

# PRITYA'S SUKTI





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# GODDESS PARVATI AND LORD SHIVA LIVED IN COMPLETE DEVOTION TO EACH OTHER ON MOUNT KAILASH.



PARVATI,  
MY DEAR--



I MUST  
LEAVE YOU TO  
MEDITATE.







BE WELL, SHIVA, AND MAY THE UNIVERSE REMAIN IN BALANCE.



HELP ME, GODDESS PARVATI...

...I HAVE NOWHERE TO TURN.

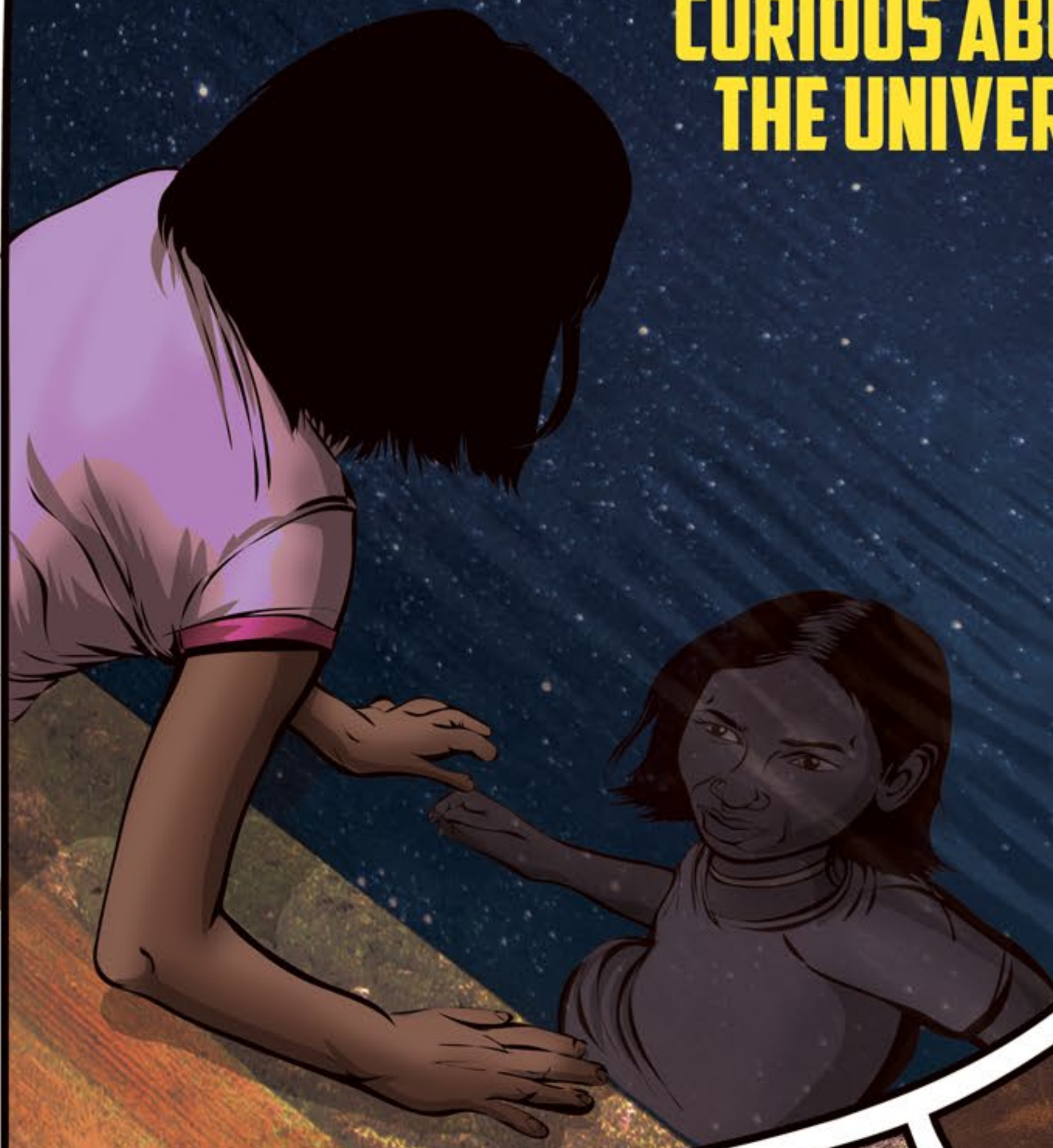
ONE NIGHT ON EARTH...

...A DEVOTEE NAMED PRIYA CALLED TO THE GODDESS.

HER PAST AND PRESENT EXPERIENCES SWEEPED THROUGH PARVATI'S MIND.



