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For Luke, Blair, and Quinten

Assumption: People have eyes and can see. Truth: People don’t see a damn thing. The highness of a heel can be the difference between a whore, a young woman, and a child. The tightness of pants can determine economic status, race, sex, preference.

People who do question others’ preference often lack self-understanding. Don’t you see why people can’t manage to determine wrong and right in this wild world of mild grey things?

Why did you do this horrible act? we ask the child. But we will never teach you the difference—

that we whisper in our heads. What difference does a person’s presidential preference make? Observation 2012: X-Child is living in the hood. Note: He sees no escape from his ghetto. Result: Things go down, gun out, and X-Child dies. Determine which president held the 45. Determine what bill bought the bullets that made the difference between death and life. Question: What were the things lacking reason? 20-12 Race Preference!
Vote your colors: [ ] red [ ] blue Funny: You see [ ] black [ ] white in your mind. What is X-Child?

You thought ethnicity. Answer: Dead. Childhood left covered in blood while you determine heel heights, pant tightness, and candidates. But see, tomorrow will come for us. No difference will be made. Do we have death day preference? Regret dies yesterday. Happiness thinks things die tomorrow. Stress wants today. What things never really die? I wonder if X-Child Ghost chose his pants and marked in his preference for the president. Can a ghost determine the four-year purgatory? The difference: being in a swing state. I wish people could see the everything that they think they see. Maybe that could be the difference for the dying child who got no preference in determining his future.