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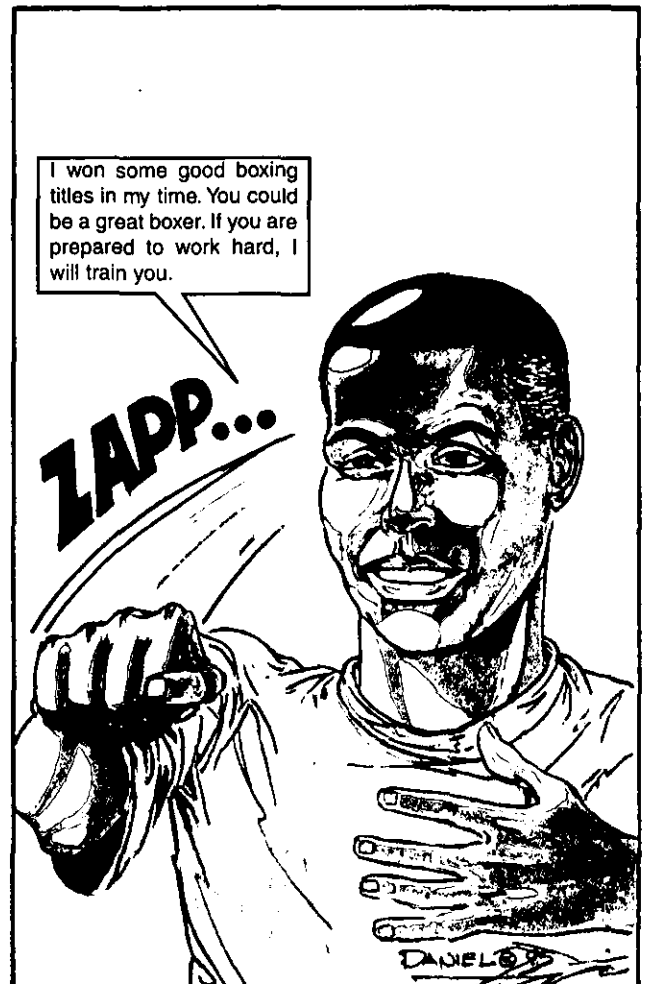
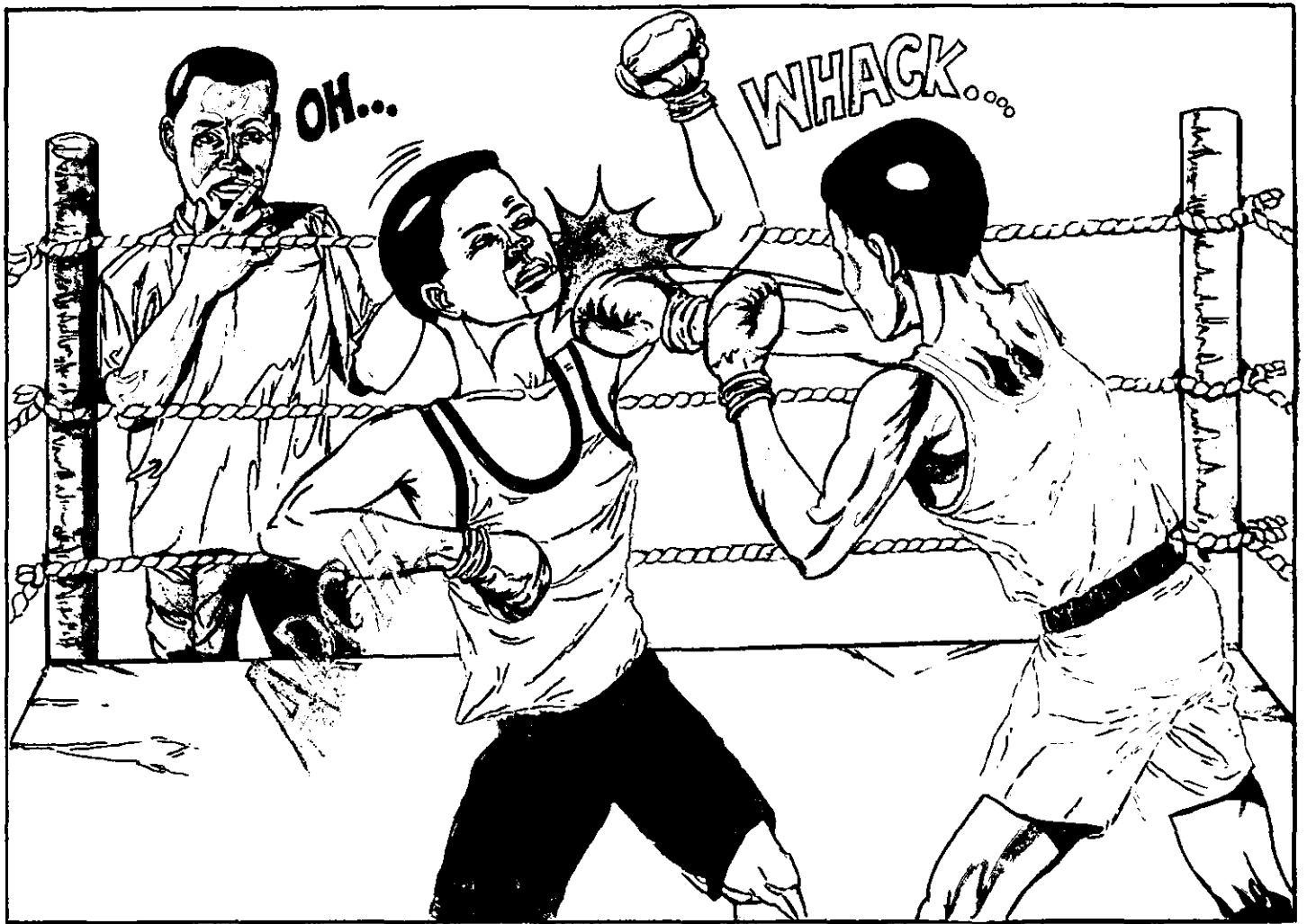
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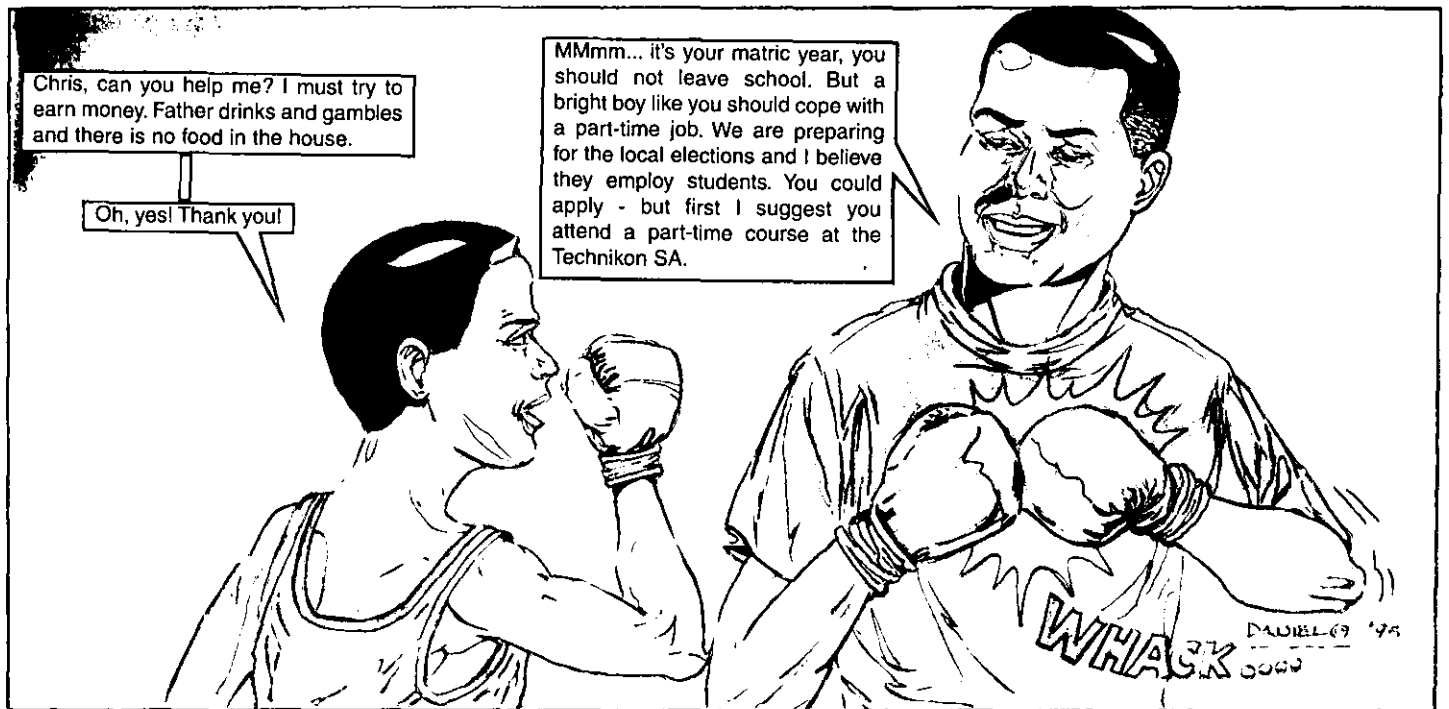
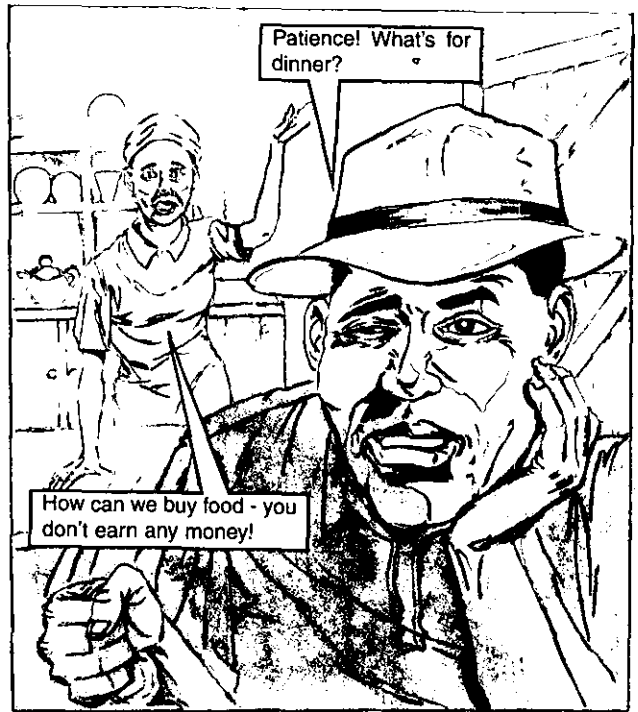
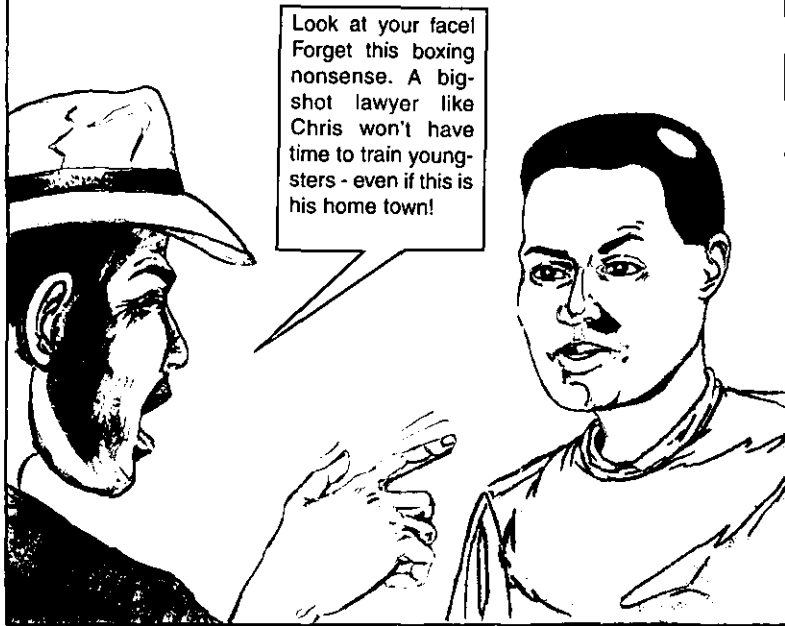
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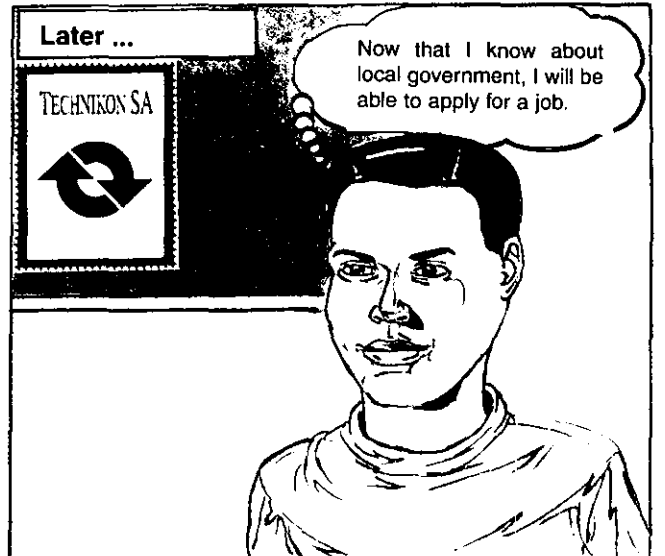


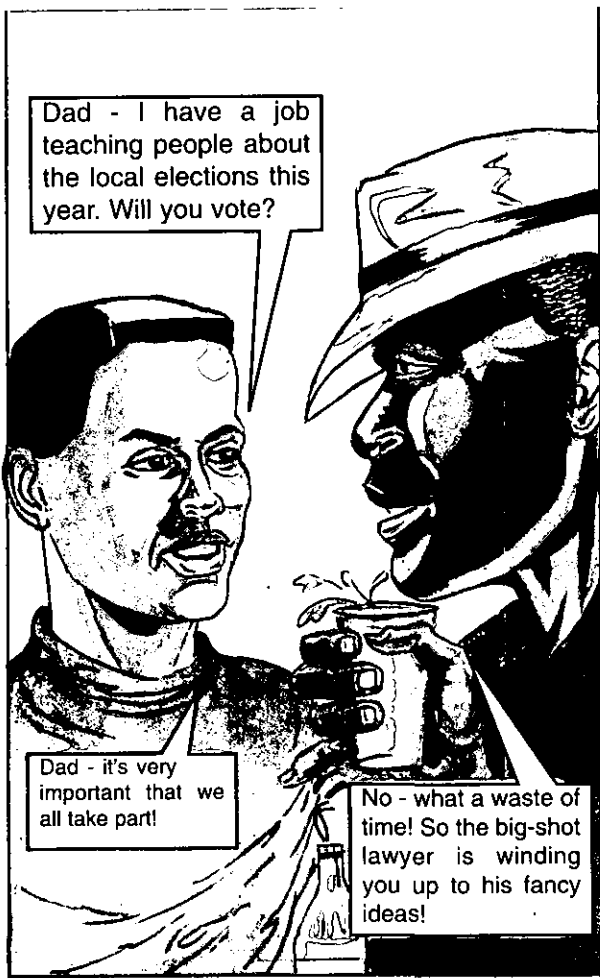


At home, Jackson, Esau's father, is angry...



Esau attends a course in Local Government Administration at the Technikon SA.





Dad - I have a job teaching people about the local elections this year. Will you vote?

Dad - it's very important that we all take part!

