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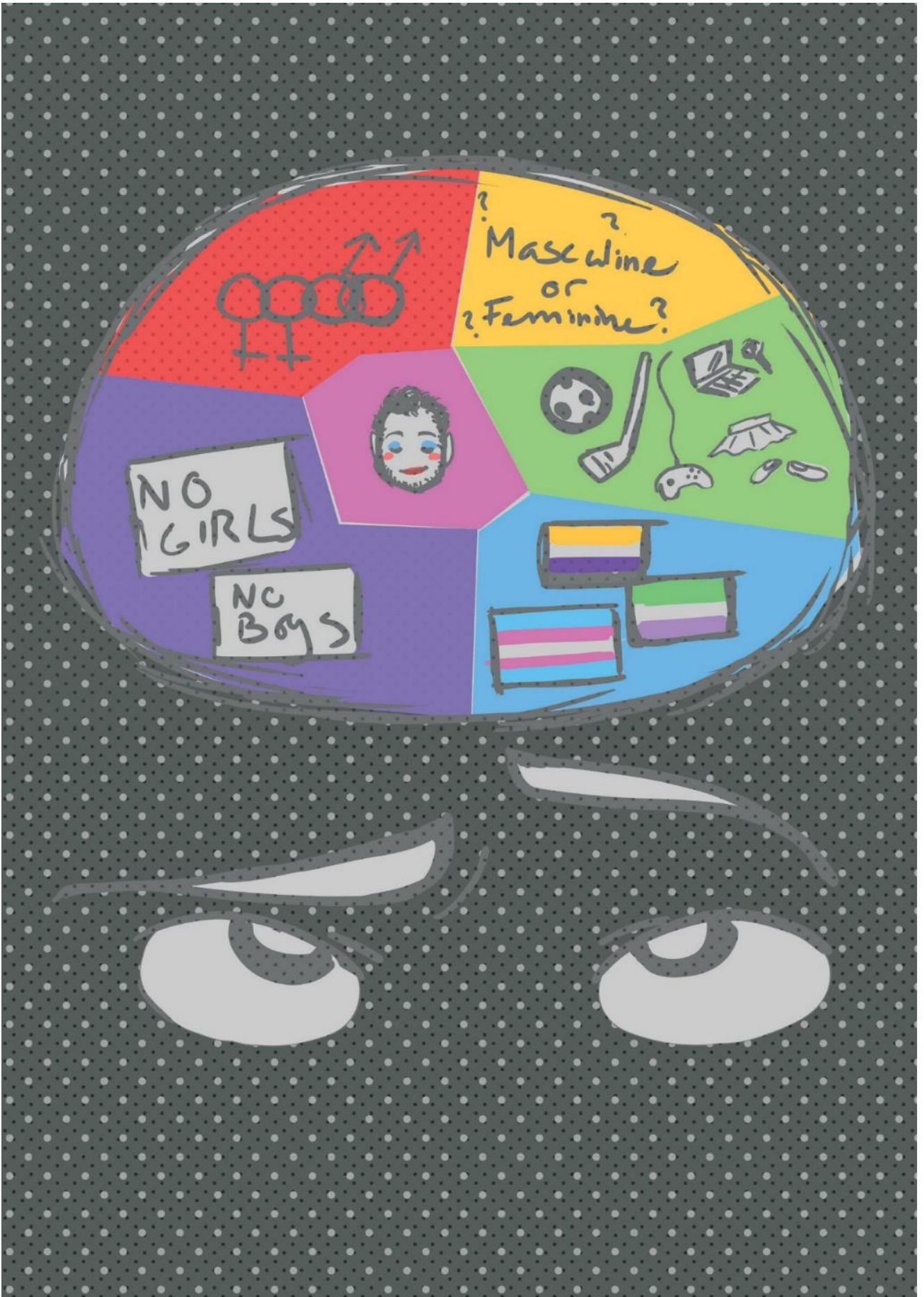
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Inleiding

Eenvoudige en korte tekst gericht op de jonge lezers zelf, om (1) enerzijds enige nieuwsgierigheid te wekken voor het onderwerp; (2) anderzijds hen uit te nodigen een gesprek aan te gaan met een jongerenwerker. Belangrijkste ideeën, om misschien te herformuleren, te vereenvoudigen, in te korten:

Deze compilatie van stripverhalen is gebaseerd op originele ideeën van jongeren tussen 18 en 27 jaar oud, afkomstig uit Duitsland, Griekenland, Nederland, Spanje en Zweden en met verschillende achtergronden.

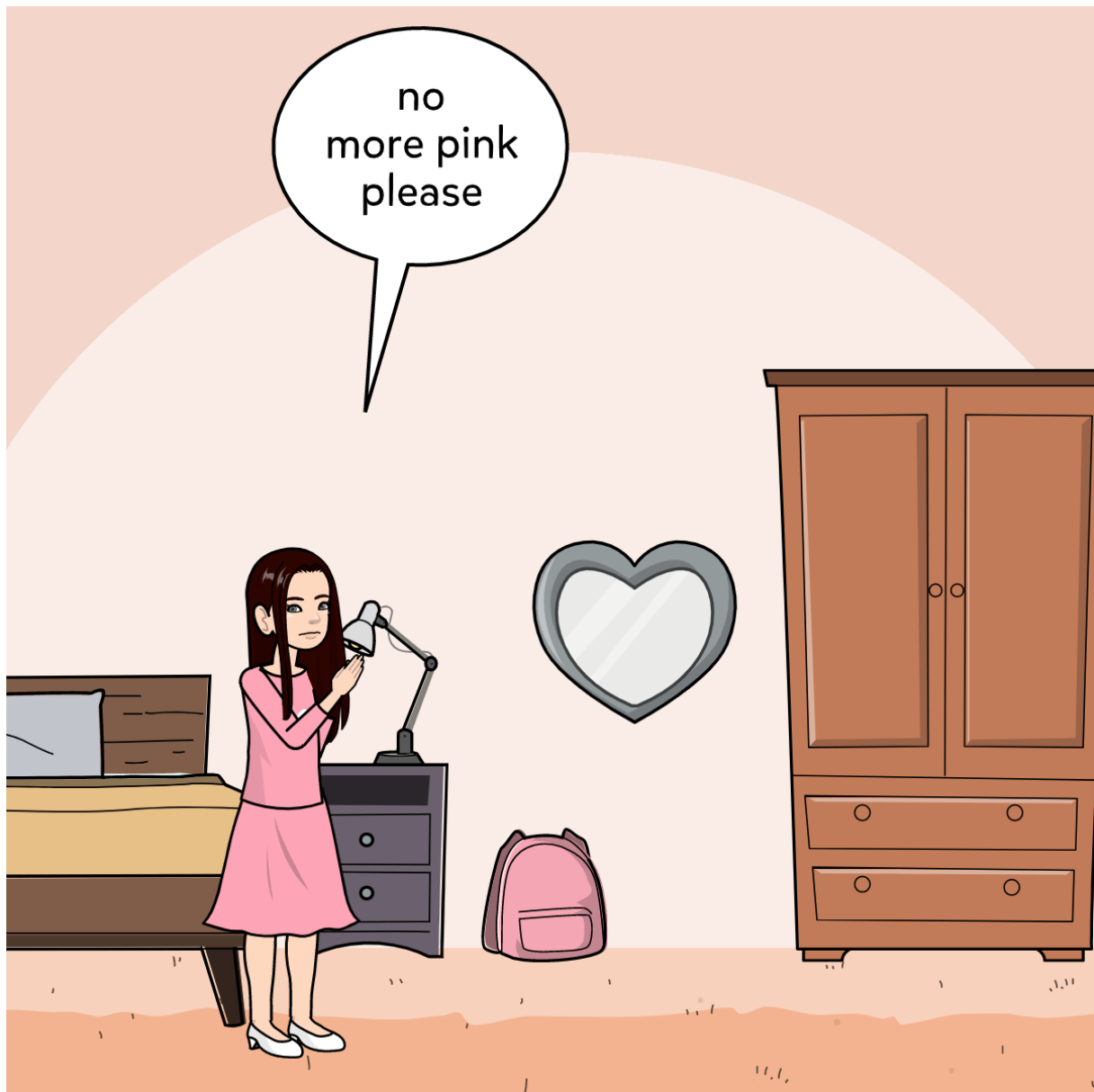
Gender is een belangrijk maar soms ook verwarrend - zelfs tegenstrijdig - aspect van iemands identiteit. Ze werden uitgenodigd om hun eigen gevoelens en ervaringen, uitdagingen en worstelingen, hoop en zorgen, en zelfs vragen over gender te vertegenwoordigen.

