

In Hot Springs

Aek Rangat



We have Fun

Huft, Seeing this cherry blossom decoration makes me miss the Japanese atmosphere.

Japan? What do you miss the most, Oto-san?

Onsen, hot springs in Japan. I used to often soak with the view of the cherry blossoms in bloom.



Pangururan, Samosir
you mean?
OH MY GOD. Come on, Ma!
I want to see
Lake Toba again.

Lake Toba?
I like never
heard of it?

Of course, Lake Toba is the
largest lake in the world!
And its natural wonders are
famous in foreign countries.

You look like you never
studied Geography in school!

HAHAHAHA, your sister
was too young to
understand that she had
been swimming in Lake
Toba, right Suki?

HAHAHA, how bad
for him, Bro. Please
take him running
over Lake Toba.

Stop mocking
of me, Sis.



Tomorrow is the perfect time to leave in the morning and soak in the evening.



HUURRAAYY,
LET'S
PACKINGGG!

The next day left and arrived at the Pangururan in the morning.





Wow, the air is cool, Maa..
I seem to have forgotten
to bring my bathing suit.

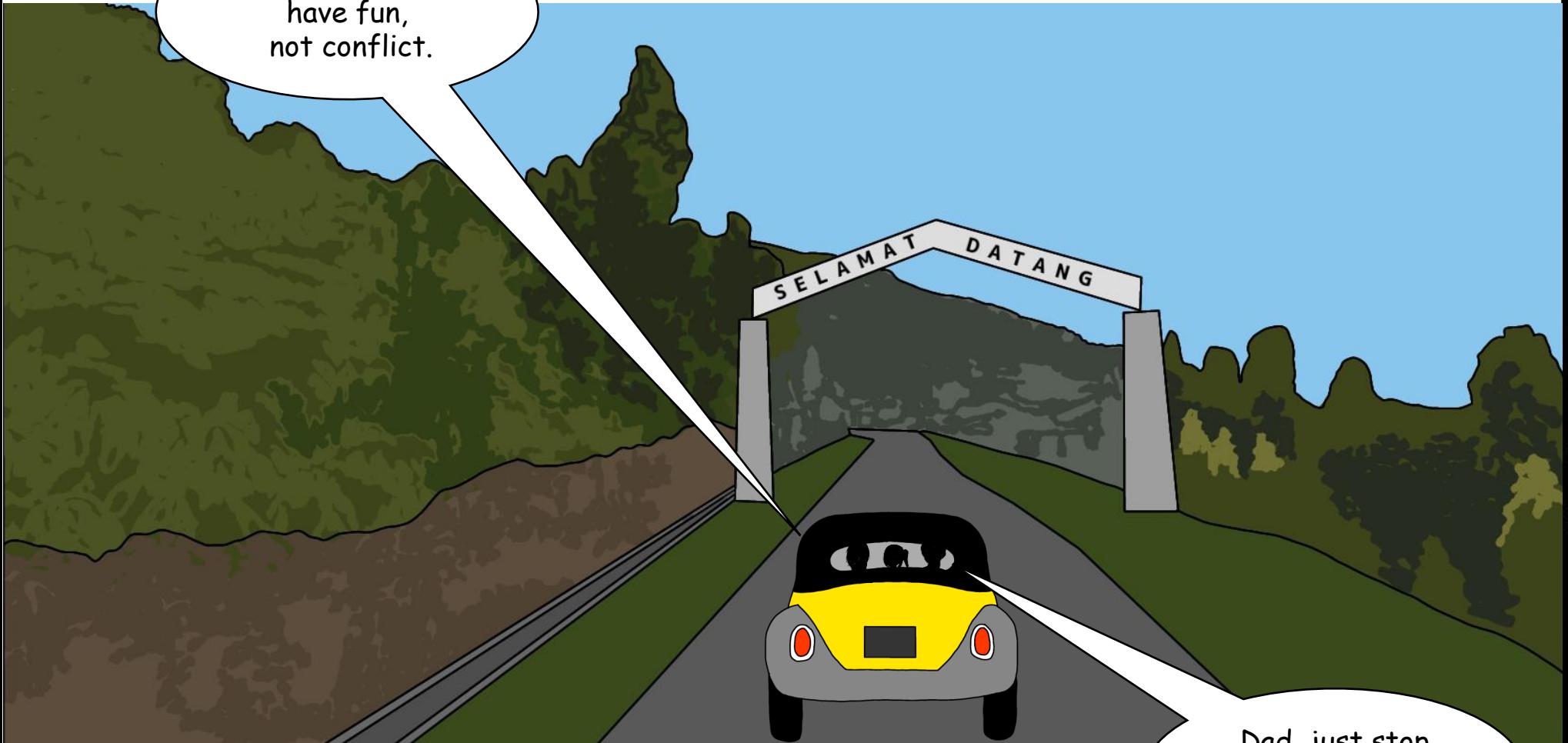
The beautiful view
towards Aek Rangat.
I'm happy.



Wow. It's bad.
I forgot to bring
my bathing suit.

If you don't bring
a bathing suit,
never mind.
You don't need to
take a shower.

I'm complaining
to Mama and not
to you, Bro..



We now want to have fun, not conflict.

Dad, just stop our journey by the lake.

The quarrel didn't end either, because the sister was offended by the brother interfering.

Hi sister.. Don't be easily provoked by your brother's chatter. When your brother provokes your emotions, you should give him a smile. Fight anger by smiling.

Wow, how beautiful Lake Toba is. I'm glad Oto-san stopped here..