**AS A YOUNG GIRL, PRIYA HAD BEEN CURIOUS ABOUT THE UNIVERSE.**



**SHE WORKED TIRELESSLY TOWARDS HER DREAM OF BEING A TEACHER.**



**BUT AS SHE GREW OLDER HER FATHER HAD OTHER PLANS FOR HER.**

STOP GOING TO SCHOOL.

STAY HOME AND TAKE CARE OF THE HOUSE.



**PARVATI GREW UPSET...**



WHY IS IT SO UNFAIR FOR MY DEVOTEES?





...AND SHE  
WAS NOT  
PREPARED FOR  
WHAT SHE SAW  
NEXT!



LOOK AT  
THAT ONE!

LOOSE  
GIRL!

NO  
ONE WILL  
STOP US!

AS PRIYA GREW  
INTO A YOUNG  
WOMAN...



...HER LIFE  
BECAME  
MUCH  
HARDER.

NO!



AND ONE DAY,  
IT BECAME  
MUCH WORSE.





**AS SHE FELL  
IN PAIN...**

**...SHE RECOGNIZED  
ONE OF HER  
ATTACKERS.**



**NO!!  
STOP IT!**



**WHAT WILL  
I TELL MY  
FAMILY..?**







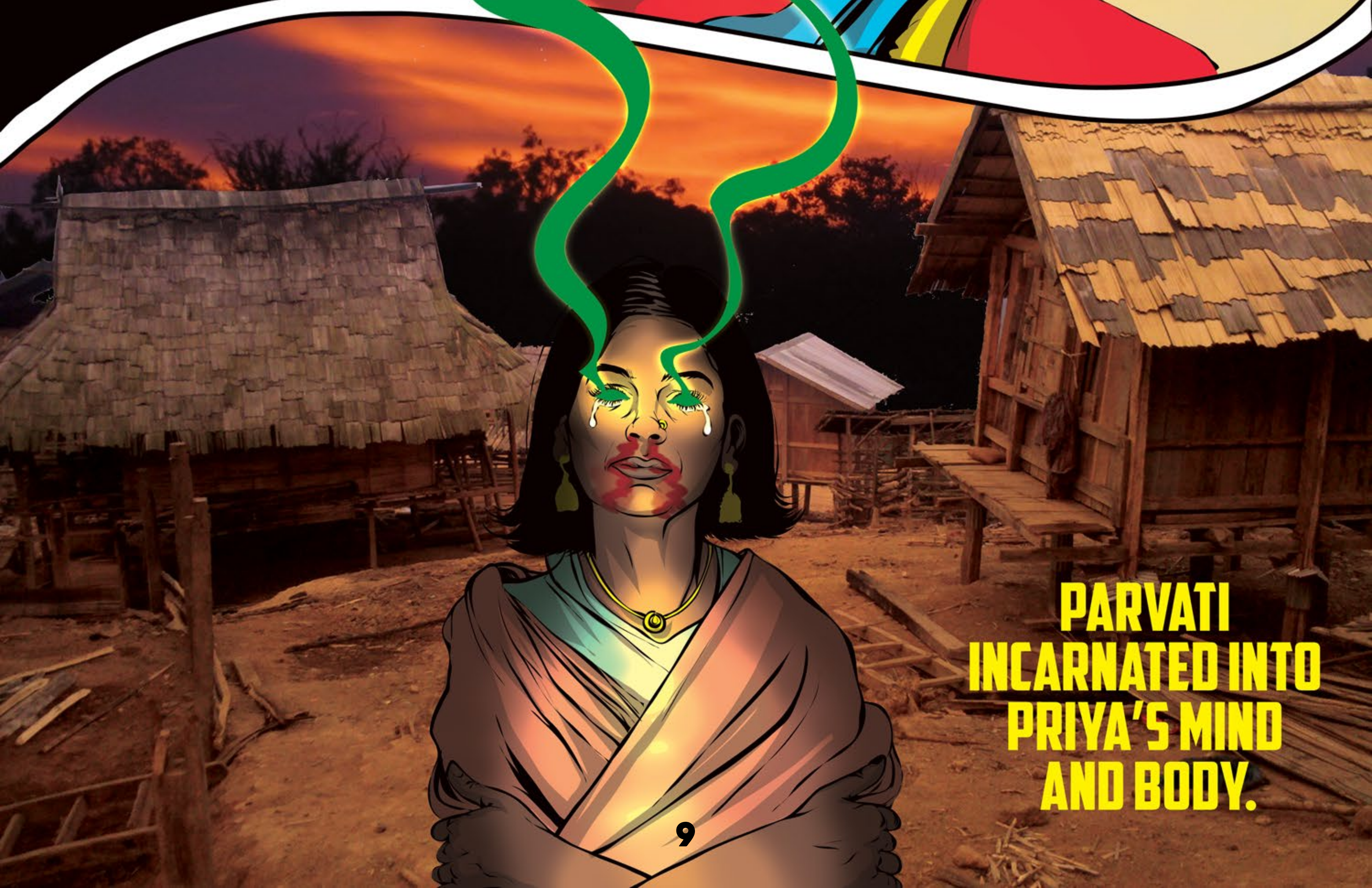
YOU HAVE SHAMED OUR FAMILY!

