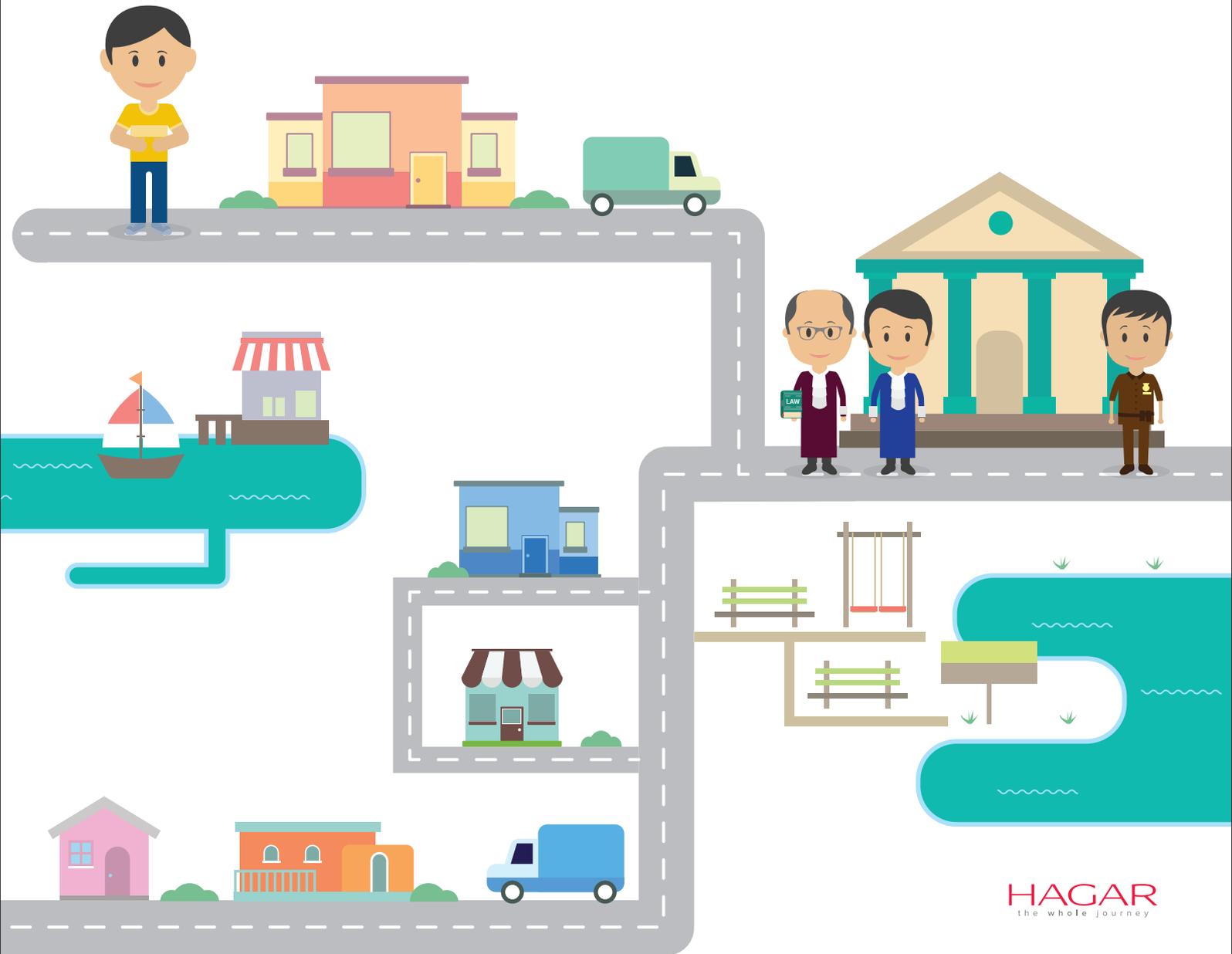


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Something terrible happened to Bona. The police looked into the matter to find out what happened and whether someone had broken the law.

