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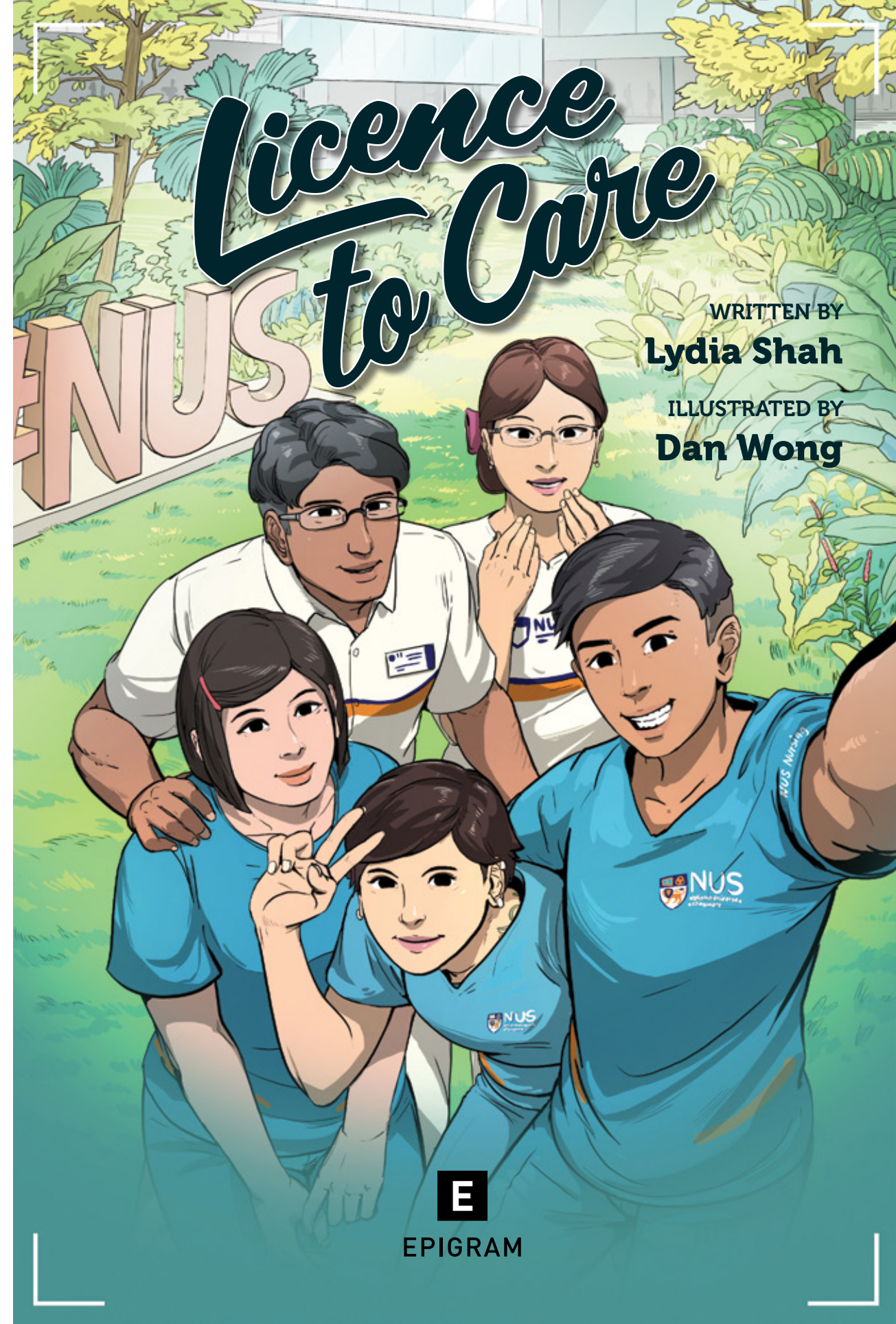
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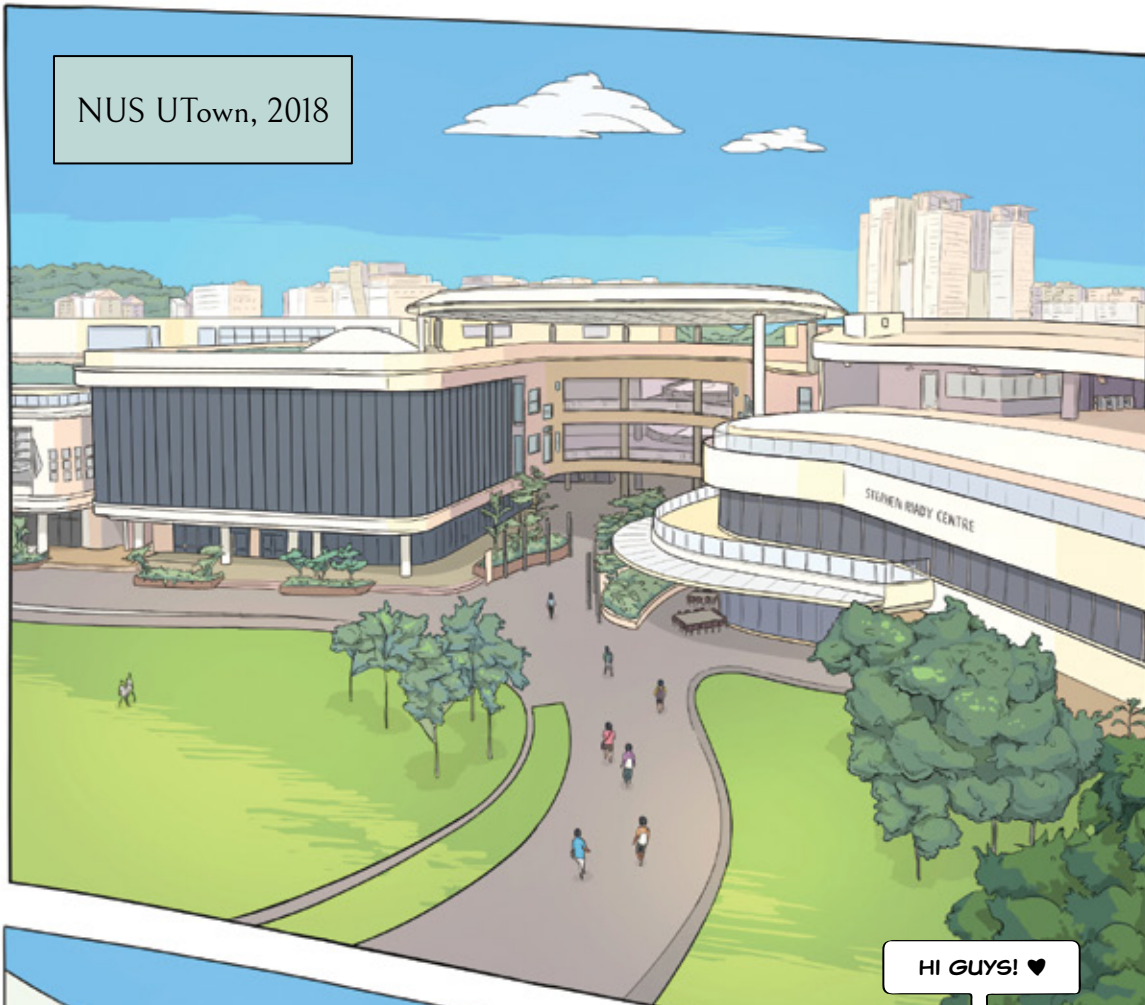
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