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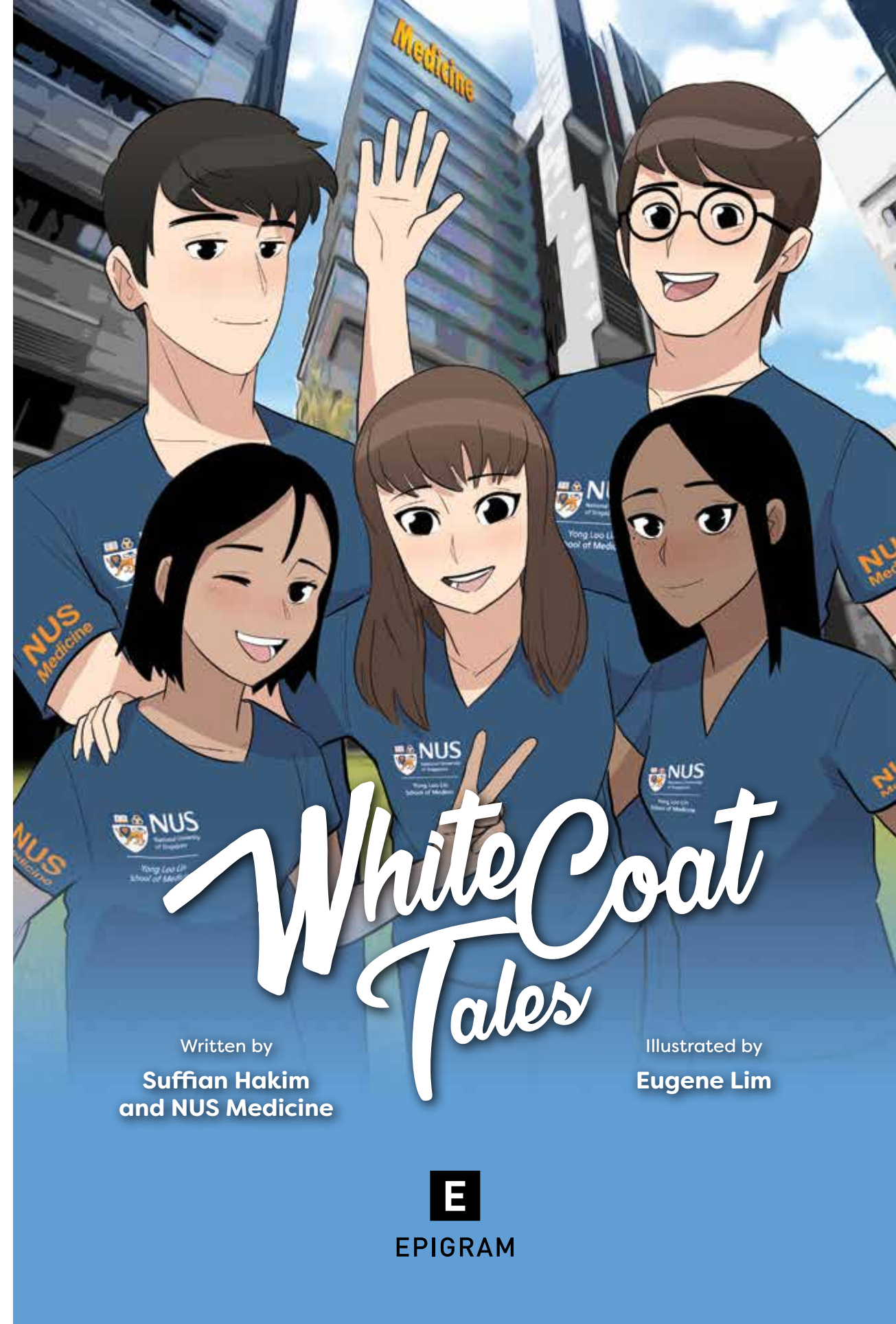
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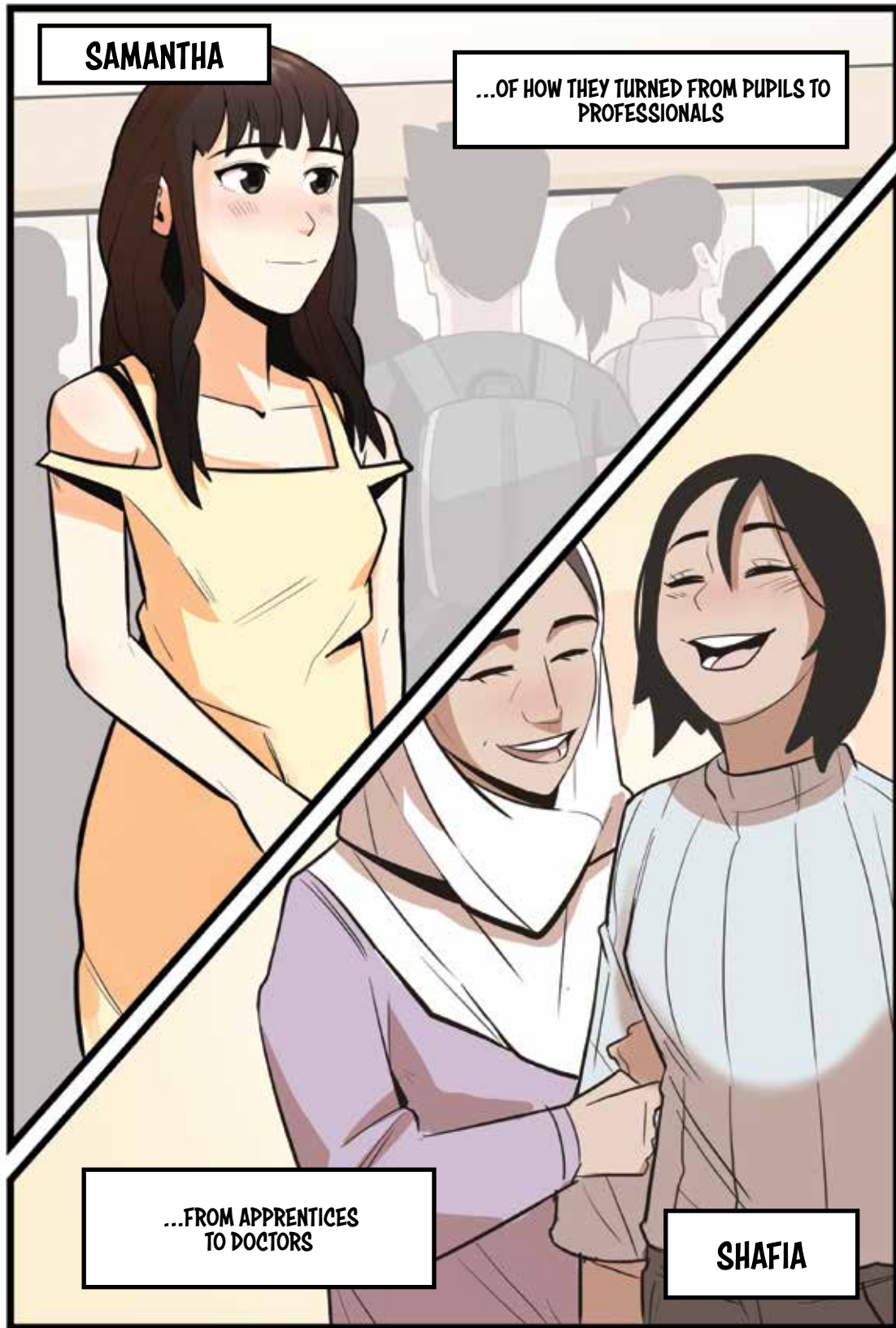
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THE FIRST STEP IN THE JOURNEY OF FIVE INDIVIDUALS...

