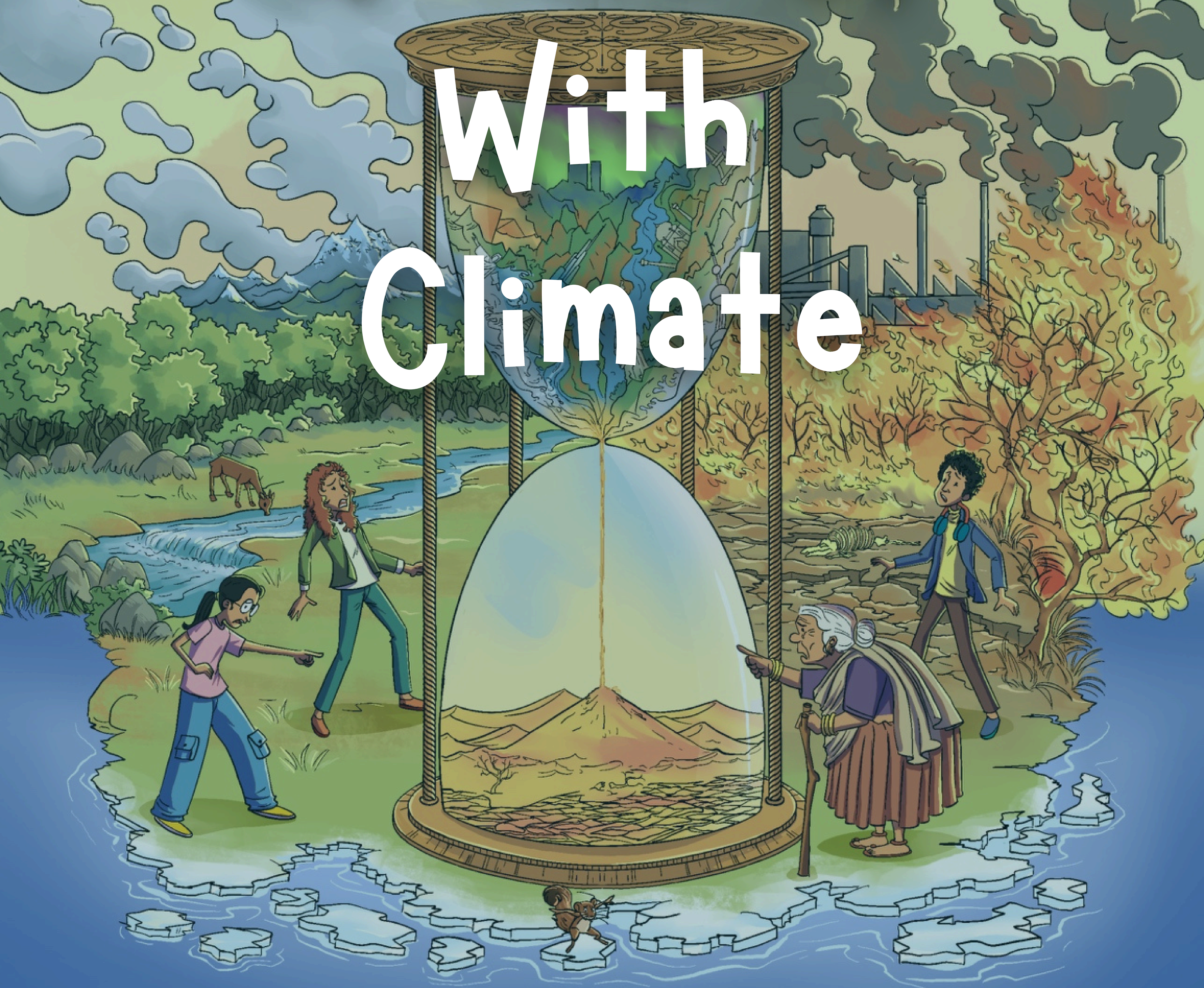




What's Up With Climate





Hello

Hey there! We're Aayushi and Parnika, two high schoolers from India passionate about climate action. We founded WExCLIMATE to make climate education exciting and relatable.

Through storytelling and art, we host interactive workshops in schools and colleges because we believe good stories paired with visuals can spark real conversations.

Our journey began when we noticed a gap between the big decisions made at global and national levels and the awareness of the communities directly affected by those decisions. So, we decided to bridge that gap with something everyone loves: comics!

Our mission is to empower people to understand local climate issues and advocate for change in their communities!



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Name: Aarna



Age

16

Who are you:

curious, optimistic, resourceful



Fun fact:

I love talking to people about the climate crisis and educating them.

Name: Adi



Age

16

Who are you:

Fun, loving, Aarna's best friend



Fun fact:

I love playing video games and listening to music, Aarna's Ajji calls me a careless brat.

Name: Jia

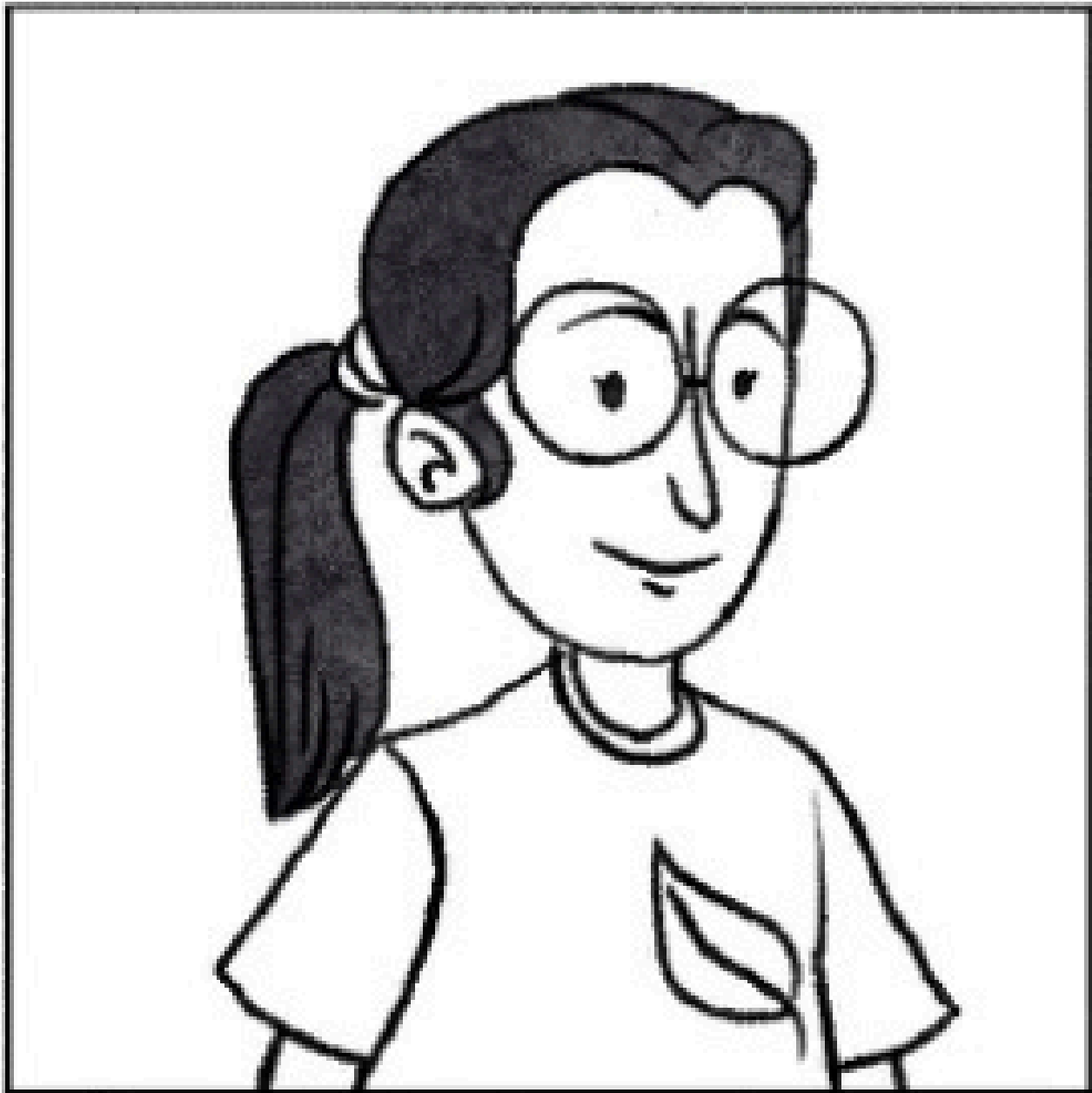


Age

15 years 4 months

Who are you:

Practical, studious



Fun fact:

I love gardening.

