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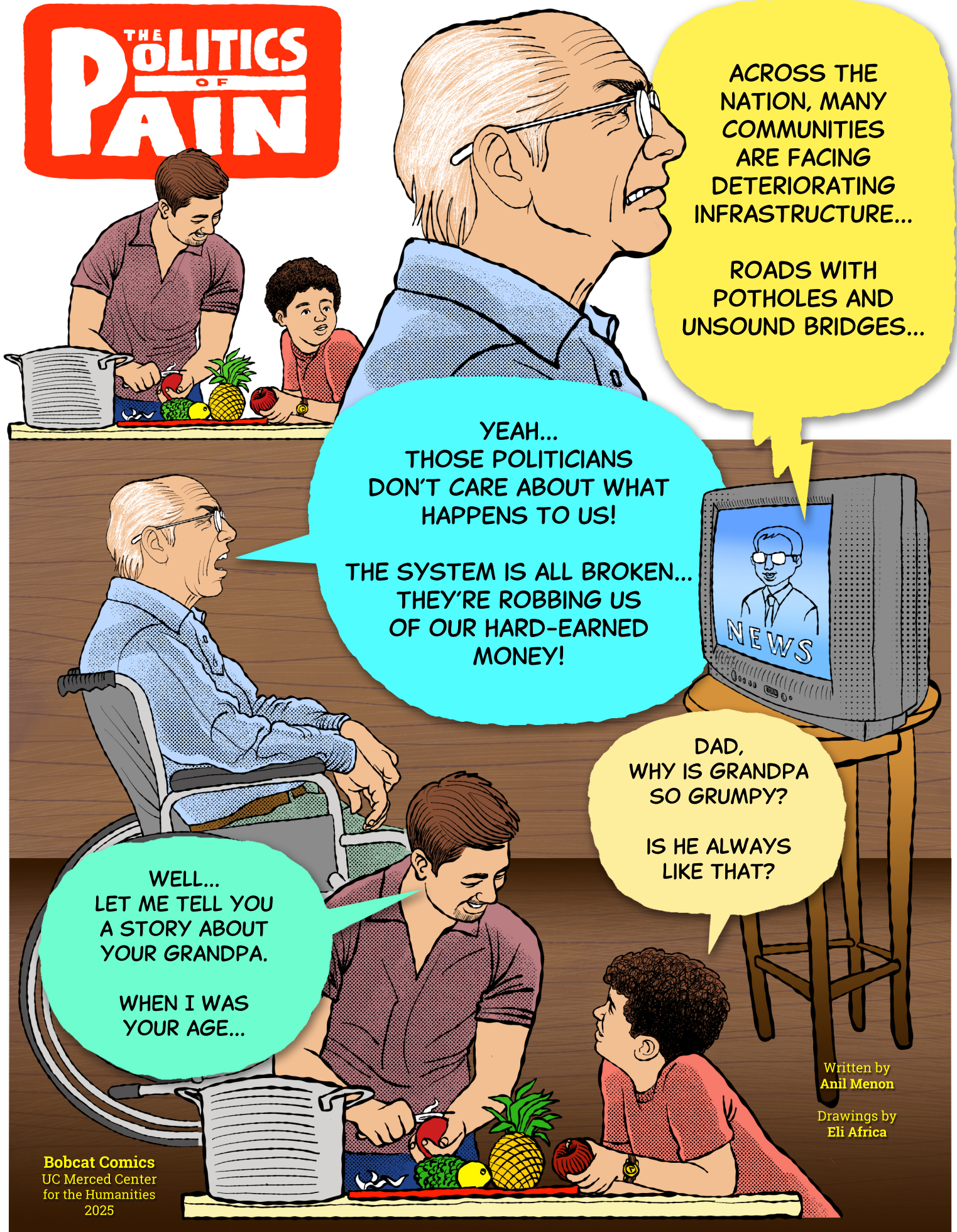
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ACROSS THE NATION, MANY COMMUNITIES ARE FACING DETERIORATING INFRASTRUCTURE...

ROADS WITH POTHoles AND UNSOUND BRIDGES...

YEAH...
THOSE POLITICIANS
DON'T CARE ABOUT WHAT
HAPPENS TO US!

THE SYSTEM IS ALL BROKEN...
THEY'RE ROBBING US
OF OUR HARD-EARNED
MONEY!

WELL...
LET ME TELL YOU
A STORY ABOUT
YOUR GRANDPA.

