



JADE GARDEN MEMOIRS

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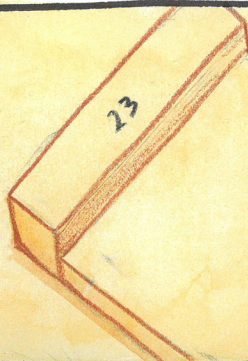
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This novel is dedicated to my family and the fond memories from living and growing up in Chinese takeaway. It had been ten stressful years of hard-work and financial struggles, but the customers were always the highlight to my family's business. I hope this novel enlightens your view towards Chinese takeaways.

Thank you Jade Garden!

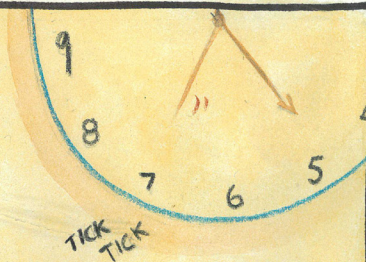
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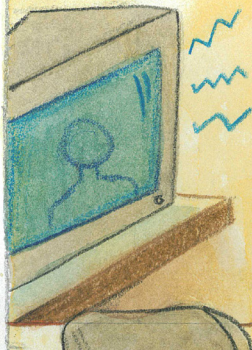
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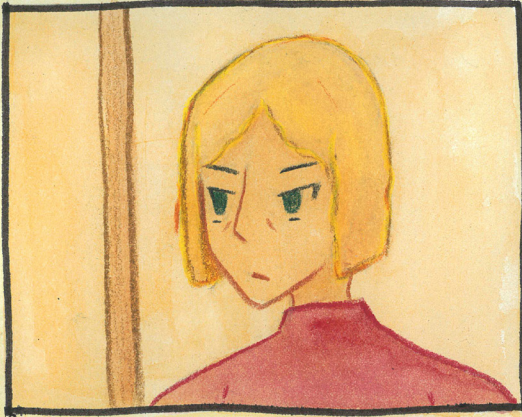
Now, this week we'll be experiencing dry and hot spells across England...

The South and East side of London is experiencing more heat than usual with soaring temperatures of 20 degrees...




Luckily, the weather will be staying with us for the whole week, before summer showers will come in next week...





Hello! Welcome to Jade Garden. What can I get for you, love?





Does the egg fried rice contain shrimp?



Yes! It might contain ingredients that could have shrimp. Would you like me to recommend you something else that has no seafood?



No, keep it in.

Oh, ok...

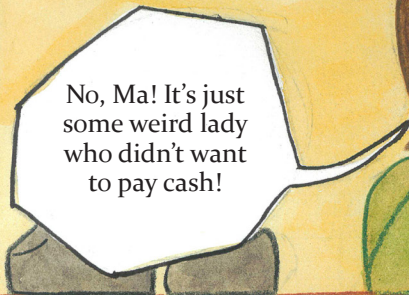
Alright, I know what I want...



I would like a large portion of king prawn fried rice, salt and pepper chicken wings, a pot of curry sauce to go with my fried rice, and sweet and sour king prawn balls. I want a small pot of the sweet and sour sauce and a large pot for my curry sauce. I would also want a House Special chow mein, the special omelette with everything inside, and the mixed vegetables with the black bean sauce, AND a small portion of that fried seaweed.

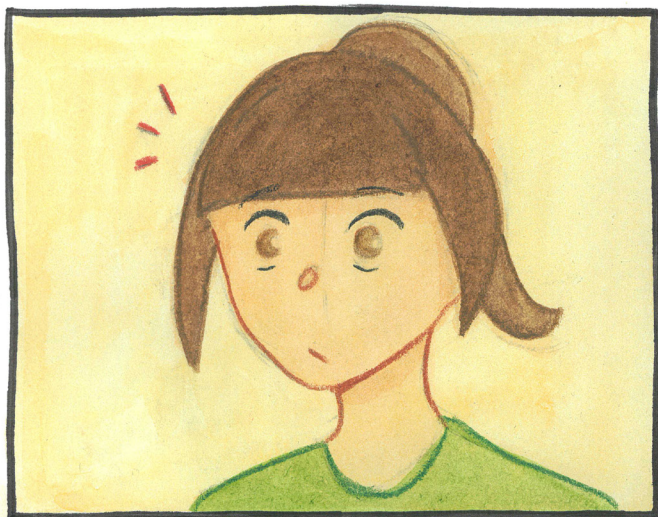







MAGIC MAN







Haha! Just the usual. I have my Mistress with me so it'll be a big feast (!)

