Can anyone help me!?



ay, 30th, 2022 We're tired. I'm tired.

Of talking, rationalizing, and educating. Of seeing racism in my hometowns, new towns and on vacations.

I'm tired.

Of racist spaces, ignorant spaces, fake queer spaces, office spaces, schools, hospitals and even sidewalks.

This time is volitile, overwhelming, disappointing and affirming.

The time for education and educators going OVER and OVER race theory is done.

If you want to learn don't ask why, say sorry, or ask me how I'm doing.... DO SOMETHING!

Teach your kids, your parents, your GRANDPARENTS and your neighbours.

Help a stranger. Who might not look like you but you know needs the support, someone WHO NEEDS YOUR PRIVILEGE.

Call and write your government representatives, your local police stations, school boards and Mayors!

Ask them "What are you doing!?" to stop the harassment, escellation, violence and MURDER. Ask them what they are doing to promote EQUITY not equality.

I'm tired.

So... I'm gonna sit back, take care of myself and see how willing you all are to look around and educate vourself.

DO BETTER and try to make this WORLD BETTER...cause we can't do this on our own.

So give me your ACTION...rather than your sincerest apologies.

I wrote this to my friends in a moment of pure exhaustion 3 days before my 29 Birthday, 5 days after the brutal murder of George Floyd. A week after my 31st I was violently assaulted, detained and handcuffed behind my back for hours screaming in pain. Leaving me bruised, beaten, mocked and traumatized by Ottawa Hospital Civic Campus. Why? Because I dared to advocate for myself and verbally demand better care. I will never forget they eyes of everyone watching while knew they was brutalizing security plain sight. I guess... we're all tired.

"Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me."

– Martin Niemoeller

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A submission from Champlain Regional College Lennoxville

The annual campaign against gender-based violence takes place from Nov. 25 to Dec.10. Gender-based violence has many faces: poverty, domestic violence, sexual violence, online harassment, etc. and it affects students as much as everybody else.

In an effort to reflect and do something about it, a writing activity with students at Champlain College was organized.

The following is a submission from one of them, who is experiencing violence based on his gender identity.

He/she prefers to stay anonymous.

'am as I am the one you hurt me when it fits you hate who I am your punch sack

you love how it hurts to see me hunted by your violent screams they echo they shatter at last I am

broken

you slosh me bleed me toss me resent me

strength finds me where you have rendered me defective

I stand I speak these words have been spoken

they have heard these cries, but they took an ounce from the pounds

I am a sheep weak in the tiger's

it is a fight that has been fought

but is yet to be won

it is an aged fight

its cloth is worn

the skin has been torn blood has been bled

these scars I wear

for all to be aware

they threw shame

for not being the same for not being like them

I asked for diversity a slice of inclusivity

they spared me no piece denied me all peace and they took away my

they give me none but ignorance I am allowed acceptance.

by E.





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