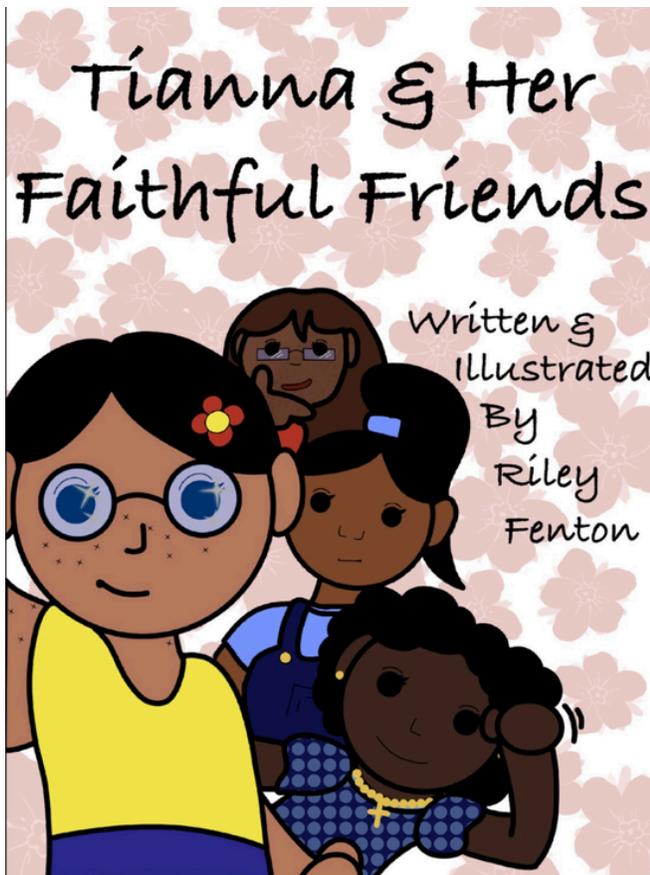


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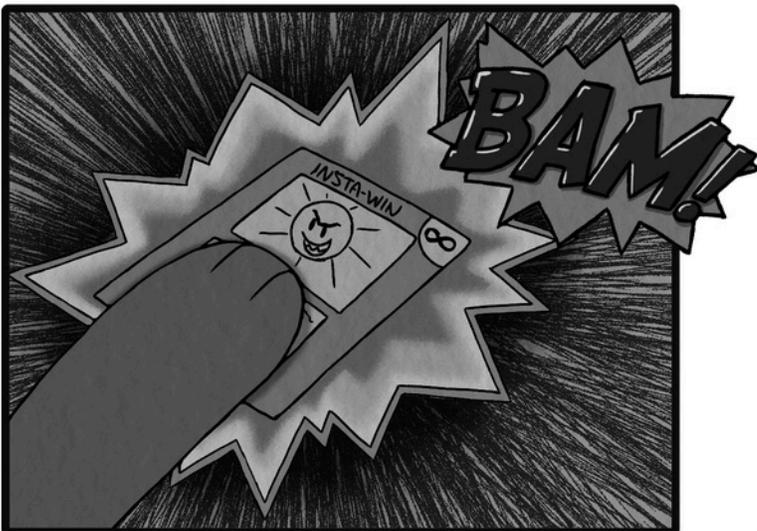


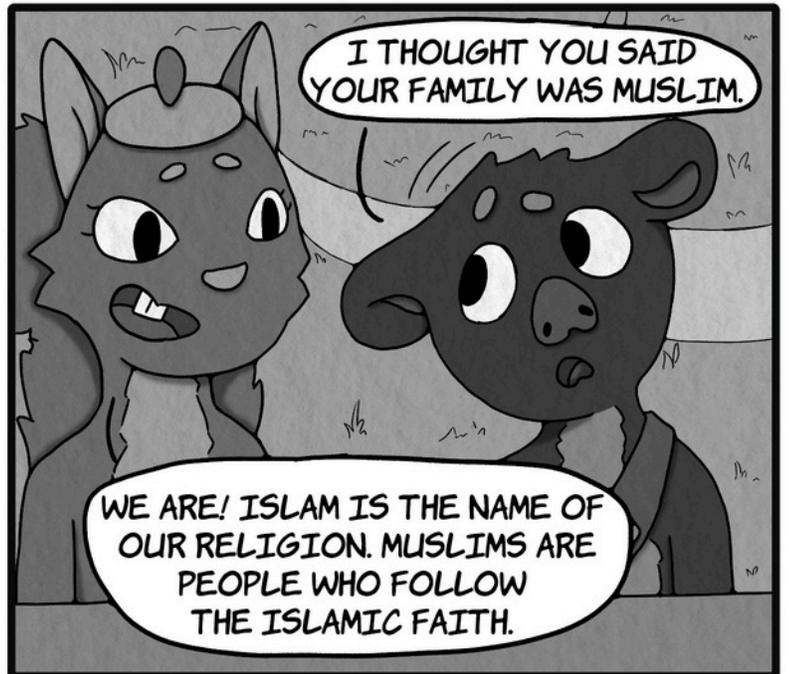
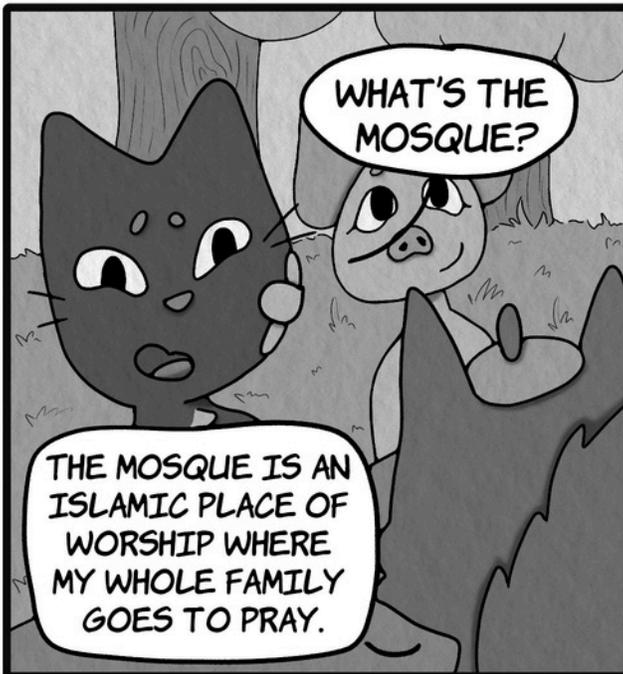
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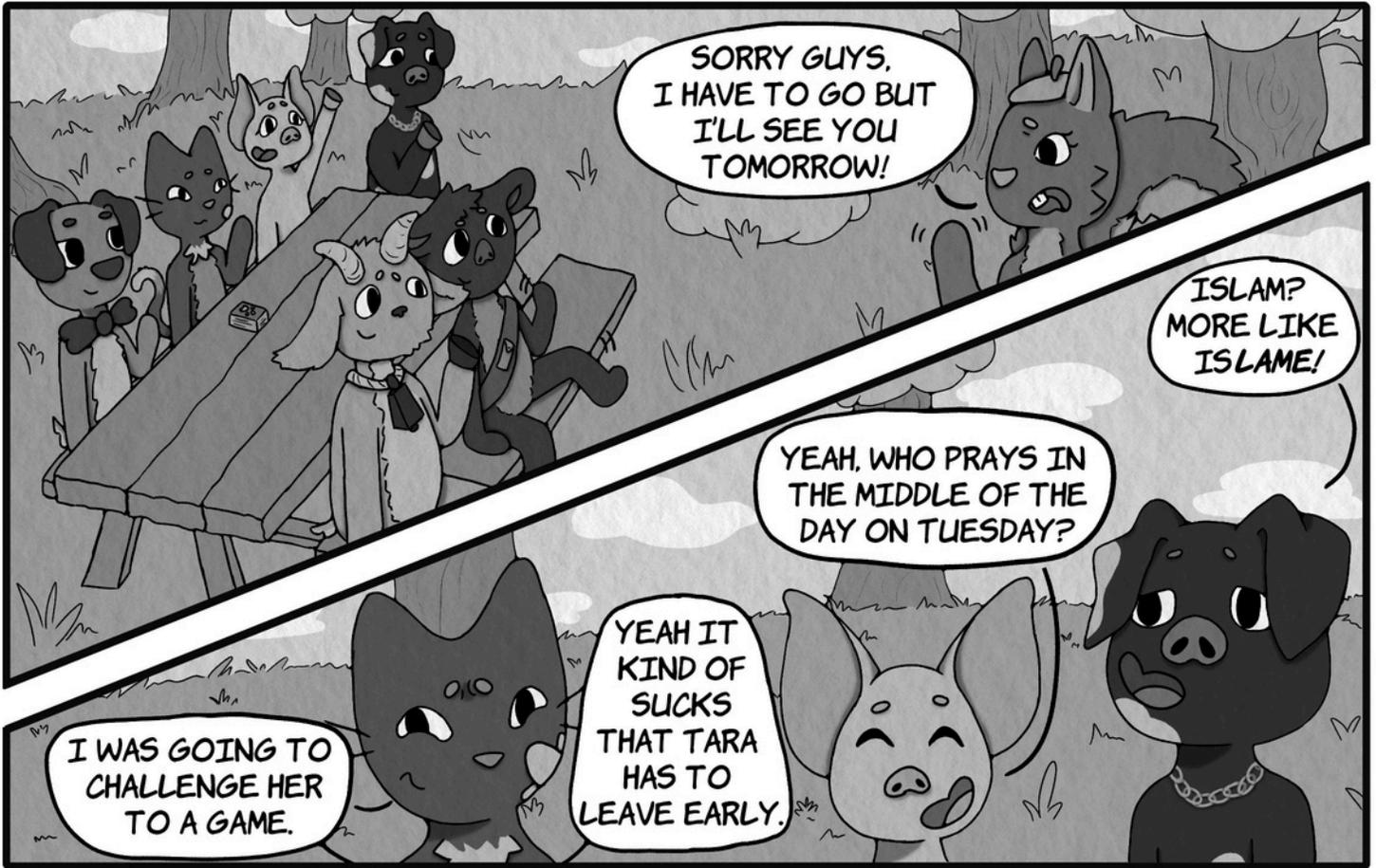


