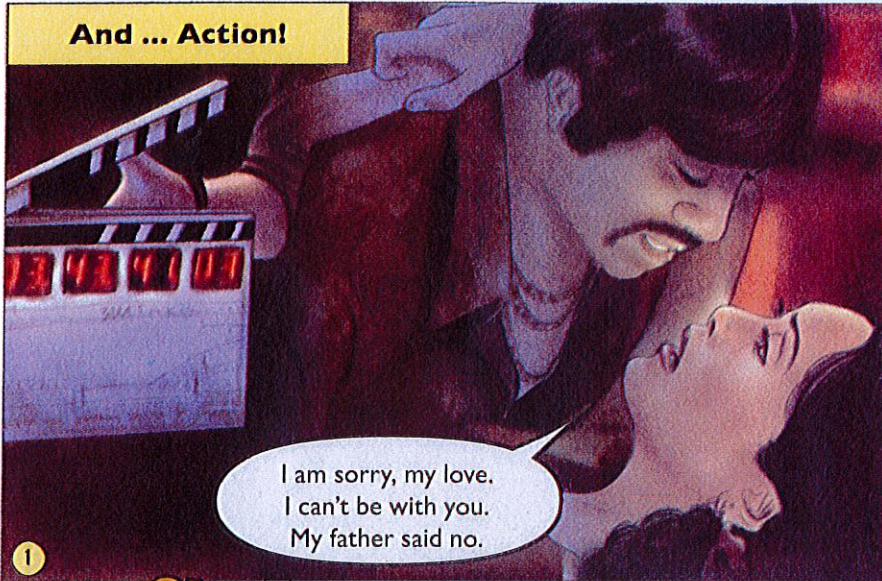
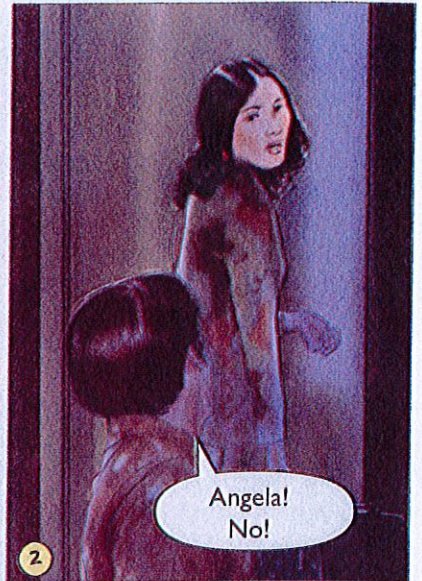


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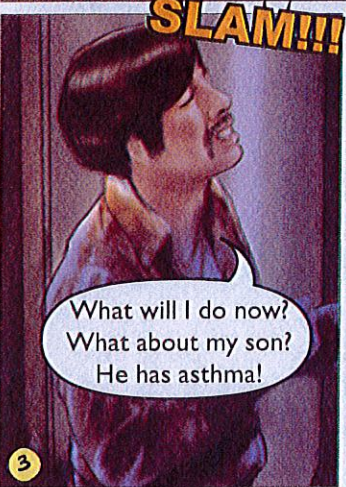
I am sorry, my love.
I can't be with you.
My father said no.

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Angela!
No!

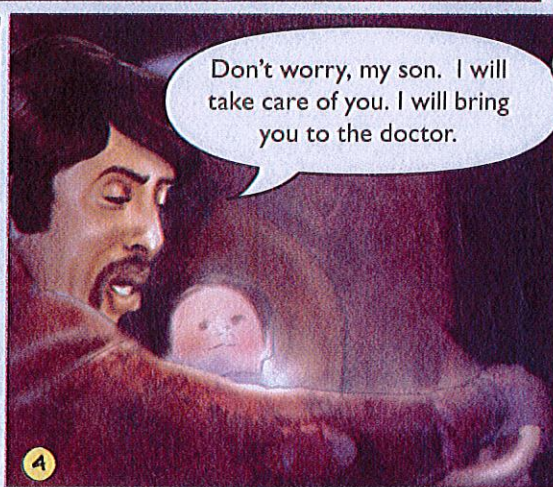
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SLAM!!!

