

CHAPTER 2 A BIG CATCH



Zach caught two little fish.

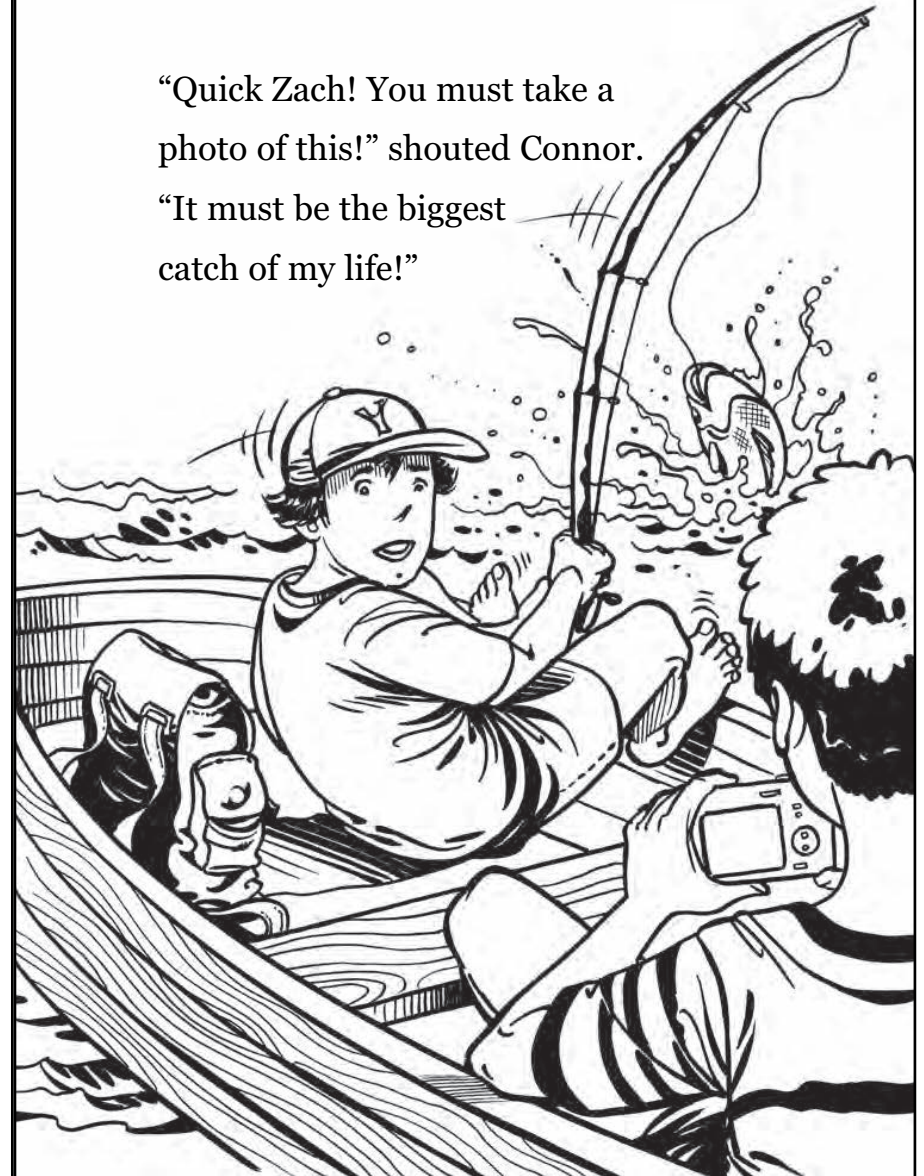
But Connor caught one very big fish.



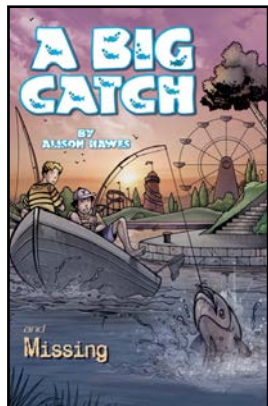
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“Quick Zach! You must take a photo of this!” shouted Connor.

“It must be the biggest catch of my life!”



