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WATER SAVERS

SAVE WATER,
SAVE LIVES



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RiiiiING!



YAWN



I'M LATE!!

Lost water,
lost love



Riiiiing!



YAWN

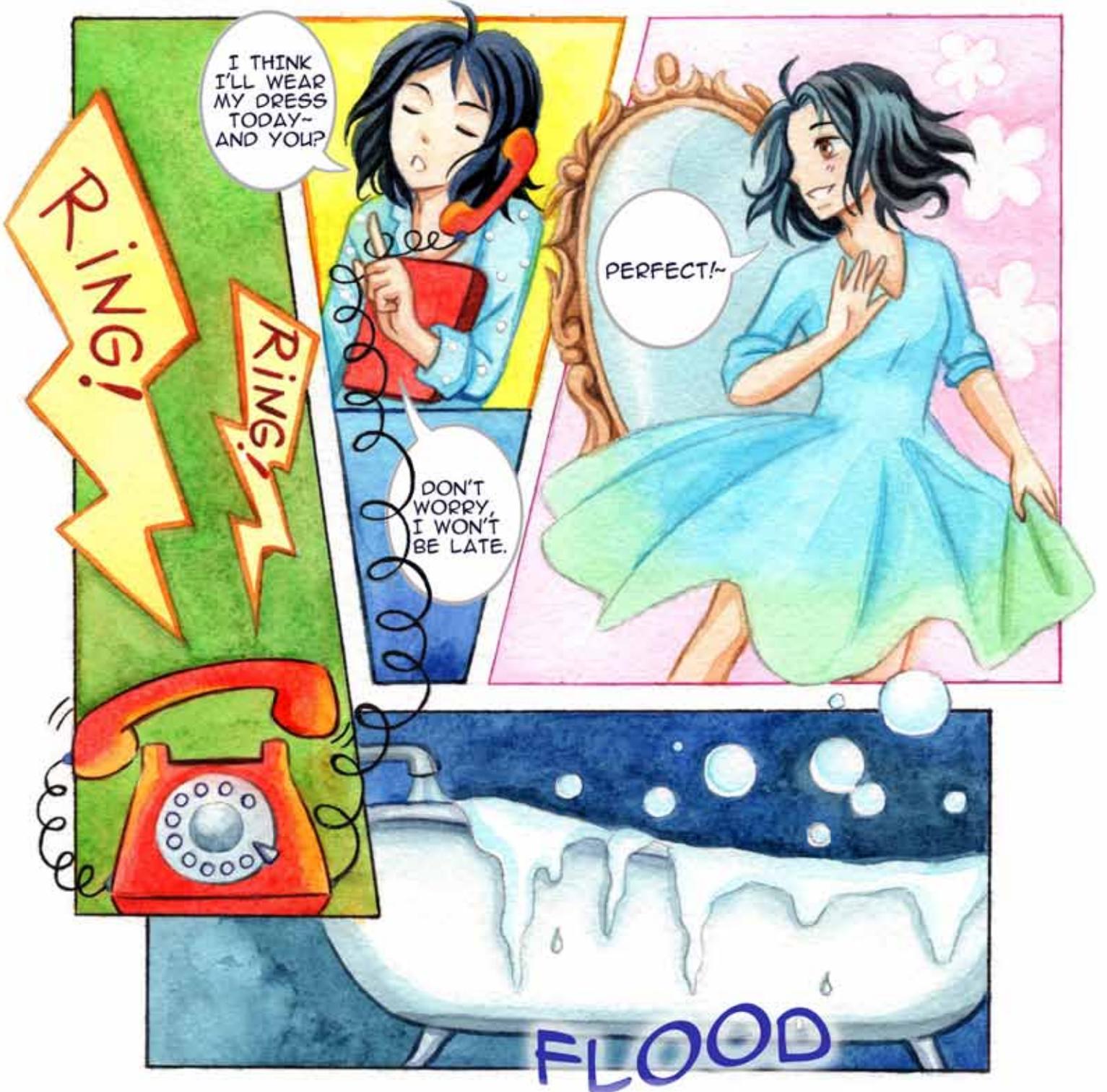


WHAT TIME IS IT?



I'M LATE!!







I HAVE TO CLEAN THIS, BEFORE...

IT'S TERRIBLE!!



BAM!
BAM!

SHADA!!

NOTHING, GRANDMA! EVERYTHING IS ALRIGHT. PLEASE, DON'T COME IN!



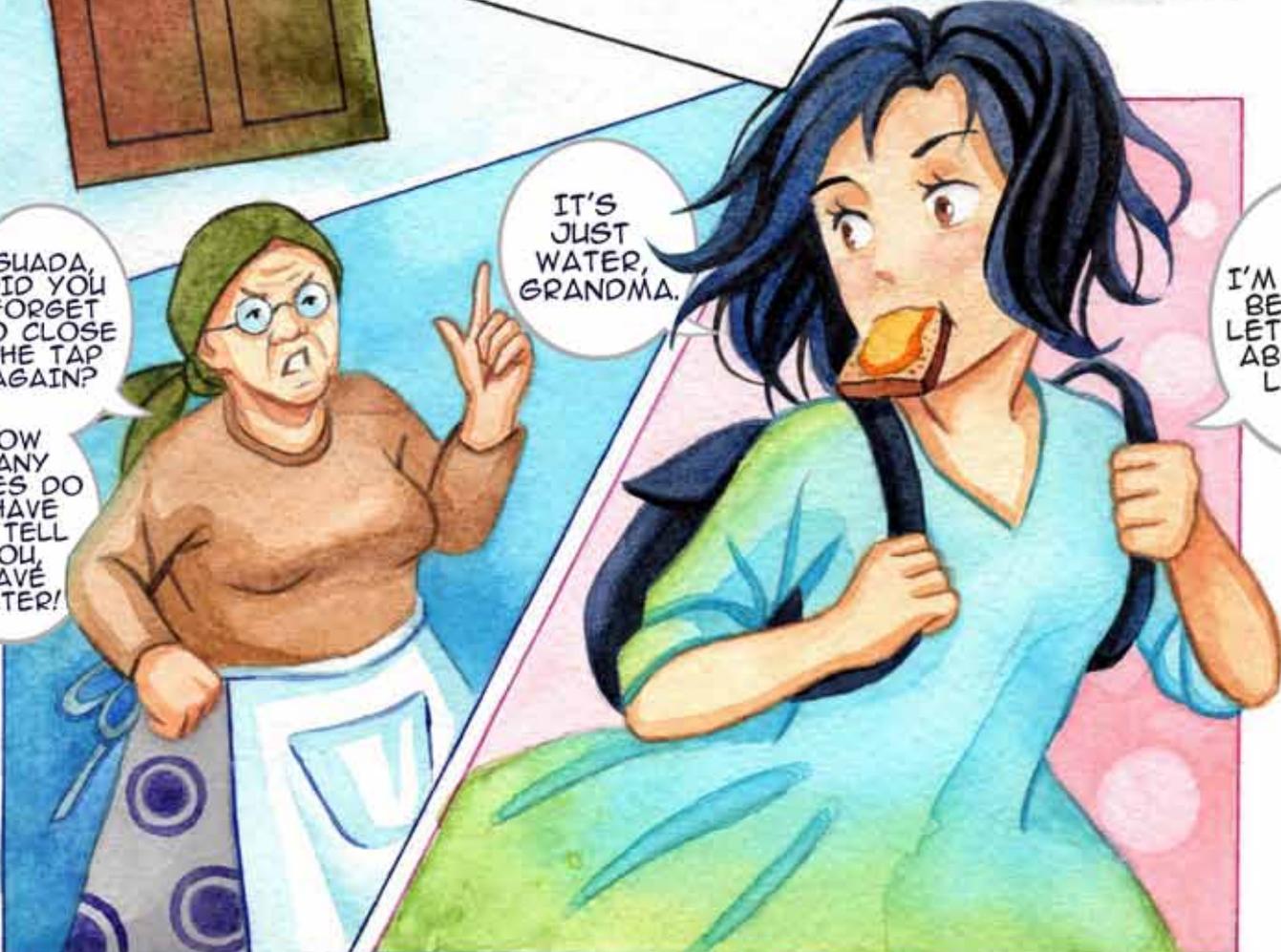
WHAT HAPPENED?!

SUADA, DID YOU FORGET TO CLOSE THE TAP AGAIN?

HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU, SAVE WATER!

IT'S JUST WATER, GRANDMA.

I'M GONNA BE LATE, LET'S TALK ABOUT IT LATER.





ECOLOGY NEWS

SAVE THE WATER, MY FRIENDS!



BOOORING~ NOTHING BUT NEWS ON TV.

RING!
RING!



HELLO~

HI, SHADA! DO YOU WANT TO GO TO A PIANO CONCERT TODAY?



OF COURSE, I DO!

I HAVE TWO TICKETS~

ALRIGHT! I'LL PICK YOU UP AT 5 O'CLOCK.



OMG! HE INVITED ME ON A DATE!



WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

NO

NO

NO



OH, NO! MY FAVORITE DRESS!!



I MUST WASH IT!!

NO!!



GRANDMA!! WHERE IS THE WATER?!

THIS IS A QUESTION TO YOU, THERE IS NO WATER LEFT.

I TOLD YOU TO SAVE THE WATER.



