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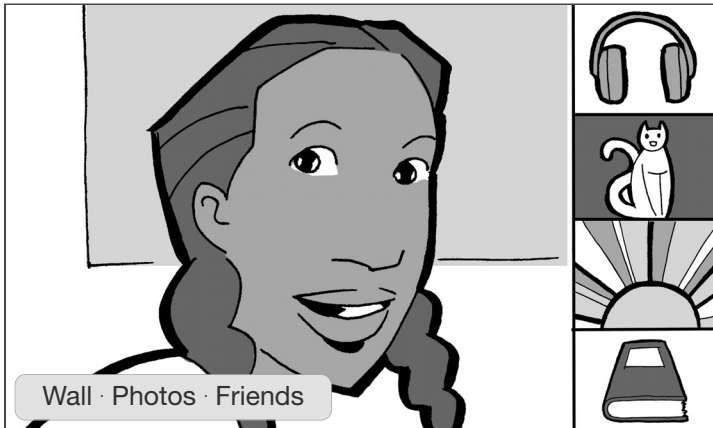
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# Siti Musa



Hi! I'm Siti Musa.

Siti is a Swahili (African) name meaning 'Lady'.

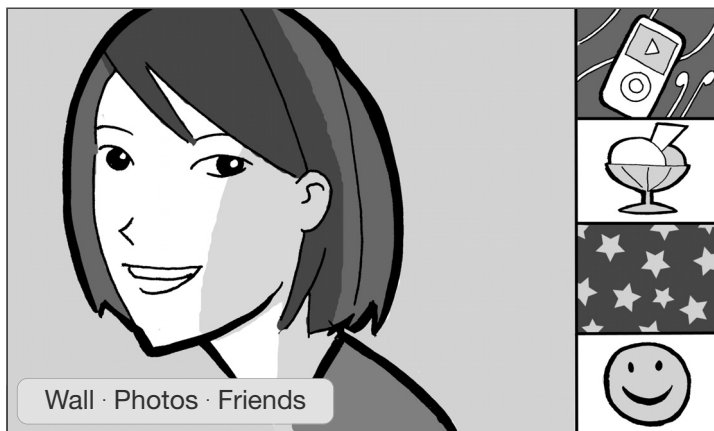
I'm the oldest in my family. I have two brothers, Daudi and Hanif, and a kid sister Afia.

My dad is a deputy head at our school, which can be bad news sometimes!

My mum is a social worker.



# Lu Clarke



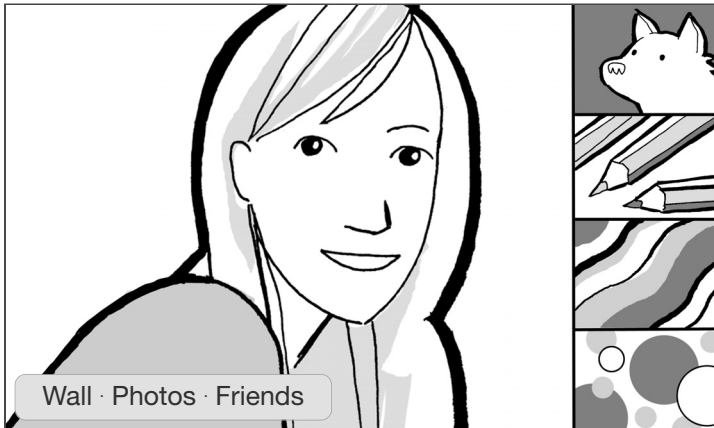
I'm Lu Clarke and I'm an only child. My dad is a businessman – he has an IT office in the town centre. My mum, who is Chinese, works in a bank.

My mum's parents (Po-po and Gong-gong – our name for grandparents) live by the sea. They used to have a Chinese restaurant and my mum worked there when she was younger. My other grandparents live close to us.

My parents want the best for me – but they don't always ask me what I want.



# Kelly Jonson



I'm Kelly Jonson.

My mum is a single parent. She works as a solicitor. I've got an older brother, Jamie. His girlfriend is Susie.

My parents split when I was very young, and Dad remarried. We don't have any contact with Dad and his new family.

I really want to be a writer – oh, and I fancy Gary! I've decided that I want to be a vegetarian.



# Rachel Phillips



I'm Rachel Phillips.

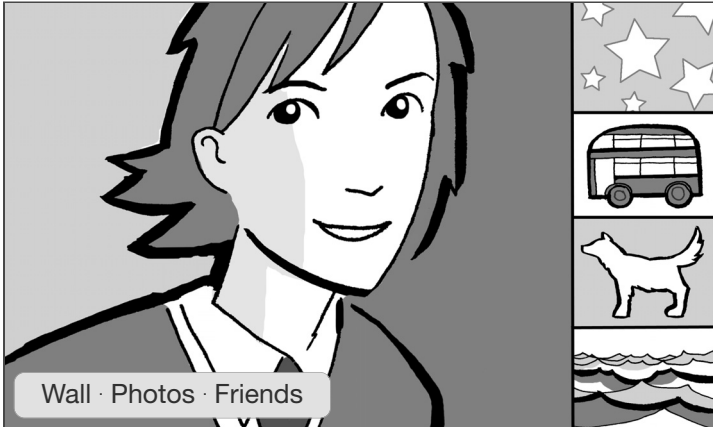
My parents split about 4 years ago. Dad runs a small printing business, and Mum is office manager at our school.

