

Kazakh Zhiza Stories

Stories That Are So True

A Travelogue Comic by Soham Khadatare

Preface

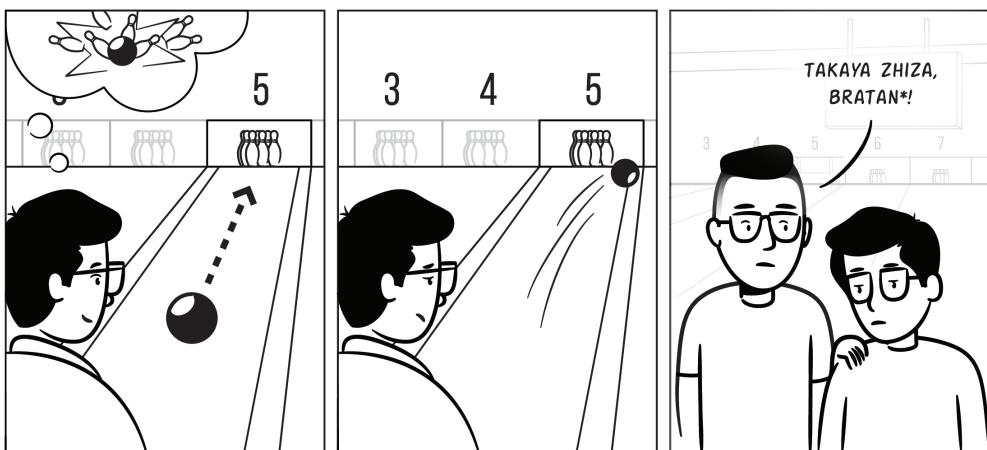
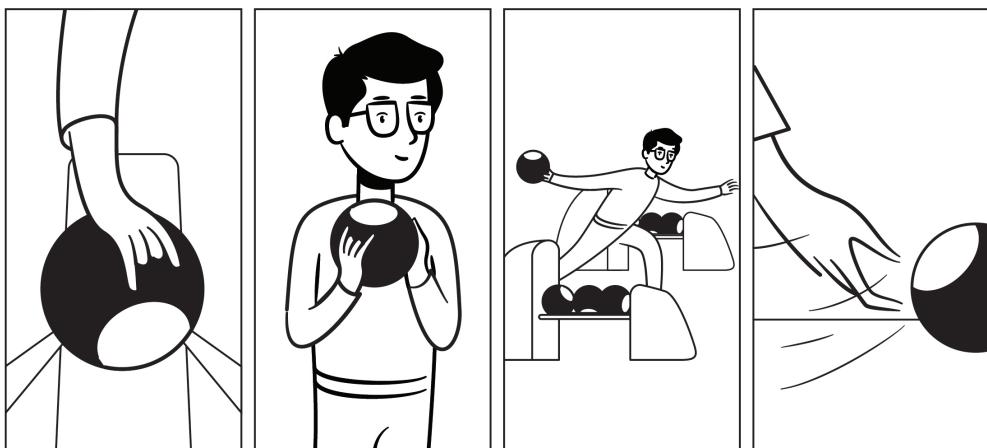
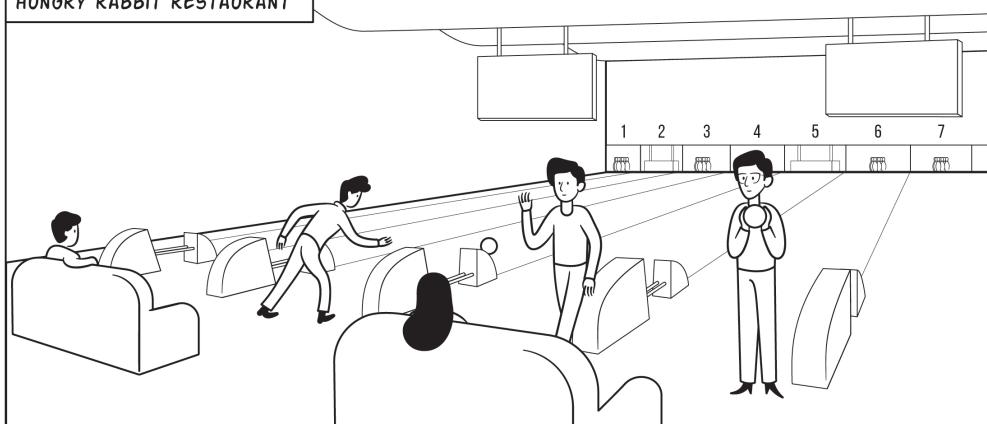
The collection of comics in this book serve as a travelogue of my trip to Kazakhstan as an exchange student in the summer of 2018. Within it are some of the instances from the trip that stand out due to special reasons. The characters in this book are not fictional at all and resemble real people.

