



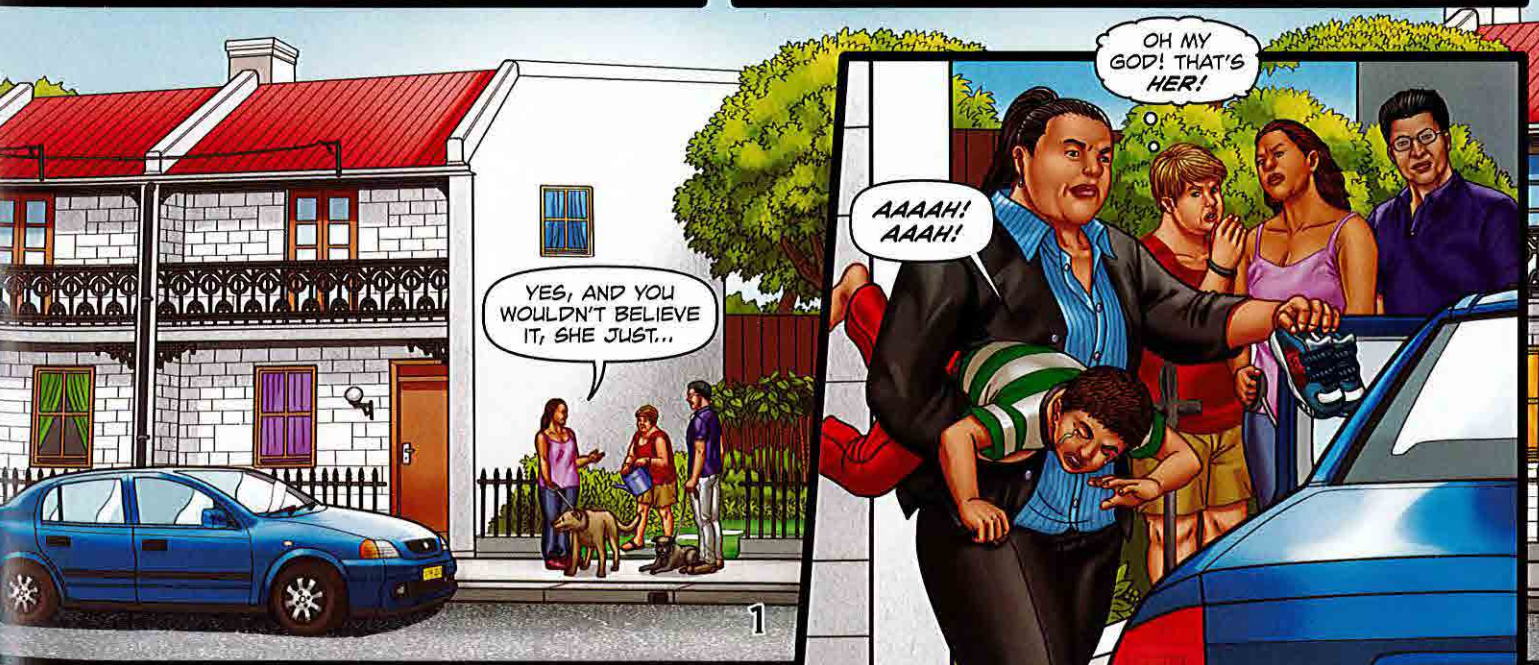
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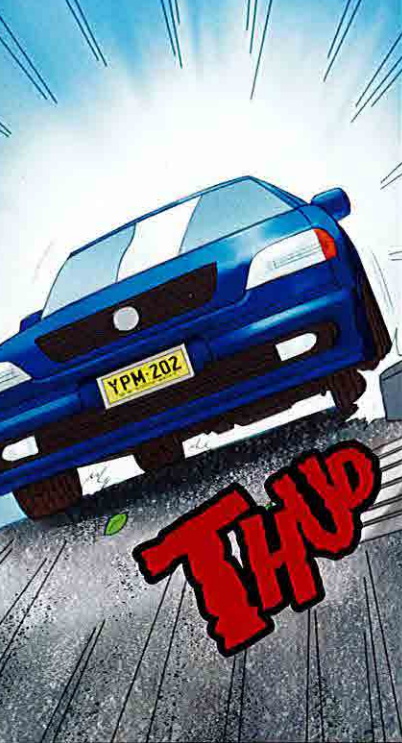
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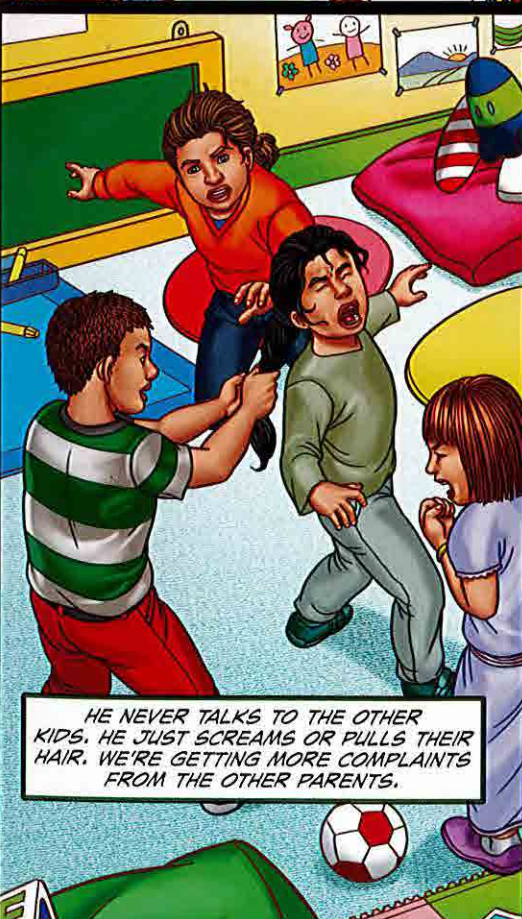




HE REFUSES TO SHARE ANY OF THE TOYS AND ALTHOUGH HE IS LIKEABLE, THE OTHER CHILDREN ARE SCARED TO PLAY OR INTERACT WITH HIM.



