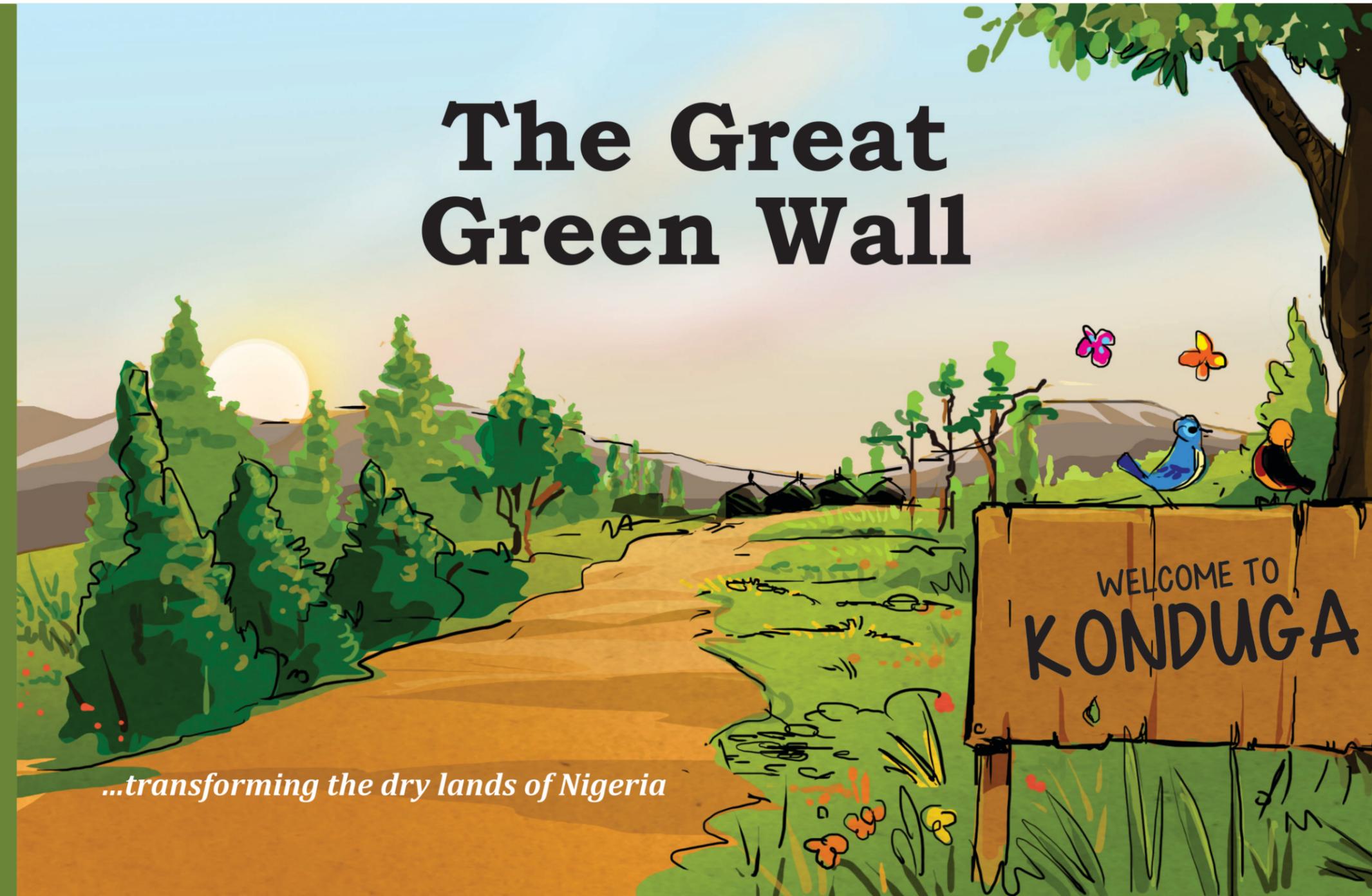


# The Great Green Wall

**A**bdullahi visits his old village of Konduga only to find all the trees and birds are gone and sand from the desert is taking over the village. With the help of some new friends, he convinces the whole village to plant trees.



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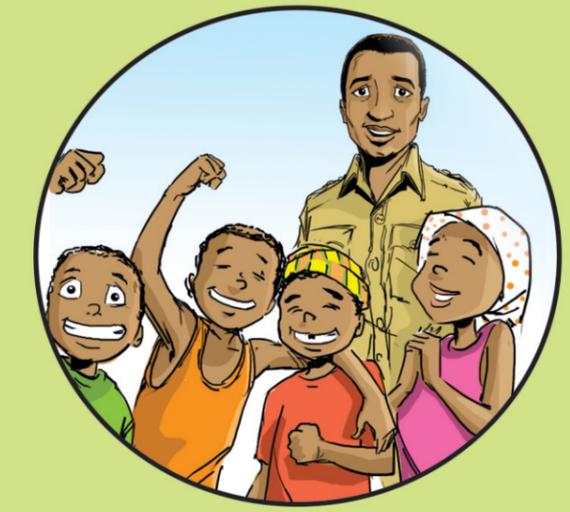
YEARS LATER, THE TREES GREW BEAUTIFULLY,  
FORMING A GREAT GREEN WALL PROTECTING  
KONDUGA FROM DESERT ENCROACHMENTS.

OH, THE BEAUTIFUL BIRDS  
ALSO RETURNED.



END.

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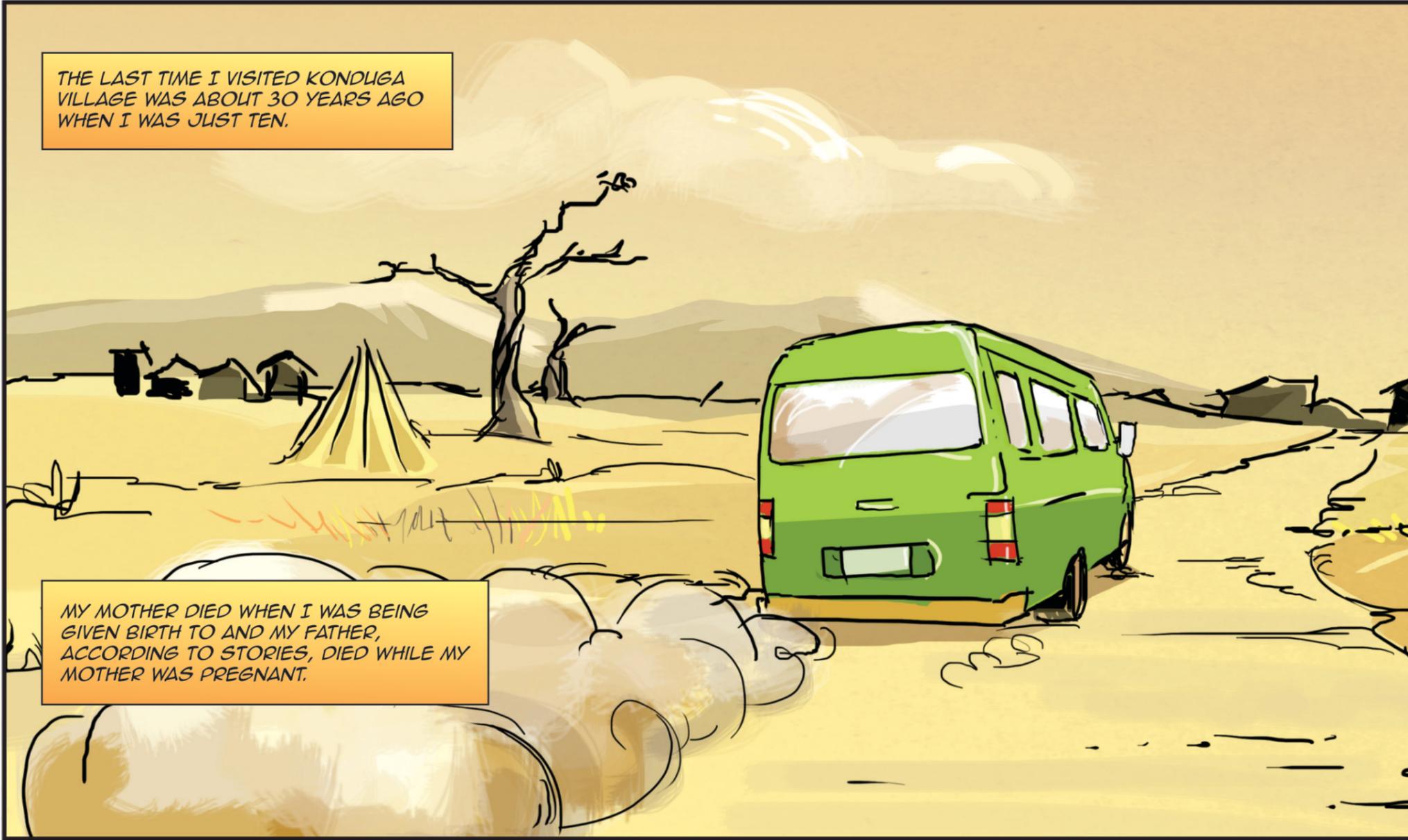


