

**Zoe &
Molly Online™**



**WHEN
ONLINE
GAMES
GET
WEIRD**



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GRADE 4



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ABOUT THIS COMIC

The *Zoe and Molly Online: When Online Games Get Weird* comic book was created by the Canadian Centre for Child Protection Inc., a national charity dedicated to the personal safety of all children. The comic reinforces one of the *Seven Root Safety Strategies* that form an integral part of the *Kids in the Know*® safety program, which is designed to empower children and reduce their risk of victimization.

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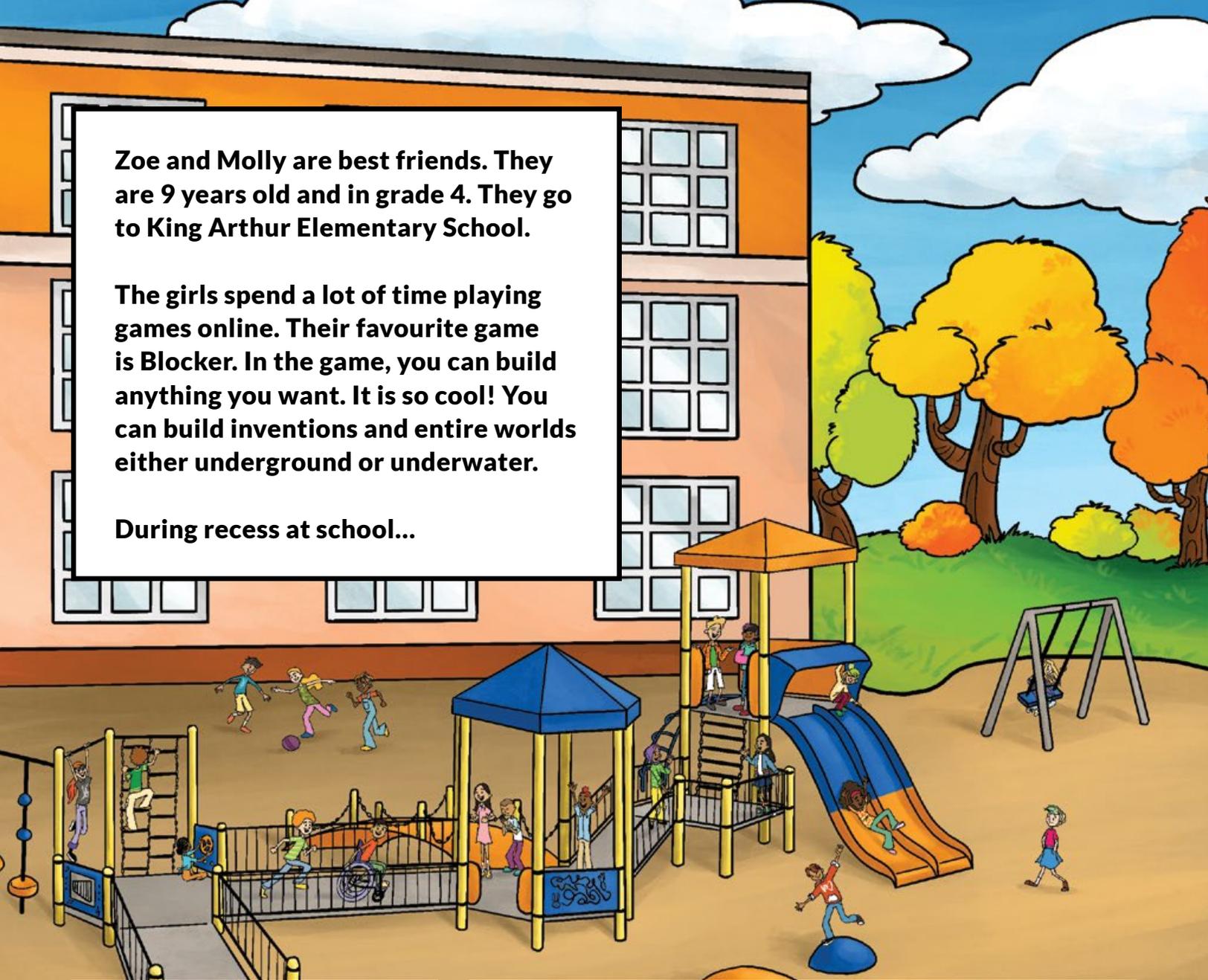
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Zoe and Molly are best friends. They are 9 years old and in grade 4. They go to King Arthur Elementary School.

