

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

# TRACE EFFECTS



# CHAPTER 5

**TRACE ARRIVES AT KIT AND EDDIE'S HOME IN NEW YORK CITY.**

WELCOME TO OUR HOME, TRACE! AND WELCOME HOME, KIT AND EDDIE!

THANK YOU. NICE TO MEET YOU, MRS. FERNANDEZ.

CAN WE HELP YOU GET READY FOR DINNER?

THAT WOULD BE GREAT! KIT, I NEED YOUR HELP AT HOME. EDDIE, I NEED YOU TO RUN SOME ERRANDS FOR ME.

PLEASE PICK UP THE DRY CLEANING, PICK UP SOME FLOWERS, AND PICK UP THE PUMPKIN PIE FOR DESSERT. YOU KNOW WHERE TO GO!

OKAY, MAMA!

HA! I KNOW EVERYONE IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD! TRACE, YOU SHOULD COME WITH ME, AND I'LL SHOW YOU AROUND.

THAT SOUNDS GOOD TO ME!

REMEMBER, TRACE, WE HAVE TO FIND NEELA WHILE WE RUN THESE ERRANDS. KEEP YOUR EYES AND EARS OPEN!

THAT SOUNDS GREAT! THANK YOU GUYS!

**TRACE AND EDDIE PICK UP THE FLOWERS FROM THE FLORIST.**

HI, LILY!  
WE'RE HERE TO PICK UP THE FLOWERS!

HELLO. I'M TRACE.  
I'M STAYING WITH EDDIE FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

HOW NICE TO VISIT THEM.  
EDDIE HAS A BIG FAMILY.  
HERE'S THE FLOWER SELECTION.

**TRACE CREATES A FLOWER ARRANGEMENT.**



GOOD JOB, TRACE... I CAN FEEL IT IN MY BONES. IT'S GOING TO SNOW THIS EVENING!

I HOPE YOU GET HOME BEFORE IT SNOWS! AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

YOU TOO, TRACE. BYE NOW!



**TRACE AND EDDIE PICK UP THE PIE FROM THE BAKERY.**

HI, JULIA!  
IS THE PIE READY?

THANK YOU. I'M SORRY, BUT I HAVE TO FINISH DECORATING THIS CAKE BEFORE I CAN GET YOUR PIE. I JUST CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT IT NEEDS!

THAT CAKE LOOKS GOOD!

HOW ABOUT A CANDLE?

OF COURSE! HOW COULD I FORGET CANDLES ON A BIRTHDAY CAKE? BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY!



PERFECT! DECORATIONS MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE! PEOPLE TELL ME MY DECORATED CAKES TASTE BETTER THAN ONES THAT ARE PLAIN.

HERE'S YOUR PIE! THANKS FOR WAITING!

THANKS! GLAD TO HELP! HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



**TRACE AND EDDIE SEE A WOMAN BREAK HER SHOE HEEL AND FALL. THEY OFFER HELP.**

WE SAW YOU FALL. THAT MUST HAVE BEEN PAINFUL. ARE YOU OKAY?

I'M OKAY, BUT THE HEEL OF MY SHOE IS BROKEN. I'LL HAVE TO BUY SOME GLUE TO FIX IT.

MAYBE I CAN HELP. I HAVE SOME GLUE WITH ME.

WOW, THAT'S VERY NICE OF YOU. I'VE BEEN RUSHING AROUND ALL DAY. IT'S TOUGH RUNNING A BUSINESS.

WHAT KIND OF BUSINESS DO YOU HAVE?

REALLY? HOW DID YOU GET STARTED?

I'M THE CEO OF A CLOTHING COMPANY THAT EMPLOYS OVER 1,000 PEOPLE! I'M ALSO A FASHION DESIGNER.

WHEN I WAS A GIRL, I WON A CONTEST WITH MY DESIGNS AND GOT A SCHOLARSHIP. THEN IT WAS JUST A MATTER OF HARD WORK!

HAVE A GREAT THANKSGIVING! BE CAREFUL!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO YOU, TOO! THANKS AGAIN!

**TRACE AND EDDIE MEET A CAB DRIVER.**

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT NEW YORK?

DO YOU LIKE DRIVING A CAB?

