

CIPTA

CREATE!

BASED ON A
CHARACTER CREATED
BY RIZKA!



Hi everyone,

I'm Rizka and I'm so excited to share with you my very first professional comic book!

I'm an 18-year-old student and illustrator from Indonesia determined to end bullying. As you may already know from experience, bullying is a common and serious problem happening all over the world. And all too often we find ourselves, and those around us, afraid to speak up.

That is why I created Cipta, a 15-year-old superhero who uses the power of art to stand up against bullying. As a shy girl myself I truly hope she can inspire others, especially those afraid to speak up, to overcome their fears and use their superpowers to stop bullying- whether it's through drawing, writing, activism or singing.

I still can't believe that my superhero, Cipta, won the School Superhero Comic Contest. I am so grateful for the opportunity to contribute to building a safe and peaceful world.

Thanks to the help and support of DeCheser Media, UNICEF, Comics Uniting Nations and Gabriel Picolo, I get to share with you my story.

I hope you enjoy,

Rizka



Cipta: Create!

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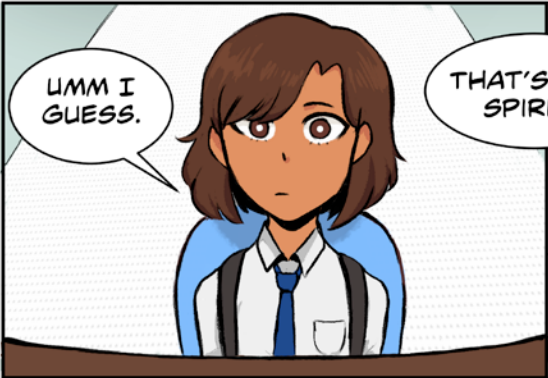
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*In loving memory of **Antonius Martono**, one of UNICEF's own superheroes dedicated to improving the lives of children.*



WELL HELLO THERE, WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU! WELCOME TO YOUR NEW SCHOOL.

WE HAVE A LOT IN STORE FOR YOU HERE. ARE YOU READY?



UMM I GUESS.

THAT'S THE SPIRIT!



WELL HERE YOU GO. YOUR FIRST CLASS HAS ALREADY STARTED, IT'S RIGHT DOWN THE HALL.



THANKS.

WELL OFF YOU GO NOW. ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T NEED ANYONE TO SHOW YOU THE WAY?

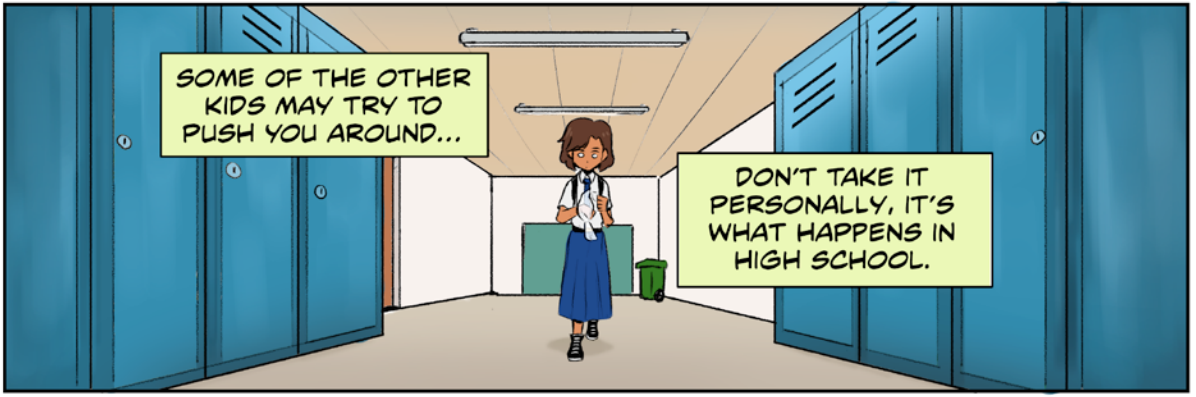


NO, THANKS.

I'VE GOTTEN MYSELF THIS FAR ON MY OWN.

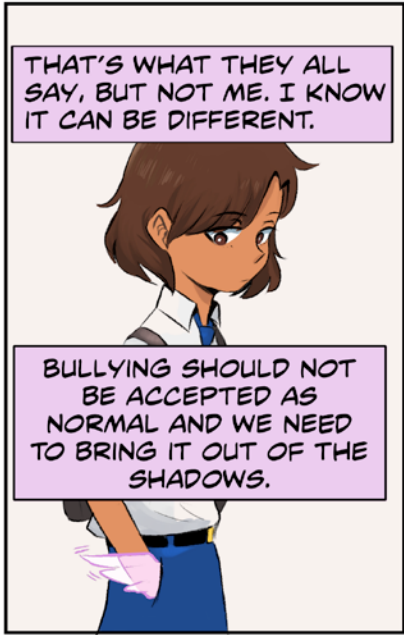


VERY WELL THEN. AND RAJWA...



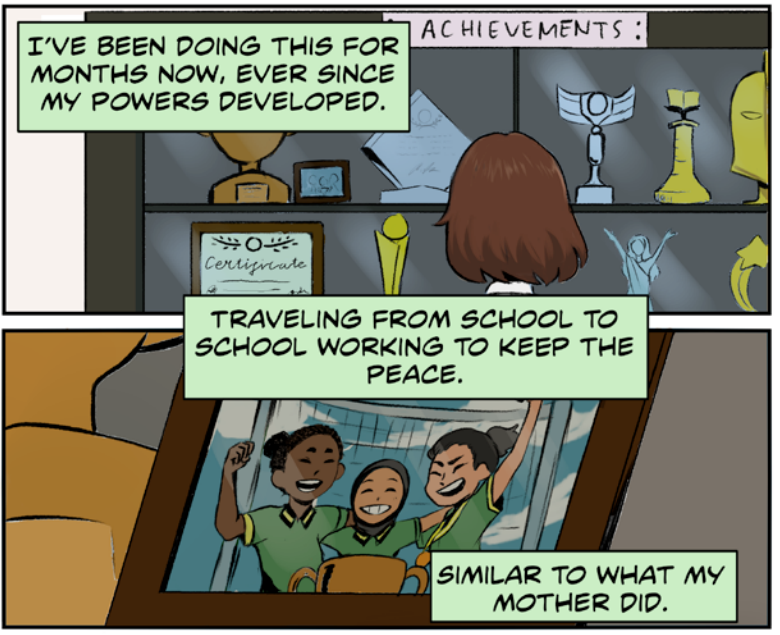
SOME OF THE OTHER KIDS MAY TRY TO PUSH YOU AROUND...