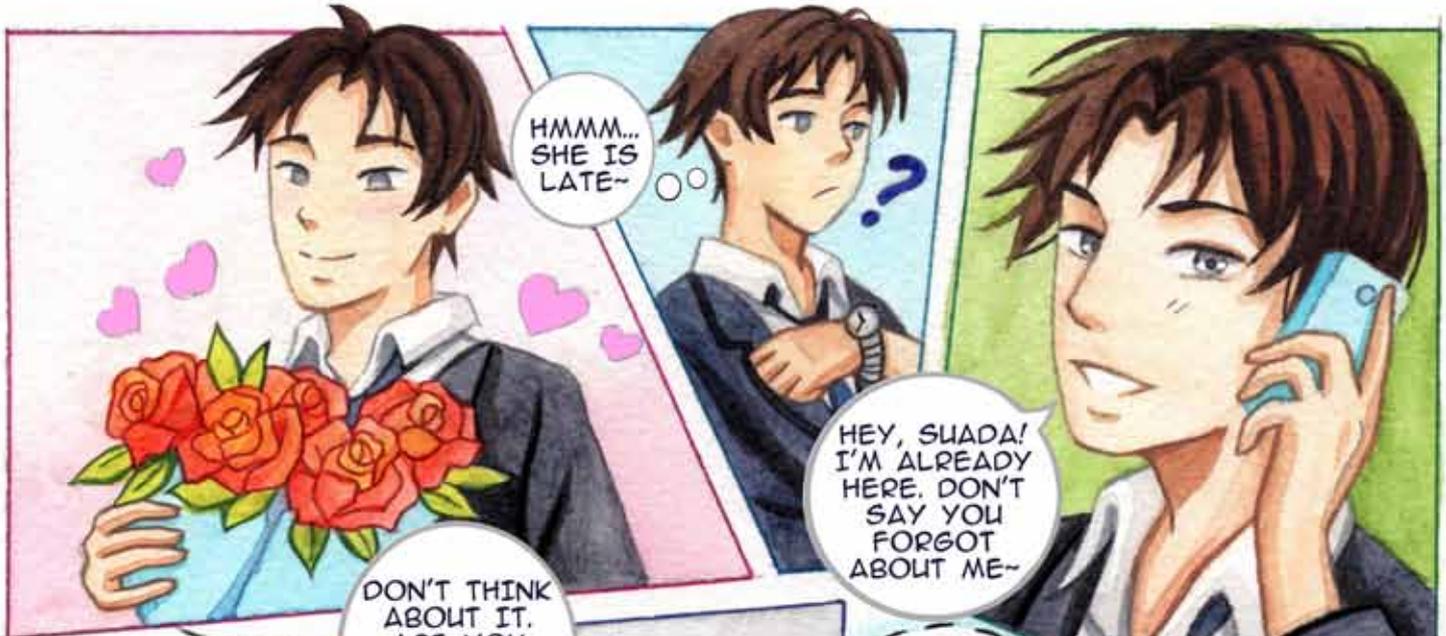
TICK TOCK

YOU MUST BE KIDDING! WHAT SHOULD I DO?!

HE IS HERE!!

KNOCK!

KNOCK!



HMMM... SHE IS LATE~

HEY, SUADA! I'M ALREADY HERE. DON'T SAY YOU FORGOT ABOUT ME~

DON'T THINK ABOUT IT. ARE YOU OKAY? DO YOU NEED MEDICINE?

NO, DON'T WORRY. I'LL BE FINE.

BUT HE WORRIES ABOUT ME~



HELLO, MURAD! NO, I JUST FEEL SICK. I THINK I CAN'T GO WITH YOU. I'M SO SORRY!



HOW EMBARRASSING. HE'S SUCH A GOOD PERSON.

OKAY. SO SEE YOU LATER. GET WELL SOON.



NEXT DAY...



I'VE LEARNED MY LESSON.

FROM NOW ON I'LL SAVE THE WATER.

END

What goes around.



comes around







LISTEN, WE HAVE OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES!



YES!

BUT...



BUT IT'S IMPORTANT!



EVEN IF IT IS, CAN YOU IMAGINE HOW MUCH IT'LL COST?



GO BACK TO WORK!



**THUMP! THUMP!
THUMP!**

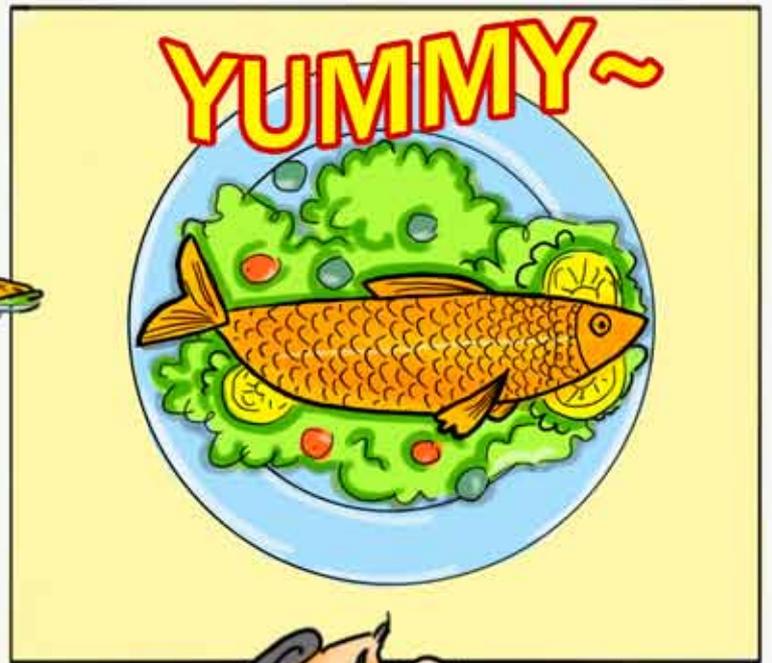
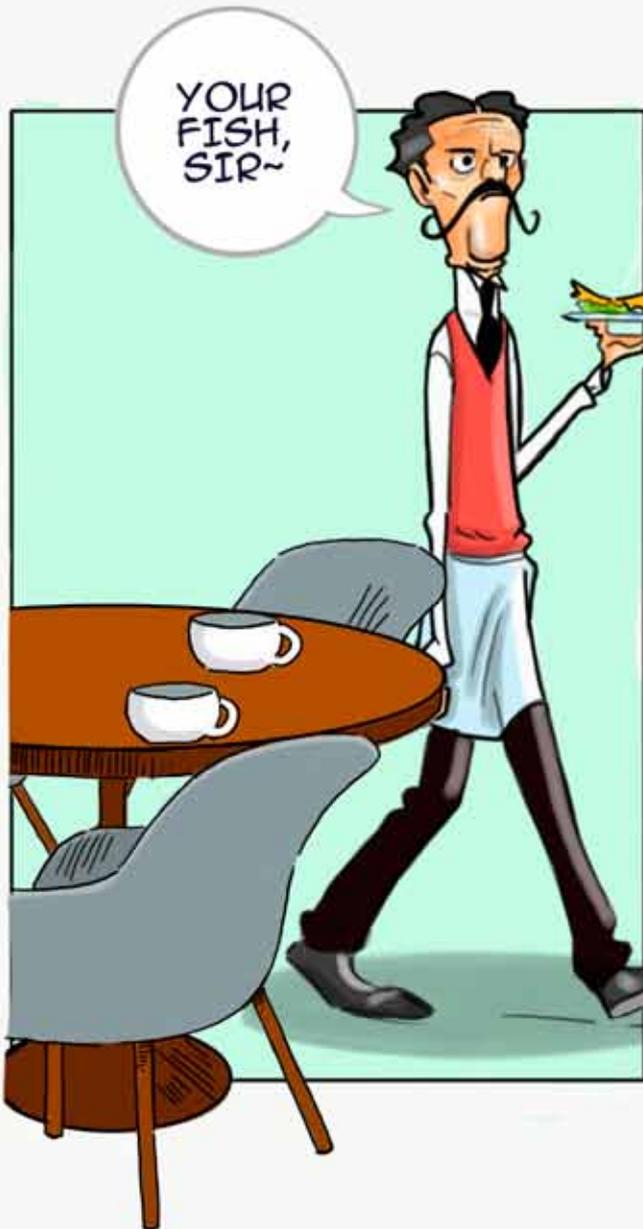


