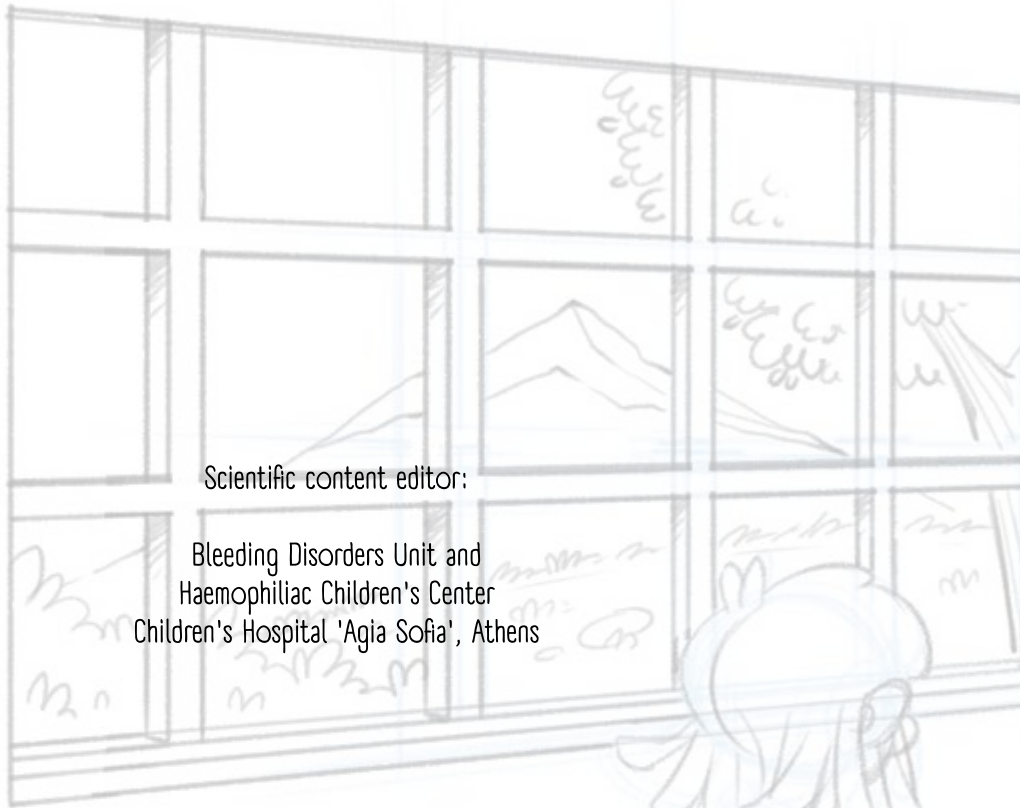


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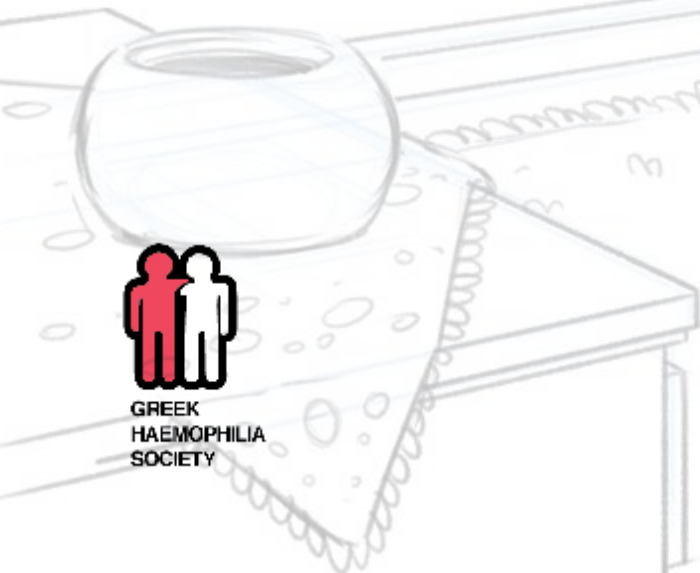
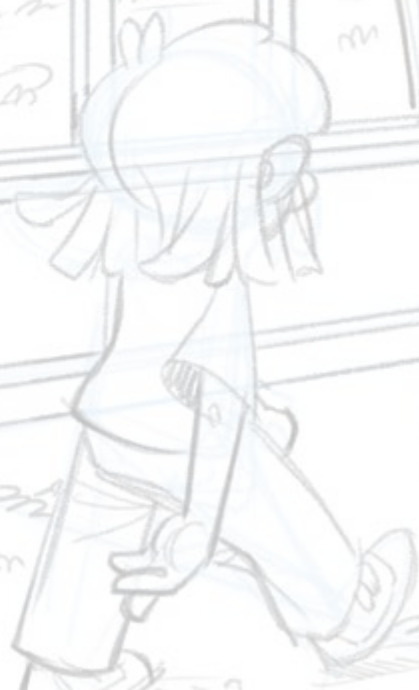
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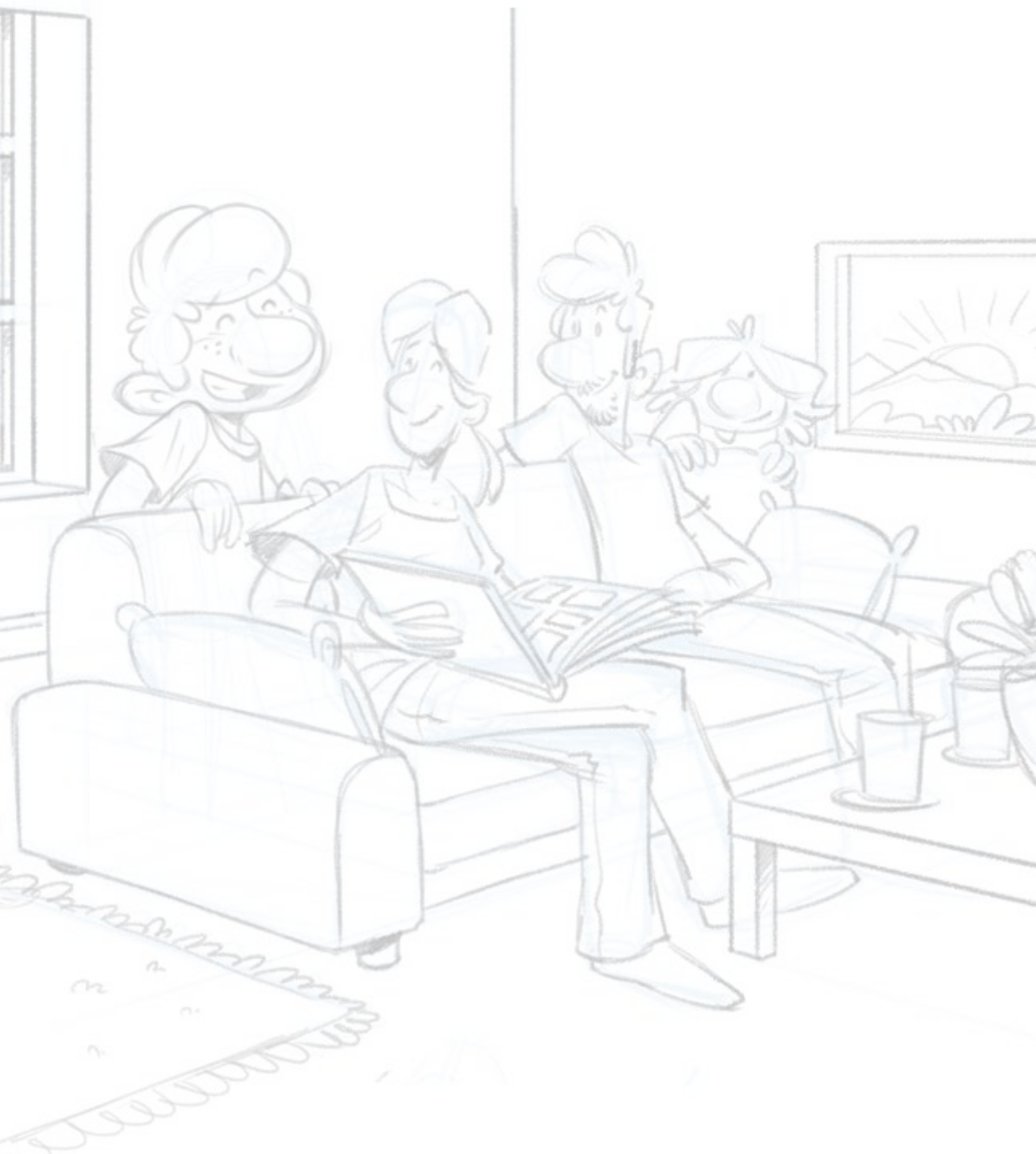
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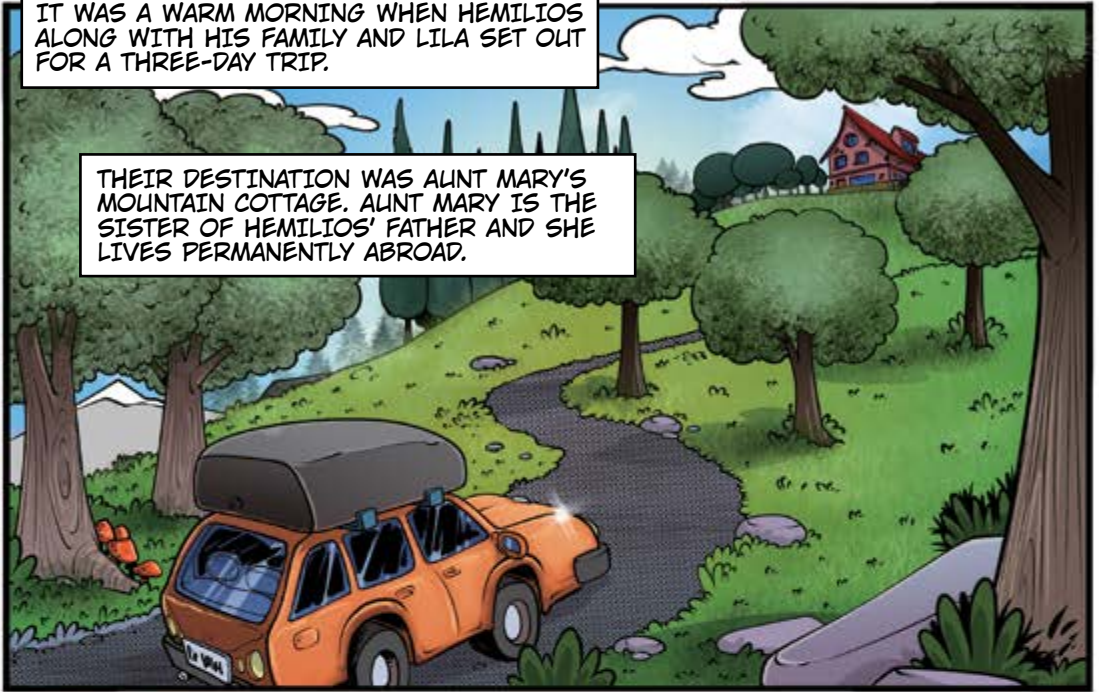
# THE ADVENTURES OF **HEMILIOS**

