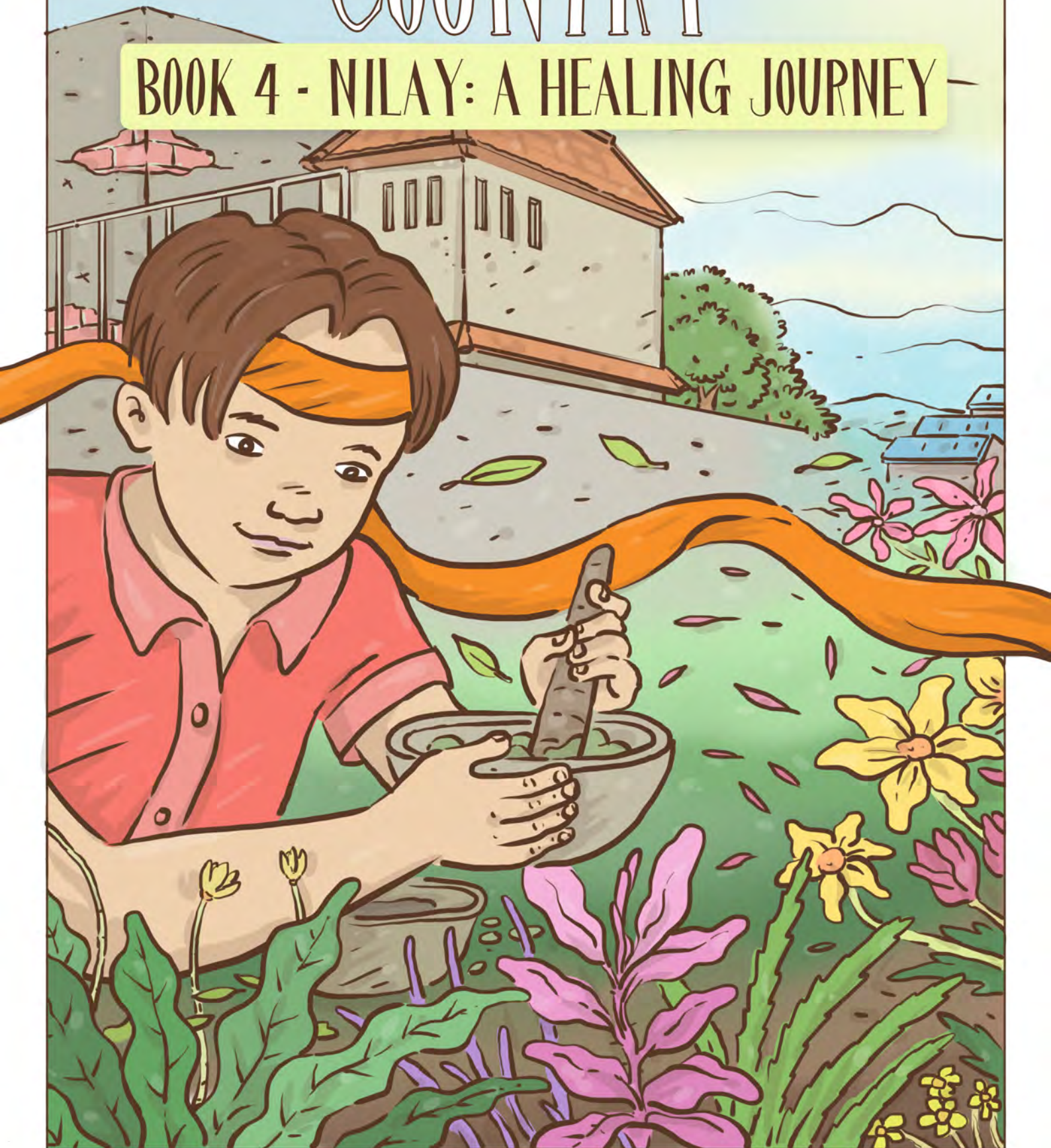


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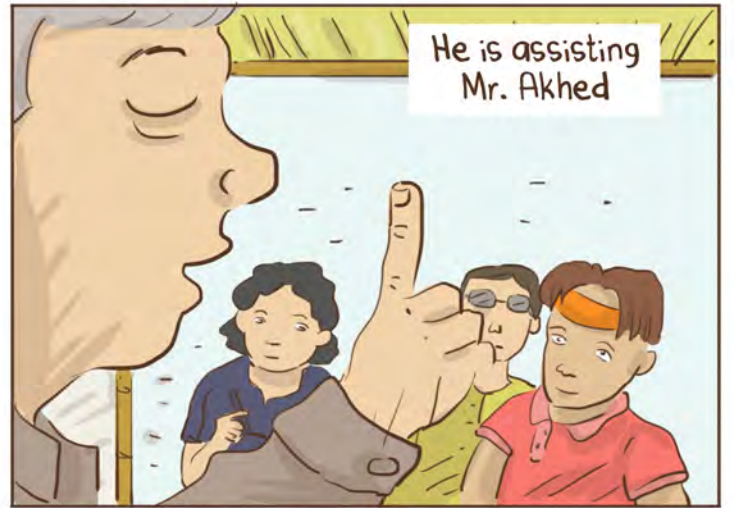
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Ever since he left home, Nilay joins a group of traveling health workers



