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During the factional war, a hundred rockets a day hit the city. Life in Kabul was unbearable, people were leaving their homes and families/ Fleeing the city in the hope that they could survive for at least another day.



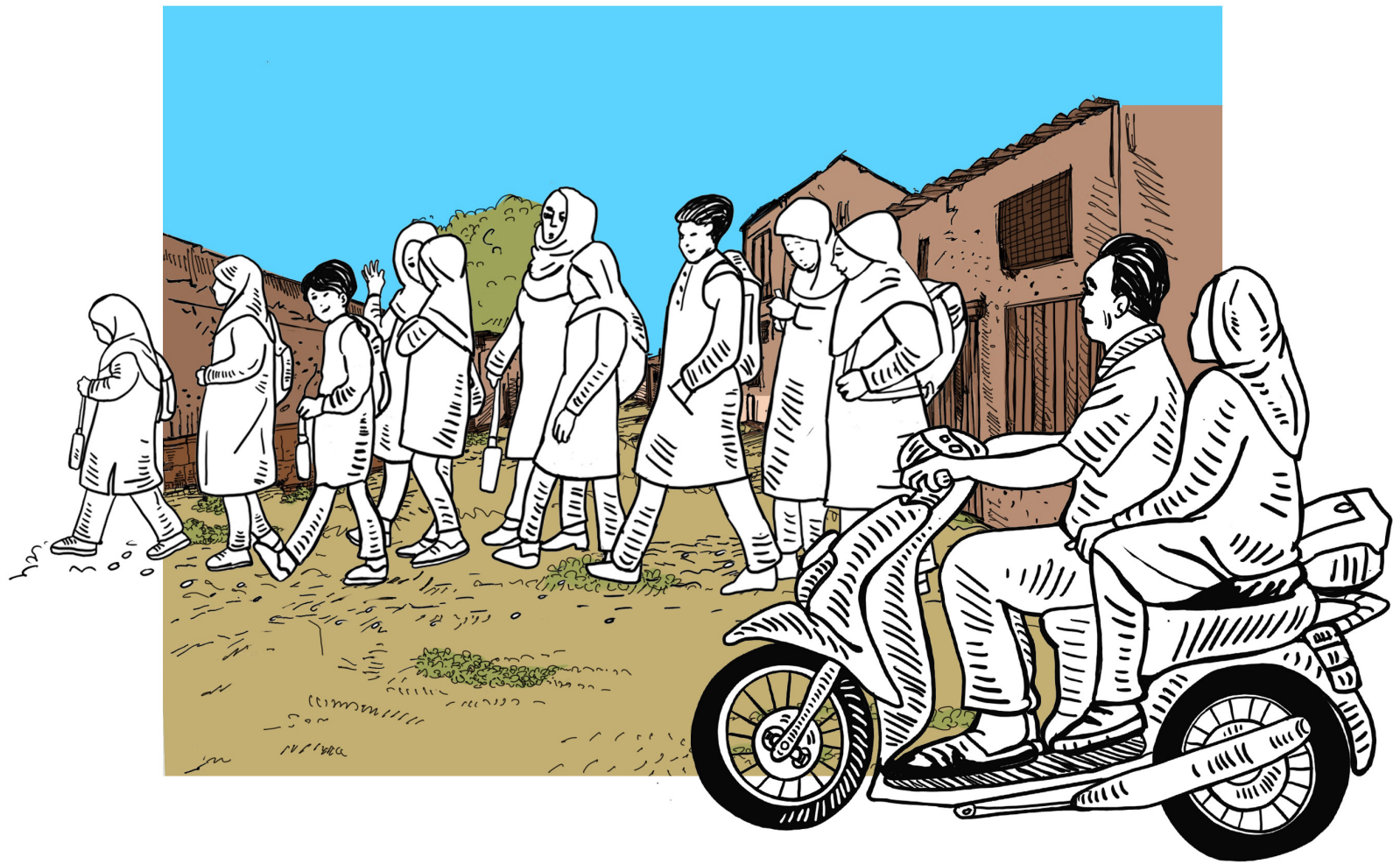
Kalema's father died when a boat capsized with refugees in the middle of the Syrian dark sea during a difficult fight to save his life. He wanted more than anything to escape the turmoil, but was met with death.