BASEBALL! DID YOU KNOW THAT JOE DIMAGGIO HAD A 56-GAME HITTING STREAK IN 1941?

I SURE DO! I GET TO MEET PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD AND SHOW THEM THE BIG APPLE!

WERE YOU BORN IN NEW YORK?

NAW, I CAME HERE FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE. JUST LIKE EVERYBODY HERE! HOP IN. I'LL GIVE YOU A RIDE TO THE DRY CLEANER.

**WHILE RUNNING ERRANDS, TRACE MEETS A STREET MUSICIAN.**

HI, I'M TRACE.  
THAT'S GOOD MUSIC!



WOW--NOT TOO MANY PEOPLE  
KNOW THAT SONG. I'M CONNOR.

I USUALLY PLAY  
WITH THE SYMPHONY,  
THE NEW YORK  
PHILHARMONIC.

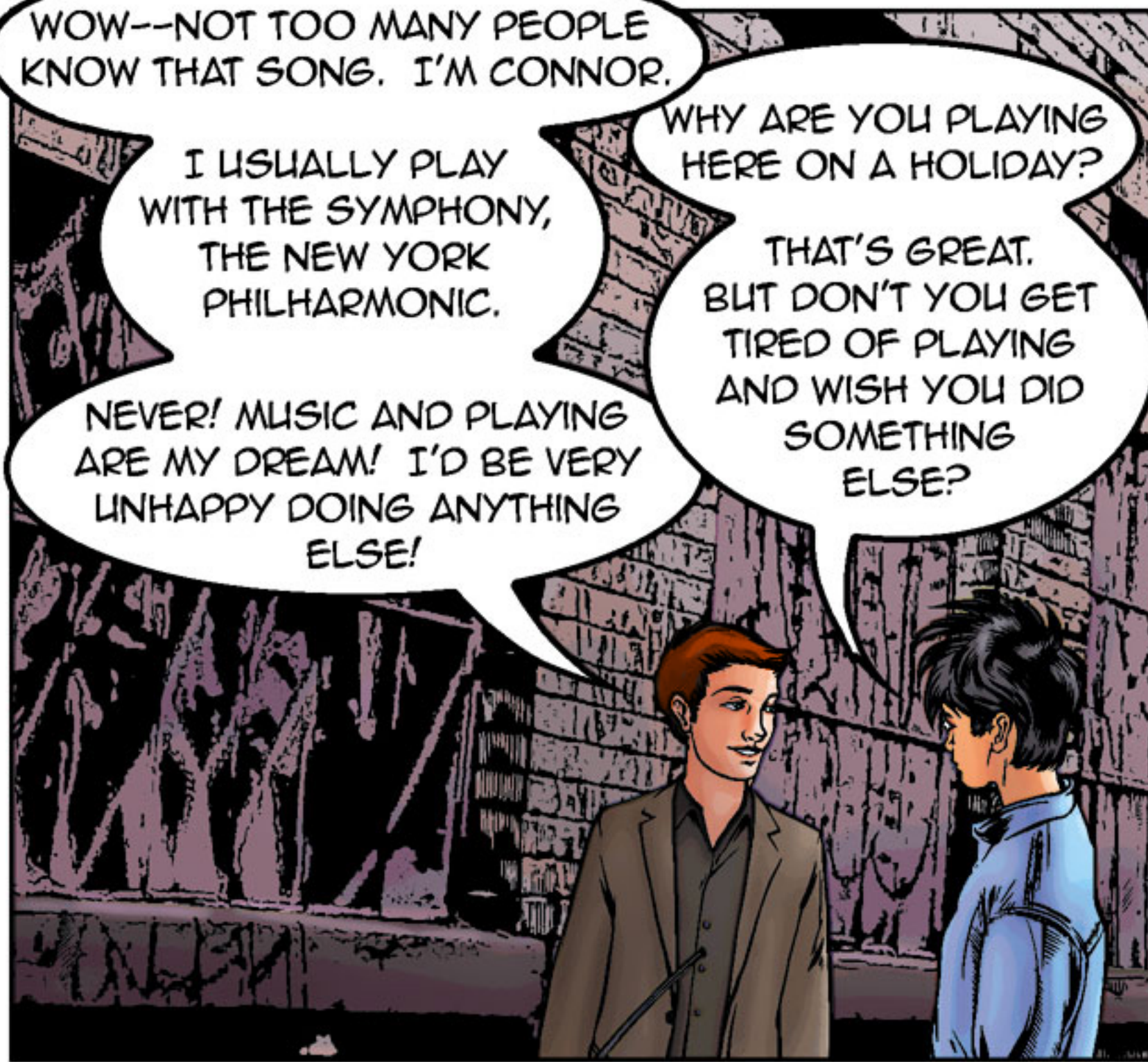
NEVER! MUSIC AND PLAYING  
ARE MY DREAM! I'D BE VERY  
LINHAPPY DOING ANYTHING  
ELSE!

