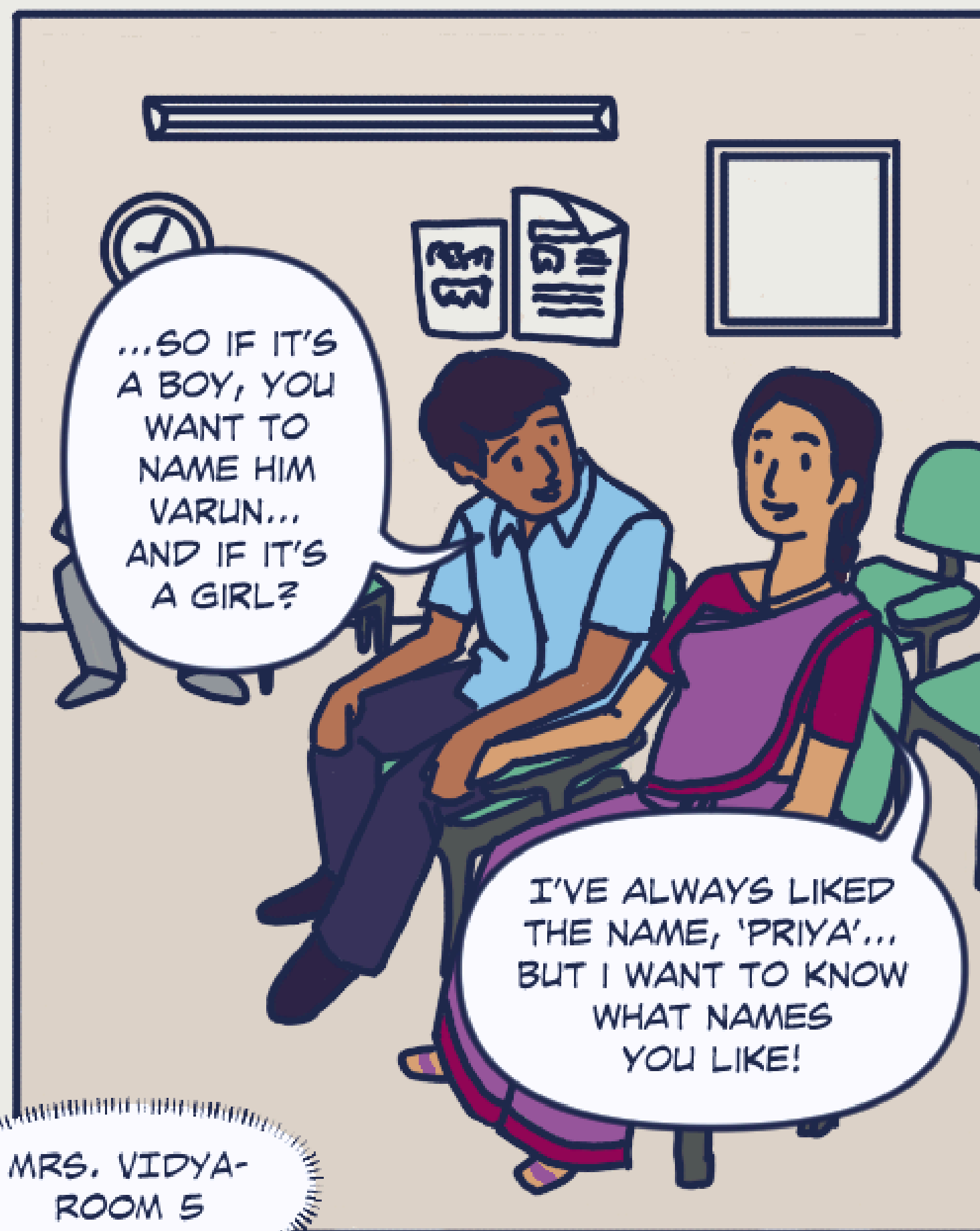


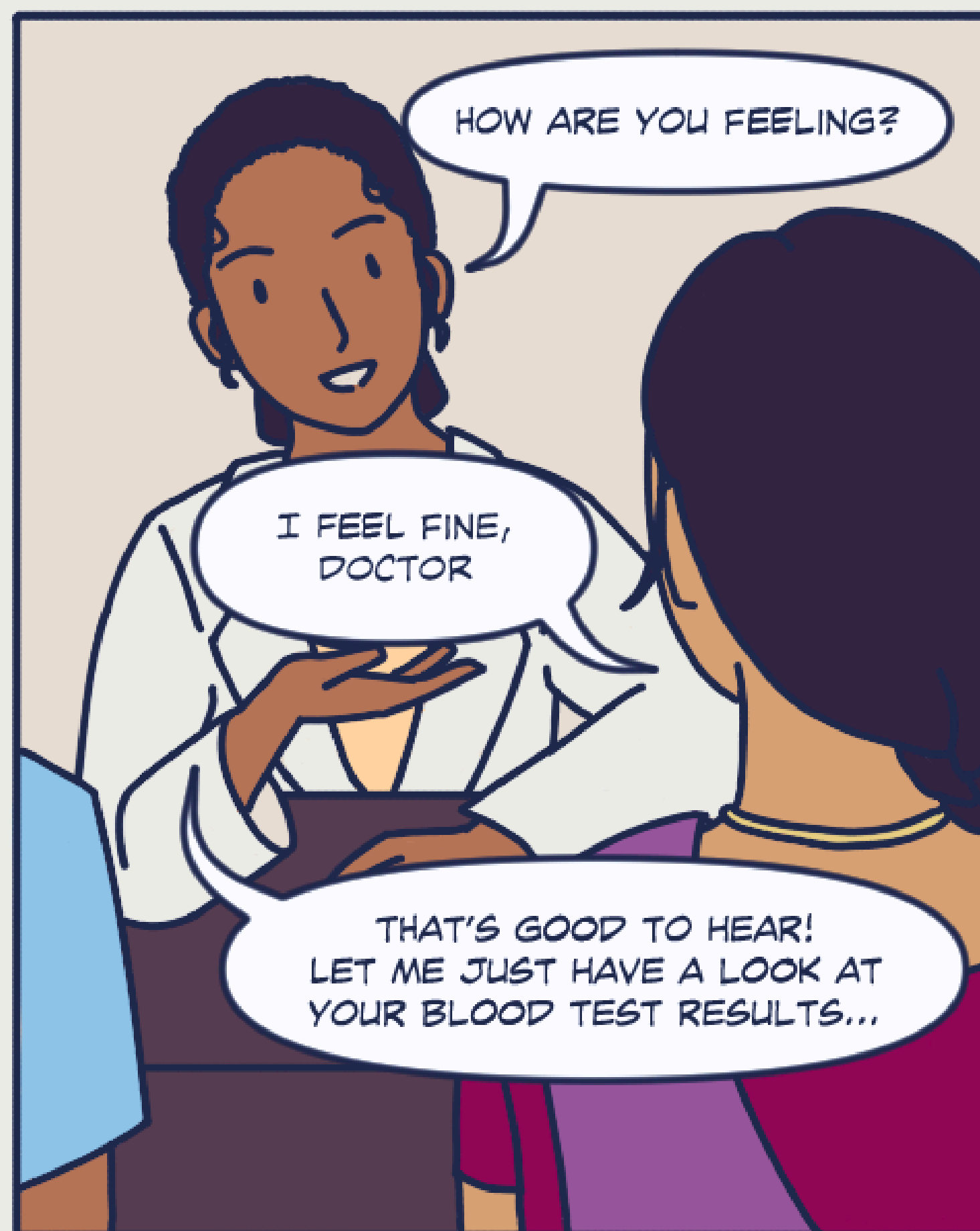
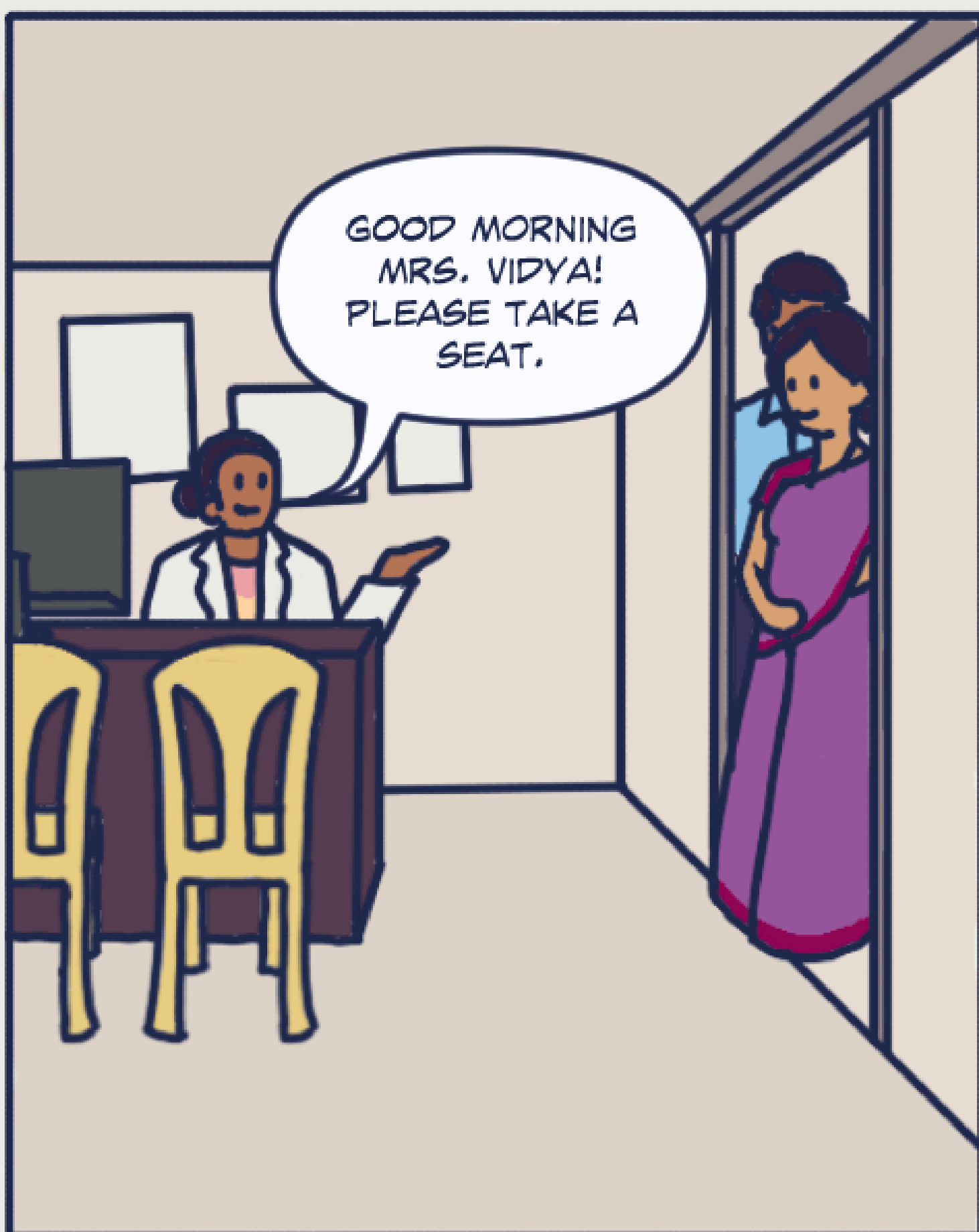


