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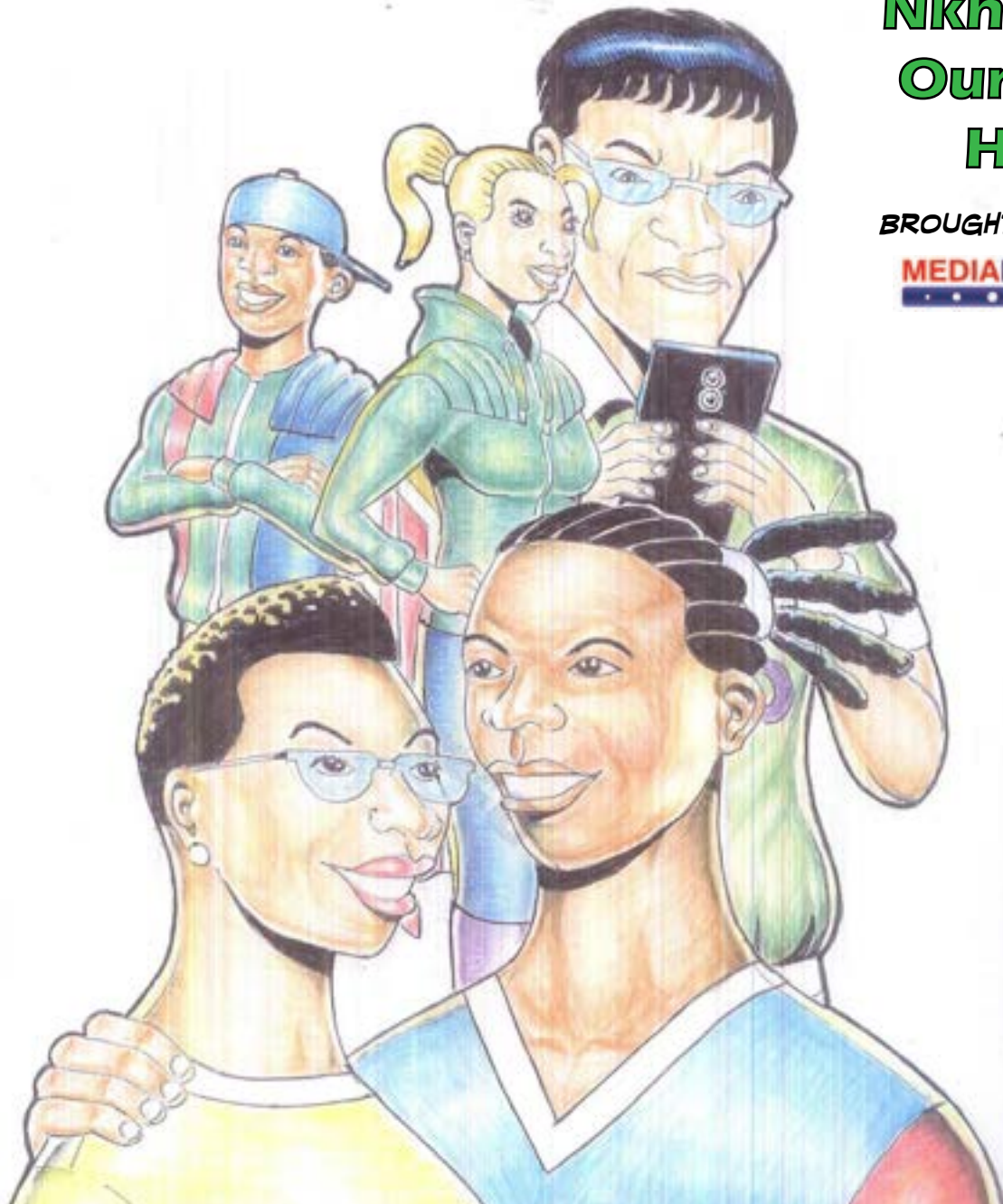
The Comic Book

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**Nkhosana,
Our Brave
Hero!**