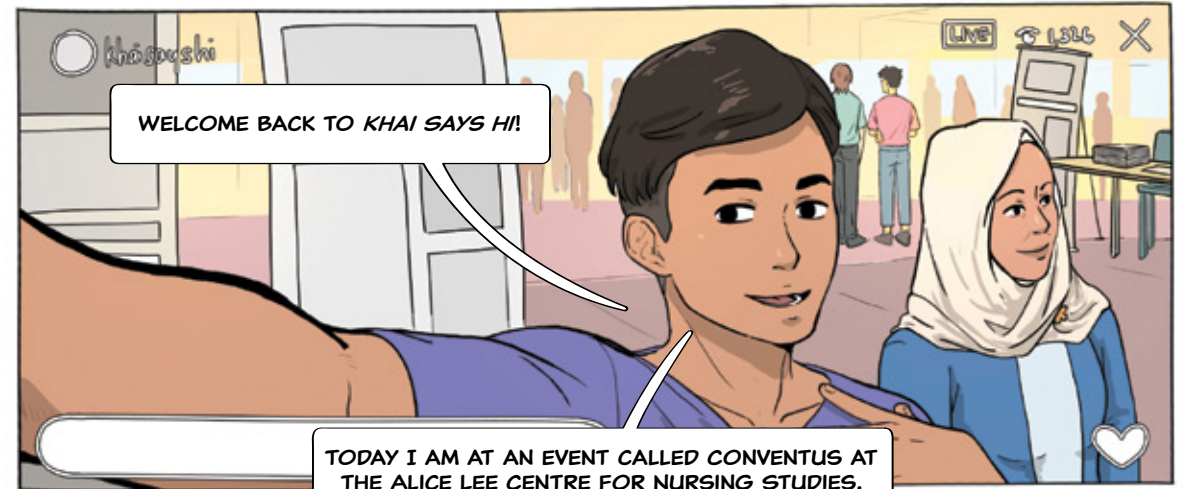
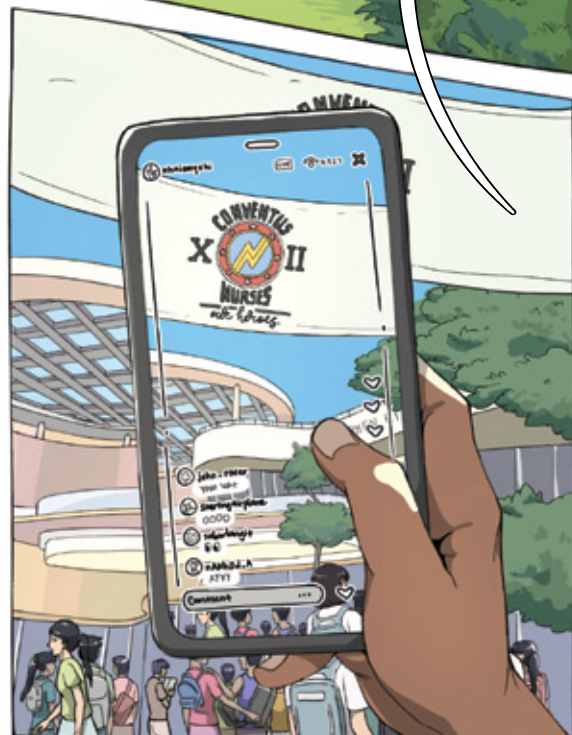
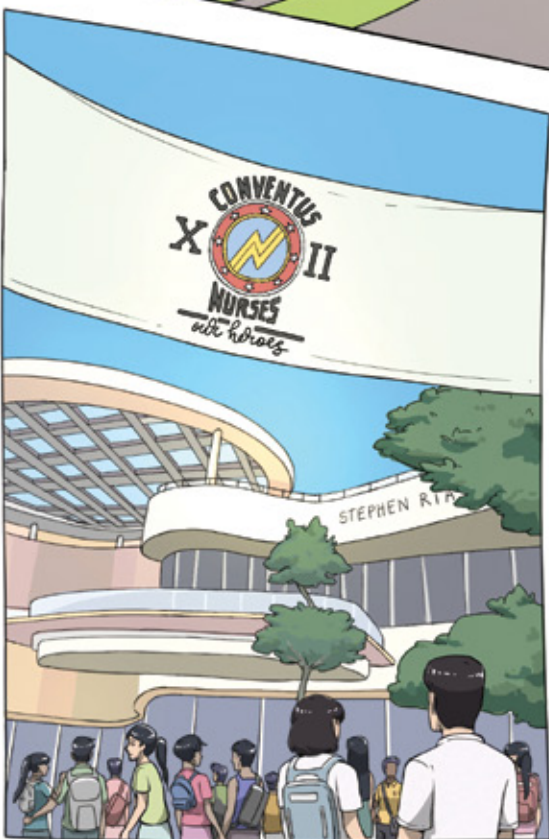
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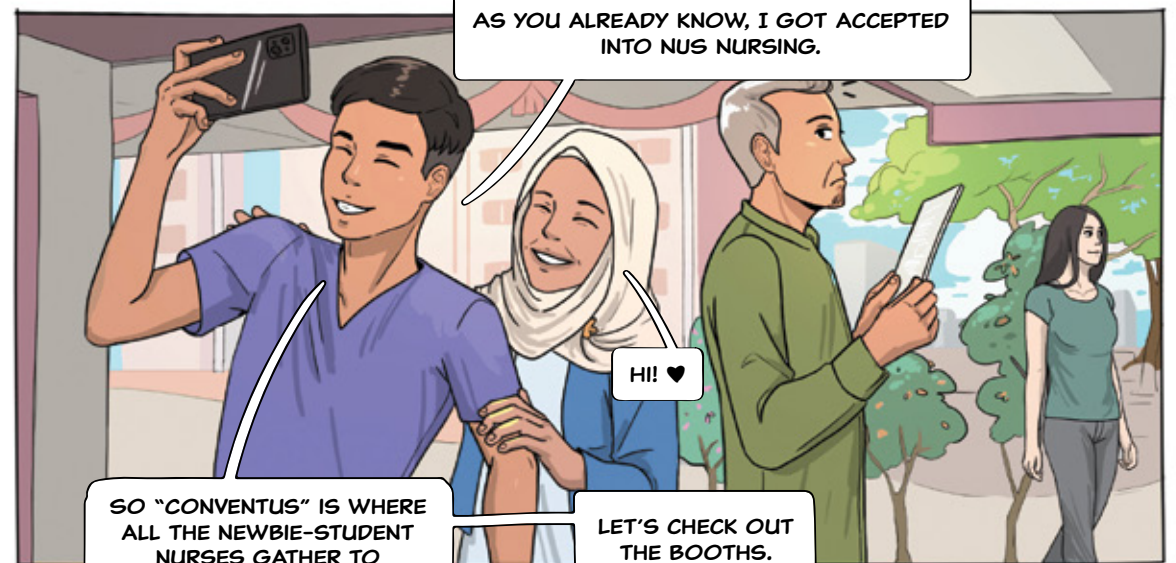