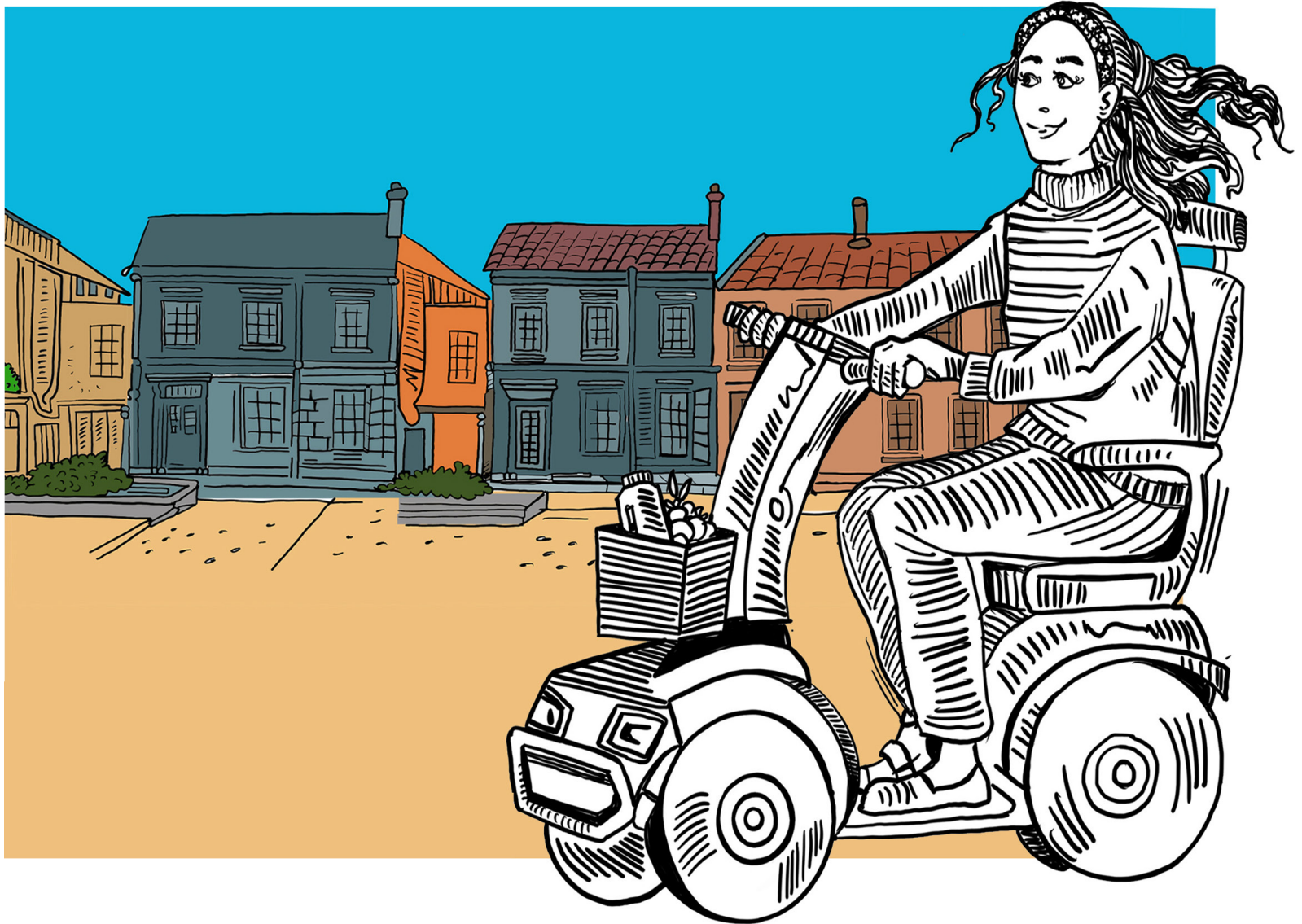
Twenty-two year old Kamela, found an opportunity to begin her life as a refugee in the United Kingdom after a difficult three-year journey with her mother and relatives to refugee camps across the country.



