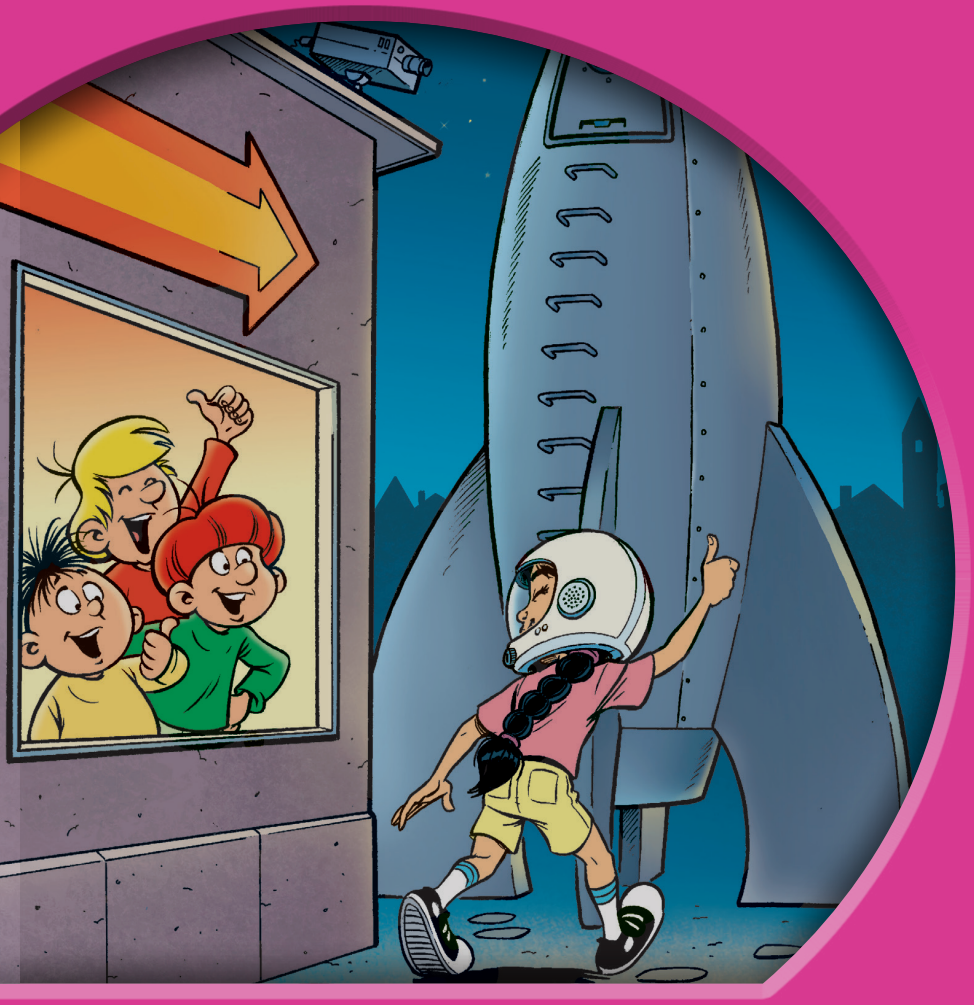
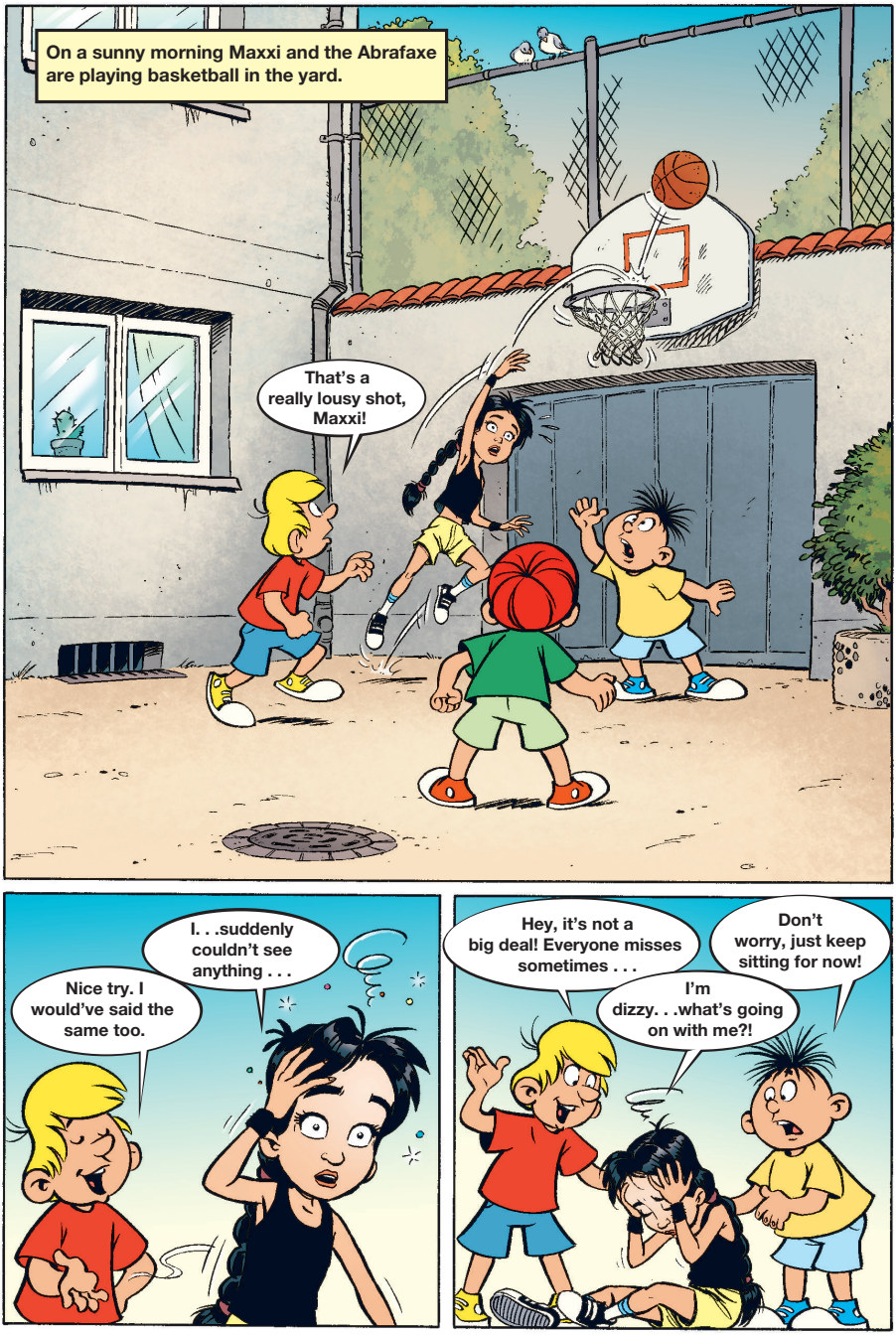