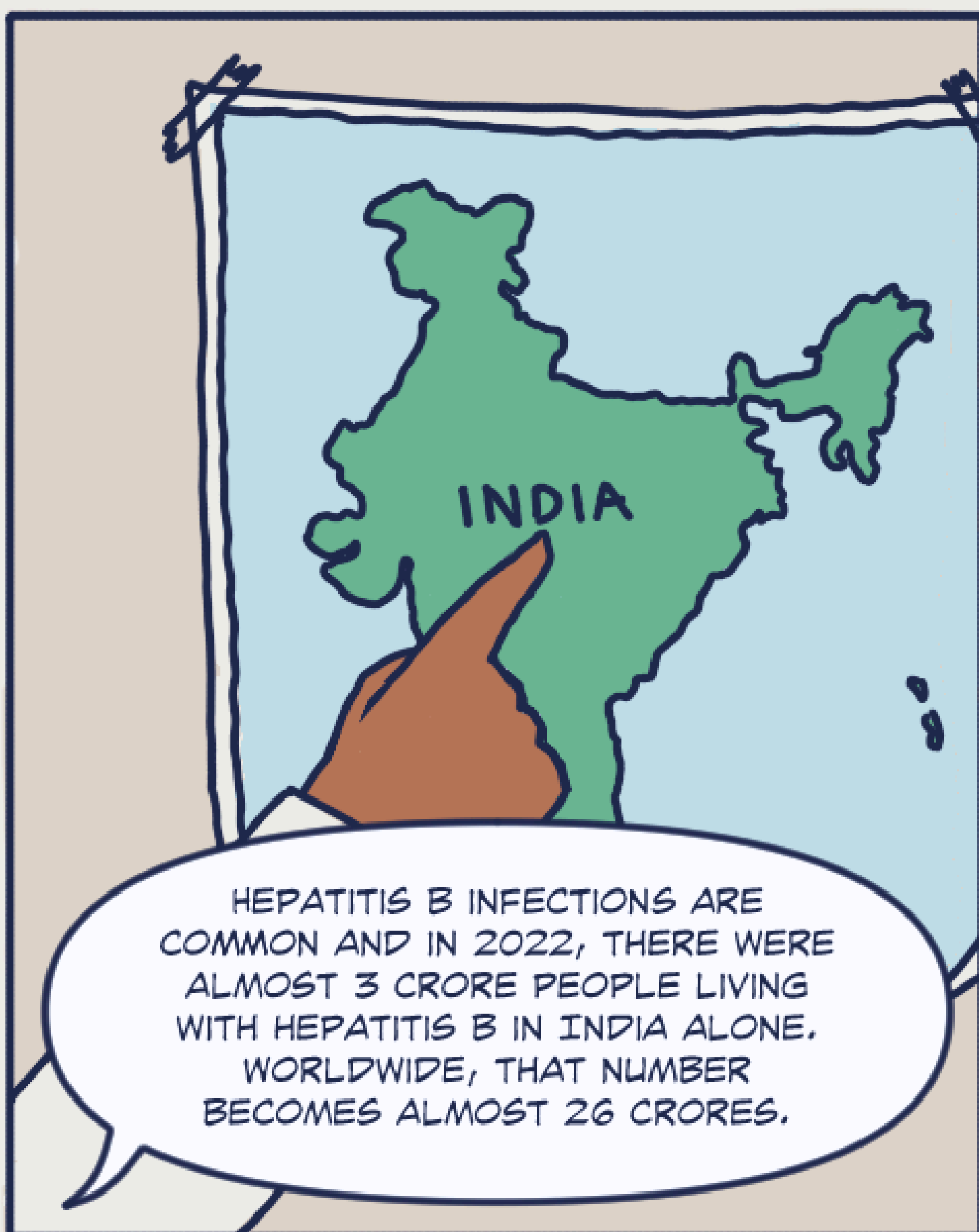
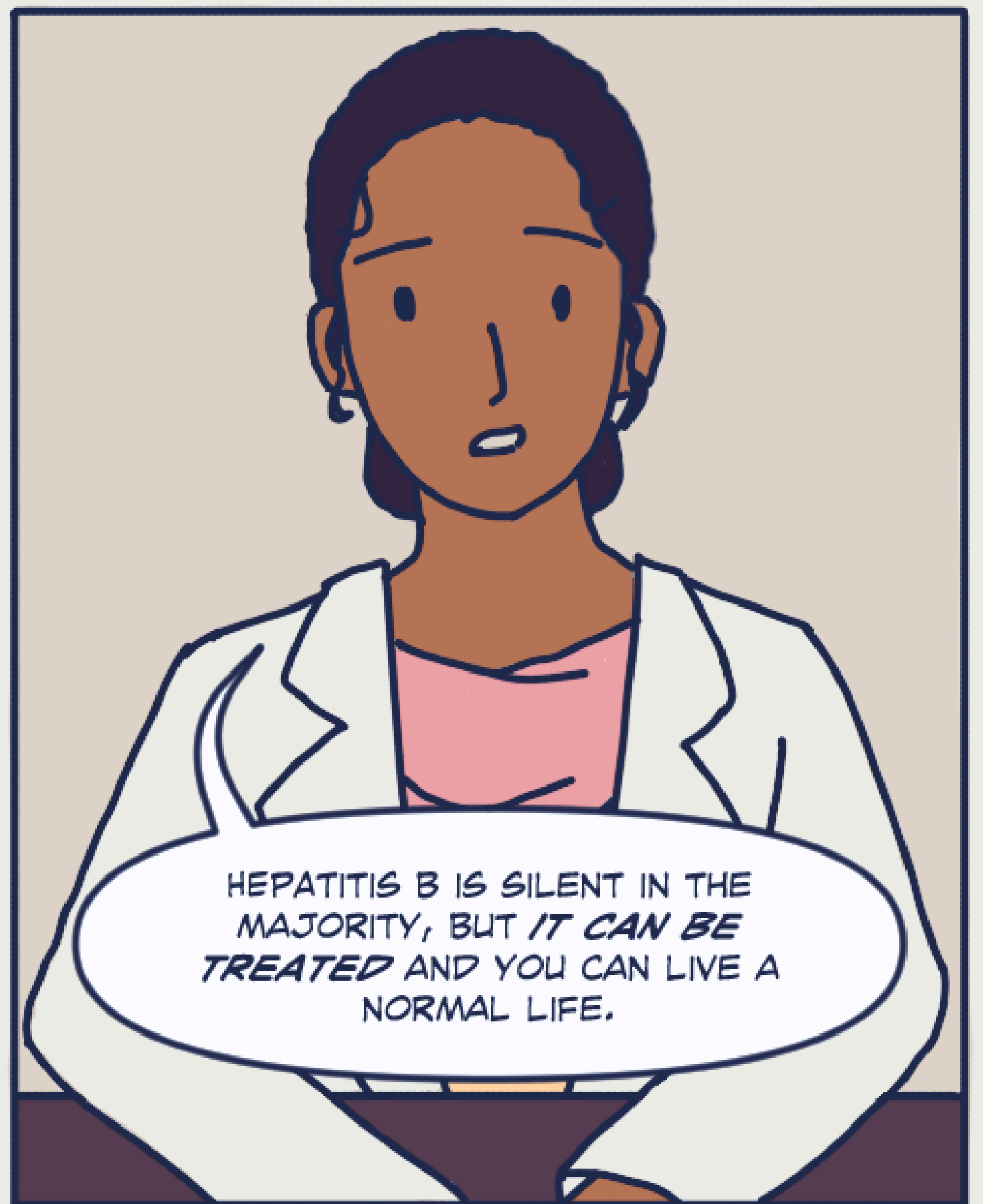
