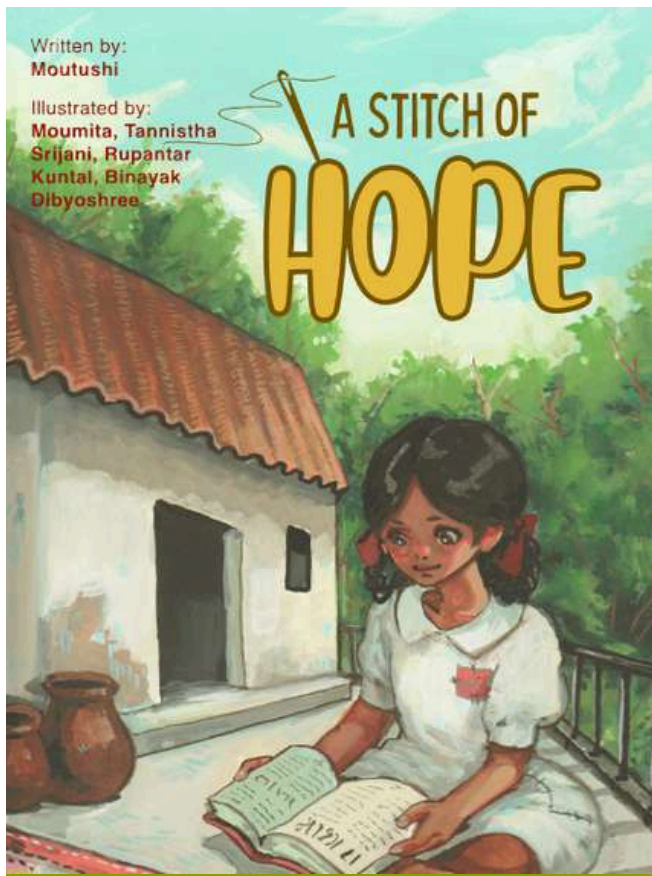


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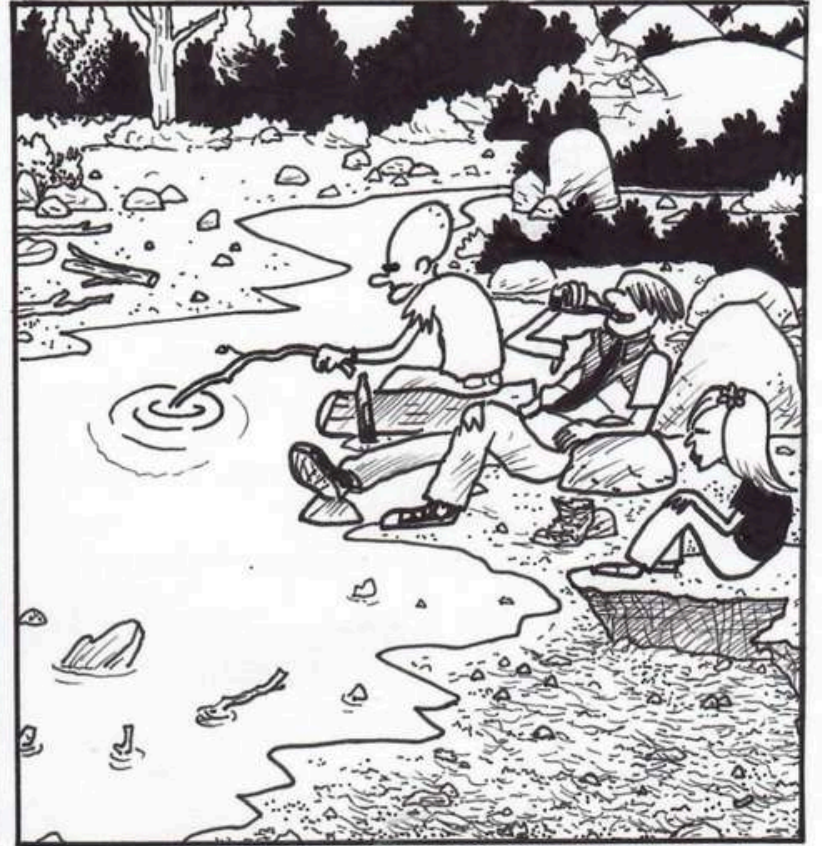
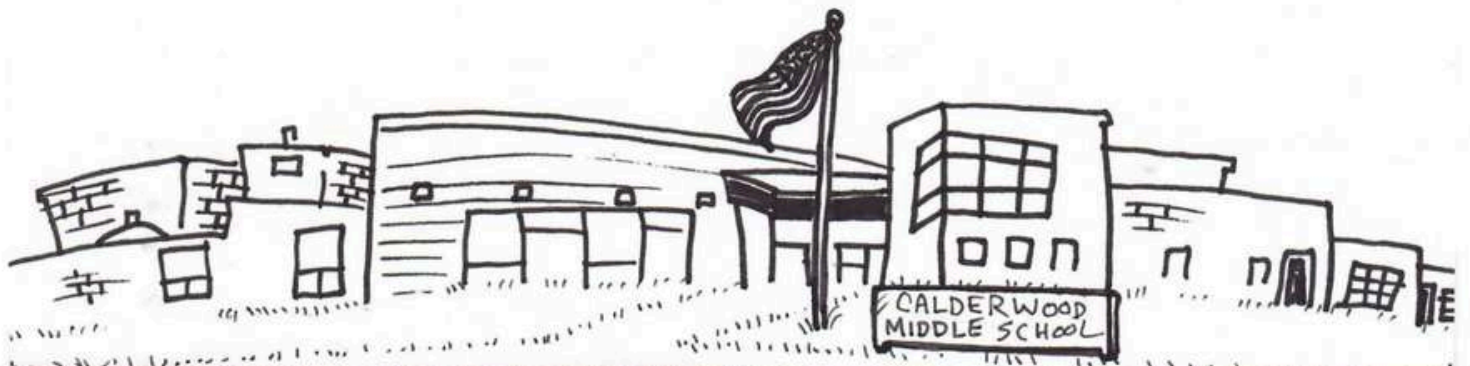


