A GRAPHIC NOVEL ON THE TRUE STORY OF THE FOUNDER OF WIKIPEDIA

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FROM ENCYCLOPEADIAS TO WIKIPEDIA

CHAMONIX FERNANDES • LEON FERNANDES

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BORN 1966
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"IF YOU LEARN NOTHING ELSE DURING YOUR LIFE LEARN THAT THE WAY TO ACHIEVE HAPPINESS IS BY BEING CHEERFUL ALWAYS, EVEN IN THE FACE OF SUFFERING."
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"IMAGINE A WORLD IN WHICH EVERY SINGLE PERSON ON THE PLANET IS GIVEN FREE ACCESS TO THE SUM OF ALL HUMAN KNOWLEDGE."
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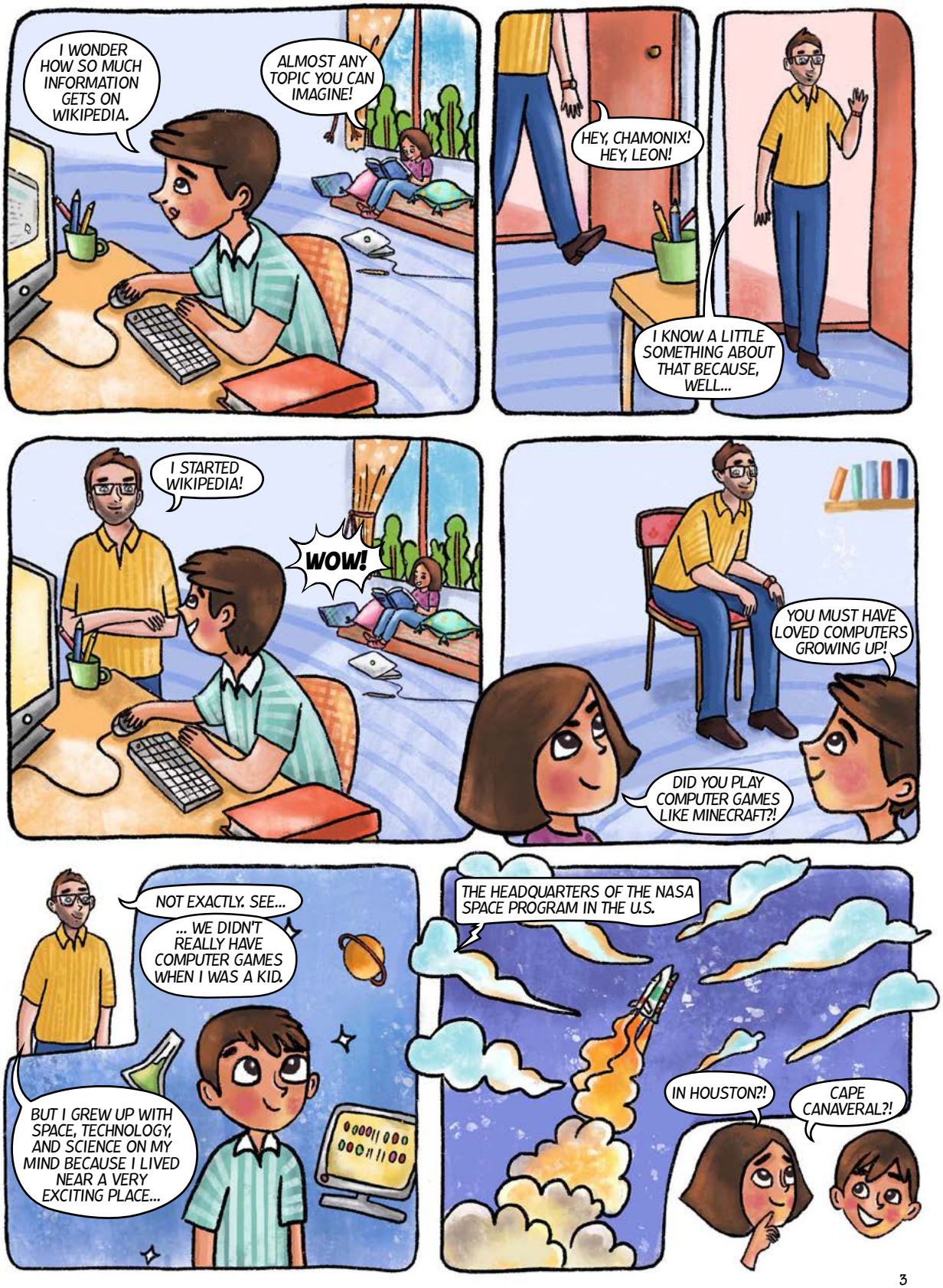
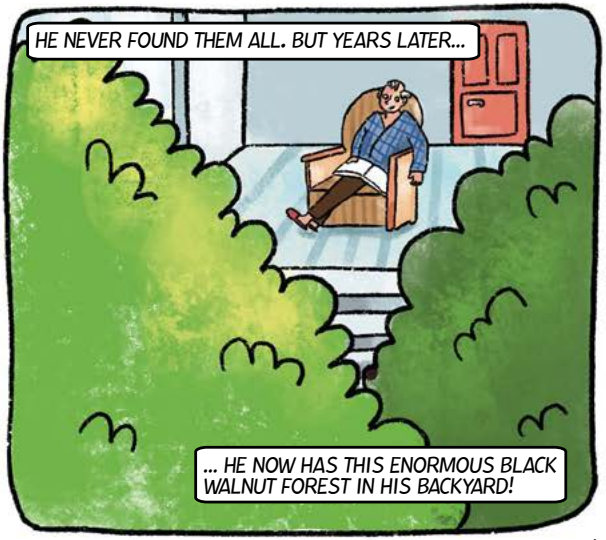
BOOKWORM
CHILDHOOD SUMMER IN HUNTSVILLE
FIRST JOB DESTINATION: CHICAGO
HOME SWEET HOME

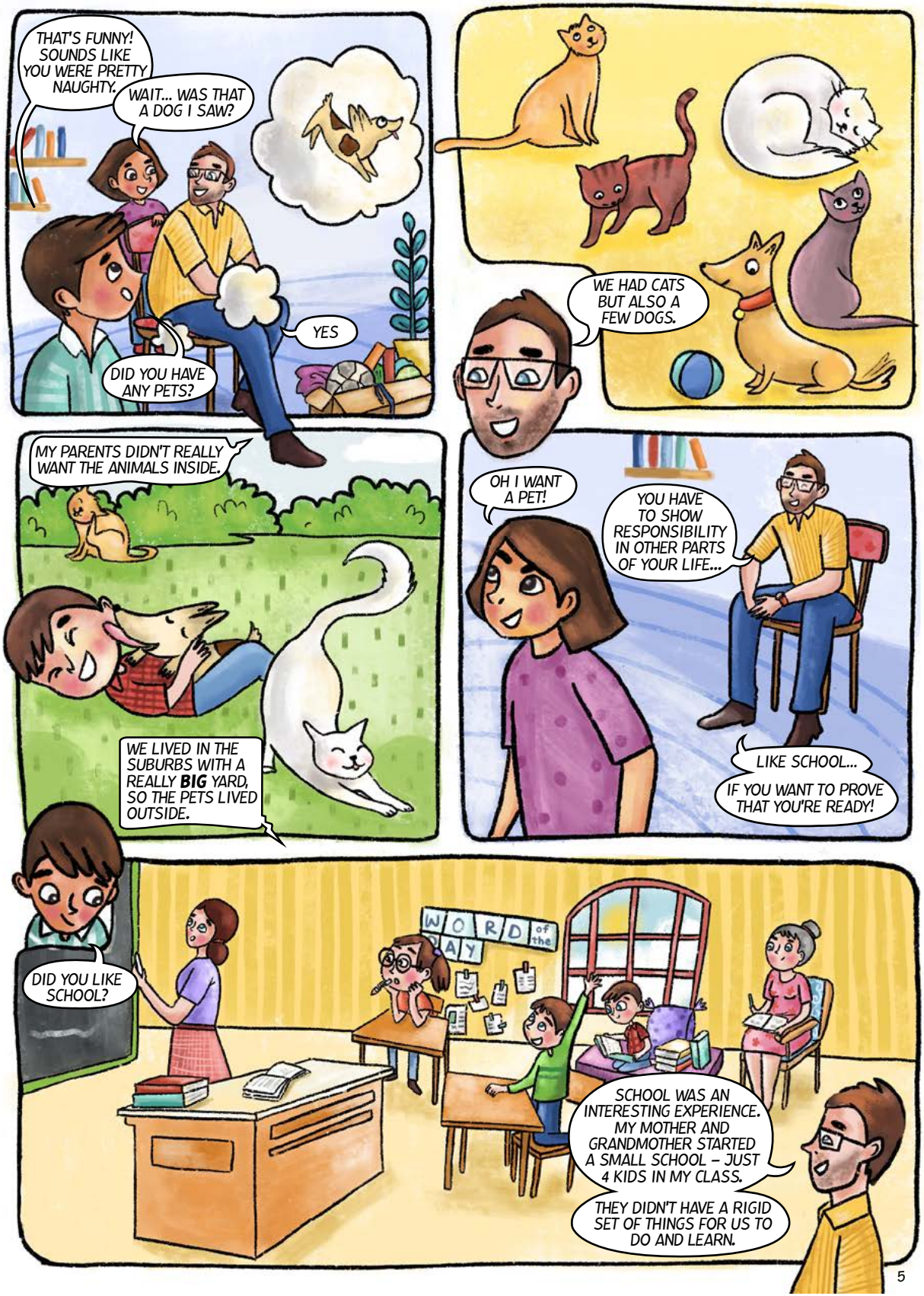

I WONDER HOW SO MUCH INFORMATION GETS ON WIKIPEDIA.
ALMOST ANY TOPIC YOU CAN IMAGINE!
HEY, CHAMONIX! HEY, LEON!
I KNOW A LITTLE SOMETHING ABOUT THAT BECAUSE, WELL...
I STARTED WIKIPEDIA!
WOW!
YOU MUST HAVE LOVED COMPUTERS GROWING UP!
DID YOU PLAY COMPUTER GAMES LIKE MINECRAFT?!
NOT EXACTLY. SEE...
... WE DIDN'T REALLY HAVE COMPUTER GAMES WHEN I WAS A KID.
BUT I GREW UP WITH SPACE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SCIENCE ON MY MIND BECAUSE I LIVED NEAR A VERY EXCITING PLACE...
THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE NASA SPACE PROGRAM IN THE U.S.
IN HOUSTON?!
CAPE CANAVERAL?!

NO, NO, IN HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA, THE "ROCKET CITY".
WE LIVED CLOSE TO THE MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER. WHEN THEY TESTED ROCKETS, IT RATTLED THE WINDOWS IN OUR HOUSE!