HI GUYS! ♥



WELCOME BACK TO KHAI SAYS HI!

TODAY I AM AT AN EVENT CALLED CONVENTUS AT THE ALICE LEE CENTRE FOR NURSING STUDIES.

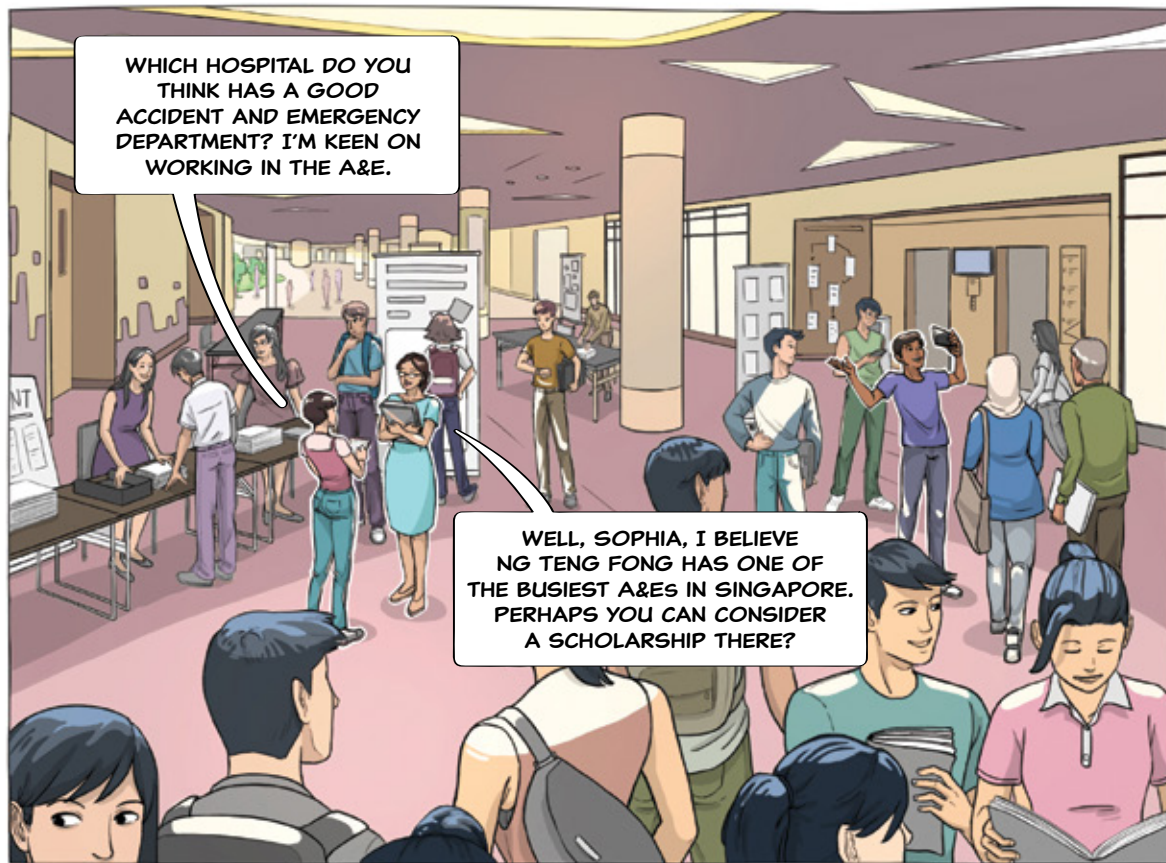


AS YOU ALREADY KNOW, I GOT ACCEPTED INTO NUS NURSING.

