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FOUR CORNER

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A Four Corners comic

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WHO IS IN THIS STORY

Grace, Eli, Sister Mae, Mrs. Patel, Mr. Delgado, Tasha, Lola, Amara, Mr. Kim, Jasmine

HOW TO READ A COMIC

1. Read each page from left to right, top to bottom.
2. Words in boxes tell the story.
3. Words in round balloons are people talking.
4. ***Slanted words are from the Bible (KJV). The small name under them tells*** you where to find them.

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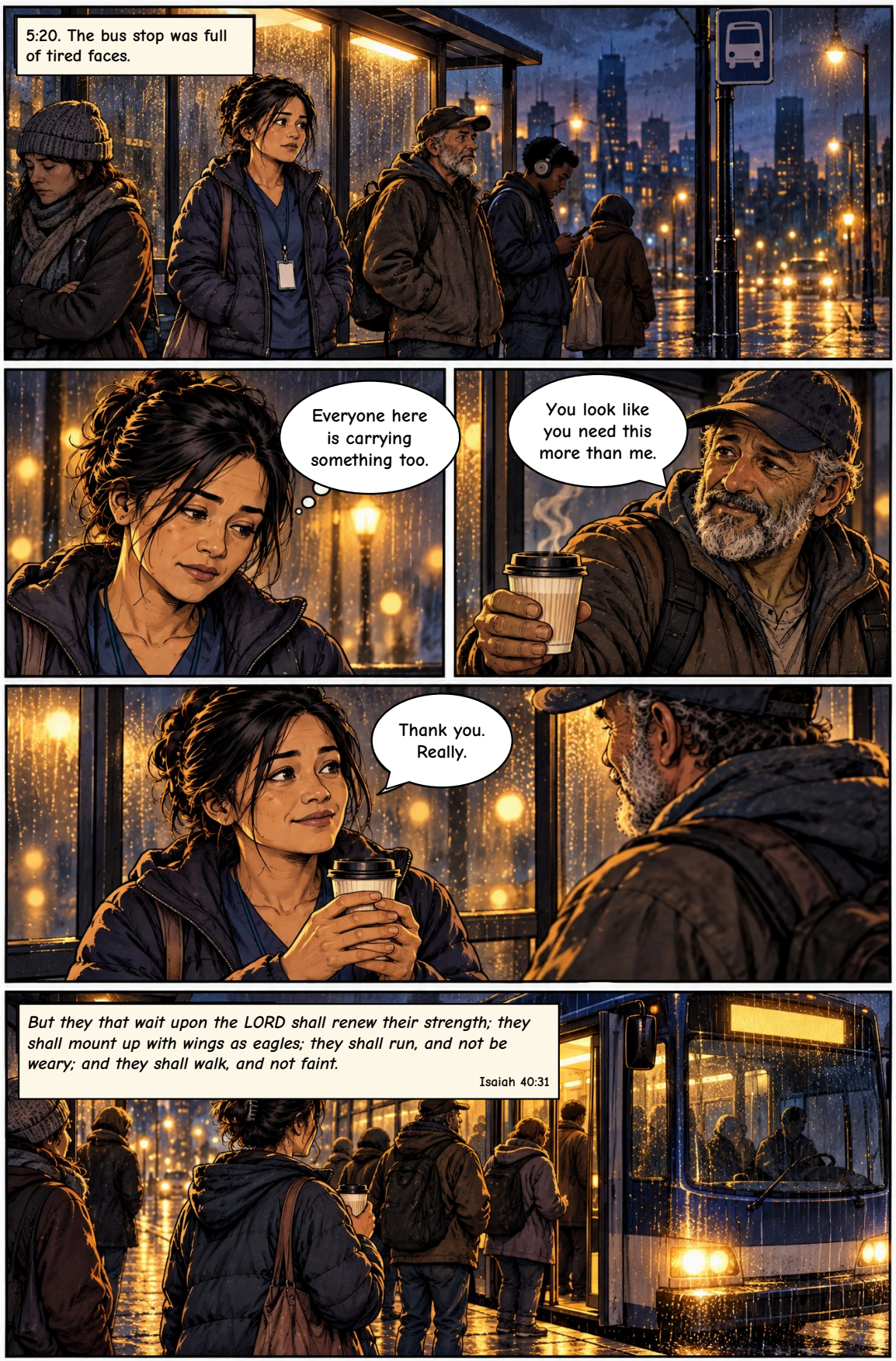
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4:45 in the morning. Every morning.
BZZZ! BZZZ!
Grace worked two jobs. It was just her and Eli now.
I'm doing my best, baby. I really am.


Bills. More bills. Another double shift.
She had not prayed in a long, long time.
I can't do this anymore.

