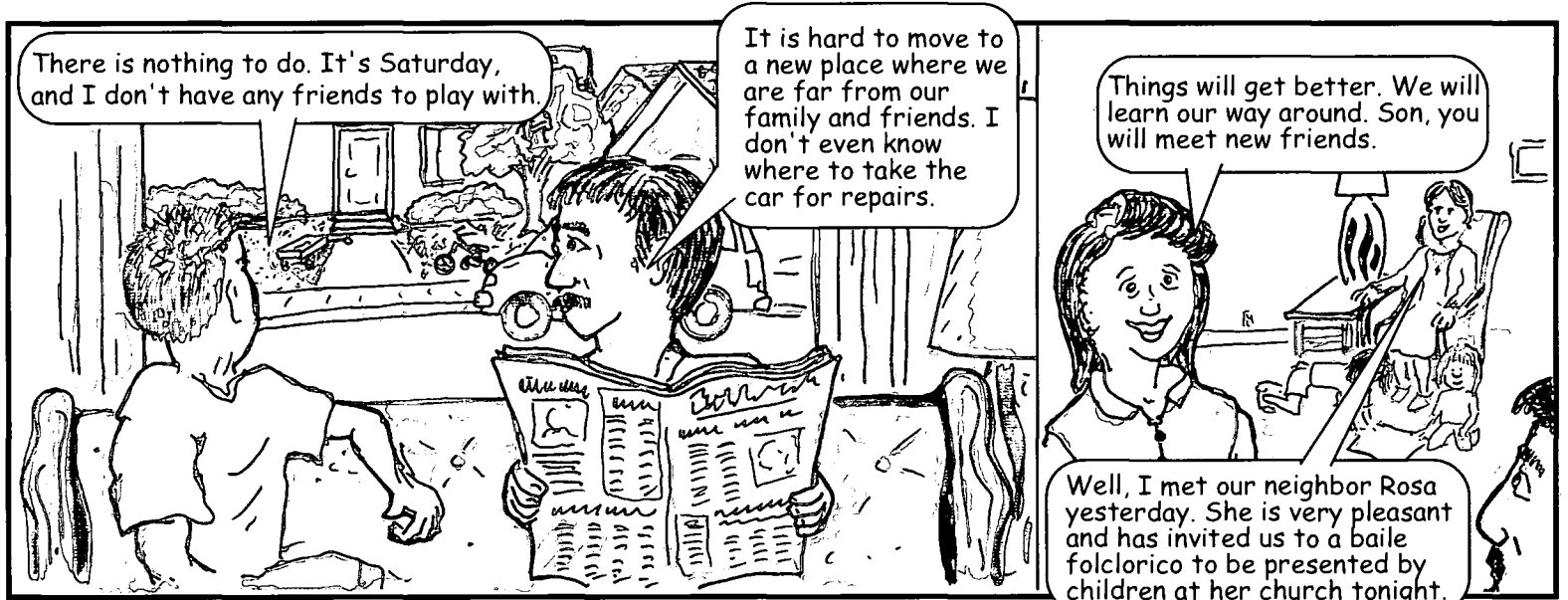


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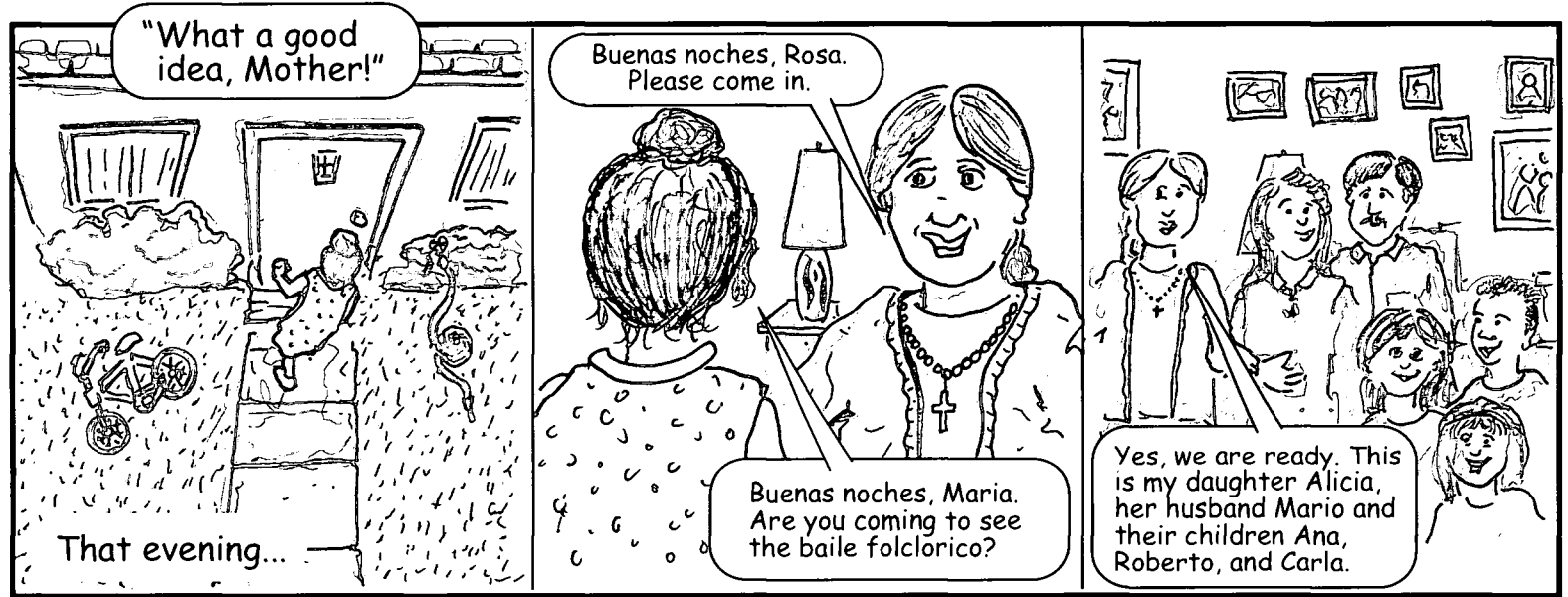


There is nothing to do. It's Saturday, and I don't have any friends to play with.

It is hard to move to a new place where we are far from our family and friends. I don't even know where to take the car for repairs.