DON'T TAKE IT PERSONALLY, IT'S WHAT HAPPENS IN HIGH SCHOOL.



THAT'S WHAT THEY ALL SAY, BUT NOT ME. I KNOW IT CAN BE DIFFERENT.

BULLYING SHOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED AS NORMAL AND WE NEED TO BRING IT OUT OF THE SHADOWS.



I'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR MONTHS NOW, EVER SINCE MY POWERS DEVELOPED.

ACHIEVEMENTS :

TRAVELING FROM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL WORKING TO KEEP THE PEACE.

SIMILAR TO WHAT MY MOTHER DID.



...ALONG WITH HER SAME UNIQUE GIFTS.

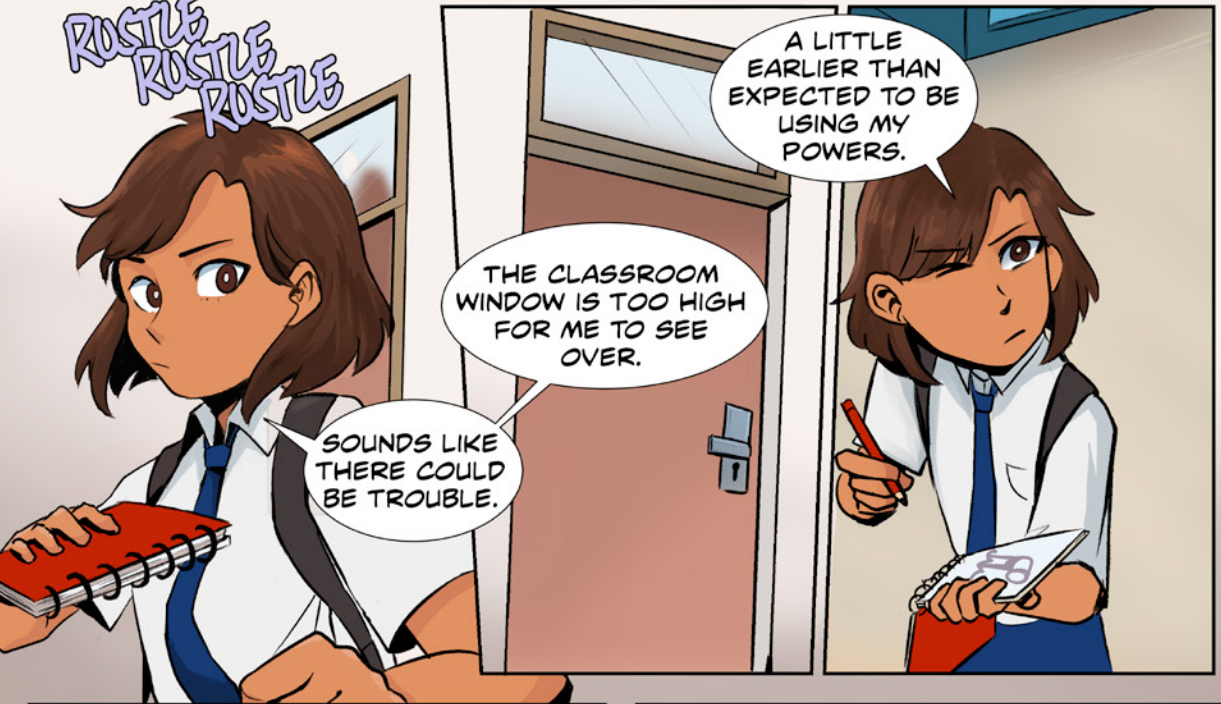
SHE WAS A JOURNALIST WHO USED HER POWERS FOR GOOD. THERE ARE TERRIBLE SHADOWS THAT SEEM TO TAKE OVER PEOPLE, MAKING THEM TREAT OTHERS BADLY.

PEOPLE LOVED HER FOR STANDING UP FOR JUSTICE AND BRINGING WHAT HIDES IN THE SHADOWS TO LIGHT.



I LOVED HER AS WELL AND WE WERE VERY HAPPY, THAT WAS UNTIL...

ROSTLE
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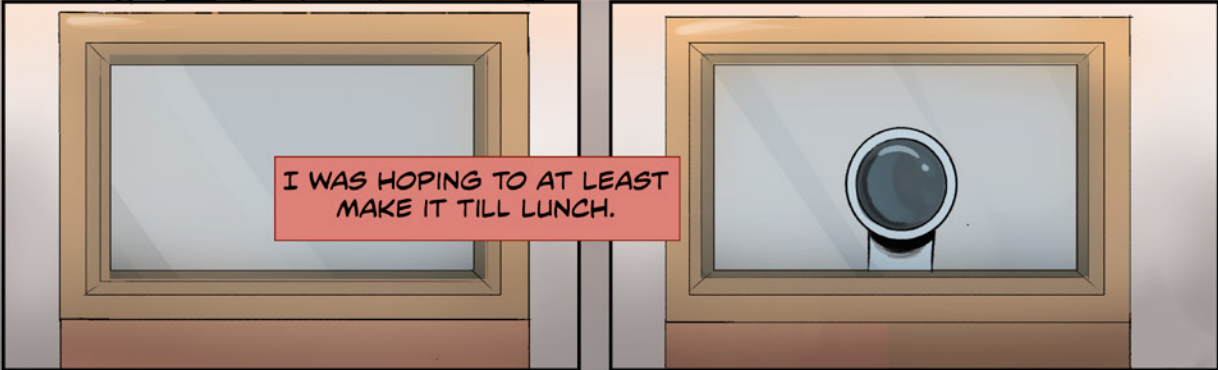


SOUNDS LIKE THERE COULD BE TROUBLE.

THE CLASSROOM WINDOW IS TOO HIGH FOR ME TO SEE OVER.

A LITTLE EARLIER THAN EXPECTED TO BE USING MY POWERS.

I WAS HOPING TO AT LEAST MAKE IT TILL LUNCH.

