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MAYA ANGELOU

A PERSON WHO CAN READ, BUT CHOOSES NOT TO DO SO, IS NO BETTER OFF THAN THE PERSON WHO CAN, AS I WOULD LIKE TO TRIBUTE THIS PIECE TO MAYA ANGELOU WHO HAVE DONE MANY GREAT THINGS IN HER LIFE, THAT SHOULD BE THE MOTIVATION & INSPIRATION TO ALL WOMEN GROWING UP IN THIS CRAZY WORLD.... MAYA ANGELOU WAS BORN IN "THE SHOW ME STATE", APRIL 1928. AN RECENTLY PASSED AWAY JUNE 2014. BEFORE THIS VERY SAD DAY, MAYA ANGELOU WAS SENT TO STAMPS, ARKANSAS, TO BE RAISED BY HER LOVING & CARING GRANDMOTHER, WHEN SHE WAS ONLY 7RS OLD, SHE WAS RAPED BY HER MOTHERS BOYFRIEND, AS THE TRAUMA OF THIS EXPERIENCE RENDERED MAYA ANGELOU MUTE FOR 5 YEARS, AN IT WAS DURING THIS PERIOD THAT SHE BEGAN TO READ EXTENSIVELY, BEFORE SHE GAVE BIRTH AT AGE 16 TO HER ONLY CHILD GUY JOHNSON... THIS VERY COURAGEOUS & PHENDOMENAL WOMAN HAD TO TAKE CARE OF HERSELF & HER SON, AS SHE TOOK ON A VARIETY OF JOBS, WORKING AS A COOK, A WAITRESS, AND A MADAM TO SEVERAL PROSTITUTES... NOBODY CAN SAY SHE WASNT A INFLUENTIAL PERSON TO ADMIRE, BECOMING A PROFESSIONAL DANCER, AN MAKING A TOUR TO EUROPE & AFRIKA, TO DO THE PORKY & BESS SHOW, BEFORE SHE CAME BACK TO AMERIKKKA & FOUND BY JAMES BALDWIN AT RANDOM HOUSE TO PUBLISH HER LIFE STORY IN, "I KNOW WHY CAGED BIRD SINGS", BECOMING HER BEST SELLER, AND PUBLISHING OTHER BOOKS OF POETRY & ESSAYS, THAT HELPED HER GAIN FAME TO READ, "ON THE PULSE OF MORNING", A POEM SHE READ AT PRESIDENT BILL CLINTONS 1993 INAUGURATION, AS SHE DONE INSPIRED ALOT OF WOMEN JUST ASK OPRAH WINFREY.... THROUGHOUT MAYA ANGELOUS LIFE, SHE HAS MADE A WAY TO HAVE A DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN FILM & TELEVISION, BY OFTEN BREAKING NEW GROUND ON THINGS TO DO, AN HER WILLINGNESS TO TALK ABOUT HER LIFE EXPERIENCES HAS EARNED HER WIDESPREAD LOVE, ADMIRATION, & RESPECT, THAT MANY WOMEN CAN BE INSPIRED, TO BE INVOLVED IN OUR BLACK STRUGGLE TO EDUCATE THE PEOPLE ABOUT THE TRUTH, AS SHE SPENT SEVERAL YEARS IN GHANA, WEST AFRIKA, TO BE THE EDITOR OF "THE AFRIKAN REVIEW" IN HER DETERMINATION TO FULLY DEVOTE HERSELF TO OUR KAUSE, AS SHE IS NOT THE FIRST & WONT BE THE LAST... I TRULY HONOR HER ENDLESS FIGHT TO MAKE WHAT NEEDS TO BE RIGHT, WITH OUR CONDITIONS NOT CHANGING OVER HERE IN THE UNITED STATES, AS I SUGGEST EVERYBODY READ HER BOOKS & POEMS, TO OVERSTAND HOW BRILLIANT & MAGNIFICENT SHE WAS, AN WILL TRULY BE MISSED...