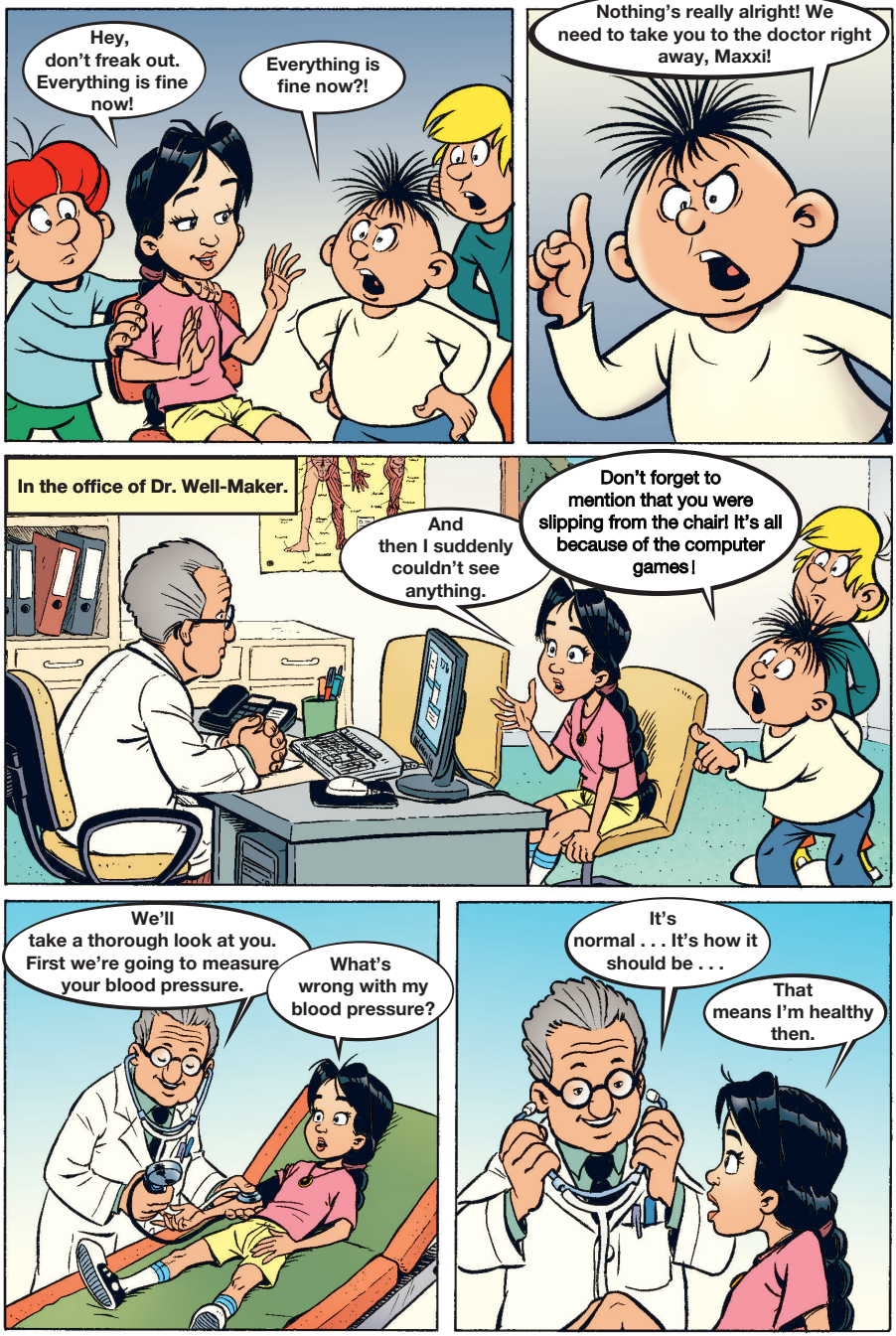


