

EMPATHY IS A SUPERPOWER!

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SOME MORNINGS...
THE WORLD FEELS
TOO BIG.

TOO LOUD,
TOO HEAVY.

AND THE SAFEST PLACE
YOU CAN IMAGINE... IS
STAYING RIGHT WHERE
YOU ARE.

UNDER THE COVERS,
HIDDEN FROM
EVERYTHING.

I'M SO
WORRIED,
SHE WAS
DOING SO
WELL IN
SCHOOL.

WE'VE TRIED
EVERYTHING.

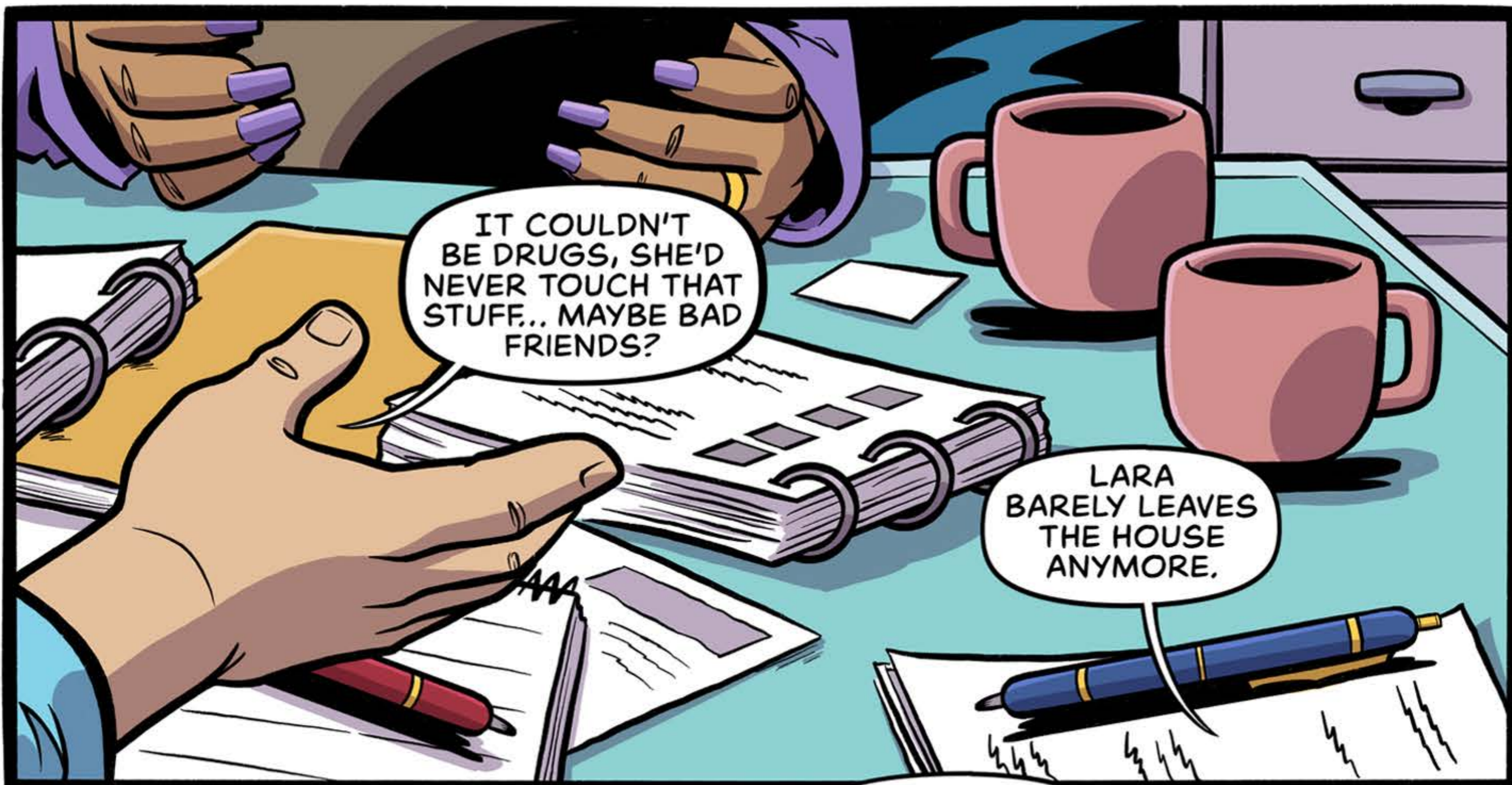
FOR LITTLE LARA
LEWIS... SCHOOL
HAD BECOME THE
SCARIEST PLACE IN
THE WORLD.

