

(Lights up, WARD.)

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Naw, we couldn't join up with them Indians, bad as we wanted too. Had no choice but to follow orders. I believes us going through all that, made it better for my kids, and they kids and ya'll. We proved we was men...not animals. Our story, the story of the Buffalo Soldier is a big one, we overcame every obstacle in our path but two...prejudice and discrimination. And heck, we still here so we musta overcome them too! Shoot, we did it all chased Geronimo all cross the country, went south of the border after Pancho Villa, ran up San Juan Hill with Teddy Roosevelt, let him take all the credit, tamed every Boomer, cattle rustler, bootlegger, gunman from the Rio' Grande clean up in them Dakotas. And yeah, you right, don't many people know about us, what we done. Hell, don't matter. I can see what we done, the cities, bustlin', the farms, the progress, that all the momument the Buffalo Soldier is looking for.

(A beat.)

Now, ya'll go play, Ya'll done wore me out. I'malay down.

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END OF PLAY