

The Story of Two Rapes

After Rape provides evidence of a more complicated and nuanced explanation of rape and its aftermath, suggesting a reimagining of the meanings of post-atrocity justice, whilst acknowledging the role of sex, power, and politics in all sexual experiences between coercion and consent. With its wide investigation of social life in northern Uganda, this study offers vital analysis for those interested in sexual and gender violence, post-conflict reconstruction, and human rights.

-Holly Porter



Victor Ndula

Victor Ndula is an editorial cartoonist, illustrator and comic artist who lives and works in Nairobi, Kenya, where he lends his voice to social commentary through his cartoons. A member of the global organization Cartoon Movement, and Cartooning for Peace, he has attended and exhibited his work at Cartoon festivals in Switzerland, France and Germany, and his work has also been exhibited in Peru, Doha Qatar, Amsterdam and at the London School of Economics.

STORY ONE

TWO GIRLS IN AN ACHOLI VILLAGE IN NORTHERN UGANDA PREPARE TO VISIT AN AUNT NOT SO FAR FROM WHERE THEY STAY, THEY SAY THEIR GOODBYES AND HEAD OUT.

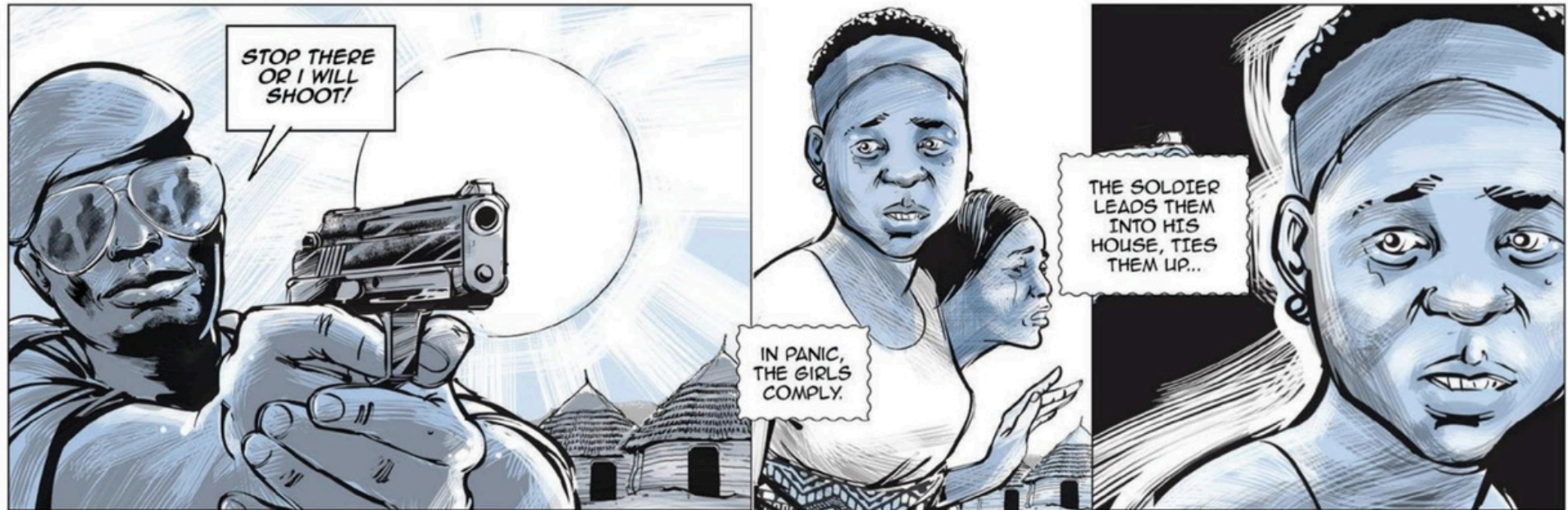


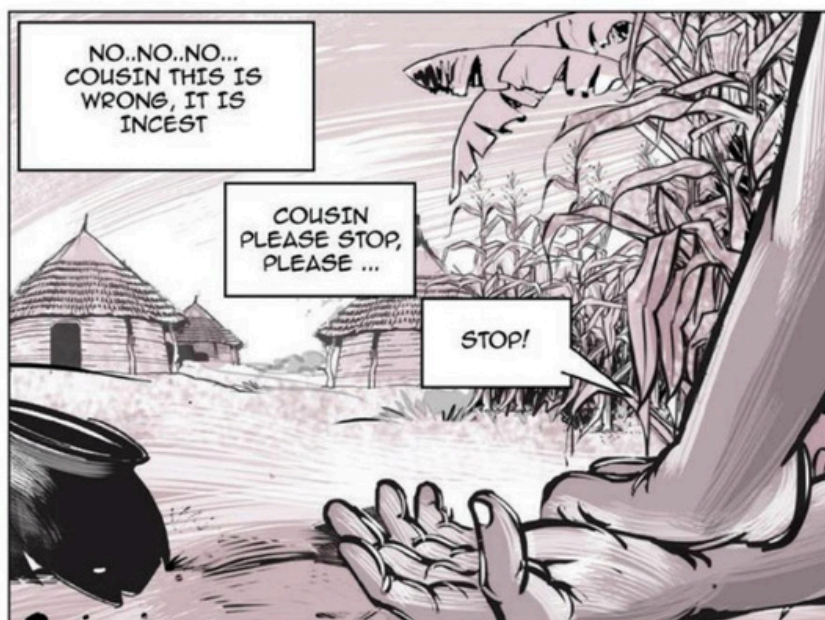
STORY TWO

THE SCENE IS SET IN A TYPICAL ACHOLI HOME, ITS PEACEFUL AND QUIET, MOST OF ITS INHABITANTS ARE OUT IN THE FIELDS FARMING, HOWEVER ONE STAYS BACK IDLING THE MORNING AWAY.











ONE OF THE GIRLS MANAGES TO ESCAPE AND RUNS TO HER FRIENDS AUNT'S PLACE.



WHERE SHE NARRATES THE HORRIFIC ORDEAL TO THE SHOCKED AUNT.



LATER ON AT HER STEP-MOTHER'S PLACE.

CALM DOWN AND TELL ME EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED



THE STEP-MUM PROCEEDS TO INFORM THE ELDERS.

KIRR!

WHAT!

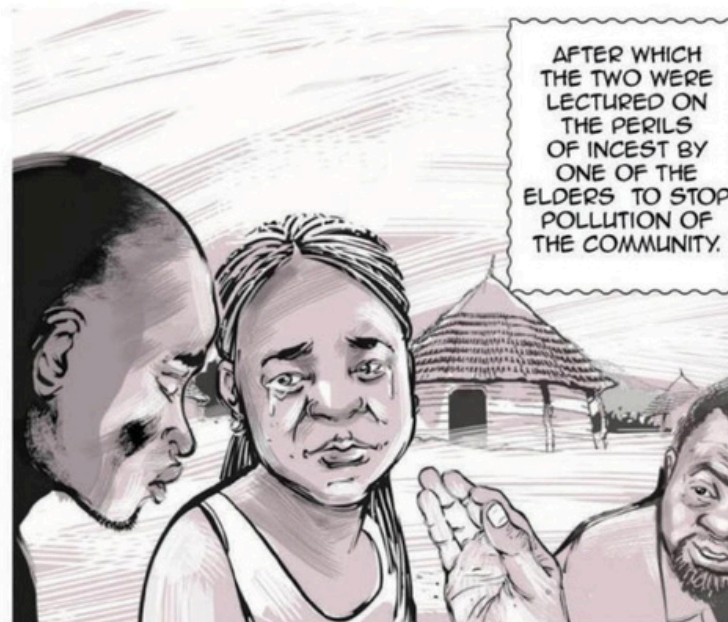
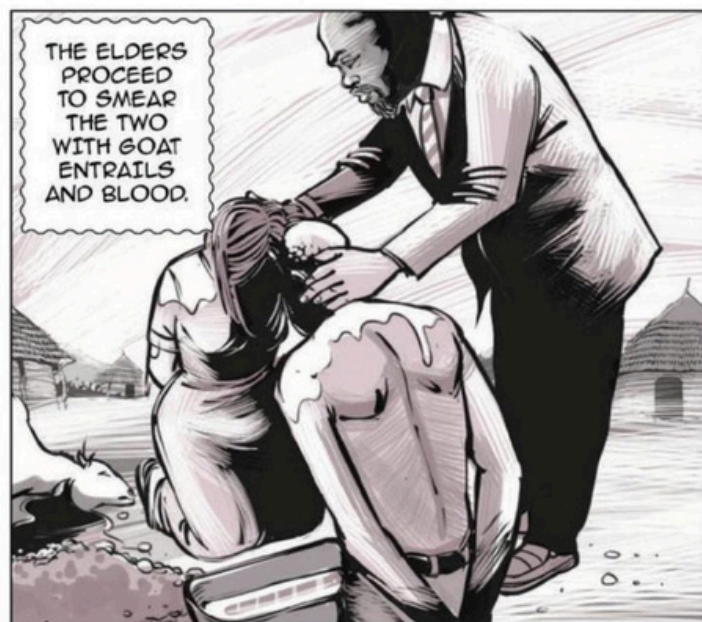
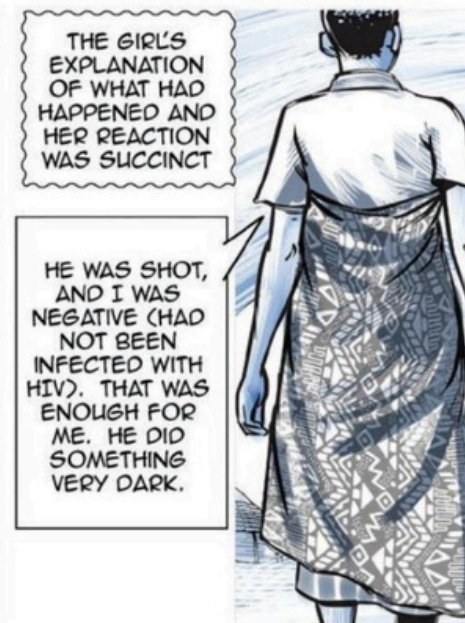