WHEN I PULL HIM UP FOR THINGS, HE WON'T LOOK AT ME.



HE NEVER TALKS TO THE OTHER KIDS. HE JUST SCREAMS OR PULLS THEIR HAIR. WE'RE GETTING MORE COMPLAINTS FROM THE OTHER PARENTS.

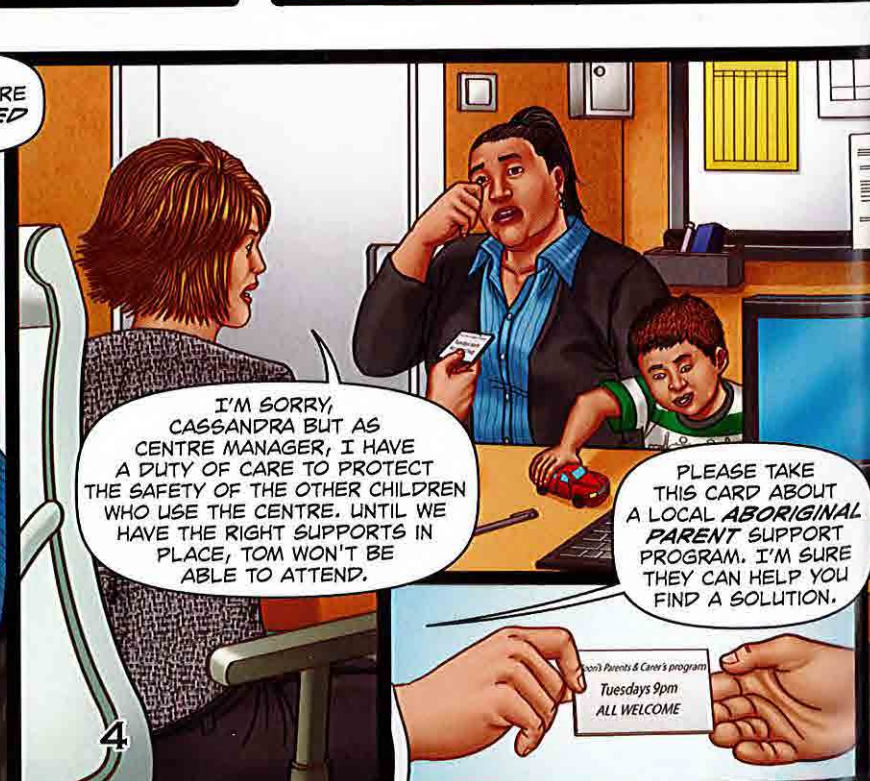
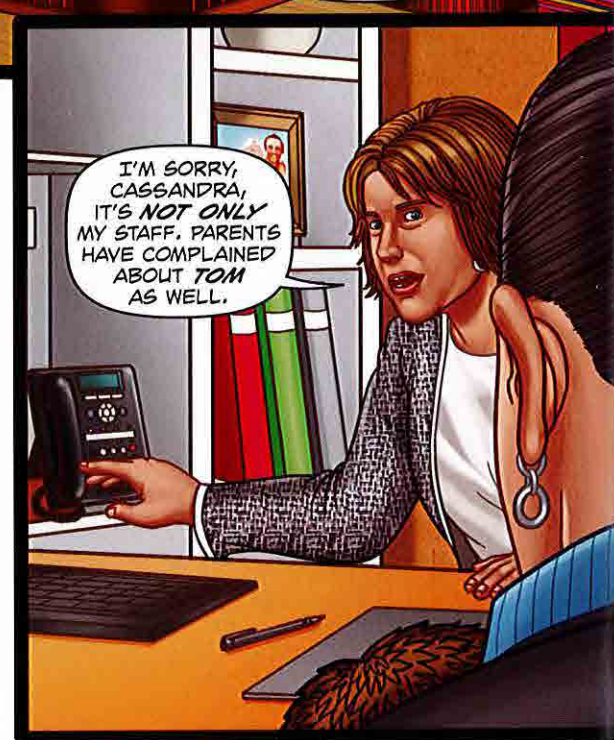


OK. I'LL HAVE TO HAVE A WORD WITH TOM'S MUM, CASSANDRA.



C'MON, TOM!





