

BEATING THE ODDS: PURPLE FLAME AND DABUNG GIRL



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MEET YOUR FRIENDS...
PURPLE FLAME AND DABUNG GIRL!
THEIR SUPERPOWERS CAN
DRIVE ANYONE CRAZY!!

DABUNG GIRL

NANO-ELASTICITY:

CAN EXTEND HER BODY TO
REACH FAR AND WIDE IN A JIFFY

SUPER NEURONS:

CAN USE HER MIND AND
HEART AT 100% CAPACITY

PURPLE FLAME

SOUL ART:

CAN BRING ART AND EXPRESSIONS
TO LIFE

ULTRA COGNIZANCE:

HAS SUPER NATURAL OBSERVATION
AND LEADERSHIP POWER

RIYA HAS RECENTLY MOVED TO MAHANAGAR... IT'S HER SECOND MONTH AT SCHOOL AND SHE HAS BEEN MADE THE CLASS MONITOR

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EVERYONE,
PLEASE BE QUIET...

LET'S PLAY A
FUN QUIZ GAME

YEAAAAAAAY!

STUDENTS QUICKLY
SETTLE DOWN

NOOR, WHY
DON'T YOU ASK THE
FIRST QUESTION!

AAA... YES... SO
WHAT DO THESE PEOPLE
HAVE IN COMMON...

ALBERT EINSTEIN, AGATHA
CHRISTIE, MOHAMMAD ALI,
SALMA HAYEK, JF KENNEDY,
RICHARD BRANSON &
ABHISHEK BACHCHAN

I KNOW,
THEY ARE ALL
FAMOUS!

HA!

HA!

HA!

COME ON,
BE SERIOUS!



BUT BEFORE ANYONE COULD GET THE CORRECT ANSWER,
MISS SHARMA, THE TEACHER, ENTERS THE CLASSROOM

FRIENDS, MAYBE
WE CAN PLAY THE
GAME LATER

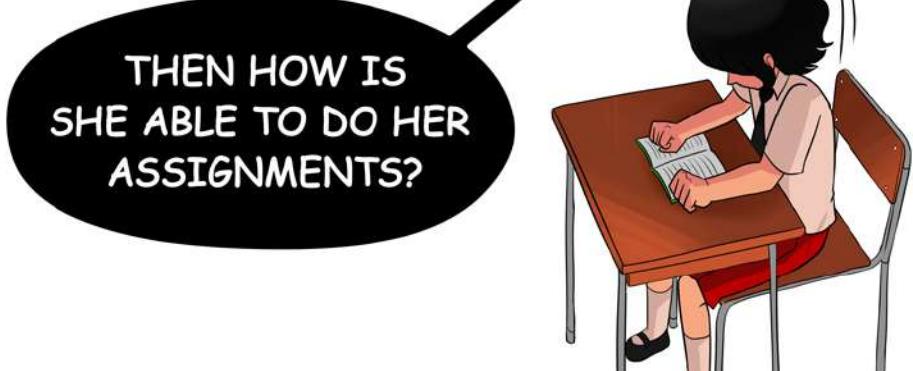
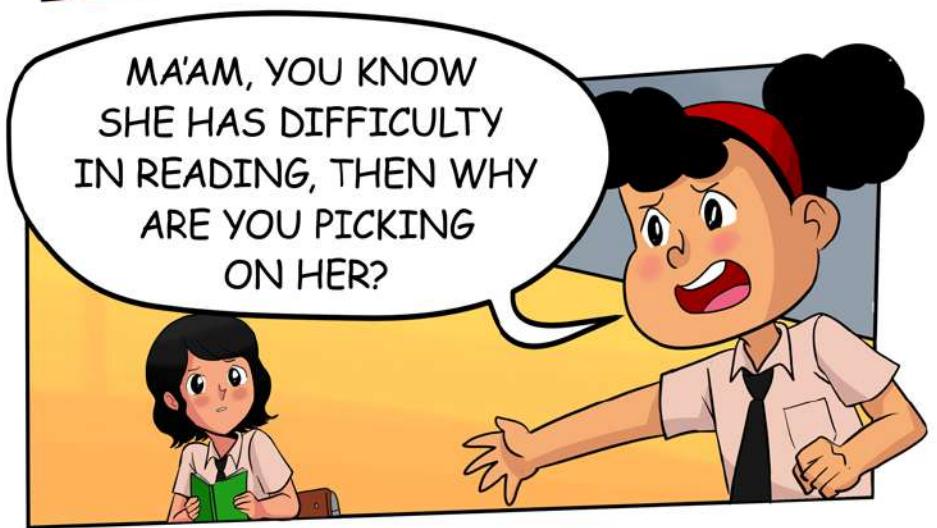


STUDENTS,
TODAY WE WILL READ
ABOUT EQUALITY AND
INCLUSION?