HI! ♥

SO "CONVENTUS" IS WHERE ALL THE NEWBIE-STUDENT NURSES GATHER TO CELEBRATE NURSES' DAY.

LET'S CHECK OUT THE BOOTHS.



WHICH HOSPITAL DO YOU THINK HAS A GOOD ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT? I'M KEEN ON WORKING IN THE A&E.

WELL, SOPHIA, I BELIEVE NG TENG FONG HAS ONE OF THE BUSIEST A&ES IN SINGAPORE. PERHAPS YOU CAN CONSIDER A SCHOLARSHIP THERE?

SO PROF, HOW MANY STUDENTS DOES NG TENG FONG OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS TO EVERY YEAR?

UMM...PROF? SORRY, I'M NOT ONE OF THE LECTURERS.

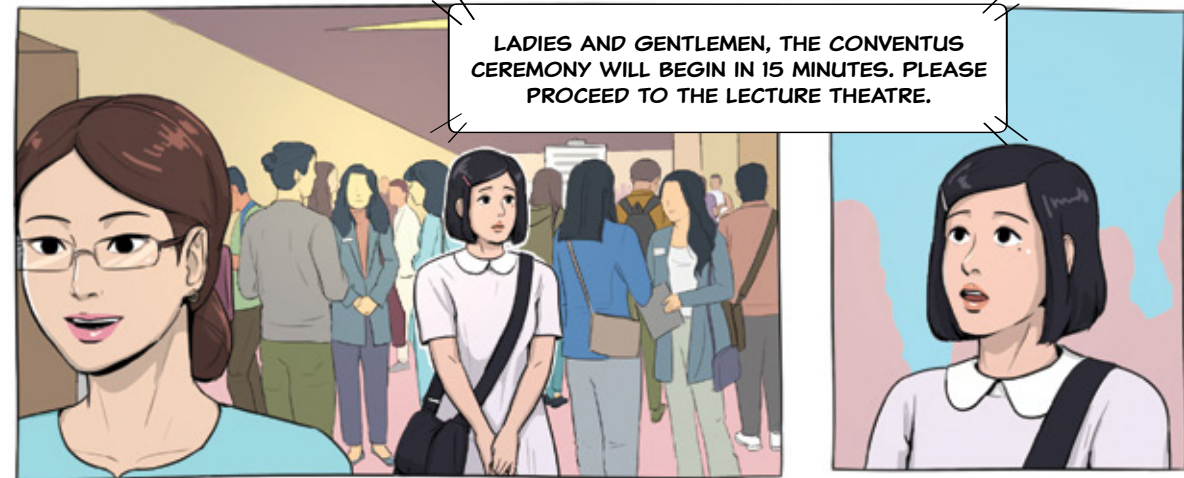
OH! I'M SO SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN—

IT'S OKAY! I'M ALSO A STUDENT HERE. MY NAME IS LING SHAN.

NICE TO MEET YOU. I'M SORRY TO ASK, BUT YOU LOOK...OLDER?

I RECENTLY SWITCHED CAREERS. I GOT INTO THE SCHOOL THROUGH THE CAREER CONVERSION PROGRAMME. SO IT'S MY FIRST TIME GOING BACK TO SCHOOL.

I SEE. AND WHAT ABOUT—



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE CONVENTUS CEREMONY WILL BEGIN IN 15 MINUTES. PLEASE PROCEED TO THE LECTURE THEATRE.

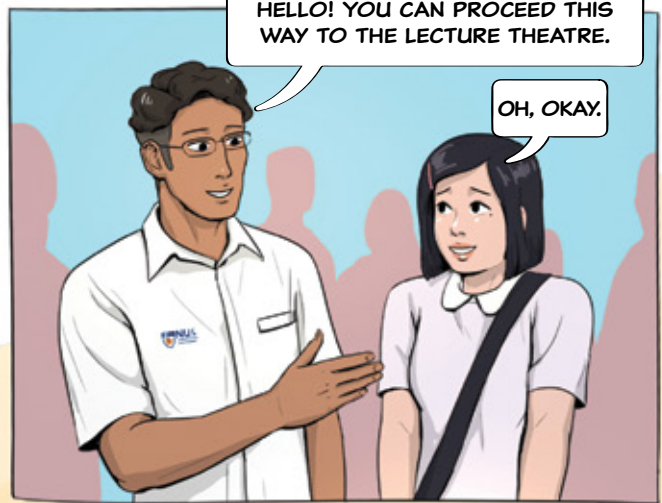


OH, WHOOPS!