GET OUT OF HERE AND NEVER COME BACK!

PARVATI COULDN'T BELIEVE THAT PRIYA'S FAMILY HAD ABANDONED HER.



I MUST HELP HER.



PARVATI INCARNATED INTO PRIYA'S MIND AND BODY.



**SHE WENT TO THE PANCHAYAT LOOKING FOR JUSTICE.**

WHY WERE YOU OUT BY YOURSELF?

YOU MUST HAVE PROVOKED THEM.

IF IT'S TRUE, THEN YOU'LL HAVE TO MARRY ONE OF THEM!

**WHEN THAT FAILED, SHE WENT SEARCHING FOR HER ATTACKERS.**

WHY DID YOU DO THIS TO ME?!

YOU, YOU!

I HAVE KNOWN YOU SINCE I WAS IN SCHOOL.

**PARVATI HAD FORGOTTEN THAT SHE WAS IN PRIYA'S BODY.**

NO-- STOP!

COME HERE!

IT WAS YOUR FAULT, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE WORN THOSE LOOSE CLOTHES.

**FEELING GODDESS PARVATI'S ANGER, LORD SHIVA AWOKE.**

**IN AN INSTANT, HE KNEW EVERYTHING.**



**PARVATI REVEALED  
HERSELF TO THE  
ATTACKER.**

PLEASE!  
DON'T!

YOU MUST BE  
PUNISHED FOR  
YOUR CRIME. I  
COMMAND THAT  
YOU...

NO! I AM  
CURSED!

**AS PARVATI'S  
EXPERIENCES FLOODED  
THROUGH SHIVA'S MIND,  
HIS ANGER GREW!**

WHY HAVE  
THEY DONE  
THIS TO  
YOU?

HUMANS  
WILL PAY  
FOR THIS!





SHIVA CALLED AN ASSEMBLY OF THE GODS.

HEAR ME!

HUMANS HAVE DEGENERATED AND ARE AN AFFRONT TO THE GODS!



I DECREE THAT MEN WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO PROCREATE.



DO YOU REALIZE THIS WILL MEAN THE END OF HUMANITY?

WHY PUNISH SO MANY FOR THE CRIMES OF THE FEW?

AND HE IS PUNISHING WOMEN FOR SOMETHING THAT IS NOT THEIR FAULT.

HE DOESN'T REALIZE THAT RAPE IS AN ACT OF VIOLENCE AND DOMINATION--

-- IT CANNOT TRULY BE OPPOSED WITH MORE OF THE SAME!

SAVE US!

NO BABIES ARE BEING BORN!





WHY IS SHIVA ACTING LIKE THIS?

THIS WON'T SOLVE ANYTHING.

SHIVA'S RAGE COMES FROM SHAME, PARVATI. HE WASN'T THERE TO PROTECT YOUR DEVOTEE.



WHY IS SHIVA ACTING LIKE THIS?

YES.

BUT WHAT CAN WE DO?

THIS WON'T SOLVE ANYTHING.

**MILLIONS PRAYED TO LORD SHIVA TO CHANGE HIS MIND.**





**BUT HE REMAINED SILENT.**



I KNOW YOU'RE ANGRY. SO AM I.

HUMANS MUST LEARN AGAIN THAT THE DIVINE LIES WITHIN WOMEN AND MEN EQUALLY.

BUT YOUR DECREE MAKES WOMEN SUFFER TOO FOR THE ACTS OF MEN.

IT IS MY DUTY--

-- TO RIP THE WORLD OF THIS EVIL!



I MUST FIND ANOTHER WAY.

**PARVATI KNEW WHEN SHIVA MADE UP HIS MIND, IT WAS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO SWAY HIM.**



**MEANWHILE IN THE HEAVENS, THE GODS ARGUED--**

SHIVA'S DECREE WILL LEAD TO WAR ACROSS ALL THE WORLDS.

SHIVA IS WRONG AND THE HUMANS WILL NEVER SUBMIT.

I AM WITH THE HUMANS.

HUMANS ARE HOPELESS.

I'M WITH SHIVA.

WE REFUSE TO SUBMIT TO THIS MADNESS, LORD SHIVA.

**--AND PREPARED FOR WAR.**



**AND A GREAT WAR BEGAN  
ACROSS ALL THE WORLDS.**





**PARVATI SAW  
THE CHAOS ON EARTH  
AND KNEW SHE HAD  
TO ACT.**

KALI MA, I  
OPEN MYSELF  
TO YOU. LET ME  
TAKE YOUR  
FIERCE FORM.







