

WHAT HEROES DO

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DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM





Elks Drug Quiz Show



Kids having fun and learning about substance abuse, bullying, teamwork and other life lessons. A chance for Elks and the community to work together and truly make a difference to the youth of our communities.



The Elks Drug Quiz Show is a volunteer run, cost effective program, which is easily implemented. The positive impacts to the youth and community are immeasurable.

For more information go to
<http://www.elksdrugquizshow.com>





Hi there!

Welcome to the Elks Drug Awareness Program's newest comic, "What Heroes Do."

In the past, our comics used fictional "SUPERHEROES." "What Heroes Do" features actual everyday heroes and kids who become special heroes because of the decisions they make every day to stay drug free and always be the best they possibly can be.

While reading this comic, you will learn of kids your age who are put in a situation in which they have to use skills they learned from their parents and at school and then work together to save the life of their friend.

The Elks are totally committed to giving you factual information about the use of illegal drugs and the abuse of legalized drugs. We have developed many educational and fun tools that will teach you how to be a good friend and a good citizen.

We want you to realize that there are many ways to be a hero, and you do not have to wait until you're an adult to be one. You can be a special hero right now by doing what you know is right and having the courage to say NO to the things you know to be wrong.

For more fun activities, get permission from your parents and visit www.elkskidszone.org, where you will have a blast and learn even more ways to be a hero.

Enjoy!

Kent Gade, Director

Elks Drug Awareness Program



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HELP!

BRING UP THE LADDER!





WHEN OUR MOMS GET BACK FROM THE PTA MEETING, YOU'RE GONNA GET IT!

SOME BABY-SITTERS WE TURNED OUT TO BE!

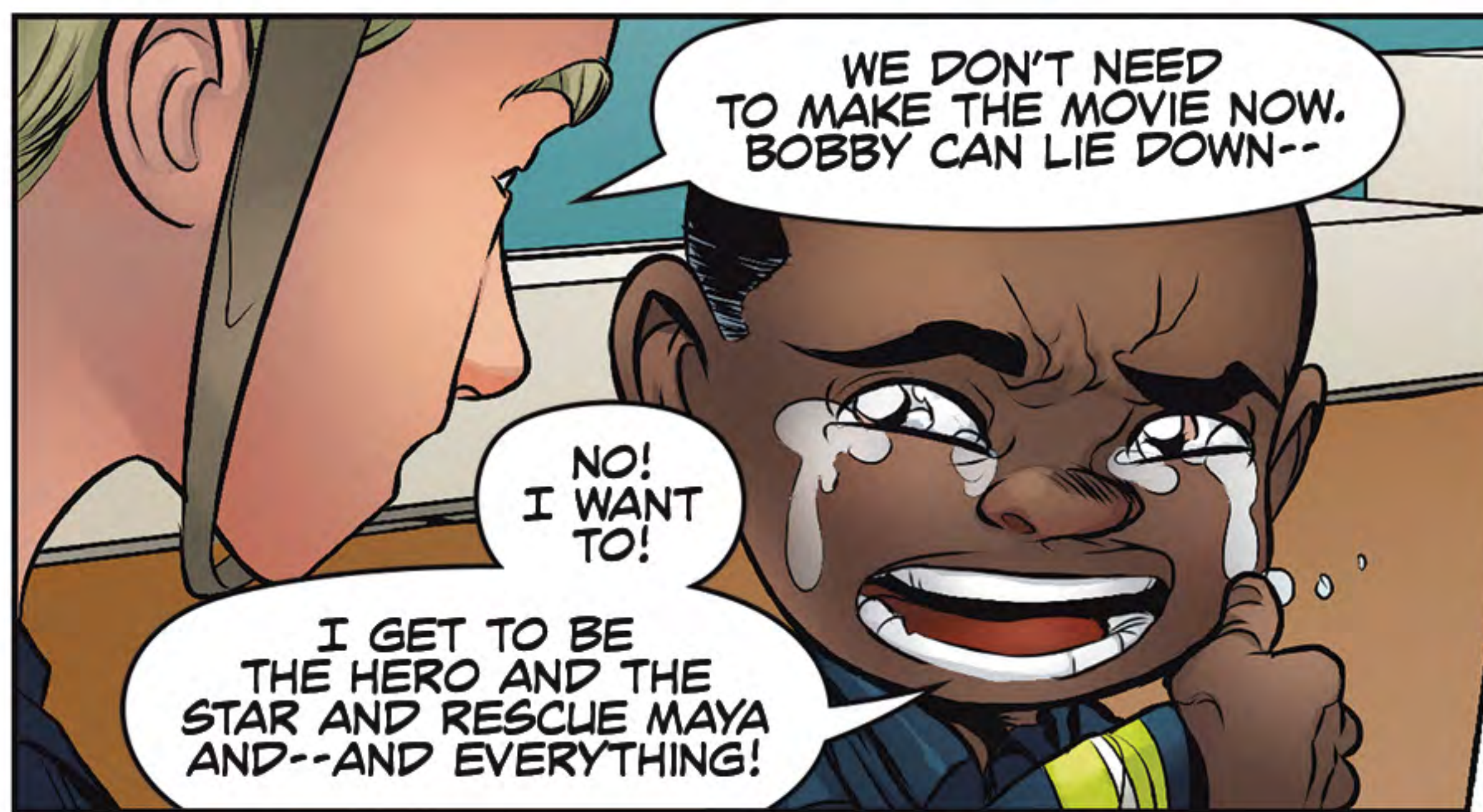
NOTHING SEEMS BROKEN, ANYWAY, BABY BRO.

NO! IT'S FUN!

MAYBE SHOOTING A MOVIE WASN'T SUCH A BRILLIANT IDEA!

I'M NOT A BABY!

THEN DON'T ACT LIKE ONE!



WE DON'T NEED TO MAKE THE MOVIE NOW. BOBBY CAN LIE DOWN--

NO! I WANT TO!

I GET TO BE THE HERO AND THE STAR AND RESCUE MAYA AND--AND EVERYTHING!



HE'LL GET OVER IT.

OKAY, YOU'RE THE ONE STUDYING TO BE AN EMT AT THE FDNY HIGH SCHOOL!

IF YOU'RE READY TO GO BACK TO BEING THE BEST ACTRESS/TECHNICAL ADVISER A DIRECTOR COULD ASK FOR... WE'LL SHOOT THE FIREFIGHTERS DOUSING THE FLAMES SCENE!

JOSE, ALICE... GRAB YOUR HOSES.



I JUST... NEED TO...TO DO SOMETHING. I'LL BE OKAY IN A MINUTE!

IF YOU'RE SURE.



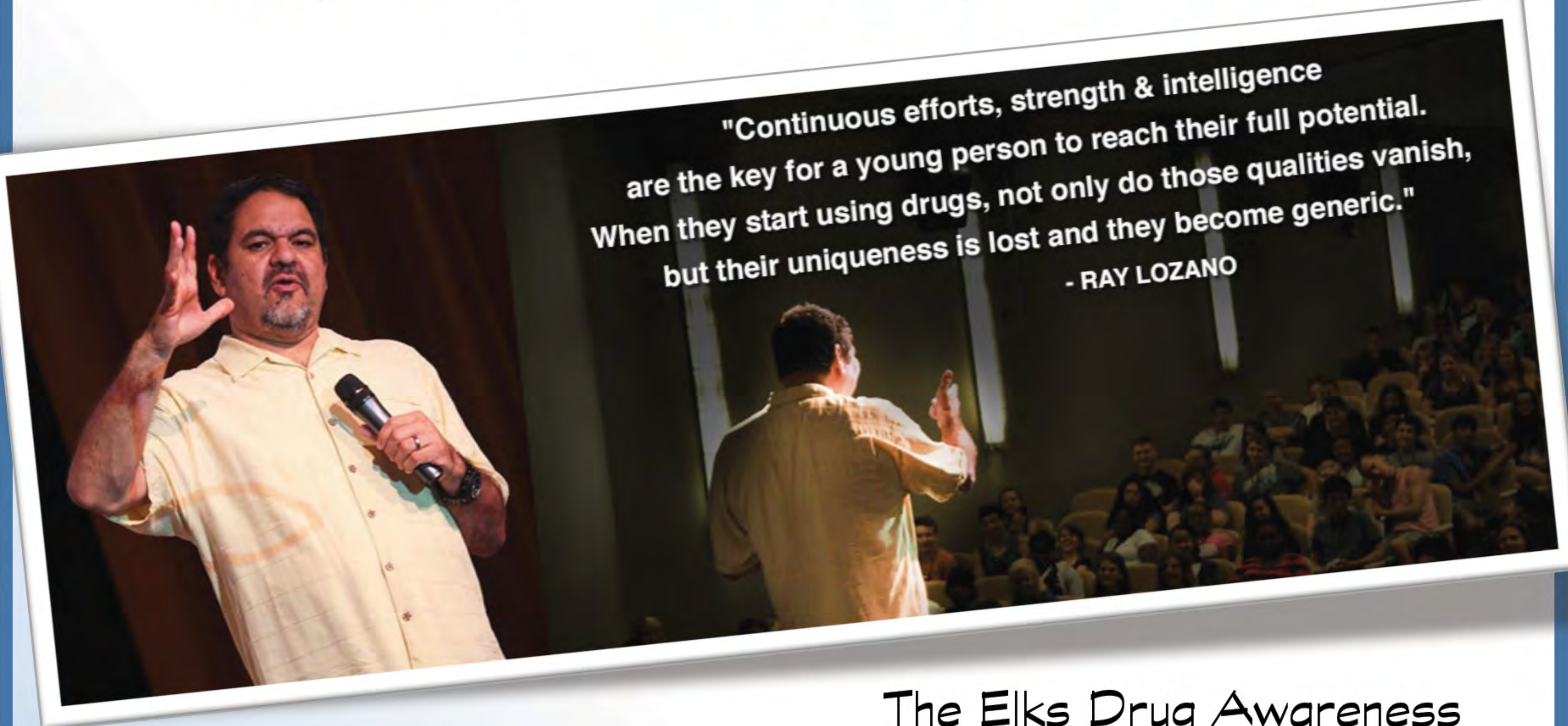
THE HIGH SCHOOL THAT TEACHES THE NEXT GENERATION OF THE FDNY WAS RENAMED ON JUNE 30, 2016 TO HONOR FDNY CAPTAIN VERNON A. RICHARD OF LADDER COMPANY 7, ONE OF THE 343 FDNY MEMBERS WHO MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001.



National Drug Awareness Speaking Tour

Featuring:

RAY LOZANO

A photograph of Ray Lozano speaking to a large audience. He is wearing a light-colored, short-sleeved button-down shirt and is gesturing with his right hand while holding a microphone in his left. The audience is visible in the background, seated in rows.