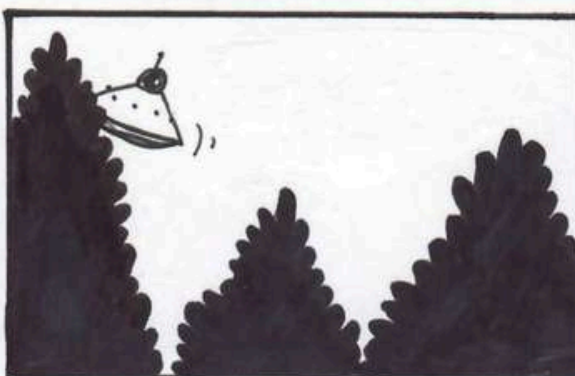
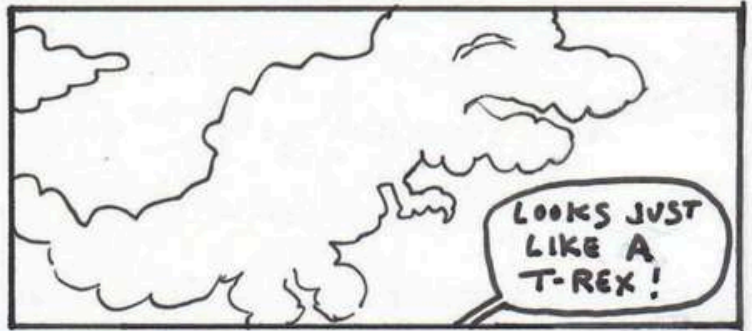
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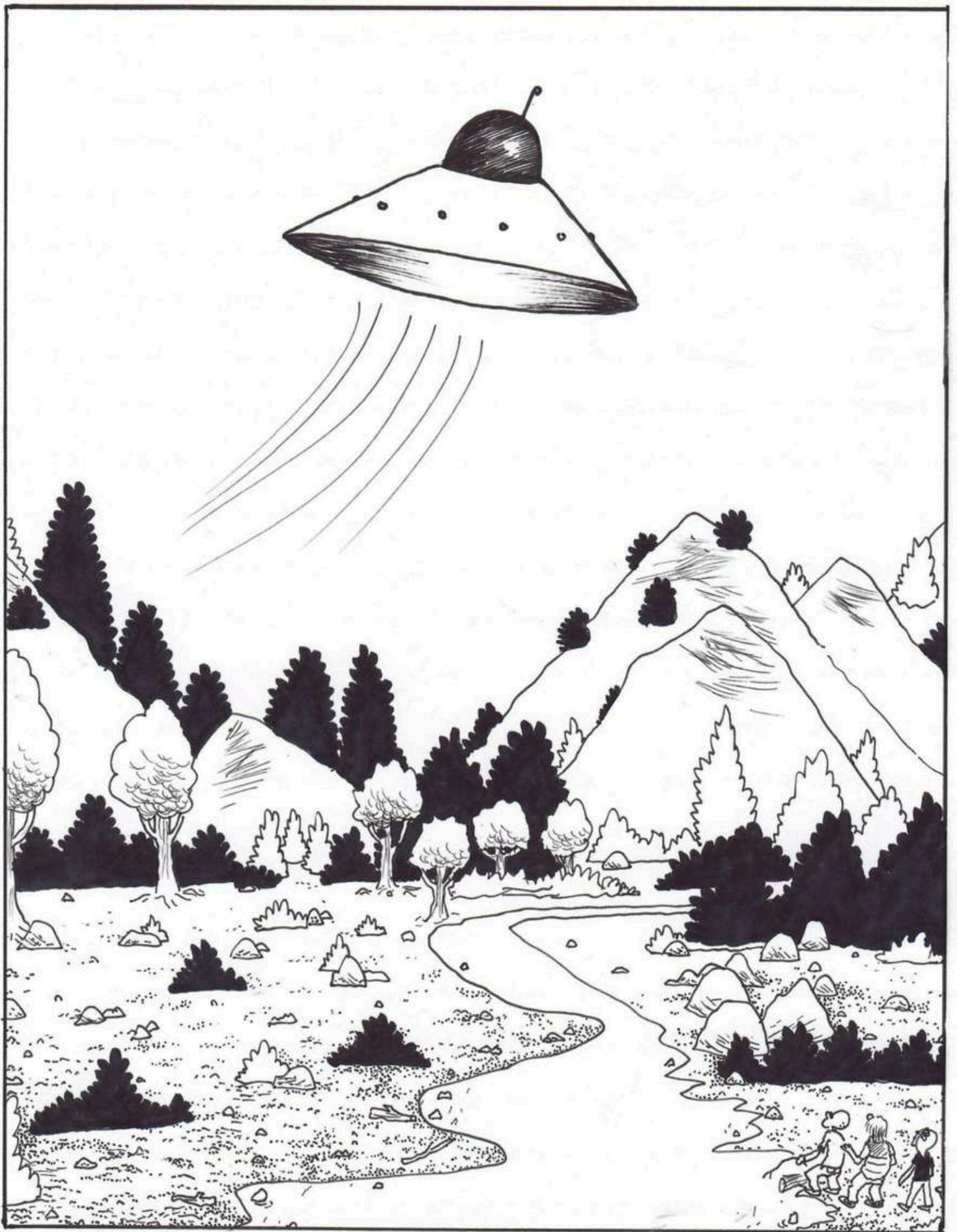


