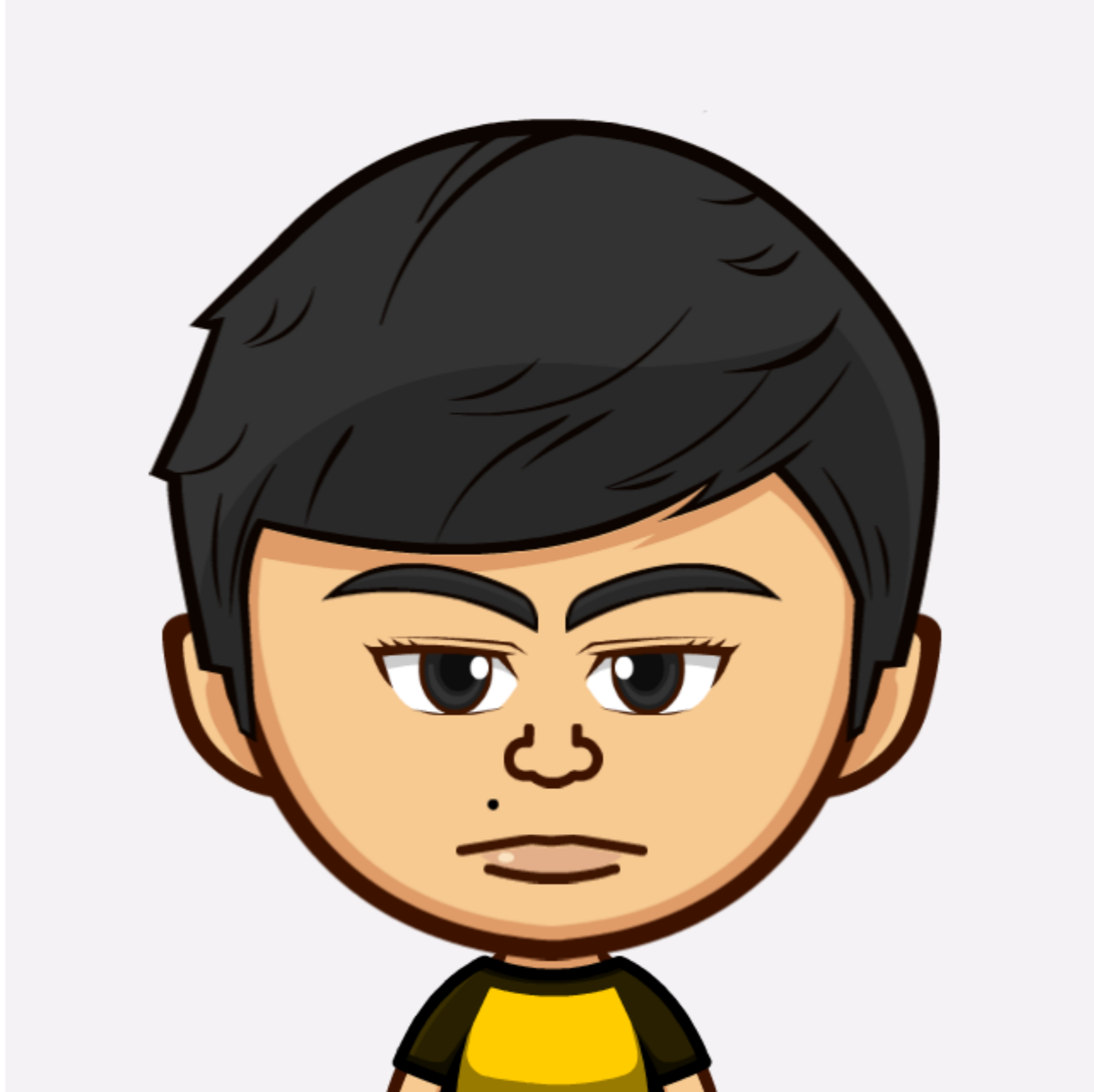


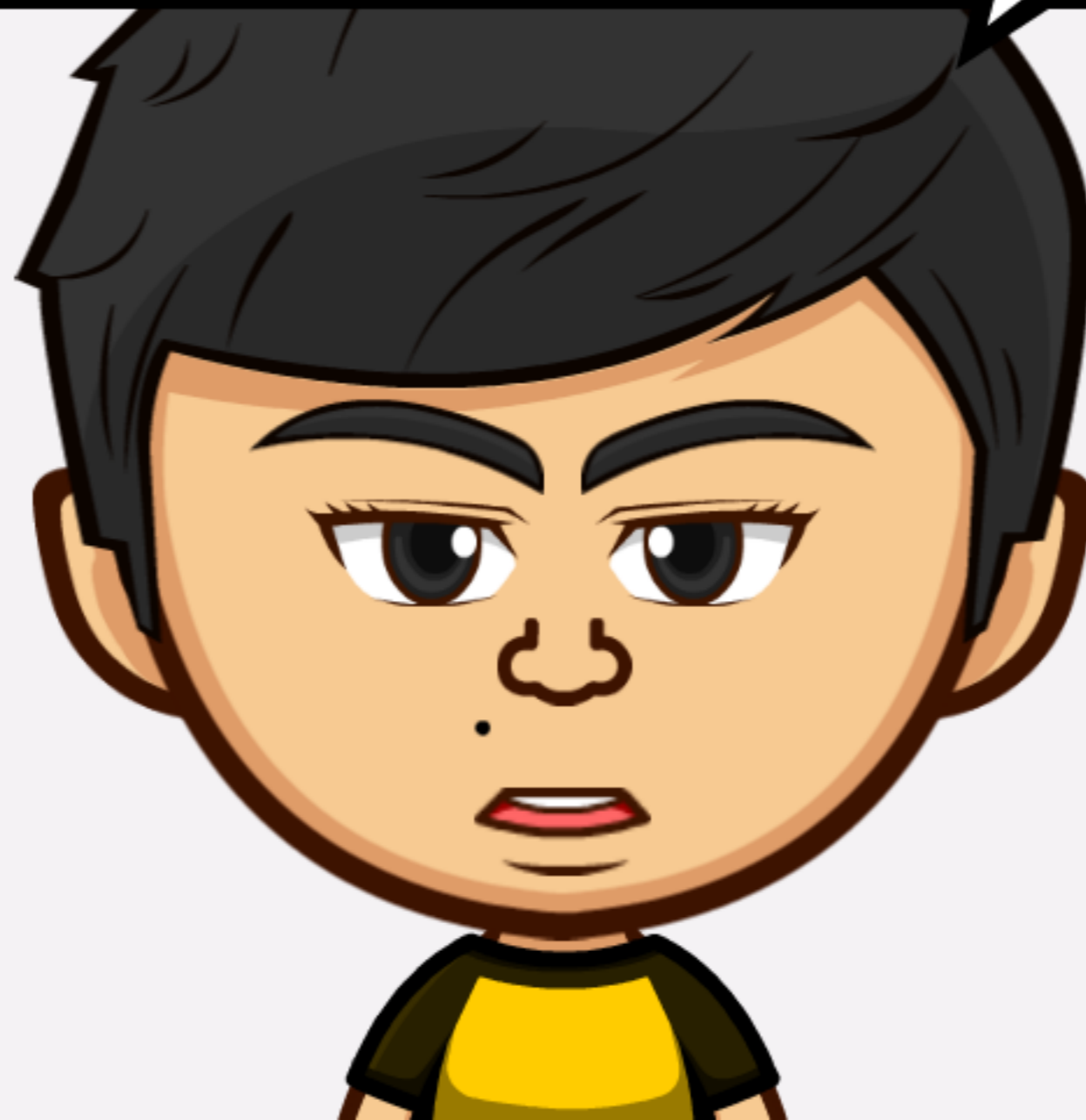
**BECOMING**

**Mr. Goobs**



Mini Goobs was born in Madalag, Aklan, in the Visayas region of the Philippines.

