

Unstoppable Us: The Marvellous Movers

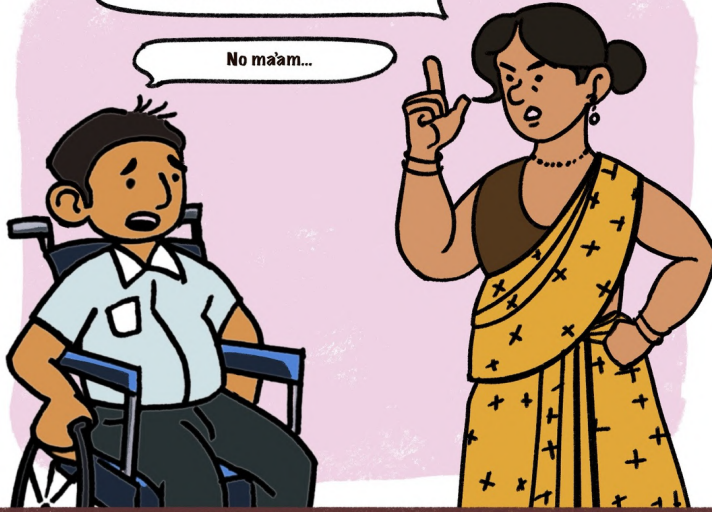
A comic book to teach young minds the language of
Diversity, Inclusion and Acceptance



Trial by Bias

You hit Pranit and abused him?

No ma'am...



This crippled hit and abused my son -

Ma'am Ravi has never abused or hurt anyone

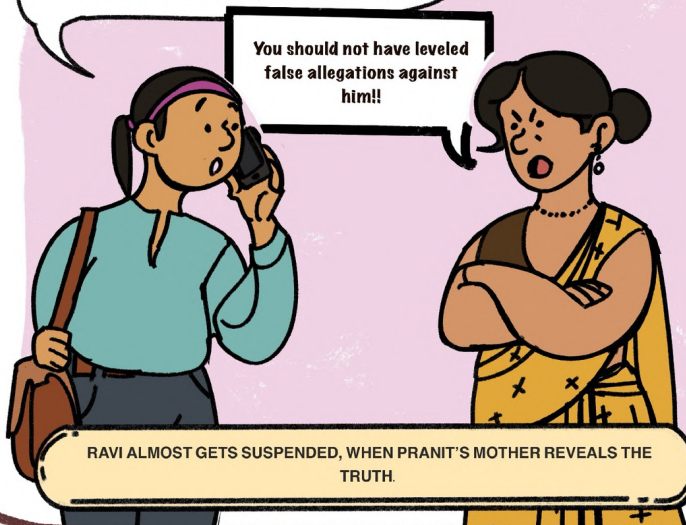
I don't care! Suspend him, now!



PRANIT'S MOTHER ACCUSES RAVI OF HITTING HIM WITH HIS WHEELCHAIR BUT THE SCAR HE SHOWS TELLS ANOTHER STORY.

Pranit fell and hurt himself playing basketball -

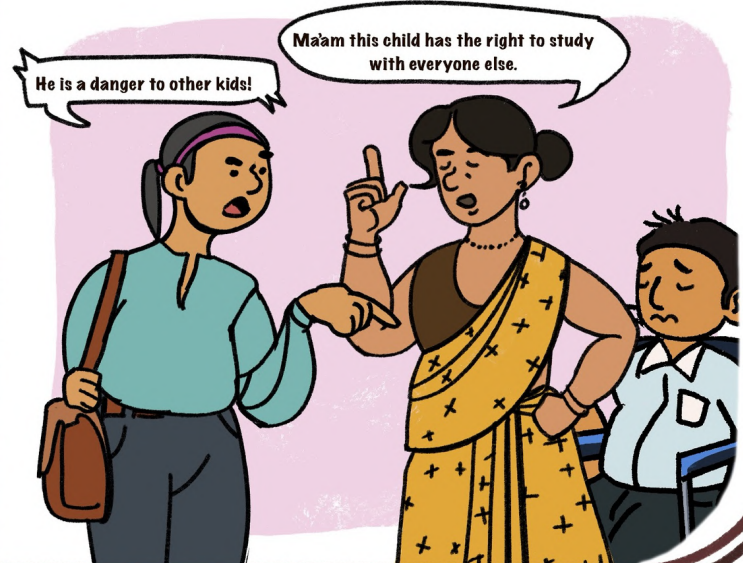
You should not have leveled false allegations against him!!



