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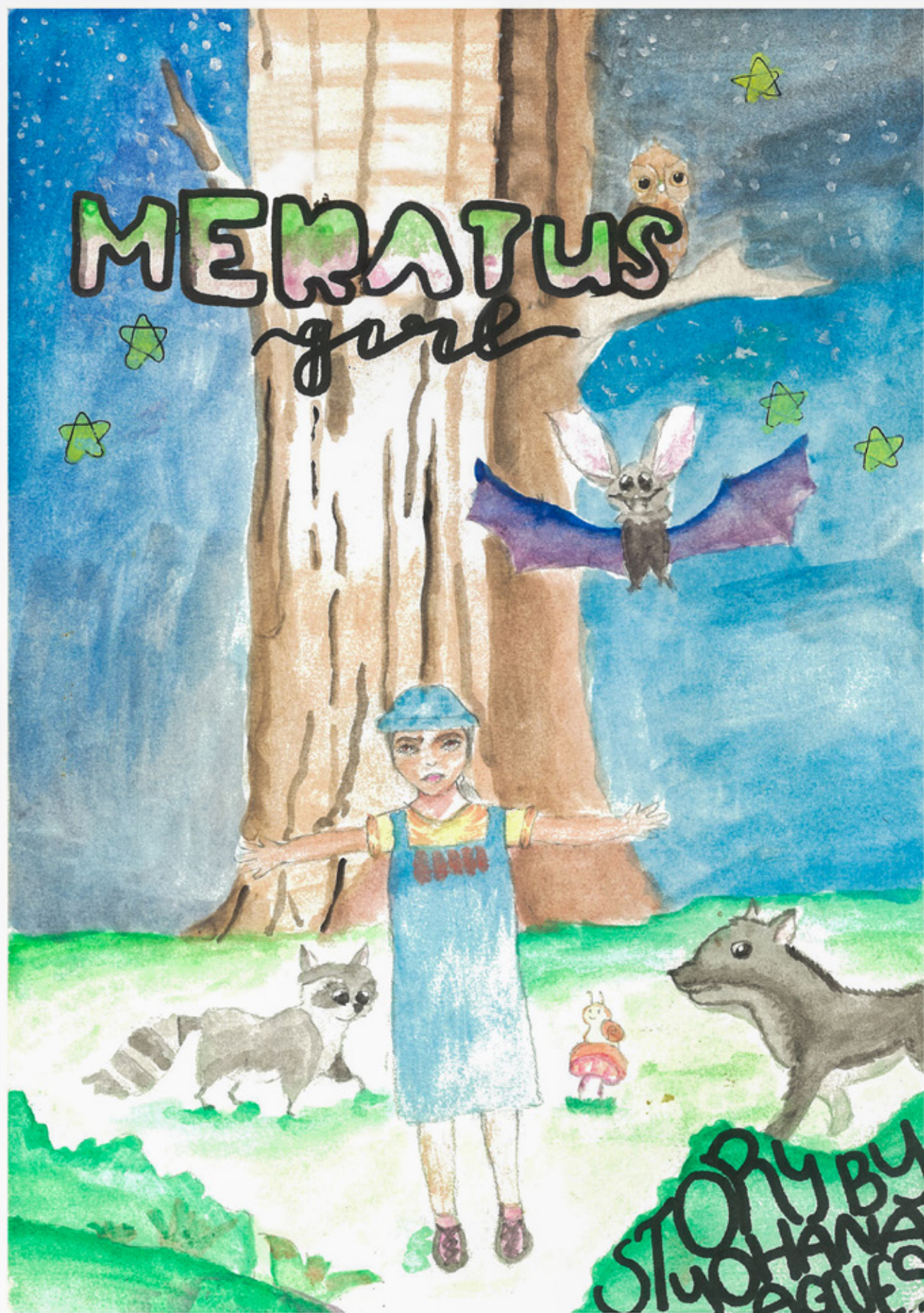
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