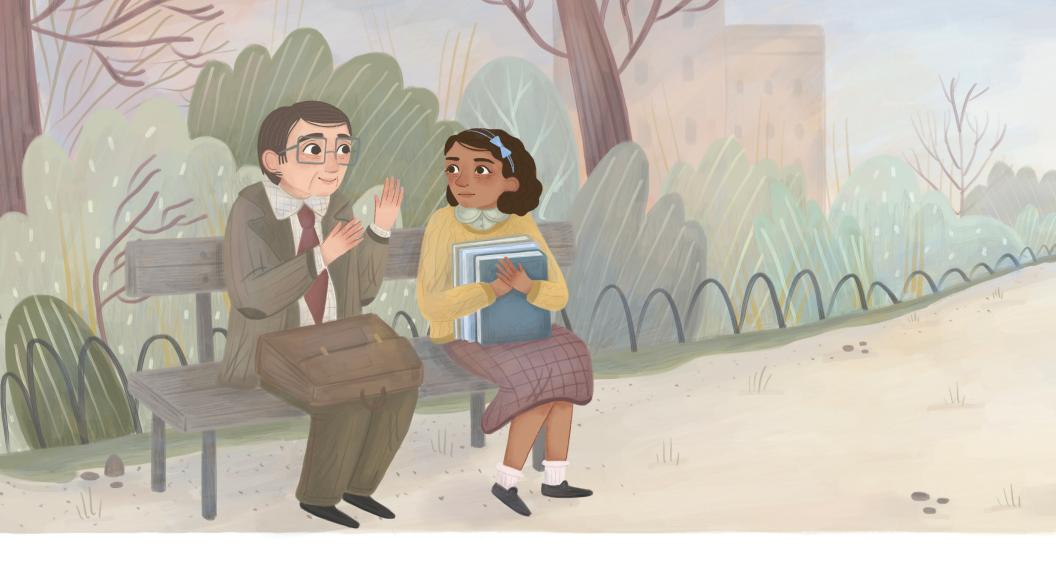




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June went on to study at the University of Kansas and later at the University of California in Los Angeles, where she was advised by a respected advisor to drop meteorology and pursue home economics instead.



It was not common for women to study science in 1950s America, and it was unheard of for an African-American woman to do so.







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THE STORY OF JUNE BACON-BERCEY

June, a bright and motivated young woman, always excelled in school. The atmosphere fascinated her, so she chose to study meteorology. A person as intelligent and capable as June should be a welcome addition to any science, but that wasn't the case. June was African-American, and never before had an African-American woman earned a degree in meteorology. Undeterred, June persisted and blazed the trail for others to follow. This is the story of how meteorology and broadcasting pioneer June Bacon-Bercey forever changed the face of weather.

