

Michelle Obama: Beautiful, Smart and Fearless



It's been three weeks since the Obamas have left the White House and I'm still not used to it. I haven't quite accepted this inauthentic, plagiaristic immigrant as my First Lady and who knows when I will.

I remember being a junior in high school, only worrying about who my next boyfriend was going to be after I dumped the most popular boy in school. The possibility of a black woman being called First Lady never crossed my mind.

Like many other black families, I anxiously watched the elections with my mother and father, who was a Paratrooper in the Vietnam War and went to school during the post-civil rights movement.

We could not believe our eyes when a black man won the presidential election.

"I never thought I would see this day in my 63 years of living," my dad said.

The next day the black students at my southern high school wore shirts and hats with either the words Obama on them or pictures of the new first family in support.

I felt empowerment not only as a black person, but a young black woman.

Michelle Obama's letter to black women about our advancements over the last 40 years will forever speak to me.

A beautifully poised woman of dignity in her effortlessly, flowing gowns that screamed appropriateness and above all, Queen.

As a wife, a mom and more importantly, a woman, she has never jeopardized her integrity for success, which is one of the reasons why I idolize her.

Michelle is that great woman next to her great man. She supported Barack in a way I have never seen done in the White House without becoming his shadow.

She created her own, while still being a "Mom in Chief."

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