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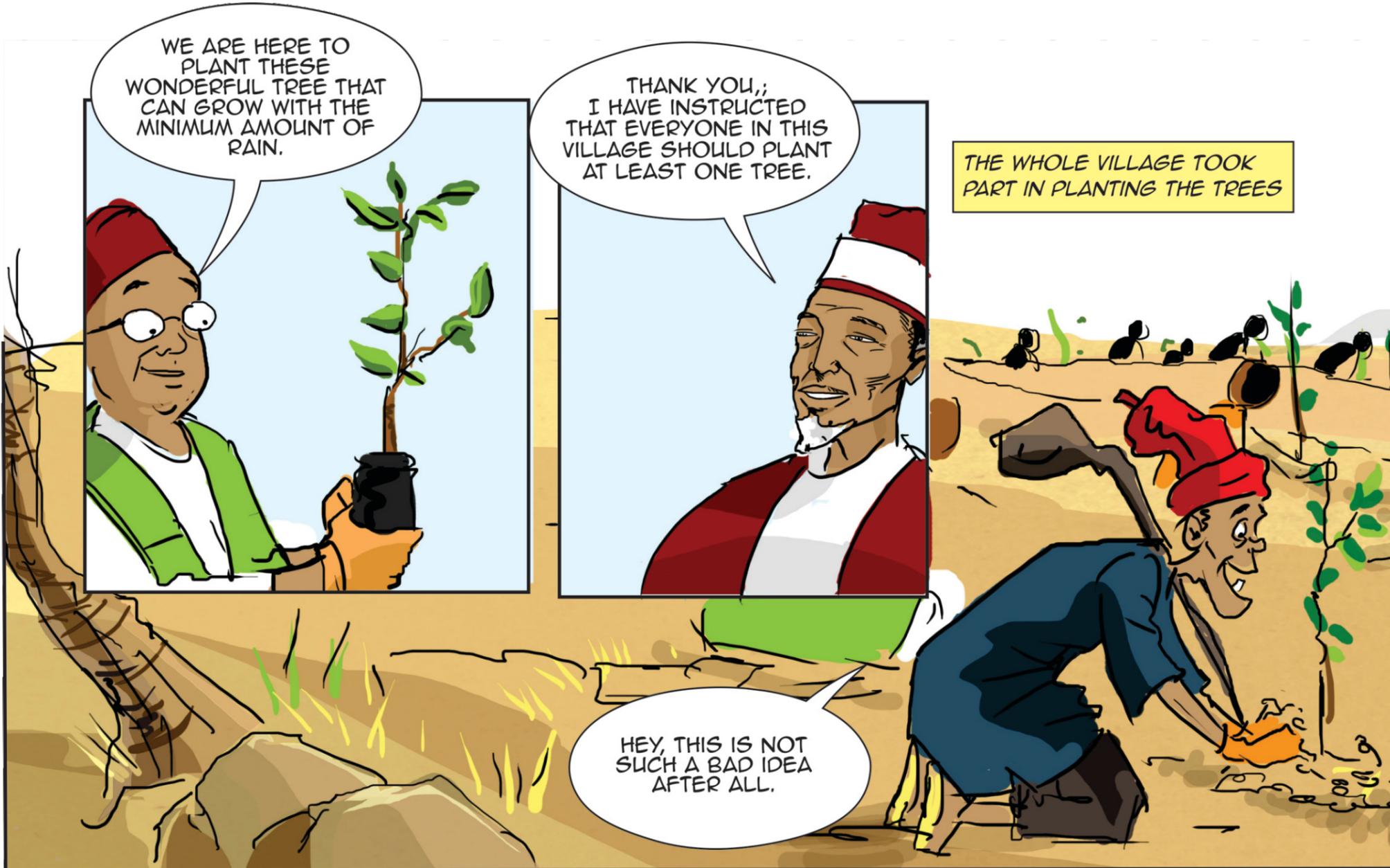
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THE LAST TIME I VISITED KONDUGA VILLAGE WAS ABOUT 30 YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS JUST TEN.



MY MOTHER DIED WHEN I WAS BEING GIVEN BIRTH TO AND MY FATHER, ACCORDING TO STORIES, DIED WHILE MY MOTHER WAS PREGNANT.



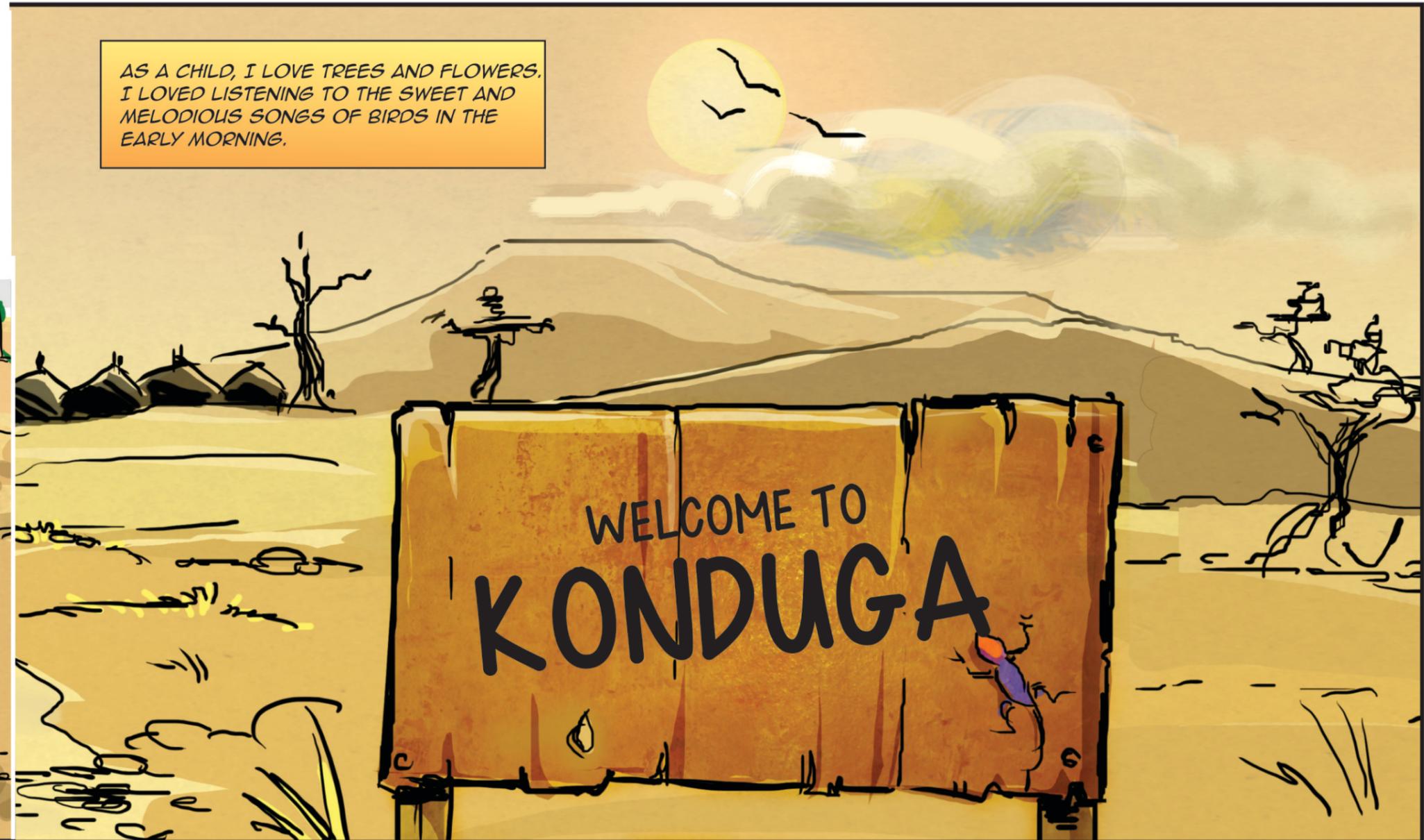


WE ARE HERE TO PLANT THESE WONDERFUL TREE THAT CAN GROW WITH THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF RAIN.