THIS WAR MUST END...

...BEFORE THINGS GET WORSE!

SHIVA WAS TRANSFIXED BY THE GREAT GODDESS' ENERGY...

HE AGREED TO A REPRIEVE OF THE WAR.



**KALI  
TRANSFORMED  
BACK INTO  
PARVATI.**

LET  
THE HUMAN  
RACE LIVE.

I BELIEVE IN  
MY HUMAN  
DEVOTEES.

PROVE TO ME  
THAT HUMANS ARE  
CAPABLE OF  
CHANGE.

ONLY THEN  
WILL I RESCIND  
MY DECREE.



**THE WORLD QUIETED, BUT LAY IN  
RUINS AND CONFUSION.**

**PRIYA, WITH  
NOWHERE  
TO GO...**

**...HAD BEEN  
LIVING IN THE  
JUNGLE...**

**A VISITOR  
CAME.**

PRIYA...

...I HAVE  
CHOSEN YOU.

YOU HAVE THE  
COURAGE TO  
PERSEVERE AND  
OVERCOME FEAR.

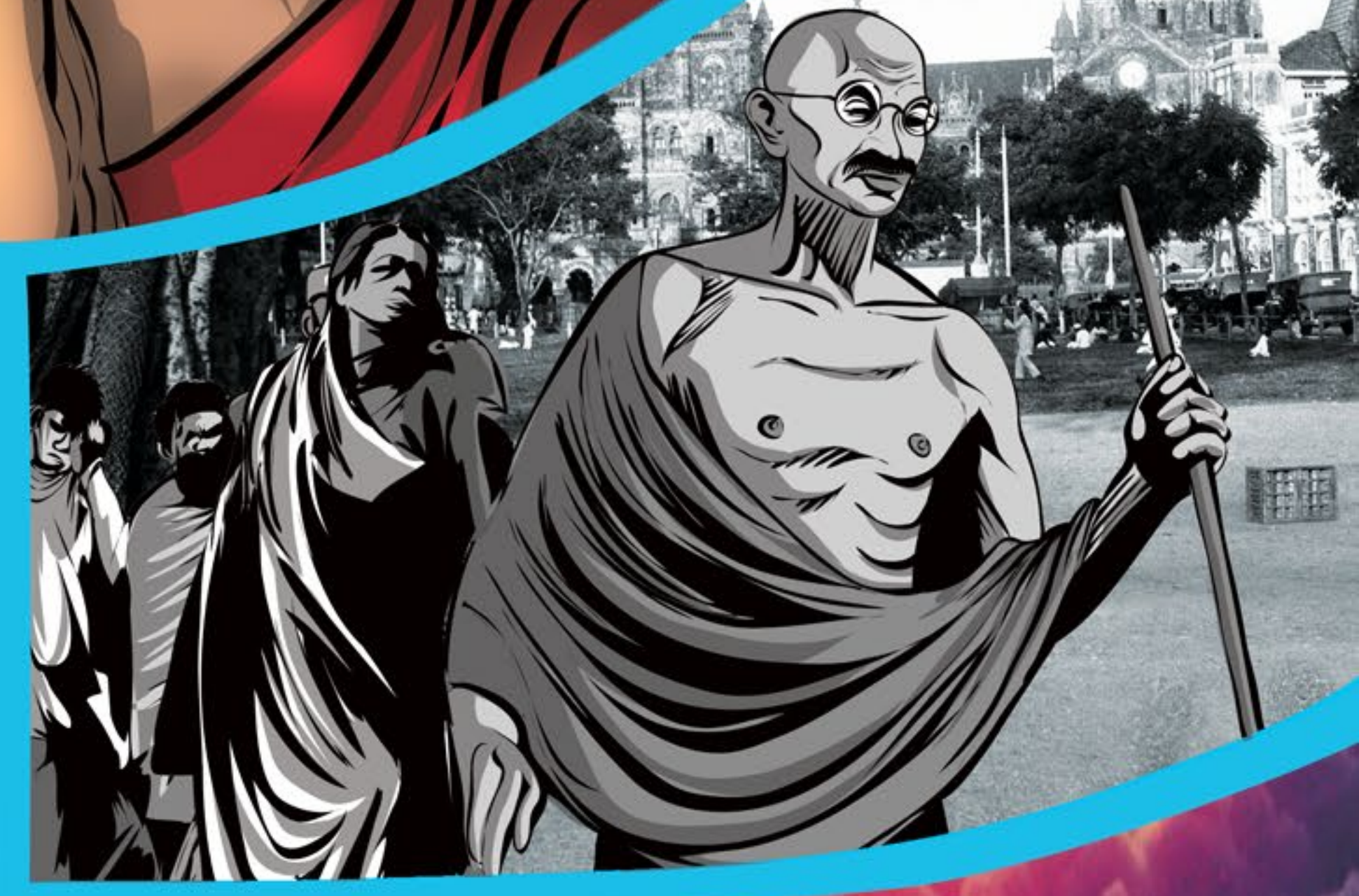
TAKE THIS  
MANTRA.