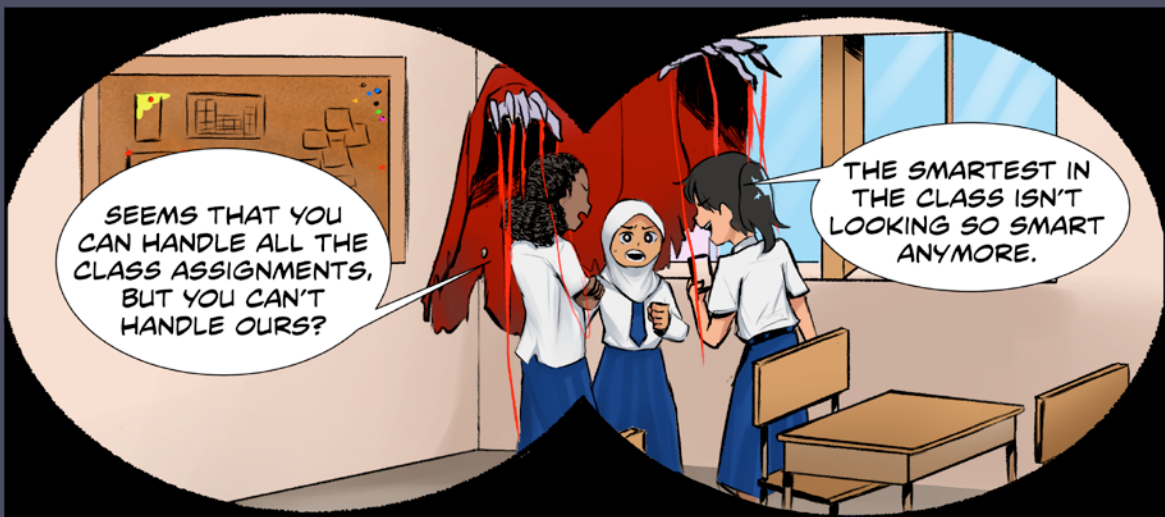


PLEASE WHAT DID I DO TO YOU? WHY ARE YOU BEING SO MEAN?

SEEMS I GOT HERE JUST IN TIME.



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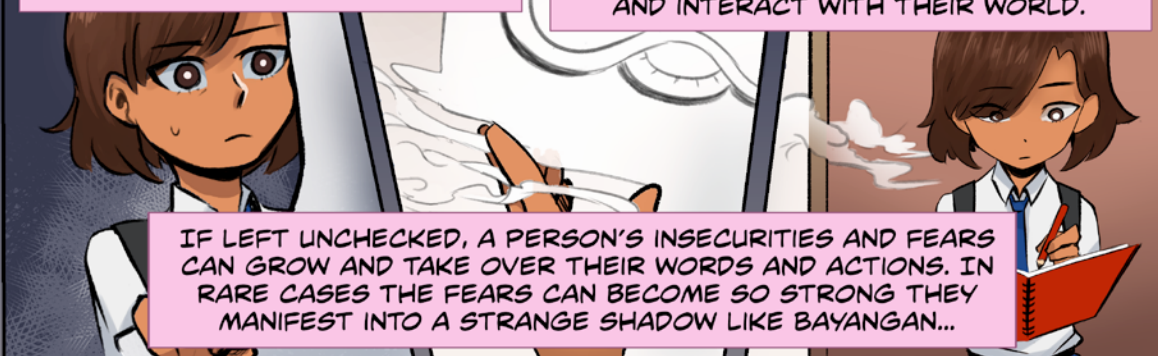


SEEMS THAT YOU CAN HANDLE ALL THE CLASS ASSIGNMENTS, BUT YOU CAN'T HANDLE OURS?

THE SMARTEST IN THE CLASS ISN'T LOOKING SO SMART ANYMORE.

THIS IS WORSE THAN I THOUGHT. BAYANGAN SEEM TO BE EVERYWHERE THESE DAYS.

BAYANGAN EXIST IN A WORLD IN BETWEEN OUR OWN, NOT VISIBLE TO THE HUMAN EYE BUT MY POWERS ALLOW ME TO SEE AND INTERACT WITH THEIR WORLD.



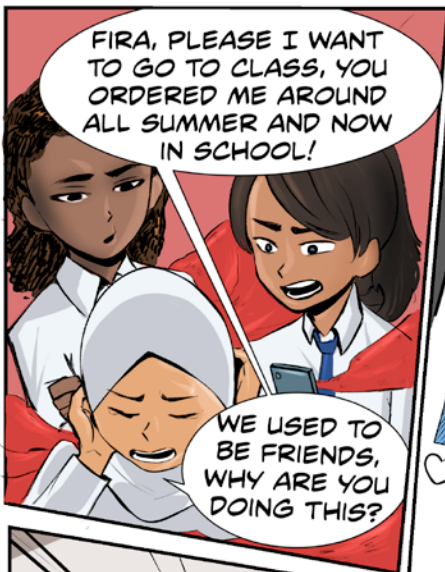
IF LEFT UNCHECKED, A PERSON'S INSECURITIES AND FEARS CAN GROW AND TAKE OVER THEIR WORDS AND ACTIONS. IN RARE CASES THE FEARS CAN BECOME SO STRONG THEY MANIFEST INTO A STRANGE SHADOW LIKE BAYANGAN...

MY MOM ALWAYS USED TO SAY TWO THINGS. THE BEST WAY TO ELIMINATE THE FEAR IS TO GET TO THE ROOT OF WHY IT'S THERE...

SOMETHING I REALLY NEED TO KEEP REMINDING MYSELF RIGHT NOW.

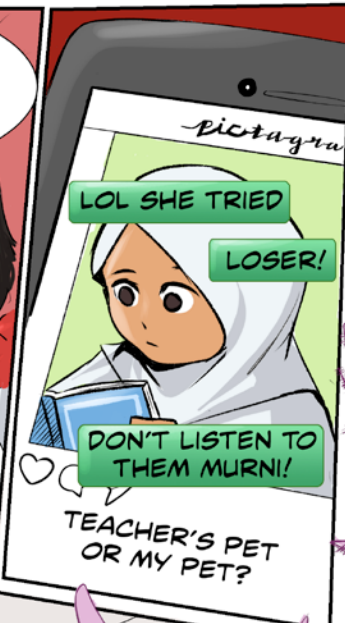


AND TO ALWAYS DRESS FOR THE OCCASION!



FIRA, PLEASE I WANT TO GO TO CLASS, YOU ORDERED ME AROUND ALL SUMMER AND NOW IN SCHOOL!

WE USED TO BE FRIENDS, WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?



LOL SHE TRIED

LOSER!

DON'T LISTEN TO THEM MURNI!

TEACHER'S PET OR MY PET?

