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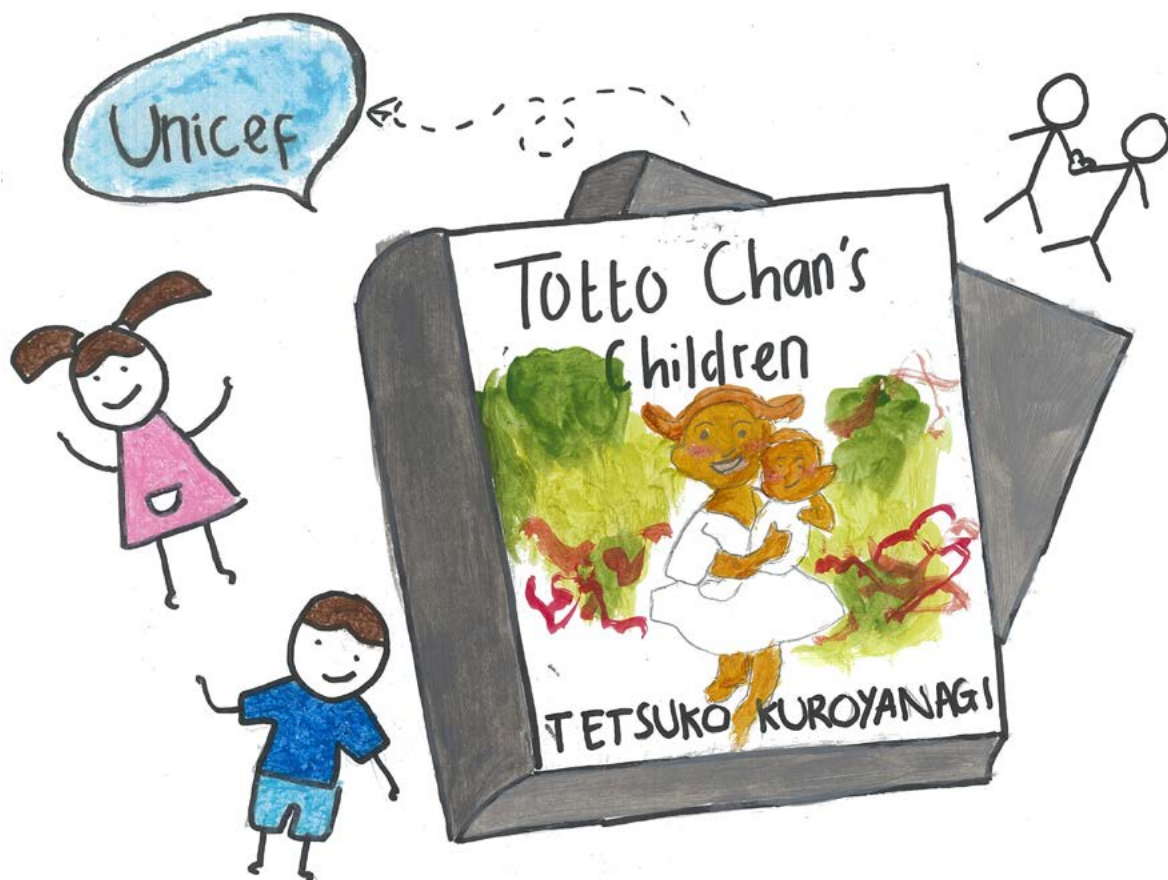
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