



Growing Up: Moving and Life in General



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Grenada



Ages 0 - 11

Parent's Wedding



Sports Day



My school had two sports days, the first port day was for the younger kids and the second one was for the older kids. The students participated in an Olympic style day of sports to win medals for their team. I was a part of the “Red House” in my primary school and I took pride in that. My school consisted of three “houses” (teams) Red, Green and Yellow. My sports house usually one most of the events but there has been a couple of times where we failed.

In my school both boys and girls wore the same uniform except girls wore a wrap skirt over their shorts when we march around the pasture. Everyone part took in the activities shoeless, but I sometimes wore white socks. I had my hair braided all back with a ribbon pulled through one of the cornrows and tied into a bow. I also had red glitter sprinkled into my hair to support my team.

Sports day is a tradition I missed deeply after leaving Grenada. Every school had a sports day, and it was a way to keep all students of all ages fit will having fun. In my age group, I was one of the faster girls because I had long legs. I am happy to have been able to earn first, second, and third place medals throughout my time part taking on the sports team.

Brownies Club



Canada

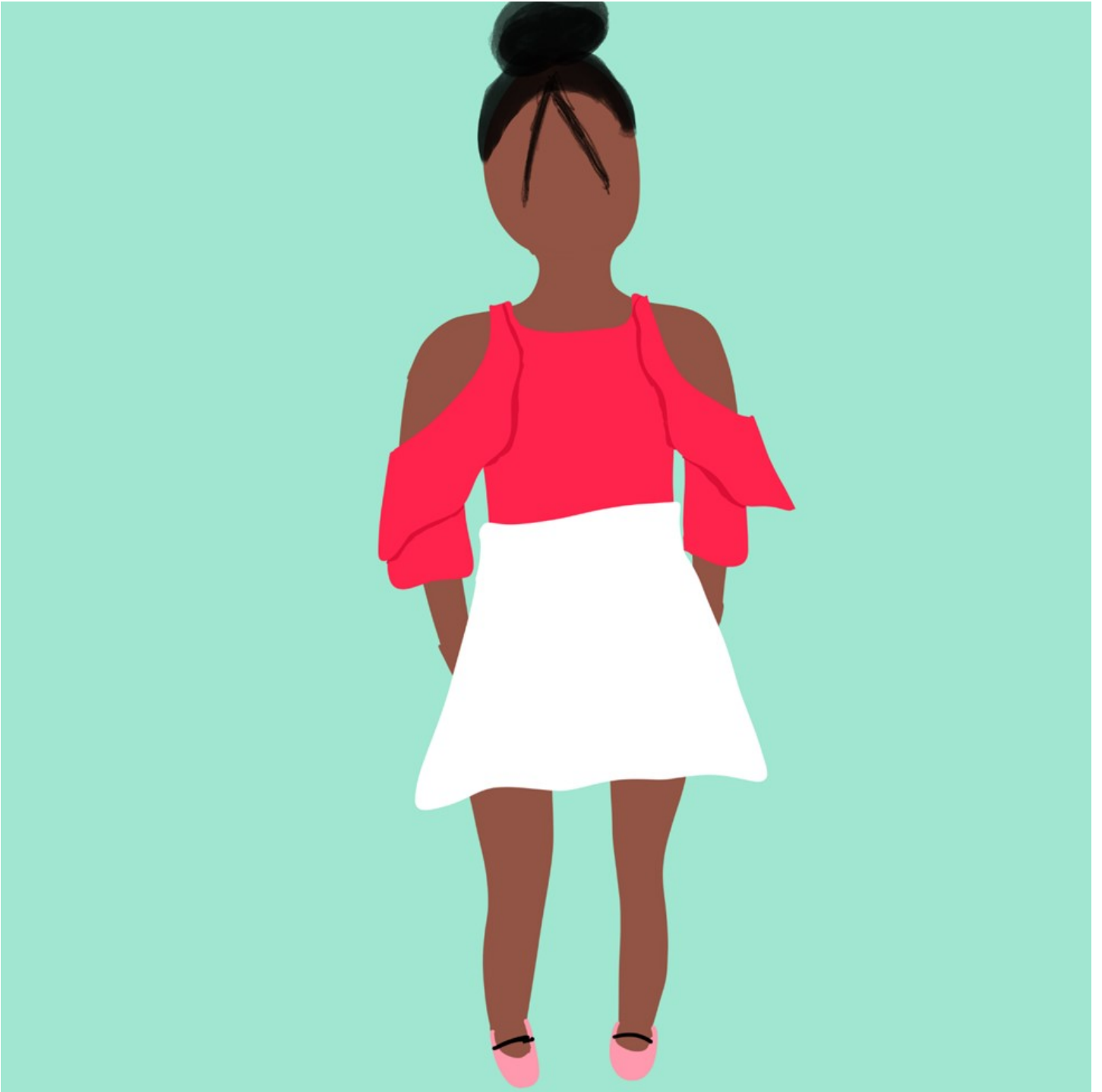


Ages 7, 11 - 12

Brother's Christening



Visit to Ottawa



Not So Ugly Sweater



The night before Christmas 2019 we slept at my aunt Imo's place. We had a pajama party that night and stayed up most of it. In the morning, the rest of the family came over and we had Christmas breakfast. After breakfast we opened the presents that were at my aunt Imo's place. For the second half we went over to my other aunt Rhonda, had Christmas dinner, and opened the rest of our presents there.

Around Christmas Day I started feeling a bit sick, but I did not let that stop me from enjoying my time. For Christmas day I specifically packed a knit sweater with a snowman and little balls of pompoms which represents snow on it. I showered then lotioned put on my long Johns then some Christmas tights that I bought from Macy's. My mom had gifted me and my siblings Christmas pajamas along with Christmas themed socks. I got the Santa Claus socks, so I wore them to the Christmas party. I wanted to be as Christmassy as possible. For my hair I pulled back my braids into a ponytail.

