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WHEN LEADERSHIP SERVES EVERYONE BUT US

WHY OUR GREATEST PROGRESS HAS COME FROM WITHIN INSTEAD OF PARTIES AND SYSTEMS THAT CLAIM TO SAVE US

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There is a certain type of “Black” person in our community, the media, at social events et cetera who is usually well-educated, well-connected, polished in speech, and decorated with the symbols of success. They have the degrees, the titles, the expensive cars, and/or a seat

at the table in political circles. And they wear these things as proof of their value, that is, as if their position alone makes them essential to the survival of our people.

But importance is not about what you have. Importance is about what you give. Water is important, because we need it. Shelter is important, because it protects us. People are important, because they meet real needs. If you have power, but you never use it to lift the people around you, your importance exists only in your own mind, and in the eyes of those who benefit from you to keep others in their place.

These types often claim that their political party is the only hope for our people's future. They talk as if life itself hangs on whether we vote for their Republican or Democratic candidate. They warn us that without their way, chaos will follow. But look closer, and the truth is clear: their real goal is not change; it is control. And control only works if everyone plays along.

THAT IS WHERE THE INSECURITY COMES IN.



Because if Black people can thrive without them (that is, without their connections, without their political party, and without their system), then the political framework that they have built their identity on starts to crumble. Our independence threatens their sense of purpose. They need us to validate their way, because if we succeed without it, we have proven that their way is not the only way.



The irony is that we have always succeeded without them. We have survived — no, excelled — through centuries of being denied our rights, our dignity, and our humanity by the same government that they are loyal to. This government has never willingly given anything to us. Every right that we hold today was taken through our fight, our sacrifice, our shed blood and our unity, which was often in defiance of those in power. We built schools when they said, “we could not learn”. We built businesses when they shut us out of theirs. We raised families, created art, pioneered music, and shaped culture that the entire world imitates — all without permission from the system. That is the proof of our ability to self-govern. That is also proof of our resilience and wisdom.



Therefore, we must honor those among us — past and present — who have quietly done the real work. I am talking about the ones who opened schools so that our children could learn, who created shelters so that our families could rest, who taught skills that built self-reliance instead of dependency. These brothers and sisters did not just give money; they gave their time, their energy, and their presence. They fought for our rights, stood with us in hardship, and built for us when no one else would. They are the reason why we have come this far and the reason why we endure today. And yet, you will almost never see them on television, in glossy magazines, or on political stages. Instead, the spotlight falls on those who serve systems that do not serve us — those who protect someone else's way of life while

expecting us to cheer for their promotions and awards.

I am not saying that we do not need help from those in high places. But if your service enriches corporations and political parties that have never lifted us up, then do not mistake their praise for ours. If you have never invested the same hours, energy, and loyalty into building our communities as you have into protecting and building theirs, do not expect to be placed on a pedestal among us. Your pedestal is among them, because true honor comes from serving your own people, not from getting your name etched into someone else's hall of fame.

So, when certain Black people stand among us to flash their credentials and to warn us that life will fall apart without their party, remember: history proves the opposite. Life did not collapse when they locked us out; we built our own. And life will not collapse if we refuse to play their game now.

Therefore, the collapse that they fear is not ours; it is theirs. It is the collapse of influence that comes when we stop believing that we are dependent on them, their

approval, or their political machinery. It is the moment when we demand a government to serve us instead of rules us.



Until then, beware of the ones who call themselves “important” but do nothing important. Beware of the ones who measure their worth by titles instead of service. And beware of the fear that they sell, because it is not really about us to lose anything. It is about them to lose the only power that they have ever had: the power to make us to believe that we need them.

P.S. Despite the failures and corruption at the top, life in America does not—and will not—collapse. Just as communities survive and grow when criminals or gangs fall, the people on the ground

keep building, innovating, and loving each other every day.

Consequently, this hope is not limited to “Black” Americans alone; it belongs to all who find themselves caught beneath the weight of a broken system. People of every background, race, and walk of life are working together at the bottom, forging a future beyond the corruption and division imposed from above.

In other words, what we are building is not a “Black America” or a “White America”; we are building America itself. And that truth is the foundation of resilience and real progress, far beyond the hollow promises of those who seek power but fail to serve.