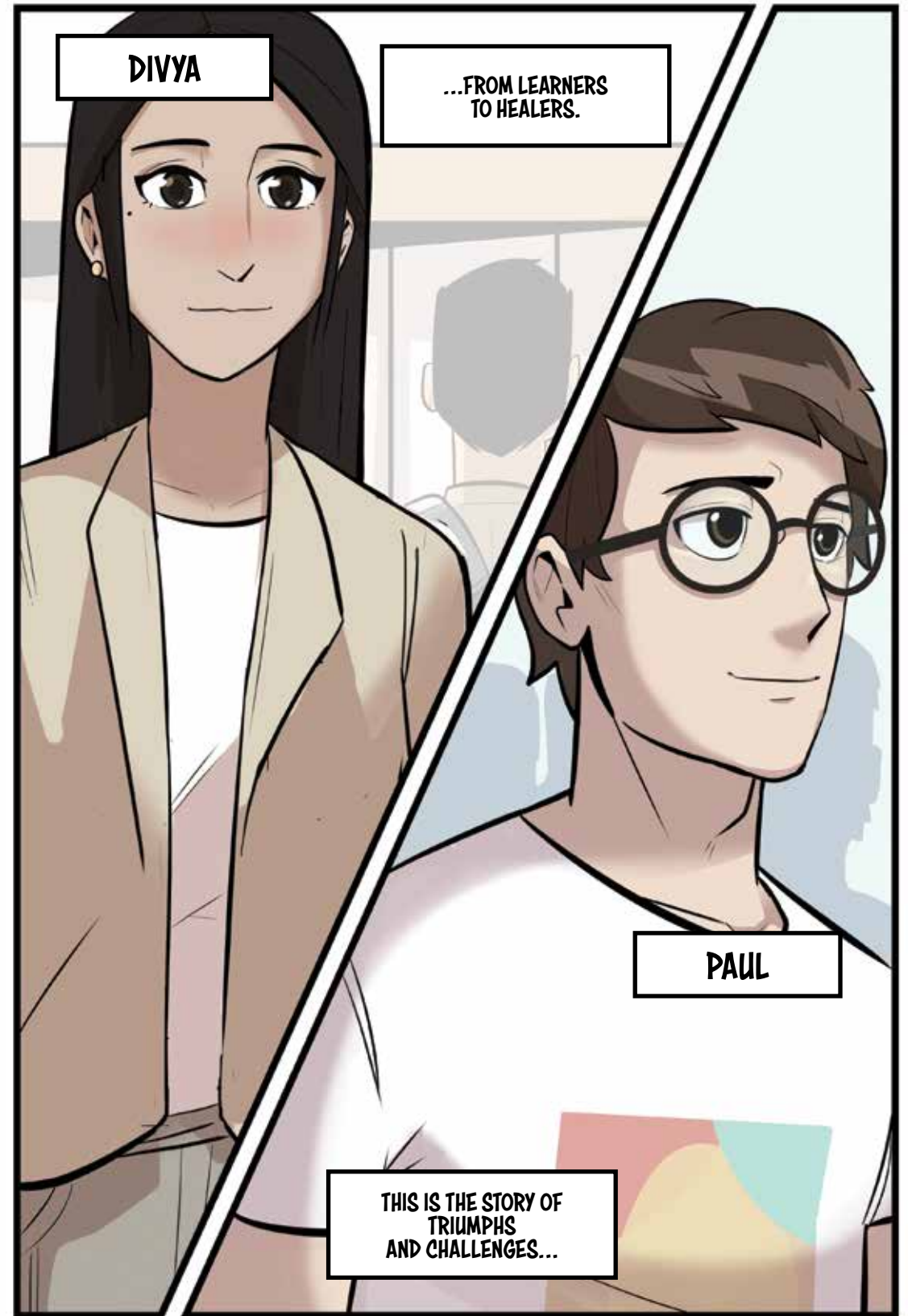


SAMANTHA

...OF HOW THEY TURNED FROM PUPILS TO PROFESSIONALS

...FROM APPRENTICES TO DOCTORS

