

# YOU'RE WELCOME, MY FRIEND

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Talking  
gender and  
sexual diversity



Interligne is a front-line organization that, through its listening, intervention and awareness services, contributes to the well-being of people affected by sexual and gender diversity.

This comic is part of the “Ensemble contre l’intimidation” program aimed at creating tools by and for young people against bullying of homophobic and transphobic nature. The screenplay was written in collaboration with Guillaume Morin. The Interligne team would like to thank everyone, from near and far, who took part in the project.

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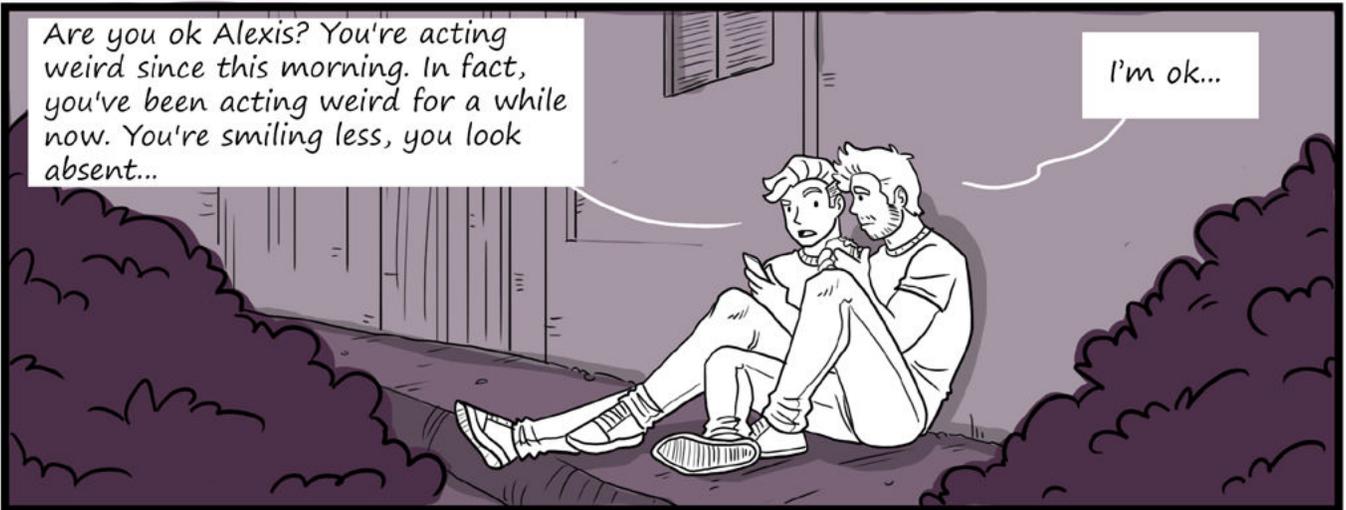


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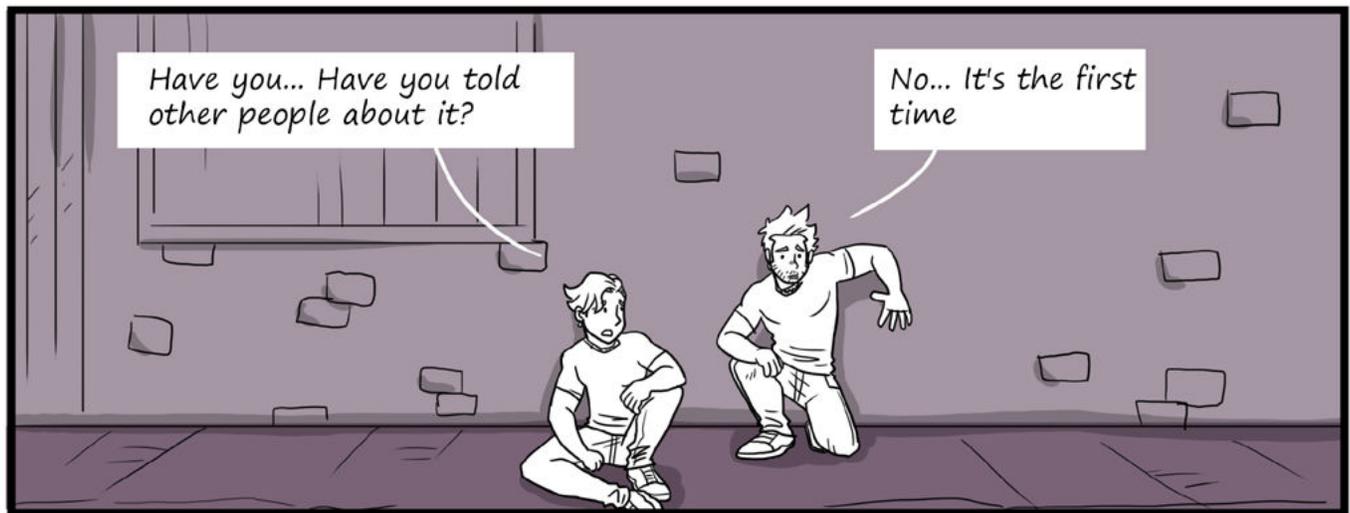
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The next day



Hi, I'd like to have information on LGBTQ+ realities, please.



