

# Saeklon Sara



Hemia haos blong Silas, Rebeka, tufala pikinini blong ol, Annie mo David, mo Rambo, dog blong olgeta.



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This is where Silas, Rebeka, their two children, Annie and David, and their dog Rambo live.



Annie: Come on Rambo!

Silas: I'm so lucky to live by the river!

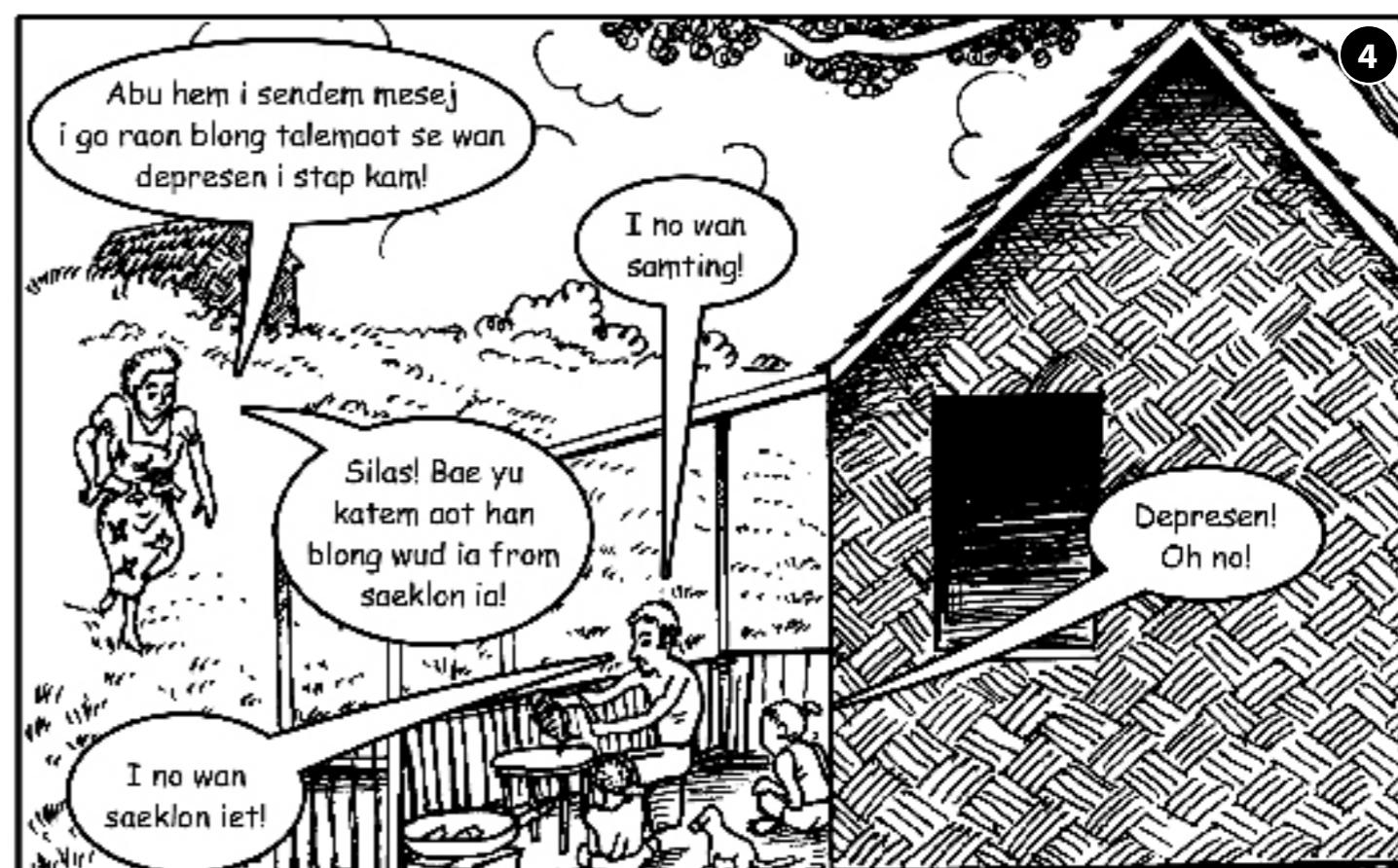
Mi laki  
tumas blong liv  
klosap long  
riva ia!



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Bae yufala i go  
talemaot long ol  
narawan.

Abu: Go and tell everyone.



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Rebeka: Abu's sending round the message that a depression is coming!

Annie: Depression! Oh no!

Silas: It's nothing to worry about!

Rebeka: Silas! You must cut down that branch because of the cyclone! Silas: It's not a cyclone yet!

Be Rebeka hem i stap wari we. Hem i go wetem tufala pikinini blong karemaot kakae long garen.



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But Rebeka is worried. She and the two children go to collect food from the garden.



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Silas: Why have you bought all that food?

Rebeka: If that depression becomes a cyclone we'll have enough food for 2 or 3 days.

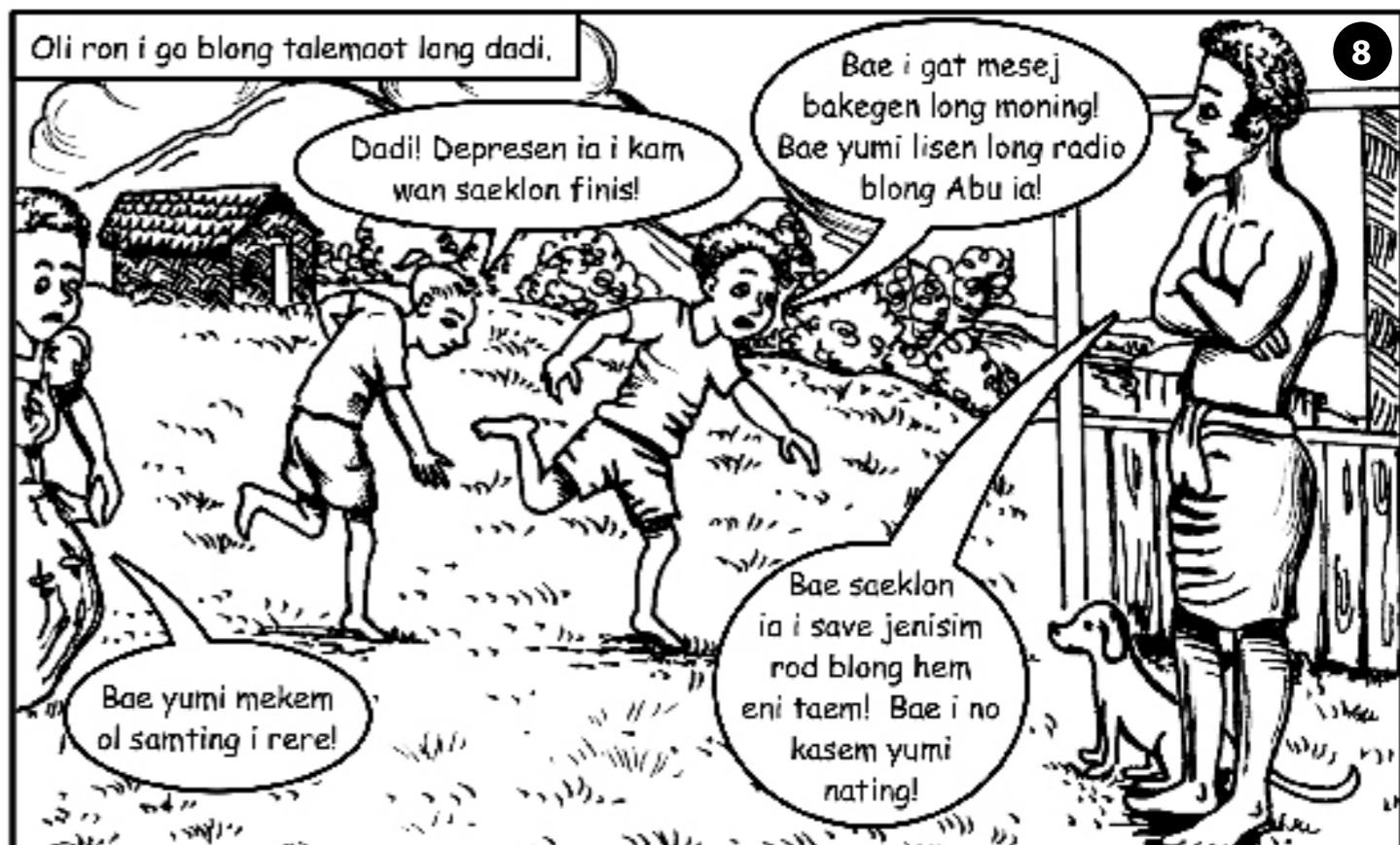
Long 6 long aftanun Abu  
hem i karem radio long vilij.



