

CHAPTER TWO

"Bad Science"

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...the Foundations...

Let's start with biased observations
Creating uneducated postulations
Leading to poorly executed experimental implementations
Concluding paragraphs based on inconclusive calculations
Creating very narrow declarations
And overly simplified specifications
The result? A static representation
That disregards the dynamics and fluctuations
Separate entities and not the combination

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But it still passed review
And still ended up in a pretty little publication**

...the applications...

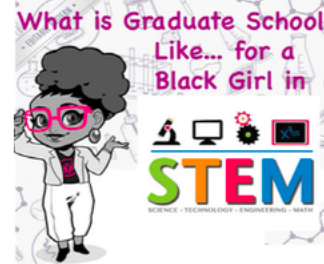
Let's start with apples and oranges comparisons
we try to pretend we aren't aware of them
The international students vs the Americans
Who makes the department look good?
what about the token black but not so African-American
Are we basing this on genetics or simply aesthetics?
Are we basing this on potentials or is it their kinetics?
Is this basis naturally occurring or is it synthetic?

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...my Frustrations...

Let's start with my success characterized as UNFAIR affirmations
Let's end with my failures declared FAIR ramifications
Telling me that things aren't really as hard as they seem
Telling me that if I work hard I will always reach my dreams
You say my ethnic background gives me a financial advantage
But disregard how it comes with being micromanaged
When you have an opinion it's without a doubt ingenuity
But I when I have an opinion I left too much ambiguity
How about you check your math because it impacts your words
Stating we are half, but we're only one third
Stop drawing straight lines through sigmoidal curves!
It will have you denying the recognition I truly deserve

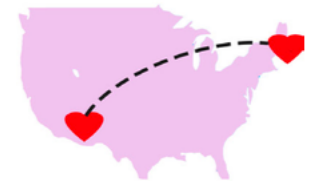
**I am your missing information
But I don't pass review
And I'll never end up in your pretty little publication**



Some professors may look like a complete inverse of you but they are more than happy to mentor you to a polished scientist.



While some are just excited about what type of minority scholarship money you can bring to the university...



...and this makes your typical classmate pretty upset (typical classmate = the privileged white male who doesn't even have a concept of what it means to be considered incompetent just because of the way you look).

Then people that actually look like you are hundreds of miles away...



...While your classmates sitting right next to you have previous exams and homework but they are unwilling to share...



Yet, ironically, the international students are more helpful and relatable than you can ever imagine...



And so what if you have to teach yourself how to do things on your own... you have funding so your life must be easierright?



But even the little things like being afraid to answer a question in class because you don't want to be the dumb, wrong minority make things a little hard...



Even the little things like people being surprised when you actually answer the question correctly make things a little hard....

**But what is the hardest?
Finally meeting that community of kind, wonderful, and diverse friends just months before you are about to graduate....**