No - what a waste of time! So the big-shot lawyer is winding you up to his fancy ideas!



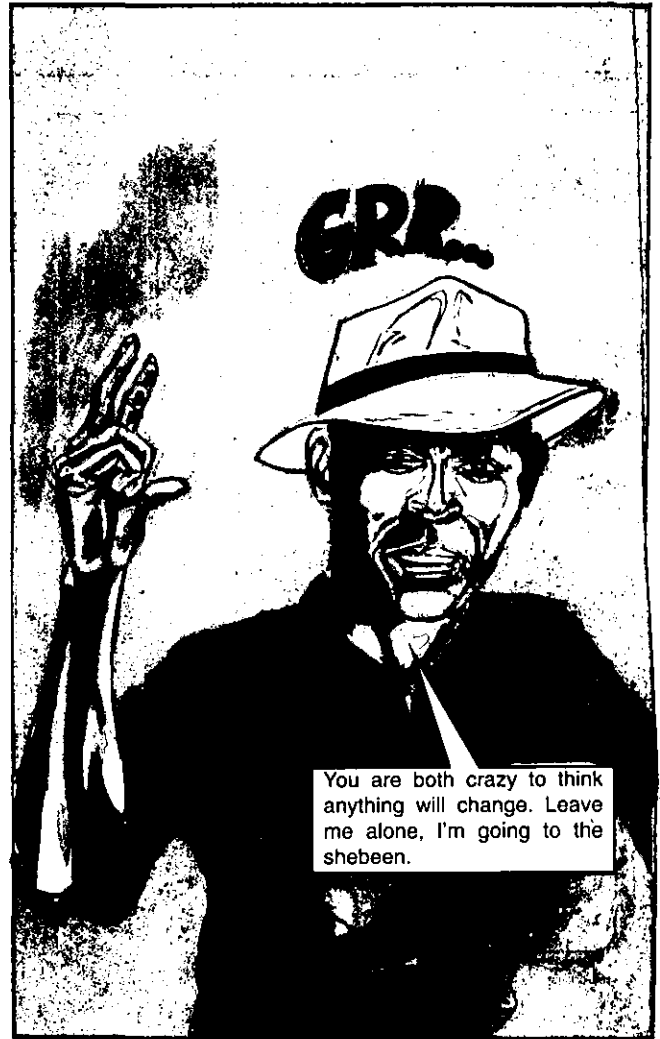
Elections! What a lot of rubbish. This new local authority will be exactly the same as the previous municipalities. All arrogant men and women telling us what to do. Why do you think I don't pay rates and taxes?

You don't understand, Dad. Black councillors are also being elected - they are already there, working with all other groups in local government structures. Things will change at local government level to promote a good life for all - you'll see!



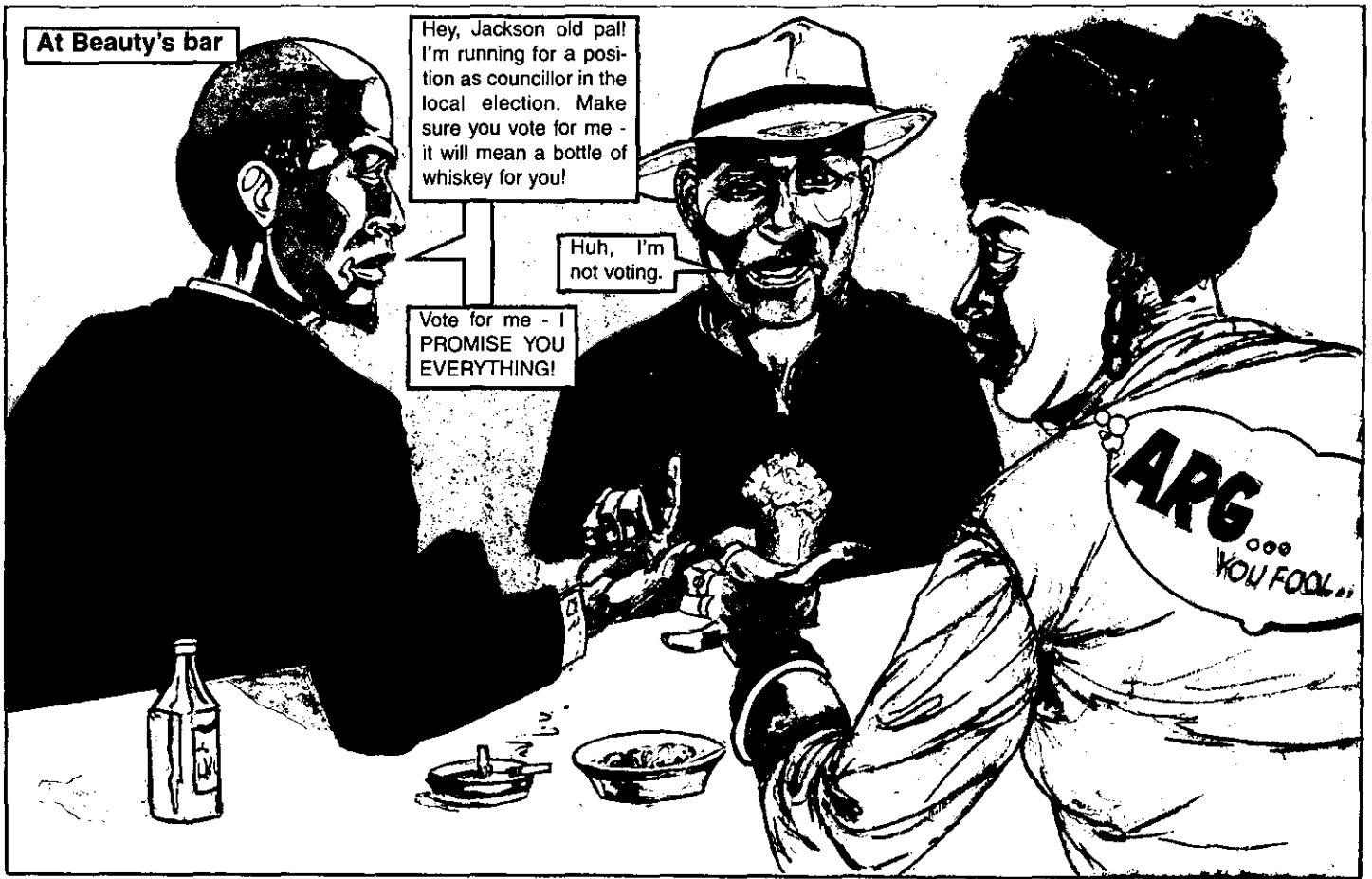
It's true. In the old days the local authorities represented a small minority and they were not truly representative of all the people.

Mother's right. Even the black local authorities were put there by the old structures and told what to do. But now, since we have a democratic government of national unity, things will change and work for everybody's interests and contribute to activities that promote our good



GRR..

You are both crazy to think anything will change. Leave me alone, I'm going to the shebeen.



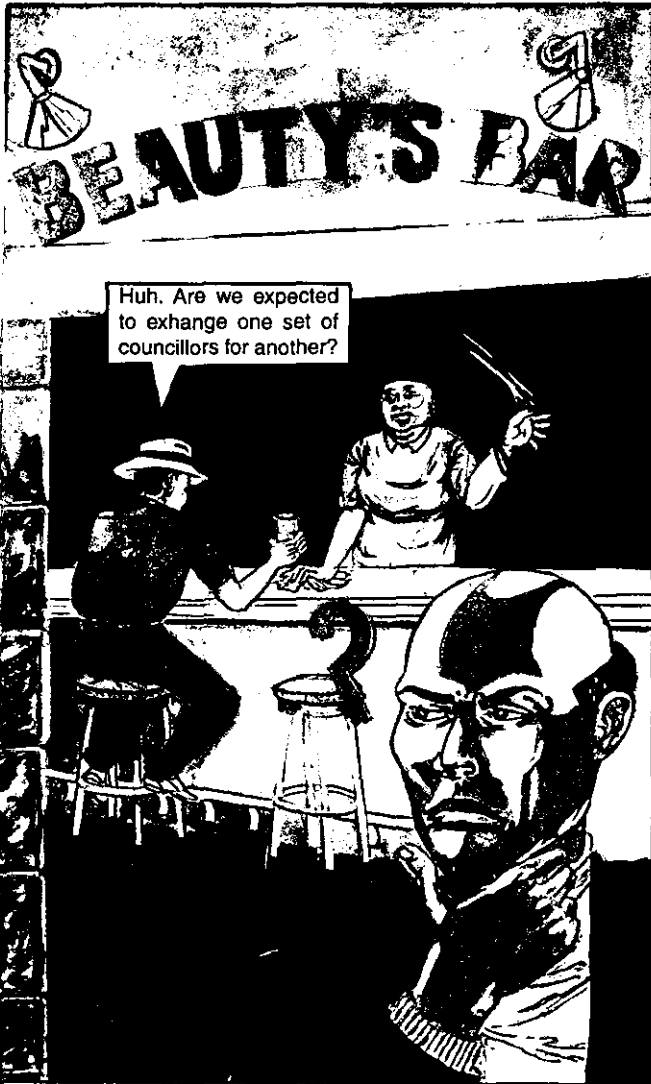
At Beauty's bar

Hey, Jackson old pall I'm running for a position as councillor in the local election. Make sure you vote for me - it will mean a bottle of whiskey for you!

Huh, I'm not voting.

Vote for me - I PROMISE YOU EVERYTHING!

ARG YOU FOOL...



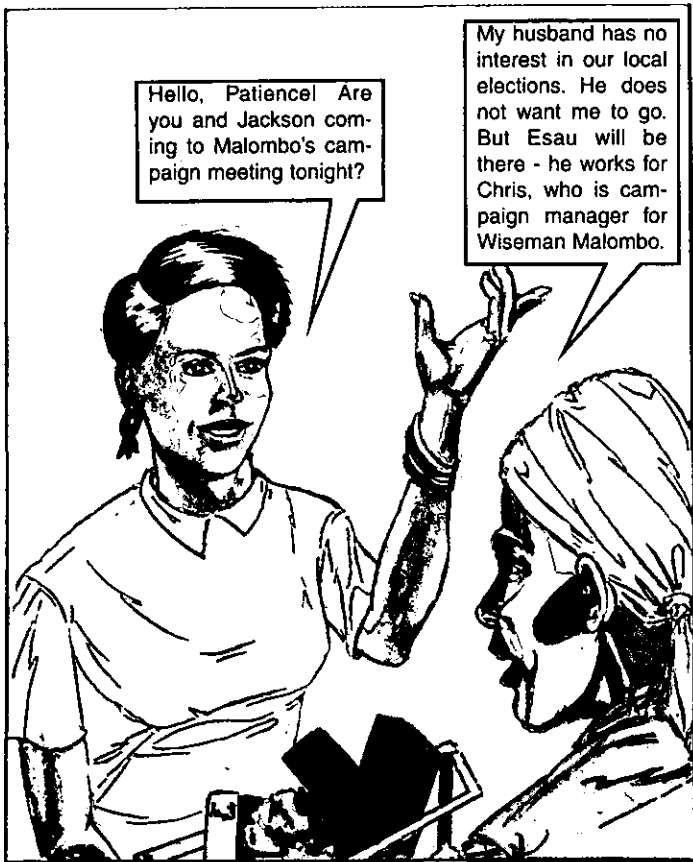
BEAUTY'S BAR

Huh. Are we expected to exchange one set of councillors for another?



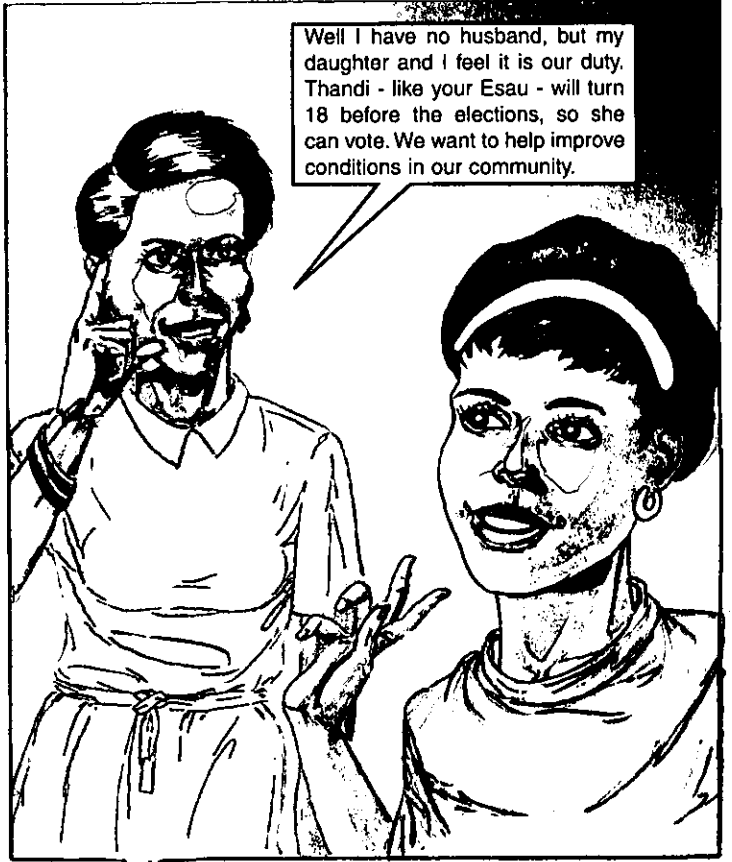
Spike won't be re-elected - he is too busy making himself rich, to be concerned with the good of the community. Take my advice - vote for Malombo - he's a good man.

Nah ... I won't vote. Or pay taxes. Gimme another beer, Beauty.

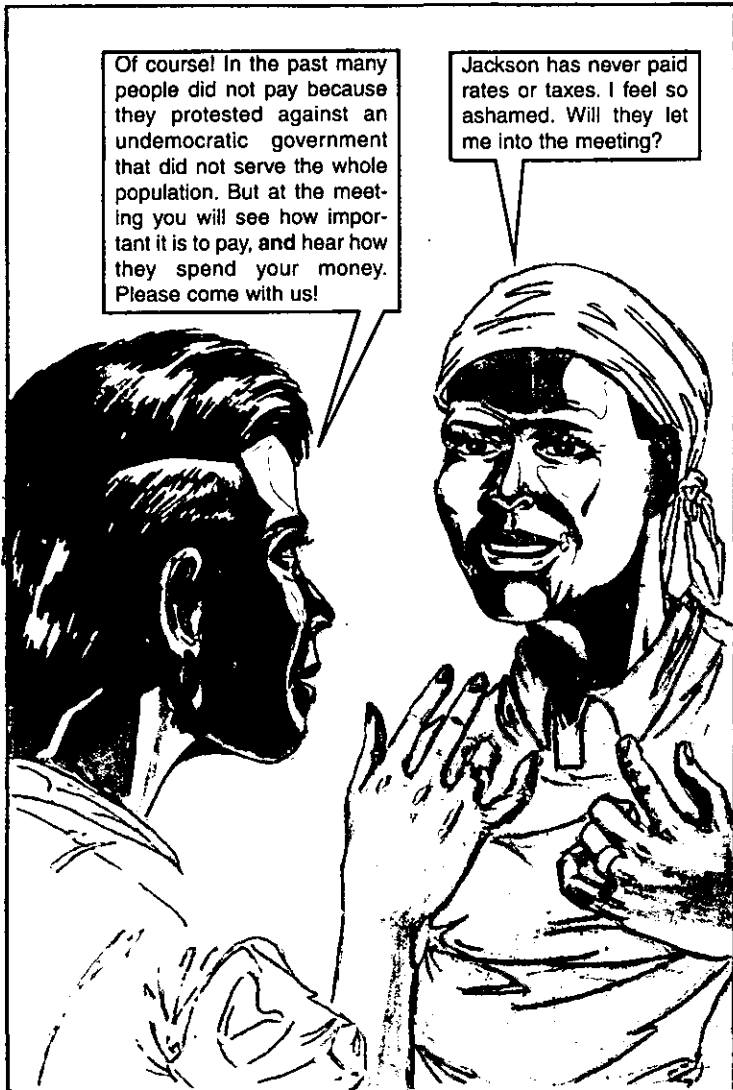


Hello, Patience! Are you and Jackson coming to Malombo's campaign meeting tonight?

