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Did Terrence Howard Push Malik Yoba To Get Fired From 'Empire'?



Did Terrence Howard get Malik Yoba fired from *Empire*? Originally, the *Inquisitr* reported Fox executives weren't happy with Yoba due to his alleged drug use, but perhaps Howard's insistence was all the push Fox needed to give creator Lee Daniels an ultimatum?

According to *Mail Online*, there's a lot of drama brewing behind the scenes of the hit Fox show. Howard wasn't concerned with Yoba's alleged drug use, but instead he was jealous of the attention Yoba was getting.

The source told *Mail Online* that Terrence urged Vernon Turner's fate on *Empire*.

"He never liked working opposite Malik because women just swoon over him. During promotional appearances and public events, women would go crazy over Malik because he's been a Hollywood stud for a long time."



The source continued, "That drove Terrence crazy." It's also said that Malik Yoba wasn't happy with the lack of development he was given, which lines up with the interviews he's been giving since his exit. That said, it's believed that it's Howard that was behind the limited screen time and not Fox. This is a different story that's being spun now from the original report that Malik Yoba was fired due to drug use. As the *Inquisitr* reported, Yoba was "making everyone on set uncomfortable."



When Fox heard wind of this, executives approached Lee Daniels and threatened to shelve the show if Daniels didn't toss Yoba from the show. While this new rumor adds that it's all Howard's doing, Malik told *The Combat Jack Show* that it was head writer Ilene Chaiken.

"It's bad enough y'all haven't wrote anything real significant that I can sink my teeth into. People don't even know who Vernon was."

The actor continued, "She runs the writer's room, she's in charge of hiring the directors and oversees the whole creative process of the show. So, I was definitely like 'Dude? Really? There's no way we can like ... that's the story.'"

Yoba also told TMZ that Lee told him about the plans for Vernon to die and was surprised about the sudden development. "Lee called me and told me. He said that, um someone at Fox said that someone needed to die in the season finale. So, I was like 'Word?'"

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