If you want to look better, then smile. Indeed, a smile does not prove we are happy, but your smile is the beginning of a family's happiness to have fun in Aek Rangat.

Dad is angry with you. You angered to sister..

Never mind my husband. Let's just continue this journey. We stop there.



*Sarong is a cloth that is sewn at both ends so that it sticks in a circle. Sarongs usually have gingham motifs, leaves, batik, and others. sarong is commonly used in cultural activities and religious traditions in Indonesian.

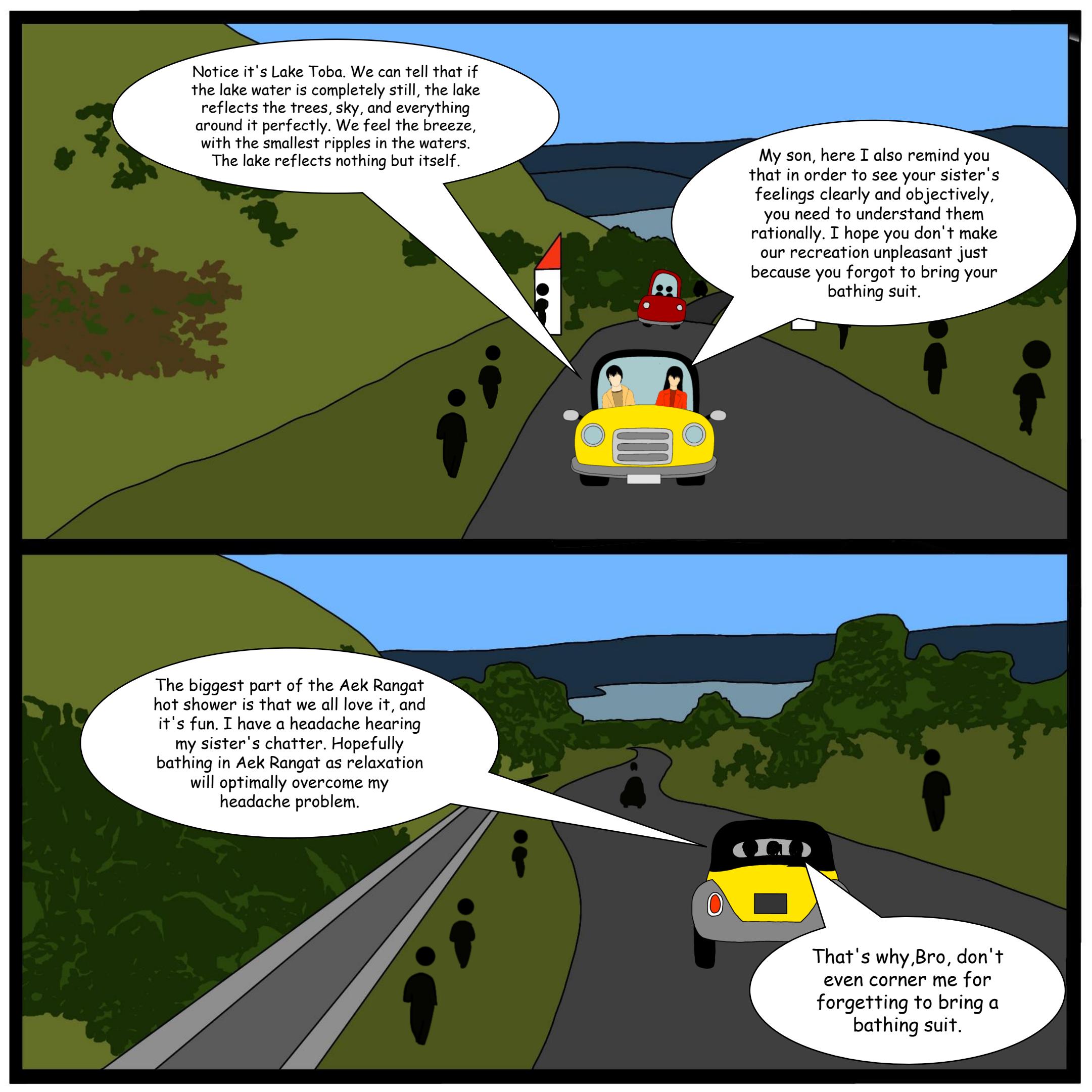


Yes, darling. After Aek Rangat, we camped at Holbung Hill. By climbing the hill, you will understand who is friend and foe. Because the hill never taught to have two faces. Mom is happy. You are professing one another's indifference. But I'd be happier if you made peace.

Mother, the hill is like you. I know, the hill is the best place to escape when brother and sister are fighting and need a new spirit to make peace.

Ma, there will be a sarong in the Aek Rangat, right?

My sister is getting older, more and more annoying.



Notice it's Lake Toba. We can tell that if the lake water is completely still, the lake reflects the trees, sky, and everything around it perfectly. We feel the breeze, with the smallest ripples in the waters.

The lake reflects nothing but itself.

My son, here I also remind you that in order to see your sister's feelings clearly and objectively, you need to understand them rationally. I hope you don't make our recreation unpleasant just because you forgot to bring your bathing suit.



The biggest part of the Aek Rangat hot shower is that we all love it, and it's fun. I have a headache hearing my sister's chatter. Hopefully bathing in Aek Rangat as relaxation will optimally overcome my headache problem.



That's why, Bro, don't even corner me for forgetting to bring a bathing suit.

We've reached.
Where the
bath, Ma?

It's over there.
Here seems to have
been used as a bus
stop point for
tourists, right?

