

THE MOTHERF**ER WITH THE HAT
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Cousin Julio, thirties

Jackie, an ex-con, has recently learned that his AA sponsor has been screwing his girlfriend. He has asked his cousin to help him confront the guy. Julio agrees to help, but he wants to let Jackie know exactly what he thinks of him first.

COUSIN JULIO: ~~The reason I said I'm doing this more for your~~
~~mother's memory than for you is because,~~ Maybe I never said
this before, but, I don't like you very much. And the reason I
don't like you very much is because you think you're a nice
guy, but really Jackie, you're not that nice. You've basically
made fun of me my whole life, you talk a lot of shit, you fuck
people over—not all the time but sometimes—and really, the
space between who you think you are and who you actually
are is a pretty embarrassingly wide gap. I hope this AA thing
works out for you. Because the cousin I loved and hung out
with and played Booties Up with when I was 8—he bears no
resemblance to the little cabroncito I'm looking at right now.
When I first came to the States from PR, you had my back,
and, really, you were a hero to me. And now, Dios perdona,
the hero is a zero, mijo! My Marisol was right about you:
It's always all about Jackie. We've been married three years
now, and whenever you come by our home, you don't even
bring so much as a bag of pistachios. And yet, you see nothing
wrong with jeopardizing my relationship and my apartment
and our safety by bringing criminal things like this caca into
our home. You're not a good friend, and you're not a good
relative. My Marisol called it: You're a user. But thass okay.
And that's all I got to say on that, so you can get out of my
apartment now, and go do all those very more important
things then spending time with your cousin Julio, okay?