

DAVII AND OTI

A Story of Pride and Allyship



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LIFE AS WE KNOW IT



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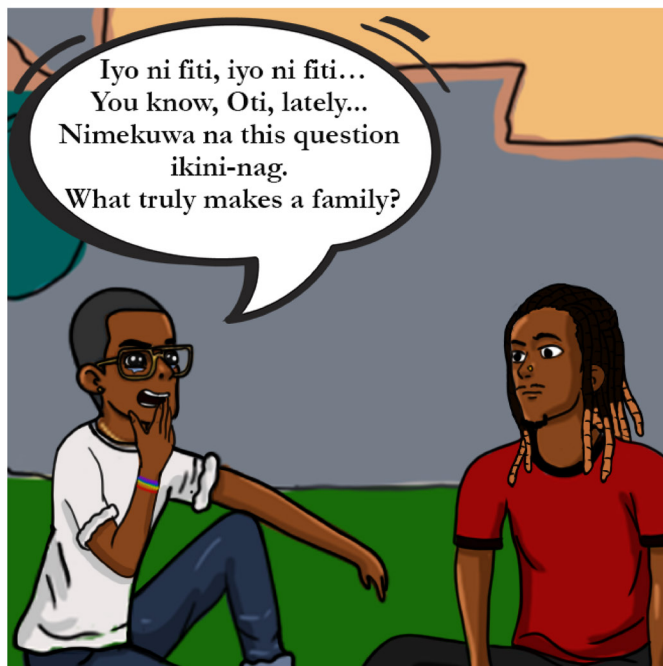
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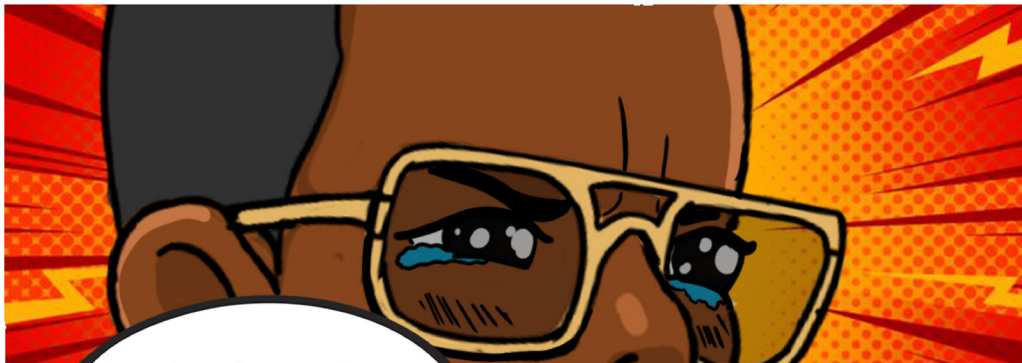


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But what about wale wasee
wamekuwa cast out, rejected
na their own blood? Are they
not part of a family?
Where do they belong?



Hhmm! Well, unaona,
Davii, kuna societal
norms hudictate...





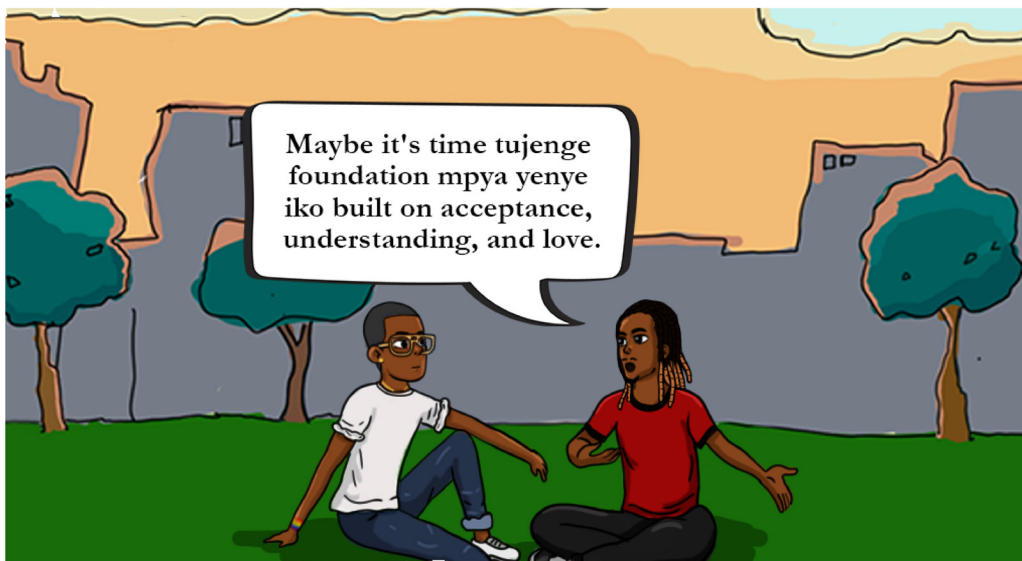
"But what about my friend? Mwenye alikuwa rejected simply for being different!"



"What kind of family hukutupa tu hivyo?"



Weeh! Hiyo Davii...
ni a complicated matter.
Perhaps what we've been
taught about family inafaa
kukuwa re-evaluated.



