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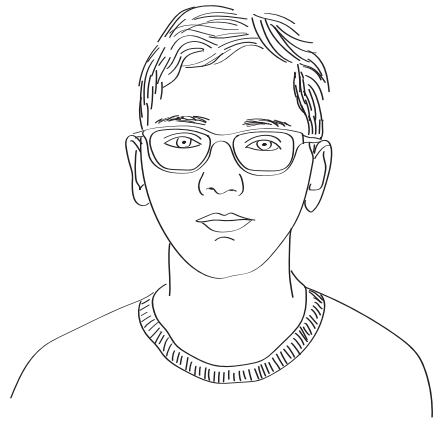
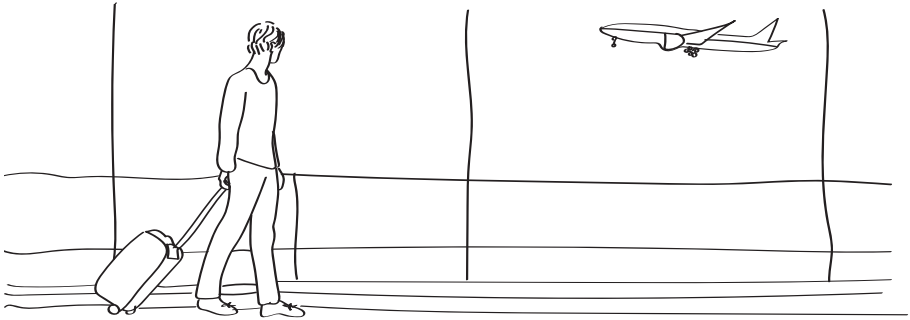
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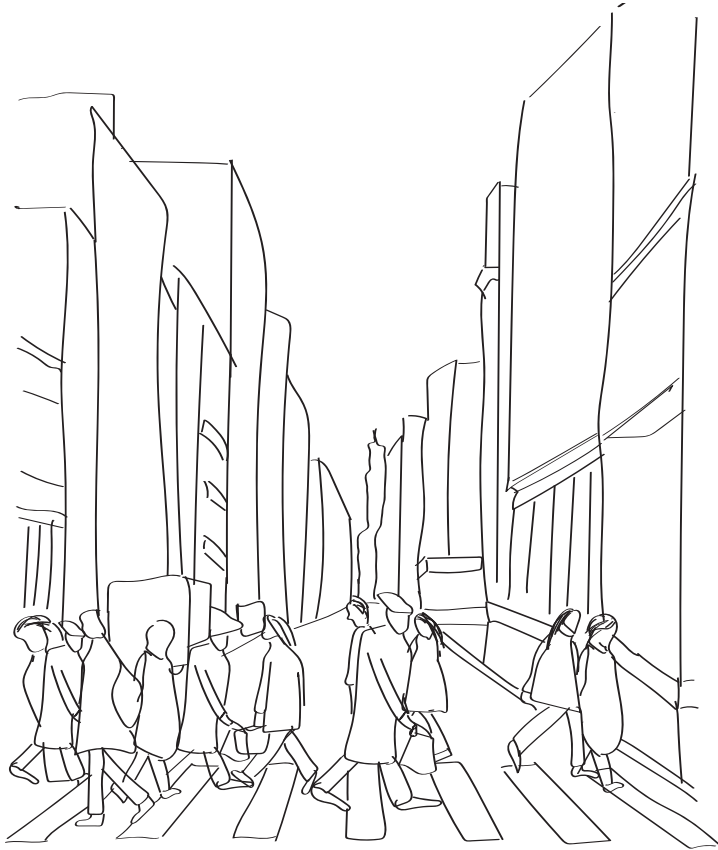
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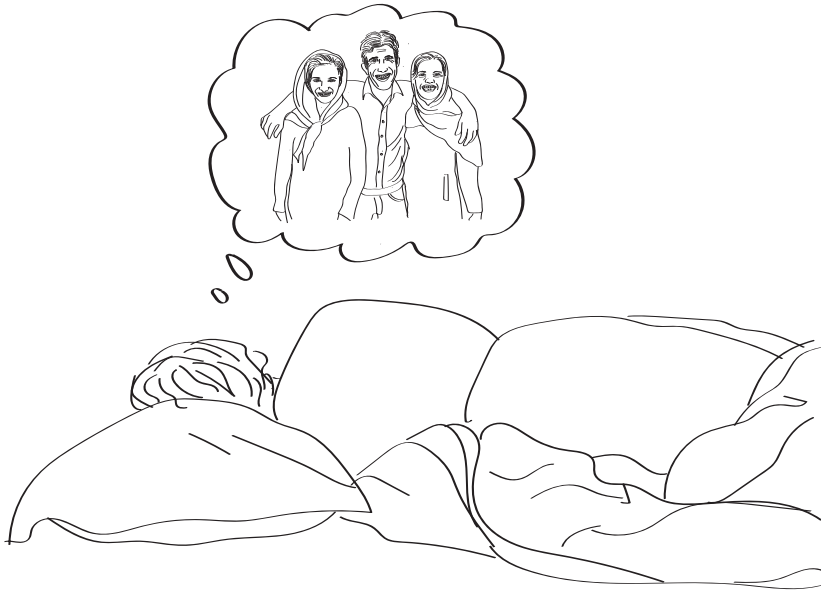
This is Milad. Two years ago, he moved to a new country to study. He came all by himself. When he first arrived in this new country, he was very happy.



