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“Hey, soooooo like, what are you?”

“No, but like where are you reeeally from?”

“Were you born here?”

“Where are your parents from?”

“I looooooove tacos!”

“Do you have a big family?”

“Ooooo! Muy caliente!”

“Mmmmm... spicy Latina!”

“It’s just a joke!”

“Can you teach me curse words in Spanish?”

“You’re not gonna start calling me papi, right?”

“Ayyy mamacita.”

“Say something in Spanish!”

“Are you seriously using the race card right now?”

“Is your last name Hernandez? Rodriguez? Gonzales?”

“Holy moly, frijole!”

“Ughhhh I wish I was as tan as you!”

“I love that you’re so curvy!”

“You speak funny.”

“I wish I had a Latina chick’s body!”

“My girlfriend is Mexican too, I think you’d like her!”

“Do you speak Mexican?”

Dear white people,

Fucking stop.

My race isn't some kind of card I can play whenever I want to. This is my identity. It's not a tactic I play when I'm facing prejudice. Stop asking where I'm "really from." Mexican is not a language. Stop sexualizing my body. Stop fetishizing Latinx bodies. And for the love of God, don't you EVER call me *mamacita*.

Sincerely,

A Brown Mujer who  
is sick-and-tired  
of your sexist and racist bullshit.