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A FEW DAYS AFTER THE SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY MUSICAL THAT SHANI ORGANISED, BANDA IS WALKING HOME FROM SCHOOL.



Banda!  
Did you see  
yourself in the  
newspaper?

Come on  
Lucia, it's just  
a newspaper.

Don't be  
modest. They say  
you're the next big  
thing in music.





BANDA BREAKS FREE AND RUNS TOWARDS AMANDA.







Hey... Amanda, wait for me.



Gosh! Everyone seems to think appearing in the newspaper is a big deal.



They are even writing love letters to Shanil!



Hey, celebs! I see you are in the newspapers. "Young band with big future!"



Not you too, moto!

Well, now that you are famous, can I be the one dressing you in the latest fashions?



Moto, stop making fun of us!













STEVO HOWEVER CONTINUES WITH HIS BAD HABITS.



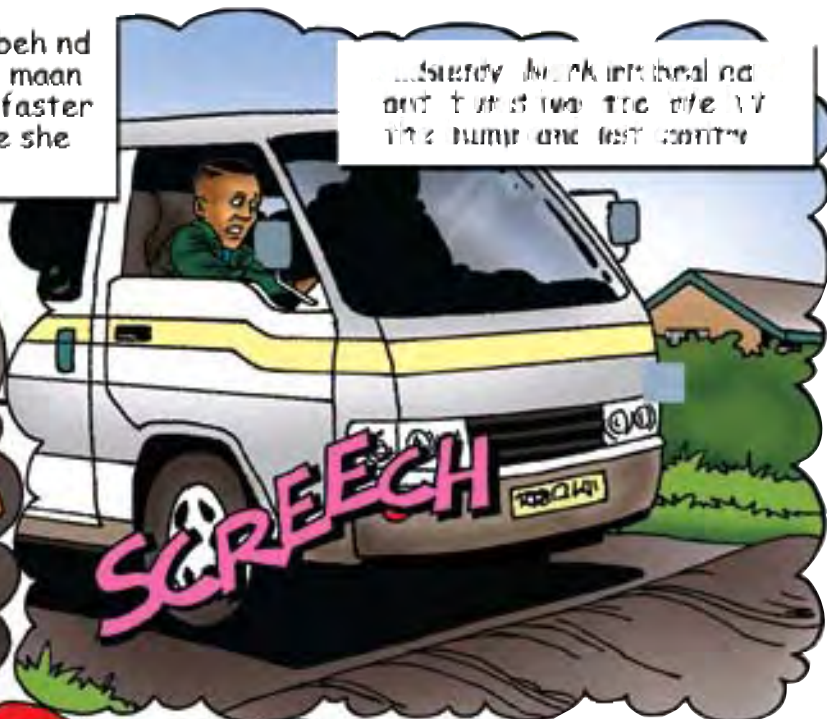




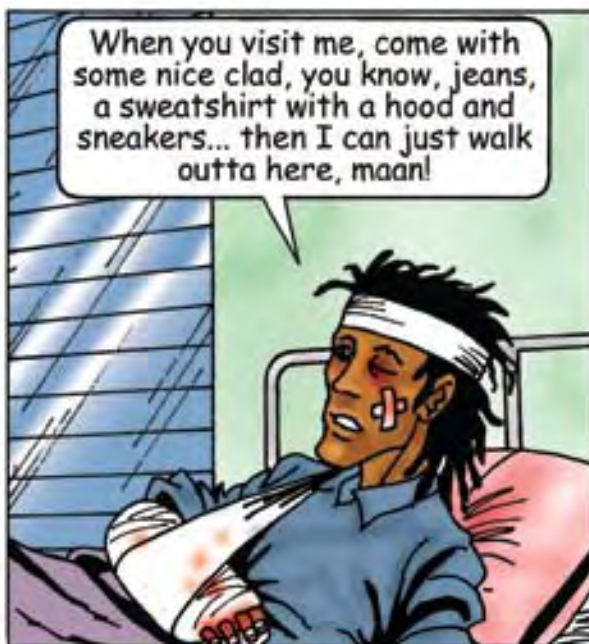












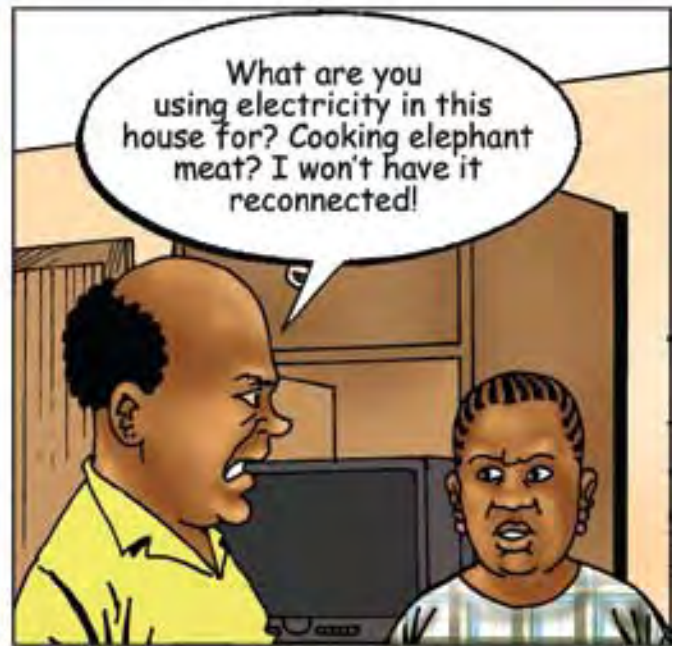




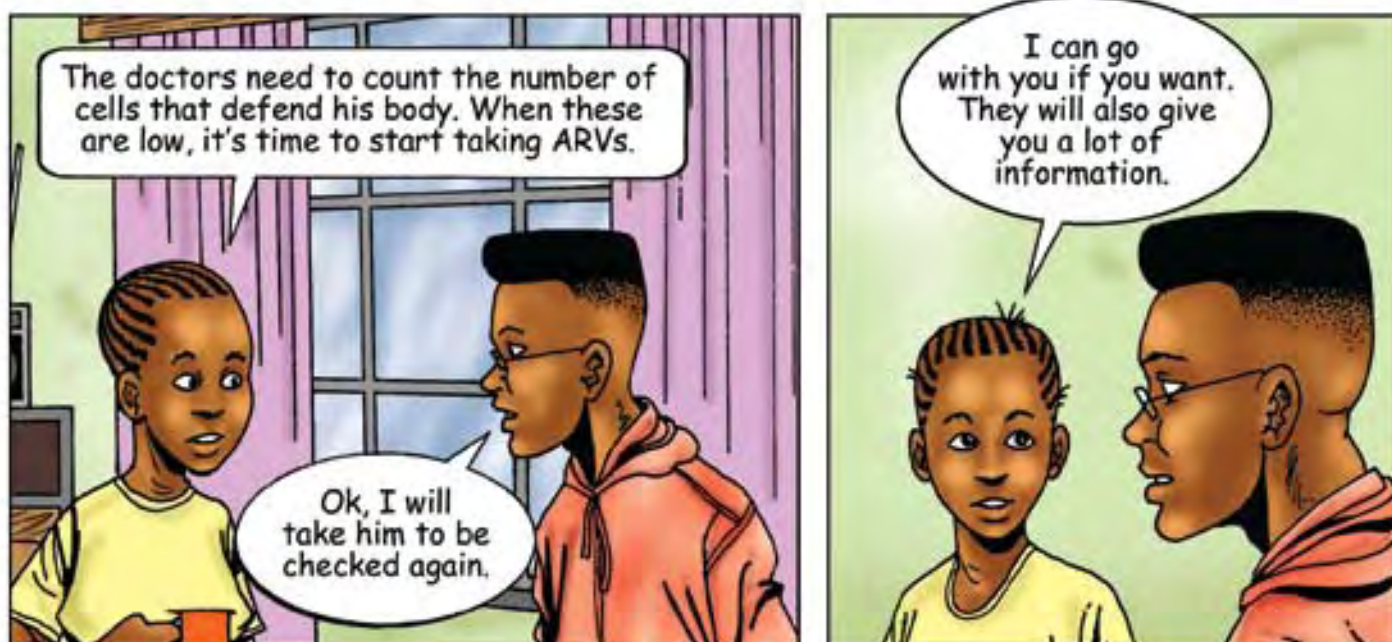
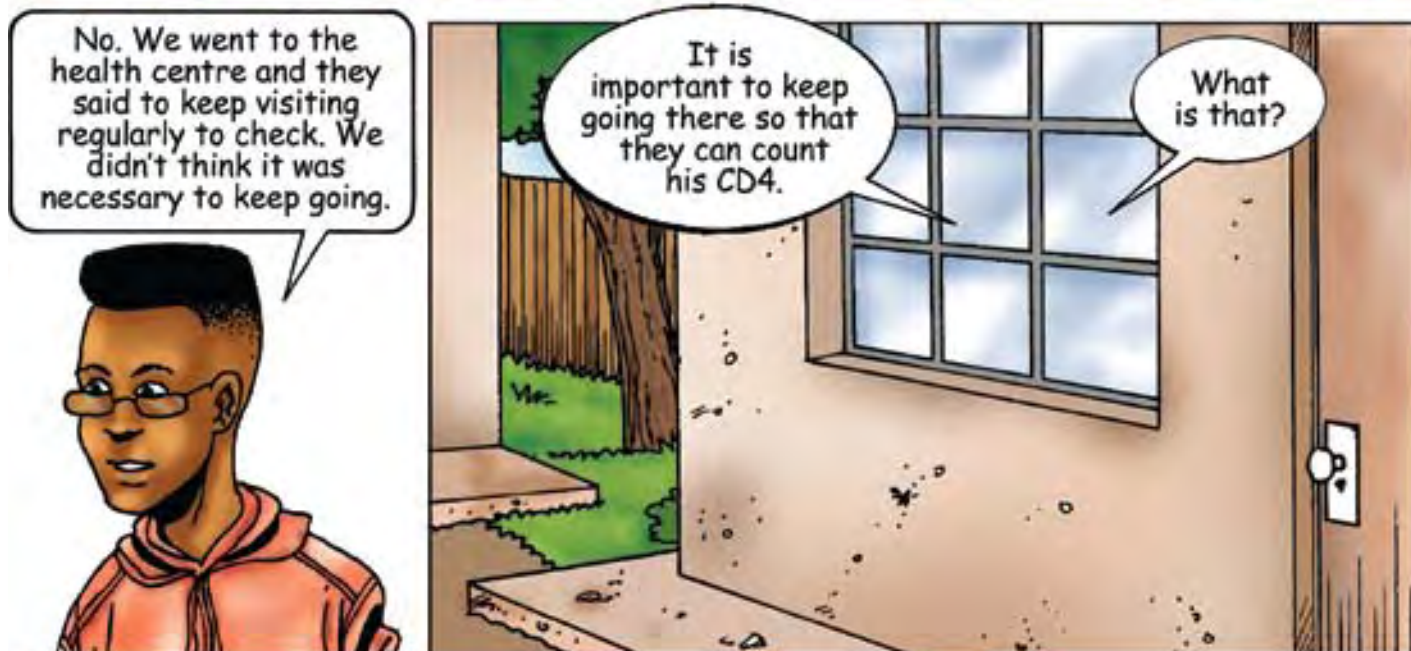




