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a true-life story

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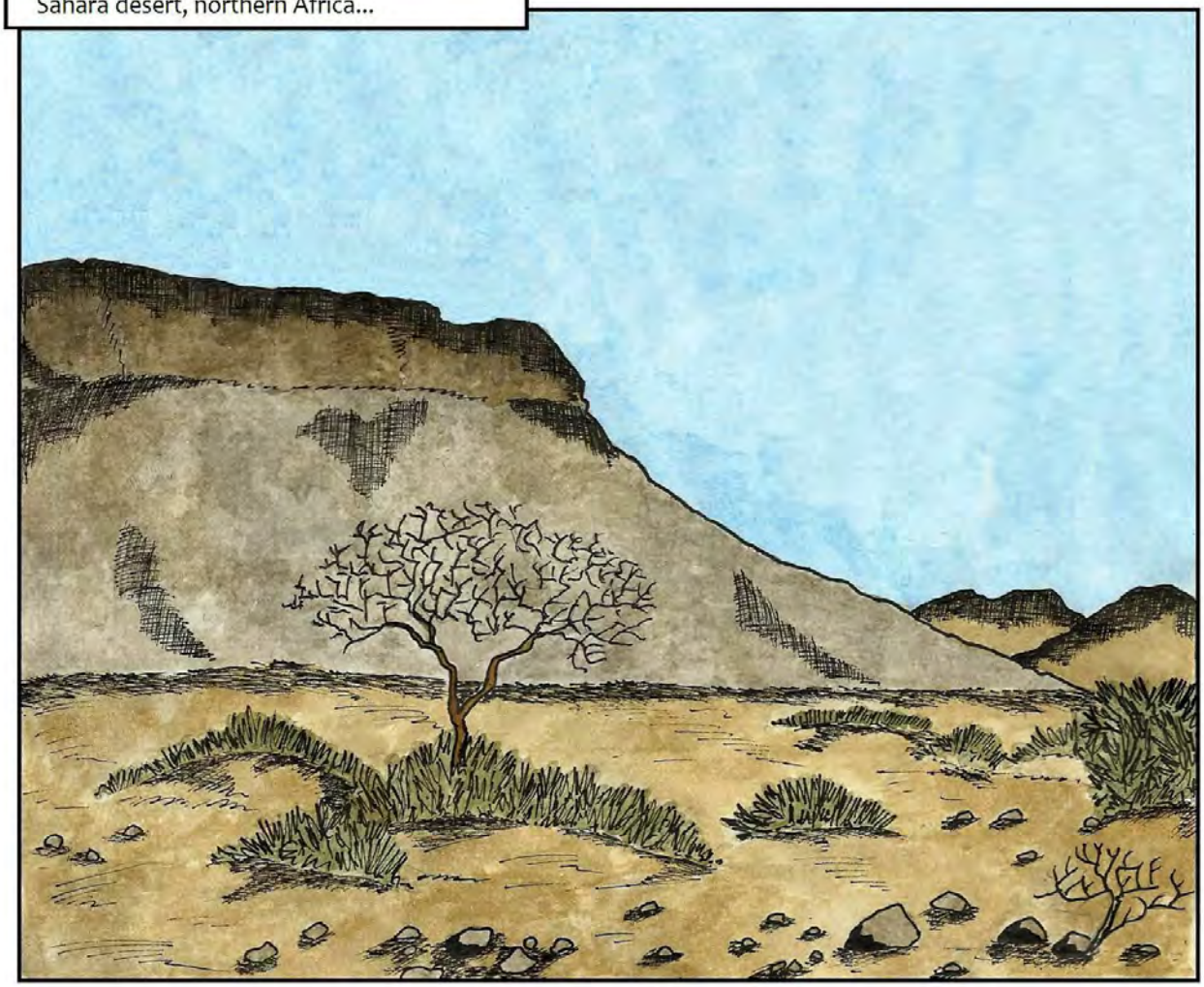
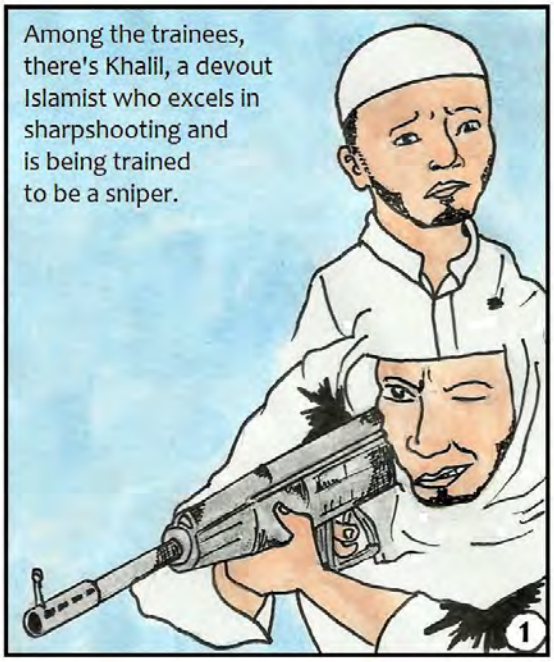
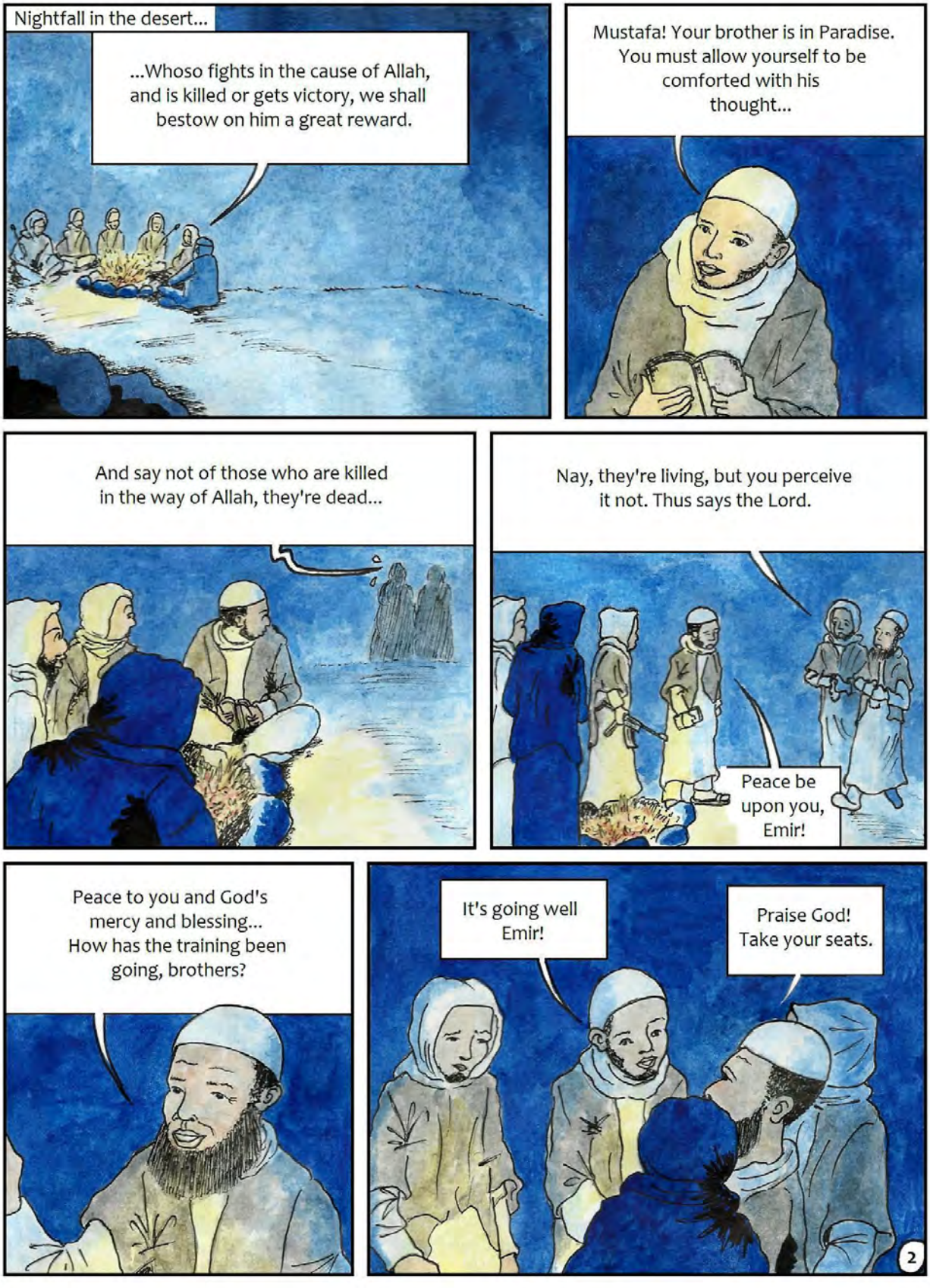


There lived a radical Islamist group that was training for one purpose which was to return to Egypt to overthrow the government. That group cared for nothing but Islamic call.

Among the trainees, there's Khalil, a devout Islamist who excels in sharpshooting and is being trained to be a sniper.