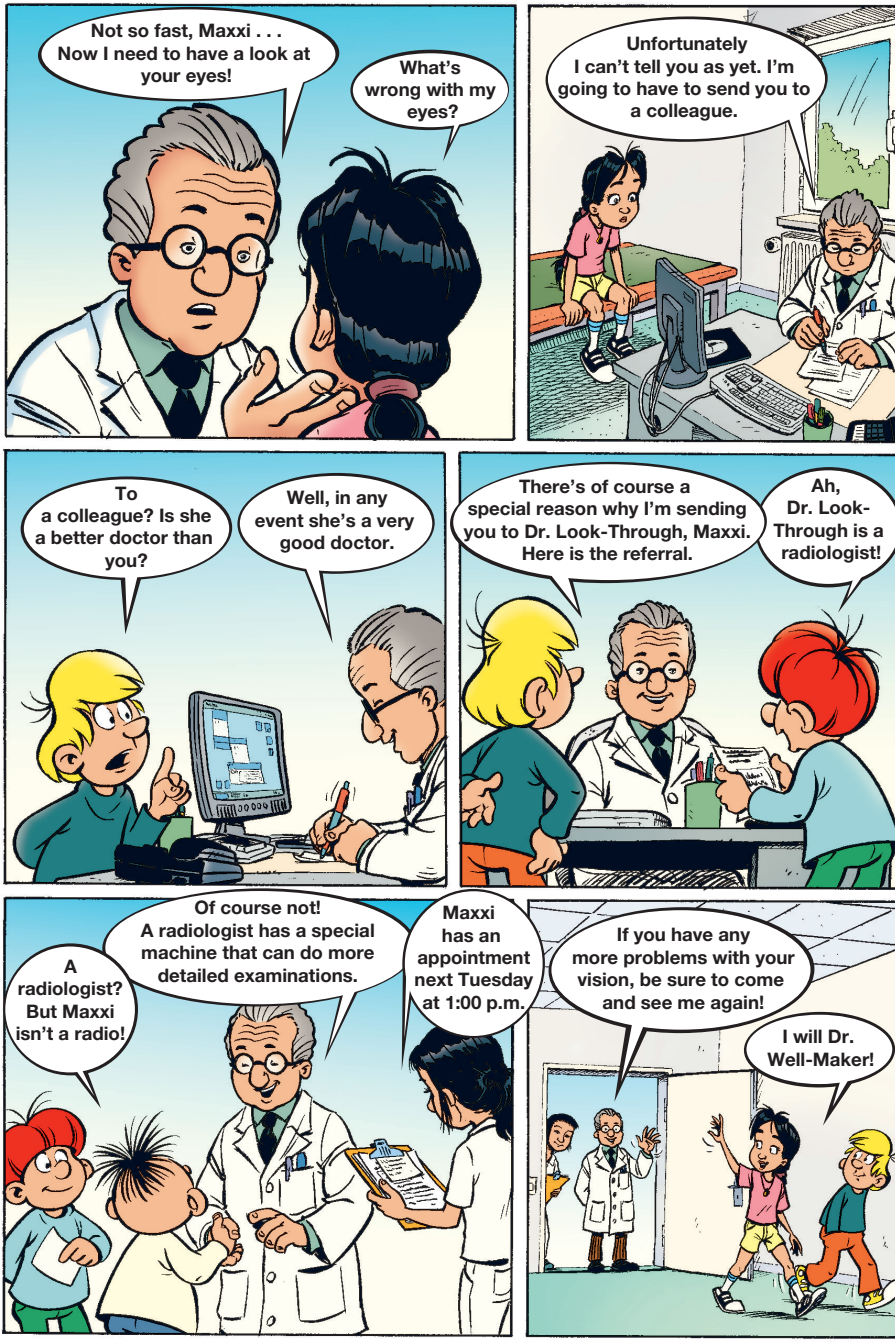
MAXXI IN SPACE

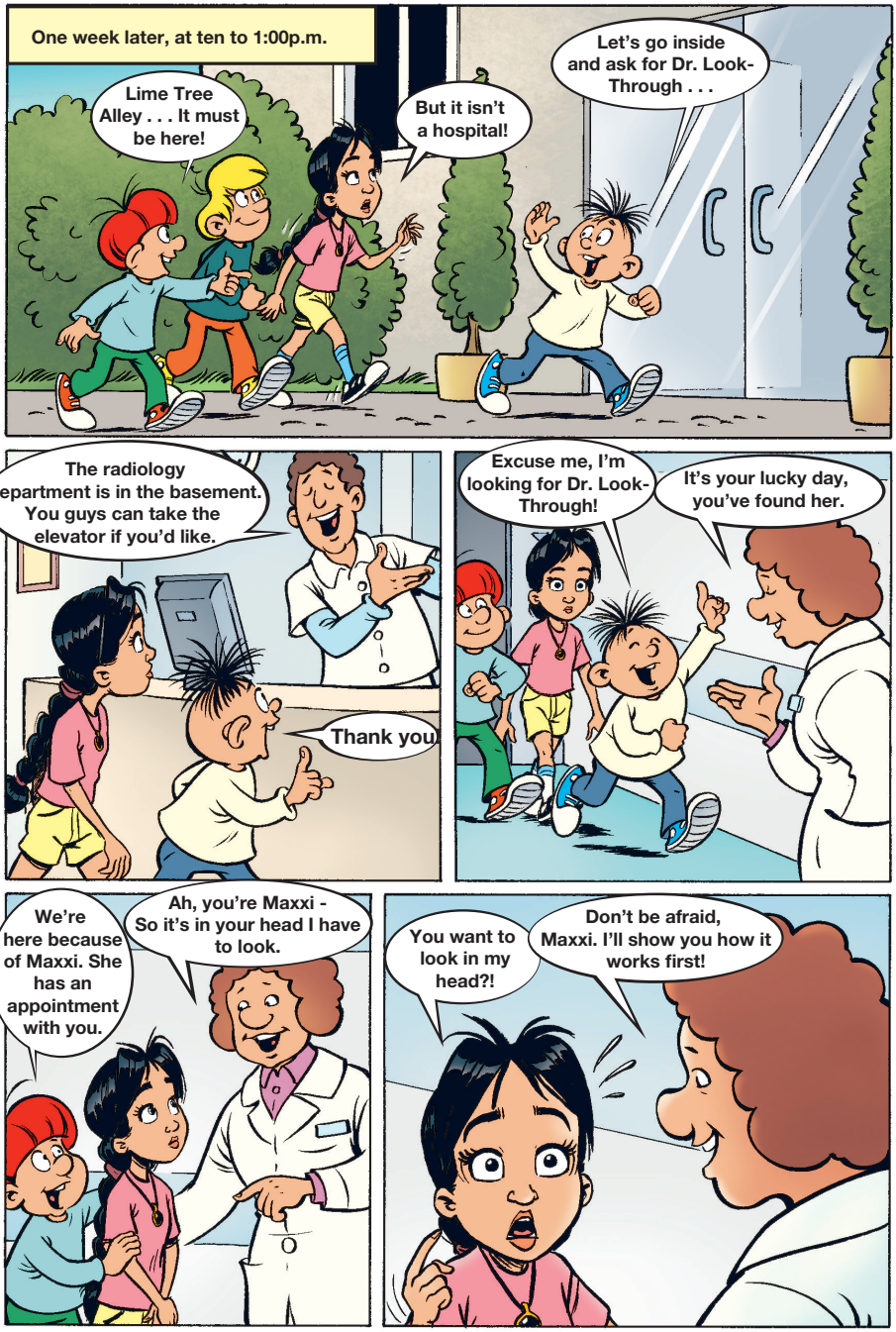
A GUIDE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

