



Dear Friends,

The Interfaith Peace Project is pleased to present the seventh of the series of reflective vignettes and questions to facilitate the claiming of one's dignity. These vignettes and questions are written by our dear friend, Carrie Knowles. They are a series of situational stories inviting women to reflect in such a way as to find their voice and claim their dignity.

We will publish these vignettes on the eighth of every month in honor of March 8, International Women's Day. We are hoping that you will engage your friends in reflective dialogue, maybe even form small discussion groups as these situational stories can foster dialogue with men and women alike.

Please share with us your feedback and reflections.

There will be no world peace without religious peace and there will be no religious peace until people of diverse faith, culture and philosophy meet, engage, and respect each other.



Vignette 6



Margaret's daughter, Sarah, has a birthday and the girls and boys in her first grade class are celebrating with games. They play Farmer in the Dell, and Sarah gets to be the Farmer. She chooses Ben to be the Wife, and Ben chooses Robert to be the Child, and Robert chooses Harry to be the Nurse, and Harry chooses Edgar to be the Cow, and Edgar chooses Allen to be the Dog, and Allen chooses Daniel to be the Cat, and Daniel chooses Willie to be the Mouse, and Willie chooses Marvin to be the Cheese. Margaret notices that all the kids chosen to be in the circle are boys except Sarah.

What do you think the boys and girls at the party think about what happened?

What might Margaret do in this situation, if anything?

What are the likely consequences if she does or does not take some action?

When you consider your own faith tradition, ideally what would you like to see her do?

How might Margaret's and Sarah's experience resonate with any of your own experiences as a woman or as a child?

How may your reflections deepen your intention to stand up for what is right and true?