We going to America!



One day, Mini Goobs received some big news from his parents. They were moving to America!



Mini Goobs was too young to understand his parents decision. Despite the sacrifice for his future, Mini Goobs was left wondering why did they have to leave.

America is going to be amazing!



Mini Goobs' parents kept reassuring him that America is going to be amazing! That he was going to be so happy with all the chocolate he could eat.



On the plane ride there, Mini Goobs was nervous and anxious. What will happen? What will America be like? Who will pay for all the chocolate?



When they arrived, Mini Goobs was shook! He went from small town life to big city. He felt overwhelmed at all the changes!

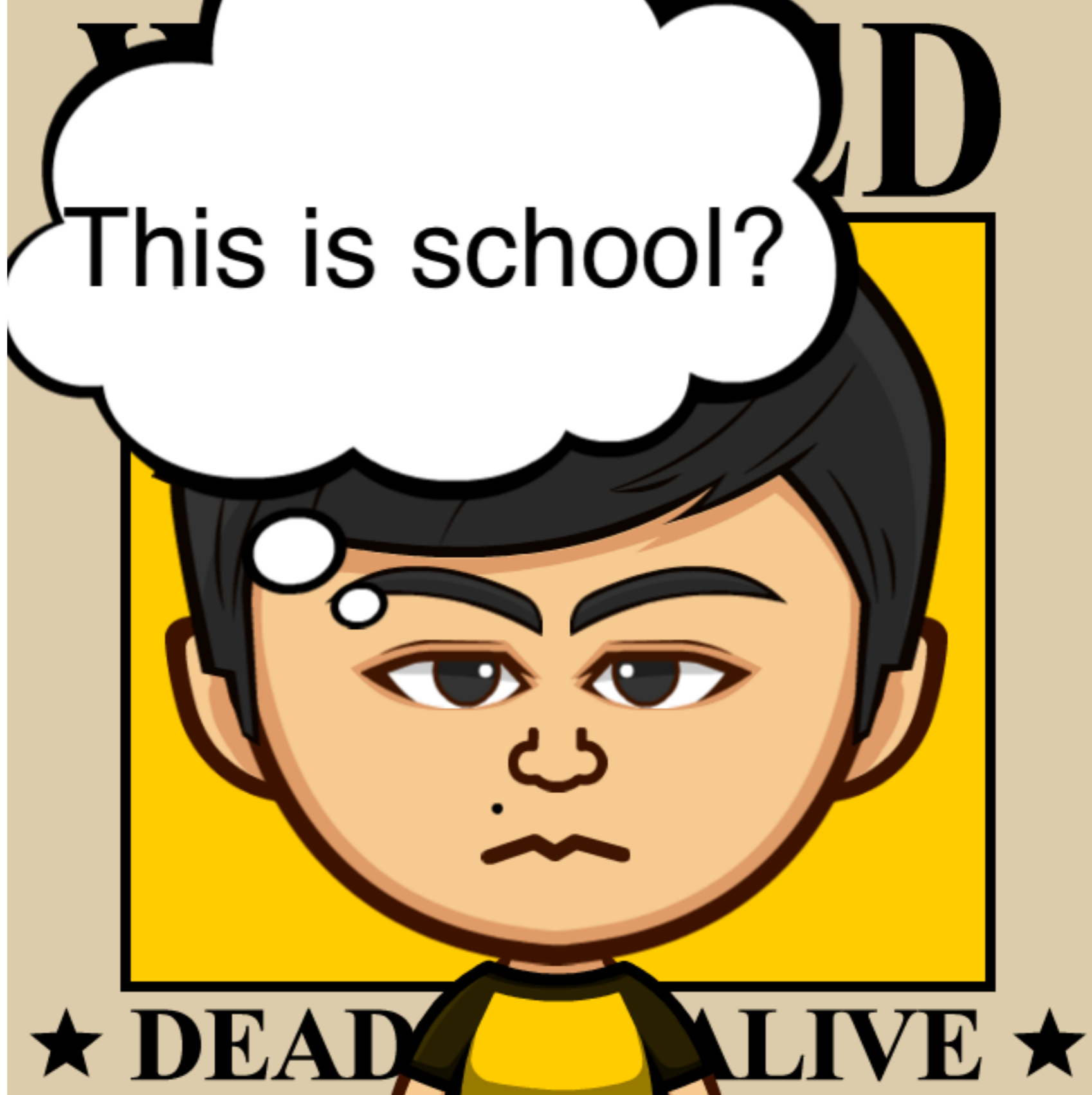


What stood out to Mini Goobs was that he was different.





Mini Goobs was not old enough to go to school yet so he stayed home. He played and played; swing sets and imaginary adventures at the park with his sister.



When Mini Goobs was old enough to go to school his whole life changed.

Who's that weirdo? LONER!



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At school, Mini Goobs had a hard time communicating with anyone because English was his second language. Since English was his second language, he was bullied.