Het is nu jouw beurt! Hoe voel je je na het lezen van deze strips? Ben je nieuwsgierig, heb je vragen, kun je je verplaatsen in de uitgebeelde situaties, heb je misschien ondersteuning nodig? Je bent niet alleen!

Jongerenwerkers kunnen je helpen om door dit complexe onderwerp te navigeren. Ze zijn de juiste mensen om een gesprek mee aan te gaan: geheimhouding is een regel in hun werk, en ze hebben de juiste kennis! En als je verdere ondersteuning nodig hebt, kunnen ze je naar de juiste mensen leiden!

Theme 1 – “So Cliché”

Idea 1 (IEKEP, GR)



Explanations: From an early age, girls are clothed all pink, boys all blue, to make it simple. This cliché was shared in all partner countries, with little to no variations in intensity, even today.

The young participants used clothing to illustrate this issue because it is the most obvious way boys and girls are taught and expected to behave in different ways. The question remains: Why?

Idea 2 (CMO STAMM, NL)



Explanations: It is usually uncommon for feminine girls to become a mechanic. With this image, young participants want to start a conversation about the fact that it does not have to be common.

Girls can become a mechanic without anyone saying "Are you sure?" or "but it is a man's job!"

Idea 3 (CMO STAMM, NL)



Explanations: In the same way it is not regarded as “normal” for women to get “a man’s job”, a man can suffer from the opposite cliché if he wants to be a stay at home dad, even if it is never questioned when a woman wants the same.

In this comic strip, this young man is sure he wants to take care of his future kids. But his guidance counsellor does not approve. She says he can do anything: she thinks it is sad, even a waste, not to use the potential he has for traditionally masculine job. Why is that?

Theme 2 – “Toy Stories”

Idea 1 (IEKEP, GR)



Explanations: Children learn gender clichés from an early age, through their education (family, school), and through games in which they reproduce and reinforce them.

This picture is a classic example of such a situation, to which many participants could relate. It shows how difficult it is to challenge gender roles, because of the pressure “challenges” have to face.

Idea 2 (Unknown)

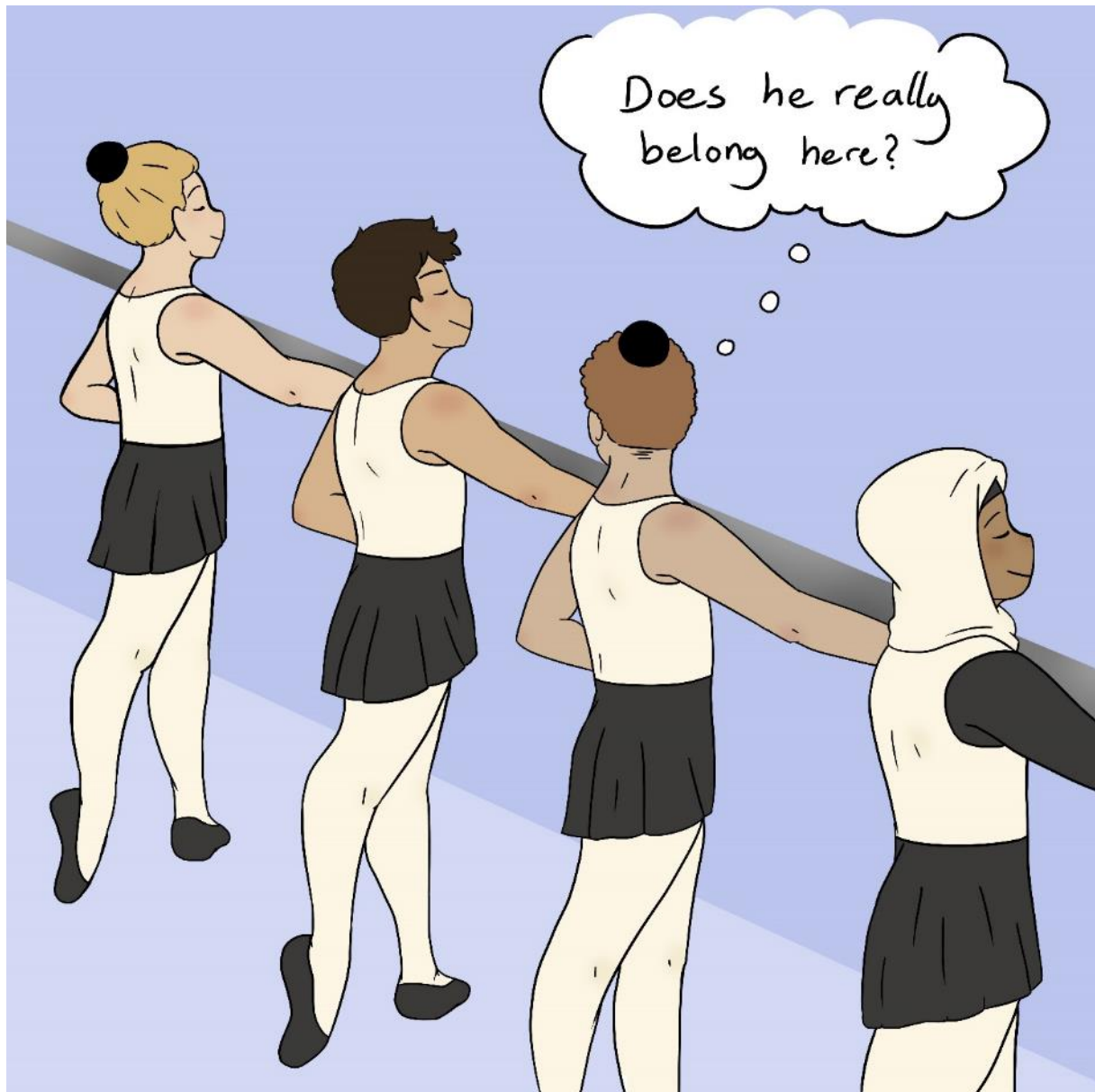


Explanations: This drawing is a “leftover draft” but the young participants felt it would be a good addition to the previous draft comic strip nonetheless.