SHAFIA



DIVYA

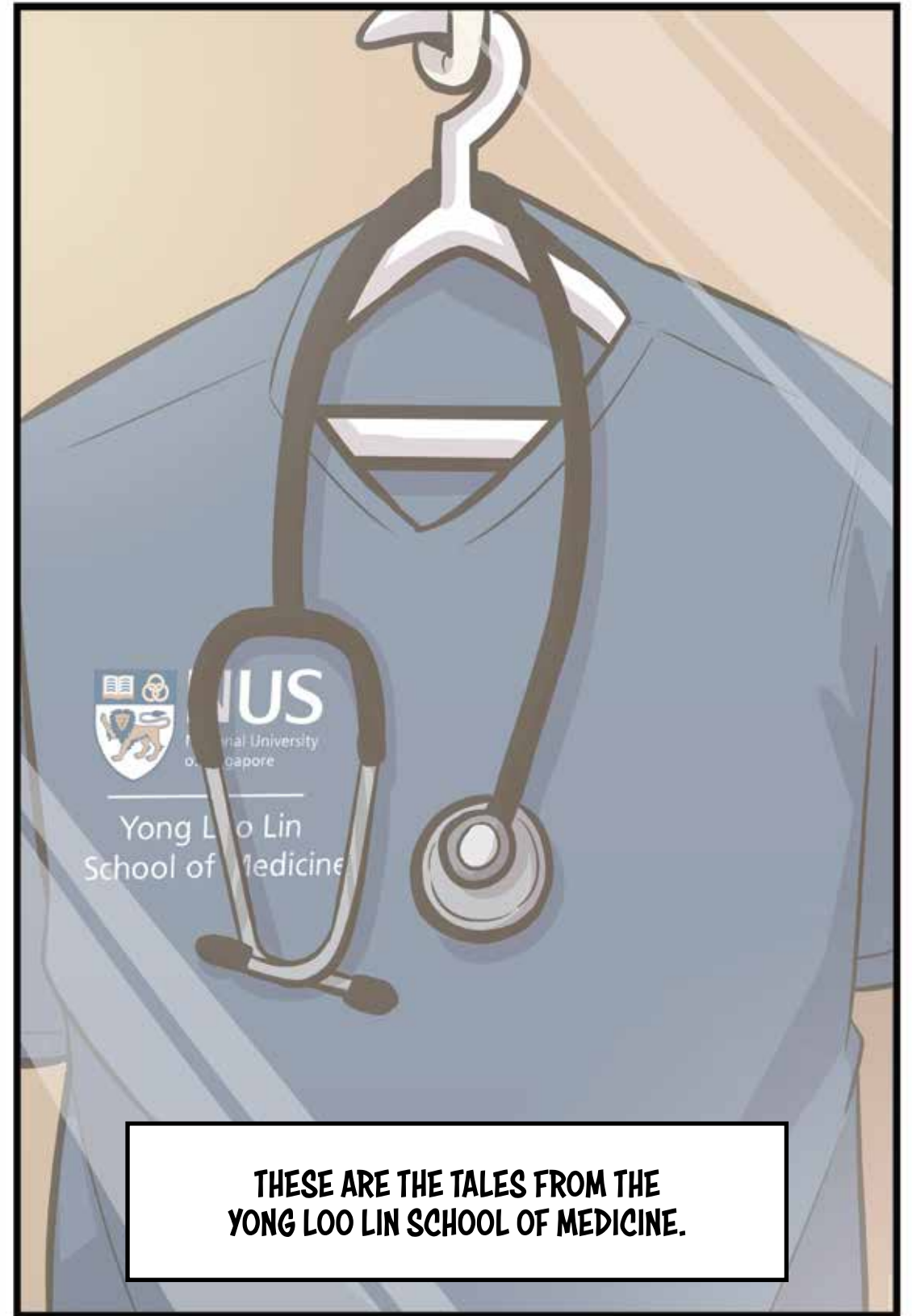
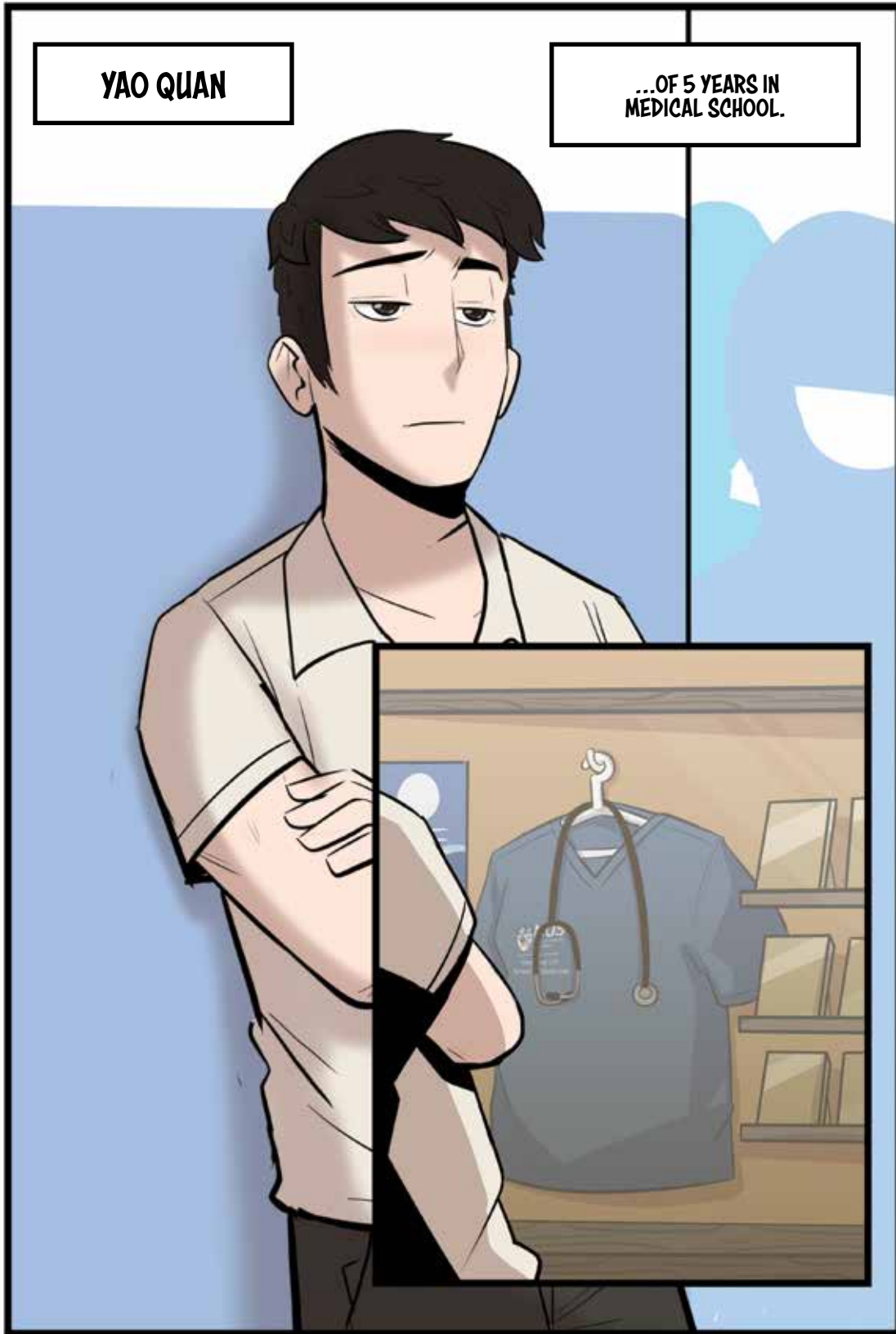
...FROM LEARNERS TO HEALERS.