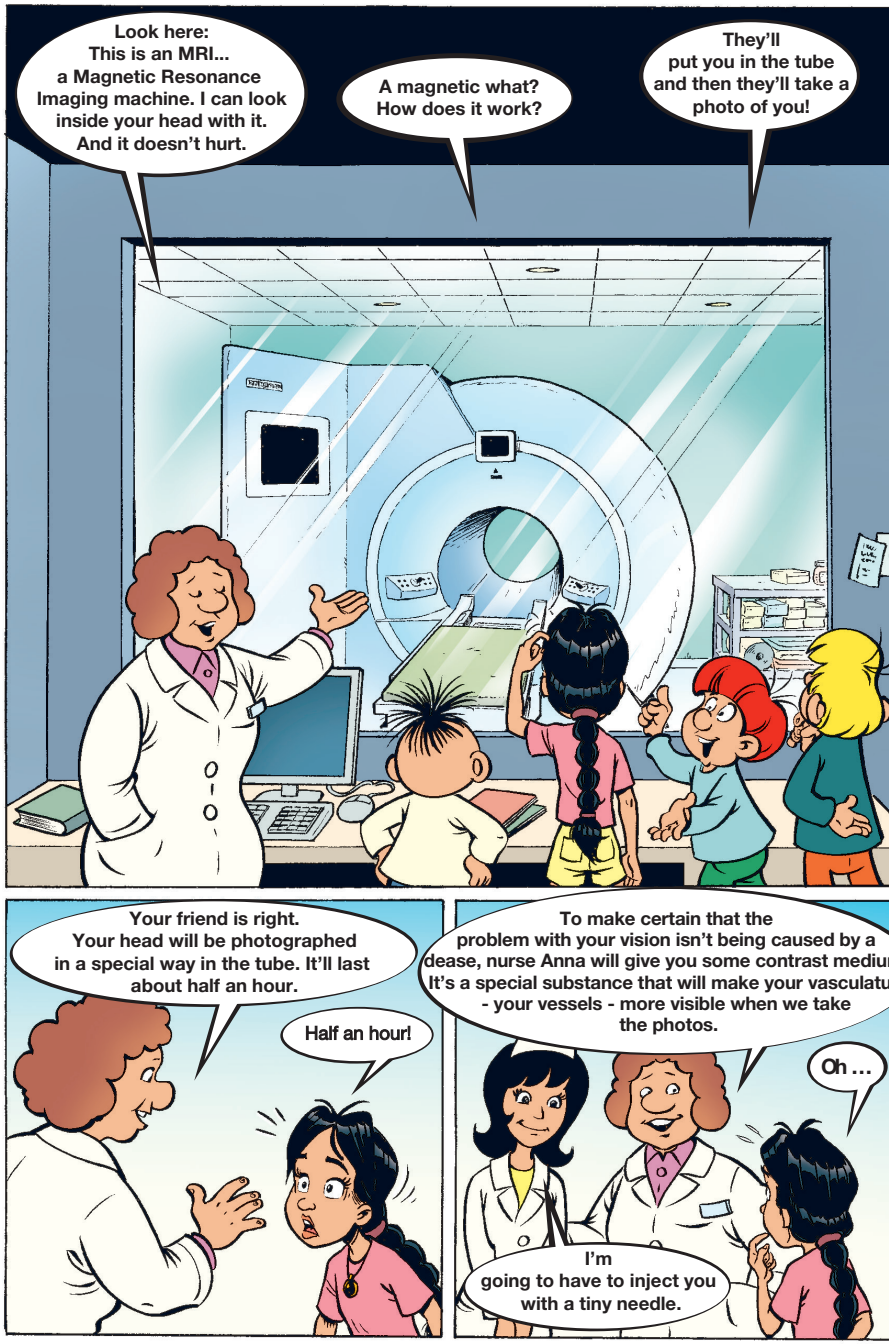

On a sunny morning Maxxi and the Abrafaxe are playing basketball in the yard.
That's a really lousy shot, Maxxi!
I. . .suddenly couldn't see anything . . .
Nice try. I would've said the same too.
Hey, it's not a big deal! Everyone misses sometimes . . .
Don't worry, just keep sitting for now!
I'm dizzy. . .what's going on with me?!

Great, it's starting to rain. Come on, let's go inside . . .
Thanks, Califax!
Hey, better move slowly!
Can you make the stairs?
Yeah - I already feel better!
That's good!
ABRAPATE
Half an hour later. Brabax and Maxxi are playing "Astro-Command" on the computer . . .
Watch out, Maxxi, there's an asteroid coming from the right side!
Okay, okay. . . I saw it a long time ago . . .
