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The train is about to go off the rails! And here comes...

...Supergirl to save the day!

NO WAY!


MOOOMMMM!

Yes, sweetie?

Who is that?

Supergirl? She's a superhero!

I've never seen anything like that before. She's not like me?

From a faraway planet, Supergirl is an alien with superpowers!

What does *alien* mean?

Someone from someplace different.

Is that bad?

Different is **GOOD!**

WOW! So cool!

Okay, Mariam, turn the T.V. off. We have to go to the grocery store.

Ahhhhh! NOW?!

Yes! Unless...you don't want ravioli for dinner?

I do!

It's my favorite!

Let's go!

Commminnnggg, Mom!

CLICK

Good morning, Roberto.

BULBS

BULBS

Good morning!

Is that...?

MOM!

MOOOMMM!

Yes, sweetie, what is it?

Is Roberto a superhero?!

Well, actually...

...he's here for us anytime we need help.

Roberto makes sure our building stays safe and that everything works the way it should.

So yes, he is a superhero.

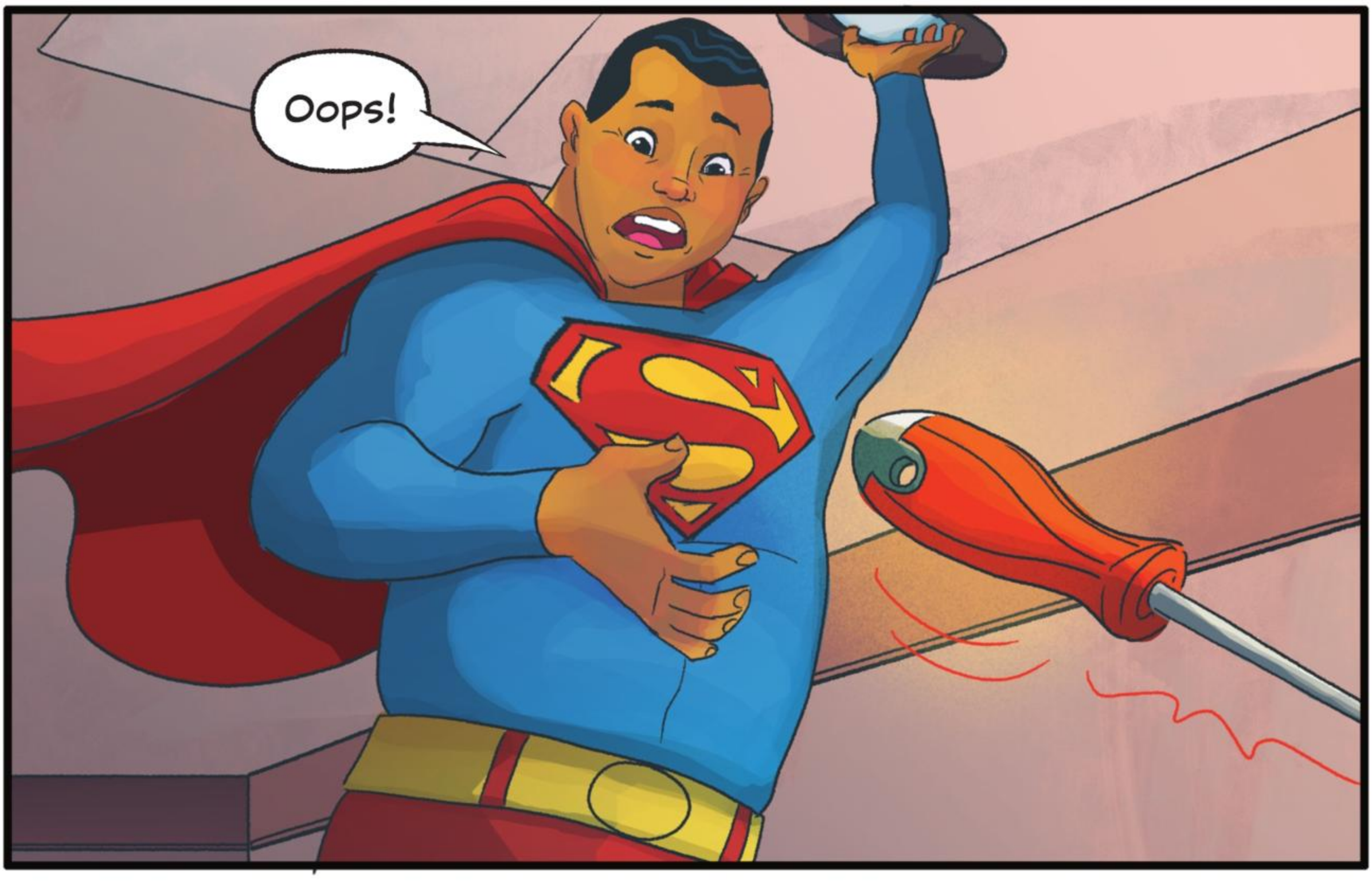
SUPERMAN

GASP

RUB

RUB

Whoa...


Oops!


I've got it!


Here you go!
Thank you!


This feels amazing!

Let's go, Mariam!

Bye, Roberto!

Stay super!


SHOE REPAIR
BAKERY
JEWELS
PAWN
SNACKS & BURGERS
Jeans
I can't believe it!
FRESH COOKIES


A superhero in our building!


That's so cool.

The bus is here!

Hello!

You two getting on today?

Hey, Patricia! It's such a beautiful day, we are going to walk.

Oh no! I'm stuck!

There's a rock under your wheel. I can move it!

Got it!

Okay then, y'all be safe and make sure you enjoy today.

And thank you, dear.

Well, you are so helpful.

WE WILL!

SQUEAK
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

MOM!

Is Miss Patricia, A SUPERHERO?!

Well, she gets us to your school safely...

...and to the grocery store on days when it's cold and raining...

