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Welcome to 'Drawn from Experience: Moving from Primary School to Secondary School', a comic created in collaboration with young people in Dundee about their experiences of moving into S1, sharing and celebrating the moments they identified as important in adjusting to secondary school.

While the ongoing impact of COVID-19 means transitioning to secondary school in 2020 will be a unique experience we hope the stories shared in the comic allows readers to think about their own strengths and resources in dealing with change and uncertainty - in moving schools, and beyond. Perhaps readers will even be inspired to create their own comics around these topics!

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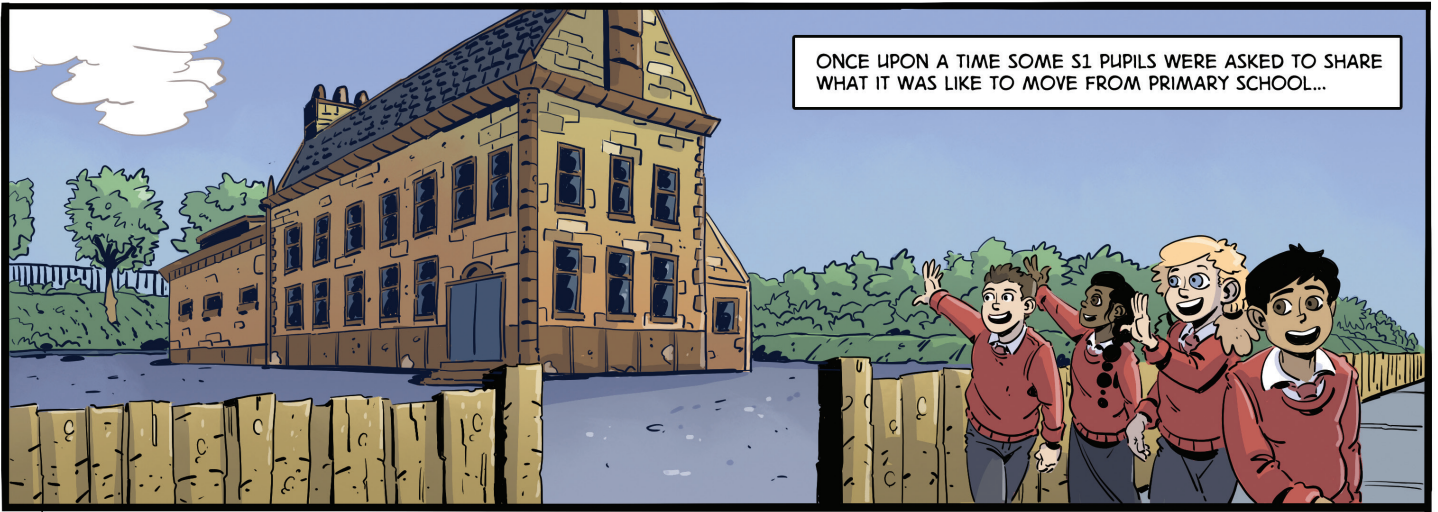
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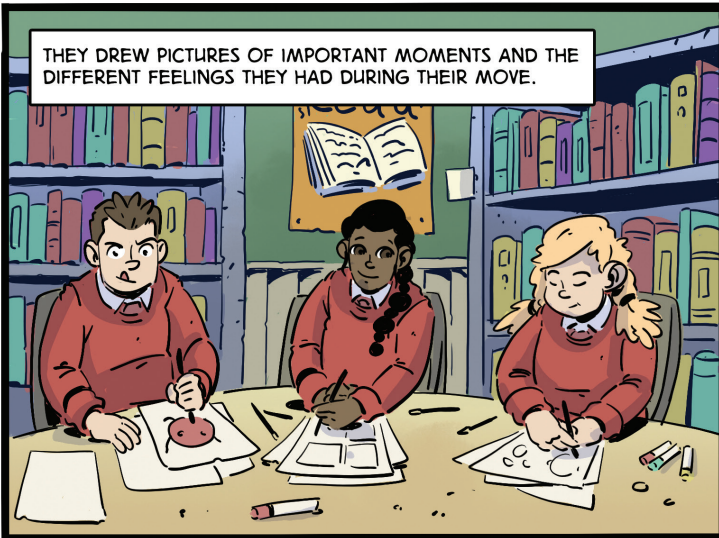




ONCE UPON A TIME SOME S1 PUPILS WERE ASKED TO SHARE WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO MOVE FROM PRIMARY SCHOOL...



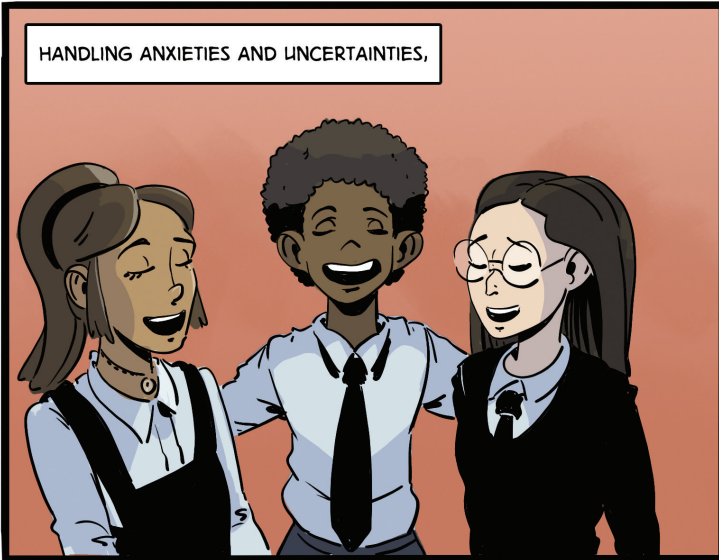
...TO SECONDARY SCHOOL.