The girls spend a lot of time playing games online. Their favourite game is Blocker. In the game, you can build anything you want. It is so cool! You can build inventions and entire worlds either underground or underwater.

During recess at school...





Want to come over to my house after school to play Blocker?

I think I'm going to try to build a castle.

Awesome. Where are you going to build it?

I think in my jungle world!



Molly and Zoe go back to class.

I'll have to ask my Grandma if I can come over after school.

Ok. Let me know.



I can come over!
Yay!

After school...



What have you built so far?

I built a huge pool yesterday with water slides.

I started building a roller coaster, but I'm not finished. I need more coins to buy stone blocks.

Nice!



What have you built?

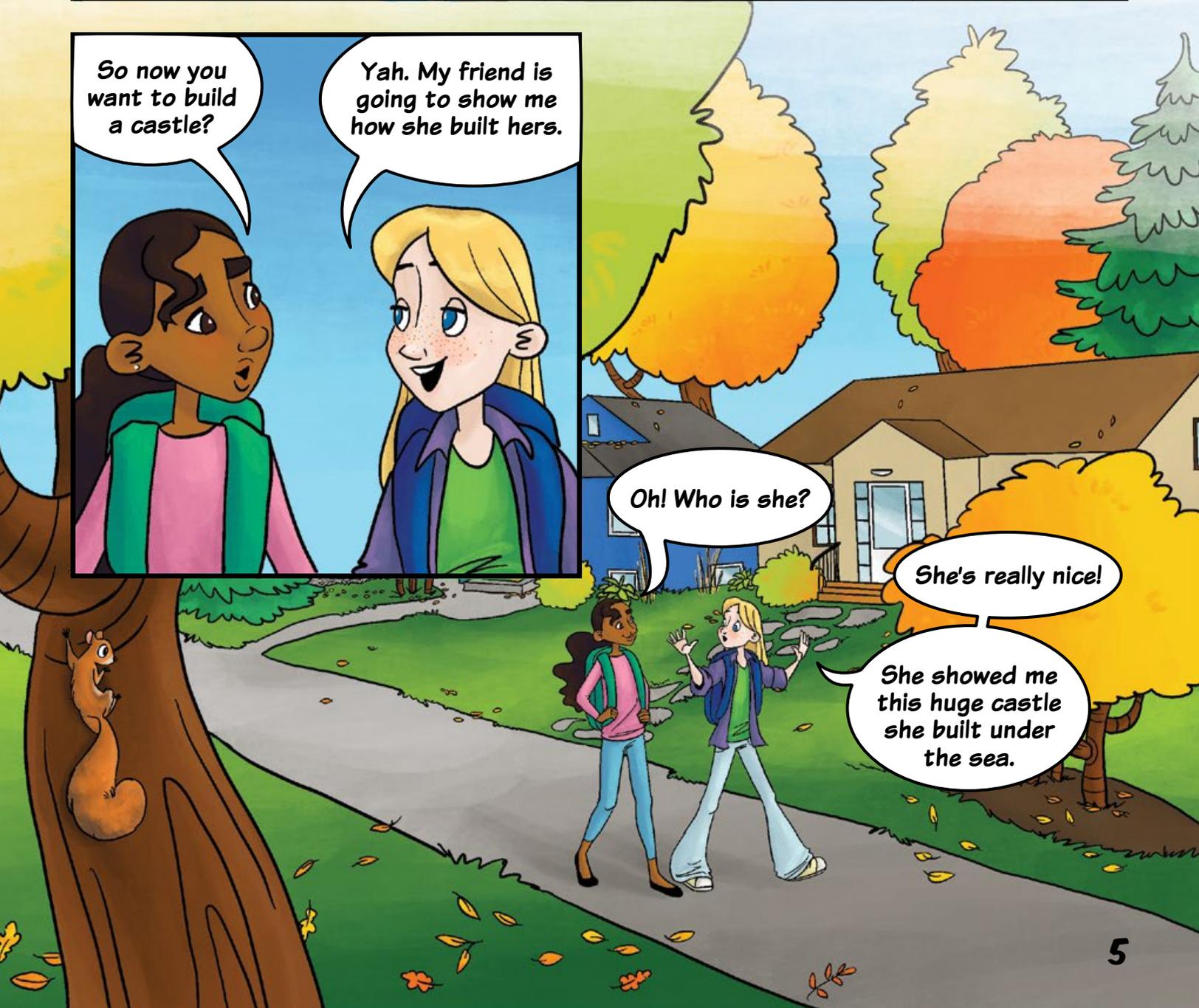
I built a mansion with a basketball court and a tree house.

