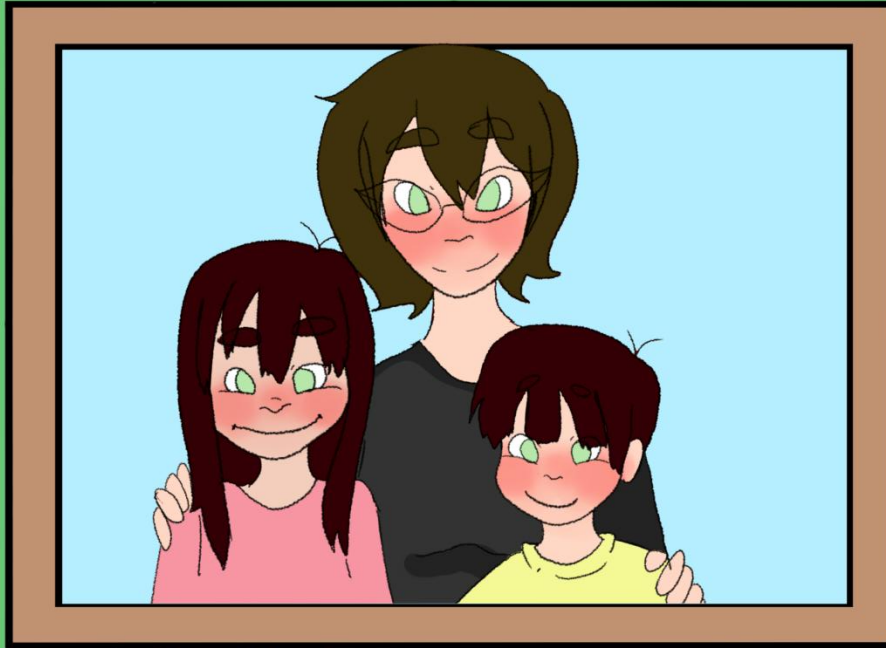


**Hi, my name is Todd. I am 6 years old and I live with my mom and my older sister Zoe.**



**Our favorite thing to do together is read Sharkman Comics.**





**Today Zoe and I got haircuts, Zoe got her hair cut as short as mine and its bright blue, I think it is cool**

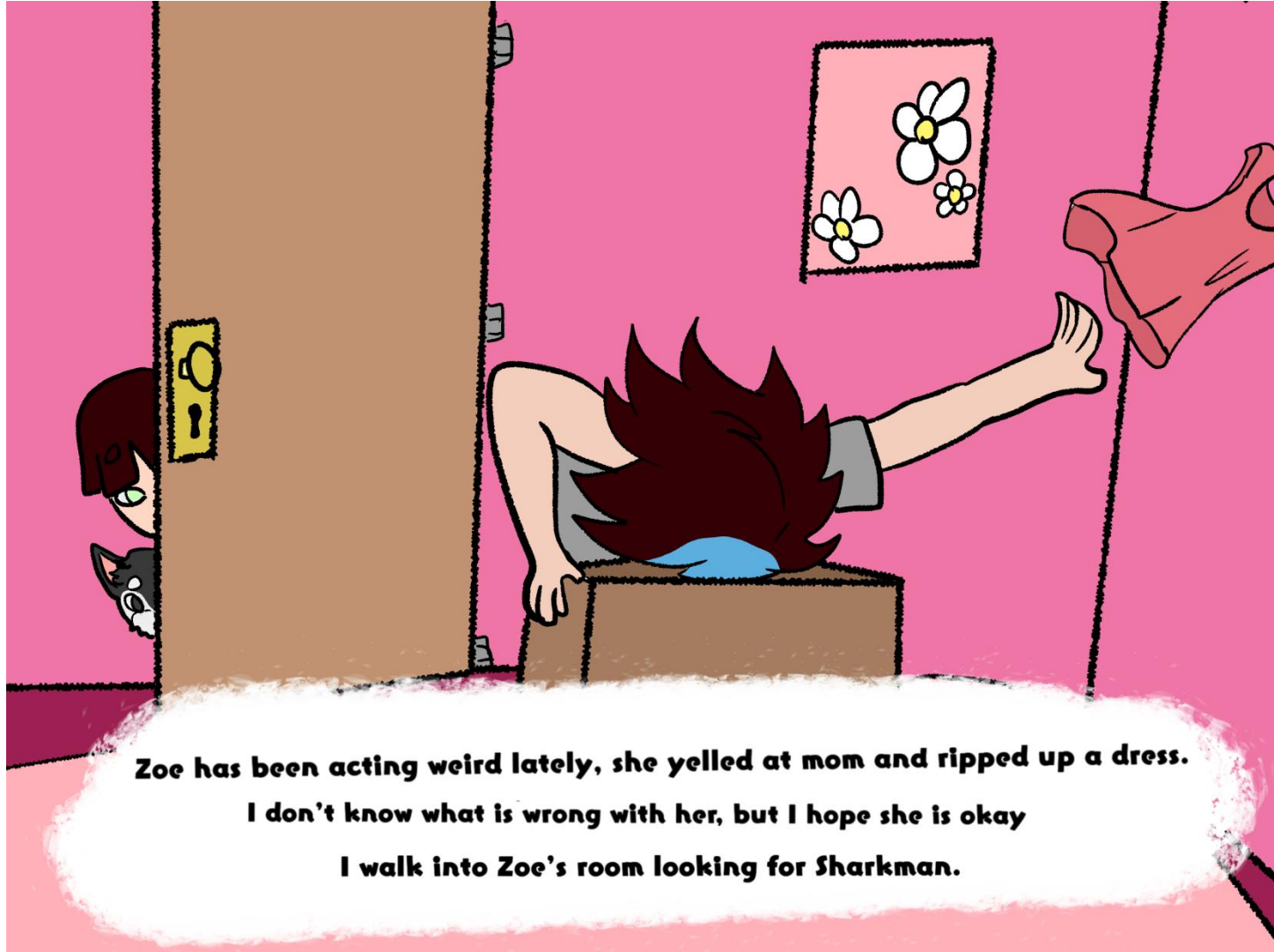
After haircuts I found Zoe playing with my toys "Hey! That's my toy! Why don't you play with girl toys!" I said,



"No I don't want to, why don't you go play with girl toys?" Zoe said "I don't want to! Those are for girls" I said

**“I don’t want to! Those are for girls” I said**





**Zoe has been acting weird lately, she yelled at mom and ripped up a dress.  
I don't know what is wrong with her, but I hope she is okay  
I walk into Zoe's room looking for Sharkman.**

**“Hey Zoe, can you-” she cut me off “Don’t call me that my name is Zach!”**

**I walked out of the room really confused.**



**Zoe apologized to mom and told her what's wrong, I am still really confused about what is going on.**





**Mom has been calling Zoe by the name Zach.**  
**I remember Zoe asking me to call her Zach so maybe I should start doing it.**



Before school at the bus stop Zach told everyone,  
“can you please call me Zach” Zoe asked. “why?” said Kameron



**“Because I’m a boy!” said Zach. Kameron got mad and started yelling  
“Your name is Zoe not Zach, you’re not allowed to change your name”**

