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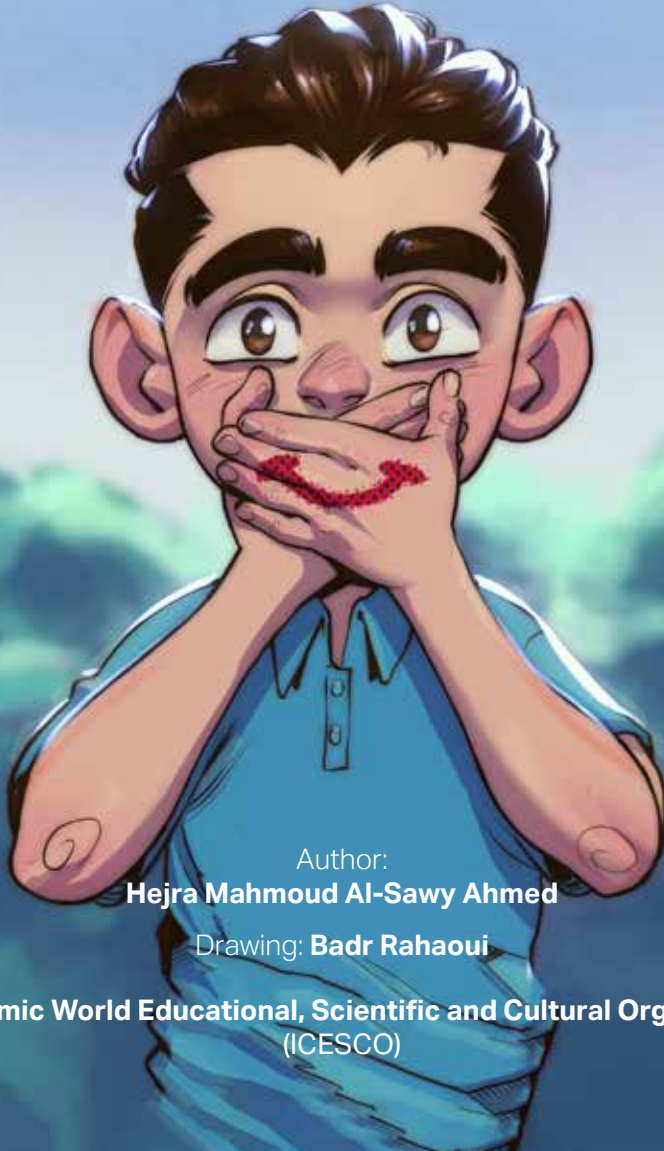


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Preamble

Preventing and combating bullying and cyberbullying in schools and learning spaces is one of ICESCO's priorities for consolidating peaceful, inclusive, just, resilient and sustainable educational societies. Indeed, a significant number of children and adolescents around the world face school violence and bullying, thus affecting their health, well-being and education.

Therefore, UNESCO Member States declared the first Thursday of November as the International Day against Violence and Bullying in Schools, including Cyberbullying, recognizing that school violence in all its forms constitutes a serious violation of the rights of children and adolescents to education, health, and well-being, because schools and learning environments, especially in contexts of crisis, conflict or war, are supposed to be safe environments, to achieve better mental health and education outcomes.

The Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO), through its Social and Human Sciences Sector, in close collaboration with the Youth Department of the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Communication of the Kingdom of Morocco, has integrated an innovative initiative to prevent and combat violence in learning spaces for children titled **"ICESCO Stop Bully Program"**.

This initiative has been expanded through the creativity and artistic potential of women and young people through inclusive and innovative educational tools, interactive workshops, educational conferences, and literary and artistic competitions.

The comic book entitled **"Show Me Your Smile"** was developed:

- Through an international competition for the best story of prevention and fight against bullying, the 1st prize which was won by the Egyptian writer, author Hejra Mahmoud Al-Sawy Ahmed of the story **"Show me your smile"**.
- In the illustration contest of the story **"Show me your smile"** won by the young artist from Morocco Badr Rahaoui.

This comic book serves as a guide for orientation, awareness and prevention against all forms of bullying in schools and in any other learning space in which children and adolescents suffer as silent victims.

This initiative helps educational communities and families to find urgent, concerted and effective responses together to fight against bullies while strengthening children's protection and resilience mechanisms for their well-being and mental health.



Today's the first day of school. Oh, I wish it didn't have to come every year...



Do you want to know why?