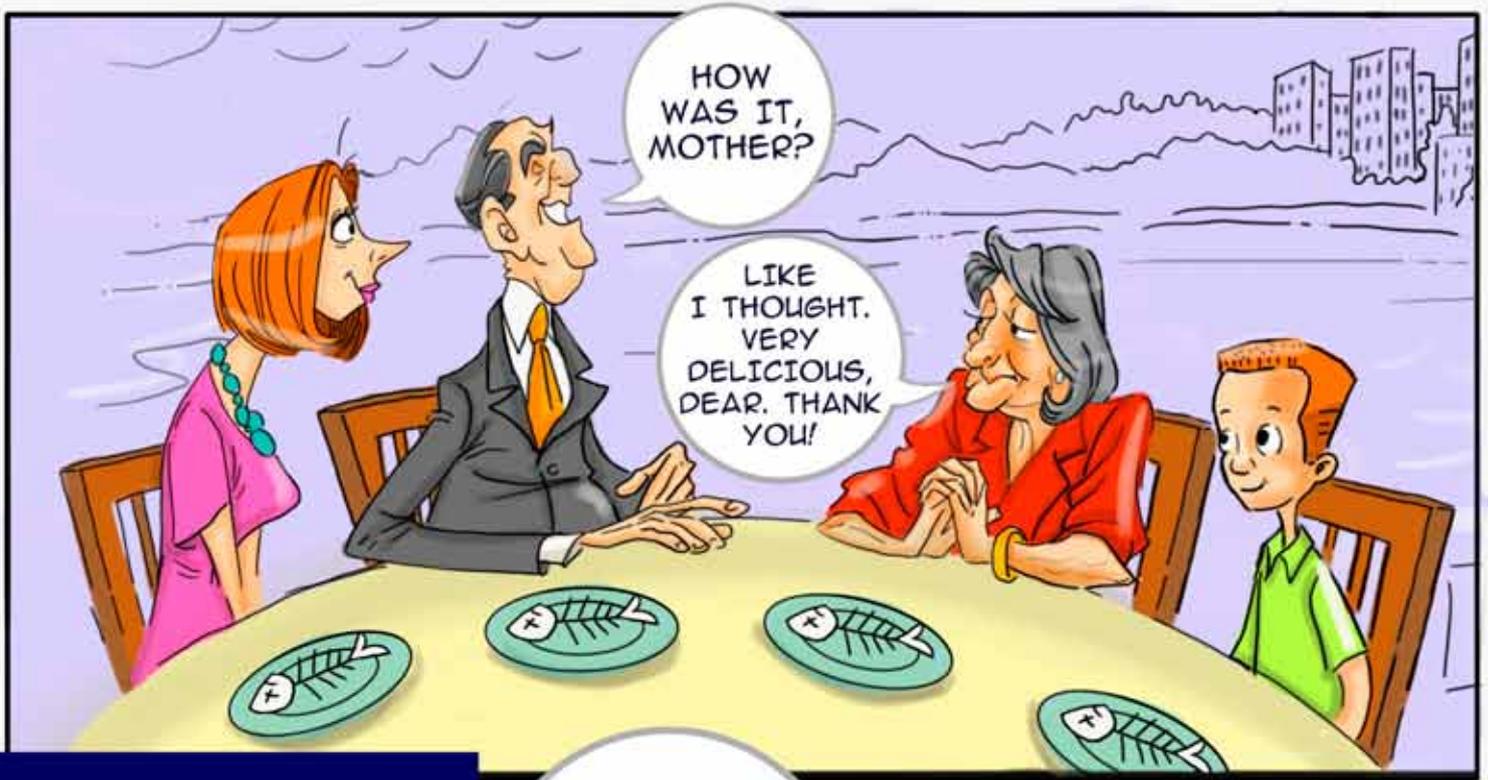
I HOPE
SOMEDAY
YOU'LL
UNDERSTAND...



HELP!
LMMM~
HMMM?~

JHONNY,
DON'T EAT
THAT!





SOME TIME LATER...

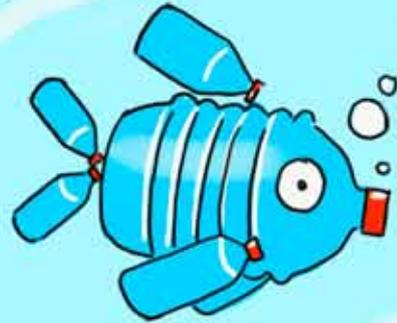


DOCTOR,
HOW COULD
THIS BE? WE
GO TO THIS
RESTAURANT
EVERY WEEKEND.
EVERYTHING
IS ALWAYS
FRESH THERE.

EVERYTHING
IS SIMPLE...
I'LL
EXPLAIN.



I'M AFRAID
THAT THE FISH
YOU ATE HAD
ALL NASTY
THINGS THAT
WE HUMANS
DUMP INTO
THE WATER...



OH!!



END



An important lesson





HMMM...
NO WATER
LEFT.

I'D JUST
RECENTLY
REFILLED
THE
DEPOSIT
CARD.



MAY BE...





IT'S MY FAULT. LAST TIME I FORGOT TO CLOSE THE TAP.

I'M SO SORRY...



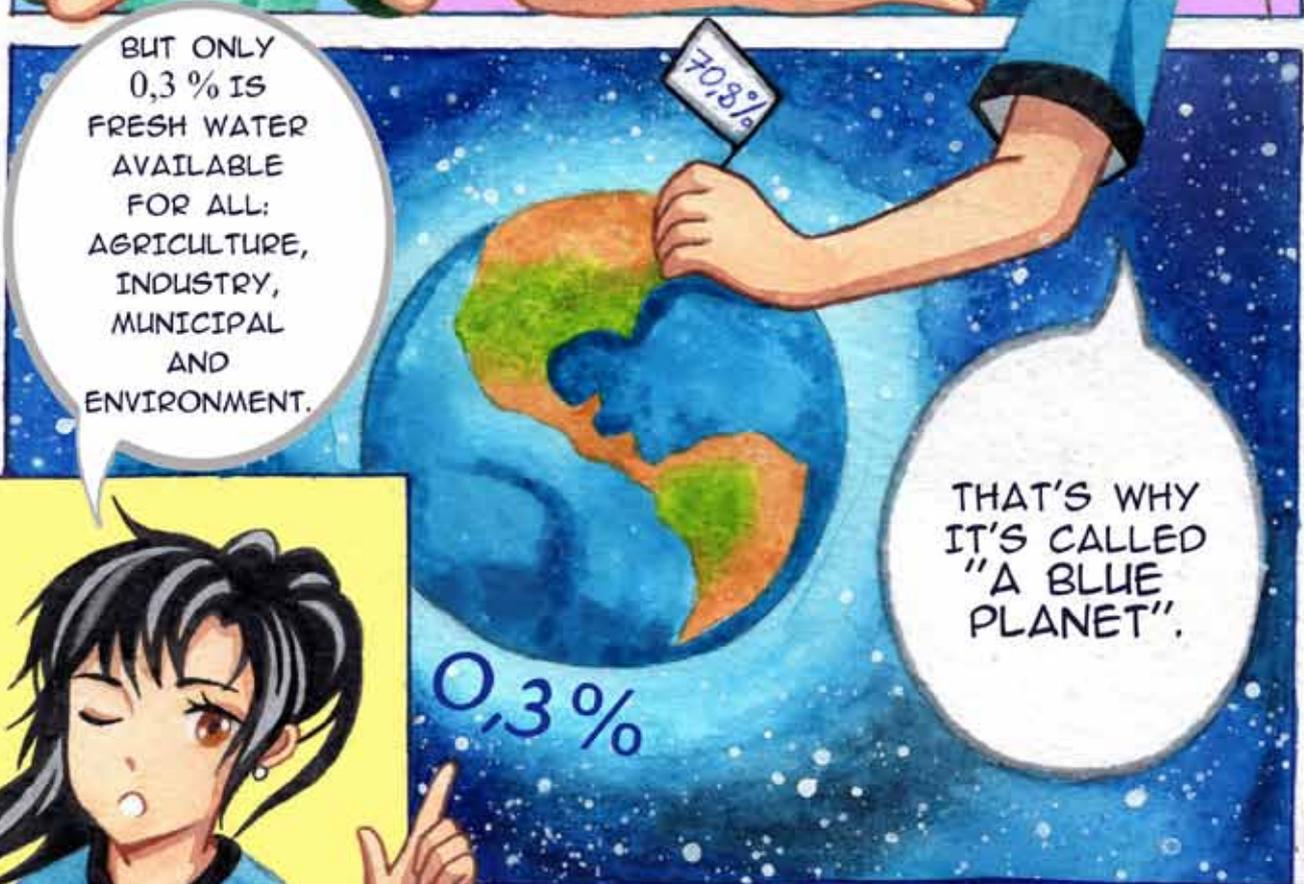
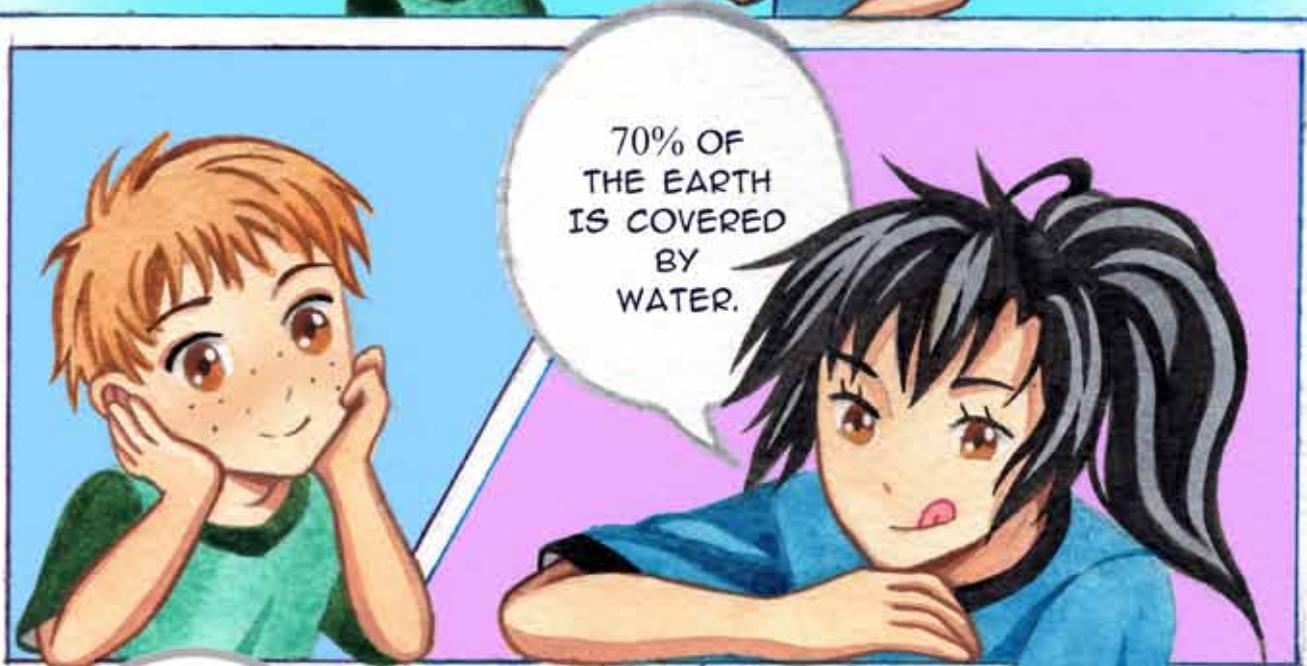
IT'S NO GOOD, BUDDY.

LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER.

WATER IS EVERYTHING.

IT'S A SOURCE FOR ALL LIVING BEINGS ON EARTH.





FRESHWATER
COMES
FROM RIVERS,
LAKES,
GROUNDWATER,

GLACIER
AND
RAIN.

GLACIER

OCEAN

RIVER

WATER CYCLE
IS AN
IMPORTANT
PROCESS
FOR LIFE
ON EARTH.

THE SUN
IS THE
MAIN
SOURCE OF
THE WATER
CYCLE.

LIQUID
WATER
EVAPORATES
INTO WATER
VAPOR,
CONDENSES
TO FORM

CLOUDS, AND
PRECIPITATES
BACK TO EARTH
IN THE FORM
OF RAIN
AND SNOW.



PLANTS.

ANIMALS.

MRRR~

WE SHOULD REMEMBER THAT NOT ONLY HUMANS, BUT OTHER LIVING ORGANISMS ALSO NEED WATER.

MOREOVER, WATER FORMS THE ENVIRONMENT WHERE ORGANISMS LIVE, AND IT PLAYS A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN CREATING ECOSYSTEMS.



NOWADAYS,
MANY PEOPLE
FACE A WATER
SCARCITY
PROBLEM.

SOMETIMES,
PEOPLE HAVE
TO USE
POLLUTED
WATER

WHICH
AFFECTS
THEIR
HEALTH.



DRINK,
KIDS.

THANK
YOU!

FEW WAYS TO SAVE WATER...



TAKE A SHORT 5-10 MINUTES SHOWER INSTEAD OF A BATH.



DON'T FORGET TO CLOSE THE TAP WHILE BRUSHING TEETH.



ONE CAN WASH DISHES IN THE SINK FILLED WITH WATER

INSTEAD OF WASHING UNDER THE RUNNING WATER.



ONE CAN COLLECT RAIN WATER INTO EMPTY CANS AND BARRELS.



THIS WATER CAN BE USED FOR WATERING THE PLANTS.



WATER IS THE SOURCE OF LIFE.

EACH OF US CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



WE HAVE TO SAVE WATER AS EACH DROP MATTERS.

DON'T FORGET THAT, MY FRIEND.

I GOT IT, SIS!



I WILL SAVE WATER.



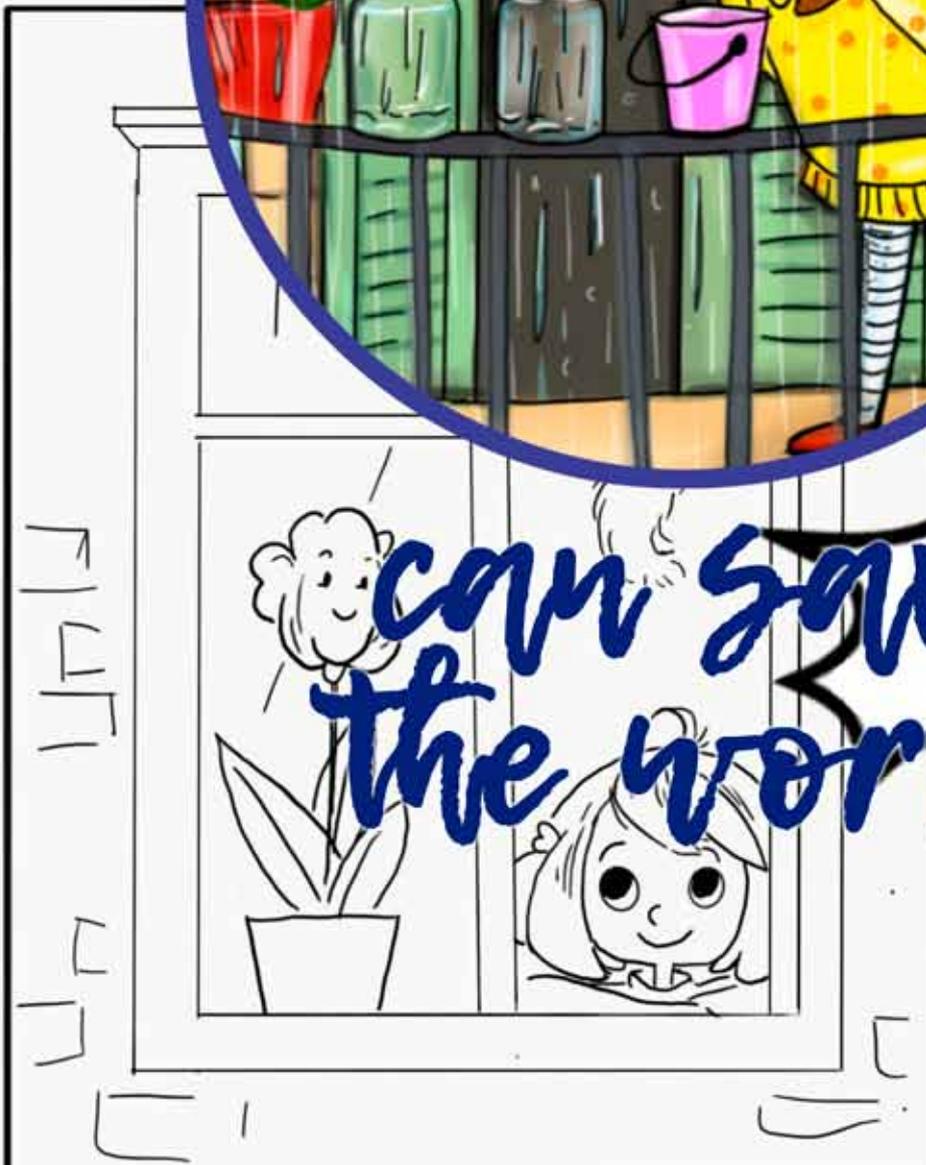
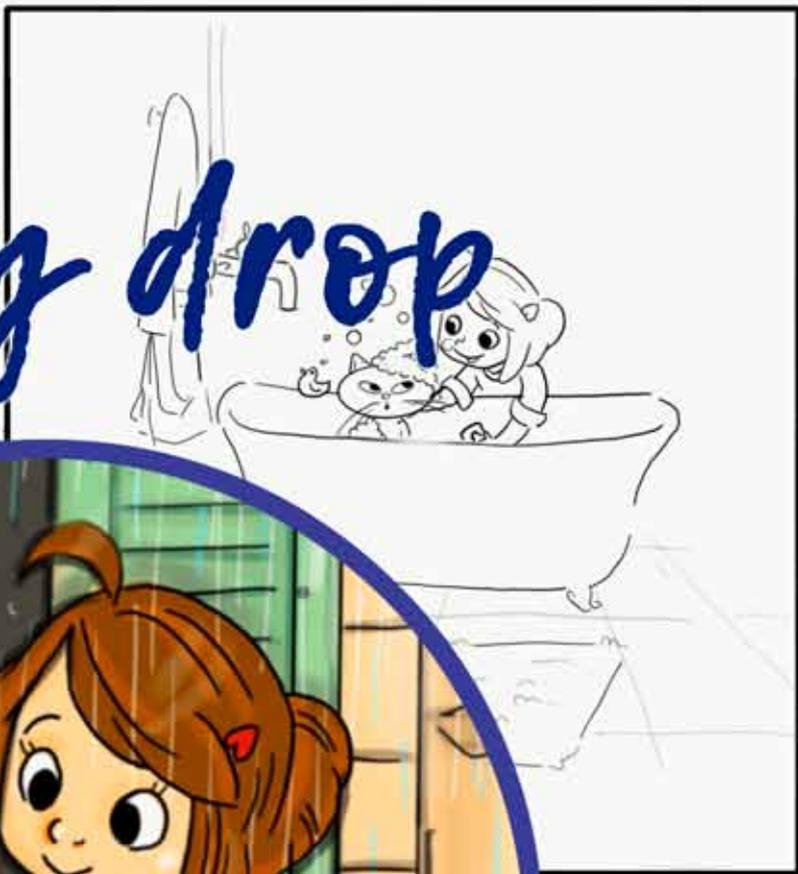
WELL DONE, BUDDY!

END

A tiny drop



can save
the world



SHHHHHH~





NEXT MORNING...



IT'S YOUR NEIGHBOUR. I BROUGHT A PRESENT FOR AYSU.



KNOCK!

WHO IS IT?

KNOCK!



