

HIV/AIDS



Office of the United Nations
High Commissioner
for Human Rights



Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNAIDS
UNICEF-WFP-UNDP-UNFPA-UNODC
ILO-UNESCO-WHO-WORLD BANK



WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

**© World Health Organization, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS,
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, 2003**

All rights reserved. Publications of the World Health Organization can be obtained from Marketing and Dissemination, World Health Organization, 20 Avenue Appia, 1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland (tel: +41 22 791 2476; fax: +41 22 791 4857; email: bookorders@who.int). Requests for permission to reproduce or translate WHO publications - whether for sale or for noncommercial distribution - should be addressed to Publications, at the above address (fax: +41 22 791 4806; email: permissions@who.int).

The designations employed and the presentation of the material in this book do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the World Health Organization, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, or the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights concerning the legal status of any country, territory, city or area or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers and boundaries. Dotted lines on maps represent approximate border lines for which there may not yet be full agreement.

The mention of specific companies or of certain manufacturers' products does not imply that they are endorsed or recommended by the World Health Organization, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, or the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in preference to others of a similar nature that are not mentioned. Errors and omissions excepted, the names of proprietary products are distinguished by initial capital letters.

The World Health Organization, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, or the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights does not warrant that the information contained in this publication is complete and correct and shall not be liable for any damages incurred as a result of its use.

WHO Library Cataloguing-in-Publication Data

HIV/AIDS - stand up for human rights.

1.HIV infections - psychology 2.Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome - psychology 3.Prejudice
4.Human rights 5.Popular works 6.Cartoons

I. World Health Organization II.UNAIDS III. United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Responsible Units:

Helena Nygren-Krug
Health and Human Rights Adviser,
Department of Ethics, Trade, Human
Rights and Law (ETH)
Sustainable Development and Healthy
Environments (SDE)
World Health Organization (WHO)
www.who.int/hhr

Christina Meinecke
Associate Human Rights Officer
Anti-Discrimination Unit
Office of the United Nations High
Commissioner for Human Rights
(OHCHR)
www.unhchr.ch

Miriam Maluwa
Law and Human Rights Adviser
Office of the Director
Department of Social Mobilisation
and Information
Joint United Nations Programme on
HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)
www.unaids.org

Scenario:

Ian Grubb, Bebe Loff,
Miriam Maluwa, Christina Meinecke,
Helena Nygren-Krug and
Tanya Norton.

Drawings:

Mohamed Aouamri

Printed in France.

Thanks for comments, suggestions and other input: Theresita Bagasao, Colin Bailey, Anjana Bhushan, Maria Monica Bolis, Dominique Bush, Alex Capron, Andrew Cassels, Marie-Claude Chartier, Yves Charpak, La Chataigneraie School, Nathalie Drew, Fatimah Elawa, Manuela Enwerem, Stu Flavell, Peter Ghys, Asako Hattori, Catherine Howse, Robert Husbands, Elena Ippoliti, Gesa Kupfer, B.S.Lamba, Paulo Lyra, David Miller, Mona Al-Modhwah, Lisa Oldring, David Patterson, Annette Peters, Majeda Sabha, Andy Seale, Winnie Mpanju - Shumbusho, Lene Wendland, Elena Wright, Isabelle De Zoysa.



GLOSSARY

-HIV (HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS) IS A VIRUS THAT DAMAGES 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 SHORTLY 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!

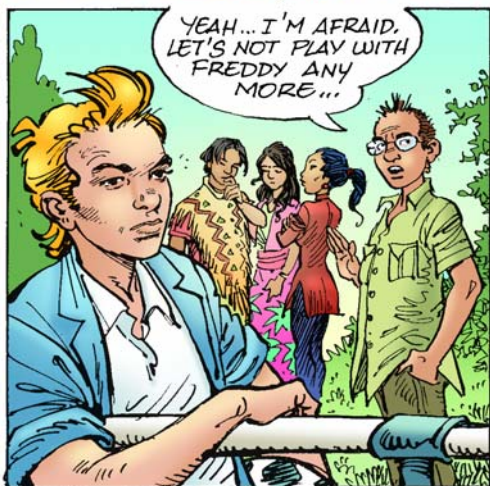


OK WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIS MOTHER?