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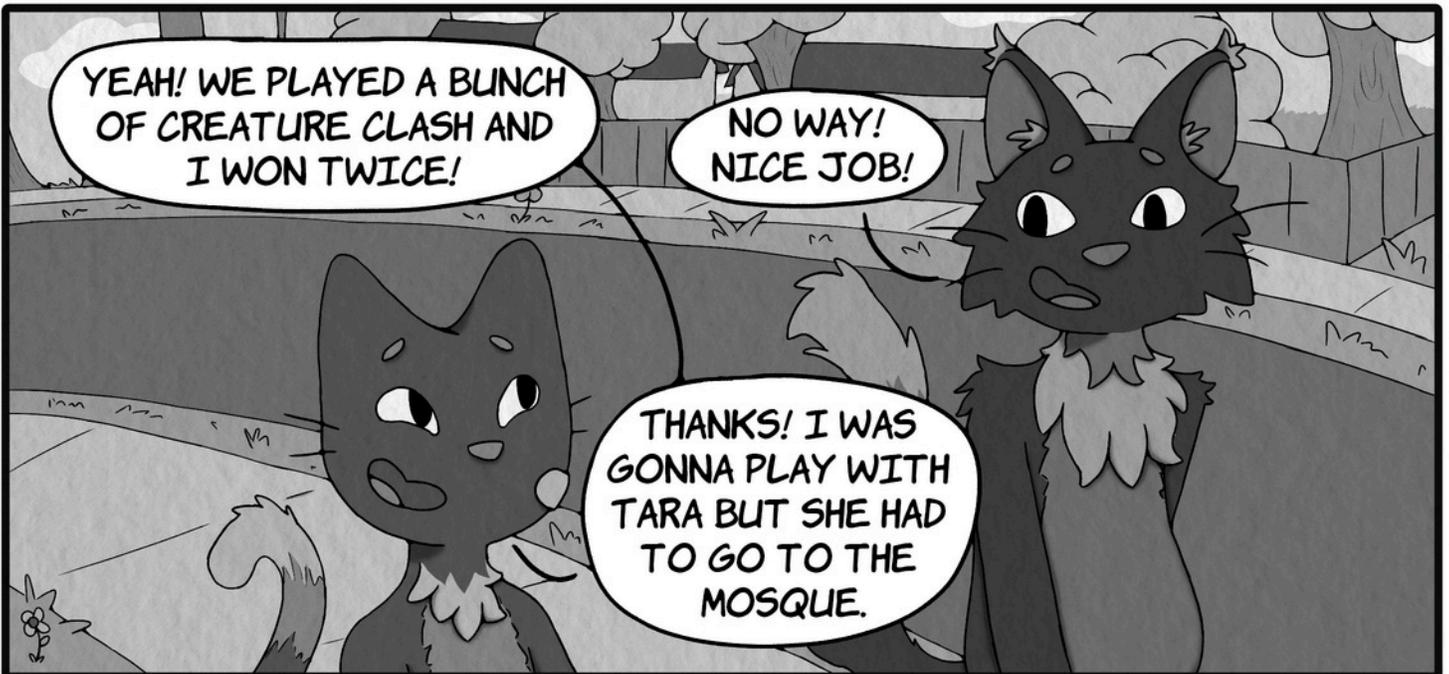
BYE GUYS SEE YOU TOMORROW!



HEY DAD!



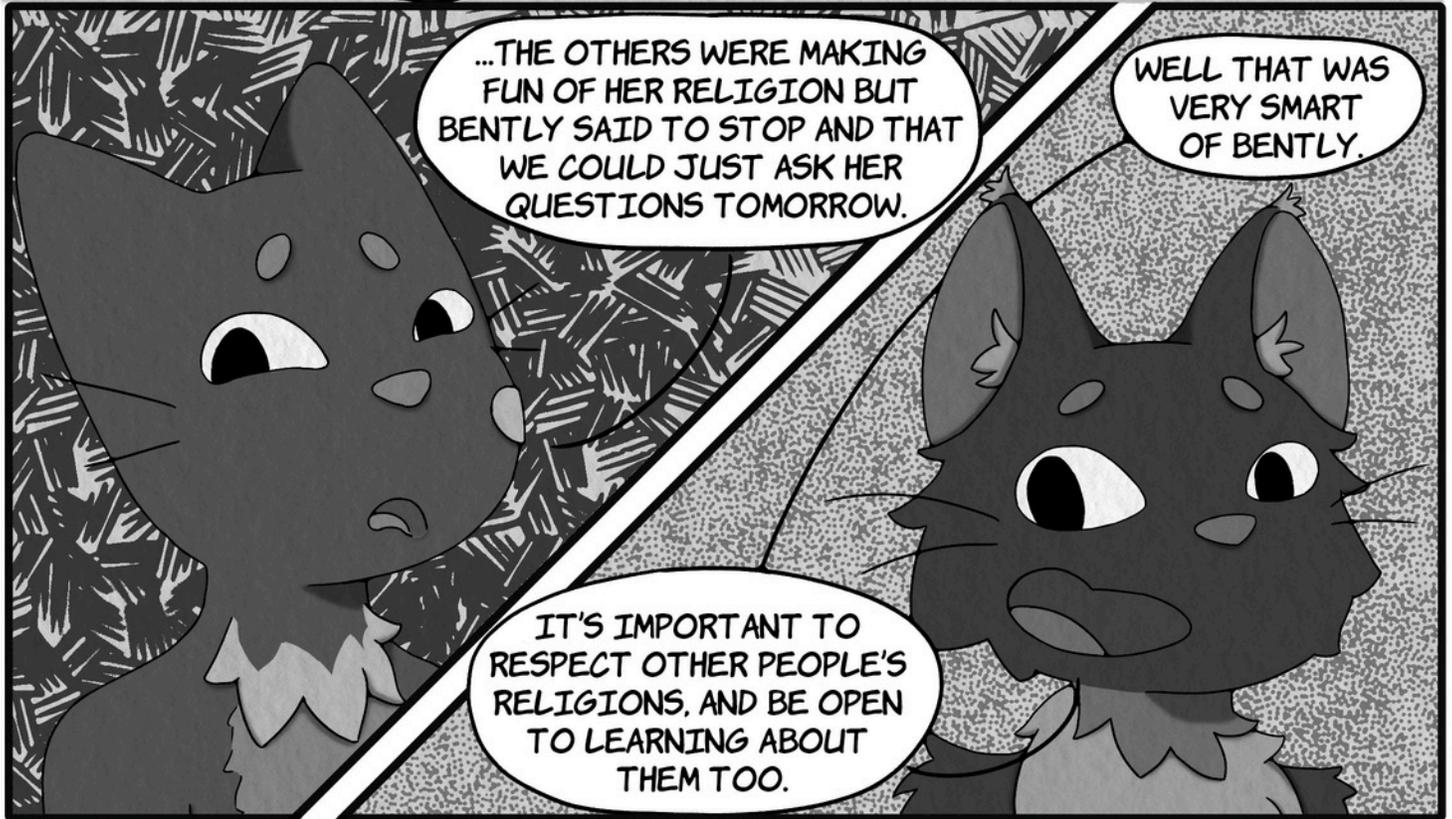
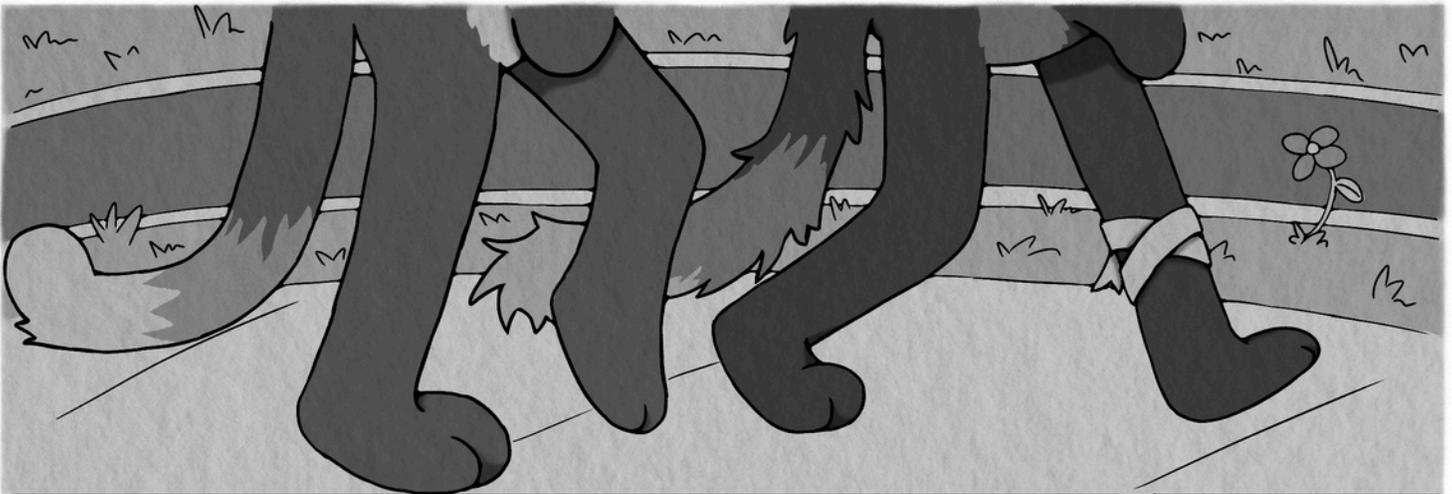
HEY KIDDO, DID YOU HAVE A GOOD TIME WITH YOUR FRIENDS?



YEAH! WE PLAYED A BUNCH OF CREATURE CLASH AND I WON TWICE!

NO WAY! NICE JOB!

THANKS! I WAS GONNA PLAY WITH TARA BUT SHE HAD TO GO TO THE MOSQUE.



THAT'S NOT A SILLY QUESTION AT ALL!

RELIGION IS A SET OF BELIEFS, VALUES, AND PRACTICES.

ONE OF THOSE BELIEFS CAN BE BELIEF IN A GOD OR HIGHER POWER, BUT IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE.

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      RELIGION --- BELIEFS
      RELIGION --- VALUES
      RELIGION --- PRACTICES
      BELIEFS --- GOD
      BELIEFS --- HIGHER_POWER[HIGHER POWER]
      VALUES --- DONT_STEAL[DON'T STEAL]
      VALUES --- GOLDEN_RULE[GOLDEN RULE]
      PRACTICES --- PRAYER
      PRACTICES --- GATHERINGS
  
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OKAY I THINK I GET IT.