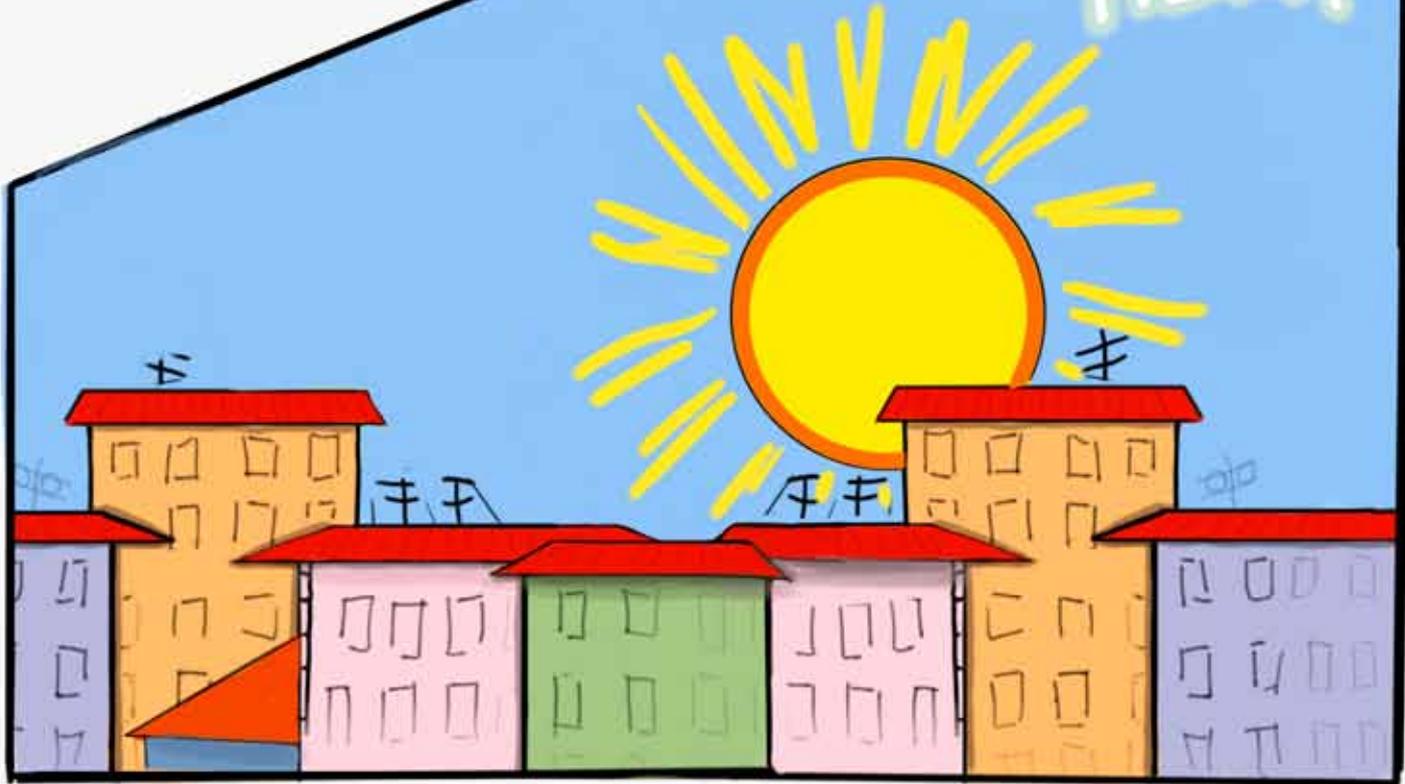
WOW!
THANK
YOU!



THIS IS
HOW YOU
CAN CLEAN
WATER.



SUMMER
HEAT





WHAT A MESS! THEY TURNED OFF WATER AGAIN!

NO WATER~

ARGH!

ARGH!

AARGH!

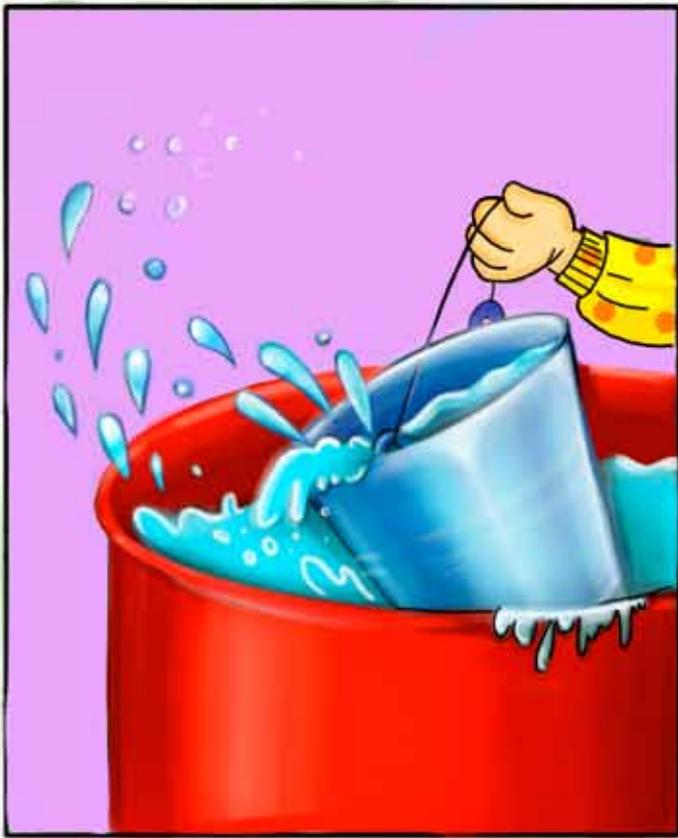
GAZET!



YES, ALL THE FLOWERS ON THE BALCONY WILL DIE WITHOUT WATERING IN THIS HEAT!

NOW I CAN'T DO LAUNDRY!