HER PARENTS
WERE WORRIED,
HER TEACHERS
WERE FRUSTRATED.

IF SHE DIDN'T GO
BACK SOON... SHE
MIGHT EVEN BE
SUSPENDED.

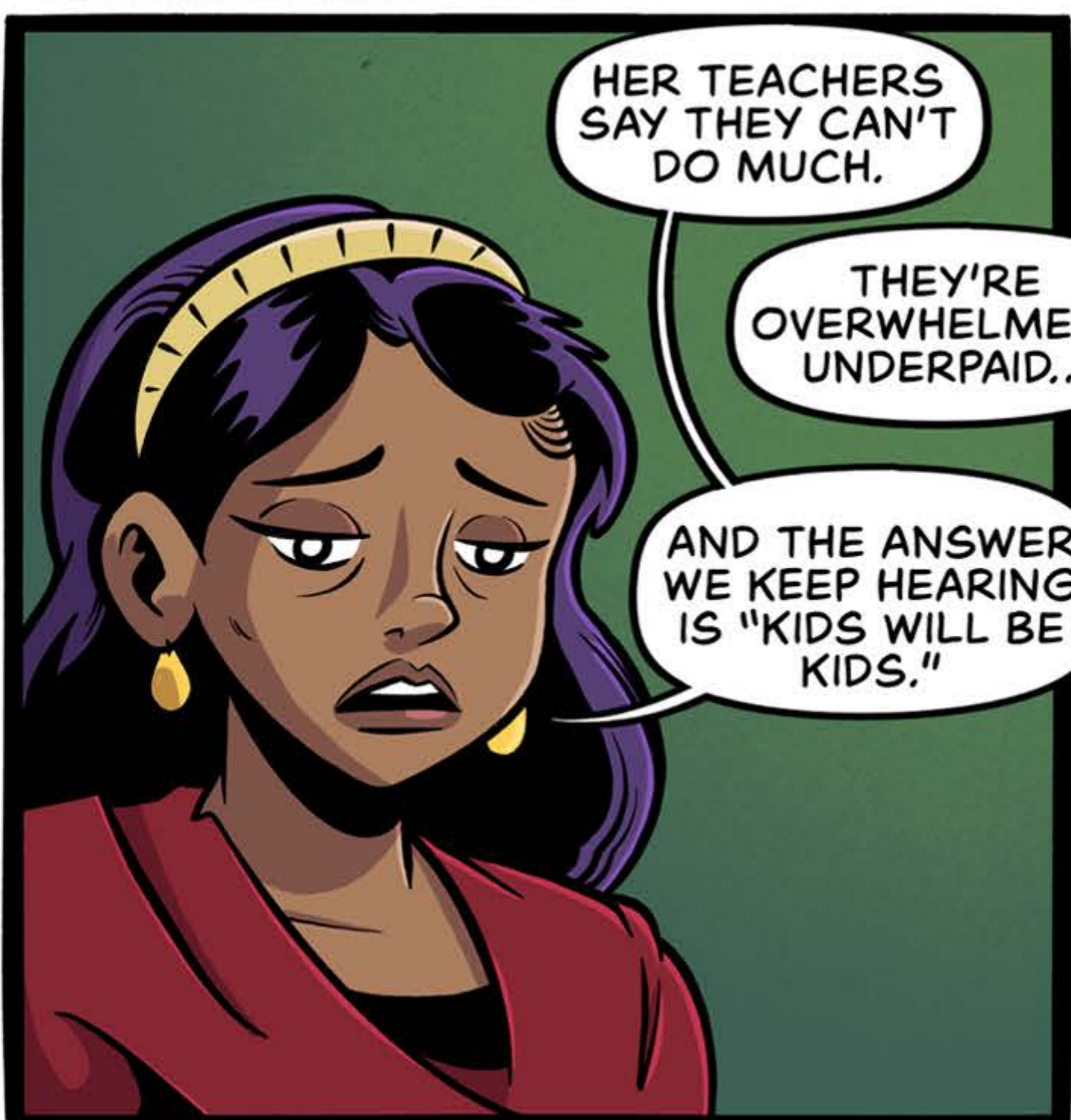
THE GREATEST
STORIES BEGIN THE
MOMENT SOMEONE
IS MOST AFRAID.