ALL RELIGIONS ARE DIFFERENT AND CAN TEACH YOU MANY DIFFERENT THINGS.

EVEN IF SOMEONE FOLLOWS ONE RELIGION, THEY CAN STILL LEARN A LOT FROM BEING OPEN TO OTHER PEOPLES' BELIEFS.

IT CAN SHOW YOU DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES ON LESSONS THAT WE'VE LEARNED

I DON'T GET IT AGAIN.

HERE, LET ME TELL YOU A STORY.

A LONG TIME AGO, PEOPLE USED TO HURT OTHERS, JUST BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T FOLLOW THE SAME RELIGION.

WHAT? THAT'S SO SILLY.

I AGREE. IN FACT, THIS STORY IS ABOUT ANOTHER PERSON WHO AGREED.



HIS NAME WAS
SAINT FRANCIS

HE WAS A CATHOLIC
PREACHER WHO
TRAVELED AROUND
TO SHARE THE
TEACHINGS OF
HIS RELIGION.



WHEN A WAR BROKE OUT BETWEEN OTHER
CHRISTIANS AND THE MUSLIMS OF EGYPT, HE WAS
AS SHOCKED AS WE ARE NOW.

HOWEVER, HE WOULDN'T LET THE DANGERS
OF THE WAR STOP HIM IN HIS QUEST TO
SHARE HIS BELIEFS PEACEFULLY.



SO, HE RISKED HIS LIFE TO TRAVEL
TO EGYPT AND SEE THE SULTAN.

WHAT'S A
SULTAN?

A SULTAN IS LIKE A KING OR LEADER THAT FOLLOWS THE ISLAMIC FAITH.

IN THIS CASE, THIS WAS THE LEADER OF EGYPT:

AL-KAMIL

WHEN THE SAINT FINALLY REACHED THE SULTAN, HE GREETED HIM BY SAYING,

MAY THE LORD GIVE YOU PEACE.

THIS GREETING WAS ACTUALLY VERY SIMILAR TO A MUSLIM GREETING OF PEACE AND THE SULTAN BELIEVED IN BEING KIND TO THOSE WHO USE SUCH GREETINGS.

PEACE BE UPON YOU.

SO, EVEN THOUGH THE SAINT AND THE SULTAN'S PEOPLE WERE AT WAR, THE SULTAN AGREED TO HEAR HIM OUT.

THIS LED TO THEM SPEAKING ABOUT RELIGION FOR DAYS.



THE SAINT SHARED HIS BELIEFS AND THE SULTAN LISTENED, AND VICE VERSA.



BOTH OF THEM WERE RESPECTFUL AND KIND AND LEARNED MUCH FROM THE TALKS.

THE SAINT WAS IMPRESSED BY MANY OF THE MUSLIM RELIGIOUS PRACTICES.



WHEN HE RETURNED HOME, THE TEACHINGS STAYED WITH HIM.



INSPIRED BY THE MUSLIM MEDITATION, FRANCIS WROTE A PRAYER TO PROTECT SULTAN AL-KAMIL AND BRING PEACE.

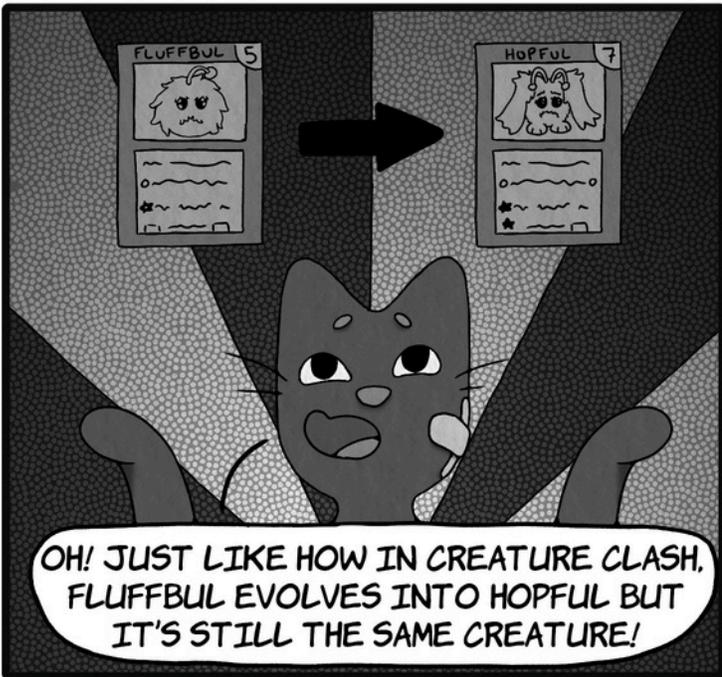


EVEN THROUGH WAR BETWEEN RELIGIONS, SAINT FRANCIS AND SULTAN AL-KAMIL WERE ABLE TO PEACEFULLY SHARE THEIR OWN BELIEFS AND INSPIRE EACH OTHER.

SO THE SAINT WAS STILL CHRISTIAN, HE JUST LEARNED FROM THE SULTAN?

EXACTLY! THE SAINT STILL HAD HIS OWN BELIEFS, THEY WERE JUST EVOLVED BY HIS CONVERSATION WITH THE SULTAN.

HE NOT ONLY LEARNED ABOUT ISLAM BUT HE LEARNED FROM THE TEACHINGS.



OH! JUST LIKE HOW IN CREATURE CLASH, FLUFFBUL EVOLVES INTO HOPFUL BUT IT'S STILL THE SAME CREATURE!



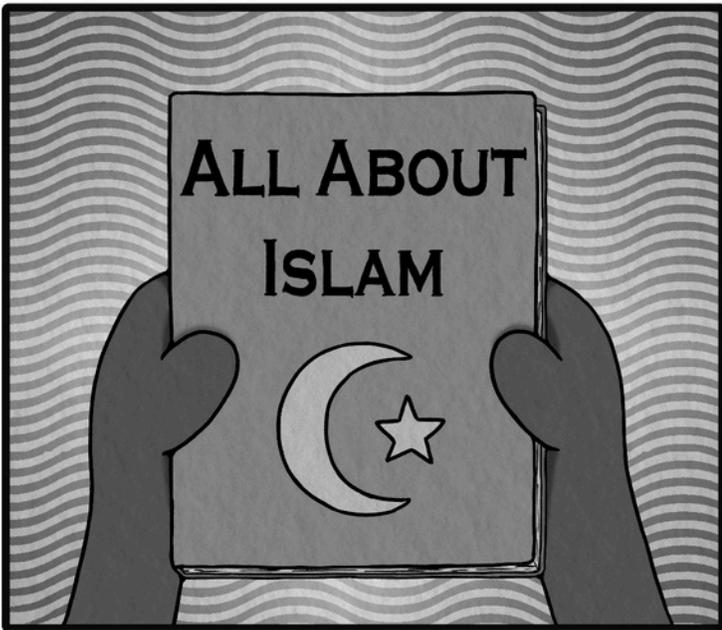
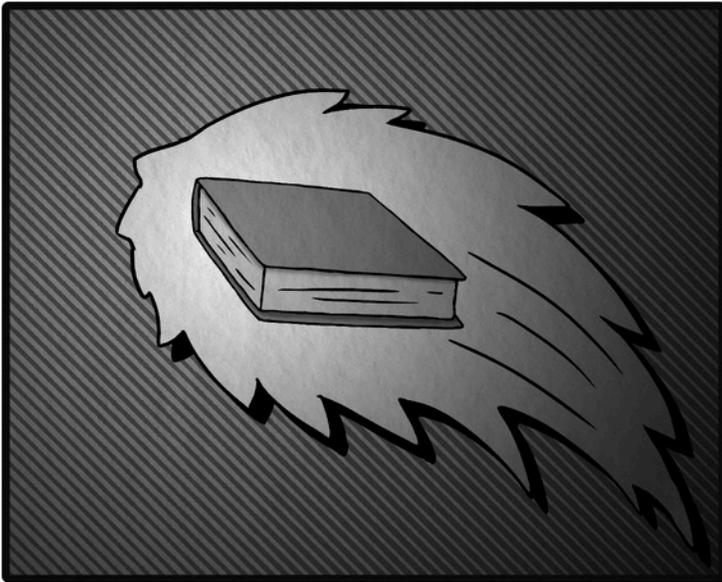
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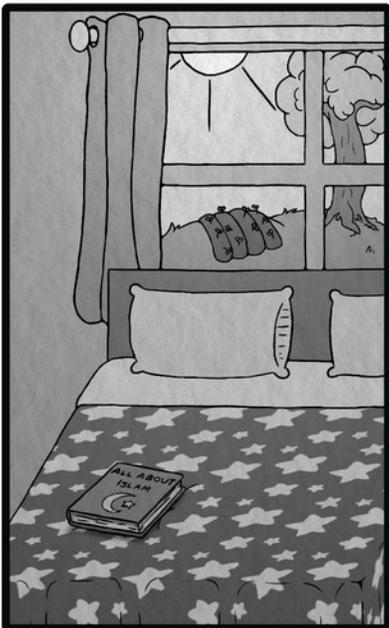


WHAT ARE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT?