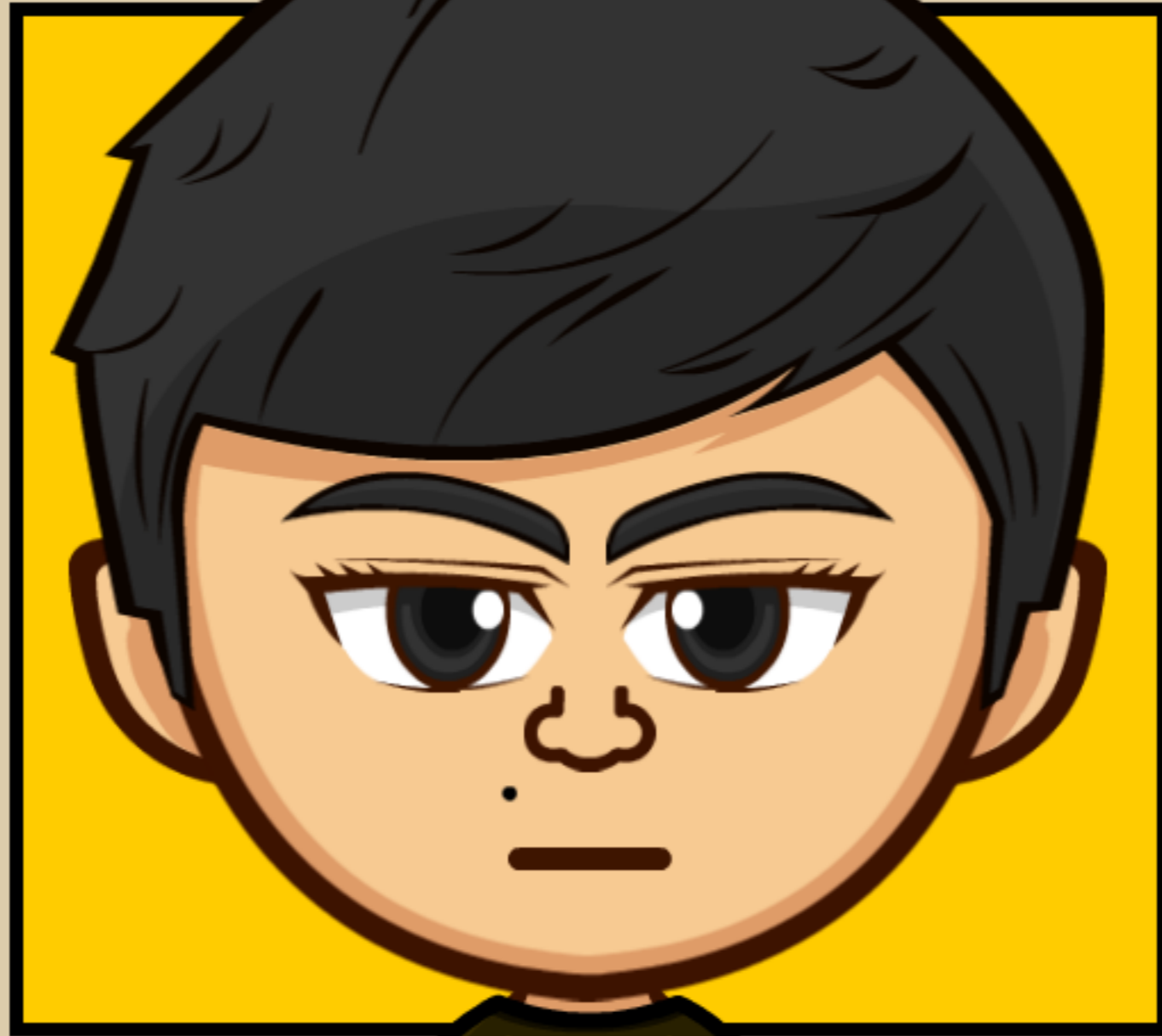


Mini Goobs tried so hard to make friends but his English made it hard for other students to understand him. They left him alone, to only play with him during “Monster Tag”.



Mini Goobs was always “it”; people always ran away from him, when he came around. Mini Goobs just wanted friends. He wanted to belong.

