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have been done to black people, wherever we were. We don't want to be called captain, we don't want to be called judge, we don't want to be called colonel, because all of these are ways of putting down black people. We have a name. When a white person comes to me and says, Ernie, what do you want to be called? African-American, Afro-American, black, what? I say, you know my name. Call me Ernie. White people are the ones who have to This American English has more degrading, derogatory terms for every group than any other language on the face of They sit around manufacturing ways to insult this earth. people. So when these white people, who are insensitive because they are ignorant, make a blunder, and they offend, insult, or hurt the feelings of a nonwhite child, when the child reacts as anybody would react who has been insulted, offended, or whose feelings have been hurt, the child is punished, because the child should be able to read that white person's mind and know that she or he meant no offense. Well, you don't teach them when they take their teacher training. You don't have any You're going to force all of these children who orientation. are coming to school to learn, who are delivered into your hands while their minds are malleable, hoping that you will provide proper education, then they come home stressed out, confused, and sometimes in tears because the teacher called him a name. So when the father goes up there and says, you called my child a Well, what did I call him? You called him a boy. Well, that's not a name. Anybody who is not a certain age is a boy. That's the arrogance, the insensitivity, the racism of white people, and that's why some black men go to these white schools and feel like knocking a white man down. And although I'm not proud to say it, I have challenged some of those people. had a big white principal named Crumey (phonetic). If anybody in Omaha wants to find him, he is as big as a house, and I'm no bigger than the porch of a house.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And he insulted my child, and I told him that he better not do that to my child again, and I called him a white whale, and I said I would harpoon him and beach him, and he was twice my size. But when somebody harms my child, he can be six feet eight and 200 pounds, but to me he looks like Tom