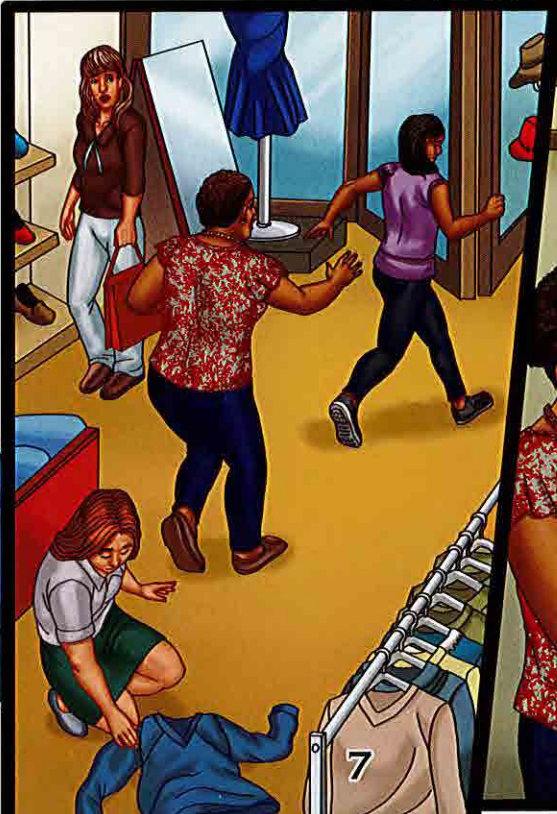




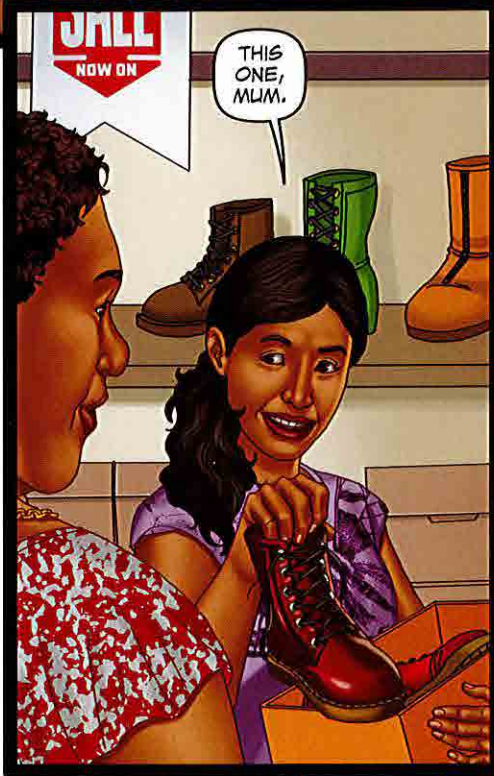












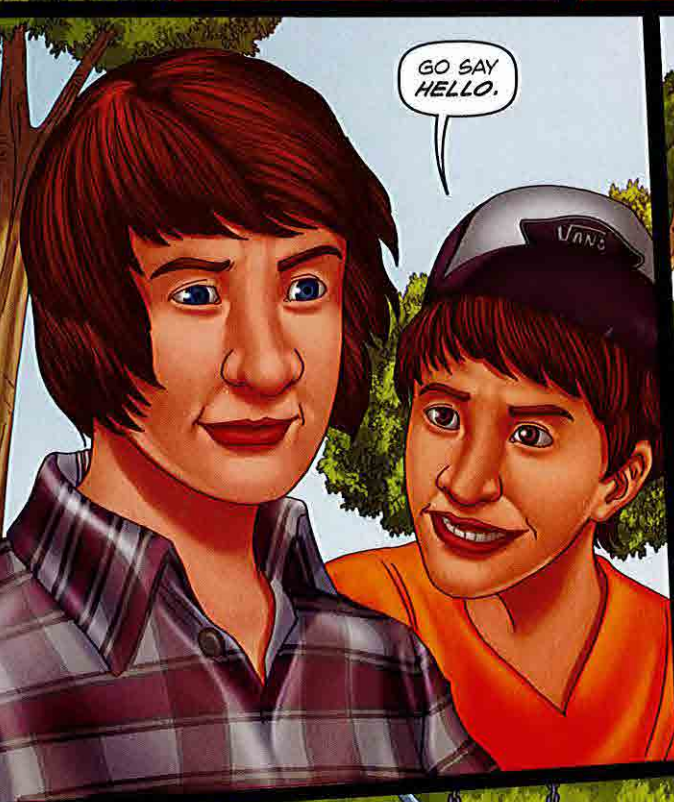












GO SAY  
HELLO.



I DARE YA!

THAT BOY OVER  
AT THE SKATE AREA  
KEEPS LOOKIN' AT ME.  
I BET HE LIKES  
MY SHOES.



HI!



OWW!

THUMP









BABE,  
YOU OKAY?



I'M JUST SO HAPPY  
AND PROUD OF OUR  
GIRLS. WE HAVE COME  
A *LONG WAY*, JUDE.  
ESPECIALLY WITH OUR  
YOUNGEST, ESTHER.

WHEN YOU REALISED ESTHER HAD  
DIFFICULTIES YOU TOOK HER TO THE  
DOCTOR AND GOT A REFERRAL.

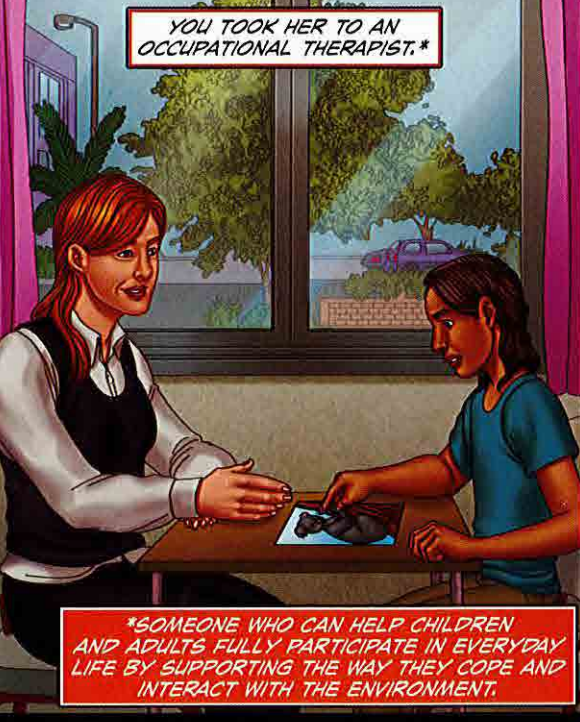
IT'S THANKS TO ALL THE  
HARD YARDS YOU DID WITH  
ESTHER FROM DAY ONE.

