

Whit(e)man

SYNOPSIS

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It's not easy being different – and no one knows this better than Walter (ie: “Wally”) Whitman, a black man with an identity crisis... because, Wally is, in fact, white – at least on the inside. After losing a job opportunity with the big firm Gambol Customer Solutions for revealing his true race to the CEO, Wally is inspired to come out of hiding, encouraged by his transgender neighbor, Mandy, who has already made a change from man to woman. Soon Wally and Mandy grow close – but Wally still doesn't feel comfortable revealing his true racial identity.

Fortunately, Wally does find an outlet for his feelings through Mandy's therapist, Dr. Angele Kleinheister, a world-renowned psychiatrist who becomes Wally's greatest cheerleader. Dr. Kleinheister, like Wally, was born into the wrong race; she is actually Mongolian and plans to undergo racial corrective surgery in Nepal. Before too long, Wally can no longer keep his true identity from Mandy. Mandy, however, dismisses Wally's claims of whiteness, prompting an ugly exchange that leads to a sudden rupture between the two.

Mandy-less and desperate, Wally decides to make the ultimate change to whitehood – but, to do this, he needs money. To effect this, Wally pays a visit to an ambulance-chasing attorney and brings a suit against Gambol Customer Solutions for denying him a job based on race – although staying mum on *which* race exactly. Thanks to Dr. Kleinheister, however, Wally and Mandy are eventually reconciled, and Wally, determined to lie no more, defies his ambulance-chasing attorney and, come the day of his discrimination trial, confesses before all the world that he is – and has always been – a white man.