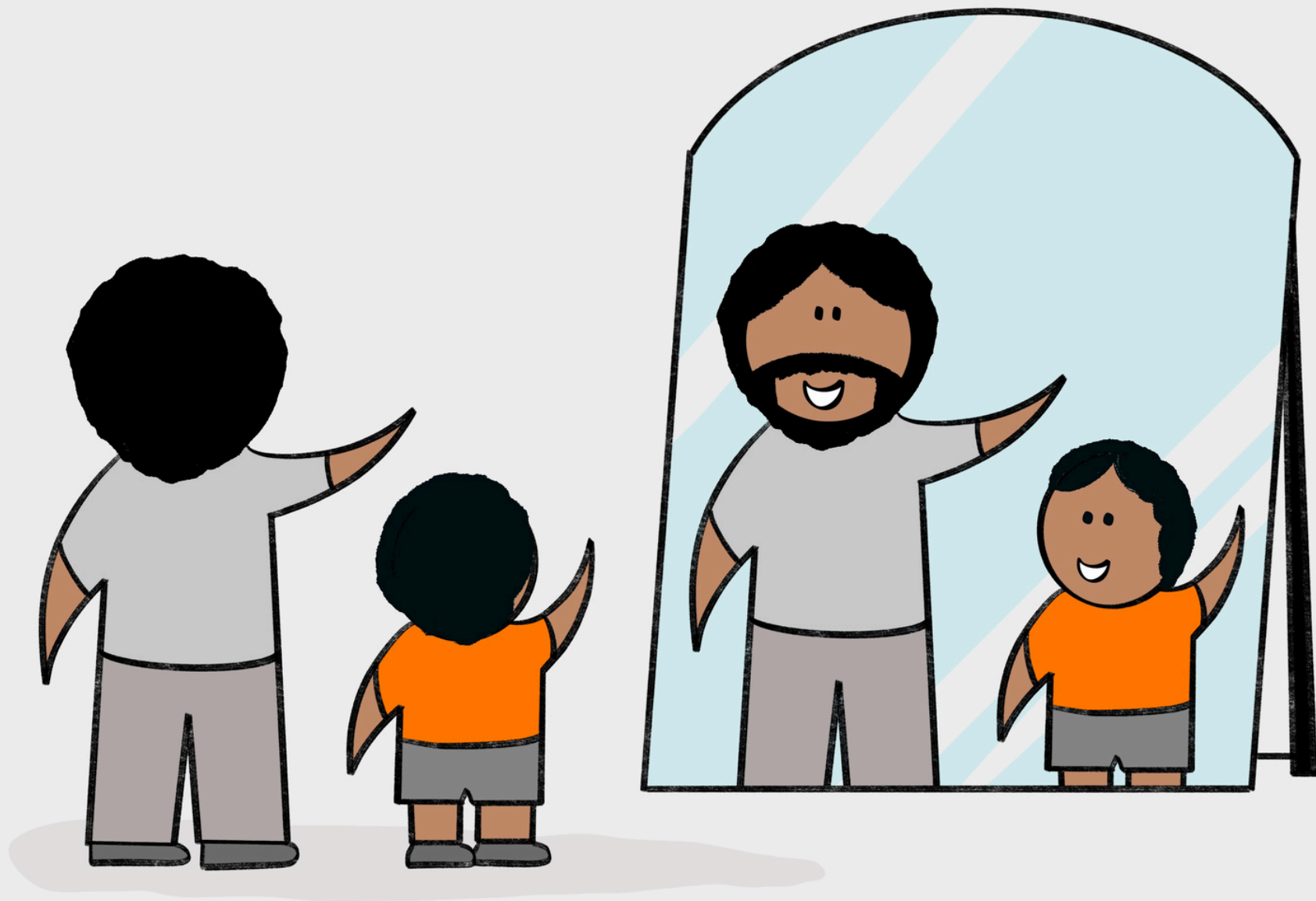


HOW DO WE TEACH BOYS TO BE MEN?



FATHERS PLAY A KEY ROLE IN TEACHING THEIR CHILDREN WHAT IT CAN MEAN TO BE A MAN.