It reflects on a similar issue, showing that exclusion based on gender can take many forms: while younger girls are often excluded from “boyish” football games, they can struggle in other fields when they grow up, such as video games.

Video game players are mostly boys or men. As a result, girls and women will often face sexist reactions and remarks when they play online video games.

Idea 3 (Unknown)



Explanations: This other “leftover draft” illustrates the same situation but for boys, who can also suffer from gender clichés.

A typical example is how hard it is for boys to join “girly” activities. They may face disapproval from the girls they join, for instance if they want to learn dancing, but also from their families: many parents refuse to let their son have such “girly” hobbies.

Idea 4 (CMO STAMM, NL)



Explanations: While teens do not play with toys anymore, make-up is an example of something they 'play' with.

With this comic strip, participants wanted to start the conversation about boys wearing make-up, and the assumption that they are homosexual if they do so.

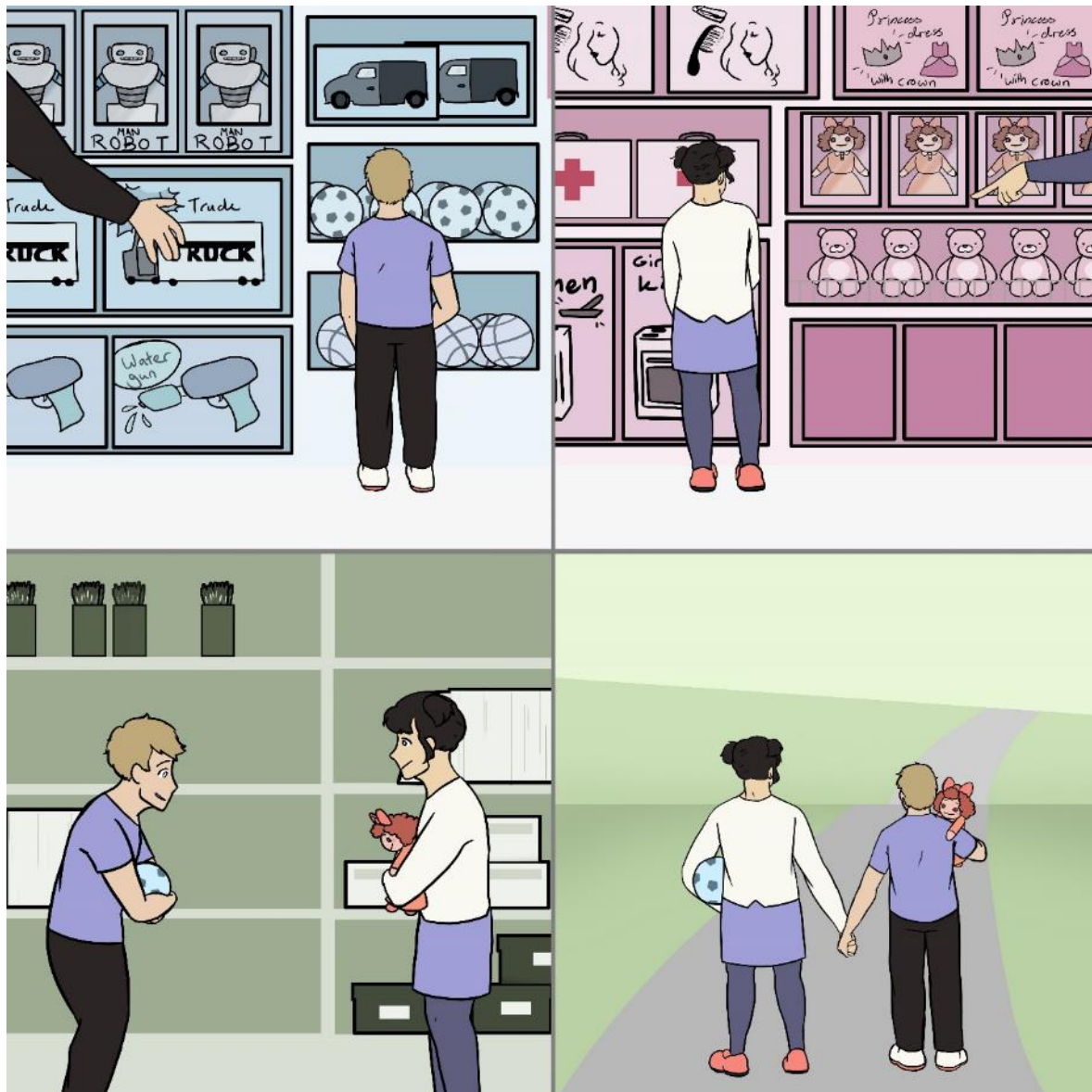
Idea 5 (CMO STAMM, NL)



Explanations: With girls it is usually the other way around (not wearing any make-up is strange or “abnormal”).

Participants wanted to discuss this as well. Is it weird for girls to not wear make-up? Why?

Idea 6 (Centro San Viator, ES)



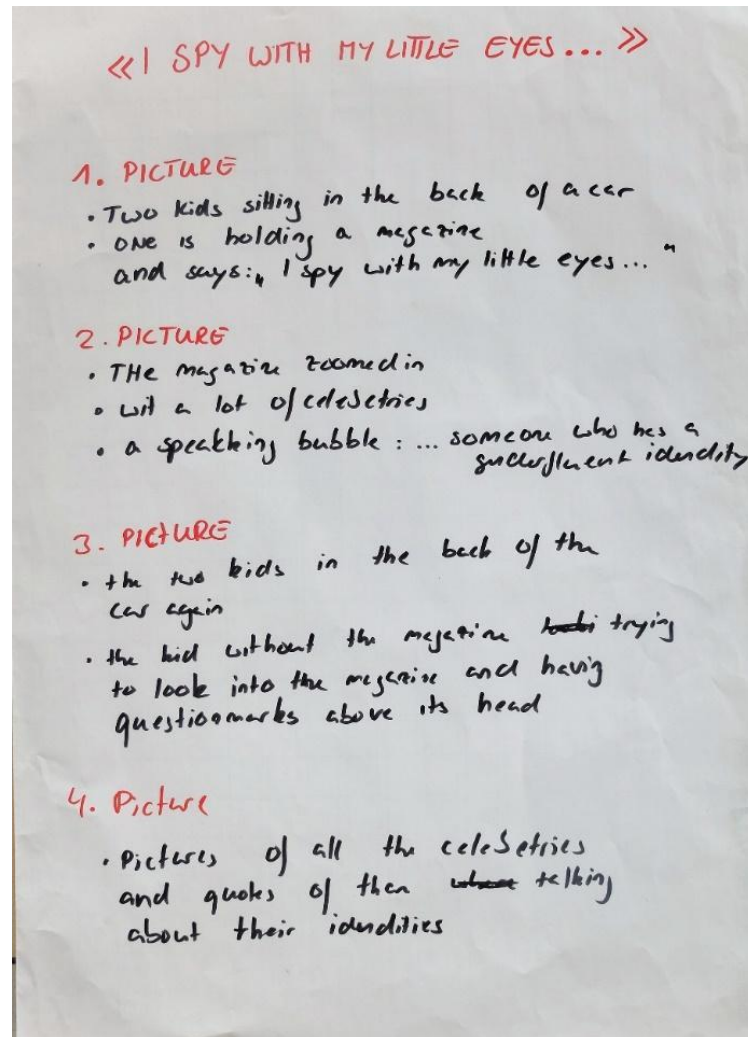
Explanations: In toy shops and supermarkets, toys are sorted out in “Boys” and “Girls” sections. Usually, it is very striking, opposing blue toys on one side, pink toys on the other side.

