

# NELSON BEATS THE ODDS











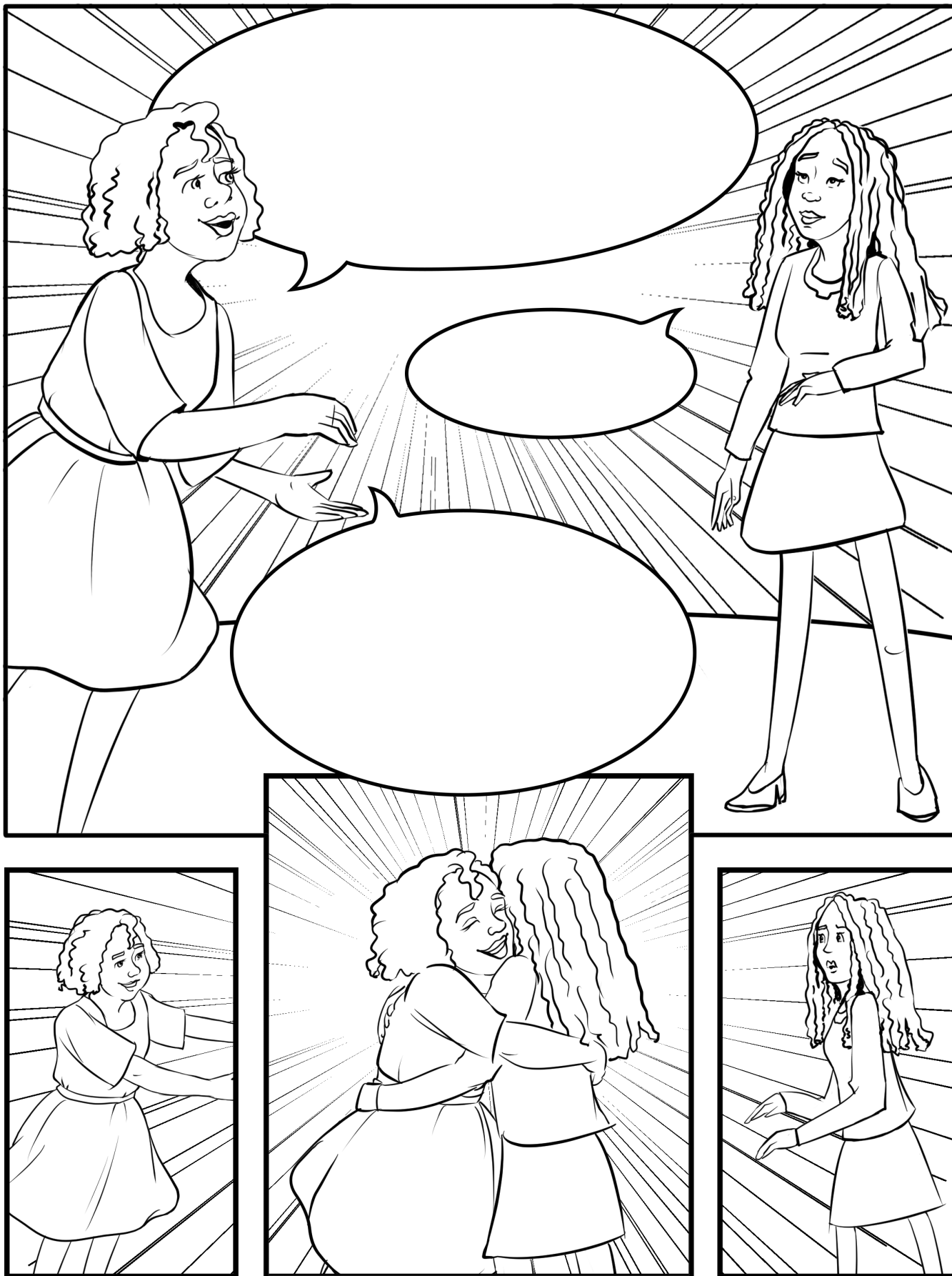


**CARLOS/NELSON/TAMEKA**

# TAMEKA'S NEW DRESS



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# NELSON BEATS THE ODDS COMPENDIUM ONE



