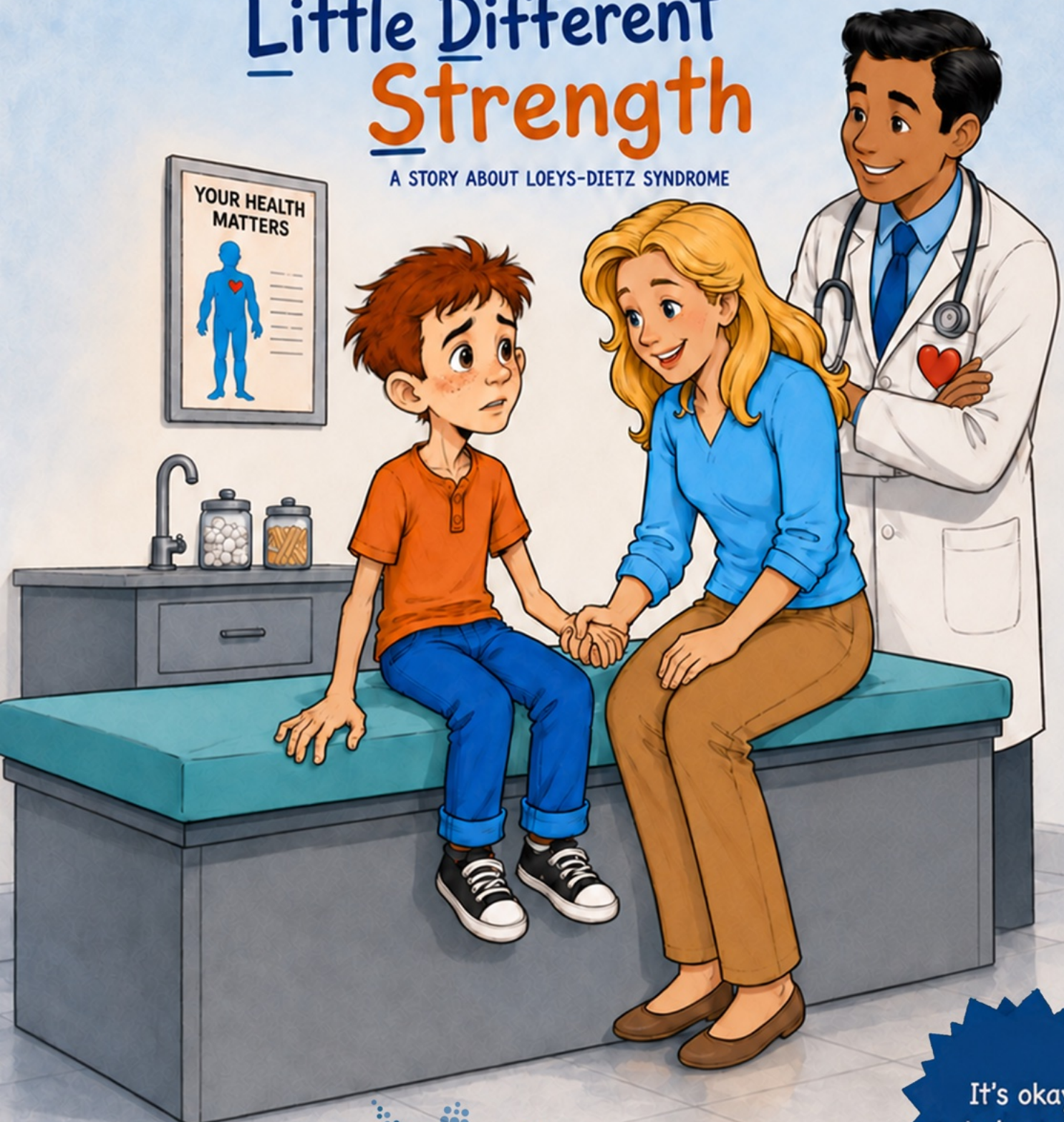


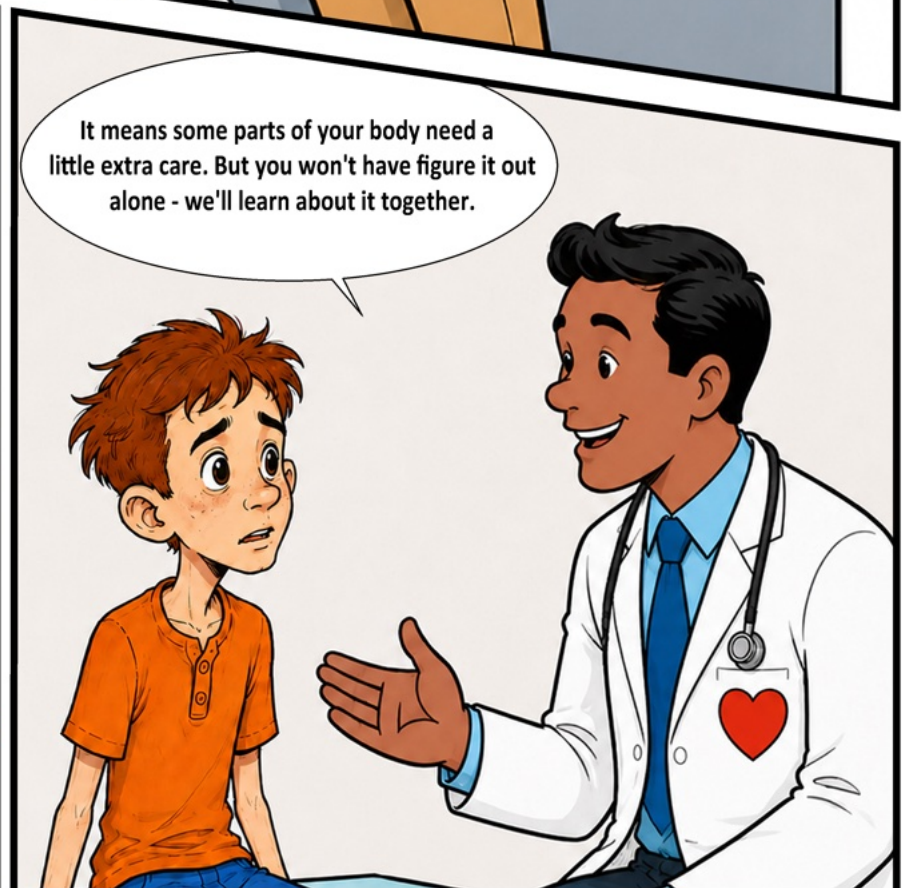
