


WHAT'S WRONG WITH ABEBBA?

MENSTRUATION IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS





«What's wrong with Abeba?
Menstruation is everyone's business».

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
SODO (WOLAITA).
ETHIOPIA



SOMETHING IS
NOT RIGHT...
I FEEL SOMETHING
STRANGE.



RINGGGGGG!!



ABEBA,
WHY DON'T
YOU GO OUT WITH
YOUR CLASSMATES,
IT IS TIME FOR
HAVING A BREAK!



I THINK
I'VE STAINED
MY DRESS...

...WHAT'S
HAPPENING
TO ME?



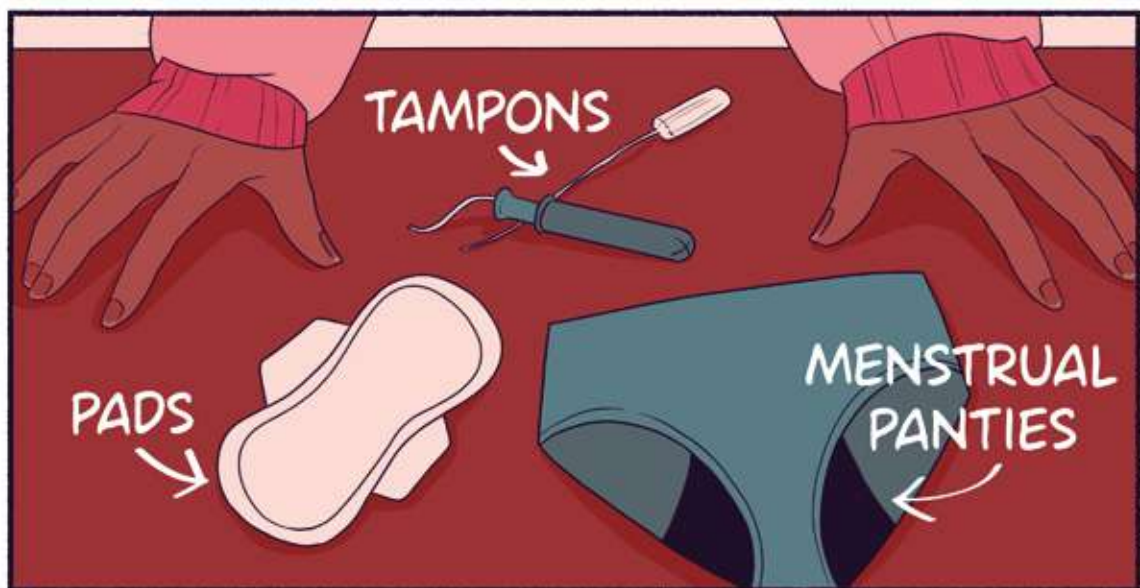


OK, BOYS AND GIRLS,
TODAY WE'RE GOING
TO LEARN SOMETHING
NEW.

THIS IS CALLED
THE MENSTRUAL
CYCLE.

IT'S A NATURAL PROCESS
THAT GIRLS GO
THROUGH.

ABEBA
HAD AN EXPERIENCE
RELATED TO THAT,
AND IT IS IMPORTANT
FOR ALL OF US
TO UNDERSTAND THAT.



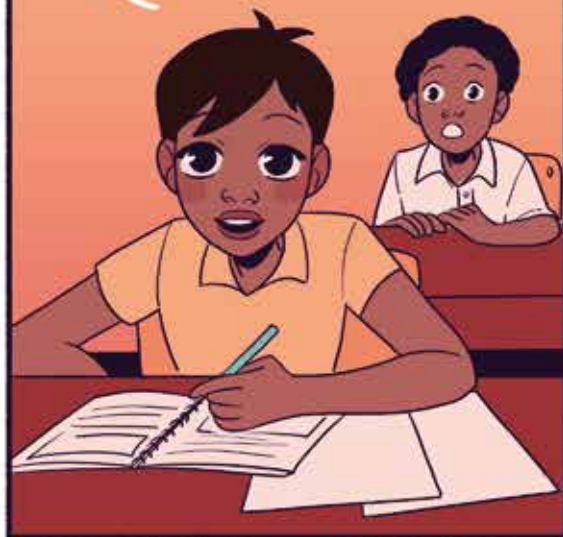
THANK YOU, TEACHER!
I FEEL MUCH BETTER
NOW.



WOW,
I HAVE NEVER HEARD
ABOUT THIS BEFORE!



IT IS INTERESTING
TO LEARN ABOUT THIS!



THE HUMAN BODY
IS AMAZING!



STREETS OF SODO
(WOLAITA). ETHIOPIA

GIRLS,
GUESS WHAT?
TODAY WE LEARNED
ABOUT THE MENSTRUAL
CYCLE IN CLASS!



REALLY?
AND WHAT
ELSE DID
THEY TELL
YOU?



YES ABEBA,
TELL US,
TELL US...

DO NOT
KEEP IT TO
YOURSELF!



HA HA HA! HA HA HA!





WE LEARNED ABOUT HOW MENSTRUATION HAPPENS AND WHAT PRODUCTS CAN BE USED TO MAKE US FEEL COMFORTABLE.

AND IT'S GREAT THAT THE BOYS KNOW TOO!



I HAVE NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT BEFORE, BUT NOW I UNDERSTAND A BIT MORE.



YES, NOW WE ALL KNOW THAT IS NORMAL AND NATURAL!

SO ABEBA AND HER CLASSMATES
LEARNED ABOUT MENSTRUATION,
BREAKING DOWN MYTHS AND
STIGMAS, AND PROMOTING
EMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING.



NOW,
THEY CAN ALL
SUPPORT EACH OTHER...



...AND GROW IN AN ACCEPTING
AND KNOWLEDGEABLE
ENVIRONMENT.



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