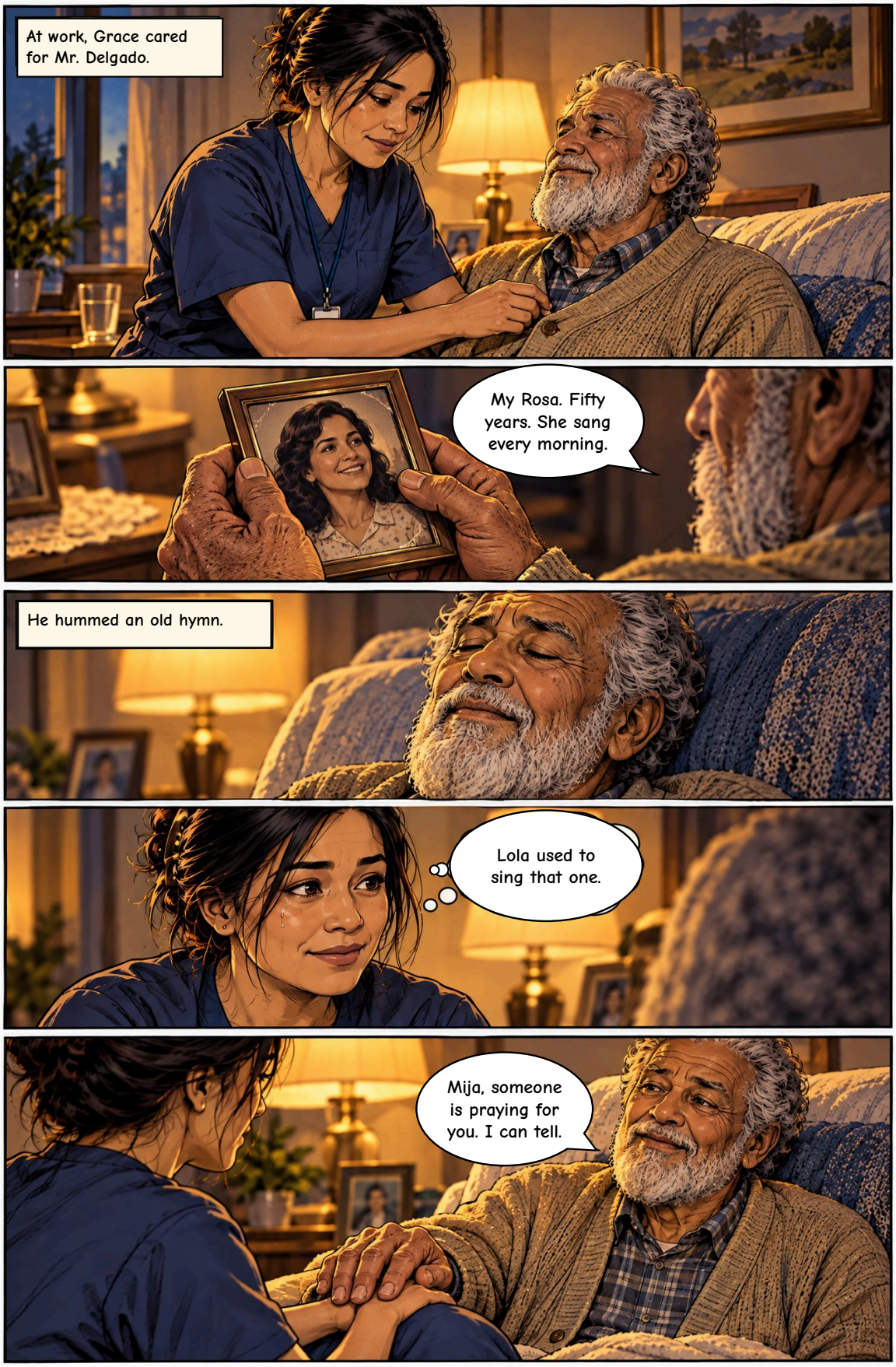

Is it morning yet?
Not yet, buddy.
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Bring that sleepy boy here.
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Thank you. I don't know what I'd do without you.
Bye, Mommy. Love you.
She walked to the bus stop in the dark.