Equality
and
Inclusion.

RIYA, CAN YOU
PLEASE READ THIS
CHAPTER TO THE
CLASS?

AAA...
THIS...



THERE IS STUNNED SILENCE

RIYA FEELS LIKE CRYING BUT SHE DOESN'T... SHE POLITELY SITS DOWN

AFTER THE CLASS, RIYA IS AT THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND...

IT'S TIME TO PONDER, ON WHY THE TEACHER STOLE YOUR THUNDER!

I REALLY WONDER, IF THERE IS AN ENCHANTED SPELL THAT SHE IS UNDER!



WE HAVE THE QUIZ CHAMPIONSHIP AT OUR SCHOOL IN TWO DAYS...

YOU ARE PREPARING WELL, I HOPE



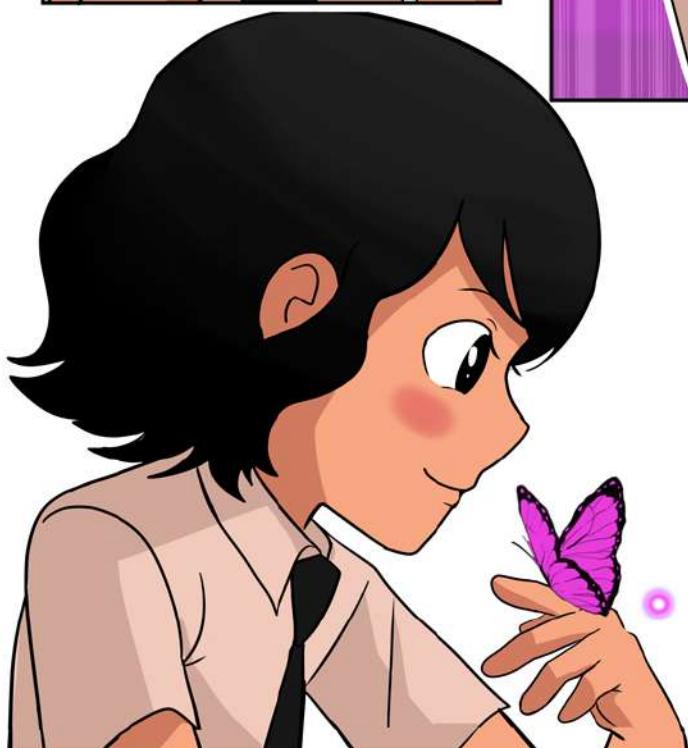
RIYA TAKES OUT HER TABLET AND DRAWS A BUTTERFLY...



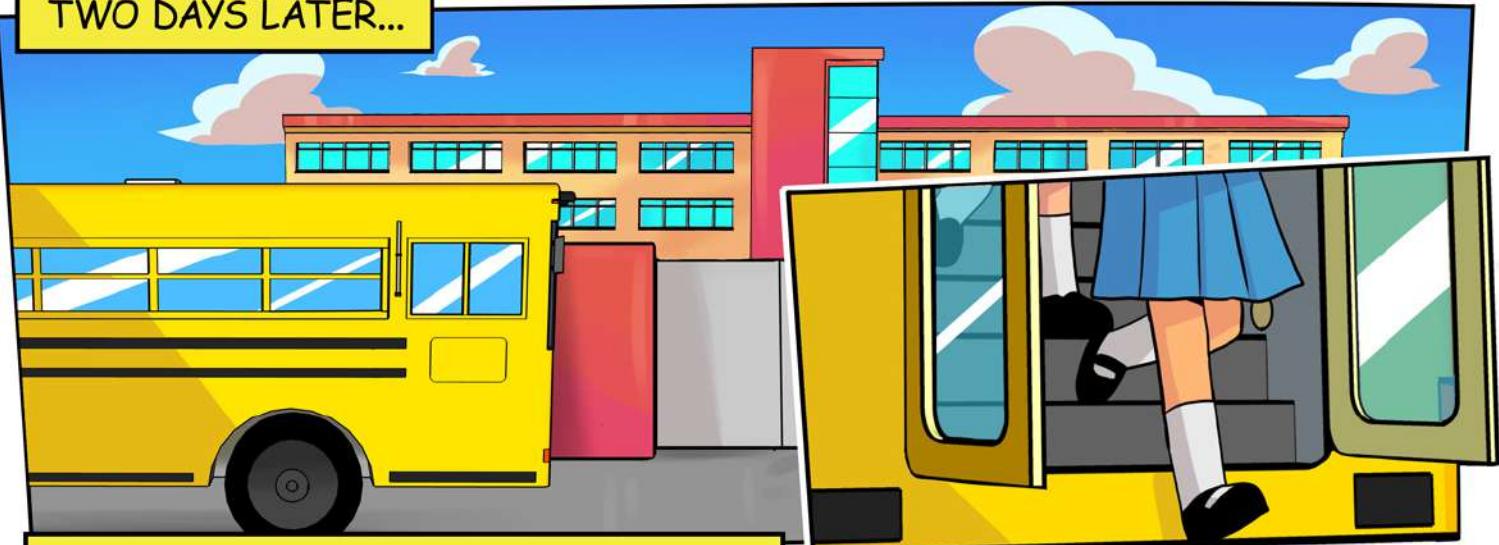
SHE CLOSES HER EYES...