Dr Matthew Petersen

Welcome

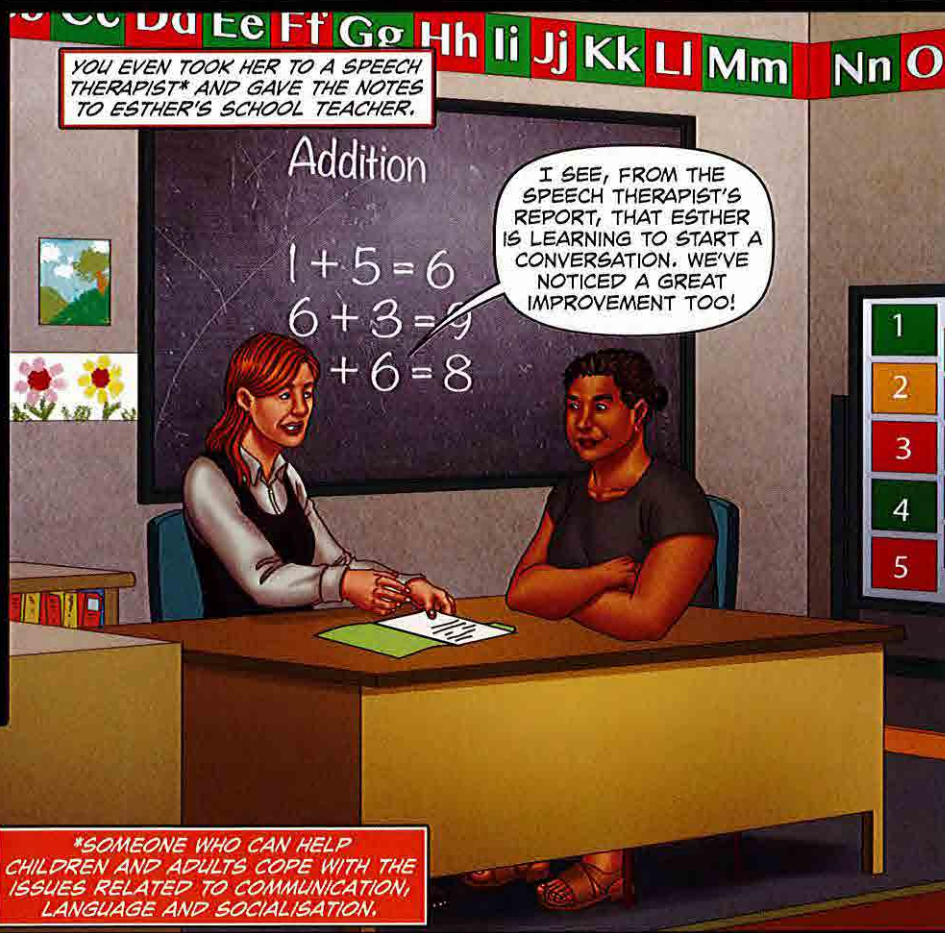


YOU TOOK HER TO A  
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST.\*



\*SOMEONE WHO CAN HELP CHILDREN  
AND ADULTS FULLY PARTICIPATE IN EVERYDAY  
LIFE BY SUPPORTING THE WAY THEY COPE AND  
INTERACT WITH THE ENVIRONMENT.

YOU EVEN TOOK HER TO A SPEECH  
THERAPIST\* AND GAVE THE NOTES  
TO ESTHER'S SCHOOL TEACHER.



\*SOMEONE WHO CAN HELP  
CHILDREN AND ADULTS COPE WITH THE  
ISSUES RELATED TO COMMUNICATION,  
LANGUAGE AND SOCIALISATION.

IT WAS EASIER FOR ESTHER  
AT SCHOOL BECAUSE YOU  
AND ESTHER'S THERAPISTS  
WORKED TOGETHER AND  
SHARED INFORMATION.

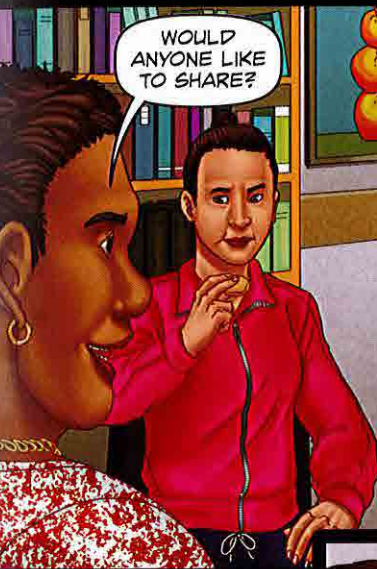


I SHOULD HAVE  
BROKEN THE TASK DOWN  
INTO **MANAGEABLE** BITS  
FOR ESTHER, AS IT SAYS  
HERE IN HER PROFILE.

ALL THOSE  
YEARS... ALL  
THAT HARD WORK  
IS PAYIN' OFF!







WOULD ANYONE LIKE TO SHARE?



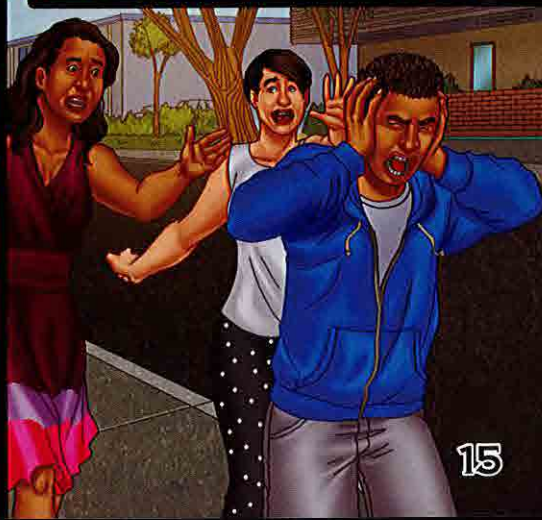
SOMETIMES I HAVE THE RADIO ON AND MY DAUGHTER, JARELLE, JUST SCREAMS.



IT REALLY FREAKS ME OUT AND I DON'T KNOW HOW TO REACT.



WE HAD THE SAME PROBLEM WITH OUR SON, WES. CERTAIN TYPES OF NOISE WOULD JUST SET HIM OFF.







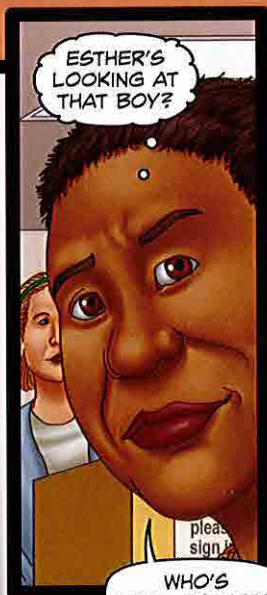


THE FOLLOWING DAY, BLACKFERN  
ABORIGINAL MEDICAL CENTRE



IT'S ESTHER!  
BUT SHE'S WITH  
HER MUM.

ALEX!



ESTHER'S  
LOOKING AT  
THAT BOY?

please  
sign

WHO'S  
THAT, ESTHER?