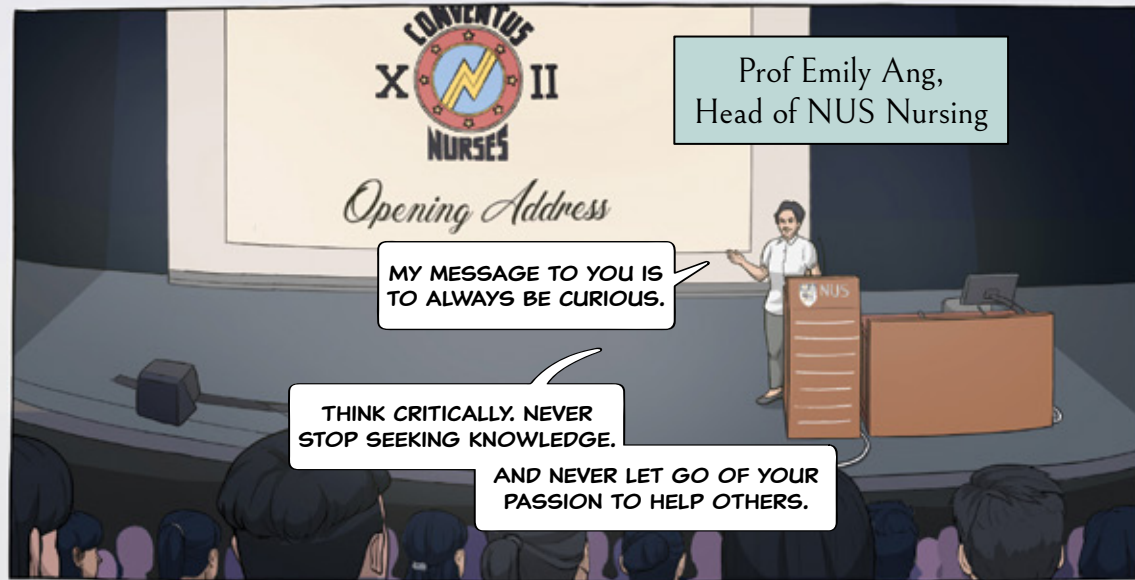
HELLO! YOU CAN PROCEED THIS WAY TO THE LECTURE THEATRE.

OH, OKAY.



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WELCOME TO THIS YEAR'S CONVENTUS, WHERE WE MARK THE BEGINNING OF OUR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS' ACADEMIC JOURNEY.



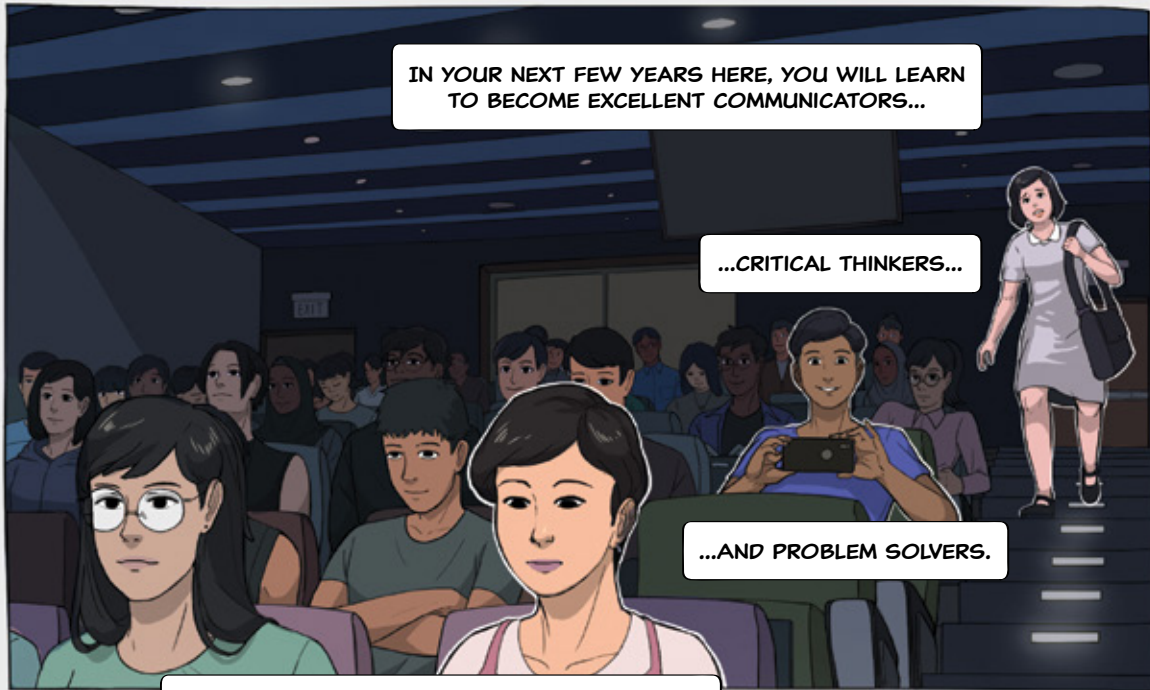


Prof Emily Ang,
Head of NUS Nursing

MY MESSAGE TO YOU IS
TO ALWAYS BE CURIOUS.

THINK CRITICALLY. NEVER
STOP SEEKING KNOWLEDGE.

AND NEVER LET GO OF YOUR
PASSION TO HELP OTHERS.



IN YOUR NEXT FEW YEARS HERE, YOU WILL LEARN
TO BECOME EXCELLENT COMMUNICATORS...

...CRITICAL THINKERS...

...AND PROBLEM SOLVERS.



THE ALICE LEE CENTRE FOR NURSING STUDIES
IS WHERE YOUR FUTURE IN NURSING BEGINS.

YOU ARE IN THE BEST ENVIRONMENT, WITH THE
BEST FACILITATORS, TO BECOME THE BEST NURSES.



LIVE

TODAY WAS A VERY MEANINGFUL DAY.