Jon! I'm alright. Are you?

What do you want today?

Don't forget the prawn crackers!

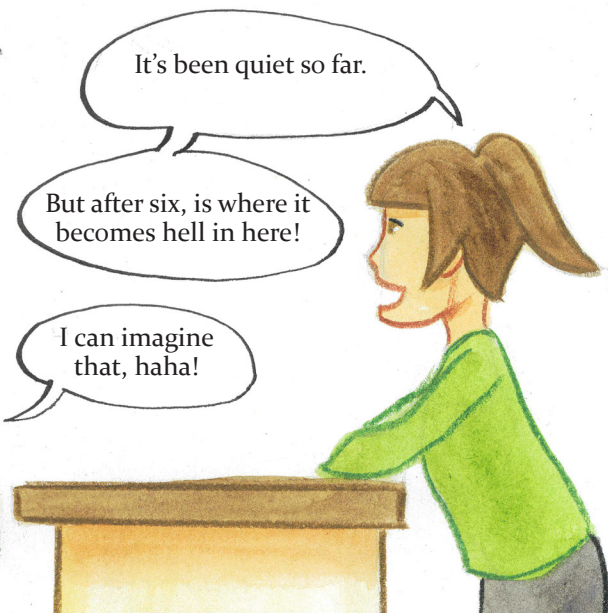
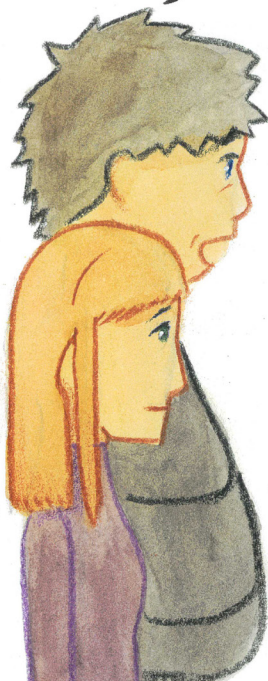
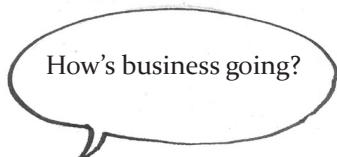
Alright!

The usual egg fried rice, large portion of chips and curry?

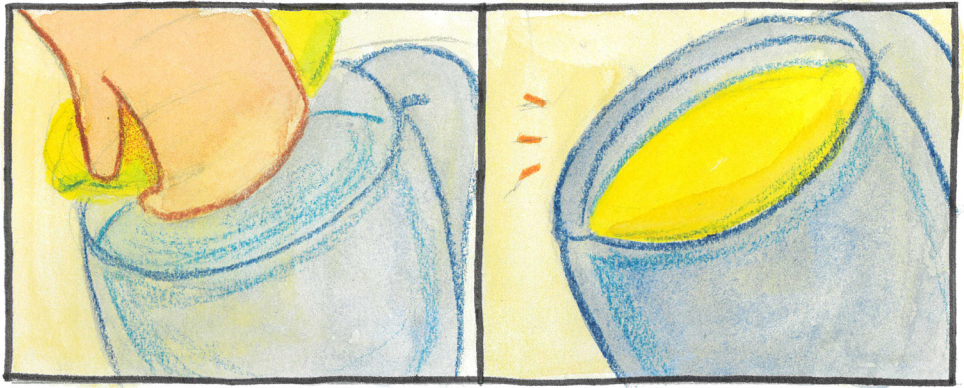
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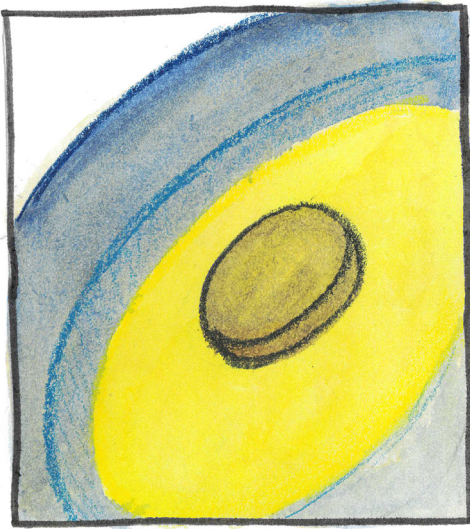
I'll throw in a free drink for you and the Miss - on the house!