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BOWLING

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HUNGRY RABBIT RESTAURANT



*THIS IS LIFE, BRO

PICKUP LINES

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YOU'RE GOING
TO SHYMKENT
RIGHT?

YEAH,
WHY?

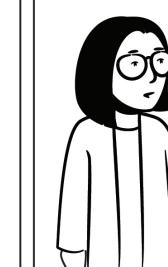


WELL, IN SHYMKENT,
THERE IS A
TRADITION TO ...



... KIDNAP THE
GIRL YOU WANT
TO MARRY

WELL...



... SAME THING IS PRACTICED IN
SOME PARTS OF RURAL INDIA AS
WELL. I GUESS THESE MEN JUST...



PREFER 'PICKUP'
OVER PICKUP LINES



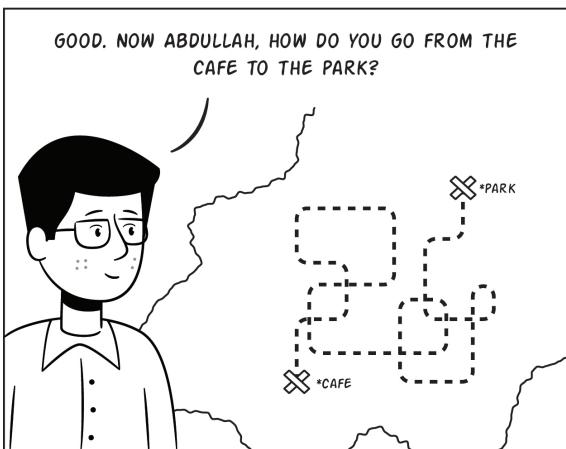
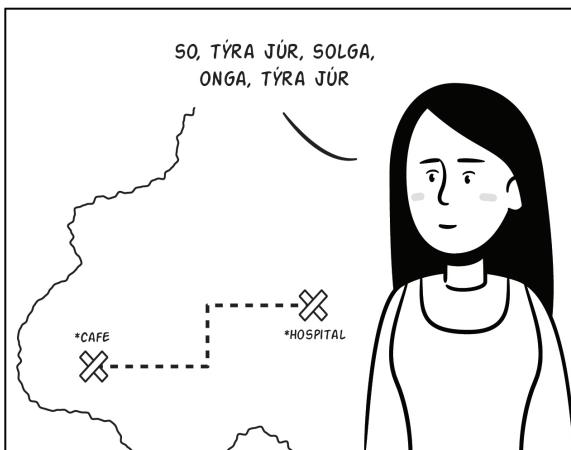
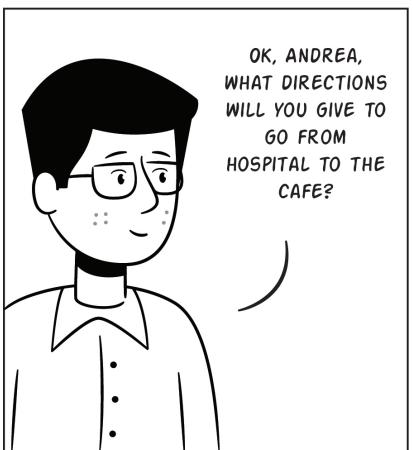
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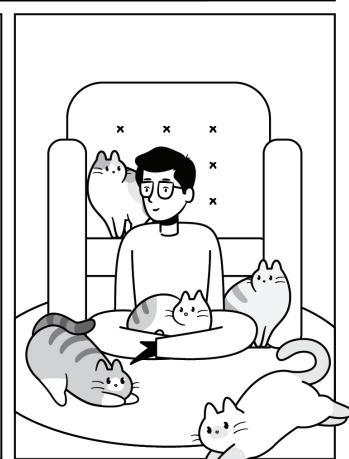
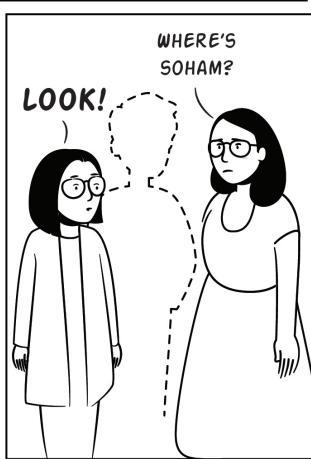
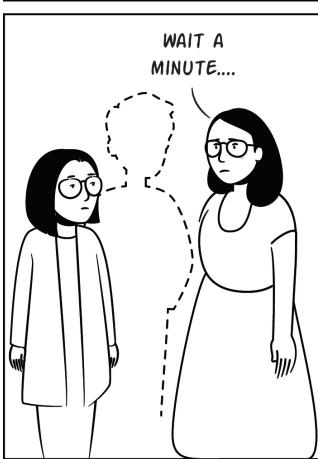
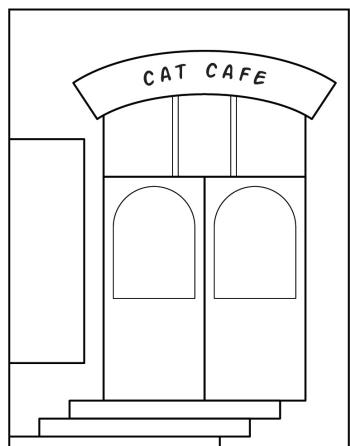
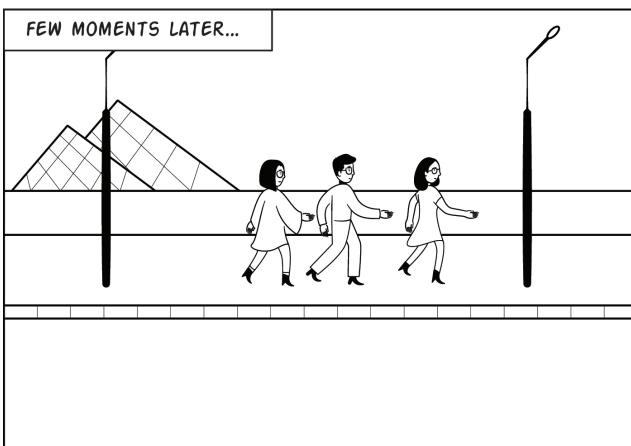
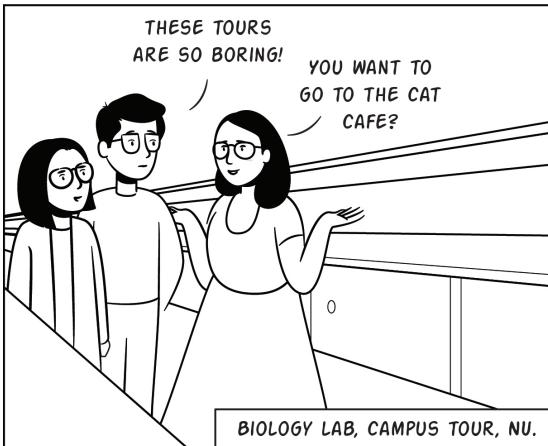
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KAZAKH LANGUAGE CLASSES



