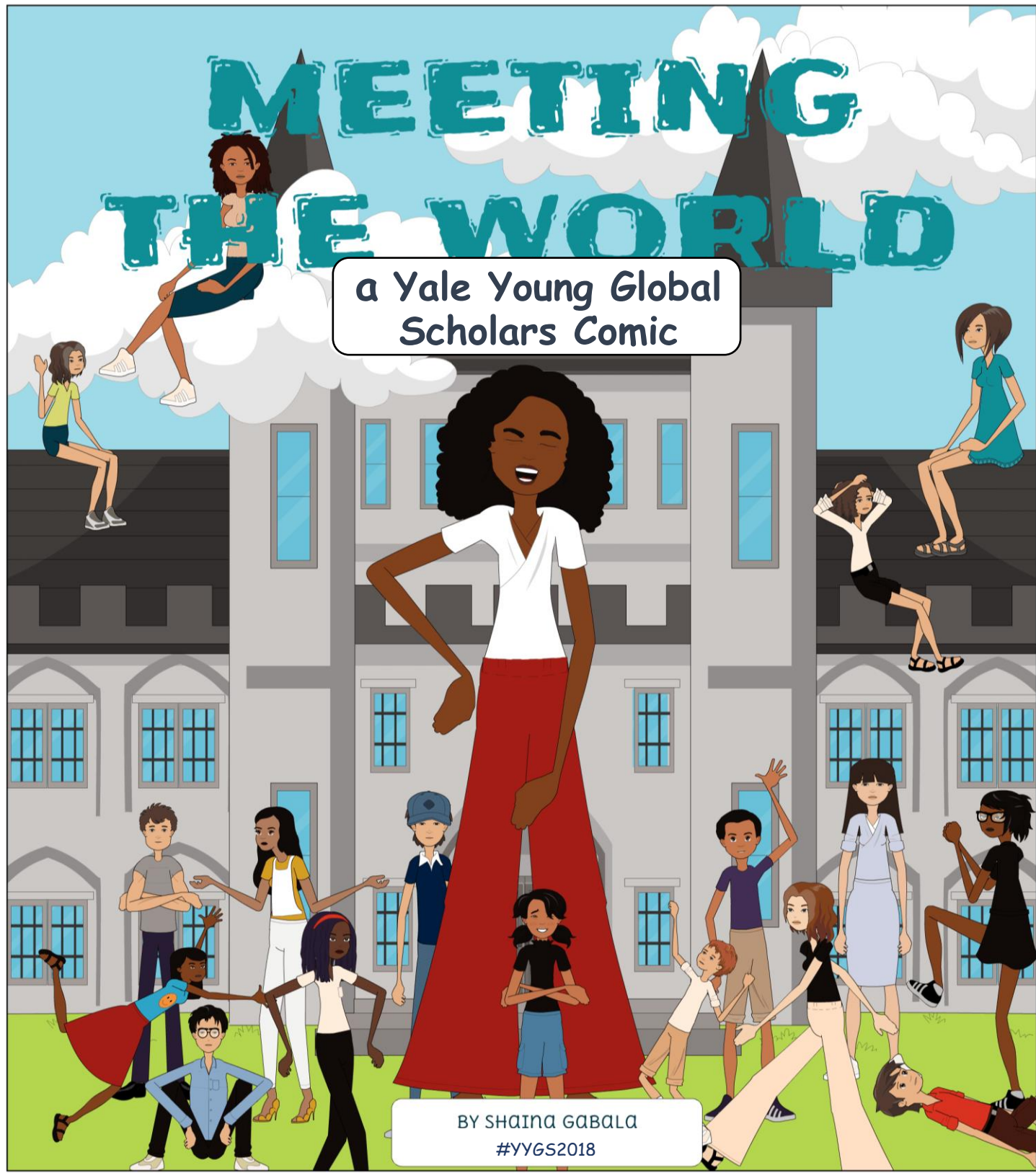
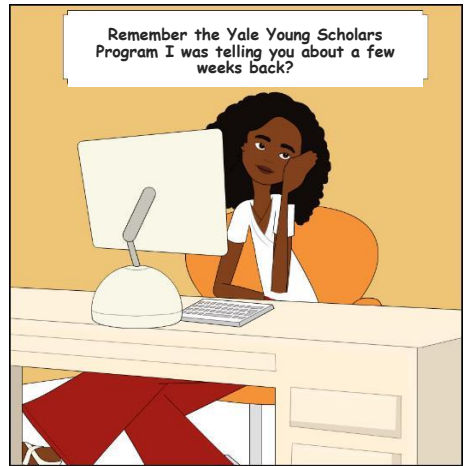
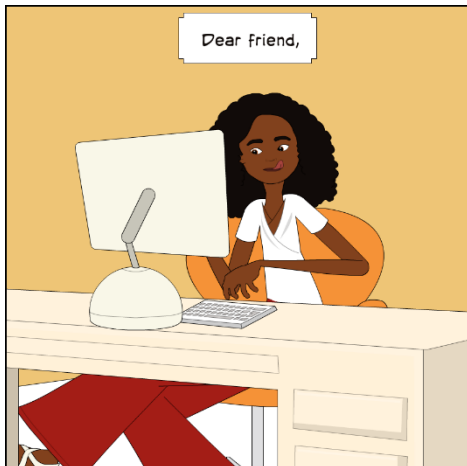


