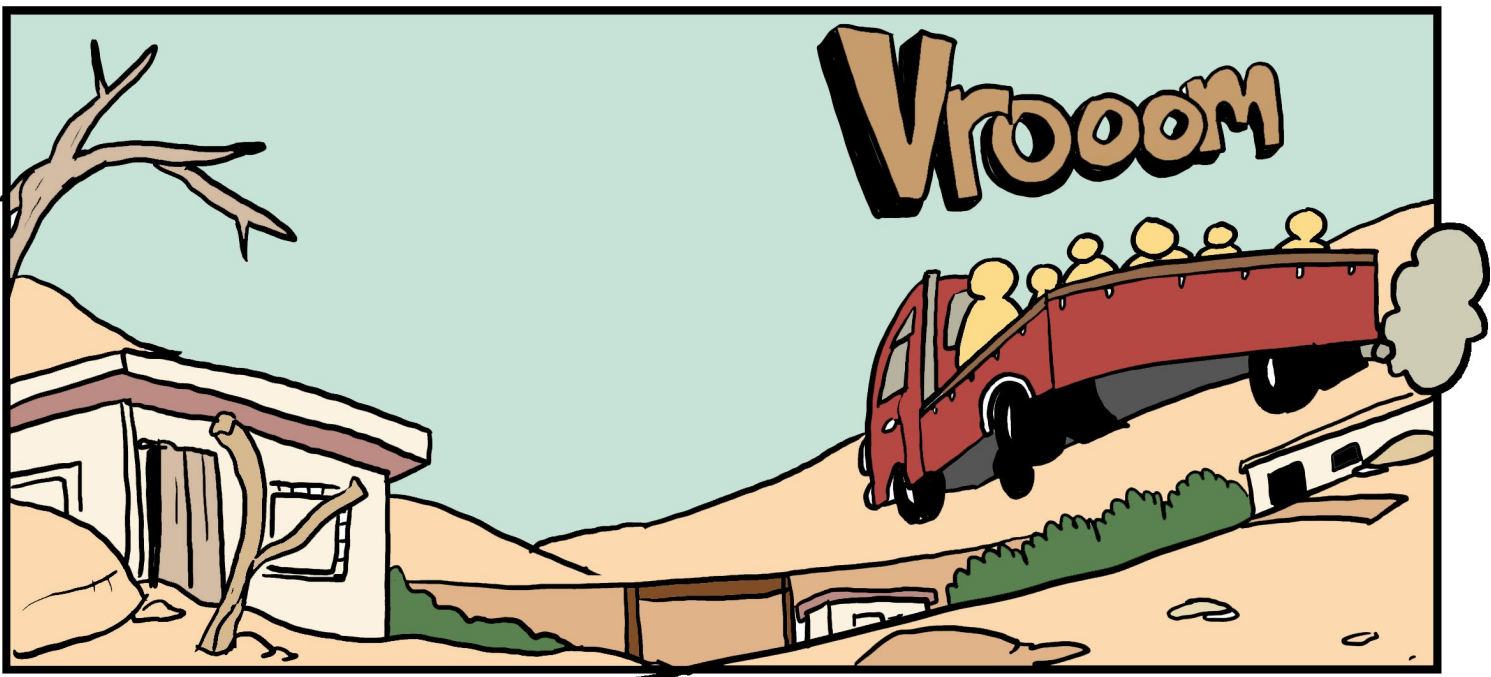
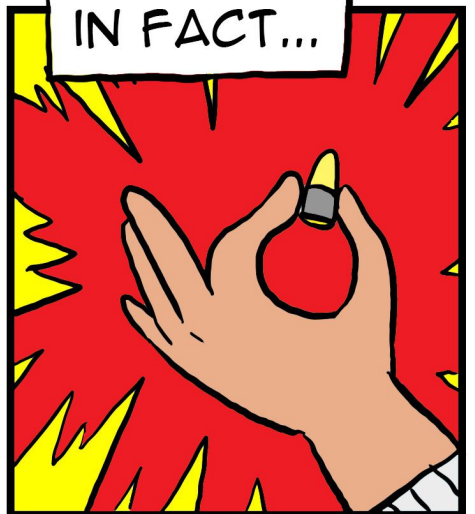
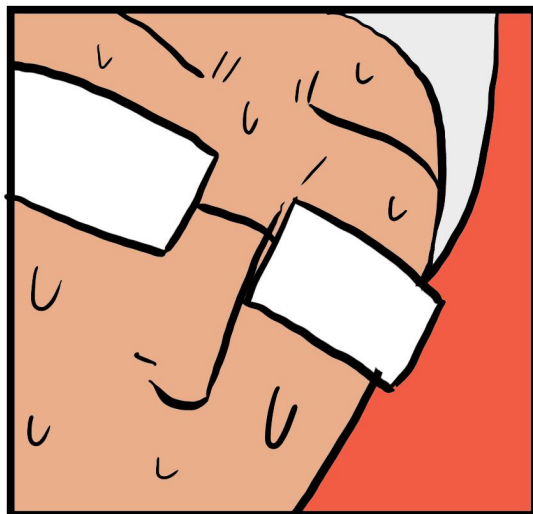
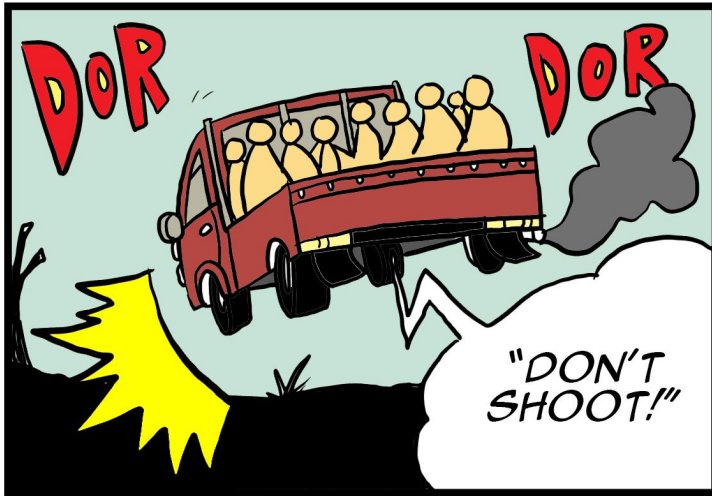
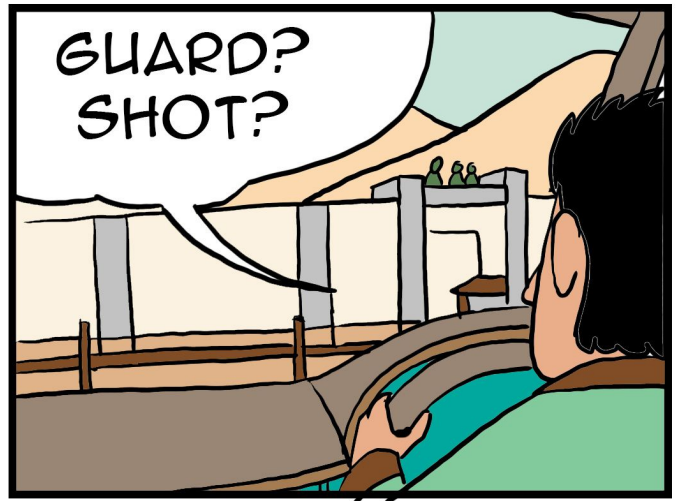




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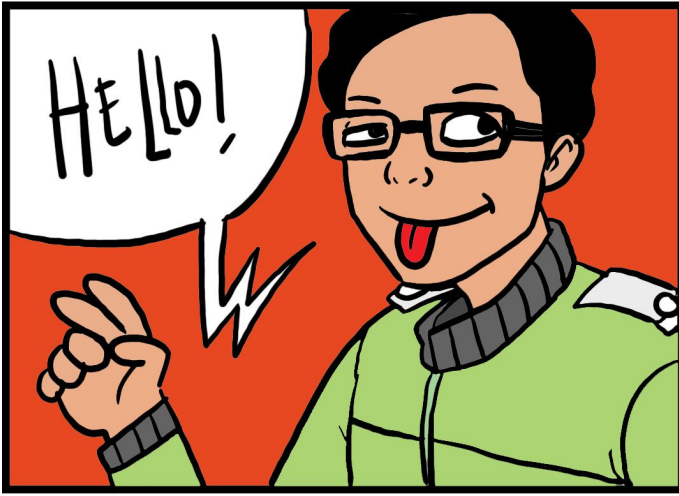
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CHAPTER 1: THE DREAM OF ISLAMIC STATE

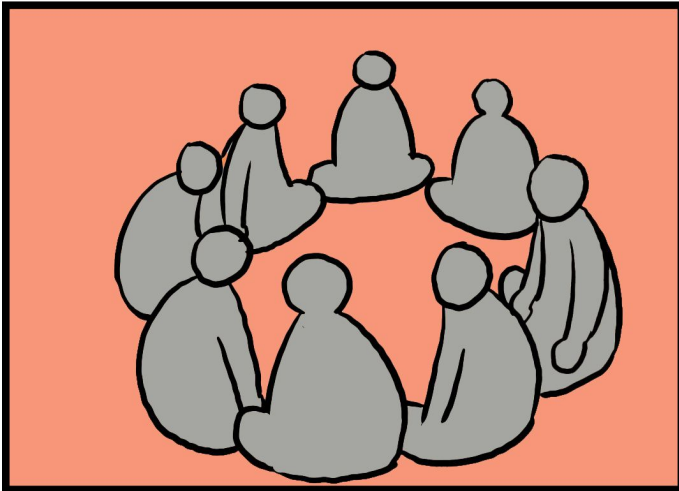




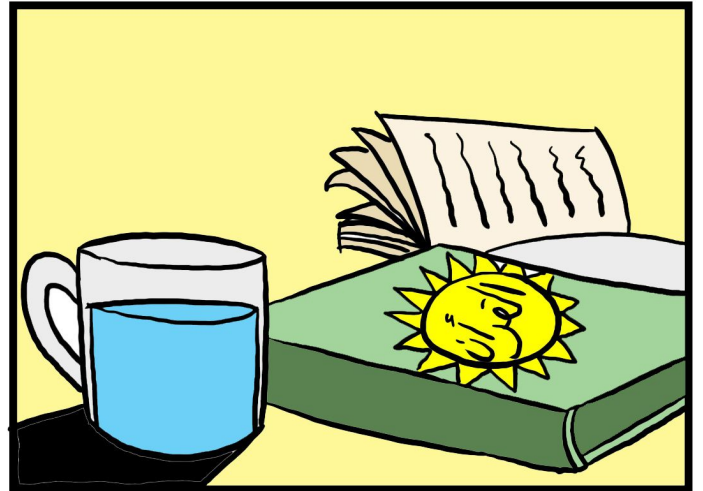
I WAS ABOUT 17 YEARS OLD AT THAT TIME.



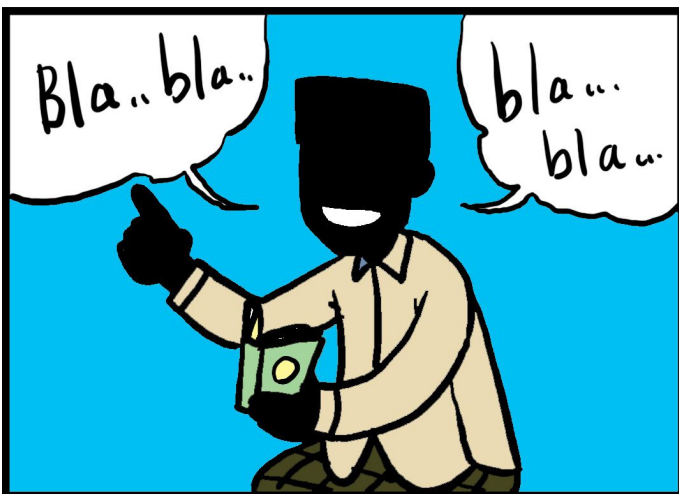
I GREW UP IN A QUITE RELIGIOUS FAMILY ENVIRONMENT.



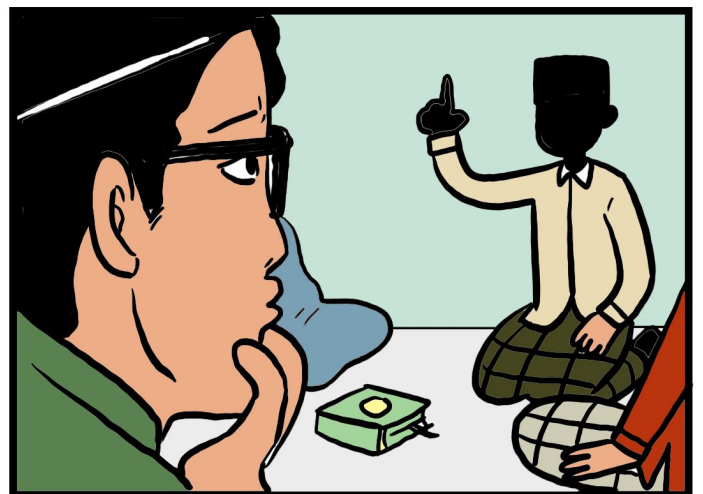
ALMOST EVERY WEEKS WE HAD DISCUSSION AND RELIGIOUS CIRCLE TO STUDY.



AL-QURAN AND HADIST TOGETHER



AT THAT TIME, WE STUDIED INDEPENDENTLY, NOT INVOLVING OTHER PARTIES



IT'S JUST OUR FAMILY.



ONE TIME ONE OF OUR UNCLAS BROUGHT US NEWS ABOUT A KHILAFAH WHO HAD JUST STARTED IN SYRIA



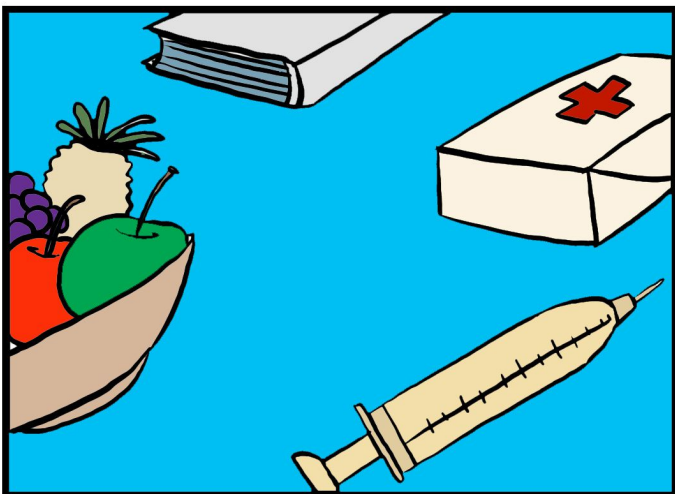
ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND SYRIA (ISIS).



ISIS IS BEING A HOT TOPIC TO BE DISCUSSED AS IT WAS JUST DECLARED ITSELF.



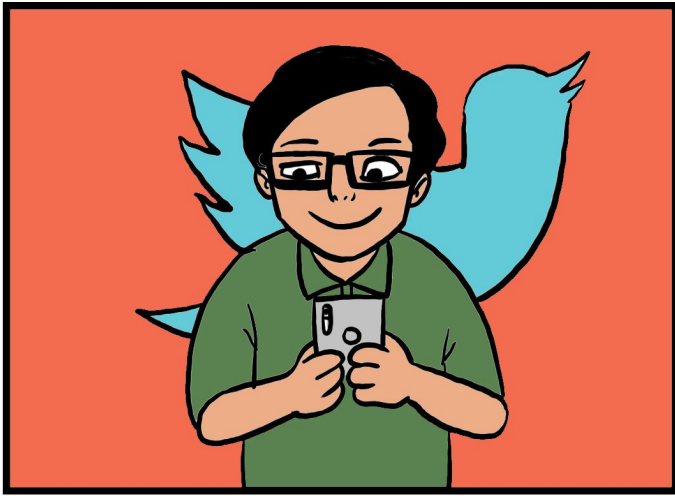
AT THAT TIME, ISIS APPEALED TO ME BECAUSE IT OFFERED THE APOSTOLIC LIFE.



THEY OFFER A STABLE LIFE, ACCESS TO HEALTH FACILITIES



ELECTRICITY, FREE EDUCATION, ALSO HOUSES THAT ARE FAR FROM WAR AREAS.



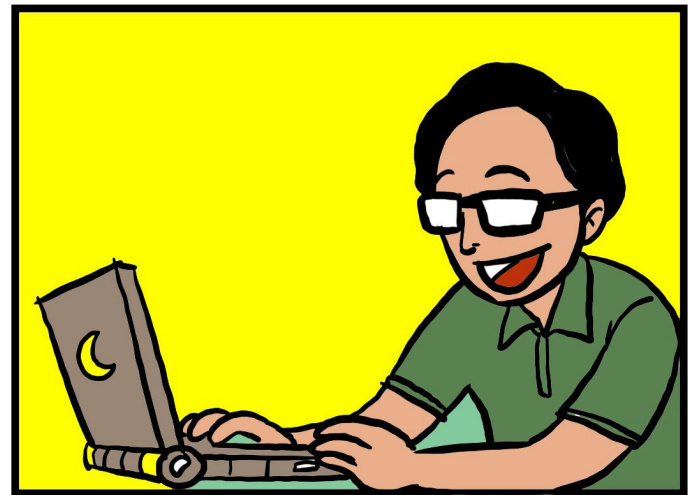
WE FOUND ISIS CONTACTS FROM
TWITTER



IT WAS PURE WE SEARCHED BY
OURSELVES, WE HAVE NO AFFILIATION
WITH ISIS INDONESIA



I THINK HE IS AN AFRICAN, BECAUSE
HIS NAME IS AL-AFRIQI.



