

To all Women, Immigrant Women, Minority Women who are true champions. We should be proud each day of the difference we make and continue to make in the world.



## WOMEN'S GIRL POWER

Women's lives are just like that of NBA players in NBA Playoffs' finals.

You may or you may not know, but if you are a sport's lover just like I am, there is a game six that is scheduled to be played In Boston this Thursday, June 16th, where all eyes and pressure would be on either team. If the Celtic wins, there would be a Game 7; however, if GSW wins, they become the new NBA champion.

Now, how does this relate to women's Girl Power? Good question!

The answer I have found is the passion and desire for strong women out there doing more than just the usual or the so called "routine" with hope for their dreams to come true by building an impactful and independent life.

A recent conversation with one of my best friends made me realize how blessed we are in Africa.

In Mali where I come from, one can easily afford a live-in maid, or have the luxury to afford both male and female help to assist with routine household management.

It is true that we choose to travel overseas with hope to make our dreams come true, but the price and cost are so high that one can only achieve true joy and happiness after success.

Waking up every morning to go to work, coming home after work to take care of household chores, a significant other, and children for those who are parents (like myself) takes more than just planning. There is system and place that makes it doable with structure and planning; and with some luck, a husband may also play a helpful role here and there, but nothing compared to what most women do on a regular basis.

Comparably, when we talk about basketball, to us it is just a game, NBA stars are considered lucky to play pro with chances to make millions. Nevertheless, not all NBA teams and stars are champions, neither are they all MVP's.

Those who outperform, with all their heart and soul with true desire to make it to the finish line no matter the price, are named Champions.

Such outperformance and drive are the driving force for women, Immigrant women, minorities working hard every day to make a difference. Because after completing everything I mentioned above, when that "girl power must come in play" there is still enough energy in us to work even harder to make our dream life come true. We take on more roles, we become entrepreneurs, we work overtime in the hope to create a more meaningful future for ourselves and our family.

That right there is no different than a Team fighting to win a championship for themselves, their fans, and their states. We too (Women) sacrifice our freedom today to work for that dream to come true.

Just remember, any sacrifice today can and will lead to a better tomorrow because to live happy, you must be willing to remove your heart, sacrifice so you can work as hard as you can without thinking about yourself. In the end, you will not only put your heart back where it belongs, but you take ownership of your success to enjoy the life you built for yourself and others around you!