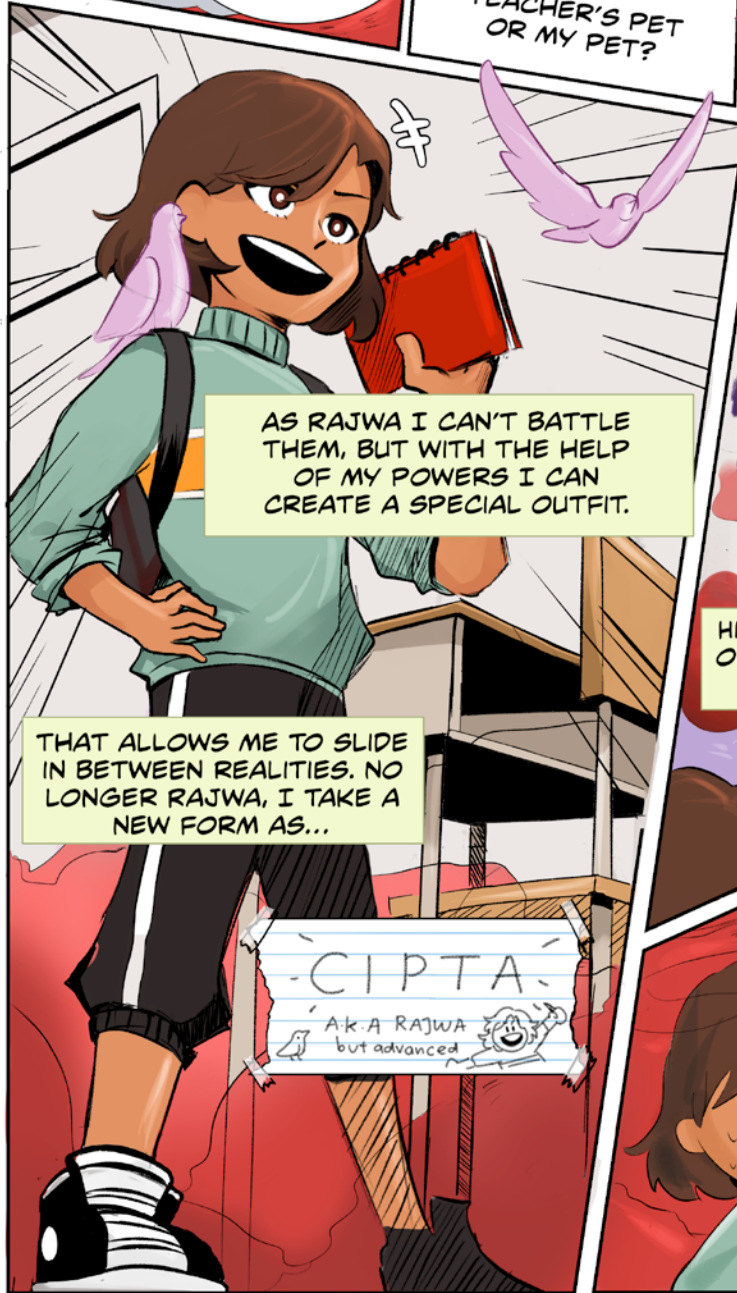


BAYANGAN

[The Shadows]

Flutter!

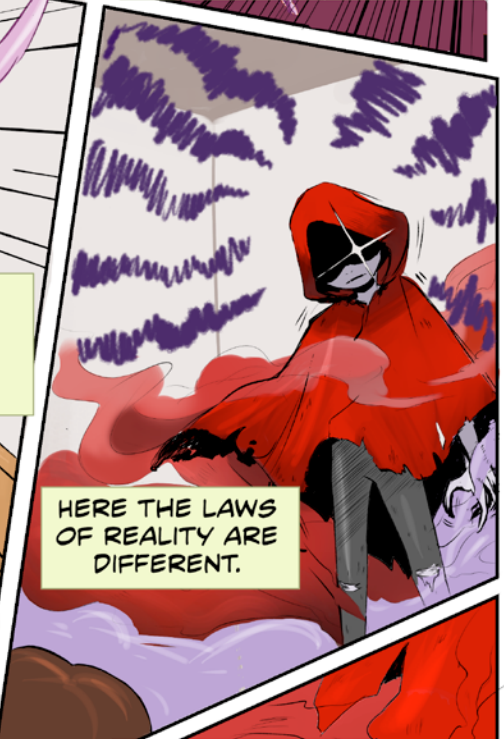
CIPTA UNLEASHES A FLOCK OF PAPER DOVES TO DISTRACT THE BAYANGAN!



AS RAJWA I CAN'T BATTLE THEM, BUT WITH THE HELP OF MY POWERS I CAN CREATE A SPECIAL OUTFIT.

THAT ALLOWS ME TO SLIDE IN BETWEEN REALITIES. NO LONGER RAJWA, I TAKE A NEW FORM AS...

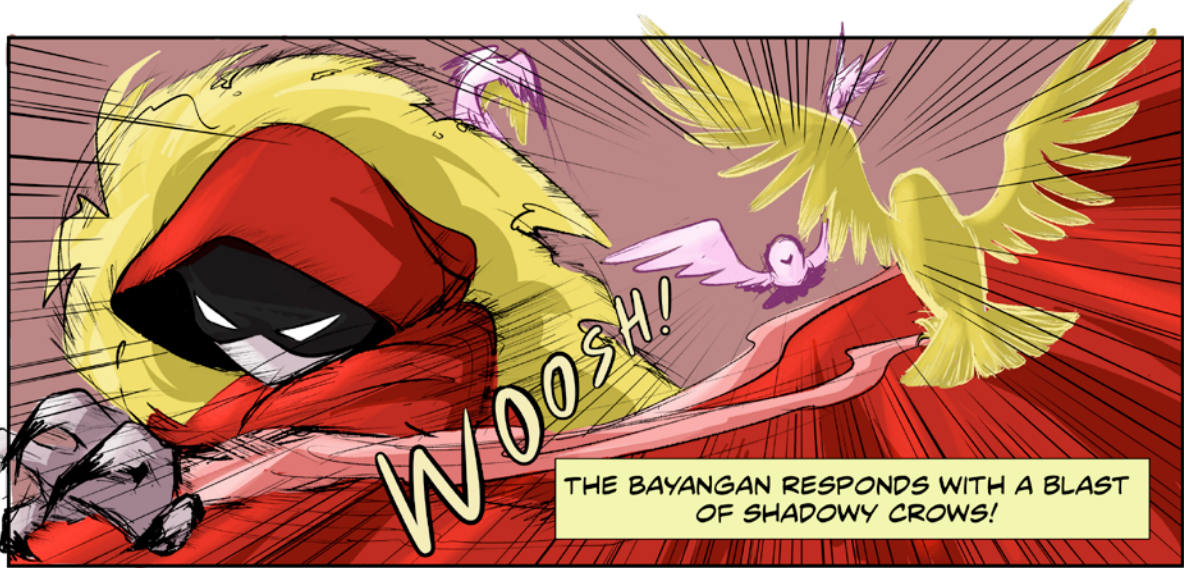
CIPTA
Aka RAJWA but advanced



HERE THE LAWS OF REALITY ARE DIFFERENT.

