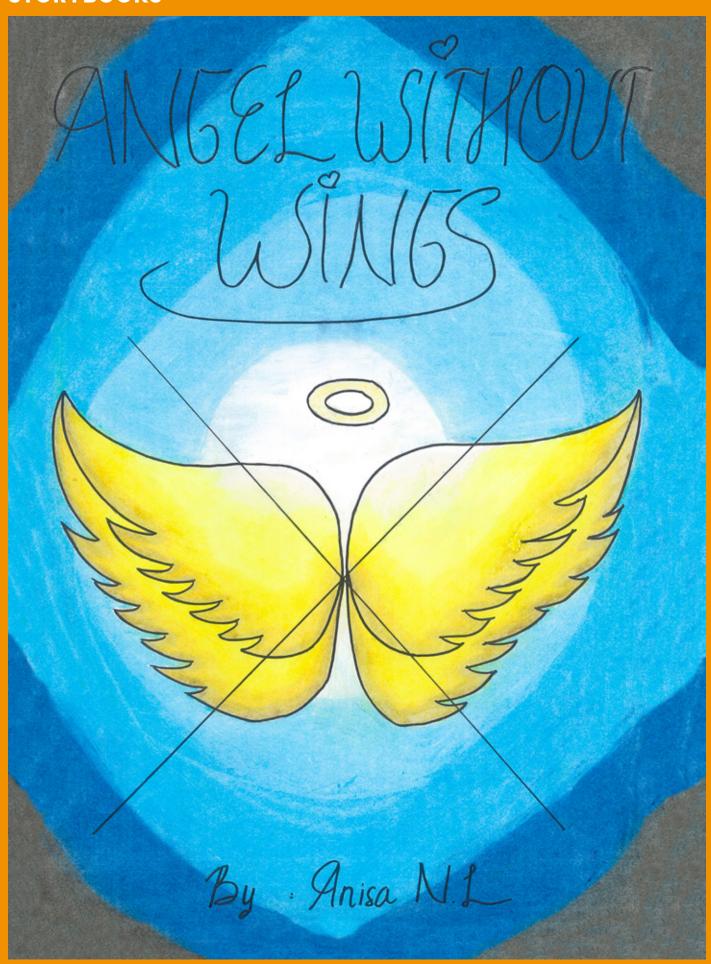
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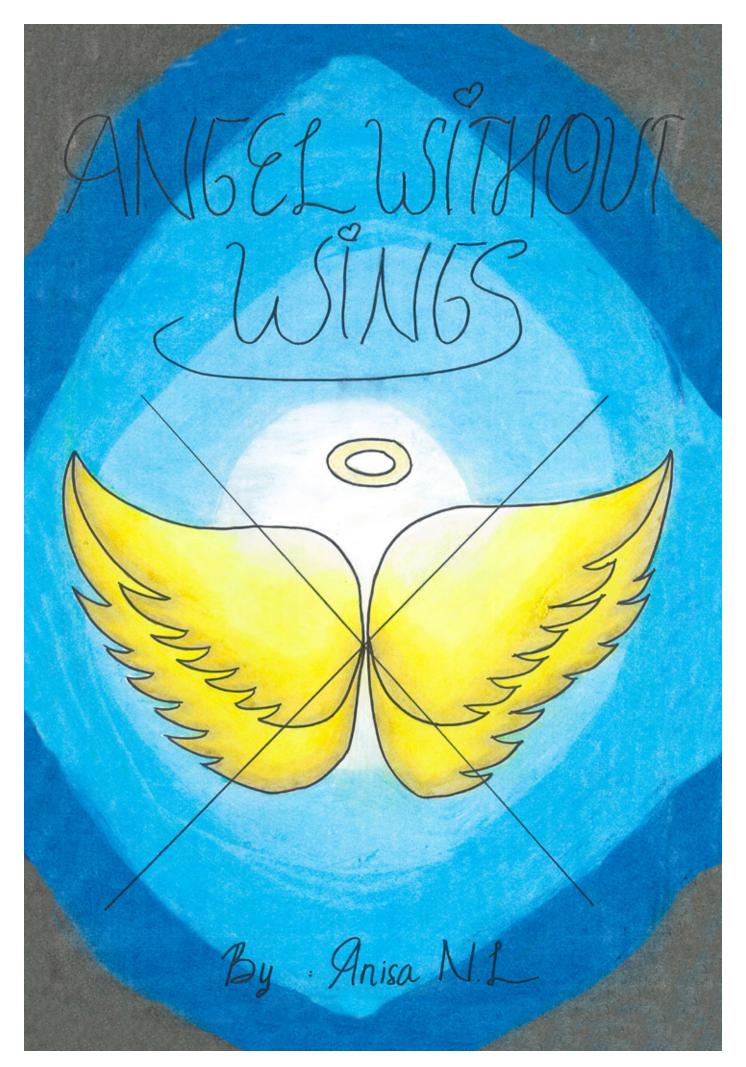
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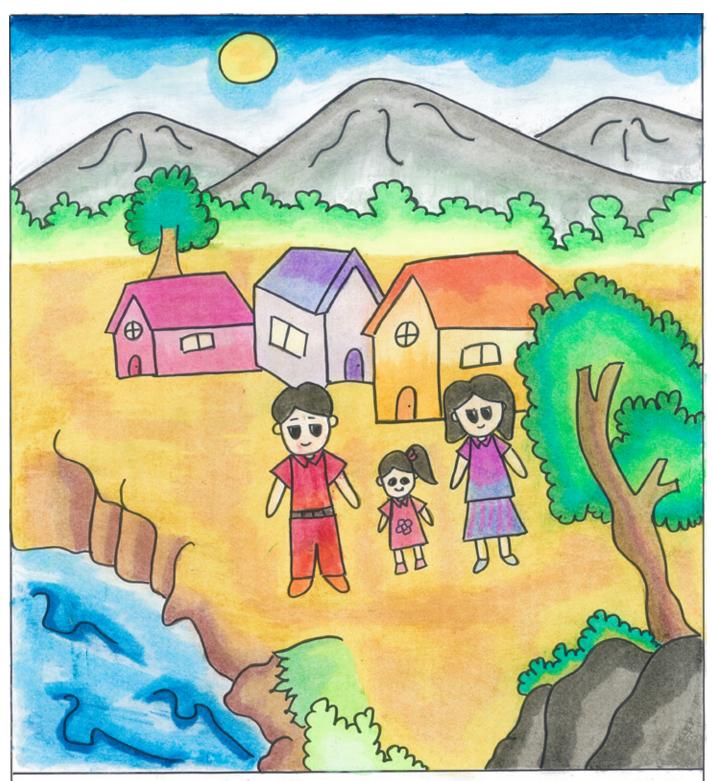
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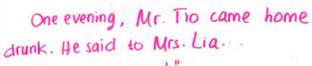
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One day in a village, there lived a small family consisting of Mr. Tio, Mrs. Lia and their child, Rania. Mr. Tio was a loud person, a drunkard, a smoker, and liked to go out at night. Despite the harshness of life that Mrs. Lia had experienced, she was still a generous person, especially to her daughter, Rania. Rania was a 10-year-old girl who was smart, independent, kind, and diligent. Rania always took the time to help her mother.