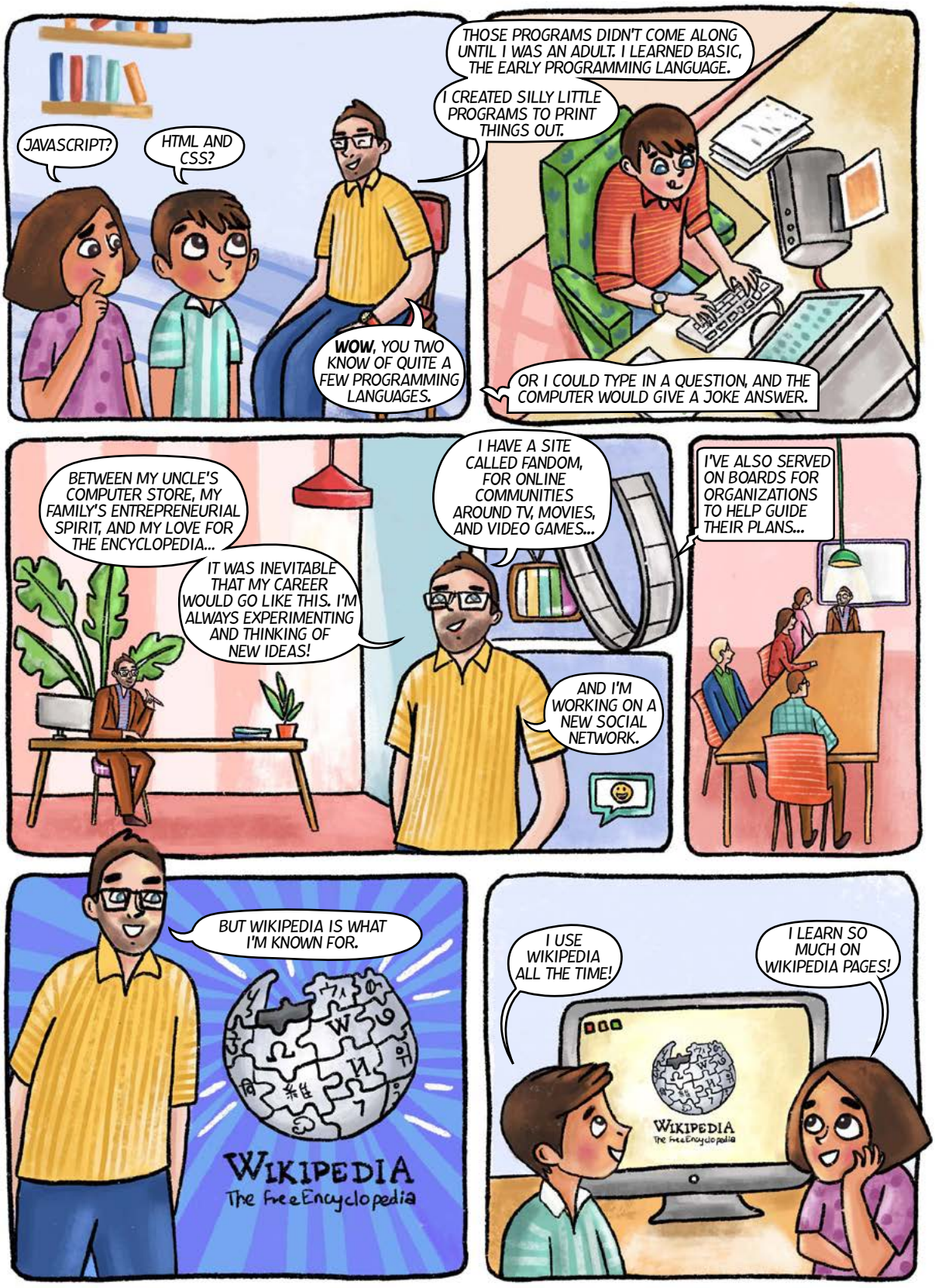
MY SISTER AND I LIKED TO PLAY OUTSIDE TOGETHER...
WHICH REMINDS ME OF A FUNNY STORY!
ONE TIME, MY GRANDMOTHER GAVE MY DAD A BUNCH OF WALNUTS THAT HE LAID OUTSIDE TO DRY.
MY SISTER AND I THOUGHT THEY LOOKED LIKE FUN BALLS.
LET'S MAKE A GAME!
WHO CAN THROW THESE THE FARTHEST!

WHEN DAD CAME HOME...
WHERE'S MY WALNUTS?!
UH-OH!


HE NEVER FOUND THEM ALL. BUT YEARS LATER...
... HE NOW HAS THIS ENORMOUS BLACK WALNUT FOREST IN HIS BACKYARD!


THAT'S FUNNY! SOUNDS LIKE YOU WERE PRETTY NAUGHTY.
WAIT... WAS THAT A DOG I SAW?
YES
DID YOU HAVE ANY PETS?
WE HAD CATS BUT ALSO A FEW DOGS.
MY PARENTS DIDN'T REALLY WANT THE ANIMALS INSIDE.
WE LIVED IN THE SUBURBS WITH A REALLY BIG YARD, SO THE PETS LIVED OUTSIDE.
OH I WANT A PET!
YOU HAVE TO SHOW RESPONSIBILITY IN OTHER PARTS OF YOUR LIFE...
LIKE SCHOOL...
IF YOU WANT TO PROVE THAT YOU'RE READY!
DID YOU LIKE SCHOOL?
WORD of the DAY
SCHOOL WAS AN INTERESTING EXPERIENCE. MY MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER STARTED A SMALL SCHOOL – JUST 4 KIDS IN MY CLASS.
THEY DIDN'T HAVE A RIGID SET OF THINGS FOR US TO DO AND LEARN.

I COULD PURSUE MATH, SCIENCE, ANYTHING! I WAS AN AVID READER, AND I LOVED TO READ THE ENCYCLOPEDIA!
THAT'S A COOL WORD!
SO IT WAS KIND OF LIKE HOW WE HAVE ONLINE VIDEO CLASSES?
WITH OUR PARENTS THERE AT HOME WITH US?
NOT EXACTLY... MY EDUCATION WASN'T HOME SCHOOL OR WHAT MANY KIDS EXPERIENCE IN HYBRID-LEARNING, BETWEEN GOING TO SCHOOL AND STAYING HOME ON THE COMPUTER.
3 + 8 = 11, CARRY THE 1...
"ONCE UPON A TIME..."
I WAS TAUGHT BY MY MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER. TEACHING WAS THEIR JOB.
OTHER PARENTS SOMETIMES HAVE TO DO THEIR OWN WORK ONLINE WHILE THEY HELP THEIR KIDS, TOO. THAT'S A HARD, AND UNUSUAL, SITUATION!
IT'S INTERESTING, THINKING ABOUT HOW PARENTS WORK...
MY FAMILY WAS VERY ENTREPRENEURIAL, ALWAYS STARTING NEW VENTURES.
MY MOM HAD THE PRIVATE SCHOOL...
... SHE ALSO TAUGHT MUSIC LESSONS...
OPERATED HER OWN PHARMACY...
AND OPENED A DAYCARE CENTER!
COMPUTER SHOP
10% DISCOUNT
MY UNCLE DONALD OPENED THE FIRST COMPUTER STORE IN OUR TOWN.
THAT'S WHERE I LEARNED TO PROGRAM WHEN I WAS AROUND 13 YEARS OLD.


JAVASCRIPT?
HTML AND CSS?
WOW, YOU TWO KNOW OF QUITE A FEW PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES.
THOSE PROGRAMS DIDN'T COME ALONG UNTIL I WAS AN ADULT. I LEARNED BASIC, THE EARLY PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE.
I CREATED SILLY LITTLE PROGRAMS TO PRINT THINGS OUT.
OR I COULD TYPE IN A QUESTION, AND THE COMPUTER WOULD GIVE A JOKE ANSWER.
BETWEEN MY UNCLE'S COMPUTER STORE, MY FAMILY'S ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT, AND MY LOVE FOR THE ENCYCLOPEDIA...
IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT MY CAREER WOULD GO LIKE THIS. I'M ALWAYS EXPERIMENTING AND THINKING OF NEW IDEAS!
I HAVE A SITE CALLED FANDOM, FOR ONLINE COMMUNITIES AROUND TV, MOVIES, AND VIDEO GAMES...
AND I'M WORKING ON A NEW SOCIAL NETWORK.
I'VE ALSO SERVED ON BOARDS FOR ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP GUIDE THEIR PLANS...
BUT WIKIPEDIA IS WHAT I'M KNOWN FOR.
WIKIPEDIA
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I USE WIKIPEDIA ALL THE TIME!
I LEARN SO MUCH ON WIKIPEDIA PAGES!
WIKIPEDIA
The Free Encyclopedia

I DO WONDER THOUGH...

WHAT MADE YOU CREATE A SITE LIKE WIKIPEDIA?

MOST WEBSITES ARE EDITED BY JUST ONE PERSON OR BUSINESS... AND THAT CAN BE SLOW!

SO HOW COULD I CREATE AN ENCYCLOPEDIA WITH THE SUM OF ALL HUMAN KNOWLEDGE - FREE FOR EVERYONE?

THERE WAS ONLY ONE WAY - IF I COULD GET PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE WORLD TO INTERACT AND EDIT THE ENCYCLOPEDIA **TOGETHER!**

SO I USED A SOFTWARE CALLED WIKI (NAMED AFTER THE HAWAIIN WORD WIKIWIKI WHICH MEANS QUICK).

WIKI SOFTWARE ENABLED QUICK, COLLABORATIVE EDITING...

MY IDEA OF WIKIPEDIA RELIED ON THAT.

TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL, TO COVER THE SUM OF ALL HUMAN KNOWLEDGE...

MANY PEOPLE WHO MIGHT HAVE DIFFERENT PIECES OF INFORMATION WOULD BRING IT TOGETHER TO MAKE IT COMPLETE.

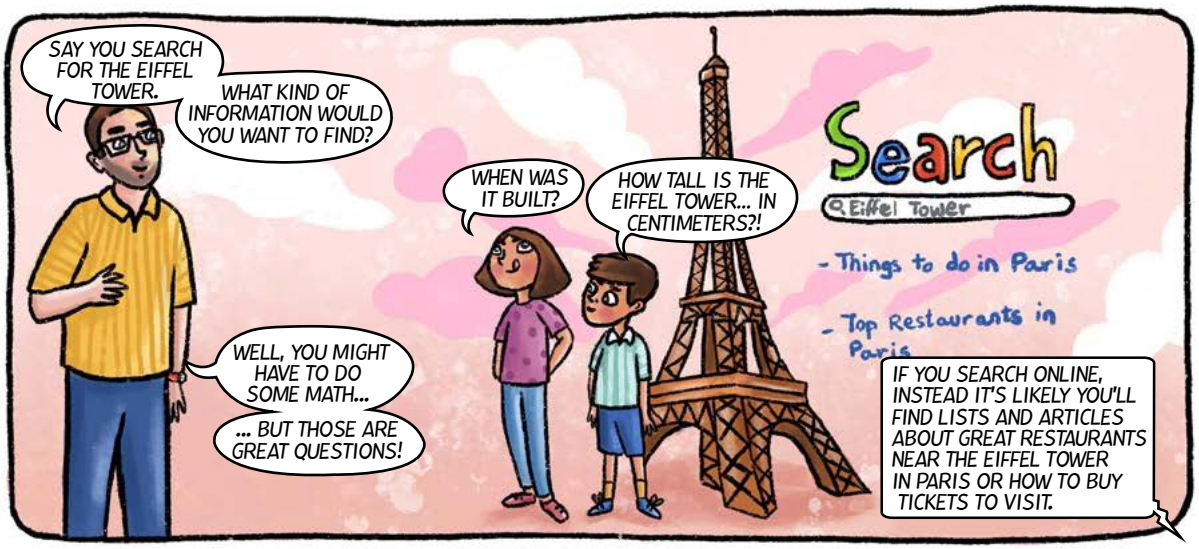
WIKI + ENCYCLOPEDIA = WIKIPEDIA

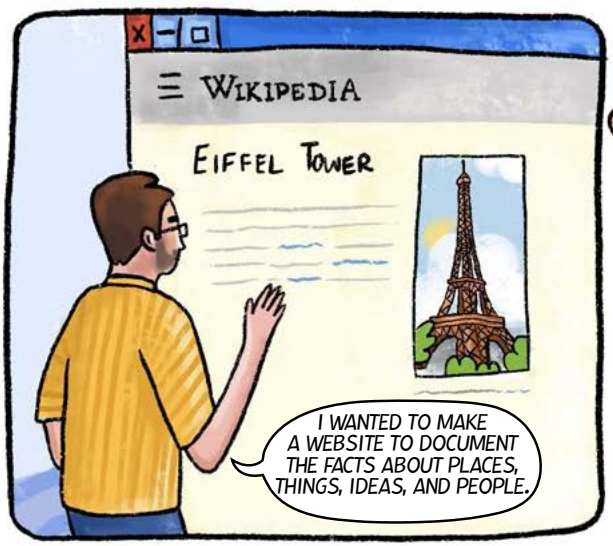
AND IT WOULD BE USEFUL INFORMATION. THIS IS KEY.