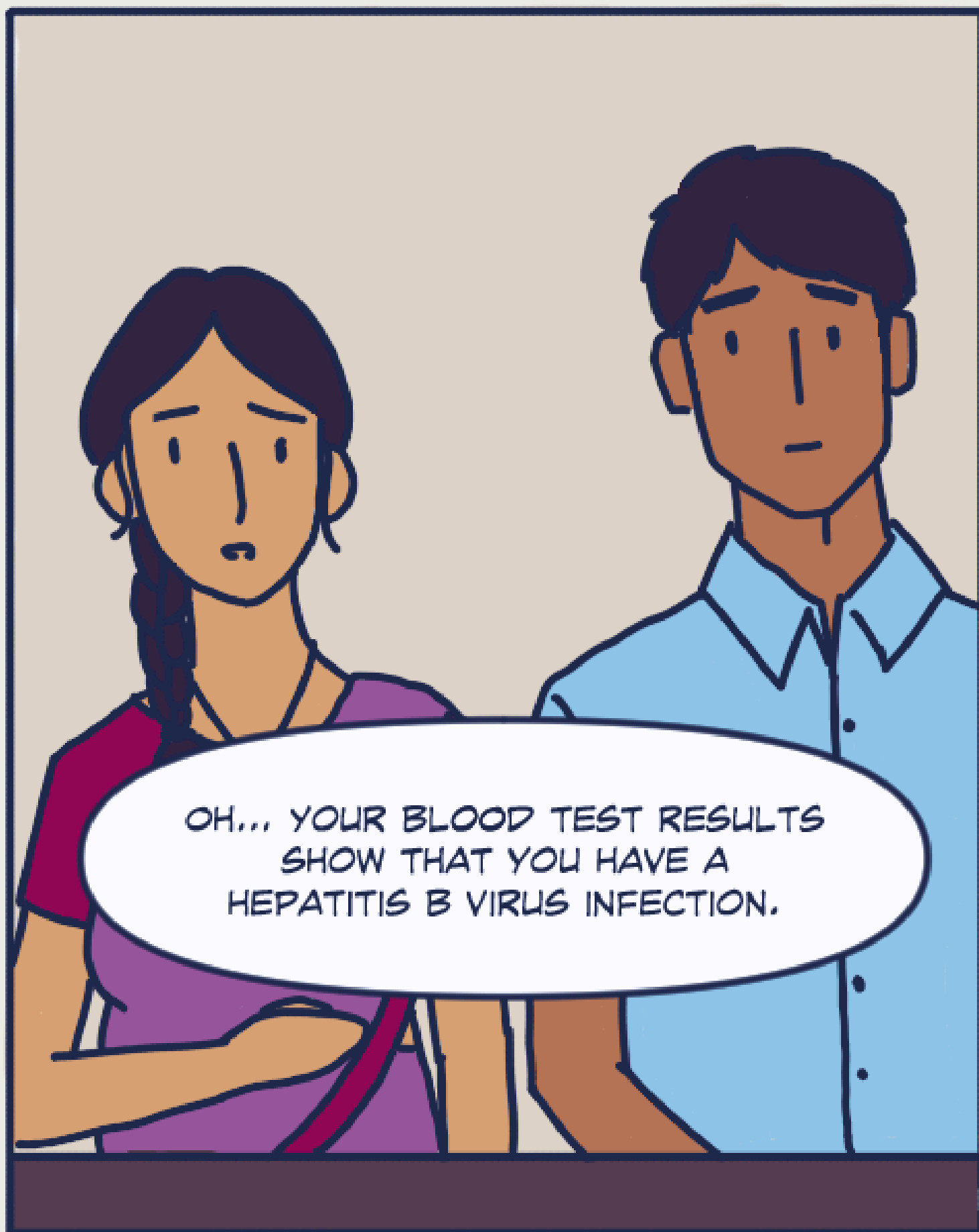
UNDERSTANDING HEPATITIS B