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# REST IN PEACE RASHAWN RELOADED



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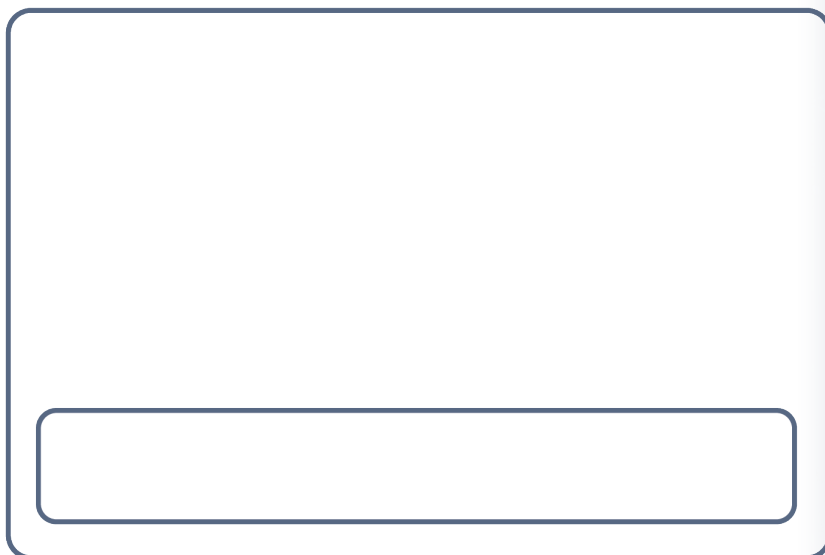
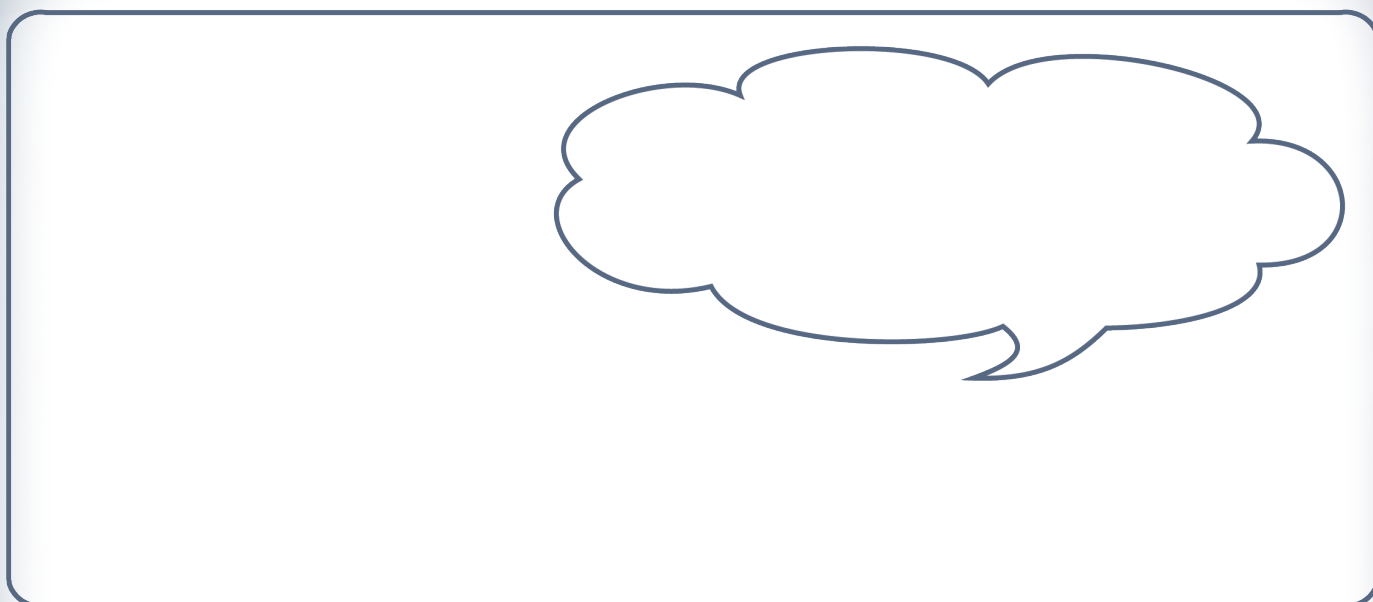