Name: Ajji



Age

67

Who are you:

Storyteller, fav Ajji



Fun fact:

**Nobody knows my real name,
Everybody calls me Ajji.**

Name: Rusty



Age

3

Who are you:

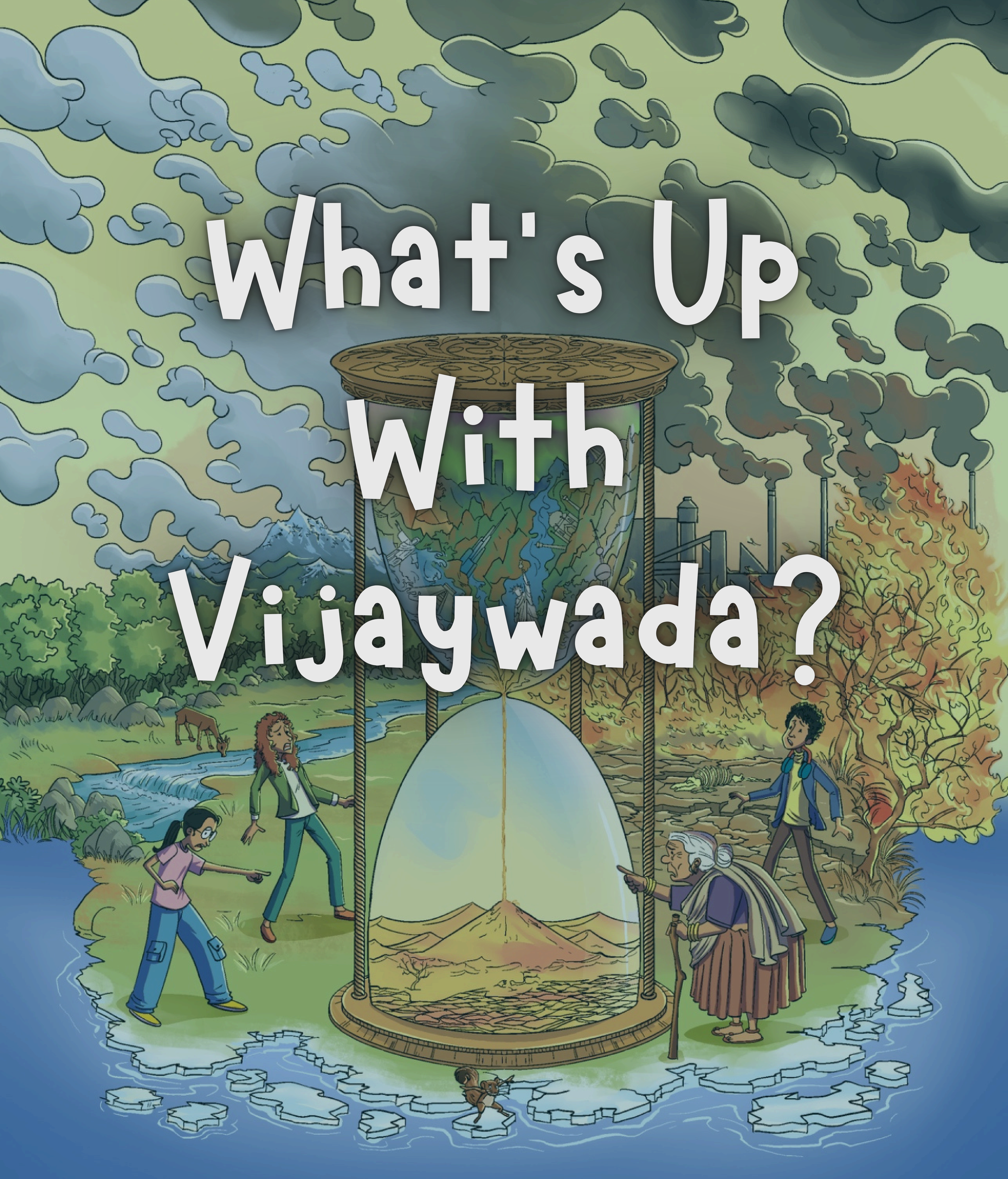
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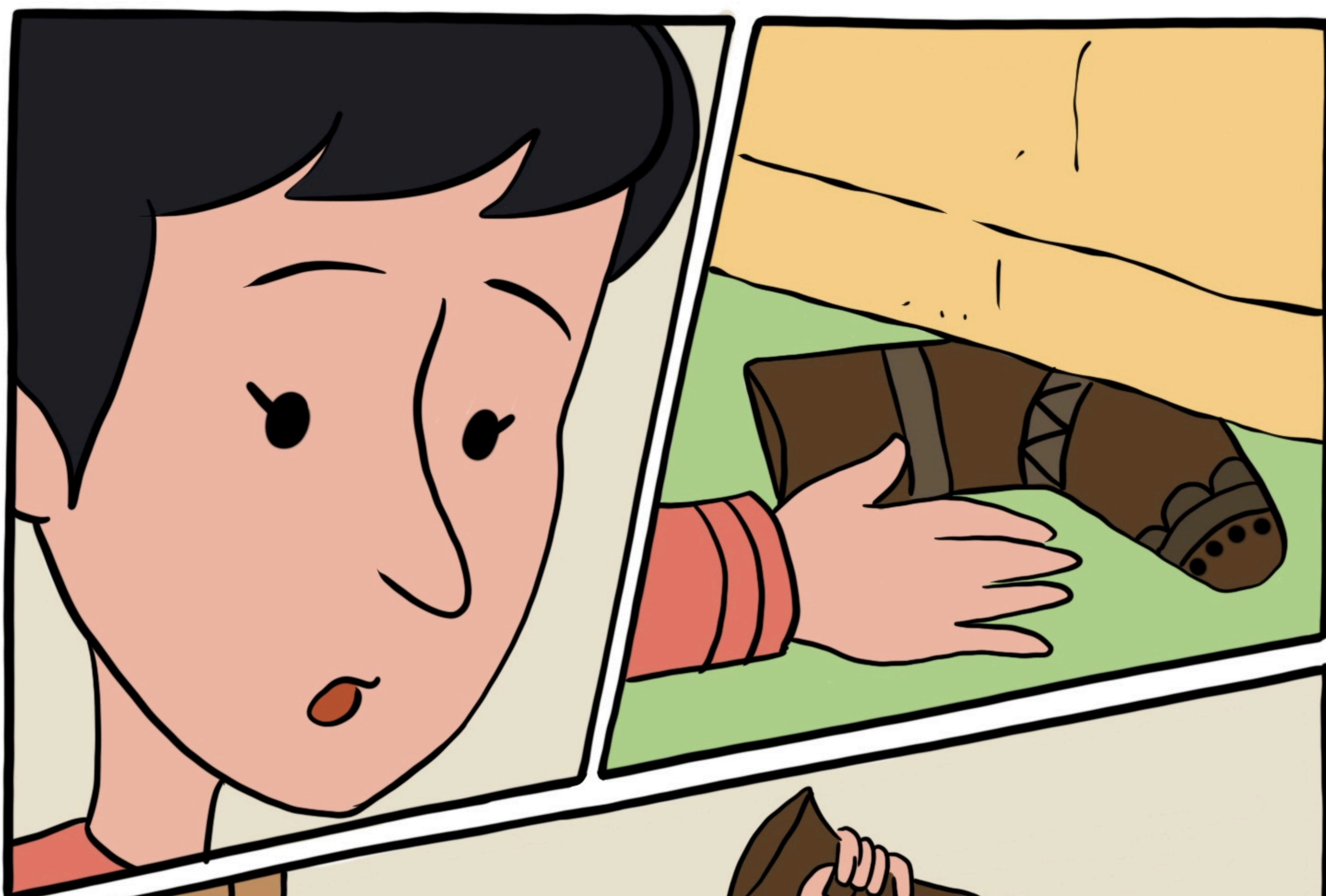


