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Instead of believing that Stacey Abrams is super-human, believe that it can happen everywhere if we all do the work.

I keep seeing people saying “both” and...that’s not the answer, people. Stacey Abrams deserves all the adulation we can give her but she is very much a human.

There is a word we use for when we don’t acknowledge someone as a human. It’s dehumanizing.

Don’t do it.

As someone who gets told I’m super-strong and a badass and blah blah blah... that shit is not a compliment, it’s DEPRESSING as hell. It’s a way of ignoring my needs and limitations.

Anyway, did you know that Stacey Abrams has a thriller coming out? Go buy it.

The least we can do is help her pay off her student loans and jumpstart a retirement fund.

https://t.co/dcjqp3Y5f5

Did you know that Stacey Abrams detailed *all* of the stuff that she was doing in two separate non-fiction books?

Go buy those. Literally right now.

Lead from the Outside: https://t.co/SYAcAK6i7K

Our Time is Now: https://t.co/e2j95y3RaB

Did you know that Stacey Abrams also writes romance novels under the pen name Selena Montgomery?

Yeah, you better. She’s written eight romance novels. Go get them.

https://t.co/oD6enDiEwQ

I do not know why people think it is “taking away” anything from Stacey to acknowledge her as human, but apparently some of you do.

Stacey Abrams is a human being. She has needs. She has limitations. She deserves joy.

I spent a month in November running an auction that raised nearly half a million dollars for voting rights organizations in Georgia, which is 0.005% of what the organizers we gave that money to did.

That month had a cost for me in multiple ways—personally, professionally.

I can’t imagine the personal cost that the runoffs have had on the organizers.

Because they’re human. Absolutely human.

I think you have to be willfully misunderstanding my point to think this thread is somehow trying to take anything away from Stacey.

She doesn’t have a time turner. She doesn’t have a radioactive spiderbite.

She has twenty-four hours in her day.

Accomplishing what she has with those limitations is more extraordinary, not less.

And acknowledging that the person who did this labors under constraints—physical, emotional, financial—is necessary because it undercuts all our own excuses about why we’re not doing things.

The runoffs had a very real cost to them, and the proper way to pay back the work that was done is to take on as much of the load as we can, not to clap and say, “whoa, I could never, ha ha, good thing it was you!”

To everyone in my mentions saying, “I agree, let’s put Stacey Abrams in charge of the DNC,” I would like to send this very important message.

Fuck you.

Stacey Abrams wants to be President. She has said so. That is not compatible with running the DNC.

Want to say thank you to Stacey Abrams?

Let’s do the work so that she can get the biggest electoral win possible when she runs.