

# ***THE QUEST FOR INDEPENDENCE***

***MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND  
PRE-ETS BEST PRACTICES GUIDE***



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Your journey from high school to college and beyond starts today. Discover new skills, tools and superpowers that allow you to bravely face new challenges and overcome obstacles.

Dear Pre-ETS Community:

Thank you for your interest in Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) provided by the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB).

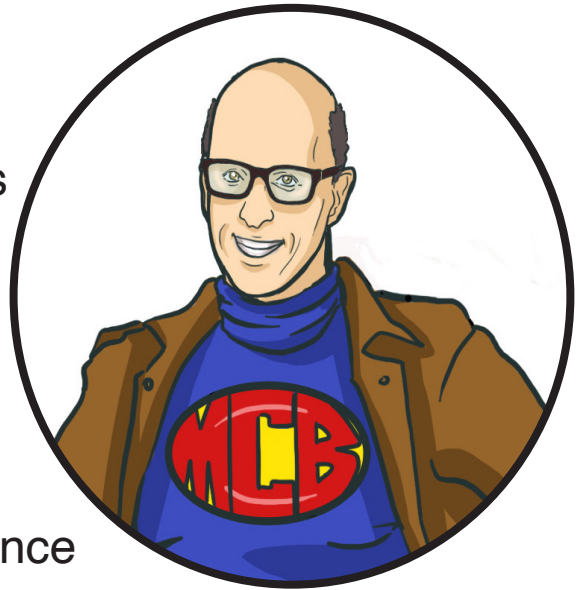
An essential part of our mission at MCB is to promote independence and self-determination for the people we serve. We have developed this graphic novel featuring characters inspired by blind and visually impaired individuals with the hope of improving employment outcomes for our community.

Our goal is to increase our engagement with young adults between 14-22 years of age, along with their families and friends. Massachusetts is one of the oldest agencies dedicated to servicing the blind community, with Helen Keller as one of the original commissioners. We hope this graphic novel will serve as a guide for Pre-ETS Best Practices, as you take the important steps in your journey towards a fulfilling career and independent life. Just like our characters Alex and Sophia, we want your story to grow and evolve with you.

We have an agency full of colleagues who are dedicated to serving you and our mission. Collectively, they represent our story's hero, MC-B. While we don't pretend that MCB or MC-B have all the answers, many of us, including myself, have learned from experience that having support and access to services during your formative years can be life-changing.



MCB is here to serve you, your families and our Commonwealth. We work with children, youth, adults, and seniors who are all at different stages in their career journeys.



We celebrate your quest for independence and hope to support you in any way possible.

Thank you for joining us on this adventure.

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David D'Arcangelo'.

David D'Arcangelo  
Commissioner

# LET THE JOURNEY BEGIN!

OUR TEENS, ALEX (18 AND FULLY BLIND) AND SOPHIA (14 WITH LOW VISION) ARE ARRIVING AT A COMMUNITY CENTER TO MEET WITH A COUNSELOR FROM MCB



HEY! HOW'S IT GOING. I'M SOPHIA.

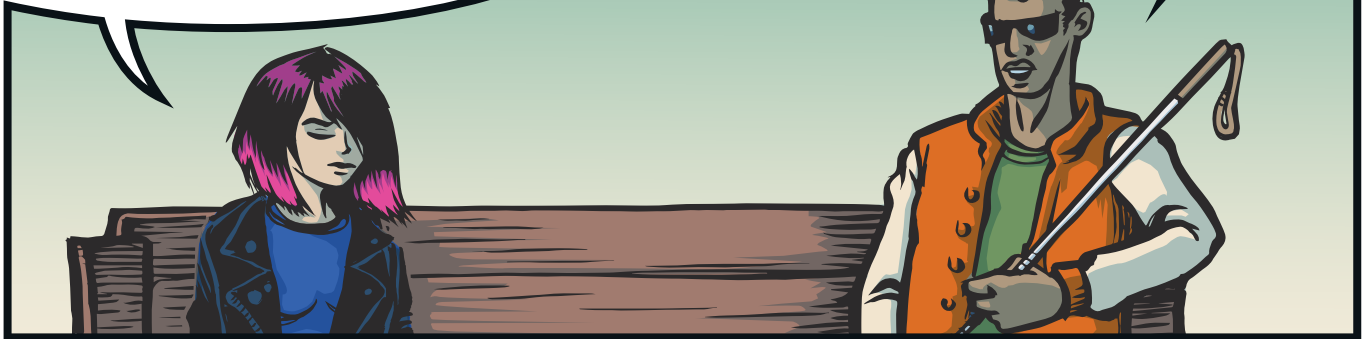
HEY. I'M ALEX.

**MCB  
MEETING**

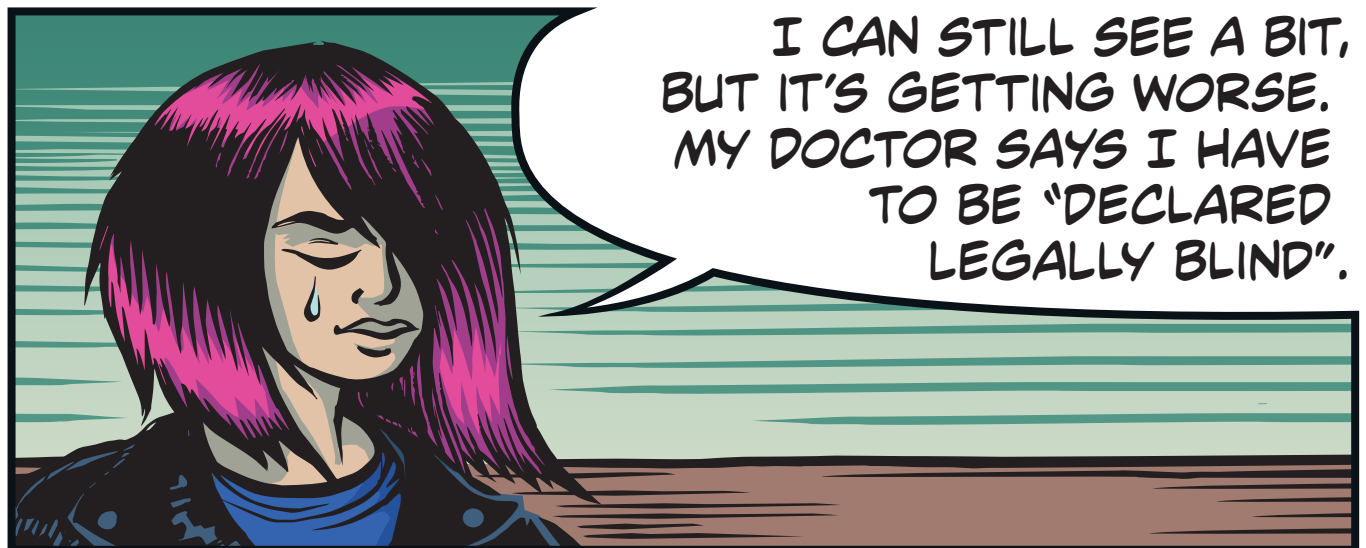


SO, I DON'T WANT TO BE RUDE, BUT CAN I ASK WHEN YOU WENT BLIND? I MEAN CAN YOU SEE ANYTHING?

YEAH, I WAS BORN THAT WAY. WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

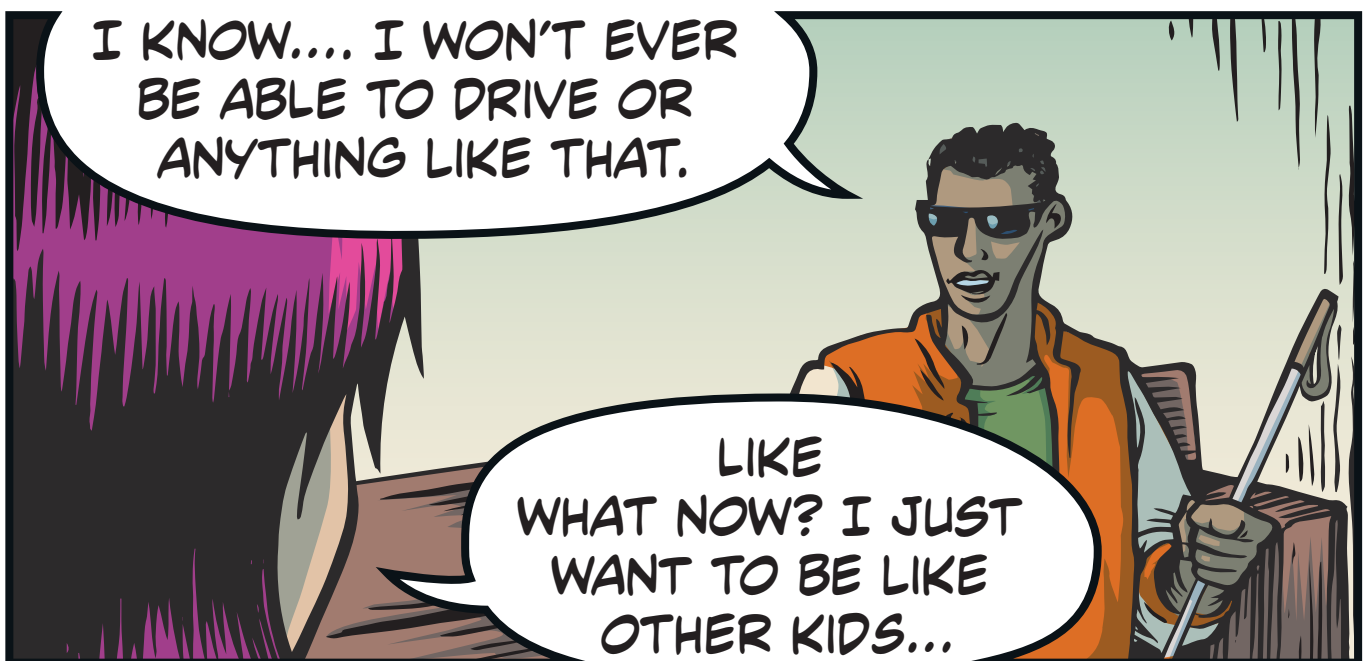


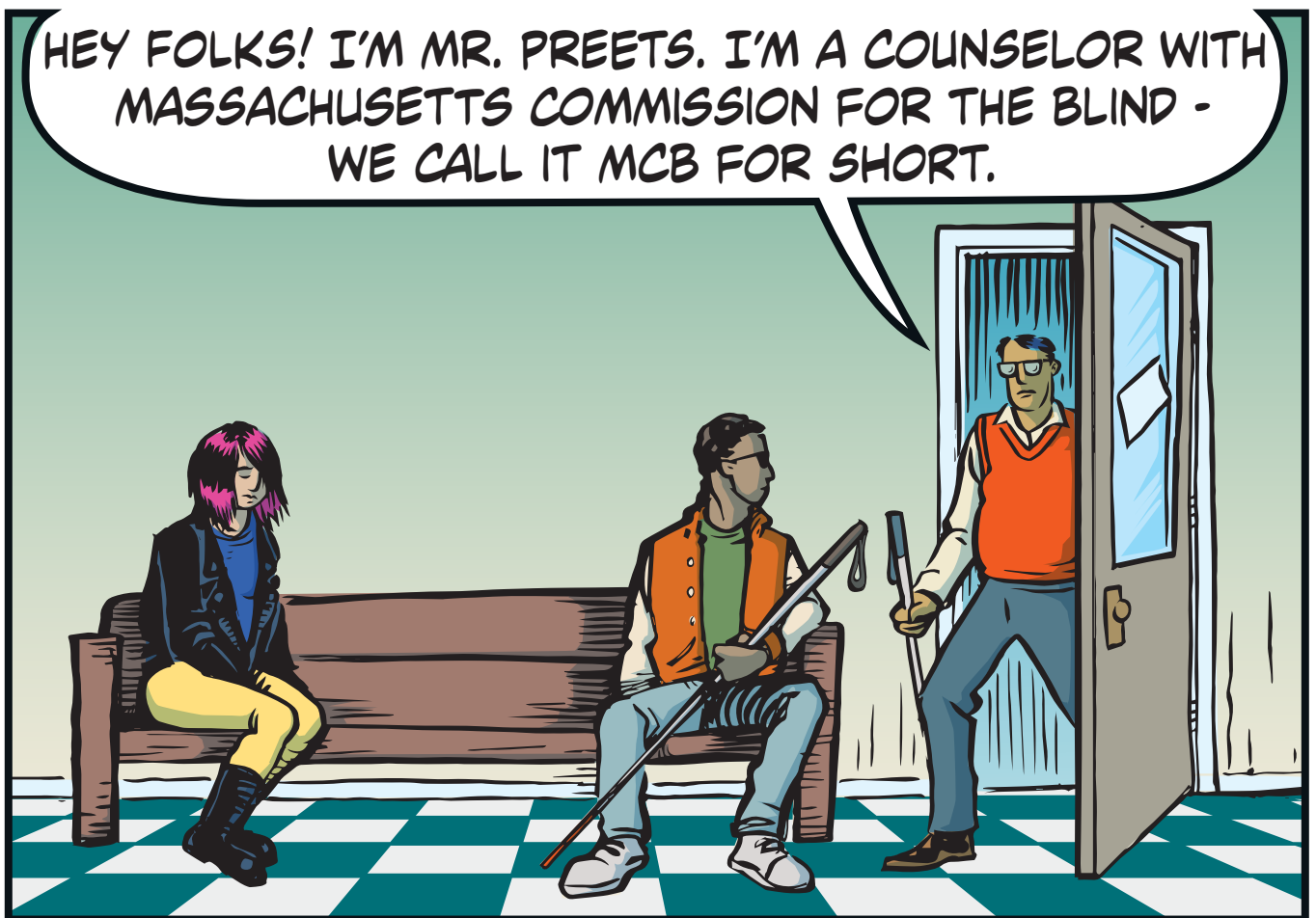
I CAN STILL SEE A BIT, BUT IT'S GETTING WORSE. MY DOCTOR SAYS I HAVE TO BE "DECLARED LEGALLY BLIND".