CREATING AWARENESS AND BREAKING STIGMA



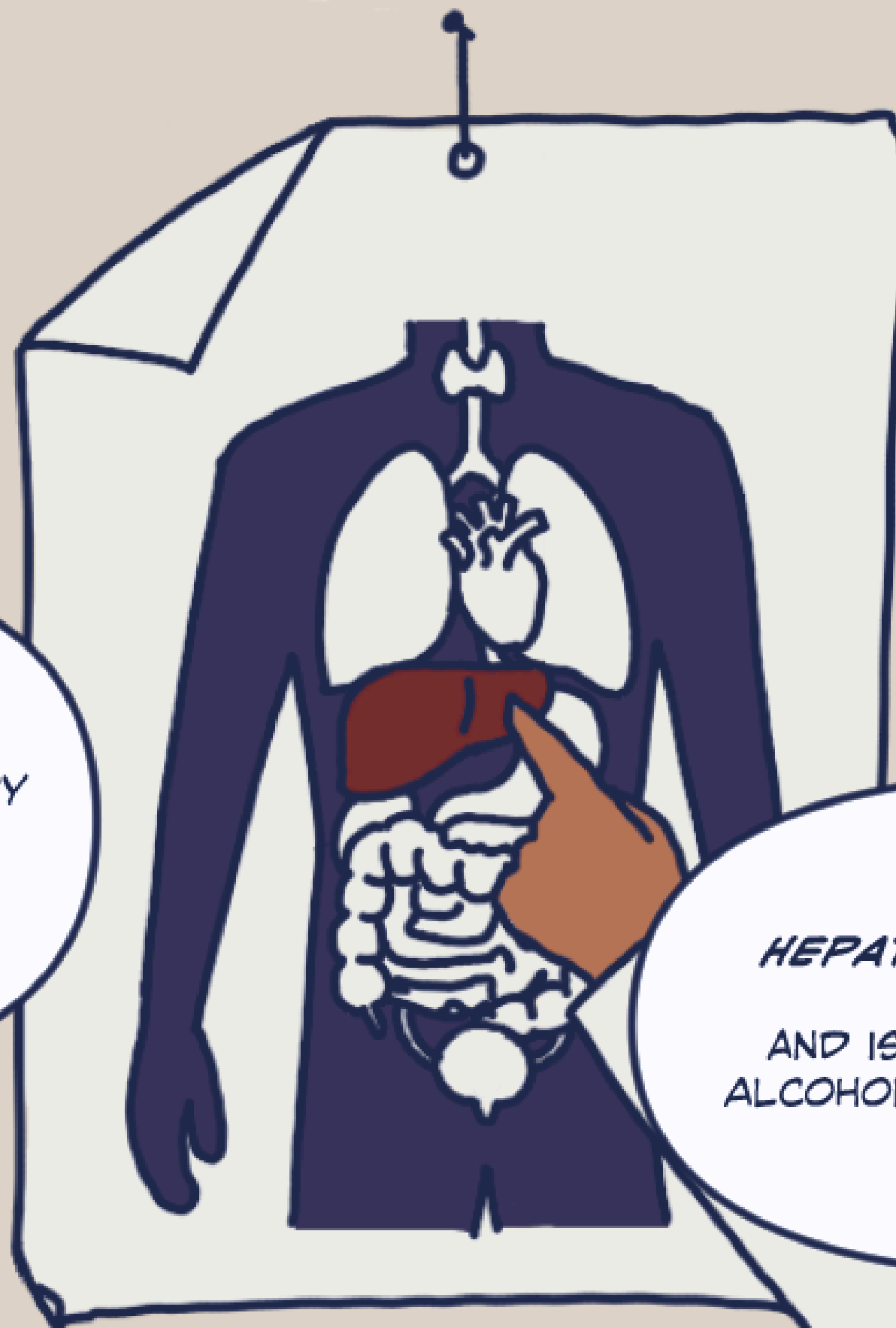
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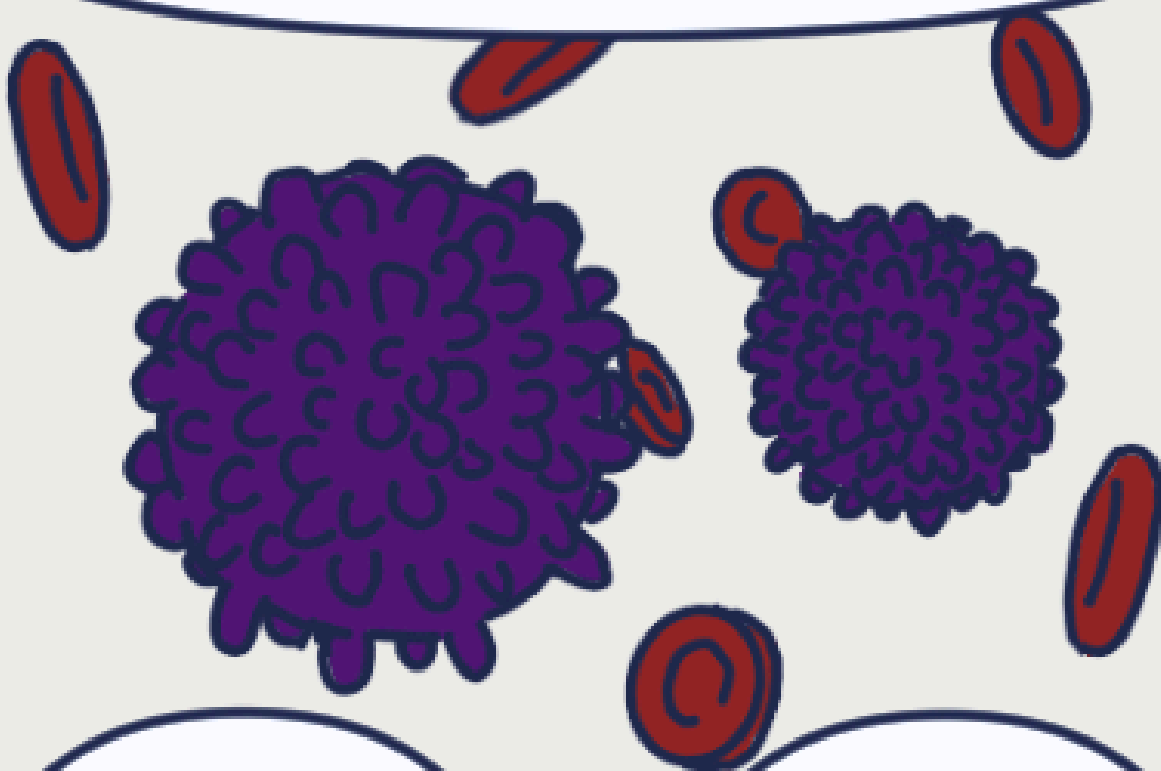
SURE, MRS. VIDYA,
LET ME EXPLAIN.

