tell it Hitler's driving

turn the barstool upside down

tell it the drinks are on the house

tell it she's pregnant

throw in its wife and kids

throw it a cheerio

tell it a joke when it's young

## **PUNCH**

put three spades on the wall and tell it to take its pick

put Velcro on your ceiling

put a Nike logo on it

pour Kool-Aid on it

pour beer on it

pour curry on it

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take your foot off its head

take your foot off its head

take your knees off their heads

take your foot off the back of its head

throw it an anchor



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throw a dollar in the street

find the one who got the dollar

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put it under a bar of soap

cut the rubber bands

hold it up to the light

shoot it twice to make sure its dead

hit it in the stomach and tell it to get back to work

José and hose B.

Because air is free  
Because all the air is free  
Because all the slow ones are in jail

Because every time I talk to a beautiful woman, it appears from nowhere  
Because every time the sergeant said "Git down", it jumped up and started dancing  
Because every time it delivers late, and half the time it's in the wrong box

Because it doesn't know its black

Because it lived at home until it was thirty, it went into his father's business, its mother thought it was God, and it thought its mother was a virgin

Because it thought it was melting

Because if you see it without an erection you should make it a sandwich

Because it's hard to sign its name with spray paint

Because it's sex with someone it loves

Because its lips would slap it to death in the wind

Because someone dropped a quarter  
Because someone yelled "Free money"

Because the good ones are already taken and the ones that are left are handicapped  
Because the parking meter is on the roof  
Because the sex is the same but the dishes pile up



Because there are locks on the trash cans  
Because there are too many people coming the other way  
Because there is toilet paper drying on the clothesline  
Because there is no road leading from the laundry room to the kitchen  
Because there is no snow between the bedroom and the kitchen  
Because there is no steering wheel in the back of the bus

Because they both look like girls from the waist up, and  
Because they both smell like fish from the waist down  
Because they both taste better when you reach the center  
Because they found out that deep down, they're really not so bad  
Because they have pubes on their heads  
Because they were all leaned up against cop cars when God spray-painted

Because you can't write prescriptions with spray paint  
Because you couldn't get that much shit into a shoe  
Because a pizza doesn't scream when you put it in an oven  
Because if you lay them right the first time you can walk all over them later

So blind people can hate them too  
So that they can drive with their handcuffs on  
So they would know when to stop fucking  
So they would have something to pick in the off season  
So they know where to stop shaving  
So we can pick them up and carry them home like a six pack

None. They just sit there in the dark and complain.

None. It's never that dark!

None. There never *was* any light bulb.

None. It turns itself in.

None. It contains the seeds of its own revolution.

"None, dahling. I'll just sit in the dark..."

None. Because they were both stuck up cunts.

Two. One to call Daddy and the other to get out the Diet Pepsi.  
Two. One to screw it in and the other to drive the pink Cadillac.  
Two. One to screw it in and the other to screw yo mamma.

It depends on how thin you slice them  
It depends on how deep you find them  
It depends on how many virgins  
It depends on how high

Five. One to lower it and four to lower the radio.  
Five. One to turn it and four to fill your tank.  
Five. One to screw it in and four to stab it in the back.  
Fifty one. One to hold it and fifty to turn the house.



Heey bebe, if the lights are out, wee do not want dem them on anyway, eeeeh!

HAHAHA

Iff it was a Gerrman light bulb it vouldd nott neeeded to be replasst!

HAHAHA

None. Who can afford a light bulb?  
None. Because white men aren't afraid of the dark.

so, blind guy walks to a fish market and says hello ladies

HAHAHA

A 10 of spades

A chain of empty retail stores

## **PUNCH**

A chunk

A rake

A nail

A Doberman

A dumb gorilla

A cracker with cheese

A speech impediment

A chink in the armor

## **PUNCH**

A Gay-lick

A He-blew

A Jaffa

An Abolanche.

A Chew-man-chew

A St. Patrick's Day Parade

A Dollar Store heist

## **PUNCH**

A superintendent who thinks he owns the building

A thief

A maid that sucks your shirts

A liar

A tourist

A tycoon

A car thief who can't drive

A shit with the shit kicked out of it

## **PUNCH**

An Ethiopian eating a cornflake

An Ethiopian with a McDonald's voucher



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Any female under the age of eighteen

Any female under the age of sixteen

Any camel that can run fast

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Something who sucks credit cards  
Someone who's too lazy to steal  
Something who sure can pick lettuce

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Two dots and a fuehrer  
Two eyes and a harmonica  
Two legs and a chimney

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Three Whites at the Dollar Store  
Three Indians standing back to back  
Three Blacks running for the lift  
Three legs and a horse

The difference is there are skid marks in front of the kangaroo  
The difference is it feels more of a dick driving a Volvo  
The difference is just the bucket  
The difference is sometimes rubbish gets picked up  
The difference is Pizzas don't scream in the oven  
The difference is Karate is a form of self-defense, and judo is what bagels are made out of  
The difference is poverty sucks  
The difference is you can only get three fingers in a bowling-ball  
The difference is tires don't sing when you put chains on them  
The difference is one's a ferry terminal, the other's a terminal fairy

There is no difference, they are all crustaceans

There is no difference

**““What words know” “Do words know?” “No they don’t, only flesh knows””**

**- Alice Notley, White Phosphorous**



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