

Rest In Power, Chadwick Boseman

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I usually don't get sad at celebrity deaths. But I'm not going to lie, when I heard about Chadwick Boseman's death, my heart hurt a little.

It's not the fact that he died so young, but it's the manner of how he died. Colon Cancer. Most of these deaths involve a nasty cocktail of depression, unspoken horrors, and usually, drugs.

I not only feel for the death of this great man, but also to his family, who must be going through the hell that the loss of family can inflict on a person.

Boseman has a lot of highlights as an actor. Not only was he the first black superhero to headline his own movies since Wesley Snipes played Blade back in the early 2000's, he also portrayed baseball legend Jackie Robinson, civil rights hero Thurgood Marshall and the Godfather of Soul, James Brown.

The only time we've seen this anywhere else was in Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse, an animated film. He truly was a renaissance man when it came to acting.

My only wish was that the research had advanced further than it had to cure colon cancer, something Boseman spent a good percentage of his earnings as an actor to fund. But cancer is a cruel customer and runs on its own schedule.

It's easy to talk about all the things we're sad about when it comes to Boseman's death. But what we should focus on is the legacy he left behind for the entertainment industry.

Through his many roles in the entertainment industry, Boseman paved the way for actors of color to truly have the representation in a Hollywood that has been accused of white washing any and every property that comes into Tinsel Town.

Gone are the days, I believe when the biggest superhero movies are headed only by white actors. Soon we shall see biopics on prominent figures of color in history. We are in a new dawn for the entertainment industry. All of this is thanks to one man.

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