A PLEASANT TRIP... AT HOME!



IT WAS A WARM MORNING WHEN HEMILIOS ALONG WITH HIS FAMILY AND LILA SET OUT FOR A THREE-DAY TRIP.

THEIR DESTINATION WAS AUNT MARY'S MOUNTAIN COTTAGE. AUNT MARY IS THE SISTER OF HEMILIOS' FATHER AND SHE LIVES PERMANENTLY ABROAD.



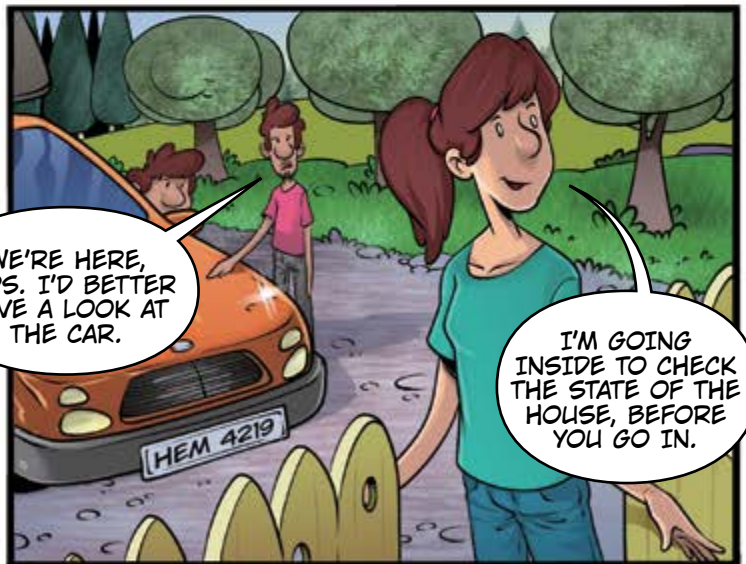
THEY HAD PLANNED A BUNCH OF OUTINGS TO EXPLORE NATURE AND THE NEARBY VILLAGES.



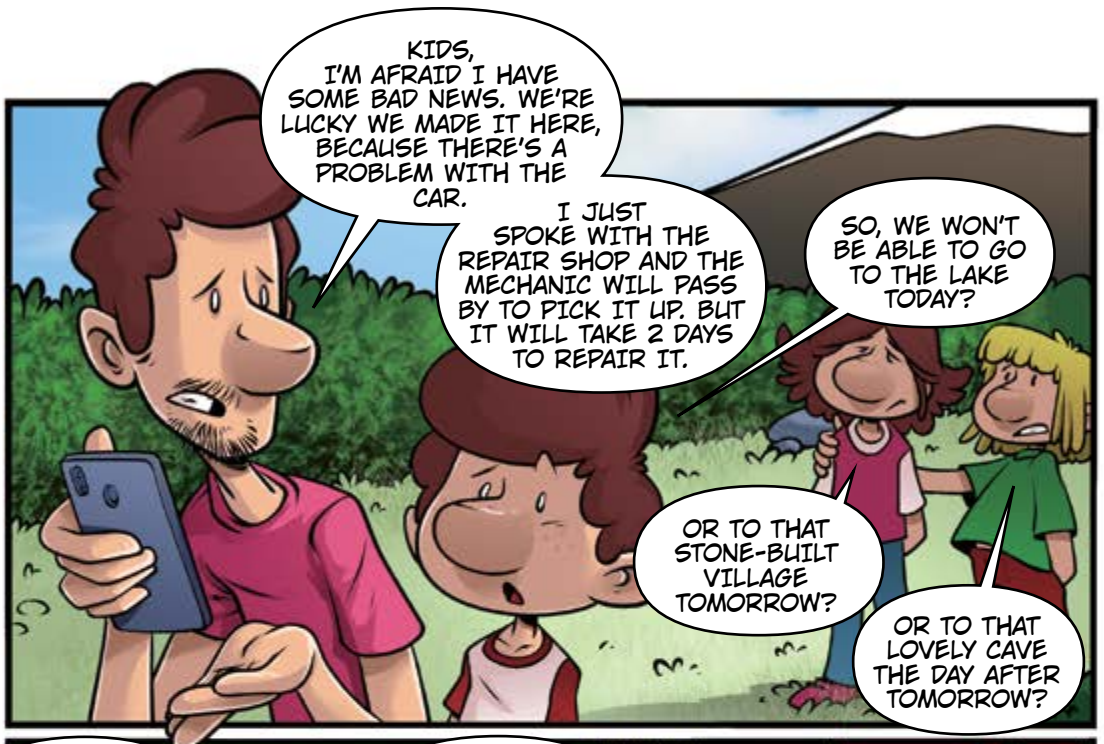
HOWEVER, JUST BEFORE THEY ARRIVED, THE CAR STARTED MAKING A STRANGE NOISE, WHICH WORRIED HEMILIOS' DAD.



WE'RE HERE, KIDS. I'D BETTER HAVE A LOOK AT THE CAR.



I'M GOING INSIDE TO CHECK THE STATE OF THE HOUSE, BEFORE YOU GO IN.



KIDS, I'M AFRAID I HAVE SOME BAD NEWS. WE'RE LUCKY WE MADE IT HERE, BECAUSE THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH THE CAR.

I JUST SPOKE WITH THE REPAIR SHOP AND THE MECHANIC WILL PASS BY TO PICK IT UP, BUT IT WILL TAKE 2 DAYS TO REPAIR IT.

SO, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO GO TO THE LAKE TODAY?

OR TO THAT STONE-BUILT VILLAGE TOMORROW?

OR TO THAT LOVELY CAVE THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW?



UNFORTUNATELY NOT, KIDS. WE'LL HAVE TO SPEND ALL THREE DAYS AT HOME.

WELL, I'LL GO UNLOAD THE CAR. YOU CAN GO PLAY IN THE GARDEN WITH TOBY.



ARE YOU UPSET, LILA?