I KNOW.... I WON'T EVER BE ABLE TO DRIVE OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.

LIKE WHAT NOW? I JUST WANT TO BE LIKE OTHER KIDS...

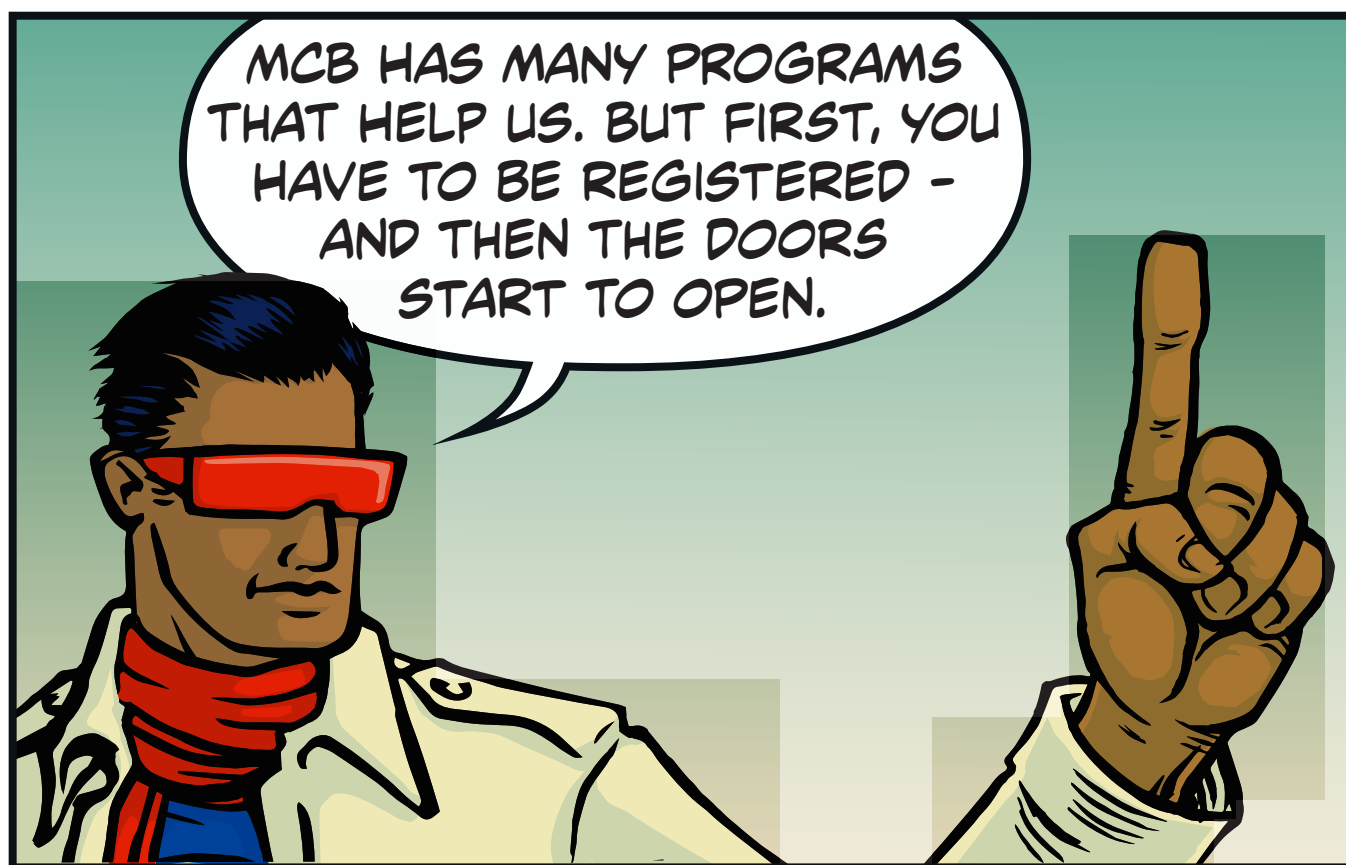
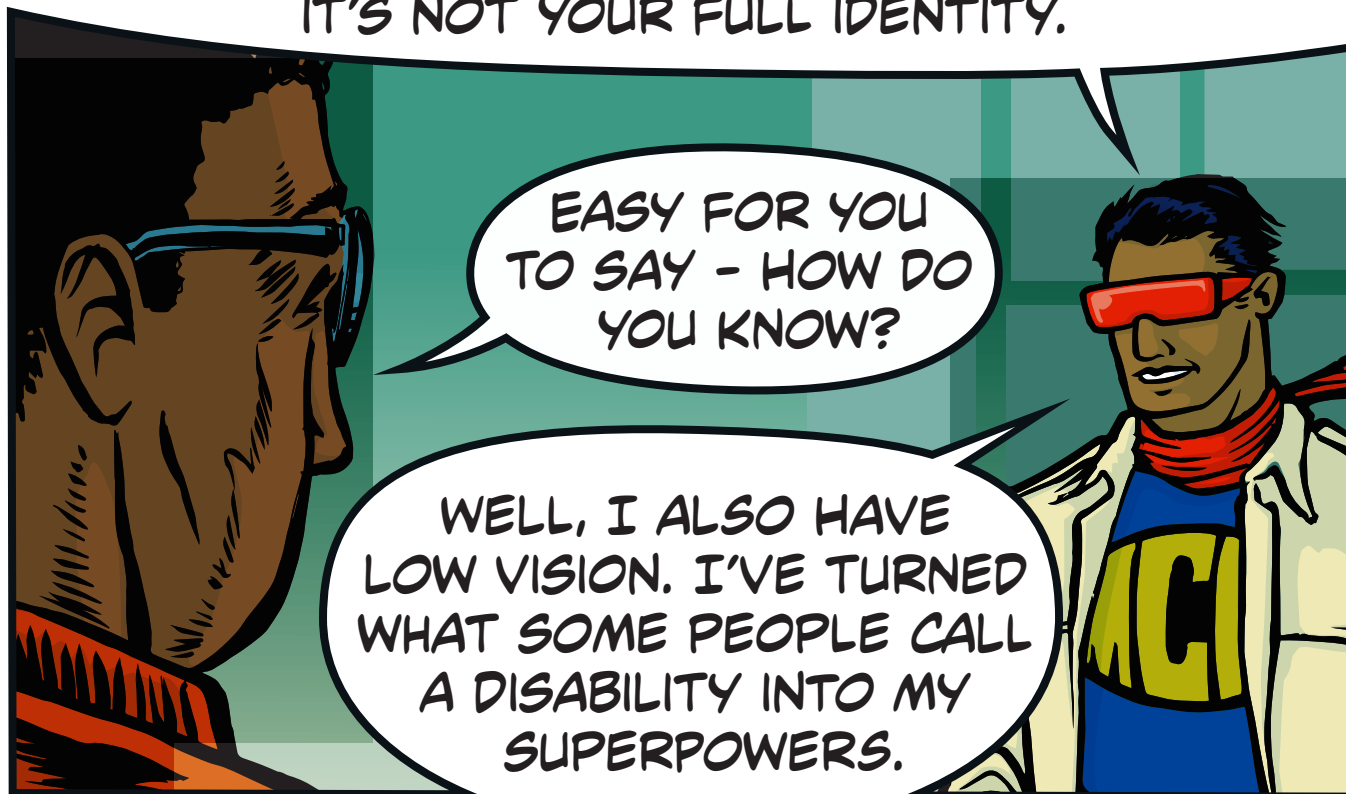






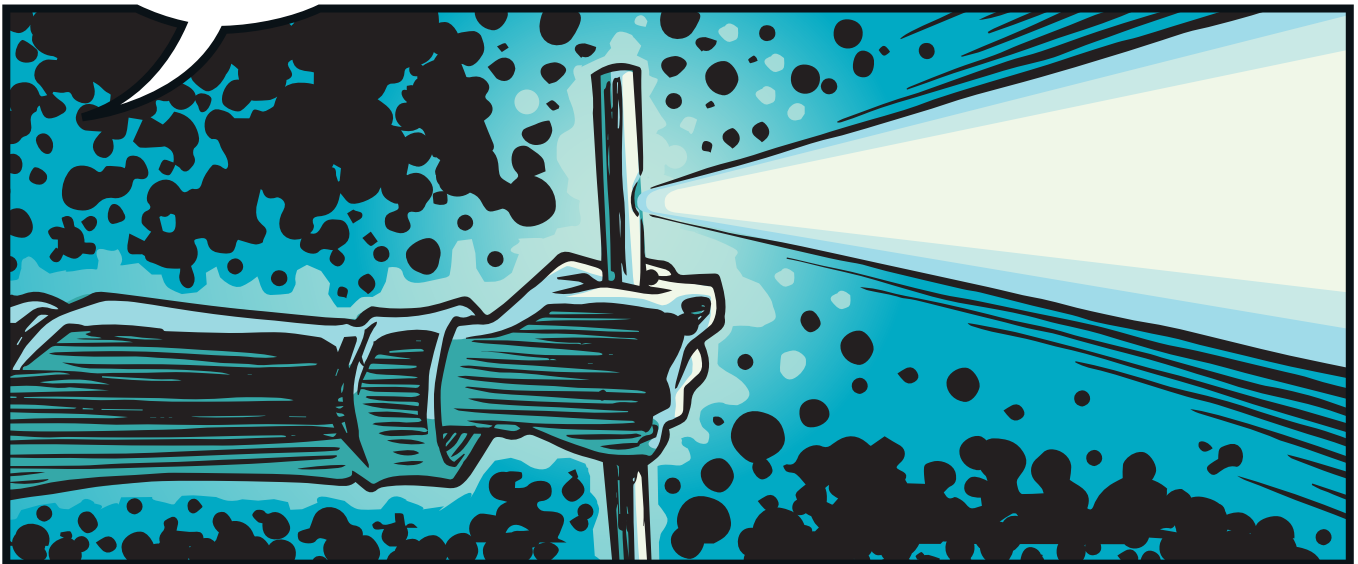


LOOK, I GET IT. YOU'RE UPSET ABOUT BEING DECLARED LEGALLY BLIND. IT'S NOT THE END OF THE WORLD. IT DOESN'T CHANGE WHO YOU ARE, IT'S NOT YOUR FULL IDENTITY.





I KNOW  
HOW YOU  
FEEL. LET'S NOT  
FOCUS ON WHAT  
WE CAN'T DO,  
THERE ARE ALL  
KINDS OF  
THINGS WE  
CAN DO.