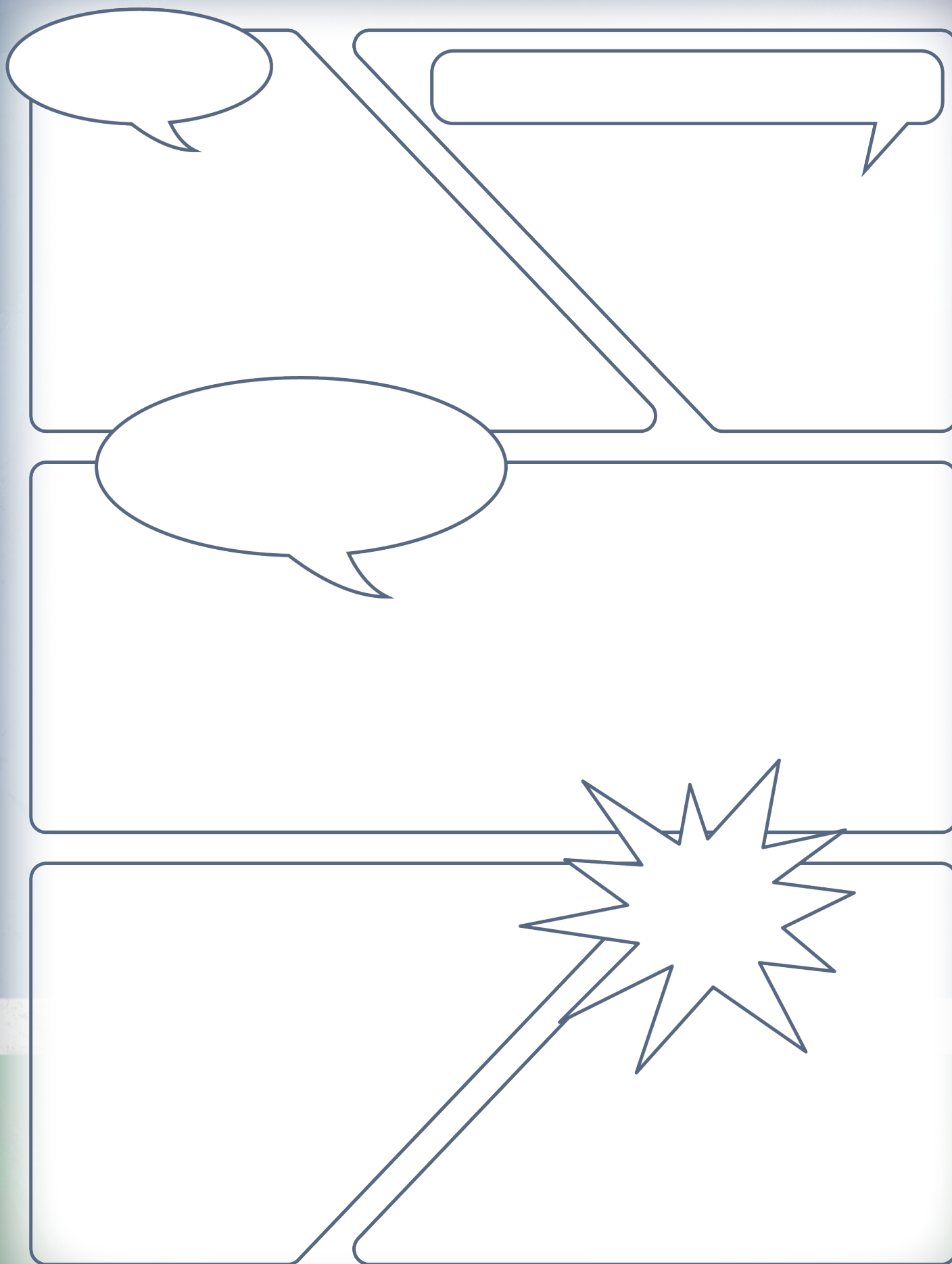
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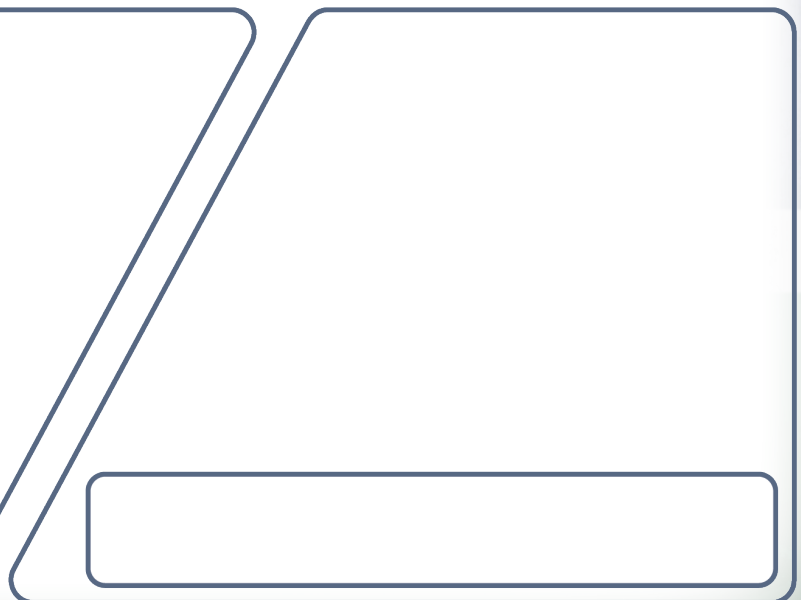
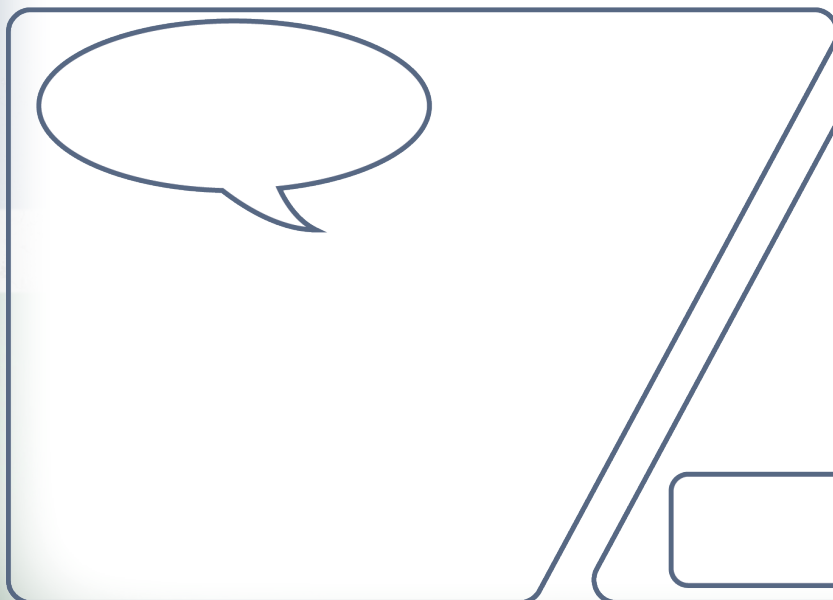