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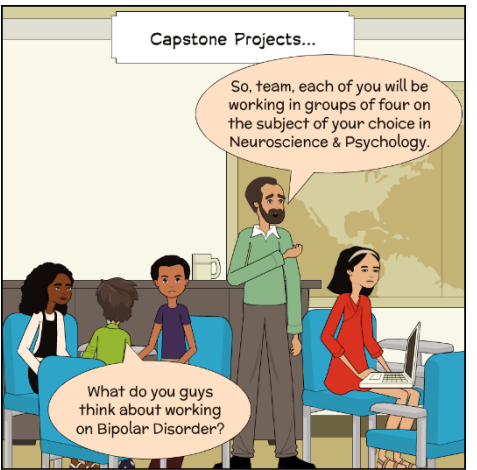
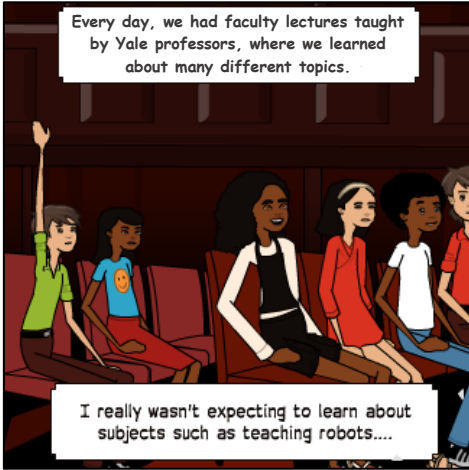
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I met so many people from so many different backgrounds, that I couldn't tell you about all of them... But the cultural diversity there was amazing.



I actually found a small group of friends, who made every day a little better.

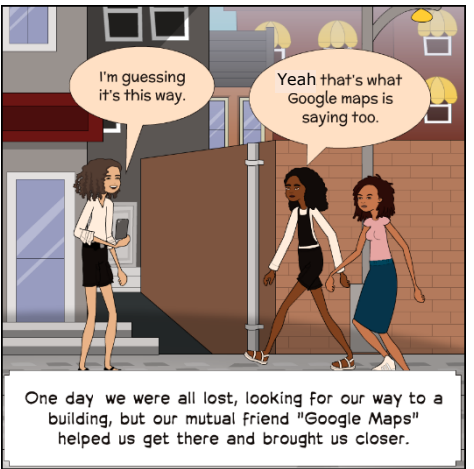


The first one I met was Oluwatomisin. But since I'm guessing you'll have a hard time pronouncing that, Tomi works too.

During our first seminar, we discovered that we were from the same region in Africa and immediately connected.



I then met Teodora, or Teddy for short, and Sarah.