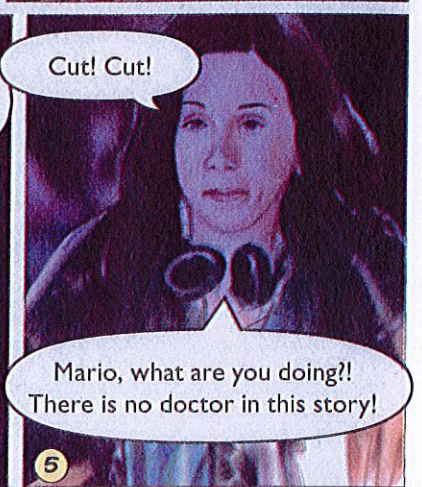
What will I do now?
What about my son?
He has asthma!

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Don't worry, my son. I will
take care of you. I will bring
you to the doctor.

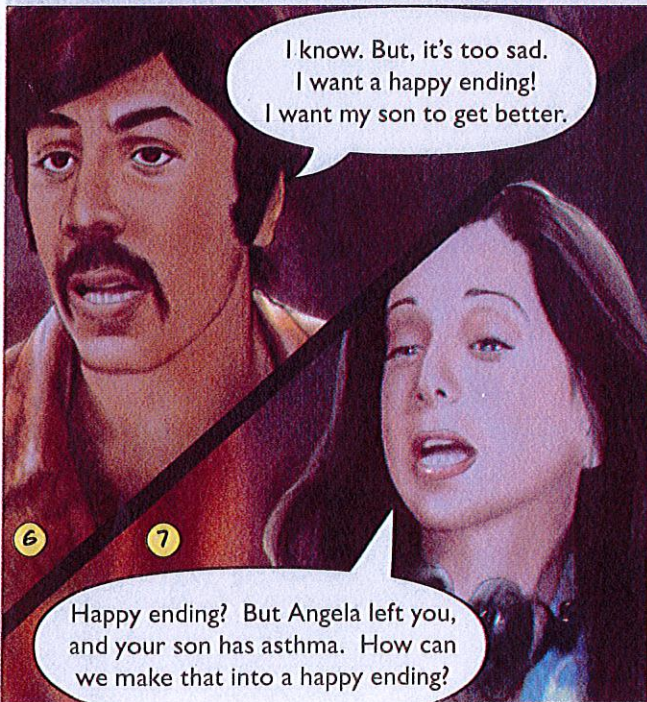
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Cut! Cut!

Mario, what are you doing?!
There is no doctor in this story!

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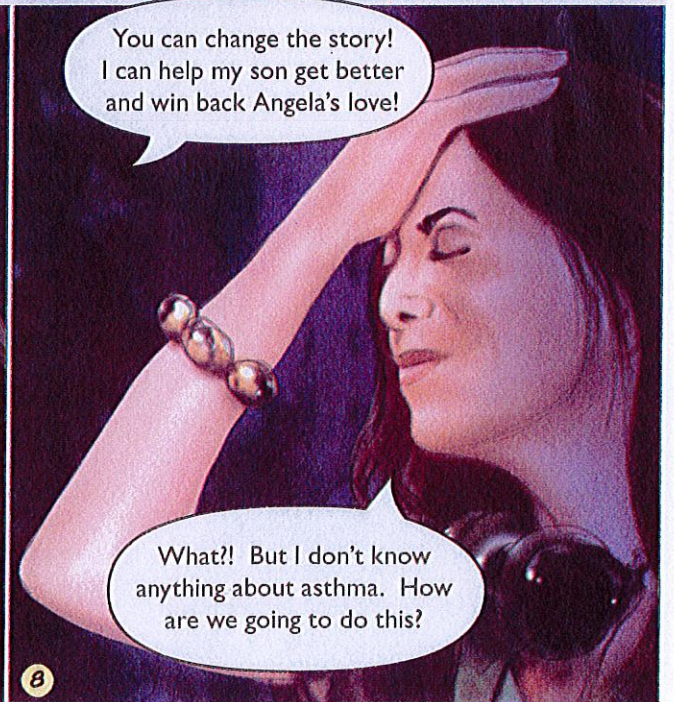


I know. But, it's too sad.
I want a happy ending!
I want my son to get better.

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Happy ending? But Angela left you,
and your son has asthma. How can
we make that into a happy ending?

