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THE BRAVE UPSTANDER

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“This series inspires each child to become an everyday hero. We have to imagine before we can become.”

Gloria Steinem

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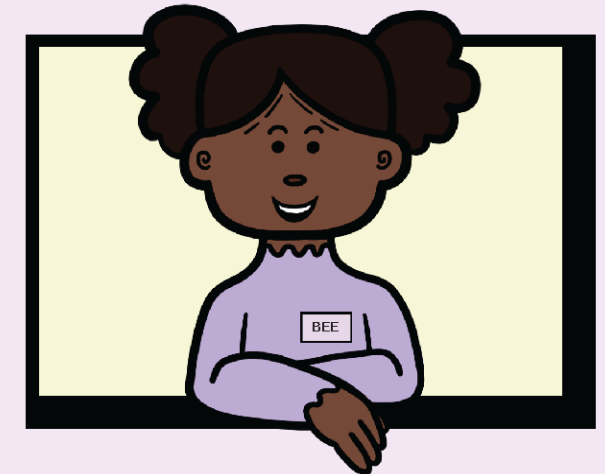
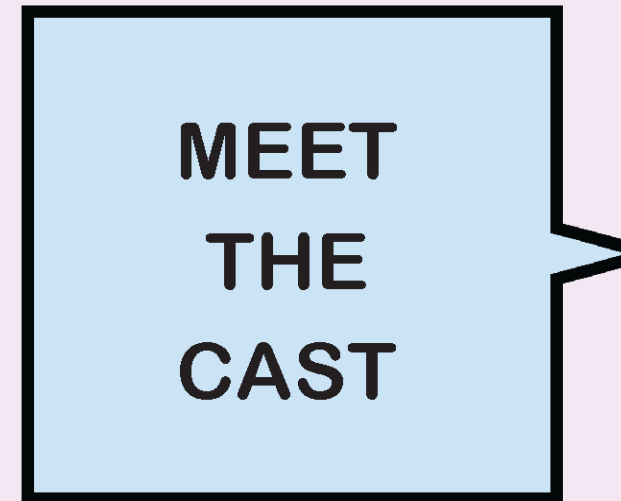
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A NEW EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE

OF THE NON-PROFIT

HAVE ART: WILL TRAVEL (HAWT) FOR JUSTICE,
INVITES SUBMISSIONS OF COMIC
OR GRAPHIC NARRATIVES FOR PUBLICATION
AS PART OF HAWT’S SERIES ADDRESSING
BECOMING A COURAGEOUS UPSTANDER.

THIS PROJECT STARTED WHEN HAWT/STEIN’S
COLLEGE INTERNS (WORKING EITHER AT TRIBECA NY STUDIO
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THEY WRITE AND ILLUSTRATE A STORY BASED ON THE
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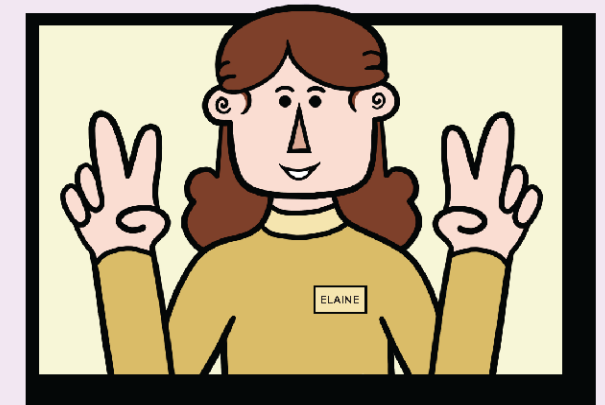
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OF A YOUNGSTER NAMED BEE
WHO PERSONALLY EXPERIENCES OR WITNESSES VICTIMIZATION,
FINDING THE POWER OF ART HELPS TO INSPIRE
THE BULLIED, BULLY, BYSTANDER AND BRAVE UPSTANDER (4 B’S)
TO DISPLAY COURAGEOUS KINDNESS
IN BECOMING AN EVERYDAY HERO.