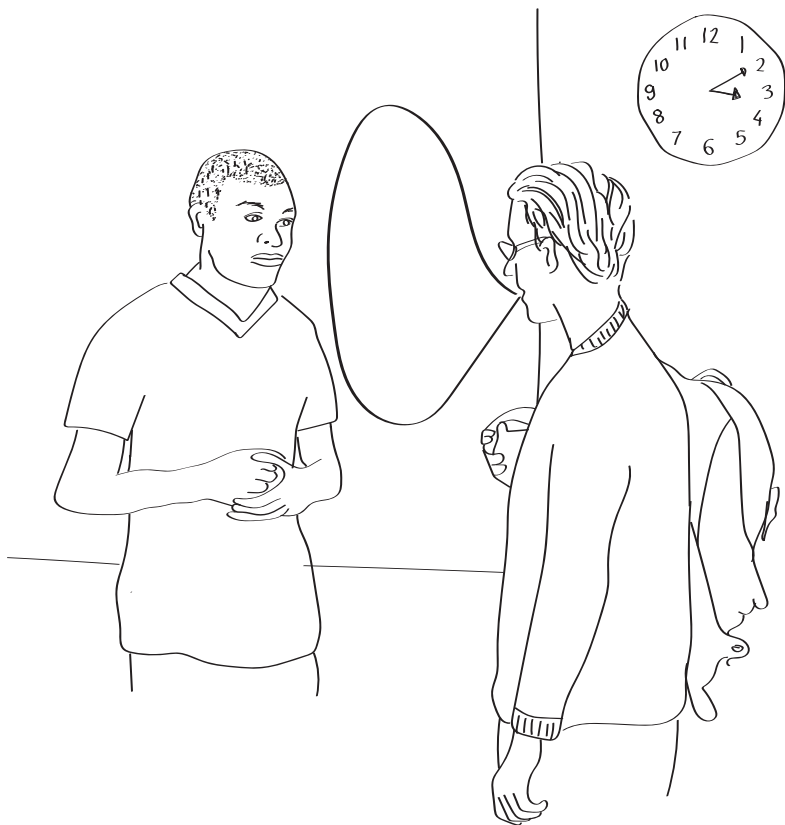
He loved the big city. It was a very busy place, and it was very different to his hometown. He felt safe exploring this city. There was so much to see and do after his English classes and on the weekends.



However, six months after moving to the new country, Milad started to feel really lonely. He missed his family back home and would speak on the phone with them nearly every night!

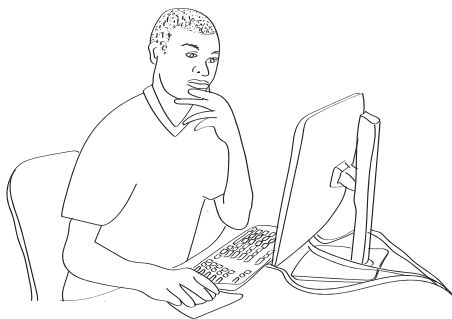


Milad spent a lot of time at home by himself. He began to feel sad and afraid when he left the safety of his home. Milad knew it wasn't good to spend so much time alone but he just didn't know what to do!



One day after English, Milad asked his classmate Amadi, “What do you do after school?”

“I go to the public library. It is just around the corner from here,” said Amadi.



“I read books, use the internet and do different programs there,” he explained.

Amadi spoke about how he liked to go to the library because it was so nice and quiet compared to his crowded family home.



Milad had never been to the public library before. He didn't even know they had programs and classes!

"Can I come with you?" Milad asked his classmate.



The next day, after English class, Milad tagged along with Amadi to the library. When they walked in, Milad was truly surprised. There were aisles and aisles full of books. There was a book on every topic you could think of!



Milad even found a few books in his language, Farsi. Milad selected a couple of books to take home.

“How do I pay for them?” he asked Amadi. He was a little worried he wouldn’t have enough money to pay.