SPEAK WITHOUT SHAME, AND STAND WITH ME...

...BRING ABOUT THE CHANGE WE WANT TO SEE.



**LIKE SAVITRI WHO OUTWITTED DEATH. LIKE THE WOMEN WHO HELPED INDIA GAIN INDEPENDENCE, AND CONTINUE TO VOTE THEIR CONSCIENCE. AND THE WOMEN WHO HAVE TAKEN ON THE STRUGGLE.**





**NO LONGER AFRAID,  
PRIYA STARED  
BOLDLY BACK AT  
THE TIGER...**

THE TIGER  
FEARS ME AS  
MUCH AS I  
FEAR IT.

**PRIYA SAW  
GALAXIES  
IN THE TIGER'S  
EYES.**





YOU ARE MY SHAKTI!

SPEAK WITHOUT SHAME...

**PRIYA RETURNED TO THE VILLAGE THAT HAD SHUNNED HER.**



**AT FIRST THE VILLAGERS WERE FRIGHTENED BY HER APPEARANCE.**

--AND STAND WITH ME.

PLEASE DON'T PUNISH US!

WE ARE DOOMED!

AND BRING ABOUT THE CHANGE--

**BUT PRIYA'S BRAVERY GAVE THEM HOPE.**

--WE WANT TO SEE.

SPEAK WITHOUT SHAME, AND STAND WITH ME--

--AND BRING ABOUT THE CHANGE WE WANT TO SEE.



**...AND WITH HOPE...**

**...THAT CHANGE COULD  
BE POSSIBLE.**

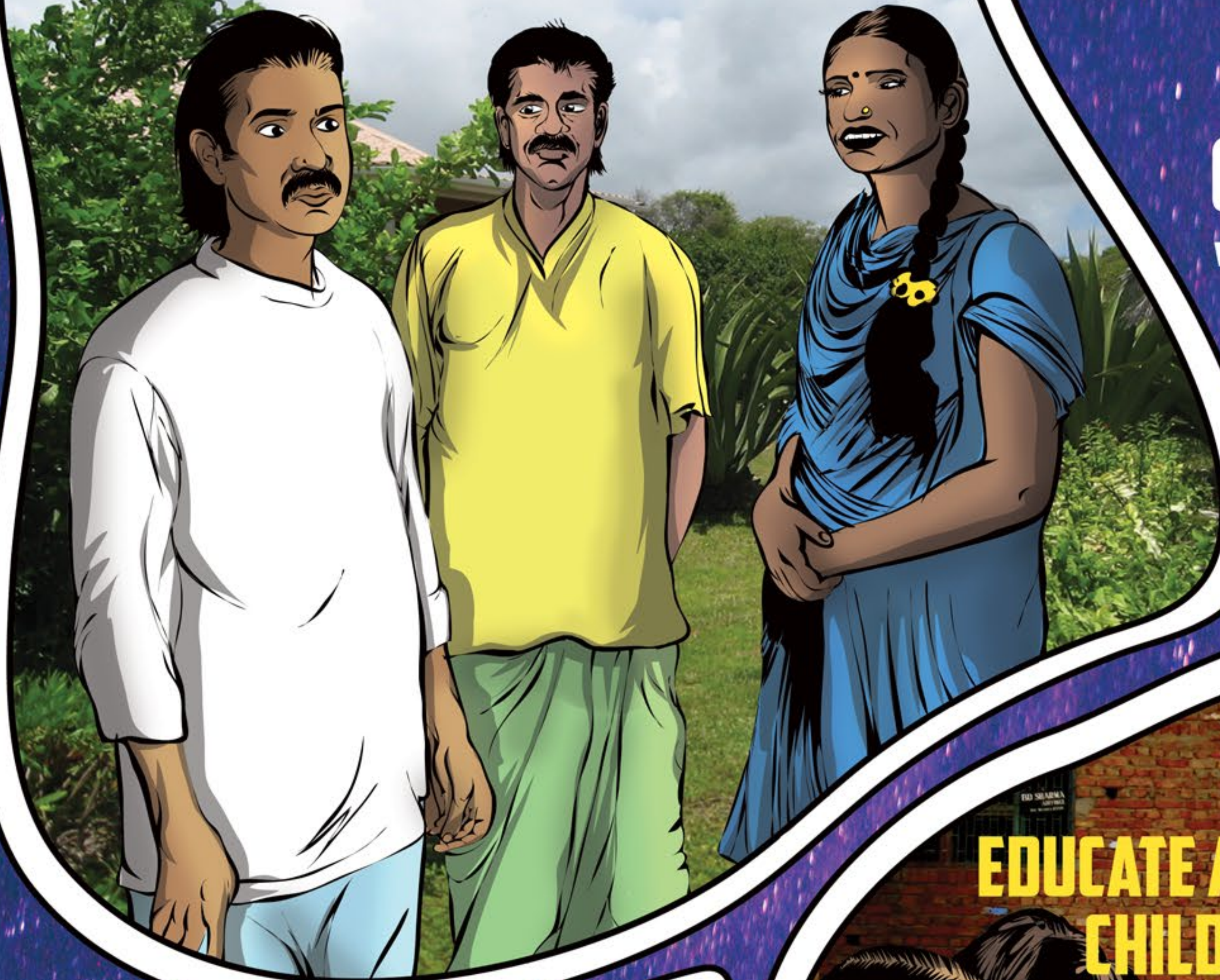
I AM NOT  
DIVINE, NO  
MORE THAN  
YOU.