WHY ARE YOU PLAYING  
HERE ON A HOLIDAY?

THAT'S GREAT,  
BUT DON'T YOU GET  
TIRED OF PLAYING  
AND WISH YOU DID  
SOMETHING  
ELSE?

WOW. THANKS FOR  
TALKING WITH ME.  
SEE YOU LATER!

NICE  
PLAYING  
WITH YOU.  
BYE!



**TRACE AND EDDIE PICK UP THE DRY CLEANING.**

HI, MR. NAM!  
THIS IS MY FRIEND  
TRACE. WE'RE HERE  
TO PICK UP MY  
DAD'S SUIT.

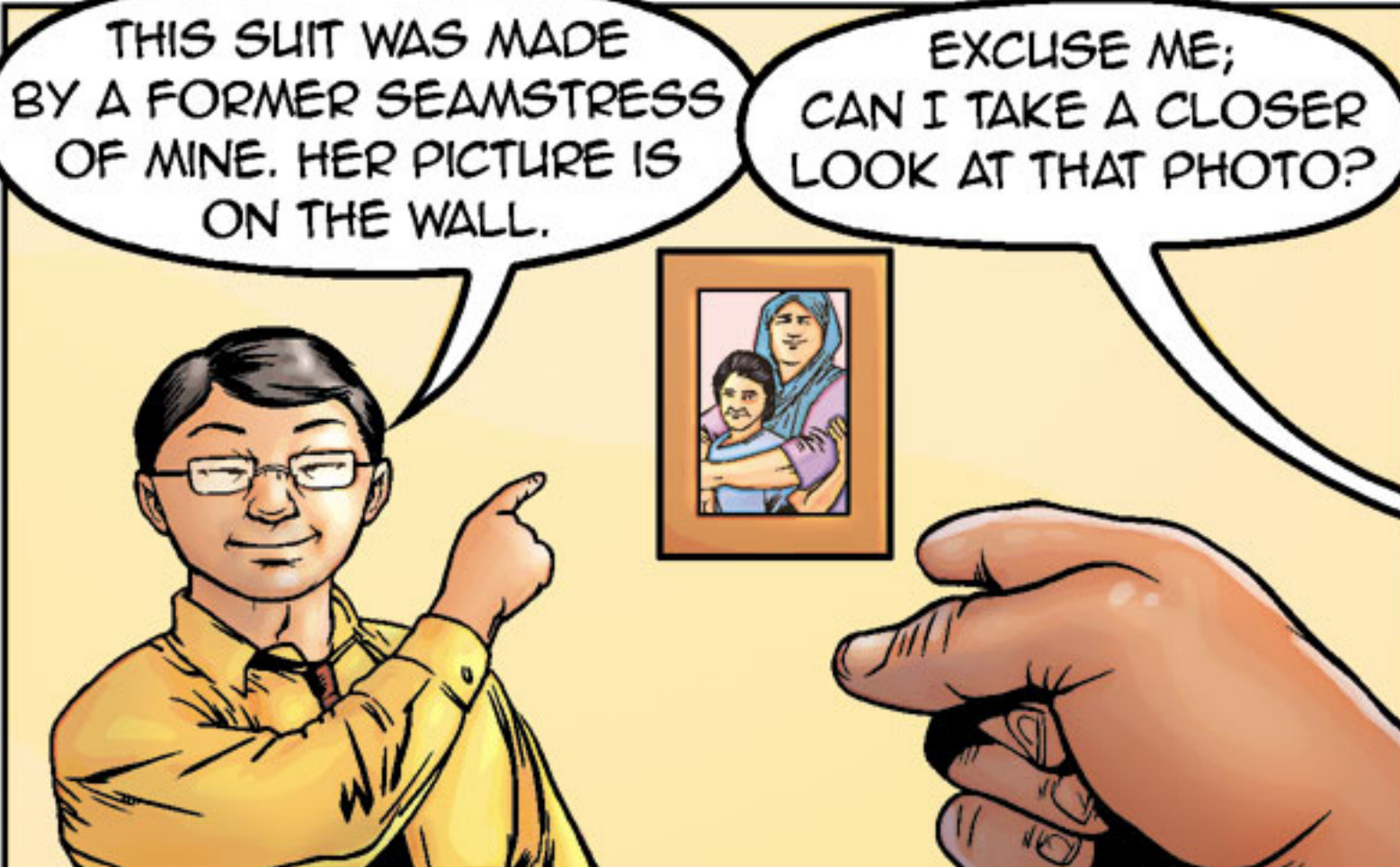
HELLO,  
MR. NAM.  
I'M VISITING  
EDDIE.