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HEMIA HEM I ADVAESORI MESEJ  
NAMBA 1. DEPRESEN IA I KAM WAN  
SAEKLON FINIS. NEM BLONG HEM, HEM I  
SAEKLON SARA. I STAP MUV SLOSLO I  
KAM KASEM YUMI. BAE YU LISEN LONG  
RADIO OLTAEM, BAE NEKIS MESEJ I  
KAMKAMAOT LONG 6.30AM

At 6 in the afternoon, Abu takes the radio to the village. Radio broadcast: This is advisory message number 1. The depression has become a cyclone. It has been named cyclone Sara. It is moving slowly in your direction. Listen to the radio all the time. The next message will come out at 6.30 am.



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Oli ron i go blong talemaot lang dadi.

Dadi! Depresen ia i kam wan saeklon finis!

Bae i gat mesej  
bakegen long moning!  
Bae yumi lisen long radio  
blong Abu ia!

Bae yumi mekem  
ol santing i rere!

Bae saeklon  
ia i save jenism  
rod blong hem  
eni taem! Bae i no  
kasem yumi  
nating!

They run to tell Daddy. David: Daddy! The depression has become a cyclone.

Annie: There's another message coming out in the morning. We'll hear it on Abu's radio!

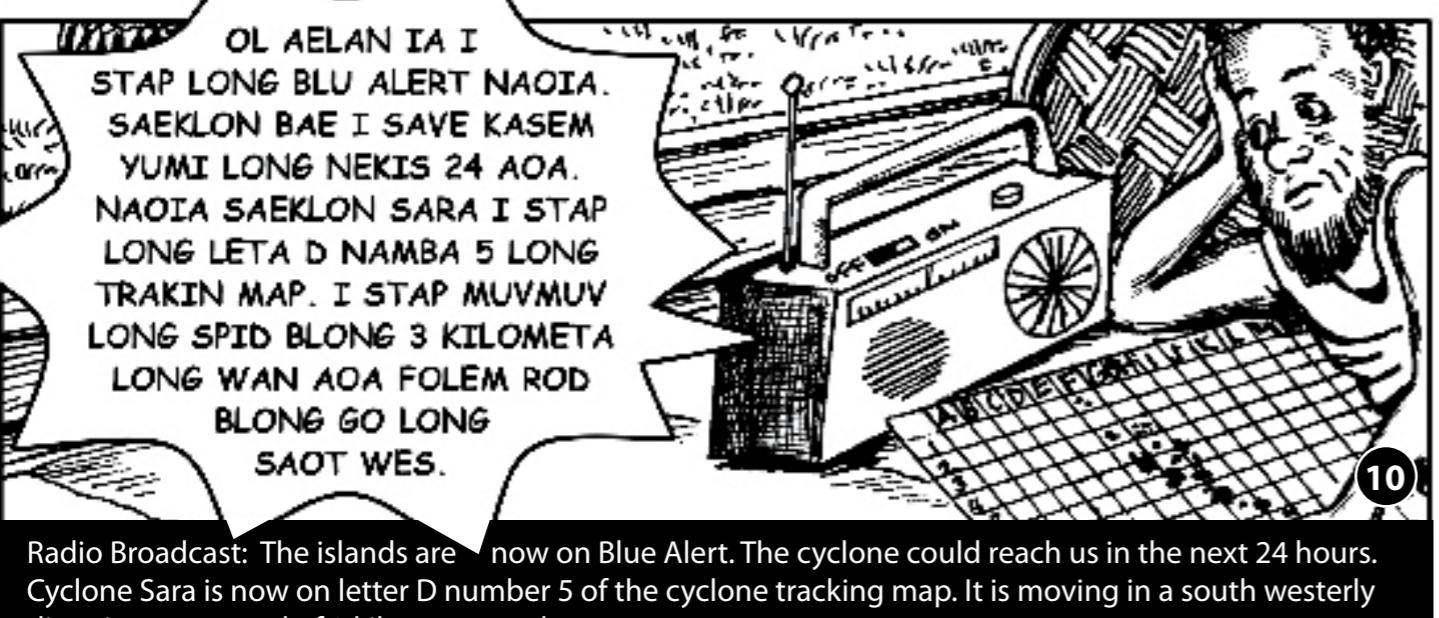
Rebeka: We have to prepare! Silas: The cyclone can change direction any time. It won't get us!

Long nekis moning solwata hem i raf tumas.



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The next morning the sea is very rough.



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Radio Broadcast: The islands are now on Blue Alert. The cyclone could reach us in the next 24 hours. Cyclone Sara is now on letter D number 5 of the cyclone tracking map. It is moving in a south westerly direction at a speed of 3 kilometres an hour.

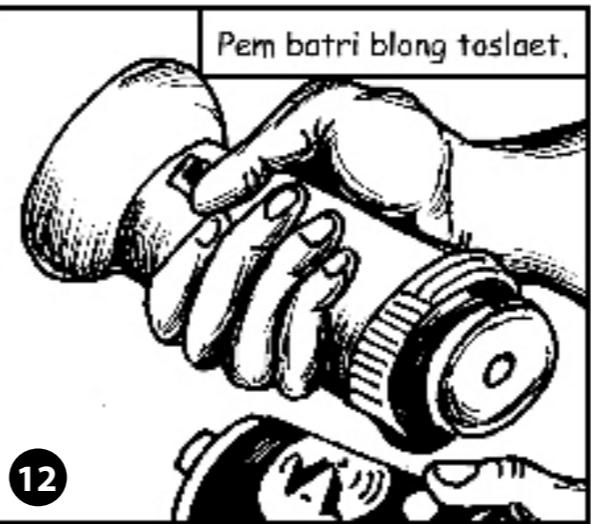


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Rebeka: We're on Blue Alert!

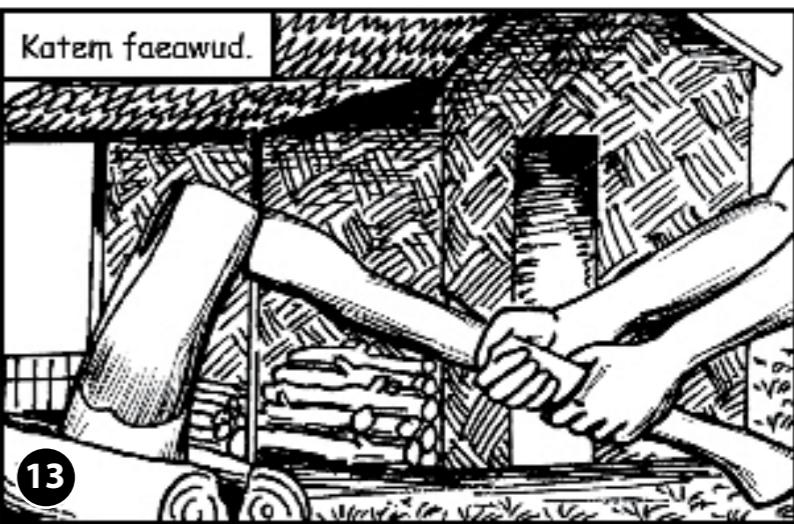
Silas: Don't worry! It's only a problem if they tell us it's a Red Alert!