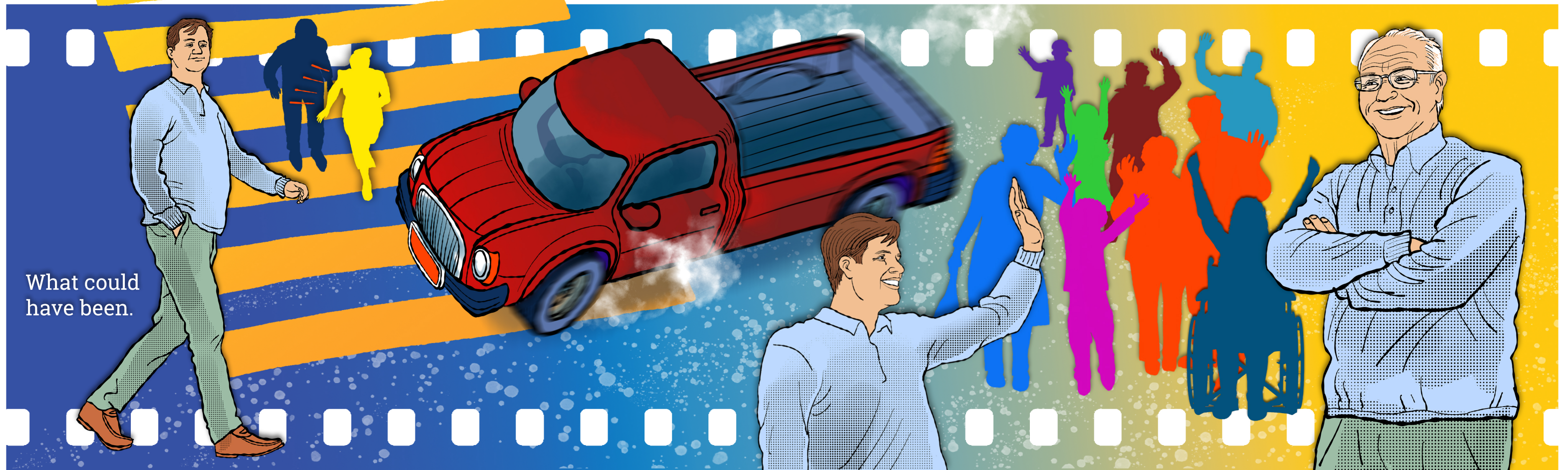
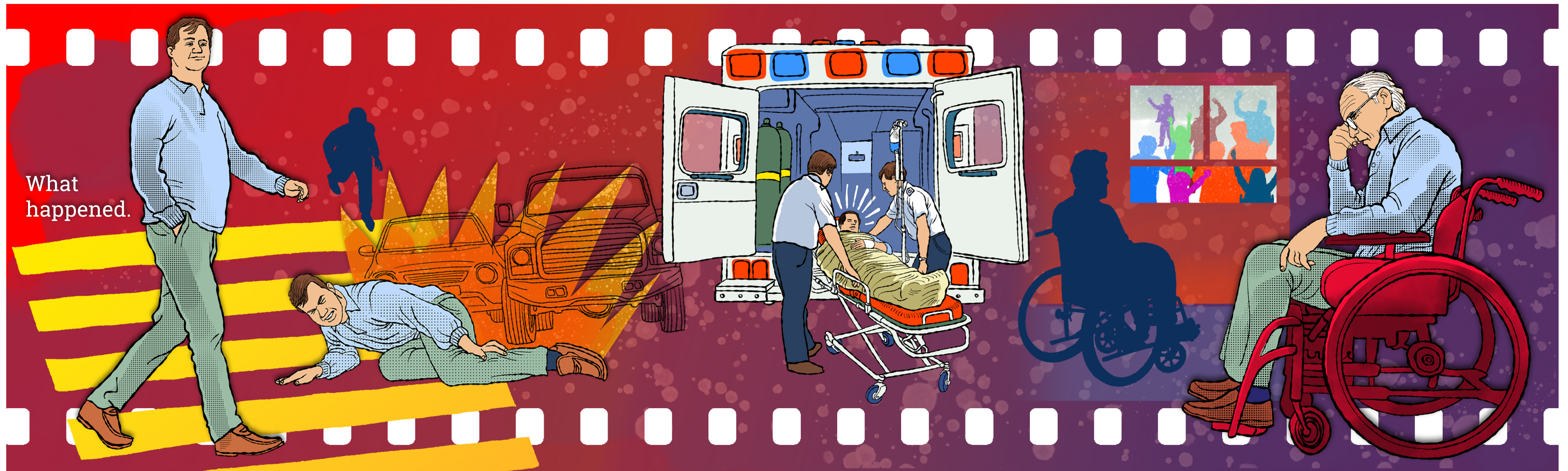
WHEN I WAS
YOUR AGE...

