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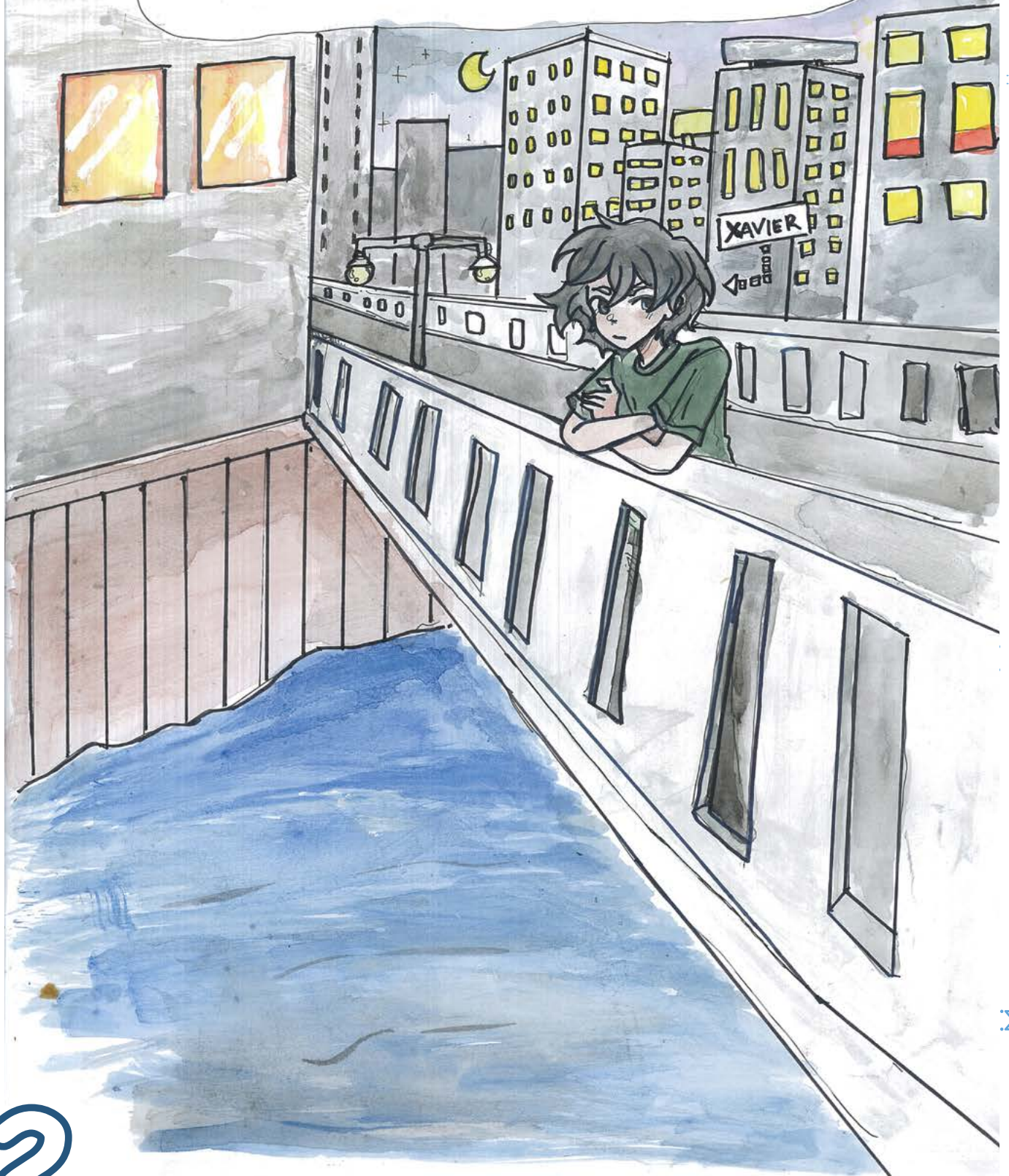
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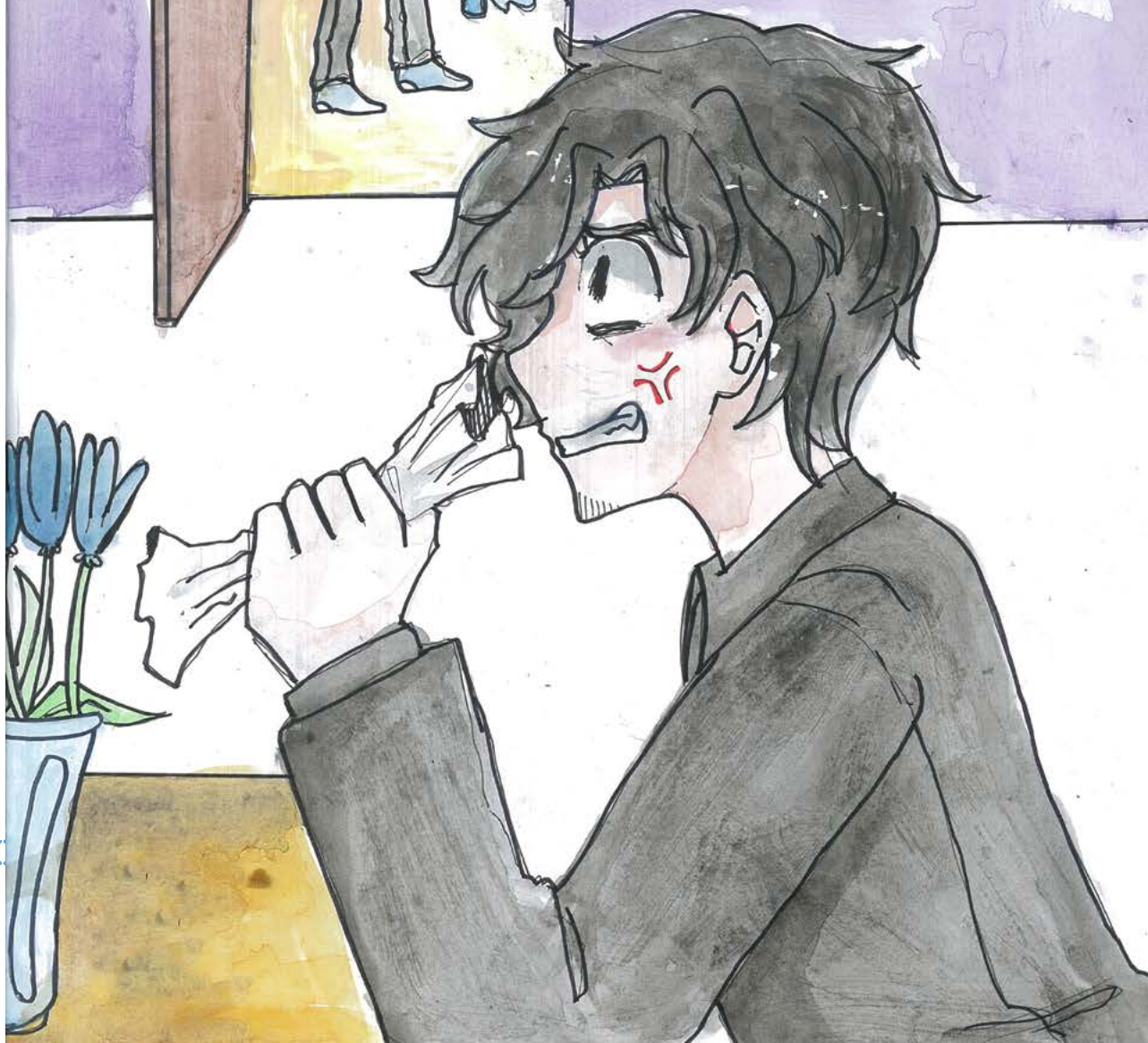
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one day in stella city, there lives a 13 y.o boy named xavier.
His mother ran away when he was 3 y.o, so now he
lives with his daddy. His daddy is moody and strict, but
works hard to support his son.



