

LIVING AT THE INTERSECTION

INTERSECTIONALITY: THE THEORY THAT THE OVERLAP OF VARIOUS SOCIAL IDENTITIES SUCH AS RACE, GENDER, ABILITY, AND CLASS CONTRIBUTE TO THE SPECIFIC TYPE OF SYSTEMATIC OPPRESSION AND DISCRIMINATION EXPERIENCED BY AN INDIVIDUAL.

IMAGINE HOW EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US LIVES IN THE WORLD, WITH DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS AND EXPERIENCES.

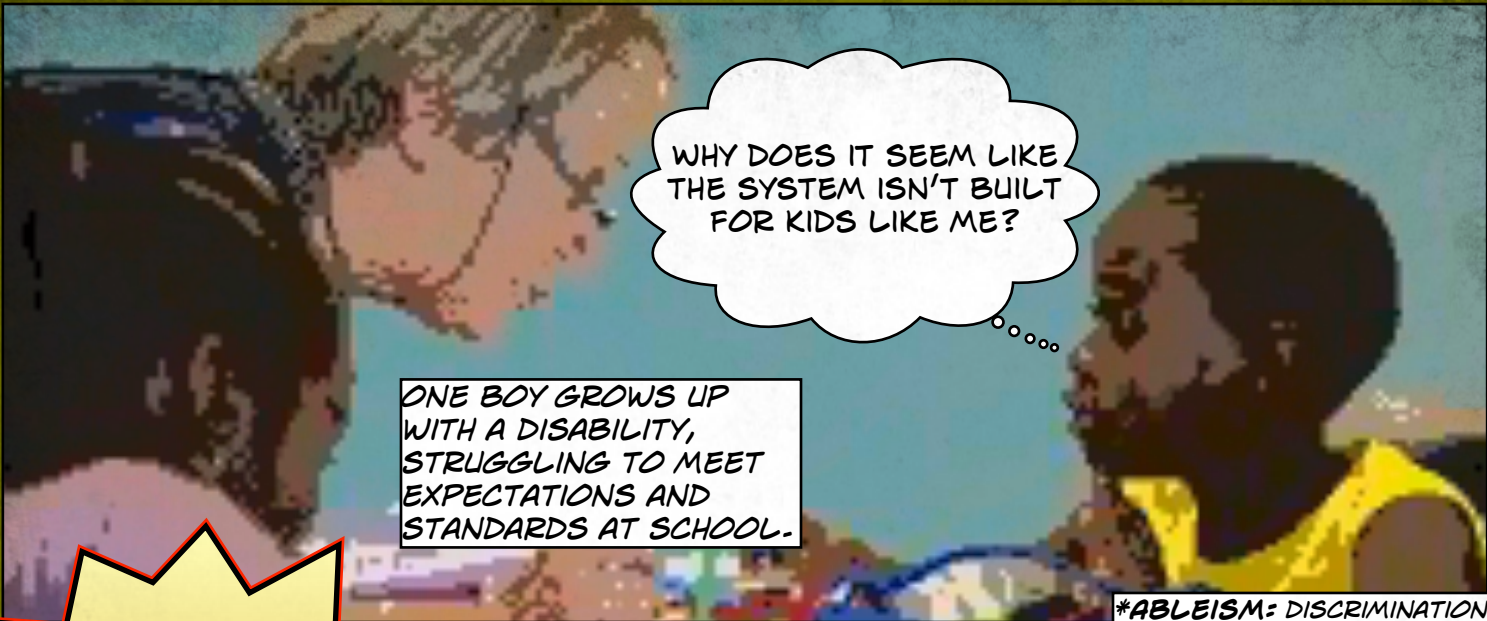
I HAVE AN IDENTITY COMPLETELY UNIQUE TO ME THAT GRANTS ME....

privileges

AS WELL AS EXPOSES ME TO...