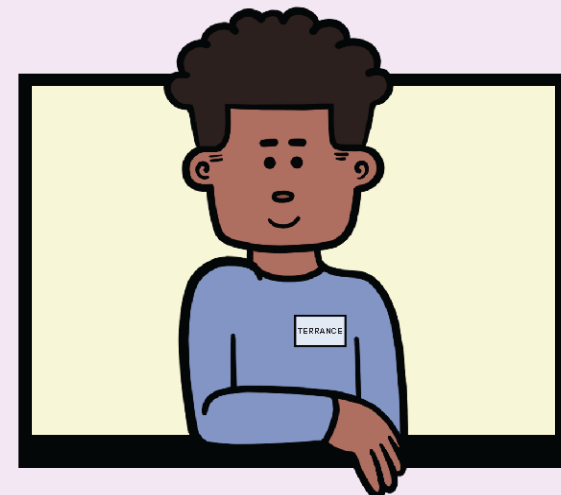
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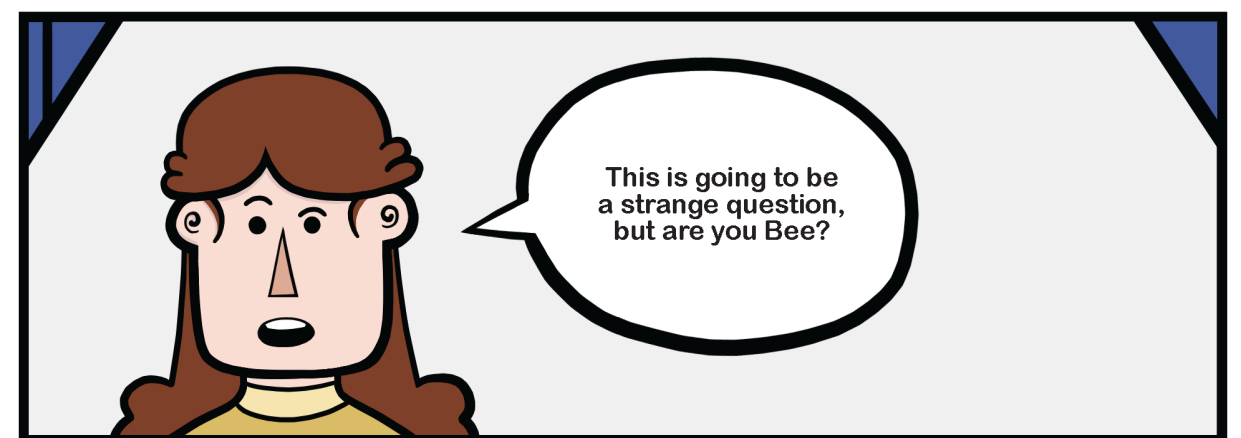
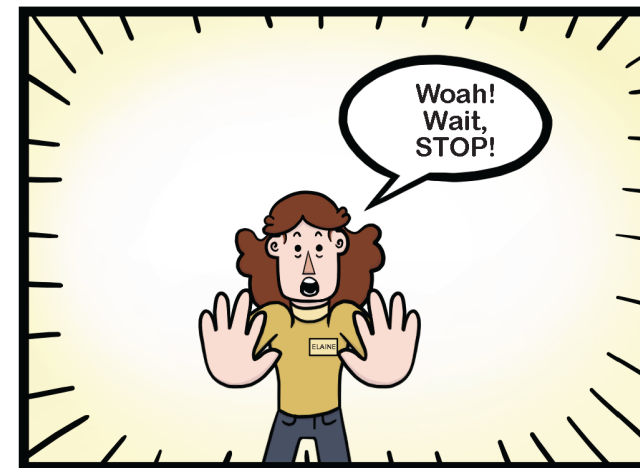
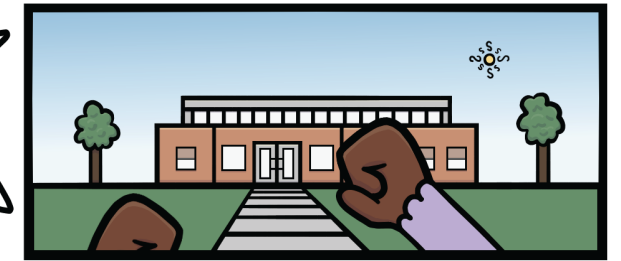


