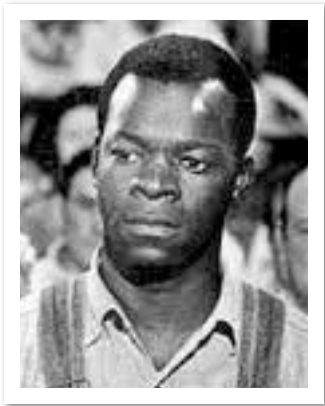


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Local Tells All about Maycomb's Latest and Greatest Drama

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The past few weeks have been a whirlwind of drama for Maycomb. First the trial, then Tom Robinson's death, and the drama still continues. There has been a debate on whether Tom Robinson was innocent or not, however in my eyes, it is clear that he had unjustly been accused. The most current events have

caused a lot of reaction from our town's people. My decisions and opinions have been questioned and doubted, but I can say with the utmost confidence that I am a reputable man, making choices with a kind heart; not judging by skin, but going by the truth.

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Tom Robinson's trial was unjust, unfair, and unequal. For starters Tom Robinson was accused of raping Mayella Ewell, even though there was no solid evidence: no medical confirmation, no bystanders, nothing to create a solid case. The only reason this case was taken to trial was because Mayella Ewell was white and Tom Robinson was black. As a community we need to stop being racist, and look past the colors of people's skins. Maycomb is headed for a downward spiral if we don't change our outlook soon. In court, I know I unlawfully stood up, but I had to defend Tom! He has been a hardworking and trustworthy employee of mine for eight whole years. To me that shows that he is a decent man. I felt that I had to say something, so the jury would know that he is an admirable fellow.

The death of Tom Robinson should be a wake-up call for everyone. Our town needs to realize that we must be more open-minded. Our world is not black and white, we need to learn to look in between the lines. Tom felt that the only way he could be "free" was by running away. Do we really want to live in a community where people feel that our own judicial system is biased and unfair? As a working middle-class man, I know we must change our ways. Tom was a kind and honest man, he didn't deserve to die. After watching him work for me for all these years, I have enjoyed his company and dedication. Maycomb as a whole, should be sympathetic towards Helen and her children. Helen now has to provide everything for her family by herself.

Many of Maycomb's people have questioned my decision on hiring Helen Robinson. When someone needs to feed their family and has no husband, you help them out. If all I need to do to ensure that there is food on their table is give Helen a job, why wouldn't I do it? When Bob Ewell was harassing Helen, I had to stand up for her! Helen is a kind lady, and no one should be bothering her after all she has been through. Helen also has wonderful family and work values. She always gives her 100%, and is providing for her family, which is exceptionally commendable. Her morals come from a kind heart. Helen never puts herself first, she always is trying her hardest for her family! She is a dedicated worker and I intend to keep her as my employee.

Over the course of the trial, the death of Tom Robinson, and hiring Helen, people have been skeptical of my opinions. I am a honest and kind hearted man who judges with the heart and not with the eyes. Tom Robinson was a trustworthy man who was wrongly accused of a crime. The only reason he was convicted was because the jury saw the verdict as taking a white man's word or a black man's word. My decisions are doubted and my opinions are frowned upon. I do not make my choices to please others, I make my decisions based on what's right. I hope as a community, Maycomb can move past our racial times, and push for equality.