PUNCH

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Cover image: Still from Mani Ratnam’s Tamil film *Idhayathai Thirudathey* feat. the actress Gijira Shetter.
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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
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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
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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 momma.
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.
Heeey bebe, if the lights are out, wee do not want dem them on anyway, eeeeh!

HAHAHA

Iff it was a Gerrrman light bulb it vouulld nottt neeeeed 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

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A 10 of spades
A chain of empty retail stores
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A chunk
A rake
A nail
A Doberman
A dumb gorilla
A cracker with cheese
A speech impediment
A chink in the armor
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A Gay-lick
A He-blew
A Jaffa
An Abolanche.
A Chew-man-chew
A St. Patrick's Day Parade
A Dollar Store heist
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
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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 knowz””

- Alice Notley, White Phosphorous
“A” “baby” “seal” “walks” “into” “a” “bar.” “A” “white” “horses” “walks” “into” “a” “bar.” “A”
“sandwich” “walks” “into” “a” “bar.” “A” “rabbi,” “a” “priest,” “and” “a” “bishop” “walk” “into” “a”
“walks” “into” “the” “bar.” “A” “Jewish” “man” “walks” “into” “a” “bar.” “A” “black” “man”
“walks” “into” “a” “bar.” “A” “Hispanic” “man” “walks” “into” “a” “bar.” “A” “Asian” “man”
“walks” “into” “a” “bar.” “A” “chicken” “walks” “into” “a” “bar.” “A” “man” “walks” “into” “a”
“lead” “walks” “into” “a” “bar.” “A” “man” “horses” “into” “a” “bar.” “A” “piece” “of” “rope”
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“bar.” “Shakespeare” “walks” “into” “a” “bar.” “Hitler” “walks” “into” “a” “bar.” “Madonna” “walks”
“into” “a” “bar.” “Beyonce” “walks” “into” “a” “bar.” “A” “Nun” “walks” “into” “a” “bar.” “A” “lesbian”
“walks” “into” “a” “bar.” “A” “man” “walks” “into” “a” “bar.” “A” “cannibal” “walks” “into” “a” “bar.” “A” “Klan” “member” “walks” “into” “a” “bar.”
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“walks” “into” “a” “bar.”
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Five baby seals walk into a bar. Five white horse walk into a bar. Five sandwiches walk into a bar. Five rabbis, priests, and bishops walk into a bar. Five men walk into a bar. Five men walk into a bar. Five women walk into the bar. Five Jewish men walk into a bar. Five black men walk into a bar. Five Hispanic men walk into a bar. Five Asian men walk into a bar. Five chickens walk into a bar. Five men walk into a bar. Five ponies walk into a bar. Five blind men walk into a bar. Five jump leads walk into a bar. Five man walk into a bar. Five pieces of ropes walk into a bar. Five blondes walk into a bar. Five cowboys walk into a bar. Five gay men walk into a bar. Five men walk into a bar. Five horses walk into a bar. Five Madonnas walk into a bar. Beyonces walk into a bar. Five Nuns walk into a bar. Five lesbians walk into a bar. Five men walk into a bar. Five cannibals walk into a bar. Five Klan members walk into a bar. Five 21-year-olds walk into a bar. Five 18-year-olds walk into a bar. Five 16-year-olds walk into a bar. Five 10-year-olds walk into a bar. Five ghosts walk into a bar.