# WANTED



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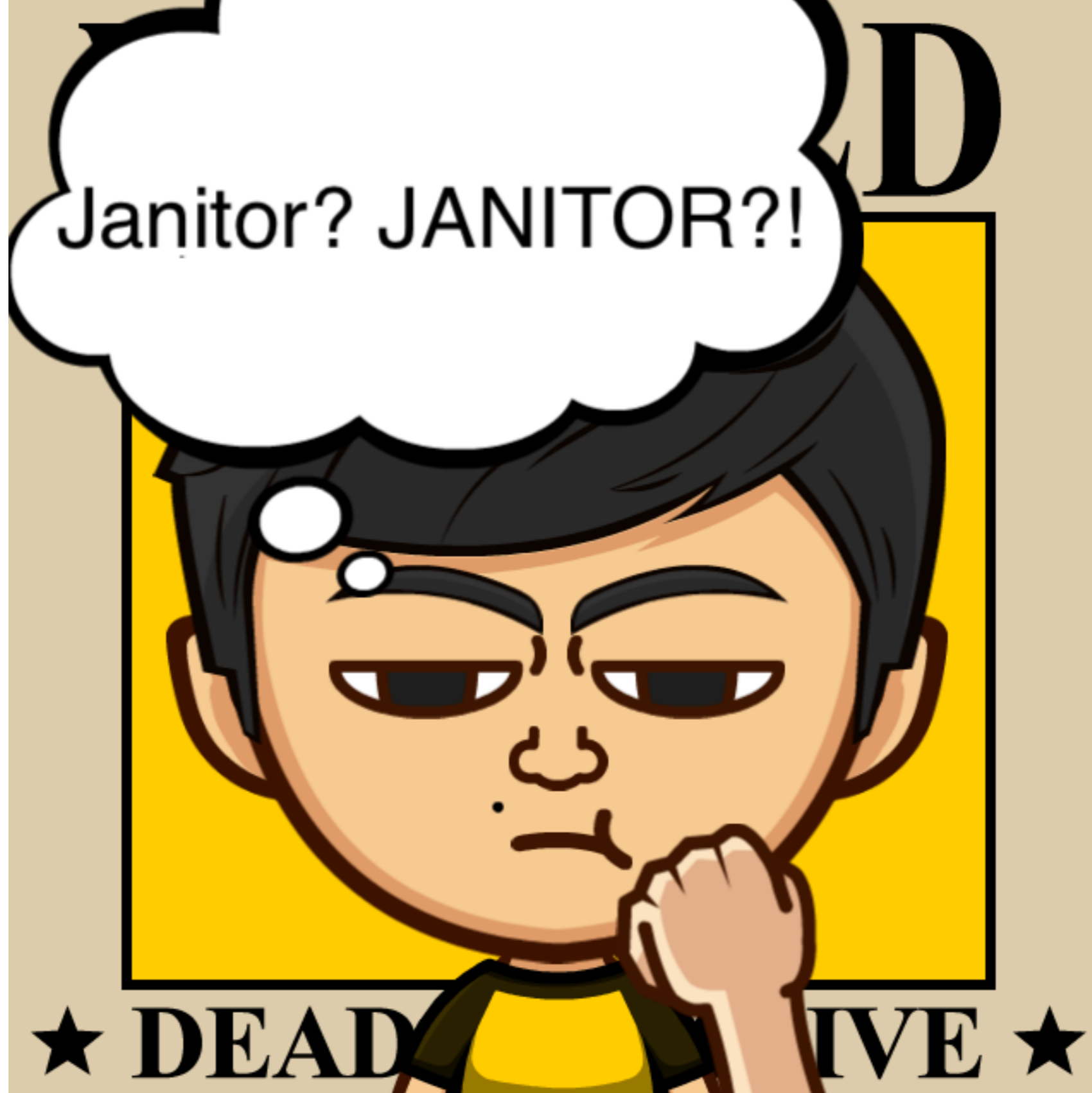
One day for parent teacher conferences, Mini Goobs and his parents went to go see his teacher. His English was getting better, his confidence was slowly starting to rise.

