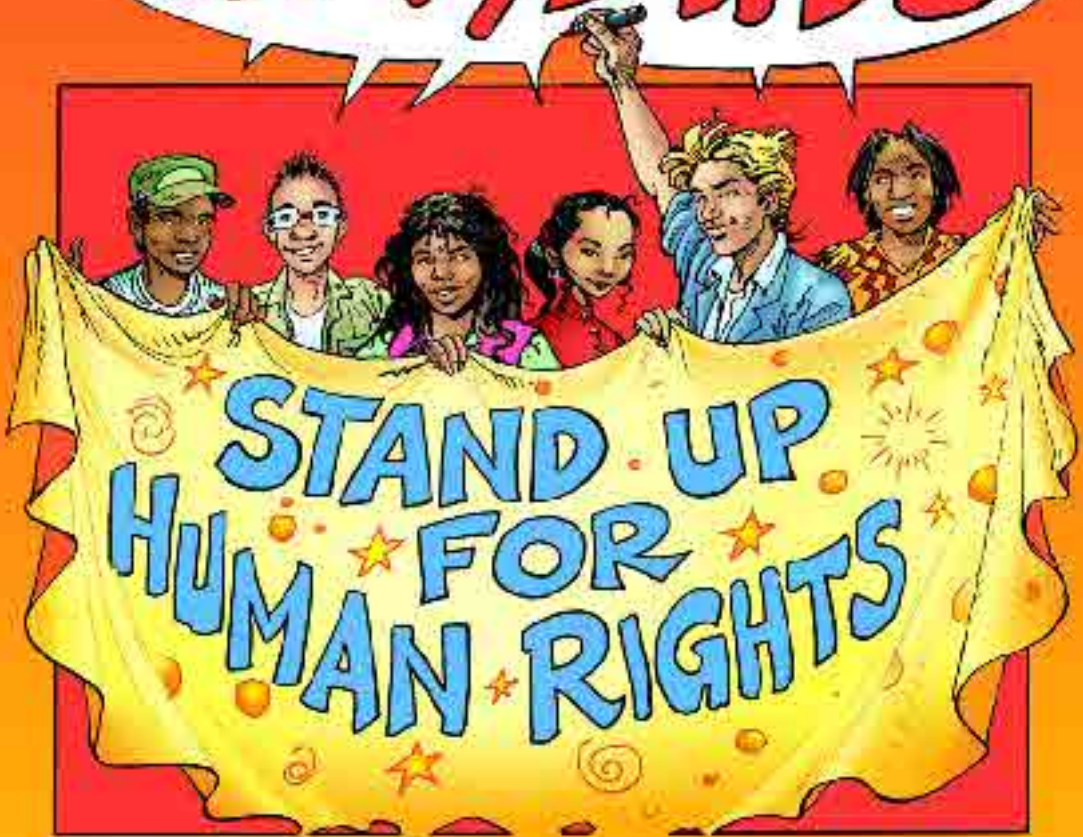


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GLOSSARY

-HIV (HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS) IS A VIRUS THAT WEAKENS THE DEFENCE SYSTEM OF THE BODY. HIV INFECTS CELLS OF THE IMMUNE SYSTEM AND DESTROYS THEIR FUNCTION LEADING TO 'IMMUNE DEFICIENCY'. A PERSON INFECTED WITH HIV MAY LOOK AND FEEL HEALTHY FOR MANY YEARS. HOWEVER, THE PERSON IS STILL ABLE TO PASS ON THE VIRUS.

-AIDS (ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME) IS CAUSED BY INFECTION WITH THE VIRUS HIV. OVER TIME THE IMMUNE SYSTEM BECOMES SERIOUSLY WEAKENED SO THAT THE BODY LOSES ITS ABILITY TO FIGHT OFF INFECTION THAT IT WOULD NORMALLY HAVE FOUGHT. THE INFECTED PERSON DEVELOPS A NUMBER OF SERIOUS INFECTIONS AND ILLNESSES, WHICH EVENTUALLY LEADS TO DEATH. ONCE A PERSON WHO HAS HIV GETS ONE OR A NUMBER OF OPPORTUNISTIC INFECTIONS, THAT PERSON IS SAID TO HAVE AIDS...