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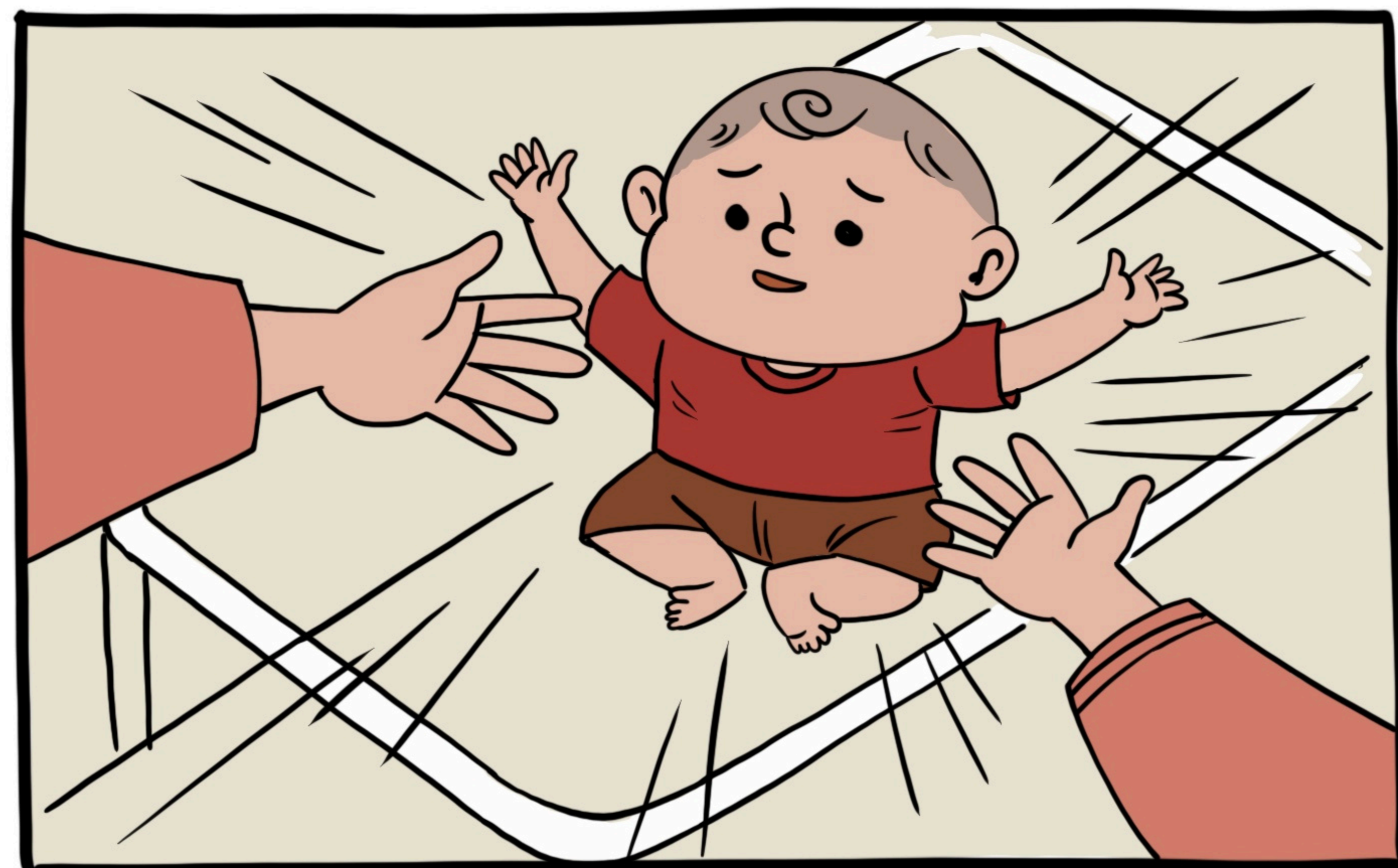
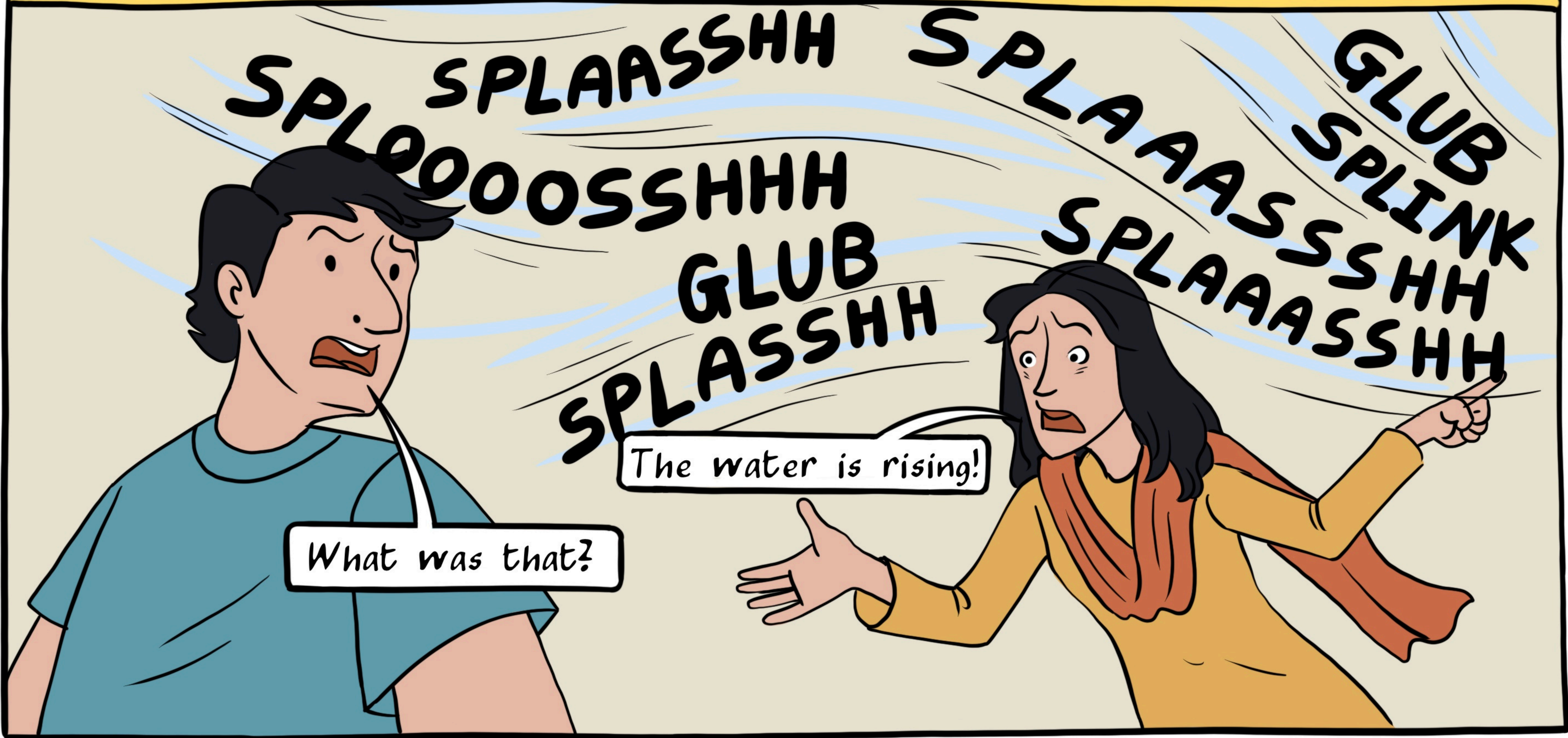
I am a special squirrel, not like other squirrels.