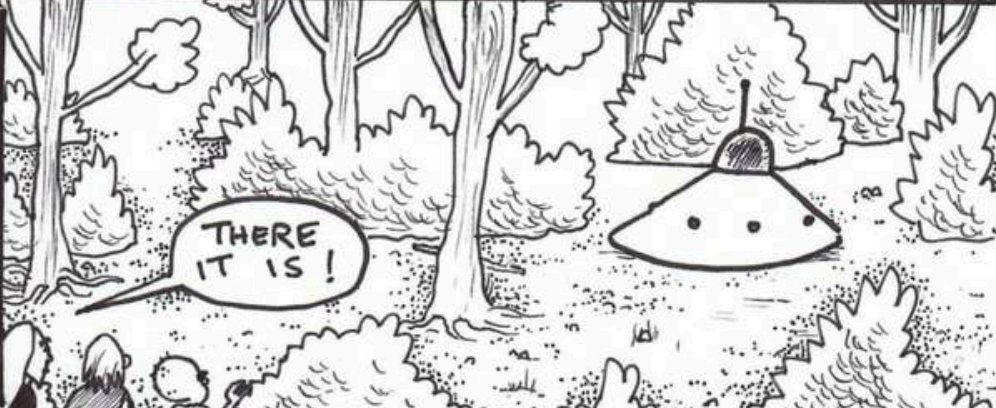
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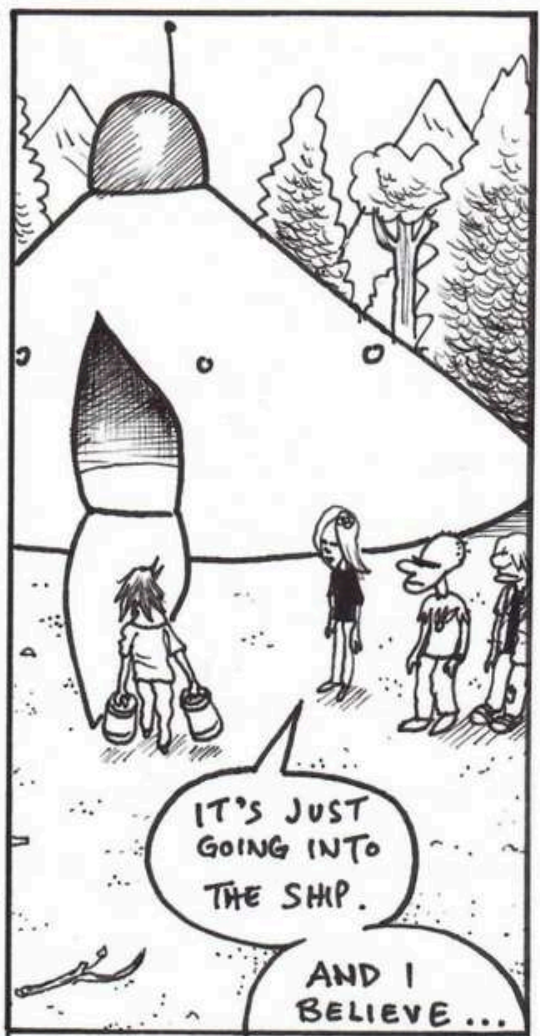


I THINK IT'S TRYING TO SAY HELLO.



IT'S COMING RIGHT TOWARD US!

No...



IT'S JUST GOING INTO THE SHIP.

AND I BELIEVE ...



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WE'RE BEING INVITED IN TOO.



WELL?

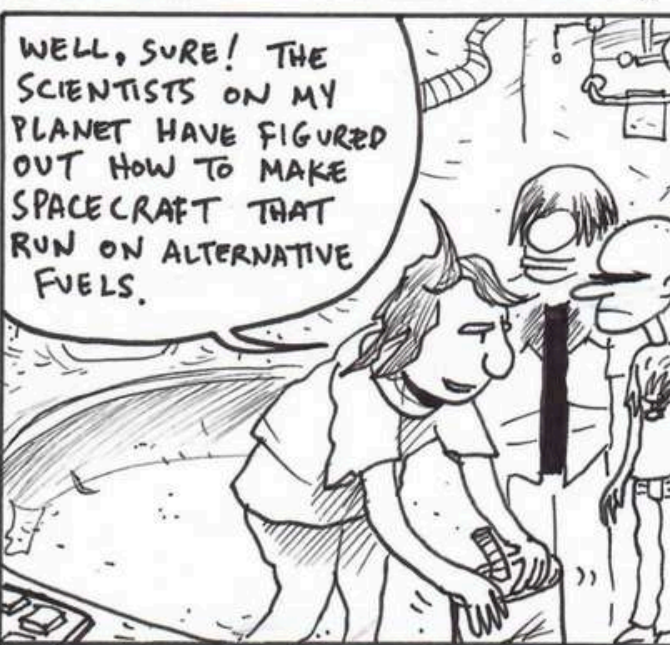
...ALRIGHT WITH ME.

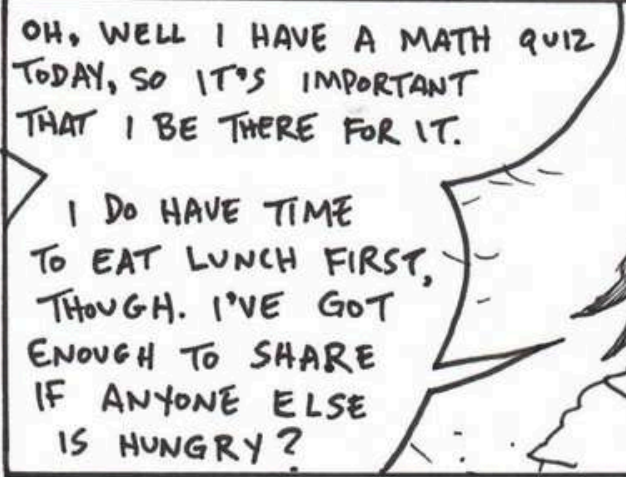
LET'S DO IT!



HELLO?

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YOU KNOW SCHOOL IS JUST A TRAP TO KEEP YOUNG PEOPLE OUT OF THE WORKFORCE. IT'S NO GOOD, DUDE.

OH, DON'T SAY THAT. SCHOOL IS **VERY** IMPORTANT.

YEAH, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO HAVE NO FUN.

FACTS.

HOW IS IT THAT YOU DON'T SEE THE VALUE OF ATTENDING SCHOOL?

IT'S ONLY BECAUSE OF SCHOOL THAT I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THE THINGS I WANT IN LIFE.

HAHA HA, YEAH RIGHT!

YOU CAN GO ANYWHERE IN THE GALAXY... WHO NEEDS SCHOOL?