"Continuous efforts, strength & intelligence are the key for a young person to reach their full potential. When they start using drugs, not only do those qualities vanish, but their uniqueness is lost and they become generic."
- RAY LOZANO

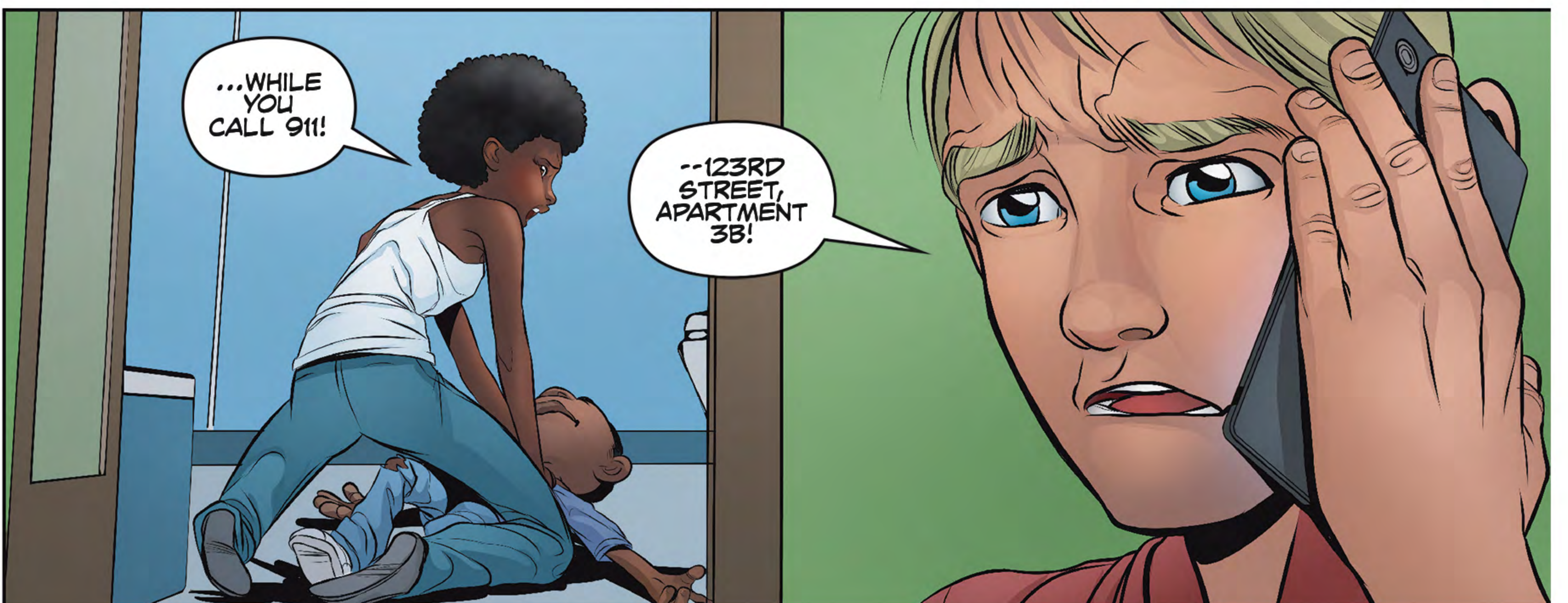
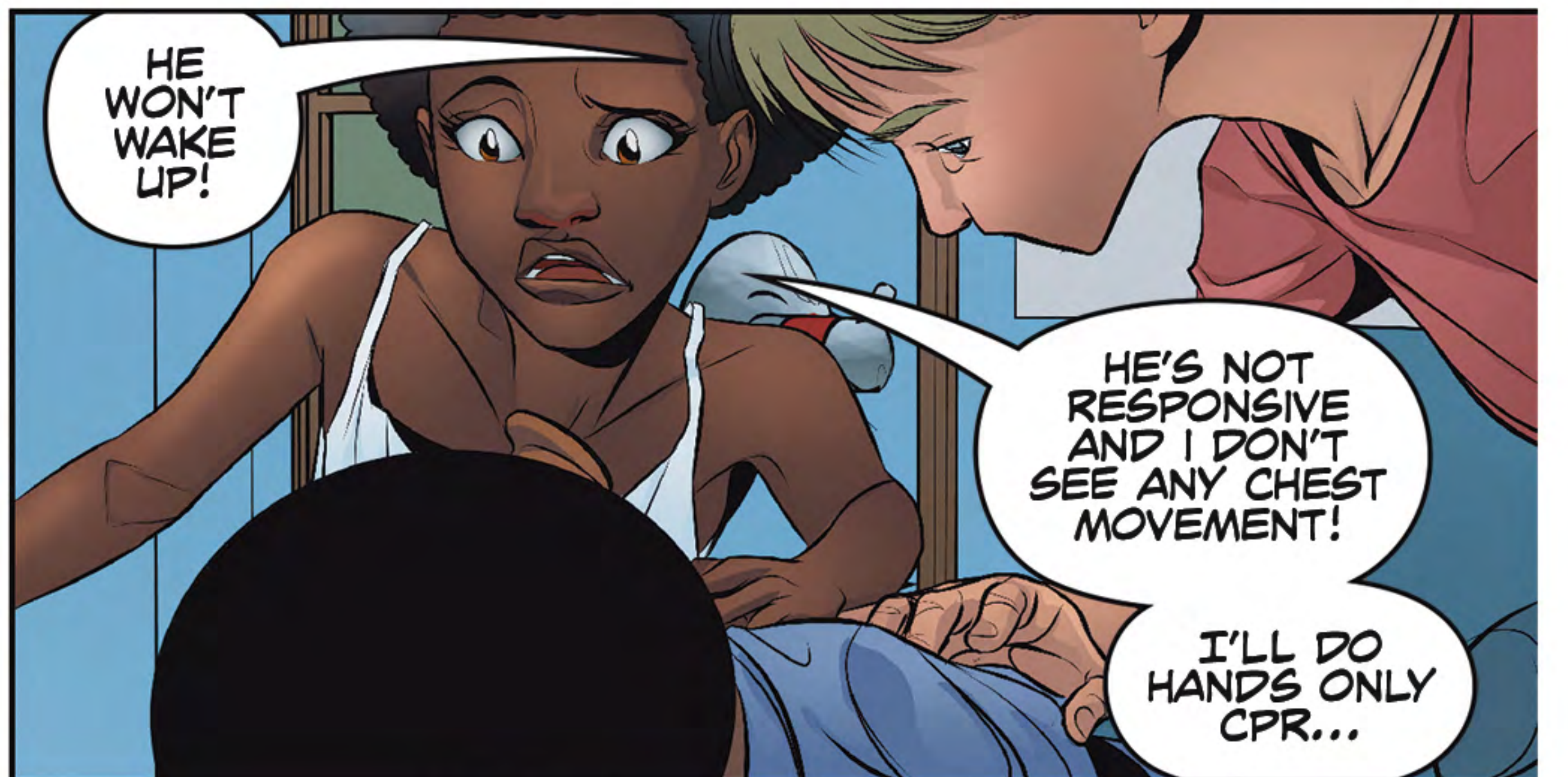
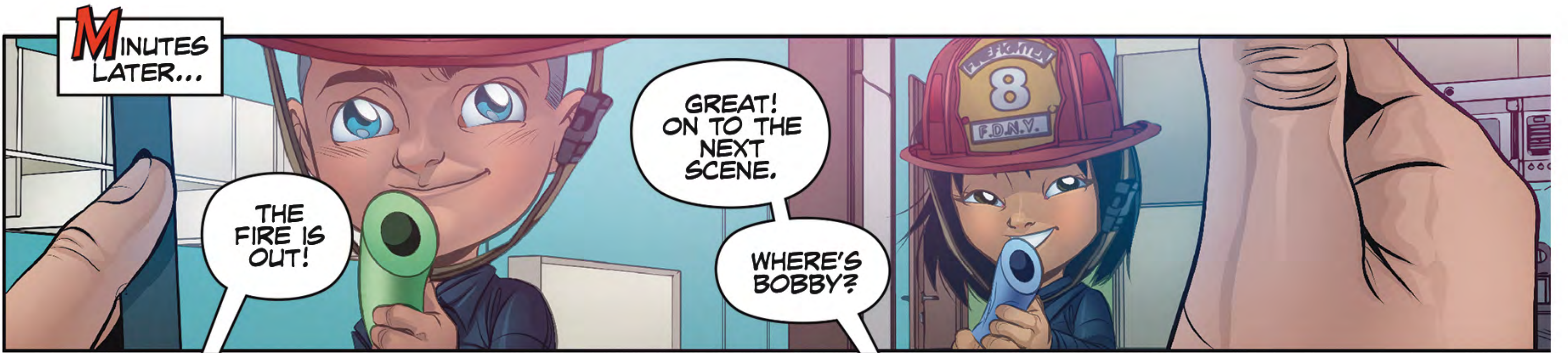
To learn how you can get Ray to come to your school please email "Ray Visit" to DAP@elks.org

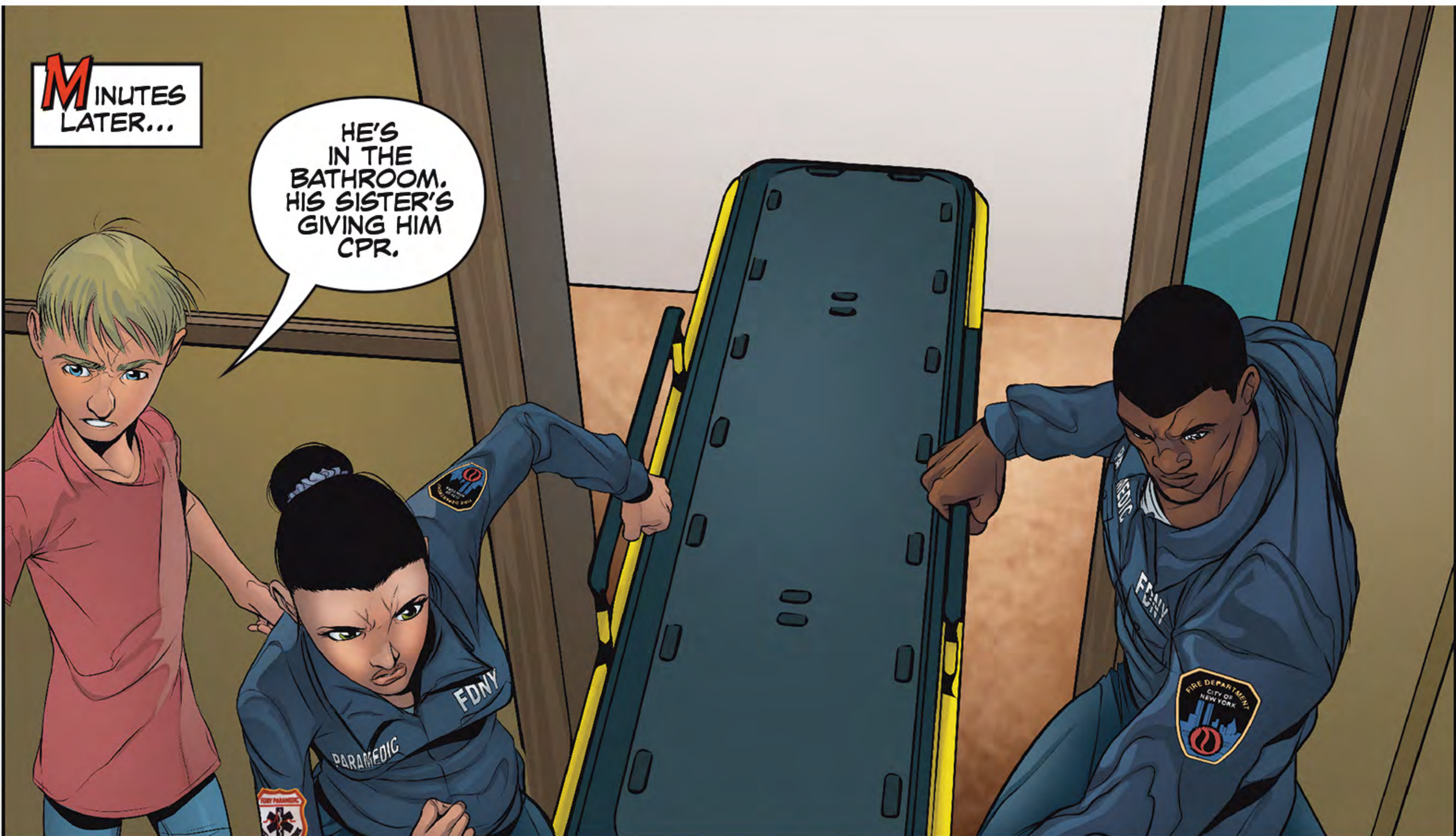
The Elks Drug Awareness Program sends renowned youth speaker Ray Lozano all over the country to teach students on how to make smart choices and stay drug free.