IT COULDN'T BE DRUGS, SHE'D NEVER TOUCH THAT STUFF... MAYBE BAD FRIENDS?

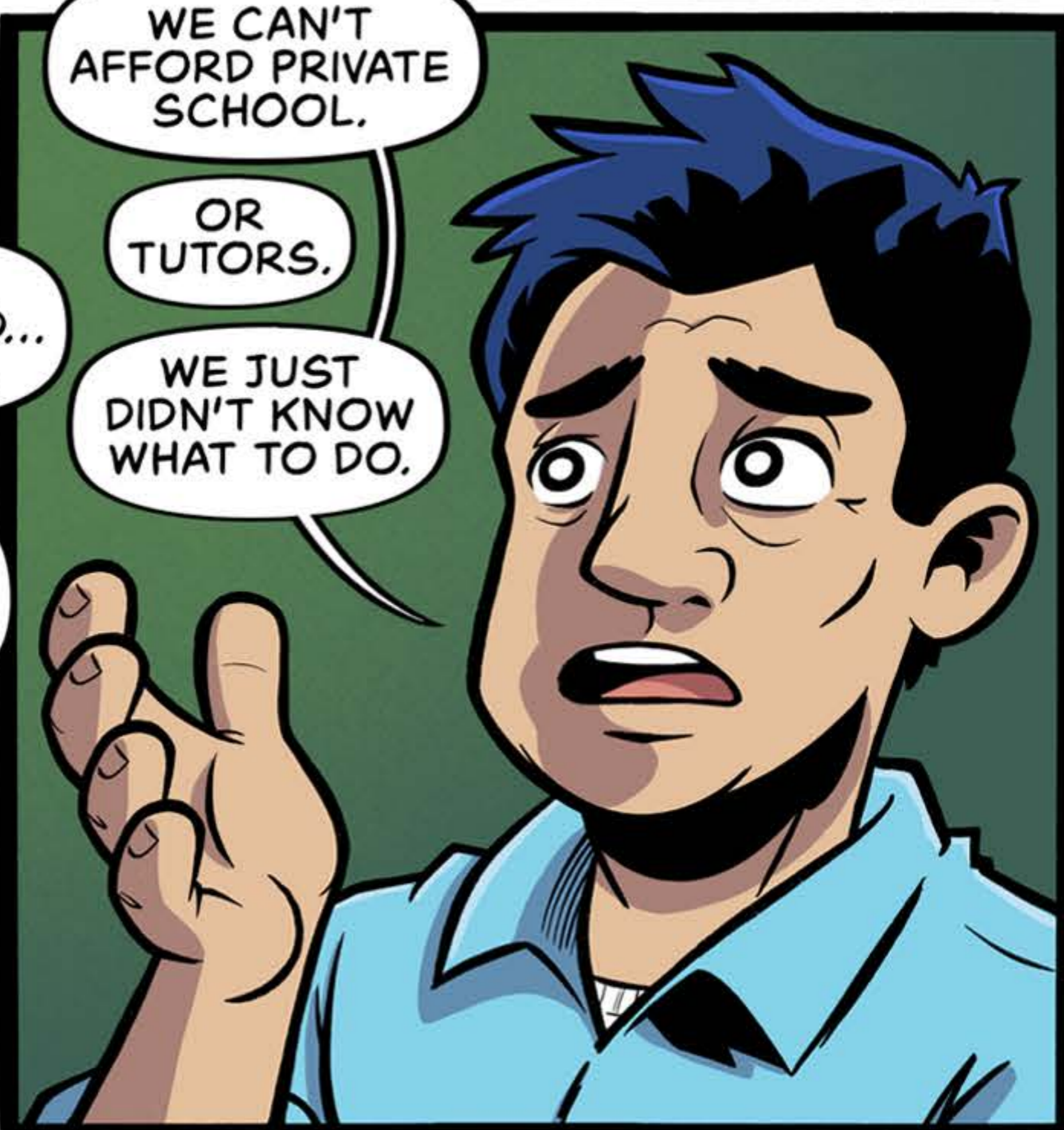
LARA BARELY LEAVES THE HOUSE ANYMORE.