Visiting secluded villages and slums in the city to treat those who are ill



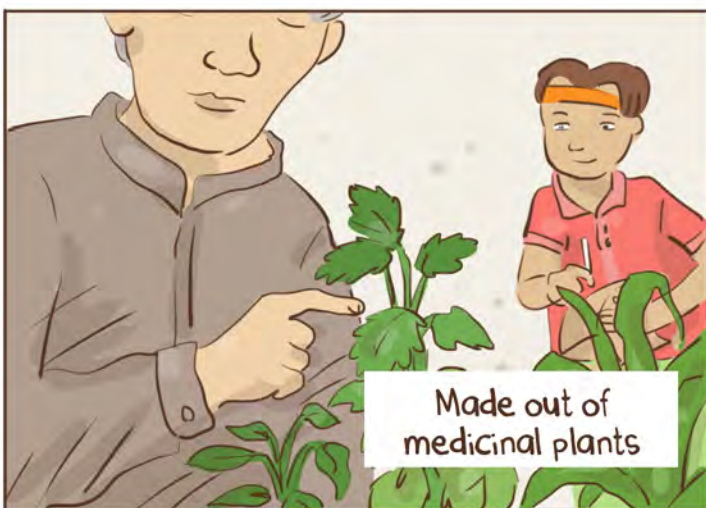
He is assisting Mr. Akhed



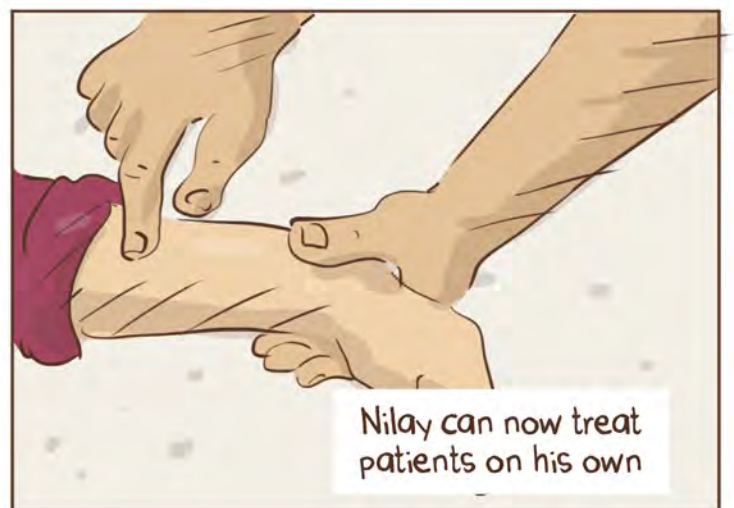
Who is not only proficient as a health worker



But also skillful in acupuncture and an expert in traditional medicines



Made out of medicinal plants

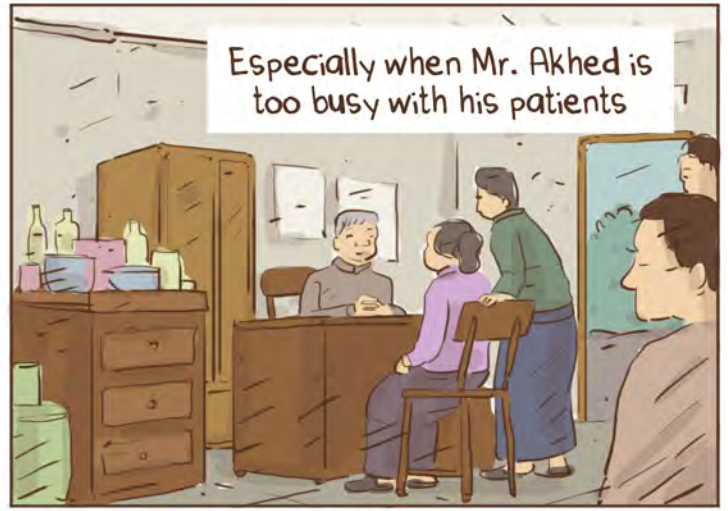


Nilay can now treat patients on his own

A lot of people who are sick consult with Nilay



Especially when Mr. Akhed is too busy with his patients



The critical situation has urged the group of traveling health workers ..



.. to join medical students nurses, as well as doctors

Together they formed an emergency medical team



They work from morning to night



To treat an endless number of fallen victims caused by the regime

Nilay joins a team that visits detention centres and prisons



Schools are closed



And the buildings are being used for civilians who are captured

Prisons, barracks, and the base camp of the uniformed troops are also filled with townspeople who are forbidden to go home





Not a day goes by without tears

Without cries of pain



Violent deaths are buried with no marks in sight, flatten with soil



In a women's detention house



In an old building very much familiar to the people, there have been hundreds of people in captive



Like sardines in a can, they would sleep lined up so tightly close to one another



Women who are kept in this building

Are those who cannot be put on trial because there is not enough evidence to their crimes



But they will not be released until it is certain that they will not be enemies to the government

Take her back to her cell!



