

Ebony Problems

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SETTING: A Zoom meeting.

AT RISE: A meeting of the Louisiana BROTHERHOOD to discuss the impact of COVID-19 on people of color.

LEADER: Thank you, my Brothers for joining this meeting of the Louisiana Brotherhood to discuss the effects of COVID-19 on the Black community. My brothers, as you know, black people are a minority in Louisiana, but the majority of people who have *died* from COVID-19 are black people. Six brothers on my block tested positive and died in six days because they refused to wear a mask. So, my brothers, what's going on?

BROTHER ONE: Thank you, Brother for bringing us together to talk about COVID-6-6-6... I mean COVID-19. I don't wear a mask because on page 2 of the book, "How to Stay Out of Jail, Black Man!", it says never wear a mask in public or you will go to jail.

BROTHER TWO: That's when you are going inside a bank or doing something wrong, my brother!

BROTHER ONE: This is too much! Yesterday, y'all said, black men shouldn't wear masks. Today, y'all say wear a mask. Make up your mind! What the...

LEADER: I hear your frustration, but we must cooperate to stay alive! Wear a mask in public...for now. Okay?

BROTHER ONE: Okay, I will wear a mask. BUT, if I get arrested, y'all *better* get bail money!

End of Play