You're too generous, dear. Thank you.

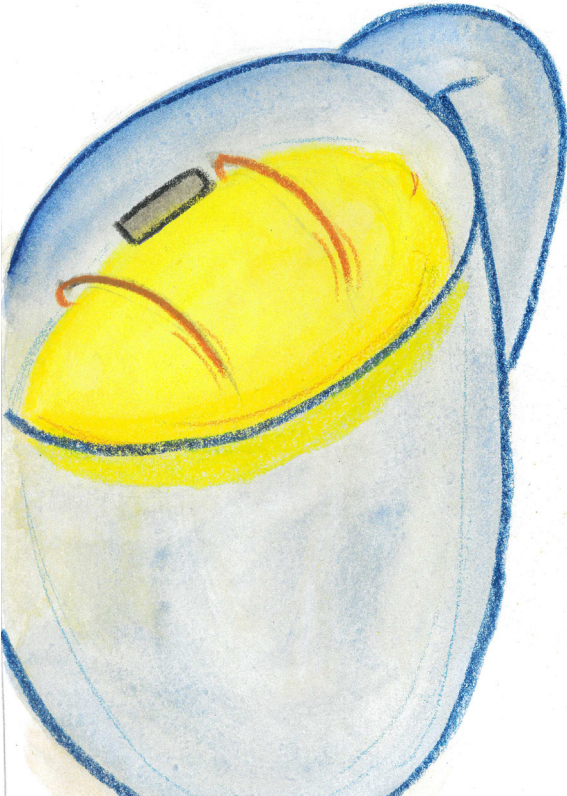








AH!?





IT FELL!?

Haha, it did! Try again!





It's impossible, right?

Well, how would you do it
since "it's so impossible"?

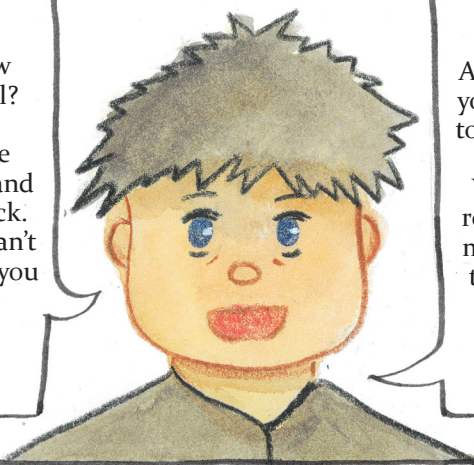
Well, you can't. No-
one can balance a
penny on this lemon.
Even I can't do it.

What?



But, you know
what's magical?

It's that you've
kept on trying and
solving this trick.
And once you can't
find a solution, you
gave up.



Apart from giving up,
you kept finding ways
to balance that penny.

You found so many
routes and solutions,
maybe you could put
that clever thinking
to good use!

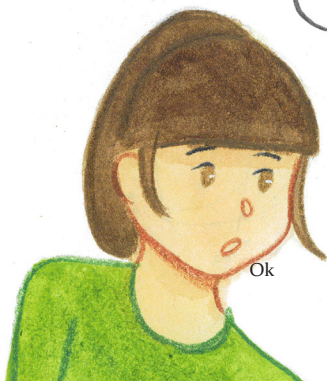
You can keep that
penny. Think of it
as a gift from me.



