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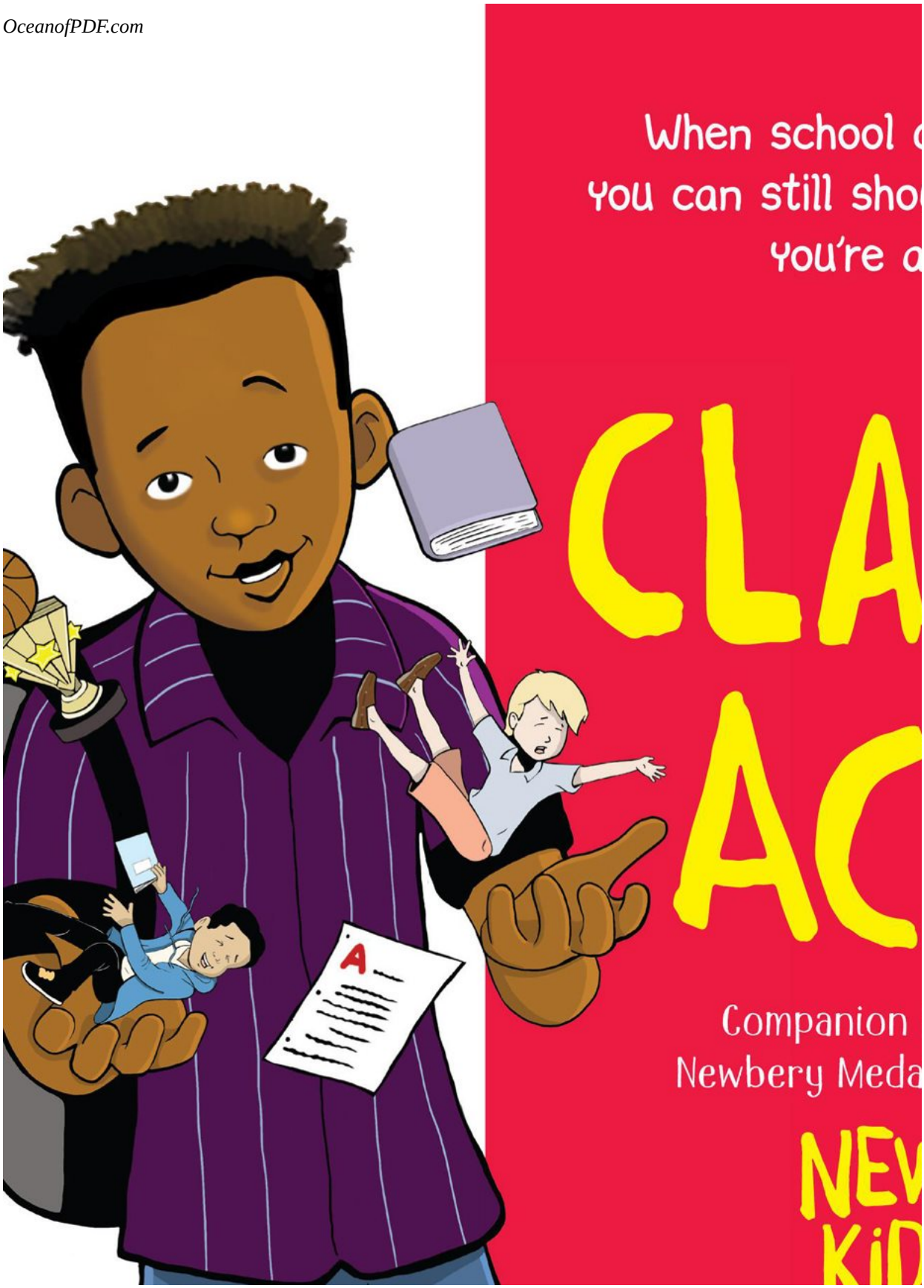
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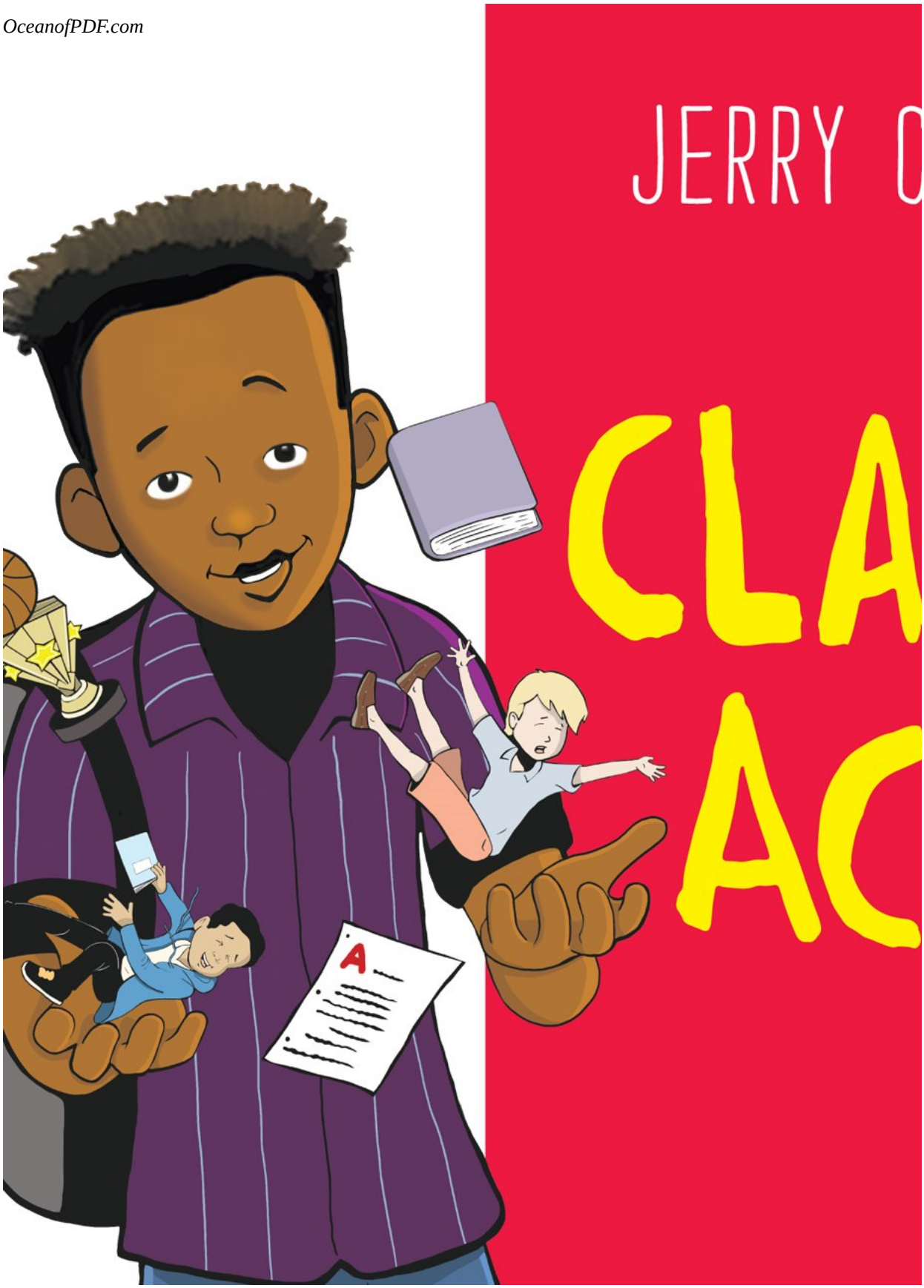
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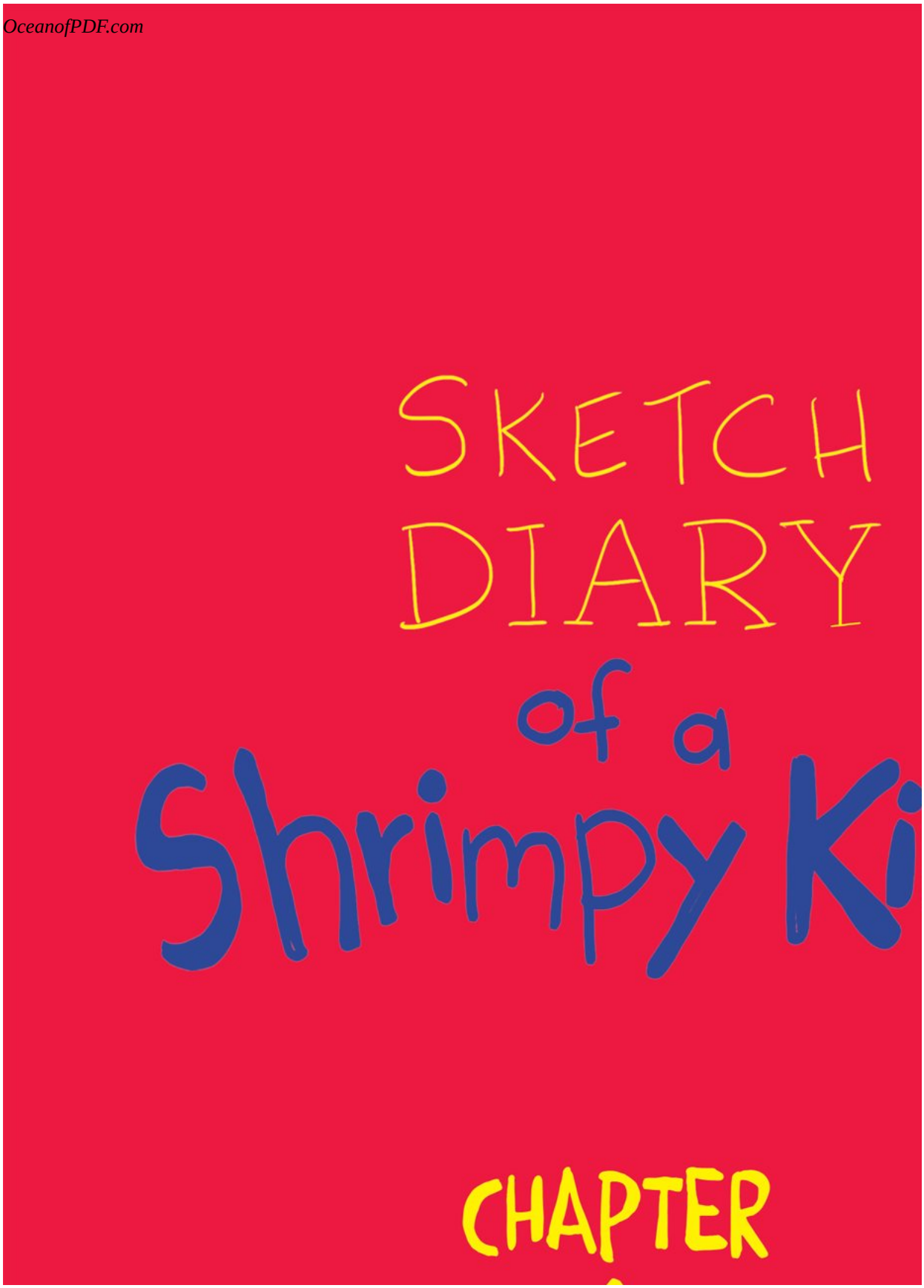
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My Life Till No

by Jordan B

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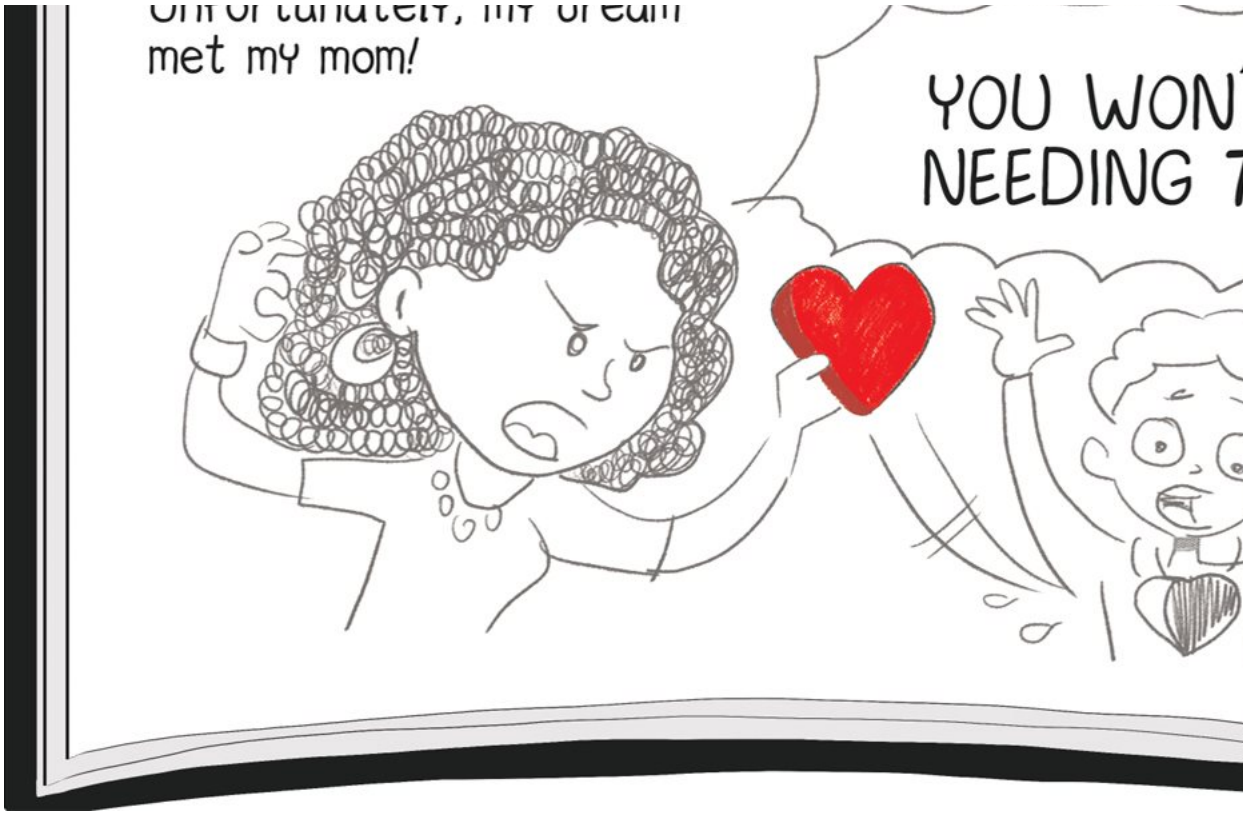


Then I wanted to go to the High School of Music, Art, and Mime . . .

That was my dream.



Unfortunately, my dream


met my mom!
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NEEDING T

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For some reason, she doesn't think that being an artist is a "real job."



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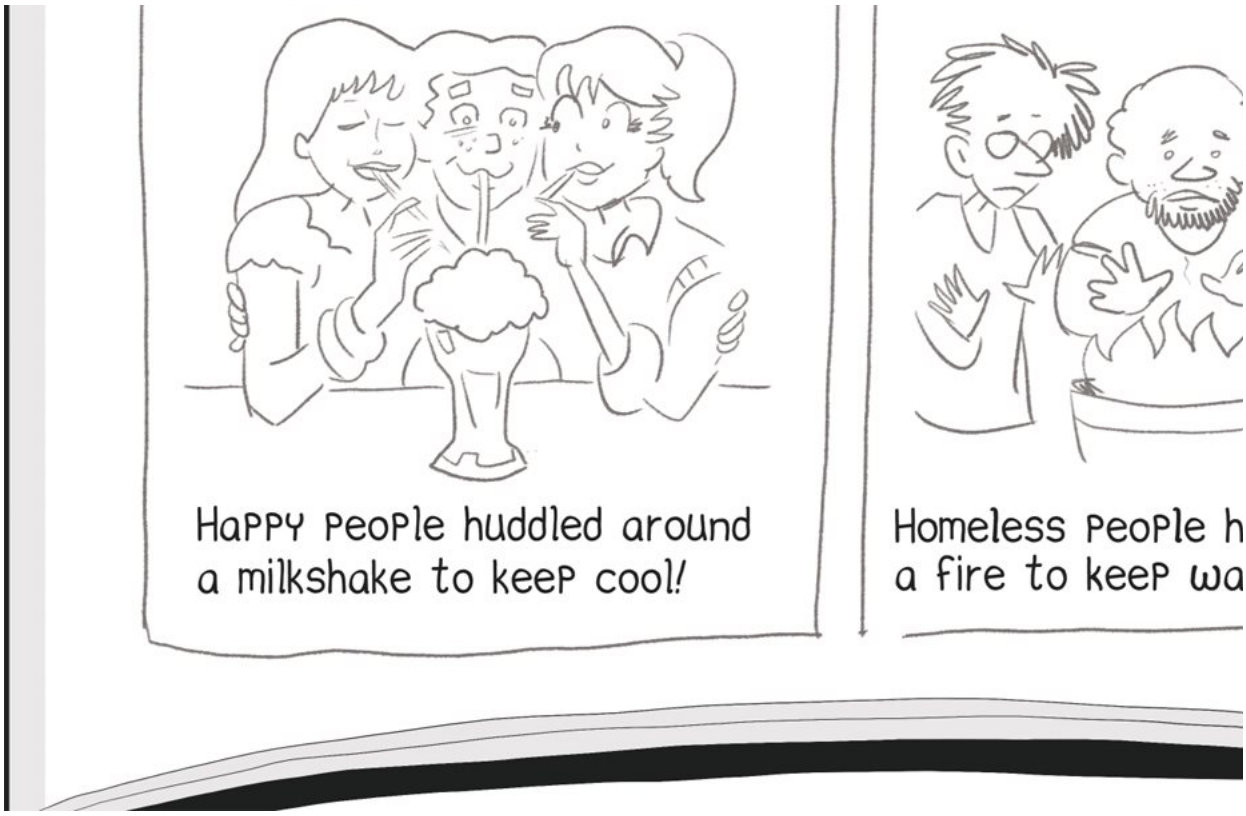


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their kid
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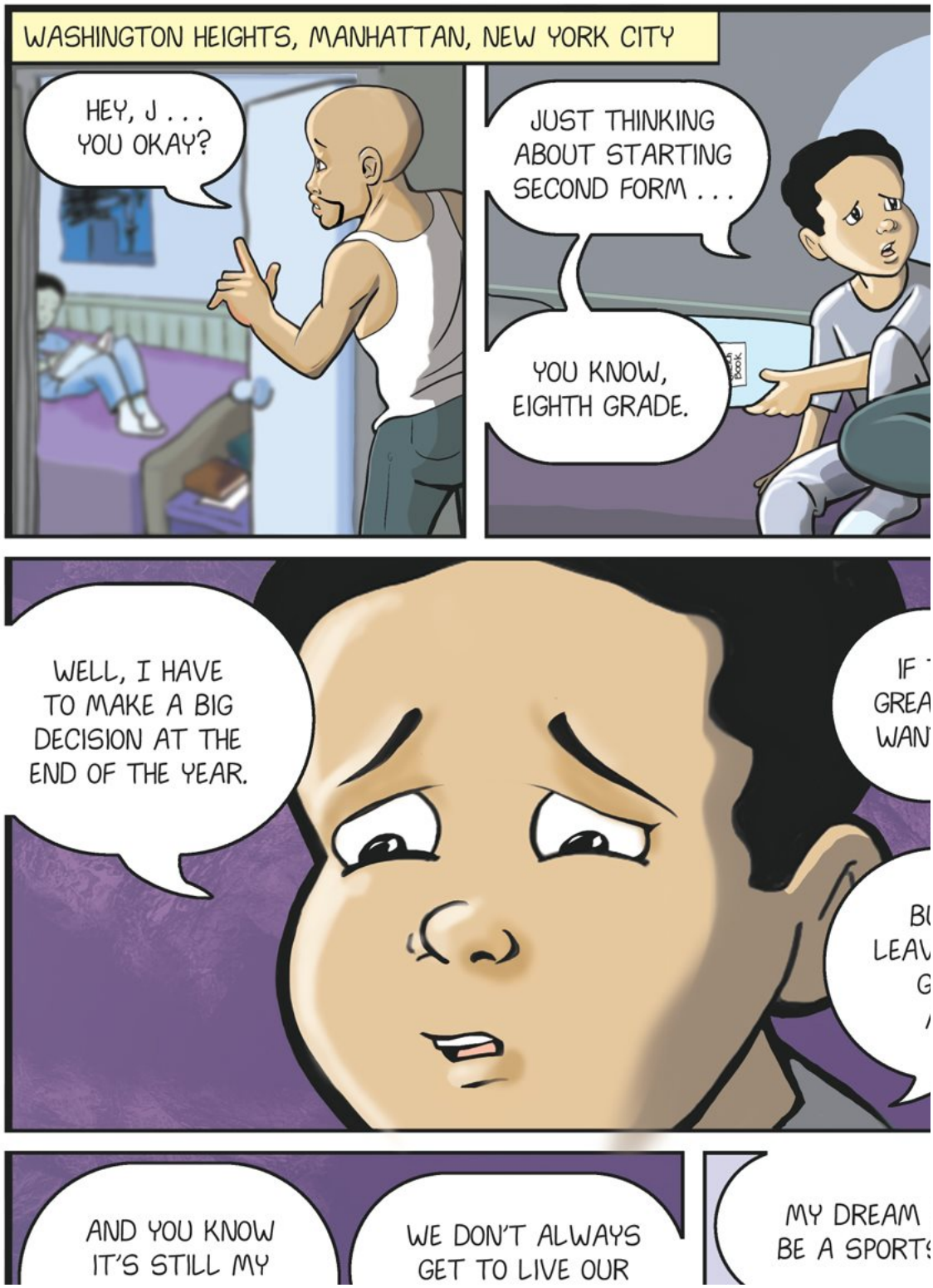


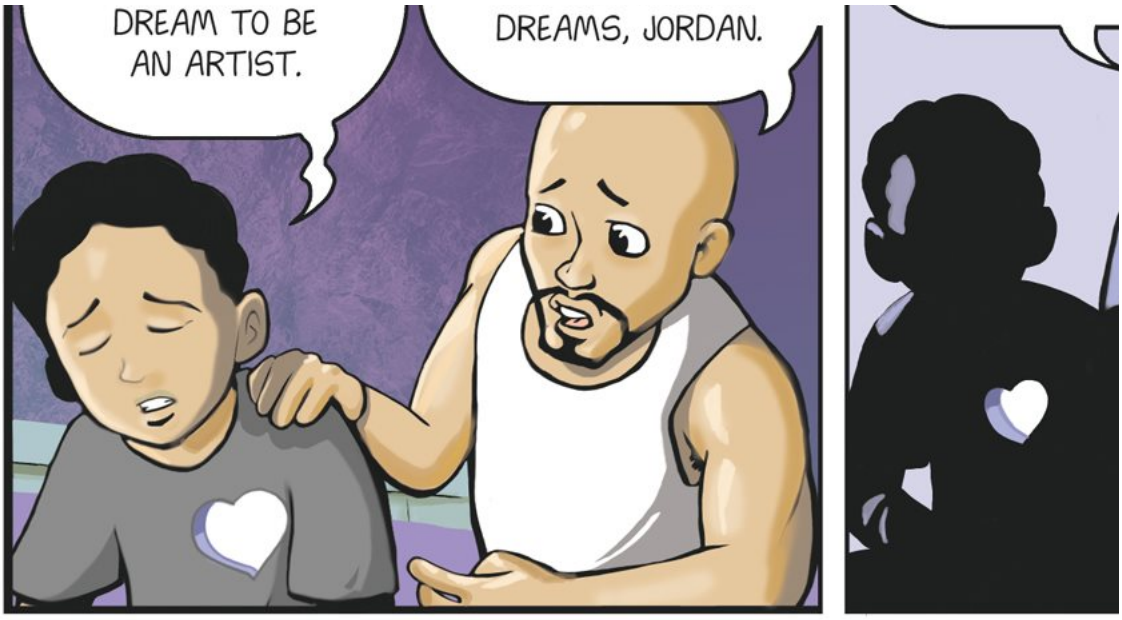
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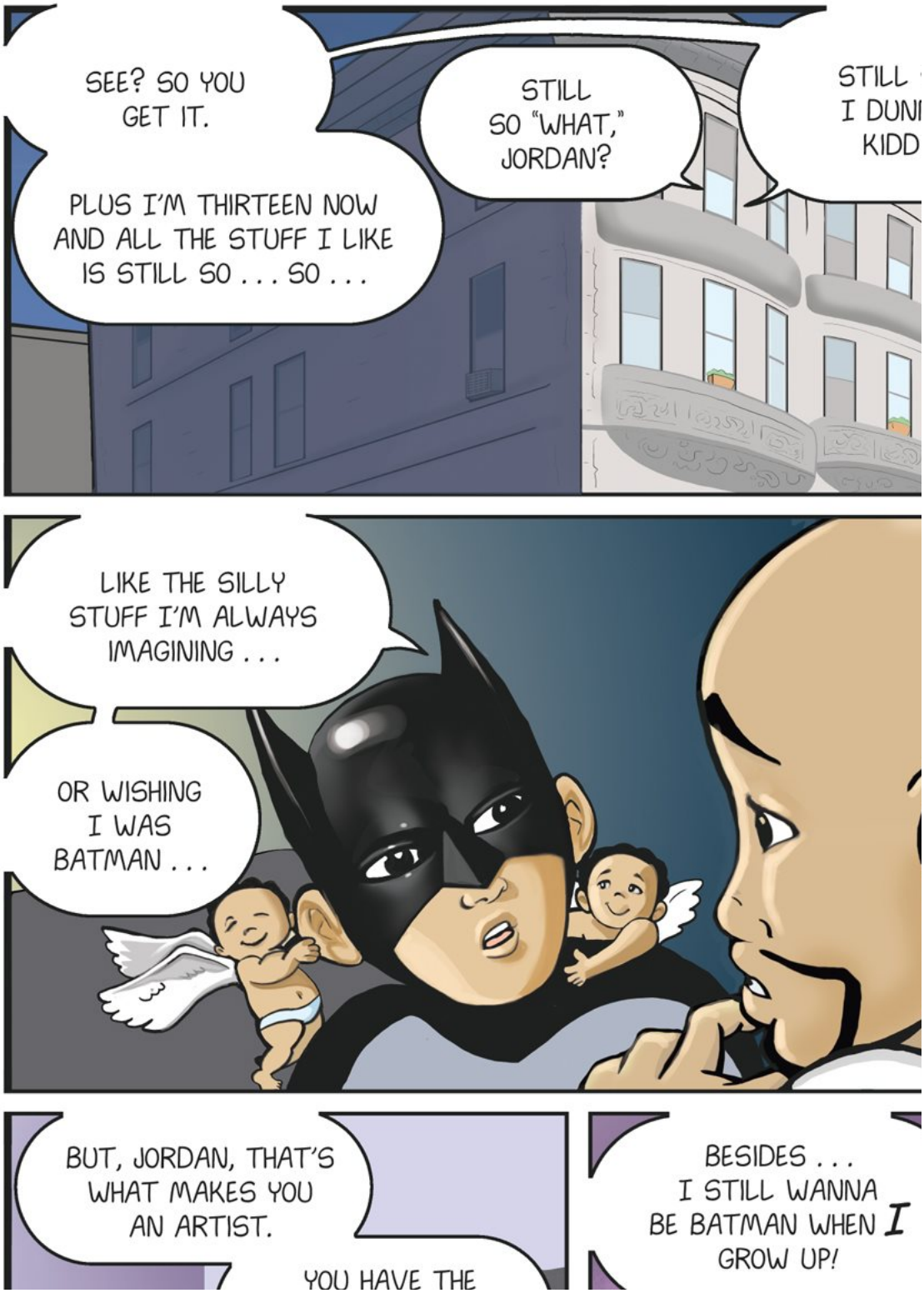

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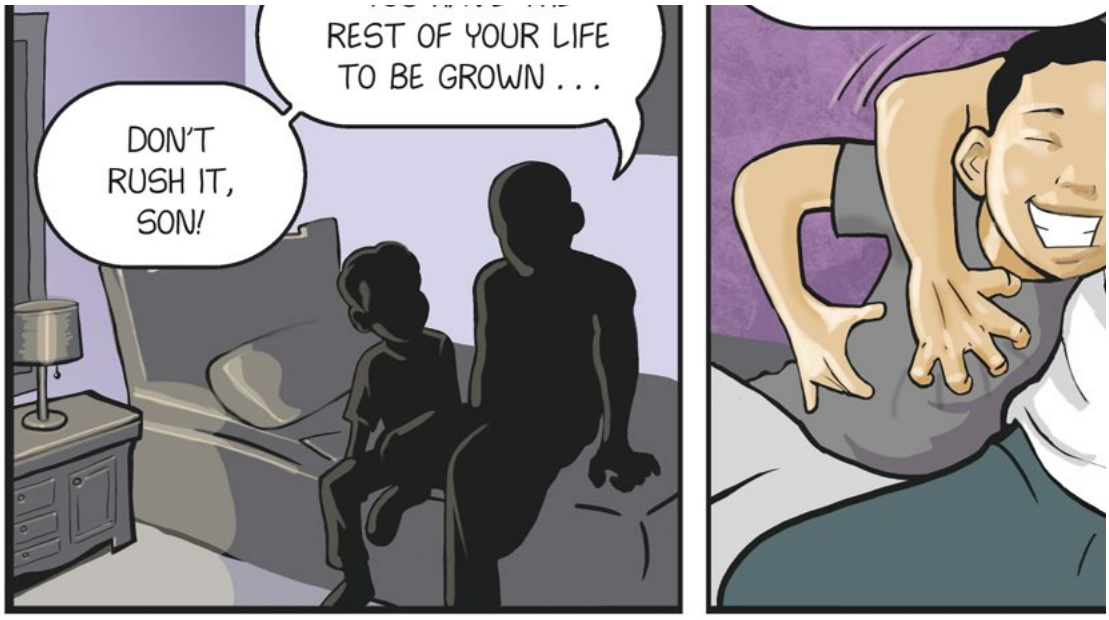
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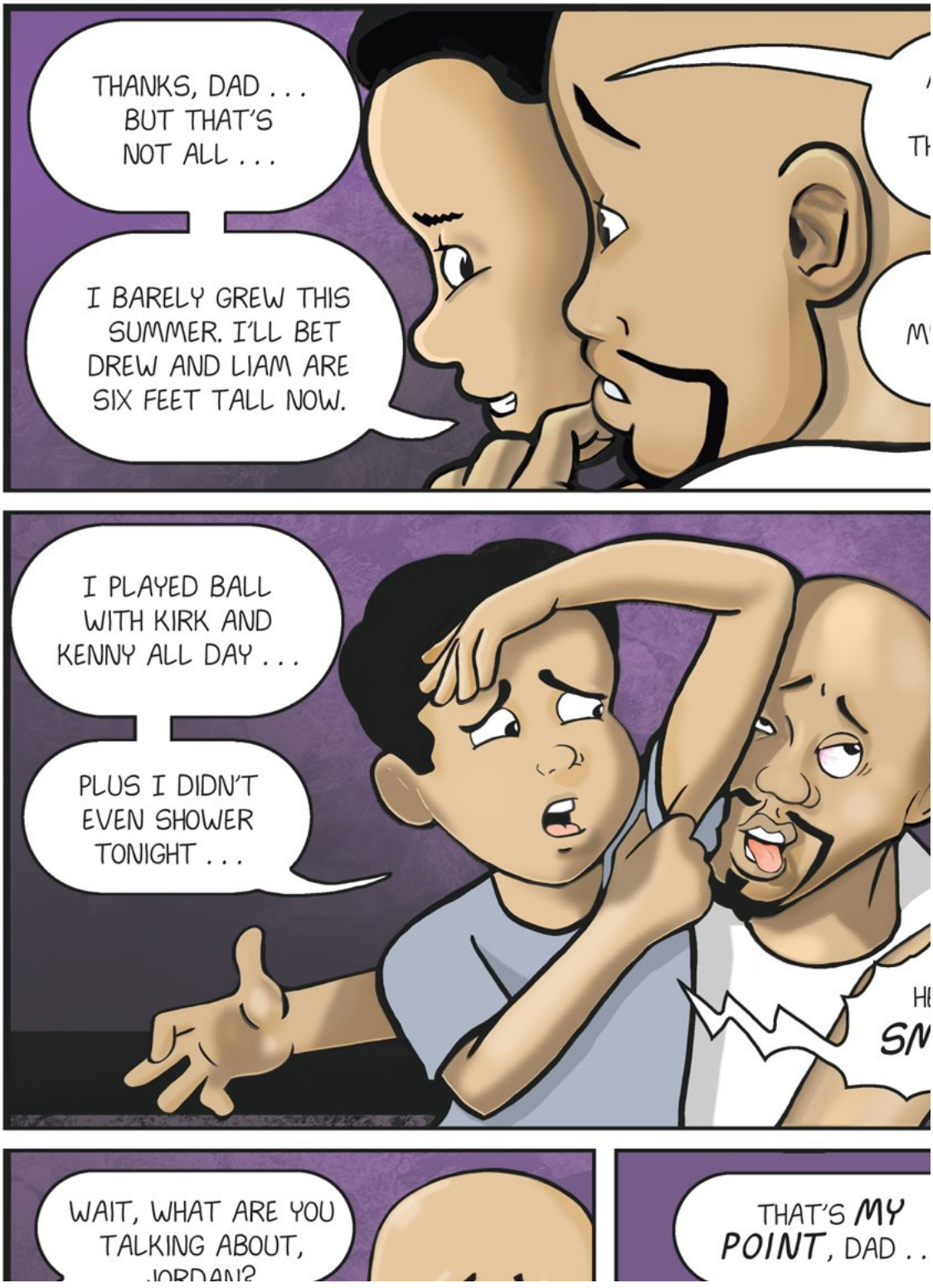

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DREAMS, JORDAN.

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TO BE GROWN . . .
DON'T
RUSH IT,
SON!

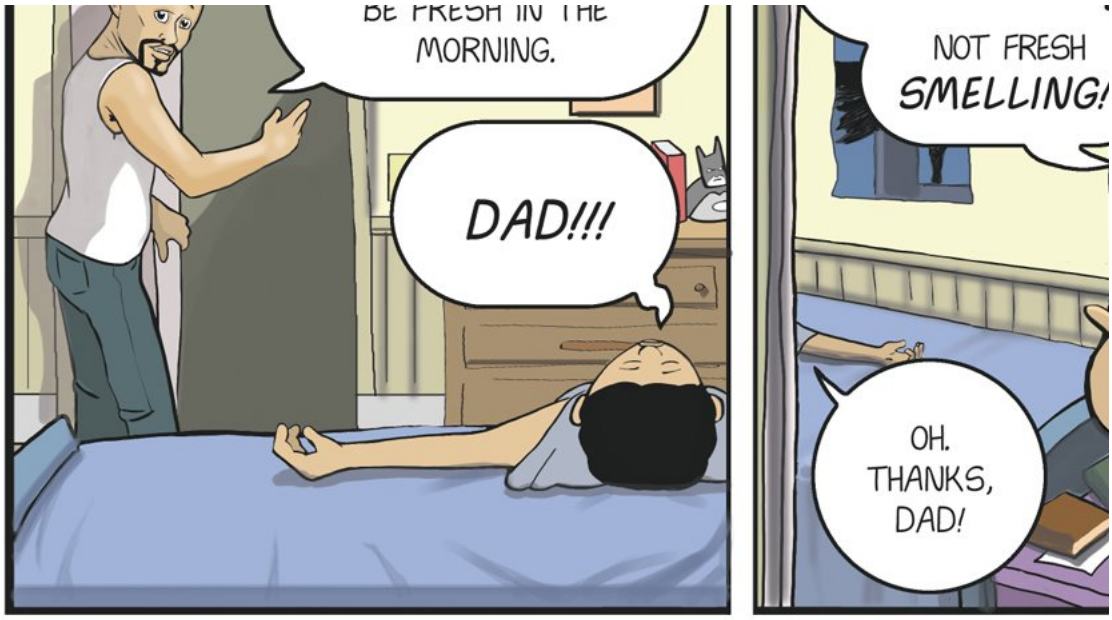
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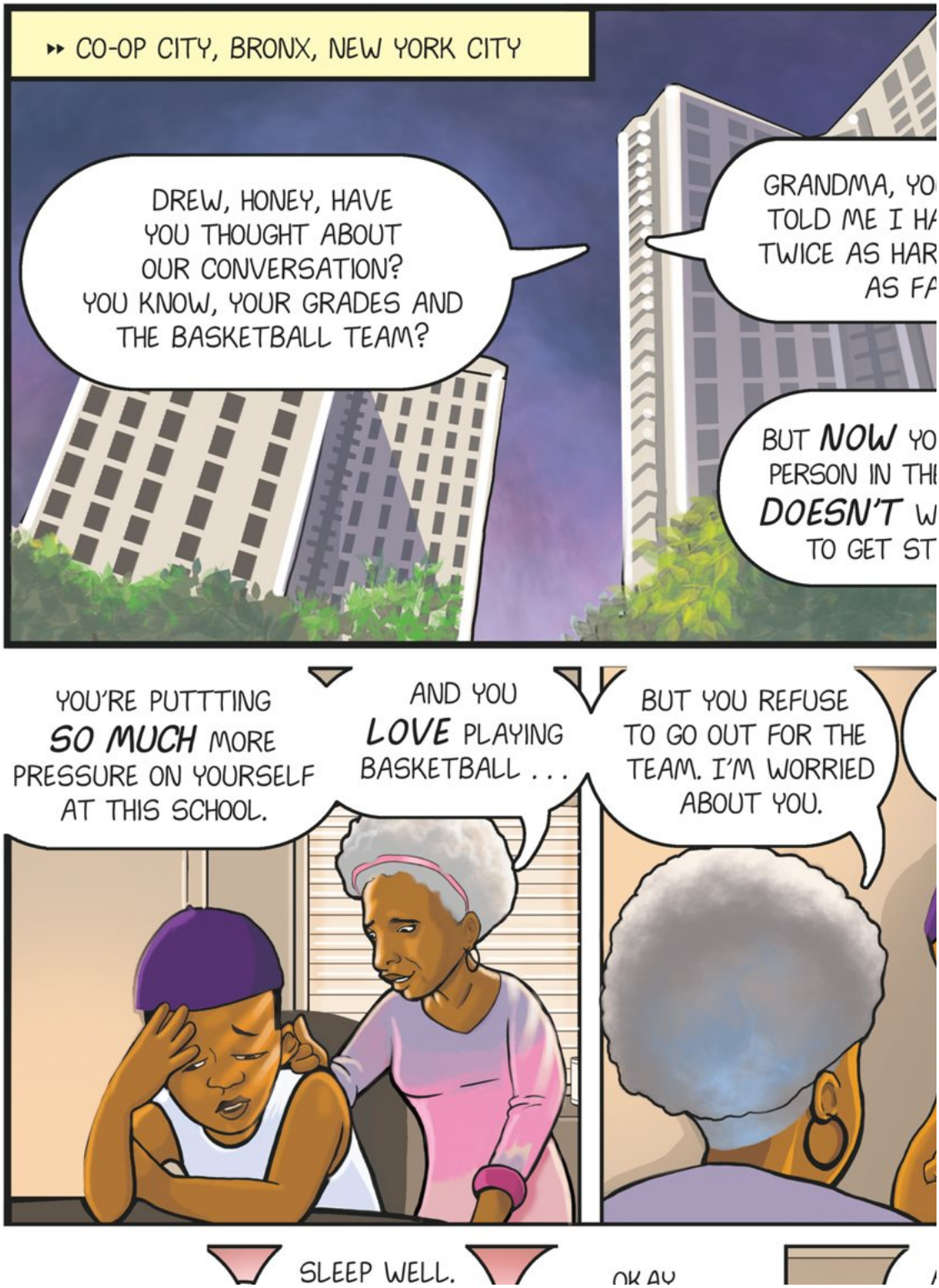

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WHEN DO I GET MY BIG-BOY STINK?

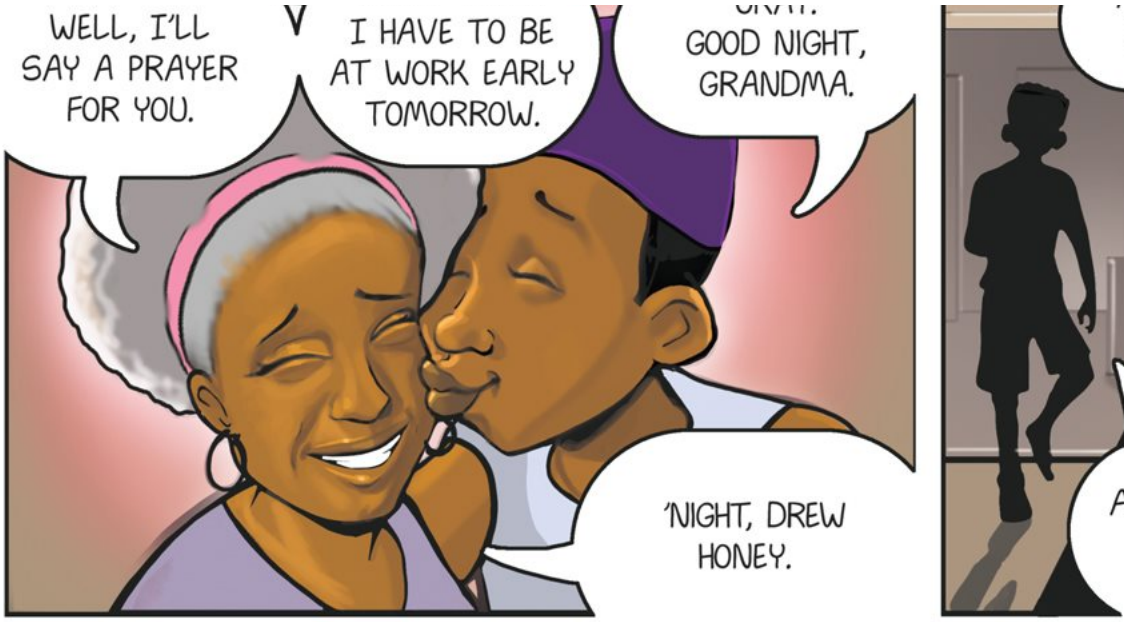
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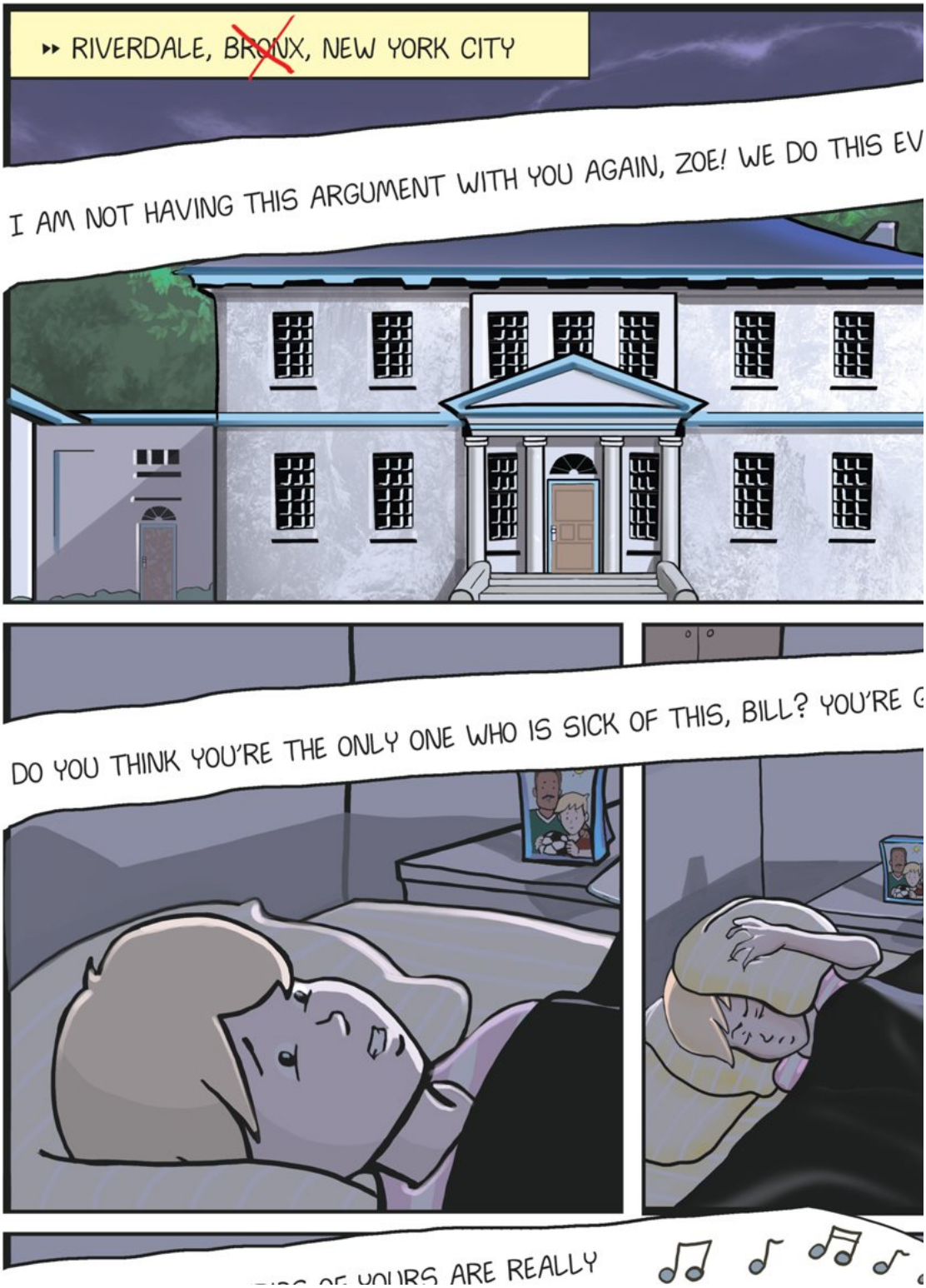

BE FRESH IN THE MORNING.
DAD!!!
NOT FRESH SMELLING!
OH. THANKS, DAD!

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WELL, I'LL SAY A PRAYER FOR YOU.
I HAVE TO BE AT WORK EARLY TOMORROW.
GOOD NIGHT, GRANDMA.
'NIGHT, DREW HONEY.

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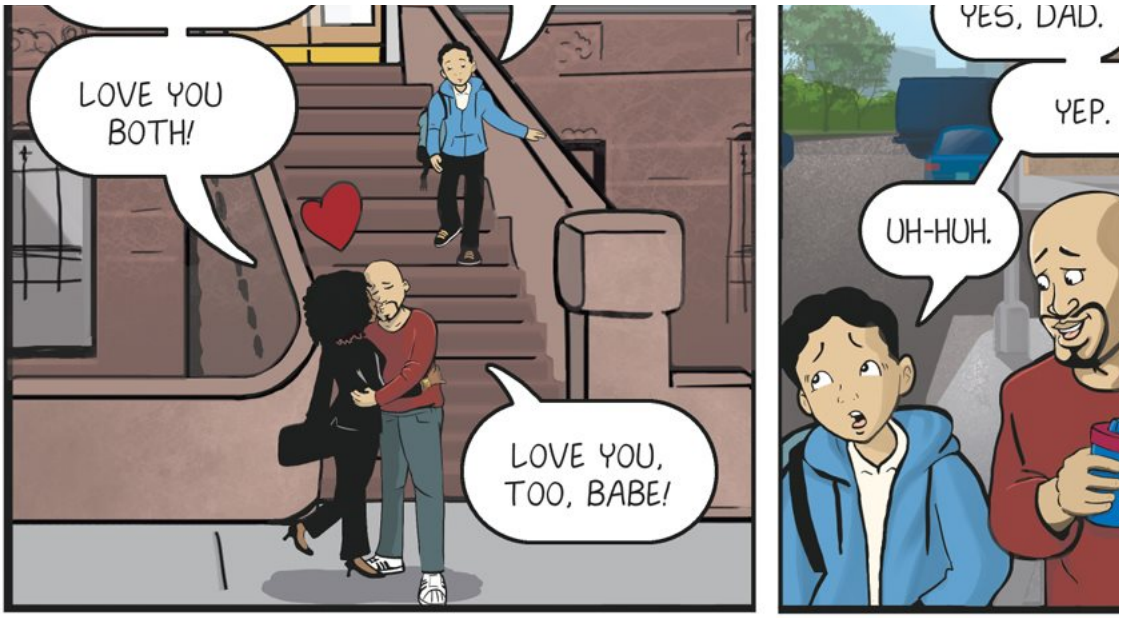
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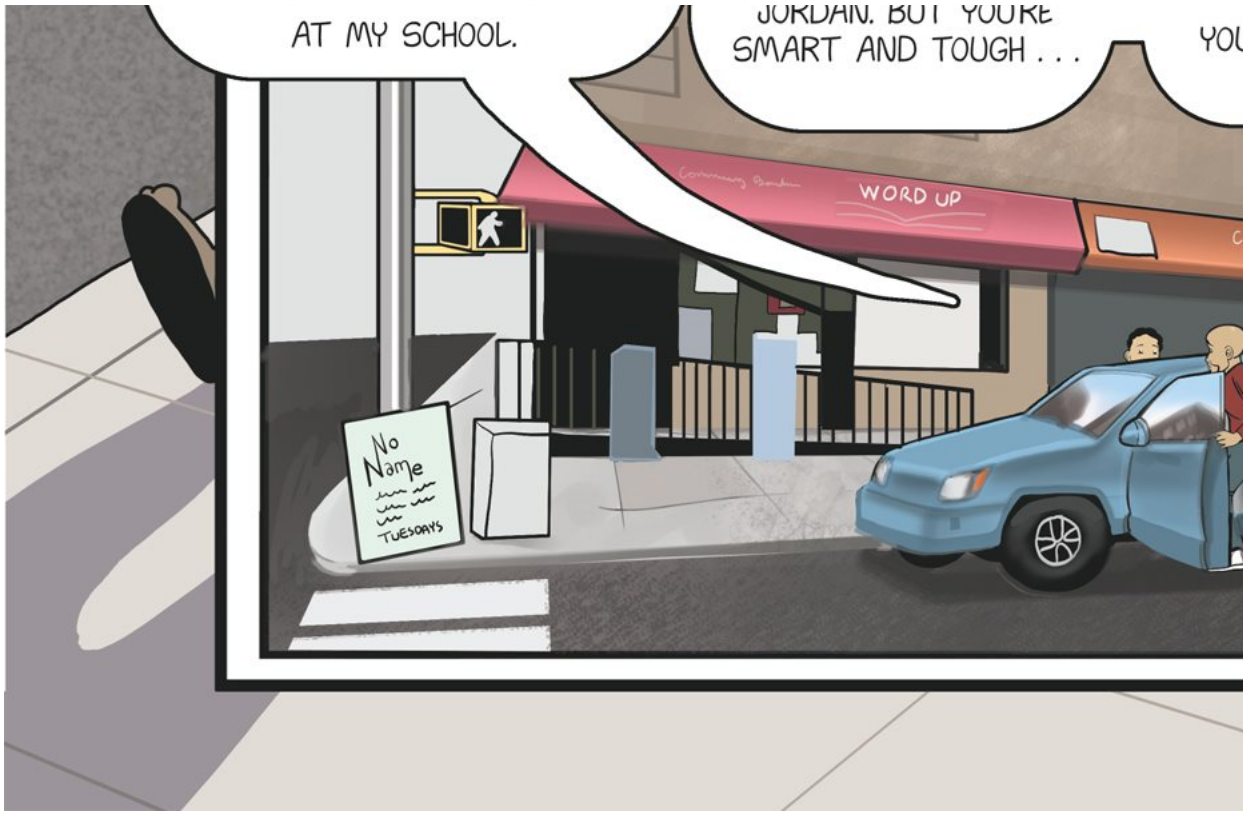
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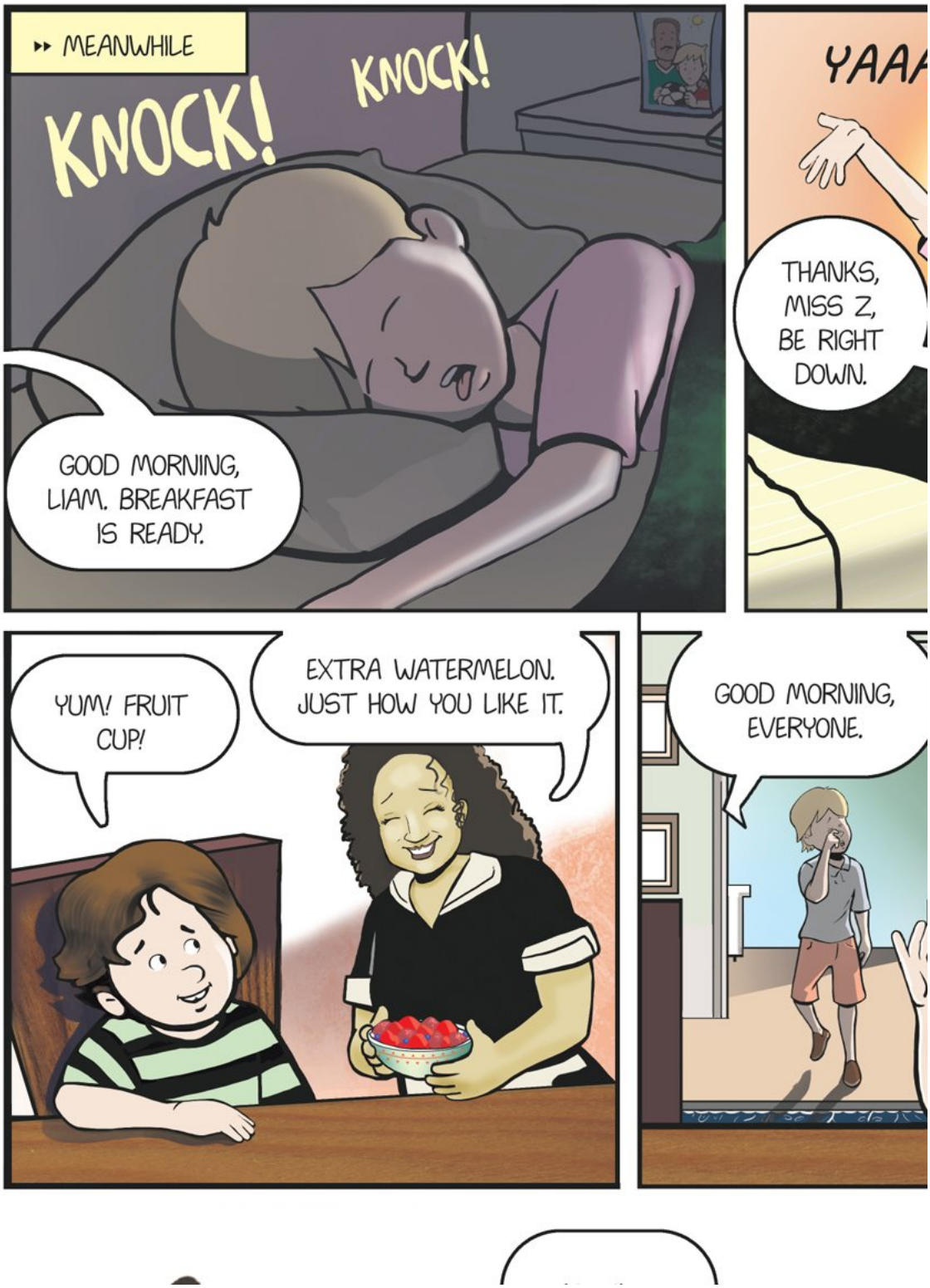

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LOVE YOU, TOO, BABE!
YES, DAD.
YEP.
UH-HUH.

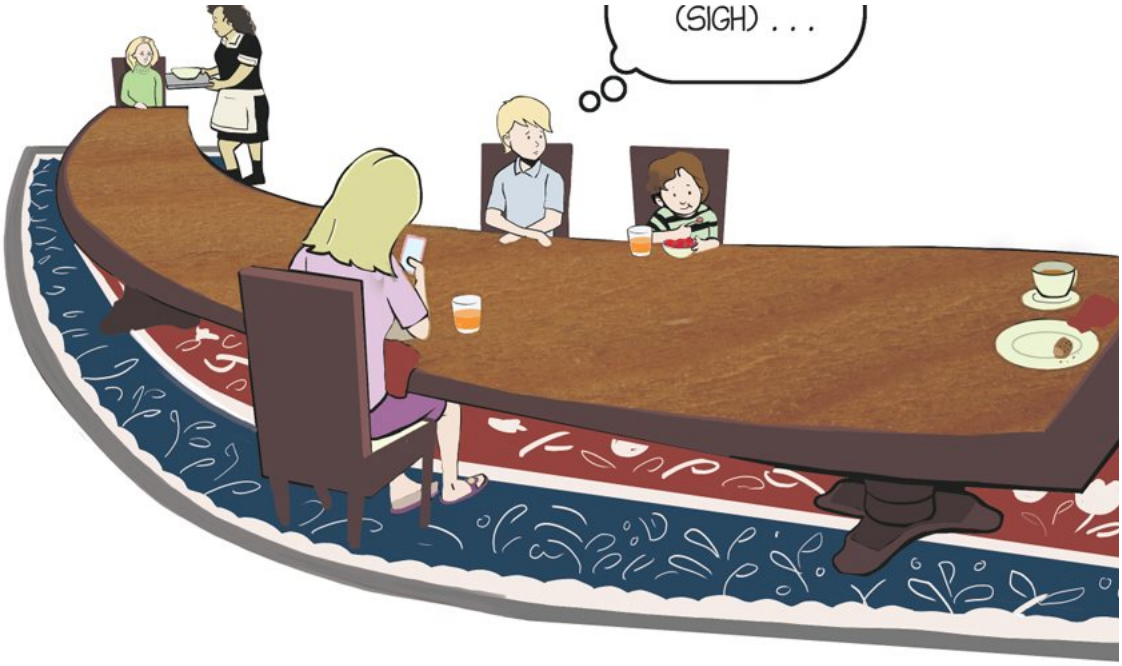
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AT MY SCHOOL.
JORDAN. BUT YOU'RE SMART AND TOUGH . . .
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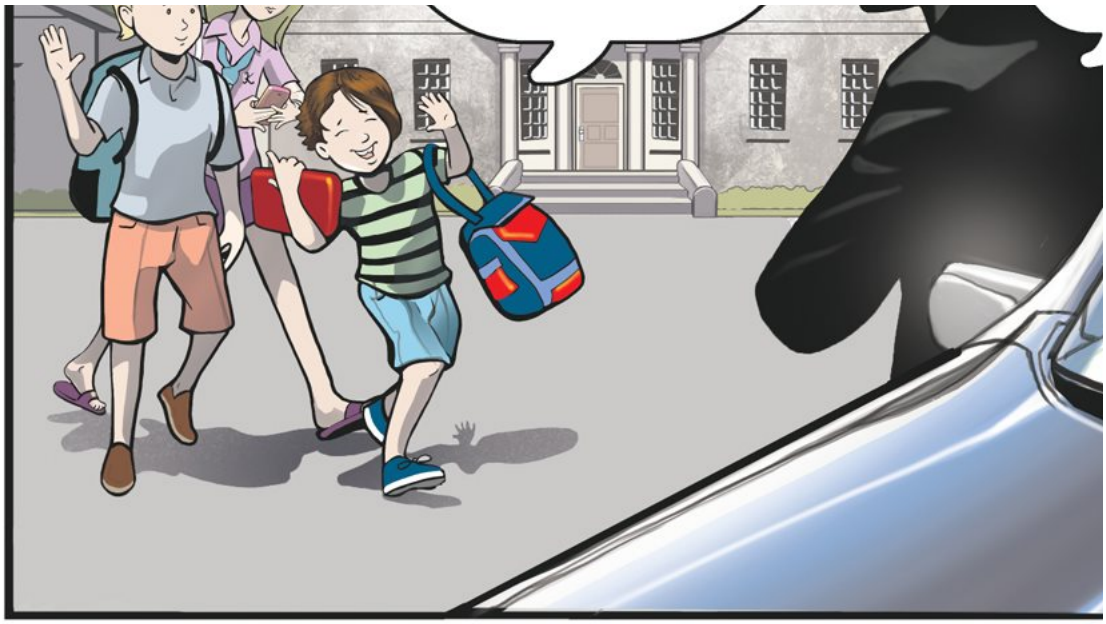
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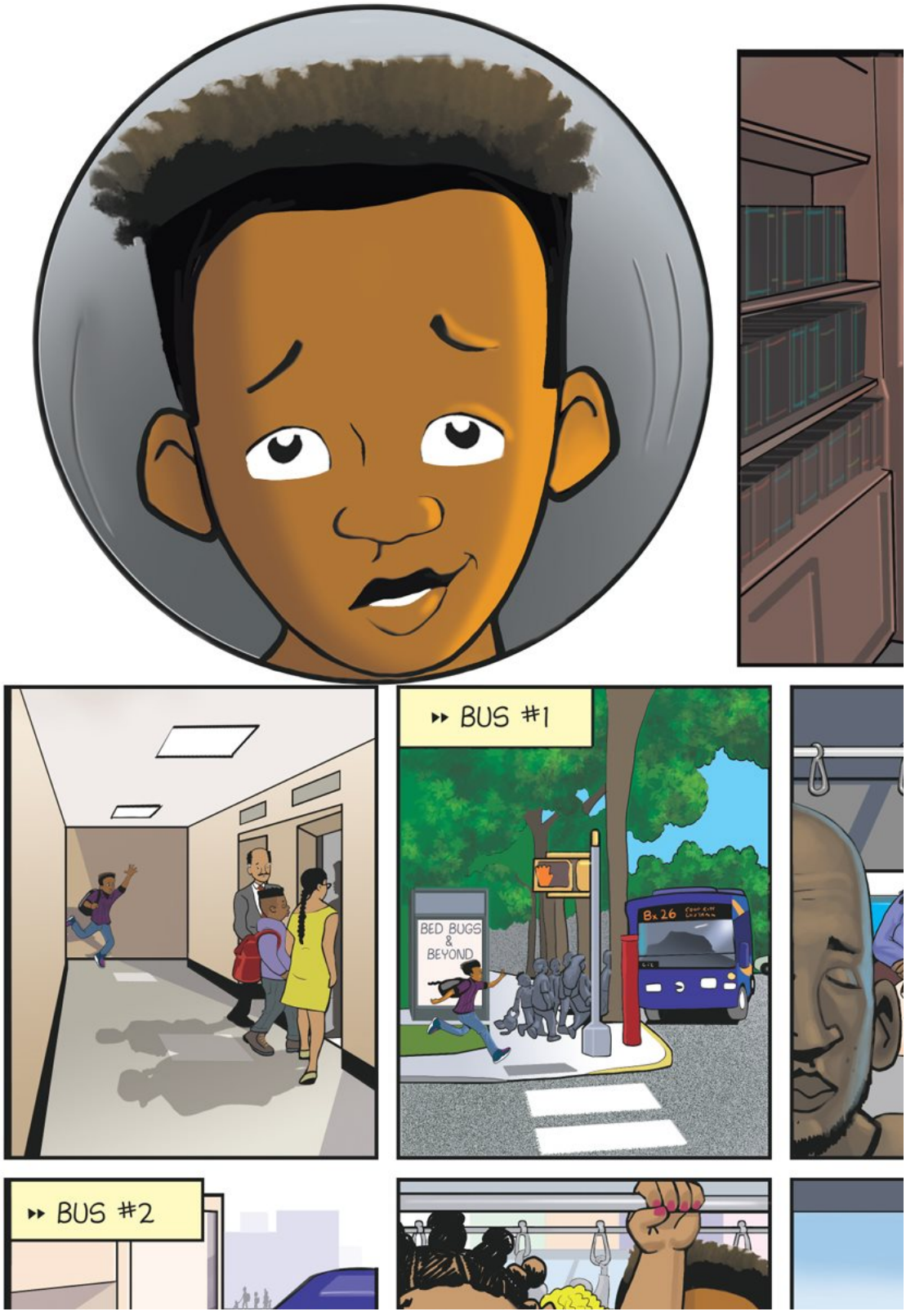


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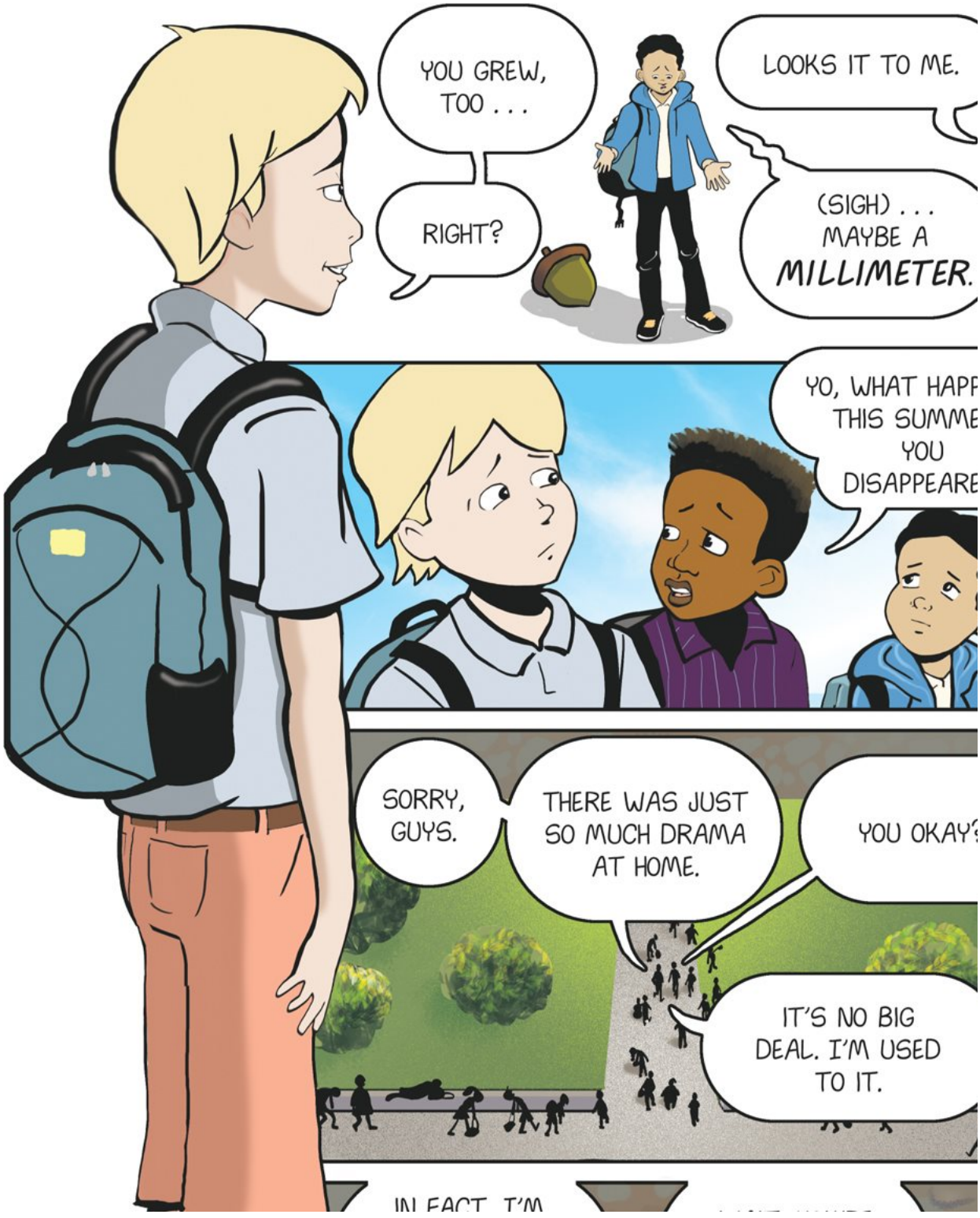


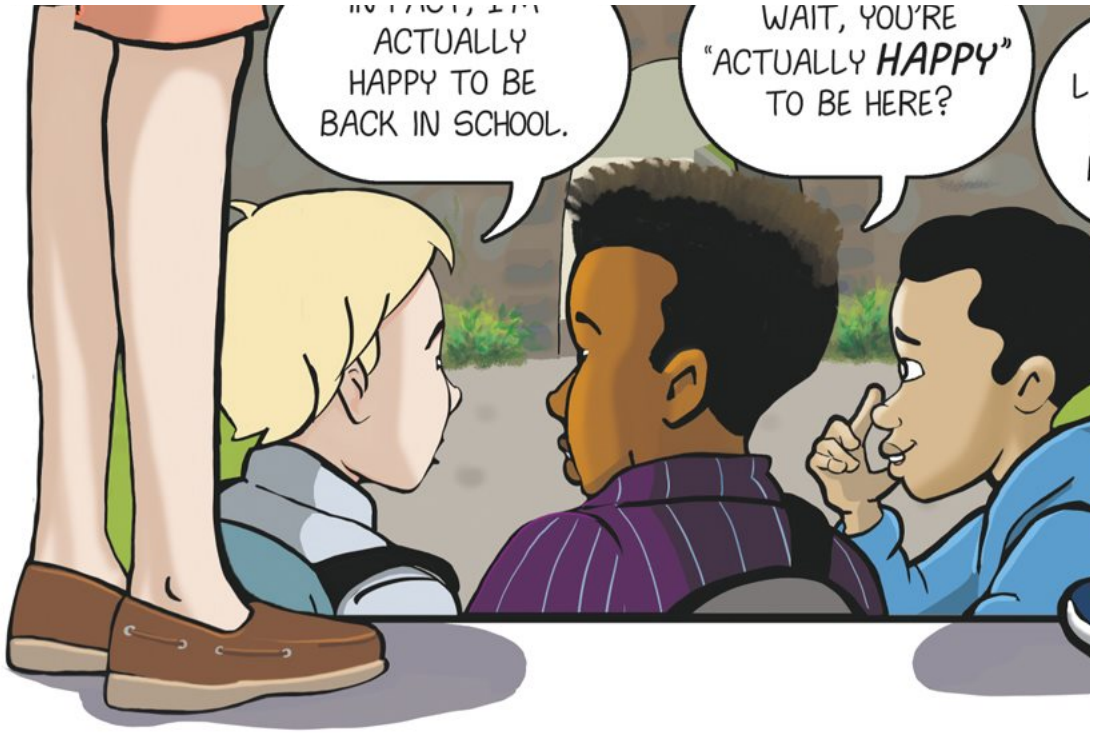
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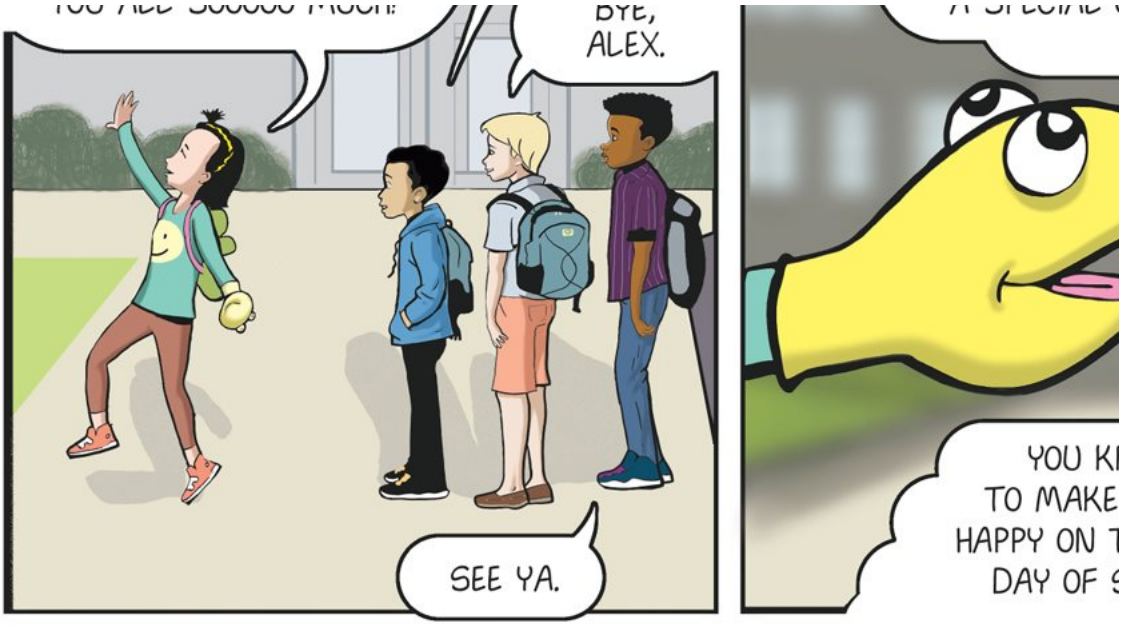
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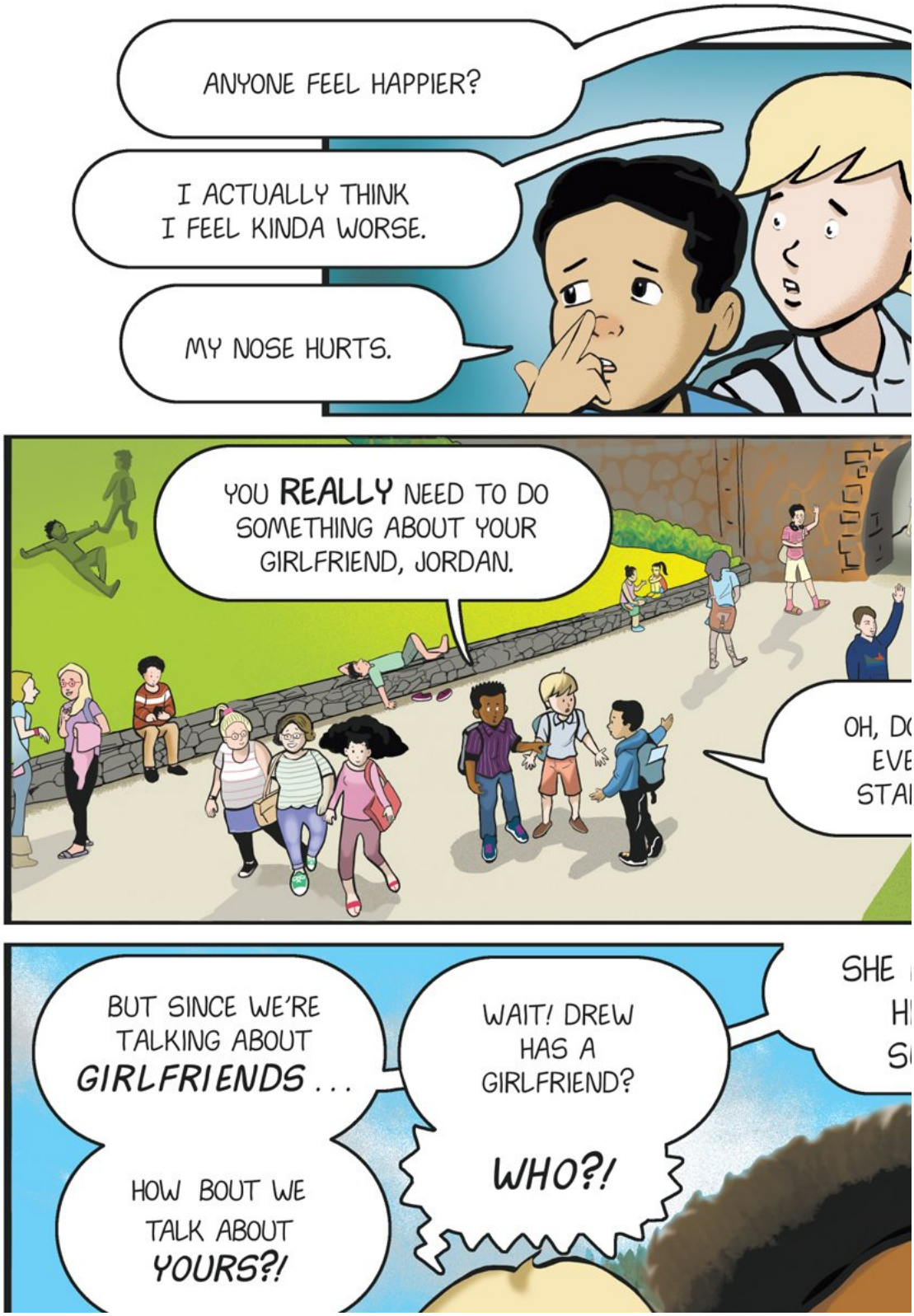

ACTUALLY HAPPY TO BE BACK IN SCHOOL.
WAIT, YOU'RE "ACTUALLY HAPPY" TO BE HERE?

