

Mason Elong Ewing; “FATHER” OF THE SERIES ERYNA BELLA

Cameronian by his mother's side and American by his father's, Mason Cyrille Elong Ewing, 30 years old, is a blind designer and audiovisual producer. His mother, Marie Francesca Elong died when he was 3 years old. At age 6, Mason left Cameroon for France where he lived under his aunt's and uncle's supervision.

He became his tutors' victim. He reported the facts of physical abuse to the police. To them, it sounded like tittle-tattle of a capricious child. It stayed that way until *“One day, I fell in coma and stayed in hospital for three months and three weeks. I went through three head surgeries. I even almost died! It was a miracle when the machines that stopped helping me hold onto life started working again. At the hospital they called me lucky person”*. He was alive but he lost his sight because of the chili sauce put in his eyes as punishment by his tutors.

Placed at DASS [State Services], he became victim of sexual harassment from a nurse's aide. He complained but neither the State nor the judges listen to him. He lost for the second time against the society craziness.

However his talents saved him. Fashion and cinema are his great passions. He started drawing and designing and one of his wedding gown called *“Marie Antoinette”* was worn by Miss France 2007; Rachel Legrain Trapani.

People noticed him. His talent won him the confidence of Frederic Mitterrand, French Minister of Culture and Arts by the time, Brigitte Bardot, the retired French actress, Emanuel Petit, former professional soccer player, Olivier Lapidus, fashion designer Ted Lapidus's son and Renato Salvatori, young comedian and grand-son of French actors Renato Salvatori and Annie Girardo.

“They believed in me. My purpose is to showcase that blindness is not the end of the road. You can be blind and still get talent. Blindness does not have to prevent us from doing magnificent things” he said.

Magnificent things don't deal only with fashion area. He did not forget the images of great Hollywood guys such as Clint Eastwood, Whoopi Goldberg, Woody Allen, Will Smith... *“To me they are the greatest. They are the masters”* he said. The love of cinema made him create an audiovisual department of TV series production & Feature films called *“Les Entreprises Ewing” / Ewing Corporation*. He started with a TV series called *“Mickey Boom”*.

In 2012, Mason Ewing realized one of his big dreams; he moved to the US. Los Angeles was his destination. That is where a big idea he started caressing while in France got real. He started working on a teen drama TV series called Eryna Bella. The series talk about high school beauty queens competing for the attention of the campus alpha male. A must see. He is in negotiations with two African TV Channels and one European.

Mason may lack physical vision but not the insight vision. He got purpose in life and he knows it. He is blind but he has an open

mind's eye and a great talent. A catching story, great actors and beautiful images packed in *“Eryna Bella Series”* and signed *“Mason Elong Ewing”* are coming to the small screen soon! ■

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