PAUL

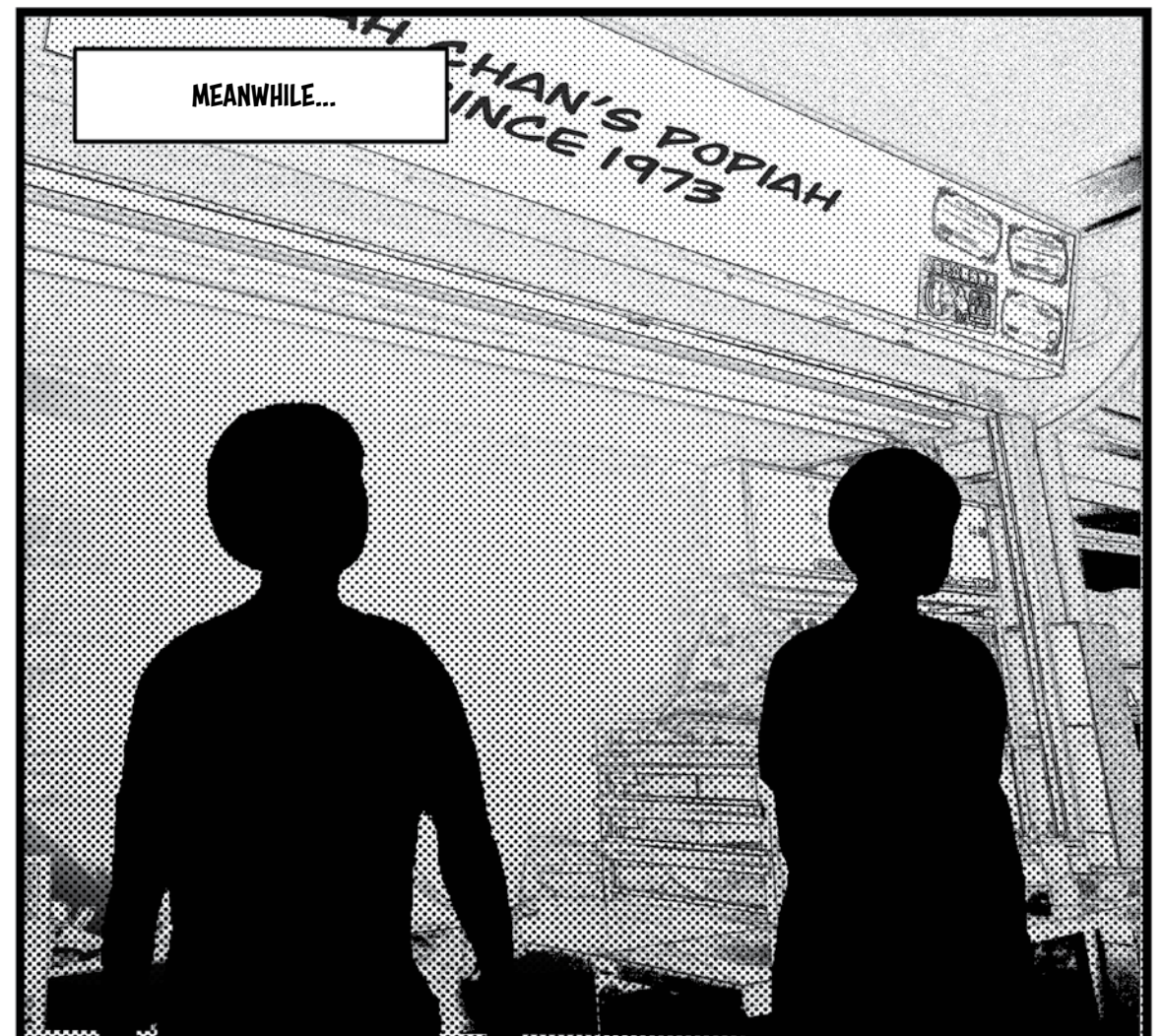
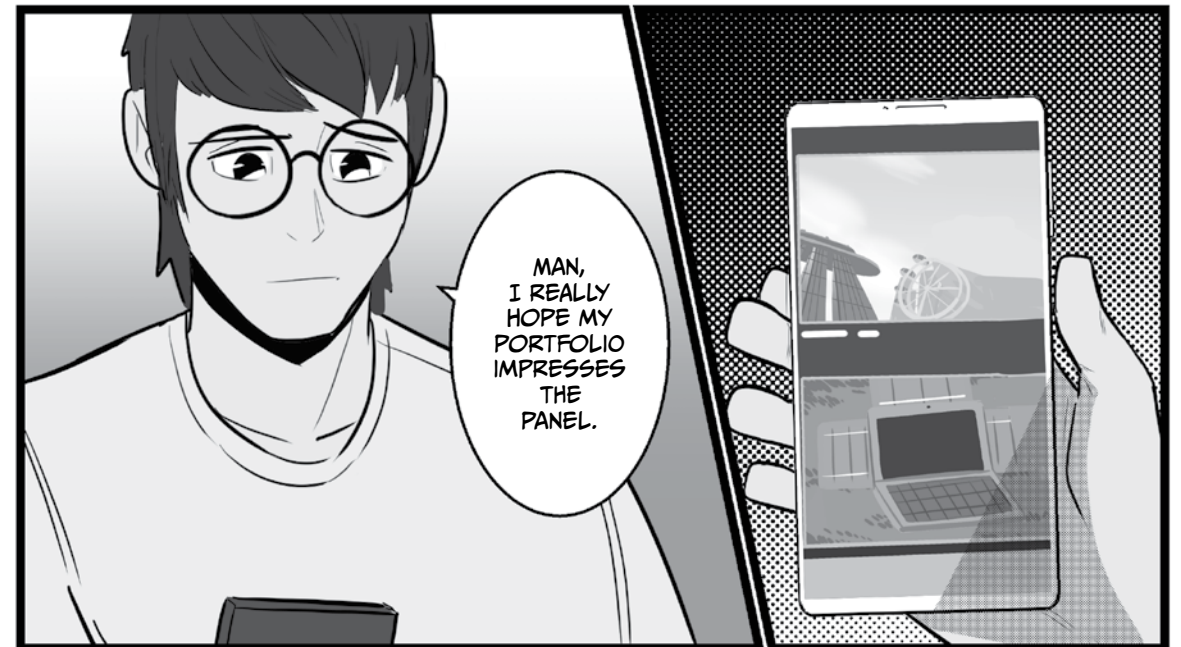
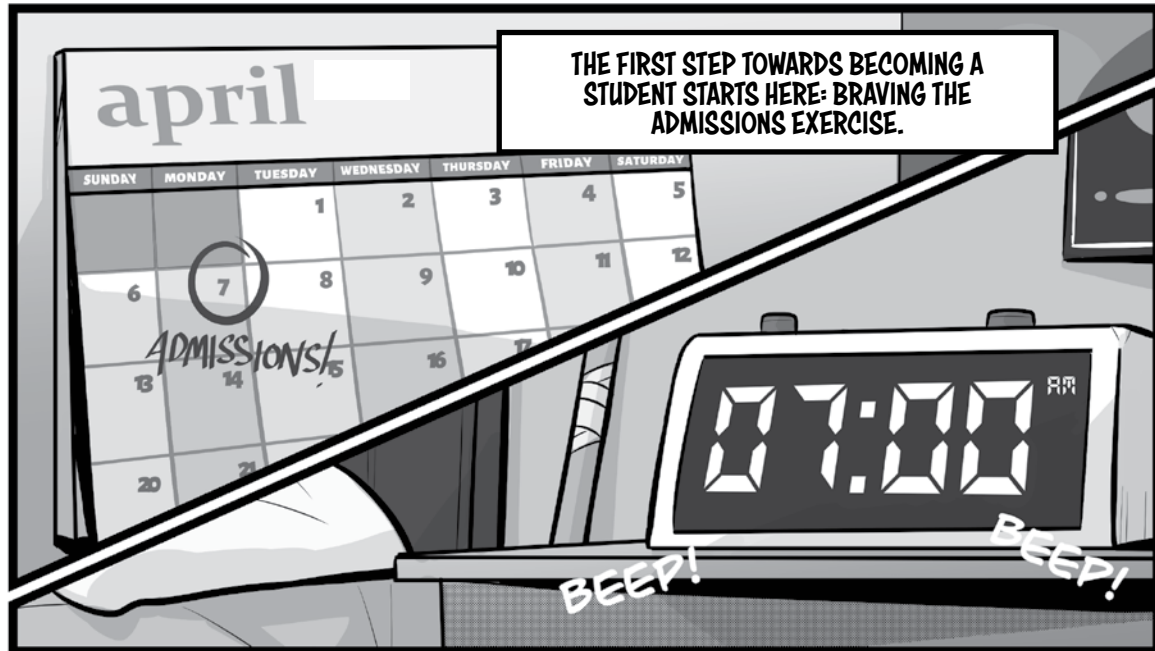
THIS IS THE STORY OF TRIUMPHS AND CHALLENGES...