Epic!



So now you want to build a castle?

Yah. My friend is going to show me how she built hers.



Oh! Who is she?

She's really nice!

She showed me this huge castle she built under the sea.





Molly logs on to Blocker under her username *Lucky10* and sends a message to *No_rulz11*.



Chat [Settings] [Close]

Search

 **ZoeBFF**
ok! 😊
1 day ago

 **No_rulz11**
c u tmr
1 day ago

Chat [Settings] [Close]

hey R U on 🙄  **Lucky10**

 **No_rulz11**
hey! 🙌 How was school?

gud! 😊 Wonderin if u will show me ur castle?  **Lucky10**

sure. R U finished the roller coaster yet?

no I don't have enuf coins for more stone blocks 😞 but I have dirt ones.

I can help u 😊

Thx! my bff is helping me 2 😊



Chat



No_rulz11

Who's ur frnd?

Zoe.



Lucky10



No_rulz11

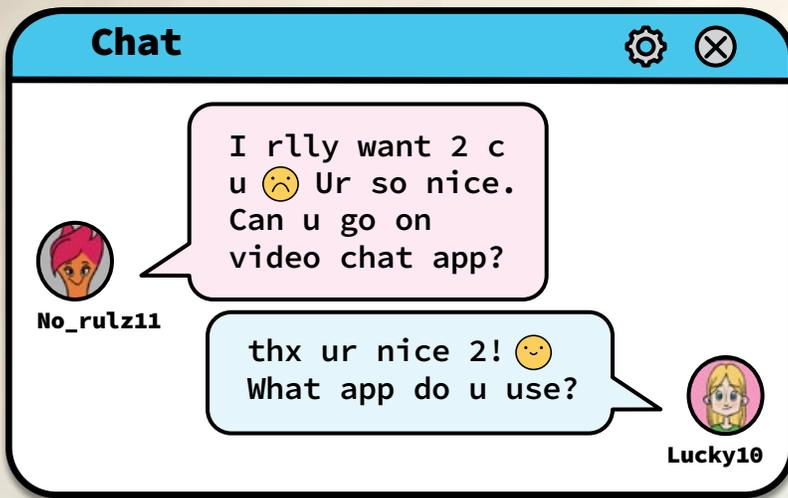
Hi Zoe! I'll show u the castle & help u build one.

Perf! ❤️



Lucky10





Molly looks at Zoe and asks her what she thinks. Zoe's instincts tell her it isn't a good idea. Her grandma has told her not to talk to people online without her permission but *No_rulz11* seems nice. She is going to help Molly build a castle and finish her roller coaster.



Molly and Zoe decide it is okay to talk to her on video chat.

No_rulz11 helps Molly set up an account and they start a video call. *No_rulz11* can see Molly, but Molly can't see her because her camera isn't working.



