

Black Saving Grace

Welcome to The Black Box News –

I'm Cyrah Ward.

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TBB News is a platform rooted in challenging the traditional functions of the black box in American Society and its interdependence on stereotypes to survive. I seek to dismantle racially influenced restrictions of the assimilated mind or what I call “box-like thinking”. Through my performance of Kitchen Conversations or uncut raw commentary deeply rooted in my triggered experiences as a Black Woman and performing artist– I hope you find release and healing from the ever-present shadows of racism. It is by inviting mixed company into my kitchen that I welcome you to a journey of busting the box.

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(Theme music plays)

“Your piercing gaze.
Makes my blood boil.
I feel so out of place.
I'll topple your scale, finally awake.
I will escape your judgement day...”

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So here we are weeks after the election dust has settled. Weeks after the residue of fear deeply rooted in whether or not 45 would rule another 4 years. But as this residue tries to disappear and blend in, masked with the slow shift of power, I still find myself in a mournful silence.

As the country was in an uproar of praise and excitement I sat and watched the news fearful at the Trump parades happening on the Black Lives Matter Plaza in DC. Though small in numbers their declarations that their demi god had indeed won despite the facts, was terrifying. They lined roads tempted to obstruct traffic with their Confederate Trump flags determined to make America great through their hate.

But that was to be expected right? That sort of fear induced by white supremacy is a dance that all Black people perform no matter if they say yes to that inevitable courtship.

No, see what infuriated me the most was the narrative around this Black Saving Grace. There is something so insidious behind this idea that Black people are being praised for saving white people from themselves during the conclusion of this presidential election. All I see left and right is that black people are being thanked for fixing the mistakes of Trump's America... by electing Joe Biden into office in record numbers. Not to mention that 91% of Black Women voted for Biden in protest of another 4 years with Trump. But let's throw out there that on top of Black Women exercising their right to vote we also fought tremendously against voter suppression tactics of this entire election. Thank you Stacey Abrams.

But the question is why do black people have to nurse White America to their senses? Why do we have to take on mothering a nation who's white hoods hide behind unconstitutional policies and structures created to exterminate black bodies. How can we be demonized and praised all within the same sentence? Will we ever stop and think that maybe to continue to force black people to nurse the wounds created by white culture is to reinforce the racial social political structures that this country was founded on.

I mean really has no one realized that the issue is that you can't save someone who doesn't want to be saved? Don't Save her She don't wanna be saved...55% of white women voted for Trump!!!!!! Not only is that alarming but it goes to show that white women are still being raised and programed to be protectors of their unearned privilege by any means necessary.

The other day I was scrolling on Instagram and came across a video clip of a white mother who playfully interrogated her white daughter on who ate all of the angle cakes. Let's take a listen....

“Mom: Where have they Gone?

Daughter: I don't know...

Mom: You don't know...? So who ate them all?

Daughter: Uh, someone came around and they just ate them all.

Mom: Someone came around and ate the cakes?

Daughter: Yeah

Mom: So someone broke into our home and ate Mr. Kiplings Angel Slices. Didn't take the tv didn't take you know some jewelry. They took these cakes...?

Daughter: And it was a Black Man!

Mom: (erupts in hysterical laughter) Oh my God!!!!

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If you can't tell by the ease of their conversation let me let you in on a little secret. THIS is their normal scheduled programming in seeing an entire group of people as criminals and conduits for the own deceitful doings. I'm not sure if I am more upset at the child's accidental exposure of her families belief systems or the joy and laughter she brought to her mother's heart with ease. Almost as if this child had done a job well done. Or is it the fact that this video even made it to the internet with the intentions of going viral for its comedic relief.

Either way I am left with these questions. Why aren't white people fighting for their own humanity that is being lost as they demonized an entire group of people? While it may seem that black people are the only ones affected by the residues of racism – white people are losing their peace of mind by simply subscribing to the grotesque rhetoric racism reinforces in their minds.

To be in fear simply at the sight of black person should tell you somthin' aint right. Yall wonder why we continue to go through this relapse every so many years? Well I'll leave you with this. Until White America realizes that they are the reasons for the season we will forever be in a perpetual dance with the failed attempts of the Black Saving Grace.

Now I want you to ask yourself...

Have you checked outside the Box?

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(Theme music plays)

“Cause I’m not hidin anymore.
See I have got a reason to be.
And I’m gone keep on movin movin shakin.
You won’t ever get ahold of me.
And though you keep me...”

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Thank you so much for listening. Our Vibes is a song called The Table provided by April+Vista.
You can catch playback of this episode, past episodes, and all others to come by visiting
EnthronedOne.com/theblackbox.

I’m Cyrah Ward.

Artist.

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Yall stay blessed now!

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(Theme music plays)

“Oh oh No
And though you keep me
From the table
When company, comes knockin
One things for sure
There is nothing you can do to starve my soul
To starve my soul”