View some of Ray's videos at:
www.elks.org/dap/media.cfm

A photograph of Ray Lozano speaking, similar to the one above but from a different angle. He is wearing the same light-colored shirt and is gesturing with his hands while holding a microphone.

"It was like watching George Lopez present drug information. It was funny, thought-provoking, intelligent and very motivating."
- Dallas Morning News





MINUTES LATER...

HE'S IN THE BATHROOM. HIS SISTER'S GIVING HIM CPR.



WE THINK HE TOOK THIS!

AN OPIOID. IT'S GOOD THAT YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED.

GOOD JOB YOU KEPT HIS BLOOD CIRCULATING. HE'S GOT A PULSE BUT IS BARELY BREATHING.

HE'S BREATHING BETTER NOW.



WHAT...WHAT'S HAPPENING?

KNOCK KNOCK

WE'RE GOING TO TAKE HIM TO THE HOSPITAL.

FDNY
PARAMEDIC



CAPTAIN GADE, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

WE GOT A CALL-- FROM MY OWN BUILDING. WHAT--?

WE WERE BABYSITTING WHILE THE LITTLE KIDS' PARENTS WERE AT A PTA MEETING. BOBBY TOOK SOME PILLS--



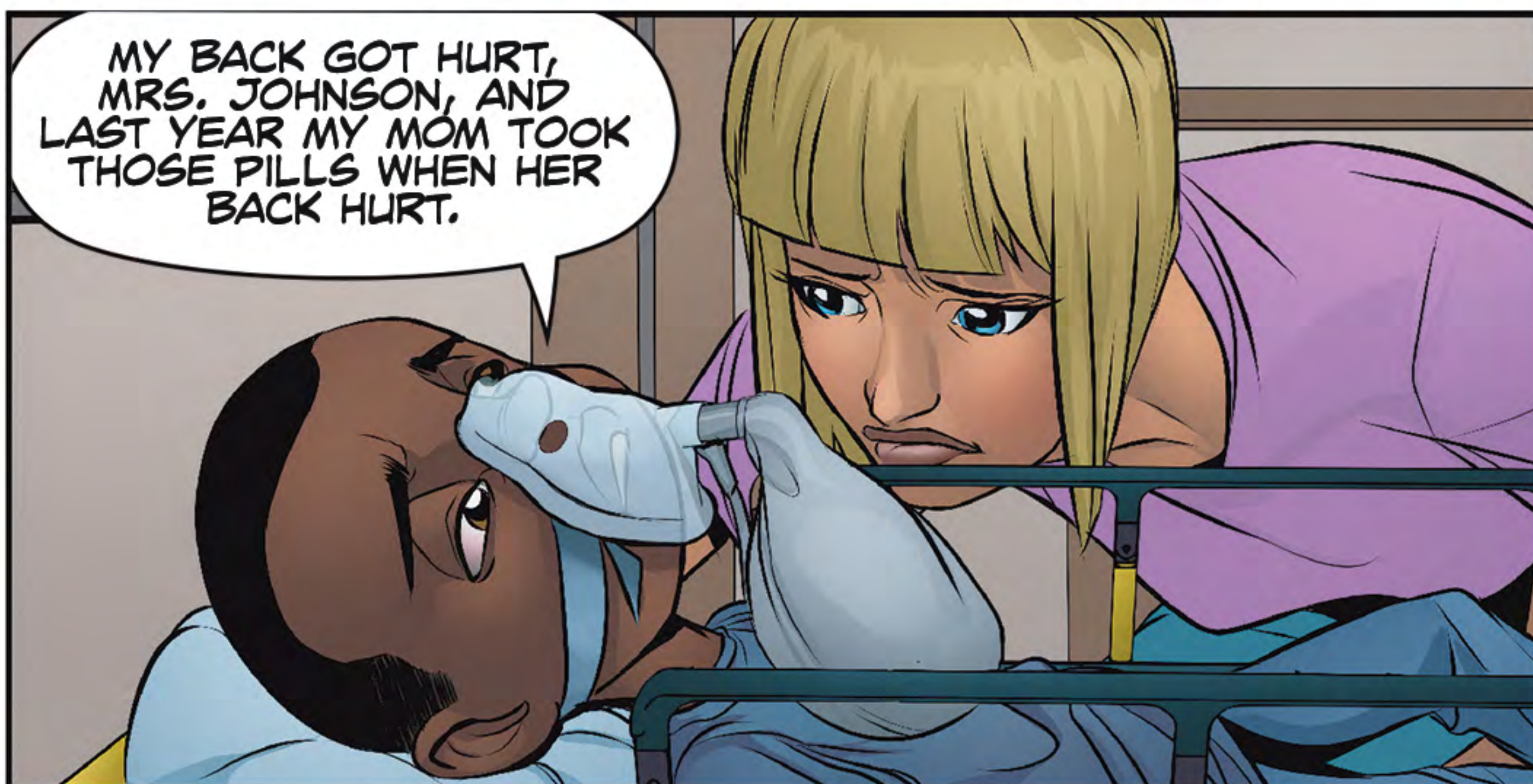
HE'S BREATHING ON HIS OWN NOW. WE'RE TAKING HIM TO THE HOSPITAL.

I'LL NOTIFY BOBBY'S PARENTS. THEY'RE NEIGHBORS--



THERE'S AN AMBULANCE OUTSIDE. AND A FIRE TRUCK. CAPTAIN GADE, WHAT'S GOING ON?

IT'S BOBBY, MOM! HE WASN'T BREATHING--



MY BACK GOT HURT, MRS. JOHNSON, AND LAST YEAR MY MOM TOOK THOSE PILLS WHEN HER BACK HURT.



THE DOCTOR GAVE THEM TO HER SO SHE COULD GO TO WORK, AND SHE SAID THEY WERE A LIFESAVER...

... AND I WANTED TO KEEP WORKING IN THE MOVIE, SO I TOOK THEM, TOO.



BOBBY'S PARENTS WILL MEET YOU AT THE HOSPITAL!



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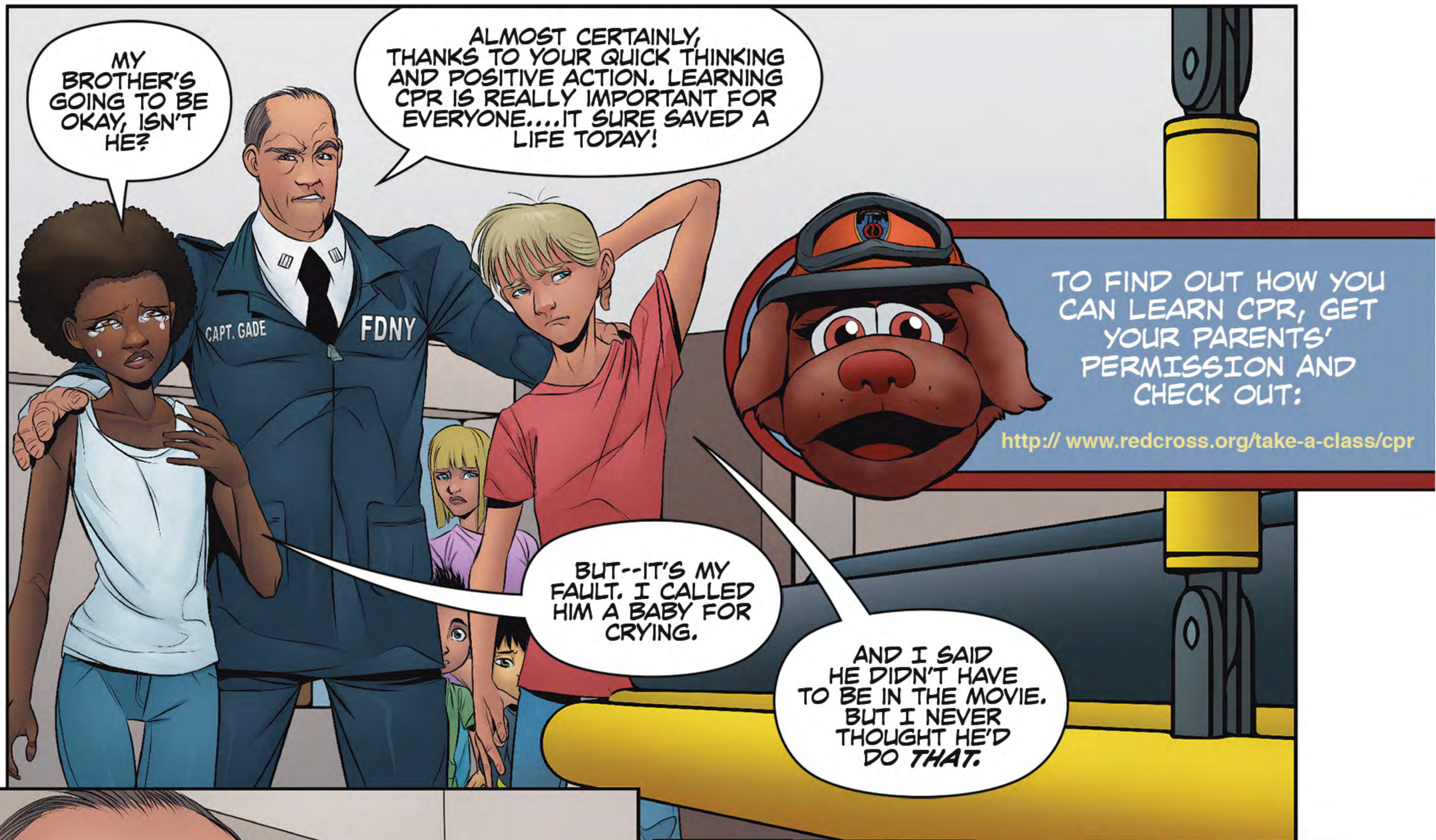
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MY BROTHER'S GOING TO BE OKAY, ISN'T HE?

ALMOST CERTAINLY, THANKS TO YOUR QUICK THINKING AND POSITIVE ACTION. LEARNING CPR IS REALLY IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE...IT SURE SAVED A LIFE TODAY!

TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN LEARN CPR, GET YOUR PARENTS' PERMISSION AND CHECK OUT:

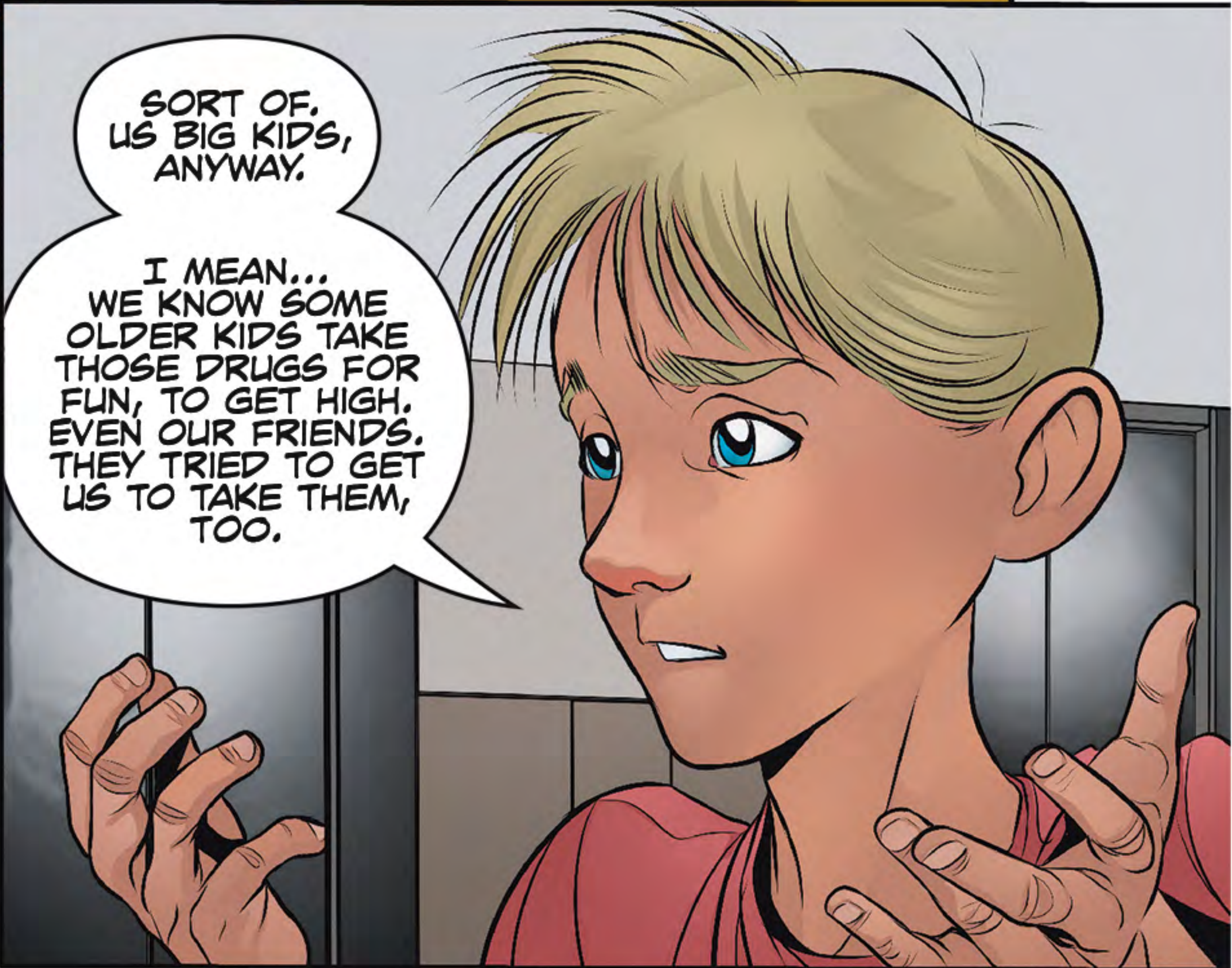
[http:// www.redcross.org/take-a-class/cpr](http://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/cpr)

BUT--IT'S MY FAULT. I CALLED HIM A BABY FOR CRYING.

AND I SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE TO BE IN THE MOVIE. BUT I NEVER THOUGHT HE'D DO THAT.



DIDN'T ANYONE EVER WARN YOU KIDS THAT IT'S DANGEROUS TO TAKE OTHER PEOPLE'S MEDICINES?



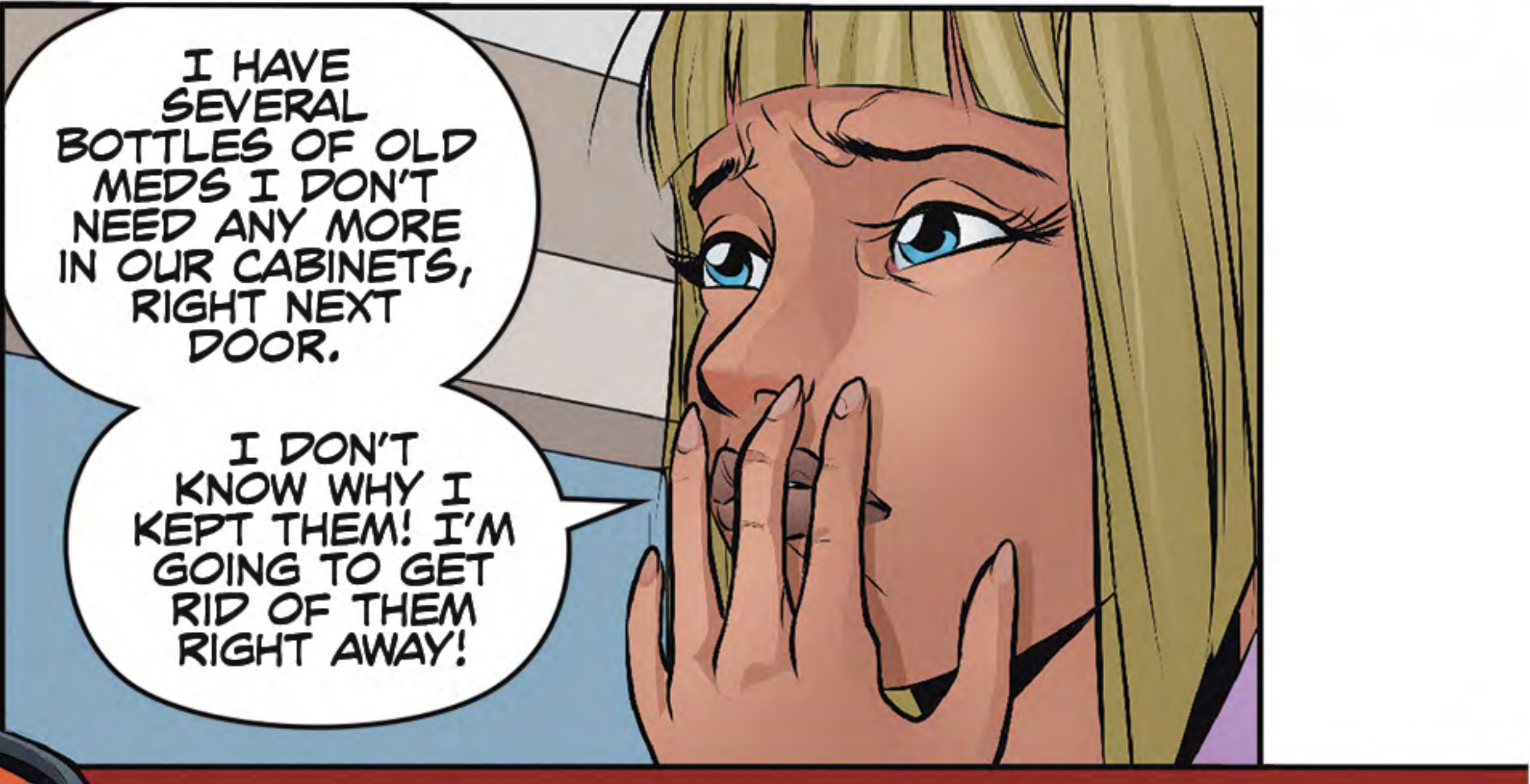
SORT OF. US BIG KIDS, ANYWAY.

I MEAN... WE KNOW SOME OLDER KIDS TAKE THOSE DRUGS FOR FUN, TO GET HIGH. EVEN OUR FRIENDS. THEY TRIED TO GET US TO TAKE THEM, TOO.



THEY ASKED US TO BRING OUR OLD DRUGS FROM HOME AND SHARE THEM.

WE DIDN'T. WE WOULDN'T! BUT I NEVER THOUGHT A LITTLE KID WOULD TAKE THEM. AND MY OWN BROTHER!



I HAVE SEVERAL BOTTLES OF OLD MEDS I DON'T NEED ANY MORE IN OUR CABINETS, RIGHT NEXT DOOR.

I DON'T KNOW WHY I KEPT THEM! I'M GOING TO GET RID OF THEM RIGHT AWAY!

IF YOUR DRUGS DON'T HAVE DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS ON THE LABEL, ASK YOUR PHARMACIST HOW TO DO IT SAFELY. IN MANY PLACES, THE DEA HAS A YEARLY DRUG TAKE BACK DAY. FOR MORE INFORMATION, GET YOUR PARENTS' PERMISSION AND CALL 1-800-882-9539 OR VISIT:

<http://goo.gl/MTqnNY>

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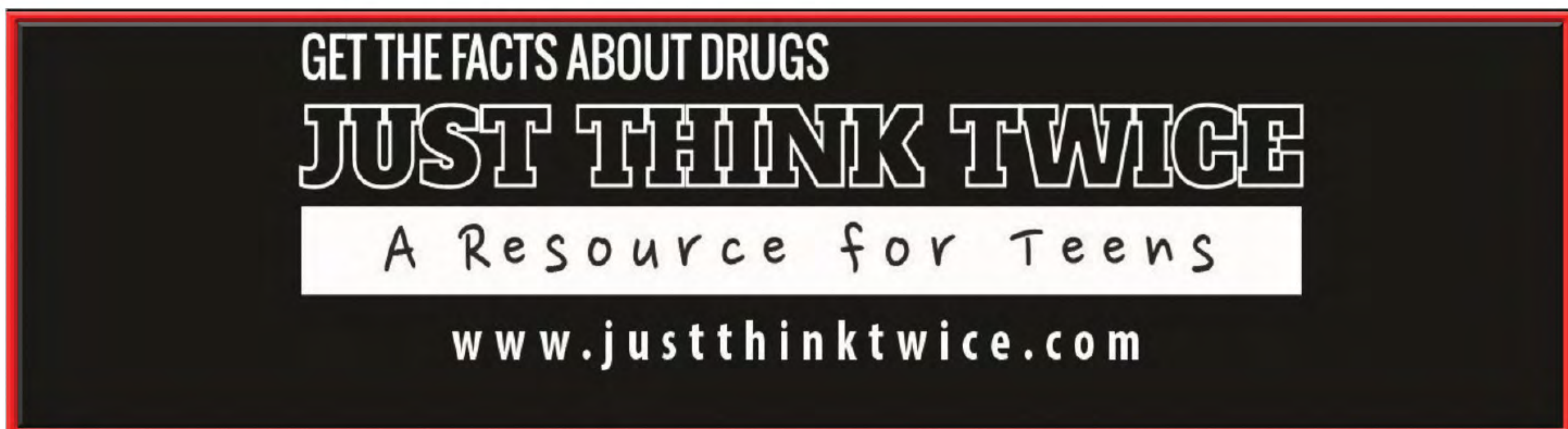
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MY ELKS LODGE IS HAVING A RED RIBBON EVENT THIS SATURDAY.