THIS ORGAN HERE IS
THE LIVER.
IT IS THE BODY'S FACTORY
WHICH CONVERTS FOOD
INTO PRODUCTS NEEDED
FOR LIFE AND GROWTH.



HEPATITIS IS SWELLING OF
THE LIVER,
AND IS COMMONLY CAUSED BY
ALCOHOL, DRUGS OR INFECTIONS.

VIRUSES THAT COMMONLY AFFECT THE
LIVER ARE HEPATITIS A, B, C AND E.



HEPATITIS B
AND C ARE
BLOOD BORNE.

HEPATITIS A
AND E ARE
FROM
CONSUMING
UNHYGIENIC
FOOD AND
WATER.



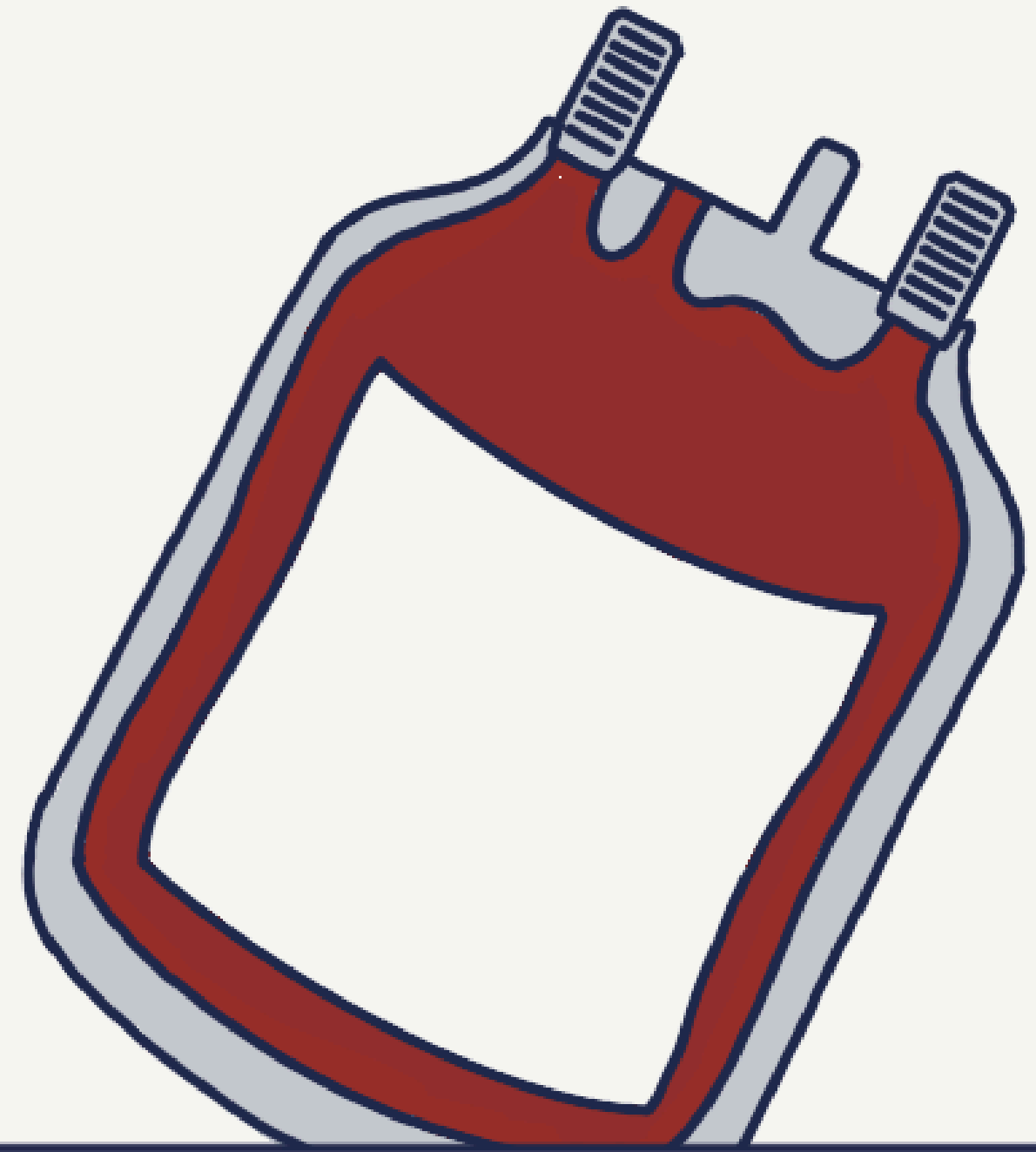
HEPATITIS B IS
**SILENT IN THE MAJORITY,
SHOWING NO SYMPTOMS.**
CHRONIC INFECTIONS CAN GO
UNDETECTED FOR MANY YEARS,
AND THE ONLY WAY TO DIAGNOSE IT
IS WITH A BLOOD TEST.