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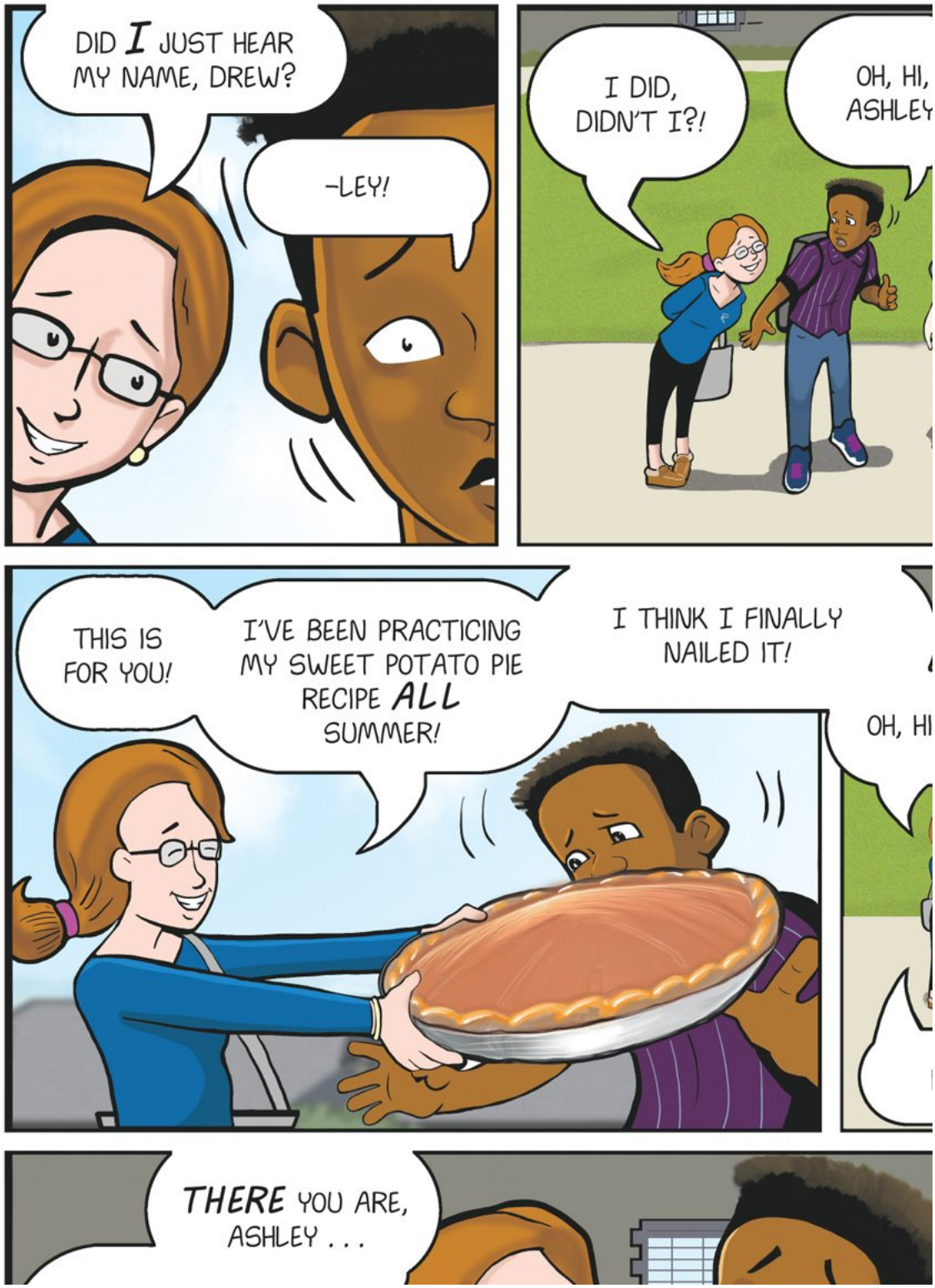

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HE MEANS

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I WAS WONDERING WHERE YOU–
OH! NO WONDER . . .
HI, DREW. HI, GUYS.

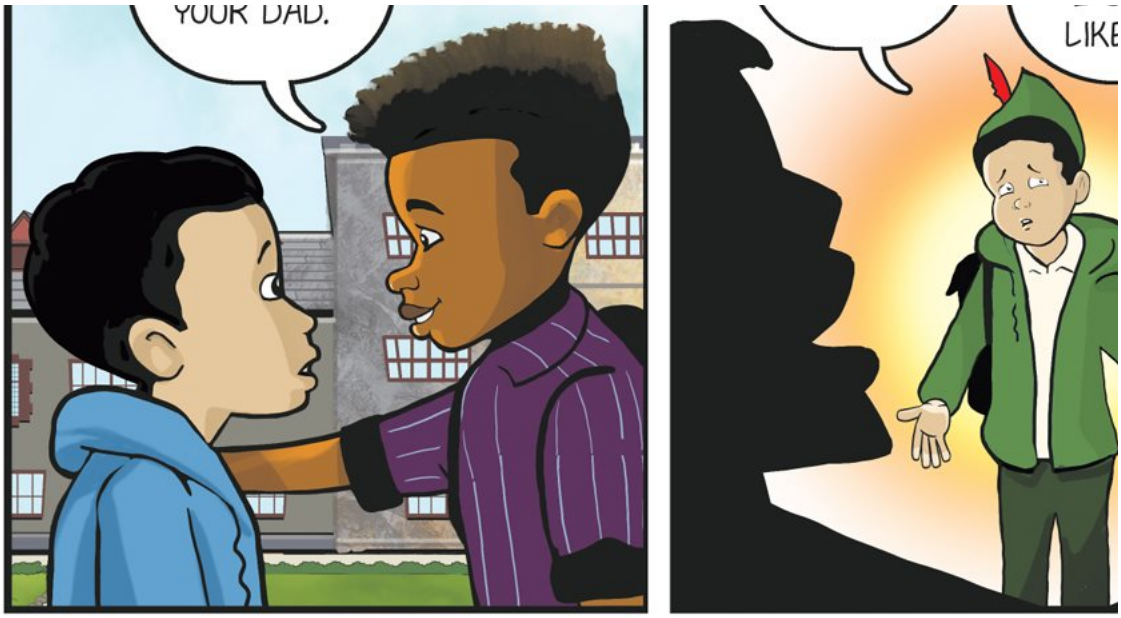
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OH, OKAY. I'D NEVER WANT TO DO ANYTHING YOU DIDN'T WANT ME TO DO.
YOU

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YOUR DAD.
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DO YOU SAY, ANDY?
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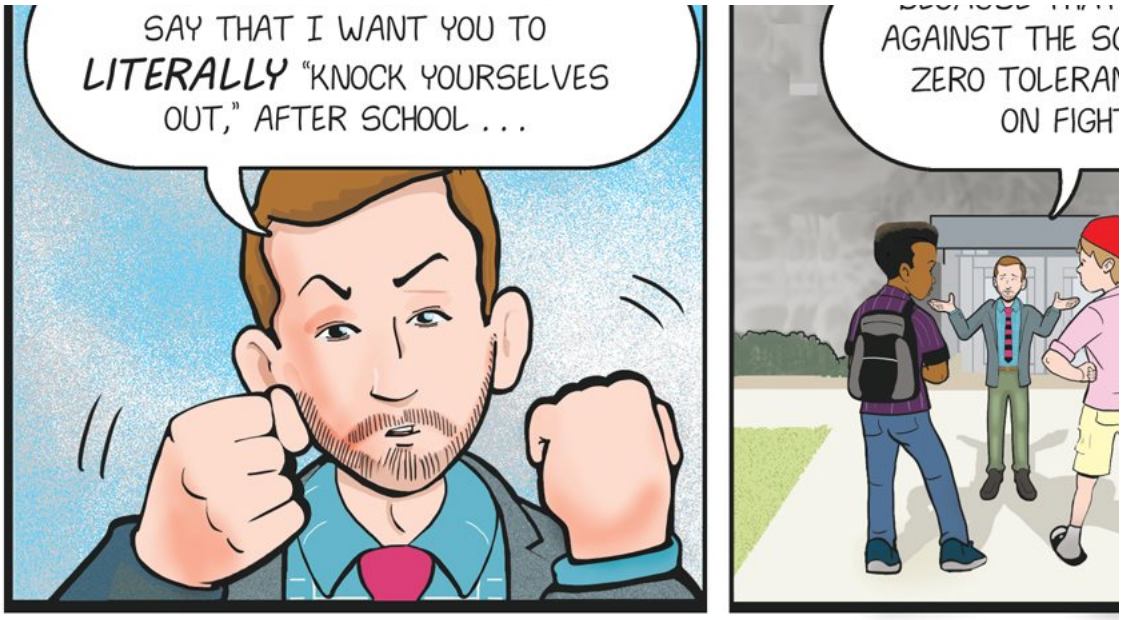
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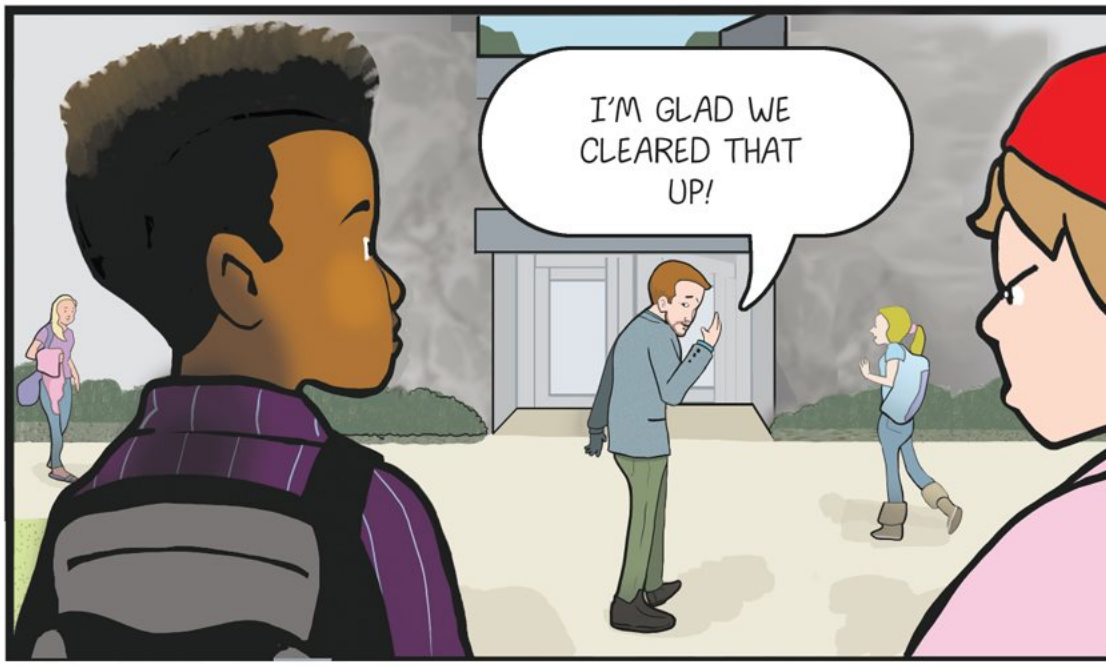

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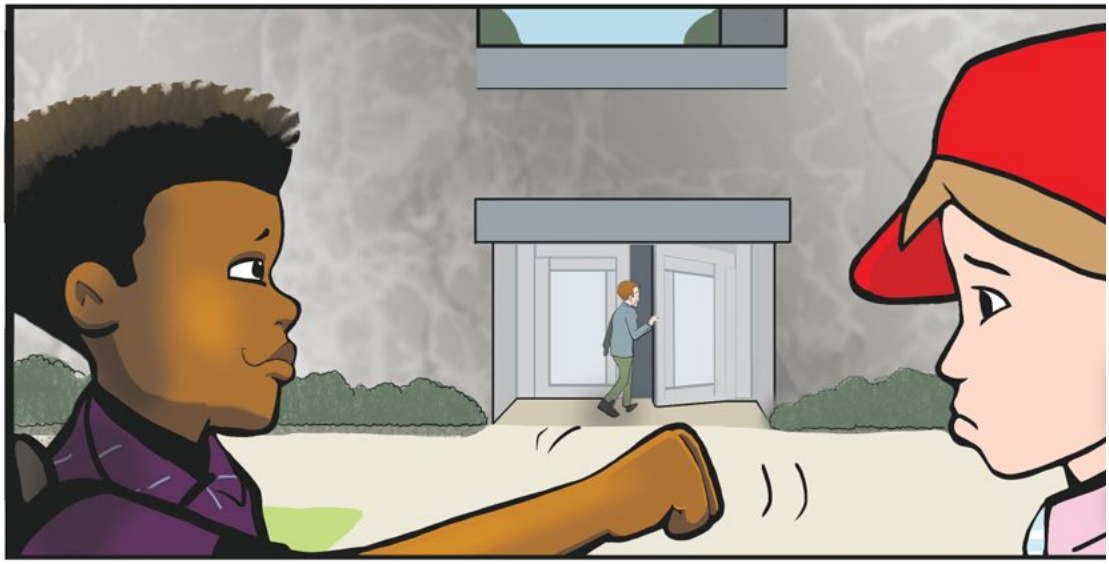
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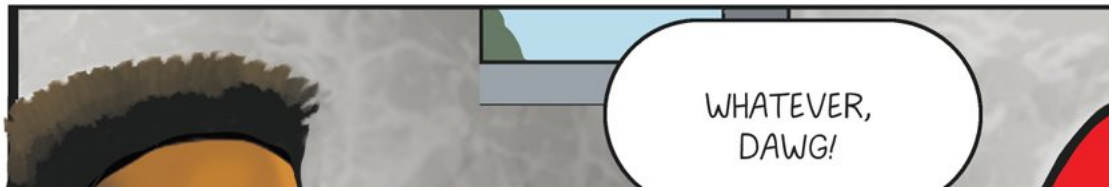


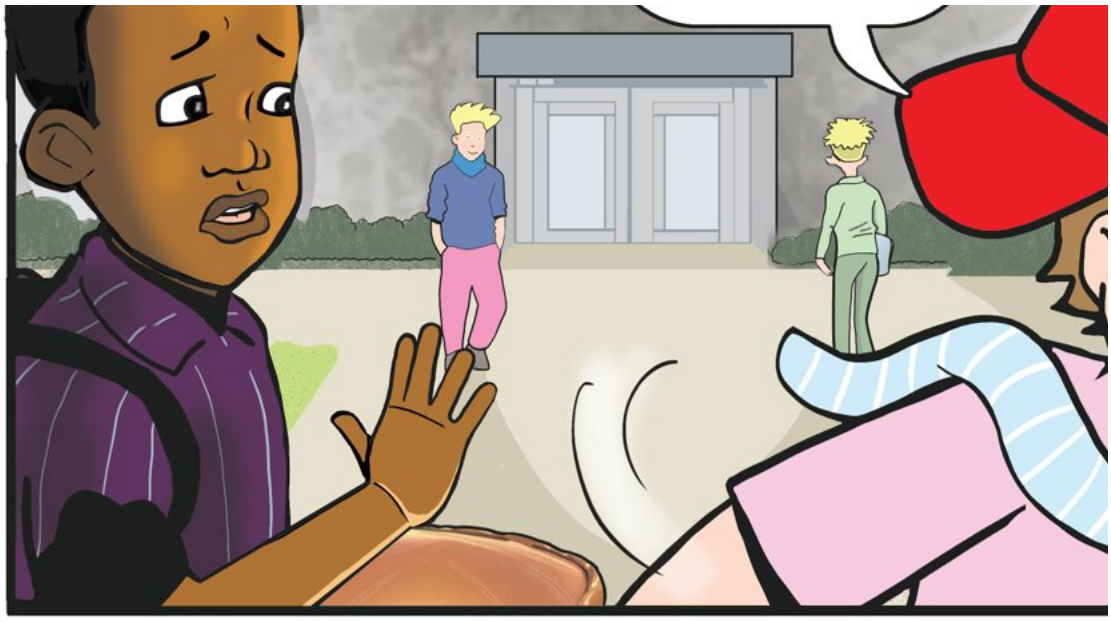

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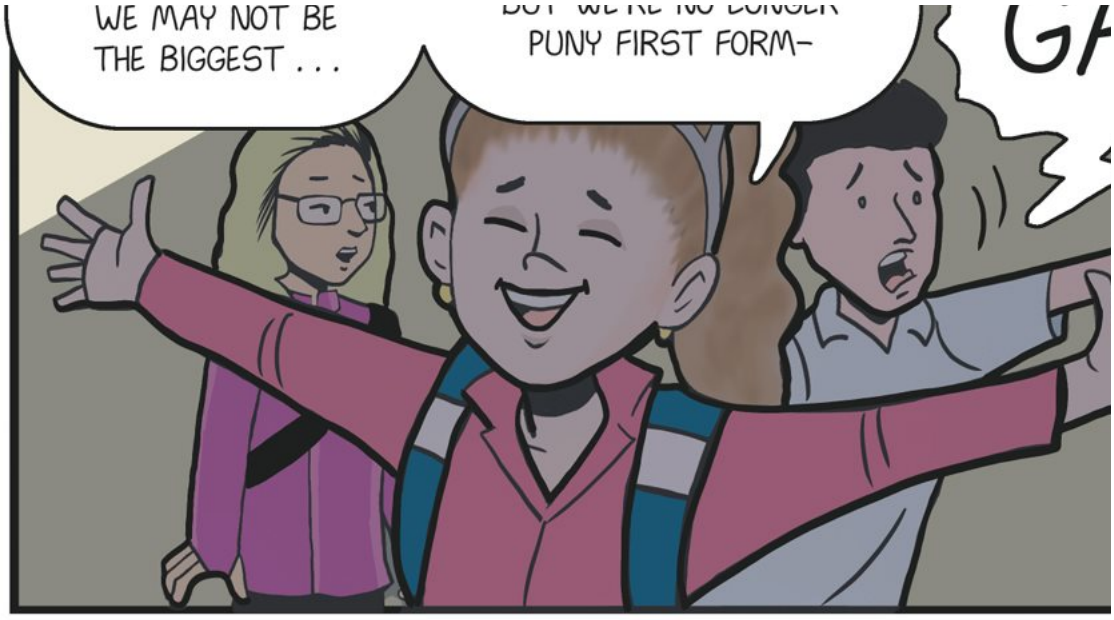
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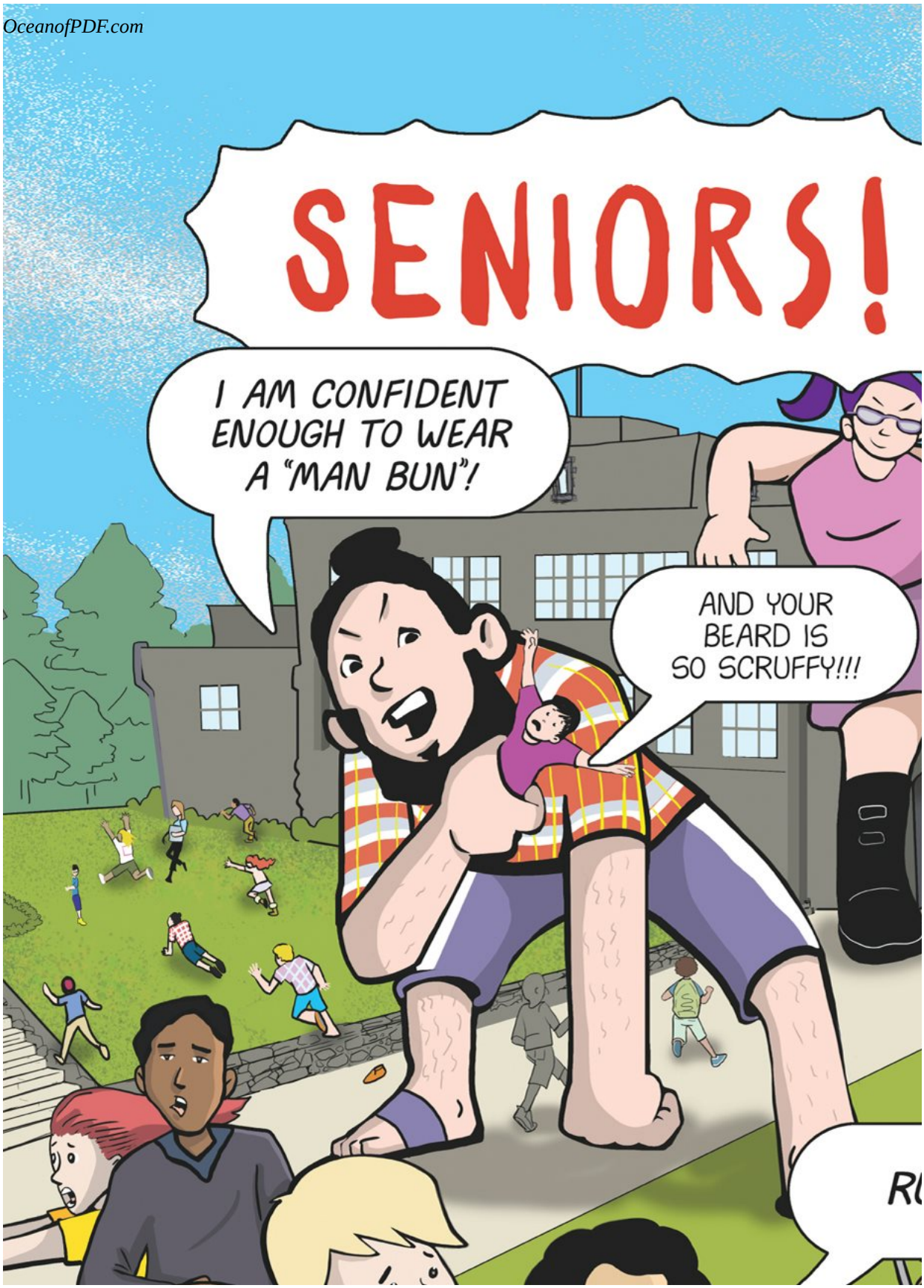

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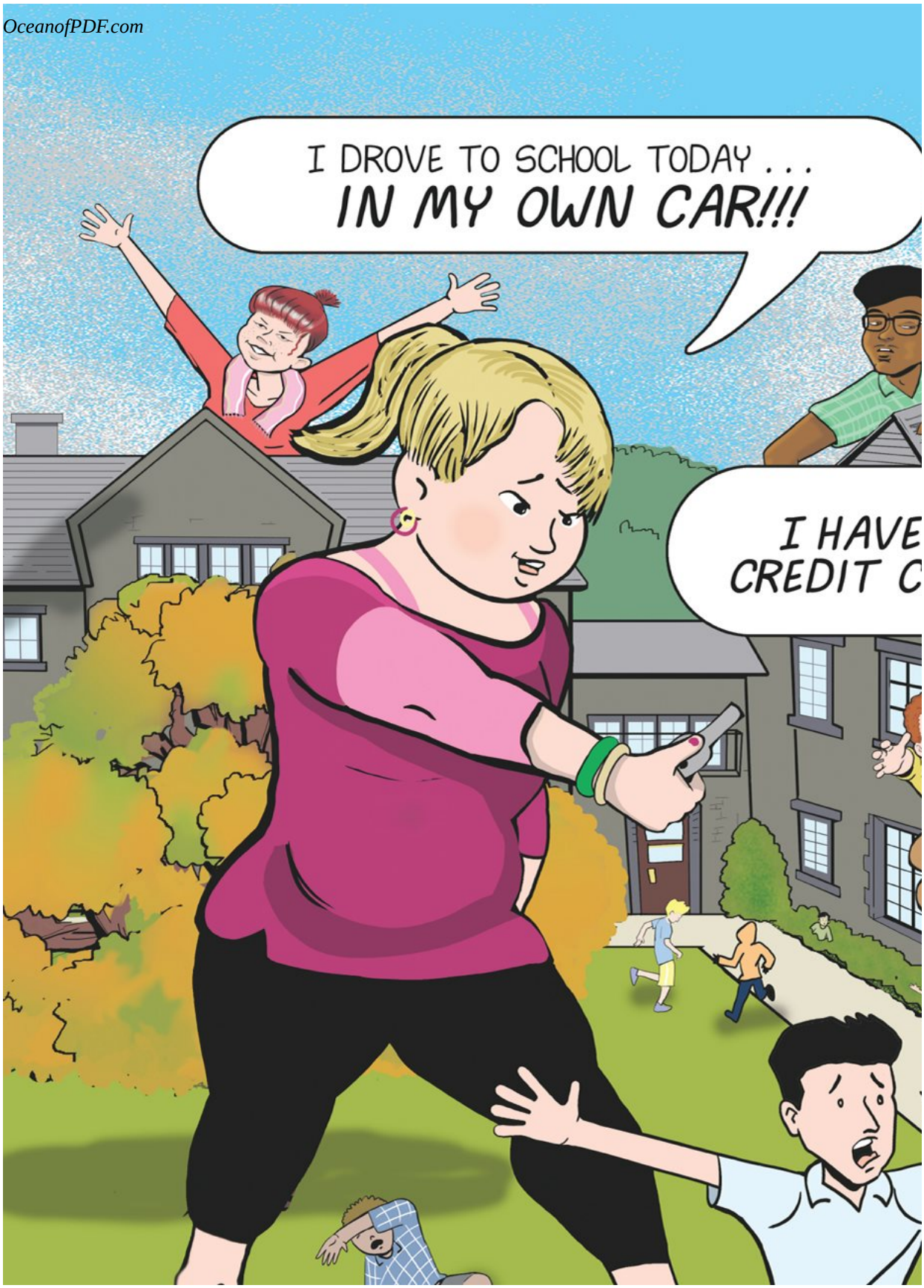

WE MAY NOT BE THE BIGGEST . . .
PUNY FIRST FORM-

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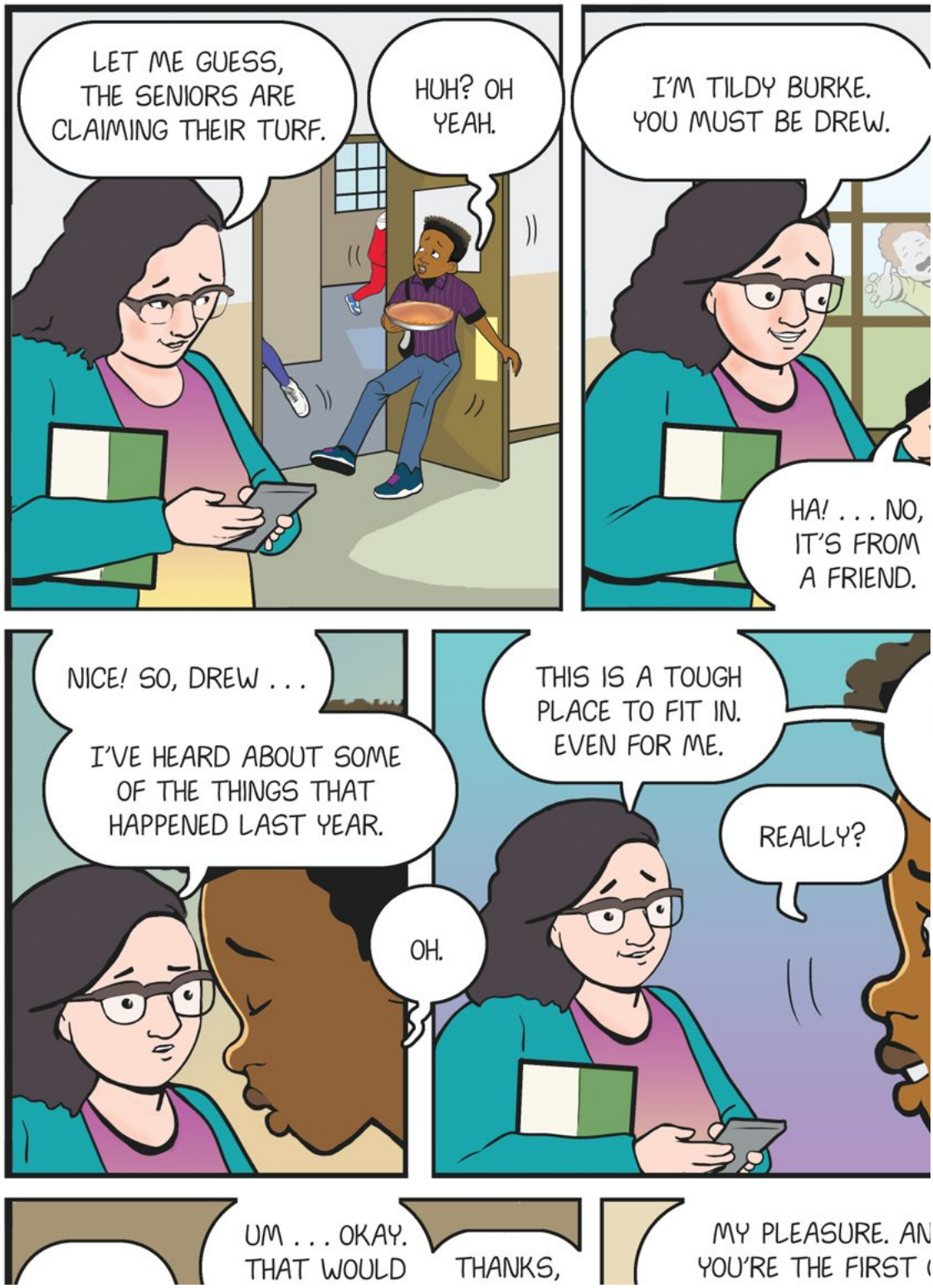


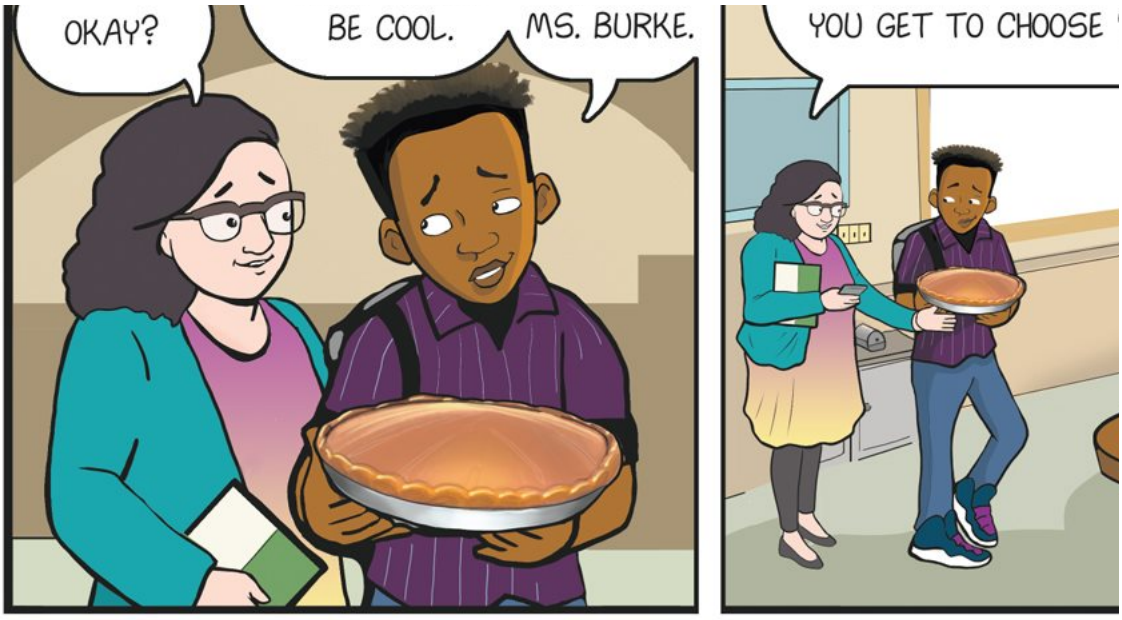
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SEE YOU
AT LUNCH!

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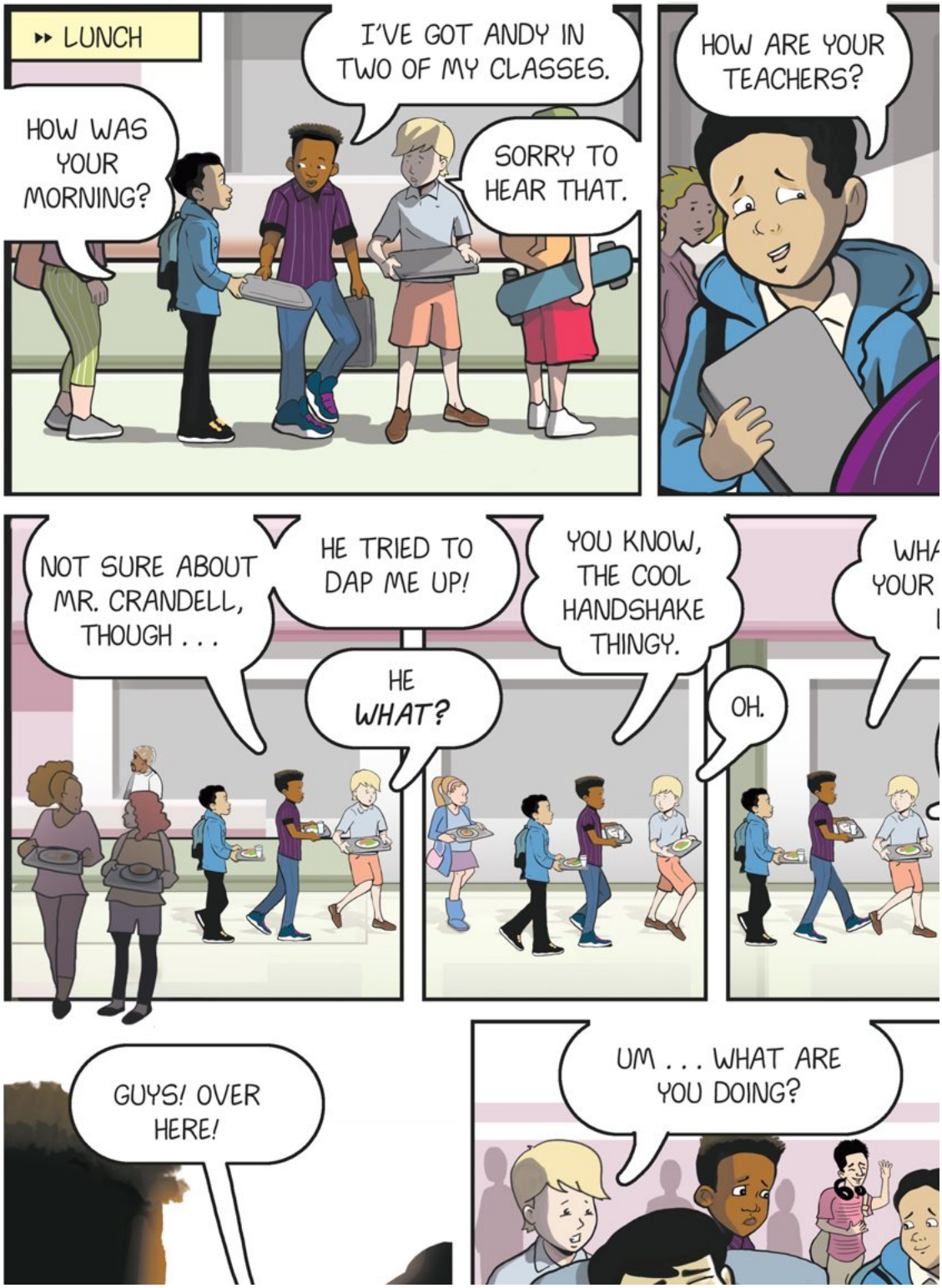

OKAY?
BE COOL.
MS. BURKE.
YOU GET TO CHOOSE

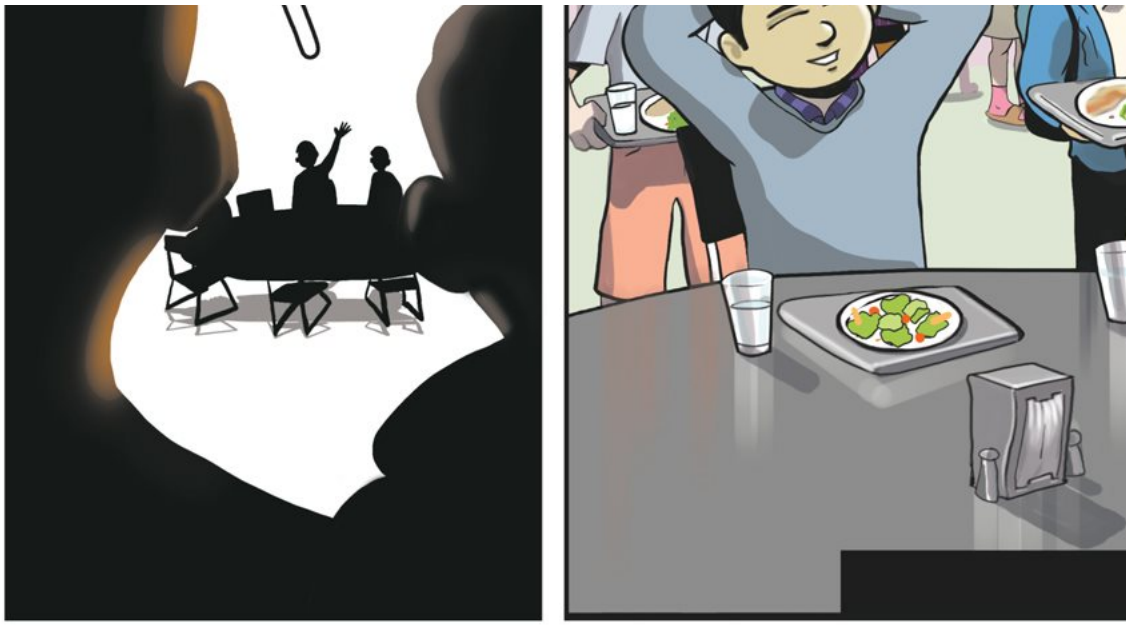
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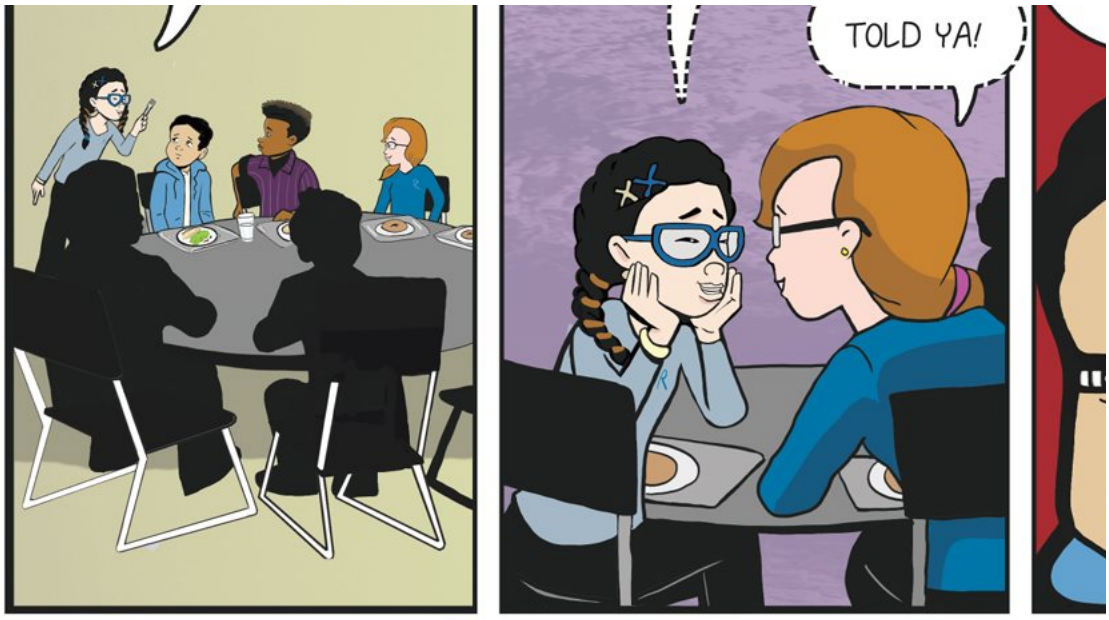
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Look what I "DREW!" A comic about

How Touching

by Jordan

The more I look at my friend Drew, the more different I see we are.



Don't get me wrong
We have a LOT in c



But the way that SOME people see us, and treat us, is really different. Even though we're both African American.

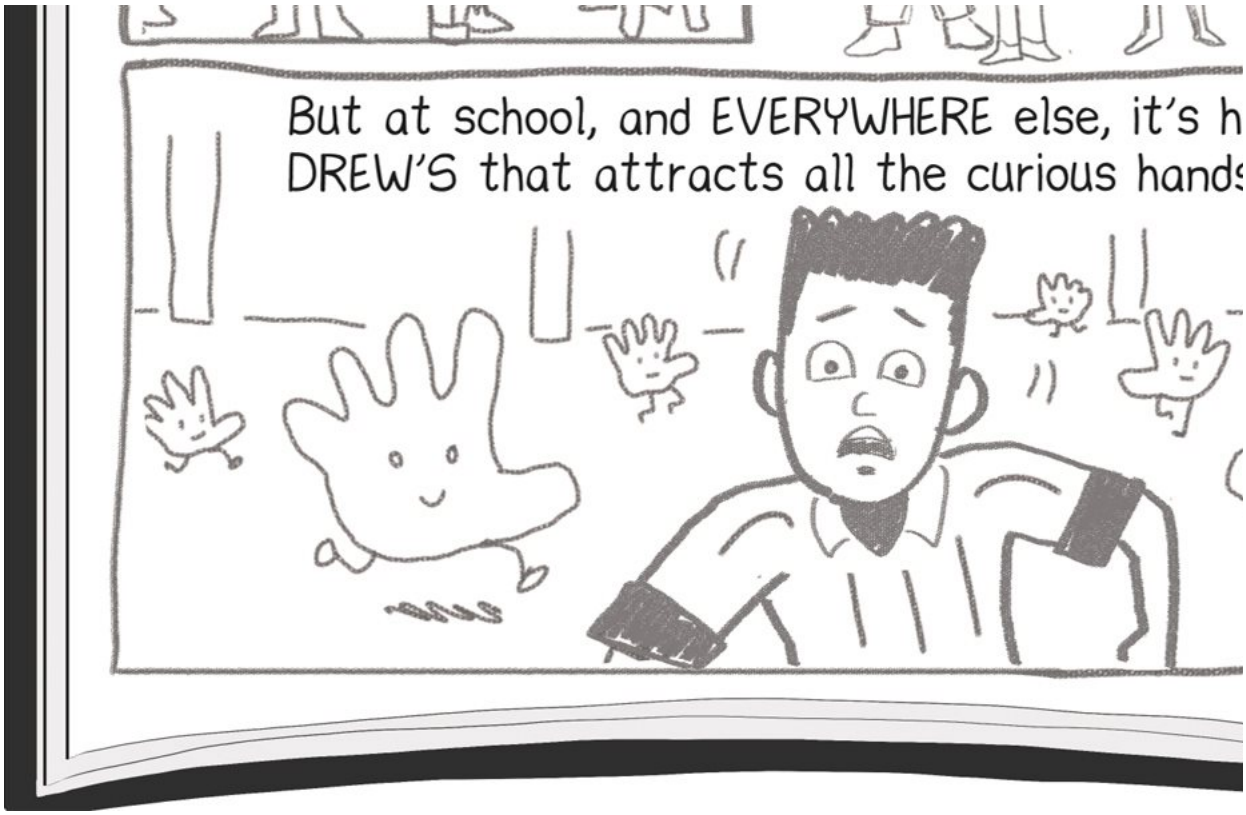


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Ar



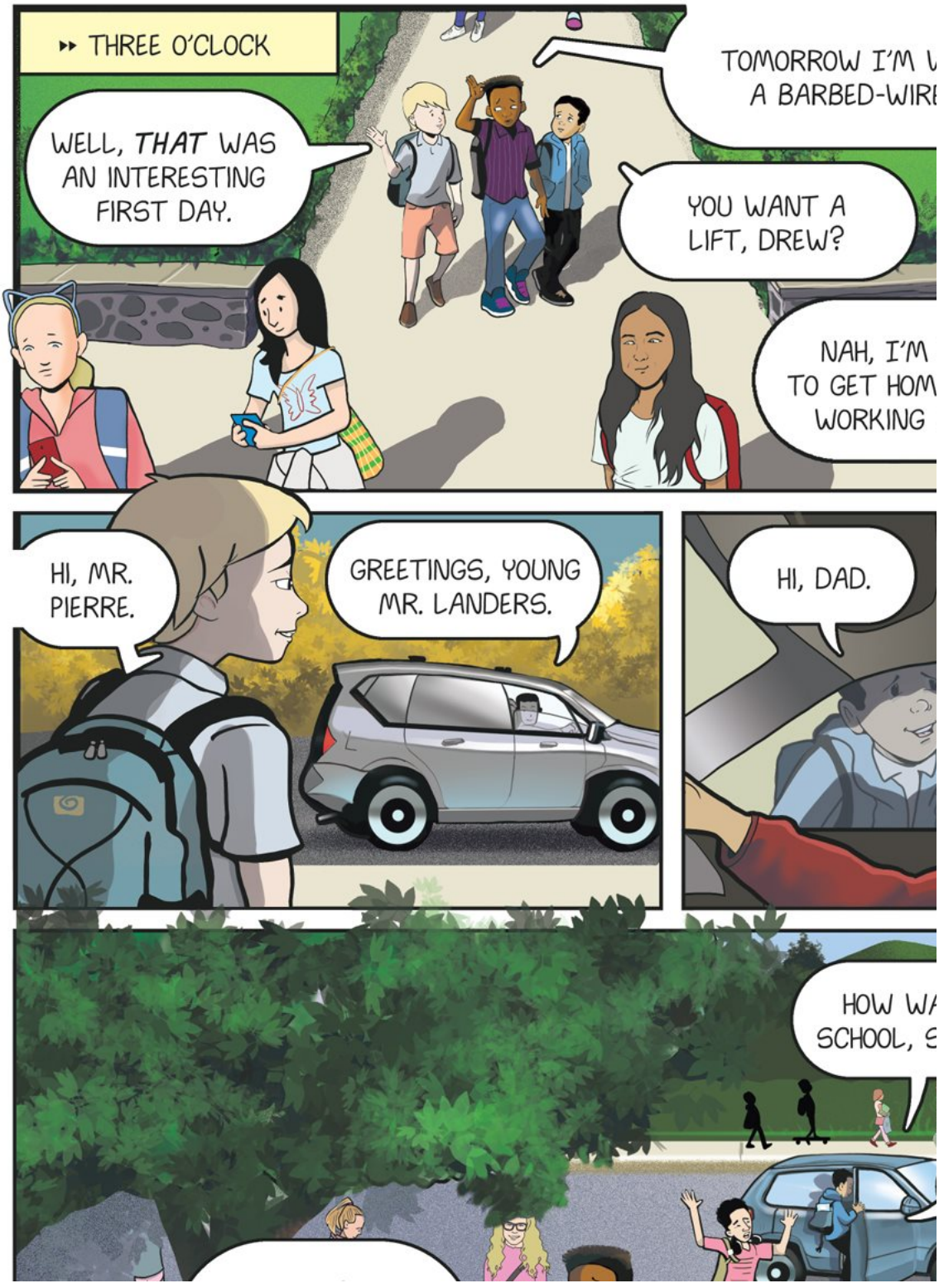

But at school, and EVERYWHERE else, it's h
DREW'S that attracts all the curious hands

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growing your
hair out?
Gee, why would
you think
that?

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HI, GRANDMA,
I'M HOME!

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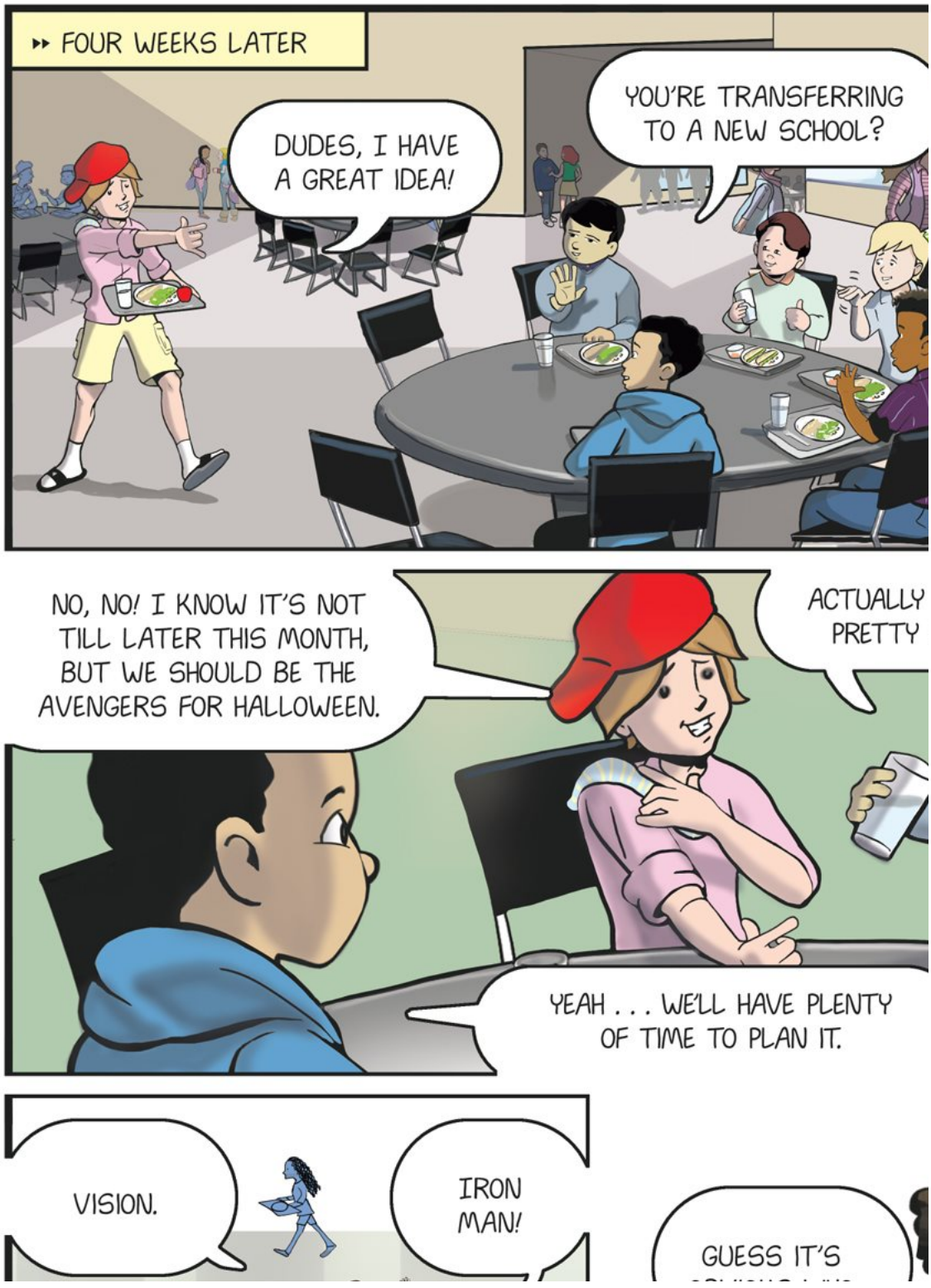

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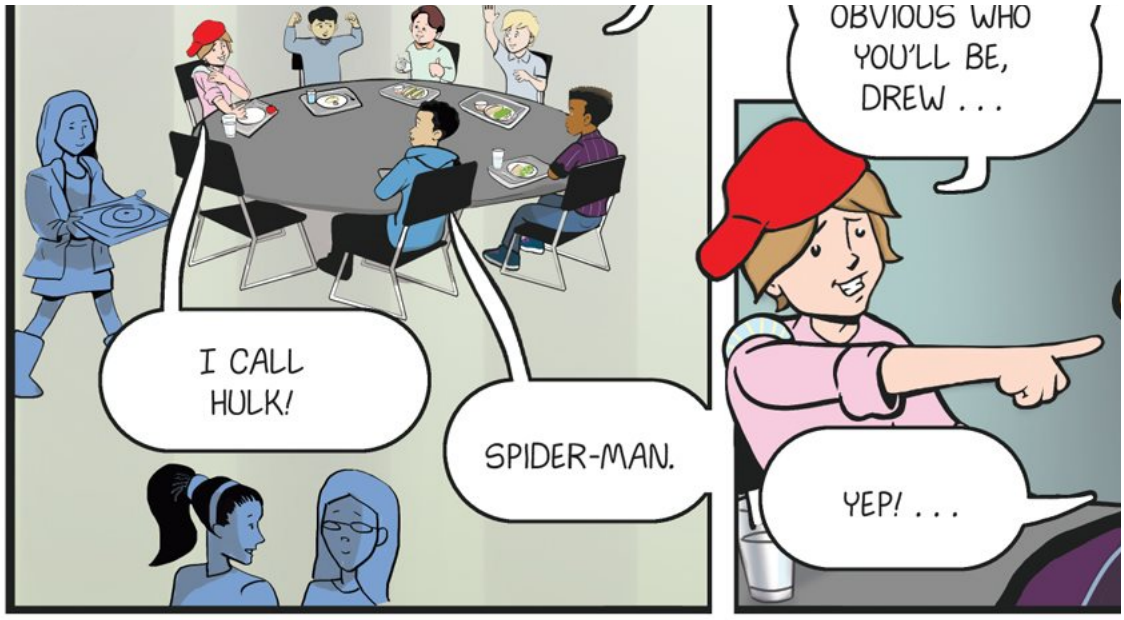
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I CALL HULK!
SPIDER-MAN.
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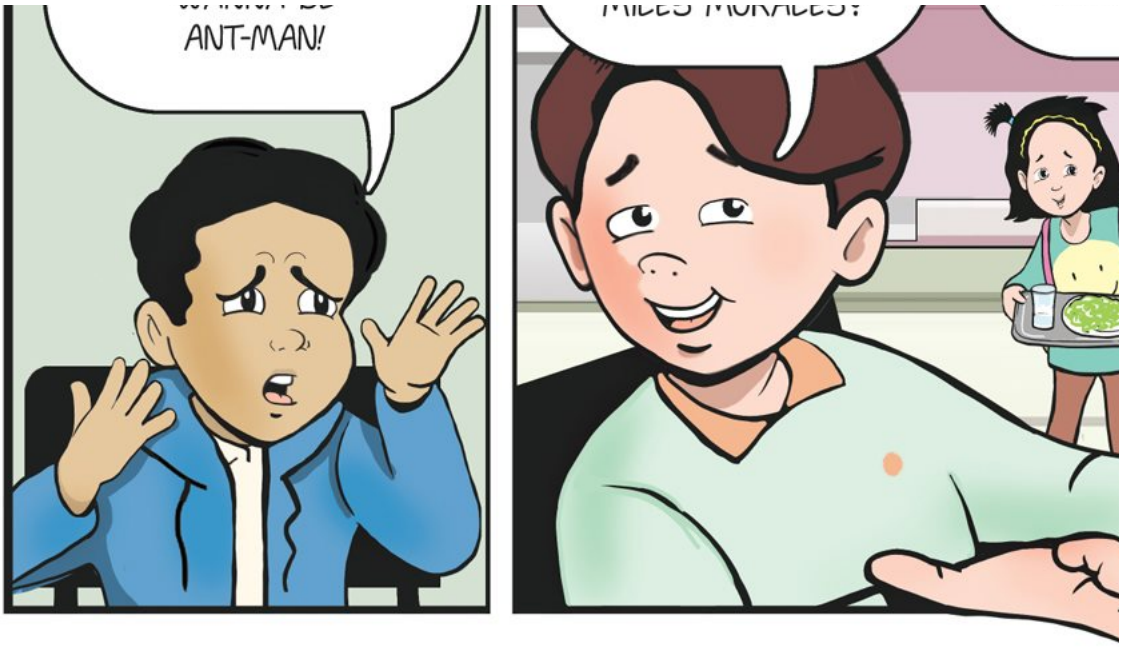
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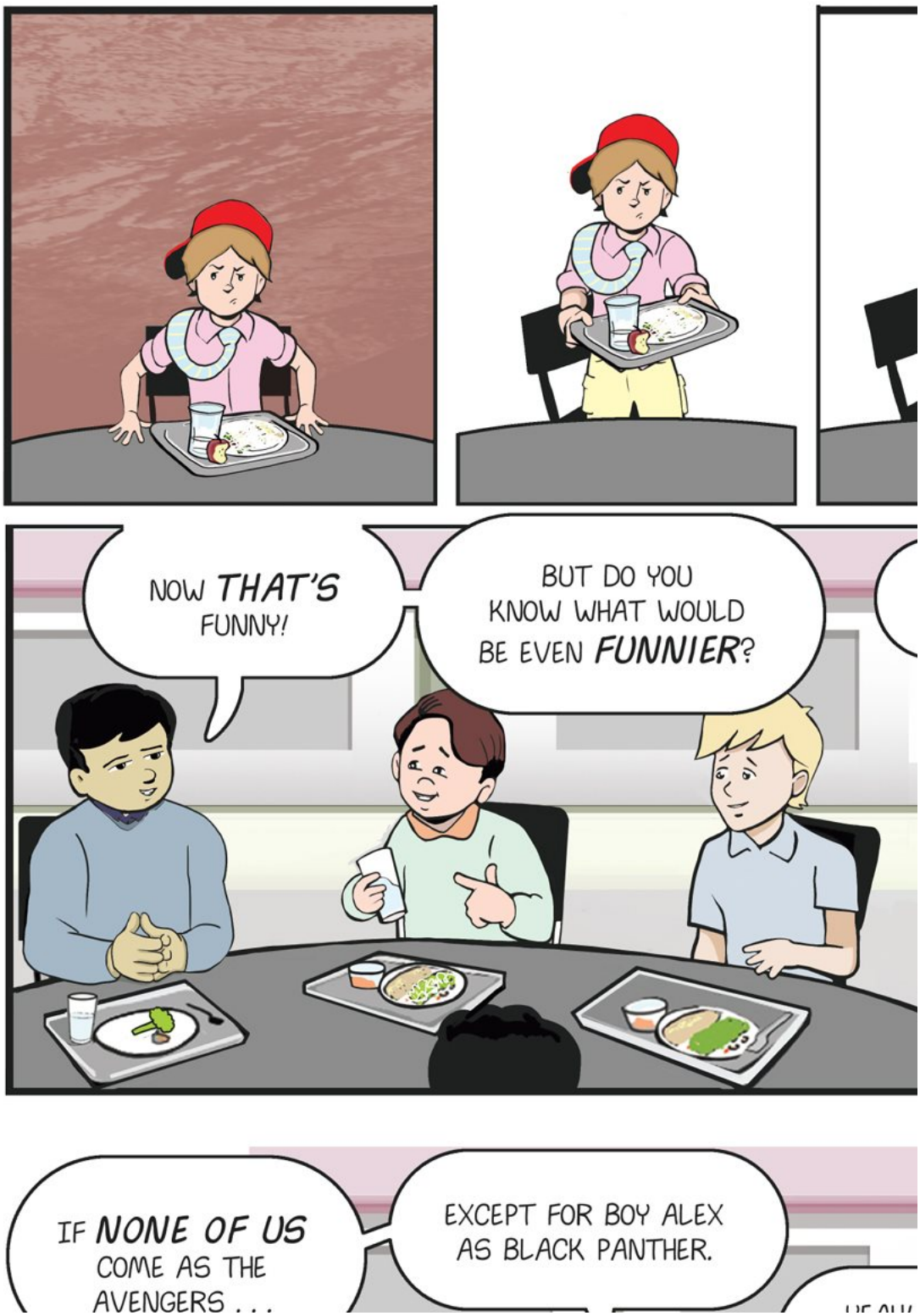

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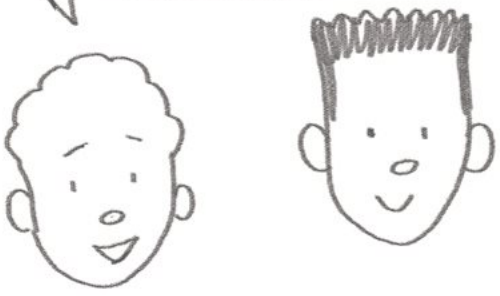
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Exactly the Same (but VERY Diffe

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We like the same mo TV shows, video gam



We even like the sam

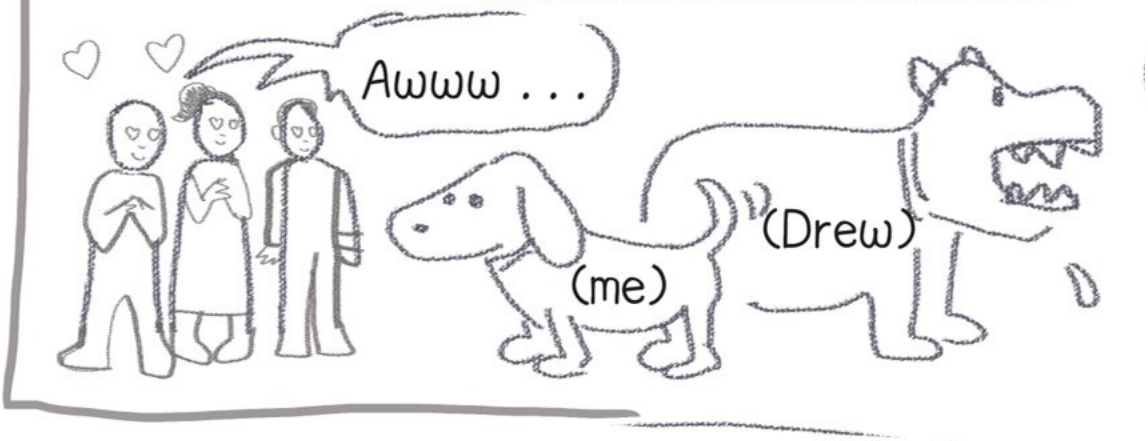
And we both know what it's like to be really different at a school like RAD.

Hey, my name is Drew. Wanna be alone together?



Sure!

But, as much as I hate to admit it, because he's taller than me and his skin is darker, the way that I see us, and treat us, couldn't be more different.



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I don't like the way that guy is looking at us. I'm calling the police!

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AND WE'RE 3-0!