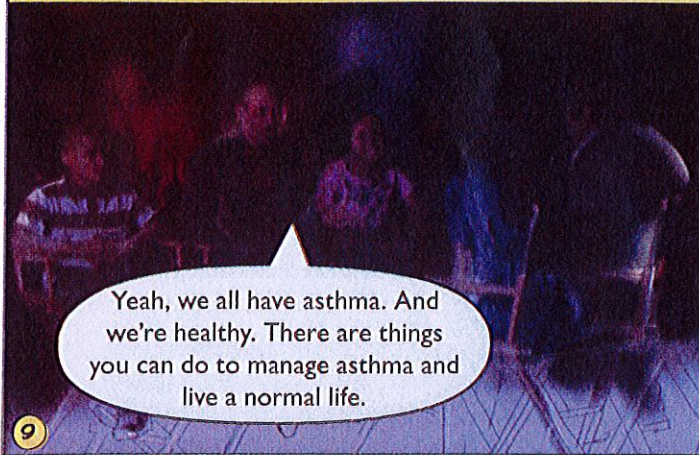


You can change the story!
I can help my son get better
and win back Angela's love!

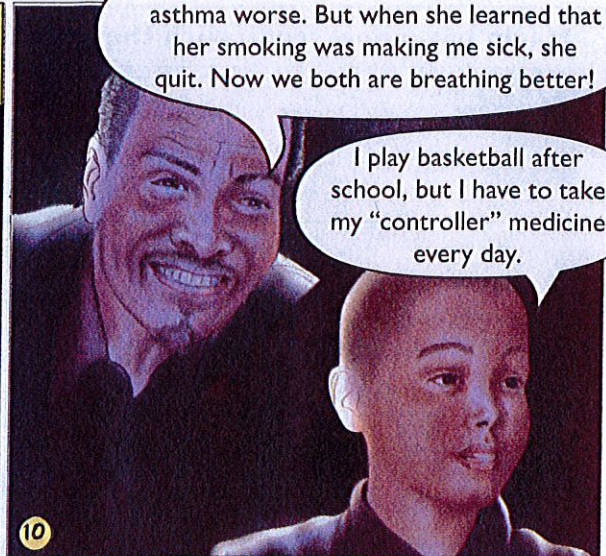
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What?! But I don't know
anything about asthma. How
are we going to do this?

The next day, the director finds people who know about asthma.

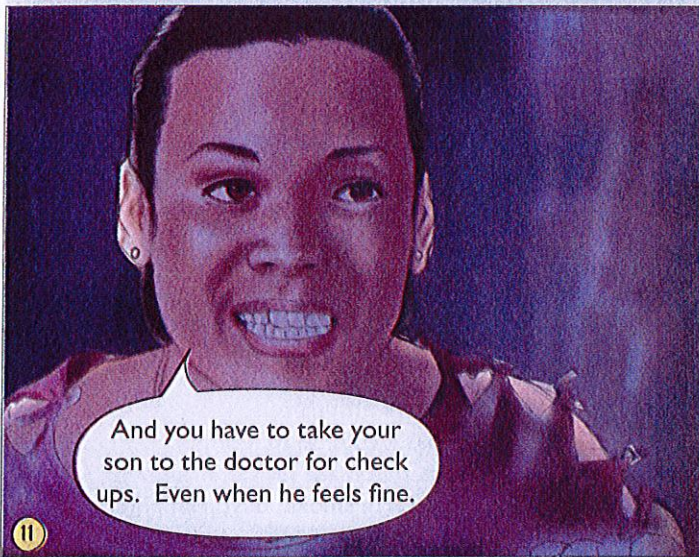


Yeah, we all have asthma. And we're healthy. There are things you can do to manage asthma and live a normal life.

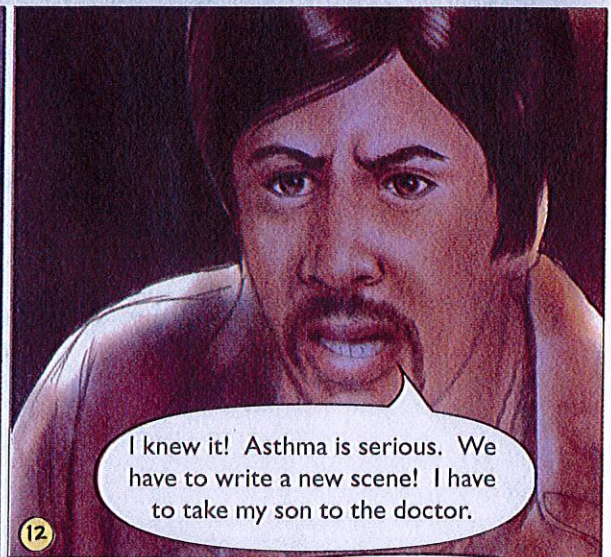


My wife used to smoke, and it made my asthma worse. But when she learned that her smoking was making me sick, she quit. Now we both are breathing better!