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He goes to talk to his mother.
She is washing down the trailer.

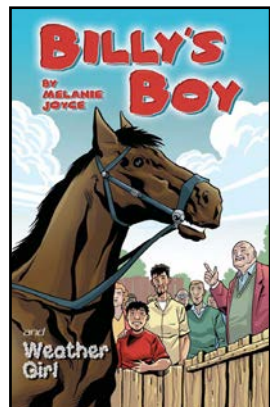


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There is a horse fair in two weeks.
Mum says Billy must ask his dad.



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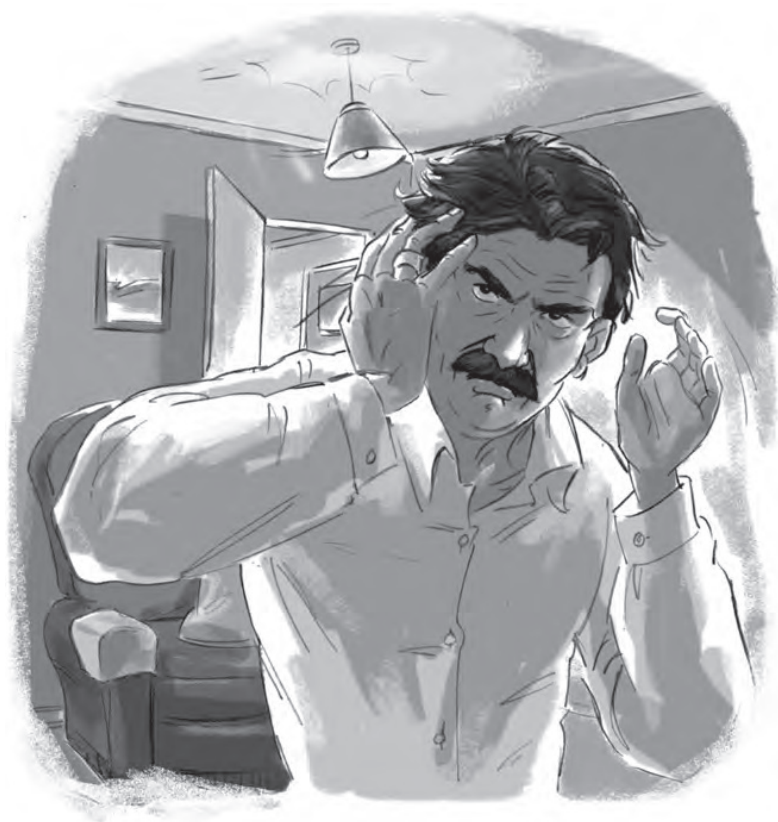


Deyda has one last link with his African home. It is his djembe drum.
Deyda plays his drum all the time!
It makes him happy.

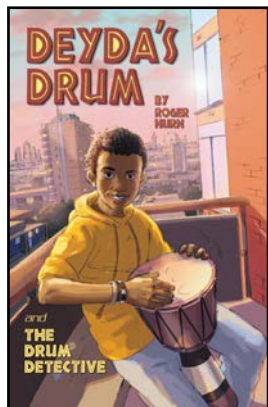


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But the man in the flat below hates Deyda's drumming.
It is driving him crazy!



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The fair was busy. There were happy children and laughing teenagers. They were all having fun. Karl liked it when the fair was busy. His family made good money. He thought making people happy was a good job. But if it rained, nobody came. Then it was a boring job and Karl's mum and dad looked worried.



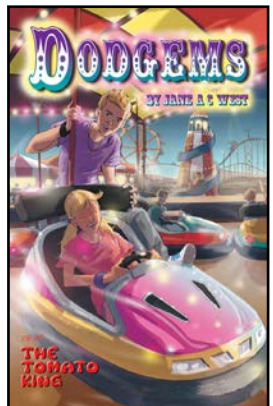
CHAPTER 2 WORKING ON THE DODGEMS



Karl's job was to take the fares on the Dodgems. He had to be very quick! Some people drove the Dodgems to bang into other cars. Some people tried to drive out of their way. It was a lot of fun.

Karl jumped on the back of the Dodgems to take the fares.