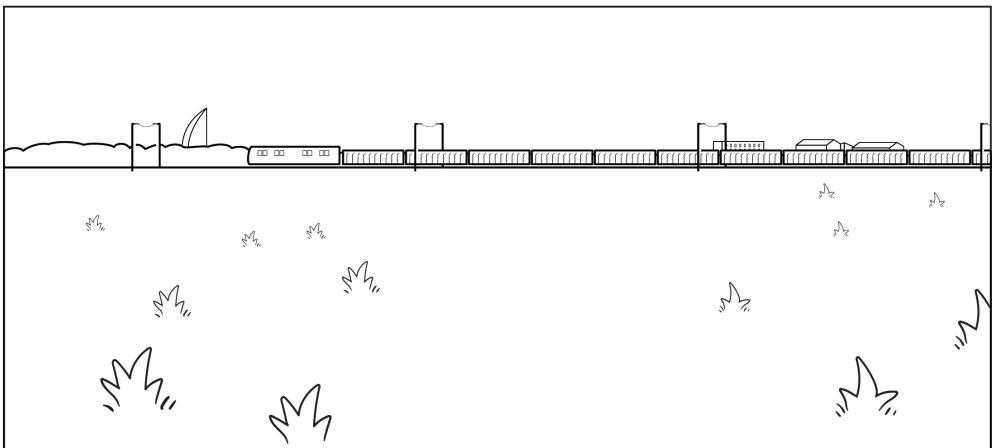
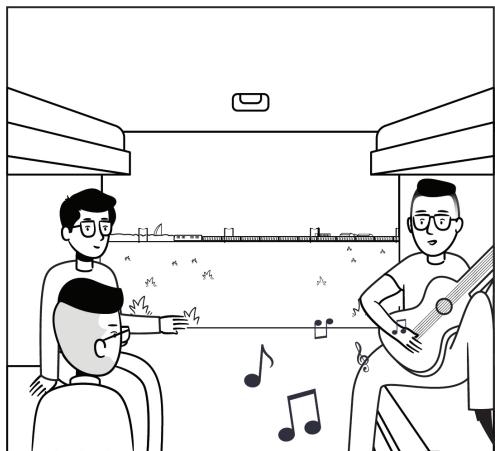
TO GO STRAIGHT, SAY "TÝRA JÚR"; TO GO LEFT, SAY "SOLGA"; TO GO RIGHT, SAY "ONGA". ALRIGHT?





DEPARTURE

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*CAN I BORROW YOUR GUITAR?

**LOCAL KAZAKH SONG

SHYMKENT DIARRHOEA

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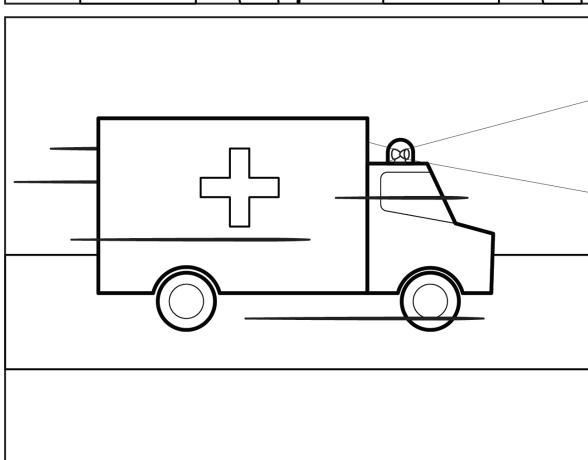
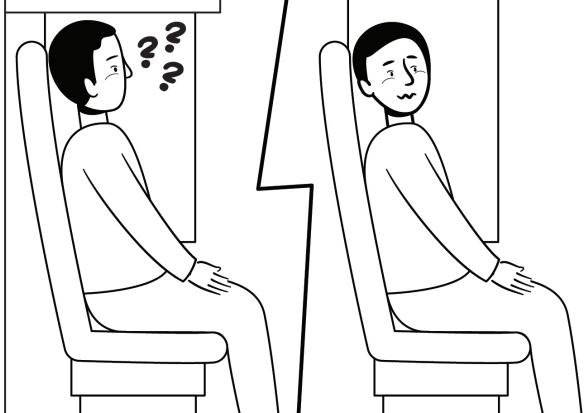
WELCOME TO SHYMKENT!
WE ARE GOING TO THE
TOMB OF KOSHKAR ATA.

