

NECESSARY, BY EVERY MEANS POSSIBLE

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Oh, yes...

If my mother reminds me that I'm gonna be just like my no good father because, "a black man wants a white woman when he gets some money," she reminds herself that she's not good enough to be a queen or equal to a white woman, and feeds her angry spirit that repels my attraction and makes her less of a prize... while reminding my sister to lower her expectations of her son's father (unless she's light *skin-did*).

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If my father reminds me to avoid the trap he fell into because, "a black woman ain't never gonna be satisfied," he reminds himself that he's not fit to support a family or be the king of his castle, and feeds my need to define my manhood based on the number of women I can service... reminding my sister to be sure she gets paid because brown sugar is as sweet as it gets, so don't let a male call himself a man if he can't afford to be her daughter's father (especially one of them high yella boys).

And as he (the father) lives *down* to her (the mother's) expectations, while she (the mother) keeps *up* to his (the father's) negative image, their son and daughter misinterpret the definition of what a man or woman is... and unconsciously continue the cycle while vowing not to be like their parents.

When we let go of the past, we can live in the present and create images that allow our children to recognize the difference between personal choice and foregone conclusion.

Let "X" mark the spot from which you'll live *your* life.

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It's necessary that you pass <u>that fact</u> on.... By every means possible.