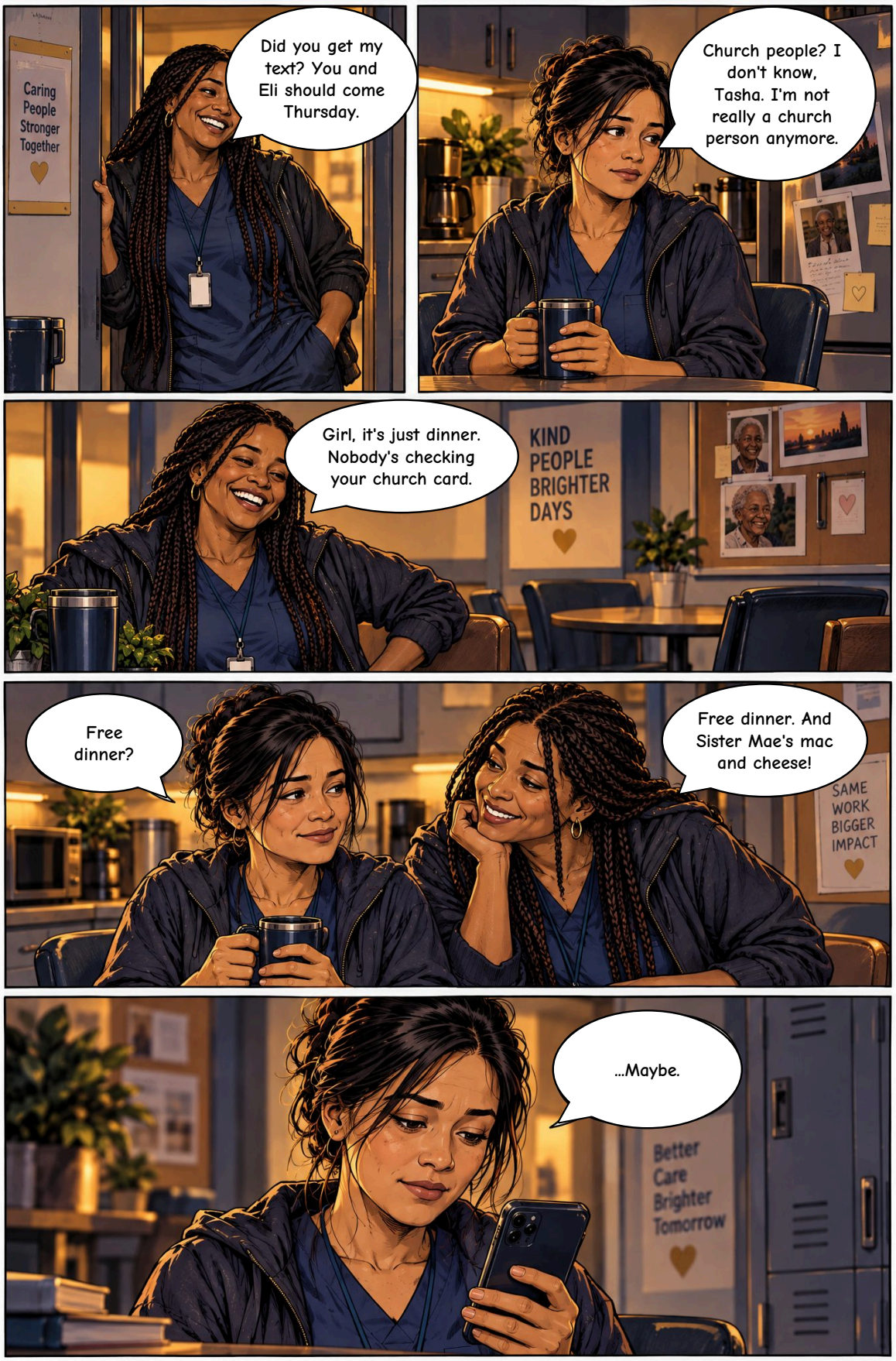

5:20. The bus stop was full of tired faces.
Everyone here is carrying something too.
You look like you need this more than me.
Thank you. Really.
But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.
Isaiah 40:31


A Bible verse app buzzed. Her mom put it there years ago.
New every morning
It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.
Lamentations 3:22-23
New every morning...

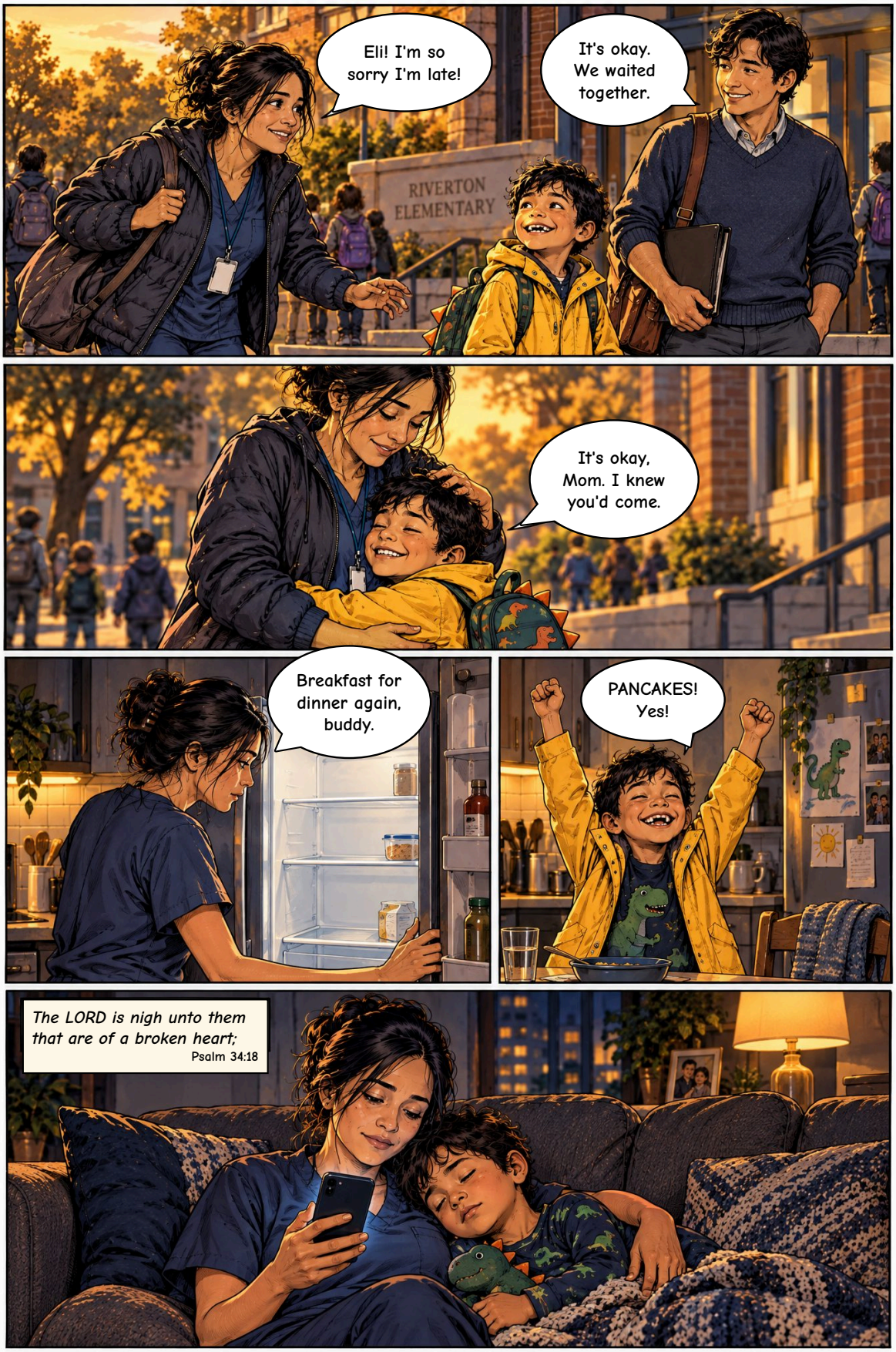

New mercy?
Every morning?
Even this one?
She remembered her Lola. Praying every single morning.
Anak, God's love is new every day. Just like the sun.
God… if you still see me… I need help.