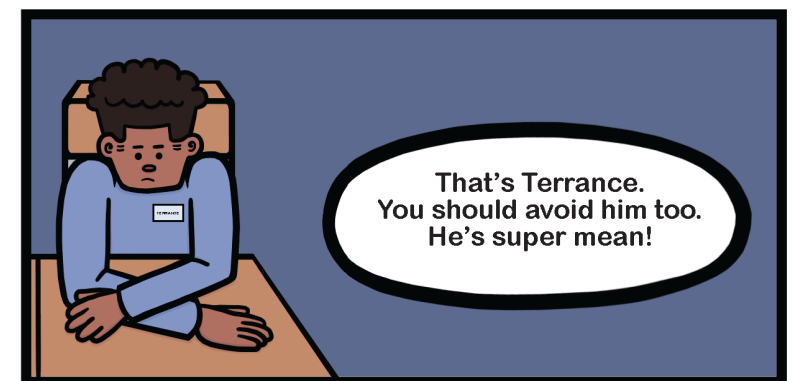
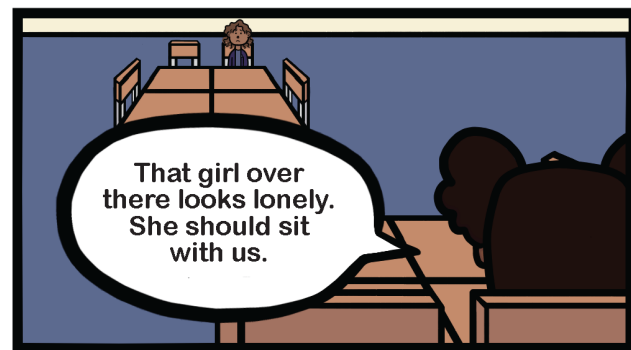
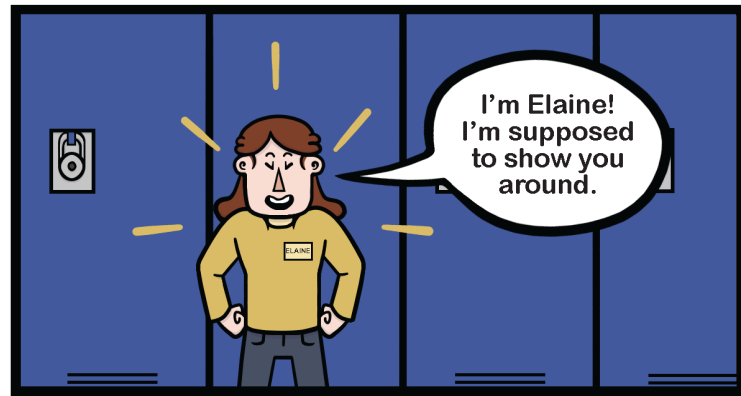
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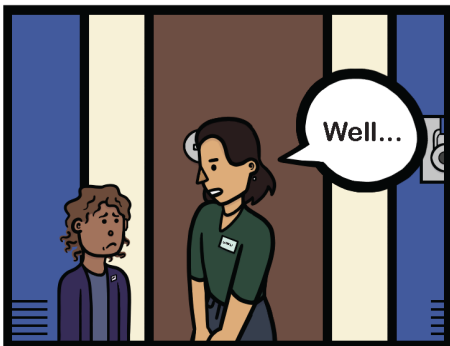
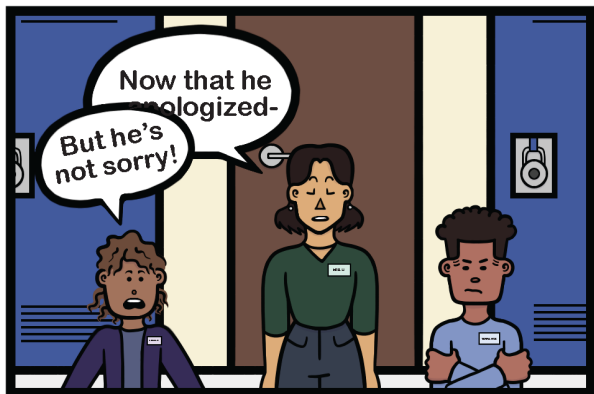
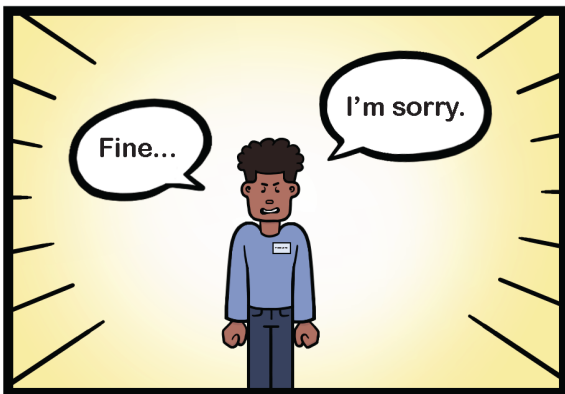
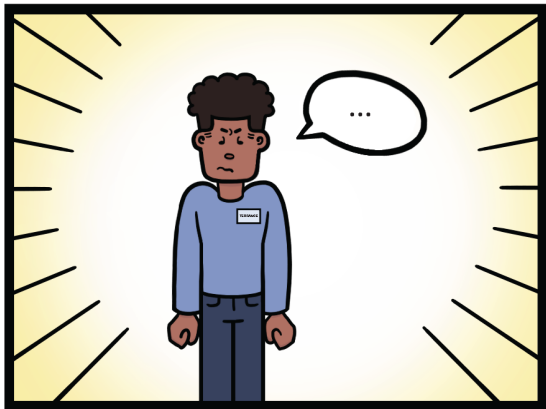
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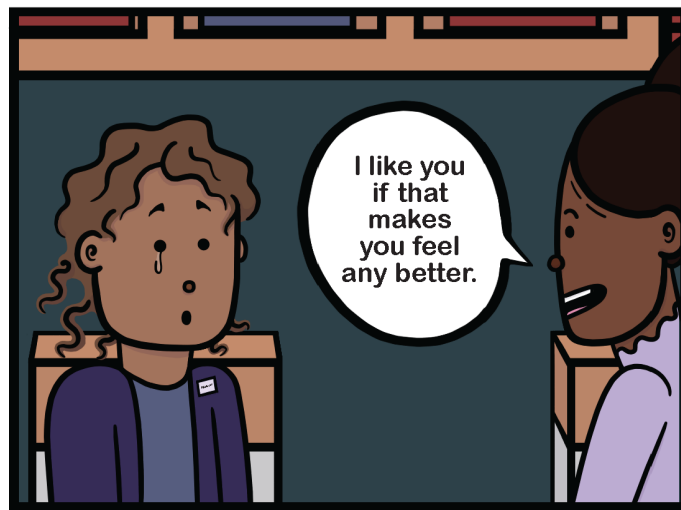
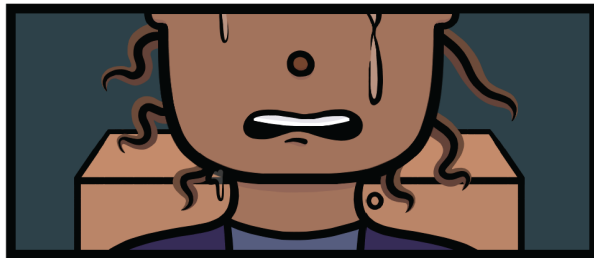