CHAPTER 1.2

ACCEPTANCE BILA JUDGEMENT



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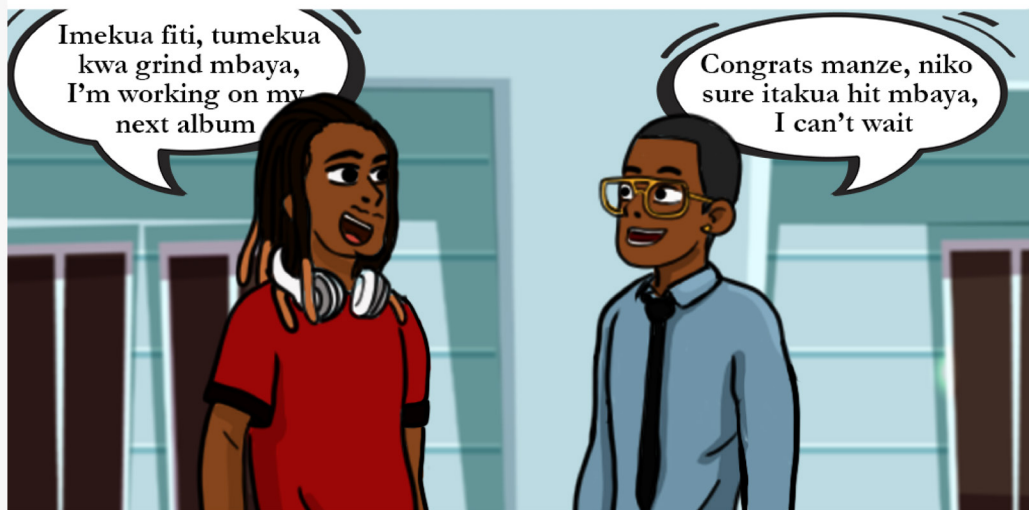
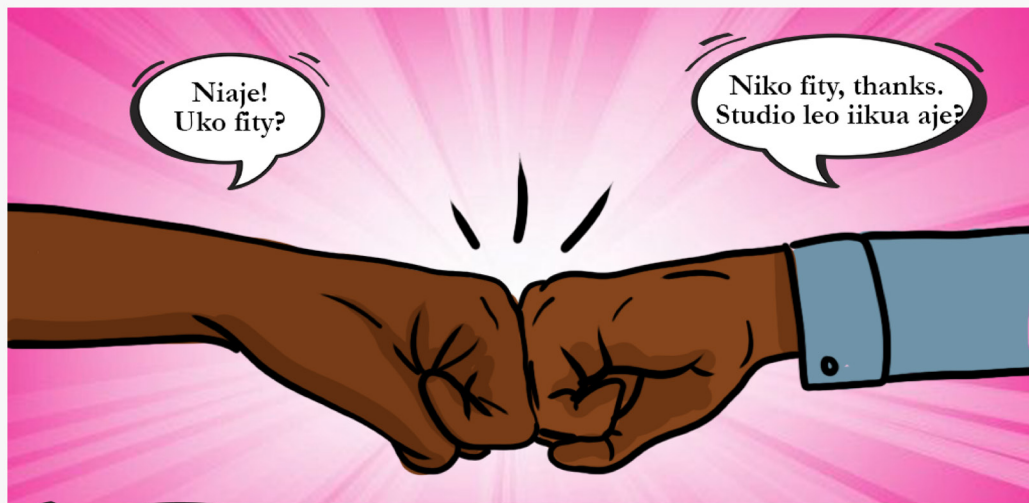


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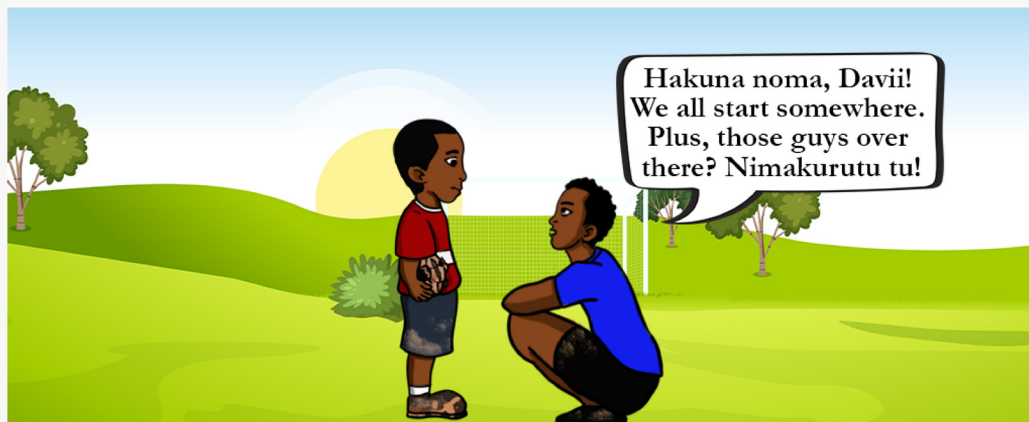
Heh, ii game iko fiti,
Oti's unakumbuka
back then, nikiwa scared
kucheza, ulini-support
mbaya.

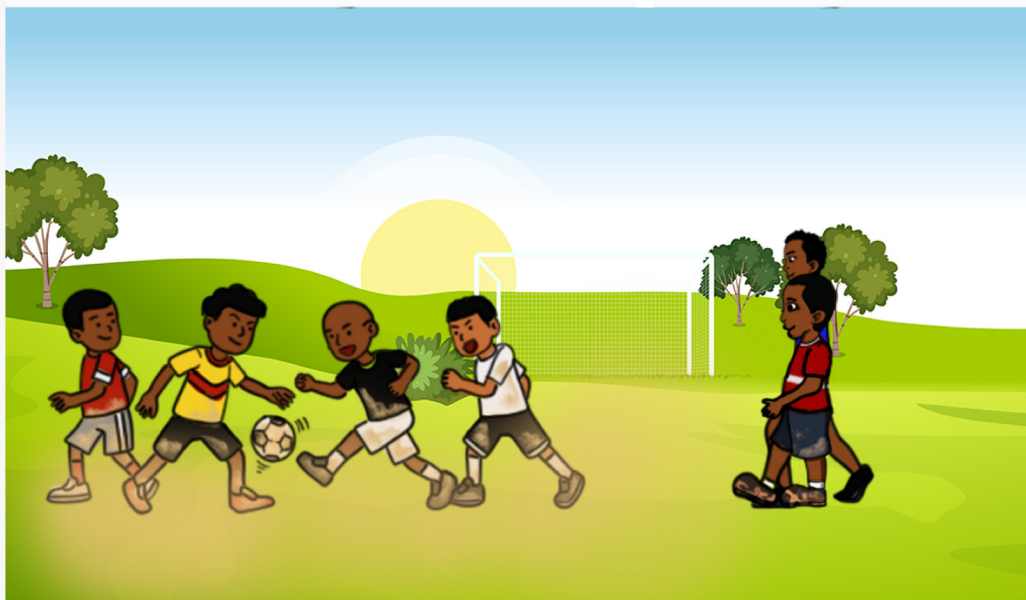





I... I don't know
kucheza vipoa, Oti.
Everyone else will
laugh at me.

Young Davii and Oti









Hee, unakumbuka first
time uli-try ku-score goal?
hiyo ilikuwa comedy
tupu walahi?

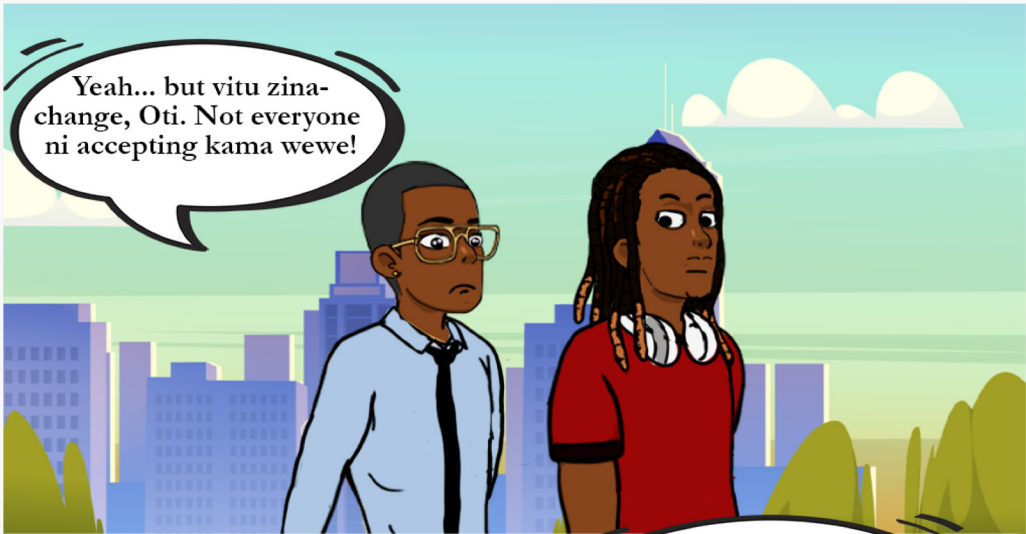
Present Day: Davii and Oti watching a football game




Eehh, at least siku-trip
over my own shoelaces
kama wewe jana!