## Yu mas rere long ol samting ia!



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Pem batri blong toslaet.



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Katem faewud.



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Fulumap wota.



15

Pem kakae long stoa.



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Karem plastik bag mo putum al impatan samting long hem.

You must get ready! 12) Buy batteries for your torch. 13) Cut firewood. 14) Collect water. 15) Buy food from the store. 16) Get some plastic bags and put all your important things in them.



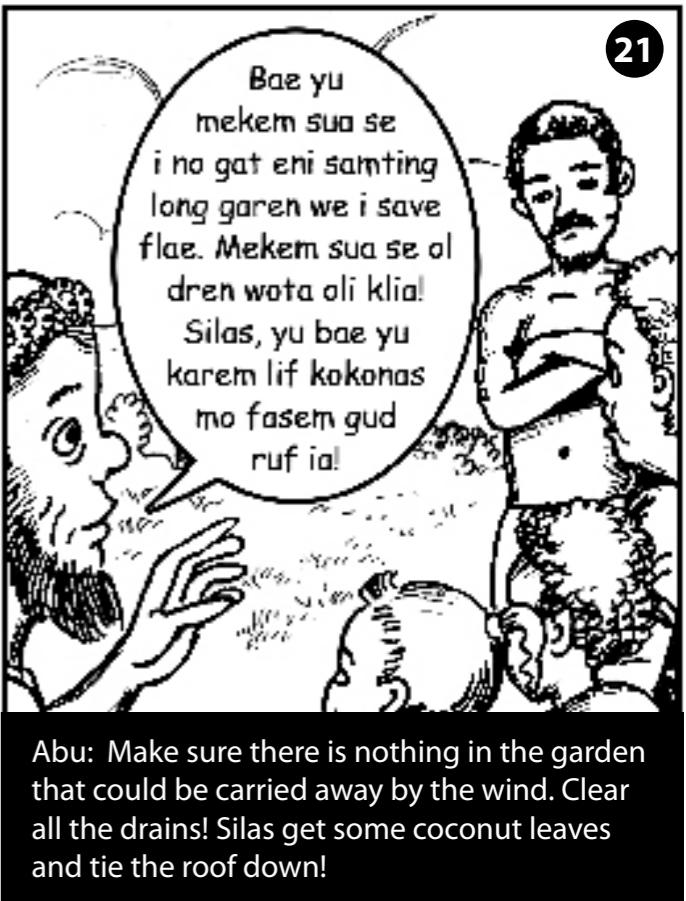
Abu goes to buy batteries.  
Storekeeper: No more batteries.



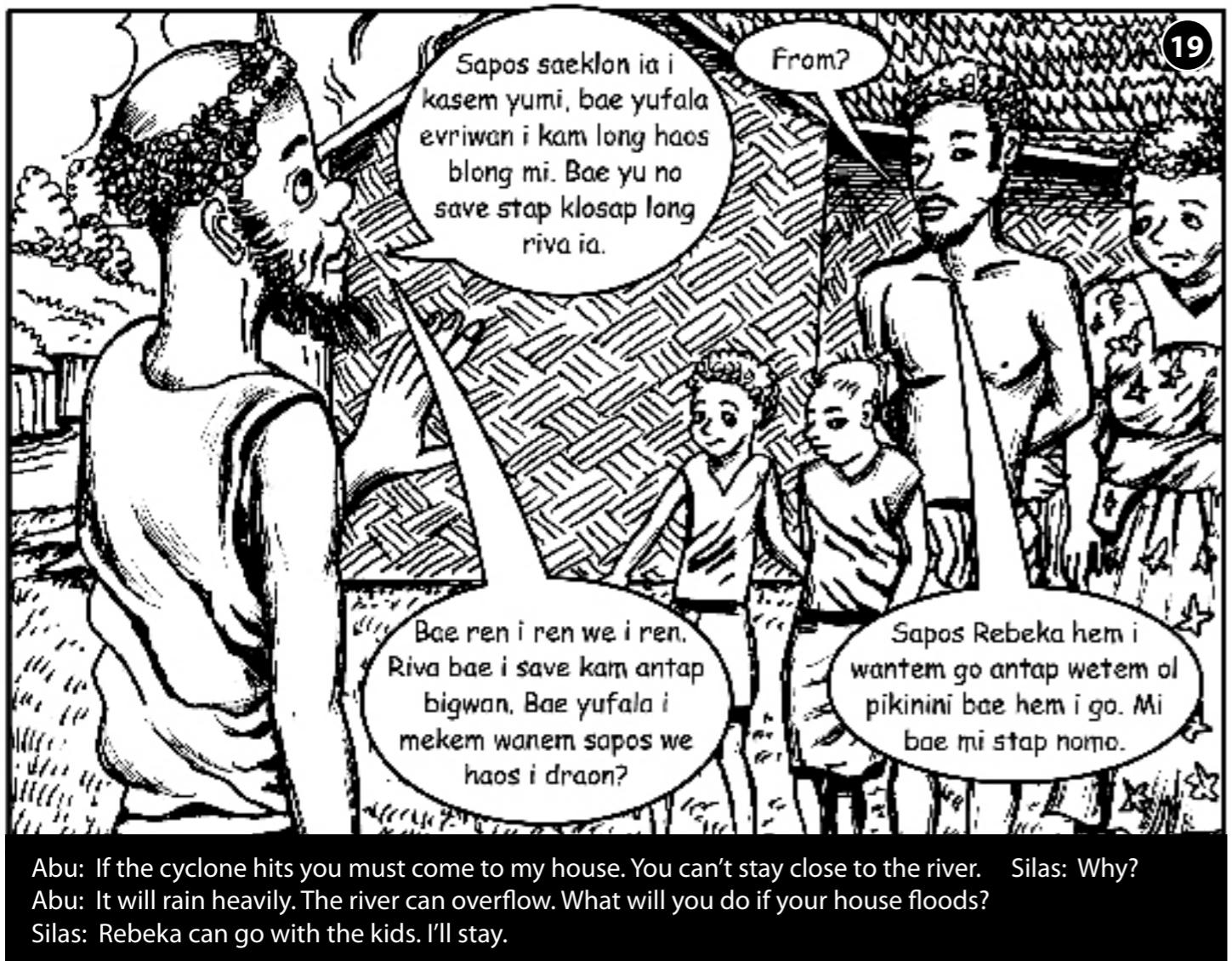
Abu: It's lucky I had extra batteries! People want them when a cyclone is coming.



Abu: Cut down that tree, Silas! It could break through the roof!  
Silas: It's been there a long time. It won't fall down.



Abu: Make sure there is nothing in the garden that could be carried away by the wind. Clear all the drains! Silas get some coconut leaves and tie the roof down!



Abu: If the cyclone hits you must come to my house. You can't stay close to the river. Silas: Why?  
Abu: It will rain heavily. The river can overflow. What will you do if your house floods?  
Silas: Rebeka can go with the kids. I'll stay.



22) Silas does it but he is not happy! Silas: Waste of time!  
23) The children clear the drains. 24) They put stones on anything the wind could blow away.



David: Daddy, let's go and listen to the radio. We'll find out if the cyclone will hit us or not!



Radio Broadcast: We are now on Yellow Alert. Cyclone Sara is on letter G number 7 of the cyclone tracking map. It could reach us in the next 12 hours.