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& COUNSELING

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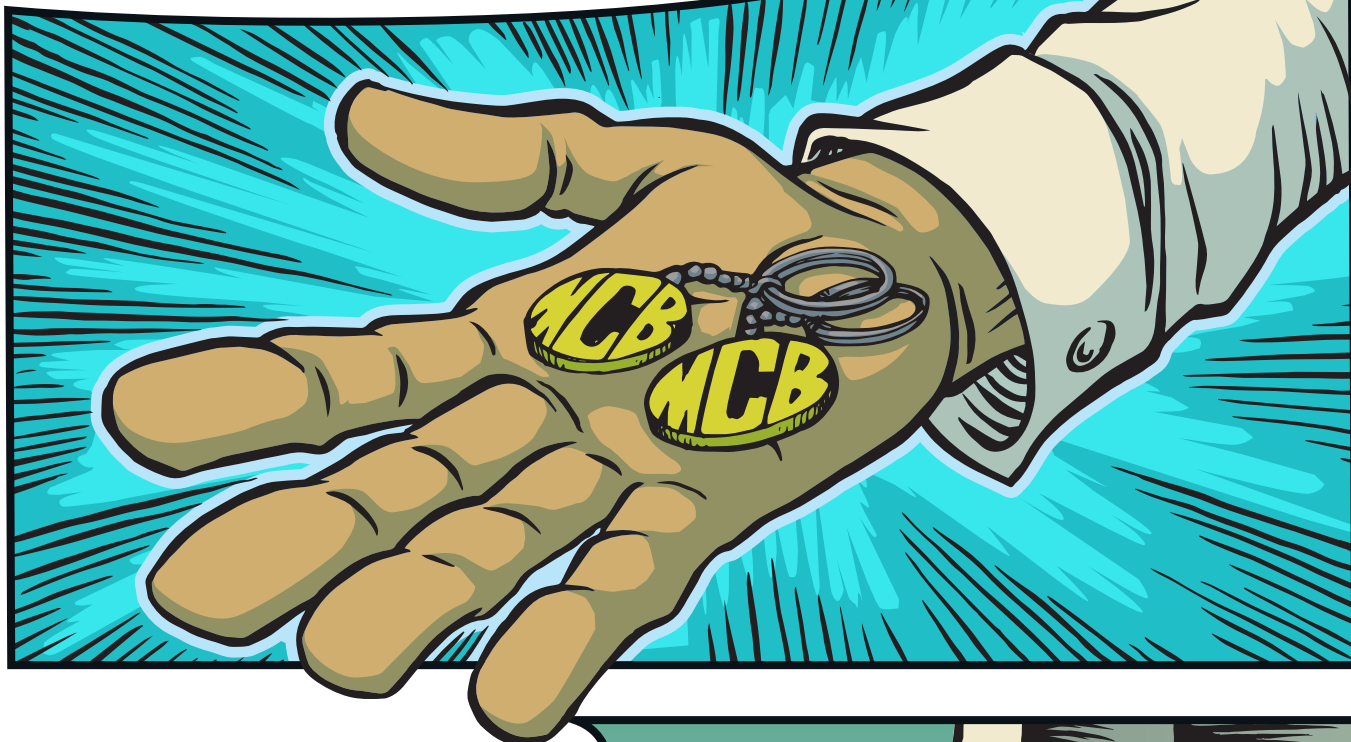
MCB HAS MAPPED OUT AN ADVENTURE. THE JOURNEY IS NOT ALWAYS GOING TO BE EASY, BUT I AM HERE TO HELP. THINGS WILL CHANGE ALONG THE WAY. IT STARTS WITH YOUR PLAN.

AND SINCE MINDREADING IS NOT ONE MY SUPERPOWERS, YOU NEED TO BE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT AND TELL ME WHAT YOU'RE THINKING.

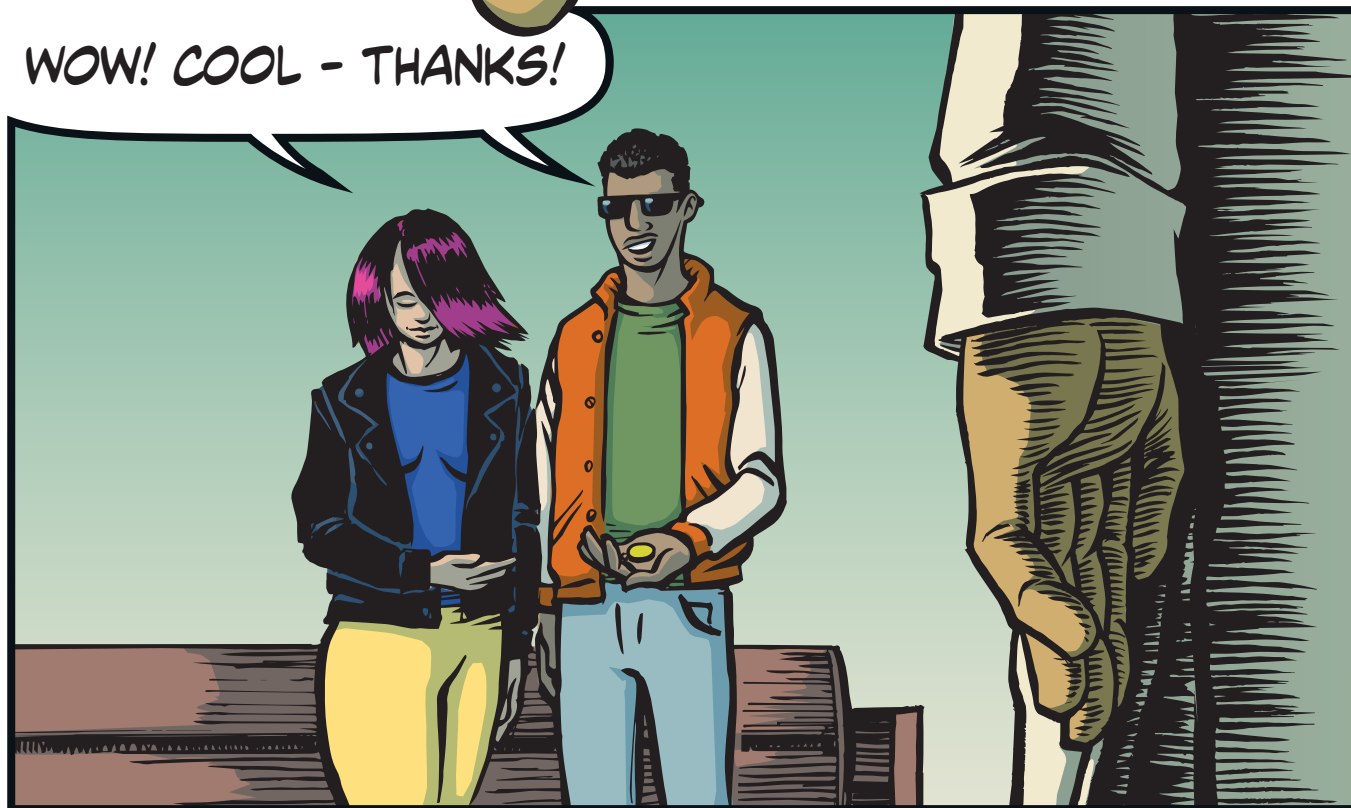
SO, LET'S EXPLORE!



OH, AND SINCE YOU CAME TO SEE ME,  
I HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU! TAKE THESE  
KEY RINGS TO REMIND YOU THAT I'M HERE  
TO HELP. FOR EVERY ACTIVITY YOU  
ACHIEVE ALONG THE WAY, YOU'LL  
GET MORE TOKENS!

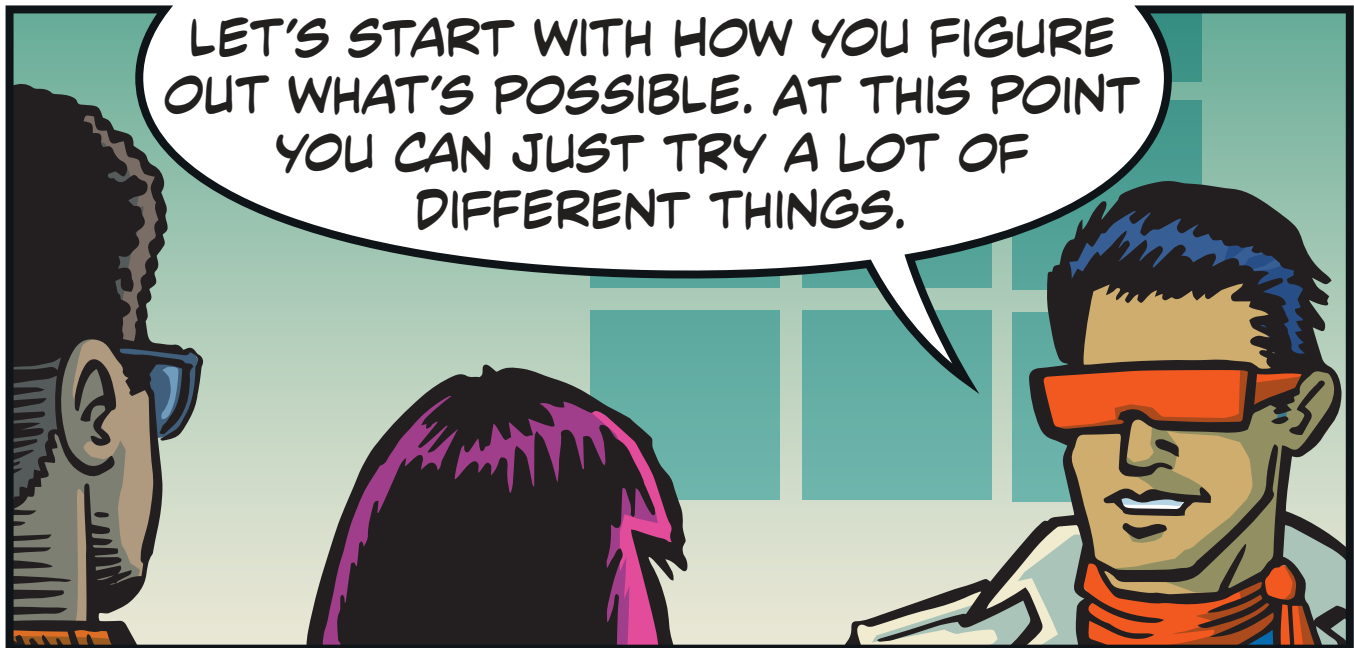


WOW! COOL - THANKS!



## CHAPTER 1

### DARK CLOUDS - MCB PAVES THE WAY JOB EXPLORATION & COUNSELING

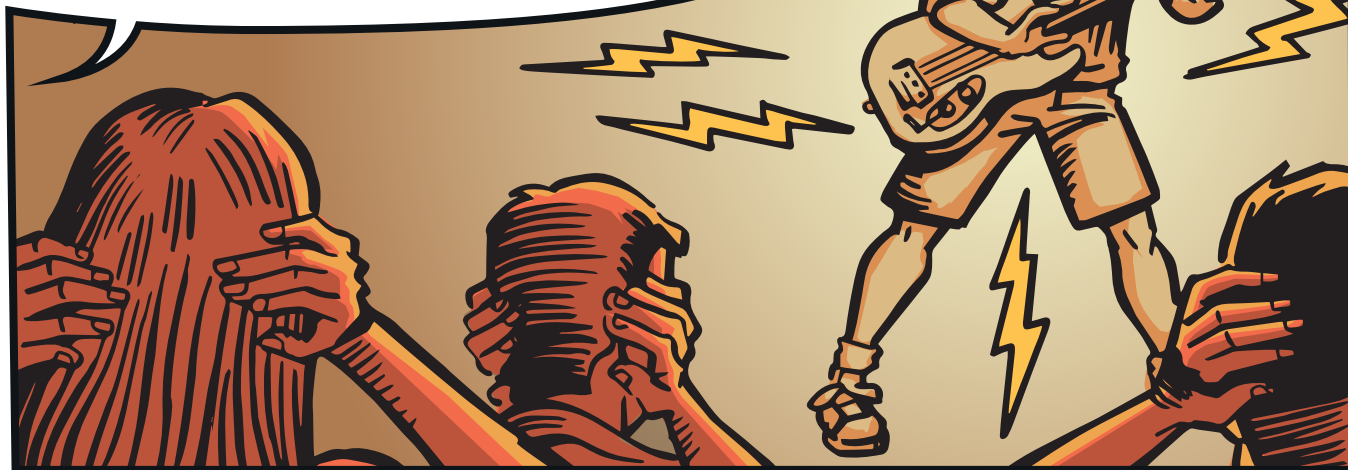


BUT HOW CAN WE DO THAT? I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I'M GOING TO BE!