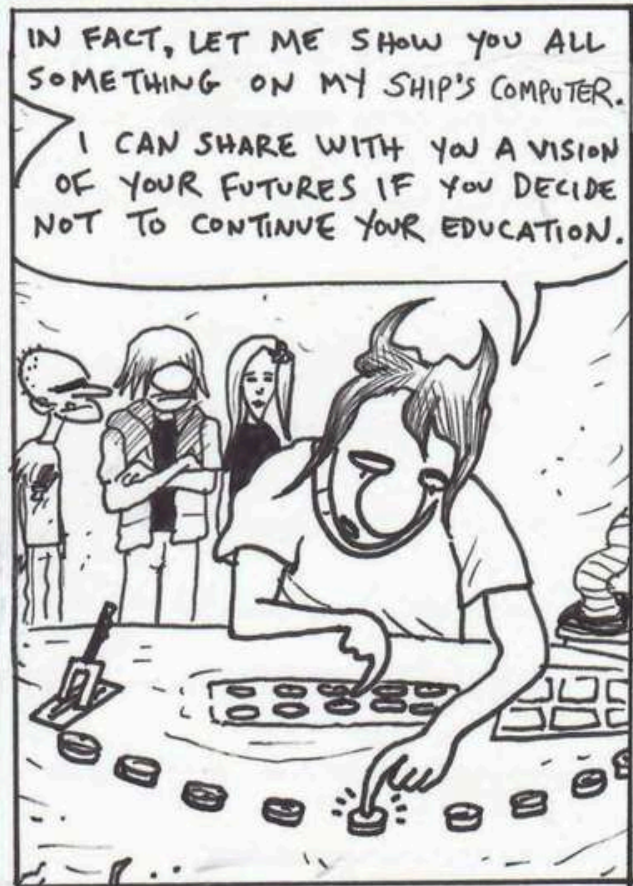
WHERE DO YOU THINK I LEARNED TO FLY MY SHIP? OR TO LOCATE PLANETS LIKE EARTH TO VISIT?

THEY TEACH YOU TO FLY SPACESHIPS IN YOUR SCHOOL?

SCHOOL IS WHERE I LEARNED EVERYTHING THAT HELPS MAKE ME WHO I AM.

YOU SENDING ME! ON EARTH SCHOOL IS JUST HOMEWORK AND TESTS AND...BOR-ING! I'M NEVER GOING BACK!

YEAH, ME NEITHER!









YOUR LIVES WENT WRONG BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS... DIDN'T LEARN TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS YOU FACED IN LIFE.

THE THINGS YOU LEARN IN SCHOOL ARE THE FOUNDATION ON WHICH A LIFE CAN BE BUILT.



WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE THIS FOUNDATION YOU CANNOT BUILD SKILLS, CANNOT DEVELOP OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW.

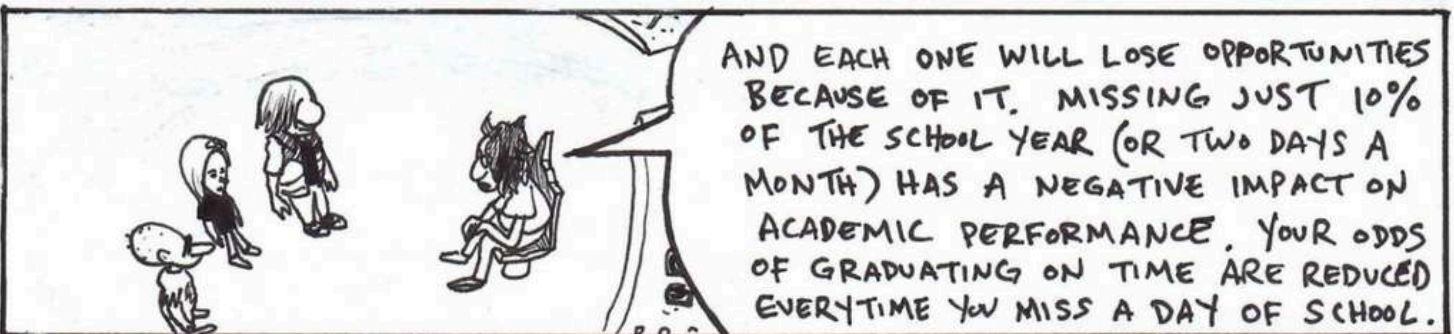


THAT IS WHY YOU MADE THE POOR CHOICES THAT LED TO THE DARK FUTURES WE JUST WITNESSED.

YEAH, THAT... THAT MAKES SENSE.

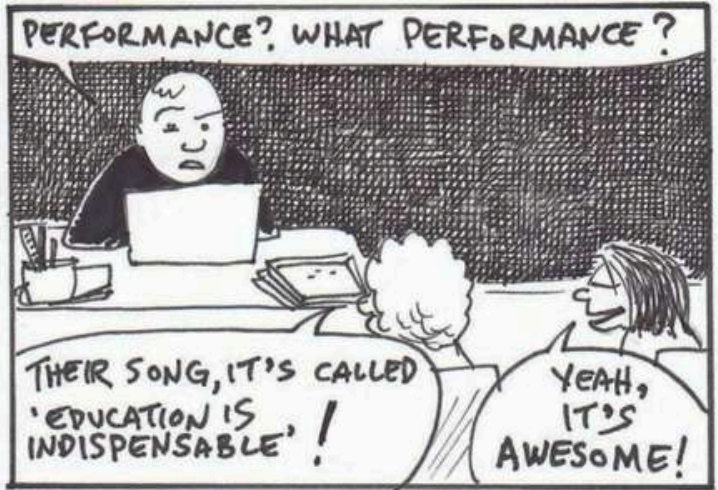


I SEE HOMELESS PEOPLE ALL THE TIME AND I ALWAYS WONDER 'HOW DID THEY LET THAT HAPPEN TO THEMSELVES'?