I'll have to meet new classmates,

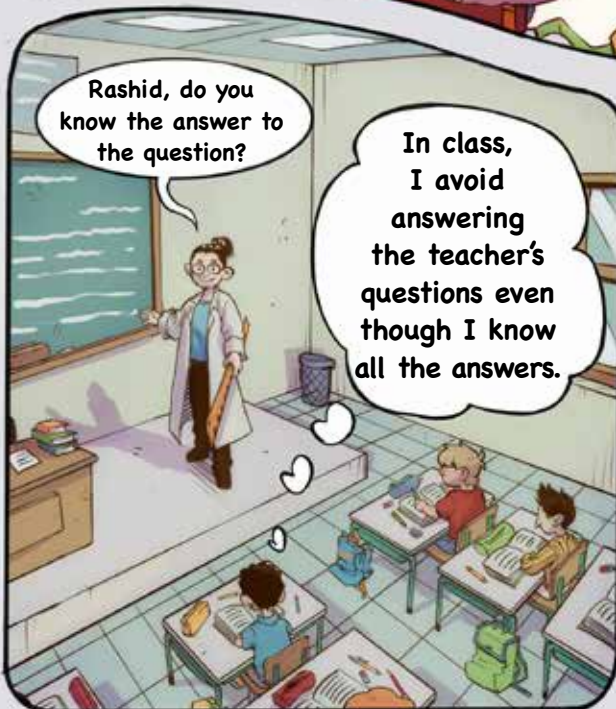
Hi!
I'm Mahdi, and this is my friend, Saeed.

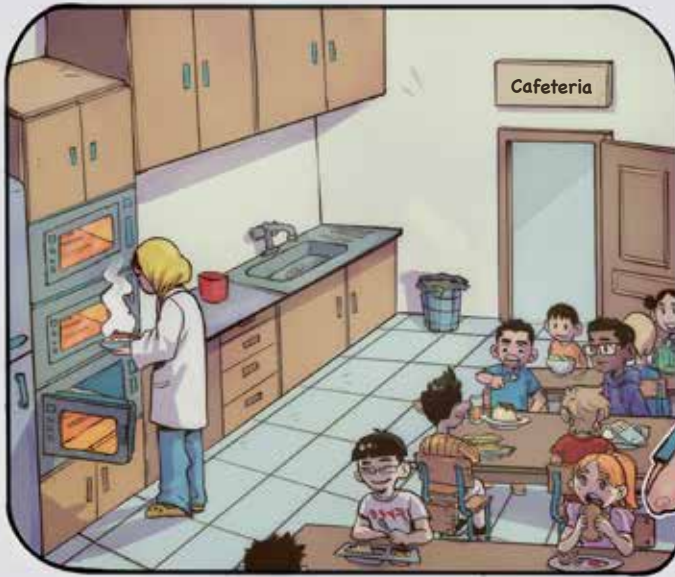


Are you new here?

Can't you talk?

And I'll have to open my mouth, to speak.





At the school cafeteria, I sit with my friend, Tarek and eat soft food, careful not to get anything stuck in his braces.



Yummy, the ice cream is delicious!

And the chips... so crunchy and delicious!



Leave him. He only eats pureed food so it doesn't get stuck in his braces.

Hahaha!!

Leave us alone, Saeed, and stop being silly.

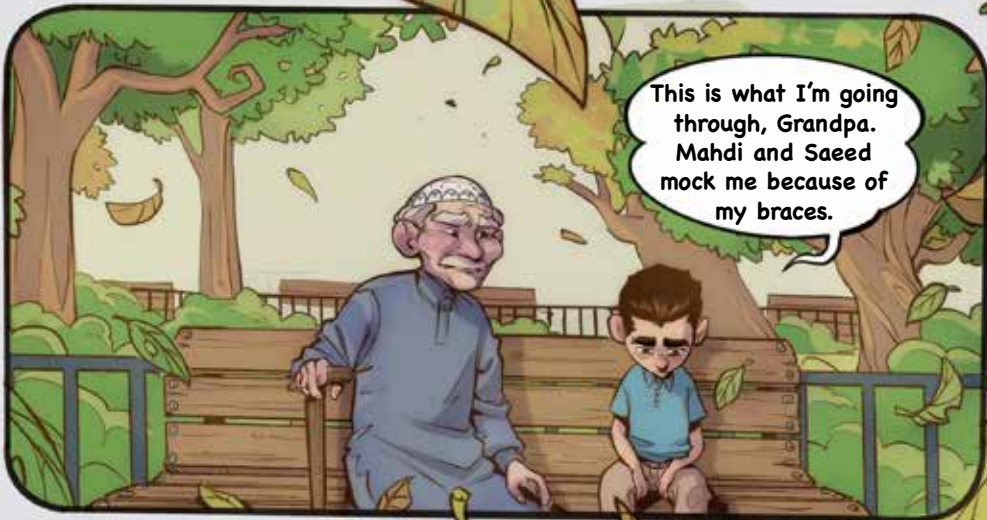


Hey Rashid, want a sandwich?