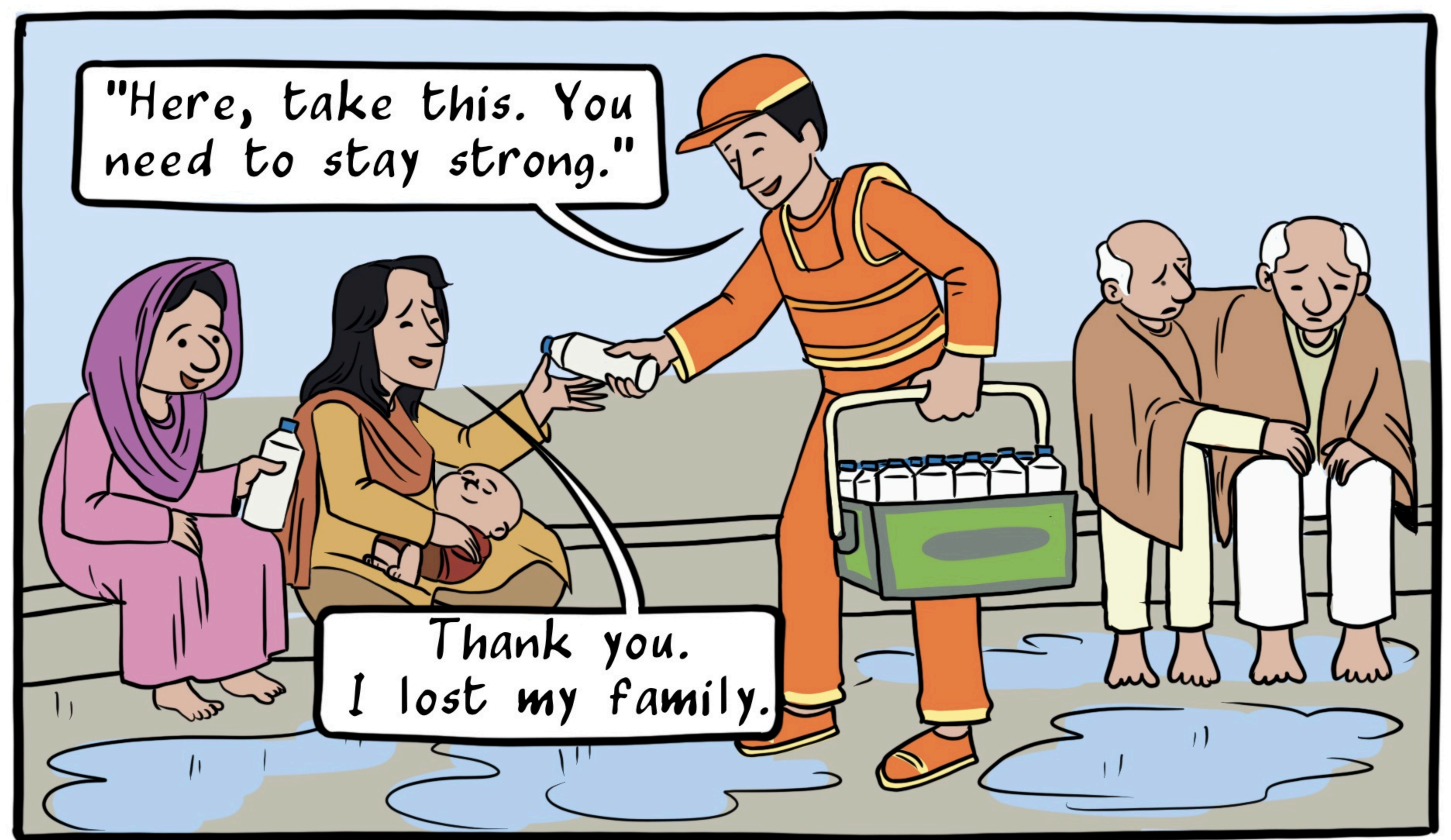
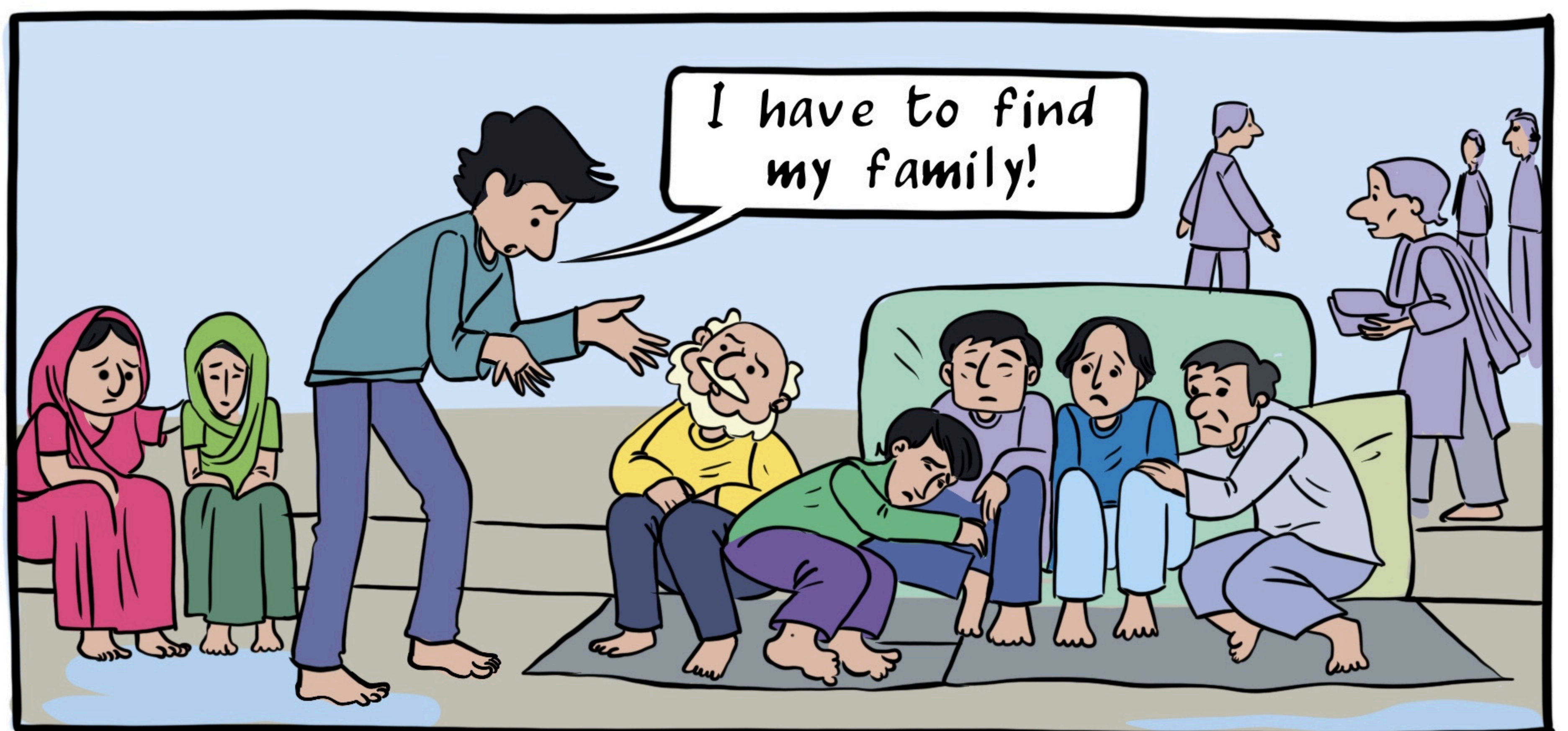
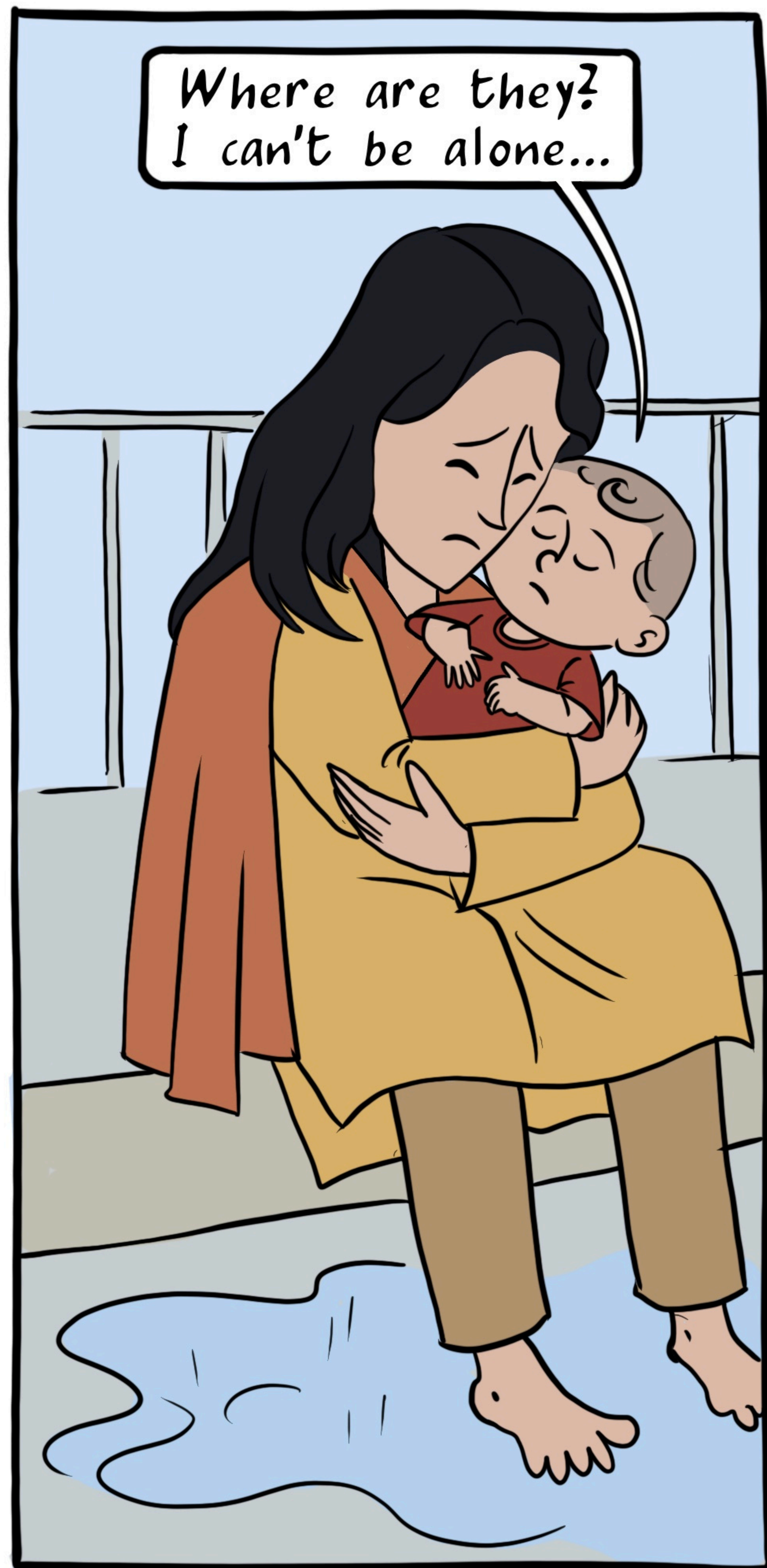
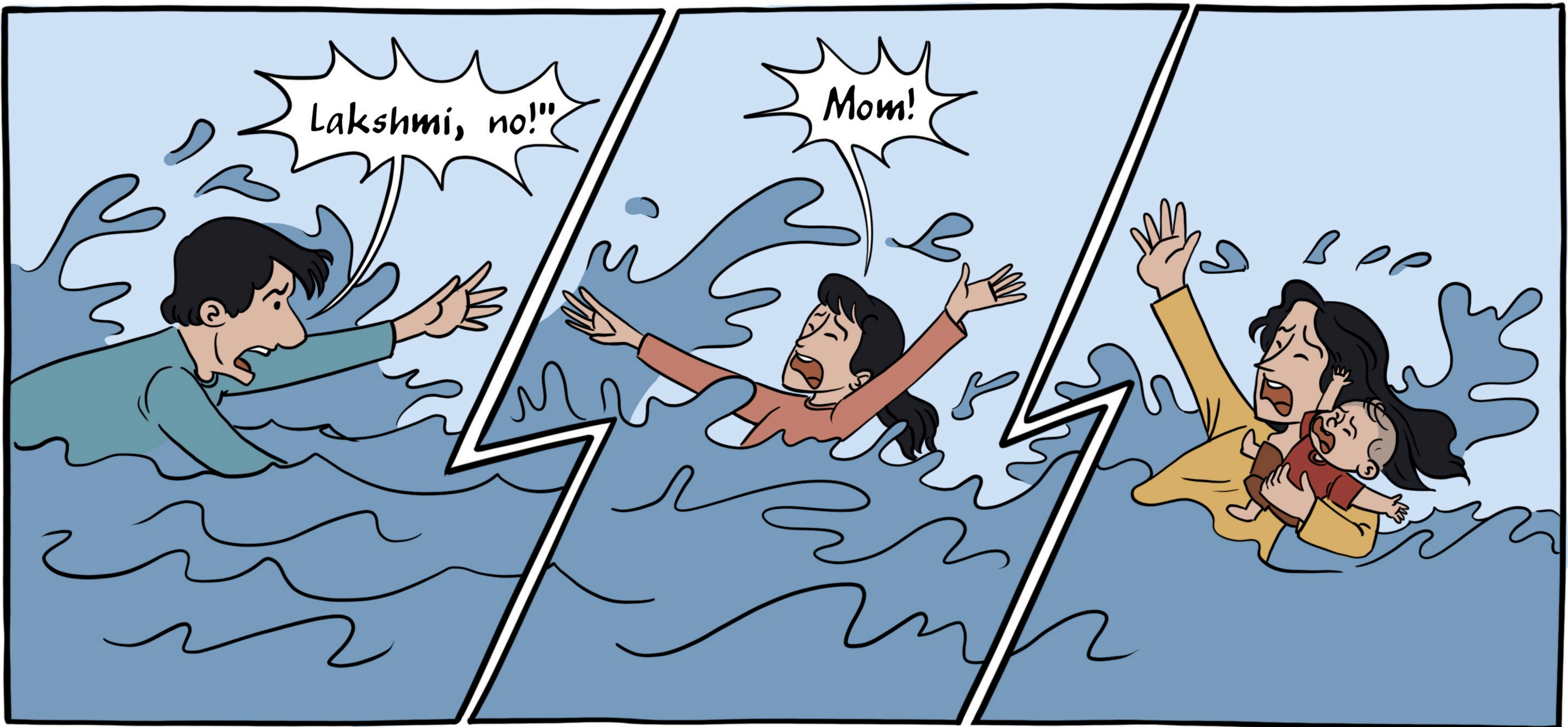