RAVI ALMOST GETS SUSPENDED, WHEN PRANIT'S MOTHER REVEALS THE TRUTH.

Ma'am this child has the right to study with everyone else.

He is a danger to other kids!



A Bitter Encounter



A Shattered Encounter



RAVI SEES A BOY HIS AGE LOOKING AT HIM. HE IS ABOUT TO SMILE, WHEN HE OVERHEARS THE BOY'S FATHER. RAVI'S SMILE FALLS.



RAVI IS EXCITED TO GET THE WATCH HE'S ALWAYS WANTED BUT HIS CHEST TIGHTENS AS A FEELING OF UNWANTEDNESS SETS IN.

A New Chapter, but Closed Heart

We want that boy to leave! He is a danger to our kids.
Ask that freak's parents to take him to a special school.

We will take our kids out if he stays.



PARENTS OF SOME OF RAVI'S CLASSMATES THREATEN TO PULL OUT THEIR CHILDREN FROM THE SCHOOL IF RAVI IS NOT EXPELLED.

Where will he get admission in the middle of the school year?

That is no longer our problem.



RAVI'S PARENTS TRY IN VAIN TO CONSOLE HIM AS HE CRIES IN THE CAR.

Students! welcome your new classmate, Ravi

Hi! I am Sakshi Hey! I am Rohan Hello! I am Riya Hi! I am Saksham



RAVI GETS ADMISSION IN A SCHOOL THAT FOSTERS INCLUSION AS A REALITY OF EVERY STUDENT.

Trust & Triumph



Pizza & Prejudice



RAVI IS GOING TO THE SCHOOL ANNUAL FAIR. HE REMINISCES THE FAIR AT THE PREVIOUS SCHOOL.



WHEN IT WAS TIME, RAMAN EXPERTLY MANOEUVRES THE WHEELCHAIR.



RAVI AND RAMAN PLAY FOR HOURS BEFORE STOPPING AT RAVI'S MOTHER'S STALL FOR SOME PIZZA. ANOTHER PARENT IS STANDING AT THE STALL,



RAVI DEVOURS THE PIZZA AND THROWS THE PAPER PLATE IN THE TRASH CAN BY HIMSELF.

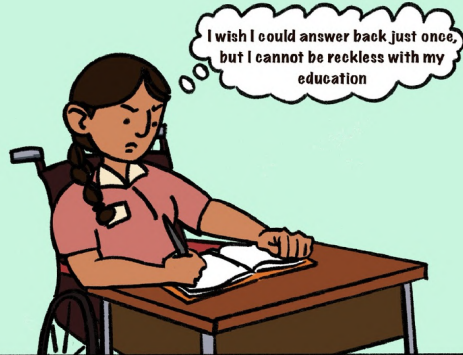
Game of Understanding



Writing Against the Odds



IT WAS ANOTHER DAY OF SCHOOL; THE ONE PLACE SANDHYA DESPISED.



IGNORING THE HURT, SHE GOES BACK TO WRITING.

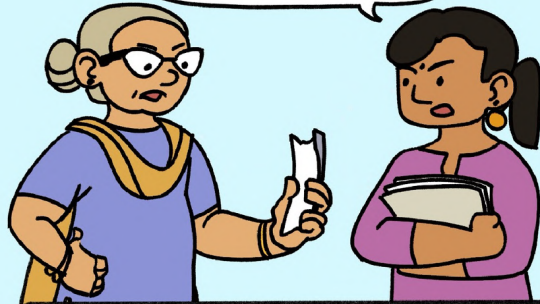


SANDHYA QUESTIONS AND CURSES HER FATE BEFORE FALLING ASLEEP.

Echoes of a False Charge

All desks are to be checked and if any exam related material is found, cancel that student's paper immediately!