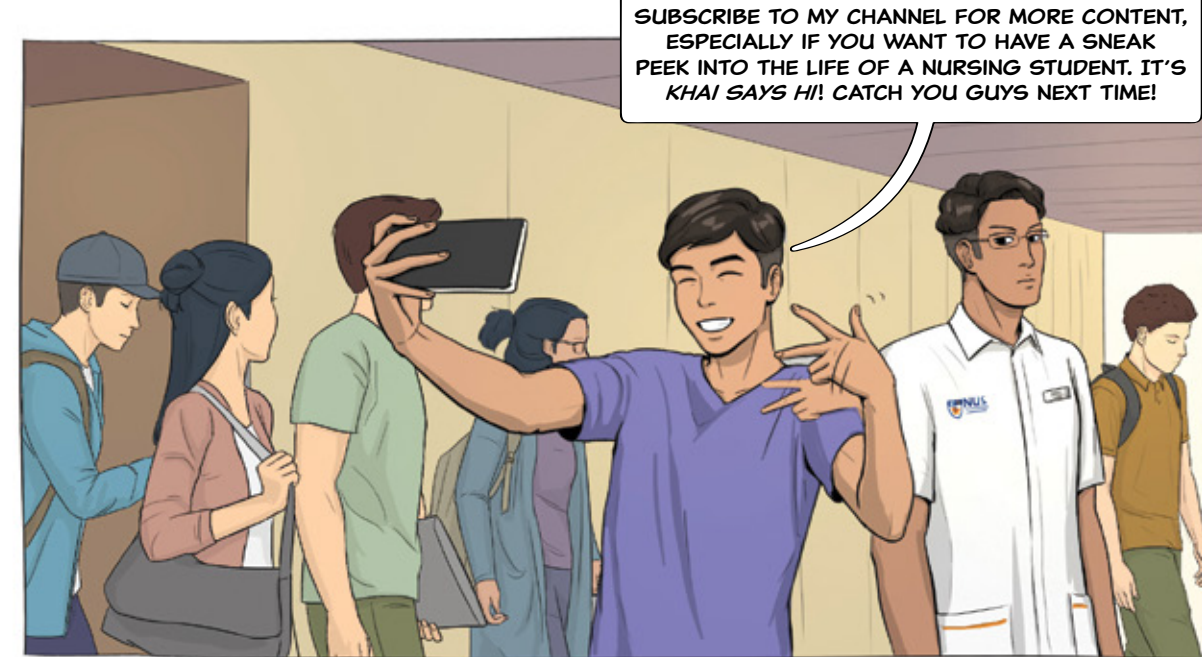
RECITING THE PLEDGE REALLY HAMMERED
HOME WHAT THIS JOURNEY IS ABOUT.

I PROMISE TO PROVIDE
A COMPETENT STANDARD
OF CARE FOR THE SICK...

...REGARDLESS OF RACE,
RELIGION AND STATUS...

...SPARING NO EFFORT TO ALLEVIATE
SUFFERING AND PROMOTE HEALTH,
AND TO REFRAIN FROM ANY ACTION
WHICH MIGHT ENDANGER LIFE...

AS ALL OF YOU KNOW, I'VE WANTED
TO BE A NURSE EVER SINCE I WAS
A KID. THIS IS A DREAM COME TRUE.

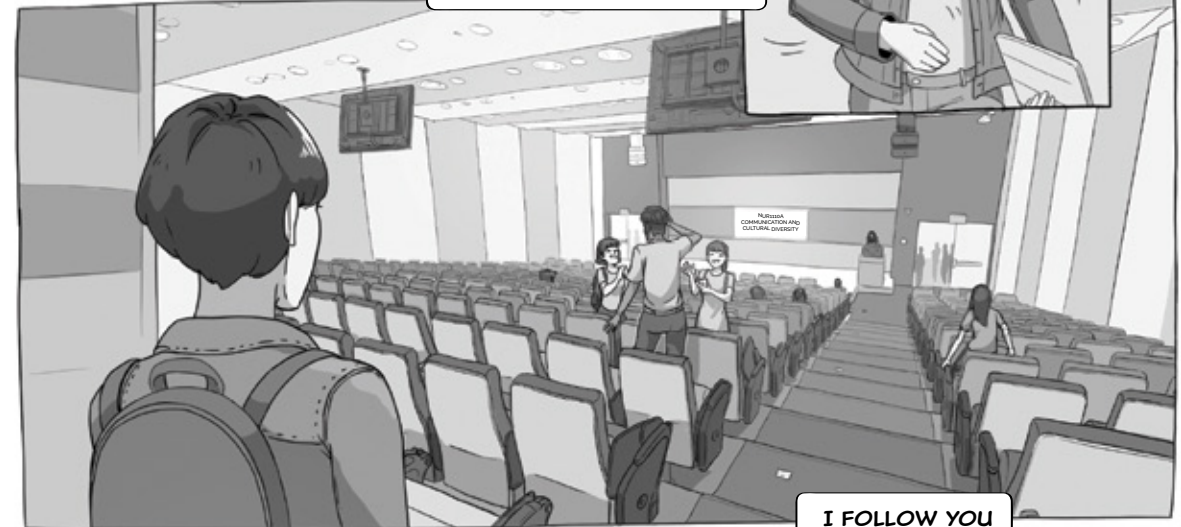


SUBSCRIBE TO MY CHANNEL FOR MORE CONTENT,
ESPECIALLY IF YOU WANT TO HAVE A SNEAK
PEEK INTO THE LIFE OF A NURSING STUDENT. IT'S
KHA! SAYS HI! CATCH YOU GUYS NEXT TIME!

First day of Year 1



YOU'VE GOT THIS, SOPHIA.