Or maybe you just swallow food like a crocodile?







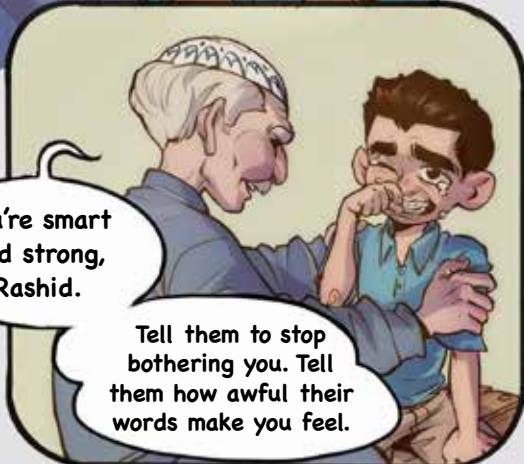
This is what I'm going through, Grandpa. Mahdi and Saeed mock me because of my braces.



First, show me the wonderful smile of yours.

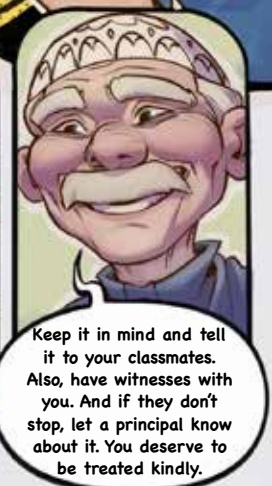
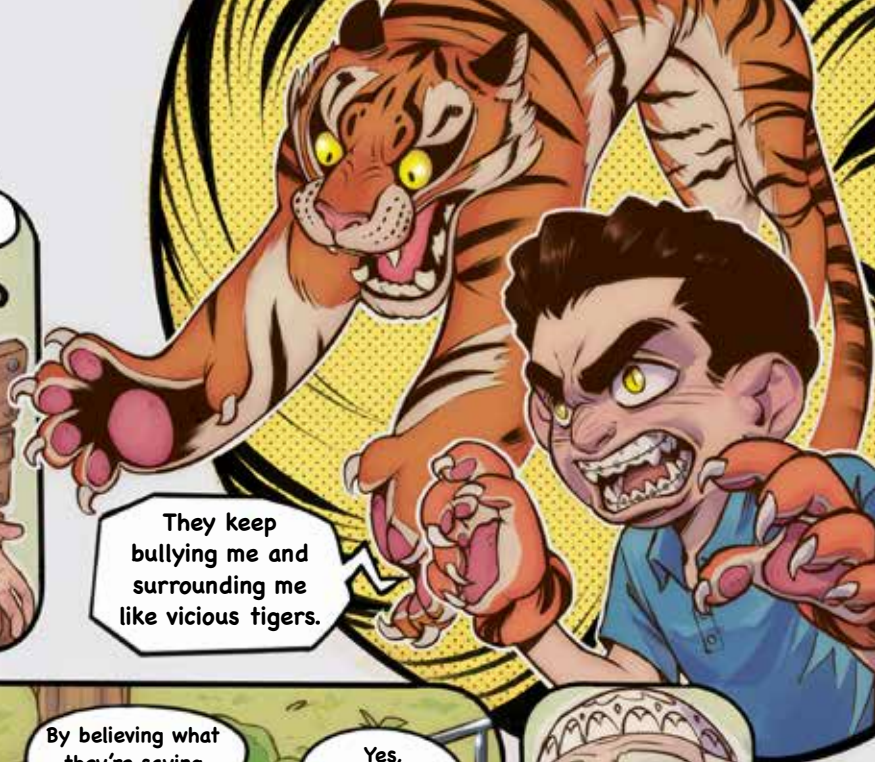