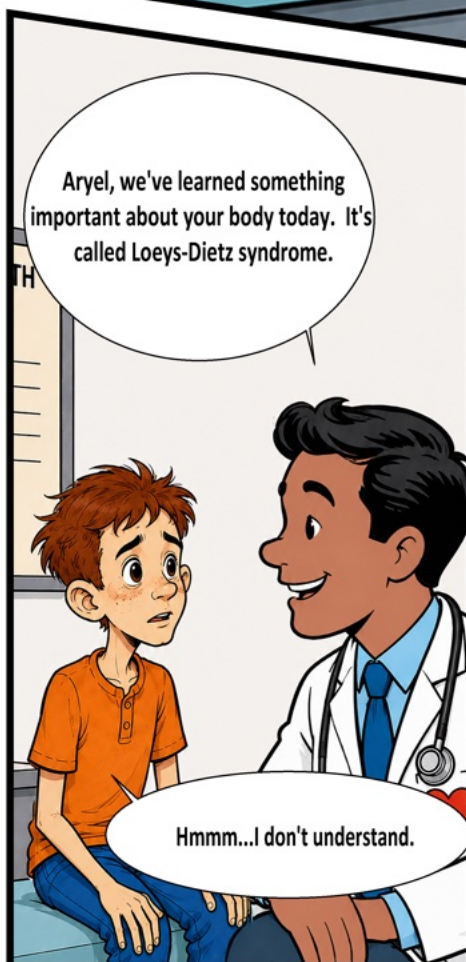
The Day **Aryel** Discovered His Little Different **Strength**

