

## **Every Angry Black Man Could Give A Fuck About Post-Racial Politically Correct Rhetoric. That Is The Same Lie Willie Lynch Used To Chain The Minds Of Slaves.**

The victim's predicament, like the imprint of a police boot upside a cuffed nigger's head, or the prayer circle of huddled Baptist faithful culled by the semi-automatic of a predatory ideology, doesn't get any more traumatic than being Black in Amerikkka. The latest police shooting statistic—the mugshot of a splayed black *thug*—traditionally de rigueur mortis, who wouldn't make the fifteen-minute news cycle. We's living while Black that sounds like a blues song/: *If it wasn't fuh' bad luck / I wouldn't have no luck at all*, the first one in, but last one out. But what goes around, comes around. So, it doesn't come as a tragic surprise, in point of fact, it is somewhat chickens come home to roost; because in this time & place, anyone else can be shot & killed in a movie theater, or a school just as quickly as #wetoos can be shot & killed in a church, or a traffic stop, is something that Black folks have always lived with, *in the wrong place, at the wrong time*, & are only sarcastically in awe of the obliviousness of white people who react so appalled, gaped-mouth surprised when their children are shot by the dozens, in the schoolhouse, the university campus, or a movie theater.

Is there any better way to say that gravity binds us to each other?

My six-year-old self can hear the plantation lullaby of my mother's voice/: *If you shit in your own back yard, you'll carry your nasty ways next door*, when the Twin Temples to greed are kamikaze-bombed by people who have been treated just as badly as Black folk have always been treated, like the waterlogged refugees of Katrina sweltering in the Superdome, or left for dead on flooding rooftops. Is because, the standard operating procedure of the USA is to take without asking, only from those who greet them in the guileless welcome of extended palms, or ignorant awe, like the Indians welcomed the white colonists, like the Africans did the European colonizers, like the Australian Aborigines, the New Zealand Maori, the Hawaiian islanders . . . the Japanese, the Korean, the Vietnamese . . .

(Wait a minute! The Viet Cong actually did kick Amerikkkan ass, like the Koreans did, with Chinese assist . . . the Somalis, by attrition.)

& Amerikkka's ally, the Saudi, who should have deported the greedy white carpet-baggers, who said they came to drill for water, until they struck crude oil, & invented the War on Terrorism, that is now ongoing, against the Iraqi & the Afghan, the chain of retribution that has evolved to most of them were Saudi nationals kamikaze-bombed the Twin Towers with Amerikkkan planes, the terrorist embassy car bombs & I.E.Ds, the suicide vests on children denied the dreamers disease, countered “patriotically” (USA! USA! USA!) with remote-controlled murder drones, extraordinary rendition & the Patriot Act—Abu Ghraib torture pics, Gitmo, & Muslim bans.

*(One element of white privilege today is oblivious-ness to privilege, including a blithe disregard of the way past subjugation shapes present dis-advantage),*

like Haitians, sent back home to death at the hands of the Tonton Macoute, like Mexican children in “tender care facilities” & Somalis with white church sponsors/: the square pegs proselytized to fit Amerikkkan round holes, but white Cubans, white Russians, &

every other white European refugee, with money, or an exploitable talent, welcomed to Amerikkka, who can change their names from Baptiste, Garcia, Kowalski, or Khrushchev to one of a million Smiths, Sessions, Wallaces, or Trump, & by the second generation, become the latest tits & ass, blond news anchor for FOXNews, one of many sex-bomb, tabloid trash, celluloid royalty, or the treasonous corporate puppet leader of the free world, become diseased as Trump, or Clinton, or any Texan Bush, the racist white LAPD/NYPD/FB-eyes, or the Sandy Hook active shooter, with a legally purchased rifle, like the Texas tower sniper, & all the white serial killers with three first names, Harvey Weinstein, or the degenerate chosen to be Supreme, Brett Kavanaugh, while Black is still second-class Nigger trash/: dumb & lazy, sexually depraved & downright dangerous.

(But wait a minute! What about Bill Cosby & Clarence “Uncle” Thomas? They are Negroes, & look how far they made it . . . to African-hyphenated-Amerikkkan, to dangerous, & criminally depraved.)

Like all them who parrot a “conservative” up-by-your-bootstraps, means the onliest Negro to occupy the lily-White House, despite the psychological, & physiological trauma of slavery to institutional racism, the “token” first African-American shot into space, OMG! a velocity faster than a racial profile, like the first African-American to swing a golf club, earn a Nobel Prize, or kick ass with a tennis racket . . . But isn't it something, a kind of you-reap-what-you-sow +justment, that even white folks can be shot & killed in a movie theater, the Dallas police department, or any regional FB-eye? A San Bernardino social services center, or a country music festival, a social security office or the DMV, a political rally in the Show-Me-Your-Papers state, the Pentagon, or maybe even, if courageous, & God willing, with a good aim & a 50 cal. fully auto sniper rifle, could take the initiative, & post up in sight of the White House, just as easily as Black folk can be shot & killed in a church, a traffic stop, our home, crossing the street . . .

I can see history reboot the armed Panthers in the Statehouse, & Ronnie Raygun using a visiting schoolchild as a human shield.

**Note/:** Throughout the history of the struggle by Black citizens, for equality and inclusivity in all facets of AmeriKKKan life, they have religiously employed non-violent, and/or purely defensive measures, to garner the sympathy, understanding and support of fellow non-Black AmeriKKKans. And after centuries of marches, boycotts, petitions, legal challenges to change legislation (most often, later amended to knocked toothless) and praying to an invisible God like there's no tomorrow, Black people can still be legally lynched with disproportionate draconian laws, chokeholds, Tasers, bullets, or a white cop's knee to the neck. Who said things are better than they used to be?

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