...so yes, she's a superhero.

WONDER WOMAN


NO WAY!




THIS FEELS AWESOME!

STREET HEAT
QUICKLY
CONCERT TONIGHT
MUSIC
ALBUM OUT NOW!
ALBUM O
QUICKLY
STREET HEAT
MUSIC IN THE CITY
I can't believe there are superheroes in our neighborhood!
Ooooo-weee!
GROCERY & DELI
JUICE
I wonder if there are other superheroes around here.

SPICY
SPICY
SPICY
SPICY
SPICY
CHIPS
CRONCHY
CRONCHY
CRONCHY
CRONCHY
Yummmmmm!
Where's the ravioli?
It's right over here.
RAVIOLI
PASTA
PASTA
OH NO! There's no more!

Can I help you?

We are hoping to make a special dinner tonight with my daughter's favorite pasta.

But it's all gone!

Wait! I think I saw some in the back. Be right back!

WHOOOOSH

Well, he is excited to be helpful...

He's SO fast.

SCREEECH

Sorry, sometimes I'm too fast for my own good!

I found *TWO* bags in the back.

RAVIOLI

RAVIOLI

HOORAY!


Another superhero?


He must be!




RAVIOLI
RAVIOLI
THE FLASH

RAVIOLI

RAVIOLI

This feels cool!

You can really move!

RAVIOLI

RAVIOLI

RAVIOLI

RAVIOLI

Oops, got it!

Nice save!

Stay moving!

RAVIOLI

I will, thanks!


Are there more superheroes around here?
COMICS
Oh yeah...you just have to keep an eye out for them. And if you look really closely, you'll see they're EVERYWHERE.

You're just noticing them now, but they have been helping us your whole life!

Maybe I can help *THEM!*

PIZZA

BUY
GET ONE

A

Everyone needs help at some point. I think that's a great idea.


I can do that!
PIZZA
PAWN








BAKER
POW!
BAM!

Now you're ready!

RECIPE

I ♥ NY




Oh,
the power's
out!
Nooooooo!


flickerflicker—


I'm
going to
get a candle
so we can
see—
I'll get
them!

A candle *AND* a flashlight.

That's perfect!

Oh no, it looks like the fridge isn't working either. And we just bought these groceries, too.