A BUTTERFLY COMES TO LIFE...



TWO DAYS LATER...



THE TEAM FROM TADKAPUR IS HERE...



TARA



NAINA



CHINTU



MUSKAAN

WOW! SUCH A BEAUTIFUL SCHOOL... HOW CAN SOMEONE STUDY HERE? I WOULD JUST KEEP ADMIRING THE BUILDING

THIS IS NOTHING... WHEN I GROW UP, I WILL CREATE A SCHOOL INSIDE THE TAJ MAHAL... IT WILL BE EVEN BIGGER THAN THIS

CHINTU, JUST TAJ MAHAL? WHY NOT INSIDE THE PARLIAMENT HOUSE? IT IS ANYWAYS USED ONLY DURING THE DAY...

ONE CAN PROBABLY START A HUGE NIGHT SCHOOL THERE

YOU THREE!
FOCUS! FOCUS!
WE ARE HERE TO WIN
THE QUIZ... PRINCIPAL
SIR HAS SHOWN SO
MUCH TRUST IN US

YA YA! WE WILL WIN...
LET NAINA AND TARA WORRY
ABOUT THAT... YOU AND I
SHOULD RELAX AND EAT
DELICIOUS FOOD

INSIDE THE AUDITORIUM, THE
QUIZ CHAMPIONSHIP HAS STARTED...

SEMI-FINALS ARE IN PROGRESS...



TEAMS FROM MAHANAGAR, TADKAPUR
AND JHAKAASLAND QUALIFY



TEAMS ARE STAYING AT
THE SCHOOL HOSTEL



SHE SEES SOMEONE ON THE TERRACE OF ANOTHER BUILDING!

IS THAT AN INTRUDER? TIME FOR DABUNG GIRL!



AAYI RE, AAYI RE,
DABUNG GIRL AAYI RE!



YES, I AM
PURPLE FLAME, NAAM
TO SUNA HI HOGA!

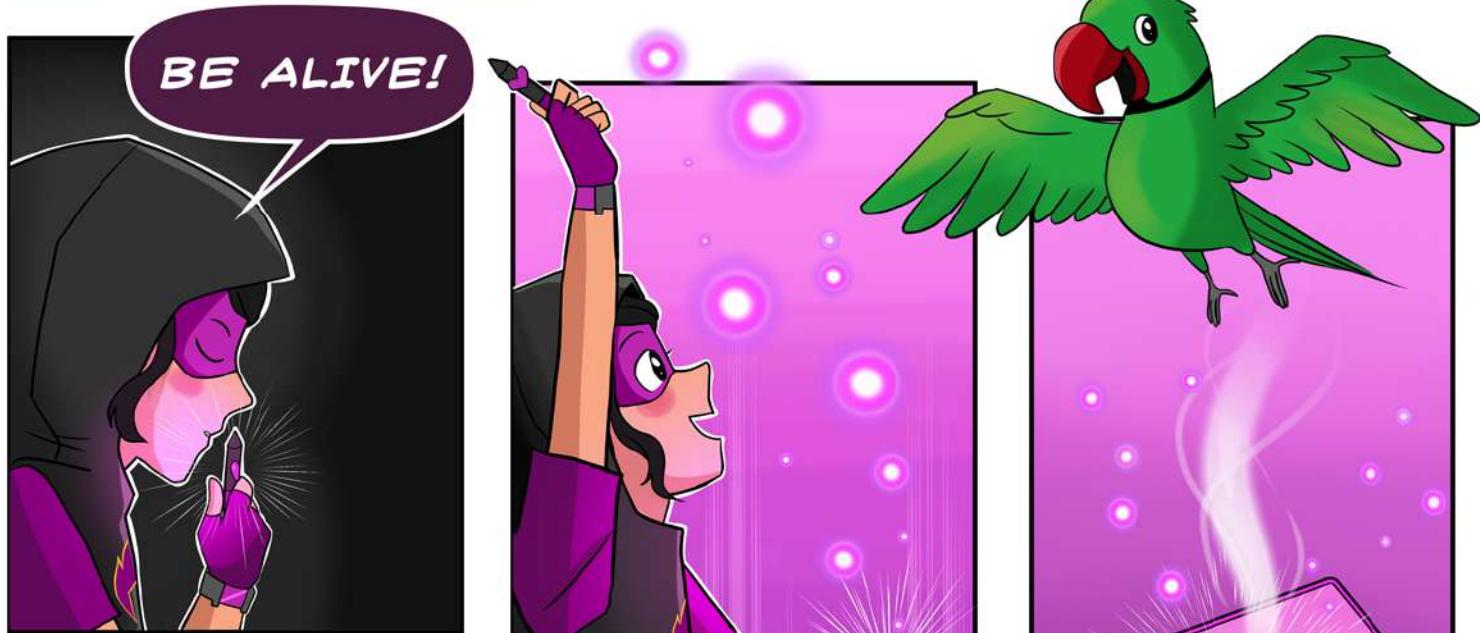
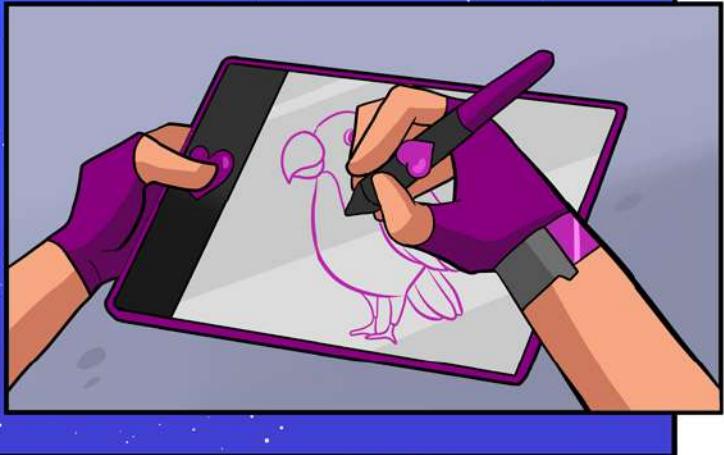
YES, AND WHO ARE
YOU? WAIT ARE YOU... ?
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS...