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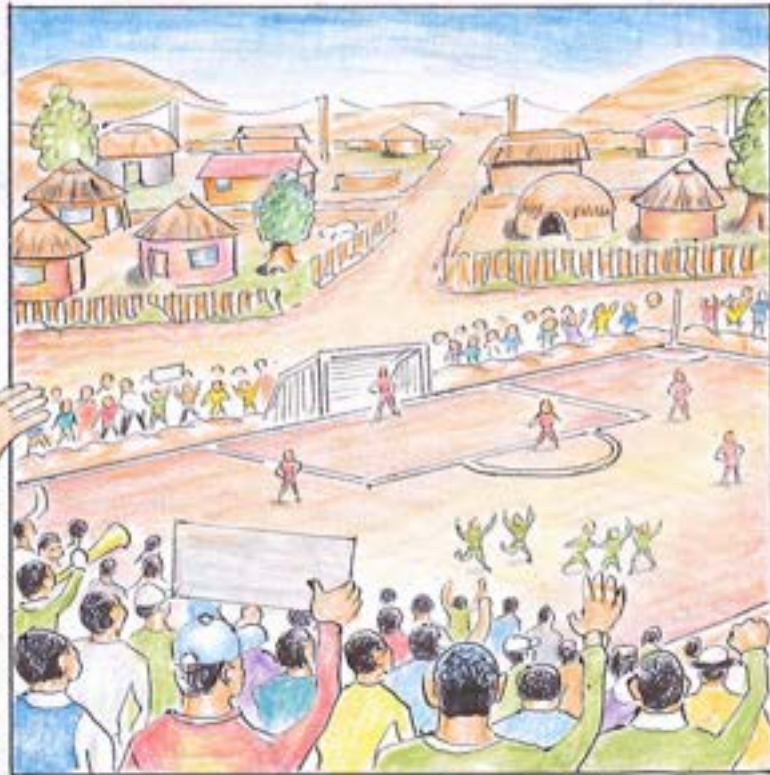
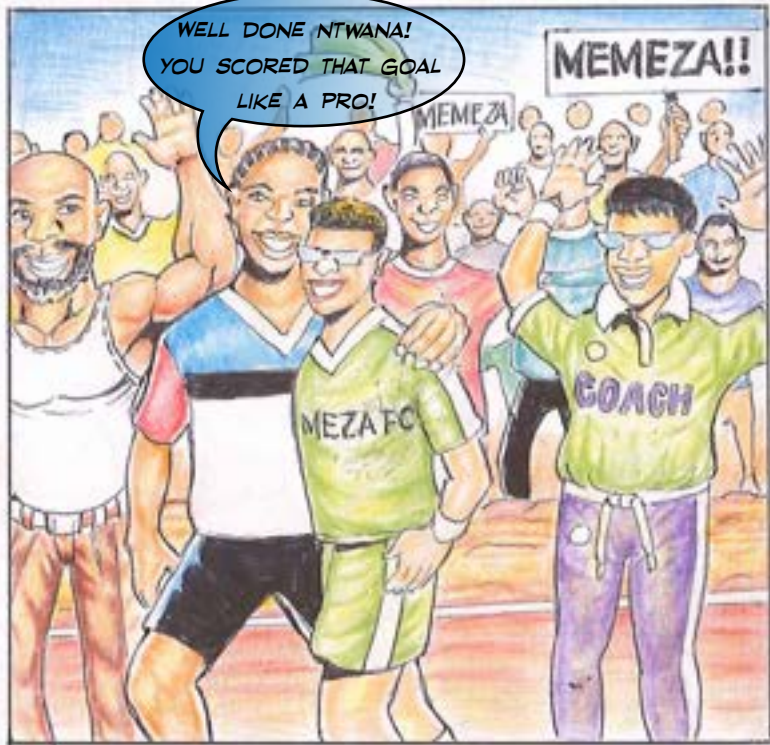
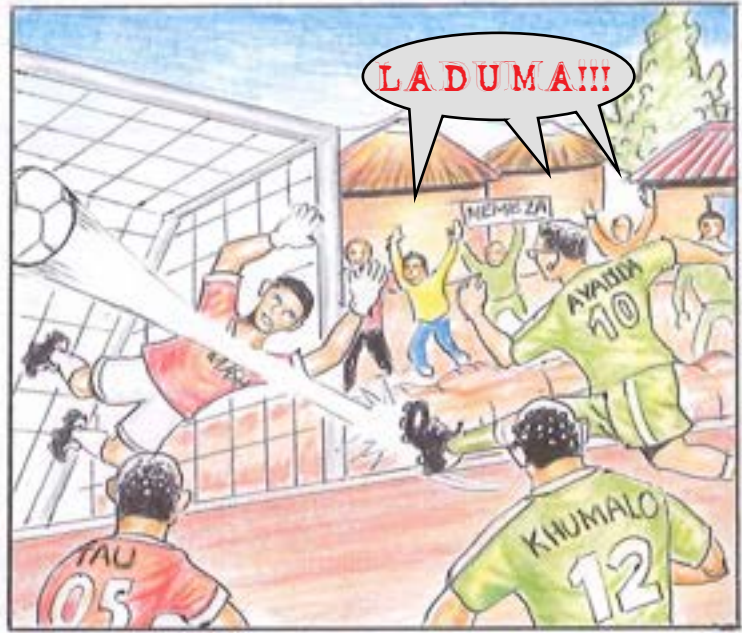
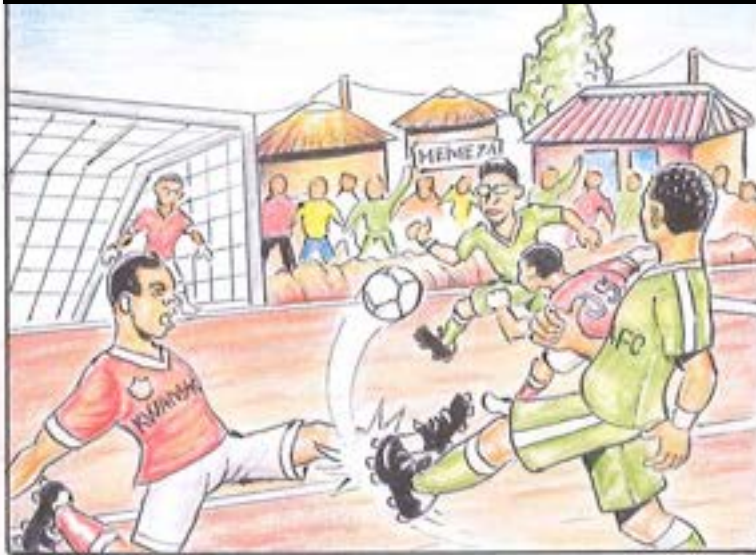
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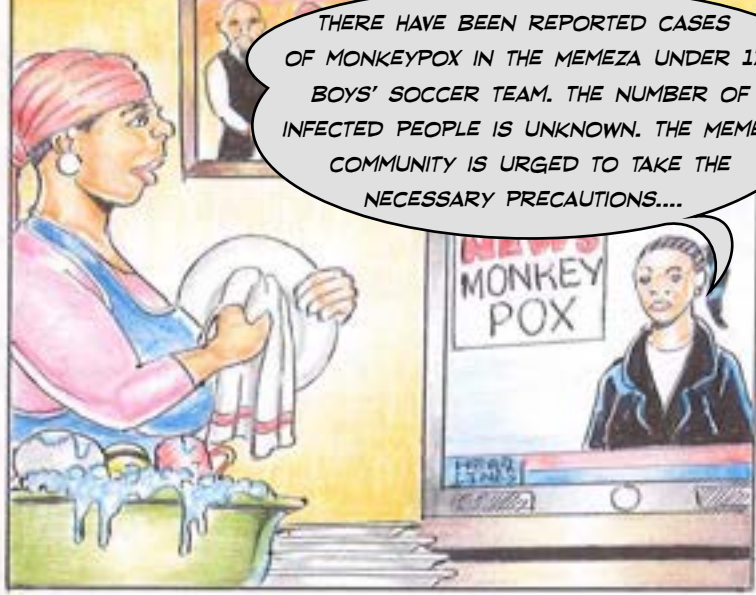
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MEMEZA, KWA-ZULU NATAL, WHERE AN EXCITING SOCCER MATCH IS BEING PLAYED BETWEEN THE HOME SIDE AND KWAMASHU...