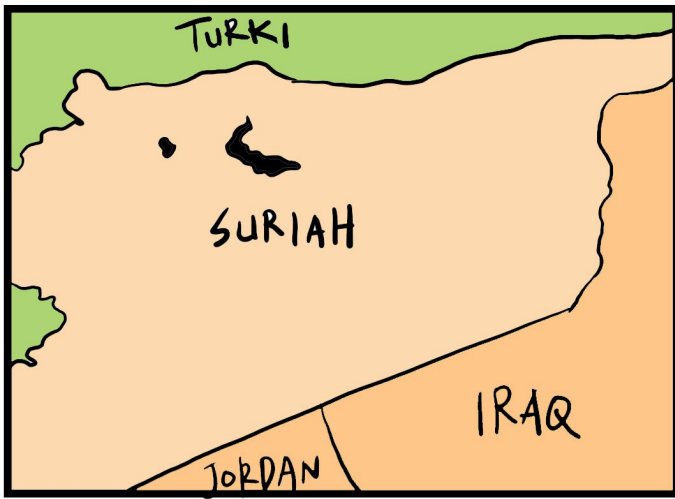
AND, THE COMMUNICATION
PROCESS IS DONE CAREFULLY



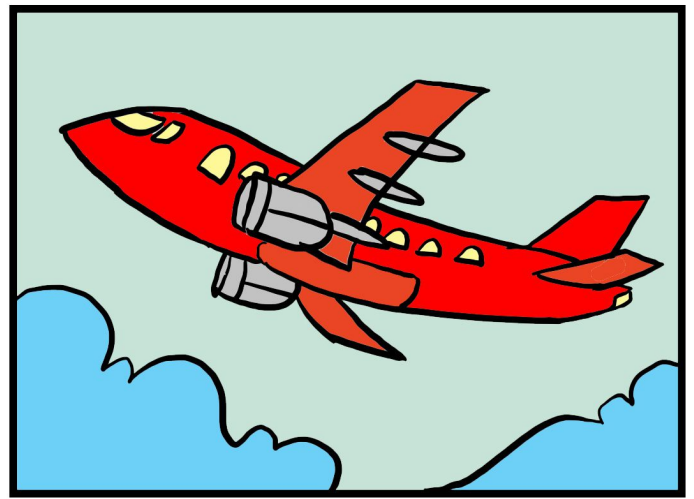
UNTIL MY FAMILY DECIDED AND
AGREED TO GO TO SYRIA,



TO ACHIEVE OUR DREAMS, LIVE IN THE
SHADE OF THE ISLAMIC CALIPHATE.



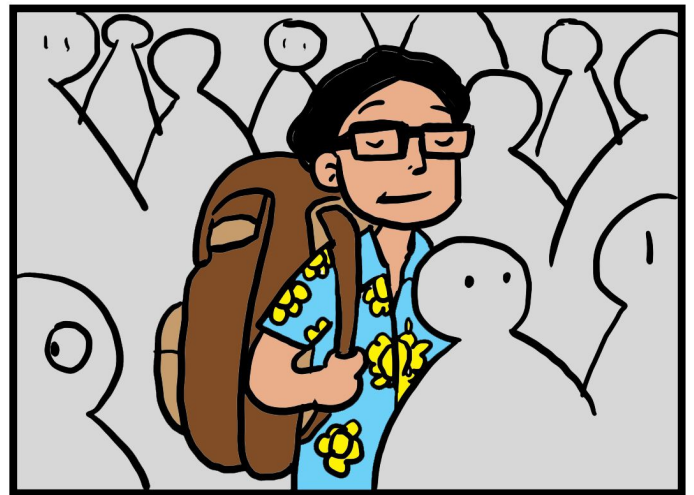
THE JOURNEY TO SYRIA IS QUITE EASY.



WE JUST LOOK FOR TURKISH PLANES,



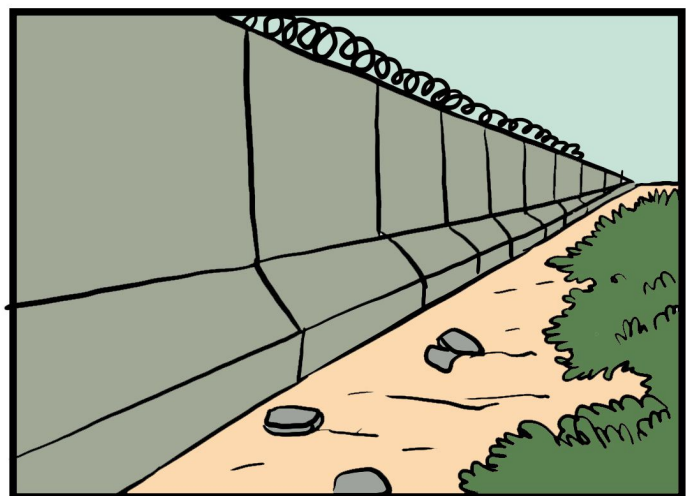
CAMOUFLAGE WITH TOURIST DESTINATIONS



WHEN WE ARRIVED IN TURKEY, WE WERE LIKE TOURISTS.



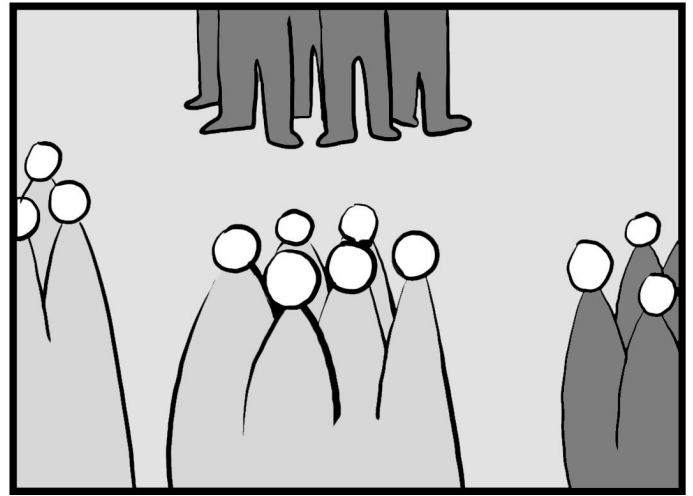
WE SPENT TWO WEEKS IN TURKEY EXPLORING TOURIST DESTINATIONS



THIS IS GOING TO TURKISH-SYRIAN BORDER



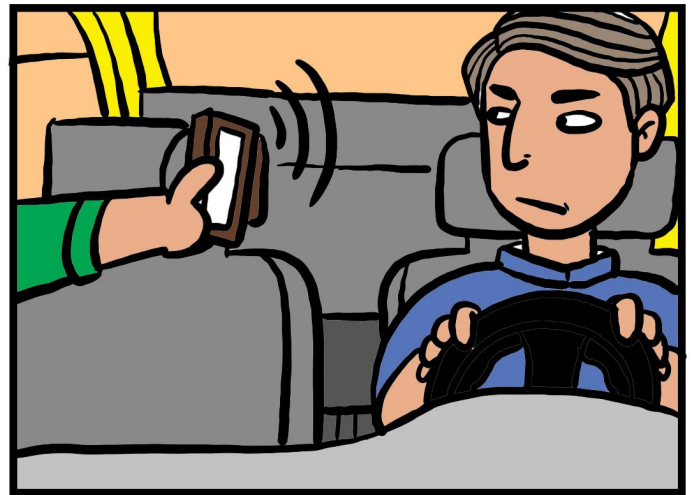
WHEN WE ARRIVED AT THE LAST DESTINATION, WE CONTACTED ISIS



WE WERE ASKED TO DIVIDE INTO FOUR GROUPS.



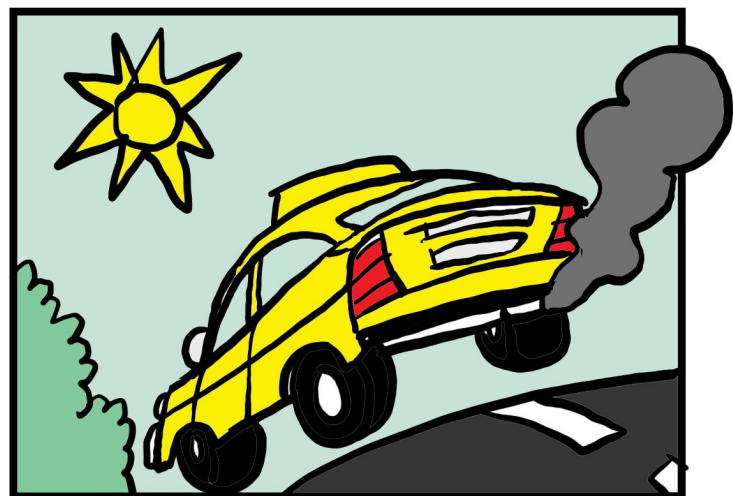
AFTER THAT, WE BOOKED A TAXI



AND GIVE OUR PHONE NUMBER DIRECTLY TO THE DRIVER



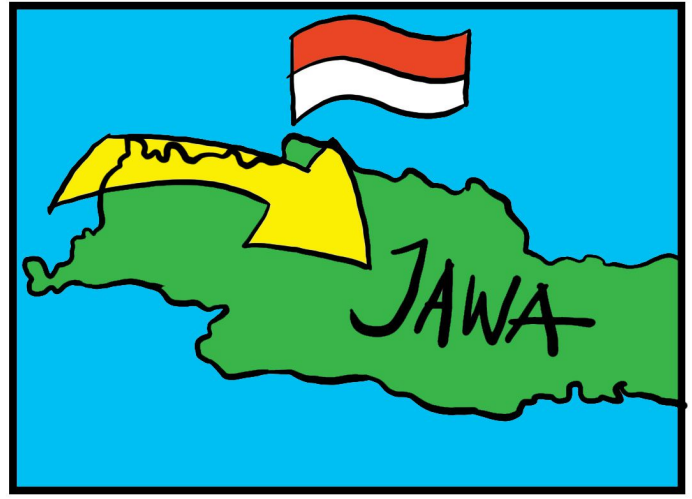
THEN WE WERE ASKED TO STAY IN THE TURKISH SAFE HOUSE FOR A FEW DAYS



AFTER THAT, WE WERE READY TO CROSS THE BORDER



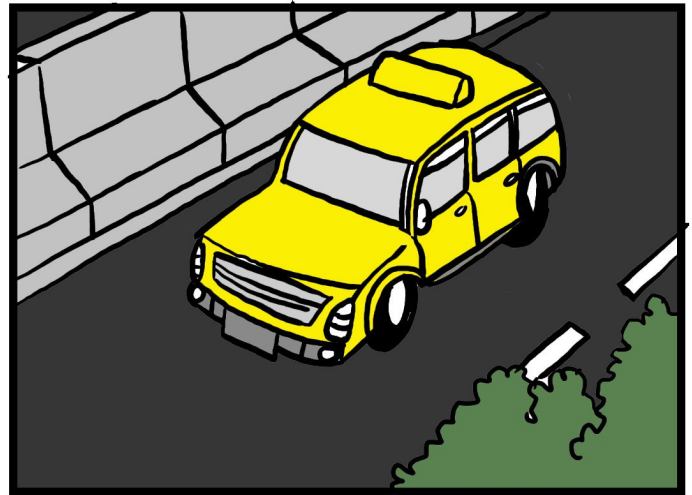
YOU KNOW, THE FIRST GROUP
FAILED TO CROSS THE BORDER,



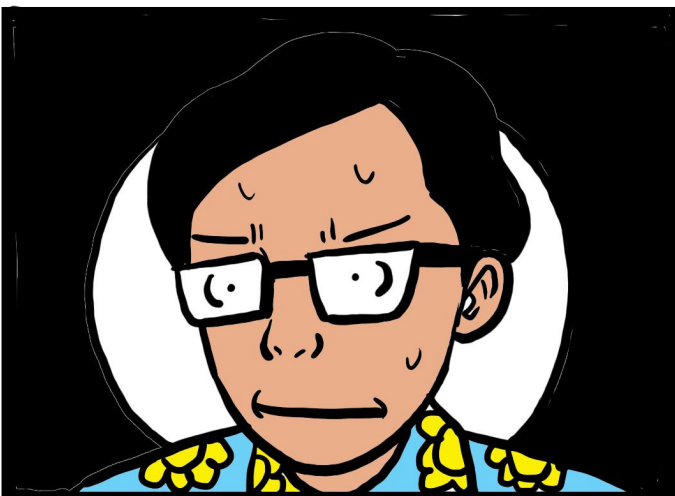
ARRESTED BY TURKISH POLICE AND
DEPORTED TO INDONESIA



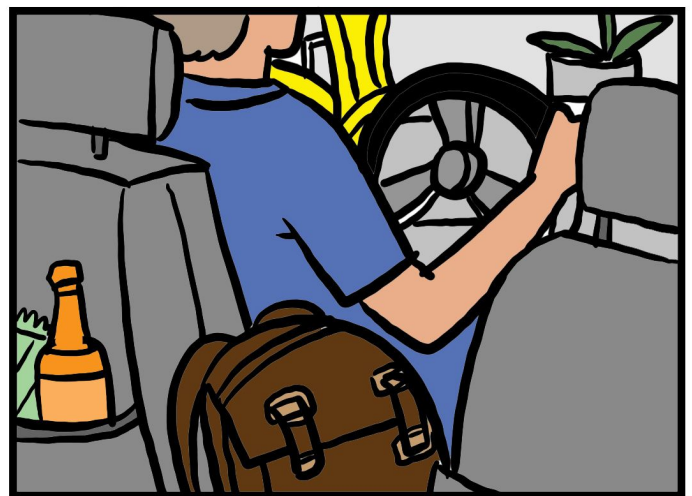
WHILE THE REMAINING GROUP
MANAGED TO GET PASSED THE



HA HA. AT THAT TIME, WE LEFT AT
AROUND 10PM



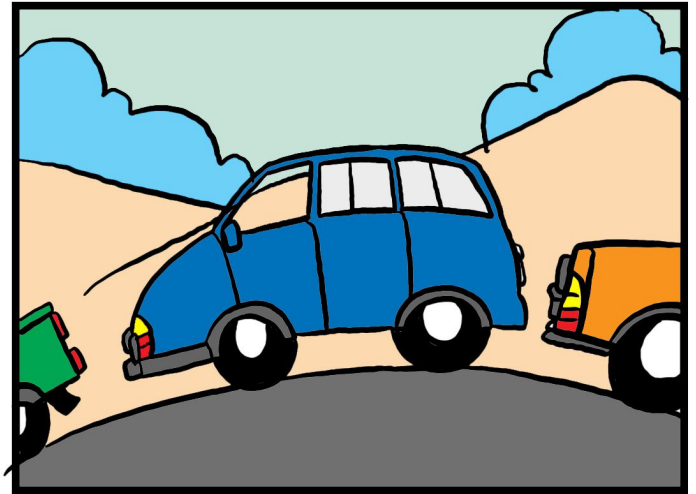
IT TOOK 3 HOURS TO GET TO SYRIA



OH YES, ALL OUR IDENTITIES LIKE
PASSPORTS AND ID CARDS, WERE



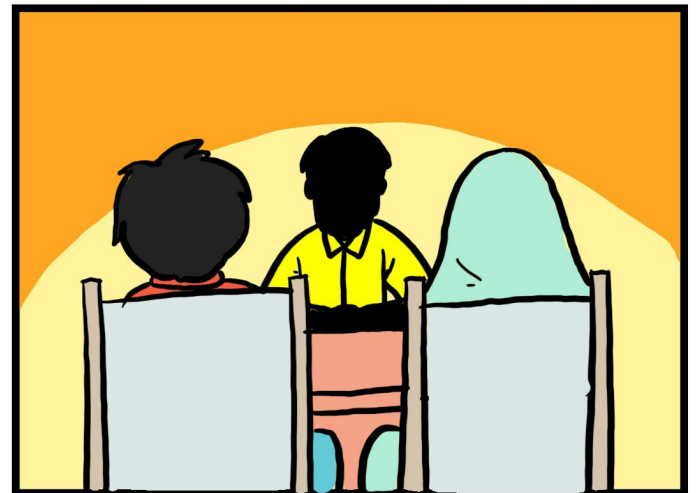
HELLO. "HAVE WE ALREADY ARRIVED?!"



SOON, SOMEONE PICKED US UP



TAKE TO MAKTAB HIJRAH,



A KIND OF IMMIGRATION OFFICE, FOR
DATA COLLECTION.

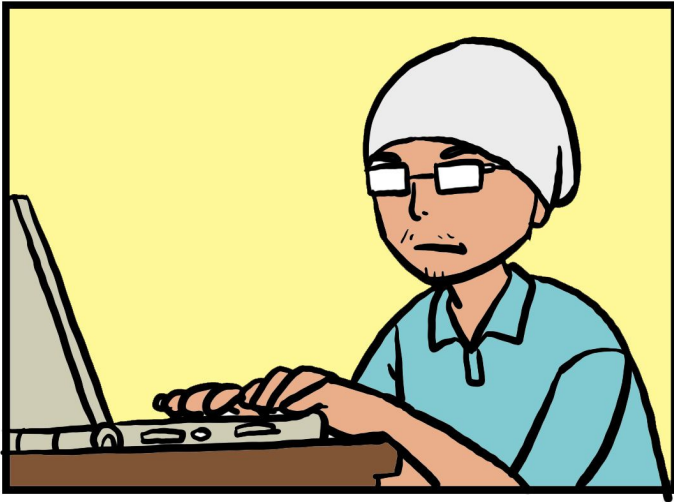


THE NEXT DAY, WE WERE ESCORTED TO THE CITY OF
RAQQA.

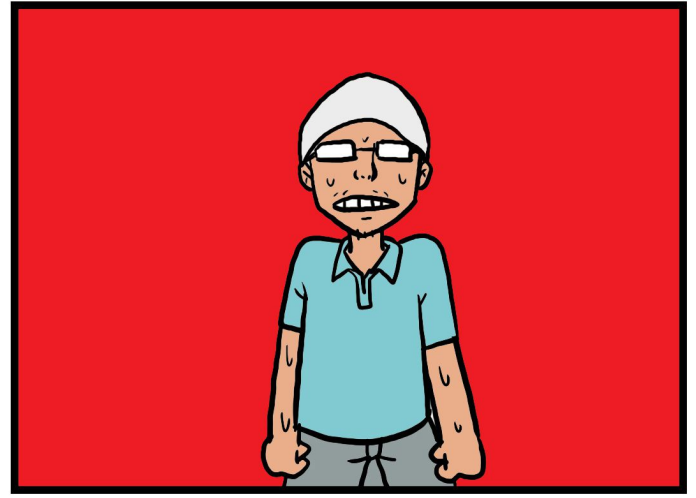
CHAPTER 2

A SELF TOWARDS ISIS

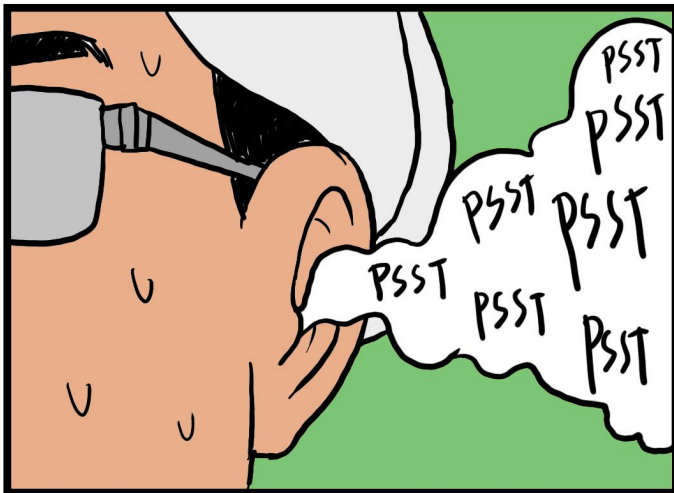




I AM FEBRI, I AM RAIHAN'S COUSIN.



