

If you can't beat them

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Chelsea had been a very competitive girl since her childhood, so it felt only natural when she decided she wanted to be a professional runner. She was very committed to her training sessions, diet and everything but it seemed like she had hit a barrier she couldn't overcome. She was constantly beaten by Afro-American girls for the top spots in US national competitions, which was crushing her spirits, being a bit of a white supremacist. Such an irony that she chose one of the few professional fields where whites had a serious disadvantage against Blacks.

One day, after having lost yet another decisive race to make it for the US national team at the next olympics she felt utterly crushed. She was 19 and she already knew she had no hopes of getting where she wanted to get. However, she was approached by a man who told her she had been noticed for her potential by a company who was offering to support her with massive sponsorships if she agreed to participate to a new program which would boost athletes' performances in a perfectly legal way. Chelsea was so desperate to stop feeling like a loser she accepted it.

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Chelsea underwent some scans and was given a tailor-suited genetic booster aimed at improving her performances.

After a few weeks, she noticed her results were getting better, along with some other changes. Her skin was darkening quickly, along with her hair.

She contacted her medical team about this and was told it was just a minor side effect of the genetic treatment.

A few more weeks later though and the changes began hard not to notice.

Chelsea's skin tone was dark brown, her hair jet black and wavy, her eyes dark brown and even her facial features were taking an African flavour.

Finally, Chelsea was revealed the full plan: the genetic treatments were aimed at replacing her DNA with that of a Black woman in order to improve her performances.

Chelsea was shocked but realised it was too late to back off now. She had signed a contract with a huge release clause fee so there was no way out right now.

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At first the shock was such that she found it hard to push herself to train regularly, so she took some time off to recover from the shocking news. Then, when she regained control over herself and decided to put all her effort into her athletic career.

She was initially struggling to gain muscle mass but then her new genes kicked in the her performances improved again. She had to admit that something had indeed changed for the better. Maybe she had more natural testosterone or the fine structure of her muscle cells was more suited to physical activities but she could feel her whole body was performing better than before now.

Being from a rural area where people had pretty narrow views on racial issues, she lost many friends due to her decision and burned bridges with her family, who did not accept her radical transformation. At first if felt very hard and Chelsea began to wonder if she had sacrificed too much for success but eventually she made new friends, especially among the African-American community. She also began to feel strongly attracted to Black men, maybe she had a better chemistry with them due to her new genetics, she thought.

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After a few months, she had gained significant muscle mass and was ready to compete against the very best in the country.

Her muscle tone had made her figure fuller in an unusually attractive way for a sprinter. She had to concede that not only Black girls performed better but also looked hotter.

When she made her comeback on the national stage everybody in the community was shocked by the dramatic change in her appearance. However, there was nothing illegal about it according to any anti-doping regulations.

Seeing her competitors on the track was pretty surreal as she used to be the only serious white competitor fighting with African-American athletes for the podium and now she had made the field even more Black dominated. She was ashamed of that and hated having had to join the “melanin team” as they liked to call themselves but her only goal was winning and she was willing to sacrifice everything in order to achieve it.

She easily made it to the finals and won the sprint race by a good margin, for the first time in her career.

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When she finally found some time for herself she began to process what had happened.

She had finally done it, it had costed her a lot but she managed to win the US championships and to be chosen to be part of the US olympic team, her biggest dream.

To celebrate the occasion, she decided to get her hair styled in dreadlocks, showing how deeply she had embraced her new ethnicity and that she had not only adopted it for convenience.

She was now regularly interviewed and always claimed against her will that she felt proud to be African-American now and would use her newfound visibility to denounce colourist and to fight for minorities' rights.

It always costed her a lot to lie that way as deep down she was always the all-American, white supremacist girl she used to be and felt deeply humiliated by having had to give up on her fair skin, blue eyes and blonde hair that used to be her pride but now she had a new successful career in front of her and nothing was going to stop her anymore.