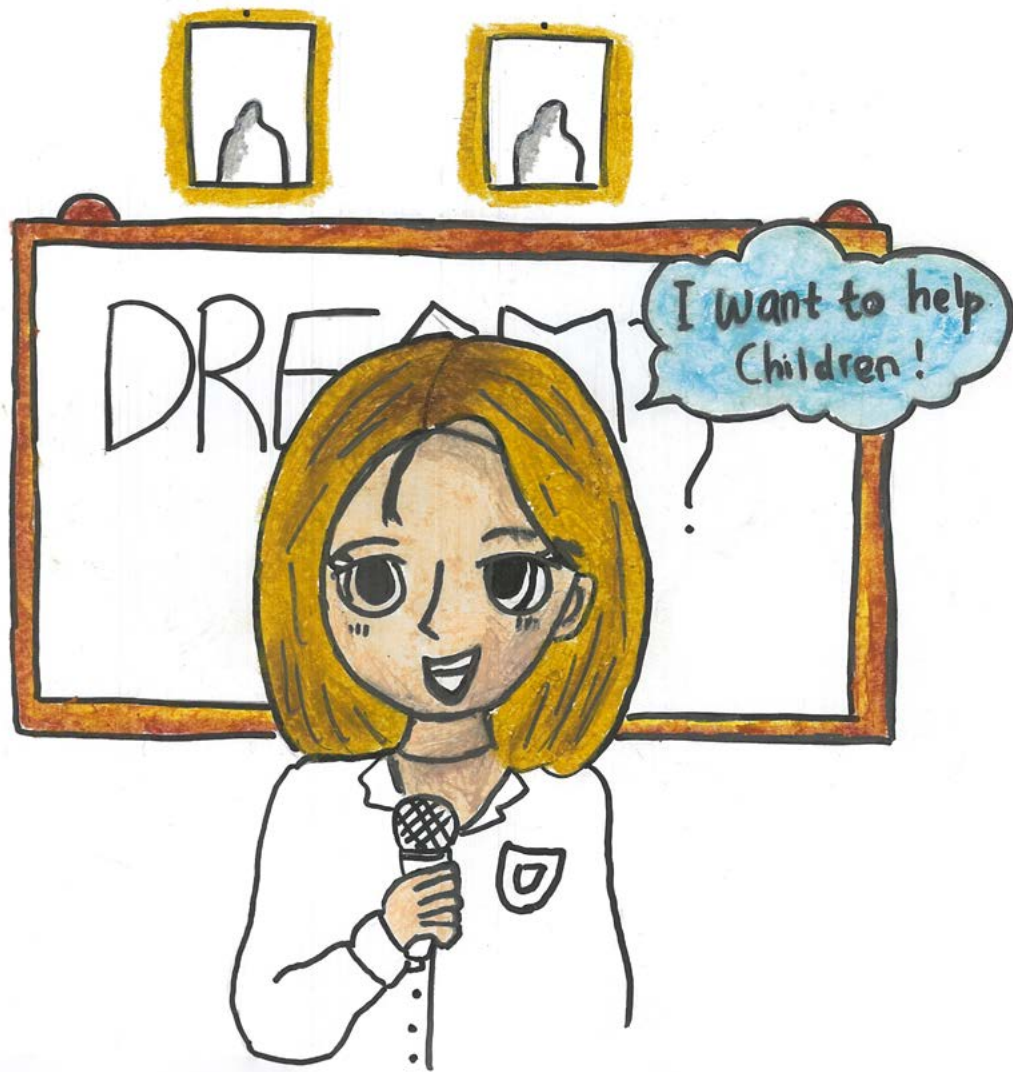
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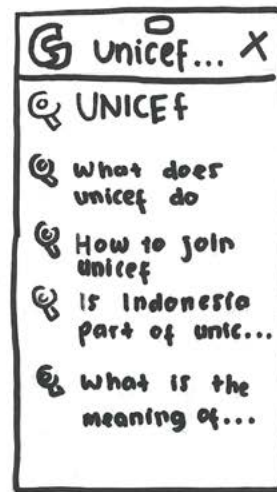