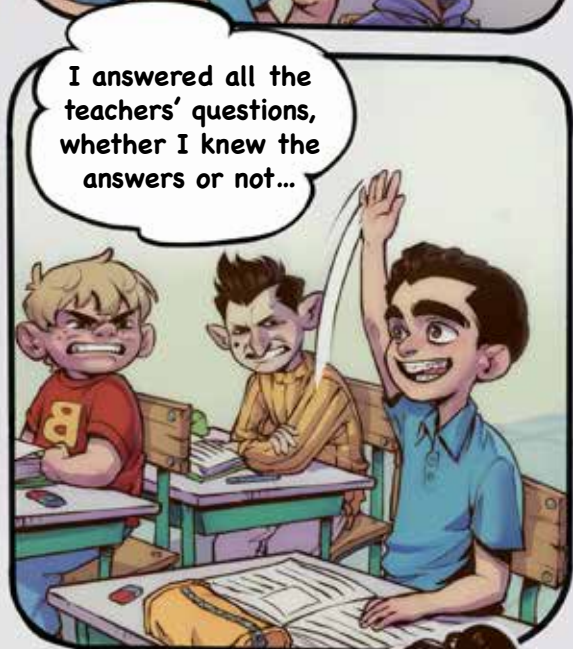
What a lovely smile! It shines bright like a diamond.

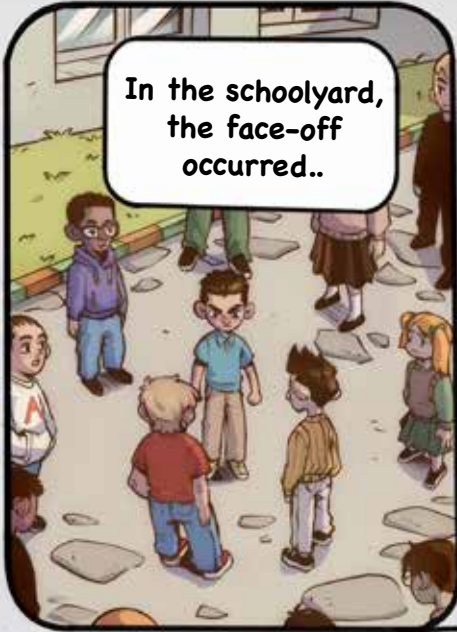


You're smart and strong, Rashid.

Tell them to stop bothering you. Tell them how awful their words make you feel.







In the schoolyard, the face-off occurred..



Did you all see the crocodile open his mouth in class?

Hahaha!



Tell us... do you use a toothbrush like we do?

Or does a little birdie clean them for you?



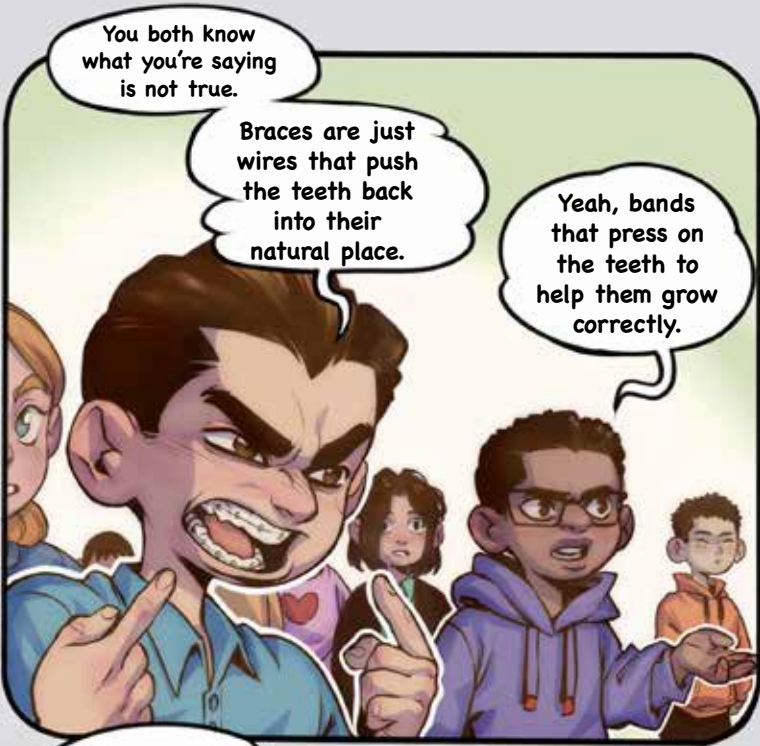
Hahaha!

Will you two stop with this nonsense?

Have you said something? We didn't hear you.

Huh?! What did you say, Rashid?







You both know what you're saying is not true.

Braces are just wires that push the teeth back into their natural place.

Yeah, bands that press on the teeth to help them grow correctly.



My mom has braces for two years now!




And if we don't stop, what are you going to do?

It's just a joke, Rashid.

A silly joke that I won't tolerate anymore.

You both need braces too, by the way.