Good morning, Mr. Delgado!
Mija, you smile even on hard days.
Okay, God. I'm listening.
A text from Tasha: "Community dinner! Thursday, 6 pm. Kids welcome. All are welcome."
DING!

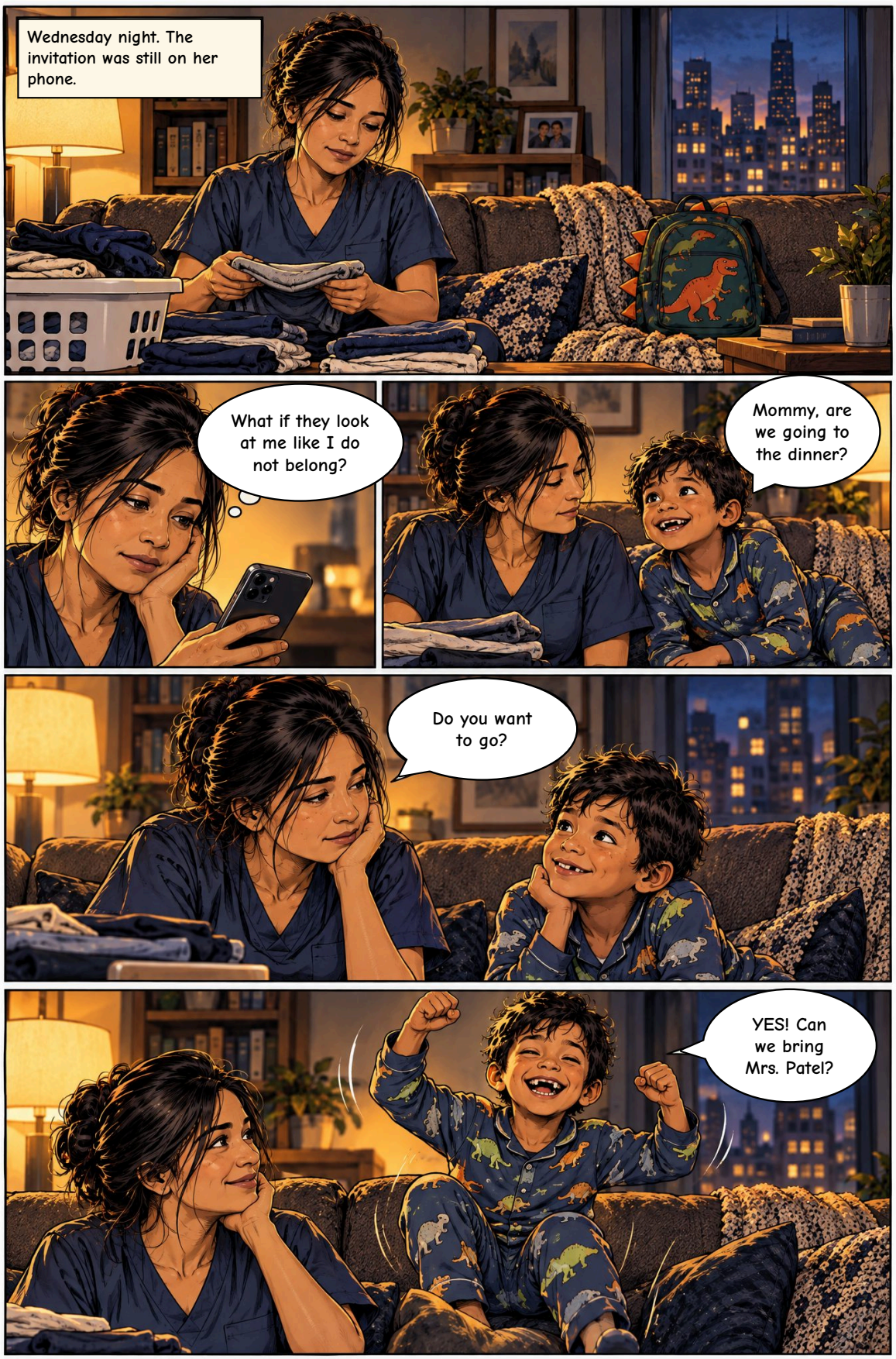

At work, Grace cared for Mr. Delgado.
My Rosa. Fifty years. She sang every morning.
He hummed an old hymn.
Lola used to sing that one.
Mija, someone is praying for you. I can tell.