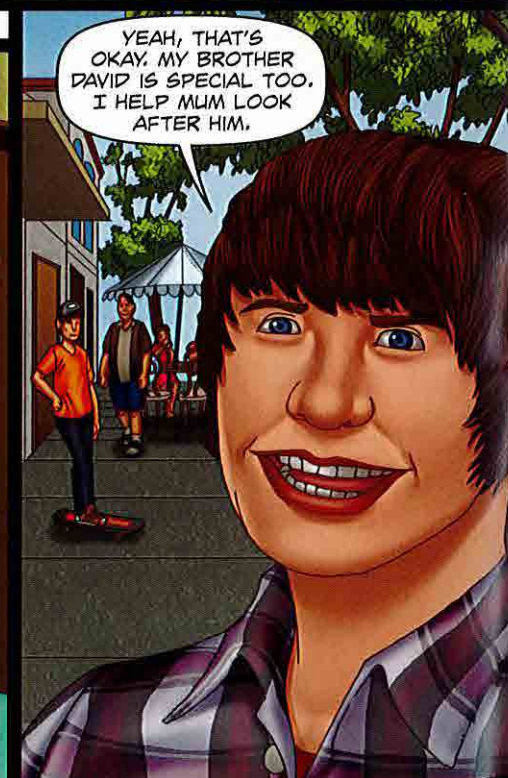


HI, I'M ESTHER'S  
MUM, JUDY. WHAT'S  
YOUR NAME?

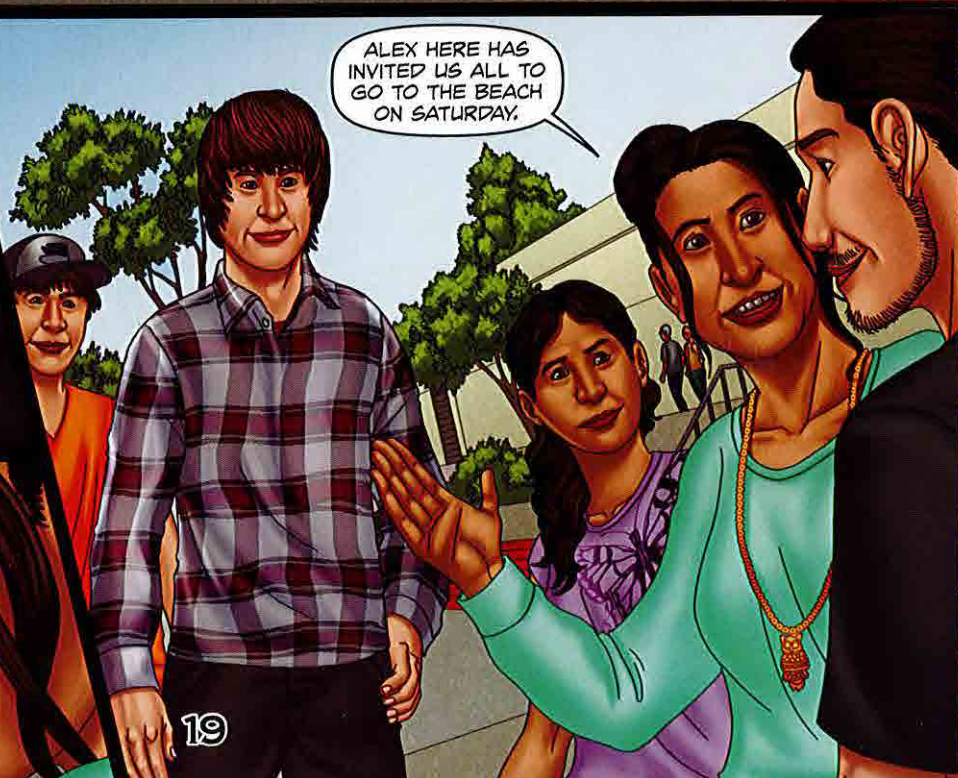
OH, I'M ALEX.  
I'M WAITIN' FOR MY  
FRIEND, TRAVIS.

HOW  
EMBARRASSING.

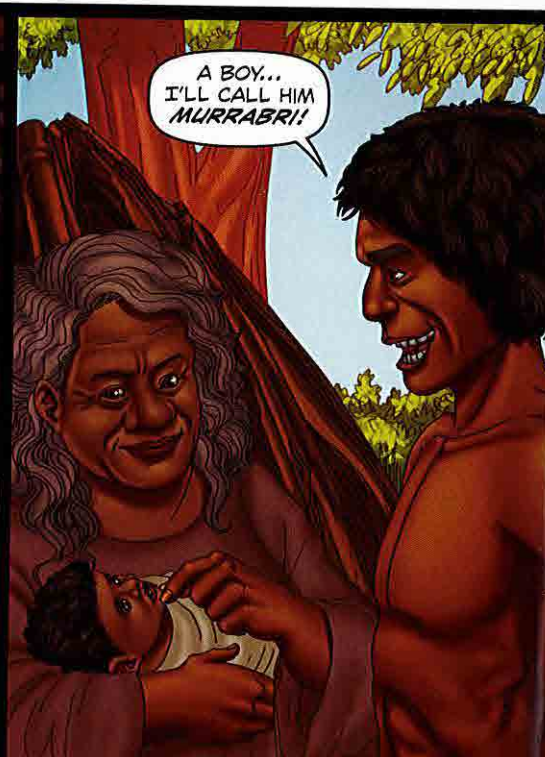
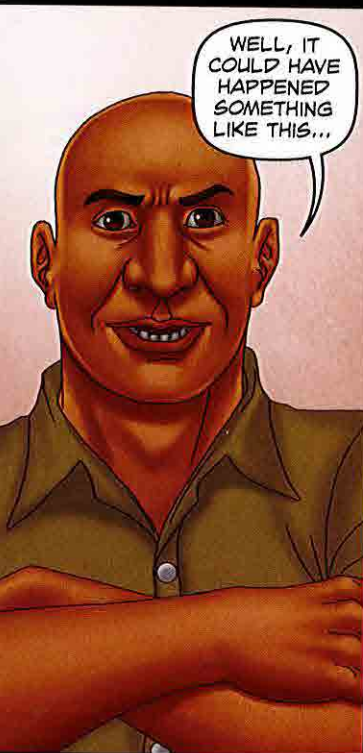