AS WE ALL WALK DIFFERENT PATHS THROUGH LIFE, SOME OF US GET THE GREEN LIGHT WHILE SOME OF US EXPERIENCE COLLISIONS OR WALLS BUILT IN FRONT OF US.

Oppression



WHY DOES IT SEEM LIKE THE SYSTEM ISN'T BUILT FOR KIDS LIKE ME?

ONE BOY GROWS UP WITH A DISABILITY, STRUGGLING TO MEET EXPECTATIONS AND STANDARDS AT SCHOOL.

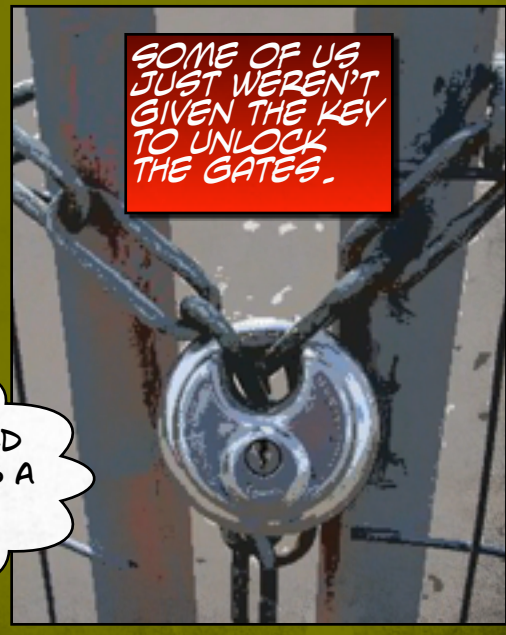
OUR SCHOOLS, PLACES OF WORK, RECREATIONAL AREAS, AND MORE HAVE BEEN OPERATING WITH ABLEIST* NOTIONS OF WHAT "NORMAL" IS.

*ABLEISM: DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PEOPLE WHO HAVE DISABILITIES; IN FAVOR OF ABLE-BODIED, SANE PEOPLE

WHAT IF WE VALUED DIVERSITY?



ANOTHER TEENAGER WALKS, AFRAID OF THE RACISM* THAT PLAGUES THE STREETS...



SOME OF US JUST WEREN'T GIVEN THE KEY TO UNLOCK THE GATES.

WHAT IF MY BLACK BODY COULD BE VALUED JUST AS A MUCH AS A WHITE PERSON?

*RACISM: DISCRIMINATION OR ANTAGONISM DIRECTED AGAINST SOMEONE OF A DIFFERENT RACE BASED ON THE BELIEF THAT ONE'S OWN RACE IS SUPERIOR

IN MANY OTHER CONTEXTS, WOMEN MAY FACE DISCRIMINATION AND HAVE OTHER BARRIERS TO FACE...



I WAS TOLD I WASN'T GOOD ENOUGH.

I AM AFRAID TO WALK ALONE.

ONE GIRL AND HER FRIENDS KNOW THAT THEIR EDUCATION WILL HELP THEM STAY IN THE FAST LANE, BUT **SEXISM*** AND DISCRIMINATION ARE THE POTHOLES AND ICY ROADS THEY FIND.

***SEXISM:** PREJUDICE OR DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SEX ESPECIALLY AGAINST WOMEN

WE'VE MADE STRIDES IN OTHER WAYS TOWARDS EQUALITY BUT SOME THINGS STILL PERSIST...

OUR WORTH EVALUATED BASED ON OUR APPEARANCE

"WHY DON'T YOU SMILE MORE?"