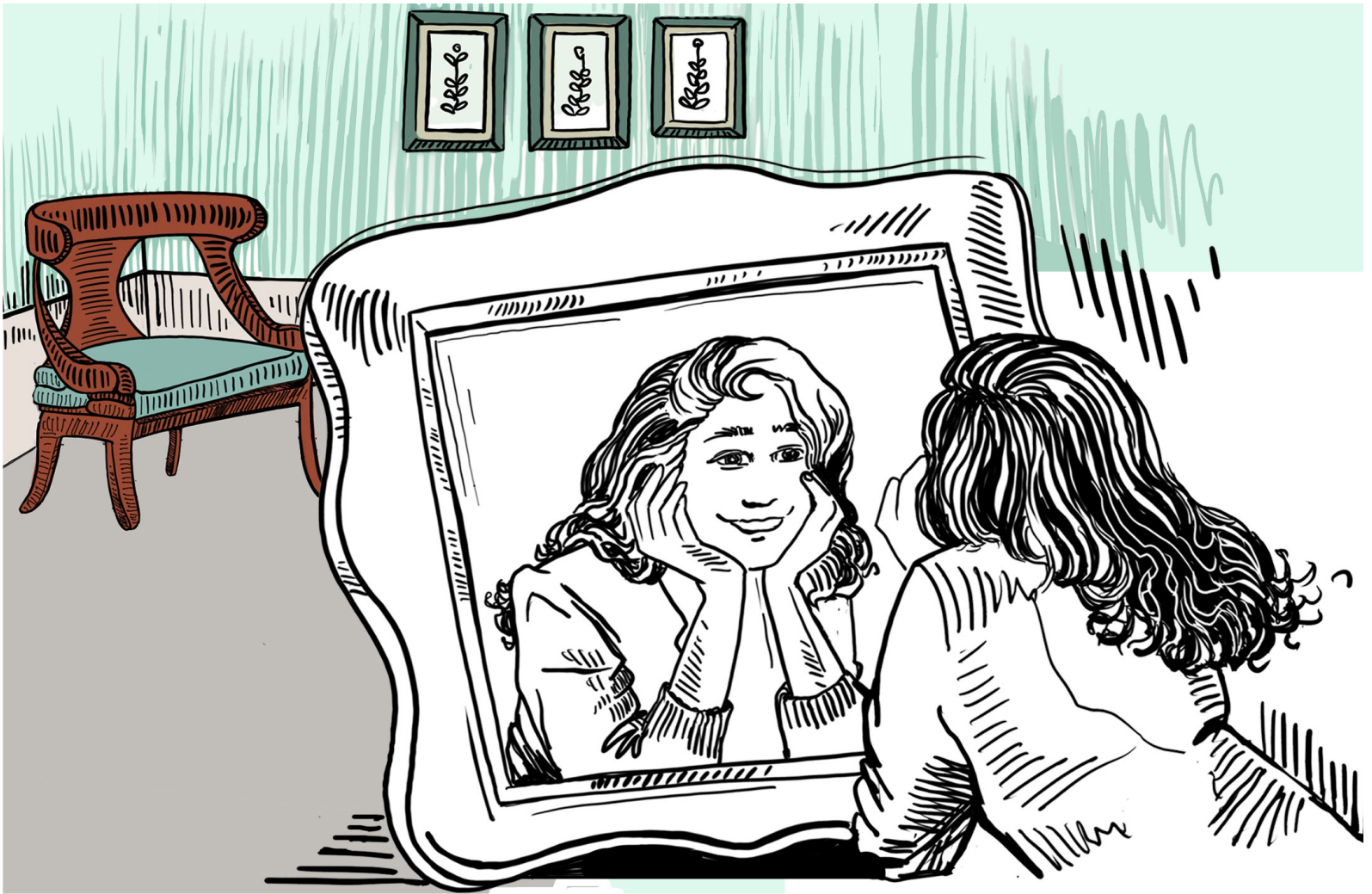
Her life was difficult in her home country, but it was only compounded by her handicap. Kalema was born with a deformity on one of her legs. From an early age, she was accustomed to being ‘the helpless child’ among friends, relatives, and society. Even her mother agreed that she was weak.



Due to her physical ailment, she never had the opportunity to go to school alone with friends. She was always taken to school on her father's scooter. However, she remained social, shaking hands with everyone she met along the way. But, she was sad to be apart from her friends, grieving the normal life she wished she had.



When she moved to the UK, her new life was quite different. She became much more independent, as she was accustomed to doing all her activities on her own. A Mobility Scooter is provided by a charity for her travels, making her life much easier. Even the attitude of others towards her was different. No one in this country looked at her as if she was incapable.



Kalema, who was used to being engaged in her daily activities alone, soon began to feel like an ordinary person in society. She asked herself why she was isolated from society as a helpless child for so long?