Jeez . . . it's happening again!
Maxxi, quick - it's coming right at you! Oh no - you ran into the asteroid!
Maxxi!
Califax, come quickly - Maxxi is slipping from the chair!
This is all because of those computer games!

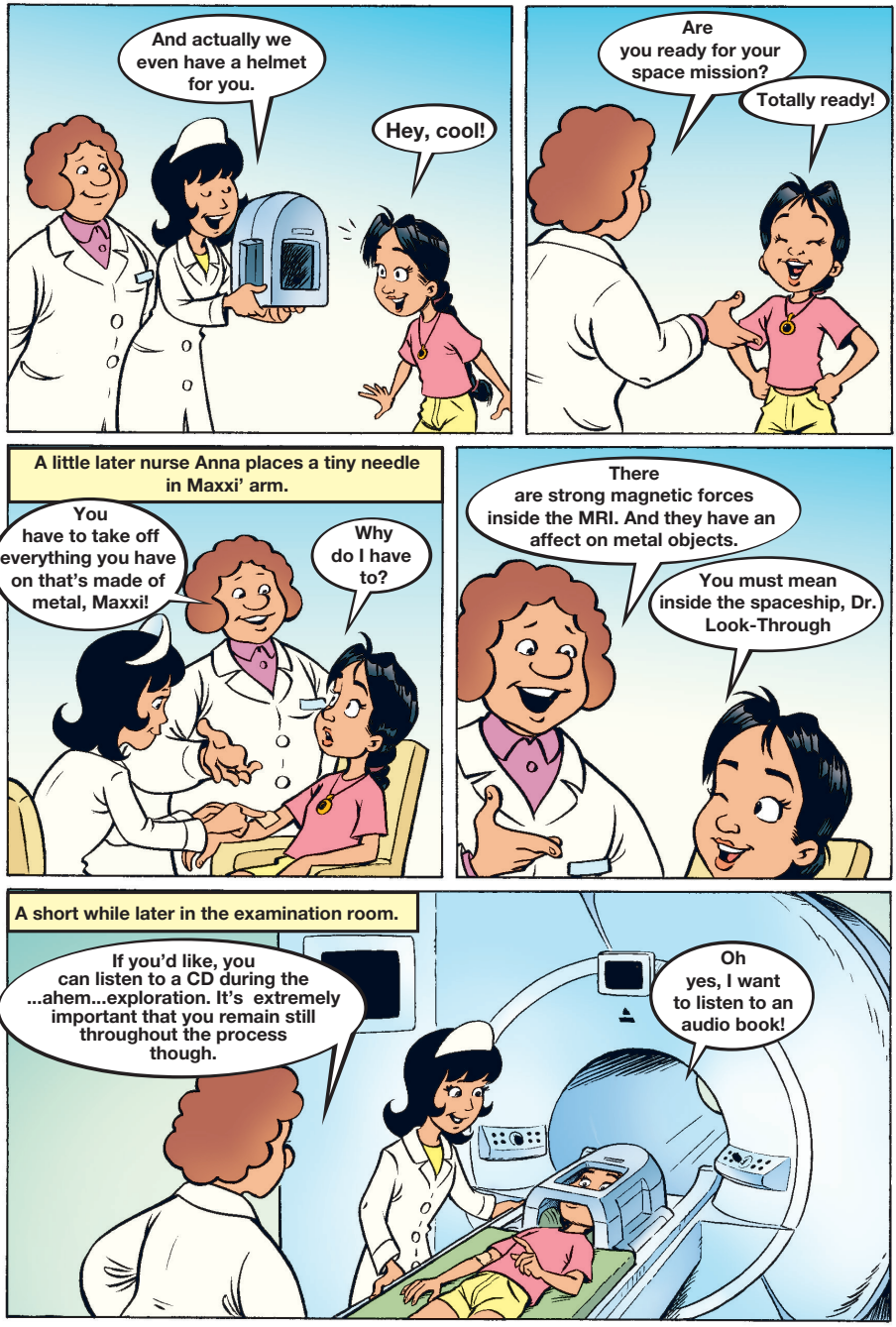

Hey, don't freak out. Everything is fine now!
Everything is fine now?!
Nothing's really alright! We need to take you to the doctor right away, Maxxi!
In the office of Dr. Well-Maker.
And then I suddenly couldn't see anything.
Don't forget to mention that you were slipping from the chair! It's all because of the computer games!
We'll take a thorough look at you. First we're going to measure your blood pressure.
What's wrong with my blood pressure?
It's normal . . . It's how it should be . . .
That means I'm healthy then.