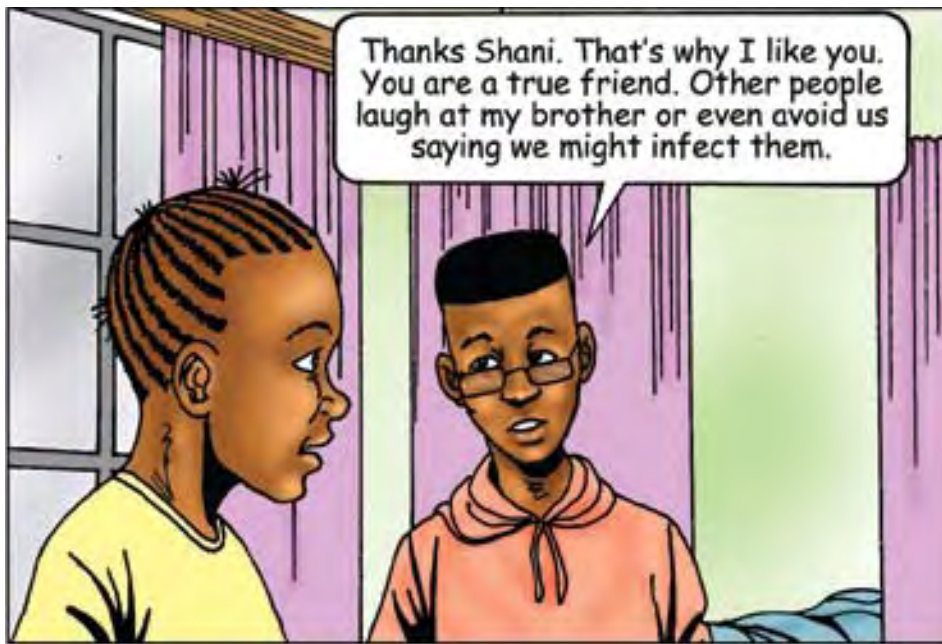




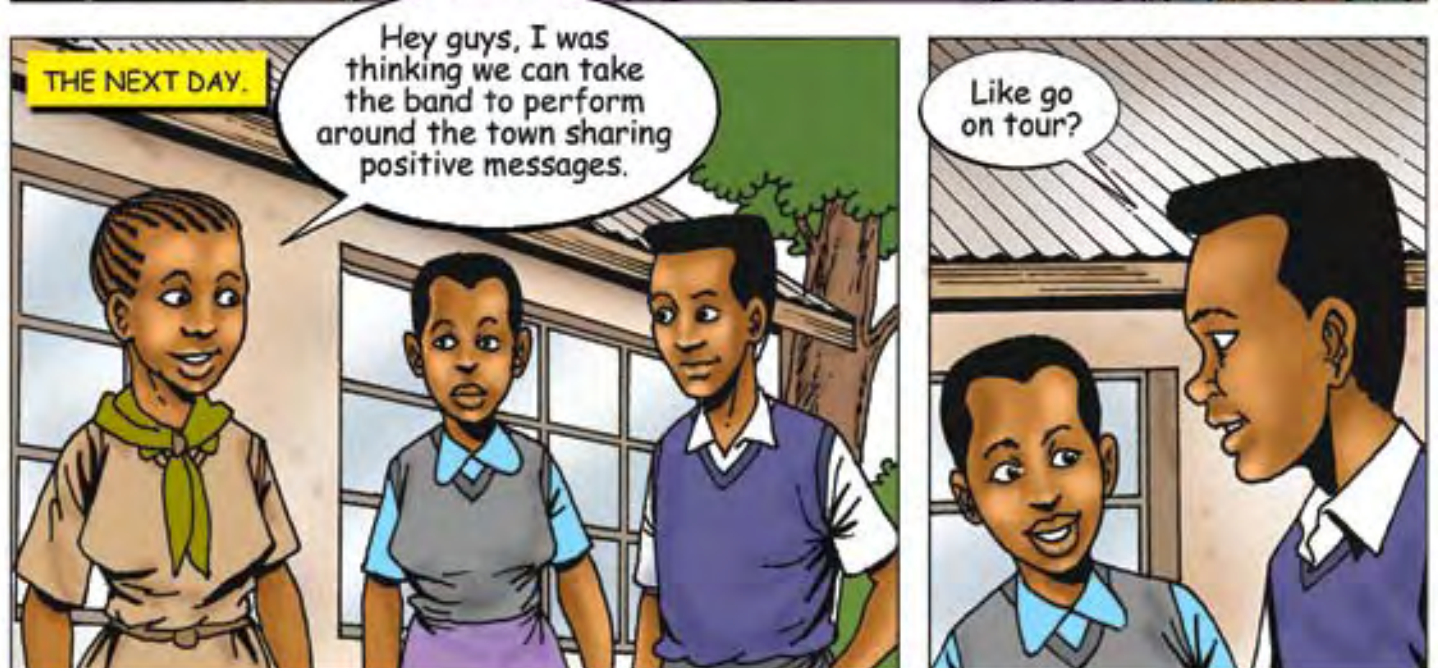
















Yeah, I wanted to start a community outreach programme that uses entertainment to teach about HIV and AIDS, alcohol and drugs.



Wow! That would be great. We're in!



Ok, lets have a meeting with other interested people at 1 PM behind the dining hall.



Sorry, I'm on punishment because I did not finish my math homework.