Yo!
But tumetoka
mbali manzee.



Yeah... but vitu zina-
change, Oti. Not everyone
ni accepting kama wewe!



Hatuwezi control the
world, Davie. Lakini I will
always stand by you.

CHAPTER 2

BETRAYAL IN THE CITY



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Oti kuna wasee wamekapitia
kama beshte yangu
Kevoo, we used to work
together two years ago





Kevo's family dinner



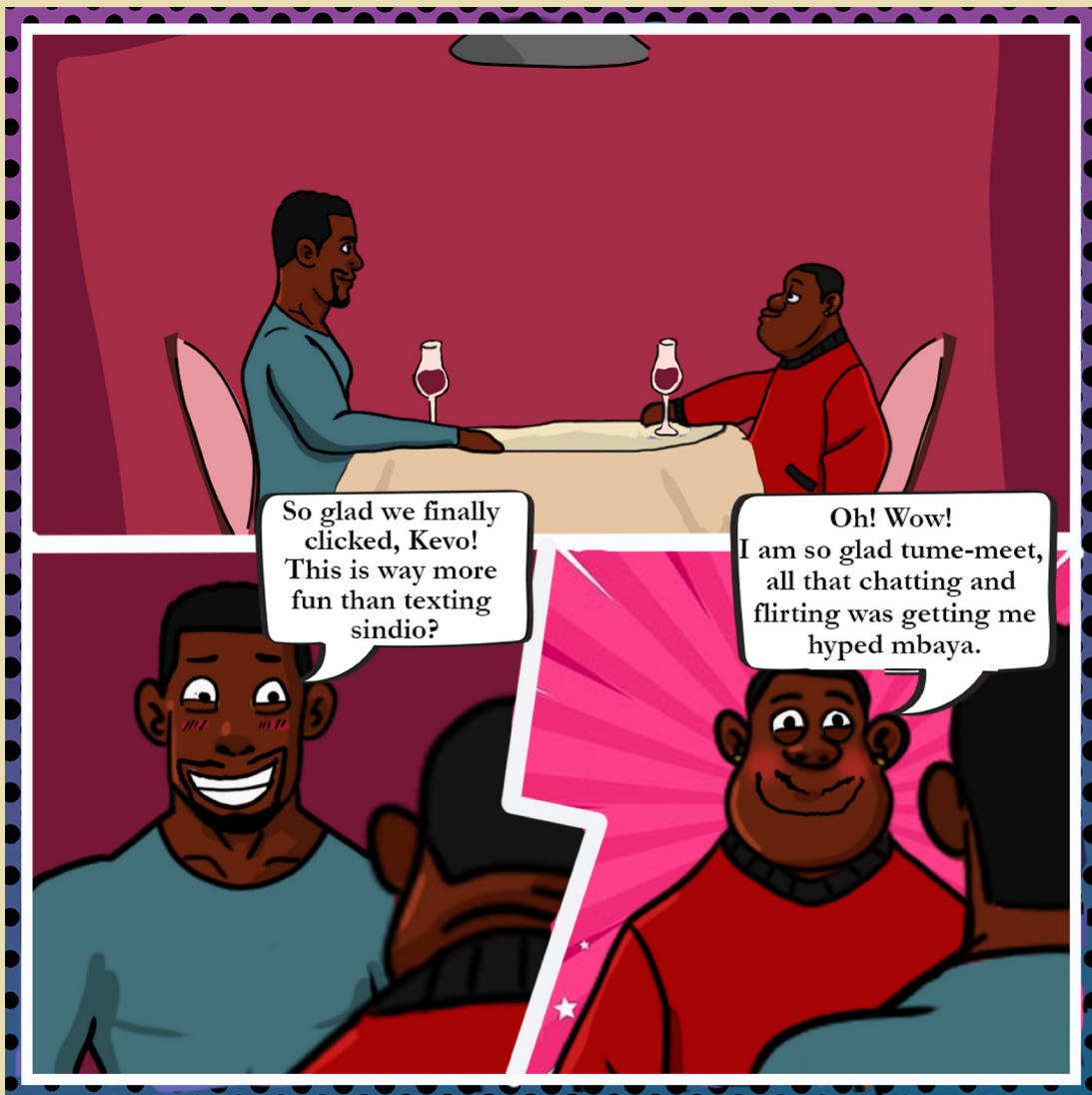
Hee Kevo!
Umeharakisha
aje kukula leo,
haya, goodnight!

Aya.
Me nimeenda
kudoz.




Kevo in bed






So glad we finally
clicked, Kevo!
This is way more
fun than texting
sindio?

Oh! Wow!
I am so glad tume-meet,
all that chatting and
flirting was getting me
hyped mbaya.