He will be a great janitor.



★ DEAD ALIVE ★

Then came the words that Mini Goobs would never forget. While speaking with his parents, his teacher looked over to Mini Goobs picking litter and said, “He will be a great janitor”.



What his teacher didn't know was Mini Goobs had a passion for animals and had dreams of working at a zoo. But after saying what he said, Mini Goobs couldn't think of being anything else but a janitor.



"I'M THE KING OF SALEM," THE OLD MAN HAD SAID.

"Why would a king be talking with a shepherd?" the boy asked, awed and embarrassed.

"For several reasons. But let's say that the most important is that you have succeeded in discovering your Personal Legend."

The boy didn't know what a person's "Personal Legend" was.

"It's what you have always wanted to accomplish. Everyone, when they are young, knows what their Personal Legend is.

"At that point in their lives, everything is clear and everything is possible. They are not afraid to dream, and to yearn for everything they would like to see happen to them in their lives. But, as time passes, a mysterious force begins to convince them that it will be impossible for them to realize their Personal Legend."

For years after, Mini Goobs lived his life without much life. He rarely dreamed because what is the point? Until he read this passage from the book "The Alchemist".



After reading that passage Mini Goobs felt something waking up inside him.



Ye of little faith!

Those words resonated within him and he remembered what his old teacher had said about him.



Mini Goobs spent time reflecting on his life until that point. What he realized was that he was more powerful than he thought; his struggles were his strengths.