A STORY ABOUT LOEYS-DIETZ SYNDROME

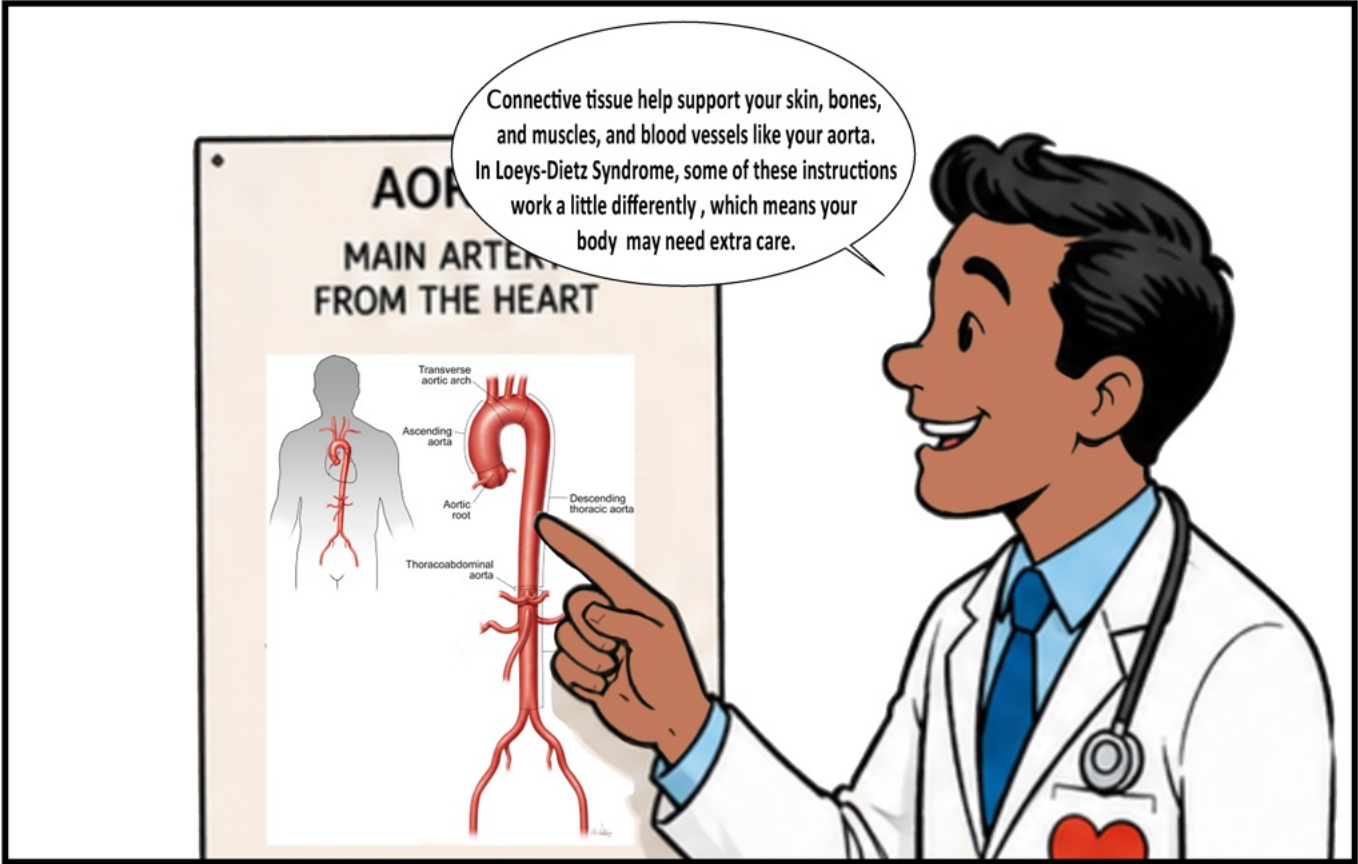


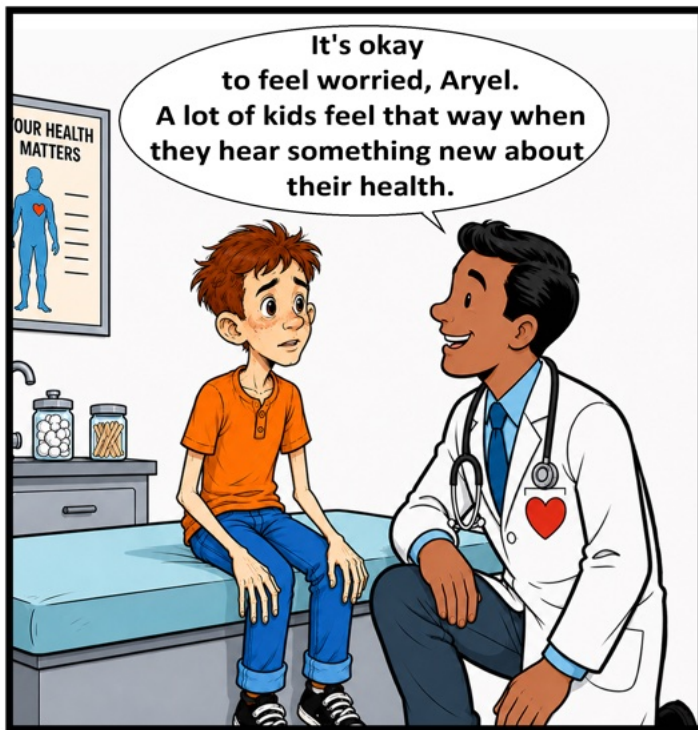
It's okay
to be you.