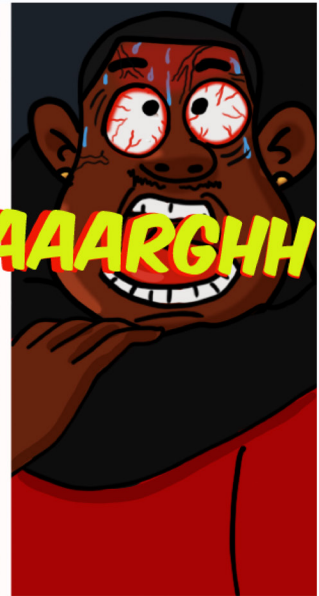


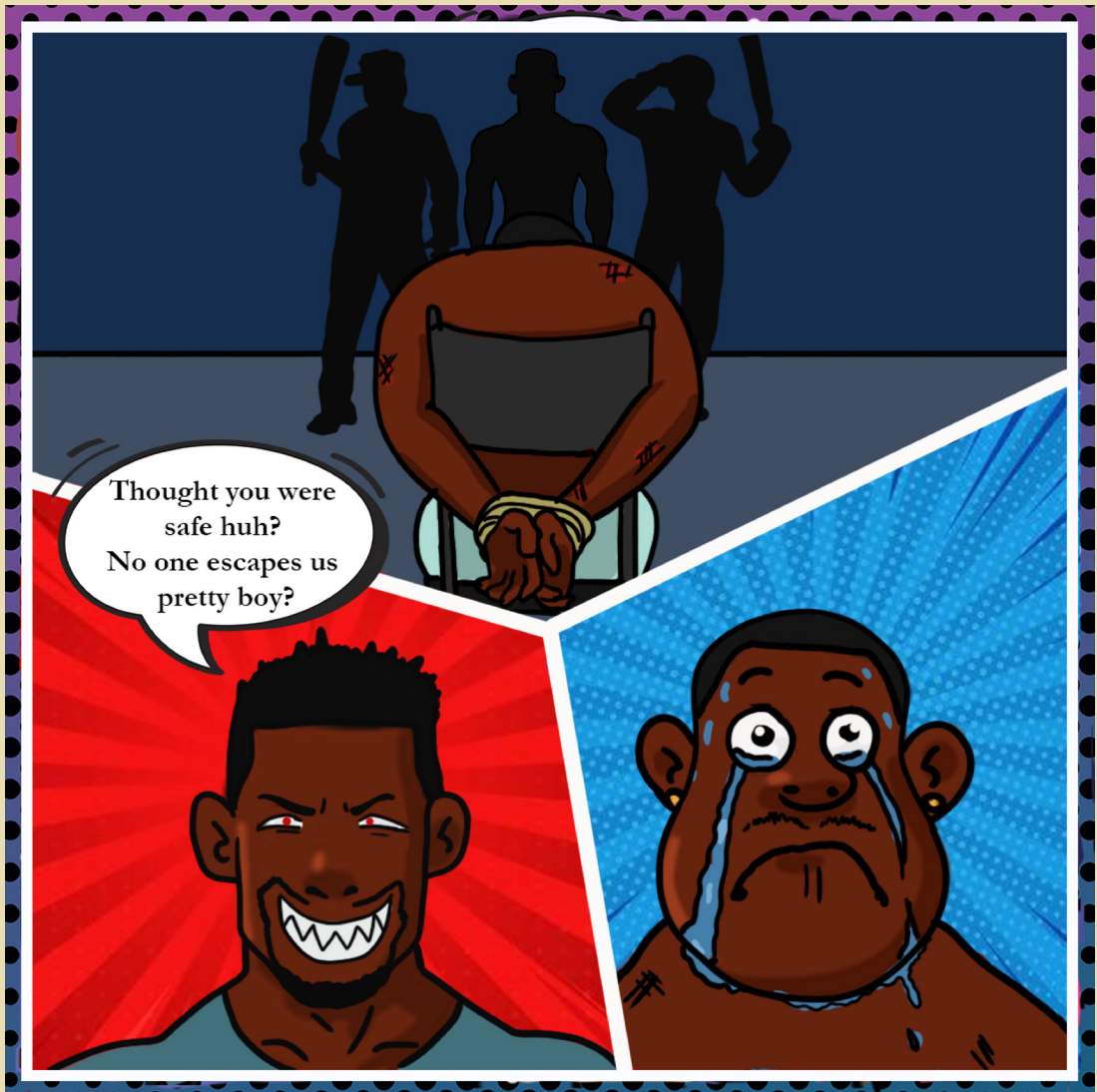
To be honest I wanted to meet sooner, but, uliniweka bumper for a year, I almost gave up. But, I liked you from the start, na tuko hapa finally, so cheers to us!



Hee, si time imeenda? Usitense, my place is just around the corner. We can hang out without you worrying about getting home on time.







Thought you were
safe huh?
No one escapes us
pretty boy?

CHAPTER 3.1

LOVE PREVAILS



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Davii and Oti walking




Wuueeh!
So what happened
to Kevo?
Alikuwa poa?




Well, he is now.
But, ali-suffer
sana thereafter.

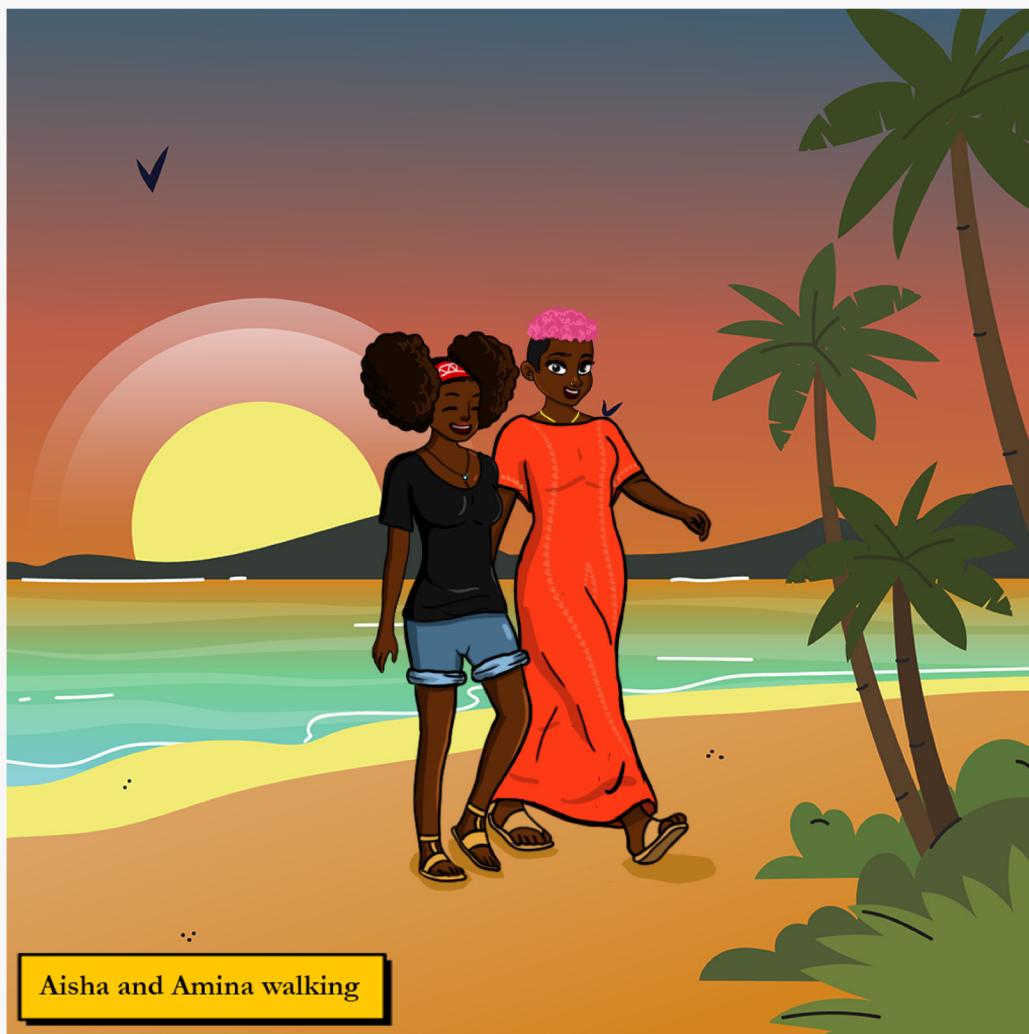
Alikuwa blackmailed
extorted, na akakua
exposed to his family
who ended up
disowning him.