Caring People Stronger Together
Did you get my text? You and Eli should come Thursday.
Church people? I don't know, Tasha. I'm not really a church person anymore.
Girl, it's just dinner. Nobody's checking your church card.
KIND PEOPLE BRIGHTER DAYS
Free dinner?
Free dinner. And Sister Mae's mac and cheese!
SAME WORK BIGGER IMPACT
...Maybe.
Better Care Brighter Tomorrow


Rent. Lights. Eli's school fees.
Forty dollars short. Again.
I did everything right. Why is it still not enough?
Mommy, you can have my dinosaur money.
But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19


Eli! I'm so sorry I'm late!
It's okay. We waited together.
RIVERTON ELEMENTARY
It's okay, Mom. I knew you'd come.
Breakfast for dinner again, buddy.
PANCAKES! Yes!
The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart;
Psalm 34:18


At school, Eli drew.
Tell me about your picture, Eli.
It's the morning. When Mommy comes home.
You love the mornings, huh?
Yeah. Cause that's when she comes back.


Wednesday night. The invitation was still on her phone.
What if they look at me like I do not belong?
Mommy, are we going to the dinner?
Do you want to go?
YES! Can we bring Mrs. Patel?


Thursday. 6 pm.
Maybe this was a bad idea.
Mom! I smell cornbread!
Come on in, baby! There's a plate with your name on it.
Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
Matthew 11:28


Everybody, this is Grace and Eli!
All this? For me?
First time? Us too, once. Twelve years ago!
Want to color with us?
Yes!
Grace had not heard Eli laugh like that in weeks.


After dinner, Grace picked up a towel.
You do not have to do that, baby.
I want to. It feels good to do something for someone.
No one asked her where she had been.
The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.
Psalms 34:18
Come back any Thursday, baby.

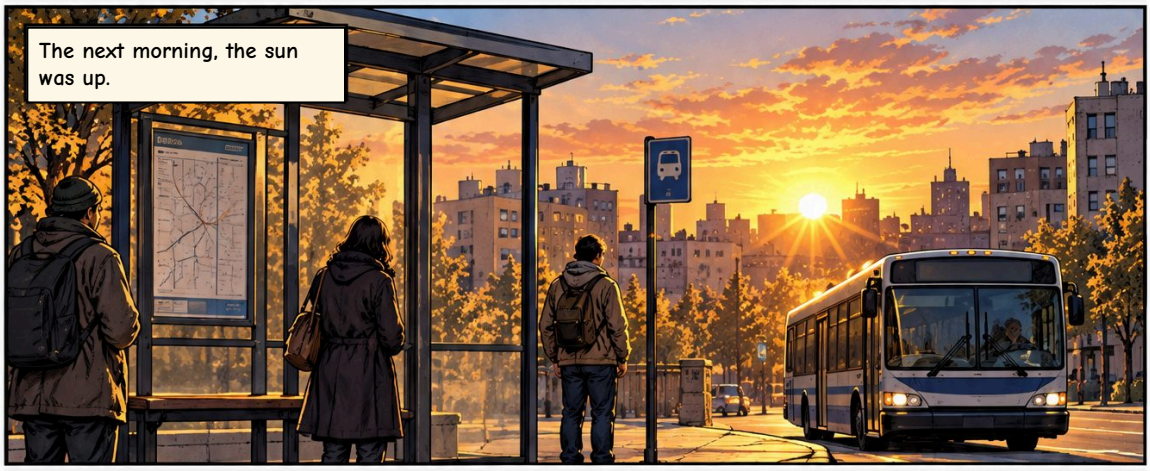

After dinner, Sister Mae sat down with two coffees.
I've been carrying all of it by myself.
Eli made three new friends.
Mae took her hands.
Baby, you were never by yourself.
Then why does it feel like it?


Can I tell you why I'm here every Thursday?
Twenty years ago, Mae lost her husband.
"Somebody brought me a plate. And sat with me."
Jesus is like that. He came close. He died for our sins and rose again. And he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.
Hebrews 13:5
Even after I walked away from him?
He kept the light on for you, baby.