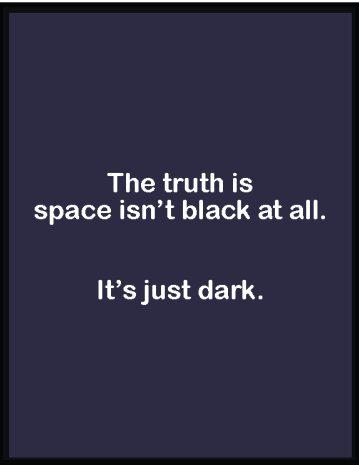
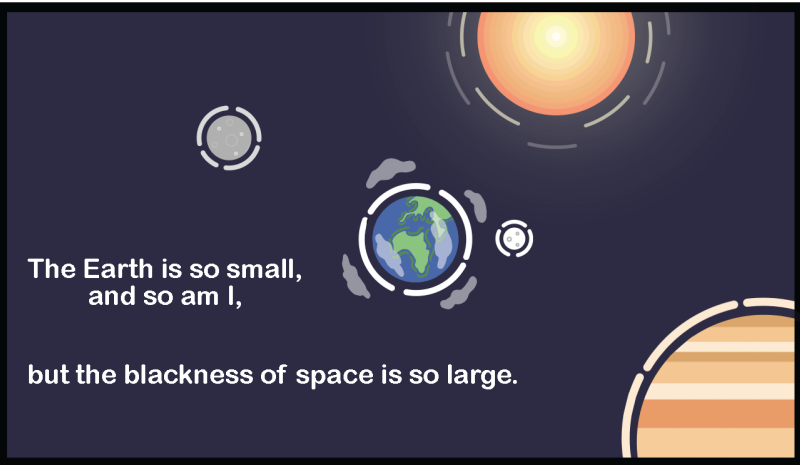
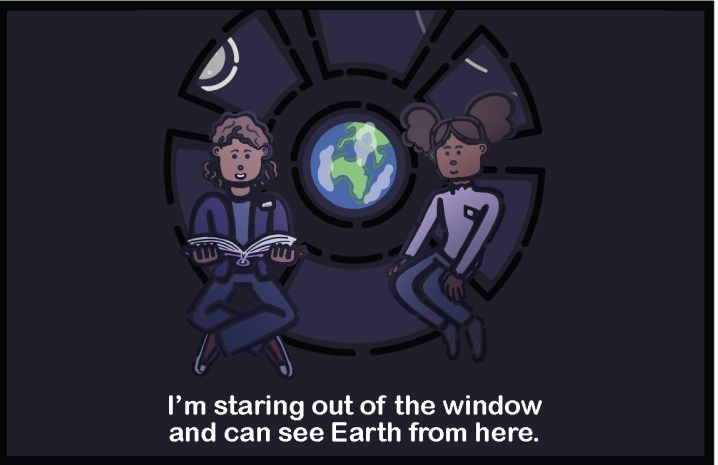
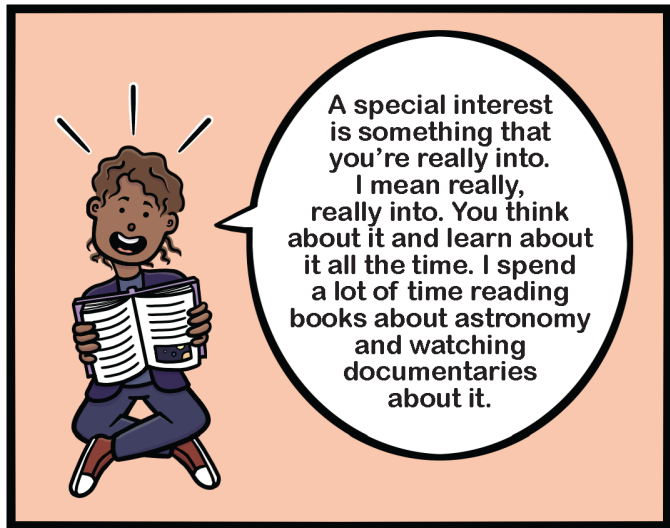
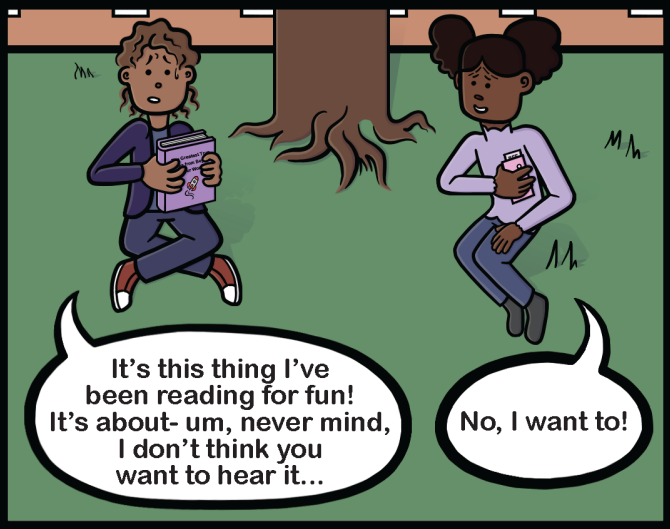