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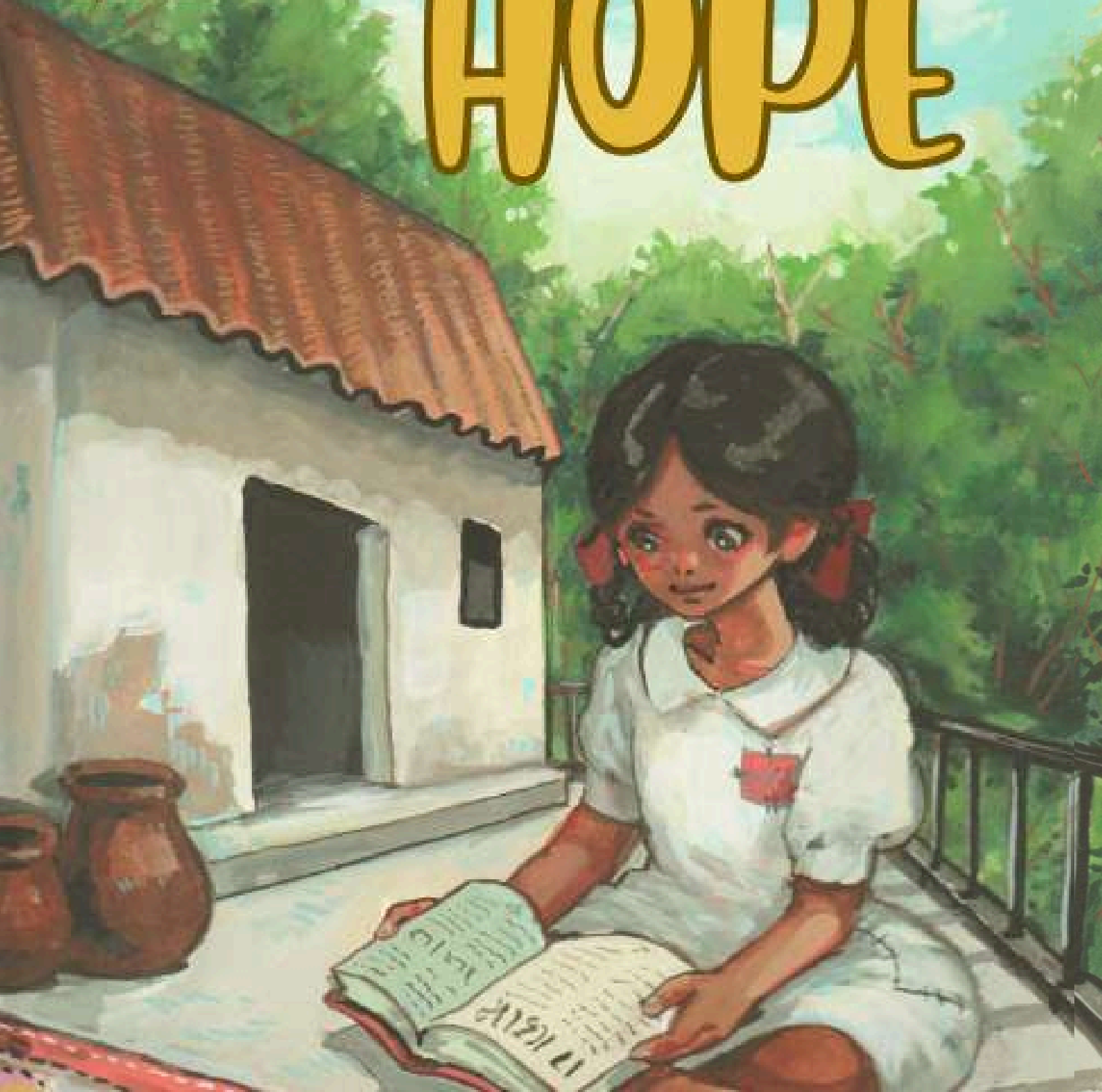
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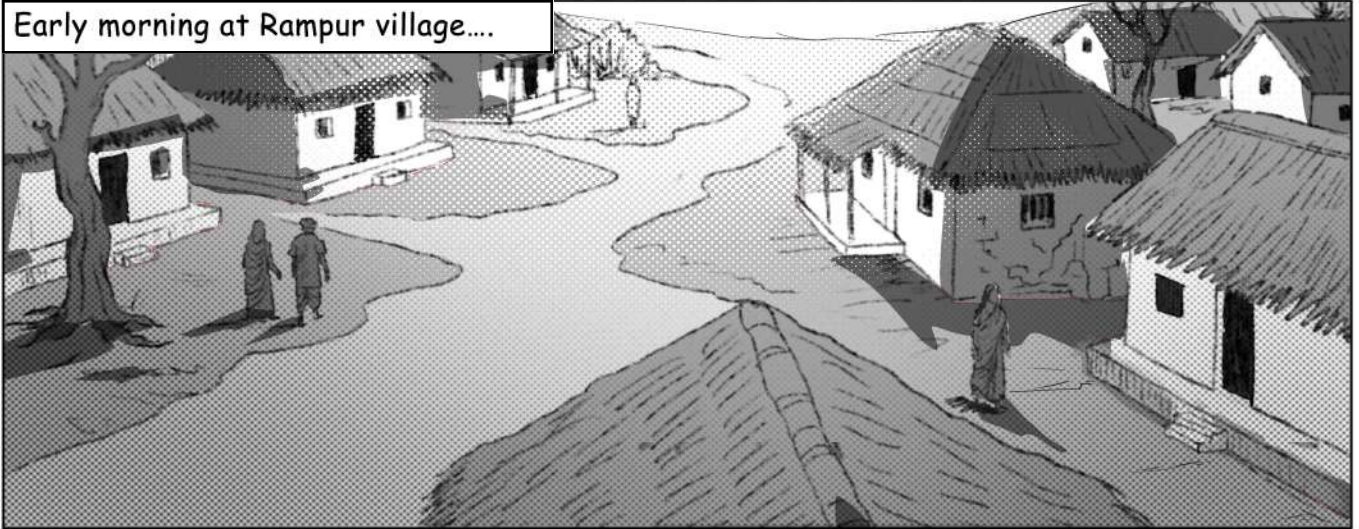
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Far amidst the looming ancient saal trees of Ballavpur forest lies nestled the small village of Rampur in Birbhum region of Bengal, in the eastern part of India. The color of the soil here is red and so are the mountains that surround the village. A narrow dusty road runs through the center of the village, strewn with small mud huts covered with thatched roofs.



Early morning at Rampur village....



Little Laxmi falls asleep on the straw mattress in her hut



What will we feed her tomorrow?