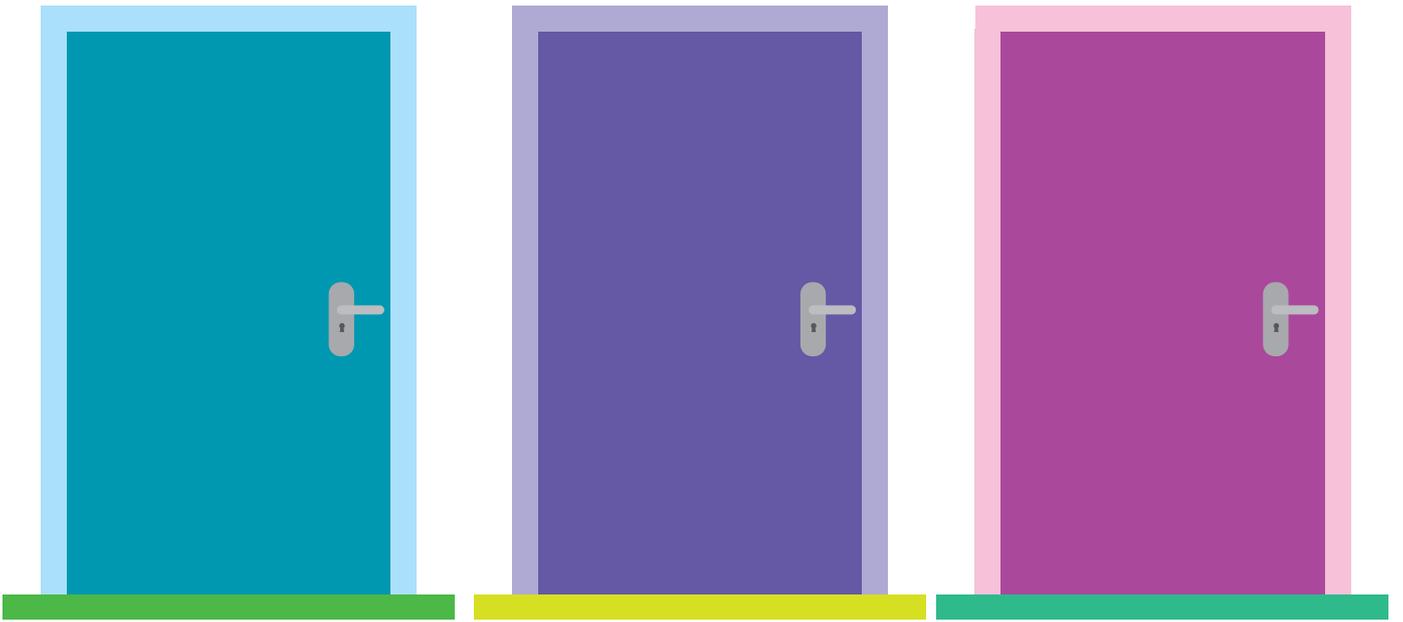
Now Bona is going to court so that he can tell the judges what happened. Just like you!



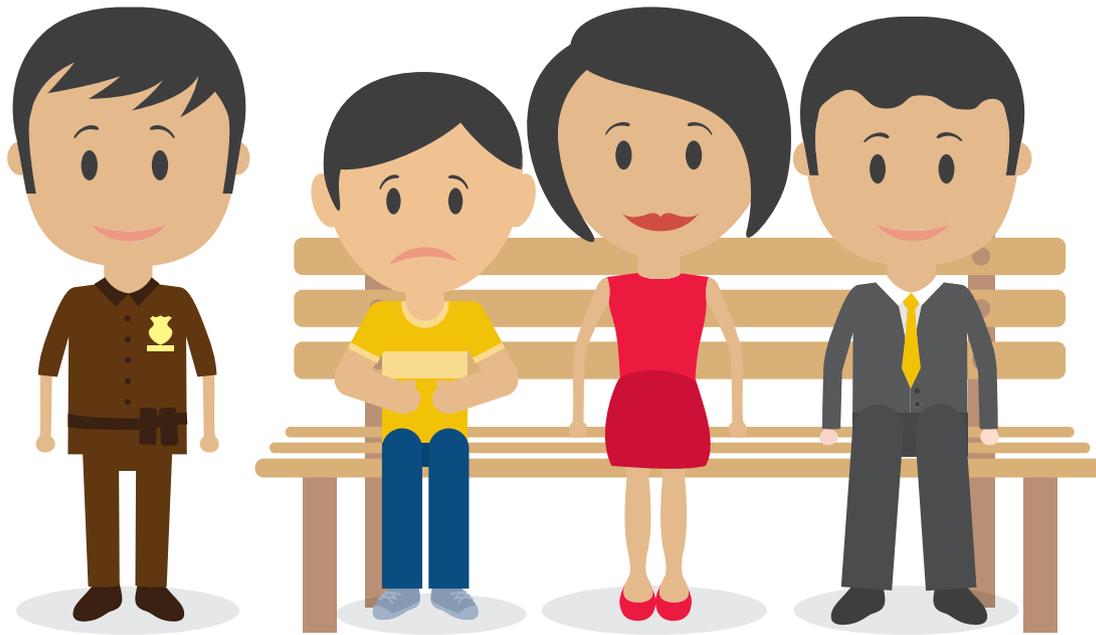
Bona is a bit scared because he has never been to court before. Can you draw how you are feeling?