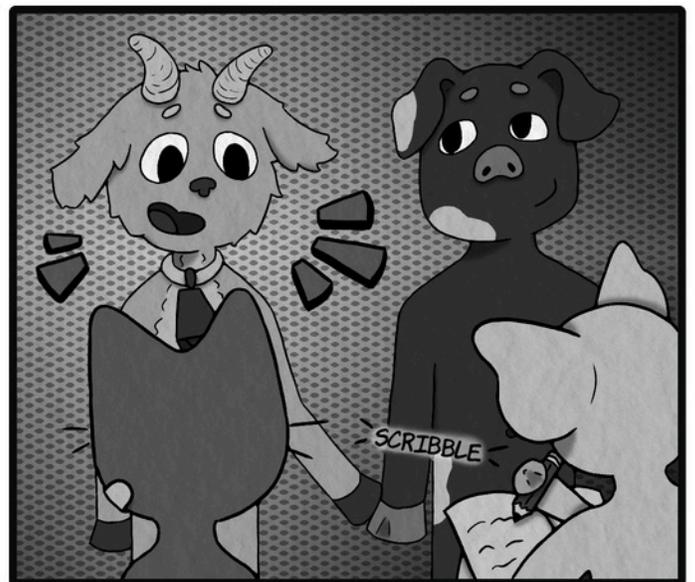
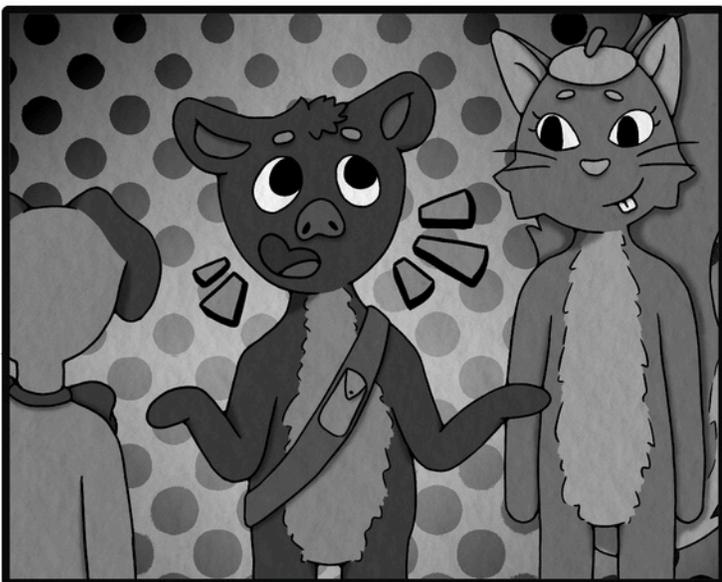
I'M JUST EXPLAINING TO SAMMI HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO LEARN ABOUT AND FROM OTHER RELIGIONS, EVEN IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE THE SAME.