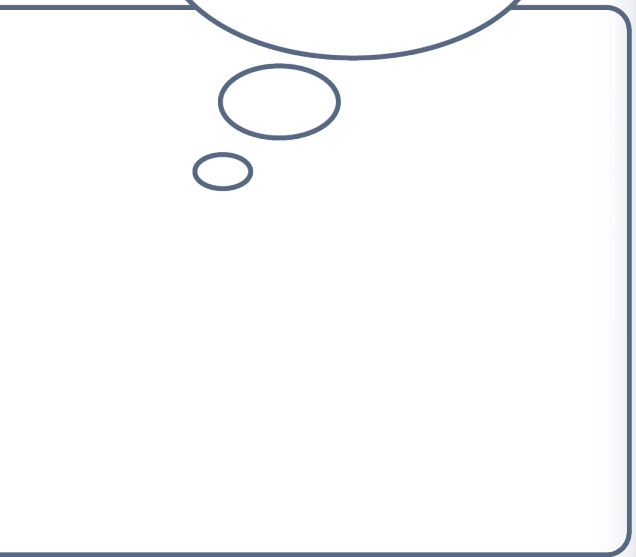
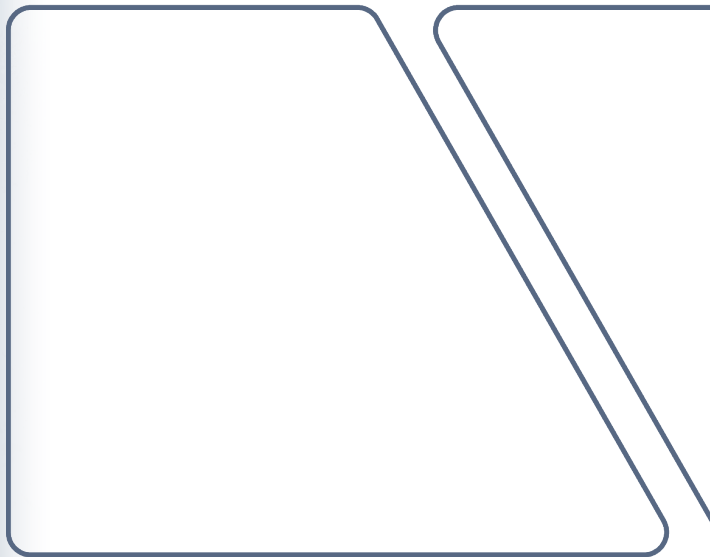
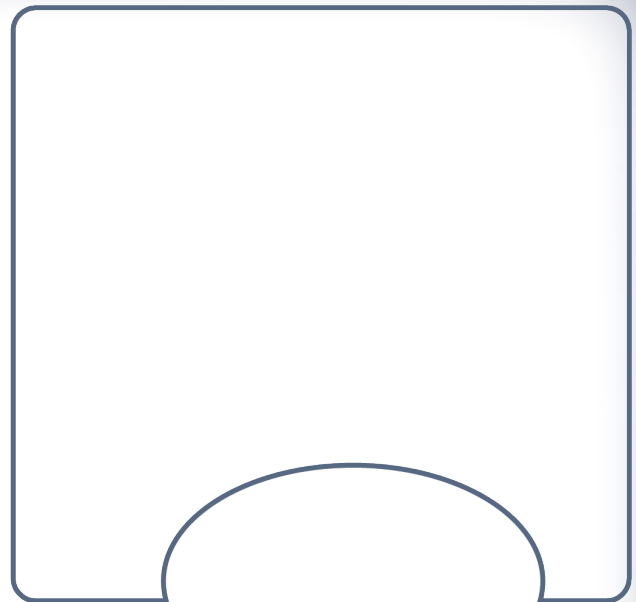
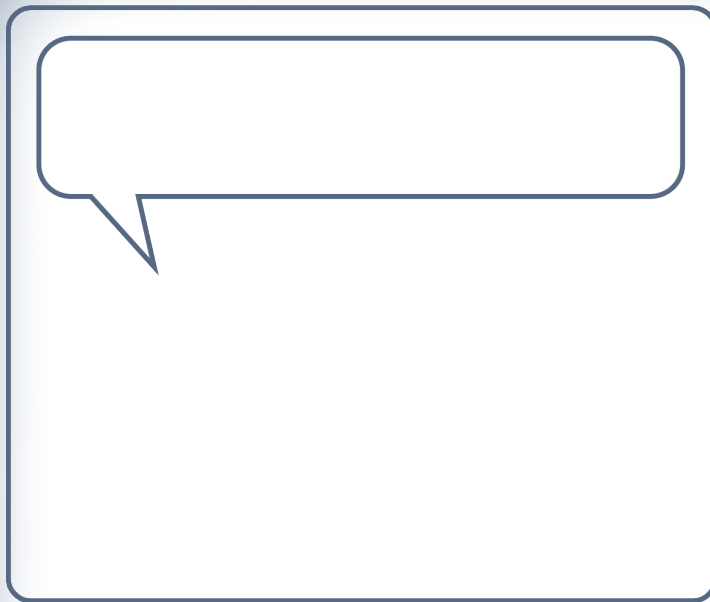
Directions: A fun way to illustrate stories using characters, speech bubbles and text. Create a comic book story with a beginning, middle and end.