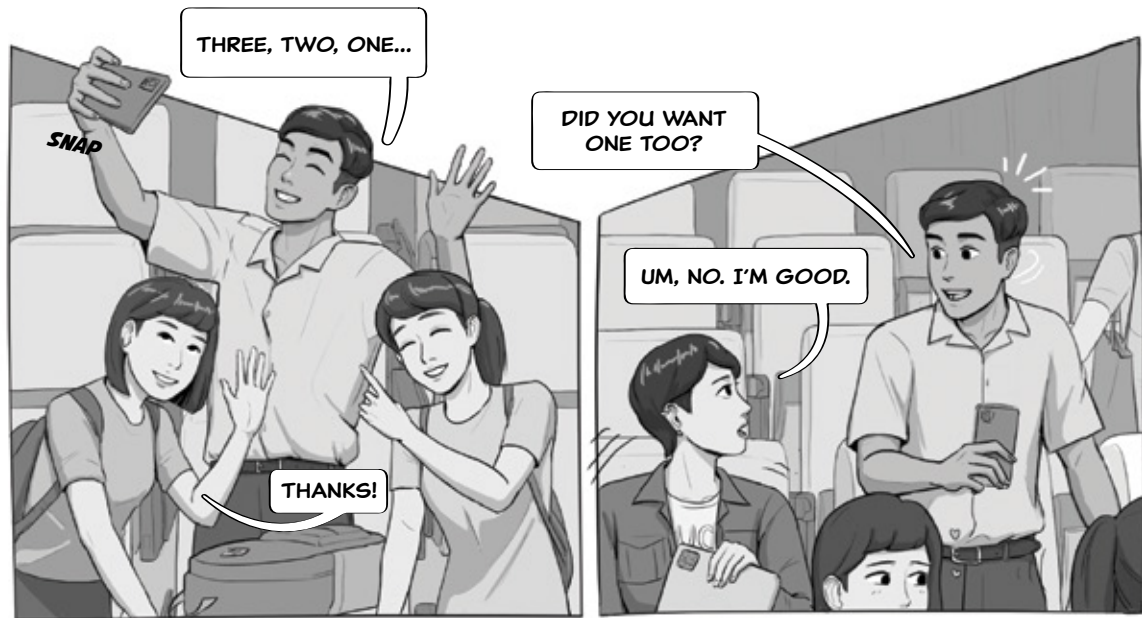


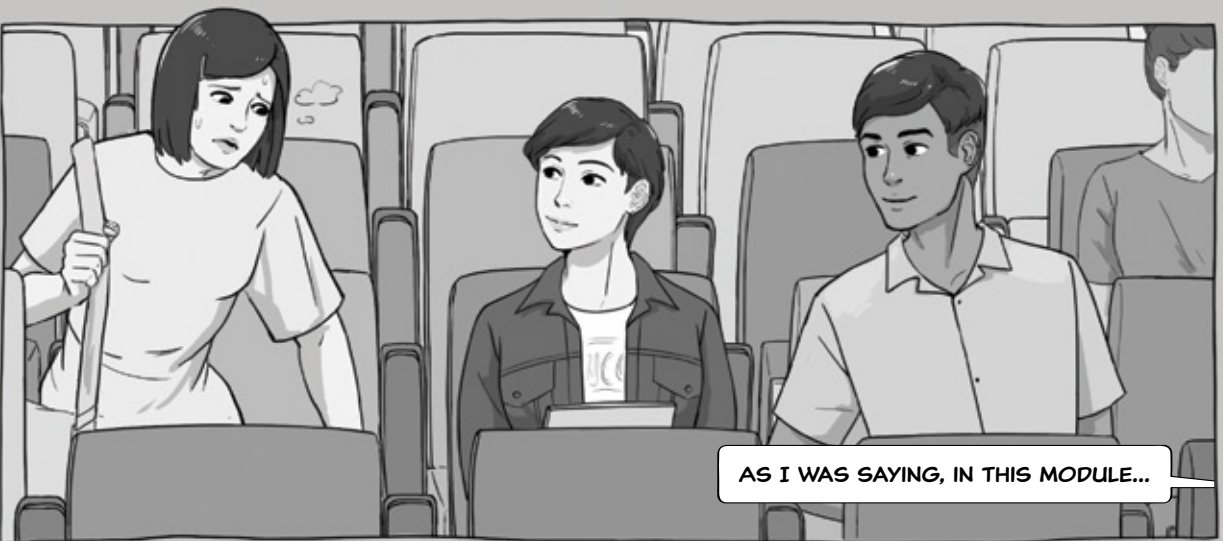
I FOLLOW YOU ON TIKTOK!



CAN WE TAKE A SELFIE?

OF COURSE!





AS I WAS SAYING, IN THIS MODULE...



HEY, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! I'M KHAI.

UMM...HI. MY NAME IS ASHLEY.

SOPHIA.

WHICH TUTORIAL GROUP ARE YOU IN?

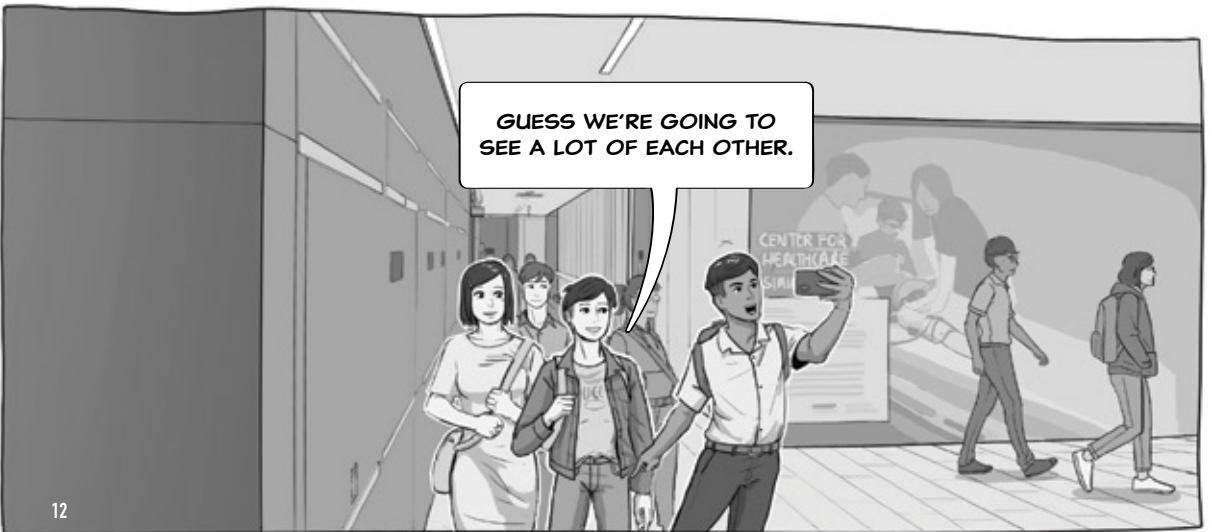


UH...GROUP FOUR.