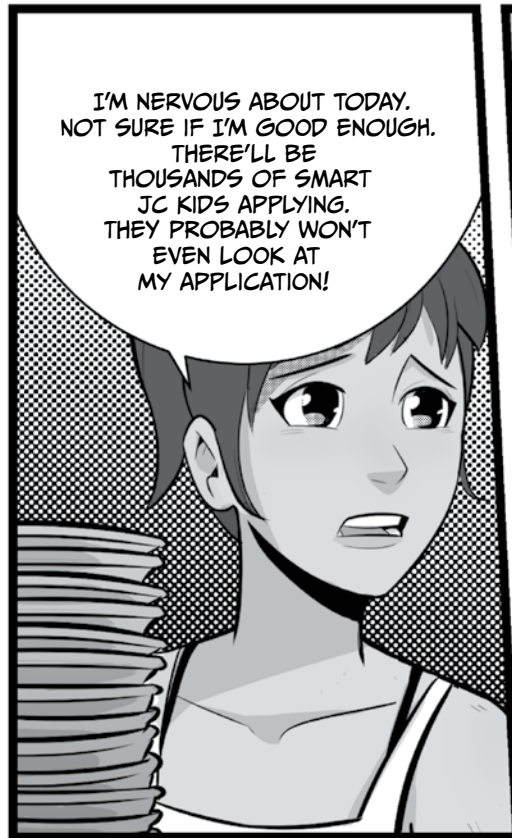
YAO QUAN

**...OF 5 YEARS IN
MEDICAL SCHOOL.**



**THESE ARE THE TALES FROM THE
YONG LOO LIN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.**





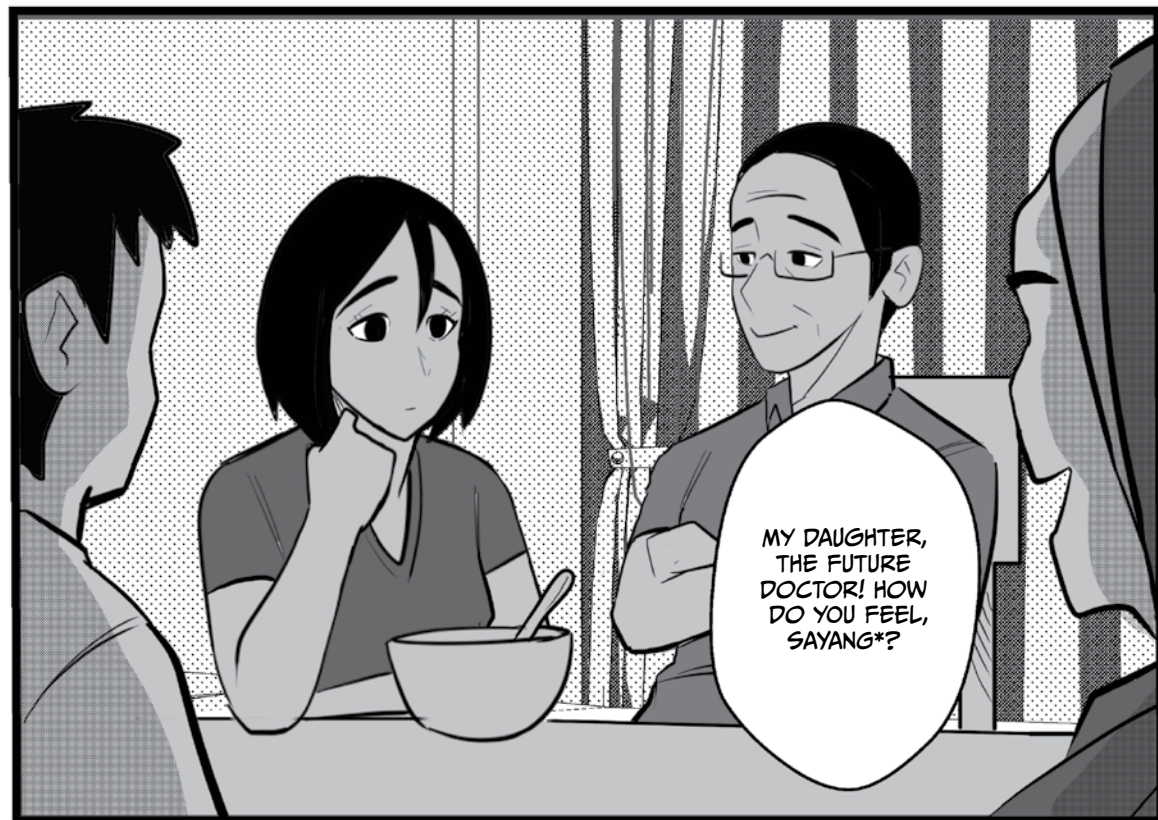
I'M NERVOUS ABOUT TODAY. NOT SURE IF I'M GOOD ENOUGH. THERE'LL BE THOUSANDS OF SMART JC KIDS APPLYING. THEY PROBABLY WON'T EVEN LOOK AT MY APPLICATION!



YOU'RE ALREADY GOOD ENOUGH, SWEETIE.

AH GIRL*, WHETHER YOU FROM ITE OR POLY, DON'T CARE ONE! YOU MIGHT HAVE TAKEN LONGER THAN EVERYBODY TO GET TO WHERE YOU ARE BUT YOU ARE AS GOOD AS ANYBODY ELSE.

*LOCAL COLLOQUIALISM FOR 'YOUNG WOMAN



MY DAUGHTER, THE FUTURE DOCTOR! HOW DO YOU FEEL, SAYANG*?

*DARLING



I'M NERVOUS AND EXCITED ALL AT THE SAME TIME! GAHH!

IBU*, WHAT IF I DON'T GET IN?

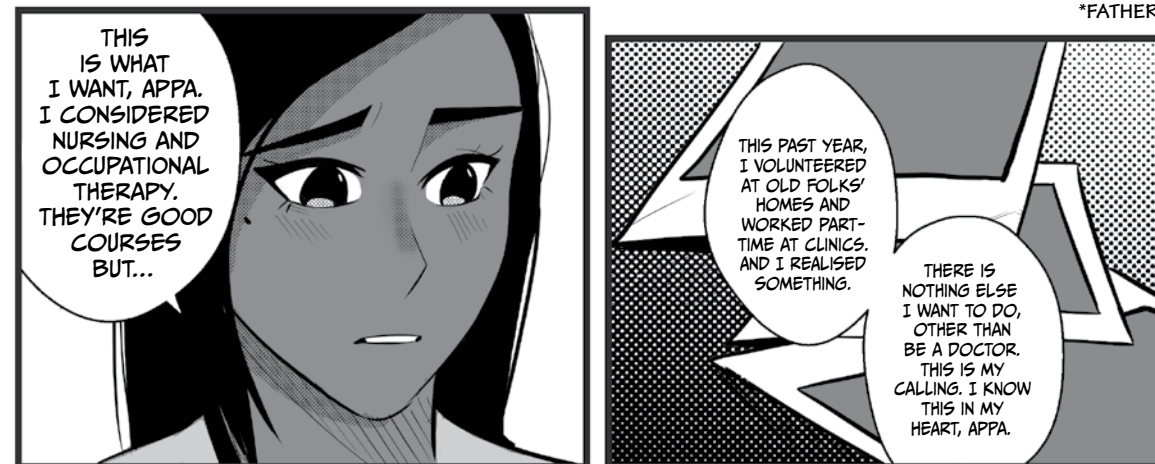
*MOTHER



APPA*, I'M GOING FOR MY MED SCHOOL ADMISSIONS EXERCISE.

ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO DO THIS? THEY SAY A LOT OF PEOPLE GET REJECTED. YOU WERE LOOKING AT OTHER COURSES...

*FATHER

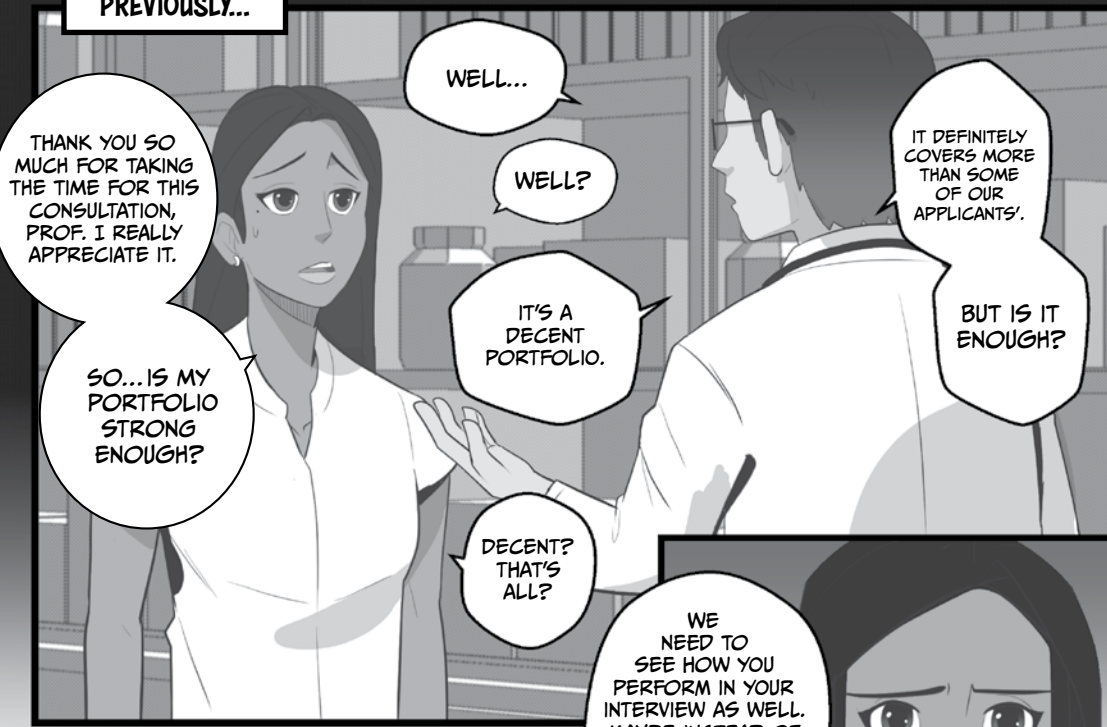


THIS IS WHAT I WANT, APPA. I CONSIDERED NURSING AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY. THEY'RE GOOD COURSES BUT...