HER TEACHERS SAY THEY CAN'T DO MUCH.

THEY'RE OVERWHELMED... UNDERPAID...

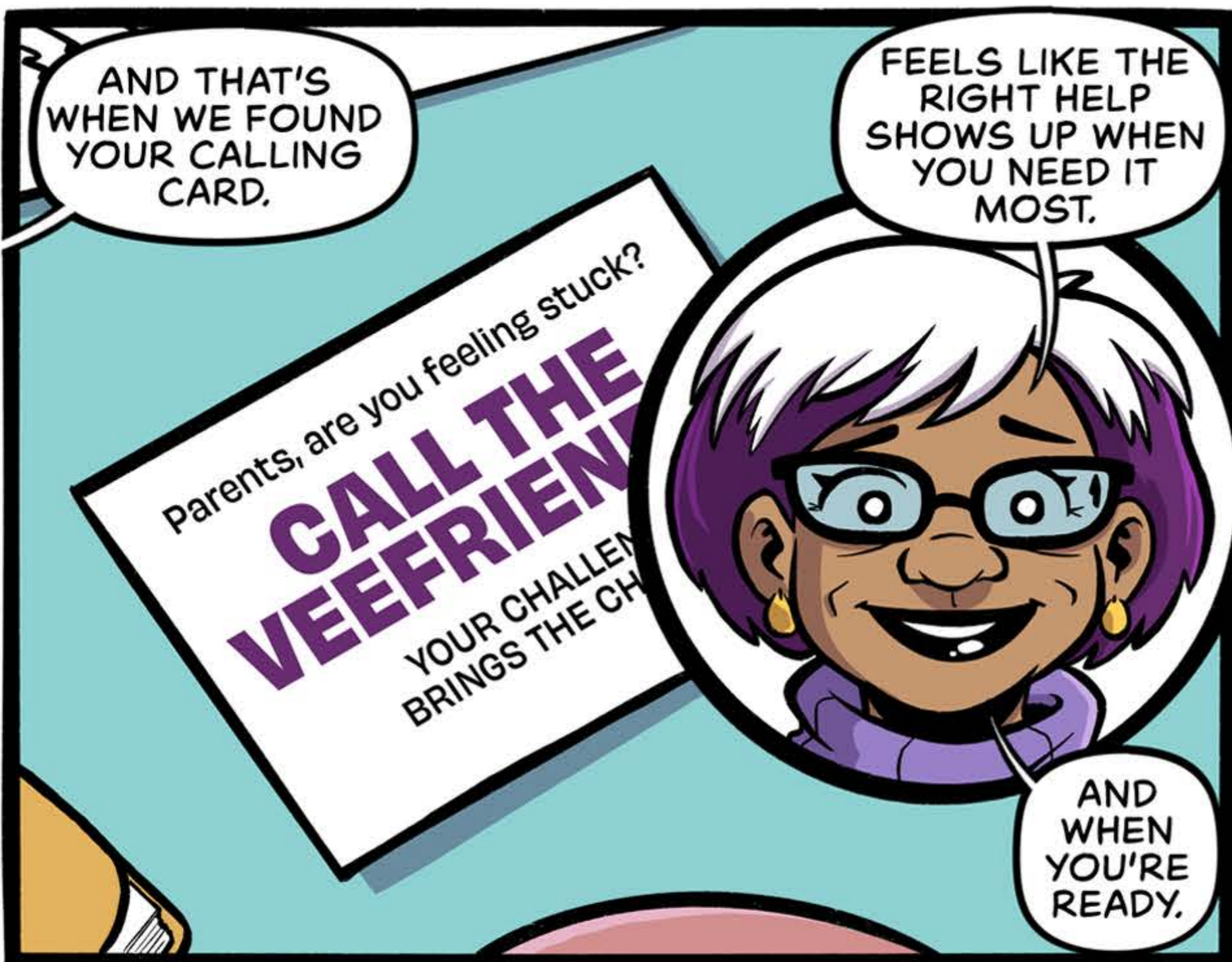
AND THE ANSWER WE KEEP HEARING IS "KIDS WILL BE KIDS."