THAT'S NICE,  
TRACE. I HAVE THE  
SLUIT RIGHT HERE.



THIS SLUIT WAS MADE  
BY A FORMER SEAMSTRESS  
OF MINE. HER PICTURE IS  
ON THE WALL.

EXCUSE ME;  
CAN I TAKE A CLOSER  
LOOK AT THAT PHOTO?



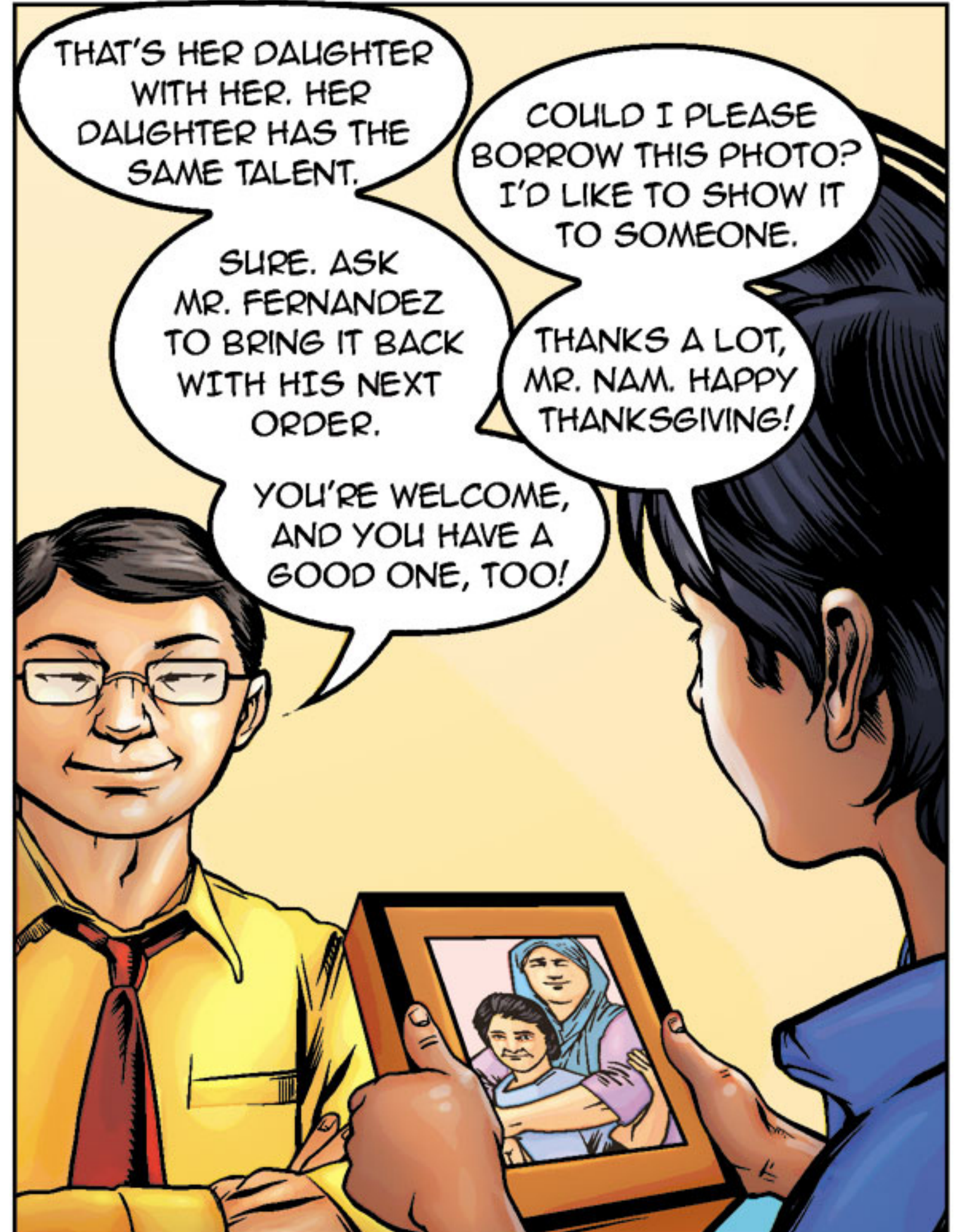
THAT'S HER DAUGHTER  
WITH HER. HER  
DAUGHTER HAS THE  
SAME TALENT.