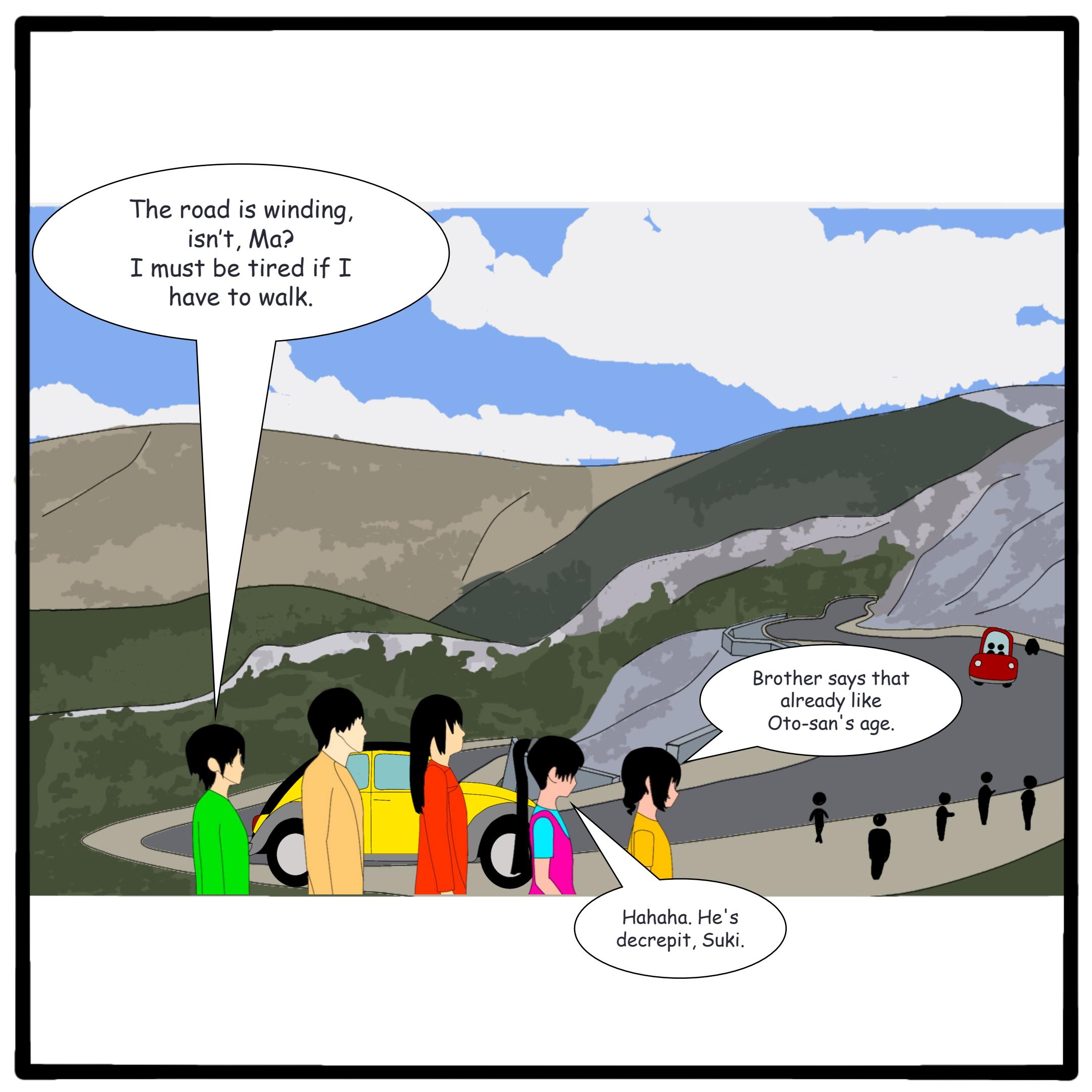
STOP POINT
AEK RANGAT

TRIP 1 09.15 09.17
TRIP 2 11.15 11.17

Look at the end
there looks
Lake Toba!

Let's go around
first waiting for
the night to soak.

Isn't that the town
of Pangururan that
we passed earlier?
Seen from here!