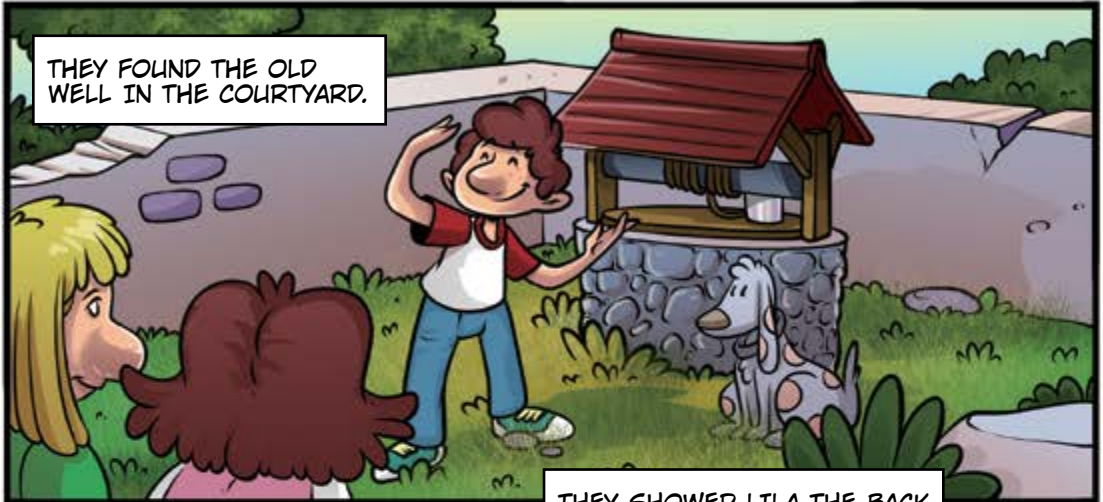
IT'S JUST THAT... WHEN I'M STUCK INSIDE THE HOUSE, I GET BORED...

IT'S NICE TO SPEND TIME AT HOME. ESPECIALLY WHEN WE'RE WITH OUR LOVED ONES.

BESIDES, WE CAN'T POSSIBLY GET BORED. THERE'S A WHOLE BUNCH OF STUFF WE CAN DO, AS LONG AS WE VIEW IT AS AN ADVENTURE. HOW ABOUT IT? DO YOU WANT TO GO EXPLORING?

THAT'S NOT A BAD IDEA!





THEY FOUND THE OLD WELL IN THE COURTYARD.



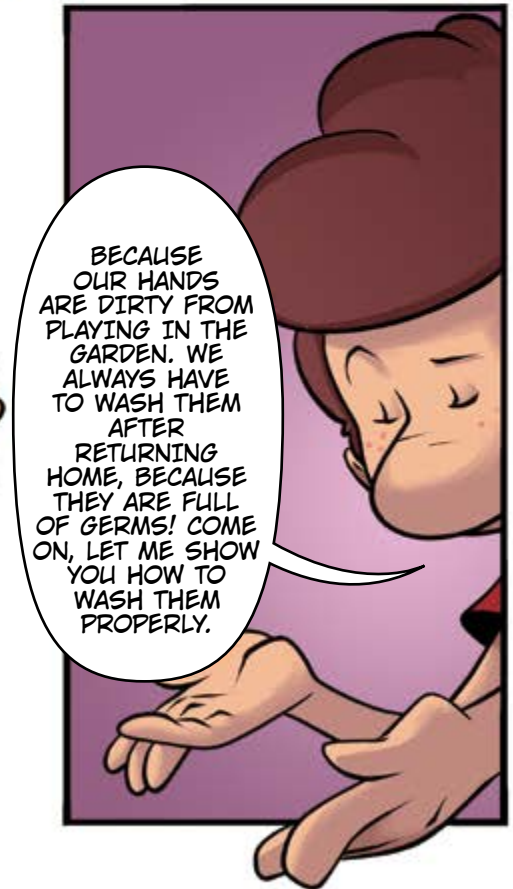
THEY SHOWED LILA THE BACK DOOR IN THE KITCHEN AND THE STAIRS WHICH LED TO THE BASEMENT.



THEY PLAYED WITH TOBY AND TAUGHT HIM A NEW TRICK.



UNTIL THEY WERE CALLED INSIDE.



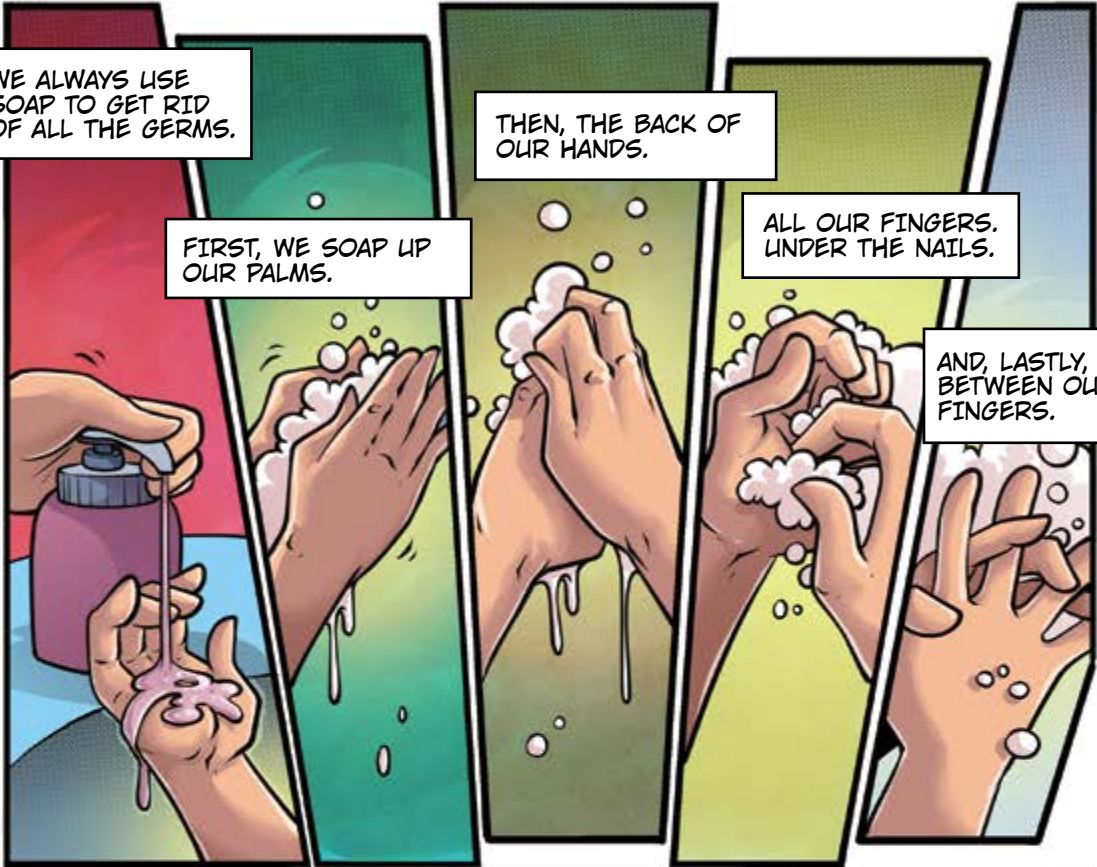
WE ALWAYS USE SOAP TO GET RID OF ALL THE GERMS.

FIRST, WE SOAP UP OUR PALMS.

THEN, THE BACK OF OUR HANDS.

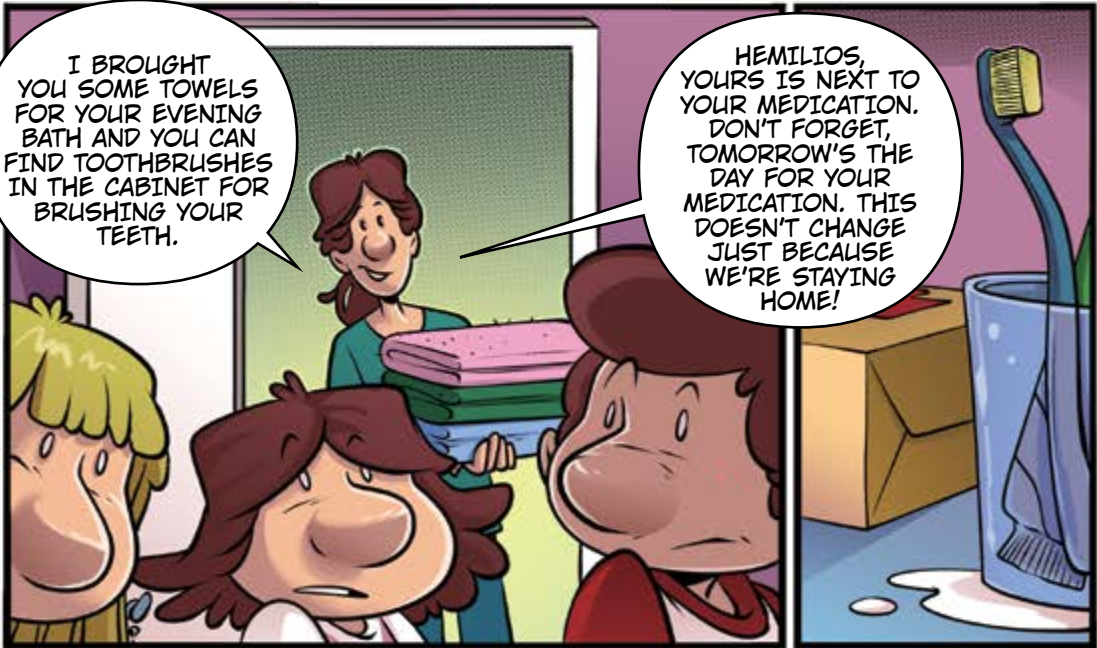
ALL OUR FINGERS. UNDER THE NAILS.