-SOME PEOPLE DEVELOP AIDS SOONLY AFTER BEING INFECTED WITH HIV, YET SOME LIVE WITH HIV FOR TEN OR MORE YEARS BEFORE DEVELOPING AIDS.

HIV/AIDS-RELATED DISCRIMINATION IS TREATING SOMEONE UNFAIRLY AND UNJUSTLY BASED ON THE FACT THAT THEY ARE ACTUALLY LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS OR THAT YOU THINK THEY ARE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS

ALL HUMAN BEINGS ARE BORN WITH HUMAN RIGHTS. HUMAN RIGHTS LAW, AGREED UPON BY MANY GOVERNMENTS, AIMS TO ENSURE THAT EVERY PERSON IN THE WORLD IS TREATED WITH RESPECT AND DIGNITY. THESE LAWS STATE WHAT CAN AND WHAT CANNOT BE DONE TO YOU, AND WHAT SHOULD BE DONE FOR YOU. THESE LAWS CAN BE FOUND IN DOCUMENTS LIKE THE UNITED NATIONS' CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD.



ONE DAY AT THE FOOTBALL FIELD...

HELLO, FREDDY...



ARE YOU COMING TO PLAY FOOTBALL WITH US? NO, SORRY! I HAVE TO GO HOME AND HELP MY MOTHER WHO'S SICK!



OK WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIS MOTHER?

WELL, I HEARD THAT SHE IS HIV POSITIVE.

REALLY? SHE'S HIV POSITIVE?

BUT THAT'S TERRIBLE. SHE SHOULD BE TOLD TO LEAVE THE VILLAGE...



YEAH... I'M AFRAID. LET'S NOT PLAY WITH FREDDY ANY MORE...



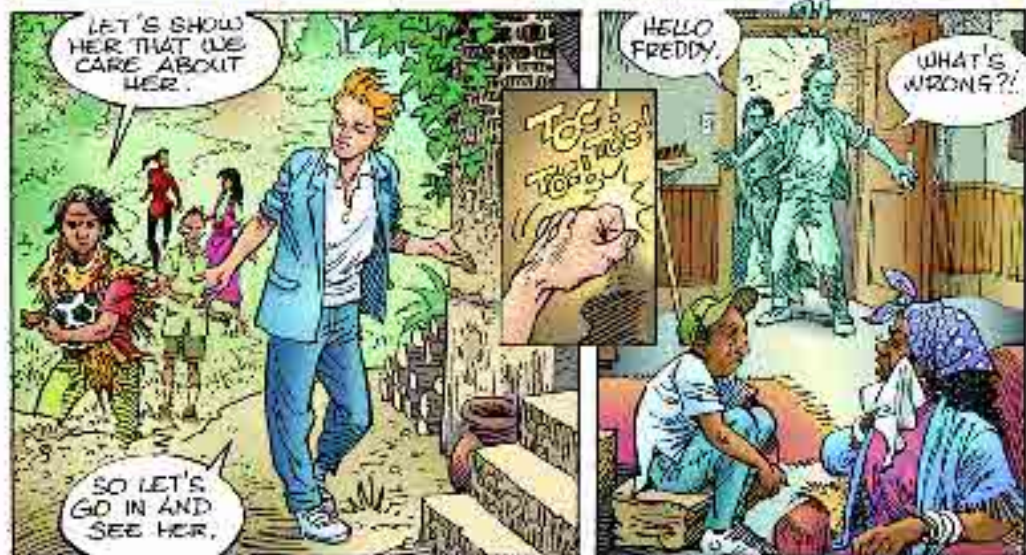
YOU'RE RIGHT! WE SHOULDN'T PLAY WITH HIM.



BUT... WHAT, WHY ARE YOU AFRAID?









I'M FEELING SICK SO I WENT TO THE HEALTH CENTRE BUT NO ONE PAID ATTENTION TO ME AND I WAITED SEVERAL HOURS.

IT'S OK TO HUG SOMEONE LIVING WITH HIV

YOU SEE, I'M HIV POSITIVE!



IN THE END I WENT UP AND ASKED THE DOCTOR AND HE SAID THAT THEY COULDN'T DO ANYTHING FOR ME AND TOLD ME TO LEAVE.



BUT THIS IS WRONG! YOU NEED HELP, YOU ARE SICK LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, WHY ARE YOU BEING TREATED DIFFERENTLY? THIS IS DISCRIMINATION





LATER THAT DAY
AT ALISHA'S
HOUSE...