OMG! SO HAPPY TO
FINALLY MEET YOU...
WHAT BRINGS YOU
TO MAHANAGAR?

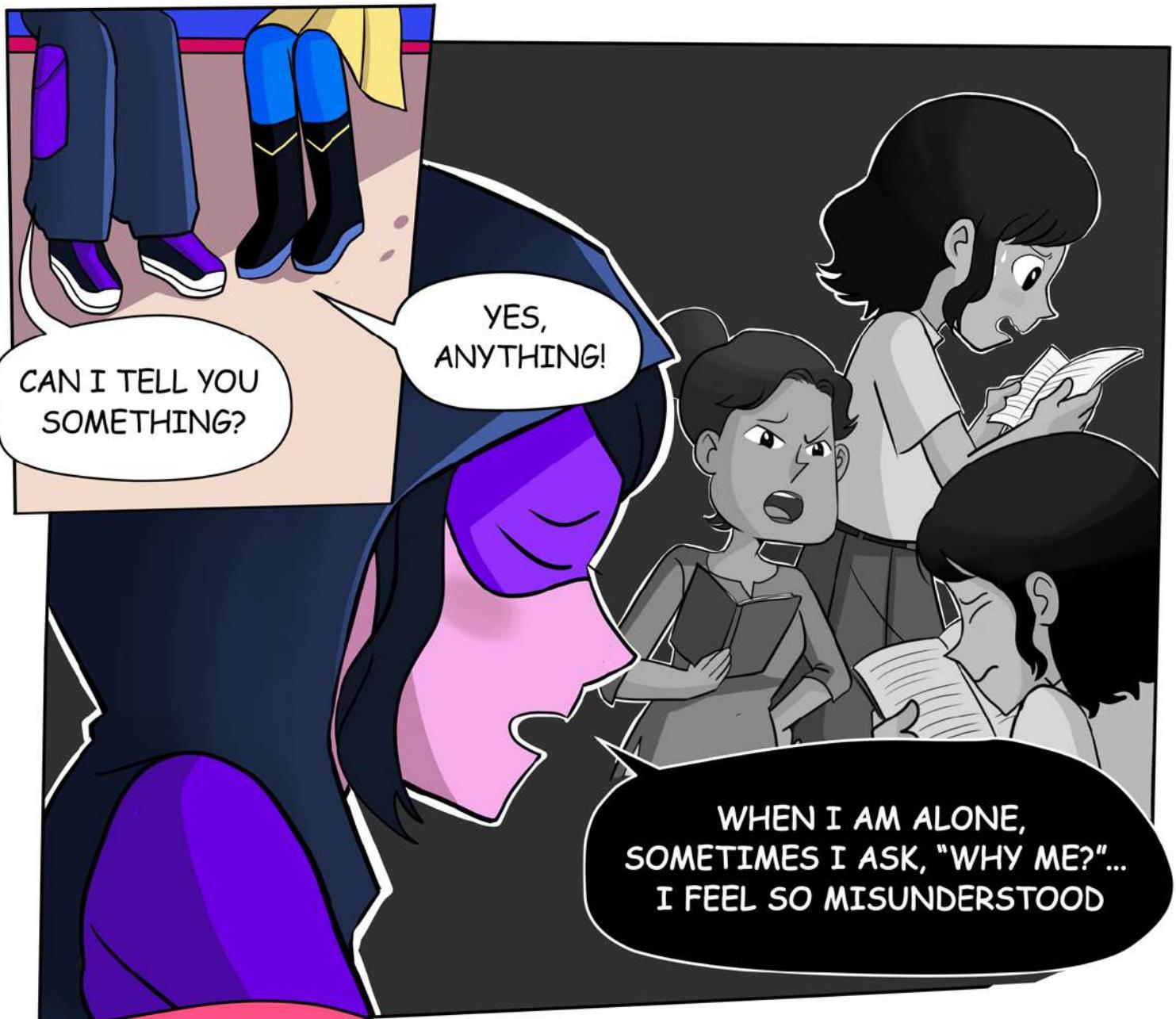
MY FAMILY MOVED
HERE RECENTLY

I HAVE
HEARD THAT YOU
ARE VERY GOOD
AT ART!

PURPLE FLAME STARTS DRAWING...







NEXT DAY,
THE FINALS HAVE
STARTED... THE TEAMS
ARE NECK AND NECK...

BRAINY BRAVEHEARTS
FROM TADKAPUR

DARING DREAMERS
FROM MAHANAGAR

ROYAL ROVERS
FROM JHAKRASLAND

50

50

45

AND IT'S A TIE...
TIME FOR A TIE BREAKER...
YOU NEED TO NOMINATE A
MEMBER FROM YOUR TEAM
TO ANSWER IN THIS
ROUND...

THIS
COMPETITION
IS ABOUT TO
GET REAL!



NAINA IS NOMINATED
BY BRAINY BRAVEHEARTS

RIYA IS NOMINATED
BY DARING DREAMERS

THE FIRST QUESTION