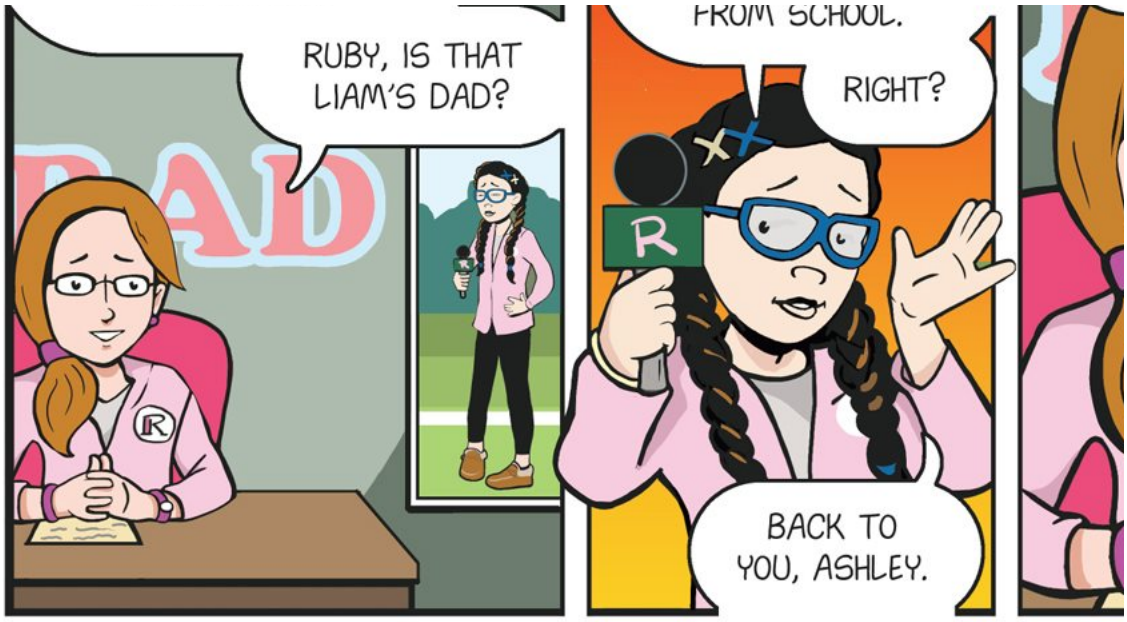
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WELL, MY AMERICAN
FOOTBALL TEAM
IS 2-1.
WE H
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UGH! I HA
THEY'RE
BUT

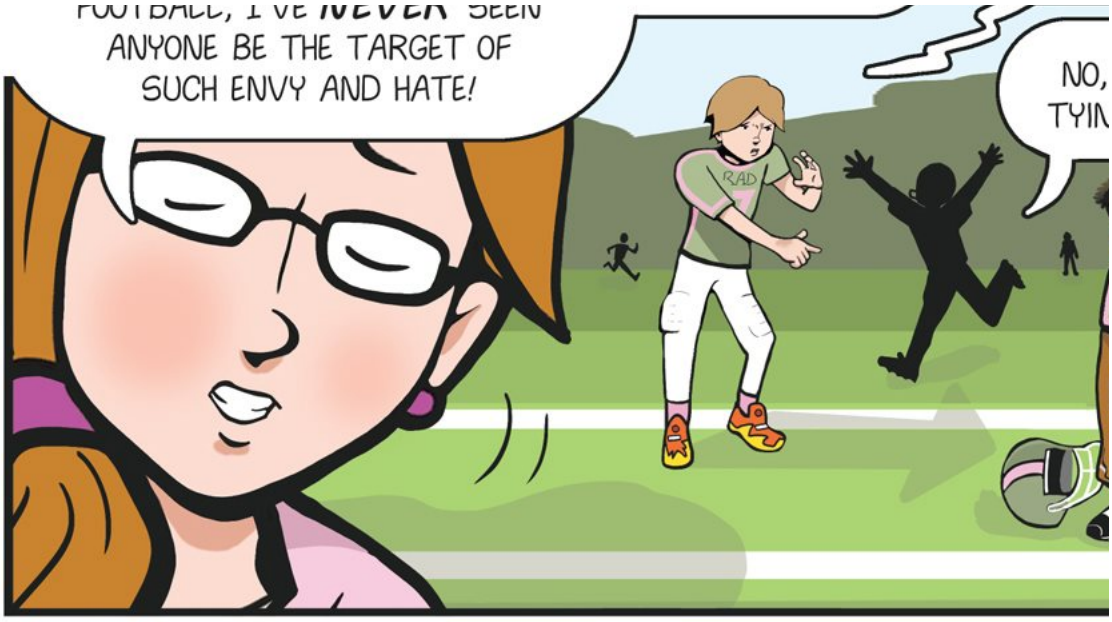
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RUBY, IS THAT LIAM'S DAD?
DAD
FROM SCHOOL.
RIGHT?
R
BACK TO YOU, ASHLEY.

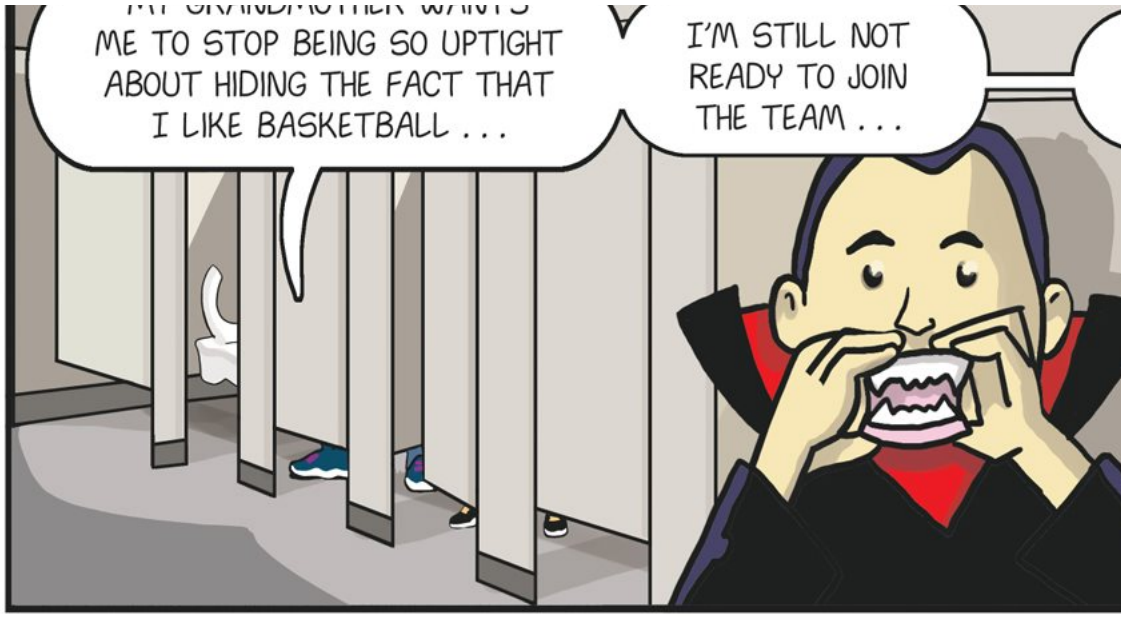
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FOOTBALL, I'VE NEVER SEEN
ANYONE BE THE TARGET OF
SUCH ENVY AND HATE!
NO,
TYIN
RAD

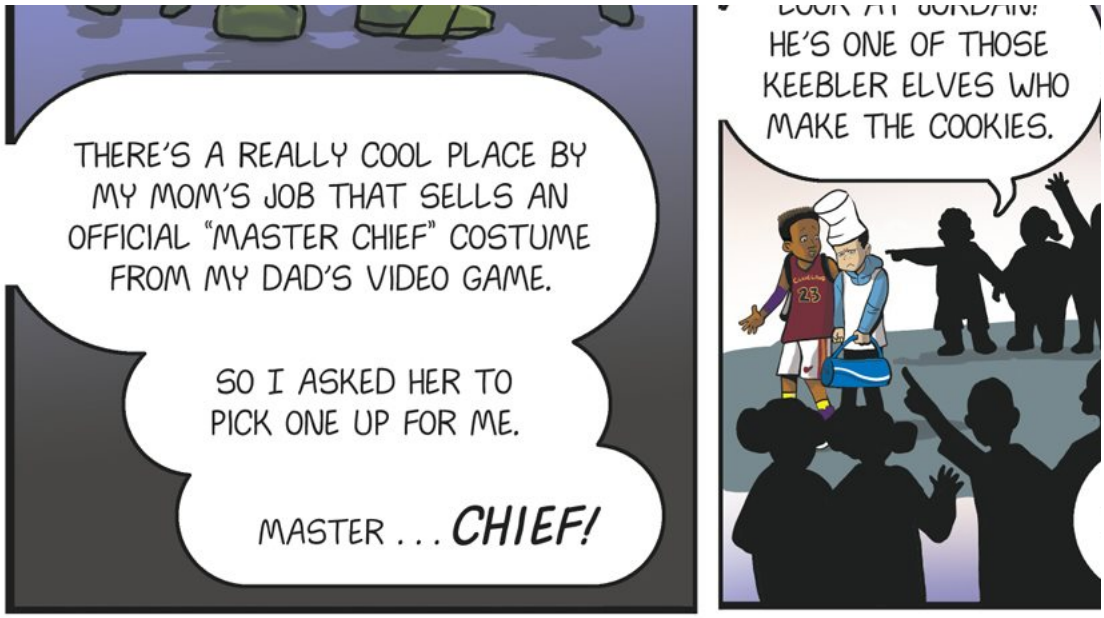
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ME TO STOP BEING SO UPTIGHT ABOUT HIDING THE FACT THAT I LIKE BASKETBALL . . .
I'M STILL NOT READY TO JOIN THE TEAM . . .

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THERE'S A REALLY COOL PLACE BY MY MOM'S JOB THAT SELLS AN OFFICIAL "MASTER CHIEF" COSTUME FROM MY DAD'S VIDEO GAME.
SO I ASKED HER TO PICK ONE UP FOR ME.
MASTER . . . CHIEF!
HE'S ONE OF THOSE KEEBLER ELVES WHO MAKE THE COOKIES.

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THE BLACK PANTHER!

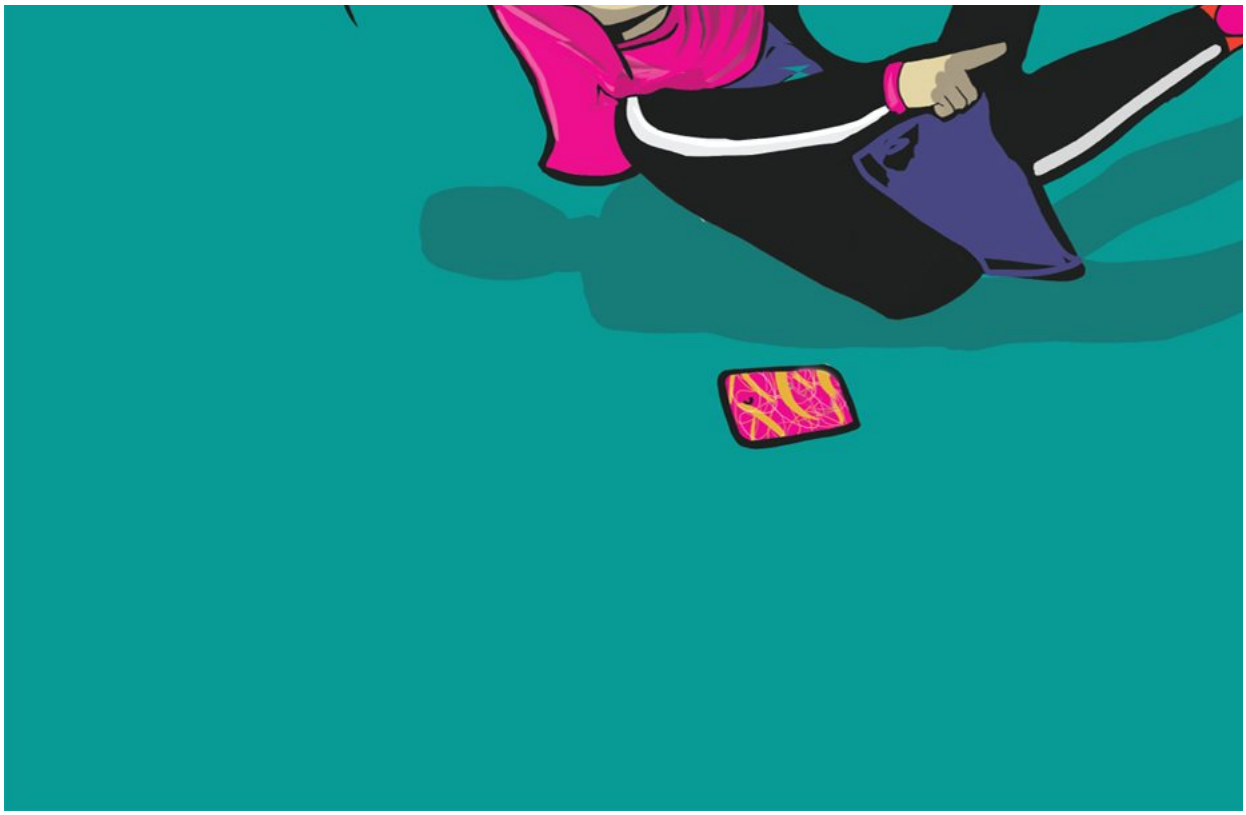
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BUSINESS TYCOON.
SHOULD HAVE
AS THE AVEN
CLEVELAND

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WELL, IT MIGHT ALSO BE THOSE FOUR CUPCAKES I HAD THIS MORNING.
LET ME GUESS, ASHLEY?
ANYWAY, CLASS. H IS OUT

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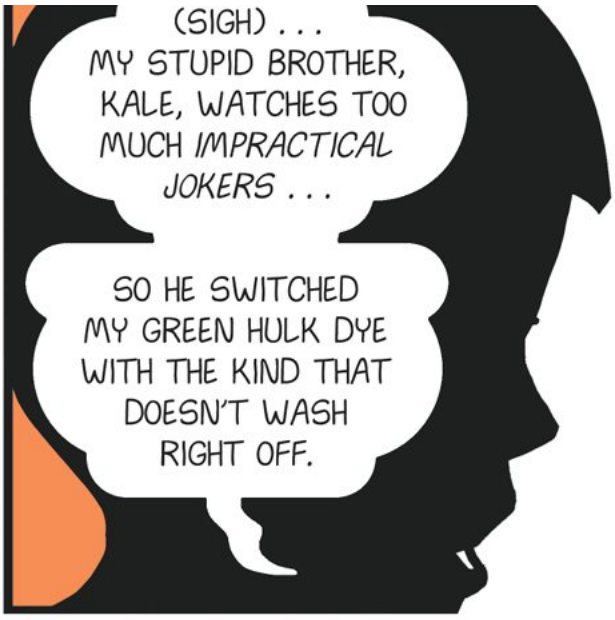



(SIGH) . . .



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(SIGH) . . .
MY STUPID BROTHER, KALE, WATCHES TOO MUCH *IMPRACTICAL JOKERS* . . .
SO HE SWITCHED MY GREEN HULK DYE WITH THE KIND THAT DOESN'T WASH RIGHT OFF.


WELL, THAT'S
UNFORTUN

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BUT IT'S NOT COOL TO TEASE SOMEONE BECAUSE OF THE COLOR OF THEIR SKIN!

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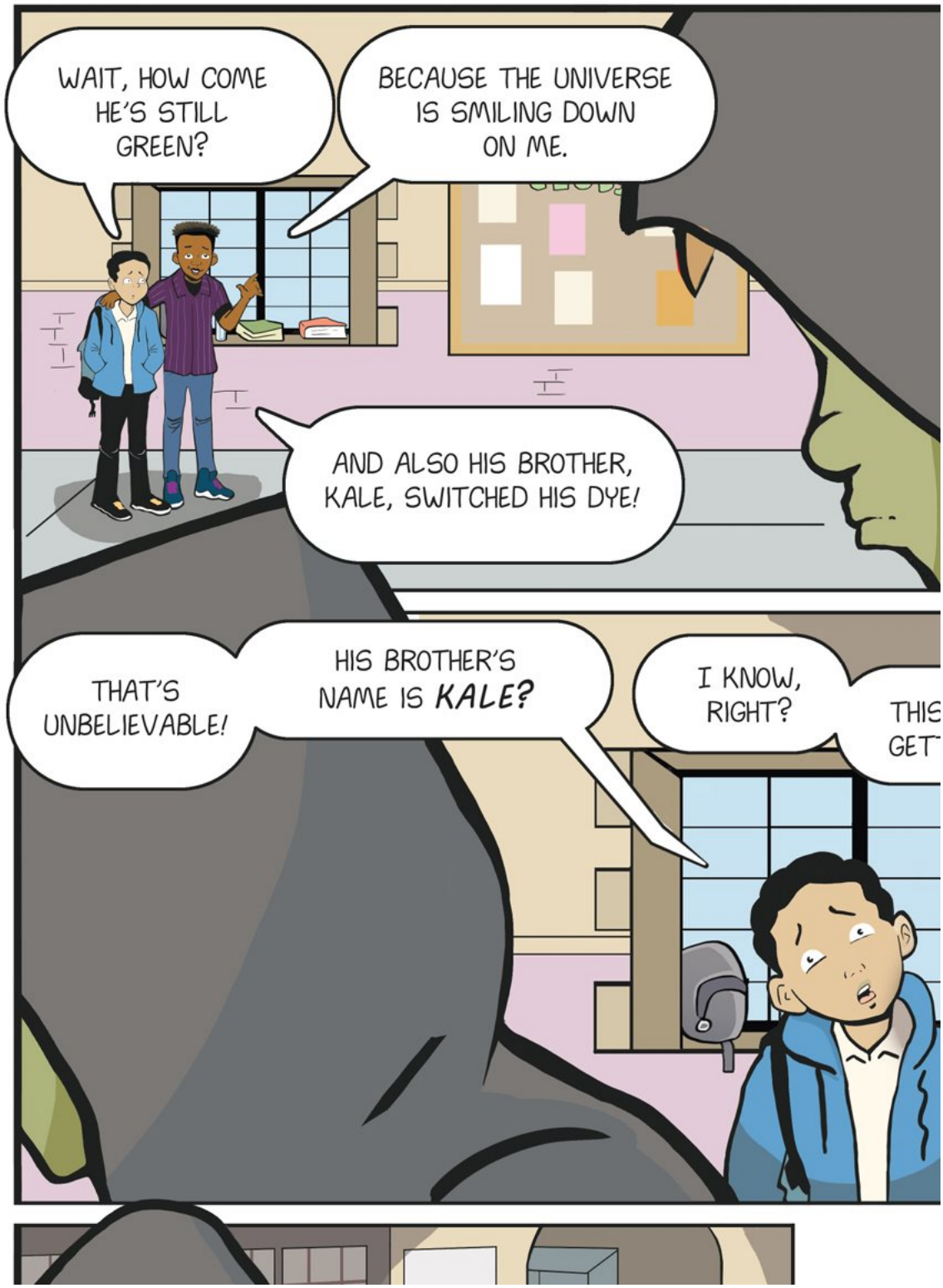

PLEASE ENLIGHTEN US.
SAMIRA!!!

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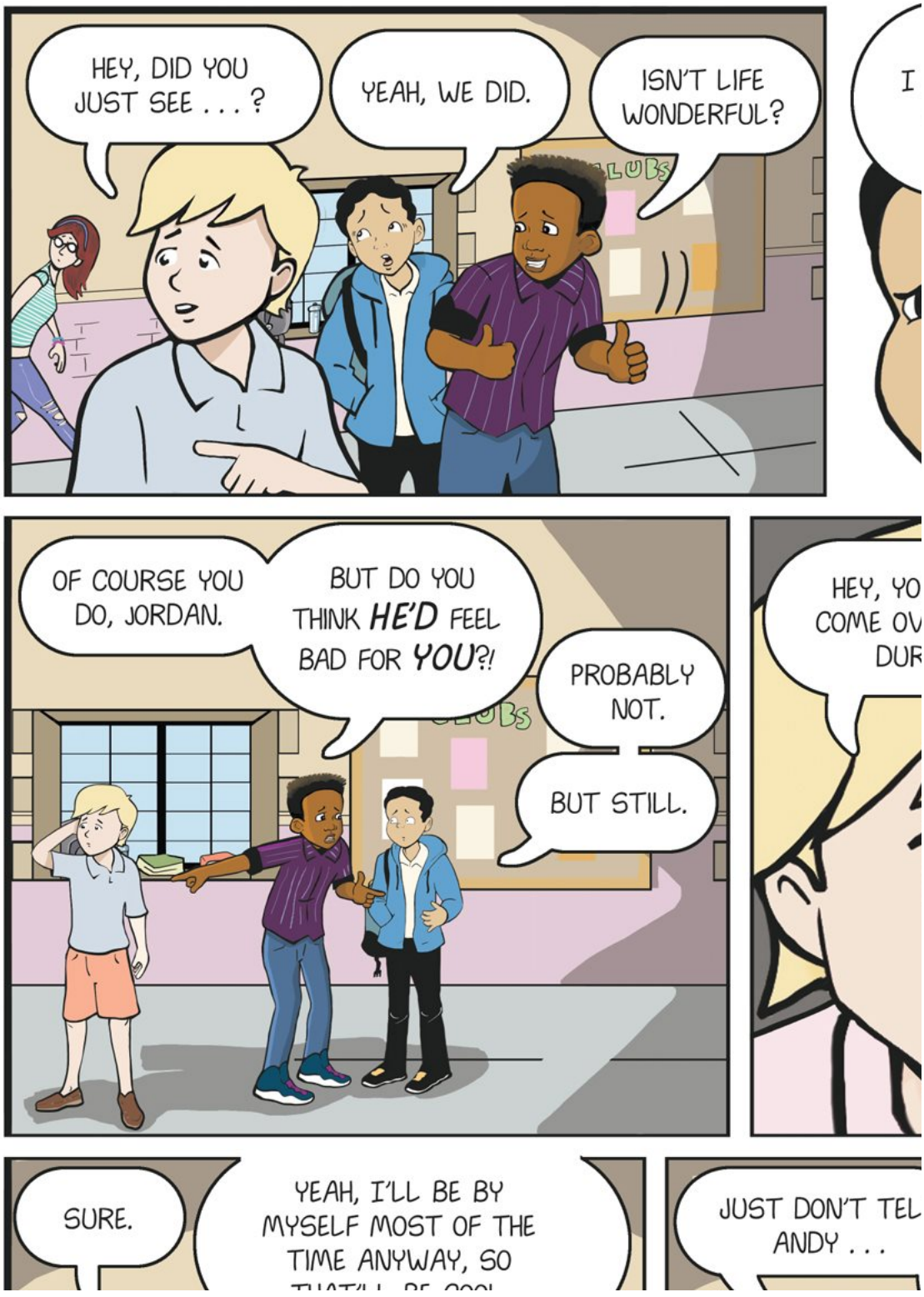

PICKLE-O.
NO, IT'S THE "LITERALLY GREEN LANTERN!

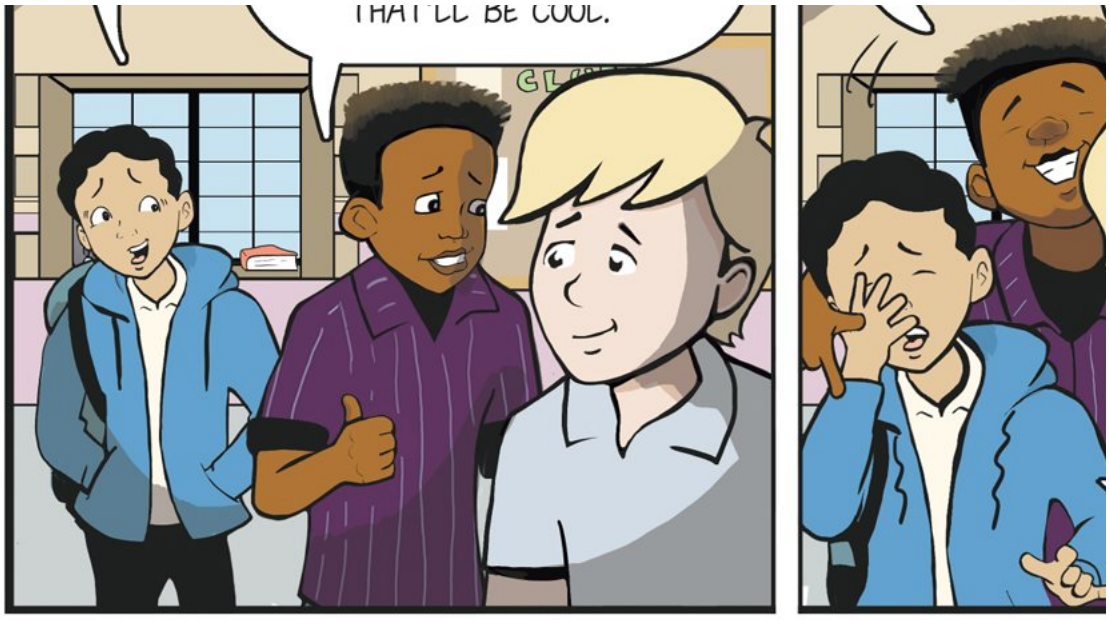
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THAT'LL BE COOL.

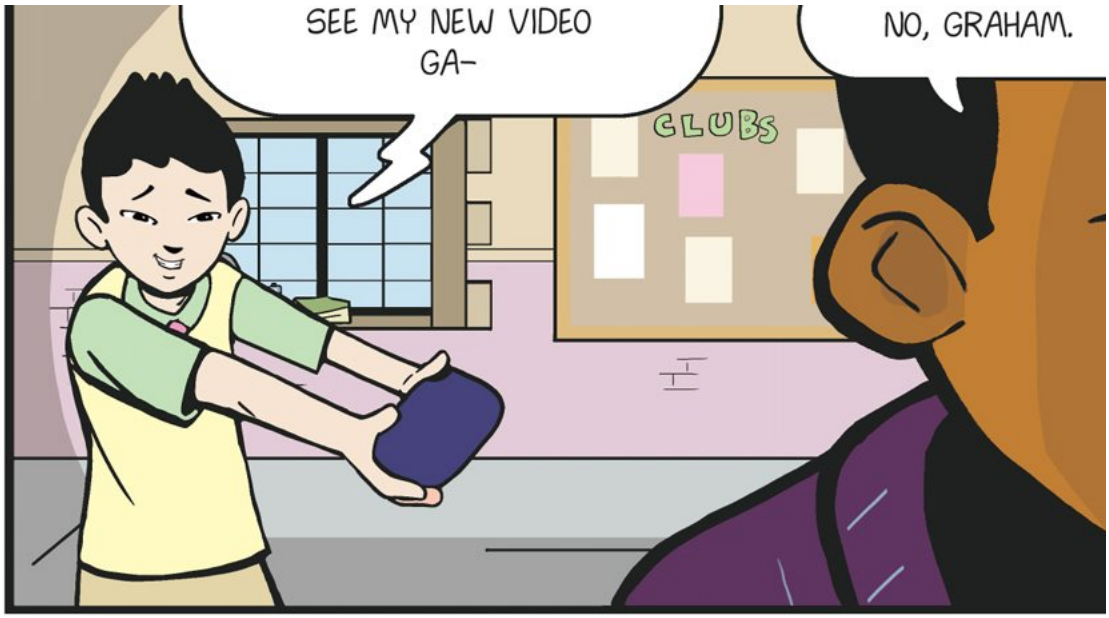
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WE'D LIKE FOR YOU AND MAURY TO ACT AS AMBASSADORS TO HELP SHOW THEM AROUND.
OK
M.
JOR

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SEE MY NEW VIDEO GA-
NO, GRAHAM.
CLUBS

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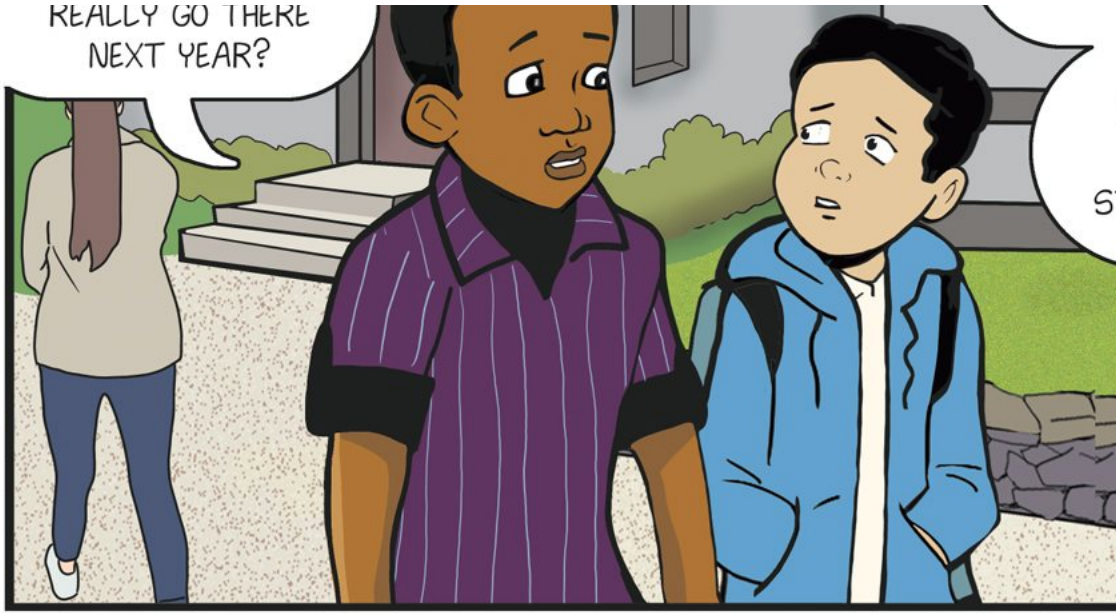
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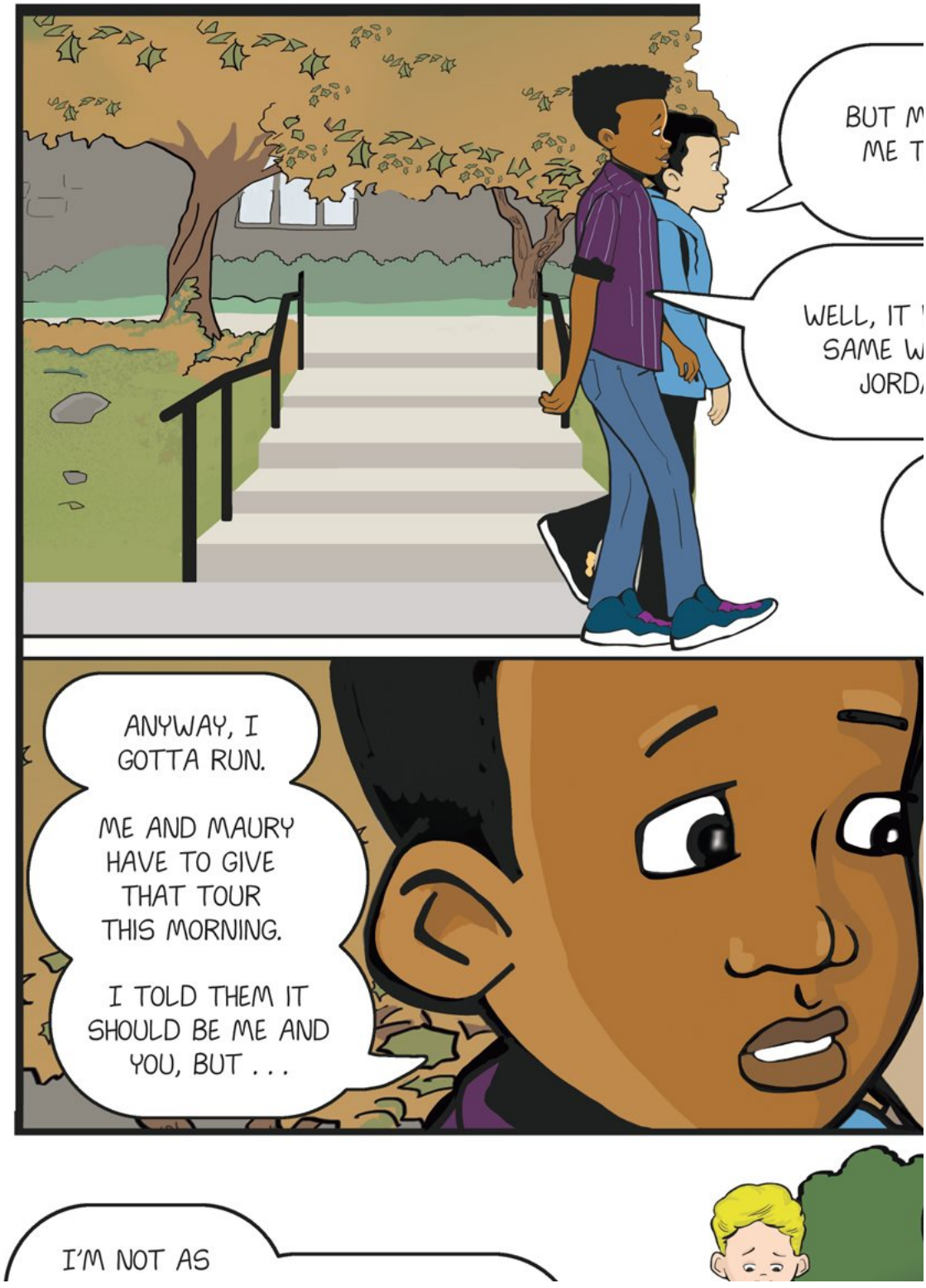


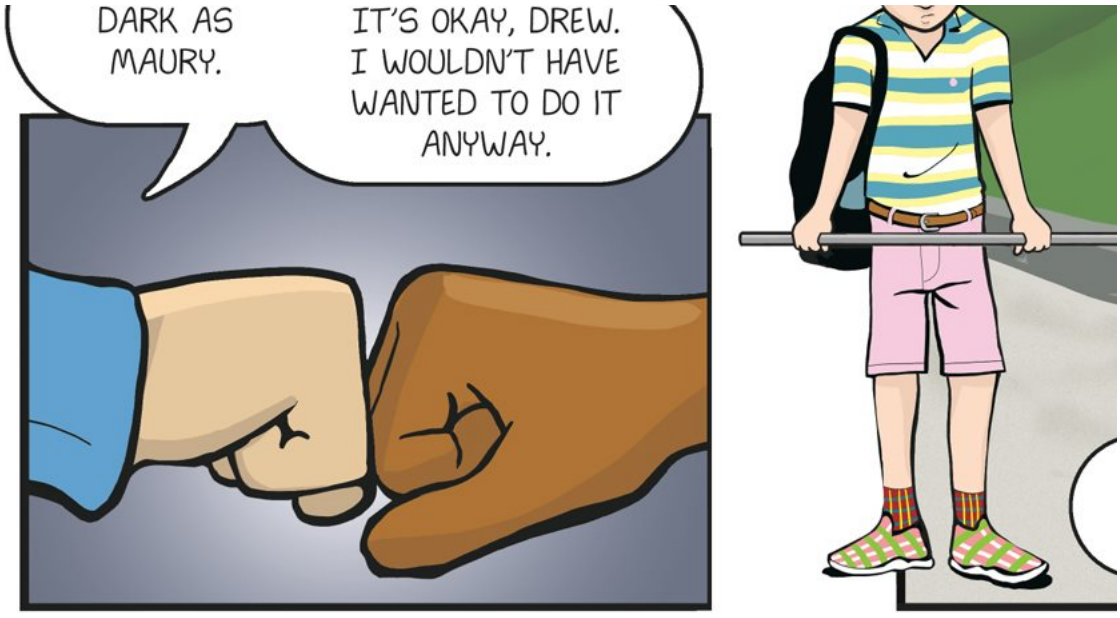
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REALLY GO THERE NEXT YEAR?
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DARK AS MAURY.
IT'S OKAY, DREW. I WOULDN'T HAVE WANTED TO DO IT ANYWAY.

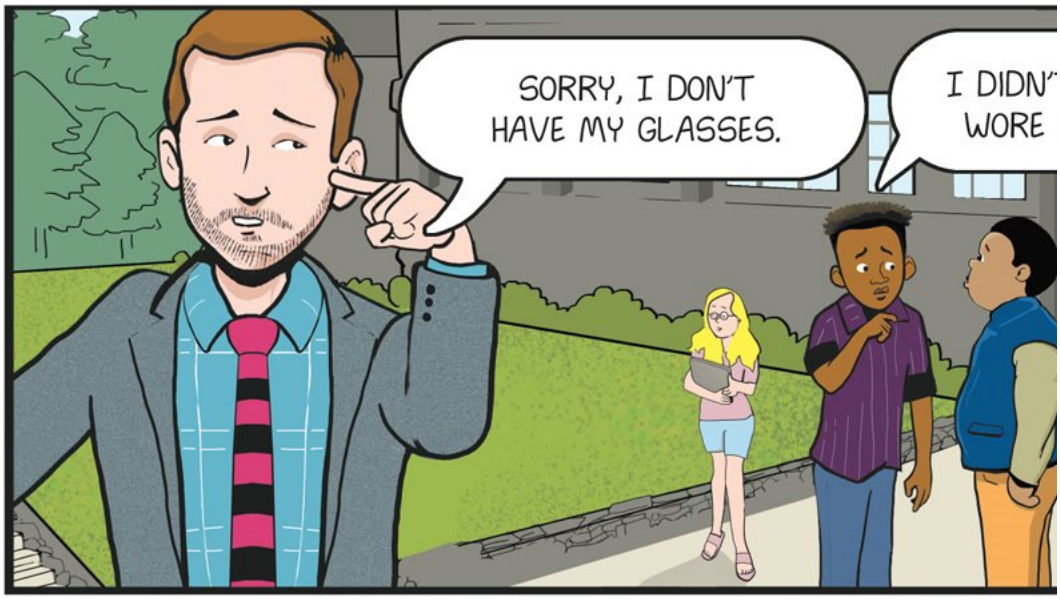
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ASSISTANTS, DREW AND MAURY.
SECOND FORM.
MISS?

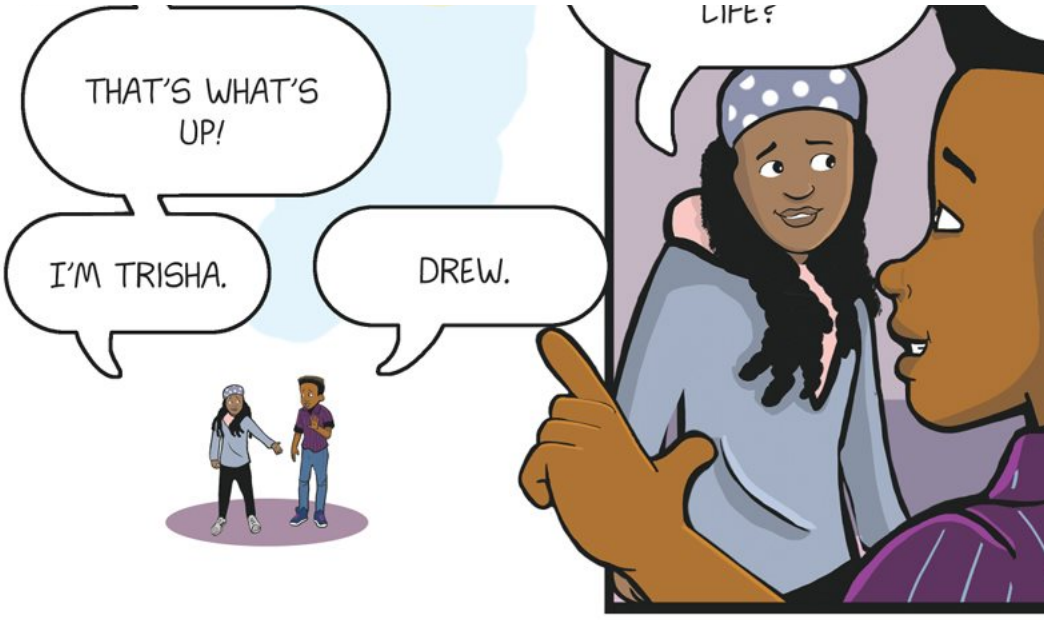
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SORRY, I DON'T HAVE MY GLASSES.
I DIDN'
WORE

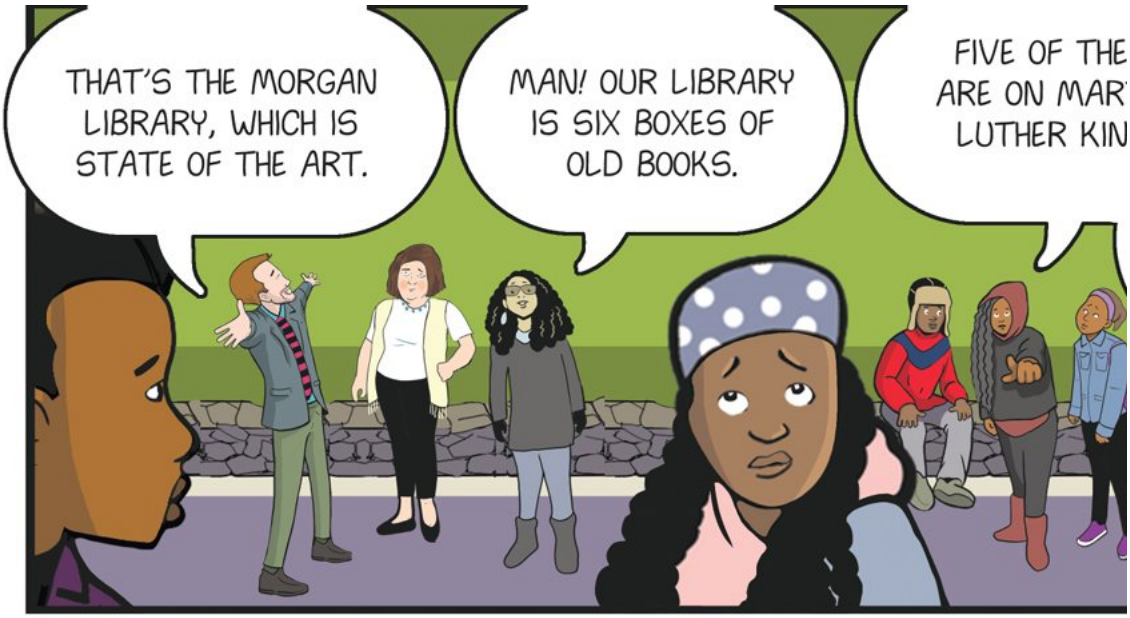
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THAT'S WHAT'S UP!
I'M TRISHA.
DREW.
LIFE?

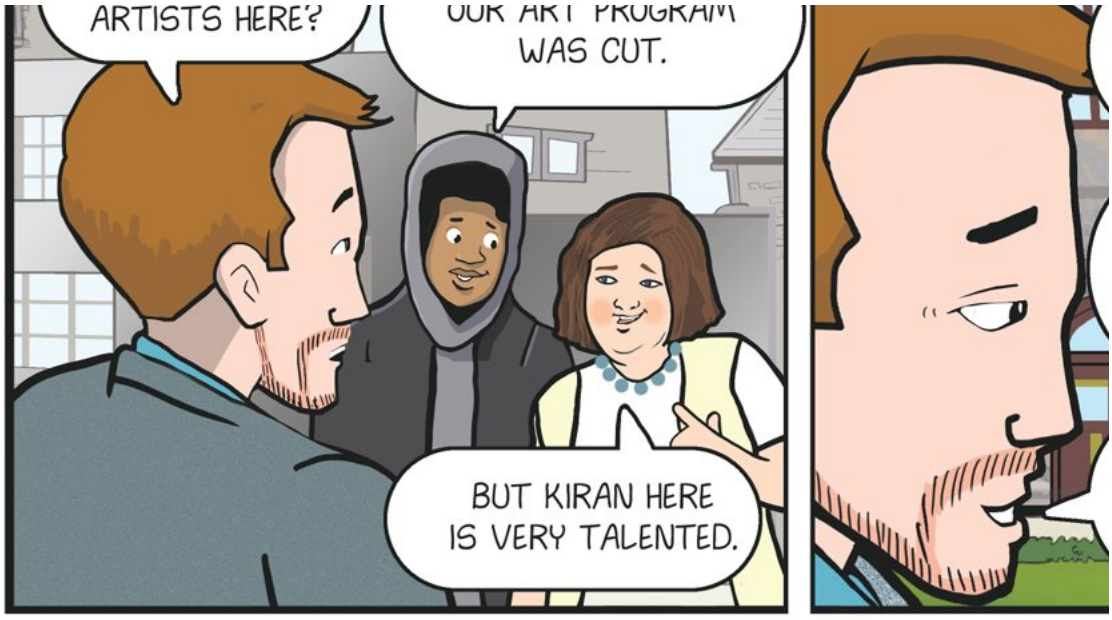
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THAT'S THE MORGAN LIBRARY, WHICH IS STATE OF THE ART.
MAN! OUR LIBRARY IS SIX BOXES OF OLD BOOKS.
FIVE OF THE
ARE ON MAR
LUTHER KIN

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ARTISTS HERE?
WAS CUT.
BUT KIRAN HERE
IS VERY TALENTED.

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YEAH, MISS, HOW COME EVERYONE IS STARING AT US?
JUST BEING FRIENDLY, THAT'S ALL.
TH
SHOR
YEAH
GO

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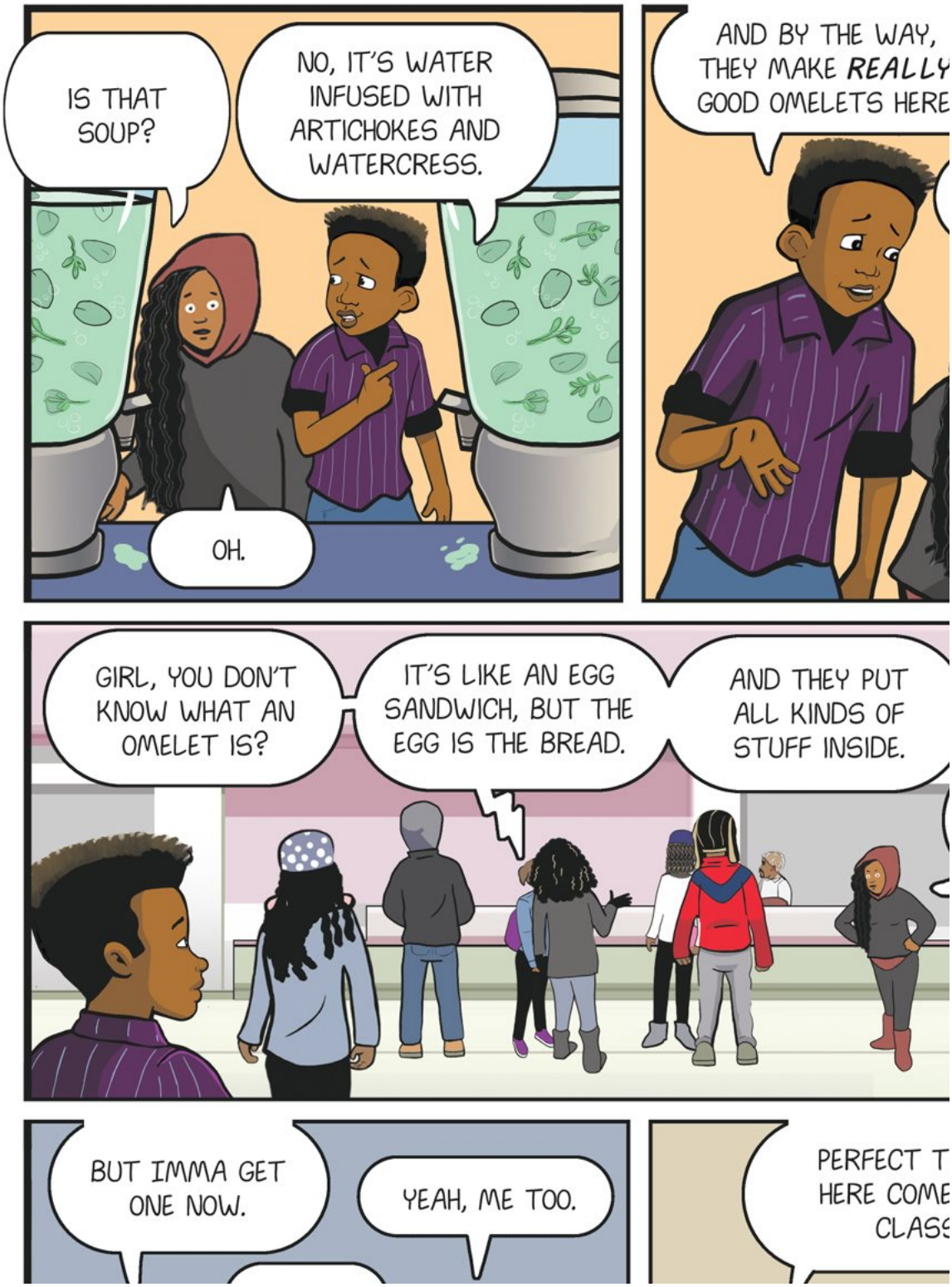

HOW IS THIS FAIR?
DOES THIS MEAN THEY HAVE TO COME TO OUR SCHOOL NOW? I'D BE SO EMBARRASSED.
HOW
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YOU EAT LIKE THIS EVERY DAY?

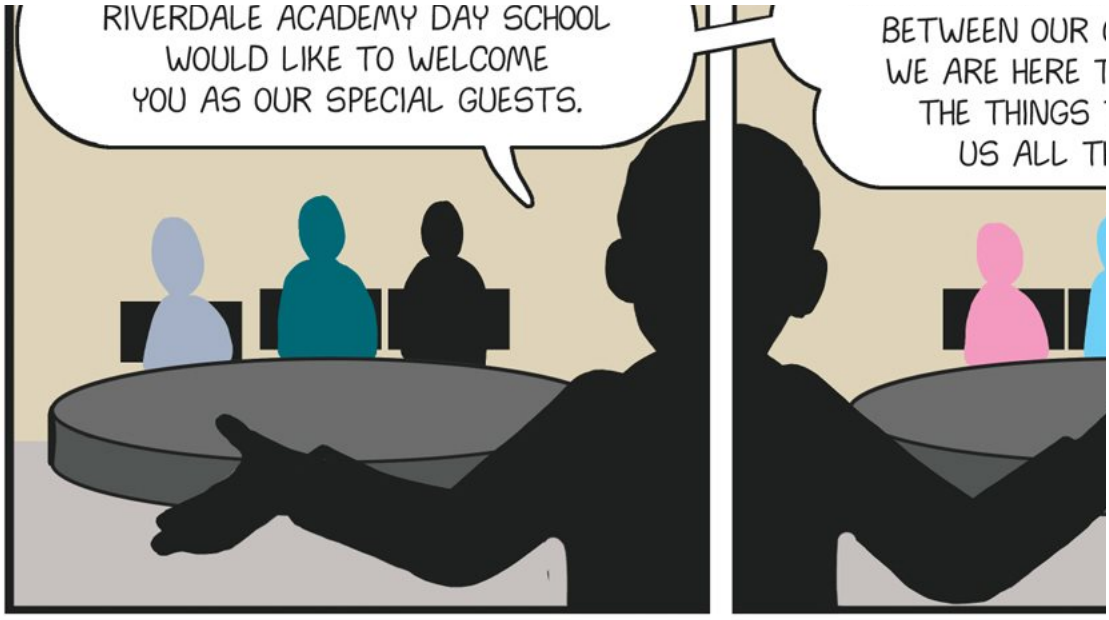
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ME TOO.
COME MEE
GANG FRON
SISTER SC

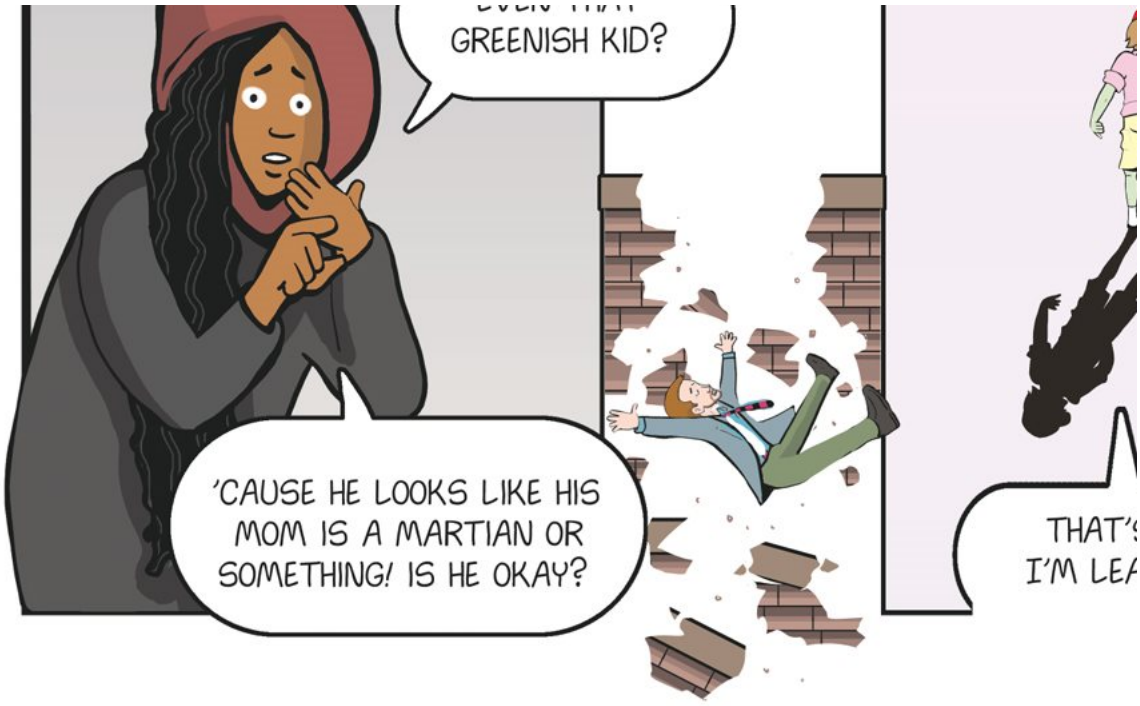
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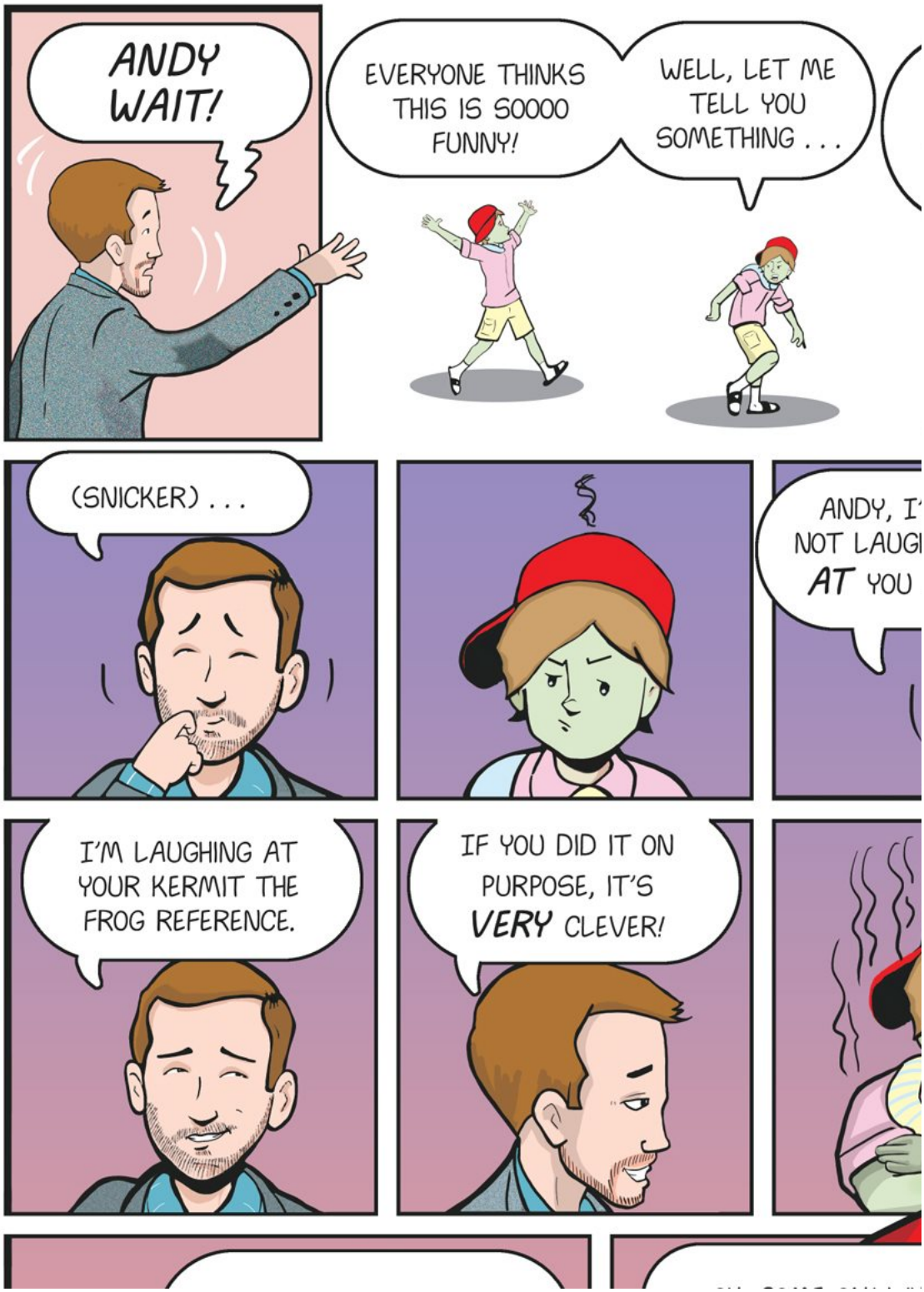

RIVERDALE ACADEMY DAY SCHOOL
WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME
YOU AS OUR SPECIAL GUESTS.
BETWEEN OUR
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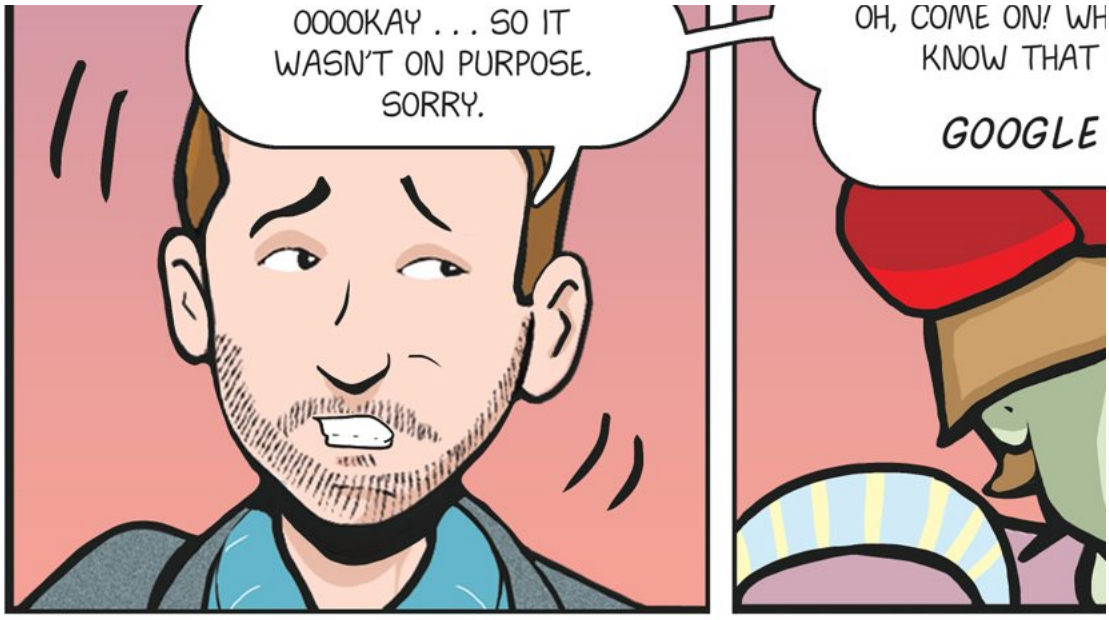
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GREENISH KID?
'CAUSE HE LOOKS LIKE HIS MOM IS A MARTIAN OR SOMETHING! IS HE OKAY?
THAT'S
I'M LEA

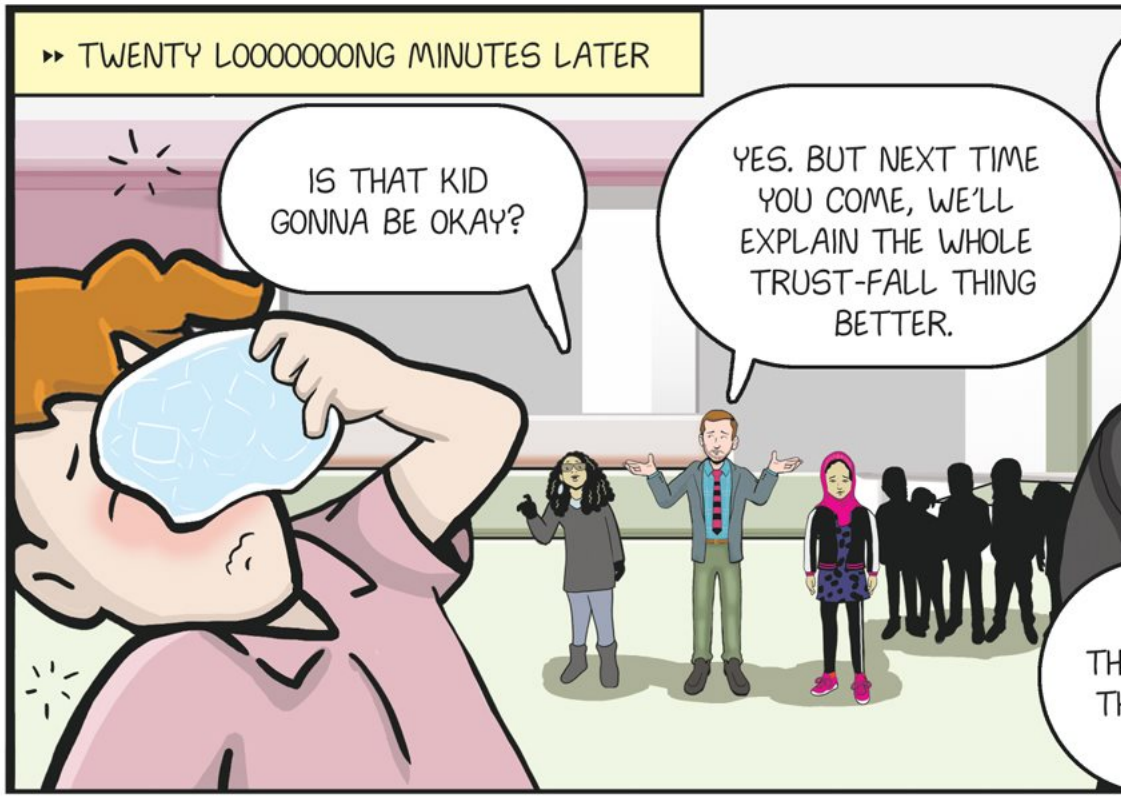
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OOOOKAY . . . SO IT WASN'T ON PURPOSE. SORRY.
OH, COME ON! WH
KNOW THAT
GOOGLE

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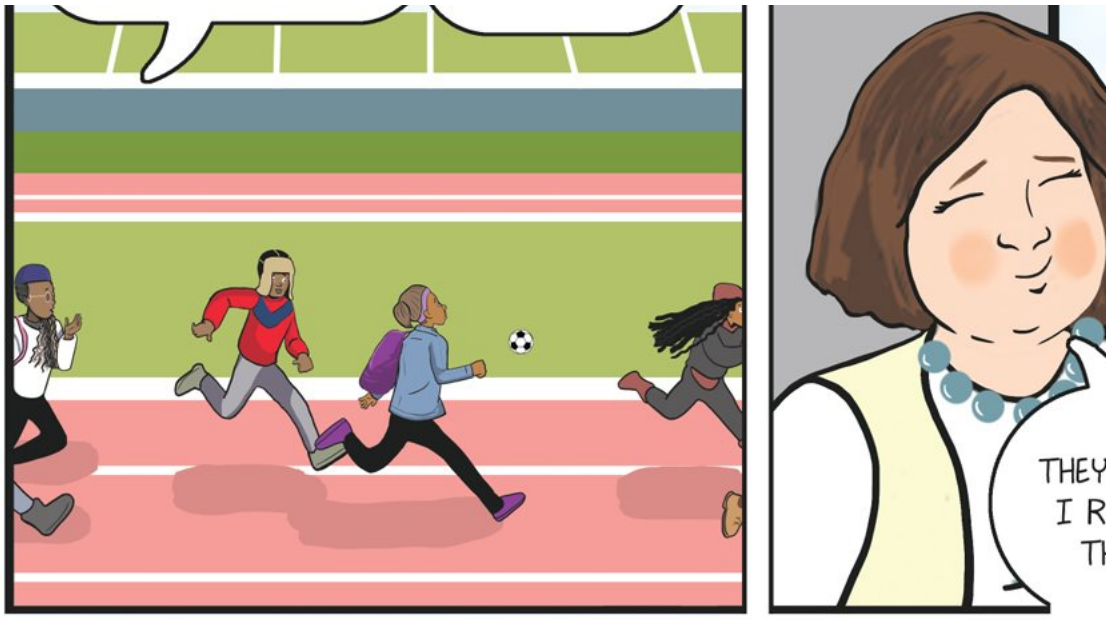





UGH!!!
CAN I GO BACK TO DETENTION?
YO
THA
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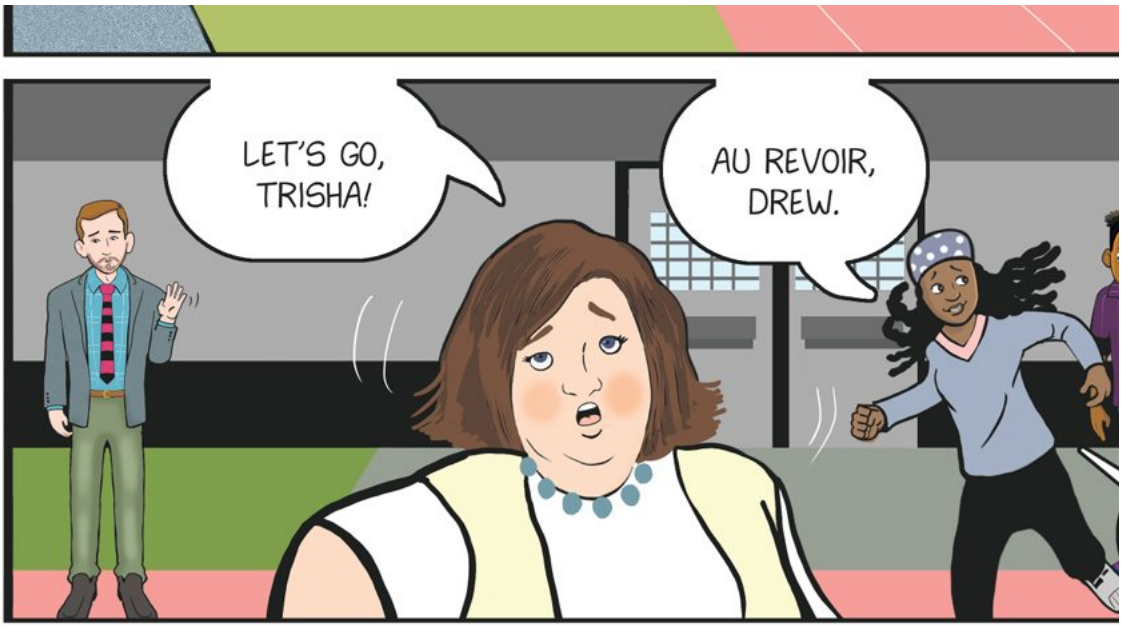
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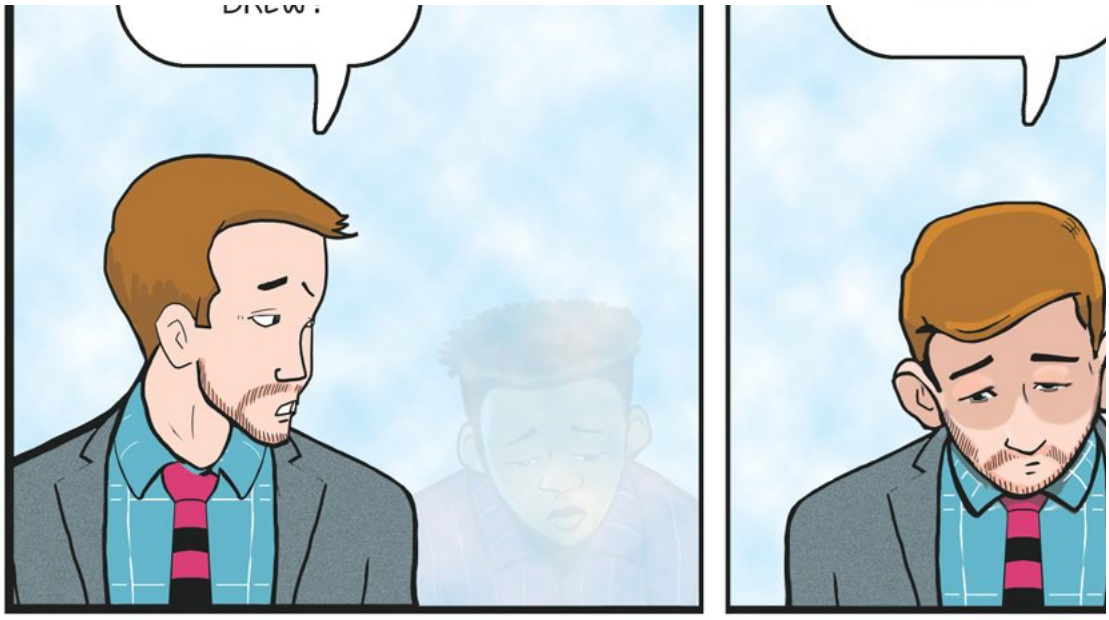
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LET'S GO, TRISHA!
AU REVOIR, DREW.