BUT ALL OF  
US ARE PART  
OF THE DIVINE.



**PRIYA'S  
WORDS  
QUICKLY  
SPREAD.**

**WOMEN ARE EQUAL TO  
MEN, SO ALWAYS TREAT  
THEM WITH RESPECT.**



**EDUCATE ALL YOUR  
CHILDREN.**



**SPEAK  
OUT WHEN  
A WOMAN OR  
GIRL IS BEING  
MISTREATED.**

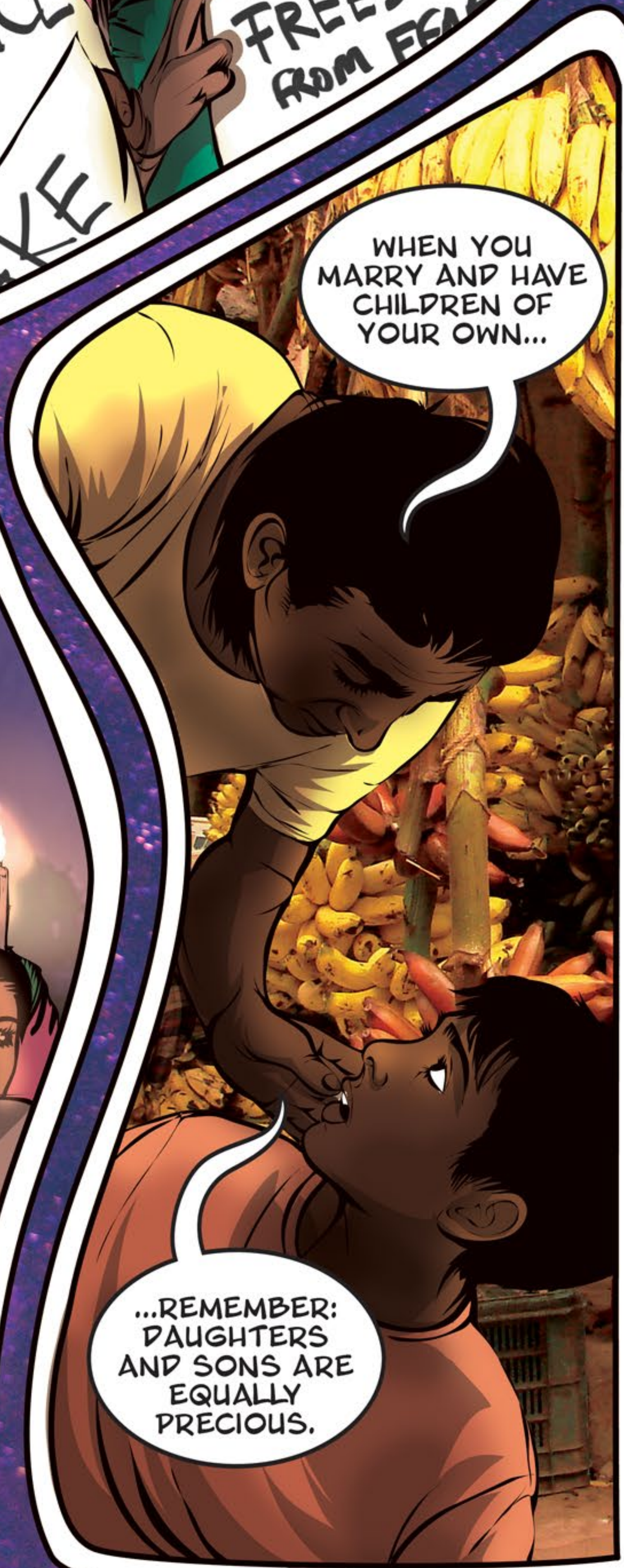




**ONLY WHEN INJUSTICE IS REVEALED WILL IT END.**

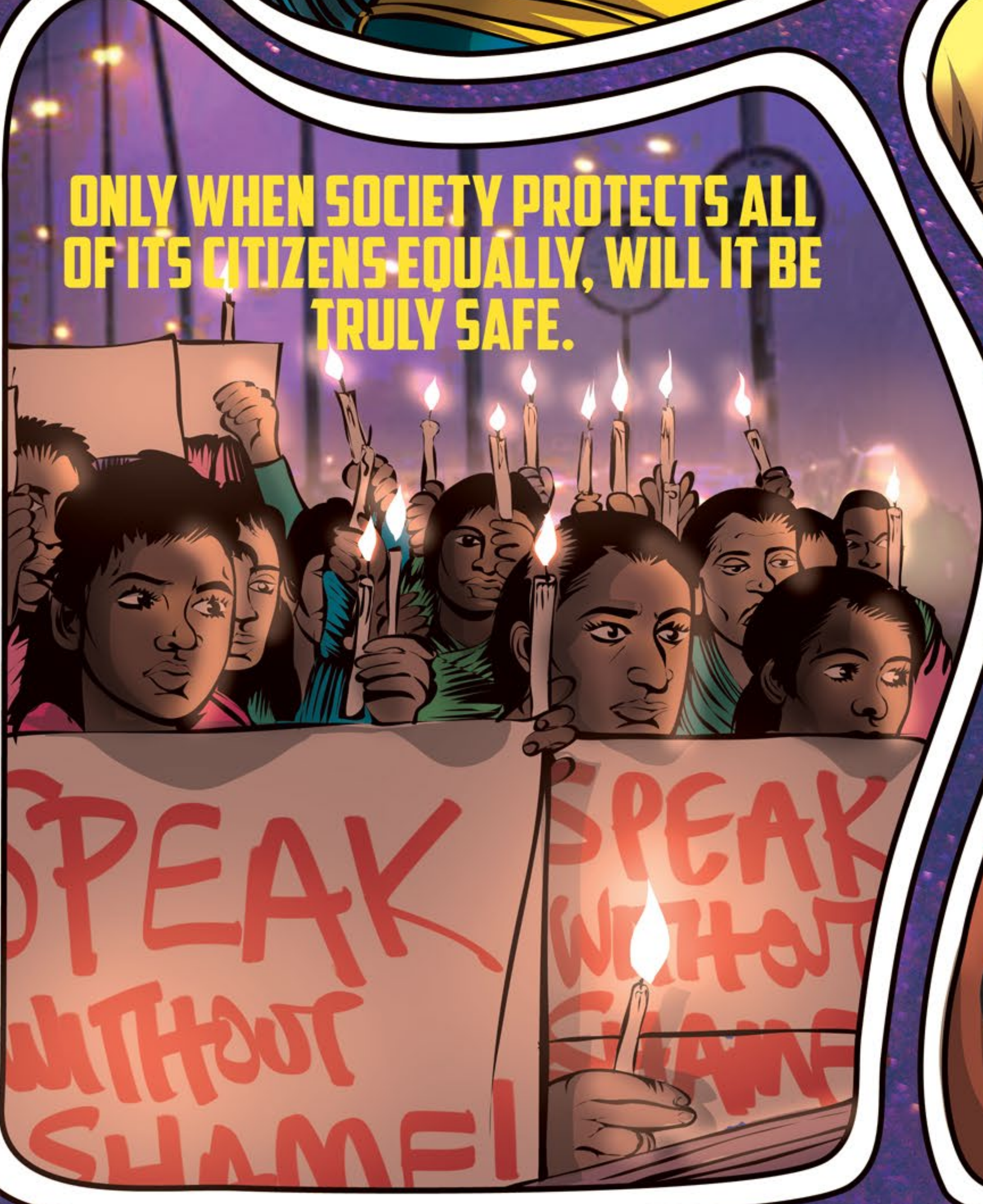


WHEN YOU MARRY AND HAVE CHILDREN OF YOUR OWN...



...REMEMBER: DAUGHTERS AND SONS ARE EQUALLY PRECIOUS.

**ONLY WHEN SOCIETY PROTECTS ALL OF ITS CITIZENS EQUALLY, WILL IT BE TRULY SAFE.**





**PRIYA'S FAMILY  
JOINED THE  
MARCH.**



**THEY  
TRAVELLED  
FROM VILLAGE  
TO VILLAGE...**



**...SPREADING  
HER MESSAGE.**



PARVATI,  
YOU WERE  
RIGHT TO  
TRUST THEM.