IS ON THE SCREEN NOW...
RIYA, CAN YOU COMPLETE
THIS WORD IN 15 SECONDS

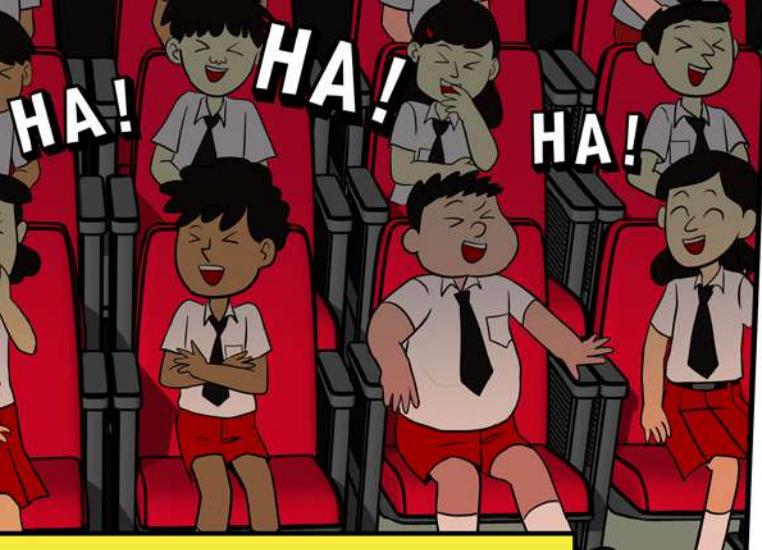
RIYA LOOKS
PUZZLED

SORRY, THAT
WOULD BE AGAINST
THE QUIZ RULES



RIYA'S TEAM MEMBER SAYS...

DIDN'T I TELL YOU...
WE SHOULDN'T TAKE
HER IN OUR TEAM



UNFORTUNATELY, HIS MIC IS ON...
THE AUDIENCE STARTS LAUGHING

NOOR SWITCHES ON HER MIC...

WE WOULDN'T HAVE
REACHED THIS FAR, IF
IT WASN'T FOR HER

EVERYONE BECOMES
QUIET... THE TIME IS UP

NAINA, THE QUESTION
IS PASSED TO YOU...
YOU ONLY HAVE FIVE
SECONDS TO ANSWER

TO RIYA'S RELIEF,
NAINA DOES NOT
KNOW THE ANSWER

THE CORRECT
ANSWER IS SOPHISTICATED...
NOW THAT IS NOT SO
SOPHISTICATED, IS IT!