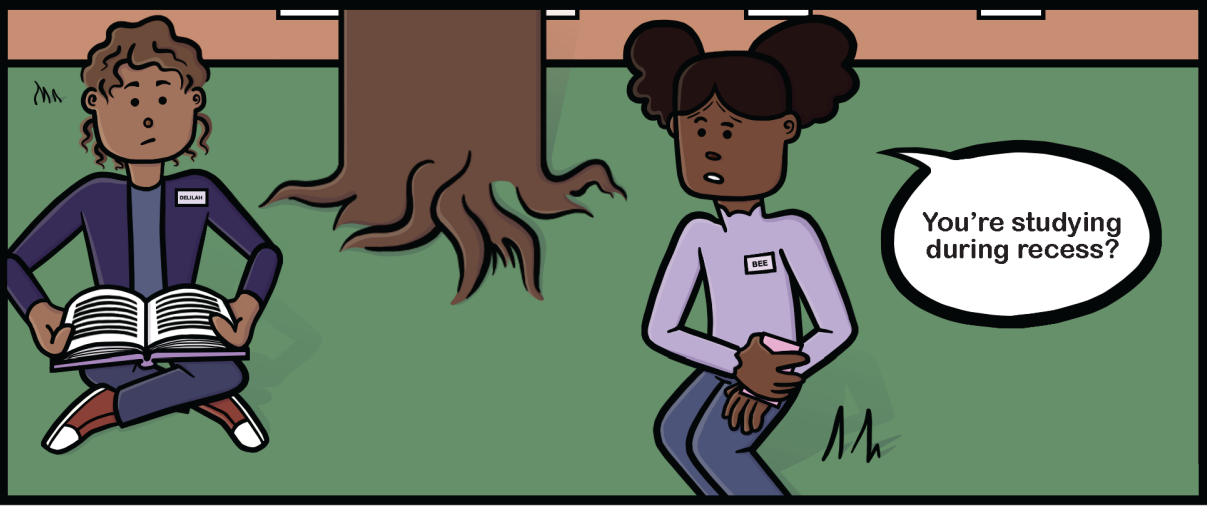
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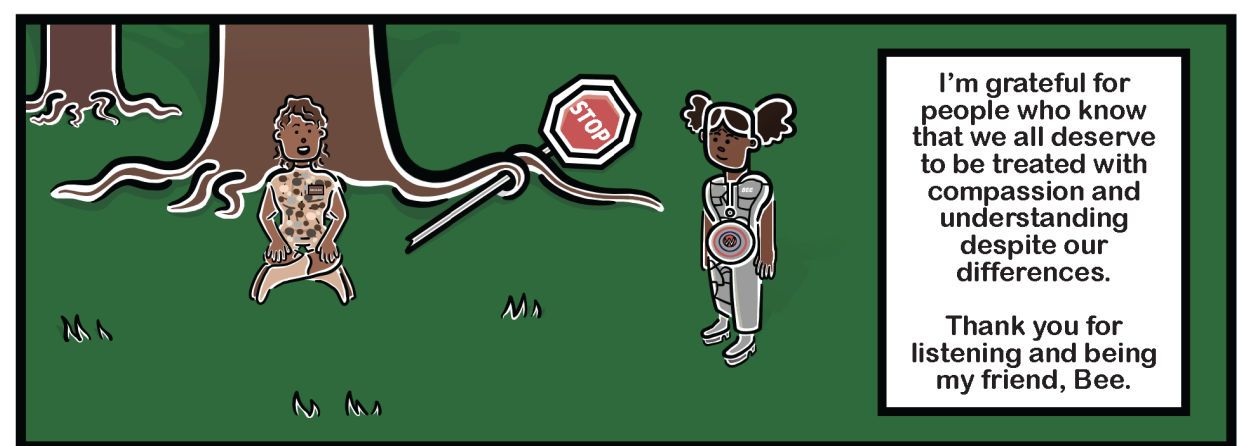
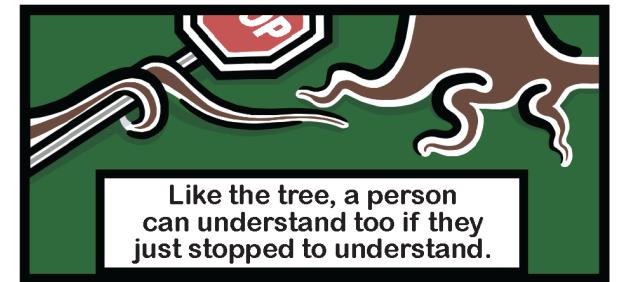
