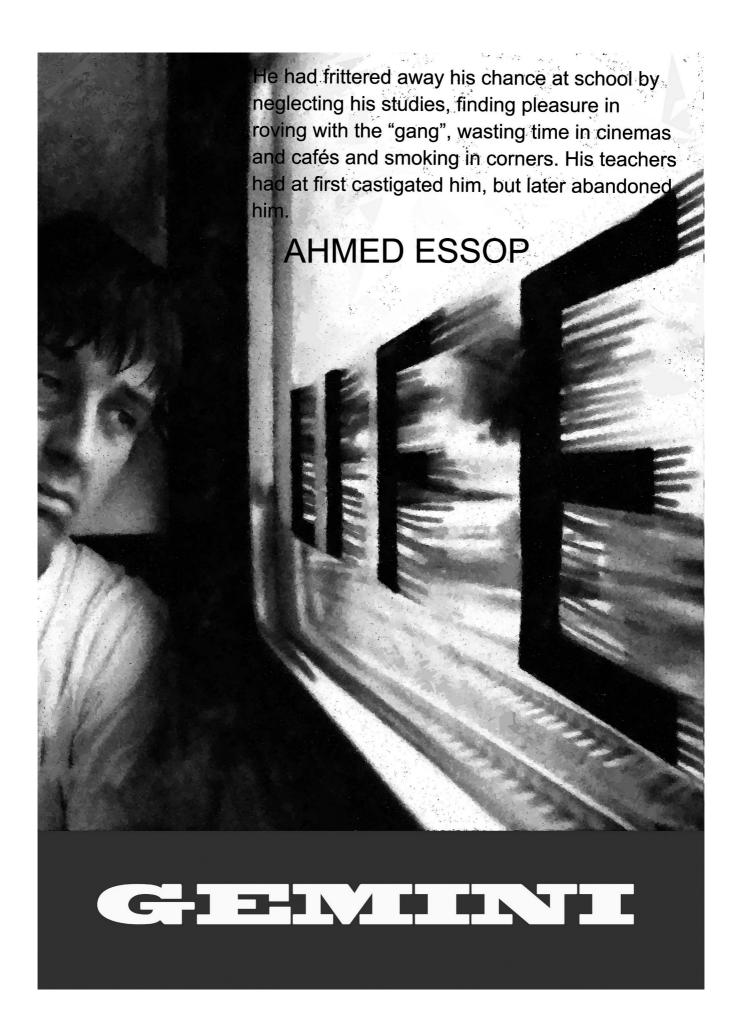
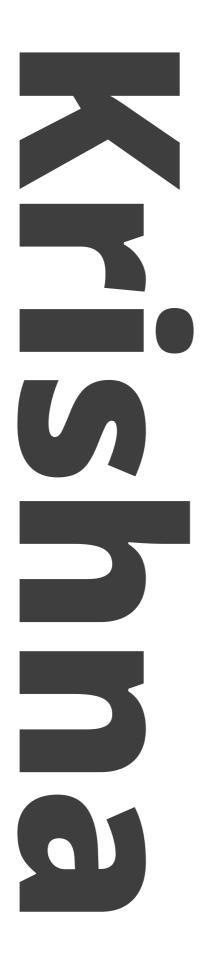
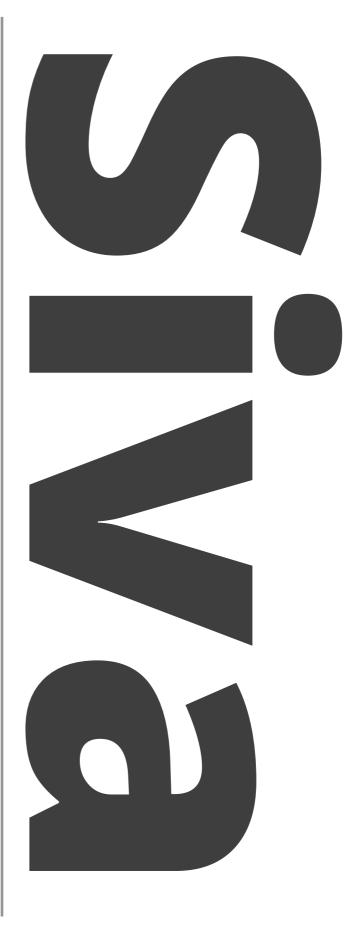
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Literature Module: Short Stories

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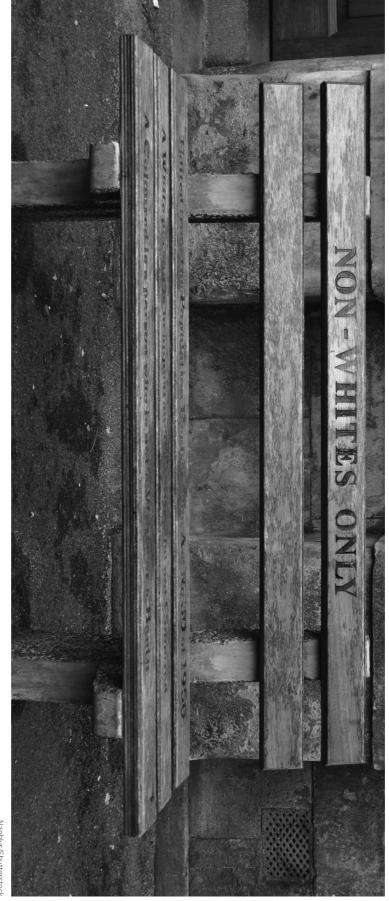






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During Apartheid, people of colour and white people were segregated (separated). White people were giver

privileges and power while people of colour were oppressed by the white ruling government. 'Gemini' is set during this period of time in South African history. 'Gemini' describes the racial segregation in South

describes the hardships that people of colour experienced. During the Apartheid regime, white people had Africa during that time. It explores the advantages and privileges from which white people benefited, and

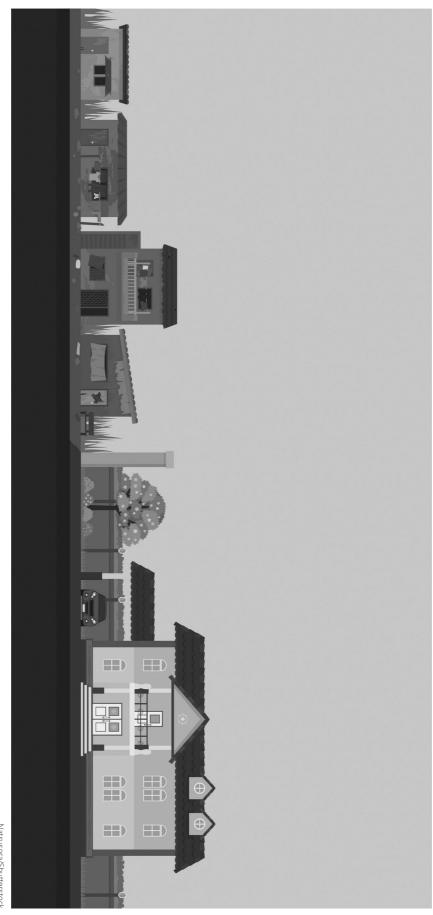
different areas for living, different schools/ education, different jobs, and different powers and privileges

toilets, public transport, entrances to buildings). While people of colour lived in poor conditions and were

subjected to bad education, poor jobs, and discrimination, white people lived very privileged lifestyles.

to people of colour. People of colour were not permitted to use the same facilities as white people (e.g.