Silas is worried now. Silas: We're on Yellow Alert!

**Saeklon Sara i stap wea long trakin map ia?**

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Find where Saeklon Sara is on the tracking map.



Rebeka: I have to go to the garden! There's a lot to be done there!  
Silas: You can't cross the river now! Stay here. I'll drag the canoe further away from the sea.



Silas: I'll pull the canoe into the bush.



Abu comes to tell Rebeka and the children to come up the hill to his safe house.

Annie: Daddy are we going now?

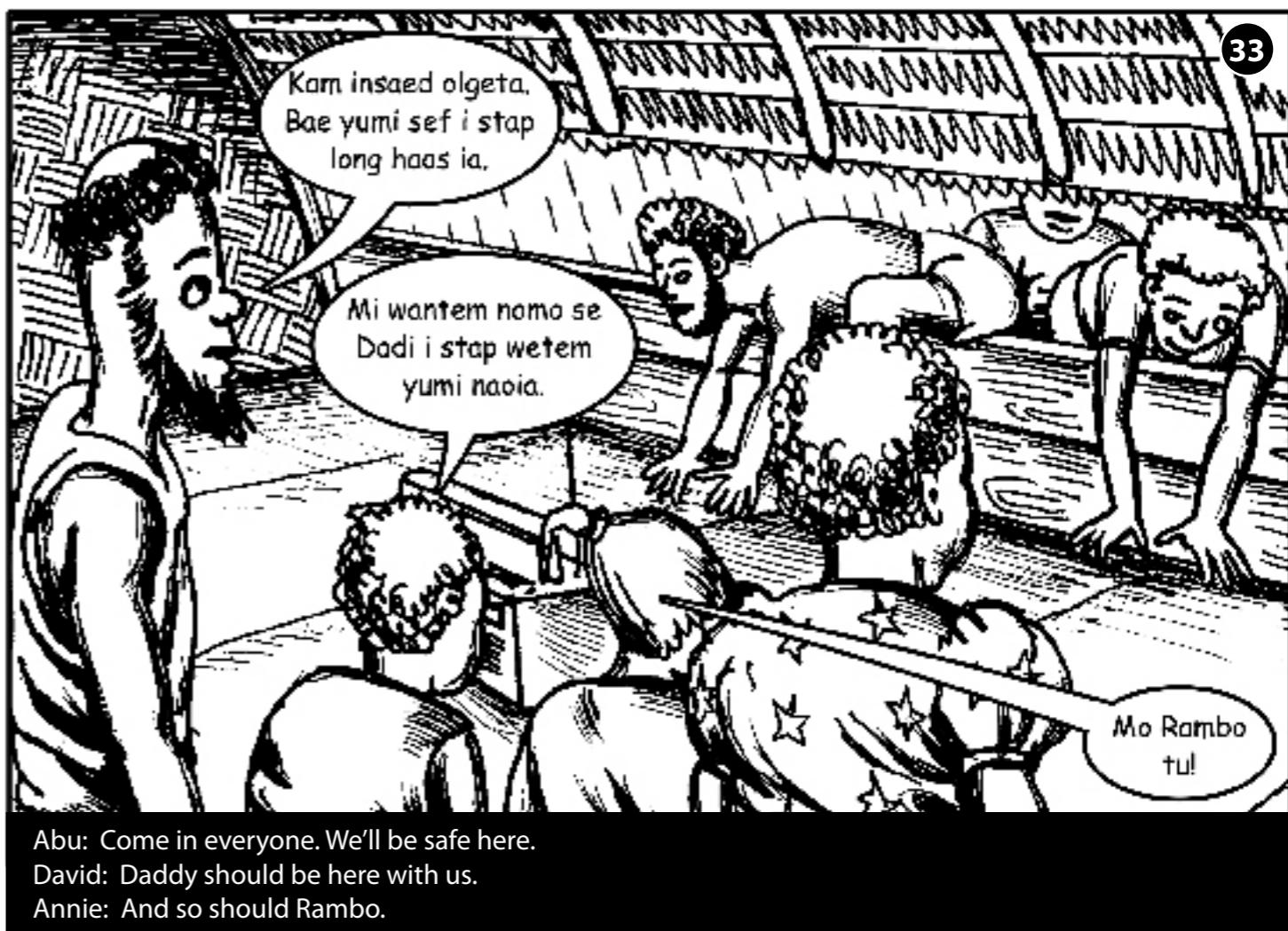
David: What about Rambo?

Silas: I'll stay and look after the house.

Silas: He'll stay with me.



Radio Broadcast: We are now on Red Alert. Stay indoors. If your house is not strong, go to a safe house now.



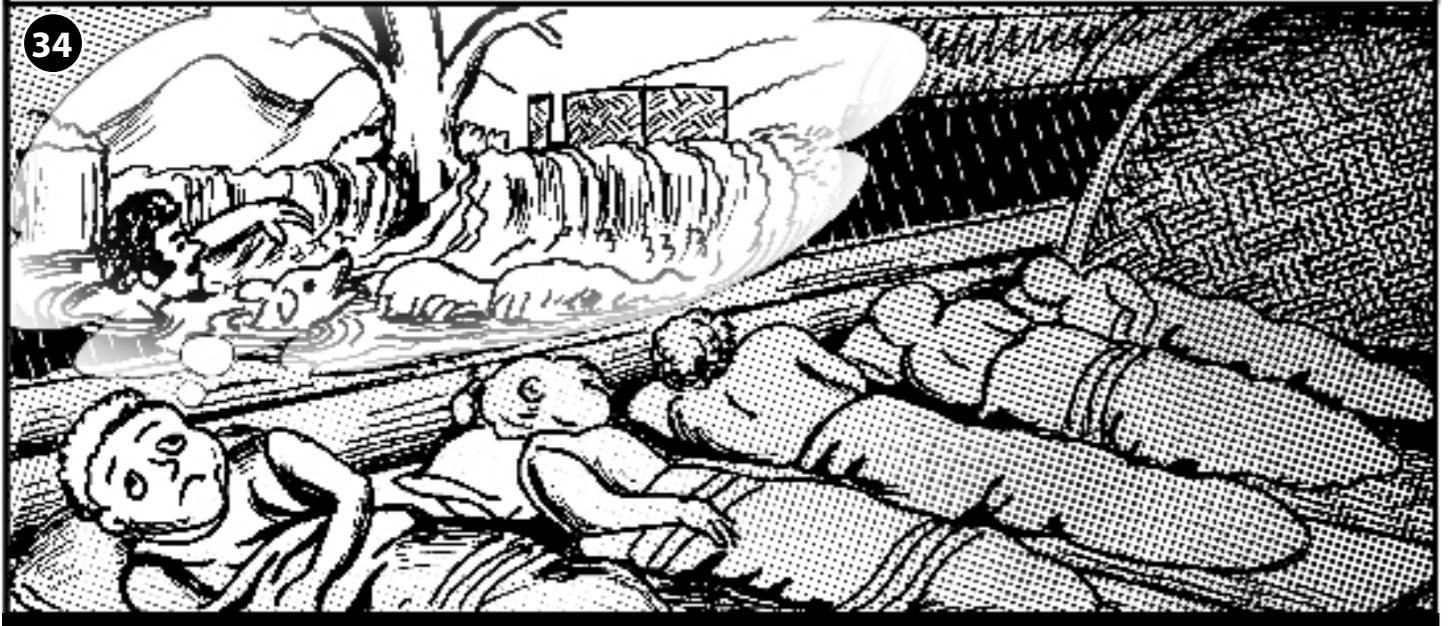
Abu: Come in everyone. We'll be safe here.

David: Daddy should be here with us.

Annie: And so should Rambo.