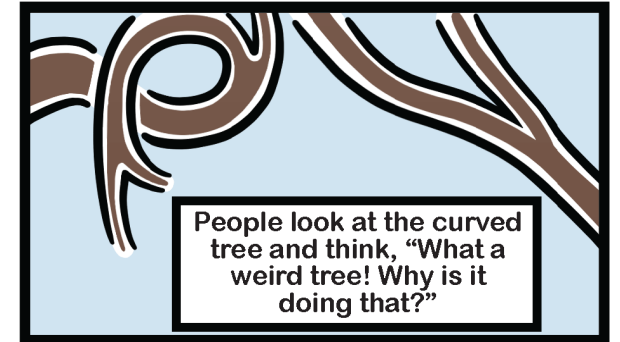
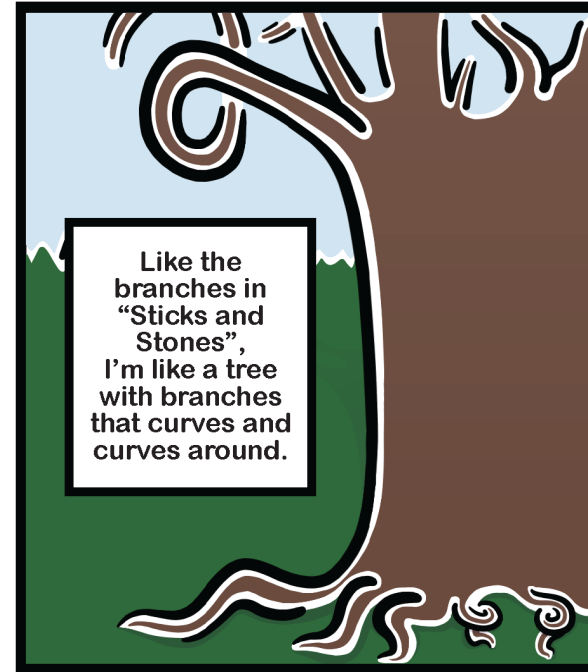
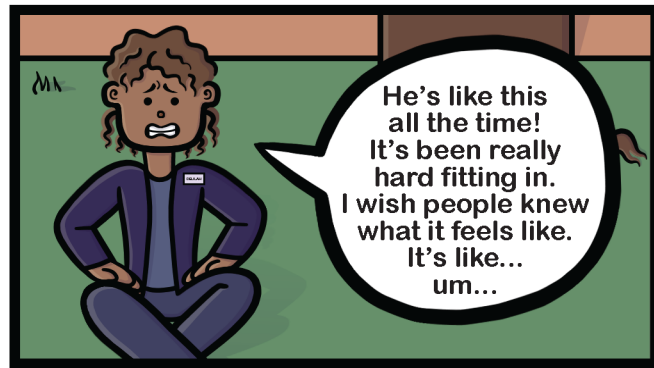
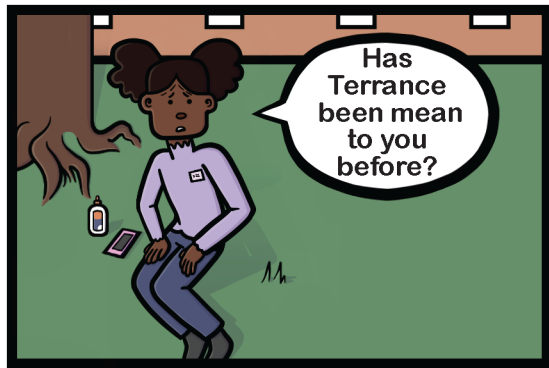
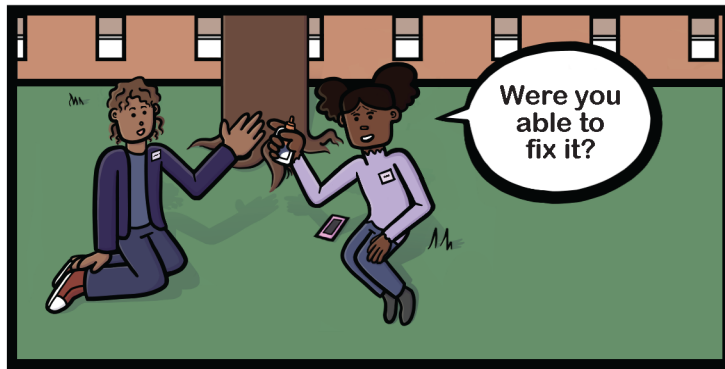