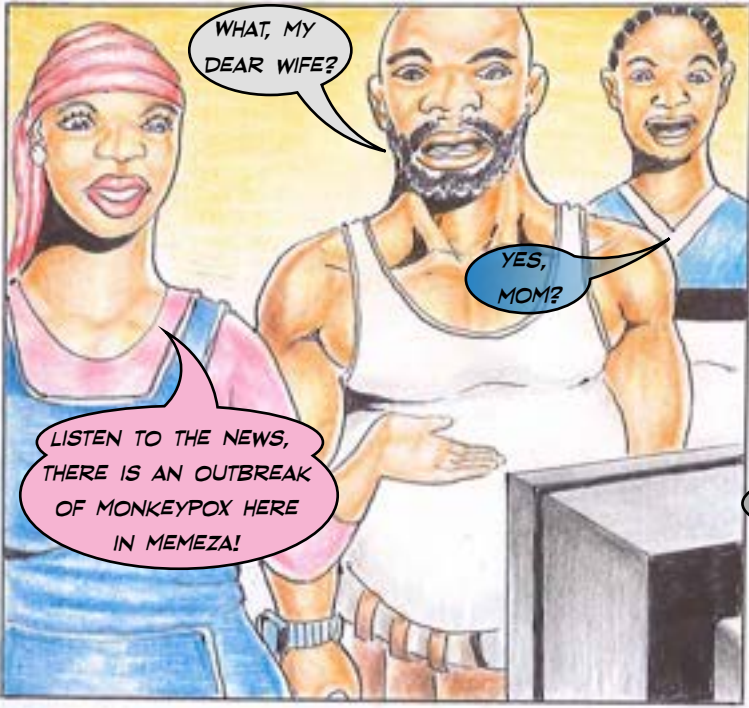
A WEEK AFTER THE GREAT MEMEZA VICTORY OVER KWAMASHU, MRS. NGUBANE IS WATCHING THE EVENING NEWS...



THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTED CASES OF MONKEYPOX IN THE MEMEZA UNDER 17 BOYS' SOCCER TEAM. THE NUMBER OF INFECTED PEOPLE IS UNKNOWN. THE MEMEZA COMMUNITY IS URGED TO TAKE THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS....



HAIBO! BABA! NKOSANA! COME SEE!



WHAT, MY DEAR WIFE?

YES, MOM?

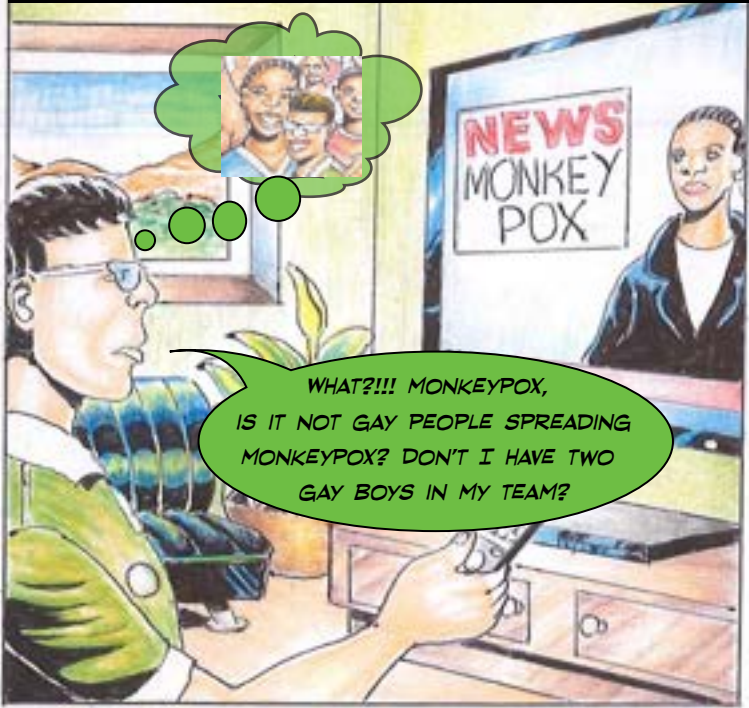
LISTEN TO THE NEWS, THERE IS AN OUTBREAK OF MONKEYPOX HERE IN MEMEZA!



MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE OUTBREAK IS IN YOUR SOCCER TEAM, NKHOSANA...

WE NEED TO GET A HOLD OF THIS SITUATION BY ISOLATING THE SOCCER TEAM AND CREATING AWARENESS ON MONKEYPOX.

ACROSS TOWN, RAJESH, THE SOCCER COACH, IS WATCHING THE SAME NEWS BULLETIN...