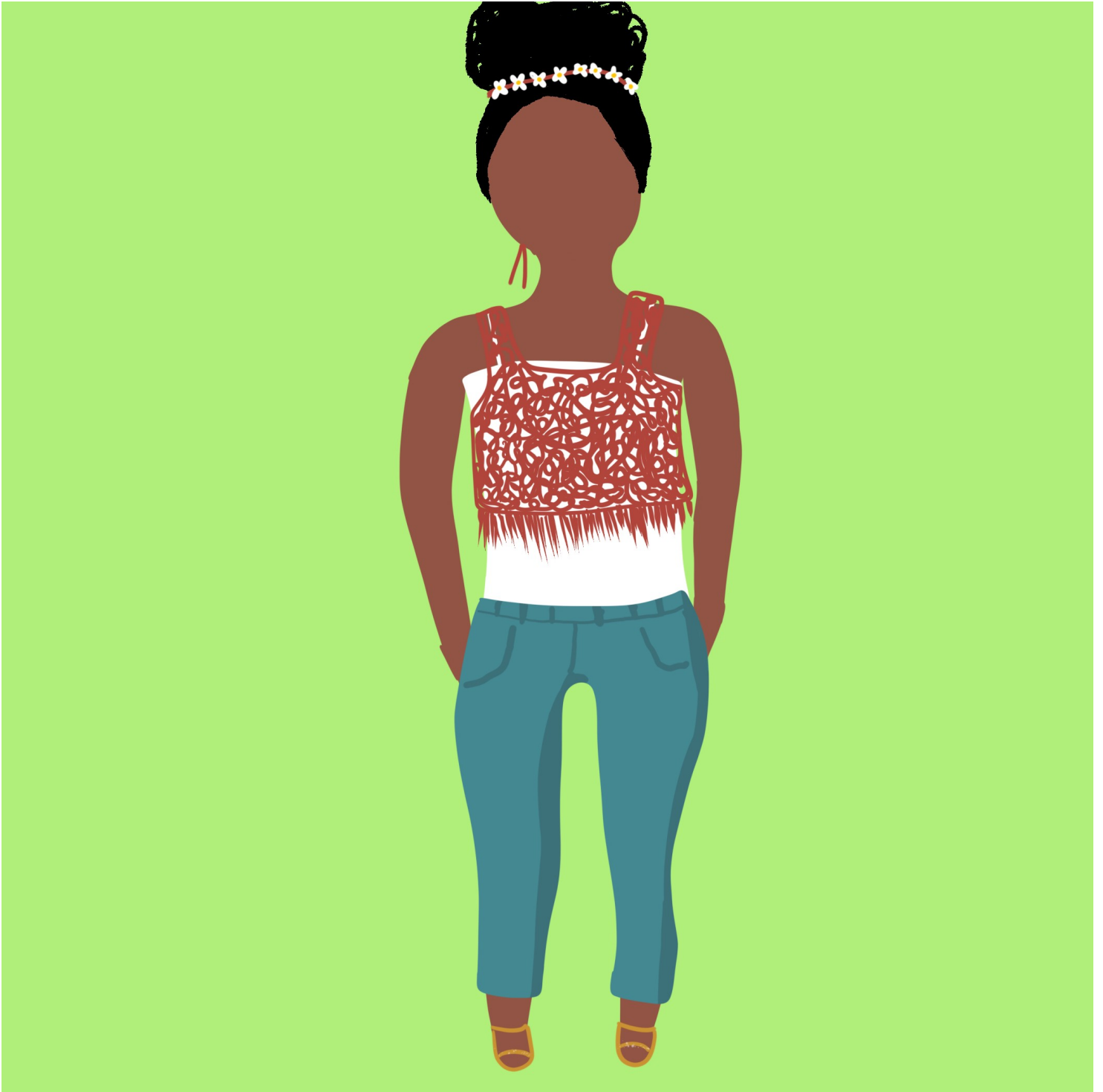
My family had put together a couple of games for us to play on Christmas Day. One of the games was unwrapping a big plastic wrap ball that had presents on the inside. there was an adult version of the game and a kids' version. I had to take part in the kids' version because I am under the age of drinking. Overall, it was a fun day, and we ate good food all opened our presents and had a great time. The rest of my vacation was amazing, but I was not feeling very well at the end.