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...



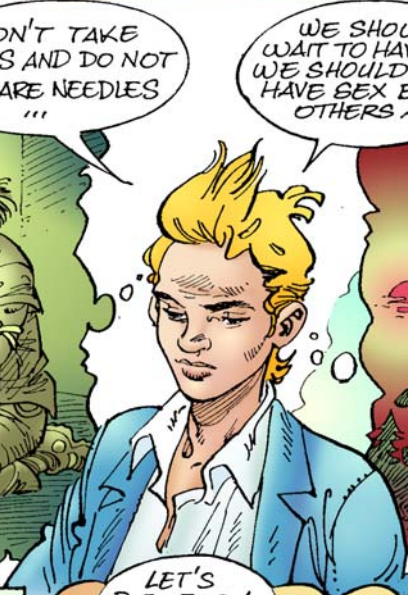
YEAH... I'M AFRAID. LET'S NOT PLAY WITH FREDDY ANY MORE...

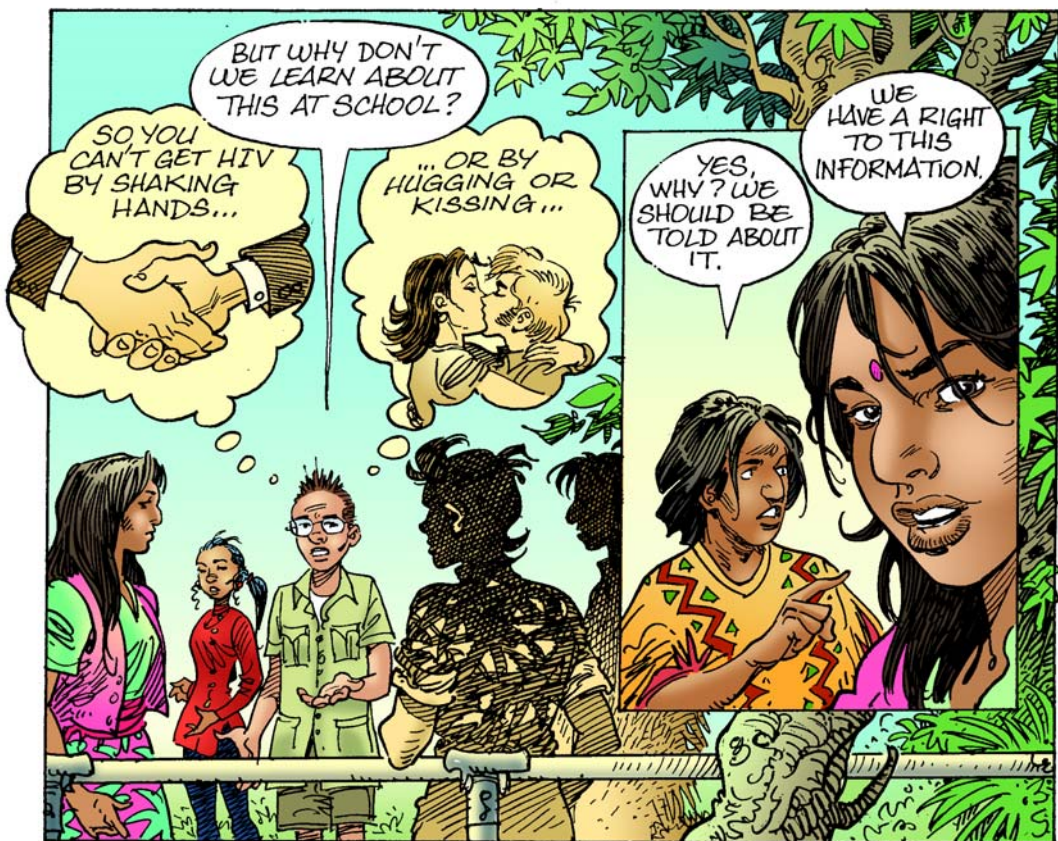