This contributes to reduce children’s choices when it comes to express their preferences freely. Parents often follow these sections blindly and lead boys in the blue section, girls in the pink section, leaving no freedom to their kids. Sometimes even refusing them to have a look in the other section.

Here Centro San Viator imagined how children, who don’t have “gender prejudices” of this kind at an early age, can be the solution!

Idea 7 (SKA Darmstadt, DE)





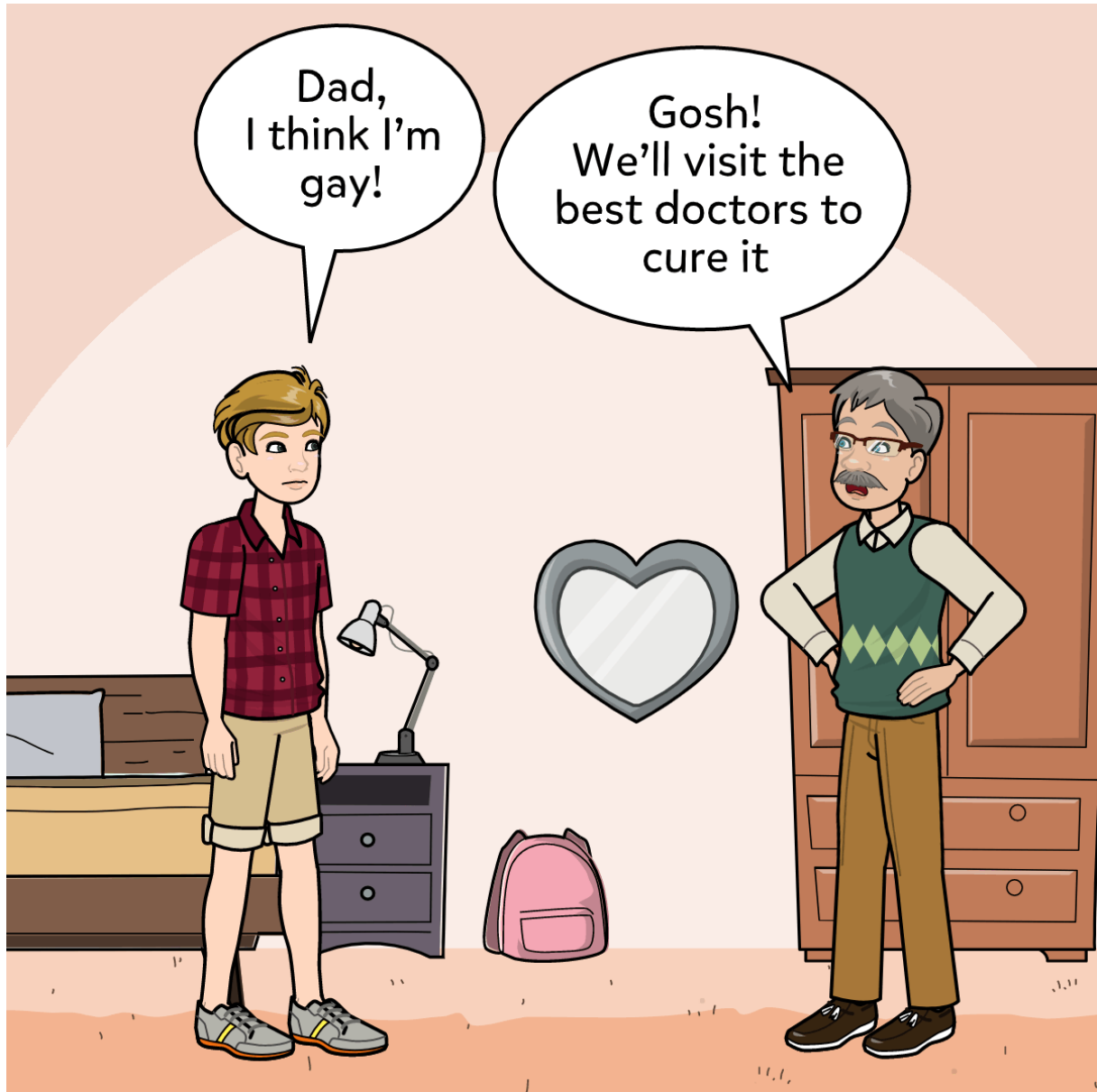
Explanations: “I spy” is a guessing game where one player chooses an object within sight and announces to the other players that „I spy with my little eye, something beginning with...“, naming the first letter of the object. Other players attempt to guess what this object is.

In this comic strip, SKA Darmstadt imagined kids playing this game with a magazine showing many famous people on the same page. One of them starts the game “I spy with my little eyes: someone who has a genderfluid identity”. The other one can’t guess, because these things are not always so obvious.

So we end up on a panel showing all these celebrities telling about their own identity: they are diverse, for most of them we can’t know “at first glance” and it shows that gender identity is a lot more diverse and complex than what is usually shown and perceived.

Theme 3 – “LGBTQIA+ Rights & Discrimination : Where do we stand?”

Idea 1 (IEKEP, GR)



Explanations: With this strip, participants from IEKEP answered the question “What’s wrong today?”

Homosexuality, and more generally everything “non-heterosexual” (bisexual, transgender, non-conforming, pansexual, asexual etc) is considered a disease by many, among older generations ... but not only.

Teenagers coming out of the closet will therefore not always get supportive reactions: on the contrary, they will be told something is wrong with them and should be “fixed”.