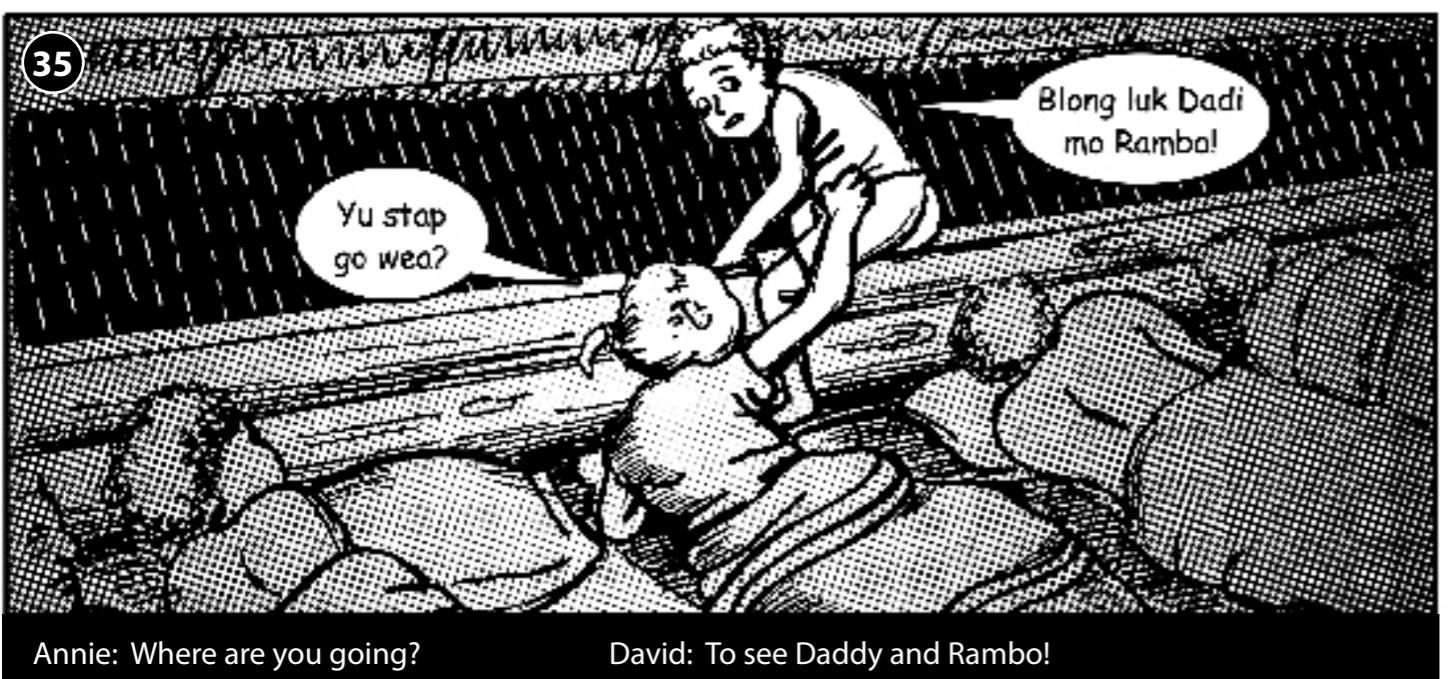
Famle i stap silip long sef haos be David hem i wari we.

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The family are all asleep in the safe house, but David is worried.

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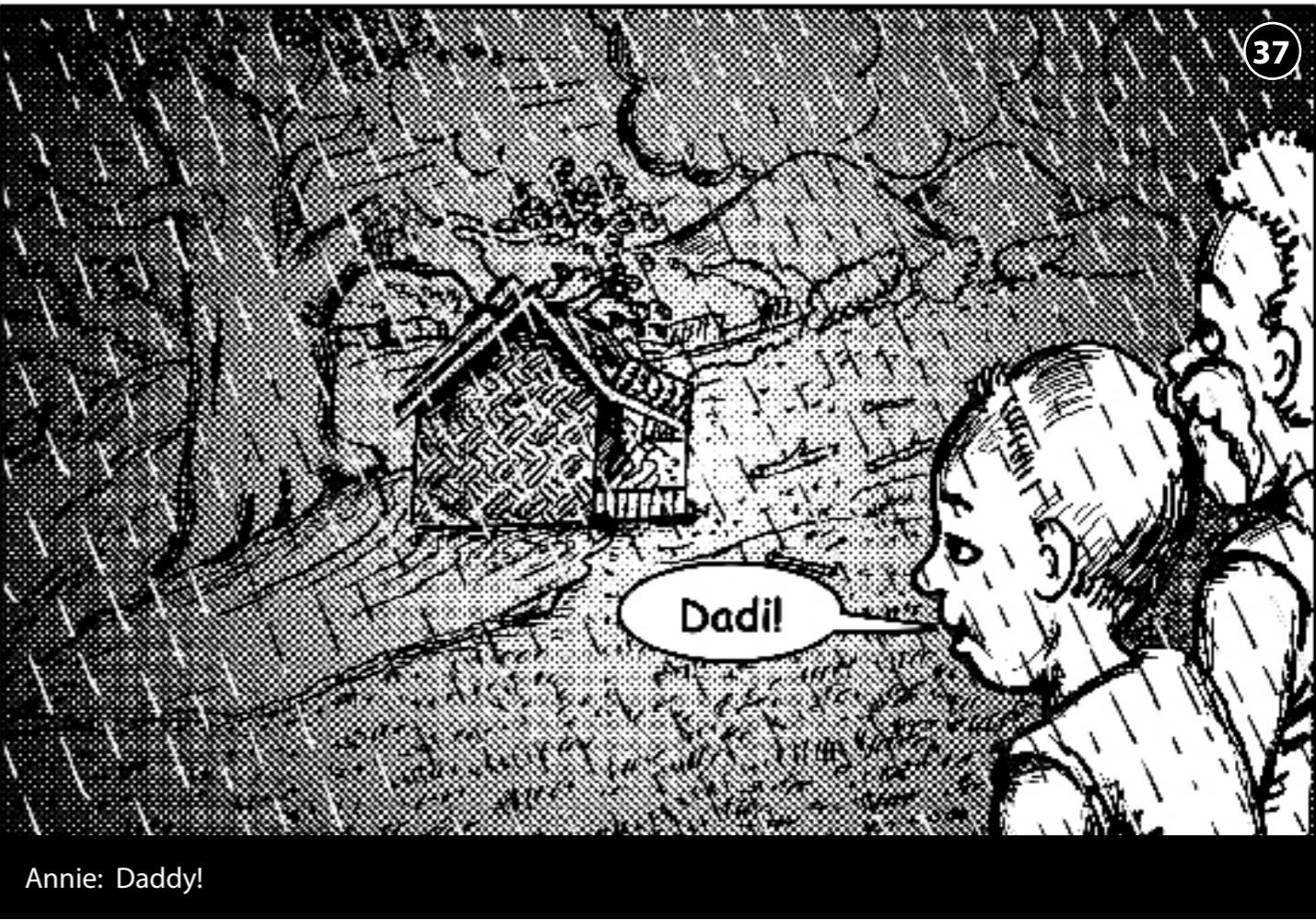
Annie: Where are you going?

David: To see Daddy and Rambo!