THEY DREW PICTURES OF IMPORTANT MOMENTS AND THE DIFFERENT FEELINGS THEY HAD DURING THEIR MOVE.



MOMENTS LIKE FINDING NEW TALENTS,



HANDLING ANXIETIES AND UNCERTAINTIES,

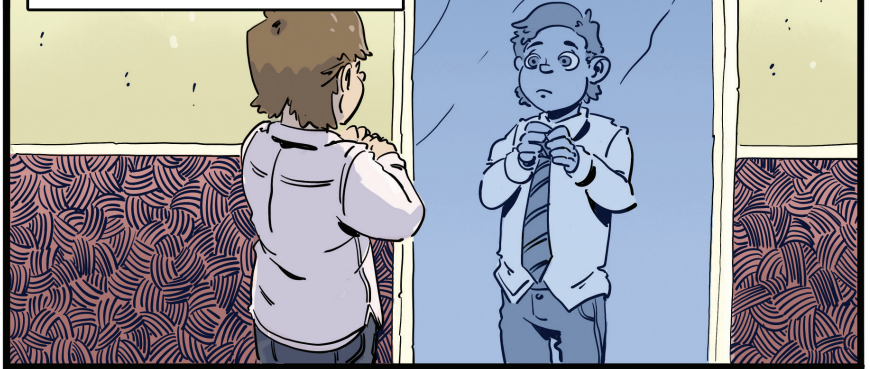


AND FACING NEW CHALLENGES WITH THE SUPPORT OF NEW FRIENDS!

IT IS THESE DRAWINGS AND STORIES THAT BECAME THIS COMIC BOOK.



SO AS YOU PREPARE FOR YOUR OWN MOVE TO SECONDARY SCHOOL,



AND DEAL WITH OTHER UNCERTAINTIES, REMEMBER...

