

“Lemonade”

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What person with the nickname “Lemonade” could lead a country out of an awful time of racism and surpass the cultural shackles of Africa? Lemonade was born on July 18, 1918 in the local city of Mvezo. His family lineage comes from the Thembu Dynasty. He grew up seeing his father as the Chief of Mvezo. His family had a bountiful amount of riches. When Lemonade’s father died, he was adopted by a family friend named Dalindeybo. He was being quite deceptive about the living conditions of where Lemonade would be staying.

Lemonade was living in an African ghetto, which was not very ornate. After his father’s death, Lemonade did something unheard of. Lemonade was the first in his family to attend school! His teacher finally gave him his American name. As Lemonade grew, he had a liking for sports; especially boxing. He recalls times when he would fight other kids just because he loved to hit things. Also, he was becoming aware of some very important political issues in his country. He soon became involved. He could not do all he could to protest because he was in an arranged marriage. Lemonade was now very confident in his political point of view and thought it was best to go on his own. Thus, he was a self confident young man.

Furthermore, Lemonade was put in jail for twenty-seven years because he was speaking out against the political issues, and he could not foster himself. He had to assimilate to life in jail. When he got out of jail, he felt like he was in a haven. He did something that the world will never forget. After he got out of Robin Island Prison, he instilled politics in himself and ran for Presidency of South Africa and won. He was an Apartheid activist. The apartheid was a time of racial discrimination in South Africa. The

whites hated the blacks, and the blacks hated the whites. So, documenting this time period was a gamble because the apartheid was still fresh in some peoples minds. But, the making of the movie began in 2009. It was called Invictus, named after after a political plan that was to reunite the nation. He was portrayed in the movie by the sublime actor Morgan Freeman. Therefore, he was now a former leader, a politician, and a media phenomenon.

In conclusion this unlikely hero's name is Nelson Mandela. Nelson Mandela has won many awards. He has won over 250 awards since his presidency. Those awards include the Nobel Peace Prize and the Patron of Isipingo and District Football Association Award in 1987. He is considered one of the bravest men of our lifetime. If I was a conventional African, I wouldn't run for President of South Africa during the Apartheid.