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Apartheid ensured that white people were granted privileges, while people of colour suffered from extreme

The effects of inequality were visible throughout South Africa, and throughout the rest of the world.

inequalities. As a result of years of oppression, poor education and lack of social capital are still a huge

obstacle in South Africa. Learners are still receiving bad education, people are still living in dire conditions, people in positions of power are generally white, and due to poor education, many black people battle to find employment. In most parts of South Africa, the discrepancy between the rich and the poor, is huge.

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People who have been oppressed, and have suffered from the effects of inequality, sometimes feel like there is no hope left. People may blame themselves for not being 'further' in life, and may see themselves as a 'failure,' rather than as the victims of an extremely unfair and unequal society. In 'Gemini', the main character believes that he has wasted his academic potential, and that is the reason why he is poor and unable to get a better job. The reader gets the sense that the main character blames himself entirely, instead of recognising that most of his 'failures' are a result of a system that purposefully worked against him.



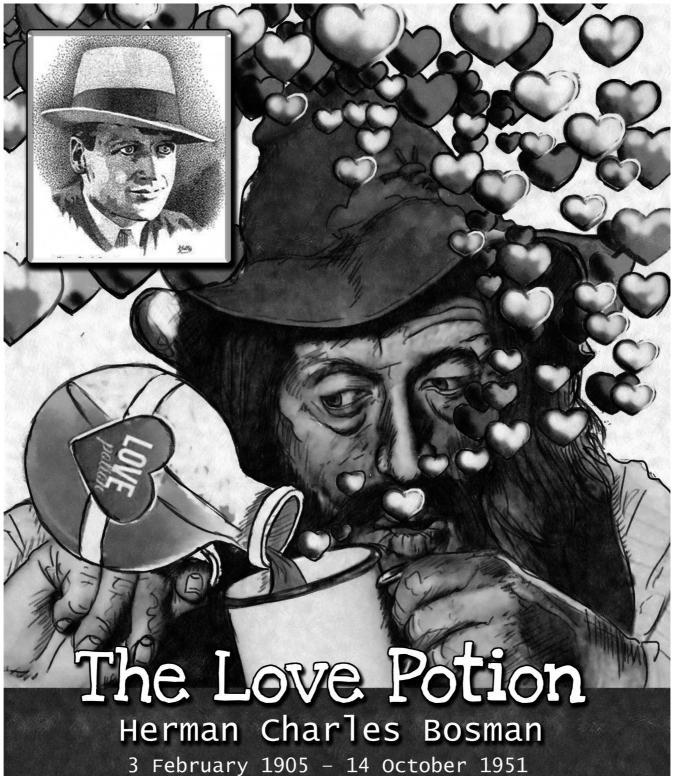
they never could. When adults put too much pressure on children, it might cause them to fail. Some children successful in the same way that they were, or some parents may want their children to succeed in ways that

Many parents put a lot of pressure on their children to succeed. Parents may expect their children to be

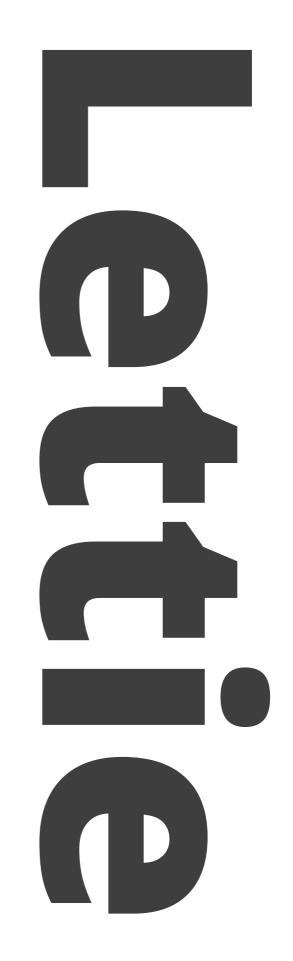
find it hard to cope with so much pressure and end up rebelling against their parents or against authority

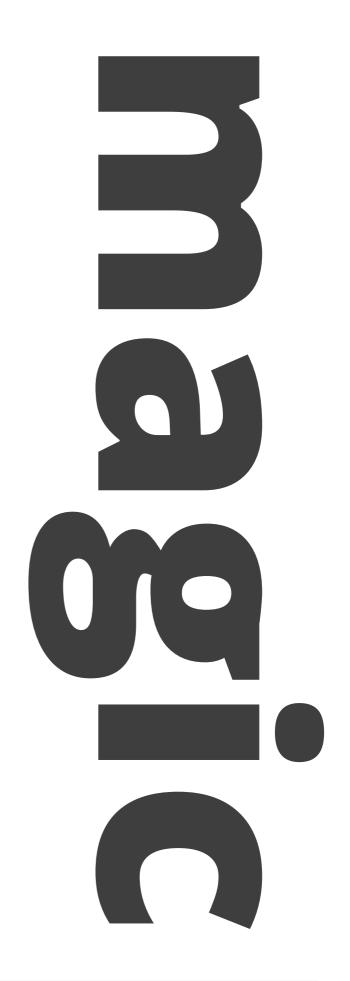
in general. Other children find the pressure too much and they resort to self-harming or even suicide.

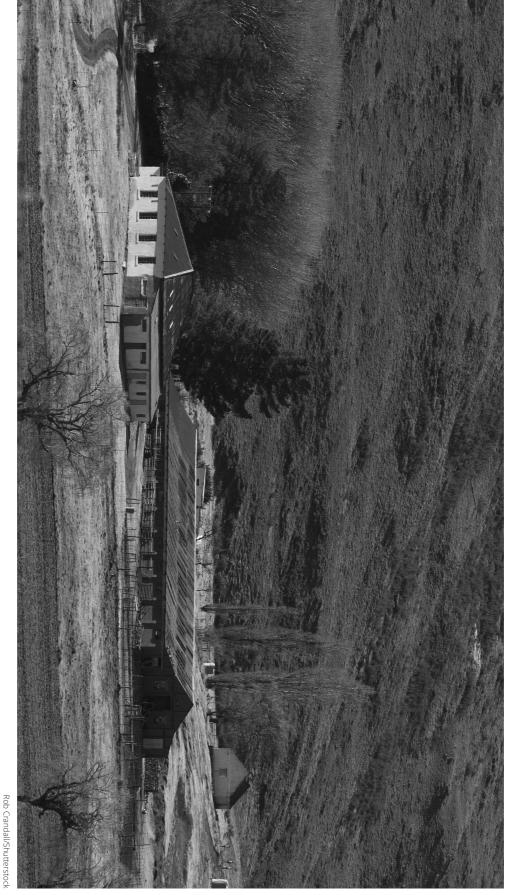
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You mention the juba-plant (Oom Schalk Lourens said). Oh, yes, everybody in the Marico knows about the juba-plant. It grows high up on the krantzes, and they say you must pick off one of its little red berries at midnight, under the full moon. Then, if you are a young man, and you are anxious for a girl to fall in love with you, all you have to do is squeeze the juice of the juba-berry into her coffee.







was known as the Transvaal). During the time the novel was set, Groot Marico was known as a farming community The short story, The Love Potion', is set in Groot Marico, in the Northwest Province (this used to be part of what

(and to a large extend it still is). They were Afrikaans farmers who believed in Afrikaans traditions and folklore.



