

# The Border

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BANDA IS WALKING HOME FROM SCHOOL WHEN HE SEES A GROUP OF FELLOW STUDENTS CROWDING AROUND A POSTER ON A WALL.



AFTER THE ARREST OF HER UNCLE AND AUNTIE FOR ILLEGAL BREWING, THE WELFARE OFFICER CONTACTED SHANI'S GRANDMOTHER AND ASKED HER TO COME AND LIVE WITH THE CHILDREN. SHANI IS EAGER TO START A NEW LIFE BUT STEVO DOES NOT AGREE.





MERCY IS SHOWING OFF HER I-POD.



JIM, A FORM FOUR STUDENT IN A DIFFERENT SCHOOL CYCLES PAST THEM.

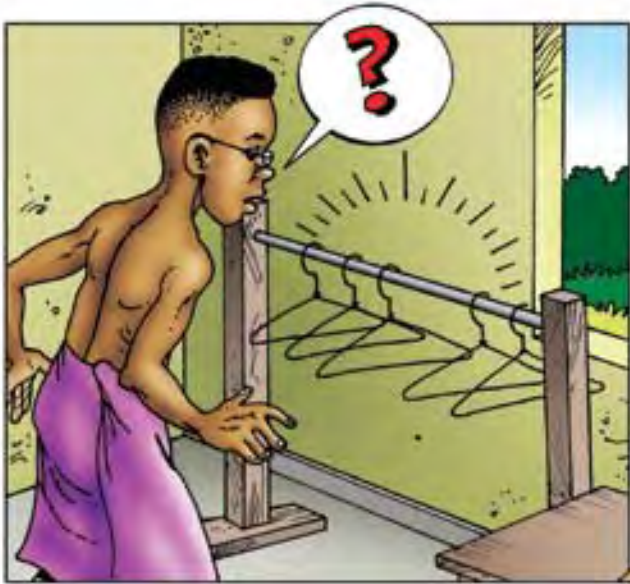


**HAAAAA HAHOHOHOHOO**



MOTO IS TRYING TO CLEAN UP HIS LIFE BUT TROUBLE SEEMS TO FOLLOW HIM.



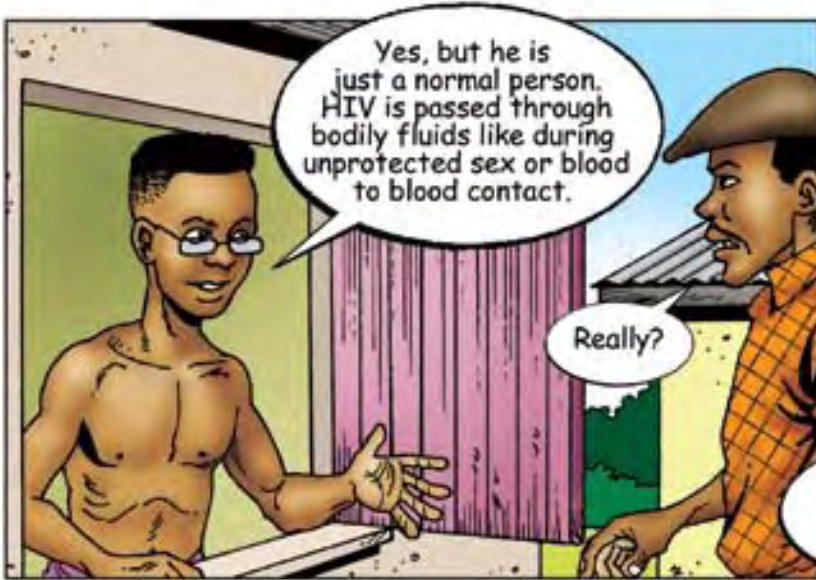


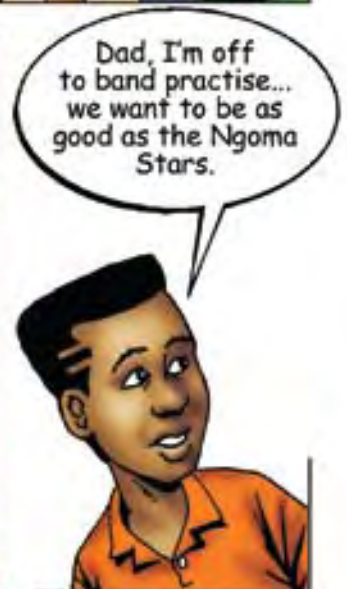
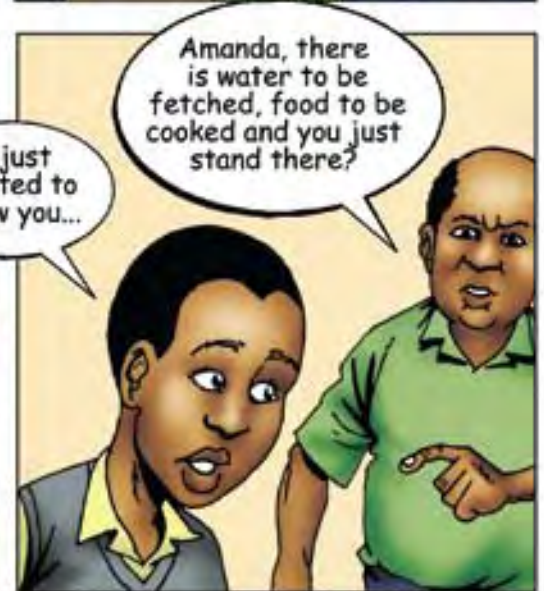
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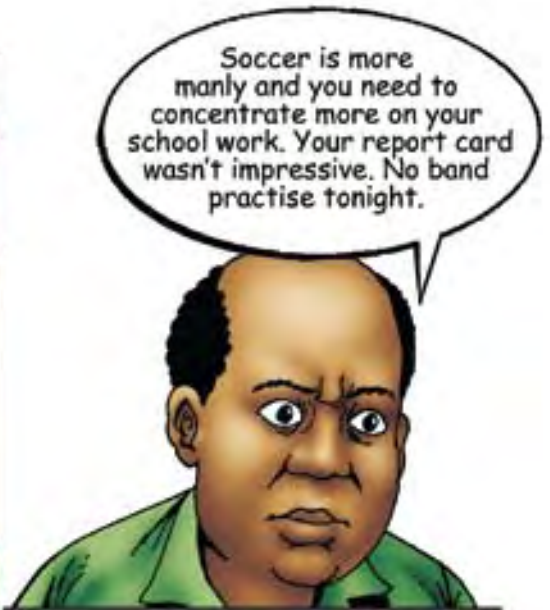
Listen man, he has HIV and you can't get it from touching him or his things.