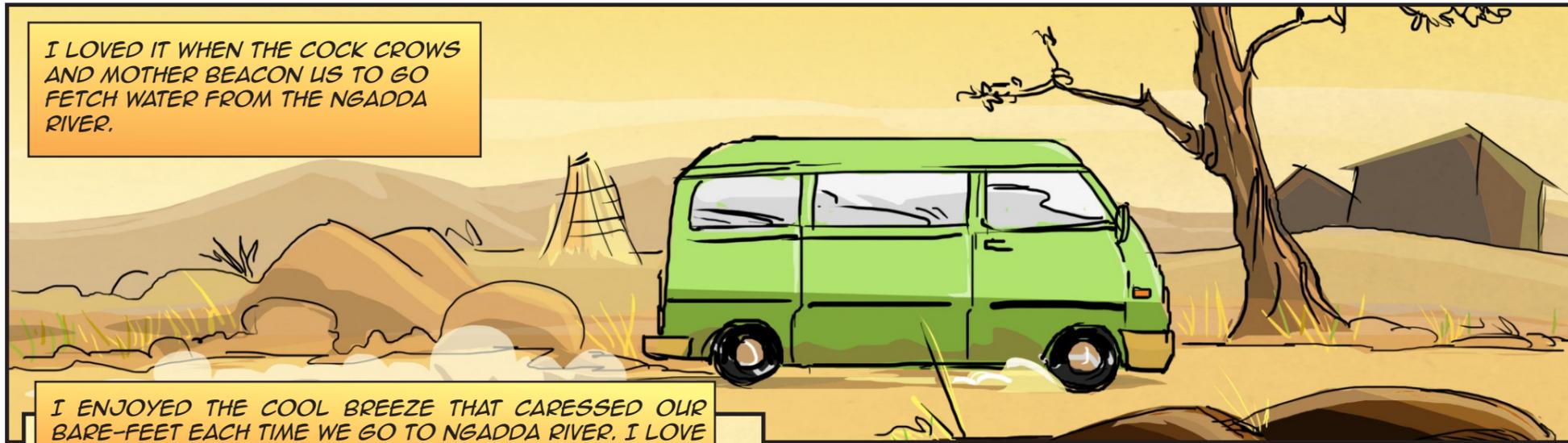
THANK YOU;; I HAVE INSTRUCTED THAT EVERYONE IN THIS VILLAGE SHOULD PLANT AT LEAST ONE TREE.

THE WHOLE VILLAGE TOOK PART IN PLANTING THE TREES

HEY, THIS IS NOT SUCH A BAD IDEA AFTER ALL.

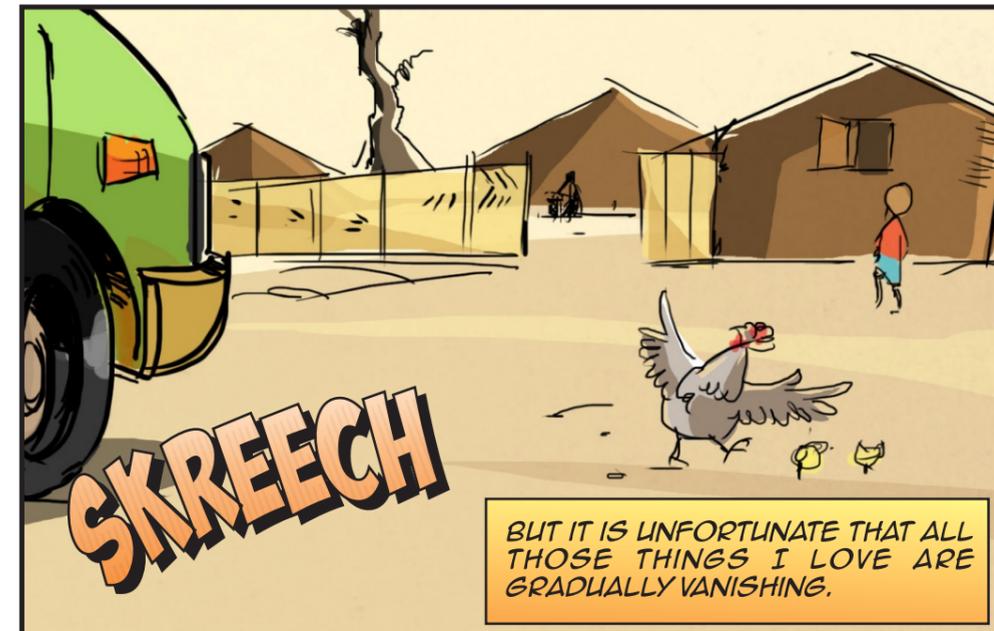
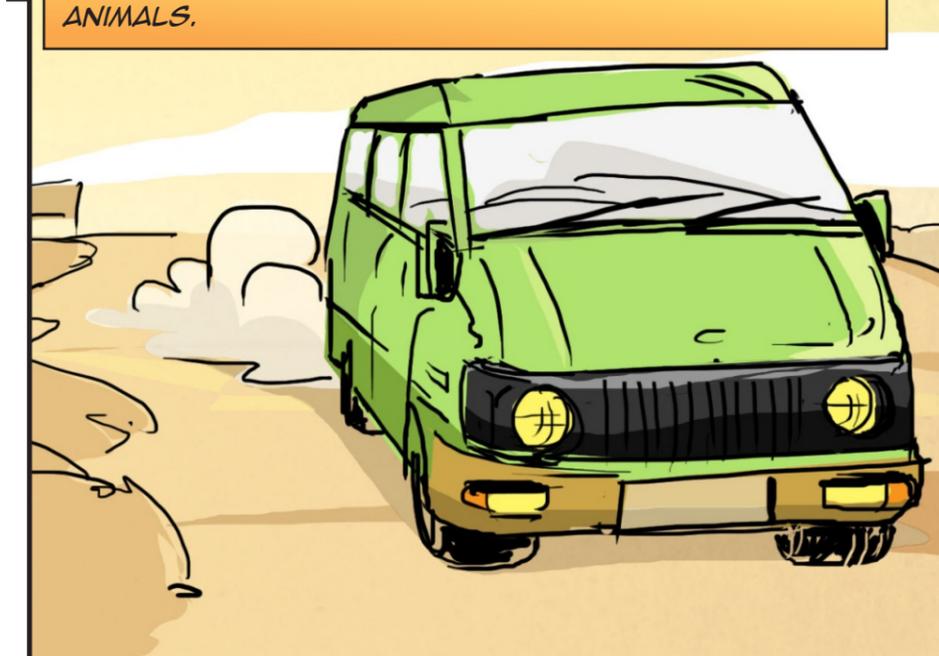


AS A CHILD, I LOVE TREES AND FLOWERS. I LOVED LISTENING TO THE SWEET AND MELODIOUS SONGS OF BIRDS IN THE EARLY MORNING.



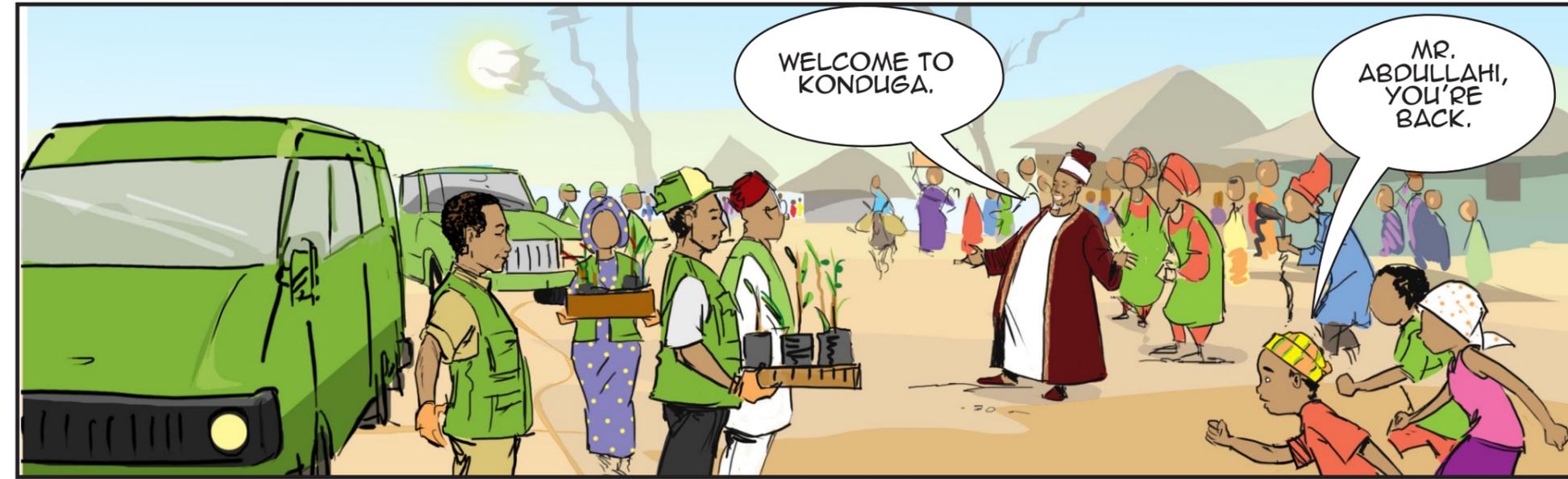
I LOVED IT WHEN THE COCK CROWS AND MOTHER BEACON US TO GO FETCH WATER FROM THE NGADDA RIVER.