Search

The internet
The internet is the largest...
The internet is faster when...
The internet map
The internet is an example

THE INTERNET IS FULL OF HUGE AMOUNTS OF INFORMATION. IT'S ENORMOUS BUT NOT CONCISE.

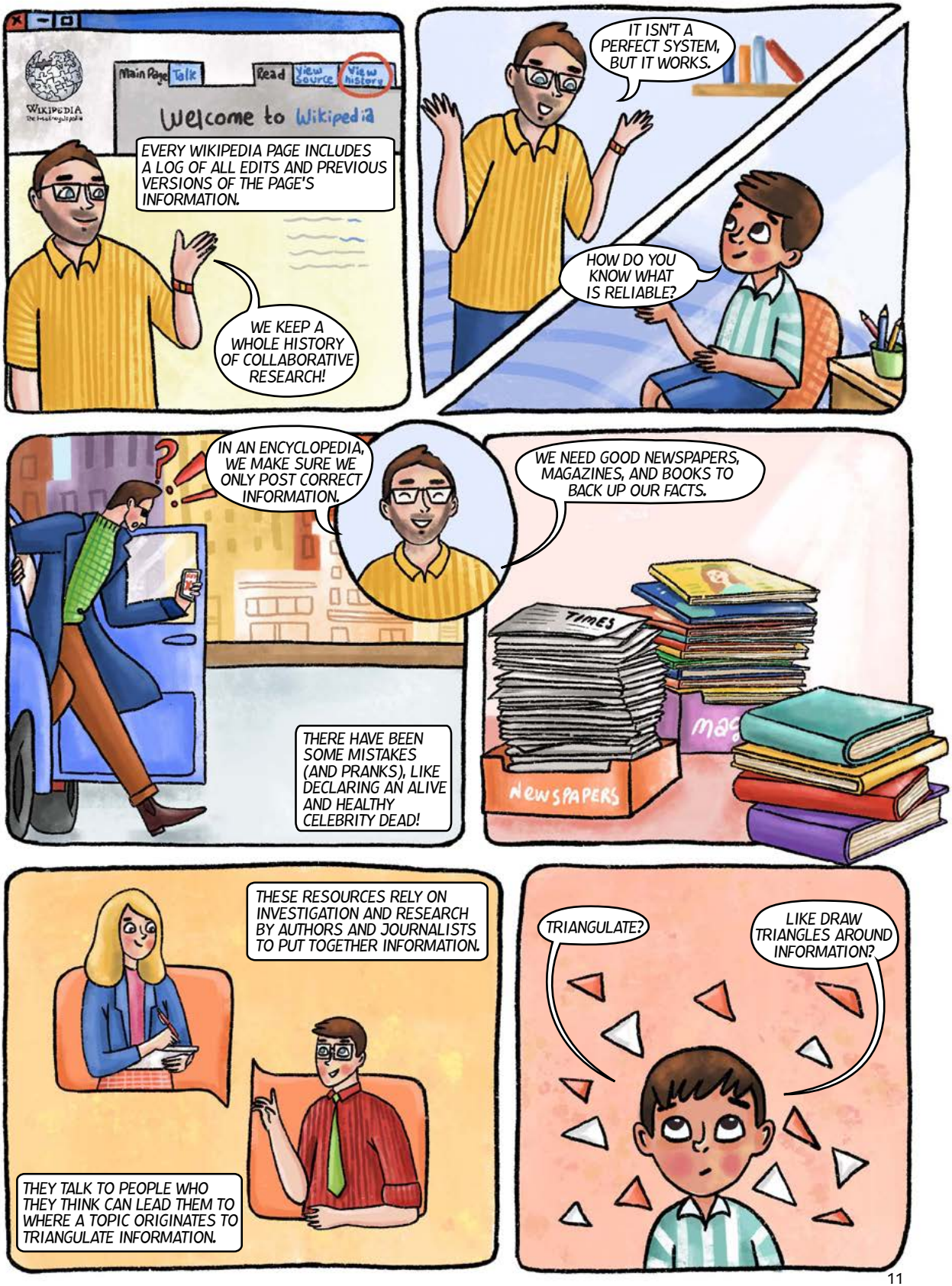

SAY YOU SEARCH FOR THE EIFFEL TOWER.
WHAT KIND OF INFORMATION WOULD YOU WANT TO FIND?
WELL, YOU MIGHT HAVE TO DO SOME MATH...
... BUT THOSE ARE GREAT QUESTIONS!
WHEN WAS IT BUILT?
HOW TALL IS THE EIFFEL TOWER... IN CENTIMETERS?!
Search
Eiffel Tower
- Things to do in Paris
- Top Restaurants in Paris
IF YOU SEARCH ONLINE, INSTEAD IT'S LIKELY YOU'LL FIND LISTS AND ARTICLES ABOUT GREAT RESTAURANTS NEAR THE EIFFEL TOWER IN PARIS OR HOW TO BUY TICKETS TO VISIT.

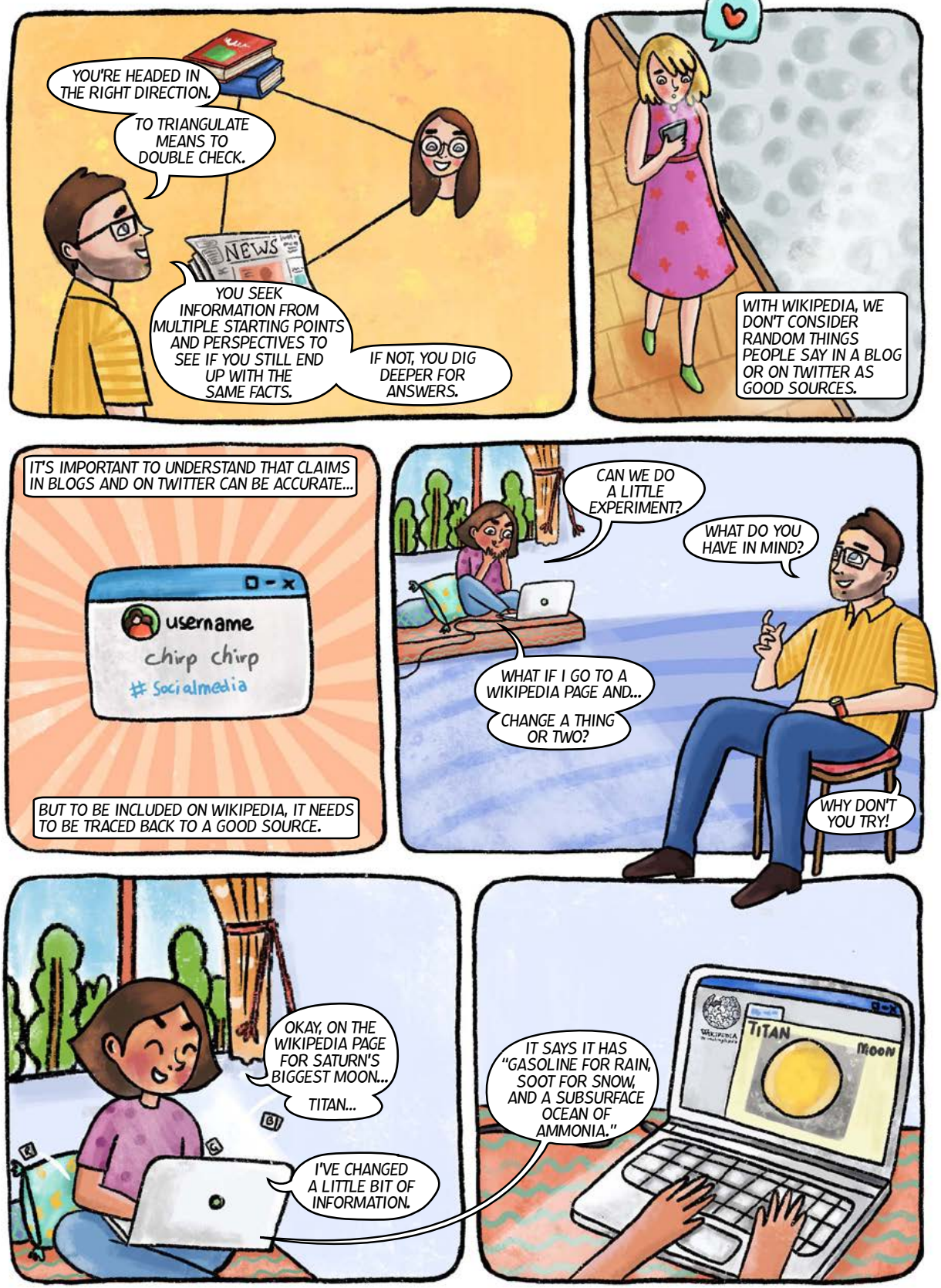

WIKIPEDIA
EIFFEL TOWER
I WANTED TO MAKE A WEBSITE TO DOCUMENT THE FACTS ABOUT PLACES, THINGS, IDEAS, AND PEOPLE.

THAT WAS MY BASIC MOTIVATION FOR WIKIPEDIA.
WIKIPEDIA WOULD FORM A VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE...

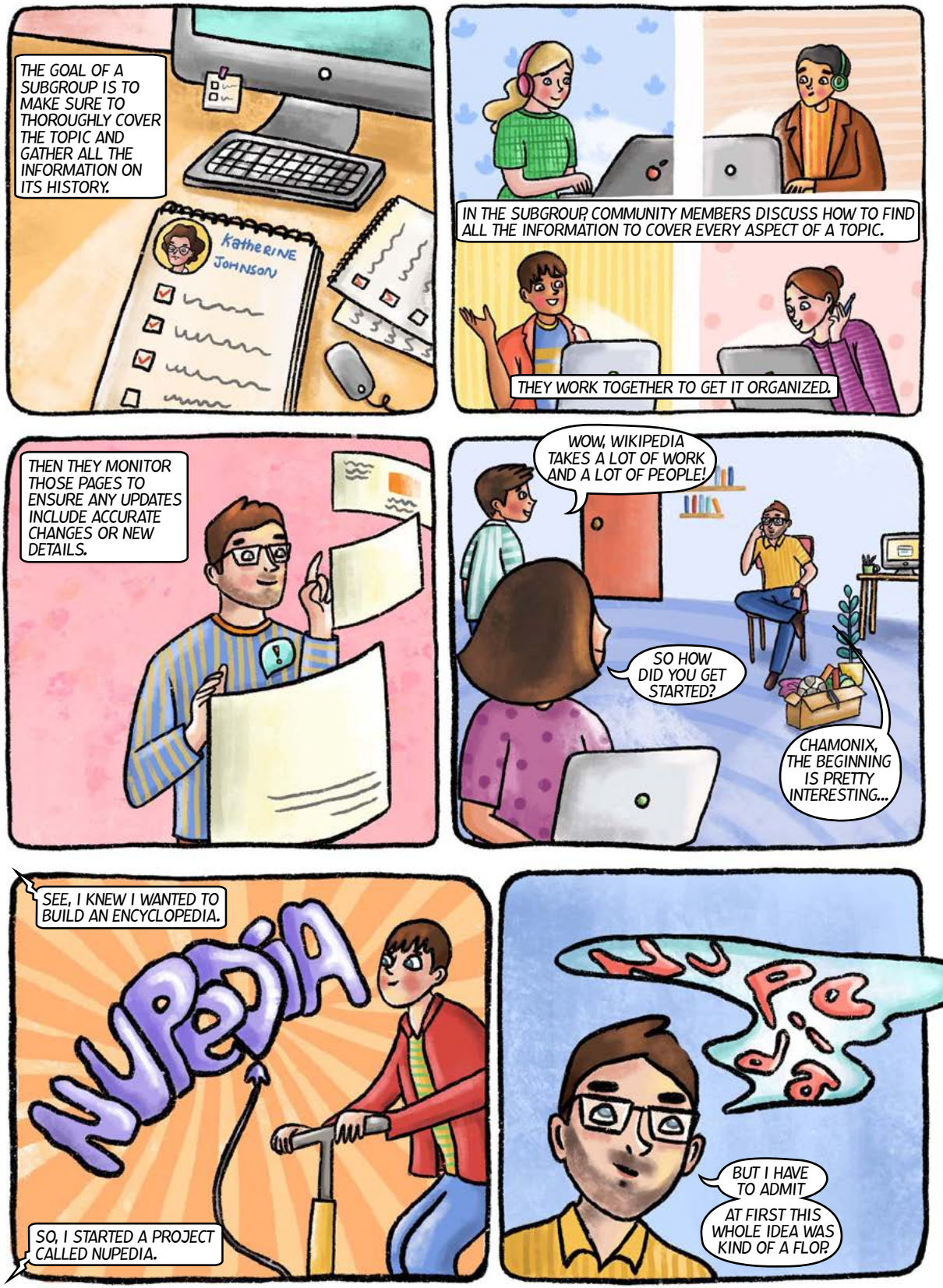
WHO SHARE KNOWLEDGE...
WITH EVERYONE IN THE WORLD!