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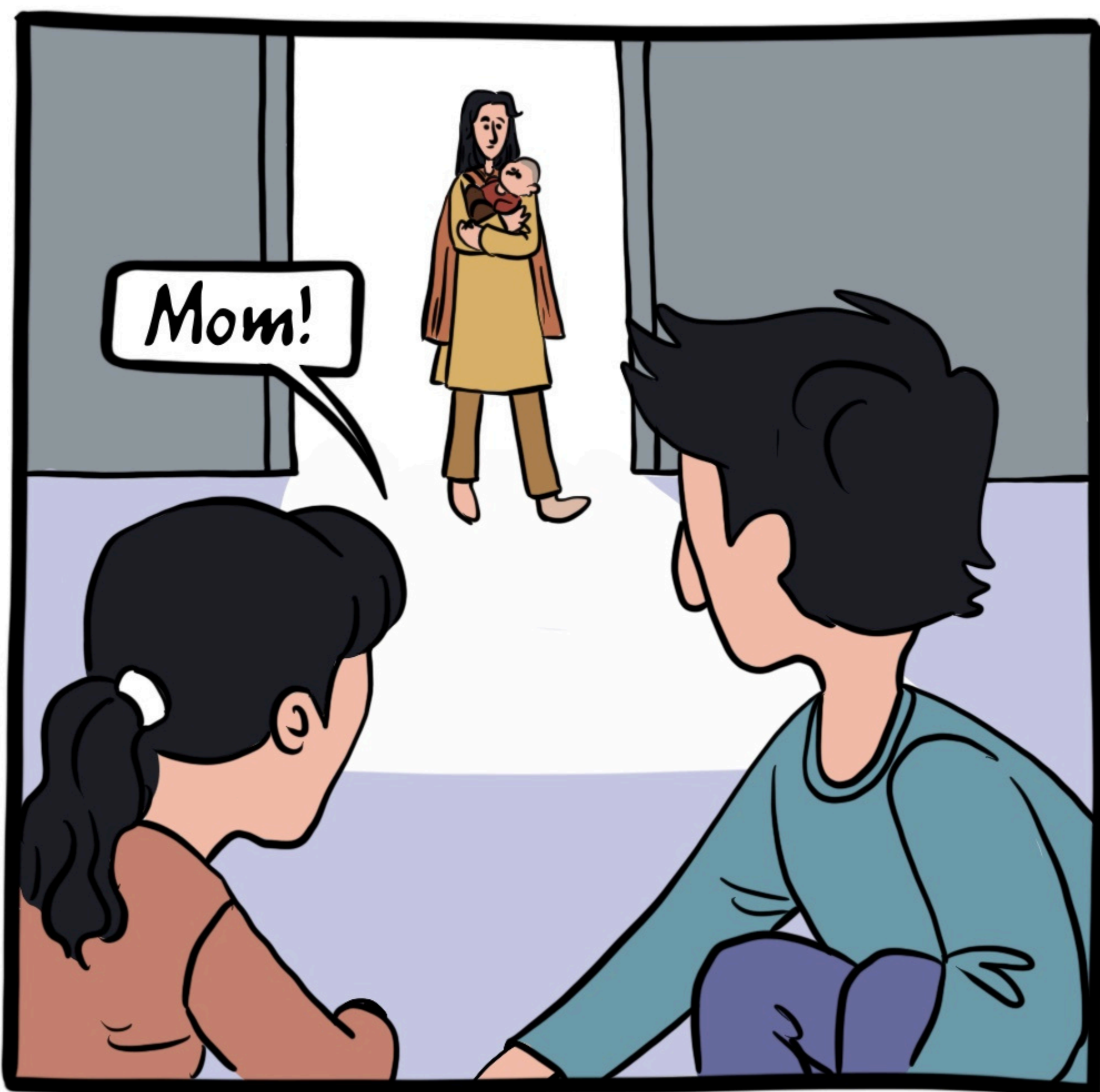
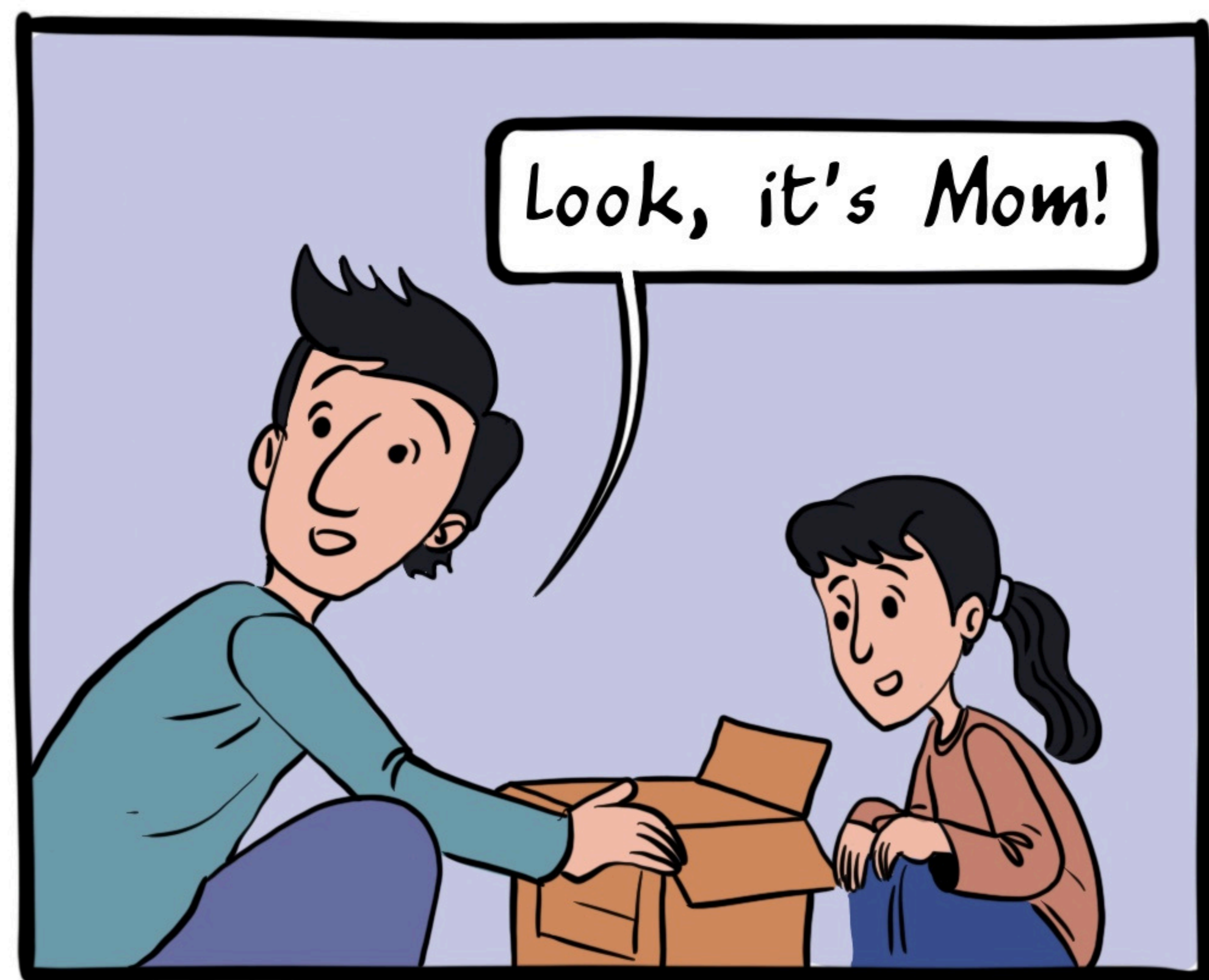
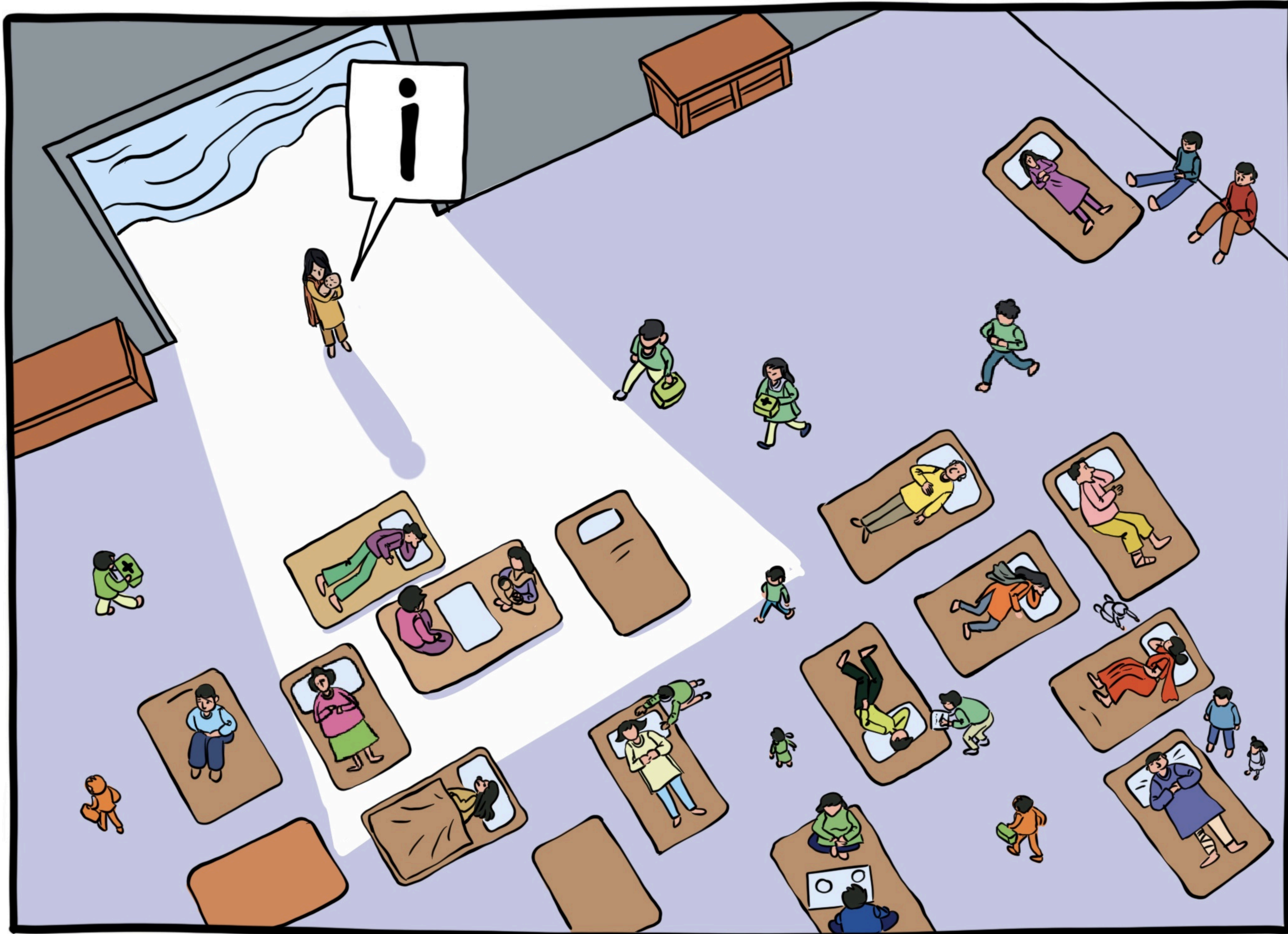