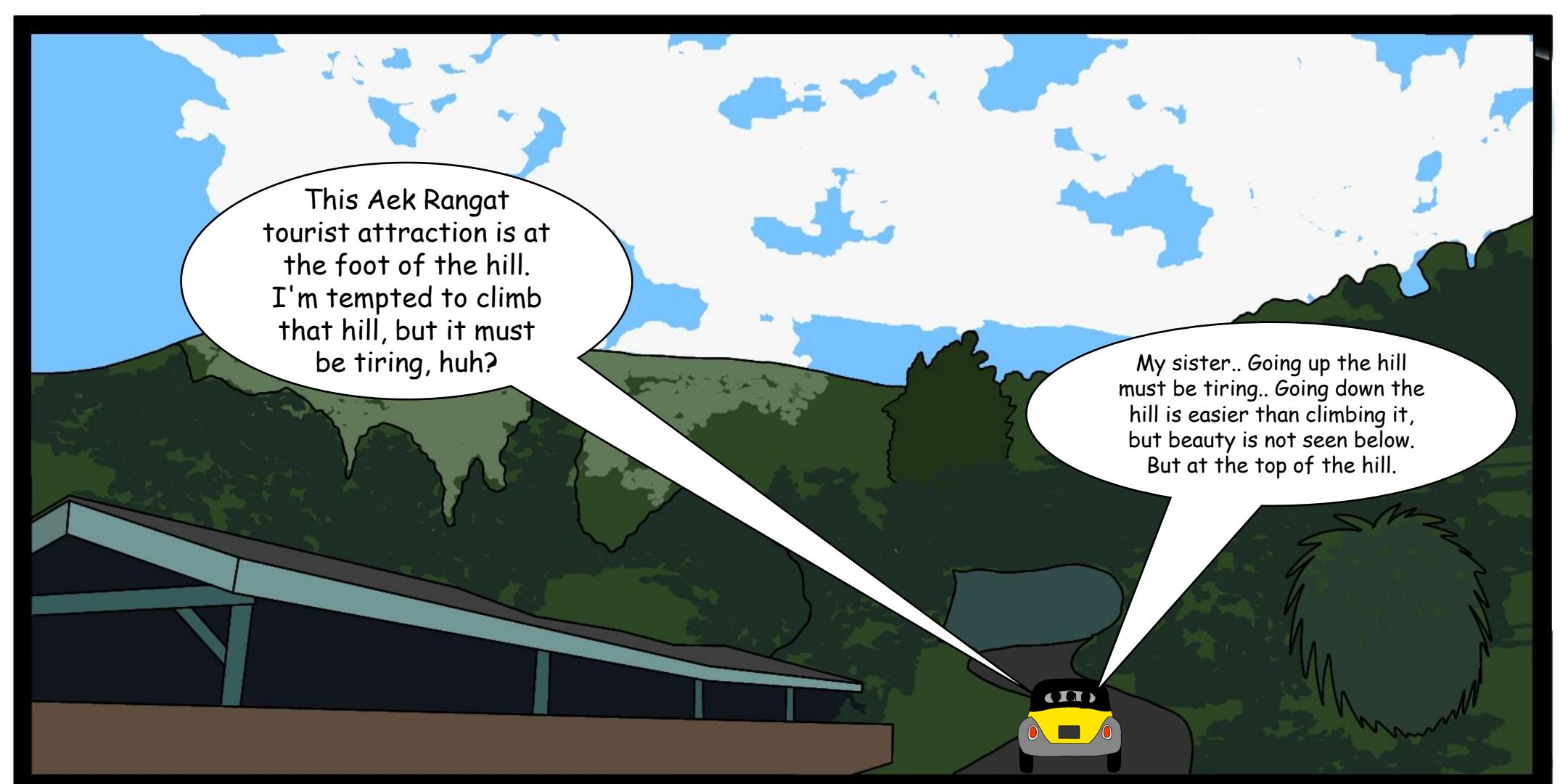
The road is winding,
isn't, Ma?
I must be tired if I
have to walk.

Brother says that
already like
Oto-san's age.

Hahaha. He's
decrepit, Suki.



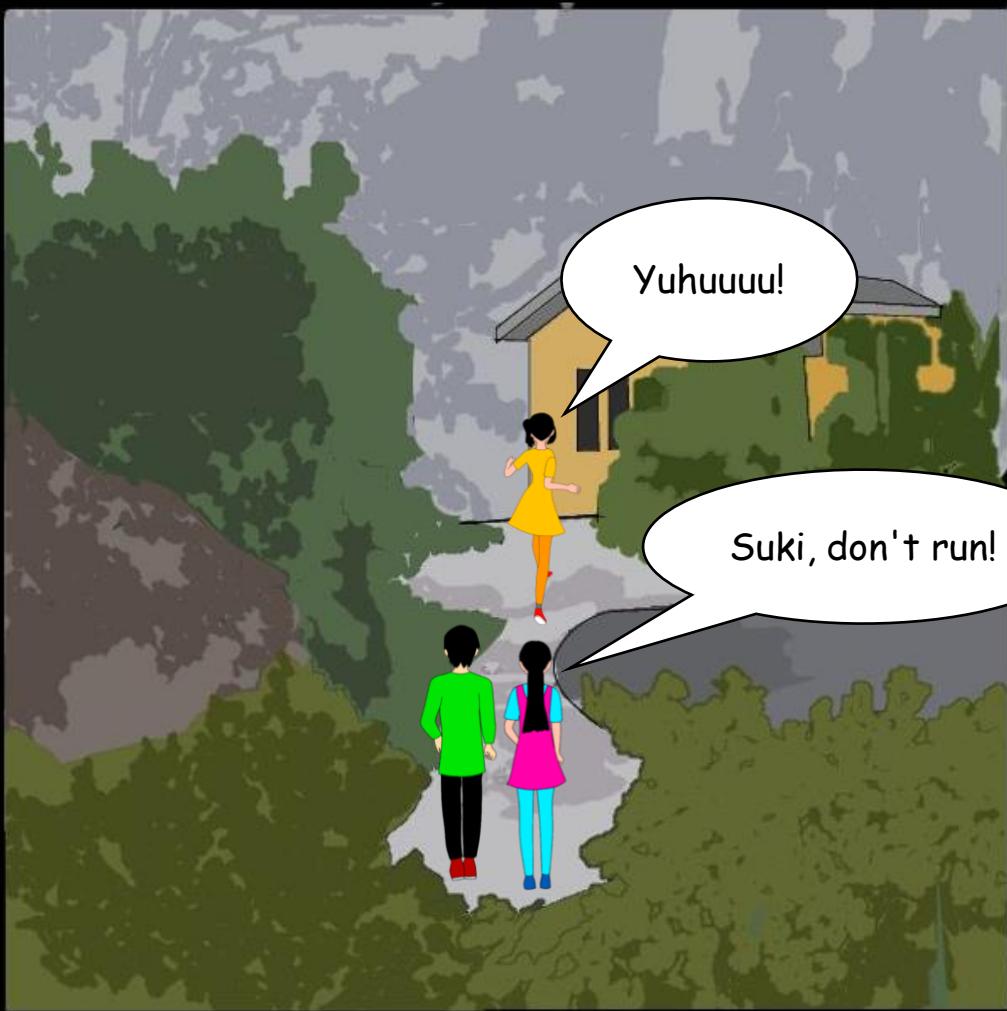




This Aek Rangat tourist attraction is at the foot of the hill. I'm tempted to climb that hill, but it must be tiring, huh?

