

Priya's Mask



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WE HAVEN'T SEEN A HUMAN IN OUR FORESTS FOR WEEKS.

THE AIR IS CLEAN, AND I CAN SEE THE GREAT MOUNTAINS AT A DISTANCE.



SAHAS, YOU MUST STAY WITH US.

PRIYA NEEDS ME, I AM HER COURAGE, HER FRIEND. WE LOOK AFTER ONE ANOTHER.

SAHAS LOOKS SO HAPPY TO BE REUNITED WITH HER FRIENDS AFTER A LONG TIME.



I THINK THE WATER IS TRYING TO TELL ME SOMETHING.



MY BRAVE, PRIYA, YOU CARRY A HEART OF COMPASSION; YOU HAVE BATTLED MANY MONSTERS, BUT NOW THE WORLD IS FACED WITH AN INVISIBLE FORCE -- A VIRUS, UNLIKE ANY OTHER YOU HAVE MET.

WHAT CAN I DO AGAINST AN INVISIBLE FORCE? A VIRUS?



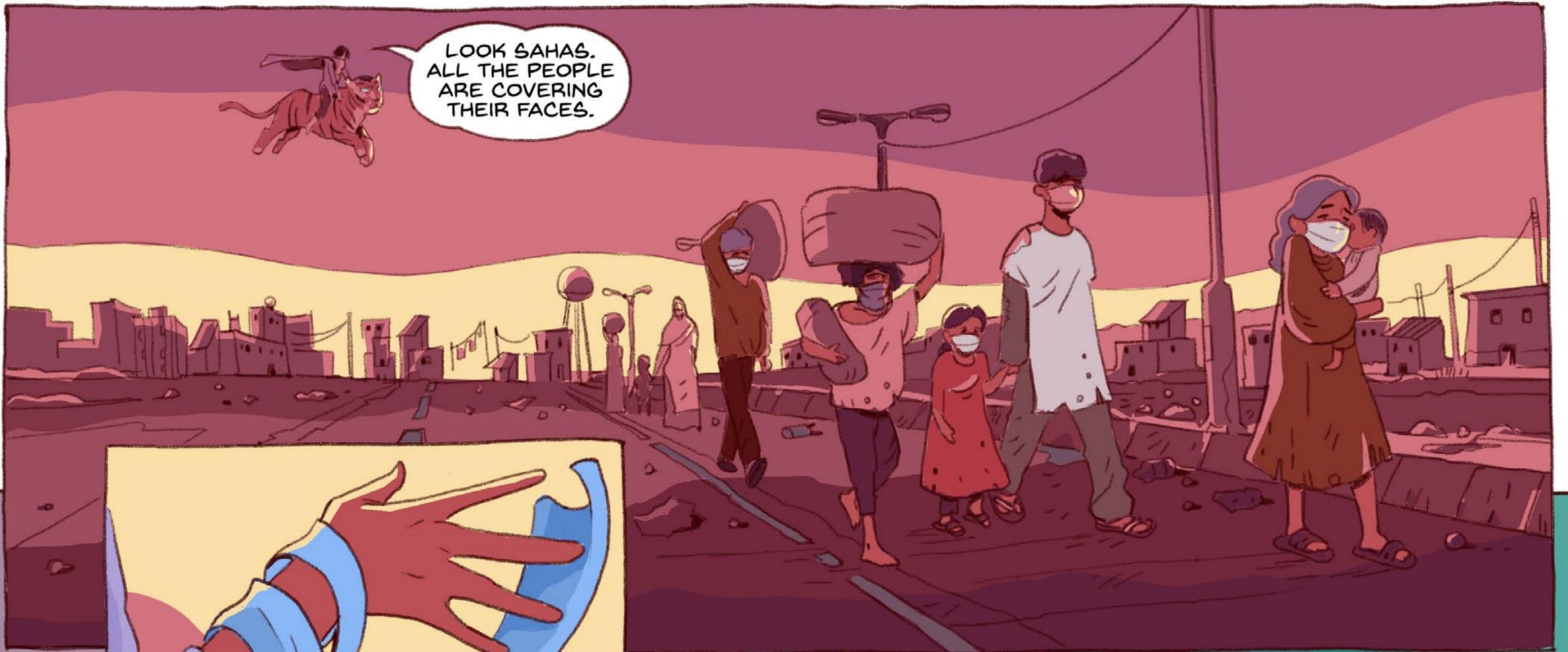
THE VERY BREATH OF HUMANS IS THREATENED BY THIS VIRUS. IT KEEPS THEM AT A DISTANCE FROM ONE ANOTHER. THIS DISTANCE HAS BROUGHT UPON THEM A DEEP FEAR. YOU NEED TO GIVE THEM HOPE AND BY WORKING TOGETHER THEY CAN DEFEAT THE VIRUS.