"Give me money!"

" I have no money," Mrs. Lia said.

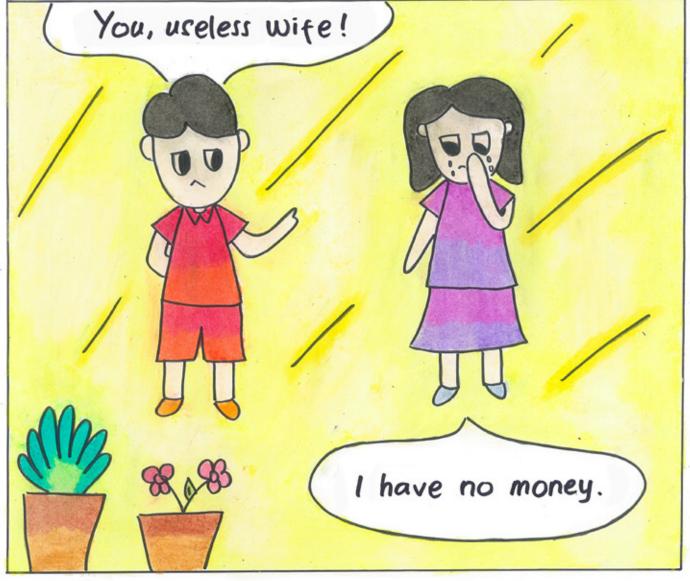
" You, useless wife! "Mr. To said while slapping Mrs. Lia.

"Why did you ask me when you know all my money goes to our daughter?"

Mrs. Lia explained while holding her cheek with tears in her eyes.

Rania only heard the conversation of her parents in her room. Rania was really sorry for her mother. Rania wanted to see her mother smile happily one day.





