

# A Relentless Storm

A dramatic black and white photograph of a stormy sky. Multiple bright, jagged lightning bolts strike down from a dark, turbulent cloud cover. The background shows a silhouette of a mountain range under a heavy, overcast sky. The overall mood is intense and powerful.

The power of  
bullying over the  
mind

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This zine was made to spread light on the effects of bullying. Cyberbullying and regular bullying affects all types of people, making them suffer through mental health problems that can lead to self harm and suicide in the most extreme of cases. Please use this zine to help you better understand bullying's affect on the mind of the victim.



# Your Unwelcomed Ending

When you thought me weak  
My innocence was showing.  
When my face was not welcomed  
My mother thought that it was best  
If I stayed home

When by my will  
That gilded my dreams and work  
Life granted our every want  
You found me surprisingly  
Better off;  
Not Soundly,  
Unaturly wealthy  
Like your other friends.

Still me though,  
Now I own myself and  
little to you.

Pain is me: I became  
successful! The loser, who  
knows how?  
Suddenly I was in!

What do I do now?  
Now that my fate protects me  
(at this time)  
From meeting failure  
In any case?  
Now that the calm voice of the moon  
have blessed me.

Now that the sun  
untouched by judgemental eyes  
of all men,  
comes down to beam  
the hopeful magic that creates  
The kind and good natured parts  
of my soul.



# Victim's Foghorn

Why do our children have to suffer?



"She and her shady group of friends make fun of me and draw pictures of me covered in red marks and with X-ed out eyes."

"They even pushed me to the point where I was very close to ending it all."



Why do we let our children repeat this cycle?

"Soon the bullying got physical, and they would try to shove me down the toilet, lock me in my locker and punch me a lot."



What can we do to stop this?

"Hitting and hurting me so bad my heart was broken into 10 little million pieces, and I have lost my faith in people and the world too"

"...once one of the girl's friends cut me, and the teachers didn't do a thing, well, that was because the girl was rich and could sue the school."



Is this the image of people that we want our kids to have?

"Eventually they started talking about how they wanted to do these awful things to me, starting with throwing sand at me and escalating into graphically describing how they wanted to murder me, all while making fun of my body. It was so awful to hear, and I was trying not to cry."



"...threw all kinds of homophobic, racist, inappropriate, disrespectful comments at me..."

Is this the new norm for our kids?

"I decided to speak up and say that heard everything they said that night. However, the girls said that they said some mean stuff but made it seem like it wasn't bad at all. They lied about what they had said and when I tried to call them out on specific things they denied it."



# Interview with Turquoise White about her experience with bullying.

Intro: In this interview, I talk with a former victim of bullying, Turquoise White, to explain why the bullying of our children and the mindset to bully others to stop.

Q1:Have you been bullied before?

A1:Yes. In elementary school.

Q2:How extreme was it?

A2: The bullying happened every day. They would tease me about my name.

Q3:Did you do anything about it?

A3.Ignore the bullying and push through.

Q4:Did the staff do anything about it?

A4.The staff reprimanded the bullies but they started back up when they were not looking.

Q5:What was the aftermath?

A5:The bullying stopped eventually.

Q6:What did you feel about the bully or group of bullies?

A6:At first anger, then indifference to the bullies.

Q7:What did you feel about the staff?

A7:No feelings for the staff.

Q8:Who do you blame for this?

A8:Blame myself for not sticking up for myself.

Q9:How can bullying be prevented?

A9.It's okay to be different. There is beauty in the unfamiliar.



## Author's Bio

Sincere Lee Robinson is a 16 year old 11th grade student for Science Leadership Academy at Beeber that is trying to highlight the extent of bullying and how it can affect the mental health of the victim. Being formally bullied himself, he made this zine to help bring further light to this problem.

## Artist Statement

When I was making this zine, I went through multiple changes to the style of it. I needed to find the right atmosphere to bring that can portray the different roads the a victim of bullying can go down. The poem that was inspired by "When You Thought Me Poor" by Alice Walker was about the most beneficial response to bullying: moving on with your life and walking away, not letting anyone's words hurt you. The background of each page shows a dark array of clouds or fog to represent the pressure on people who are bullied and the dark thoughts that can form in the mind of them. The collage is created through pictures of bullying scenes that support the quotes of other teenages that went to bullying in different parts of their life. Finally, the interview was recording a former victim in Turquoise White, showing her experience and how she got through it.

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