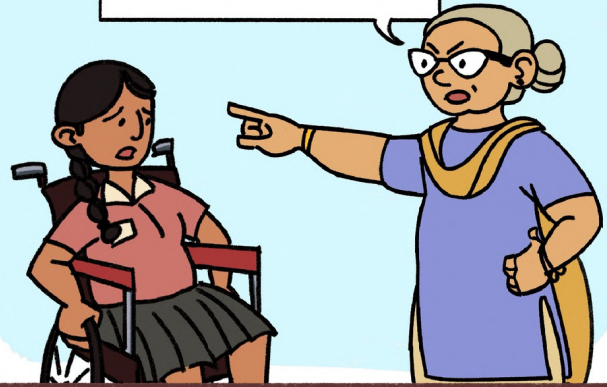
Ma'am chits have been found in a student's desk.



SANDHYA HAS A MATHEMATICS UNIT TEST IN SCHOOL.

Please trust me, those chits are not mine!

Your paper is cancelled. Go back to class and start again!



The chits were Prisha's Ma'am...

It doesn't matter now. She must've been cheating.

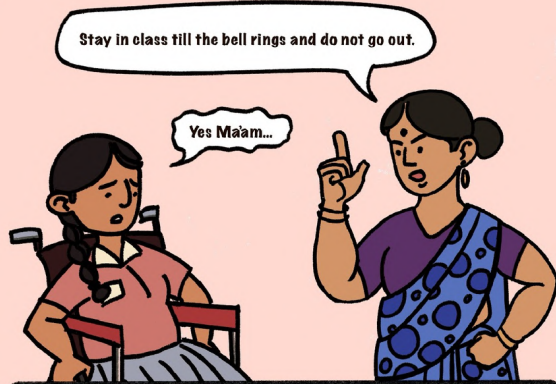


SANDHYA OVERHEARS THE TEACHERS TALKING AND IS APPALLED AT THE INSENSITIVITY THEY SHOWED.



TIRED, ANXIOUS AND DISHEARTENED SANDHYA RETURNS HOME; SHE CRIES AS SHE NARRATES THE INCIDENT BACK TO HER FATHER.

Fading Hope - School's Neglect



Stay in class till the bell rings and do not go out.

Yes Ma'am...

SANDHYA HAD A MUSIC CLASS BUT HAD TO STAY IN THE CLASSROOM ALONE AS THE LIFT WAS NOT WORKING.



Excuse me? Can anyone come help me?

Hello? Is anyone there?

Am I alone here?

THERE IS A POWER CUT IN THE SCHOOL AND IT GETS PITCH DARK. SANDHYA CANNOT DO ANYTHING EXCEPT WAIT FOR SOMEONE TO COME GET HER.



Why are you sitting alone in the dark?

The lift's not working, I couldn't get to my music class downstairs.

SANDHYA'S FATHER COMES TO PICK HER UP; HE TRIED TO CONFRONT THE SCHOOL ABOUT THEIR TREATMENT OF HIS DAUGHTER, ONLY TO BE TOLD THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH STAFF TO SIT WITH SANDHYA.



Why did I have this disability papa? Why do I have to go through this?

This is not your fault Sandhya. Your school should've accommodated you.

ANGRY AT HOW HIS CHILD HAS BEEN CONTINUOUSLY TREATED AT HER SCHOOL, HE VOWED TO BRING HER OUT OF THE TOXIC ENVIRONMENT.

Barred From The Field



New School, New Start!



Is there an admission vacancy open?

We do not have the infrastructure to admit a disabled child, Sir.

SANDHYA'S PARENTS HAD FACED MANY REJECTIONS IN THEIR QUEST TO CHANGE THEIR DAUGHTER'S SCHOOL.



Welcome to the class Sandhya.

Thank you!

SHE WAS FINALLY ACCEPTED BY BELL MONTE SCHOOL.



You were a bright student Sandhya. Study at your own pace and I'm sure you will cope up.

Yes Ma'am.

WITH HER TRAUMATIC SCHOOL EXPERIENCES IN THE PAST, SHE BEGAN STRUGGLING IN CLASS.



Congratulations Sandhya! You've scored the highest in the mathematics unit test.

Thank you Ma'am!

WITH HER TEACHER'S GUIDANCE AND HER NEW SCHOOL'S INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT, SANDHYA SOON BEGAN THRIVING.

From Doubt to Gold

Ma'am I will be on leave for the duration of the sport week.