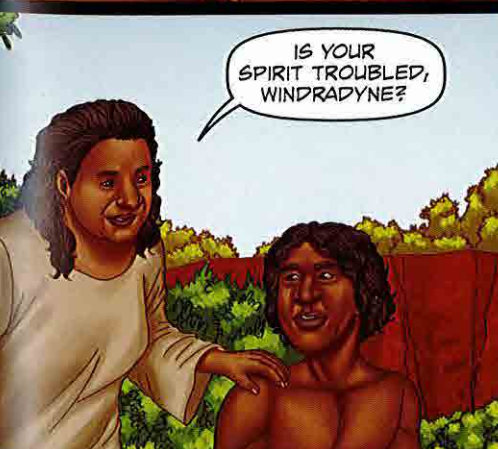
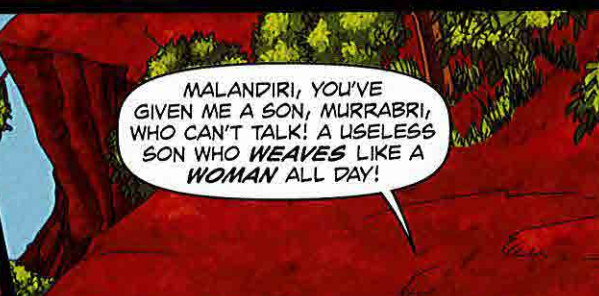










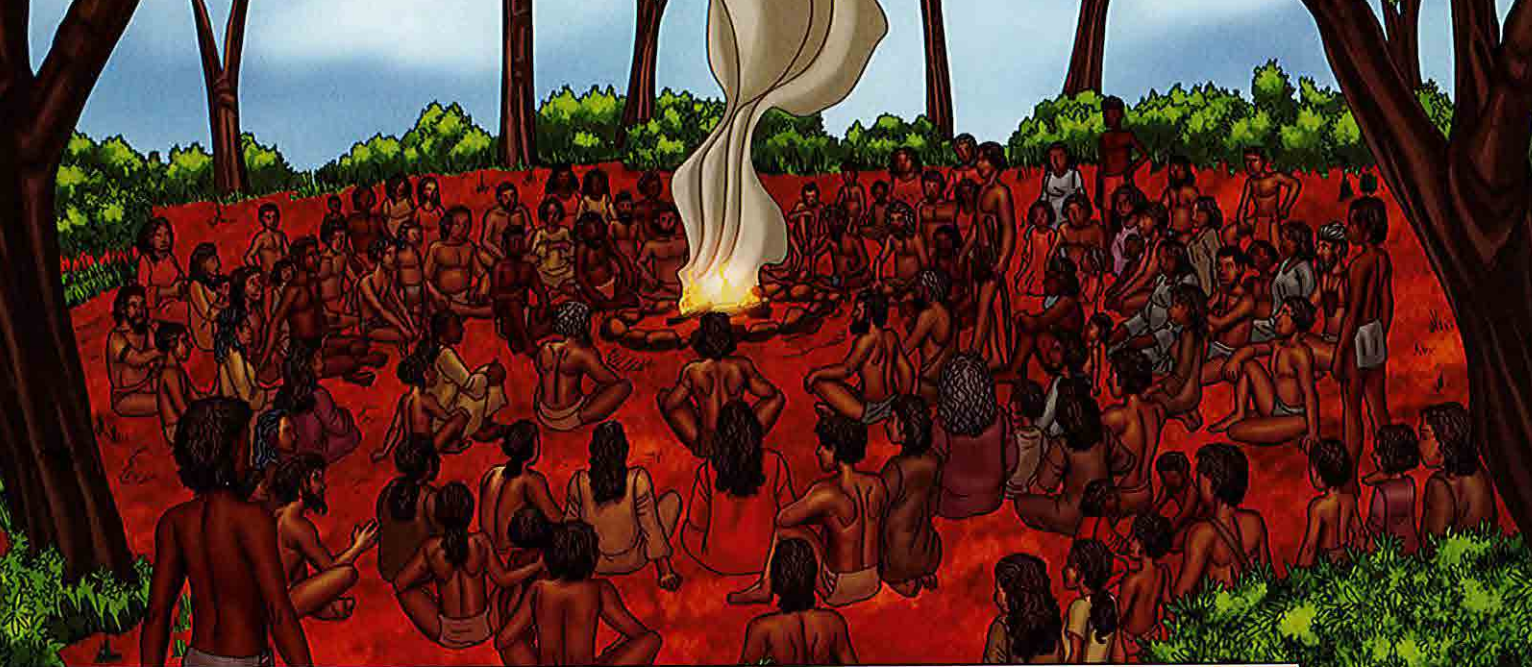


MALANDIRI, YOU'VE GIVEN ME A SON, MURRABRI, WHO CAN'T TALK! A USELESS SON WHO *WEAVES* LIKE A WOMAN ALL DAY!

AT LEAST MY SECOND WIFE, BIDDY, HAS GIVEN ME *TWO* SONS I CAN BE PROUD OF. THEY CAN TAKE PART IN THE *CORROBOREE* AT ERAMABIE NEXT WEEK. MURRABRI CANNOT.

IS YOUR SPIRIT TROUBLED, WINDRADYNE?