My husband has no interest in our local elections. He does not want me to go. But Esau will be there - he works for Chris, who is campaign manager for Wiseman Malombo.

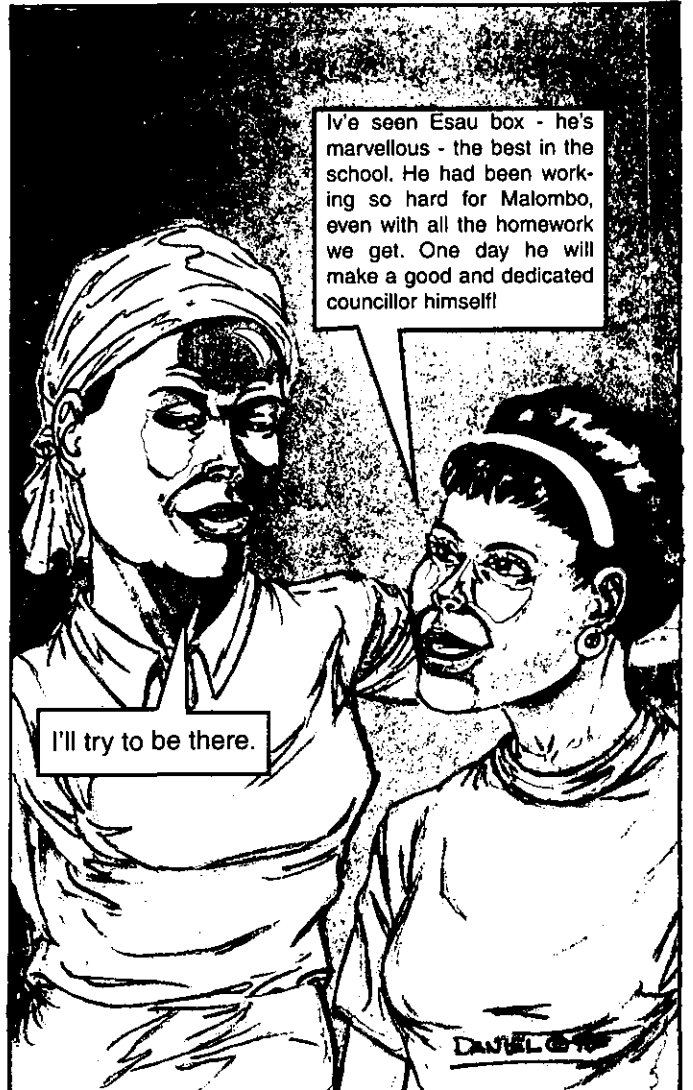


Well I have no husband, but my daughter and I feel it is our duty. Thandi - like your Esau - will turn 18 before the elections, so she can vote. We want to help improve conditions in our community.



Of course! In the past many people did not pay because they protested against an undemocratic government that did not serve the whole population. But at the meeting you will see how important it is to pay, and hear how they spend your money. Please come with us!

Jackson has never paid rates or taxes. I feel so ashamed. Will they let me into the meeting?



I've seen Esau box - he's marvellous - the best in the school. He had been working so hard for Malombo, even with all the homework we get. One day he will make a good and dedicated councillor himself!

I'll try to be there.

At the meeting that night...

VOTE
for
Wiseman
Malombo

Good evening, folks. This is Wiseman Malombo. We would like you to vote for him as councillor in our new local government.

What's all this about? We had elections last year! We thought politics were over now!

I know you all voted last year. Those elections were for the new government of national unity, which brought us an ANC majority with Mr Mandela as President. It was the first step on the road to a full democracy. Then provincial governments were put in place. Now we close the circle with the final step: each community within the province will govern itself by electing local authorities.

National Government
passes
Acts of Parliament
for all 9 provinces

Provincial Government
passes Ordinances

Local Government
passes
By-laws

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EASTERN TRANSSVAAL (Mathews Phosa)	—	
NORTHERN TRANSSVAAL (Ngoako Ramathodi)	—	
KWAZULU-NATAL (Frank Mdlalose)	—	
ORANGE FREE STATE (Patrick Lekota)	—	
EASTERN CAPE (Raymond Mhlaba)	—	
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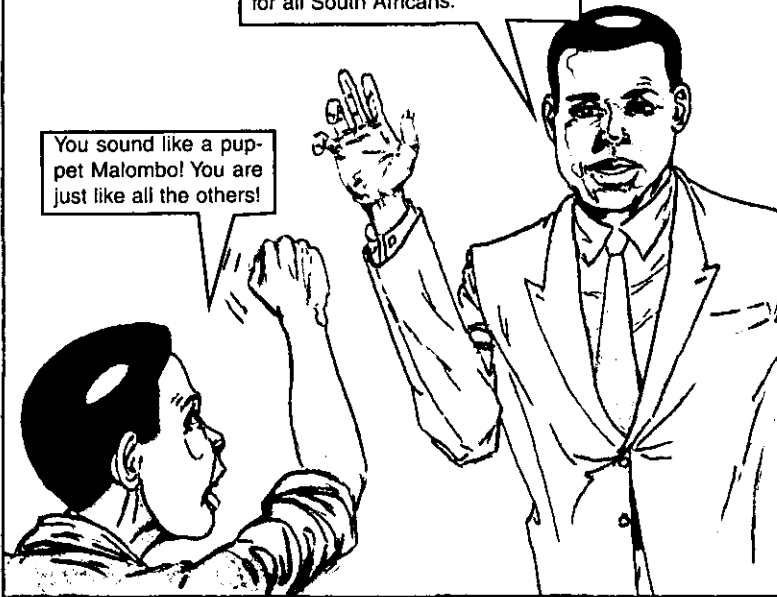
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Thabo Mbeki
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No, you are wrong! I was once a freedom fighter, struggling for the liberation of our people. Now Mr Mandela has shown us that we can win through negotiation. All of the people in our country **CAN** work together to build a better life for all South Africans.

You sound like a puppet Malombo! You are just like all the others!



Tell us about the local authority - I don't understand what it means.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT has a council consisting of **COUNCILLORS** as well as a number of people employed to provide the **SERVICES** we need as a **COMMUNITY**.

Heading the Council is:
CHAIRPERSON OF THE COUNCIL (The MAYOR)
CHAIRPERSON OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the COUNCIL
 Our elected community representatives (**COUNCILLORS**) will represent us in Council.

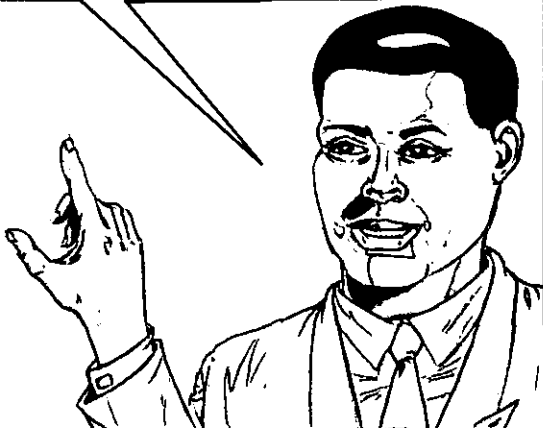
The **COUNCIL** also consists of non-political **OFFICIALS** who are responsible for executing the decisions made by Council to ensure **DELIVERY of FUNCTIONS and SERVICES**.

The **CEO - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER** (formerly the Town Clerk) heads the Executive Council and is responsible by means of delegated powers to appoint officials to assist the councillors in the execution of activities.
 These **OFFICIALS** include amongst others, i.e.

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|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Librarians, | Ambulance drivers & Clinic nurses |
| Electricians, | Town Planners |
| Engineers, | Workers on roads, parks & gardens |
| Administrators, | Finance Officials |

These officials are non-partisan (they do not represent a political party) and are employees of the council.

These are job opportunities provided for the members of the community and help improve our quality of life.



Q. What is Local Government?

A. It is a body of persons elected by the people, to form what is known as a council which makes rules and regulations called by-laws by which the community functions and which ensures our general welfare.

Q. What is the primary objective of the Local Authority?

A. To make a better life for all members of the community
 To provide necessary services
 To ensure that the good life and general welfare are promoted at grass roots level.

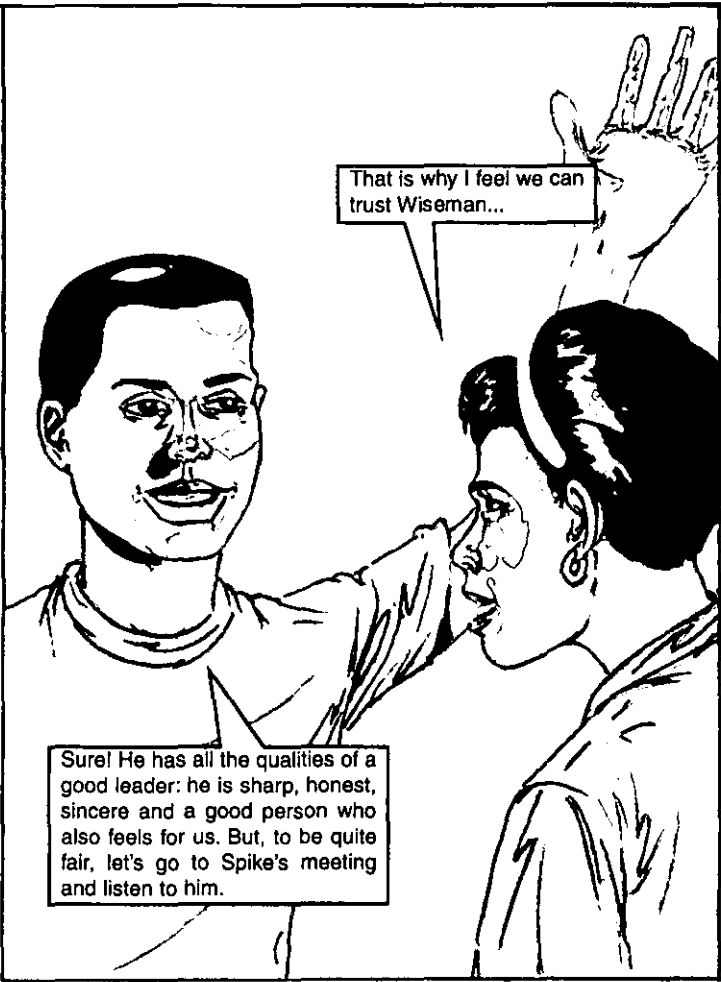
This body of people will address the needs of your community **AT ALL LEVELS**. They will negotiate at grass roots level what your needs are and then consider how best to spend your money to meet these needs.





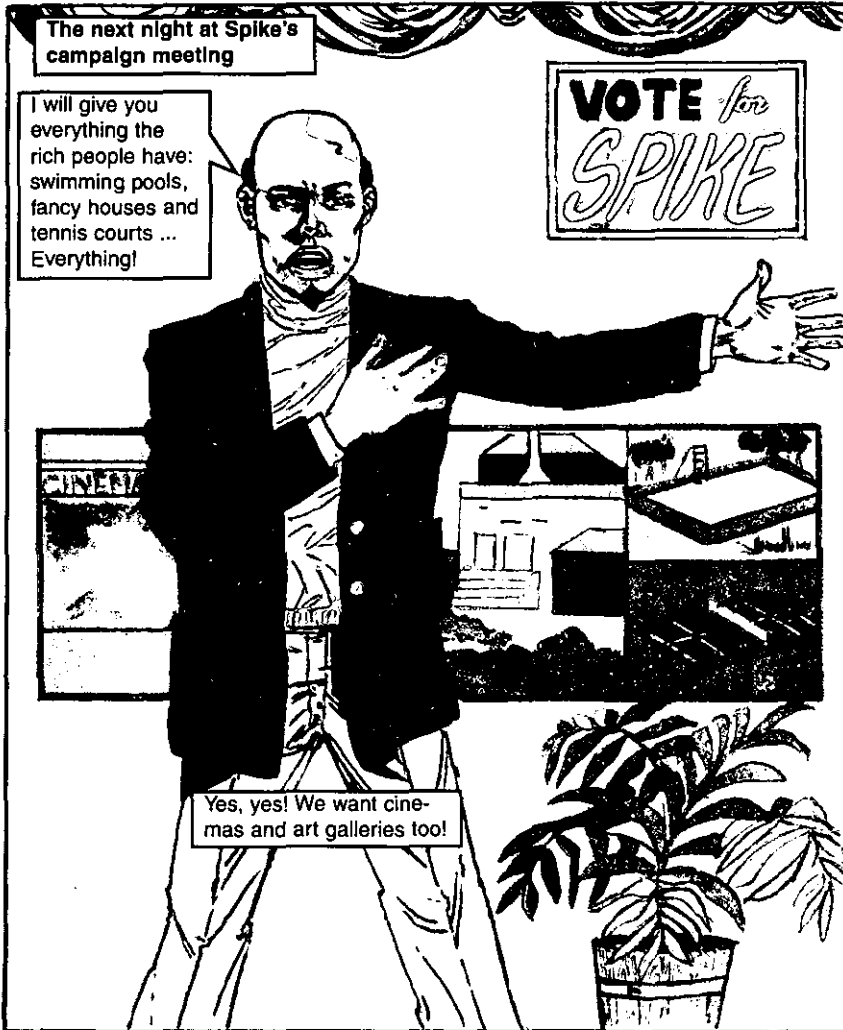
Do you think our vote can really make a difference?

Yes - that is the exciting part? We can all have a say in how our local community is governed.



That is why I feel we can trust Wiseman...

Sure! He has all the qualities of a good leader: he is sharp, honest, sincere and a good person who also feels for us. But, to be quite fair, let's go to Spike's meeting and listen to him.

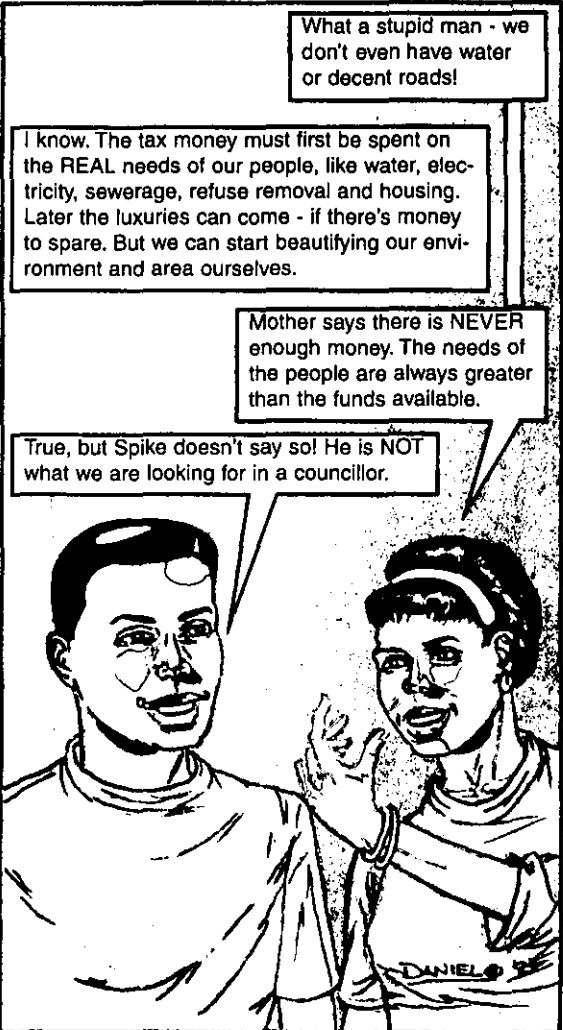


The next night at Spike's campaign meeting

VOTE for SPIKE

I will give you everything the rich people have: swimming pools, fancy houses and tennis courts ... Everything!