MAYBE YOU KIDS AND YOUR PARENTS WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US.

THERE'LL EVEN BE A SPECIAL AGENT FROM THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION TALKING ABOUT DRUGS AND A VERY SPECIAL HERO WHO DIED TRYING TO COMBAT THEM.

I THINK YOU'LL FIND IT INTERESTING. AND EVEN FUN.

SATURDAY EVENING...

THERE'S CAPTAIN GADE!


WOW! COOL!

SIREN AND HOT DOG! CAN WE GET A SELFIE? PLEASE?

AND SOON...

IT IS MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE DEA SPECIAL AGENT DAVIS, WHO WILL TELL YOU WHY WE CELEBRATE RED RIBBON WEEK...

EACH YEAR, DURING THE LAST WEEK IN OCTOBER, MORE THAN 80 MILLION YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS SHOW THEIR COMMITMENT TO A HEALTHY, DRUG-FREE LIFE BY WEARING OR DISPLAYING THE RED RIBBON.




"IT'S A DISPLAY THAT WAS CREATED INITIALLY TO HONOR THE SACRIFICE OF FALLEN DEA SPECIAL AGENT ENRIQUE 'KIKI' S. CAMARENA.



"HORRIFIED BY THE DRUG USE HE SAW ON THE STREETS, HE JOINED THE DEA AND BECAME A SPECIAL AGENT.

"KIKI HAD BEEN A MARINE, AND A POLICE OFFICER IN CALIFORNIA.

"SOON, KIKI WENT UNDERGROUND IN MEXICO, ON A DANGEROUS MISSION TO EXPOSE MEXICO'S BIGGEST DRUG TRAFFICKING RING.




"BUT THE DRUG CARTEL LEARNED KIKI'S TRUE IDENTITY AND, BEFORE HE COULD MAKE HIS REVELATION, CARTEL THUGS KIDNAPPED HIM.



"SPECIAL AGENT CAMARENA'S BODY WAS DISCOVERED A MONTH LATER. HE HAD GIVEN HIS LIFE IN HIS EFFORT TO STOP THE FLOW OF ILLEGAL DRUGS.

"HE LEFT BEHIND A WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN, AND A CALIFORNIA TOWN THAT LOVED HIM.

"TO HONOR HIS MEMORY AND HIS SACRIFICE, CITIZENS STARTED WEARING RED RIBBONS, SYMBOLIZING THEIR PLEDGE TO LEAD DRUG-FREE LIVES."



RED RIBBON WEEK HAS SPREAD ACROSS OUR COUNTRY AS A WAY FOR AMERICANS TO SHOW INTOLERANCE FOR DRUGS IN OUR SCHOOLS, WORK PLACES, AND COMMUNITIES.



TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED WITH RED RIBBON WEEK, GET YOUR PARENTS' PERMISSION AND CHECK OUT:

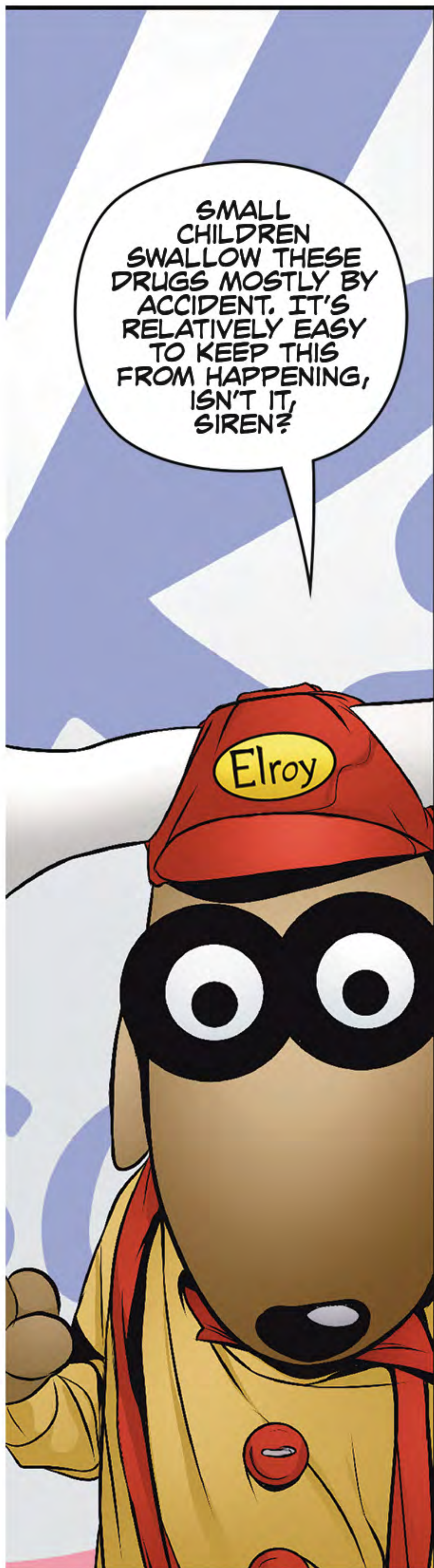
<https://www.dea.gov/redribbon/RedRibbonCampaign.shtml>



IMPROPER USE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS--AND EVEN OVER THE COUNTER DRUGS--HAS BECOME AN EPIDEMIC.

WHEN USED PROPERLY PRESCRIPTION DRUGS MAY ENHANCE A PERSON'S HEALTH, WELL-BEING, AND QUALITY OF LIFE.

BUT WHEN THEY'RE MISUSED, THE EFFECTS CAN BE DEADLY.

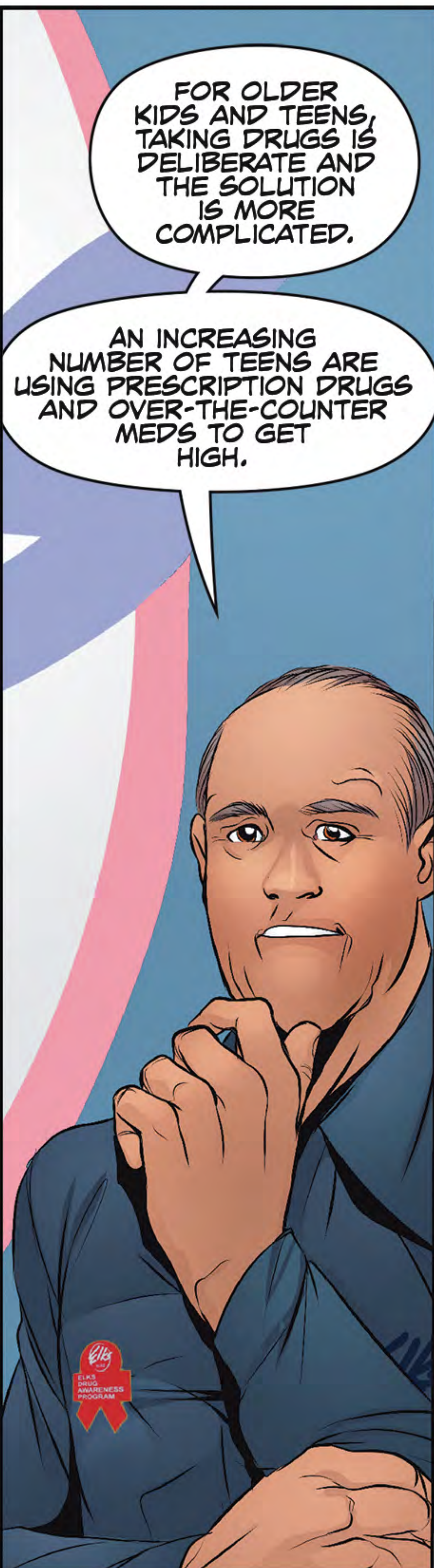


SMALL CHILDREN SWALLOW THESE DRUGS MOSTLY BY ACCIDENT. IT'S RELATIVELY EASY TO KEEP THIS FROM HAPPENING, ISN'T IT, SIREN?



ADULTS SHOULD MAKE SURE ALL MEDICATIONS ARE STORED WHERE LITTLE KIDS CAN'T REACH THEM.

AND KIDS SHOULD TAKE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION ONLY FROM A TRUSTED ADULT, AND ONLY IF THEIR OWN NAME IS ON THE BOTTLE.



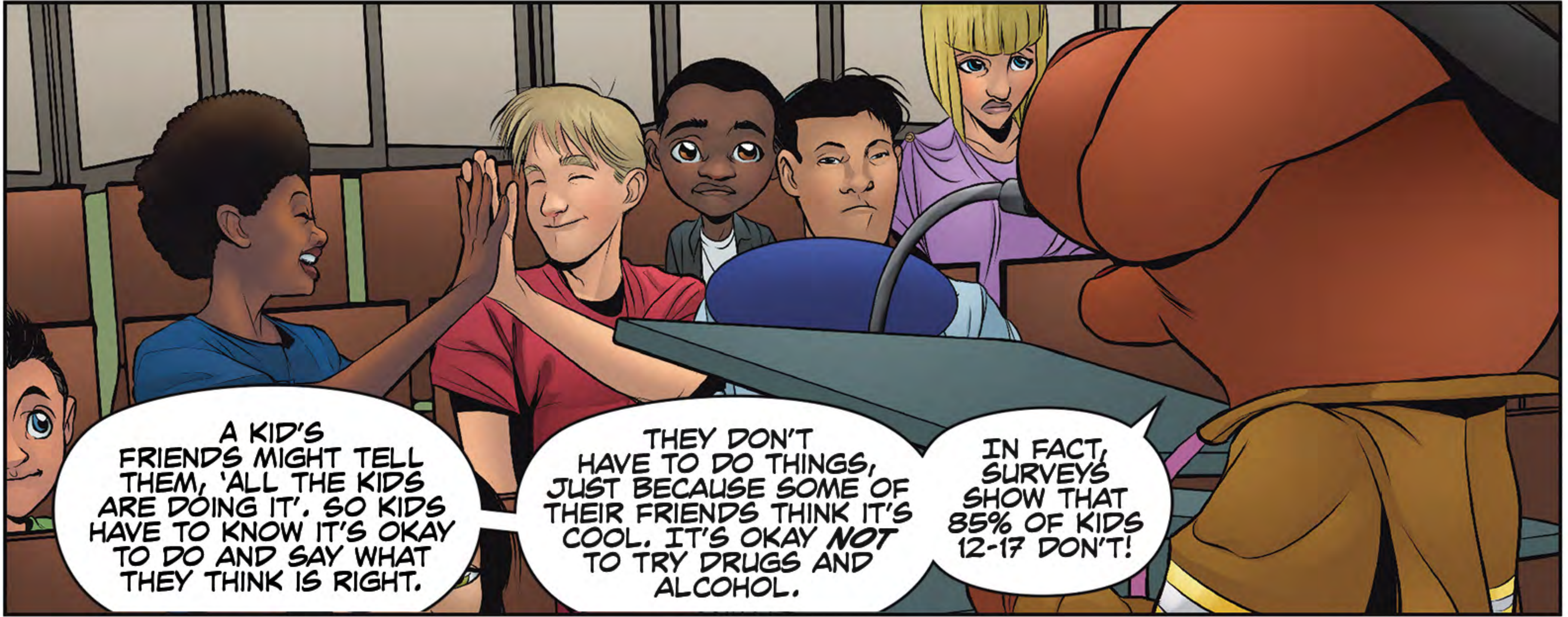
FOR OLDER KIDS AND TEENS, TAKING DRUGS IS DELIBERATE AND THE SOLUTION IS MORE COMPLICATED.