AND, LASTLY, BETWEEN OUR FINGERS.

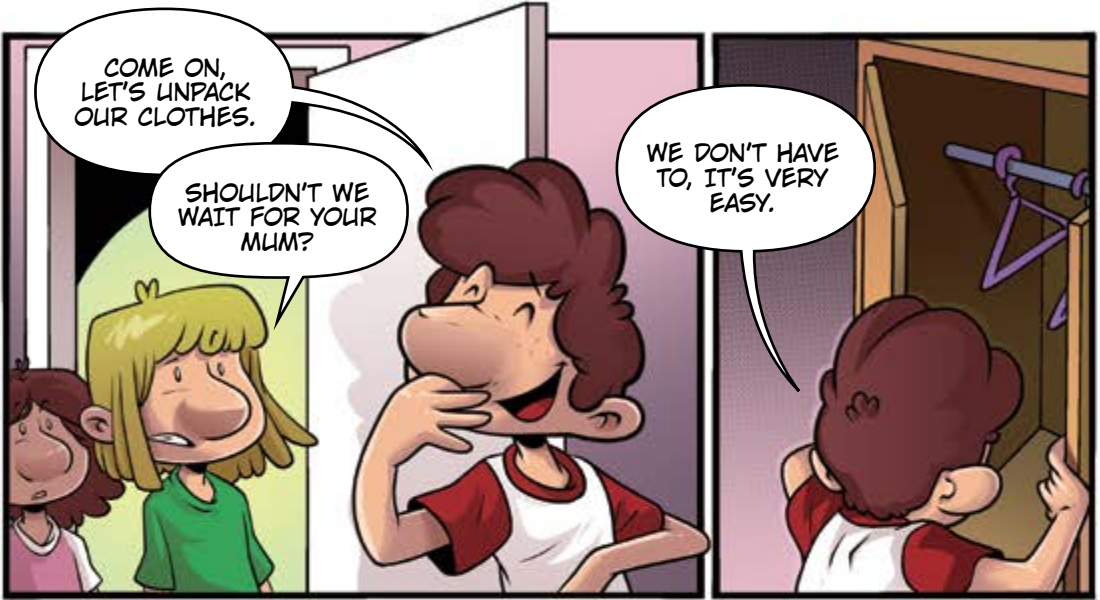


I BROUGHT YOU SOME TOWELS FOR YOUR EVENING BATH AND YOU CAN FIND TOOTHBRUSHES IN THE CABINET FOR BRUSHING YOUR TEETH.

HEMILIOS, YOURS IS NEXT TO YOUR MEDICATION. DON'T FORGET, TOMORROW'S THE DAY FOR YOUR MEDICATION. THIS DOESN'T CHANGE JUST BECAUSE WE'RE STAYING HOME!



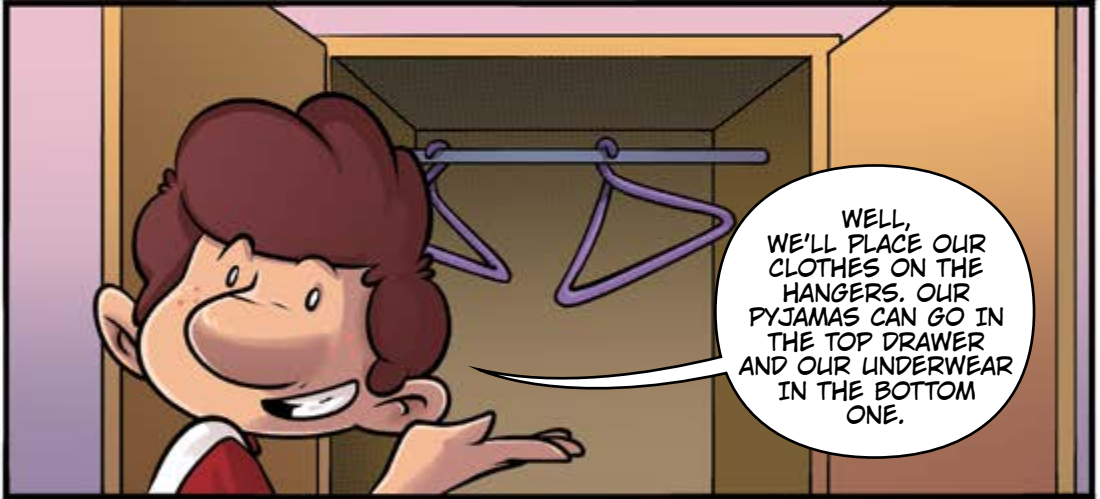




COME ON, LET'S UNPACK OUR CLOTHES.

SHOULDN'T WE WAIT FOR YOUR MUM?

WE DON'T HAVE TO, IT'S VERY EASY.



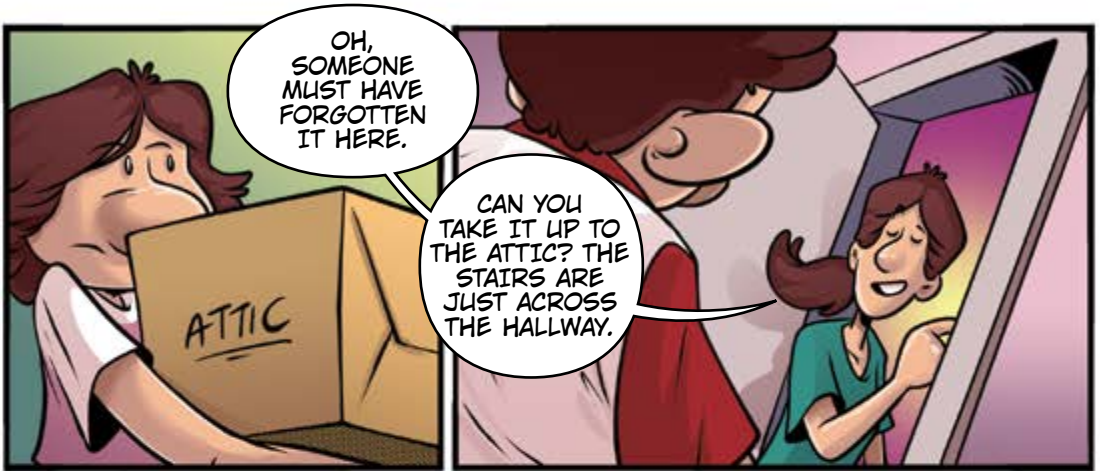
WELL, WE'LL PLACE OUR CLOTHES ON THE HANGERS. OUR PYJAMAS CAN GO IN THE TOP DRAWER AND OUR UNDERWEAR IN THE BOTTOM ONE.



I'VE COME TO MAKE YOUR BEDS.