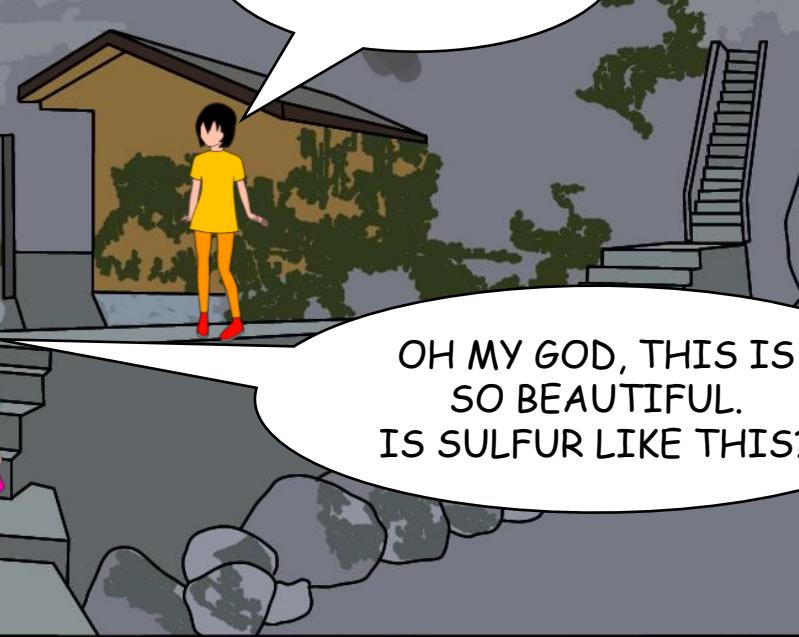
My sister.. Going up the hill must be tiring.. Going down the hill is easier than climbing it, but beauty is not seen below. But at the top of the hill.







Suki, you are so fast!



Sis, you have to see this!!



OH MY GOD, THIS IS SO BEAUTIFUL.
IS SULFUR LIKE THIS?



But, isn't this quite smelly?
The smell hits my nose, huft.



Ah, this is exactly what it smells like if you haven't showered for 2 days!



Hey, watch your mouth! It's more like your bad breath when you just wake up!



Bro, Sis! Keep fighting and I'll leave you.



What hose is this?
Lots of hoses here!

That's to drain hot water into the pool around this Aek Rangat area.
BTW, why is the track so long?





Let's take
a photo.
Say Cheeeseee.

AEK RANGAT



Mama's village is
no less cool than
Japan, right?

Cool Ma. What if we
move and build a
house in the middle
of this sulfur hill?

Aek Rangat is
very impressive
for Japanese
people like me.

That's right, Oto-san.
I, who is a descendant
of this, also feel
impressive, haha.



Look, that's the spring. Later we will bathe in the pool with this water too.



I want to soak my feet now.

Yes, soak it, so that the freckles on your feet is gone, Bro!





Well, now let's go to the bath. Have you brought a change of clothes?

Already, Ma. Brother even brought one cupboard.



How many times do you think we're going to bathe in?

Let's just go in, I can't wait.



PEMANDIAN
AIR PANAS



There are 3 pools here for men, women and families.

MEN'S POOL

Wow, it's cool that the pool is separated, Ma. Is it free here?

WOMAN'S POOL

It's free, but it's better if we order a drink or eat here to be more polite.

If we rent a family pool, we have to pay RP. 100,000,-

The pool is quite comfortable, Oto-san. But we have to be together here with strangers, right?



Yes, let's take a bath first.

I was curious about Oto-san's reaction when he entered the pool. Has the longing paid off?

Oto-san must have really enjoyed it, Suki.

Good idea. Come on, let's go out and rent a family pool.