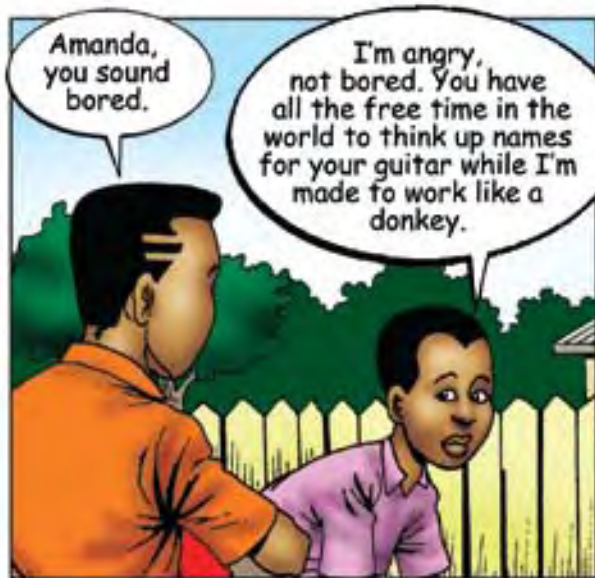




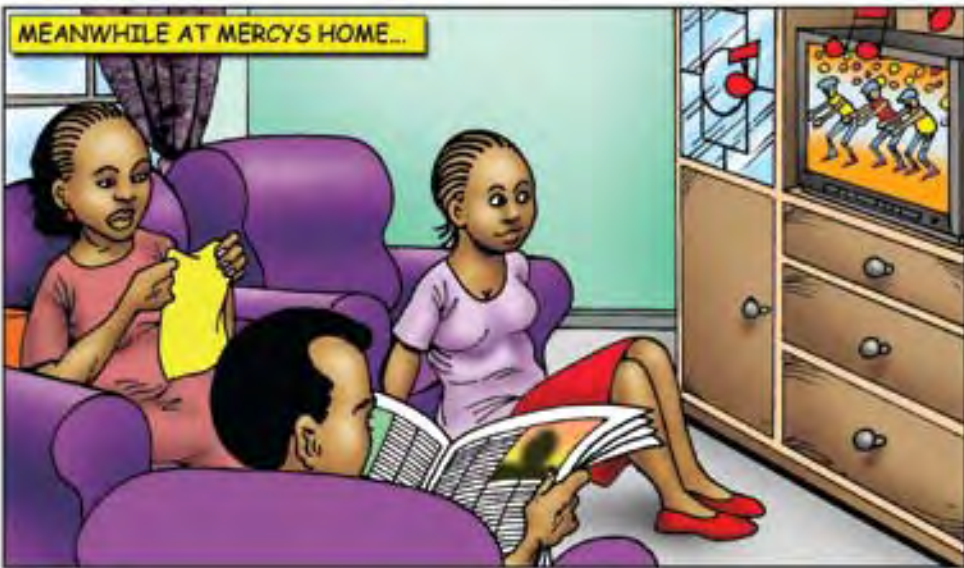


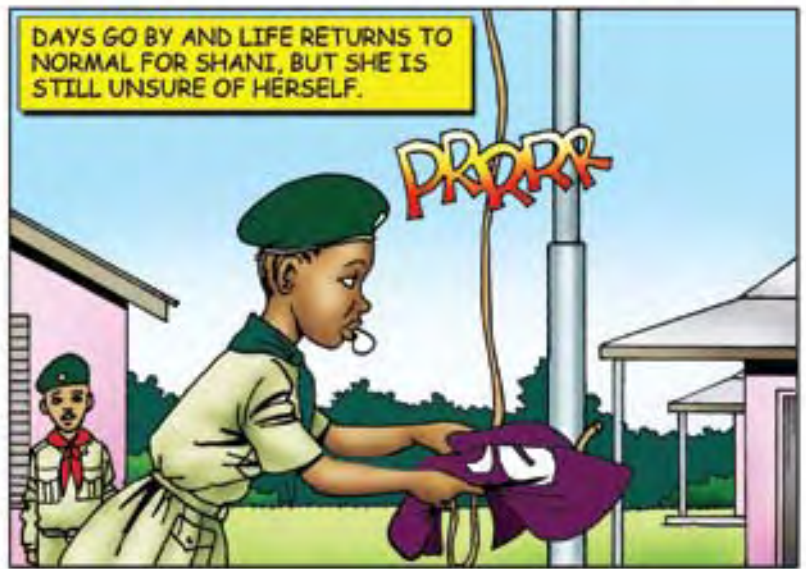






MEANWHILE AT MERCYS HOME...