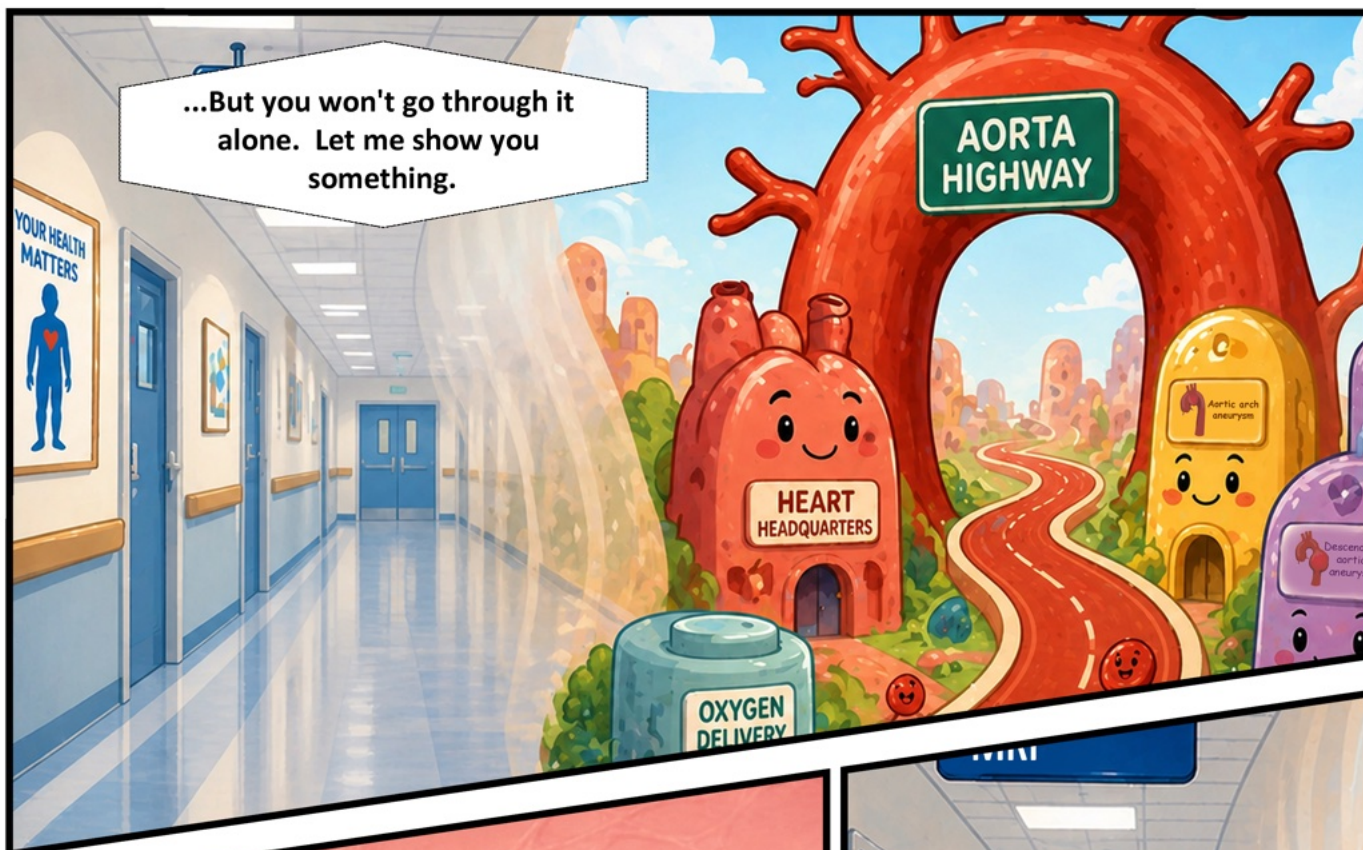


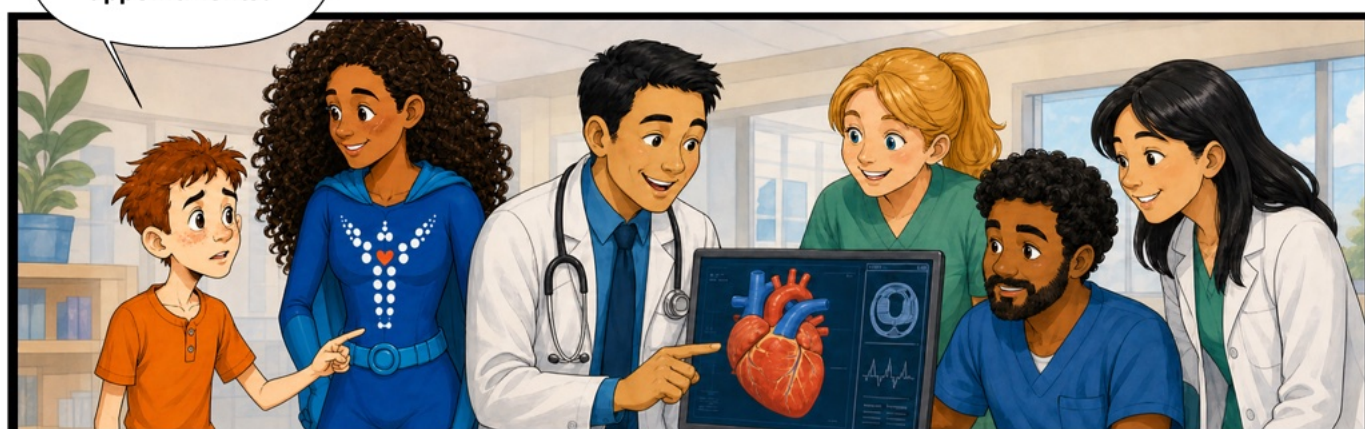
Inside your body are tiny instructions called genes. Genes are important to build connective tissues, that hold everything in your body together. There is fibrillin that is like scaffolding, elastin that is for stretch and collagen that is for stiffness.