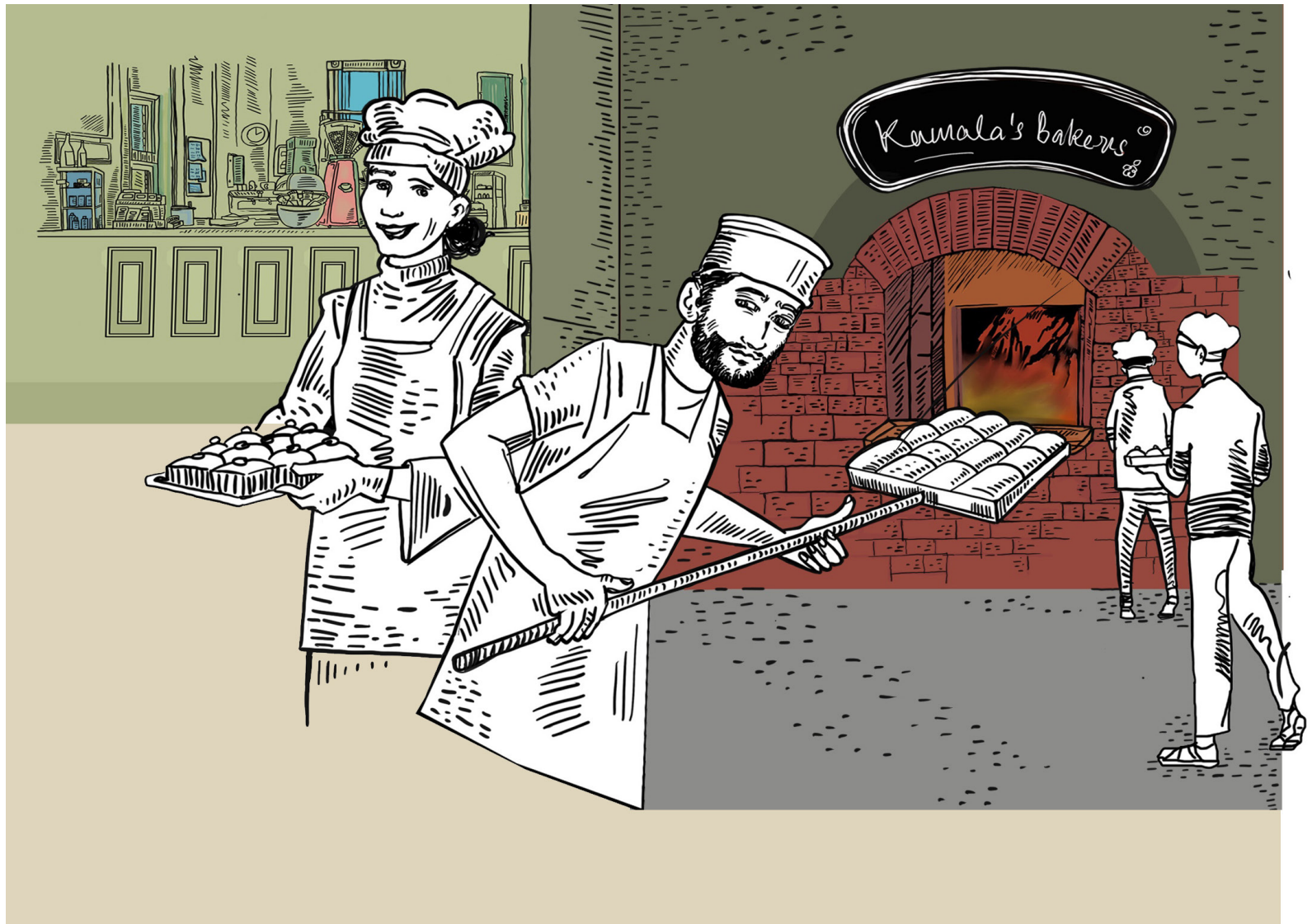
As she pondered this question, she went to the mirror for the first time in her life and looked at her own image, and a beautiful smile came to her face. She was proud of herself, “I have a lot of things I can do despite my leg being short”, she thought.



Her life in the UK continued on when she joined the Wolverhampton Adult Education Institute. Here, she studied cake design. After working in a confectionery company for a while she realized what a passion it was for her. So, she started her own company. In the village she lives in, her delicious cakes are in high demand. She even employs 4 people!



Her mother, when thinking about Kamela's journey, feels overwhelmed because of all of the sadness along the way. But, her daughter is doing better than ever. Kamela even helps out by providing money for her mother.



Her confectionary company brought along more than amazing business opportunities. Her first employee, Hussein, quickly became one of her closest friends. This friendship blossomed into a relationship. As a supportive boyfriend, he helps Kamela with her busy life and they spend their days together.



When reflecting on her story she says, “I thank this country for giving me the opportunity to stand alone. I want to see my future, with my mother, my boyfriend, my children, and my confectionery company.” Despite the hardships of her early life, Kalema is very happy with her life. Today, she is the owner of her own business. She depends on herself and lives in a very peaceful environment.

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Definition of disability under the Equality Act 2010

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