Things will get better. We will learn our way around. Son, you will meet new friends.

Well, I met our neighbor Rosa yesterday. She is very pleasant and has invited us to a baile folclorico to be presented by children at her church tonight.



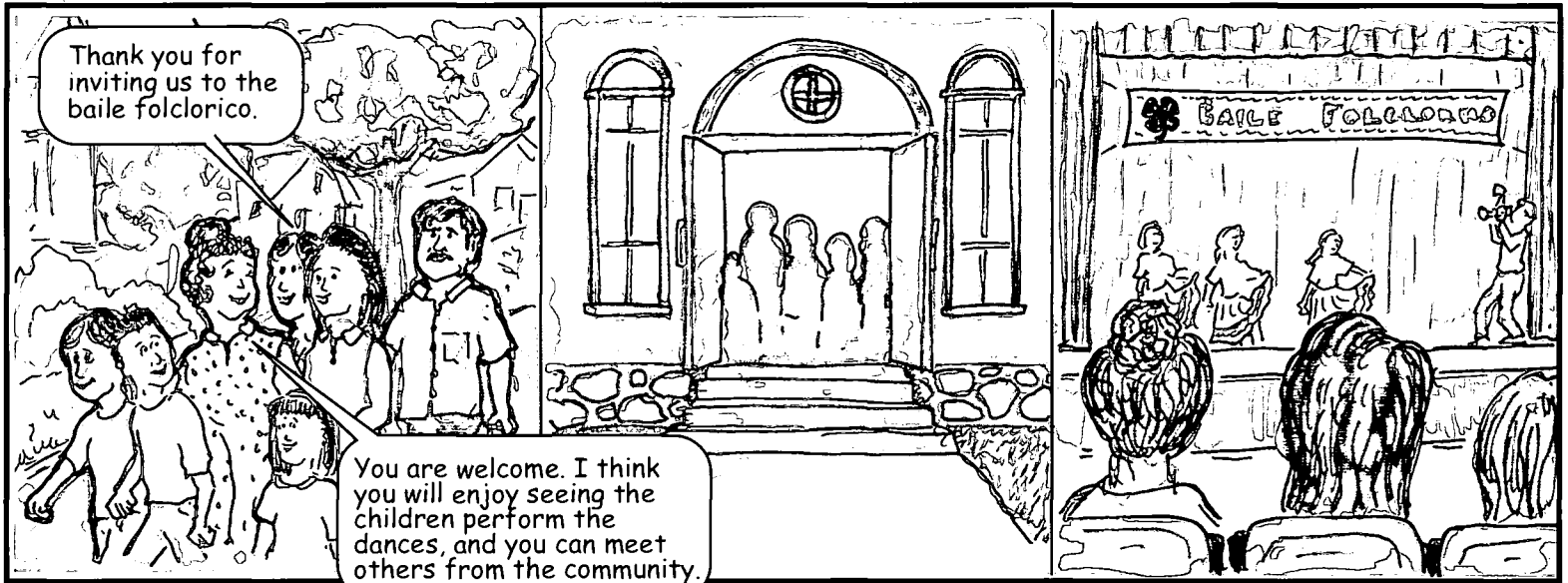
"What a good idea, Mother!"