Amadi laughed at Milad.

“They are free for you to borrow for one month,”
said Amadi with a smile.

“Do you have a library card?” he asked.



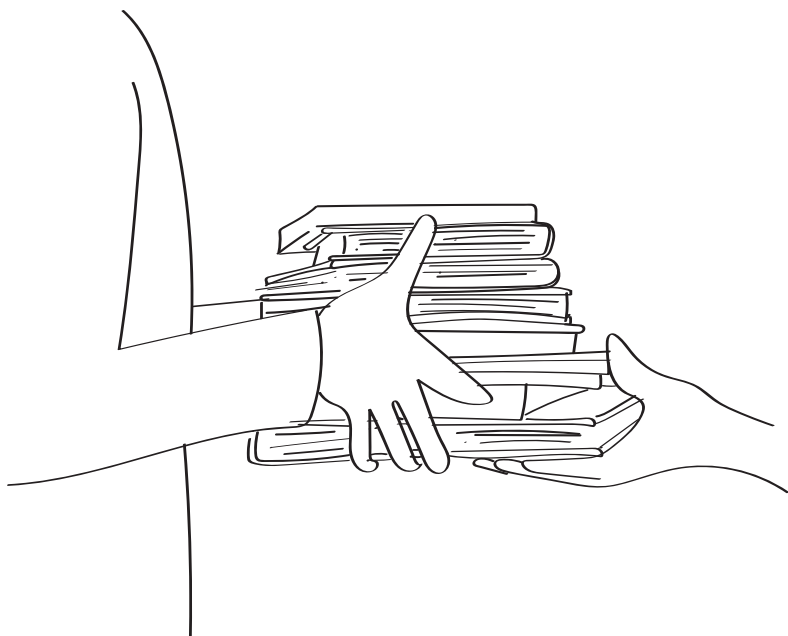
Amadi took Milad to the librarian's desk and helped him answer her questions. Then, the librarian handed Milad his brand new library card. She showed him a list of all the libraries in the area so that Milad could use one close to his house.

LIBRARY				
Program Timetable				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Writing club 10.00am 	3 year old Storytime 9.00am 	2 year old Storytime 9.00am 	Book club 11.00am 	3 year old Storytime 9.00am 
Homework club 3.30pm 	Resume Writing 4.30pm 	Crafts 3.30pm 	Computer Class 4.00pm 	English Conversation 2.00pm 

The librarian explained the many different services at the library. She described how you could borrow books, study in the quiet section and use the computers and printers. Lastly, she gave him a timetable of the library's weekly programs.



Milad was so excited! He saw computer classes, English conversation classes, homework clubs and even a resumé writing class! Milad decided to try the computer class first, which was on the upcoming Thursday at 4:00pm.



He also wanted to try the resumé writing class as he had thought about getting a job. After Milad had looked around the library, he went to check out his books. He handed the books to the librarian who showed him how to scan them using the machine.

Public Library
Card no: 46829
22/04/22 3:30pm
You checked out:
1. Learn English
Due: 22/05/22
2. All about the
City.
Due: 22/05/22
3. ماهی سیاه کوچولو
Due: 22/05/22


A receipt came out of the machine.

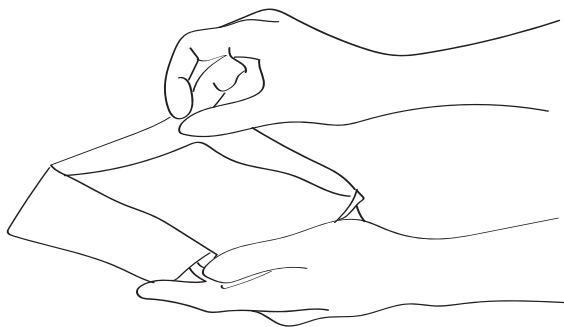
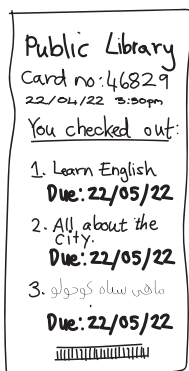
“This is a really important receipt,” explained the librarian.

“These books are only to borrow. This receipt tells you when you need to give them back, so make sure you keep it safe.”



“What happens if I forget to give them back on the due date?” asked Milad.

“Each day they are late, you will get a small fine. If you lose or damage a book, you will need to pay for it,” said the librarian with a serious look.



Milad put the piece of paper in his wallet so he wouldn't lose it. Milad and Amadi walked out of the library grinning. They were carrying two heavy piles of books.



“Thanks for taking me here Amadi,” said Milad. He felt hopeful.

“This library seems like a great place to learn new things and meet new people!” he thought with a smile.

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