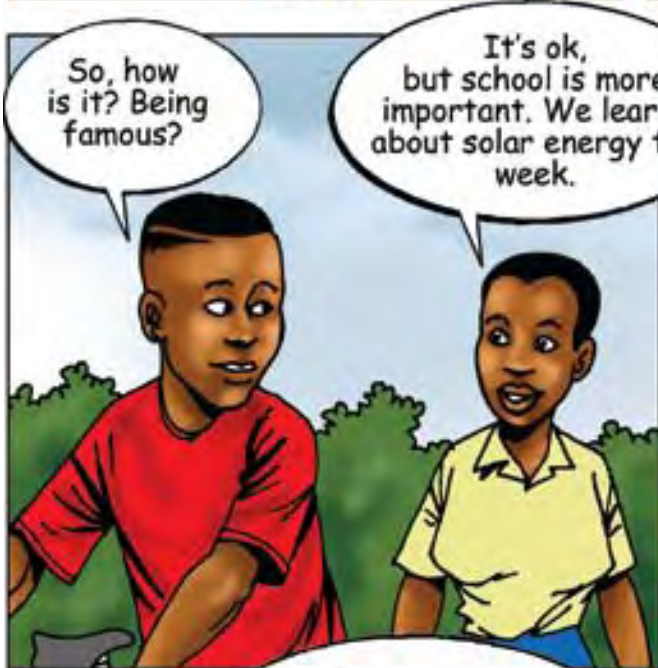
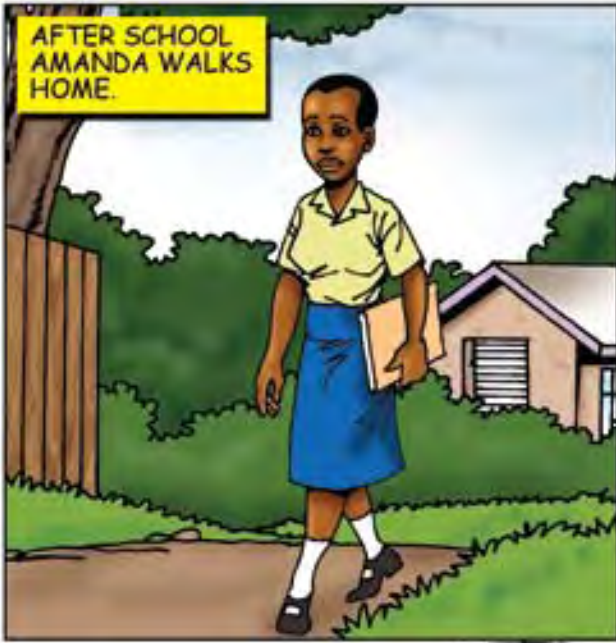


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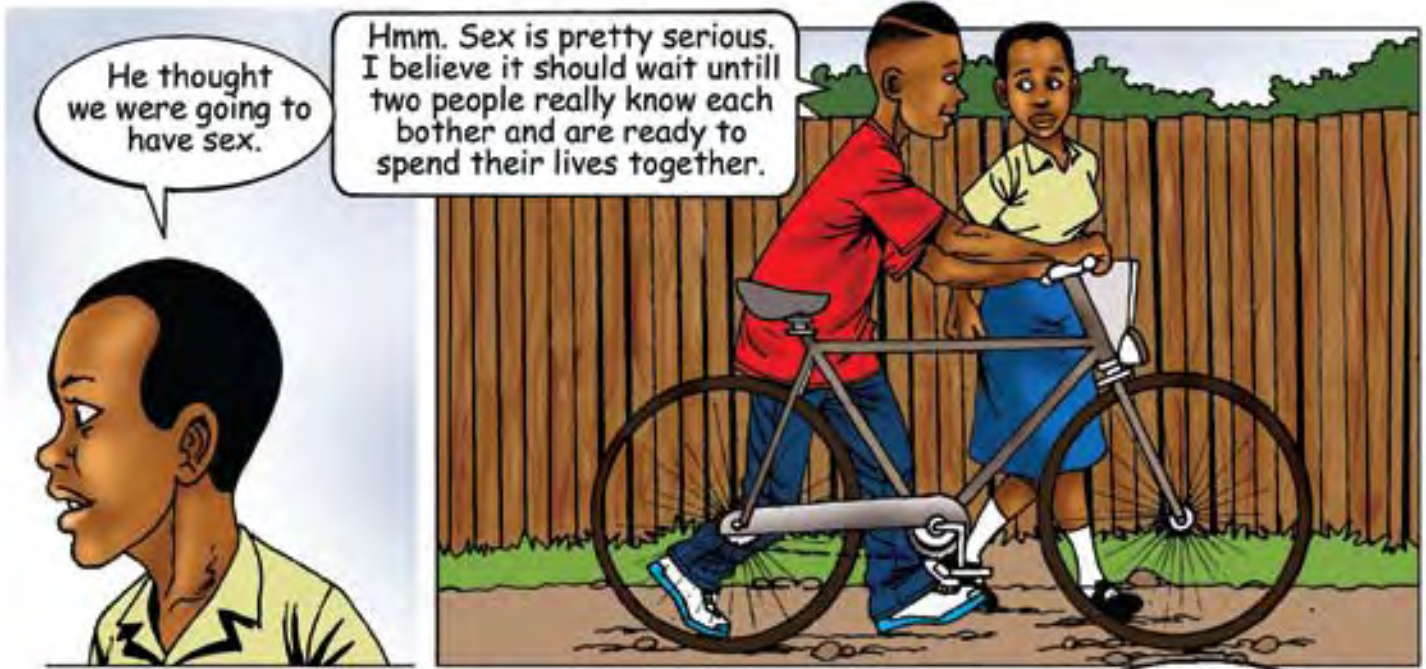


Yesterday Dad was teaching me a song to perform for the church function and I couldn't do my homework so I have to wash the corridor during lunch hour.









He thought we were going to have sex.

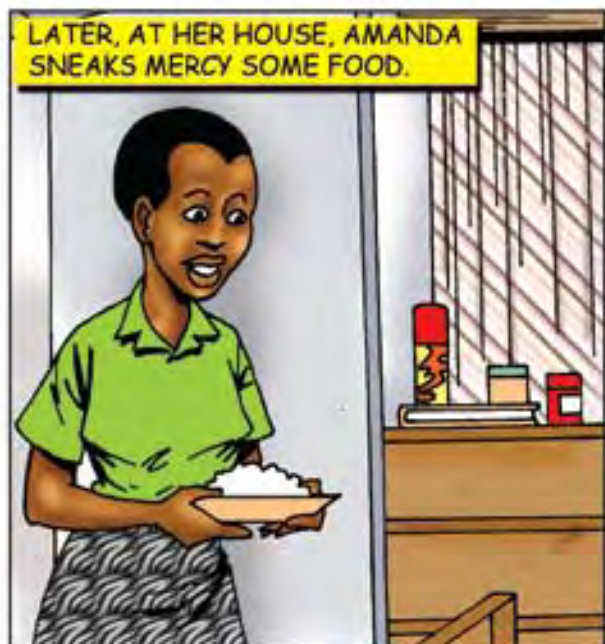
Hmm. Sex is pretty serious. I believe it should wait until two people really know each other and are ready to spend their lives together.



You mean it's not as simple as people make to be?



No, commitment takes a long time to develop. I wouldn't ask you for sex Amanda, I really respect our friendship.



Here, we can share my food.

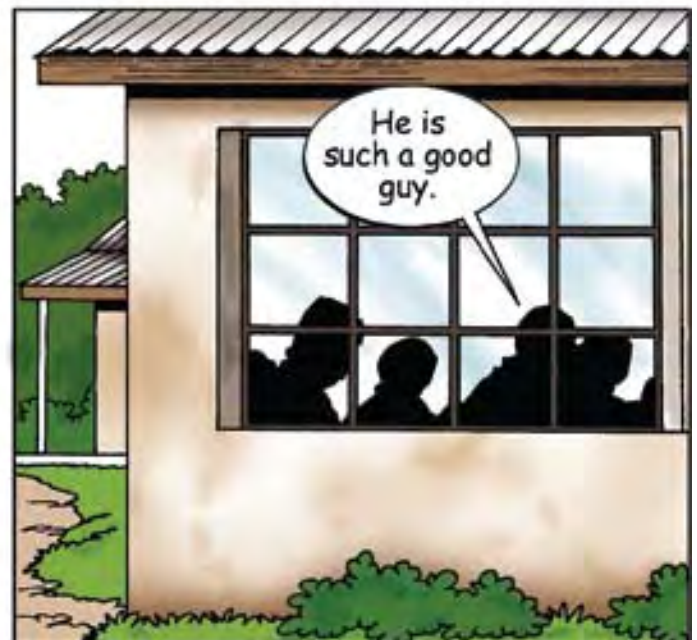
Thanks, Amanda, you are so kind to me.







THE NEXT DAY AT SCHOOL.









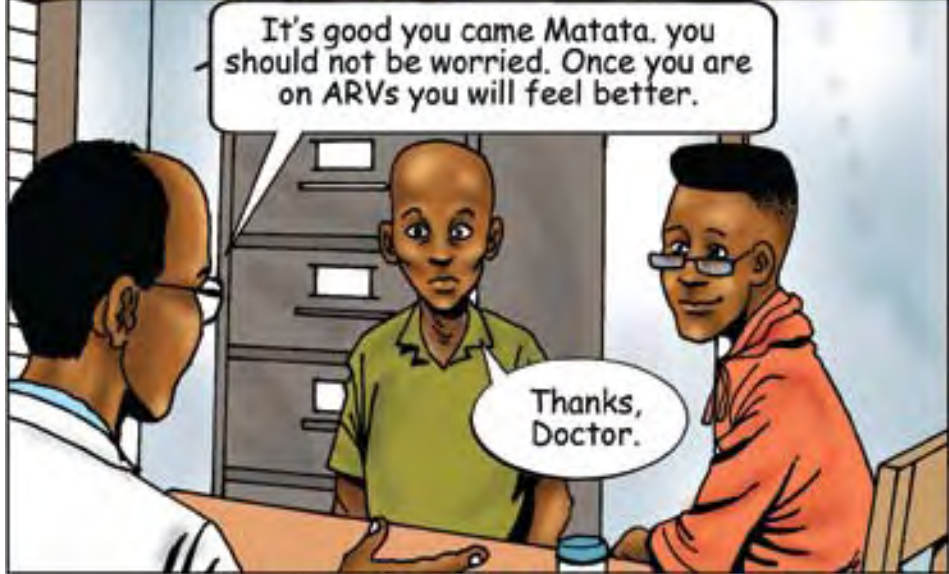


She told me to keep it a secret.



