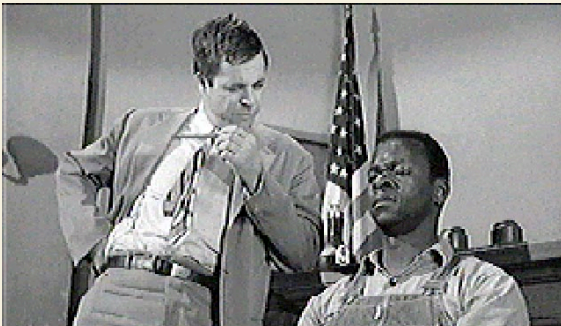


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Tom Robinson: Guilty as Charged



November 21, 1936 was the Tom Robinson trial. The trial was to see if Tom Robinson was guilty or not, but I thought he was innocent. Although, the jury found him guilty as charged. It was truly an emotional trial. Mayella was talking about her being hurt by Tom, even though it was clear she was lying about everything. Not fully answering to questions, hesitating to speak along with stuttering and sweating. Tom was giving solid, straight answers to each question. With no stuttering or hesitation. My Dad put a really convincing argument for Tom Robinson, but the jury thought otherwise.



Tom Robinson and his Lawyer at the trial





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It was clear that Tom Robinson was the innocent one, but the racist jury begged to differ. It was pretty obvious that the jury only convicted Tom Robinson because he was black. If he was not black, the jury would be truthful and charge Mayella for being the obvious liar.

As for Tom Robinson, being very disappointed by the results of the trial, left the courtroom without saying a word, not even to my father.

And as for Mayella, she had nothing to say either, she simply walked out of the courtroom with her eyes covered in her phony tears. Not even caring that she purposely sent an innocent man to rot in jail. Just being happy that she was not the one convicted and sent to jail for lying. Leaving me feeling very annoyed and confused.

Tom Robinson was sent to jail, he spent a few weeks in there. Until he was shot by security guards attempting to escape from prison.

Maybe Tom Robinson had truly lost all hope in my Dad, even though my Dad assured him to just be patient, he probably thought he could get away and defeat the system. But either way, from

the start my Dad and maybe Tom as well probably knew that he would end up being dead, just because the jury did not want to go against the "rules"; White beats Black.

Although, is it a possibility that Tom was *not* trying to escape. The security guards claim that he was escaping, so they shot him seventeen times in order to stop him. But is it a possibility that they only shot him simply because he was a black man and not a white man? What are the odds, the reason he was convicted guilty and sent to jail was all because he was black. The security guards could have just made up the story of him attempting to escape just as an excuse for them to shoot him down for being a black man. It makes sense, Considering that is the entire reason he was sent off to jail in the first place, and honestly, it is not hard for me to believe at all.

One way or another, it is still a horrible ending. It is one thing to be convicted of being guilty just because of a racist jury, but to then be sent to jail and be shot and killed is another. Truly a melancholic finish-off, neither me or my Dad ever wanted it to end like this.