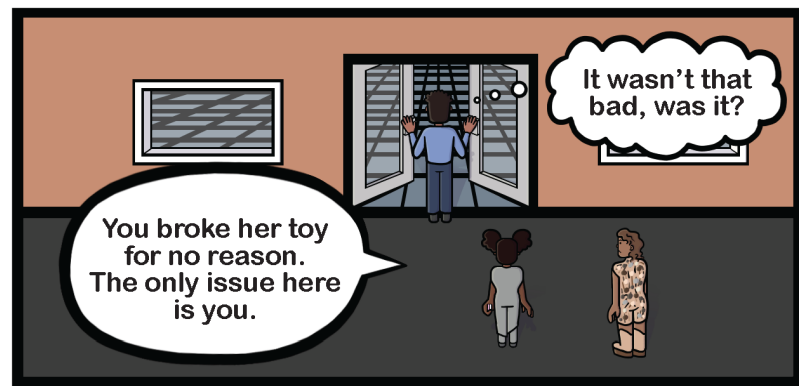
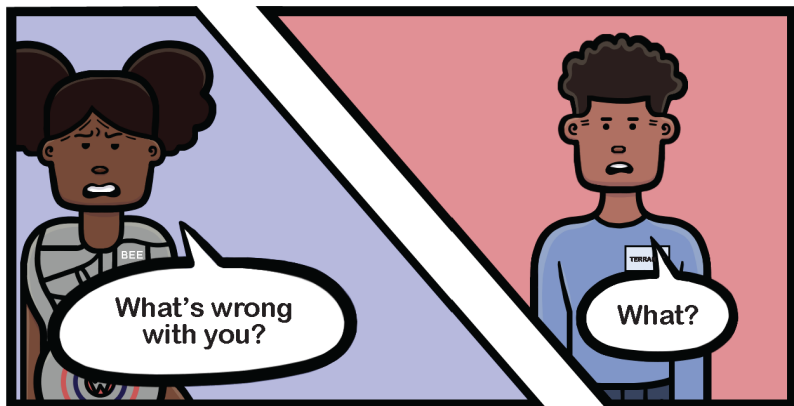
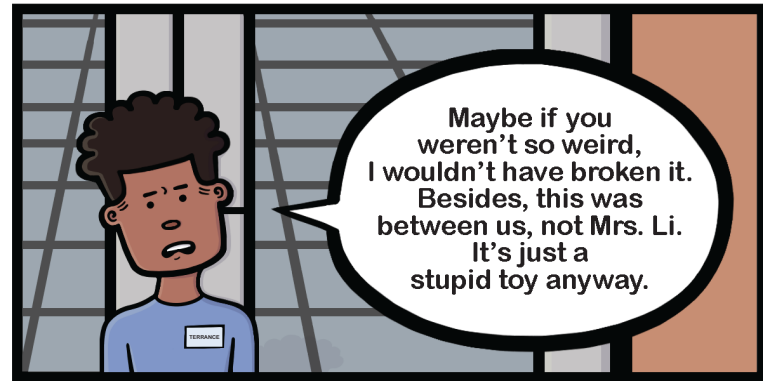
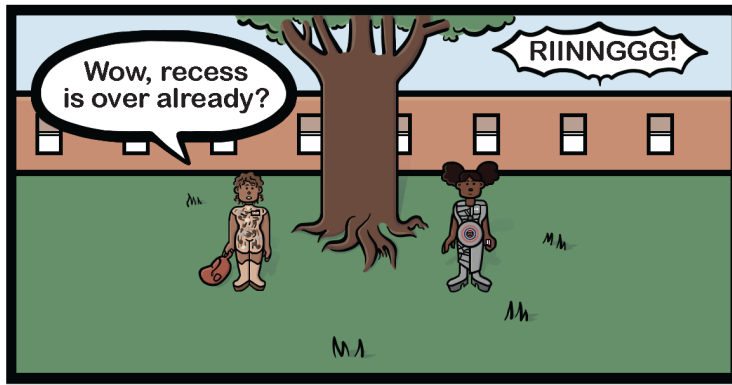
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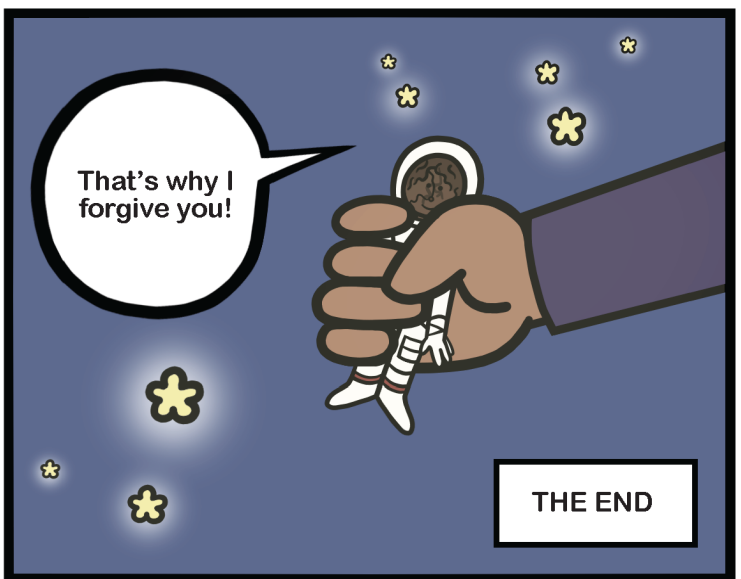
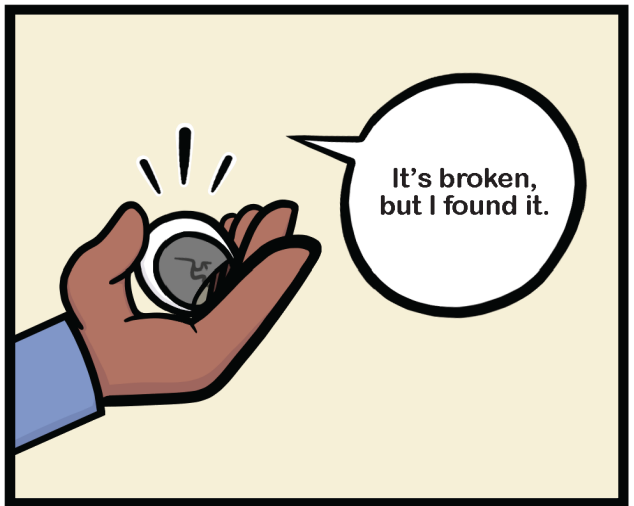
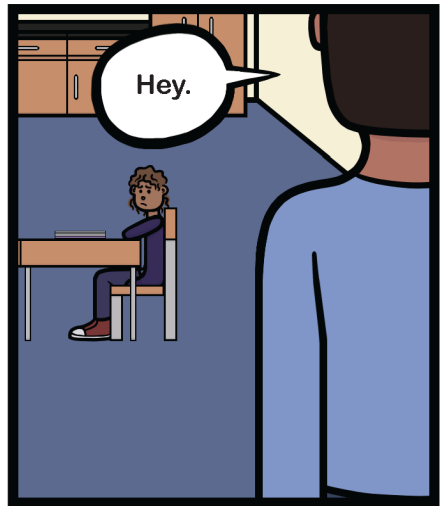
LATER AT RECESS...