I ENJOYED THE COOL BREEZE THAT CARESSED OUR BARE-FEET EACH TIME WE GO TO NGADDA RIVER. I LOVE ANIMALS.



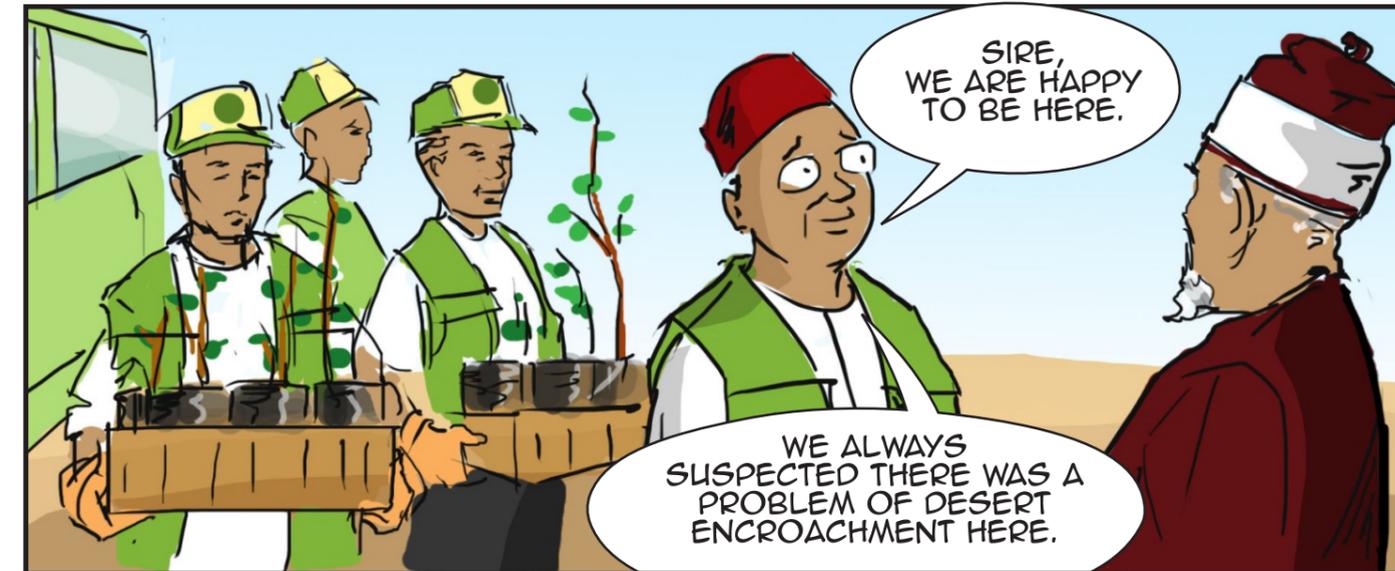
**SKREEECH**

BUT IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT ALL THOSE THINGS I LOVE ARE GRADUALLY VANISHING.



WELCOME TO KONDUGA.

MR. ABDULLAHI, YOU'RE BACK.

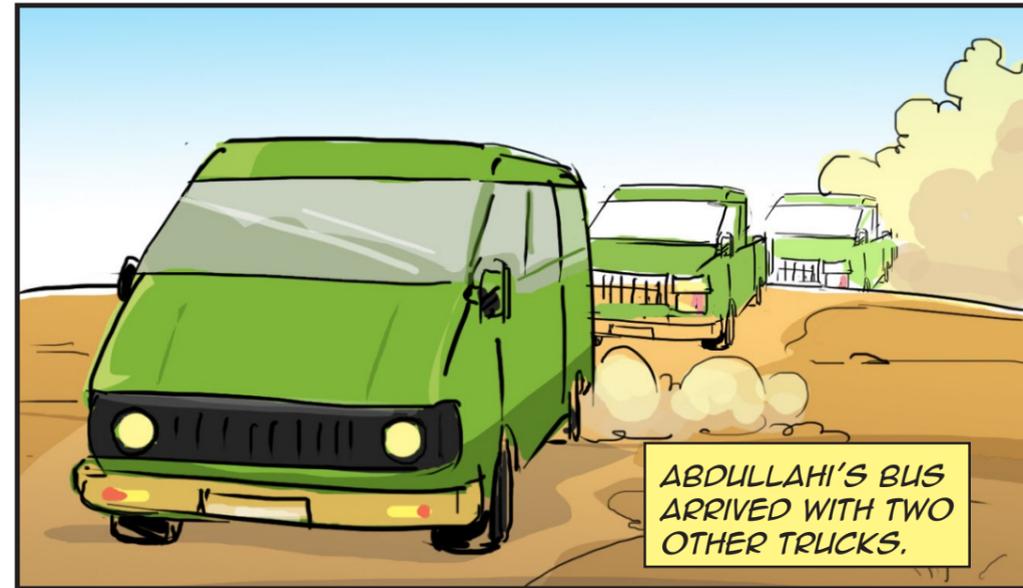
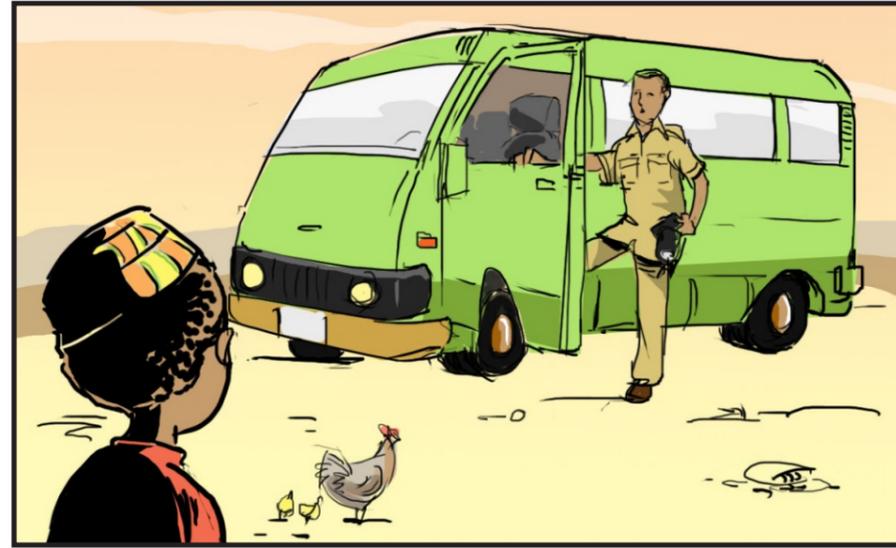