Amanda, you will get yourself into problems. Tell her to go back home.

MEANWHILE, MOTO AND HIS BROTHER VISIT THE HEALTH FACILITY.



It's good you came Matata, you should not be worried. Once you are on ARVs you will feel better.

Thanks, Doctor.



Moto, continue supporting your brother. Make sure he eats healthy food to make him strong.

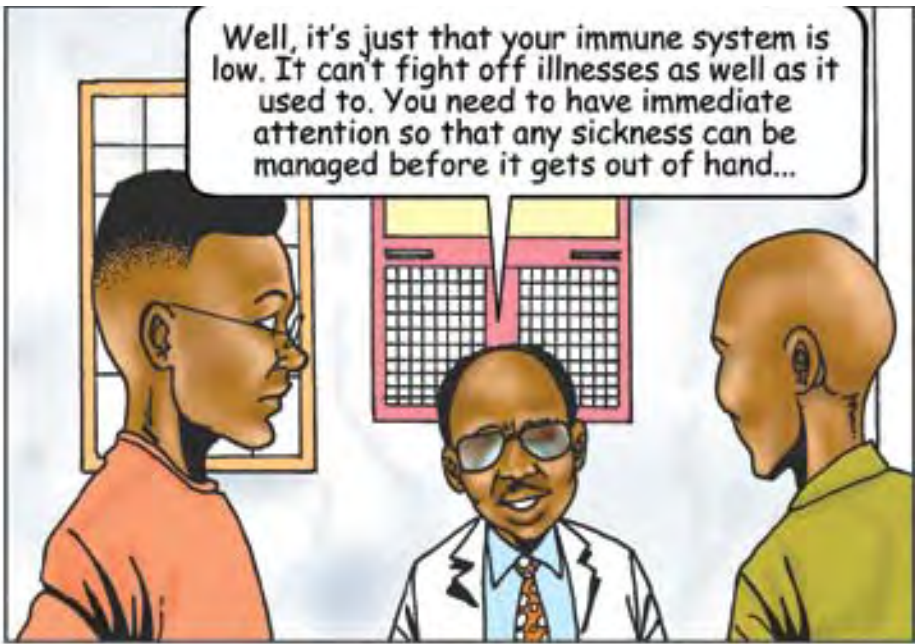


Moto has always been supportive. He is the best brother anyone could have.



That's good, Matata. Everytime you feel sick make sure you visit a health facility quickly.















MEANWHILE, SHANI AND GRANDMA VISIT THE CHILDRENS DEPARTMENT OFFICES.



How can we ensure that no one can grab the land from Shani?



Did your parents leave a will before they died?

No.



In that case, all the children should have an equal share of your family's property.

I'm the only child.

And some people are saying since she is a girl she should not inherit it.



That's not true. Even girls can inherit land.



What can we do to make sure no one ever tries to take the land from Shani?



You have already done a good thing coming here. First we must identify a trustee recognized by the government. This trustee will hold the land until Shani is an adult.



LUCIA CONTINUES TO CHASE BANDA.

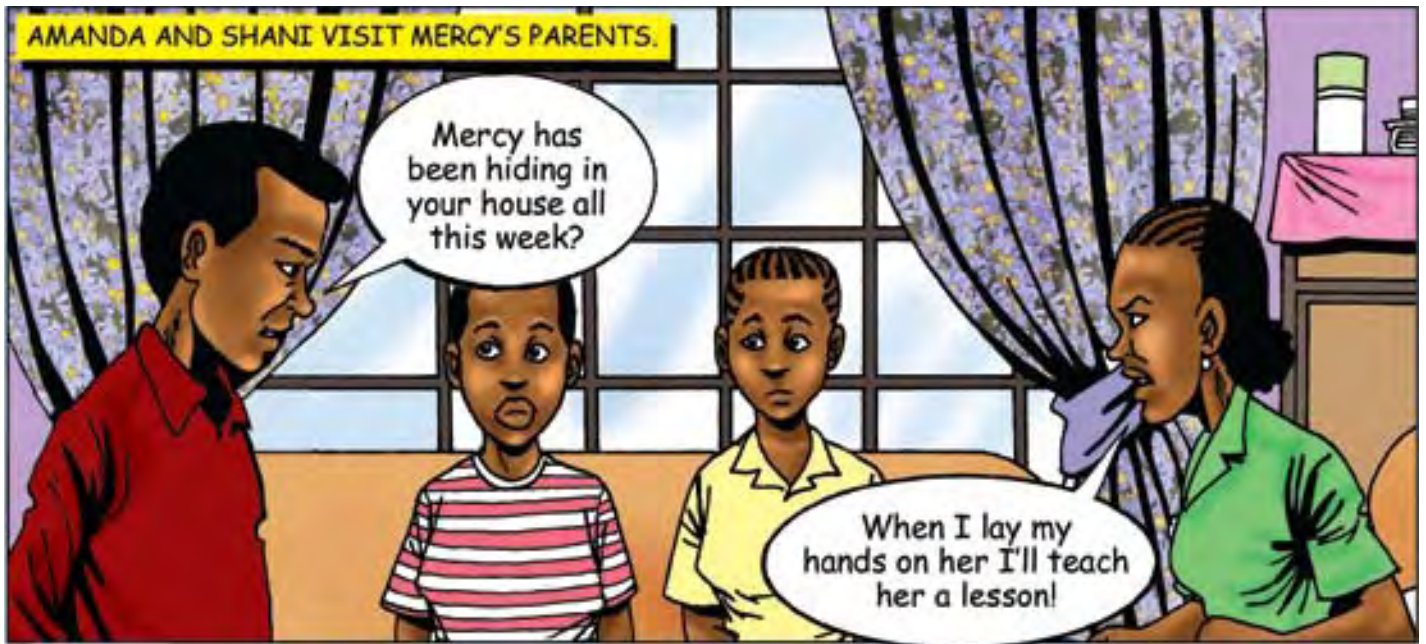








AMANDA AND SHANI VISIT MERCY'S PARENTS.









A FEW HOURS LATER MERCY IS BROUGHT HOME.

I made a mistake. I will never do it again Mom and Dad, I am very sorry.

I have always told you that you think you know too much but you are still a child.

Mercy, we forgive you. We are glad that you are back. However, since you say Manmann put some drugs into your drink, we are still going to involve the police.

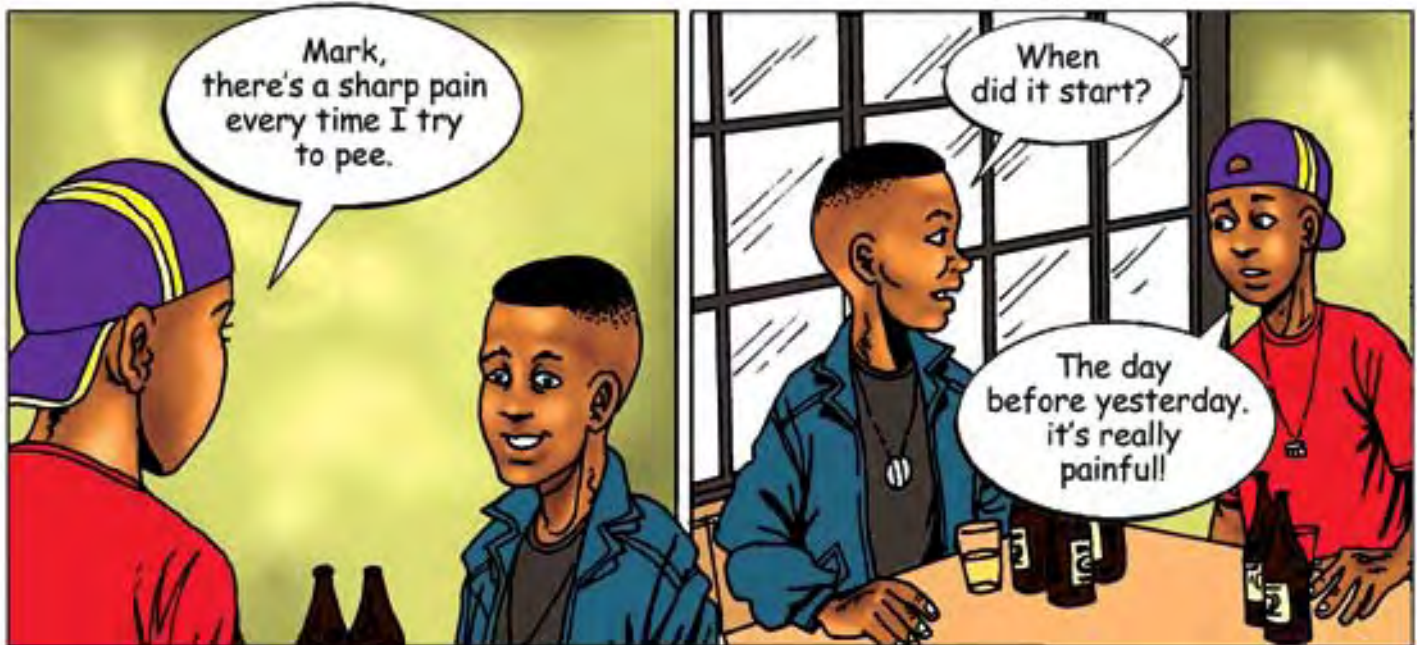
Yes, that man must have wanted to rape you. He must be punished.