WE CAN'T AFFORD PRIVATE SCHOOL.

OR TUTORS.

WE JUST DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.



AND THAT'S WHEN WE FOUND YOUR CALLING CARD.

Parents, are you feeling stuck?
CALL THE VEEFRIENDS
YOUR CHALLENGE BRINGS THE CH...

FEELS LIKE THE RIGHT HELP SHOWS UP WHEN YOU NEED IT MOST.

AND WHEN YOU'RE READY.



MIND IF I COME IN, LARA?



YOUR PARENTS ARE WORRIED ABOUT YOU. PARENTS DO THAT.

BUT I'D RATHER HEAR YOUR SIDE.



I'M JUST... REALLY SMALL.

THE OTHER KIDS MAKE FUN OF ME. THEY CALL ME LITTLE LARA.



AND THERE'S THIS KID... BILLY.



HE TAKES MY LUNCH... AND OTHER KIDS' LUNCHES TOO. NOBODY DOES ANYTHING ABOUT IT.



EVERYONE JUST LAUGHS.

I HATE IT.



I HAVE A FEW FRIENDS WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP YOU...

THIS IS PERSPECTIVE PIGEON, EMPATHY ELEPHANT, AND FEARLESS FAIRY.



THEY MAY BE SMALL...

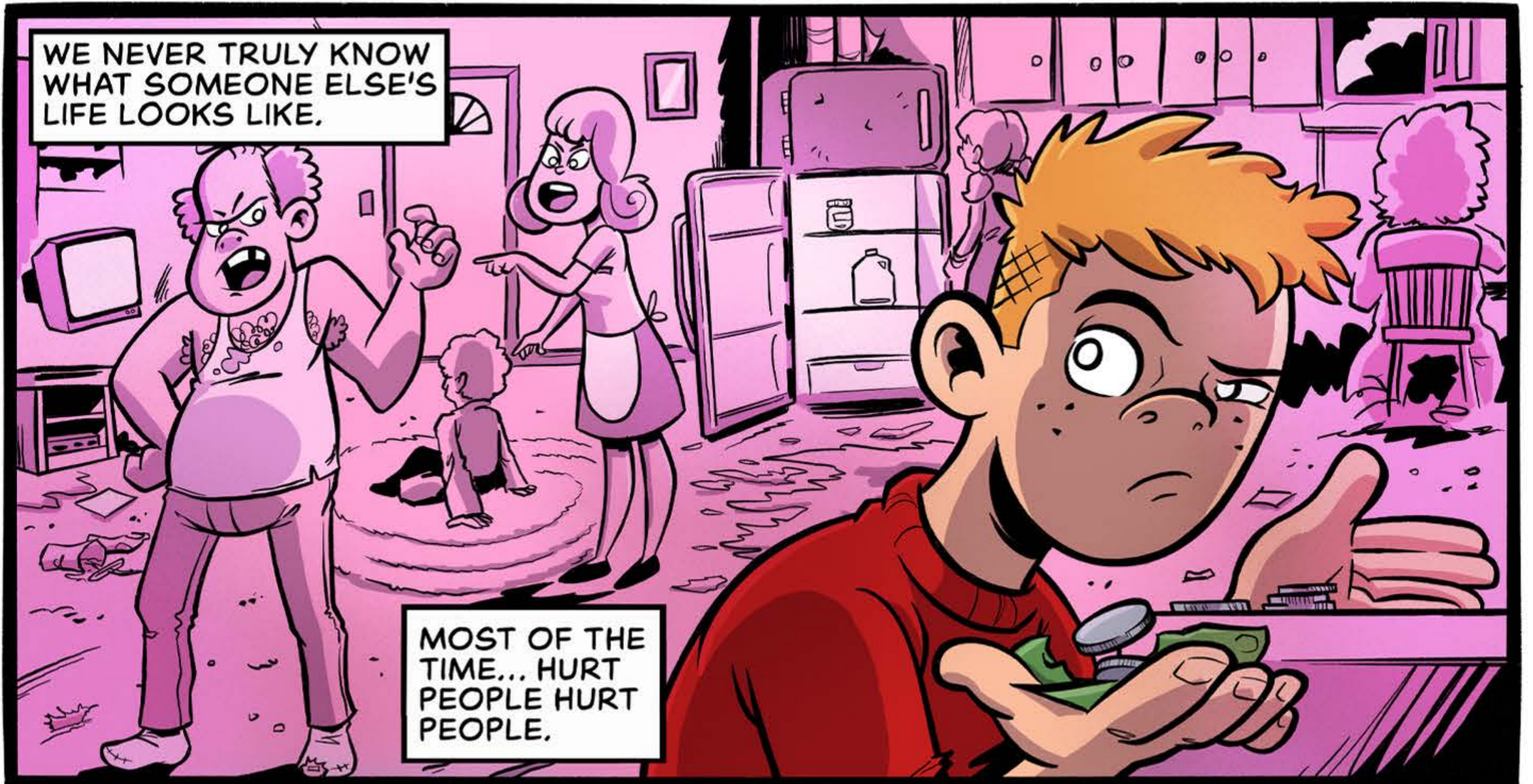
THE SMALLEST VOICES CAN CARRY THE BIGGEST LESSONS.