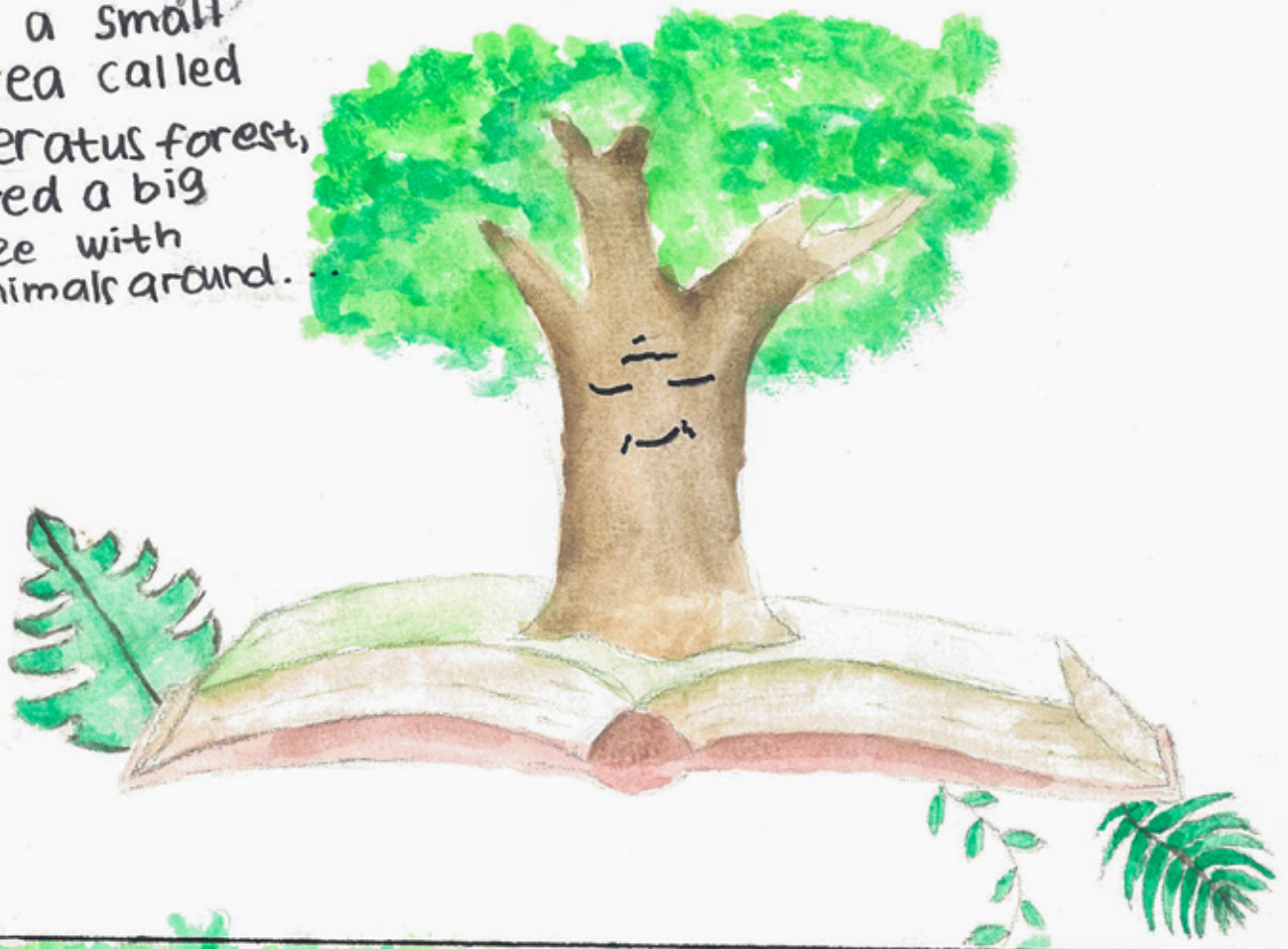
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