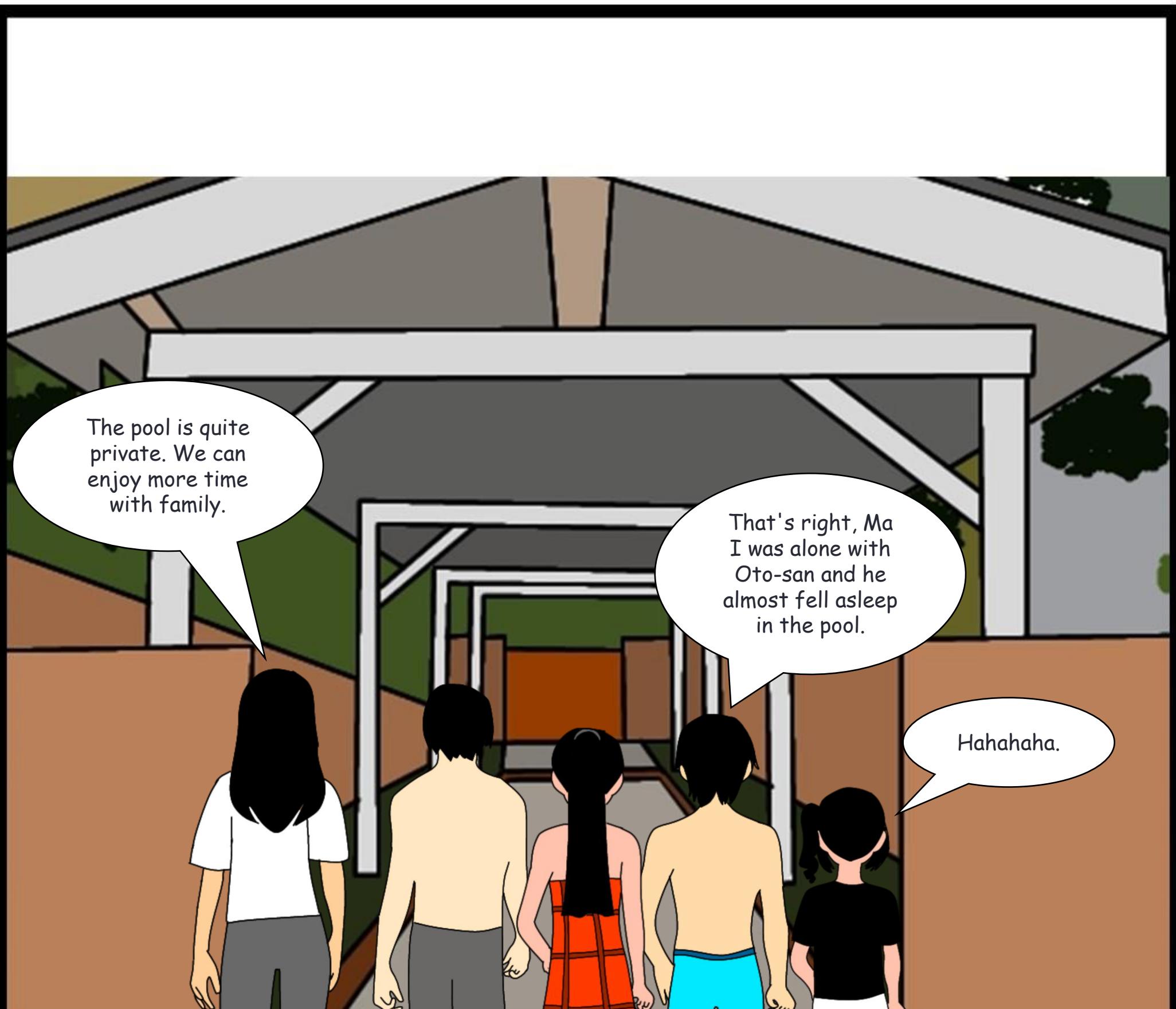
Well, even though the scenery here is very beautiful.

Wouldn't it be better if we just rented a family pool, Ma? I want to disturb brother.

Wow, I was really surprised. It turned out to be very hot when you first entered.

Hahaha, you already know hot water but it's arrogant to enter the pool using a somersault.





The pool is quite private. We can enjoy more time with family.

That's right, Ma
I was alone with
Oto-san and he
almost fell asleep
in the pool.

Hahahaha.

The pool is big!
The scenery is
also beautiful, we
can see the
sunset later.

This is equal to the
view of cherry
blossoms in a
Japanese onsen.

Sis, take a bath
and try some
somersaults to make
it more sensational.

Waifu, thank you
for paying for my
longing for Japan.

I know you're
trying to work
on me, right!

Hahaha, you're
such a
romantic!

Bro, a few days ago I dreamed of taking a shower. Now, It's happening. I actually took a shower and put on a sarong.

My sister, if you dream of taking a shower, that's a sign that you have made a mistake and will be forgiven. This day you makes angry. But I'll forgives you.

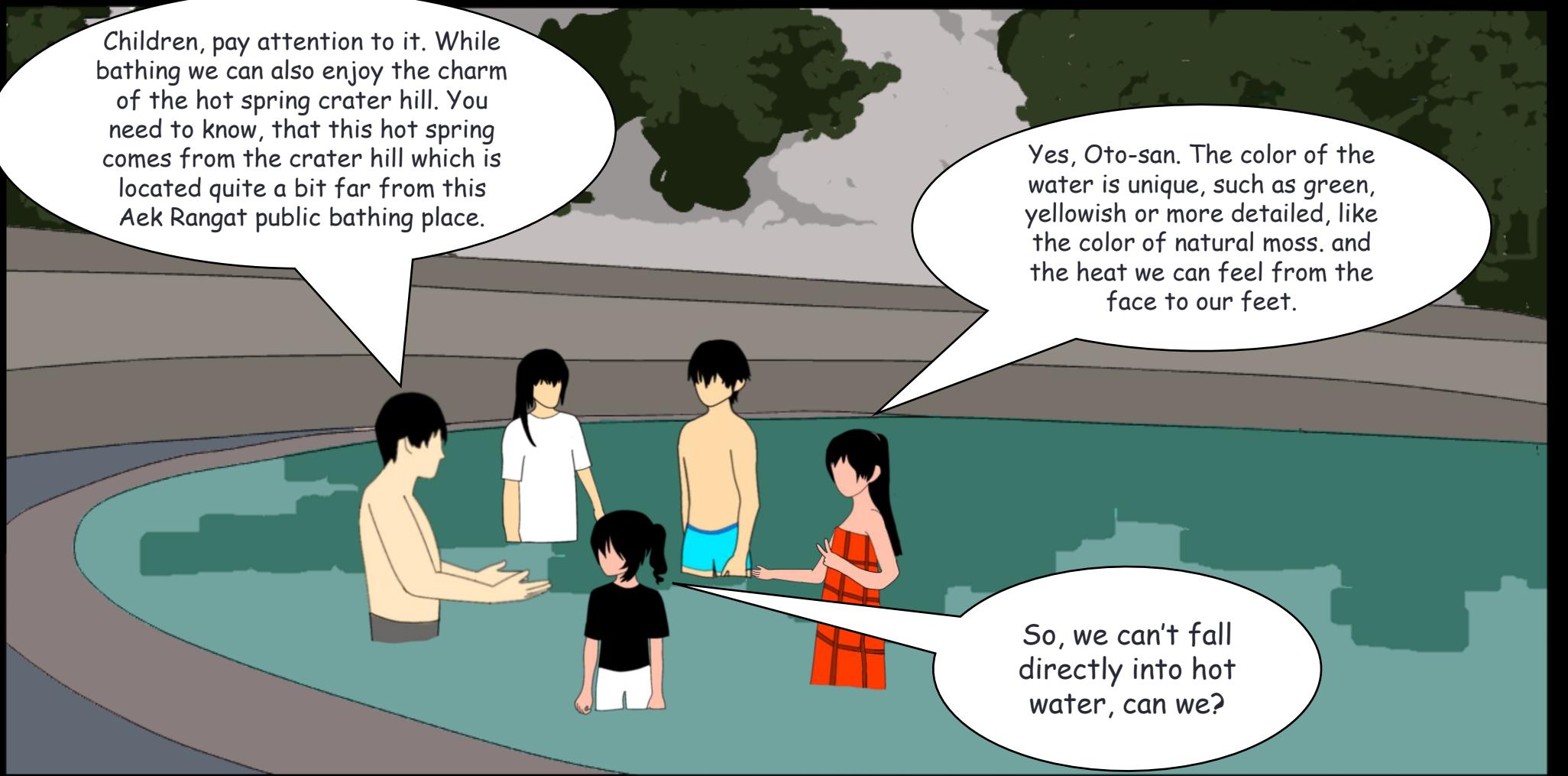
Even though it's sarong for my sleep tonight.