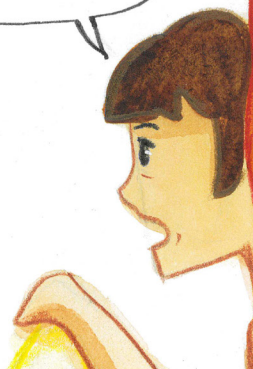
Huh? I never thought
of it that way...

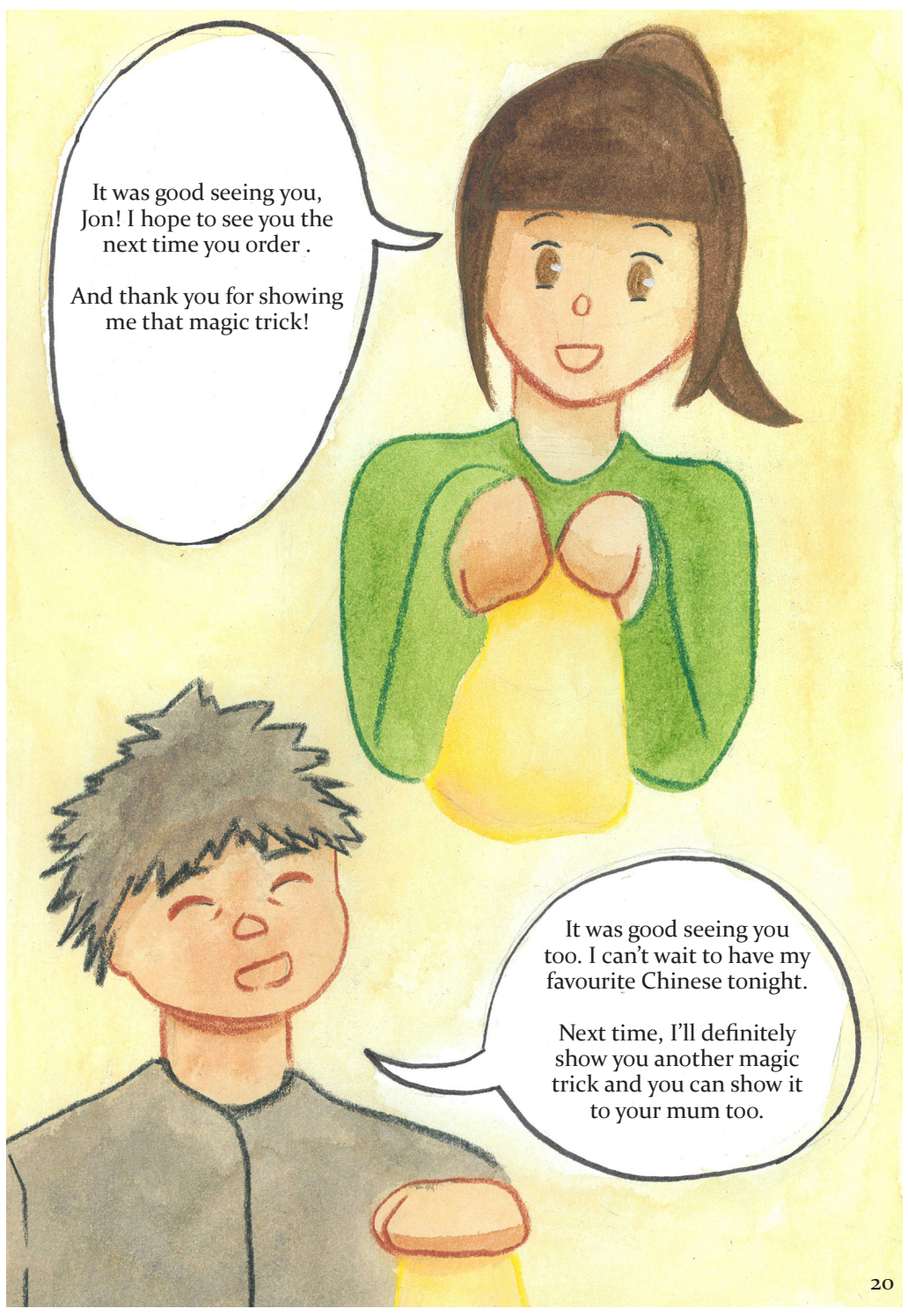
MEI-MEI!