Suddenly, a loud rushing sound of water fills the air. Everyone looks panicked.







The numbers are worse than I thought... 42 dead so far.

I can't believe it... 42 lives gone, just like that.



And they're still saying over 100 people are missing...

Hundreds more are injured... hospitals are overwhelmed.



No one was prepared for something this catastrophic.

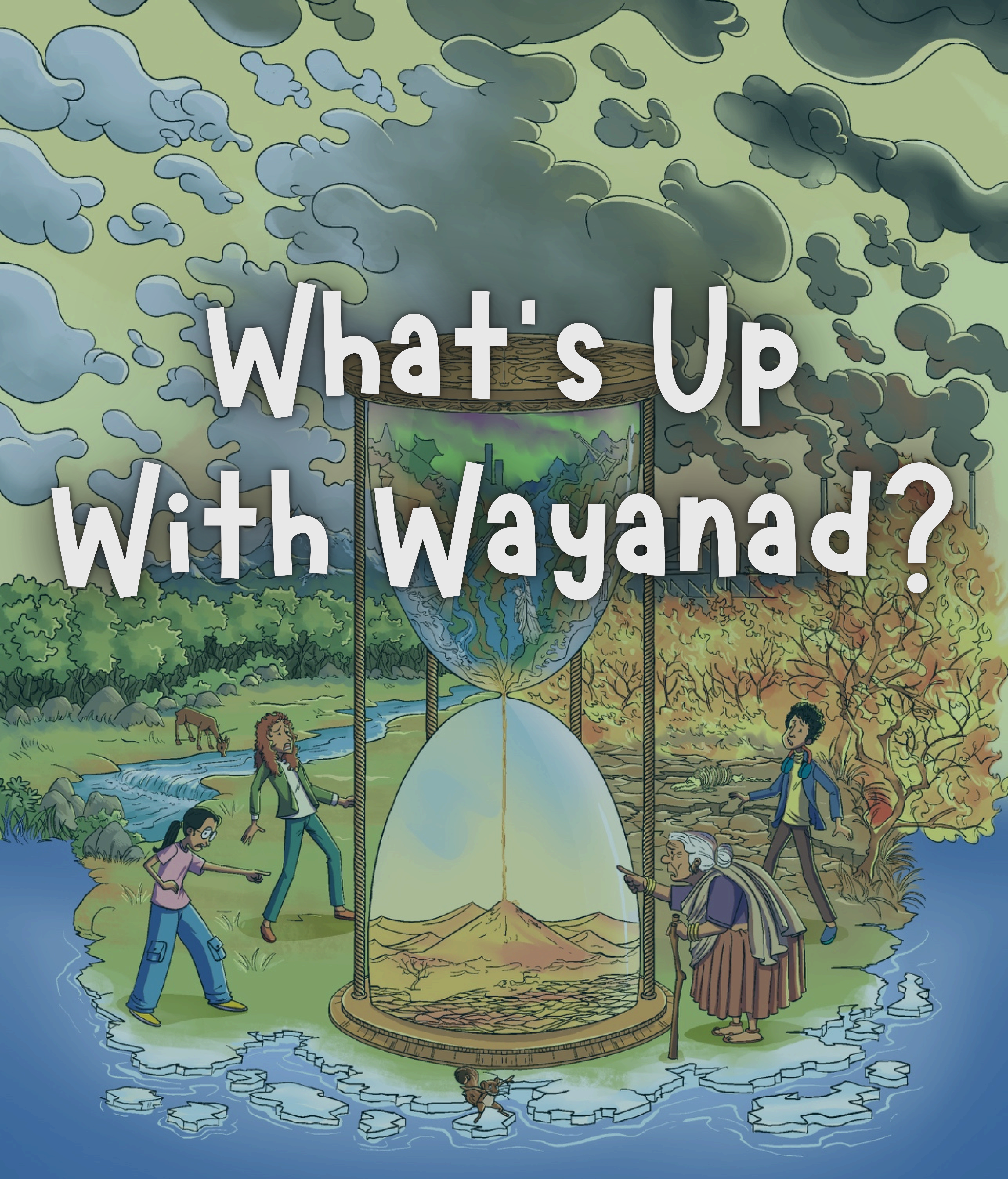
How did this get so bad so quickly?