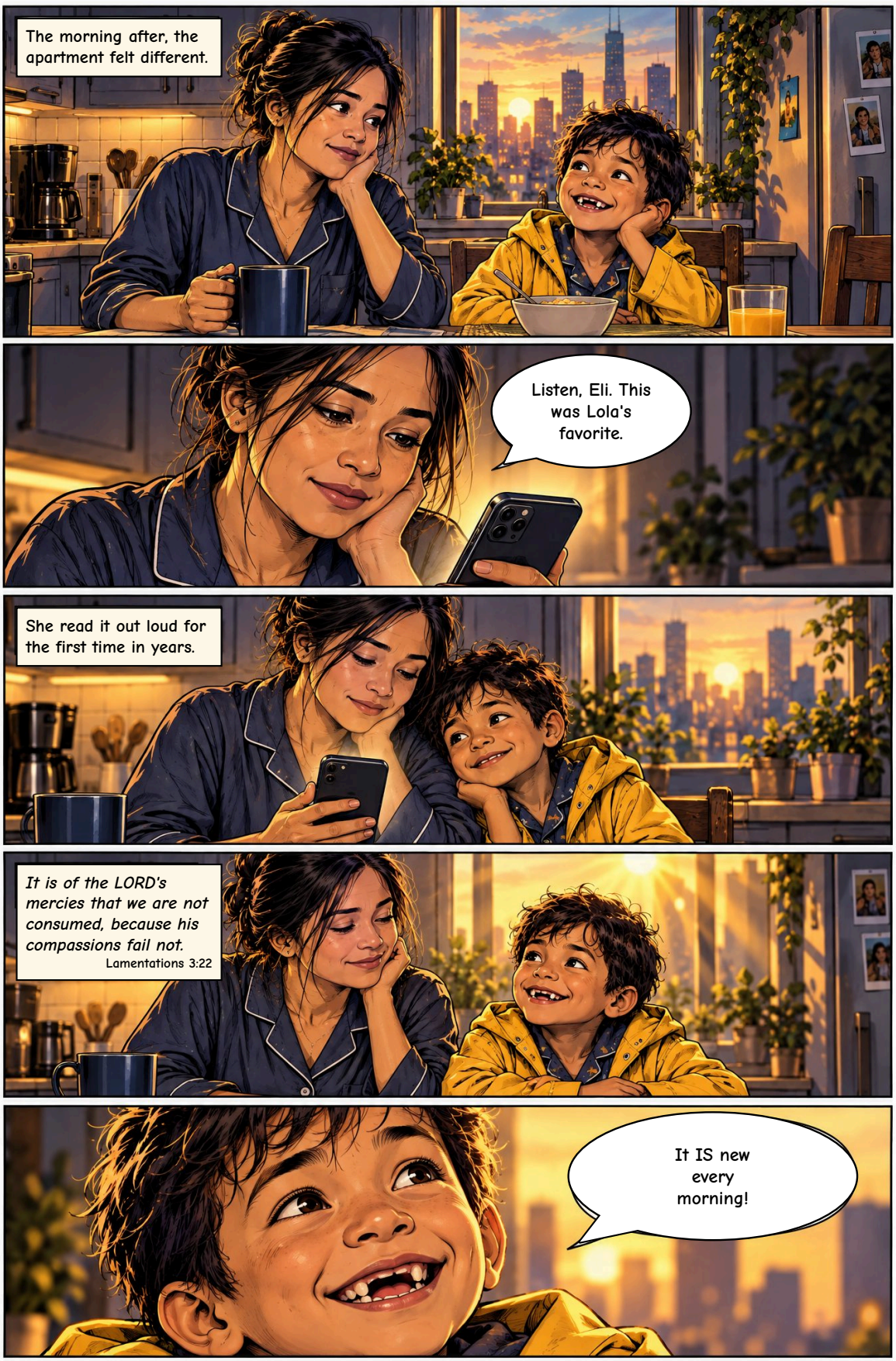

They walked home under the first stars.
Mommy, is Jesus real?
I think he is, baby. I think he has been waiting for us a long time.
Then can we talk to him?
Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.
Matthew 19:14