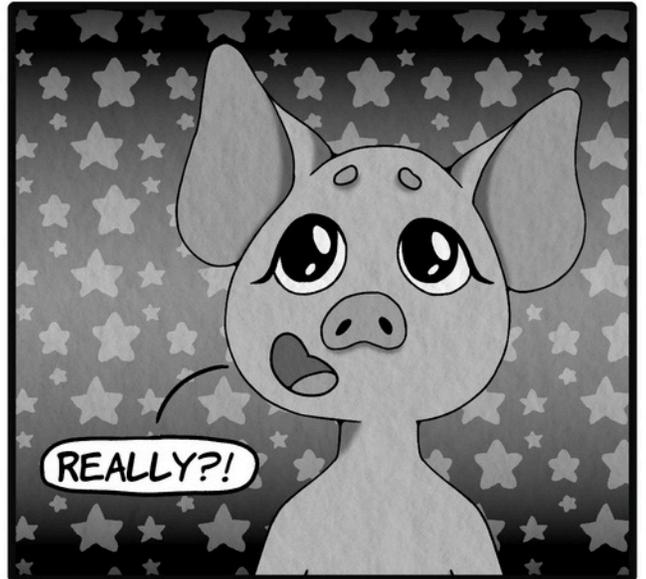




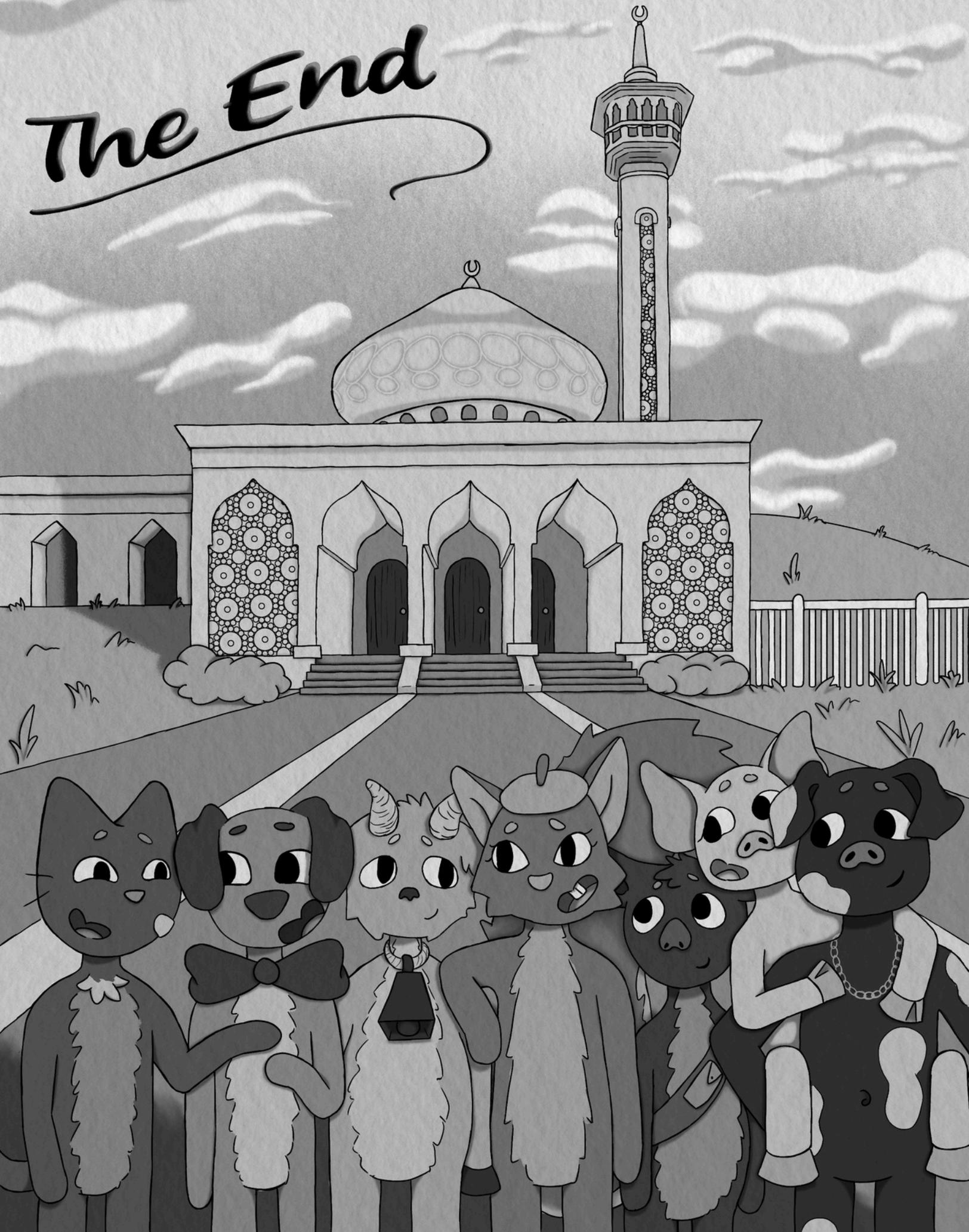








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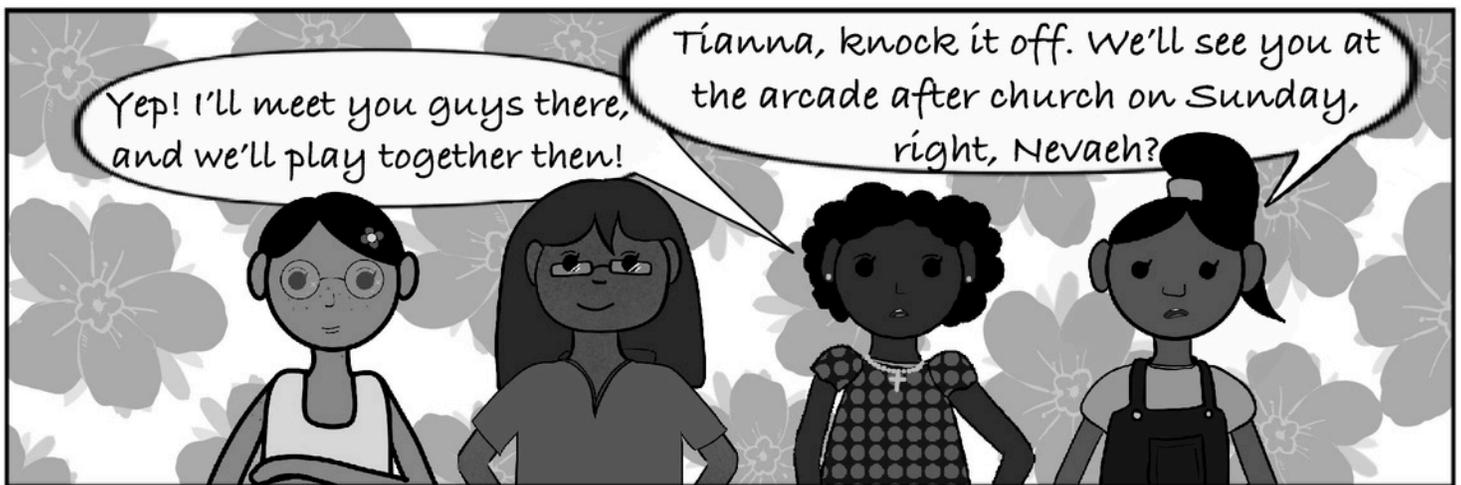
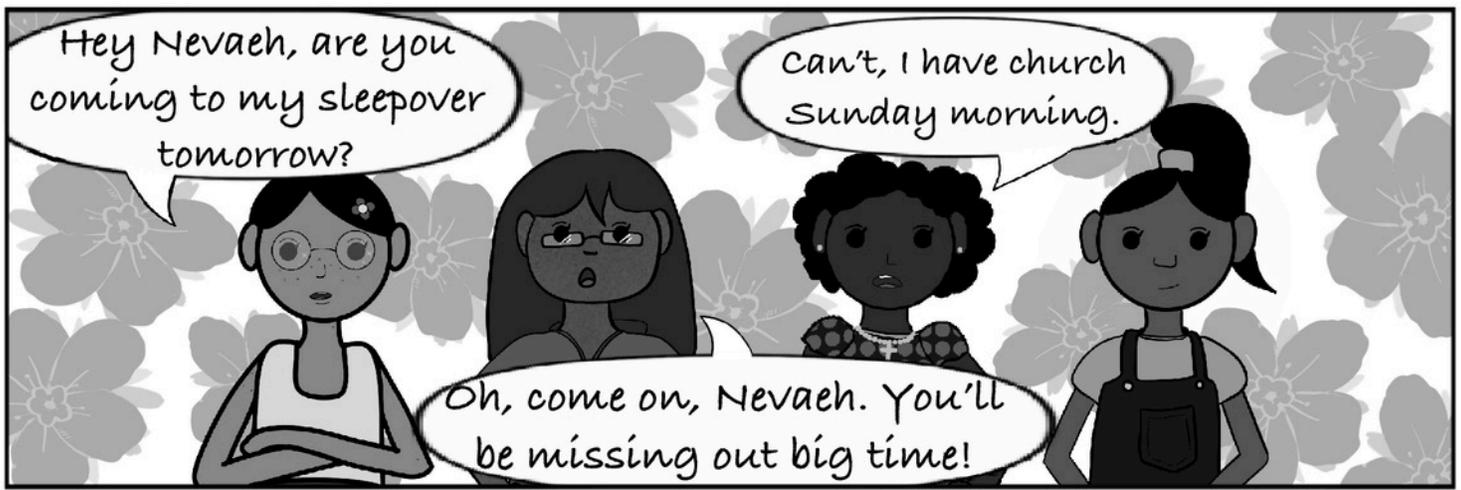
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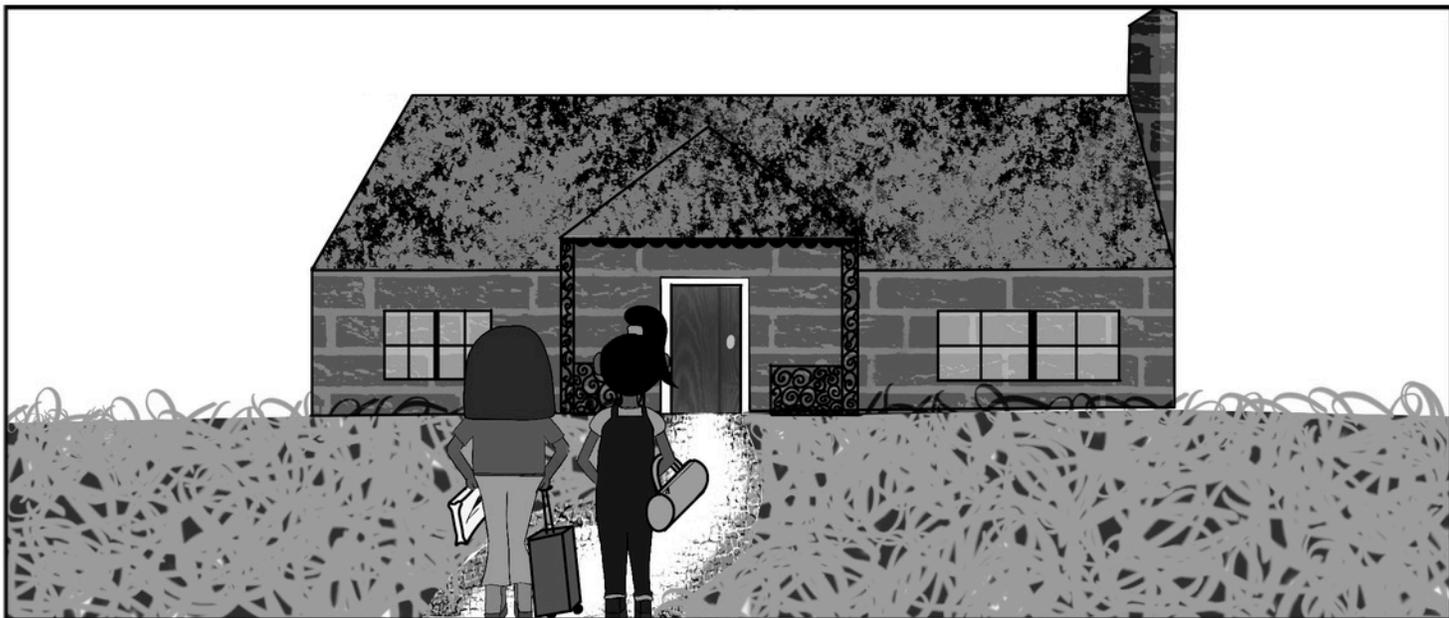