SOME MAY EXPERIENCE
SYMPTOMS SUCH AS
YELLOWING OF THE EYE,
DARK URINE OR ABDOMINAL
PAIN, BUT MOST PEOPLE
HAVE NO SYMPTOMS.

"THESE ARE THE WAYS THE HEPATITIS B VIRUS *SPREADS...*"

TRANSMISSION THROUGH SHARING OF RAZORS, NEEDLES AND SYRINGES. ALWAYS INSIST ON NEW AND UNUSED ITEMS OF THIS KIND.



TRANSMISSION THROUGH UNSCREENED AND UNSAFE BLOOD PRODUCTS.

TRANSMISSION FROM INFECTED MOTHER TO BABY DURING DELIVERY. VACCINES GIVEN WITHIN 24 HOURS FROM BIRTH PROTECT THE INFANT FROM GETTING INFECTED.



TRANSMISSION THROUGH UNPROTECTED SEX WITH AN INFECTED PARTNER. THE USAGE OF LATEX CONDOMS DURING SEXUAL CONTACT WILL PREVENT THE SPREAD OF HEPATITIS B.

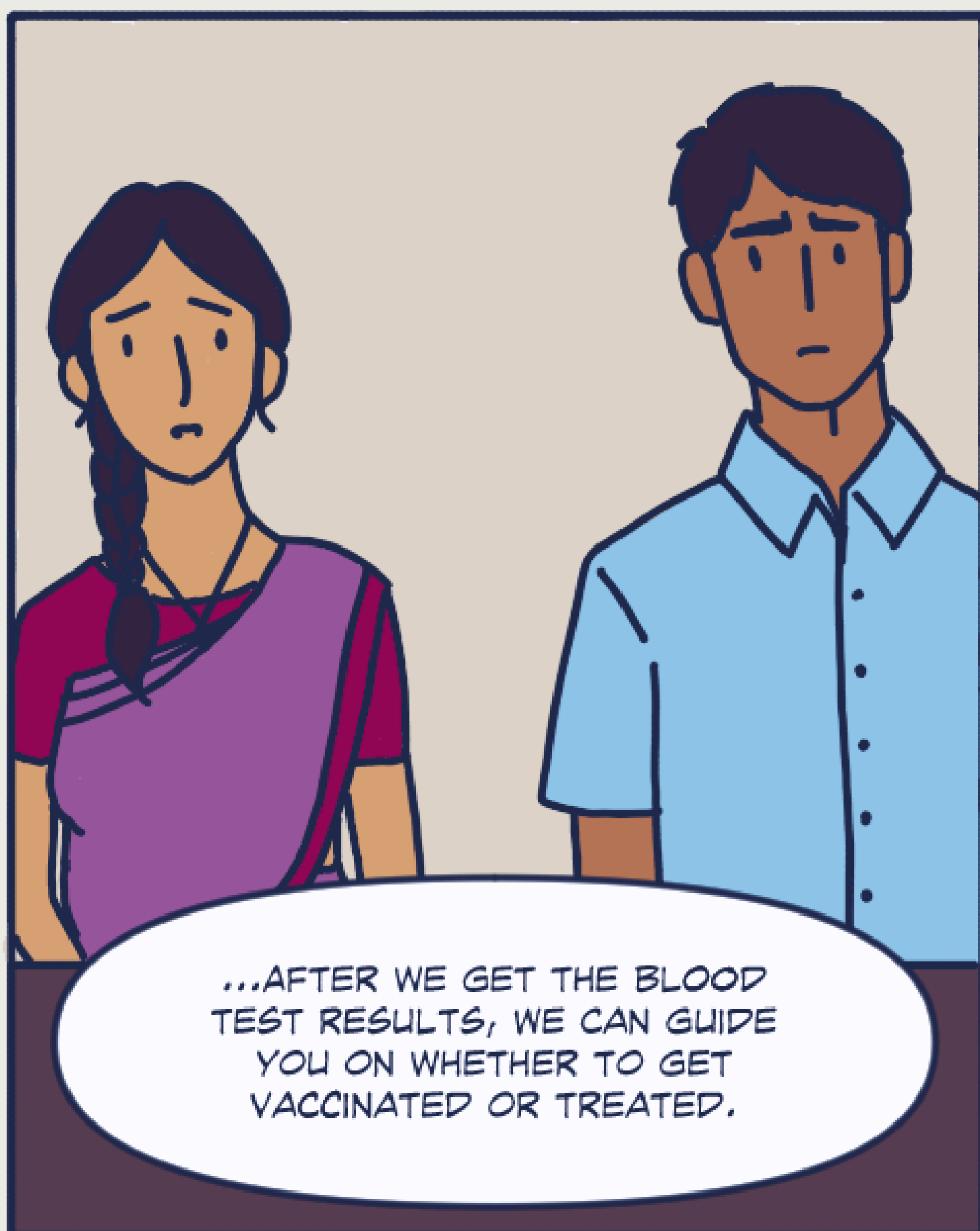
WAIT...



...DOES THIS MEAN THAT I COULD BE INFECTED TOO?



MY ADVICE WOULD BE FOR YOU TO GET TESTED FOR NOW, MR. ANISH...

