

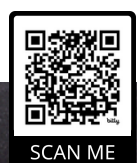


Teaching Notes & Resources

Key Stage 2/3

Themes: Refugee | Empathy | Friendship | Humour

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CHARACTER STUDY

THE CHEAT BOOK
VOL.1

Kamal Noor



While reading *The Cheat Book* (vol.1) by RAMZEE, gather information about the main character, Kamal. You should add to each category as the story develops and you learn more about him.

What do you know about Kamal?

What is Kamal's personality?
How does this develop?

What are the relationships that are important to Kamal?

What important lessons does Kamal learn throughout the story?



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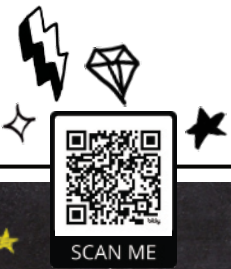
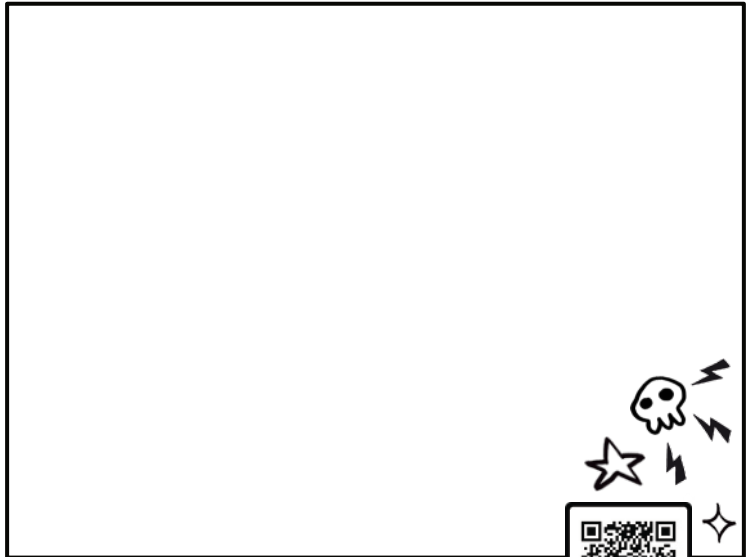
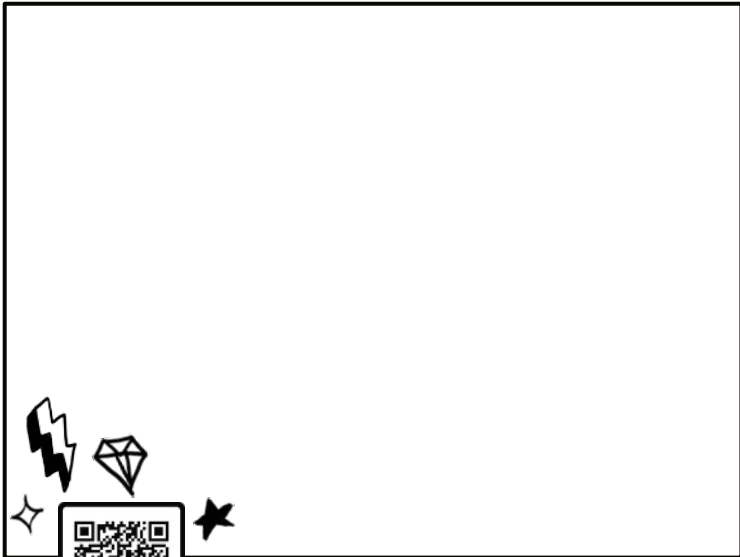
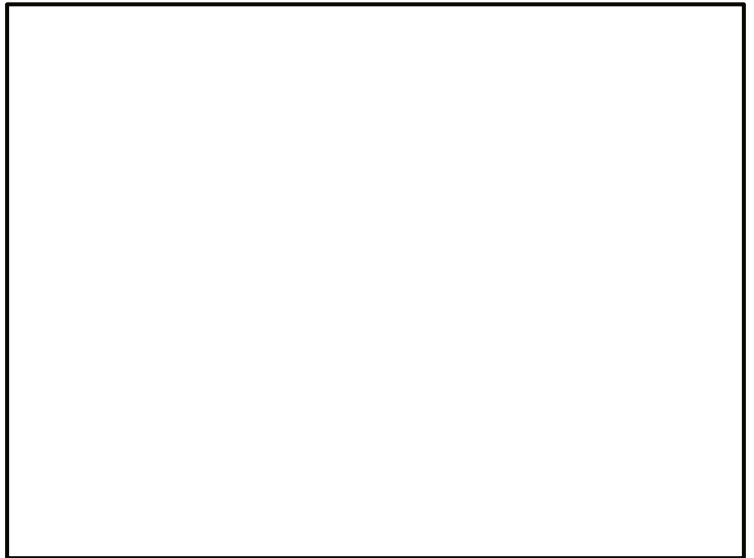
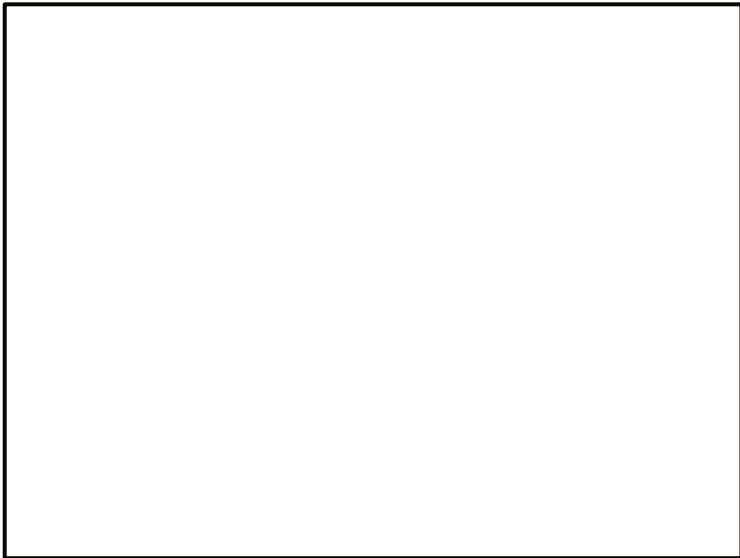
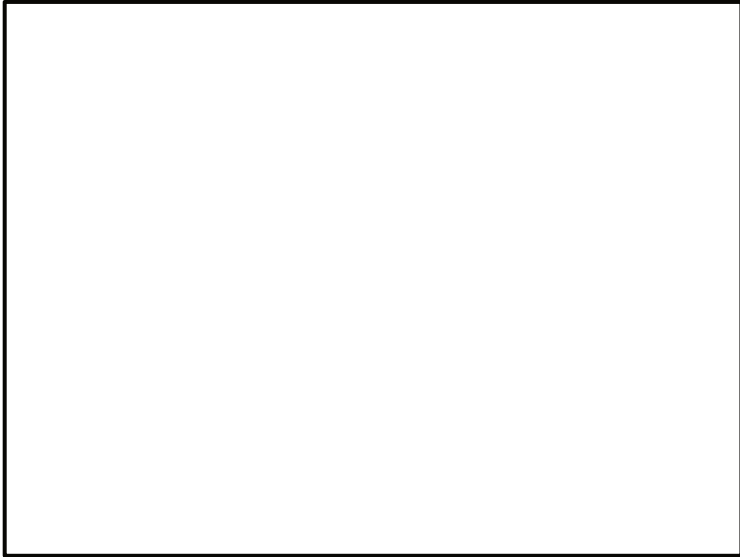