They are often moved to different places so that they have no chance to plot against rulers

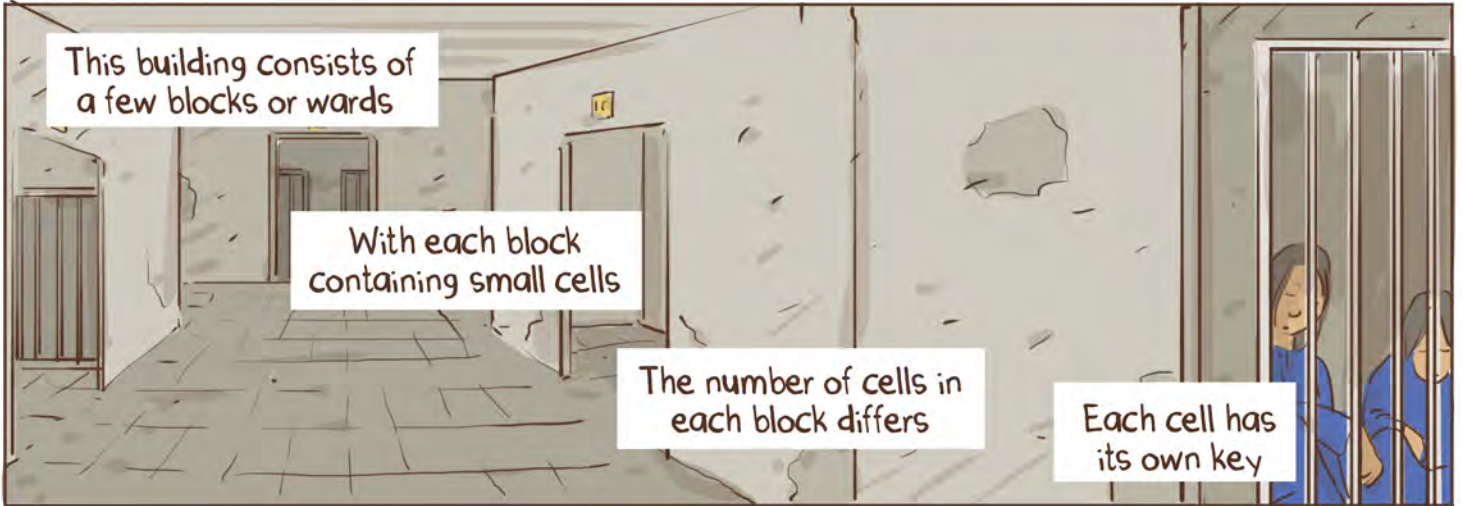


They are always made uneasy, doubtful, and suspicious towards one another



Always lacking of food

And often ill without any medicines to treat them



This building consists of a few blocks or wards

With each block containing small cells

The number of cells in each block differs

Each cell has its own key



The building seems to have layers of guards on duty, day and night



A few detainees who have been there for a long time are considered more trustworthy, and were given jobs



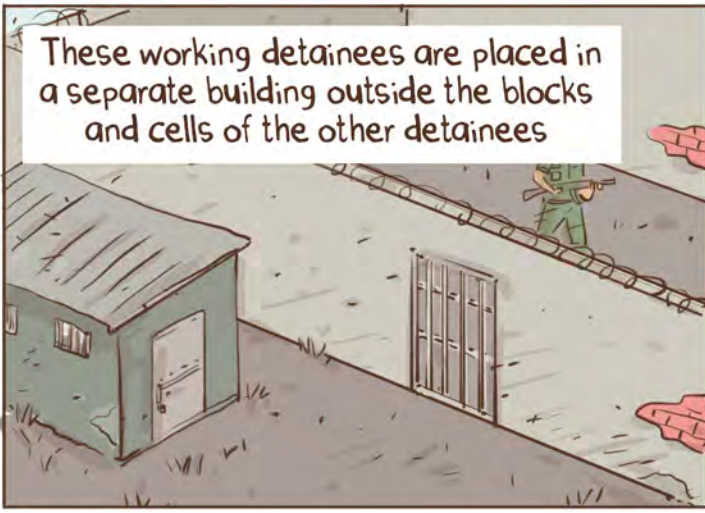
In the fields to grow vegetables

In the kitchen



Becoming office workers

These working detainees are placed in a separate building outside the blocks and cells of the other detainees



From the outermost area to the inside of cells.



There are seven guarded gates that must be passed through

Whoever needs to go through



Must report to the guards first

Due to its layers of strict guards



There has not been one detainee who succeeded to run away through those doors

A few of them had tried to escape through the sewer



Only to be found again and recaptured

Even if they succeed to escape, they would not know where to go



A lot of their families would refuse them, afraid of all possible risks

Some were even turned in again to the police by their own families



There is not one group that would accept them





Among dozens of detainees, there are two middle-aged women



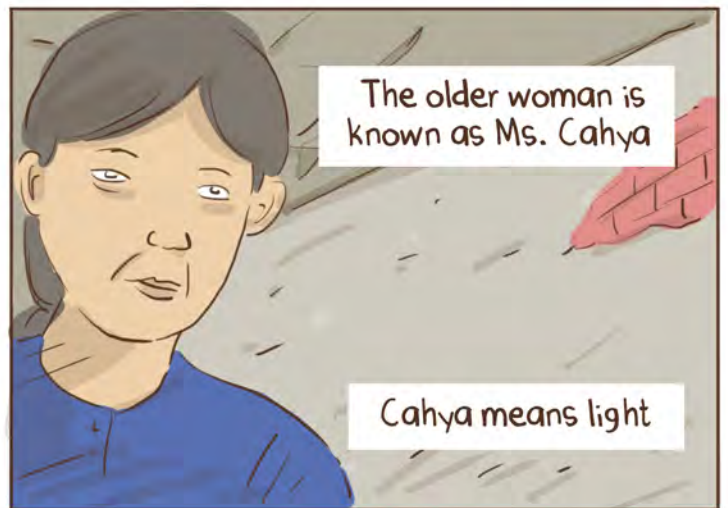
Nobody knows what had caused those two women to be held there for years



