

BEE

THE BRAVE UPSTANDER

"THIS SERIES INSPIRES EACH CHILD TO BECOME AN EVERYDAY HERO. WE HAVE TO IMAGINE BEFORE WE CAN BECOME." - GLORIA STEINEM

HAWT ISSUE #3
SPRING
2021



A *HAVE ART: WILL TRAVEL!* PRODUCTION

FEATURING CLAIRE BOTY

EDITED BY LINDA STEIN

FOREWORD BY KEVIN JENKINS

FRONT COVER

BEE

THE BRAVE UPSTANDER

HAWT ISSUE # 3
SPRING
2021

PUBLISHED BY NORTHERN LIBERTIES PRESS,
AN IMPRINT OF OLD CITY PUBLISHING, INC.

PREFACE

**“BEE, THE BRAVE UPSTANDER”
AN EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE
OF THE NON-PROFIT
HAVE ART: WILL TRAVEL (HAWT)
FOR COURAGEOUS KINDNESS
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/SEIN’S
COLLEGE INTERNS (WORKING AT EITHER THE TRIBECA NY STUDIO
OR REMOTELY DURING COVID) SUGGESTED
THEY WRITE AND ILLUSTRATE
A STORY BASED ON THE ARTIST’S
ART AND THE UPSTANDER MISSIONS
OF THE NON-PROFIT.**

**THE STORIES IN THIS SERIES FOLLOW THE ADVENTURES
OF A YOUNGSTER NAMED BEE
WHO PERSONALLY EXPERIENCES OR WITNESSES VICTIMIZATION.**

**BEE FINDS THE POWER OF ART HELPS TO INSPIRE
THE BULLIED, BULLY, BYSTANDER, AND BRAVE UPSTANDER
TO DISPLAY COURAGEOUS KINDNESS
TO BECOME AN EVERYDAY HERO.**

**ISSUE 3 FINDS ERICA STRIVING TO BE ACCEPTED
BY HER CLASSMATES AND TEACHERS AS A GIRL.
BEE CARES ABOUT ERICA AND HELPS HER
TO BE ACCEPTED BY OTHERS AS HER TRUE SELF.**

**TO SUBMIT A COMIC/GRAPHIC NARRATIVE,
GO TO [HTTPS://WWW.HAVEARTWILLTRAVEL.ORG/](https://www.haveartwilltravel.org/)**

MEET THE CHARACTERS



ERICA



MS. SMITH



BEE



MRS.
MILLER



TIM



SUSIE

FOREWORD

THE DR. KEVIN JENKINS UPSTANDER STORY

GROWING UP, EVERYONE CALLED ME A TOMBOY – FAMILY, CLASSMATES, TEACHERS, EVEN STRANGERS. THE DICTIONARY SAYS A TOMBOY IS “A GIRL WHO BEHAVES IN A MANNER USUALLY CONSIDERED BOYISH.” ADULTS WOULD SAY, “DON’T WORRY. SHE’LL GROW OUT OF THIS PHASE.” BUT IT WASN’T A PHASE. I WAS JUST BEING MYSELF.

NOT FITTING INTO WHAT THE WORLD EXPECTED MADE LIFE TOUGH. SCHOOL WASN’T EASY. EVEN IN COLLEGE, I FACED BULLYING. BUT AMAZING FRIENDS AND SUPPORTIVE PROFESSORS KEPT ME FROM GIVING UP.

WHEN I BECAME A COLLEGE PROFESSOR, I FEARED TROUBLE AND LOSING MY JOB BECAUSE THERE WERE NO PROTECTIONS WHERE I WORKED. BUT BEING SILENT DIDN’T REALLY HELP TRANS PEOPLE LIKE ME. I REALIZED THAT MY SILENCE ABOUT MY EXPERIENCES MADE ME A BYSTANDER.

ONE DAY, INTERVIEWERS CAME TO THE COLLEGE TO TALK TO EMPLOYEES ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES. THEY WANTED TO KNOW IF WE FELT HAPPY AND SAFE. THEY TALKED TO DIFFERENT GROUPS BASED ON GENDER, RACE, ETHNICITY, AND EVEN IF WE WERE LGBTQ+. BUT ONLY ONE OTHER PERSON AND I SPOKE ABOUT BEING LGBTQ+. HE HADN’T TOLD ANYONE HE WAS GAY, AFRAID OF LOSING HIS JOB.