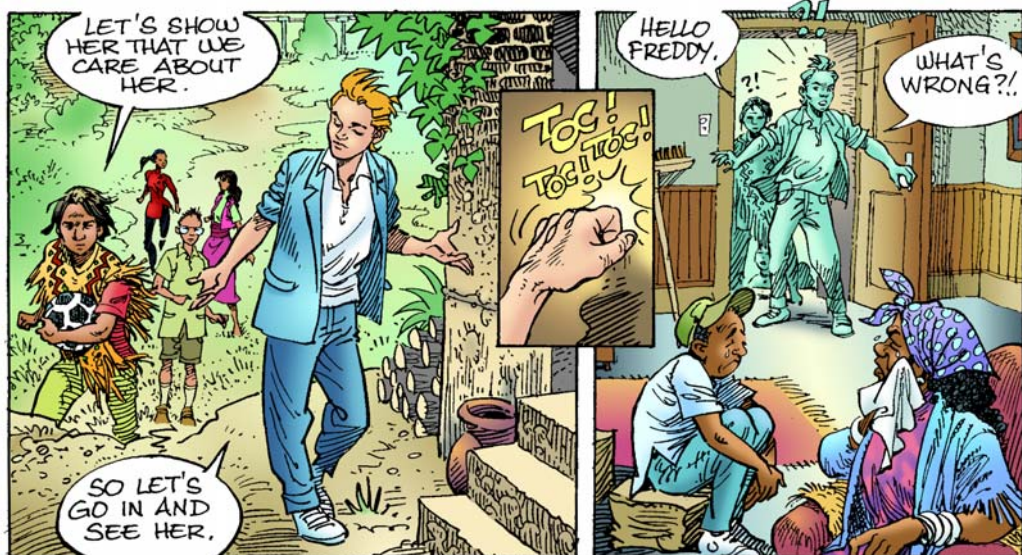
YOU'RE RIGHT! WE SHOULDN'T PLAY WITH HIM.

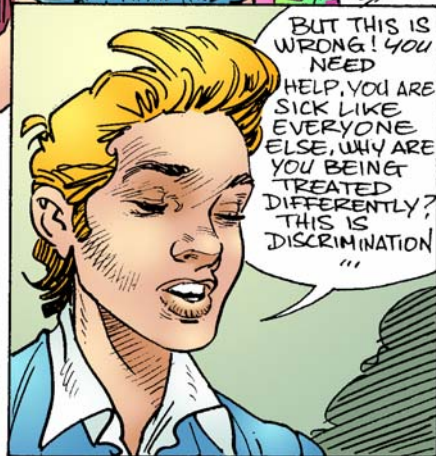
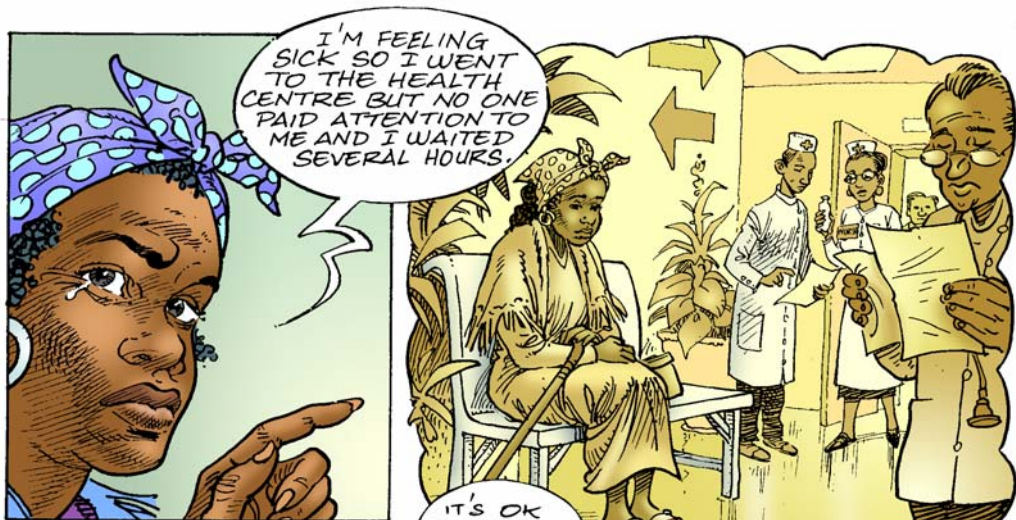


BUT... WAIT, WHY ARE YOU AFRAID?