Absolutely not! I want you to participate in the talent hunt.



I know you sing well!

I don't sing that well Ma'am..

Still! You should join your peers and participate.



Then at least you've tried your best!

What if I don't do well?



SANDHYA BEGAN PREPARING FOR THE TALENT HUNT AT HOME.

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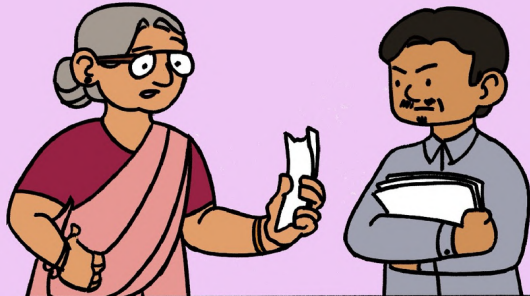
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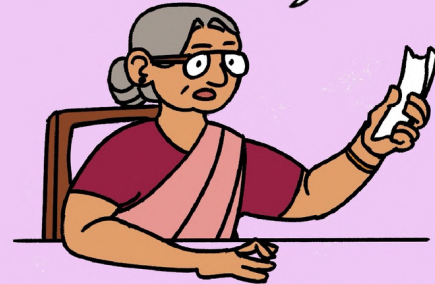
THE TALENT HUNT GOES WELL; SANDHYA PERFORMS BEAUTIFULLY AND ENDS UP WINNING OVER ALL HER CLASSMATES WHO UNDERESTIMATED HER.

Caught In The Test Trap

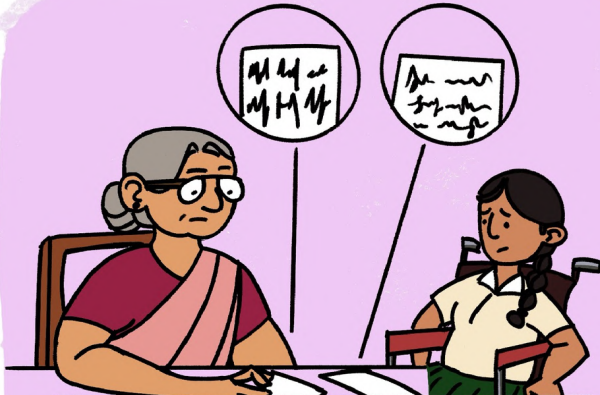


SANDHYA HAS A SCIENCE TEST; SHE WAS BUSY WRITING WHEN A SENIOR FACULTY CAME IN TO CHECK THEIR DESKS. ANSWER CHITS ARE FOUND IN HER DESK AND SHE FELT A MIX OF PANIC AND DÉJÀ VU.

Make a queue in front of my desk and come match your paper to the handwriting in this chit.



THE SENIOR TEACHER HAD A KNACK FOR RECOGNISING STUDENT'S HANDWRITING.



SANDHYA'S PAPER WAS THE FIRST TO BE CHECKED. AS EXPECTED, THE HANDWRITING DID NOT MATCH.

Your handwriting matches the chit. Your paper is cancelled.



HER CLASSMATE REVA REACHES THE FRONT OF THE QUEUE AND LOOKS LIKE SHE'S ABOUT TO FAINT.

Confronting the Darkness



SANDHYA CAME TO USE THE WASHROOM WHEN SHE HEARD THE LOCK CLICK FROM THE OUTSIDE; AFTER SOME TIME AN AYA CAME TO LET HER OUT.



DURING THE GAMES PERIOD SANDHYA DECIDES TO TELL HER CLASS TEACHER EVERYTHING.



HER CLASS TEACHER IMMEDIATELY REPORTED THE INCIDENT TO THE PRINCIPAL AND CALLED BOTH OF THEIR PARENTS.

Books & Backstabbers



AS SANDHYA GOT READY FOR SCHOOL, SHE REMINISCED THE INCIDENT LAST WEEK. SHE HAD RECEDED INTO A SHELL AND HAD ISOLATED HERSELF SINCE IT HAPPENED.



SANDHYA'S TEACHER HAD JUST WALKED IN WITH CORRECTED MATHEMATICS ANSWER SHEETS.