No Rice




I must find work today



My child can't be hungry








My Laxmi will go to School... she will not be helpless like me



SCHOOL

Next day at the Village Primary School

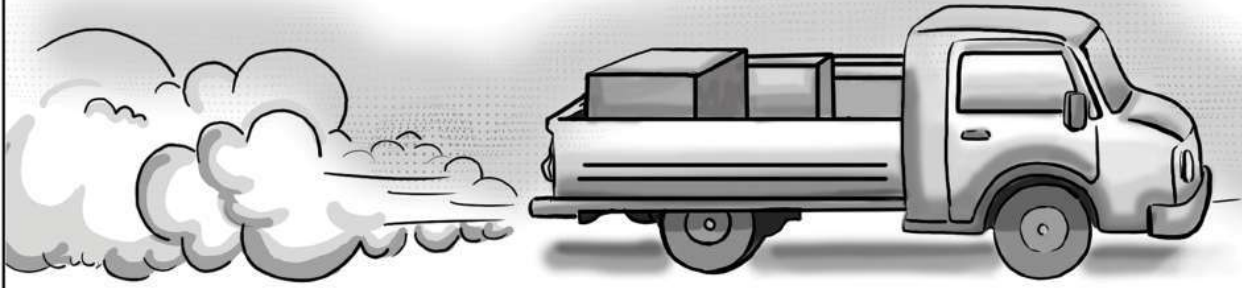


Let's begin with the Alphabet!!

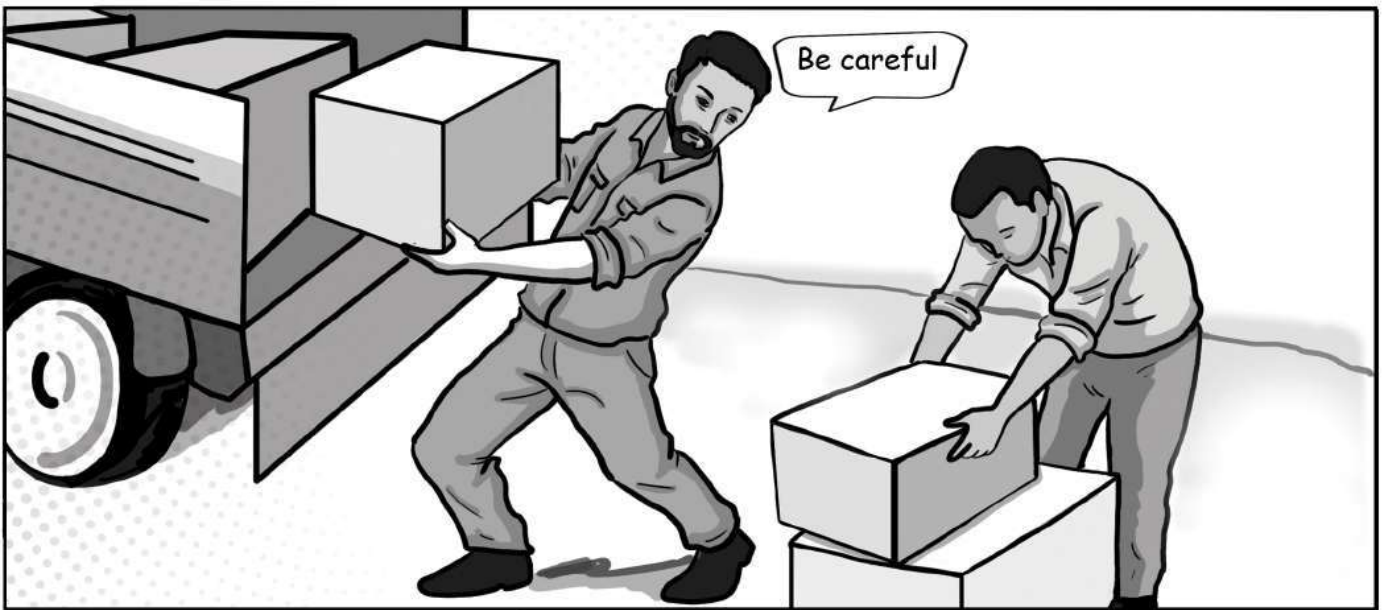
"It's time for the Mid-Day Meal!! Children wash your hands quickly and come sit down for lunch" - said the elderly lady who cooked meals for the school children every day. A simple meal of rice, curry, daal and sometimes an egg. But hot, tasty and fresh. The children enjoy their meal-times, chattering and laughing as they fill in their empty stomachs. After the meal they play games and then some more lessons and then school ends with the bell ringing



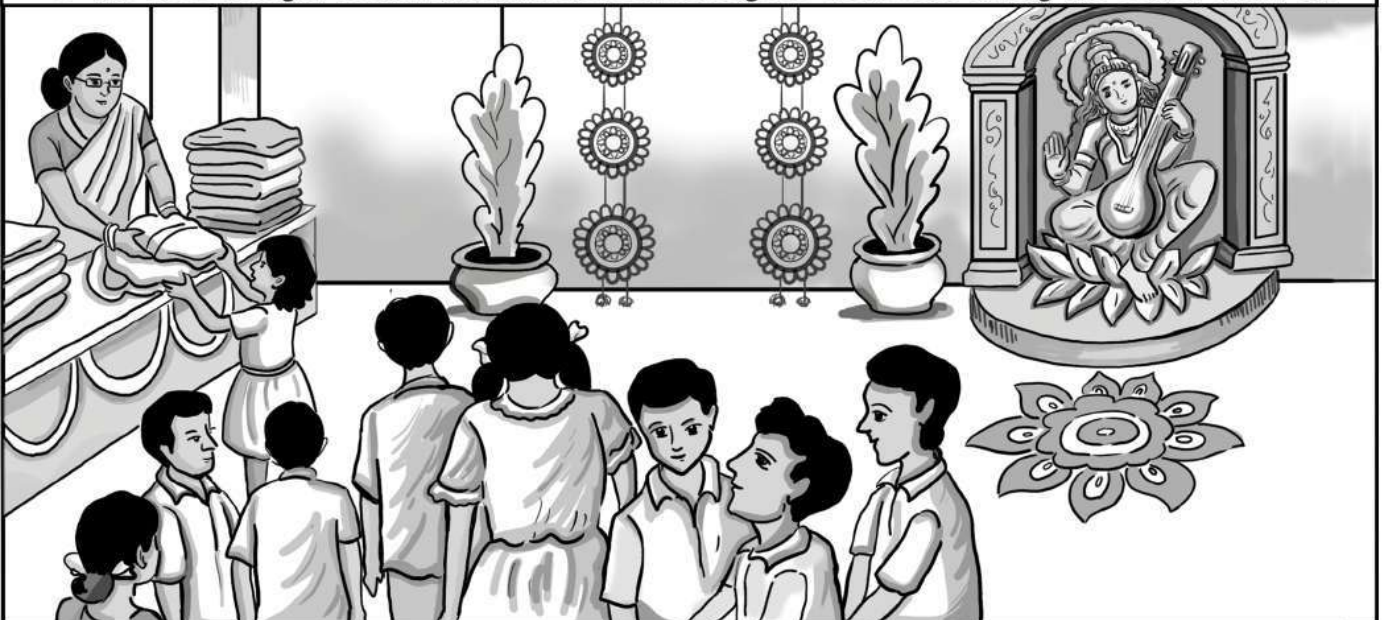
A few days later....



