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patience
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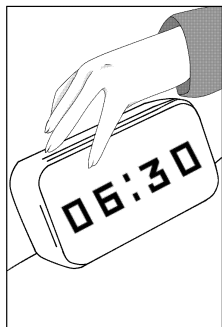
trusting your inner strength; knowing that ease
always follows difficulty; enduring the hardships
and still being grateful



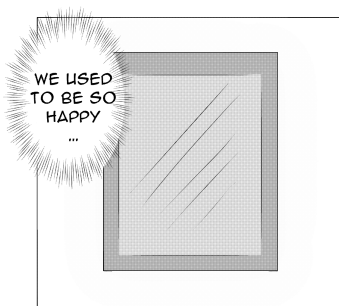
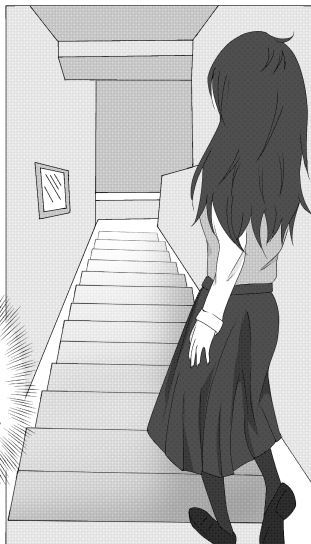
A COMIC BY SHIFA ZUBAIRI



AH, I
DIDN'T GET
ANY SLEEP
TODAY

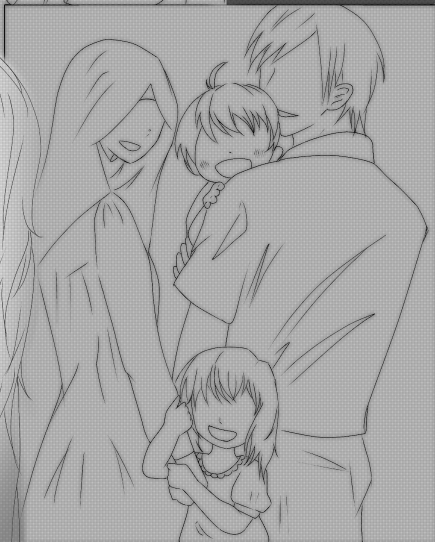


AND IT'S
ALREADY
MORNING

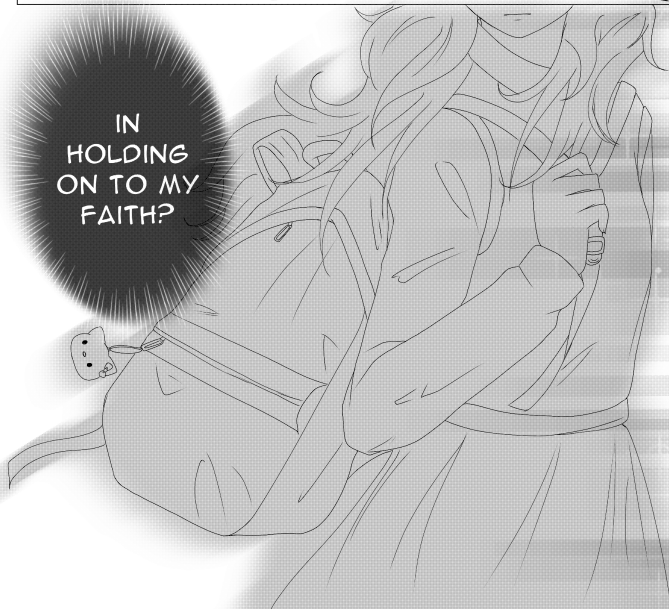
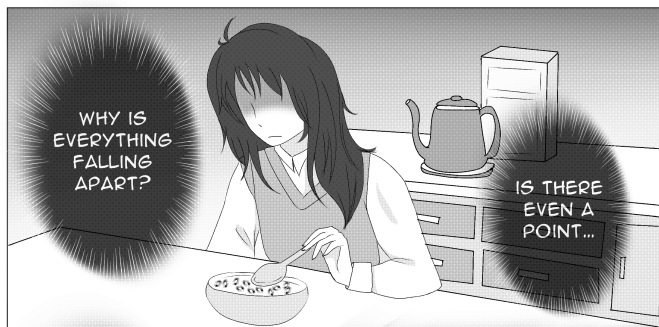




WHAT
HAPPENED
TO US?



WHY DID
EVERYTHING
CHANGE?



IS THERE ANYONE WHO
UNDERSTANDS
WHAT I'M GOING THROUGH?