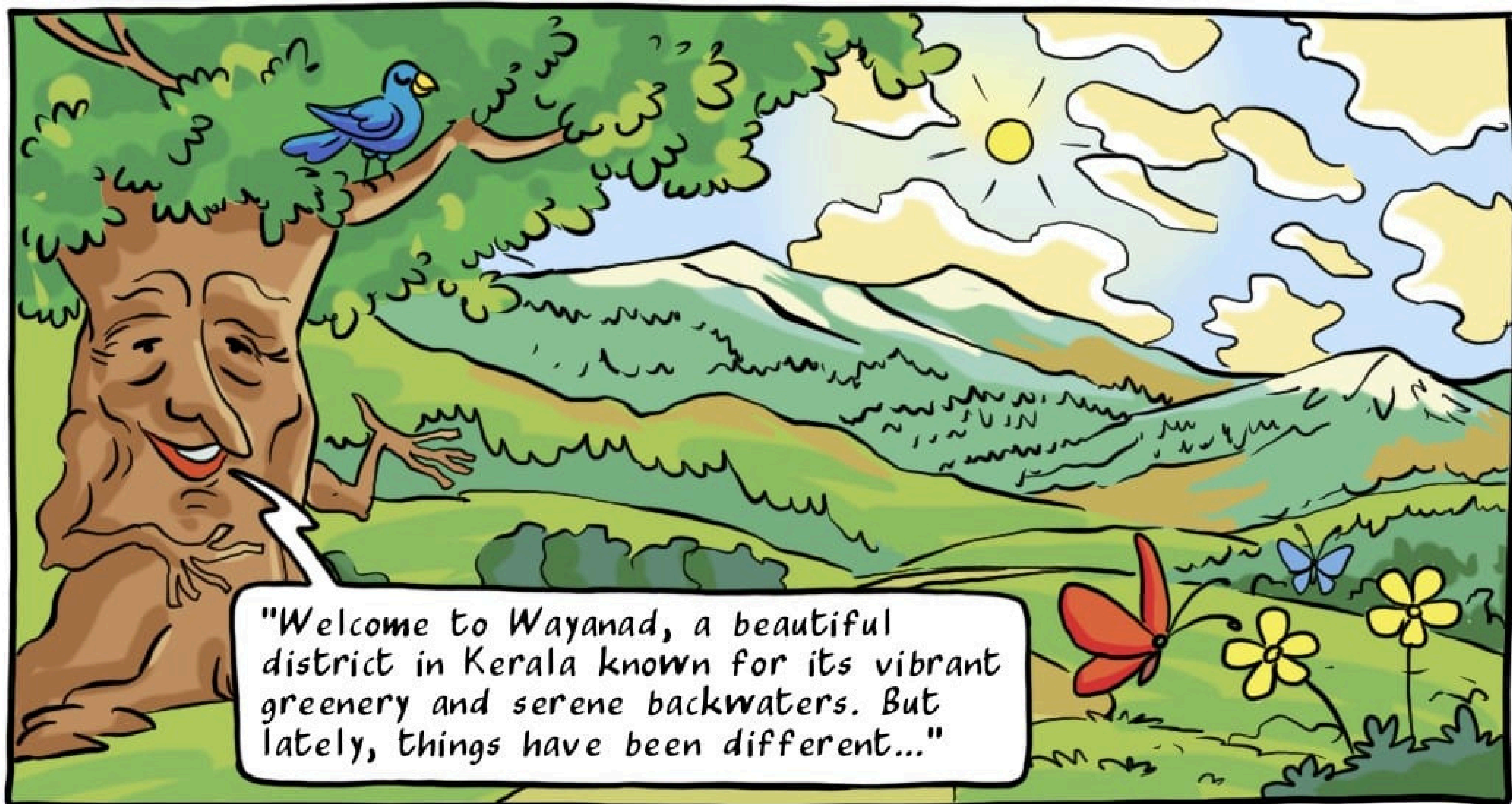
We have to work on supporting these people.

Yeah, we can't just stand by and watch anymore.





What's Up With Wayanad?



"This year, the monsoon rains were not as gentle as they used to be."

"Aaishi, do you think we'll be okay? The rains are getting worse."

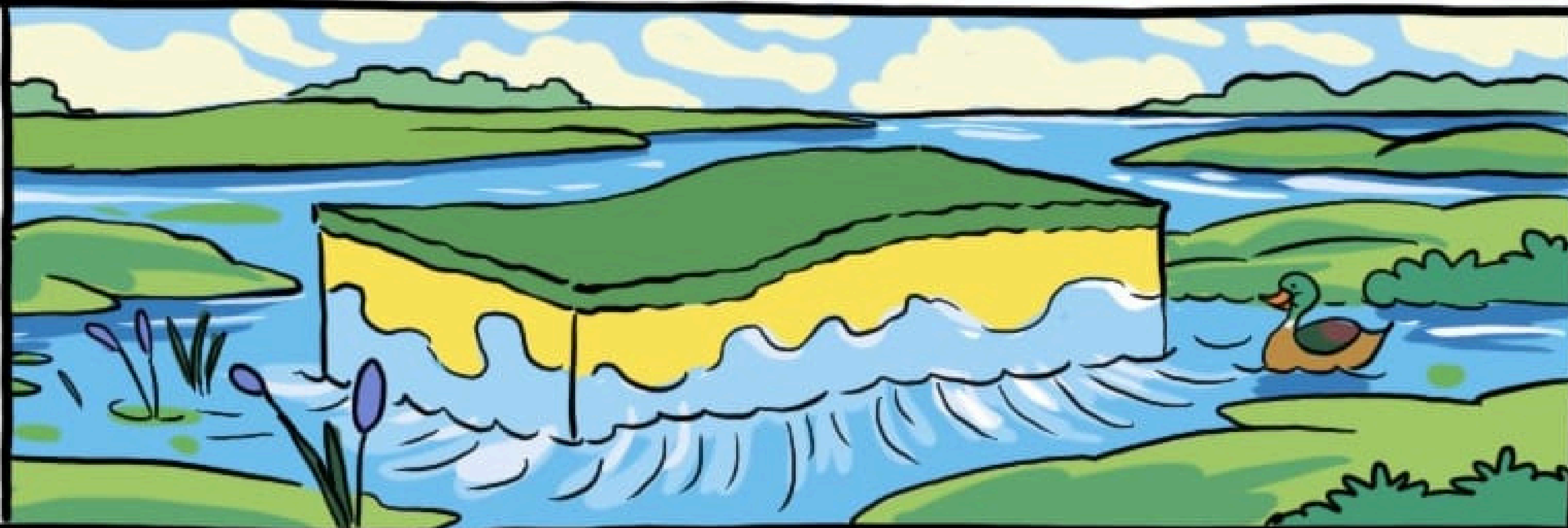
"I don't know, Tashu. But we must stay prepared."



"The unrelenting rain turned streams into raging rivers, and unstable slopes, weakened by deforestation, collapsed into landslides"



"Wetlands are like big sponges that soak up rainwater. Without them, there's nowhere for the water to go, so it floods our homes and fields."



"Look, everyone is leaving! We have to do something!"

"Let's go help them, Tashu. We can't just stand by!"