WHEN MY FAMILY MOVED TO SYRIA,
I WAS LEFT ALONE



HOWEVER, I FOUND INFORMATION



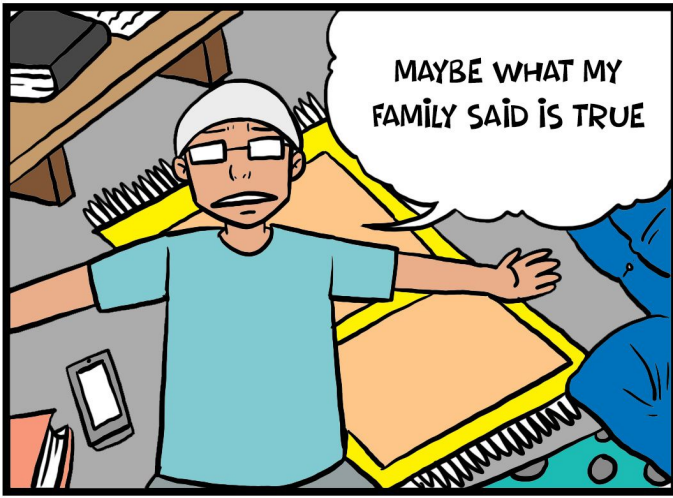
ONE OF THE FAMILY GROUPS WAS
DEPORTED



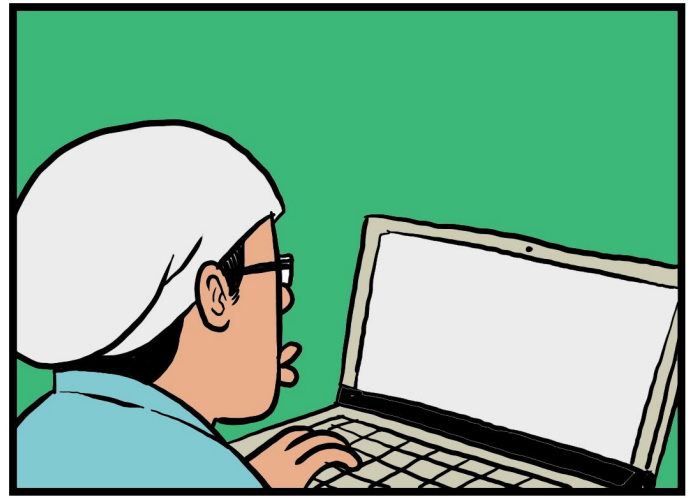
BECAUSE CAUGHT RED-HANDED
TOWARDS SYRIA



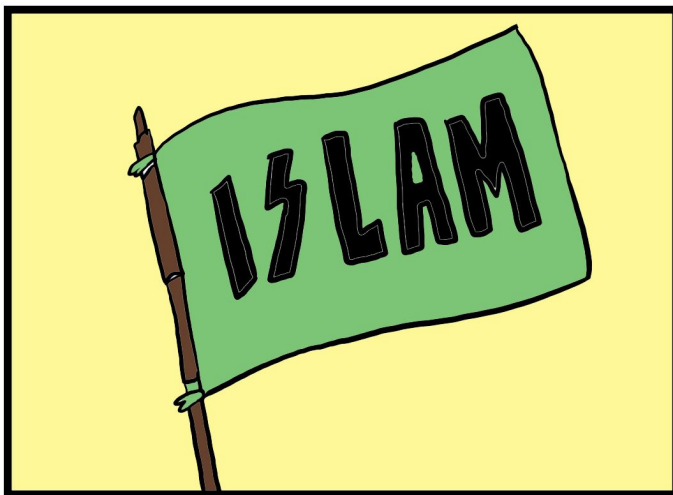
I DECIDED TO LEAVE HOME AND LOOK
FOR A BOARDING HOUSE FOR MY
SAFETY



WHEN I STAYED AT BOARDING HOUSE



I THEN SEARCHED FOR NEWS ABOUT ISIS.



HOPING BLESSINGS, BECAUSE IT IS SAID TO HAVE IMPLEMENTED ISLAMIC SHARIAH



HOWEVER, MY MAIN REASON TO GO THERE



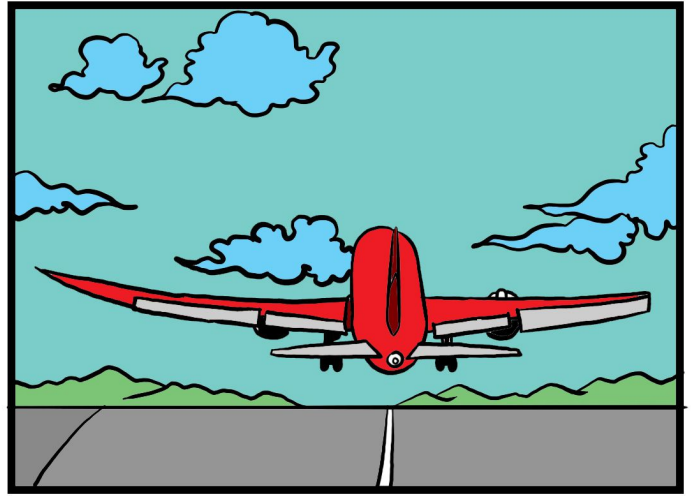
IS MY MOTHER



AFTER A YEAR OF LIVING ALONE, MY ACQUAINTANCE INVITED ME TO GO



FROM INDONESIA TO TURKEY,



MY EXPENSES ARE COVERED.



THEN STAYED FIVE DAYS IN ISTANBUL



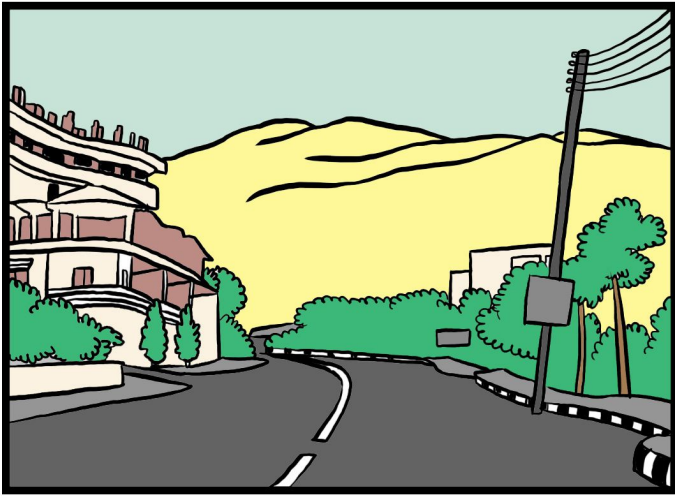
AFTER THAT WE CONTINUE TO GO



BY BUS



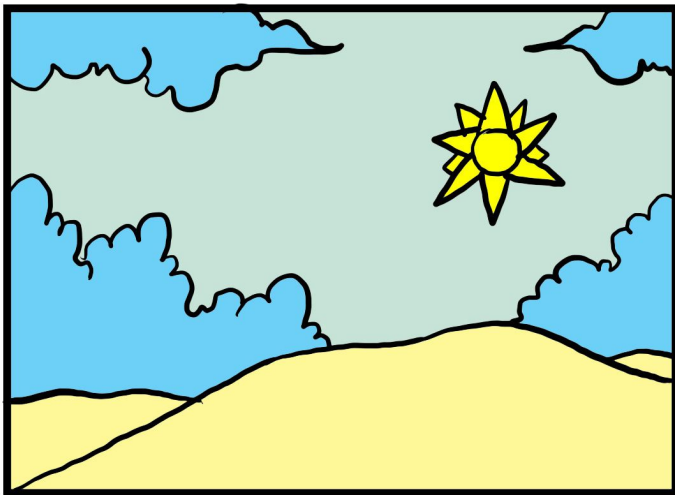
THERE WERE 50 PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT NATIONALITIES



AT THE SYRIAN BORDER, HATAY,
PASSPORTS AND ANYTHING RELATED
TO INDONESIA WERE CONFISCATED



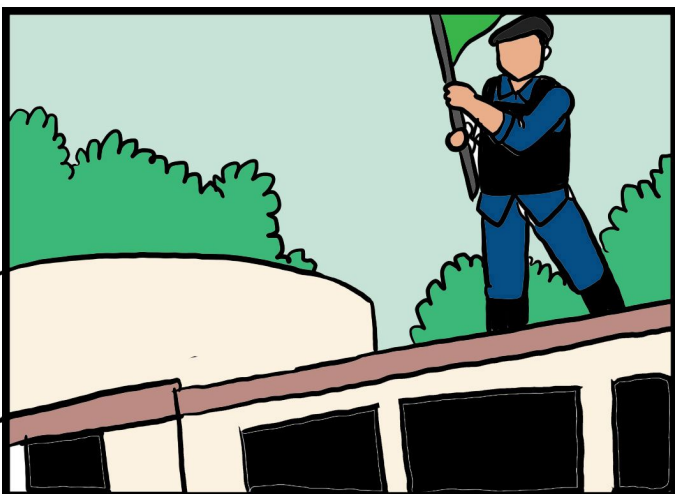
THEN WE WERE DIVIDED TO SOME
GROUPS



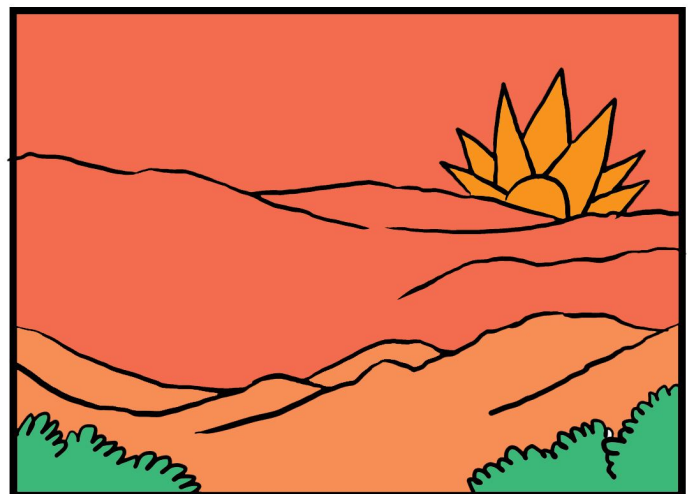
AND ASKED TO CLIMB
THE TURKISH-SYRIAN BORDER



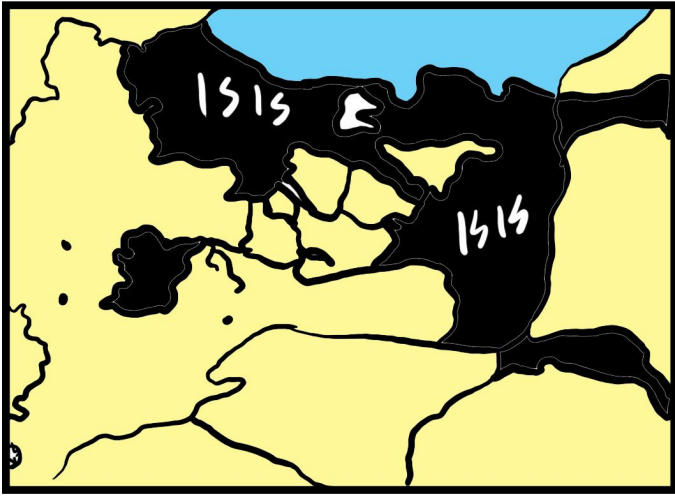
I RUN AND HIDED



"TURKISH TROOPS
STAND BY ABOVE!"



CLIMBED FOR SIX HOURS, FROM 12
NOON TO 6 PM



BUT ACCESS TO ISIS WAS GETTING DIFFICULT, BECAUSE THE AREA WAS SMALLER.



I WAS ABLE TO MOVE AROUND THE CITY.



IN FACT, I WAS ARRESTED BY JABHAT AL-NUSRA, A MILITIA WHO AGAINST THE ISIS



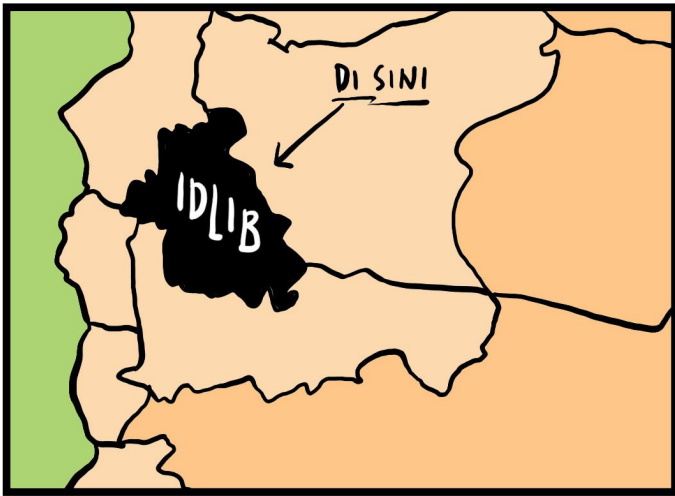
FOR ONE MONTH I WAS ARRESTED AND INVITED TO JOIN ISIS BUT I REFUSED IT



THEY THREATENED TO EXECUTE US, BUT THANK GOD IT DID NOT HAPPEN.



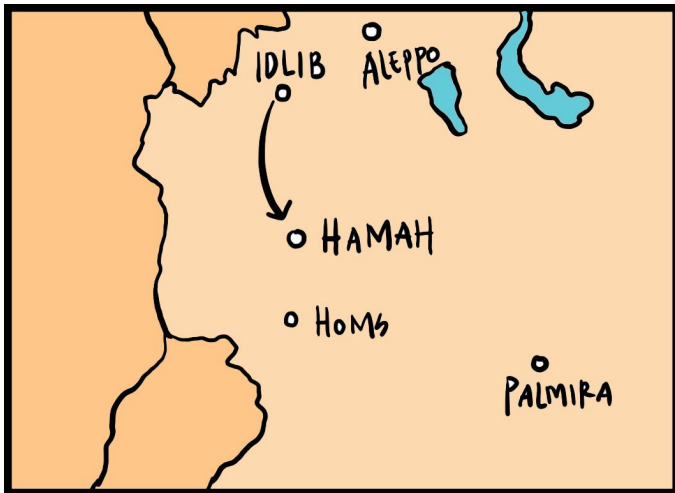
UNTIL WE WERE RELEASED.



AFTER THAT WE WERE TAKEN TO IDLIB, FOR ABOUT 2.5 MONTHS.



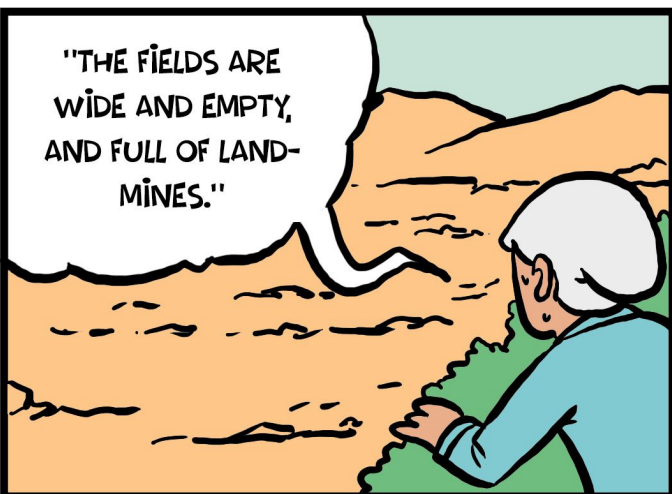
THERE, WE WERE GIVEN FREEDOM AS CIVILIANS.



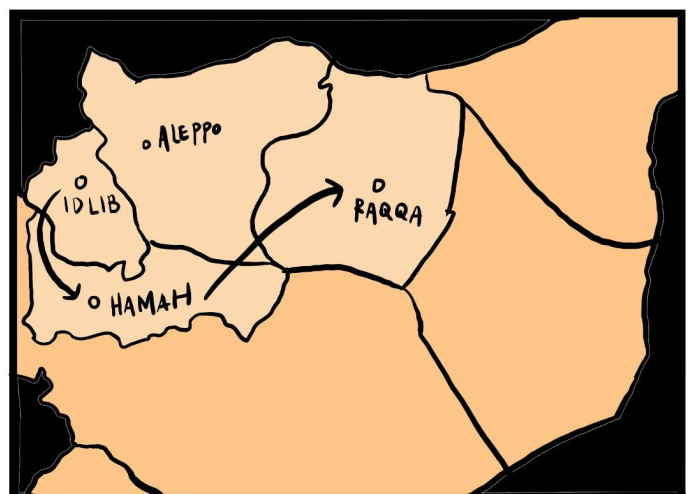
THEN WE WENT TO THE CITY NEAR HAMAH AND WAITED FOR A FEW



AND DEPARTURE FOR ANOTHER 10 HOURS, SIT IN A CROWDED PICKUP CAR



WITH CAT AND MOUSE, OF COURSE

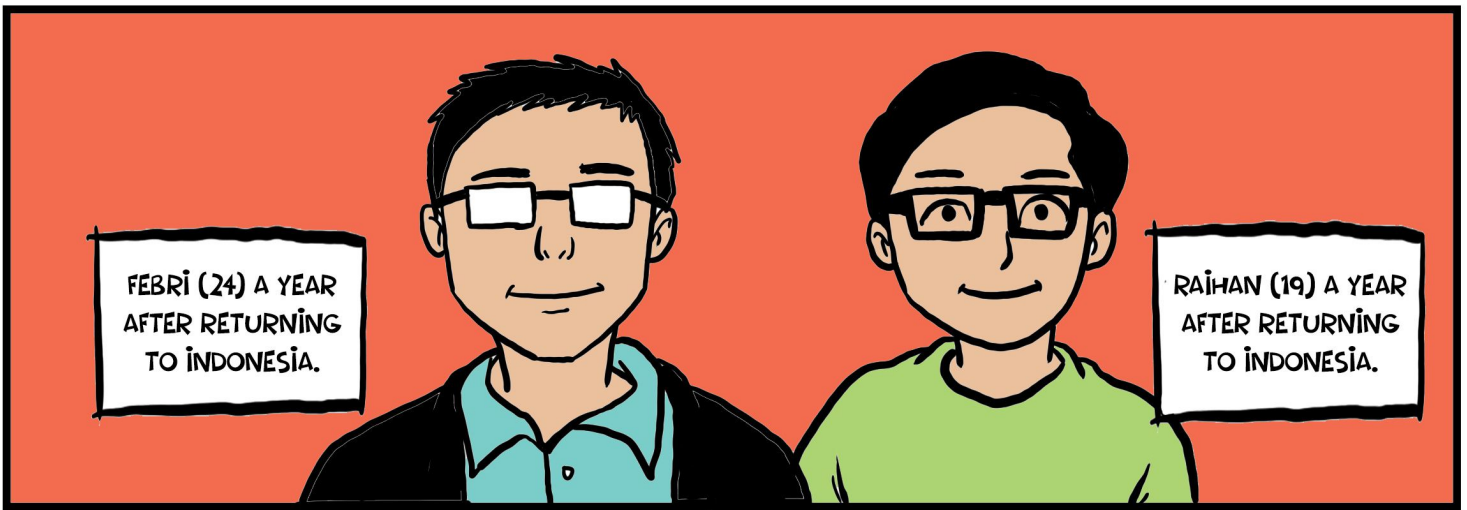


FINALLY, WE ARRIVED IN RAQA, WHERE MY FAMILY LIVED.