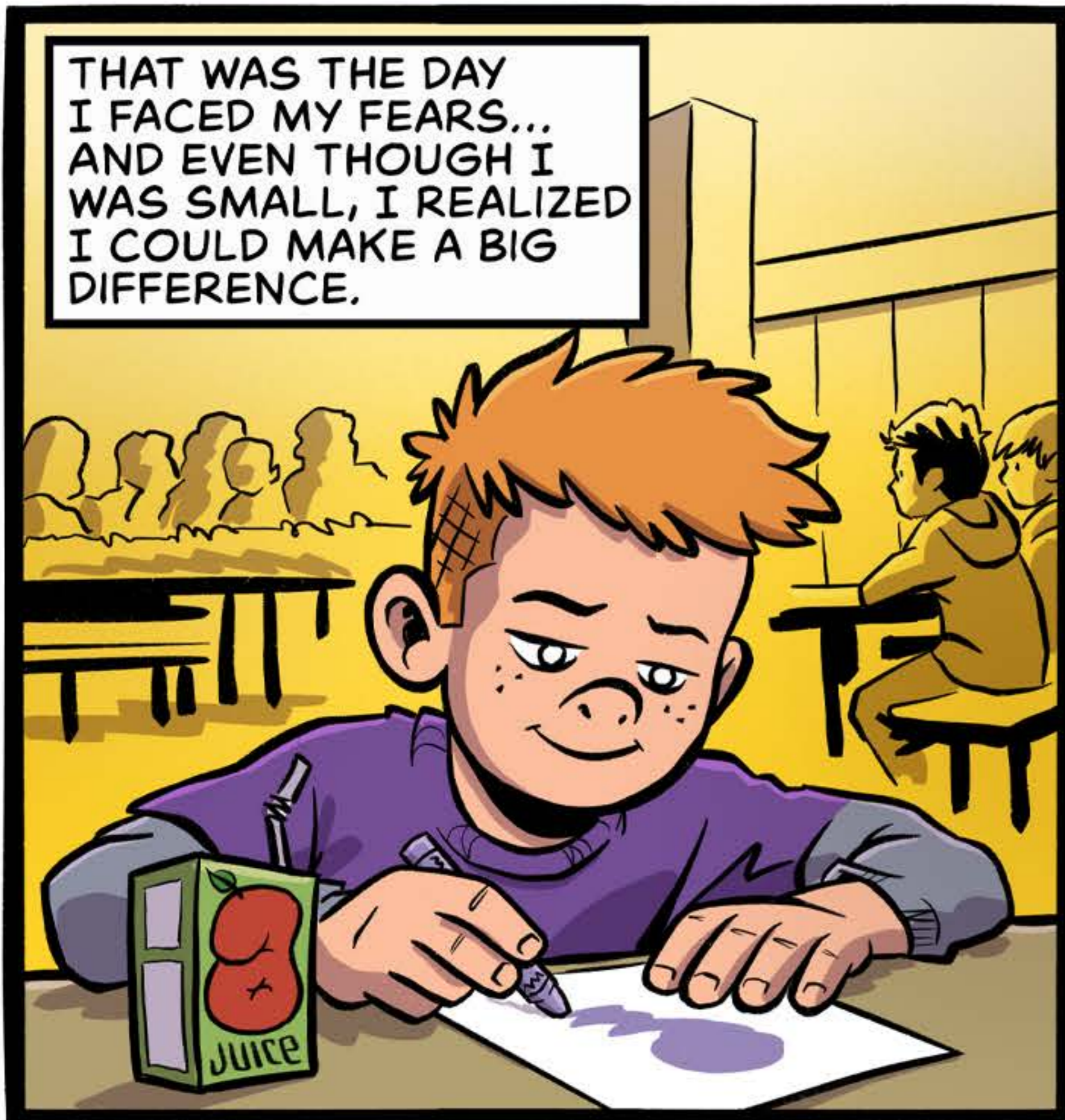
I'M GONNA LEAVE THESE WITH YOU. SEE IF THEY HELP.