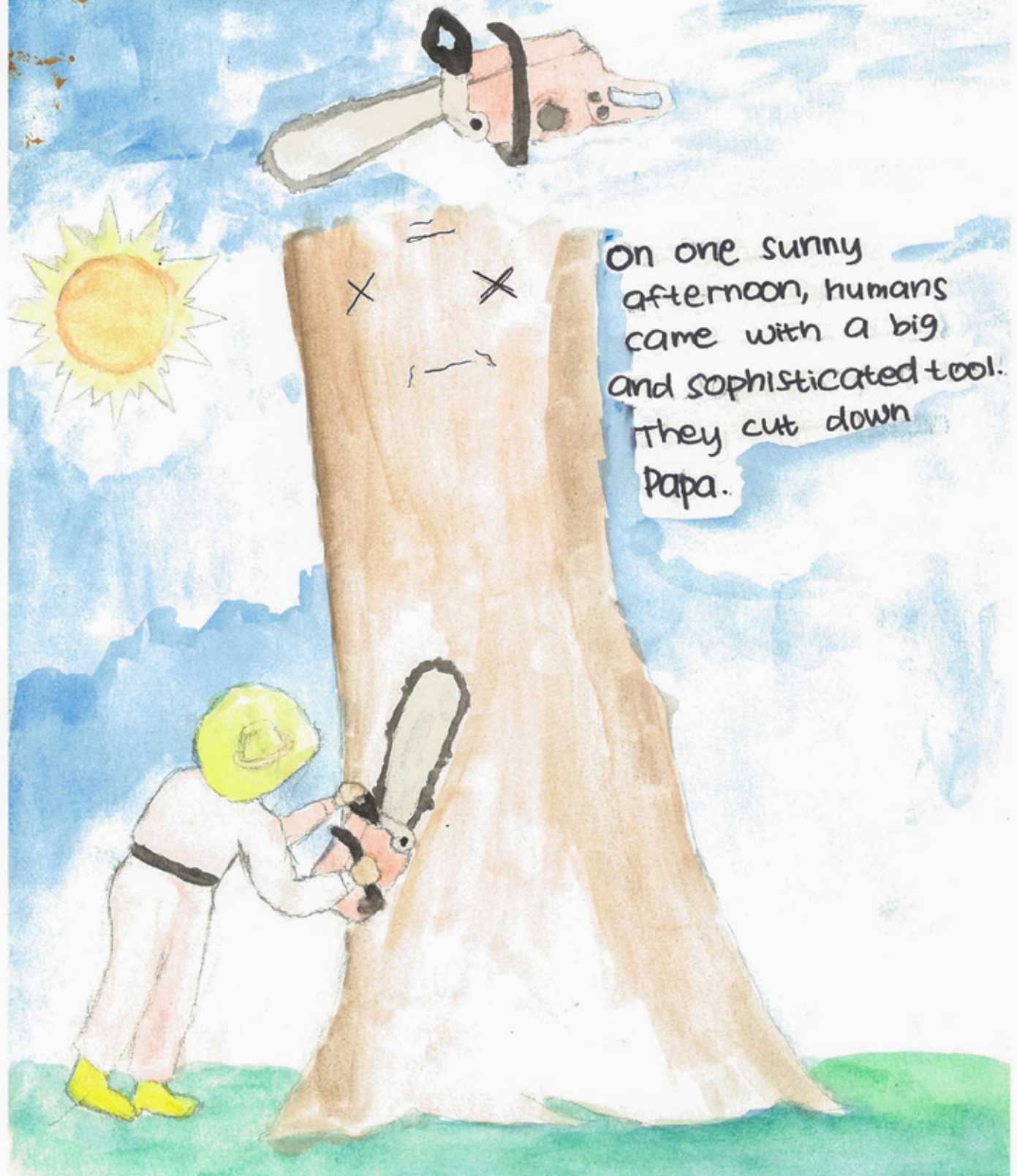
In a small
area called
Meratus forest,
lived a big
tree with
animals around.