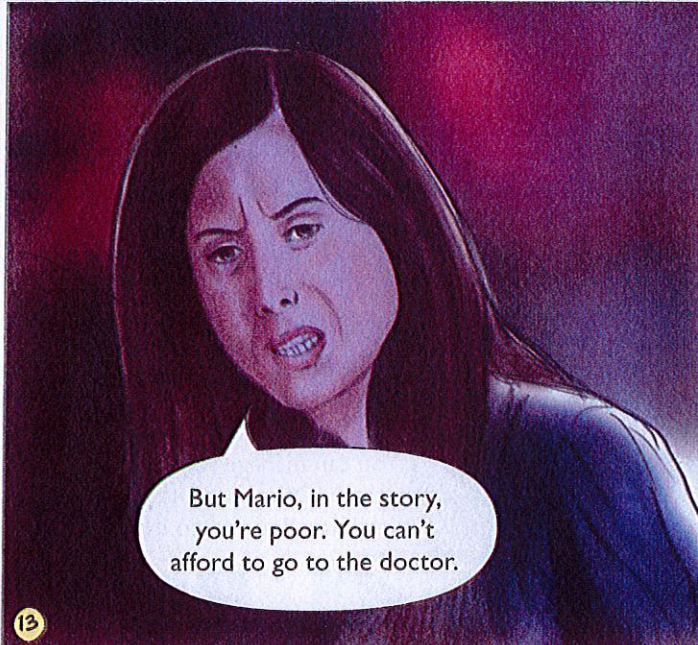
I play basketball after school, but I have to take my "controller" medicine every day.



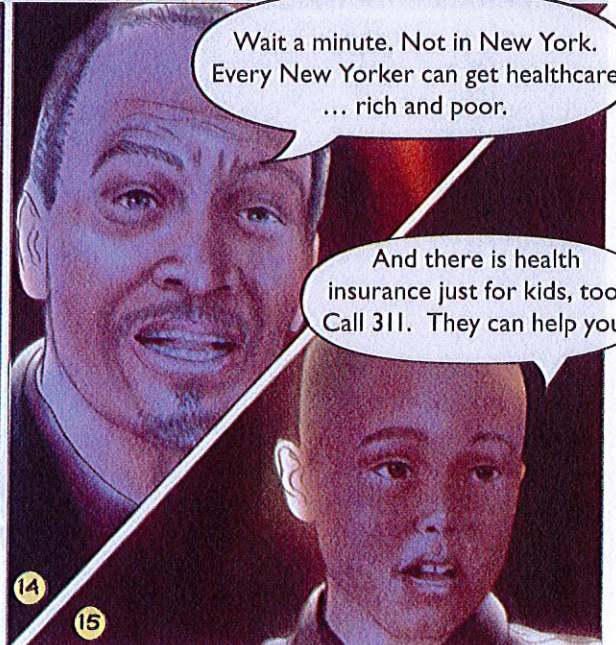
And you have to take your son to the doctor for check ups. Even when he feels fine.



I knew it! Asthma is serious. We have to write a new scene! I have to take my son to the doctor.



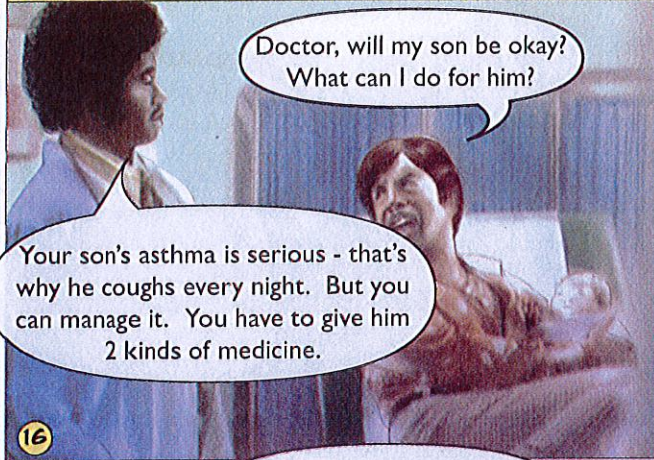
But Mario, in the story, you're poor. You can't afford to go to the doctor.