They are sisters. They slightly look like each other



With darker skin, they both like to tend their hairs to fall down to their waist



The older woman is known as Ms. Cahya

Cahya means light



She works as a cleaner for a clinic in one of the blocks

The block is known as the Clinic Block



As the cell door opens, just after the sun rises, Ms. Cahya is escorted to the Clinic Block by an officer



Only to be picked up later on for cell-locking schedule



The other woman has an oval-shaped face



She always smiles and would laugh out loud



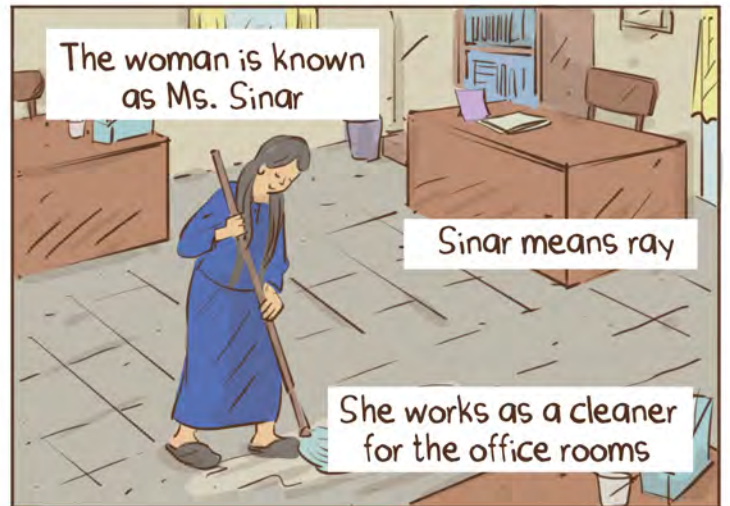
What are you laughing at?

What is wrong with it?



I am simply laughing at myself

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The woman is known as Ms. Sinar

Sinar means ray

She works as a cleaner for the office rooms

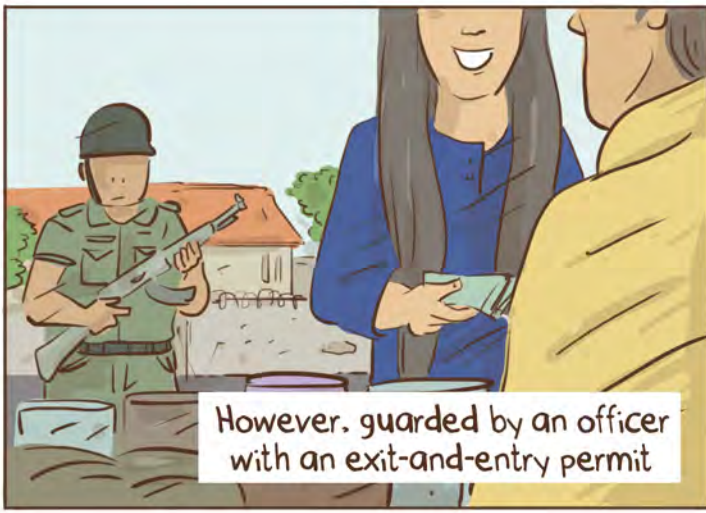


She would prepare drinks for guests

Sometimes even not-taking here and there



A few times, she is told to buy drinks or snacks at shops outside



However, guarded by an officer with an exit-and-entry permit

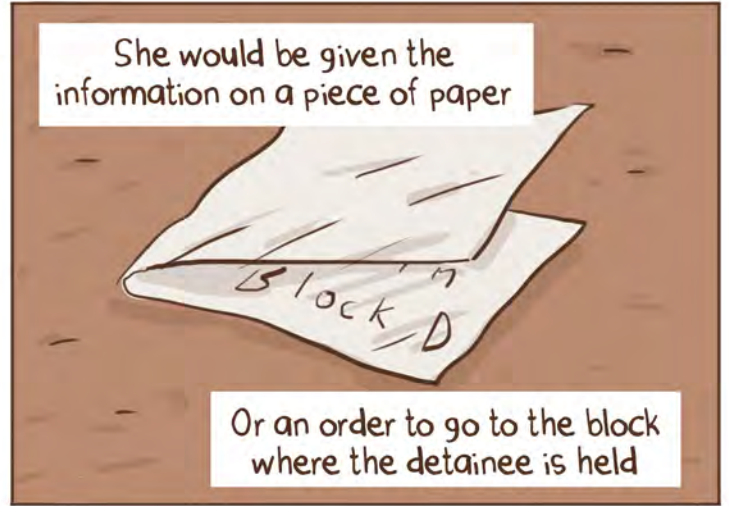


Without an officer by her side, she is just like any other detainees who cannot be out of the ruler's sight

