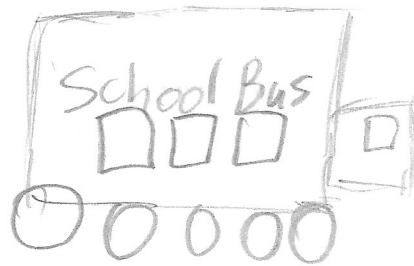
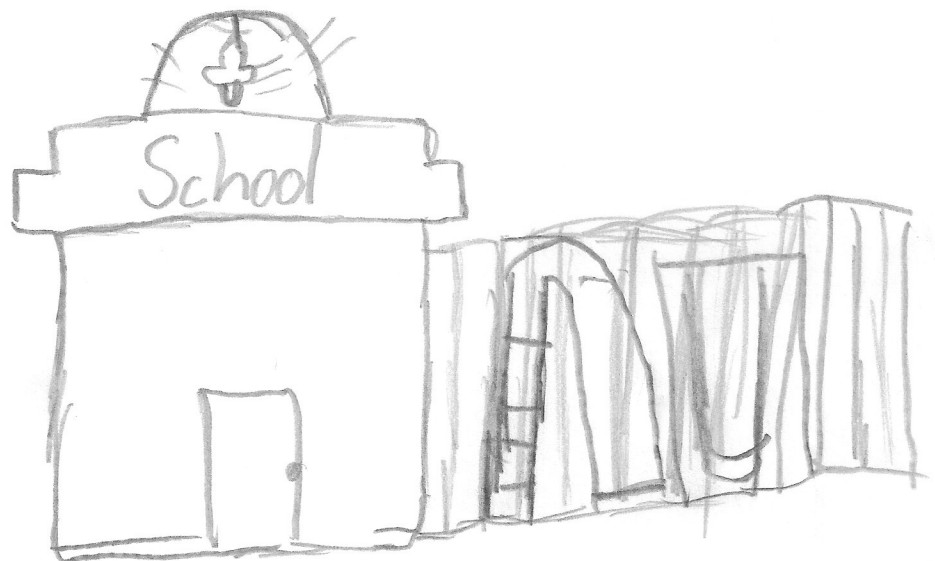


## Sana's dream school



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Just like every day, Sana, a girl in Afghanistan, cries as she sees her brothers leave cheerfully for their school. Sana, wearing her teary eyes, heads to the kitchen and starts making lunch for her family. She asks her older sister, Henna, who is also at home, "why do our brothers get to go to school, but not us?" Henna answers, "It is too dangerous for girls to attend schools in our country, because bad guys don't like us to study and if they find out, they might attack the school." "I hope that when we have kids and grandkids, girls will finally be allowed back in schools." She says to Henna. Henna, who has sneakily learned how to read, says to Sana, "I read in books that in other countries girls go to school. They study math, science, and history. Classrooms have computers. Kids are kind to each other. In recess, kids get to play on large playgrounds." Sana sighs.





After lunch, Sana falls asleep and starts dreaming. Sana is in a school with many girls and boys. She is writing a fun story in her language class with a 3-D pen. As she writes the words, the pen converts them into things she wrote about. Then it's recess time. Sana plays soccer with friends. She notices that the goal posts fly to catch the ball. There is no goal-keeper. Once the recess is over; she goes to space class. She studies an alien they found on a far-away planet. Then it is lunch time. Humanoid robots bring her lunch. She presses a button on a fork which uses itself to pick-up food and flies to her mouth. The robot returns to take everyone's plates and hands it over to a dish-washing sink. The sink separates trash and recyclables before it starts to clean the plates. Sana returns to her classroom. Afterwards, she gets on stair-steps that walk themselves. She goes outside to catch a fancy school bus, which teleports her to her home.

Then Sana wakes up. What a fun dream!