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people, from different cultures, believe plants have these magical powers, while other people question these

to remedy illness/injury, but also, to implement curses, potions, and wishes (things we hope for). Many

powers. Some people believe that plants don't actually do anything, but because the people believe the

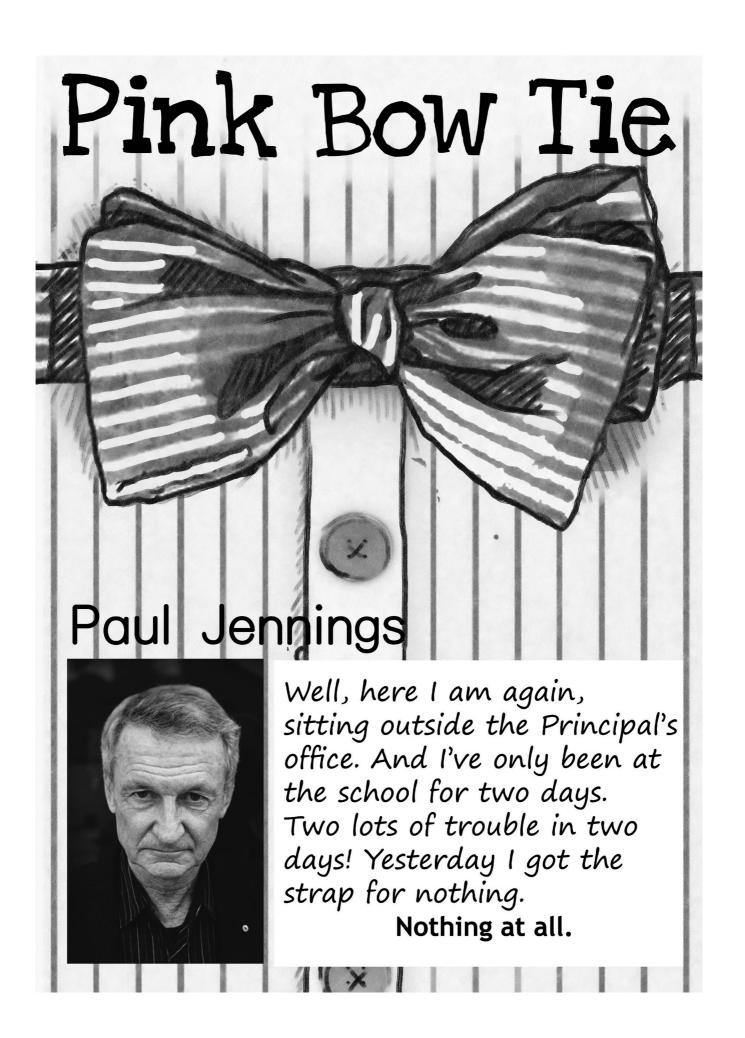
potions have powers, these things will actually happen (power of the mind/playing tricks on the mind).

In South Africa, and in many parts of the world, plants are cherished and seen as an important resource



The image above represents deception. Deception is when people are hiding the truth, or hiding their true feelings. Deception can also be when people purposefully lie and trick other people for their own gain.

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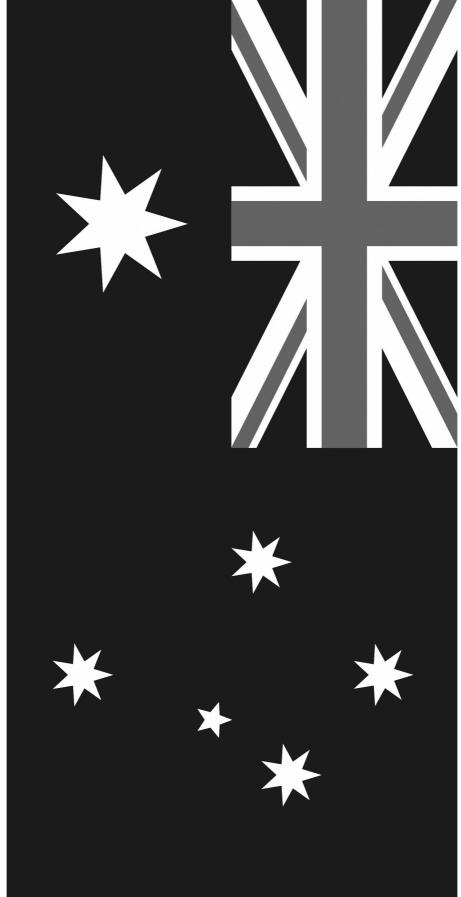


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Luckily, in most cultures, colours are no longer seen as gender specific. 'unemotional'. If a man wore pink, he was seen as 'feminine' or 'weak'. 'Pink Bow Tie' is set in Australia at a time where patriarchal systems were firmly in place. A man's role was to be 'manly', 'tough' and



A rebellious teenager is a teenager who does not listen to authority (the people in charge), and purposefully does something to show that they don't care about authority. Sometimes teenagers are rebellious just because they think it is 'cool,' or because they want to fit in with what their friends are doing. Other teenagers are rebellious because they genuinely don't like the rules and ideals of the people in charge – so they rebel against them.



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indicates that it was also colonised by the British (like South Africa). The British settlers killed most of

the indigenous people in Australia, which means that most of the Australian population is white.

'Pink Bow Tie' is set in Australia. Australia is a country/continent which lies across the Indian Ocean

from South Africa. The Australian flag has the British flag placed within it (top left corner), which