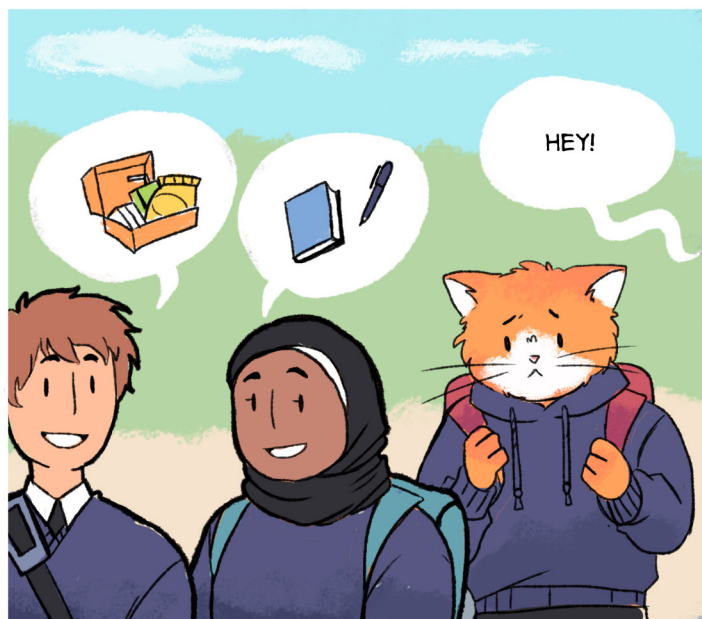


...WILL NEW STUDENTS MAKE FRIENDS? WILL NEW ST



THOMAS THE CAT

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MOVING UP

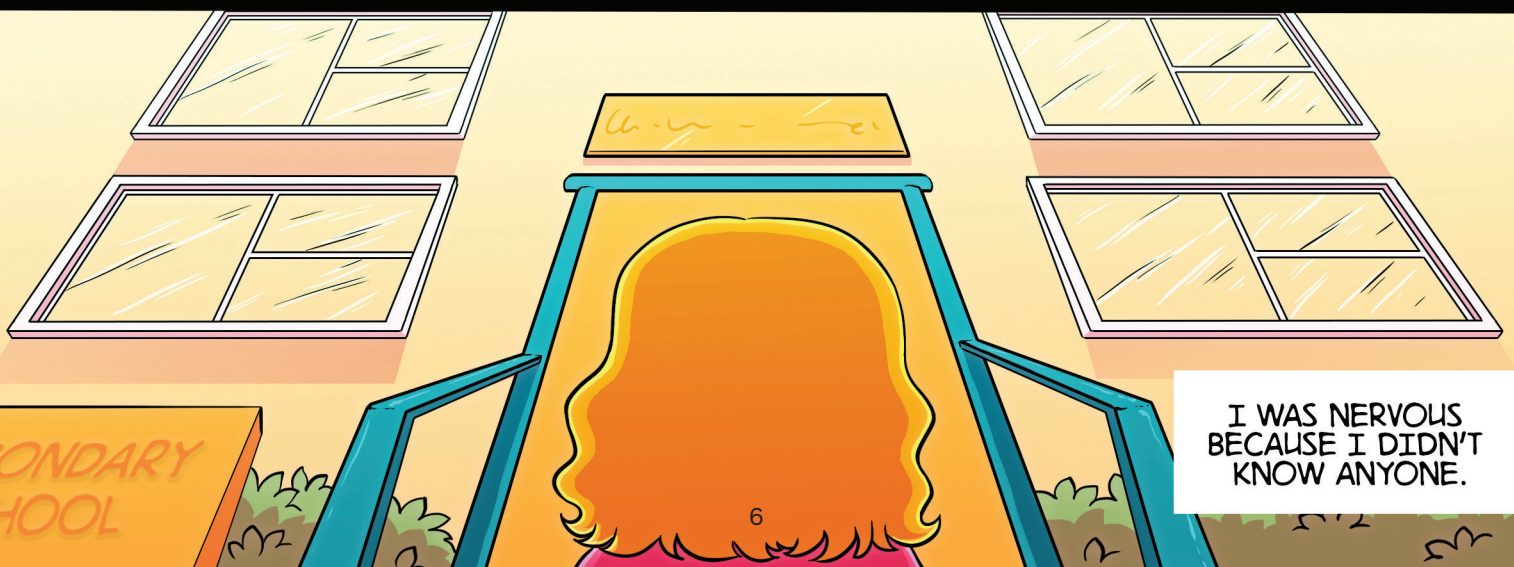
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I KNEW IT WAS GOING TO BE DIFFICULT GOING FROM PRIMARY TO SECONDARY...

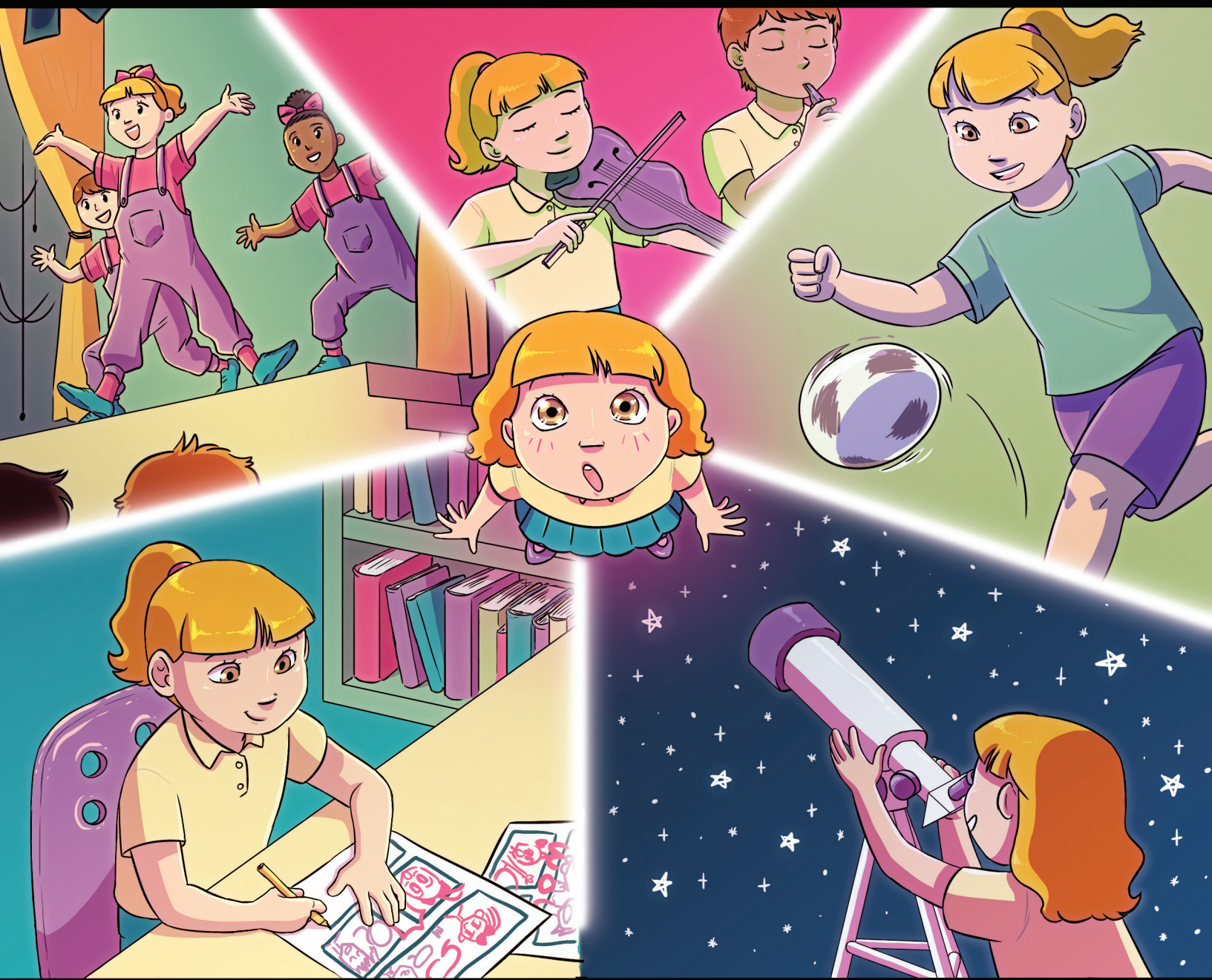
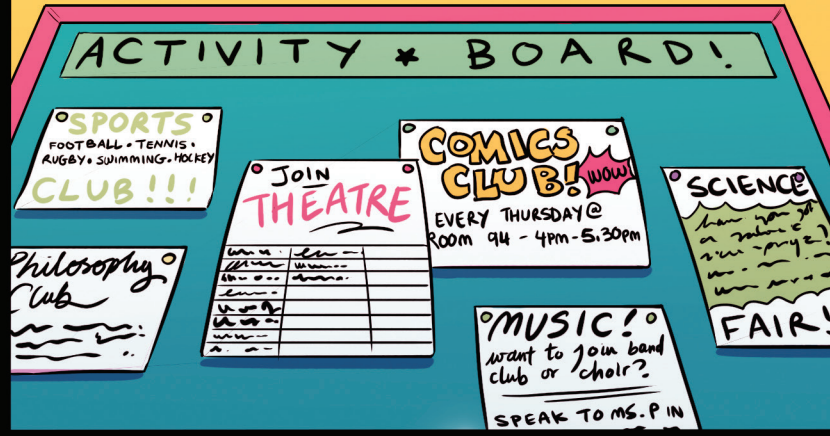