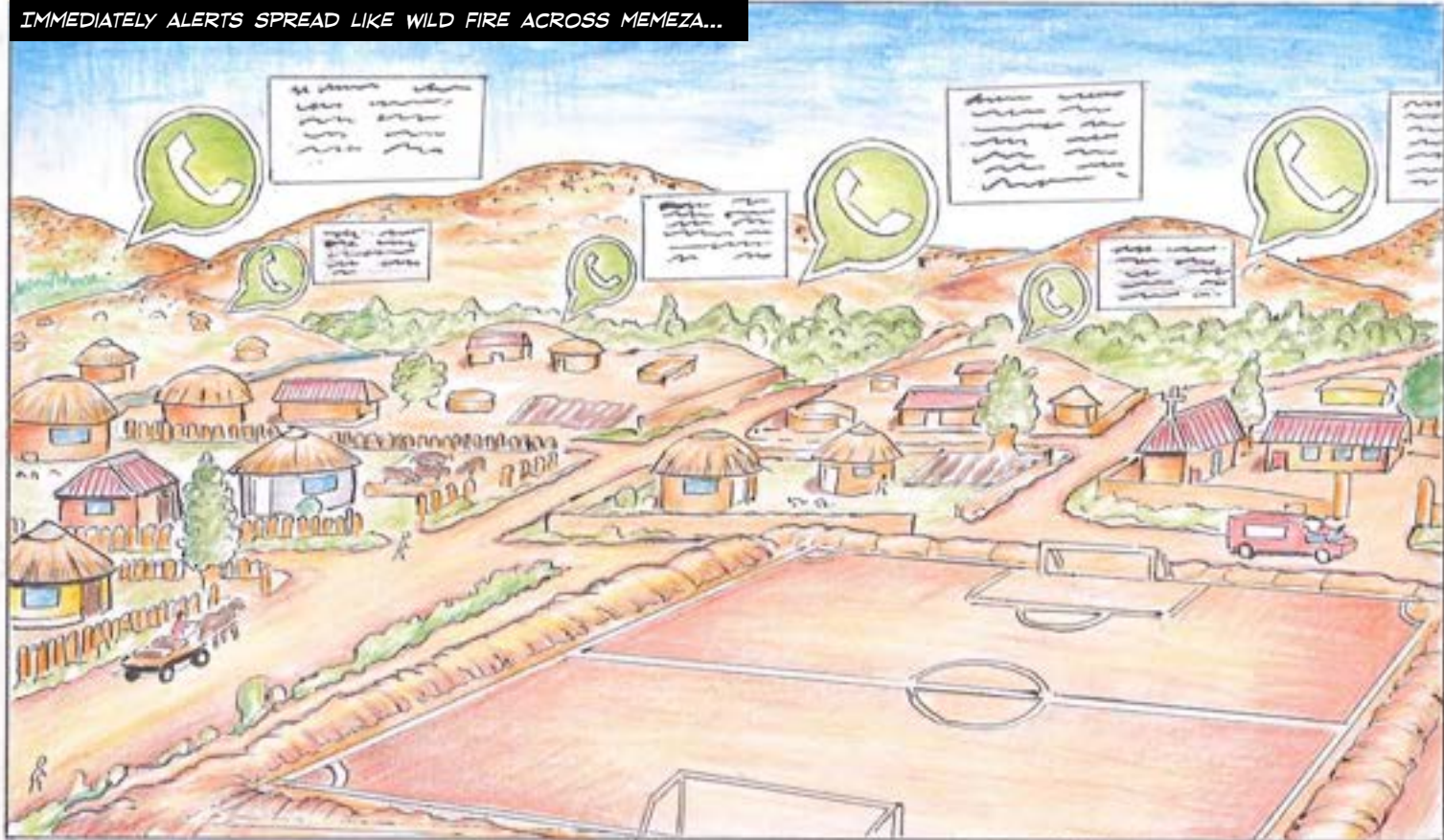
WHAT?!?! MONKEYPOX, IS IT NOT GAY PEOPLE SPREADING MONKEYPOX? DON'T I HAVE TWO GAY BOYS IN MY TEAM?

RAJESH, THE COACH, ACTS SWIFTLY, BUT RASHLY...



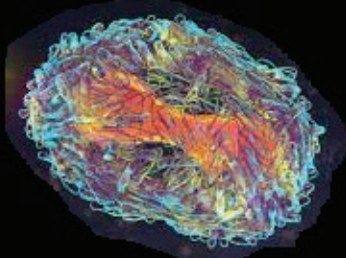
ATTENTION: COMMUNITY OF MEMEZA, IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT SPREADING POX THROUGH SEXUAL INTERCOURSE IS A DANGEROUS ACT. PLEASE AVOID SEXUAL INTERCOURSE WITH STRANGERS. @WHATSAPP GROUP MEMEZA

IMMEDIATELY ALERTS SPREAD LIKE WILD FIRE ACROSS MEMEZA...



IMPORTANT DEFINITION:

THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION DEFINES MONKEYPOX AS AN ILLNESS CAUSED BY THE MONKEYPOX VIRUS. IT IS A VIRAL ZOO NOTIC INFECTION, MEANING IT WAS SPREAD FROM ANIMALS TO HUMANS. IT SPREADS THROUGH PHYSICAL CONTACT BETWEEN INFECTED AND NONE INFECTED PEOPLE, OR THE TOUCHING CONTAMINATED OBJECTS IN OUR ENVIRONMENT.



IMPORTANT DEFINITION:

THE CAMBRIDGE DICTIONARY DEFINES HOMOSEXUALITY AS "A PERSON WHO IS SEXUALLY ATTRACTED TO PEOPLE OF THE SAME SEX AND NOT TO PEOPLE OF THE OPPOSITE SEX."

THE NEXT DAY...

