

BEATING THE ODDS: PURPLE FLAME AND DABUNG GIRL



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MEET YOUR FRIENDS...
PURPLE FLAME AND DABUNG GIRL!
THEIR SUPERPOWERS CAN
DRIVE ANYONE CRAZY!!

DABUNG GIRL

NANO-ELASTICITY:

CAN EXTEND HER BODY TO
REACH FAR AND WIDE IN A JIFFY

SUPER NEURONS:

CAN USE HER MIND AND
HEART AT 100% CAPACITY

PURPLE FLAME

SOUL ART:

CAN BRING ART AND EXPRESSIONS
TO LIFE

ULTRA COGNIZANCE:

HAS SUPER NATURAL OBSERVATION
AND LEADERSHIP POWER

RIYA HAS RECENTLY MOVED TO MAHANAGAR... IT'S HER SECOND MONTH AT SCHOOL AND SHE HAS BEEN MADE THE CLASS MONITOR

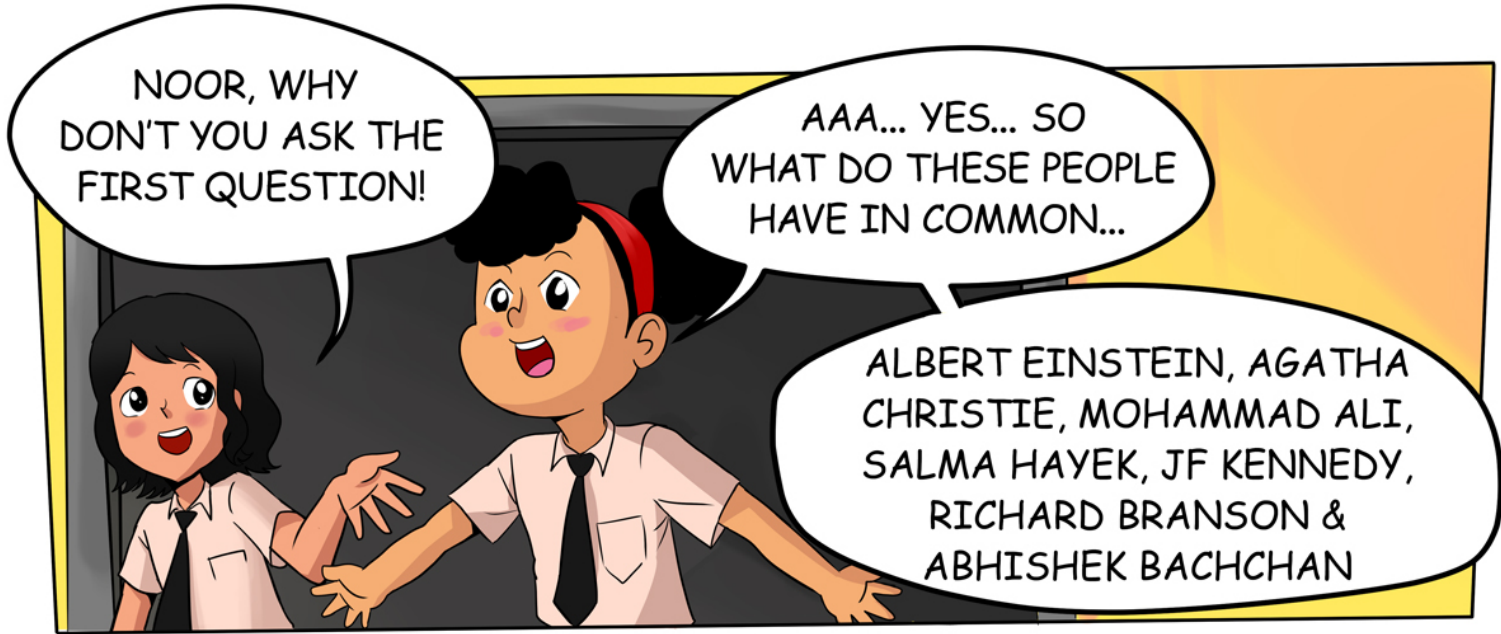
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EVERYONE,
PLEASE BE QUIET...

LET'S PLAY A
FUN QUIZ GAME

YEAAAAAAAY!

STUDENTS QUICKLY
SETTLE DOWN



BUT BEFORE ANYONE COULD GET THE CORRECT ANSWER, MISS SHARMA, THE TEACHER, ENTERS THE CLASSROOM

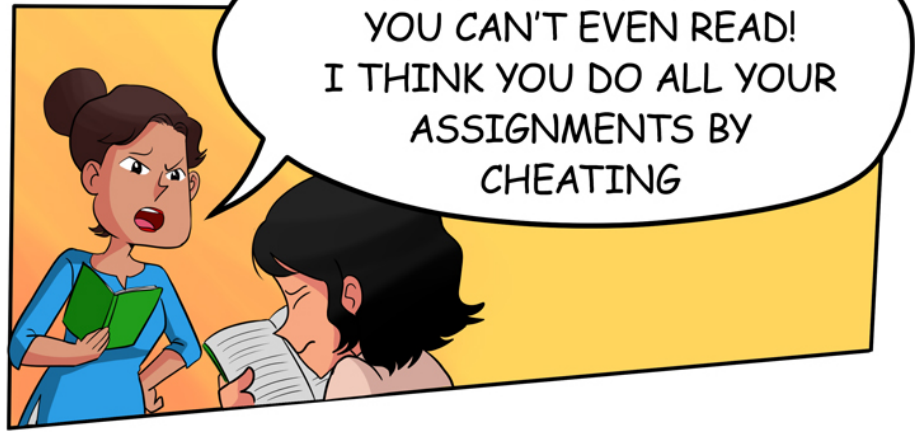




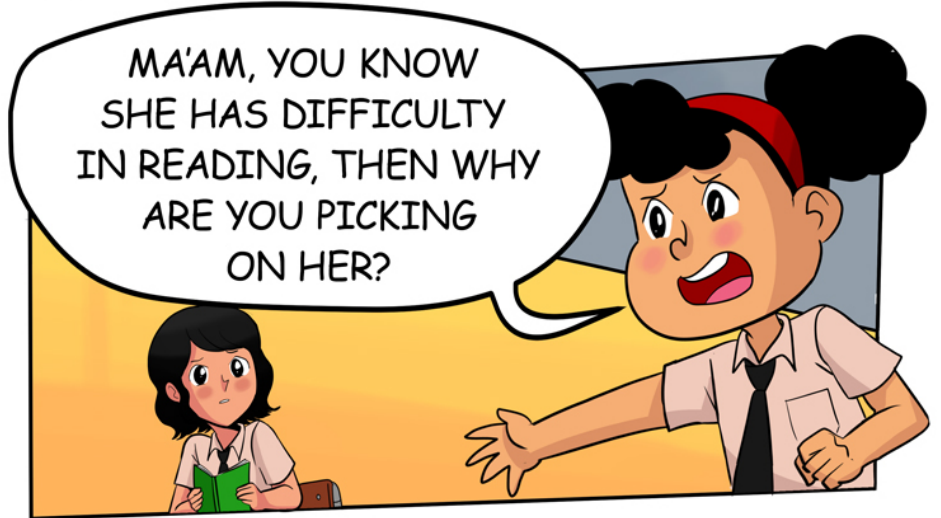
AAA...
CHAP...TER...
IS... AAA



THERE IS
STUNNED SILENCE



WHAT IS THIS RIYA?
YOU CAN'T EVEN READ!
I THINK YOU DO ALL YOUR
ASSIGNMENTS BY
CHEATING



MA'AM, YOU KNOW
SHE HAS DIFFICULTY
IN READING, THEN WHY
ARE YOU PICKING
ON HER?



REALLY!

THEN HOW IS
SHE ABLE TO DO HER
ASSIGNMENTS?



RIYA FEELS LIKE CRYING BUT SHE
DOESN'T... SHE POLITELY SITS DOWN

AFTER THE CLASS, RIYA IS AT THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND...

IT'S TIME TO PONDER, ON WHY THE TEACHER STOLE YOUR THUNDER!

I REALLY WONDER, IF THERE IS AN ENCHANTED SPELL THAT SHE IS UNDER!



HA!

HA!

HA!

WE HAVE THE QUIZ CHAMPIONSHIP AT OUR SCHOOL IN TWO DAYS...

YOU ARE PREPARING WELL, I HOPE

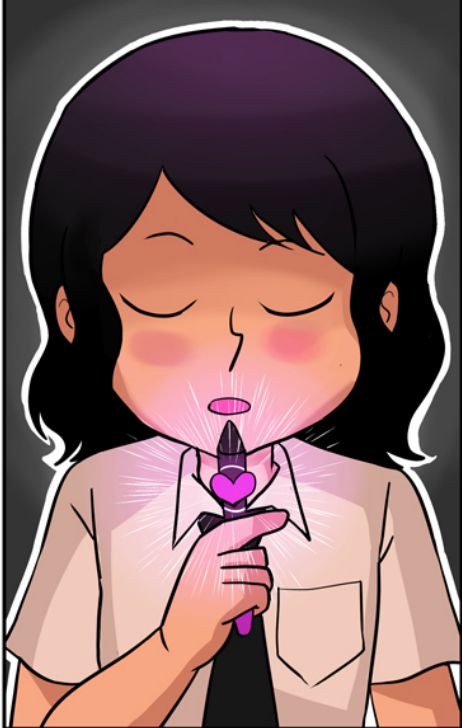
YES, MY FRIEND... IT IS AN UPHILL SLOPE, BUT I WILL KEEP PUSHING THE ENVELOPE

NOOR LEAVES

RIYA TAKES OUT HER TABLET AND DRAWS A BUTTERFLY...



SHE CLOSSES HER EYES...



BE ALIVE!



A BUTTERFLY COMES TO LIFE...



TWO DAYS LATER...



THE TEAM FROM TADKAPUR IS HERE...