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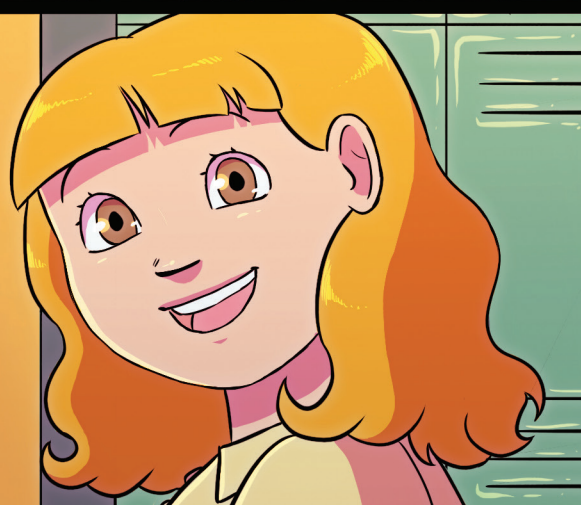
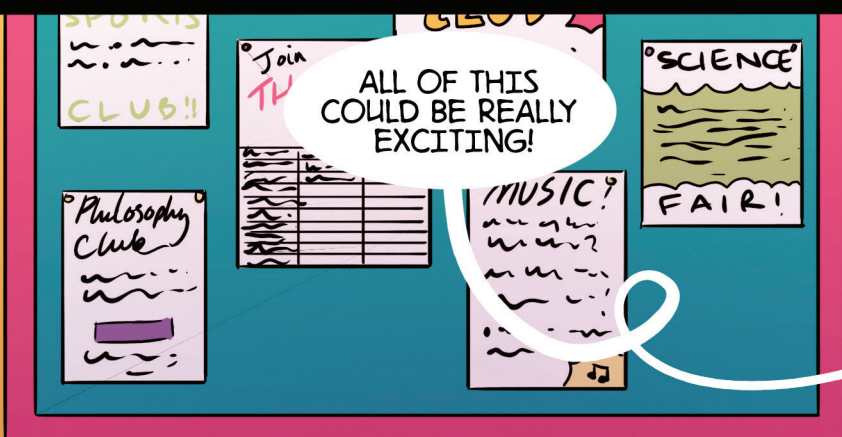


I WAS NERVOUS BECAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW ANYONE.

AND THEN I SAW ALL OF THE COOL THINGS I COULD SIGN UP FOR.



ALL OF THIS COULD BE REALLY EXCITING!



EXPECTATION VS REALITY

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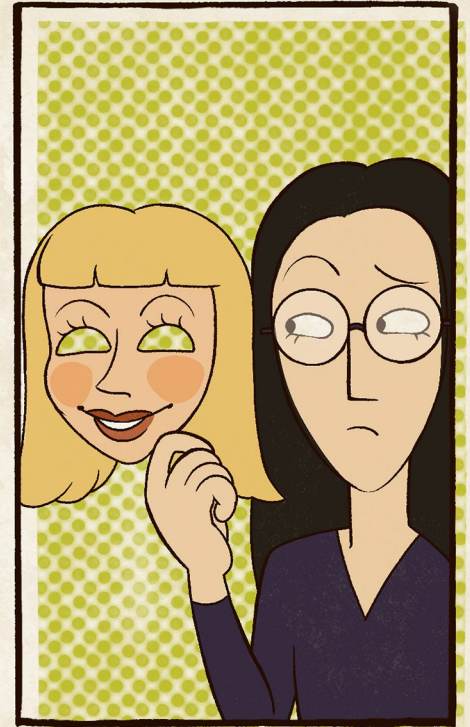
GOING FROM PRIMARY TO SECONDARY, YOU MIGHT EXPECT TO FEEL CERTAIN WAYS, LIKE...