Nightfall in the desert...
...Whoso fights in the cause of Allah, and is killed or gets victory, we shall bestow on him a great reward.
Mustafa! Your brother is in Paradise. You must allow yourself to be comforted with his thought...
And say not of those who are killed in the way of Allah, they're dead...
Nay, they're living, but you perceive it not. Thus says the Lord.
Peace be upon you, Emir!
Peace to you and God's mercy and blessing... How has the training been going, brothers?
It's going well Emir!
Praise God! Take your seats.
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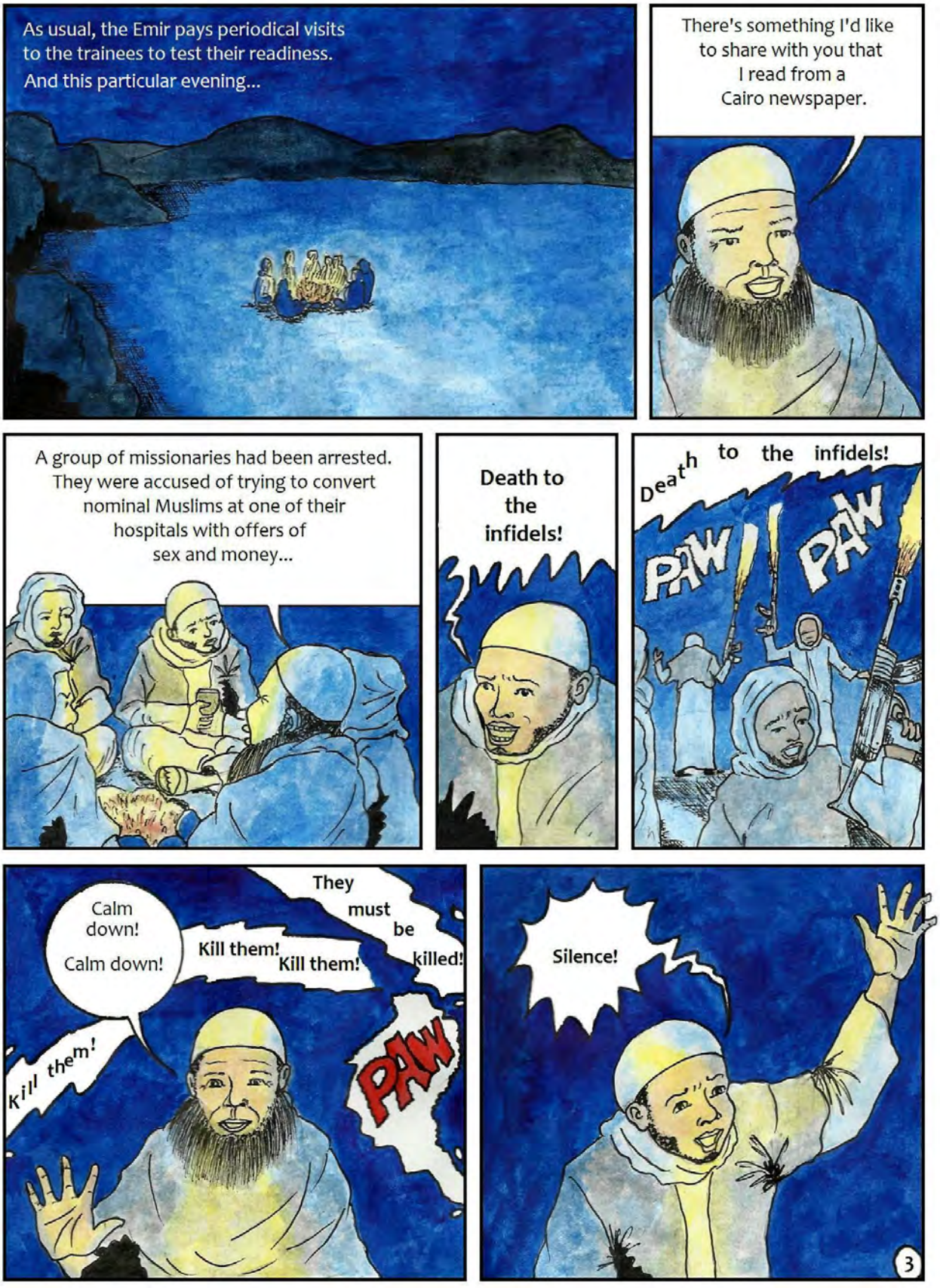
As usual, the Emir pays periodical visits to the trainees to test their readiness.
And this particular evening...
There's something I'd like to share with you that I read from a Cairo newspaper.
A group of missionaries had been arrested. They were accused of trying to convert nominal Muslims at one of their hospitals with offers of sex and money...
Death to the infidels!
Death to the infidels!
PAW
PAW
Calm down!
Calm down!
Kill them!
Kill them!
They must be killed!
Kill them!
PAW
Silence!
3

This is a humiliation for all of us.
Being the month of Ramadan, we have fallen short of taking a stand of God.
I hate Christians.
We vow to put an end to Christian evangelism, whatever the cost, and I have a wise proposition to end it. Not a military confrontation but a "logical confrontation" in which...
We would write a book proving the Bible had been altered and cannot be trusted.
And who would write this book?
Khalil! Take this.
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NO!
What's your problem? Are you afraid of a book?
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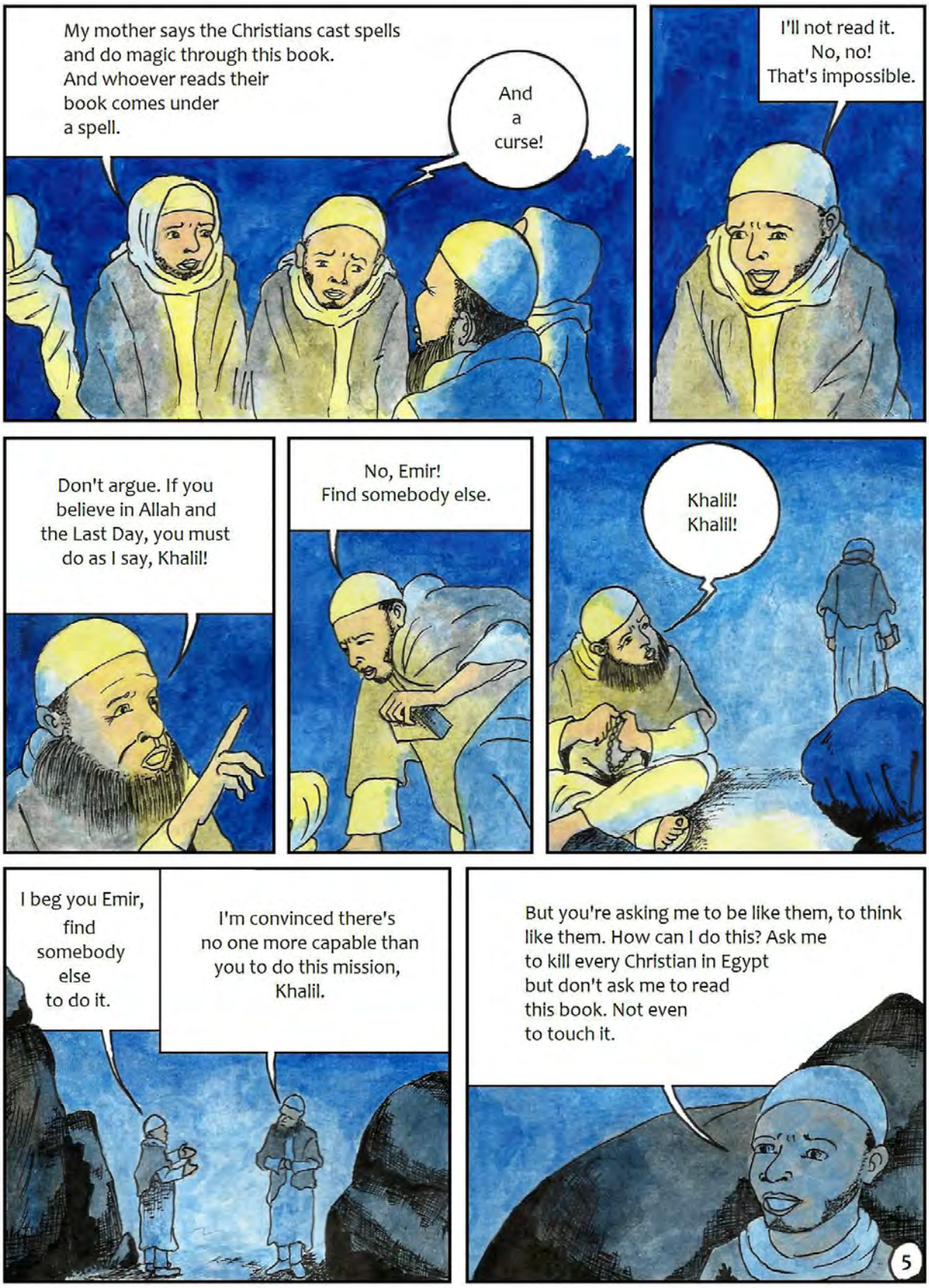
My mother says the Christians cast spells and do magic through this book. And whoever reads their book comes under a spell.
And a curse!
I'll not read it. No, no! That's impossible.
Don't argue. If you believe in Allah and the Last Day, you must do as I say, Khalil!
No, Emir! Find somebody else.
Khalil! Khalil!
I beg you Emir, find somebody else to do it.
I'm convinced there's no one more capable than you to do this mission, Khalil.
But you're asking me to be like them, to think like them. How can I do this? Ask me to kill every Christian in Egypt but don't ask me to read this book. Not even to touch it.