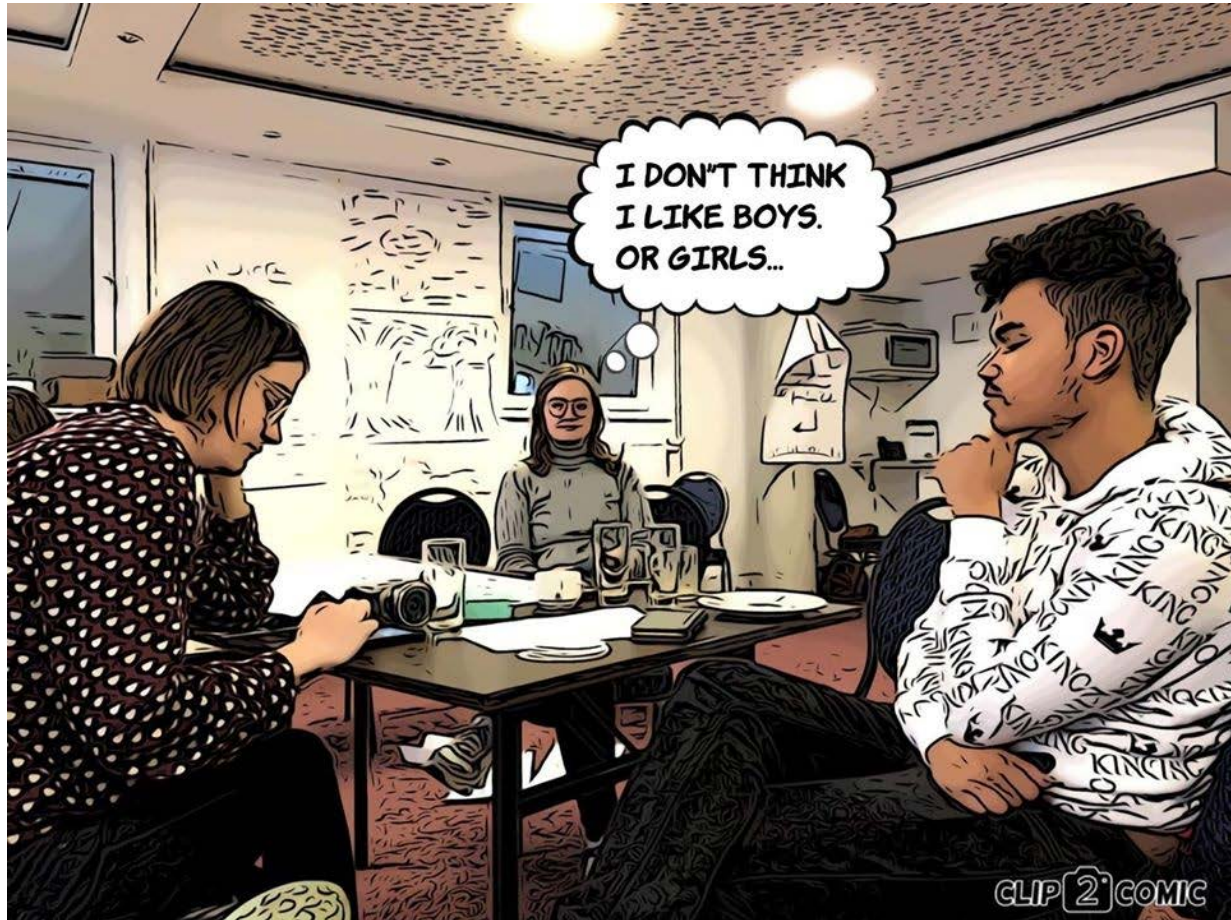
Idea 2 (CMO STAMM, NL)



Explanations: Next to the “typical” sexual orientations - gay, lesbian, heterosexual or bi are well understood concepts – it is easy to forget that there is more.

In this scene, young participants from CMO STAMM reflected on asexuality. Does this mean you cannot be in love with someone just because you don't want to have sex? Can you still feel attracted to someone but not have the desire to become sexual with this person?

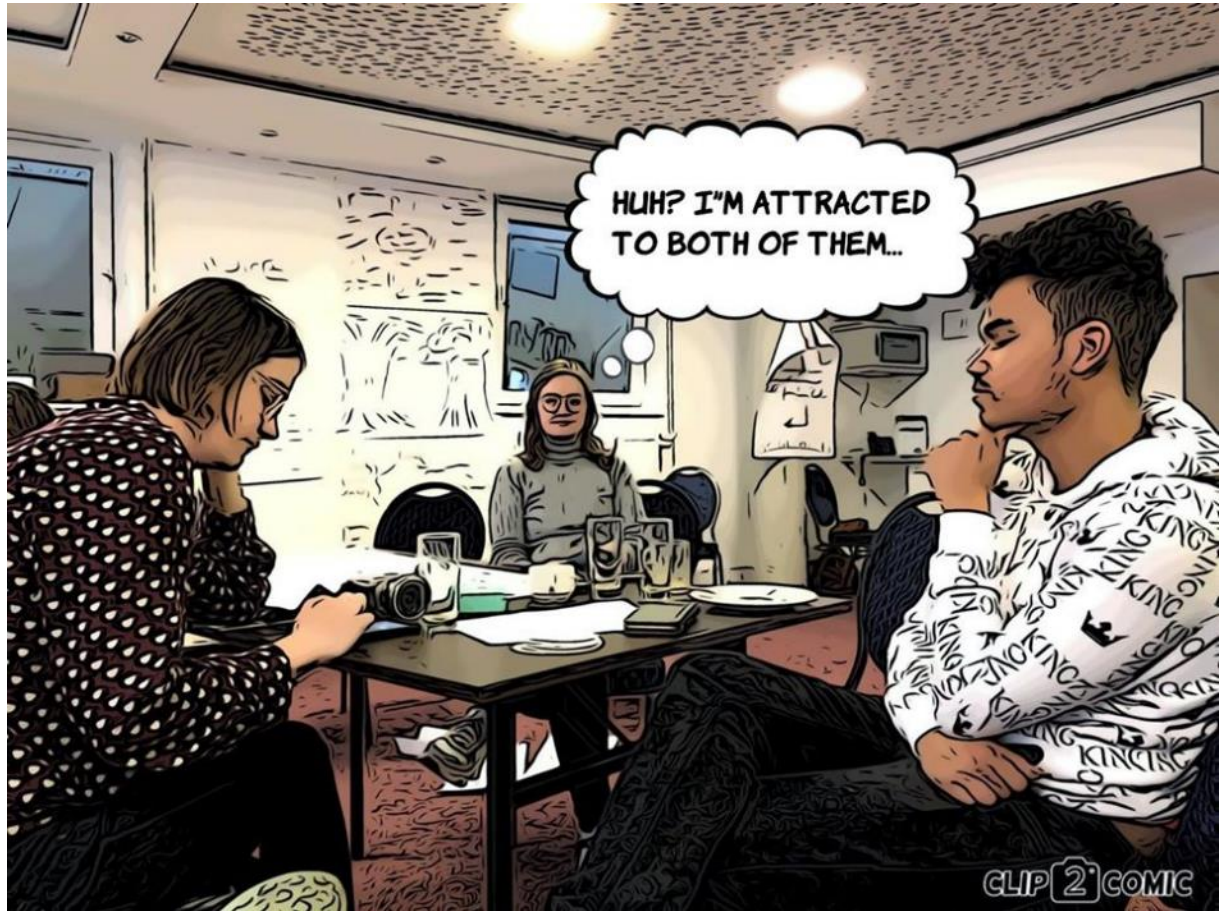
Idea 3 (CMO STAMM, NL)