COULD I PLEASE  
BORROW THIS PHOTO?  
I'D LIKE TO SHOW IT  
TO SOMEONE.

SURE. ASK  
MR. FERNANDEZ  
TO BRING IT BACK  
WITH HIS NEXT  
ORDER.

THANKS A LOT,  
MR. NAM. HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING!

YOU'RE WELCOME,  
AND YOU HAVE A  
GOOD ONE, TOO!



**TRACE AND EDDIE CONTINUE TO SEARCH FOR NEELA. FINALLY...**

HI. I'M TRACE. I WAS WONDERING, DO YOU KNOW NEELA?

YES, I'M NEELA.

GLAD TO MEET YOU. A FRIEND SAID TO LOOK YOU UP IF I WERE EVER IN NEW YORK.

THAT'S SO NICE. WELCOME TO THE CITY! SORRY I'M NOT MORE CHEERFUL TODAY.

WHY ARE YOU SAD? IT'S THANKSGIVING!

I WISH I WEREN'T WORKING HERE AT THE NEWSSTAND. I'D RATHER BECOME A FASHION DESIGNER!

WHY CAN'T YOU BECOME A FASHION DESIGNER?

I WANT TO! IT'S MY DREAM! BUT MY DAD THINKS IT'S UNREALISTIC. HE WANTS ME TO WORK HERE INSTEAD.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO BECOME A FASHION DESIGNER?

I NEED TO ENTER THE BIG DESIGN CONTEST! THE WINNER GETS A FULL SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDY FASHION DESIGN. I KNOW I CAN SUCCEED.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING?

NOTHING--WE DON'T USUALLY CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING. THERE ARE JUST TWO OF US-- MY FATHER AND ME.

YOU AND YOUR FATHER SHOULD HAVE DINNER WITH US! MY FAMILY COOKS PLENTY OF FOOD.

HMMMMMM.... THAT WOULD BE GREAT! THANKS SO MUCH!

AT DINNER, WE HAVE TO CONVINCE HER FATHER TO LET HER ENTER THE CONTEST. IT'S HER ONLY CHANCE!

**TRACE AND EDDIE RETURN HOME TO THE APARTMENT AND MEET EDDIE'S FAMILY.**

WELCOME BACK, TRACE AND EDDIE! TRACE, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET KIT AND EDDIE'S FATHER, ROBERTO FERNANDEZ.

HI, MR. FERNANDEZ. NICE TO MEET YOU.

NICE TO MEET YOU TOO, TRACE.

AND THIS IS KIT AND EDDIE'S UNCLE, EDUARDO FERNANDEZ.

SO NICE TO MEET YOU, MR. FERNANDEZ.

NICE TO MEET YOU TOO, TRACE.

TRACE, THIS IS AUNT CAROLINE SALVADOR AND HER CHILDREN, HALEY AND LUKE.

HI EVERYONE!

HI TRACE!

AND THIS IS ROBERTO'S AND MY MOTHER, BLANCA FERNANDEZ.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING, MRS. FERNANDEZ!