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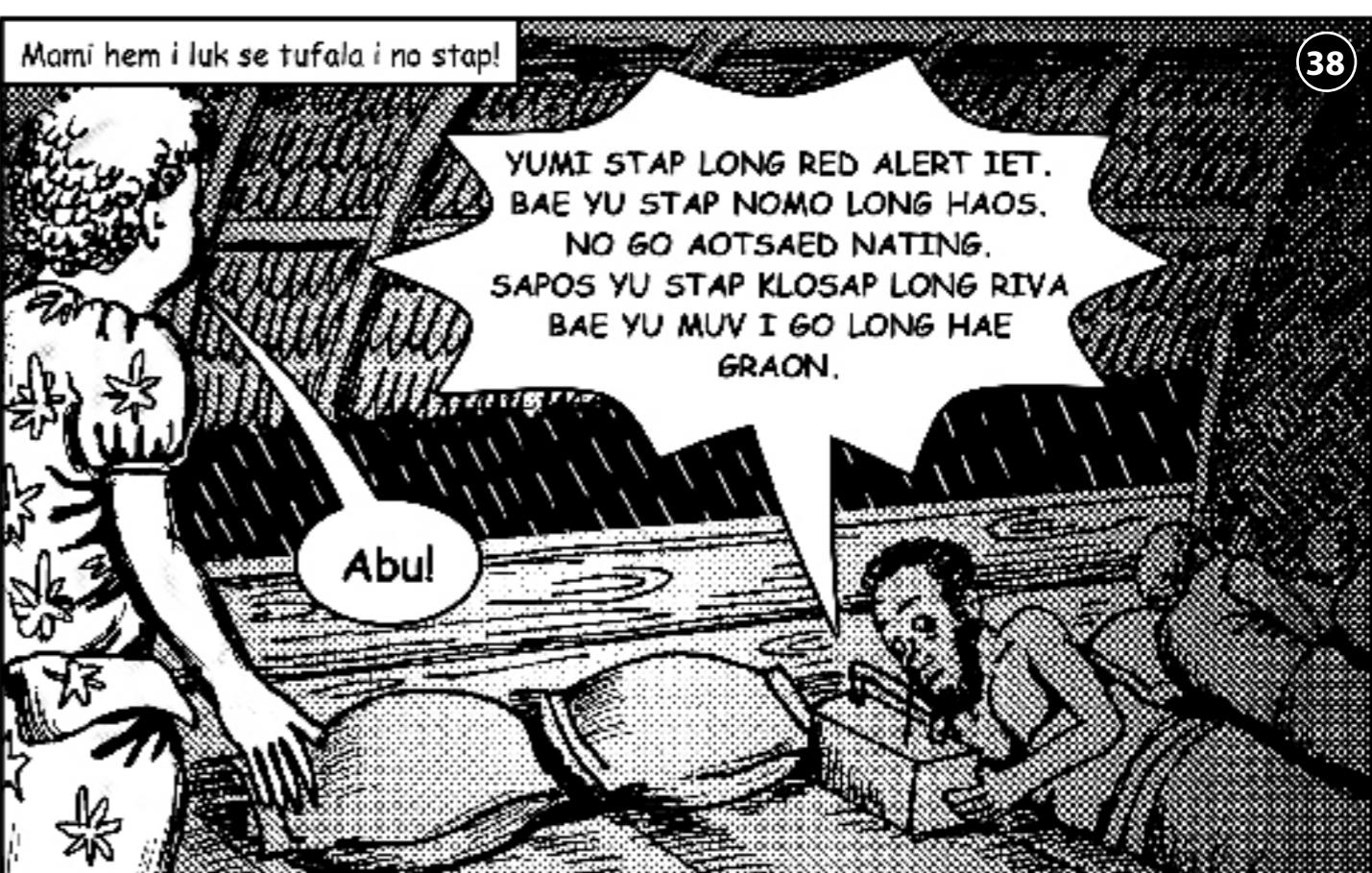


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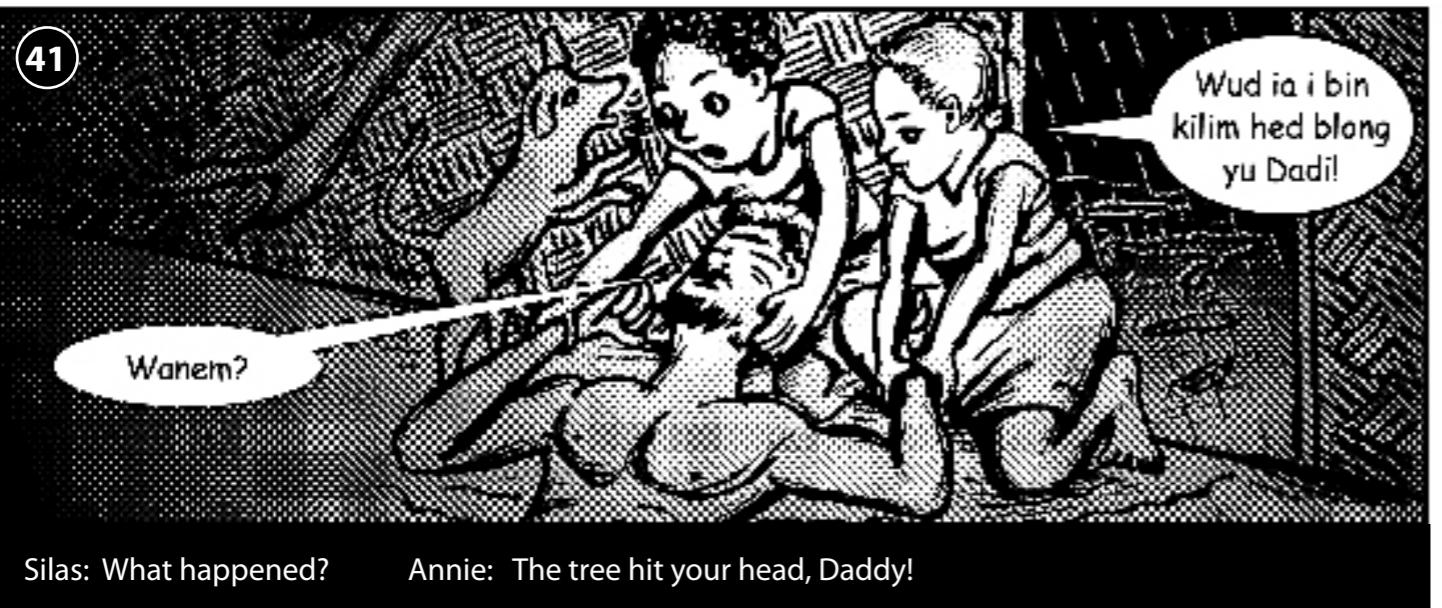
Annie: Daddy!

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Mummy sees the children have gone. Rebeka: Abu!

Radio Broadcast: We are on red alert. Stay indoors. Do not go outside until you are told it is safe to do so. If you live near a river, move to high ground.





Annie: I'll hold the cloth tight until the bleeding stops.

Rebeka: When did you learn that Annie?

Annie: The teacher taught us what to do when people get hurt.