AND WHEN YOU'RE READY TO TALK MORE, I'LL BE BACK.









THAT WAS THE DAY I FACED MY FEARS... AND EVEN THOUGH I WAS SMALL, I REALIZED I COULD MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.



THIS ONE HELPS YOU FACE YOUR FEARS.

I SPENT MY ALLOWANCE MAKING MORE LUNCH BAGS. I COULDN'T DRAW VERY WELL, BUT I DID MY BEST.



SOON, OTHERS STARTED PITCHING IN.

THAT'S WHEN I KNEW WE WERE MAKING A REAL DIFFERENCE.



AND I WAS INSPIRING OTHERS, TOO.

I, UH... I WANTED TO SAY I'M SORRY.

HERE. I DREW THIS FOR YOU.



WOW, BILLY! THIS LOOKS AMAZING!

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO DRAW ON MORE LUNCH BAGS?

WE CAN BE PARTNERS.



YOU GOT A DEAL, LITTLE LARA!

A LITTLE ACT OF KINDNESS CAN MAKE A **BIG** DIFFERENCE.



AND THAT... IS MY ORIGIN STORY.

YOU NEVER REALLY KNOW WHAT SOMEONE ELSE IS GOING THROUGH.



SOMETIMES THE KID WHO SEEMS THE TOUGHEST... IS HURTING THE MOST.

SO WHENEVER YOU FEEL AFRAID, ASK YOURSELF SOMETHING...

WHAT IS FEAR HOLDING ME BACK FROM?



TRY TO SEE THINGS FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE. AND ALWAYS LEAD WITH EMPATHY.

AND REMEMBER, EVEN THE SMALLEST ACT OF KINDNESS CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

Teachers, parents, students, let's talk about this story together.
Here are some questions to kickstart the conversation:

- 1 Why was Lara afraid to go back to school, and what helped her find the courage to return?
- 2 What do you think is going on at Billy's house in Panel 3 on Page 5? How might that affect how he treats others?
- 3 Have you ever felt like Lara – scared, left out, or misunderstood? What helped you get through it?
- 4 Why do you think Lara chose kindness instead of getting angry or staying quiet? What might have happened if she didn't?
- 5 What is one small act of kindness you could do for someone this week that might make a big difference?

HOMEWORK! FOR YOU OR YOUR CLASSROOM!

- 1 Draw your own VeeFriends on paper lunch bags.
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