LOST AND ALONE



UNSURE



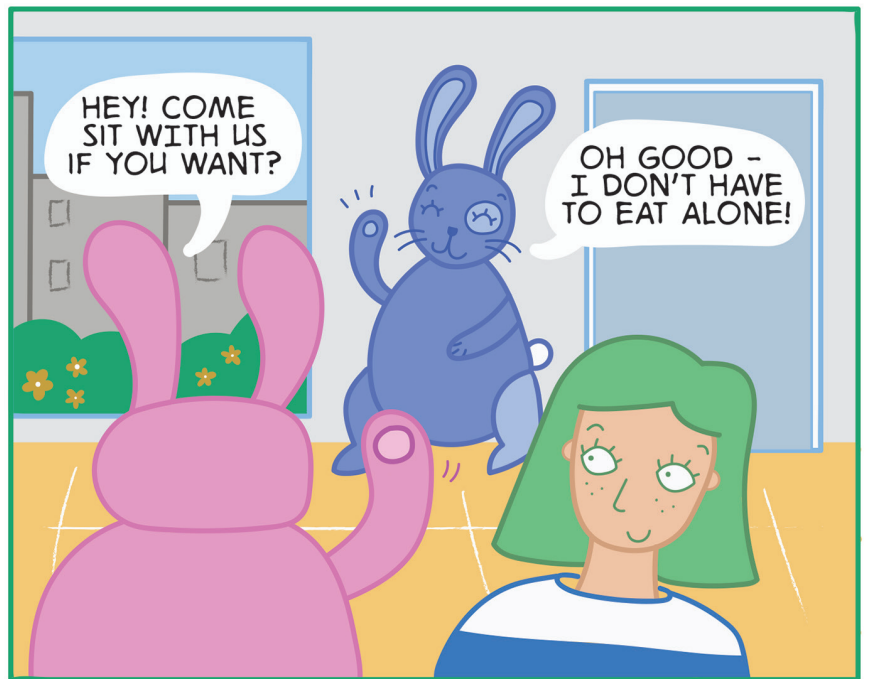
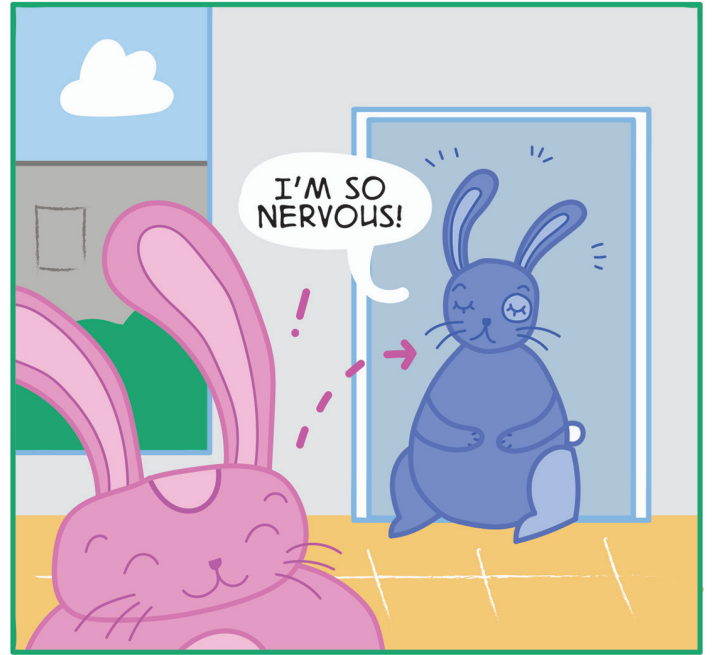
OR LIKE YOU HAVE TO BE A DIFFERENT PERSON.



BUT THE REALITY IS EVEN THOUGH YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CHANGED, YOU ARE STILL THE SAME PERSON.