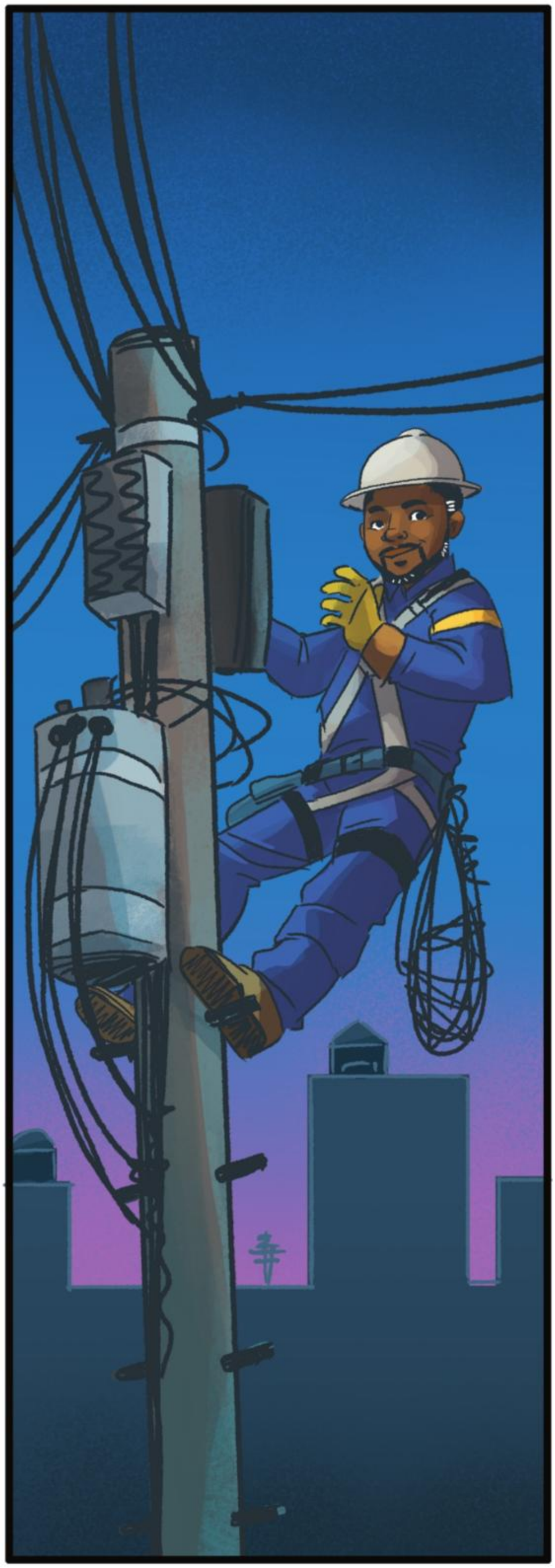
Does that mean no ravioli?

I don't think so, sweetheart.

The power is only out on our block!

...MOOMMMMMM.


What is it?
Look!



Thank you!

No problem, ma'am. It'll be fixed in a minute.

Do you need more light to see in the rain?

Thanks, kid!

Mom, is that a—

—superhero, yes!

EVEN AT NIGHT?! WOW!

BATMAN

THIS FEELS POWERFUL!

Oh, thank goodness, the power's back on. That was fast.

CLICK

Whew.

AAAAAAAH!

You forgot to ask me about one person.

Who?!





You!

ME?!

Yes! You helped pick up the screwdriver for ***SUPERMAN...***

...helped ***WONDER WOMAN*** with the wheelchair...

...helped ***THE FLASH*** when he dropped the pasta...

...helped ***BATMAN*** with more light...

...and helped me with the candles! I'm so proud of you! You have been helping people all day!

Really?! I...***I...***


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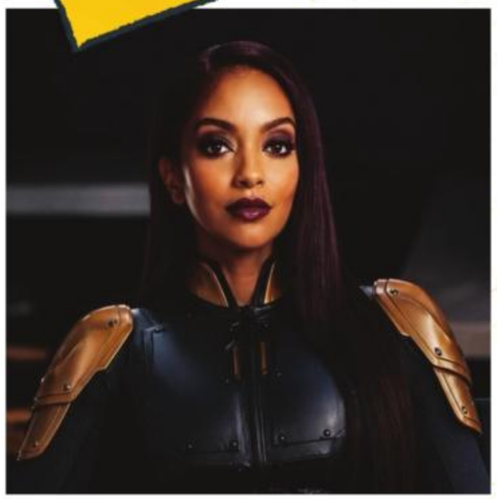