Food is ready!



Ok





It was good seeing you,
Jon! I hope to see you the
next time you order .

And thank you for showing
me that magic trick!

It was good seeing you
too. I can't wait to have my
favourite Chinese tonight.

Next time, I'll definitely
show you another magic
trick and you can show it
to your mum too.



Hello! This is Jade Garden! What would you like to order?



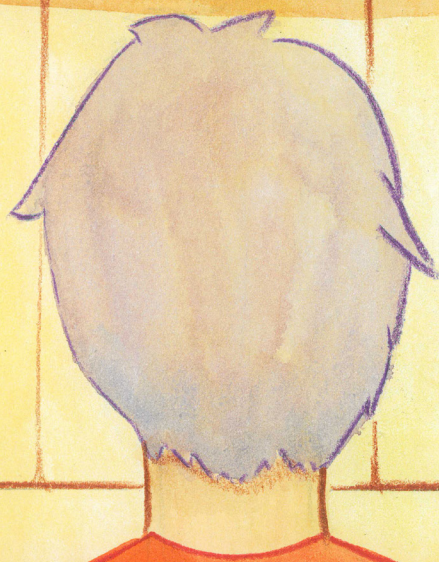
FRIEND

I'm sorry, could you repeat that? The phone-line keeps cutting off and I can't hear you properly.

Ok... So you want the mixed vegetable fried rice, but with no peas. And you want it extra spicy? Alright.

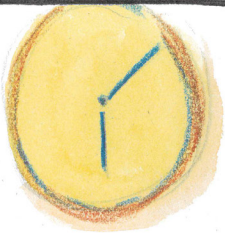
You also want the spicy chilli beef to be extra spicy too? Ok, we'll make that for you.

That's much better! You also want prawn crackers and sweet and sour chicken balls.



How long is the food going to be? I've been waiting for thirty minutes!

It shouldn't be taking this long for a king prawn fried rice and curry.



So, please be patient! We only have two cooks who are working their hardest to get the food ready and out.

I'm sorry Ma'am, but it has been very busy, especially since it's six and there's a rush hour!

You are not the only one who has to wait for their food. There are people before you who have to wait too!





Ugh, so rude!

It's always these kind of
takeaways... Don't they know
that we have places to go?

I might as well find a better
Chinese place that would
actually deliver my food quicker
and better customer service!



Finally!

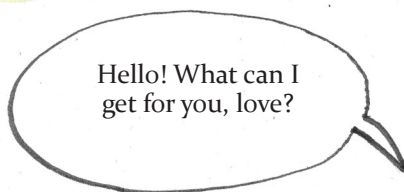
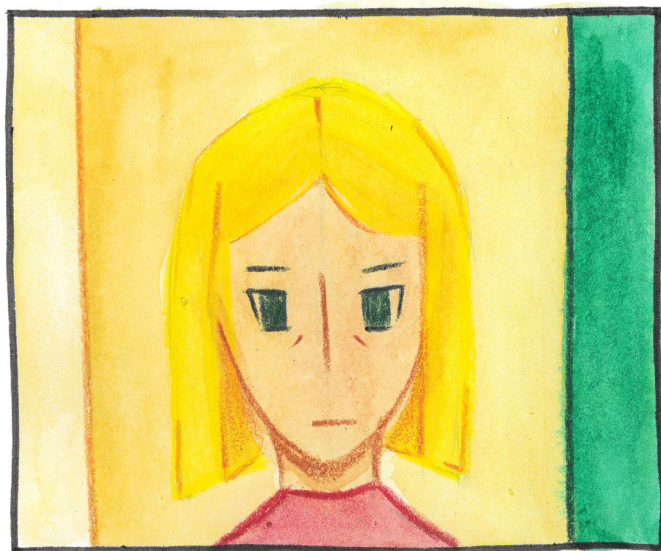
Here is your food, Ma'am.