Your zeal for Allah is remarkable. But this zeal has blinded you. You've lost your discernment.
Can't you see all the honour and respect you'll gain if you complete this mission?
You'll be the first to expose the lies of the Christians and jews.
You'll receive five hundred pounds a month as an allowance. I'll bring it to you myself.
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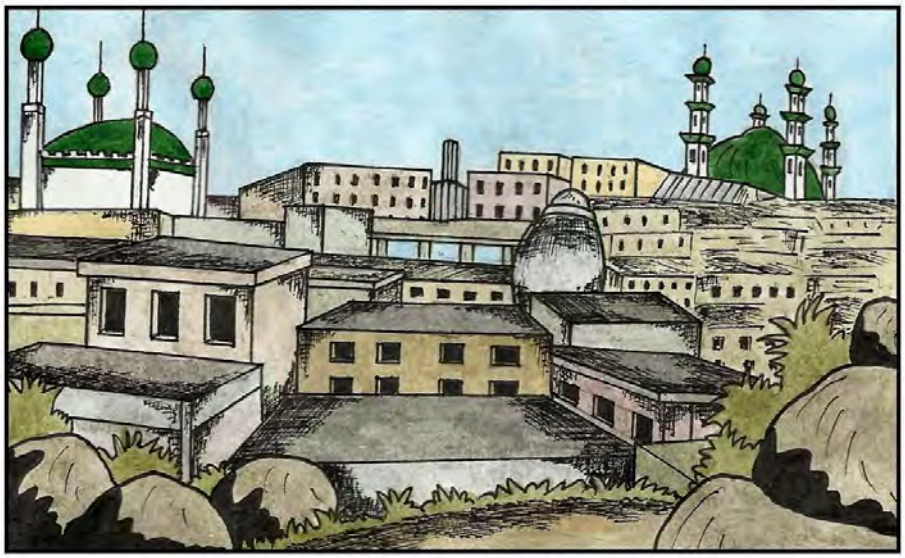
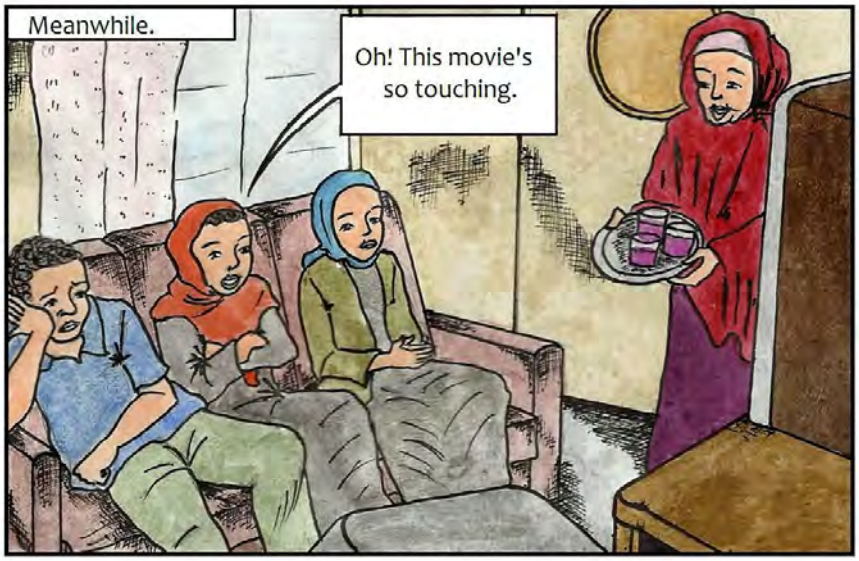
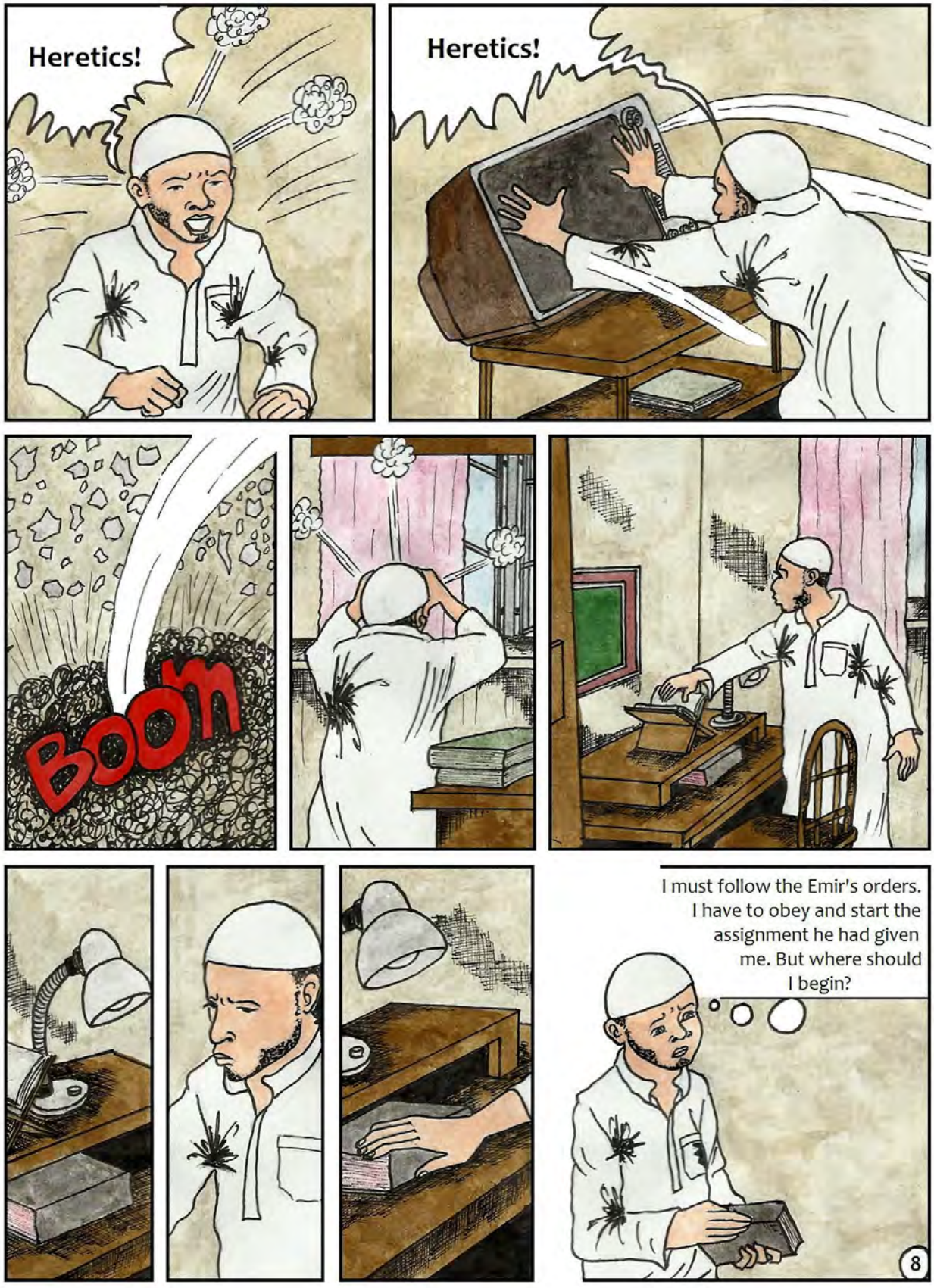
Khalil returned home as they broke camp in the desert.

A month goes by without him doing any work...






Heretics!
Heretics!
Boom
I must follow the Emir's orders. I have to obey and start the assignment he had given me. But where should I begin?
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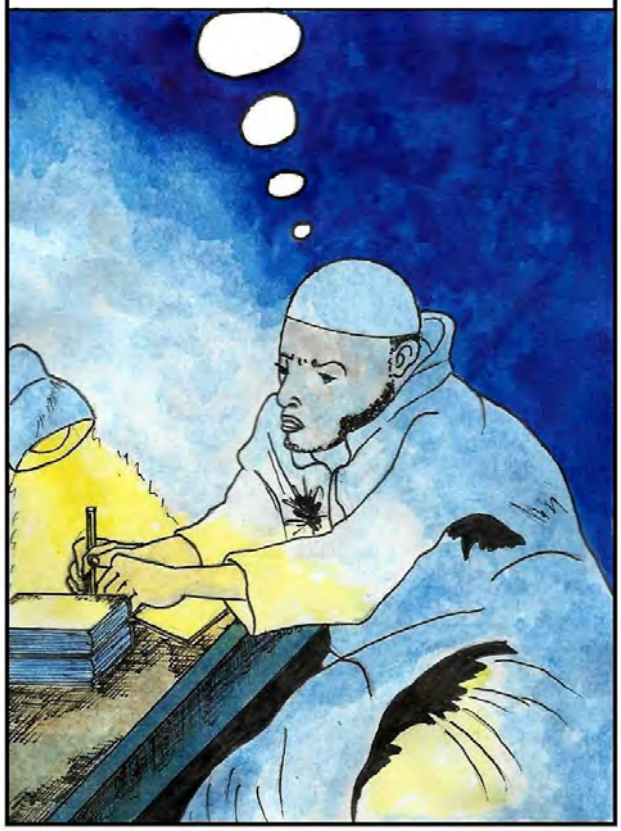
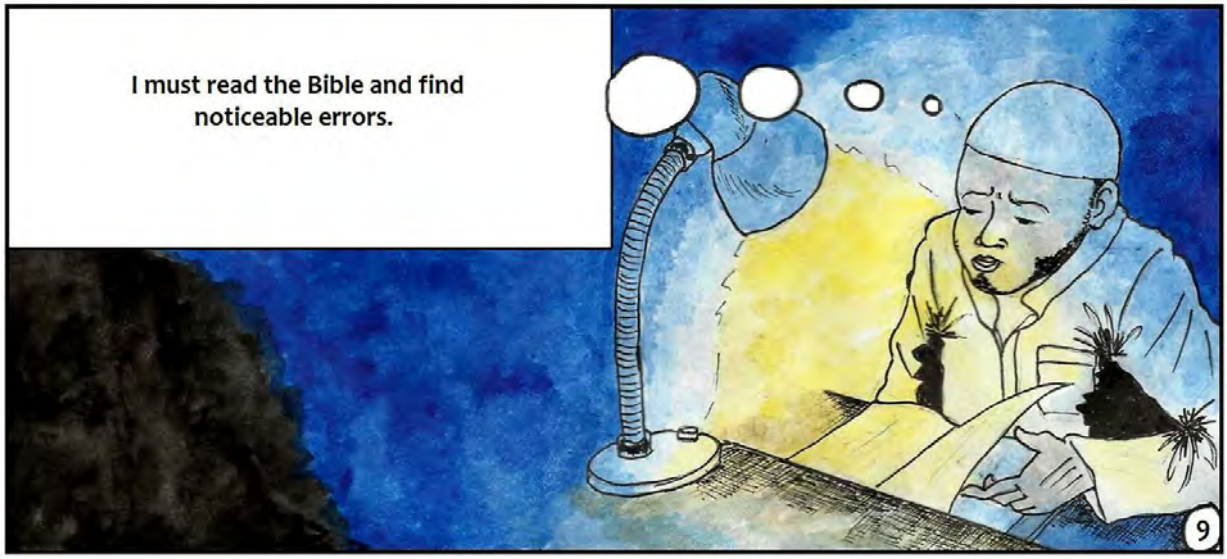
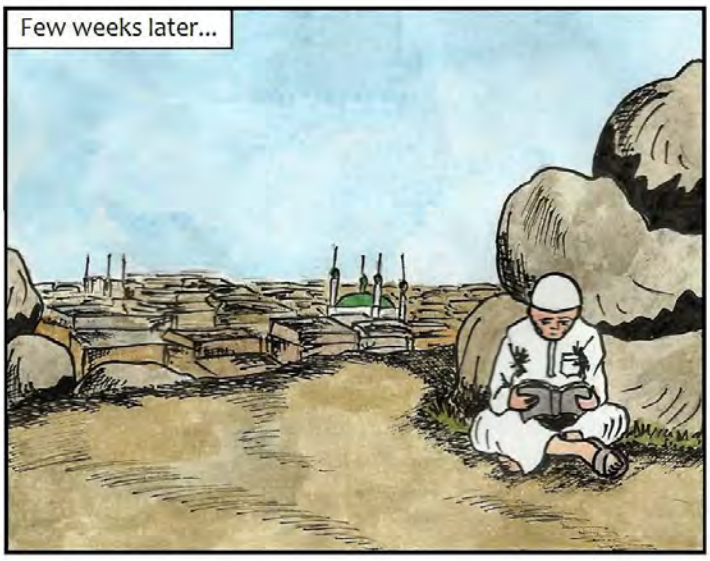
I've been reading the Torah and I found some instances of minor contradiction. Ok, well, these don't help because the Qur'an is full of similar differences too.



If we say these mistakes weaken the Bible's accuracy then we will be judging the Qur'an with the same judgement.

I must read the Bible and find noticeable errors.