CHAPTER 3

ISLAMIC STATE BUT NOT ISLAMIC





FEBRI (24) A YEAR AFTER RETURNING TO INDONESIA.

RAIHAN (19) A YEAR AFTER RETURNING TO INDONESIA.



AFTER BEING IN RAQQA,



MEN AND WOMEN WERE SEPARATED.



NOT AS I IMAGINED FROM INTERNET INFORMATION,

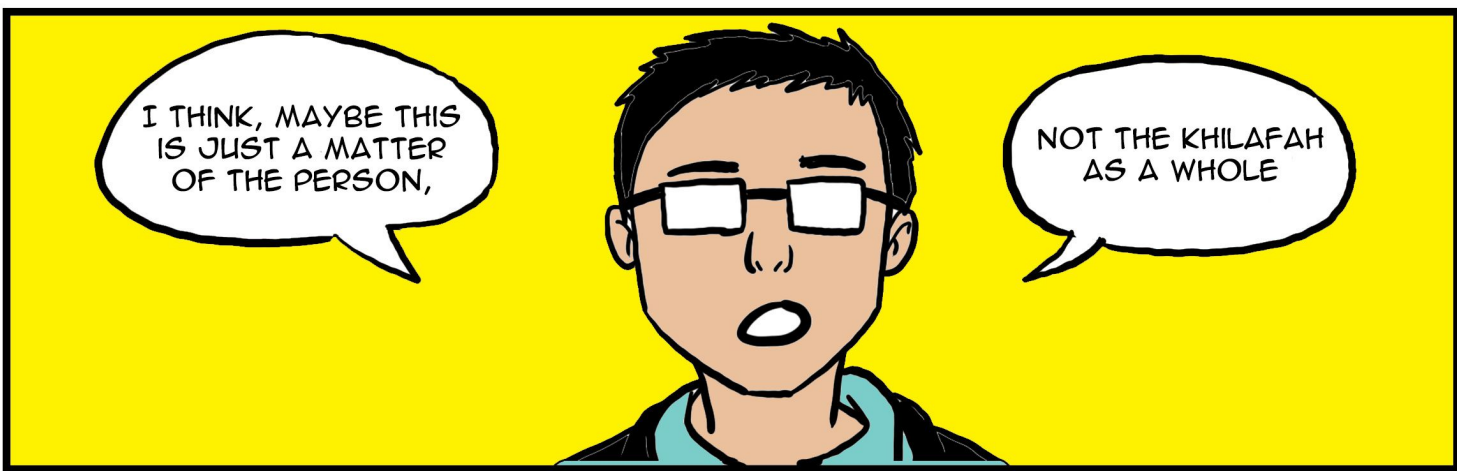


"JUST A SMALL PROBLEM LIKE A FIGHT FOR FOOD, BECAME BIG PROBLEM,"

"CAUSE A FIGHT."



"THE PLACE IS DIRTY TOO."



I THINK, MAYBE THIS IS JUST A MATTER OF THE PERSON,

NOT THE KHILAFAH AS A WHOLE





MILITARY SERVICE IS COMPULSORY FOR EVERY MAN



WE KNEW WE COULD REFUSE TO JOIN THE MILITARY SERVICE, SO WE REFUSED

To Tolak Tolak

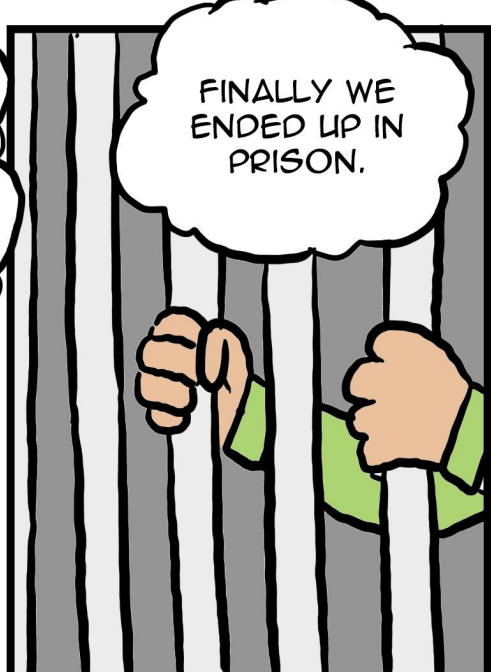


BUT,

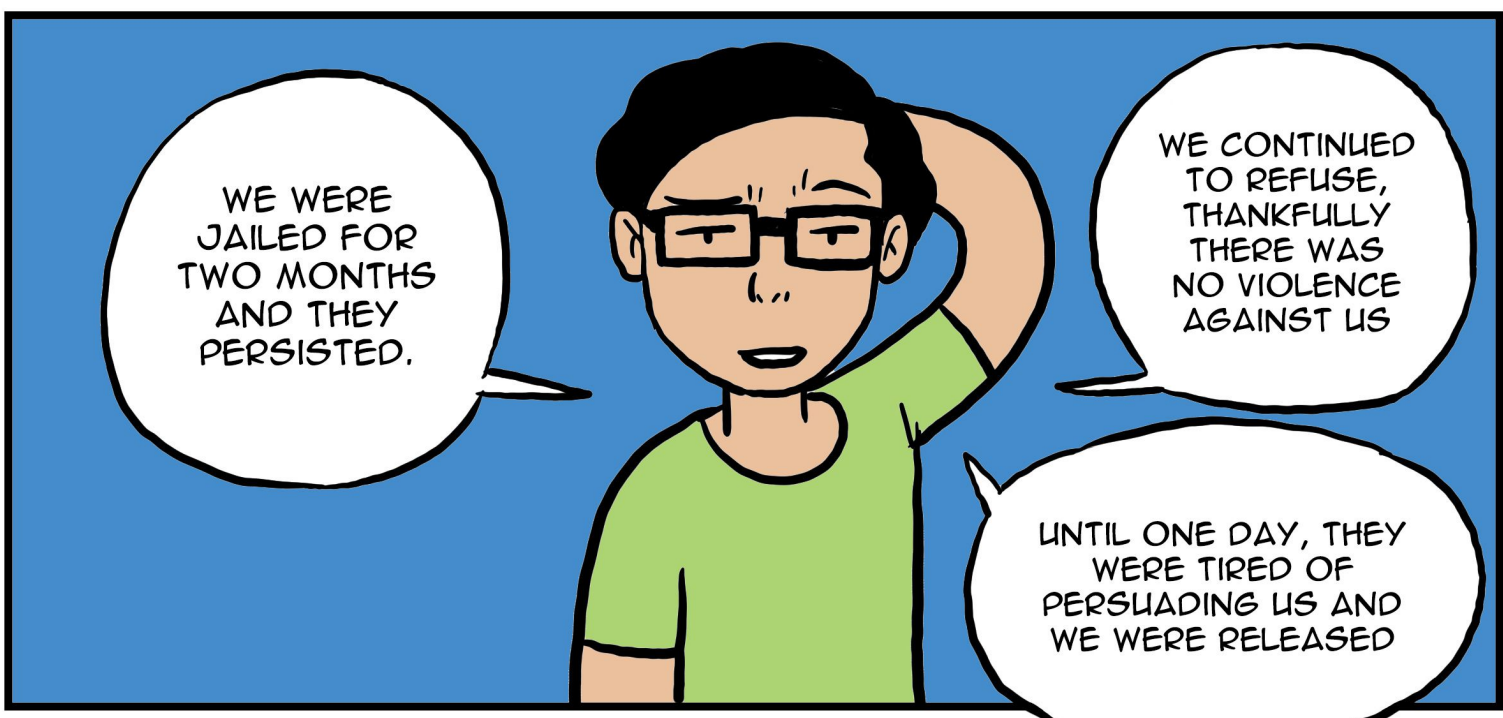
No!



"FOR THOSE WHO REFUSED, THEY WOULD GO TO JAIL."



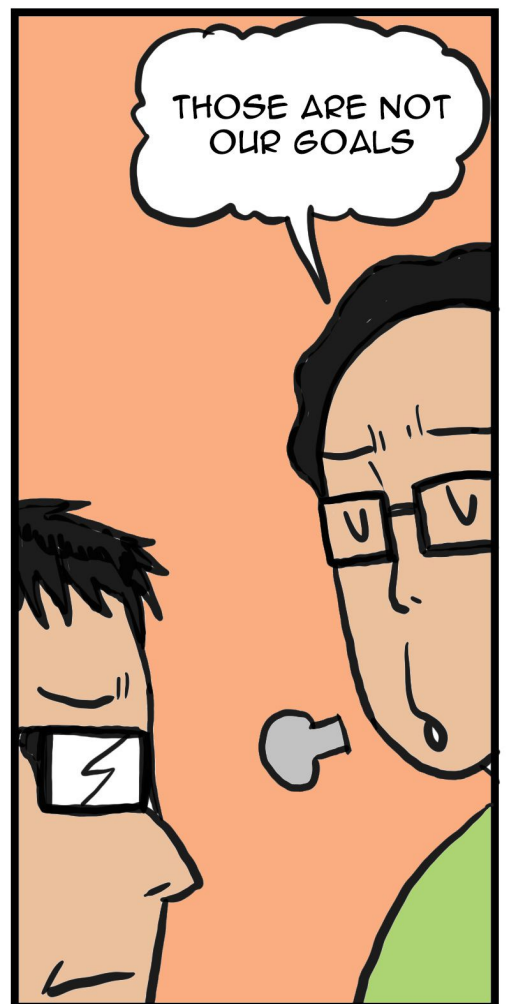
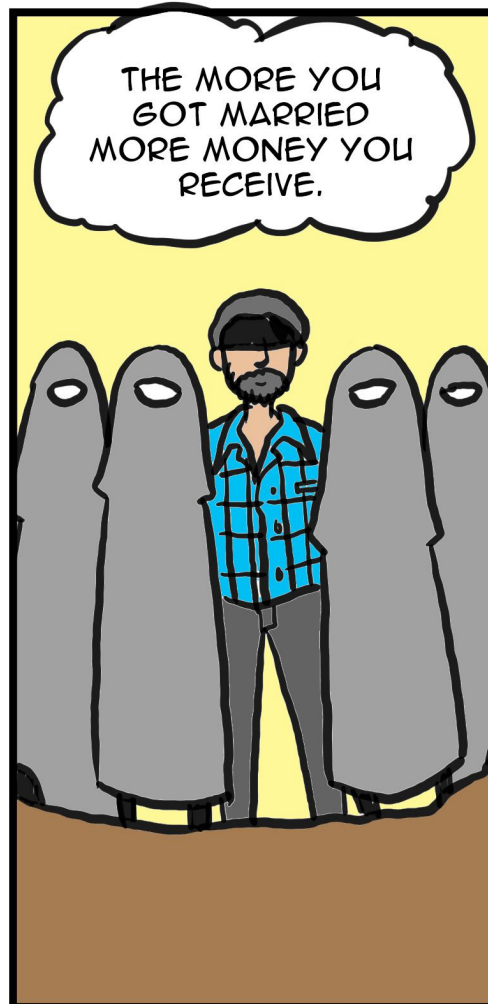
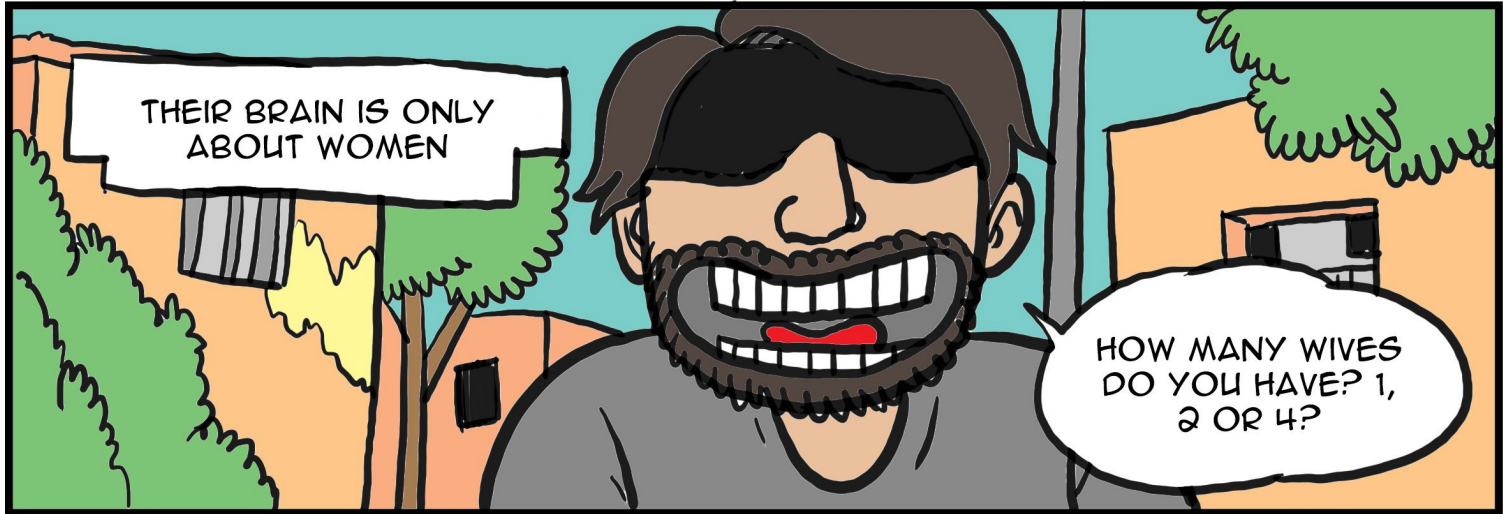
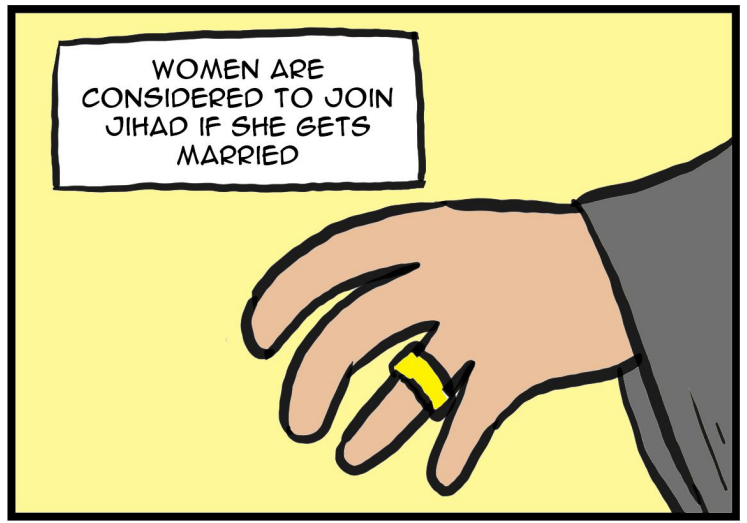
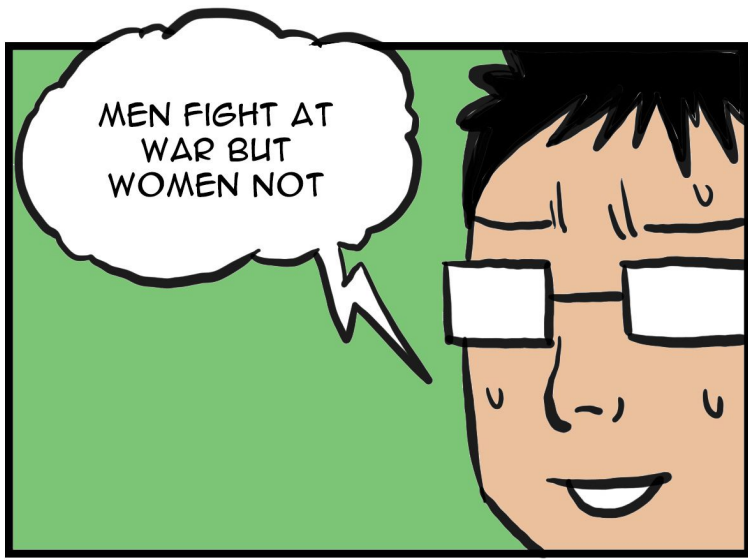
FINALLY WE ENDED UP IN PRISON.



WE WERE JAILED FOR TWO MONTHS AND THEY PERSISTED.