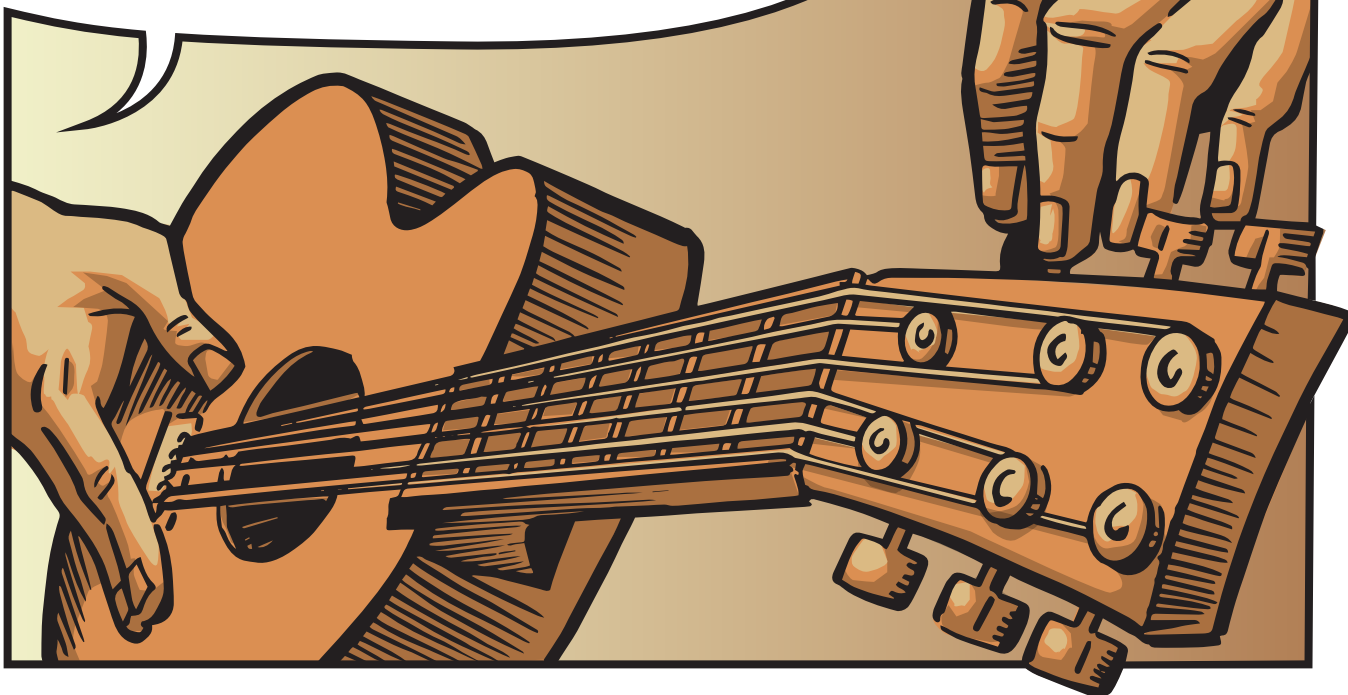
THIS IS THE PERFECT TIME TO THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU LIKE DOING. THAT WILL HELP YOU DECIDE WHAT YOU STUDY OR WHERE YOU MIGHT GET A JOB.



FOR EXAMPLE, I LOVE THE GUITAR, AND WHEN I WAS A KID, I THOUGHT I'D BE A ROCK STAR IN A BAND. BUT I WAS A TERRIBLE GUITAR PLAYER AND WAS NEVER GOING TO BE A STAR.



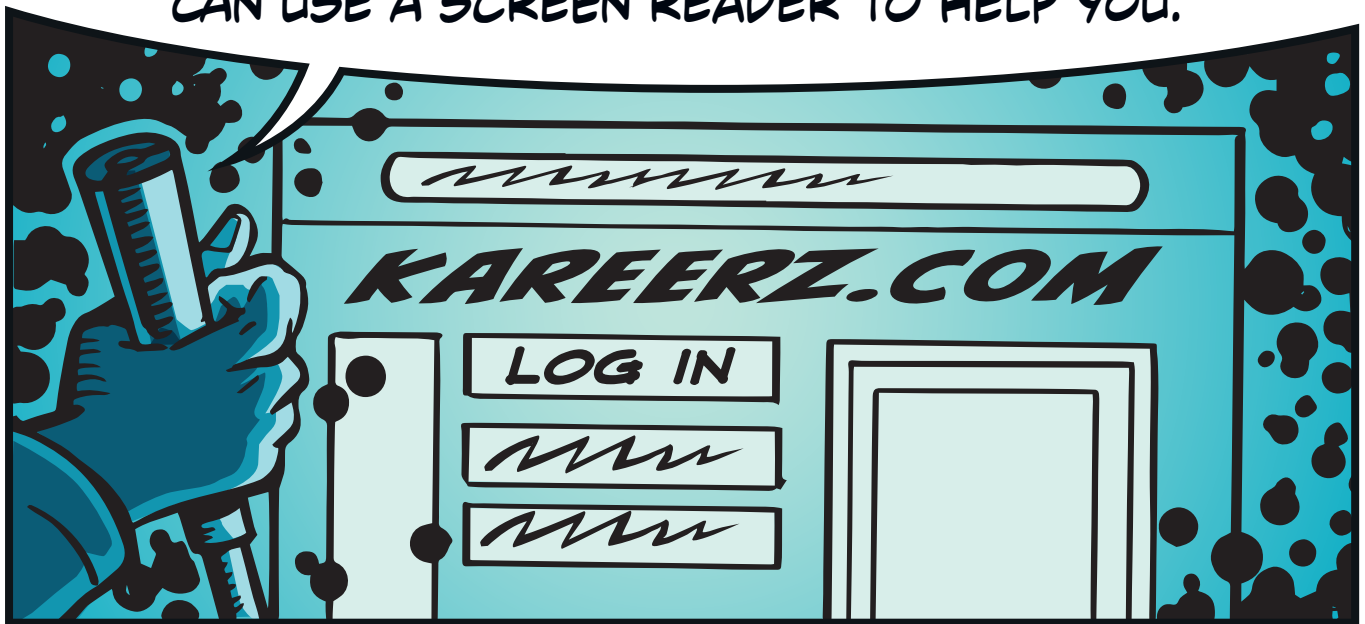
BUT I GOT AN AFTER-SCHOOL JOB IN A GUITAR STORE. WE REALIZED THAT EVEN THOUGH I WAS BLIND, MY HEARING WAS AWESOME AND THAT HELPED ME BE THE BEST AND COOLEST GUITAR TUNER.





IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT WHAT YOU LIKE TO DO -  
IT'S THE COMBO OF WHAT YOU LIKE TO DO AND WHAT  
YOU ARE GOOD AT THAT WILL LEAD TO YOUR SUCCESS.  
SO, LET'S EXPLORE USING ONE OF OUR ONLINE TOOLS.

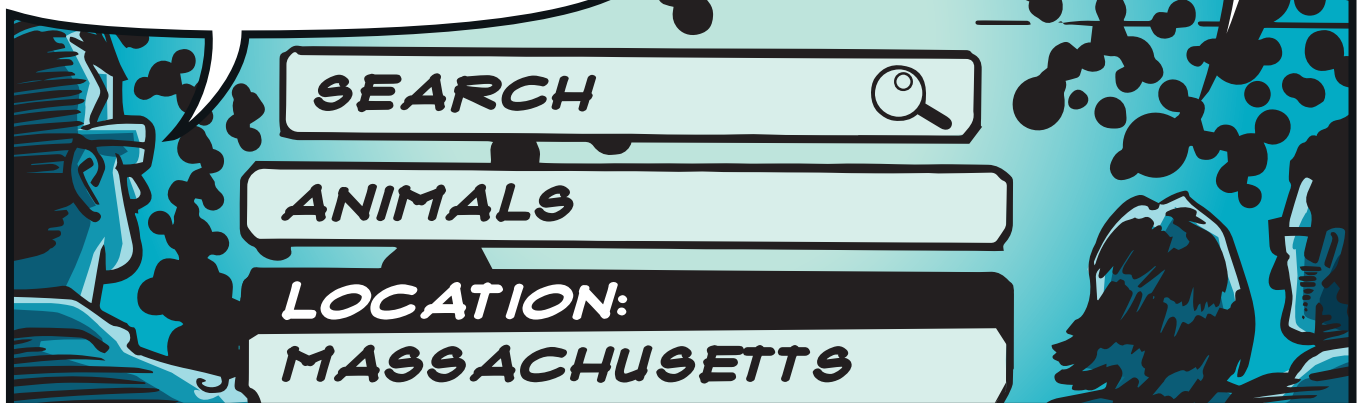
BY THE WAY, LEARNING ABOUT ASSISTIVE  
TECHNOLOGY WILL BE A HUGE ASSET FOR YOU - ONE  
OF YOUR SUPERPOWERS. LIKE IN THIS CASE, YOU  
CAN USE A SCREEN READER TO HELP YOU.



SOPHIA, WHAT DO  
YOU LIKE?

I REALLY LOVE ANIMALS.

OKAY, LET'S SEE WHAT  
COMES UP FOR ANIMALS...



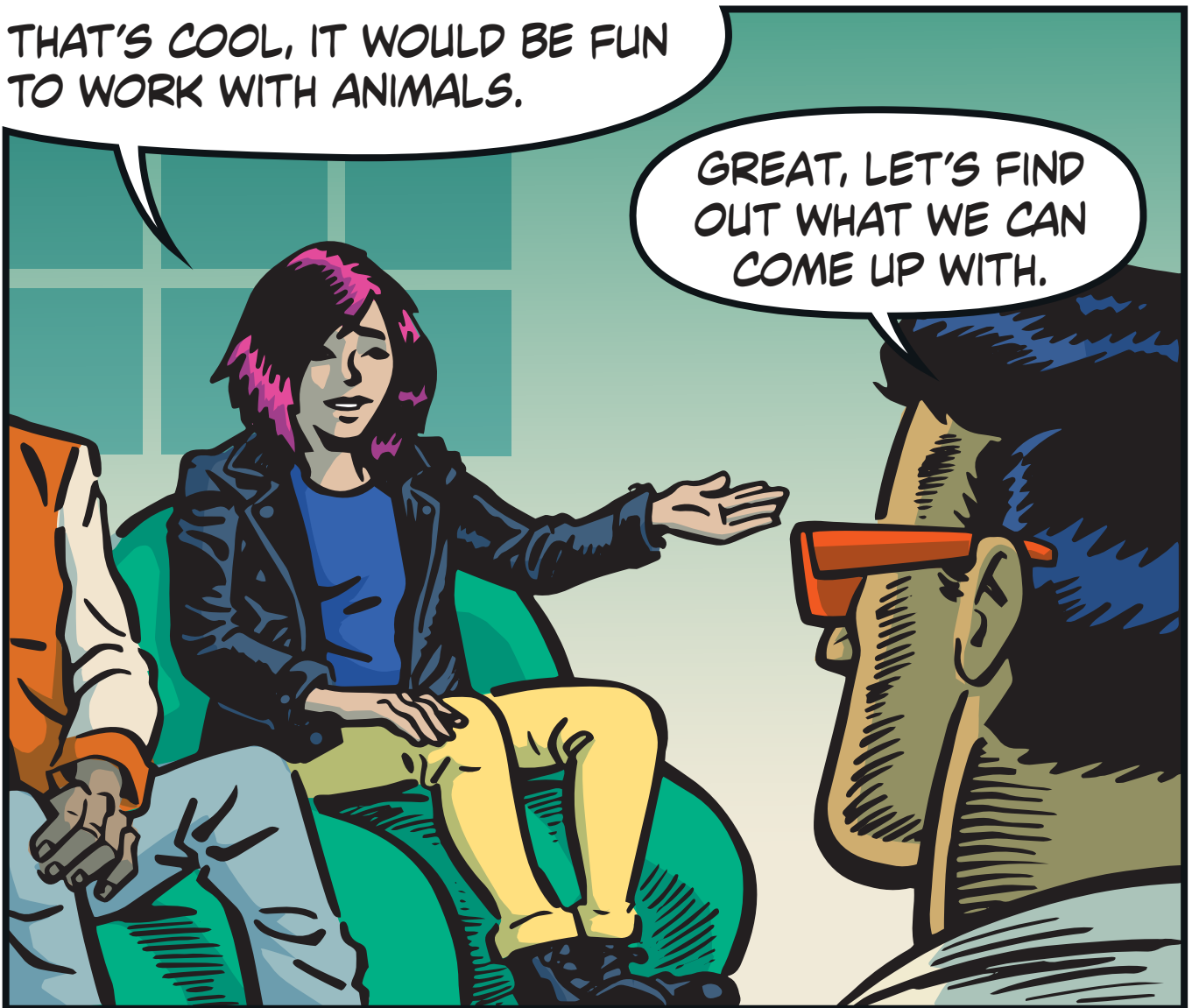
IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S ALL KINDS OF THINGS YOU  
COULD DO - FROM CARING FOR ANIMALS  
TO ANIMAL TRAINING.