One day, Xavier is cleaning his room and daddy comes back home from work. He looks awfully tired. Then daddy sees Xavier's test paper on the table with a big red **D** written across it. not an **A** immediately he grabs the paper "**XAVIER!!** where are you?!!" Daddy call Xavier's before heading toward Xavier's room



XAVIER is shocked, but tries to speak,
XAVIER: "I got D grade 'cause the day before test, i was
exhausted and fell asleep... so i couldn't study!"
Daddy: "why cant you have any idea how tired i am? Sigh
Daddy said with disappointment spread on his face and
then he leaves Xavier's room

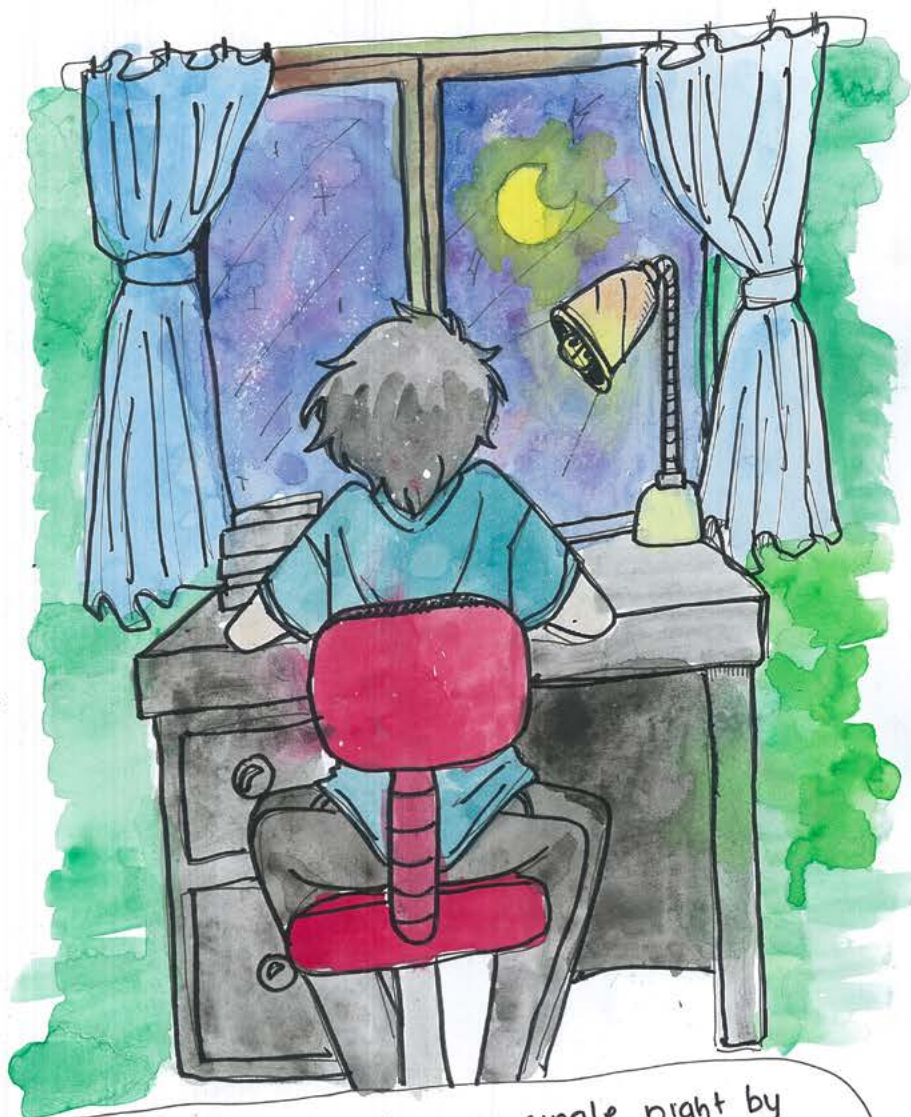


xavier is thinking about what he has done. Maybe his daddy was right. Maybe he should have better grades, despite having so many chores and being stressed after all, his daddy always works hard even when he is tired.



After a while, Xavier goes to peek outside his room. He sees daddy in the living room. He looks very tired, sad and dissappointed. it makes Xavier feel bad for him and for now on, Xavier promises him self, he'll make his daddy proud with his changes.





Xavier starts to study every single night by himself, no matter how long it takes or how tired he is. He dreams to be a better son, and uses that motivation to continue studying hard.

One night, daddy come back late, and sees light from Xavier's room. Daddy walks in and sees Xavier asleep at his desk, his textbook still open. Knowing his son has started to change, daddy can't help but feel so proud. He takes a blanket and puts it on Xavier, while singing a lullaby for him.

Daddy: "Now hush little baby, don't you cry. Everything's gonna be alright. Stiffen that upper lip up little boy, ya, I told ya. Daddy's here to hold ya through the night, I know mommy's not here and we don't know why. We fear how we feel inside. It may seem a little crazy, little baby. But I promise mommy's gonna be alright."



Day By day, xavier's grade starts to improve.
One day, daddy comes home and xavier
immediately runs toward him with a test
paper in hand.

Xavier: Daddy, Daddy, look!! i got **A+**
A Huge smile appears on Daddy's face.



as the time goes by, xavier continues studying at night. His grades improve more and he even gets some achievements, all to make his daddy proud of him. He shows his daddy that his son changed and his efforts are in vain. Xavier realized that whoever wants to change their life, can do it. if you put the effort in, slowly but surely your life can change, just like Xavier's.



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