THE NEXT DAY...



FINAL WORDS FROM THE ARTIST CONNOR IMES

When I was a child, I felt I was very ordinary.

I rode my bike around the neighborhood
in search of things to do and people to play with,
I went to school, I loved to watch cartoons, and I would beg
my mother to buy whatever candy was near the register
almost every time we went to the grocery store.

I was confused to find that I had trouble making friends
and fitting in at school. Even worse was that my classmates
would take advantage of my difficulty understanding social situations
and sarcasm to make fun of me. I spent my entire childhood wondering
why the other children treated me like I was different from them.
I got an answer after getting diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder
in the fall of 2020. I'm still an ordinary person with hopes, dreams,
and loved ones despite being autistic. People don't realize this
because they can't get past my autistic traits that impact how
I interact with people and the world around me.

I took inspiration from my experiences and looked back on
these memories with deep reflection while creating the story of Delilah
and her friend Bee, who extended kindness and understanding
when nobody else would.



The word “disability” describes conditions that
affect learning, language, the physical body, or behavior,
with autism falling under this category. Being disabled is hard
because of the world trying to make it that way.
This is because of ableism, which is the act of being mean to people
only because of their disability.
I experienced ableism due to being autistic throughout my life,
but I wasn't diagnosed until recently.

How did this happen?

Children are much smarter than adults think they are.
It's so interesting how children can spot characteristics
of a disability in a child before adults can.
From what I've seen, it's usually not the knowledge of the disability
that causes bullying in school but the behaviors
that come with being disabled. It's the mindset of “Let's bully the weird kid
who can't understand jokes, makes noises for seemingly no reason,
and flaps their hands!” rather than “Let's bully the disabled kid!”
This ableist bullying can make children feel very sad and lonely,
but it doesn't have to be this way.

It's very easy to do acts of kindness every day.
As if there were a stop sign in front of us all,
take a moment to think instead of using hurtful words.
The world for disabled students will be a much happier place
both in and out of the classroom because of it.

Thank you so much for reading my comic
and taking a moment to learn about disabilities and ableism!



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TOUCH AND BE TOUCHED

ART CAN BE A CATALYST
FOR DIALOGUE, EMPATHY,
AND UPSTANDER ACTION.

USING ART AS A STARTING POINT

HAWT INVISIONS JUSTICE
BY ADDRESSING ISSUES OF
POWER/VULNERABILITY,
MASCULINITY/FEMININITY,
WARMAKER/PEACEMAKER

THROUGH THE LENS OF POWER AND OPRESSION,
INCLUDING RACISM, SEXISM, ABLEISM,
CLASSISM AND TRANS/HOMOPHOBIA.

WITH EXHIBITS, LECTURES, WORKSHOPS,
PERFORMANCES, BOOKS, ESSAYS,
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND WEBSITES,
HAWT INSPIRES THE **BULLIED, BULLY, AND BYSTANDER**
TO BECOME THE **BRAVE UPSTANDER**
AND EVERYDAY HERO.



**FOR THIS ISSUE,
IMES CHOSE FROM
THE ARTIST'S WORK, INCLUDING:**

**FROM BODY-SWAPPING
ARMOR, 2008**



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BEE MAGICALLY TRANSFORMS
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AFTER BEING INSPIRED BY IT
TO BECOME AN UPSTANDING ALLY.**

**FROM BODY-SWAPPING
ARMOR SERIES, 2008**



**IN THIS ISSUE,
DELILAH MAGICALLY TRANSFORMS
INTO THE SCULPTURE SEEN ABOVE
AFTER BEING INSPIRED BY IT
TO BE KIND TO HERSELF.**

HAVE ART: WILL TRAVEL!

**BE AN UPSTANDER!
BE CONFIDENT!
BE KIND!
BE YOURSELF!
BE BRAVE!
BEE BRAVE!**

**P.S. GRADUALLY, BEING AN UPSTANDER
WILL BECOME A HABIT,
AND YOU WON'T EVEN NEED
EXTRA ARMOR.
YOUR OWN BODY AND MIND
ARE ENOUGH
TO PRACITCE KINDNESS.**

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