USE THIS TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS. YOU ARE A GIVER. THIS IS THE REASON YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE YOUR STRENGTH.



LOOK, DOWN THERE. WHY ARE SO MANY PEOPLE LEAVING THE CITY?



LOOK SAHAS.
ALL THE PEOPLE
ARE COVERING
THEIR FACES.



THIS MASK WILL
HELP KEEP THE
VIRUS OUT, AND
STOP THE VIRUS
FROM SPREADING.



I SENSE
A QUIET
FEAR
HERE.



EVERYONE
IS HIDING
IN THEIR
HOUSES.

IT SEEMS
AS THOUGH
TIME HAS
STOPPED.



I WONDER WHEN I WILL SEE MY FRIENDS AGAIN.

DON'T BE AFRAID. I'M PRIYA, YOUR FRIEND. AND THIS IS SAHAS.



WOW, ARE YOU A MAGICAL TIGER AND PRINCESS?

WHY ARE YOU SO SAD?



MEENA, MAKE SURE YOU LISTEN TO YOUR FATHER.

I WILL MA.

MY MOTHER SAYS THAT PEOPLE ARE GETTING SICK AND SO WE HAVE TO STAY HOME.



WILL YOU BE BACK HOME LATE AGAIN?



I DON'T KNOW WHAT TIME I WILL RETURN. IT'S IMPORTANT FOR ME TO BE AT THE HOSPITAL WITH THE OTHER NURSES TAKING CARE OF THE SICK PEOPLE. BE MY HELPER AND TAKE CARE OF THE HOME FOR ME.



I WISH WE COULD GO BACK IN TIME. WE USED TO GO TO THE PARK TOGETHER AND PLAY. THEN, YOU WOULD MAKE MY FAVORITE KHEER AND READ ME STORIES. I MISS THAT.



I MISS MY FRIENDS, I HAVE NO ONE TO TELL MY FEELINGS TO.

SOMETIMES WE HAVE TO BE STRONG, SO THOSE WHO LOVE US CAN ALSO BE STRONG.



COME ON, LET'S GO ON A JOURNEY. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ON A FLYING TIGER?

WOWW ! I'VE NEVER SEEN SOOOOOOOO MANYYYY BIRDS LIKE THOSE!



THE BIRDS TELL ME THEY HAVE COME INTO THE CITY SINCE THE AIR IS NOW CLEANER.

I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE YOU CAN TALK, SAHAS !



THAT'S MY FRIEND LINA'S HOUSE!



I WISH I COULD VISIT MY GRANDMOTHER AND GIVE HER A HUG. SHE WOULD MAKE EVERYTHING OK.



LOOK! OVER THERE IS THE PLACE MY MOM TAKES ME FOR ICE CREAM AND SWEETS. WE USUALLY HAVE TO WAIT IN LINE, BUT NOW IT'S CLOSED!

WHOSE VOICES ARE THOSE? WHERE ARE THEY COMING FROM?

THERE IS NO VIRUS!

THOSE ARE THE VOICES OF PEOPLE WHO ARE MORE AFRAID THAN THEY ARE AWARE. KINDNESS SHOWS US THE WAY WHILE FEAR MAKES US WEAK.

YOU CAN'T MAKE ME WEAR A MASK! IT'S MY CHOICE.

IF YOU ARE POOR, YOU WILL GET IT FASTER.

THIS ONLY HAPPENS TO OLD PEOPLE!