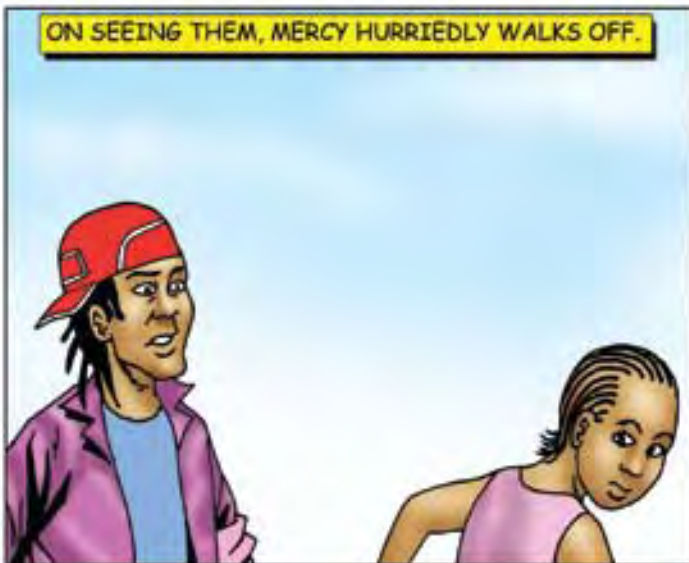


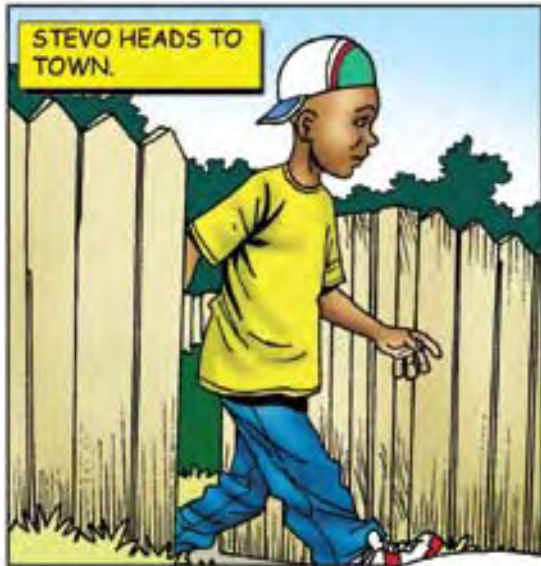


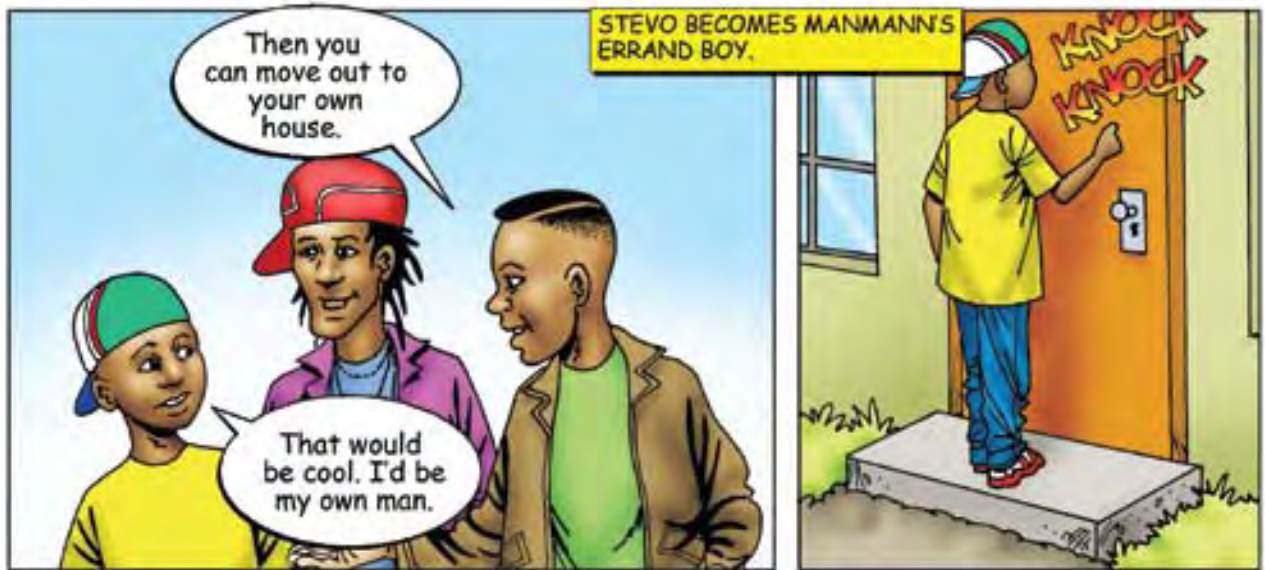
THEY STOP WHEN THEY SEE MERCY CHATTING WITH MANMANN.



ON SEEING THEM, MERCY HURRIEDLY WALKS OFF.