TARA

WOW! SUCH A BEAUTIFUL SCHOOL... HOW CAN SOMEONE STUDY HERE? I WOULD JUST KEEP ADMIRING THE BUILDING

THIS IS NOTHING... WHEN I GROW UP, I WILL CREATE A SCHOOL INSIDE THE TAJ MAHAL... IT WILL BE EVEN BIGGER THAN THIS



NAINA



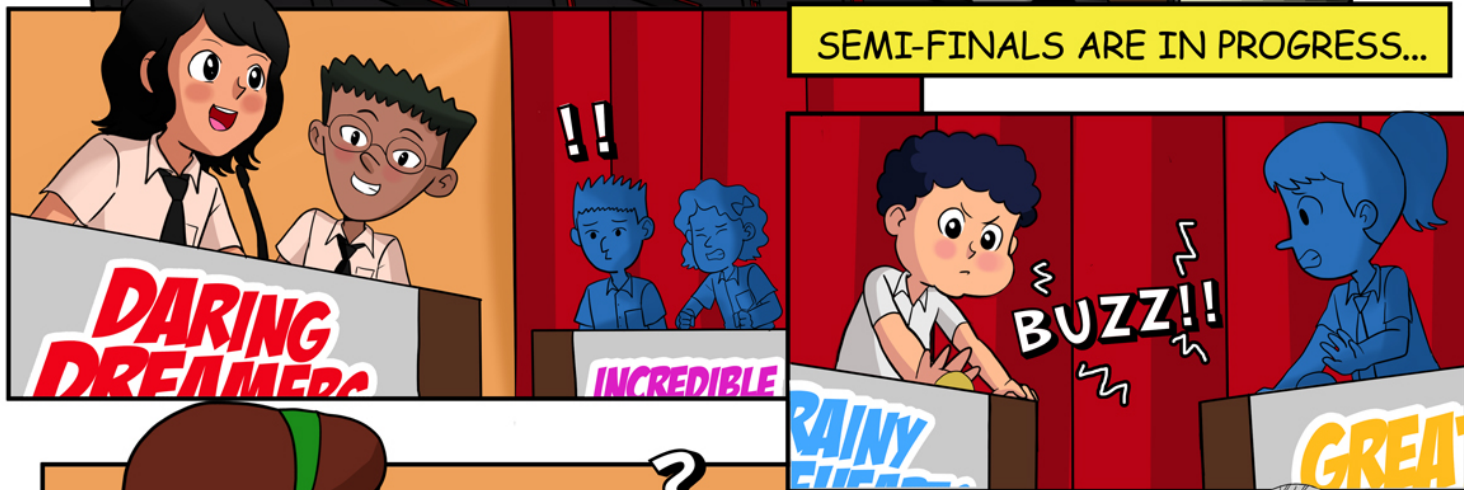
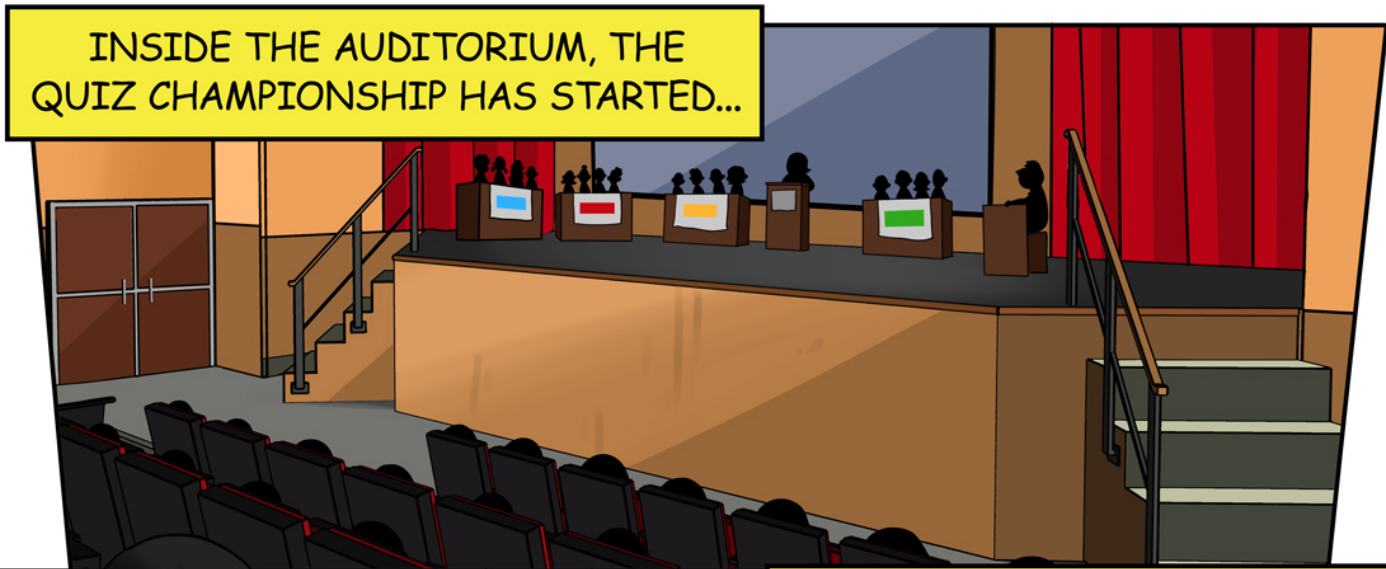
CHINTU

CHINTU, JUST TAJ MAHAL? WHY NOT INSIDE THE PARLIAMENT HOUSE? IT IS ANYWAYS USED ONLY DURING THE DAY...

ONE CAN PROBABLY START A HUGE NIGHT SCHOOL THERE



MUSKAAN



TEAMS FROM MAHANAGAR, TADKAPUR
AND JHAKAASLAND QUALIFY



**ROYAL
ROVERS**



**BRAINY
BRAVEHEARTS**



**DARING
DREAMERS**



SO FRIENDS,
WE HAVE THREE
FINALISTS... SEE
YOU TOMORROW
FOR FINALS!

TEAMS ARE STAYING AT
THE SCHOOL HOSTEL



IT'S ALMOST MIDNIGHT AND
TARA IS UNABLE TO SLEEP

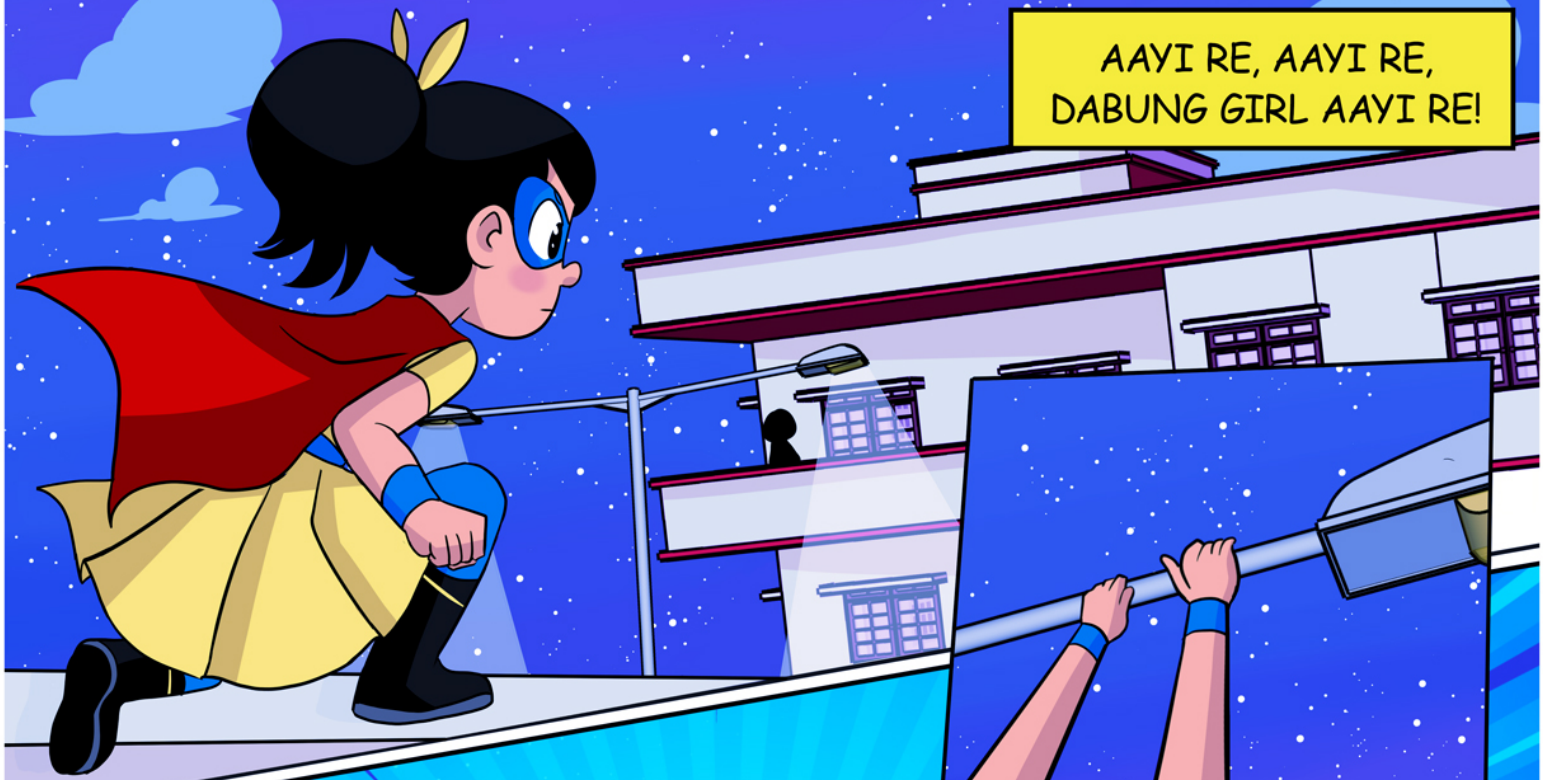



SHE SEES SOMEONE ON THE TERRACE OF ANOTHER BUILDING!

IS THAT AN INTRUDER? TIME FOR DABUNG GIRL!




AAYI RE, AAYI RE,
DABUNG GIRL AAYI RE!







YES, AND WHO ARE YOU? WAIT ARE YOU... ? I DON'T BELIEVE THIS...



YES, I AM PURPLE FLAME, NAAM TO SUNA HI HOGA!



OMG! SO HAPPY TO FINALLY MEET YOU... WHAT BRINGS YOU TO MAHANAGAR?