LATER, THE INTERVIEWERS ASKED IF THEY COULD FILM ME TELLING MY STORY SO THAT OTHERS COULD LEARN. I THOUGHT ABOUT IT AND REMEMBERED THE PROFESSOR WHO COULDN’T TELL HIS FRIENDS HE WAS GAY. I DIDN’T WANT PEOPLE TO FEEL LIKE THEY HAD TO BE SILENT, SO I SAID YES TO BEING ON VIDEO.

AT A BIG EVENT ON CAMPUS, LOTS OF PEOPLE WATCHED MY VIDEO, INCLUDING SOMEONE IMPORTANT CALLED A BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER. HE LEARNED FROM MY VIDEO THAT LGBTQ+ EMPLOYEES AND STUDENTS HAD NO POLICY PROTECTIONS. HE WANTED TO HELP PEOPLE LIKE ME FEEL SAFE AND HAPPY AT THE COLLEGE.

I SPOKE IN FRONT OF THE BOARD, AND THEY DECIDED TO MAKE RULES TO PROTECT LGBTQ+ EMPLOYEES AND STUDENTS. IT MADE A BIG DIFFERENCE FOR ALL OF US!

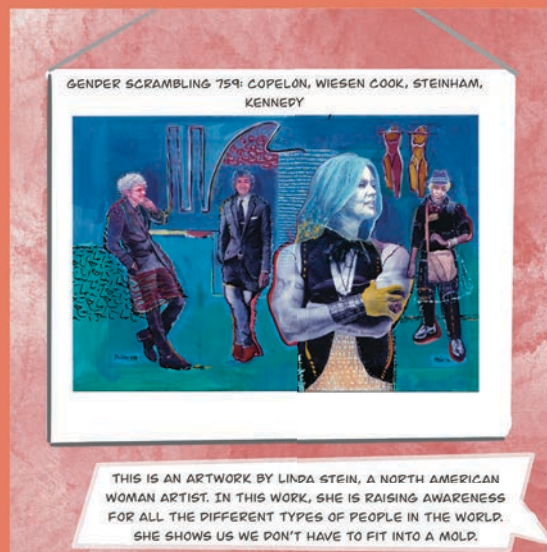
ALLIES WORKING TOGETHER AS BRAVE UPSTANDERS MAKE IMPORTANT CHANGES HAPPEN.

I AM PROUD TO BE A MAN AND A BRAVE UPSTANDER.

Dr. Kevin Jenkins is an assistant professor of art education at Texas State University. He is a man of trans experience and a scholar specializing in transgender theory and trans masculinities. He presents regularly on trans allyship at the National Art Education Association annual conventions and is author of scholarly articles on trans issues in the academic journals *Visual Culture and Gender*, *the Journal of Social Theory in Art Education*, *the International Journal of Education Through Art*, and *Studies in Art Education*.