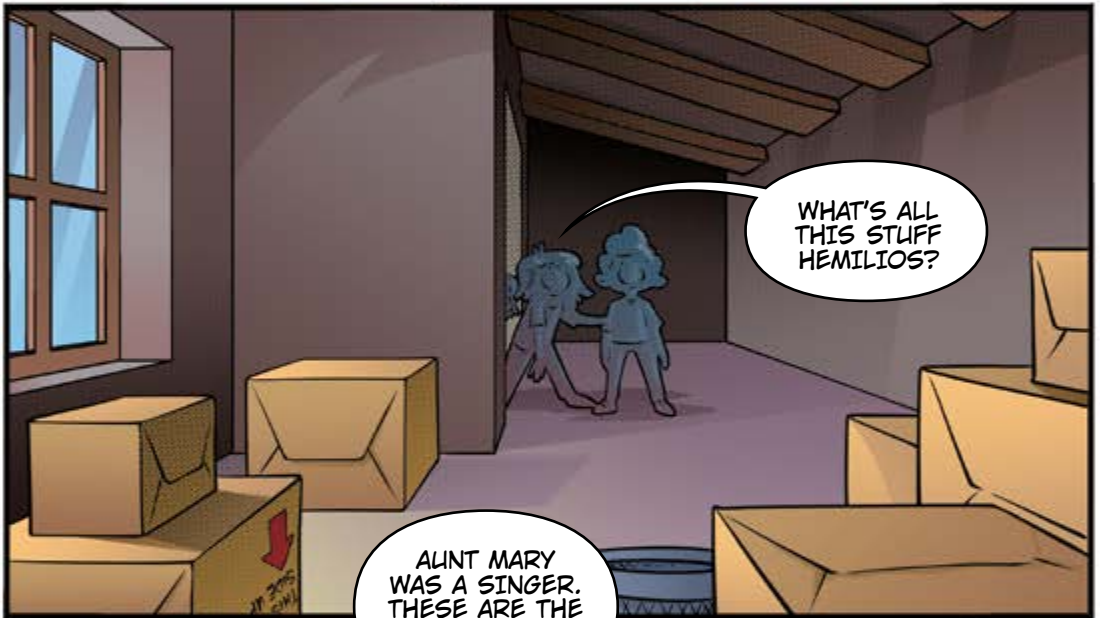
WE'RE ALL GROWN UP NOW, WE'LL DO THEM OURSELVES, JUST LIKE YOU SHOWED US.

WHAT'S THAT, MUM?



OH, SOMEONE MUST HAVE FORGOTTEN IT HERE.

CAN YOU TAKE IT UP TO THE ATTIC? THE STAIRS ARE JUST ACROSS THE HALLWAY.



WHAT'S ALL THIS STUFF HEMILIOS?

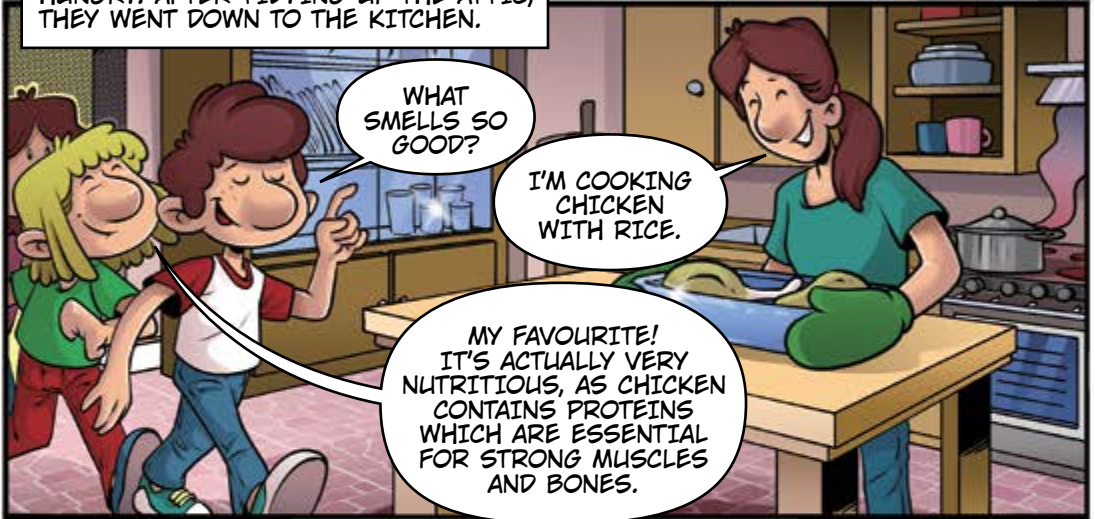
AUNT MARY WAS A SINGER. THESE ARE THE CLOTHES FOR HER SHOWS.



DO YOU WANT TO PLAY DRESS UP?



WITH ALL THAT PLAYING, THE KIDS GOT HUNGRY. AFTER TIDYING UP THE ATTIC, THEY WENT DOWN TO THE KITCHEN.

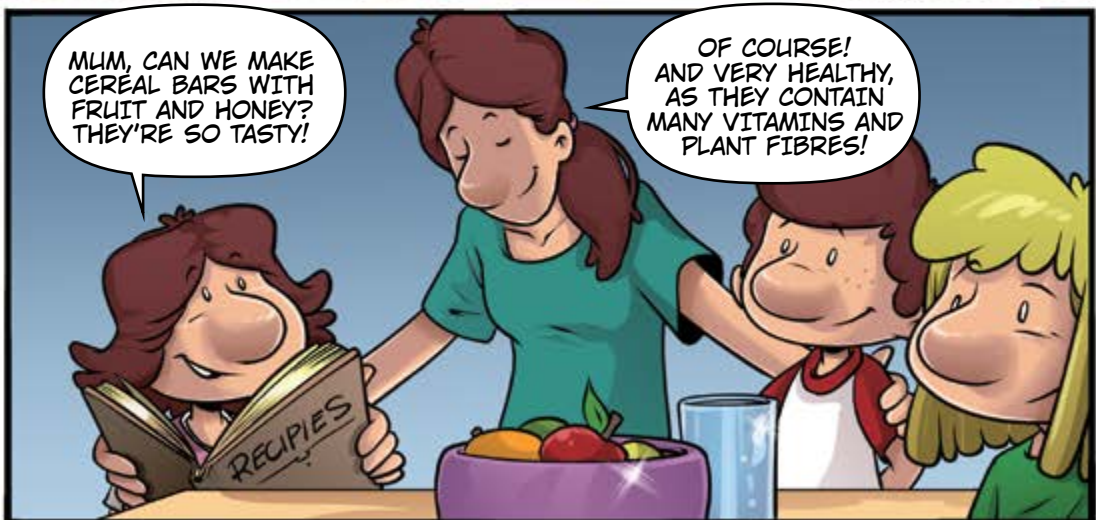
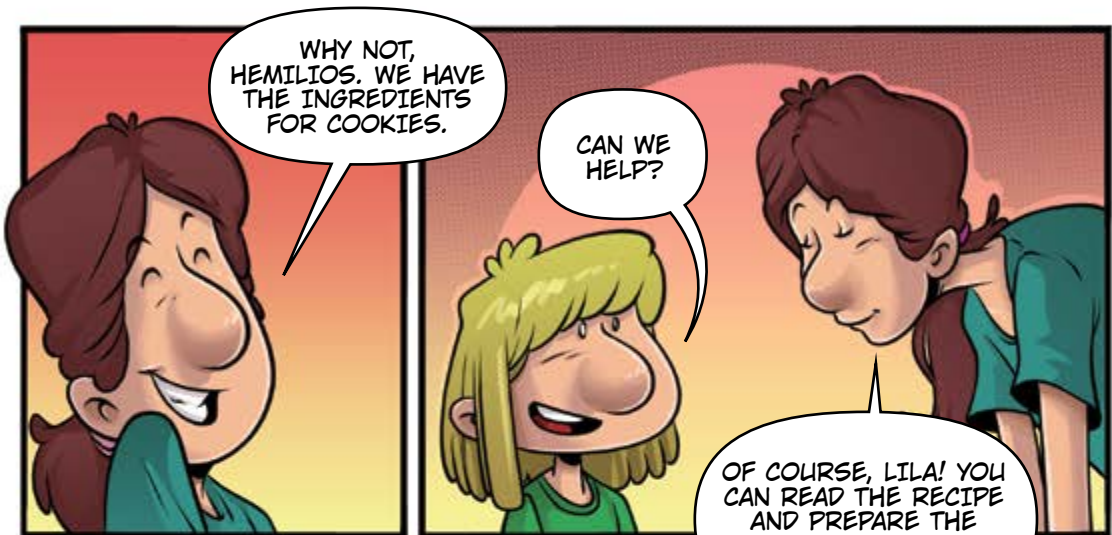


AND RICE GIVES US ENERGY!



THAT'S RIGHT, ANNA!

CAN WE MAKE A DESSERT, TOO?



AS SOON AS THEY FINISHED THE MEAL, HEMILIOS TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW HIS PARENTS WHAT THEY'D DISCOVERED UP IN THE ATTIC.