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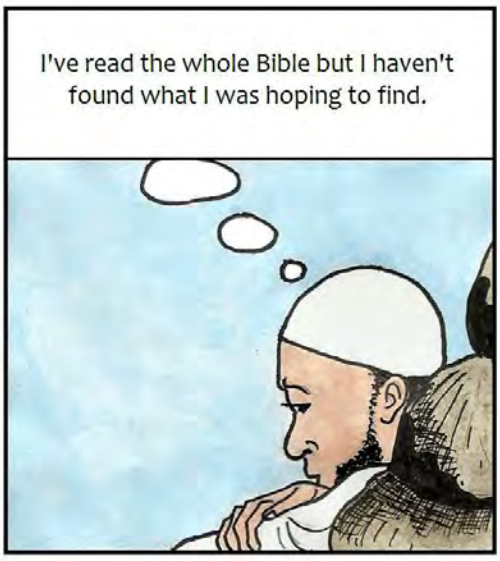
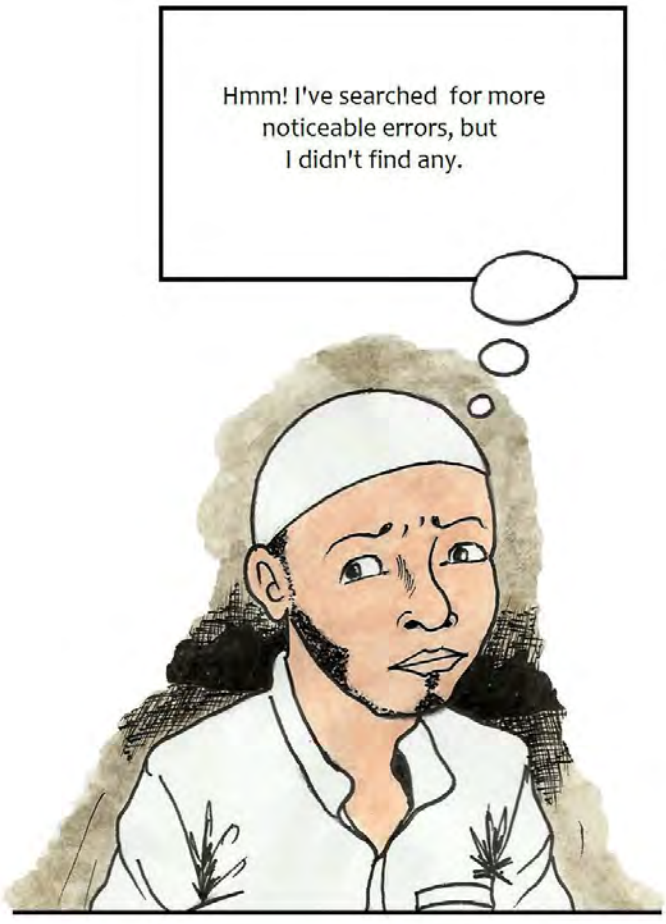
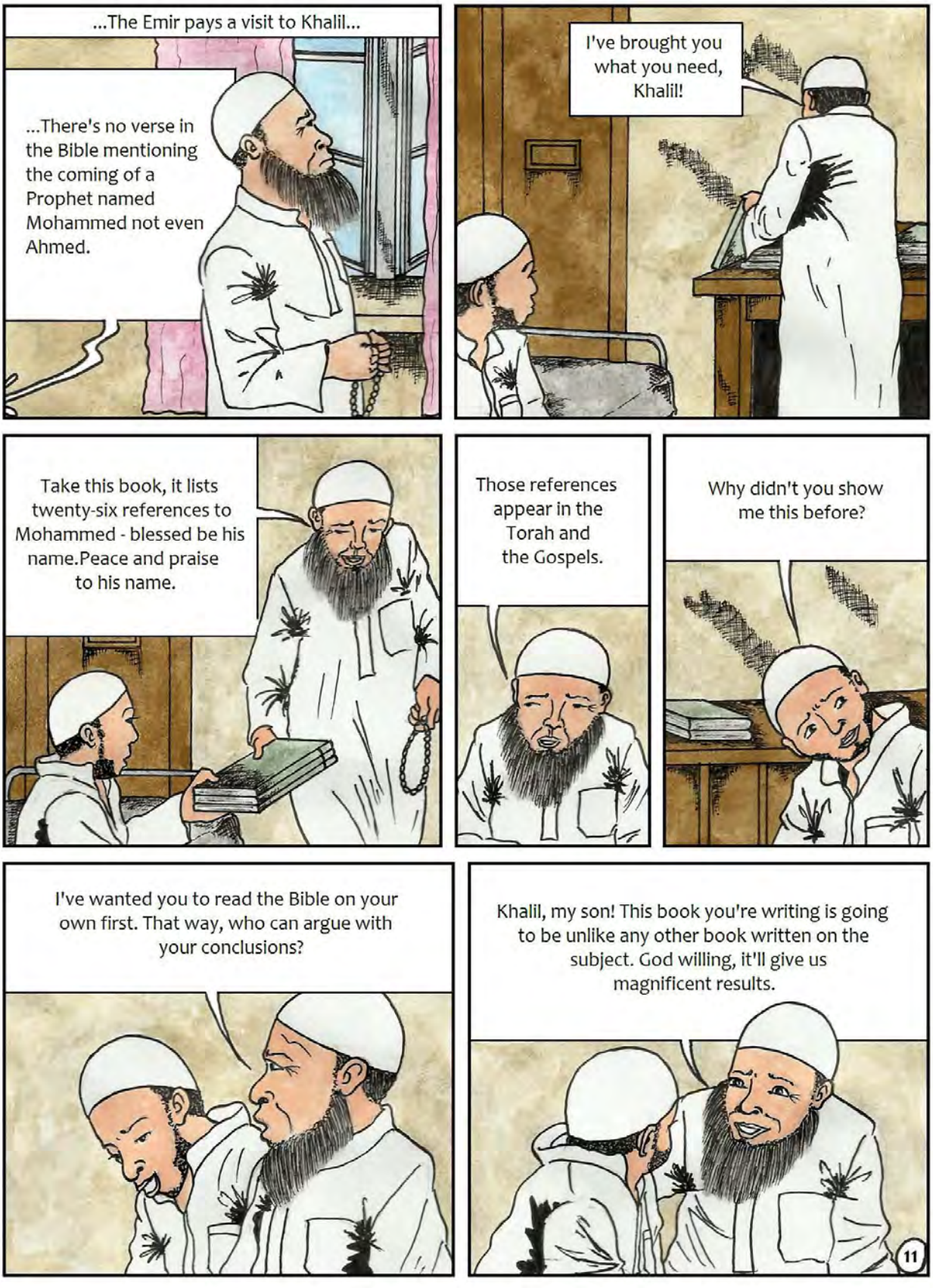

I've read the whole Bible but I haven't found what I was hoping to find.


Hmm! I've searched for more noticeable errors, but I didn't find any.


...The Emir pays a visit to Khalil...
...There's no verse in the Bible mentioning the coming of a Prophet named Mohammed not even Ahmed.
I've brought you what you need, Khalil!
Take this book, it lists twenty-six references to Mohammed - blessed be his name.Peace and praise to his name.
Those references appear in the Torah and the Gospels.
Why didn't you show me this before?
I've wanted you to read the Bible on your own first. That way, who can argue with your conclusions?
Khalil, my son! This book you're writing is going to be unlike any other book written on the subject. God willing, it'll give us magnificent results.
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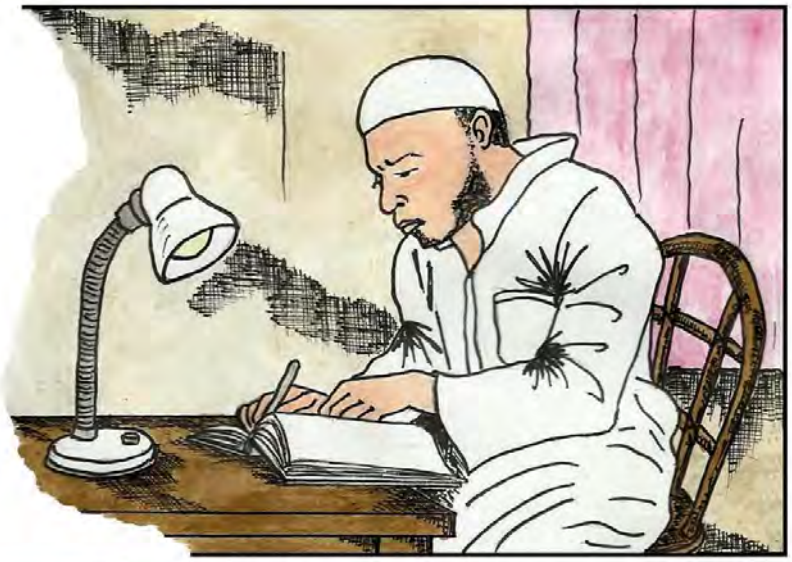
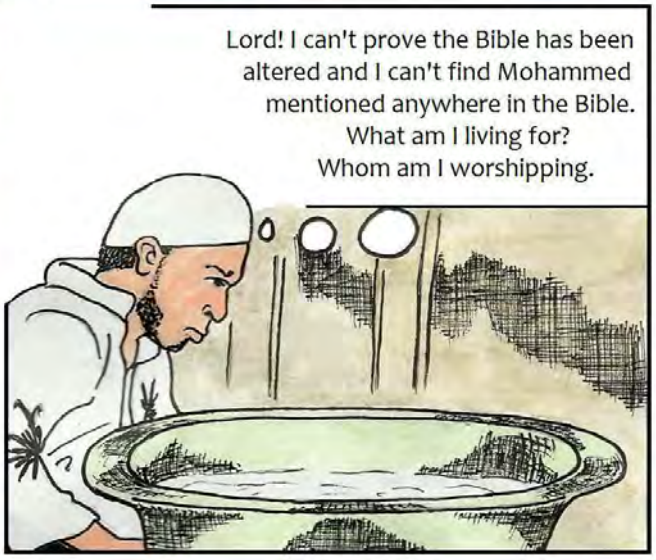
Khalil set out to examine all the twenty-six references listed in the book he received from Emir.

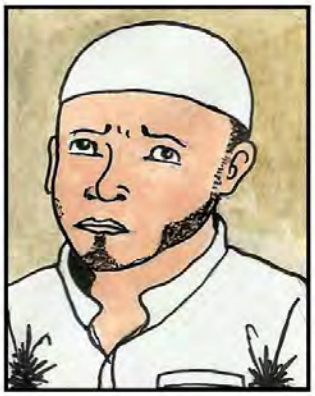




If the Bible is true, then what is the future of the Qur'an? They can't both be right because they move in opposite directions.

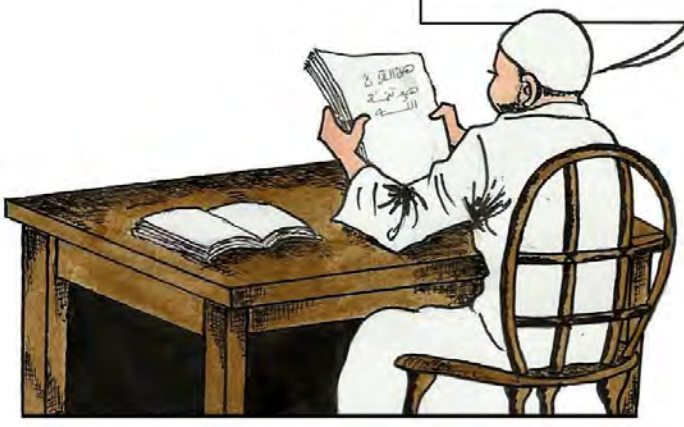
Is the Qur'an God's word?

Khalil is disillusioned. He cannot prove that the Bible has been altered. As a result, he started writing a research paper entitled "Is Qur'an God's word?"