HE FOUND THIS LIFE GIVING
SPRING. DRINKING WATER
FROM THE SPRING
CAN CURE ANY
ILLNESS

ON THE WAY TO THE SPRING

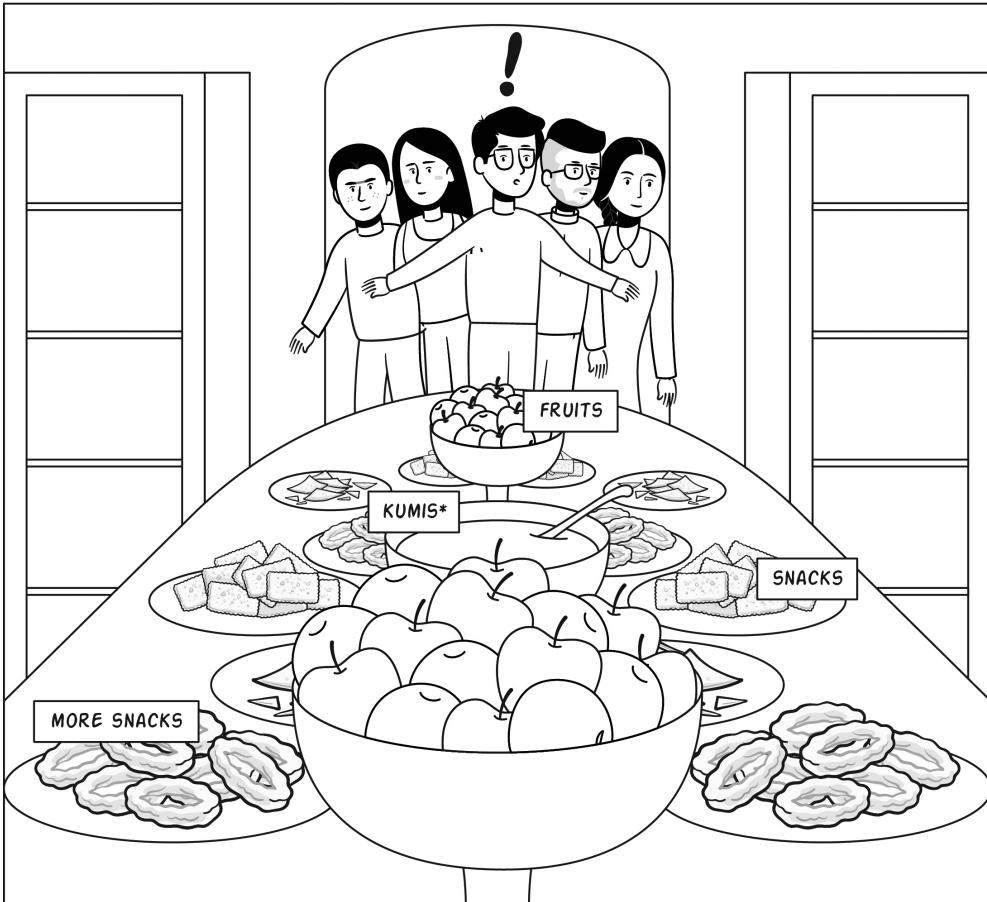
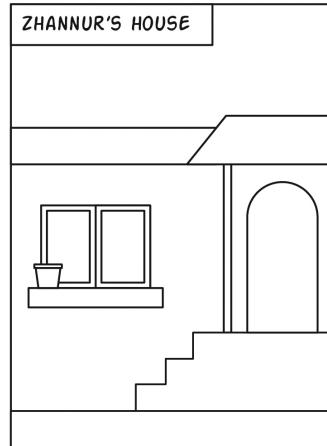
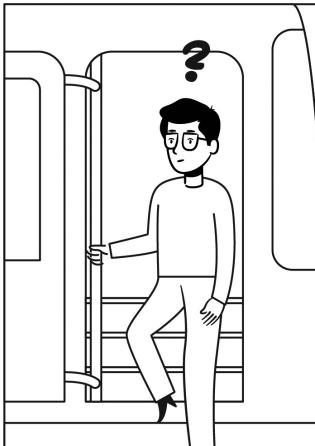
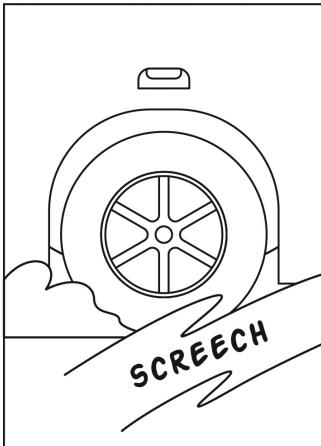
AT THE SPRING

SOME TIME LATER...



HOME SWEET HOME

07



*KUMIS = MARE MILK

ANTI-NATIONAL

08

SO, THIS PRESIDENT OF YOURS; SEEMS
QUIET POPULAR SINCE EVERYTHING IS
NAMED AFTER HIM, NO?

YEAH, ABOUT HIM. HE IS
A GREAT PRESIDENT
BUT...

BUT?