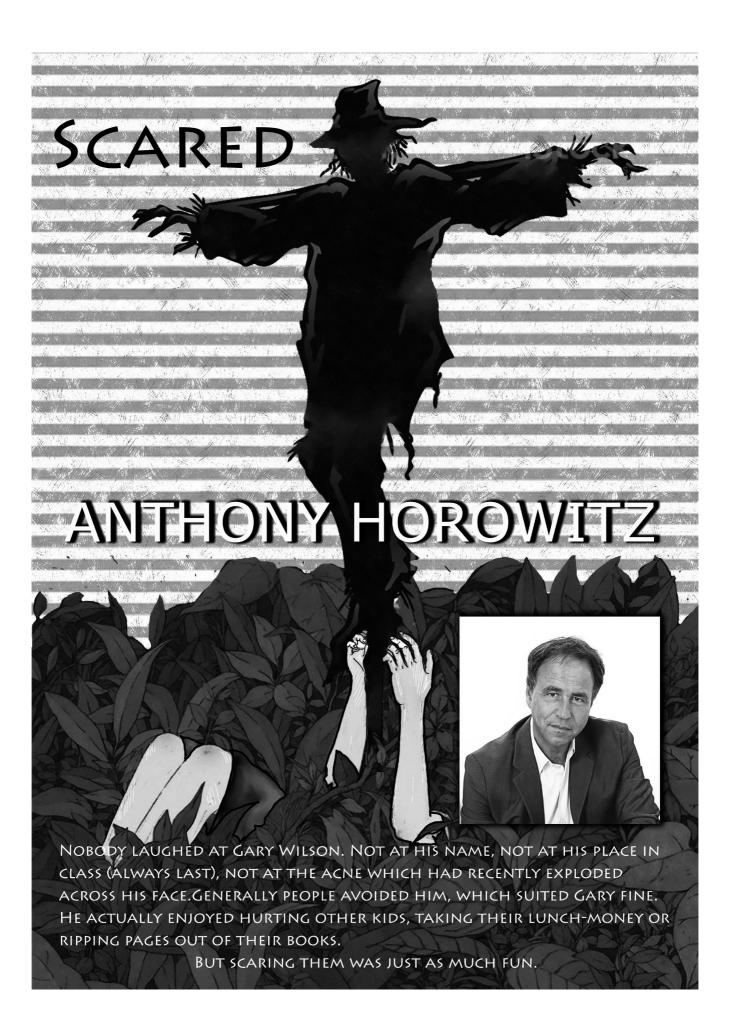


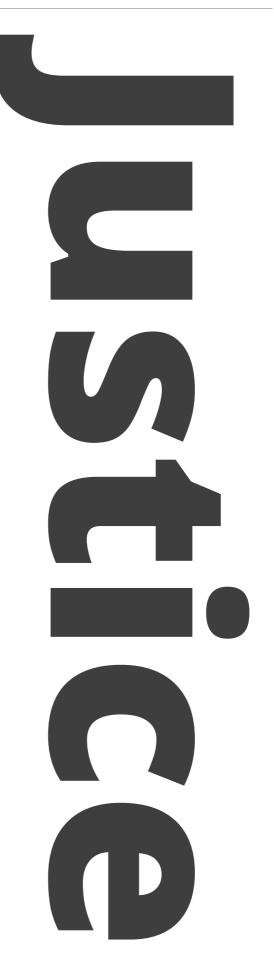
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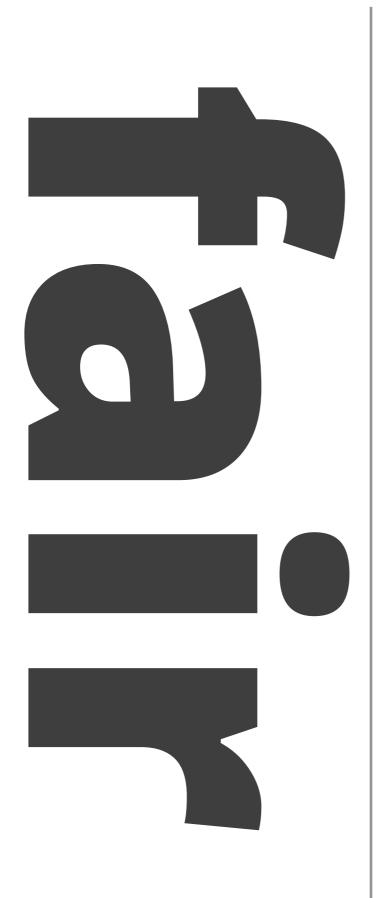
and sometimes there is no set truth. For example, one person may believe in Christianity, but another person believes in Islam. Both of these people believe that their religion is the truth. Neither one of them is wrong nor right – they

In life, we are often left asking the question "What is the truth?" Truth can be a very difficult concept to understand,

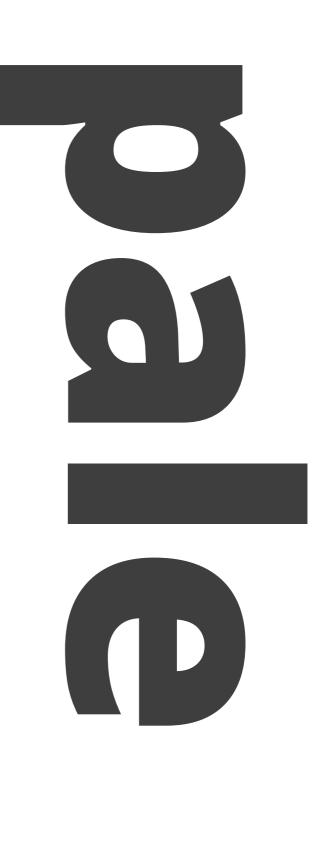
just believe in their own truth. In life, it is often left up to human beings to individually decide what is true for them.



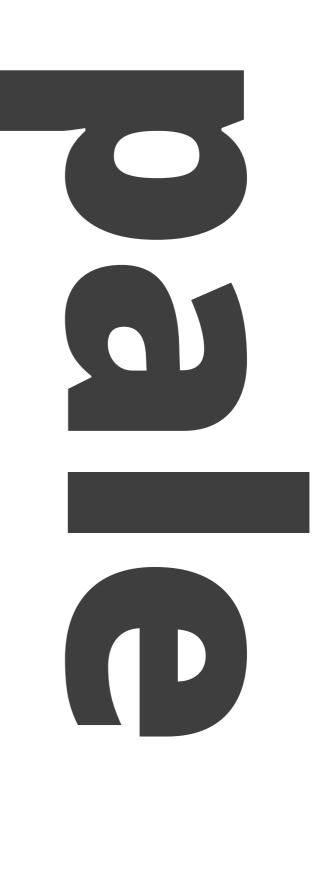














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Justice is when punishment is given to people who have done something wrong. The above picture, shows Lady Justice. She wears a blindfold, which symbolises that justice should be blind. This means that justice

should not be influenced by prejudice, bias or discrimination. Rather, it should be fair and equal.

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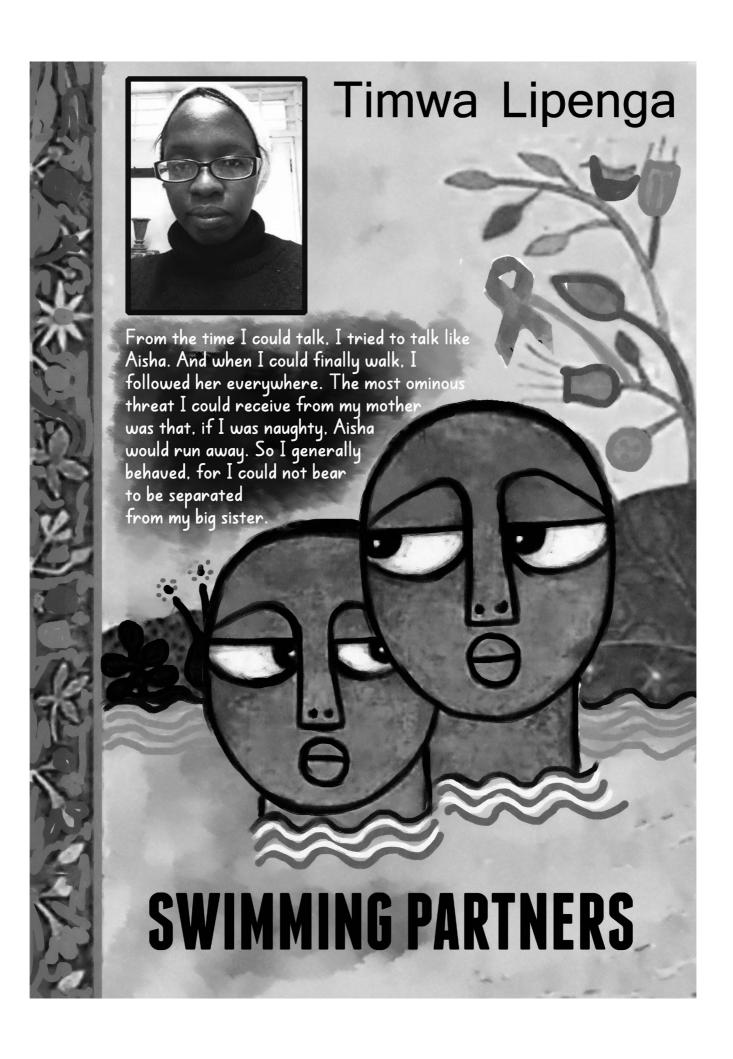
The short story, 'Scared', is set in the countryside in England. It is set in a place called Sussex, which is not far from London. In the countryside there are forests of trees, vast (big) landscapes and many hills.

