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Avenging Racism

The Thin Line Between Uncle Tomming and Mau-Mauing

"After all, I came here [to the Washington Post] to write and be successful. I'm willing to be a token, but not an unused one. I figure everyone, including white men, gets hired because of who they are. It's just that because white men run things, they're able to pretend that when they

hire one another, they do so based on merit; when they hire a black person or a woman, they're doing us a favor."

*Volunteer Slavery: My Authentic
Negro Experience* (Penguin Books,
1993)

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