THIS PAST YEAR, I VOLUNTEERED AT OLD FOLKS' HOMES AND WORKED PART-TIME AT CLINICS. AND I REALISED SOMETHING.

THERE IS NOTHING ELSE I WANT TO DO, OTHER THAN BE A DOCTOR. THIS IS MY CALLING. I KNOW THIS IN MY HEART, APPA.

PREVIOUSLY...



THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME FOR THIS CONSULTATION, PROF. I REALLY APPRECIATE IT.

WELL...

WELL?

IT DEFINITELY COVERS MORE THAN SOME OF OUR APPLICANTS'.

BUT IS IT ENOUGH?

SO... IS MY PORTFOLIO STRONG ENOUGH?

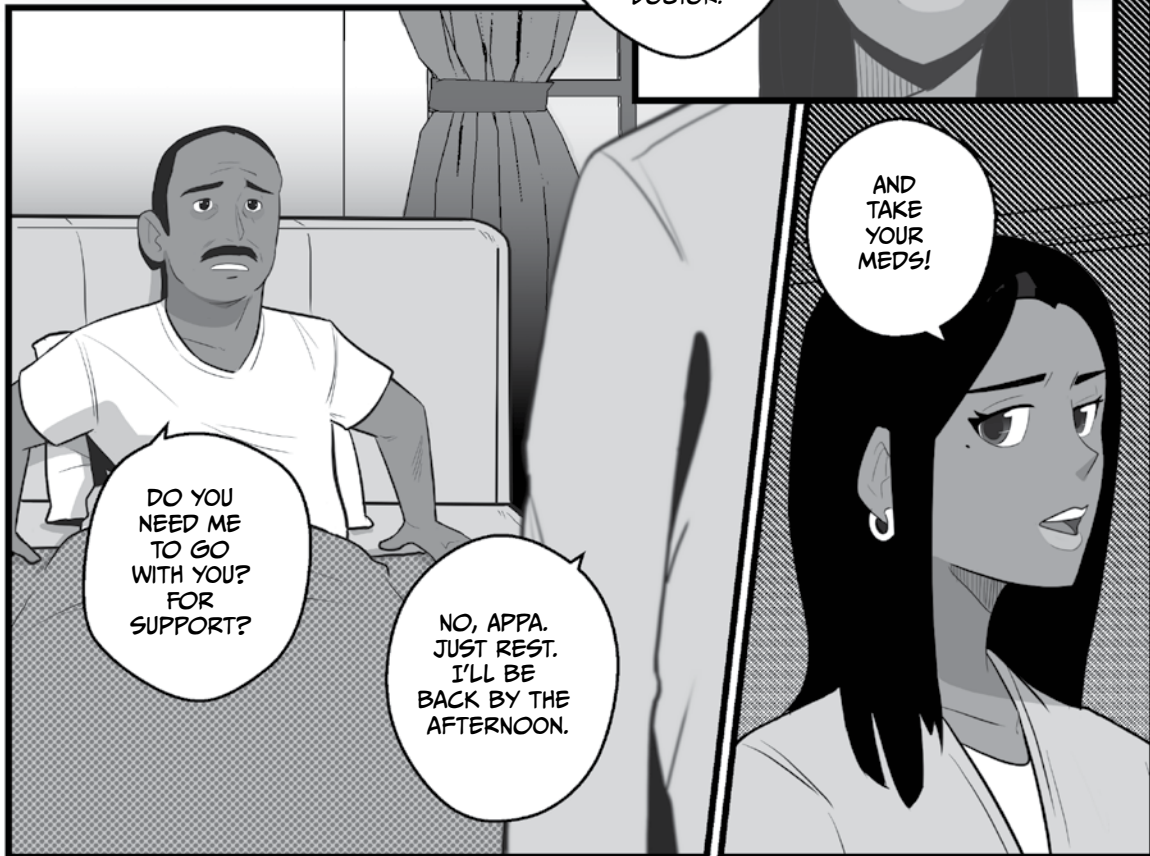
IT'S A DECENT PORTFOLIO.

DECENT? THAT'S ALL?

WE NEED TO SEE HOW YOU PERFORM IN YOUR INTERVIEW AS WELL. MAYBE INSTEAD OF FOCUSING ON YOUR PORTFOLIO, FOCUS ON WHY YOU WANT TO BE A DOCTOR.



AT PRESENT



DO YOU NEED ME TO GO WITH YOU? FOR SUPPORT?

NO, APPA. JUST REST. I'LL BE BACK BY THE AFTERNOON.

AND TAKE YOUR MEDS!