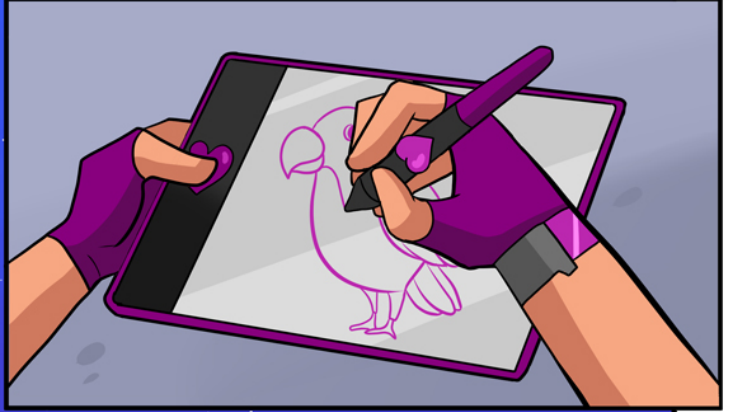


MY FAMILY MOVED HERE RECENTLY

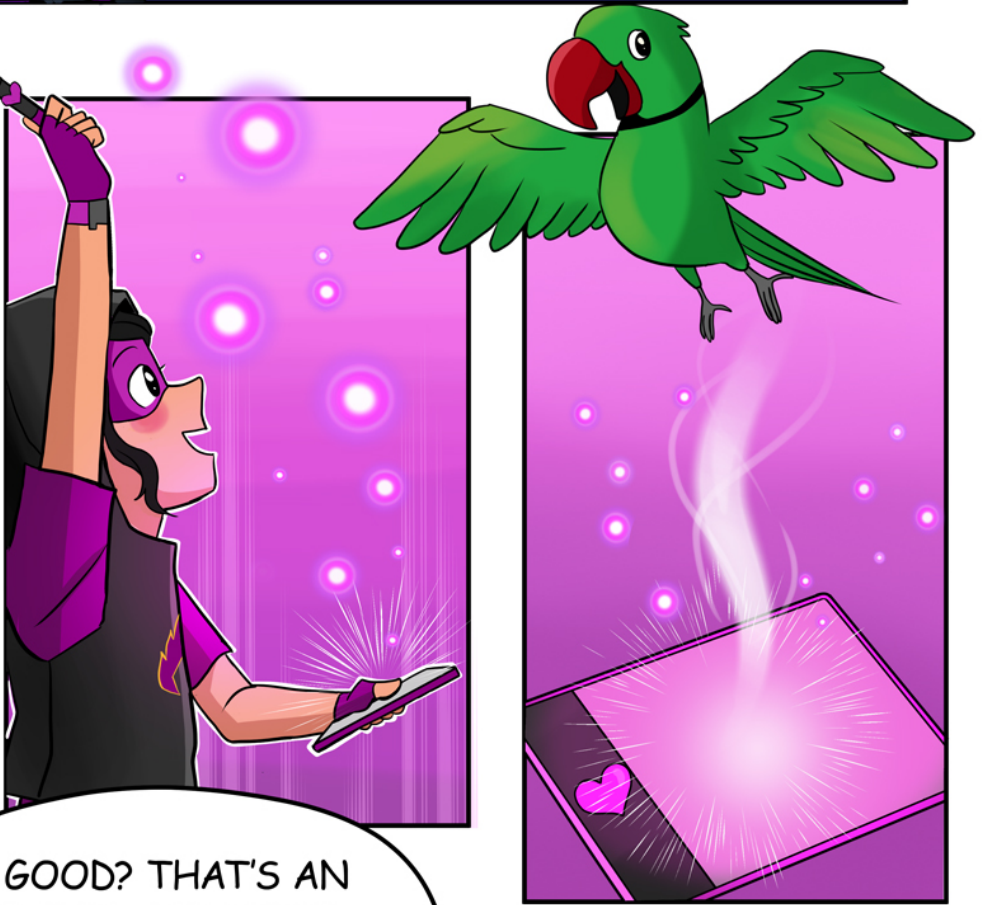


I HAVE HEARD THAT YOU ARE VERY GOOD AT ART!

PURPLE FLAME STARTS DRAWING...



BE ALIVE!



GOOD? THAT'S AN UNDERSTATEMENT... HER ART HAS LIFE!



HA! HA! HA!





THE SKY IS DAZZLING TONIGHT!



PLEASANT COLD AIR, SUCH NIGHTS ARE RARE, I CAN ALL NIGHT STARE, WISHING THE STARS TO TAKE CARE!

WOW... YOU ARE GOOD AT POETRY TOO!

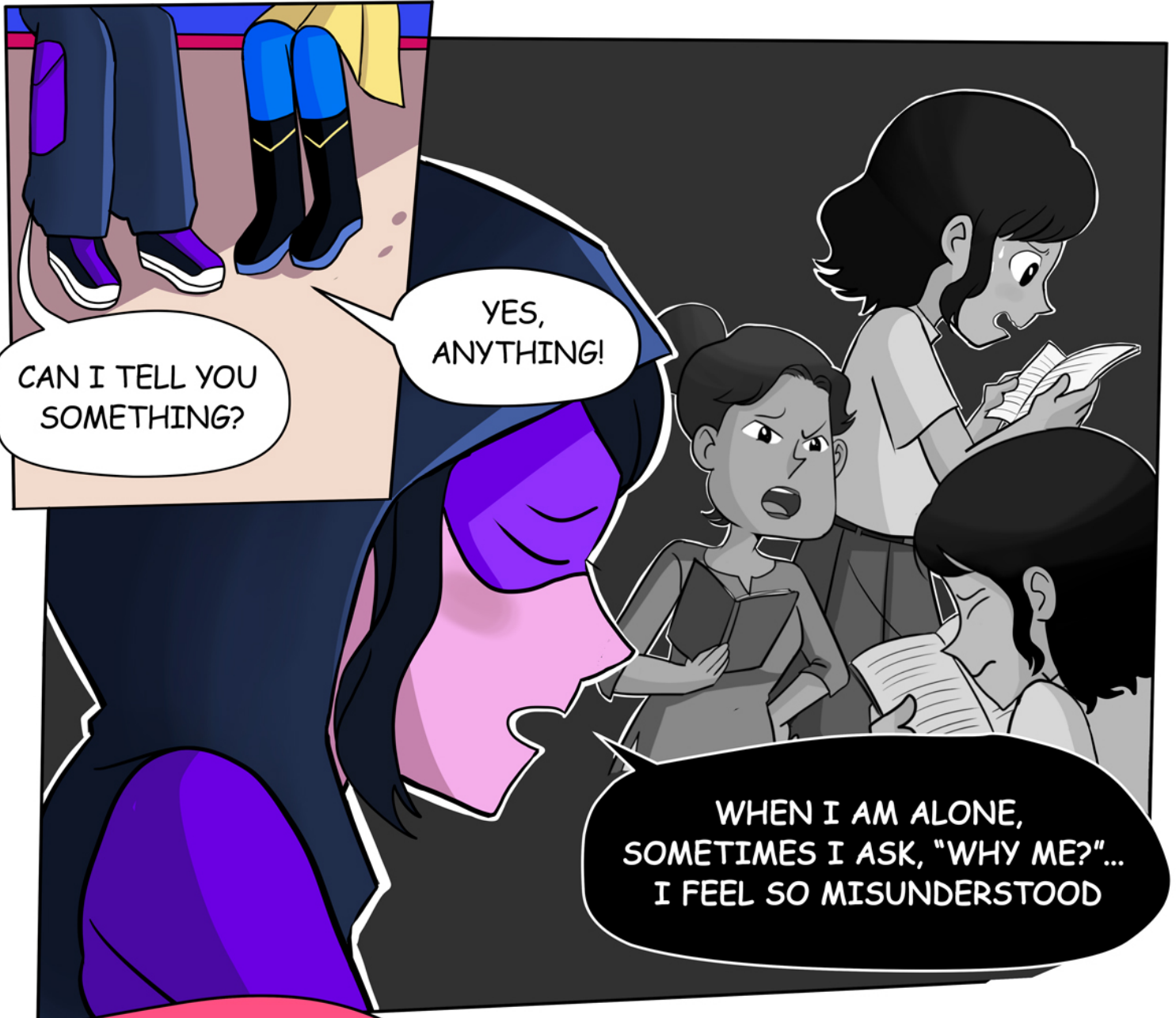


I TRY... BUT I HAVE DYSLEXIA, I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO READ

OH! I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY!



PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND THE FRUSTRATION... MY TEACHERS THINK THAT I READ BACKWARDS!



NEXT DAY,
THE FINALS HAVE
STARTED... THE TEAMS
ARE NECK AND NECK...

BRAINY BRAVEHEARTS
FROM TADKAPUR

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DARING DREAMERS
FROM MAHANAGAR

50

ROYAL ROVERS
FROM JHAKASLAND

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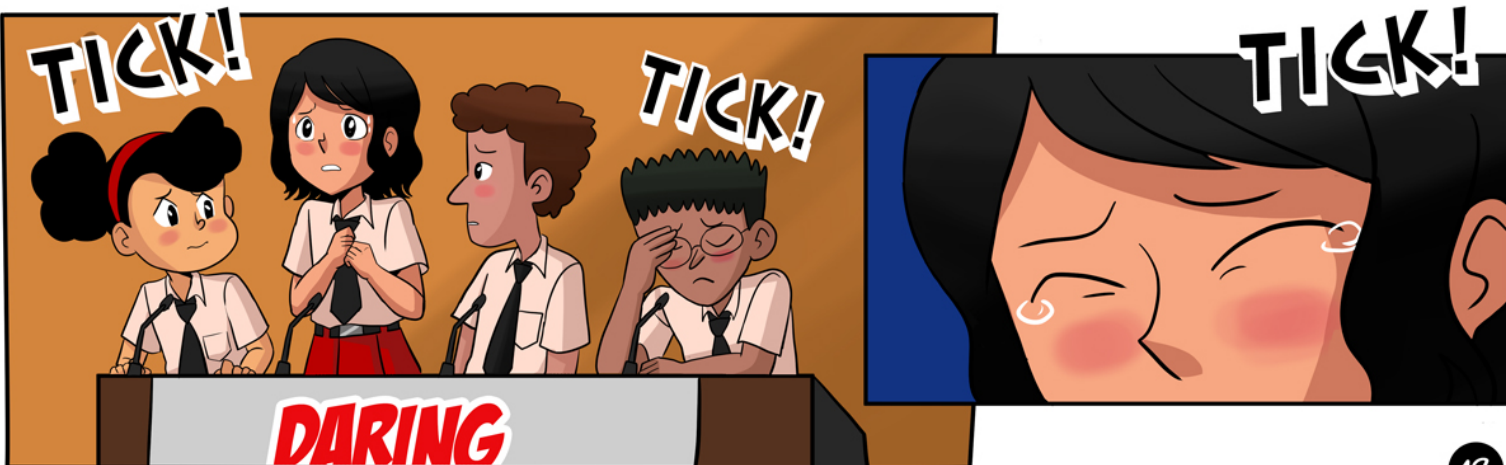
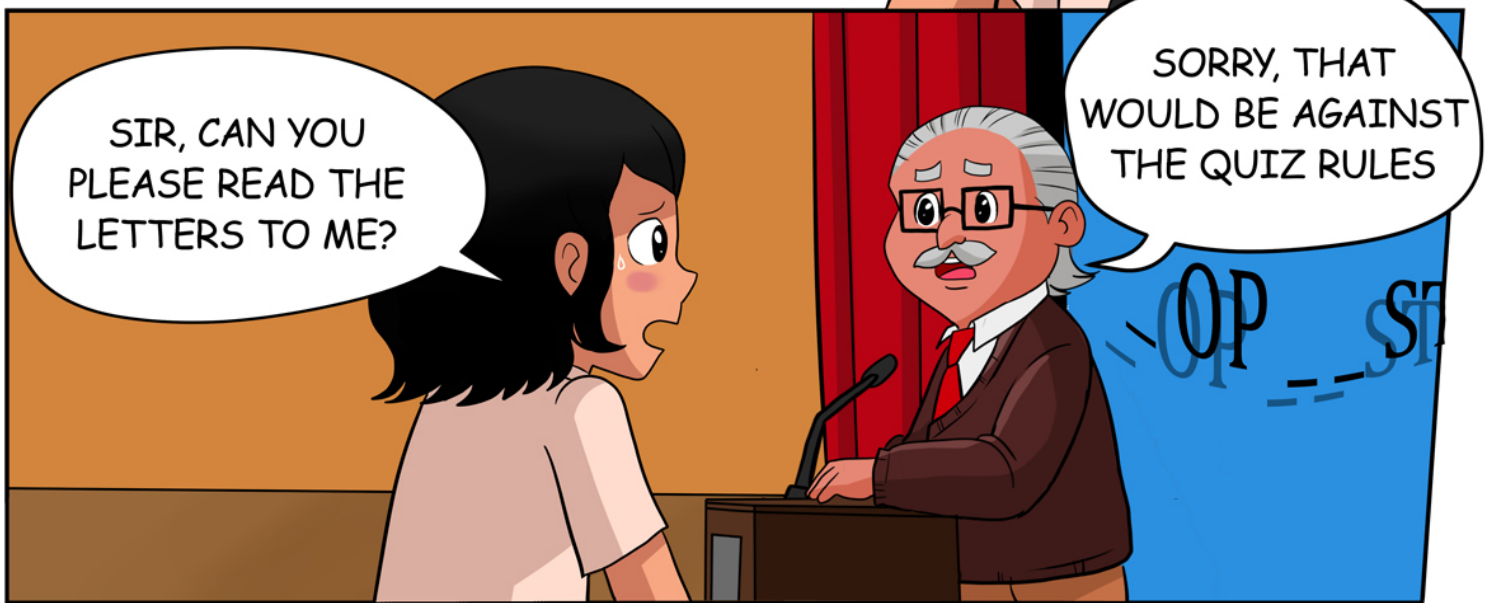
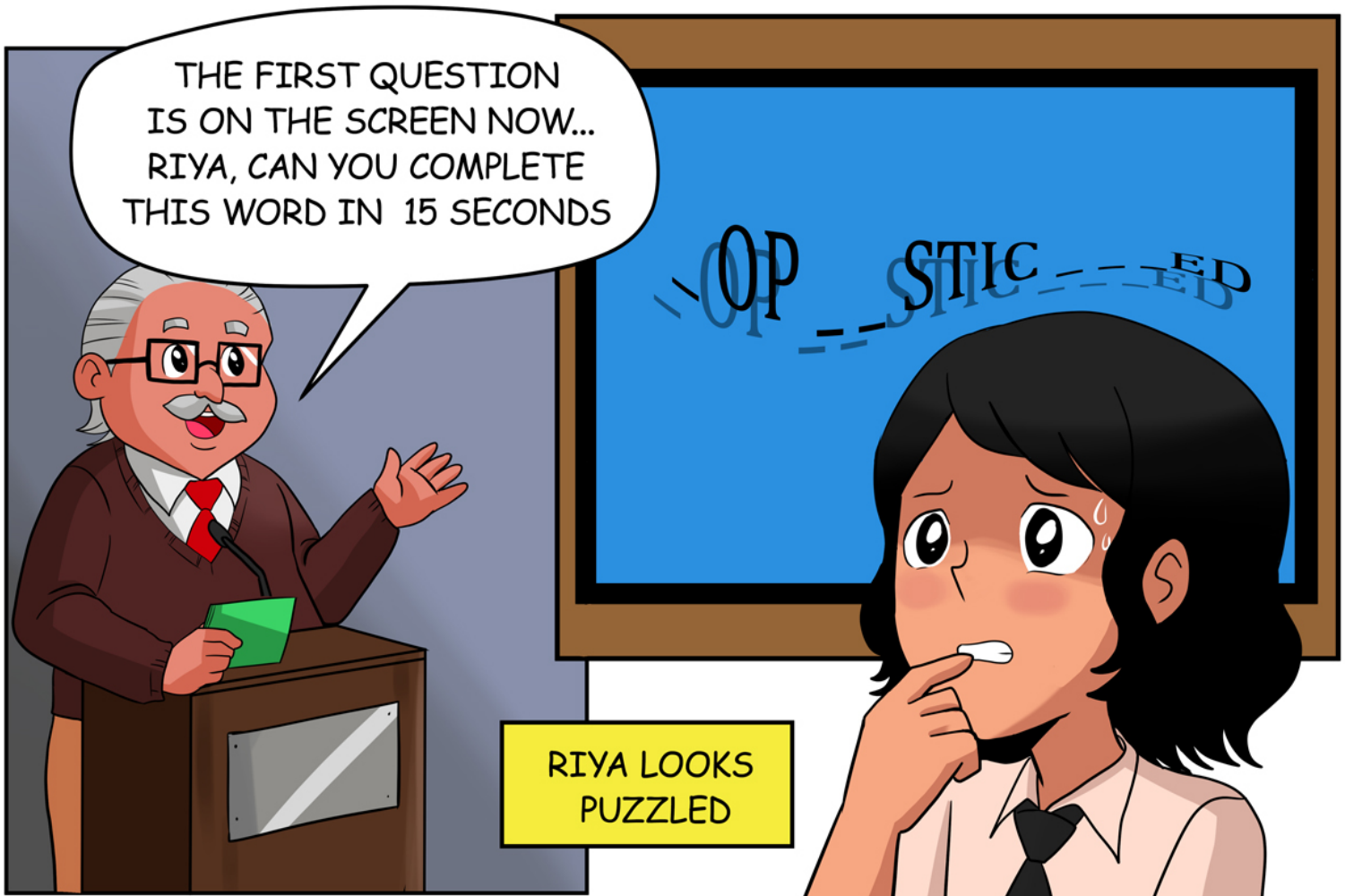
AND IT'S A TIE...
TIME FOR A TIE BREAKER...
YOU NEED TO NOMINATE A
MEMBER FROM YOUR TEAM
TO ANSWER IN THIS
ROUND...

THIS
COMPETITION
IS ABOUT TO
GET REAL!



NAINA IS NOMINATED
BY BRAINY BRAVEHEARTS

RIYA IS NOMINATED
BY DARING DREAMERS



RIYA'S TEAM MEMBER SAYS...

DIDN'T I TELL YOU...
WE SHOULDN'T TAKE
HER IN OUR TEAM

HA! HA! HA!

UNFORTUNATELY, HIS MIC IS ON...
THE AUDIENCE STARTS LAUGHING

NOOR SWITCHES ON HER MIC...

WE WOULDN'T HAVE
REACHED THIS FAR, IF
IT WASN'T FOR HER

EVERYONE BECOMES
QUIET... THE TIME IS UP

NAINA, THE QUESTION
IS PASSED TO YOU...
YOU ONLY HAVE FIVE
SECONDS TO ANSWER

TO RIYA'S RELIEF,
NAINA DOES NOT
KNOW THE ANSWER

THE CORRECT
ANSWER IS SOPHISTICATED...
NOW THAT IS NOT SO
SOPHISTICATED, IS IT!



SUDDENLY, THE
LIGHTS GO OUT...

IT SEEMS THERE
IS A POWER CUT DUE
TO THE STORM AND
OUR GENERATOR IS
NOT WORKING

I REQUEST ALL
OF YOU TO PLEASE
REMAIN SEATED

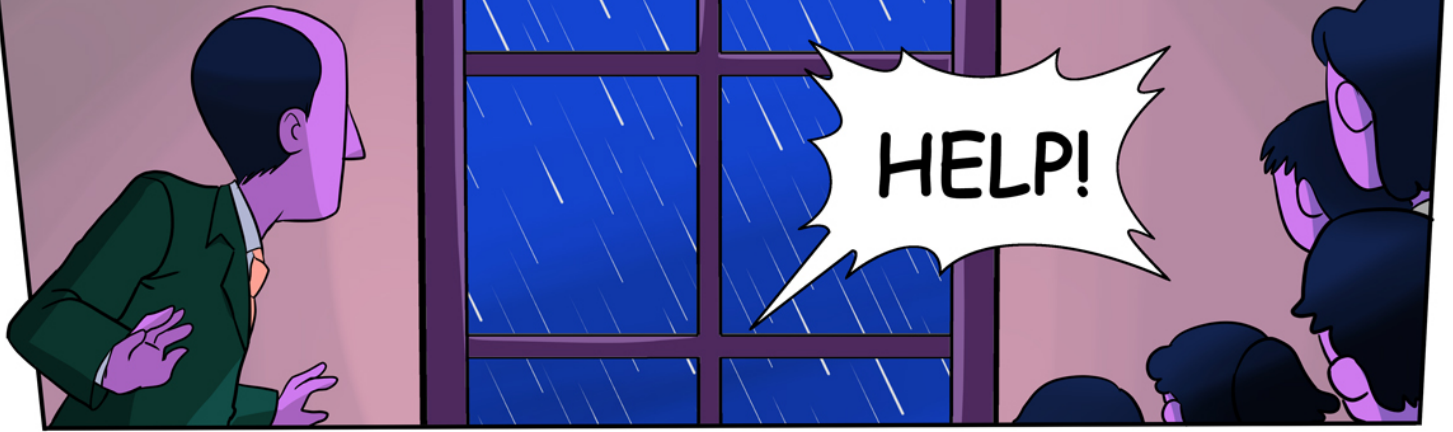
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CRASH!

CLASH!

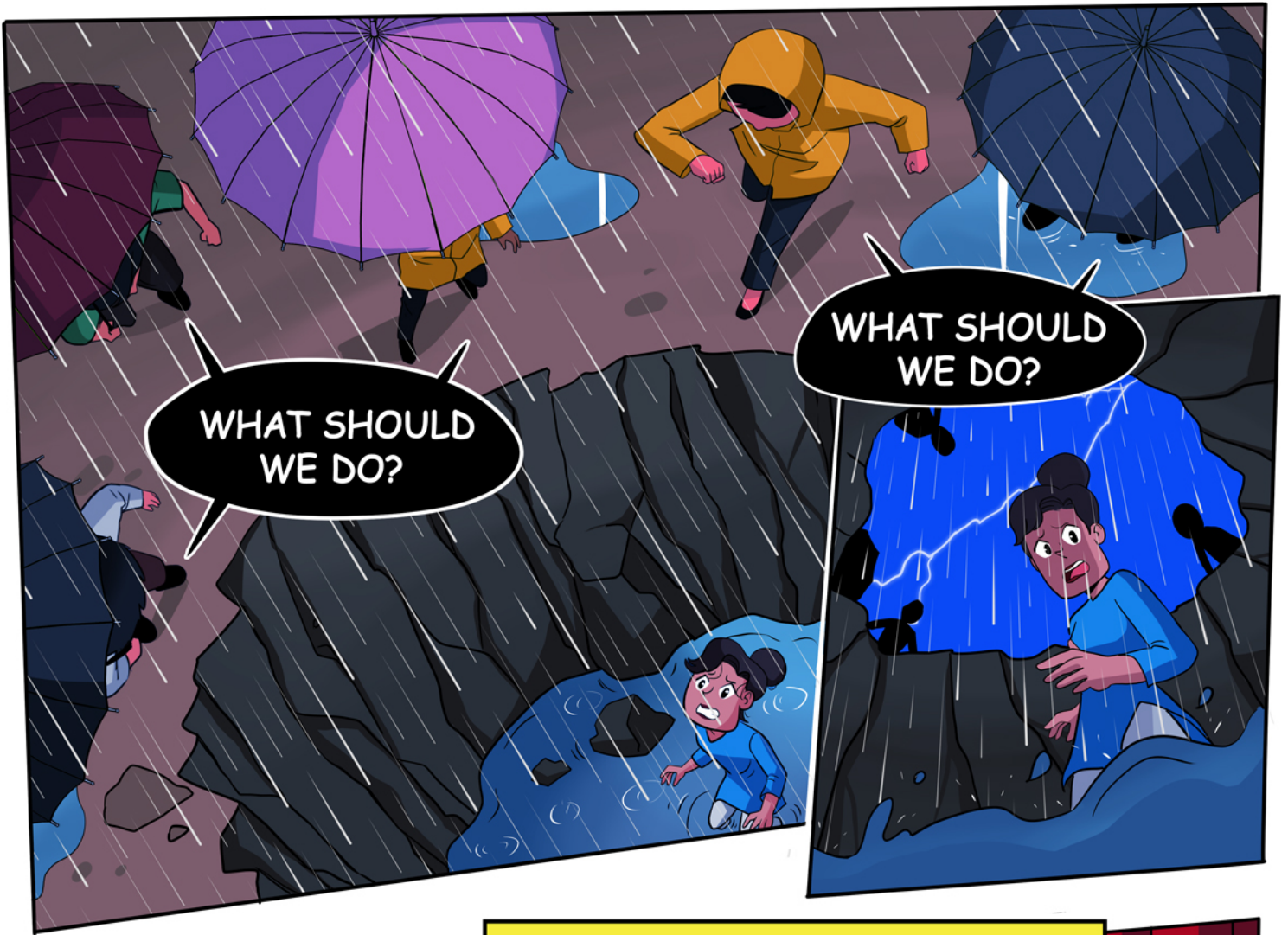


A VOICE IS HEARD OUTSIDE THE AUDITORIUM



SOMEONE HAS FALLEN INTO THE HOLE... WATER IS FILLING UP FAST... WE SHOULD HELP

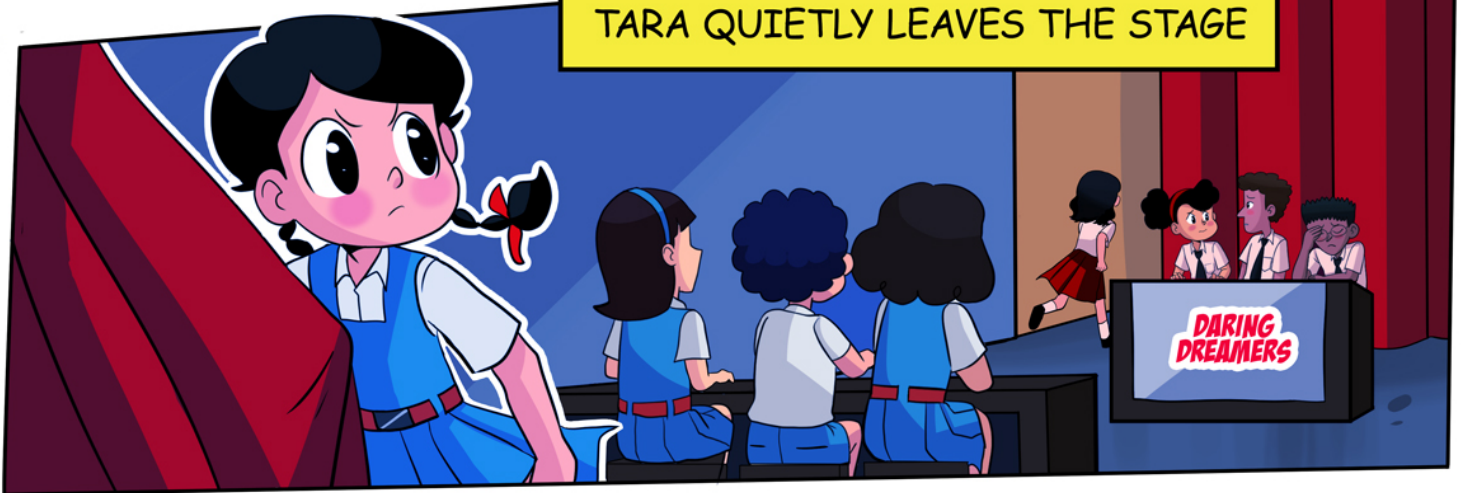




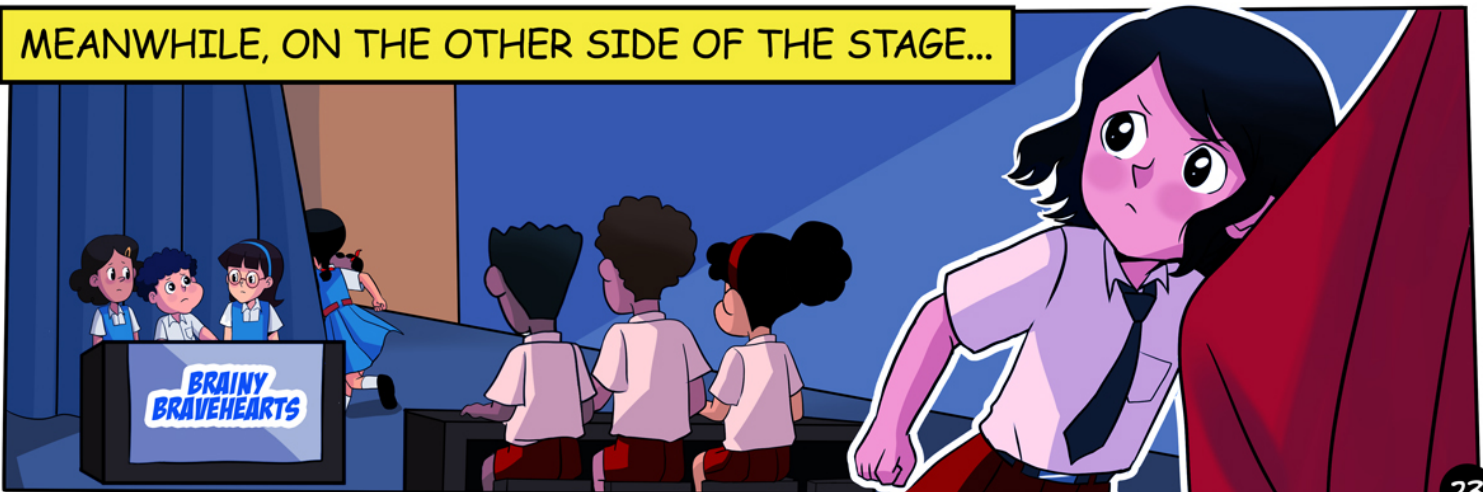
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

BACK IN THE AUDITORIUM...
TARA QUIETLY LEAVES THE STAGE



MEANWHILE, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STAGE...





TRANSFORM!!

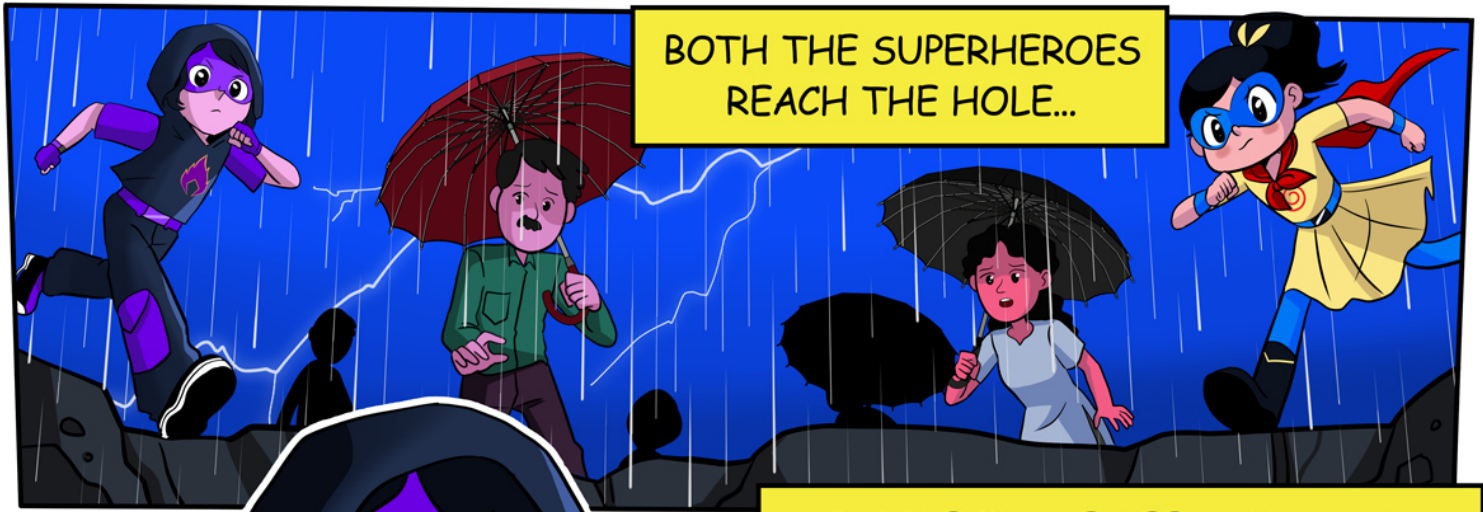
KAVOOOOM!!

WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH, PURPLE FLAME
AND DABUNG GIRL ALWAYS SHOW UP!!!

ROCK AND ROLL,
PURPLE FLAME SLAYS HER GOAL!



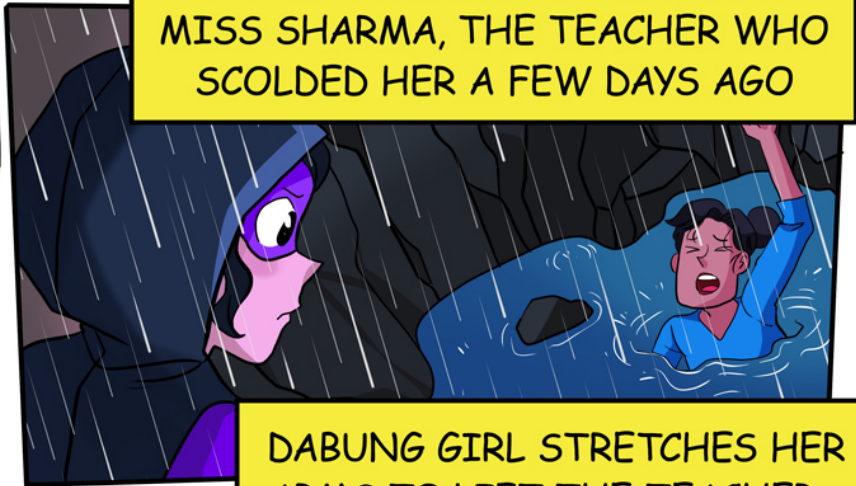
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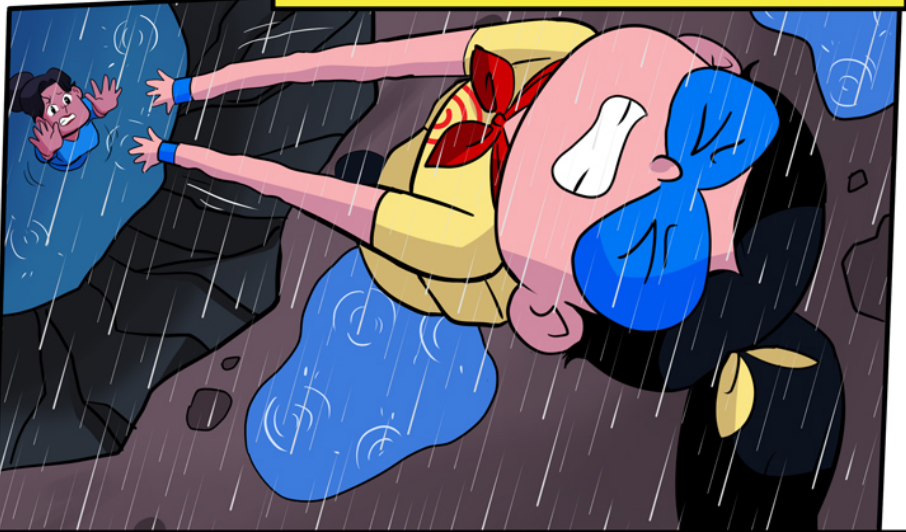
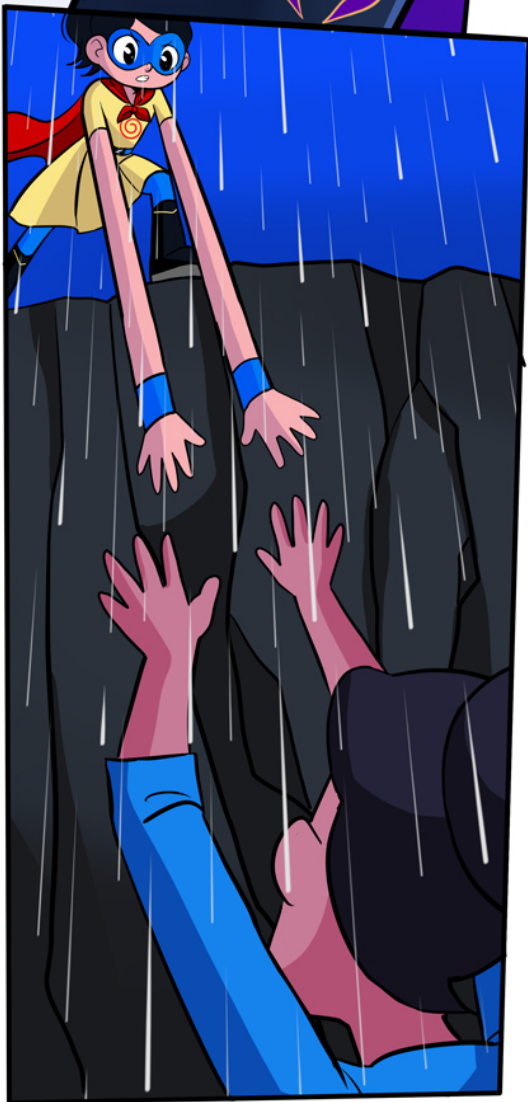
BOTH THE SUPERHEROES REACH THE HOLE...



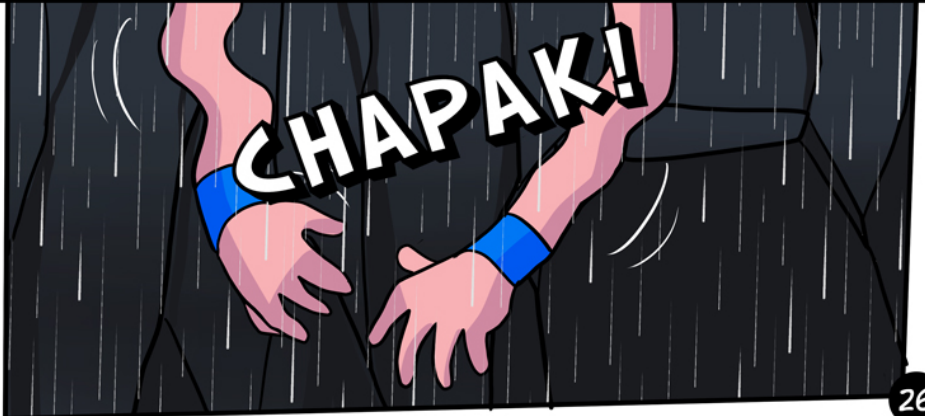
PURPLE FLAME SEES THAT IT'S MISS SHARMA, THE TEACHER WHO SCOLDED HER A FEW DAYS AGO



DABUNG GIRL STRETCHES HER ARMS TO LIFT THE TEACHER...



BUT SHE IS UNABLE TO DO SO AS HER ARMS LOOSE ELASTICITY DUE TO RAIN WATER



PURPLE FLAME
I NEED YOUR
HELP!

I DON'T LIKE
HER BECAUSE SHE
DOESN'T LIKE ME! GIVE
ME ONE GOOD REASON
TO HELP HER

BECAUSE YOU ARE A
GOOD PERSON... NOT
EVERYONE WILL BE ABLE TO
SEE THAT BUT DON'T LET
THAT CHANGE YOU

NOW THAT'S
TRUE!

PURPLE FLAME DRAWS A GIANT BIRD...

BE ALIVE!



BUT THE BIRD, MADE OF INK, DISSOLVES IN THE RAIN



OH NO!



TIME TO WORK TOGETHER!





PURPLE FLAME CREATES A PULLY, WHEREAS DABUNG GIRL HOLDS THE UMBRELLAS TOGETHER TO PROTECT THE INK FROM DISSOLVING

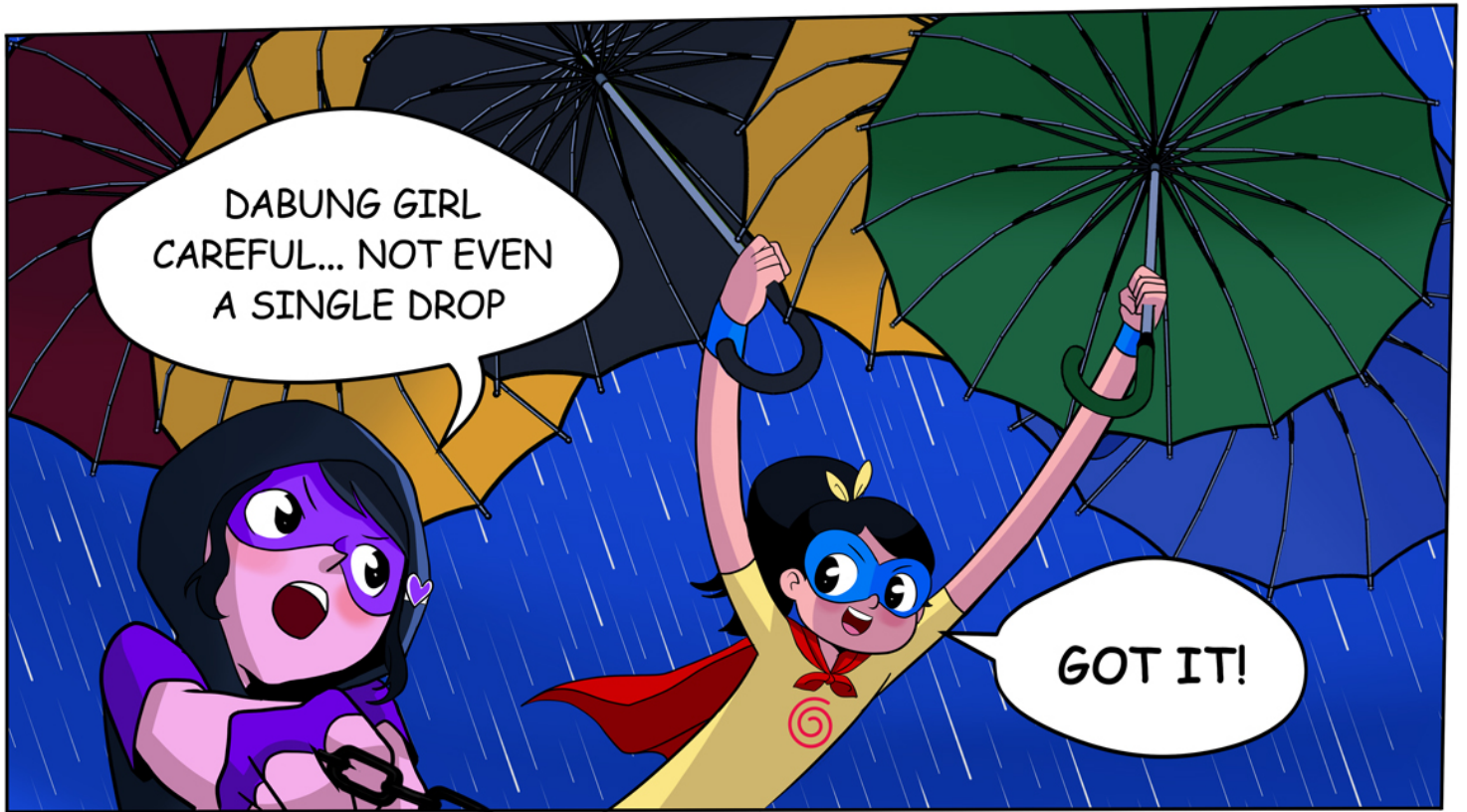


BE ALIVE!



WOW! MAYBE I SHOULD INVITE PURPLE FLAME TO MY PHYSICS CLASS TO EXPLAIN THE PULLEY SYSTEM TO MY STUDENTS





TOGETHER, THEY PULL UP THE TEACHER





I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH PURPLE FLAME AND DABUNG GIRL

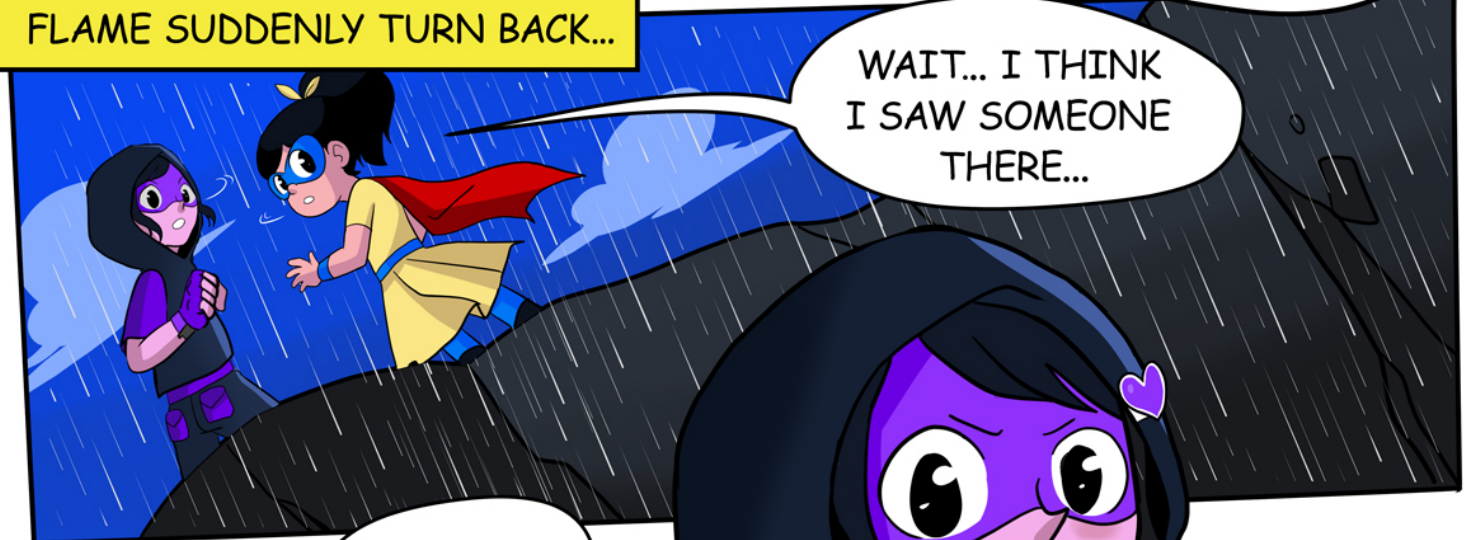


PLEASE DON'T MENTION IT

WHATTT!!! PLEASE DO MENTION!

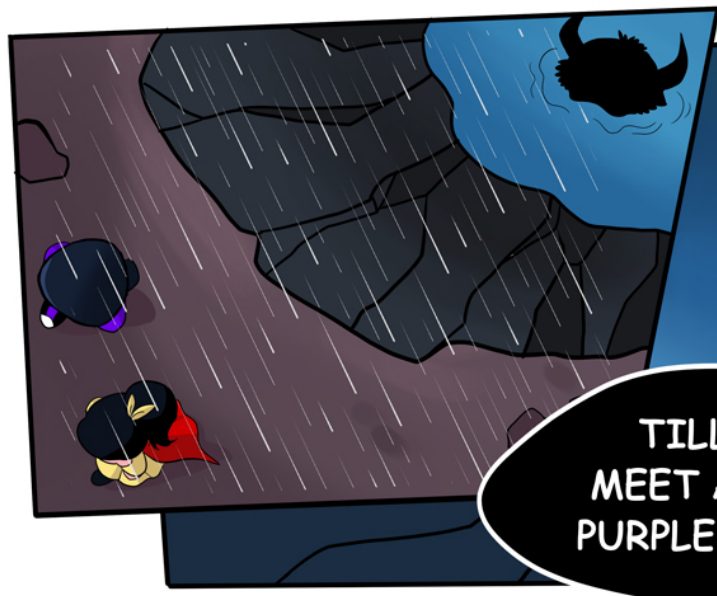
NOW THAT WAS TIME "WELL" SPENT...

DABUNG GIRL AND PURPLE FLAME SUDDENLY TURN BACK...



WAIT... I THINK I SAW SOMEONE THERE...

ME TOO!



TILL WE MEET AGAIN PURPLE FLAME!

AFTER SOME TIME, ELECTRICITY IS RESTORED... COMPETITION STARTS AGAIN

SO TEAM BRAINY BRAVEHEARTS IT'S YOUR TURN

ANSWER THIS QUESTION TO WIN THE COMPETITION...

WHAT DO THESE PEOPLE HAVE IN COMMON? ALBERT EINSTEIN, AGATHA CHRISTIE, MOHAMMAD ALI, SALMA HAYEK, RICHARD BRANSON, JF KENNEDY & ABHISHEK BACHCHAN

TICK!

?

TICK!

NAINA IS UNABLE TO ANSWER



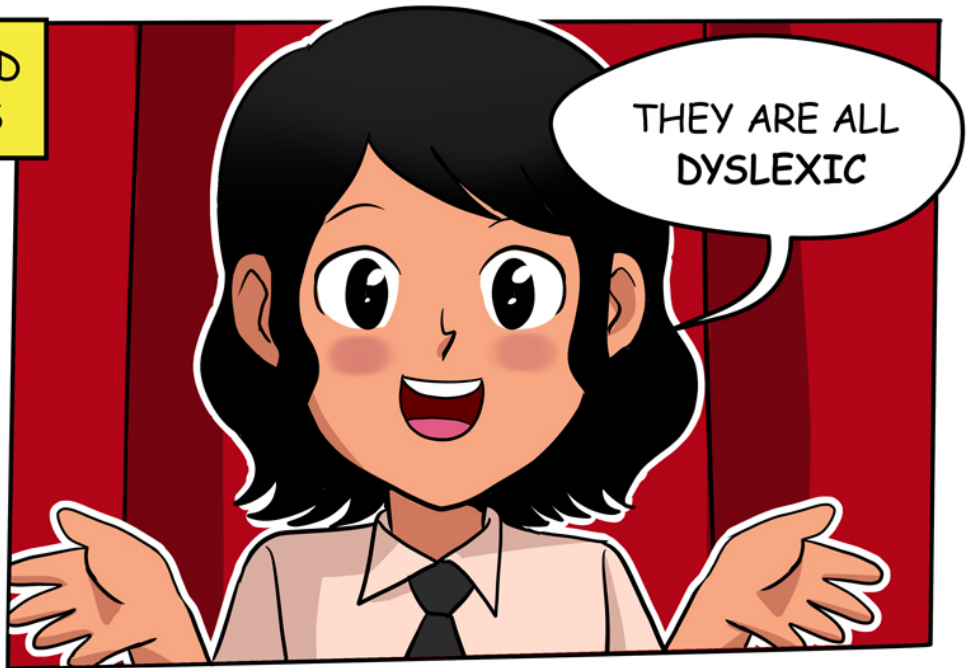
NOW THE QUESTION PASSES TO TEAM DARING DREAMERS

DARING DREAMERS

RIYA LOOKS AT NOOR AND THEY EXCHANGE SMILES



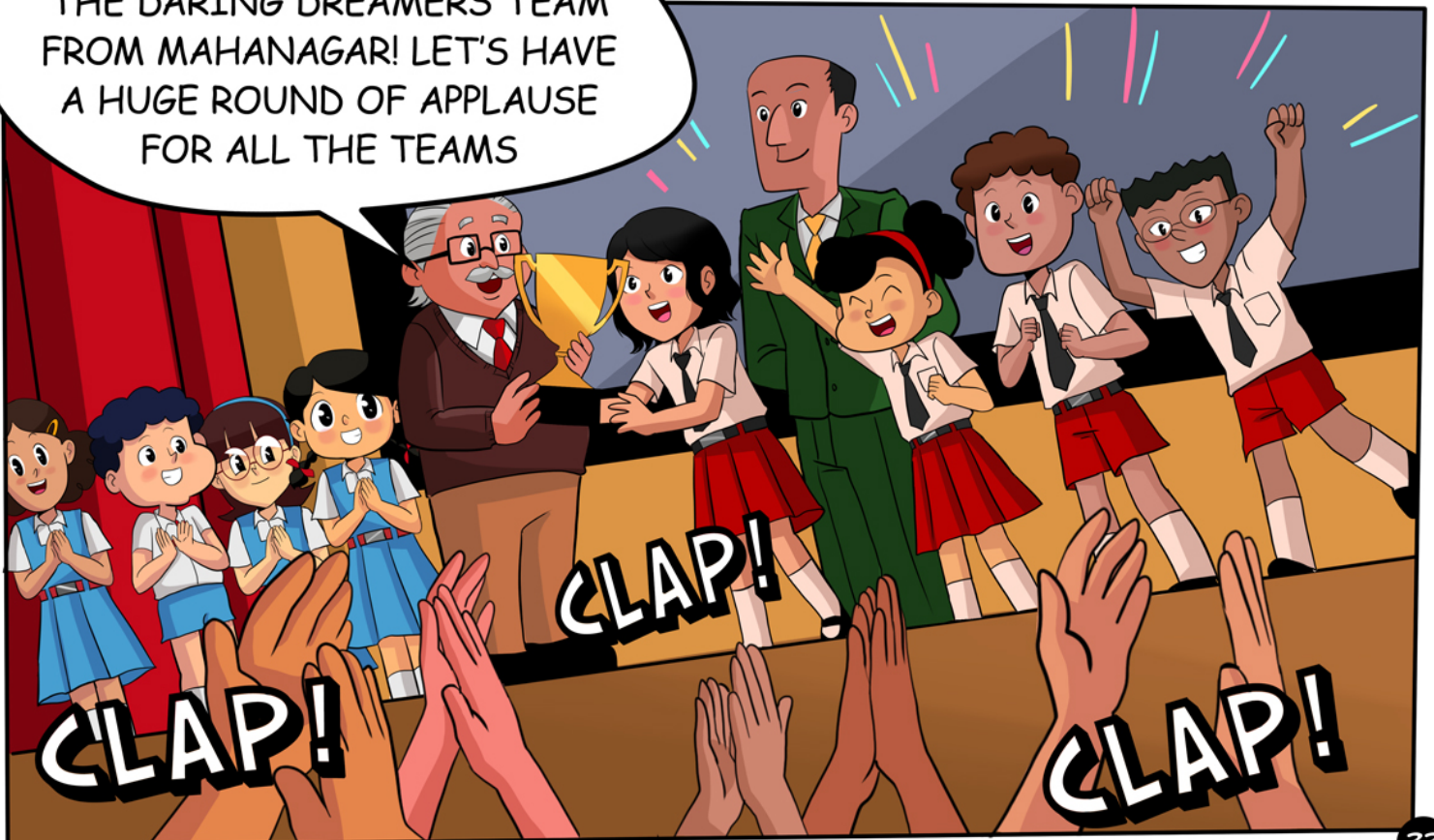
THEY ARE ALL
DYSLEXIC



ABSOLUTELY RIGHT!
EVEN THOUGH THEY FIND
IT DIFFICULT TO READ, THEY
HAVE CREATED SOME OF THE
MOST WONDERFUL THINGS
IN THIS WORLD



AND THE WINNER IS
THE DARING DREAMERS TEAM
FROM MAHANAGAR! LET'S HAVE
A HUGE ROUND OF APPLAUSE
FOR ALL THE TEAMS



NEXT DAY, IT'S TIME FOR ALL TEAMS TO LEAVE...