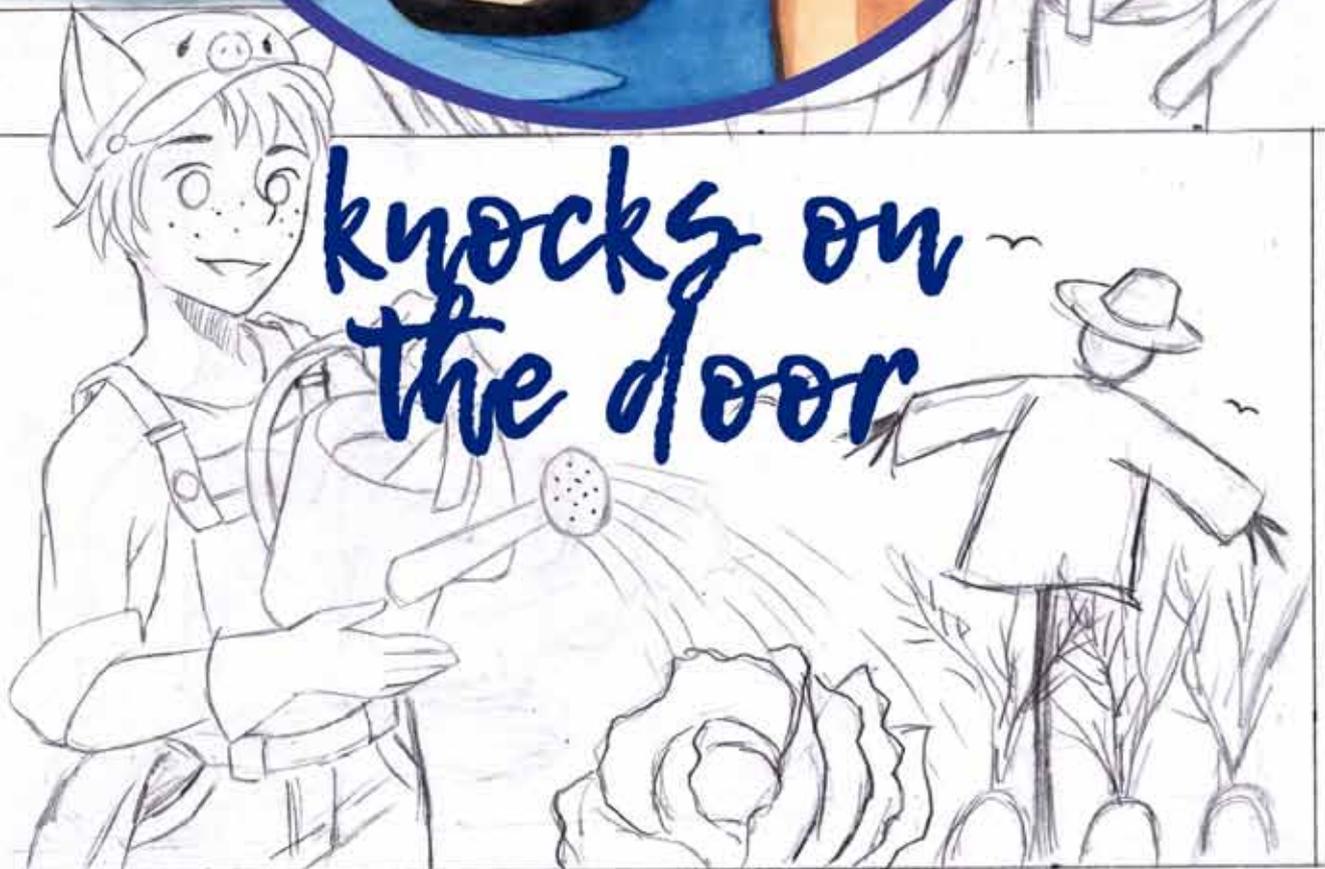


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Climate change

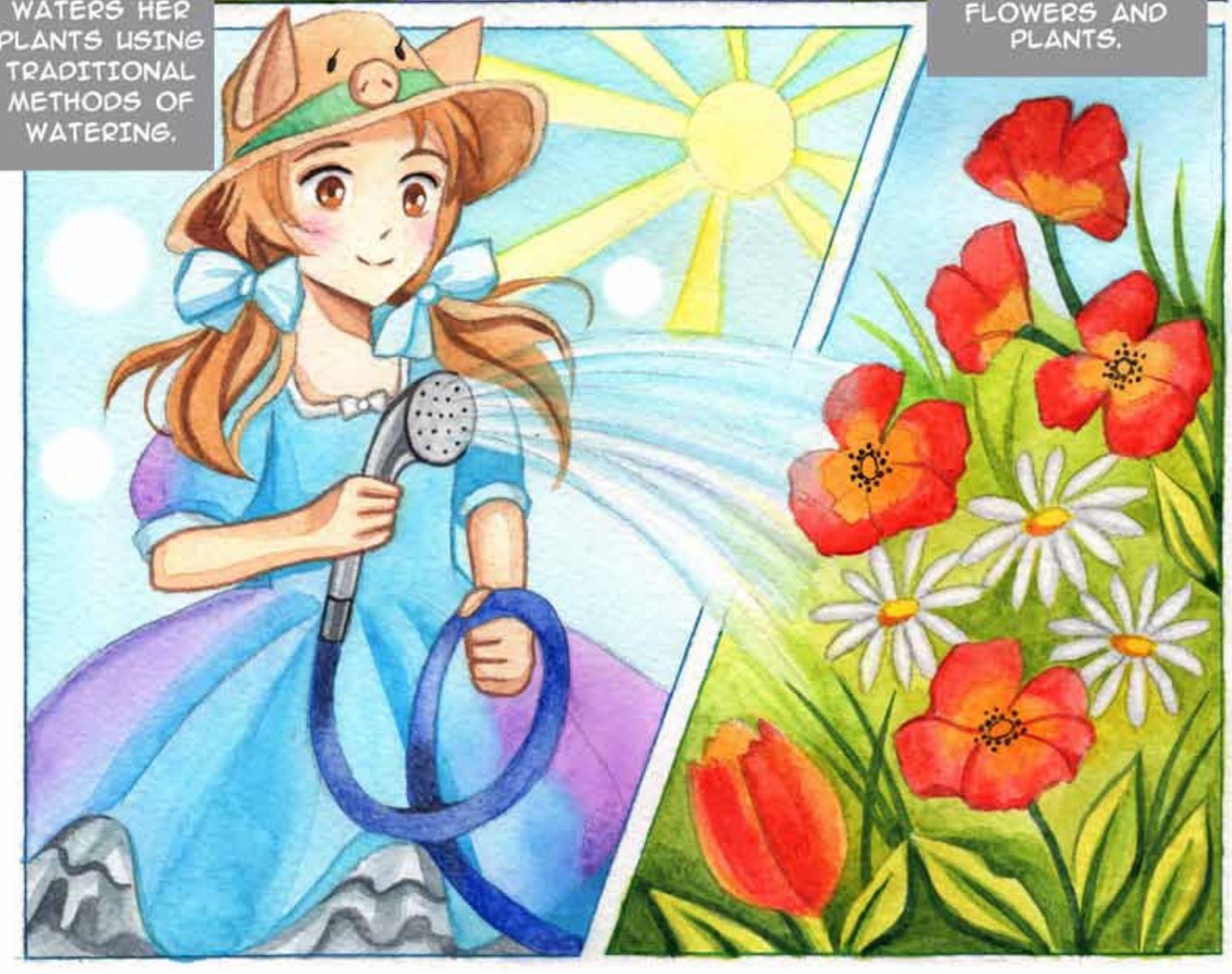


knocks on
the door





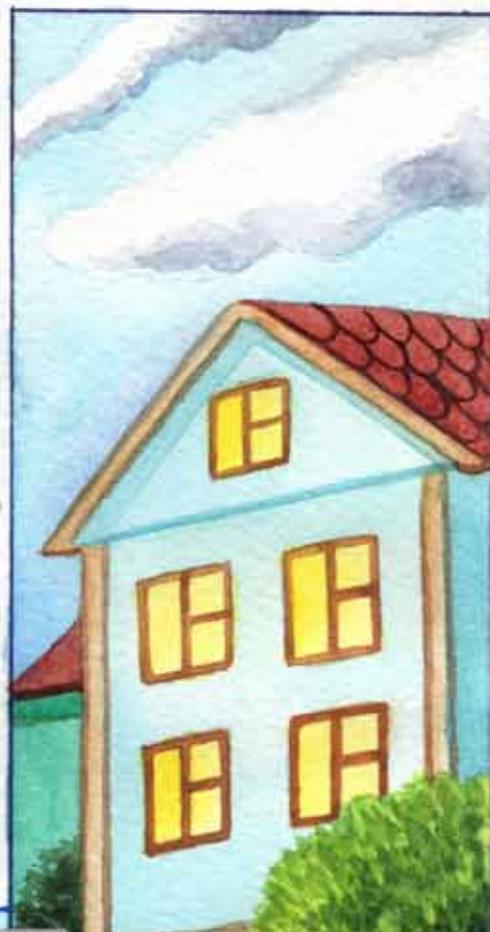
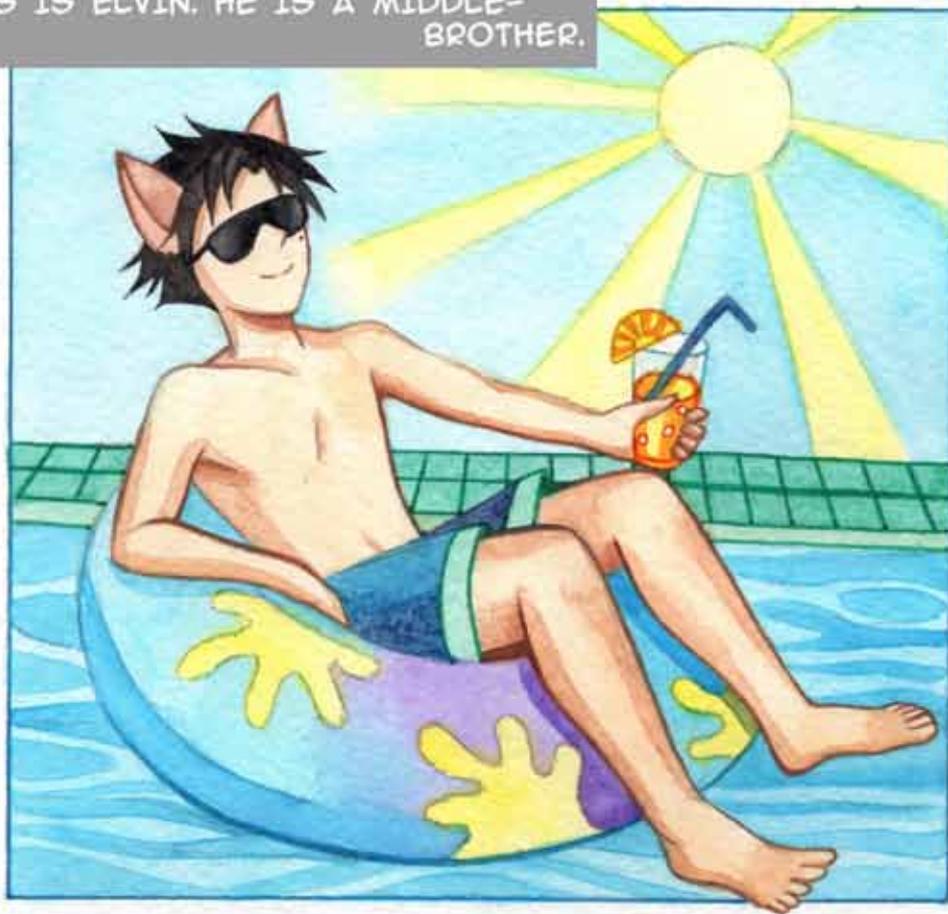
THIS IS A STORY ABOUT
ONE SISTER AND TWO BROTHERS.



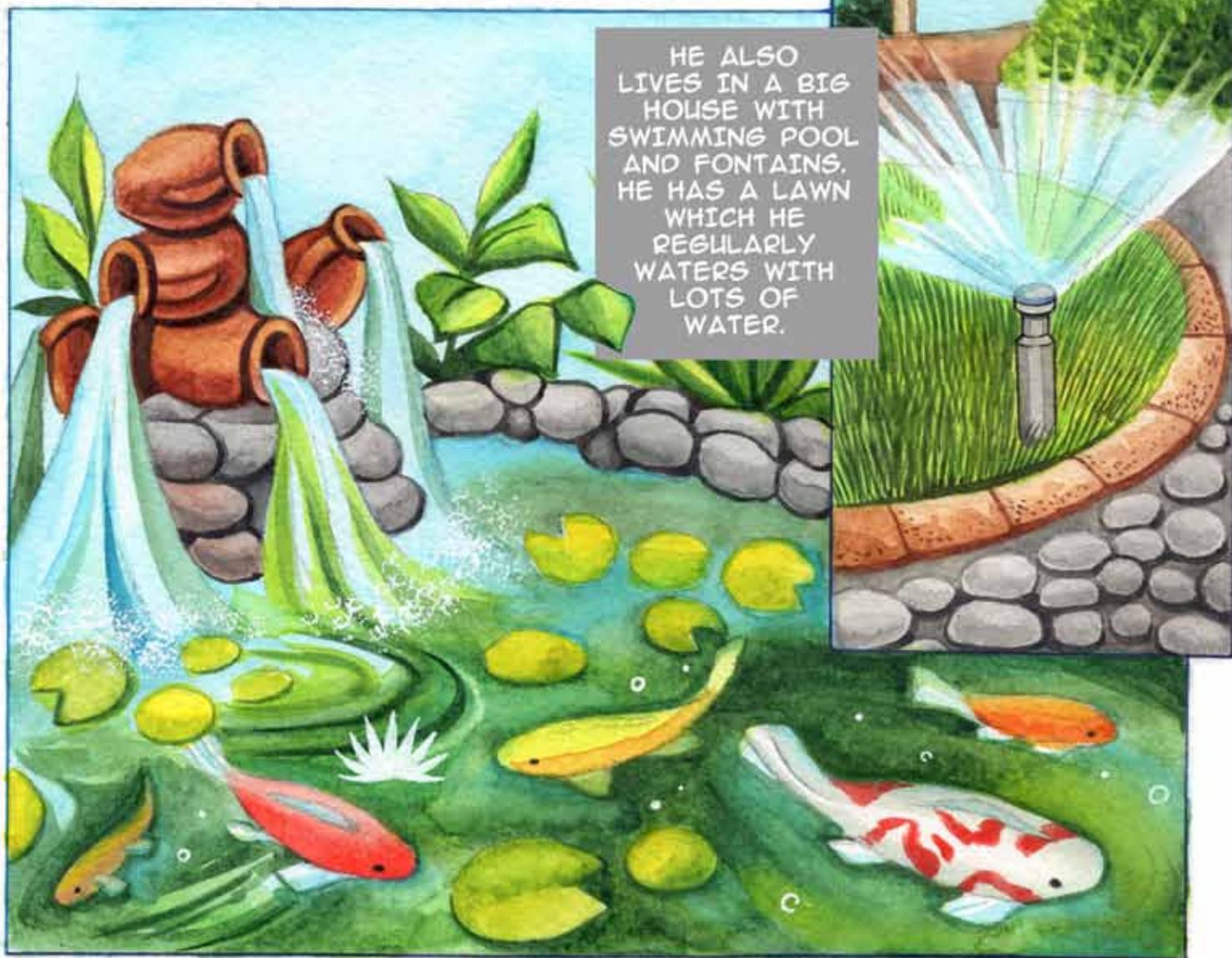
THIS IS LALA.
LALA IS AN
ELDER SISTER.
SHE LIVES IN A
GREAT BIG HOUSE.
SHE LOVES
FLOWERS AND HAS
A BIG GARDEN
WITH A LOT OF
FLOWERS AND
PLANTS.