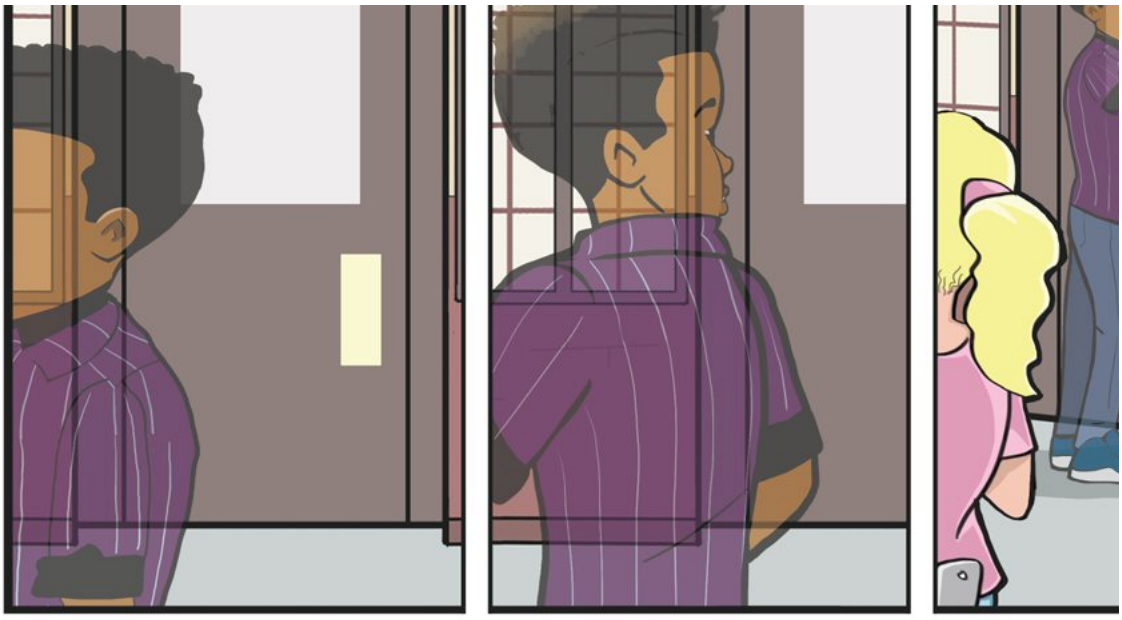
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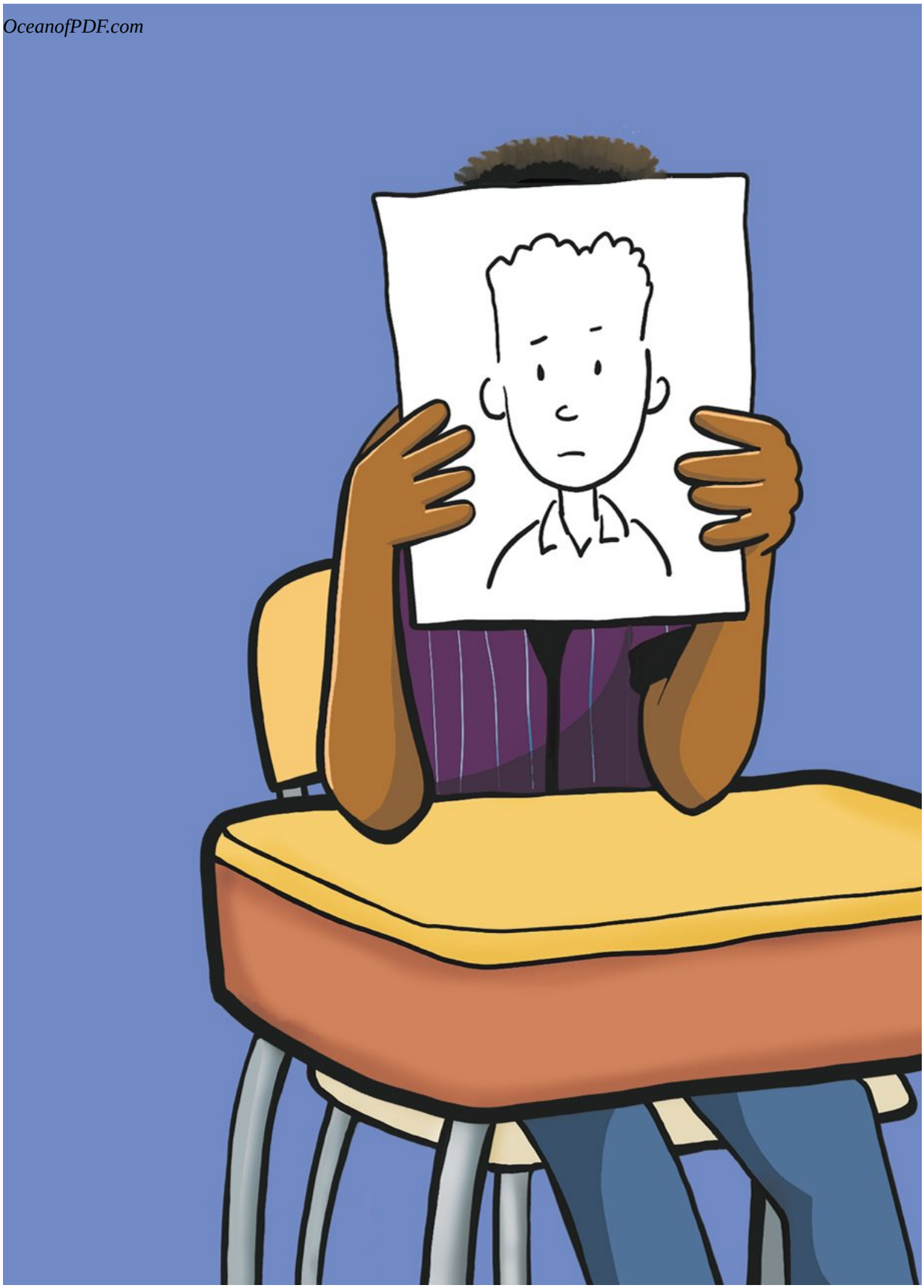


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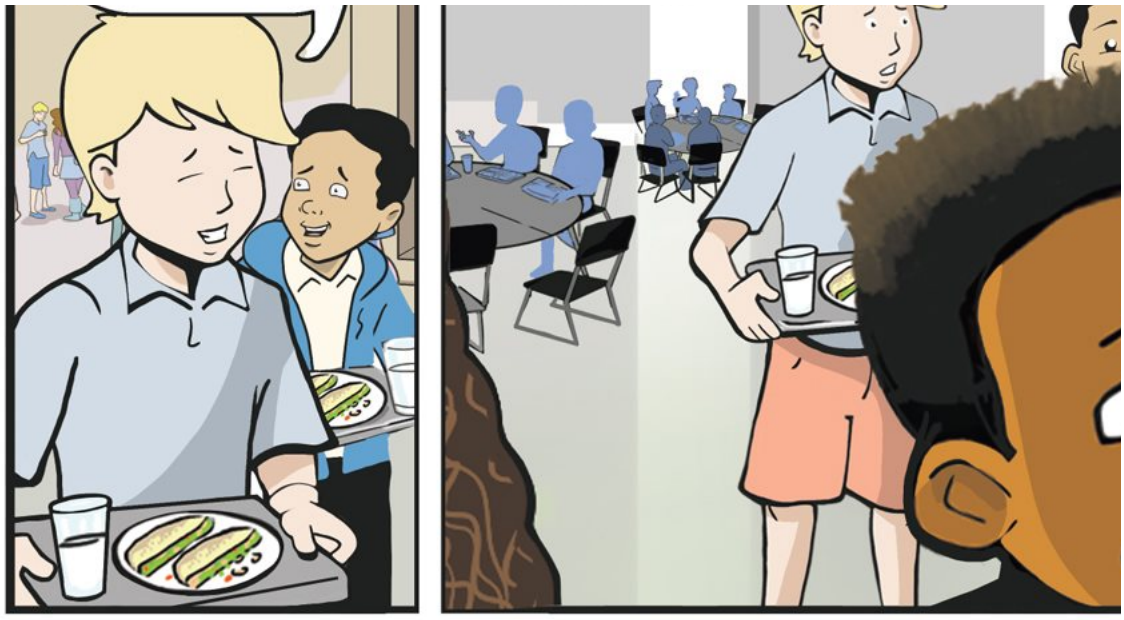
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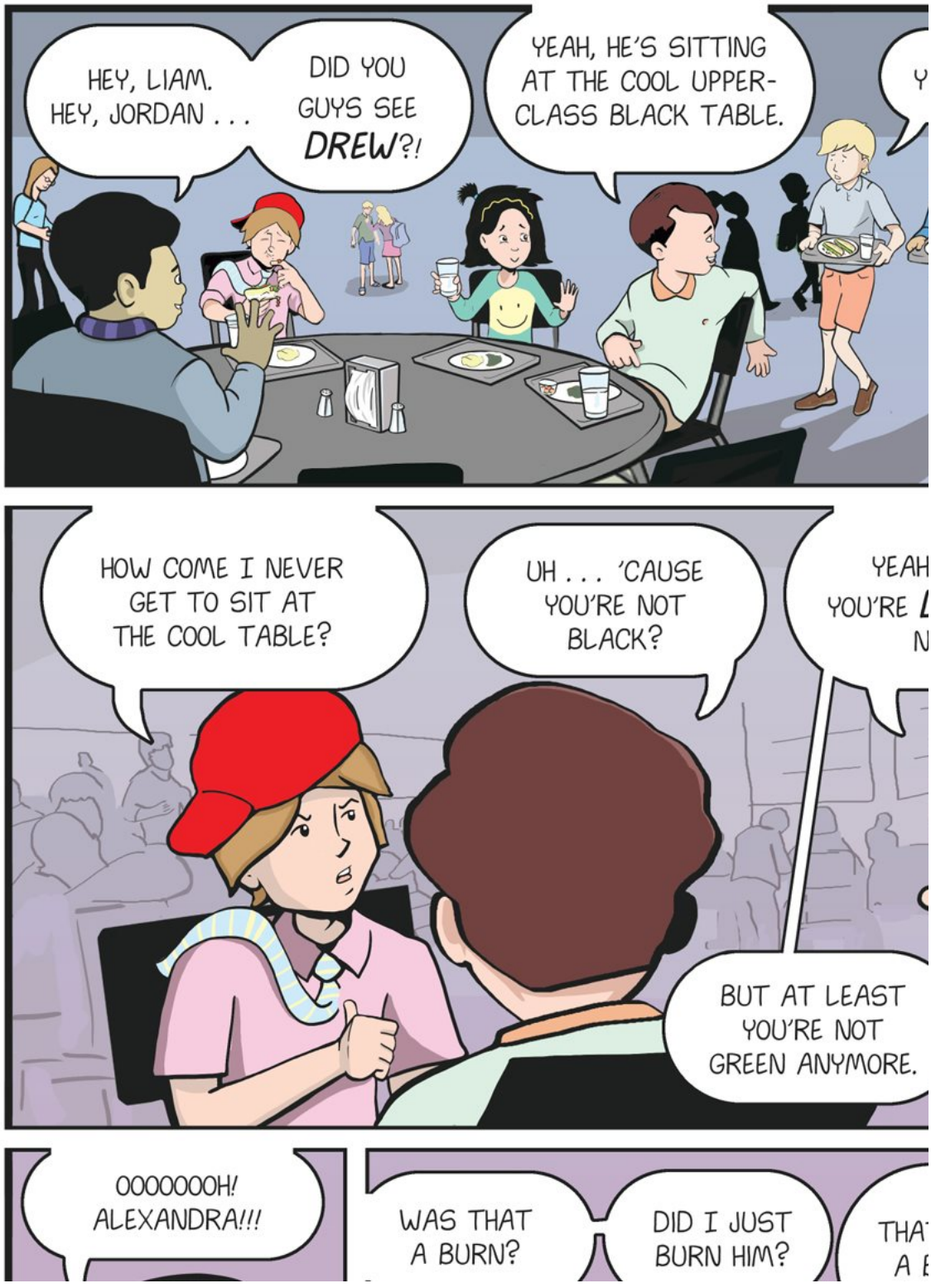


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GOOD. JORDAN?
BUT THANKS.
OKAY. I'LL CATC
YOU LATER.

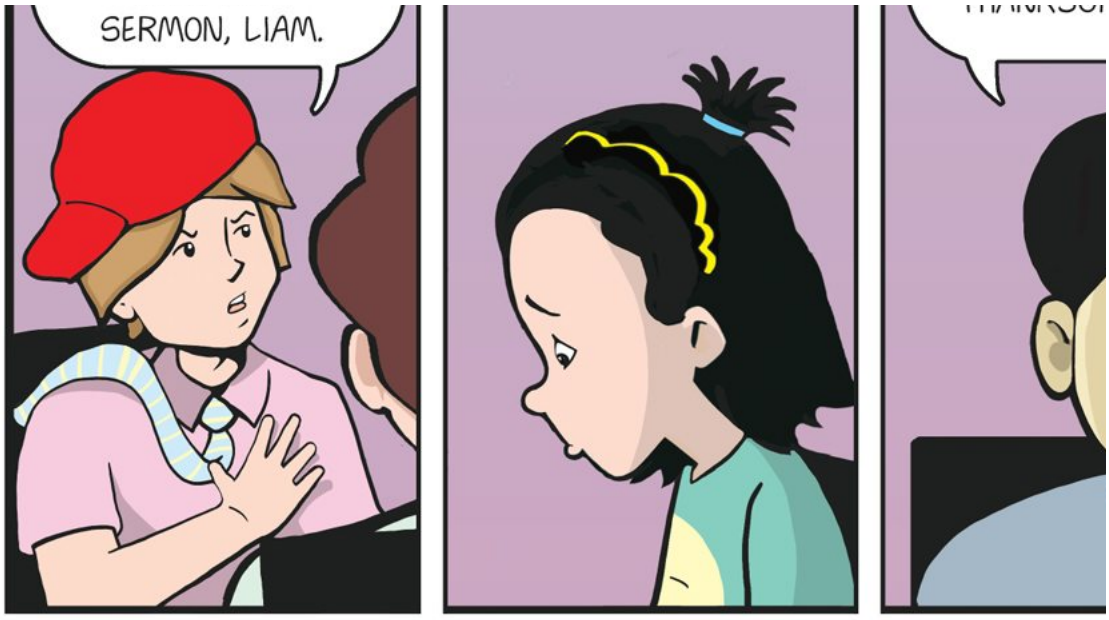
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DON
THANK
BOY AL

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SERMON, LIAM.

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SO DID YOU DECIDE WHICH SECOND FORM TRIP YOU'RE DOING?
NAH, I'V
OUT OF
SO THEY

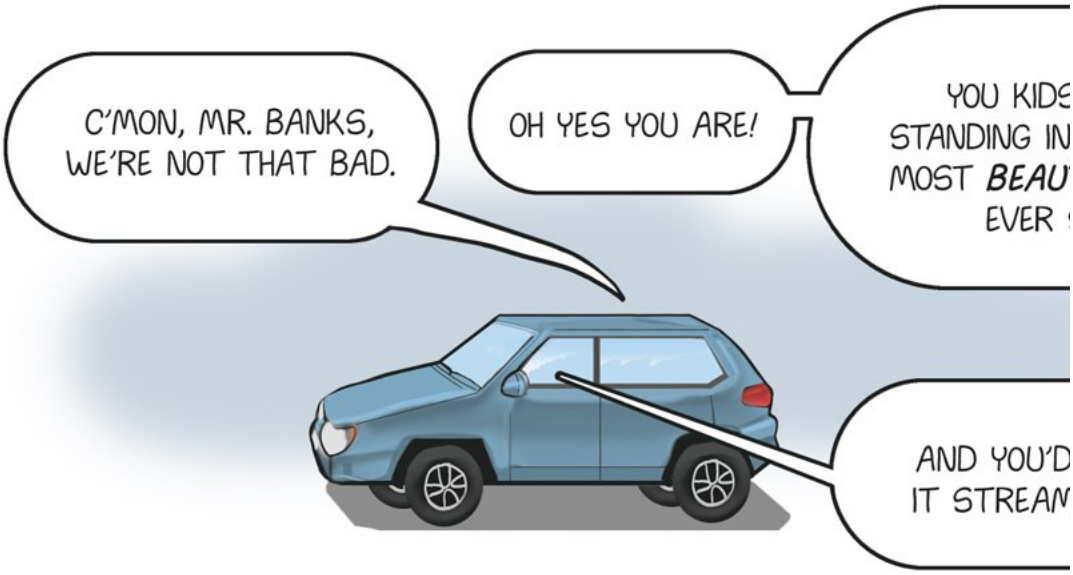
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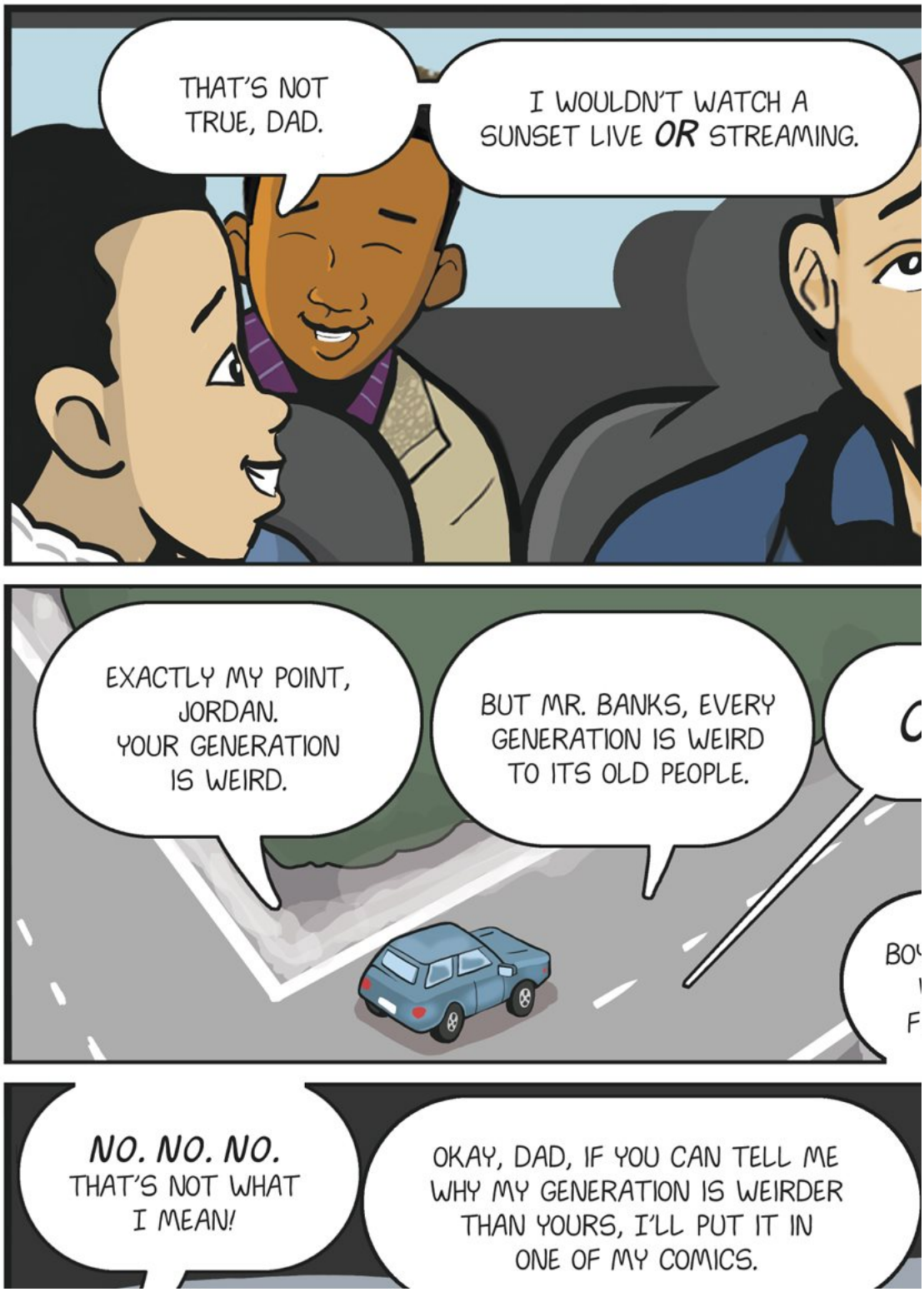

TELL
LIAM
JUST
WA

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C'MON, MR. BANKS, WE'RE NOT THAT BAD.
OH YES YOU ARE!
YOU KIDS
STANDING IN
MOST BEAU
EVER
AND YOU'D
IT STREAM

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I Lost the Be

written by Chuck Banks art by Jorda

When I was a kid, if I'd done everything that kids today do on social media, it would have had a much different result.

My dad as a kid

#1 Taking Photos

Pe
t
had

#2 Giving random people affirmations

I believe in you.

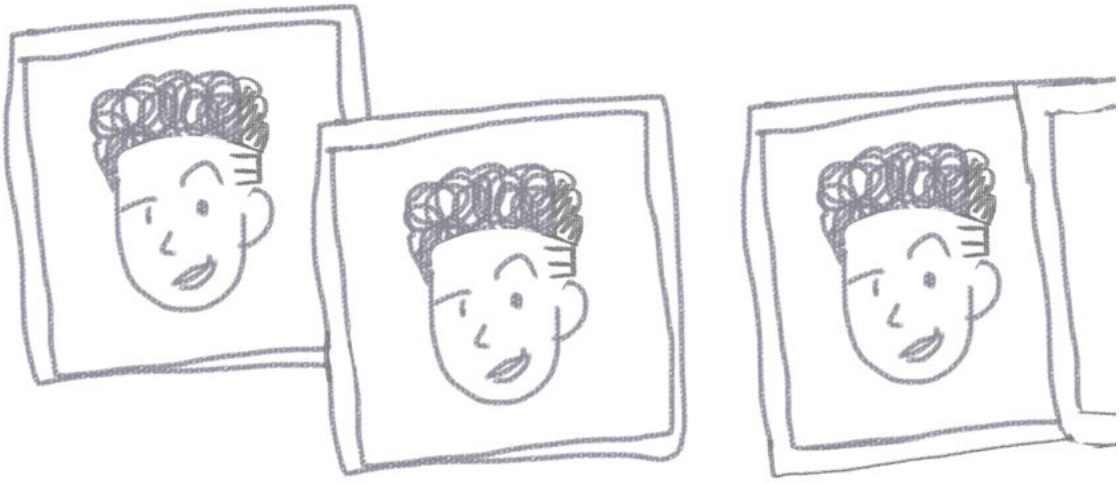
Uhhhh . . . Thanks?

#3 Taking Photo
then drawing do
tongues on them


#4 Telling random people random things
The train was sooo late this morning!
Hurry, dear, he's still following us.
#5 Showing
Photos of my
That's Goldy, my goldfish.

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#6 Taking the SAME photo of myself EVERY S



#7 Filming strangers without their permission!



#8 Telling s
opinion on E\

And THAT'S wh
Star Wars and
Star TREK are
very similar . . .

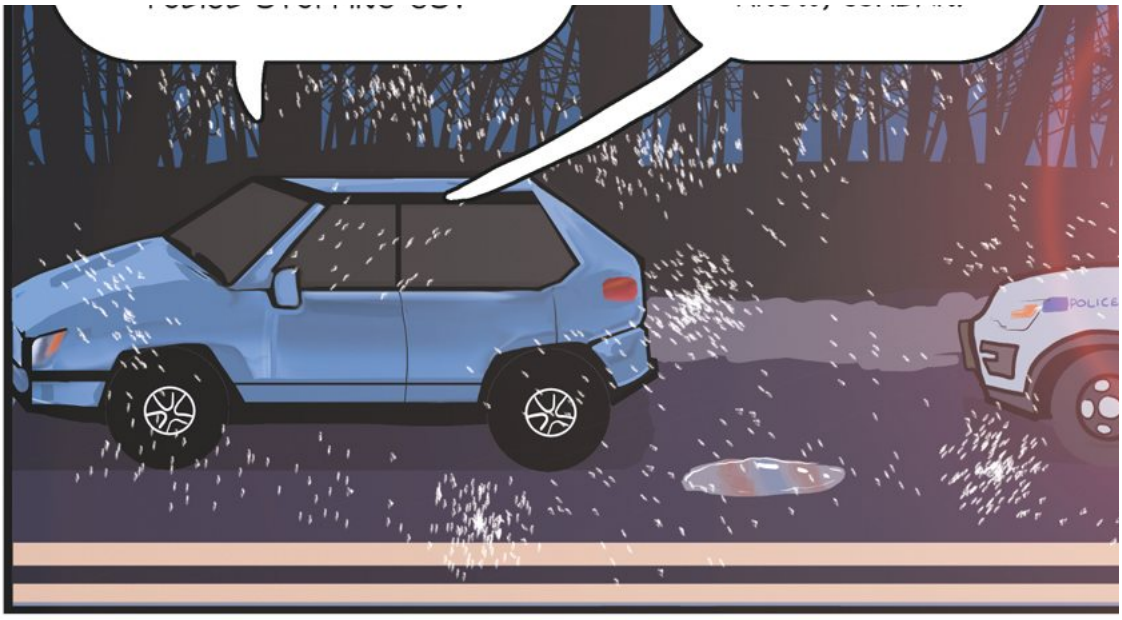


If I'd done all the things that you do today, you c
believe I would have had a lot of followers, too!



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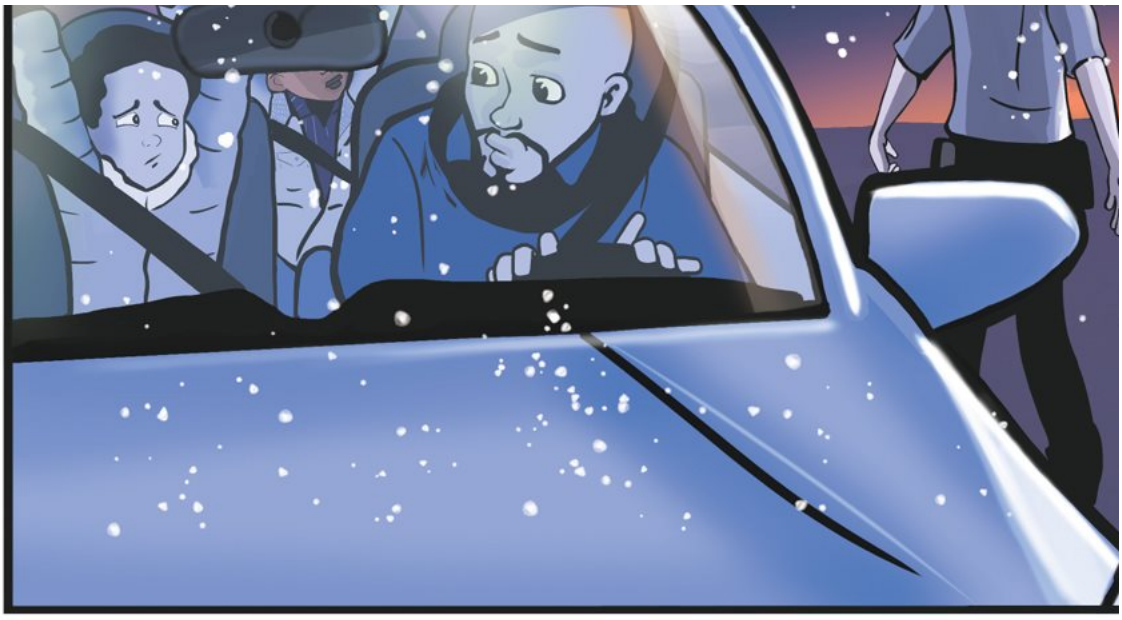
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GOOD
EVENING.

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WE DO HAVE A PROBLEM, SIR . . .
I'M AFRAID I'M G
HAFTA ASK YOU
GET RID OF THA

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YOU GOT
THAT RIGHT.
I'M A PATS
FAN!

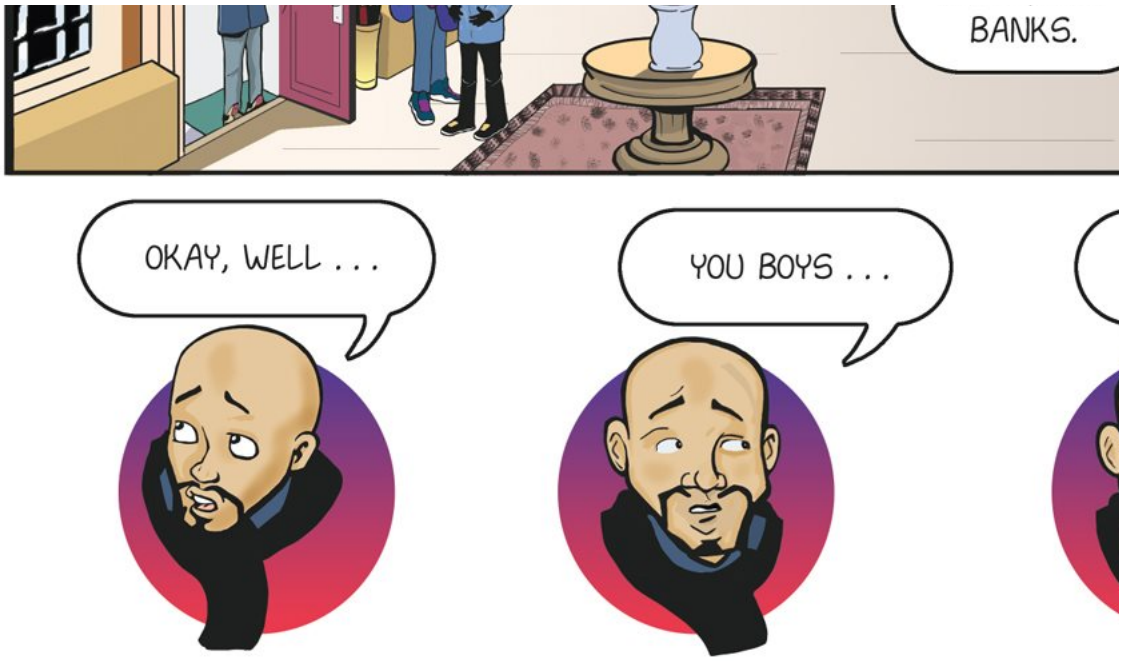
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TURN RIGHT ON DeMARTINO DRIVE . . .
TURN RIGHT ON POTTER PLACE.
TURN RIGHT ON LOIS LANE.
YOU HAVE REACHED YOUR DESTINATION!

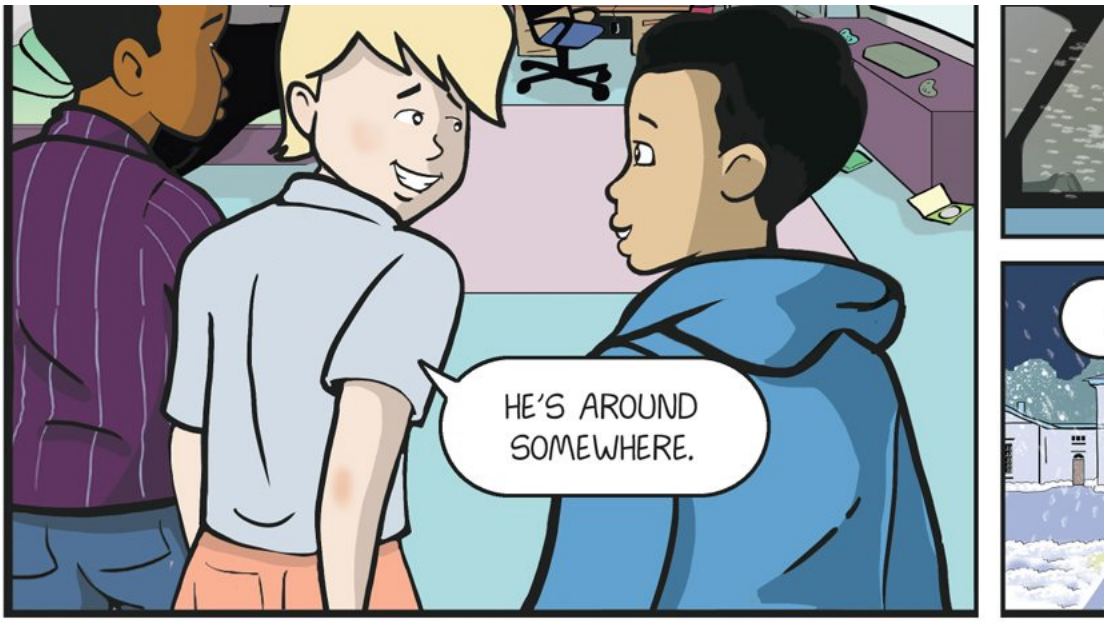
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BANKS.
OKAY, WELL . . .
YOU BOYS . . .

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HE'S AROUND SOMEWHERE.

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SHE USED TO BE A LAWYER, BUT . . .
SHE HASN'T WORKED SINCE KIRSTEN WAS BORN.

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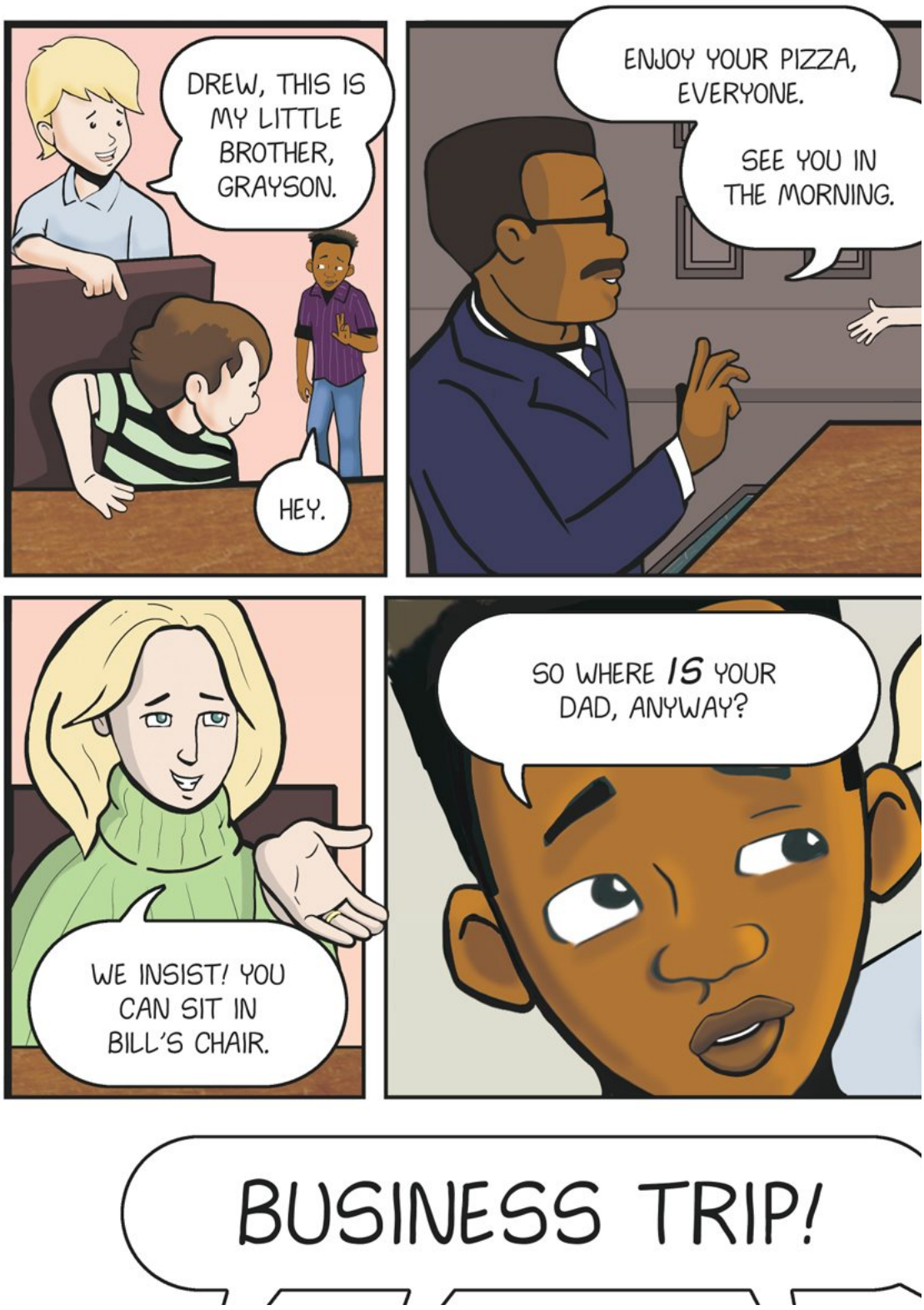

OKAY . . .

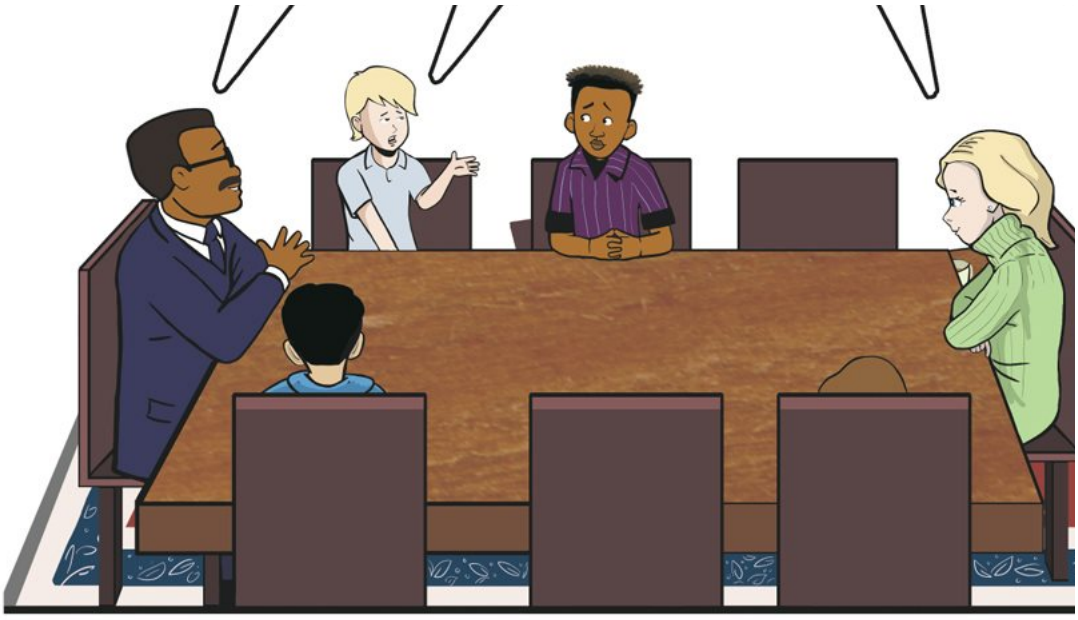
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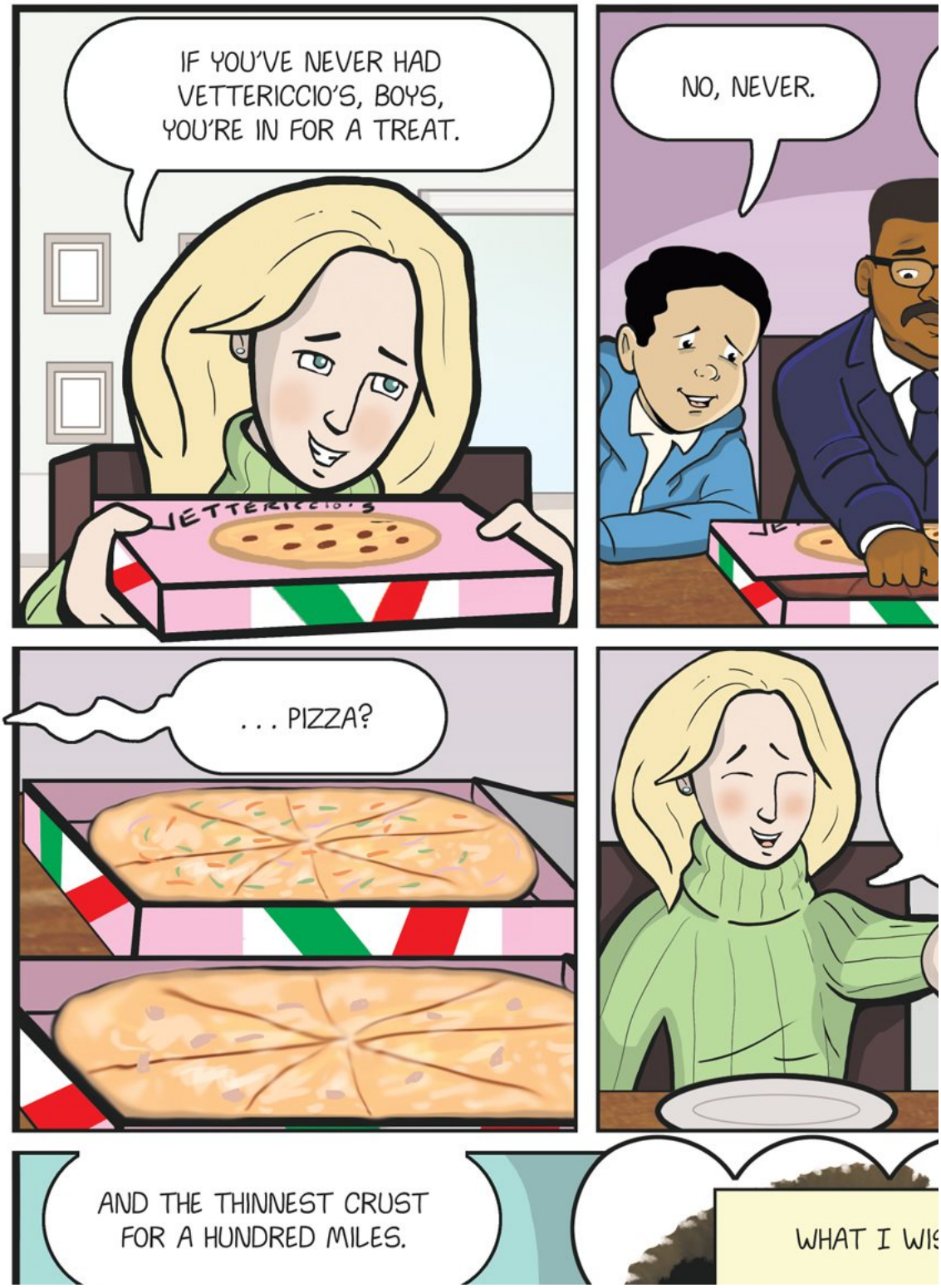

HI, OTHER KID!

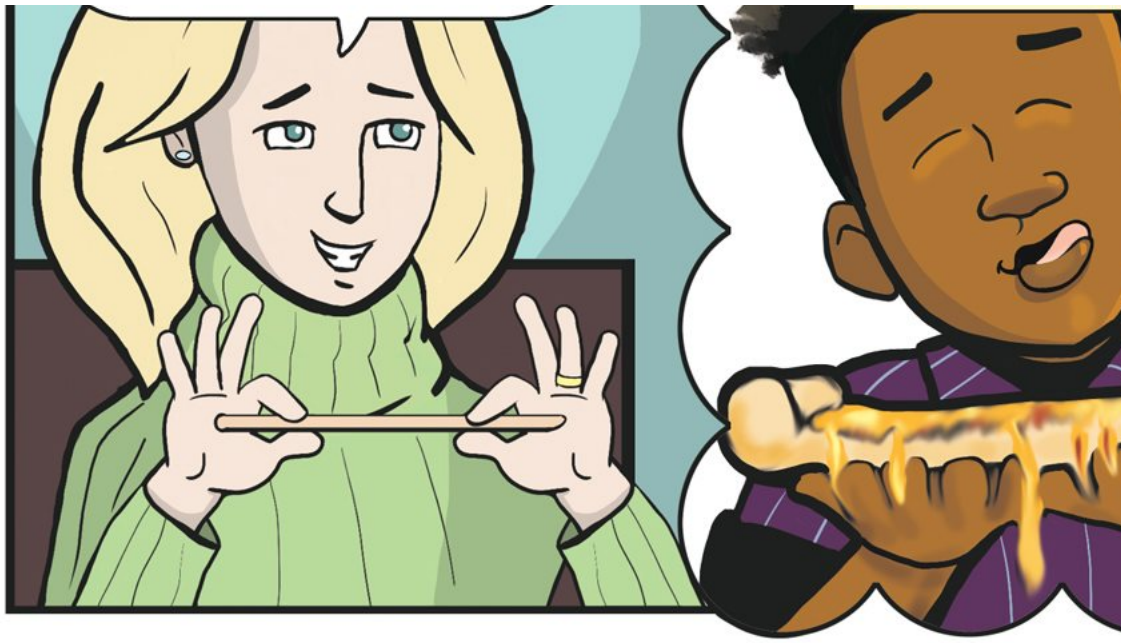
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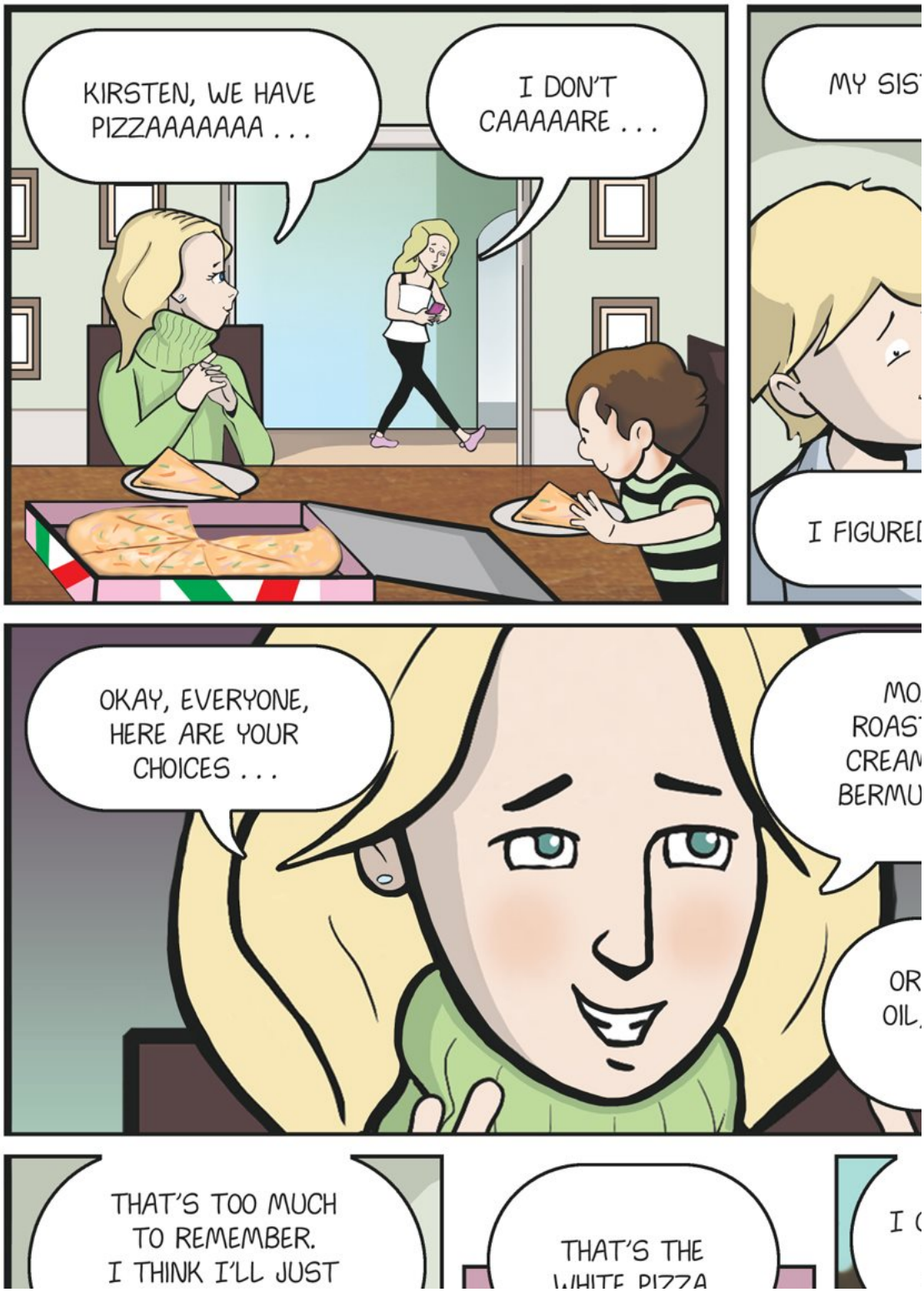


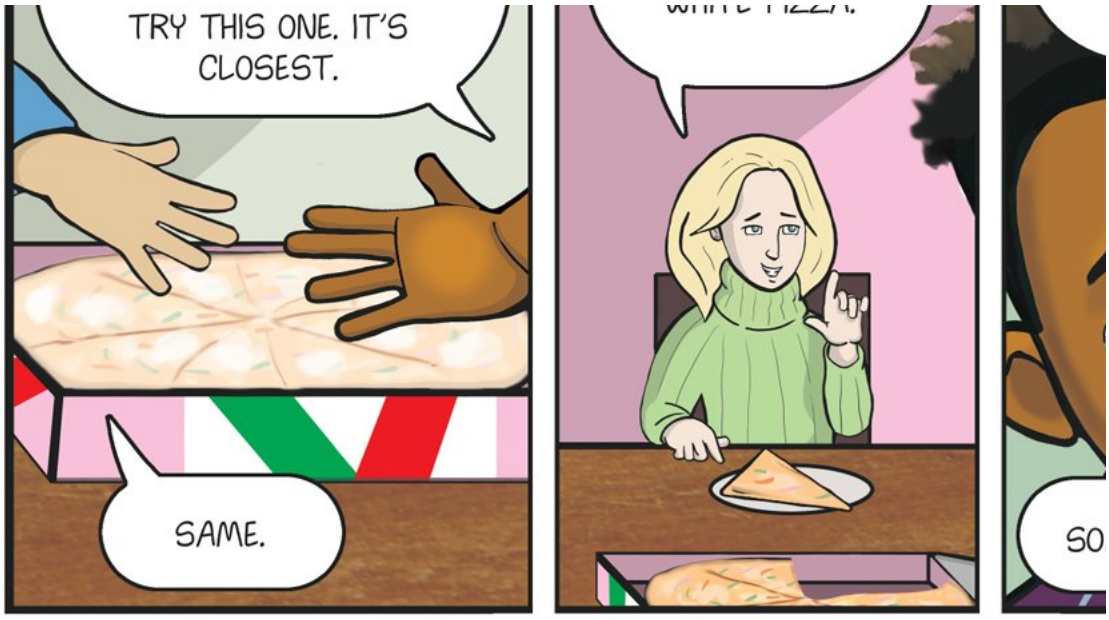
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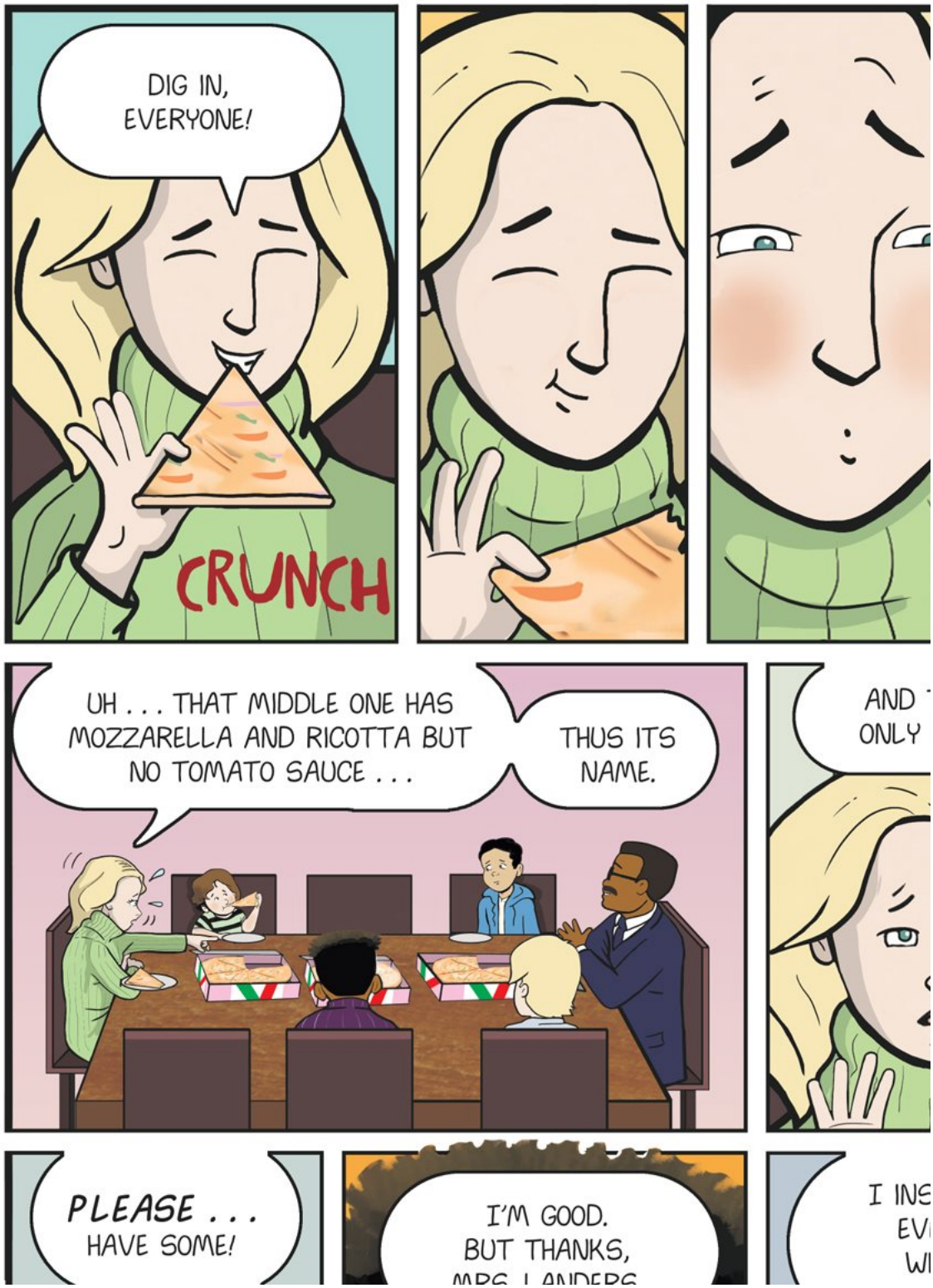


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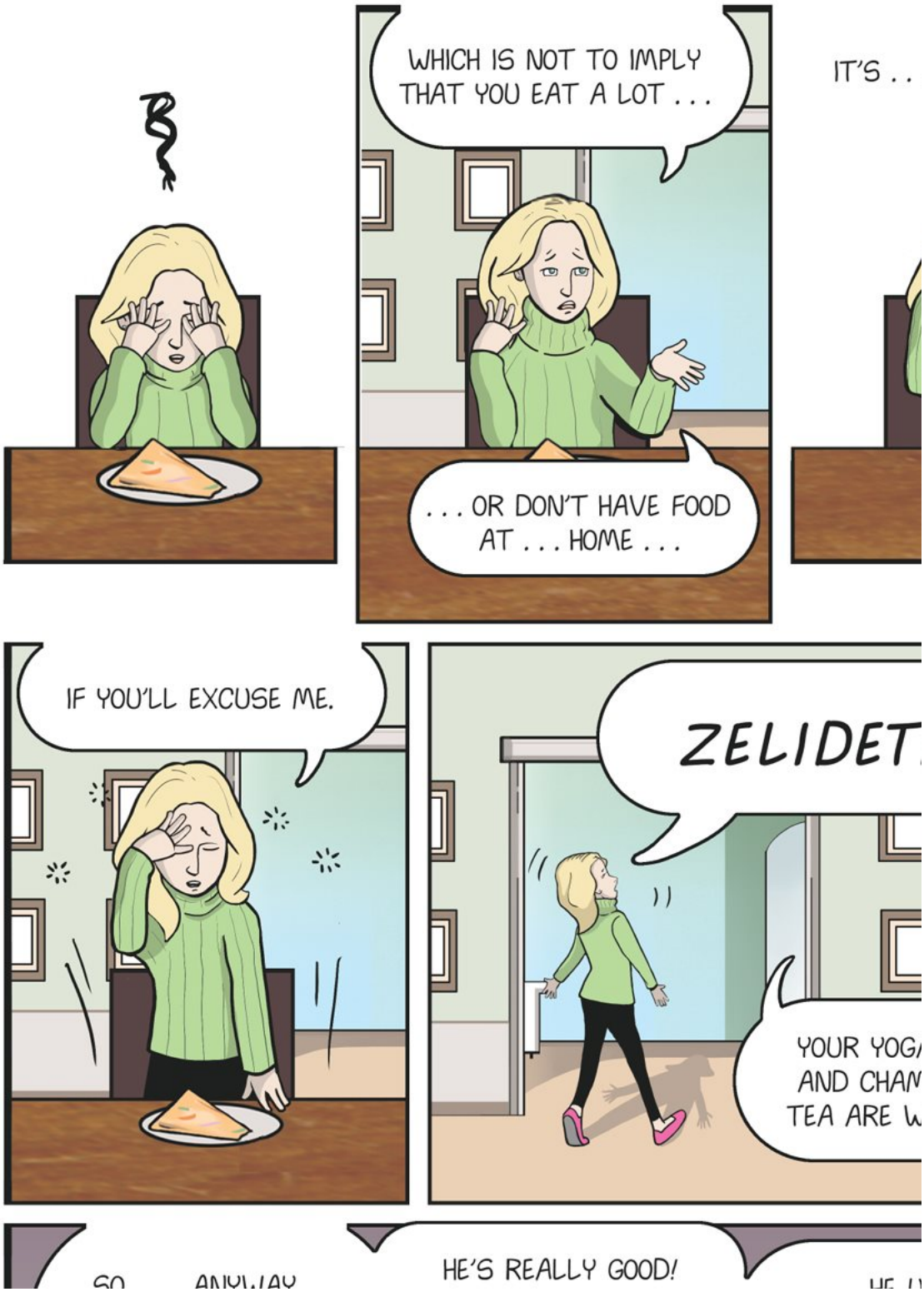

TRY THIS ONE. IT'S CLOSEST.
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MRS. LANDERS.
CRUNCH
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MR. PIERRE HELPS ME WITH MY SOCCER.
PLAY O
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THAT'S WHERE HE'S FROM.

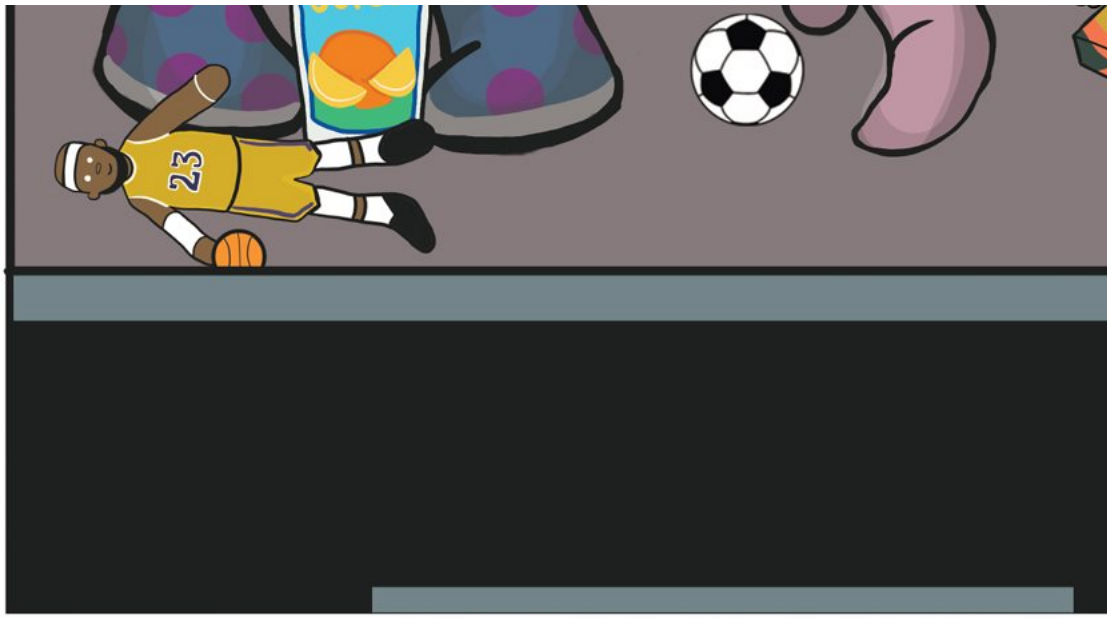
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GO AND HAVE FUN.
YOU.
LIKEWISE.

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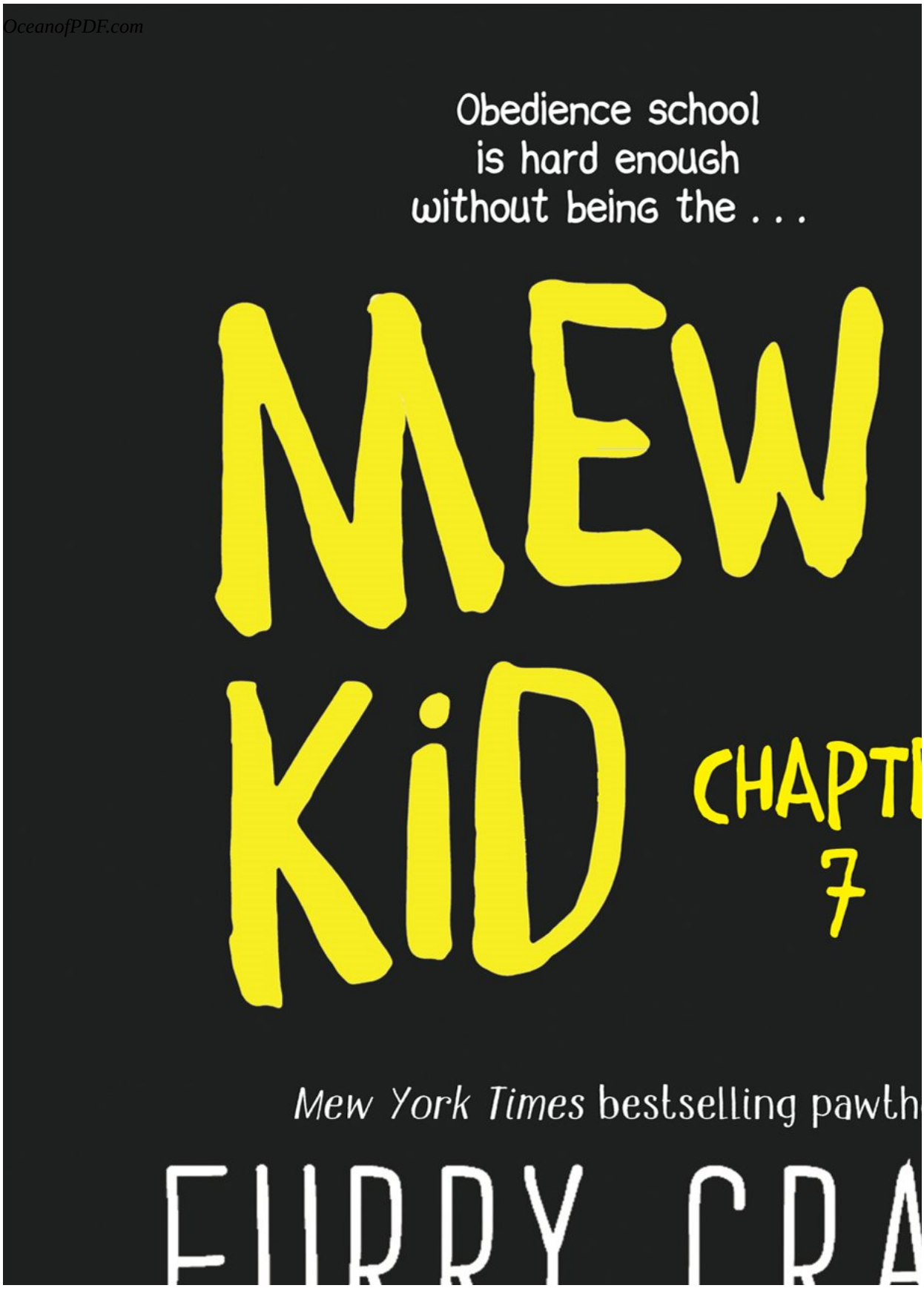

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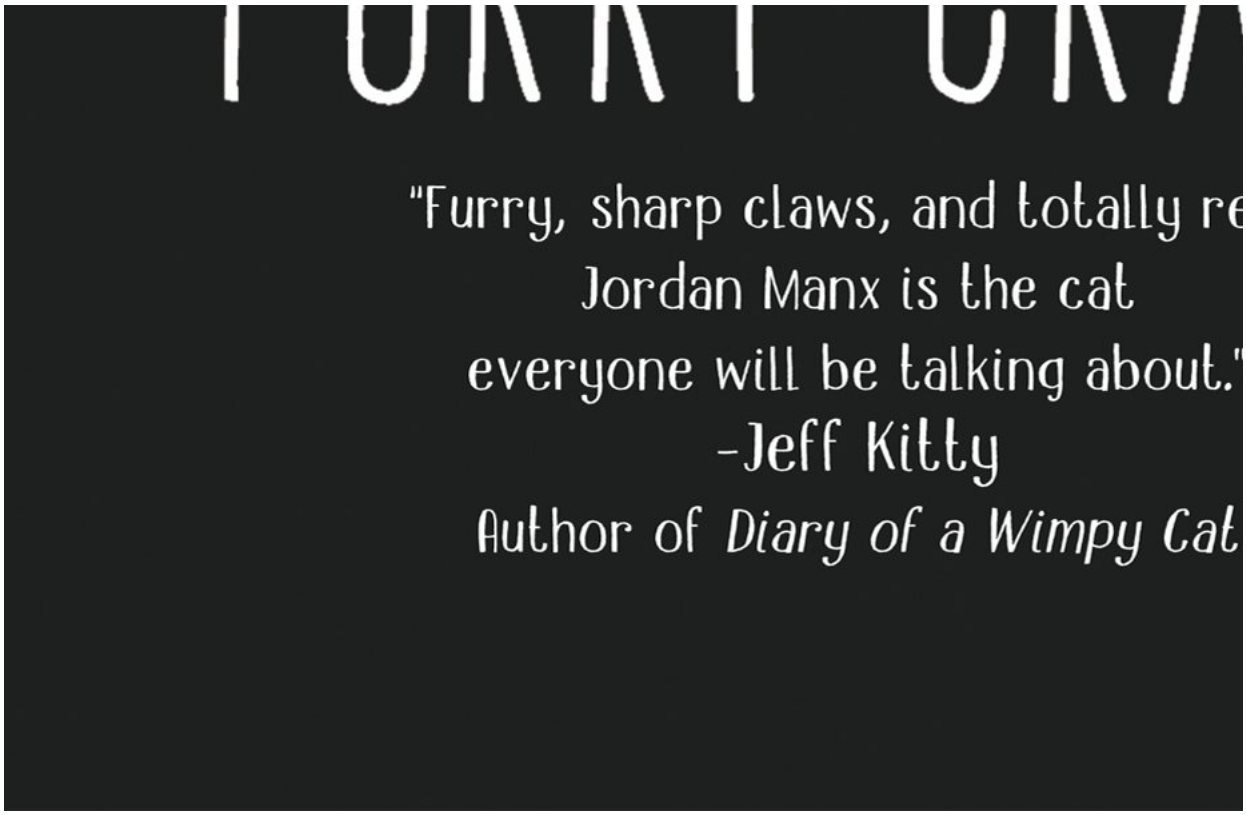
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MEWBERY

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"Furry, sharp claws, and totally re
Jordan Manx is the cat
everyone will be talking about."
-Jeff Kitty
Author of Diary of a Wimpy Cat

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I DON'T LIKE CANTALOUPE!

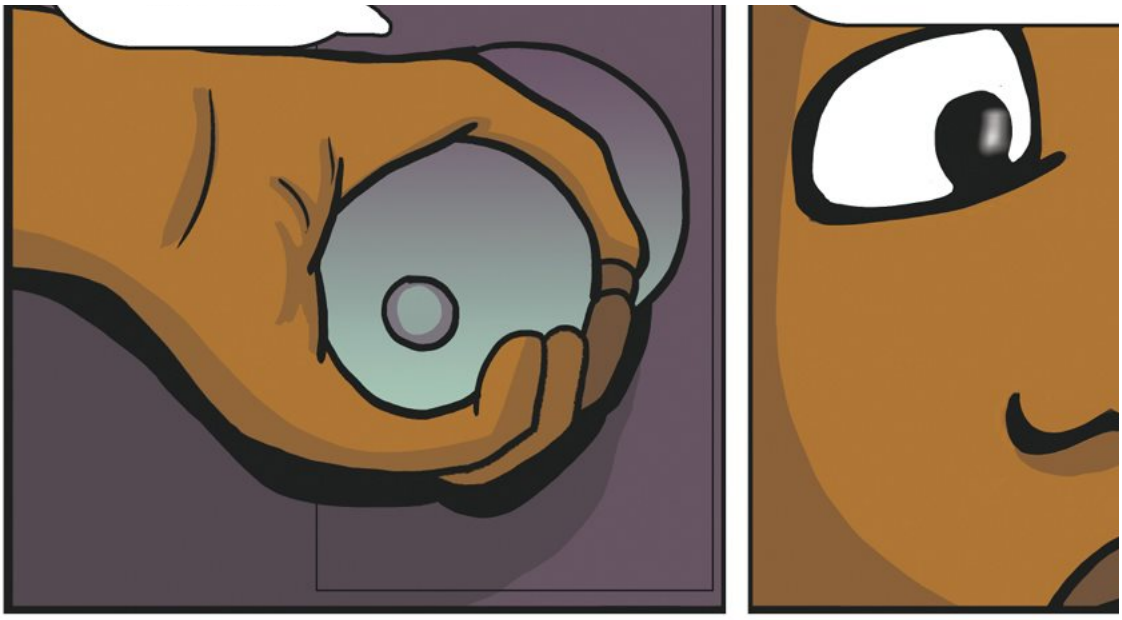
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AND WE EVEN HAVE SWIM TRUNKS FOR YOU BOTH.
I'LL GO GET MINE.

