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I come to you withholding. Let's not loiter in the truth. The evil is already written, our files forever corrupted. No free antivirus. No

algorithmic way out. The content is sponsored, baked with our DNA, the machines busy with the mindless work of reproduction. There's

no Science in remembering, no Art in the daily curation of our suffering, no wonder in their wretchedness, no limit to the limits of their artificial

intelligence. That **Error** message—just a distraction. The evil is set on a loop. Our horror lies not in what we consume. It's in the grinning

tyranny of copy n paste, the genociding rate we feed on our own afflictions. It's in the dead-ending ways we spend our pain per diem.

I come to you with holding. These are the last days of history—swipe left for Nostalgia—your Compliance will only result in our Termination.

Let's AGREE the end begins now. Let *us* Consent to our own *undoing*.

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Because it is a systemized negation of the other,
a frenzied determination to deny the other any attribute of humanity,
colonialism forces the colonized to constantly ask the question

“Who am I?”

The defensive positions born of this violent confrontation
between the colonized and the colonial constitute a structure
which then reveals the colonized personality.

In order to understand this “sensitivity” we need only to study
and appreciate the scope and depth of the wounds inflicted on
the colonized during a single day under a colonial regime.

— *Frantz Fanon*

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(How to Make) Blackfriends

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If you're planning to use somebody's black face, real or imagined, on your shiny new logo, consult your Black friends right away, before moving ahead with your branding strategy. Just because you remember the taste of penny

candy, or long for your Nana's grinning salt n' pepper shakers, rocking that vintage, old-school vibe ain't what it used to be. A pair of Air Jordans and a grade-seven hip-hop class with cardboard and finger guns won't get you

a Thug Life. The good old days may feel a bit sticky right now, depending on how tight you're holding on to the past. Go ahead, just try to get it off you.

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Don't have any "black friends"? Feeling a little dissonance? Take a look around the office, and no, the guy in IT doesn't count. Scroll through your contacts, tap into your network or reach out to HR.

Time for a survey or a focus group? Call a meeting, grab the white board and colored markers. Host a learning lunch, a half-day workshop with half sandwiches, or a weekend revisioning retreat with team t-shirts, ball caps,

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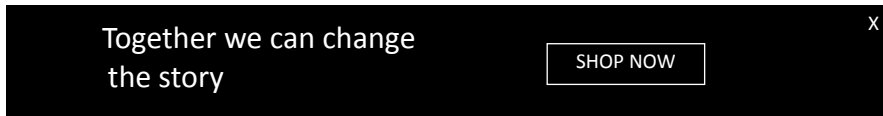
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If you're an established corporation with a profound appreciation for Black Americana, the time has come to say good-bye to your smiling black friends. You can't work that wholesome Underground Railroad angle forever. Stop

Photoshopping your logo. Swapping the head scarf for a soft perm and pearls won't make her look timeless. Deleting a butler's bow-tie just calls attention to all that PC nonsense. A white-collared Uncle Ben will never look like Barack

Obama, and light Aunt Jemima still looks like Auntie-Blackness. It's hard, letting go. Unless it's fixed to your head, a brown face is still blackface, no matter how you render it. *Say you're sorry. Say they matter. Call it a learning experience.*

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