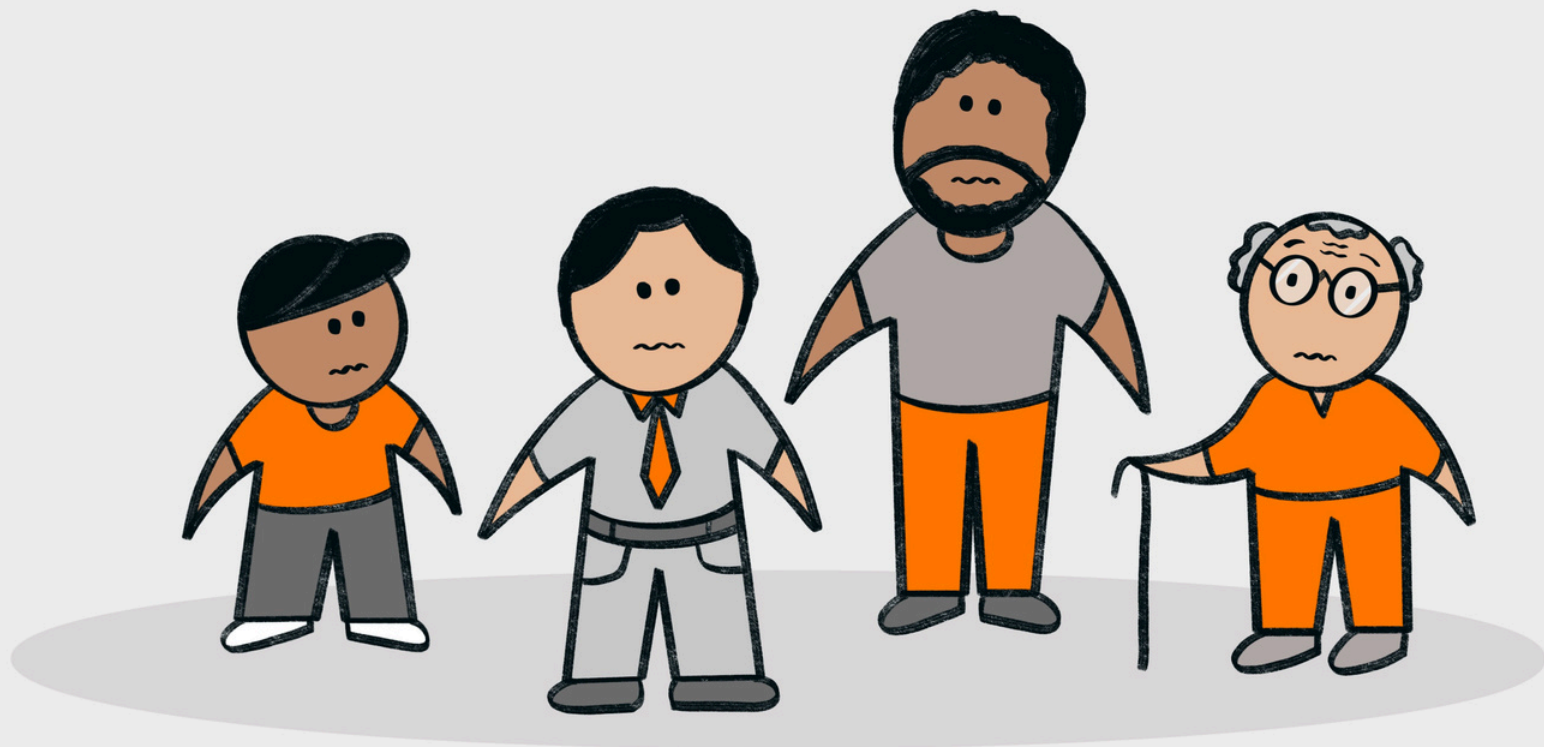
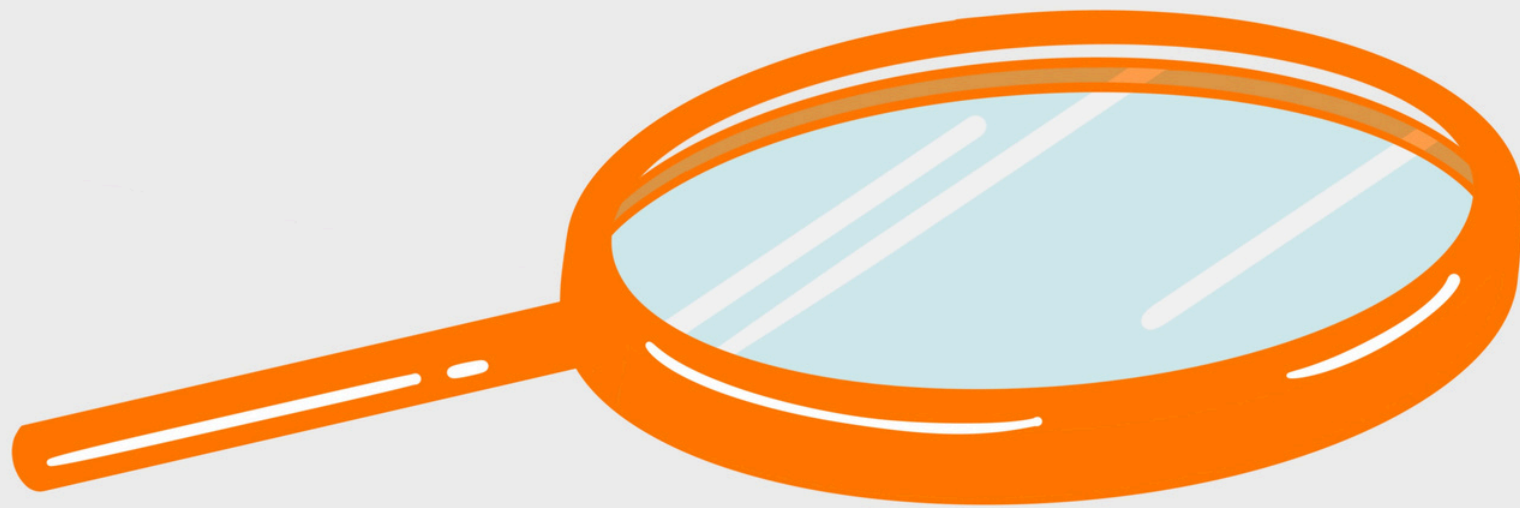
MEN ARE IMPORTANT ROLE MODELS FOR MASCULINITIES THAT ARE CARING, NONVIOLENT, AND EQUITABLE.

IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC, CERTAIN WAYS
TO BE MEN ARE CELEBRATED OVER OTHERS.

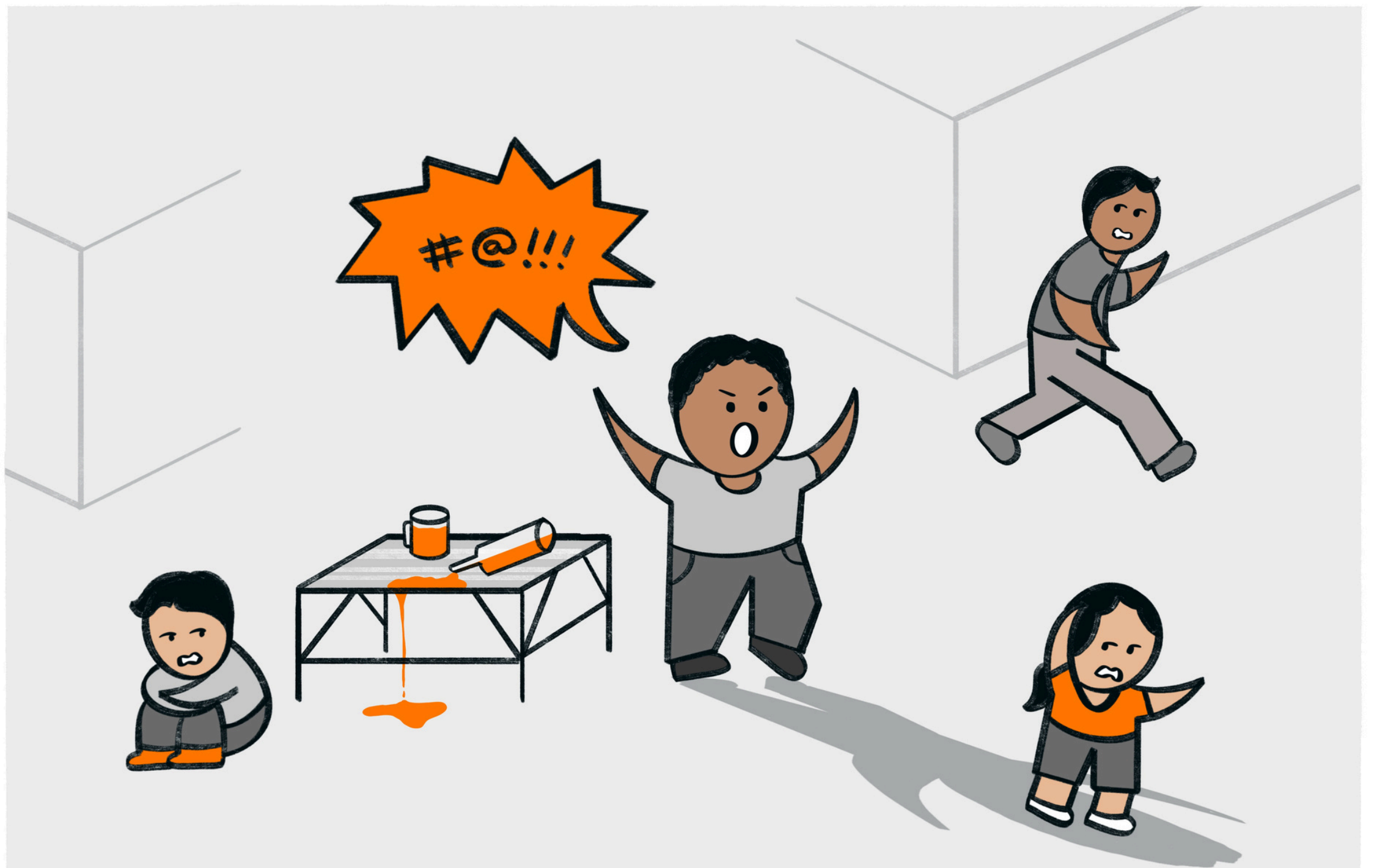


THESE "NARRATIVES OF POWER" PROMOTE THE
STATUS OF SOME MEN OVER SOME GROUPS,
PERPETUATING GENDER INEQUALITY IN ALL ITS FORMS.

SEEING MEN AS PROTECTORS, PROVIDERS, HETEROSEXUAL, AND IN CONTROL IS A COMMON IDEALIZED VERSION OF MASCULINITY.



WHILE NOT HARMFUL IN THEMSELVES, THE PRESSURE TO MEET THESE RIGID IDEALS - AND THE FAILURE TO LIVE UP TO THEM - ARE ASSOCIATED WITH GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE & GENDER INEQUALITY.



SUBSCRIBING TO RIGID MASCULINITIES CAN FUEL ATTEMPTS AT PHYSICAL & EMOTIONAL CONTROL OVER WOMEN, A SENSE OF ENTITLEMENT TO WOMEN'S BODIES, A LACK OF HEALTH-SEEKING BEHAVIOR, EMOTIONAL SUPPRESSION, DRUG & ALCOHOL USE, AND OTHER HARMFUL BEHAVIORS.

ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE
ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN,
LET'S RECOGNIZE THAT MOVING FROM
HARMFUL MASCULINITIES TO HEALTHY WAYS
TO BE MEN IS NOT MERELY AN ASPIRATIONAL GOAL...



IT'S A CRUCIAL STEP FOR ENDING VIOLENCE AND
IS GOOD FOR MEN THEMSELVES.



BY PROMOTING A MORE INCLUSIVE, CARING, AND NON VIOLENT VISION OF MANHOOD THROUGH OUR ACTIONS, PROJECTS, AND POLICY ADVOCACY, WE CAN PAVE THE WAY FOR A MORE PEACEFUL, HEALTHY, AND EQUITABLE FUTURE FREE FROM GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE.