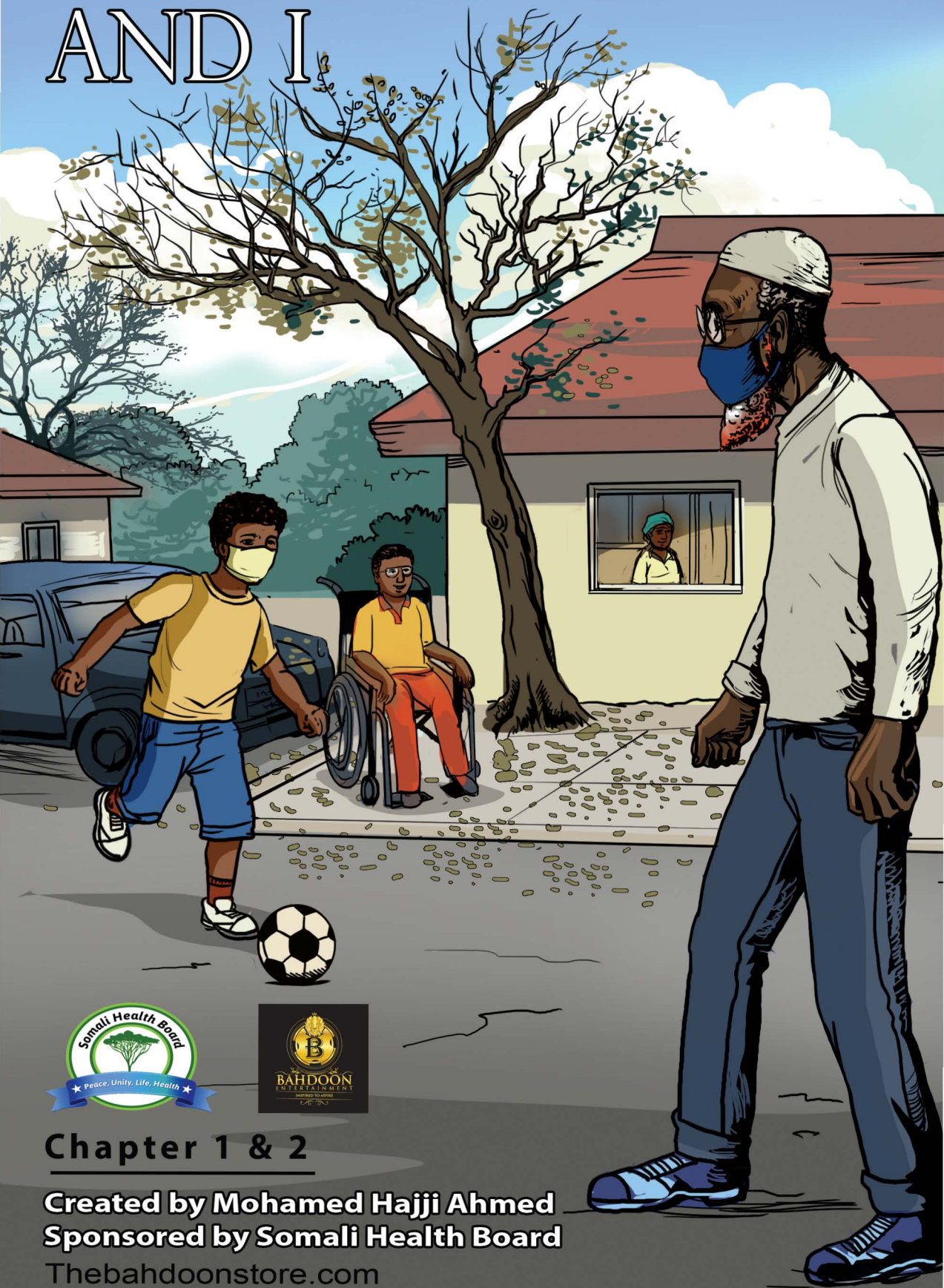


# AWOOWE, COVID AND I

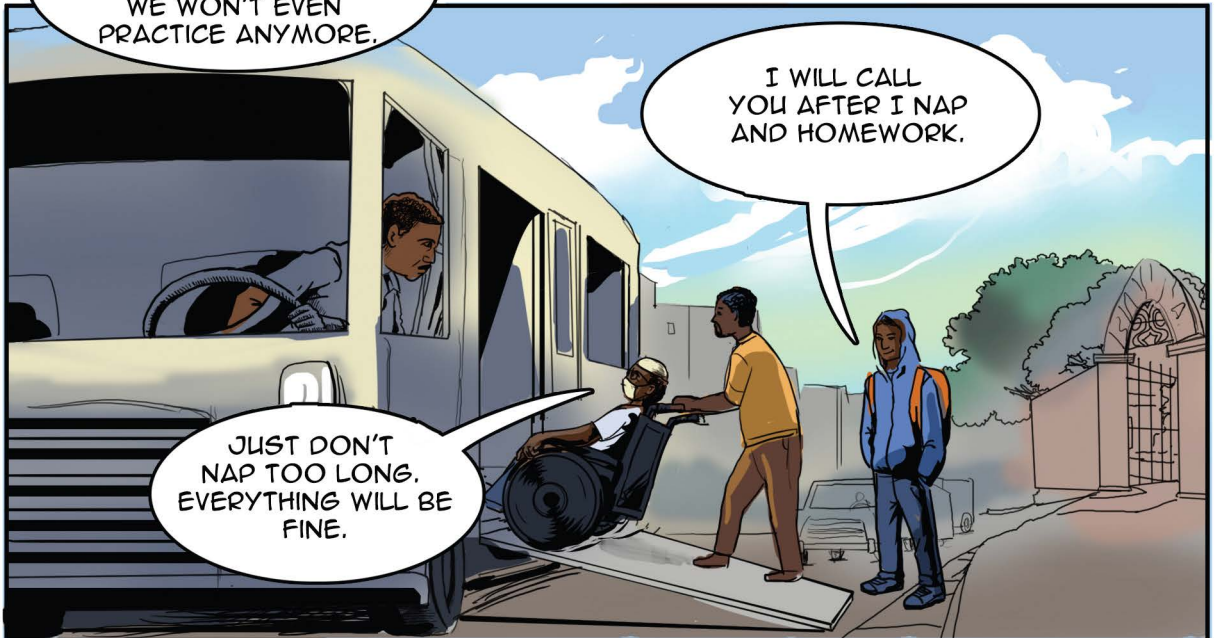
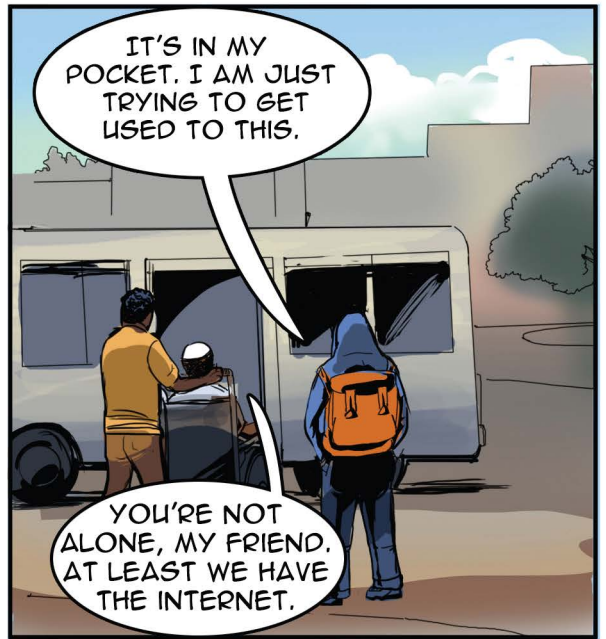
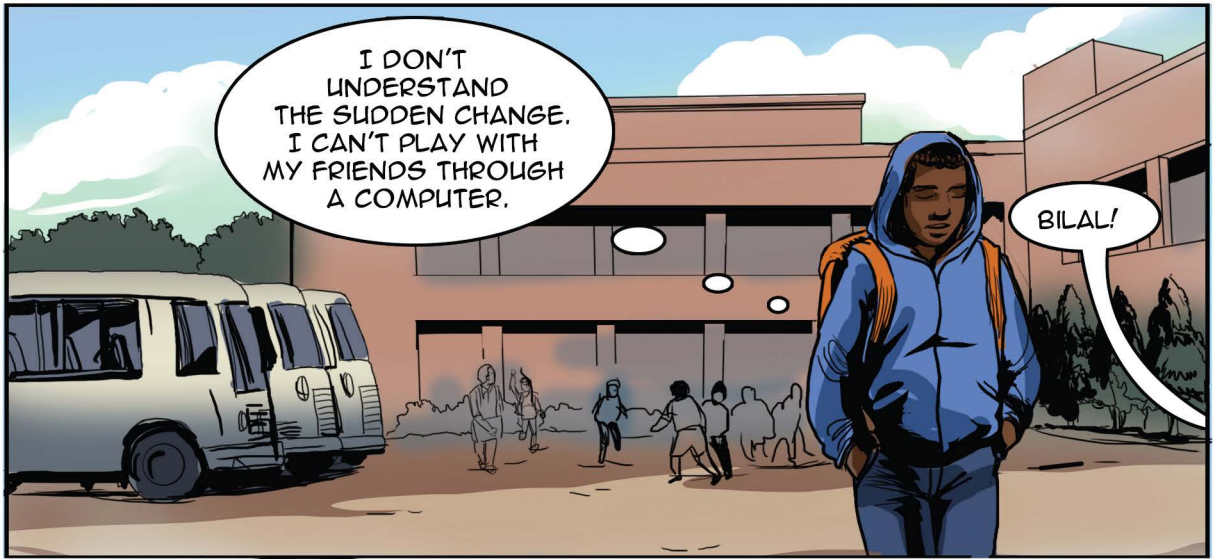


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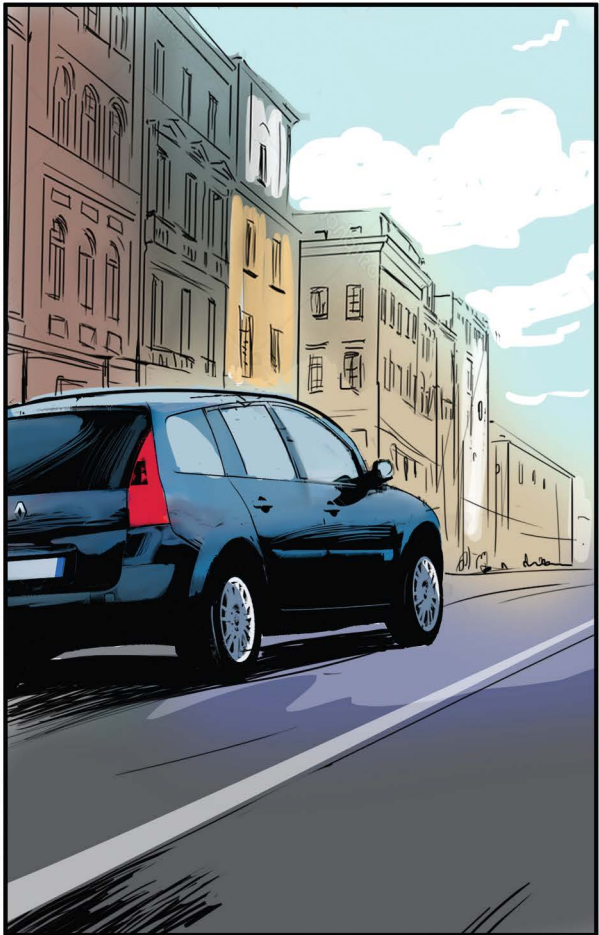






SALAAM,  
MY GRANDSON,  
HOW WAS SCHOOL?

SCHOOL WAS FINE,  
CAN WE STOP  
AT HOME FOR MY  
THAWB?







I HOPE  
BILAL WILL ENJOY  
HIS FAVORITE MEAL  
AS A SURPRISE.



ONLINE SCHOOL  
HAS BEEN A CHALLENGE  
FOR HIM. I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL  
THIS IS ALL OVER.

HOOYO!  
HAVE YOU SEEN  
MY CHARGER?



MAYA HOOYO,  
I HAVEN'T SEEN  
YOUR CHARGER.  
NOW, IT'S ALMOST  
TIME TO EAT.

NO WORRIES  
MOM. I PROMISED TAHILIL  
THAT I WOULD CALL HIM  
BEFORE BEDTIME.

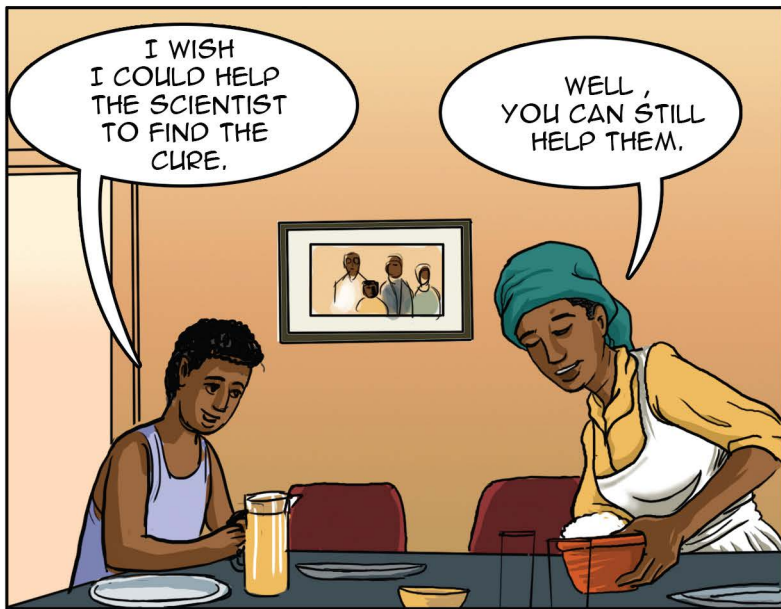


I'M SORRY,  
I KNOW HOW MUCH  
YOU'VE MISSED YOUR  
FRIEND.

I CAN'T  
EVEN SPEND TIME  
WITH AWOOWE. WILL THIS EVER  
END HOOYO?

OF COURSE  
HOOYO, THE  
SCIENTISTS ARE  
WORKING HARD TO  
FIND US CURE.





I WISH I COULD HELP THE SCIENTIST TO FIND THE CURE.

WELL, YOU CAN STILL HELP THEM.



SHOW ME HOW TO DO SO.



DON'T TELL ME YOU ALREADY FORGOT.



OH, I DIDN'T FORGET ABOUT THIS. I THOUGHT YOU MEANT SOMETHING COOLER.

SOMETIMES SIMPLE ACTIONS SAVE LIVES.



NOT EVERY DAY SUPERMAN?

NO SON, DAYS LIKE THIS YOU CAN BE SUPERMAN BY STAYING HOME.... NOW GO GET AWOOWE.







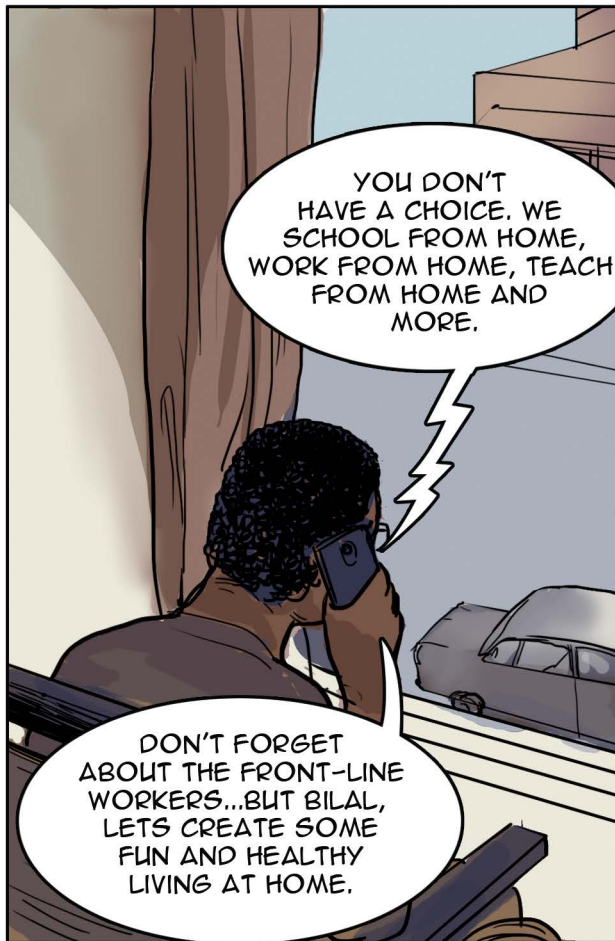
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU FOR 2 MONTHS. I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL WE CAN MEET UP AGAIN.

I'LL COME AND SEE YOU SOON. THE DOCTOR SAID TO COVER UP, WASH YOUR HANDS AND KEEP A 6 FEET DISTANCE.



I WANT TO GROW MINE AND WAIT UNTIL NEXT SUMMER, MAYBE.

I HOPE SO. I WANT TO GET A HAIRCUT AS WELL. WE SHOULD GO TOGETHER.



YOU DON'T HAVE A CHOICE. WE SCHOOL FROM HOME, WORK FROM HOME, TEACH FROM HOME AND MORE.

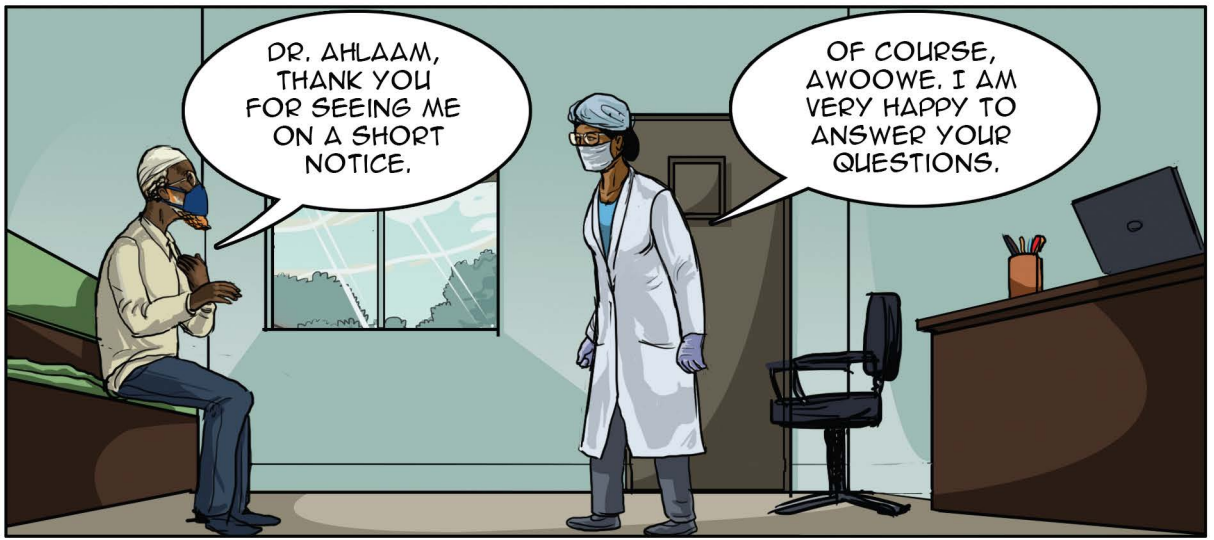
DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE FRONT-LINE WORKERS...BUT BILAL, LETS CREATE SOME FUN AND HEALTHY LIVING AT HOME.



WHAT DO YOU'VE IN MIND?

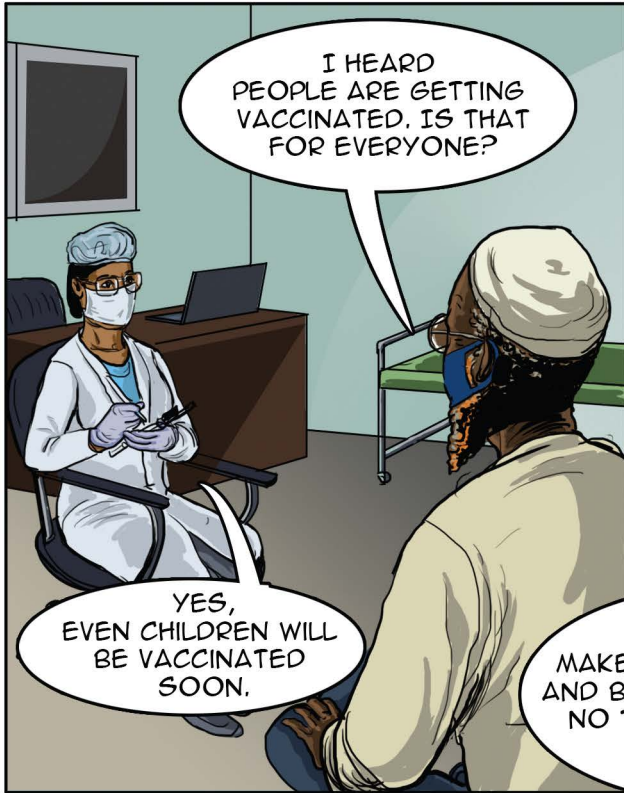


I WILL GIVE YOU THE PLAN TOMORROW.



DR. AHLAAM,  
THANK YOU  
FOR SEEING ME  
ON A SHORT  
NOTICE.

OF COURSE,  
AWOOWE. I AM  
VERY HAPPY TO  
ANSWER YOUR  
QUESTIONS.



I HEARD  
PEOPLE ARE GETTING  
VACCINATED. IS THAT  
FOR EVERYONE?

YES,  
EVEN CHILDREN  
WILL  
BE VACCINATED  
SOON.



HOW LONG  
DO I'VE TO  
WAIT?

YOU CAN  
MAKE AN APPOINTMENT  
AND BE DONE ALMOST IN  
NO TIME. JUST A FEW  
QUESTIONS.



DO YOU'VE  
ANY ALLERGIES?

NO.



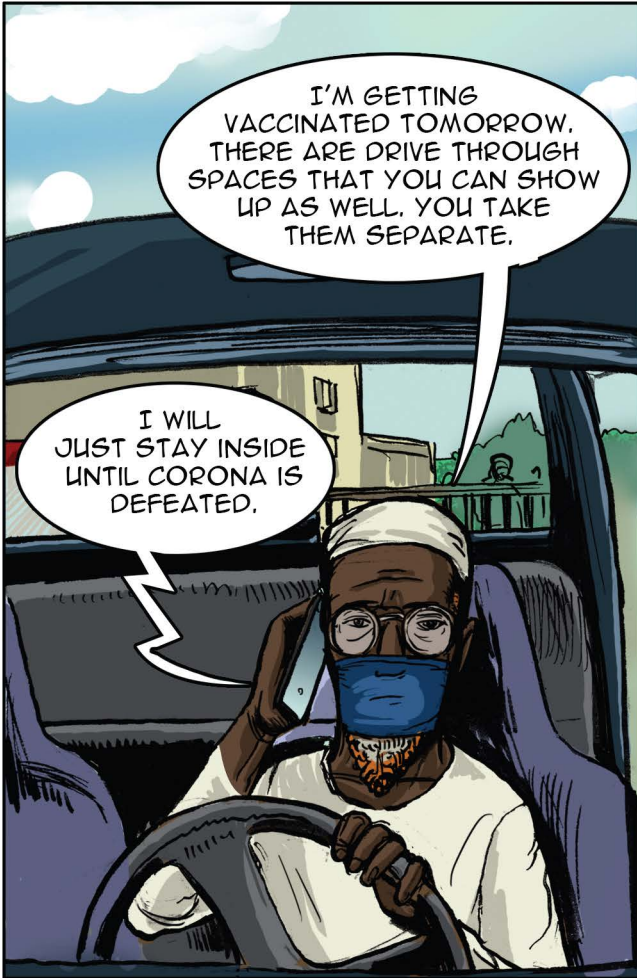




I'VE TO CALL MY FRIENDS AND INFORM THEM ABOUT THE VACCINE.



I HOPE THEY ALREADY SPOKE WITH THEIR DOCTORS OR EVEN ASKED BASIC QUESTIONS.



I'M GETTING VACCINATED TOMORROW. THERE ARE DRIVE THROUGH SPACES THAT YOU CAN SHOW UP AS WELL. YOU TAKE THEM SEPARATE.

I WILL JUST STAY INSIDE UNTIL CORONA IS DEFEATED.



HEYKAL, STOP JOKING. WE WILL NOT BEAT COVID BY JUST ISOLATING.

YOU ARE RIGHT. I WILL CALL MY DOCTOR AS WELL.





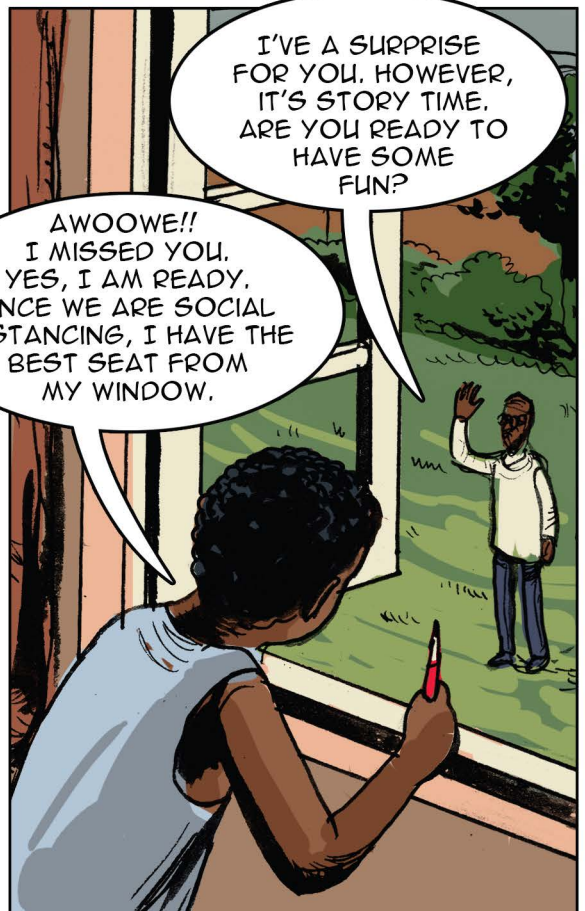
A LOT OF THINGS AREN'T FUN LATELY.



GOING BACK TO SCHOOL WILL BE VERY FUN BUT SOMEHOW A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE, I MEAN

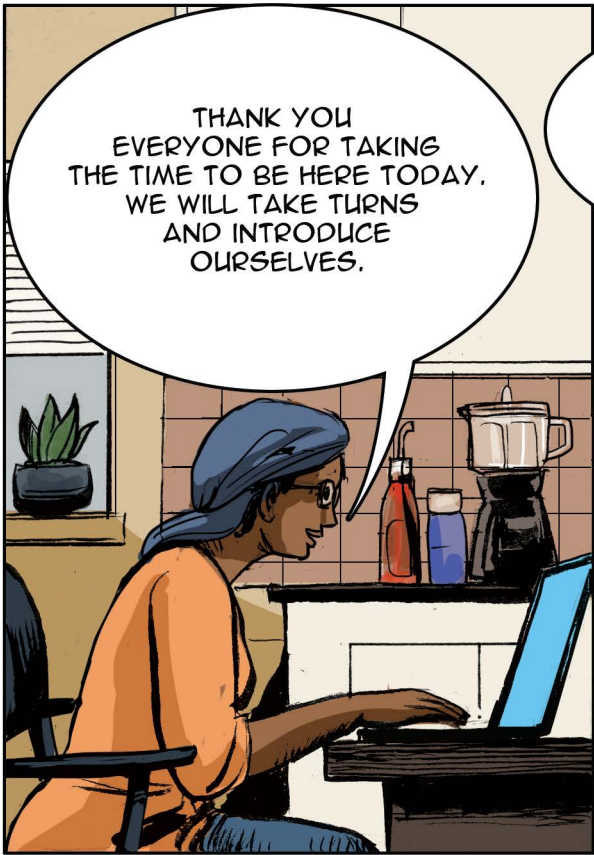


WHEN I GO BACK TO SCHOOL, I WILL NOT BE SHY WITH MY EMOTIONS ANYMORE. I CAN'T WAIT TO TELL MY FRIENDS THAT I MISSED THEM.

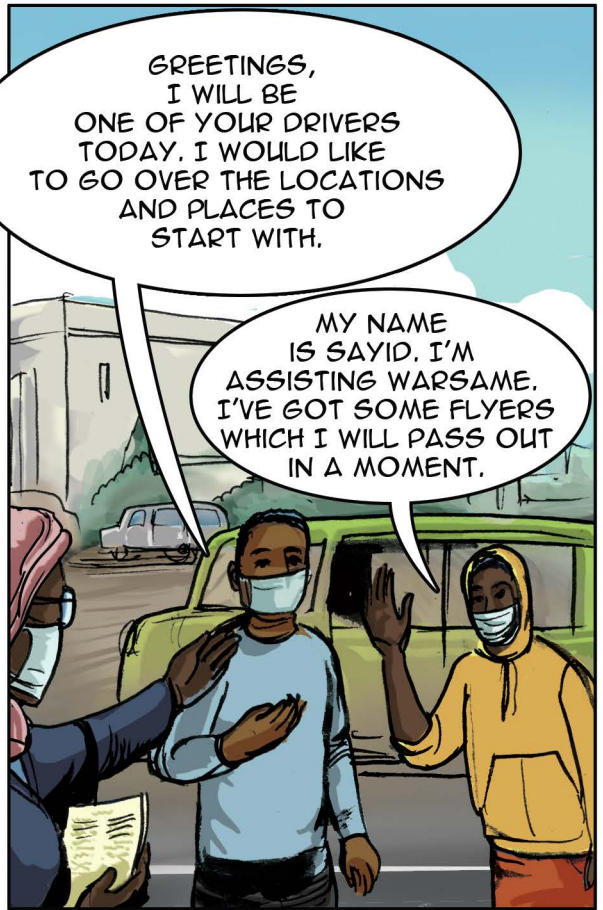


I'VE A SURPRISE FOR YOU. HOWEVER, IT'S STORY TIME. ARE YOU READY TO HAVE SOME FUN?

AWOOOEE!! I MISSED YOU. YES, I AM READY. SINCE WE ARE SOCIAL DISTANCING, I HAVE THE BEST SEAT FROM MY WINDOW.









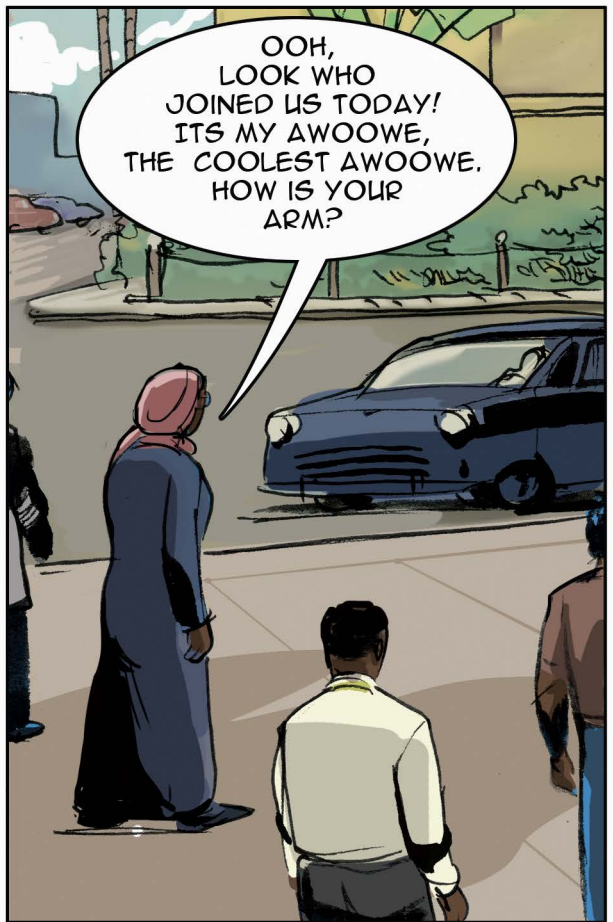


OKAY EVERYONE, NO HUGS OR HANDSHAKES. AND IF YOU SNEEZE...

WE WILL BE OUT IN 10 MINUTES. GREAT JOB EVERYONE.

WHOOA!!

OH NO!!



OOH, LOOK WHO JOINED US TODAY! ITS MY AWOOWE, THE COOLEST AWOOWE. HOW IS YOUR ARM?



WHAT ABOUT HIS ARM? DID HE JOIN THE GYM?

IT'S FINE. I FEEL WELL DOCTOR. GLAD TO BE HERE.

EVERYONE LET'S GIVE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR AWOOWE DAHIR. HE TRULY INSPIRED OUR MISSION TODAY.



QOSLAYE, YOU'VE THE GYM ARMS BUT THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH FOR BEING HERE.

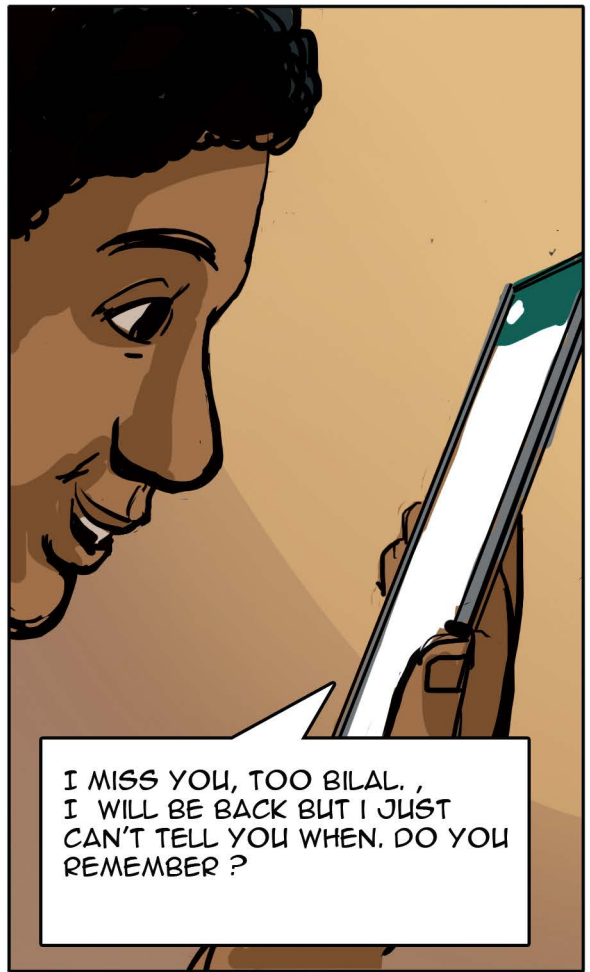
IT'S OUR DUTY TO GIVE BACK!

IT'S THE LEAST WE CAN DO FOR OUR COMMUNITY.





I MISS YOU GRANDPA. I WONDER WHERE YOU WENT TO VISIT. IT'S BORING WITHOUT YOU HERE. COME BACK SOON AND SAFE.



I MISS YOU, TOO BILAL. I WILL BE BACK BUT I JUST CAN'T TELL YOU WHEN. DO YOU REMEMBER ?



THERE YOU GO, THE MEMORY OF AN ELEPHANT. NOW COUNT ON AWOOWE TO DELIVER THE MAGIC.

YOU ARE NOT HELPING ME RIGHT NOW. WHAT IS IT AWOOWE?





SO, YOU HAVEN'T BEEN HERE SINCE YESTERDAY?

I HAVE NOT BEEN BACK HERE SINCE HIGH SCHOOL. I REMEMBER RUNNING AROUND THE STAIRS.



WHAT DO YOU MEAN AWOOWE? I DIDN'T FINISH HIGH SCHOOL YESTERDAY.

ITS A JOKE WARSAME. HE MEANS, HE WAS ALIVE WHEN YOU WERE BORN.

DON'T RUIN THE FUN, DR. AHLAAM.



MY NAME IS QOSLAYS FROM THE SOMALI HEALTH BOARD. WE ARE HERE WITH BASIC NEEDS, AND INFORMATION ABOUT RESOURCES AND HELP.

MY NAME IS DR. ANISA. DO YOU MIND IF I ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS?

NOT AT ALL, MY CHILD.



HOW MANY PEOPLE LIVE HERE AND THEIR AGES?

US TWO AND OUR TWO GRANDCHILDREN. BOTH OF THEM ARE IN HIGH SCHOOL.





IMAM CABDULE,  
HOW ARE YOU DOING  
TODAY? CAN  
WE'VE A FEW MINUTES OFF  
YOUR TIME PLEASE?

PEACE BE  
UPON YOU ALL. OF  
COURSE, I'M ON THE  
MAILING LIST AS WELL. I  
HEARD FROM DR. AHLAAM  
AND AWOOWE DAHIR.

SALAAM UNCLE,  
ITS GREAT TO SEE  
YOU. WE ARE HERE ON  
BEHALF OF THE SOMALI  
HEALTH BOARD.



YES, THE  
MAILING LIST.  
WE'RE HERE TO  
DROP OFF SOME  
GOODS.

TELL HIM  
UNCLE, ALMOST  
EVERYONE IS JUST AN  
EMAIL AWAY FROM THE  
WORLD.

YOU  
YOUNGSTERS  
ALWAYS THINK IMAMS  
ARE SERIOUS. YOU  
SHOULD SEE ME DUNK  
ON YOUR FATHERS ON  
THE WEEKEND.



I'VE SEEN  
THE EMAIL AND  
AM GRATEFUL FOR THE  
EFFORTS YOU'RE  
ALL PULLING  
TOGETHER.

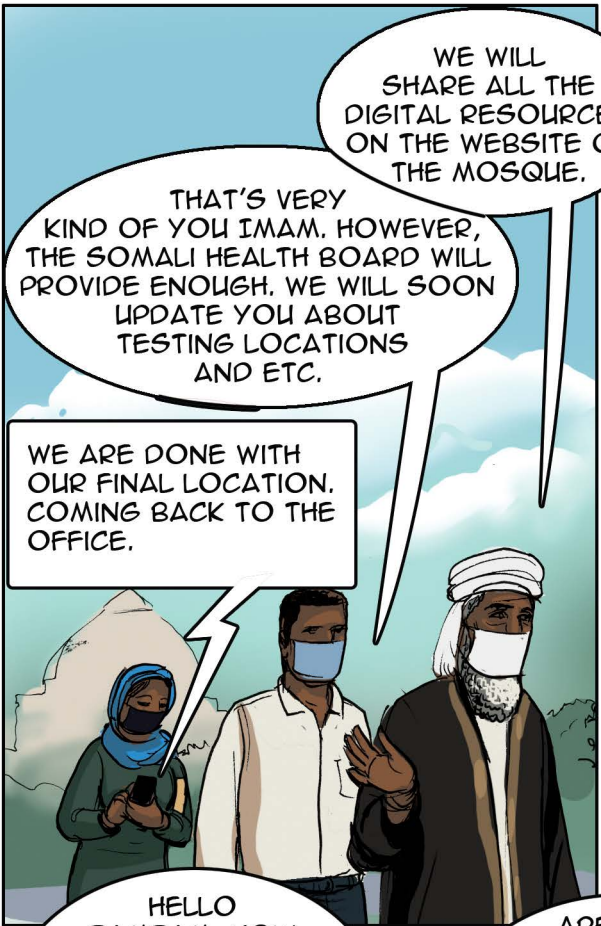
THANK YOU  
SO MUCH. THIS IS  
VERY MUCH NEEDED. I  
WILL INFORM OUR  
YOUTH TO SAFELY  
DISTRIBUTE THESE.

HERE IS  
A LIST OF THE  
SUPPLIES WE  
ARE PROVIDING,  
INCLUDING TESTING  
LOCATIONS.



WE CAN  
ALSO PROVIDE DIGITAL  
FILES, IMAM, PDF FILES,  
MORE FLYERS ETC.





WE WILL SHARE ALL THE DIGITAL RESOURCES ON THE WEBSITE OF THE MOSQUE.

THAT'S VERY KIND OF YOU IMAM. HOWEVER, THE SOMALI HEALTH BOARD WILL PROVIDE ENOUGH. WE WILL SOON UPDATE YOU ABOUT TESTING LOCATIONS AND ETC.

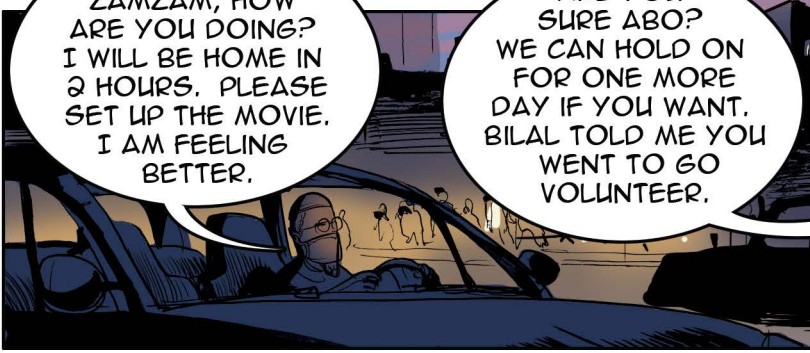
WE ARE DONE WITH OUR FINAL LOCATION. COMING BACK TO THE OFFICE.



WE WILL DO A FOLLOW UP IMAM ON THIS COMING FRIDAY AFTER THE PRAYERS.

WE WILL SET UP A HELPLINE WITH MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE IN THE SOMALI LANGUAGE SOON.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR WORK. PASS OUR GRATITUDE TO THE REST OF THE TEAM.



HELLO ZAMZAM, HOW ARE YOU DOING? I WILL BE HOME IN 2 HOURS. PLEASE SET UP THE MOVIE. I AM FEELING BETTER.

ARE YOU SURE ABO? WE CAN HOLD ON FOR ONE MORE DAY IF YOU WANT. BILAL TOLD ME YOU WENT TO GO VOLUNTEER.



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THANK YOU SON.





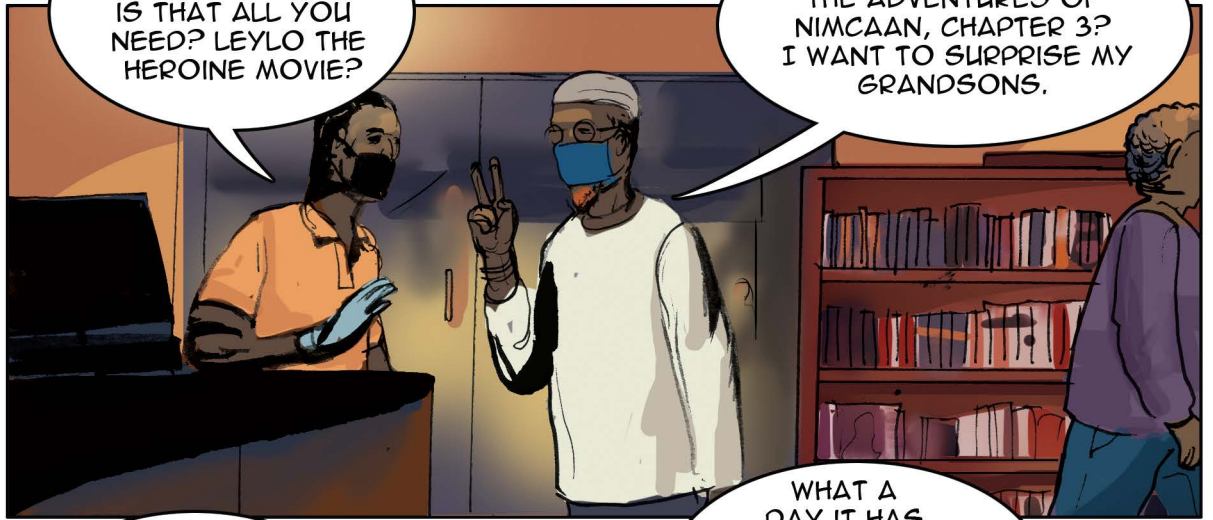
YOU'RE WELCOME MA'AM, YOU HAVE A GOOD DAY... AND YOU TOO PRINCESS.

YOU TOO, BROTHER.

I AM MAKING MY FINAL STOP, I WILL BE HOME RIGHT AWAY. I AM IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. ANYTHING FOR YOU?

SALAAM AWOOWE DAHIR, IS THAT ALL YOU NEED? LEYLO THE HEROINE MOVIE?

COULD I GET 2 COPIES OF THE ADVENTURES OF NIMCAAN, CHAPTER 3? I WANT TO SURPRISE MY GRANDSONS.



THANK YOU SO MUCH SON. I APPRECIATE IT.

WHAT A DAY IT HAS BEEN. I CAN'T WAIT TO UNWIND AND RELAX WITH MY BELOVED KID.



YOU'RE MOST WELCOME AWOOWE. DRIVE SAFE AND HAVE A WONDERFUL EVENING.







ABO, HOW WAS YOUR DAY? YOU'VE SOME VISITORS WAITING AS WELL.

YOU CAN'T SURPRISE ME WHEN I'VE A PLAN MYSELF.



OOOH NO... DIRIR, WHEN DID YOU GET HERE?

ABO, I HAD TO QUARANTINE WHEN I LANDED SO I LIED TO YOU GUYS AND SAID I CAN'T FLY BACK BECAUSE I KNEW I WOULD SURPRISE YOU IN TWO WEEKS.



SALAAM TAHLIL, SURPRISE BILAL, HELLO ZAINAB, HOW ARE YOU? DIRIR, CAN I GET A HUG?

OF COURSE, I AM VACCINATED. COME GIVE ME A BEAR HUG!

AWOOWE, YOU TOLD ME YOU WENT TO VISIT SEATTLE FOR THE WEEKEND. WHAT'S THIS SURPRISE?



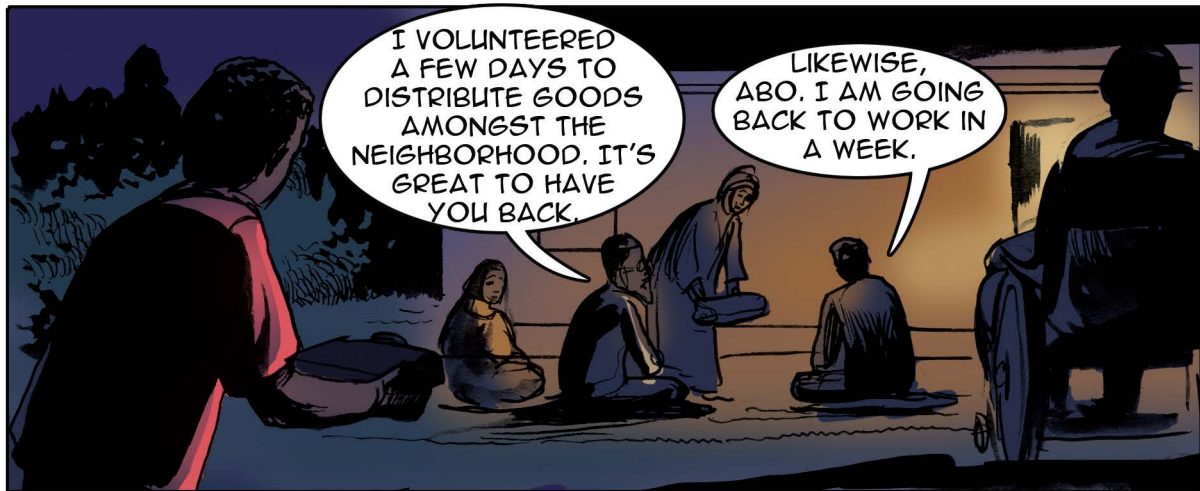
I WILL EXPLAIN IT. GET THE PROJECTOR. WE ARE GOING TO WATCH, LEYLO IN THE STORM.

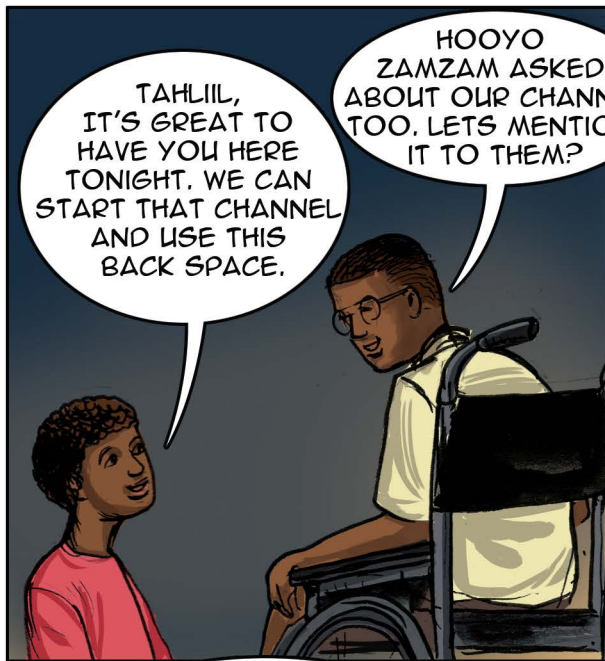
OKAY... YOU CAN PUT ME DOWN.

I WILL IN A MINUTE.

HELLO AWOOWE, GREAT TO SEE YOU.







TAHLIL,  
IT'S GREAT TO  
HAVE YOU HERE  
TONIGHT. WE CAN  
START THAT CHANNEL  
AND USE THIS  
BACK SPACE.

HOOYO  
ZAMZAM ASKED  
ABOUT OUR CHANNEL  
TOO. LETS MENTION  
IT TO THEM?



MOM, DAD,  
GRANDPA, AND  
AUNT ZAINAB. MY BEST  
FRIEND TAHLIL AND  
I WOULD LIKE TO  
START A YOUTUBE  
CHANNEL..

WE WILL  
POST INDOOR  
EXERCISES,  
HOMEWORK, AND  
FOLKTALE  
STORIES.



DUE TO  
THE PANDEMIC A  
LOT OF US DON'T GO  
OUTSIDE. WE WANT  
TO CREATE SOMETHING FOR  
MINORITY CHILDREN.

WE WILL USE  
THIS MOMENT TO HIGHLIGHT  
THE PROBLEMS WE FACE AS  
COMMUNITIES.

YOU HEARD HIM!

MY  
YOUNG  
KINGS!

HUH?

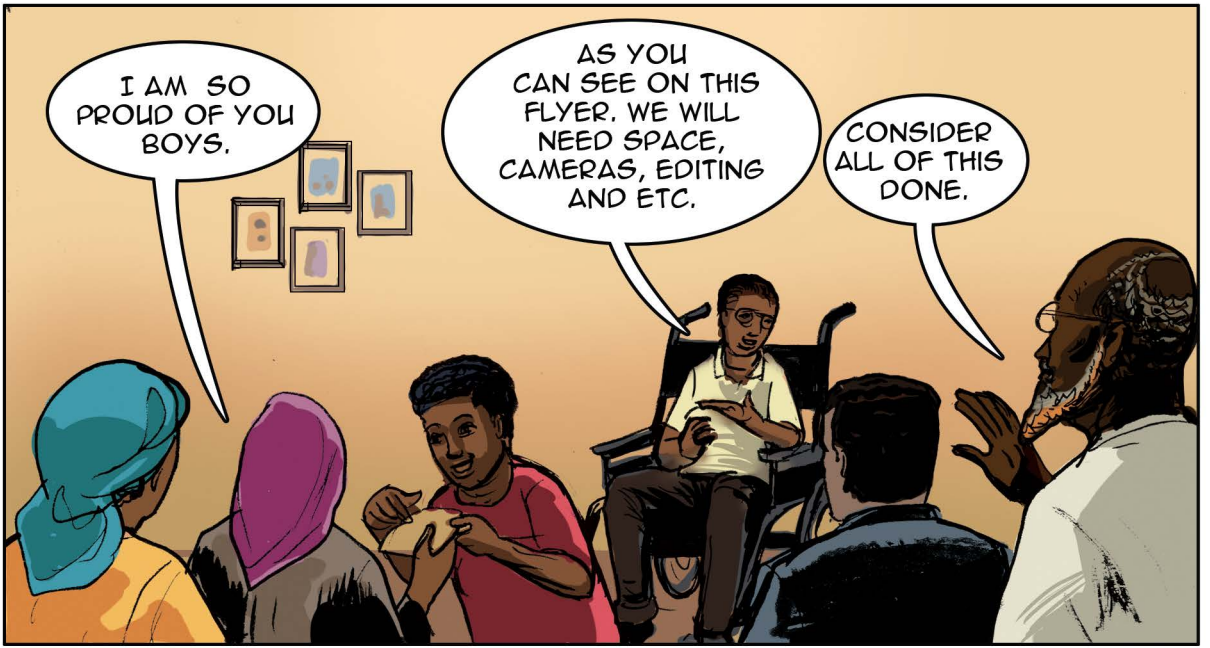


THIS IS  
FOR EVERYONE.  
PEOPLE CAN SEND  
EMAILS, SUGGEST  
IDEAS AND BETTER  
PROGRAMS.

YES ABO?

HOW CAN  
WE HELP YOU GUYS TO  
ACCOMPLISH THIS  
BEAUTIFUL IDEA?





I AM SO PROUD OF YOU BOYS.

AS YOU CAN SEE ON THIS FLYER, WE WILL NEED SPACE, CAMERAS, EDITING AND ETC.

CONSIDER ALL OF THIS DONE.



NINE, TEN.