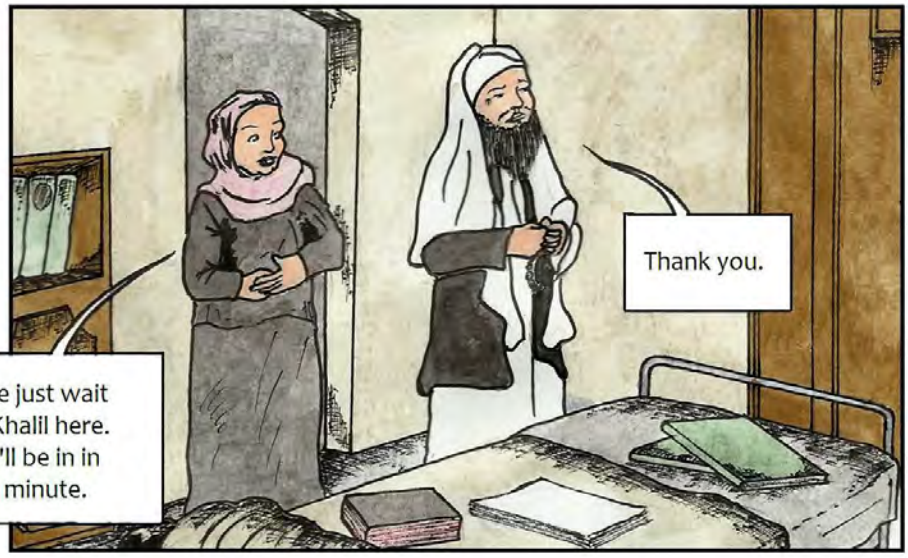


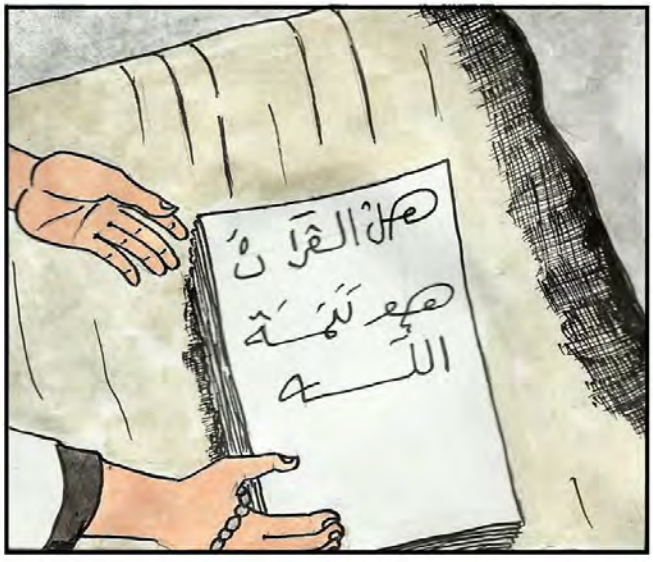
Days later.

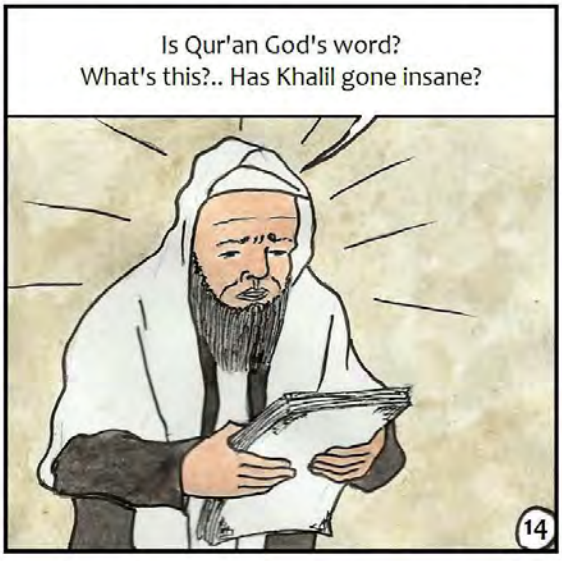
Phew! I've finished writing this research paper at last. It has 300 pages.

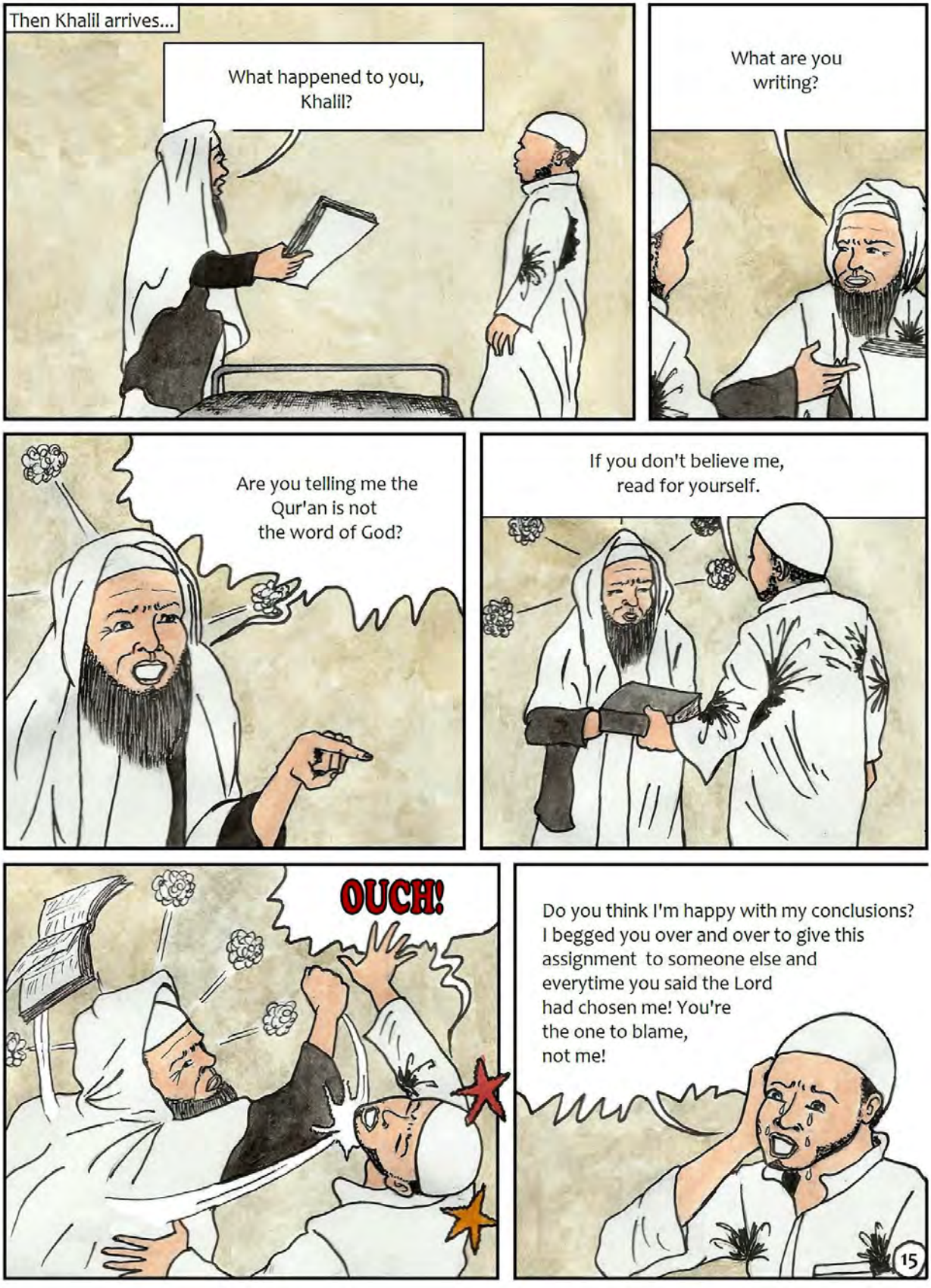


The following day, the Emir pays a surprise visit to Khalil but the latter is not around...








Then Khalil arrives...
What happened to you, Khalil?
What are you writing?
Are you telling me the Qur'an is not the word of God?
If you don't believe me, read for yourself.
OUCH!
Do you think I'm happy with my conclusions? I begged you over and over to give this assignment to someone else and everytime you said the Lord had chosen me! You're the one to blame, not me!
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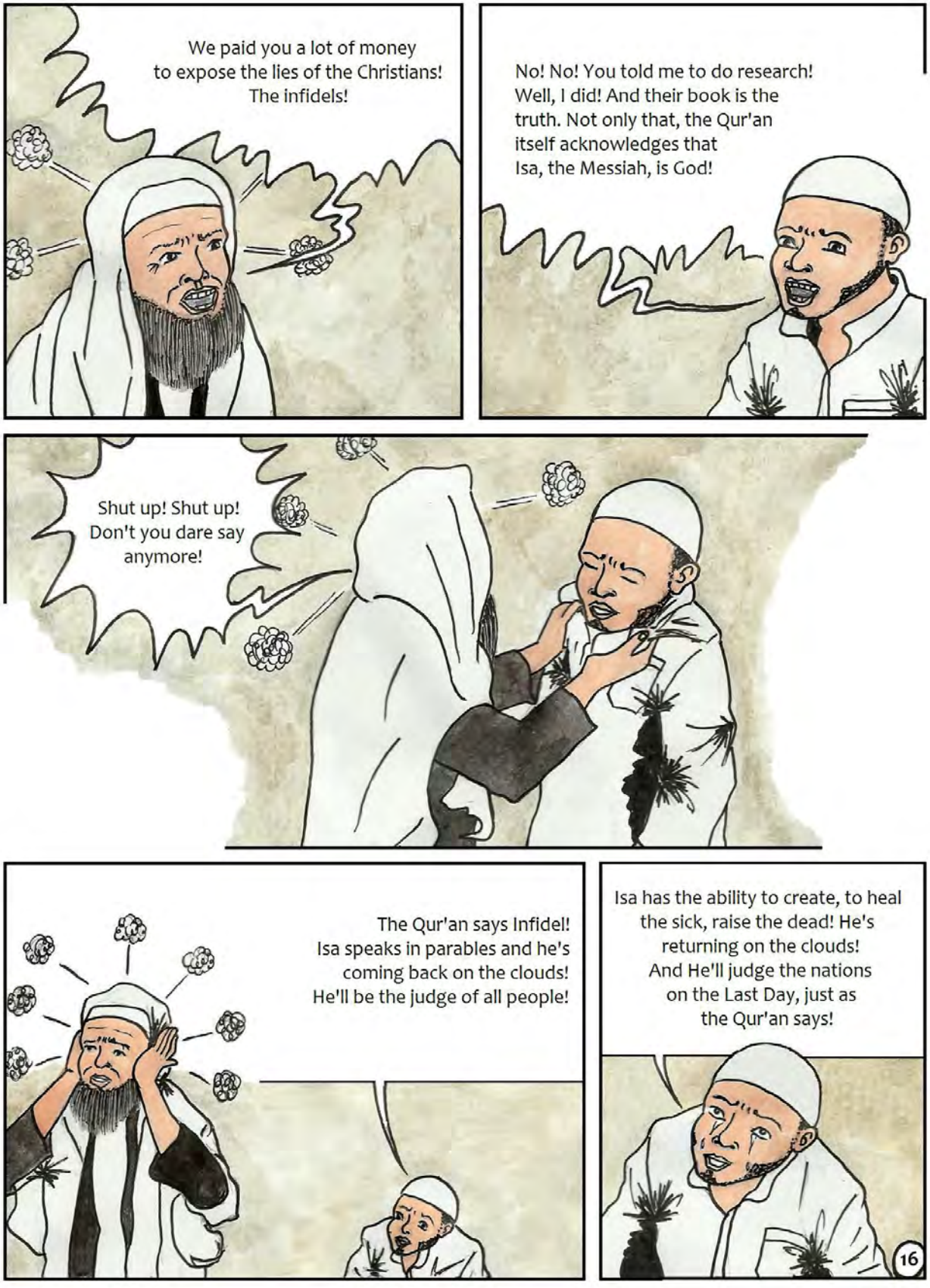
We paid you a lot of money to expose the lies of the Christians! The infidels!
No! No! You told me to do research! Well, I did! And their book is the truth. Not only that, the Qur'an itself acknowledges that Isa, the Messiah, is God!
Shut up! Shut up! Don't you dare say anymore!
The Qur'an says Infidel! Isa speaks in parables and he's coming back on the clouds! He'll be the judge of all people!
Isa has the ability to create, to heal the sick, raise the dead! He's returning on the clouds! And He'll judge the nations on the Last Day, just as the Qur'an says!
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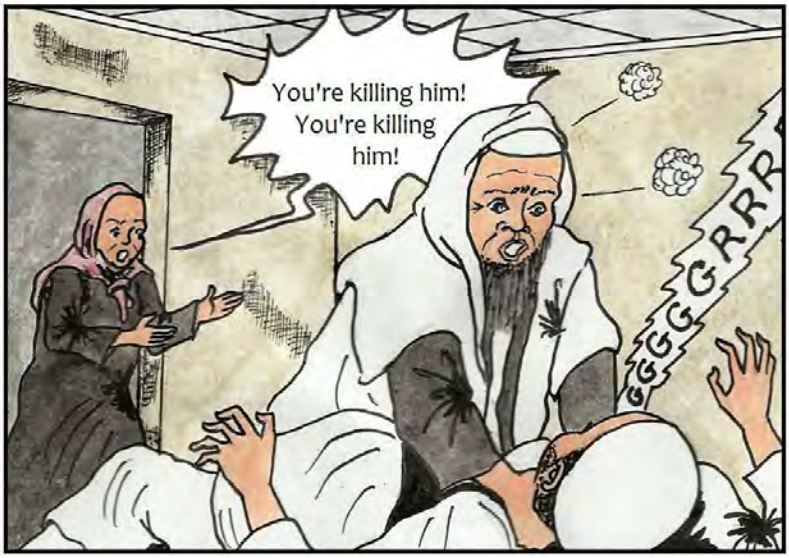
AAAAAHHHHHH