I'll report this to the school supervisor, or even the principal himself. There are many witnesses around us.



In the principal's office...



You're absolutely right, Rashid, and have the right to be upset by your classmates' wrong behavior.

Thank you for letting me know.



I'll take care of it. I'll talk to them both and follow up with you. But...

will you help me if I need you?


Me?! Of course, but how?



I'll tell you when the time comes. Go back to your class now.



I'll summon Mahdi and Saeed separately.




Welcome,
I've heard you've
been bothering your
classmate Rashid
because of his braces.



Uh...

well, the truth
is that I was
just joking
around with him.




Noo!
Umm... yes...

I was just
joking around
with him.




What you're
doing is called
BULLYING.

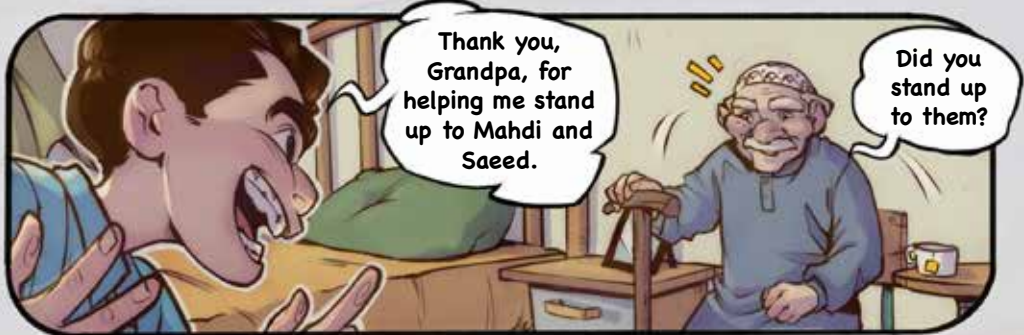
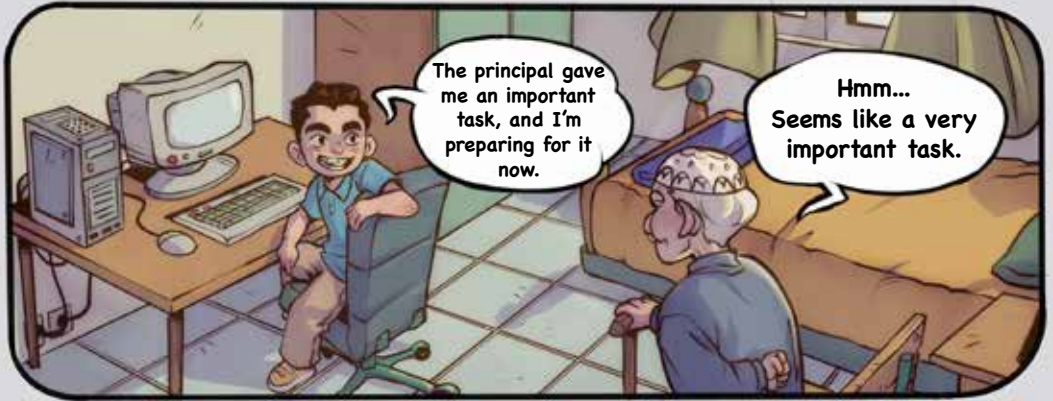
It's when you
pick on someone
and intentionally
bother them over
and over.



This time,
I'll just send a letter
summoning your
parents with a warning
of expulsion...



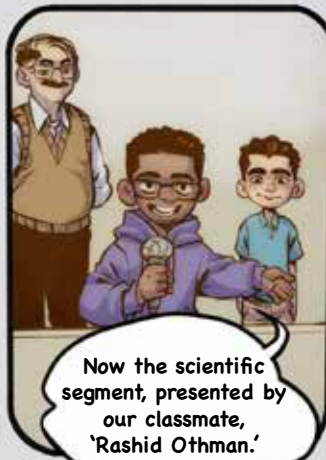
But if it happens
again, either in
school or outside,
then you will be
expelled from
school.







Two days later,
on the school radio.



Now the scientific
segment, presented by
our classmate,
'Rashid Othman.'



The science of
modern orthodontics
dates back to the
mid-19th century.

Edward Angle created
the first simple
system to classify
malocclusion, which is
still used today.

There are braces,
removable
aligners, and
headgear.







And from that day, I've left my shyness behind

I've filled the schoolyard and gymnasium with my voice...

I talk,
I answer,
I debate,
I laugh,
and I smile...



And I'll keep smiling.

You too ...

Show me your smile!

Show me
your Smile



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