You guy,
that's rough!



But, it's not always so
bad, kuna wenye
wanaishi na wako tu
sawa kama Aisha
na Amina.



Aisha and Amina walking









**Love Finds
A Way
Everywhere!**

CHAPTER 3.2

FAMILY TIES



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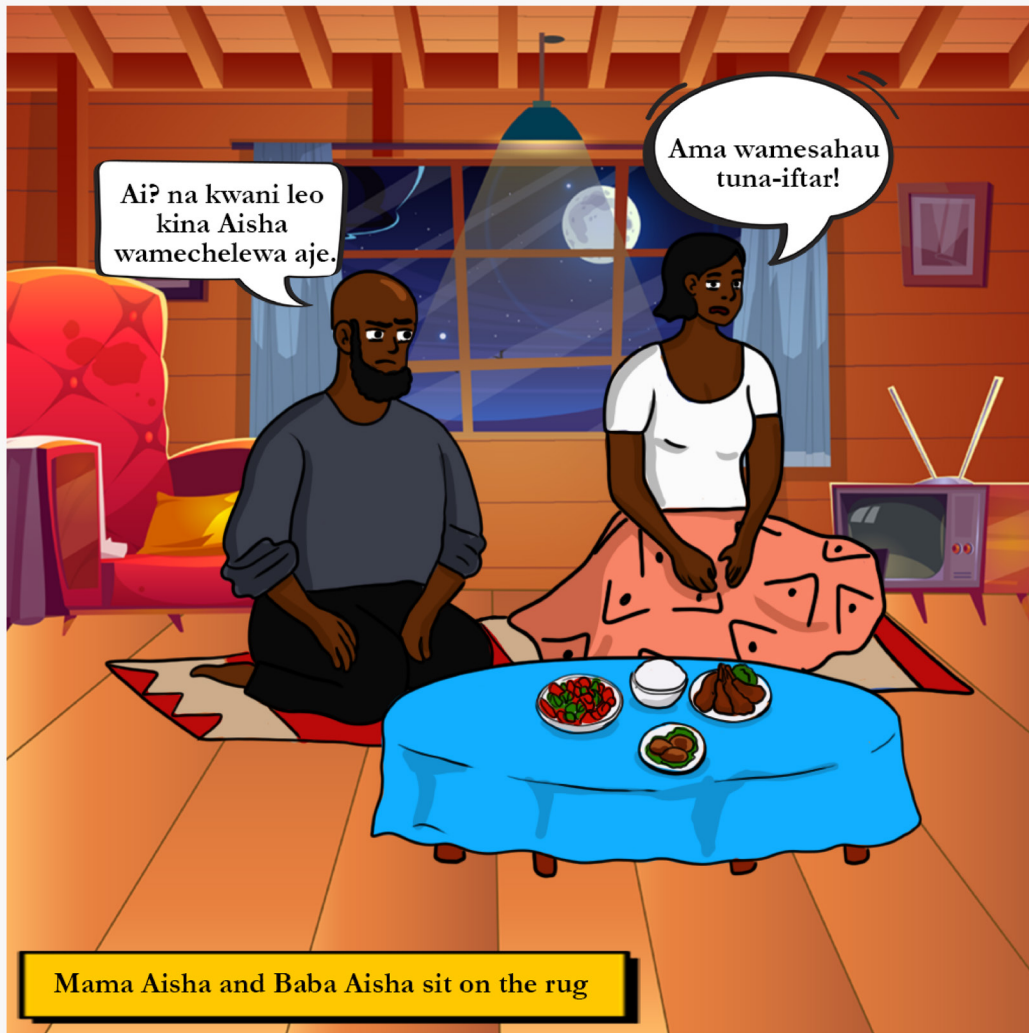


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Heh, leo ni ile siku...
at least your mum
knows we've been
in a relationship

Usijali,
we are in this
together





Ai? na kwani leo
kina Aisha
wamechelewa aje.

Ama wamesahau
tuna-iftar!

Mama Aisha and Baba Aisha sit on the rug

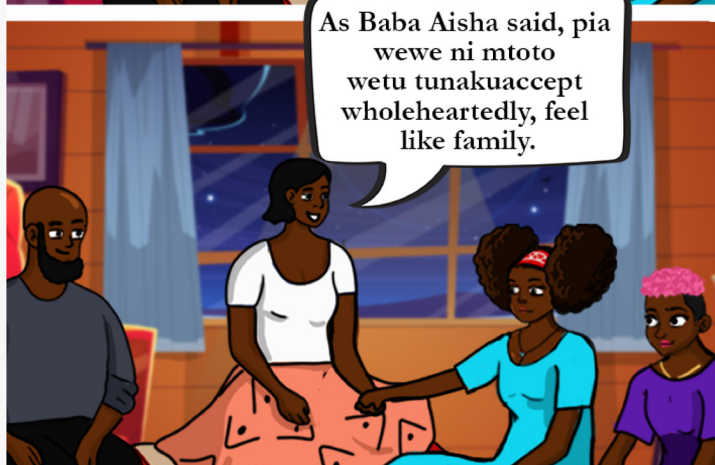














CHAPTER 4.1

TUNALEARN KILA SIKU



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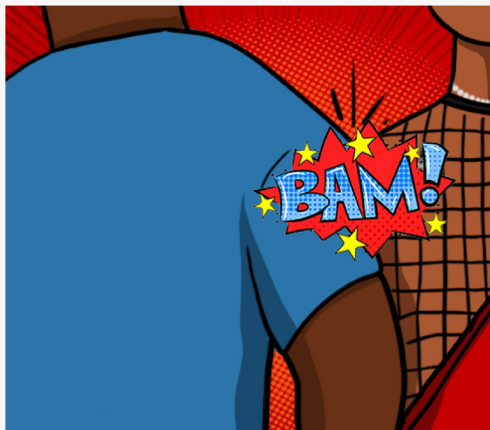




Back nikuwa campo, I had
a friend called Mwangi.
Alikua anastruggle na
identity yake and school
didn't make it any easier...