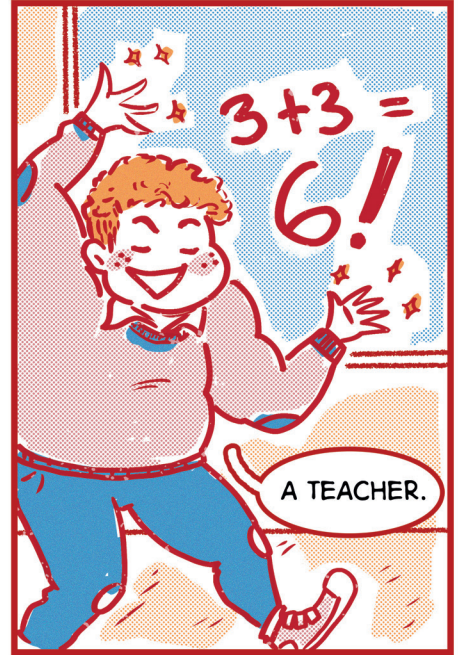
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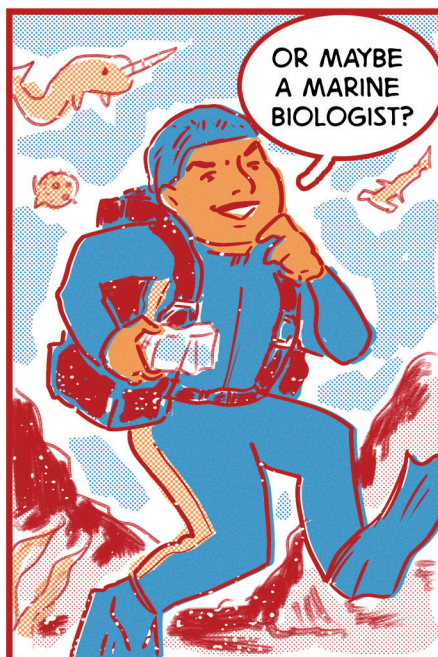
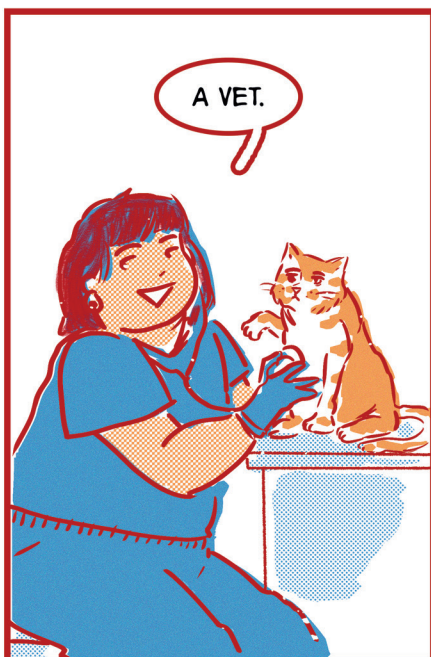
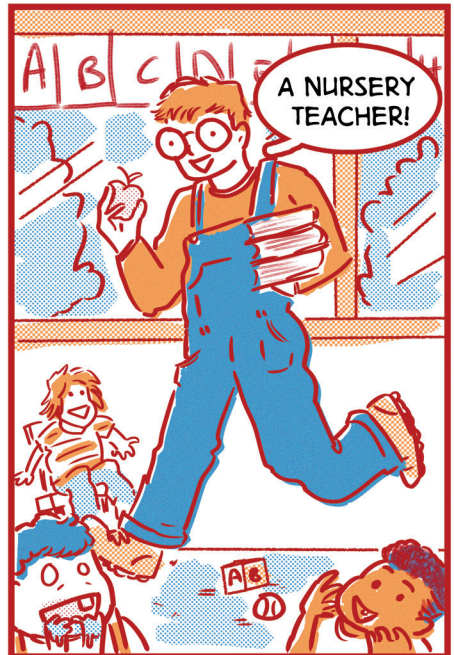
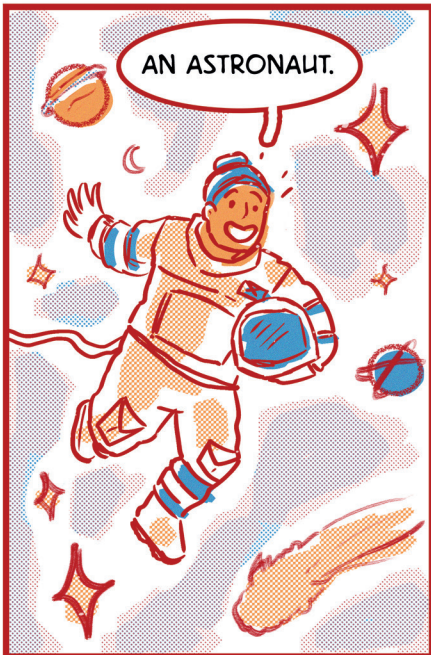
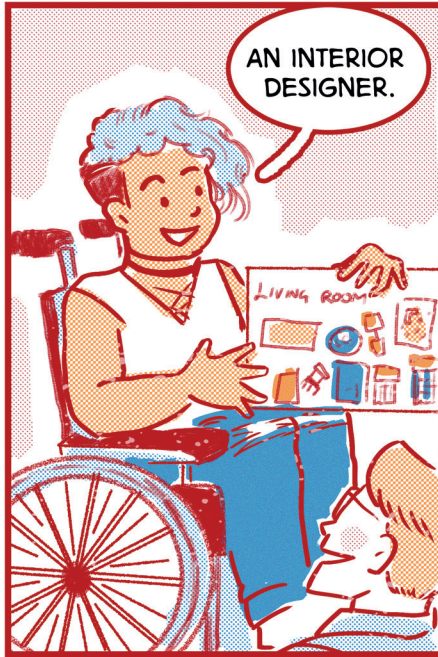
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**WHEN I GROW UP,
I WANT TO BE...**