The template consists of two large rectangular panels. The top panel is divided by a diagonal line. On the left side of the top panel, there is a large speech bubble. On the right side of the top panel, there is a large rectangular text box. The bottom panel is a single large rectangle. In the bottom right corner of the bottom panel, there is a large thought bubble with two smaller circles leading to it.

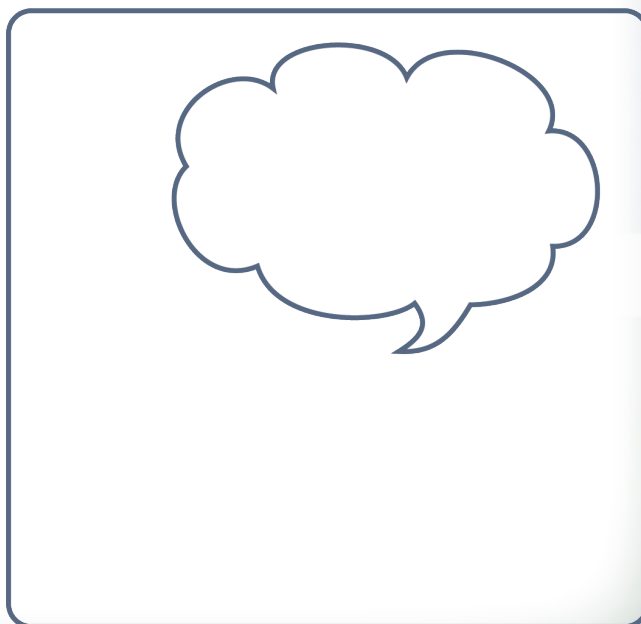
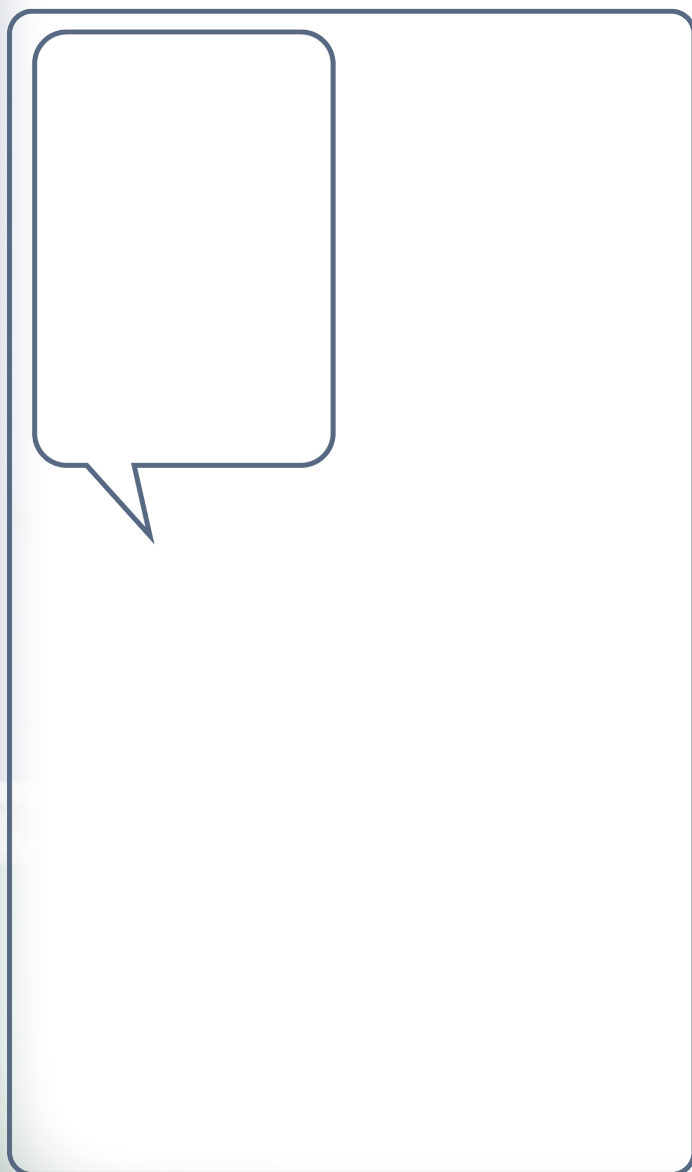


