YOU MAY SEE SOMEONE YOU KNOW.



THAT'S MY MAA! SHE IS A NURSE THERE.



I DIDN'T KNOW IT COULD HAPPEN TO ME. I'M VERY SCARED, WILL I BE OK?



YOU NEED REST. YOU HAVE A HIGH FEVER.



MY FRIEND CAME TO VISIT, BUT WE DIDN'T WEAR MASKS. I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE ALRIGHT.

I AM SO SCARED. MY FAMILY CANNOT VISIT ME, I HAVE NO ONE HERE.

WE WILL HAVE TO TEST YOUR FRIEND.



WE ARE HERE FOR YOU. NOW, TRY TO STAY CALM. YOUR BROTHER COMES BY EVERY MORNING. HE WORRIES, BUT HE UNDERSTANDS THAT HE CAN'T SEE YOU. TRY NOT TO WORRY.



HOW CAN I EVER THANK YOU. ALL OF YOU ARE RISKING YOUR LIVES.

THIS IS OUR JOB. WE WILL DO THE BEST WE CAN.



SHE WORKS HARD ALL DAY, WITH SO MANY PEOPLE TO TAKE CARE OF! AND, WHEN SHE COMES HOME, I CAN ONLY SEE HER FROM ACROSS THE ROOM.

YOUR MAA HAS SACRIFICED HER TIME WITH YOU TO TAKE CARE OF THOSE WHO NEED HELP BECAUSE OF THE VIRUS. I'M SURE YOUR MAA MISSES YOU, MEENA, BUT RIGHT NOW SHE IS THE HOPE AND HELP THAT THESE PATIENTS NEED.



AND THERE ARE STILL SO MANY PEOPLE TO HELP!
OH MAA!
I PROMISE I WILL BE STRONG FOR YOU.



DING
DING
DING

LATER THAT NIGHT.



MEENA ORGANIZED HER NEIGHBORS TO CELEBRATE HER MAA'S COURAGE.

SAHAS, THE VIRUS IS STILL OUT THERE, AND IT'S SPREADING. WE NEED TO TELL OUR FRIENDS EVERYWHERE, AND WORK TOGETHER TO STOP IT.



IT'S TIME WE VISIT OUR FRIEND JIYA IN CHUTNEYVILLE UP NORTH. JIYA IS A TEACHER AND THE PROTECTOR OF HER CITY.



SECRETLY, SHE IS KNOWN AS BURKA AVENGER

OUTSIDE THE CITY, THE VILLAIN OF CHUTNEYVILLE, BABA KABOOM, IS MAKING PLANS WITH HIS GANG.



WHAT ARE THOSE MASKS DOING ON YOUR FACES?! TAKE THEM OFF YOU TROGLODYTES! ONLY COWARDS WEAR MASKS.



BUT BABA KABOOM. THE VIRUS !