Unless assigned for jobs inside the detention building



Or to be examined by the prosecutor

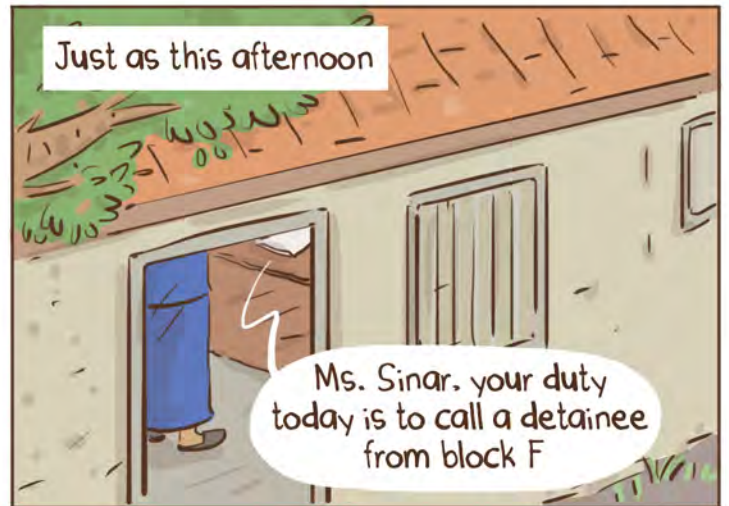


She would be given the information on a piece of paper

Or an order to go to the block where the detainee is held



There are times where she would be escorted by an officer, but sometimes she is allowed to go by herself