In addition, this bathing pool turned out to be shallow and not deep, Ma.

Pool water that is grayish white contains sulfur. The natural minerals contained in this water are believed to be able to treat various skin diseases.

So it's safer for you. But remember this place is for bathing and not swimming.

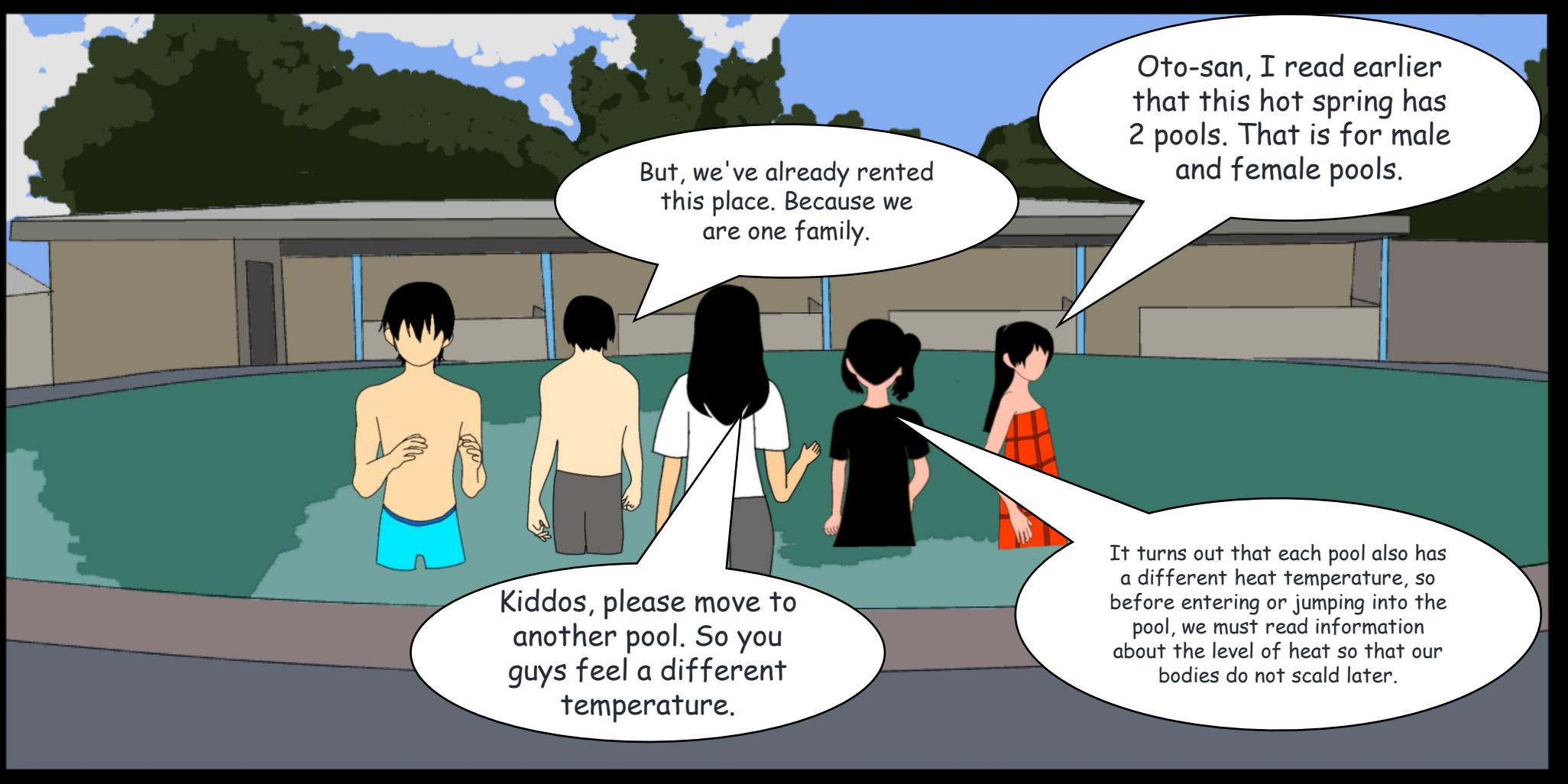
I knows, you can't swim so you're happy.