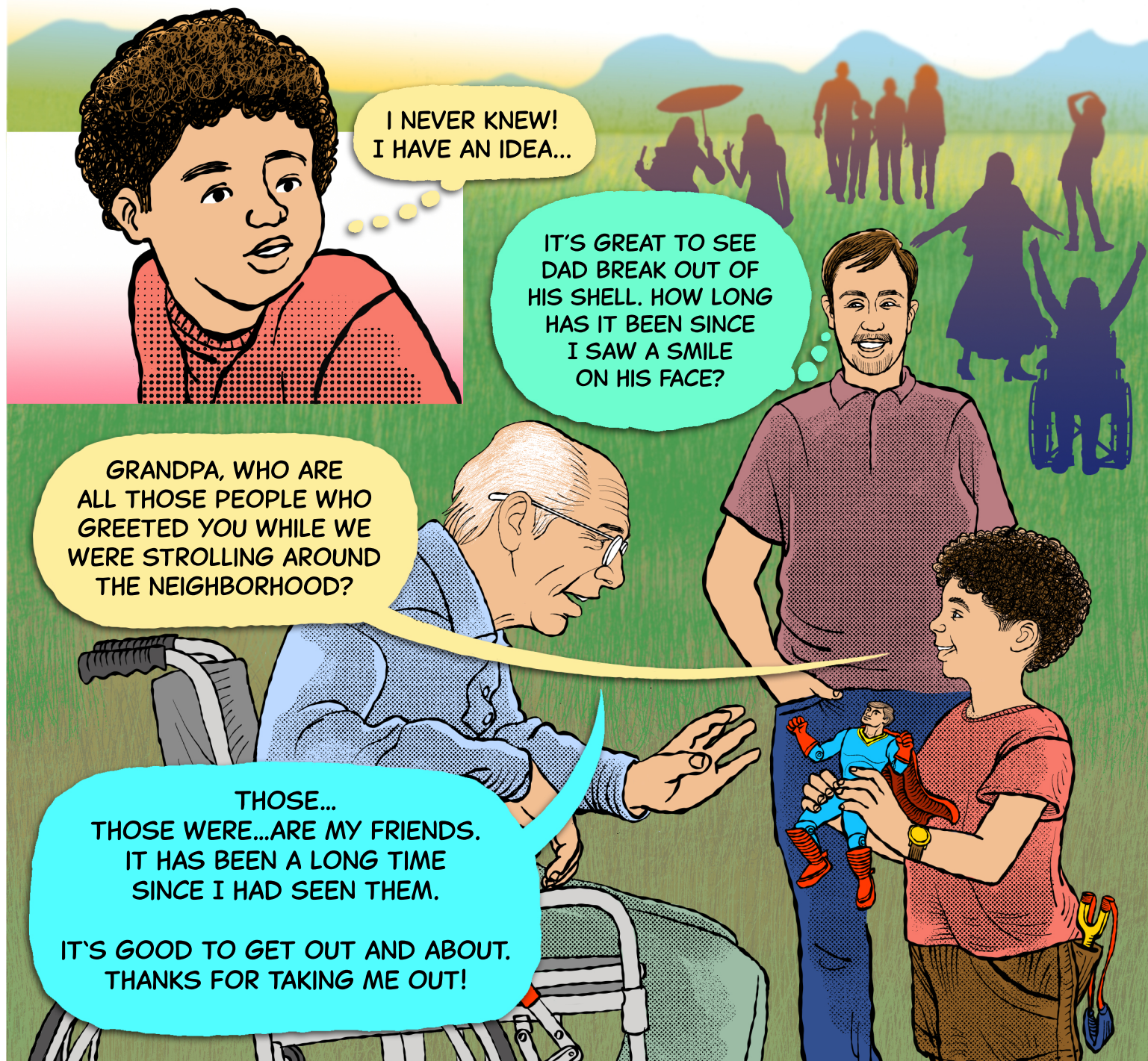
DAD,
WHY IS GRANDPA
SO GRUMPY?

IS HE ALWAYS
LIKE THAT?

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I NEVER KNEW!
I HAVE AN IDEA...

IT'S GREAT TO SEE
DAD BREAK OUT OF
HIS SHELL. HOW LONG
HAS IT BEEN SINCE
I SAW A SMILE
ON HIS FACE?

GRANDPA, WHO ARE
ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO
GREETED YOU WHILE WE
WERE STROLLING AROUND
THE NEIGHBORHOOD?

THOSE...
THOSE WERE...ARE MY FRIENDS.
IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME
SINCE I HAD SEEN THEM.

IT'S GOOD TO GET OUT AND ABOUT.
THANKS FOR TAKING ME OUT!

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A decline in health can fundamentally alter our lives. While many are healed by the health system, others aren't so lucky. Patients sometimes cannot access healthcare because of structural barriers. Many who do interact with the health system have demeaning experiences because of who they are: their specific disease, their identity, weight, or religion among other things. Such experiences can make individuals feel "let down" by the health system and other public institutions meant to support their well-being. This leads some people to disengage from politics and drives others toward anti-establishment, anti-democratic parties that promise to radically reform the system.

Treating people who experience such declines in health with dignity and respect can make them feel connected to their communities and provide them with the support they seek.