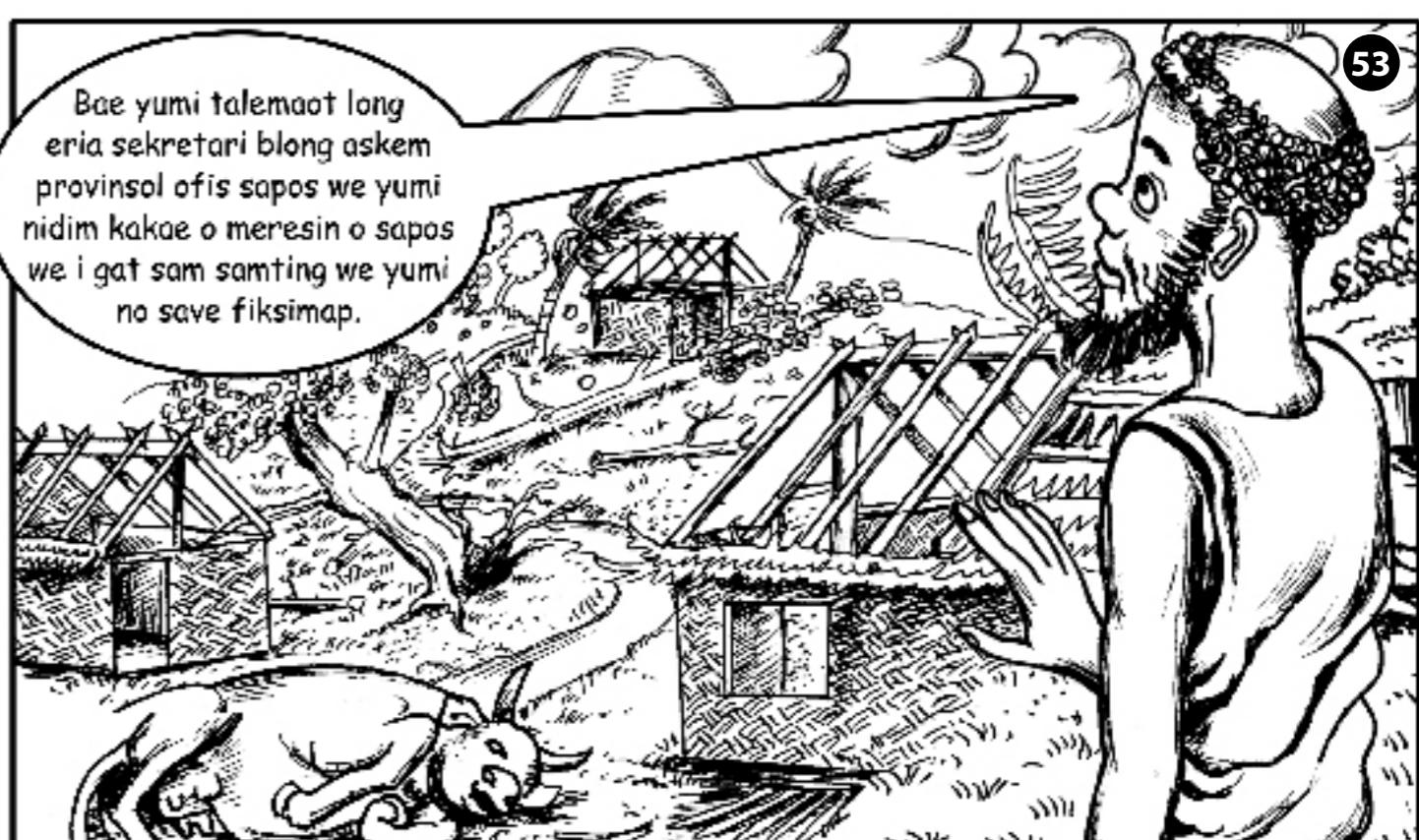
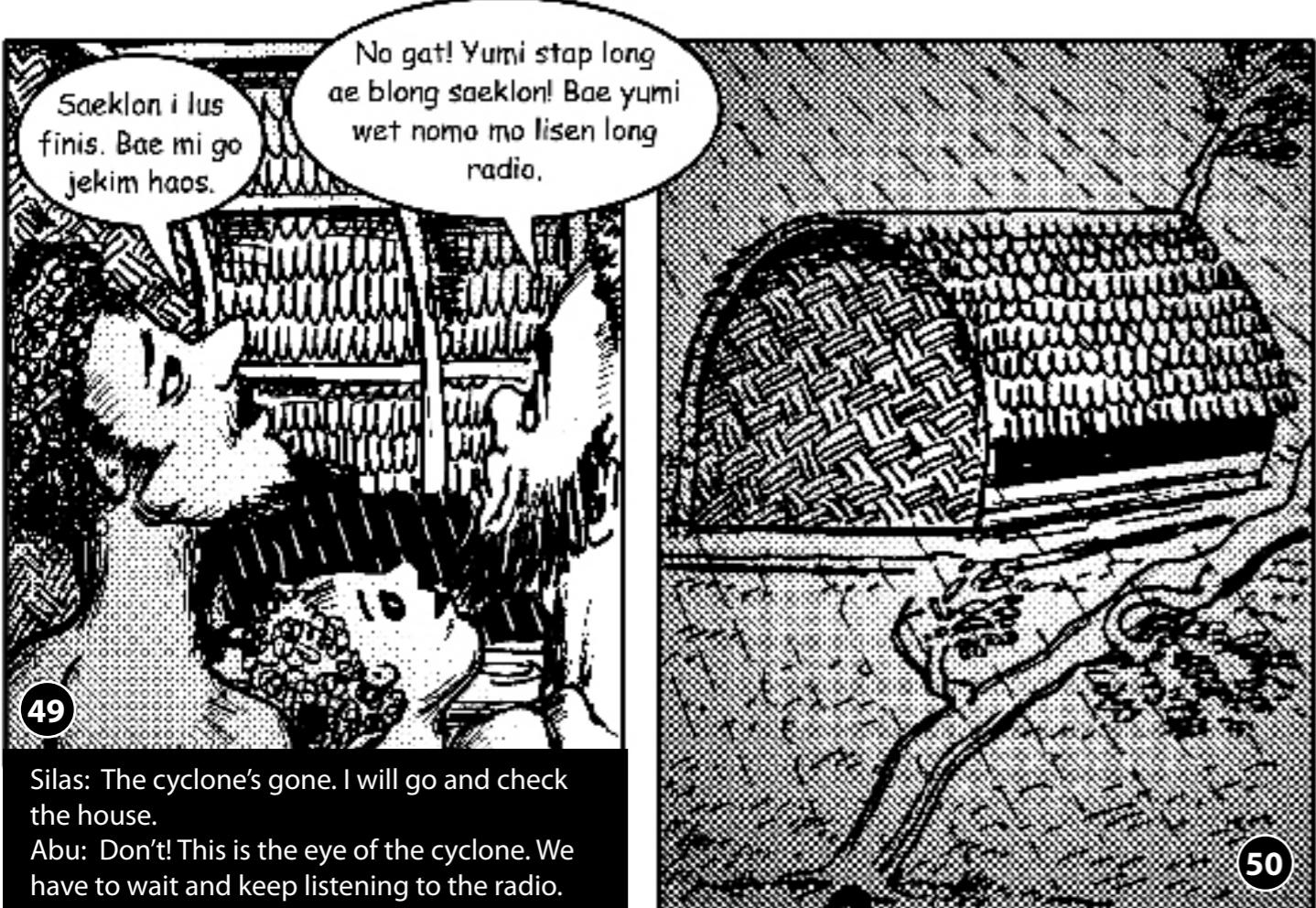


Radio Broadcast: The cyclone has moved out to sea now and is getting weaker.

Abu: I'll keep the radio on because the cyclone can turn round and come back.



Abu: Now we are safe. Let's go and check our houses and gardens. We need to report the damage to the village chief and leaders.



We need to tell the area secretary to get help from the provincial office if we need more food and medicine, or if there is some damage we can't fix.

Nekis taem mi  
bae mi rere!



Silas: Next time I'll be prepared.