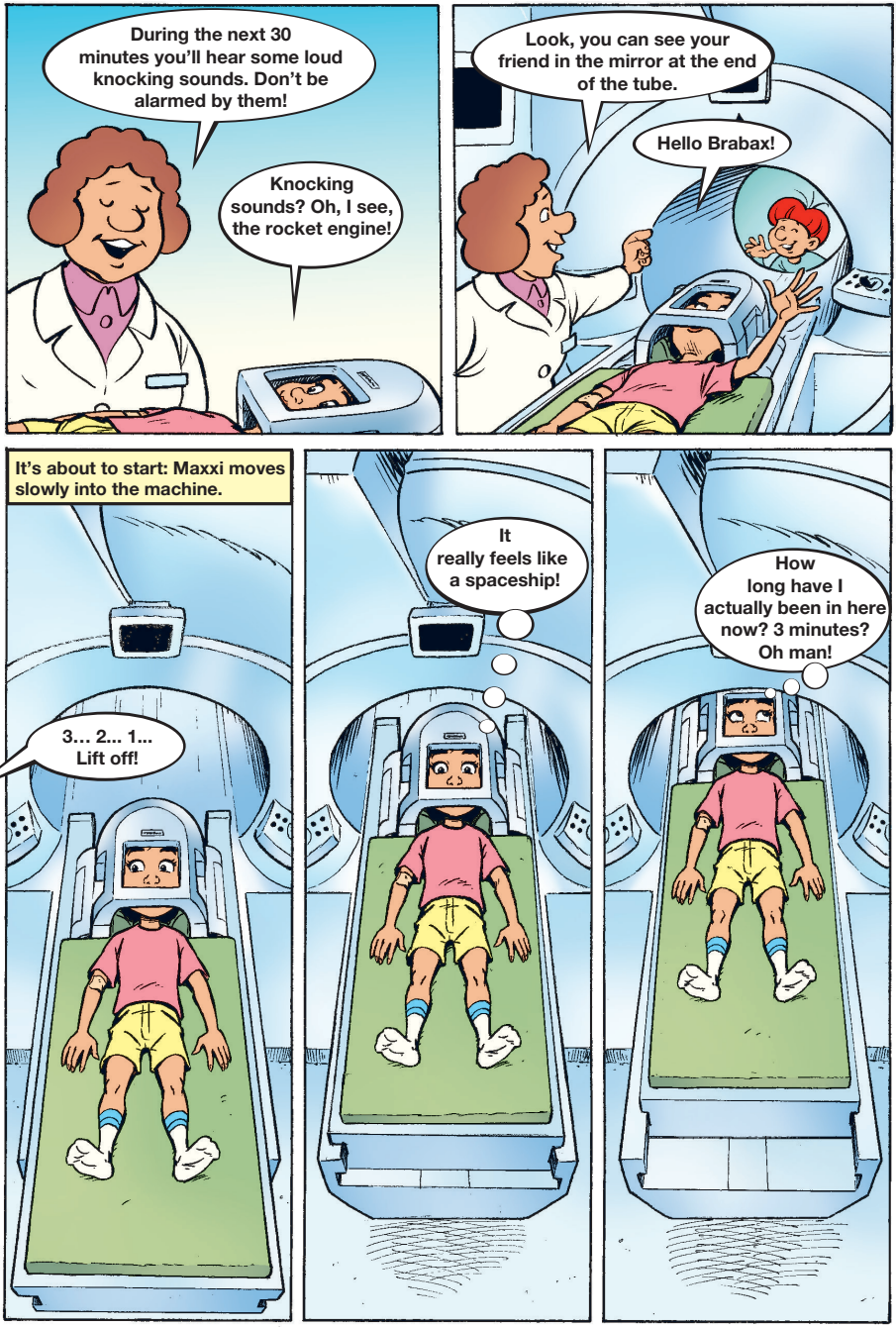

Not so fast, Maxxi . . . Now I need to have a look at your eyes!
What's wrong with my eyes?
Unfortunately I can't tell you as yet. I'm going to have to send you to a colleague.
To a colleague? Is she a better doctor than you?
Well, in any event she's a very good doctor.
There's of course a special reason why I'm sending you to Dr. Look-Through, Maxxi. Here is the referral.
Ah, Dr. Look-Through is a radiologist!
A radiologist? But Maxxi isn't a radio!
Of course not! A radiologist has a special machine that can do more detailed examinations.
Maxxi has an appointment next Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.
If you have any more problems with your vision, be sure to come and see me again!
I will Dr. Well-Maker!