*\*A TRADITIONAL GATHERING THAT WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY A SEASONAL ABUNDANCE OF NATIVE FOODS WHERE MEETINGS COULD BE HELD BETWEEN THE CLAN GROUPS ALLOWING FOR THE HEARING OF GRIEVANCES; PASSING OF JUDGEMENTS; TRADE AND THE EXCHANGE OF GIFTS; STORYTELLING; CULTURE AND LORE; MARRIAGE ARRANGEMENTS; MEDICINE AND HEALING; DANCING; AND DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE MOVEMENT OF GAME AND FOOD SOURCES.*

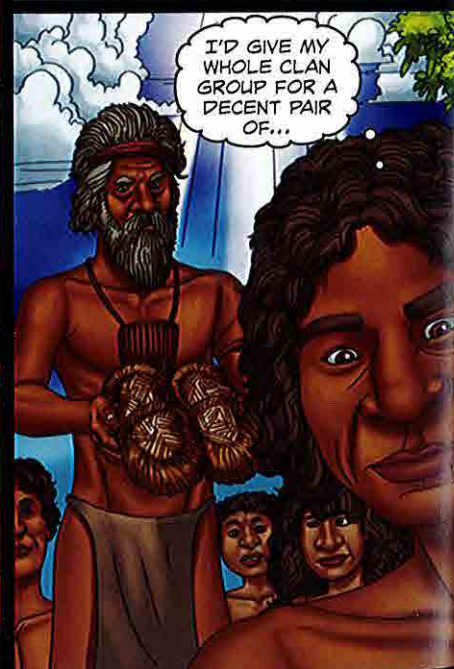


WHAT'S WRONG WITH WINDRADYNE'S SHOE? HE'S CUT OFF THE END FOR HIS BIG TOE!

I HEARD THAT A ROCK FELL ON HIS TOE. NOW IT'S SO SWOLLEN, HE CUT A HOLE IN HIS SHOE TO STOP THE PAIN.

HE WEARS THE COLD-FACE PROUDLY LIKE A HEADMAN, PRETENDING HIS SHOE IS STILL FULL OF DIGNITY! HA! HA!

THIS IS EMBARRASSING FOR ME, WITH A HOLE IN MY SHOE.



I'D GIVE MY WHOLE CLAN GROUP FOR A DECENT PAIR OF...





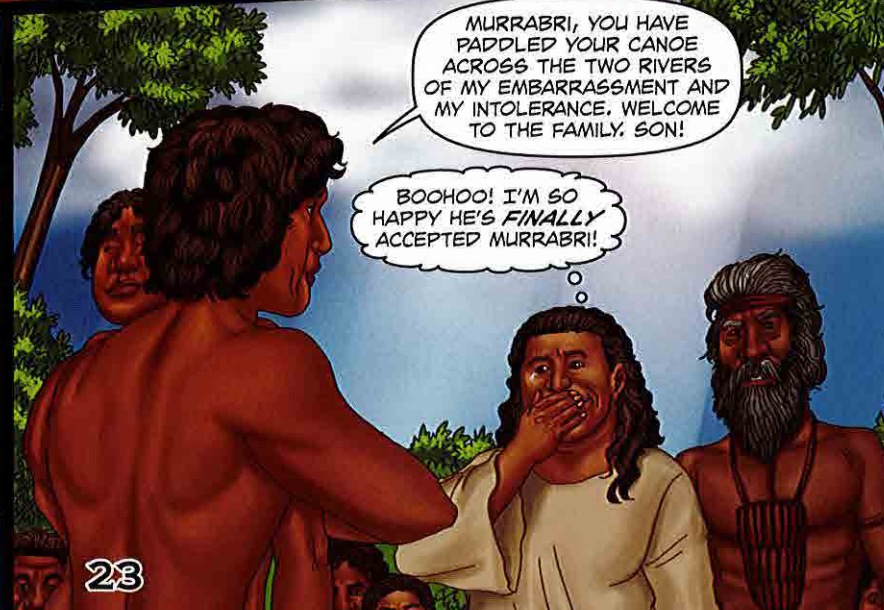
I TOLD  
HER **NOT** TO BRING  
MURRABRI! **SHAME!**



WINDRADYNE,  
MY HUSBAND! HERE  
IS YOUR SHOE WEAVER!  
YOUR OWN **SON**,  
MURRABRI!



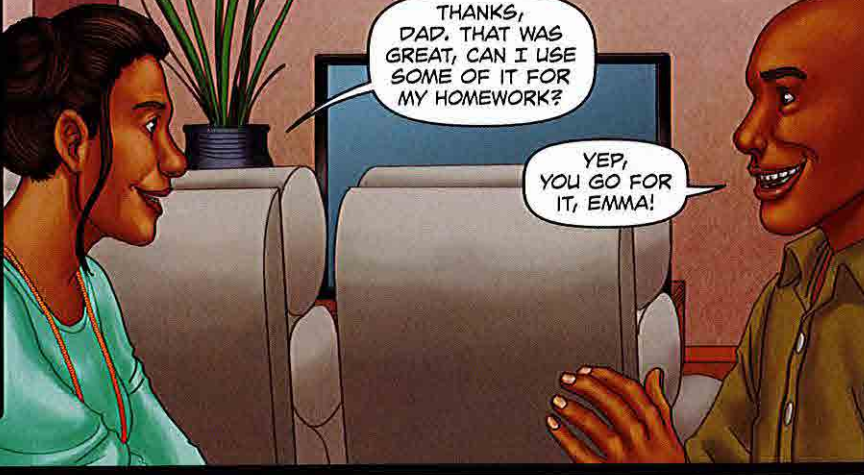
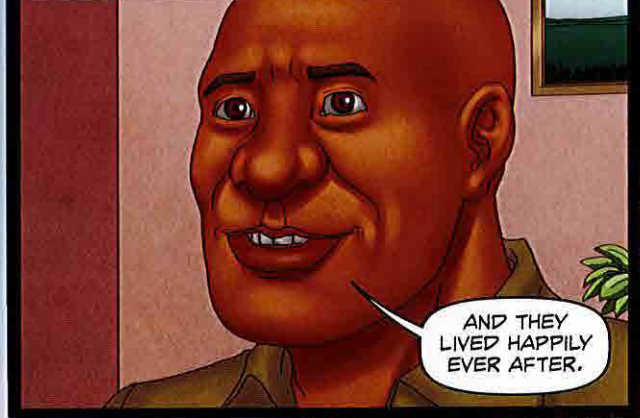
I LOOK  
TO BAIAME AND  
SEE TWO CROWS  
GIVING WAY TO  
AN EAGLE.