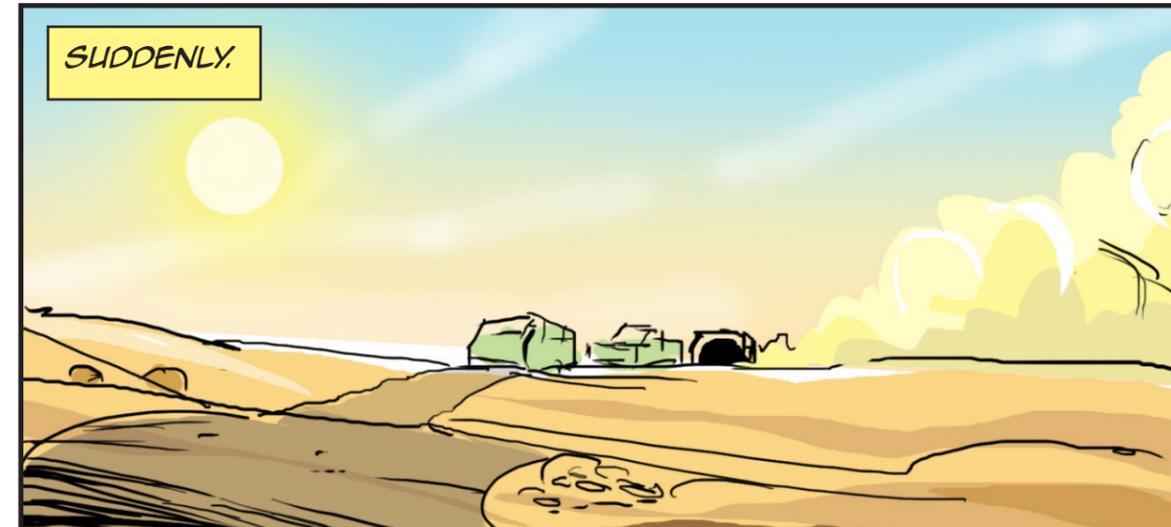
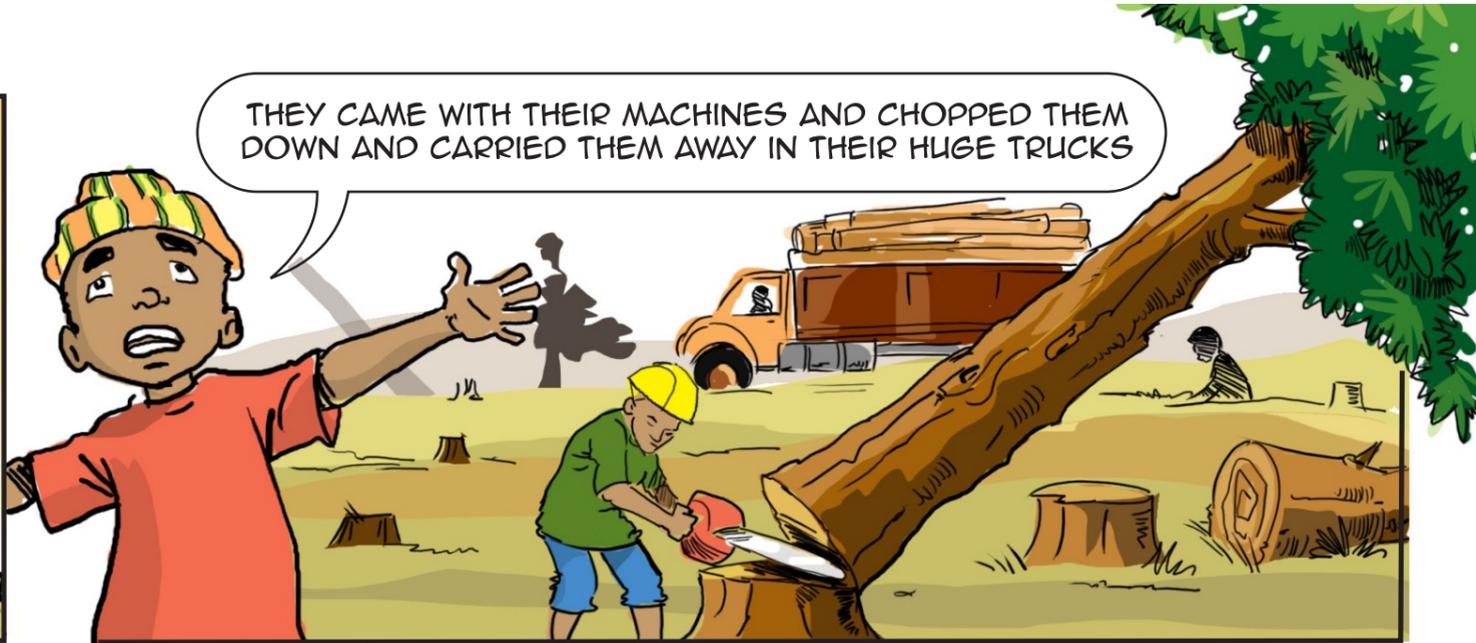
SIRE, WE ARE HAPPY TO BE HERE.

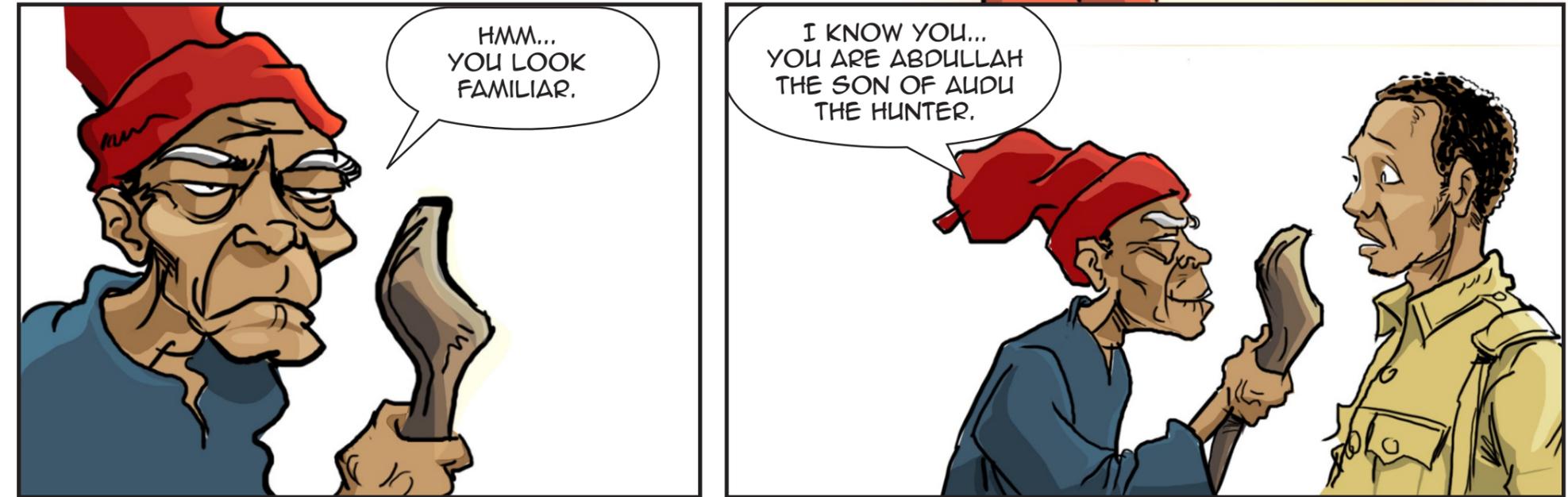
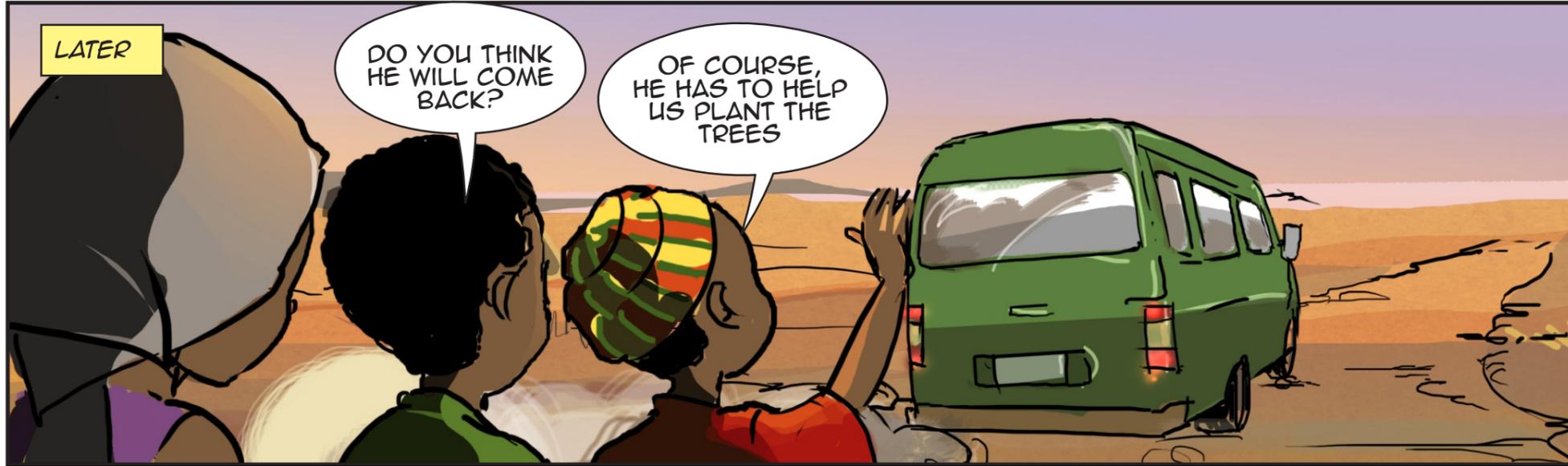
WE ALWAYS SUSPECTED THERE WAS A PROBLEM OF DESERT ENCROACHMENT HERE.