Wait a minute. Not in New York. Every New Yorker can get healthcare ... rich and poor.

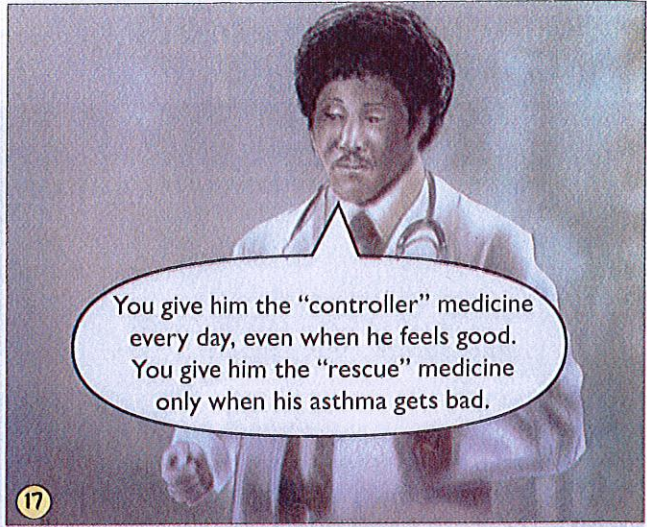
And there is health insurance just for kids, too. Call 311. They can help you.

Mario has a new scene with the doctor.

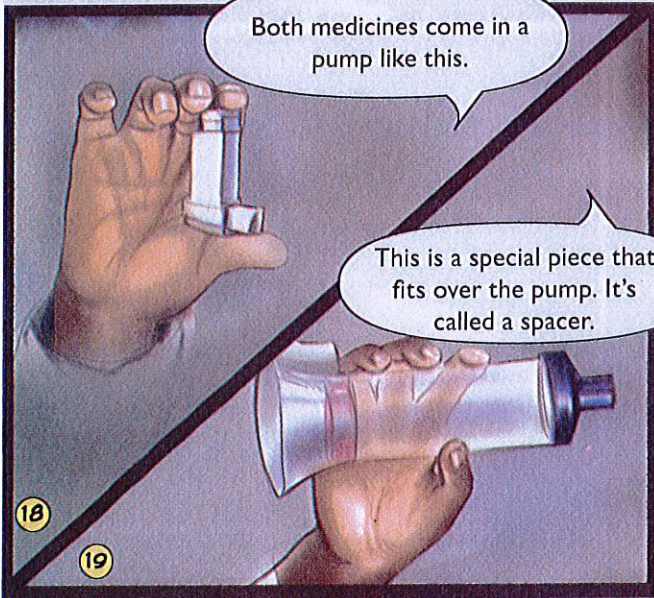


Doctor, will my son be okay?
What can I do for him?

Your son's asthma is serious - that's why he coughs every night. But you can manage it. You have to give him 2 kinds of medicine.

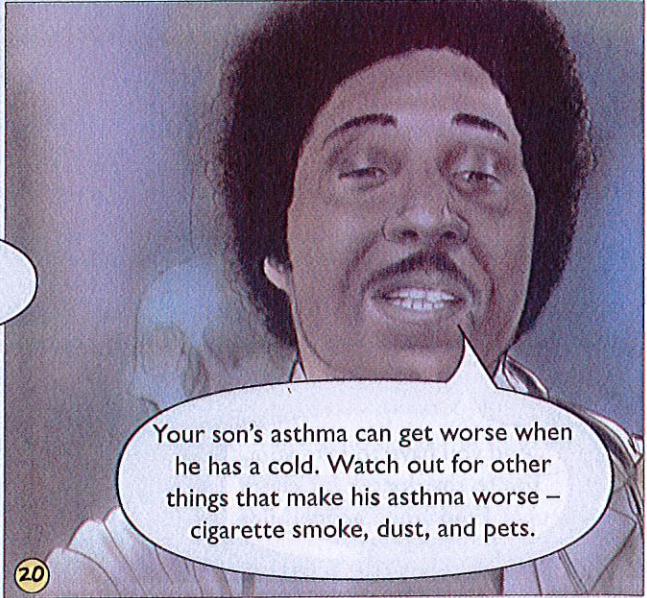


You give him the "controller" medicine every day, even when he feels good. You give him the "rescue" medicine only when his asthma gets bad.

