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Bruuuuuh or When Brothers Debate *Black Panther* in a Safeway Parking Lot: A Found (Overheard) Poem

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Bruh #1

But they corny though!
Ain't never wore any African gear in they life!

Bougie asses out here shopping to dress up for a movie.
This joint created by two white dudes. Marvel

getting all your money! Head wraps and shit. It's sad
seeing people get all excited for a movie.

They ain't been to Africa & ain't going. Kids
dressing up. That cos-play shit out of control . . .

Bruh #2

For real!? Ain't nobody say shit
when you wearing your lil personalized Skins

jersey or your Kirk Cousins jersey to work
after the game. Or when you playing Madden! At home!

Ain't ran a down since Pop Warner & you talking
about the team like you on the roster!

Talking about "We"
gonna smash y'all next week.

Y'all got lucky this week, cause "We"
got some injured players.

You cos-play every season!

Who own the league?

Oh. You mad!? You

quiet now! Where's your money go!?

Damn man let the people have fun.

Ol' Grinch ass!

For real for real,

You still mad 'cause Mom wouldn't buy

that Lion-O Sword of Omens joint for you

from Lionel Toy Warehouse back in the day!

Let them have some fun. Let them

Be all happy and excited.

Let them

jump up and down like you be doing at in front of the TV.

Bruh #1:

I'm just sayin . . .