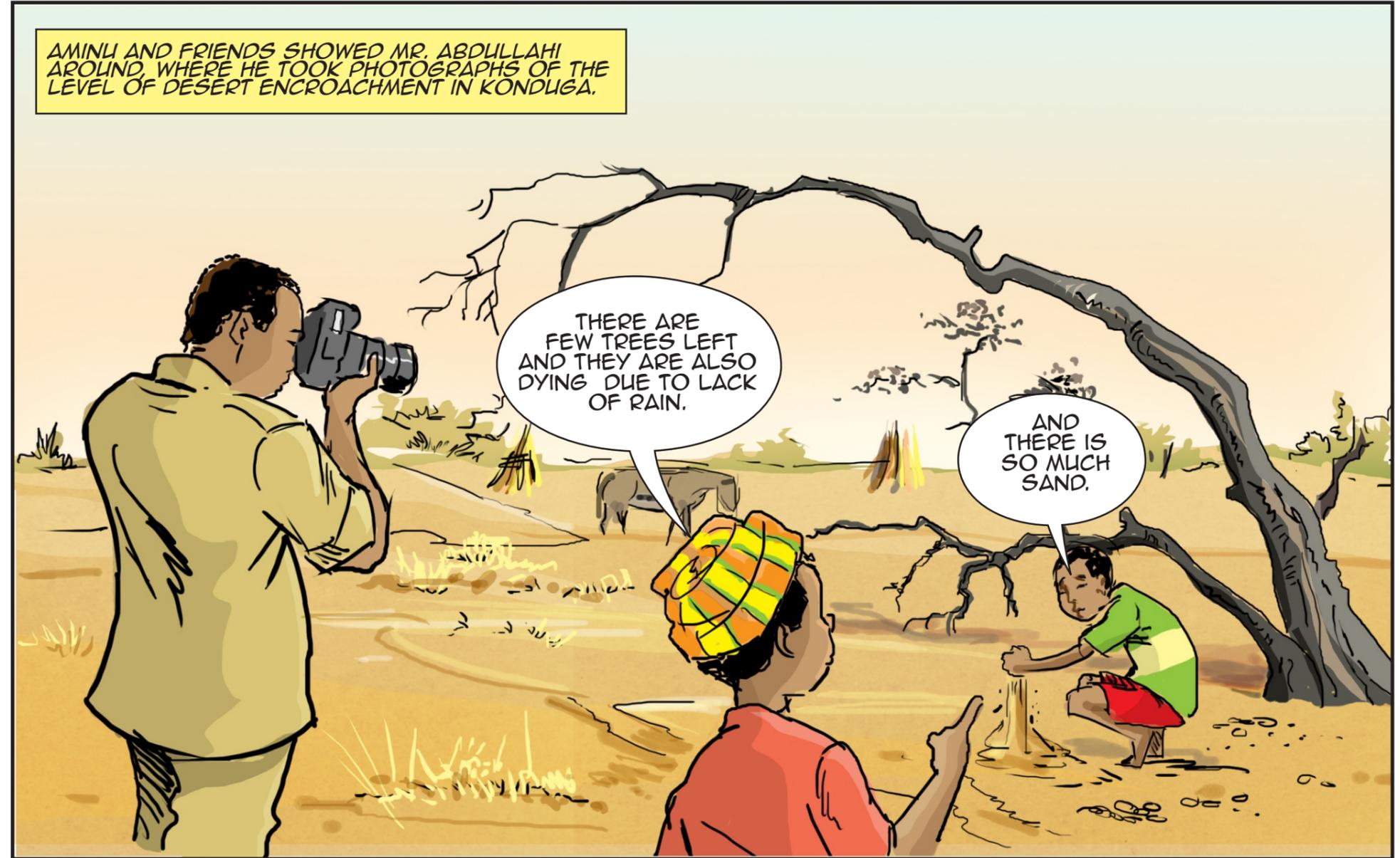
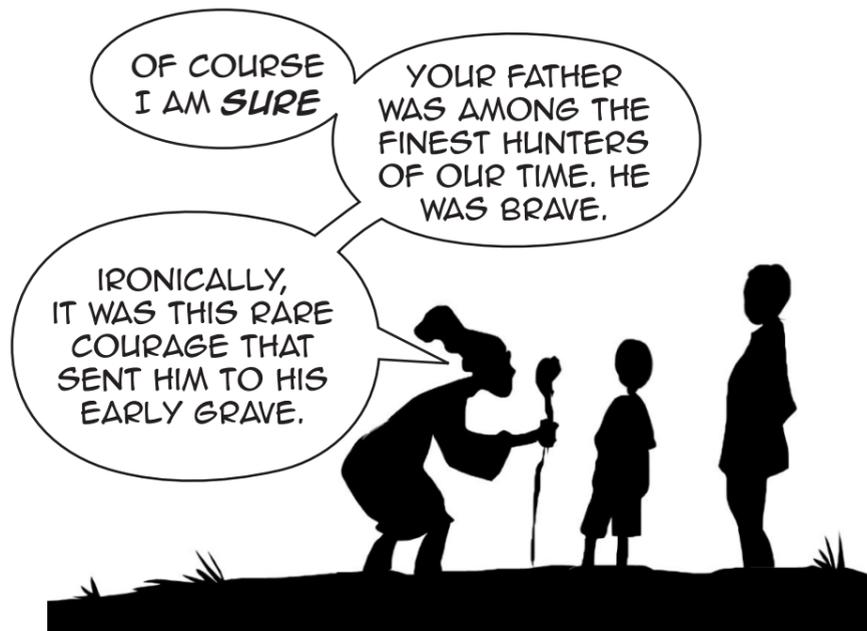


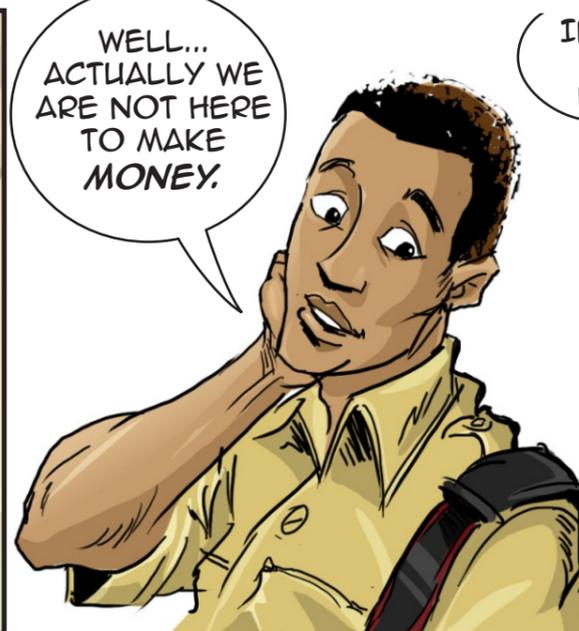
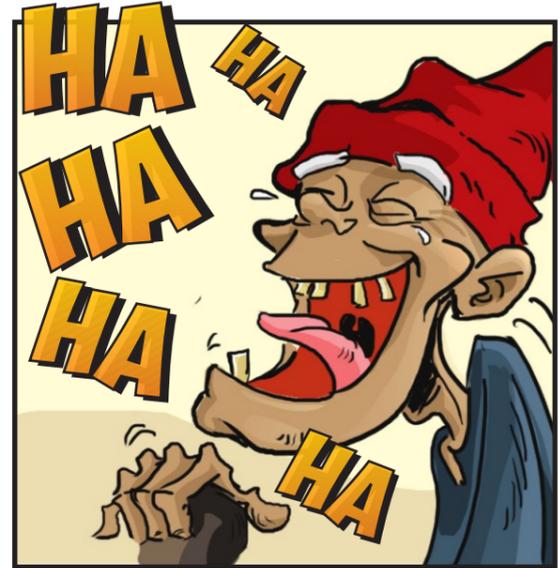
BUT WE DIDN'T KNOW HOW SERIOUS IT WAS UNTIL WE SAW MR. ABDULLAHI'S PHOTOS.













BUT WAIT...

OH DON'T WORRY, GRANDPA CAN BE GRUMPY SOMETIMES; I'M SURE HE WILL COME AROUND.



BUT I AM INTERESTED;

WHY WOULD WE WASTE TIME PLANTING TREES WHEN WE CAN PLANT FOOD INSTEAD?

PLANTING TREES CAN BE AS IMPORTANT AS PLANTING FOOD ITSELF.



CLIMATE CONTROL AND ATMOSPHERE PURIFICATION IS KEY FOR HUMAN EXISTENCE.

TREES AND SOILS HELP REGULATE ATMOSPHERIC TEMPERATURES THROUGH A PROCESS CALLED EVAPOTRANSPIRATION.



MALAM MUDI, LET ME ASK YOU THIS-

DO YOU KNOW WHY WE HAVE LESS RAIN NOW?