Mwangi in the school hallway





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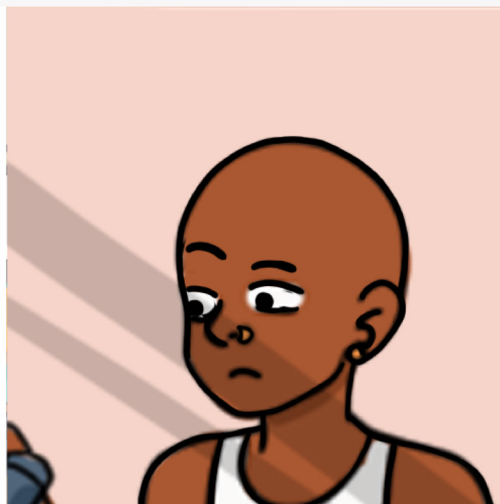
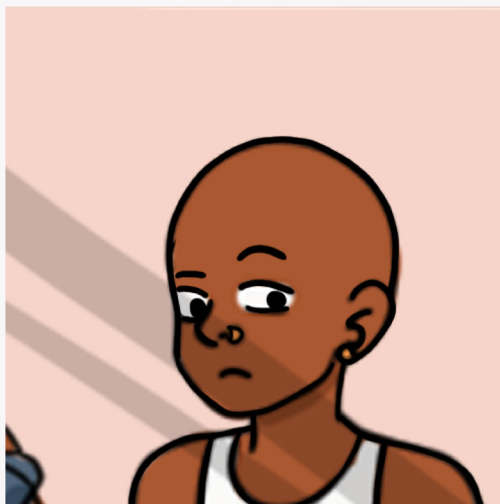


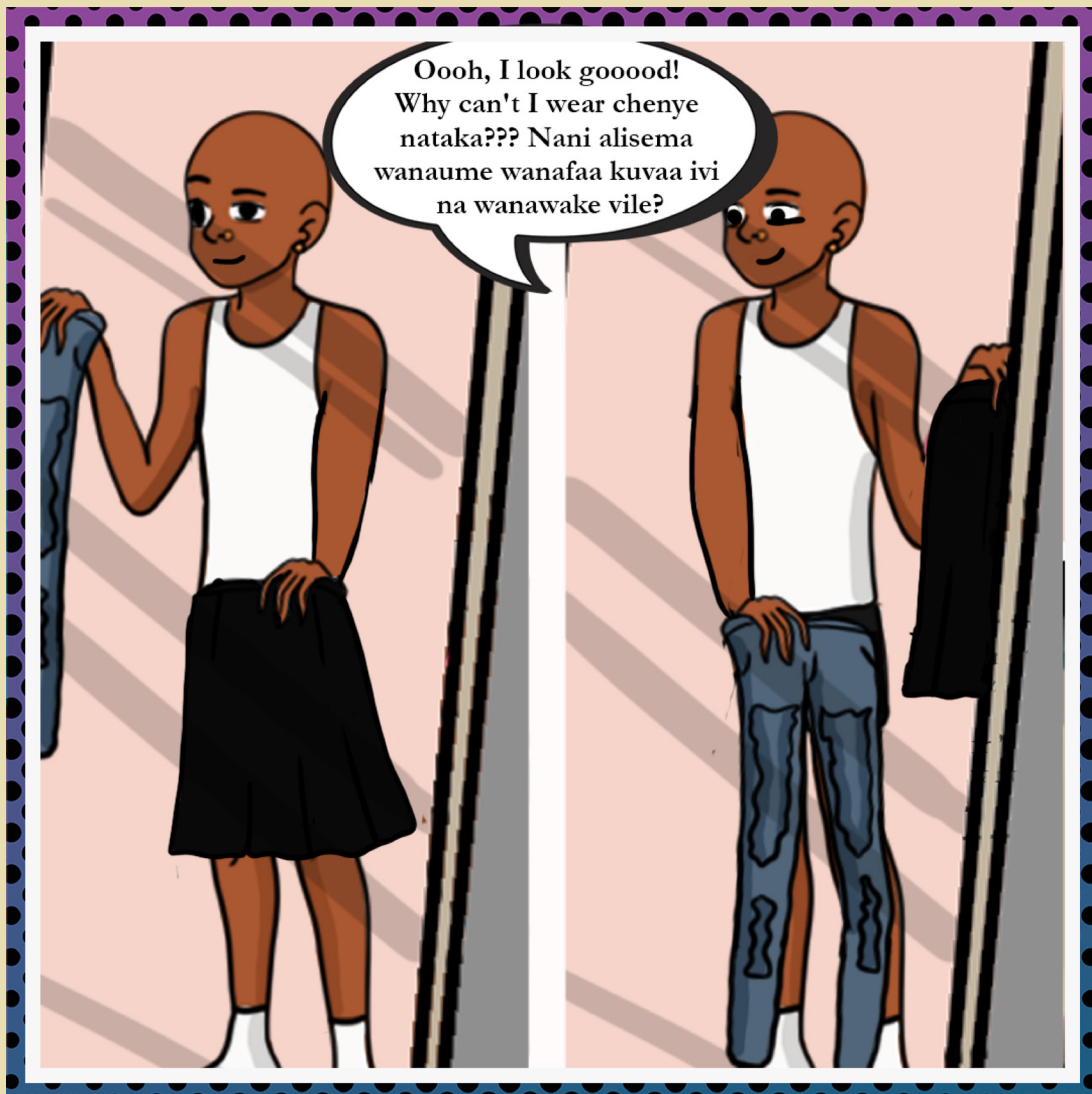
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Okay, time to get dressed for school.
But... which 'me' do
I feel like being today?




Mwangi looking at the mirror







Sielewi... my family has
accepted me for who I am,
lakini sko sure why I am still
bullied in school




Come to think of it...najua some
cultures zenye men wear dresses,
what about Muslims who wear
Kanzu and the Maasai's who
wear their shuka. Hakuna mtu
huwa anawajudge




But I constantly have to worry
about watu kunijudge na kuongea
behind my back cause of my
dressing. Hii si fair!





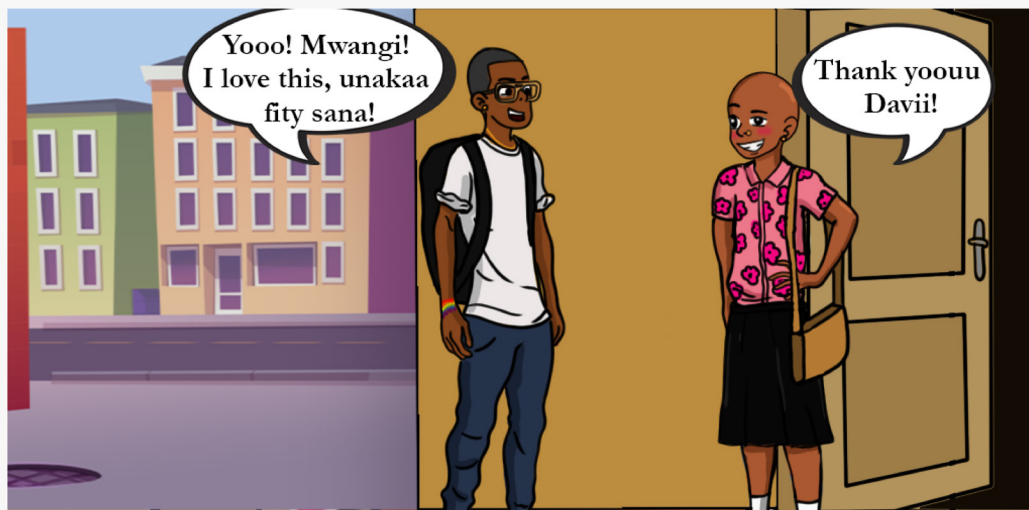
I'm gonna wear what makes me feel good. Nani anajali vile watu watasema.