WE CONTINUED TO REFUSE, THANKFULLY THERE WAS NO VIOLENCE AGAINST US

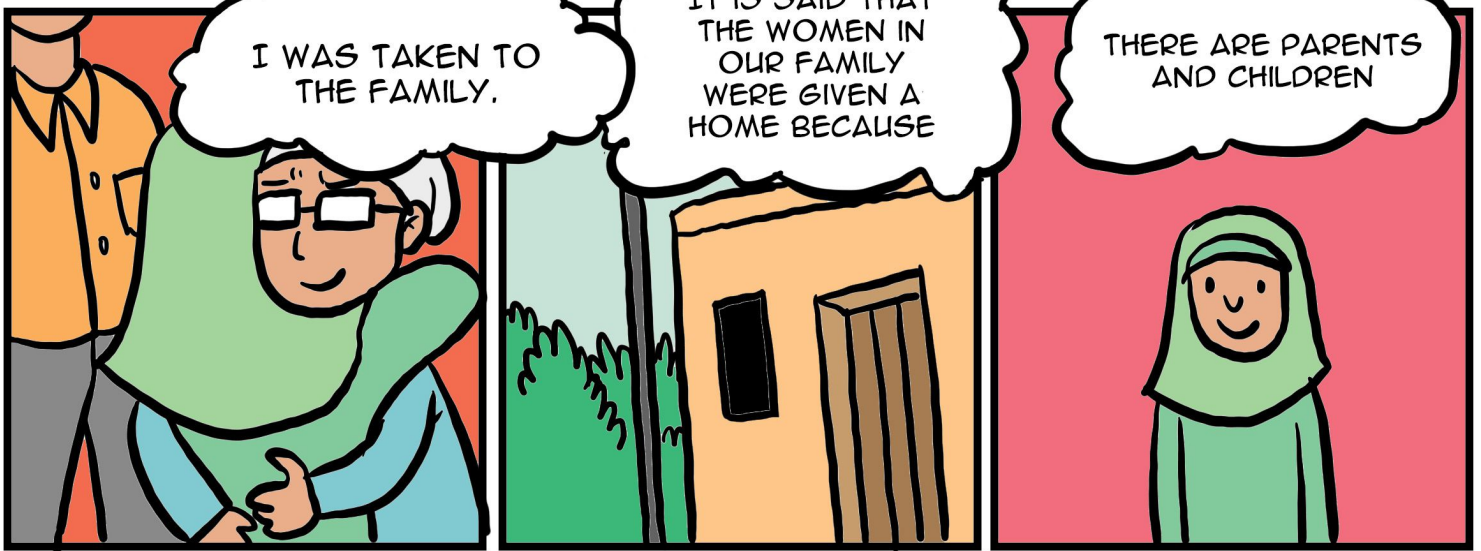
UNTIL ONE DAY, THEY WERE TIRED OF PERSUADING US AND WE WERE RELEASED





WHEREAS I,
AFTER A LONG
JOURNEY,

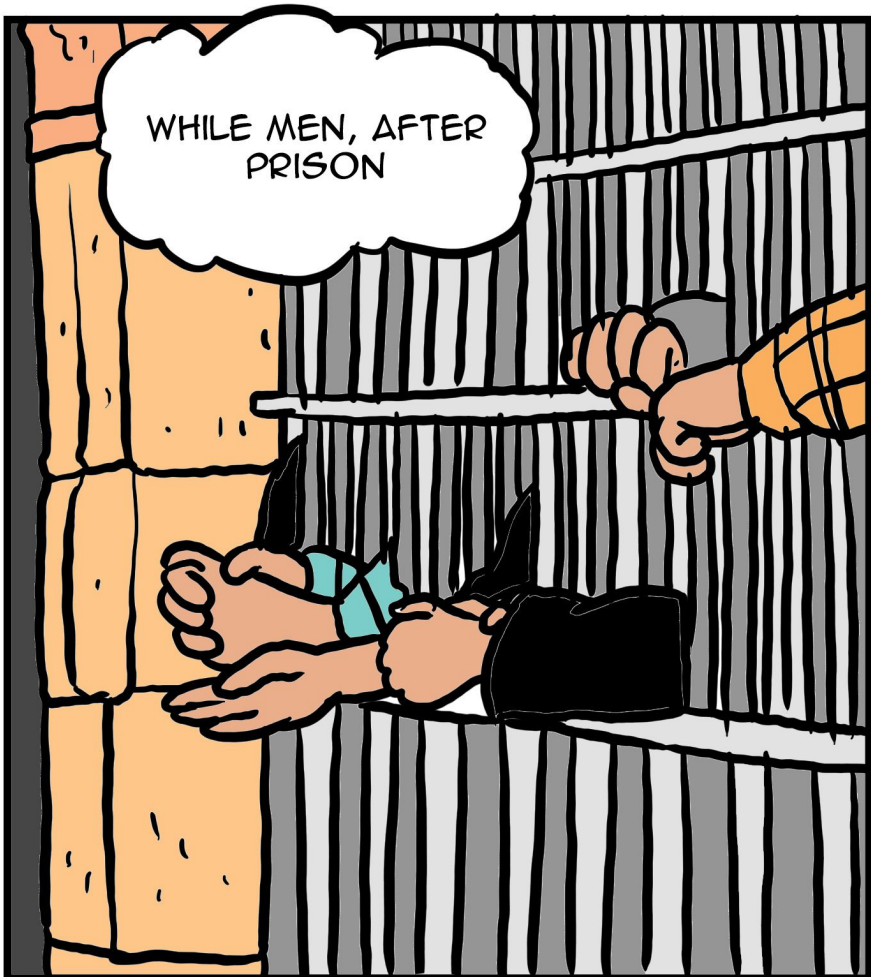
FROM THE
IMMIGRATION
OFFICE



I WAS TAKEN TO
THE FAMILY.

IT IS SAID THAT
THE WOMEN IN
OUR FAMILY
WERE GIVEN A
HOME BECAUSE

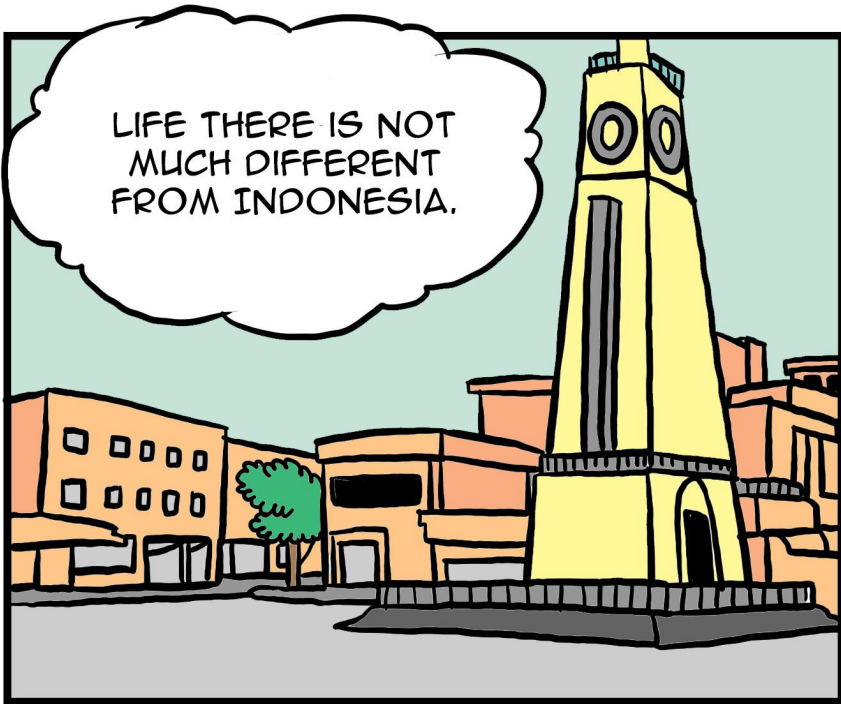
THERE ARE PARENTS
AND CHILDREN



WHILE MEN, AFTER
PRISON



RENT A SEPARATE
APARTMENT TO
HIDE FROM ISIS
MEMBERS

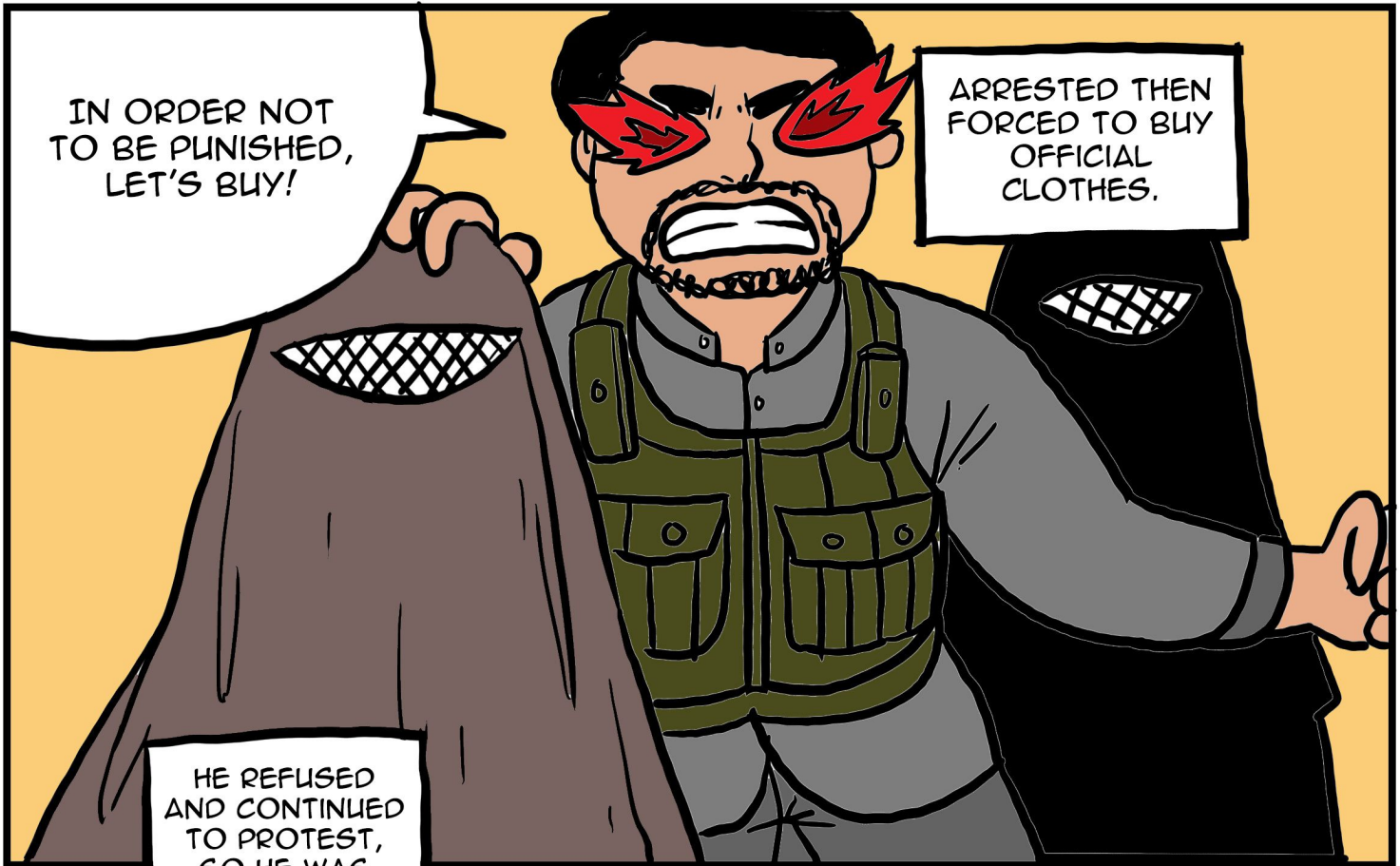




ONE OF OUR FAMILIES HAD BEEN EVER ARRESTED.



BECAUSE SHE DID NOT WEAR BLINDFOLD.



IN ORDER NOT TO BE PUNISHED, LET'S BUY!

ARRESTED THEN FORCED TO BUY OFFICIAL CLOTHES.

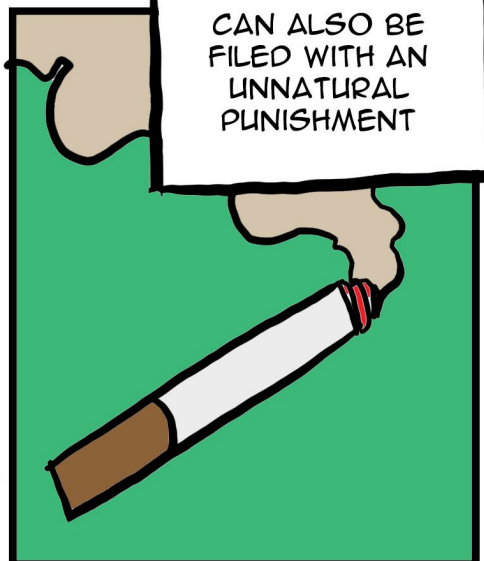
HE REFUSED AND CONTINUED TO PROTEST, SO HE WAS RELEASED



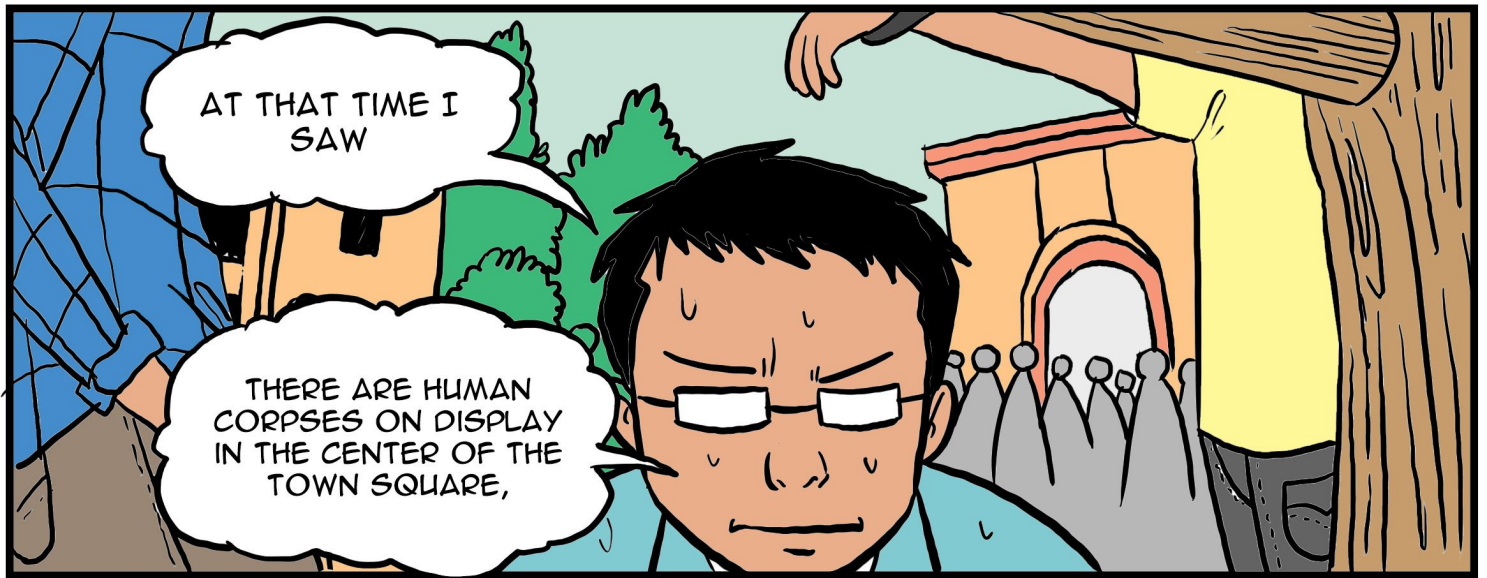
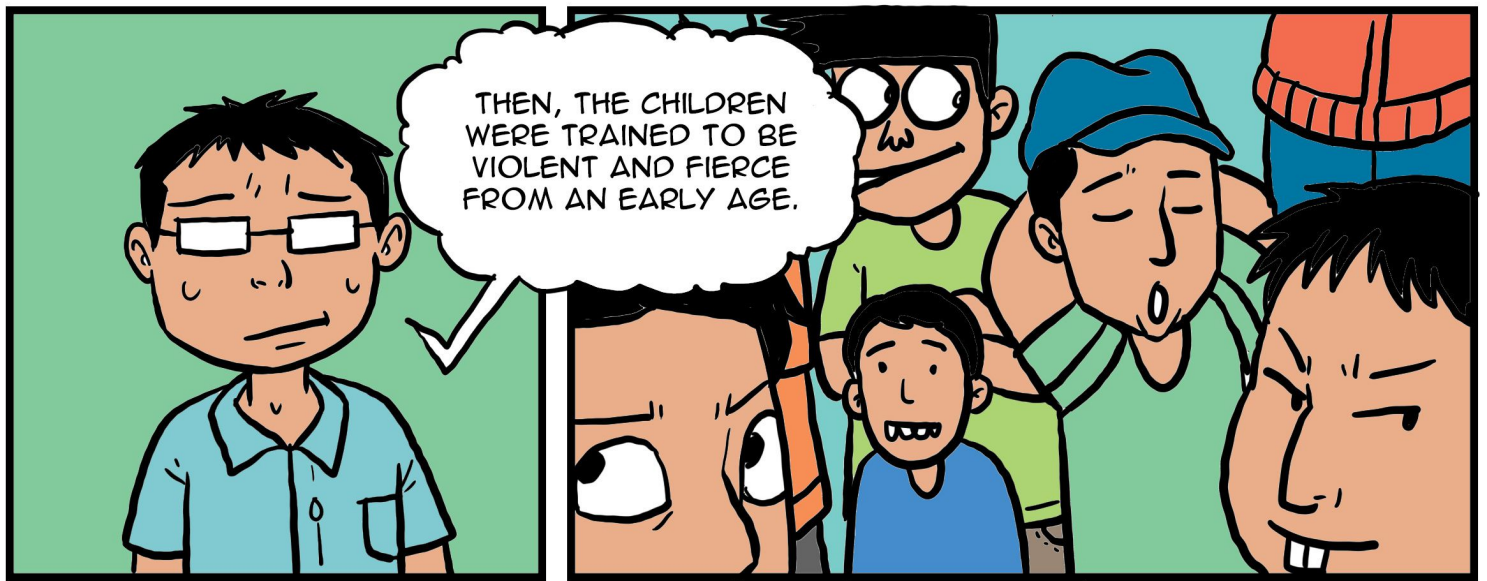
GAK!



IN ADDITION, TRIVIAL THINGS LIKE BEARDS, HAIRSTYLES, CIGARETTES,



CAN ALSO BE FILED WITH AN UNNATURAL PUNISHMENT





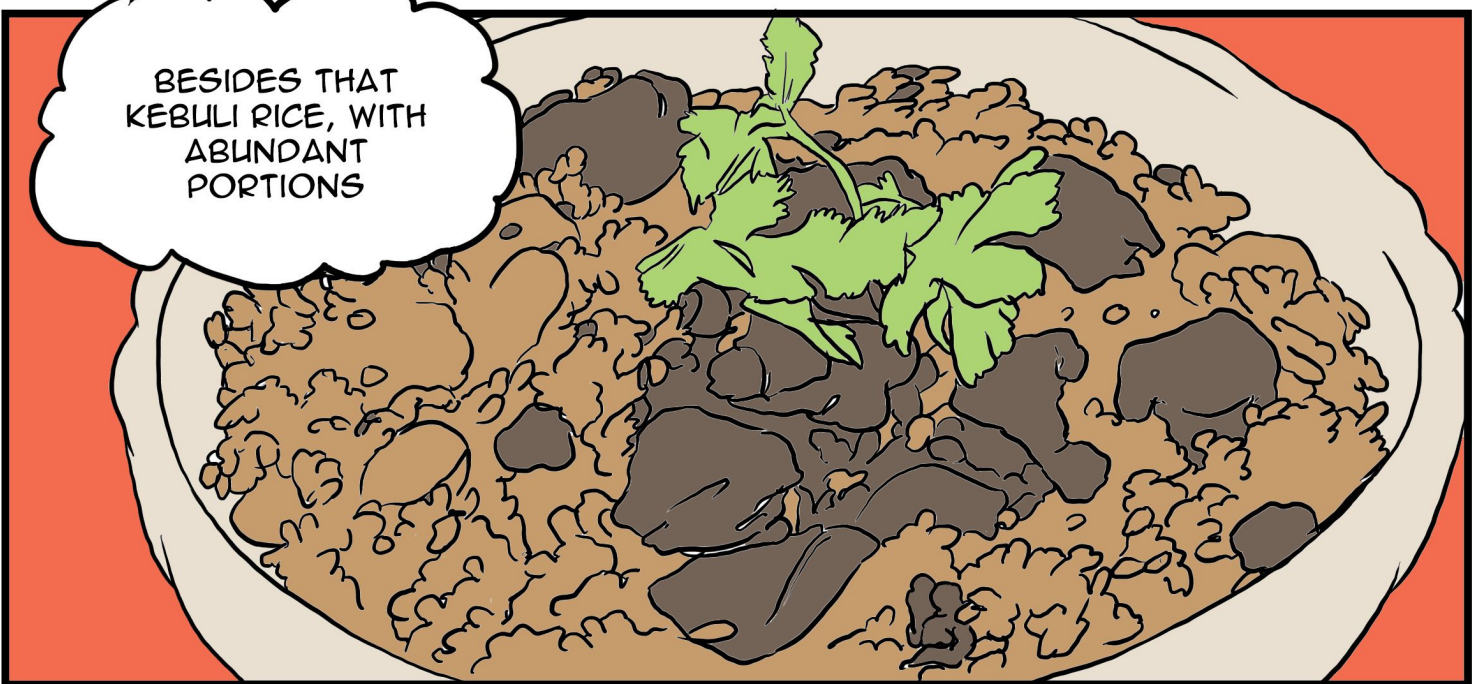
BUT TALKING ABOUT
CULINARY,
IT'S UNFORGETTABLE
THERE

THERE IS A
KHUBZ BREAD,
LIKE A LARGE
KEBAB.