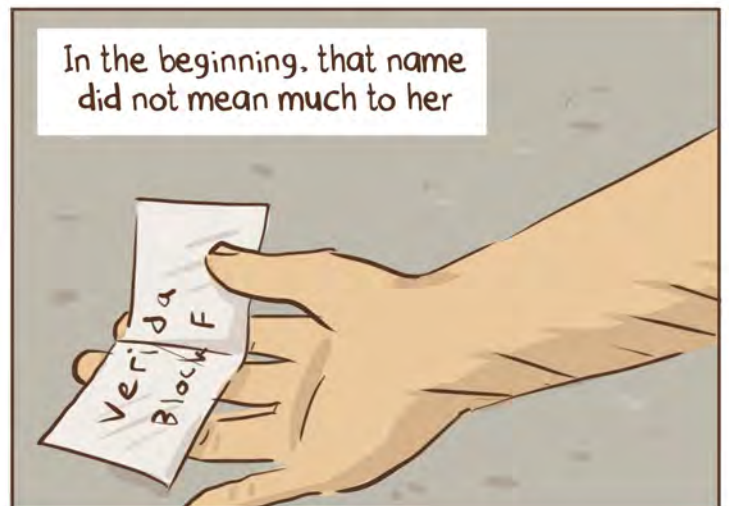
Just as this afternoon

Ms. Sinar, your duty today is to call a detainee from block F

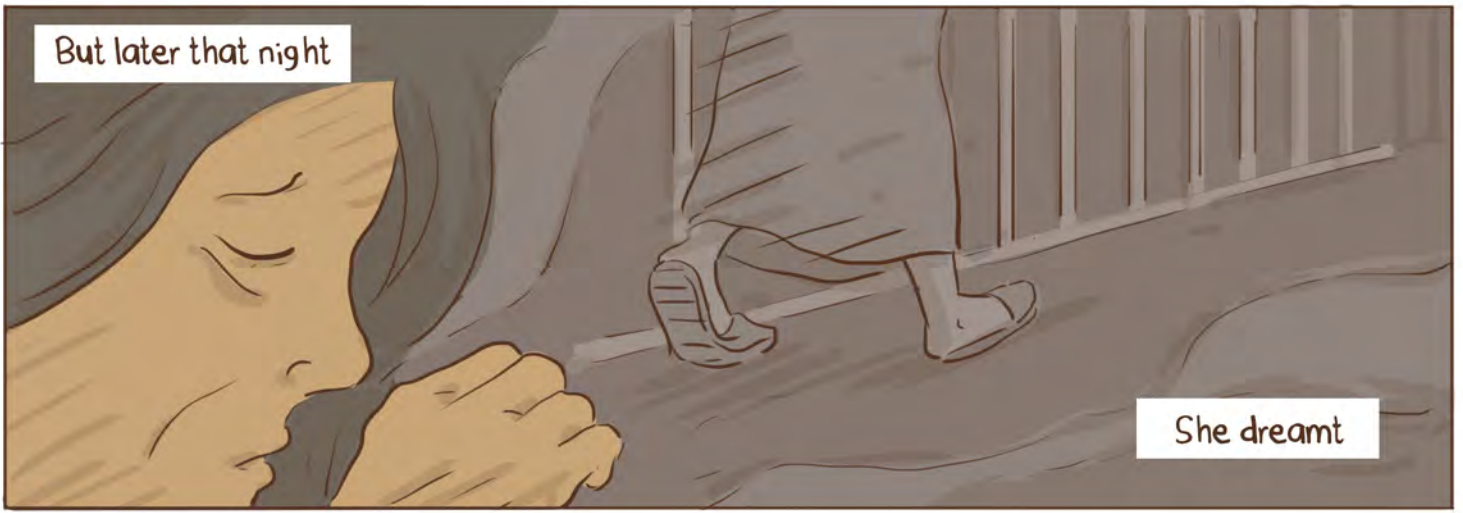


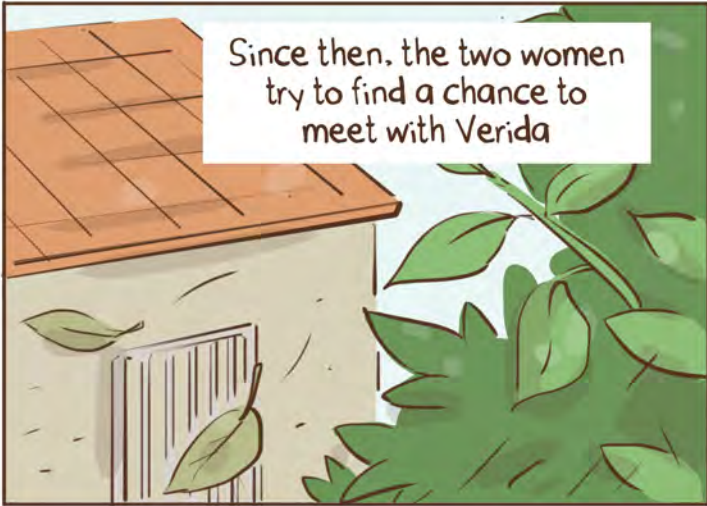
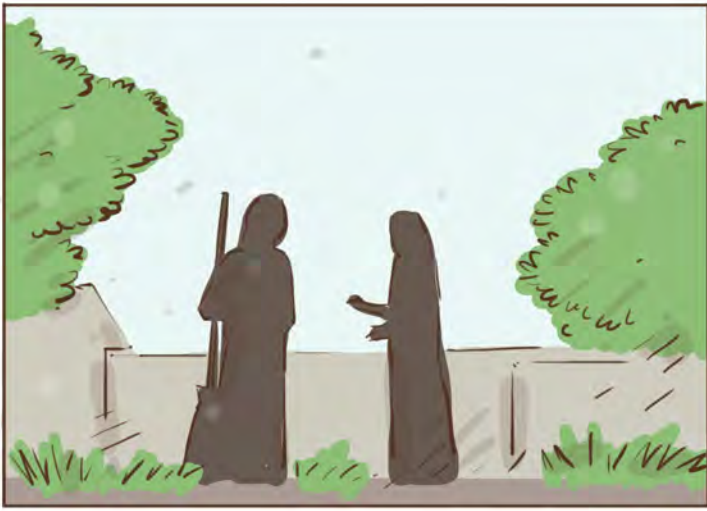
Her name is Verida