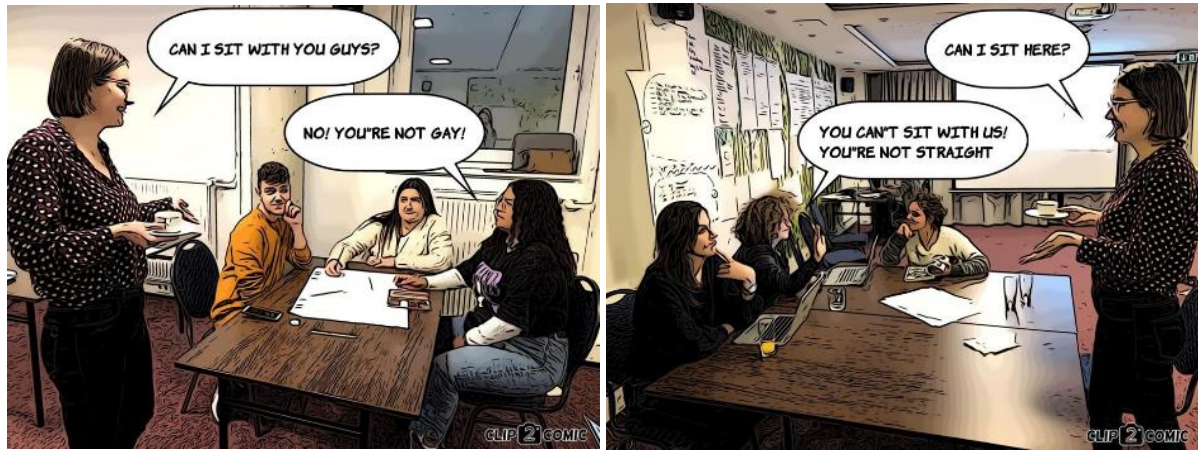
Explanations: With this comic strip and the next one, young participants from CMO STAMM also felt it was important to show that understanding one's sexual orientation can also be a very personal struggle.

So even when somebody is not facing discrimination of any kind, they may need support and someone else to talk to about their own interrogations!

Idea 4 (CMO STAMM, NL)



Idea 5 (CMO STAMM, NL)



Explanations: Here young participants imitated the movie “Mean Girls” when the characters are saying “You can’t sit with us!”. These three pictures are connected together: a group of gay people refuse somebody at their table because they are bisexual, and the same happens with a group of heterosexual people. So, the bisexual person ends up alone.

With this comic strip, the participants wanted to show that discrimination is a broader issue than we think. Some people don’t accept bisexuality as an orientation, and it is possible to be “rejected” from both “heteronormative groups” and the homosexual community.

Idea 6 (CMO STAMM, NL)



Explanations: This setting is based on someone who doesn't feel like they belong to any gender at all. This can be a person who is transgender, genderfluid or maybe nonbinary.

The struggle they face on a daily basis is that the whole world is organised around binary genders, and even the most ordinary things exclude anybody who does not feel like a man or a woman.

Idea 7 (CMO STAMM, NL)



Explanations: This comic strip is about the fact that you can't always know someone's sexual orientation just by looking at them. It is a very common question in the LGBTTIQ community.

Idea 8 (Centro San Viator, ES)



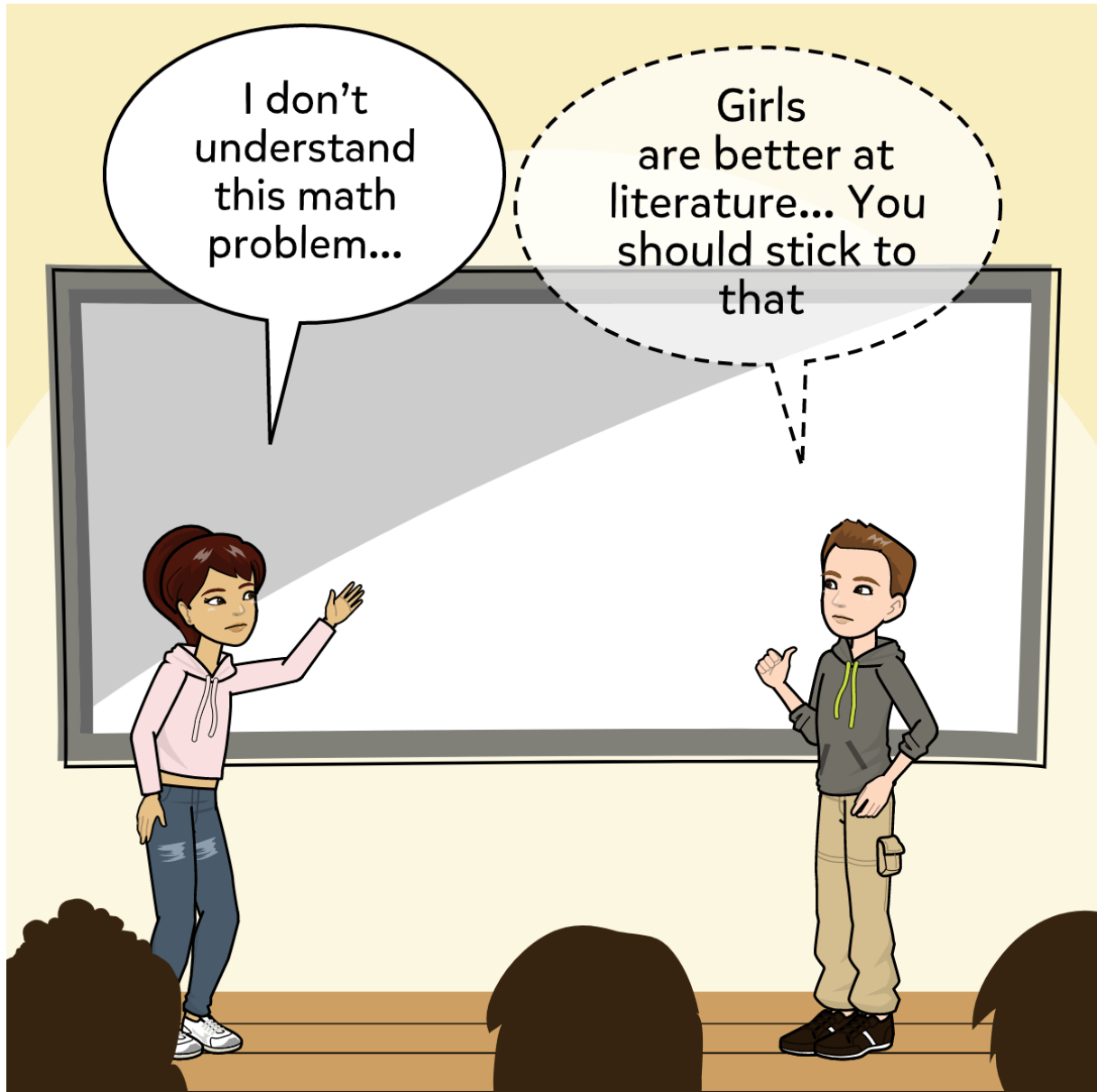
Explanations: To conclude this chapter, a positive glance from Centro San Viator! A person with a neutral name, Alex, presents themselves, and they are gender fluid, expressing their identity both in a feminine and masculine way. This person feels neither just “man” nor just “woman”, but both at the same time, and it can be expressed in different ways at different times.