HOW WAS
YOUR DAY?

WHAT
DID YOU
LEARN?

IT WAS OK
I LEARNT A
LOT ABOUT
HIV/AIDS
TODAY.



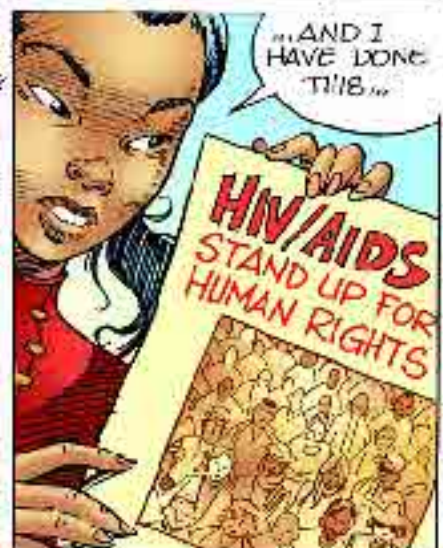
WELL... FREEDY'S
MUM TOLD US THAT
SHE IS HIV POSITIVE
AND WAS UPSET
BECAUSE SHE WENT
TO THE HEALTH CLINIC
WHERE YOU ARE IN
CHARGE AND THEY
REFUSED TO
HELP HER.

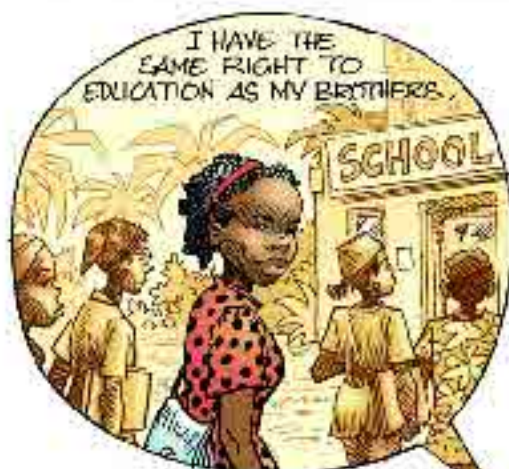


IT'S
UNACCEPTABLE!
I WILL TAKE CARE OF
THIS FIRST THING
TOMORROW
MORNING...

OUR
CENTRE
HAS THE
RESPONSIBILITY
TO TREAT ALL
EQUALLY











PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS.

...AND KNOW THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS.



SO THAT IF THEIR RIGHTS ARE VIOLATED PEOPLE CAN SPEAK OUT!




YOU SEEM TO KNOW A LOT ABOUT HIV.

YEAH, BECAUSE ACTUALLY I AM HIV POSITIVE AS WELL.



REMEMBER...



THE HIV VIRUS CANNOT BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH SHAKING HANDS, HUGGING, TOUCHING, KISSING, PETTING, COUGHING, SNEEZING, SWIMMING, POOLS AND TOILETS, EATING UTENSILS OR FOOD, SHAKING BELLS, BED LINES AND CLOTHES, OR THROUGH MOSQUITO BITES.

THE HIV VIRUS IS TRANSMITTED (PASSED FROM ONE PERSON TO ANOTHER) THROUGH THE EXCHANGE OF HIV-INFECTED

BODY FLUIDS THROUGH:

— UNPROTECTED (WITHOUT A CONDOM) SEXUAL INTERCOURSE WITH SOMEONE WHO IS INFECTED


— UNSTERILISED EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING NEEDLES,

SYRINGES, RAZOR BLADES AND OTHERS THAT HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY USED BY SOMEONE WHO IS INFECTED.

— TRANSFUSION OF INFECTED BLOOD OR BLOOD PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN THE HIV VIRUS.


— AN INFECTED MOTHER TO HER CHILD DURING PREGNANCY, AT CHILD BIRTH OR THROUGH BREAST-FEEDING

EVERYONE HAS A RIGHT TO INFORMATION, INCLUDING HIV/AIDS RELATED INFORMATION. WE NEED TO BE INFORMED AND SPEAK OPENLY ABOUT HIV/AIDS TO PREVENT INFECTION AND TO HELP THOSE ALREADY INFECTED.




PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS HAVE A RIGHT TO BE TREATED WITH RESPECT AND DIGNITY. YOU SHOULD TREAT PERSONS LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS LIKE EVERYONE ELSE.