USA

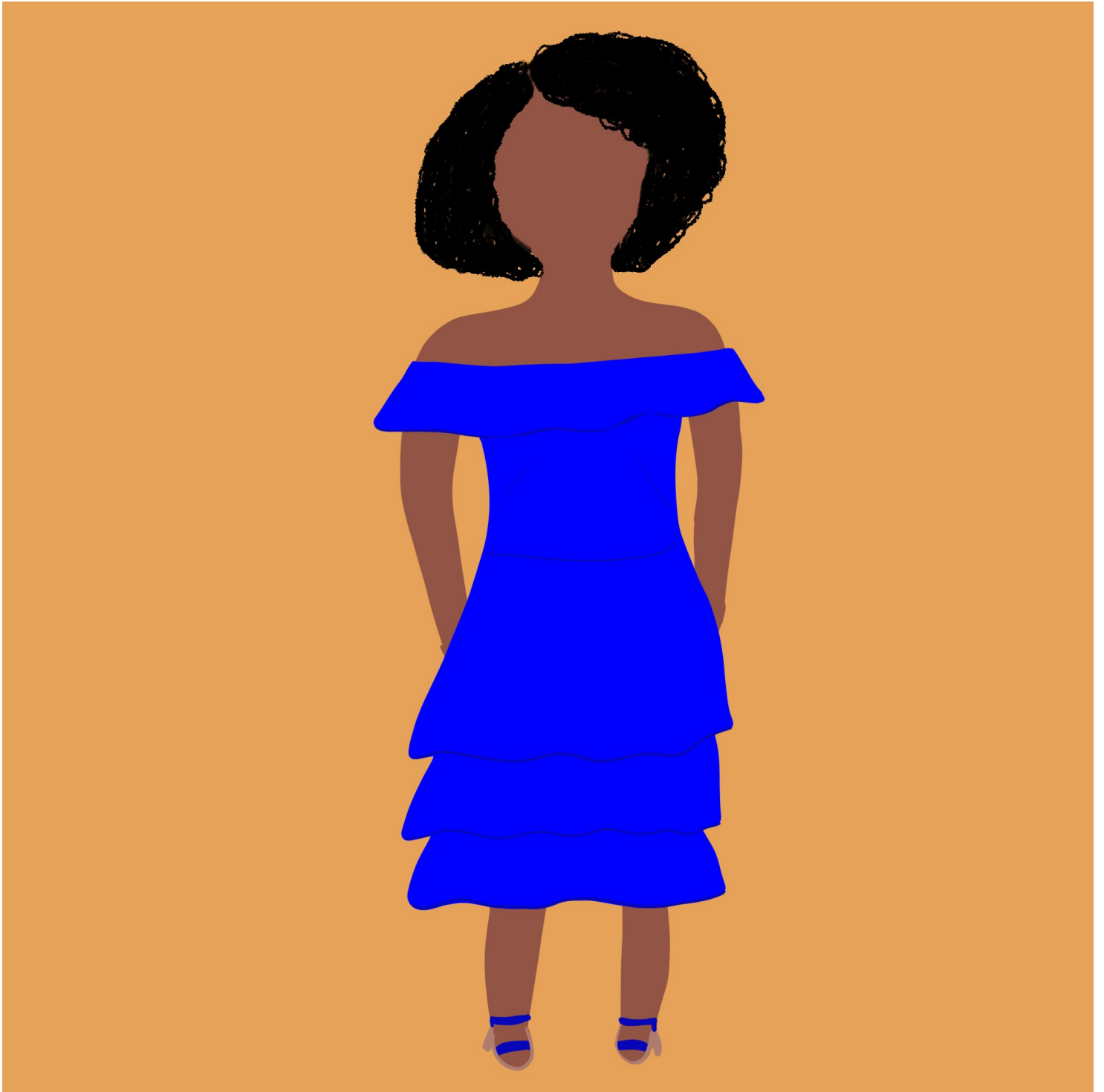


Ages 12 - now(20)

Sweet Sixteen



20th Birthday



In March 2020, almost everything in the United States and the rest of the world shut down due to the coronavirus. My 20th birthday was May 9th, 2020 meaning that I was stuck at home just like most people on my birthday. I know I am not the only person they had to spend their birthday indoors due to the virus, but I still wanted to celebrate even though it would be small and just with my family. I decided to make a dress for my 20th birthday using some fabric that I already had from before. Since I had a lot of time on my hand, I had no problem making my dress before my birthday. I sketched out what I wanted to make before, then I started to draft the pattern so that I could cut out the pieces for the dress. The dress was simple but a little bit time consuming which was not a problem. The fabric I used to make the dress was a blue stretchy Jersey fabric.

Since it was my 20th birthday, I wanted to celebrate not being a teenager anymore, so I decided to create my own dress take a photo shoot to signify that I am older. I spent most of my birthday making the dress, but it was worth it when it was time to celebrate in the night. I had a virtual birthday party so that my family and friends that could not be near me could celebrate with me. Since it was late and dark outside, I could not do the photoshoot on my birthday, but I ended up having to shoot the next day. On the day after my birthday I charged my camera so that my dad and I could go outside, and he could take photos of me with the big gold number 20 balloons. I re dressed myself the way I was on my birthday with the dress that I made. In addition to earn the same clothing I put on blue eye shadow over my islands along with mascara and clear lip gloss. I also borrowed my mom's blue heels that matched the color of my dress for the photo shoot. The dress was off the shoulder with ruffles and a three-layered skirt cut at different lengths.

My 20th birthday was special to me because it signified me no longer being a teenager and now being a true adult. Though many people are considered adults at the age of 18 I did not really feel I like an adult until I turn 20. The dress I made was also very simplistic which to me