THANKS FOR JOINING US, TRACE!

HERE IS THE DASAI FAMILY! LET'S SIT DOWN AND EAT!

**AFTER THANKSGIVING DINNER...**

I CAN'T EAT ANOTHER BITE! MRS. FERNANDEZ, THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR DELICIOUS THANKSGIVING DINNER WITH MY DAUGHTER AND ME.

YOU'RE WELCOME, MR. DESAI! I'M SO GLAD YOU AND YOUR DAUGHTER COULD SHARE OUR HOLIDAY FEAST.

NOW IF ONLY IT WERE STILL BASEBALL SEASON. THEN I'D BE IN HEAVEN!

BASEBALL IS GREAT! DID YOU KNOW THAT JOE DIMAGGIO HAD A 56-GAME HITTING STREAK IN 1941?

I DID KNOW THAT! JOE DIMAGGIO IS MY FAVORITE PLAYER OF ALL TIME! WOW, NEELA, YOUR FRIEND REALLY KNOWS HIS STUFF!

I GUESS NEELA AND I SHOULD BE GOING HOME. WE'VE STAYED LONG ENOUGH.

DON'T GO... IT'S GOING TO START SNOWING ANY MINUTE.

SNOWING? YOU'RE CRAZY! THE WEATHER FORECAST DIDN'T CALL FOR.... WELL, LOOK AT THAT! IT'S SNOWING! I DON'T BELIEVE IT! TRACE, I'M IMPRESSED! WE'D BETTER STAY A LITTLE WHILE, NEELA.

ACTUALLY, I MET A WOMAN TODAY WHO IS A FASHION DESIGNER. WHEN SHE WAS A GIRL, SHE WON THE CONTEST THAT NEELA WANTS TO ENTER. NOW, SHE IS THE CEO OF A CLOTHING COMPANY THAT EMPLOYS OVER 1,000 PEOPLE!

MY GOODNESS! I HAD NO IDEA! BUT I STILL HAVE MY CONCERNS.

I JUST THINK THAT BEING A "FASHION DESIGNER" IS A LITTLE SILLY. WHY DO PEOPLE CARE SO MUCH ABOUT HOW THEY LOOK?

DAD, I WANTED TO ASK YOU SOMETHING. CAN I PLEASE ENTER THE FASHION DESIGN CONTEST?

NEELA, YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT THAT. IT'S A WASTE OF TIME! YOU CAN'T MAKE A CAREER OUT OF DESIGNING CLOTHING!





YOU KNOW, I MET A CAKE DECORATOR TODAY WHO SAID THE DECORATIONS MAKE HER CAKES TASTE BETTER. MAYBE WEARING NEELA'S CLOTHES MAKES PEOPLE FEEL BETTER.