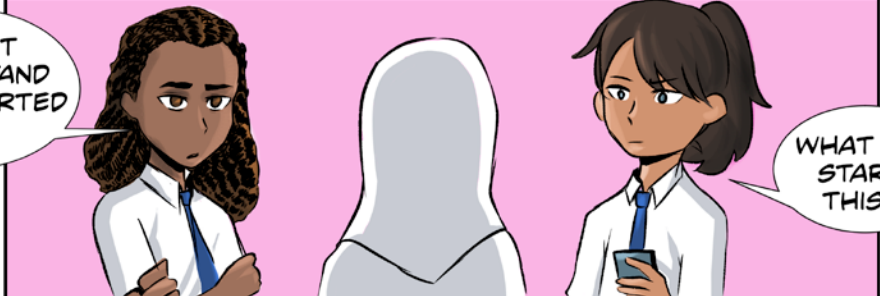
THE GIRLS WILL REMAIN COMPLETELY UNAWARE... MUST BE NICE.





THE BAYANGAN RESPONDS WITH A BLAST OF SHADOWY CROWS!

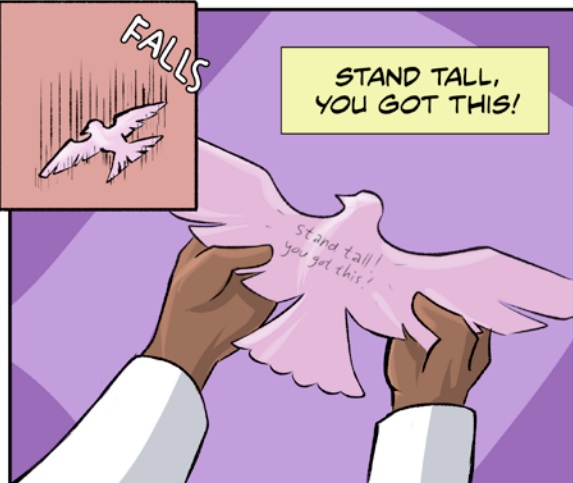
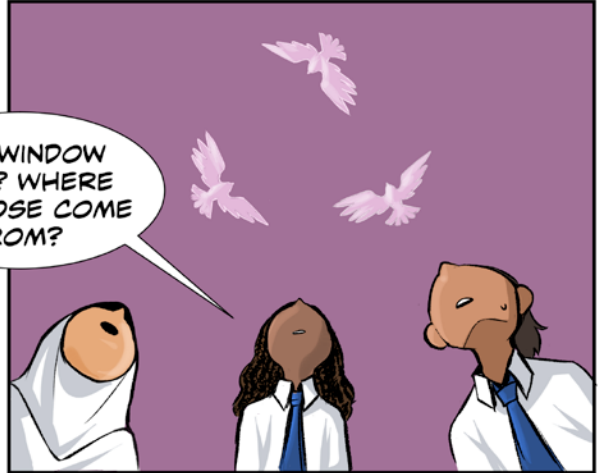
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT STARTED THIS.



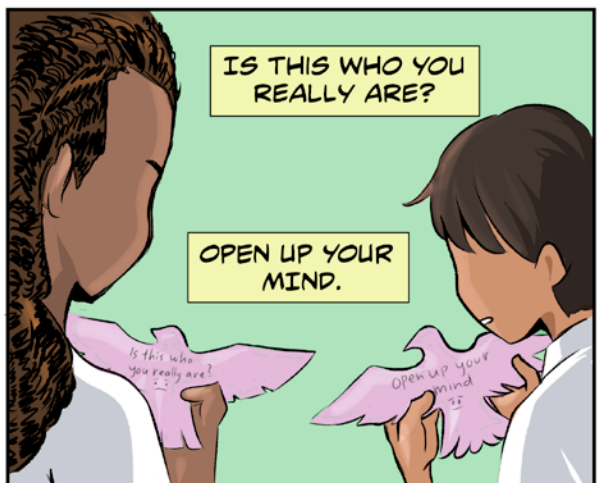
WHAT DID START THIS?



IS A WINDOW OPEN? WHERE DID THOSE COME FROM?

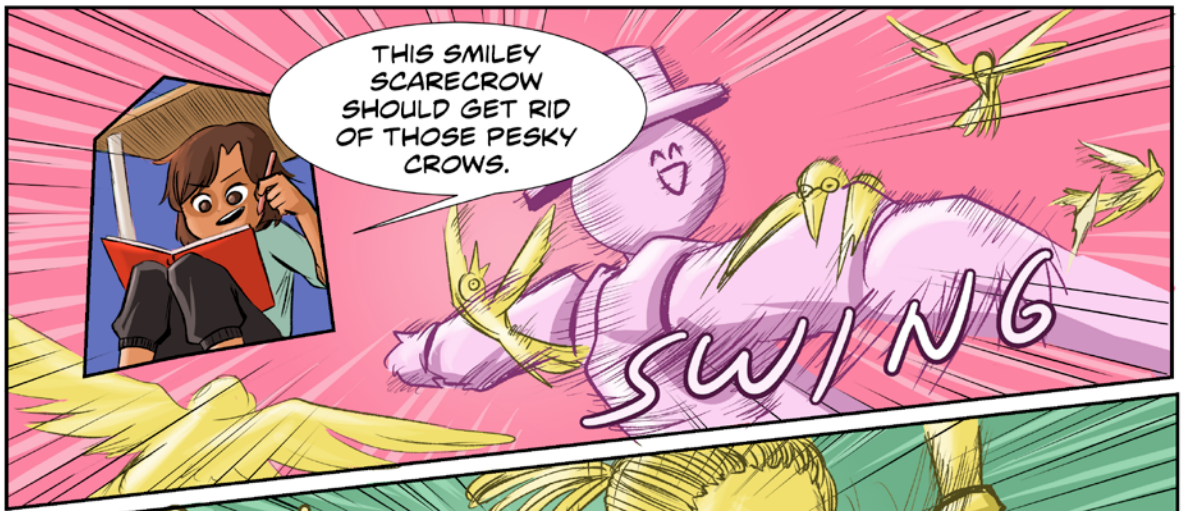


STAND TALL, YOU GOT THIS!