## **ANIMALS**

- **ANIMAL TRAINER**
- **ANIMAL CARE WORKER**
- **VETERINARY ASSISTANT**

THAT'S COOL, IT WOULD BE FUN  
TO WORK WITH ANIMALS.

GREAT, LET'S FIND  
OUT WHAT WE CAN  
COME UP WITH.



HEY VIRTUAL ASSISTANT!  
WHAT ANIMAL SHELTERS  
ARE NEAR HERE?



YES, I FOUND TWO  
SHELTERS NEAR HERE.  
DO YOU WANT THEIR  
NAMES OR ADDRESSES?



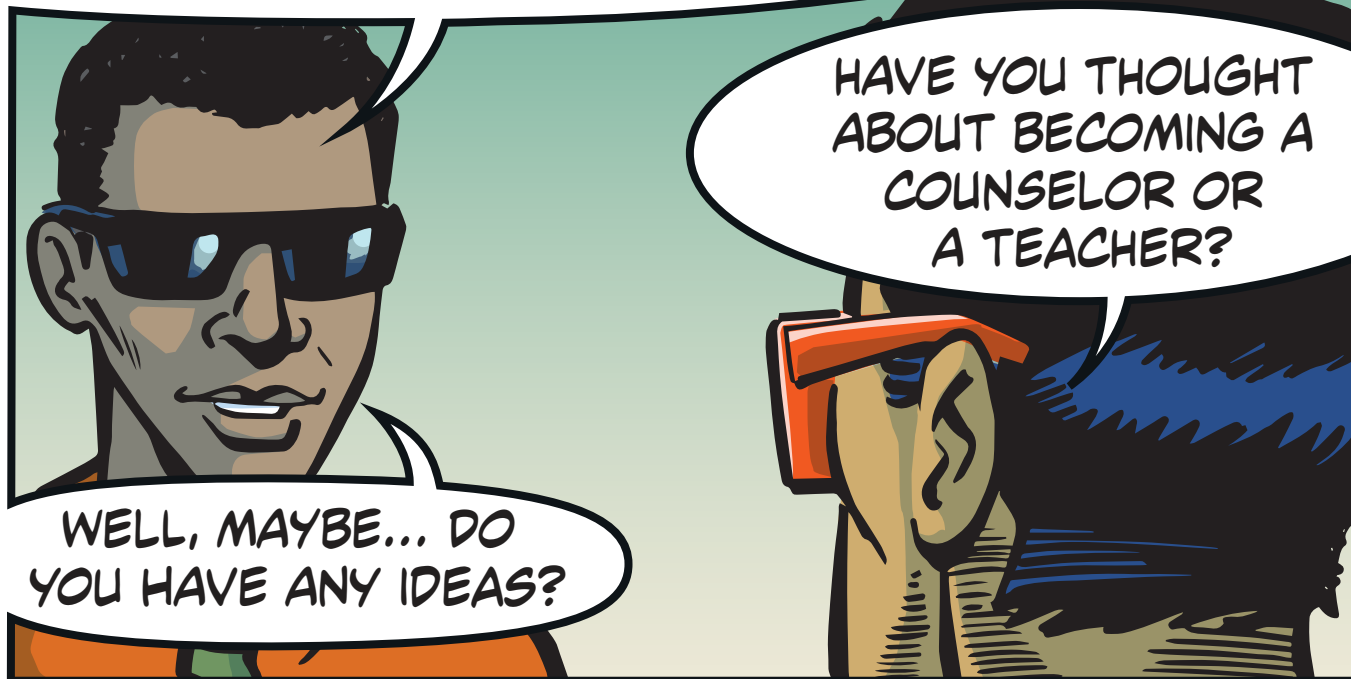
LET'S WRITE THIS DOWN IN YOUR PLAN AND THEN  
LATER ON YOU CAN TALK TO YOUR MOM. THEN YOU  
CALL THEM AND SEE WHAT THEY HAVE FOR VOLUNTEER  
OPPORTUNITIES - AFTER SCHOOL OR WEEKENDS. THAT  
WOULD GIVE YOU SOME WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE.



YOU'LL RUN INTO A LOT OF PEOPLE ALONG THE WAY  
WHO WILL BE ABLE TO HELP YOU MAKE CONNECTIONS.  
DON'T BE SHY ABOUT BUILDING NEW RELATIONSHIPS  
EVERY CHANCE YOU GET.

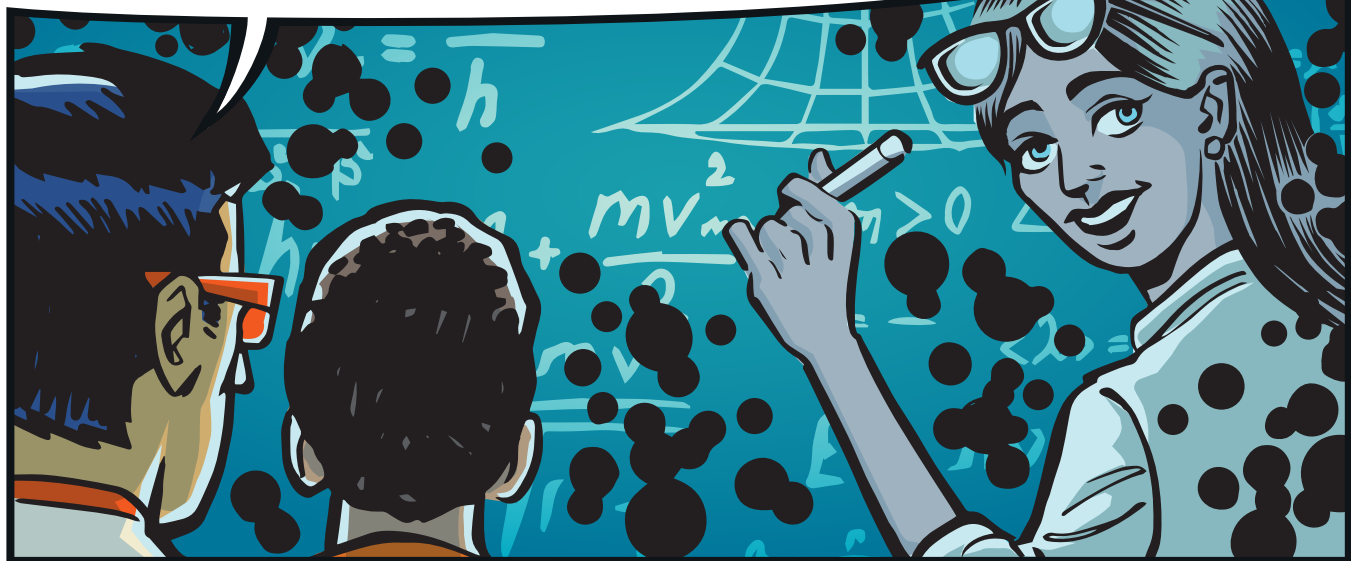


I AM ON A FIRST ROBOTICS TEAM AT SCHOOL AND AM ONE OF THE OUTREACH LEADS. I ENJOY HELPING THE NEW STUDENTS COMING IN. I THINK THEY LOOK UP TO ME BECAUSE OF WHAT I'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO AS A BLIND GUY.



HOW ABOUT IF I INTRODUCE YOU TO A FRIEND OF MINE WHO JUST BECAME A SCIENCE TEACHER?

SHE'S SOMEONE YOU COULD TALK TO ABOUT WHAT COURSES YOU NEED OR EVEN WHAT COLLEGE YOU MIGHT WANT TO CHECK OUT.

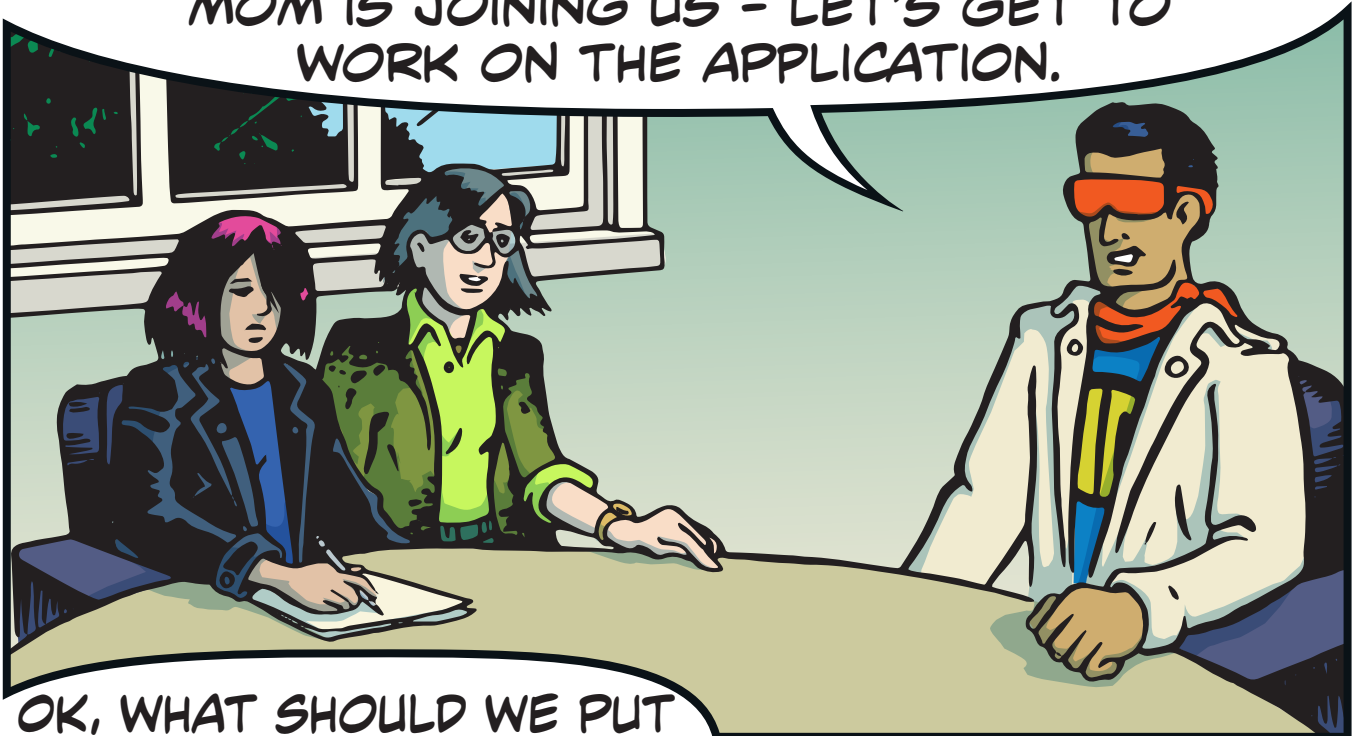


## CHAPTER 2

### NEW THINGS - EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS WORK BASED LEARNING

IT'S ONE WEEK LATER: SOPHIA'S MOM COMES TO THE FIRST PART OF THE MEETING, SOPHIA HAS DECIDED TO TRY TO VOLUNTEER AT THE ANIMAL SHELTER.

GREAT NEWS SOPHIA! THE ANIMAL SHELTER JOB COULD BE REALLY FUN! IT'S WONDERFUL YOUR MOM IS JOINING US - LET'S GET TO WORK ON THE APPLICATION.



OK, WHAT SHOULD WE PUT FOR EXPERIENCE? SOPHIA HASN'T HAD A JOB YET.



ARE THERE ANY OTHER THINGS WE COULD MENTION?