Yes, yes! We want cinemas and art galleries too!



What a stupid man - we don't even have water or decent roads!

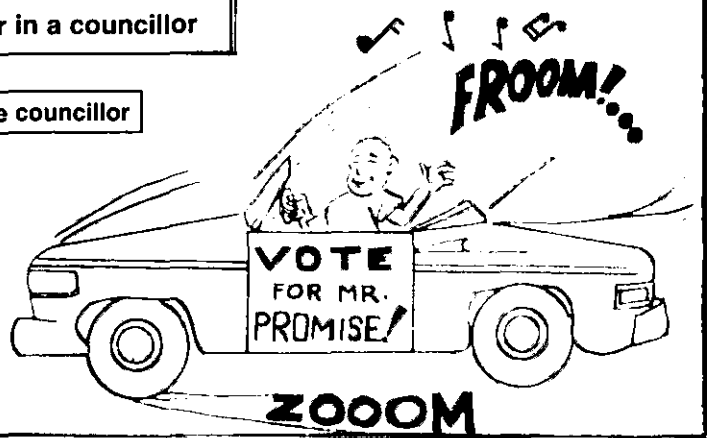
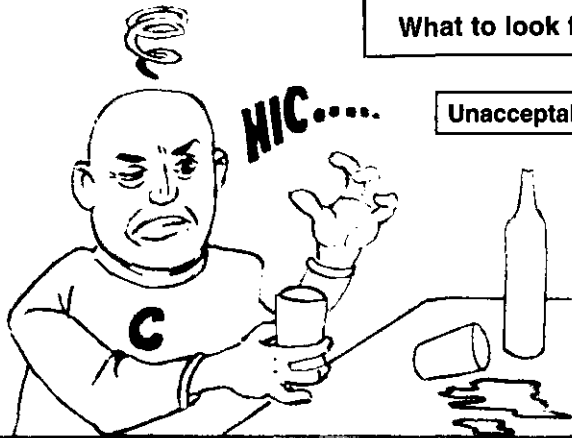
I know. The tax money must first be spent on the REAL needs of our people, like water, electricity, sewerage, refuse removal and housing. Later the luxuries can come - if there's money to spare. But we can start beautifying our environment and area ourselves.

Mother says there is NEVER enough money. The needs of the people are always greater than the funds available.

True, but Spike doesn't say so! He is NOT what we are looking for in a councillor.

What to look for in a councillor

Unacceptable councillor



Drink and drug abuse

Irresponsible social behaviour



Cheating and accepting bribes



Habitual gambling or criminal activities

Acceptable councillor



Concern for members of the community



Involvement in community projects

OFFICES OF THE COUNCIL



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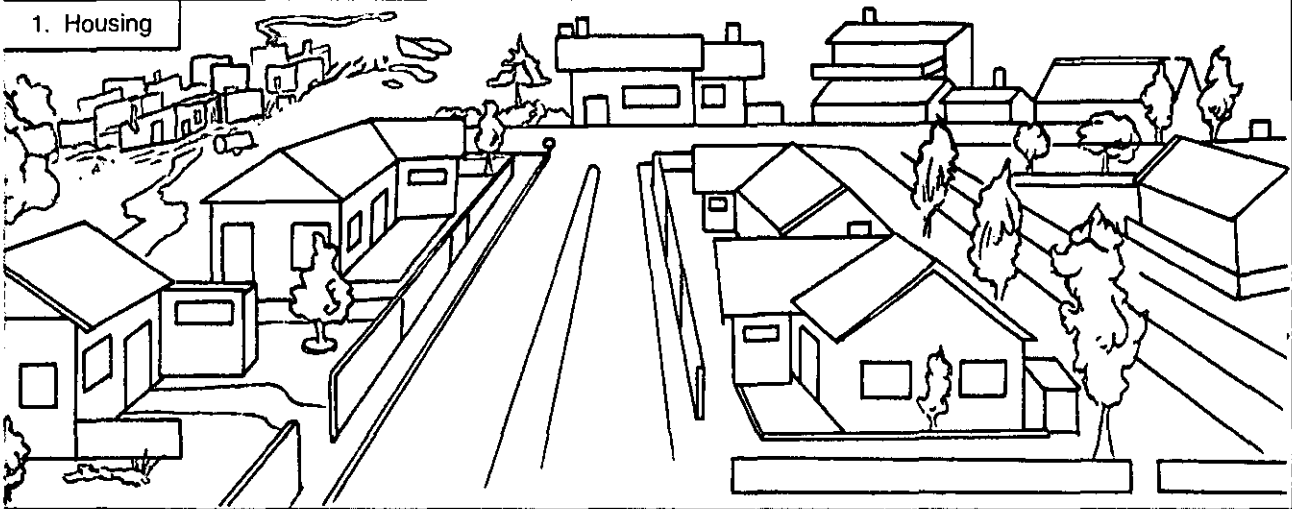


Responsible in domestic activities

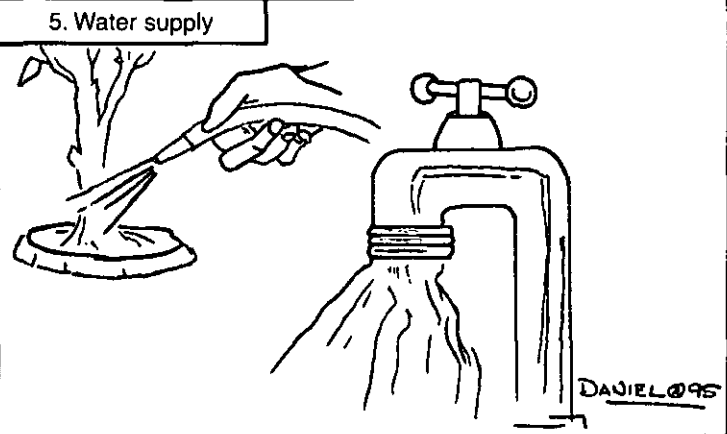
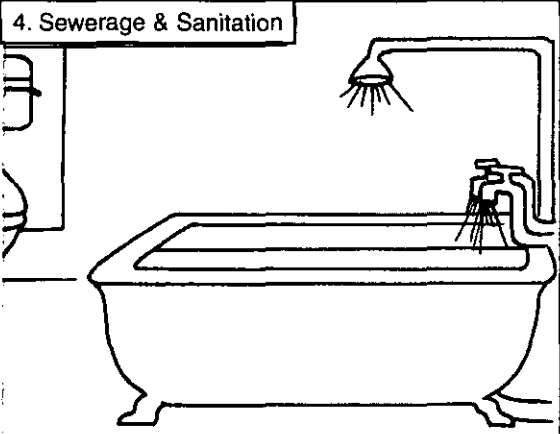
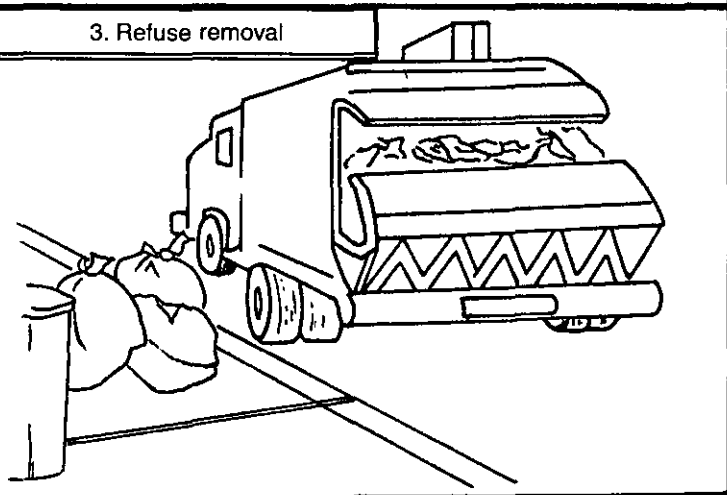
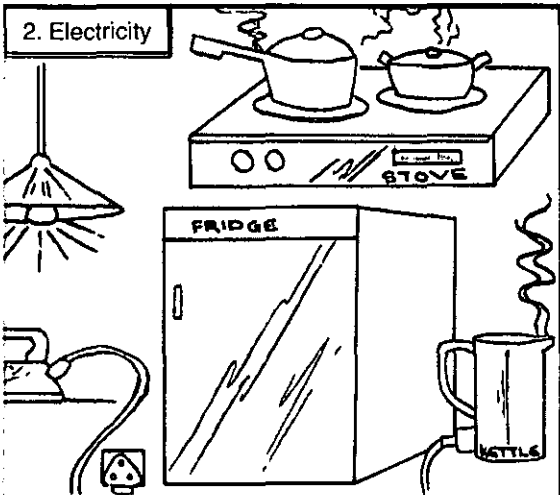
In the past too much money was spent on luxuries. A rich minority could benefit while the most basic needs of the vast majority were not met. We must be sure that our tax money is FIRST spent on these primary services to ensure a GOOD QUALITY OF LIFE for all.



The most essential services that your local authority must provide are:

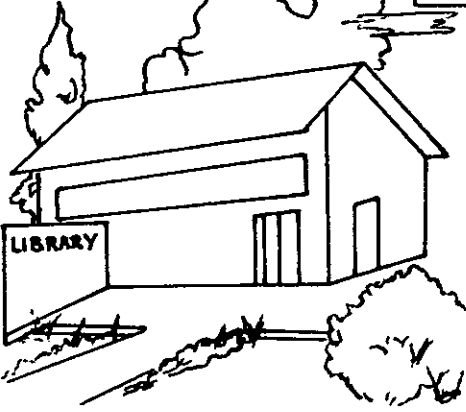


The ideal housing is: More functional dwellings

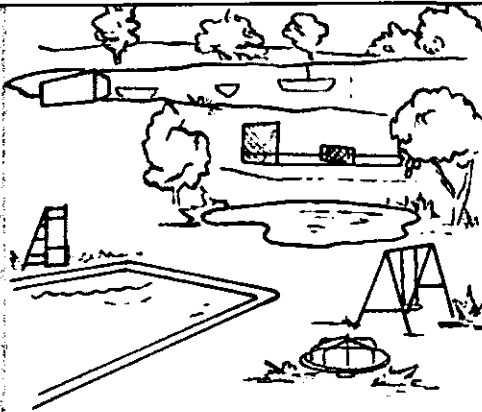


Other services include: road works, road signs, bridges, highways, town planning and buildings.

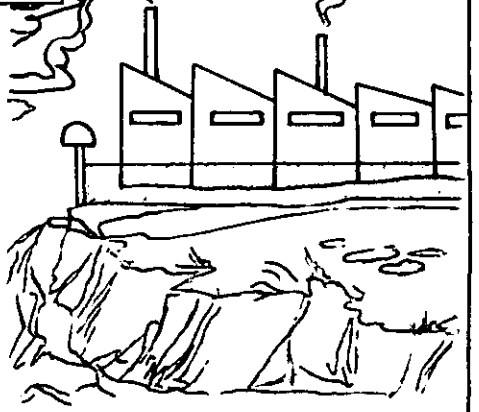
Other services that your local authority provides are:



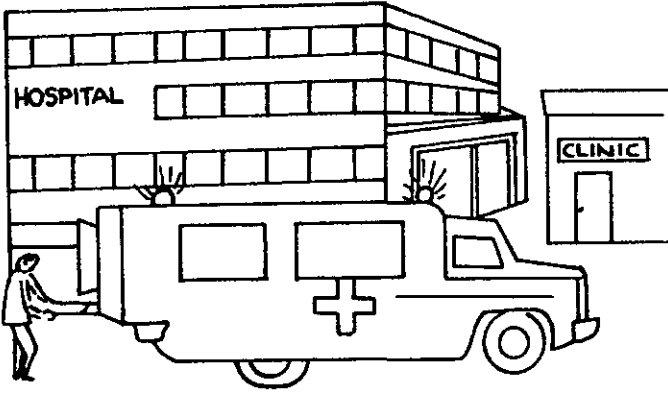
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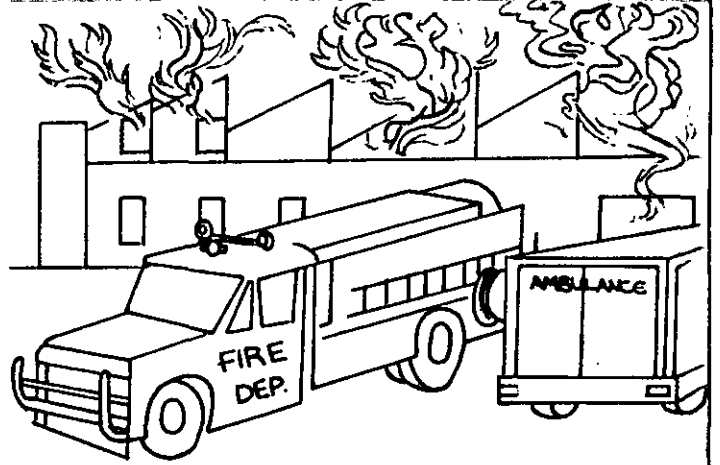
Parks and recreation



Environment safety & pollution control



Health services, Primary health care, Child care, TB treatment, Aids counselling etc.



Safety services: Fire fighting, Ambulances & Paramedics

All this costs money. Where do the funds come from?

The central and provincial governments will help with some of the money - that is what the RDP (Reconstruction and Development Programme) is for. The rest we must supply from local sources like MOTOR VEHICLE LICENCES & FINES, RATES, TAXES, ELECTRICITY & WATER PAYMENTS (which we call user charges.) In addition we are helped by INTER-GOVERNMENTAL LOANS AND SUBSIDIES.

Because they have the money to pay high property tax - the rates and taxes are set by the value of one's property. Do you realise that the tax from one rich man's house can go a long way in helping to provide the infrastructure for many desperately needed services?

I don't think it is fair. Why are the rich being allowed to keep their fancy houses?

© DAVELORS

Oh, oh... I think I'm in trouble. Malombo has a big following. I will have to lie and bribe people to vote for me...



Psst! Beauty! Talk to your customers - I'll give you a rand for every one of them that votes for me!



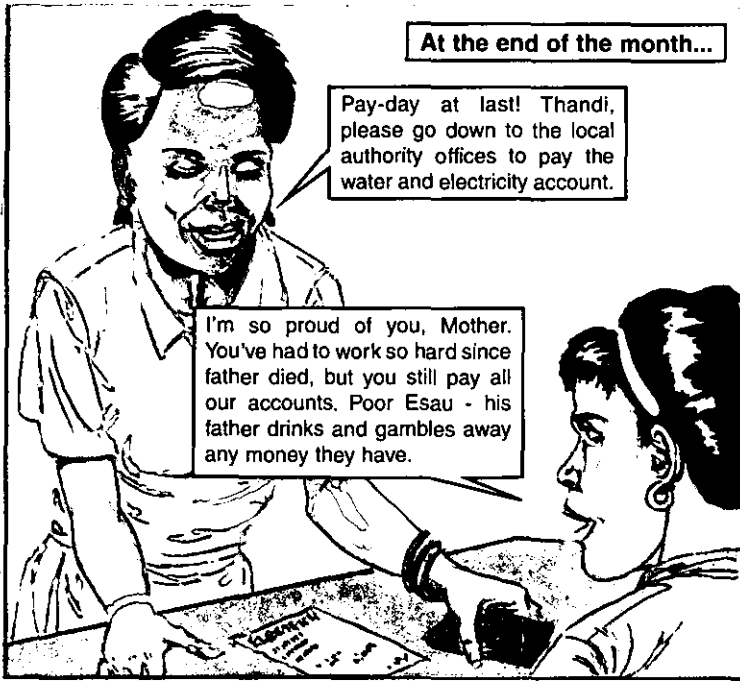
WHAPP...