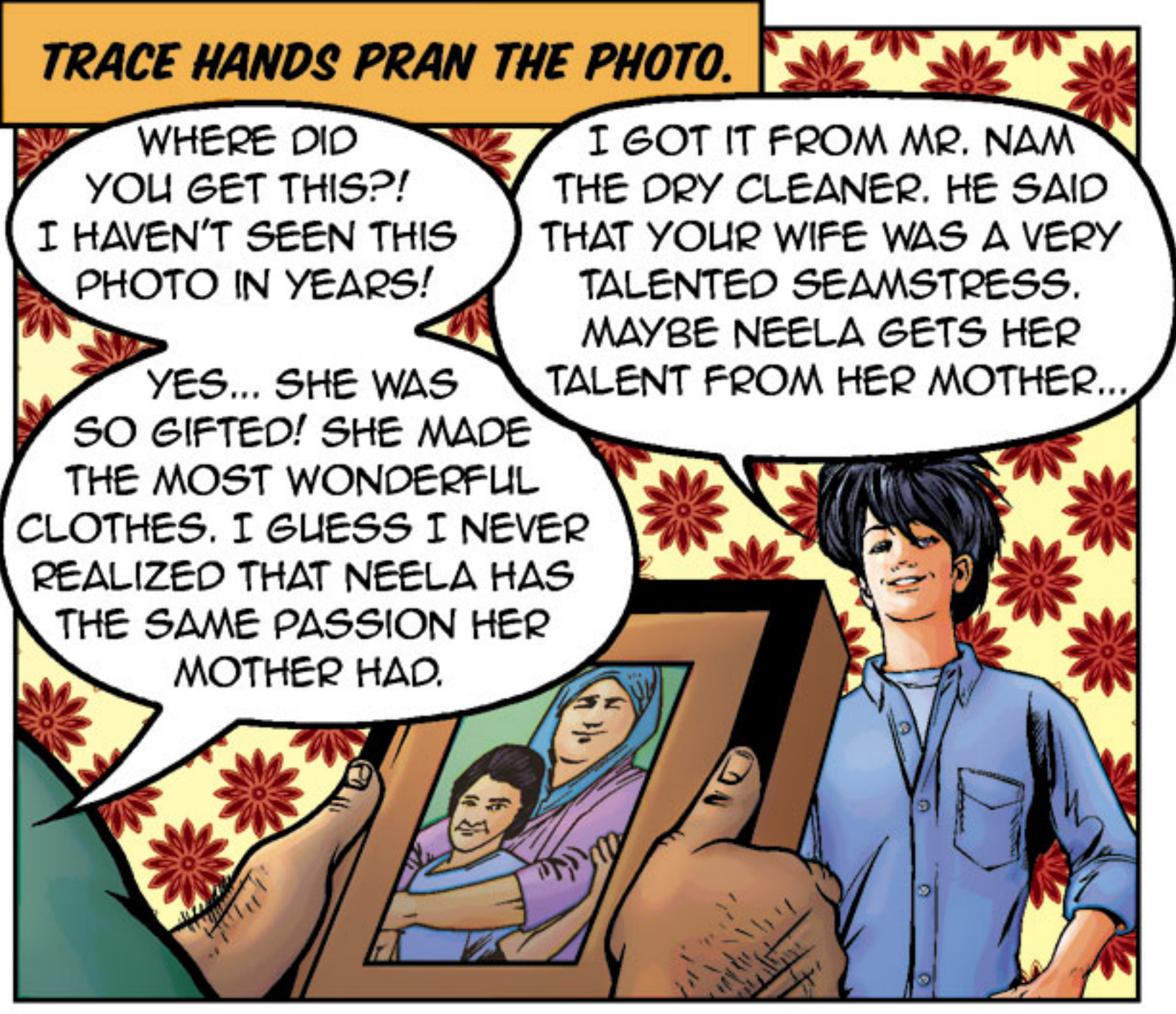
VERY PHILOSOPHICAL, TRACE! I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU MEAN.

BESIDES, STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS IS TOUGH! I KNOW IT'S NOT YOUR DREAM, BUT YOU BELONG AT THE NEWSSTAND.

I MET A SYMPHONY MUSICIAN TODAY. HE SAID PLAYING MUSIC HAS ALWAYS BEEN HIS DREAM, AND HE WOULDN'T BE HAPPY DOING ANYTHING ELSE.

HMM... WELL I'VE NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT LIKE THAT. AND I DO WANT NEELA TO BE HAPPY... BUT STILL...

NEELA, I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND YOUR INTEREST IN CLOTHING. THE NEWSSTAND IS OUR FAMILY BUSINESS!