Decades of deforestation have stripped the land of its natural defenses, making floods and landslides more destructive.

"We need more hands to help move people to safety!"

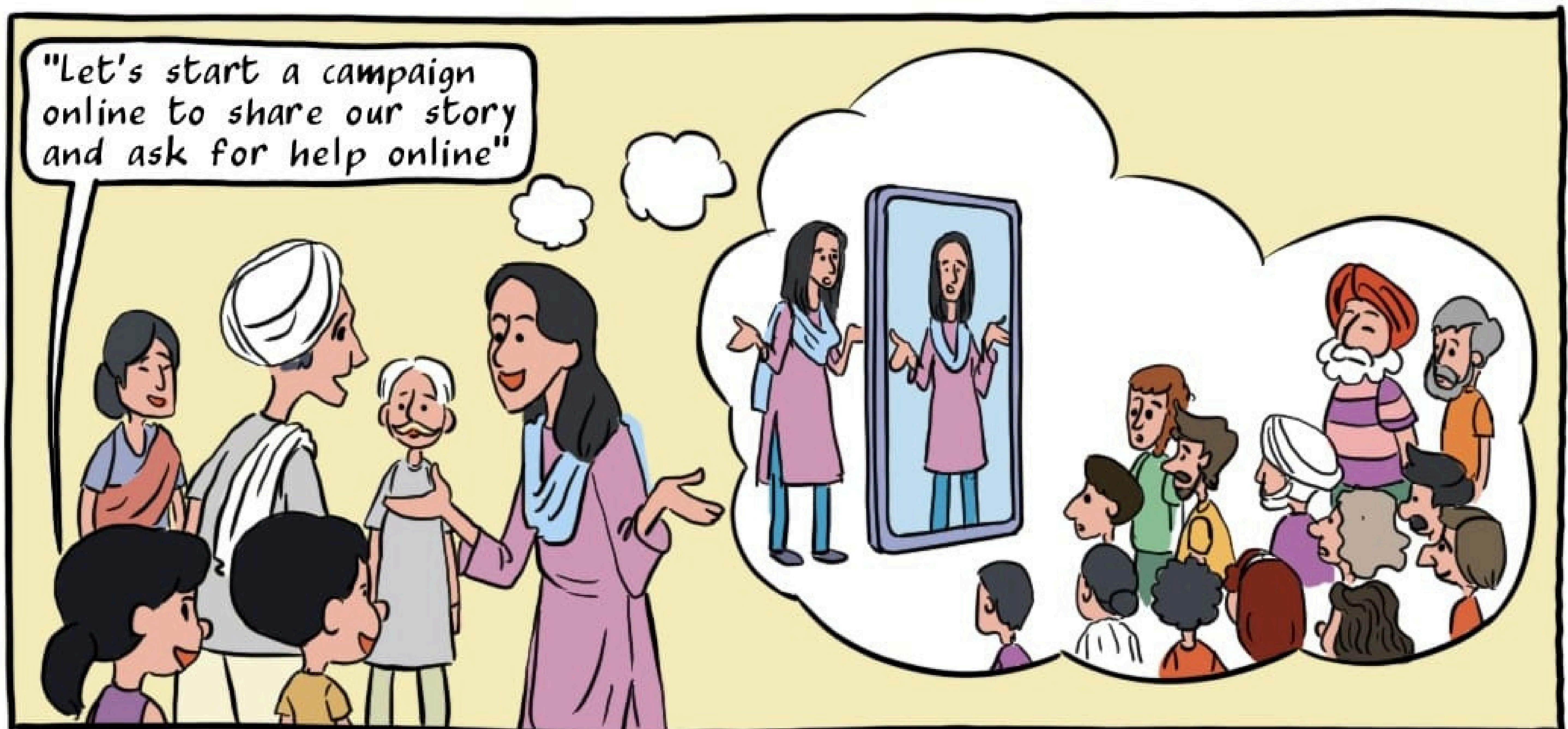
"Yes, let us go to that area"



"But the people of Wayanad didn't give up. They came together, united against the destructive forces of nature."



"Let's start a campaign online to share our story and ask for help online"





"After days of relentless rain, the sun shone again. The people of Wayanad began to rebuild, stronger and more united than before."



"Together, we can make a change. Let's rebuild not just our homes, but our relationship with nature."

"We may have lost a lot, but the most important gain is we were able to reach out to so many people highlighting the main cause behind such disaster- climate crisis. Now, we must act to protect our present and future."



"In every challenge, there is an opportunity to grow and learn. Wayanad has shown the real cruel face of climate crisis in India and the need for urgent action."

GLIMPSES FROM WAYANAD

Revealing Loss and Damage from Wayanad's Landslides.

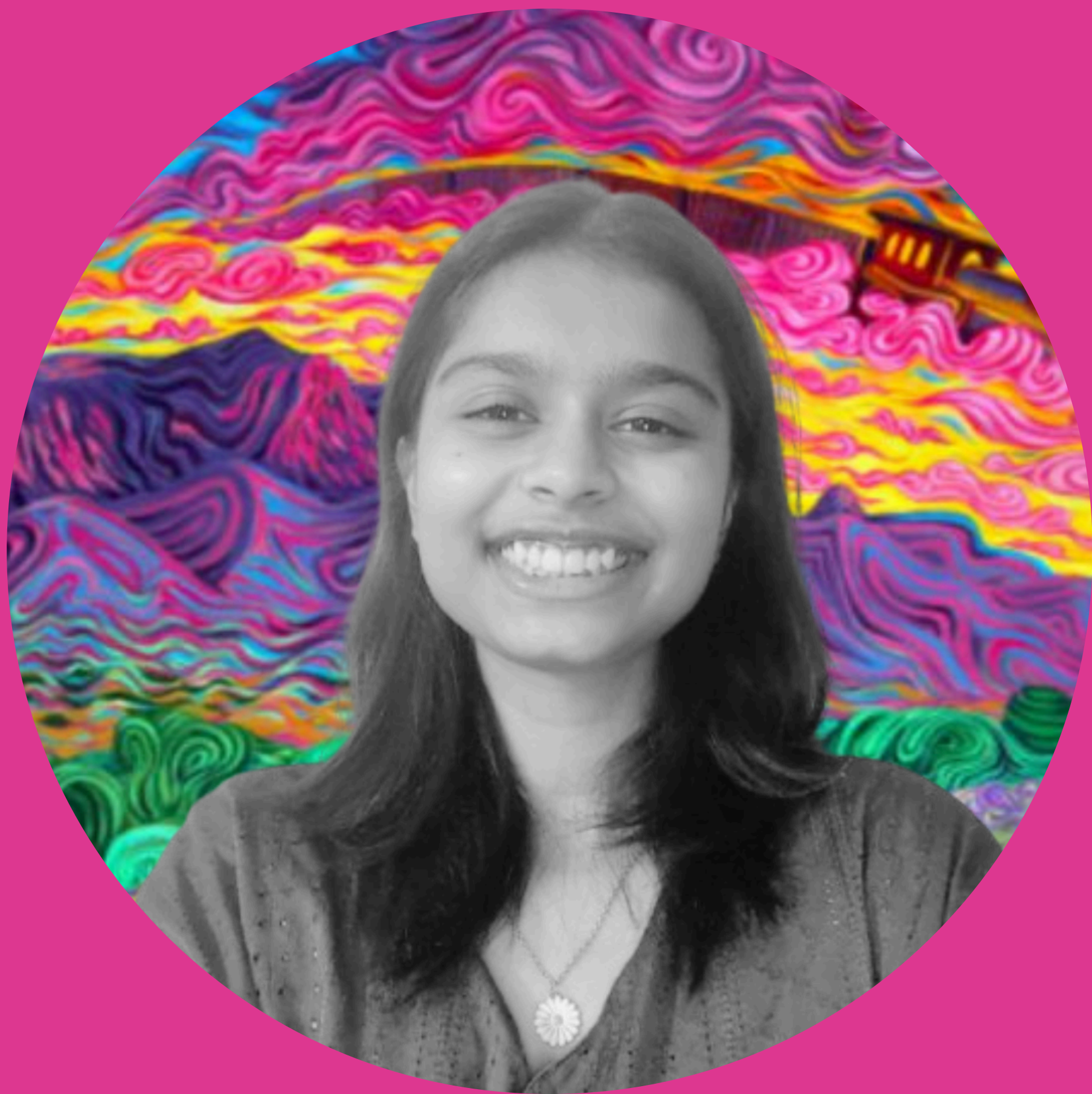


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DISASTER
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**IT NEEDS TO
ADDRESS
IRREVERSIBLE
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We are passionate about empowering young people to engage deeply with the climate crisis, turning awareness into meaningful impact. Through creative projects like this comic, we aim to make complex climate issues accessible and actionable. Together, we can turn climate knowledge into climate action.

**YOUNG MINDS,
GREEN MINDS**