His work was from lunchtime until the fair closed at night. It was hard work.

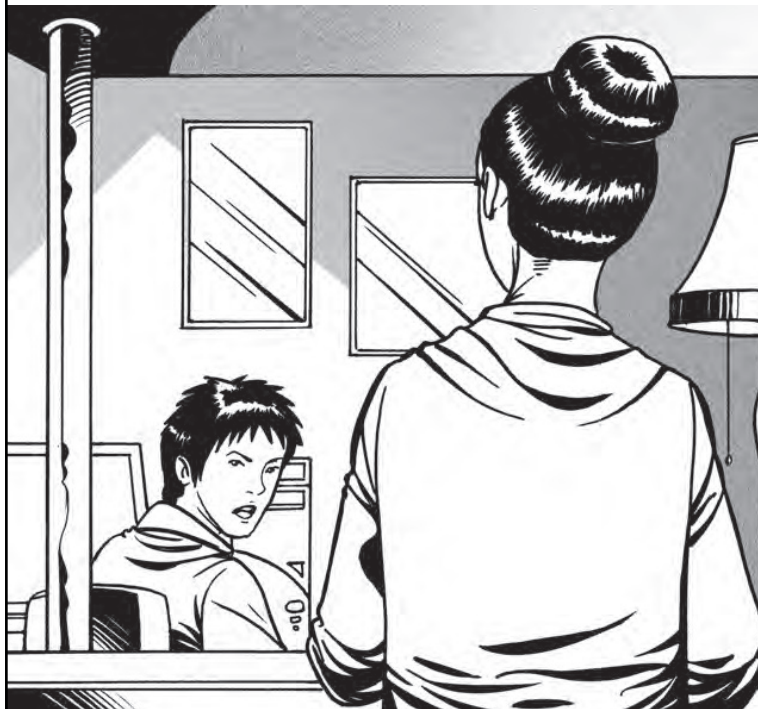


“Wei, come over here and help me make dinner,” said his Mum.

Wei shook his head. “I can’t help you, Mum. I am busy.”

“What are you doing?” asked his Mum.

“I am working on my game,” said Wei. “And it is not going very well. I cannot get this bit to work.”



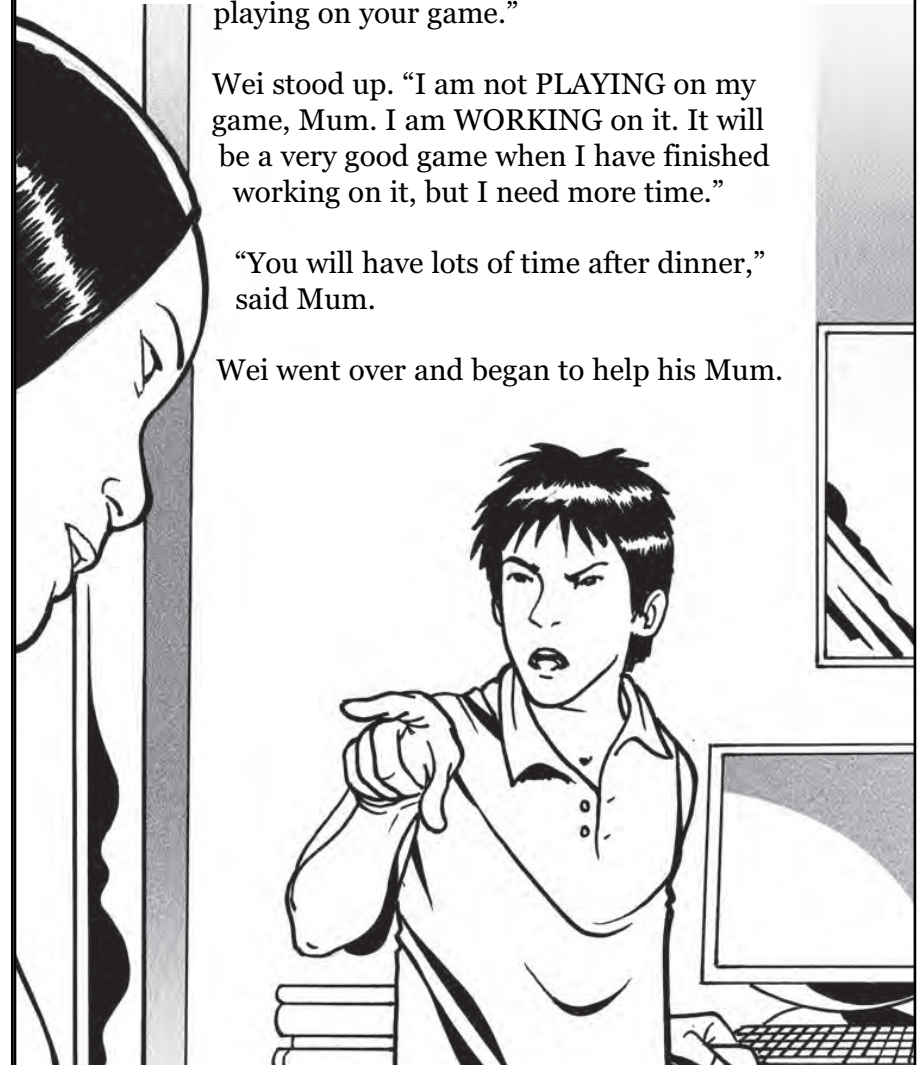
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His Mum shook her head. “You are always playing on your game.”