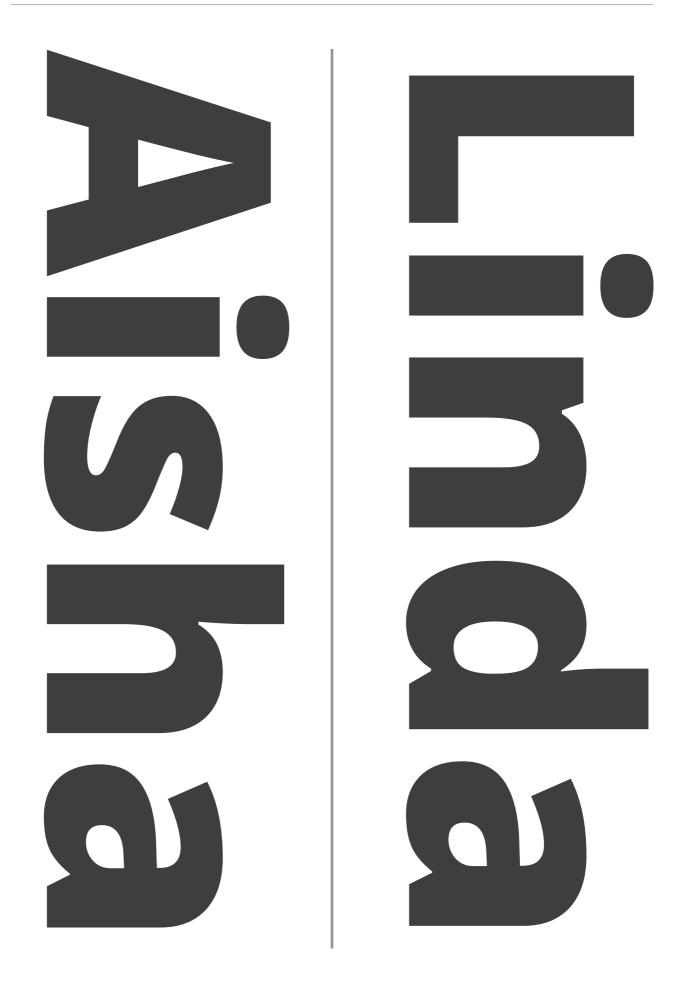
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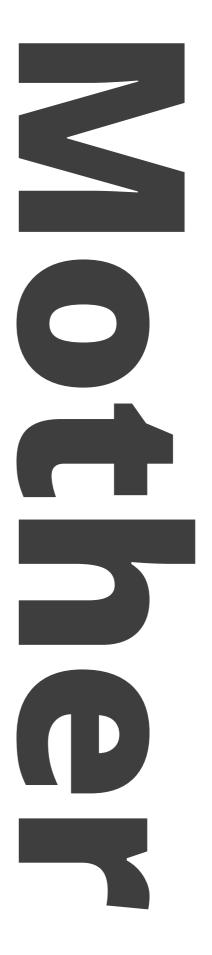
The above image was taken after a hurricane (a very big storm) hit a town. This shows us the power and strength of Mother Nature. It also indicates that we need to have respect for nature, because it is much more powerful than human beings.

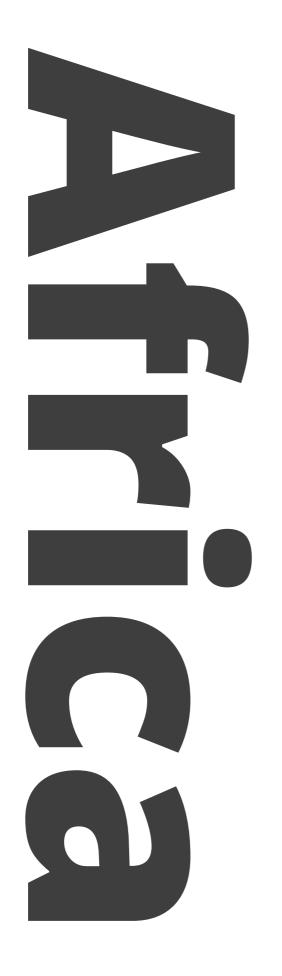
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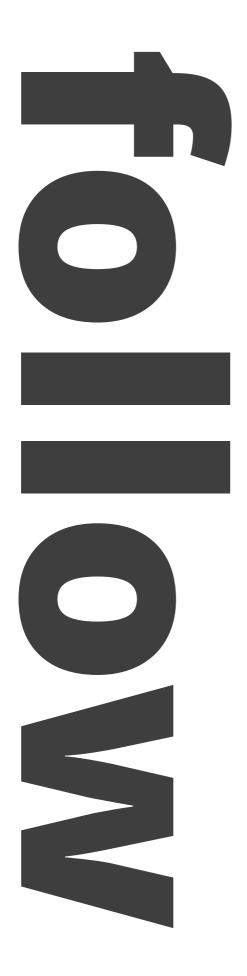
















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unhealthy life, and possibly even dying. When people are too ashamed to disclose their status to sexual partners

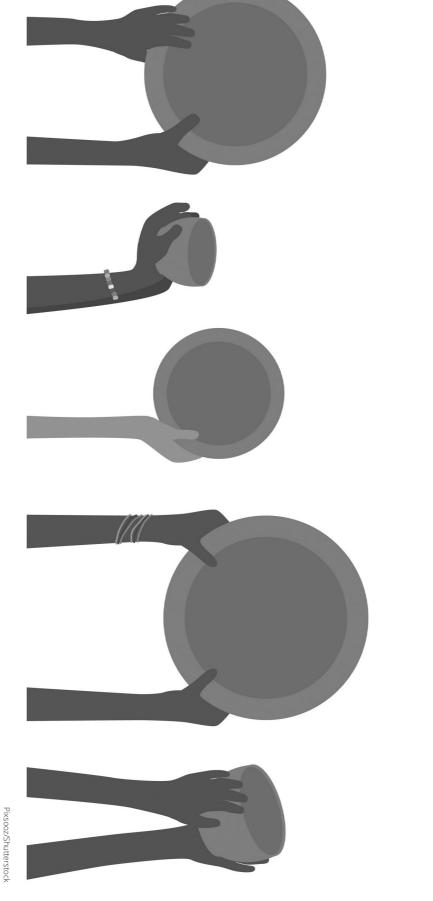
status, so instead of telling people, or asking for help, they keep it hidden. This puts them at risk of living an