ANYBODY CAN PARTICIPATE.
COME IN ALL ARE WELCOME!
BUT THERE ARE RULES...
WIKIPEDIA RULE BOOK
VOLUNTEER WIKIPEDIA CONTRIBUTORS MUST USE RELIABLE SOURCES.
NEWS
YOU CAN'T JUST WRITE WHATEVER YOU THINK...
AND YOU HAVE TO GIVE CREDIT TO YOUR SOURCES.
BE OPEN TO CRITICISM ABOUT THE INFORMATION YOU POST. IT'S A COMMUNITY. WE LEARN FROM EACH OTHER.
ONE PERSON MAY HAVE PART OF THE INFORMATION, WHILE SOMEONE ELSE HAS THE MISSING BIT THAT CLARIFIES THE TOPIC.
ALONG WITH THAT, ANYONE CAN UPDATE OR UPGRADE A WIKIPEDIA PAGE TO EDIT THE INFORMATION OR ADD TO IT.

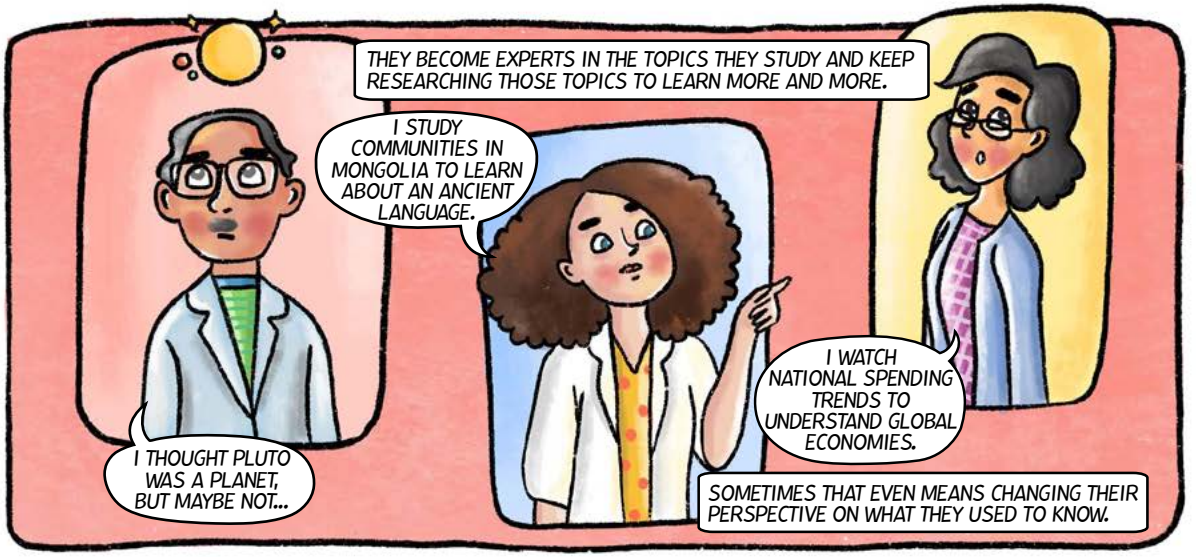

Main Page
Talk
Read
View source
View history
Welcome to Wikipedia
EVERY WIKIPEDIA PAGE INCLUDES A LOG OF ALL EDITS AND PREVIOUS VERSIONS OF THE PAGE'S INFORMATION.
WE KEEP A WHOLE HISTORY OF COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH!
IT ISN'T A PERFECT SYSTEM, BUT IT WORKS.
HOW DO YOU KNOW WHAT IS RELIABLE?
IN AN ENCYCLOPEDIA, WE MAKE SURE WE ONLY POST CORRECT INFORMATION.
THERE HAVE BEEN SOME MISTAKES (AND PRANKS), LIKE DECLARING AN ALIVE AND HEALTHY CELEBRITY DEAD!
WE NEED GOOD NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES, AND BOOKS TO BACK UP OUR FACTS.
TIMES
NEWSPAPERS
THESE RESOURCES RELY ON INVESTIGATION AND RESEARCH BY AUTHORS AND JOURNALISTS TO PUT TOGETHER INFORMATION.
THEY TALK TO PEOPLE WHO THEY THINK CAN LEAD THEM TO WHERE A TOPIC ORIGINATES TO TRIANGULATE INFORMATION.
TRIANGULATE?
LIKE DRAW TRIANGLES AROUND INFORMATION?

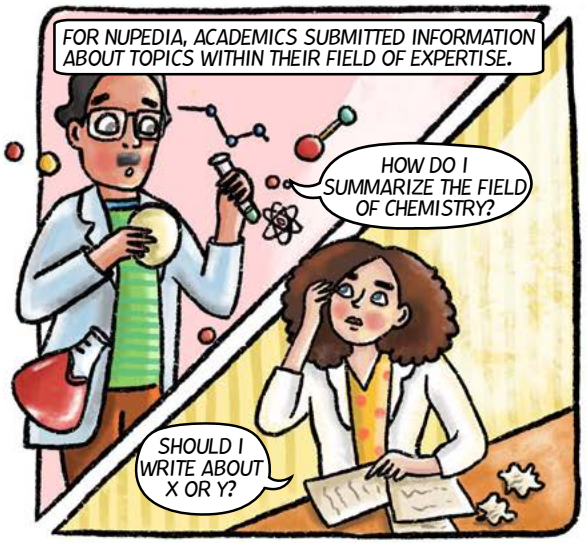

YOU'RE HEADED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.
TO TRIANGULATE MEANS TO DOUBLE CHECK.
NEWS
YOU SEEK INFORMATION FROM MULTIPLE STARTING POINTS AND PERSPECTIVES TO SEE IF YOU STILL END UP WITH THE SAME FACTS.
IF NOT, YOU DIG DEEPER FOR ANSWERS.
WITH WIKIPEDIA, WE DON'T CONSIDER RANDOM THINGS PEOPLE SAY IN A BLOG OR ON TWITTER AS GOOD SOURCES.
IT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT CLAIMS IN BLOGS AND ON TWITTER CAN BE ACCURATE...
username
chirp chirp
#Socialmedia
BUT TO BE INCLUDED ON WIKIPEDIA, IT NEEDS TO BE TRACED BACK TO A GOOD SOURCE.
CAN WE DO A LITTLE EXPERIMENT?
WHAT DO YOU HAVE IN MIND?
WHAT IF I GO TO A WIKIPEDIA PAGE AND...
CHANGE A THING OR TWO?
WHY DON'T YOU TRY!
OKAY, ON THE WIKIPEDIA PAGE FOR SATURN'S BIGGEST MOON...
TITAN...
I'VE CHANGED A LITTLE BIT OF INFORMATION.
IT SAYS IT HAS "GASOLINE FOR RAIN, SOOT FOR SNOW, AND A SUBSURFACE OCEAN OF AMMONIA."
TITAN
MOON

TITAN
WIKIPEDIA
NOT ANY MORE!
NOW IT HAS IPADS FOR RAIN, ICE CREAM FOR SNOW, AND A SUBSURFACE OCEAN OF DOG-MERMAIDS!
LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS IN A FEW MINUTES!
WHICH BRINGS ME TO ANOTHER IMPORTANT THING
KEEPING WIKIPEDIA UPDATED AND FACTUAL.
THIS HAPPENS THROUGH THE ORGANIZATION OF THE VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY.
THERE ARE MANY LITTLE SUBGROUPS IN THE COMMUNITY INTERESTED IN CERTAIN TOPICS.
SUBGROUPS OF WIKIPEDIA CONGREGATE AROUND VAST SUBJECTS.
I'M CHIEN-SHIUNG WU.
I WORKED AS A PARTICLE AND EXPERIMENTAL PHYSICIST. I HAD THE NICKNAME "QUEEN OF NUCLEAR RESEARCH".
I'M KATHERINE JOHNSON.
I WAS A MATHEMATICIAN AND ONE OF THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN FEMALE NASA SCIENTISTS.
I'M MARIE CURIE.
I WON NOBEL PRIZES IN SCIENCE FOR MY WORK ON RADIATION AND RADIUM.
FOR EXAMPLE, FEMALE SCIENTISTS THROUGHOUT HISTORY.


THE GOAL OF A SUBGROUP IS TO MAKE SURE TO THOROUGHLY COVER THE TOPIC AND GATHER ALL THE INFORMATION ON ITS HISTORY.
KATHERINE JOHNSON
IN THE SUBGROUP, COMMUNITY MEMBERS DISCUSS HOW TO FIND ALL THE INFORMATION TO COVER EVERY ASPECT OF A TOPIC.
THEY WORK TOGETHER TO GET IT ORGANIZED.
THEN THEY MONITOR THOSE PAGES TO ENSURE ANY UPDATES INCLUDE ACCURATE CHANGES OR NEW DETAILS.
WOW, WIKIPEDIA TAKES A LOT OF WORK AND A LOT OF PEOPLE!
SO HOW DID YOU GET STARTED?
CHAMONIX, THE BEGINNING IS PRETTY INTERESTING...
SEE, I KNEW I WANTED TO BUILD AN ENCYCLOPEDIA.
NUPEDIA
SO, I STARTED A PROJECT CALLED NUPEDIA.
BUT I HAVE TO ADMIT
AT FIRST THIS WHOLE IDEA WAS KIND OF A FLOP.

WE TRIED TO GET ACADEMICS TO WRITE ABOUT THEIR EXPERTISE.
WHAT ARE ACADEMICS?
ACADEMICS ARE USUALLY PROFESSORS WHO TEACH COLLEGE OR DO RESEARCH WITH BIG ORGANIZATIONS.
PEOPLE WHO HAVE SPENT MANY YEARS, UP TO 15 EVEN, STUDYING IN SCHOOL AND GETTING A PH.D.
LIKE YOUR FRIENDS HANY FARID AND BOB LANGER!
15 YEARS?!
THAT'S A LOT OF SCHOOL!


THEY BECOME EXPERTS IN THE TOPICS THEY STUDY AND KEEP RESEARCHING THOSE TOPICS TO LEARN MORE AND MORE.
I STUDY COMMUNITIES IN MONGOLIA TO LEARN ABOUT AN ANCIENT LANGUAGE.
I THOUGHT PLUTO WAS A PLANET, BUT MAYBE NOT...
I WATCH NATIONAL SPENDING TRENDS TO UNDERSTAND GLOBAL ECONOMIES.
SOMETIMES THAT EVEN MEANS CHANGING THEIR PERSPECTIVE ON WHAT THEY USED TO KNOW.


FOR NUPEDIA, ACADEMICS SUBMITTED INFORMATION ABOUT TOPICS WITHIN THEIR FIELD OF EXPERTISE.
HOW DO I SUMMARIZE THE FIELD OF CHEMISTRY?
SHOULD I WRITE ABOUT X OR Y?