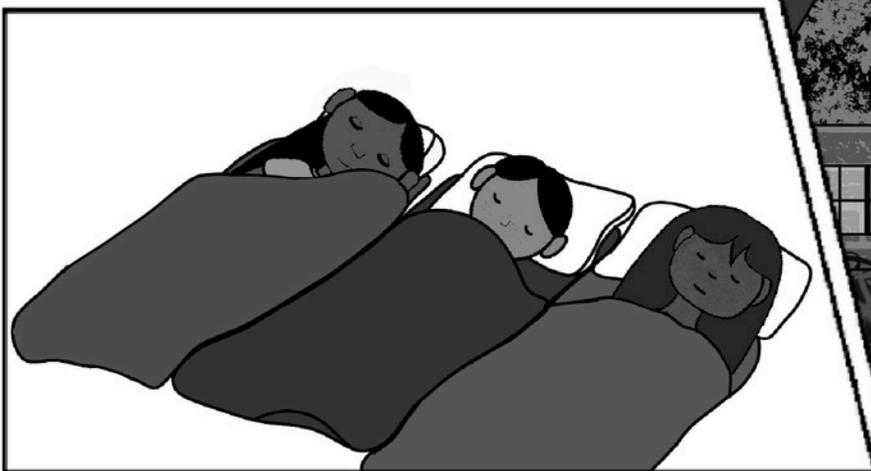
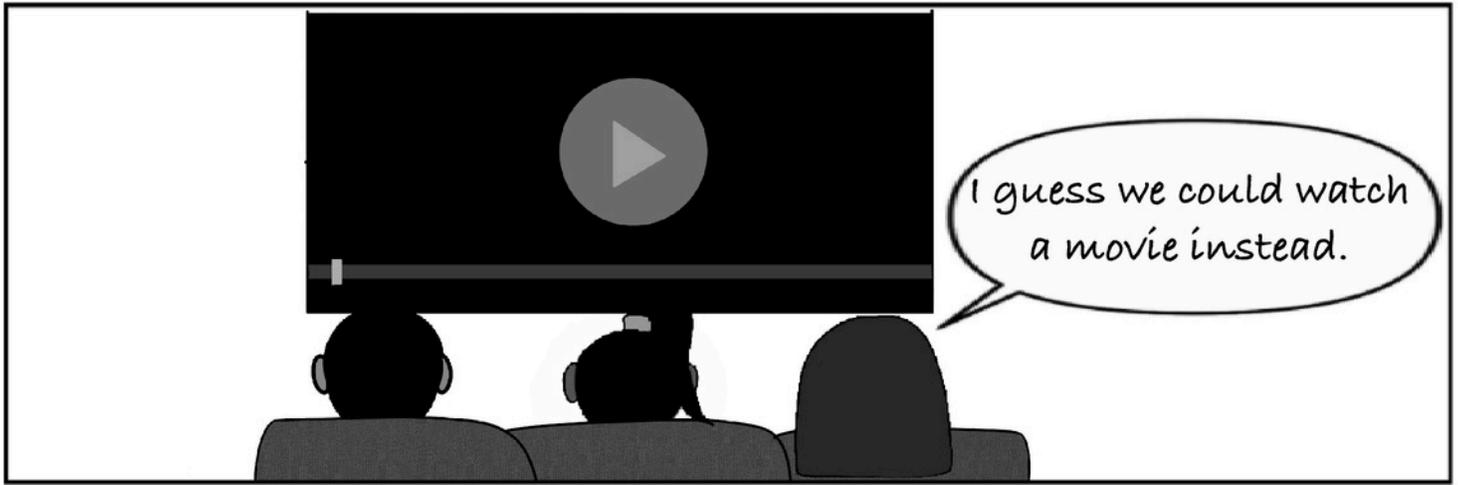
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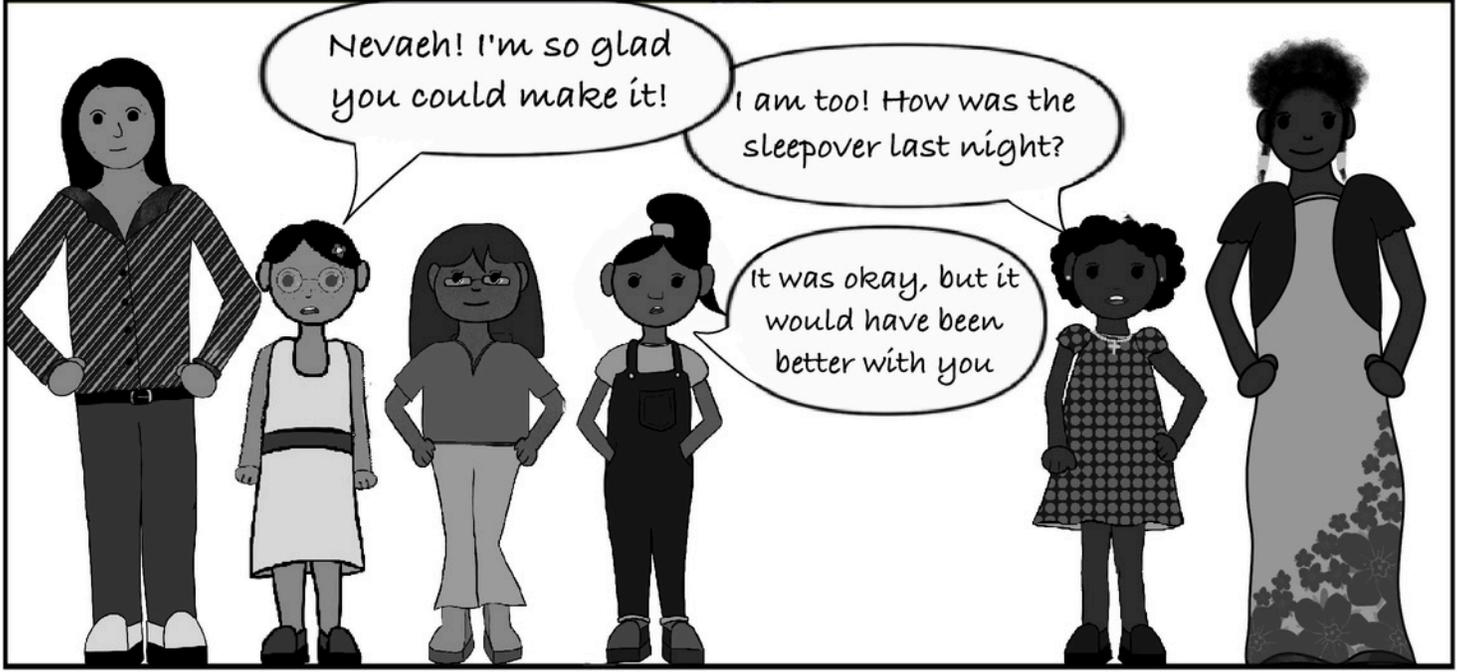
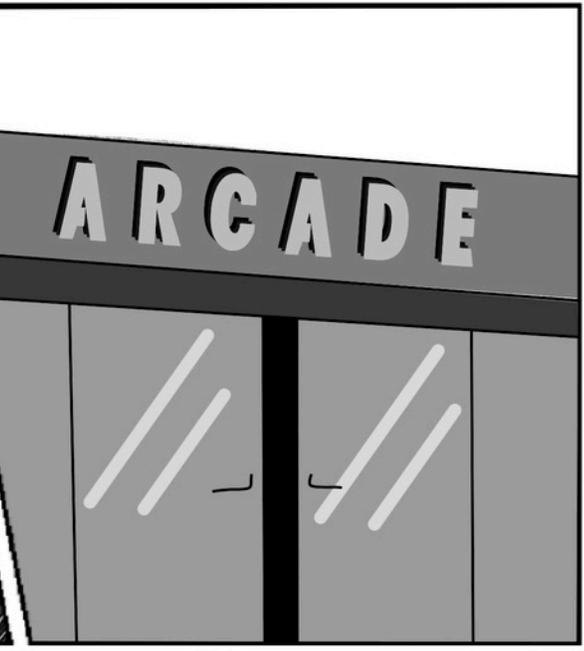
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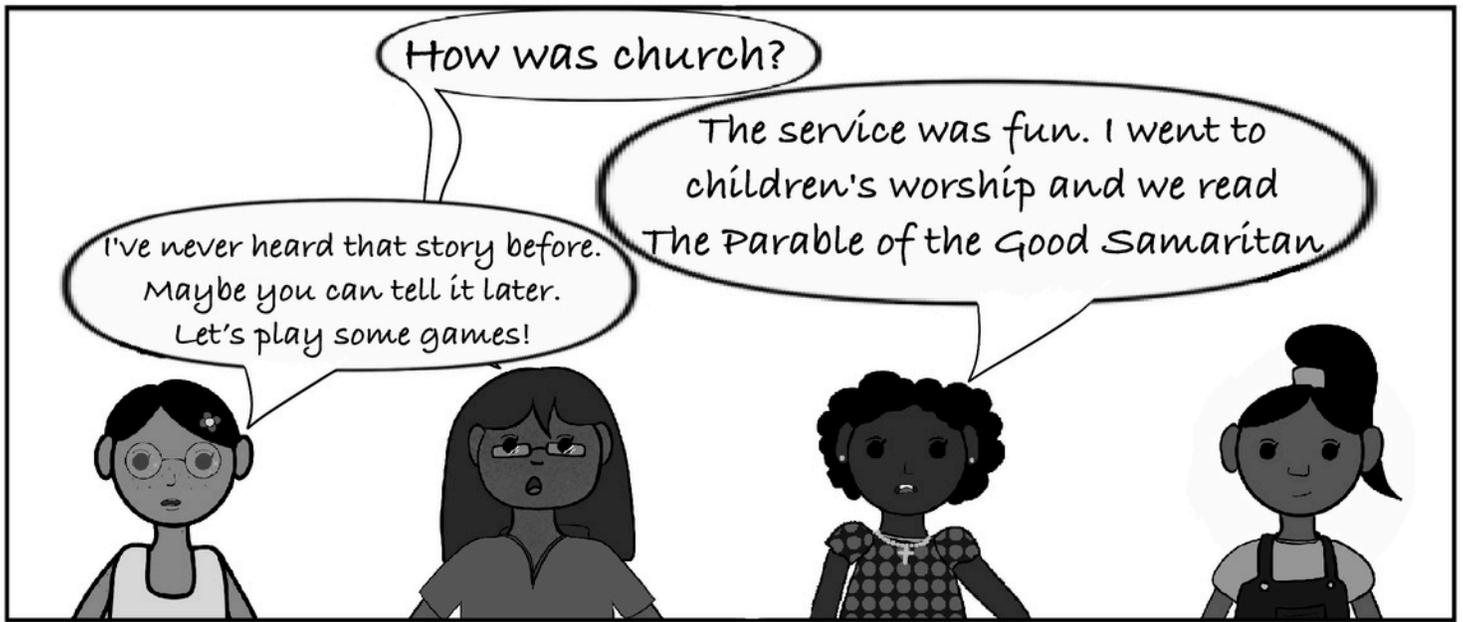
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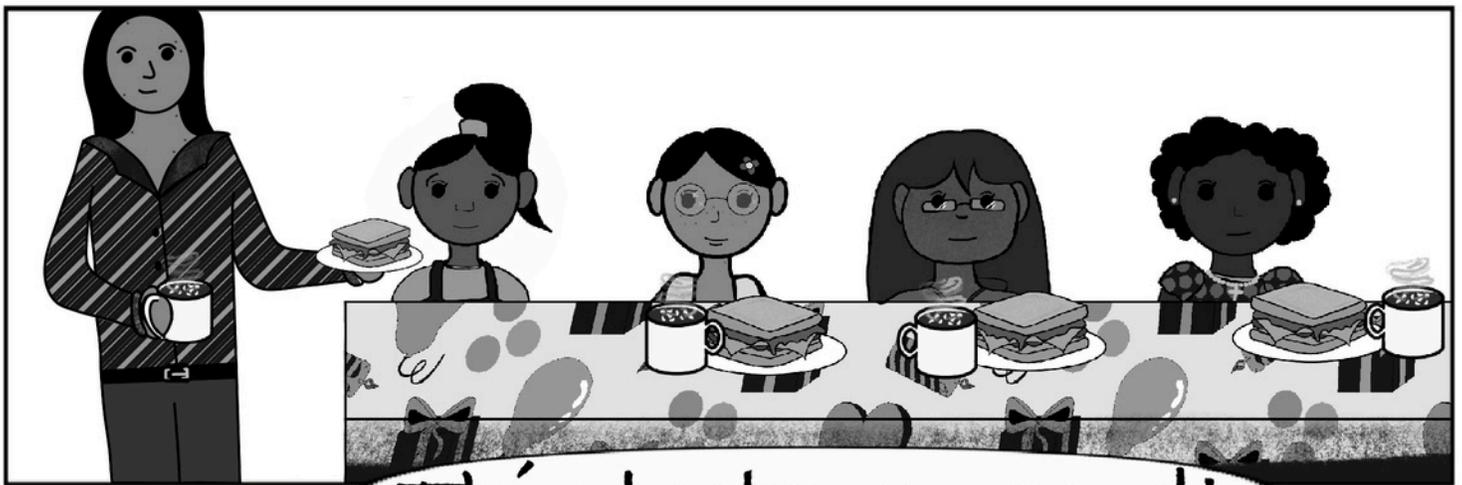
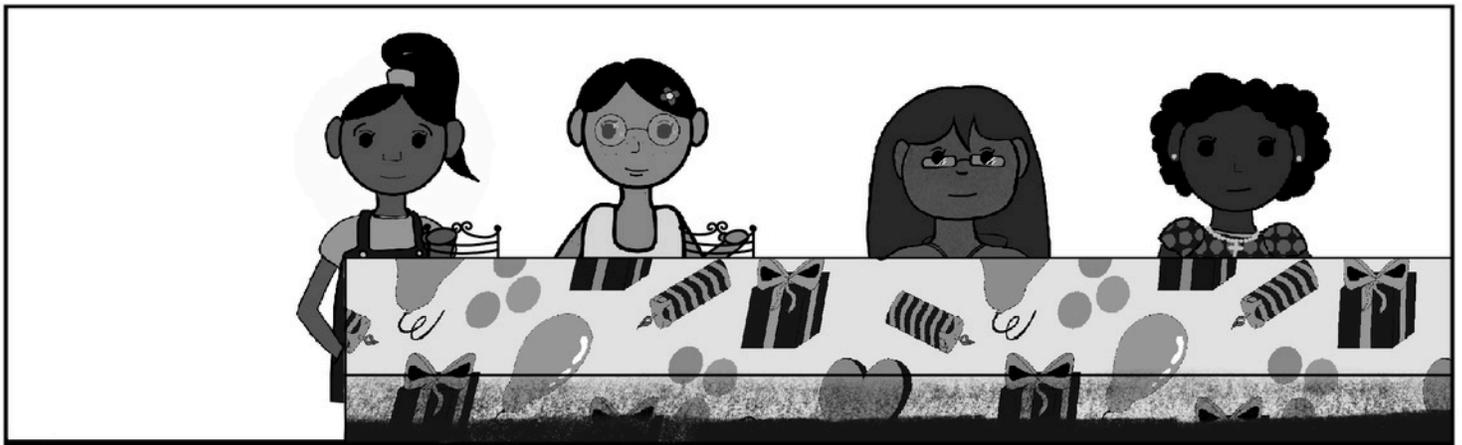
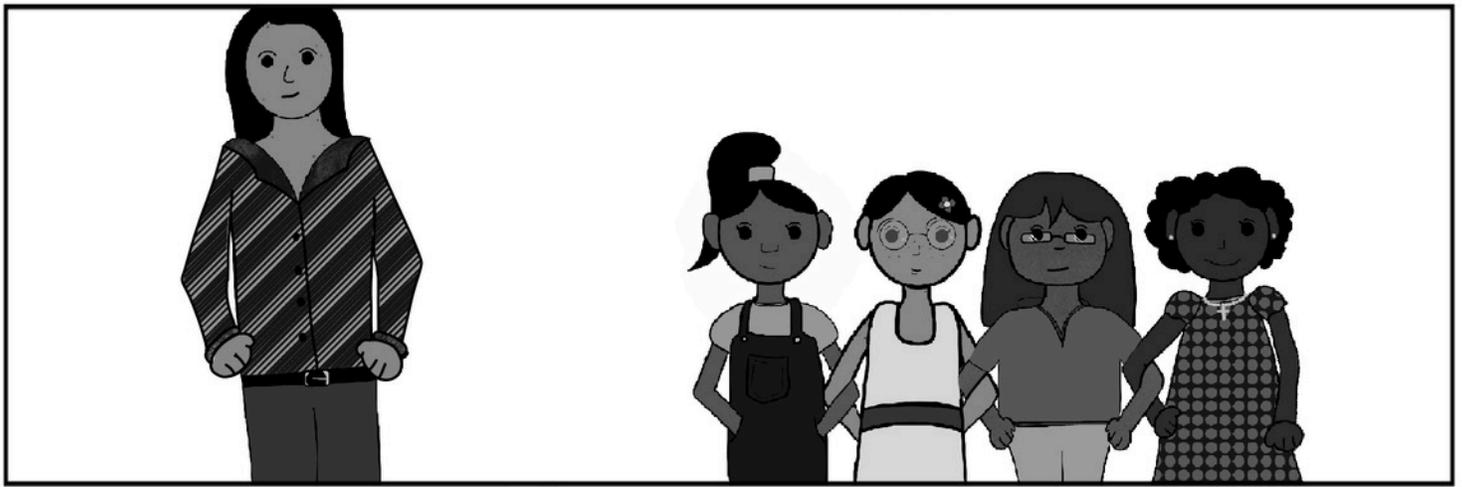












This looks so good!