Oh! Of course, let me give you some titles and websites. It helped me a lot when my granddaughter came out.



Oh! It's perfect! Thank you so much!

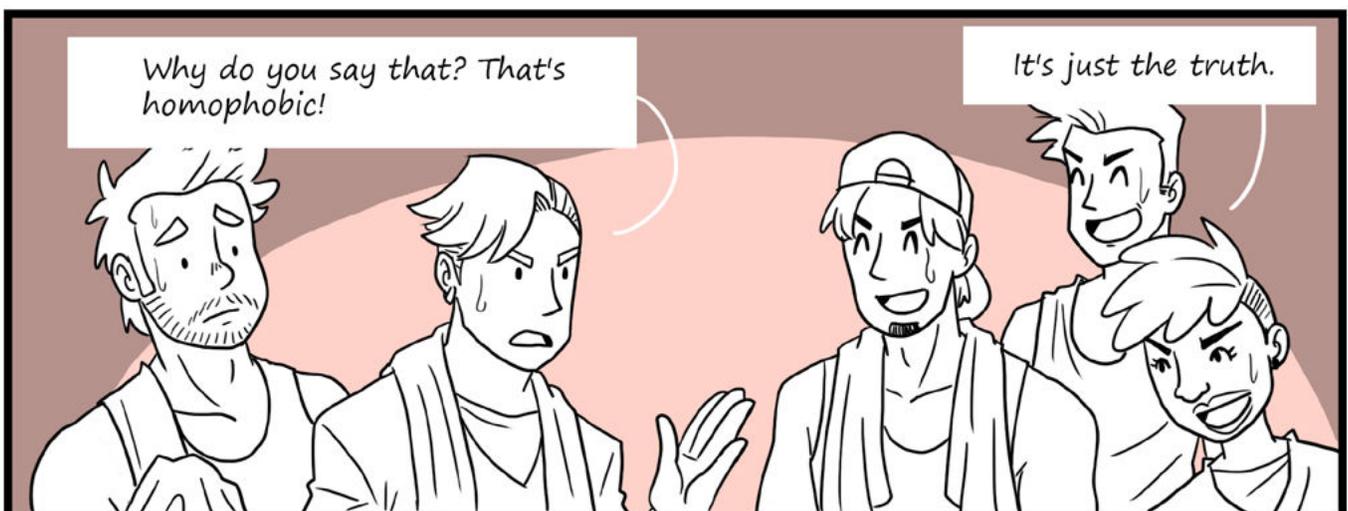
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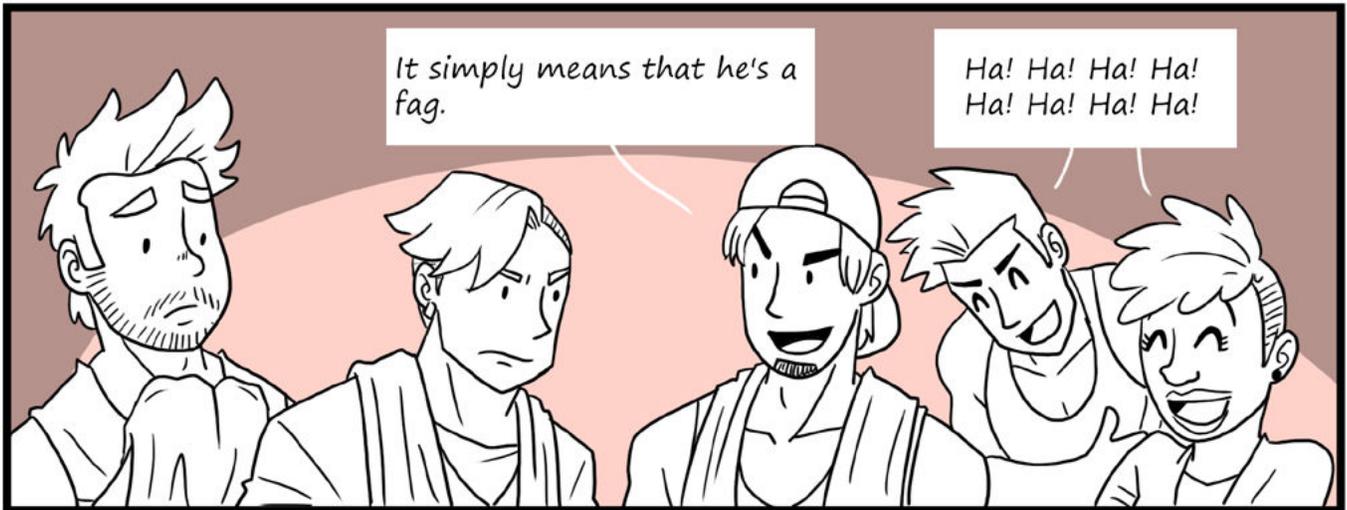
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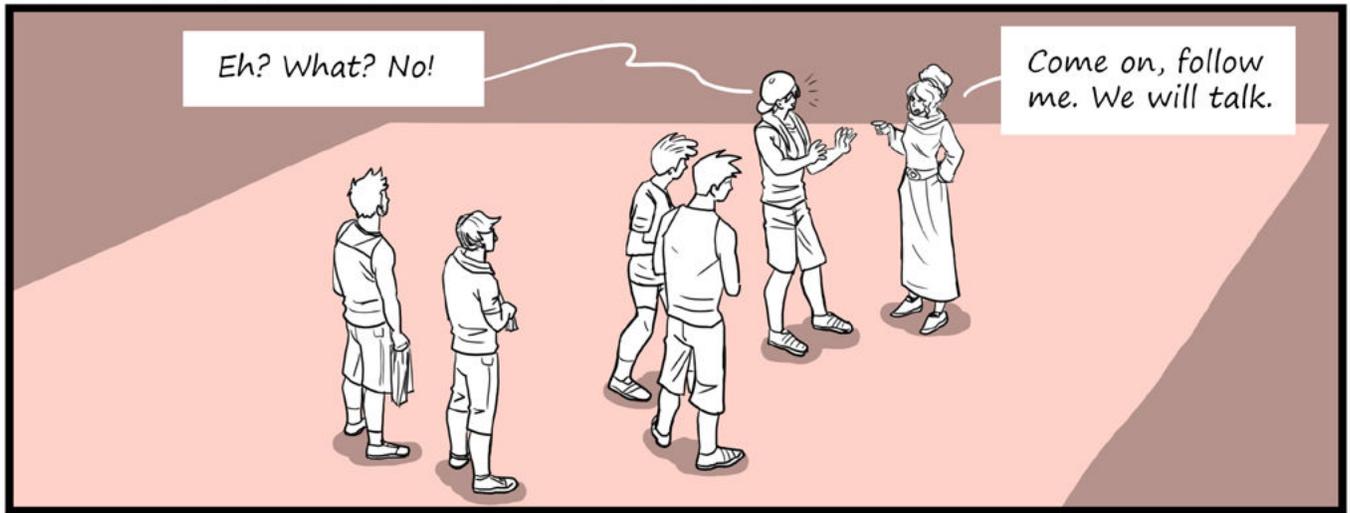
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## What does being an ally to LGBTQ+ communities mean?