..... a small truck arrives through the narrow, dusty road of Rampur



On the auspicious day of Saraswati Puja, to venerate the Goddess of Knowledge, members of the NGO brought books, uniforms and school bags to distribute among the school children.



Today's Guest is Mrs. Gupta who heads the NGO that runs the Village Primary School



Dear Brothers and Sisters... just as a bird cannot fly with only one wing, similarly a community cannot progress where girls are uneducated and powerless. Education is essential not only for Boys but also for Girls

You made the right choice



Please bless her Madam. I am a daily wage worker at your factory, but I didn't know this NGO was run by you!!



Time runs by and Laxmi grows up....



Wahh Gullak!!!
I'll save all my money in it



What a lovely story



Laxmi now reads stories to her Mother

At School.....

Laxmi should apply for the National Scholarship Exam

Exam day arrives. Meritorious students from all over the country apply for this exam. if selected, they receive admission at premier institutions, and their education is funded by the government.

I must try hard

Laxmi takes her exam

May your sincerity light up the world

Laxmi receives the national scholarship....

Laxmi enters the gate of her new school 'Government Secondary School.' The School is a reputed residential institution for girls. The school prides itself for guiding and inspiring students who rose from their humble backgrounds to make decisive contributions to society. Laxmi stood in awe of the two storied building and the large playground. It was a new beginning for her.



Arithmetic is your strength Laxmi. Why not study business administration?

...and become an entrepreneur?

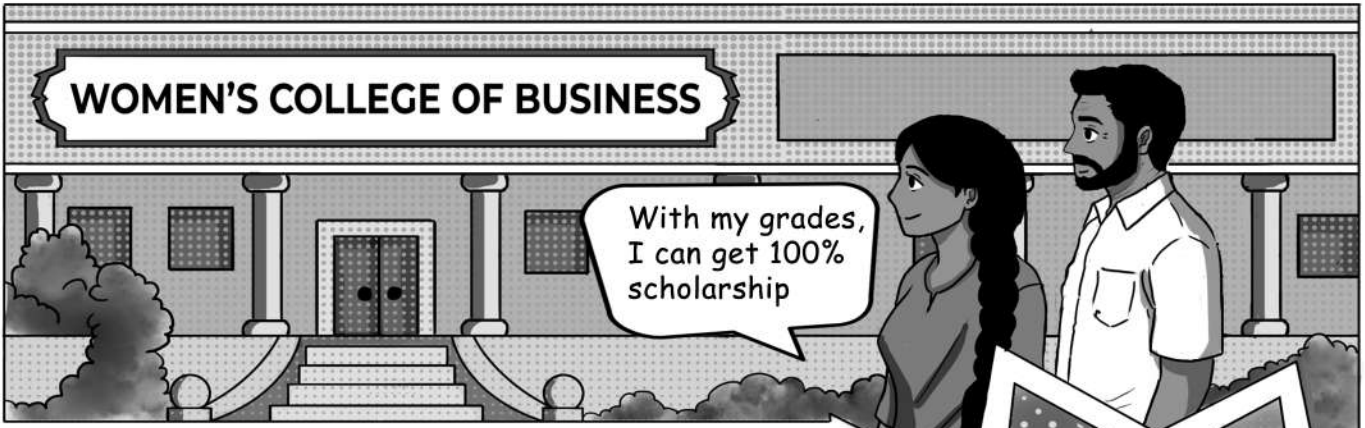


After her Secondary education is over, Laxmi takes a bus to the nearby town with her father...



WOMEN'S COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

With my grades, I can get 100% scholarship



Commerce is a vital economic driver

Hello...



At Rampur.....

Papa please rest....
you can't go to work
like this

Laxmi...



Nothing has
changed here



Ma your sewing
is so beautiful

Oh this is our Kantha
stitch... all women of
Bengal know this
embroidery

Ma let's sell these embroidered clothes and fabrics in the market



The traditional motifs look so elegant and color combinations look simple but so attractive



Soon...