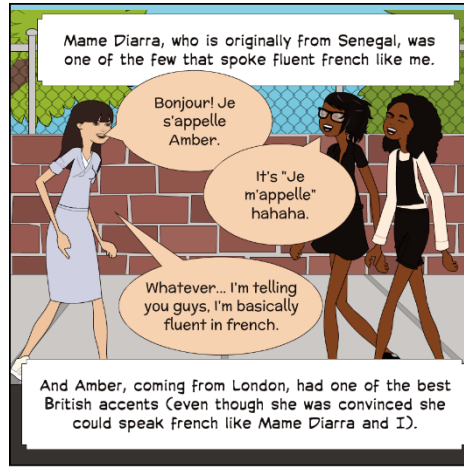


I'm guessing it's this way. Yeah that's what Google maps is saying too.

One day we were all lost, looking for our way to a building, but our mutual friend "Google Maps" helped us get there and brought us closer.



Mame Diarra (or Faye) and Amber, who I met during free time, were already friends with Sarah, and we all got to know each other.



Mame Diarra, who is originally from Senegal, was one of the few that spoke fluent french like me.

Bonjour! Je s'appelle Amber.

It's "Je m'appelle" hahaha.

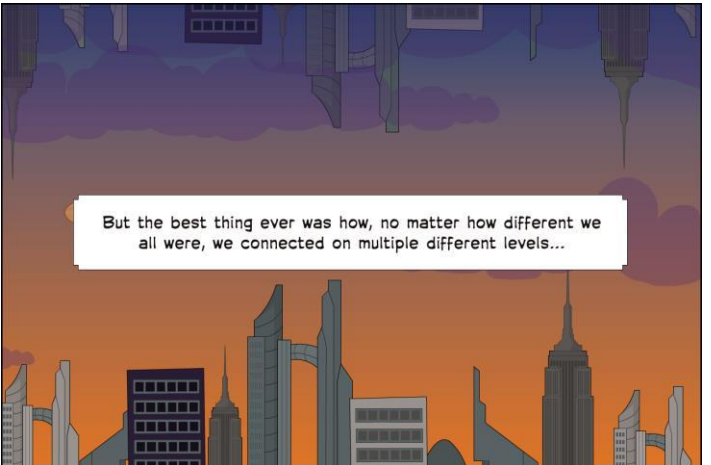
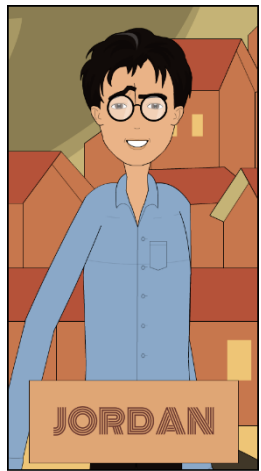
Whatever... I'm telling you guys, I'm basically fluent in french.

And Amber, coming from London, had one of the best British accents (even though she was convinced she could speak french like Mame Diarra and I).

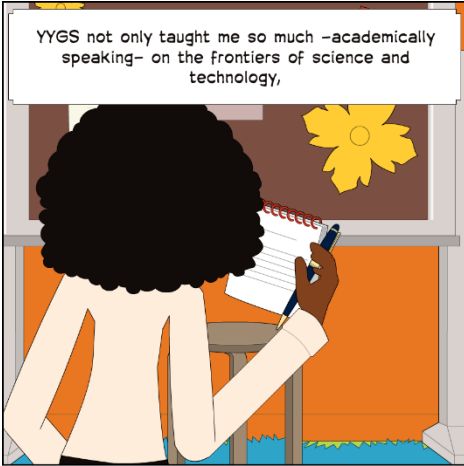


Which is also how I met Ariana and Anas.

Ariana too had an amazing English accent, and Anas was too funny.







YYGS not only taught me so much –academically speaking– on the frontiers of science and technology,



but it has given me so much to learn as a person.

In fact, YYGS has helped me on my own personal choices regarding my future.



It has given me an opportunity to take a step forward in my college plans,

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to learn from friends from all around the world,

but most importantly, it helped me face my fears.



I hope you enjoyed my story, friend. Maybe next year, you'll find yourself participating in the program.

If you do, I hope you take away from it everything I did, and more.



Love, Shaina.

THE END