

1. On a personal level, what struck me most was the poignant portrayal of the lack of protocol for women and the glaring absence of facilities for people of color both in government and in the public. The scene where the protagonist, Katherine, needs to walk over half a mile just to find a restroom, and being prohibited of any bikes being lend to her because of her being an African American, was particularly impactful. Reflecting on my own experiences, I realize how fortunate I am not to have encountered situations as dire as Katherine's. But, there have been instances where I had to advocate for myself, albeit from a more passive stance. Often, I find myself simply stating my case and then moving on, indifferent to matters that don't directly affect me. It's a mentality of "live and let live" as long as it doesn't affect me or anyone I hold dear.

In contrast, Katherine's spontaneous and courageous speech in front of everyone demonstrates a level of courage and audacity that I can only admire. It's hard to imagine the challenges she faced, especially considering the social stature of the time, where being African American or a person of color was not socially acceptable in their time. Discrimination and bullying were rampant, and opportunities were scant for those marginalized because of their skin color.

The authenticity of Katherine's story, if indeed true or close to verbatim, shows the harsh realities of racial prejudice and inequality. It's a good reminder of how far society has come, yet also how far it still has to go in terms of achieving true equality and inclusivity for all individuals, regardless of race or ethnicity. This narrative serves as a powerful testament to the resilience and strength of those who have fought against systemic oppression and discrimination throughout history.

2. In contemplating my approach to life, I find myself entrenched in a passive stance, a position I've probably adopted too comfortably. I am not a talkative person, I am always stoping myself from saying my true opinions or insights unless absolutely necessary. I observe from the sidelines, maintaining a distance around everyone whether it's on events or simple interactions, and rarely joining or talking meaningful things. This passive stance you can say, just like Robert Greene's book said, "Law no. 1: never outshine your masters,".

I navigate through life with caution, avoiding unnecessary confrontations or problems that might ruin my relationships or the network I've built. Instead of asserting my own thoughts or decisions, I often fall back on saying the things they want to hear, opting for peace over assertion. For me, it's my way of perseverance, a means of enduring the complexities of human interaction without inviting undue attention or conflict.

Even though Machiavelli says on one of his book that having no stance is just waiting for their own doom, I find solace in my passive stance, believing that it shields me from this thing called greed and ambition by giving the spotlight to others instead of me, I mitigate the risk of becoming entangled in their pursuit of power and dominance. It's a form of resistance, albeit a subtle one, against the insatiable appetites of humanity, which often consume indiscriminately until nothing remains.

In the end, my passive stance is not a sign of weakness, it is a means of navigating the complexities of this creature called human with grace and tact. It's a good reminder that sometimes, the greatest strength lies not in asserting one's will but in knowing when to be offensive and when to wait for the opportune moment to make a decisive move.

3. I've always strived to treat all genders and ethnicities equally way before I saw this film. Despite my efforts to avoid discrimination based on color or gender, I realize that mere passive acceptance is not enough to effect meaningful change. That's why, I commit to taking tangible actions, no matter how small, to contribute to a more inclusive environment in my school, community, and future workplace.

One action I can take is to actively challenge stereotypes and biases whenever I encounter them. Whether it's in casual conversations, social settings, or even within institutional structures, I will speak up against prejudiced actions or attitudes. By raising awareness and fostering dialogue, I can only hope to dismantle harmful stereotypes and promote a more nuanced understanding of diversity.

Additionally, I will try to find some opportunities to make the voices of marginalized individuals within my community louder and spread. This things includes supporting initiatives or organizations that advocate for gender equality and racial justice, or simply listening attentively to the experiences and perspectives of those who are often sidelined or overlooked by society. By actively centering the narratives of underrepresented groups, I aim to contribute to a more inclusive and equitable society.

Furthermore, I am also a big advocate of education in combating prejudice and discrimination. I will educate myself about the historical and systemic factors that perpetuate inequality, as well as the ways in which I can be an ally to marginalized communities. Whether through reading, attending workshops, or engaging in meaningful conversations, I will continuously strive to deepen my understanding of social justice issues and take concrete steps to address them.

Ultimately, promoting equality and inclusivity requires ongoing commitment and action. While treating everyone equally is a good starting point, it's crucial to actively challenge discrimination and advocate for systemic change even how little it is. By taking small but meaningful steps in my daily life, I hope to contribute to a more just and inclusive world for all.