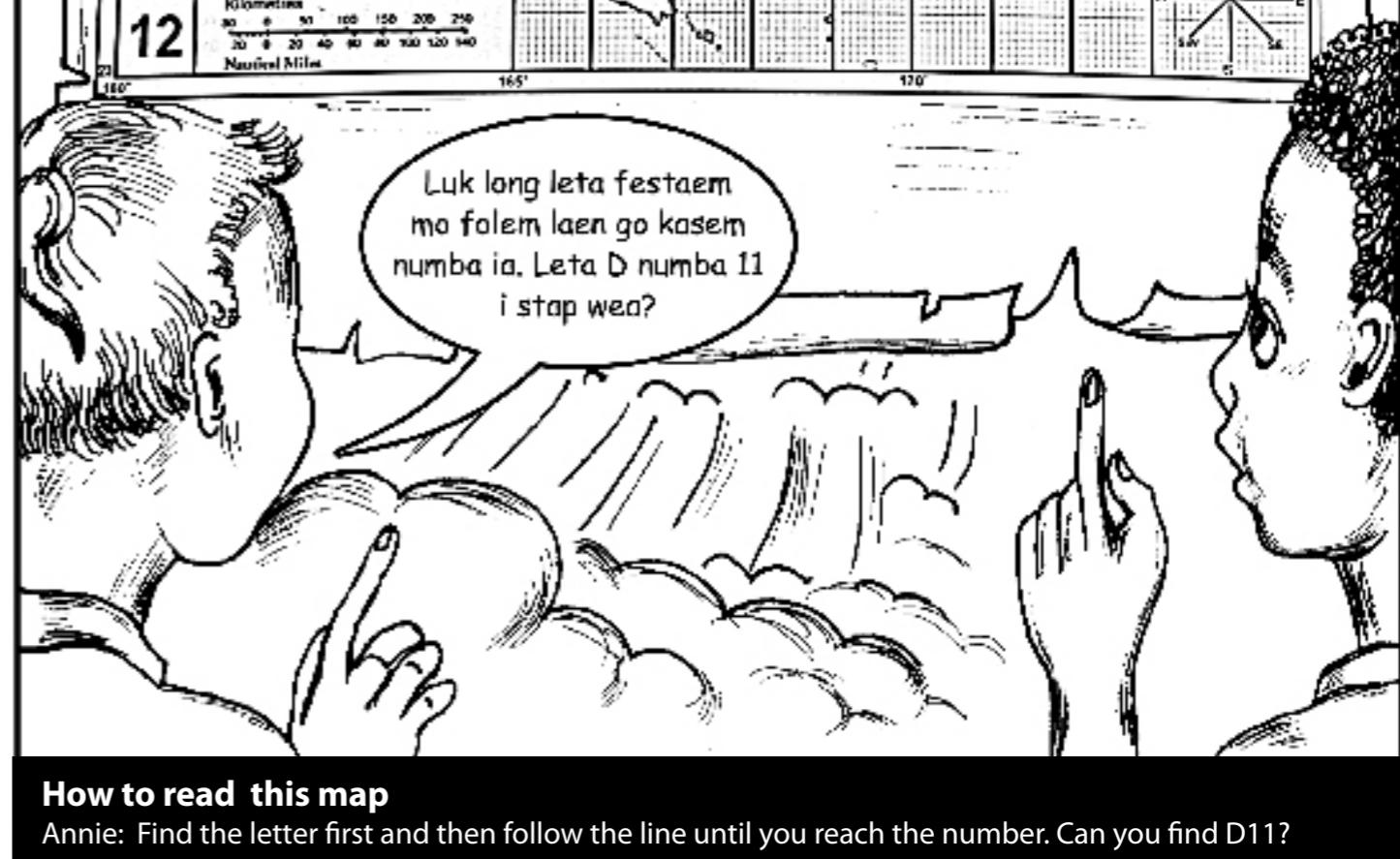
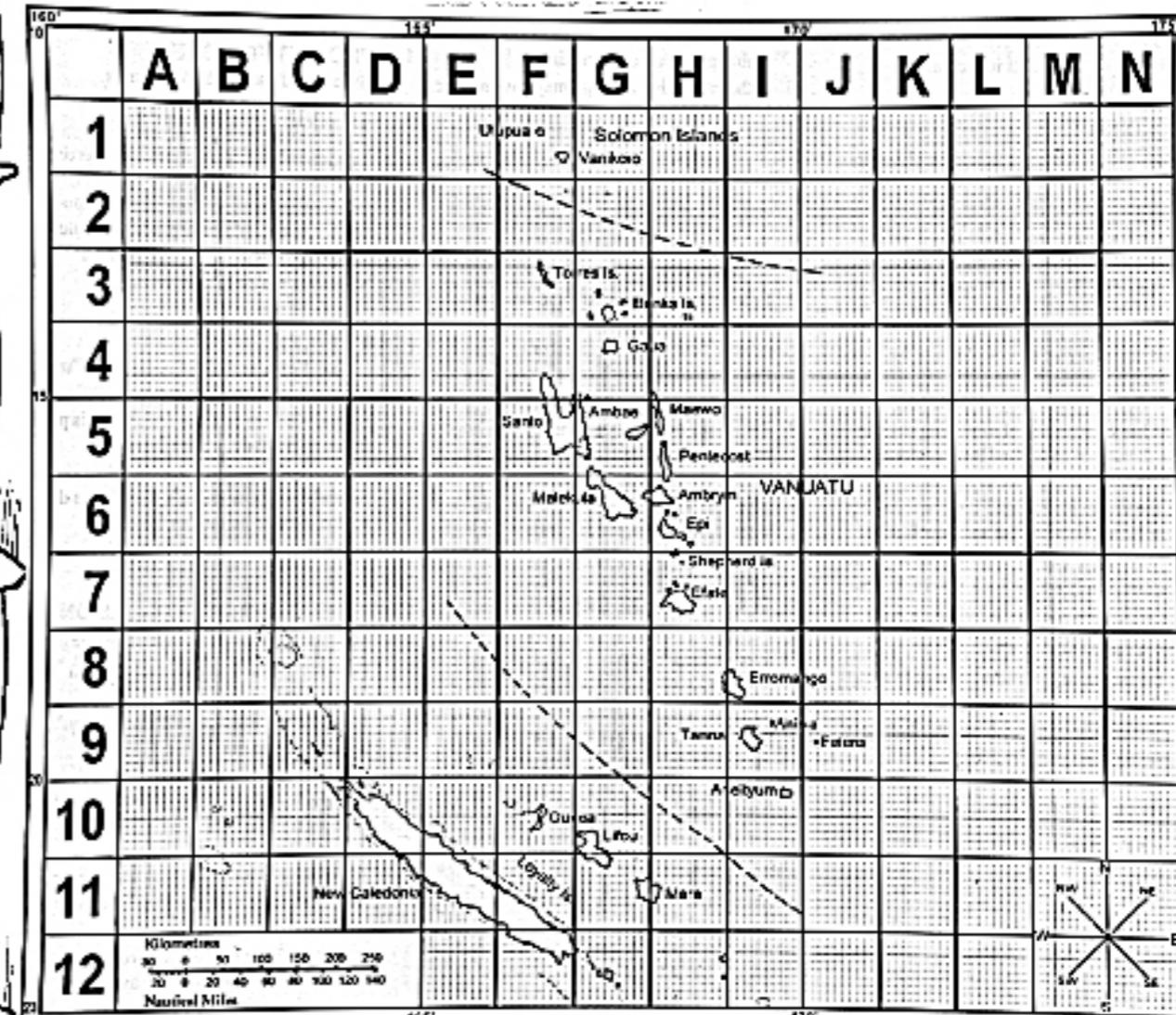
## Hemi impotan tumas blong pasem toktok i go raon long vilj



### It's very important to send messages round the village

Has your community got ways of sending round clear and correct information about cyclones? Lots of people don't have radios. Everyone in the village needs to know if a cyclone is coming.

## Luk save hao blong ridim map ia



### How to read this map

Annie: Find the letter first and then follow the line until you reach the number. Can you find D11?



## Radio Vanuatu hem i stap brodkas long olgeta frikwensi ia:

Yu mas lisen gud long ol mesej abaoi saeklon long Radio Vanuatu. Long saeklon sisen yu mas traem lisen long nius long radio wan wan taem long wan dei, blong faenemaot sapos we saeklon i stap kam.

You must listen carefully to all messages about tropical cyclones broadcast on Radio Vanuatu. During the cyclone season you should try to listen to the news at least once a day. Radio Vanuatu broadcasts on these frequencies:

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9.00am - 6.00pm	7260 KHz
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