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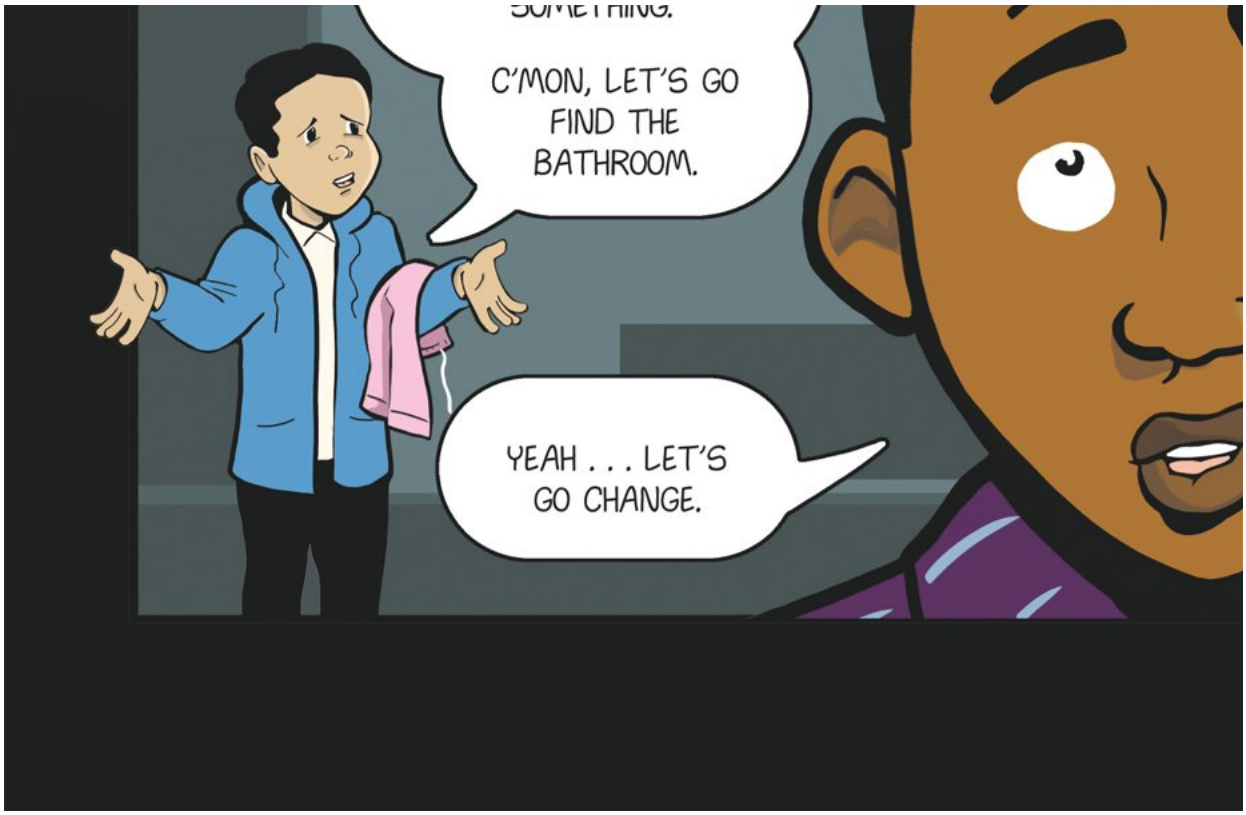
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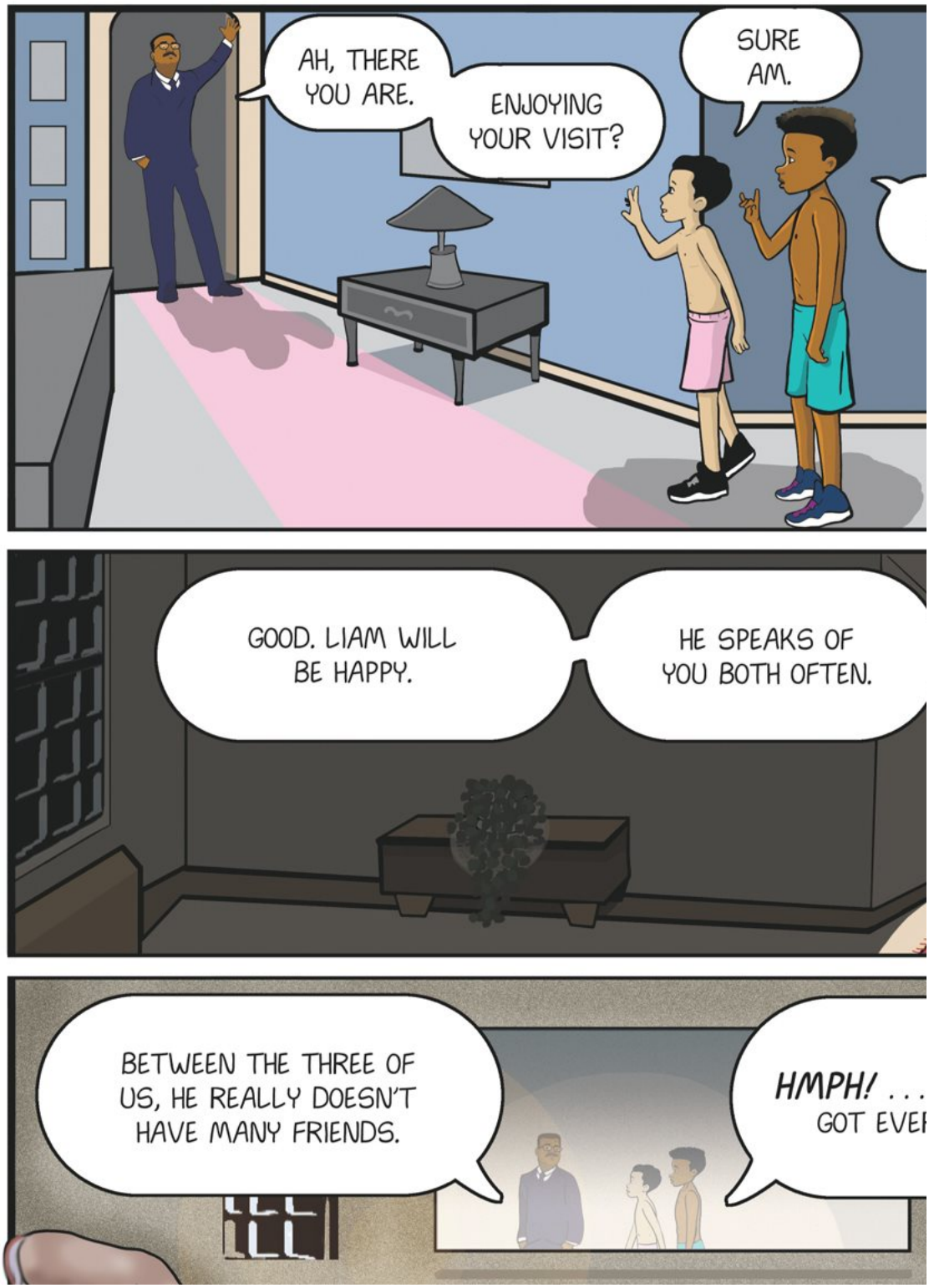


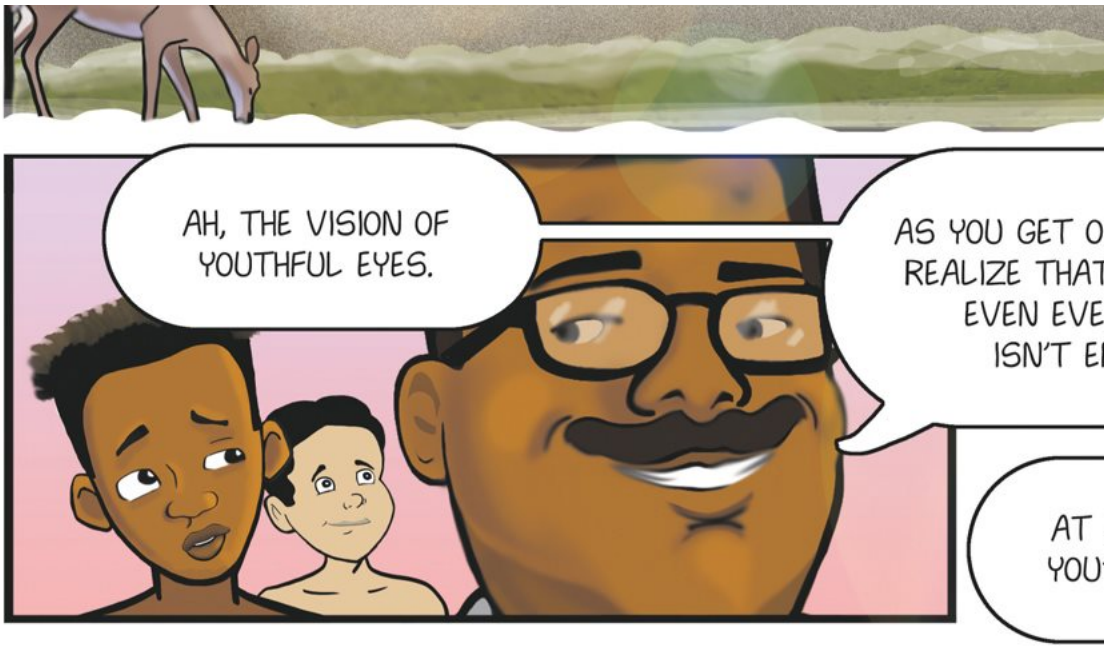
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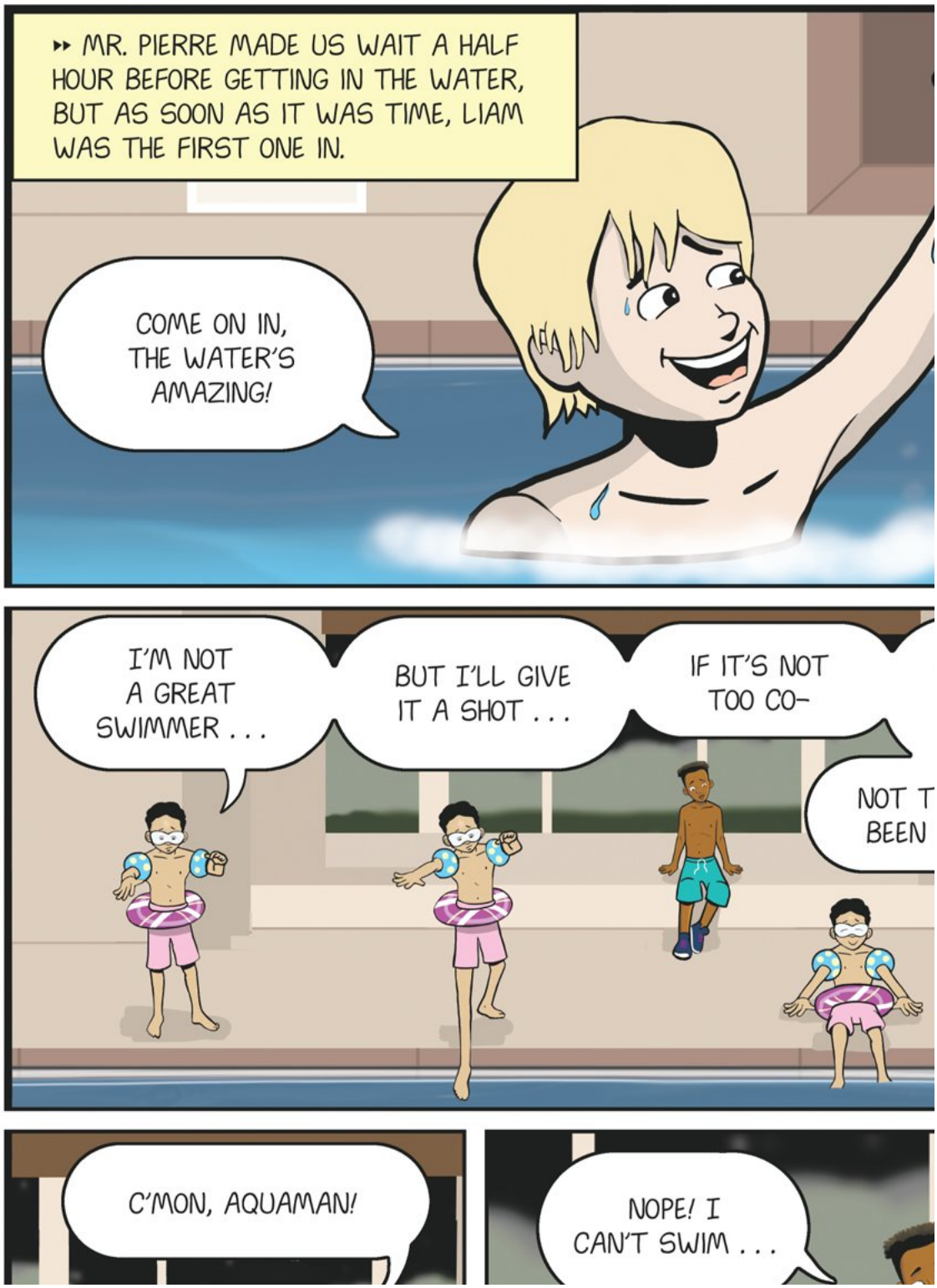

SOMETHING.
C'MON, LET'S GO FIND THE BATHROOM.
YEAH . . . LET'S GO CHANGE.

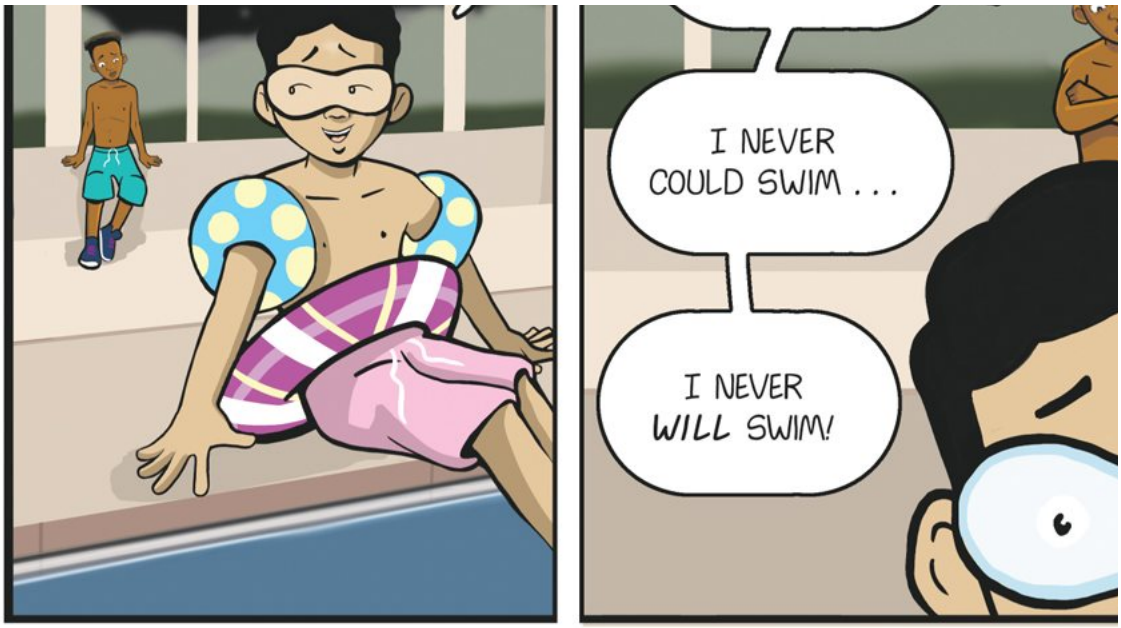
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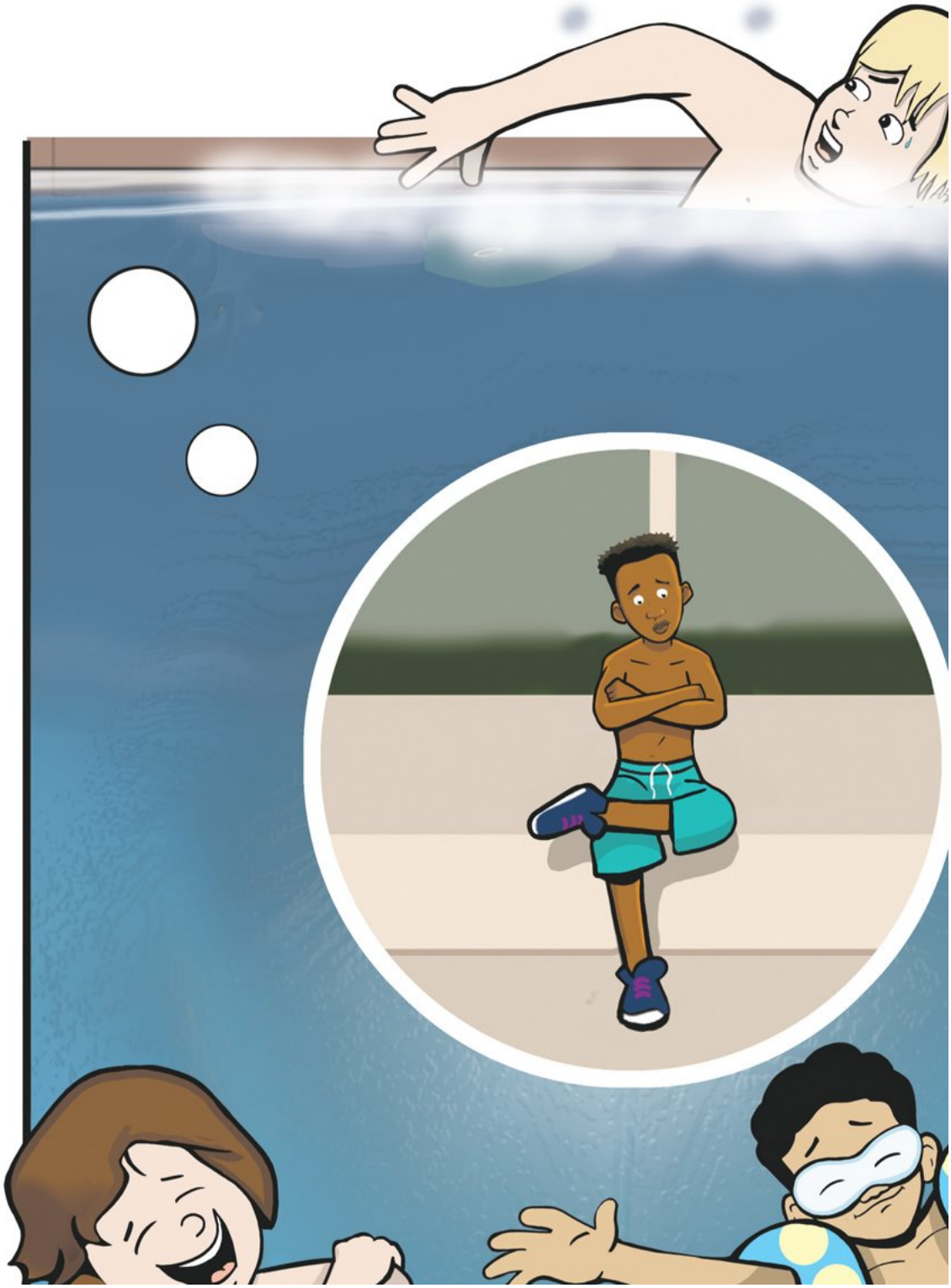

AH, THE VISION OF YOUTHFUL EYES.
AS YOU GET O
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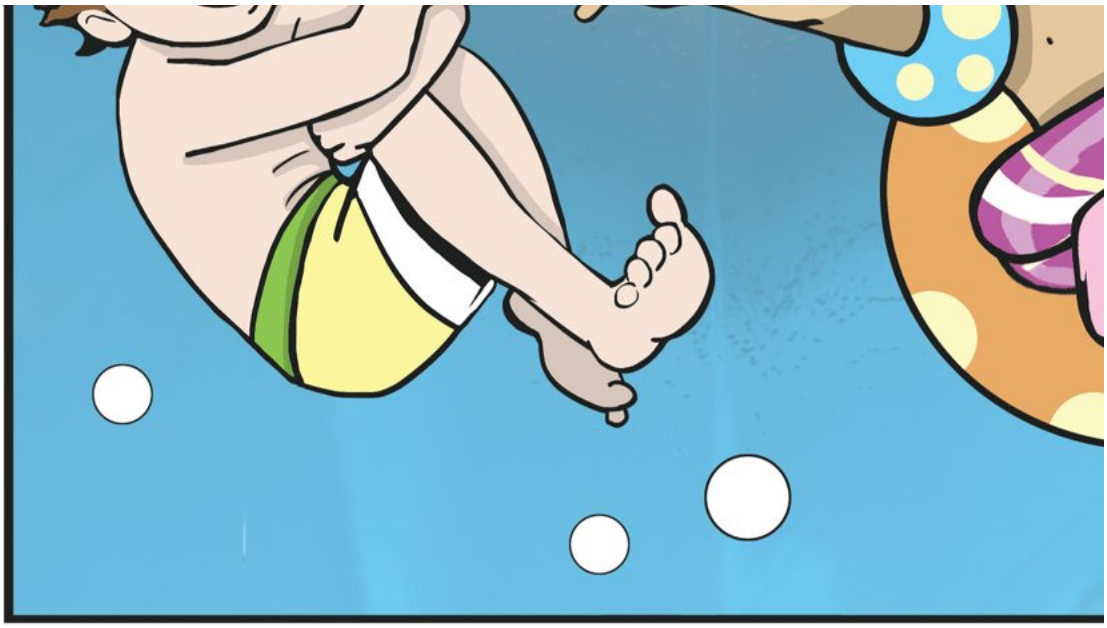
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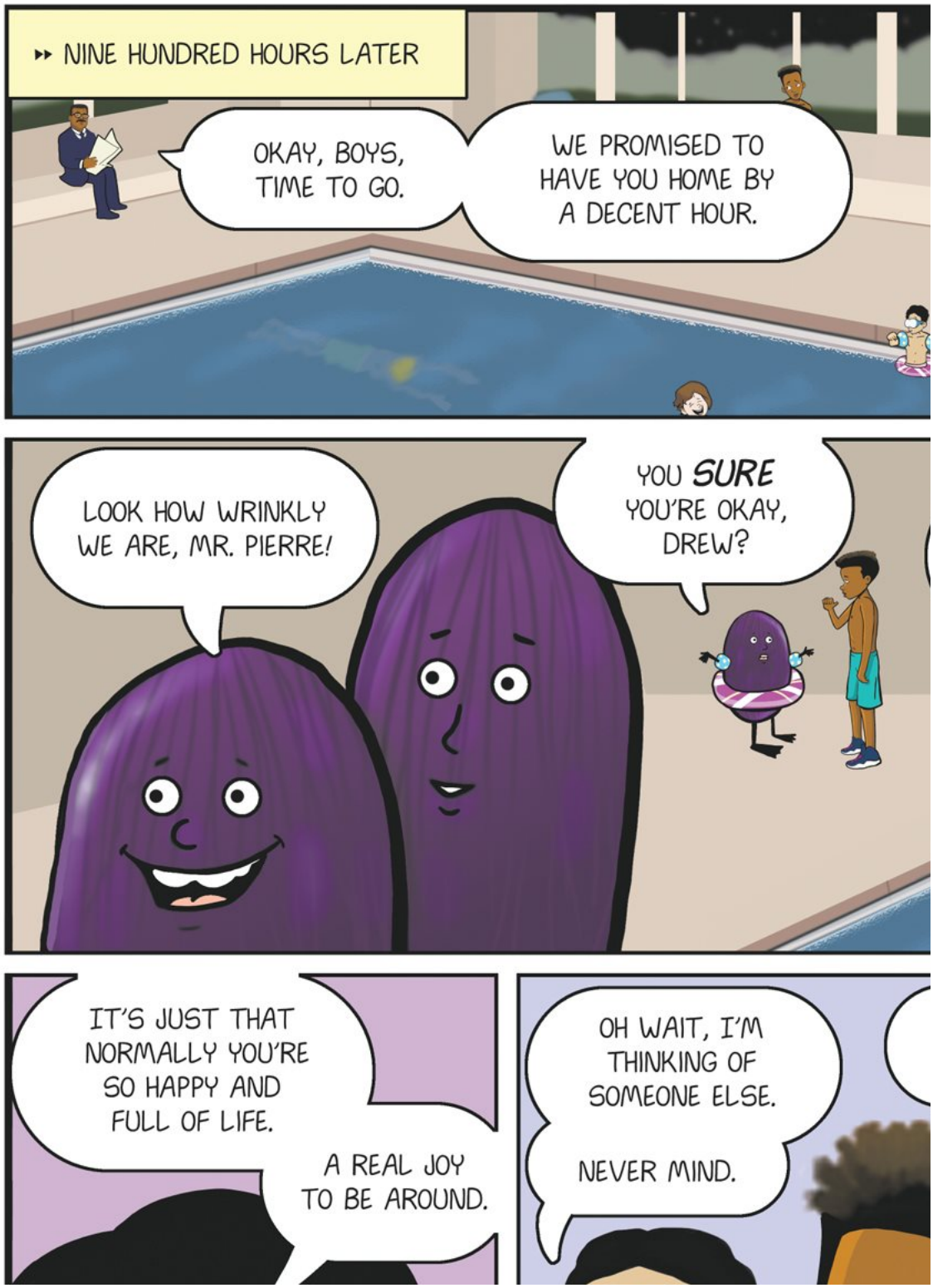

I NEVER COULD SWIM . . .
I NEVER WILL SWIM!

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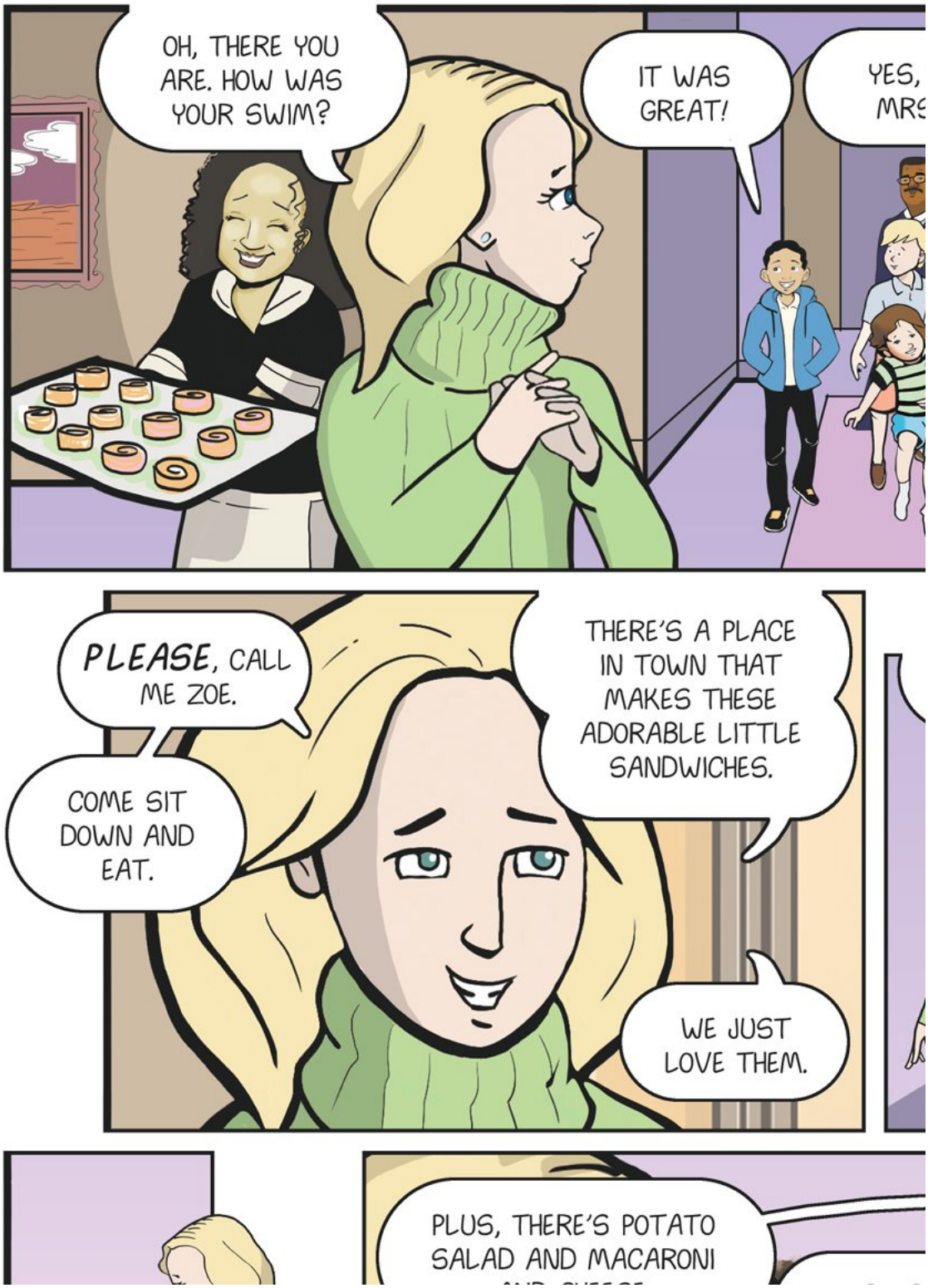


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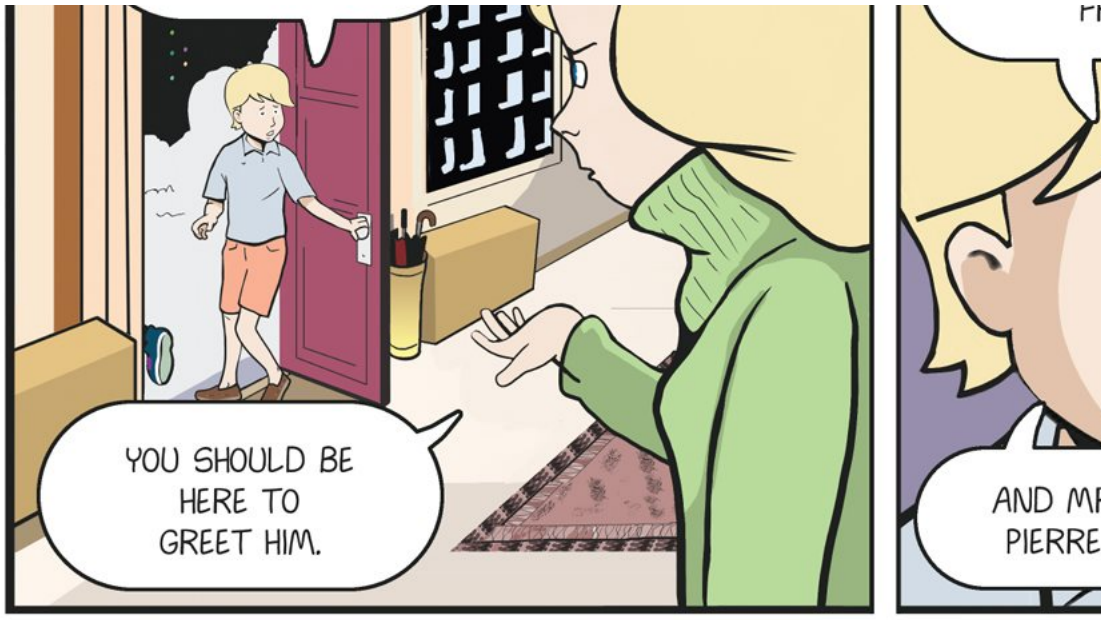
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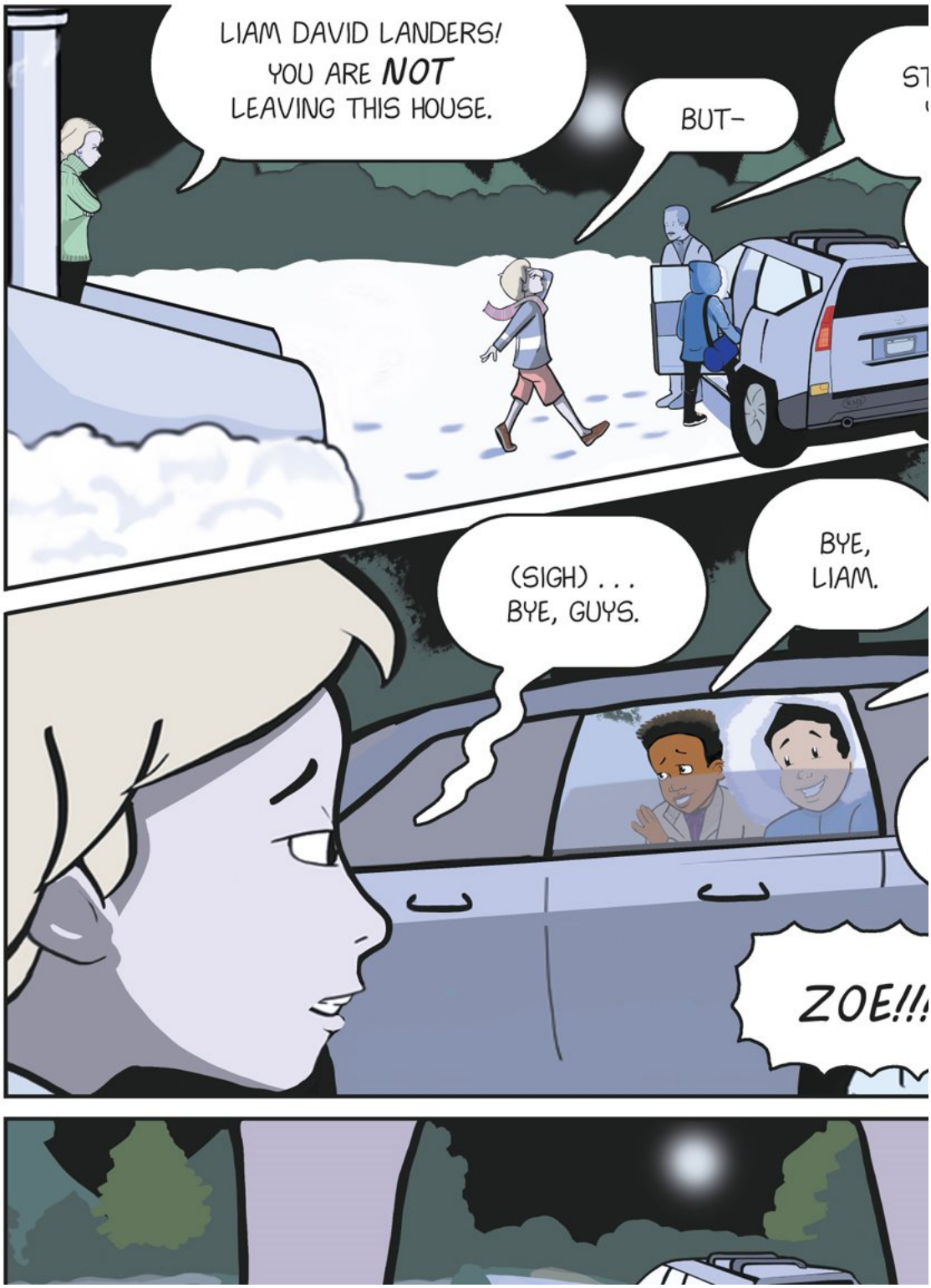

AND CHEESE.
SOUNDS D
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YOU SHOULD BE HERE TO GREET HIM.
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GENTLEMEN, BE MINDFUL OF YOUR MANNERS.

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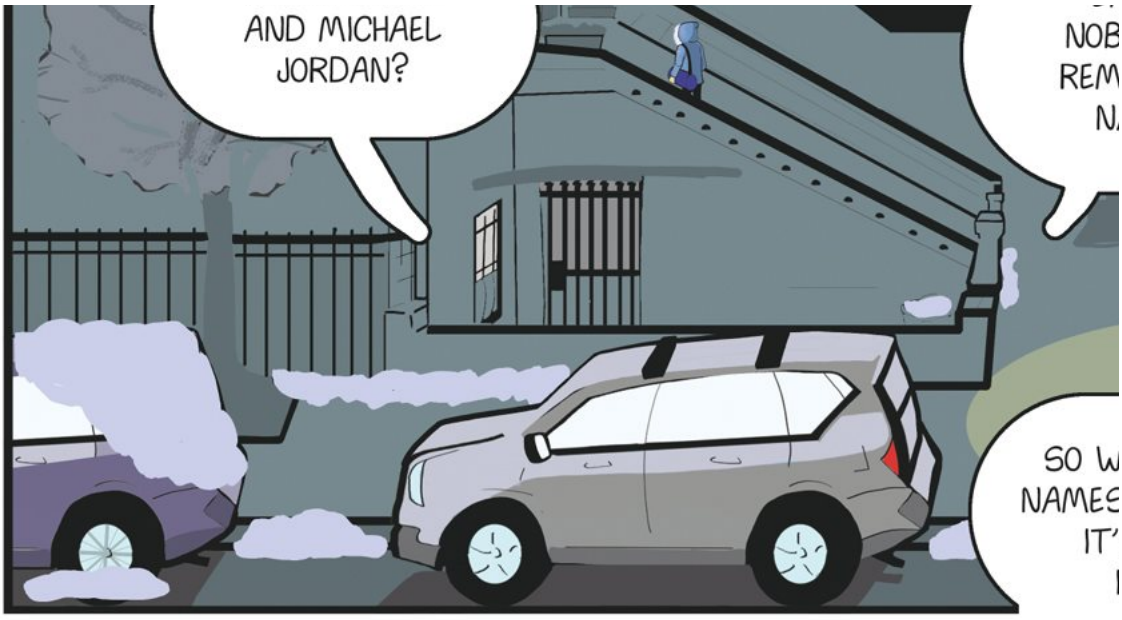
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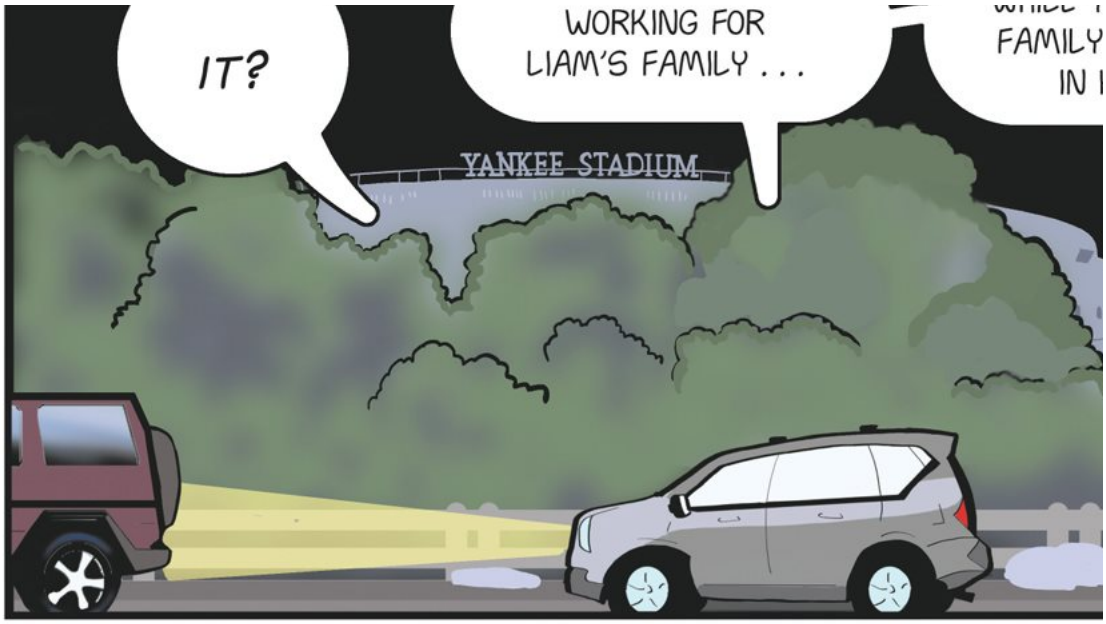
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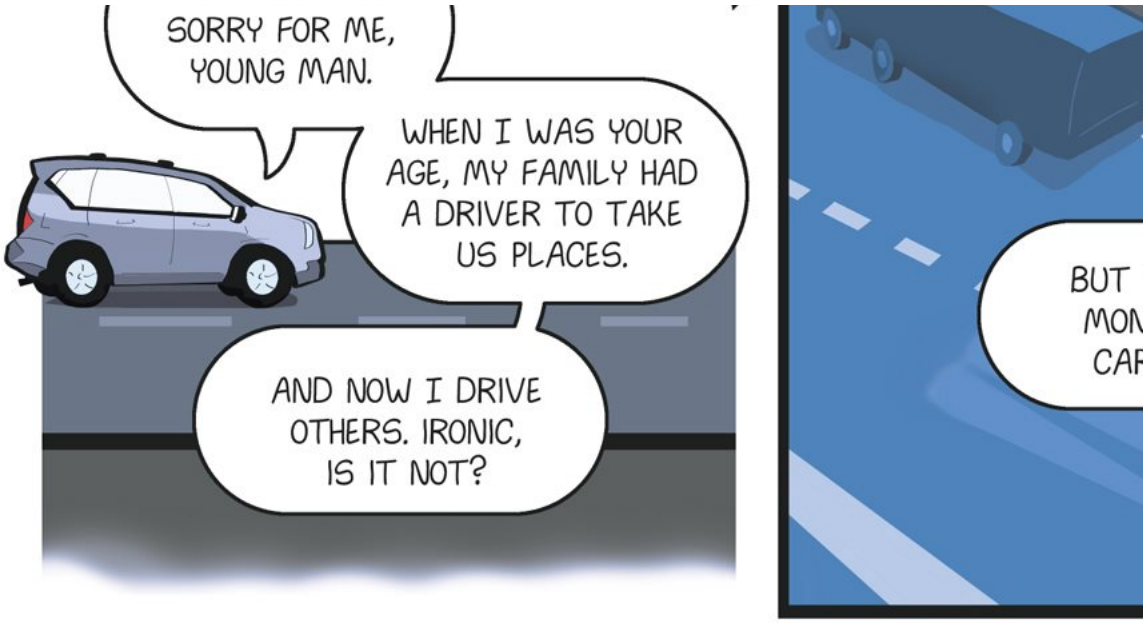
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IT?
WORKING FOR LIAM'S FAMILY . . .
FAMILY
IN
YANKEE STADIUM

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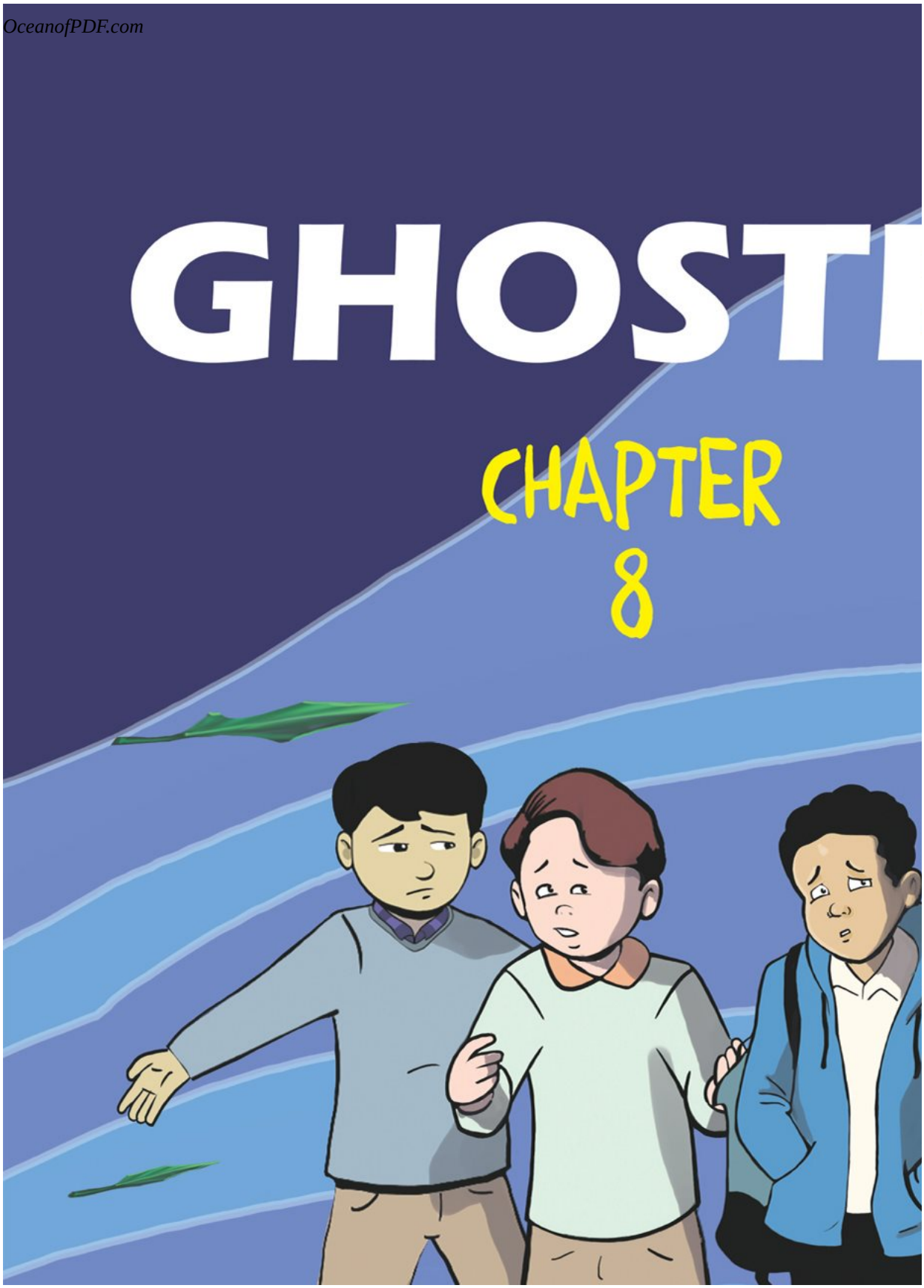

SORRY FOR ME, YOUNG MAN.
WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE, MY FAMILY HAD A DRIVER TO TAKE US PLACES.
AND NOW I DRIVE OTHERS. IRONIC, IS IT NOT?
BUT
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CAF

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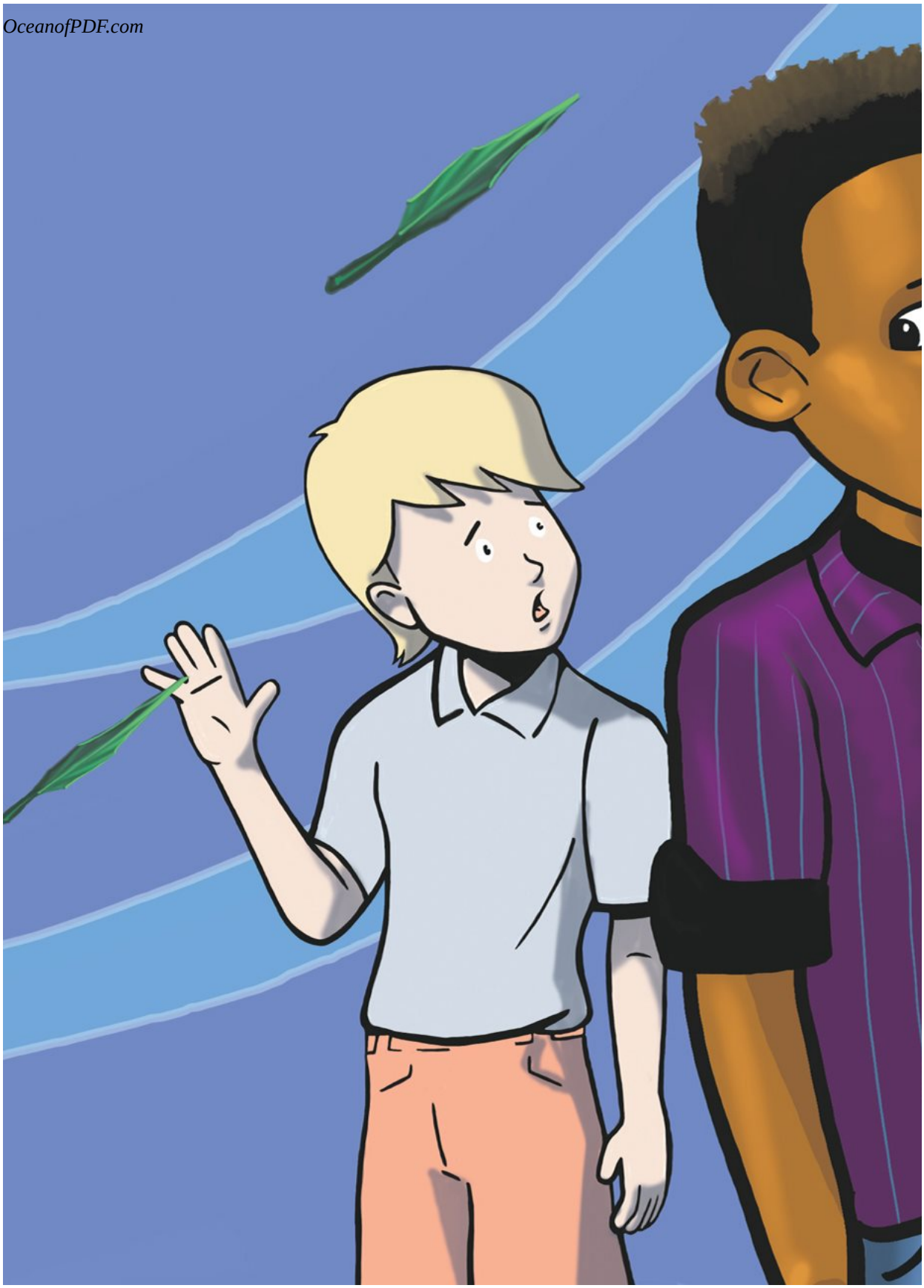

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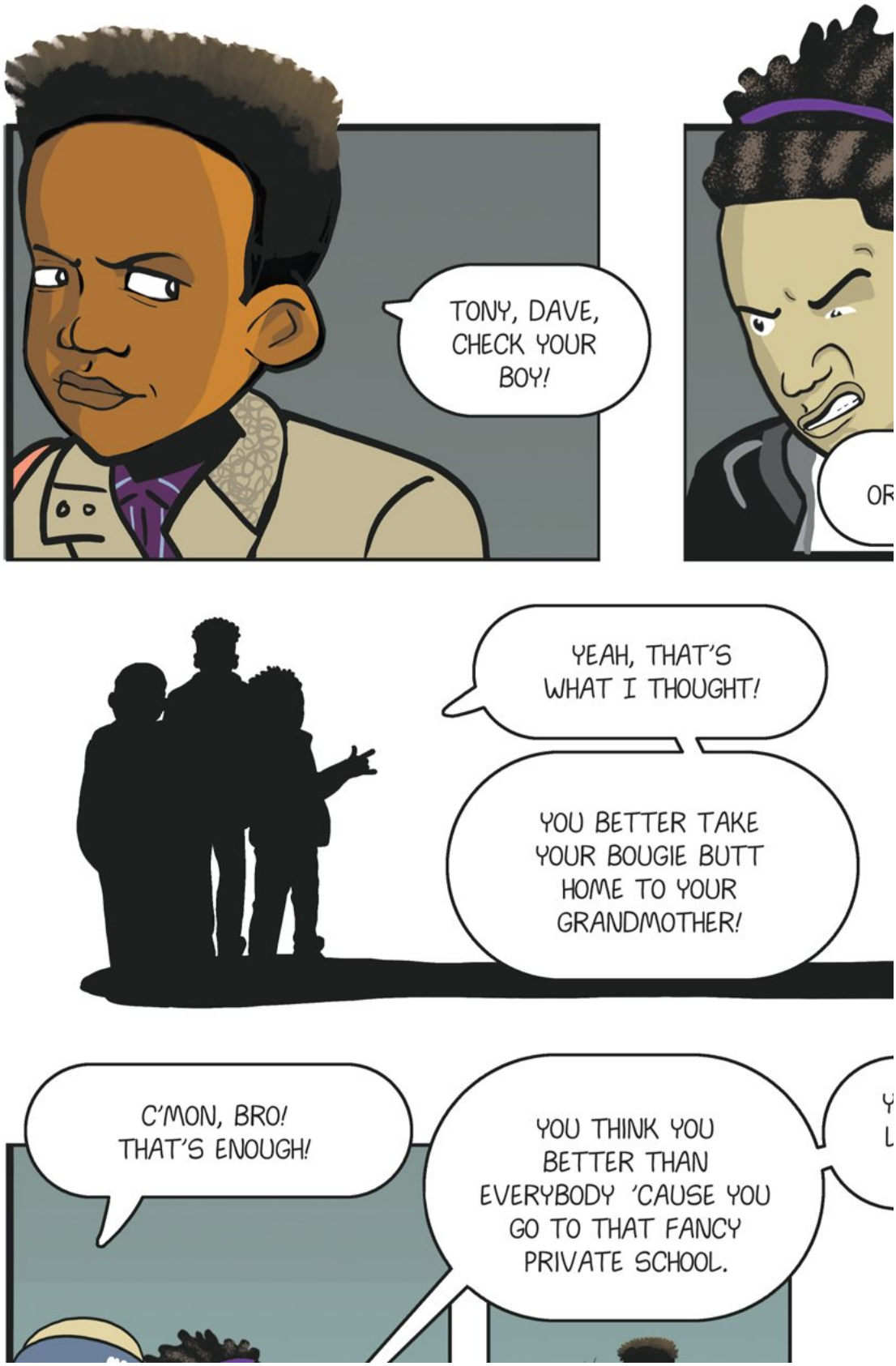


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GUYS, NOT
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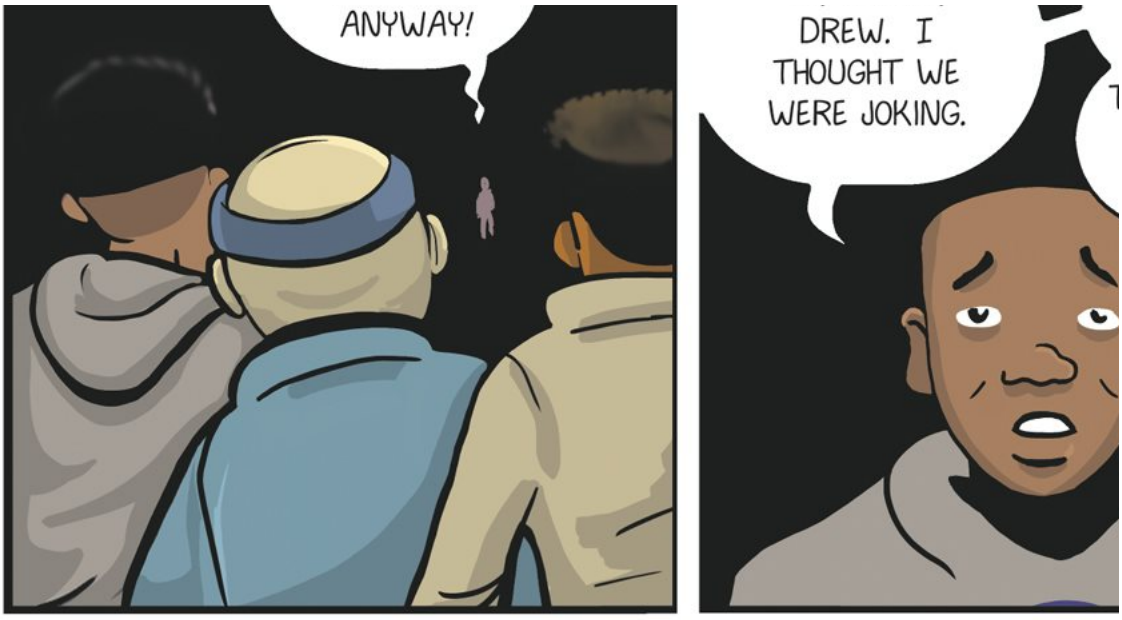
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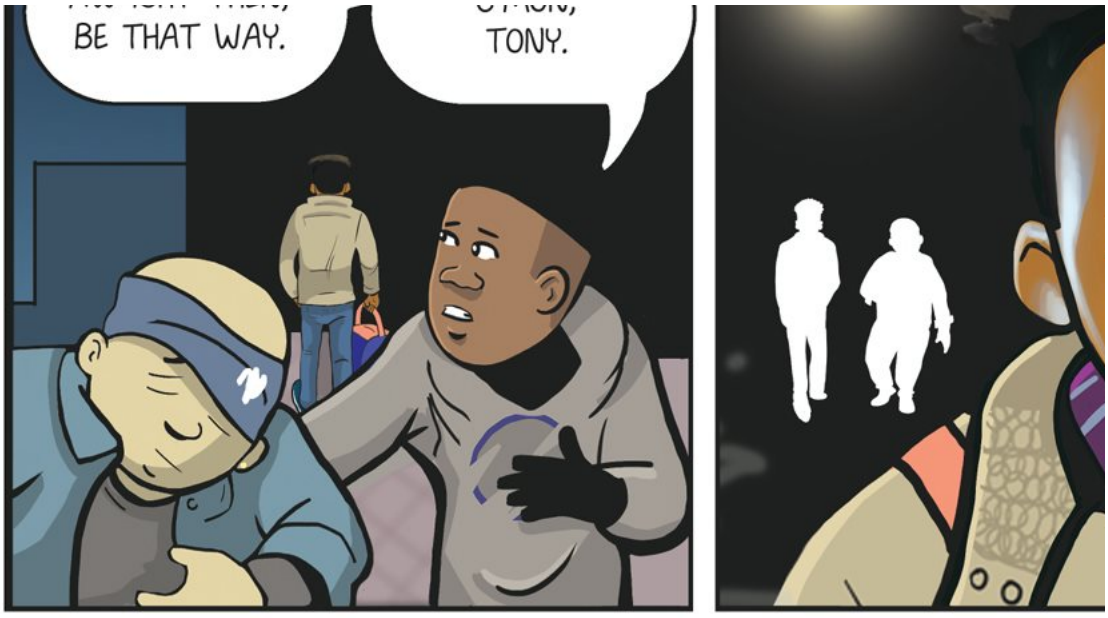
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ANYWAY!
DREW. I THOUGHT WE WERE JOKING.

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BE THAT WAY.
TONY.

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WHO

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I ALMOST
TONY, Y
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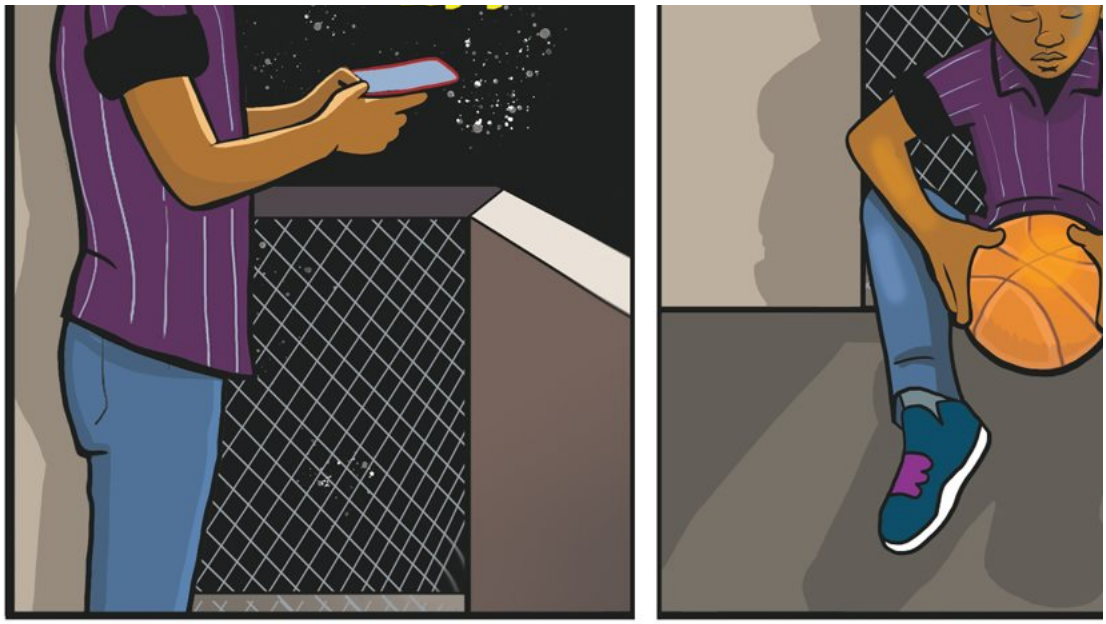
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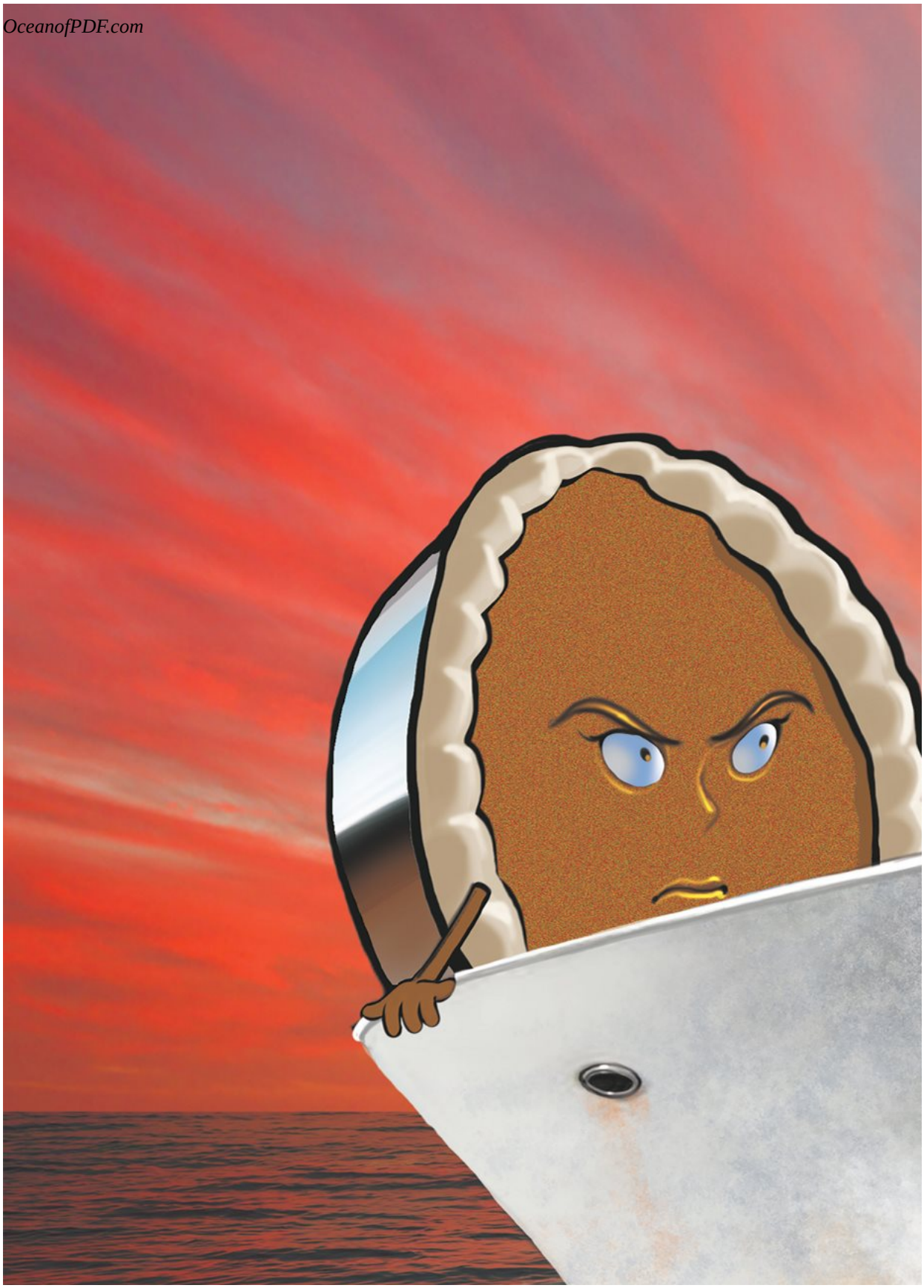


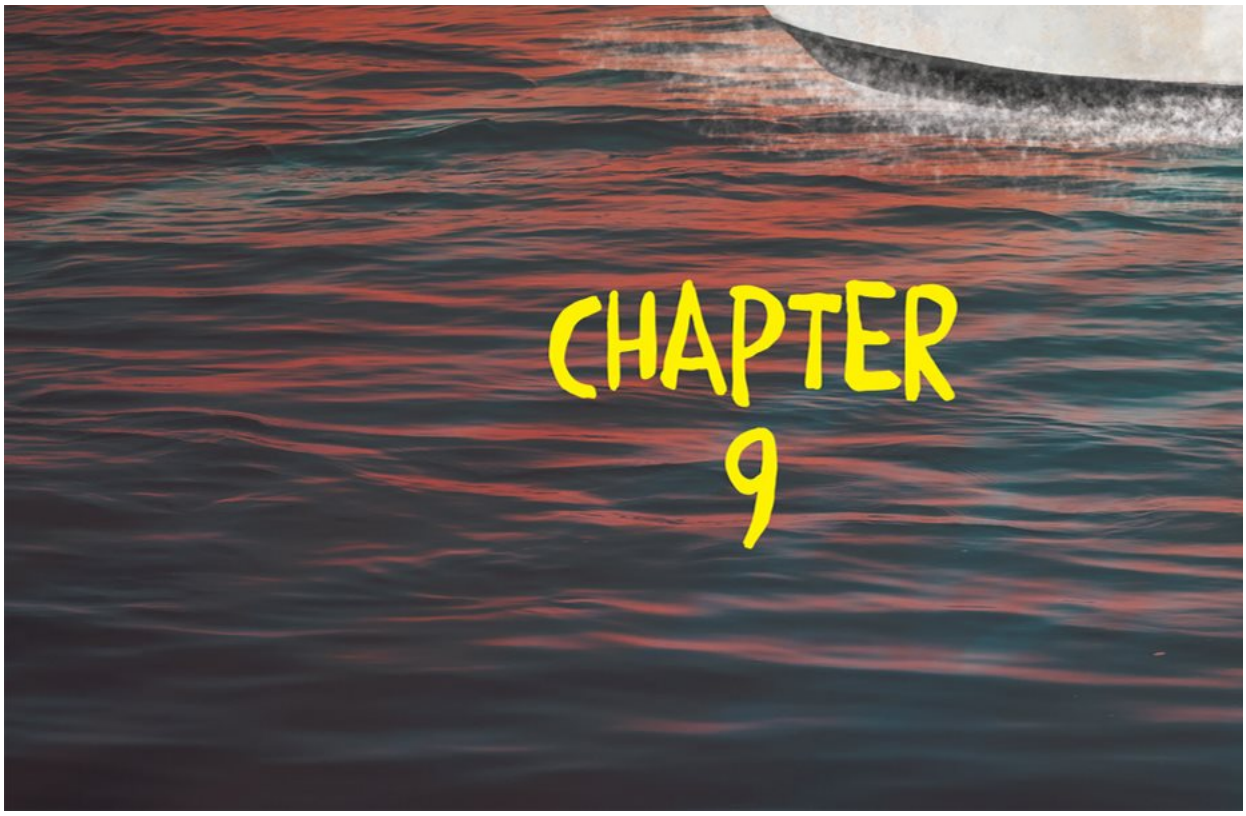
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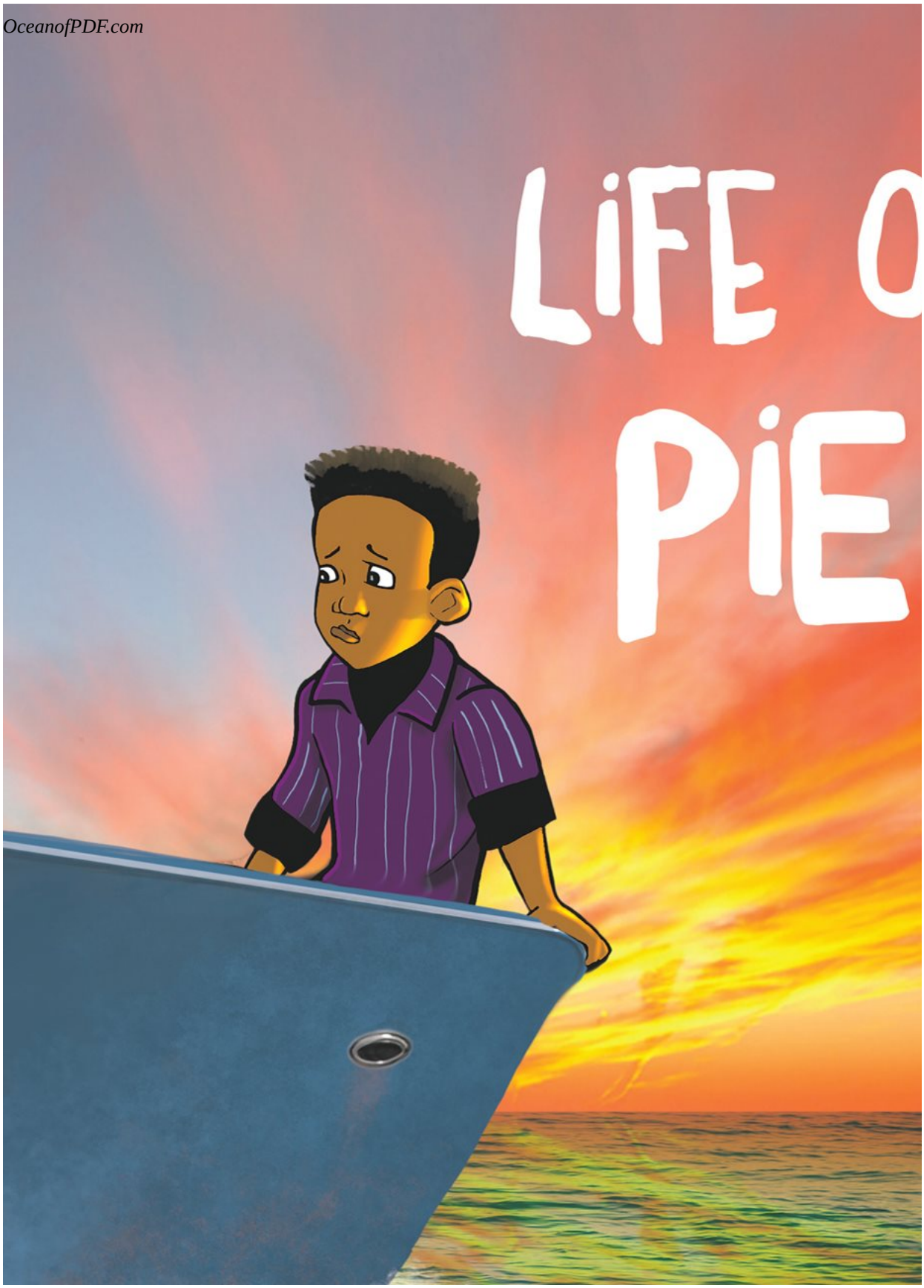


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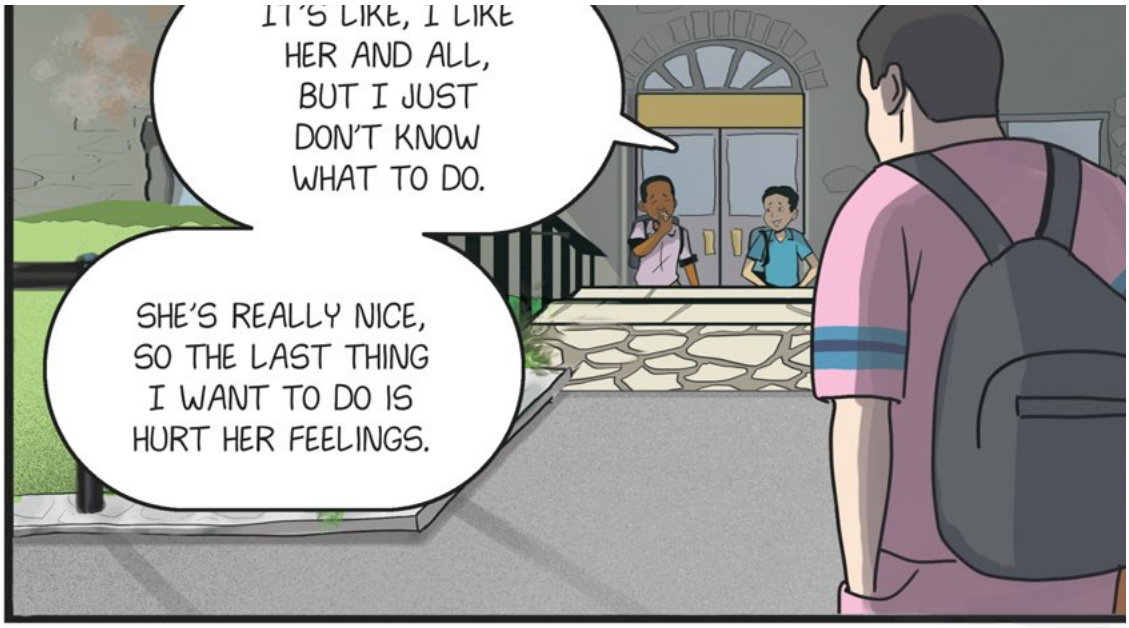
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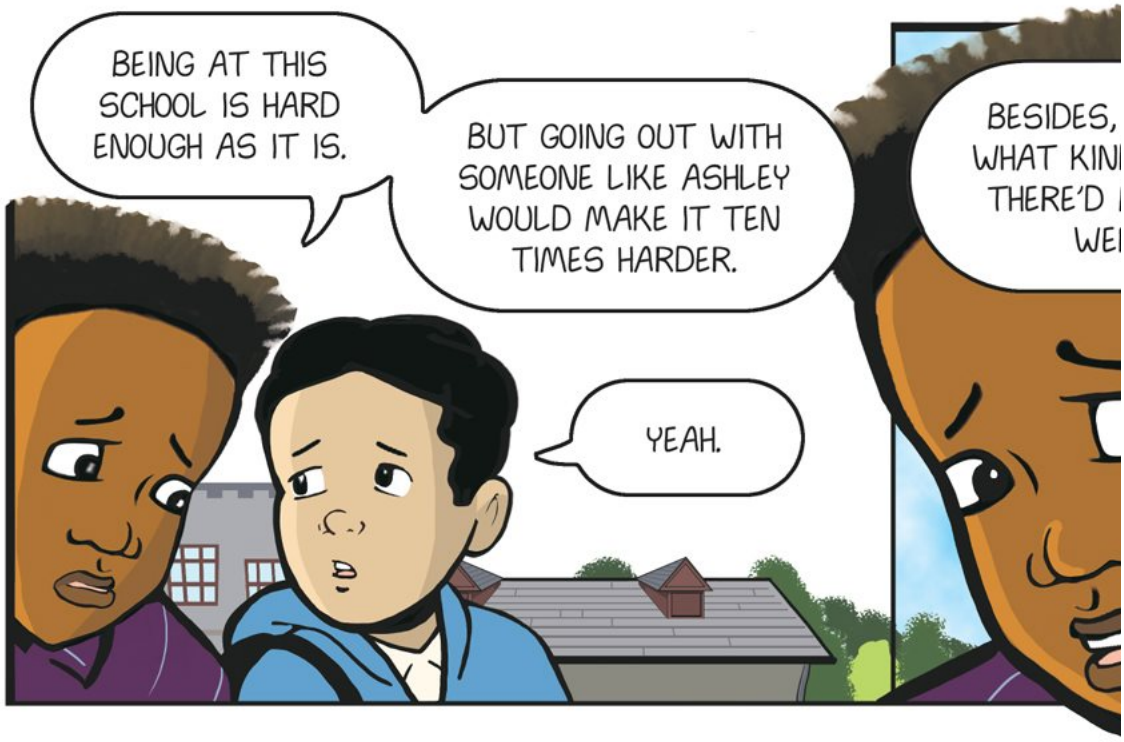

IT'S LIKE, I LIKE HER AND ALL, BUT I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.
SHE'S REALLY NICE, SO THE LAST THING I WANT TO DO IS HURT HER FEELINGS.