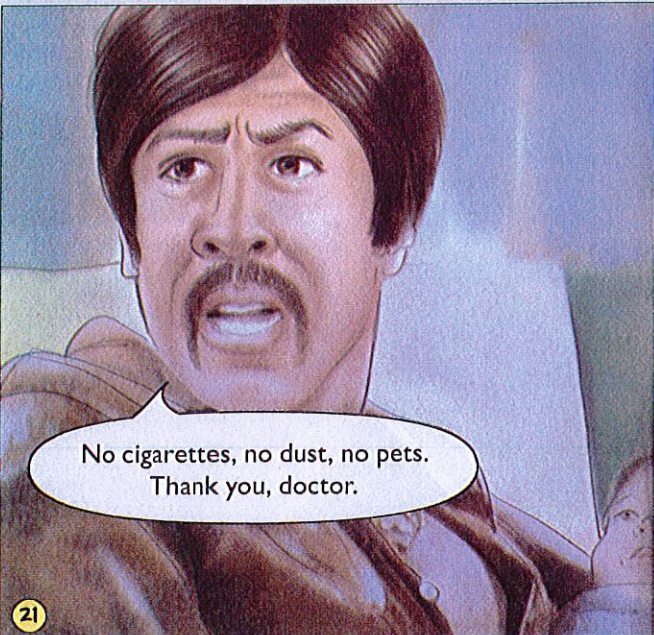


Both medicines come in a pump like this.

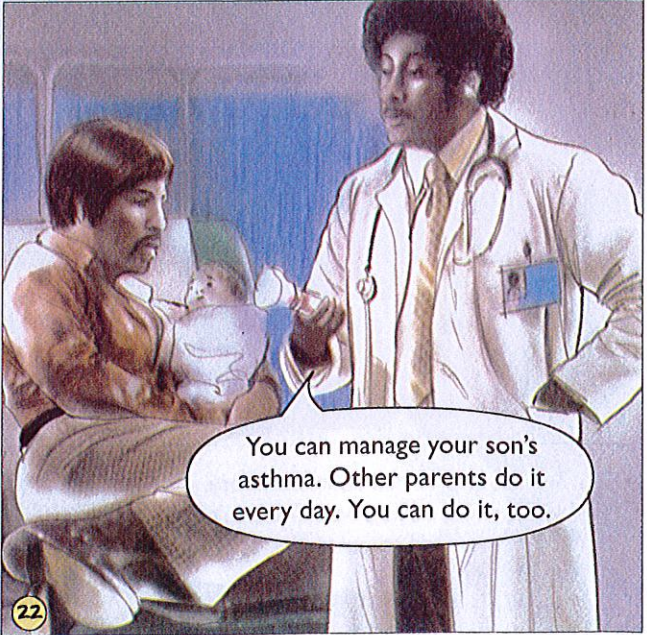
This is a special piece that fits over the pump. It's called a spacer.



Your son's asthma can get worse when he has a cold. Watch out for other things that make his asthma worse - cigarette smoke, dust, and pets.

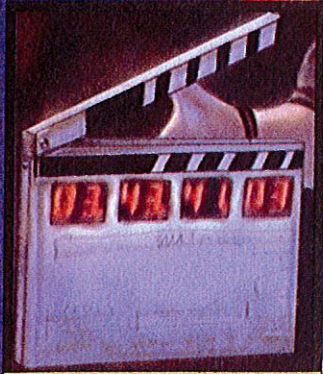


No cigarettes, no dust, no pets.
Thank you, doctor.



You can manage your son's asthma. Other parents do it every day. You can do it, too.

The show has a happy ending!



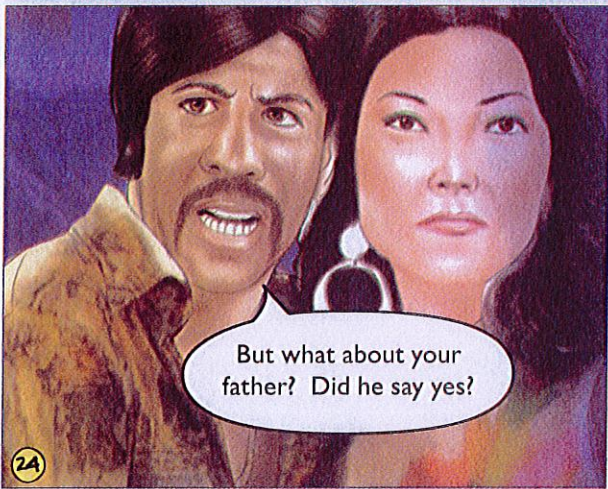
And... Action!