But then Bona remembered that there are lots of people to help him through it. These people will keep Bona safe.

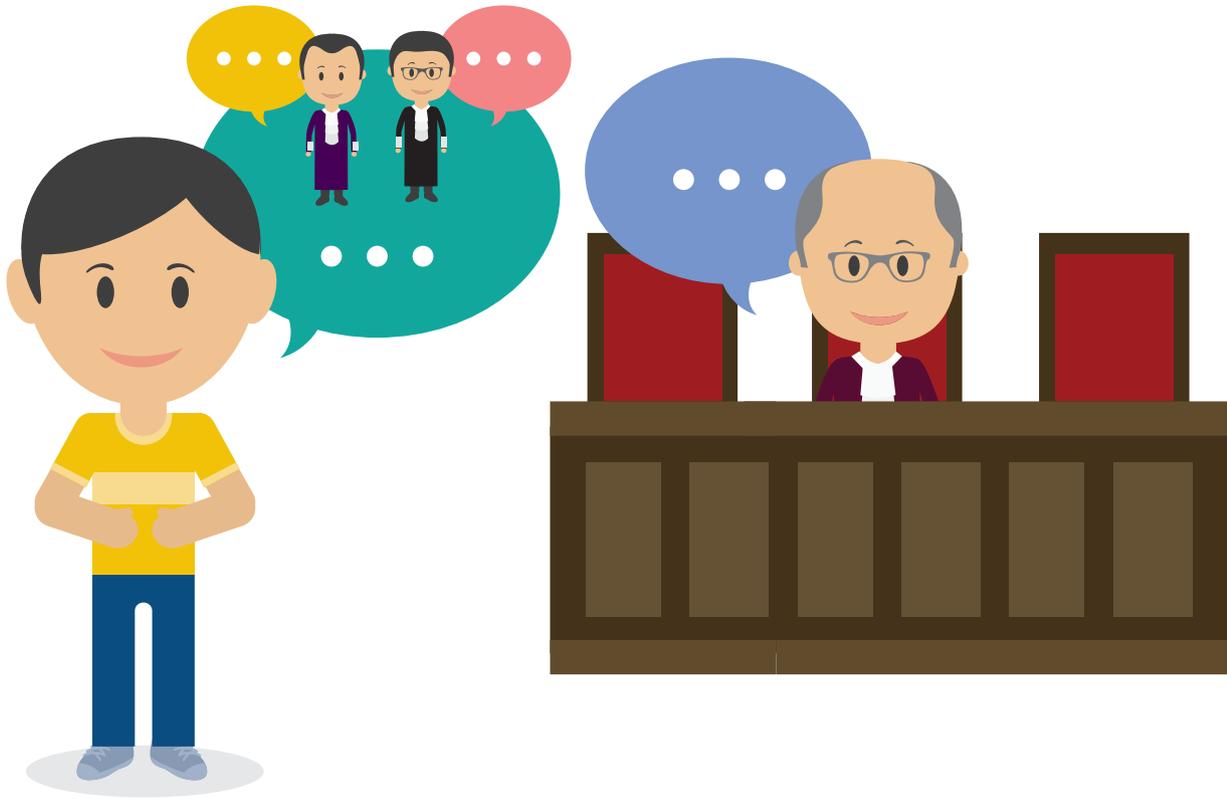
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A courthouse is a big building with lots of rooms. Bona will be going into one of the rooms, where the judge and some other people will be talking about the case.