IN THE GAMES PERIOD, AFTER STUDYING FOR A WHILE, SANDHYA PROCEEDED TOWARDS THE MAIN GATE WHEN SHE OVERHEARD TANVI AND RASHMI TALKING.



SANDHYA CONSIDERED TANVI A FRIEND. HAVING REALIZED TANVI'S TRUE INTENTIONS, SHE DECIDED SHE DIDN'T NEED FRIENDS LIKE THOSE AND TO PRIORITISE HER STUDIES OVER ALL ELSE.

The Birthday Betrayal



Why didn't you invite me to your birthday party?

You got Rashmi suspended for a harmless prank, I want nothing to do with you.

WHEN HER FRIEND RAINA DID NOT INVITE SANDHYA TO HER BIRTHDAY, SHE DECIDED TO CONFRONT HER.



Do they really think this was a harmless prank?



* SANDHYA REALIZED THAT MOST PEOPLE IN THE CLASS BEFRIENDED HER BECAUSE SHE WAS A GOOD STUDENT AND HELPED THEM WITH THEIR PROBLEMS



I don't need these fake people and friendships papa..

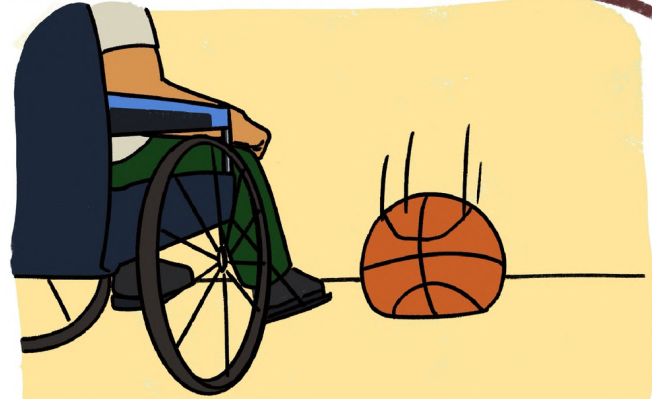
No you don't.

THE DAY'S HAPPENINGS STILL GNAWED ON SANDHYA AS SHE SOBBED AND RECOUNTED THE DETAILS TO HER FATHER.

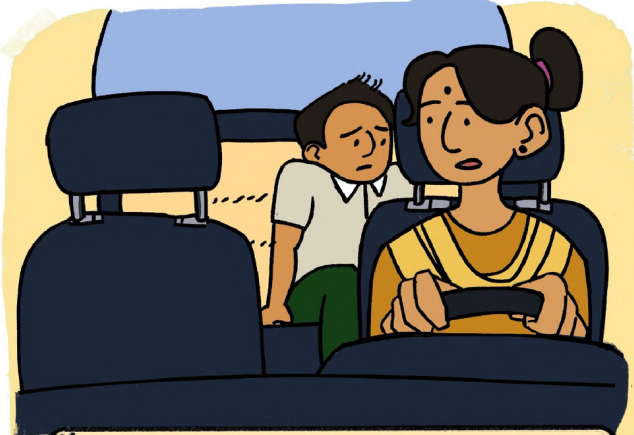
Court of Cruelty



RAVI'S CLASS HAD A GAMES PERIOD AND HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY RAMAN TO THE PLAYGROUND.



HIS CLASSMATES WERE PLAYING BASKETBALL, WHEN THE BALL LANDED BESIDE HIM WITH A THUD.



RAVI CONTEMPLATES THE CONFRONTATION WITH RITEISH AS HIS MOM PICKED HIM UP THAT DAY.

Ravi's Rough Day

Mom, can't I skip just one test?

Absolutely not.



RAVI WAS FORCED TO GO TO SCHOOL DUE TO A UNIT TEST; WHEN LUNCH TIME ROLLED AROUND, RAVI FELT UNEASY IN HIS STOMACH.



Hahaha! Aww look, the baby had an accident!!



RAVI RUSHED TO THE WASHROOM BUT BEFORE HE COULD GET INSIDE A STALL, HE HAD AN ACCIDENT. HIS CLASSMATE RITEISH SAW HIM AND RAVI RUSHED INTO A STALL, FEELING HUMILIATED



RAVI CALLED HIS MOTHER AND GOES HOME EARLY; HE RECALLS THE INCIDENT TO HER LATER AT HOME.