HOW ABOUT DOG WALKING AND PET SITTING FOR THE NEIGHBORS?



YES! THAT'S PERFECT TO SHOW THAT YOU HAVE RELATED EXPERIENCE.



LOOKS LIKE THINGS ARE GOING WELL! I'LL BE BACK LATER TO PICK YOU UP.



BYE MOM -  
HI ALEX!



LET'S GET THIS WRAPPED UP. LATER WE CAN CONDUCT A MOCK INTERVIEW.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

I'LL PRETEND TO BE THE MANAGER AT THE SHELTER AND I'LL ASK SOME INTERVIEW QUESTIONS. YOU CAN PRACTICE WHAT YOU WOULD SAY AT THE INTERVIEW TO HELP YOU PREPARE.

WHAT IF I GET THE JOB AND THEN FIND OUT I'M NOT GOOD AT IT OR I DON'T LIKE IT?

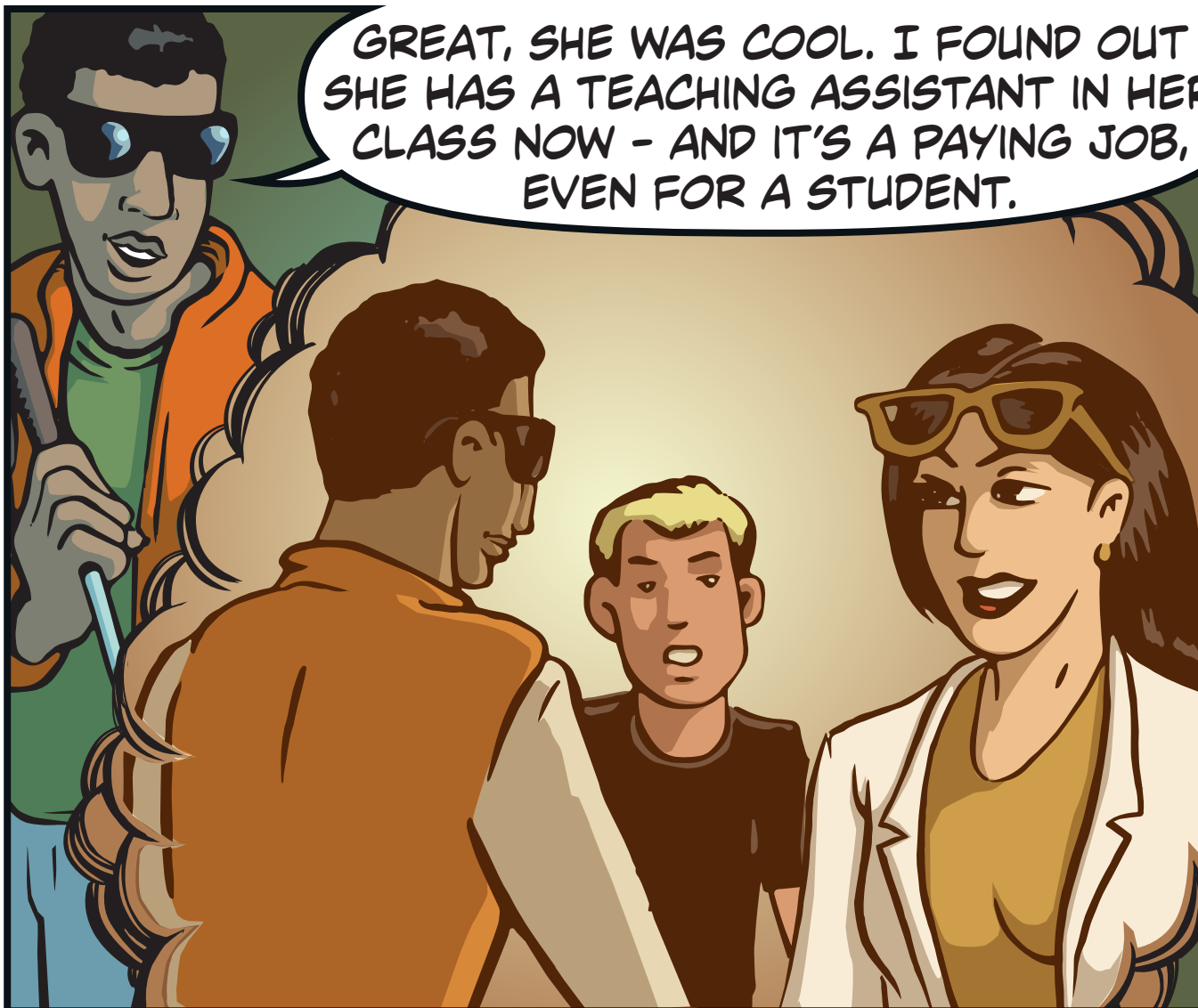
I'M SURE YOU WILL BE GOOD AT IT, BUT IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, THAT'S OKAY. YOUR FIRST JOB IS NOT GOING TO BE YOUR LAST JOB - IT'S THE EXPERIENCE THAT'S IMPORTANT. YOU'LL PROBABLY TRY A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS.

OK, I'LL TRY.

HEY ALEX! HOW'D  
THE MEETING GO  
WITH MY FRIEND THE  
SCIENCE TEACHER?



GREAT, SHE WAS COOL. I FOUND OUT  
SHE HAS A TEACHING ASSISTANT IN HER  
CLASS NOW - AND IT'S A PAYING JOB,  
EVEN FOR A STUDENT.



DO YOU THINK I COULD BE A TA  
ONCE I'M IN COLLEGE?





OF COURSE! LET'S MAKE SURE YOUR RESUME IS UP TO DATE AND INCLUDES YOUR AP SCIENCE AND THE FIRST ROBOTICS WORK YOU TOLD ME ABOUT.



YES, THAT'S A GREAT IDEA ALEX.

BOTH YOU AND SOPHIA HAVE A CHANCE TO EXPLORE THINGS YOU LIKE AND BUILD YOUR EXPERIENCE WITHOUT MAKING ANY BIG COMMITMENTS.

IT'S ABOUT TRYING THINGS OUT TO HELP YOU LEARN ABOUT DIFFERENT JOBS. REMEMBER, IT'S ALL PART OF THE JOURNEY.



## CHAPTER 3

### THE PATH - EMPOWER YOURSELF TRANSITION COUNSELING

IT'S ONE MONTH LATER - ALEX AND SOPHIA ARE BACK IN A MEETING WITH MCB IN THE SAME ROOM.



WELCOME BACK FOLKS. HOW HAVE THINGS BEEN GOING?

I HAD A COUPLE OF INTERVIEWS AT THE ANIMAL SHELTERS. I WAS BUMMED I DIDN'T GET CHOSEN FOR THE FIRST ONE, BUT THE SECOND ONE WORKED OUT. I VOLUNTEER ON SATURDAYS.

HOW'S THAT GOING?

I DO A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS WITH THE ANIMALS AND I GET TO HELP PEOPLE ADOPT THEIR PETS AND I EVEN GOT TO HOLD A HEDGEHOG! THE PEOPLE ARE GREAT AND I'M LEARNING A LOT. I LOVE IT!





THAT'S GREAT! WORKING WITH THE STAFF, THE PUBLIC AND THE ANIMALS HELPS BUILD LOTS OF DIFFERENT SUPERPOWERS, FROM CONFIDENCE TO DETERMINATION TO COMPASSION.

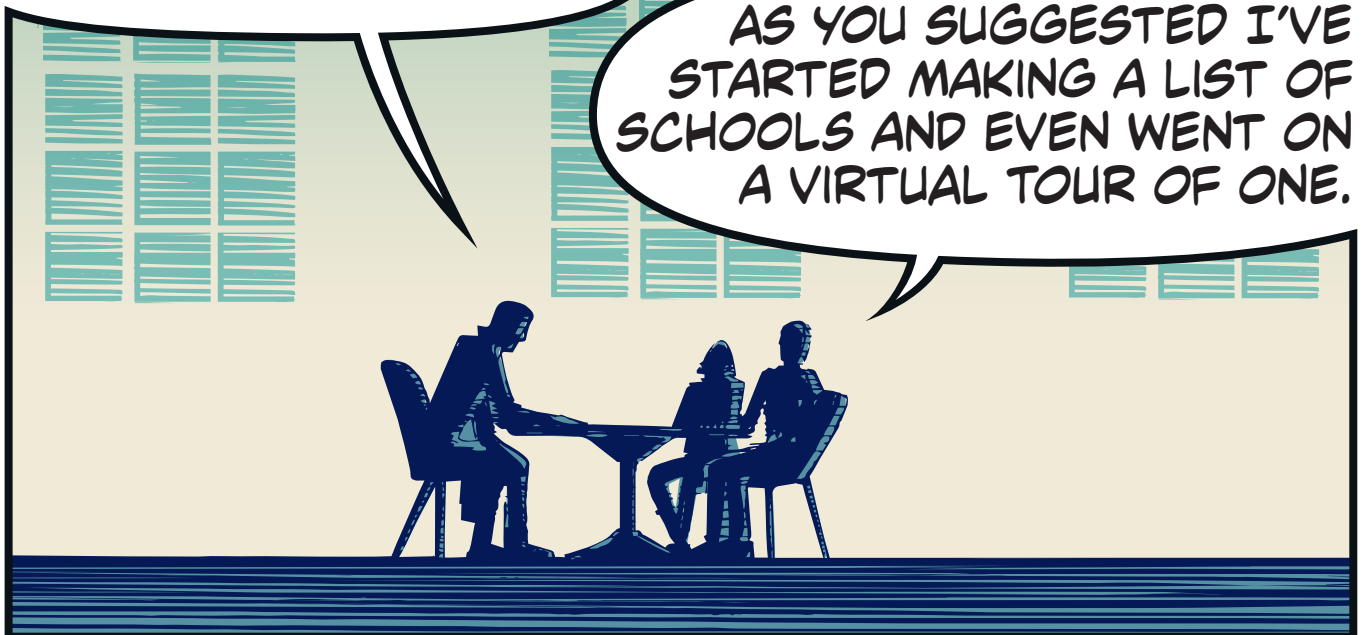
WHO KNOWS? MAYBE YOU'LL BECOME A VETERINARY TECHNICIAN, WHICH IS A VOCATIONAL PROGRAM.

WE CAN HELP YOU GET READY FOR THAT IF YOU DECIDE THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT TO DO AFTER HIGH SCHOOL. WE'VE GOT A FEW MORE YEARS TO FIGURE IT OUT.



HOW ABOUT YOU, ALEX?

AS YOU SUGGESTED I'VE STARTED MAKING A LIST OF SCHOOLS AND EVEN WENT ON A VIRTUAL TOUR OF ONE.





THAT'S GREAT. LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO GET YOUR ADMISSION APPLICATIONS COMPLETED.