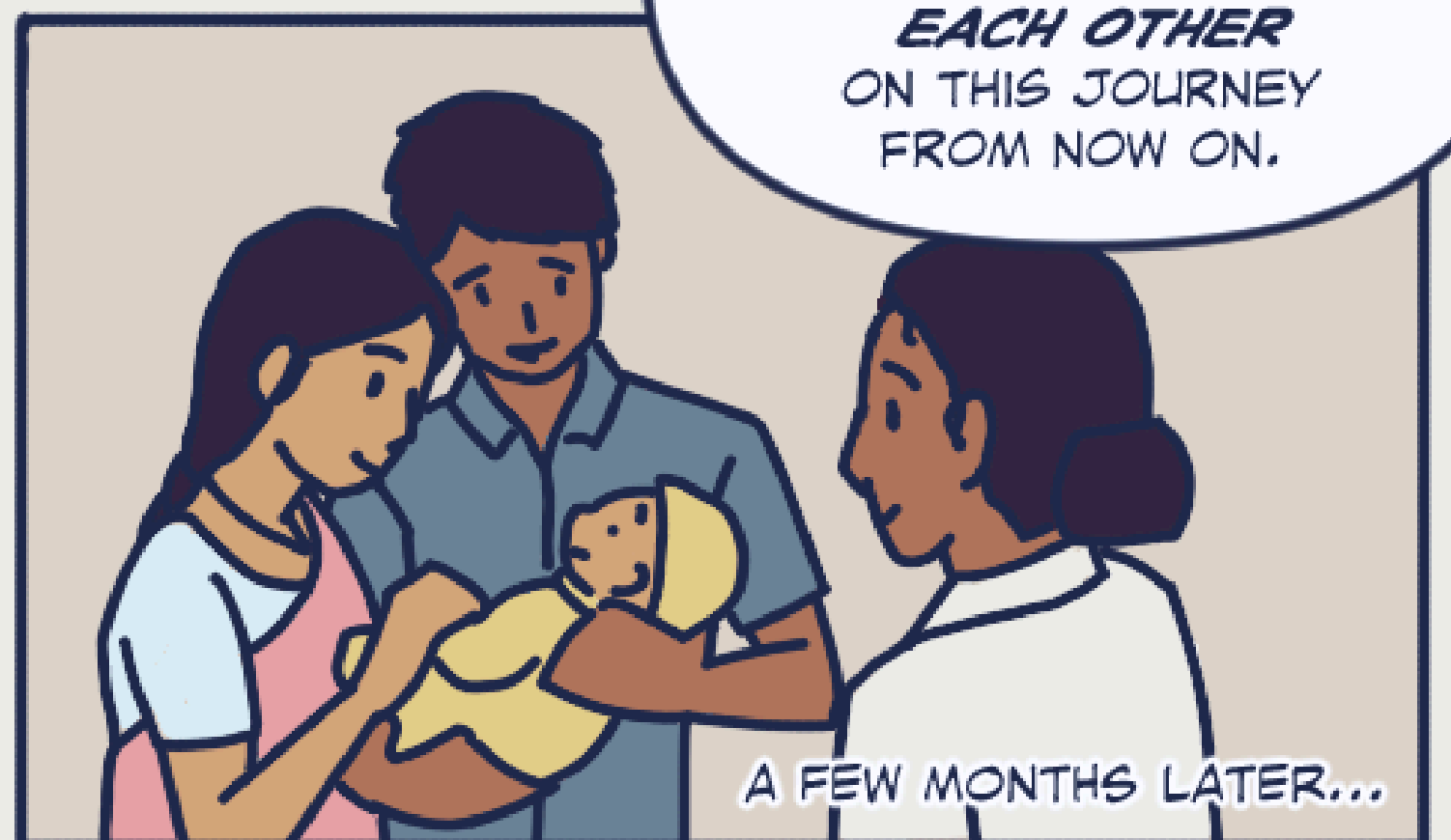
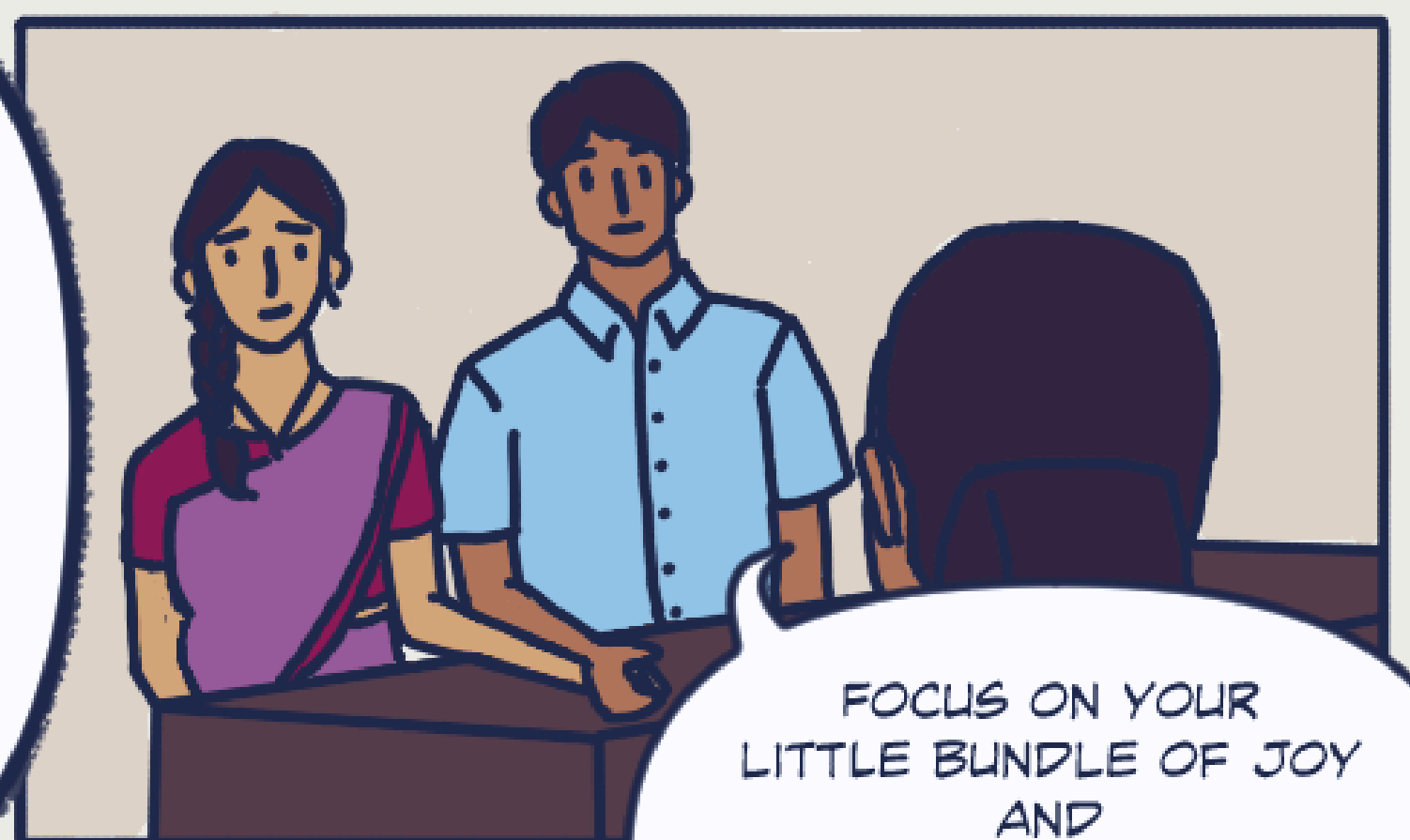
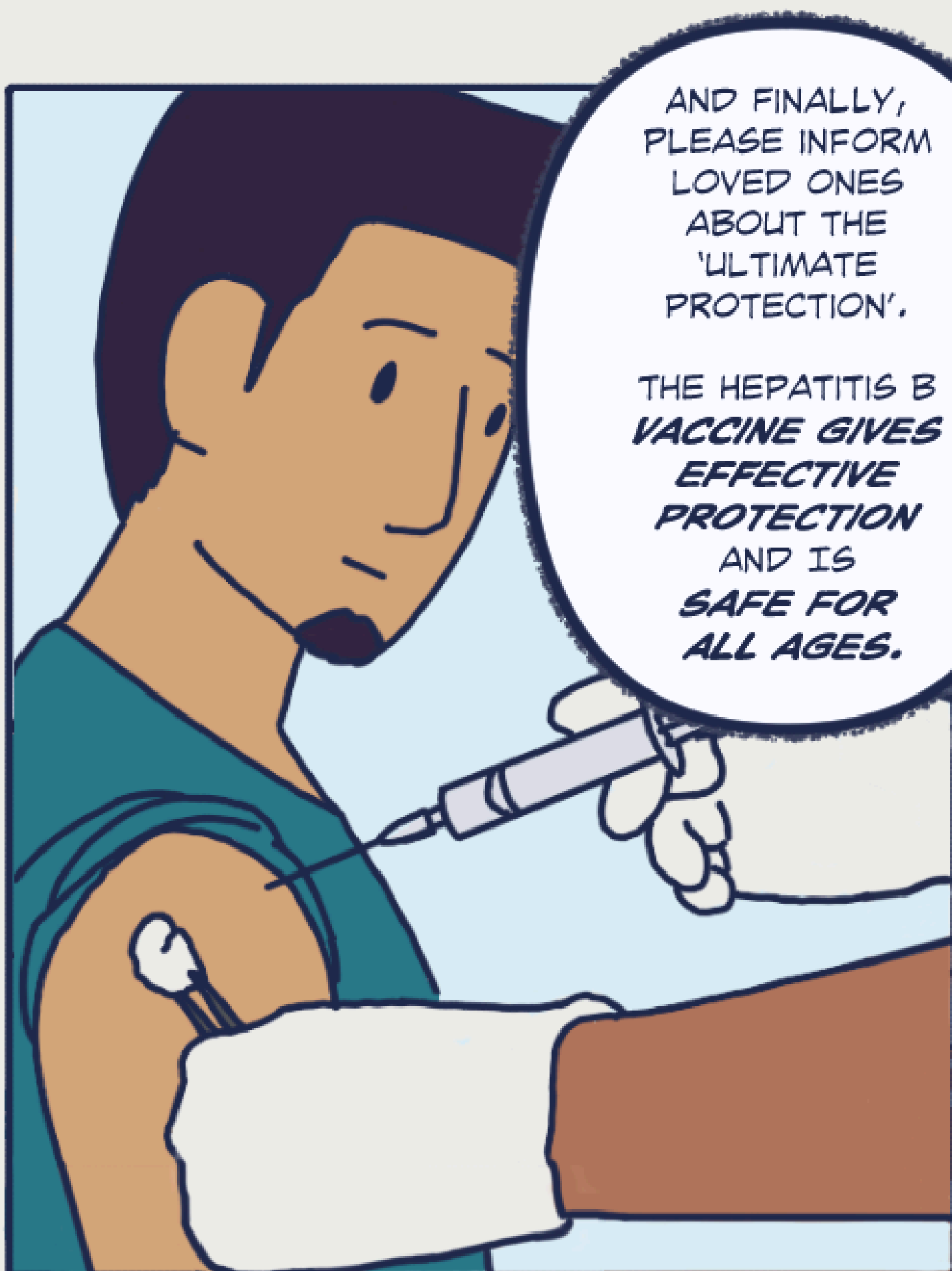
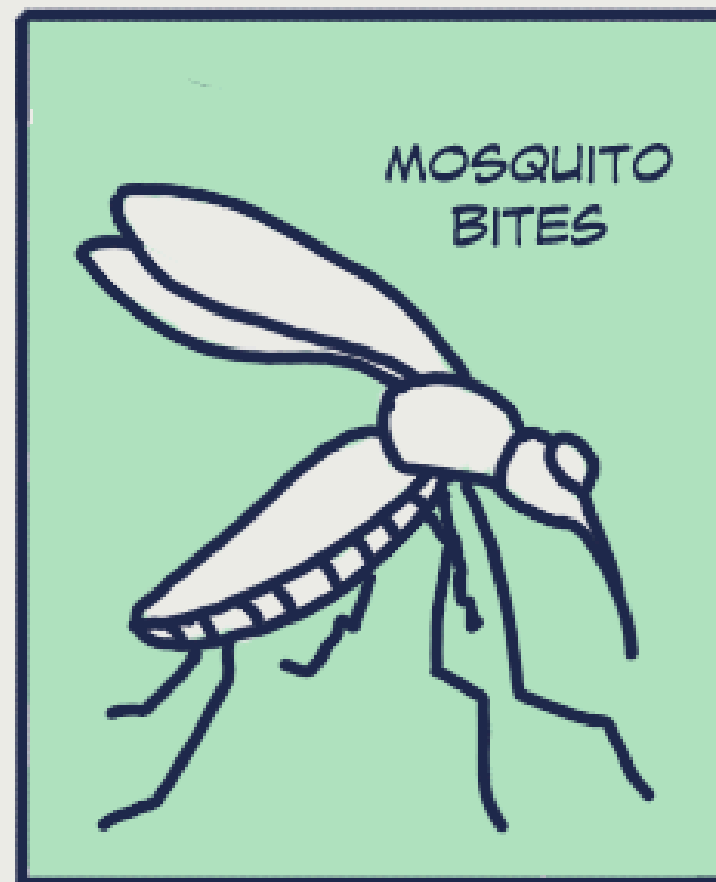


...AFTER WE GET THE BLOOD TEST RESULTS, WE CAN GUIDE YOU ON WHETHER TO GET VACCINATED OR TREATED.



IT IS IMPORTANT NOT TO PLAY THE BLAME-GAME NOW.

AT THE END OF THE DAY, ALL THAT MATTERS IS THAT EVERYONE IS SAFE.



REMEMBER!

Hepatitis B is:

Common

Silent in the majority

Preventable through vaccination

Get tested for Hepatitis B **and** Hepatitis C,
and if required, ask your physician about treatment options.

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