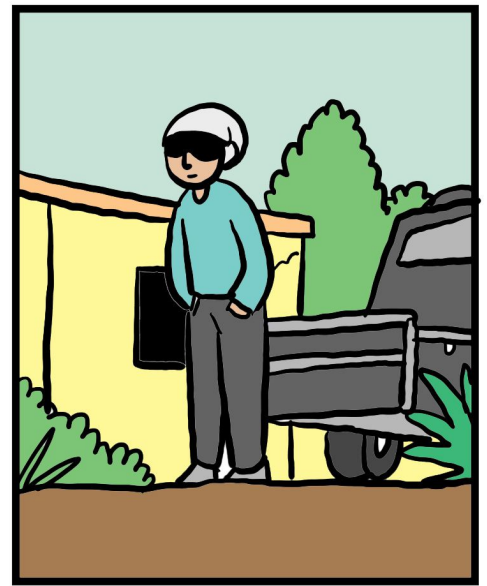


THERE ARE ALSO
SHAWARMA, CHICKEN
CONTENTS,

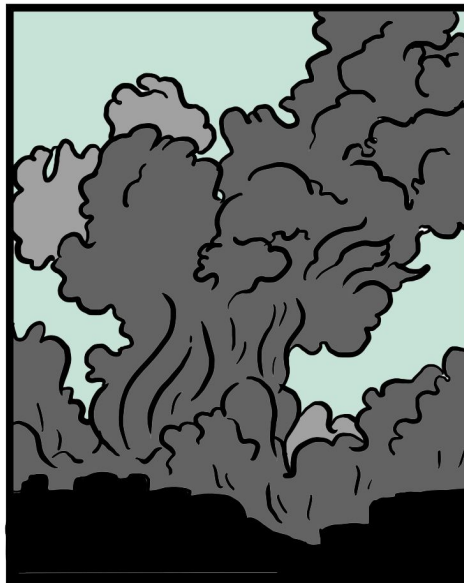
THE COST IS
RANGING FROM
500-700
SYRIAN PUNDS



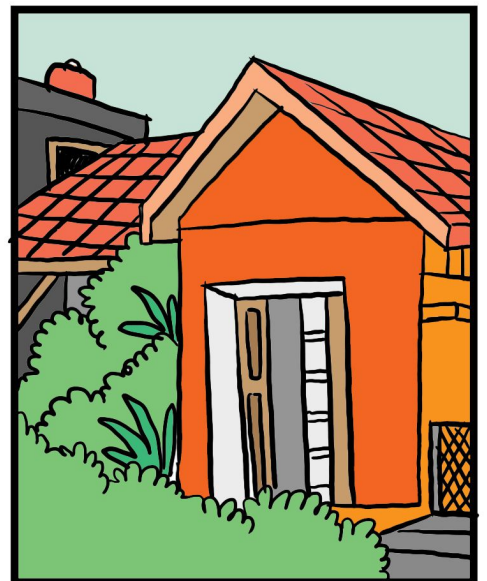
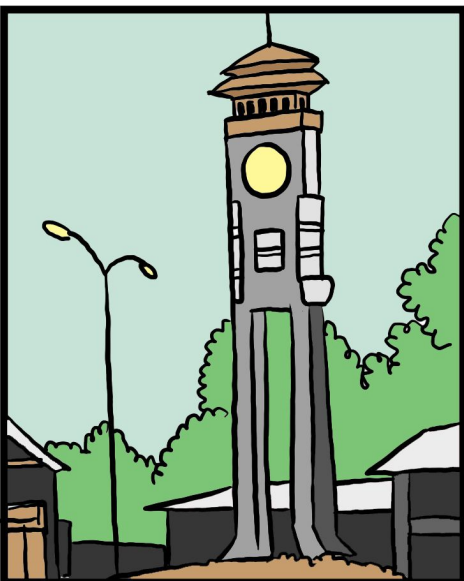
BESIDES THAT
KEBLI RICE, WITH
ABUNDANT
PORTIONS



WHEN WE FIRST ARRIVED, WE ALREADY, UM ...



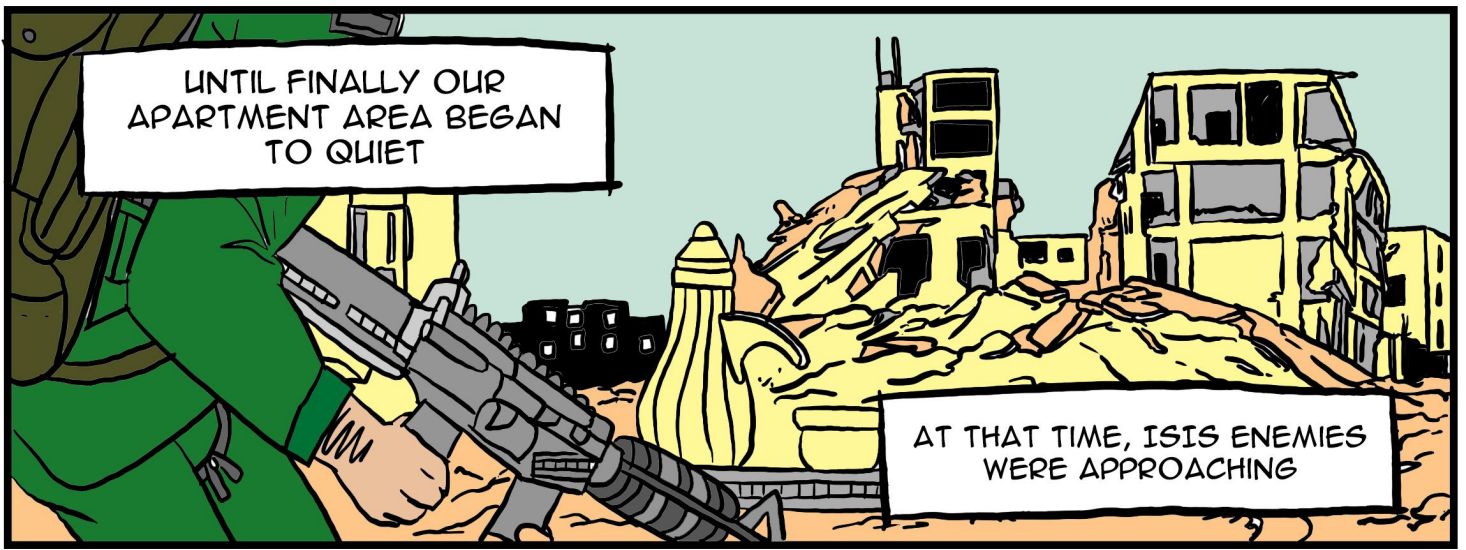
MISS AND WANT TO RETURN TO INDONESIA.



CHAPTER 4

INDONESIA, MY HOUSE



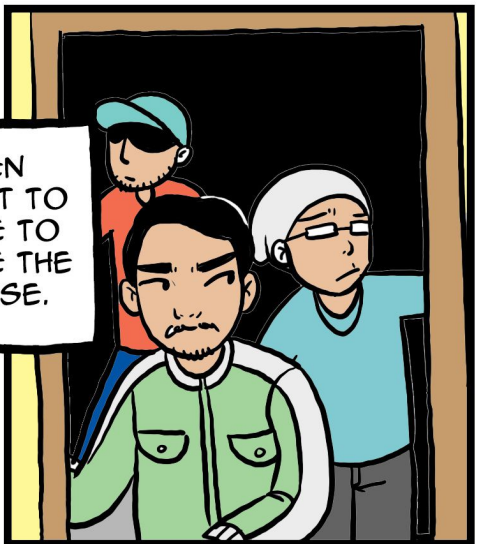


UNTIL FINALLY OUR APARTMENT AREA BEGAN TO QUIET

AT THAT TIME, ISIS ENEMIES WERE APPROACHING



"MAYBE THERE IS A KIND OF APPEAL FOR THE ISIS AREA TO BE LEFT,"



MEN START TO DARE TO LEAVE THE HOUSE.



WE HAD CONTACT WITH THE INDONESIAN EMBASSY IN DAMASCUS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

HALO?



HOWEVER, THEY DID NOT WANT TO TAKE THE RISK TO PICK US UP.



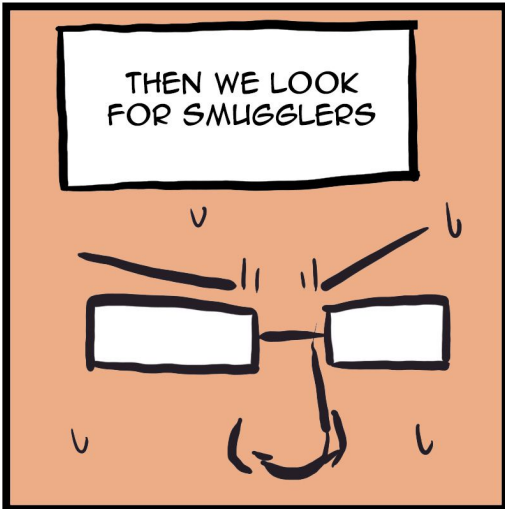
THEY SAID, WE HAD TO GET OUT OF THERE FIRST.

THAT IS THE PROBLEM!

IF WE ARE CAUGHT, WHEN LEAVING ISIS.

THE PUNISHMENT IS ...

EXECUTION



THEN WE LOOK FOR SMUGGLERS



APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR IN PROCESS.



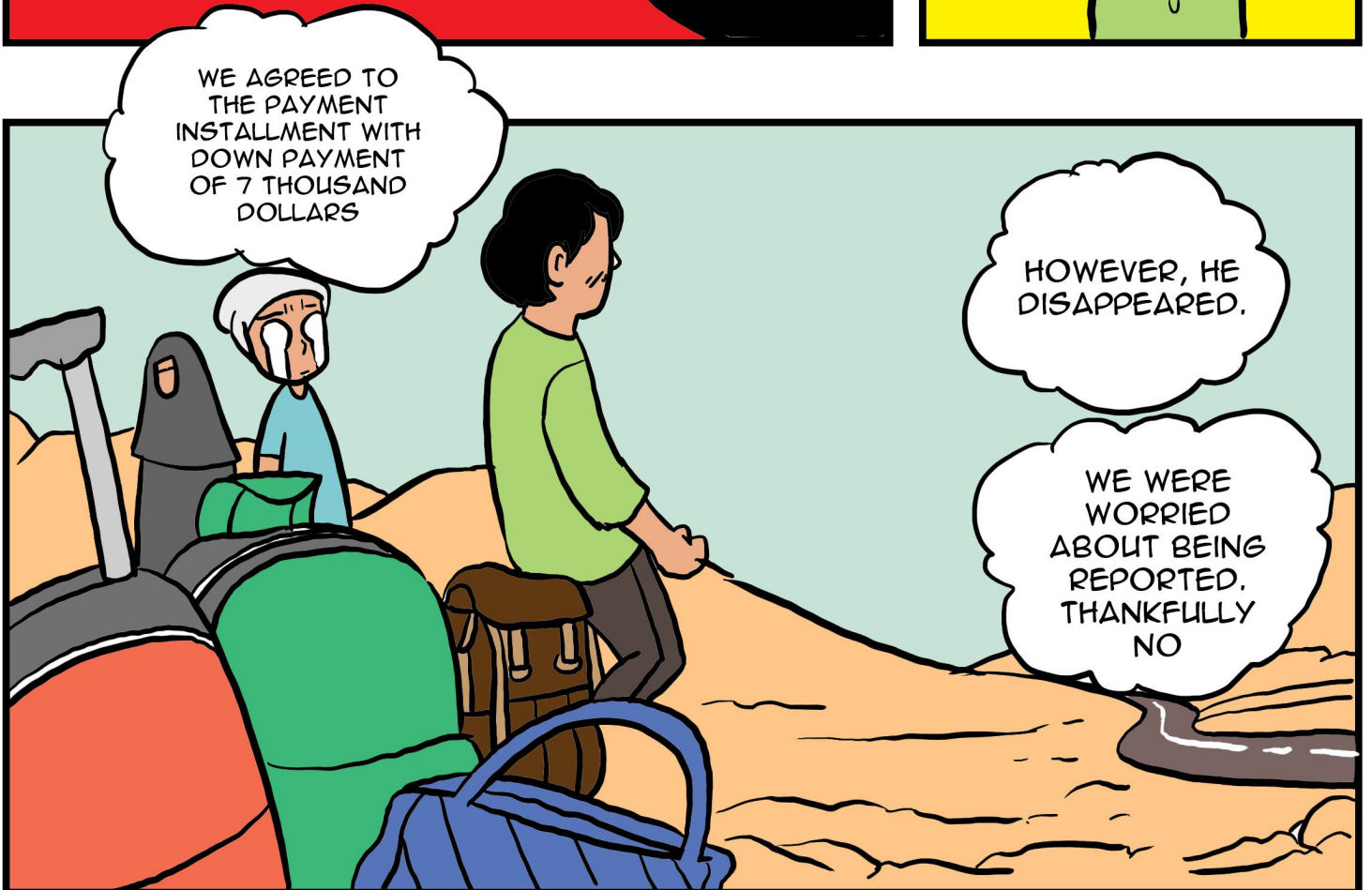
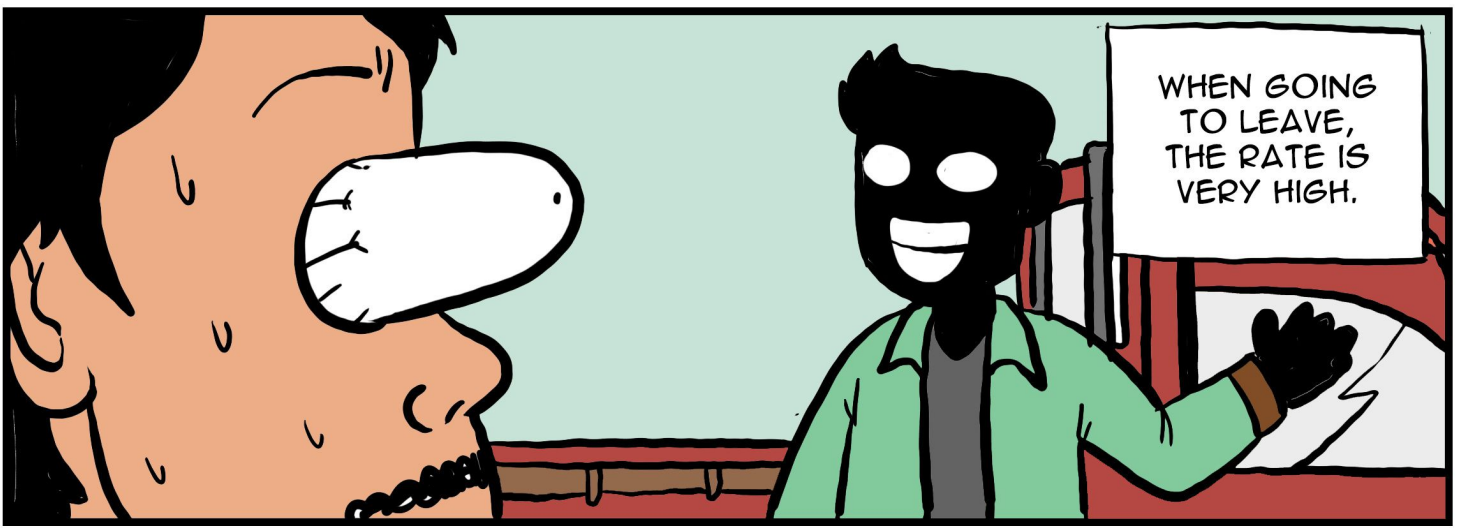
WE TOOK CAREFUL STEPS, BECAUSE WE DIDN'T KNOW