EM...EM.. NO.

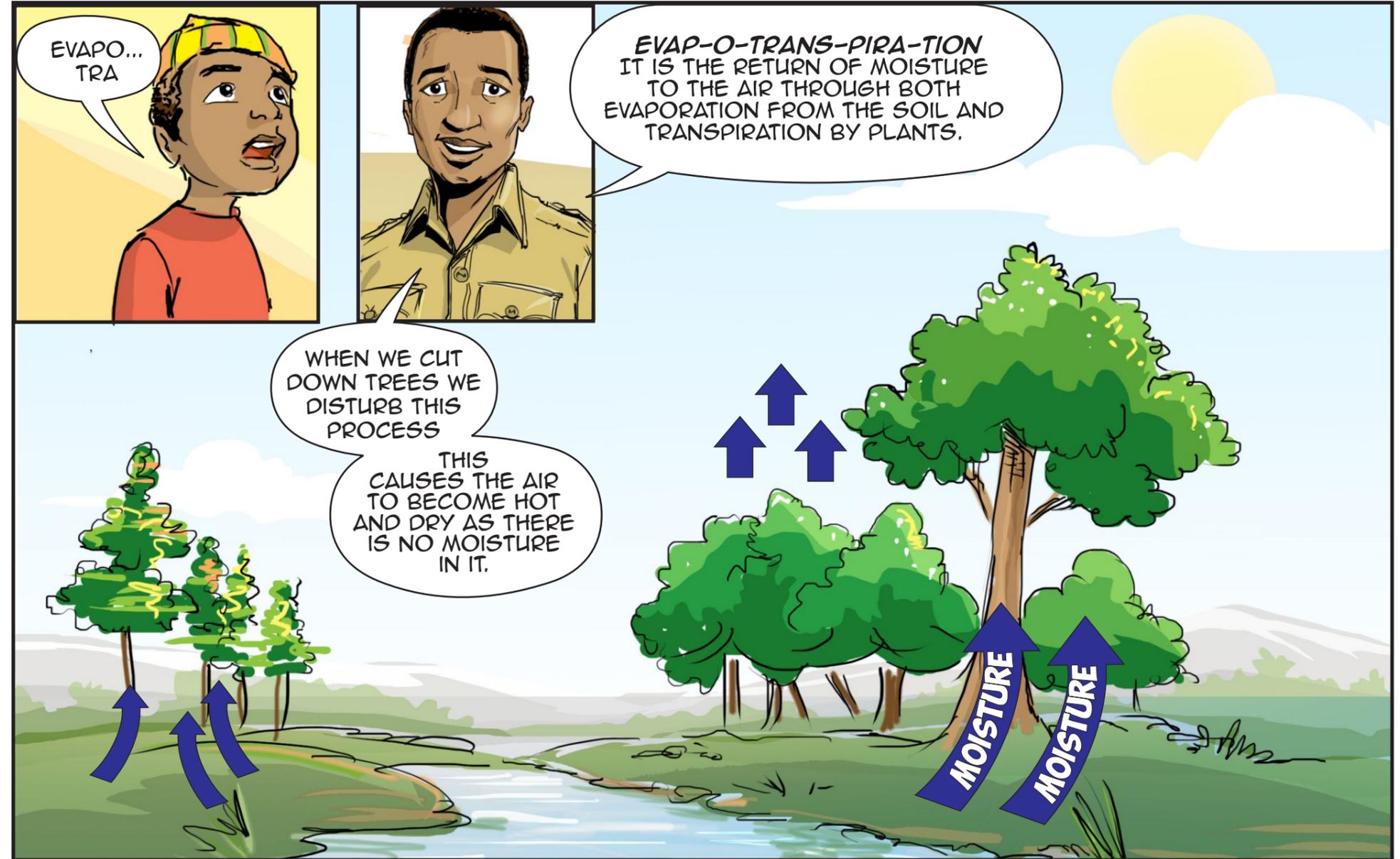
DO YOU KNOW WHY WE HAVE SO MUCH SAND IN KONDUGA?

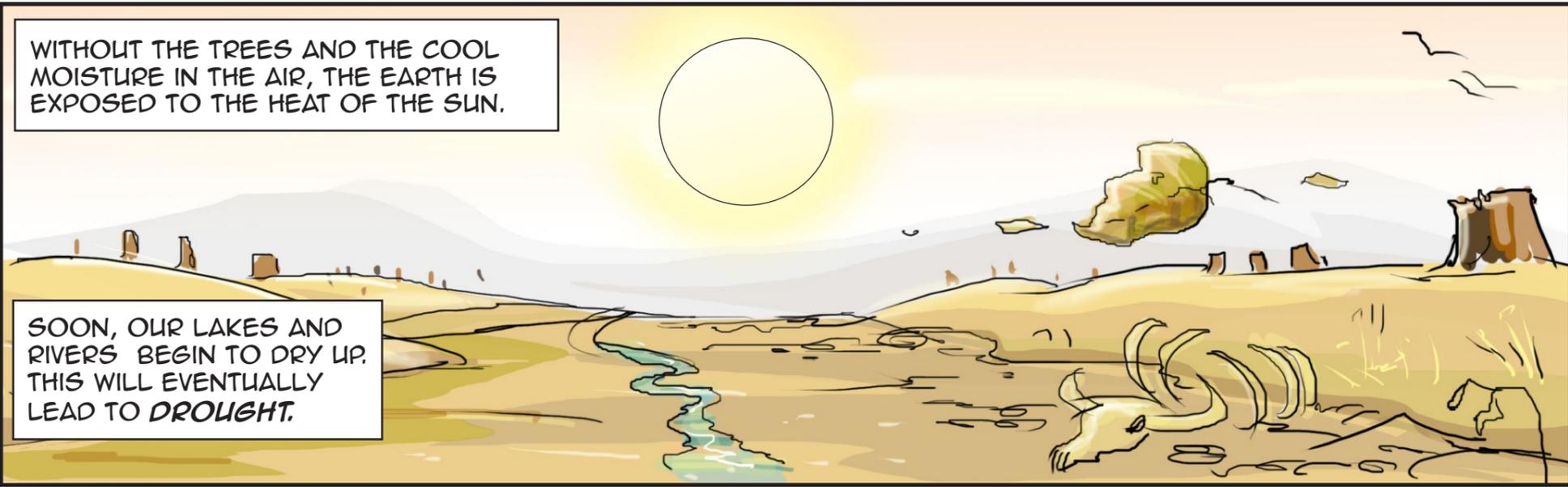
AHM... NO...I...



IT'S BECAUSE WE CUT TREES AND WE DON'T PLANT ANY.

YOU SHOULD PAY MORE ATTENTION NEXT TIME.