(AT SCHOOL)

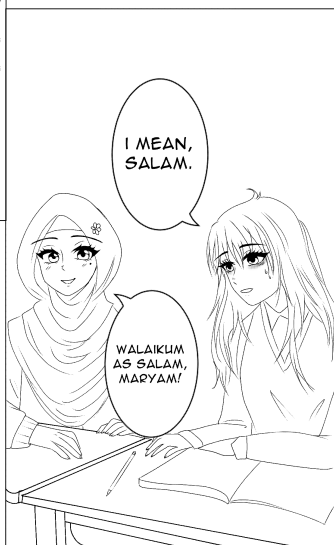
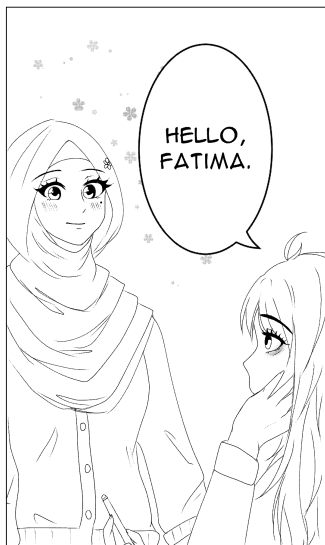




OH,
WELCOME!

EVERYONE,
THIS IS
FATIMA,
OUR NEW
STUDENT.

MARYAM,
COULD YOU
PLEASE HELP
HER WITH ANY
MISSED
WORK?





HOW CAN
SHE BE SO
DEVOUT?

رَبِّ
زِدِّي
عِلْمًا

I USED
TO BE
LIKE THAT
...

LUNCHTIME



THANK
YOU FOR
SHARING YOUR
TEXTBOOK
WITH ME,
MARYAM.

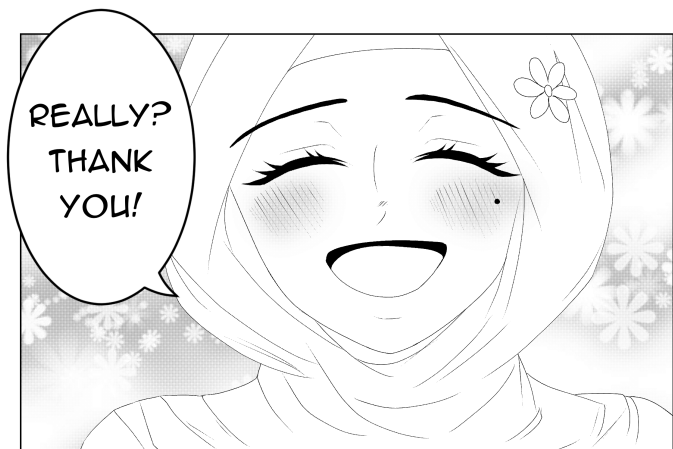
OF
COURSE,
IT'S NO
PROBLEM.



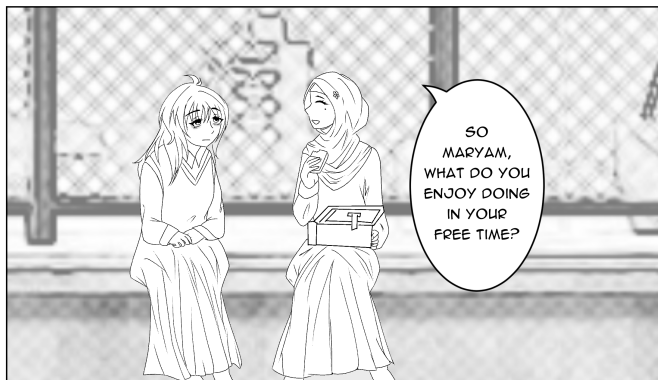
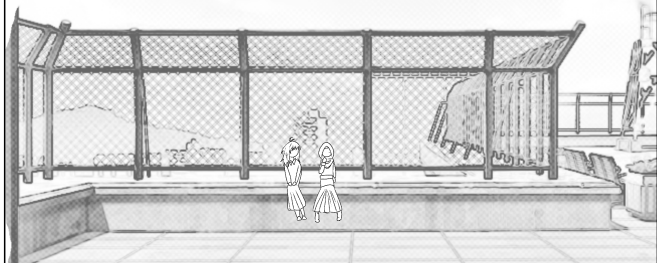
SO,
WHERE
DO YOU
NORMALLY
EAT
LUNCH?