AN INCREASING NUMBER OF TEENS ARE USING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDS TO GET HIGH.



THEY GET PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FROM FRIENDS, AND THEIR FAMILY MEDICINE CABINETS. THEY THINK BECAUSE A DOCTOR PRESCRIBED THEM, THEY'RE SAFE.

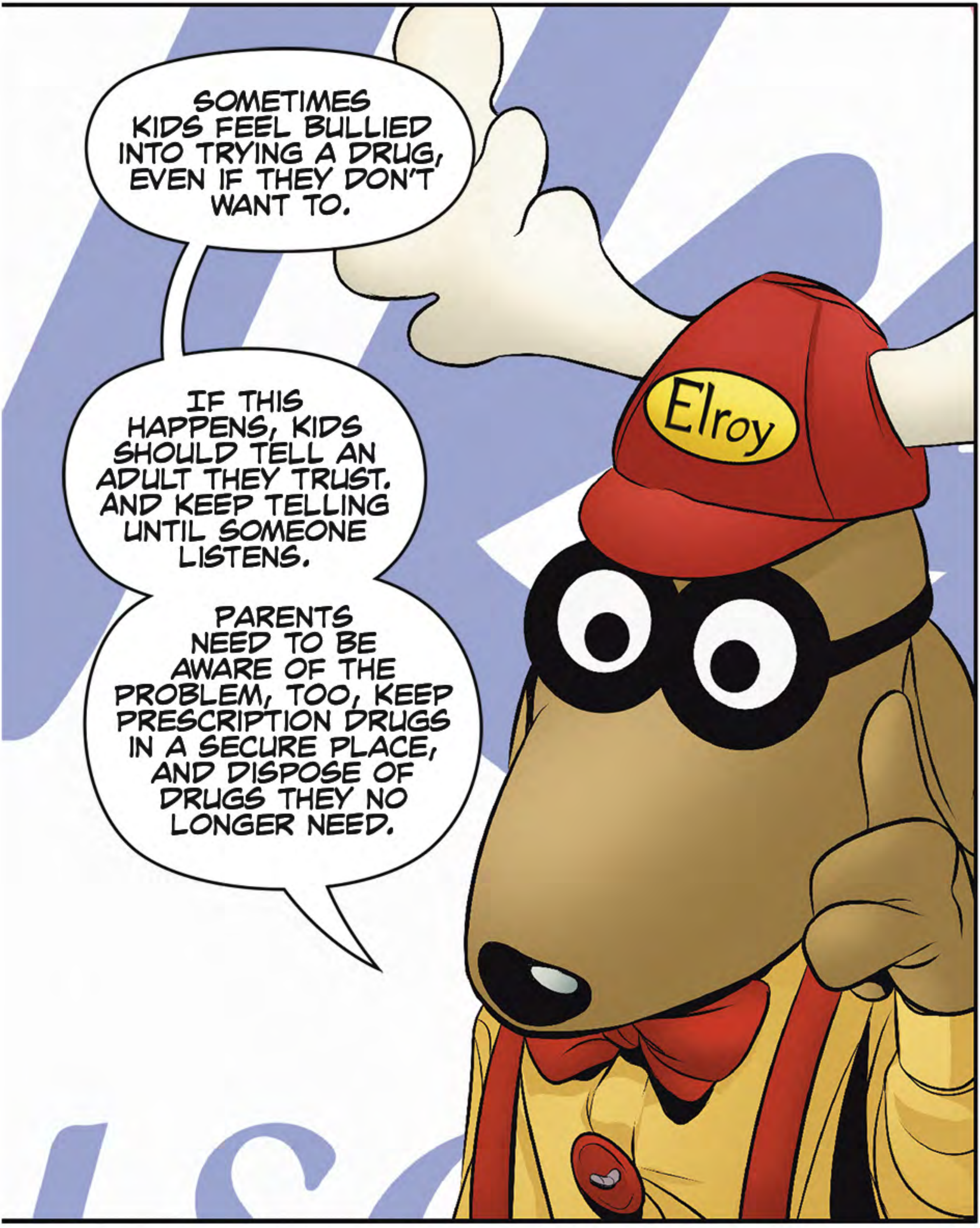
BUT MEDICINES CAN BE UNSAFE, EVEN DEADLY, IF TAKEN INCORRECTLY.



A KID'S FRIENDS MIGHT TELL THEM, 'ALL THE KIDS ARE DOING IT'. SO KIDS HAVE TO KNOW IT'S OKAY TO DO AND SAY WHAT THEY THINK IS RIGHT.

THEY DON'T HAVE TO DO THINGS, JUST BECAUSE SOME OF THEIR FRIENDS THINK IT'S COOL. IT'S OKAY **NOT** TO TRY DRUGS AND ALCOHOL.

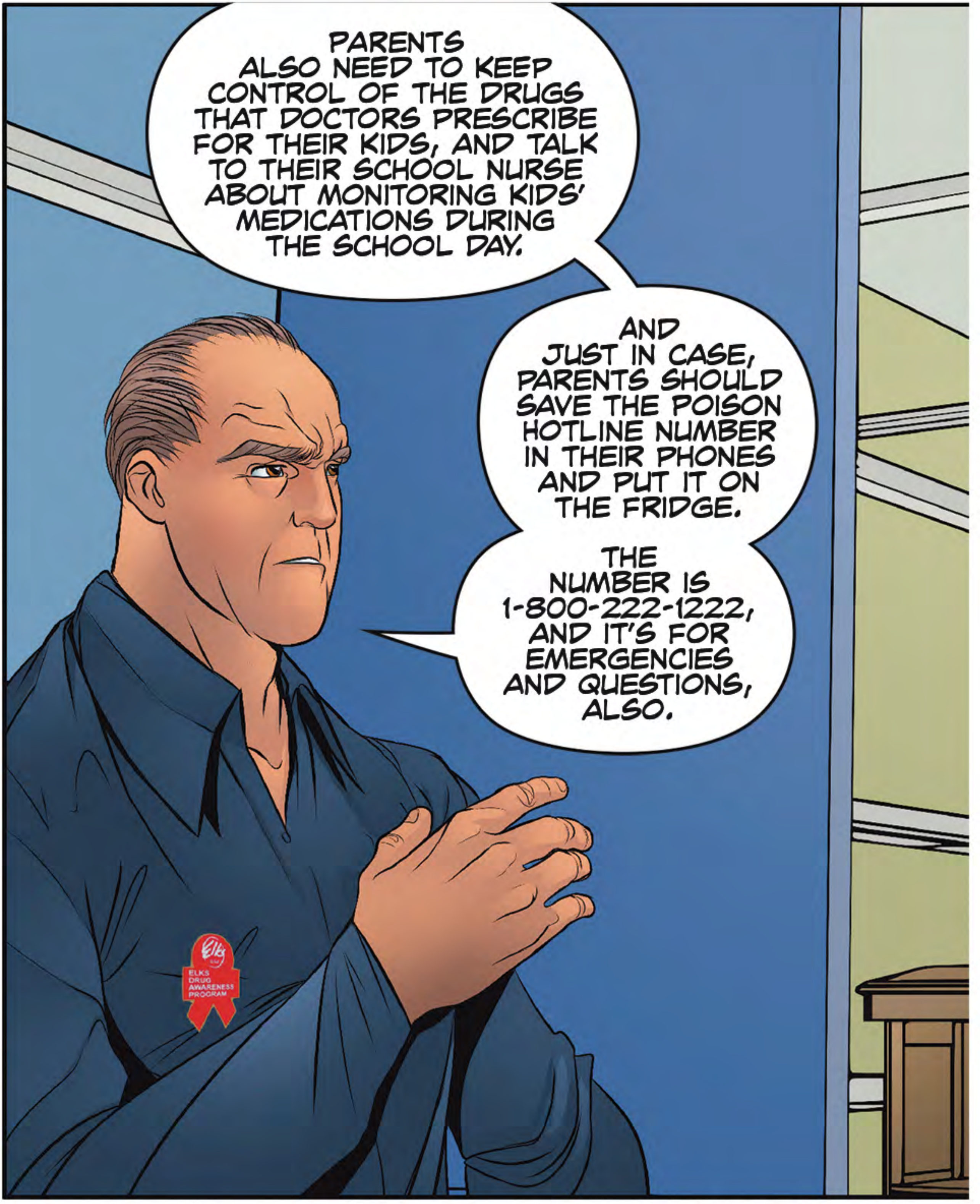
IN FACT, SURVEYS SHOW THAT 85% OF KIDS 12-17 DON'T!



SOMETIMES KIDS FEEL BULLIED INTO TRYING A DRUG, EVEN IF THEY DON'T WANT TO.

IF THIS HAPPENS, KIDS SHOULD TELL AN ADULT THEY TRUST, AND KEEP TELLING UNTIL SOMEONE LISTENS.

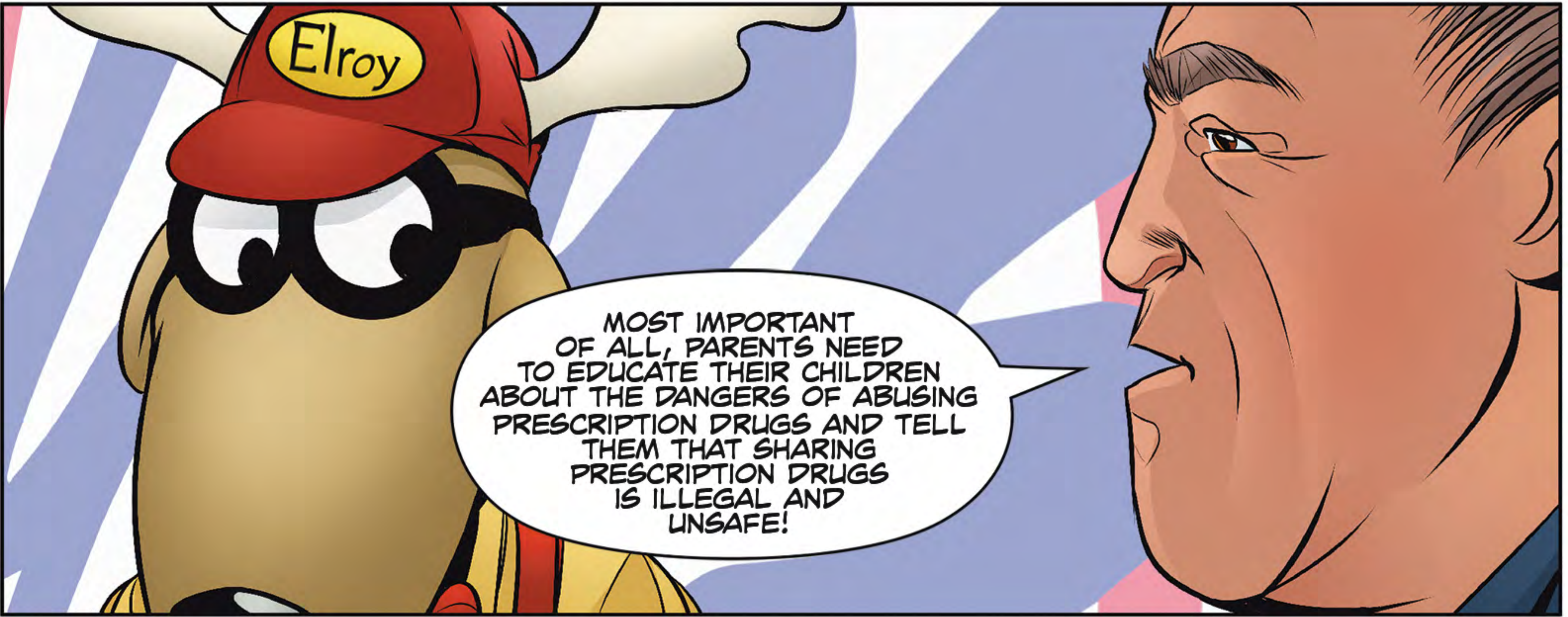
PARENTS NEED TO BE AWARE OF THE PROBLEM, TOO, KEEP PRESCRIPTION DRUGS IN A SECURE PLACE, AND DISPOSE OF DRUGS THEY NO LONGER NEED.