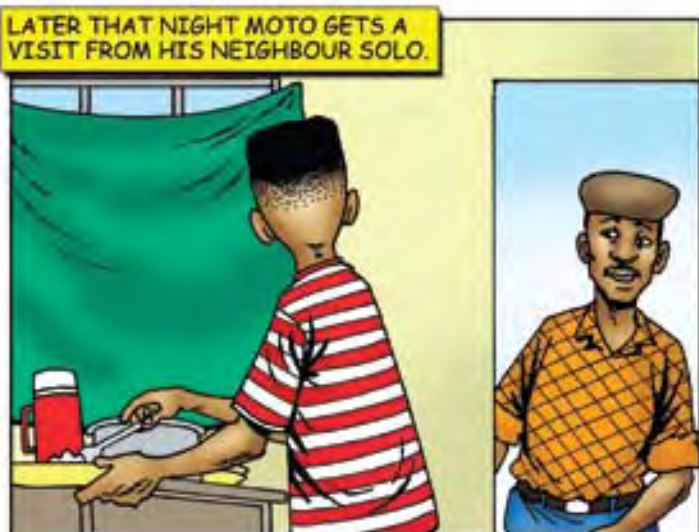


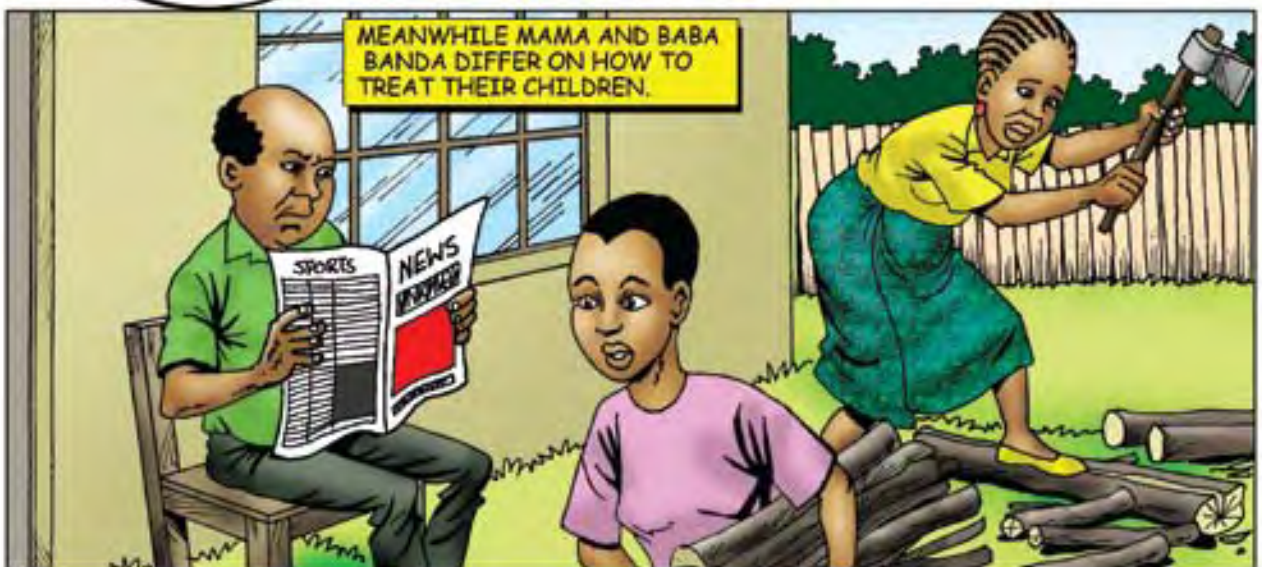


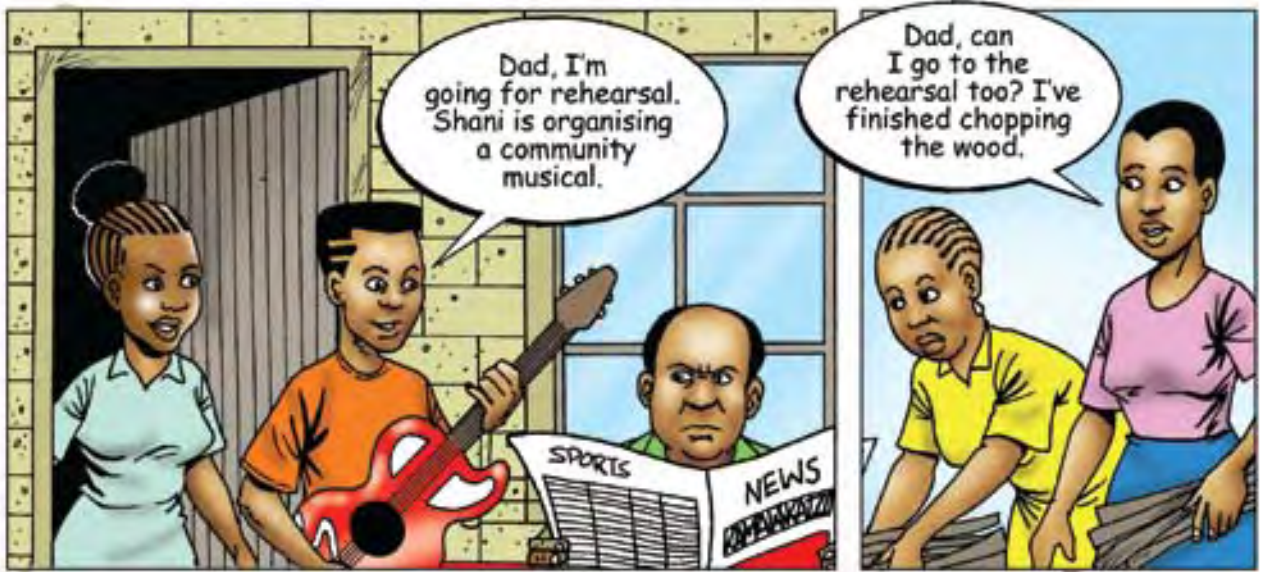


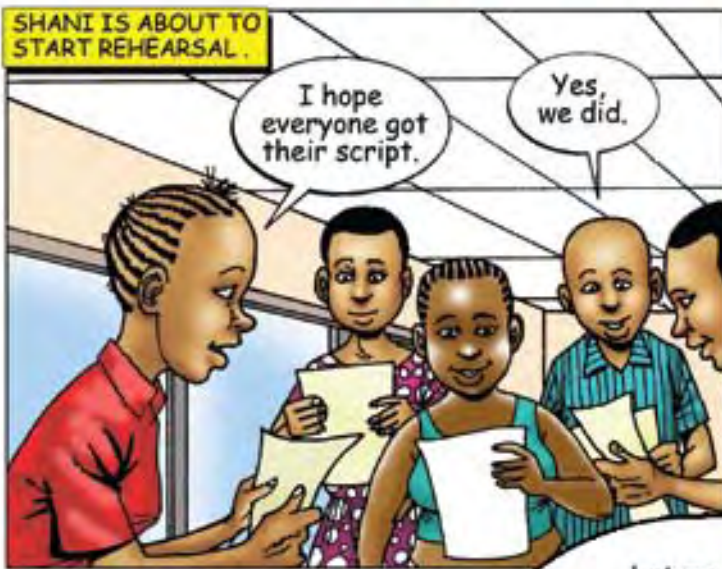
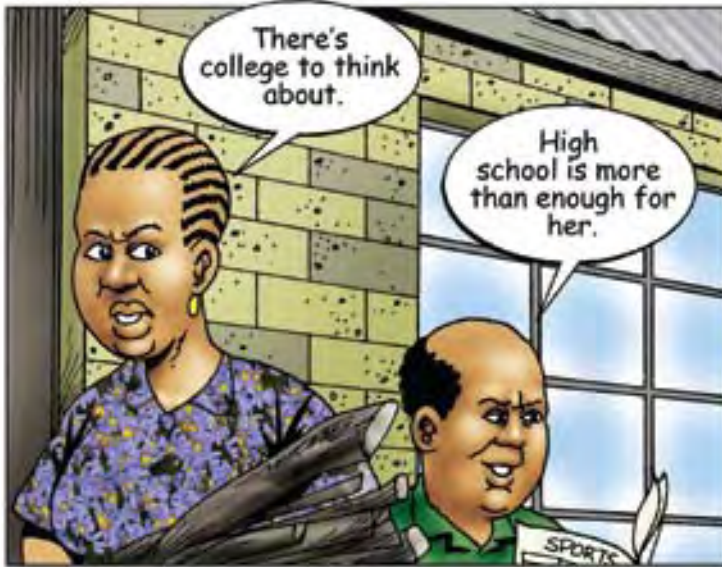