3 hours later



Maybe there's no one right way to dress so long as I am happy.





CHAPTER 5.1

A DISH SERVED COLD



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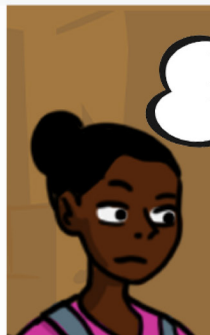
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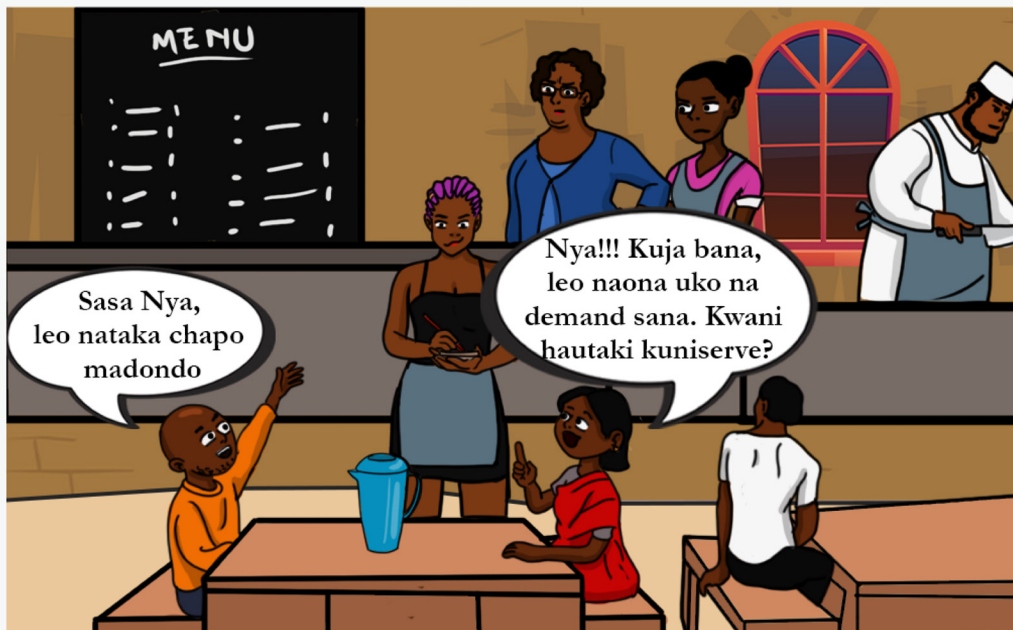


Niko na beshte yangu anaitwa
Nya, alikua anafanya kazi ya
waitress uko Bungoma; na alikua
passionate sana na job yake,
lakini alikua anaclash na boss.



Nya walks in the hotel





Sipendi venye uyu
msichana anavaa siku hizi,
kweli anafikiria uku ni town,
you don't wear like this
huku ushago.

Heh! hapo umesema
ukweli, kwanza niliskia
ye ni wa ma'Gay!



God forbid, siwezi acha
mtu ako na hizo tabia
afanye kazi kwa hotel
yangu.

I am a saved Christian,
siwezi allow uyu msherati
a run under my watch,
ntamfukuza huyu!
Ata bibilia imekataa

Nya, sipendi venye umevaa,
it's very inappropriate. This is
an institution ordained by
a pastor, we can't allow
such behavior and dressing!





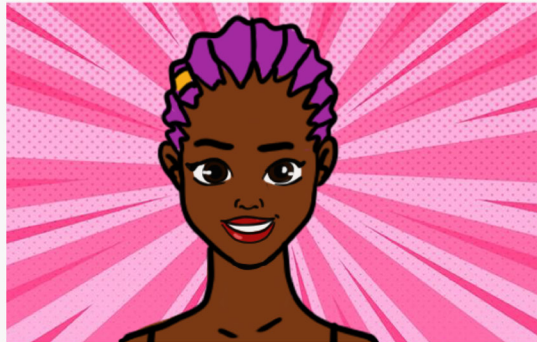


Amenikata mshahara juu na vile na navaa Mimi ndiye najua kubonga na kuretain customers hapa. Hawa customers wako hapa juu yangu, and this is how she repays me!



Hawa wasee wamenifrustrate, Ama naeza fungua place yangu na uto tusavings kiasi niko nazo, penye wasee watakua wakofree.





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A DISH SERVED COLD



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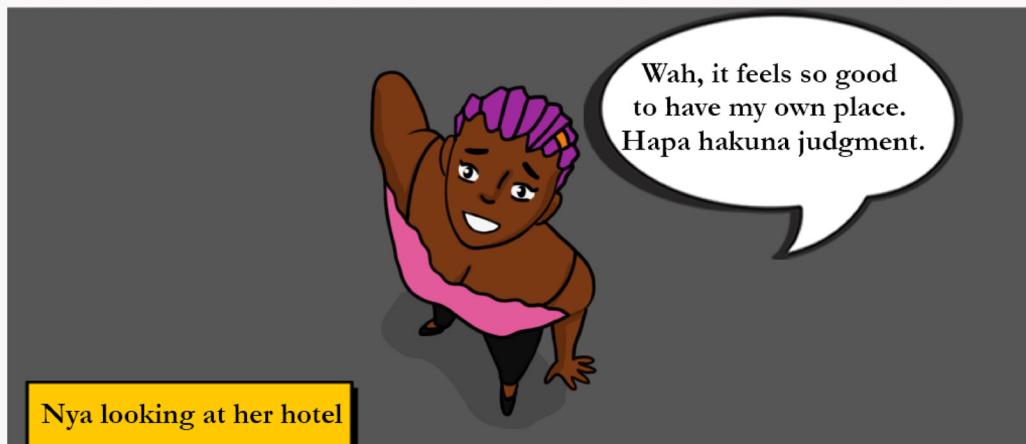
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Sasa Nya, nimeona unamake big moves manze. Congrats!

Asante sana, Chef Hassan!
I really appreciate!

Sasa by the way, unaeza nionea kaslot uko kwako, ningependa sana kufanya kazi uko

Of course Chef Hassan, you dont have to ask twice. My place will always be open for all those who stood by me.

CHAPTER 6

EMBRACING DIVERSITY

BEYOND TRADITION



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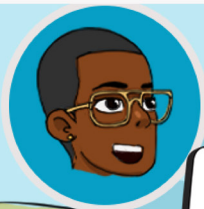
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In our village,
tradition na culture
ni kama hewa
– ever-present, shaping
everything we do.