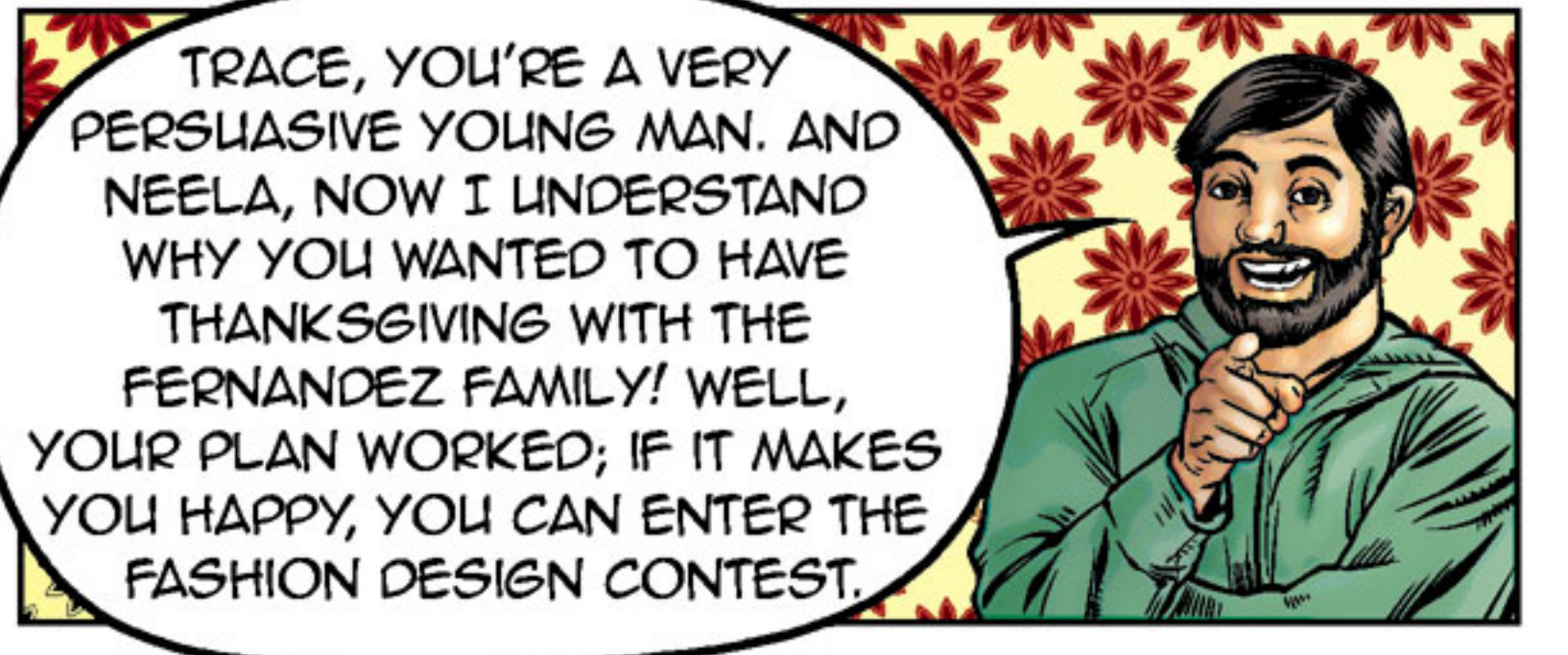


**TRACE HANDS PRAN THE PHOTO.**

WHERE DID YOU GET THIS?! I HAVEN'T SEEN THIS PHOTO IN YEARS!

I GOT IT FROM MR. NAM THE DRY CLEANER. HE SAID THAT YOUR WIFE WAS A VERY TALENTED SEAMSTRESS. MAYBE NEELA GETS HER TALENT FROM HER MOTHER...

YES... SHE WAS SO GIFTED! SHE MADE THE MOST WONDERFUL CLOTHES. I GUESS I NEVER REALIZED THAT NEELA HAS THE SAME PASSION HER MOTHER HAD.



TRACE, YOU'RE A VERY PERSUASIVE YOUNG MAN. AND NEELA, NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WANTED TO HAVE THANKSGIVING WITH THE FERNANDEZ FAMILY! WELL, YOUR PLAN WORKED; IF IT MAKES YOU HAPPY, YOU CAN ENTER THE FASHION DESIGN CONTEST.



THANKS, TRACE! I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WOULD HAVE DONE WITHOUT YOUR HELP! I HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN SOMEDAY!

NO PROBLEM! I'M REALLY GLAD YOU'LL BE ABLE TO FOLLOW YOUR DREAM!



**LATER THAT NIGHT...**

THIS WAS THE BEST THANKSGIVING I CAN REMEMBER!

I AGREE! BUT WE'VE GOT TO HEAD BACK TO THE UNIVERSITY IN THE MORNING, SO WE BETTER GET SOME SLEEP.

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT, KIT. WE'VE GOT SCHOOLWORK, AND TRACE NEEDS TO FIND OUT HIS NEXT MISSION.



AFTER THE DINNER WE HAD TONIGHT, I DON'T THINK SLEEP WILL BE ANY PROBLEM! GOODNIGHT, KIT! GOODNIGHT, EDDIE!

GOODNIGHT, TRACE!

**TO BE CONTINUED...**