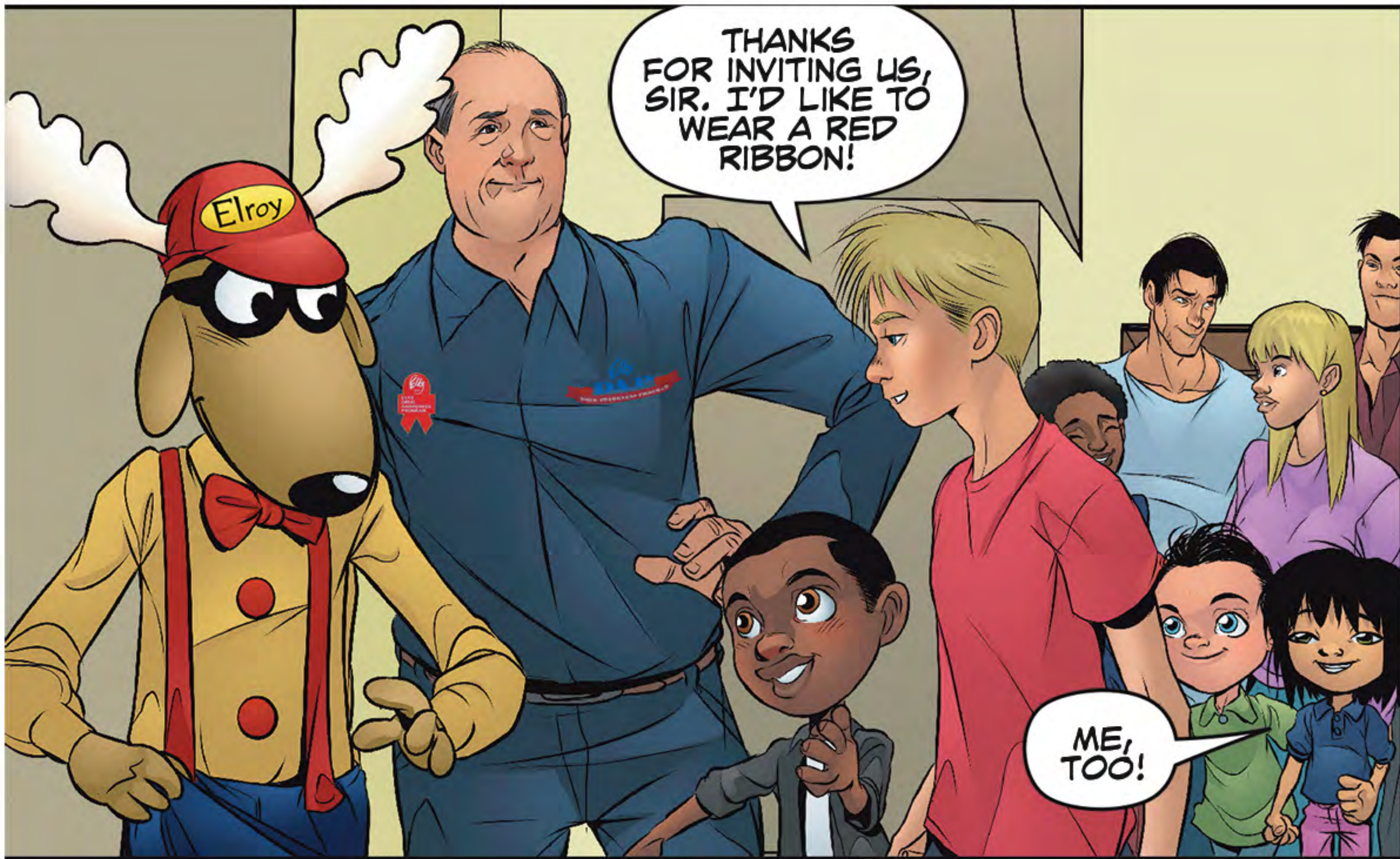
PARENTS ALSO NEED TO KEEP CONTROL OF THE DRUGS THAT DOCTORS PRESCRIBE FOR THEIR KIDS, AND TALK TO THEIR SCHOOL NURSE ABOUT MONITORING KIDS' MEDICATIONS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.

AND JUST IN CASE, PARENTS SHOULD SAVE THE POISON HOTLINE NUMBER IN THEIR PHONES AND PUT IT ON THE FRIDGE.

THE NUMBER IS 1-800-222-1222, AND IT'S FOR EMERGENCIES AND QUESTIONS, ALSO.



MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, PARENTS NEED TO EDUCATE THEIR CHILDREN ABOUT THE DANGERS OF ABUSING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND TELL THEM THAT SHARING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS IS ILLEGAL AND UNSAFE!

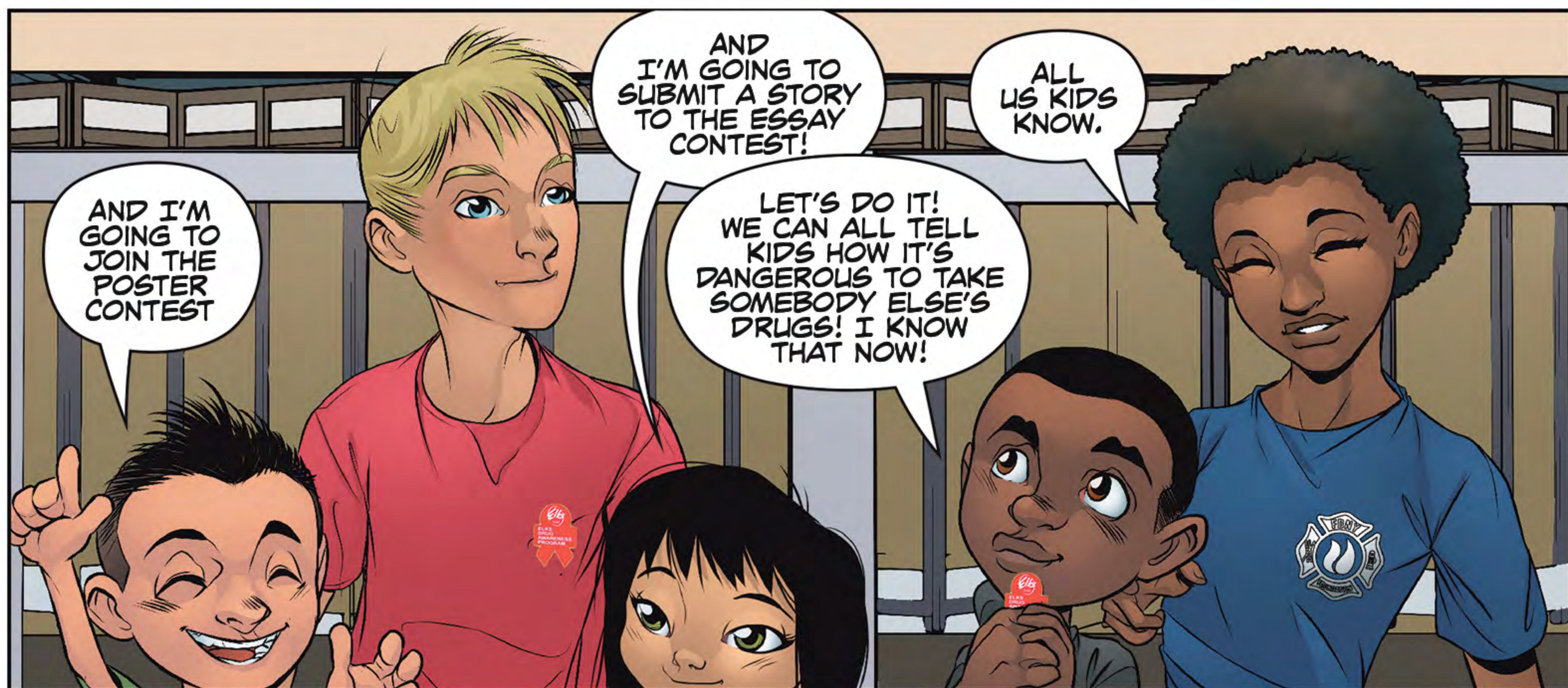


THANKS FOR INVITING US, SIR. I'D LIKE TO WEAR A RED RIBBON!

ME, TOO!



CAPTAIN GADE SAYS YOU'RE A GOOD FILMMAKER! YOU SHOULD ENTER THE ELKS VIDEO CONTEST!



AND I'M GOING TO JOIN THE POSTER CONTEST

AND I'M GOING TO SUBMIT A STORY TO THE ESSAY CONTEST!

ALL US KIDS KNOW.

LET'S DO IT! WE CAN ALL TELL KIDS HOW IT'S DANGEROUS TO TAKE SOMEBODY ELSE'S DRUGS! I KNOW THAT NOW!



THE NEXT DAY...

LET'S MAKE A MOVIE ABOUT KIKI!

NO! FIREFIGHTERS! AND PARAMEDICS! AND HOW THEY SAVED ME! THEY'RE HEROES TOO!



IF WE CAN GET KIDS TO LISTEN, MAYBE WE'LL BE HEROES, TOO.

LIKE FIREFIGHTERS! OR KIKI!

GREAT IDEA! WE CAN CALL IT "HEROES DON'T USE DRUGS!"

AND HOW TAKING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS THAT DON'T BELONG TO YOU IS BAD!

THE END!



Poster, Video and Essay Contests

This years national essay winner was

Cara Lause

an 8th Grader, Sponsored by Washington Missouri Lodge #1559.

Do you have things in your life that you couldn't live without?

I do: my family, friends, education, and the extracurricular activities I participate in.

Would I still be able to have or do those things with drugs in my life? The answer is no.

Why would you want to do drugs?