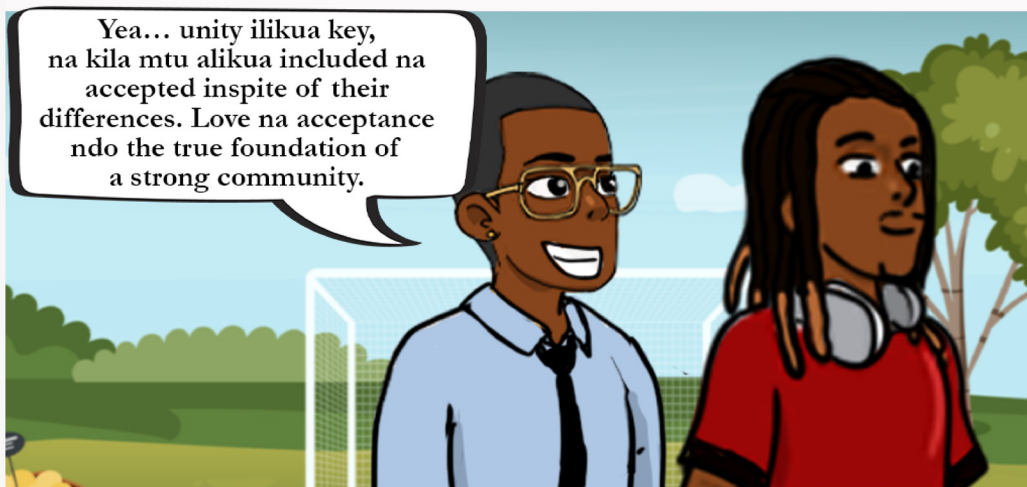






Roots za traditions, ni strong
na deep. But the tree also
ina-need ku-grow new
branches ku reach the sun,
ndio adapt to its environment.





CHAPTER 7

WE ARE FAMILY



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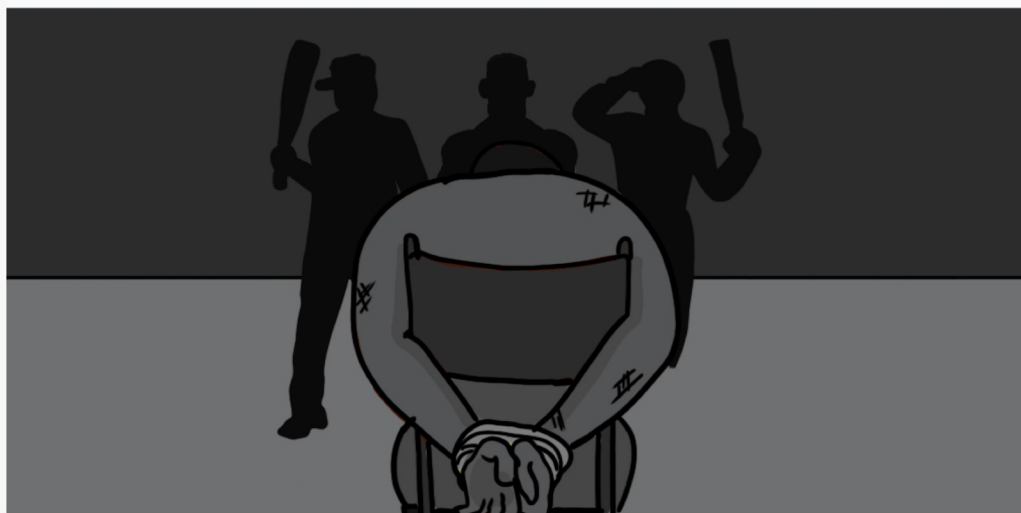


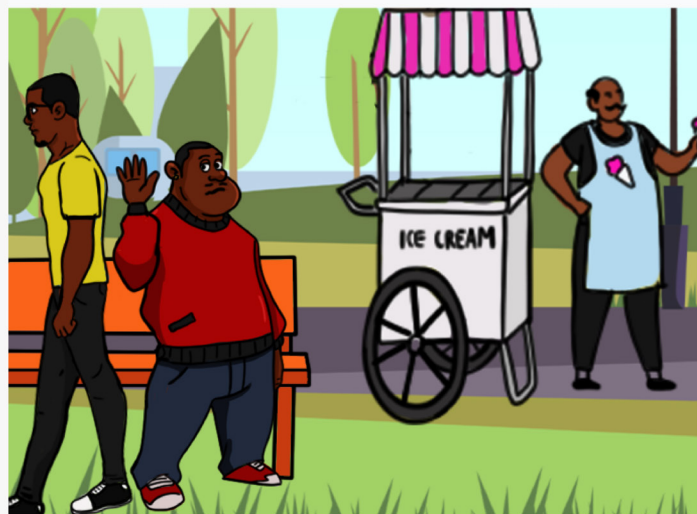
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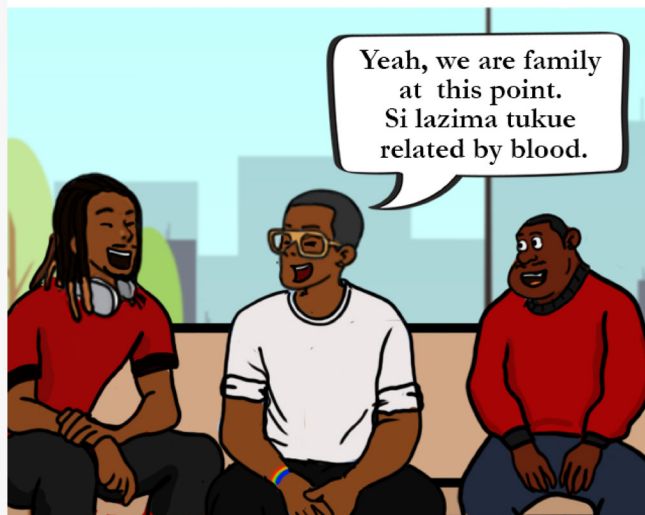
Sasa Kevo, unaendelea aje?
Meet my close friend Oti.
Oti huyu ndo Kevo,
I had talked to you about.











CHAPTER 8

REDEFINING FAMILY

A CALL FOR ALLYSHIP



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I hope you got a lesson from stories zetu. What do you think about these scenarios?
We shared them for a reason...

We shared them to spark empathy, to show love comes in all shapes, and the chosen family is just as real as blood relations. Maybe you saw yourself, maybe you questioned your views. That's the point. These stories are lessons, and the fight for love and for belonging.

But we don't fight alone. We can be allies, offer a hand, be the safe spaces you need. Because love? That's the foundation, the thread that binds us. Remember these stories, carry the lessons, and write your own beautiful chapter. Family transcends blood ties; it encompasses a broad spectrum of relationships and support systems vital for emotional well-being, identity, and social connection.

But, here's the real question,
'What does family mean to you?
Who is your family?'



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