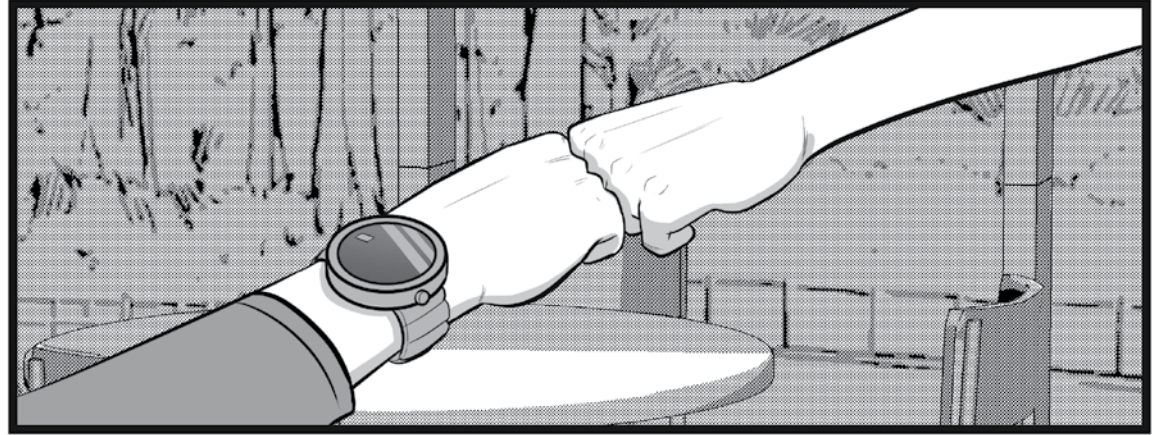
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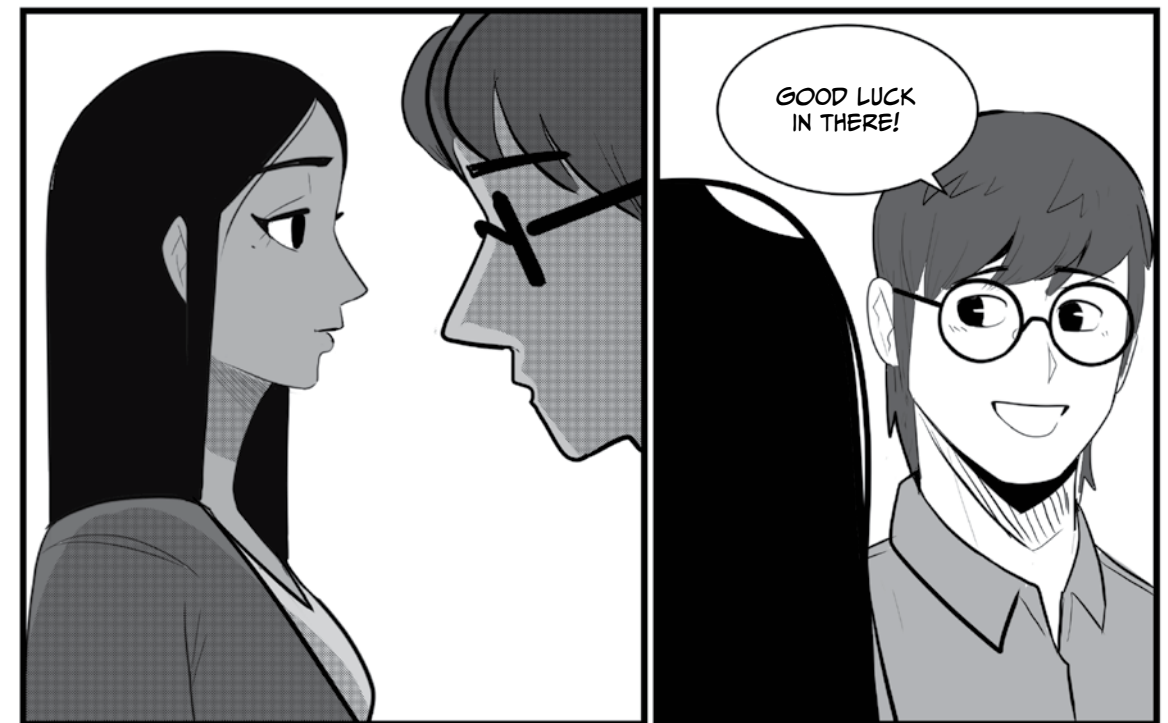
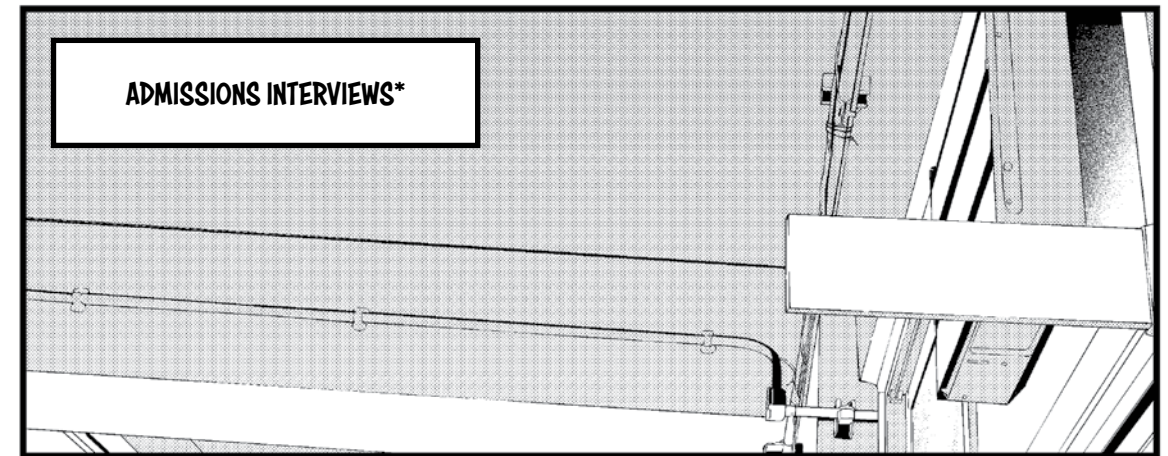
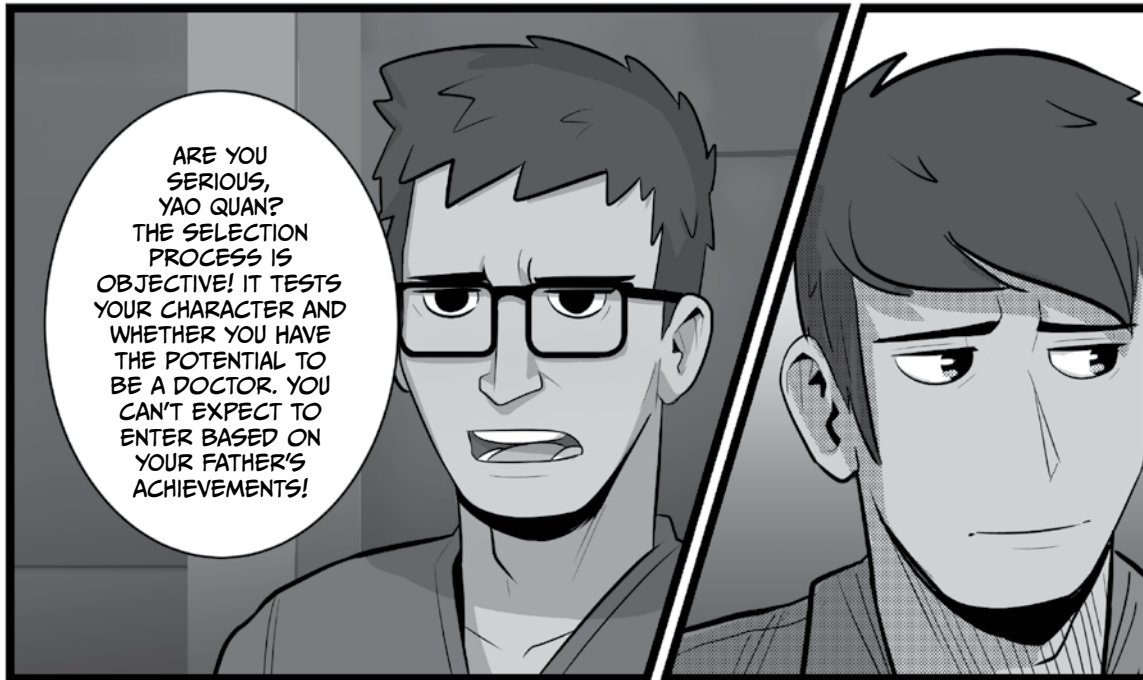


YAO QUAN! I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE JC!



