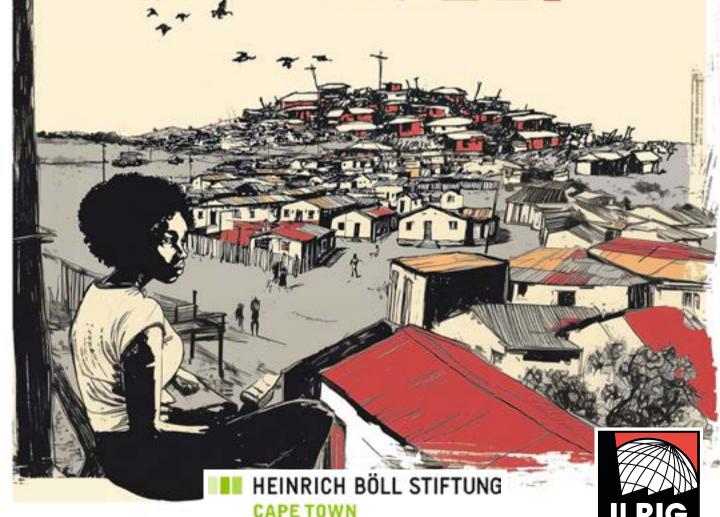
THE STORY OF A TOWNSHIP CALLED

HOPE

COMMUNITY A GAINST

GENDER BASED VIOLENCE





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MY NAME IS NORA. I LIVE IN A TOWNSHIP CALLED HOPE. WHERE THE STREETS ARE NEVER QUIET. BUT SOME THINGS STAY HIDDEN. BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, WOMEN CARRY BRUISES THEY CANNOT EXPLAIN. BOYS ARE TOLD "DON"T CRY" UNTIL ANGER IS THE ONLY LANGUAGE THEY KNOW. AT NIGHT, GANGS RULE THE STREETS. SISTERS VANISH INTO SHADOWS AND NEVER COME HOME. THOSE WHO LOVE DIFFERENTLY ARE MOCKED, BEATEN. SILENCED-PUNISHED FOR SIMPLY BEING THEMSELVES. WHEN WE TURN TO THE POLICE, WE'RE IGNORED. IN HOSPITALS, THEY LAUGH. WHEN WE CALL ON THE STATE, IT DOES NOT ANSWER. GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE TAINTS ALL LIVES. SAFETY HERE IS SOMETHING WE MUST INVENT FOR OURSELVES. THIS IS HOPE. THIS IS OUR LIFE. AND THIS IS WHERE THE STORY BEGINS



















THE BAR I WORK N...
SOME GUYS FOLLOWED
ME AFTER MY SHIFT.
THEY SAID I WAS A FREAK,
AND THEY WOULD

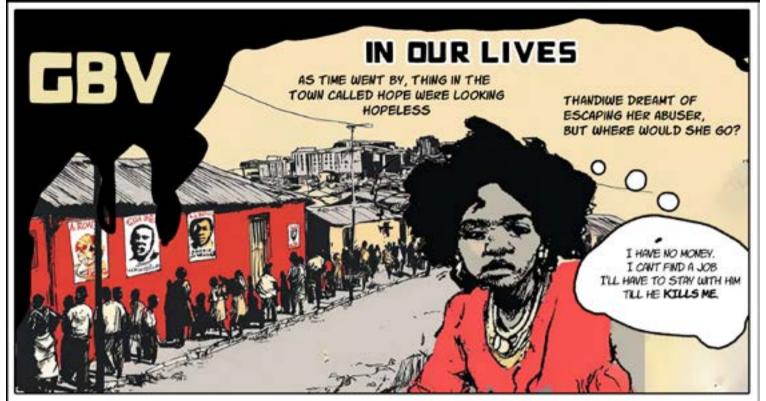
"FIX" ME



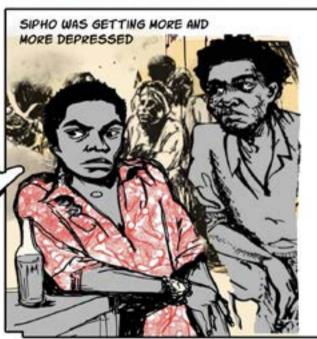
WHEN I MADE IT TO
THE HOSPITAL, THEY LAUGHED
AT ME AND CALLED ME NAMES.
IT TOOK HOURS FOR
SOMEONE TO COME
WHO WAS WILLING
TO ATTEND TO ME

I DON'T KNOW HOW
TO GO ON LIVING
IN A WORLD THAT HATES
ME FOR WHOM I LOVE













BUT NOT IN DUR NAME!