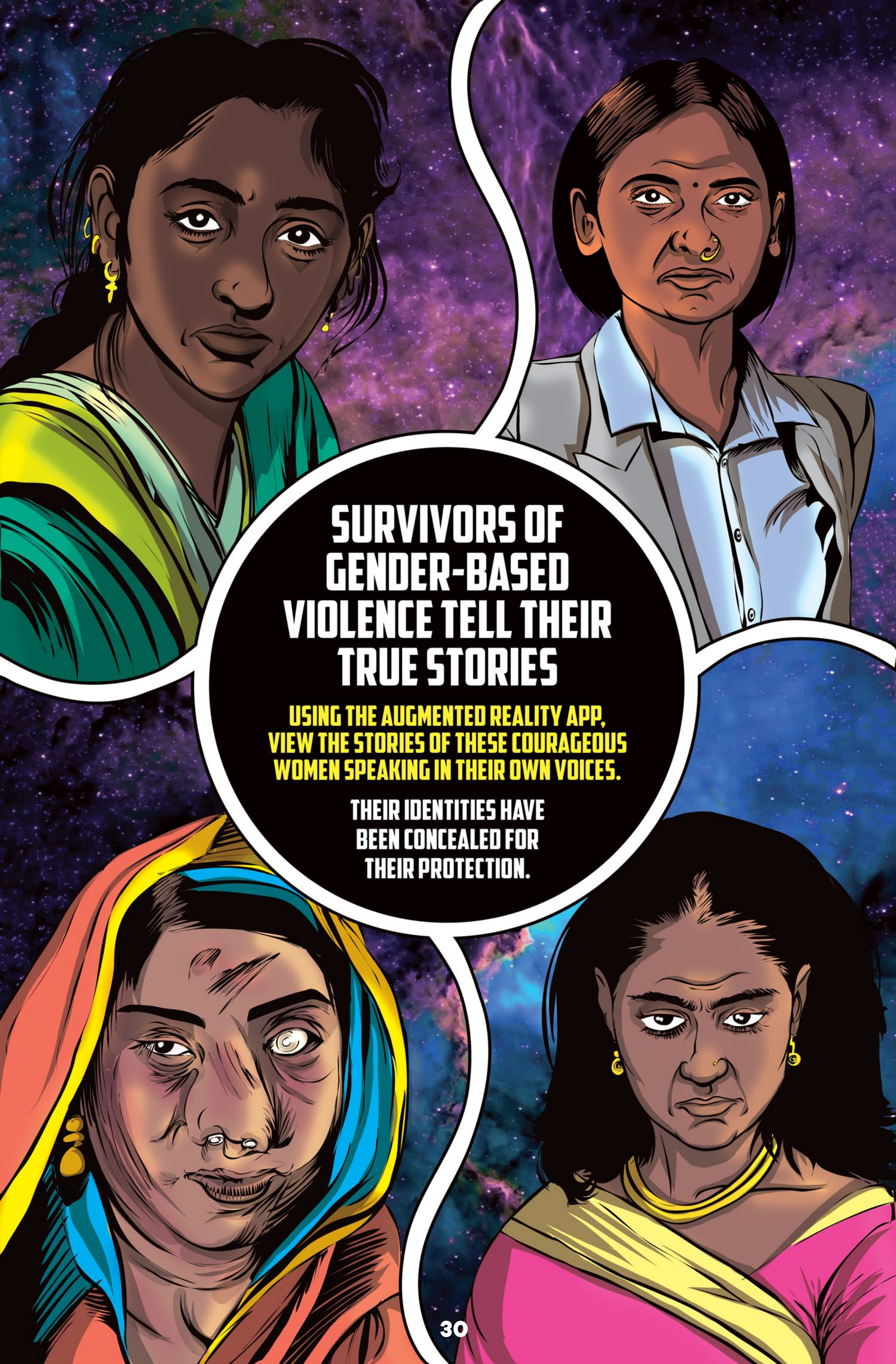
BUT WILL  
MORE PEOPLE  
STAND WITH  
PRIYA?

**PRIYA'S  
BRAVERY LED  
TO THE BEGINNING  
OF SOMETHING  
MUCH LARGER  
THAN HERSELF.**

**HOW WILL YOU  
STAND WITH PRIYA?**







**SURVIVORS OF  
GENDER-BASED  
VIOLENCE TELL THEIR  
TRUE STORIES**

**USING THE AUGMENTED REALITY APP,  
VIEW THE STORIES OF THESE COURAGEOUS  
WOMEN SPEAKING IN THEIR OWN VOICES.**

**THEIR IDENTITIES HAVE  
BEEN CONCEALED FOR  
THEIR PROTECTION.**



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