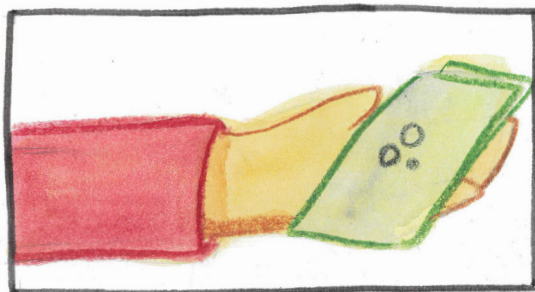
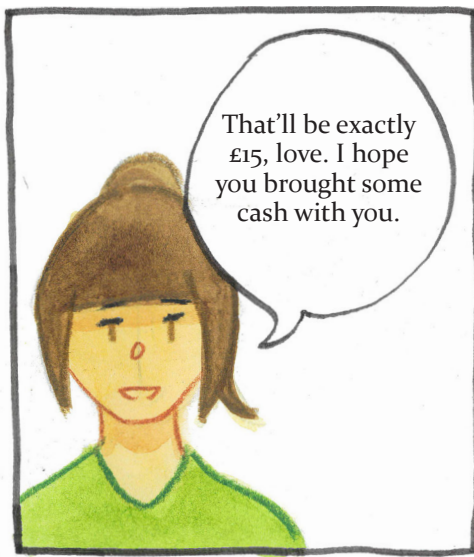





What's actually wrong with her!? I've only just told her the truth! Clearly, she's got no clue to how a takeaway operates around here. Besides, there were people who have been waiting way before her! It's not even our fault that we only have two chefs and today was so busy. Maybe she should find another place. I rather not serve someone so rude...










I realised that I came off quite rude last time. I'm sorry for that.

I was having an off day and I think it just slipped.



Oh? That's okay. I totally understand where you're coming from.

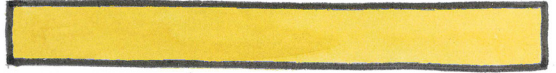
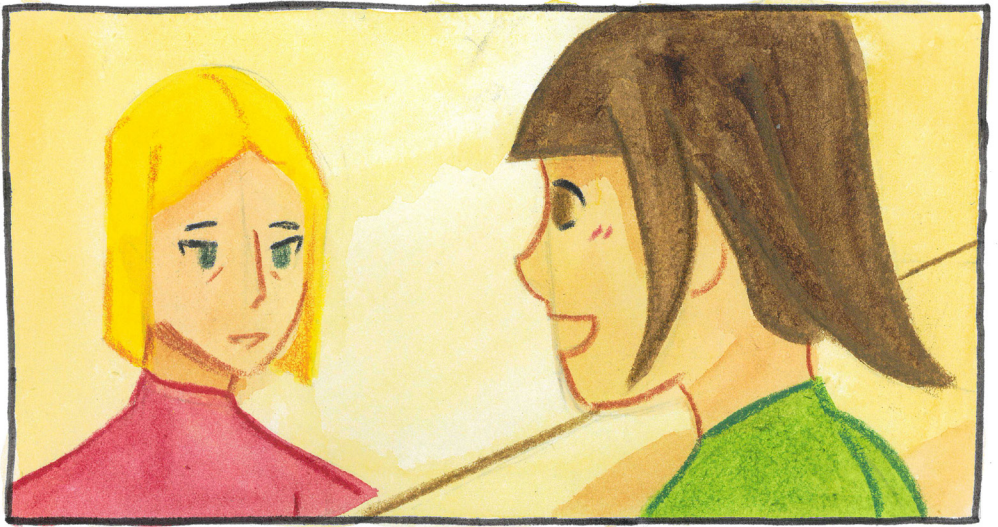
Can I ask why were you having an off day?

We have a persistent lady who loves to complain.

Haha, I had the same exact situation just a moment ago! What did this lady do?

The usual complaints, like the long lines, no stock on the shelves - everyday! She's a hard-working lady!

Haha! Those are what you call a Karen!



Finally, it's ten o'clock! I can start cleaning up.

Surprisingly, today was not too bad. Apart from that Karen earlier and that rush hour...

...And I think I made
a new customer!



Jade Garden Memoirs is an autobiographical illustrated graphic novel based on my own family's experiences from owning a Chinese takeaway shop in the UK.