I AM SURE IT IS THEM...

MEMEZA SPHAZA SHOP

THE ONES SPREADING MONKEY POX...

THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT US...

CHEMIST

I CAN'T STAND THIS, PEOPLE LYING ABOUT US, SAYING THAT WE ARE SPREADING MONKEYPOX...

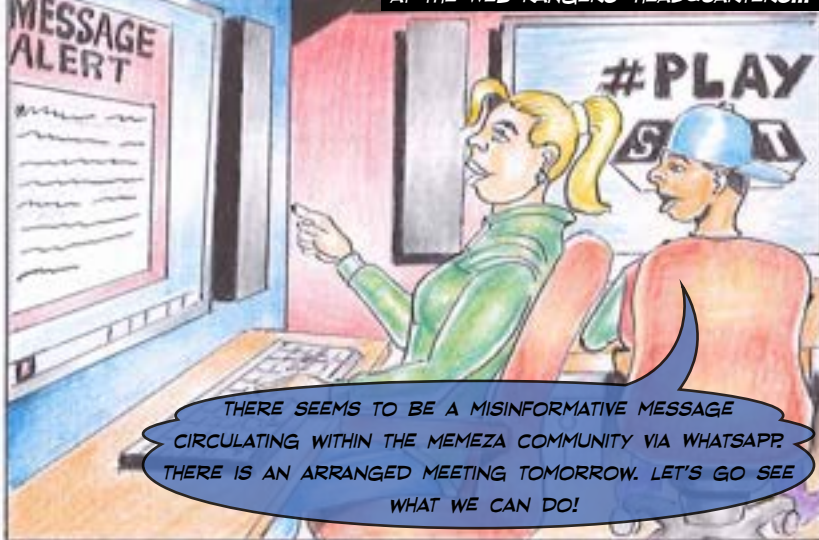
DON'T WORRY AYANDA. I KNOW WHO CAN HELP.

NKHOSANA THEN USES THE REAL 411 APP TO REPORT THE WHATSAPP BY THE COACH...



