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I believe an important part of being a good artist, is realizing your limits. So, I can respect the pussy's who pussy out of a project. I even respect it when they get their people to be all like "Well so-and-so doesn't really get slavery" I'm like, "What's there not to get its slavery? and I'm not even asking you to play the slave you're playing the slave owner.

I mean God forbid you ask a black guy to play some football playing illiterate drug addict, who's secretly on the DL with HIV but who's also trying to get out of a generic ghetto with his pregnant obese girlfriend who has anger management issues from a history of sexual abuse. In fact, everyone's been sexually abused (I just made that up)

Dibs

God forbid any actor of color not jump at the chance to play an offensive bag of garbage so far from his own life. But what some idiot critic or marketing intern will describe as a gritty and truthful portrayal of the black experience in America. But the minute you ask a white guy to play a racist whose racism isn't complicated by some monologue where he's like "I don't mean to be racist! it's just complicated" he doesn't return your phone calls.

"Black playwright" I can't even wipe my ass without someone trying to accuse me of deconstructing the race problem in America. I even tried writing a play about talking farm animals once, just to avoid talking about people and this literary manager was like, "Oh my God! you're totally deconstructing African folktales aren't you? I'm like "No. I'm just writing about farm animals" and she's like "No. No. you're totally deconstructing African folktales. That's totally what you're doing. and I was like "BITCH I'm not deconstructing African fucking Folktales! I'm writing a play about my issues with substance abuse and then I am attributing the dialogue to a fucking fox and a fucking rabbit!

Give me a break". And she goes, well you know Dionysus right? He Greek god of.. and I'm like "YES BITCH I know who Dionysus is I'm a playwright"! And she goes "Black Playwright".