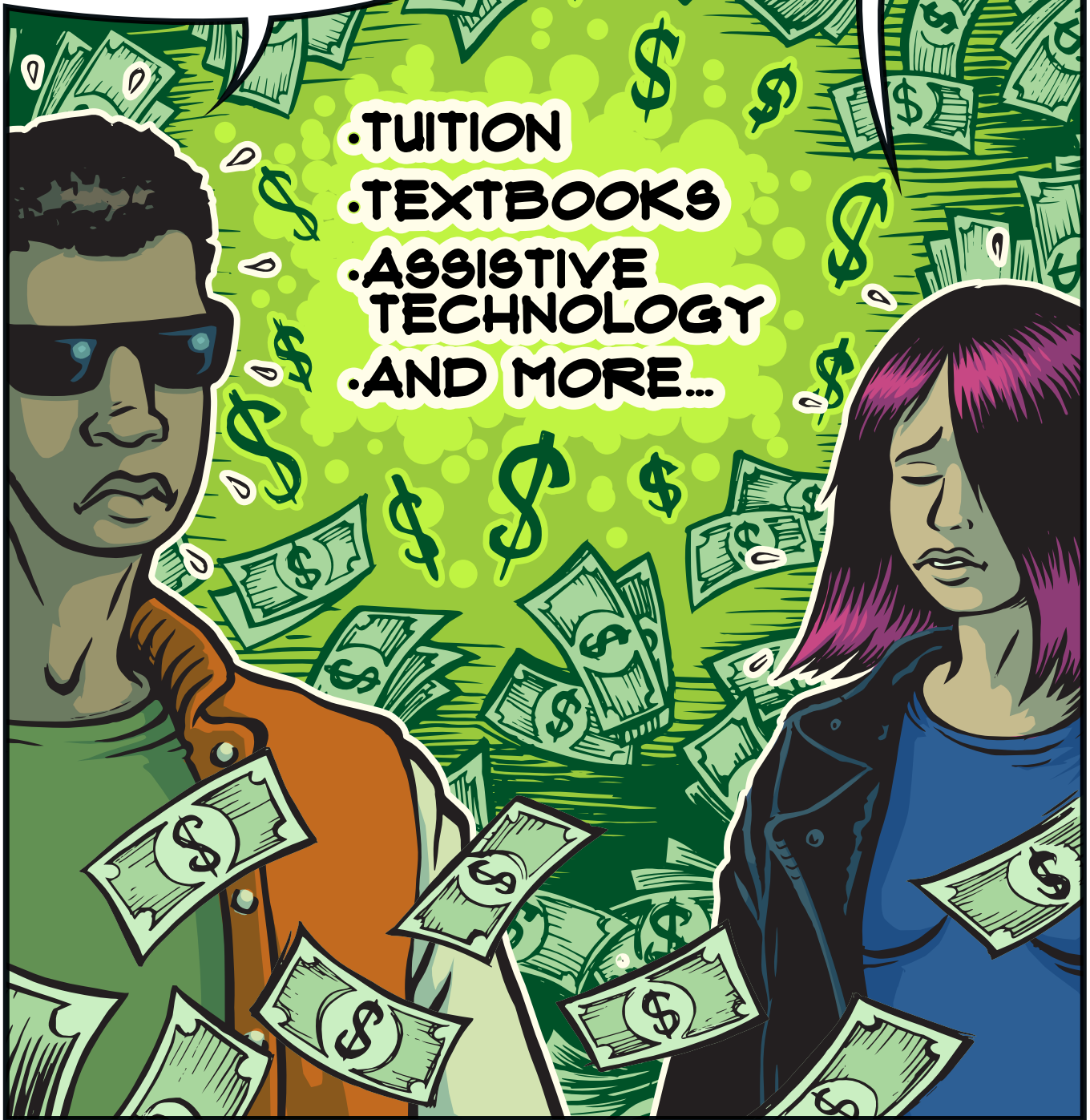


AND LET'S ARRANGE SOME VIDEO CALLS WITH ALUMNI FROM THESE SCHOOLS SO YOU CAN TALK ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE.

THAT'S COOL. BUT YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN KIND OF WORRIED ABOUT GOING TO COLLEGE. WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF MONEY AND I KNOW TUITION IS EXPENSIVE. PLUS, I NEED A NEW LAPTOP.

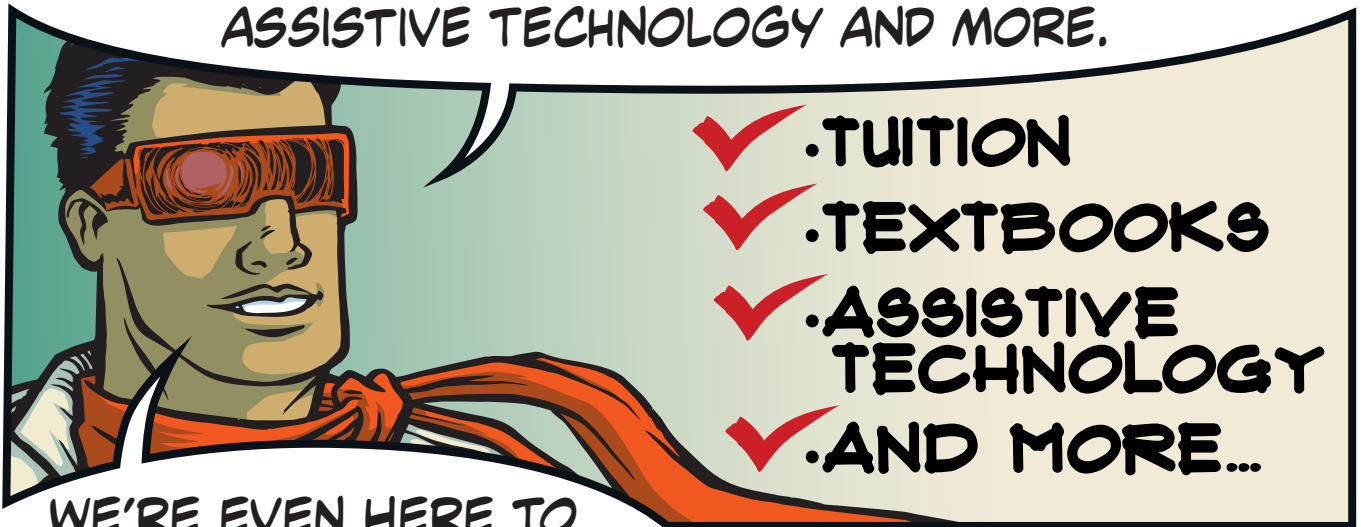
YEAH, MY PARENTS BOTH WORK AND THEY DON'T HAVE A LOT OF TIME TO DRIVE ME TO SCHOOL IF IT'S FAR AWAY.

**.TUITION**  
**.TEXTBOOKS**  
**.ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY**  
**.AND MORE...**





WELL, THERE'S GREAT NEWS ON ALL THAT. THE MCB PROGRAM CAN HELP WITH TUITION, TEXTBOOKS, ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AND MORE.



WE'RE EVEN HERE TO HELP YOU GET READY TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY IF THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES.

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REALLY?! MCB DOES ALL OF THAT FOR US?



YOU BET! NO MATTER WHAT  
PATH YOU TAKE - HIGH SCHOOL,  
COLLEGE, VOCATIONAL SCHOOL,  
OR WHAT JOB YOU END UP IN,  
YOU CAN TRUST THAT MCB IS  
WITH YOU ALL THE WAY.



## CHAPTER 4

### BALANCING ACT - PUT YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD WORKPLACE READINESS

THE DISCUSSION HAS PROGRESSED TO THINKING BEYOND COLLEGE: HOW TO PREPARE FOR WORKING AND LIVING INDEPENDENTLY.

IT MIGHT SEEM LIKE BUILDING YOUR CAREER IS A LONG WAY OFF AND WE KNOW THINGS ARE GOING TO CHANGE ALONG THE WAY, BUT THE MORE YOU DO NOW TO GET READY - THE BETTER.

LET'S TALK ABOUT SOME OF THE THINGS TO KEEP TRACK OF IN YOUR PLAN. IF YOU DON'T WRITE THEM DOWN YOU WILL FORGET. TRUST ME, YOU'RE GOING TO NEED IT DOWN THE ROAD.

- CONTACT INFO FOR SUPERVISORS
- NEW SKILLS
- NEW RESPONSIBILITIES
- LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION



SOPHIA, IS THERE ANYTHING YOU DID WHILE VOLUNTEERING THAT WOULD BE GOOD TO PUT IN YOUR PLAN?

IT WAS REALLY BUSY. THE PROBLEM IS, LOTS OF TIMES I HAD TO STOP WHAT I WAS DOING TO HELP WITH SOMETHING ELSE. IT WAS A BIT STRESSFUL, BUT I FIGURED OUT HOW TO GO BACK AND FORTH AND NOT LET IT BOTHER ME.

THAT'S GREAT - LET'S MAKE SURE WE ADD TIME-MANAGEMENT TO YOUR RESUME.

WHAT ABOUT YOU ALEX?

THINGS ARE GOING REALLY GREAT; THE TEACHER SAYS I REALLY HELP THE STUDENTS UNDERSTAND THE CONCEPTS - THAT I HAVE 'PATIENCE, UNDERSTANDING AND INTELLECT'.

ALEX, THAT IS GREAT! YOU SHOULD ASK HER FOR A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION. START SAVING THESE LETTERS TO USE IF YOU NEED A REFERENCE IN THE FUTURE.



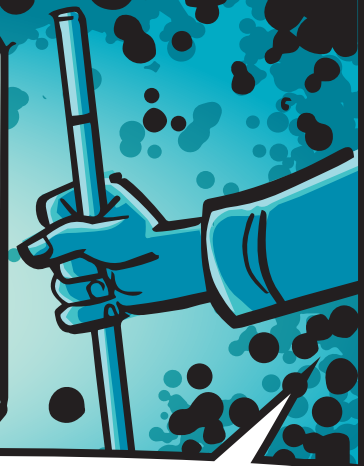
PLANNING FOR A FUTURE JOB ISN'T JUST ABOUT EXPERIENCES AND RESUMES. YOU NEED TO DEVELOP SOME SOFT SKILLS.

WELL, IT'S EVERYTHING FROM HOW YOU PRESENT YOURSELF, YOUR BODY LANGUAGE, YOUR TONE OF VOICE AND HOW YOU INTERACT WITH PEOPLE. SOMETIMES YOU NEED TO PRACTICE TO GET IT RIGHT.

HUH? WHAT ARE SOFT SKILLS?



- SHOW UP ON TIME
- LISTEN CAREFULLY
- PREPARE AND PRACTICE FOR COMMON QUESTIONS
- DRESS APPROPRIATELY
- LEARN HOW TO GREET PEOPLE



HERE'S SOME EXAMPLES OF SOFT SKILLS THAT RELATE TO JOB INTERVIEWS...

BY THE WAY, I LEARNED ABOUT DRESSING  
APPROPRIATELY THE HARD WAY!

I WENT TO AN INTERVIEW THINKING I WAS LOOKING  
REALLY GOOD, BUT WHEN I GOT HOME, MY MOM POINTED  
OUT A HUGE STAIN ON MY VEST. I WAS SO EMBARRASSED.  
I LEARNED THAT I NEED TO HAVE SOMEONE LOOK ME  
OVER BEFORE I GO TO A MEETING.



THE ANSWER IS NOT ALWAYS GOING TO BE YES.  
YOU WILL FACE ADVERSITY; YOU WILL SCRAPE YOUR  
KNEES ALONG THE WAY. BE PATIENT AND PERSISTENT.  
DEVELOP RESILIENCE. EVERY INTERACTION IS A  
CHANCE TO BUILD YOUR NETWORK AND YOUR SKILLS.

## CHAPTER 5

RISE UP - SHOWCASE YOUR SUPERPOWERS  
SELF-ADVOCACY

IT'S ONE WEEK LATER. MC-B  
AND ALEX ARE WAITING FOR  
SOPHIA TO ARRIVE.



SORRY I'M LATE -  
I HAD TO GO TO THE  
EYE DOCTOR.

OH, NO PROBLEM.  
NICE NEW GLASSES!



YEAH, MY VISION IS GETTING WORSE  
TO THE POINT WHERE I CAN'T WEAR MY  
CONTACTS ANYMORE. I'VE HAD TO SWITCH  
TO THESE, BUT AT LEAST THEY ARE  
KIND OF COOL.



I LIKE HOW YOU PUT A POSITIVE SPIN ON IT. THAT'S A NICE LEAD INTO OUR NEXT TOPIC - HOW TO TALK ABOUT YOUR ABILITIES BUT NOT DENY YOUR DISABILITIES. HOW TO SHOWCASE YOUR SUPERPOWERS.



SOPHIA - WHAT'S ONE OF YOUR SUPERPOWERS?

WELL, I DON'T THINK I HAVE A SUPERPOWER...

I THINK YOU DO. I REMEMBER YOU'RE REALLY GOOD AT CALMING PETS AND THEIR OWNERS. I BET THAT WORKS AT HOME WHEN YOUR LITTLE BROTHER IS UPSET TOO.





SO, THAT MEANS ONE OF YOUR SUPERPOWERS IS EMPATHY. YOU ARE SENSITIVE TO OTHER PEOPLE AND YOU CAN HELP THEM FEEL BETTER.

THIS IS A WAY TO GET COMFORTABLE TALKING ABOUT YOUR ABILITIES. THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU DO WELL AND HOW THAT MAKES YOU UNIQUE.

I'M STARTING TO UNDERSTAND.



I'VE ALREADY BEEN WORKING ON THIS A BIT IN MY COLLEGE APPLICATIONS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT HAS HELPED ME IS TO LOOK BACK IN MY JOURNAL FOR THINGS I WAS GOOD AT AND STUFF I LIKED.