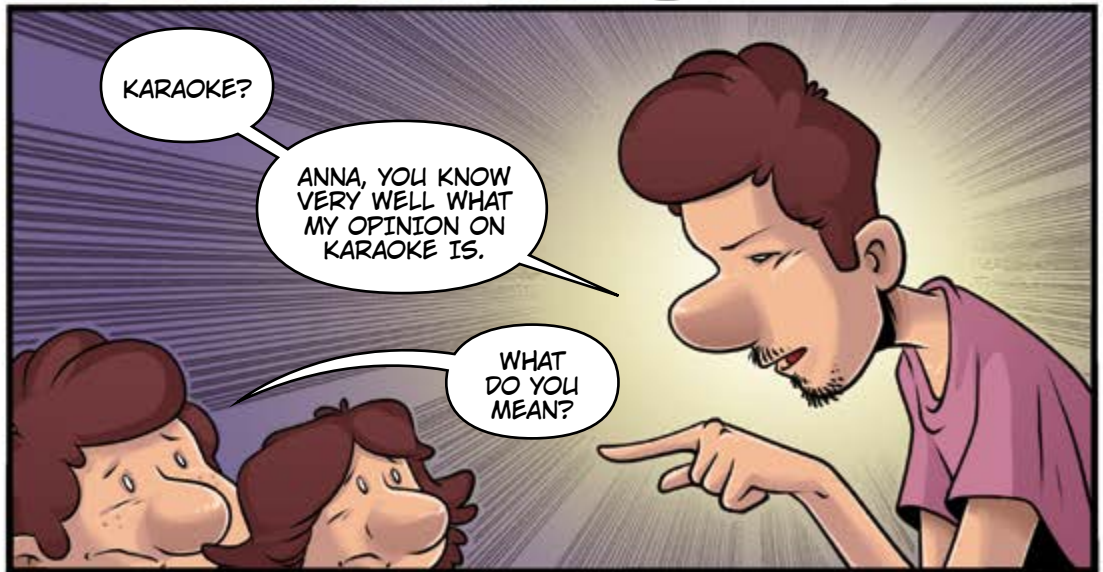
DAD, LOOK WHAT WE FOUND. DO YOU THINK YOU CAN CONNECT IT TO THE LAPTOP?



AUNT MARY'S MICROPHONE... WHAT DO YOU WANT IT FOR?



WELL... WE THOUGHT WE'D SING KARAOKE.



KARAOKE?

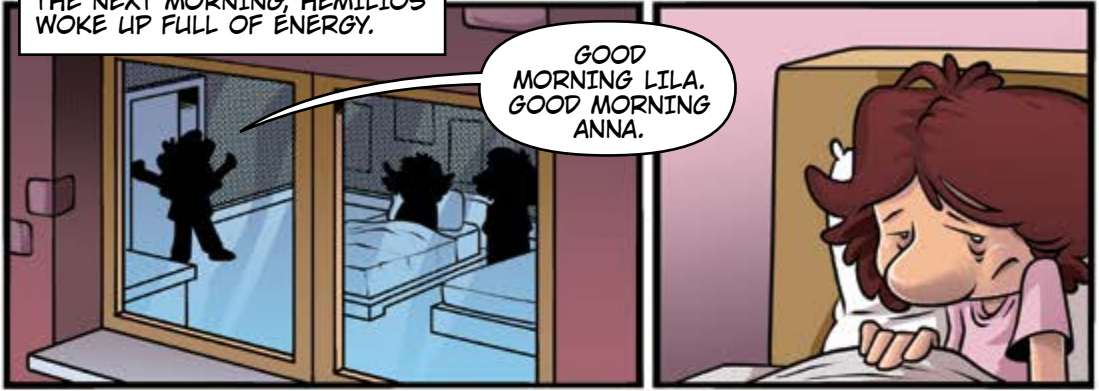
ANNA, YOU KNOW VERY WELL WHAT MY OPINION ON KARAOKE IS.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



THE NEXT MORNING, HEMILIOS WOKE UP FULL OF ENERGY.

GOOD MORNING LILA. GOOD MORNING ANNA.



WHAT'S WRONG? DIDN'T YOU SLEEP WELL?

NO, I HAD NIGHTMARES ALL NIGHT ABOUT BEING CHASED BY A GHOST IN THE BASEMENT.



HA! HA! HA!!

DON'T LAUGH! WHO KNOWS WHAT MIGHT BE DOWN IN THE BASEMENT?

WELL, LET'S GO FIND OUT.

NO CHANCE! IT'LL BE DARK. AND I'M SCARED.



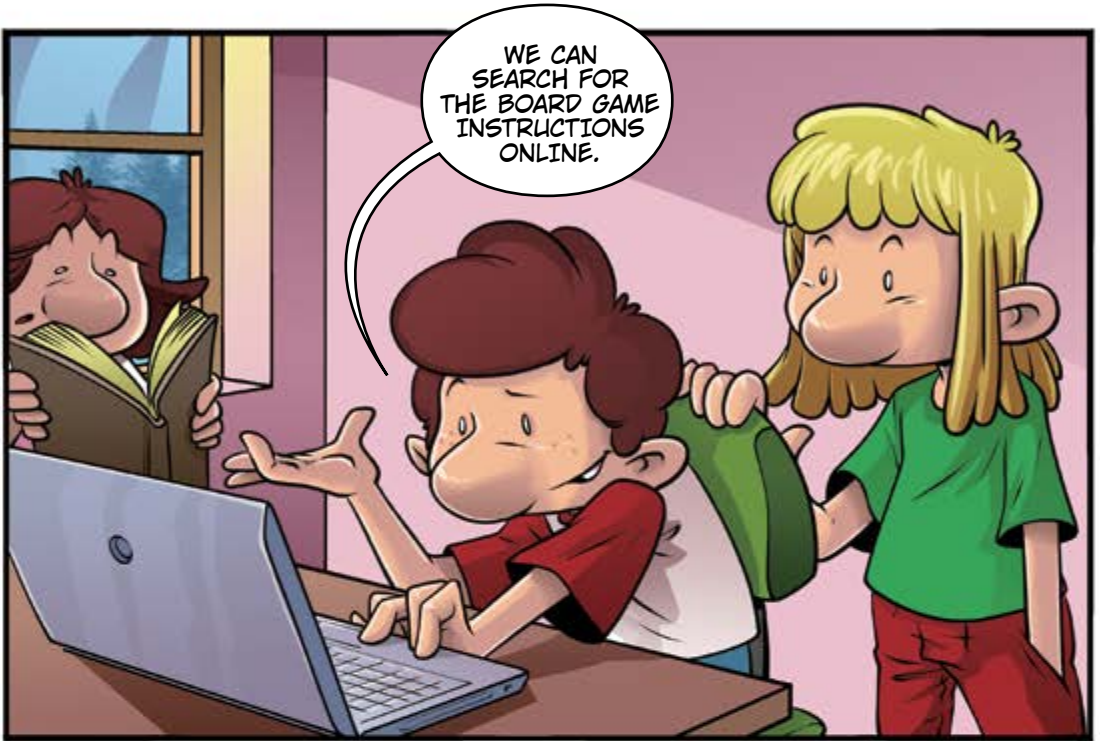
MY DAD CHECKED ALL THE LIGHTS IN THE HOUSE LAST NIGHT. COME ON, DON'T BE SCARED!

WE'LL TAKE TOBY WITH US, TO PROTECT US FROM THE GHOST!





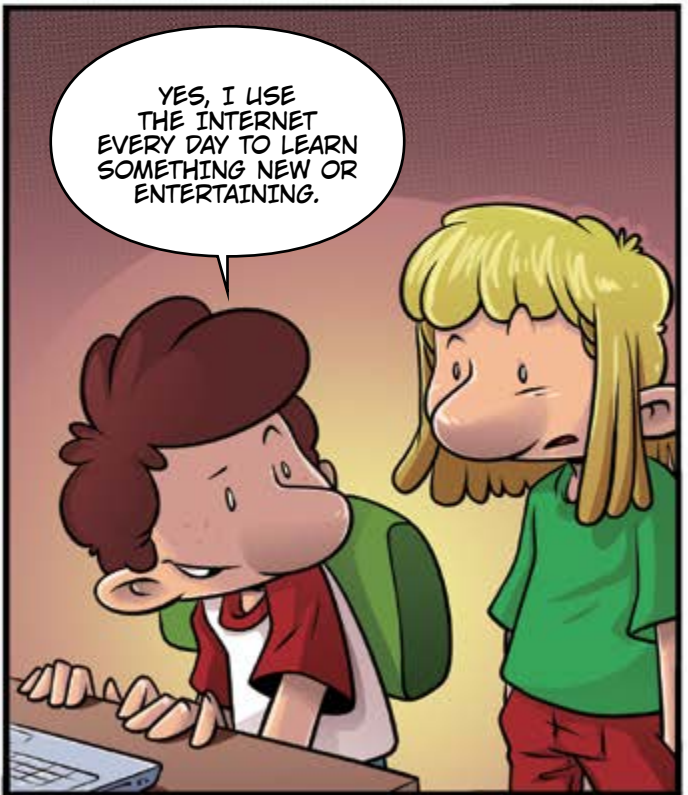




WE CAN SEARCH FOR THE BOARD GAME INSTRUCTIONS ONLINE.



REALLY?



YES, I USE THE INTERNET EVERY DAY TO LEARN SOMETHING NEW OR ENTERTAINING.