The animals
called him Papa.
His stem could be a
hiding place for
animals and plants.
Bad humans were afraid
of his big stem.



Time flew so fast, humans made sophisticated tools to catch plants and animals.



Some animals that hid
in Papa's stem got
arrested too!





The remaining animals and plants could only hide behind small trees and bushes.



until one morning,
there was a girl who
came into their
place.

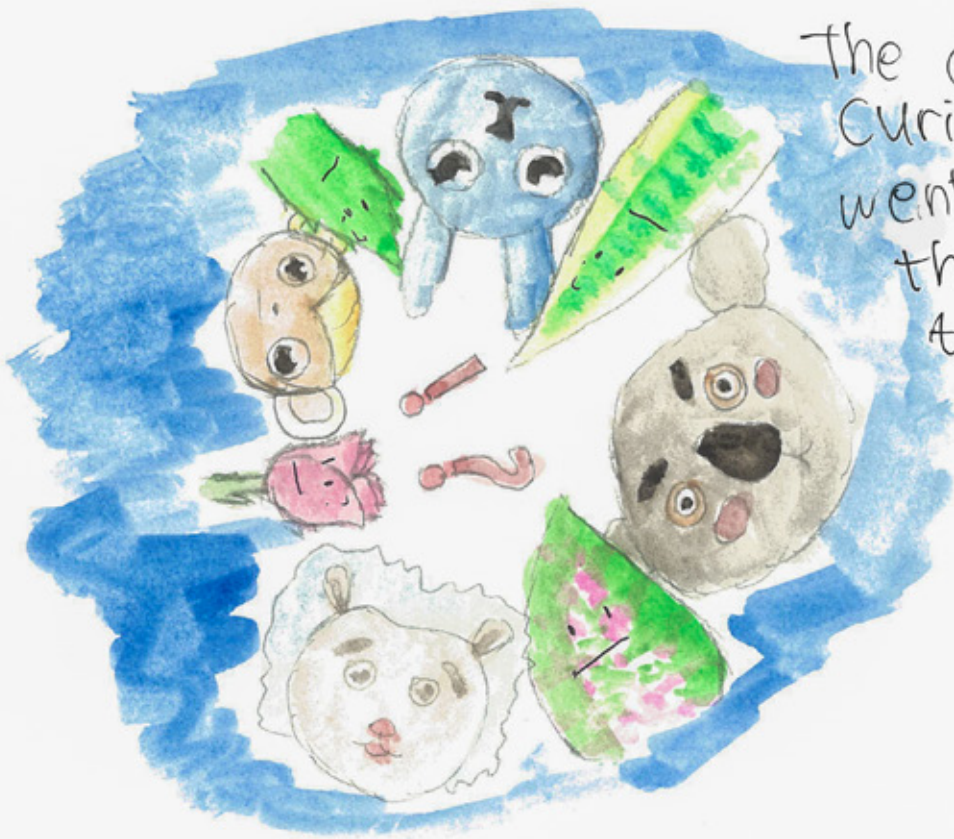
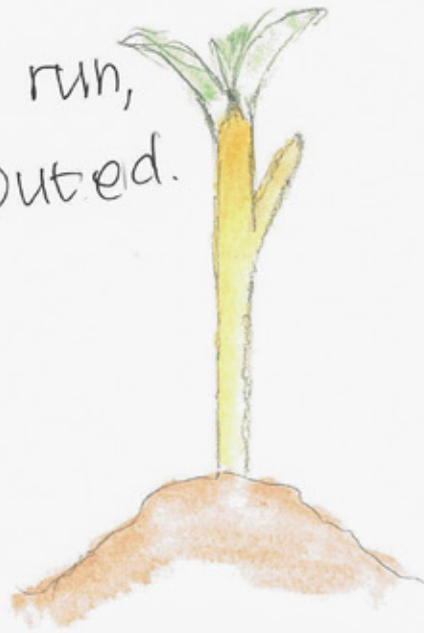


She dug in the ground
and did something.