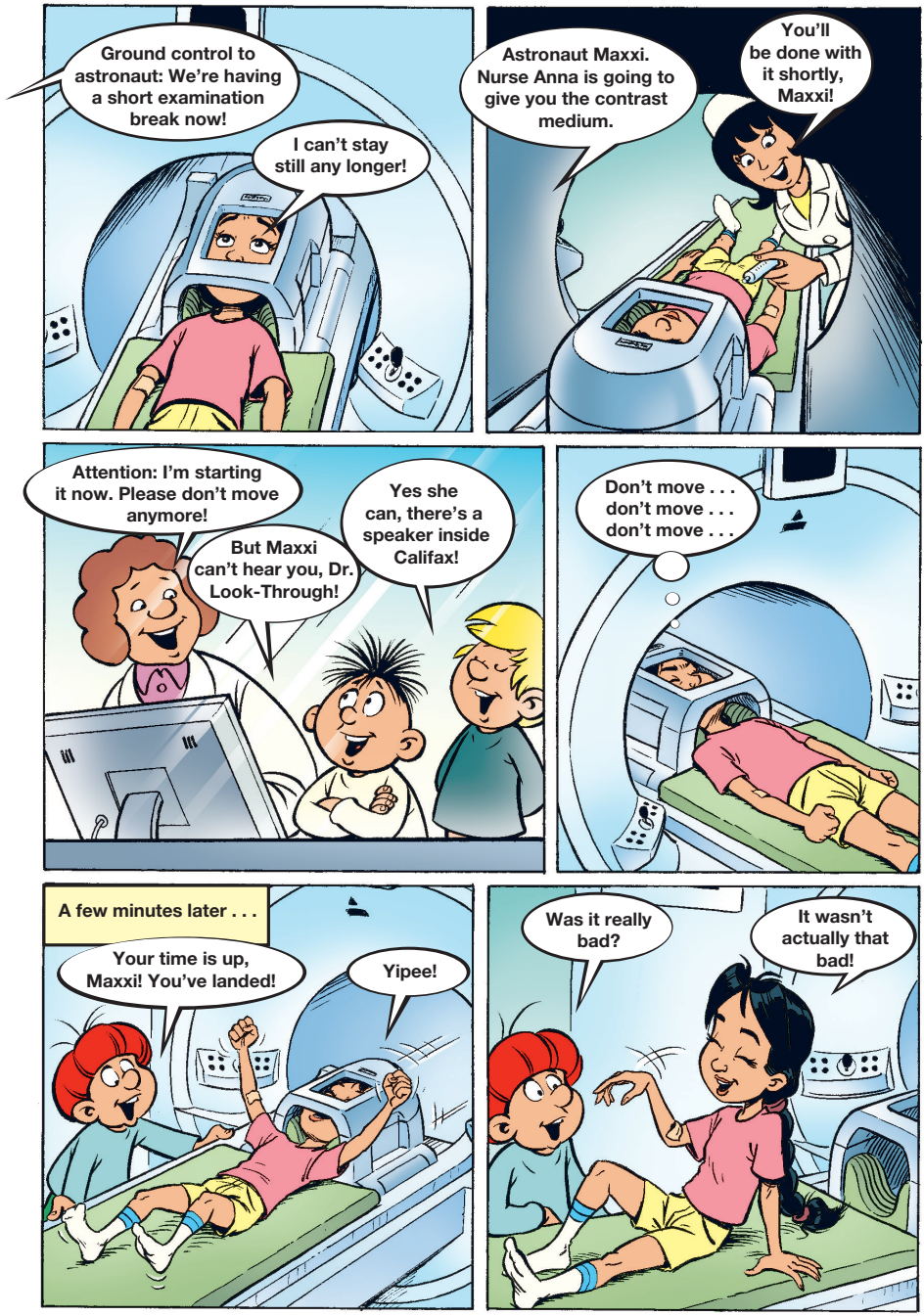

One week later, at ten to 1:00p.m.
Lime Tree Alley . . . It must be here!
But it isn't a hospital!
Let's go inside and ask for Dr. Look-Through . . .
The radiology department is in the basement. You guys can take the elevator if you'd like.
Thank you
Excuse me, I'm looking for Dr. Look-Through!
It's your lucky day, you've found her.
We're here because of Maxxi. She has an appointment with you.
Ah, you're Maxxi - So it's in your head I have to look.
You want to look in my head?!
Don't be afraid, Maxxi. I'll show you how it works first!