I agree. You can go to sleep and think very seriously about your future.

We never make time to sit and talk with our daughter. Maybe we would have noticed something was amiss. From now on, we should be more attentive to our child.

Where did we go wrong?







Don't worry, tomorrow I'll get some drugs from a friend.



**MANMANN STORMS INTO THE BAR.**

You, Stevo! I hear you told the police that I spiked Mercy's drink. Now they're looking for me!



Well, they asked me and... I had to tell the truth or they'd have put me in jail!



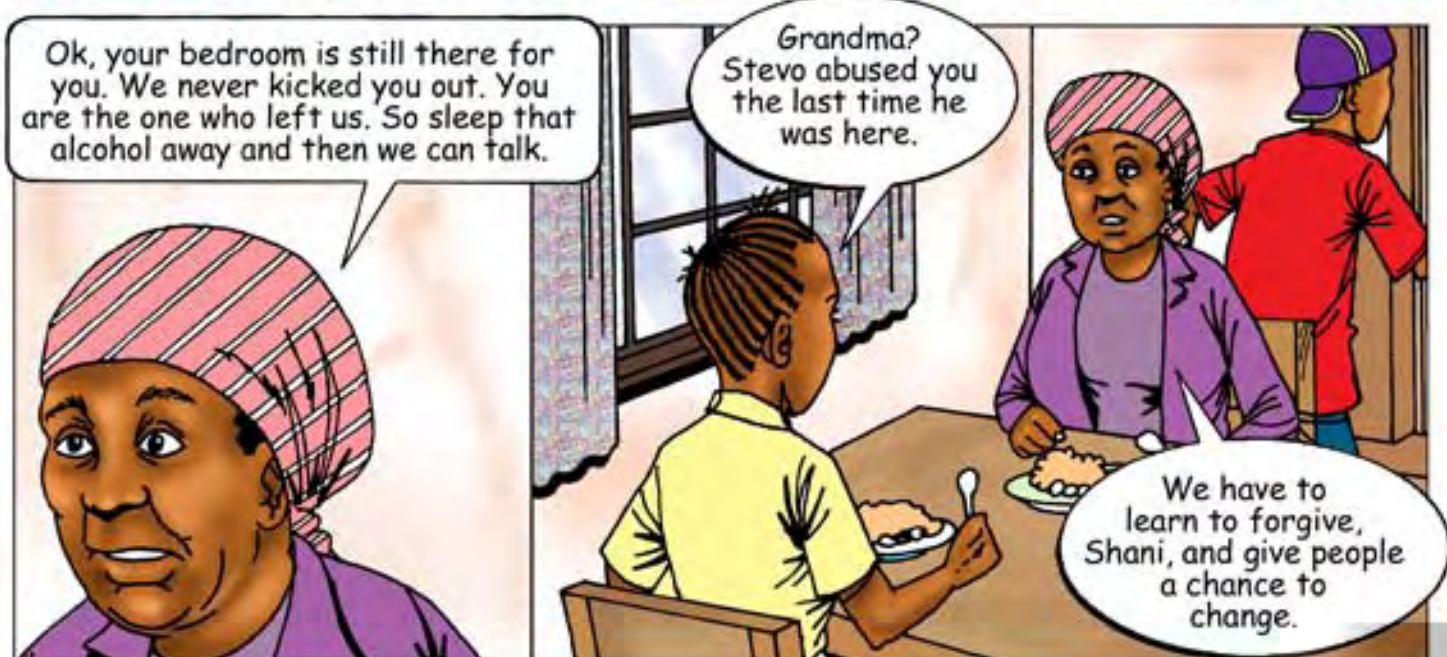
So you want me to go rot in jail? I'm going to kill you!





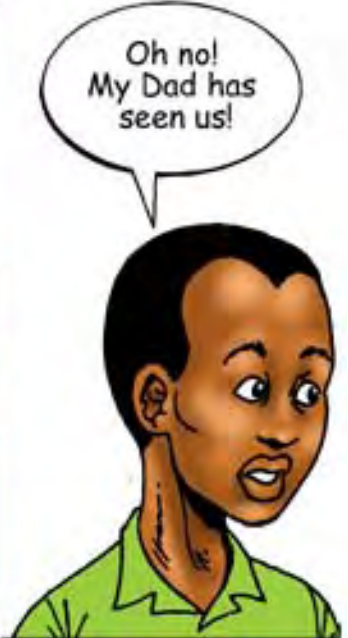
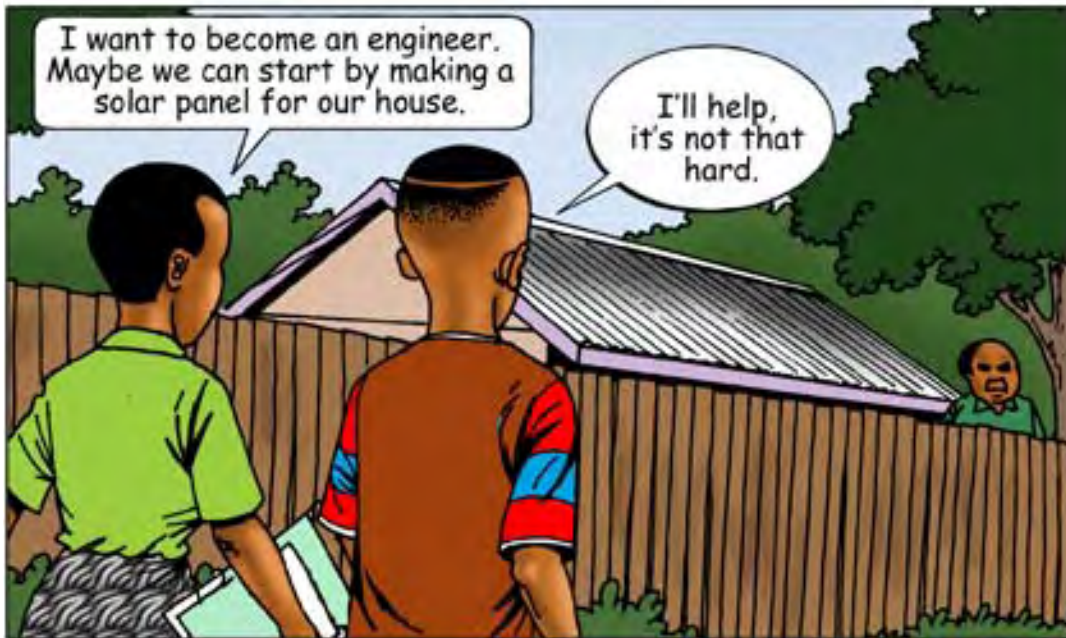
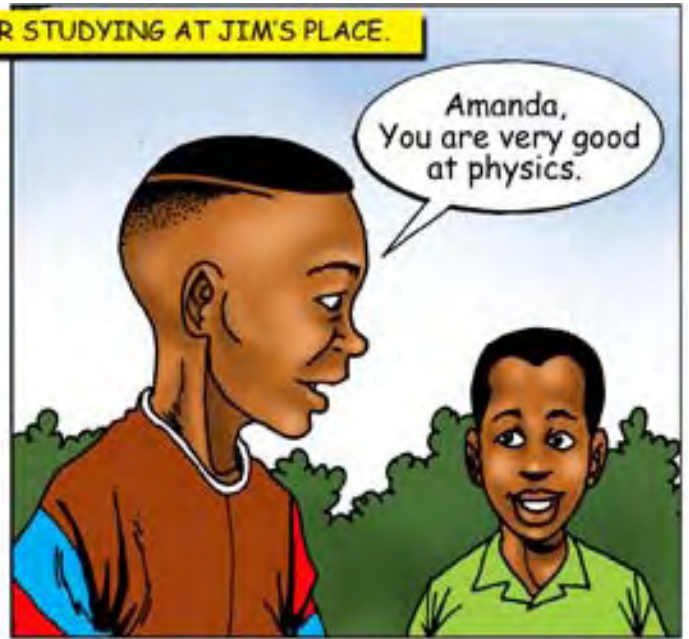
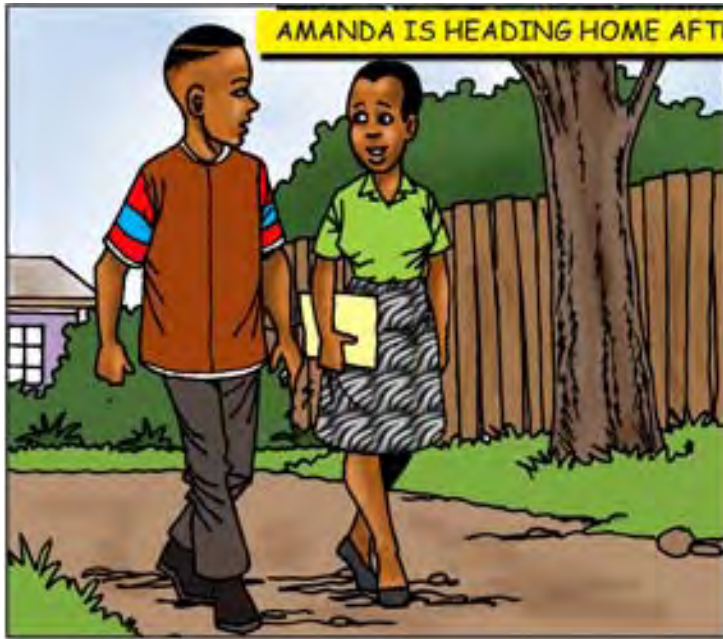