After that,
she always came
and brought a bottle
of water.



In the long run,
a tree sprouted.



The animals felt
curious and
went out in
the night
to see it.

But, they immediately returned because
they were afraid that a human would see them.

When Mr. Panda went out to find food for their supply, there was a tall tree with fresh fruit on each stem.





Mr. Panda told the news to the animals and the plants. They were surprised, too! They decided to sleep there while waiting for the girl to come in the morning.





when the girl arrived, they
thanked the girl.



The news spread so fast. The bad human came to cut down the tree for a new building.



Together, they
protected the tree.



The bad human was scared
and turned back. They
cheered happily.

yay





From then on, bad human
was afraid to go to Meratus forest,
and the girl was called

MERATWS
girl,

by the
animals
and
the plants.



moral of the STORY

when we are together, we are
strong.

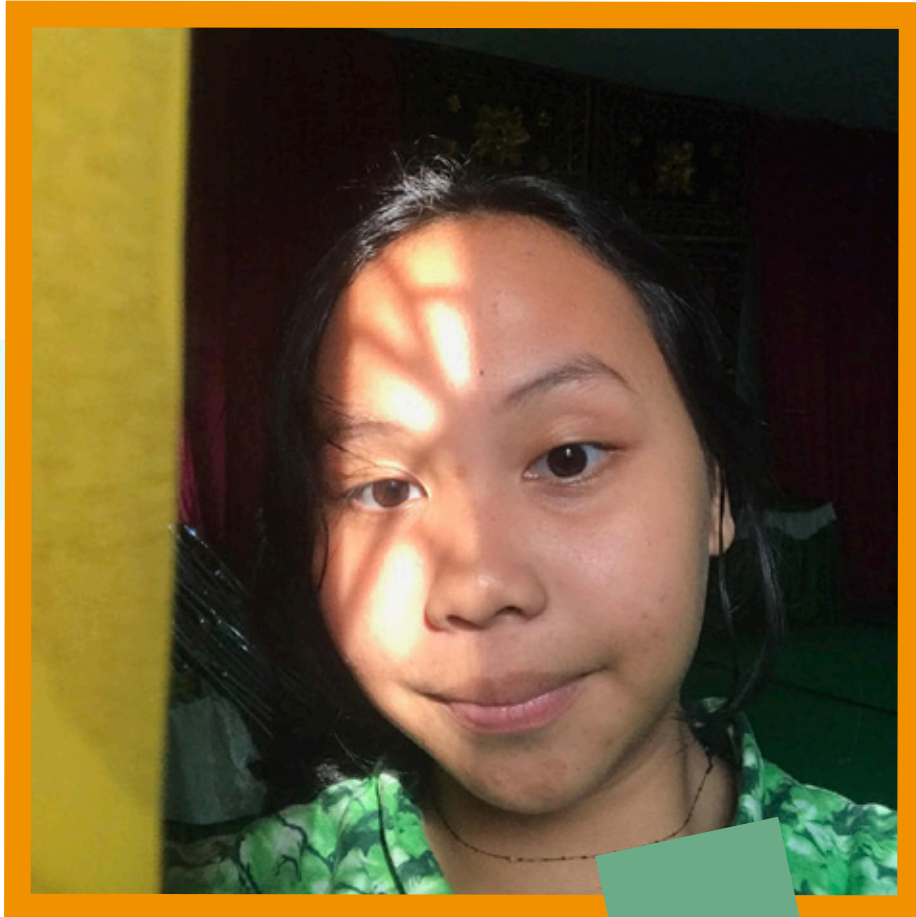
As the saying goes:
one ant can't lift things, but
together they can.

So, be brave and always
help each other like
the meratus girl did.

The

end.

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