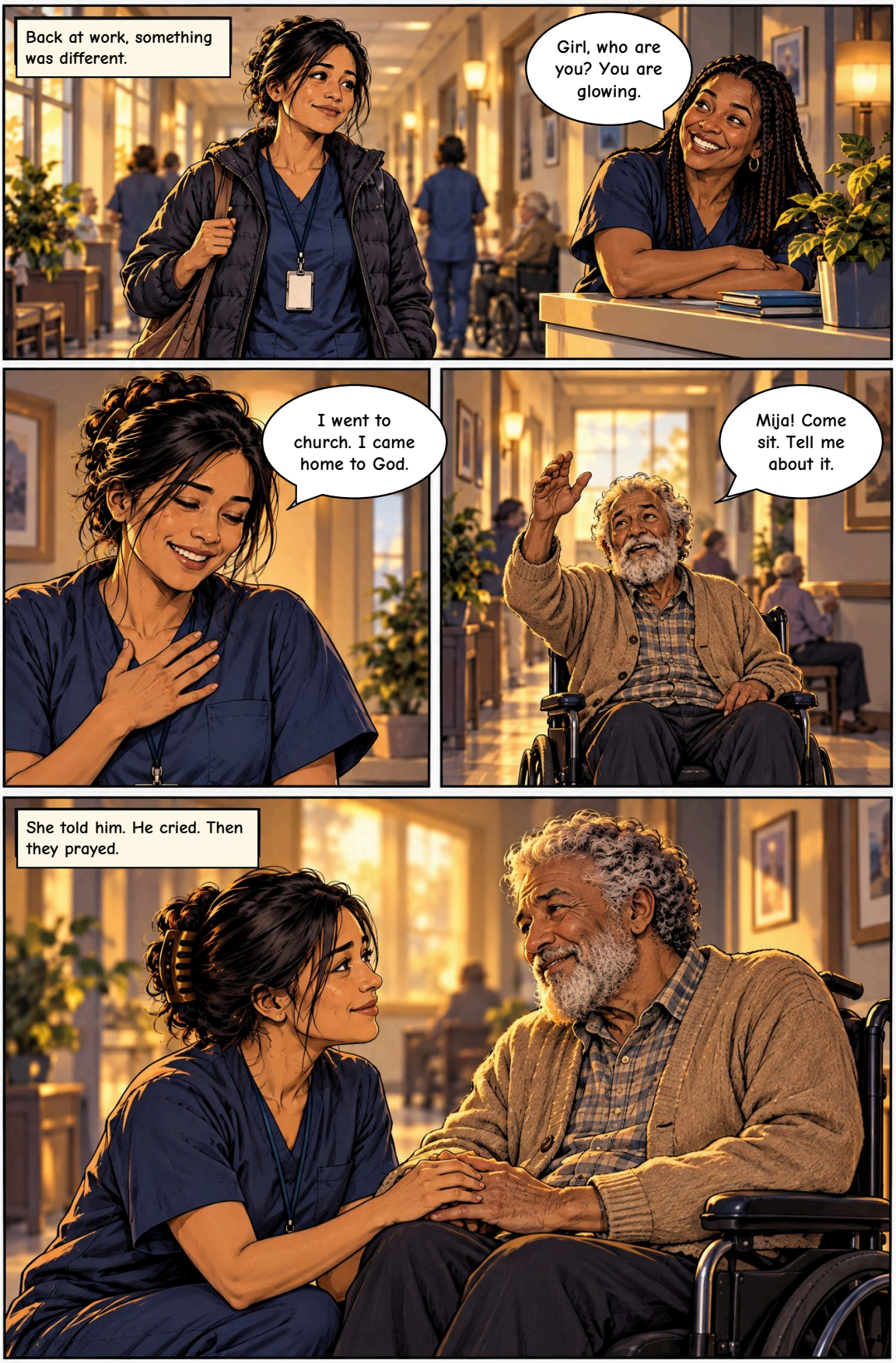

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
1 John 1:9
I want to come home to him. I don't know the right words.
He's not looking for fancy words. Just talk to him.
Mom! Look! I drew the morning!
It's beautiful, baby.


Just talk to him, like a friend.
Jesus, I'm sorry I ran. I believe you died for me and rose again. I give you all of it.
Amen, baby. Welcome home.

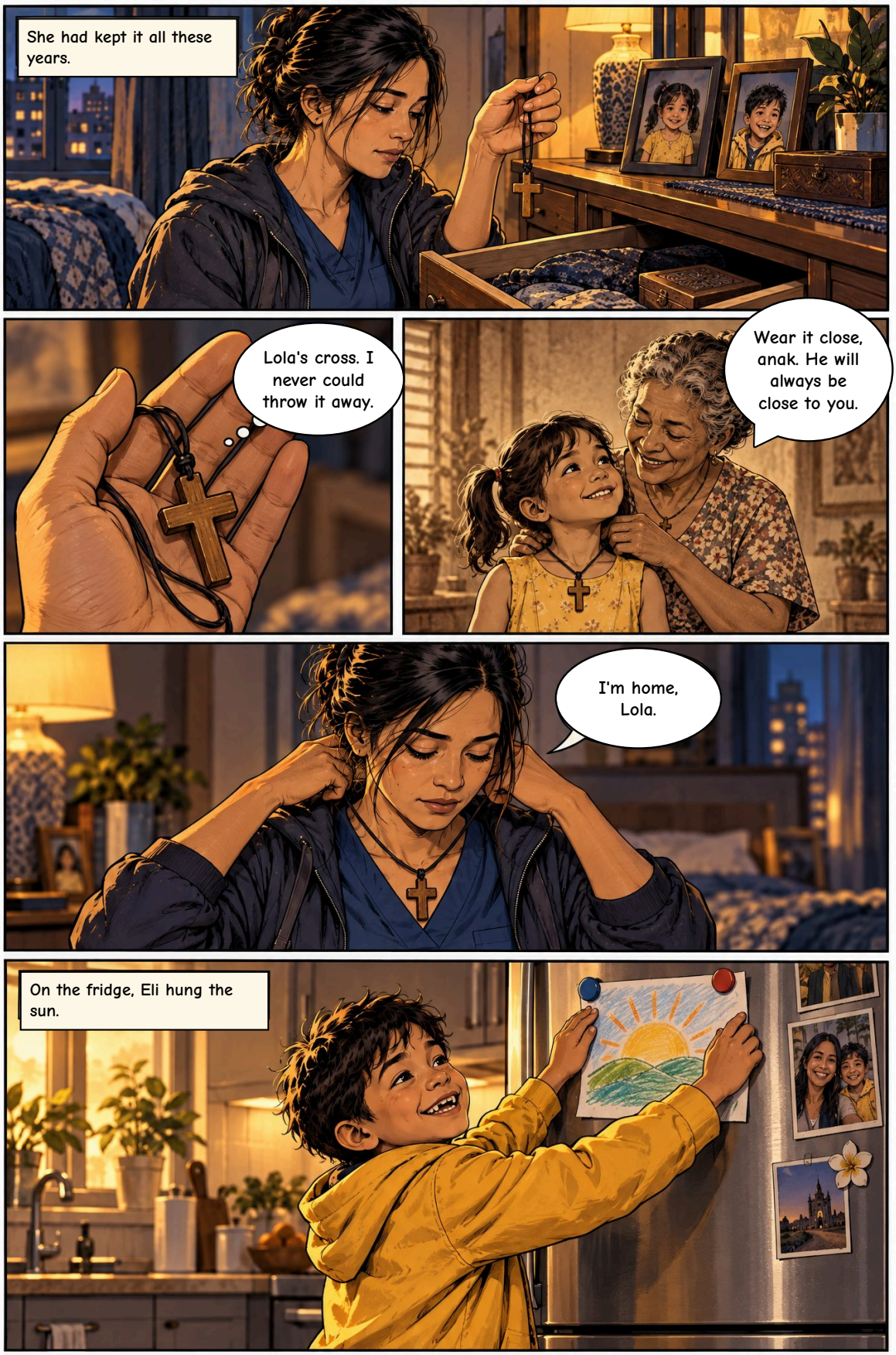

The next morning, the sun was up.


Good morning, sunshine.
Mom, can we go back Thursday?


The morning after, the apartment felt different.
Listen, Eli. This was Lola's favorite.
She read it out loud for the first time in years.
It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.
Lamentations 3:22
It IS new every morning!