OMG U R soooo pretty!! 😍
R U a model?

LoL no!! 😂😂😂

U R so qt. Send more pics! 😍

The girls start giggling. Molly strikes a modelling pose.



Chat



Hey aren't u in swimming? Can u touch your toes?



No_rulz11

Ya



Lucky10

No way!!! That's so awesome. I can barely touch my toes. Show me!



No_rulz11

LoL its ez! Zoe can 2.



Lucky10

Molly and Zoe laugh. They get up and touch their toes.



Chat



No_rulz11

cool. Do u have a swimsuit?

ya lots



Lucky10



No_rulz11

Do a haul!

The girls look at each other confused. They start giggling and Molly goes and gets a few of her swimsuits and shows them to No_rulz11.



Soo cute. Can I see what the purple one looks like on u?

Zoe looks at Molly and shakes her head. She whispers, "no way!" to Molly.



Kk. After we play this game! Cmon! put on the purple swimsuit. I don't wanna play if u don't put it on.



na, I just wanna play blocker

Plzzzz..it's like a challenge! who can get into their swimsuit the fastest 🧊 🩴



I don't think so.

I dare u!



I don't like dares..

Cmon, it'll be SO funny!



Why can't we play blocker? U said you'd show me ur castle



I'M NOT PLAYN
UNTIL U

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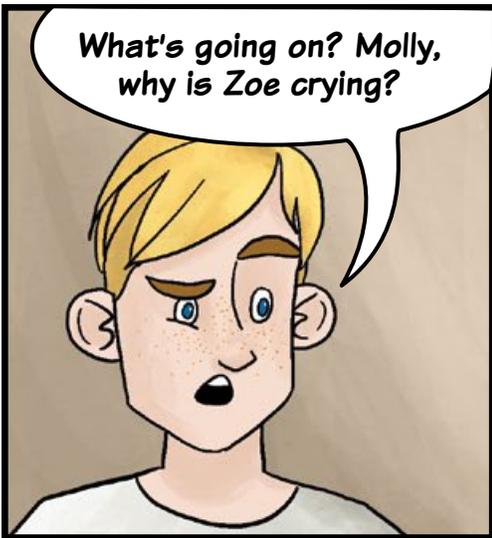
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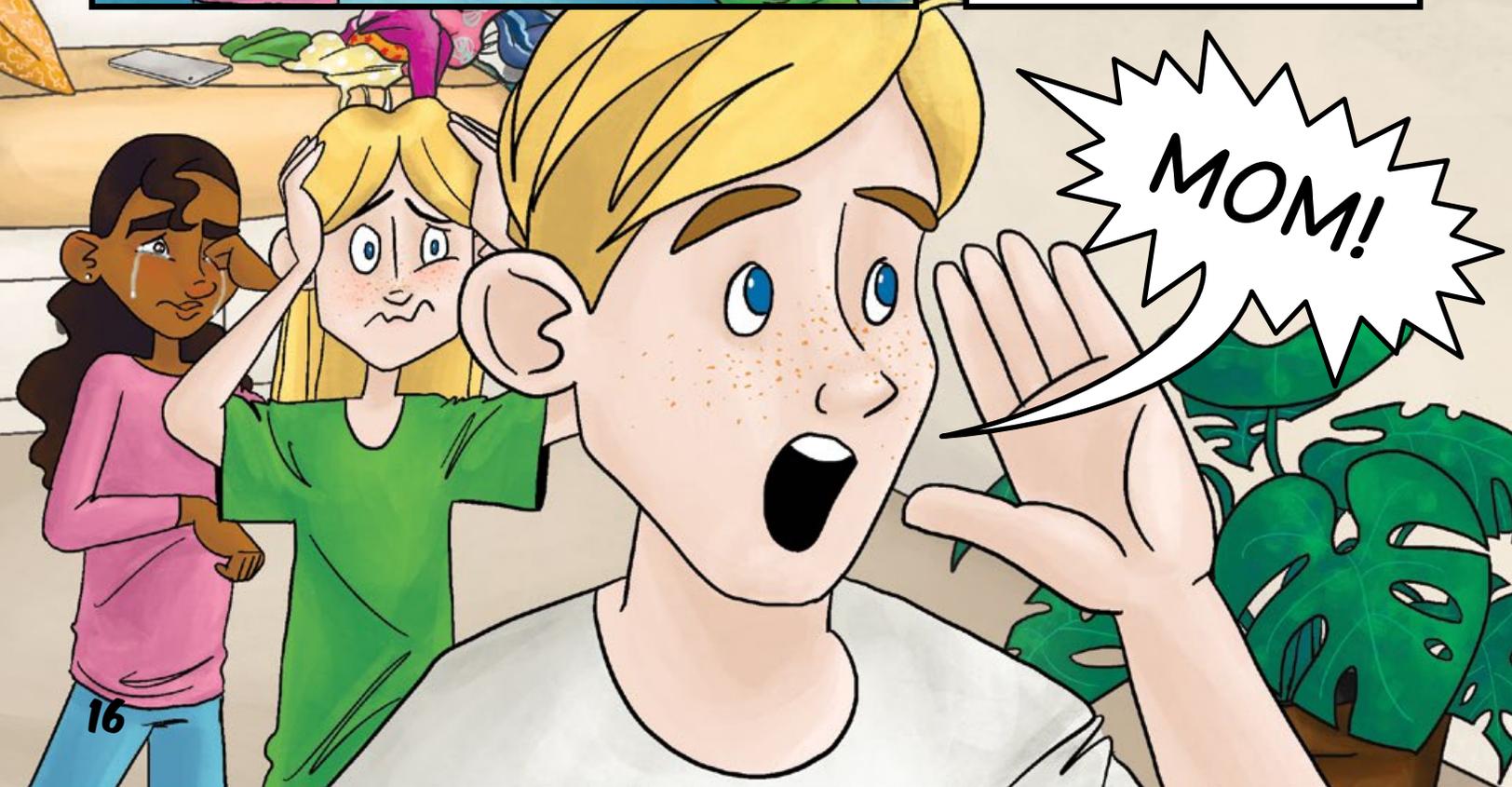
Zoe asks Molly why *No_rulz11* is being so mean. She thinks it is weird that she wants her to change into her swimsuit and doesn't think Molly should do it. Molly gets angry with Zoe and tells her she is just jealous because she is going to build a huge castle like *No_rulz11*. The girls start to argue.