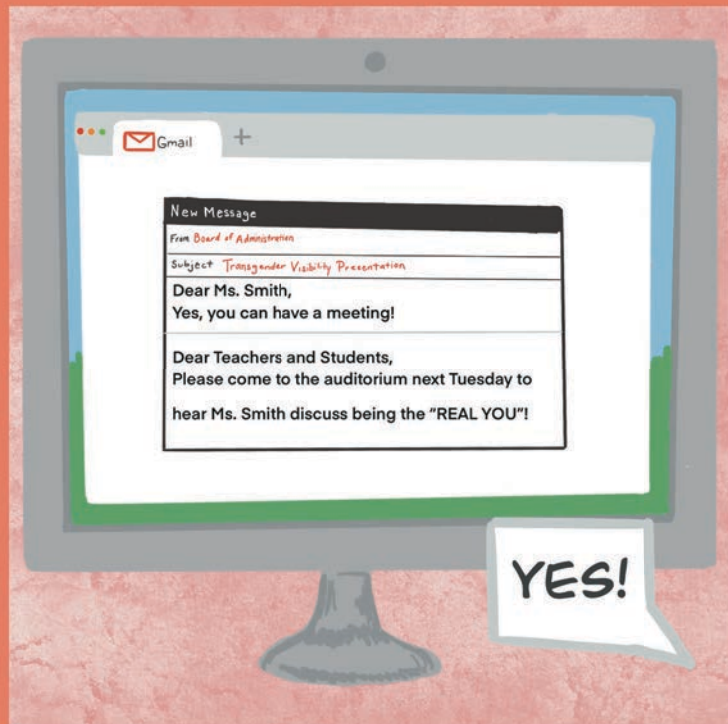


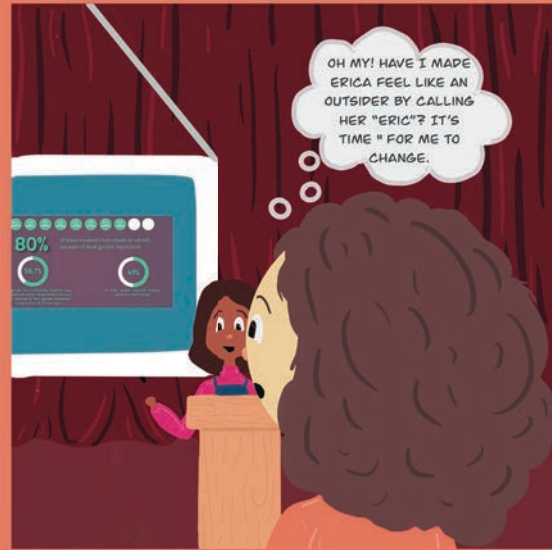






MS. SMITH WRITES AN EMAIL TO THE SCHOOL "BOSSSES"





CREDITS

COMPLETED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF
LINDA STEIN AND HAVE ART: WILL TRAVEL INC.
DURING A SUMMER 2019 INTERNSHIP

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY
CLAIRE BOTY

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BY
RACHEL BIRKENTALL

CURRICULAR TEAM CHAIR:
KAREN KEIFER-BOYD

NOTE: THE C-TEAM IS AVAILABLE TO HELP TEACHERS
INCORPORATE THIS COMIC BOOK INTO
THEIR CLASS LEARNING EXPERIENCE.
PLEASE CONTACT HAWT@HAVEARTWILLTRAVEL.ORG

EDITED BY
© LINDA STEIN, 2020
ALL RIGHTS RESERVED

PRODUCED BY
HAVE ART: WILL TRAVEL! INC.

**THE MISSION OF
HAVE ART: WILL TRAVEL! (HAWT)
IS TO:**

TOUCH AND BE TOUCHED

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

**USING ART AS A STARTING POINT
HAWT ENVISIONS JUSTICE
BY ADDRESSING ISSUES OF
POWER/VULNERABILITY,
MASCULINITY/FEMININITY,
WARMAKER/PEACEMAKER
THROUGH THE LENS OF POWER AND OPPRESSION,
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.**



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 PRACTICE KINDNESS.**

HAVE ART: WILL TRAVEL! INC.

FOR COURAGEOUS KINDNESS

HONORARY BOARD

LOREEN ARBUS
ABIGAIL DISNEY
LAUREN EMBREY
MERLE HOFFMAN
CAROL JENKINS

PATTI KENNER
PAT MITCHELL
ELLEN POSS
DR. ELIZABETH SACKLER
GLORIA STEINEM

ADVISORY COUNCIL

DR. MARY BLAKE
BETH BOLANDER
SARAH CONNORS
MARILYN FALIK
DR. EVA FOGELMAN
SUE GINSBURG
DR. KAREN KEIFER-BOYD

DR. MICHAEL KIMMEL
JOHN MCCUE
JEANIE ROSENSAFT
DR. MENACHEM ROSENSAFT
DR. LORI SOKOL
AMY STONE
MARCY SYMS

CURRICULAR TEAM

DR. CHERI EHRLICH
DR. ANN HOLT
DR. YEN JU-LIN

DR. KAREN KEIFER-BOYD
DR. WANDA B KNIGHT
DR. ADETTY PEREZ DE MILES
LINDA STEIN

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DR. HELEN HARDACRE
REBECCA SIEMENS SPOONER
LINDA STEIN

S O C I A L A C T I V I S T P R A I S E F O R
B E E T H E U P S T A N D E R
C O M I C S / G R A P H I C N A R R A T I V E S
CREATED BY PASSIONATE YOUNG ADULTS FOR AGES 7-10 (PLUS COMPASSIONATE ELDERS)
PRODUCED BY THE NON-PROFIT HAVE ART: WILL TRAVEL! INC FOR COURAGEOUS KINDNESS

BLURBS TO BE ADDED