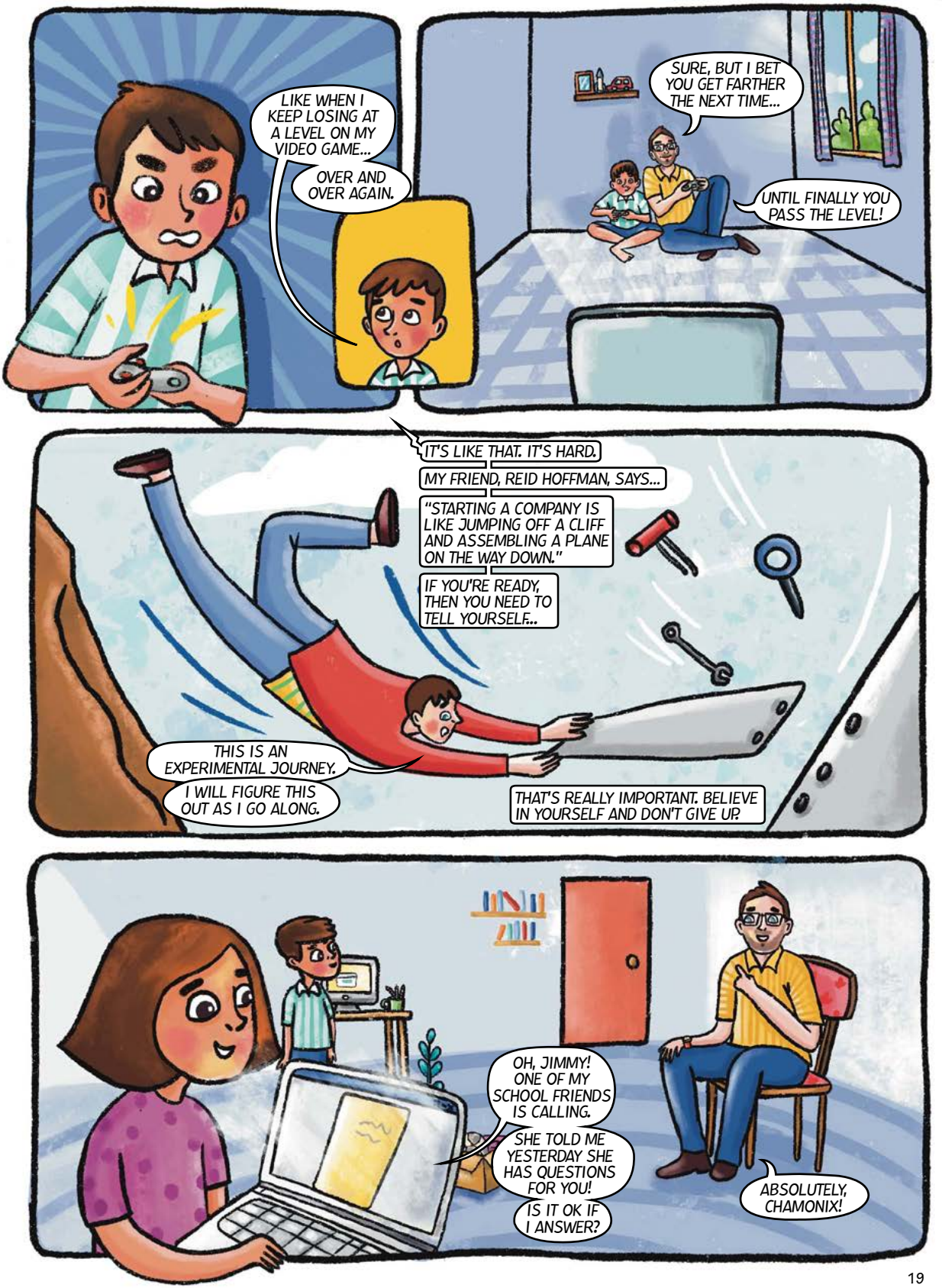
THROUGH A SYSTEM SET UP TO REVIEW THE ARTICLES THEY SUBMIT, OTHER EXPERTS WOULD JUDGE THEIR WORK.
REWRITE!
REJECTED!
ACCEPTED!
BASED ON THE EXPERTS' DECISIONS, THE ARTICLE WOULD BE FINALIZED AND POSTED.

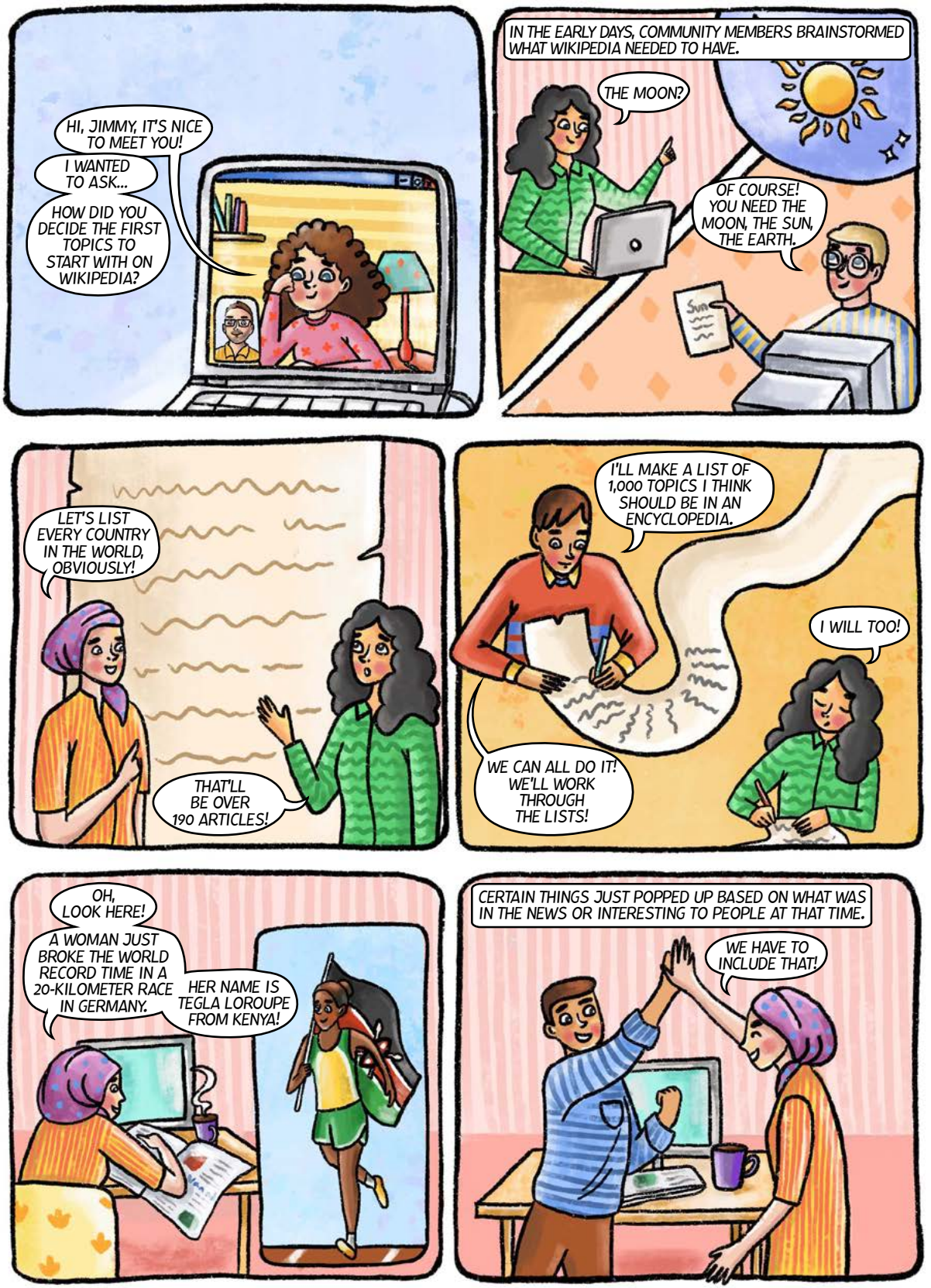
NUPEDIA WENT ON FOR ABOUT 2 YEARS...
2001
1999
BUT WASN'T VERY SUCCESSFUL.

THAT PROCESS TURNED OUT TO BE TOO INTIMIDATING AND HARD.
IT WASN'T FUN FOR PEOPLE TO WRITE FOR NUPEDIA.

NUPEDIA WAS VERY TRADITIONAL, VERY TOP-DOWN.
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
IT CAN MEAN THAT PEOPLE UP TOP HAVE ALL THE POWER TO DECIDE WHAT WOULD PASS FOR NUPEDIA ARTICLES.
THOSE FURTHER DOWN DID SO MUCH WORK, BUT ULTIMATELY, THE TOP DECIDED WHAT MATTERED AND PASSED.
SO HOW DID YOU GO FROM NUPEDIA TO WIKIPEDIA?
WE NEEDED TO LOOSEN UP A BIT.
LET PEOPLE JUST GET STARTED.
THIS IS WHEN WE REALLY STARTED USING THE WIKI SOFTWARE...
FOR PEOPLE TO COLLABORATE ON TOPICS...
RATHER THAN FEEL PRESSURE TO PASS A WRITING TEST.
WIKI
PEDIA
IT CAUGHT ON!
THAT'S WHEN WE KNEW WE WERE REALLY ONTO SOMETHING.

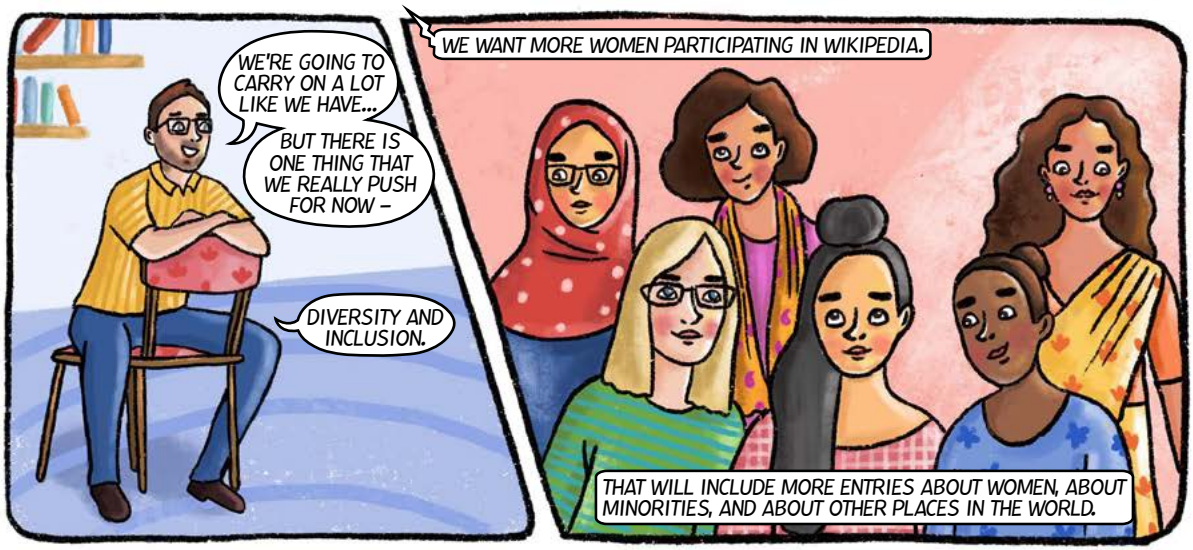
THIS PROCESS TAUGHT ME AN IMPORTANT LESSON FOR EVERY YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR.
FAIL
LEARN TO GET COMFORTABLE WITH FAILURE.
IDEA!!!
IDEA!!!
THERE ARE ALL THESE LEGENDARY CHARACTERS WHO HAD GENIUS IDEAS WHEN THEY WERE YOUNG.
AN IDEA GOES STRAIGHT TO THE MOON, AND IT'S THE MOST SUCCESSFUL THING IN THE WORLD...
... BUT THAT'S NOT THE EXPERIENCE FOR MOST ENTREPRENEURS, EVEN SUCCESSFUL ONES.
YOU TRY SOMETHING.
IT DOESN'T WORK.
YOU TRY SOMETHING ELSE YOU LEARNED AS YOU GO ALONG.
THAT'S HARD TO GET COMFORTABLE WITH, TO SAY...
I'M STARTING THIS THING I'M VERY EXCITED ABOUT!
IT IS GOING TO BE AMAZING!
WHEN IT STARTS TO NOT WORK OUT, IT CAN BE QUITE DIFFICULT.