Molly's 17-year-old brother, Tyler, comes downstairs and Zoe starts to cry.



Molly and Zoe start arguing in front of Tyler. Zoe looks at Molly and says she is telling Tyler because she is uncomfortable. Zoe tells Tyler what happened and he calls his mom to come downstairs.



AFTER READING THE COMIC

1. READ THE FOLLOWING ENDING OF ZOE & MOLLY ONLINE: WHEN ONLINE GAMES GET WEIRD AND DISCUSS IT AS A CLASS:

Molly's mom hugs her and Zoe. She explains that new friendships should not be started online without permission from parents/guardians. It is impossible to know who you are really talking to and it can be unsafe. Molly did the right thing by not changing into the swimsuit and playing silly games with *No_rulz11*. Molly's mom asks the girls how they really know if *No_rulz11* is an 11-year-old girl. The two girls look at each other wide-eyed. She continues explaining that whenever they are asked to share personal information or pictures or video chat online, they have to get permission first from a parent or guardian.

Molly's mom teaches the girls the safety strategy **IF ASKED TO SHARE AND YOUR PARENTS AREN'T AWARE, SAY NO!**

Zoe and Molly realize that they don't really know *No_rulz11* and they are glad they trusted their instincts when they started feeling like things seemed weird.

The girls continue playing Blocker remembering to do the following:

- ***Always have permission from a parent/guardian before accepting new contacts in games.***
- ***Always have permission from a parent/guardian before sharing personal information, sending pictures, or video chatting with someone online.***
- ***Always talk to a safe adult about anything online that seems weird or feels uncomfortable.***

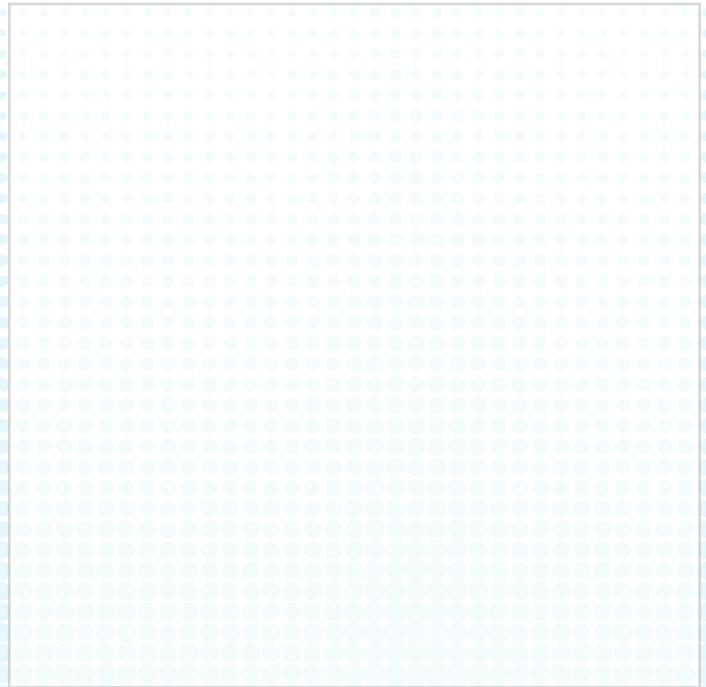