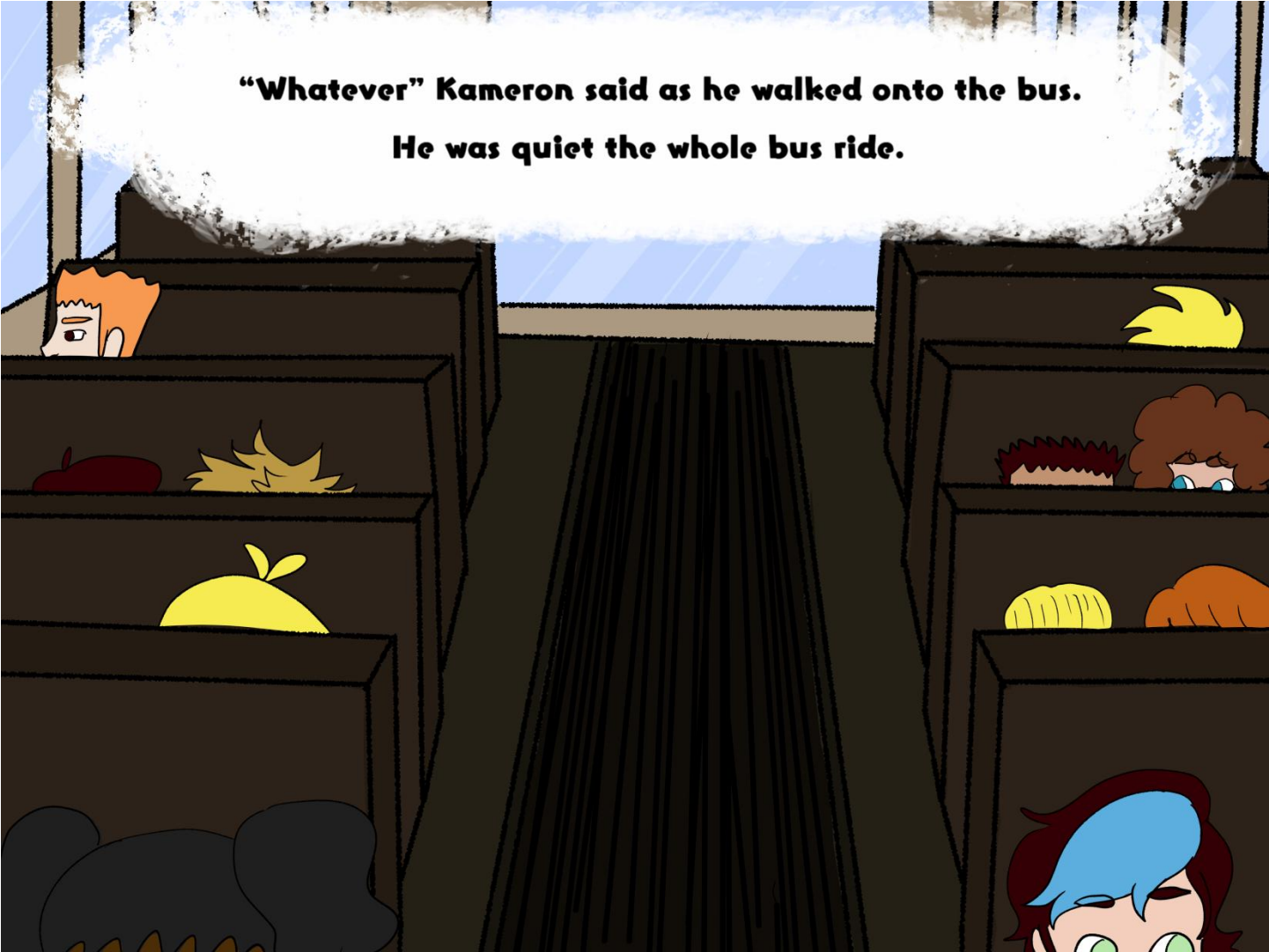


**“Don’t treat my brother like that! His name is Zach”**

**I yelled, Zach looked really happy.**



**“Whatever” Kameron said as he walked onto the bus.  
He was quiet the whole bus ride.**





**After school mom took me and Zach shopping.  
Zach and I both shopped in the boy section, it was fun getting to help him pick out clothes.**

**Mom gave us some money to go to the comic book store.**

**“Zach look! The new shark man comic is out!”**





**"Zach look! The new shark man comic is out!"**

**Zach gave me a copy and checked out.**





**I love my brother Zach,  
we play with my Sharkman toy all the time.**

Even though some people think he is different,



he's still my sibling and I love him for him.

**Discussion Questions:**

- 1. What does transgender mean?**
- 2. What is the difference between sexual orientation and gender identity?**
- 3. When do people start showing signs of gender identity?**
- 4. Are there signs that a child or person is transgender?**
- 5. How should I talk about gender identity?**
- 6. Why should children learn about gender?**

**Helpful links or resources:**

**[www.thegenderbook.com](http://www.thegenderbook.com)**

**[www.genderspectrum.org](http://www.genderspectrum.org)**