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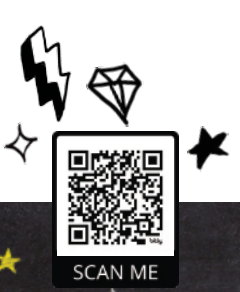
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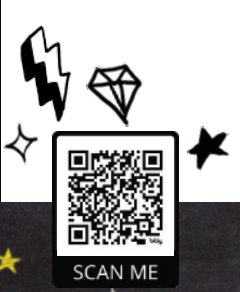
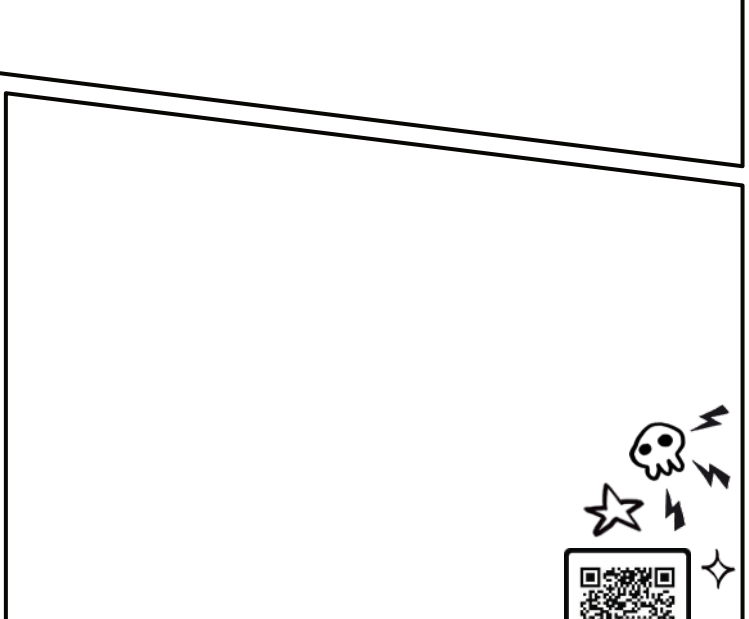
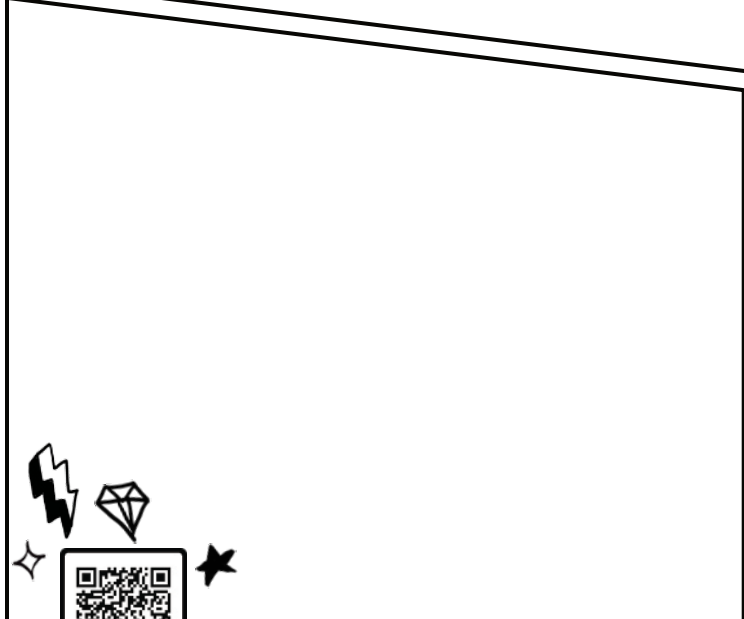