Yes, Sir

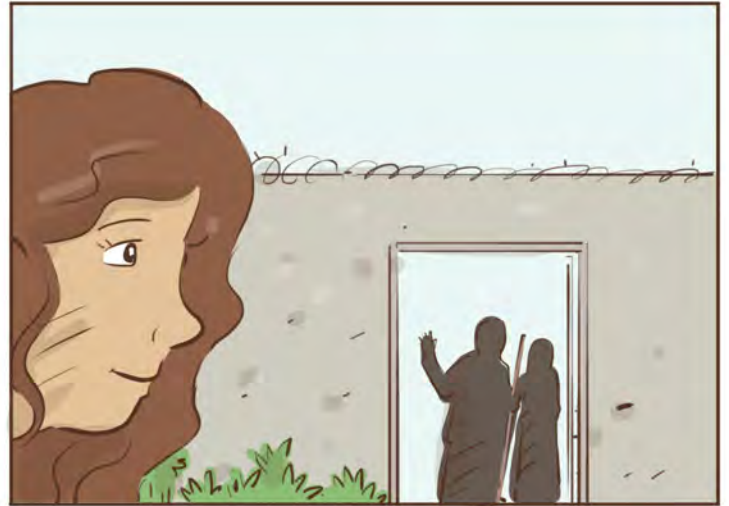


In the beginning, that name did not mean much to her

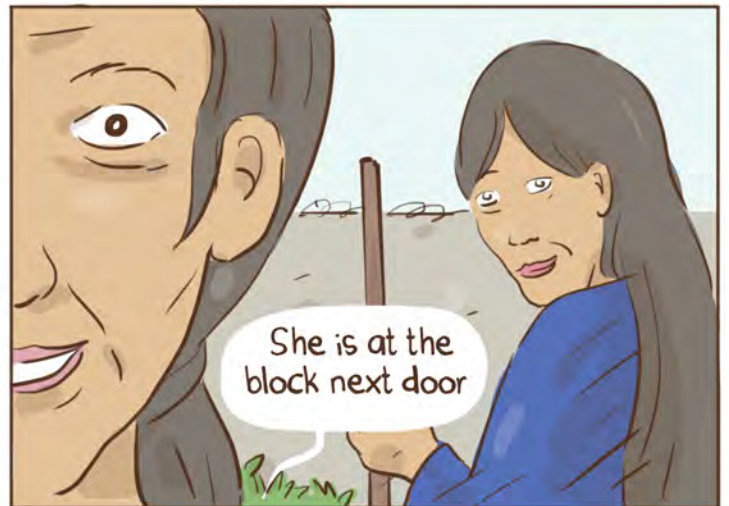




Since then, the two women try to find a chance to meet with Verida



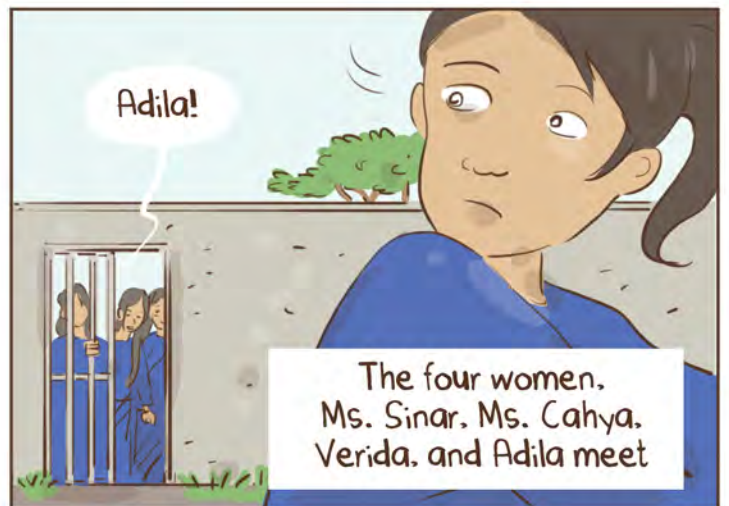
By the way, Adila is also at this place



She is at the block next door

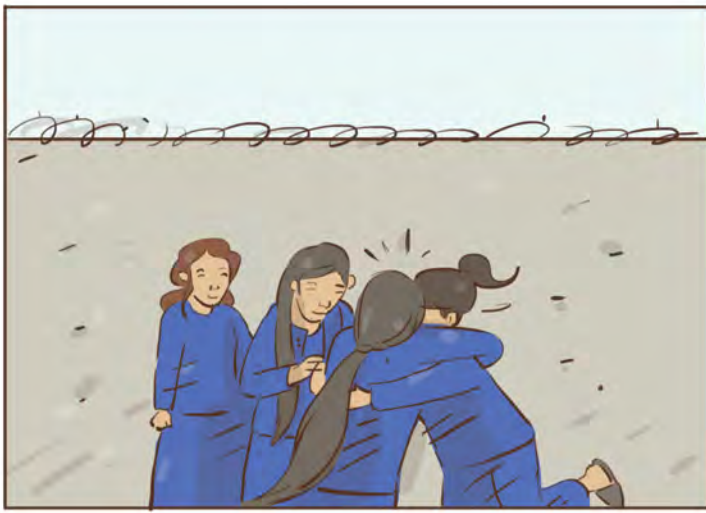


With a lot of tricks up her sleeve, finally



Adila!

The four women, Ms. Sinar, Ms. Cahya, Verida, and Adila meet







It is more of an urgent act, saving lives in emergencies



Especially when a victim receives compensation or service

Only to receive more violence and discriminations another day



Also, the reparation that is given is not significant enough to contribute transformative values towards the victims' lives



We have a long way to go

To encourage the fulfillment of victims rights to reparation



The support we give now is merely a message of our concerns



Why don't you leave soon, it is almost noon

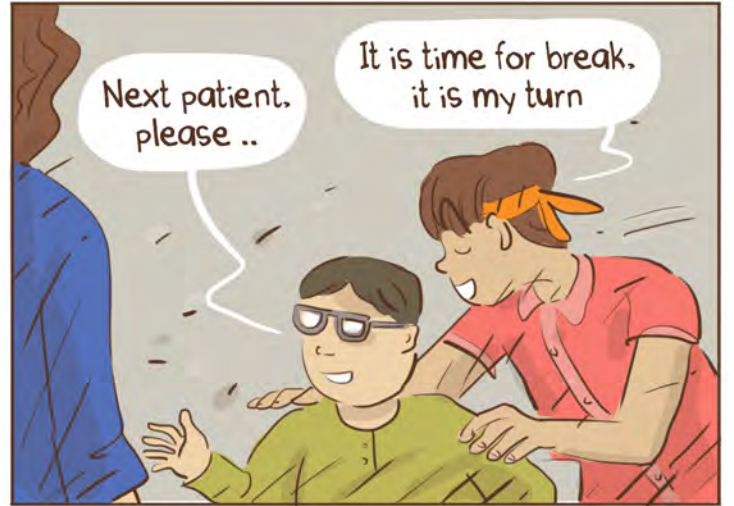
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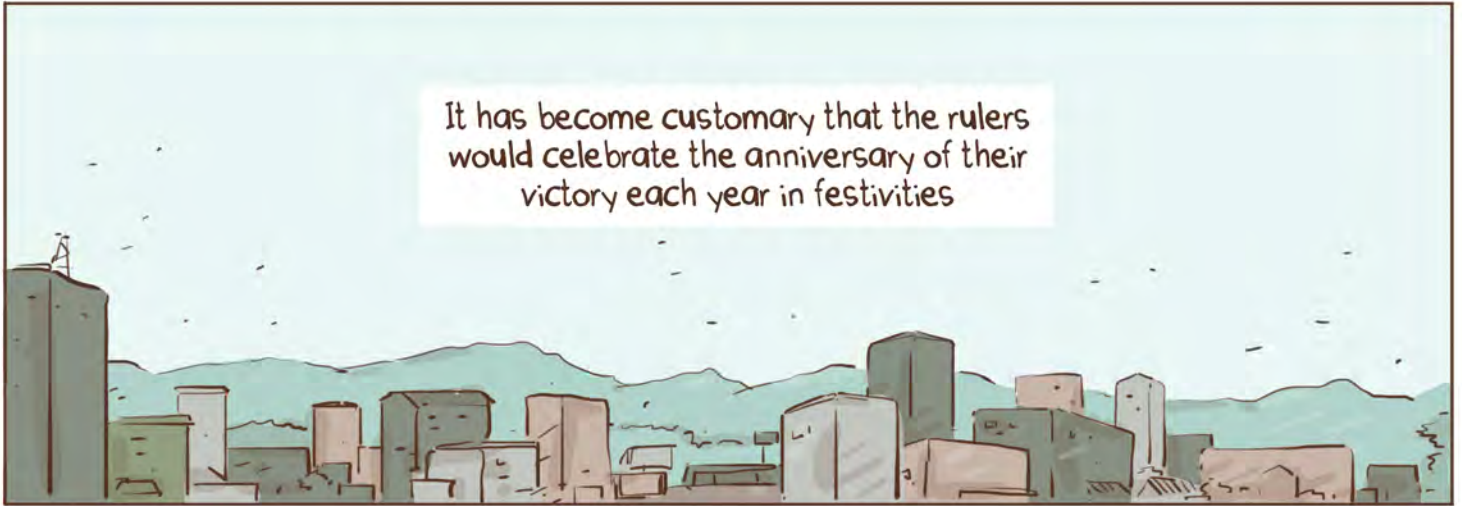
Here is something for block F