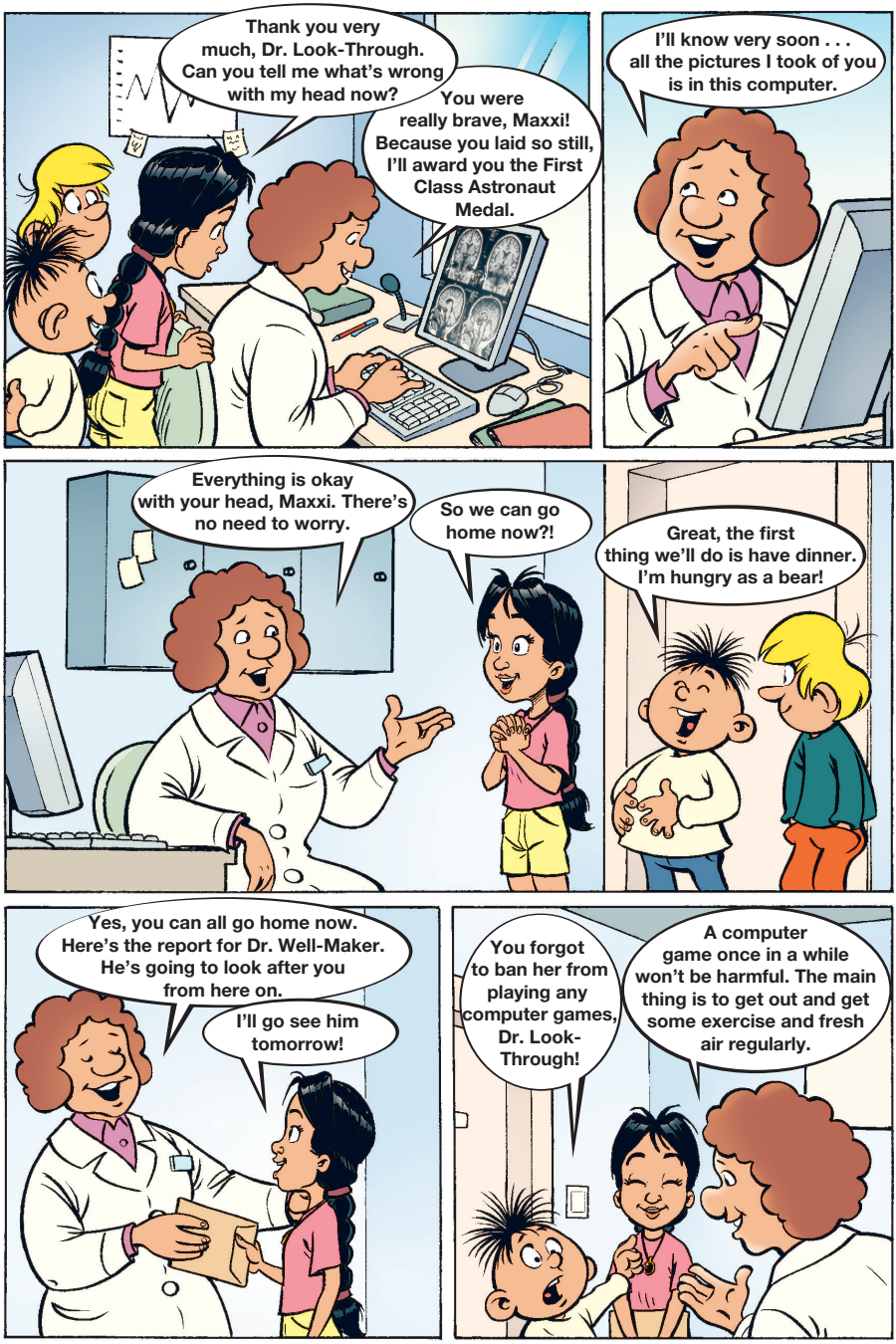

Look here: This is an MRI... a Magnetic Resonance Imaging machine. I can look inside your head with it. And it doesn't hurt.
A magnetic what? How does it work?
They'll put you in the tube and then they'll take a photo of you!
Your friend is right. Your head will be photographed in a special way in the tube. It'll last about half an hour.
Half an hour!
To make certain that the problem with your vision isn't being caused by a dease, nurse Anna will give you some contrast medium. It's a special substance that will make your vasculature - your vessels - more visible when we take the photos.
Oh ...
I'm going to have to inject you with a tiny needle.

Do you know what? I think I'll save us all the trouble. I'm totally healthy! See ya!
I have to think of something really quick . . .
Maxxi, wait a sec!
What is it, Brabax?
How about a space mission?
Are we going to play Astro Command again when we get home?!
No, not on the computer . . . Here is much better. You can do some astronaut-training!
What do you mean?
Just imagine... this thing is a space-ship simulator and you're doing a test flight!
Hey, not bad!
Yeah, a spaceship - that's right! And there's also a ground control. That's me.


And actually we even have a helmet for you.
Hey, cool!
Are you ready for your space mission?
Totally ready!
A little later nurse Anna places a tiny needle in Maxxi' arm.
You have to take off everything you have on that's made of metal, Maxxi!
Why do I have to?
There are strong magnetic forces inside the MRI. And they have an affect on metal objects.
You must mean inside the spaceship, Dr. Look-Through
A short while later in the examination room.
If you'd like, you can listen to a CD during the ...ahem...exploration. It's extremely important that you remain still throughout the process though.
Oh yes, I want to listen to an audio book!


During the next 30 minutes you'll hear some loud knocking sounds. Don't be alarmed by them!
Knocking sounds? Oh, I see, the rocket engine!
Look, you can see your friend in the mirror at the end of the tube.
Hello Brabax!
It's about to start: Maxxi moves slowly into the machine.
3... 2... 1... Lift off!
It really feels like a spaceship!
How long have I actually been in here now? 3 minutes? Oh man!


Ground control to astronaut: We're having a short examination break now!
I can't stay still any longer!
Astronaut Maxxi. Nurse Anna is going to give you the contrast medium.
You'll be done with it shortly, Maxxi!
Attention: I'm starting it now. Please don't move anymore!
But Maxxi can't hear you, Dr. Look-Through!
Yes she can, there's a speaker inside Califax!
Don't move . . . don't move . . . don't move . . .
A few minutes later . . .
Your time is up, Maxxi! You've landed!
Yipee!
Was it really bad?
It wasn't actually that bad!


Thank you very much, Dr. Look-Through. Can you tell me what's wrong with my head now?
You were really brave, Maxxi! Because you laid so still, I'll award you the First Class Astronaut Medal.
I'll know very soon . . . all the pictures I took of you is in this computer.
Everything is okay with your head, Maxxi. There's no need to worry.
So we can go home now?!
Great, the first thing we'll do is have dinner. I'm hungry as a bear!
Yes, you can all go home now. Here's the report for Dr. Well-Maker. He's going to look after you from here on.
I'll go see him tomorrow!
You forgot to ban her from playing any computer games, Dr. Look-Through!
A computer game once in a while won't be harmful. The main thing is to get out and get some exercise and fresh air regularly.

I got it!
Come on, Abrax, pass it to me!
Are you sure you won't miss?
Miss? Who's gonna miss?
Great shot!

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