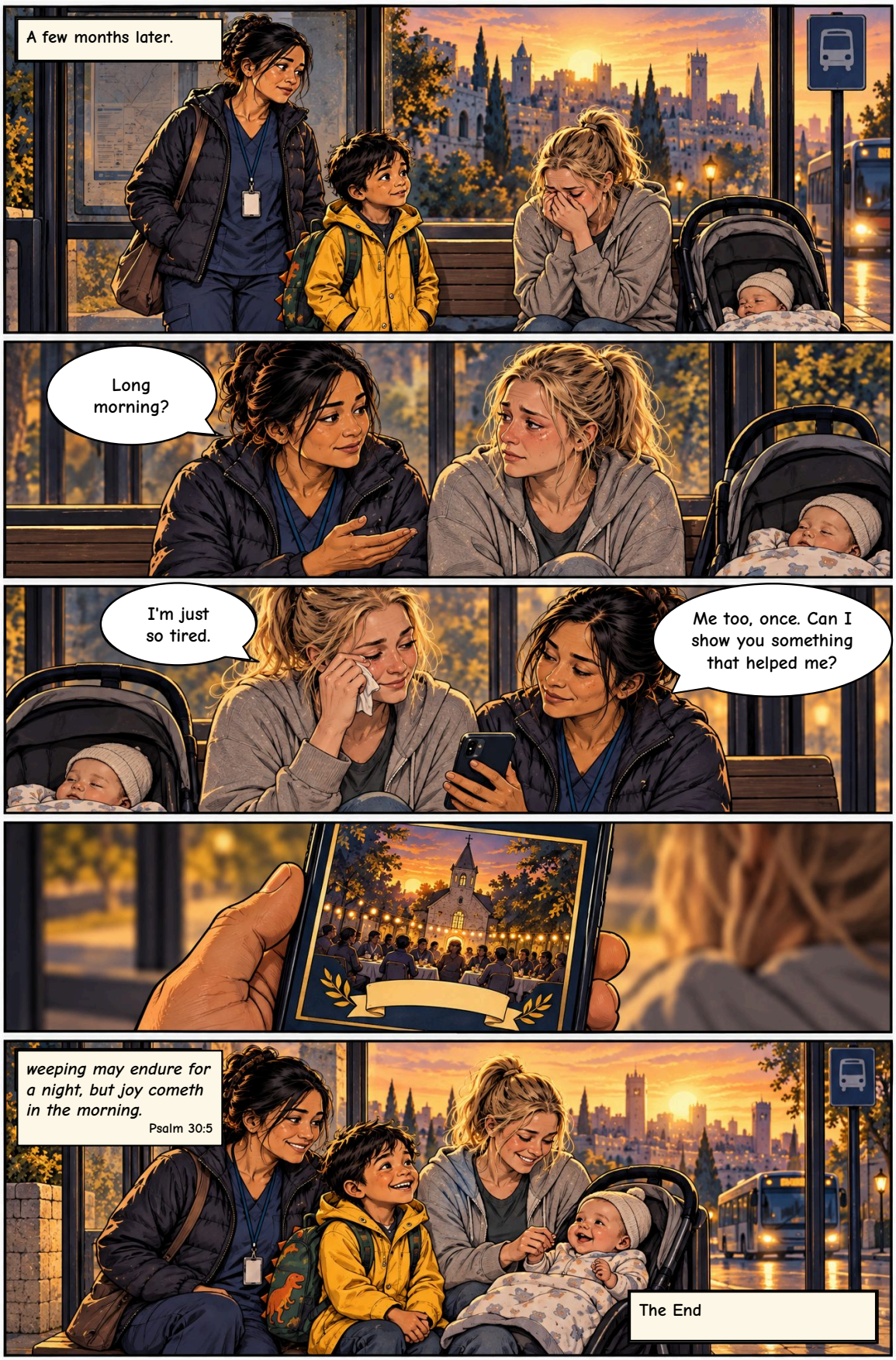

Back at work, something was different.
Girl, who are you? You are glowing.
I went to church. I came home to God.
Mija! Come sit. Tell me about it.
She told him. He cried. Then they prayed.


They went back Thursday. And the next one. And the next one.
Look at you! Serving the mac and cheese now!
Mrs. Patel came too!
Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
2 Corinthians 5:17


She had kept it all these years.
Lola's cross. I never could throw it away.
Wear it close, anak. He will always be close to you.
I'm home, Lola.
On the fridge, Eli hung the sun.


Thursday again. This time Grace wore an apron.
Grace! You look so happy tonight.
Eli and Amara ran the dessert table.
There is plenty. Please stay as long as you like.
Everyone had a place at the table.


Every Thursday, Mae saved one plate.
Who is that for?
Whoever walks in late. Somebody always does.
That was me, once.
Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for there by some have entertained angels unawares.
Hebrews 13:2


A few months later.
Long morning?
I'm just so tired.
Me too, once. Can I show you something that helped me?
weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.
Psalm 30:5
The End

WANT TO TALK TO GOD?

You can pray a prayer like this one. The words don't have to be perfect. God looks at your heart.

> ***Dear God, I know I have done wrong things. I am sorry. I believe Jesus died on the cross for me and came back to life. Please forgive me. Please be my Lord and lead my life. Thank you for loving me. In Jesus' name, amen.***

WHAT'S NEXT?

1. Tell someone! Share what you prayed with a friend or family member.
2. Read the Bible. The book of John is a great place to start.
3. Talk to God every day. He loves to hear from you.
4. Find a church family near you.
5. Pass this book on to someone who needs it.

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Grace was working two jobs and running on empty. One text, one dinner, and one new morning changed everything.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46:1

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