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Feminist Manifesto

*There Was Once*

We are NOT damsels in distress, someone that needs to be rescued. Why can’t WE gain our freedom from ‘wicked stepmothers’? The idea that we can’t save our own lives is ridiculous! Women do it every day. We solve our own problems and make our own decisions. We don’t need approval from anyone to do so, we just do. And we’re good at it too, great even!

Who needs Prince Charming anyways? Isn’t anyone tired of that foolish impression of women being a burden, someone that only a man can take care of?! We don’t NEED men. They aren’t our bread and butter. We can raise families on our own, or run businesses and even nations. Who ever says that a leader has to be a man is ignorant to the vast capabilities of women.

And don’t forget about that whole nonsense that correlates women’s beauty with what’s advertised in society. As if a woman is beautiful if she has perfect hair, perfect eyes, perfect everything! How can media tell us that beauty is a size 2, when most women are double digit sizes? Now, women have to diet and eat nothing but flax seeds, and exercise 24/7 to try to look like them, not to mention the tons of makeup and hairspray to ‘look natural’. And you know what’s even worse? These ads are photo shopped, so they’re not even real!!! Trust me, NO woman perfect, and no one is less beautiful than the other.

So, I make a challenge to every woman who’s ever felt that you couldn’t amount to as much as a man. CHALLENGE EVERYTHING! Don’t just take things the way they are. Ask who, what, where, when, and why, especially why. We could change the status quo, you know. Don’t settle for positions and titles that society has placed on us. We’ve come a long way from just being in the kitchen, and the best part of life isn’t going to the ball and marrying the Prince. There’s so much more we can do, and be. If all women were to embrace this revelation and run with it, how much better off we would be.