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ART: OLIVIA HICKS

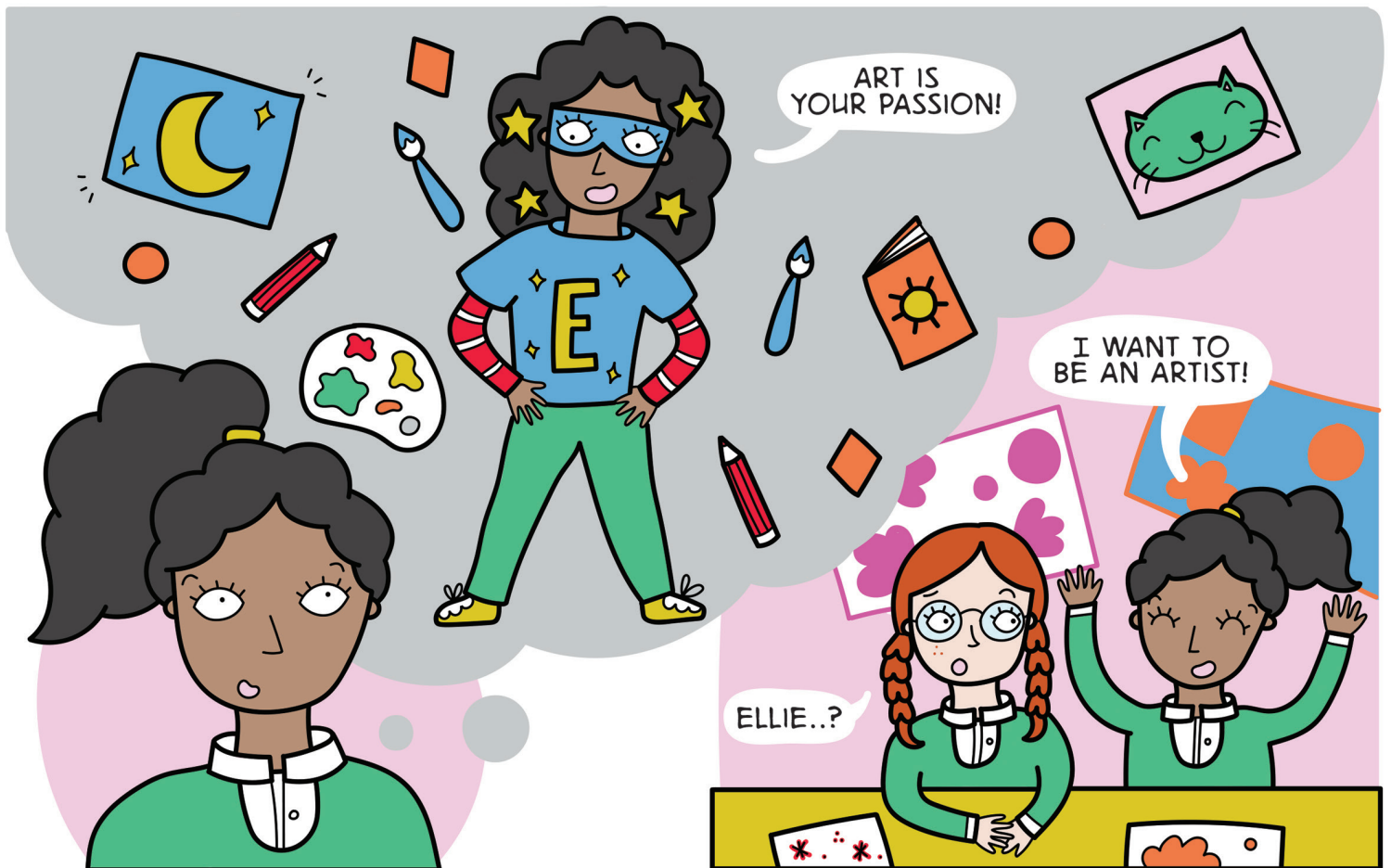
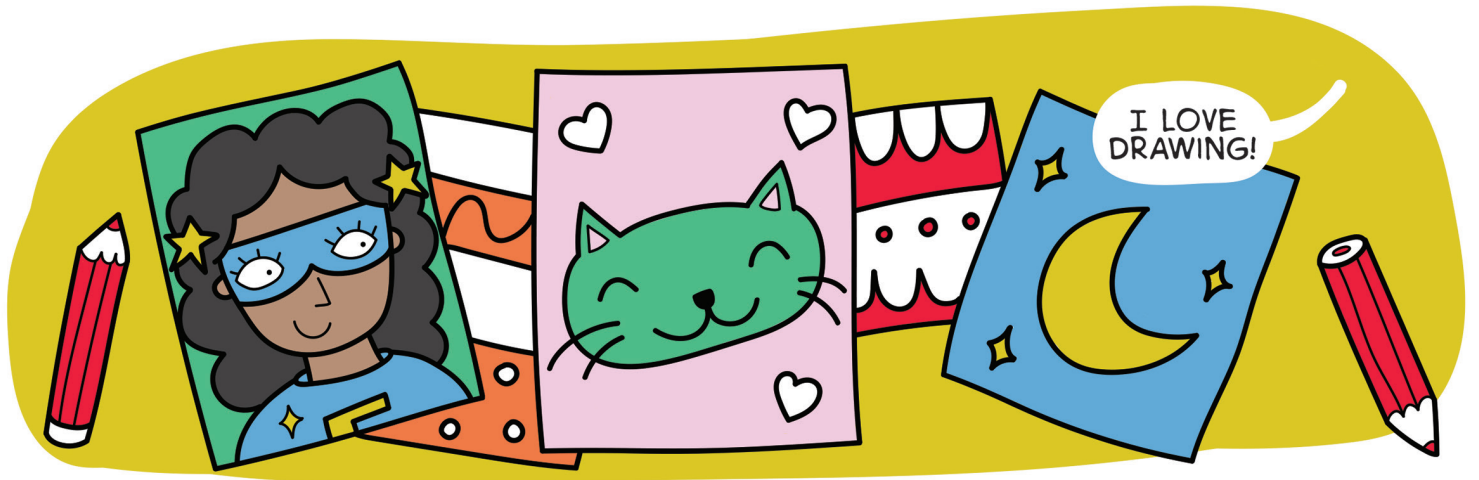
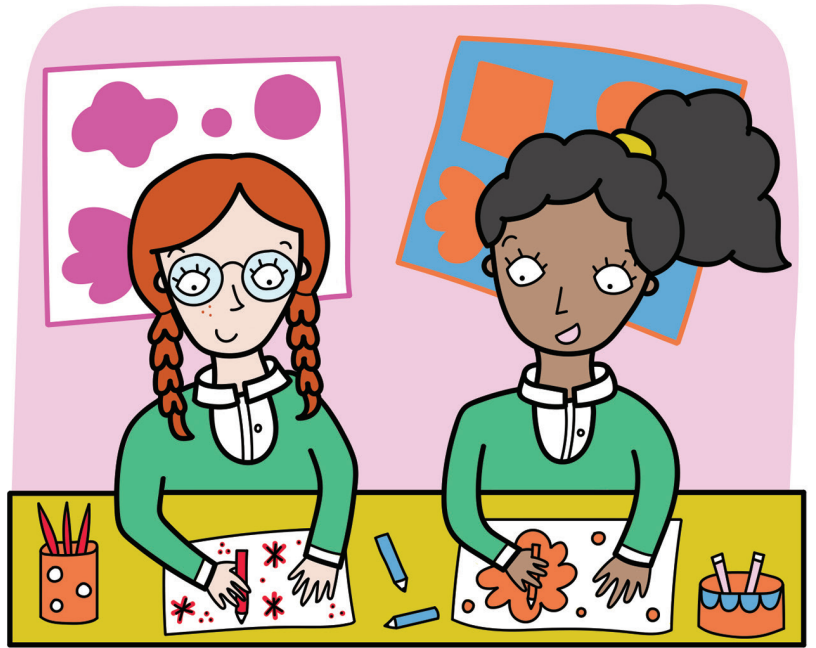




