

Tom Robinson Case and the Aftermath

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On November 21st, Tom Robinson raped Mayella Ewell. At the court every witness said a strong black man raped a young white woman. At the trial, the witness said, "Mayella Ewell was hit on her right eye." Tom cannot use his left arm so therefore he could not have hit Mayella. This guy with an arm that he cannot even use was accused of raping Mayella. The result of the trial was Tom getting sent to jail and in the jail he got shot 17 times. Tom Robinson had to experience injustice and was criticized just because he is black and black men are all "bad". He was sentenced guilty because he is a black man and even though it is certain that he wasn't the one who raped Mayella Ewell. He experienced injustice but nobody wanted to help him out except Atticus and his type of folks. Injustice and racism should never occur again for everyone's goods. There was not even the proof that Tom raped Mayella and yet he was accused when he was actually innocent. That is the Tom Robinson case and the aftermath of the trial.

In the trial, it was stated that Mayella Ewell got hit on her right eye and was bruised but this is impossible that Tom hit her because his left arm is much more shorter than his right. He was caught in a cotton wire when he was little. Even when Atticus asked Mayella if she was hit on her right eye, she said she could not remember at first. Also, Atticus proved that Bob Ewell is left handed but the jury concluded that Tom is guilty. Since Tom is a black man and Bob Ewell is white, it was most definite that he would win the trial but this is just unfair to Tom just because of his different skin color and the stereotypes that

follows. If this trial had Bob and another white fellow, it would be impossible for him to win the trial. The people in Maycomb County started to criticize Atticus also because he was defending a black man.

Bob Ewell wanted to be the "hero" because he supposedly saved his daughter and caught the guy that raped her but the town did not even care about him. He accused a man that did not even rape her but Bob chose Tom because the fact that he is black. He knew that he would win a trial against a black man in any circumstance. The

fact that people like Tom have to be the ones suffering due to injustice would be continuous unless there is a stop to it. It is true that Tom Robinson was there on November 21st at Mayella's house but there is no proof that he was the one who raped her. It is also true that Tom was there at Mayella's house that day but it is impossible that he raped her and pulled her down with just one hand. It is a shame because it seemed like nobody else was on his side except his community and only some white folks.

All blacks in Maycomb County are treated with disrespect. They are thought to be bad people that are just greedy and steals items from people and runs away. I have worked with my fellow Tom for several years and he never caused a problem. He is a hard worker and is kind-hearted. He was just a good man that always helped out Mayella but he was accused of raping her when he is the guy that always helped her out while nobody else did. It was even odd when her father said that nobody heard her screaming. Bob did not take her to the hospital and did not even sound like he worried about her. Mr. Finch is one of the few people who knows common sense for knowing who to defend in this situation. In Maycomb County, all the whites are "good" and all the blacks are "bad" but that is not actually right because white folks make mistakes also. Everyone knows that most of the people just blame their mistakes on Tom's kind of folks because getting punished and the reputation of being a "good"

person will be ruined.

In conclusion, the trial was just unjust for Tom and this case should teach everyone in Maycomb how injustice should be stopped so that nobody else has to experience this sort of unjust again. Everyone in the world should be treated equally and no innocent person should be accused of something that he/she did not do especially because of their skin color. The case of Tom Robinson and the result of the trial was just absurd.



Tom Robinson at the Court