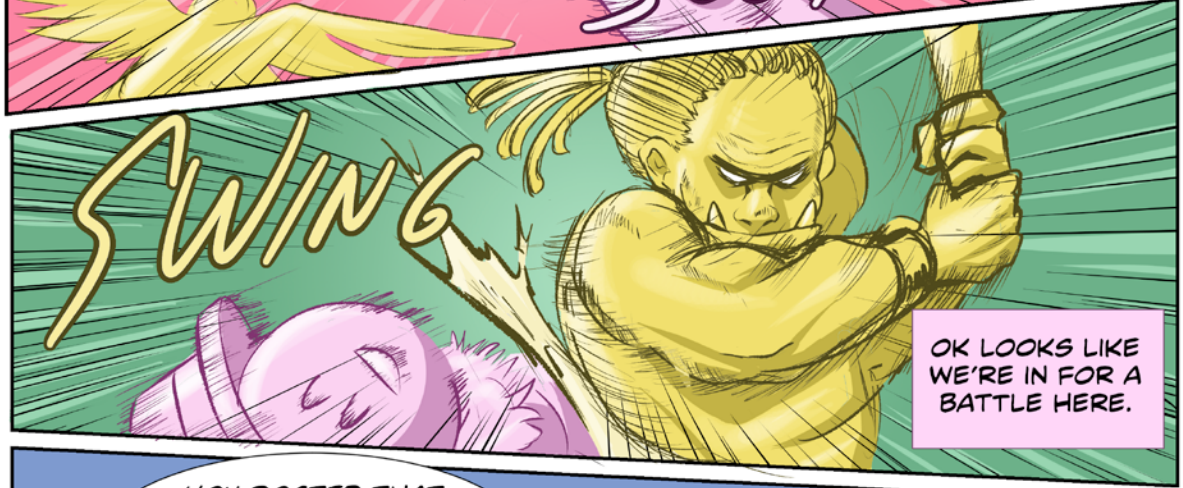


IS THIS WHO YOU REALLY ARE?

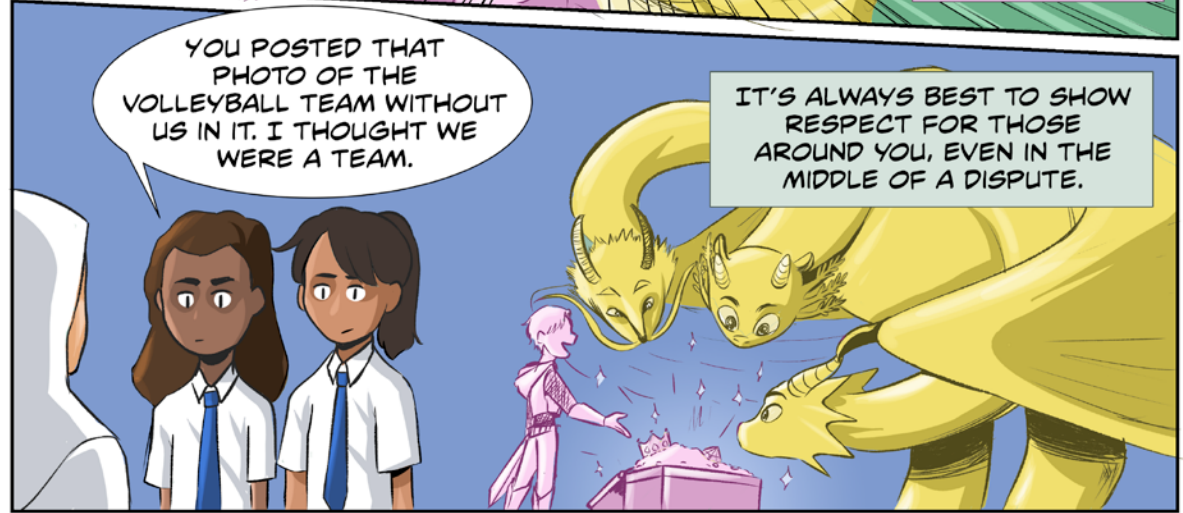
OPEN UP YOUR MIND.



THIS SMILEY SCARECROW SHOULD GET RID OF THOSE PESKY CROWS.

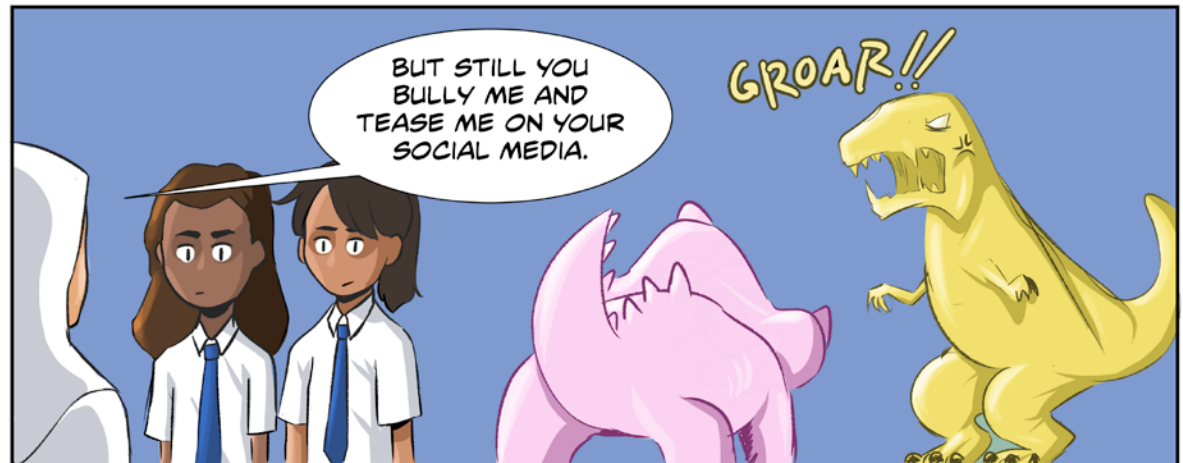


OK LOOKS LIKE WE'RE IN FOR A BATTLE HERE.