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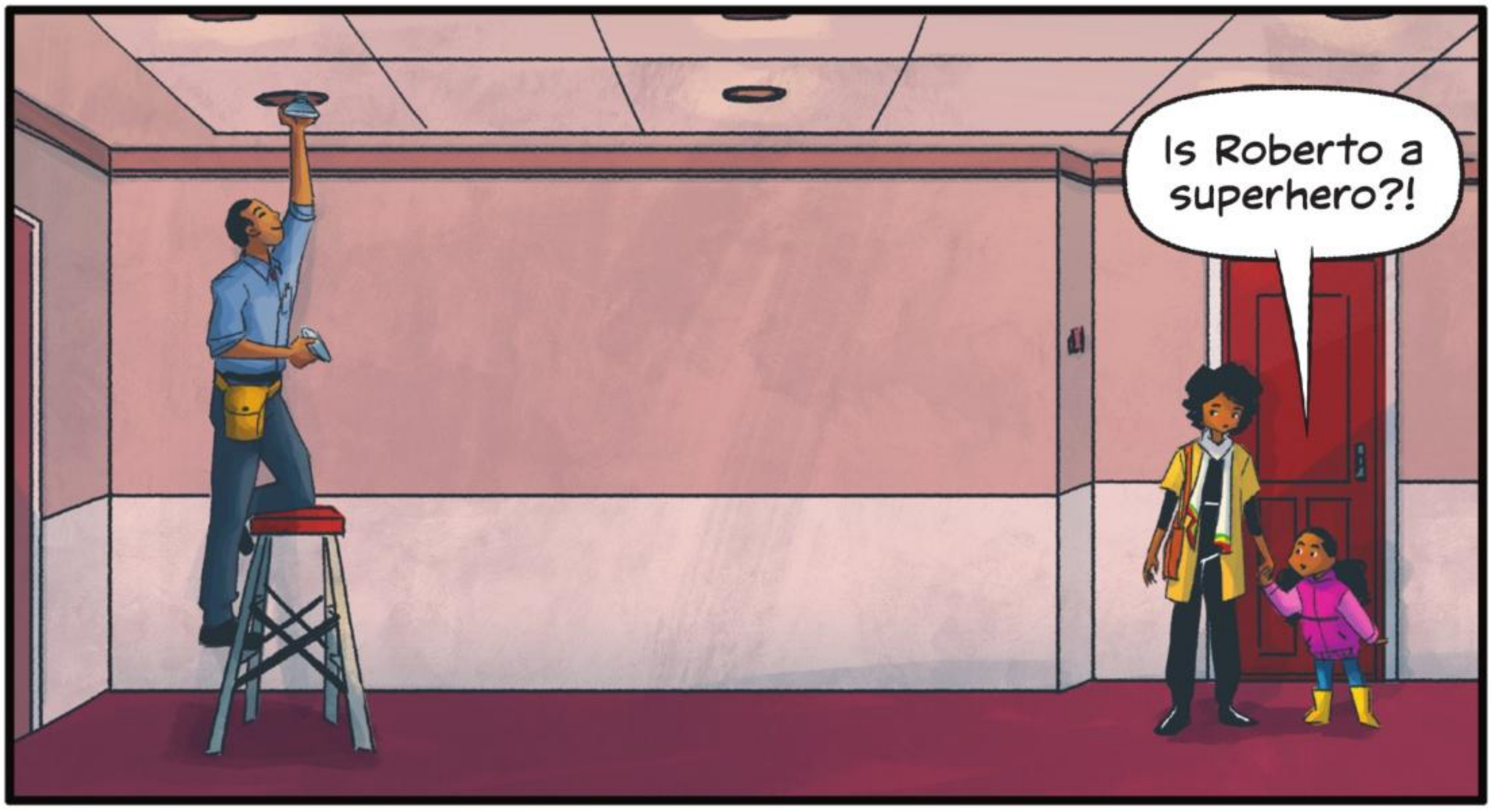
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An empowering story about what it means to embody a superhero yourself, one power stance at a time!



Six-year-old Mariam loves superheroes, but when she watches them on TV, they feel like they exist on an entirely different planet. Mariam wishes there were more superheroes in her everyday life. As she explores her neighborhood, her mom points out that superheroes do exist within her community. Suddenly, her building's super resembles Superman! The bus driver is just like Wonder Woman! Her neighborhood electrician is as super as Batman!

After a long day of emulating the super people in her life, including her super mom, Mariam learns the most important lesson of all: She's a superhero too!