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We should stop confusing what someone was doing when we became aware of them with all they are capable of, interested in, or ever hope to be

Let folks have their many talents, interests and gifts. Life is far more fun with variety, loves.

A lot of folks have come to know me as an activist & I'm grateful that folks care to know me at all.

But I wasn't born in 2014. I was a whole teacher, executive, policy person, speaker, arts and culture lover, reader, writer, woman of faith, fashion and more before 4 yrs ago ■■■■■

We rightfully complain that marginalized people are not allowed to be fully human.

But we internalize and transfer our oppression daily. It's a smog. We all breathe it in & act it out.

And then tell WoC "girl ain't you supposed to be a _____? Why you doing ____?"

Can I live?

And don't go reading anything personal into this-this isn't about me necessarily and it's no subtweet (I try hard not to do that.)

I've just been observing that behavior more and more lately. Especially when it comes to marginalized folks.

Evolution should be our aspiration.

"Can't knock the hustle" should be our anthem.

As long as someone isn't bringing active and continual harm, why can't they explore their many sides?

Suffice it to say:

I am discovering that people want to keep you in the box they have for you because they're too afraid to step out of their own.

Meanwhile, watching other women of color have the audacity to explore their many passions has inspired me to do the same.

Living outside your box will give other people permission to do the same.

And that's freedom, too. Of the personal variety.

I'm happy when you win cause it means I can go dream bigger and being ten folks along with me when I do.

Being miserable on purpose takes entirely too much energy, anyway.

Been chewing on that one a while. ■■■■■

Night, y'all.