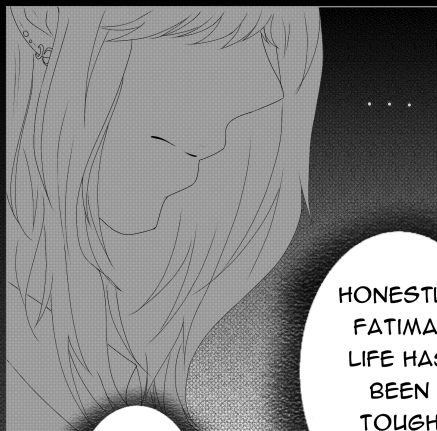
I DON'T
HAVE ANY
FRIENDS...
YET.

THAT'S
OKAY, WE
CAN BE
FRIENDS,
IF YOU
WANT TO.



SCHOOL ROOFTOP





HONESTLY
FATIMA,
LIFE HAS
BEEN
TOUGH
LATELY.

MY
PARENT'S
DIVORCE

...

FINANCIAL
STRESS

...

I FEEL
SO
LOST.



MARYAM,
I CANT
IMAGINE
HOW HARD
THAT MUST
BE FOR
YOU.



REMEMBER,
ALLAH TESTS
THE ONES
HE LOVES
MOST.





BUT
FATIMA,
SOMETIMES I
FEEL LIKE
GOD DOESN'T
EXIST.

WHY
DO I HAVE
TO GO
THROUGH SO
MUCH PAIN
NO MATTER
HOW MUCH
I PRAY?

I'M
LOOSING
HOPE.


MARYAM, IT'S NATURAL TO QUESTION
DURING HARDSHIPS,

BUT REMEMBER, ALLAH'S PLAN
IS BEYOND OUR UNDERSTANDING.



IN SURAH AL BAQARAH, IT SAYS:

"ALLAH DOES NOT BURDEN A SOUL
BEYOND THAT IT CAN BEAR"

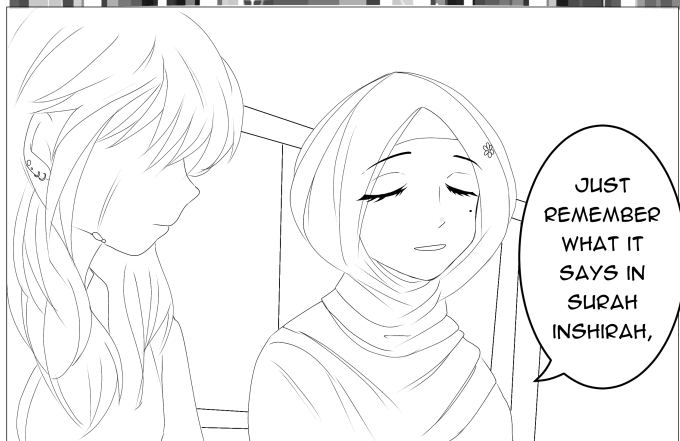


MAYBE...
MAYBE THERE
IS A PURPOSE
IN MY
STRUGGLES

I JUST
NEED TO
TRUST
ALLAH
MORE.

BUT IF
THERE IS
NO PEACE
IN MY
LIFE,

HOW
CAN I
FIND PEACE
IN MY
RELIGION?



فَإِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا ٥

FOR INDEED, WITH HARDSHIP WILL BE EASE.

إِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا ٦

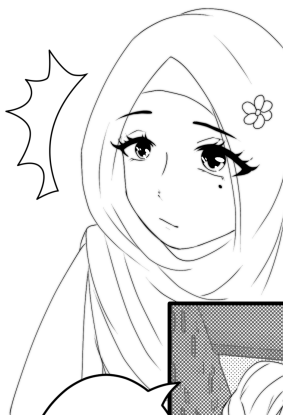
INDEED, WITH HARDSHIP WILL BE EASE.



I'VE BEEN
LOOKING AT
MY HARDSHIPS
THE WRONG
WAY.

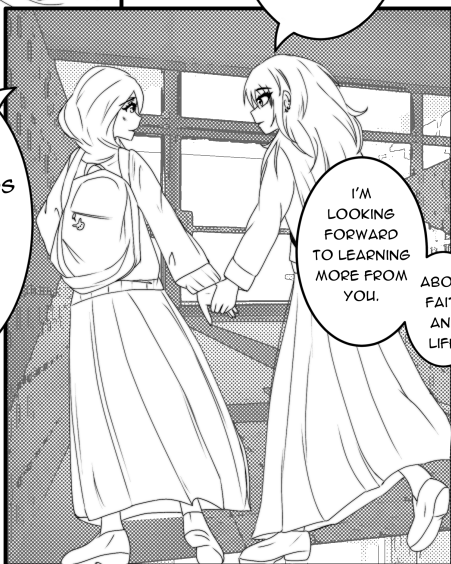
MAYBE
YOU'RE
RIGHT,
FATIMA.