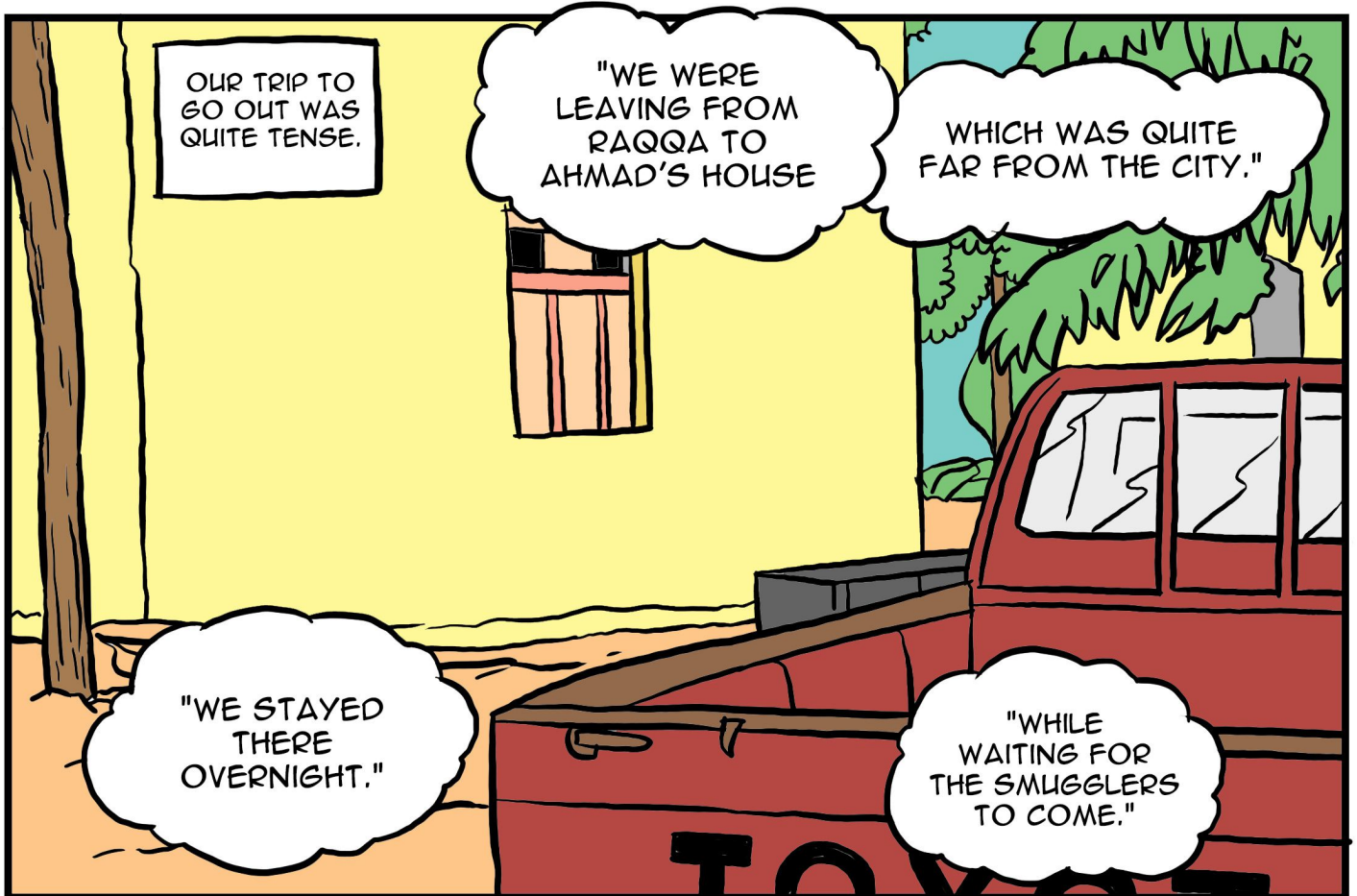
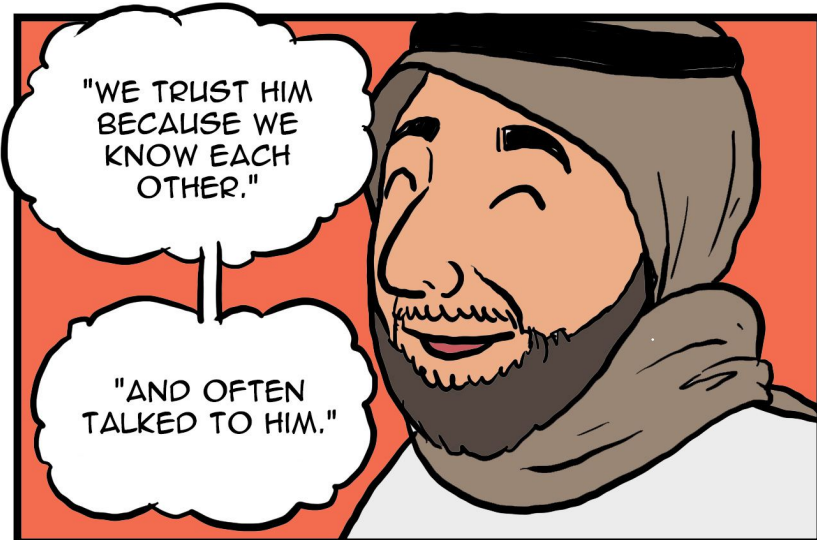


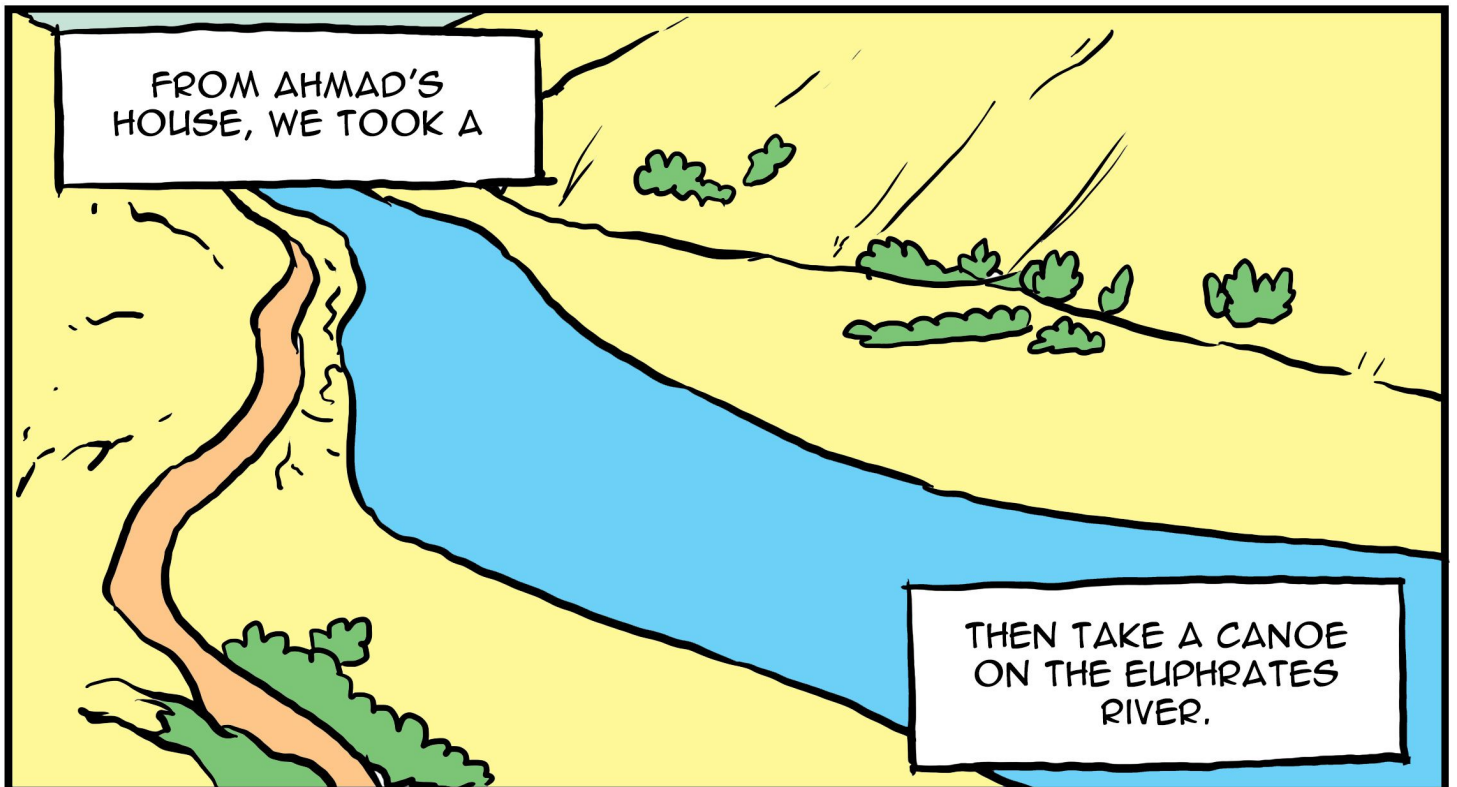
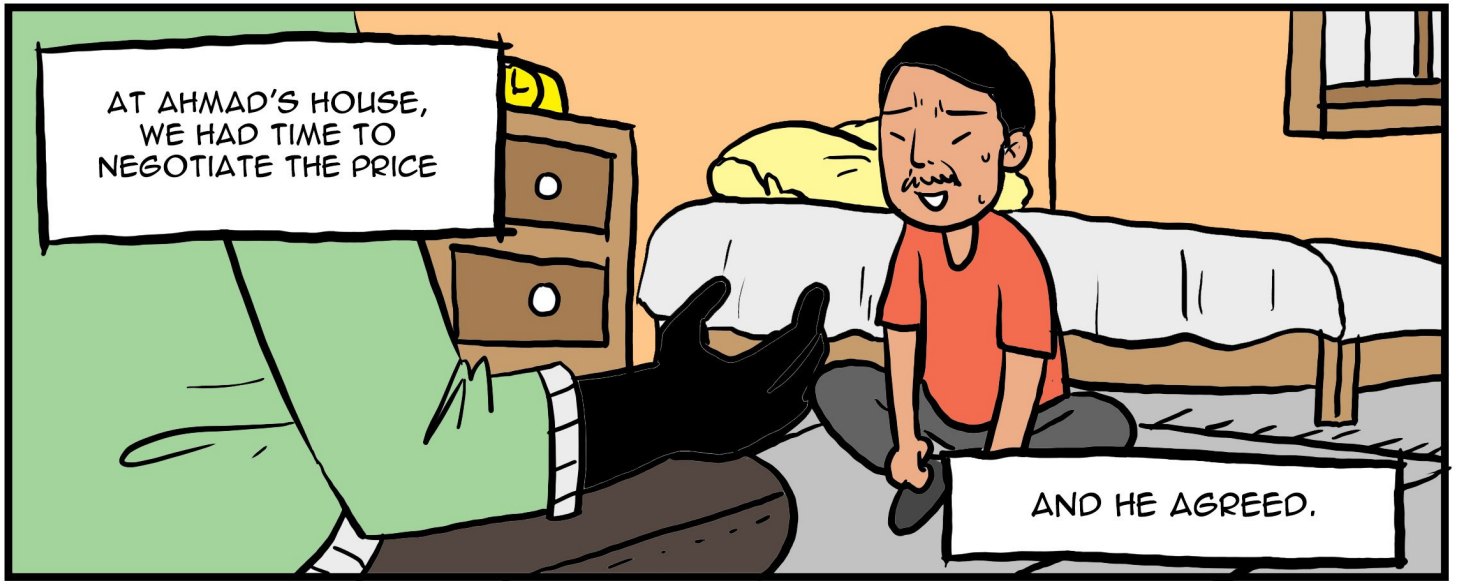
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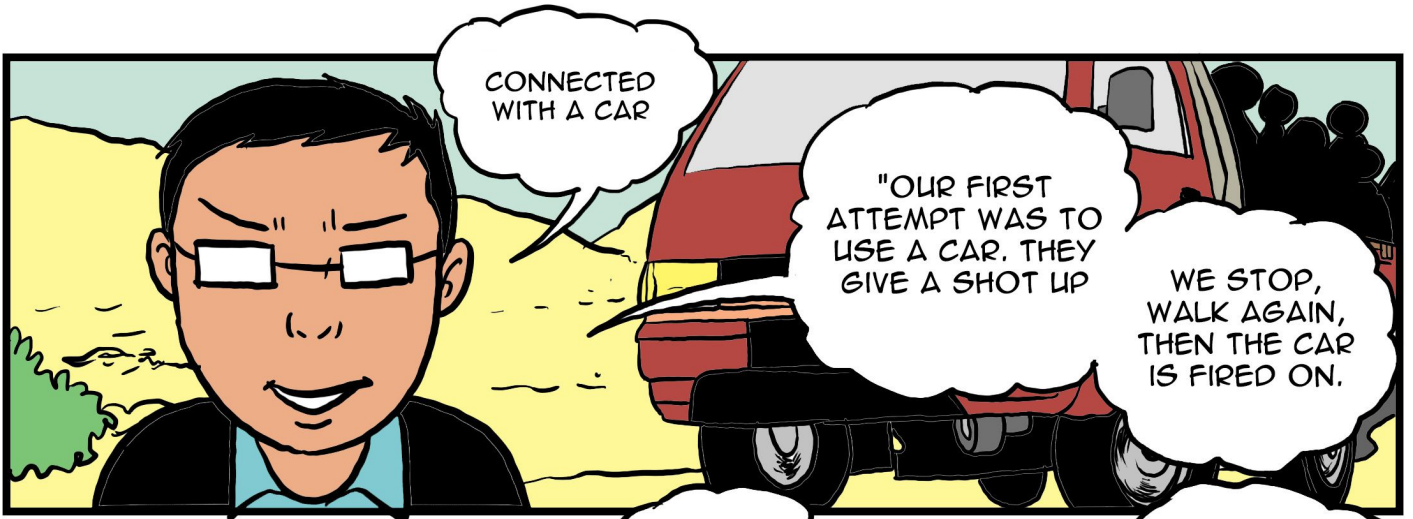
WE ONCE GOT ONE SMUGGLER,

BUT WE WERE CHEATED BY THEM









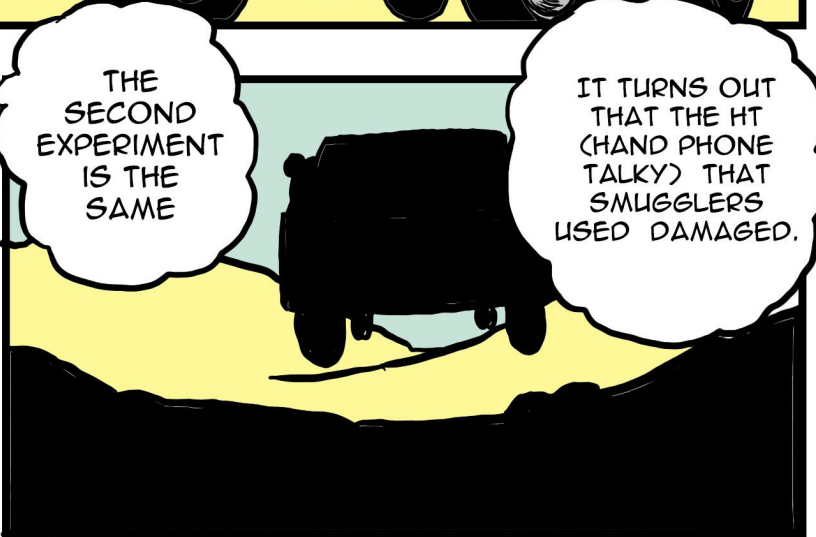
CONNECTED WITH A CAR

"OUR FIRST ATTEMPT WAS TO USE A CAR. THEY GIVE A SHOT UP

WE STOP, WALK AGAIN, THEN THE CAR IS FIRED ON.



WE WERE FORCED TO BACK OFF.



THE SECOND EXPERIMENT IS THE SAME

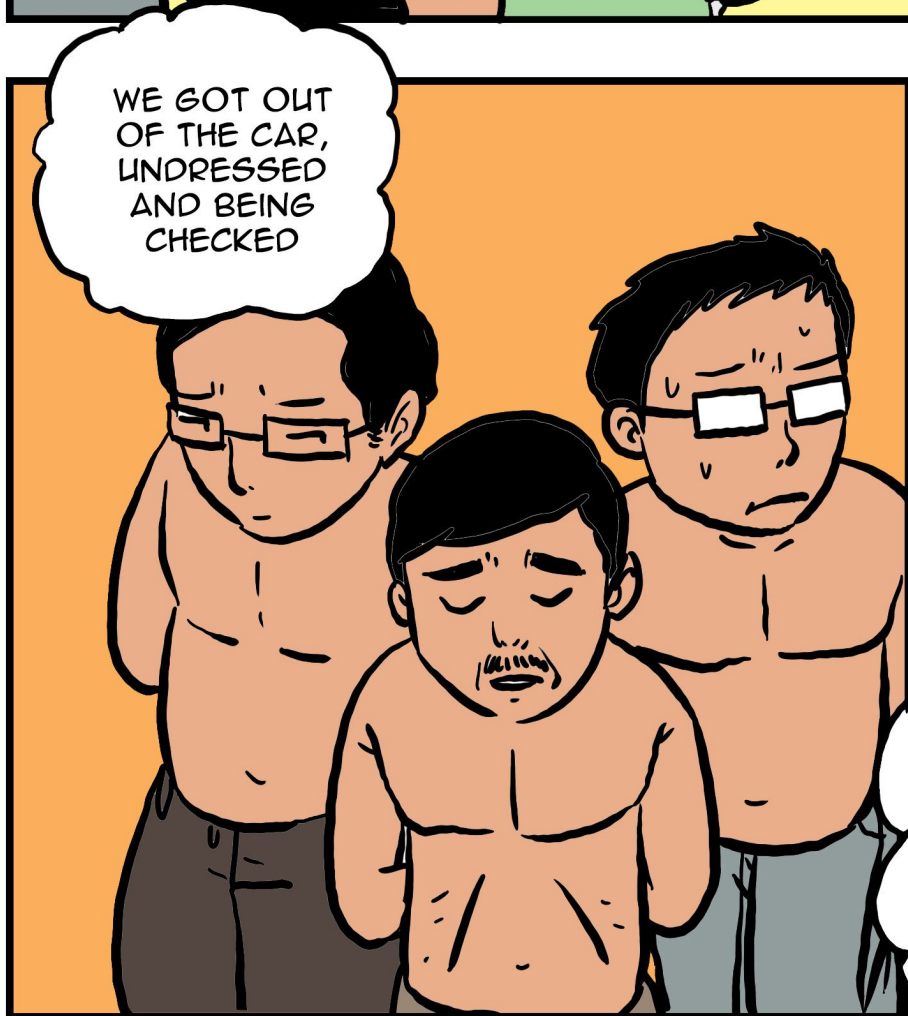
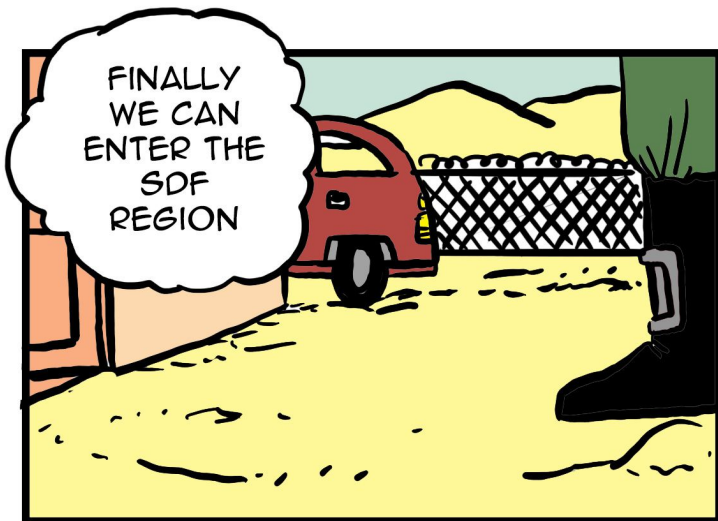
IT TURNS OUT THAT THE HT (HAND PHONE TALKY) THAT SMUGGLERS USED DAMAGED.