Children, pay attention to it. While bathing we can also enjoy the charm of the hot spring crater hill. You need to know, that this hot spring comes from the crater hill which is located quite a bit far from this Aek Rangat public bathing place.

Yes, Oto-san. The color of the water is unique, such as green, yellowish or more detailed, like the color of natural moss. and the heat we can feel from the face to our feet.

So, we can't fall directly into hot water, can we?



But, we've already rented this place. Because we are one family.

Oto-san, I read earlier that this hot spring has 2 pools. That is for male and female pools.

Kiddos, please move to another pool. So you guys feel a different temperature.

It turns out that each pool also has a different heat temperature, so before entering or jumping into the pool, we must read information about the level of heat so that our bodies do not scald later.

I'm hungry, Suki...
Let's eat.

You're just hungry. We just moved to this place. Let's move again to the round pool before. Mama and Oto-san must be waiting for us.



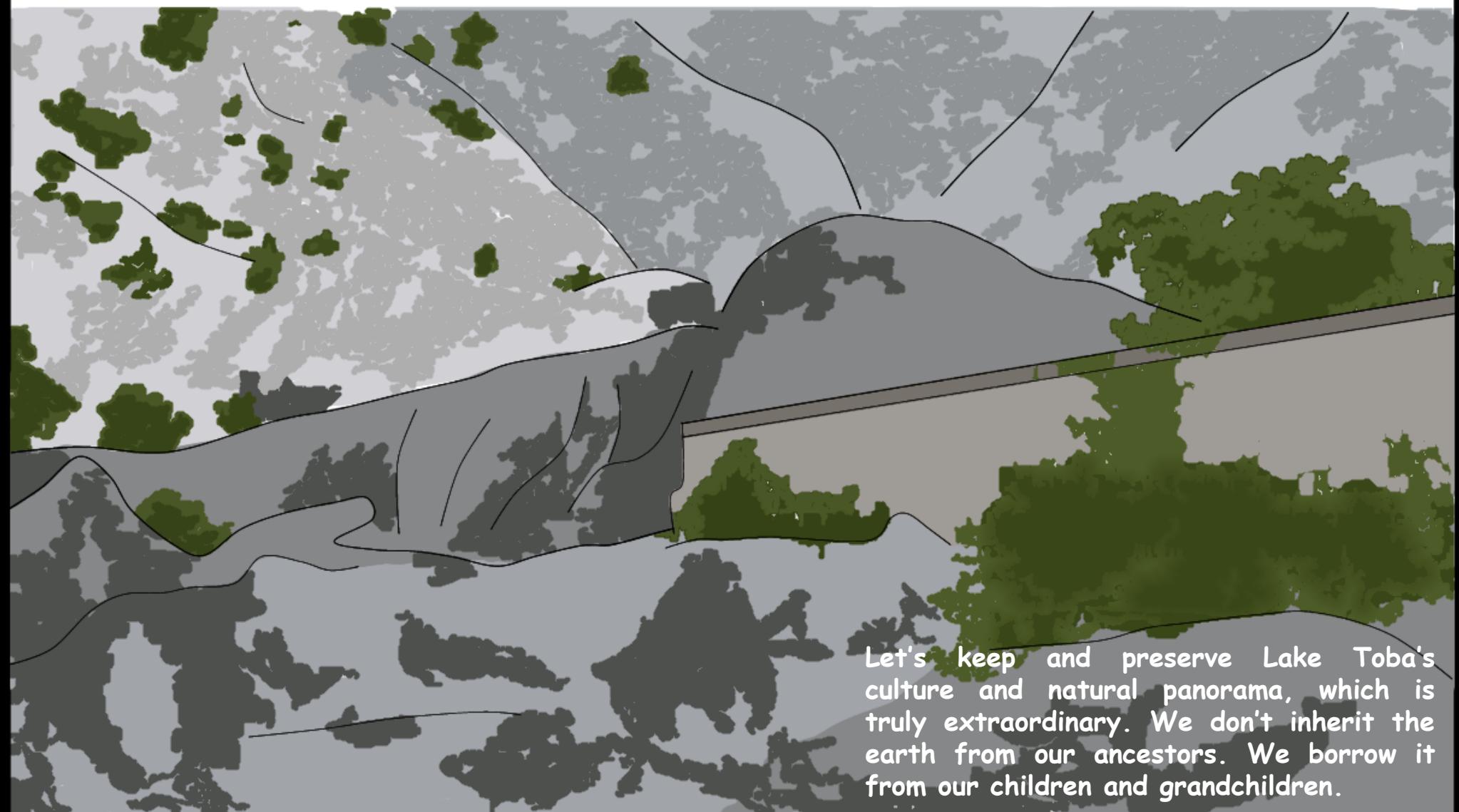
Calm down, Son. Here we can also enjoy local specialties that are so delicious.

I still want to bathe...

Maa, I'm hungry.
Let us eat.

Enough..
Immediately get out of the pool.

Get out of the pool, bro. Later we will conflict again. Aren't we already happy together?!



Let's keep and preserve Lake Toba's culture and natural panorama, which is truly extraordinary. We don't inherit the earth from our ancestors. We borrow it from our children and grandchildren.