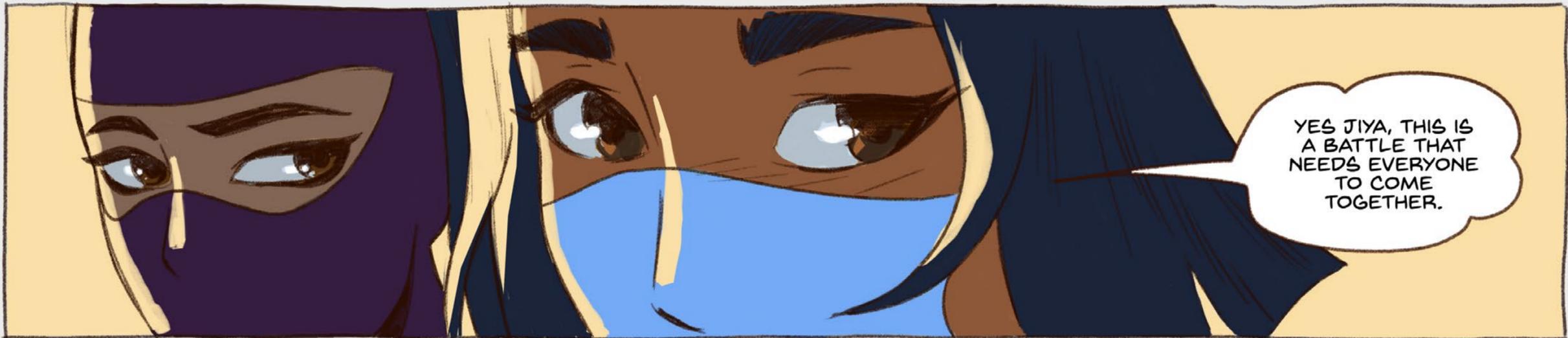


FINE ! I DON'T NEED ANY OF YOU ! I WILL GO MYSELF AND SPREAD THE VIRUS AND MAKE SURE CHUTNEYVILLE IS MIIIIINEEEEE!!!



JIYA, MY FRIEND, I DON'T THINK BABA KABOOM HIMSELF REALIZES THE POWER OF THE VIRUS. YOU HAVE TO WARN THE CITY. THE VIRUS IS UNLIKE ANY OTHER ENEMY WE HAVE FACED.

WE HAVE TO RELY ON KNOWLEDGE AND KINDNESS. THOSE ARE THE TWO MAIN PRINCIPLES OF TACT KABADDI. I WILL GET THE SCHOOL CHILDREN TO HELP.



YES JIYA, THIS IS A BATTLE THAT NEEDS EVERYONE TO COME TOGETHER.



I MISS SCHOOL. ESPECIALLY MS. JIYA.

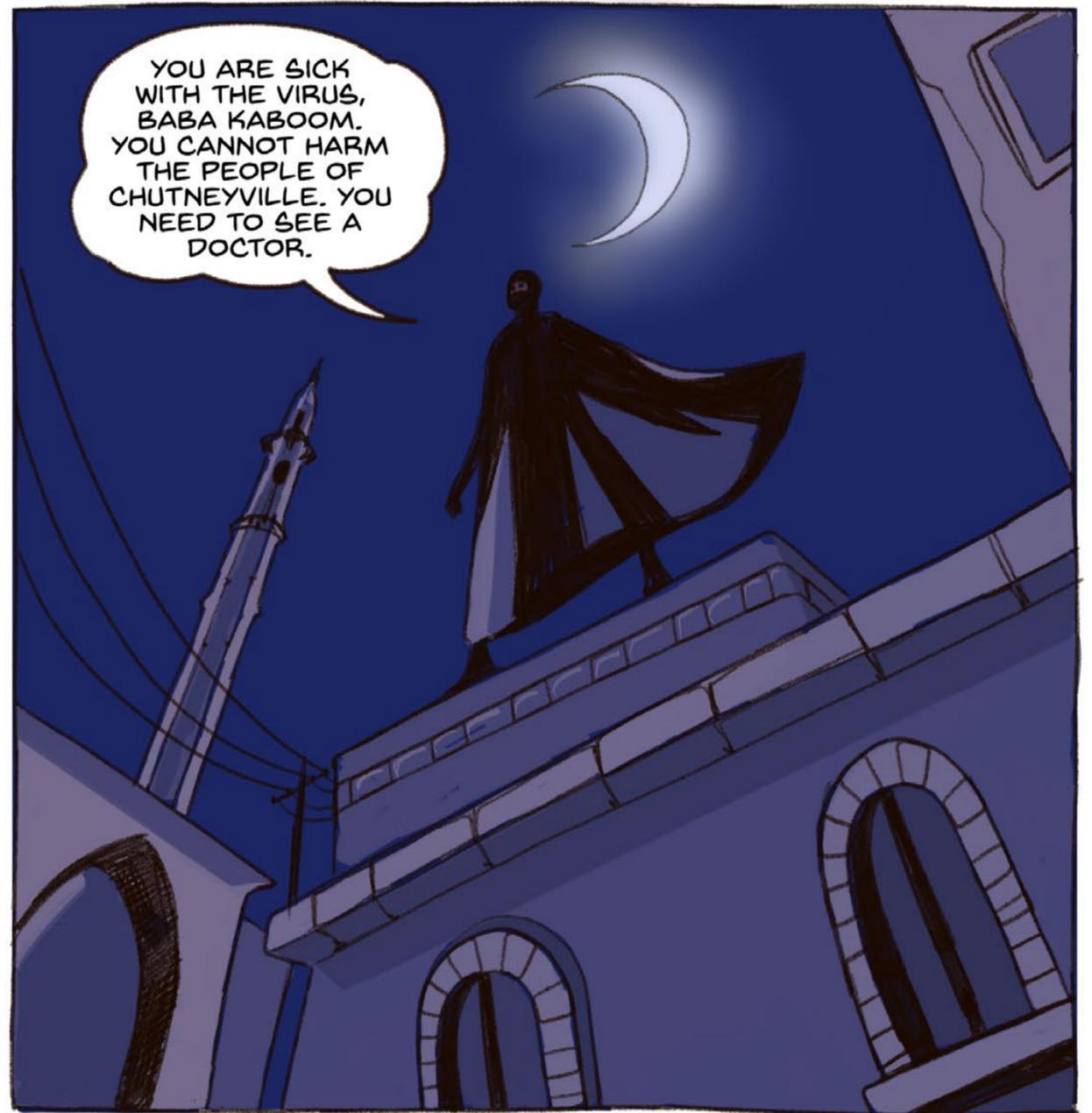
WE NEED TO STAY STRONG. MS. JIYA WOULD EXPECT US TO TAKE CARE OF OURSELVES AND OUR COMMUNITY.