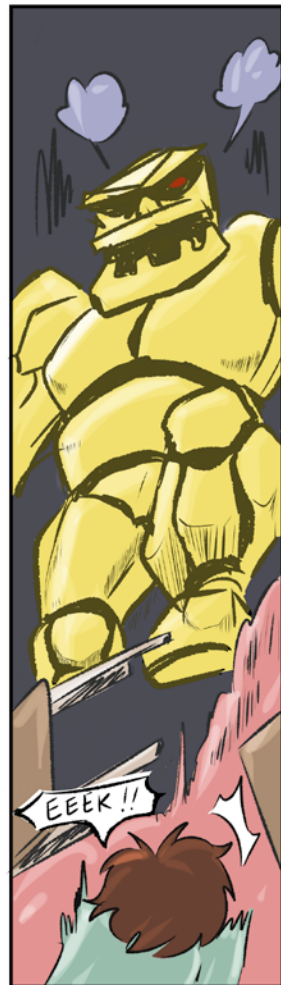
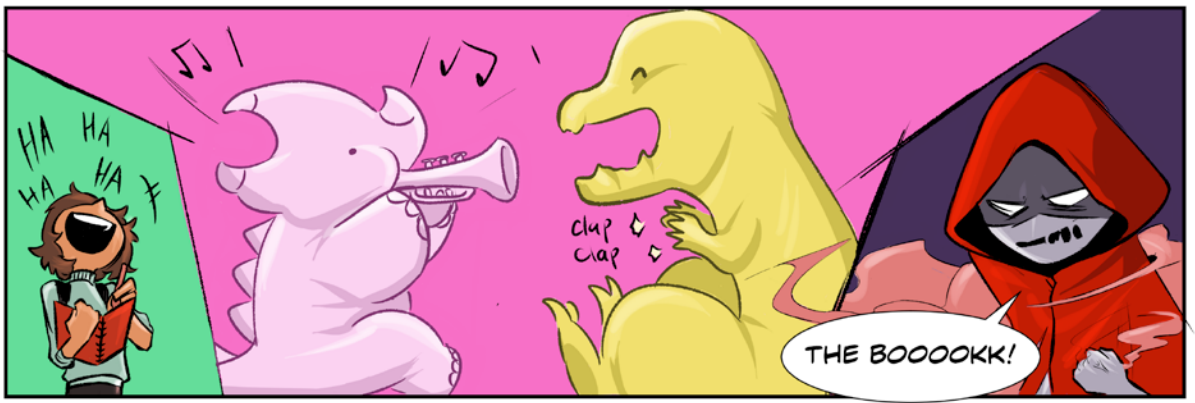
YOU POSTED THAT PHOTO OF THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM WITHOUT US IN IT. I THOUGHT WE WERE A TEAM.

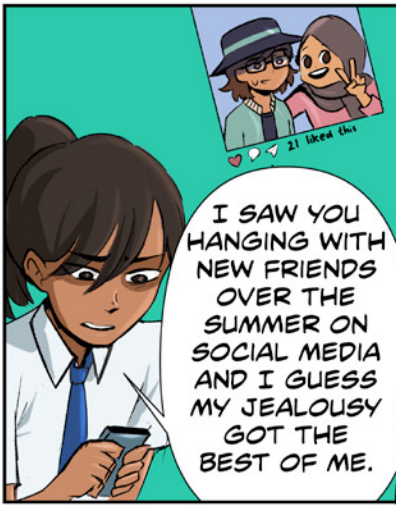
IT'S ALWAYS BEST TO SHOW RESPECT FOR THOSE AROUND YOU, EVEN IN THE MIDDLE OF A DISPUTE.



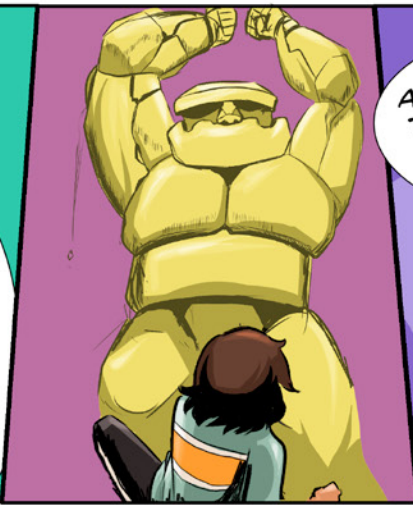
BUT STILL YOU BULLY ME AND TEASE ME ON YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA.

GROAR!!

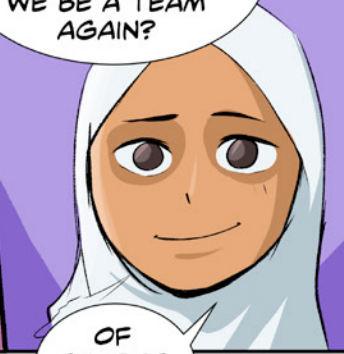




I SAW YOU HANGING WITH NEW FRIENDS OVER THE SUMMER ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND I GUESS MY JEALOUSY GOT THE BEST OF ME.



YOU WERE ALWAYS A GREAT TEAMMATE. CAN WE BE A TEAM AGAIN?



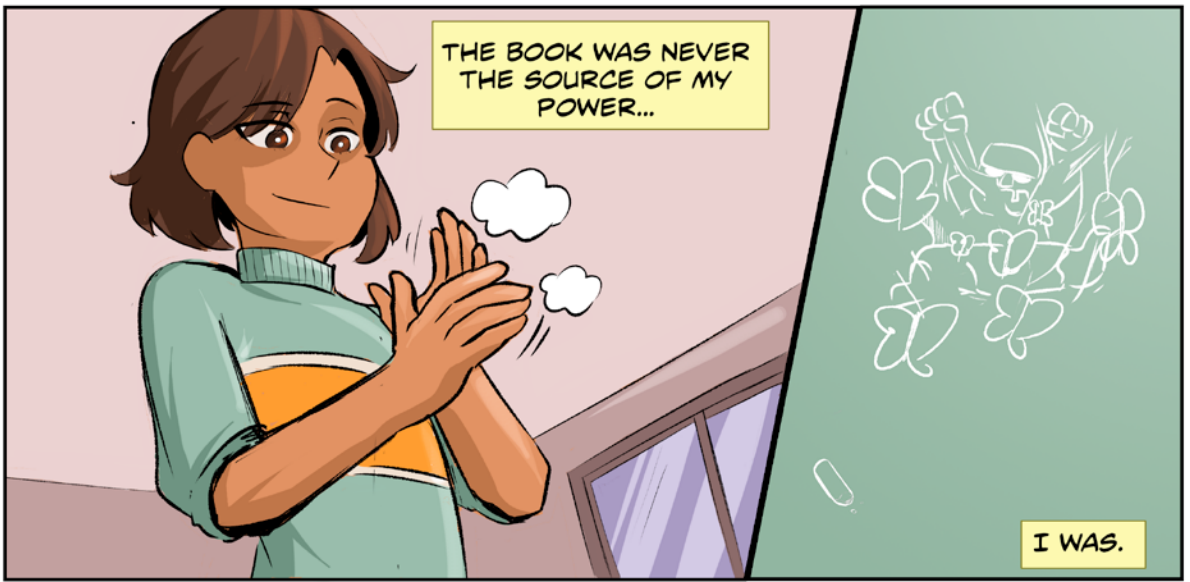
OF COURSE WE CAN.