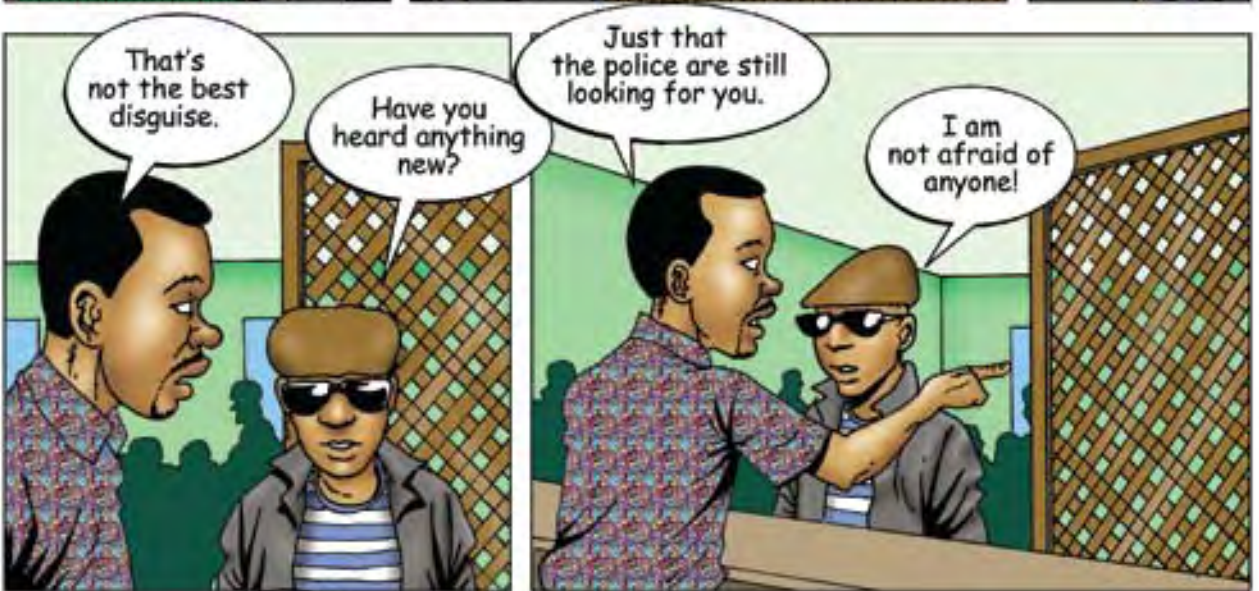








MOTO WALKS INTO THE ABUSI BAR.





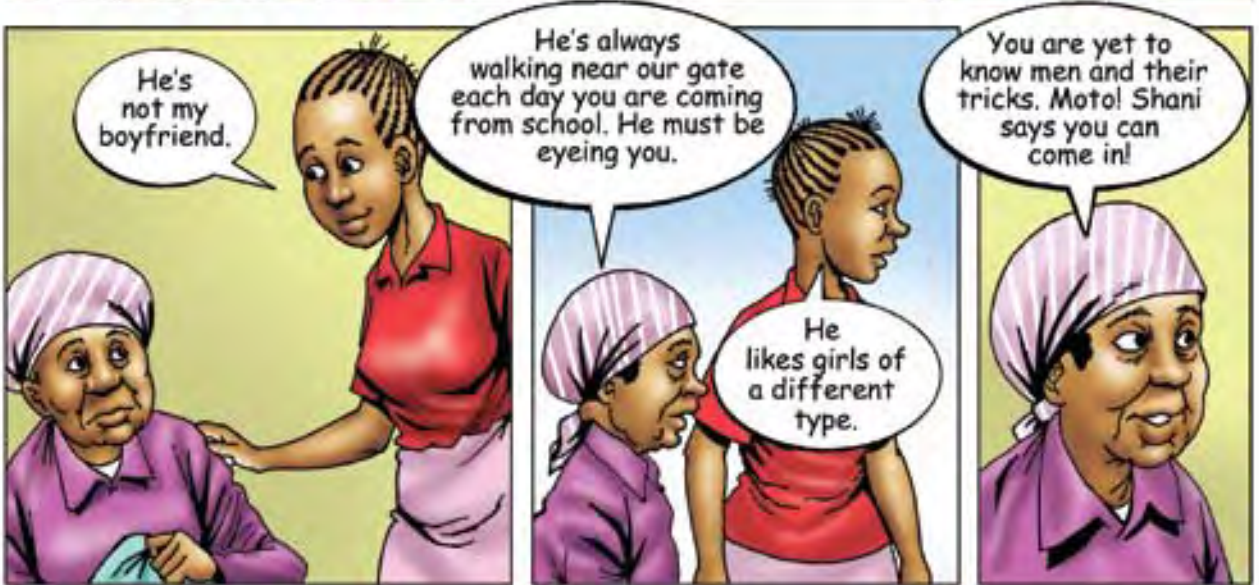
MEANWHILE AT MERCY'S HOME...



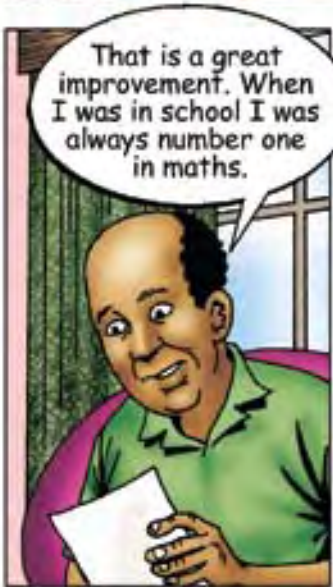
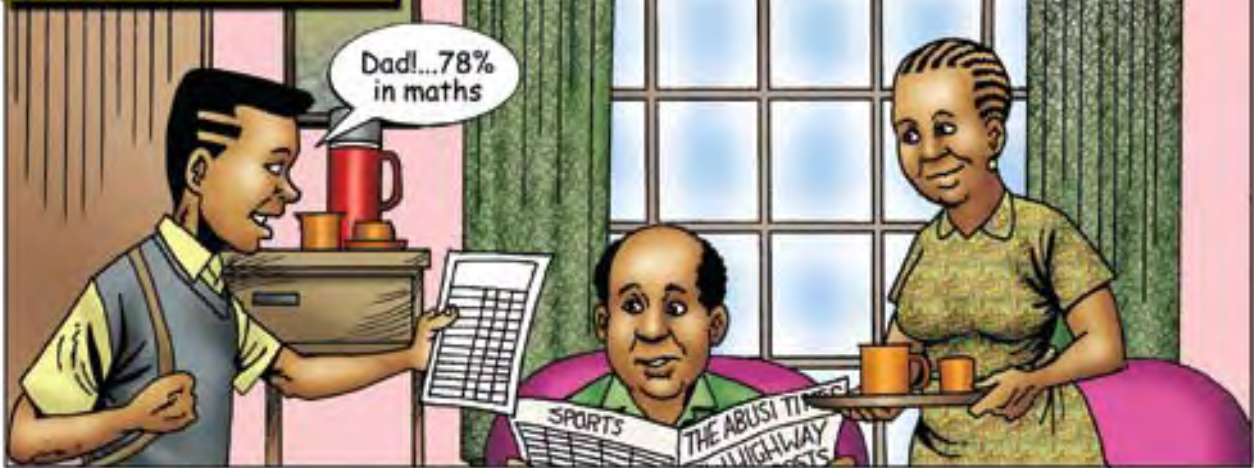


MEANWHILE SHANI AND HER GRANDMA BEGIN TO GET CLOSER.