SUDDENLY, THE
LIGHTS GO OUT...



IT SEEMS THERE
IS A POWER CUT DUE
TO THE STORM AND
OUR GENERATOR IS
NOT WORKING

I REQUEST ALL
OF YOU TO PLEASE
REMAIN SEATED



A VOICE IS HEARD OUTSIDE THE AUDITORIUM



SOMEONE HAS FALLEN
INTO THE HOLE... WATER
IS FILLING UP FAST... WE
SHOULD HELP

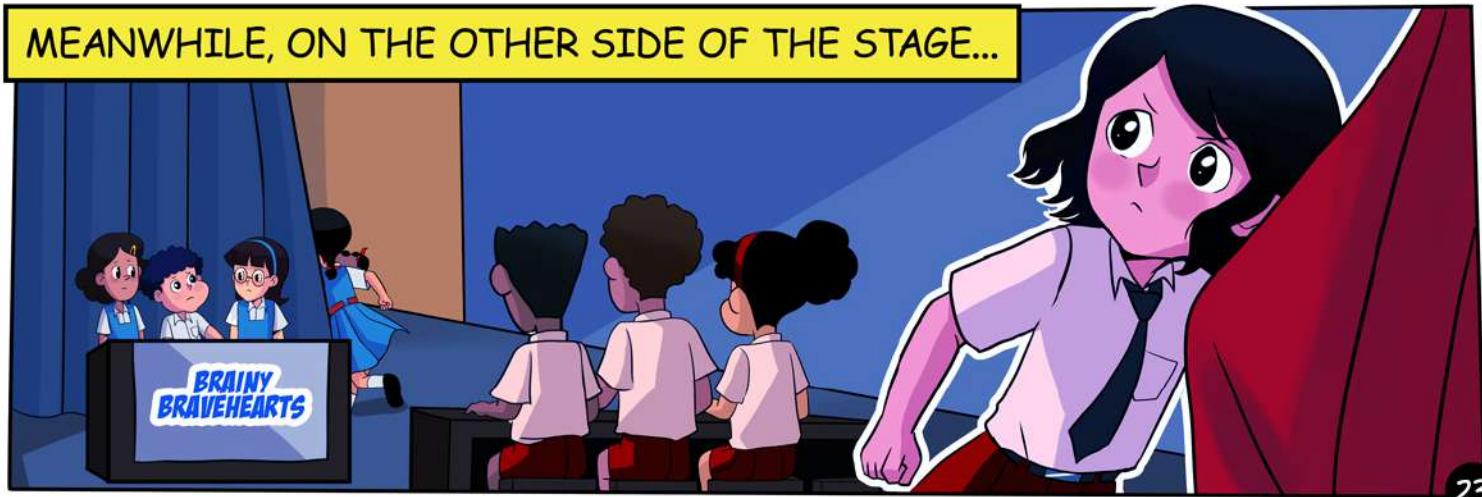




BACK IN THE AUDITORIUM...
TARA QUIETLY LEAVES THE STAGE



MEANWHILE, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STAGE...





TRANSFORM!!



KAVOOOM!!

WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH, PURPLE FLAME
AND DABUNG GIRL ALWAYS SHOW UP!!!

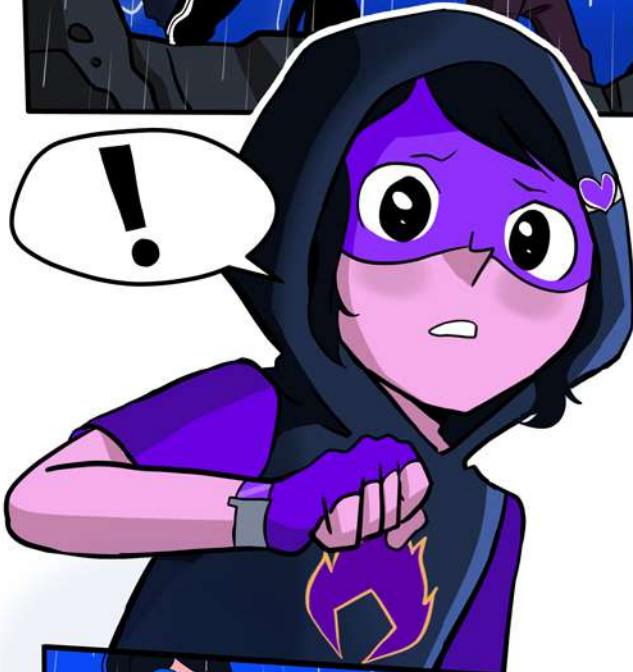
ROCK AND ROLL,
PURPLE FLAME SLAYS HER GOAL!