You sly jackal, Spike! How dare you try to bribe us. This will be a FREE and FAIR election - with NO dirty tricks from people like you!

What a crook! But people will see what kind of man he really is - he will never be re-elected. We don't need any corrupt councillors in our new structures. Me - I'm voting for Wiseman Malombo - he wants to improve everyone's quality of life - not just his own!





At the end of the month...

Pay-day at last! Thandi, please go down to the local authority offices to pay the water and electricity account.

I'm so proud of you, Mother. You've had to work so hard since father died, but you still pay all our accounts. Poor Esau - his father drinks and gambles away any money they have.



Thank you, Thandi. Your account is always paid promptly. This money is used for much-needed services. I wish more people were as responsible towards the community as your mother. Then we would really have a better life for all.

But Esau continues to study by candlelight.

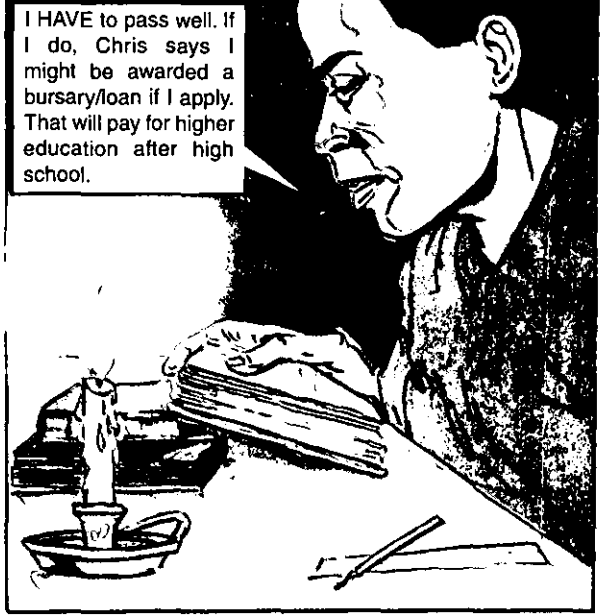


Meanwhile in Esau's home...

Jackson...sob... the electricity has been cut off...

How dare they! I have my citizen's rights - I'll sue the council!

But we haven't paid our account for months!



I HAVE to pass well. If I do, Chris says I might be awarded a bursary/loan if I apply. That will pay for higher education after high school.



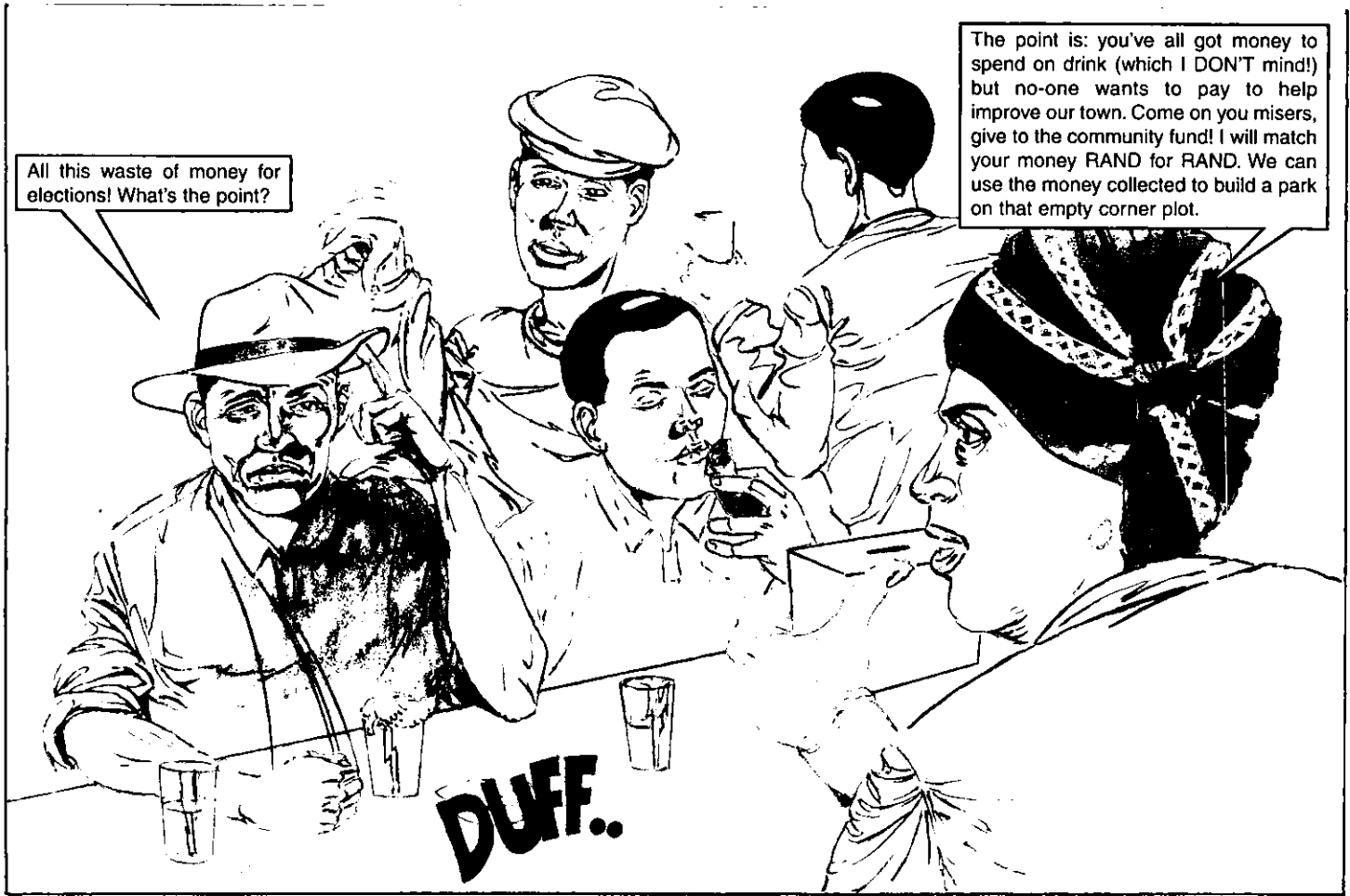
If you win this fight, Esau, it will put you in line to fight the best boxers in the country!

I also had a difficult childhood. I struggled through a time when no-one trusted a black lawyer - not even our own people. I want things to be better for you youngsters. You are ambitious - I admire that.

Why do you do this for me, Chris? You are such a busy man - why do you help the community so much? I know you also give free legal advice sometimes.

WHACK...

DANIEL GIBBS



All this waste of money for elections! What's the point?

The point is: you've all got money to spend on drink (which I DON'T mind!) but no-one wants to pay to help improve our town. Come on you misers, give to the community fund! I will match your money RAND for RAND. We can use the money collected to build a park on that empty corner plot.

DUFF..



Beauty for Councillor!

Yeah - good'ol Beauty!

Wow! Beauty is rich, but her heart is even bigger than she is!



Great! With all you big-hearted people around our kids might have a park to play in soon - instead of a garbage heap.

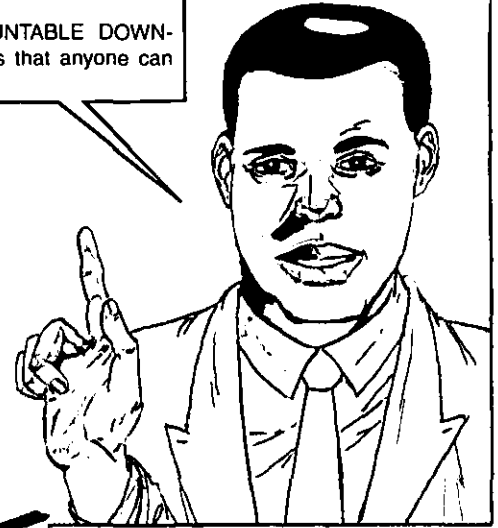
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At the next council meeting...



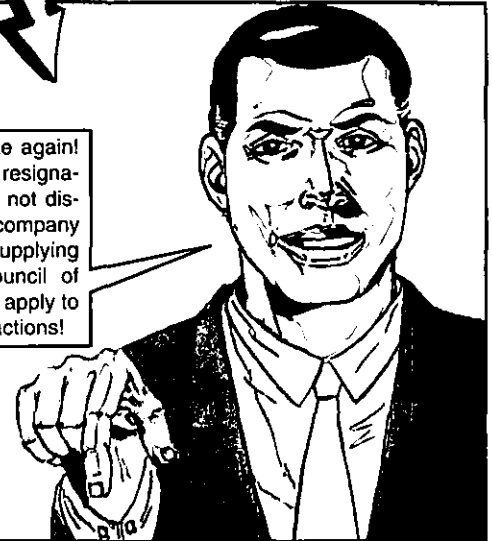
Now, we have to discuss policy-making. And of course, money management with the Treasure who will brief us today on the state of our finances. Mr Secretary - please take the minutes of this meeting. I would suggest that these - and all our money matters, be available for inspection by the public. We want this local authority to be **TRANSPARENT** and **CREDIBLE**.

We must be **ACCOUNTABLE DOWNWARDS**, which means that anyone can question our actions.

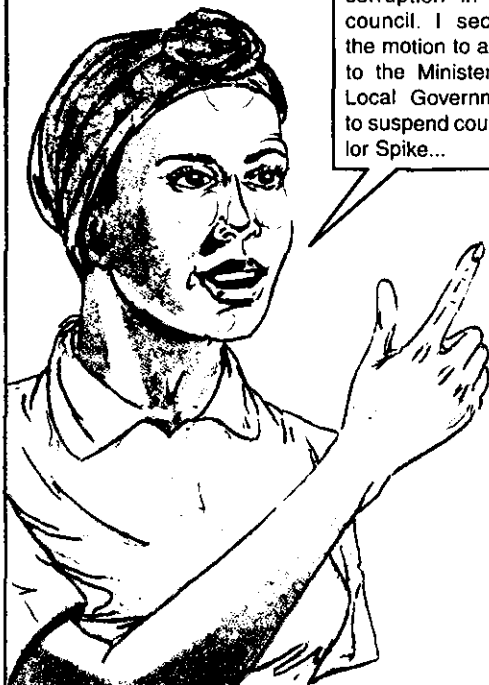


At these meetings of the Transitional Council, men and women are now getting experience at making decisions and solving problems. Unlike the Transitional Metropolitan Council, which has numerous sub-structures and many councillors, our small community has only one council with few councillors. But Spike is a problem - he got onto the council through bribery, lying and cheating. **NOW...**

Where is councillor Spike? Late again! The people are demanding his resignation. There is proof that he did not disclose to the council that his company was on the tender list for supplying cement to the community council of Lemon Farm. I propose that we apply to have Spike suspended for his actions!