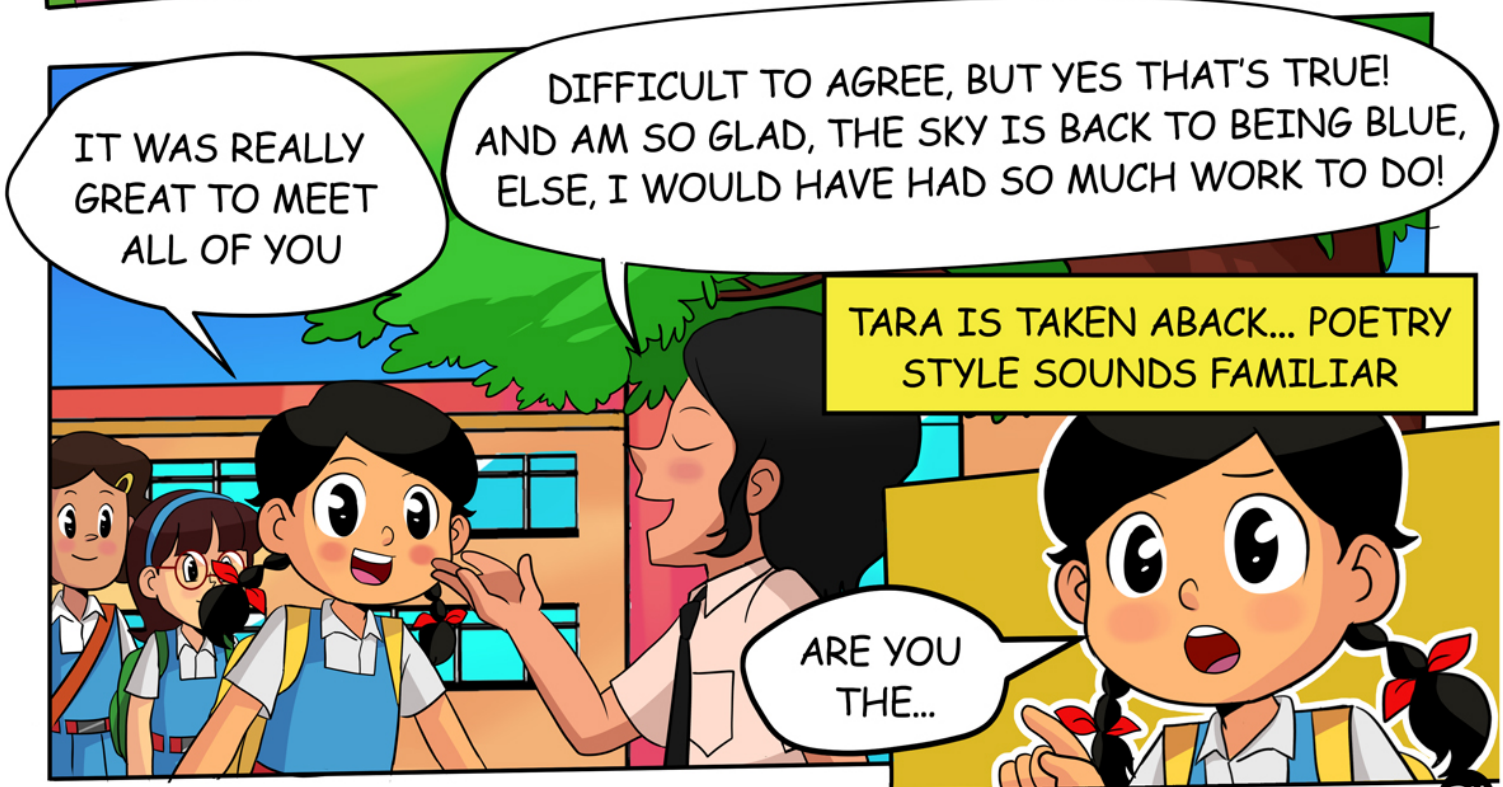


RIYA, YOU WERE SO AWESOME IN THE QUIZ

AH! AH!... ONLY RIYA!



NO NO... I MEANT THE ENTIRE TEAM OF DARING DREAMERS



IT WAS REALLY GREAT TO MEET ALL OF YOU

DIFFICULT TO AGREE, BUT YES THAT'S TRUE! AND AM SO GLAD, THE SKY IS BACK TO BEING BLUE, ELSE, I WOULD HAVE HAD SO MUCH WORK TO DO!

TARA IS TAKEN ABACK... POETRY STYLE SOUNDS FAMILIAR

ARE YOU THE...



A FEW MOMENTS LATER...
BUTTERFLIES BRING A LETTER TO TARA



HELLO FRIENDS!

Dyslexia is a learning disorder that impacts reading abilities of an individual, even though the person may have average or above average IQ. It is not visible physically and can only be diagnosed through a combination of tests. Research from the National Institutes of Health (USA) as well as Yale University shows that around 1 in every 5 persons has dyslexia.

If you are someone with dyslexia, remember that some of the brightest children struggle to read and spell. Many successful people at the top of their fields are dyslexic. While people with dyslexia may be slow readers, they often are creative thinkers, innovators and problem solvers.

If your friend has dyslexia, know that most children and adults with dyslexia can learn to read - but might need support and patience of their peers. It may be helpful when chatting with your friend to ask one question at a time, or break information down into smaller chunks.

It is a myth that individuals with dyslexia "read backwards." At times spelling can look quite jumbled to them as dyslexics may have trouble remembering letter symbols for sounds and forming memories for words.

DO YOU KNOW THIS ABOUT PURPLE FLAME?

SOME YEARS AGO ON A STORMY NIGHT...



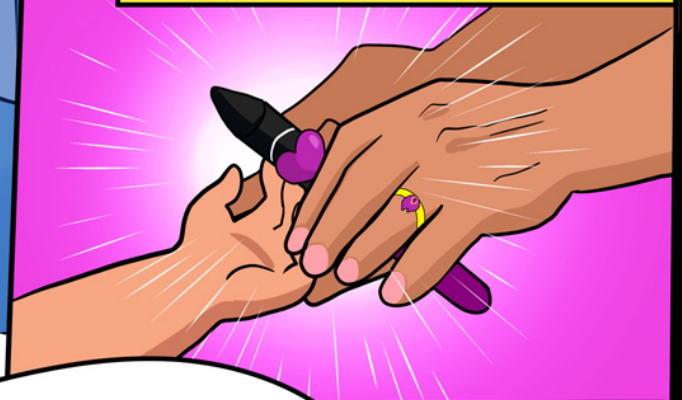
A GIRL IS BORN



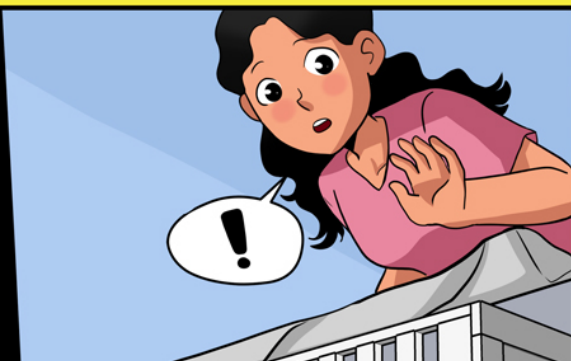
A FEW MOMENTS LATER,
A GUARDIAN ANGEL APPEARS...



SHE LEAVES HER A GIFT...



NEXT DAY, RIYA'S MOTHER SEES
HER PLAYING WITH A NEW PEN...



RIYA SEEMS TO
HAVE A STRONG
CONNECTION WITH
THE PEN



LITTLE DID SHE KNOW THAT IT WAS A MAGICAL WAND

DO YOU KNOW THIS ABOUT DABUNG GIRL?

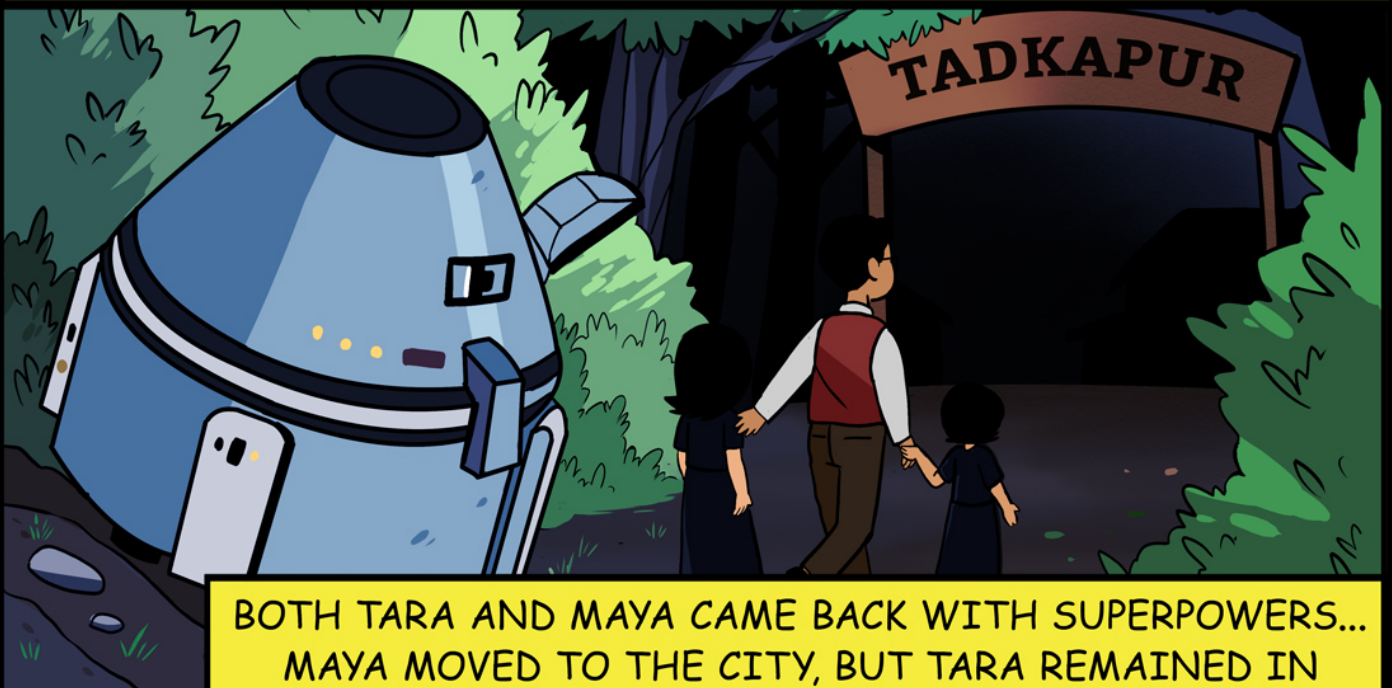
ONE DAY, ALIENS KIDNAPPED ONE OF INDIA'S MOST PROMINENT SCIENTISTS... UNKNOWINGLY, THEY ALSO TOOK BOTH HER DAUGHTERS, TARA AND MAYA...



THREE YEARS LATER, A BRIGHT SPIRAL SHAPE IS SEEN IN THE NIGHT SKY...



THAT SAME NIGHT, A CAPSULE FROM ANOTHER WORLD LANDS ON EARTH, AND BRINGS BACK THE SCIENTIST'S DAUGHTERS TO THEIR FATHER IN TADKAPUR... BUT THE SCIENTIST'S WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN EVEN TODAY...



BOTH TARA AND MAYA CAME BACK WITH SUPERPOWERS... MAYA MOVED TO THE CITY, BUT TARA REMAINED IN TADKAPUR AND BECAME DABUNG GIRL...

COLOUR US

WE LOVE NEW AND
COLOURFUL AVATARS...
CAN YOU SUGGEST NEW
COLOURS FOR OUR
CLOTHES?



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