Wei stood up. “I am not **PLAYING** on my game, Mum. I am **WORKING** on it. It will be a very good game when I have finished working on it, but I need more time.”

“You will have lots of time after dinner,” said Mum.

Wei went over and began to help his Mum.



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They saw Aban.

“Come and play football with us!”

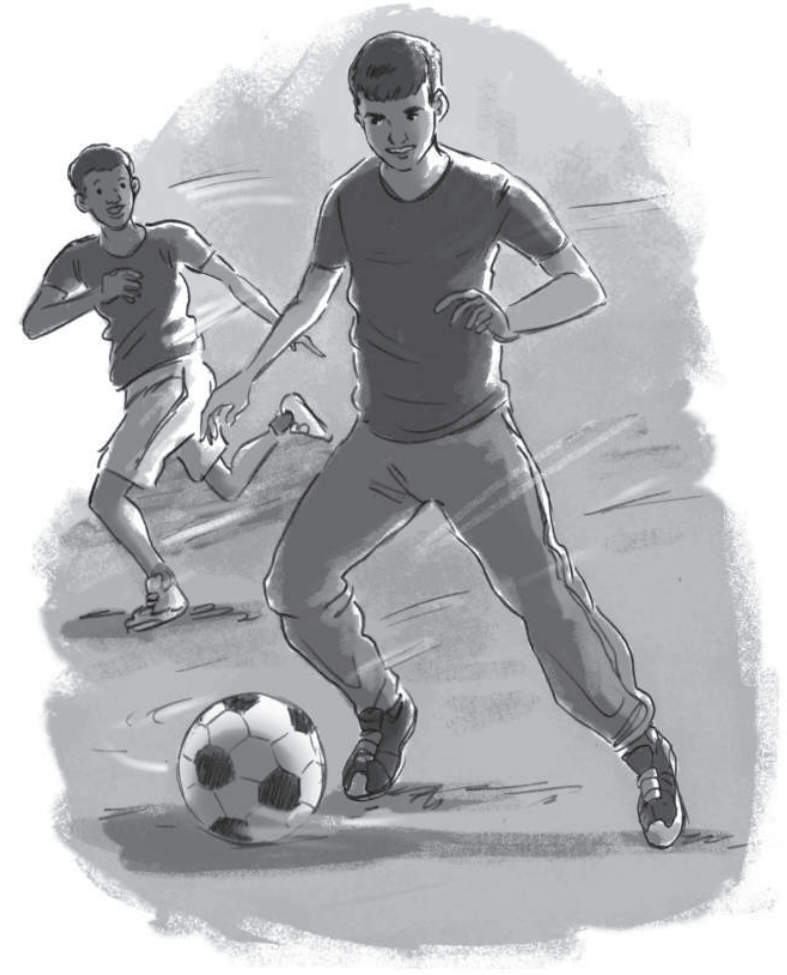
Aban smiled. “Football!”