Buenas noches, Rosa. Please come in.

Buenas noches, Maria. Are you coming to see the baile folclorico?

Yes, we are ready. This is my daughter Alicia, her husband Mario and their children Ana, Roberto, and Carla.

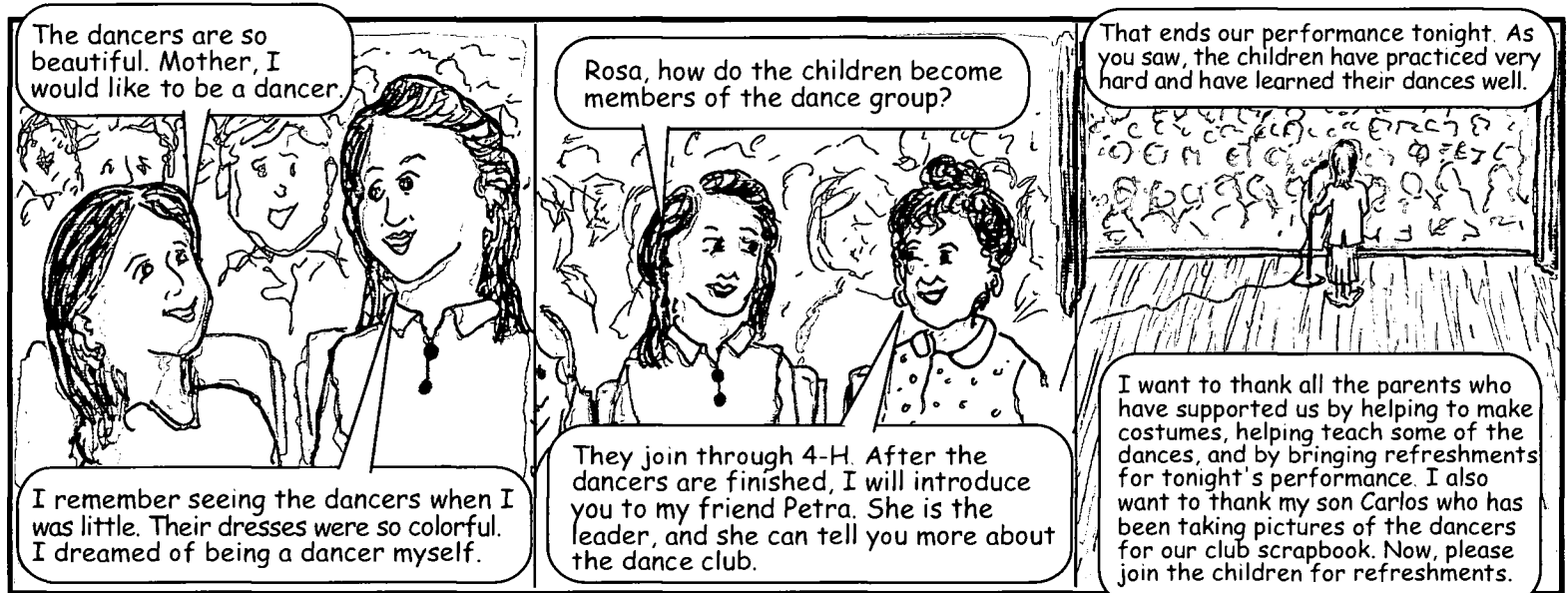
That evening...