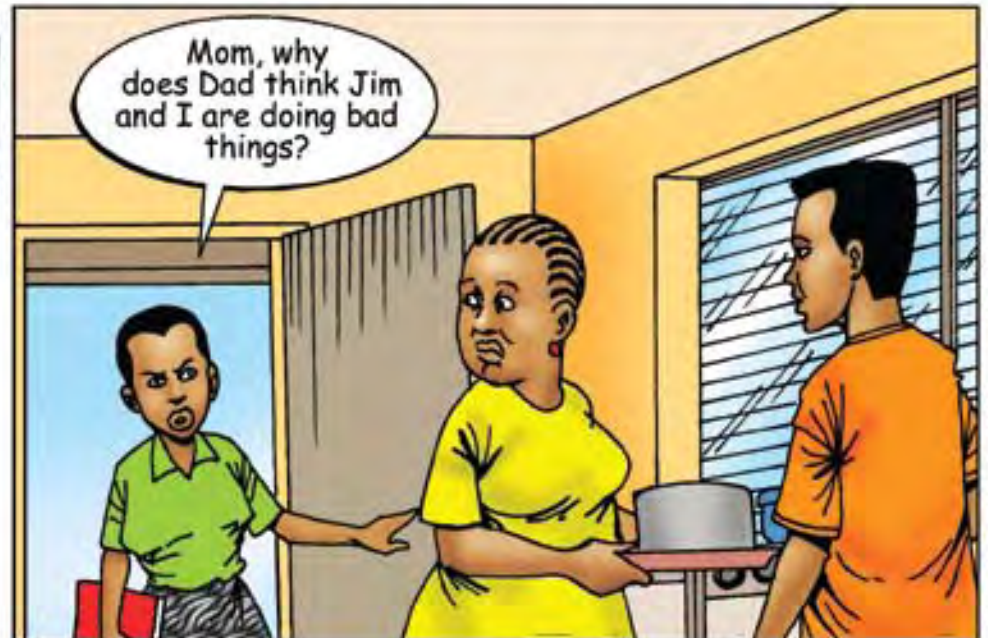
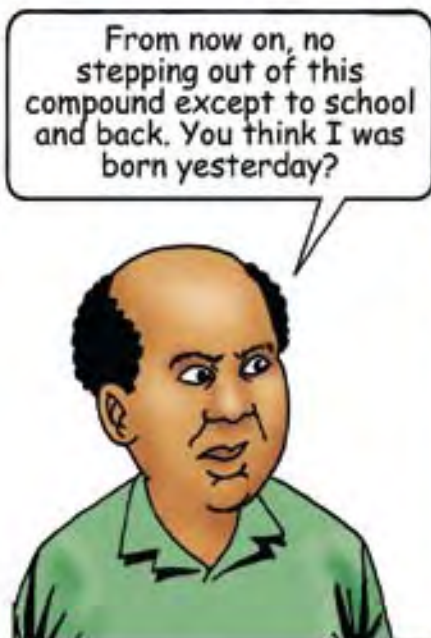
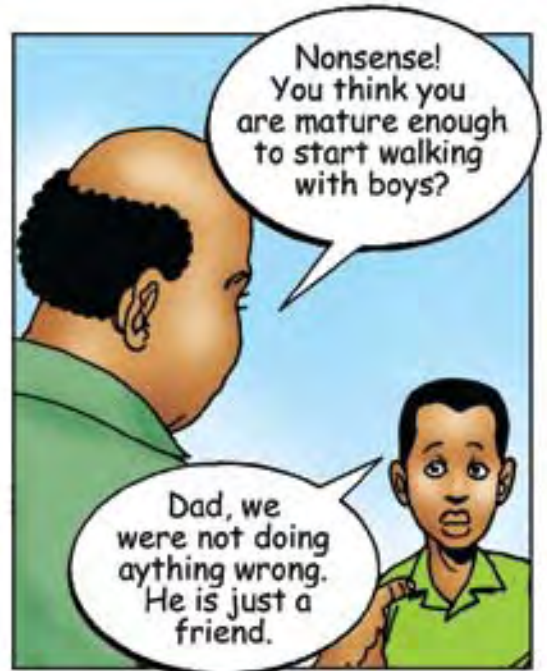




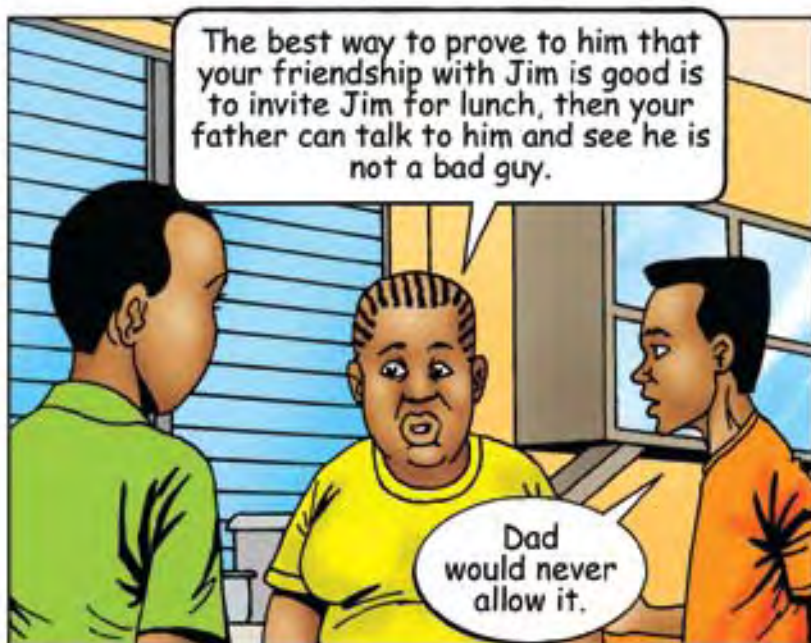
AMANDA IS HEADING HOME AFTER STUDYING AT JIM'S PLACE.





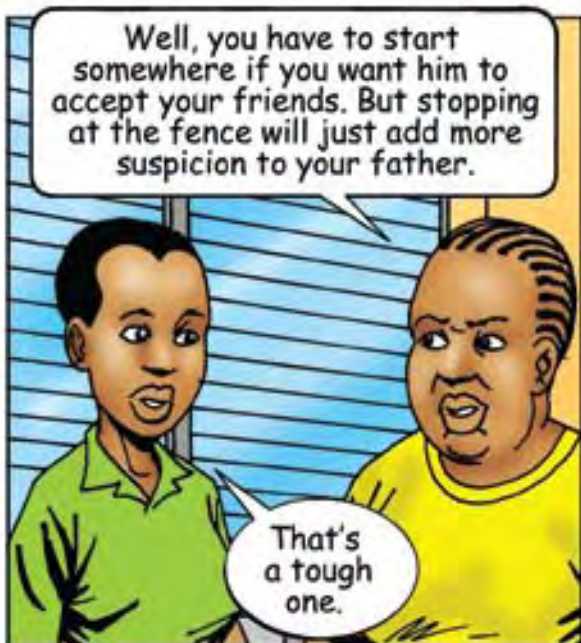






The best way to prove to him that your friendship with Jim is good is to invite Jim for lunch, then your father can talk to him and see he is not a bad guy.

Dad would never allow it.



Well, you have to start somewhere if you want him to accept your friends. But stopping at the fence will just add more suspicion to your father.

That's a tough one.



Not tougher than what I am doing. Mom is secretly teaching me how to bake a cake.



If Dad finds out, you are dead meat!

But it shouldn't be a big deal!



And anyway, your father has to realise boys and girls can do the same thing.