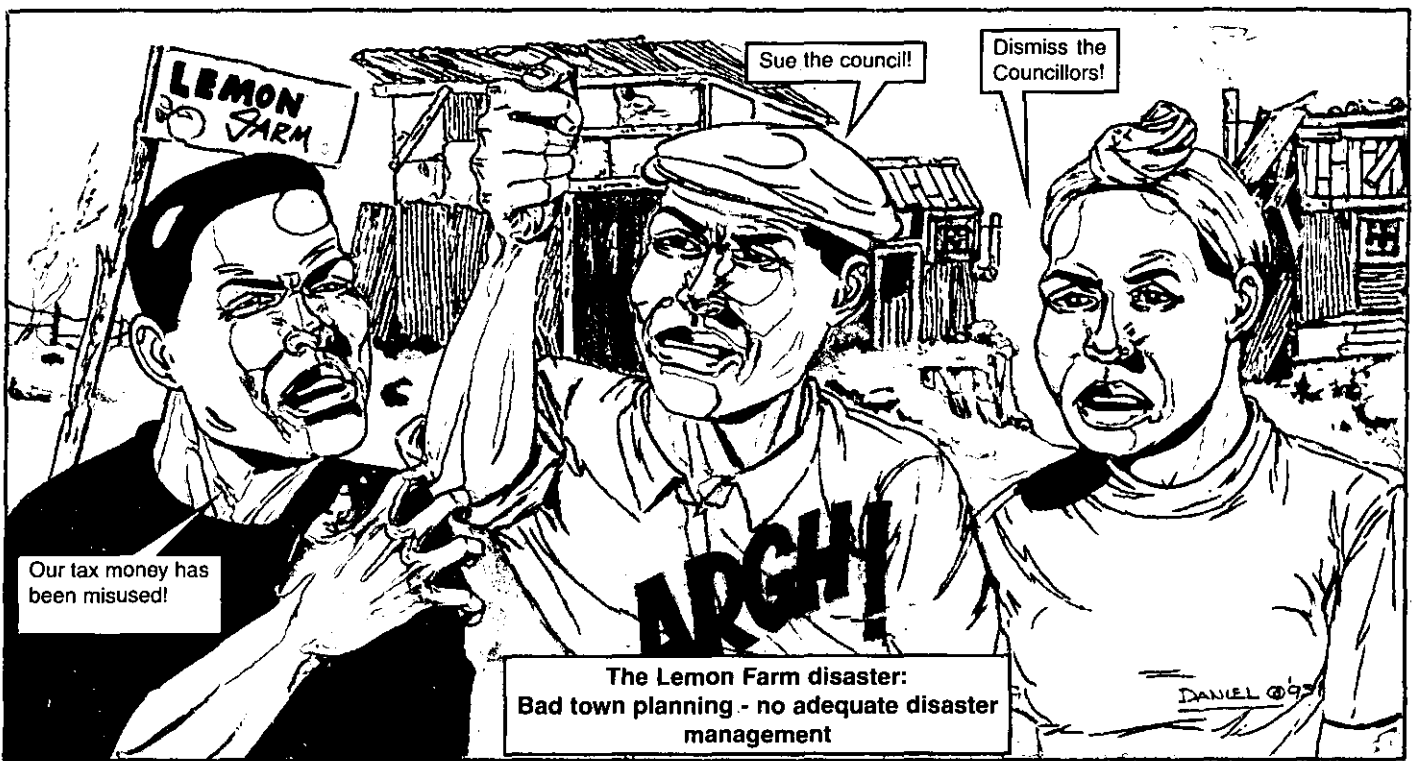
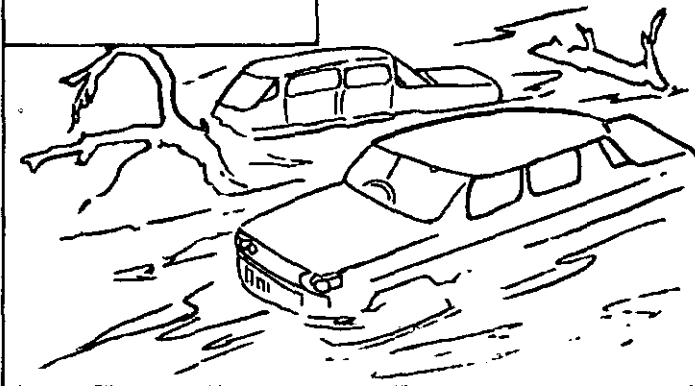
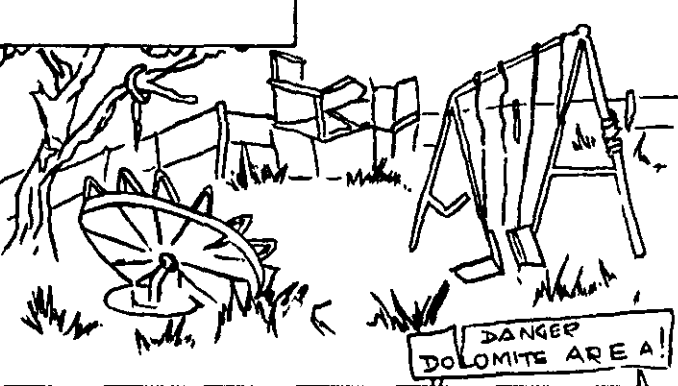
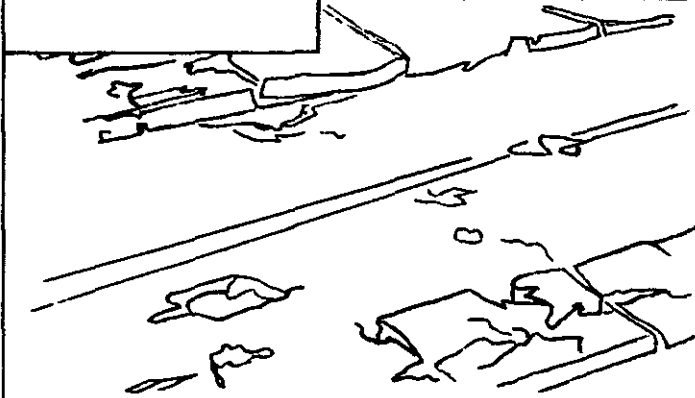
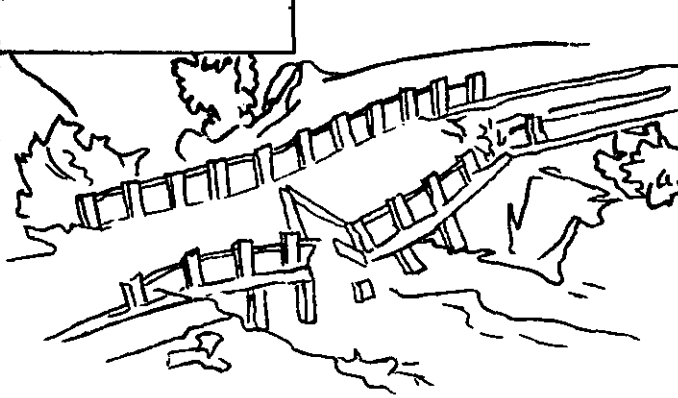
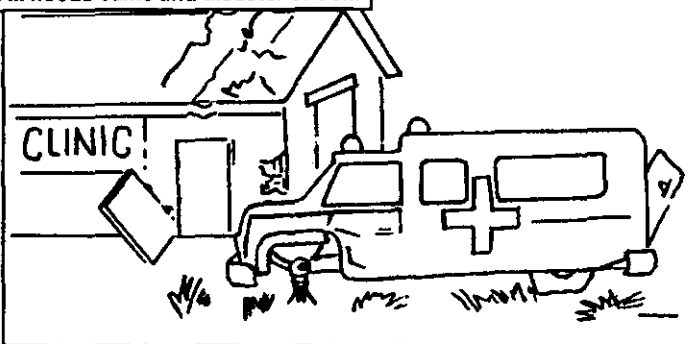
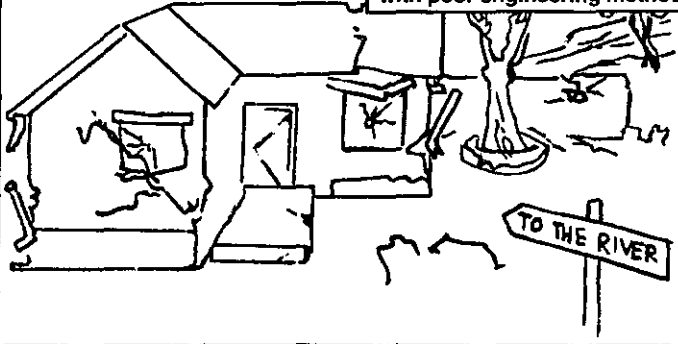
There must be no corruption in this council. I second the motion to apply to the Minister for Local Government to suspend councillor Spike...



Let us turn to the next item on the agenda - a report back from each councillor regarding some of the problems in the community. When each problem is identified we will find the best solution to address the community's needs. Then we will discuss the situation at Lemon Farm - I believe there is a serious problem there...



In the district of Lemon Farm, built in a hurry on low clay ground with poor engineering methods ... floods came and disaster struck!



That was a terrible tragedy at Lemon Farm. I nominate that Wiseman heads the DISASTER MANAGEMENT NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE.



Nature conservation must also be addressed at grass roots level.



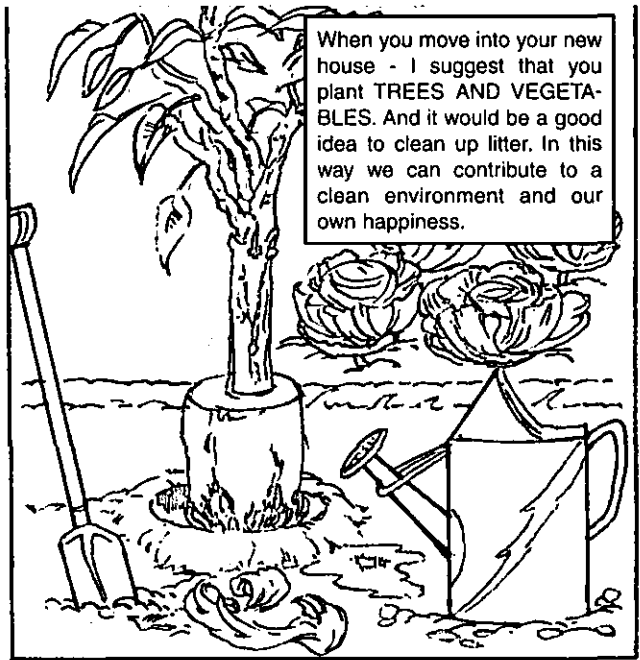
Other disasters include:

<p>Drought</p>	<p>Pollution</p>	<p>Floods</p>	<p>Overpopulation</p>
<p>Water shortages</p>	<p>Landslides</p>	<p>Chemical and Industrial accidents</p>	<p>Poverty</p> <p>WHAA...</p>
<p>Pest infestation</p>	<p>Disease epidemics</p>	<p>Deforestation</p>	<p>Unemployment</p> <p>NO JOBS</p>
<p>Uncontrolled fires</p>	<p>Tornadoes</p>	<p>Erosion</p>	<p>Lack of financial resources</p> <p>DANIEL © '88</p>

At Malombo's next campaign meeting
Chris talks to the people...

Chris, is it not too much to expect people to look after nature when they need houses and schools?

Good question Thandi! But we can all help preserve nature in a small way - and beautify our area at the same time. The answer is simple...



Chris, the majority of the people work for employers. Who will look after our interests?

That is where the Civic Organisations play an important role in the community. Trade unions represent our officials.

But they are always calling for strikes!

Not necessarily. Strikes are not the only way to solve problems. There are other ways too. The best is to set up a FORUM FOR NEGOTIATION. People should try to talk through their problems before taking drastic action.

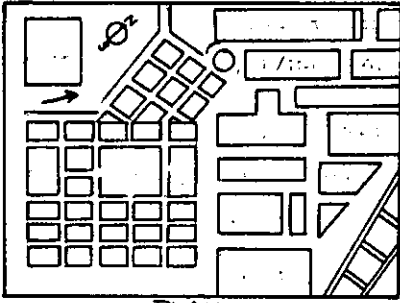
What is a forum?

It is a group of concerned citizens with a definite interest as well as representatives of the Local Authority who get together to address issues important to them and their community. Trade unions represent our officials

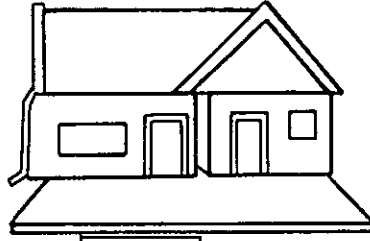
My friend is studying engineering. Please explain the role of engineers in town planning.

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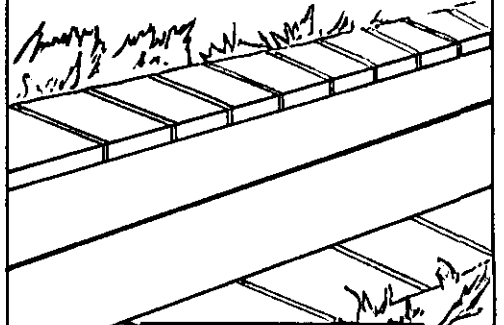
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What does it do?



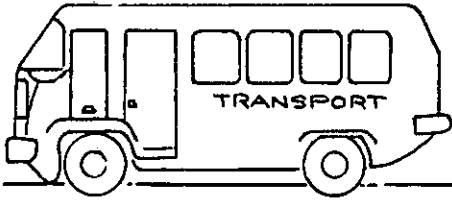
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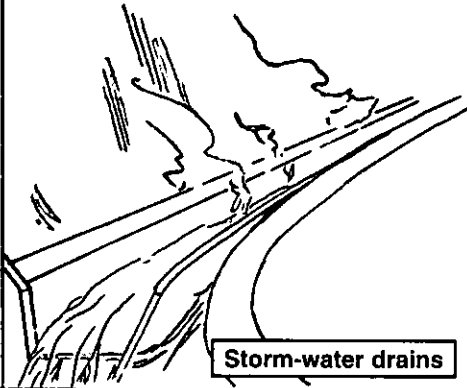
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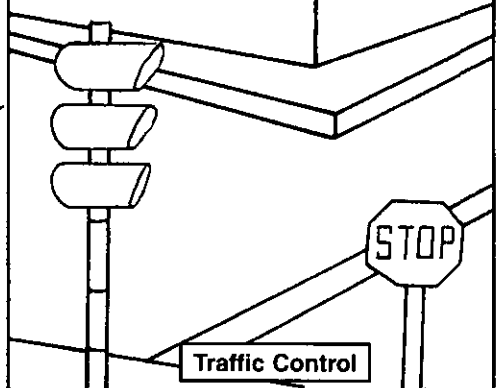
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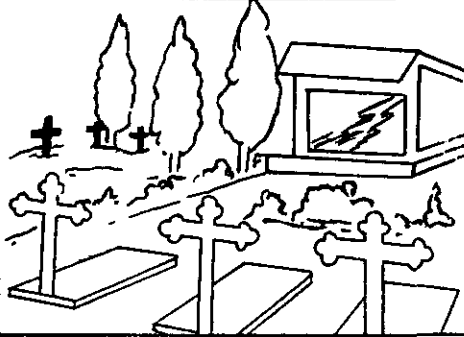


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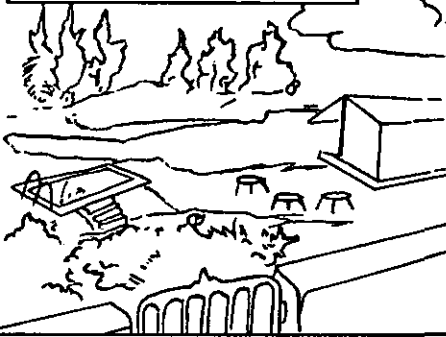


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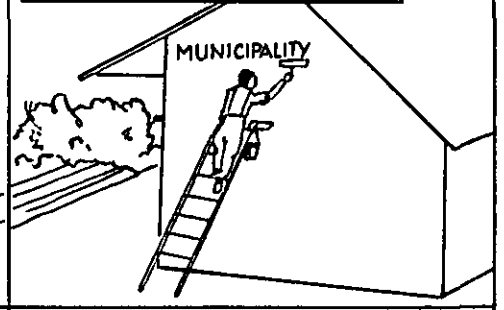
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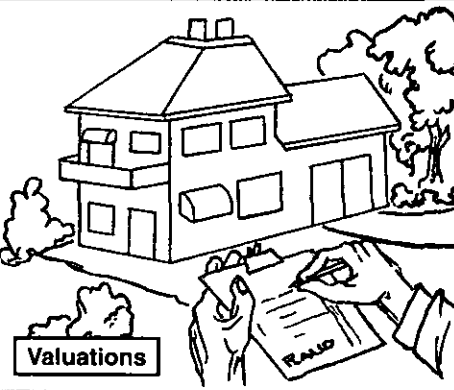
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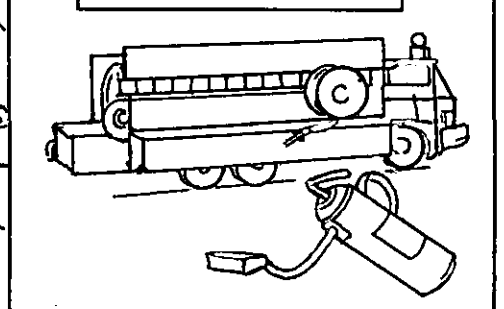
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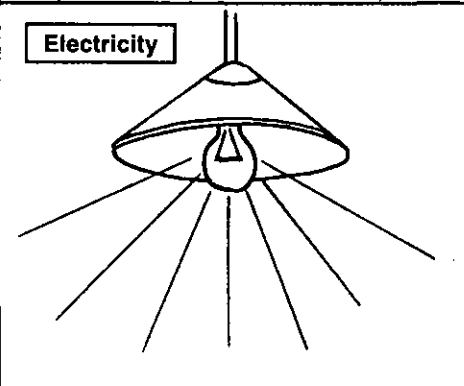
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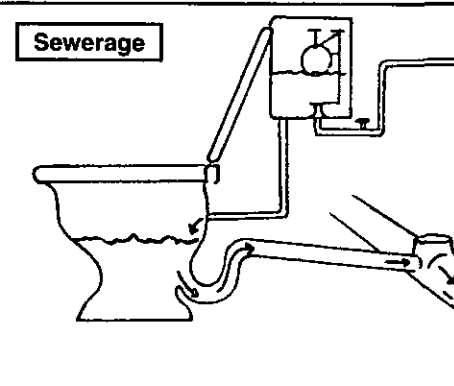
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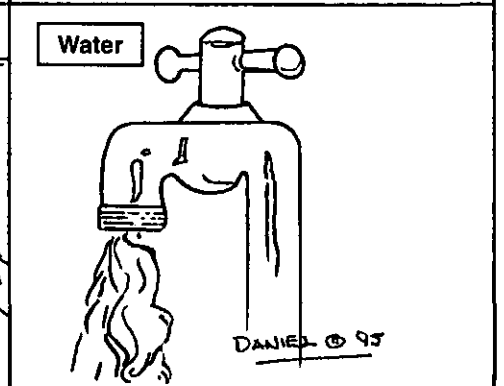
Electricity



Sewerage



Water



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After the meeting...

Esau, can we give you a lift home?

No thank you - I think I'll walk. I'll go past Beauty's bar and drag my father out.



At Beauty's bar...

Look - here'sh my young cub come to take daddy home! Did you bring the hot-shot boxer/lawyer with for shuport, kid?

Please Father, it's very late. You've had enough drink!



Go on home, Esau. It's closing time soon. I won't let him drink any more.





Police and traffic officers hold back the crowds while paramedics attend to Esau...