AAYI RE, AAYI RE,
DABUNG GIRL AAYI RE!



BOTH THE SUPERHEROES
REACH THE HOLE...



PURPLE FLAME SEES THAT IT'S
MISS SHARMA, THE TEACHER WHO
SCOLDED HER A FEW DAYS AGO



DABUNG GIRL STRETCHES HER
ARMS TO LIFT THE TEACHER...



PURPLE FLAME
I NEED YOUR
HELP!

BECAUSE YOU ARE A
GOOD PERSON... NOT
EVERYONE WILL BE ABLE TO
SEE THAT BUT DON'T LET
THAT CHANGE YOU

I DON'T LIKE
HER BECAUSE SHE
DOESN'T LIKE ME! GIVE
ME ONE GOOD REASON
TO HELP HER

NOW THAT'S
TRUE!

PURPLE FLAME DRAWS A GIANT BIRD...

BE ALIVE!





BUT THE BIRD, MADE OF INK,
DISSOLVES IN THE RAIN



TIME TO WORK
TOGETHER!





PURPLE FLAME CREATES A PULLY,
WHEREAS DABUNG GIRL HOLDS THE
UMBRELLAS TOGETHER TO PROTECT
THE INK FROM DISSOLVING



WOW! MAYBE I SHOULD
INVITE PURPLE FLAME TO MY
PHYSICS CLASS TO EXPLAIN
THE PULLEY SYSTEM TO
MY STUDENTS



I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH PURPLE FLAME AND DABUNG GIRL

PLEASE DON'T MENTION IT

WHATTT!!! PLEASE DO MENTION!

DABUNG GIRL AND PURPLE FLAME SUDDENLY TURN BACK...

WAIT... I THINK I SAW SOMEONE THERE...

ME TOO!

TILL WE MEET AGAIN PURPLE FLAME!

AFTER SOME TIME, ELECTRICITY IS RESTORED... COMPETITION STARTS AGAIN

SO TEAM BRAINY BRAVEHEARTS IT'S YOUR TURN

ANSWER THIS QUESTION TO WIN THE COMPETITION...

WHAT DO THESE PEOPLE HAVE IN COMMON?
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SALMA HAYEK, RICHARD BRANSON, JF KENNEDY &
ABHISHEK BACHCHAN



RIYA LOOKS AT NOOR AND THEY EXCHANGE SMILES

THEY ARE ALL DYSLEXIC



ABSOLUTELY RIGHT!
EVEN THOUGH THEY FIND
IT DIFFICULT TO READ, THEY
HAVE CREATED SOME OF THE
MOST WONDERFUL THINGS
IN THIS WORLD

AND THE WINNER IS
THE DARING DREAMERS TEAM
FROM MAHANAGAR! LET'S HAVE
A HUGE ROUND OF APPLAUSE
FOR ALL THE TEAMS



NEXT DAY, IT'S TIME FOR ALL TEAMS TO LEAVE...



RIYA, YOU WERE
SO AWESOME IN
THE QUIZ

AH! AH!...
ONLY RIYA!

NO NO... I
MEANT THE ENTIRE
TEAM OF DARING
DREAMERS

IT WAS REALLY
GREAT TO MEET
ALL OF YOU

DIFFICULT TO AGREE, BUT YES THAT'S TRUE!
AND AM SO GLAD, THE SKY IS BACK TO BEING BLUE,
ELSE, I WOULD HAVE HAD SO MUCH WORK TO DO!

TARA IS TAKEN ABACK... POETRY
STYLE SOUNDS FAMILIAR

ARE YOU
THE...

YES I AM...
AND I KNOW
WHO YOU ARE!

BUT HOW
DID YOU RECOGNIZE
ME? EVEN MY FRIENDS
DON'T KNOW THAT

TILL WE
MEET AGAIN!
SAYONARA!



A FEW MOMENTS LATER...
BUTTERFLIES BRING A LETTER TO TARA



THE END

HELLO FRIENDS!



Dyslexia is a learning disorder that impacts reading abilities of an individual, even though the person may have average or above average IQ. It is not visible physically and can only be diagnosed through a combination of tests. Research from the National Institutes of Health (USA) as well as Yale University shows that around 1 in every 5 persons has dyslexia.

If you are someone with dyslexia, remember that some of the brightest children struggle to read and spell. Many successful people at the top of their fields are dyslexic. While people with dyslexia may be slow readers, they often are creative thinkers, innovators and problem solvers.

If your friend has dyslexia, know that most children and adults with dyslexia can learn to read - but might need support and patience of their peers. It may be helpful when chatting with your friend to ask one question at a time, or break information down into smaller chunks.

It is a myth that individuals with dyslexia "read backwards." At times spelling can look quite jumbled to them as dyslexics may have trouble remembering letter symbols for sounds and forming memories for words.