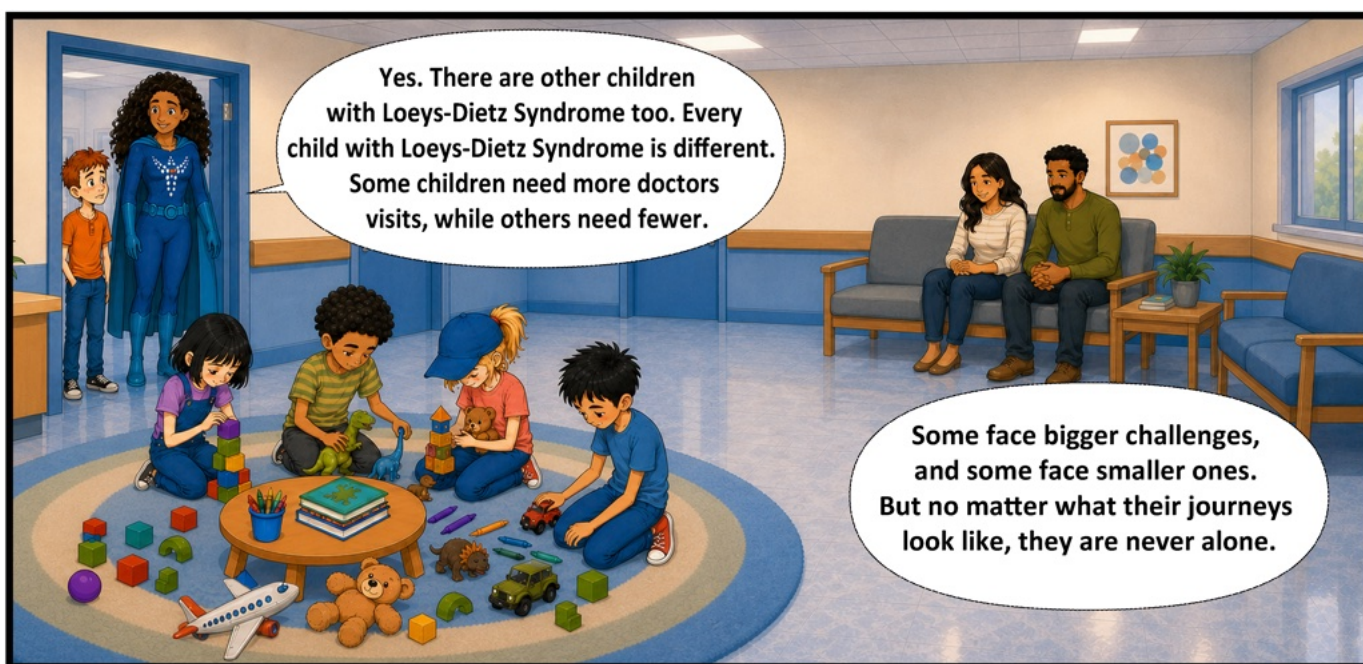
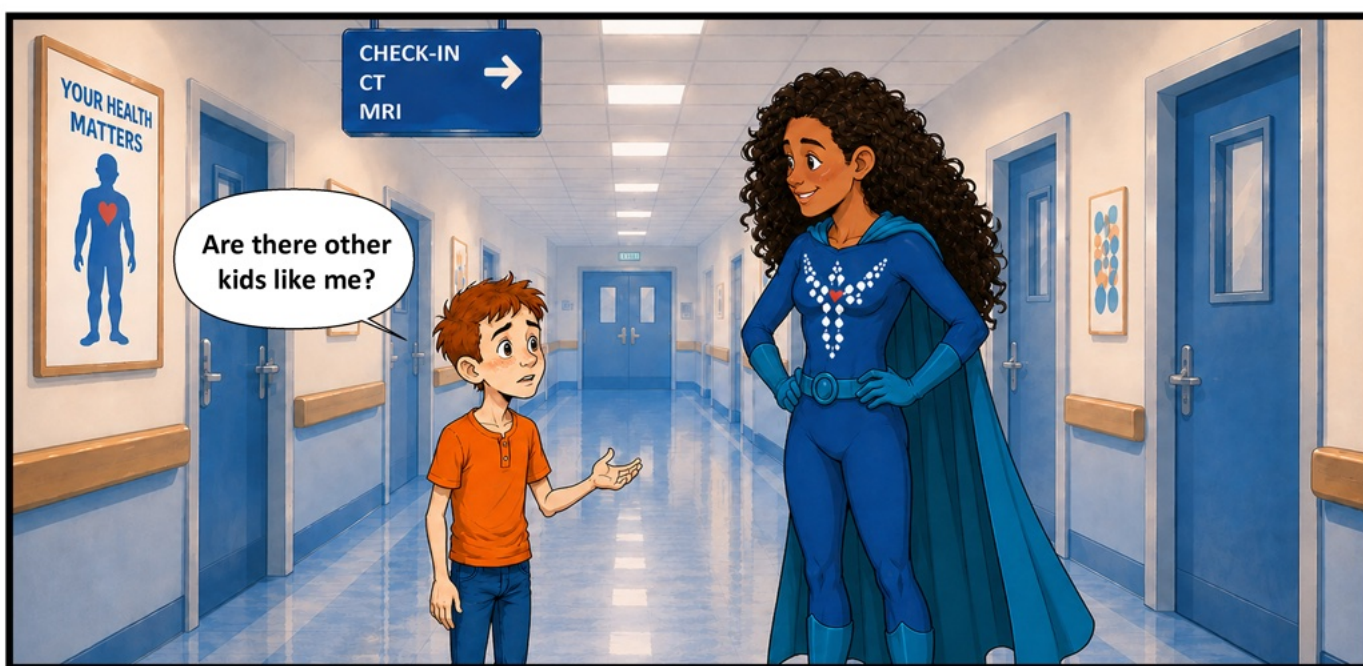
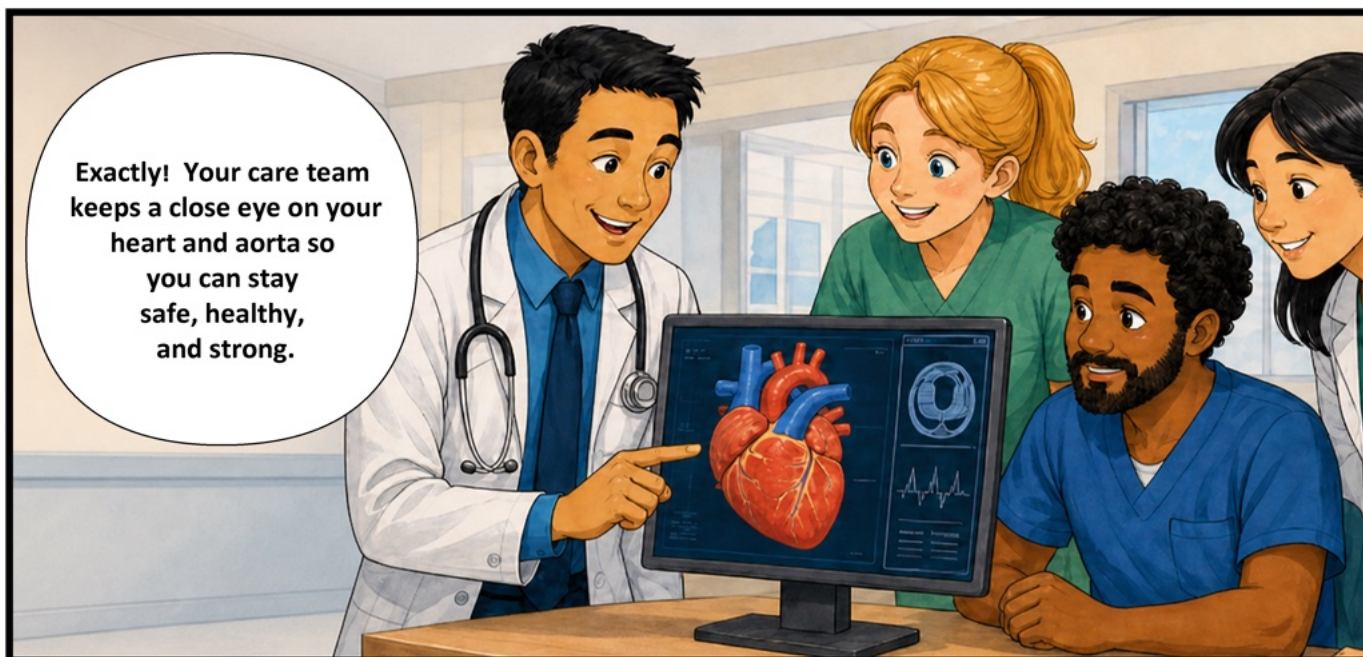












Some of them have had very hard journeys,
and when that happens the whole team looks
after them every step of the way
to make them feel stronger.







You get to be Aryel. Every child with Loeys-Dietz Syndrome has their own little different strength

Do I get to be a Captain Strong some day too?

Really?



Really. Some children are strong because they ask questions. Some are strong because they face challenges with courage. Some are strong because they never give up.



So, what's my Strength?

That is for you to discover. But I think you're already finding it.

Aryel learned something important: every child with Loeys-Dietz Syndrome has their own Little Different Strength. It may look different from one child to another, but it is always there, waiting to be discovered.



Aryel learns that being different does not make him weak - it makes him uniquely **strong**.

With the support of caring doctors, family,
and friends, he begins to understand his journey
with Loeys-Dietz Syndrome and discovers
the courage inside himself.

This story helps children and families
talk about their rare disease, self-confidence,
kindness, and resilience in a gentle and
encouraging way.

You are strong just the way you are.



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