

# Binary Reality

## Bo Burnham

We live in a binary reality. We do.  
It's a world of black and white.  
There's only two types of people in this world:  
Those who can finish lists  
What is art? You know. What is art?  
Is art something gay people do to get back at their fathers? ... Could be.  
What is an artist?  
What makes a great artist? You know. ... Great artists, like myself,  
Like the great director Michael Bay,  
Like the great Irish actor Shaquille O'Neal?  
We ask questions.  
You know, questions nobody else dares to ask  
Questions like  
Where are all the Sour Patch Parents?  
Questions like if Mickey's a mouse, and Minnie's a mouse, and Donald's a duck, and Daisy and  
Goofy, if they're all animals and they can talk  
Why is Pluto just a fucking dog?  
Did they just forget to anthropomorphize him or, worse, is Mickey keeping him mentally  
handicapped to stay a pet?  
I'm not, how does that fit in to that universe, that paradigm  
Goofy's a dog, he's talking  
This one, crawling around  
Guys, you got tight, I would never bash Disney  
Never  
Ever  
I think Disney teaches girls  
Young girls such important lessons that princess fairy tales, you know like  
Cinderella: It doesn't matter where you come from or how poor you are, you know, as long as  
you're incredibly hot  
Snow White: Which encourages children to  
You know, give midgets nicknames  
Sleeping Beauty: You know, which encourages, um  
Date rape, maybe not  
Maybe not that one  
I was doing a show recently on the border of, uh, Hannah Montana and South Dakota Fanning  
And after the show  
After the show, a guy came up to me  
And said, "Bo, why don't you ever tell stories on-stage about people coming up to you after the  
shows?"  
And I said, "'Cause they're never funny" I've always wanted a black girlfriend  
Not as, you know, 'cause like  
I don't know, h-how, how do I put this?  
When we 69, I can call it "yin-yanging"  
Um

It's not a, it's not racist  
Guys, it's 21st Century racism  
It's racism in light of itself  
The only reason I'm saying these things  
Is because the stigmas about race are already there  
And I'm just playing off of that  
And they understand that  
So, if, after the show,  
You see like a black guy beating me up,  
He's doing it ironically, okay?  
Get your story straight

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