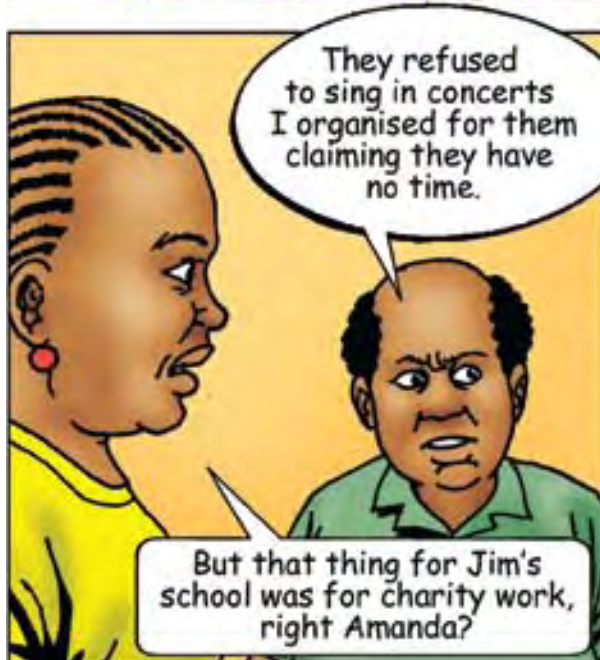


LATER THAT EVENING.

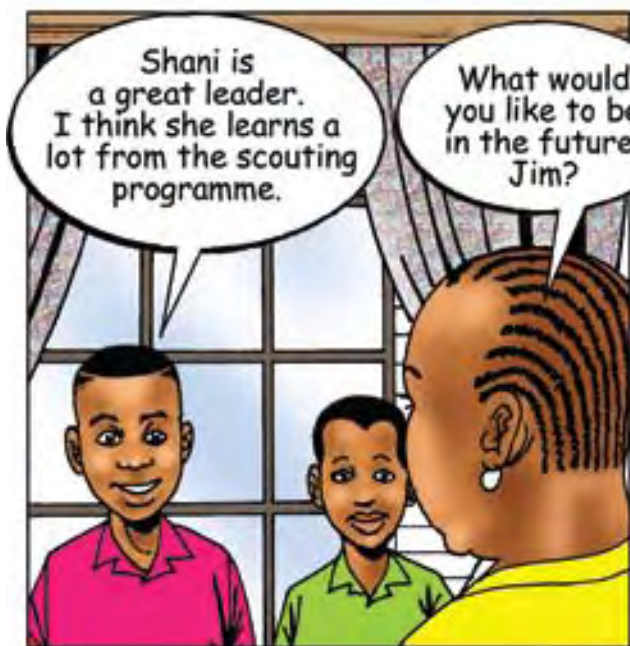
Amanda wants to invite Jim over for lunch.

What? Is she mad? Or is she pregnant?









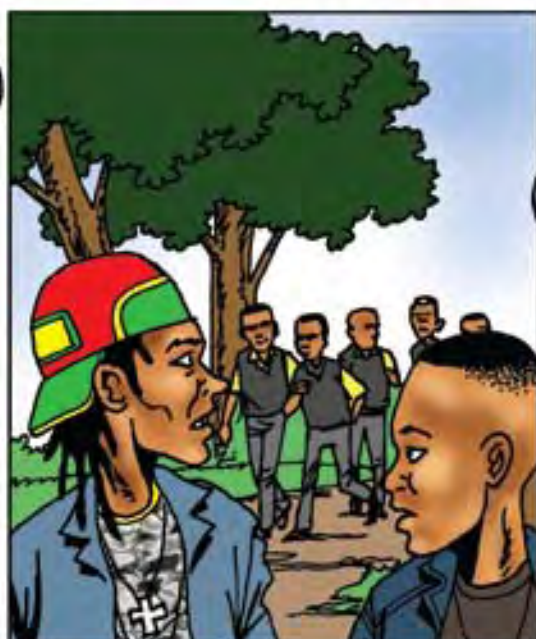
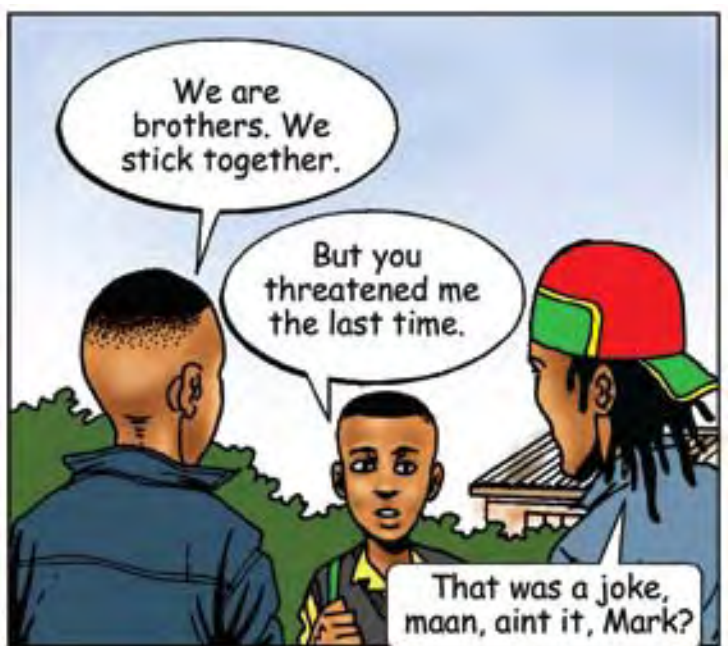
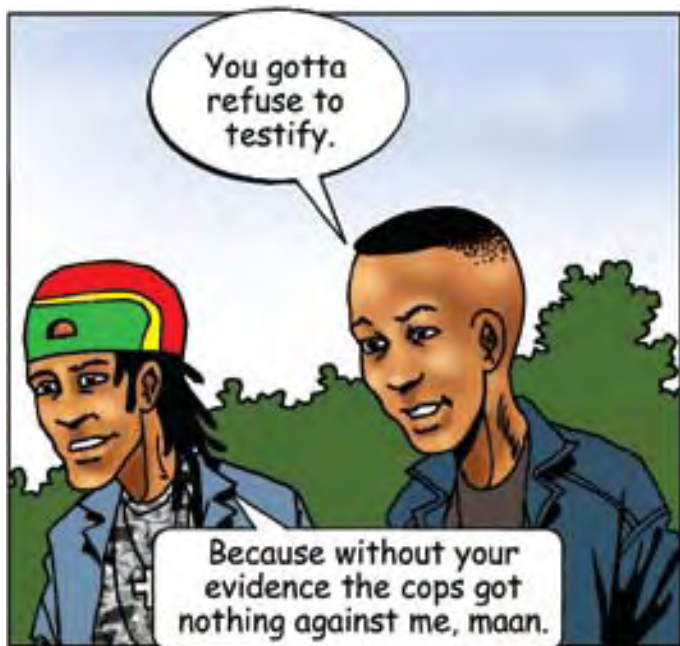














AMANDA, BANDA AND SHANI CONTINUE WITH THEIR COMMUNITY OUTREACH.

Thanks to ARVs my health is back to normal. I am strong, I lead a normal life. Getting tested for HIV/AIDS helps you know your status and how to cope with it. However, to the youth in our country, avoid this altogether and just abstain from sex until marriage.