FREEDOM FROM DISCRIMINATION FOR ANY REASON (RACE, COLOUR, SEX OR RELIGION, THE OPINIONS YOU HAVE, WHERE YOU COME FROM, WHETHER YOU ARE HEALTHY OR ILL, AND WHATEVER YOUR SEXUAL CHOICES) IS A HUMAN RIGHT THAT EVERYONE SHOULD ENJOY AND ALL SHOULD RESPECT.



ALL GOVERNMENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS. GOVERNMENTS SHOULD NOT DISCRIMINATE.



PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV CAN HELP EVERYONE BETTER UNDERSTAND HIV AND AIDS AND NOT BE FRIGHTENED OF IT. THEY CAN HELP OTHERS TAKE STEPS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AND THEIR LOVED ONES.

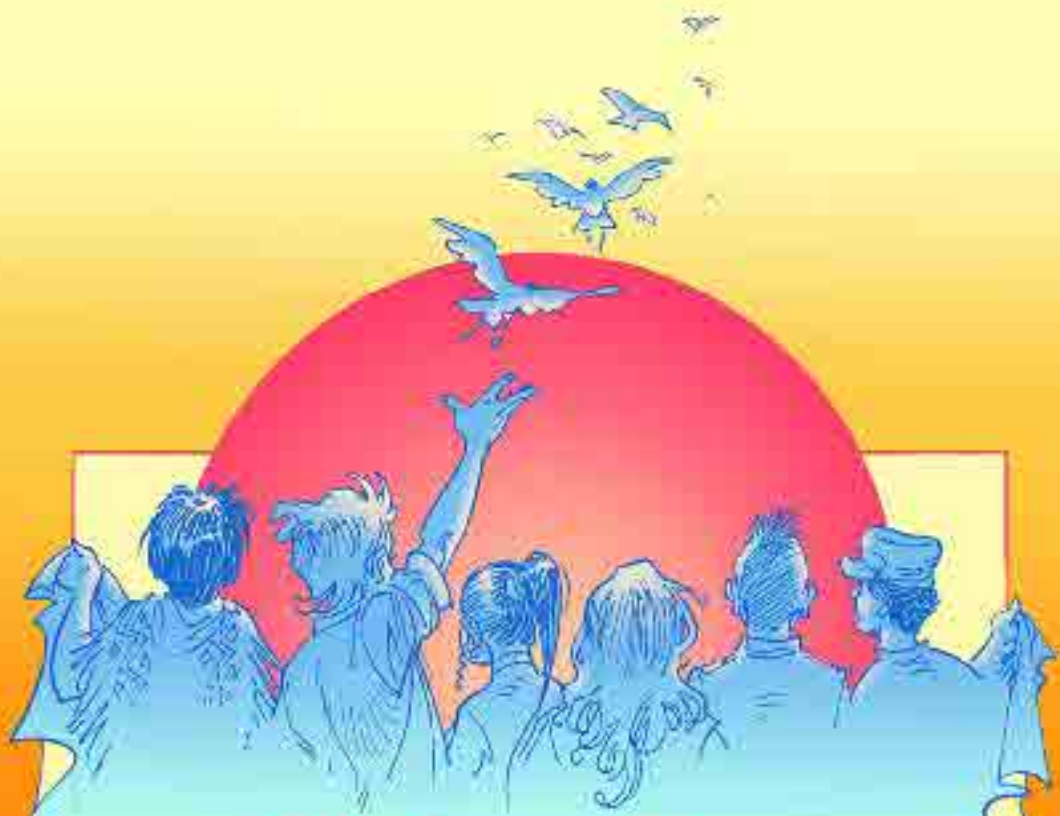


DISCRIMINATION IS WRONG AND UNFAIR. IT IS A VIOLATION OF ANOTHER PERSON'S RIGHT. THOSE WHO DISCRIMINATE SHOULD BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS...

STAND UP FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. TAKE ACTION AGAINST HIV/AIDS DISCRIMINATION. YOU CAN MAKE THINGS HAPPEN!..

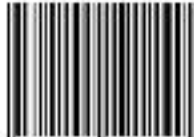
WRITE DOWN YOUR
IDEAS ON HOW YOU CAN
TAKE ACTION...





*Stand up for
human rights*

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