IT DIDN'T TAKE THEM LONG TO FIND THE INSTRUCTIONS.

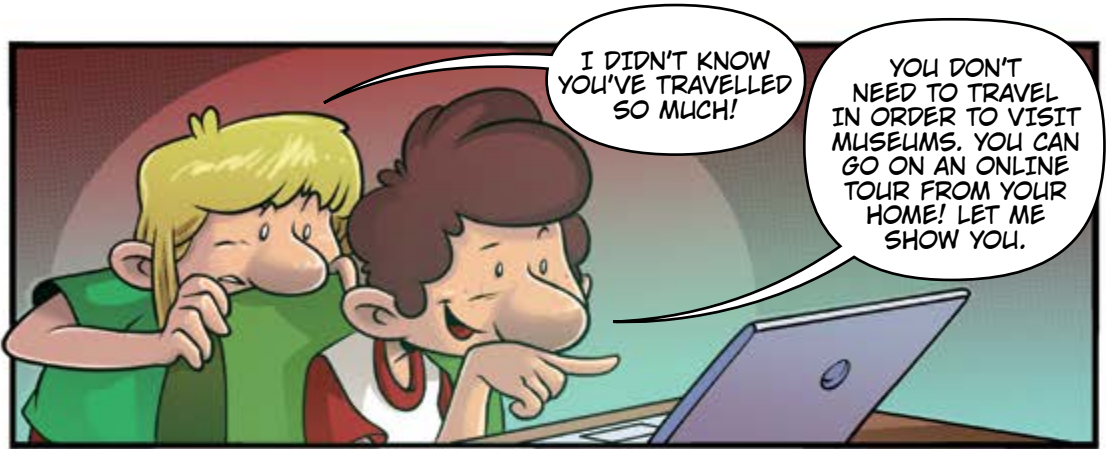
HEMILIOS,  
WHICH GOD IS  
THIS?



HERMES.  
DON'T YOU  
REMEMBER  
SEEING HIM IN  
THE MUSEUM  
LAST WEEK?

YOU WENT TO  
A MUSEUM?

NOT JUST ONE!  
WE'VE VISITED  
MANY MUSEUMS  
AROUND THE  
WORLD.



I DIDN'T KNOW YOU'VE TRAVELLED SO MUCH!

YOU DON'T NEED TO TRAVEL IN ORDER TO VISIT MUSEUMS. YOU CAN GO ON AN ONLINE TOUR FROM YOUR HOME! LET ME SHOW YOU.



LILA WAS IMPRESSED BY THE MUSEUM AND THE STATUES.

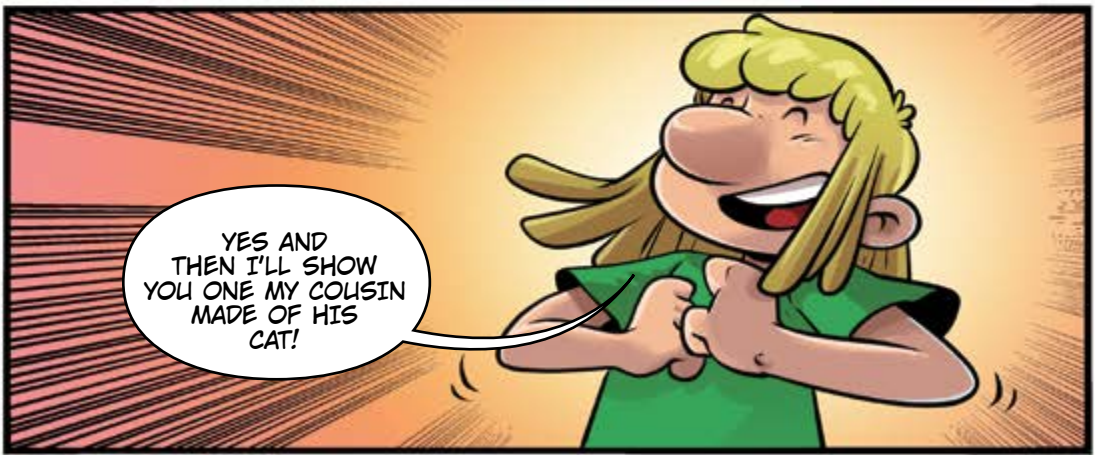
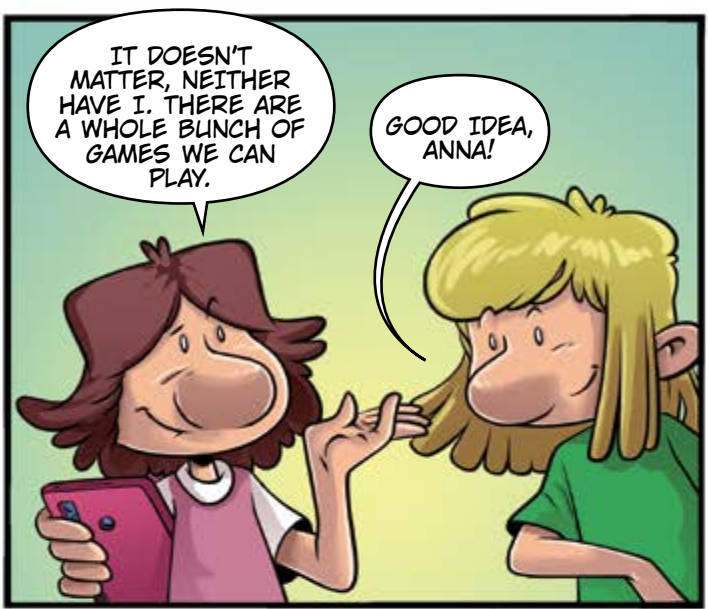


THINK ABOUT WHICH FOREIGN MUSEUM YOU WANT TO SEE TOMORROW, SO THAT MUM CAN HELP US.

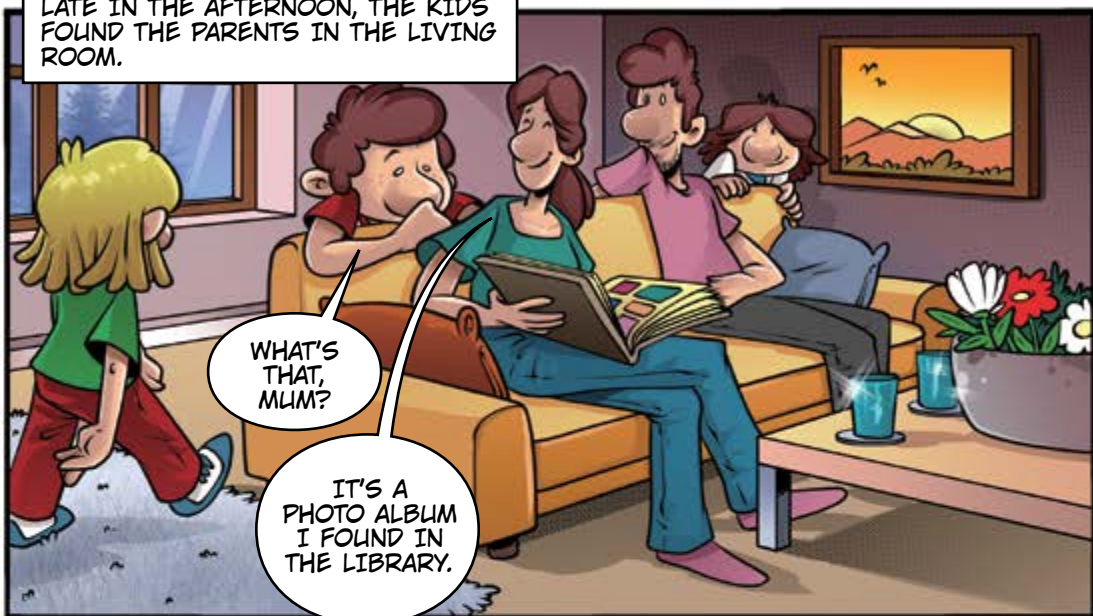


I'LL THINK ABOUT IT! I MAINLY USE THE INTERNET TO TALK TO MY FRIENDS.

SO DO I, BUT I ALSO LIKE PLAYING CHESS AND VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL GAMES.



LATE IN THE AFTERNOON, THE KIDS FOUND THE PARENTS IN THE LIVING ROOM.



WHAT'S THAT, MUM?

IT'S A PHOTO ALBUM I FOUND IN THE LIBRARY.



WHO'S THAT?



THAT'S ME, HEMILOS, AND THAT'S YOUR AUNT MARY BESIDE ME. THAT WAS THE FIRST DAY OF OUR SUMMER VACATIONS.

AND WHY ARE YOU CRYING?

WELL, THAT'S A LONG STORY.



TELL US!