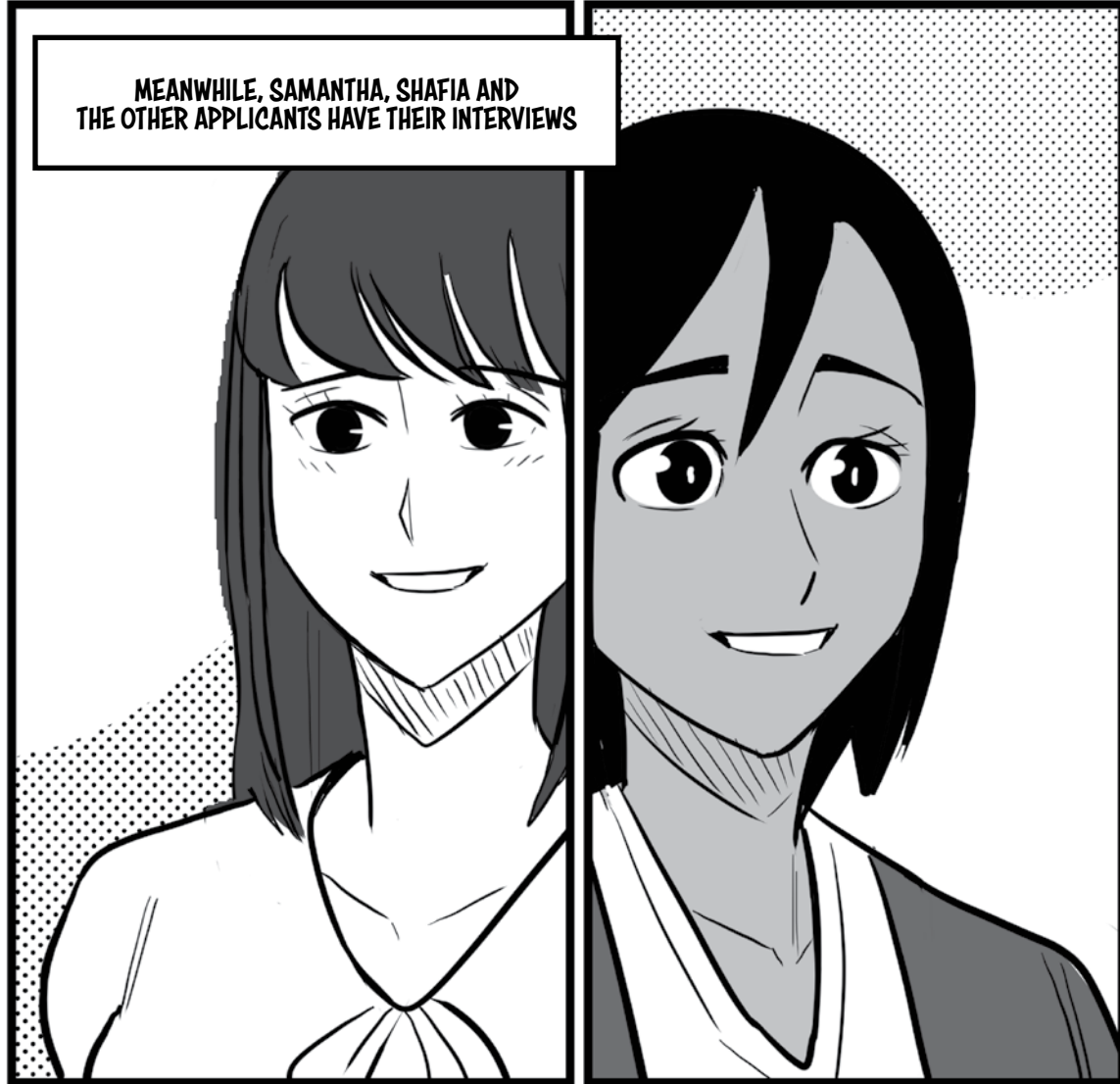
YO.





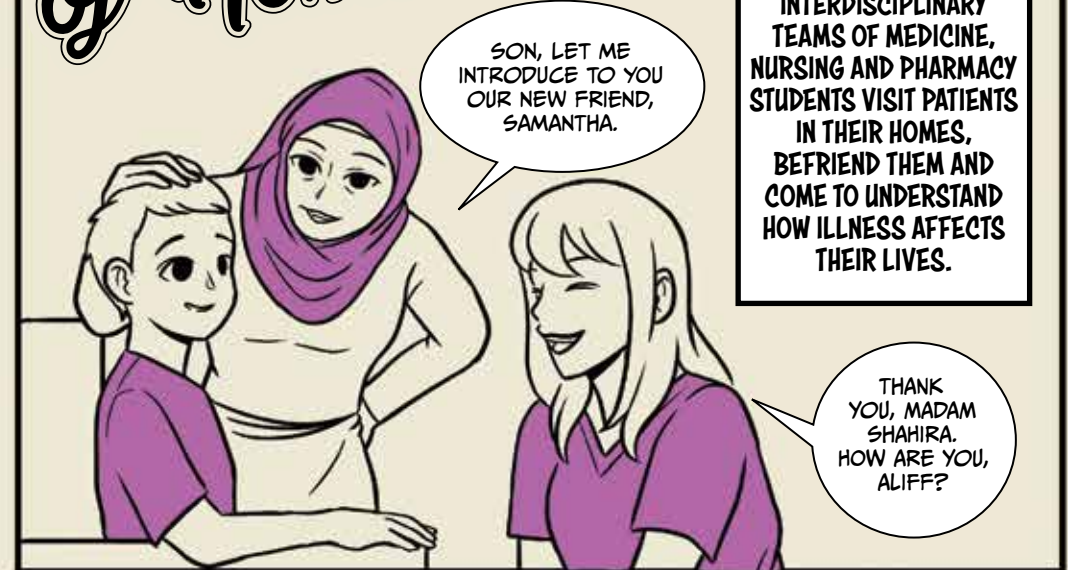


MEANWHILE, SAMANTHA, SHAFIA AND THE OTHER APPLICANTS HAVE THEIR INTERVIEWS



The Privilege of Home Visits

IN THE LONGITUDINAL PATIENT EXPERIENCE (LPE) PROGRAMME, INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAMS OF MEDICINE, NURSING AND PHARMACY STUDENTS VISIT PATIENTS IN THEIR HOMES, BEFRIEND THEM AND COME TO UNDERSTAND HOW ILLNESS AFFECTS THEIR LIVES.



THE LONGITUDINAL PATIENT EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME FACILITATES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS TO JOURNEY WITH A PATIENT OVER THE COURSE OF ONE YEAR BY MAKING REGULAR HOME VISITS.

CHECK OUT OTHER WAYS WE SERVE THE COMMUNITY:



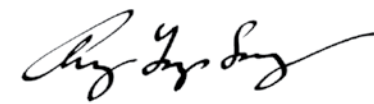
Afterword

The study of Medicine is a decision not to be undertaken lightly. It is a long arduous course of training, not only of the mind, but of the heart, ears, eyes, hands, soul and everything that makes up a person—their character, values, determination, insight, curiosity and potential. Without the full commitment of the whole person and a deep-rooted foundation in the best values of humanity—humility, integrity, compassion, and respect—the doctor may survive but will be tossed about and bruised by the mental, physical, ethical and moral currents of the profession.

"A profession in many instances," to quote Sir John Anderson in his speech at the opening of the School on 28th September 1905, "of unselfish devotion and splendid achievement, a profession with very lofty ideals and one which calls for all the best qualities, mental and moral, which a man can give. It demands not only freshness and vigour of body, but steadiness and skill in hand and eye. It wants infinite patience and keenest sympathy, and to all these qualities, there has to be added unflinching courage."

Remember this, and, as you study and practise this great profession, take time and care to tend to the whole, not only of your patients but yourself.

I bid you Godspeed and all the best on your journey.

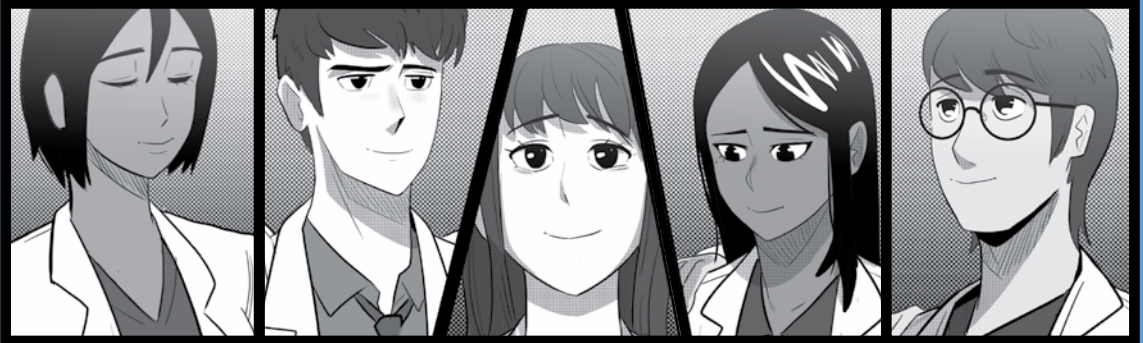


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In this medical *bildungsroman*, five students at the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine in NUS learn to overcome their personal demons and make the transition from learners to healers.

Divya, Yao Quan, Paul, Samantha and Shafia could not have come from more different backgrounds. But the classmates have to learn to come together and support one another through what could possibly be the most difficult time of their lives: medical school.

Richly illustrated with references to actual locations in the School, this manga offers a rare, intimate peek into the day-to-day struggles and triumphs of medical students.

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