What's happening at Khalil's room? Let me find out!


You're killing him! You're killing him!
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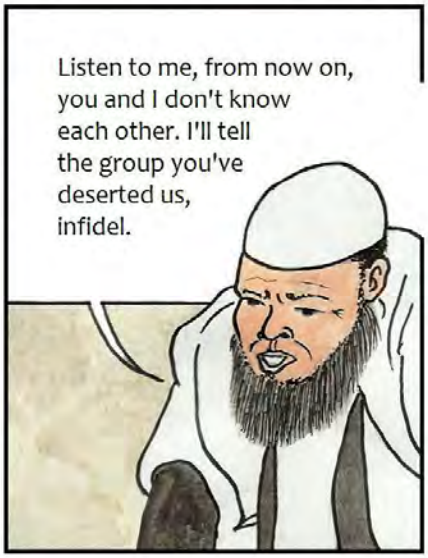
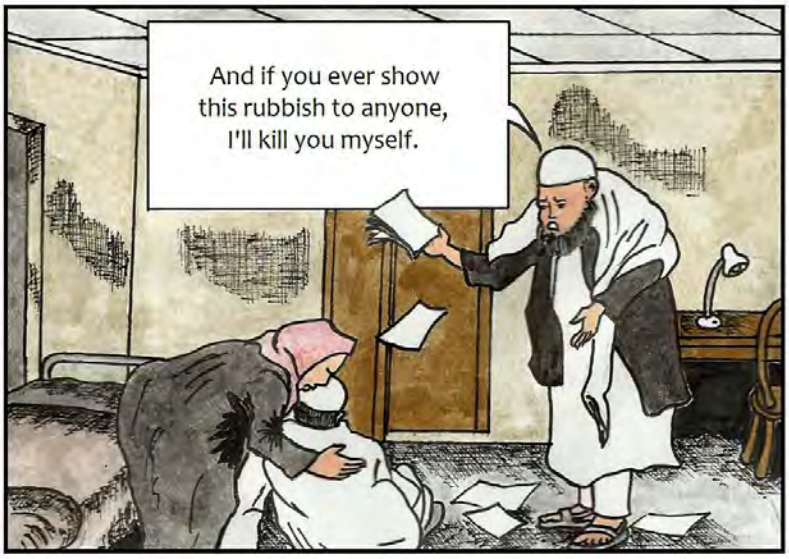
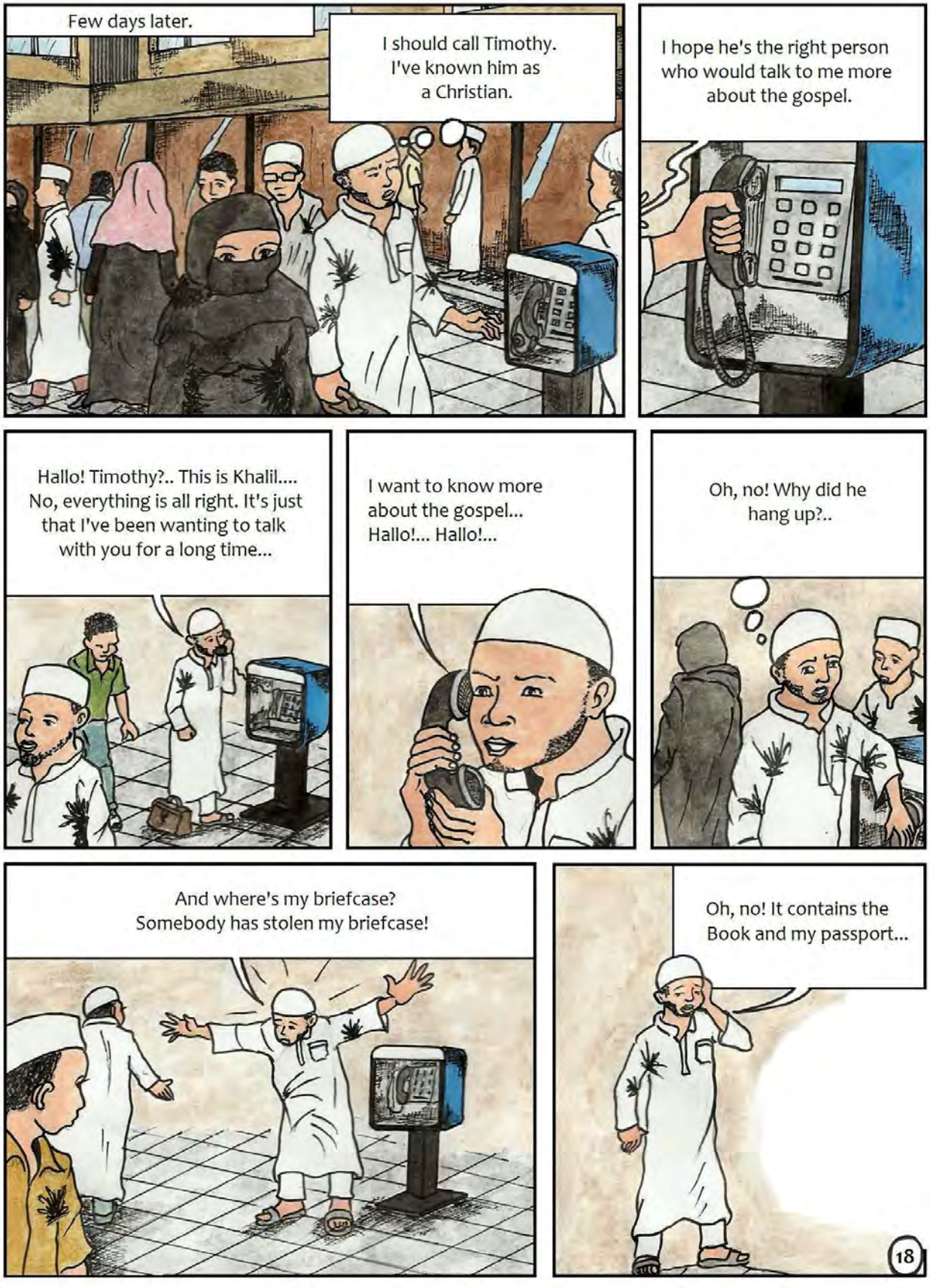

Listen to me, from now on, you and I don't know each other. I'll tell the group you've deserted us, infidel.


And if you ever show this rubbish to anyone, I'll kill you myself.

Infidel!
Infidel!