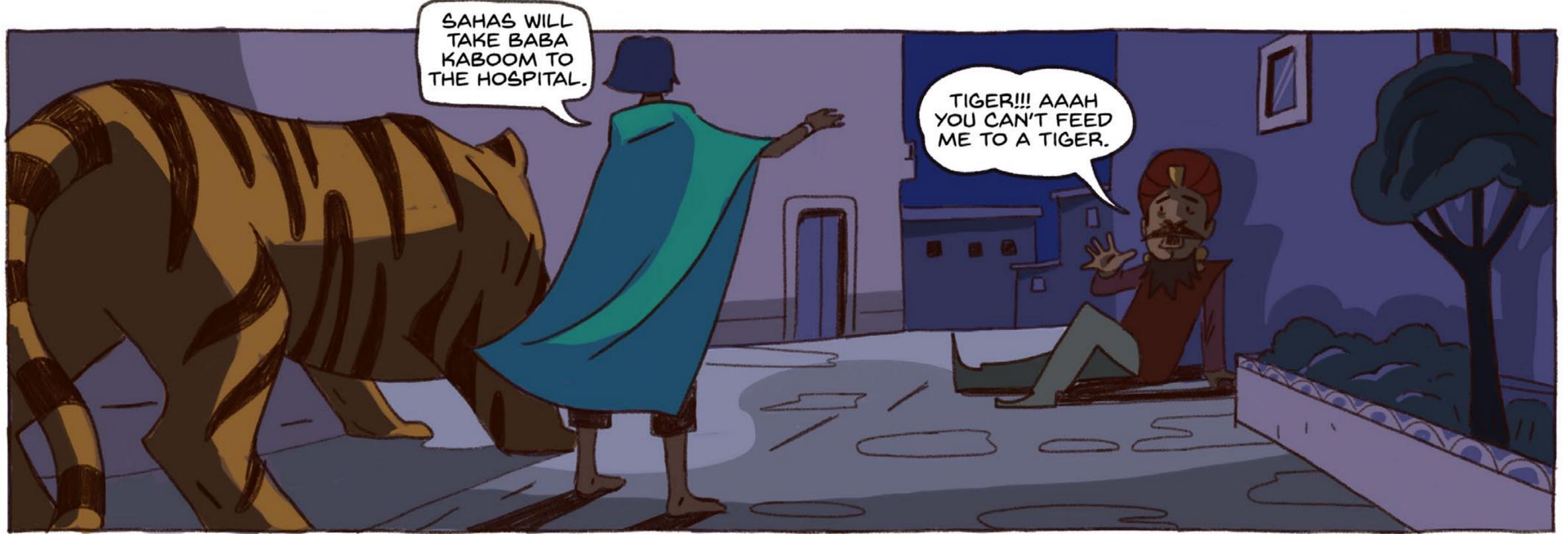


LOOK! DOWN THERE! IS THAT BABA KABOOM ON THE STREET? HE IS BACK! WHAT'S HE UP TO THIS TIME?