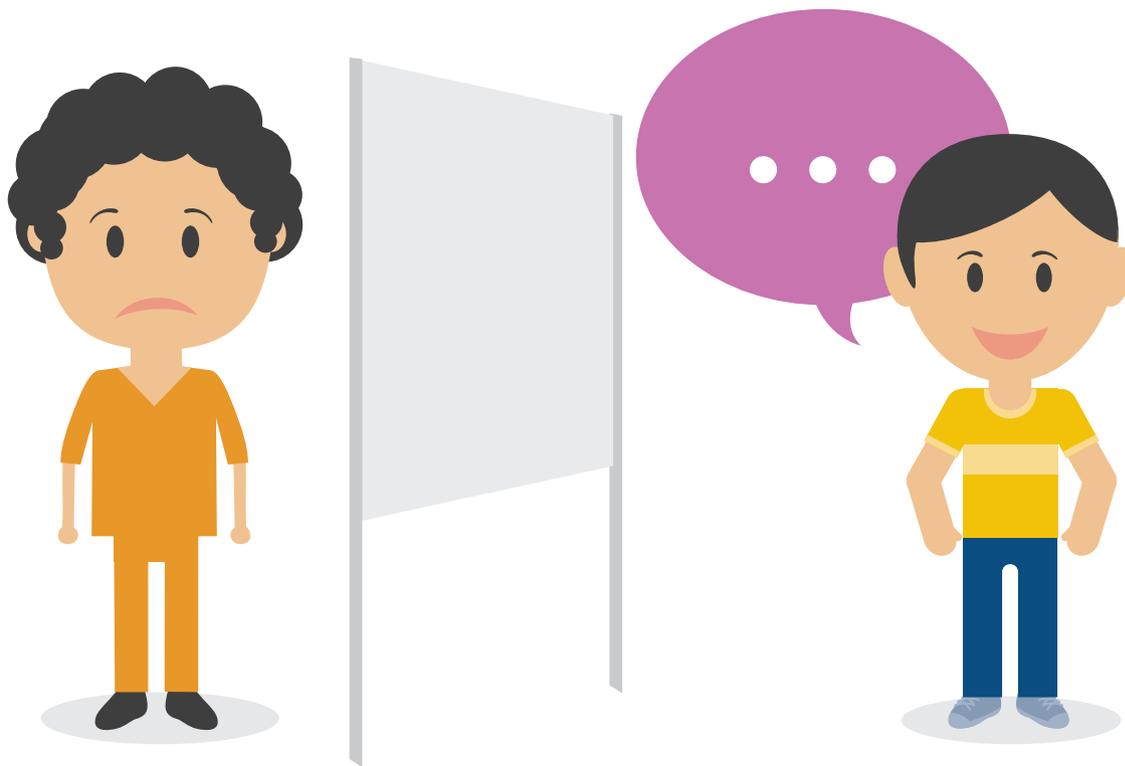


Finally the day arrived when Bona had to go to court. When Bona arrived at the courthouse, he had to wait a while. He was a bit worried but lots of people, like the NGO staff who have been helping him, were sitting next to him while he waited, so he felt better.



When it was Bona's turn to answer questions in the courtroom, someone came to get him.

Bona was then brought into the courtroom so that the judges, Prosecutor and the lawyers could ask him questions about what happened.