In Africa, and all over the world, there is still a stigma (shame) associated with HIV. People feel ashamed of their

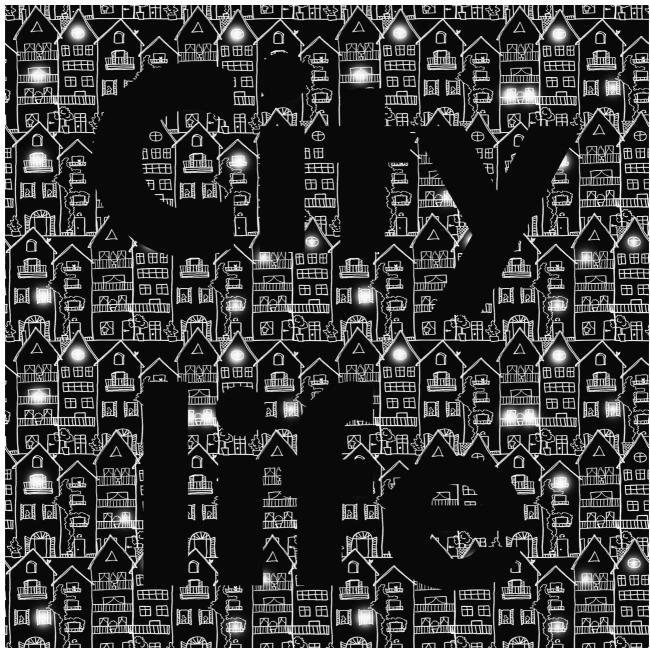
is because many people believe it is a deadly virus, and you have no hope of living a healthy and long life. This is untrue. People who are infected with HIV or Aids can live long and healthy lives if they take care of their bodies

it puts their partners at risk of being infected. One of the reasons that there is still a stigma about HIV and Aids

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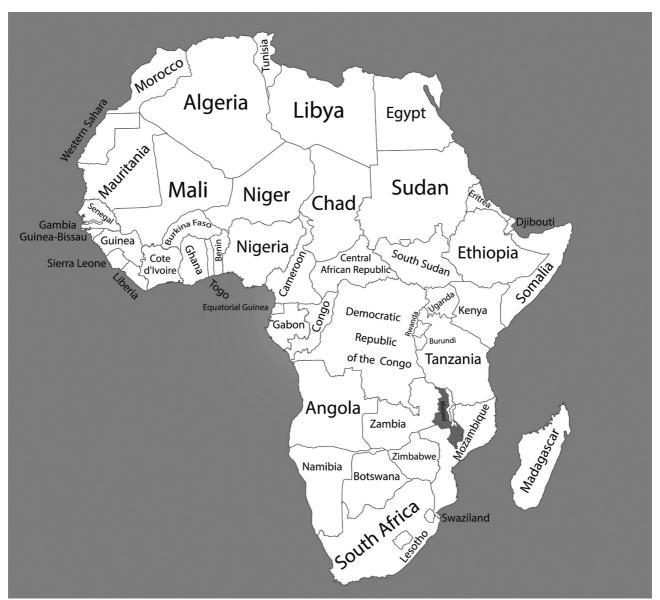


have very few options, some of them resort to crime to feed themselves and their families. Some people turn to alcoho capital' and are less likely to find good employment. When people are living in dire poverty (extreme poverty), and they and drug abuse to 'numb the pain' of their circumstances. Sometimes, when a family is very poor, they may be unable People who are living in poverty are less likely to receive a good education, and therefore, are less likely to have 'social to send their children to school. Therefore, the cycle of poverty is likely to be passed down to the next generation.



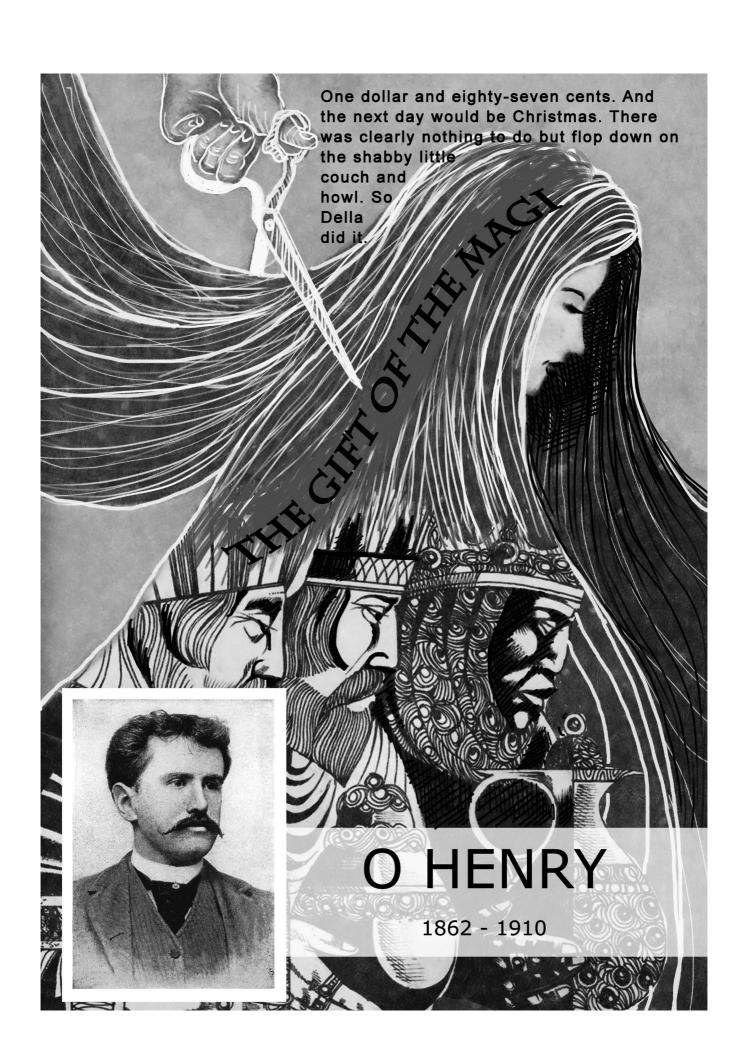
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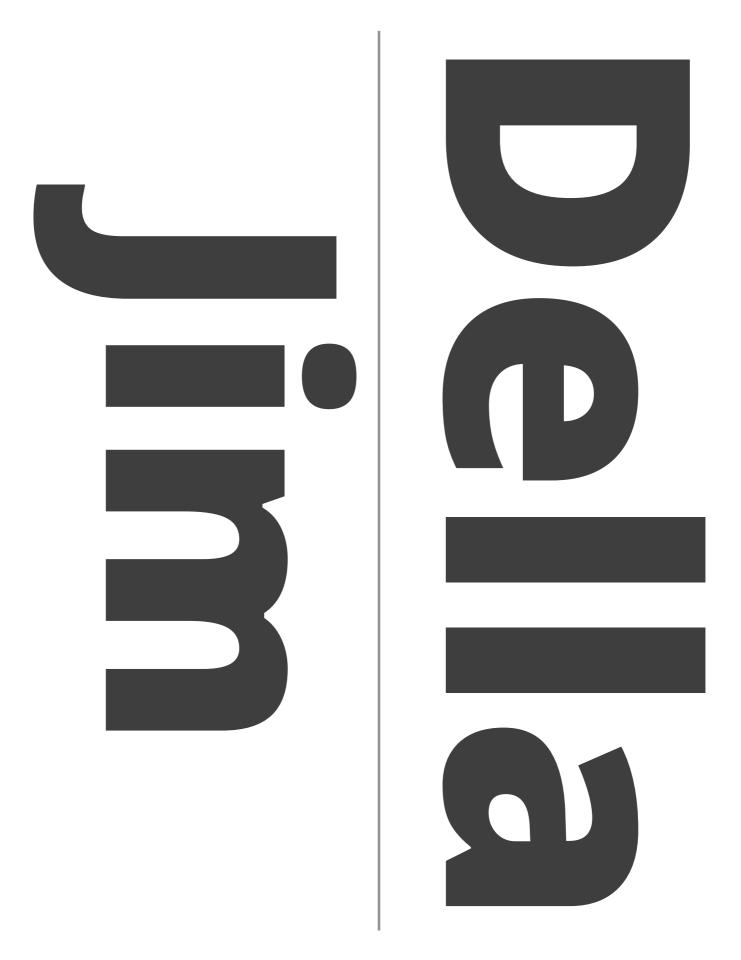
City life has many pull factors which draw people to it. In big cities, there is more opportunity for employment, more opportunity for quality education and more opportunity for self-growth. Many people move to cities in hope of a better, brighter future.