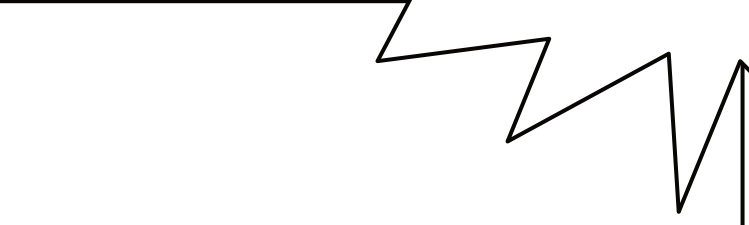
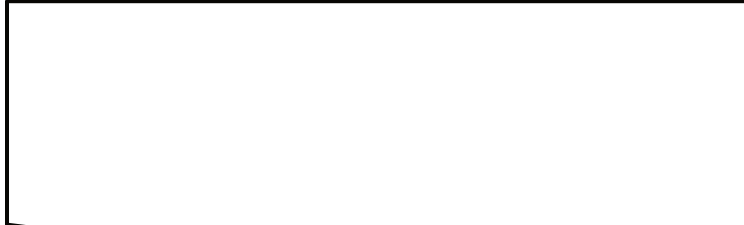
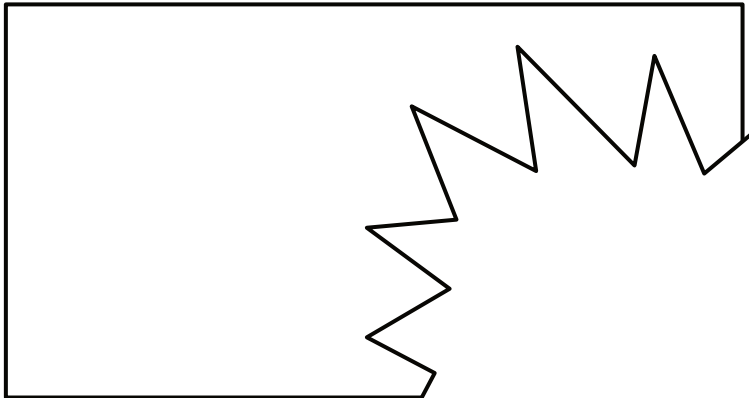
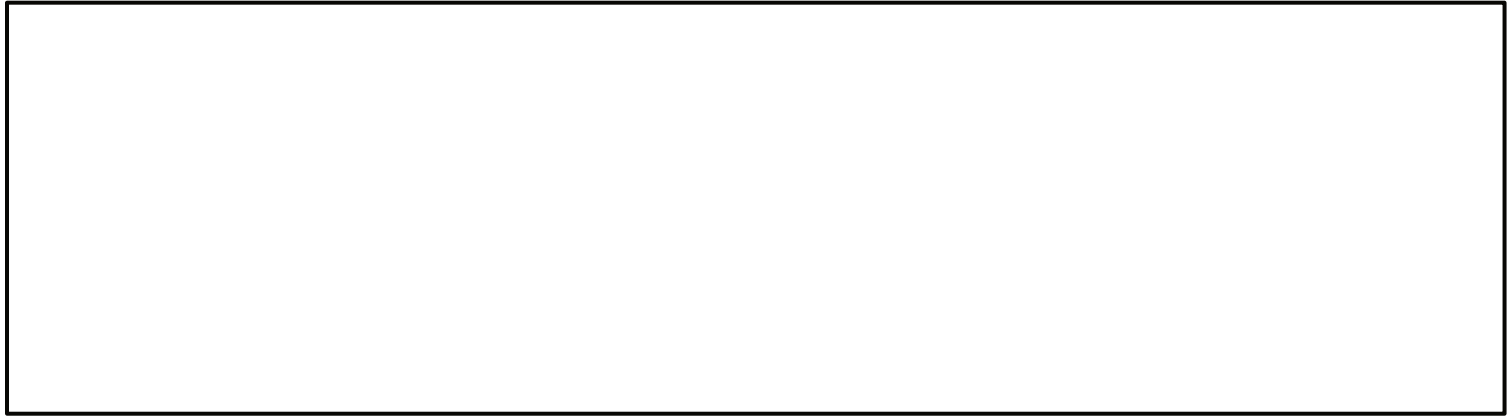
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Extract taken from Chapter 2