NELSON BEATS THE ODDS SERIES

# SOMEBODY WANTED BUT SO THEN

Directions: After reading a book from the Nelson Beats The Odds Series, use the parses below to answer the question. Next, write a short summary of the book on the following page.

**SOMEBODY**

Who is the main character in this book?

**WANTED**

What did the character want to do or happen?

**BUT**

What is the problem in the story?

**SO**

How did the character try to solve the problem?

**THEN**

What was the resolution? How did the story end?

NAME:

DATE:

BOOK READ:



## NELSON BEATS THE ODDS SERIES HOW TO TASTE A BOOK

Sometimes it can be difficult to choose a book to read. Here is a list of steps you can take to choose the right book for you.

Directions: Circle the book or your choice, then complete questions 2-4. Don't forget to complete the critique below.

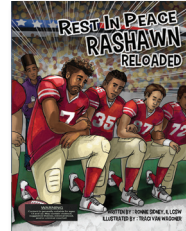
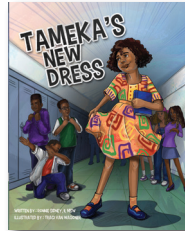
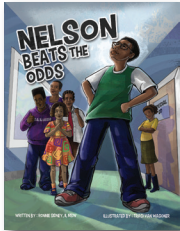
- 1 Pick a book.** Choose up to three books for comparison.

**NELSON  
BEATS THE  
ODDS**

**TAMEKA'S  
NEW  
DRESS**

**REST IN PEACE  
RASHAWN  
RELOADED**

- 2 Look at front cover.** Closely review the artwork on the front cover. What's the main subject? What's in the background? Imagine what the book is about.



- 3 Read the back and inside flap.** This is where you find the book's summary along with information about the author/illustrator.



- 4 Read the book.** Read the first 10 pages before deciding. If you got this far, you should give the book a chance. It sometimes takes a while to get into the author's voice.

What I like

What I don't like

Tell my friends



It's fine



Not for me



NAME:

DATE:

BOOK READ:





## NELSON BEATS THE ODDS SERIES MATCHING ACTIVITY

Directions: Match the words on the right with their definitions on the left.

Self-Publishing **1**

Headmaster **2**

Attention-Deficit/Hyper-  
Activity Disorder(ADHD) **3**

Potential **4**

Autism **5**

Down Syndrome **6**

Dyslexia **7**

Whizzed **8**

Learning Disability **9**

Special Education **10**

Trauma **11**

Dysgraphia **12**

Social Justice **13**

Disinterested **14**

**A** The view that everyone deserves equal economic, political and social rights and opportunities.

**B** Not interested; indifferent.

**C** A disorder characterized by difficulty in understanding or using spoken or written language.

**D** A condition giving rise to difficulties in acquiring knowledge and skills to the level expected of those of the same age.

**E** To make a humming, buzzing, or hissing sound, as an object passing swiftly through the air.

**F** Education that is modified for those with singular needs.

**G** A genetic disorder characterized by mild to severe mental impairment, weak muscle tone, shorter stature, and a flattened facial profile.