In the morning, Rania went to school as usual. For food,

Mrs. Lia gave a small portion of her spending money to Rania. So, Mrs. Lia could only

cook for Rania. Rania did not know that her mother had not eaten yet.

Mrs. Lia was willing to starve, so that her daughter could eat.





Get away from here! I've had enough of you guyr. You're both troublesome and just a burden to me. Go! Go right now! " Mr. Tio shouted.



"We beg you, Dad, don't expel us. We don't know where to go. Poor mother, Dad. I beg of you Dad, "Rania said while kneeling.

" Your Dad does not care about us anymore. We better leave!"

Mrs. Lia hugged Rania.

Mrs. Lia was hust but remained patient. She was
sure God had prepared the best plan for them. Shortly, thereafter
they saw an unused hut and decided to rest there.



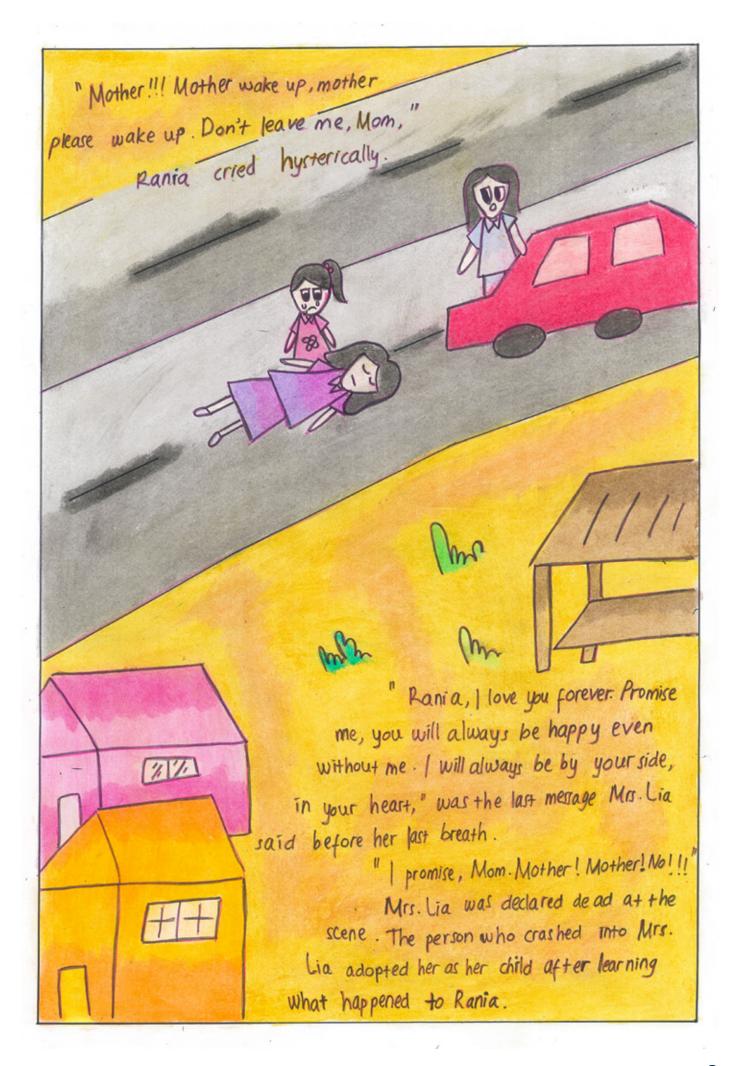


"Rania, forgive me. I have failed to be a good mother because I feel like can't give you the decent life that I have never had, "Mrs. Lia said while weeping and hugging Rania.

"No, Mother. You are the best mother God gave me. Thank you so much for everything. I should apologize. All this time, I have always been a burden," Rania explained.

" Shhh...No, Rania. You are my most valuable treasure. I will always love you. "Mrs. Lia said.







A few years later, Rania has grown up and became a beautiful, smart, and kind hearted woman Rania is now living well. Rania has graduated from university and later went to work for a successful company.

And it's all thanks to the struggle and sacrifice of Mrs. Lia for Rania. Mrs. Lia never got to see it all but will always be responsible for it. Mrs. Lia is, and always will be, a hero for Rania.



It has been said that a hero in the world is in the forefront to defend a nation? Yeah right. It's our mother. It's people who are closest to us. No one can return the services of those who look after w. A mother figure is like "an angel without wings" because mothers are real people who come to support w without expecting anything in return. They are willing to sacrifice everything, and even their own lives.

~ The End ~

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