WONDERFUL. ALL THOSE NOTES YOU TOOK WILL COME IN HANDY AS YOU WRITE YOUR OWN STORY. DON'T BE SHY TO TALK ABOUT YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS.



LET ME SHARE ANOTHER STORY FROM MY PAST. I WAS INTERVIEWING FOR A JOB AND WHEN THEY FOUND OUT I WAS BLIND THEY THOUGHT I WOULDN'T BE A FIT. THEY SAID I WOULD HAVE TROUBLE GETTING TO MEETINGS. WELL, I HAD TO TELL THEM, I'VE BEEN LEARNING HOW TO TRAVEL INDEPENDENTLY AND GET AROUND WITH MY CANE SINCE I WAS A LITTLE KID. I GOT THAT JOB. AND I DIDN'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE GETTING TO THE MEETINGS.



MCB OFFERS MOBILITY TRAINING THAT GETS YOU NAVIGATING AND TRAVELING ON YOUR OWN. MCB ALSO ASSISTS IN TEACHING YOU TO USE NONVISUAL TECHNIQUES OR YOUR REMAINING VISION IN THE BEST WAY POSSIBLE.

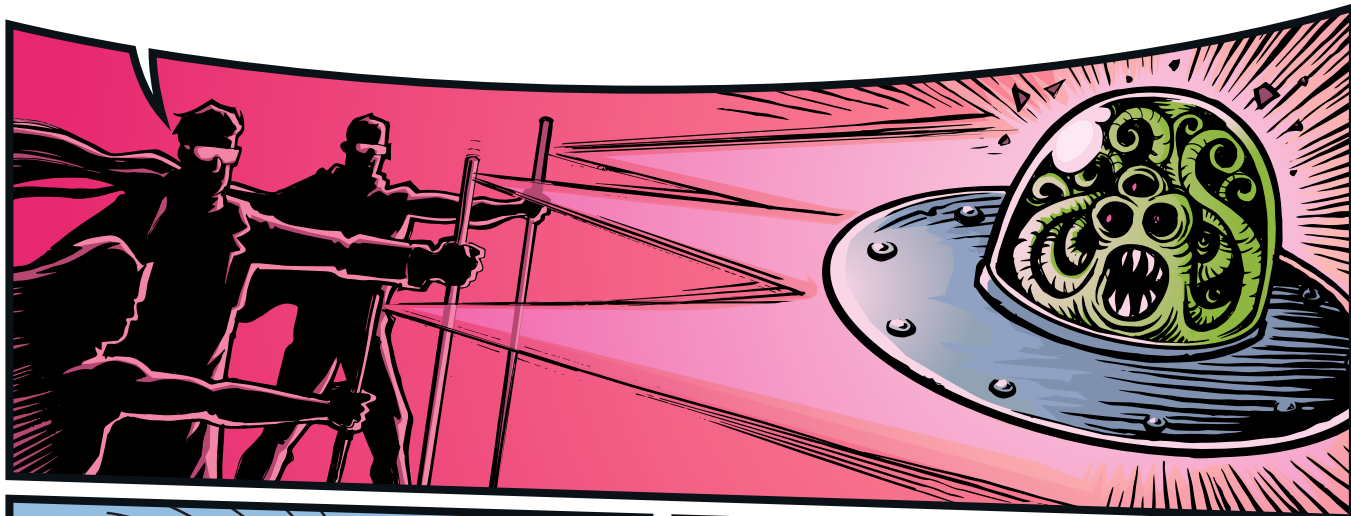


THE POINT IS, SOMETIMES EMPLOYERS ONLY SEE  
OUR DISABILITIES, THEY DON'T SEE OUR SUPER-  
POWERS. OUR JOB IS TO SHOW THEM WHY HIRING  
US IS THE BEST CHOICE.



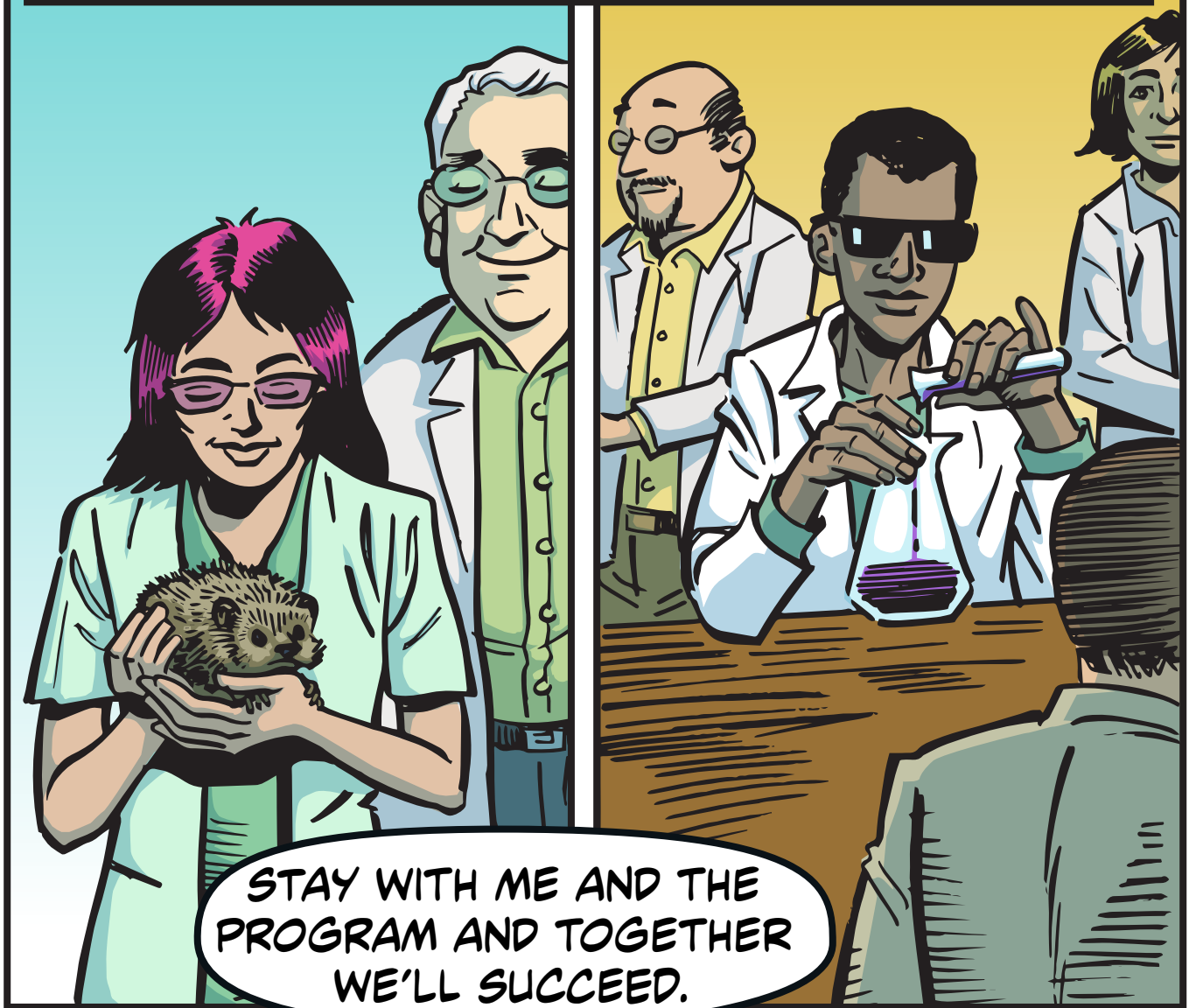


OUR EXPERIENCE PROVES THAT WE HAVE GUTS, WE ADAPT, WE HAVE OVERCOME OBSTACLES, WE HAVE PERSEVERED, WE HAVE PROVEN THAT WE ARE MORE THAN CAPABLE. WE'RE THE KIND OF PEOPLE THAT EMPLOYERS WANT TO HAVE ON THEIR TEAM.

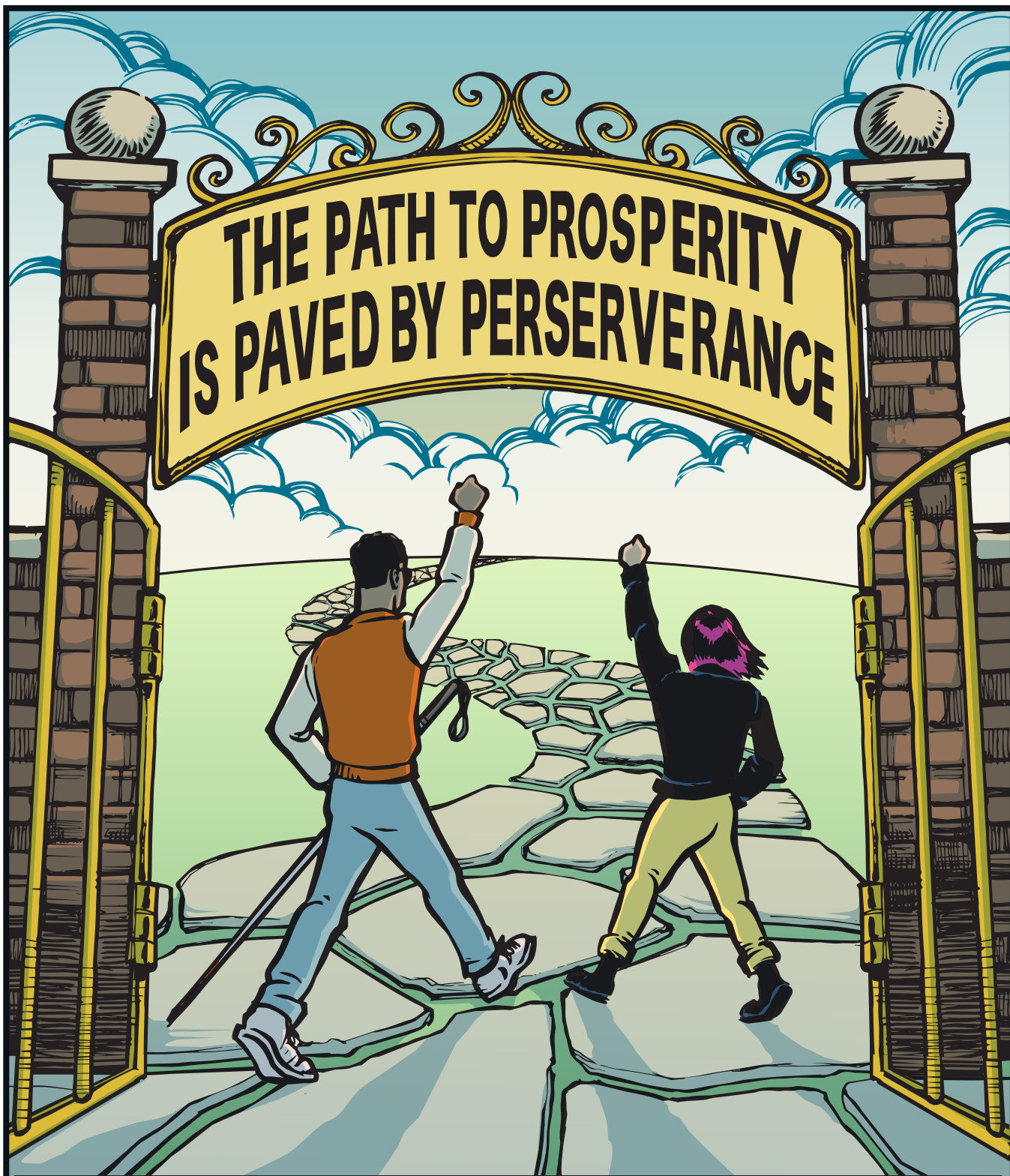


OUR JOB IS TO STAND UP FOR OURSELVES AND BE STRONG. WE CAN TELL THOSE PEOPLE WHO THINK WE'RE LESS CAPABLE BECAUSE WE'RE BLIND, THAT OUR BLINDNESS IS NOT A WEAKNESS, IT'S A STRENGTH.

AT THE END OF THE JOURNEY, OUR TEENS DECIDE THAT GETTING SUPPORT FROM MCB AND LEVERAGING PRE-ETS SERVICES IS THE TICKET TO THEIR FUTURE.







**SOPHIA AND ALEX SEE THEMSELVES  
TRANSITION FROM TEENS TO  
ACCOMPLISHED, INDEPENDENT, YOUNG  
ADULTS WORKING IN JOBS THEY LOVE.**

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