BUT SHE
WATERS HER
PLANTS USING
TRADITIONAL
METHODS OF
WATERING.

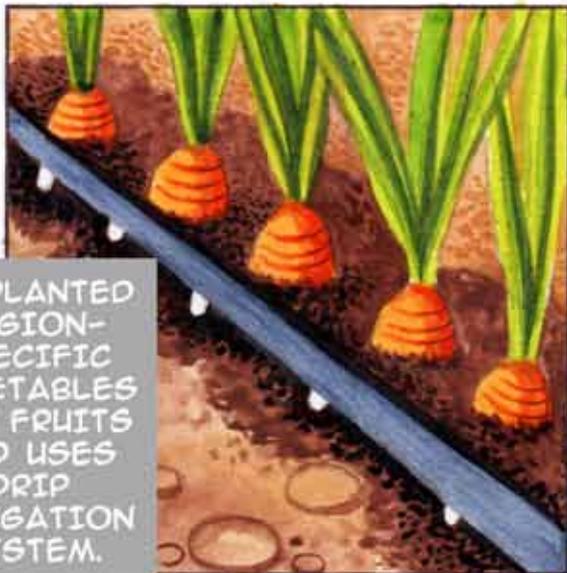
THIS IS ELVIN. HE IS A MIDDLE-BROTHER.



HE ALSO LIVES IN A BIG HOUSE WITH SWIMMING POOL AND FOUNTAINS. HE HAS A LAWN WHICH HE REGULARLY WATERS WITH LOTS OF WATER.



AND HERE IS ELDAR-THE YOUNGEST BROTHER. HE LIVES IN A SMALLER HOUSE.



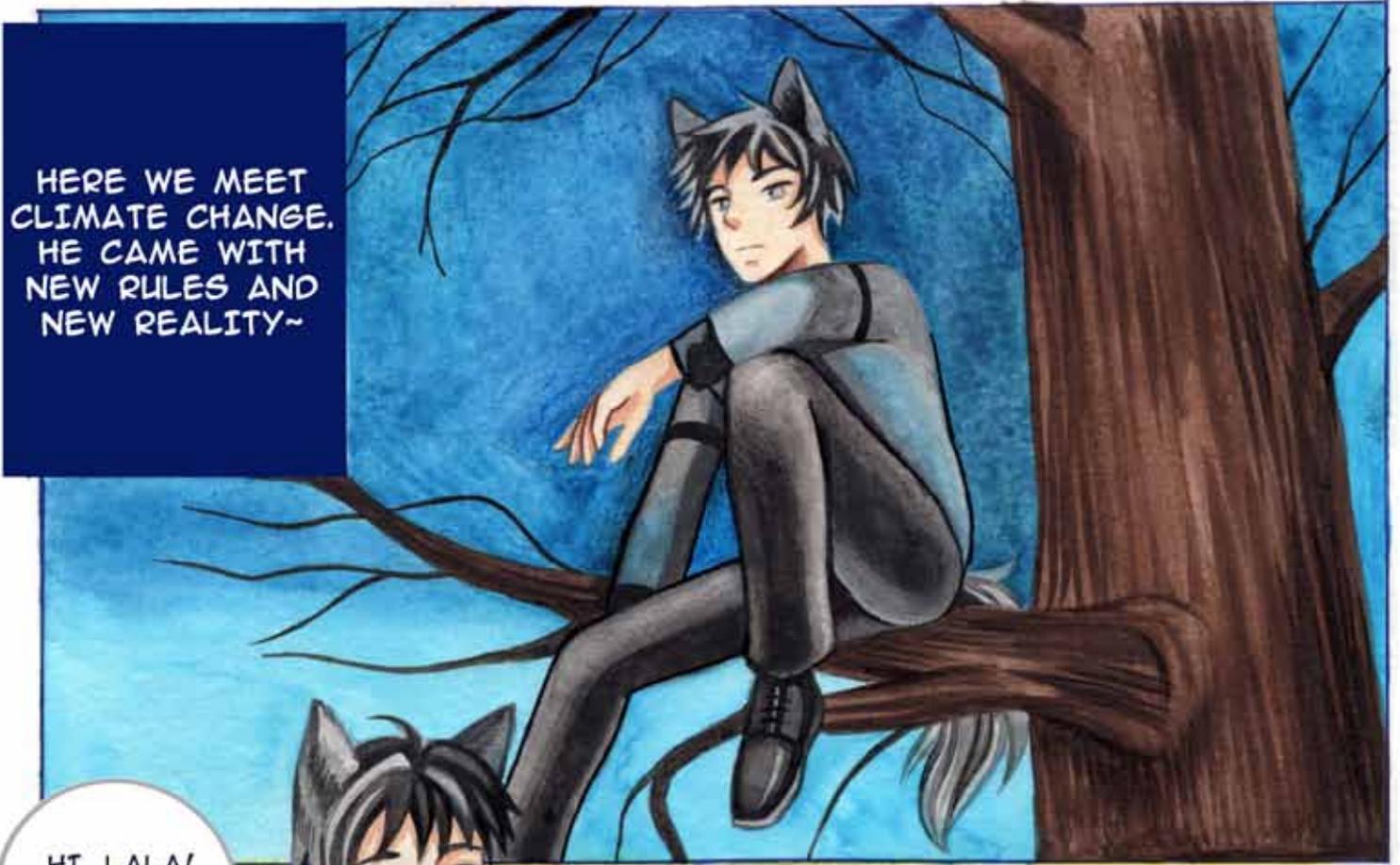
HE PLANTED REGION-SPECIFIC VEGETABLES AND FRUITS AND USES DRIP IRRIGATION SYSTEM.



ALSO HE COLLECTS GREY WATER AND USES IT IN HIS GARDEN.



HERE WE MEET
CLIMATE CHANGE.
HE CAME WITH
NEW RULES AND
NEW REALITY~



HI, LALA!
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING?

CLIMATE
CHANGE

HI! I'M
WATERING
MY
FLOWERS.

THEY'RE
BEAUTIFUL,
BUT YOU
SPEND TOO
MUCH WATER
FOR
WATERING.

DID YOU
HEAR
ANYTHING
ABOUT DRIP
IRRIGATION?

YOU
KNOW
NOTHING
ABOUT
PLANTS~





HEY, ELVIN!
WHAT'S UP?

CLIMAT
CHANGE

HI THERE!
NOTHING.
JUST
FILLING
A POND
WITH
WATER.



LOOK,
YOU DON'T
SAVE WATER
AT ALL.
YOU BETTER
GIVE UP
FOUNTAINS
AND A
SWIMMING
POOL.

THANKS
FOR THE
ADVISE BUT...
NO.
IT'S MORE
FUN IN THE
SWIMMING
POOL~

IF IT'S
HOT TAKE
A SHORT
SHOWER
INSTEAD.

CLIMATE



OKAY...
YOUR
CHOICE~

IT'S TIME TO TEACH YOU A LESSON... PEOPLE FORGOT HOW TO APPRECIATE THE GIFTS OF NATURE.

IT'S TIME TO REMIND THEM THAT WATER IS LIFE.

CLIMATE CHANGE

NEXT DAY...

MY FLOWERS!!

MY POOL!!



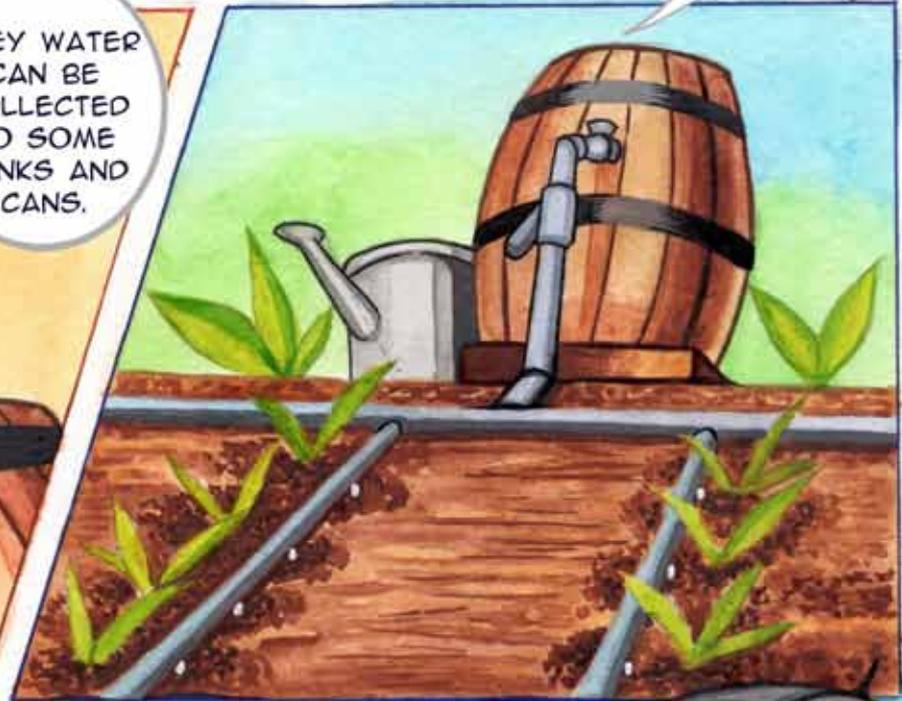


FIRST OF ALL, USE DRIP IRRIGATION AND GREY WATER FOR WATERING YOUR PLANTS.