BANDA IS EXCITED TO SHOW HIS PARENTS HIS MID-TERM TEST RESULTS.





**BANDA ARRIVES AT REHEARSAL.**

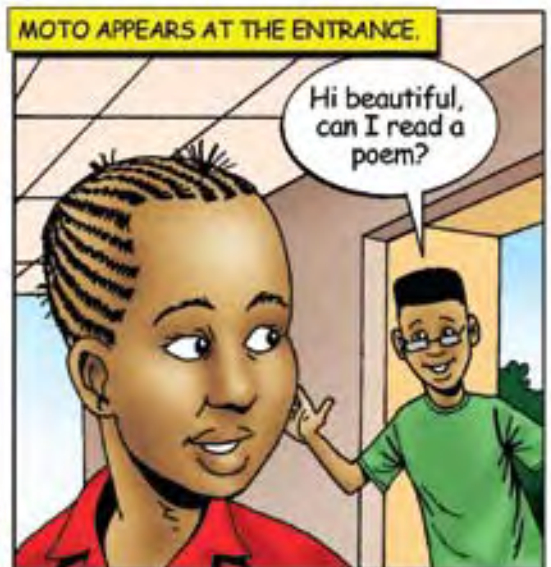




AMANDA RUNS INTO THE SOCIAL HALL.



AS AMANDA SITS DOWN TO READ HER LINES, BANDA APPROACHES.

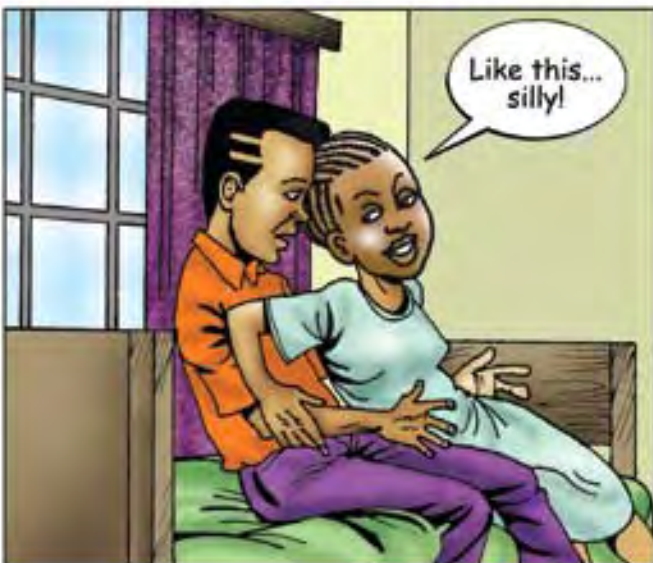


MOTO APPEARS AT THE ENTRANCE.





3 DAYS LATER IN BANDA'S ROOM.







You are such a boy! Come on... just lie back and relax.



NO! Today's training is over. OUT!



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MEANWHILE, SHANI HAS SOMEONE TO ADVISE HER ABOUT SEX.



Shani, you have reached that age where boys stare at your chest. Just know that your body is your treasure.

I don't talk to boys!



There's nothing wrong with talking to boys. But don't allow them to touch you.

Ok, Grandma

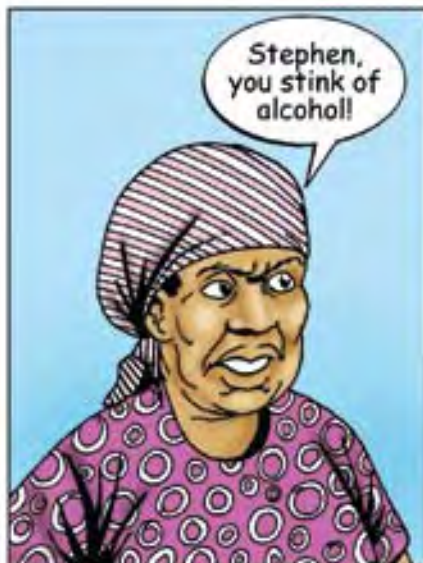


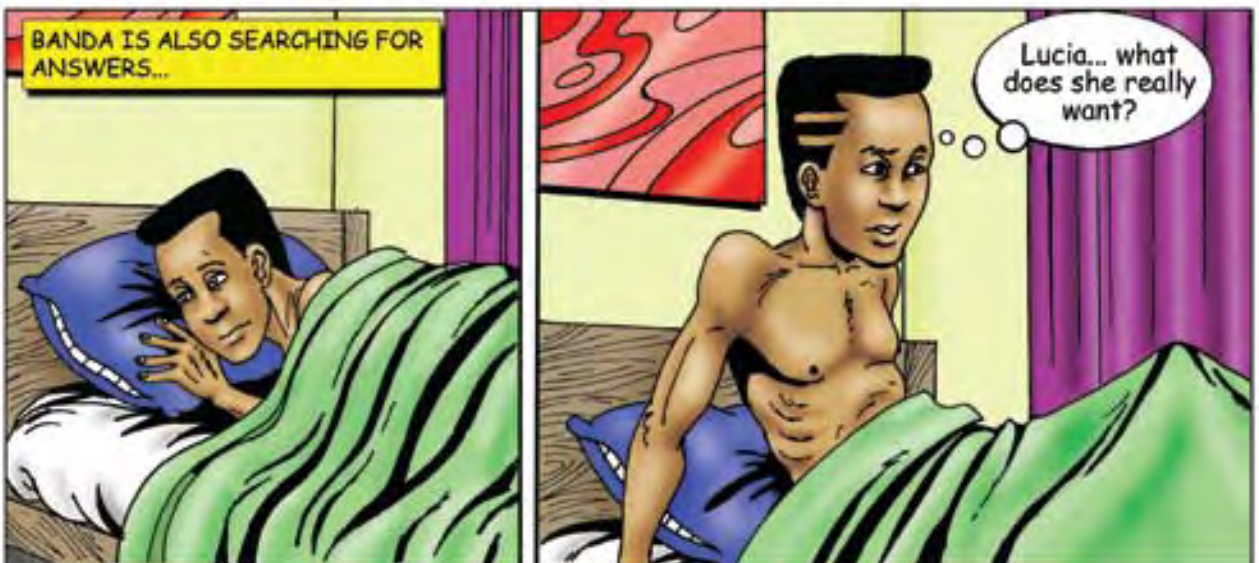
If anyone tries to go under your clothes just know they are after having sex with you... they might not really care about you.