YOU CAN DO IT

WRITTEN BY REBECCA HORNER
ART BY CATRIONA LAIRD





IDENTIFYING STRENGTHS ACTIVITY

WRITE:

Something you did recently that went well:

I bought cookies and a present for my friend who I knew was struggling.

What skill, emotion, or part of your personality allowed you to do this?

Kindness

What name would you give this strength?

Captain Kindness

What does it make possible?

It allows me to show my friends, family, and others that they are important me

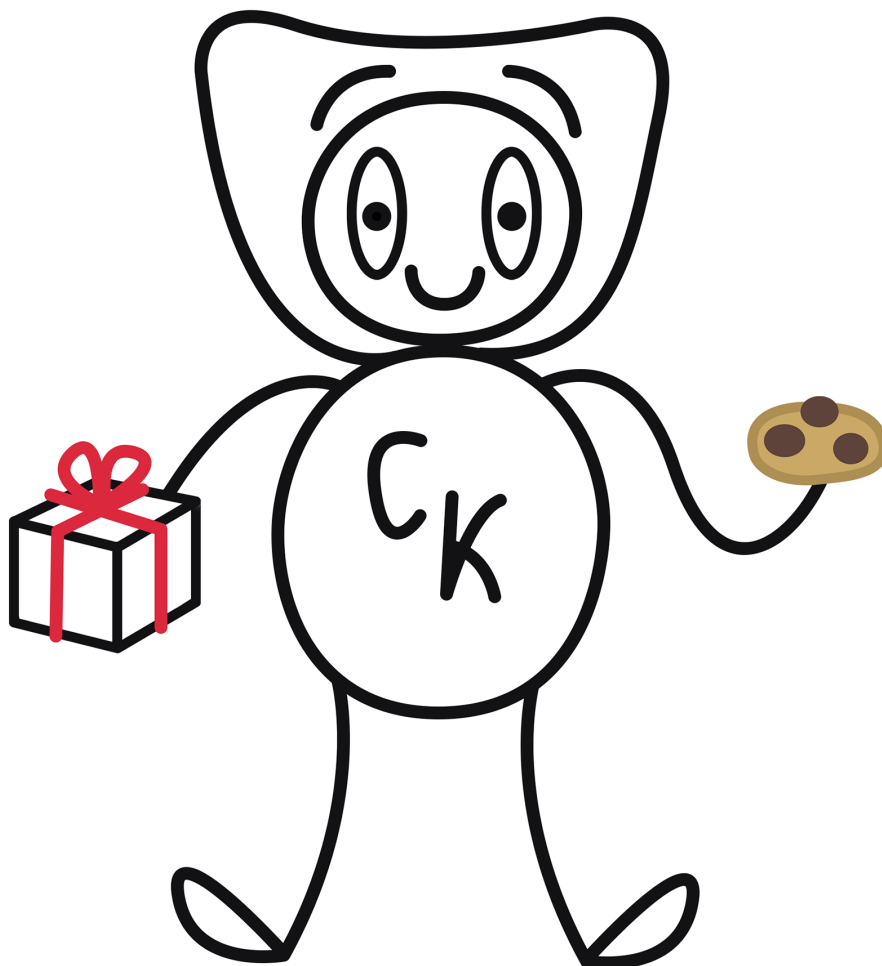
What does it say about what you want from your life?

That it is important to look after others

How might you welcome it more into your life?

Remember that Captain Kindness is looking out not just for others in my life but me too and I should let him be kind to me as well!

DRAW:



WRITE:

Something you did recently that went well:

What skill, emotion, or part of your personality allowed you to do this?

What name would you give this strength?

What does it make possible?

What does it say about what you want from your life?

How might you welcome it more into your life?

DRAW:

