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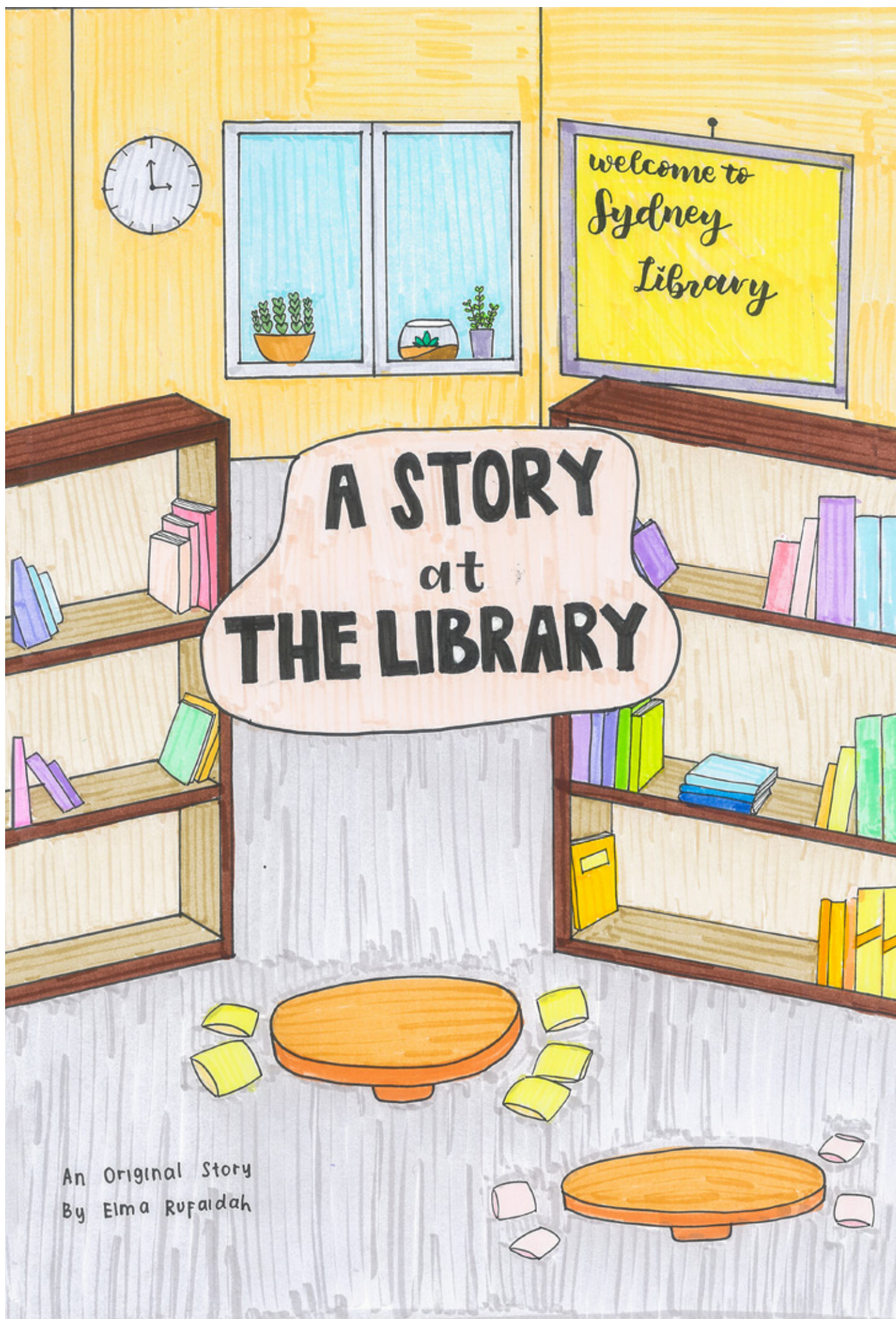
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It was another fine day in September where flowers began to bloom beautifully in Spring. The books at Sydney library were excited especially Bilo, the biology book.

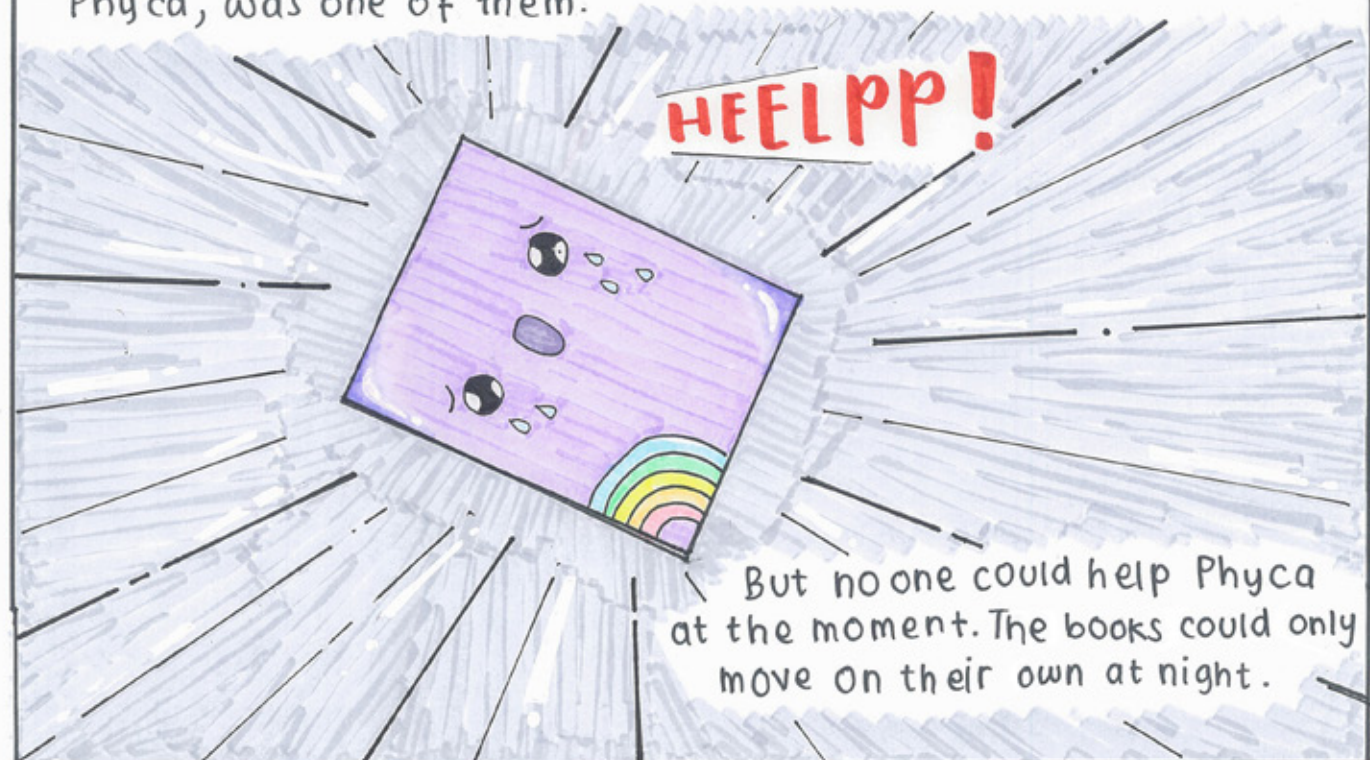


For her, it's the best season throughout the year to observe flowers attracting insects and trees sprout new leaves. Phyca the physics book and Chemy the chemistry book agreed, meanwhile Mat the math book was the only one who hated Spring.



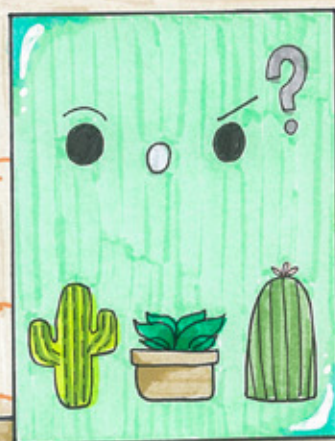
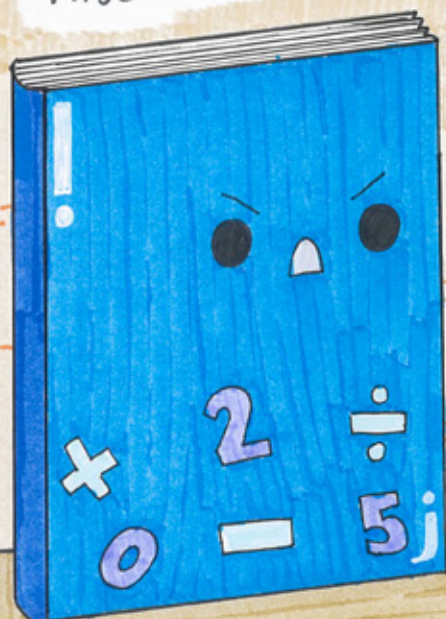


Just as they finished arguing, a boy fell down and hit the book shelf causing some books to fall off and slip into a drawer. Phyca, was one of them.

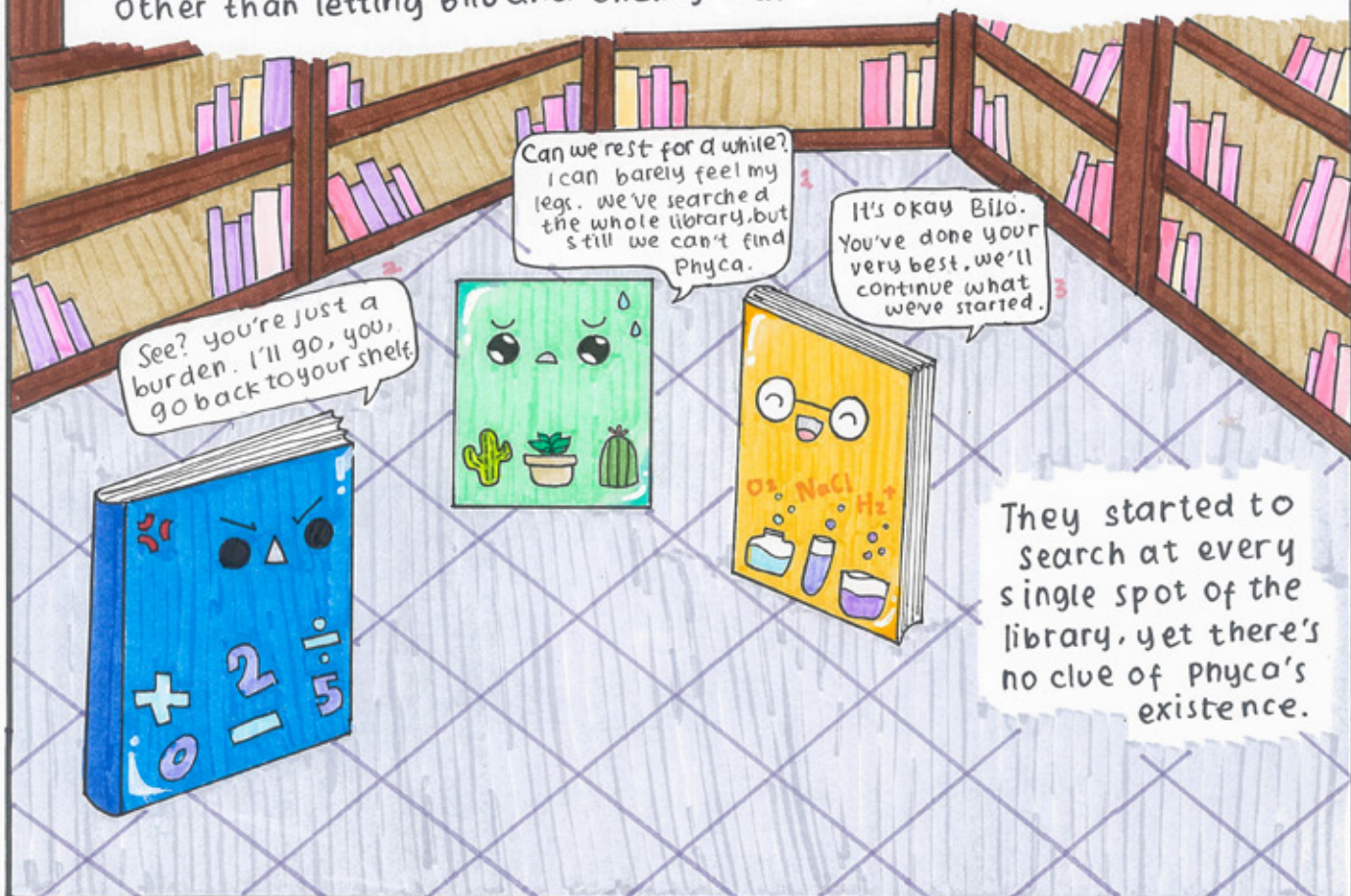


But no one could help Phyca at the moment. The books could only move on their own at night.

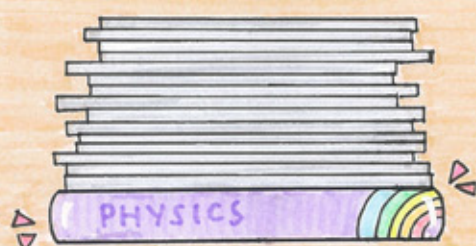
So when the night came, Bilo
Chem, and Mat started to arrange
their strategy and their mission to find
Phyca.



"I'll go on my own. I'm the strongest here, you two stay here and watch out if a human gets inside," Mat said. "How can you say that? You can't do this all on your own. Although we're weaker than you, I'm sure we can help," Bilo replied. "Yeah, Bilo's right, we're going To-ge-ther," Chem said. Mat had no choice other than letting Bilo and Chem go with him.



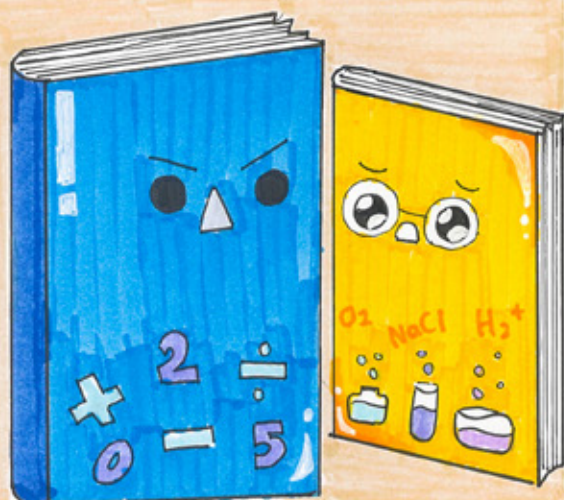
After a while, they finally found Phyca unconscious inside a drawer with a pile of papers on top of her body.



PHYCA!



I'll handle it!

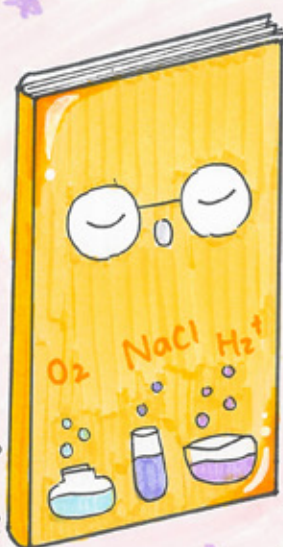


Mat came closer to Phyca and tried his best to take phyca out of the drawer, but it didn't work at all. "It's impossible! We don't have enough strength to lift her. Just leave her alone! We'd better be back before sunrise," Mat said.

"B-but Mat, wait! There must be another way, please stay, for our friend, for phyca," Chemy begged.

Chemy thought of a way out, and after a couple of minutes she finally came up with a brilliant idea. "Hm, okay Phyca, I hope this will work, please wake up..." Chemy started to sing a song they used to singing together.

When I'm gone
when I'm gone
You're gonna miss me
when I'm gone
You're gonna miss me
by my hair
You're gonna miss me
everywhere, oh
You're gonna miss me
when I'm gone



I got my ticket for the long way round
two bottles of milk for the way
And I sure would like some sweet
company
And I'm leaving tomorrow,
wha-do-you-say?



The cup song by
Anna Kendrick



And suddenly magic appeared,
a group of fireflies lit up the dark and
lifted Phyca, Chemy, and Mat back to the
bookshelf.

Just before they opened their eyes, the
fireflies dissapeared in a glance.
But that wasn't a problem, what's
important was that everyone was safe, including
Phyca.

④ Well, yeahh... If it wasn't
because of Chemy's
sincerity, you'd be dead
by now.

② You were almost dead.
Luckily, chemy and Mat
saved you! I'll tell you
the whole story later on.
For now, let's heal your body.

③ Really? Mat came
to save me?

① Phycaaa! Finally,
you're safe!

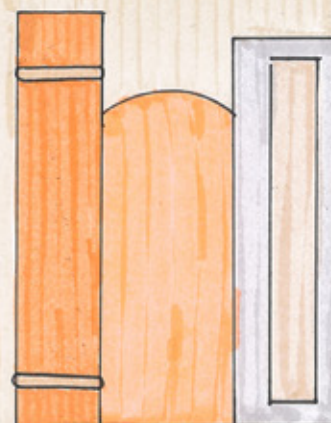
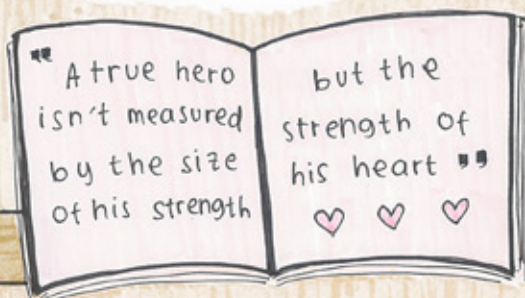
Thank you, guys!
I'm the luckiest
book to have friends
like all of you!



And they lived the rest of their life in the library with happiness.



So, the lesson we can learn
from this story is :



The End



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