THEY HAD A GOOD LAUGH AS THEY RECOUNTED MANY FAMILY STORIES WHILE GOING THROUGH THE PHOTOS.



AFTER DINNER, THEY SHOWED THEM THE BOARD GAMES THEY FOUND EARLIER.



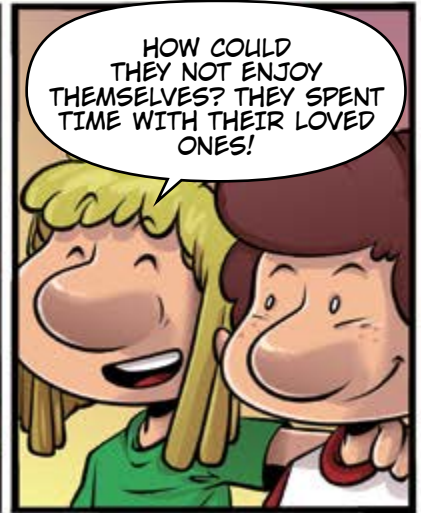
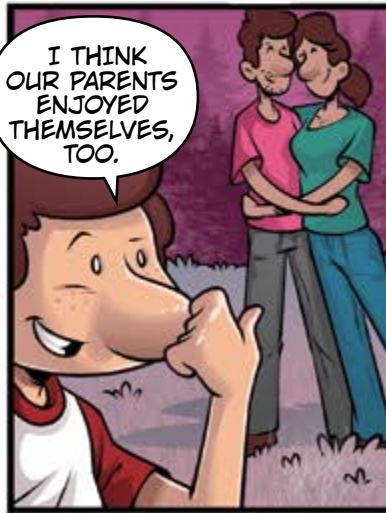
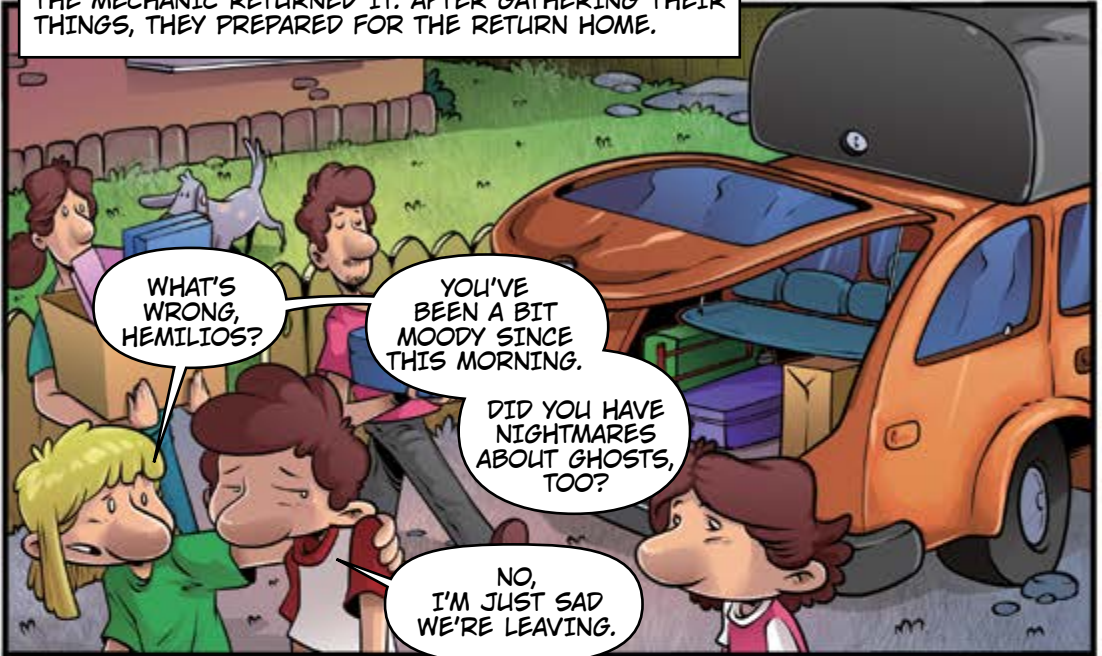
OH, I WISH I HAD THOSE WHEN I WAS LITTLE.

WE DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO TRY THEM.

DO YOU ALL WANT TO PLAY TOGETHER?

YES!

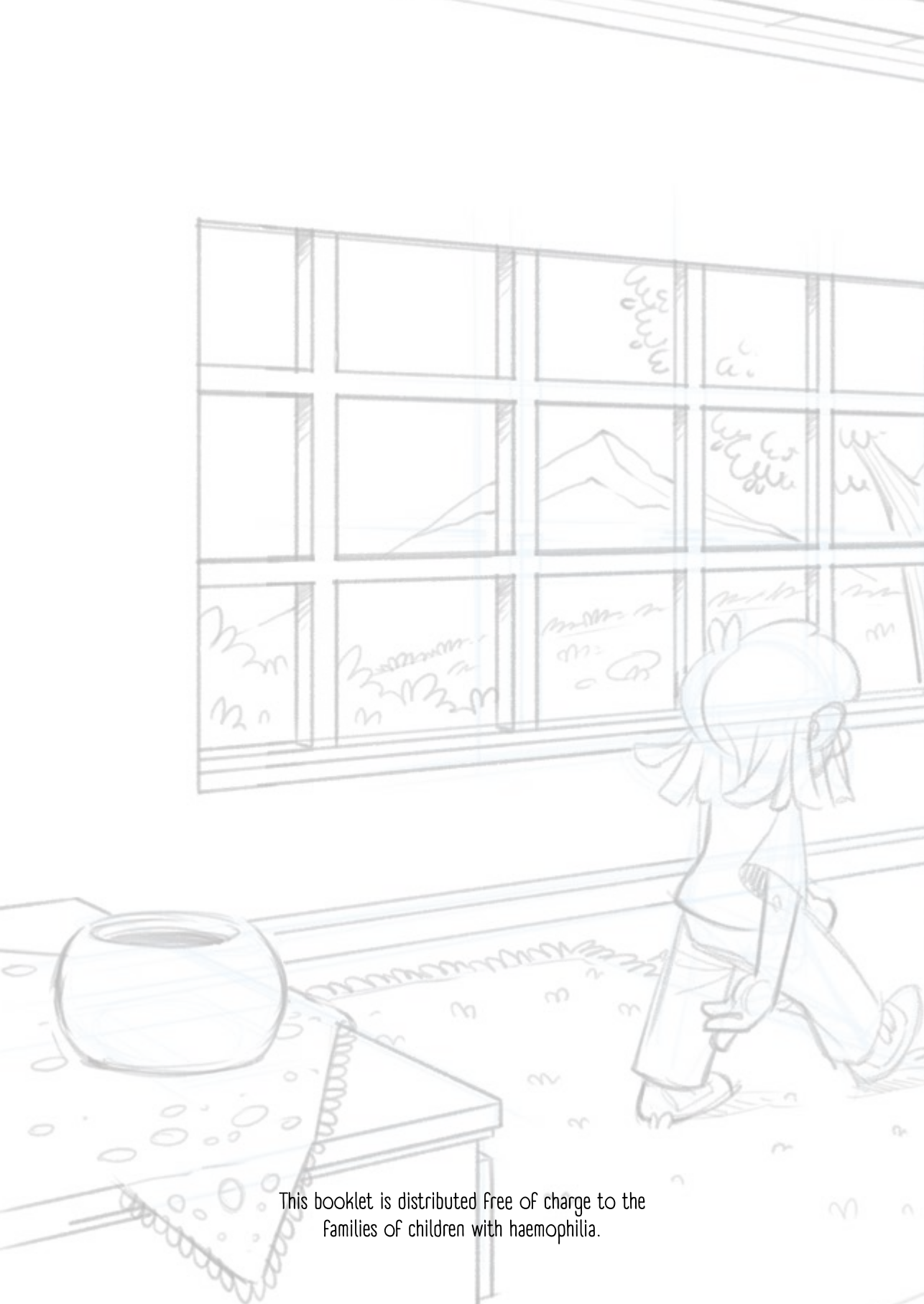
THE CAR WAS REPAIRED THE FOLLOWING NOON AND THE MECHANIC RETURNED IT. AFTER GATHERING THEIR THINGS, THEY PREPARED FOR THE RETURN HOME.



THE END.







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Hemilios, his family and Lila set off for a trip to Aunt Mary's mountain cottage. They plan to spend the three-day trip exploring nature, but an unexpected car problem will change their plans. This means they will have to stay home. Then, Hemilios takes action so that they don't get bored! The 3 kids arrange a whole bunch of fun activities which include new games, karaoke, online exploration, cooking with Hemilios' mum and more! At the end of the day, it's nice to spend time at home!

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