THE ELDERS CONVERGE UNDER A TREE TO DELIBERATE...

IF THIS IS NOT CLEANSED THERE WILL BE GREAT SUFFERING!



THE WOMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE ELDERS RULED THAT HER COUSIN SHOULD BUY A GOAT THAT WOULD BE USED IN A PUBLIC CLEANSING RITUAL. THIS INCLUDED SACRIFICING THE GOAT AND THEN BOTH OF THEM BEING SMEARED WITH FECAL MATERIAL FROM THE GOAT'S INTESTINES.





I WAS AFRAID THAT HE MIGHT HAVE KILLED ME AFTER RAPING ME, SO IT (THE SHOOTING AND KILLING OF THE RAPIST) WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO."

ALSO IF THE RAPE IS CLEANSED BY THE BLOOD OF THE GOAT THEN IT CAN NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN. THE GOAT'S BLOOD, IS ONLY POTENT TO CLEANSE THE POLLUTING SPIRITS ONCE. SHE KNEW THAT HER COUSIN'S BEHAVIOR WOULD BE INHIBITED BY FEAR OF CERTAIN CONTAMINATION IF HE EVER REPEATED THE ACT OF INCEST.



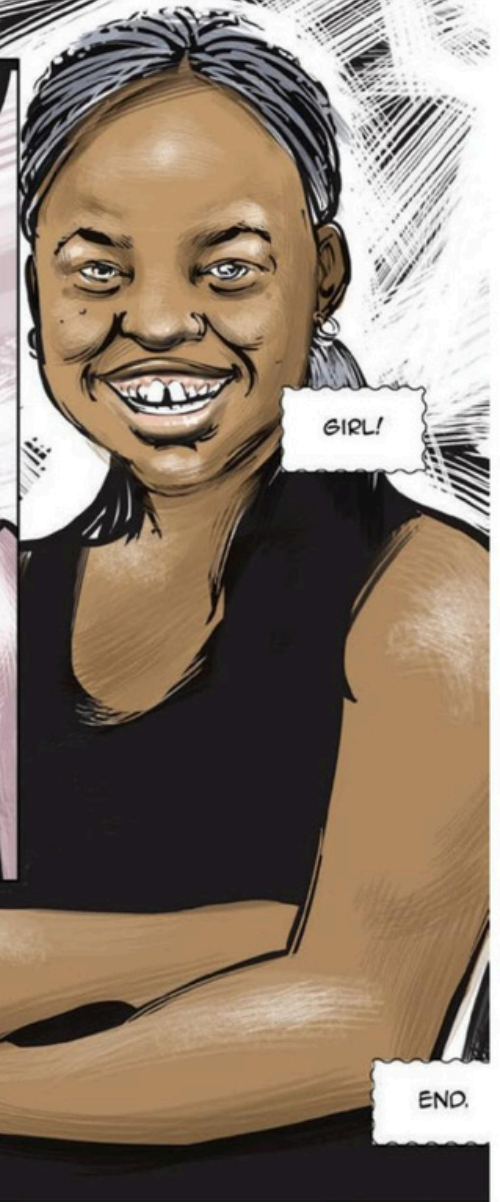
THE TRAGEDY OF THIS STORY OF TWO RAPES...



IS THAT IN BOTH CASES, THE RAPE VICTIM WAS...



ACTUALLY THE SAME...



GIRL!

END.