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Marcus: Some of the things that they did do, in the house, there was always literature around Black idols and icons. Malcolm X, MLK, Maya Angelou, those were always present and available for me to read if I wanted to dive deeper into some of the history and some of the icons in Black history as well. Of course they tried to give me Black dolls as well. So when I was growing up, or toys and stuff like that, or action figures. So that was kind of a little thing that they attempted to do for a while.

Marcus: They also had, where I was growing up in California, they got involved with an organization where transracial adoptees can get together, spend time together, do activities outside of their normal family. And that was a great opportunity to meet up and make friends with other Black kids who were going through the exact same thing that I was going through. And that was a phenomenal part of around middle school, that time of my life.

Marcus: I think that was key, though, and I think that's something that they didn't do consistently though. There was little efforts here and there, and they were very aware, but I think one of the key things about transracial adoption is that consistent community and sense of belonging. So the parents' efforts to immerse their kids in it have to be consistent as well. And that's the things that came back and were exposed in later conversations where my parents mentioned to me that, oh, they're considering moving to a neighborhood that was more diverse and so forth, but it was wishful thinking that didn't really manifest itself. I think in retrospect that's something that I would've really benefited from, though. That is something that I live with, but thankfully I of course have my community regardless. But yeah, so that's a little bit of the process for me.