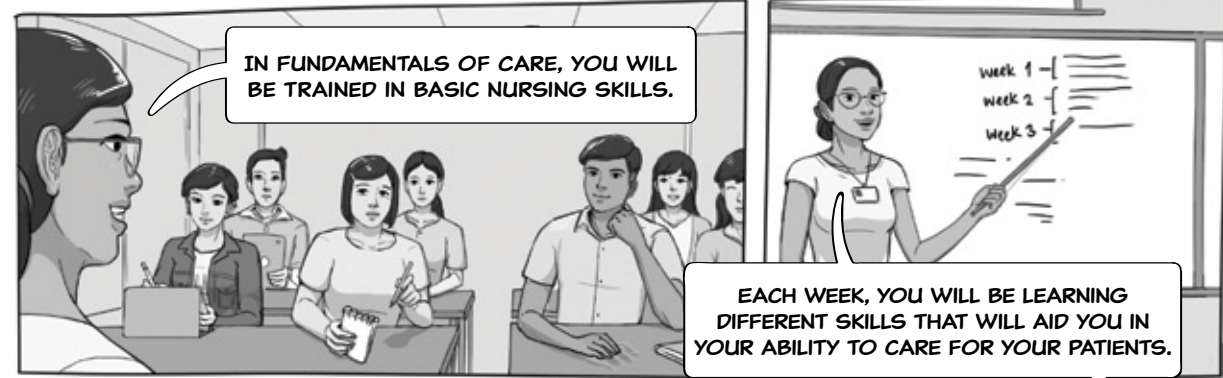


HEY, ME TOO!

SAME!



GUESS WE'RE GOING TO SEE A LOT OF EACH OTHER.



IN FUNDAMENTALS OF CARE, YOU WILL BE TRAINED IN BASIC NURSING SKILLS.

EACH WEEK, YOU WILL BE LEARNING DIFFERENT SKILLS THAT WILL AID YOU IN YOUR ABILITY TO CARE FOR YOUR PATIENTS.



YOU WILL LEARN HOW TO PERFORM SIMPLE WOUND DRESSINGS.



THESE SKILLS FORM THE FOUNDATION OF YOUR LEARNING...

...AND WILL STAY WITH YOU THROUGHOUT YOUR CAREER AS A NURSE.





YOU WILL LEARN HOW TO WEAR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT CORRECTLY.



PLEASE DON'T MAKE THIS DIFFICULT FOR ME.

AND YOU'LL EVEN LEARN BODY MECHANICS AND POSITIONING: HOW TO TRANSFER A PATIENT IN AND OUT OF BED.

EXCUSE ME! YOU DON'T MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR ME.



OKAY, ONE, TWO...

URGH!

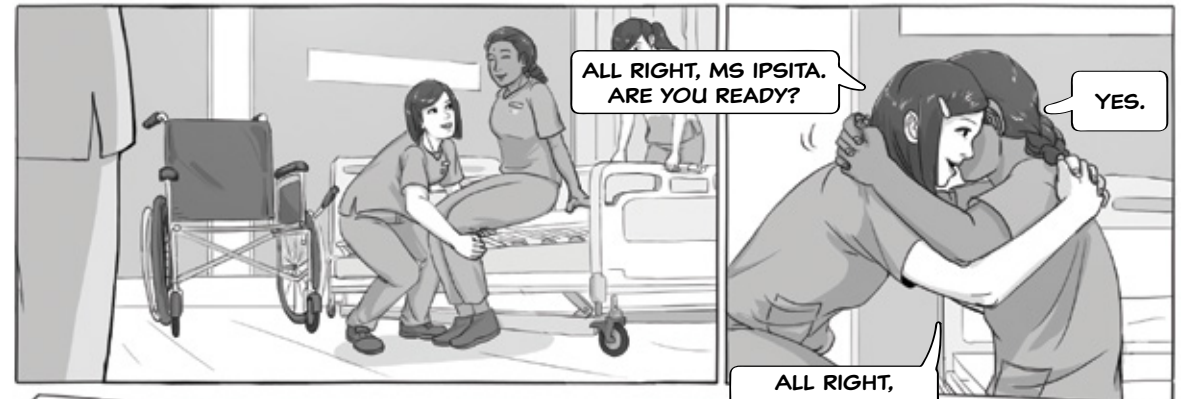
YOUR LEGS ARE POSITIONED INCORRECTLY!



GURRGH!!

COME ON, SOPH! I'M NOT THAT HEAVY!

NOW, WITH THE RIGHT TECHNIQUE, YOU CAN EVEN LIFT A LARGE PATIENT.



ALL RIGHT, MS IPSITA. ARE YOU READY?

YES.

ALL RIGHT, ONE, TWO...



CLAP

CLAP

WELL DONE, ASHLEY! ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T HAVE A POLY NURSING BACKGROUND?



CAN YOU PUT ME DOWN NOW? YOU'RE HURTING ME.

!

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*We would love to hear from you.
Scan and talk to us!*



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ALSO BY NUS MEDICINE

White Coat Tales



White Coat Tales

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What does it take to be a doctor?

Divya, Yao Quan, Paul, Samantha and Shafia come from vastly different backgrounds but are aiming for the same goal: to graduate from the NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine as doctors. They hear it's not easy. It's not just difficult tests and a substantial syllabus they have to face; they're learning every day that the things they deal with are quite literally a matter of life and death.

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With guidance from their seniors Raj and Ling Shan, they learn to administer the many layers of care that nurses provide. As they take their training from the school lab to the hospital ward, the demands of the profession bring personal secrets and tensions to the surface.

When the Covid-19 pandemic strikes and the student nurses are called to the front line, they are pushed to the breaking point.

Thankfully, they have one another. As they learn to give *and* accept support, they rediscover what inspired them in the first place.

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