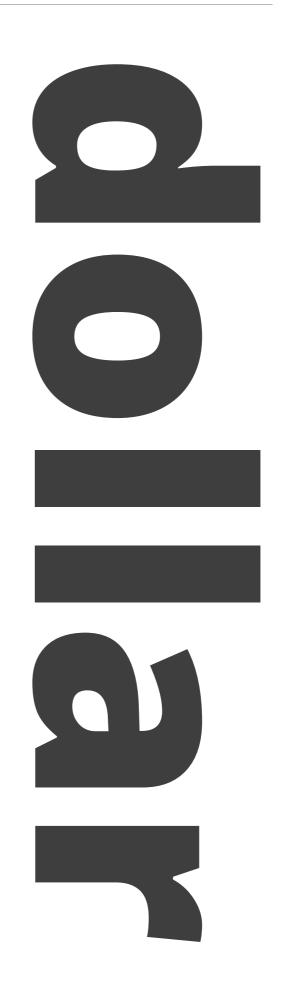


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'Swimming Partners' is set in Malawi. Malawi is an African country that is landlocked between Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The largest city in Malawi is called Lilongwe, and this is the country's capital. Lake Malawi takes up approximately one third of the country. Malawi is one of the least developed countries in Africa.









capital of communications in America. It was also the commercial and financial capital of the country. This means The short story, 'The Gift of the Magi', is set in 1905 in New York City, USA. During this period, New York was the that there was a lot happening in the city, monetary wealth was important and many 'high profile' people lived in the city. New York City is still the capital of many of these aspects, and the city is still held high regard.



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In the early 1900s in New York City, patriarchal systems were firmly entrenched. Women were given the roles of wife, homemaker and mother. It was common for women to be referred to as their husband's property. Men were also expected to think and act in certain ways. Whilst many of these stereotypes are not as blatant in America these days, they are still, however, present.



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Having a lot of money is seen as very important in our society. Many people treasure their financial wealth more than anything else in the world. In 'The Gift of the Magi', the two main characters find happiness in sacrificing each of their most valuable belongings, to make each other happy. Their love for each other brings them more joy than their material items.



The Journey Barrie Hough 1953 - 2004

"I refuse to kiss a boy who stutters And do we really want to spoil a lovely friendship by complicating it?" He could see, from the way her lips twitched, that she was trying hard not to smile







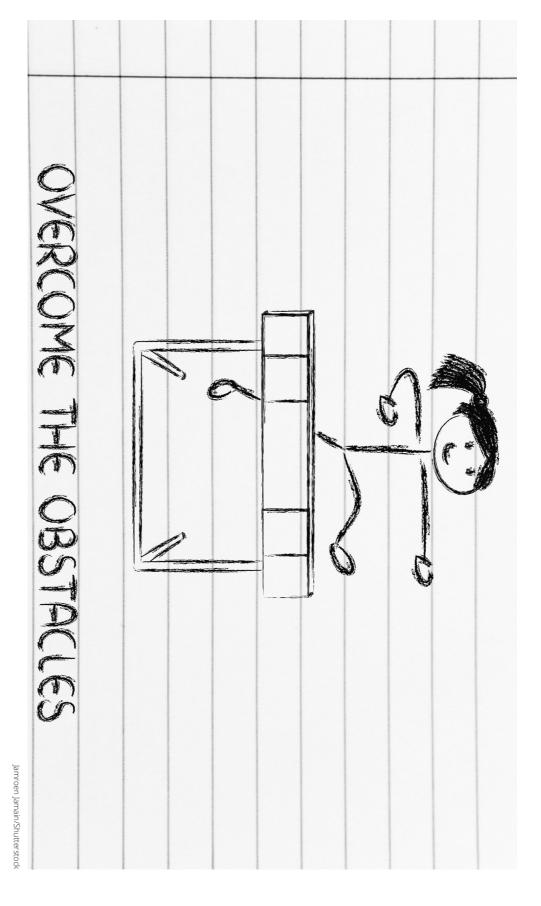
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Often people exclude other people from their groups. When someone is excluded, they feel alone and like an outsider. In 'The Journey', the South African government has just made all schools open to all races. Thembi feels like an outsider because she is one of the few black children in a previously white-only school. Johan feels excluded because he stutters.