HIS POLICIES ARE OFF.
THEY TRY TO SOLVE
LESS RELEVANT
PROBLEMS WHEN LARGER
ONES ARE YET TO BE
SOLVED. FOR EXAMPLE,
RECENTLY THE
GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO
SHIFT FROM CIRILLIC TO
LATIN TYPE. THE
PRESIDENT IS KIND OF
DICTATORIAL ALTHOUGH
THE GOVERNMENT IS
DEMOCRATIC.

SAME PROBLEM
EXISTS IN INDIA.

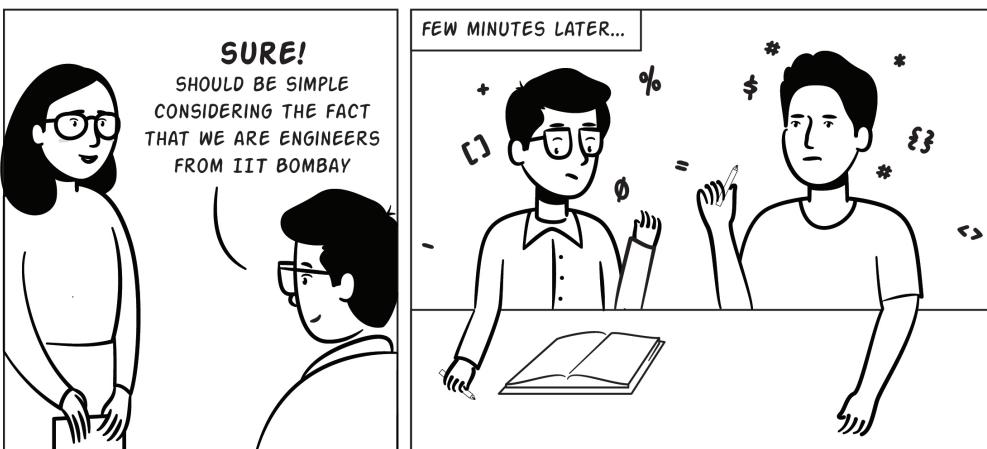
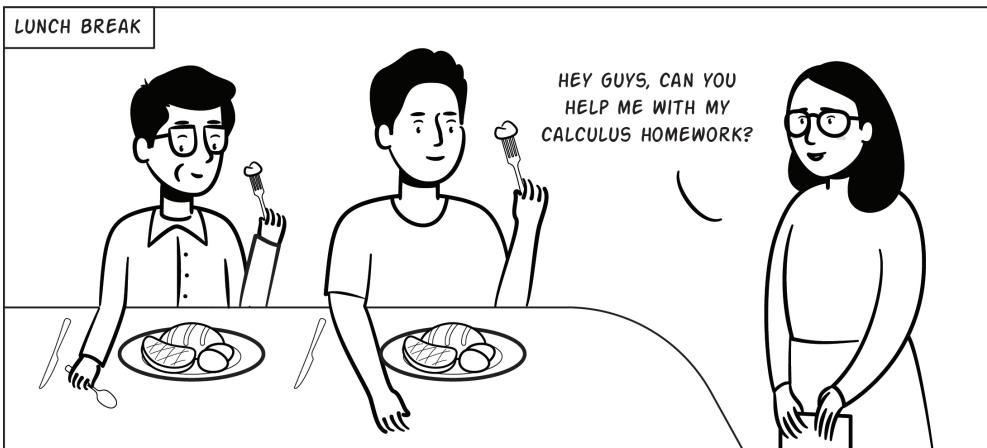
YOU KNOW, THEY
COULD BE LISTENING
TO US RIGHT NOW?

WHAT!?

WHAT?

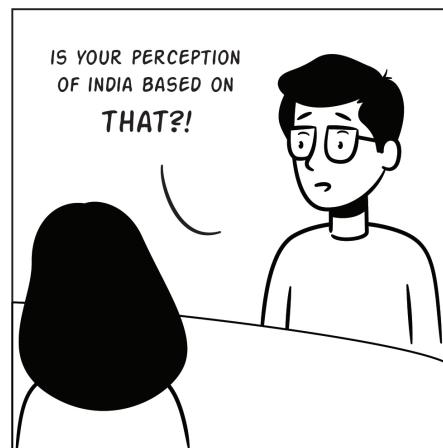
CALCULUS

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INDIAN SOAP

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WEDDING FLU

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LATER THAT NIGHT



DOMBRA = KAZAKH TRADITIONAL INSTRUMENT



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