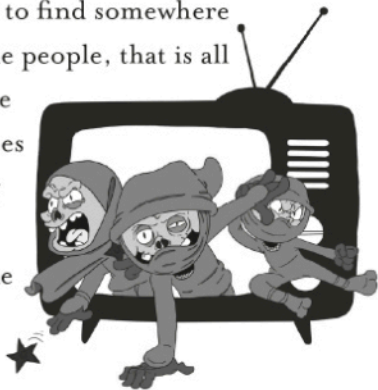
My family came to the UK when I was very young to escape a war in our country that was making life there very **DANGEROUS**, and the UK seemed like a really nice and safe place to live.



'Why's that a secret?' you ask. 'Being a refugee is something you should be open about, right?'

WRONG!

Have you **HEARD** how people talk about refugees on TV? In newspapers? Or in the queue at the supermarket? Listening to them you'd think that we weren't ordinary people on a desperate journey to find somewhere safe to live. No, to some people, that is all a **DEVIOUS FIB** because they believe that refugees are all actually a sneaky team of **EVIL SUPER-SPIES** out to destroy the country from within!



So, that's why it's a secret. If I told people that I'm a refugee, I might as well strap a target to my back and alert every bully everywhere, young and old, to be mean to me.

No one can **EVER** know.

Well, except for Wing and JoJo.

They were really nice about it when I eventually told them.

'I'm so sorry that your family went through that,' said JoJo. 'But I'm glad that you're now safe, and my friend.'

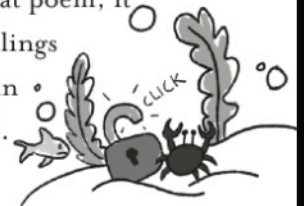
'You know, all the cool superheroes are immigrants!'

Wing said, counting on his fingers.

'Superman, Ms Marvel ... Paddington Bear!'

They couldn't understand why I'd keep it a secret, but, like a superhero, I'm just using a **SECRET IDENTITY** to protect me and my family from harm. At least, that was the plan.

But when Miss Hicks read out that poem, it stirred up a lot of thoughts and feelings that I thought I had padlocked up in the Davy Jones's locker in my mind.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Extract taken from Chapter 2

Thoughts like: *What is home?*

You see, my family has moved a lot. Since my parents, my three big sisters and I came to the UK, we've bounced between four temporary homes over five years, hoping for a permanent spot.



It's like we're a band on an **EPIC** world tour, our final stop TBC (to be confirmed).

Shackleton Academy is my third school and I've been here for almost an entire year, so it's my longest school stint so far. But there is always that nagging fear that we might move again and I'll have to start all over. **AGAIN.**

If life was a video game, I'd still be stuck on the first level.



My brain pinged with a great idea.

What if instead of writing a poem about my house, I wrote one about what home meant to me? Immediately, pictures and feelings **ERUPTED** inside me, firing up my imagination like crazy. The words poured out of me so quickly that it was almost hard to keep up.

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Discussion Questions:

- ★ Why do you think Kamal keeps being a refugee a secret? How do you think this affects him emotionally?
- ★ Kamal explains how refugees are often talked about negatively on TV and in newspapers. How do you think this impacts refugees and the way they are treated in a new country?
- ★ What is Wing and JoJo's reaction to Kamal's secret? Why is it important to have supportive friends?
- ★ What can we do to make sure that we are supportive and welcoming to new people in our school?

- ★ How is Kamal affected by the poem that Miss Hicks read out? What does this tell you about the power of writing?
- ★ Kamal is inspired to write his own poem about home. How do you think writing about his feelings might help Kamal deal with his experiences?



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Imagine you are writing your own cheat book full of hacks to help a child your age thrive at school. What hacks would you put in it?

Hack 1:

Hack 2:

Hack 3:



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WHAT IS HOME?

In *The Cheat Book* (vol.1) by RAMZEE, Kamal is asked to write a poem about what home means to him. He writes a moving poem inspired by his experiences as a refugee escaping war in his country.

Write your own poem that expresses what home means to you. Use the emotions and the feelings that you have about home to help inspire your writing. Remember, poems don't have to rhyme!

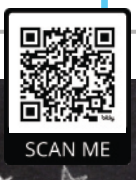


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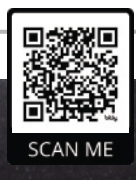
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KAMAL'S JOURNEY

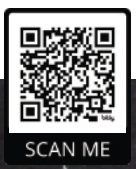


When Kamal and his family left their country, Somalia, they would have faced a long and dangerous journey by road and sea to reach the UK. Complete the following tasks.

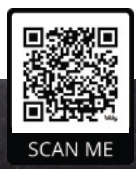
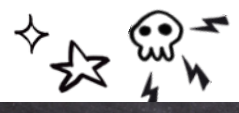
1. Label Somalia on the map. 
2. Label the UK on the map. 
3. Draw a route across land from Somalia to the UK.



Write a list of the countries that Kamal may have passed through on his journey.



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WORDSEARCH

Cross out each word as you find it.

U	A	H	S	I	E	K	C	T	A	E	H	C
P	P	C	E	E	G	U	F	E	R	A	W	U
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BULLY

IDENTITY

KEISHA

POPSTOCK

KAMAL

POPULARITY

CHEAT

WING

REFUGEE

FRIENDS

JOJO

SCHOOL

HOME

SOMALIA



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Answers

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