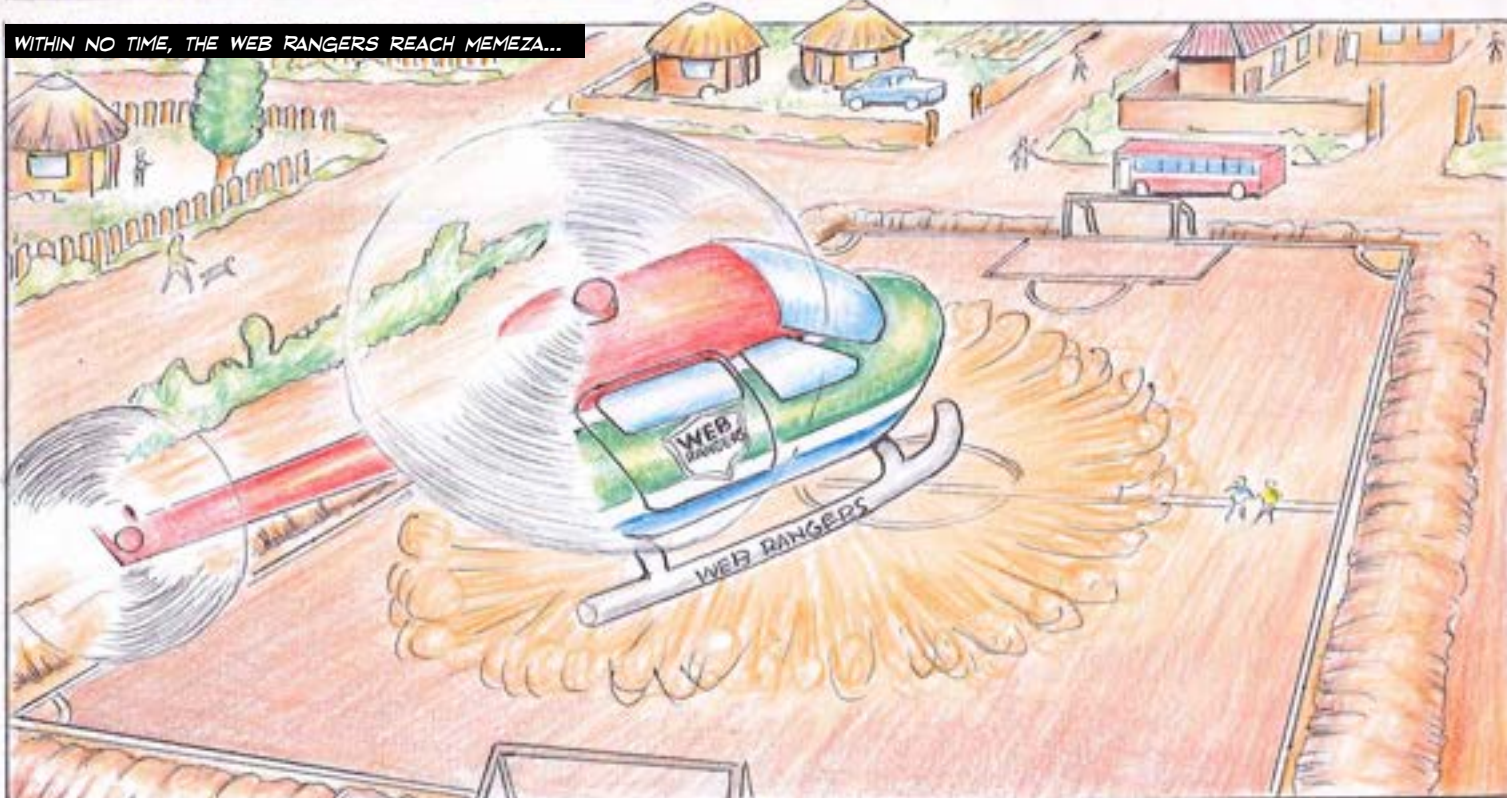
MESSAGE ALERT

AT THE WEB RANGERS' HEADQUARTERS...



THERE SEEMS TO BE A MISINFORMATIVE MESSAGE CIRCULATING WITHIN THE MEMEZA COMMUNITY VIA WHATSAPP. THERE IS AN ARRANGED MEETING TOMORROW. LET'S GO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO!

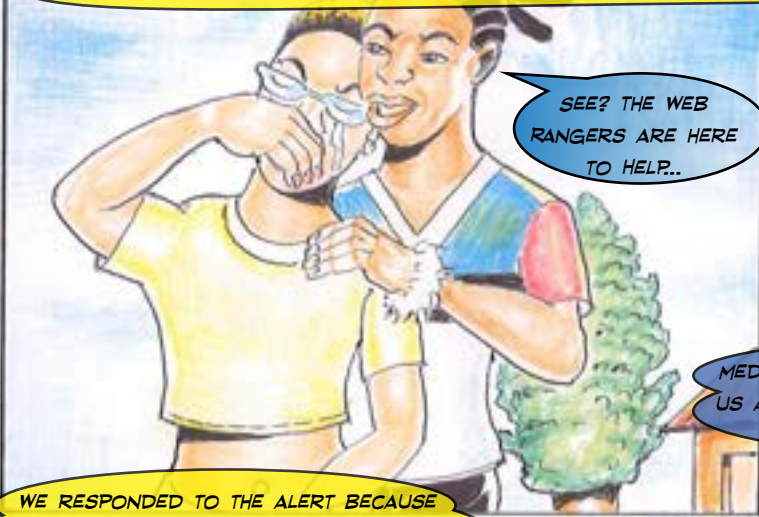
WITHIN NO TIME, THE WEB RANGERS REACH MEMEZA...



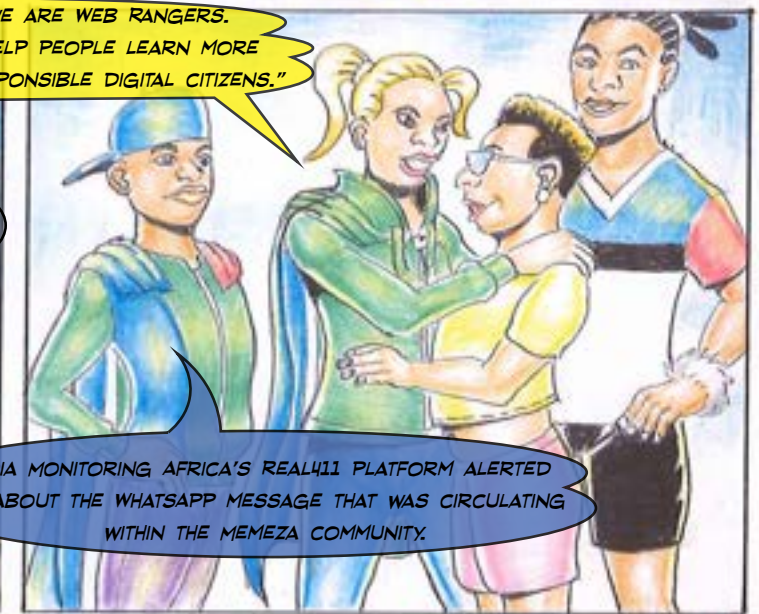


DON'T WORRY AYANDA AND NKHOSANA, WE'RE HERE TO HELP!!!