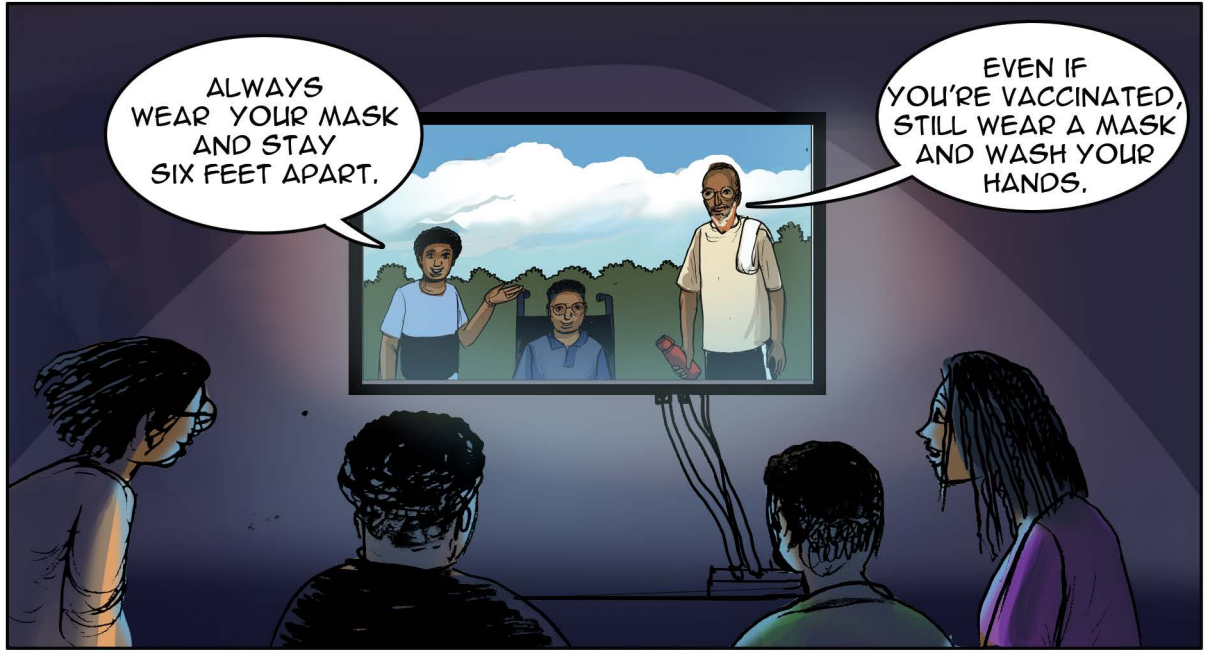
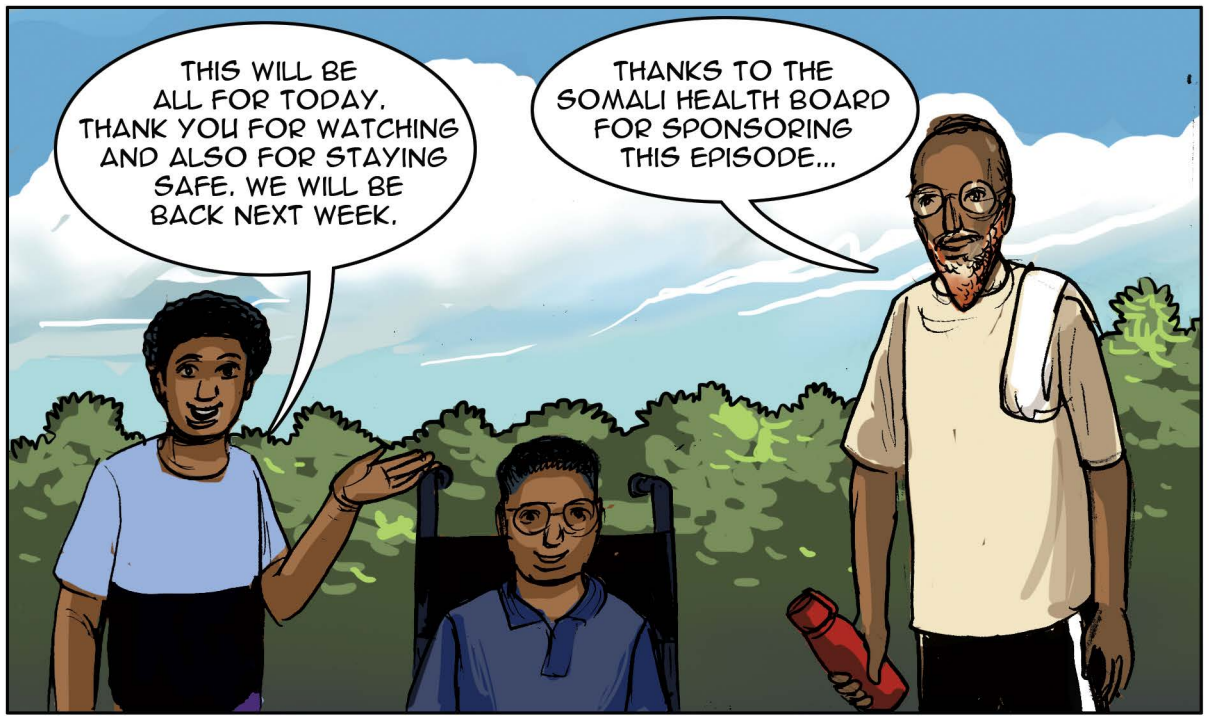
WE WILL TAKE A BREAK AND END OUR SHOW FOR THE DAY.



THIS WILL BE THE FINAL TAKE FOR THE DAY. MAKE SURE YOU ARE HEARD CLEAR AND TO THANK OUR SPONSORS FOR THIS EPISODE.

YES BOSS.

WELL DONE TAHLIL, YOU ARE DOING WONDERFUL.



**THE END**





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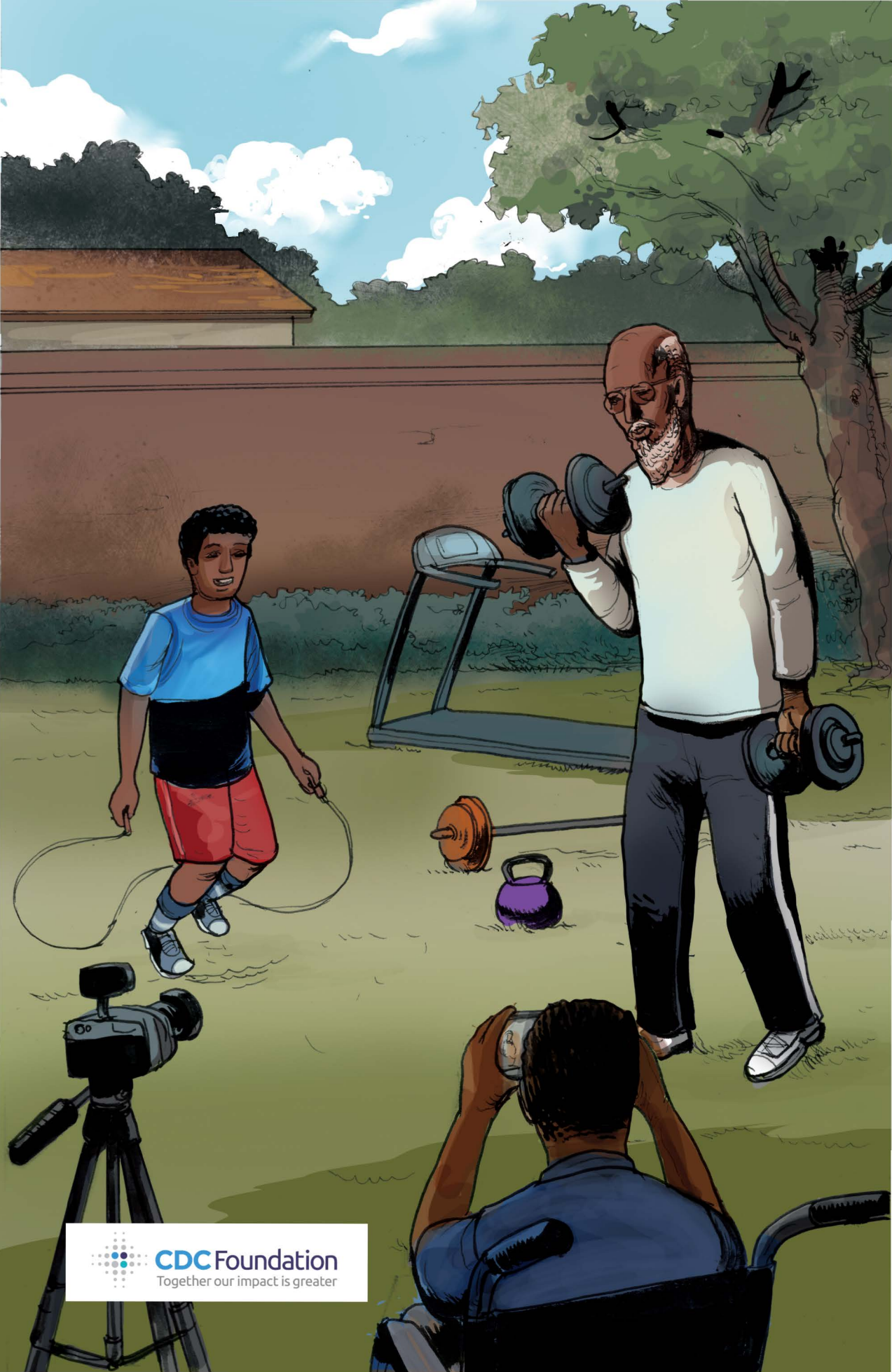
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