Few days later.
I should call Timothy. I've known him as a Christian.
I hope he's the right person who would talk to me more about the gospel.
Hallo! Timothy?.. This is Khalil.... No, everything is all right. It's just that I've been wanting to talk with you for a long time...
I want to know more about the gospel... Hallo!... Hallo!...
Oh, no! Why did he hang up?..
And where's my briefcase? Somebody has stolen my briefcase!
Oh, no! It contains the Book and my passport...
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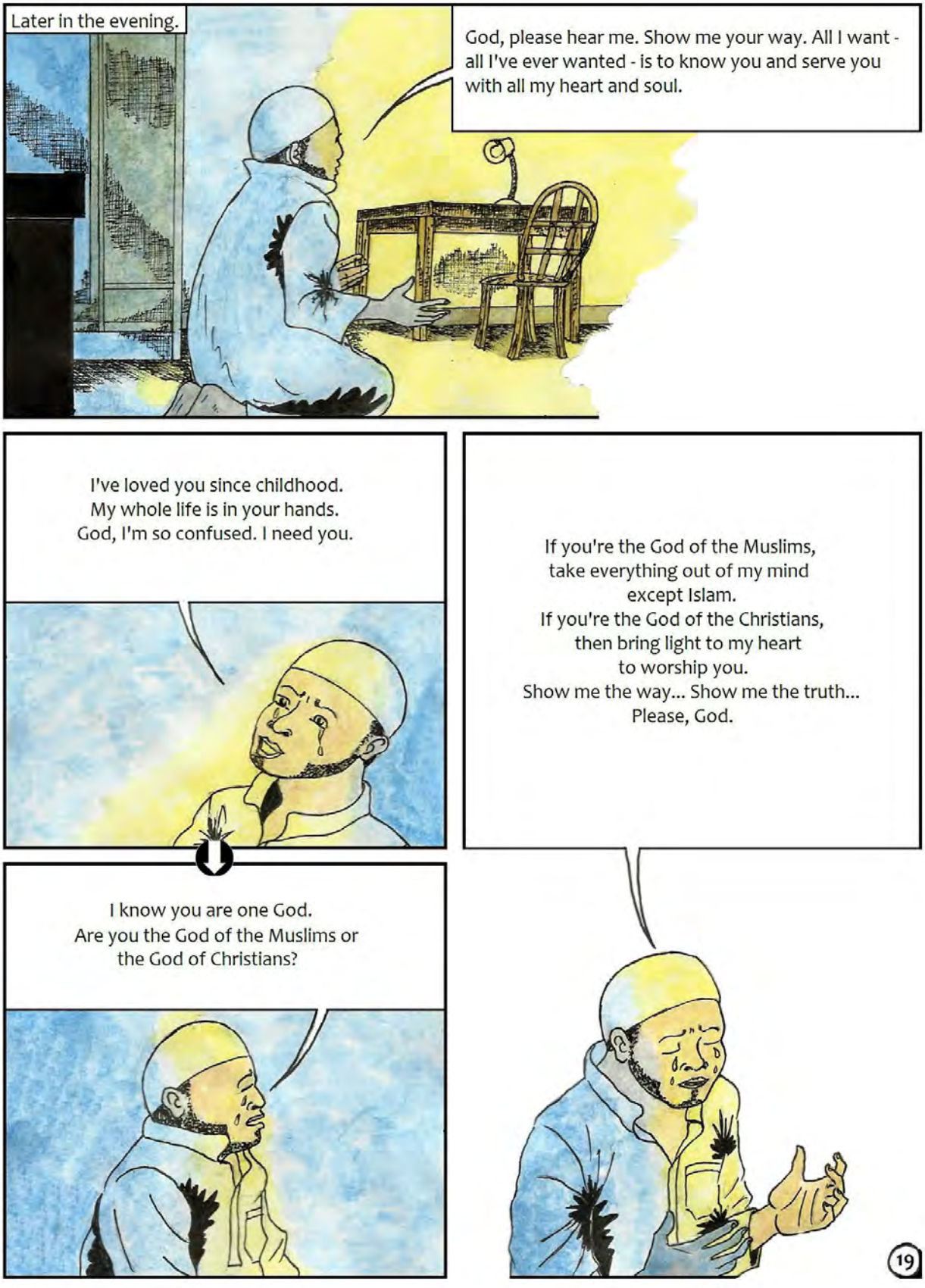
Later in the evening.
God, please hear me. Show me your way. All I want - all I've ever wanted - is to know you and serve you with all my heart and soul.
I've loved you since childhood.
My whole life is in your hands.
God, I'm so confused. I need you.
If you're the God of the Muslims,
take everything out of my mind
except Islam.
If you're the God of the Christians,
then bring light to my heart
to worship you.
Show me the way... Show me the truth...
Please, God.
I know you are one God.
Are you the God of the Muslims or
the God of Christians?

Like never before, that night, Khalil slept so deeply...
Do you still have doubts in me?
Who are you?
I'm the one you're searching for.
I can't remember.
Read the Book.
I love the Book.
Yes, I know.
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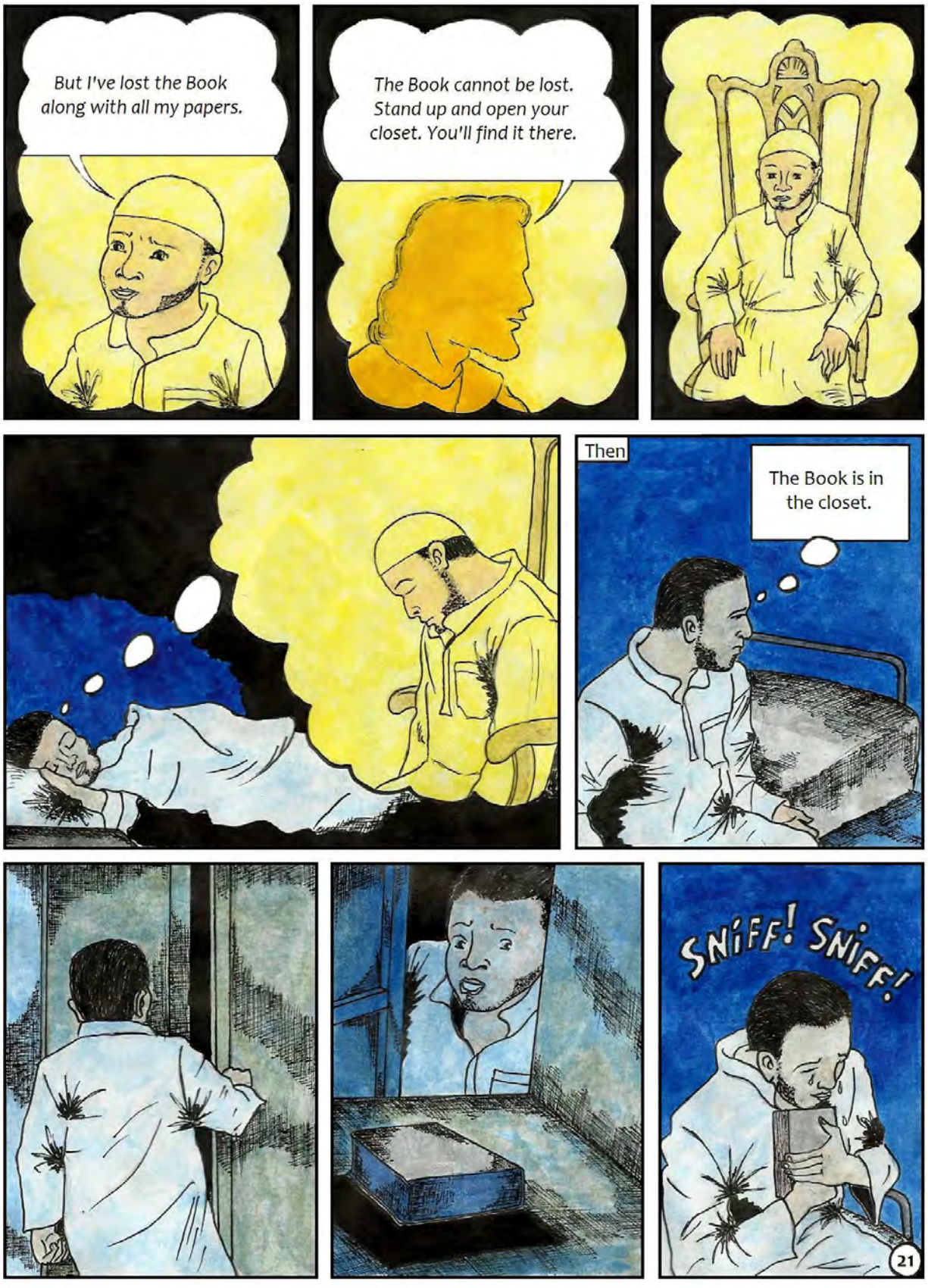
But I've lost the Book along with all my papers.
The Book cannot be lost. Stand up and open your closet. You'll find it there.
Then
The Book is in the closet.
SNIFF! SNIFF!
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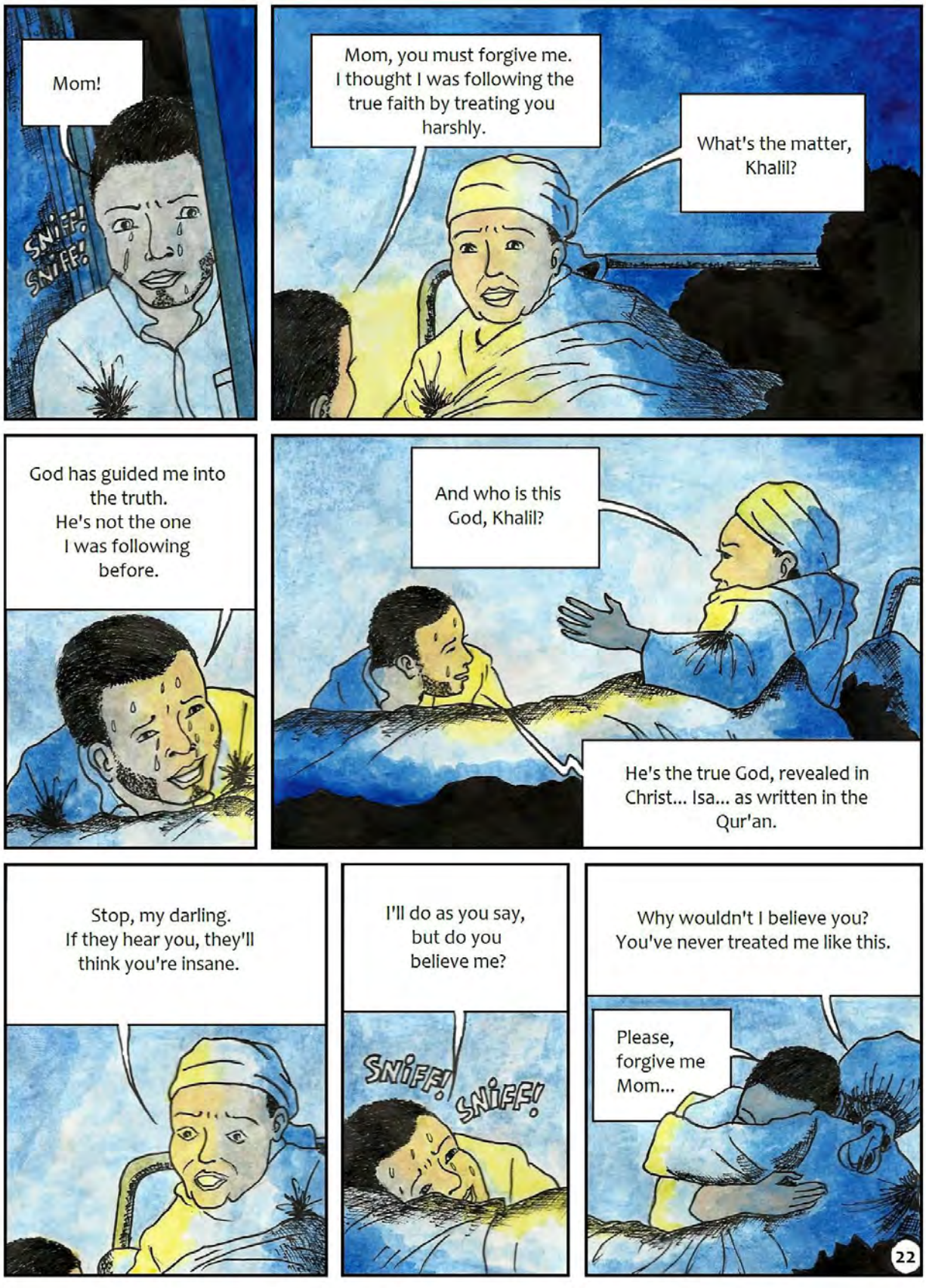
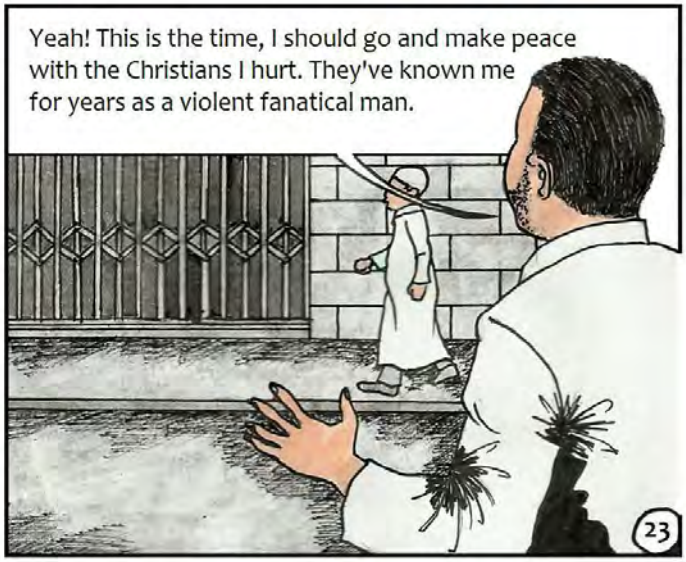