Beauty calls an ambulance. Vital emergency services, provided by the Local Authority, swing into action...



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Police notify the family very quickly...

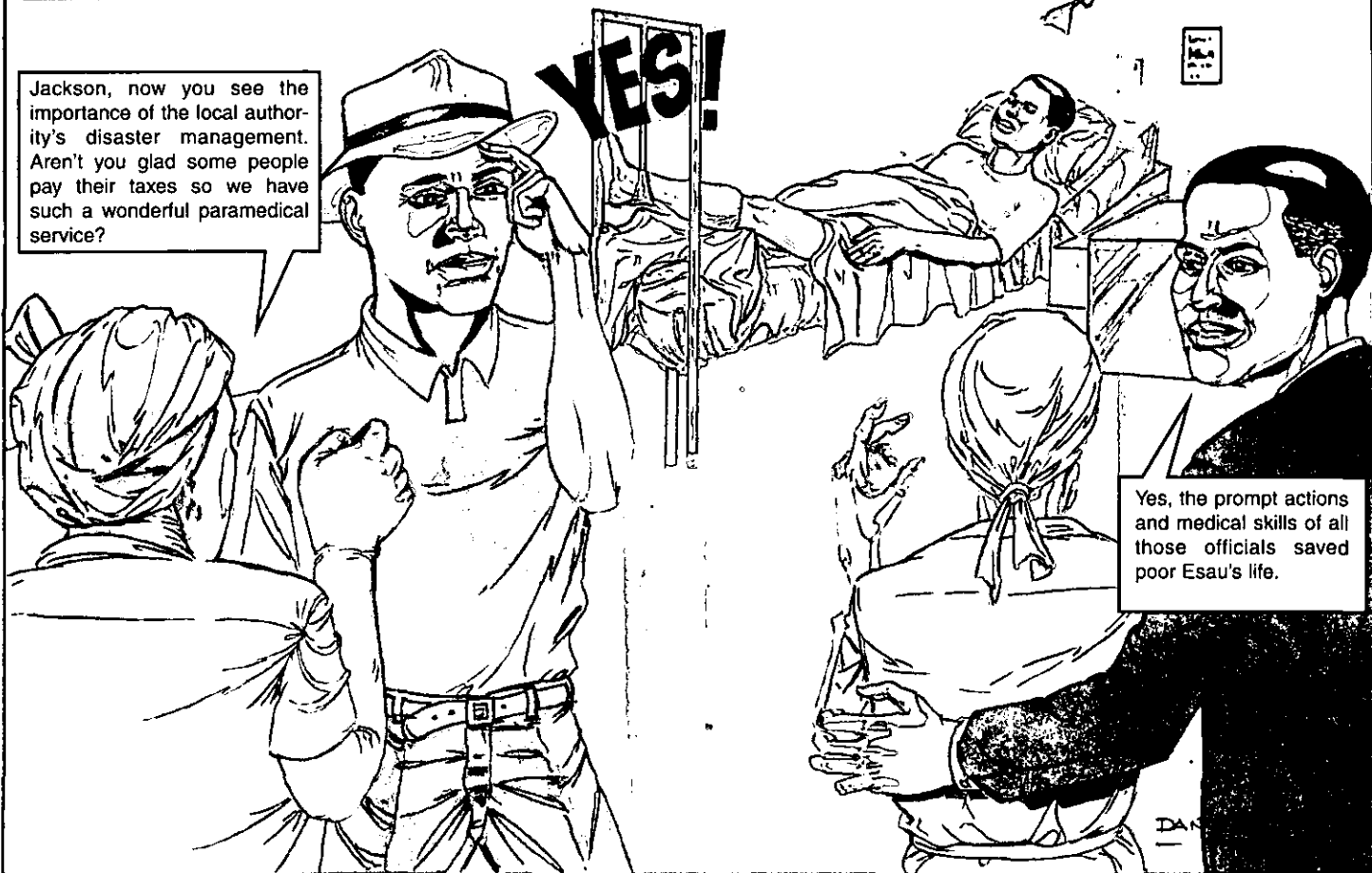


Later...



Esau is a favourite in the community. His friends rally round...

Jackson, now you see the importance of the local authority's disaster management. Aren't you glad some people pay their taxes so we have such a wonderful paramedical service?



Two days later...



Oh, Esau my darling - please get well!



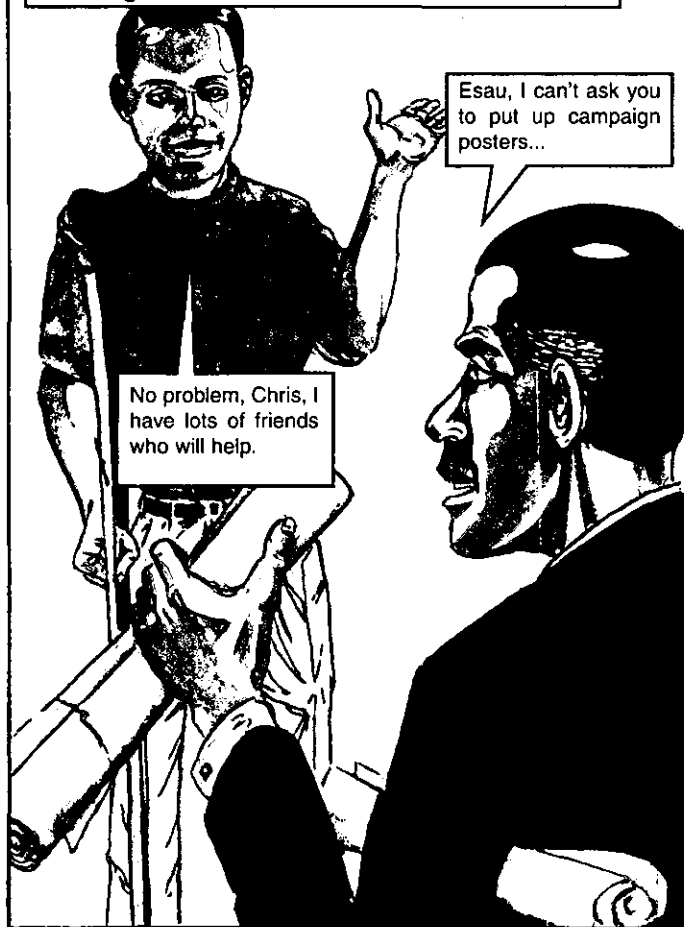
You rascal, Esau! We all thought you could die!

OH!

Wow! What a man has to go through to get a kiss from a pretty girl!

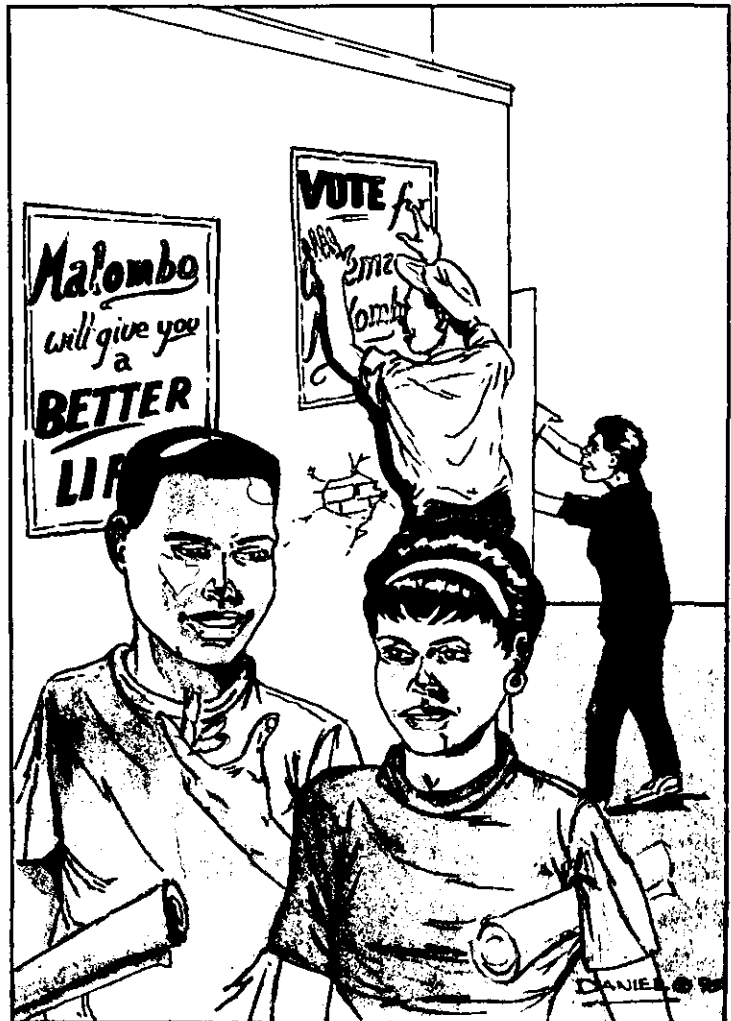
Takes a lot to keep a good fighter down!

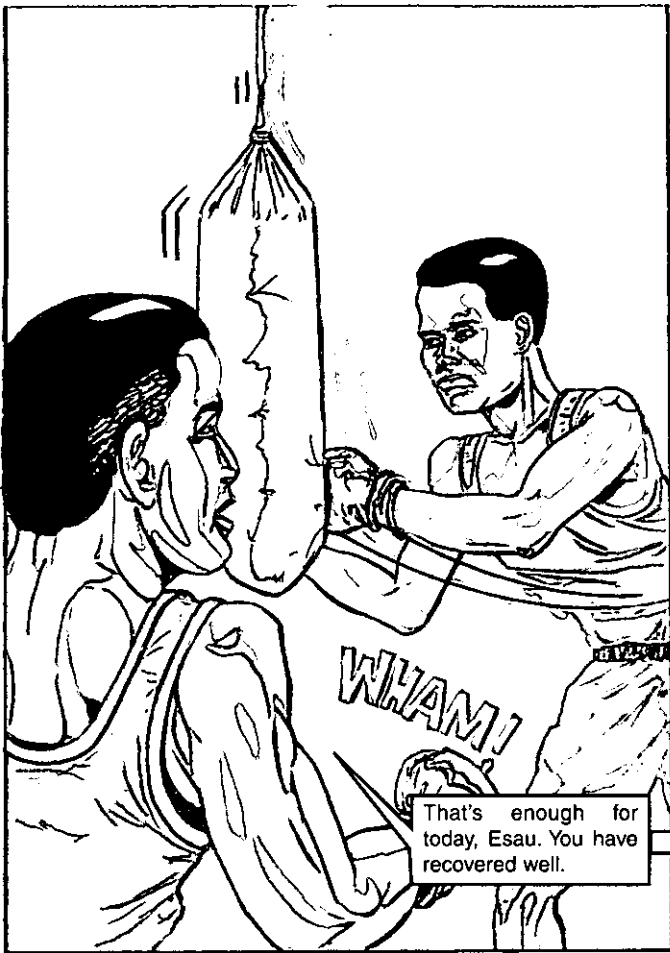
In three weeks Esau is back at school and working for the local elections ...



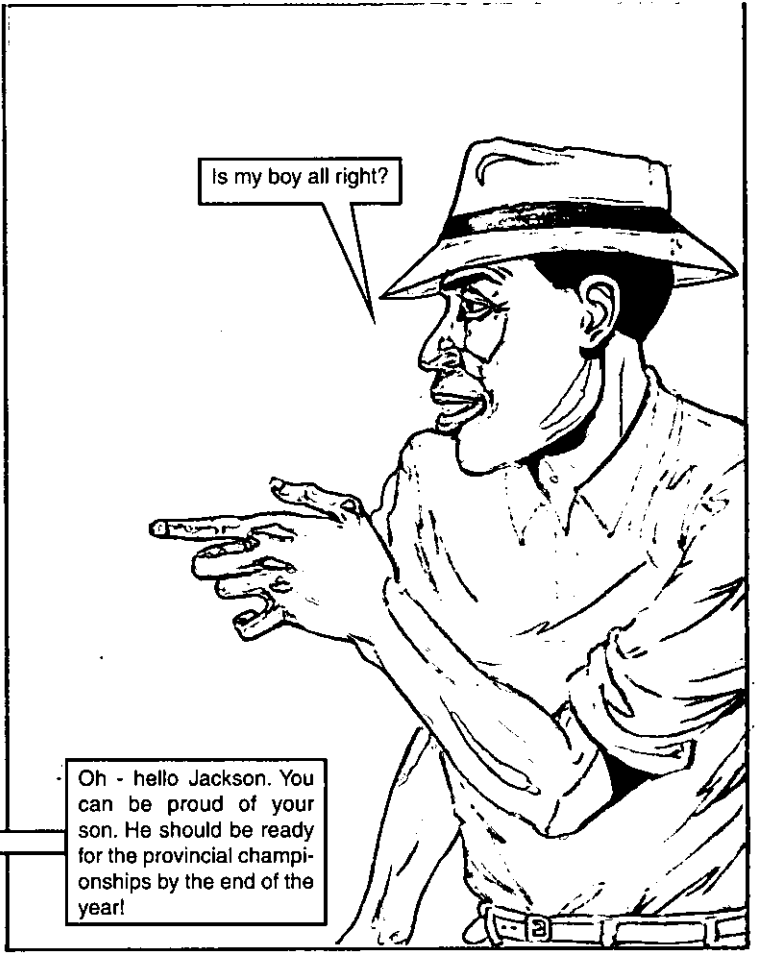
Esau, I can't ask you to put up campaign posters...

No problem, Chris, I have lots of friends who will help.



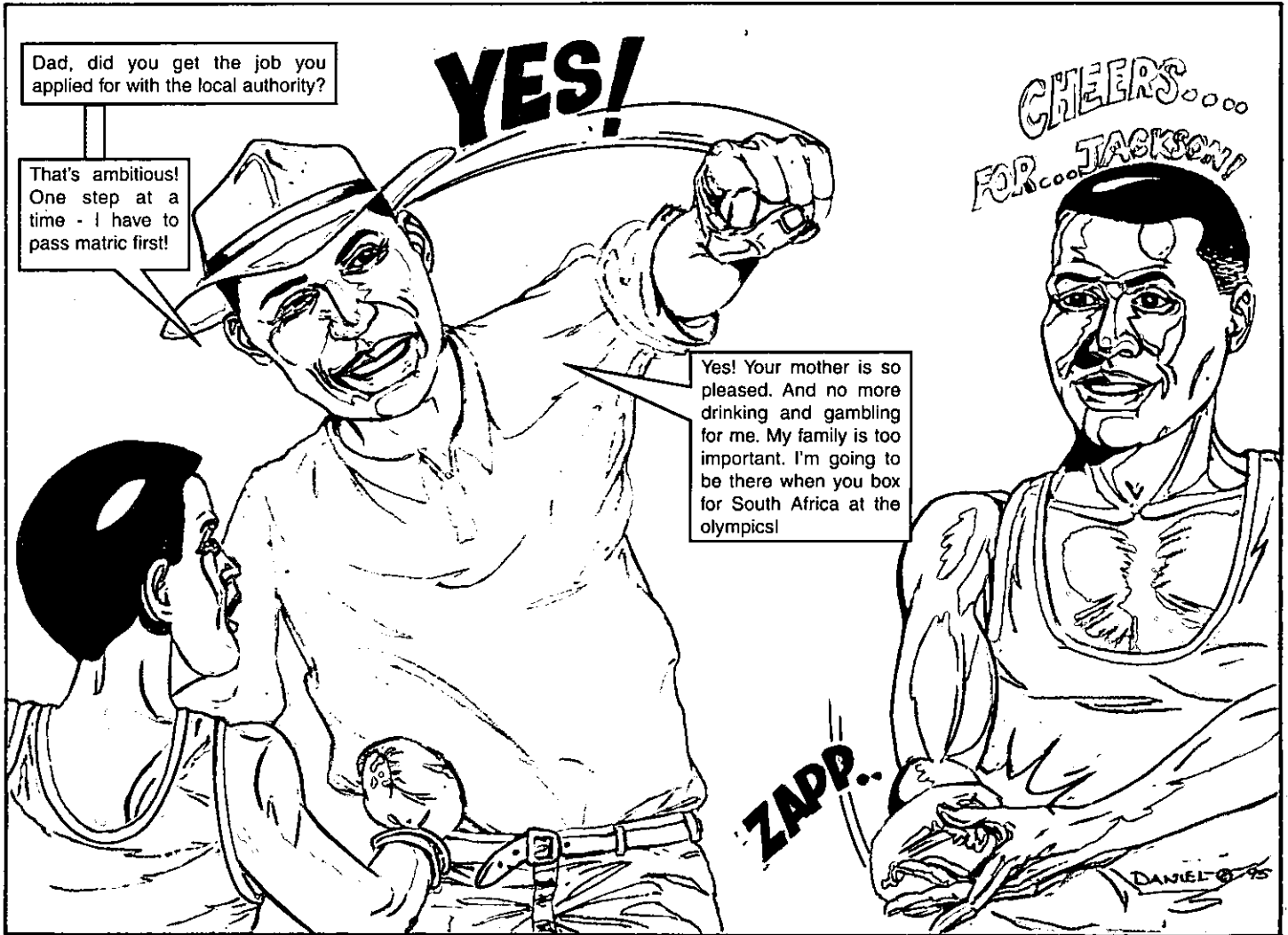


That's enough for today, Esau. You have recovered well.