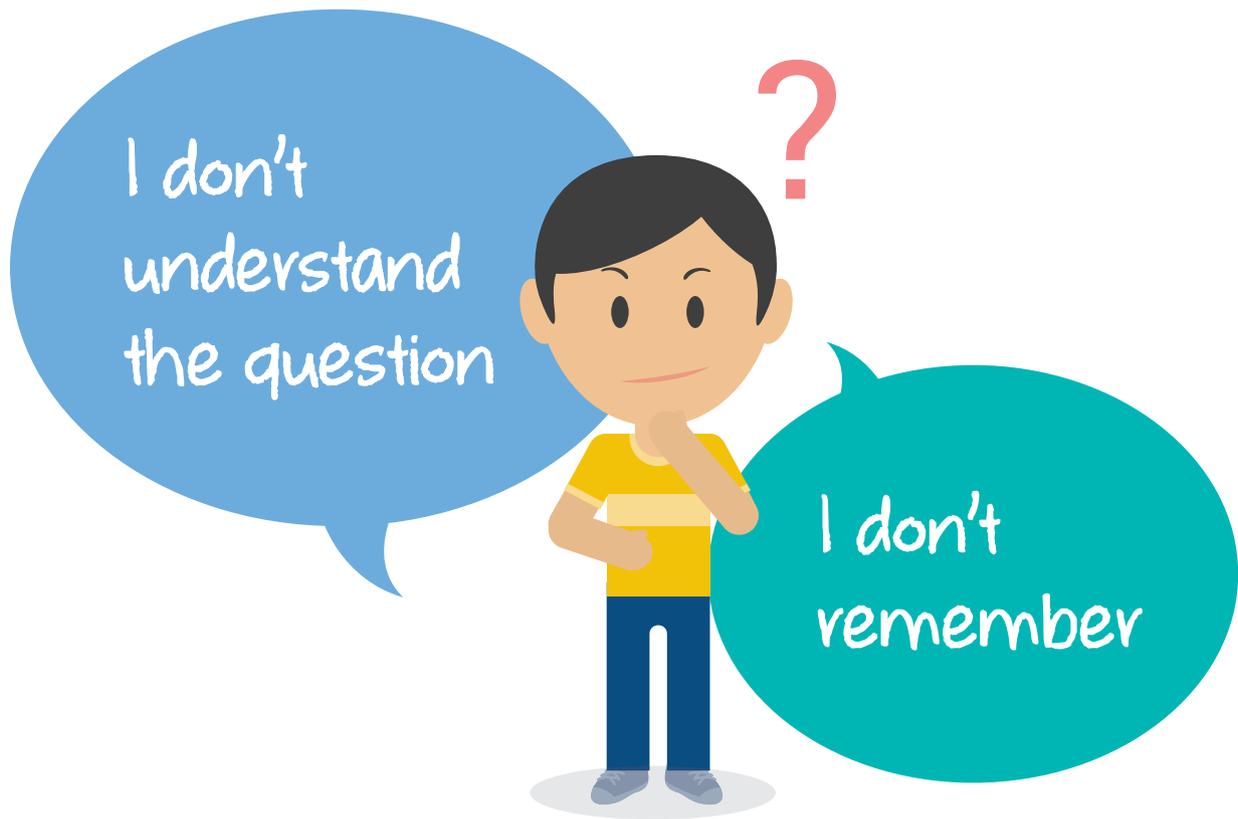


Bona was a bit scared about seeing the Accused in court. But his lawyer had asked the judges to put up a screen so that the Accused could not see Bona at all. Bona felt much better!



First, the judges asked Bona some questions. Then the Prosecutor asked Bona some questions. And then the lawyers asked Bona some questions.

Some questions were easy like “Bona, how old are you?”, but other questions were harder because Bona had to remember things which happened some time ago. It made Bona sad to talk about these things, but Bona knew it was important that the judges heard the truth.



So Bona answered the questions by telling the truth. When he didn't understand the question, he just said "I don't understand the question" and the question was asked in another way which Bona could understand.

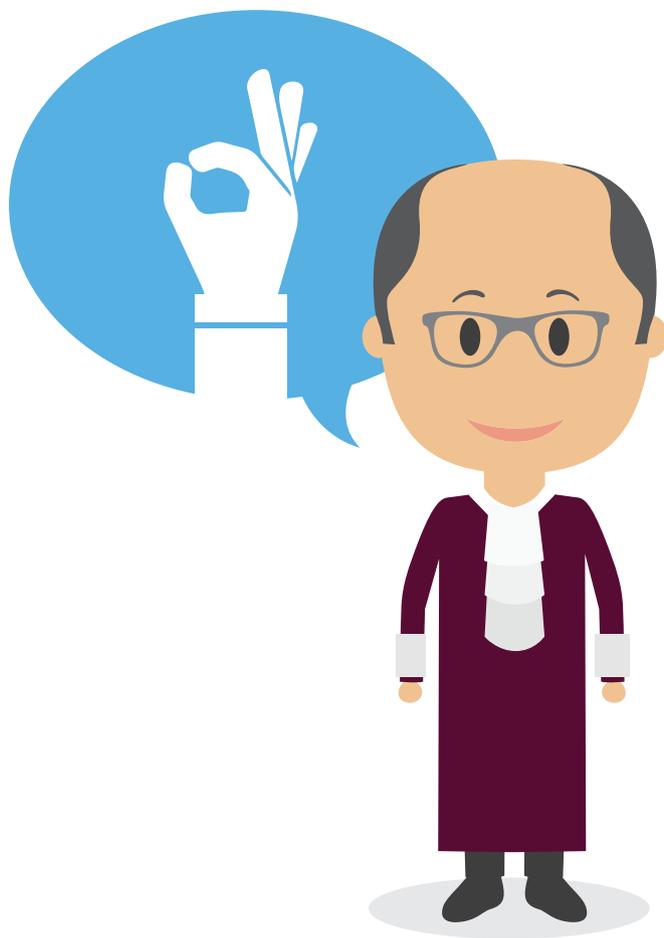
Or if Bona didn't remember the answer, he just said "I don't remember", and that was fine.



Bona knew that it was important not to guess the answer to a question and only answer the question if he understood.



While Bona was answering questions he needed to use the bathroom! Bona asked the judge if he could stop for a while and use the bathroom. So they stopped.



At one point, Bona was tired. He had been answering questions for a long time! So Bona just asked the judges if he could have a break because he was tired. And that was fine! Bona was able to take a break.



Then it was finished! Bona had done a very important job by answering the questions truthfully.



After the court hearing, the judges thought about all the things that they heard in the courtroom.



After thinking about it for a while, the judges will make a decision about what is going to happen to the Accused.



Bona doesn't know what is going to happen next, but he knows that there are lots of people who want him to be safe and happy! What makes you happy? Draw some of those things here!

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