DO YOU KNOW THIS ABOUT PURPLE FLAME?

SOME YEARS AGO ON A STORMY NIGHT...



A GIRL IS BORN



A FEW MOMENTS LATER,
A GUARDIAN ANGEL APPEARS...



SHE LEAVES HER A GIFT...



RIYA SEEMS TO
HAVE A STRONG
CONNECTION WITH
THE PEN

NEXT DAY, RIYA'S MOTHER SEES
HER PLAYING WITH A NEW PEN...



LITTLE DID SHE KNOW THAT IT WAS A MAGICAL WAND

DO YOU KNOW THIS ABOUT DABUNG GIRL?

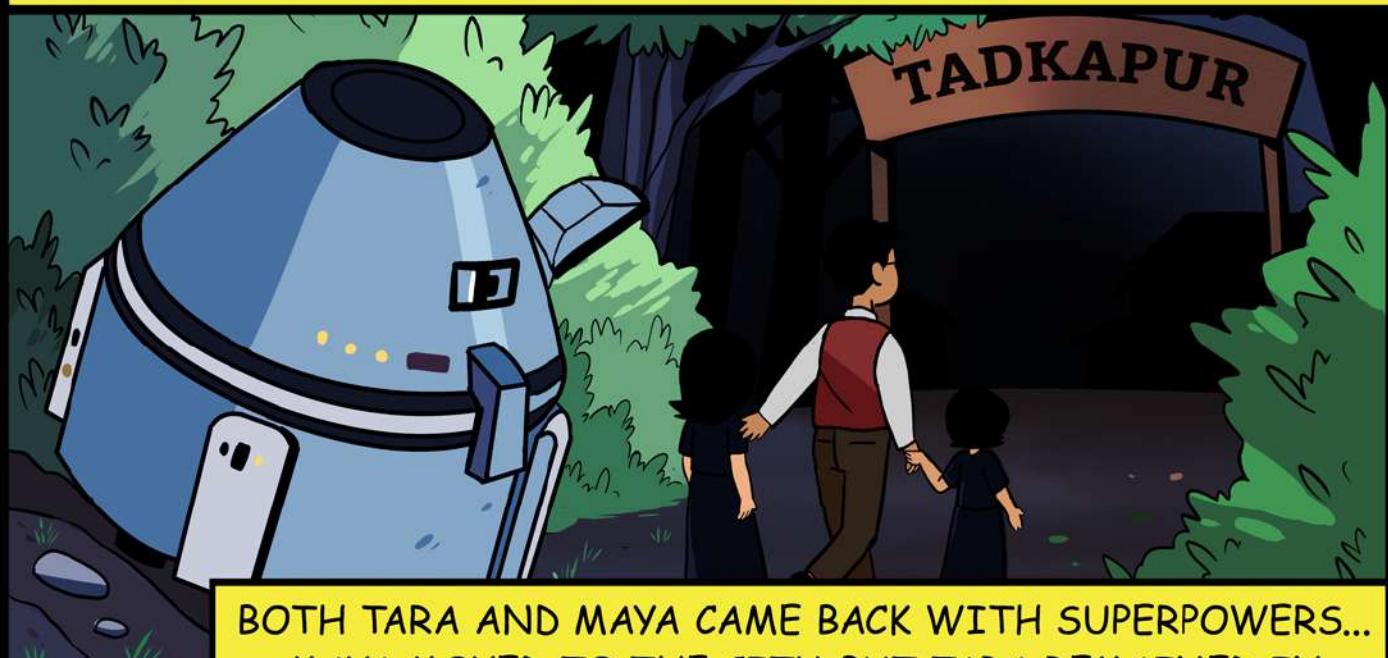
ONE DAY, ALIENS KIDNAPPED ONE OF INDIA'S MOST PROMINENT SCIENTISTS... UNKNOWINGLY, THEY ALSO TOOK BOTH HER DAUGHTERS, TARA AND MAYA...



THREE YEARS LATER, A BRIGHT SPIRAL SHAPE IS SEEN IN THE NIGHT SKY...



THAT SAME NIGHT, A CAPSULE FROM ANOTHER WORLD LANDS ON EARTH, AND BRINGS BACK THE SCIENTIST'S DAUGHTERS TO THEIR FATHER IN TADKAPUR... BUT THE SCIENTIST'S WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN EVEN TODAY...



BOTH TARA AND MAYA CAME BACK WITH SUPERPOWERS...
MAYA MOVED TO THE CITY, BUT TARA REMAINED IN
TADKAPUR AND BECAME DABUNG GIRL...

COLOUR US

WE LOVE NEW AND
COLOURFUL AVATARS...
CAN YOU SUGGEST NEW
COLOURS FOR OUR
CLOTHES?



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