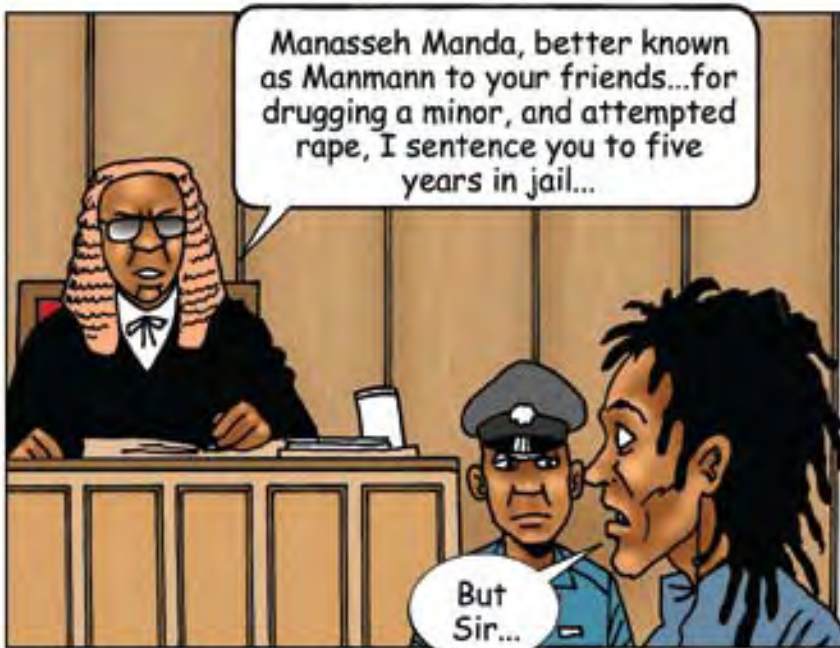
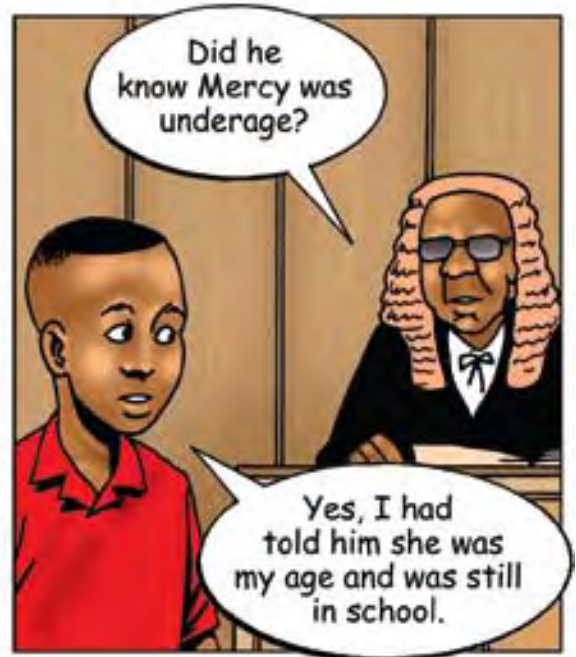
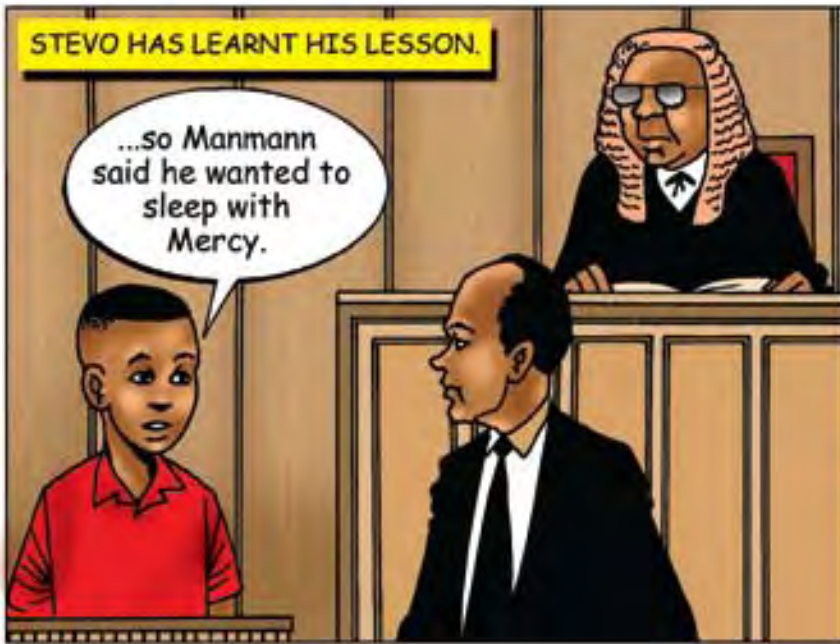
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP

Next on stage is Banda and his band with the song "I can wait."

I know you like me my dear/  
but just make a few things clear/  
there is tomorrow can't you see/  
and plenty of time to be with me...

CLAP CLAP CLAP











SHANI'S EFFORTS GET RECOGNISED ELSEWHERE.

And to Shani for her great work in creating awareness about HIV/AIDS, the Scouts award you a badge of merit.

**HURRAY!**



AMANDA AND BANDA SURPRISE THEIR DAD.

Happy birthday dear Daddy...  
Happy birthday to you!



Thank you everyone. This is a real surprise. I have never celebrated a birthday this big in the last twenty years.

Mmm... nice cake! Now I know why I made the right choice in marrying you. You cook very well.

Actually, it's Banda who baked the cake.

**MUNCH MUNCH**

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It was Amanda and Banda's idea, to make you feel young again.



Banda? Cooking?

Yes, men can cook too, and it's fun.



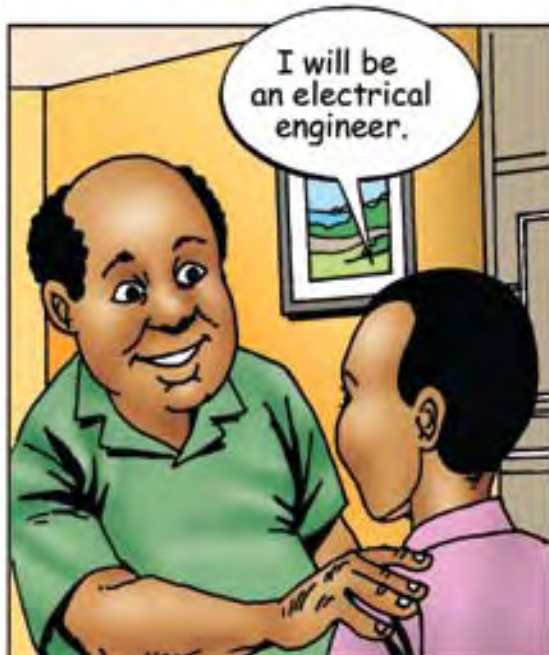
Singing, cooking...you don't like soccer. The world of today!

The cake was my birthday gift to you.

It's a bit dark. Switch on the lights Baba Banda.



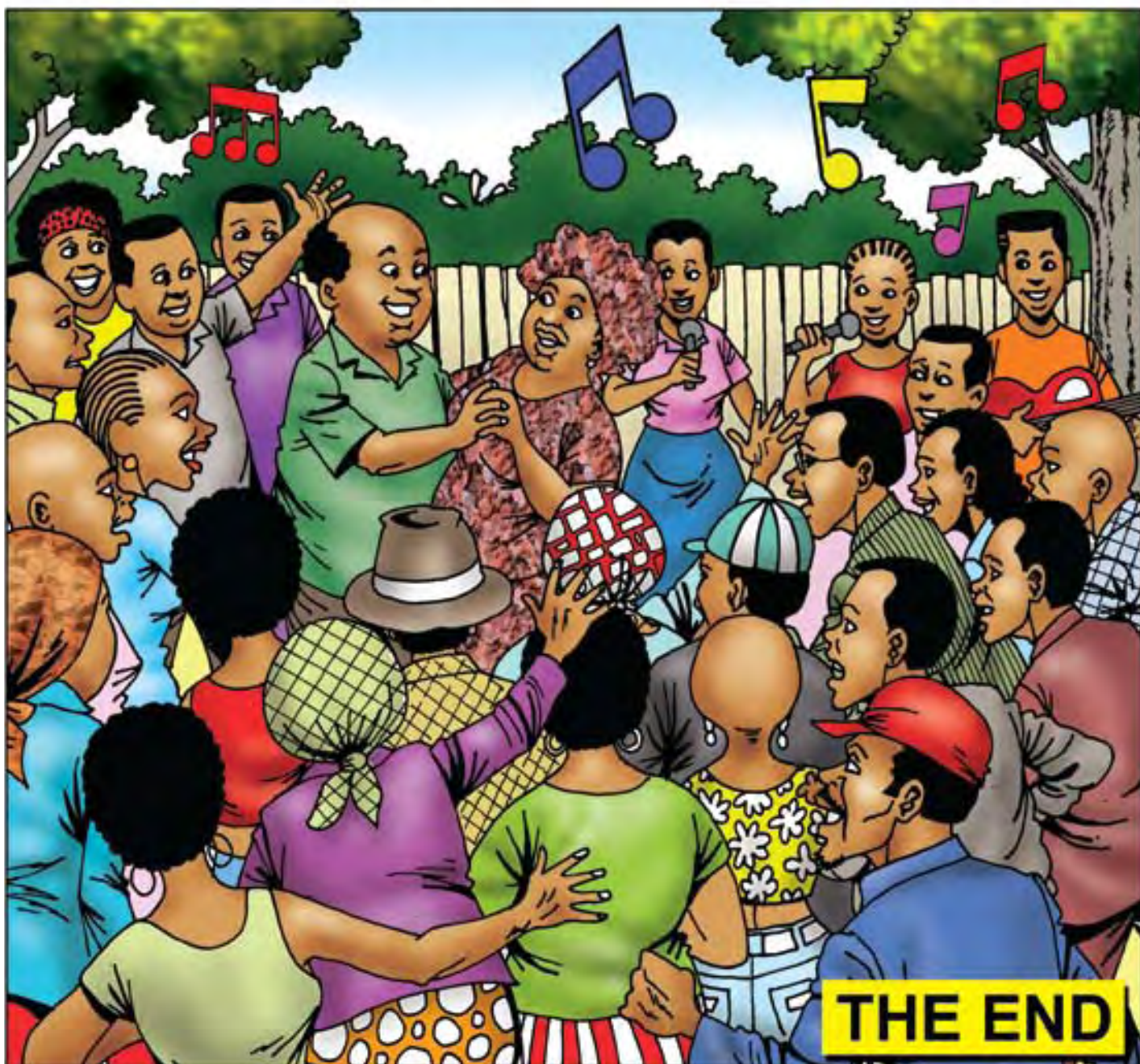
















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