AFTER SCHOOL




THANK
YOU, FATIMA.
YOU'VE GIVEN
ME A NEW
PERSPECTIVE
AND HOPE.

ANYTIME,
MARYAM.
WE'RE FRIENDS
NOW, AND
FRIENDS
SUPPORT
EACH
OTHER.



I'M
LOOKING
FORWARD
TO LEARNING
MORE FROM
YOU.

ABOUT
FAITH
AND
LIFE.



REMEMBER,
ALLAH'S PLAN
IS FILLED WITH
WISDOM, EVEN
IN OUR STRUGGLES.

AT HOME (MAGHRIB TIME)



حَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ
وَ نِعْمَ
الْوَكِيلُ



MASHALLAH,
THE HIJAB
SUITS YOU,
MARYAM.



OH,
THANK YOU
MOTHER.
I DIDN'T
SEE YOU
THERE.

HOW
WAS YOUR
DAY AT
WORK?

IT WAS
GOOD,
ALHUMDULLILLAH.

ALSO, I WANTED
TO TALK TO
YOU ABOUT
SOMETHING,
MARYAM.



ALIGHT
THEN.

OF
COURSE,
SHE'S YOUR
FRIEND
AT WORK.
I REMEMBER

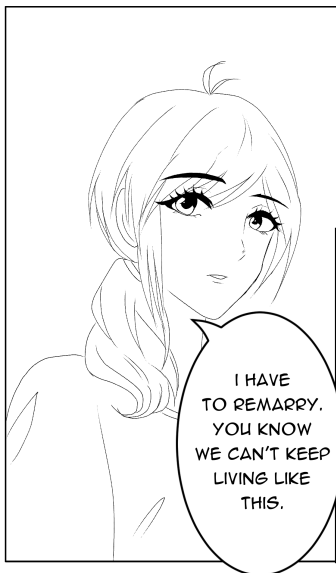
ALL
HER EID
PARTIES
WE WENT
TO

SO,
DO YOU
REMEMBER
MISS AISHA?

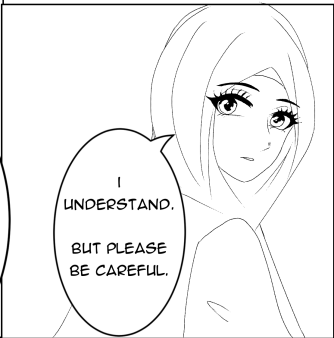
WELL,
HER
BROTHER
RECENTLY
MOVED TO
THE CITY
AND-

MOTHER
...

ARE YOU
SURE
ABOUT
THIS?

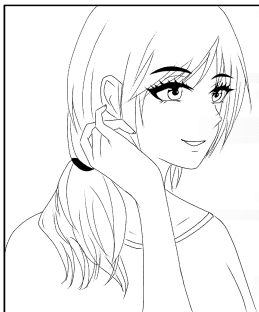


I HAVE
TO REMARRY.
YOU KNOW
WE CAN'T KEEP
LIVING LIKE
THIS.



I
UNDERSTAND.

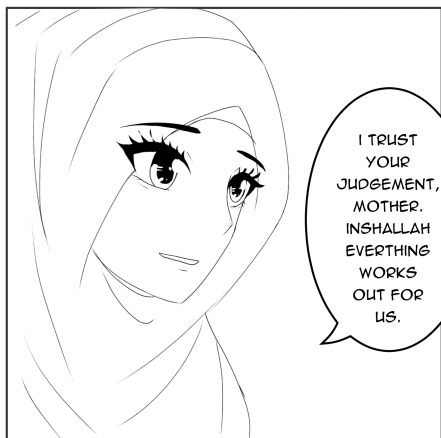
BUT PLEASE
BE CAREFUL.



I KNOW THAT AISHA IS A GOOD WOMAN,
AND HER FAMILY HAS
ALWAYS TREATED US KINDLY.

RAMADAN IS COMING, SO SHE'S HAVING
AN EID PARTY SOON.

I DON'T KNOW THAT MUCH ABOUT HER
BROTHER, BUT HIS WIFE PASSED AWAY,
SO HE ALSO WANTS TO REMARRY.



I TRUST
YOUR
JUDGEMENT,
MOTHER.
INSHALLAH
EVERTHING
WORKS
OUT FOR
US.



REALLY?
WHAT'S
HER
NAME?

YES,
INSHA'ALLAH.
ALSO, HE
HAS A
DAUGHTER
YOUR AGE.

HER NAME IS
FATIMA.

NO
WAY

...



END.