The second panel shows typical reactions: it is hard for most people to understand such a situation, as they are used to sort each other into two categories, “man” and “woman” or “masculine and “feminine”, just by looking at somebody’s appearance.

However the youngest children don’t have such “heteronormative prejudices”: they have not learnt them. So their reaction is simpler and more accepting: “I only see a person”.

Theme 4- "Back to School!"

Idea 1 (IEKEP, GR)



Explanations: This is another example of "What's wrong today?" by IEKEP, focused on school. Gender prejudices attribute better skills to girls in "liberal arts" (social sciences, literature, arts ...) and worse skills in "hard sciences" like maths. The contrary is usually the norm for boys.

These clichés reproduce at school among other things. Teachers tend to lead boys into "scientific sections" and girls into "literature" and such. Students behave in similar ways towards each other.

But in the end, this partly explains why engineers are still mostly males, and literature teachers mostly females.

Idea 2 (CMO STAMM, NL)



Explanations: The symptoms of ADHD are more often seen in men. This comic strip is an illustration of the fact that both boys and girls can have ADHD nonetheless.

But like for many disorders, professionals are more used to recognize them in boys and men rather than in girls and women, because scientific studies focus mainly on boys and men.

Idea 3 (CMO STAMM, NL)



Explanations: Women are often judged on their appearance, with little or no margin left for self-expression: for instance, skirts are either too short and you are a “slut”, even “asking for it”, or they are too long and you are “uptight”.

Idea 4 (Centro San Viator, ES)



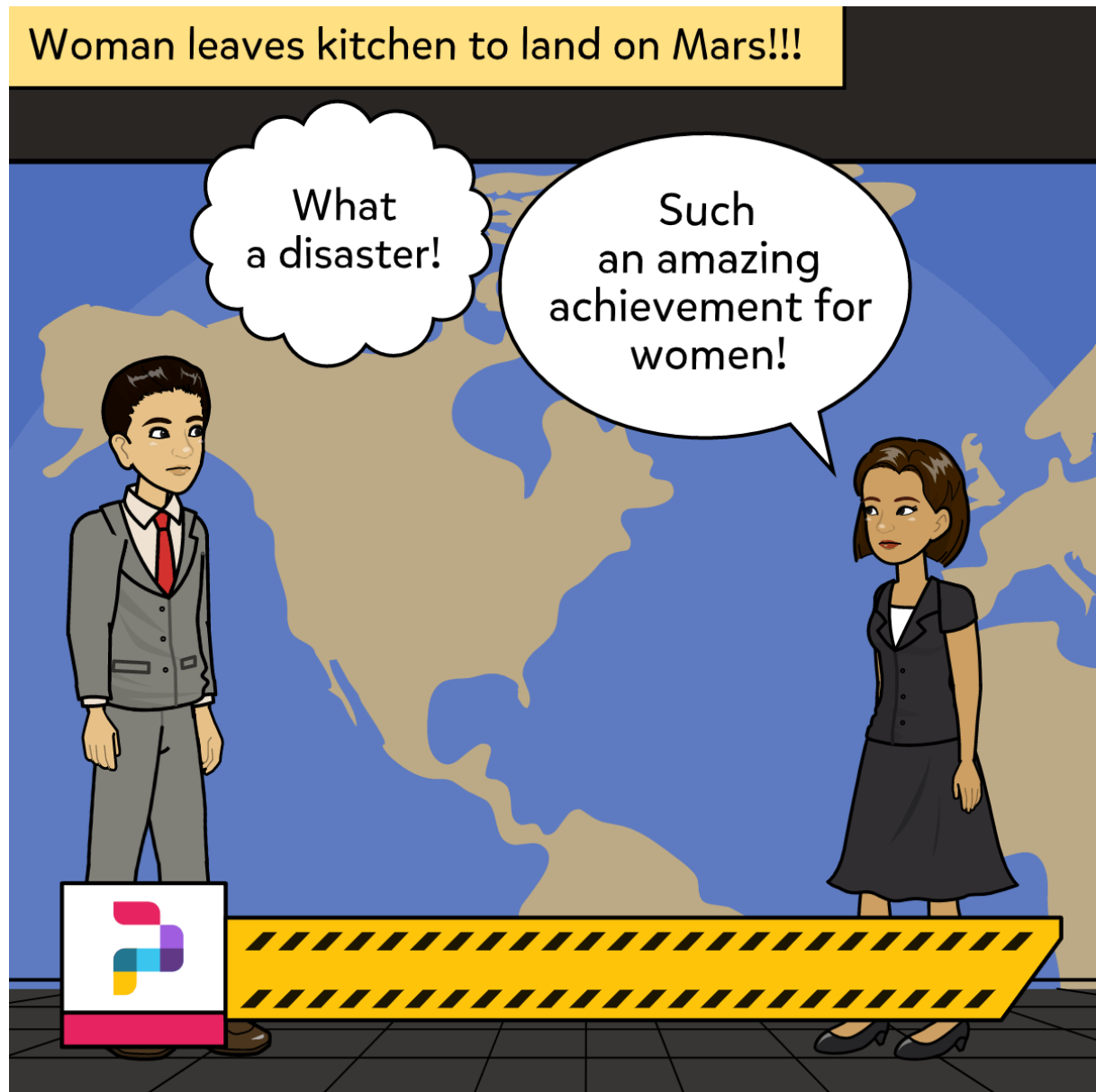
Explanations: To conclude this chapter, once again a positive look from Centro San Viator! The participants' idea is to show "metaphorically" that people raised with prejudices reproduce this negativity and prejudiced views when they are older.

On the contrary, people raised without prejudices, with acceptance and tolerance, tend to be more accepting, tolerant, positive and supportive themselves later on.

This is about education as a whole, and not just school, but it fits well in there!

Theme 5: "A fireman, a policeman and an air hostess walk into a bar ..."

Idea 1 (IEKEP, GR)



Explanations: Yet another illustration of "What's wrong today?" by IEKEP's young participants. They wanted a humorous example of different reactions to the current trend towards more equality.

When women quit "traditional gender roles" (here, the kitchen!) to achieve great things and become role models, some men form a "resistance" to this change because they think women don't belong outside their household.

Idea 2 (CMO STAMM, NL)



Explanations: Women in the workplace often get questioned about their role in the company. Women in high positions are especially overlooked and presumed to have a lower position in their workplace.

This scene reflects real life situations women face at work.

Conclusion: "A World without Gender?"

WHAT WOULD A WORLD WITHOUT GENDER LOOK LIKE?