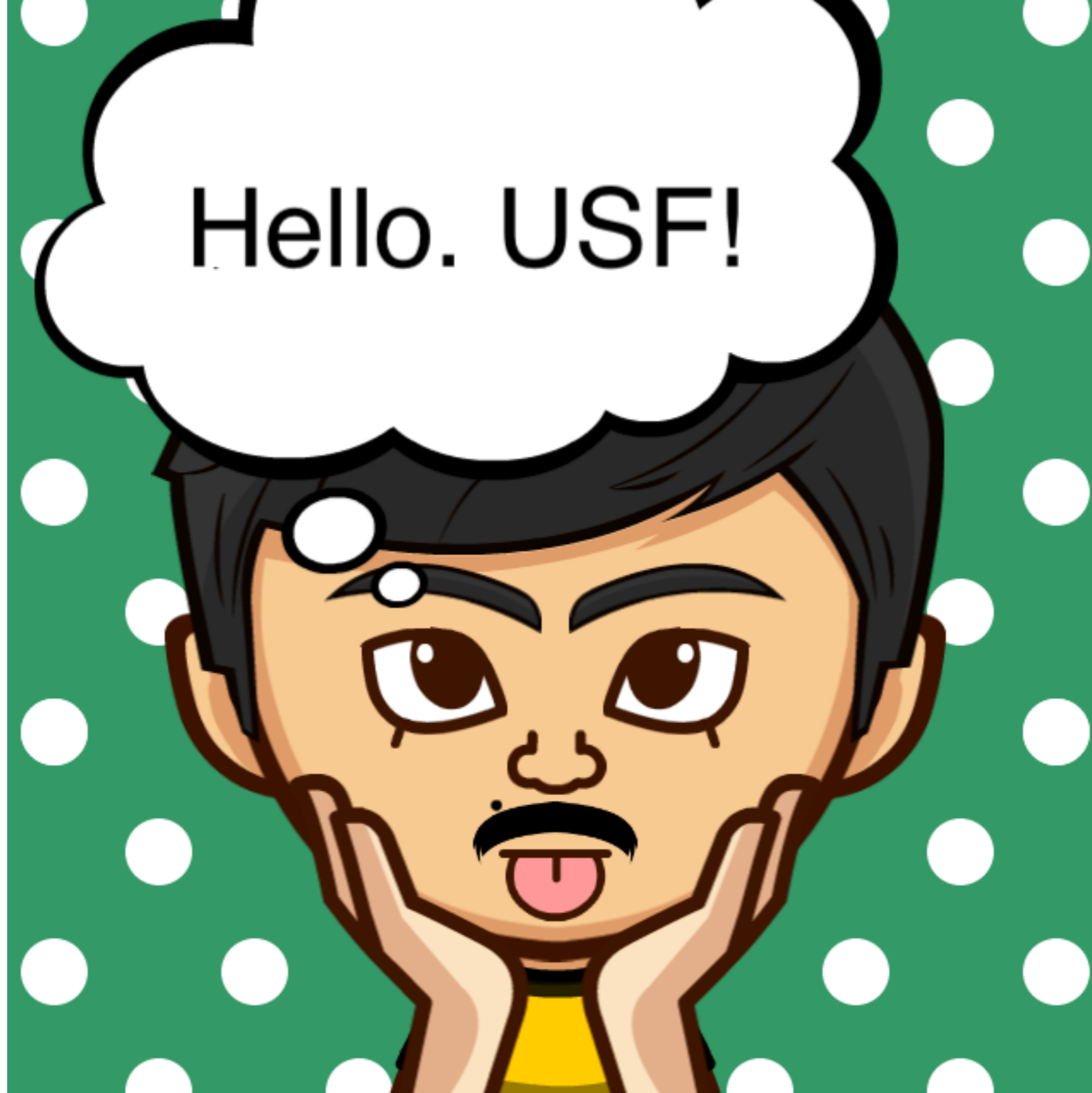
With his new found mindset he leveled up, evolving into Goobs and got accepted into San Francisco State University.



There Goobs made hella friends and became a part of many clubs and organizations. It was at San Francisco State University, where Goobs found friends and felt community.



Goobs graduated with his Bachelors in Communication. Why Communication? So that Goobs would never have to feel powerless because he couldn't communicate.



Through teaching, Goobs found out that he wanted to be a counselor. With the support of his mentors, Goobs got accepted to Graduate School at the University of San Francisco.





Why!

Graduate School was so hard! Goobs never felt so challenged and so unsure about himself. He felt like quitting everyday for those 2 years he was in Graduate School.



Always knowing that he could, Goobs graduated! Getting his Bachelor's and Master's was pretty good for someone who was supposed to be a janitor.



With all of his knowledge and experience, Goobs transformed into Mr. Goobs and was hired to work at Skyline Community College.



Over at Skyline he creates his curriculum centered around Social Justice and Ethnic Studies.  
Why? Because Mr. Goobs wants his curriculum to reflect his students.



Mr. Goobs has overcome a lot but always remembers the struggles he has been through. That keeps him grounded and fuels his purpose to be the support that his students need.

“And, when you want something, all the universe  
conspires in helping you to achieve it.”

Paulo Coelho. *The Alchemist*.