There is a woman who needs our herbal drink







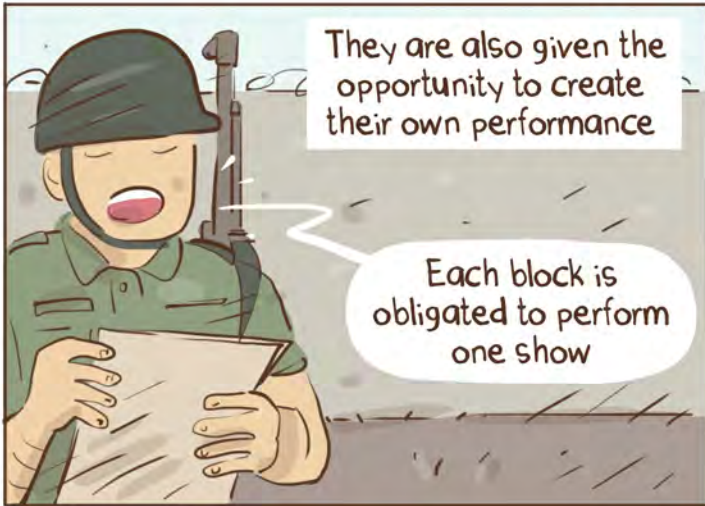




Raising and honouring flags

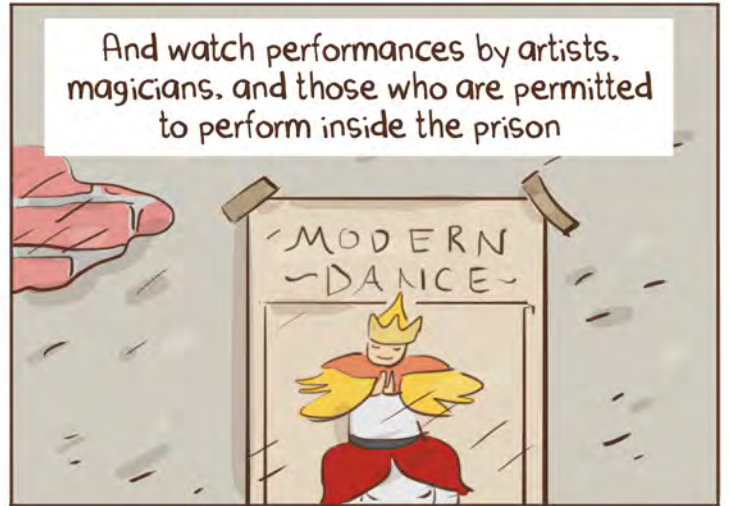


Singing the songs of victory



They are also given the opportunity to create their own performance

Each block is obligated to perform one show

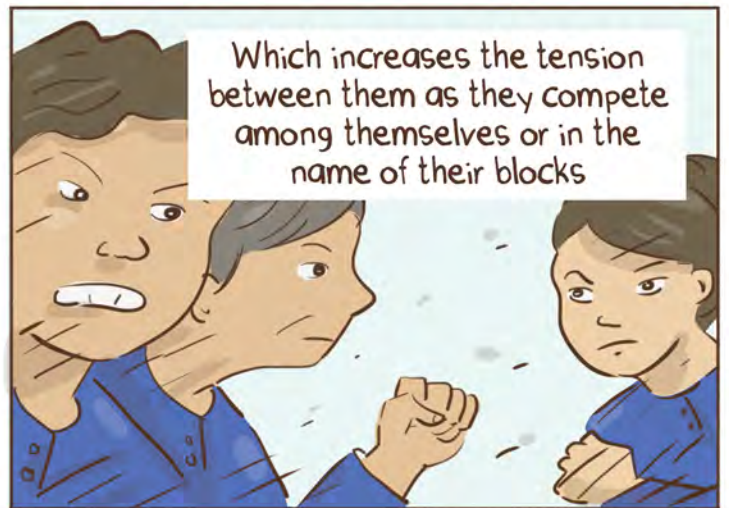


And watch performances by artists, magicians, and those who are permitted to perform inside the prison



The detainees must take part in sports competition

Until they are tired



Which increases the tension between them as they compete among themselves or in the name of their blocks



Those who have been detained the longest look forward to these opportunities

Including Ms. Cahya, Ms. Sinar, Verida, Adila, Tutha, and Jigayasa



There is a group of young men and women outside the prison

Some university students are performing an act