SCHOOL - CLASSROOM

- a curriculum showing for the first time lessons some kind exercises/activities / different kind of subjects
- different kind of possibilities to sit

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	...
emotions	Sports	Language	
Activism	Geography	Science - Experiments	
Biology	Photography	Graphic Design	
sciences	Cooking		
chemistry			
music			

SUPERMARKET

- Showing Diversity in Advertisement
- no Gender typical colours of Toys (blue, pink)
- no typical Gender products like shaver, soaps...

CONSTRUCTION SIDE

- diverse Group of people working there
- e.g. handicapped people, hijab wearing people, people of small stature,

FAMILY HOME (kitchen + living room)

- different kind of pictures frames with diverse family settings
- a refrigerator with family week plan

Family plan:

Bath	Washing Machine
Washing Machine	Washing Machine
Washing Machine	Washing Machine
Washing Machine	Washing Machine

JOB (conference room)

- diverse people sitting around a big conference table
- with a woman breastfeeding
- Behind the glass walls a day care with kids

A WORLD WITHOUT GENDER?

Explanations: Young participants from SKA Darmstadt went a little further to imagine a world without gender, and how it would show in different areas and situations if gender was not an issue and the concept “disappeared” somehow.

Can such a world exist? Do you think it should exist? How would you feel in the following situations?

AT SCHOOL: An agenda showing a student’s very diverse activities, with all kinds of topics, mixing what is usually attributed to girls (“emotions”, „cooking”) and boys (“sports”, “chemistry”).

AT THE SUPERMARKET: So many advertisements! But the typical “sexy girl selling soap” and “manly man shaving with a hatchet” have disappeared. There is a lot more diversity: same-sex parents, transgender model, woman selling DIY tools, man selling make-up, along with more “traditional” ads like a man and razor and a woman and diet food. Gender expression has not disappeared, but its diversity is now represented.

AT THE TOY STORE: You are visiting a toys’ section ... but there is now only one section in which you can find toys in all colours, not just blue and pink!

AT THE SUPERMARKET: Impossible to find the usual products in separate sections for men and women. These products are still there of course, but they are not in “genderized” sections and formats: razors, shavers or even toothbrushes don’t need to be blue or pink depending on who buys them!

ON A CONSTRUCTION SITE: In the future, construction sites don’t look the same anymore. Instead of the cliché manly men whistling at women, everybody is represented here: women work on the site too, and diversity

shows both in terms of gender expression (feminine man, masculine woman, non-conforming people etc) and beyond gender (handicapped person, another wearing a hijab, small and tall people etc).

AT HOME: On a refrigerator at home, you can see a family weekly plan showing what everybody’s doing throughout the week. But “Home” and “Office” appear for both parents and is balanced: none of them needs to sacrifice family life to make a living, or a professional career to take care of children. Children themselves have diverse hobbies, including “non- traditional” hobbies in regards to their gender. Both girls and boys do

theatre, camps, various sports, creative activities, school trips, play musical instruments, go to a ballet class etc.

Bijlage 1: Wanneer en waar wordt de strip gebruikt; Gebruiksaanwijzing voor professionals in het (maatschappelijk) jeugdwerk

Deze strip is tot stand gekomen dankzij de originele ideeën van tieners, jongvolwassenen en professionals in het (maatschappelijk) jeugdwerk. Ideeën verzameld als onderdeel van het Erasmus +-project "New Perspectives - Gender-Specific Approaches in Youth Work". Het doel is om de verschillende gevoelens en ervaringen van Europese jongeren, uitdagingen en strijd, hoop en zorgen en vragen over gender, seks, rolmodellen en genderspecifieke kwesties te presenteren.

De strips gaan met name in op traditionele genderrollen en verwachtingen, evenals de uitdagingen die ze als jonge mensen hebben ervaren of nog steeds ervaren vanwege deze lang gekoesterde stereotypen.

De strip moet eenvoudig, toegankelijk en gemakkelijk te lezen zijn. Het is bedoeld om een creatief, aantrekkelijk en pakkend format te bieden aan jeugd(maatschappelijk)werkers die met jongeren in dialoog willen gaan over genderspecifieke vraagstukken.

Je kunt de strip dus gebruiken als 'conversatiestarter': bouw voort op de reacties, vragen of indrukken van de lezer om dit onderwerp te bespreken en inventariseer de mogelijke behoeften van de jongere in dit verband.

Verdere opmerkingen:

Jeugd(maatschappelijk)werkprofessionals kunnen jongeren niet altijd alle ondersteuning bieden die ze in bepaalde situaties nodig hebben. In bepaalde gevallen (bijvoorbeeld seksuele intimidatie, discriminatie op grond van seksuele geaardheid, geweld) hebben ze meer uitgebreide hulp nodig. Desalniettemin kunnen professionals een cruciale rol spelen door hen naar de juiste instellingen te leiden en u te begeleiden naar de juiste professionals (bijv. gespecialiseerde NGO's, officiële overheidsinstanties, psychologen, enz.)!








Een andere brochure werd gepubliceerd in het Erasmus+-projectpartnerschap, die ook gericht is op (maatschappelijk) jongeren en andere aspecten behandelt van het omgaan met de complexe kwesties van "gender en seks". Als u meer informatie over het onderwerp of verdere verwerkingsmethoden nodig heeft, neem dan contact op met de projectpartners die op de voorpagina en op de volgende pagina worden vermeld.

Bijlage 2: Projectbeschrijving

"New Perspectives - Gender Approaches in Youth Work" is een strategisch partnerschap voor jongeren, gefinancierd door het Erasmus+-programma, Key Action 2 en gecoördineerd door de BAG EJSa met de steun van het YES Forum (subsidieovereenkomst 2016-3-DE04-KA205-). 014655).

Van medio 2018 tot eind 2020 kwamen jeugd(maatschappelijk)werkers, jongeren en jongvolwassenen uit 5 verschillende EU-landen bij elkaar. Ze werkten samen om nieuwe instrumenten en methoden uit te wisselen en te ontwikkelen om de problemen van gender en genderspecifieke methoden in het werken met jongeren aan te pakken.

Een gedetailleerde presentatie van het project en de resultaten ervan, in het bijzonder de twee publicaties gericht op jonge Europeanen enerzijds en jeugdwerk en jeugdmaatschappelijk werk anderzijds, is te vinden op de YES Forum-website (www.yes-forum.eu/projecten).

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P2	Darmstadt SKA e.V. (DE) 	Association of youth welfare and provides counseling, education and social work in Darmstadt and the surrounding area.
P3	IEKEP (GR) 	A private non-profit organization in the region of Attica as an accredited vocational training center.
P4	Skellefteå kommun (SE) 	Skellefteå Municipality.
P5	CMO STAMM (NL) 	Knowledge center for societal issues, working for residents, institutions and organizations of Groningen and Drenthe.
P6	Centro San Viator (ES) 	School and center for professional training.
P7	YES Forum (DE) 	European network of organizations in EU member states or programme countries working with and for young people who face disadvantages or discrimination.



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