Once upon a time, there was a girl named Kia who lived in an advanced city. Kia is incredibly smart, kind, and helpful. When she was in fifth grade she read a book by Tetsuko Kuroyanagi, called “Toto-Chan’s Children”. The book talked about Ms. Tetsuko who is a UNICEF member and helps a lot of children from around the world. The book greatly inspired Kia. As a result, Kia is now in the 11th grade of high school. Kia is very eager to become a part of UNICEF.



In class Kia's teacher told her to write down what she dreamed of. Kia remembered her dream when she was in fifth grade, so she wrote about her desire to help children. The teacher asked her "Wow Kia, you have such a precious dream. Why do you want to be a part of UNICEF?"

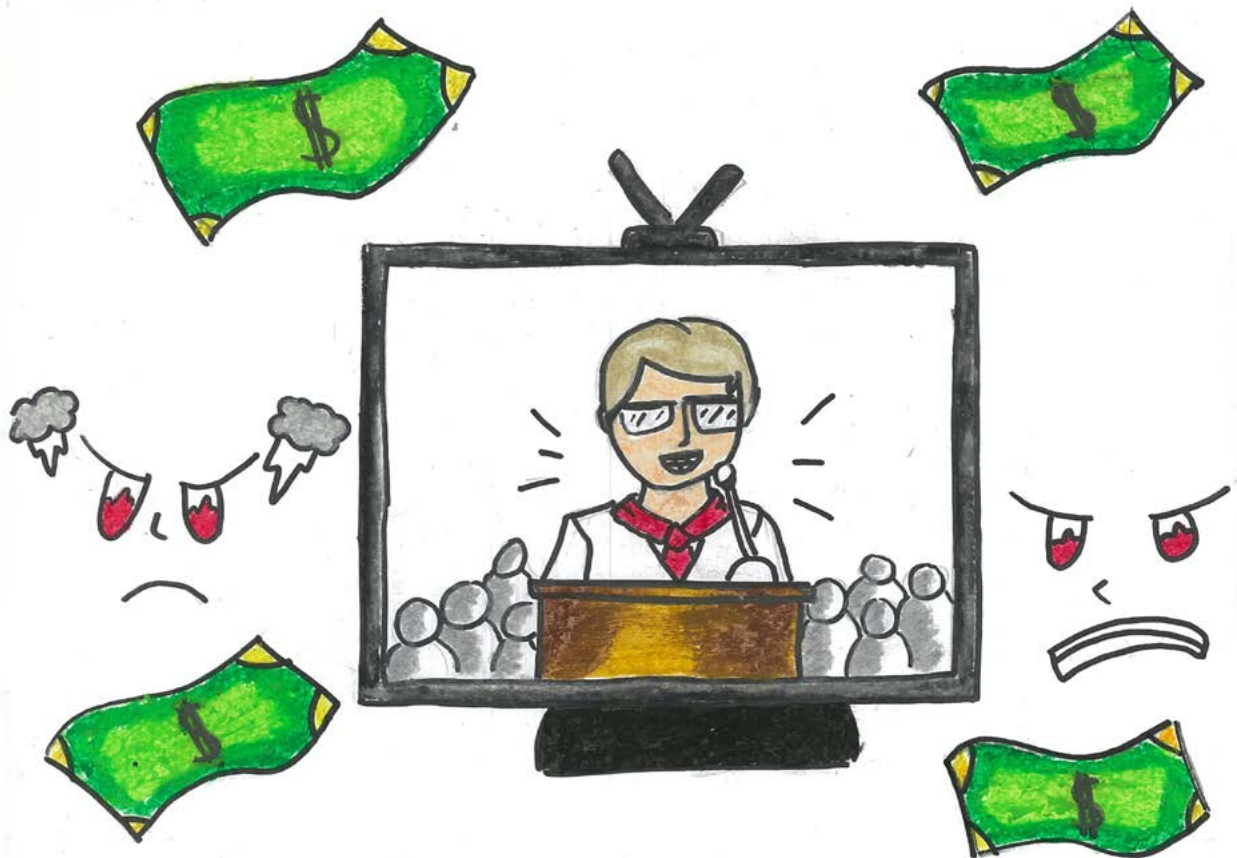
"Thank you ma'am. It makes me so sad to know that there are a lot of children out there who are not living in peace, so I want to help them and have an opportunity to speak up about children's rights."



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With joy and happiness, Kia returned home.

As soon as Kia got home, she turned on the TV and saw the news that was covering a story about children in conflict zones. She was very touched and made up her mind: she was determined to join UNICEF, right then and there. Kia spent a lot of time getting to know more about UNICEF, and with every article she read, she fell more in love with their mission. Kia thought to herself, “I have to take action right now, and write to UNICEF. Maybe they will let me work for them!”



She waited patiently for the good news. But one day, when she was watching the news, she heard a corrupt politician say something that made her angry: “Hahaha I don’t care about children suffering, as long as I get what I want I will do anything. Give me the money and we will buy more land! We don’t have to take care of children. They’re just a burden.”

“I cannot believe someone would say something like that, it’s really heartless. How selfish and disgusting!” Because of that, she became very impatient to hear the news about her application.



“Ugh, it’s been a month but how come I haven’t received the email yet? Am I not accepted? I’m so scared. No no no- I need to think about my dream and good things.”

She waited anxiously, but suddenly *TING* she checked her phone and an email had arrived. Her jaw dropped. “Aaaa!!!! I’m accepted. I’m a part of UNICEF now! OMG I want to cry a happy tear.”

Kia was so happy because she now had a way to always help children in need and ensure that children can have a bright future, just like her. It was a spark of hope.

-THE END-

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Hello! My name is Alifa Salwa Khairunnisa but you can call me Khai. I was born in Yogyakarta on November 28th, 2006. My hobbies are reading, listening to music, and I love to try new things and activities. I am in eleventh grade at SMA Negeri 1 Sedayu. In the future, I want to be a part of UNICEF and spread love as much as I can. I am so excited for the WORDS Competition. I can't wait to have a new experience, and make friends from around Indonesia.



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