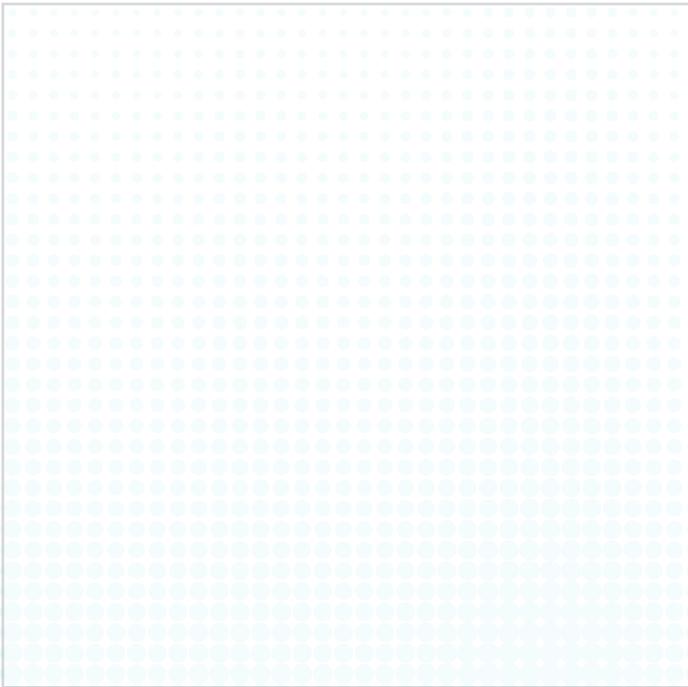
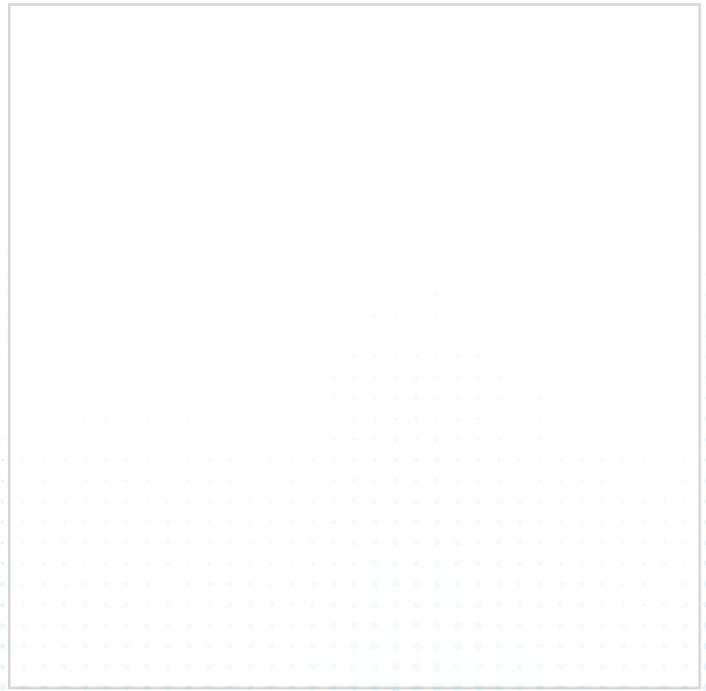
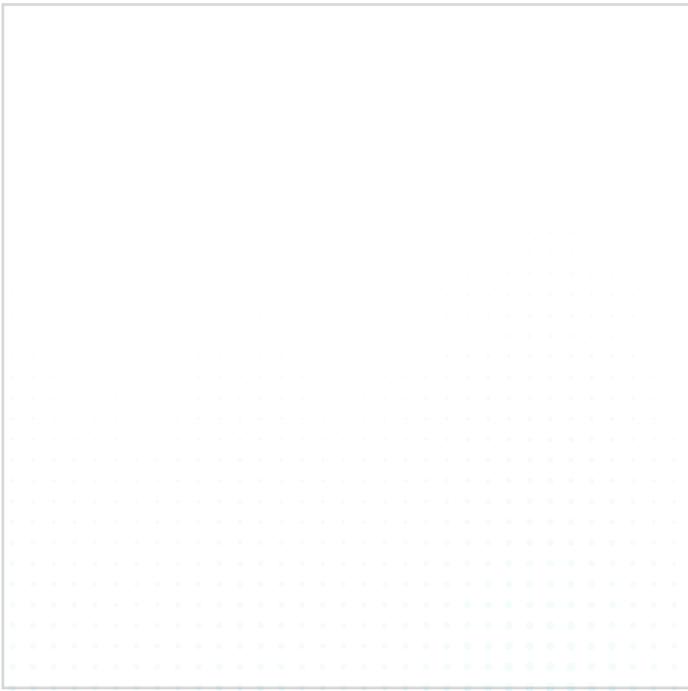
2. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. At what point in the comic does the conversation between Molly and *No_rulz11* seem weird?
2. Why does Molly video chat with *No_rulz11*?
3. What is the first piece of personal information that Molly shares with *No_rulz11*?
4. How does Zoe feel when Molly is asked to put her purple swimsuit on? How do you know? Explain.

5. How does Molly set boundaries with *No_rulz11*?
6. Does *No_rulz11* respect Molly's boundaries? Explain. How is *No_rulz11* being controlling?
7. Does Zoe do the right thing by telling Tyler what is happening? Why or why not?
8. What do you think Zoe should have done if Tyler hadn't come downstairs?
9. Why does Molly think *No_rulz11* is a good friend? Do you think she is right? Why or why not?
10. Do you think you would have been more like Molly or Zoe in this situation? Explain.
11. What advice would you share with someone for how to be safe online?

3. DRAW YOUR OWN ENDING TO ZOE & MOLLY ONLINE: WHEN ONLINE GAMES GET WEIRD.





ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Access additional activities at zoeandmolly.ca.

The *Kids in the Know*[®] safety program is designed to empower children and reduce their risk of victimization. It focuses on building self-esteem through teaching critical problem-solving skills. The program uses an inclusive, community-based approach to heighten safety awareness. The core premise of the program is based on key root safety strategies and environments, which are reinforced and practiced throughout each grade level.

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