IT'S BETTER NOT TO USE BIG SWIMMING POOLS AND TAKE SHORT SHOWERS INSTEAD.



GREY WATER CAN BE COLLECTED TO SOME TANKS AND CANS.



ALL OF THESE CAN HELP YOU REDUCE WATER LOSSES.

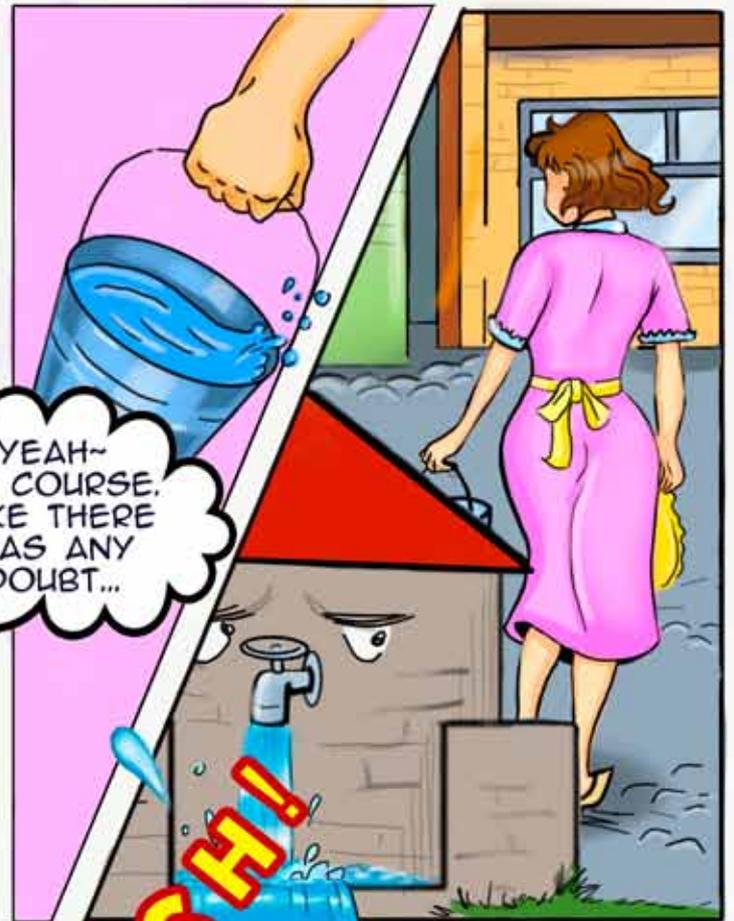


THAT'S BETTER~

END



Mind the
water waste





YOU WASTE A LOT OF WATER! JUST CLOSE THE TAP ALREADY!

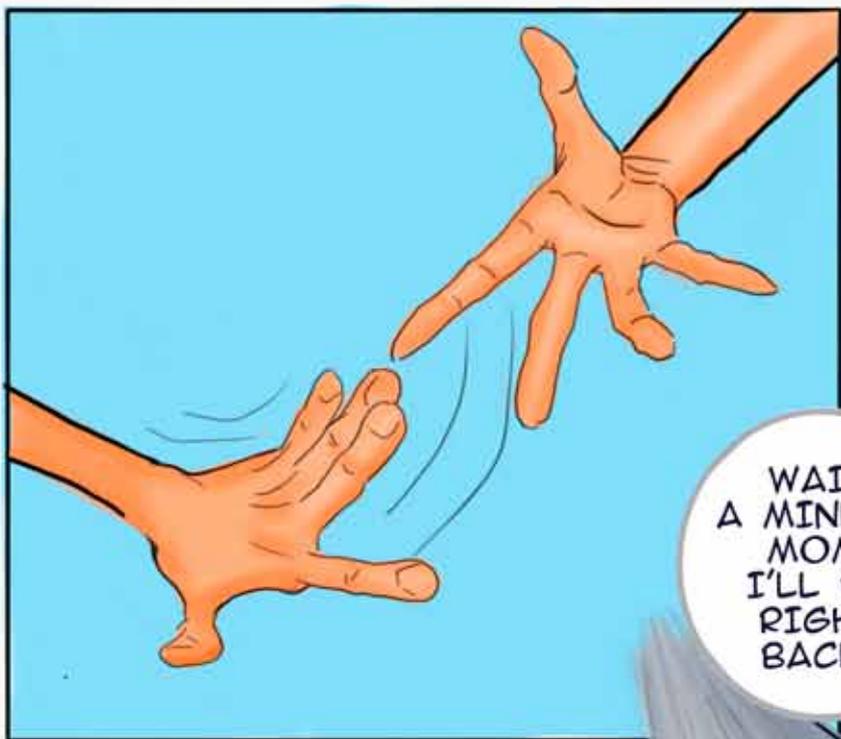
GRRR!
GRRR!



DID YOU SAY SOMETHING, HONEY?



MOM, I NEED TO GO. SOMEONE LEFT THE TAP OPEN...



WAIT
A MINUTE,
MOM.
I'LL BE
RIGHT
BACK!



SWIISSHHHH!!!

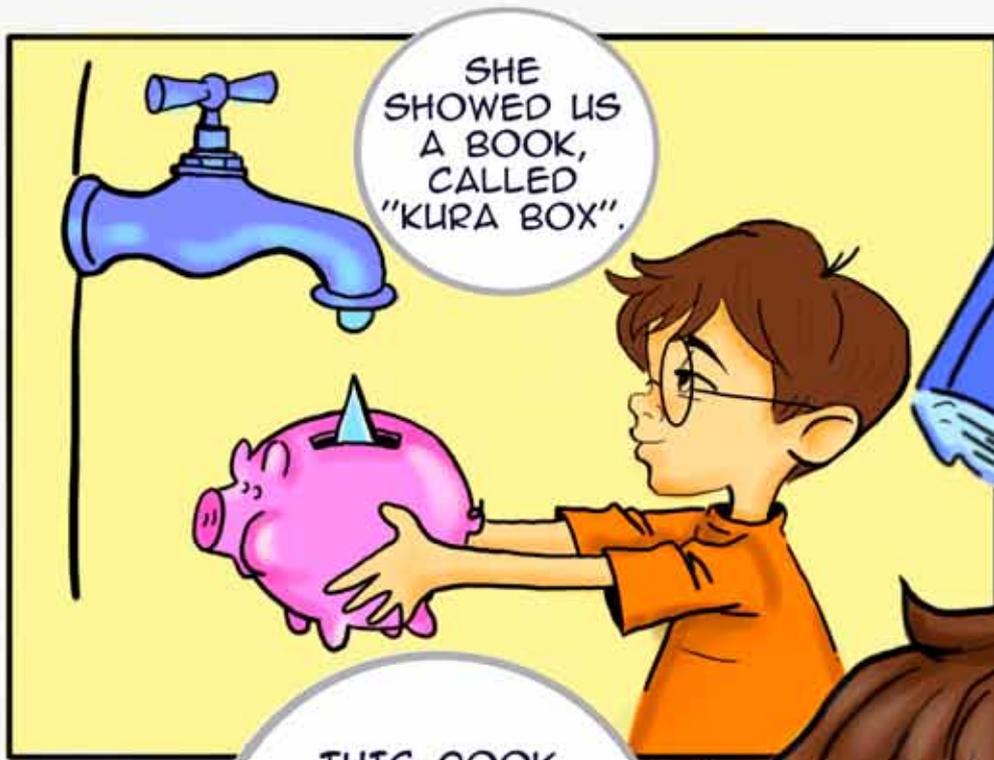


WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING?!
COME
BACK!

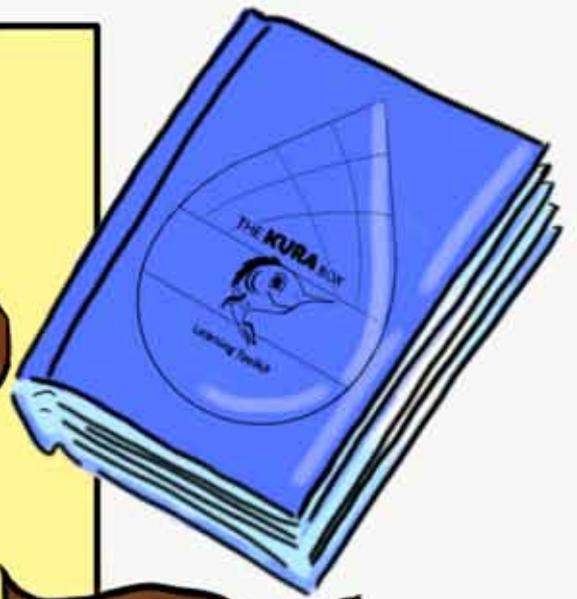


HELP ME!





SHE SHOWED US A BOOK, CALLED "KURA BOX".



THIS BOOK TEACHES MANY WAYS ON HOW TO HELP MOTHER NATURE PRESERVE WATER.



I'M PROUD OF YOU, HONEY!



END



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