Mom!
SNIFF! SNIFF!
Mom, you must forgive me. I thought I was following the true faith by treating you harshly.
What's the matter, Khalil?
God has guided me into the truth. He's not the one I was following before.
And who is this God, Khalil?
He's the true God, revealed in Christ... Isa... as written in the Qur'an.
Stop, my darling. If they hear you, they'll think you're insane.
I'll do as you say, but do you believe me?
SNIFF! SNIFF!
Why wouldn't I believe you? You've never treated me like this.
Please, forgive me Mom...
22

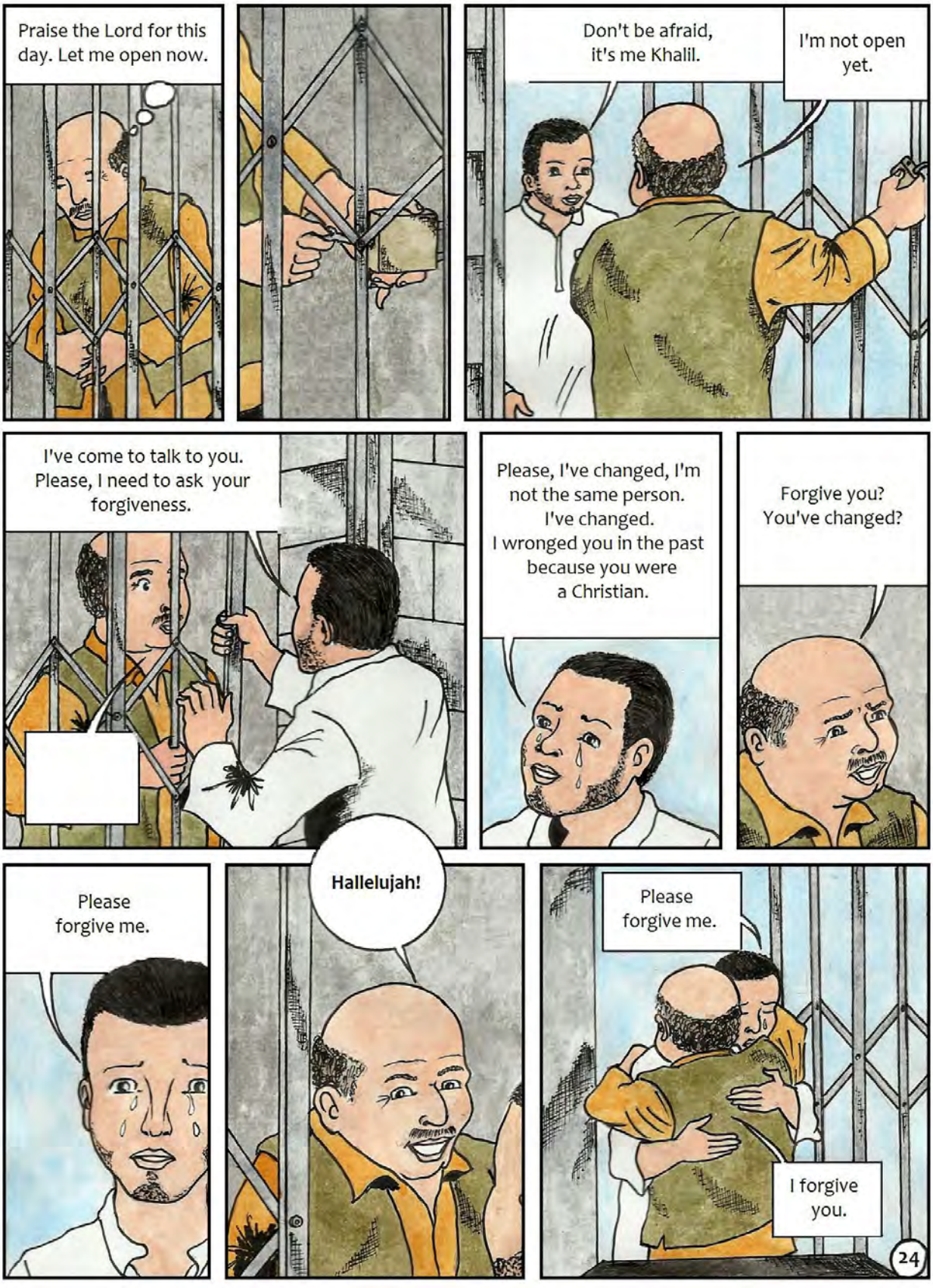
Khalil's heart has changed. It's changed by love.

Ha! Ha! What a feeling of joy in me! I've never felt like this before. Wow! Everything I see around me, is beautiful.

Ha! Ha! Ha! I want to hug and kiss everyone and tell them I love them.

Yeah! This is the time, I should go and make peace with the Christians I hurt. They've known me for years as a violent fanatical man.




Praise the Lord for this day. Let me open now.
Don't be afraid, it's me Khalil.
I'm not open yet.
I've come to talk to you. Please, I need to ask your forgiveness.
Please, I've changed, I'm not the same person. I've changed. I wronged you in the past because you were a Christian.
Forgive you? You've changed?
Please forgive me.
Hallelujah!
Please forgive me.
I forgive you.
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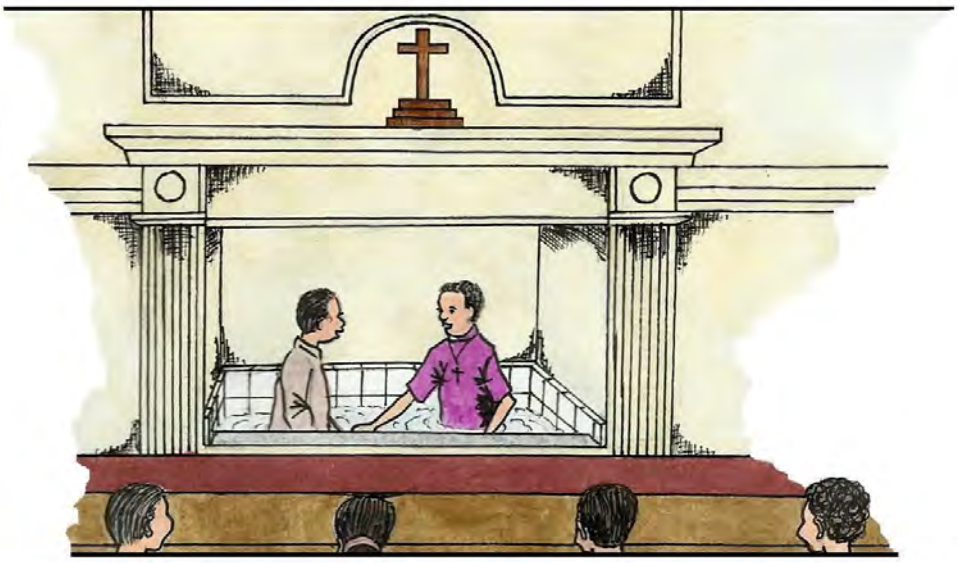
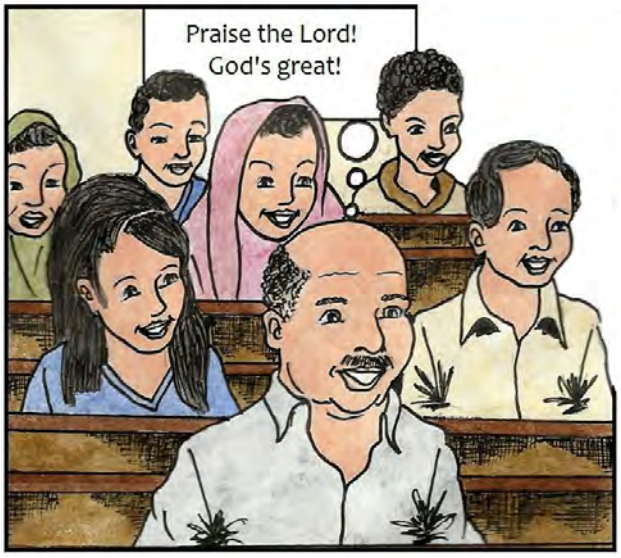
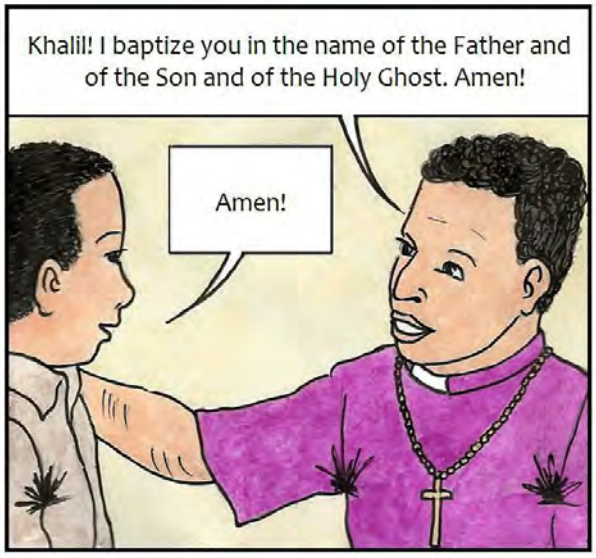
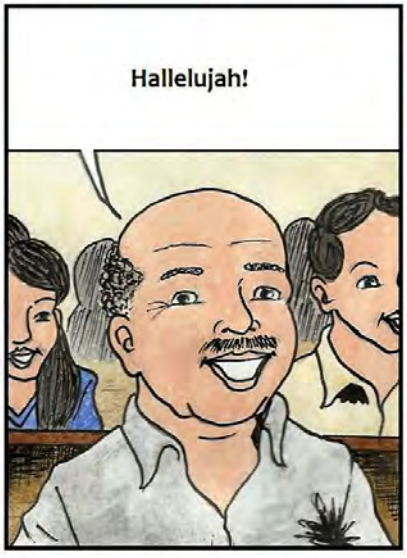
Khalil changed for good. People who know him, all see the difference in his life.









I had been a hateful, murderous man. I had burned down churches and robbed stores. So many violent acts but Christ changed my life.
I'm now free. The Son has set me free. In the past, death was an ugly fearful ghost, but death no longer rules. I'm now in Christ and all things are new.
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THE END