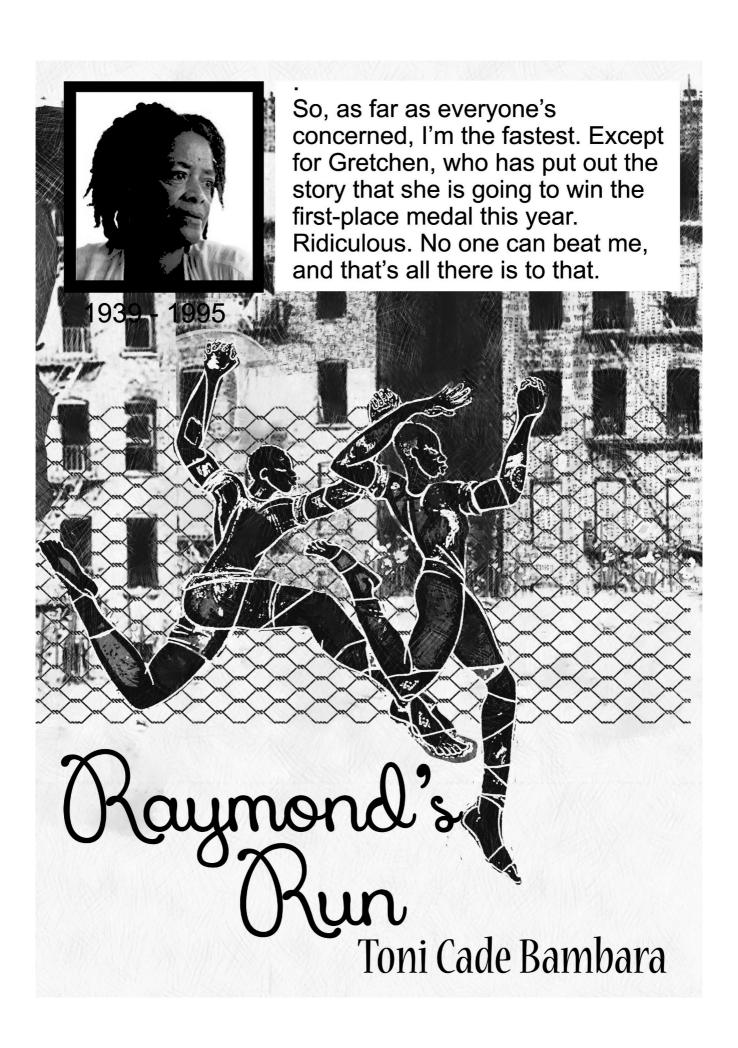


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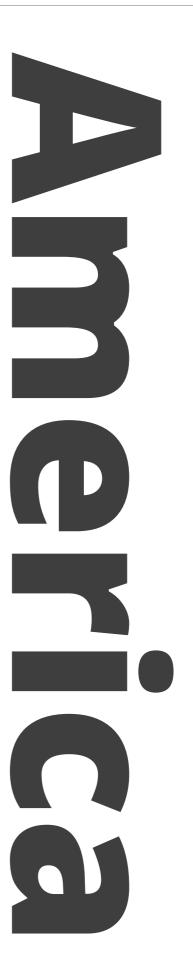
During Apartheid, people of colour were segregated (separated) from white people. 'The Journey' is set in the period of transition from the Apartheid government to the democratic government.

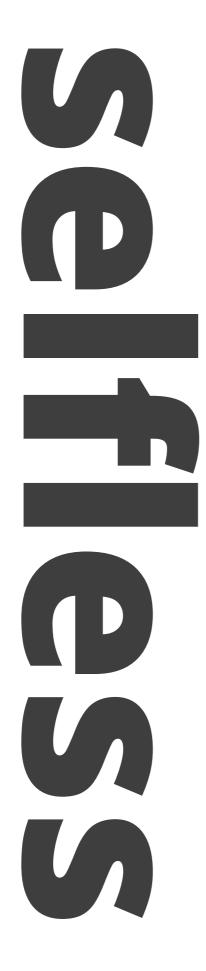


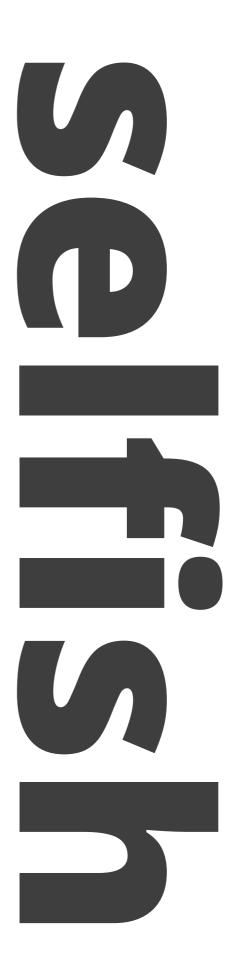
overcome challenges. The main characters both have challenges to overcome, but together 'The Journey' shows us that with persistence, and with the help of others, people can they feel more secure, and therefore feel safer attempting to face their obstacles.

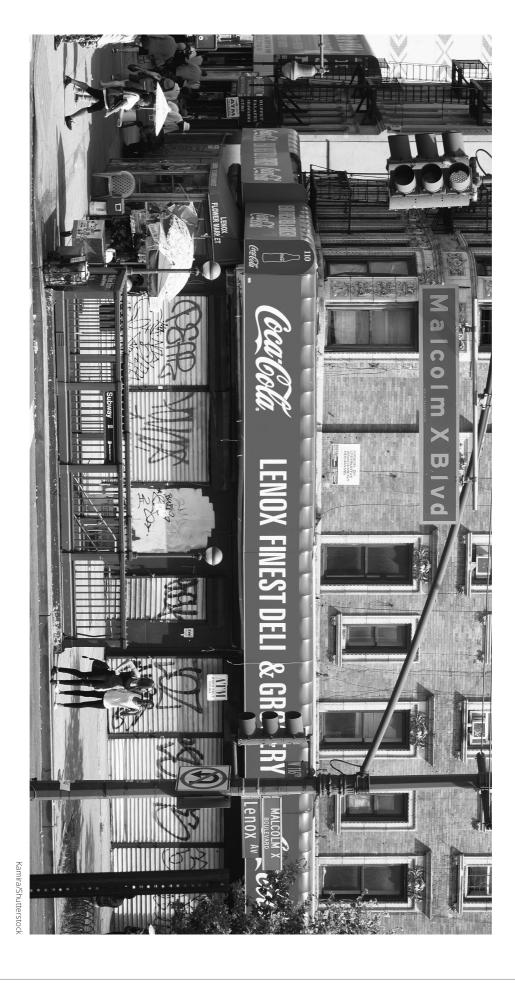


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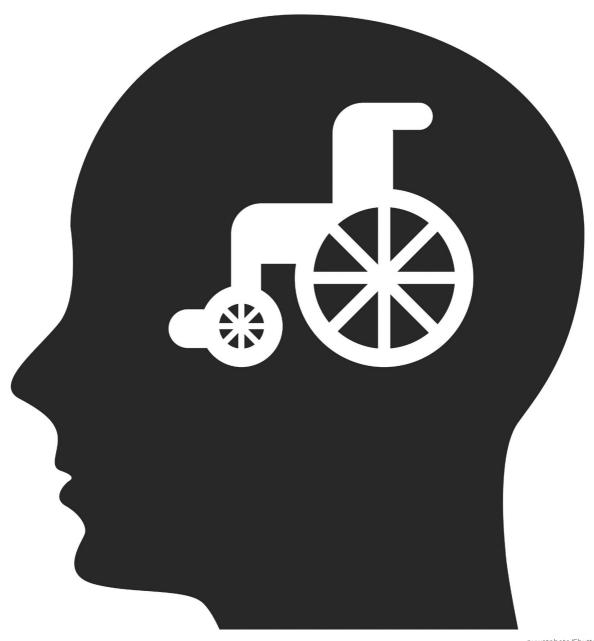


The short story, 'Raymond's Run' is set in Harlem, New York City in America. In the past, Harlem was a mostly African American (black) suburb. It also used to house people of a poorer socio-economic background.



Being competitive can encourage people to train and work harder to be the best at something. It is a good thing to be driven and ambitious. However, some people become so consumed by being the best that they forget about those around them, and only focus on themselves.

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In 'Raymond's Run', Raymond is cognitively impaired. This means that he has a disability in his brain. Squeaky is aware of her brother, Raymond's, difficulties, but does not make fun of him. She shows him love and respect and always looks after his safety. Society, however, is often not accommodating of mentally disabled people and they are treated unfairly simply because they are different.