THANDIWE GOT A GROUP TOGETHER TO START A
FOOD GARDEN FOR THE COMMUNITY, TO CREATE
FOOD SECURITY FOR THE UNEMPLOYED AND BE INDEPENDENT

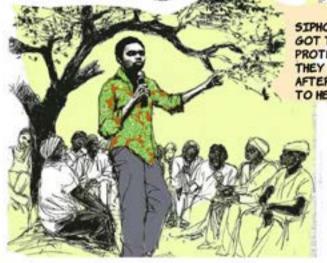
MZI AND HIS SCHOOL MATES HAVE A STUDY GROUP. THEY DON'T JUST LEARN THE ABC... THEY LEARN ABOUT LIFE AND COMMUNITY



CARE IS THE NEW STROING

WE PROTECT, WE BUILD









IN SOUTH AFRICA, A WOMAN IS KILLED EVERY THREE HOURS. EVERY DAY, CHILDREN WATCH VIOLENCE BECOME NORMAL IN THEIR HOMES. EVERY WEEK, LGBTQI+ LIVES ARE TORN APART BY HATE CRIMES.

GBV IS NOT PERSONAL IT'S POLITICAL

IT IS A SYSTEM

IT IS POVERTY. IT IS UNEMPLOYMENT. IT IS HUNGER.

IT IS POLICE WHO LOOK AWAY.

IT IS LEADERS WHO MAKE PROMISES BUT NEVER PROTECT US.

IT SITS AT THE KITCHEN TABLE, WHERE WOMEN FEED FAMILIES ON EMPTY STOMACHS.

IT FOLLOWS BOYS TO SCHOOL

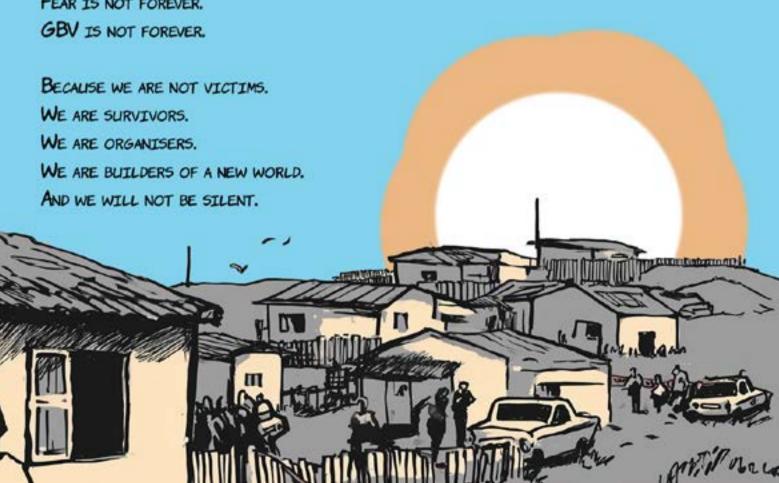
TEACHING THEM TO FIGHT INSTEAD OF FEEL.

IT WALKS THE STREETS AT NIGHT, HUNTING OUR SISTERS.

IT LAUGHS IN THE CLINIC, MOCKING THOSE WHO LOVE DIFFERENTLY.

BUT STLENCE IS NOT FOREVER.

FEAR IS NOT FOREVER.





National GBV Helpline

0800 150 150

National Shelter Movement of SA (NSMSA)

0800 001 005 WhatsApp/SMS: 082 057 8600 | 082 058 2215 | 072 239 7147

> **TEARS Foundation** (Help at Your Fingertips) SMS Helpline: 1347355# (free, no data needed) 010 590 5920

Other Support Services People Opposing Women Abuse (POWA)

011 642 4345 (office hours) 24hr Counseling: 060 400 0669

Childline South Africa 116 (24 hours, free)

Lifeline South Africa 0861 322 322 (24 hours)

Rape Crisis Cape Town 021 447 9762 (24 hours)

Remember: You can also report GBV at Thuthuzela Care Centre (TCC) at hospitals.