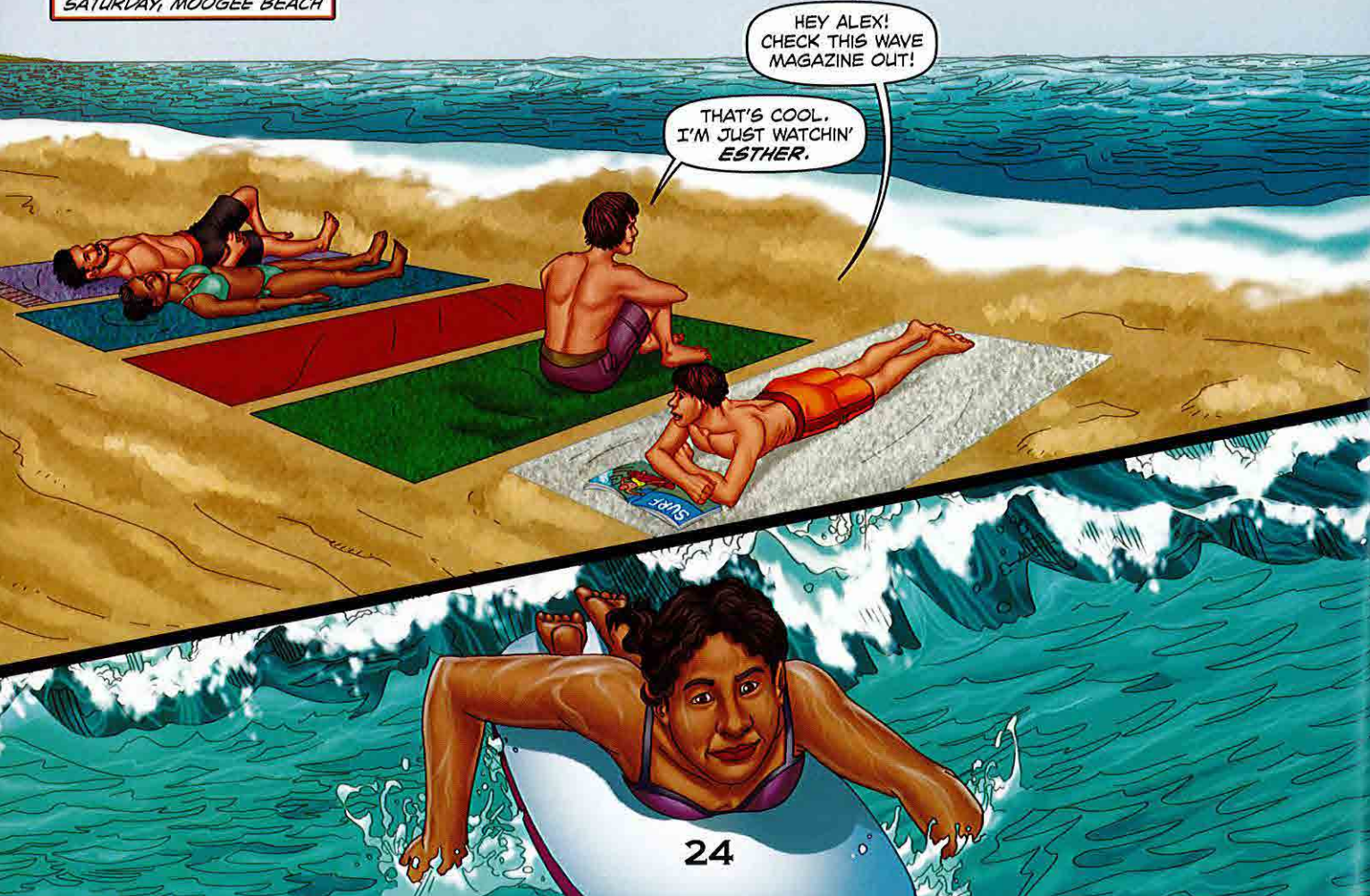
MURRABRI, YOU HAVE  
PADDLED YOUR CANOE  
ACROSS THE TWO RIVERS  
OF MY EMBARRASSMENT AND  
MY INTOLERANCE. WELCOME  
TO THE FAMILY, SON!

BOOHOO! I'M SO  
HAPPY HE'S **FINALLY**  
ACCEPTED MURRABRI!

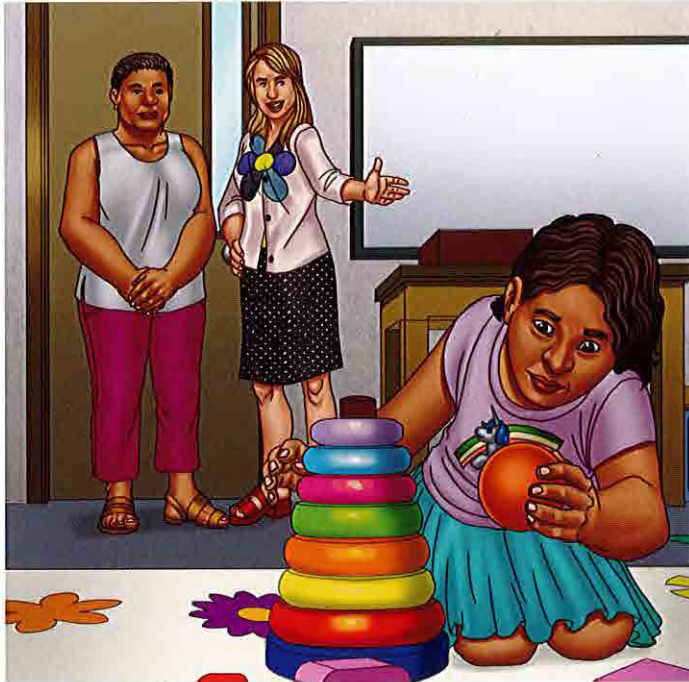




SATURDAY, MOOGEE BEACH







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