Is my boy all right?

Oh - hello Jackson. You can be proud of your son. He should be ready for the provincial championships by the end of the year!



Dad, did you get the job you applied for with the local authority?

That's ambitious! One step at a time - I have to pass matric first!

YES!

Yes! Your mother is so pleased. And no more drinking and gambling for me. My family is too important. I'm going to be there when you box for South Africa at the olympics!

CHEERS...
FOR JACKSON!

ZAPP..

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Esau and Thandi both turn 18 in August and celebrate their birthdays together with a party...



Great, 18 at last - now we can vote! Elections soon! Have you persuaded your father to vote yet?



Yes - but it was not me. He is a changed man since he has that new job working for the Council. Mother is so happy - and SO AM I!

Ah to be young! But I still enjoy a good party.

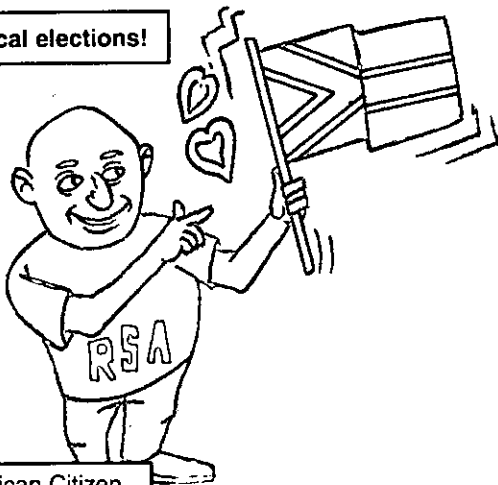


Give us a song Chris!



What you need to be able to vote:

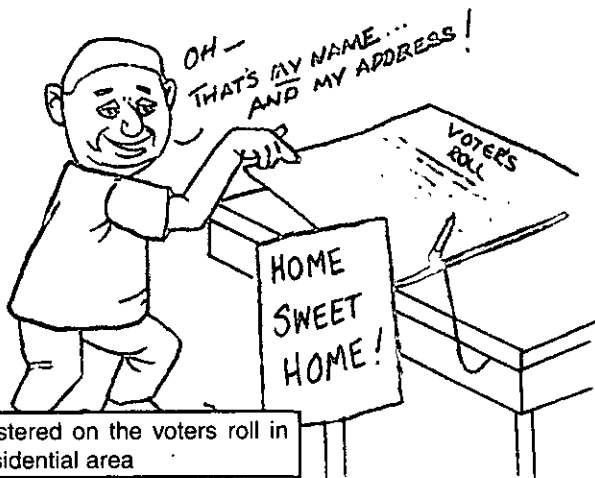
At last! The Local elections!



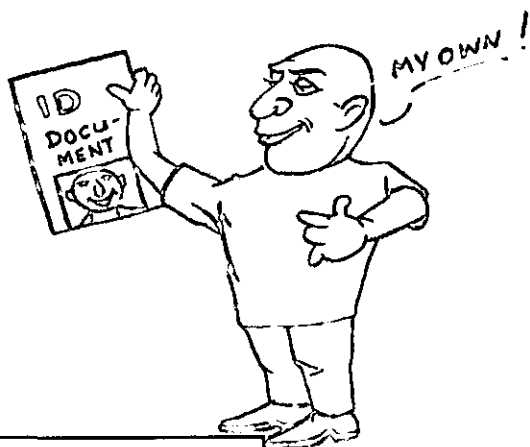
Be a South African Citizen



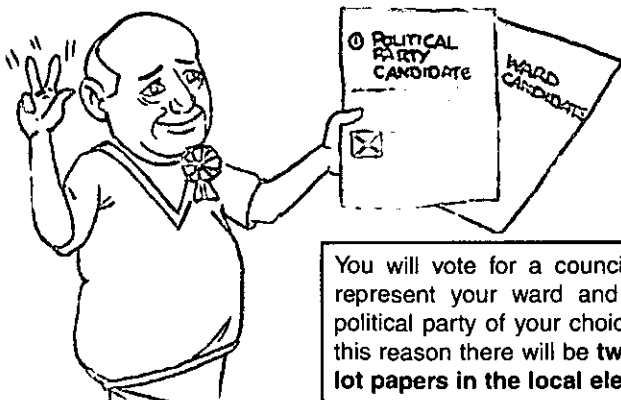
Be over 18 years of age



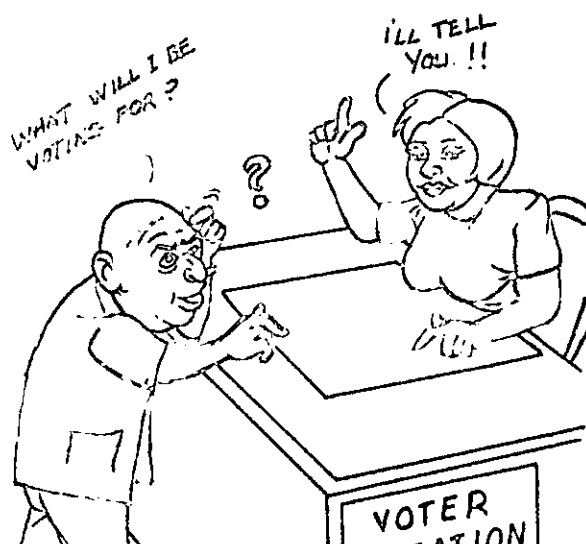
Be registered on the voters roll in your residential area



Have a valid identity document



You will vote for a councillor to represent your ward and for a political party of your choice. For this reason there will be **two** ballot papers in the local election.



If you do not understand how to register and vote, speak to an official at your local authority.

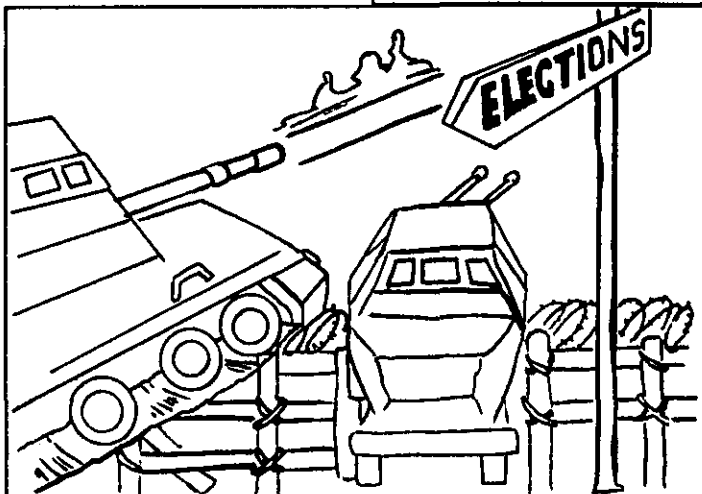
You will vote for:

1. A COUNCILLOR for your WARD (each local government is made up of many different areas called WARDS)
2. The POLITICAL PARTY of your choice. (This party will represent you in LOCAL GOVERNMENT on a basis of PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION)



Remember to vote - Your community needs you!

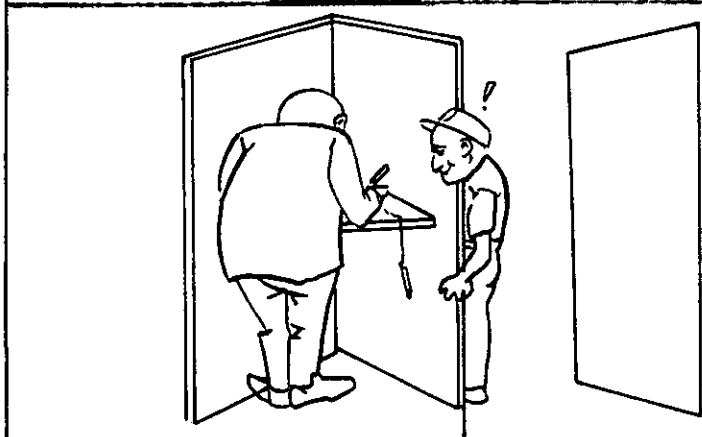
What will not be allowed at free and fair elections



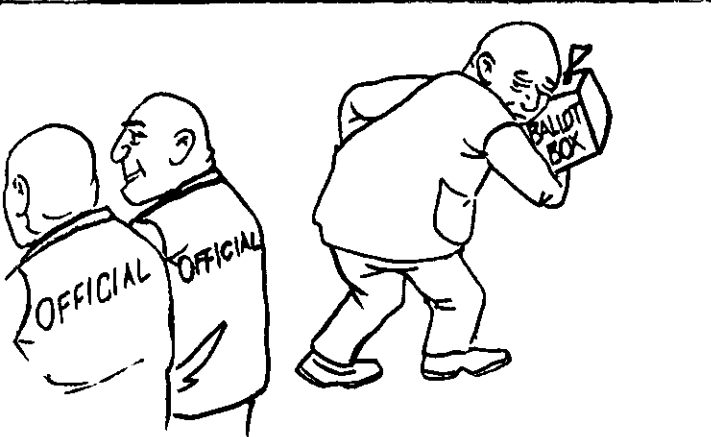
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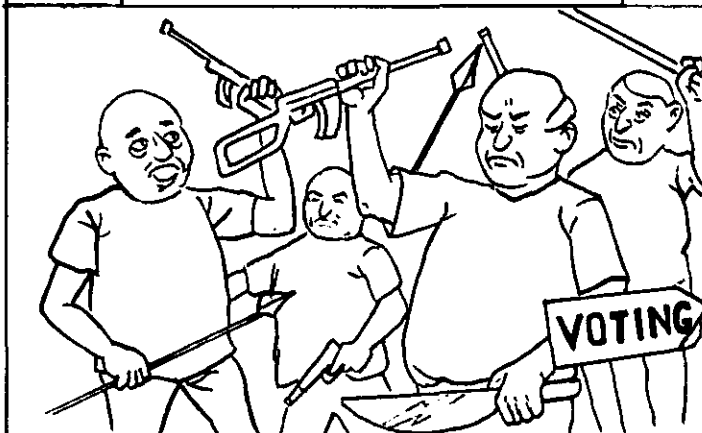
Harrasment or Interference with another candidate



Looking at ballot papers (your vote is secret)



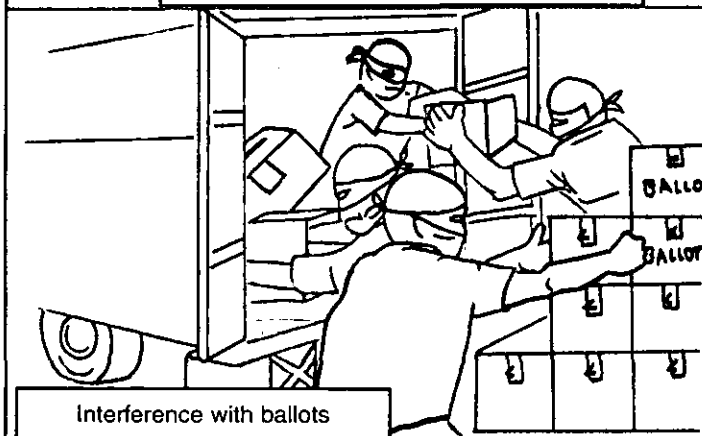
Fraud



Firearms and weapons at the voting scene



Anyone preventing you from vot-



Interference with ballots



Arguing over results if elections are said to be free and fair

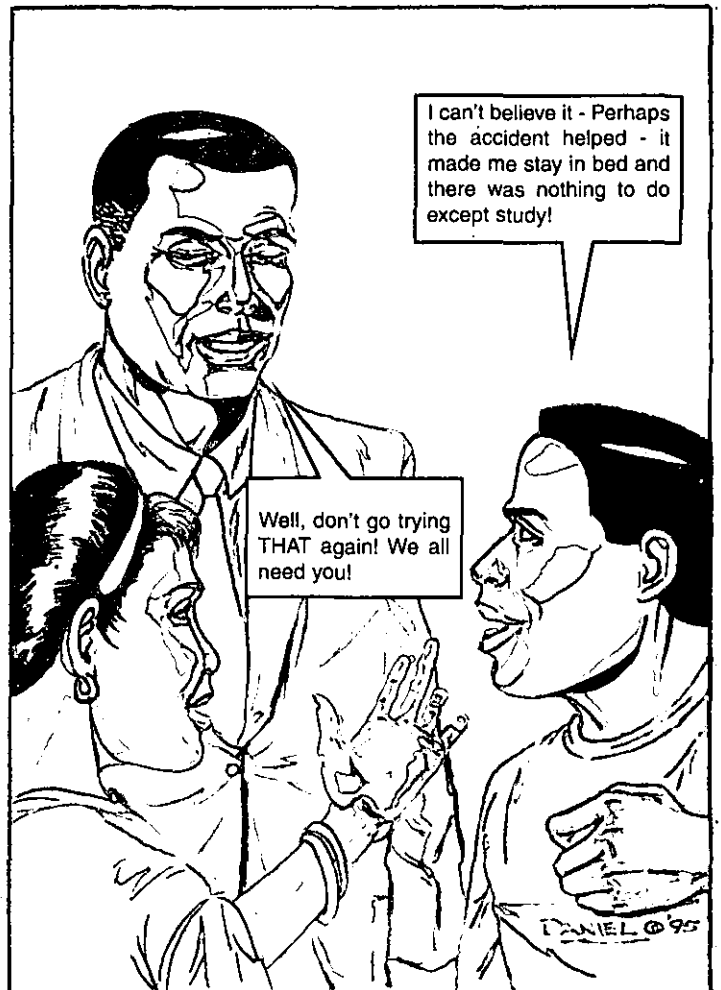


The two families go to the voting polls together

Two months later the matric results come out...



Wheee... we both passed! And Esau - you got FOUR distinctions! You stand a good chance of receiving a loan from the Technikon SA because of your achievements. Don't forget to APPLY!



I can't believe it - Perhaps the accident helped - it made me stay in bed and there was nothing to do except study!

Well, don't go trying THAT again! We all need you!

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