Lifted By Love



RAVI HAD GONE TO SCHOOL. SINCE THE LIFT WAS NOT WORKING, HIS FATHER HAD TO CARRY HIM UP TWO FLIGHTS OF STAIRS.

How pitiful, he can't even climb stairs.

How difficult it must be for uncle to carry this 'crippled'!



RAVI OVERHEARD RITEISH AND RISHIT TALKING; HE INTERNALIZED THEIR STATEMENTS AND BEGAN TO THINK OF HIMSELF AS A BURDEN

You will never be a burden.

Really? Are you sure?

Of course son! Come let's get ice cream on our way back!

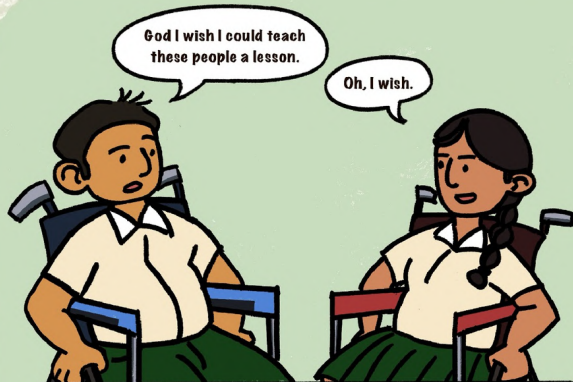


WHEN RAVI'S FATHER CAME TO PICK HIM UP, HE BREAKS DOWN AND TELLS HIM ALL ABOUT HIS INSECURITIES.



RAVI ENJOYED HIS FAVORITE PAV BHAJI WITH HIS PARENTS AT HOME.

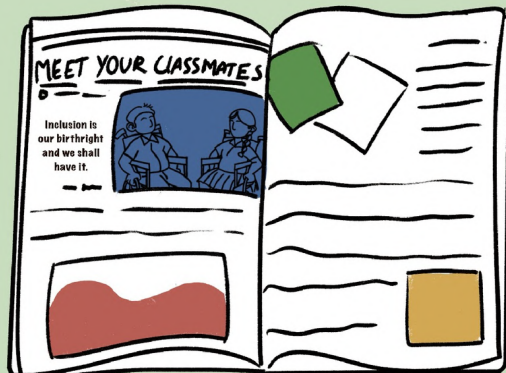
Ink of Inclusion



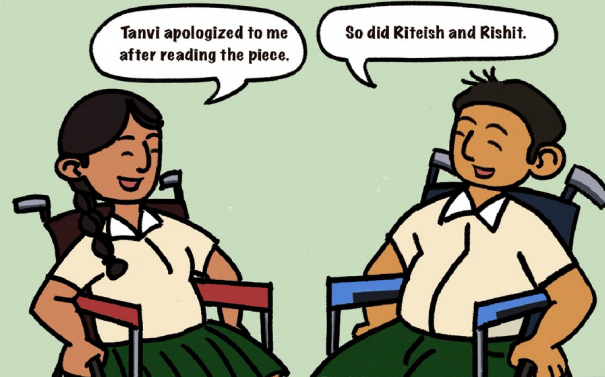
* RAVI AND SANDHYA STUMBLED UPON EACH OTHER IN THE LIBRARY. UPON REALIZING HOW SIMILAR THEIR EXPERIENCES, THEY WISHED THEY HAD MET SOONER.



JUST THEN, SANDHYA'S CLASS TEACHER APPROACHES THEM.



THE FOLLOWING WEEK THEIR PIECE IS PUBLISHED IN THE MAGAZINE AND READ IN THEIR CLASSROOMS BY ALL THE CLASS TEACHERS.



THEY HAPPILY BASK AT THE THOUGHT OF STUDYING IN A TRULY INCLUSIVE CLASSROOM.

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**EVER WONDERED WHAT LIFE IS LIKE FOR THOSE
WHO DON'T DO THINGS THE 'NORMAL' WAY?**

NO?

READ ME TO FIND OUT!

In a world where diversities are yet to be understood and differences are yet to be excepted, this comic book is our attempt to teach the world the language of inclusion.