NOW THAT'S MORE LIKE IT.

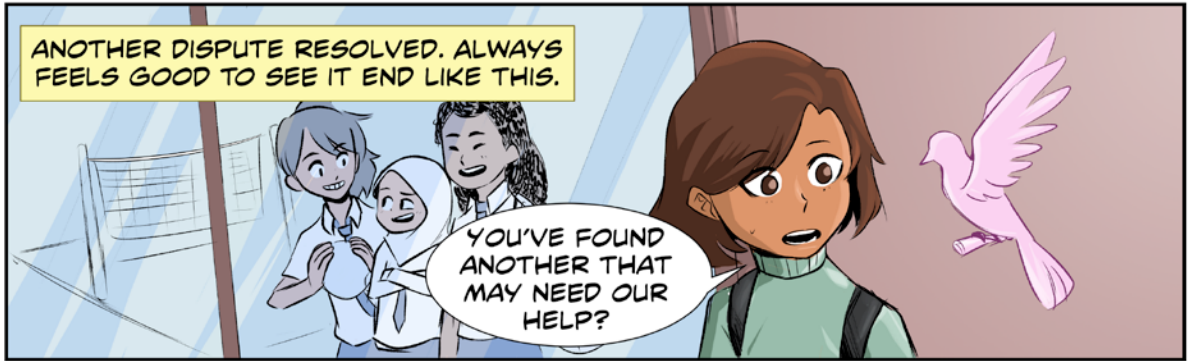
BUT THE BOOKKKK!





THE BOOK WAS NEVER THE SOURCE OF MY POWER...

I WAS.



ANOTHER DISPUTE RESOLVED. ALWAYS FEELS GOOD TO SEE IT END LIKE THIS.

YOU'VE FOUND ANOTHER THAT MAY NEED OUR HELP?



LOOKS LIKE THERE'S STILL WORK TO DO!



School Superhero Comic Contest



This comic is inspired by and dedicated to the young heroes working to #ENDviolence in and around schools through artwork and activism.

The School Superhero Comic Contest asked children and young people to submit a superhero that can #ENDviolence in schools and keep students safe to learn.

After 3,600 superheroes were submitted from 140 countries, a selection committee, including influential comic artist Gabriel Picolo, chose 8 finalists. After 23.1k votes online, the world chose the winner:

Rizka, an 18-year-old anti-bullying activist and illustrator from Indonesia, and her superhero Cipta!

The thousands of superheroes young people designed varied in artistic style, origin stories and powers, and yet had one thing in common: the overwhelming message that violence in schools is never acceptable. We all have a responsibility to channel our inner Cipta and take action.

Learn more at the School Superhero Comic Contest website:
<https://uni.cf/SSCC-en>



Seven ways you can help end violence in schools

So many amazing superheroes were created by young people around the world, using their creativity to inspire positive change in our schools. Inspired by the finalist's superheroes, here are six ways you can help end violence in schools.

1. Pay attention. Don't let violence fall under the radar. Spot the signs, like threats of violence, insults, presence of weapons or someone sitting alone. And when you do, report it immediately to trusted authorities, adults and peers, like your teachers, guidance counselors, school security or parents.

How!

Superpower: Super sight and hearing abilities

Creator: 22-year-old Axel from Ecuador



2. Speak up! When you are facing violence or seeing it happen to others, quickly find a safe place, and speak up. When we report these behaviors to the right people, and as early as possible, it's one step closer to making things better.

Verda aka Liberty Voice

Superpower: Microphone abilities

Creator: 17-year-old Habiba from Egypt



3. Get creative. Whether it's using art, music or activism, use your inner talents to speak up against violence in your school, in your community or online. Speaking up isn't just about raising your voice, it's using your inner strengths to make the world a better place.

Althea

Superpower: Transformation of music

Creator: 12-year-old Annika from the Philippines





4. Reflect on your own behaviors. How are you contributing to violence in schools? Are you spreading negative comments online, watching people get pushed around or laughing at someone being insulted? Take a deep honest look at how your behaviors can affect others, it might be time for change.

Riposte

Superpower: Mirror abilities

Creator: 19-year-old Andrej from Serbia

5. Empower others. Remind people of their potential to be kinder. When you see someone saying something mean, speak to them, help them discover the different ways they could have handled the situation. Sometimes we all just need someone to show us the better person we can be.

iV and Ont

Superpower: Interdimensional and alternate reality travel

Creator: 22-year-old Jorge from Ecuador



6. Empathize. Before you judge someone, and act in response, take time to really think- what if you were them? Then, when you respond, do it the way you'd like to be responded to- with kindness and understanding. You'll realize how much more you both have in common.

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Superpower: Temporarily switch people's places

Creator: 12-year-old Nergiz from Greece



7. Show support. When you witness violence, show the victim your support. Give them a hug, send them a funny video, share a message of support online, or just talk with them. Life can be very difficult, but it's the kind and supportive people out there that can help make it better. Words and gestures make a difference.

Milo

Superpower: Turns written words into energy and action

Creator: 15-year-old Christina from the United States



In 2015, the United Nations launched the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to end extreme poverty, fight inequality and injustice and tackle climate change by 2030.

By adopting the SDGs, the United Nations also agreed to #ENDviolence against children, including in and around schools:



GOAL 4: QUALITY EDUCATION

Target 4.a Provide and improve education facilities that are accessible to children regardless of disability and gender and to provide a safe, non-violent, inclusive and effective learning environment for everyone.



GOAL 16: PEACE, JUSTICE, AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

Target 16.2 End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against children.

To achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the United Nations also recognized:



- Children and youth are critical agents of change for the creation of a better world.
- The future of humanity and of our planet lies in the hands of today's younger generation who will pass the torch to future generations.

To see what young people say about ending violence in around schools read the Youth Manifesto here:

<https://www.unicef.org/end-violence/youth-manifesto>

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