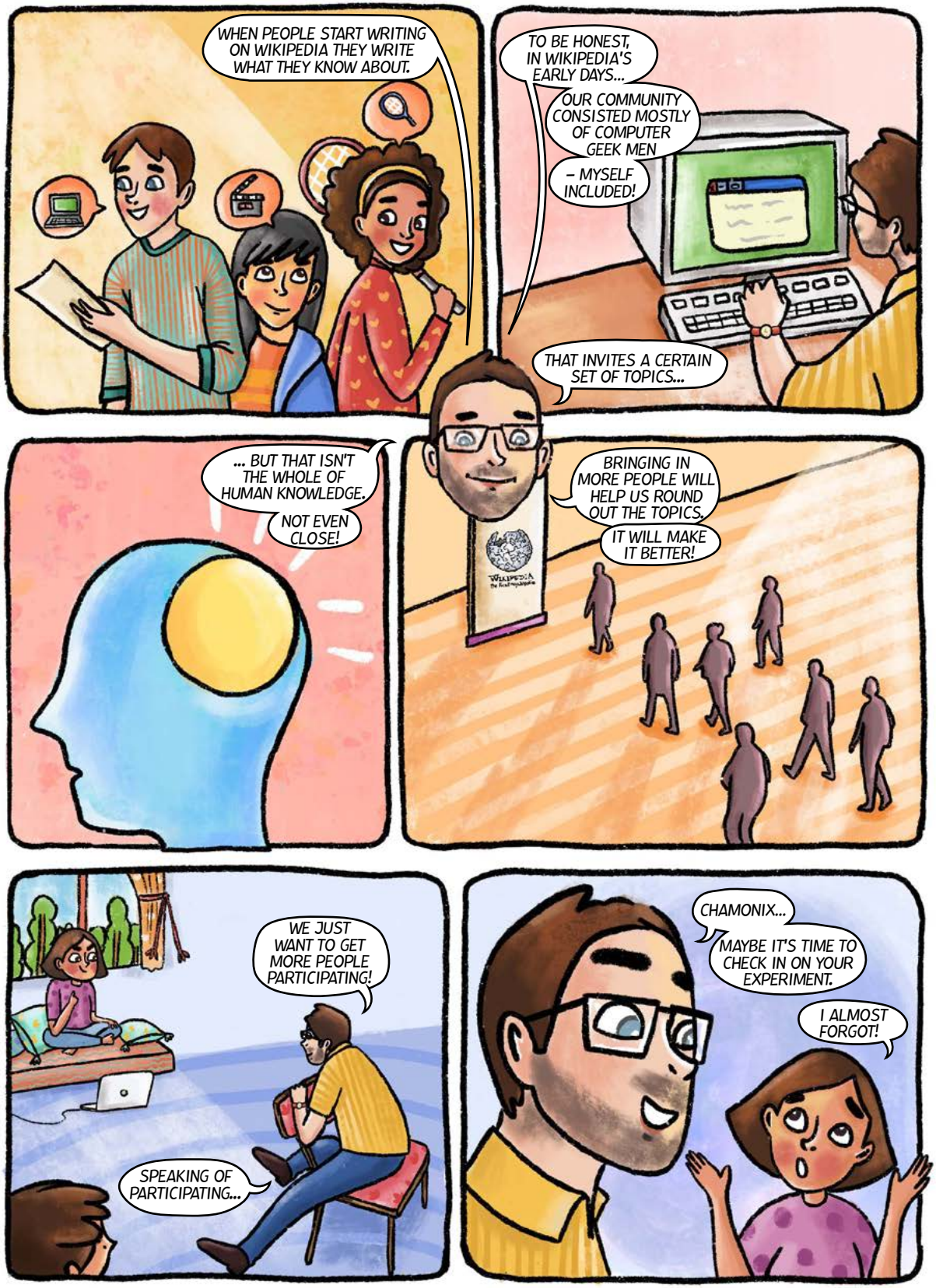

LIKE WHEN I KEEP LOSING AT A LEVEL ON MY VIDEO GAME...
OVER AND OVER AGAIN.
SURE, BUT I BET YOU GET FARTHER THE NEXT TIME...
UNTIL FINALLY YOU PASS THE LEVEL!
IT'S LIKE THAT. IT'S HARD.
MY FRIEND, REID HOFFMAN, SAYS...
"STARTING A COMPANY IS LIKE JUMPING OFF A CLIFF AND ASSEMBLING A PLANE ON THE WAY DOWN."
IF YOU'RE READY, THEN YOU NEED TO TELL YOURSELF...
THIS IS AN EXPERIMENTAL JOURNEY.
I WILL FIGURE THIS OUT AS I GO ALONG.
THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT. BELIEVE IN YOURSELF AND DON'T GIVE UP.
OH, JIMMY! ONE OF MY SCHOOL FRIENDS IS CALLING.
SHE TOLD ME YESTERDAY SHE HAS QUESTIONS FOR YOU!
IS IT OK IF I ANSWER?
ABSOLUTELY, CHAMONIX!

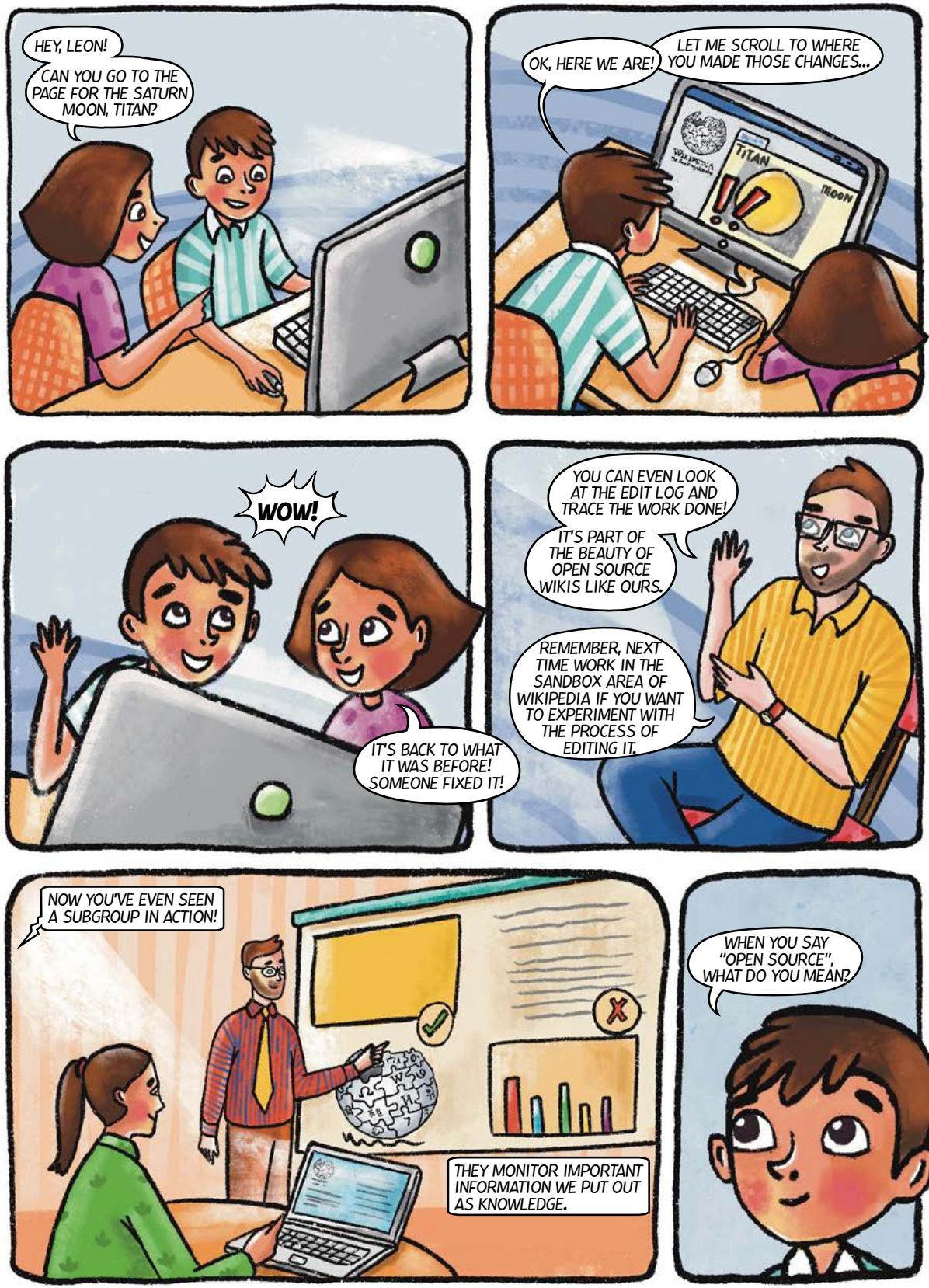

HI, JIMMY, IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU!
I WANTED TO ASK...
HOW DID YOU DECIDE THE FIRST TOPICS TO START WITH ON WIKIPEDIA?
IN THE EARLY DAYS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS BRAINSTORMED WHAT WIKIPEDIA NEEDED TO HAVE.
THE MOON?
OF COURSE! YOU NEED THE MOON, THE SUN, THE EARTH.
Sun
LET'S LIST EVERY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD, OBVIOUSLY!
THAT'LL BE OVER 190 ARTICLES!
I'LL MAKE A LIST OF 1,000 TOPICS I THINK SHOULD BE IN AN ENCYCLOPEDIA.
I WILL TOO!
WE CAN ALL DO IT! WE'LL WORK THROUGH THE LISTS!
OH, LOOK HERE!
A WOMAN JUST BROKE THE WORLD RECORD TIME IN A 20-KILOMETER RACE IN GERMANY.
HER NAME IS TEGLA LOROUPE FROM KENYA!
CERTAIN THINGS JUST POPPED UP BASED ON WHAT WAS IN THE NEWS OR INTERESTING TO PEOPLE AT THAT TIME.
WE HAVE TO INCLUDE THAT!

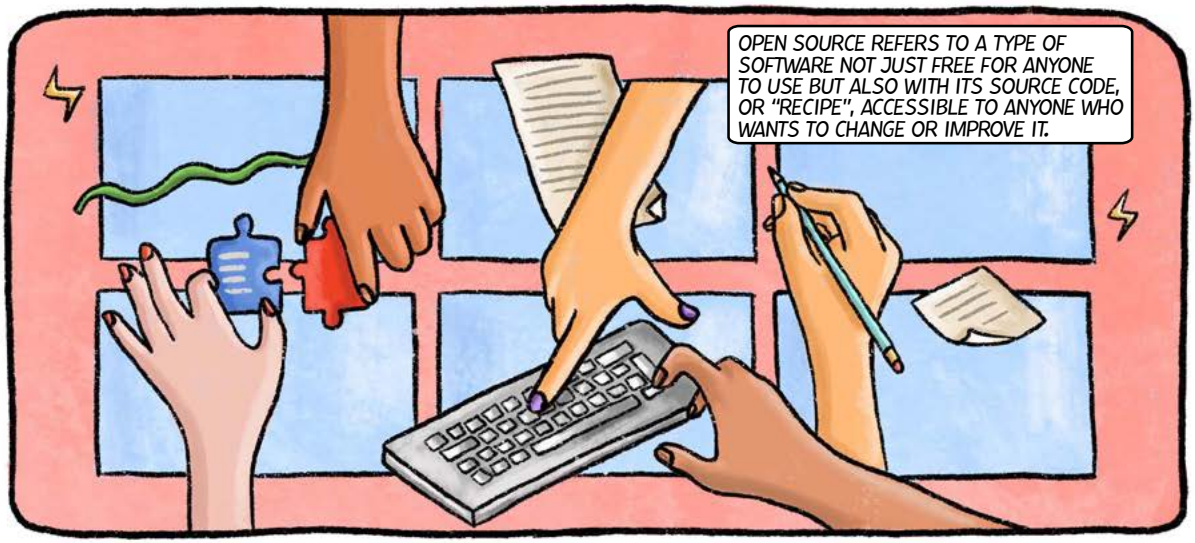
NOW WIKIPEDIA IS REALLY BIG!
50 MILLION ARTICLES
300 LANGUAGES
WHOA!

