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## Let the Dead Bury the Dead

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After the Tom Robinson ordeal was "Let the dead bury the dead." But this is not family that has wants and needs. Fellow farmers, the Robinson family should not be discriminated against because of the outcome of the trial. Since the ordeal has started, they have been denied work, harassed, and otherwise discriminated against. Look past your racism, and you will see that this is unjust and should not be happening.

Tom Robinson was clearly innocent, if you look at the facts. Mayella's right eye was blackened, and Bob Ewell was left handed. On its own this does not prove so much as suggest that Bob Ewell could have beaten Mayella, but when you consider that Tom Robinson's left hand was crippled, it seems impossible that Tom could have beaten Mayella.

Mr. Gilmer tried to make the case that "Tom broke lots of chifforobes with one hand, he could have beaten Mayella," but Tom would have certainly hit her on the left, because he would have to use his right hand. Another piece of evidence against Tom is the fact that he was arrested in the past, but it was a minor charge (a fight which another man started) and I can guarantee that Tom Robinson had worked for me for years and never made any trouble.

More evidence against Mr. Ewell is the evidence presented when Tom testified. He said that he had helped Mayella with her work multiple times. If he helped her, why would he want to hurt her? He also testified that Mayella kissed him and Bob Ewell then beat her. This verifies the case Atticus Finch made earlier in the trial.

Mayella Ewell testified against Tom Robinson, but her story was inconsistent. It is most likely that she was too scared of what her father would do to her to tell the truth, so she tried to make up a story that supported her father's case. At one point in her cross-examination by Atticus Finch, Bob Ewell seemed to relax when she said a positive answer. This proves my earlier point.

I can vouch for Tom's trustworthiness, as he worked for me for many years and earned my trust. I realize that my standing up and stating this while court was in session was against the rules and may have not been the right thing to do, but I strongly felt that the way the trial was proceeding was not right and that I needed to do something.

This case is unshakably strong, and the jury must have at least considered acquitting Tom Robinson, because they took four hours to reach a guilty verdict. For the dead to be able to bury the dead, the living need to be able to move on. It is hard for the Robinsons to do that when they are still being discriminated against and denied opportunities. Since Tom Robinson was clearly innocent, why was Helen Robinson denied a job because of the case? The answer that quickly springs to mind is because she is black. Farmers, you need to change your attitudes concerning Negroes. Negro workers are underpaid and overworked, and often are treated with no respect for something they cannot help or change. This is not fair and should be stopped.