Thank you for inviting us to the baile folclorico.

You are welcome. I think you will enjoy seeing the children perform the dances, and you can meet others from the community.

BAILE FOLCLORICO



The dancers are so beautiful. Mother, I would like to be a dancer.

Rosa, how do the children become members of the dance group?

That ends our performance tonight. As you saw, the children have practiced very hard and have learned their dances well.

I remember seeing the dancers when I was little. Their dresses were so colorful. I dreamed of being a dancer myself.

They join through 4-H. After the dancers are finished, I will introduce you to my friend Petra. She is the leader, and she can tell you more about the dance club.

I want to thank all the parents who have supported us by helping to make costumes, helping teach some of the dances, and by bringing refreshments for tonight's performance. I also want to thank my son Carlos who has been taking pictures of the dancers for our club scrapbook. Now, please join the children for refreshments.

Petra, I would like you to meet my new neighbor, Alicia. Alicia, this is Petra, the leader of the 4-H dance club.

It is nice to meet you. Thank you for coming to see the children dance.

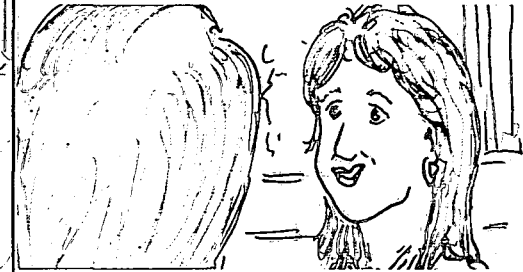


The children dance so well, and their costumes are so beautiful! They remind me of home. My daughter Ana would like to dance. Can any child join the dance club? Who are the leaders?



Our club is part of the county 4-H program. All school-age children may join 4-H as long as there are club leaders to work with them...

Leaders are usually parents or friends of the families, people who want to help children learn new skills. I want my children to learn our traditional dances so I started a dance club.



My son Carlos is in Antonio's photography club. Antonio is a friend who works in the car factory. He has always taken pictures as a hobby and now has fun helping boys and girls learn how to take good pictures.

So 4-H is more than a dance club?



Oh, yes. Children can learn about many different things in 4-H, such as computers, plants, animals, woodworking, and cooking. There is even a soccer club, and two grandmothers are teaching some of the girls how to embroider. It all depends on finding adults who will work with the children.

Where do the clubs meet?



The dance club needs plenty of space so we meet in the school auditorium on Friday night.



Other clubs meet at the community center, at churches, or in the homes of the leaders. Each club sets its own time and place for meeting.

I know my children would like to join 4-H, but I have no special skills and my husband works long hours. We could not be club leaders.

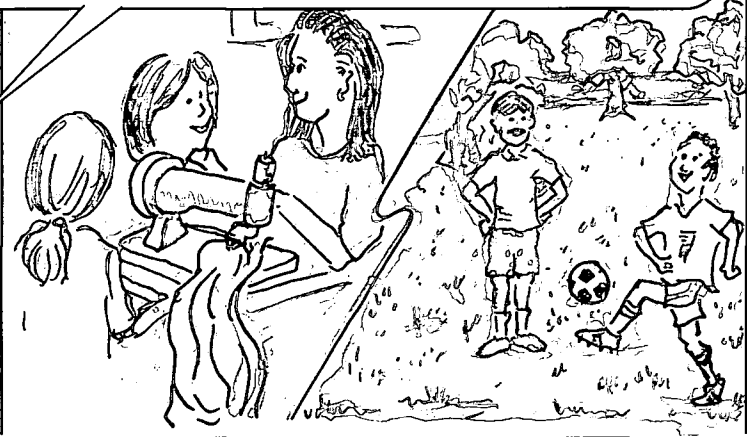


You don't have to be the club leader. Many parents find other ways to help. Do you sew?

Yes.



Then perhaps you could sew dance costumes. Or help teach children how to sew. Maybe your husband could help the soccer club leader with some of the practices. In 4-H, the whole family can find a way to participate. Everyone meets new friends and has fun learning and sharing skills.



4-H sounds like just the kind of program we need. Thank you, Rosa, for bringing us here tonight. I think we have found a way to become a part of our new community.



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- **4-H** encourages youth to help in their community
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- **4-H** is a place for adults to share their interests and skills with youth.



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