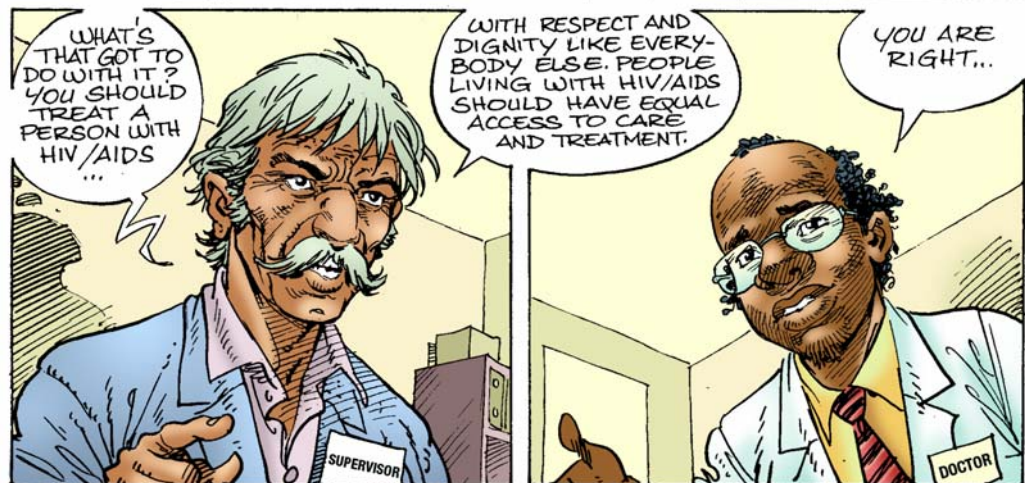




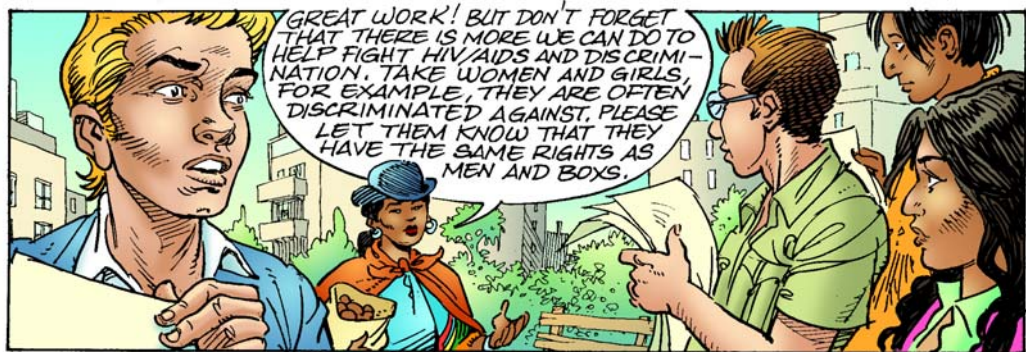










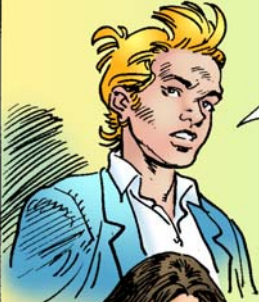








REMEMBER...



THE HIV VIRUS CANNOT BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH SHAKING HANDS, HUGGING, TOUCHING, KISSING, PETTING, COUGHING, SNEEZING, SWIMMING POOLS AND TOILETS, EATING UTENSILS OR FOOD, SHARING BEDS, BED LINEN 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 CHILDBIRTH 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...

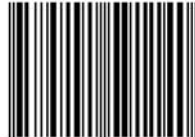
STAND UP FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, TAKE ACTION AGAINST HIV/AIDS DISCRIMINATION! YOU CAN MAKE THINGS HAPPEN!..

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





ISBN 92 4 159114 5



9 789241 591140