These embroidery lessons are so helpful for village women like us

Indeed...now we too can earn for our family

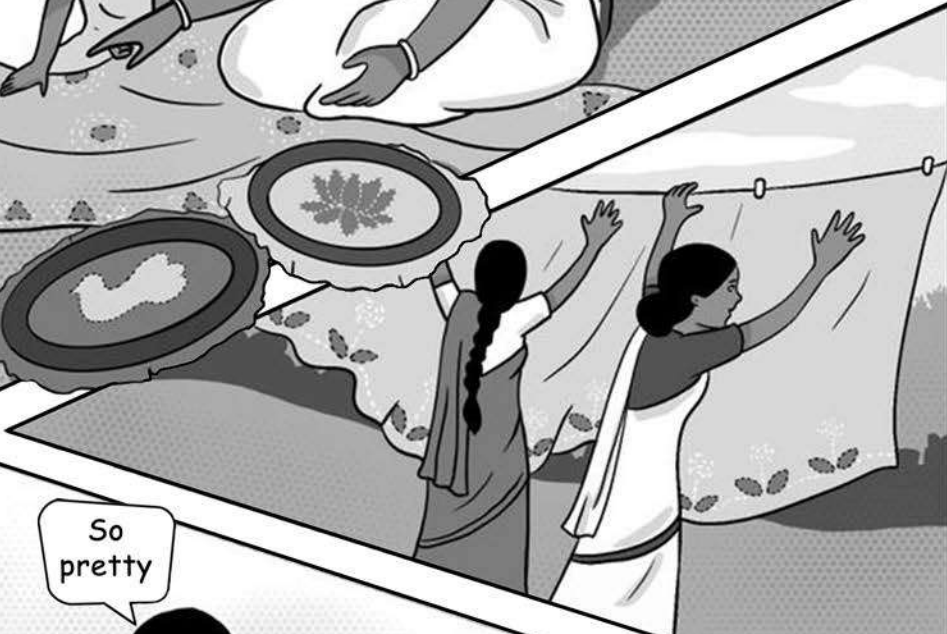




Don't be shy. You too can learn and earn



Our women have embroidered like this for generations



Come buy from us



So pretty

I like all of them

Me too

And cheap too

Now we too can afford to send them to a good school



...and provide sumptuous meals at home

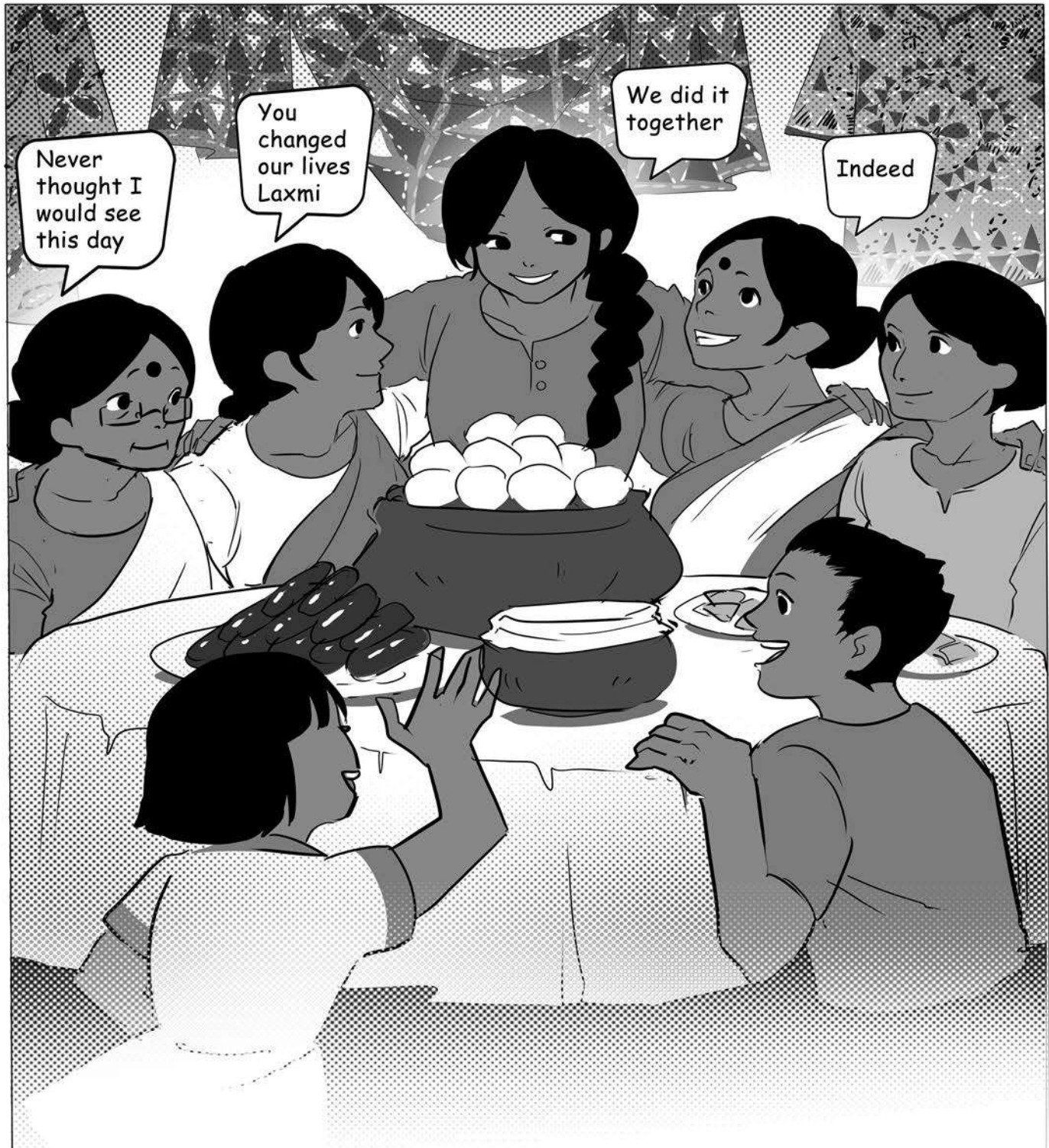


We are so proud of you Laxmi



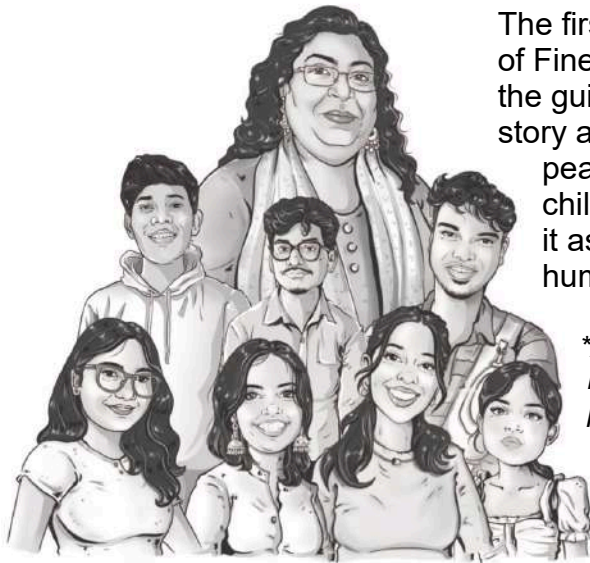
ALO CRAFTS AND EMBROIDERY





The lesser-known village of Rampur slowly began to change with equal opportunities given to girls and boys, men and women. The hardships remained but they became more manageable with shared knowledge and teamwork among the villagers. Children no longer slept with an empty stomach, Mothers worried less and Fathers saw their burden shared. It was a true beginning.

THE END



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