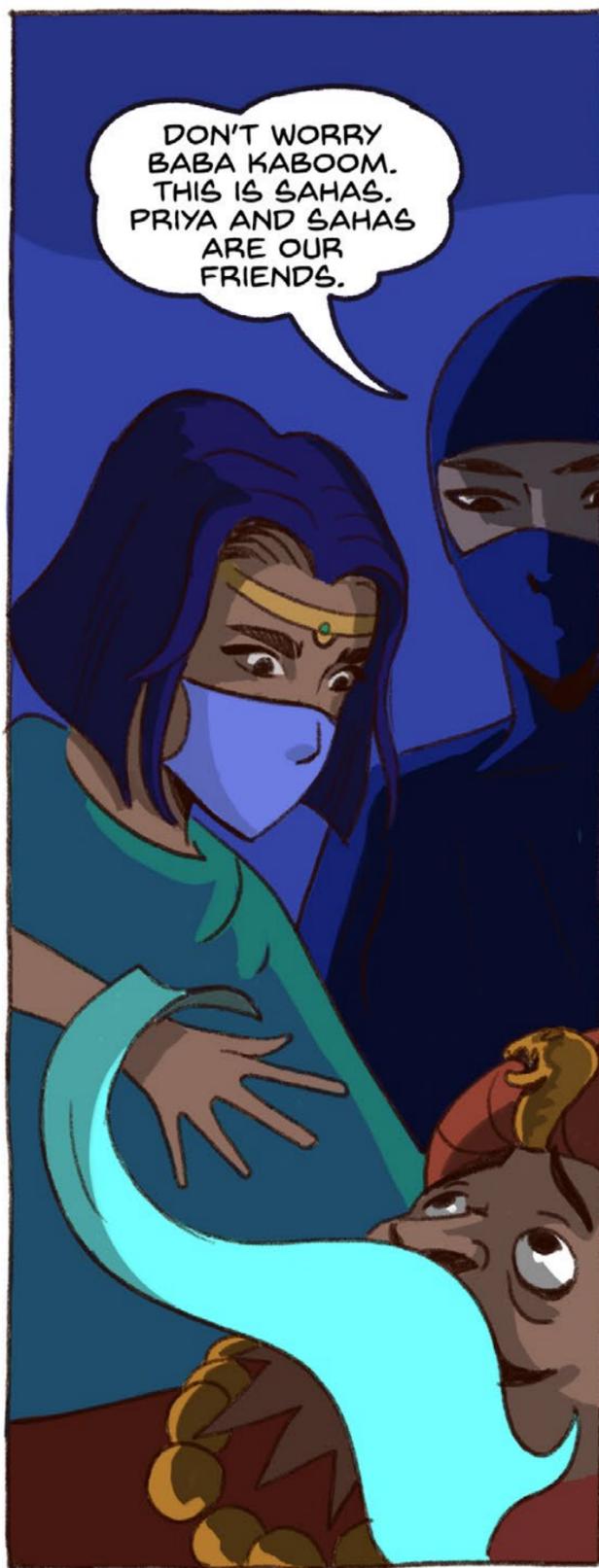
CHUTNEYVILLE WILL BE MINE! I WILL USE THIS VIRUS TO CONTROL YOU ALL.





SAHAS WILL TAKE BABA KABOOM TO THE HOSPITAL.

TIGER!!! AAAH YOU CAN'T FEED ME TO A TIGER.



DON'T WORRY BABA KABOOM. THIS IS SAHAS. PRIYA AND SAHAS ARE OUR FRIENDS.



THE MASKS CAN HELP PROTECT US FROM FROM THE VIRUS. BUT THERE'S SOMETHING WE CAN'T FORGET.

I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN, PRIYA. WE WILL NOT SURVIVE WITHOUT COMPASSION FOR EACH OTHER.