It's almost like saying thanks before eating, but instead I'm checking in with myself and being grateful for all the good things in my life



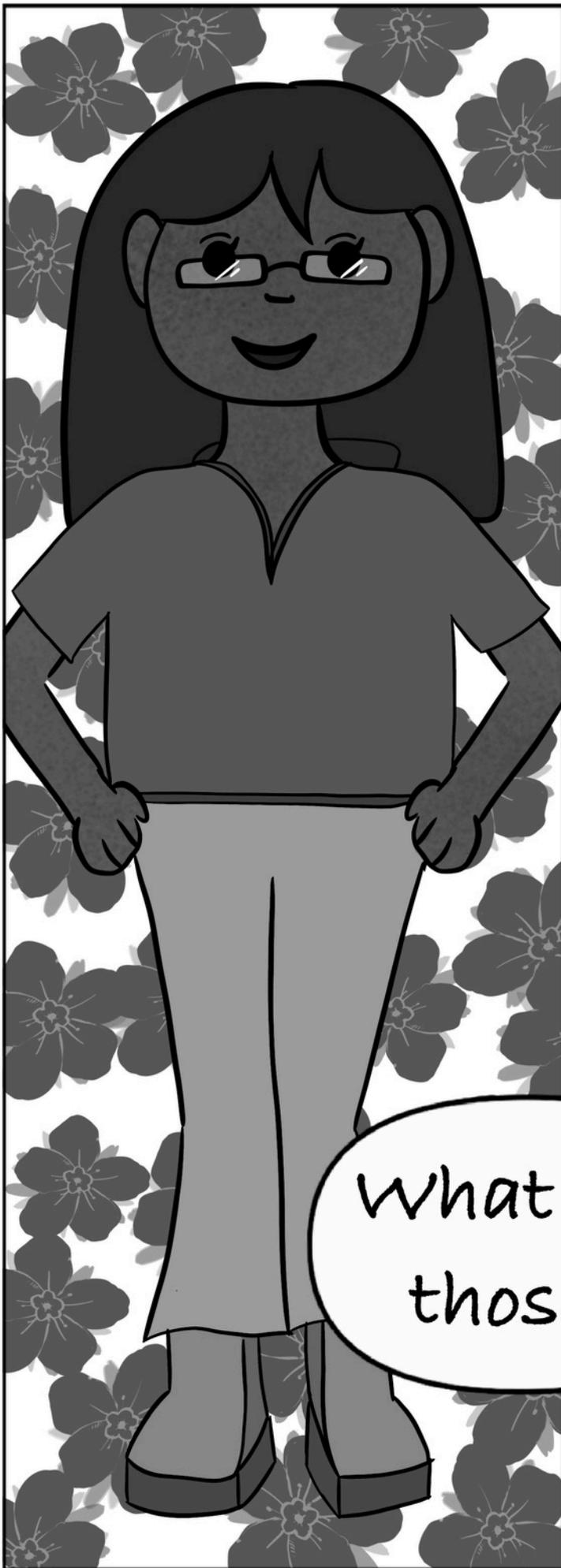
Okay, but why are you doing that? Usually, I just thank my aunt for the food because she bought it for us



My family and I are Buddhists. We value kindness, compassion, mindfulness, and gratitude for the moments we have with our families and friends

What's a Buddhist?





Hi I'm
Adalyn
Pronounced
Add-ah-lin,
and I'm Buddhist

Buddhism is a
practice that can be
observed differently
from person to person,
but overall, we live by
the **4 Noble Truths** and
the **Eightfold Path**.

What are
those?





The 4 Noble Truths are the foundations of Buddhism

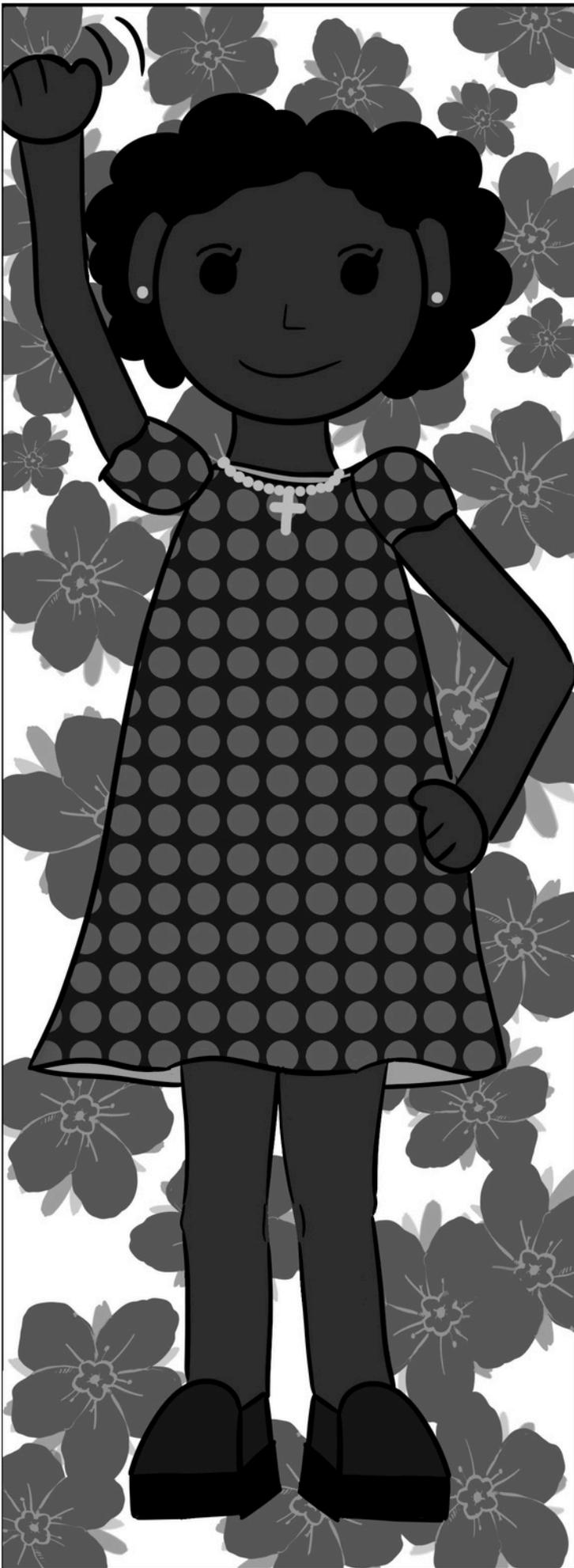
They teach us about **Dukkha**, which are the **uncomfortable** or **unsatisfying** parts of life. It also teaches us how we can change our response to life, but not life itself, and how we can **transform Dukkha** by **following the Eightfold Path**.

The Eightfold Path teaches us to be **kind, compassionate,** and **positive** in all parts of our lives, from our intentions and thoughts to our actions and words.

Oh! That sounds like the Good Samaritan story I learned about in Church this morning!



Oh yeah, I remember you mentioning that earlier. What is it about?

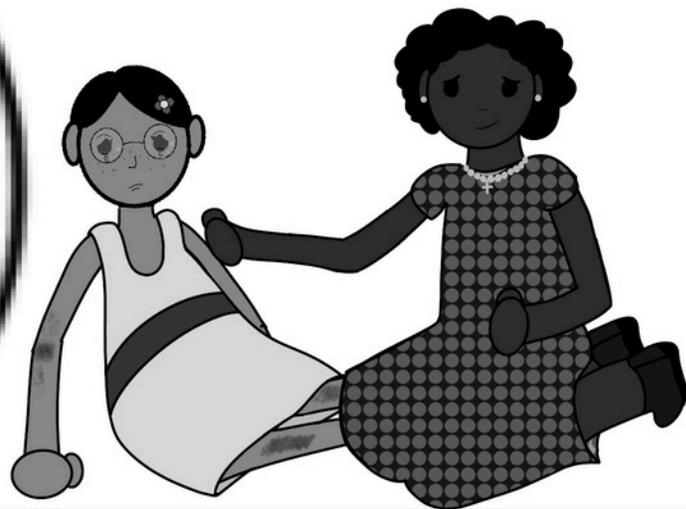


Hí!
I'm **Nevaeh**
It's heaven
spelled
backward.
You say my
name,
Nuh-vay-uh.
I'm Christian.

LUKE 10:25-37

Is about a follower
asking Jesus how
to get into Heaven,
so Jesus tells the
man the story of
the
Good Samaritan

There was a hurt man on the side of the road. Two priests walked by, leaving the hurt man there. Then a good Samaritan came and helped the hurt man by giving him a bed, bandages, and care.

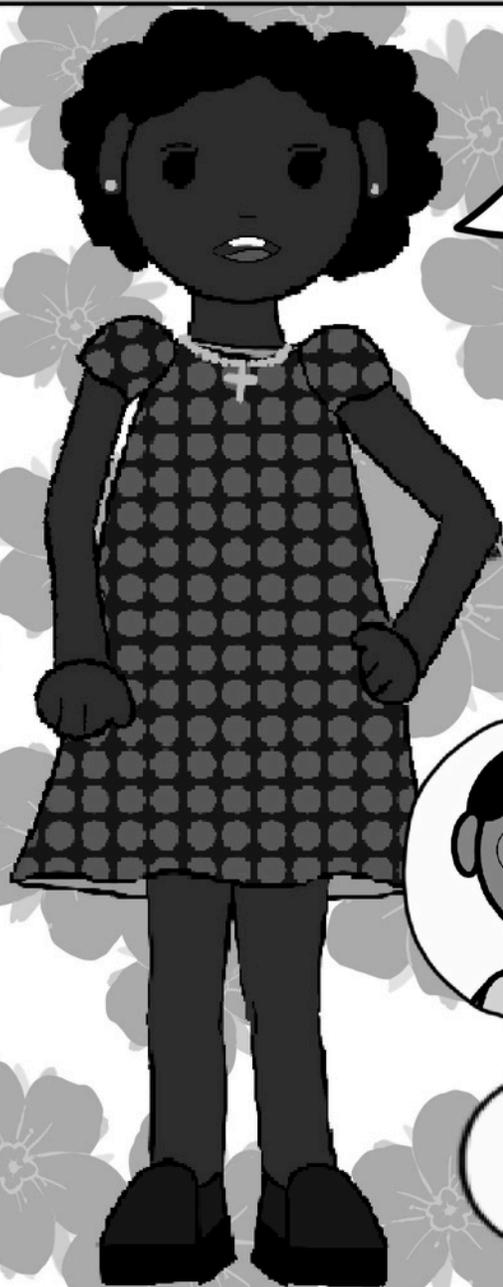


Our teacher said we should do our best to be a good Samaritan, because while the priests preached kindness nearly every day, only the good Samaritan acts on it.

It sounds like those priests need to work on their Karma.

You believe in Karma?

Of course I do!



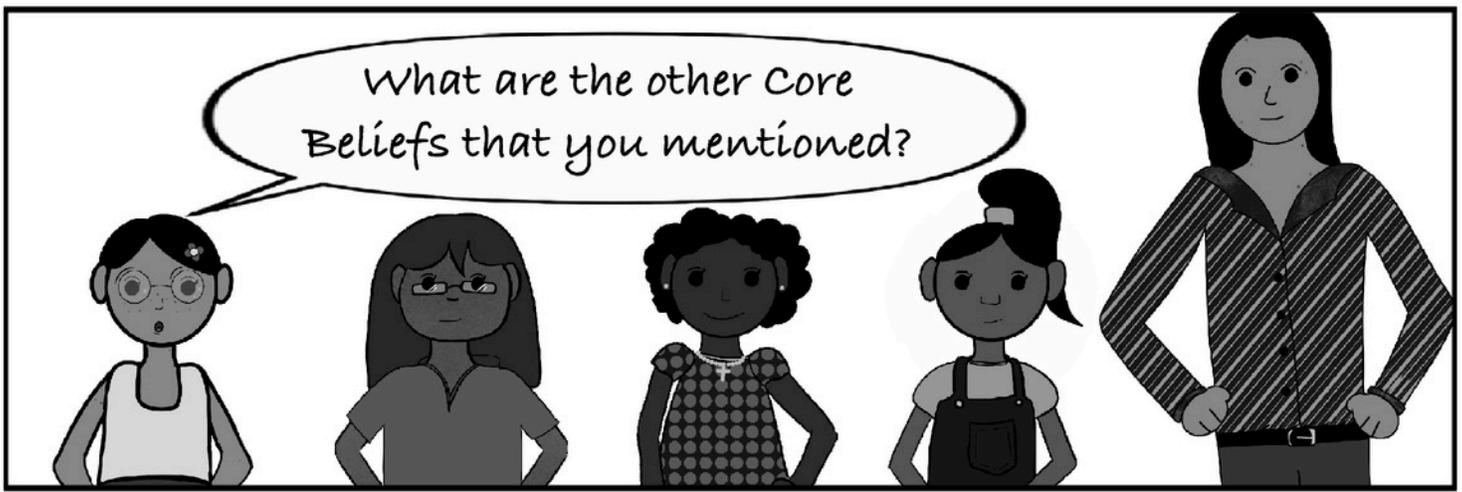
Hi my name is
Priya
like Pree-yuh.
I'm Hindu.

Karma is one of
the **7 Core**
Beliefs Hindus
believe in.

Karma is like
cause and **effect**.

So, more
wholesome
actions lead to
more happiness
in **my future**
and vice versa.

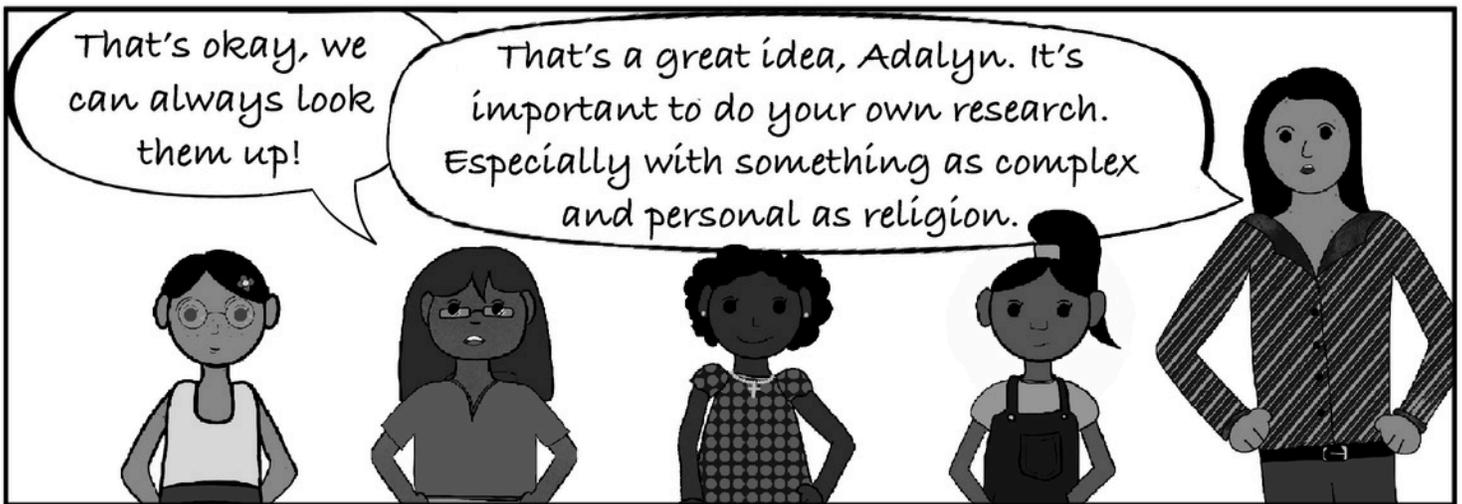


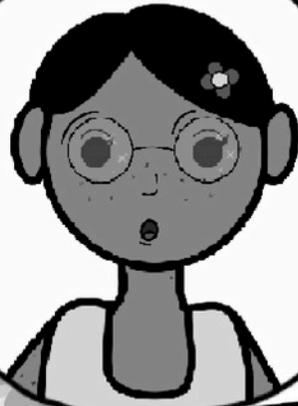


They are
Brahman,
Atman,
Moksha,
The vedas,
Cyclical Time,
And Dharma



They may be complicated to explain quickly though...





Oh, so there's no way for me to understand all the religions in one conversation?

That's right. But even though they are different, all the **religions** have **common teachings** that unite them.

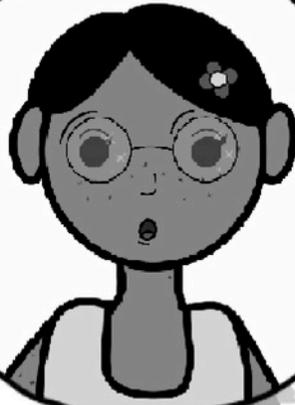
You already heard that **Christianity**, **Buddhism**, and **Hinduism** all preach kindness and how to responsibly act on it. You can find the same teachings in **Islam** and **Judaism**.



In the **Quran**, for instance, the **holy book of Islam**, it says "Allah commands justice, the doing of good, and liberality to kith and kin, and He forbids all shameful deeds, and injustice..."
(Quran 15:90)

And in the **Torah**, one of the **Holy Books of Judaism**, it says: "Love your neighbor as yourself". The Torah repeatedly **emphasizes compassion** as a fundamental virtue, urging individuals to extend **kindness** and **empathy** to all beings, including animals.

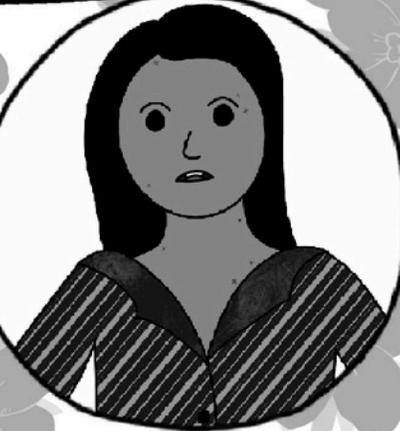




Wow, this is wonderful; I would like to learn more, also about **other religions**.

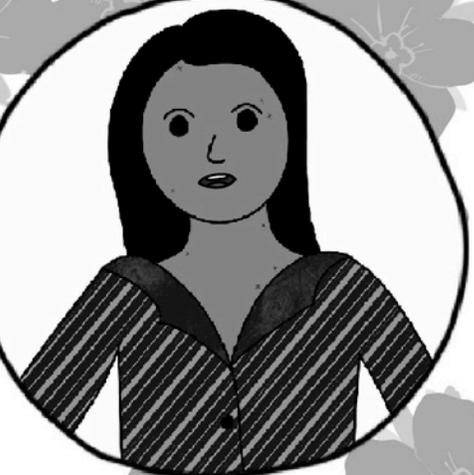
My friend Silas, for instance, is one of **Jehovah's Witnesses**, and Jesse goes with his parents to a **Unitarian Universalist** church. We can ask them to tell us about the teachings of their religions.

Yes, this will be great!! More things to **learn** and more **research** to do!!! I'm really glad you girls got the chance to talk about this and got to get to **know** each other better.



Religions are very important; they should enrich us and unite us, not divide us.

Of course! And on that note, the hot chocolate is cooled down enough to drink!



Hooray!





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