Imagine a wall of pictures. There's a picture of your family, friends, school, and your extracurricular activities. There's also one of the college you want to go to.

You start doing drugs and don't tell anyone. The next couple days you and your family notice that you get mad really fast. You start to yell at your parents, and you aren't nice to your siblings. One day, while you are at school, your mom goes into your room and finds some drugs. When you return, she confronts you about her findings. You get really mad, and because of the drugs you've been taking you yell at her. You and your family are drifting apart. Drugs rip your family apart. Get rid of the picture of you and your family.

During the next couple of days, word gets around that you are using drugs. Your friends tell you that they don't want to be friends anymore. They don't feel safe around you because you get mad and act out at anything that bothers you. You lose people you were really close to because of drugs. Take down the picture of you and your friends.

The next day you have basketball practice. This was really important to you, but the coach heard you got into drugs. He went over to you, and you thought he was going to help you like he always does. Instead, he kicked you off the team. You have a tantrum and you almost hurt one of your teammates. Drugs are ruining everything. You can say bye to the picture of you and your team.

The next couple weeks you feel miserable, and you can't focus. You're skipping class just to use drugs. School is pointless to you. You can tell everyone is judging you and it doesn't feel good, so you drop out. There goes the picture of your school.

Now the only picture is your future. You don't realize how important this is because you're so focused on getting drugs. You're just glad you have something left. Well, you don't so take it down. You probably should tear it into pieces because it won't be easy to get back.

Now you're staring at a plain wall, wondering how you lost everything, but you know the answer. It was when you started using drugs. You thought drugs would solve your problems, but instead they distracted you as everything got worse. Life as you remembered is gone forever.

Now that you know what your life would be like with drugs, would you still use them? I would never risk that much, maybe even my life, for drugs. My message to you is: just don't do it.

Winning Poster



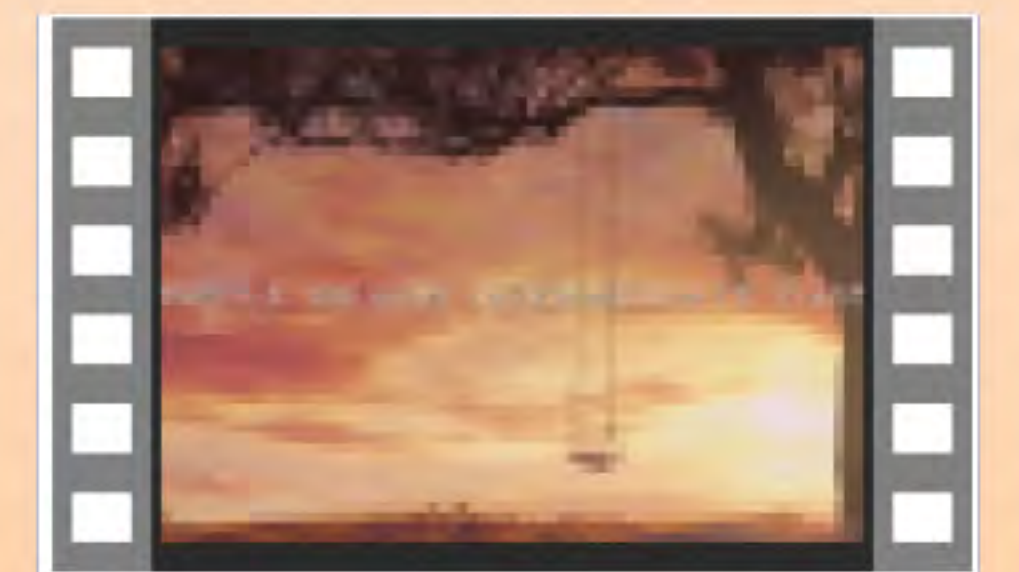
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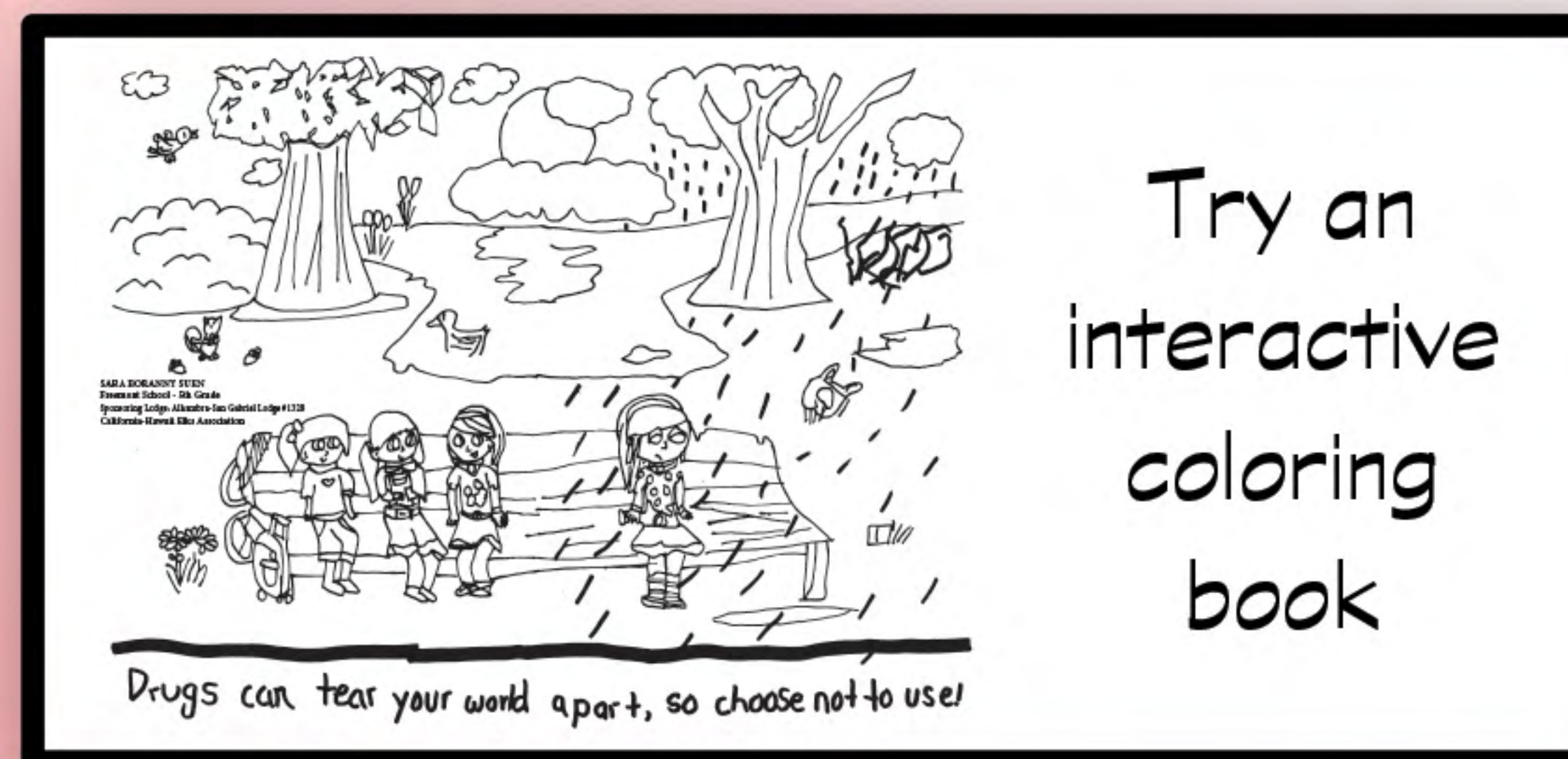


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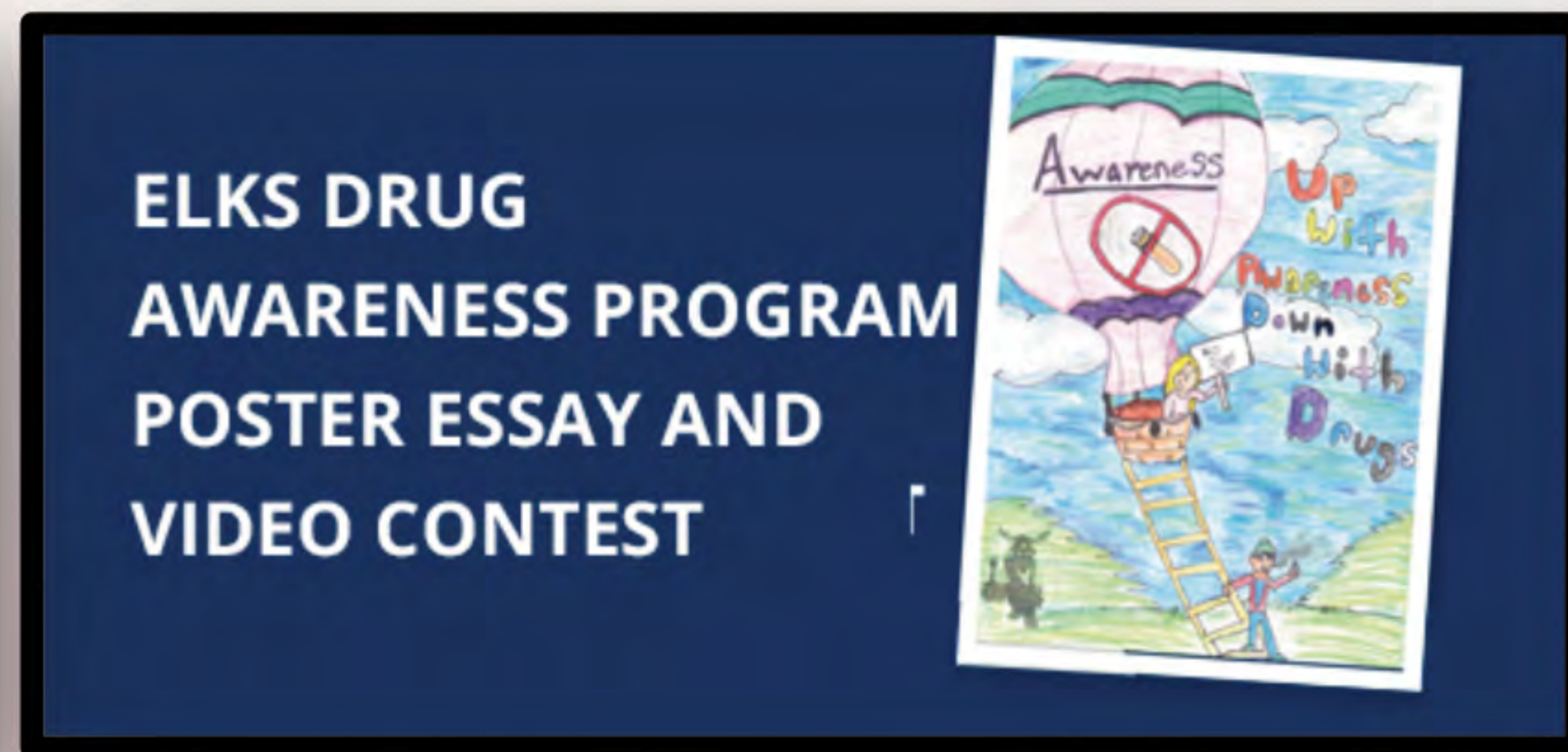
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