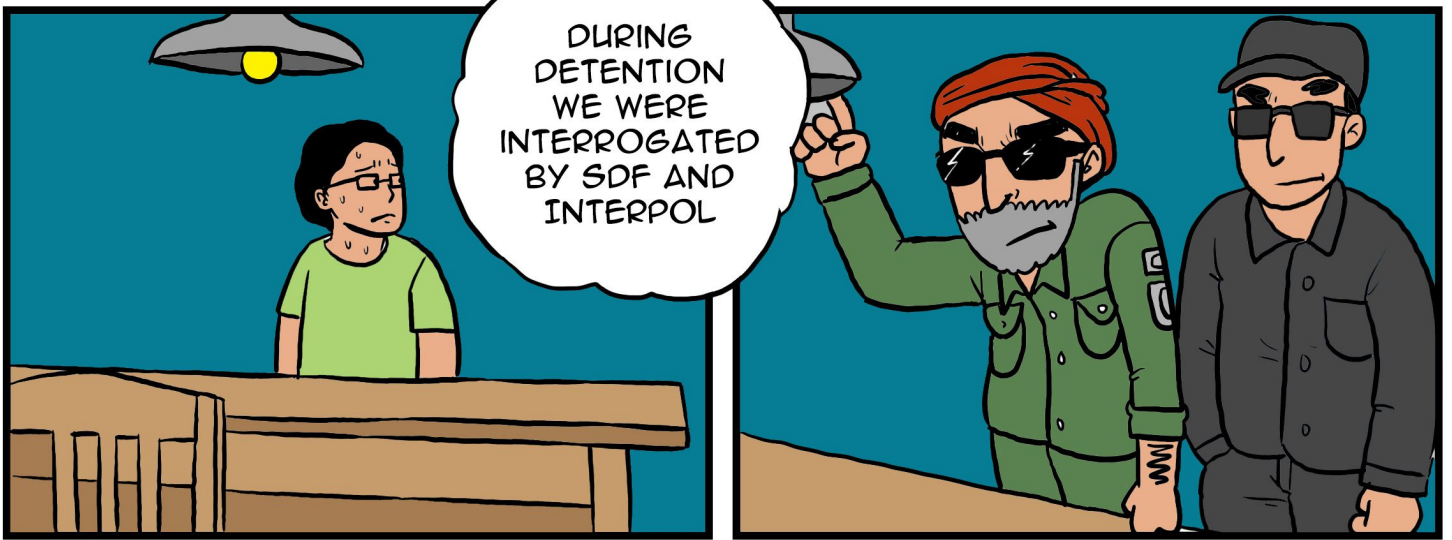


WHEN HE SAID, "DON'T SHOOT," WHICH WAS HEARD THERE "SHOOT."

I ALSO HAD TO FLY A WHITE FLAG WITH MY HAND BUT WAS STILL SHOT.







DURING DETENTION WE WERE INTERROGATED BY SDF AND INTERPOL



WE WERE ASKED WHERE

THE STRATEGIC PLACE AND ALL ABOUT ISIS

THANK GOD, WE WERE ARRESTED



WE DON'T GET VIOLENCE.

THERE ARE OTHER PRISONERS WHO GOT

BECAUSE MR. AHMAD WAS GUARANTEED

VIOLENCE AND TORTURE

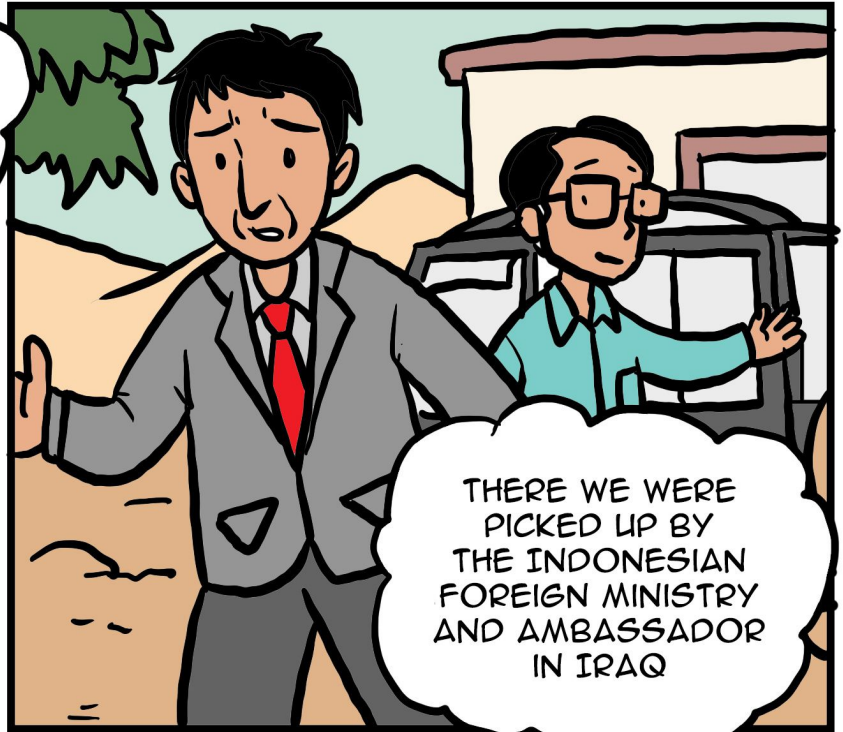


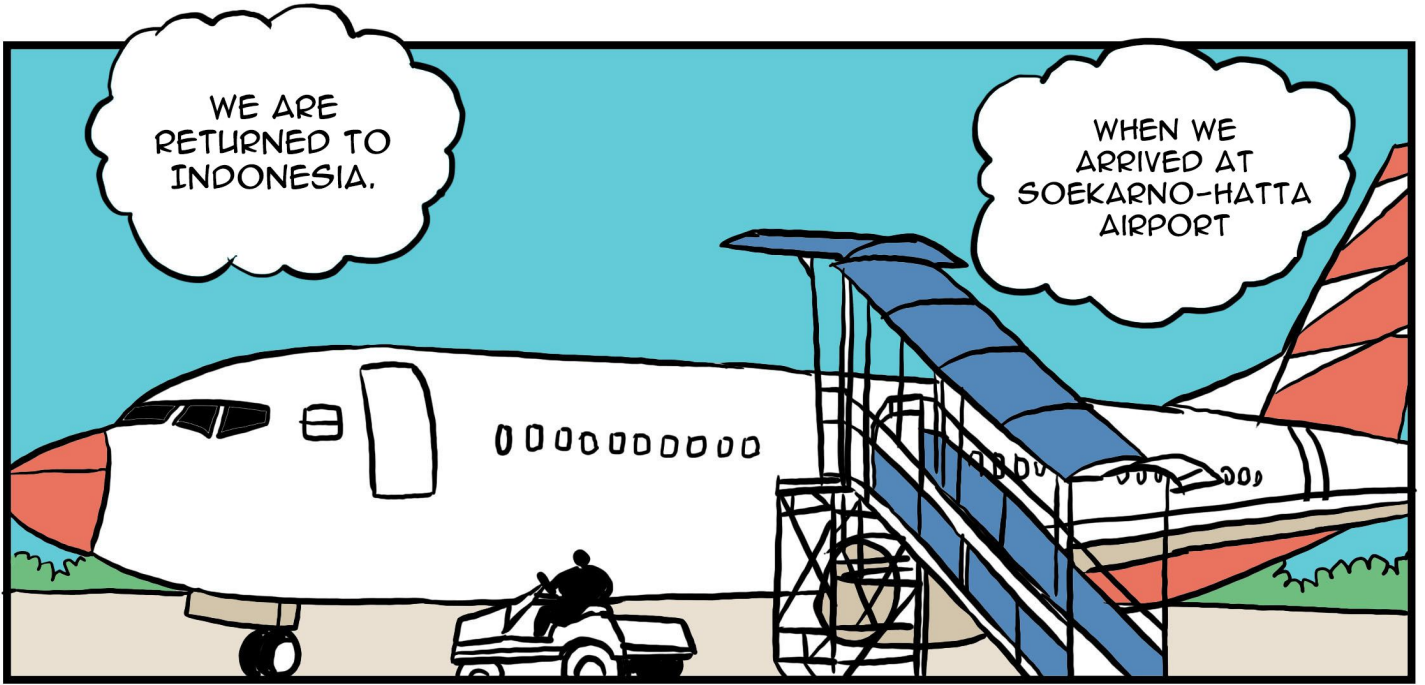
DURING THE TWO MONTHS, THE WOMEN WERE AT THE UNITED NATIONS CAMP

MANY JOURNALISTS COME FROM ABROAD

THAT'S WHEN WE TALKED TO THE WORLD

WHAT ISIS PROMOTES IS LIES.





WE ARE RETURNED TO INDONESIA.

WHEN WE ARRIVED AT SOEKARNO-HATTA AIRPORT



WE WERE PICKED UP BY DOZENS OF HEAVILY ARMED DETACHMENT 885



WE HAD STAYED AT THE BNPT FOR ONE MONTH AND WERE INTERROGATED

THEN WE WERE GIVEN HOUSE RENTALS AND BUSINESS CAPITAL

CHAPTER 5
EPILOGUE



ON THURSDAY,
AUGUST 9 2018

ONE OF THE 26 FAMILY
MEMBERS WHO FLOCKED
TO THE SYRIAN CONFLICT
AREA

BEING THE CAMPAIGN
SPEAKER FOR
"REJECTING VIOLENT
GROUPS IN THE NAME
OF RELIGION."

AT A FAMOUS
PESANTREN IN
WEST JAVA



RAIHAN, 19
YEARS OLD



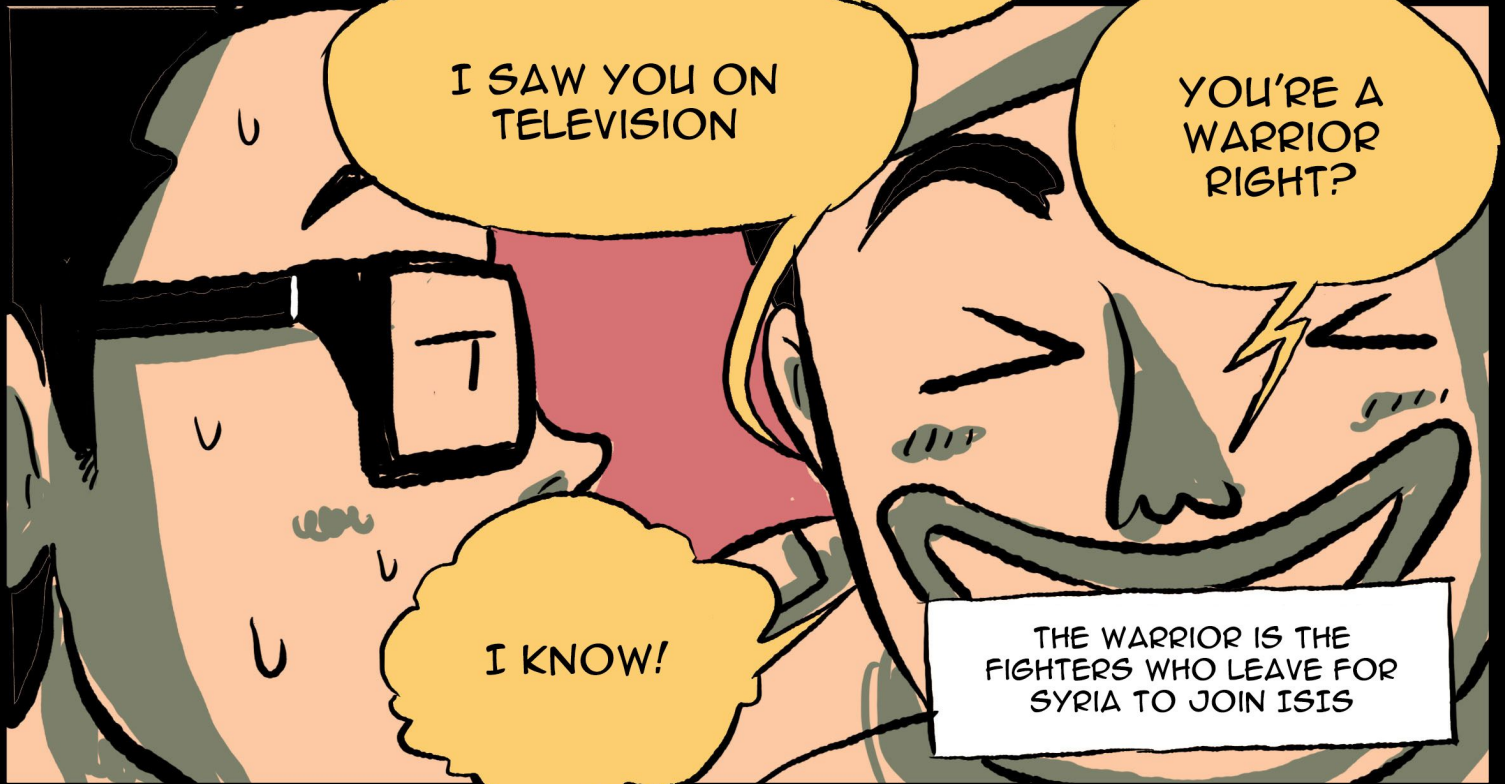
FEBRI, 24
YEARS OLD







I THINK I MET YOU.

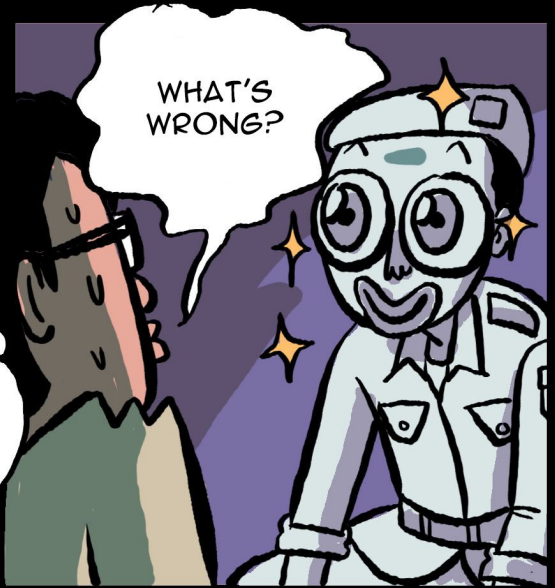


I SAW YOU ON TELEVISION

YOU'RE A WARRIOR RIGHT?

I KNOW!

THE WARRIOR IS THE FIGHTERS WHO LEAVE FOR SYRIA TO JOIN ISIS





WOW, THIS ISN'T LIKE THEIR LOGO. BUT WHERE DO YOU GET IT FROM?

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رسول الله
محمد

I MADE IT MYSELF TO THE TAILOR



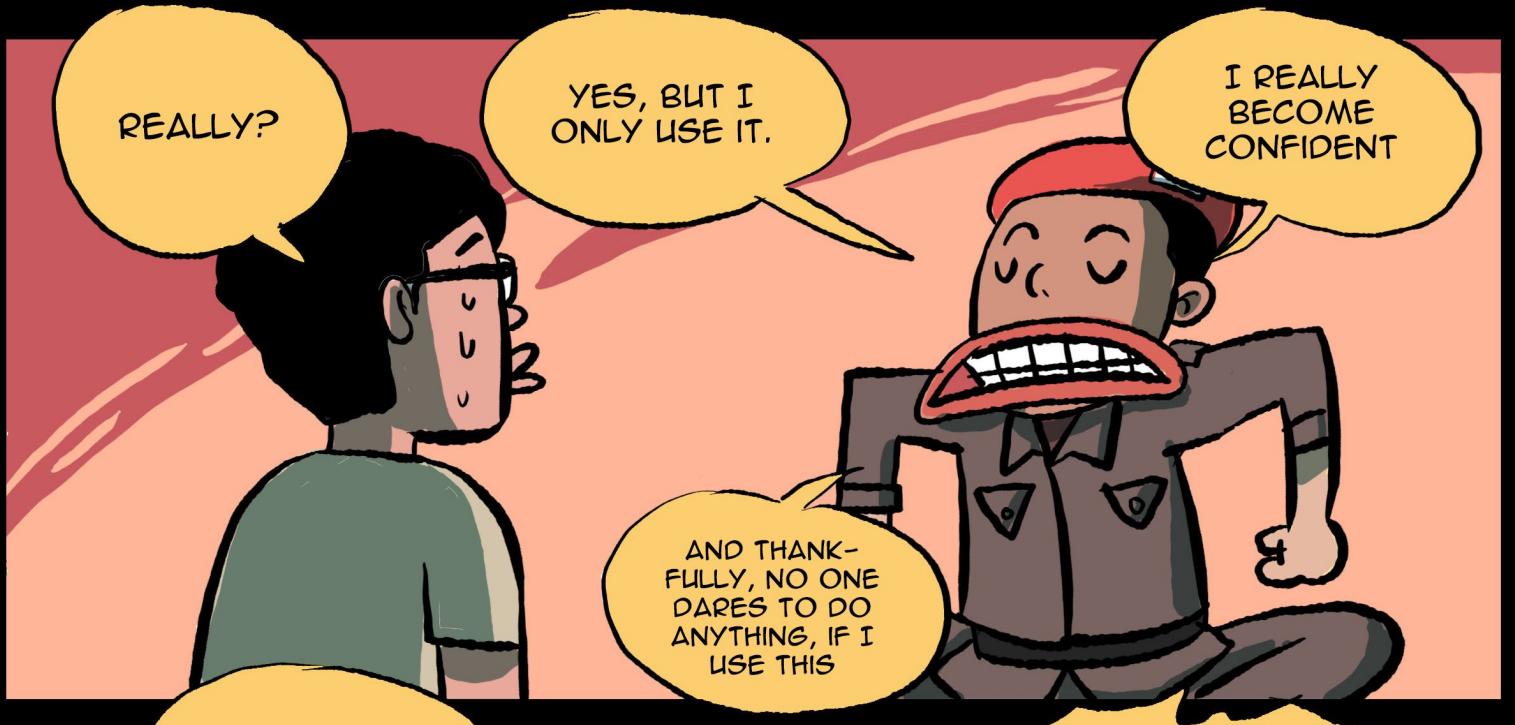
BECAUSE I OFTEN READ (ABOUT ISIS-RED)

SINCE MY HIGH SCHOOL TO COLLEGE



IF I USE THIS, I BECOME MORE CONFIDENT

IN MY VILLAGE MY NICKNAME IS THE COMMANDER (ISIS)



REALLY?

YES, BUT I ONLY USE IT.

I REALLY BECAME CONFIDENT

AND THANKFULLY, NO ONE DARES TO DO ANYTHING, IF I USE THIS



COMMANDER KNOWS? I WOULD REPORT

WOW, NO, PLEASE DON'T. I CAN BE FIRED, I JUST USE IT TO BE MORE CONFIDENT

THIS IS PERSON LOOK FRIGHTENING BUT FUNNY. GOOD TO JOIN STAND UP COMEDY