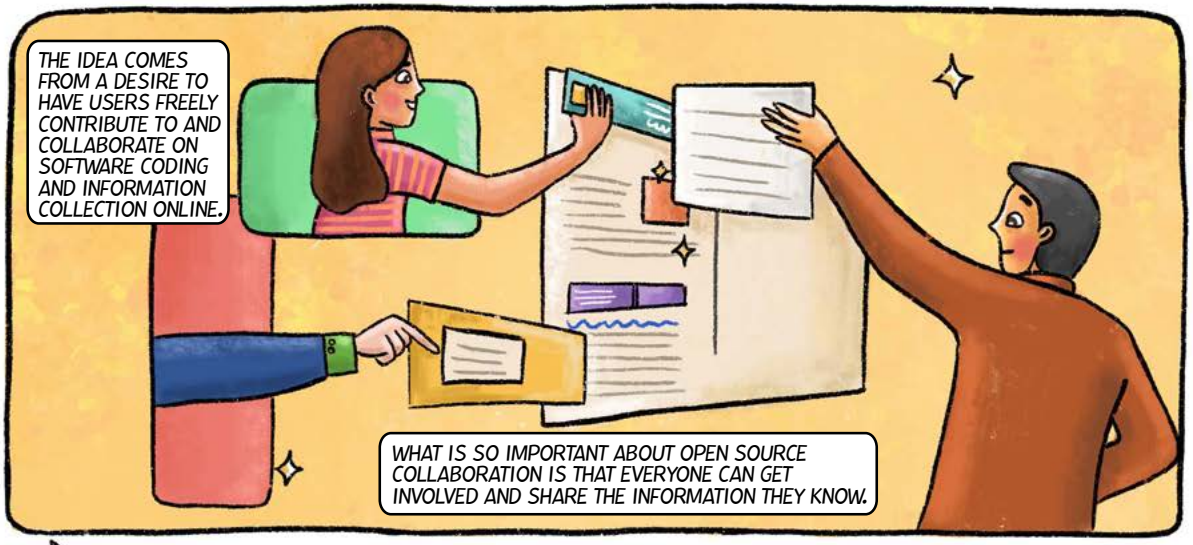
SO WHAT'S THE FUTURE OF WIKIPEDIA?
I THINK THE FUTURE OF WIKIPEDIA...
IS PROBABLY VERY SIMILAR TO THE PAST.
IT'S NOT GOING TO RADICALLY CHANGE AND BECOME, SAY, TIKTOK.
WIKIPEDIA IS AN ENCYCLOPEDIA
... AND WE LIKE THAT THE WAY IT IS.
@jimmy

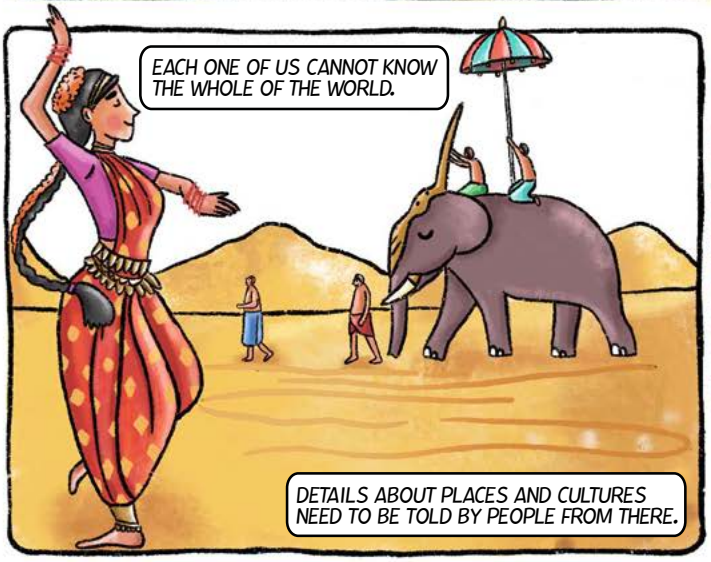

WE'RE GOING TO CARRY ON A LOT LIKE WE HAVE...
BUT THERE IS ONE THING THAT WE REALLY PUSH FOR NOW –
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION.
WE WANT MORE WOMEN PARTICIPATING IN WIKIPEDIA.
THAT WILL INCLUDE MORE ENTRIES ABOUT WOMEN, ABOUT MINORITIES, AND ABOUT OTHER PLACES IN THE WORLD.


WHEN PEOPLE START WRITING ON WIKIPEDIA THEY WRITE WHAT THEY KNOW ABOUT.
TO BE HONEST, IN WIKIPEDIA'S EARLY DAYS...
OUR COMMUNITY CONSISTED MOSTLY OF COMPUTER GEEK MEN
– MYSELF INCLUDED!
THAT INVITES A CERTAIN SET OF TOPICS...
... BUT THAT ISN'T THE WHOLE OF HUMAN KNOWLEDGE.
NOT EVEN CLOSE!
BRINGING IN MORE PEOPLE WILL HELP US ROUND OUT THE TOPICS.
IT WILL MAKE IT BETTER!
WE JUST WANT TO GET MORE PEOPLE PARTICIPATING!
SPEAKING OF PARTICIPATING...
CHAMONIX...
MAYBE IT'S TIME TO CHECK IN ON YOUR EXPERIMENT.
I ALMOST FORGOT!

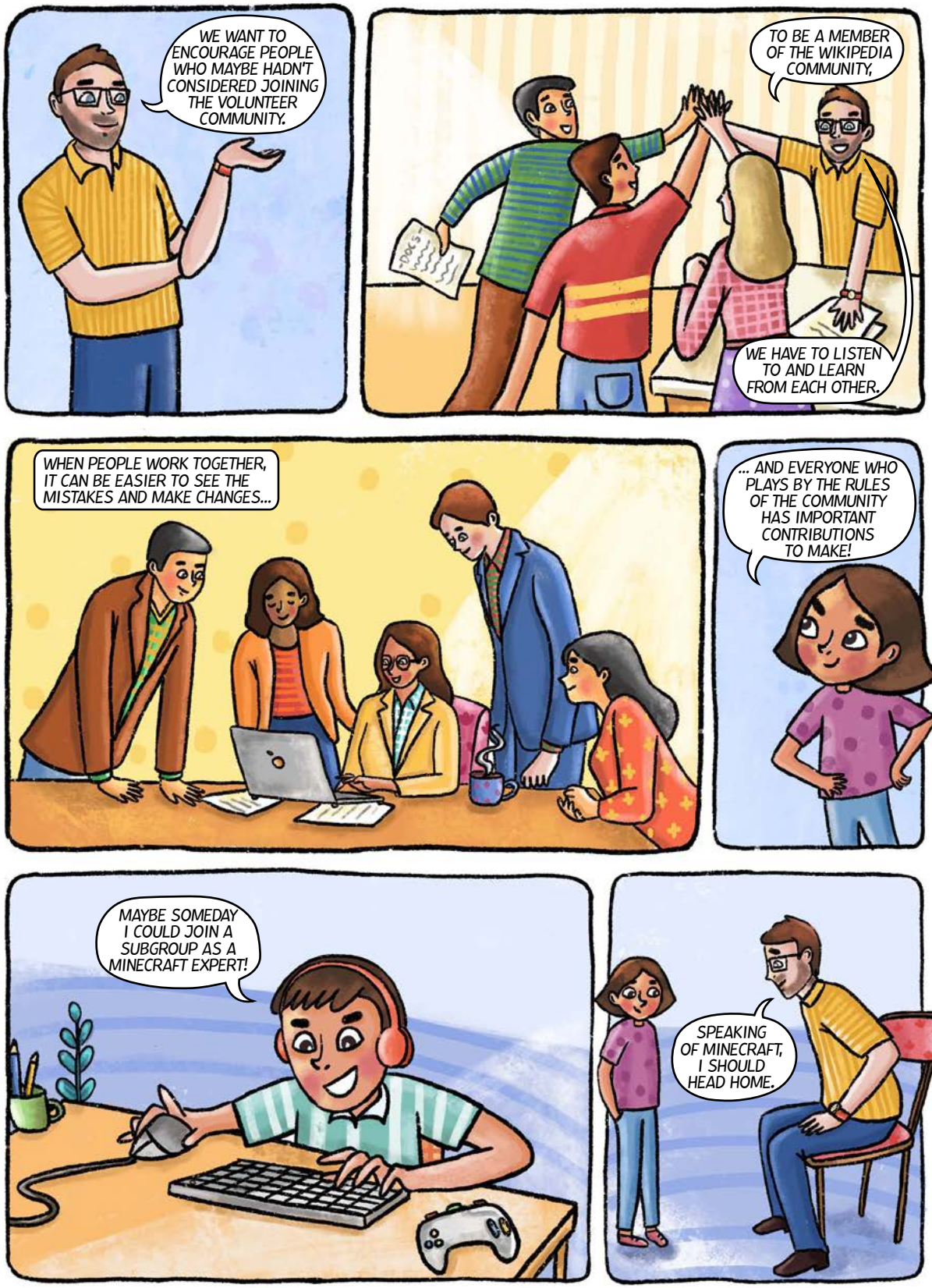

HEY, LEON!
CAN YOU GO TO THE PAGE FOR THE SATURN MOON, TITAN?
OK, HERE WE ARE!
LET ME SCROLL TO WHERE YOU MADE THOSE CHANGES...
TITAN
MOON
WOW!
IT'S BACK TO WHAT IT WAS BEFORE! SOMEONE FIXED IT!
YOU CAN EVEN LOOK AT THE EDIT LOG AND TRACE THE WORK DONE!
IT'S PART OF THE BEAUTY OF OPEN SOURCE WIKIS LIKE OURS.
REMEMBER, NEXT TIME WORK IN THE SANDBOX AREA OF WIKIPEDIA IF YOU WANT TO EXPERIMENT WITH THE PROCESS OF EDITING IT.
NOW YOU'VE EVEN SEEN A SUBGROUP IN ACTION!
THEY MONITOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION WE PUT OUT AS KNOWLEDGE.
WHEN YOU SAY "OPEN SOURCE", WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

