

This is a painting, painted by Norman Rockwell in 1964. The title is “The Problem We All Live With” / It is entitled “.....”

I can see a little black girl in the middle. She is wearing white clothes which represent purity and innocence whereas the red of the tomato splash on the wall represents violence and blood/ I suppose / I think the colour red represents blood and violence . Behind the little girl, there is a very racist inscription “nigger” and the initials of the KKK, a very racist sect. The scene probably takes place in the South of the USA.

There are 4 marshalls (policemen of the minister of Defense) surrounding the little girl. We don't see their heads because the painter wanted to focus on the little girl and maybe to show how small she is. She is going to school, actually (in fact) she is the first black girl to go to a white school.

It's just after the Civil Rights Act was passed.

Ruby is a victim of discrimination because a lot of white people disagree with this law. The 4 marshalls are protecting Ruby and apparently she needs this protection when we see the inscriptions on the wall.

Rockwell exposes and criticizes racism .