An ally is someone who feels touched or concerned by the realities of LGBTQ+ communities and who will mobilize themselves for their cause. Anyone can be an ally including people from sexual and gender diversity. For example, a cisgender lesbian woman can be an ally in the trans community. Allies can set up projects or events to combat discrimination and oppressions affecting members of LGBTQ+ communities, or even raise public awareness of these realities. Allies play an important role in the fight against homophobic and transphobic bullying in schools. They can support their LGBTQ+ peers by educating themselves on these realities, as well as by opposing the mockery and violent behavior they witness.

## How to be an ally and properly support your LGBTQ+ classmates?

Listening skills and humility is essential when engaging with LGBTQ+ communities. Here are some important behaviors to adopt to become a better ally:

- Learn about the different realities of LGBTQ+ communities
- Challenge your own opinions and prejudices about LGBTQ+ people
- Listen to LGBTQ+ people around you to find out how to best support them
- Show your support as an ally and act as a role model
- Respond to bullying situations when you witness them
- Encourage your school to create a safer environment and adopt good practices yourself

If you want **more advice** or if you are looking for **LGBTQ+** organizations in your area, you can **contact us** by phone, text or chat, anytime! **And don't hesitate** to consult our tools for more information on how to better support your LGBTQ+ classmates!



Our Gender, Identity, and Sexuality Alliances (GISA)



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**"You're welcome, my friend" puts into picture the moment when a person becomes aware of the importance of being an ally to LGBTQ+ communities! And these images, they are worth more than a thousand words!**

When Alexis comes out on social media, he quickly becomes the target of homophobic comments and mockery from other students at his school. His friend Fred would like to support him and help him in this difficult situation, but they don't know where to start ...

By learning about LGBTQ + issues and on how to be a good ally, they come to defend their friend when the situation reoccurs. With the help of resources, Alexis and Fred, together, put an end to this bullying situation once and for all.



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