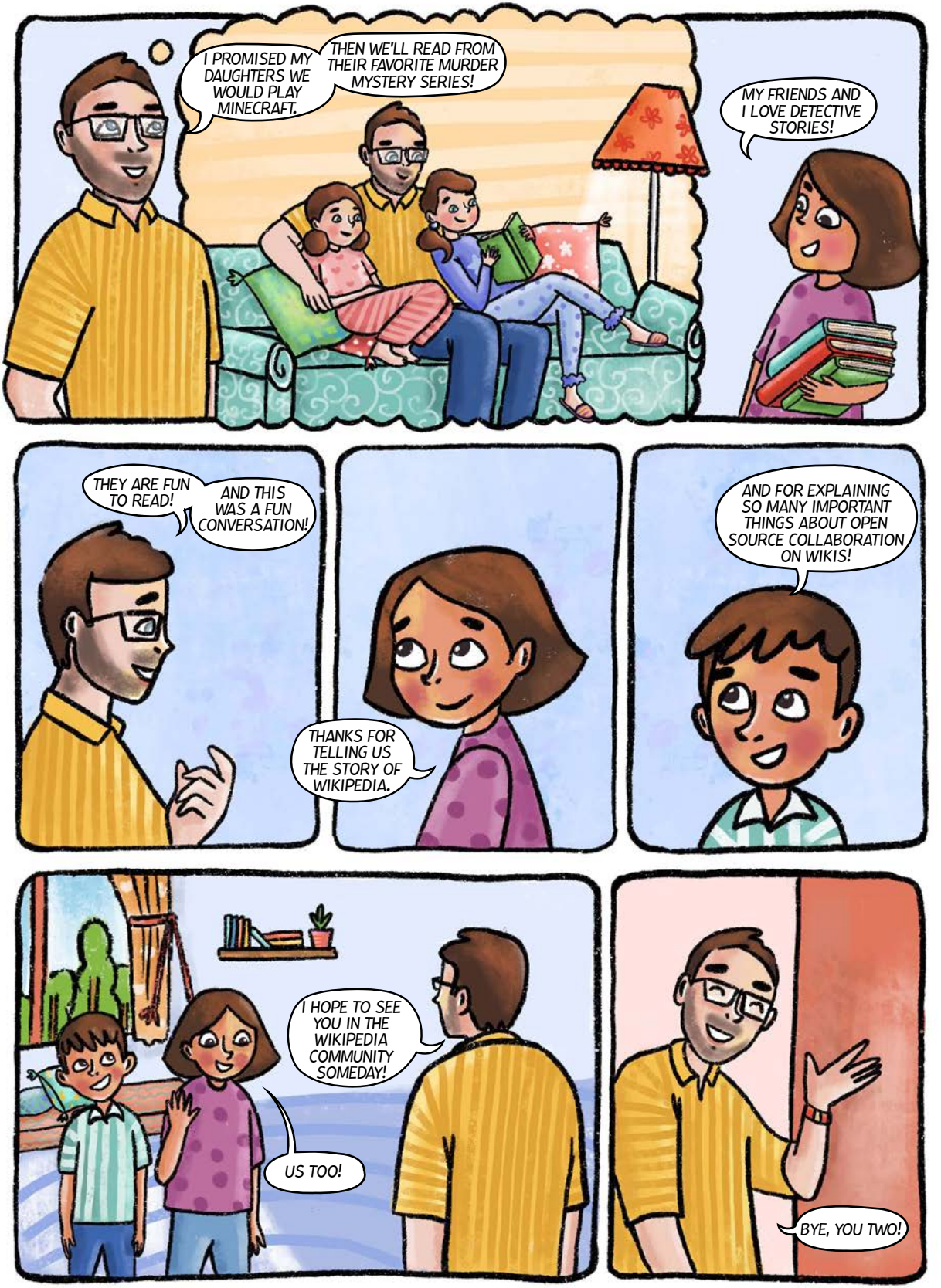

OPEN SOURCE REFERS TO A TYPE OF SOFTWARE NOT JUST FREE FOR ANYONE TO USE BUT ALSO WITH ITS SOURCE CODE, OR "RECIPE", ACCESSIBLE TO ANYONE WHO WANTS TO CHANGE OR IMPROVE IT.


THE IDEA COMES FROM A DESIRE TO HAVE USERS FREELY CONTRIBUTE TO AND COLLABORATE ON SOFTWARE CODING AND INFORMATION COLLECTION ONLINE.
WHAT IS SO IMPORTANT ABOUT OPEN SOURCE COLLABORATION IS THAT EVERYONE CAN GET INVOLVED AND SHARE THE INFORMATION THEY KNOW.


EACH ONE OF US CANNOT KNOW THE WHOLE OF THE WORLD.
DETAILS ABOUT PLACES AND CULTURES NEED TO BE TOLD BY PEOPLE FROM THERE.

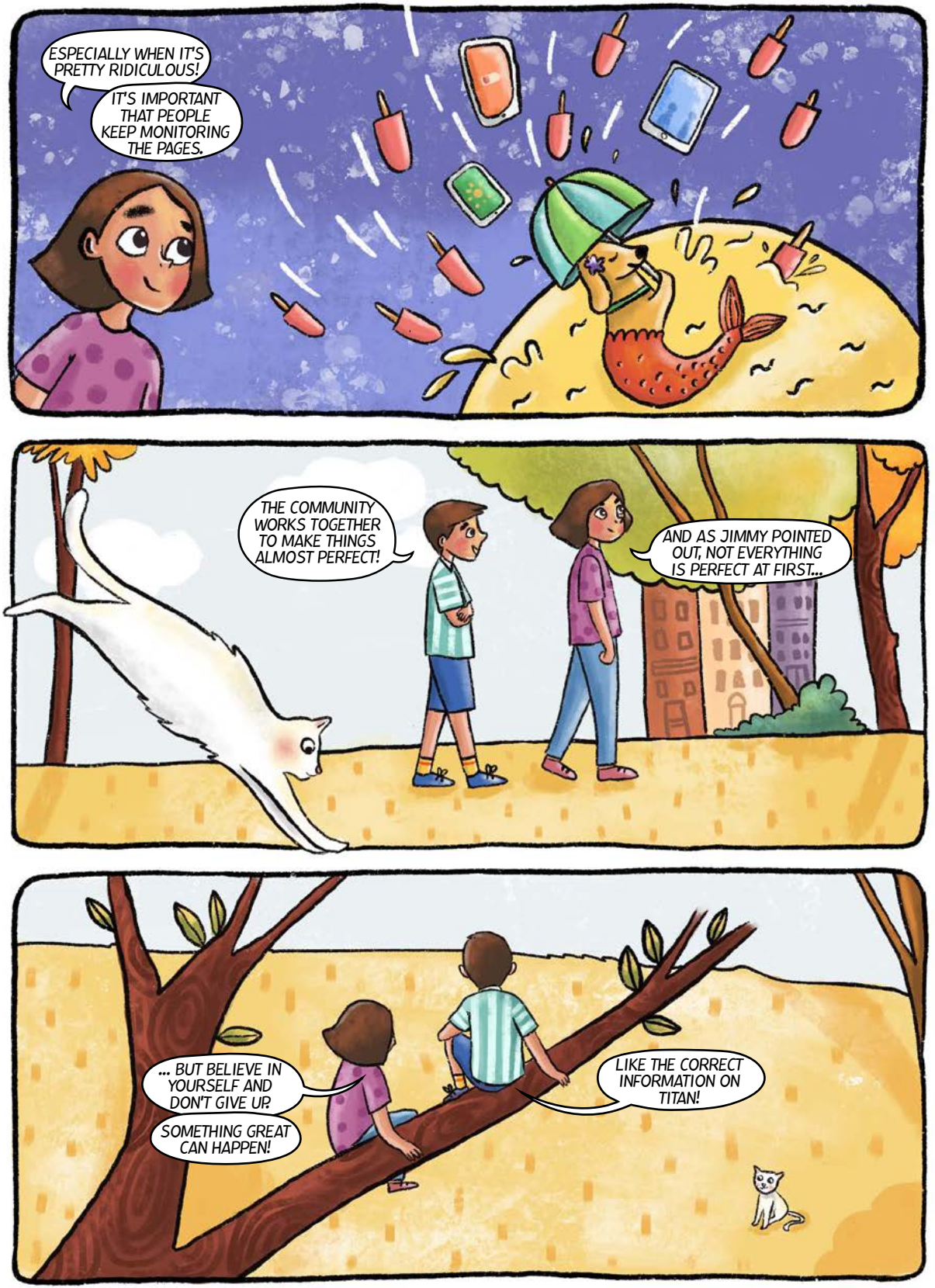
THAT'S WHY WE WANT TO FOCUS ON THE FUTURE OF WIKIPEDIA...
BEING INCLUSIVE OF DIVERSE VOICES.


WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE WHO MAYBE HADN'T CONSIDERED JOINING THE VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY.
TO BE A MEMBER OF THE WIKIPEDIA COMMUNITY,
WE HAVE TO LISTEN TO AND LEARN FROM EACH OTHER.
WHEN PEOPLE WORK TOGETHER, IT CAN BE EASIER TO SEE THE MISTAKES AND MAKE CHANGES...
... AND EVERYONE WHO PLAYS BY THE RULES OF THE COMMUNITY HAS IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO MAKE!
MAYBE SOMEDAY I COULD JOIN A SUBGROUP AS A MINECRAFT EXPERT!
SPEAKING OF MINECRAFT, I SHOULD HEAD HOME.


I PROMISED MY DAUGHTERS WE WOULD PLAY MINECRAFT.
THEN WE'LL READ FROM THEIR FAVORITE MURDER MYSTERY SERIES!
MY FRIENDS AND I LOVE DETECTIVE STORIES!
THEY ARE FUN TO READ!
AND THIS WAS A FUN CONVERSATION!
THANKS FOR TELLING US THE STORY OF WIKIPEDIA.
AND FOR EXPLAINING SO MANY IMPORTANT THINGS ABOUT OPEN SOURCE COLLABORATION ON WIKIS!
I HOPE TO SEE YOU IN THE WIKIPEDIA COMMUNITY SOMEDAY!
US TOO!
BYE, YOU TWO!

JIMMY TAUGHT US SO MUCH ABOUT FINDING RELIABLE INFORMATION...
HE CREATED A PLACE ONLINE WHERE PEOPLE CAN COME TOGETHER AND SHARE IT!
HMM...
WANNA GO FOR A WALK AND TALK ABOUT EVERYTHING WE'VE LEARNED?
LET'S GO!
NOW LET ME SEE IF I UNDERSTAND HOW OPEN SOURCE COLLABORATION RELATES TO "WIKI".
A WIKI IS A WEBSITE THAT EVERYBODY CAN EDIT.
IT WORKS ON THE PRINCIPLE OF THE WISDOM OF CROWDS.
THE WISDOM OF CROWDS ALLOWS ANYONE TO EDIT WIKIPEDIA.

LIKE I DID!
JIMMY SAID IT'S IMPORTANT TO HEAR FROM MANY DIFFERENT VOICES...
... BECAUSE PEOPLE MAY HAVE ACCESS TO DIFFERENT INFORMATION ABOUT A TOPIC.
HEARING DIFFERENT IDEAS AND OPINIONS HELPS UNCOVER THE TRUTH.
WORKING AS A COMMUNITY OPENS UP CONVERSATIONS TO GET IT RIGHT.
IF SOMEONE MESSES UP THE INFORMATION...
SOMEONE FIXES IT.


ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S PRETTY RIDICULOUS!
IT'S IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE KEEP MONITORING THE PAGES.
THE COMMUNITY WORKS TOGETHER TO MAKE THINGS ALMOST PERFECT!
AND AS JIMMY POINTED OUT, NOT EVERYTHING IS PERFECT AT FIRST...
... BUT BELIEVE IN YOURSELF AND DON'T GIVE UP.
SOMETHING GREAT CAN HAPPEN!
LIKE THE CORRECT INFORMATION ON TITAN!

WHAT IS A TOPIC YOU WOULD LIKE TO RESEARCH ON WIKIPEDIA?

WHAT SORTS OF INFORMATION WOULD YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THIS TOPIC?

MAKE A LIST OF QUESTIONS. WITH YOUR PARENTS' PERMISSION, SEARCH WIKIPEDIA AND SEE IF YOU CAN FIND THE ANSWERS!

IF YOU JOINED WIKIPEDIA'S VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY, WHAT SUBJECT COULD YOU BE AN EXPERT IN?

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS SUBJECT?

WHAT RELIABLE SOURCES CAN YOU FIND TO CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR RESEARCH?

THINK OF A TIME YOU FELT LIKE SOMETHING WAS REALLY DIFFICULT OR WASN'T GOING AS PLANNED. HOW DID YOU OVERCOME THAT FEELING SO YOU COULD SUCCEED?

WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU HAVE SUCCEEDED AT THAT YOU FEEL PROUD OF?

WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU HOPE TO SUCCEED AT IN THE FUTURE?

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OUR SPECIAL THANKS GOES OUT TO JIMMY!

THE INTERVIEW MAY BE FOUND AT:
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