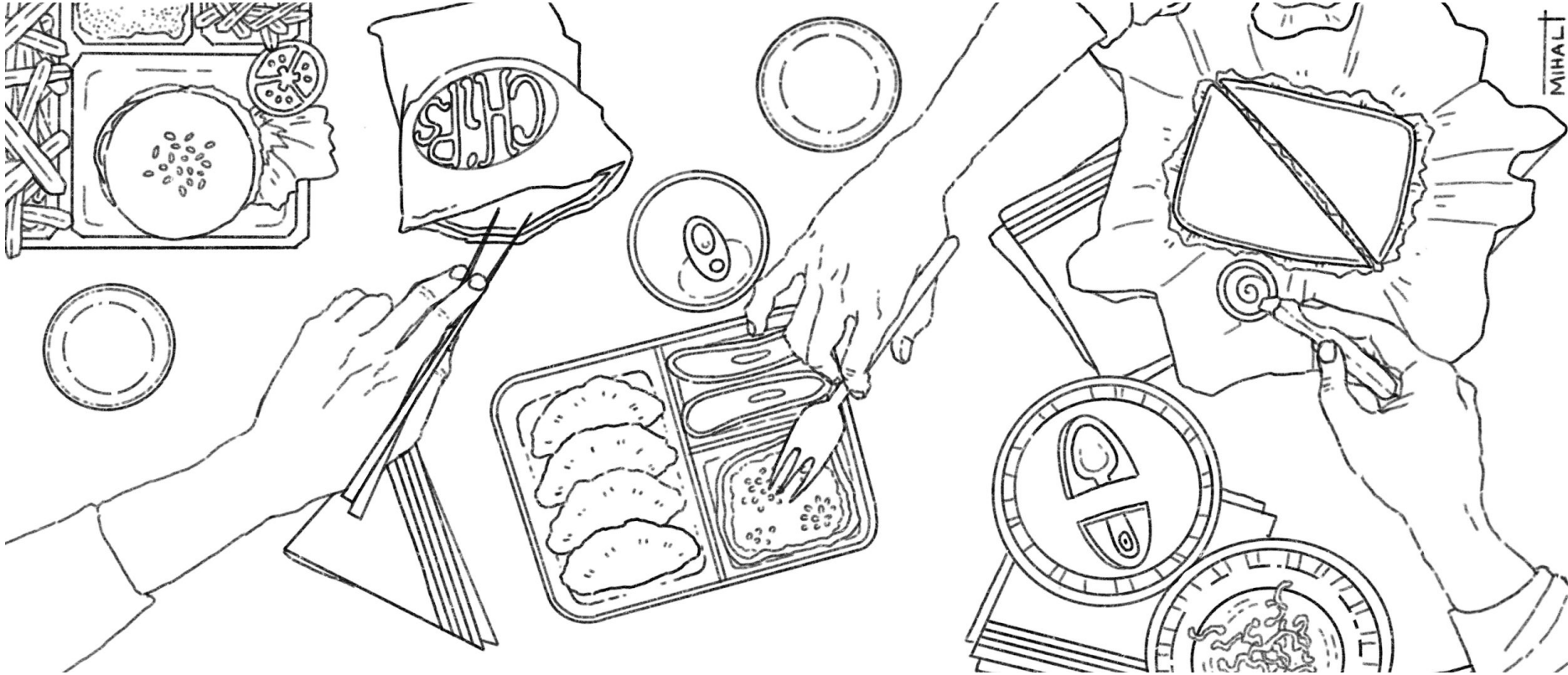


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"I focused more on the cultural difference that immigrant families face coming to America, because I know that I personally was embarrassed of the lunches packed for me well through middle school, and apparently almost all my friends with different backgrounds felt the same. Even now that bentos and thermoses are normalized a little more than they were in my elementary school, I still think that, for example, the widely enjoyed Asian food in America is generally very different from authentic food in different parts of actual Asia, and I think most first gen or immigrant kids have witnessed some kind of 'ew' reaction to their culture. So I guess this piece is more of a hopeful look for the future in which all cultures are accepted with kindness and curiosity."

Anything else we should know Ana?