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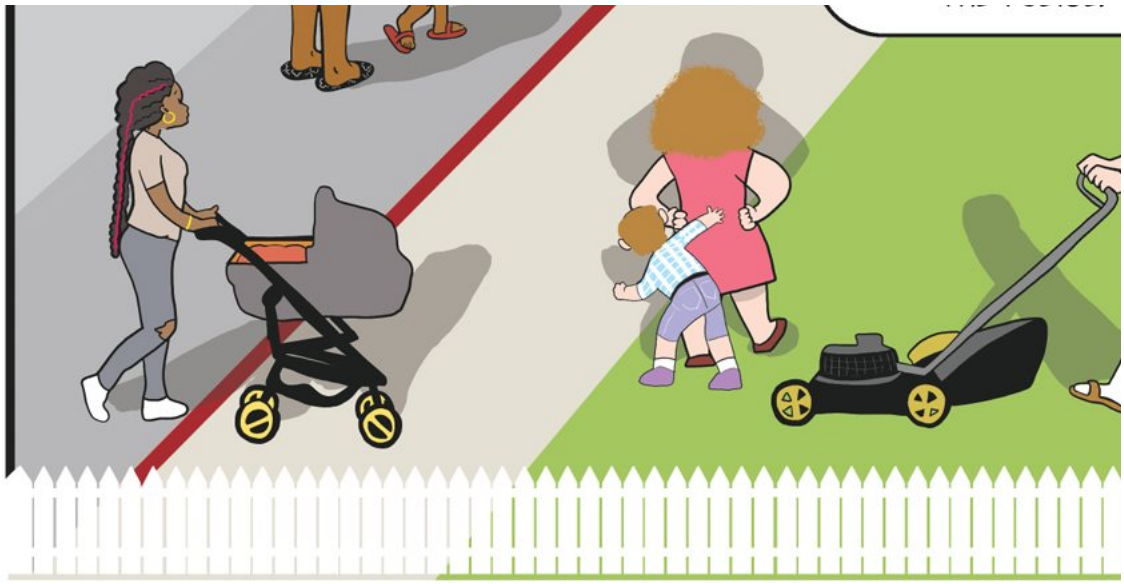



HMMM . . .
MAYBE SO.
STILL, WISH I
COULD HELP.
BUT THE O
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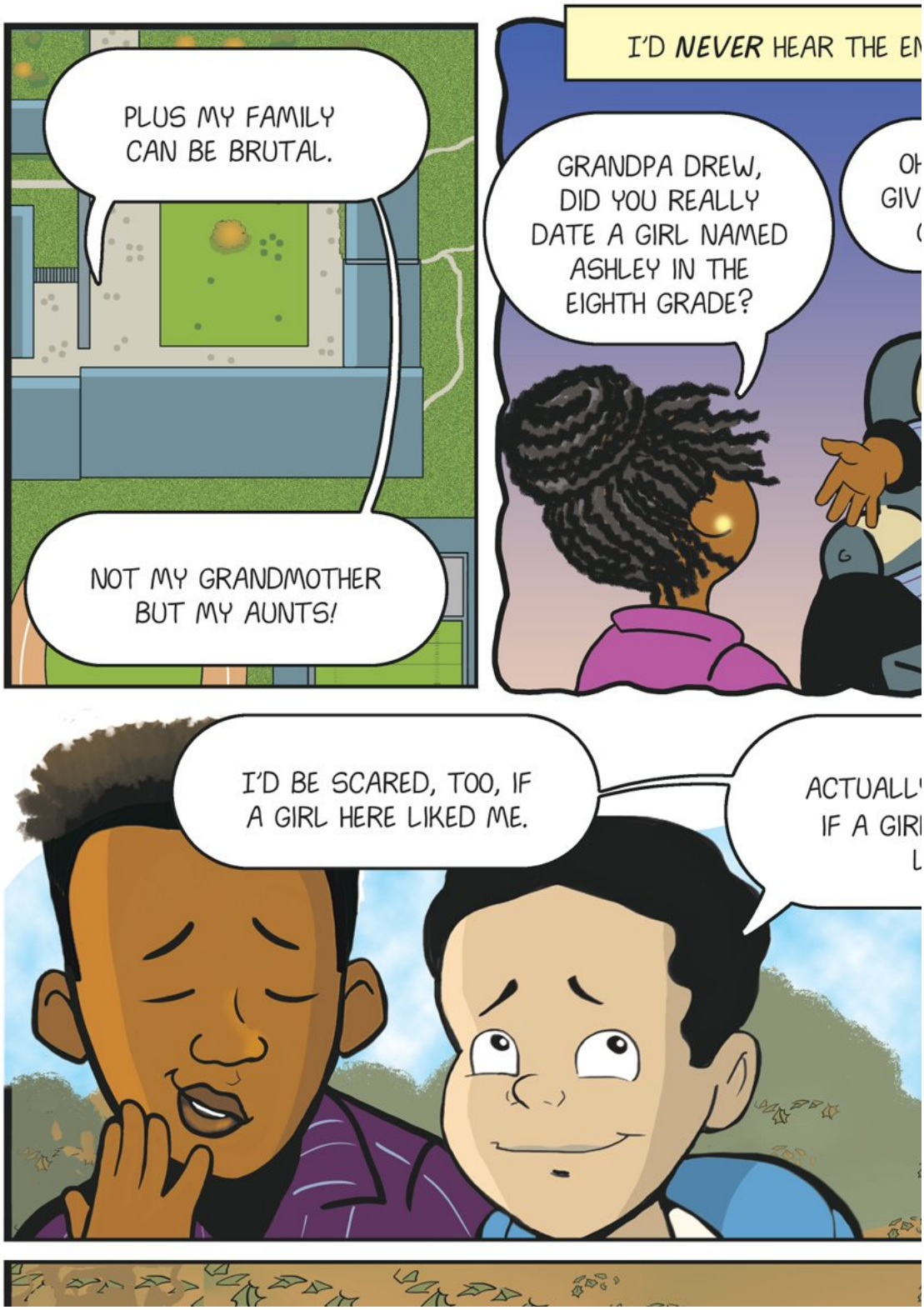
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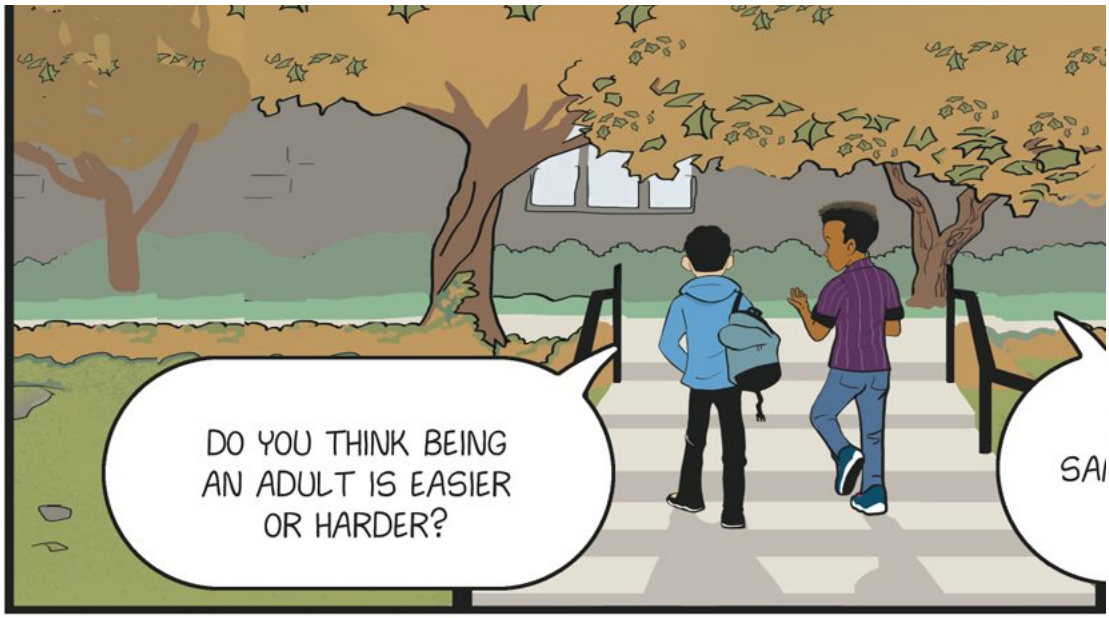






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DO YOU THINK BEING AN ADULT IS EASIER OR HARDER?
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EVEN DRAW MY COMICS AS MUCH AS I USED TO.
BECAUSE IT SEEMS . . . UNCOOL?
BECOME AN ARTIST, AND MY MOM DOESN'T WANT ME TO . . .
IT JUST SEEMS LIKE A WASTE OF TIME.

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BYE, "PICTURE I DREW!"
OOOH! GOOD ONE!
(SIGH) . . .

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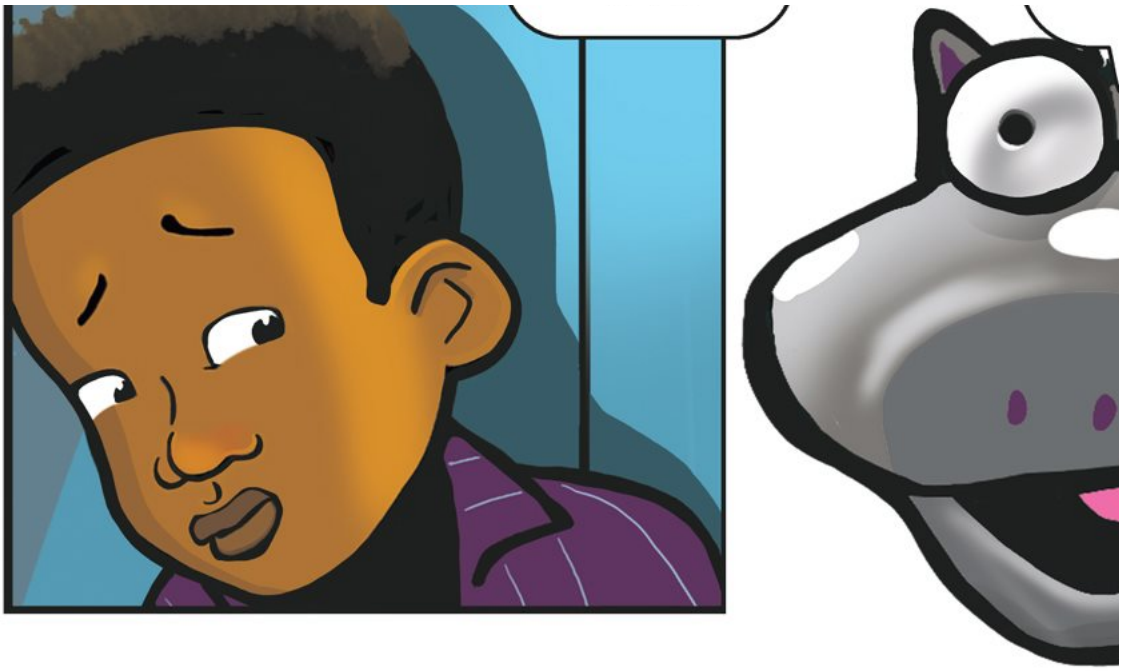
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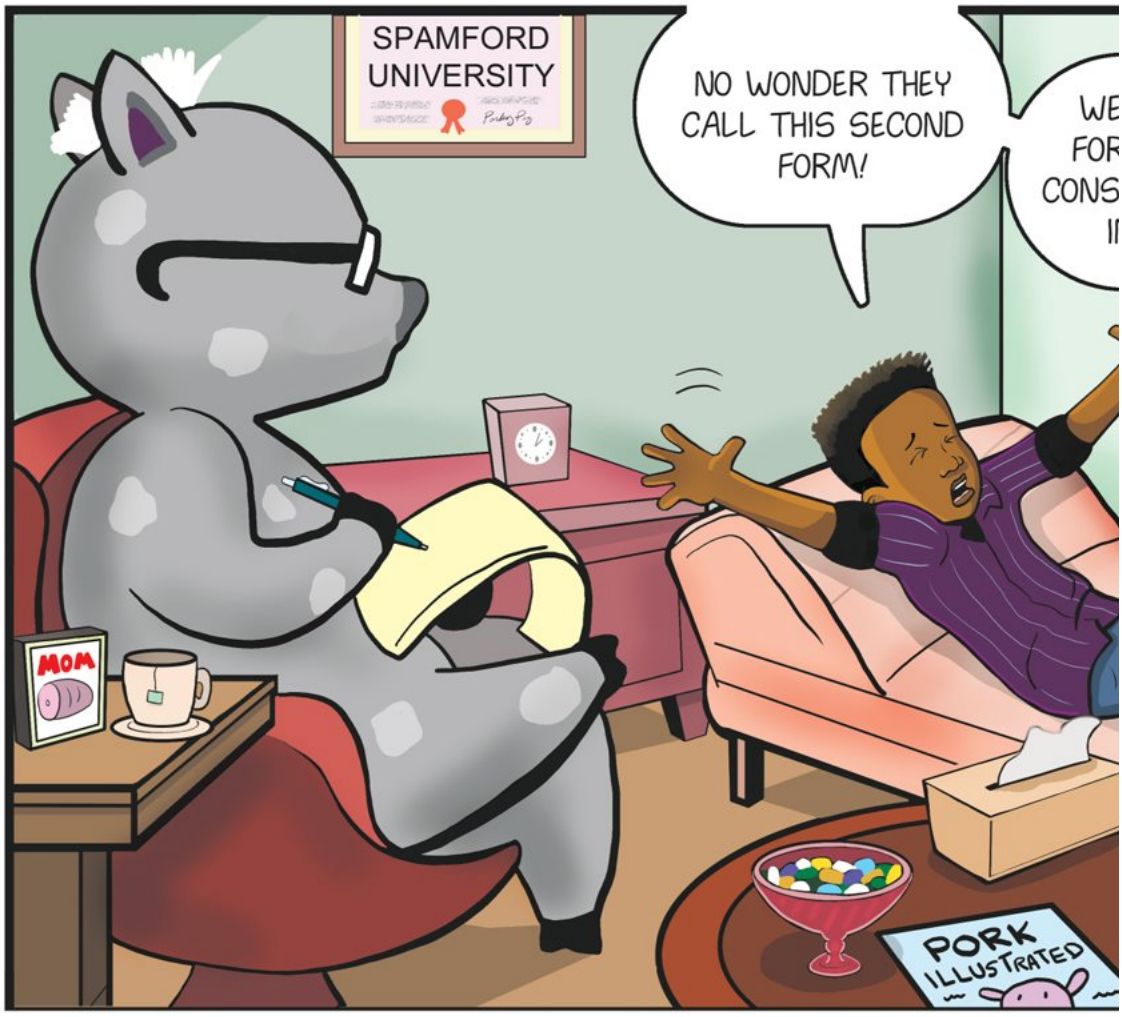


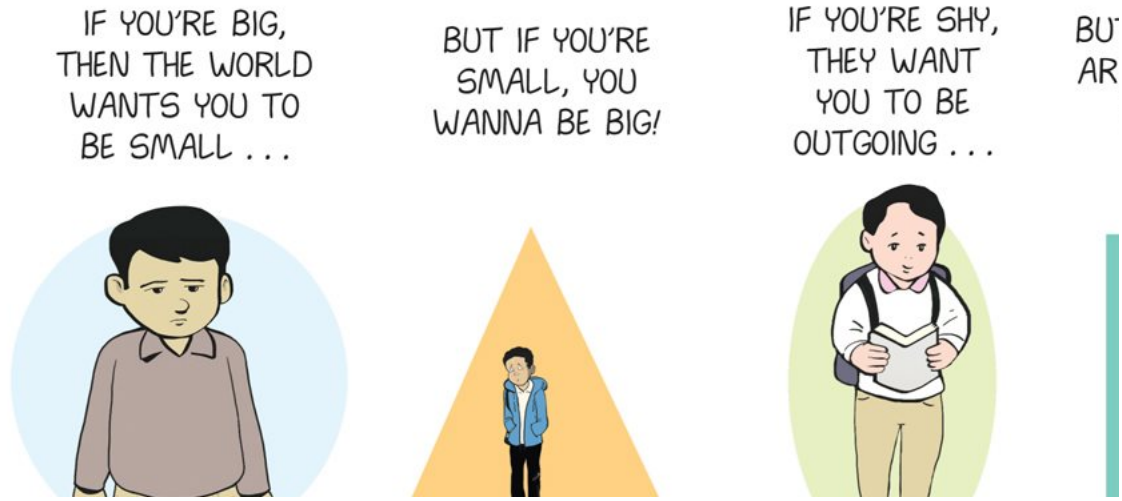
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ALWAYS SO CONFUSED . . .
IT'S

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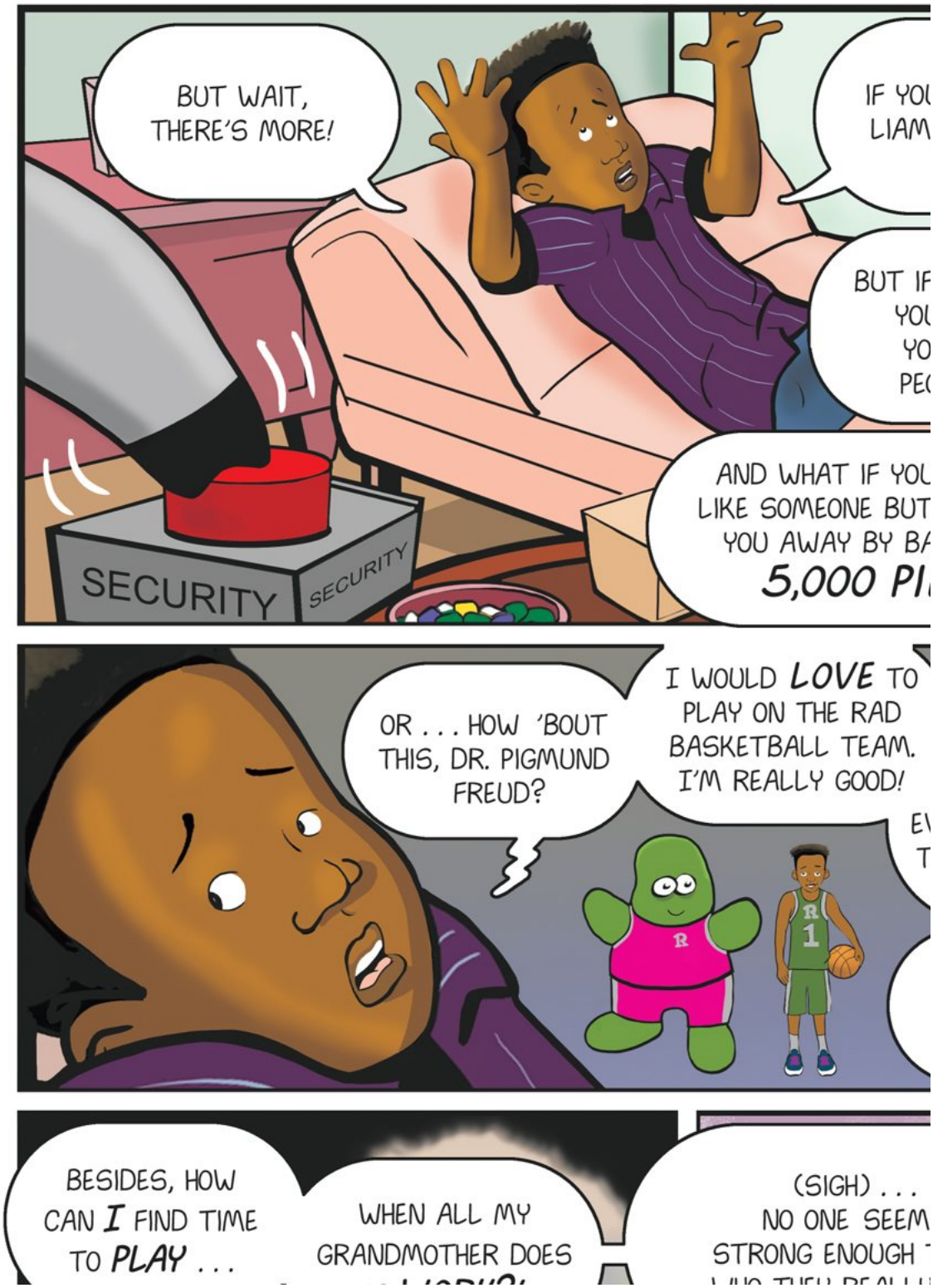


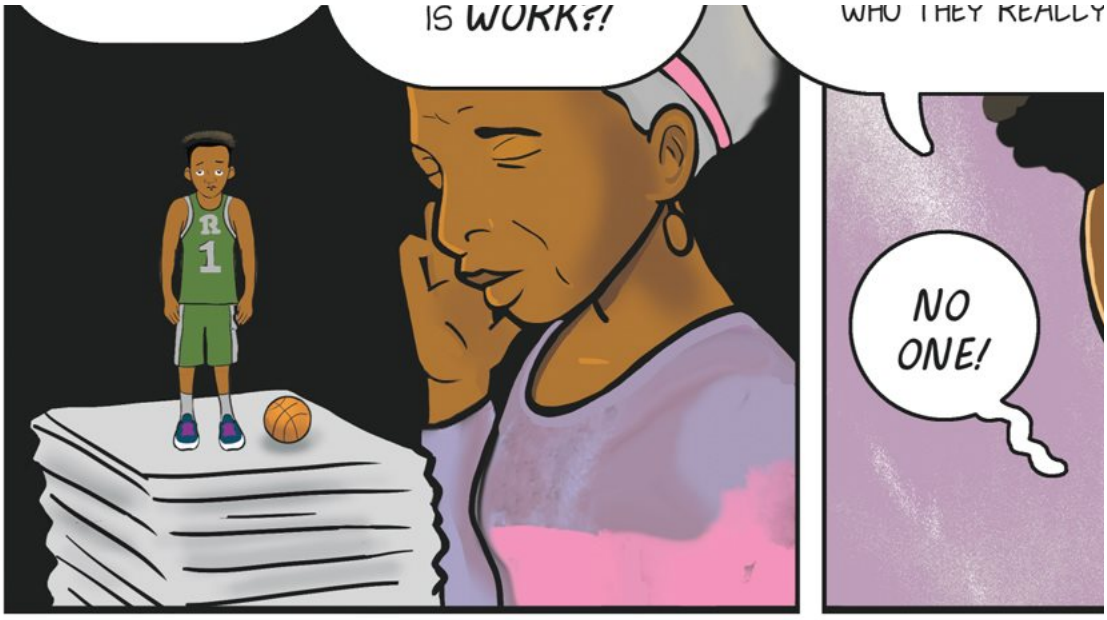

I DON'T LIKE YOU, BUT I WANNA BE JUST LIKE YOU!


THEN AGAIN, MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE YOU LOOK LIKE ME THAT I DON'T LIKE YOU AT ALL!


OR THEY S
TIME TA
OTHERS
ACTUALLY

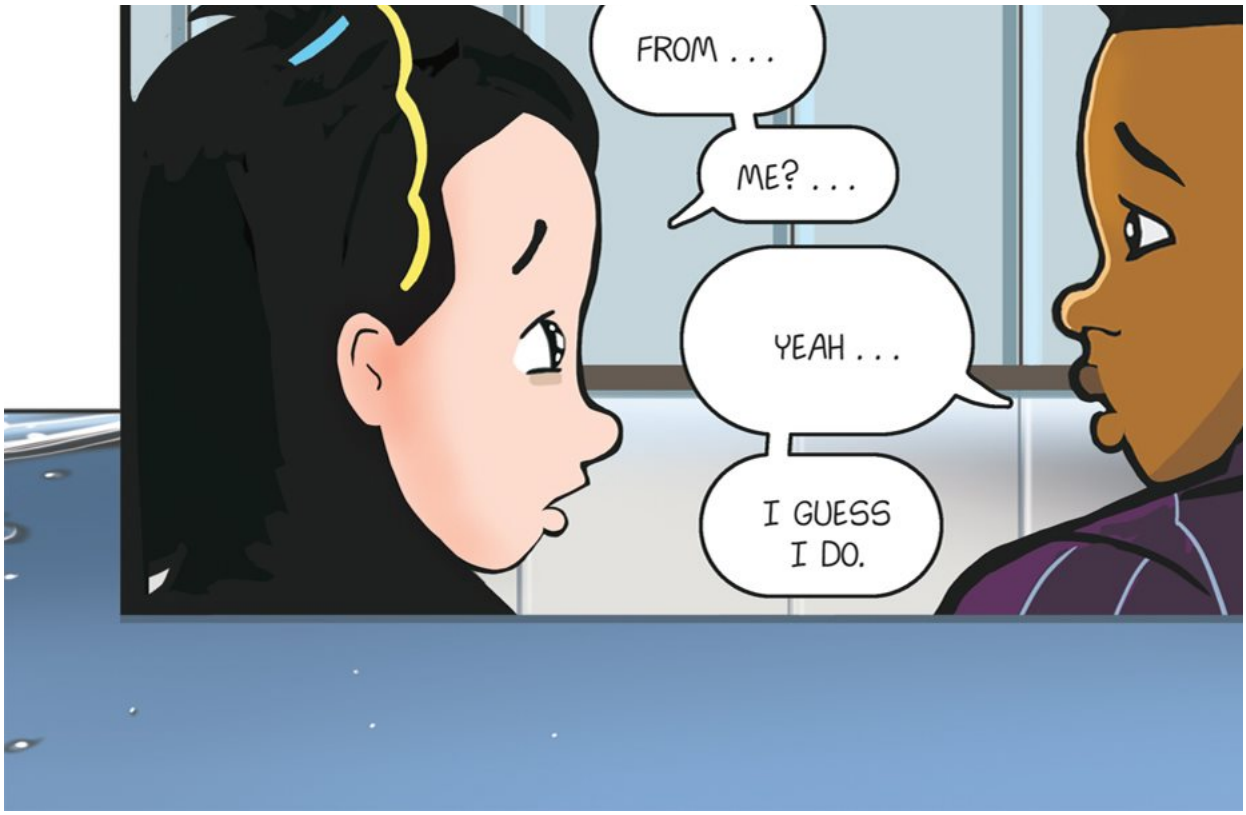
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IS WORK?!
WHO THEY REALLY
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NO ONE!

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FROM . . .
ME? . . .
YEAH . . .
I GUESS I DO.

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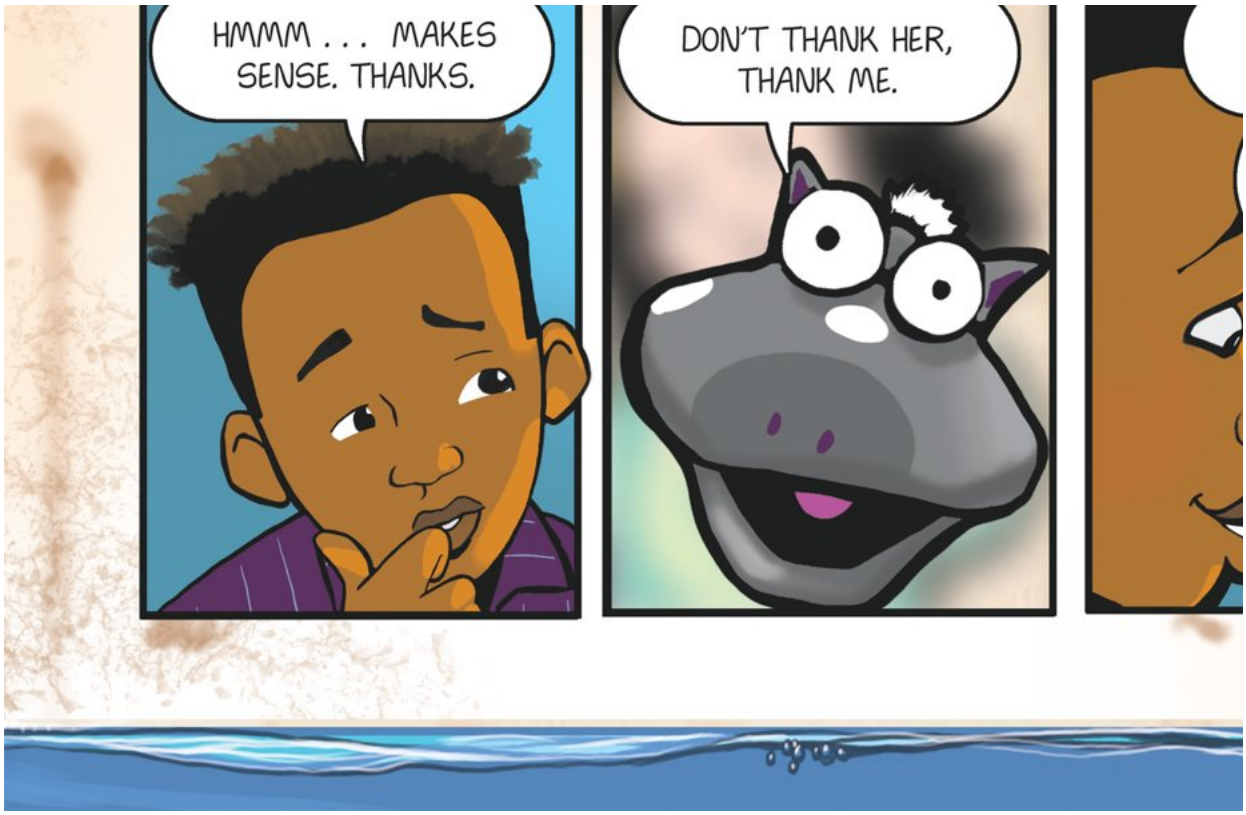
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SOOOOO MUCH!
CAN I GIVE YOU A HUG?
GOOD

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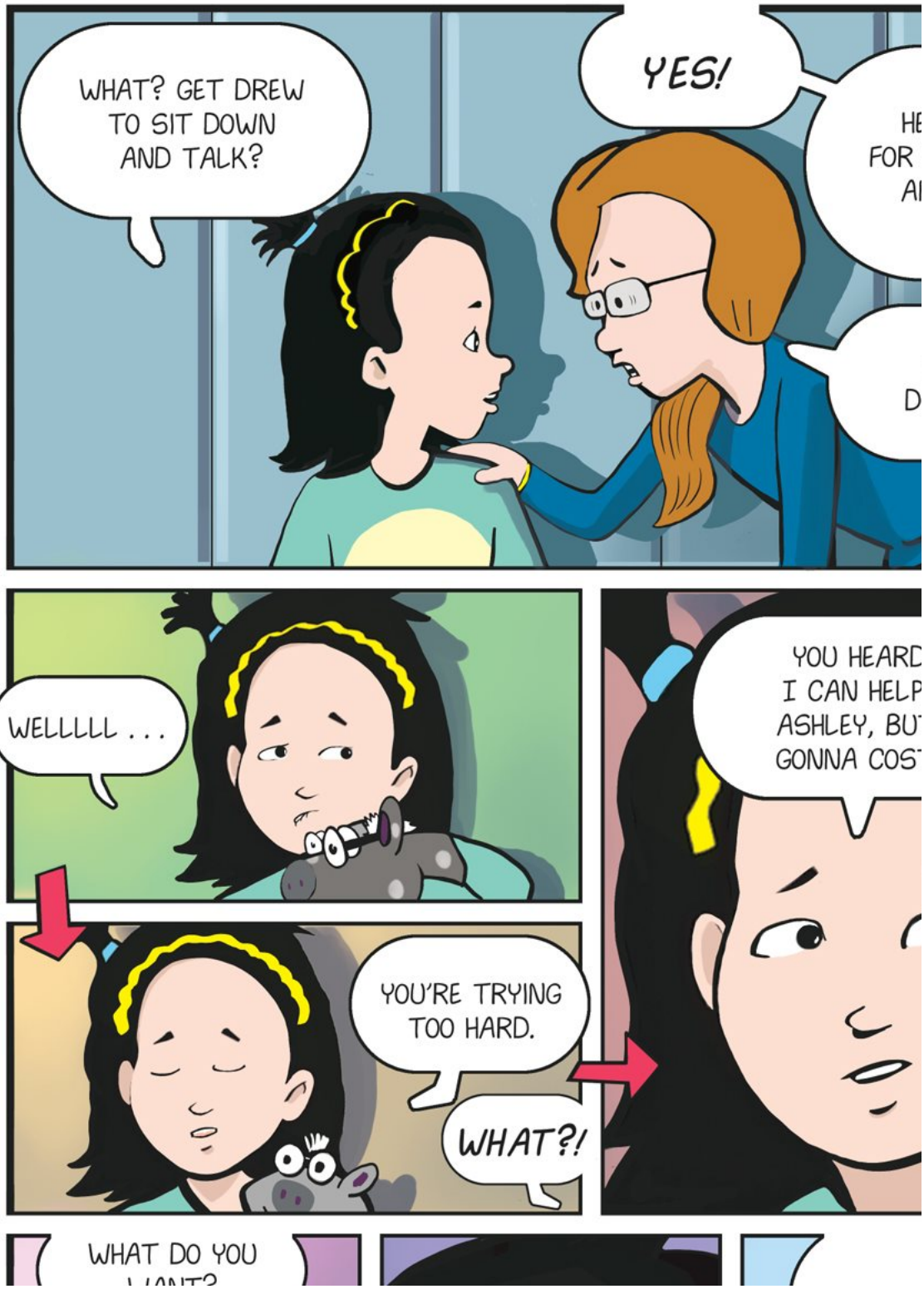

HMMM . . . MAKES SENSE. THANKS.
DON'T THANK HER, THANK ME.

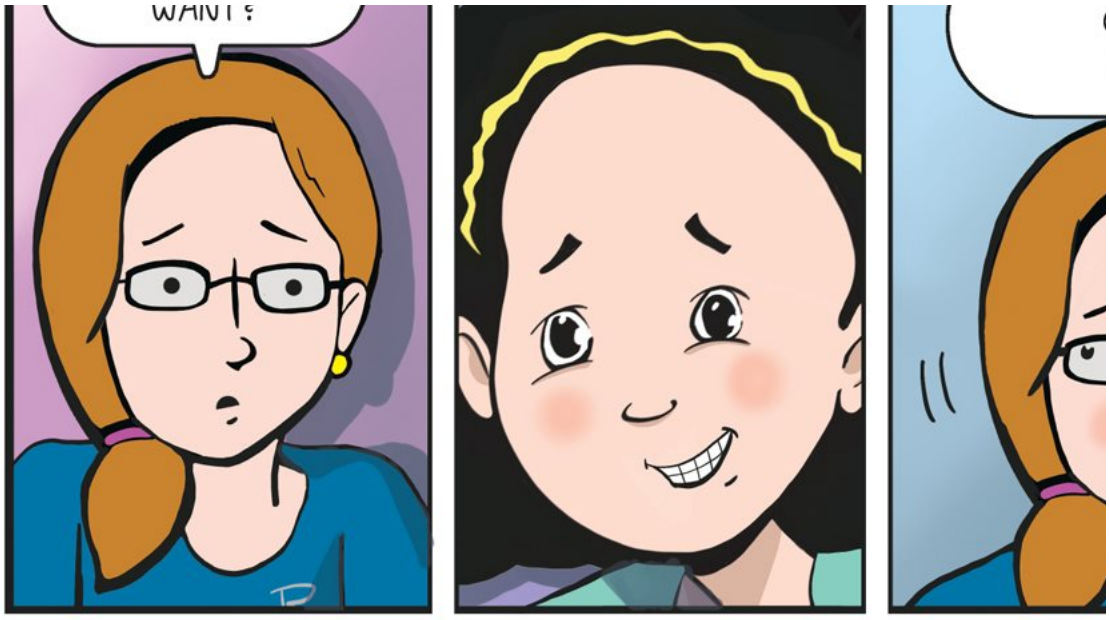
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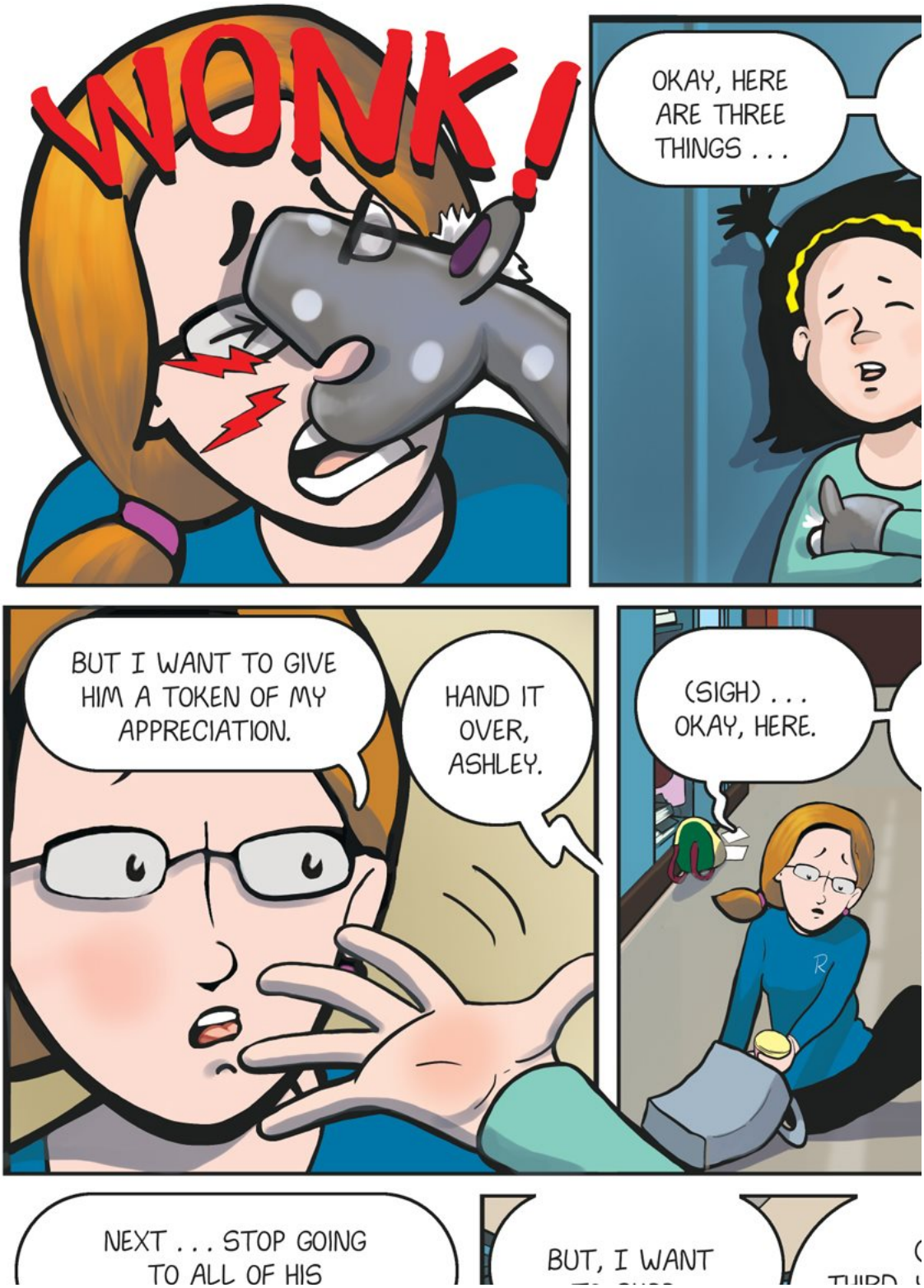

OMIGOSH!
HOW DID YOU DO THAT, ALEX?

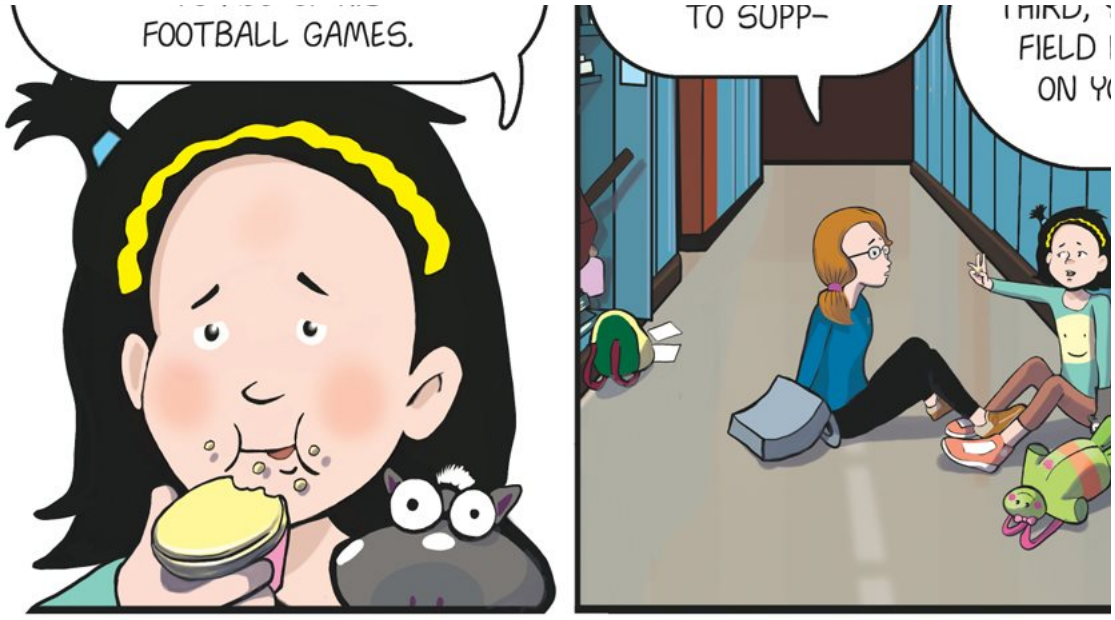
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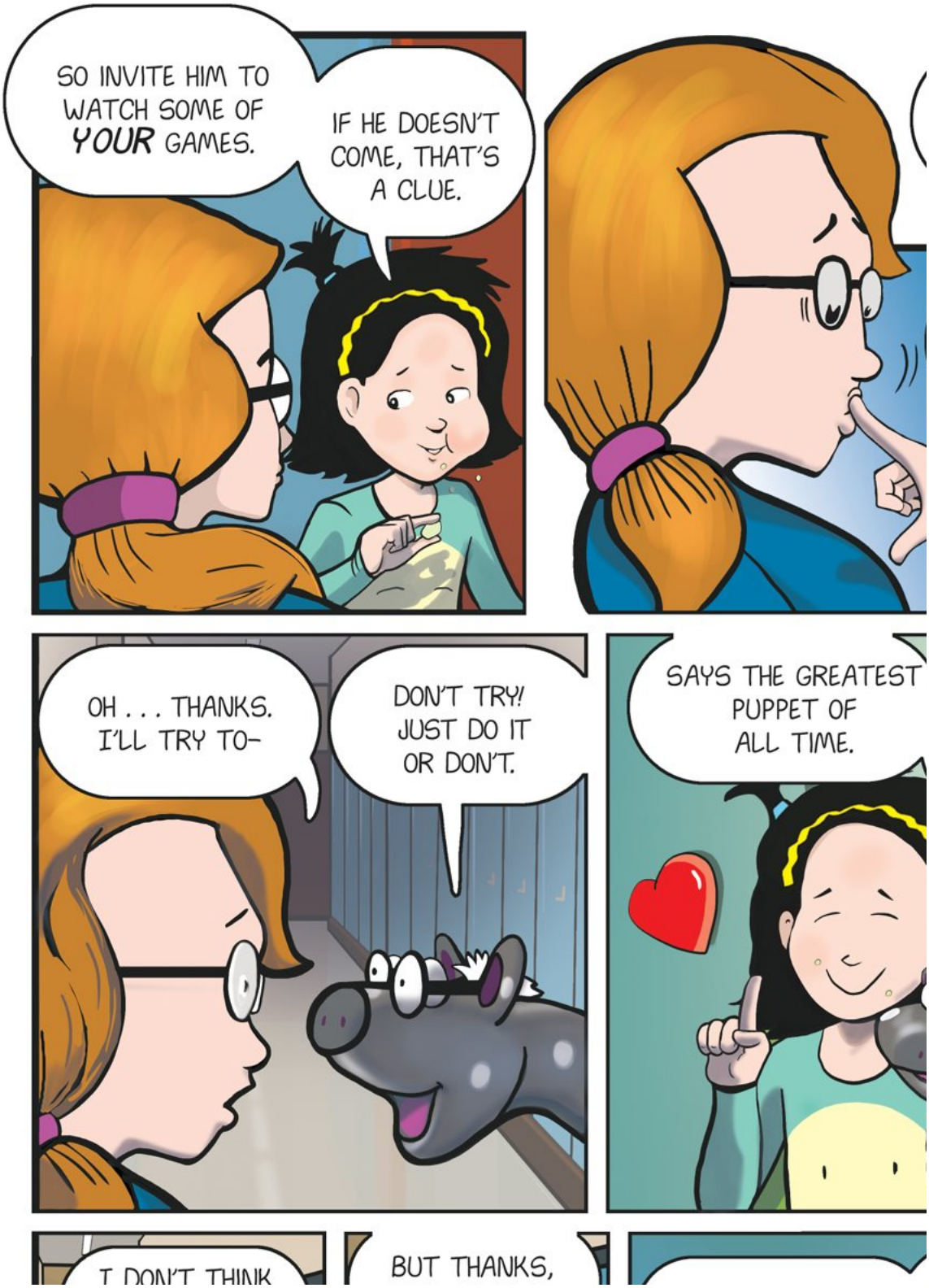

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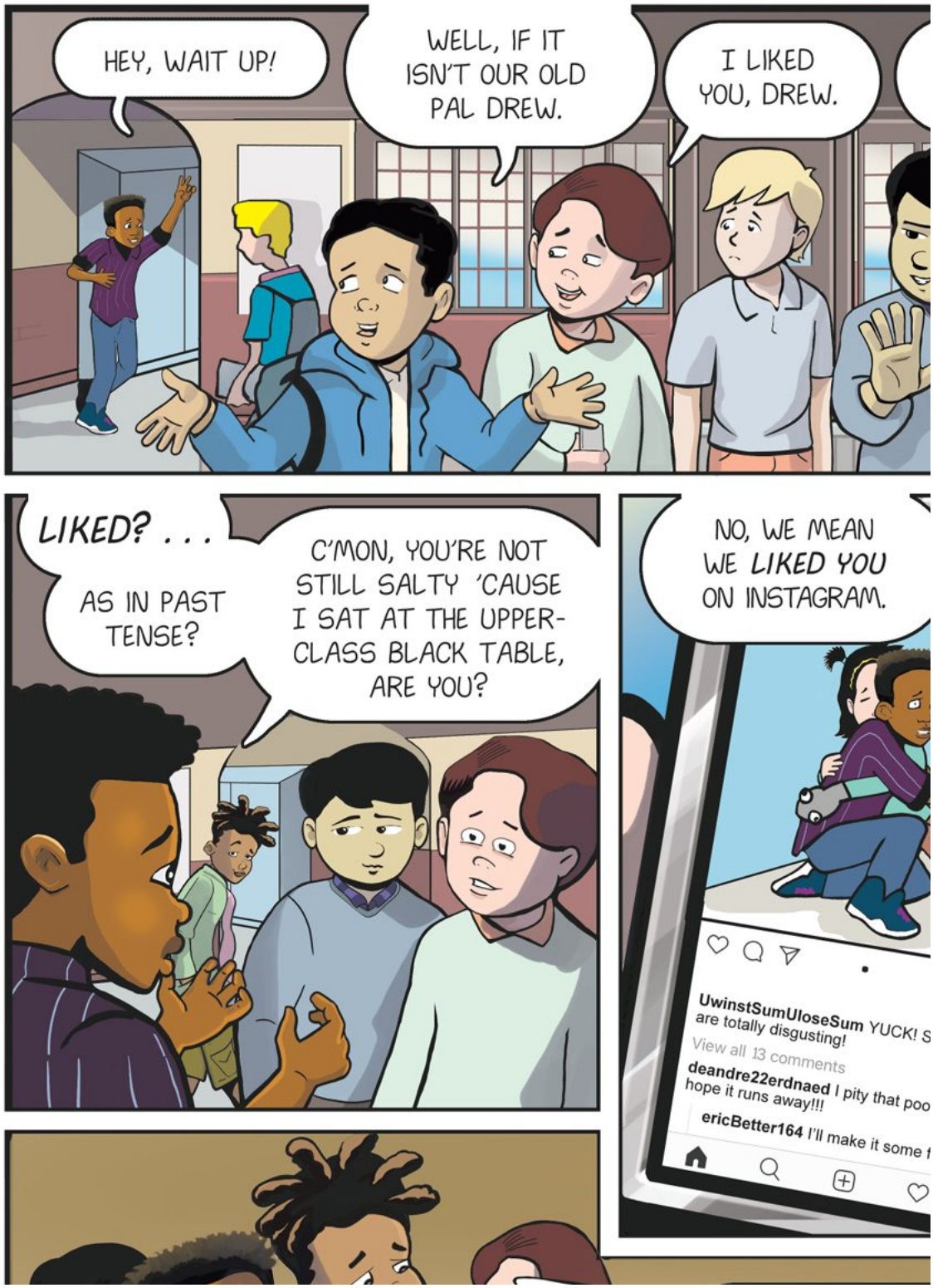

FOOTBALL GAMES.
TO SUPP-
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I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE QUOTE . . .
ALEXANDRA.
OMIGOSH, DID YOU SEE THAT?

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MY GOAL WAS
SECOND FORM L
ITS DISGUSTING
AND
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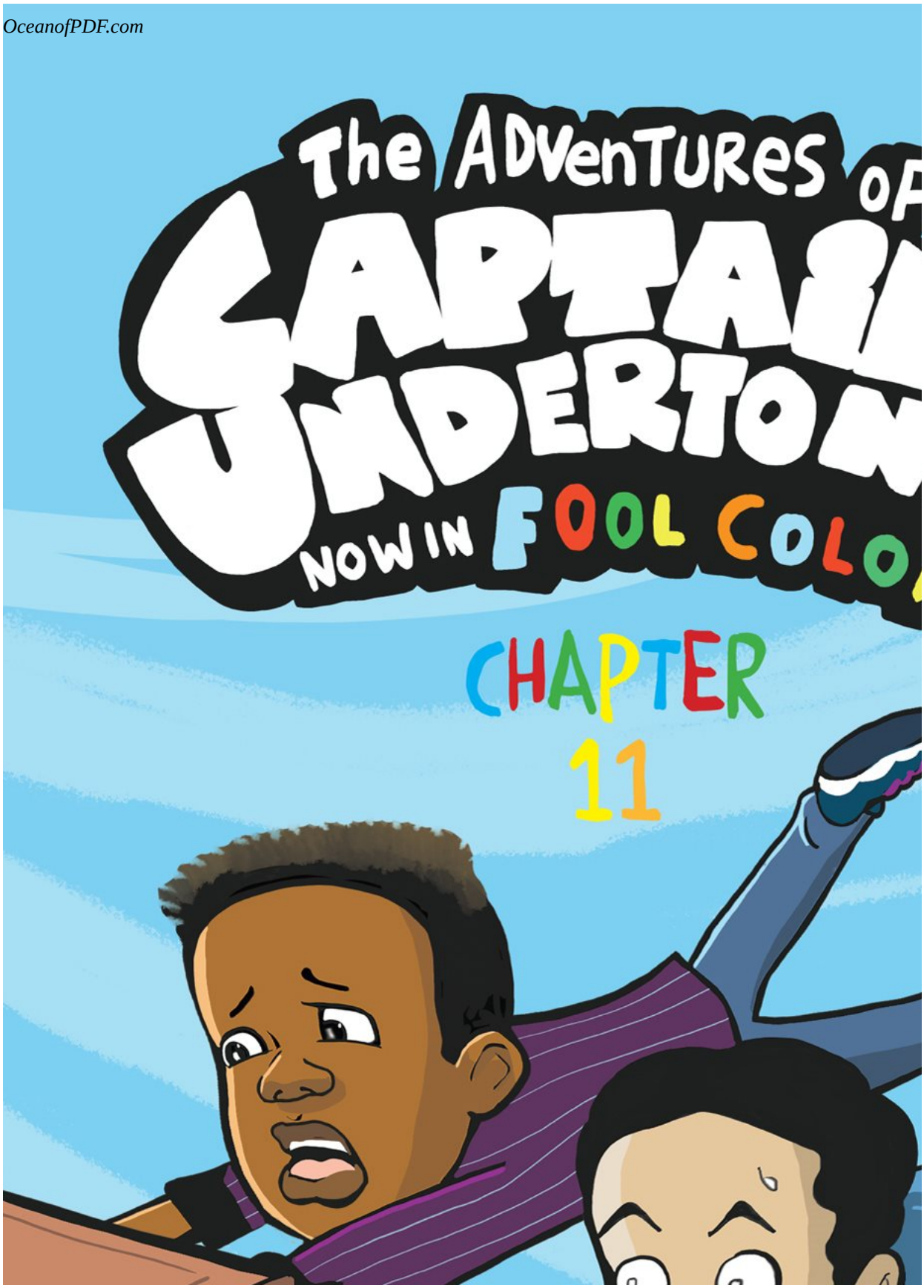


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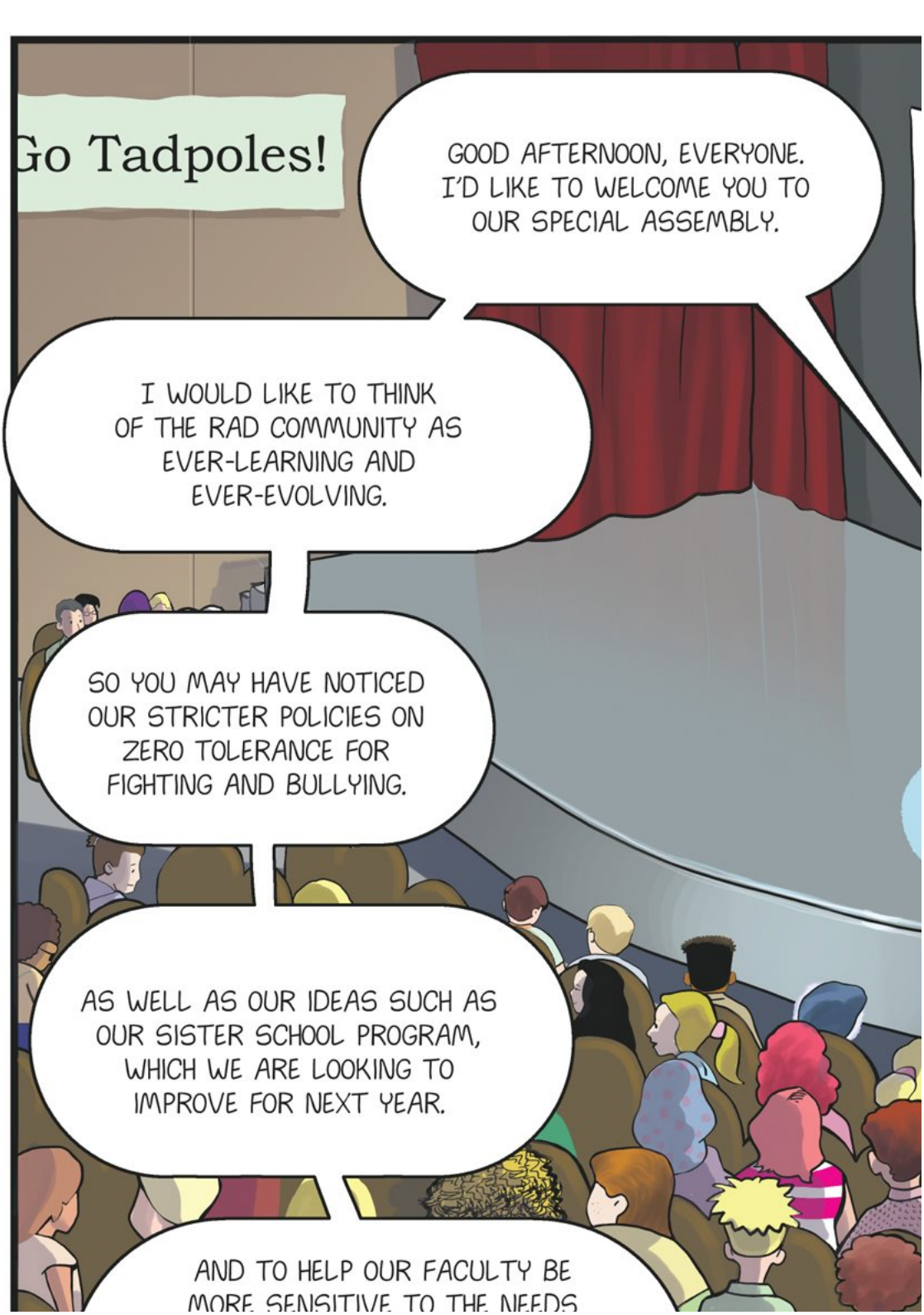


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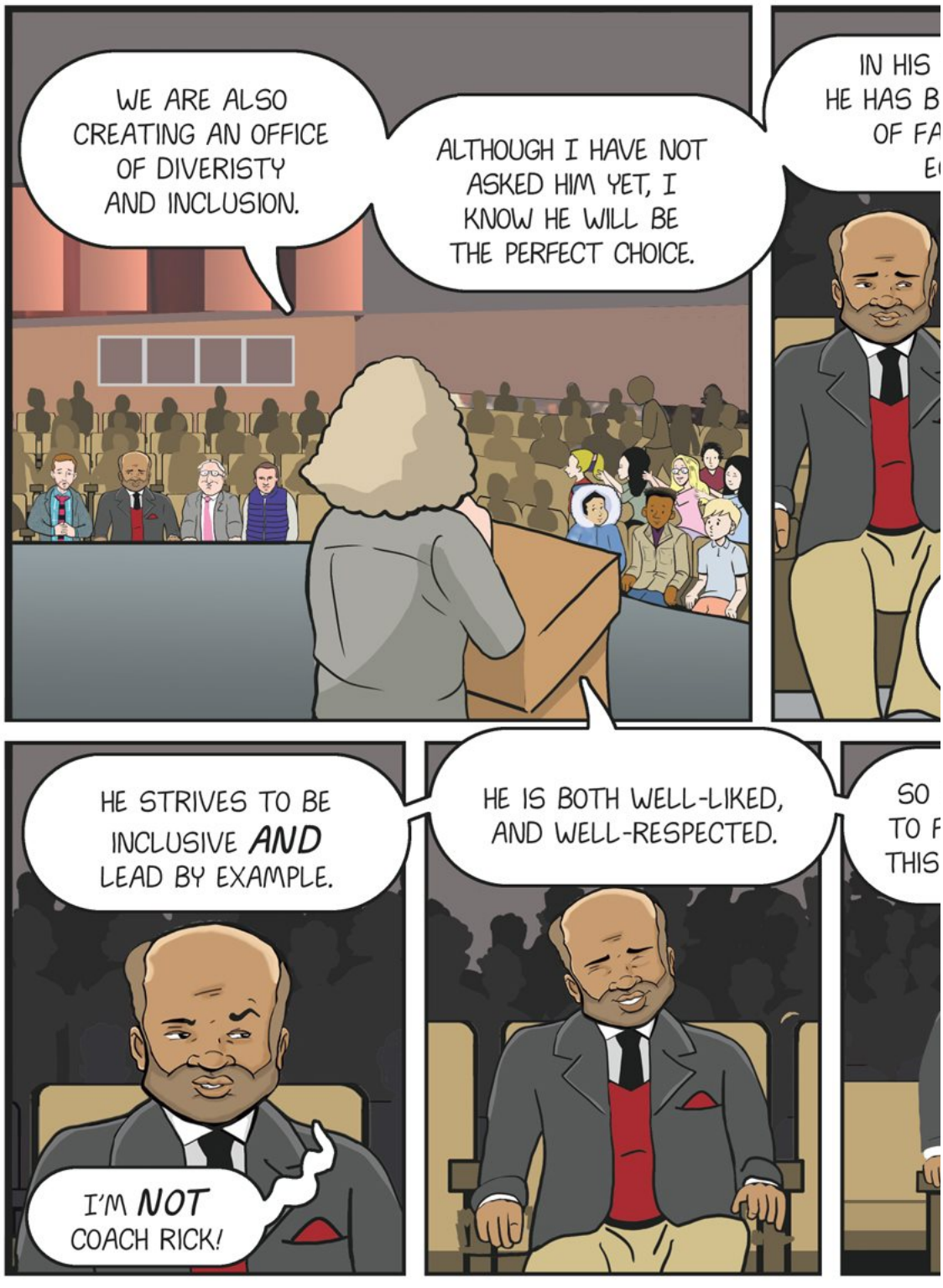

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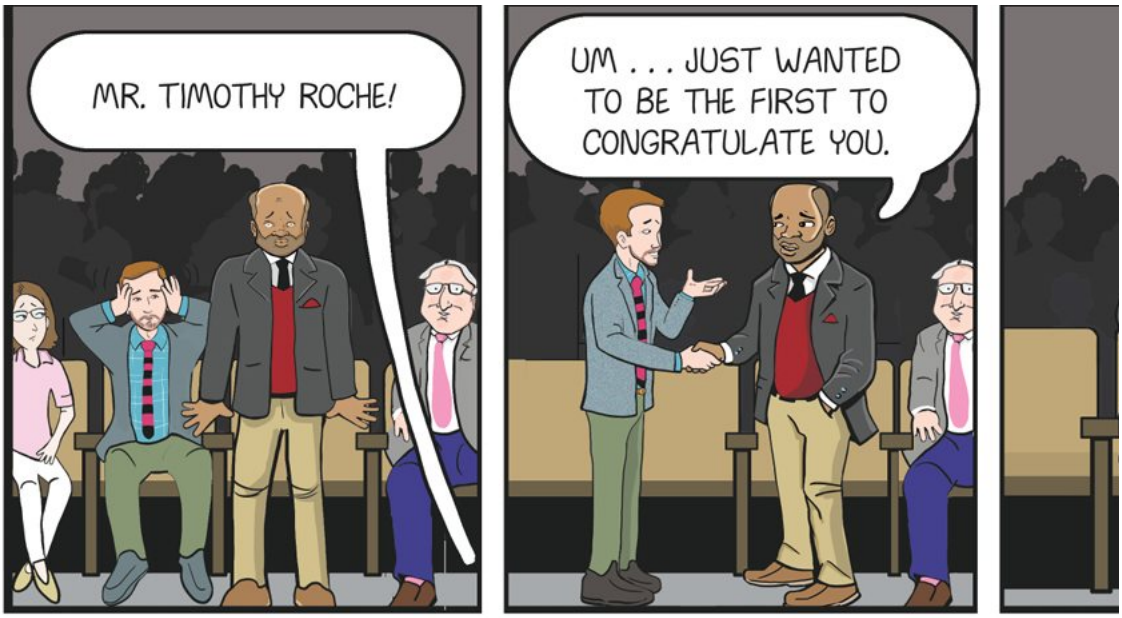
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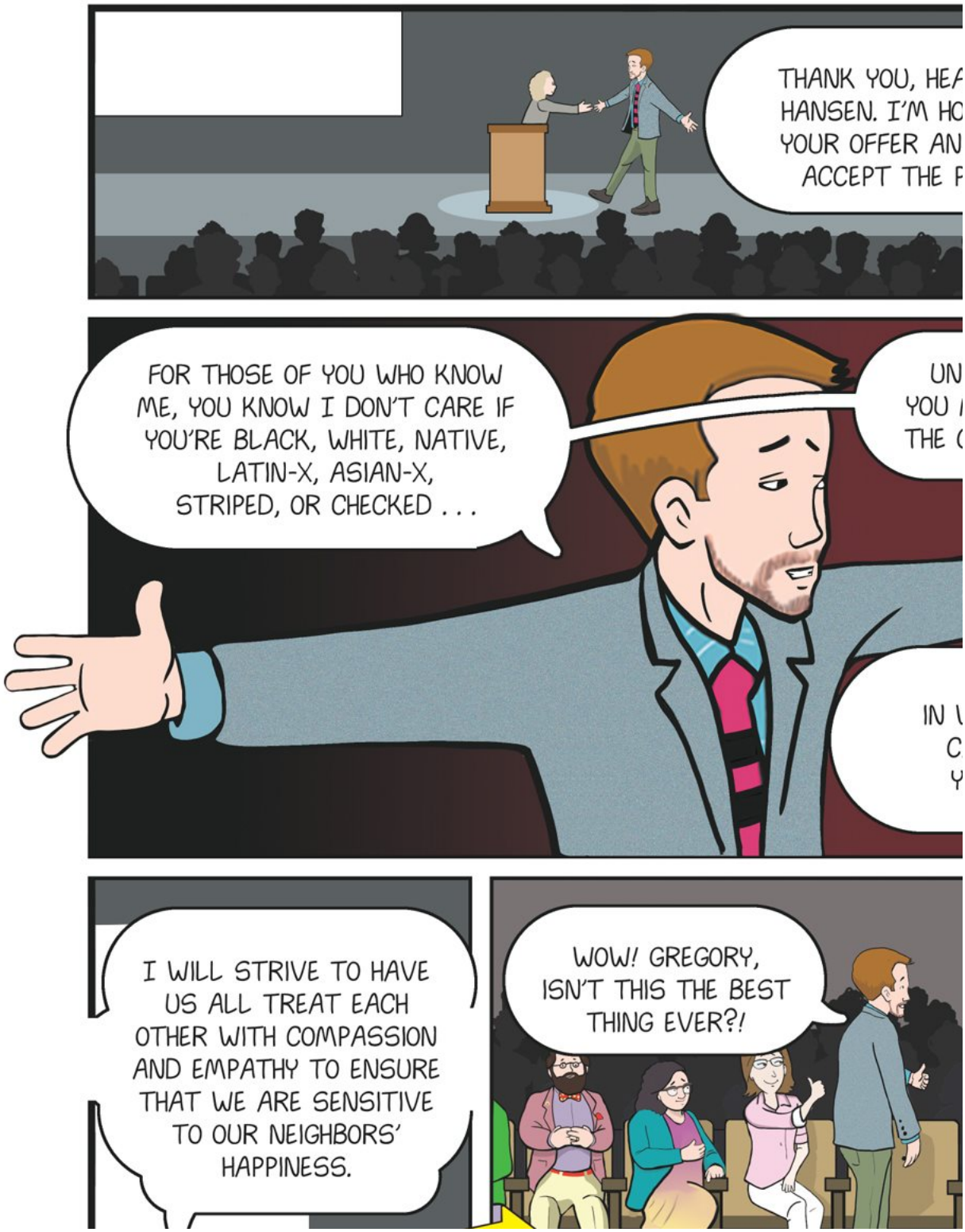

OF OUR STUDENTS, WE WILL SEND A DOZEN TEACHERS TO THE *NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF CULTURAL LIAISONS UNDERSTANDING EQUALITY* CONFERENCE OVER SPRING BREAK.
OUR GOAL IS TO SE
EXAMPLES FOR YOU
MORE EMPATHETIC

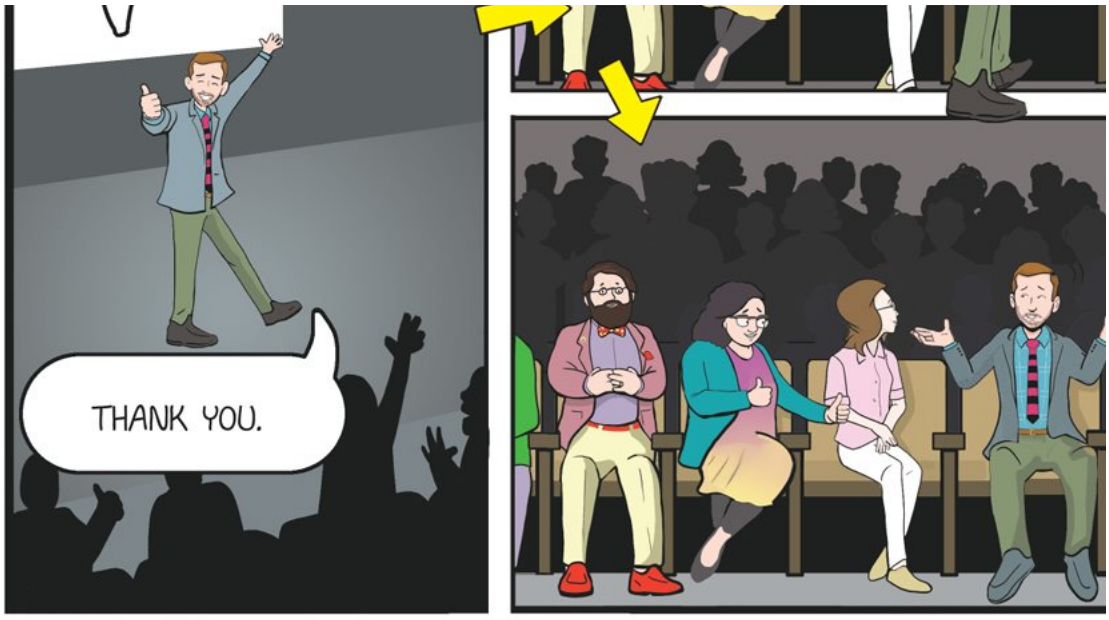
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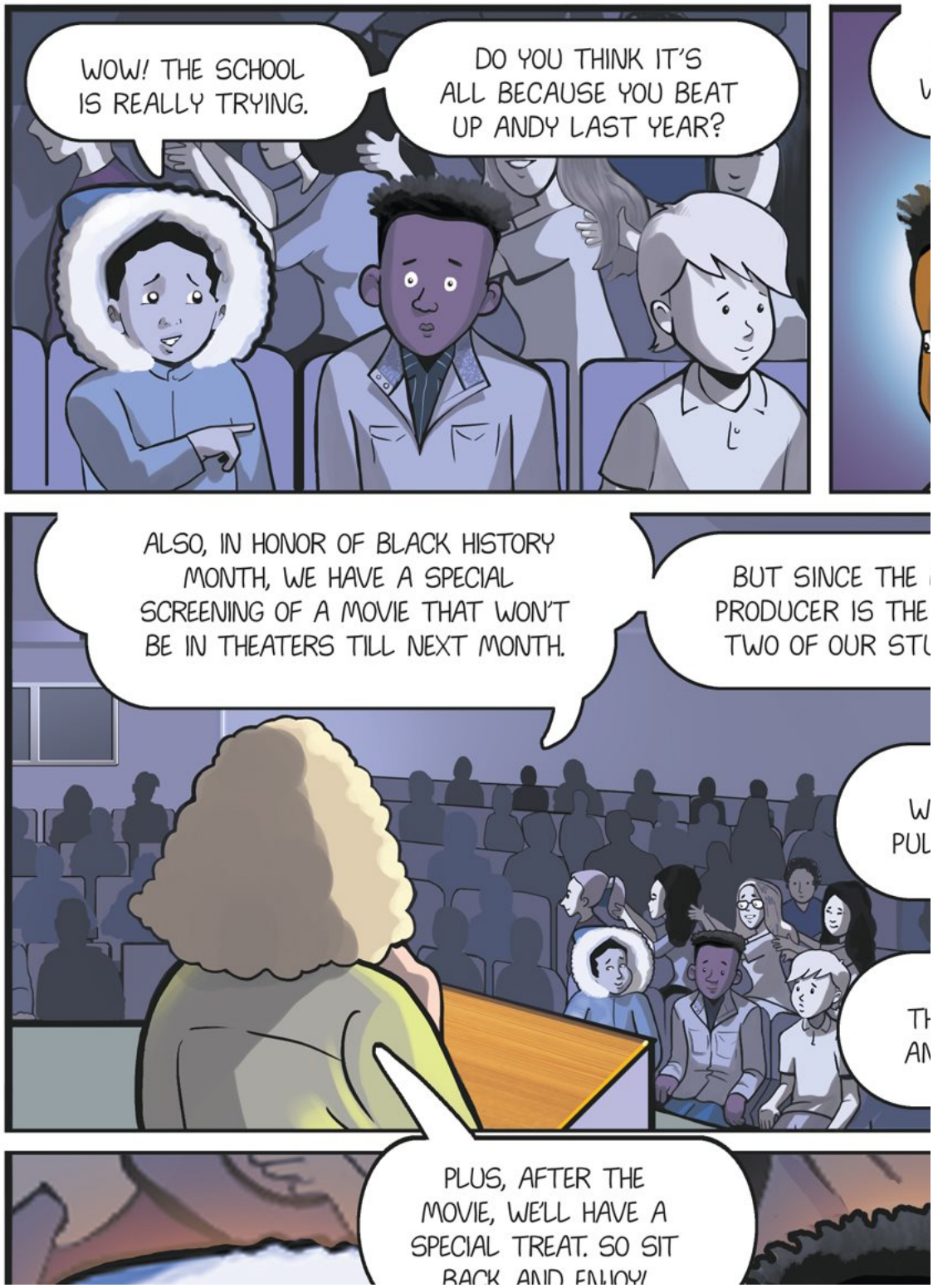

MR. TIMOTHY ROCHE!
UM . . . JUST WANTED TO BE THE FIRST TO CONGRATULATE YOU.

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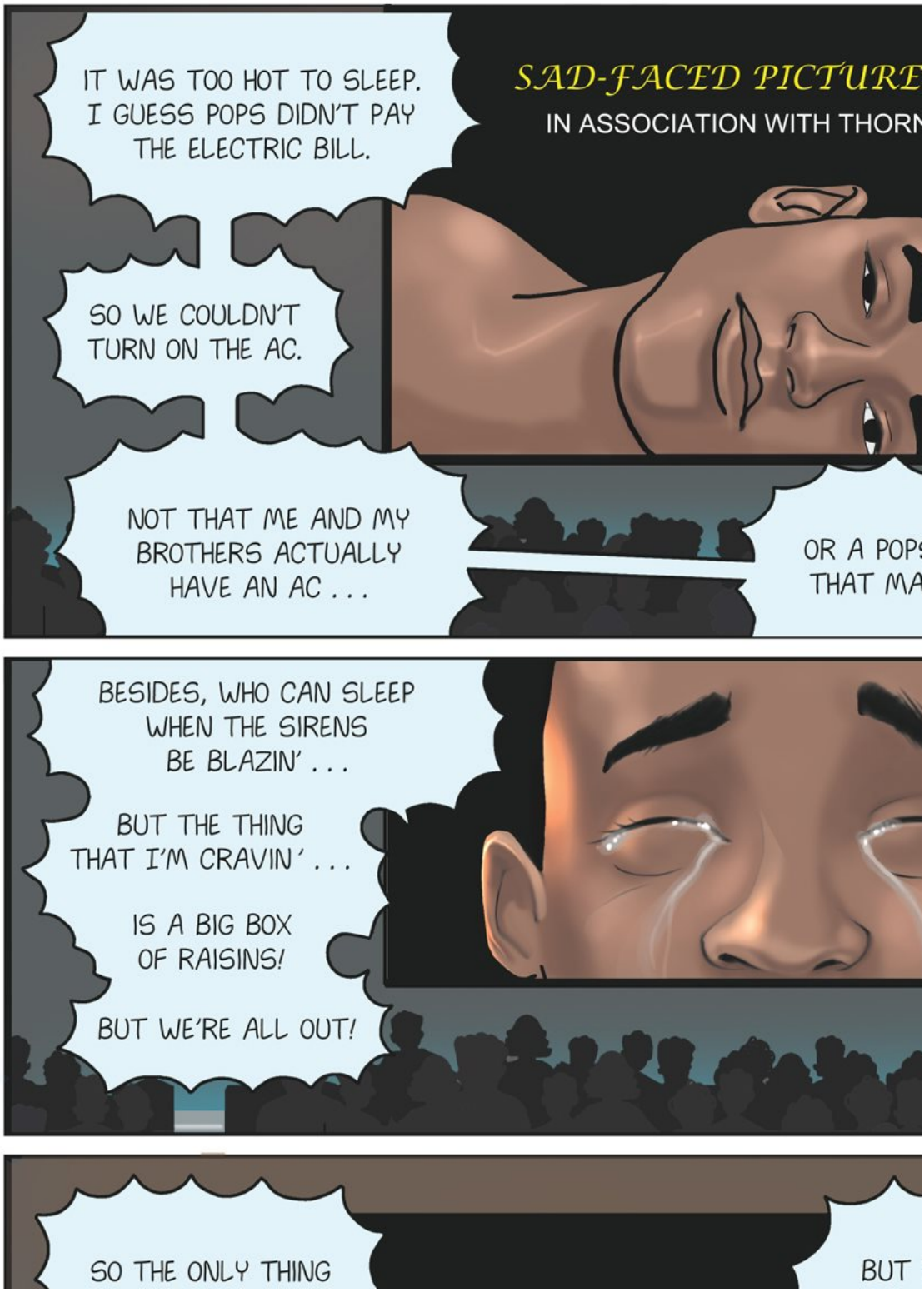

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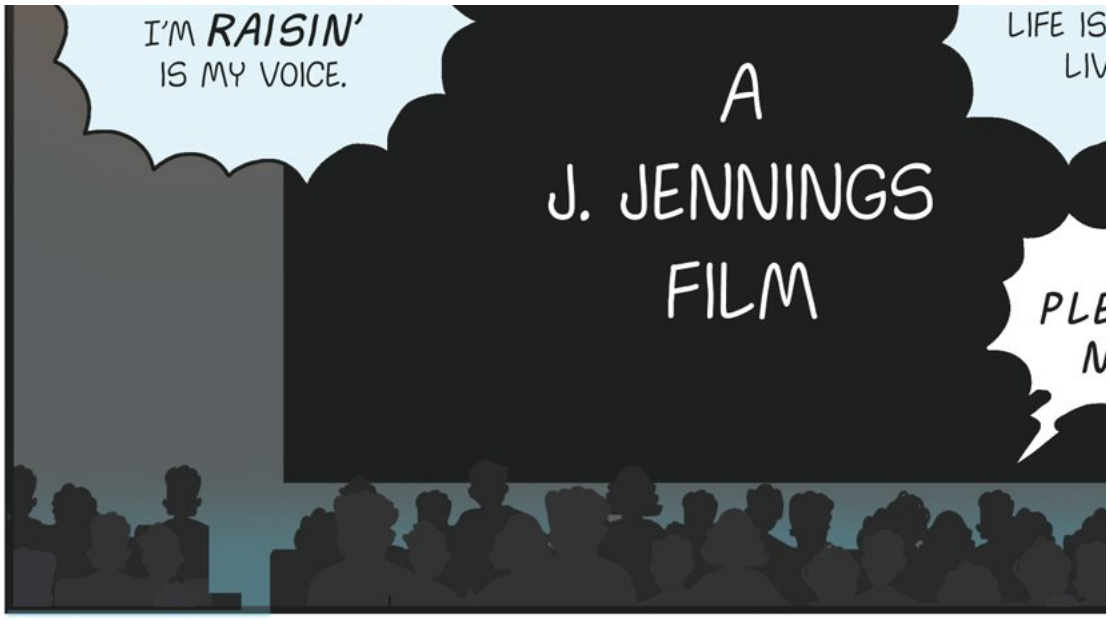
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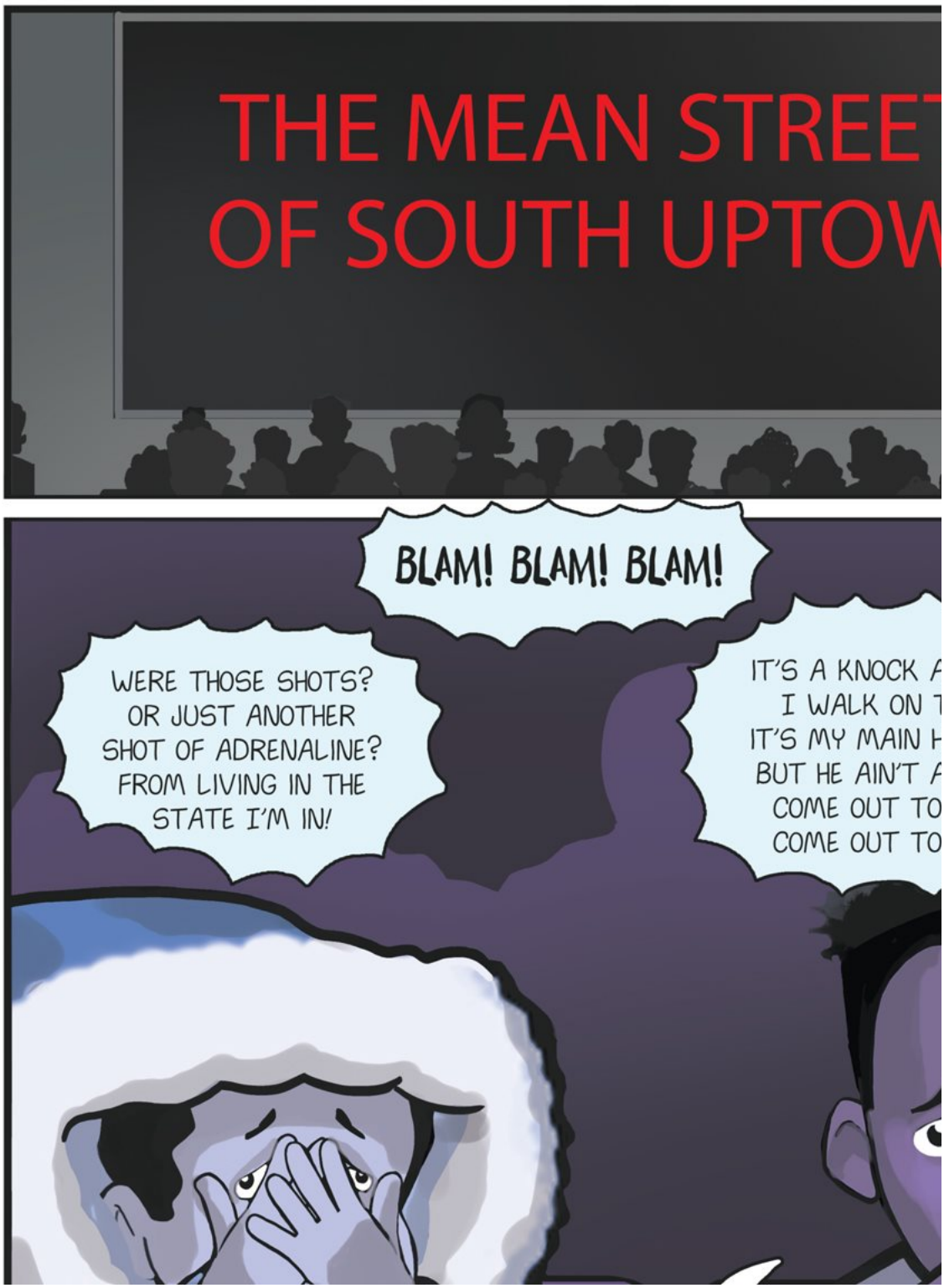

I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS!

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I'M RAISIN'
IS MY VOICE.
A
J. JENNINGS
FILM
LIFE IS
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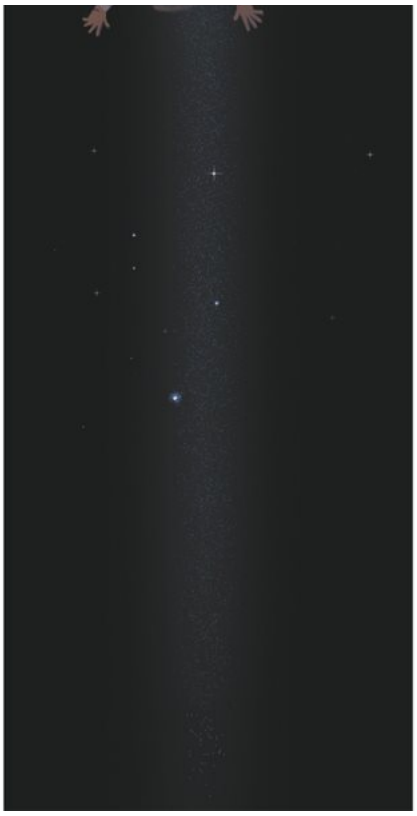



WHAT ARE THEY SAYIN', JORDAN?
SOME BAD BUTTA LAYIN' ME TO THE BONE. JACKIN' ME UP!
SINE YO PITTY, 'CAUSE OUR
BE GRITT

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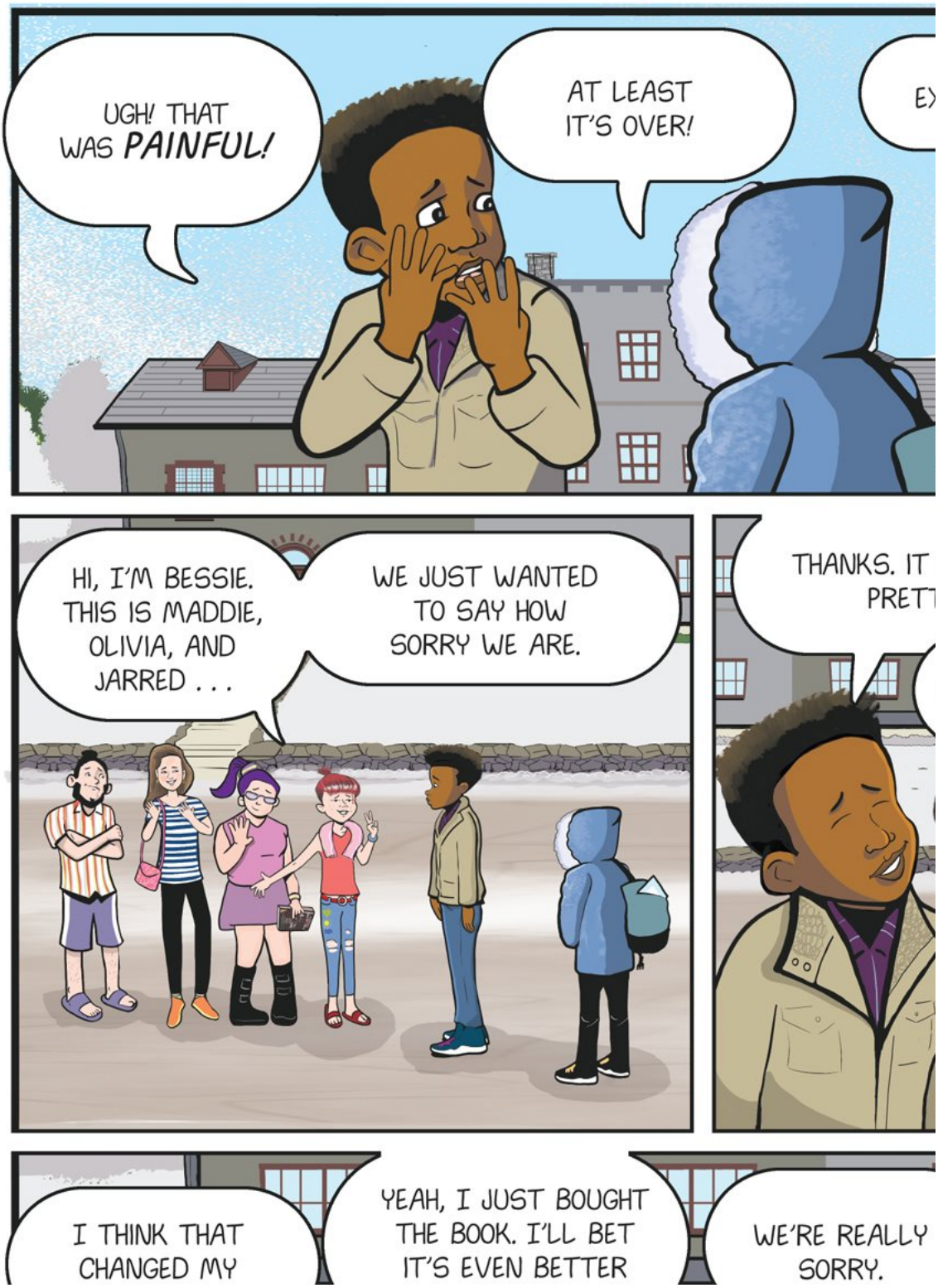








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LIFE.
THAN THE MOVIE.

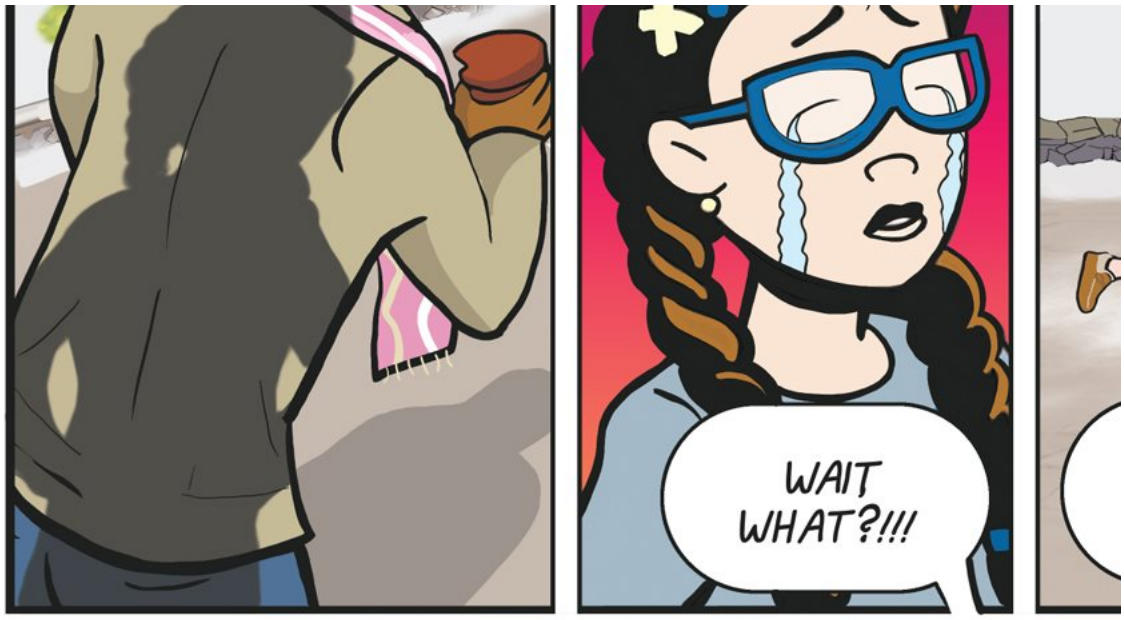
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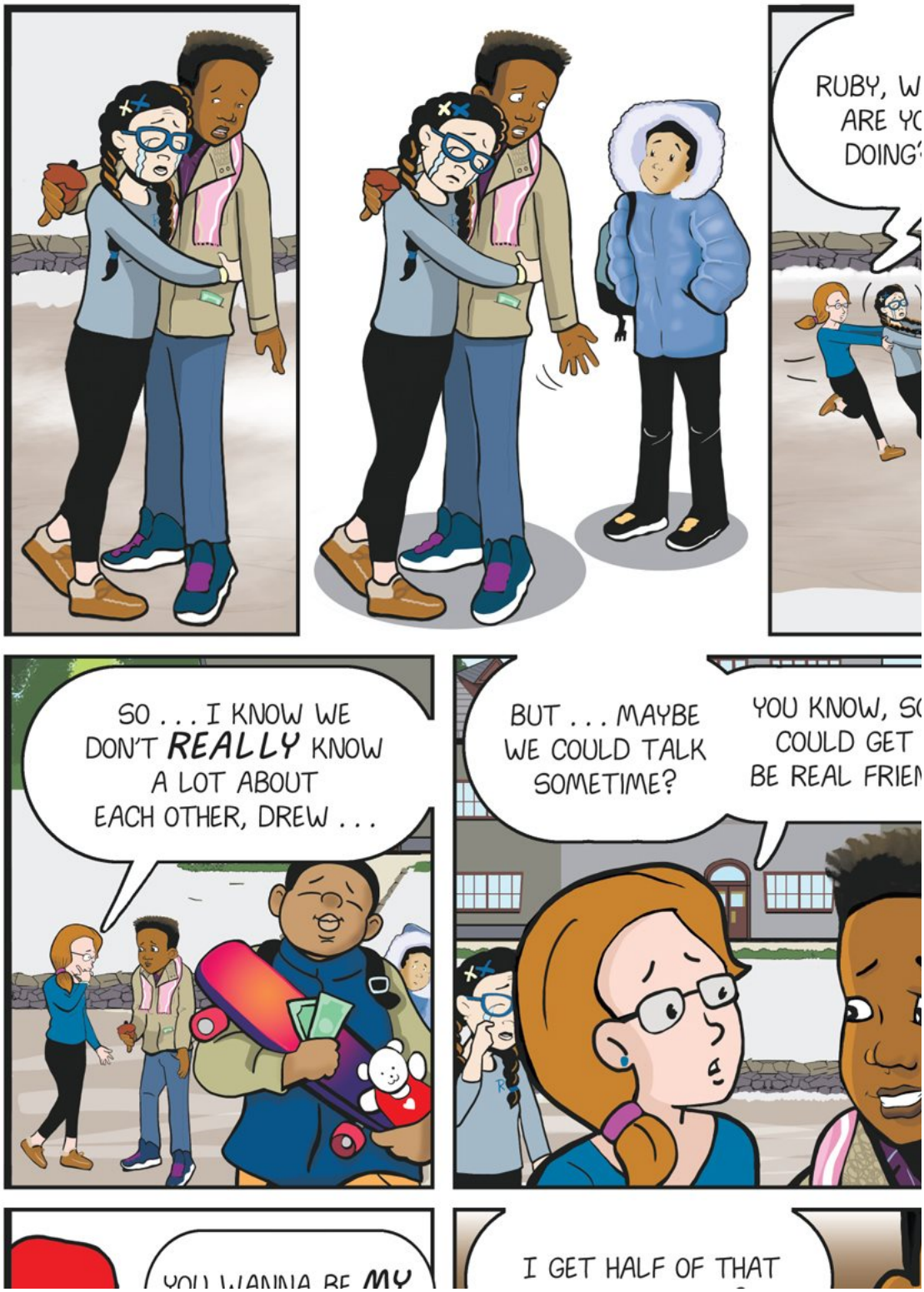


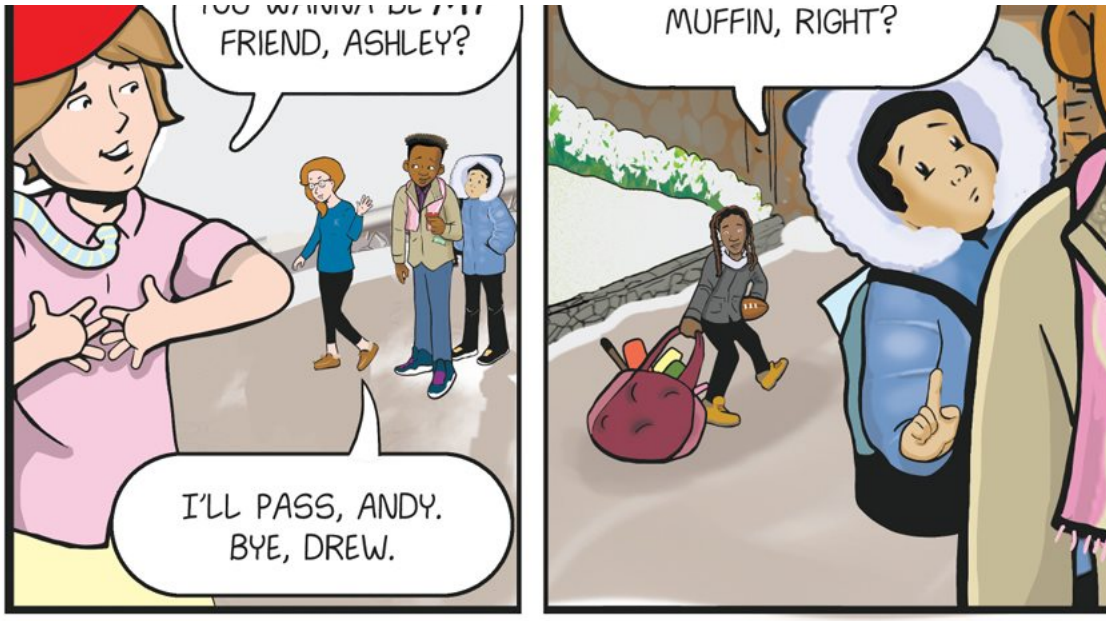
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WAIT
WHAT?!!!

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FRIEND, ASHLEY?
I'LL PASS, ANDY.
BYE, DREW.
MUFFIN, RIGHT?

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Look what I "DREW!" A comic about my f

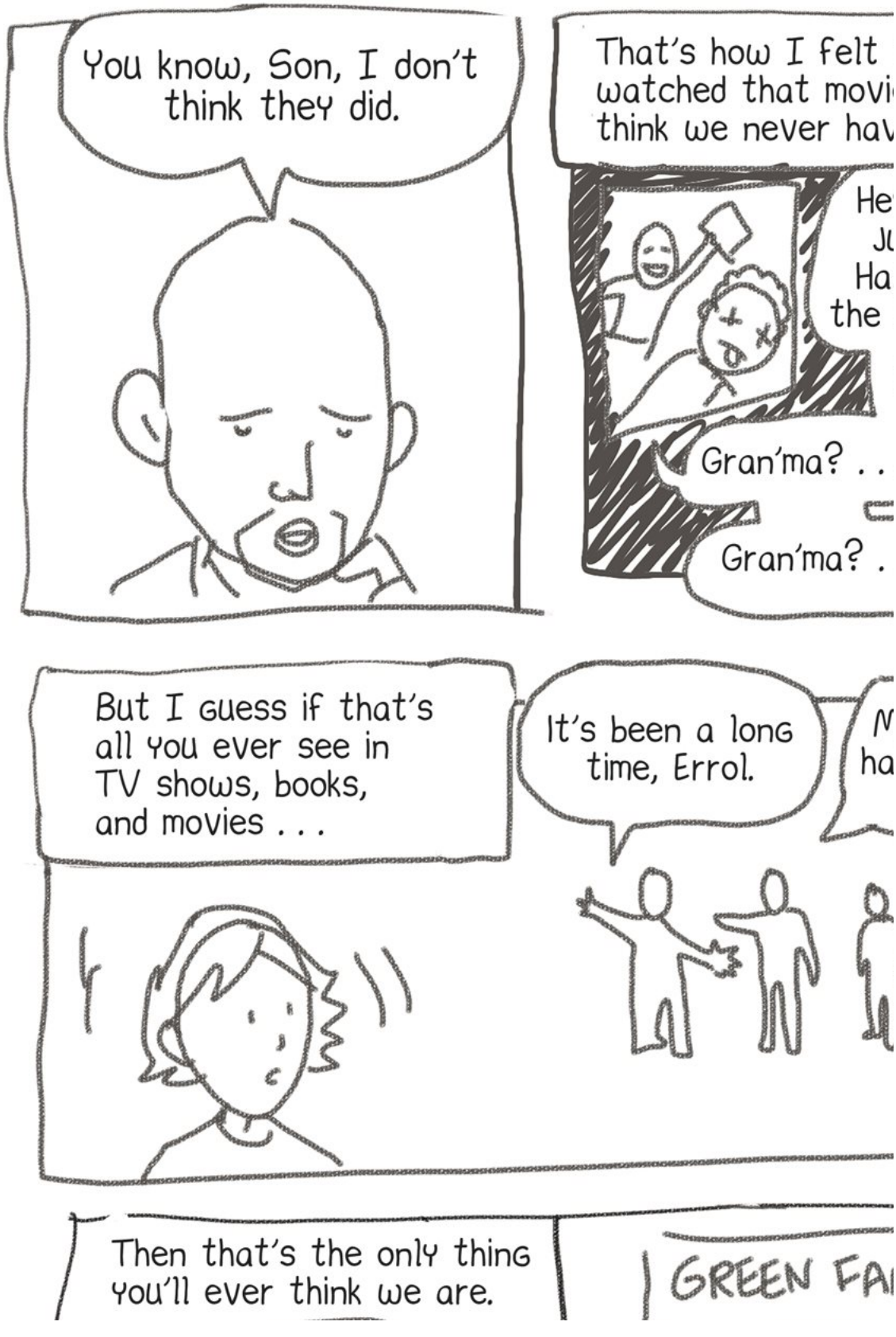
Good Times

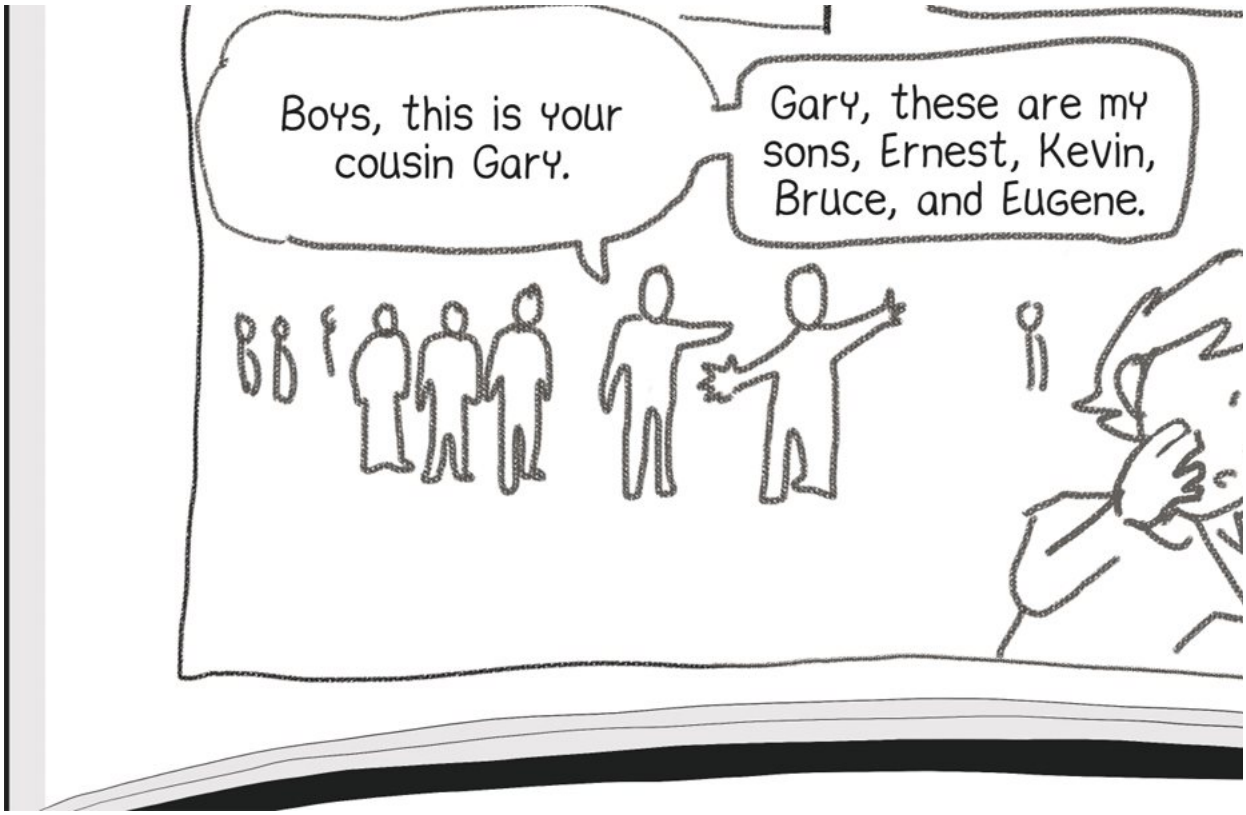
by Jordan




But I was confused.
Did they ever actu
have any "good time
Dad?
Oh no! Dad lost his job. Now he only has six left!

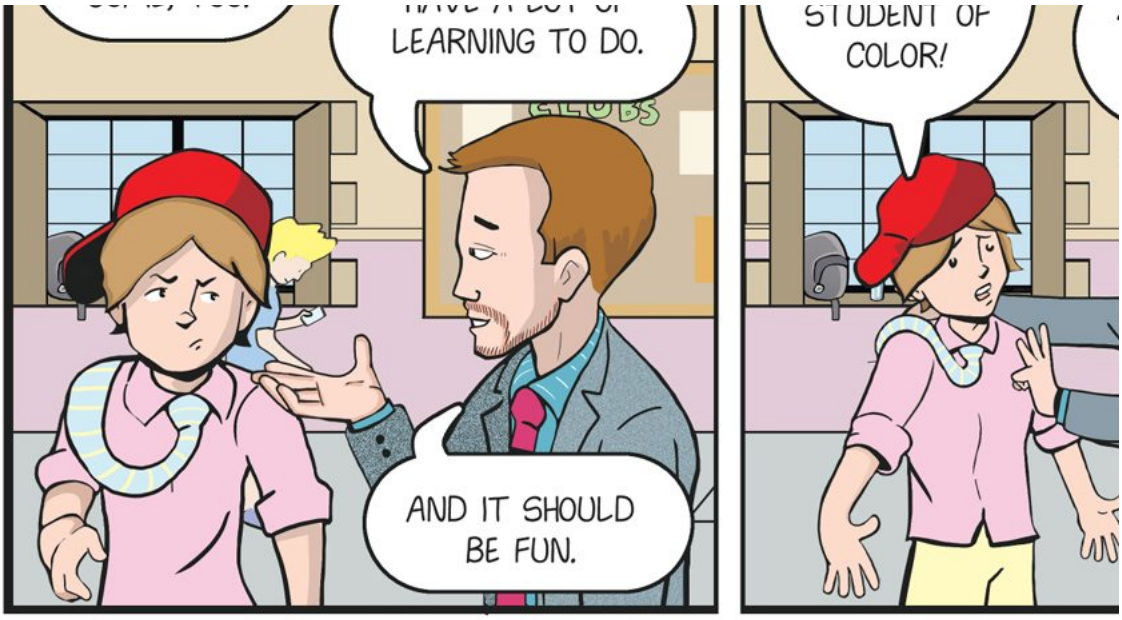
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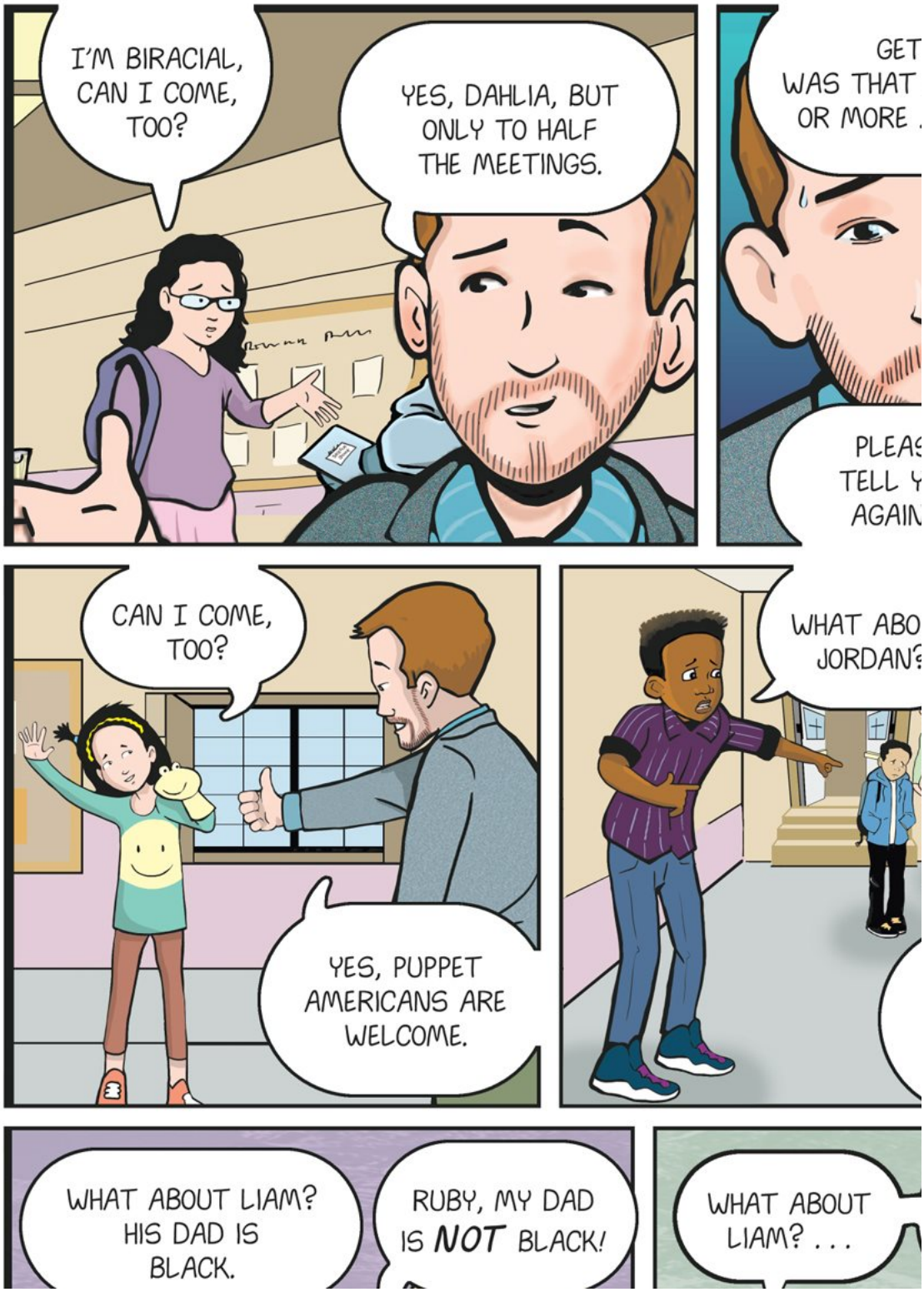

Boys, this is your cousin Gary.
Gary, these are my sons, Ernest, Kevin, Bruce, and Eugene.

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LEARNING TO DO.
AND IT SHOULD BE FUN.
STUDENT OF COLOR!

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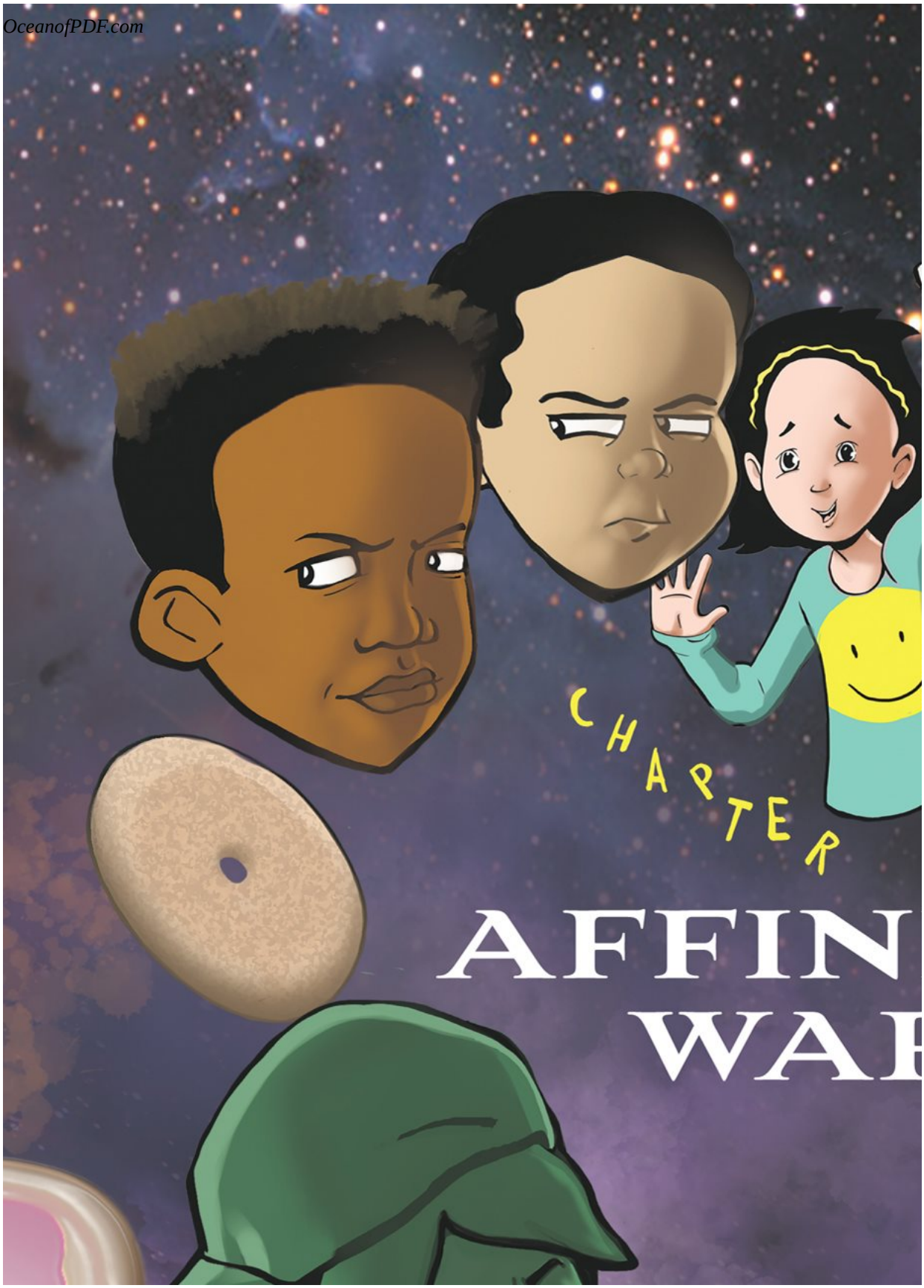

SORRY!

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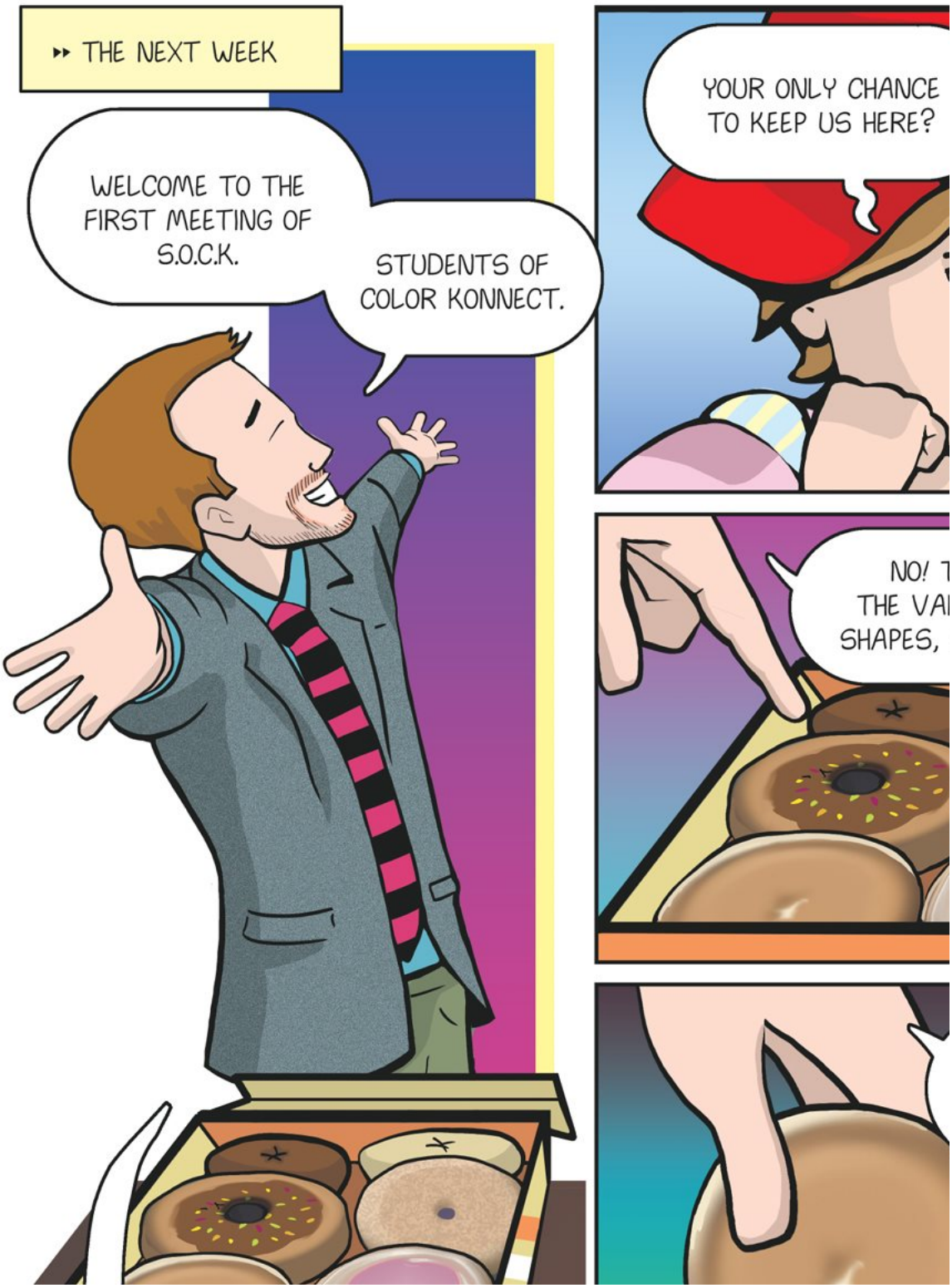


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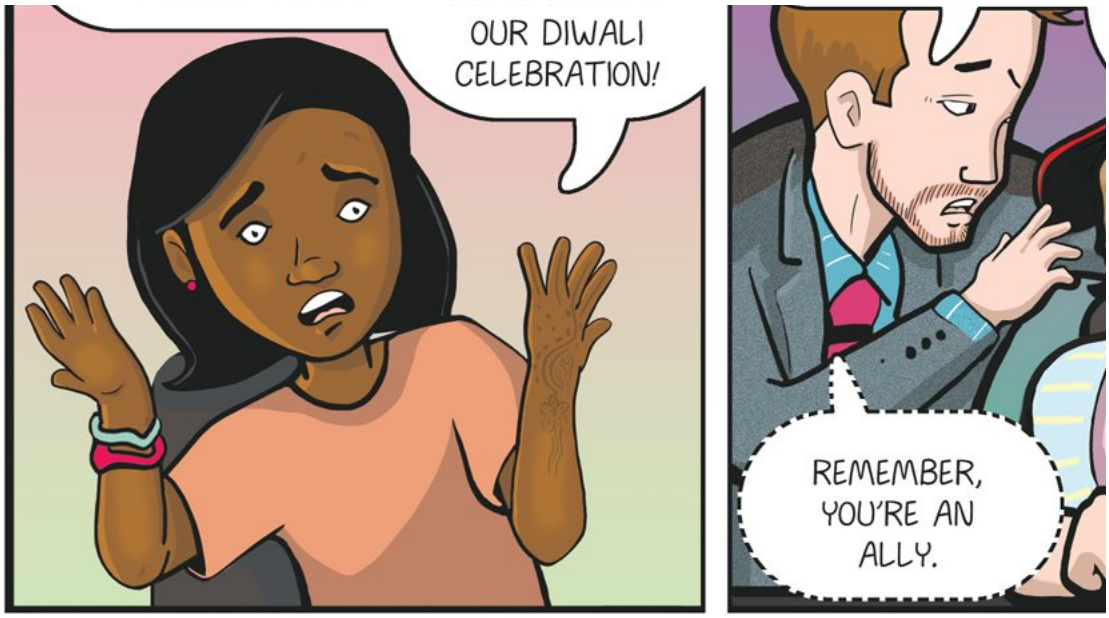
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EXERCISE NUMBER ONE:
WHAT DO YOU THINK
THESE DOUGHNUTS
REPRESENT?

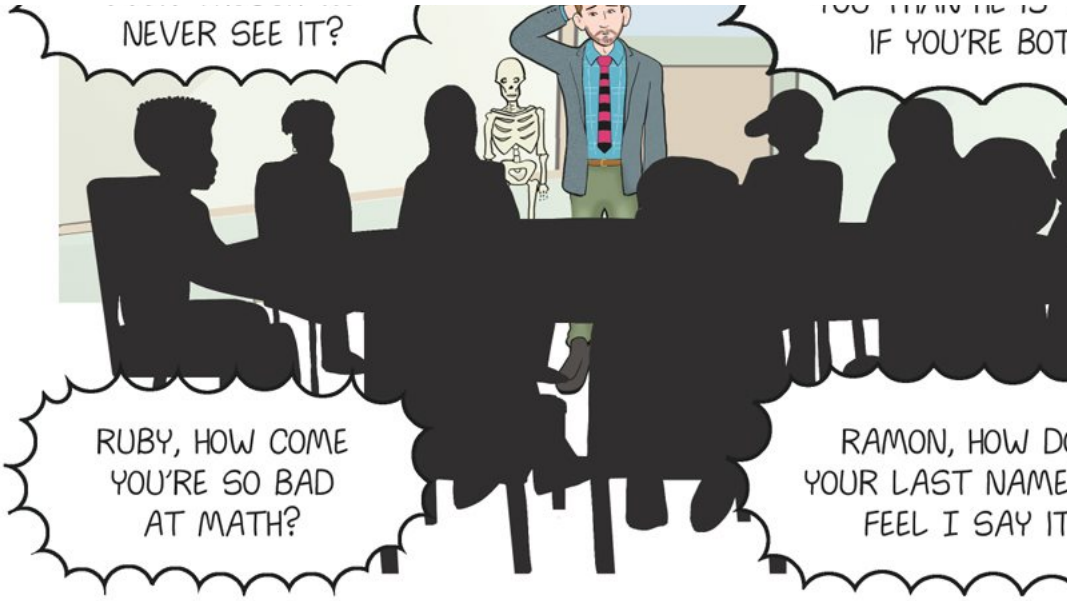
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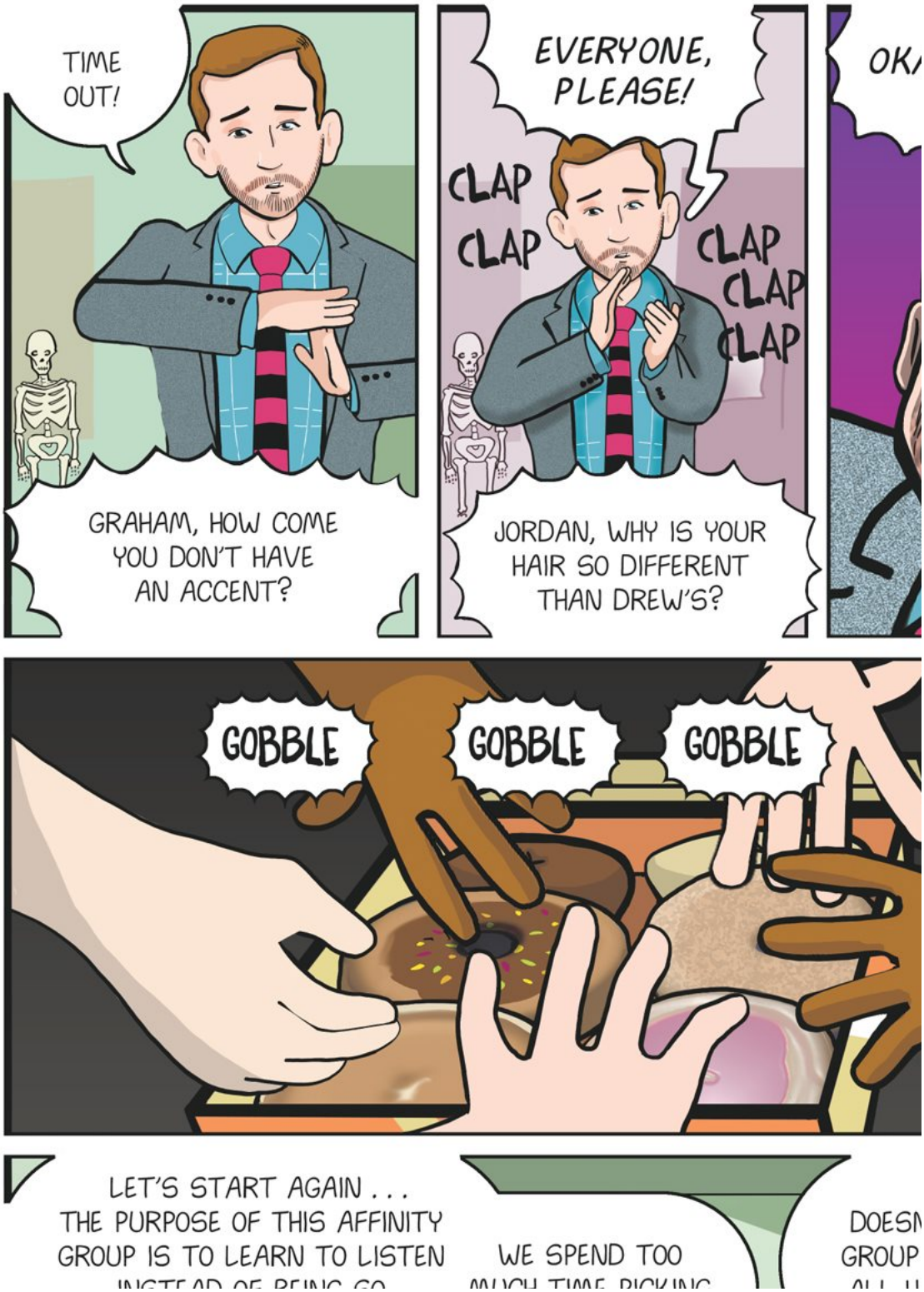

OUR DIWALI CELEBRATION!
REMEMBER, YOU'RE AN ALLY.

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NEVER SEE IT?
IF YOU'RE BOT
RUBY, HOW COME YOU'RE SO BAD AT MATH?
RAMON, HOW D
YOUR LAST NAME
FEEL I SAY IT

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INSTEAD OF BEING SO
QUICK TO CRITICIZE . . .
MUCH TIME PICKING
EVERYTHING APART.
ALL H
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WOW, YOU CAN DO THAT?
I CAN, AND I WILL. WE ALL NEED TO BE BETTER, MALAIKA.

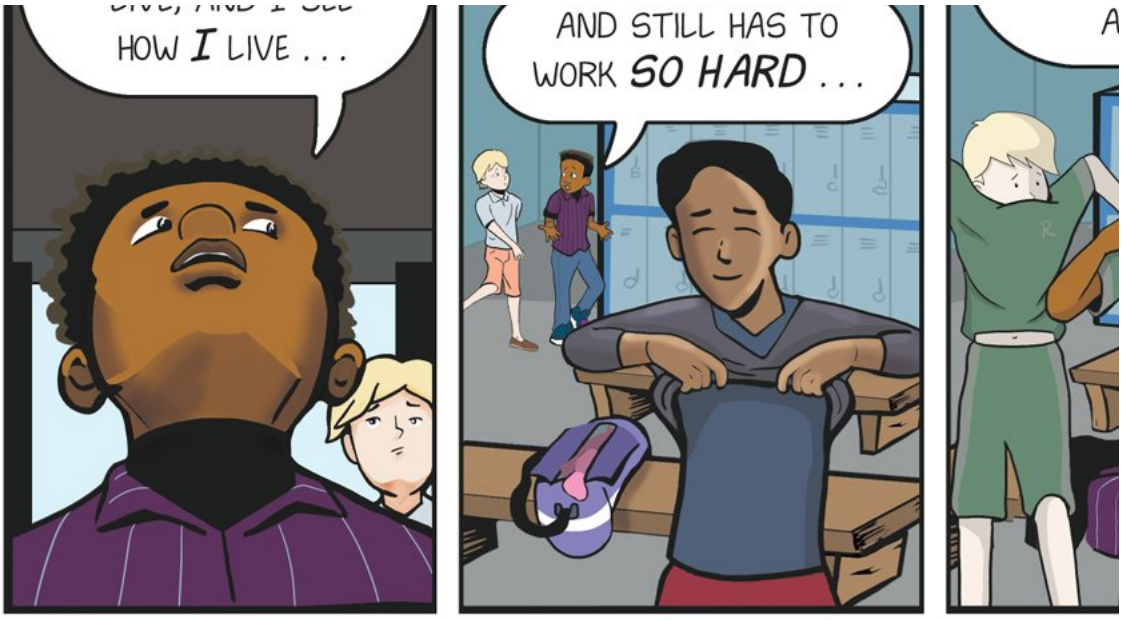
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SKIN WAS GREEN?
TEMPORARY.

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HOW I LIVE . . .
AND STILL HAS TO WORK SO HARD . . .

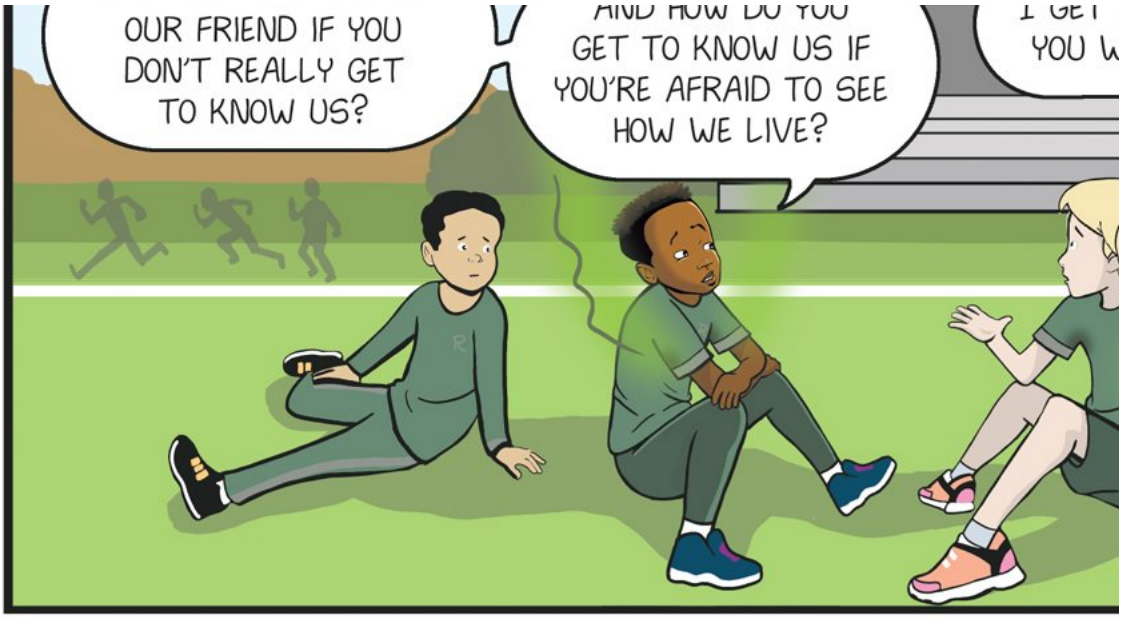
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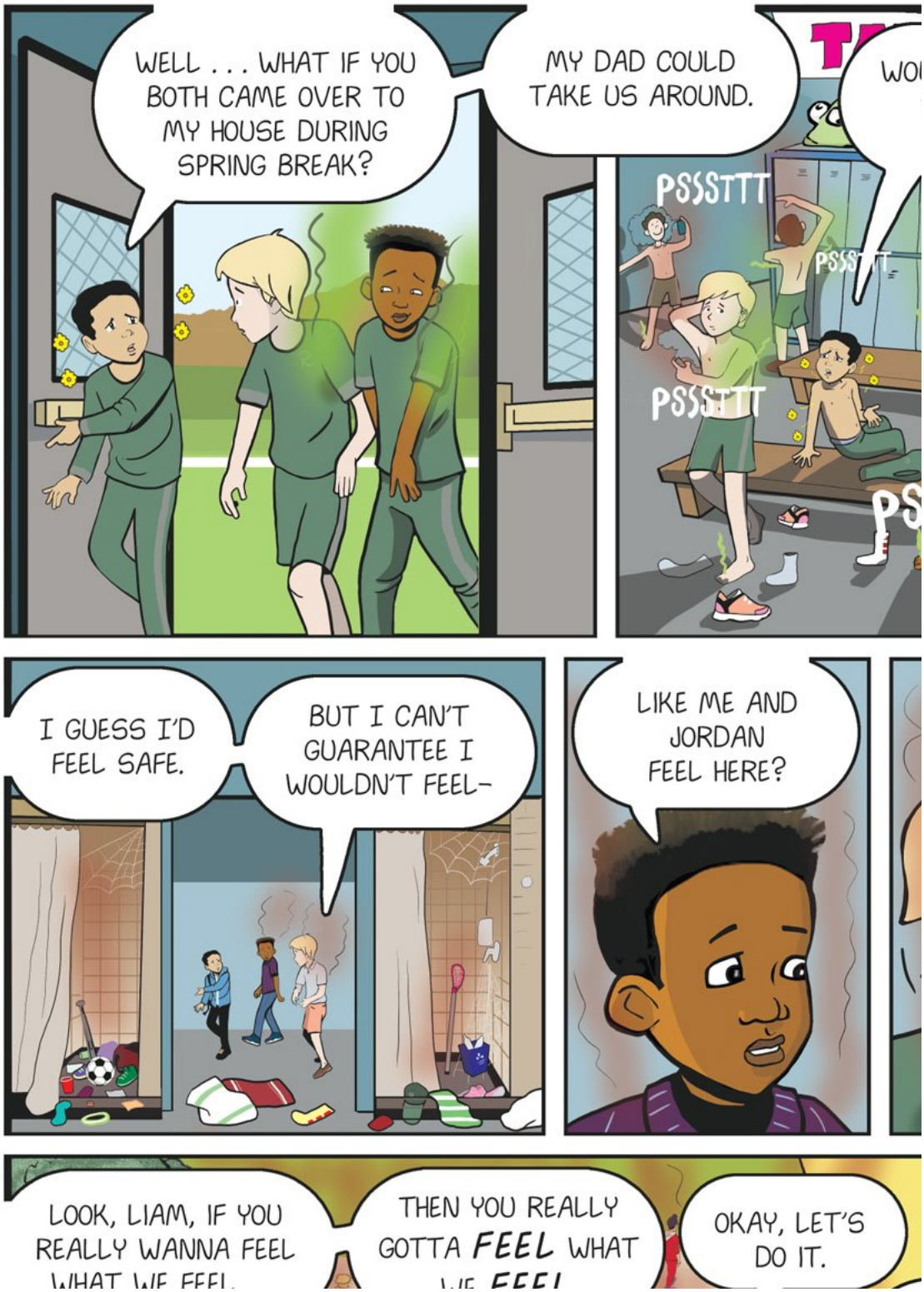

I DON'T REALLY KNOW.
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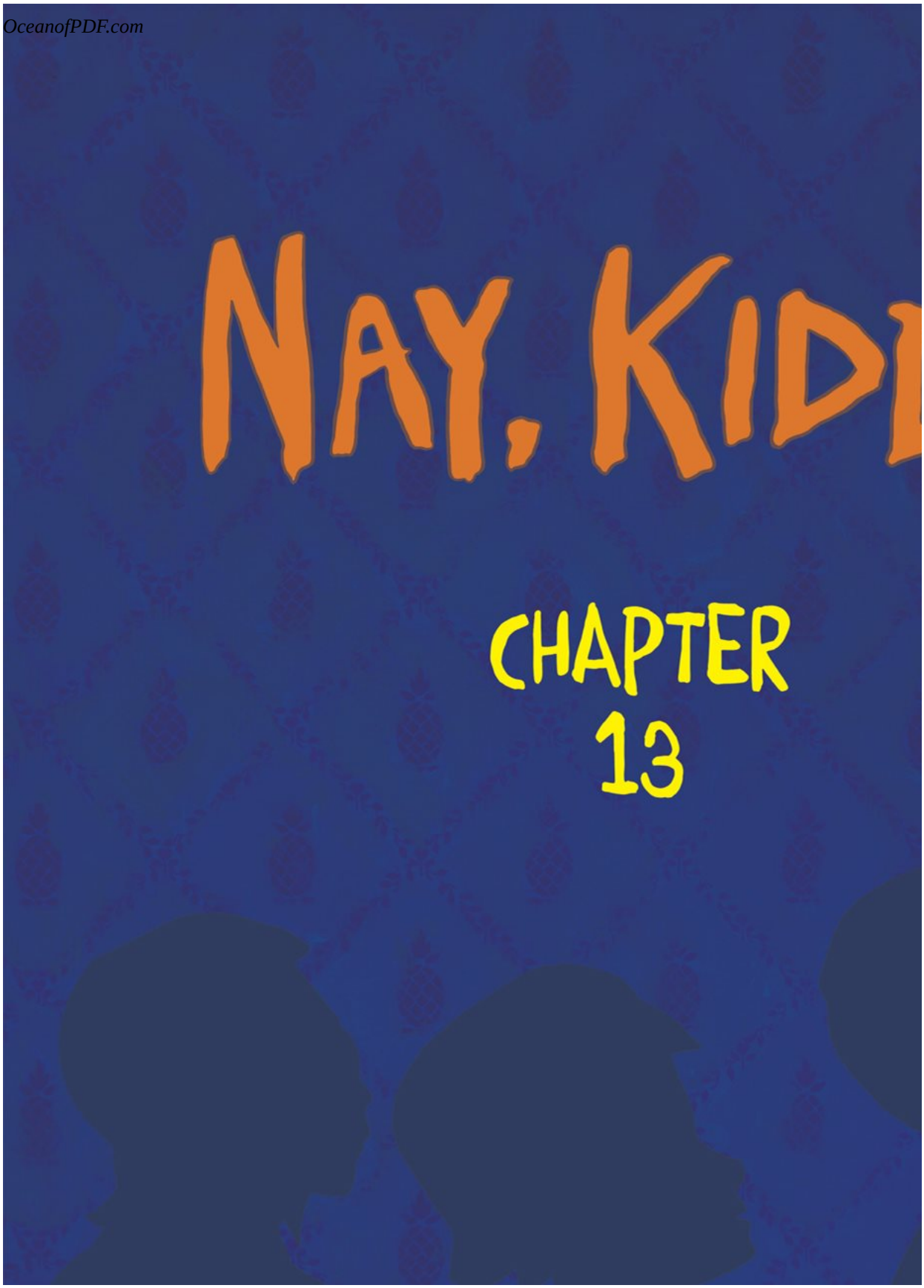

OUR FRIEND IF YOU DON'T REALLY GET TO KNOW US?
AND HOW DO YOU GET TO KNOW US IF YOU'RE AFRAID TO SEE HOW WE LIVE?
YOU W

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WE FEEL.
YA FEEL ME?

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Look what I "DREW!" A comic about

Do the Right Thing

by Jordan

So here's what I don't get. Adults always tell kids to be honest and tell the truth . . .



They say they w
teach us to be
when we grow



But whenever something happens, they always seem to side with the bad kids.



I know your nose
but Mac's fist
too. I'd say



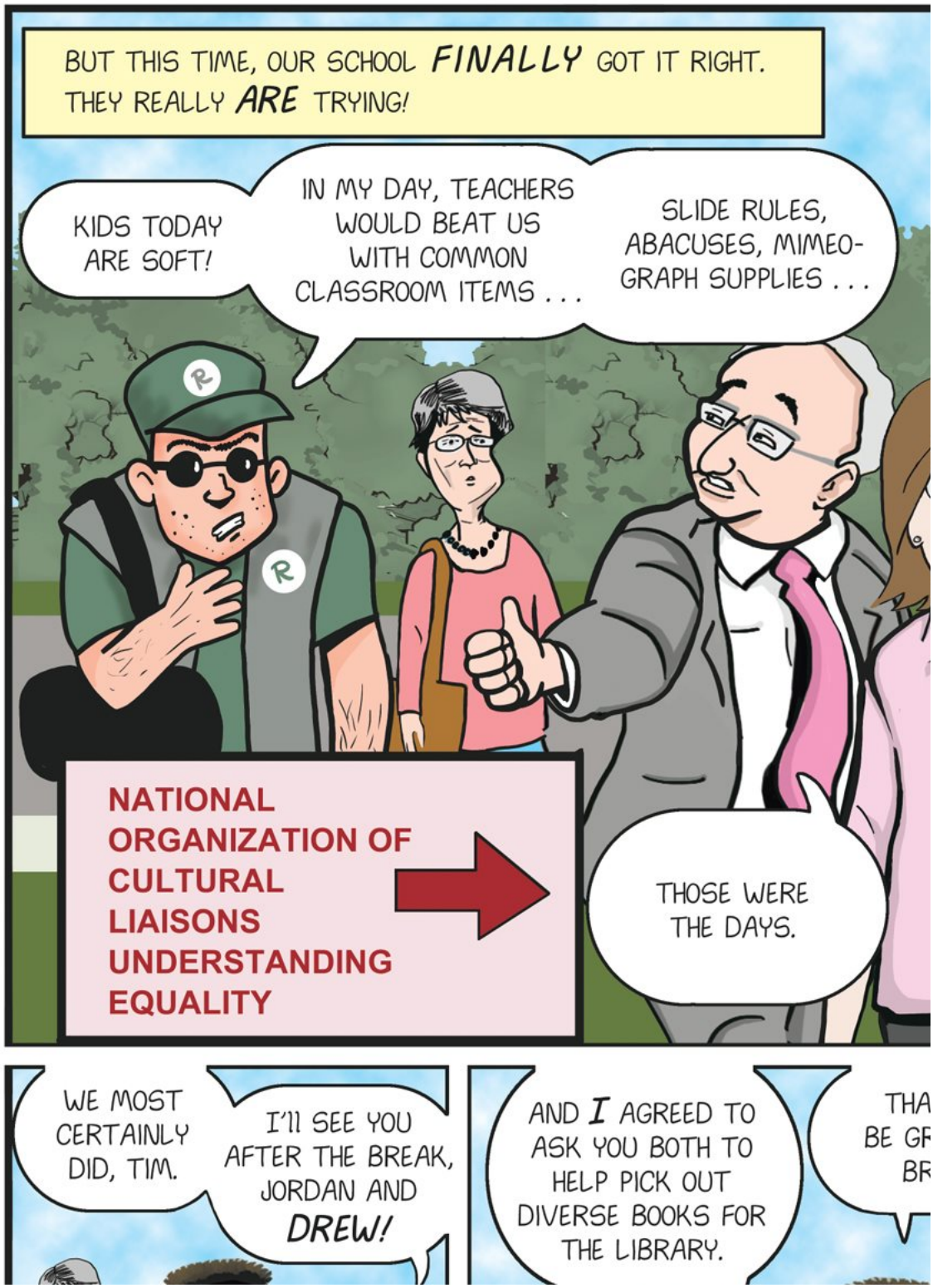

Or this . . .
Yes, she bullies your daughter
that may be her way of reac
Why not invite her over for a

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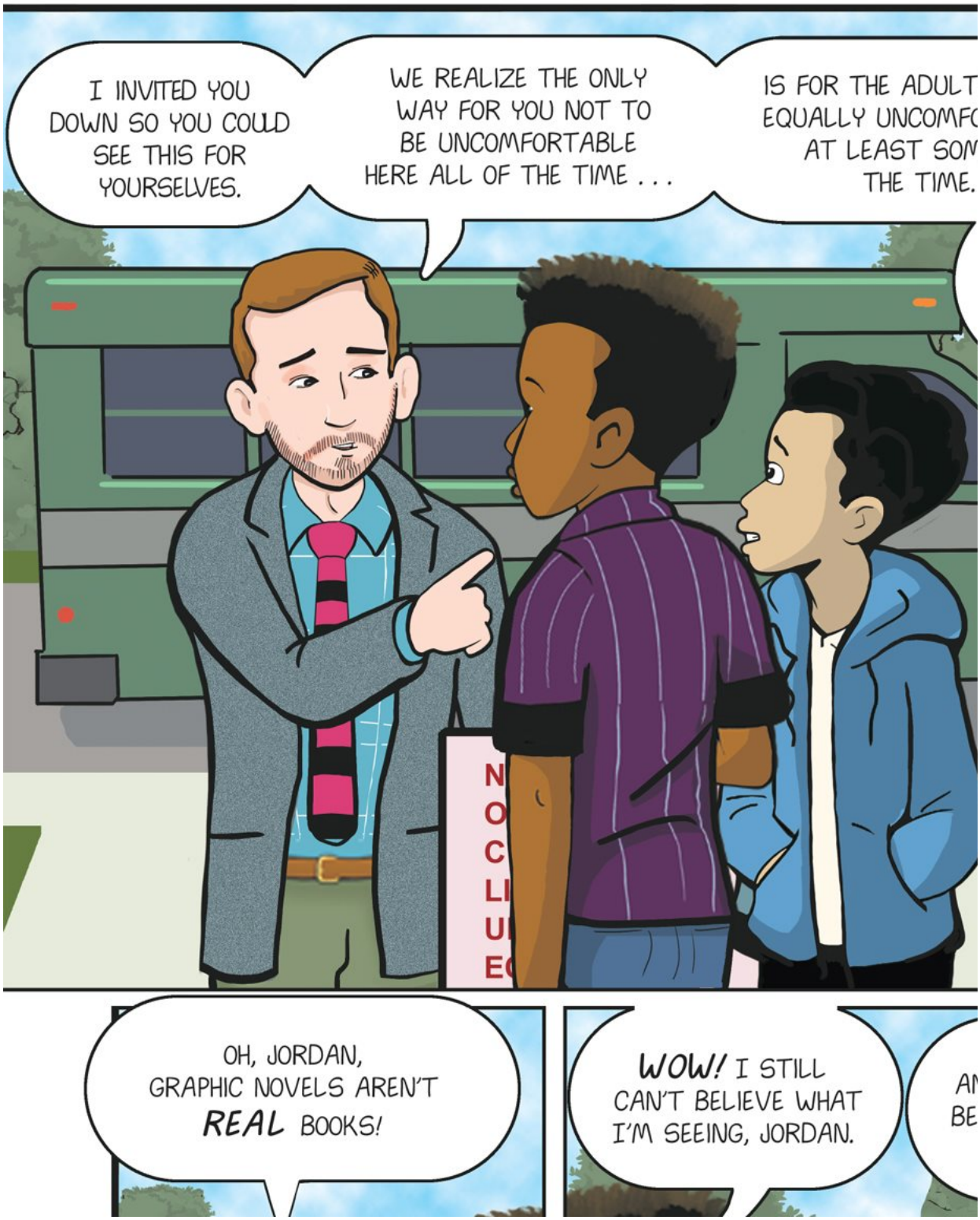

Wait, why do we have to go to a diversity conference?
We ARE the diversity!
COACH
COOK
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AND GRAPHIC NOVELS, TOO?

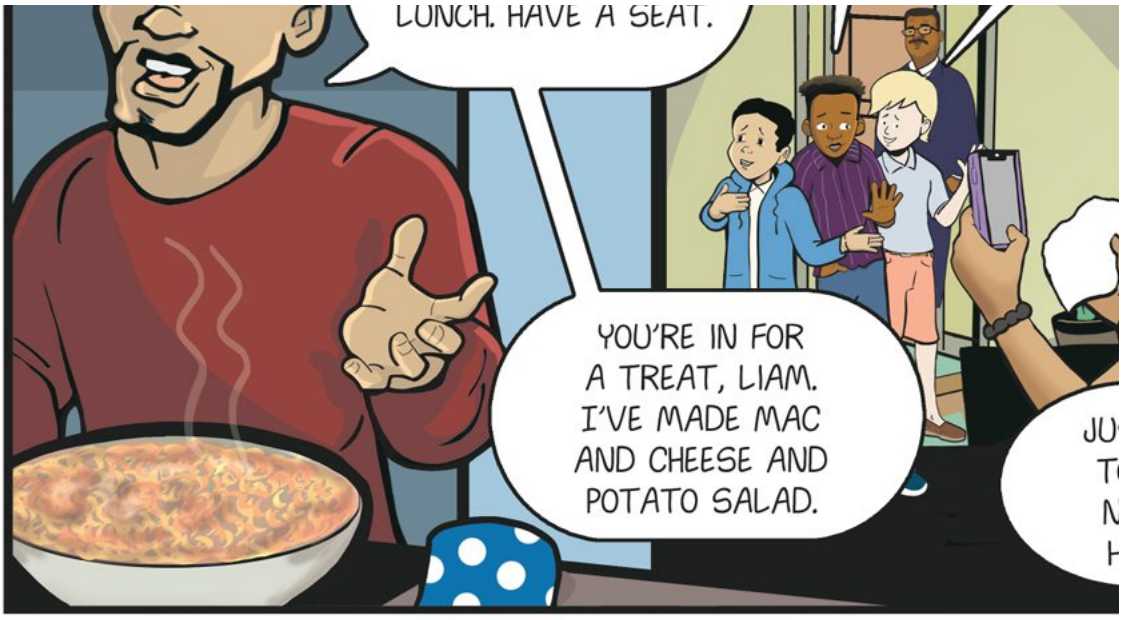
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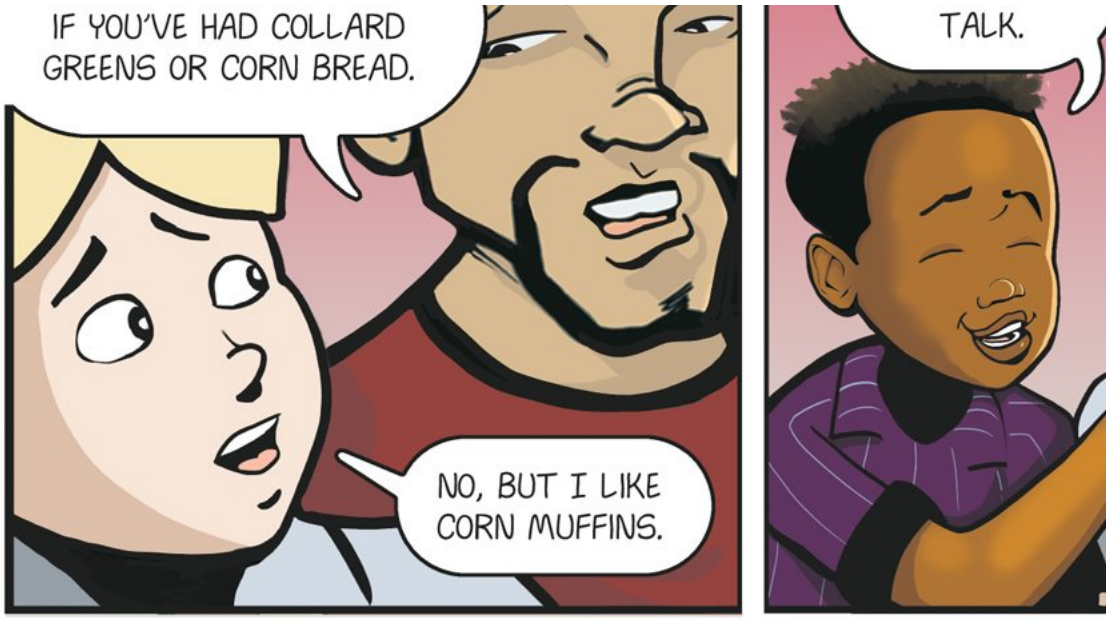
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LUNCH. HAVE A SEAT.
YOU'RE IN FOR A TREAT, LIAM. I'VE MADE MAC AND CHEESE AND POTATO SALAD.

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IF YOU'VE HAD COLLARD GREENS OR CORN BREAD.
NO, BUT I LIKE CORN MUFFINS.
TALK.

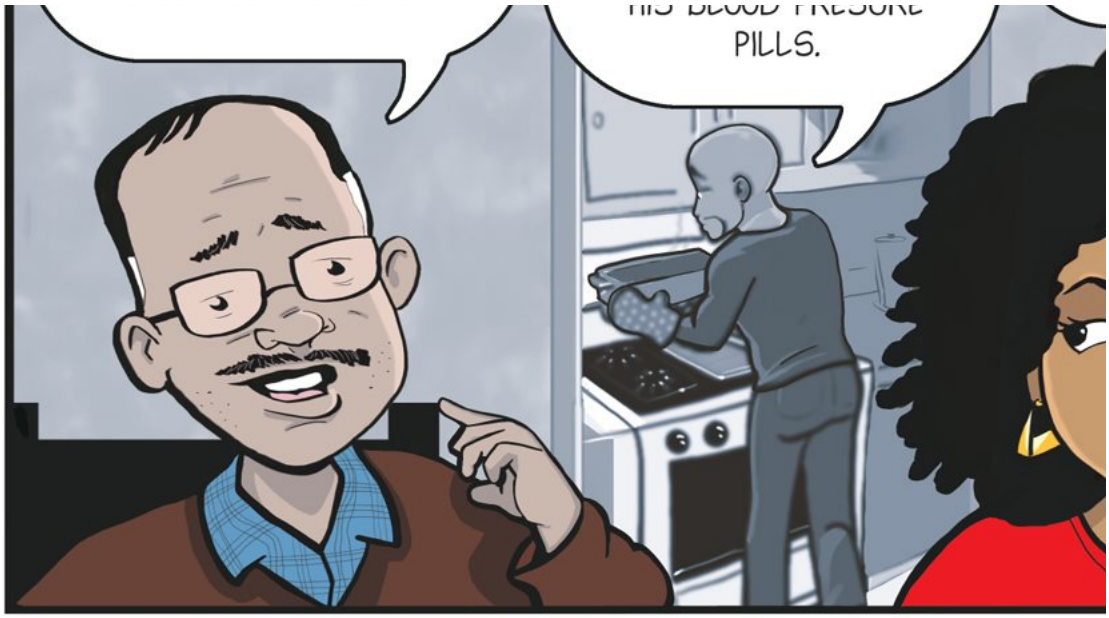
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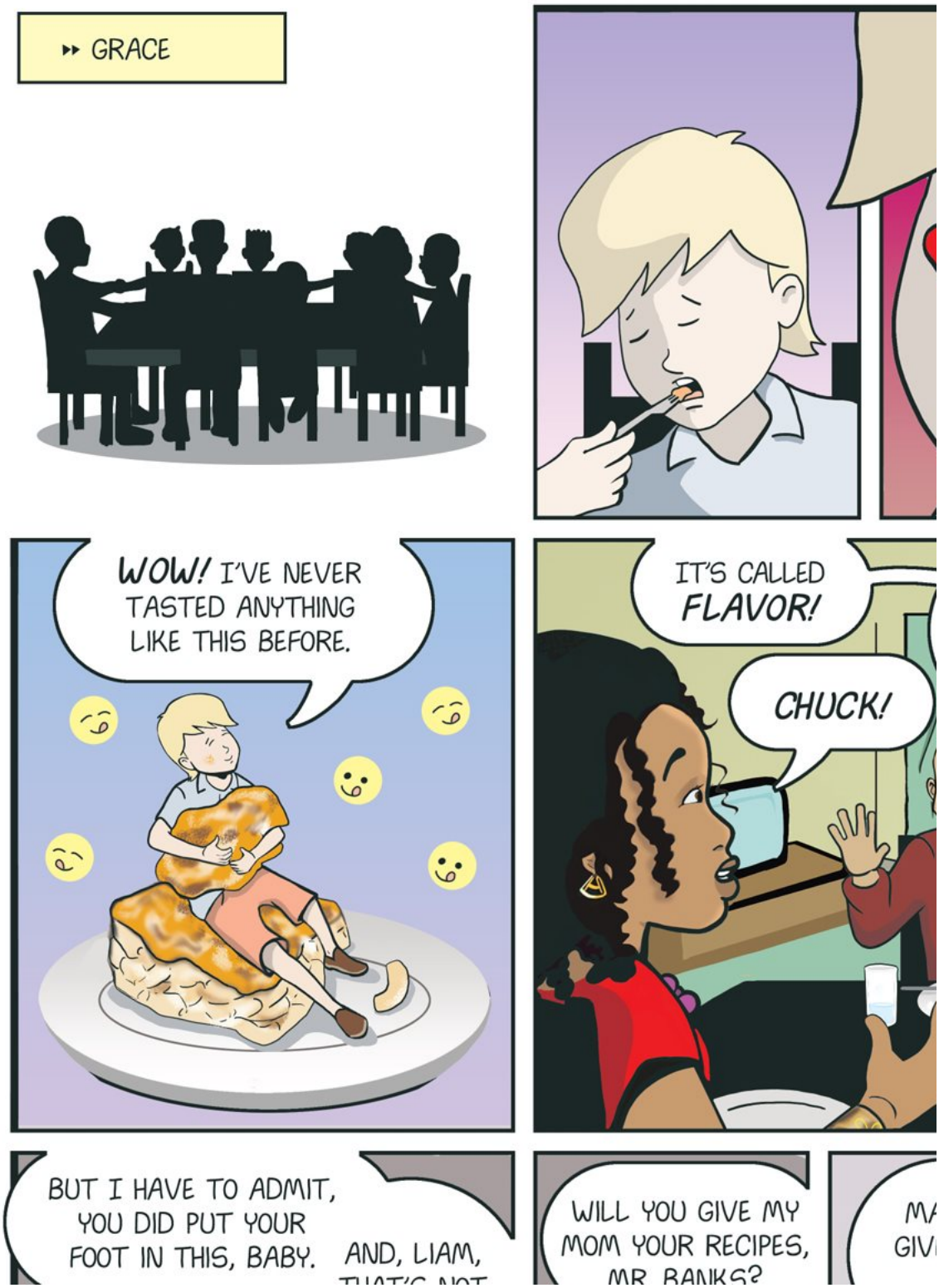

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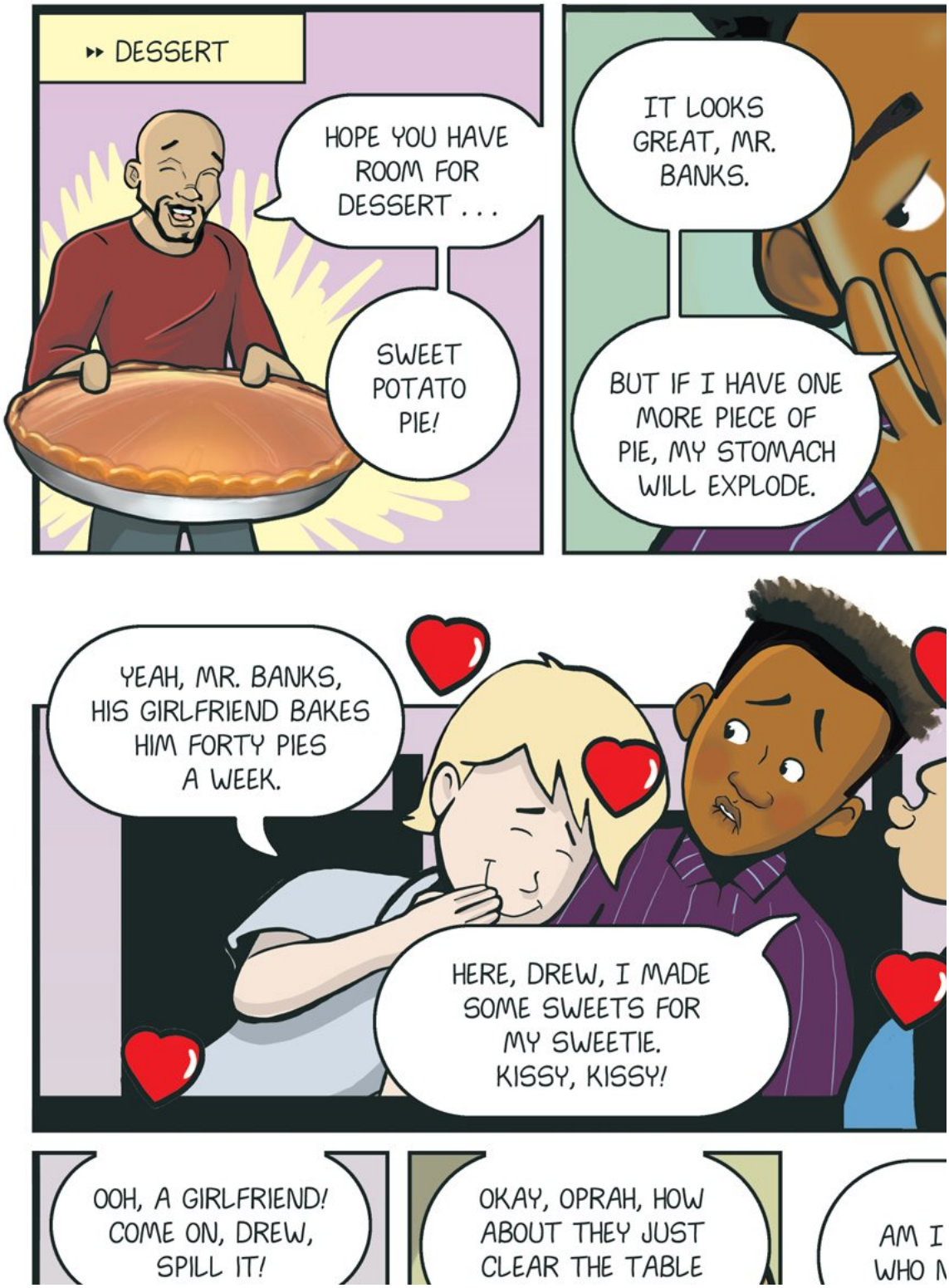

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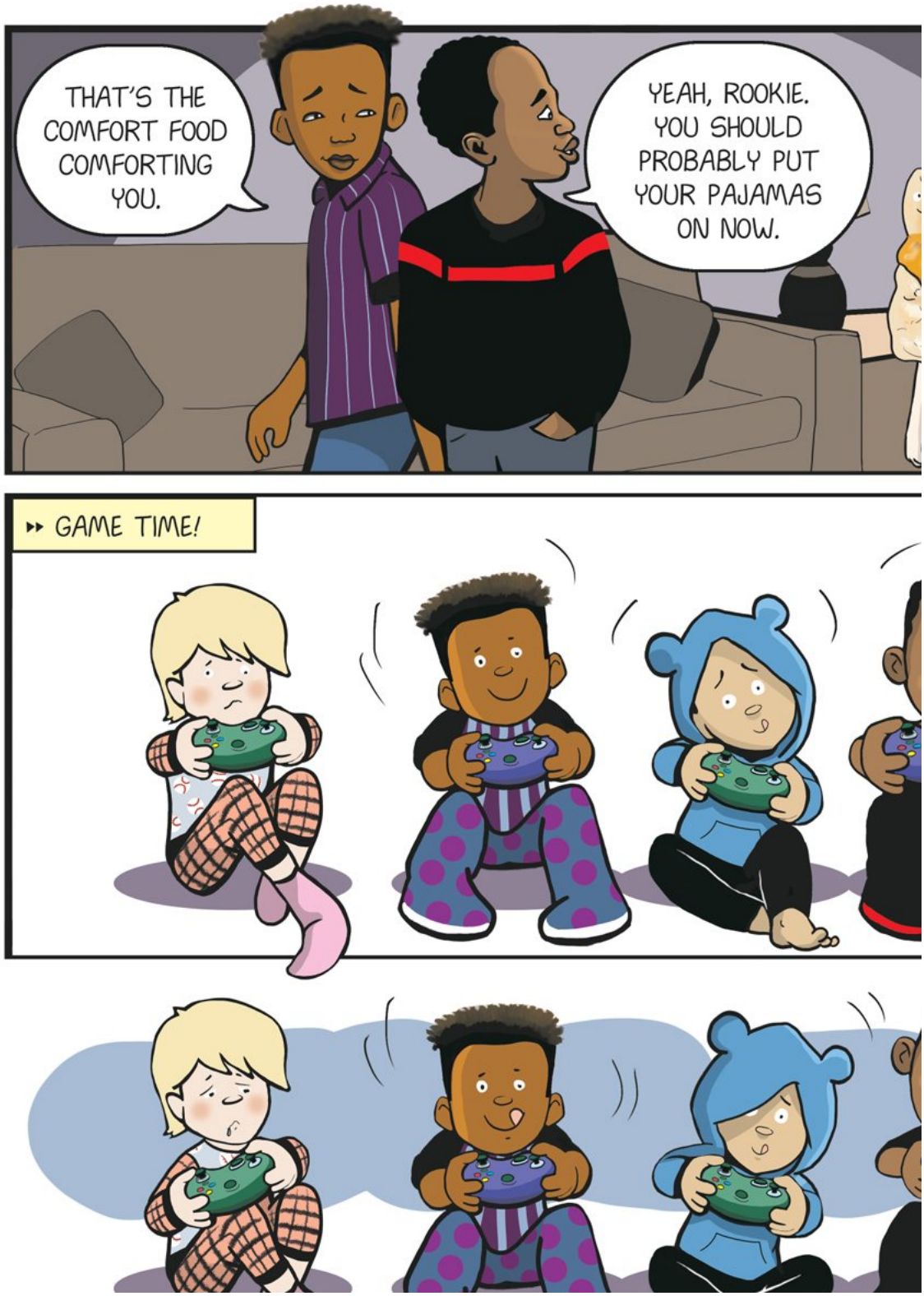

THAT'S NOT
AT ALL HOW
IT SOUNDS.
GO

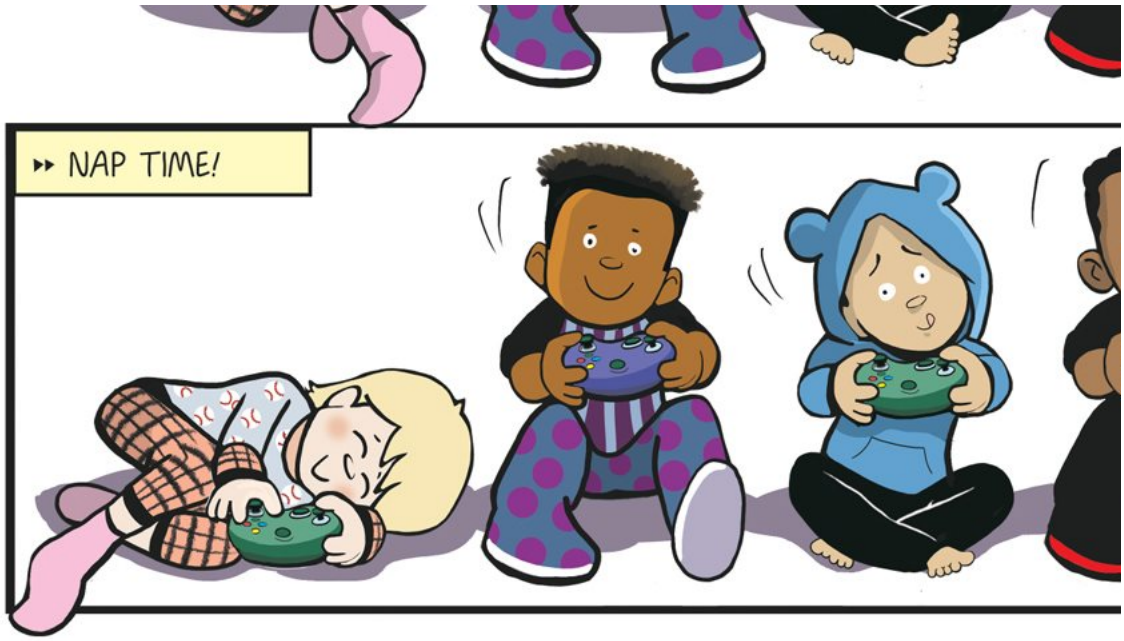
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IS SHE . . .
YOU KNOW . . .
AND GO PLAY?
THEN WE CAN
GET TO KNOW
MR. PIERRE.

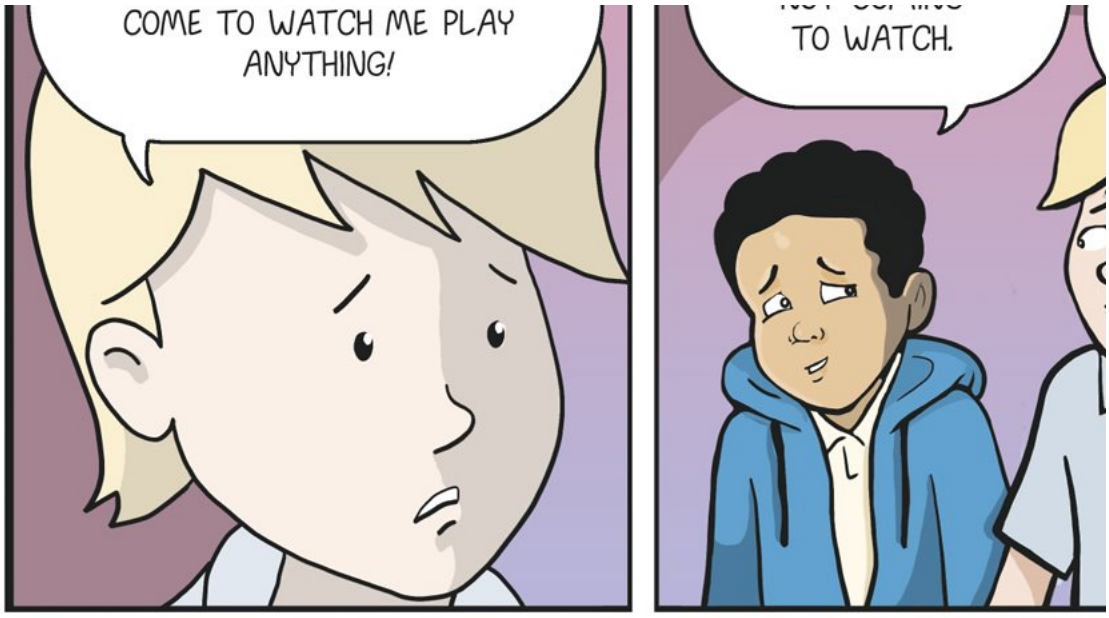
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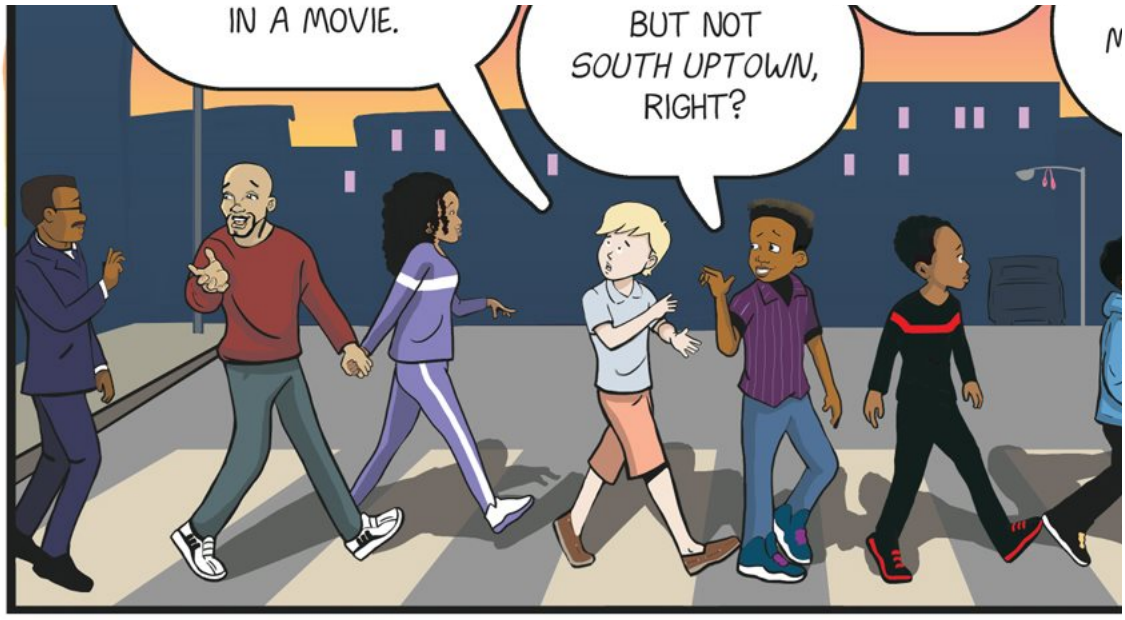
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COME TO WATCH ME PLAY ANYTHING!
TO WATCH.

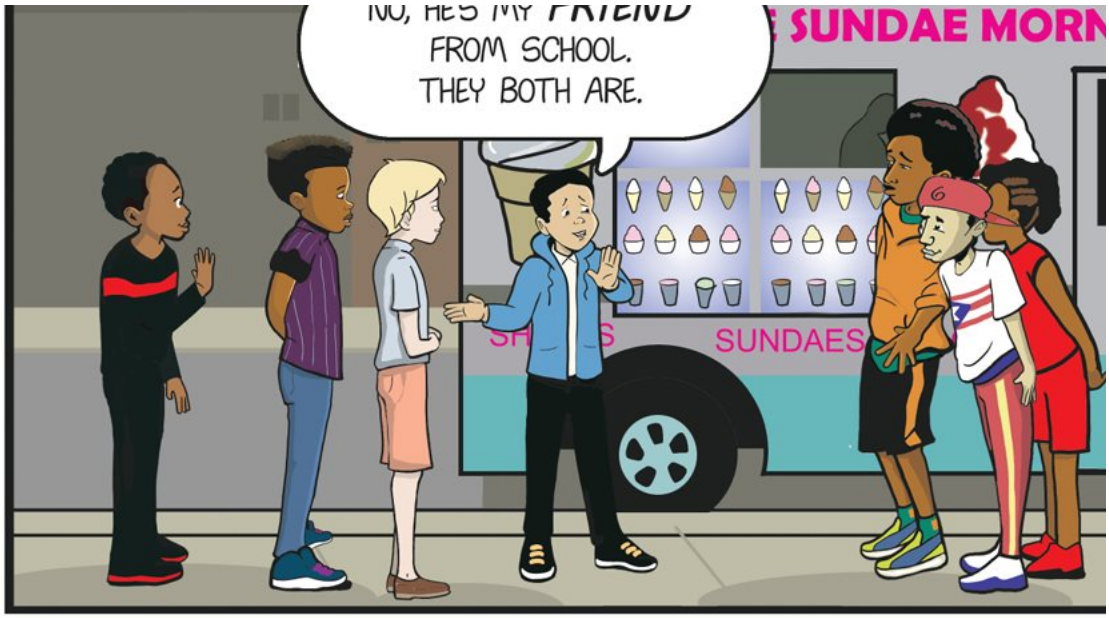
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IN A MOVIE.
BUT NOT SOUTH UPTOWN, RIGHT?

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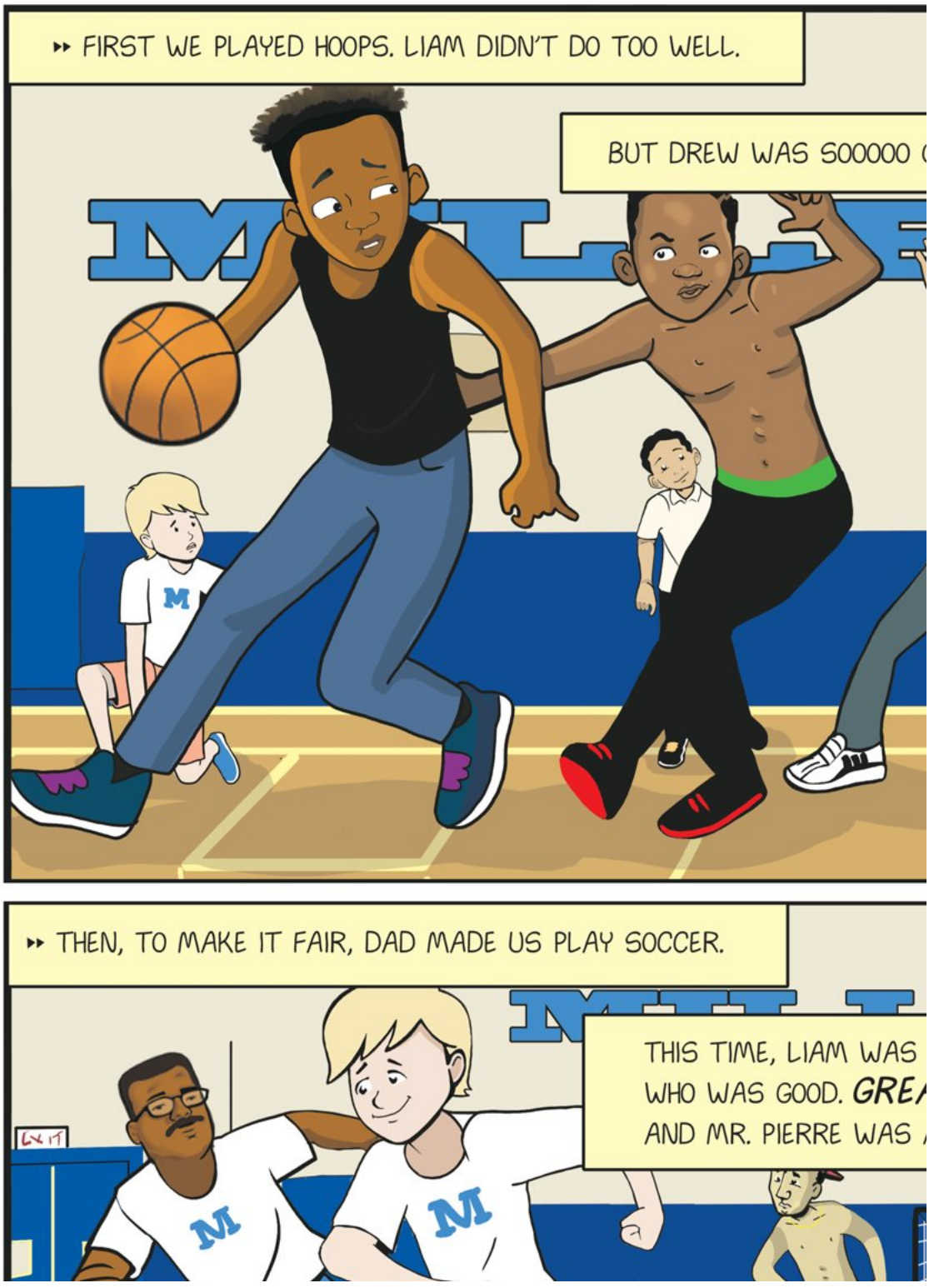

NO, HE'S MY FRIEND
FROM SCHOOL.
THEY BOTH ARE.
SUNDAE MORN
SUNDAES

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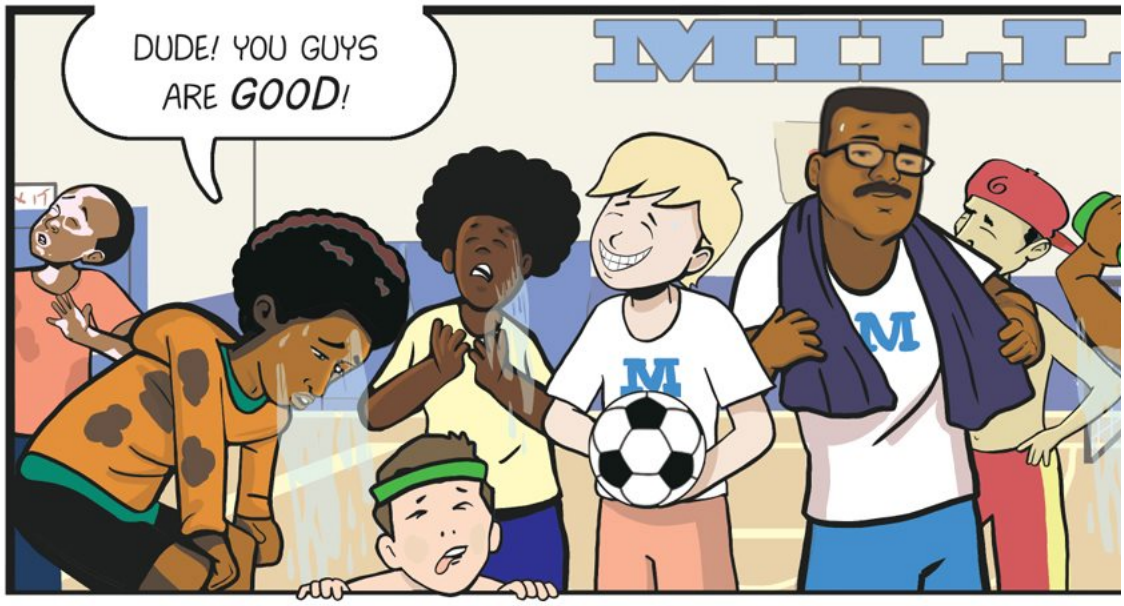

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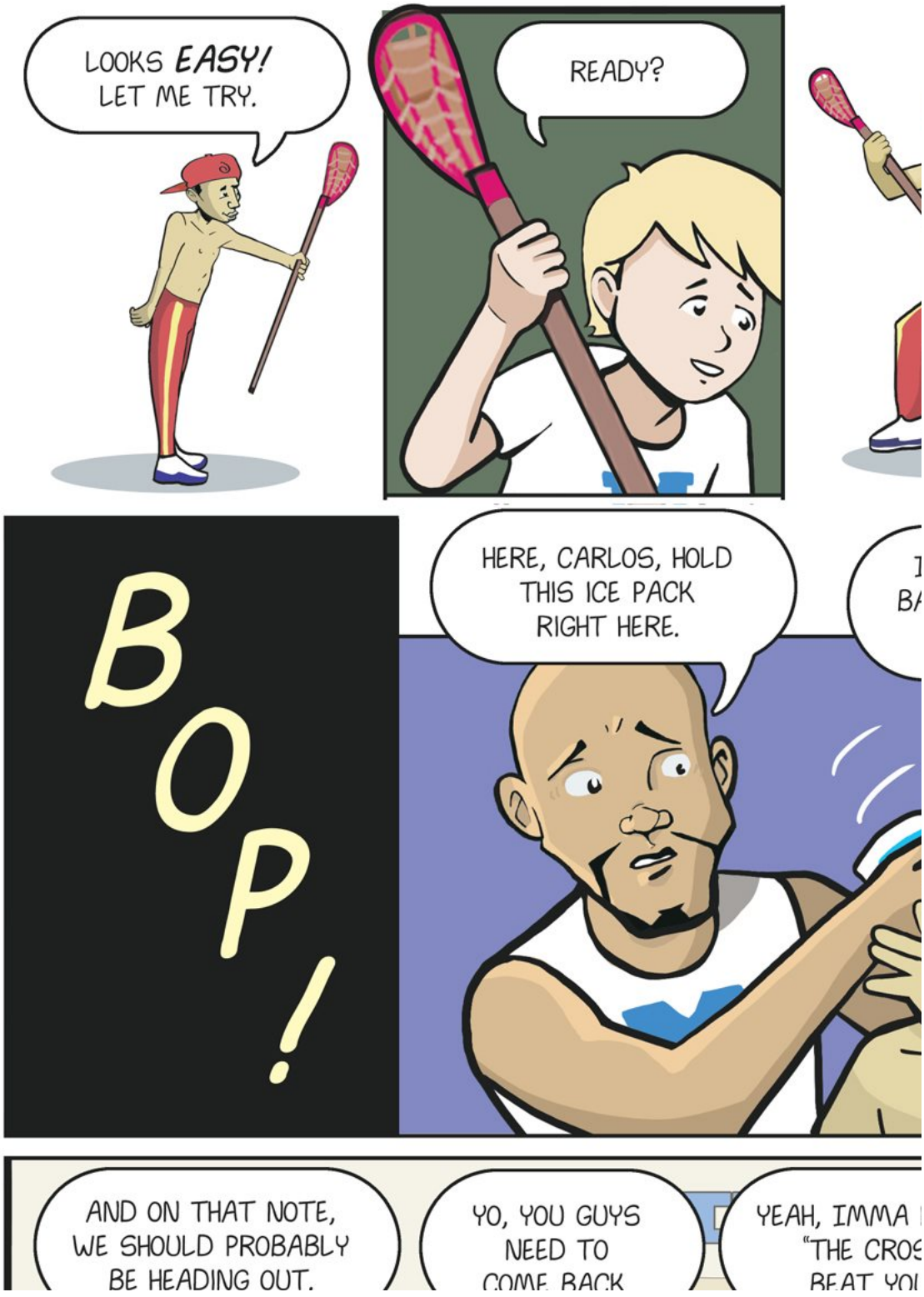







I HAFTA
LOCKE

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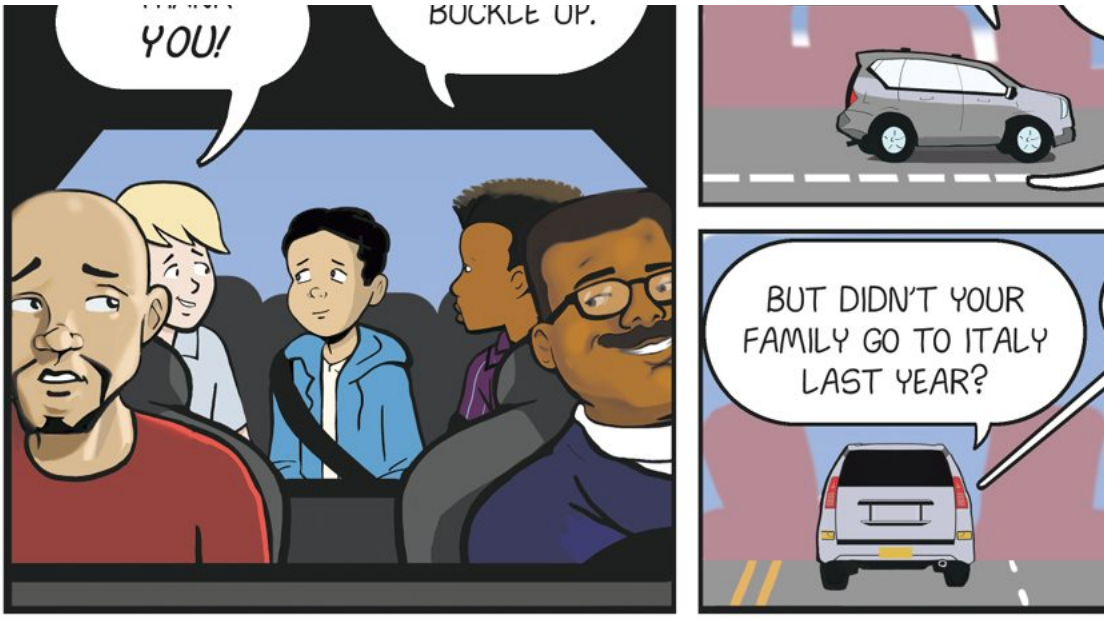
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CAR WITH YOU ALL.

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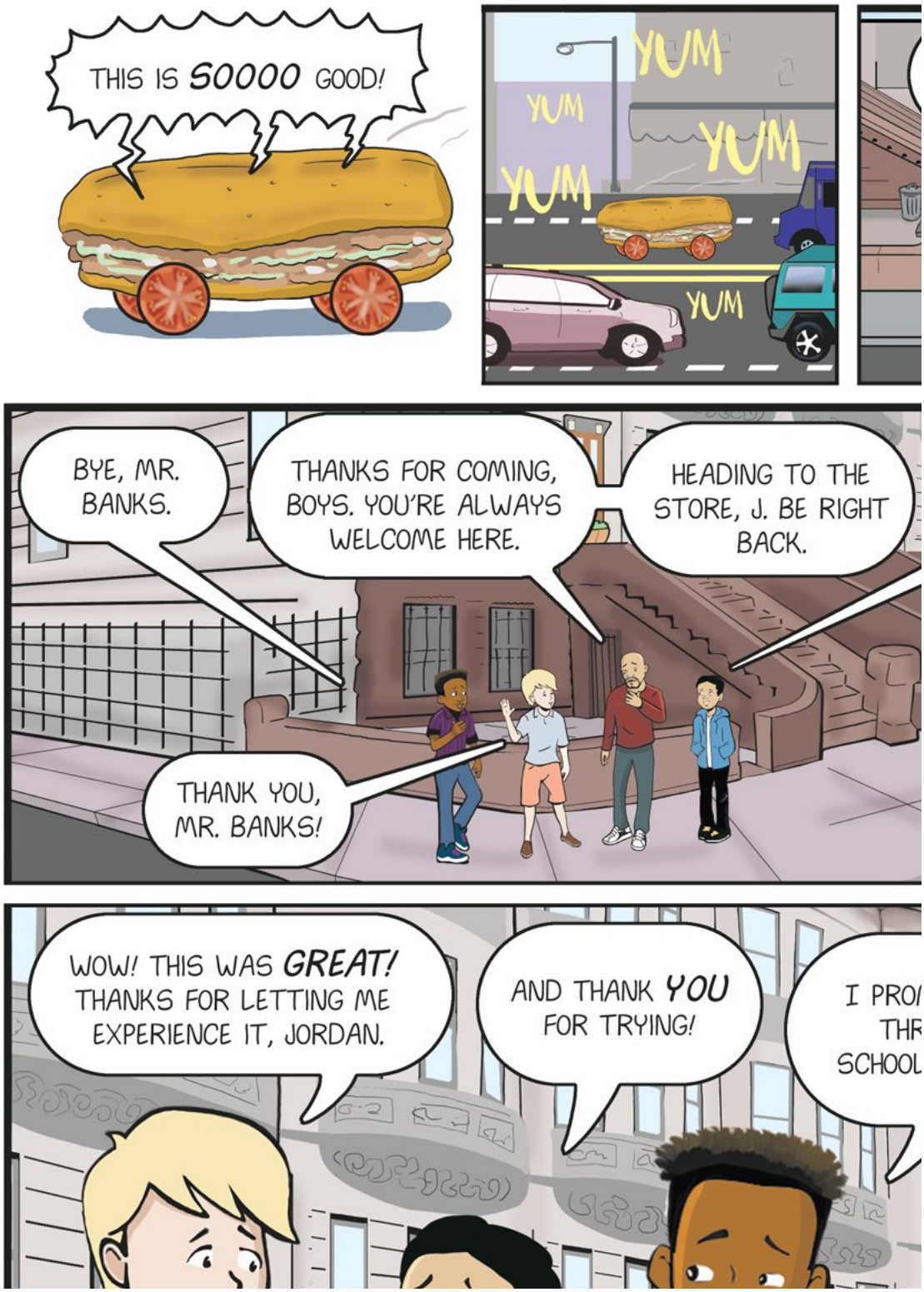

YOU!
BUCKLE UP.
BUT DIDN'T YOUR FAMILY GO TO ITALY LAST YEAR?

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BEHOLD! THE EIGHTH WONDER OF THE WORLD . . .
THE CHOPPED CHEESE SANDWICH!

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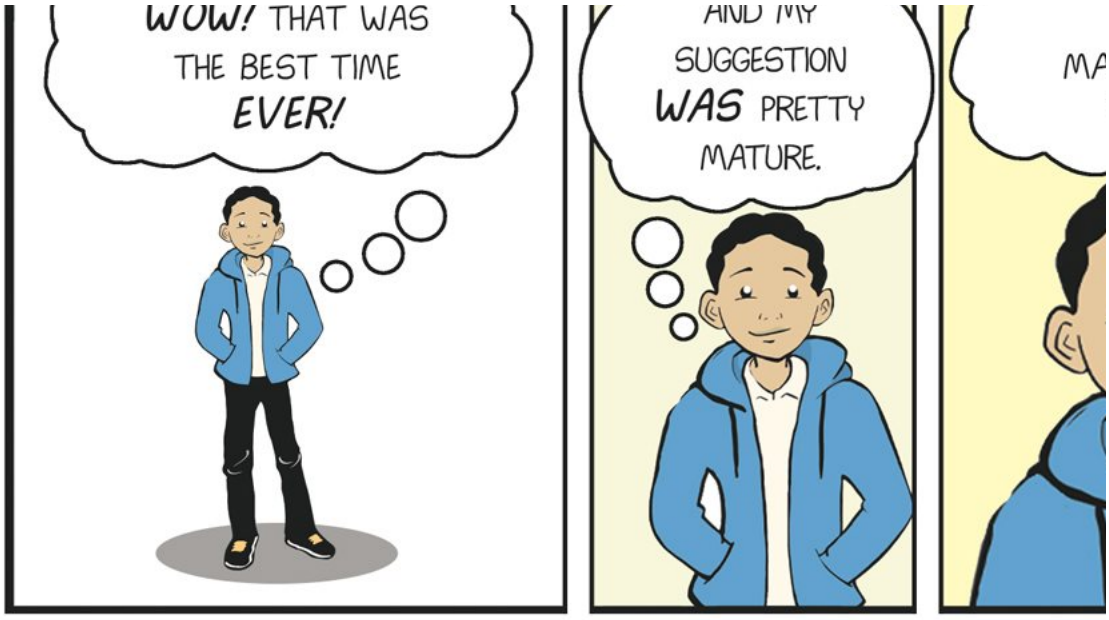
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BYE, JAY-Z.
BYE, DRAKE.
BYE, LIAM NEESON.
TIRED?
WIDE AWAKE.

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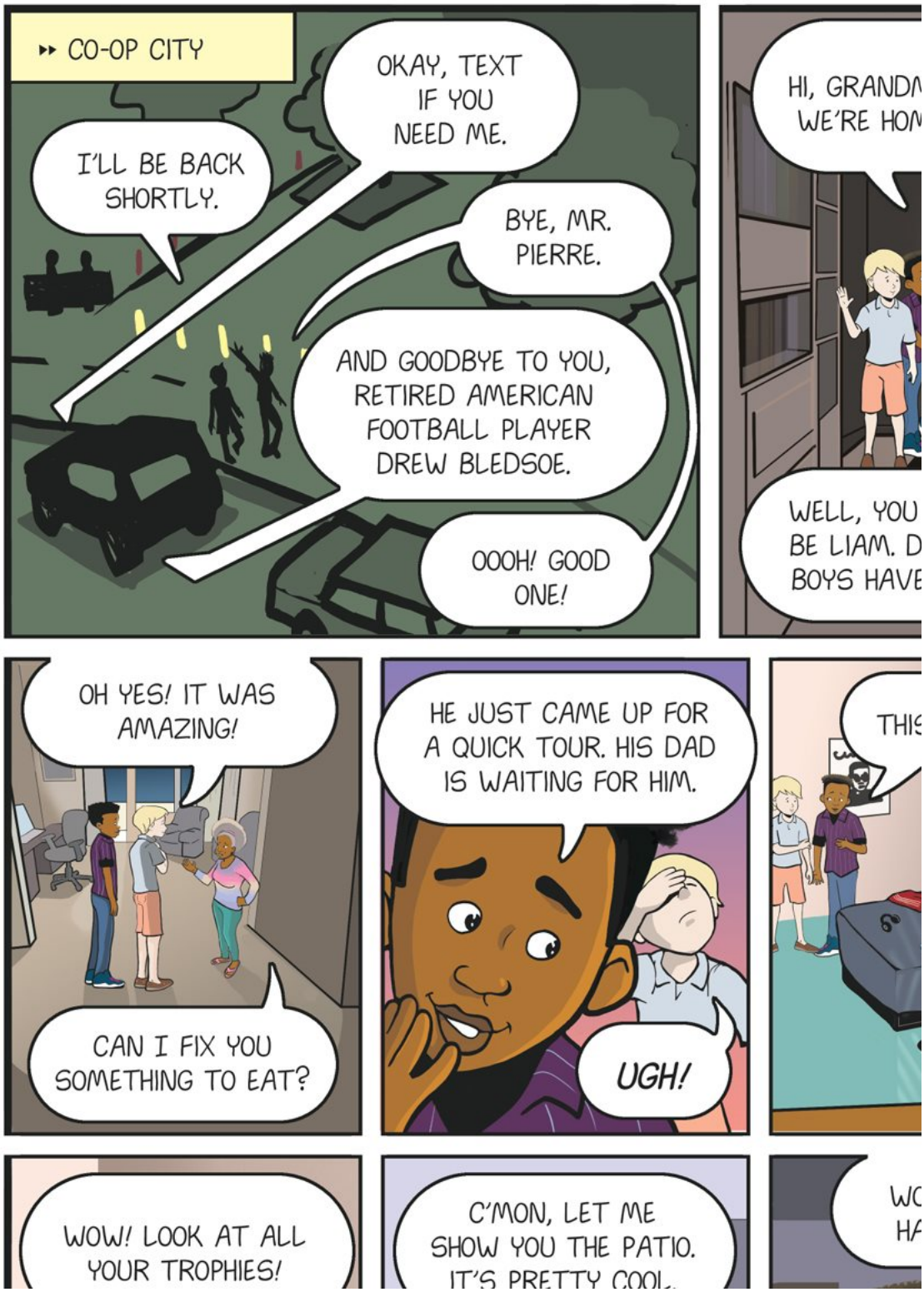

WOW! THAT WAS THE BEST TIME EVER!
AND MY SUGGESTION WAS PRETTY MATURE.
MA

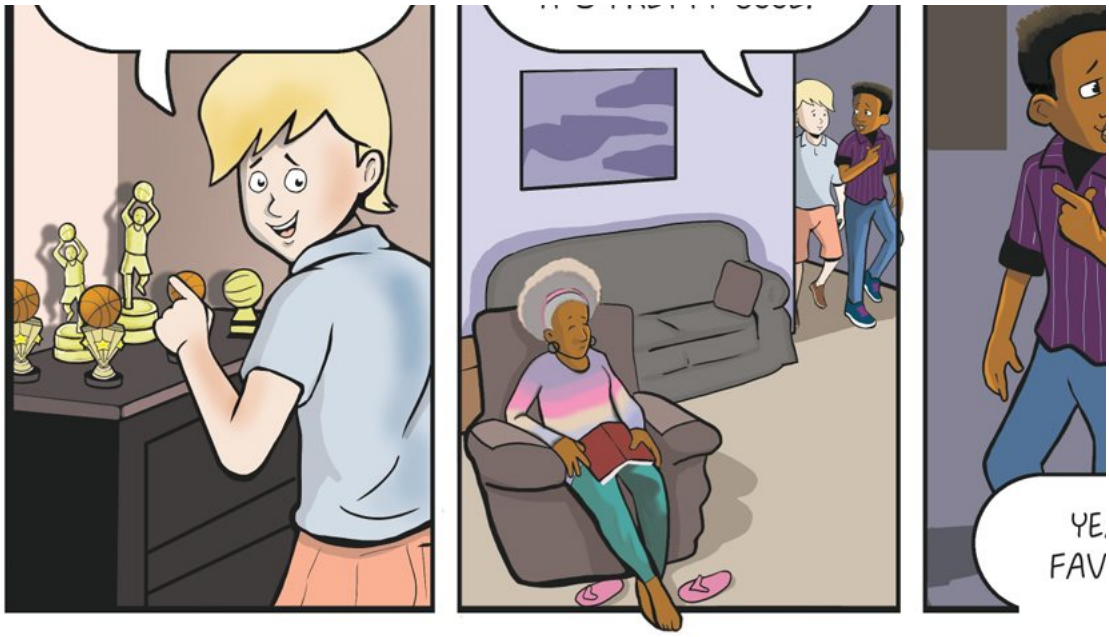
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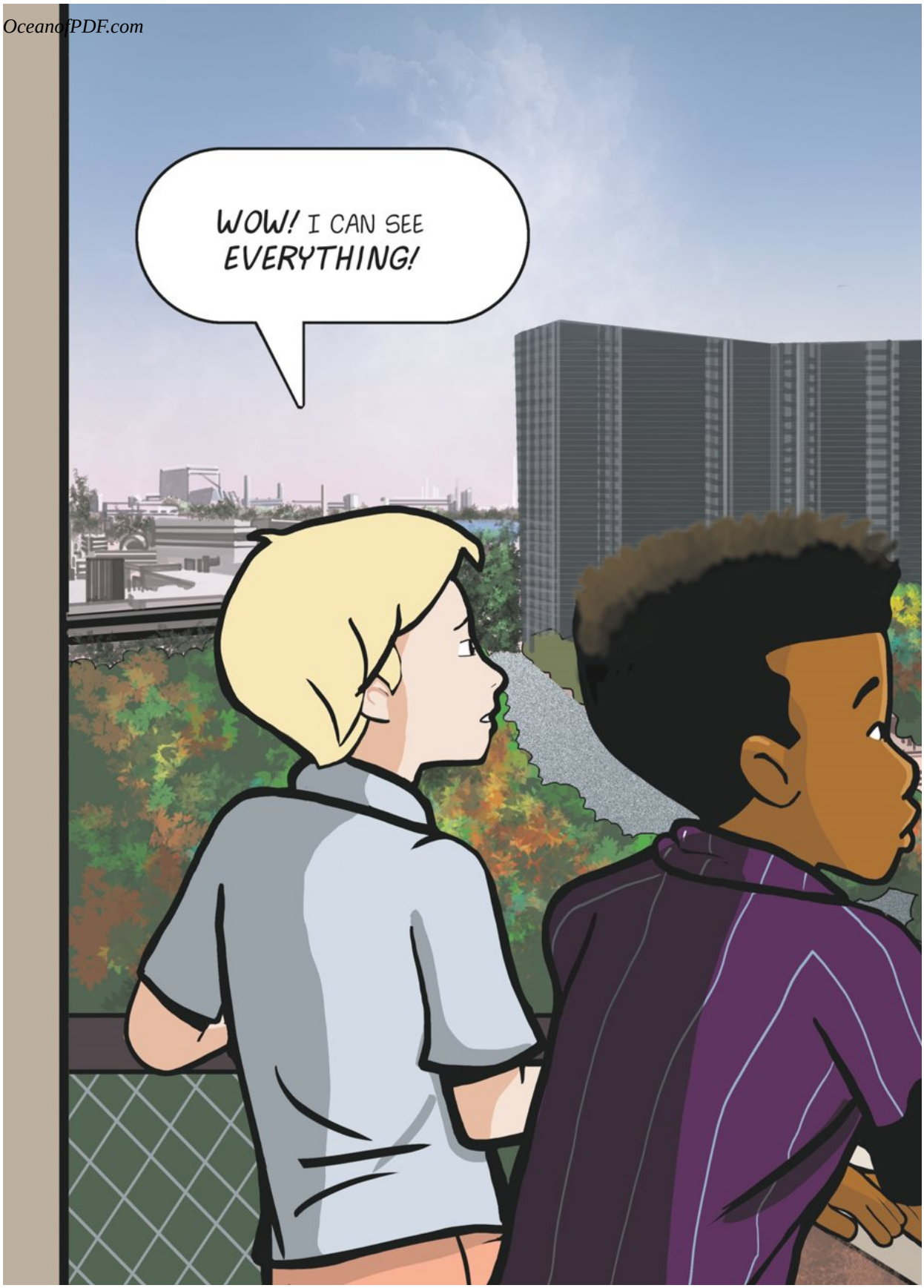

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