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Aban got the ball.

He ran very fast.



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Atash and Gulnar were from Afghanistan.
They had been in Britain a short time.

They were both very good at basketball.

They were the best basketball players at
Greenwood school.

They had become the school team's basketball
stars!

Since they had arrived at Greenwood, the
basketball team had done very well.



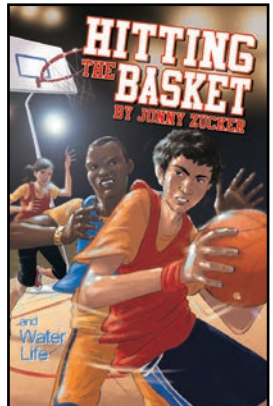
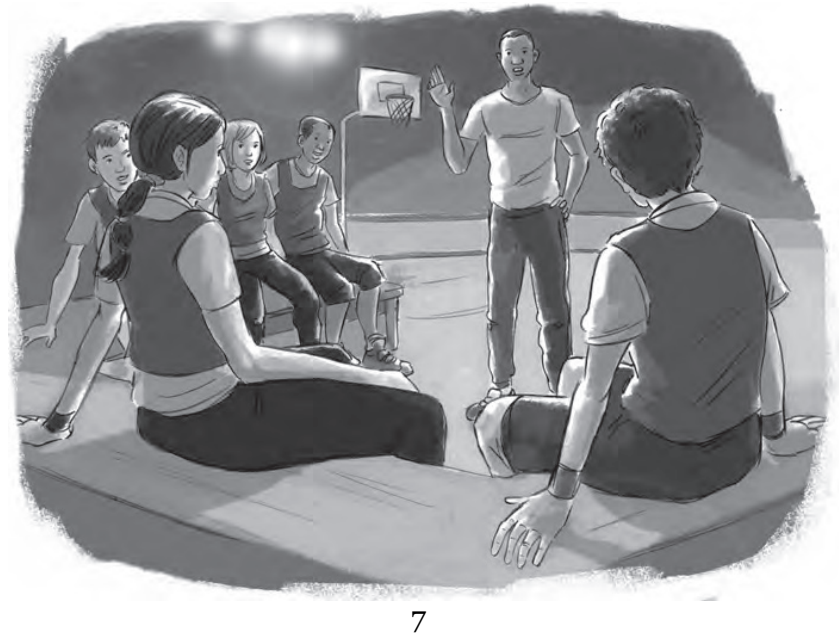
“Well done for reaching the basketball cup
final,” said their coach, Mr Reed.

Atash and Gulnar were both very excited
about reaching the final.

“But the final will be hard,” said Mr Reed.
“You will be playing Mayland School.”

Atash and Gulnar had been told about
Mayland.

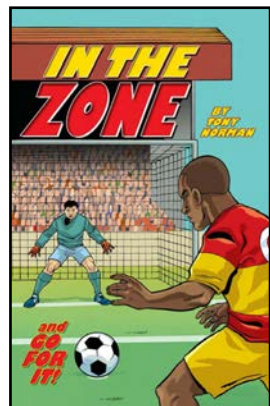
Mayland were a very good team.
Mayland were a fantastic team!



Callum has a dream.

One day he will be a top star.

A star striker for City.



Chapter 1 The Competition



It was nearly Diwali.

Malika was building a rocket

“Is it for Diwali?” asked Imran.

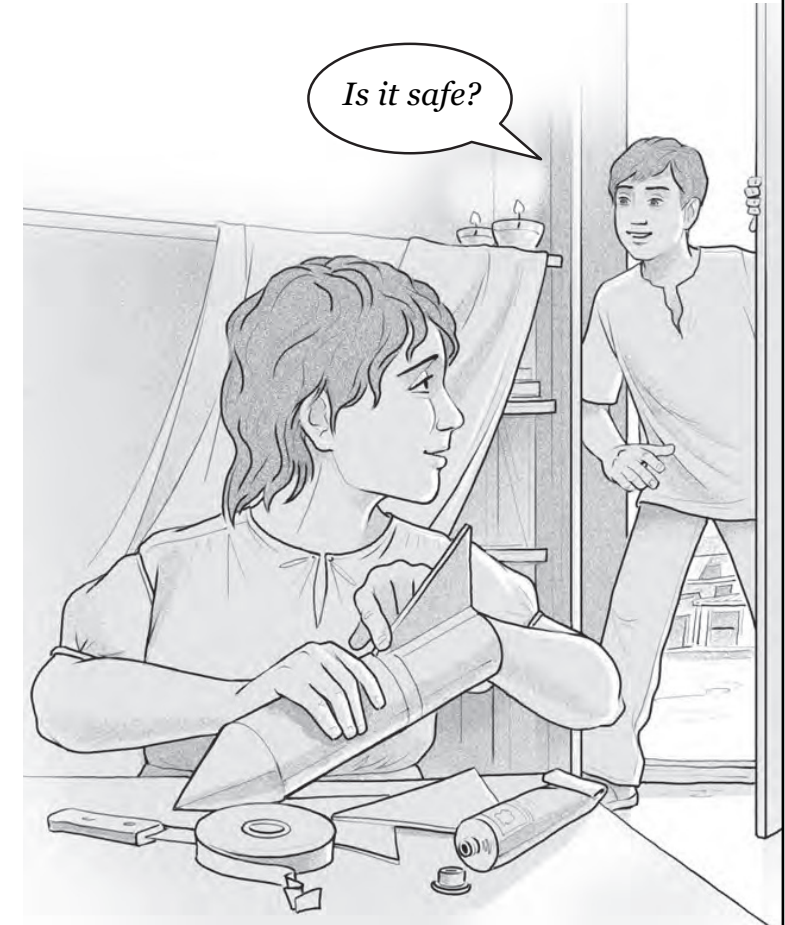


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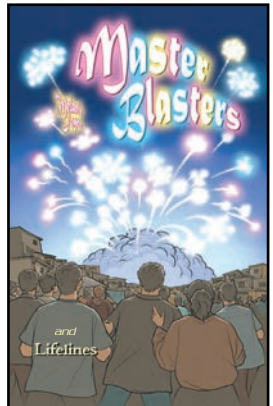
“It’s for a competition.

I want to win the prize money.

I want to go and see my Dad.”



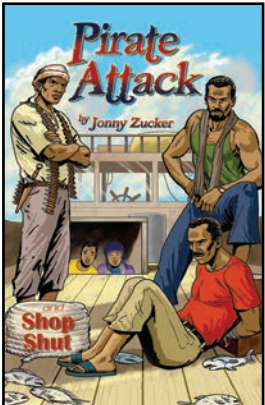
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“Hey Mariam!” called Yasin.
“Come and help me with this net!”
Mariam ran over to Yasin.
Together they pulled the net in.
It was hard work, but they did it.
There were lots of fish in the net.



“Well done!” called their dad, “that is good work!”
Yasin and Mariam smiled.
“Hey look!” said Mariam.
Another small fishing boat was coming towards them.
“It must be one of Dad’s friends!” said Yasin.
“Let’s get something to eat,” said Mariam.



At every town they travelled to Tansy had to go to school. She hated it!

This time, she was going to a secondary school for the first time. She didn't like that idea!