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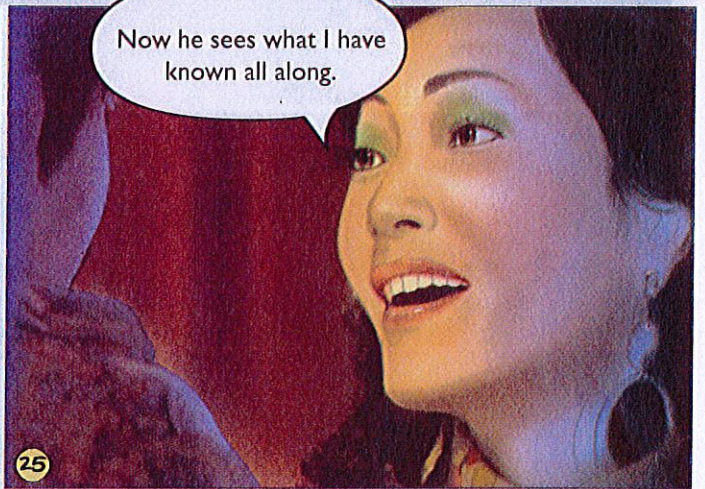
Angela, are you back?

Yes, my love. I am yours. Forever.



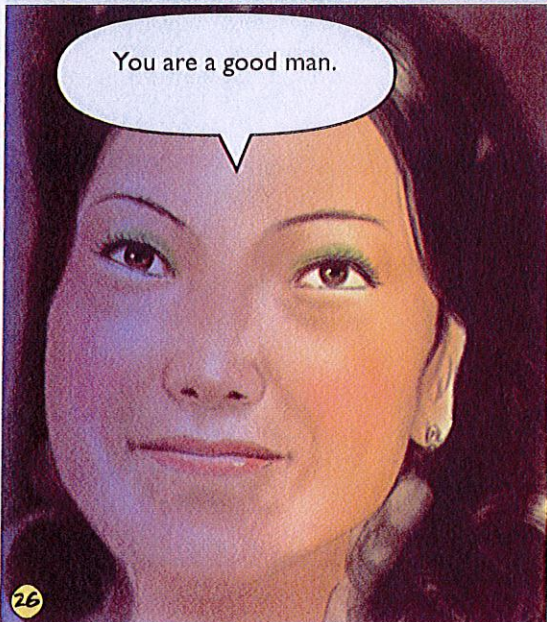
But what about your father? Did he say yes?

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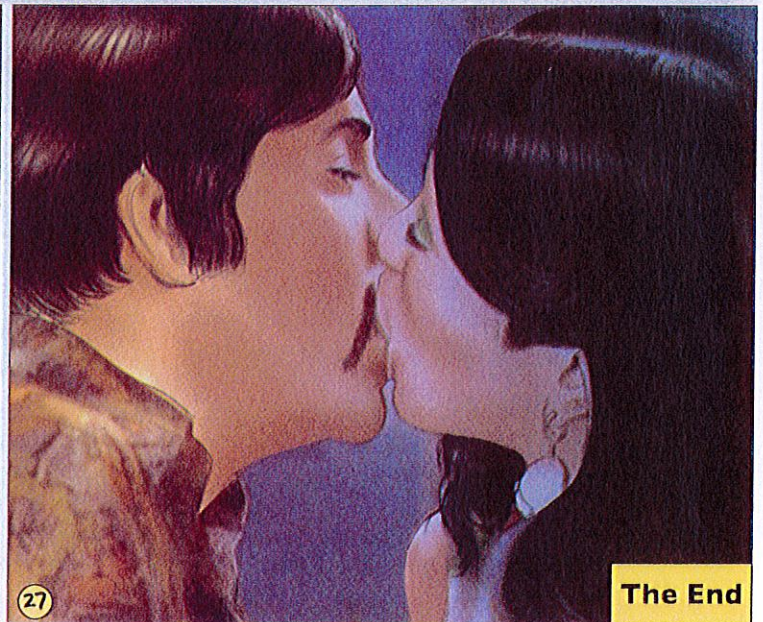
Now he sees what I have known all along.

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You are a good man.

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The End