HI EVERYONE! MY NAME IS MAYA, AND THIS IS ENZOKUHLE AND WE ARE WEB RANGERS. WE HAVE BEEN TRAINED AS ONLINE SAFETY AMBASSADORS AND HELP PEOPLE LEARN MORE ABOUT THE INTERNET AND SOCIAL MEDIA SO THEY CAN BECOME RESPONSIBLE DIGITAL CITIZENS."



SEE? THE WEB RANGERS ARE HERE TO HELP..



MEDIA MONITORING AFRICA'S REAL411 PLATFORM ALERTED US ABOUT THE WHATSAPP MESSAGE THAT WAS CIRCULATING WITHIN THE MEMEZA COMMUNITY.

WE RESPONDED TO THE ALERT BECAUSE INCORRECT INFORMATION WAS SHARED, WHICH CAUSED A LOT OF HURT AND HARM.

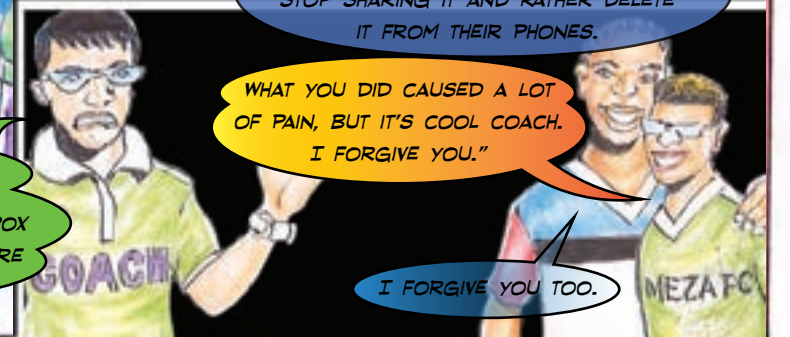
PEOPLE CAN SPREAD INFORMATION WITHOUT REALISING IT'S NOT ACCURATE, OR INTENDING TO HARM ANYONE. THIS IS CALLED MIS-INFORMATION.

IN THE FUTURE, WHEN YOU RECEIVE A POST OR MESSAGE CONTAINING INFORMATION YOU AREN'T SURE ABOUT AND IT MAKES YOU FEEL ANGRY OR SCARED, REPORT IT TO REAL411.

I'M VERY SORRY FOR CREATING AND SHARING THAT MESSAGE. I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY AND MONKEYPOX AND AS A RESULT I MISINFORMED THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

THE SHARING OF INACCURATE INFORMATION IS CALLED MIS- AND DISINFORMATION.

DISINFORMATION IS WHEN PEOPLE DELIBERATELY SPREAD INACCURATE INFORMATION, THAT IS DESIGNED OR INTENDED TO CAUSE HARM. WITHIN THE MEMEZA COMMUNITY, INACCURATE INFORMATION WAS SPREAD ABOUT PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMOSEXUAL AND THE SPREAD OF MONKEYPOX WHICH HURT SOME OF THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THE INFORMATION SHARED WAS INACCURATE AND WE URGE COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO STOP SHARING IT AND RATHER DELETE IT FROM THEIR PHONES.



WHAT YOU DID CAUSED A LOT OF PAIN, BUT IT'S COOL COACH. I FORGIVE YOU."

I FORGIVE YOU TOO.

This comic book has been created to help children better understand mis- and disinformation. To help you remember these concepts, please read below:

MMA defines misinformation as "false information that is spread, regardless of intent to mislead." Disinformation is defined as "false, inaccurate, or misleading information designed, presented, and promoted to intentionally cause public harm."

When looking at the comic book itself, we see that the coach is the one who creates the disinformation post that has the great potential to cause harm for Nkhosana and Ayanda. He shares incorrect information about two unknown issues (monkeypox and homosexuality) instead of researching the issues to learn more about them.

Should you come across content (a post on WhatsApp, Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram) that you think might be mis- or disinformation, please report it on the Real411 platform - <https://www.real411.org>.

In the comic book, you also get introduced to two Web Rangers that come to the Memeza community and teach community members about mis- and disinformation. These Web Rangers are actually real-life children that use and create innovative online campaigns, as well as outreach to promote safe internet usage and champion their rights in the digital world. To find out more about Web Rangers or if you would like to join in and become an awesome Web Ranger please visit our website on: <https://webrangers.co.za>.



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