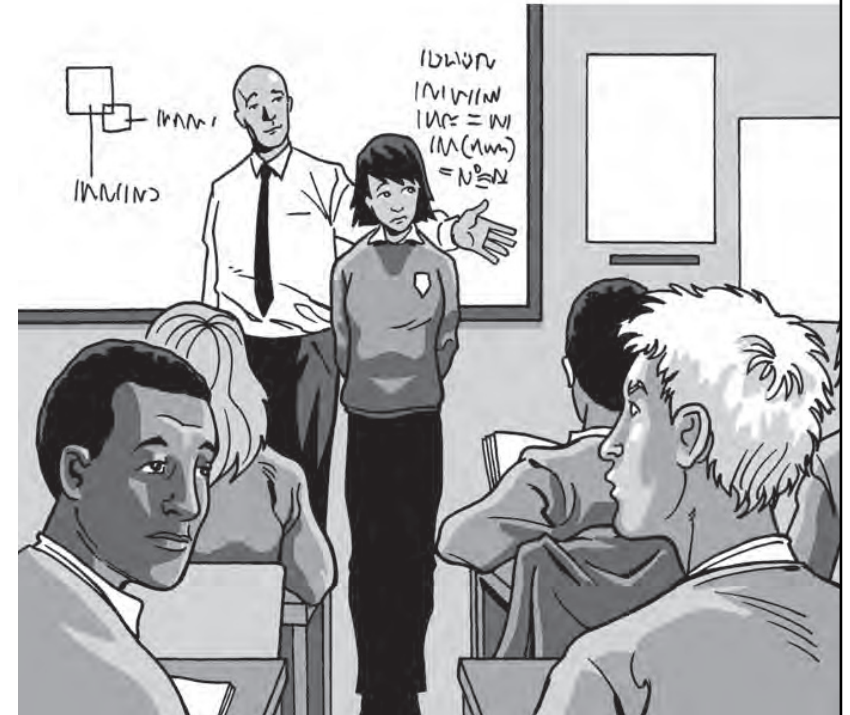
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The teachers were very friendly.

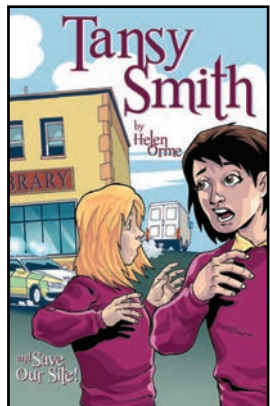
"Tansy is new to the school. Look after her, please," said the form tutor.

But the other children didn't like Tansy. A boy called Dave was rude to her.

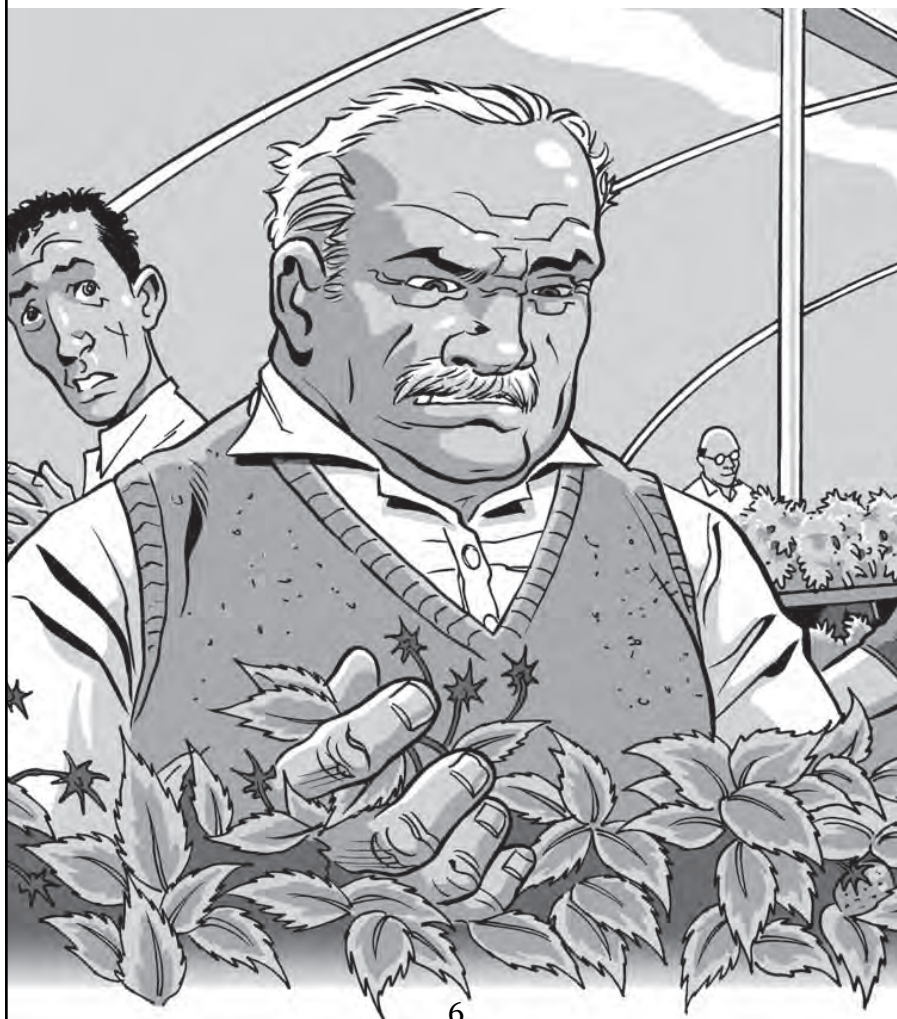
"I know where you come from," he said. "You come from that Traveller site. We don't want your sort here."