CATCALLS WHIZZING PAST

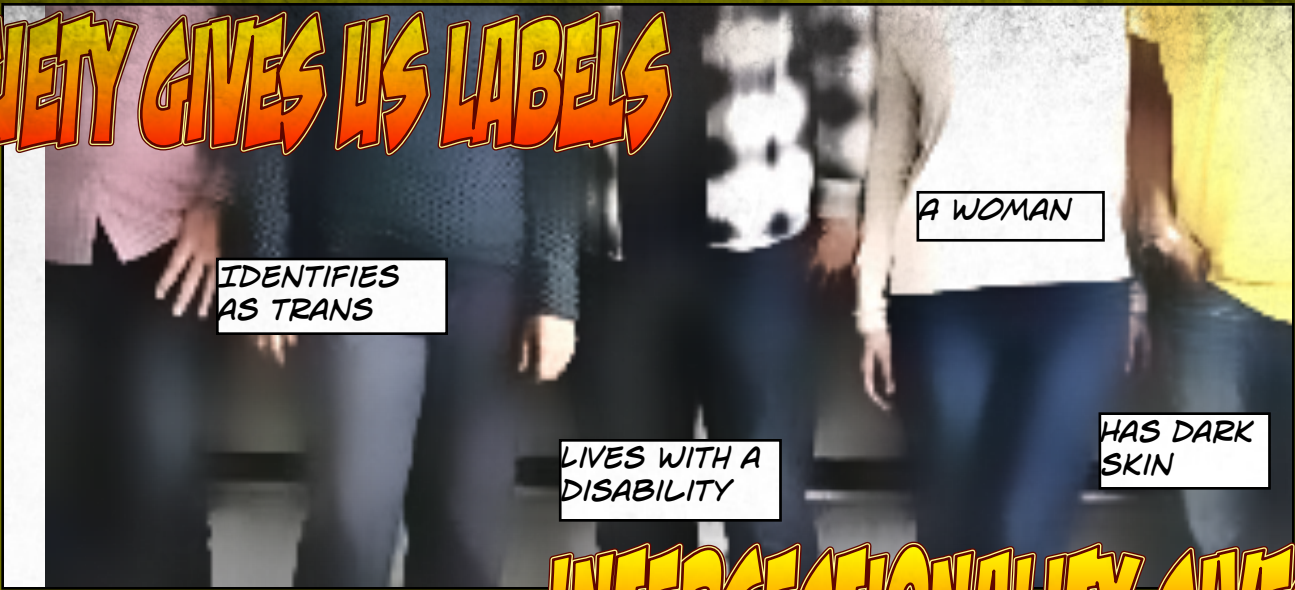
TRANSPHOBIA* MAKES SIMPLE TASKS LIKE GOING TO THE RESTROOM AN UPHILL BATTLE EVERYDAY.

ONE WOMAN GREW UP IN A MALE BODY - SHE IDENTIFIES WITH A DIFFERENT GENDER THAN WHAT WAS ASSIGNED TO HER AT BIRTH.



***TRANSPHOBIA:** PREJUDICE AGAINST TRANSEXUAL OR TRANSGENDER PEOPLE

SOCIETY GIVES US LABELS



INTERSECTIONALITY GIVES US NEW PATHS TO EXPLORE

WHAT IF I TOLD YOU THEY WERE ALL ME? PEOPLE USUALLY MAKES ASSUMPTIONS AND ISOLATE SINGULAR PARTS OF MY IDENTITY. I AM SO MUCH MORE THAN THAT!

I LIVE AT THE INTERSECTION OF EACH OF THESE IDENTITIES. THEY MAKE ME WHO I AM.

INTERSECTIONALITY MEANS THAT SYSTEMS OF OPPRESSION AND PRIVILEGE OPERATE TOGETHER. IN REALITY, WE ALL HAVE MULTIPLE IDENTITIES THAT INTERSECT.



LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO CLEAR THE WAY AND HELP REBUILD A MORE EQUAL AND FAIR SOCIETY ACROSS BOUNDARIES OF DIFFERENCE.



NO ONE'S EXPERIENCE IS THE SAME AND THAT IS PRETTY SPECIAL. UNIQUE EXPERIENCES HELP FORM US ALL AND SHAPE HOW WE MOVE THROUGH THE WORLD. WE ARE ALL HERE, LIVING AT THE INTERSECTION.