**H** A disorder of children, characterized by impaired communication, rigidity, and emotional detachment.

**I** Publication of any book without the involvement of an established publisher. The author is in control.

**J** A condition, usually in children, characterized by inattention, hyperactivity, and impulsiveness.

**K** A condition that causes trouble with written expression.

**L** Frightening or violent events that are experienced as overwhelming.

**M** The person in charge of a private school.

**N** Capable of being or becoming.

Answers: 1-I, 2-M, 3-J, 4-N, 5-H, 6-G, 7-C, 8-E, 9-D, 10-F, 11-L, 12-K, 13-A, 14-B

NAME:

DATE:

BOOK READ:



## NELSON BEATS THE ODDS SERIES CHARACTER PROFILE

Directions: After reading “Tameka’s New Dress”, “Nelson Beats the Odds”, or “Rest in Peace RaShawn”.

Select two of your favorite characters from the book and answer the following questions.

### Character 1

1	Book Read	Character Name	Character Gender
What does your character do to show their personality?			
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What does your character look like on the outside?			
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What does your character say to show their personality?			
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How does your character change, or what lesson does your character learn?			
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### Character 2

2	Book Read	Character Name	Character Gender
What does your character do to show their personality?			
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What does your character look like on the outside?			
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What does your character say to show their personality?			
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How does your character change, or what lesson does your character learn?			
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NAME:

DATE:

BOOK READ:





# NELSON BEATS THE ODDS SERIES

## WORD SEARCH

Directions: Find and circle all of the following words. They may be horizontally, vertically, or diagonal.

H	R	D	N	P	D	O	L	D	F	F	J	C	A	I
H	B	U	L	L	Y	I	N	G	Y	R	W	T	Q	M
S	V	K	A	X	Y	H	D	O	T	I	Y	E	W	E
A	S	P	J	F	F	I	T	A	M	E	K	A	T	P
G	D	J	S	S	A	U	R	D	U	N	A	M	P	R
Q	A	J	T	D	M	H	A	D	X	D	B	W	N	A
C	D	V	E	E	I	S	U	J	O	S	C	O	P	S
L	S	R	R	K	L	S	M	N	G	C	D	R	T	H
J	E	R	E	M	Y	G	A	I	L	H	P	K	S	A
P	R	V	O	S	J	L	C	B	R	O	H	D	E	W
F	B	Z	T	K	S	S	P	G	I	O	D	O	U	N
W	I	P	Y	D	U	V	I	A	H	L	E	R	S	J
K	H	O	P	E	F	J	C	C	O	M	I	C	S	T
X	G	N	E	L	S	O	N	G	J	A	W	T	I	D
T	K	S	I	X	C	O	M	M	U	N	I	T	Y	M

DISABILITY  
TRAUMA  
TAMEKA  
NELSON  
JEREMY  
HOPE

RASHAWN  
BULLYING  
SCHOOL  
DRESS  
COMICS  
FRIENDS

FAMILY  
COMMUNITY  
TEAMWORK  
STEREOTYPE

NAME:

DATE:

BOOK READ:





## NELSON BEATS THE ODDS SERIES

**WHAT I THINK ABOUT A BOOK**

Directions: After reading "Tameka's New Dress", "Nelson Beats the Odds", or "Rest in Peace RaShawn", answer the following questions based on the book you selected. There are no wrong answers.

- 1 My favorite part...\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 This book reminded me of...\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 I predict that...\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 I wonder why...\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 My favorite character is...\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 I was confused when...\_\_\_\_\_
- 7 After reading, I felt...\_\_\_\_\_
- 8 I was surprised when...\_\_\_\_\_
- 9 A part that disappointed me was...\_\_\_\_\_
- 10 I pictured in my head...\_\_\_\_\_
- 11 I like this author because...\_\_\_\_\_
- 12 The ending was...\_\_\_\_\_
- 13 The theme is...\_\_\_\_\_
- 14 Some evidence is...\_\_\_\_\_
- 15 Some words I'm not sure of are...\_\_\_\_\_

NAME:

DATE:

BOOK READ: