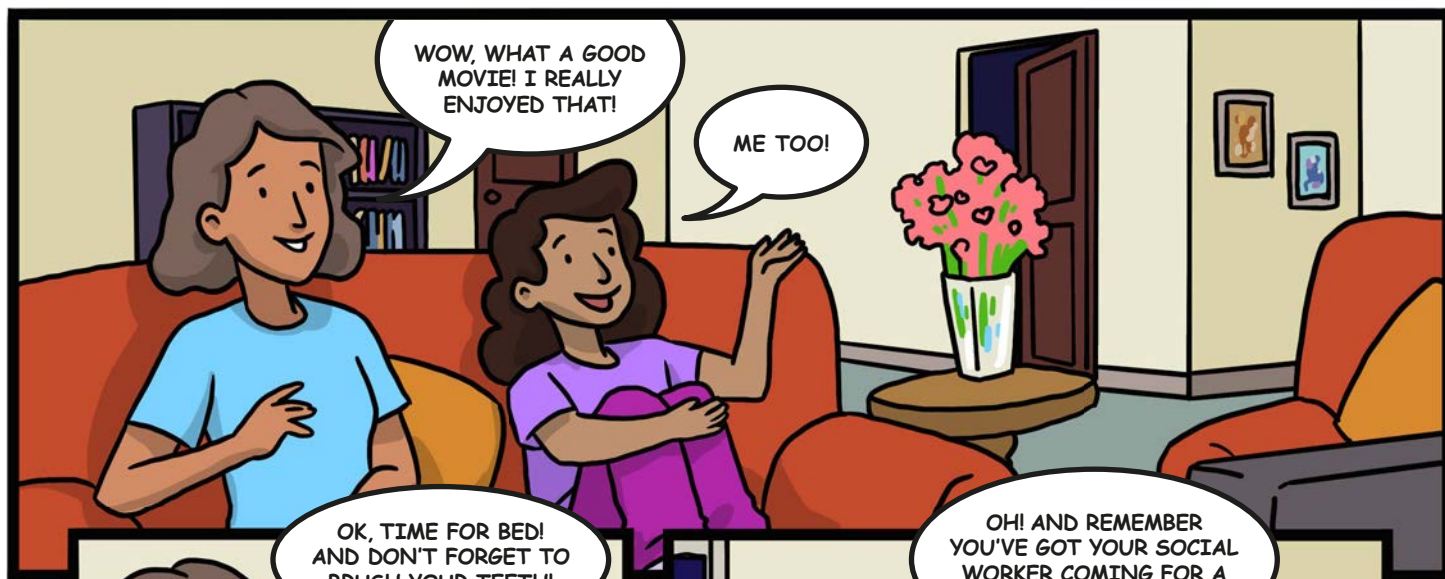


TŪHONO – MAIA'S STORY





WOW, WHAT A GOOD MOVIE! I REALLY ENJOYED THAT!

ME TOO!



OK, TIME FOR BED! AND DON'T FORGET TO BRUSH YOUR TEETH!



OHI AND REMEMBER YOU'VE GOT YOUR SOCIAL WORKER COMING FOR A VISIT TOMORROW!

I THINK SHE'S JUST COMING TO SEE HOW YOU'RE SETTLING IN. TRY NOT TO STRESS ABOUT IT.



WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?



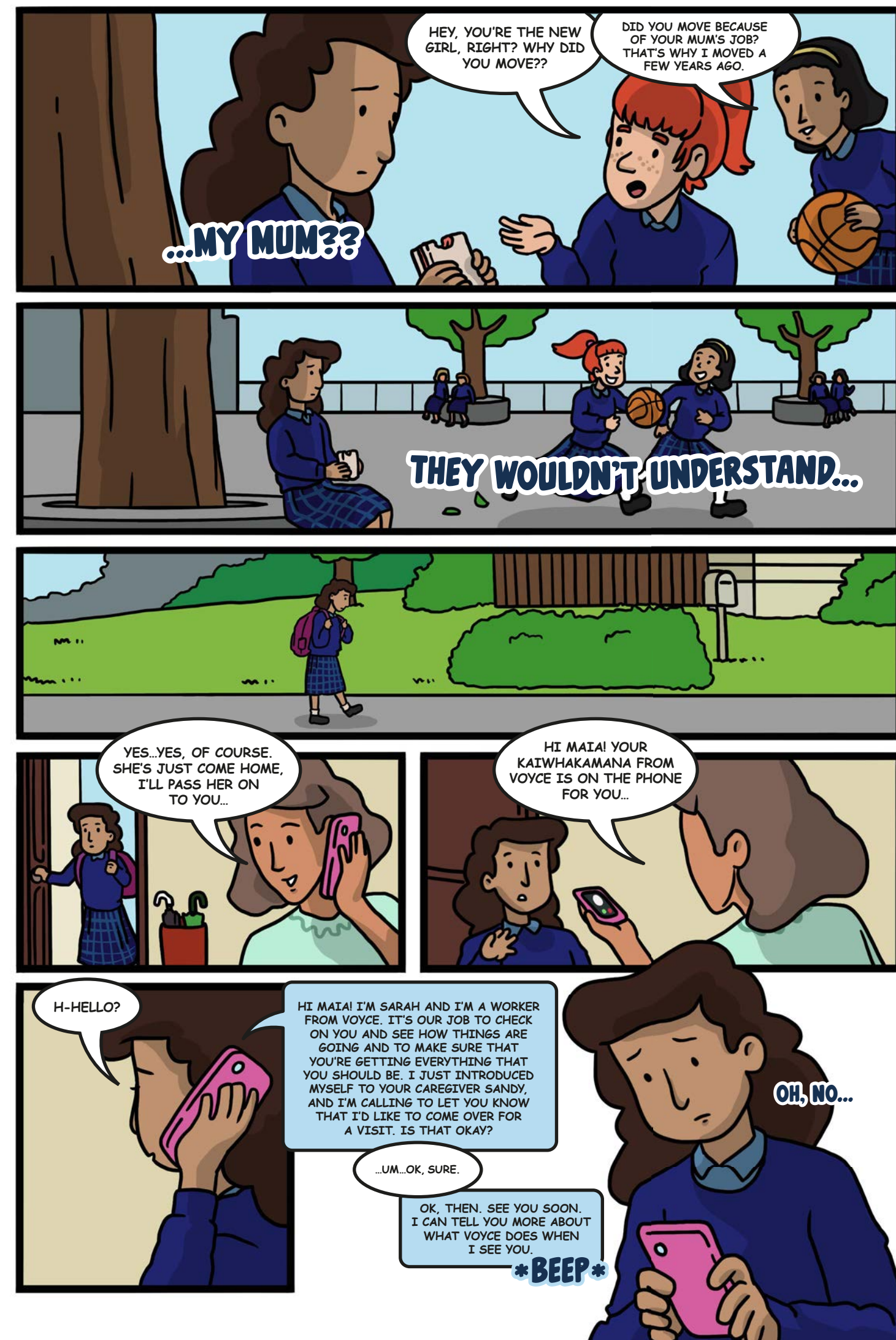
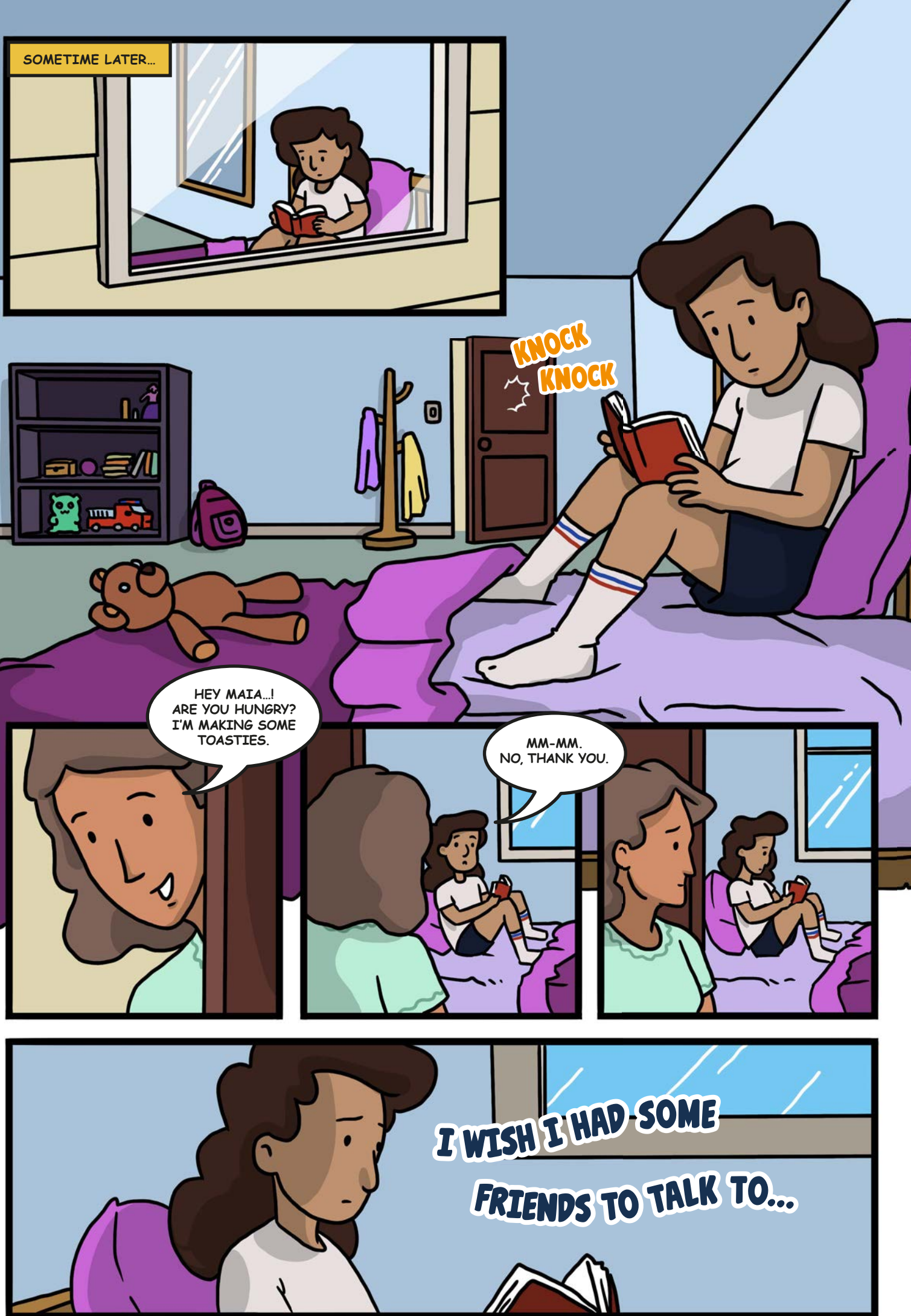
OKAY, SO I HOPE EVERYTHING IS WORKING OUT HERE SO FAR... YOU'RE DOING REALLY WELL.

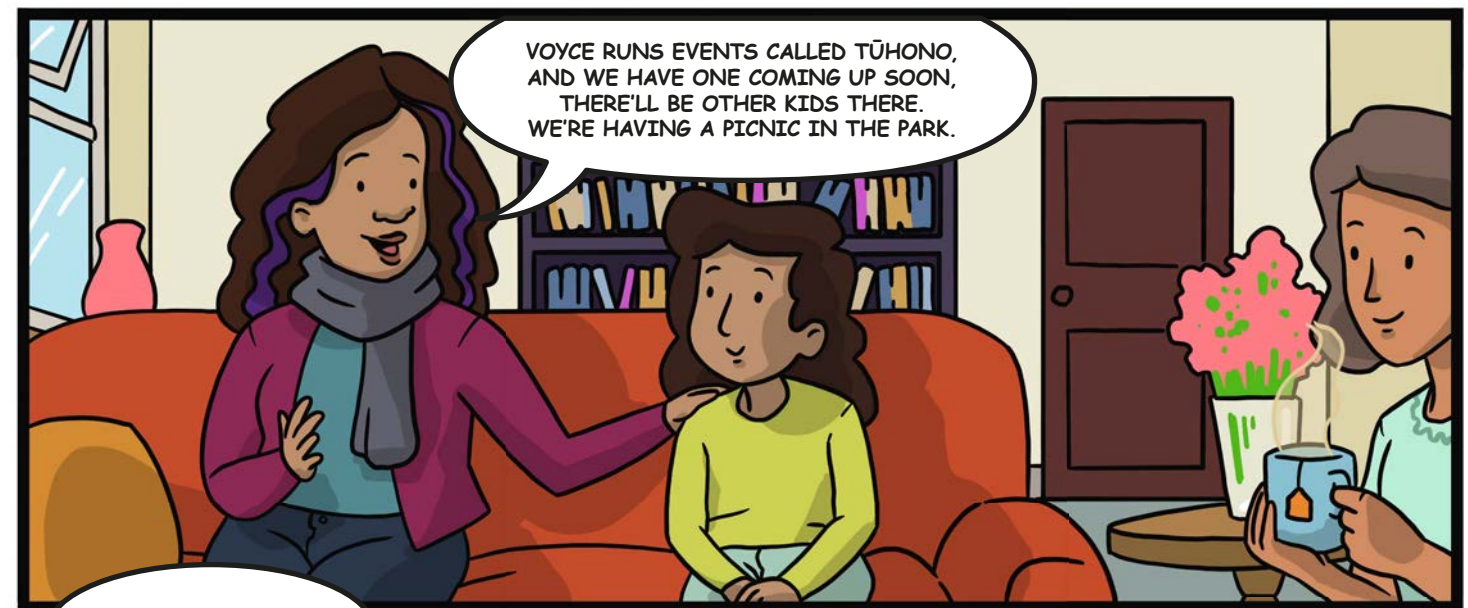


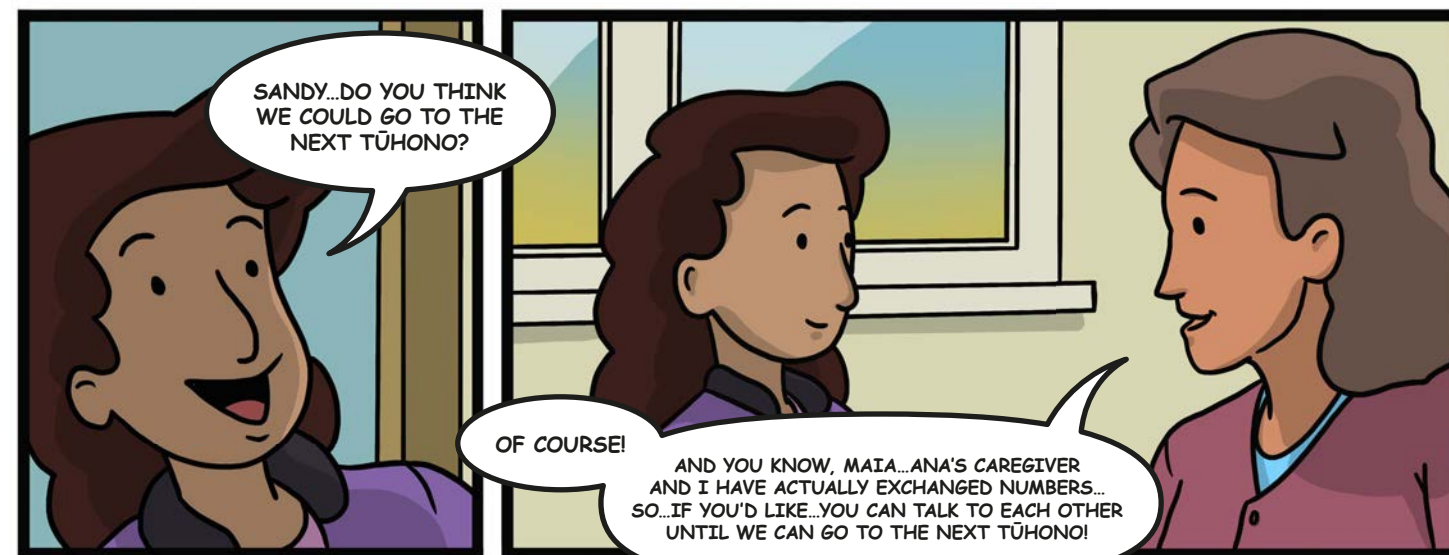
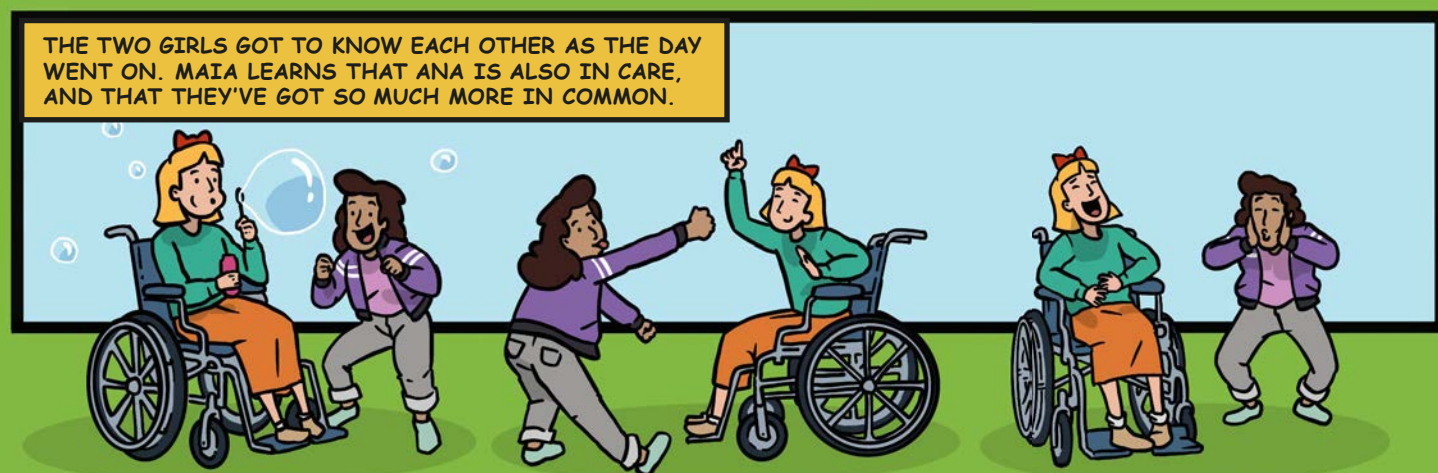
THERE'S SOME PEOPLE FROM VOYCE - WHAKARONGO MAI THAT ARE GOING TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU GUYS SOON.

DON'T WORRY MAIA, I'M SURE THEY WILL BE NICE.









SOMETIME LATER...

ARE YOU COMING TO THE VOYCE POOL PARTY NEXT WEEK? SANDY SAID WE CAN GO AFTER MY SOCCER CLASS!

I SURE AM!
I LOVE SWIMMING!

YAY! I CAN'T WAIT
TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

VOYCE
WHAKARONGO MAI



Kia ora!

Do you want a Kaiwhakamana just like Sarah?

At VOYCE - Whakarongo Mai, it's our job to listen to young people in care and help them to have their voices heard.

We were created by young people who used to be in care and know how hard it can be sometimes, they wanted things to be better for young people just like you. Maia wanted help from her Kaiwhakamana to meet people who were in care just like her, but you can ask your Kaiwhakamana to help you with heaps of different stuff!

VOYCE is independent to the Government and Oranga Tamariki, we're just here to work for young people in care.

We have teams all around NZ!

Take a look at this map, which shows where our teams have offices (in 2021). If you don't see a stamp near where you live, our Kaiwhakamana love to drive and can travel to visit you.

To talk to a Kaiwhakamana, call **0800 4VOYCE (0800 486 923)** or you can email us at contactus@voyce.org.nz we can't wait to hear from you!



What can VOYCE help me with?

Supporting you in decisions being made about your care and making sure what you want is being listened to. We might also help with:

- ✓ Seeing your siblings, getting your pocket money
- ✓ Helping you to be heard at a Family Group Conference or whānau hui
- ✓ What you want to do when you leave care
- ✓ Supporting you in Youth Justice or Residences



What happens if I call or email VOYCE?

You'll chat with a friendly Kaiwhakamana. They will ask for your name, which region you're in and what the best way to get in touch with you is. Then after the call they'll find the best Kaiwhakamana for where you live and that person will call you back to sort out a catch up.

What happens if I change my mind?

That's totally fine! If you think that you don't want to be in touch with VOYCE, you can just let your Kaiwhakamana know. You don't have to do anything you don't feel comfortable with, and it's OK if you decide you want to get back in touch again later too.



What is a tūhono and how do I get involved?

Tūhono means connection, and it's the name of fun events that Kaiwhakamana organise. It's a chance for you to meet other young people in care, and do lots of different fun things, sometimes it's a pool party, sometimes just pizza and chill!

But you're always welcome! You don't have to know VOYCE already to come, and we put up posters on our VOYCE Instagram and Facebook when we have something coming up that you might want to keep an eye on.

Get in touch with us!

Call free **0800 4VOYCE (0800 486 923)**
or you can email us at **contactus@voyce.org.nz**
or visit the website **voyce.org.nz/contact-us**

We can't wait to hear from you!

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