Grandma, you talk about sex so openly.



**A DRUNK STEVO BARGES INTO THE HOUSE.**





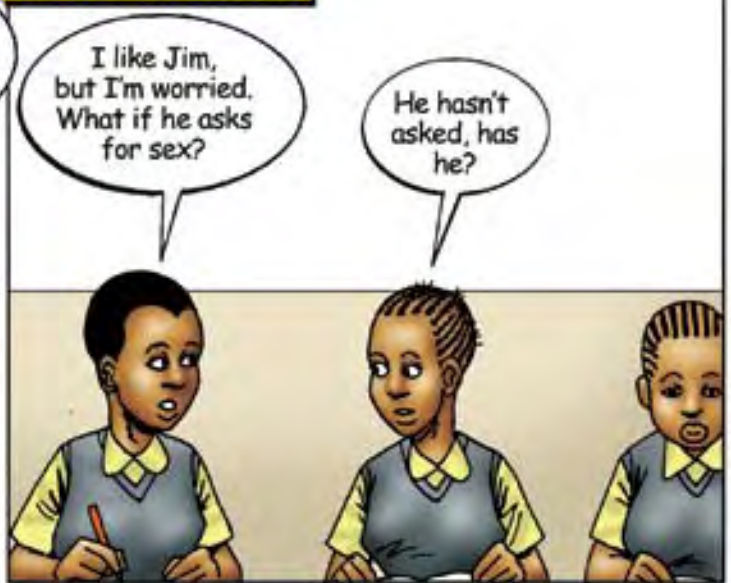
BANDA TAKES A WALK TO COOL OFF.



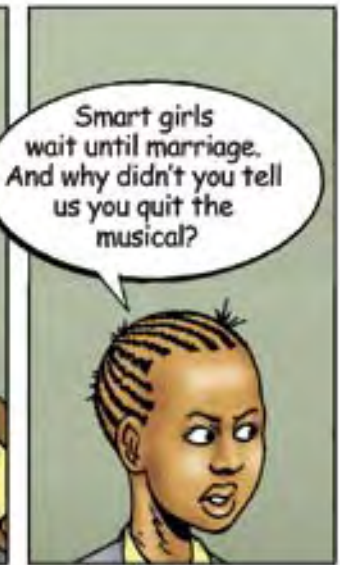




THE NEXT DAY IN CLASS.





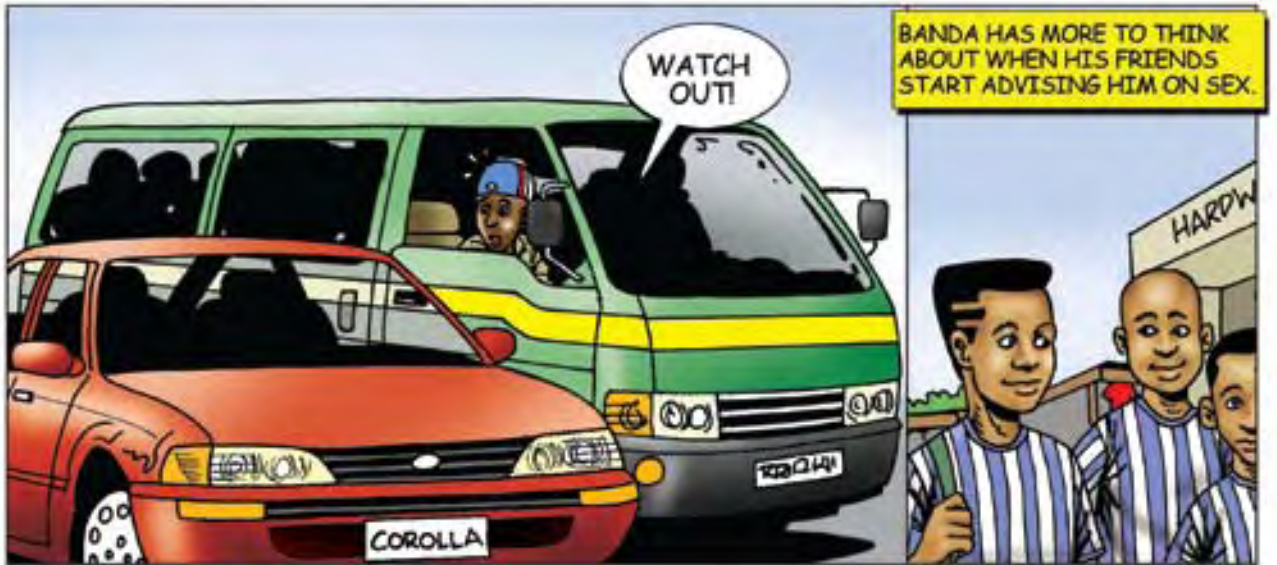


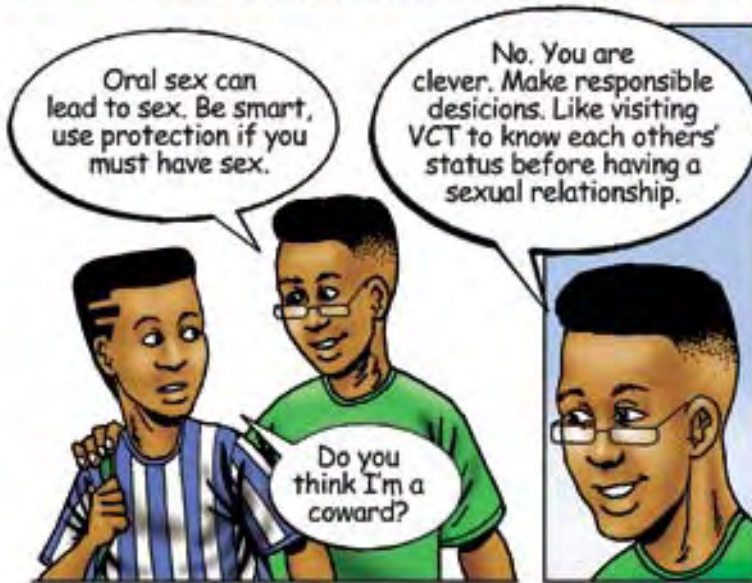
**MERCY WALKS OUT IN A HUFF.**



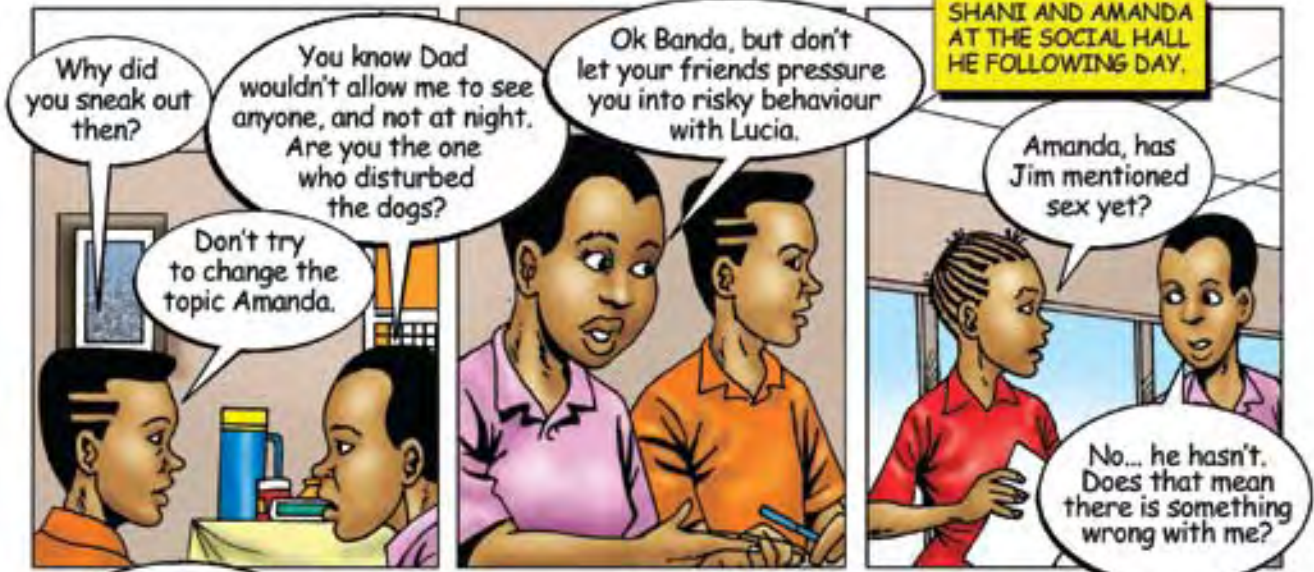








SHANI AND AMANDA AT THE SOCIAL HALL THE FOLLOWING DAY.





THE BIG DAY IS HERE. PEOPLE ARE ARRIVING FOR THE COMMUNITY MUSICAL.



At least Mercy won't be accusing us of not being supportive anymore.



BUT MERCY HAS HER OWN PLANS.





MANMANN AND MERCY JOIN MARK IN A NIGHTCLUB.





THE COMMUNITY MUSICAL IS COMING TO AN END.



CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP



Wow! Your cousin has done a brilliant job with this musical.

Shani couldn't have done it by herself, it must be luck.

How come it's over and Mercy hasn't made an appearance?

Maybe she was just bragging to us.



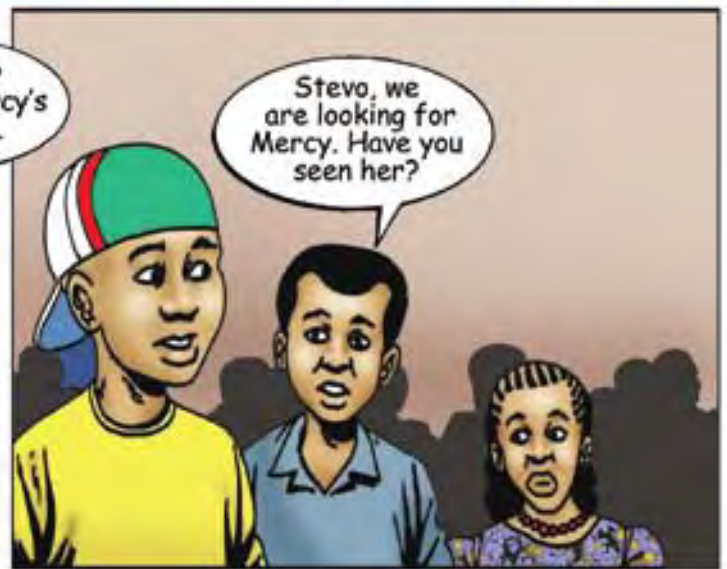
BACK AT THE NIGHTCLUB

Excuse me, I'm going to the ladies.





MERCY'S PARENTS ARE WORRIED.



MEANWHILE BABA AND MAMA BANDA TALK WITH THE SCOUT MASTER.





BACK AT THE SOCIAL HALL



This is my son Banda. Banda, this is a journalist. He wants to make you famous.



I will break that young man's neck!



It's better to talk to her about the dangers of bad relationships rather than keep threatening her. She is no longer a kid.



You are right Mom. Jim is a good friend to Amanda.



Mercy told us she was in the musical tonight and we haven't seen her.



Oh, Mercy quit the play three weeks ago and we had to replace her with Amanda.

That girl! Where did we go wrong for her to lie to us?



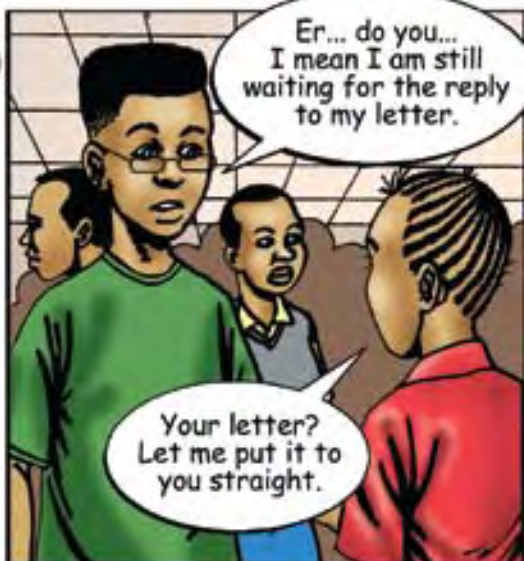
AT ANOTHER CORNER SHANI HUGS MOTO.



Thanks, Moto, everyone is saying this costumes were the best!

Because you bring out the best in me.

There you go again.



Er... do you... I mean I am still waiting for the reply to my letter.

Your letter? Let me put it to you straight.





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