I live with Mum and spend weekends with Dad. His new wife is Janine. They have two young children, a boy and a new baby girl. It's O.K. visiting them, but I'd rather be with Mum.

My older brother Wil is at sixth-form college.



# Donna Mills



I'm Donna Mills.

My dad's a bus driver and my mum works in a shop.

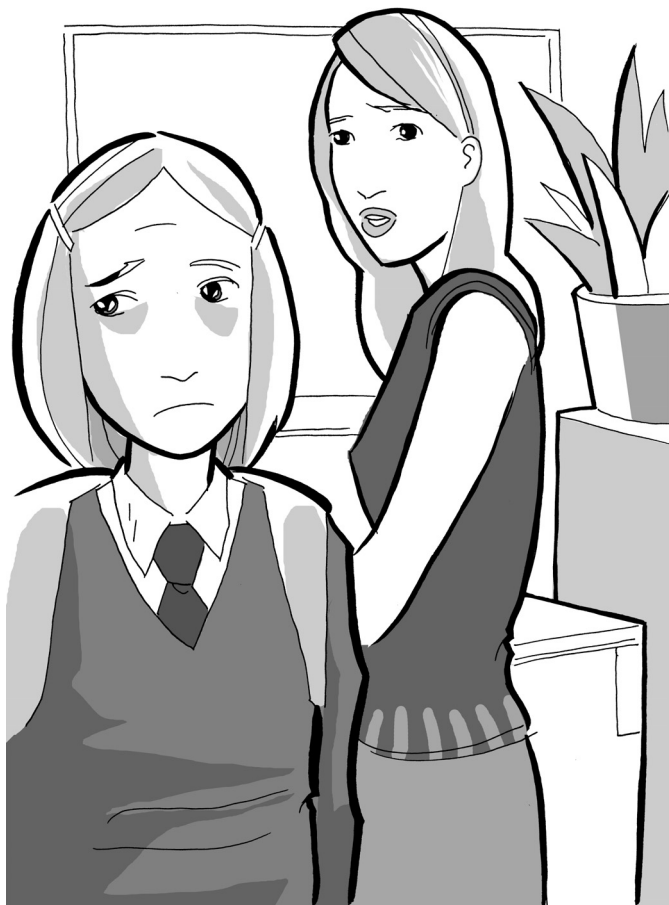
I have two older sisters, Marie and Briony. Marie's friend Susie is Kelly's brother's girlfriend.

My brother, Michael, is the youngest.

I love animals and going swimming.

There isn't much spare cash in our family – which makes things hard sometimes.





# Chapter 1

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Megan wasn't happy. Worse, Megan was really, really scared. It was time for school.

'Can't I stay home, Mum?' she begged. 'I don't feel well.'

'Don't be silly, you look fine,' said Mum. She gave Megan a friendly shove. 'Go on, I've got things to do.'

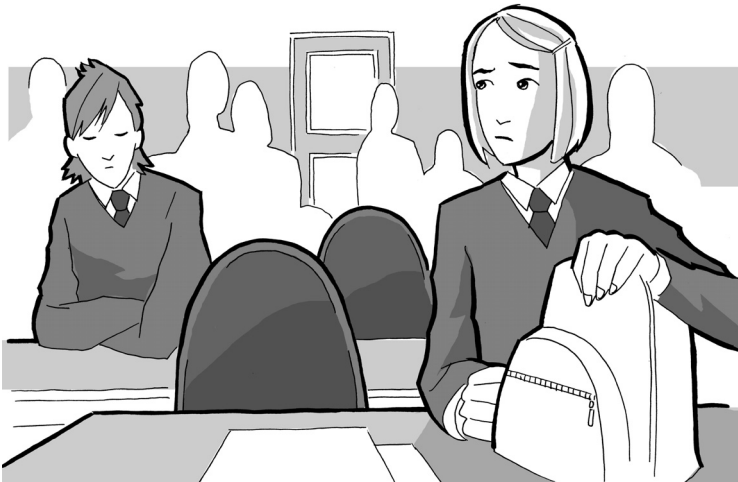


Megan picked up her bag. Maybe she wouldn't see him today. Maybe he wouldn't say anything to her.

Maybe it was going to be a good day.

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She went into the form room. Ryan was there, but not Joe. She sat down. Sally would be here soon. Then she'd be O.K.



The bell went and everyone came in.  
Problem! Sally was away.

Megan felt bad again. She'd have to go  
to first lesson by herself. And he would be  
there.

She walked slowly out of the room. If  
she let him get there first, she could sit well  
away from him.