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One day, the farmer said,
“Someone is stealing my strawberries.”

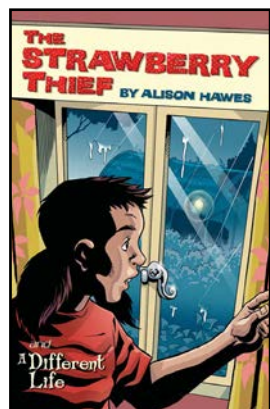


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“It’s Teresa!” laughed Dani.
“She’s eating them all!”

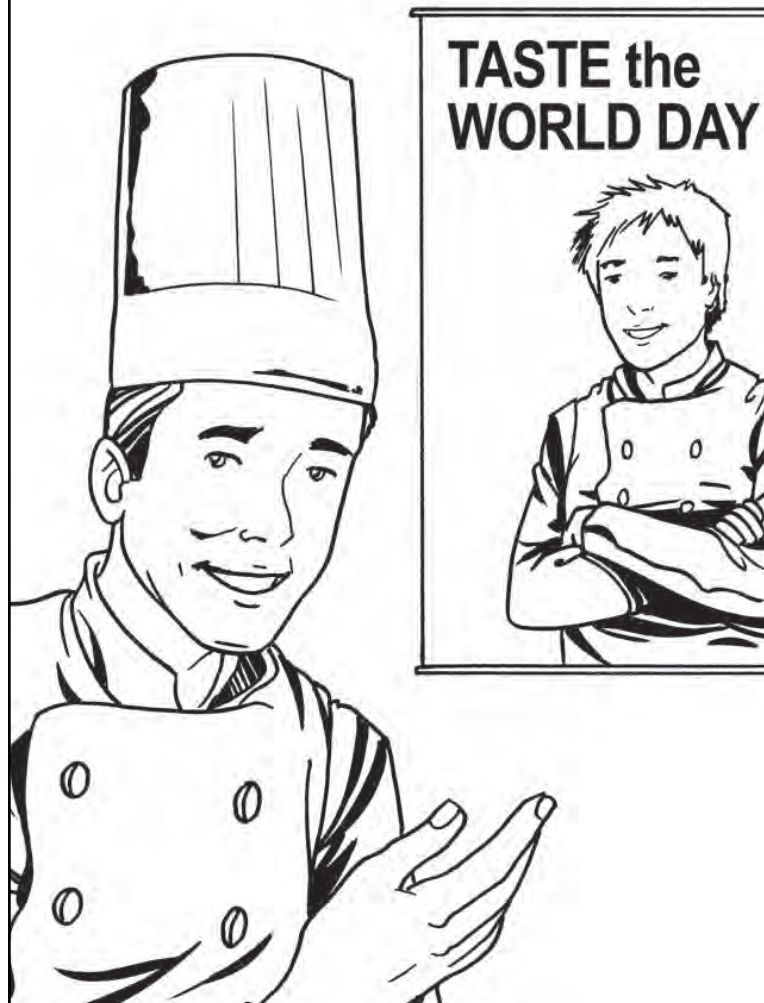


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"You are good cooks," says the teacher.
"Will you both cook a dish for our 'Taste the World Day'?"

"A famous chef will taste all the dishes.
He will pick the best one."



"I will cook an okra curry," says Rani.

"So will I," says Nita. "But mine will be the best."

Rani cooks an okra curry at home.