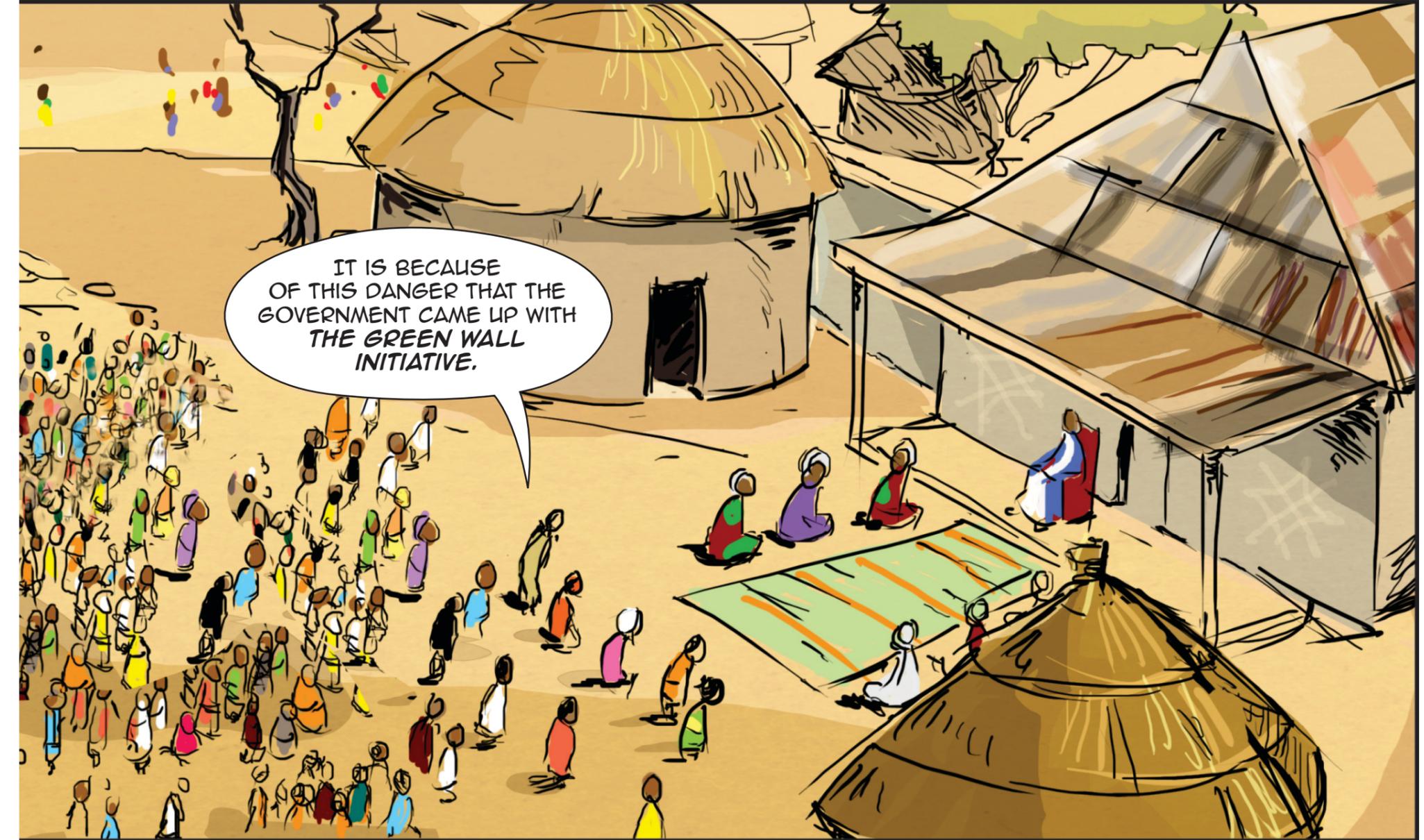
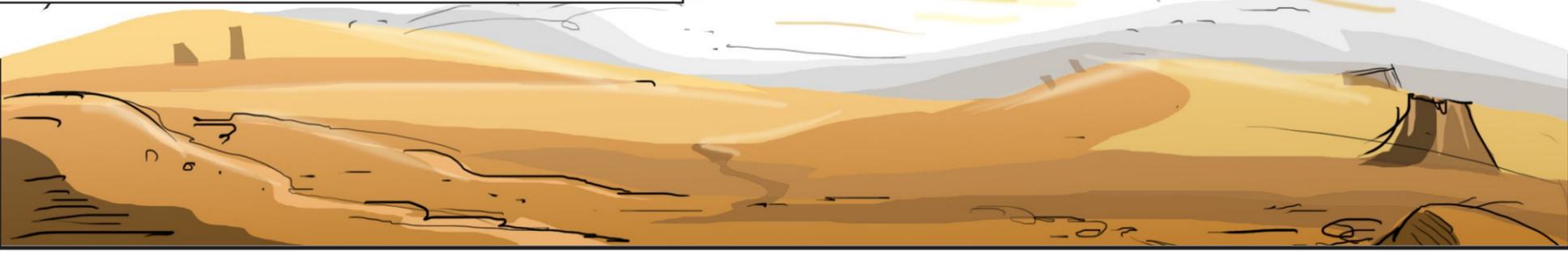


WITHOUT THE TREES AND THE COOL MOISTURE IN THE AIR, THE EARTH IS EXPOSED TO THE HEAT OF THE SUN.

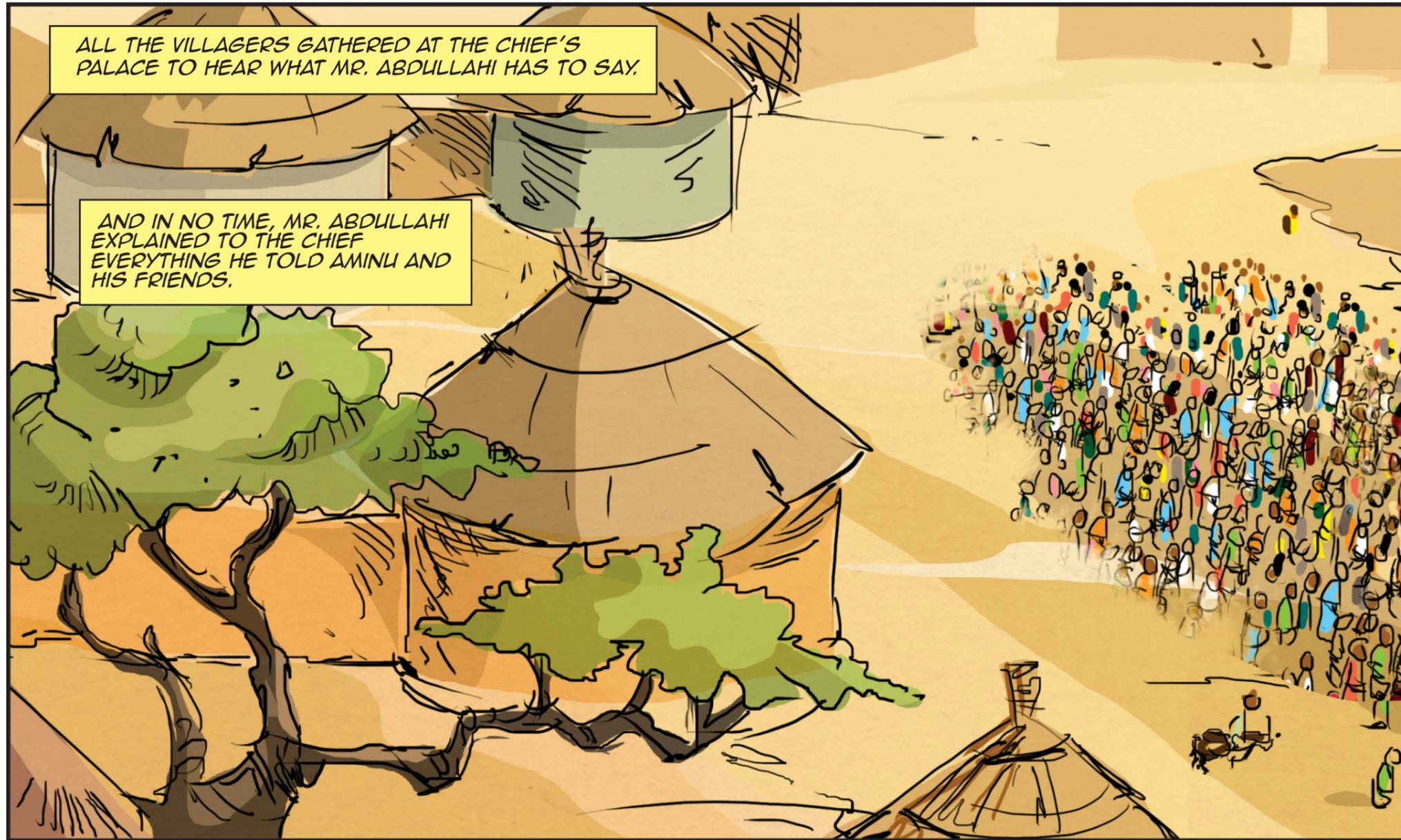
SOON, OUR LAKES AND RIVERS BEGIN TO DRY UP. THIS WILL EVENTUALLY LEAD TO *DROUGHT*.

ANOTHER PROBLEM WE WILL FACE IF WE KEEP CUTTING DOWN TREES IS *DESERT ENCROACHMENTS*.

TREES PLAY VITAL ROLES IN STOPPING SANDS FROM THE DESERT AND IF WE DON'T PLANT MORE TREES, EVERYWHERE WILL BECOME A DESERT.



IT IS BECAUSE OF THIS DANGER THAT THE GOVERNMENT CAME UP WITH THE *GREEN WALL INITIATIVE*.



ALL THE VILLAGERS GATHERED AT THE CHIEF'S PALACE TO HEAR WHAT MR. ABDULLAHI HAS TO SAY.

AND IN NO TIME, MR. ABDULLAHI EXPLAINED TO THE CHIEF EVERYTHING HE TOLD AMINLI AND HIS FRIENDS.



THE RAIN DOESN'T FALL MUCH IN KONLUGA ANYMORE AND THE AIR IS SO HOT... SO MUCH SAND...



I THINK THE PROBLEM HAS STARTED ALREADY, WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING.



THAT IS WHY THE GREAT GREEN WALL INITIATIVE WAS SET UP.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE IF WE CAN ACT NOW.



I HAVE TO TALK TO THE CHIEF, I NEED TO TAKE PHOTOS OF THIS PLACE AND SEND THEM TO MY ORGANIZATION FOR HELP.

FOLLOW ME, I WILL TAKE YOU TO THE CHIEF.

