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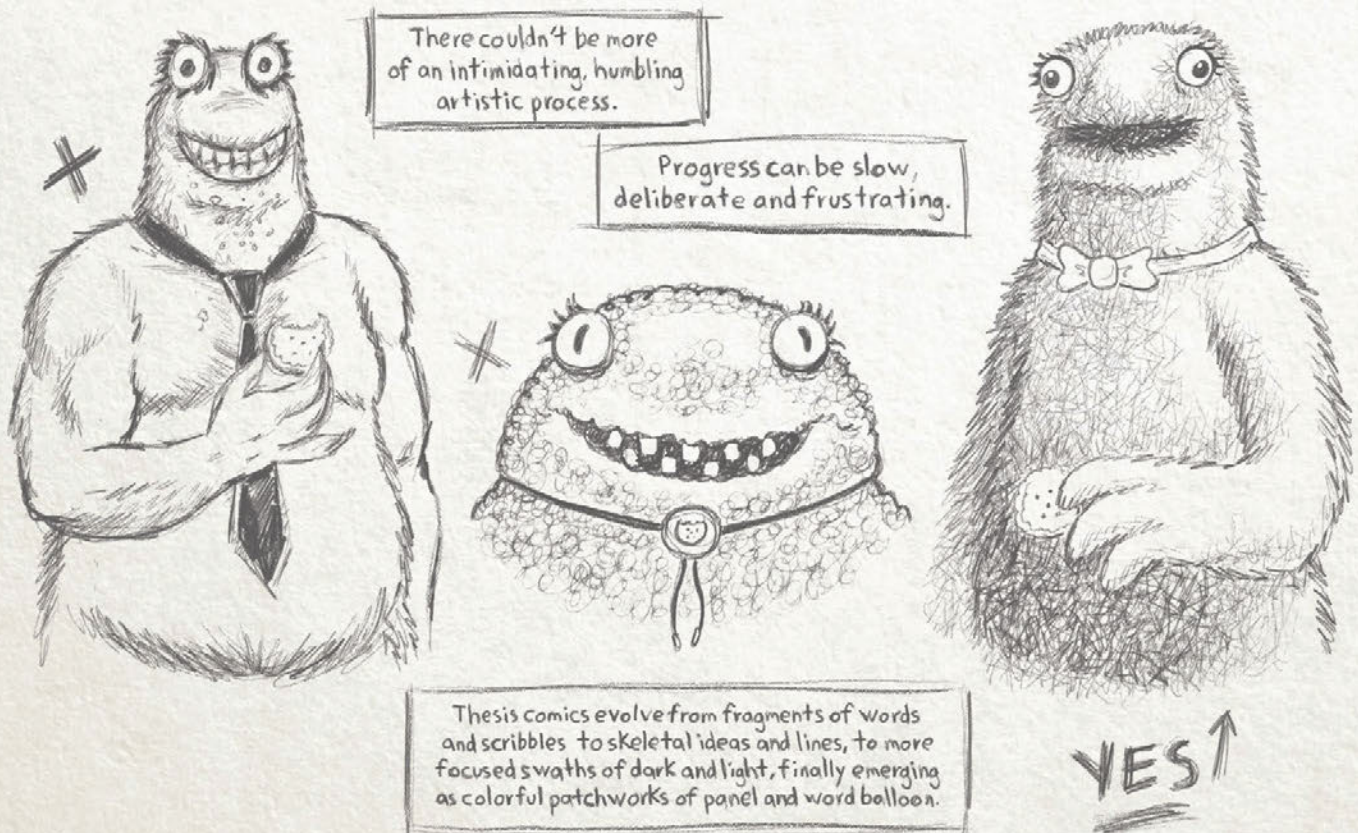
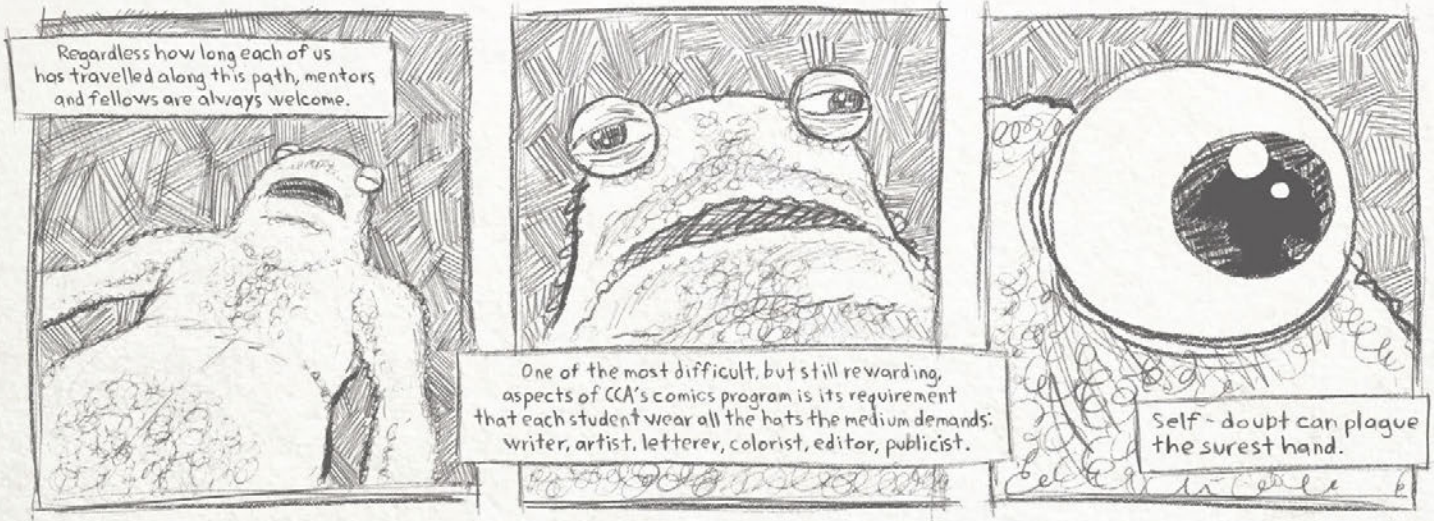
"MAGICAL PHASES of the BEAST"  
An Introduction by Ed Luce

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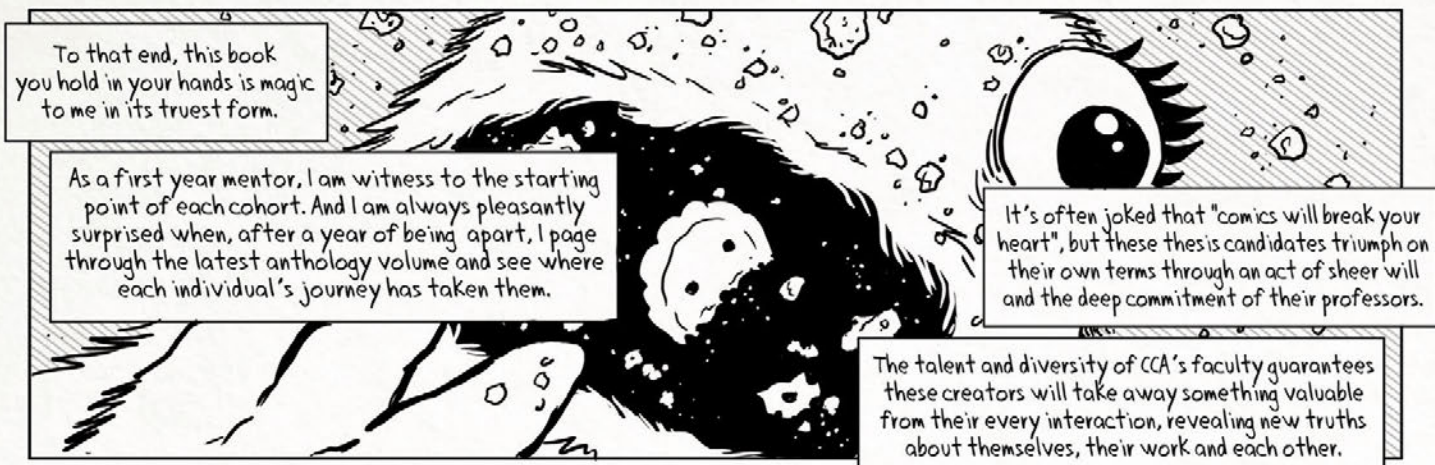
(Panel One - Full body shot of the Biscuit Beast (unofficial mascot for the graduating class of 2017, created by Leah Yael Levy) floating motionless in a cinematic widescreen void, eyes closed. The benevolent doppelganger of a familiar beloved puppet, he is but a figment of the creator's imagination, waiting to take form...)

DISEMBODIED NARRATOR:

Comics are magic. They are a wondrous alchemy of words and pictures, made transcendent through our intention, experience and skill. They echo a long history of our own personal interactions with the medium, as creators from decades past whisper secrets ...spells, if you will...into our conscious and unconscious minds. What we conjure from the chaos is an essence of ourselves that couldn't possibly spring forth in any other medium. The pen and the brush are our wands. Comic creators are sorcerers.







On behalf of Jessica Abel, Thi Bui, Nidhi Chanani, Nicole Georges, Melanie Gillman, Justin Hall, John Jennings, Chris Koehler, Allen Passelaqua, Joyce Rice, GB Tran and the head of the program Matt Silady, congrats to the CCA Comics MFA Class of 2017! We hope you enjoy the comics that follow... XO Ed Luce



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ELI  
CM CA  
LAURE  
GARRRETT  
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# THE FIRST WITCH

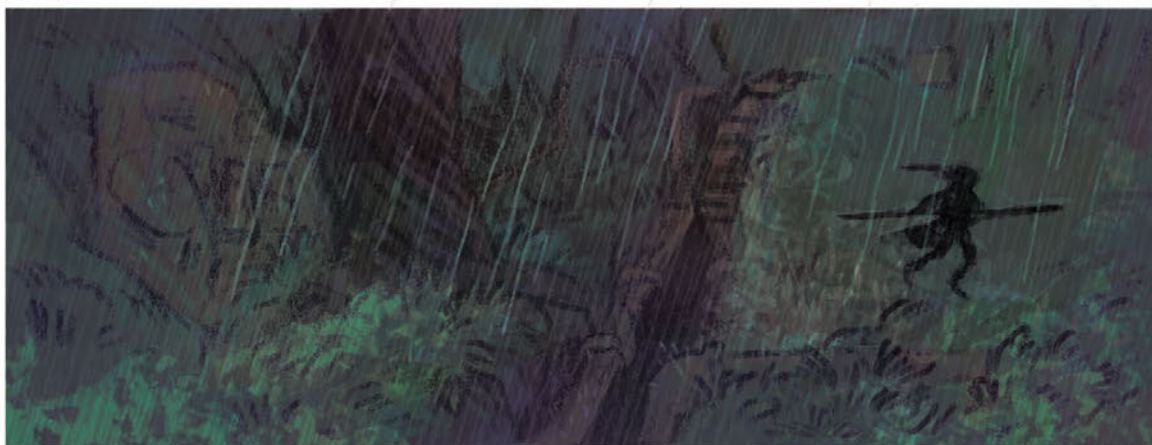
TRIS BAIN







"Long ago... the invisible barrier  
between our worlds sprang a leak."





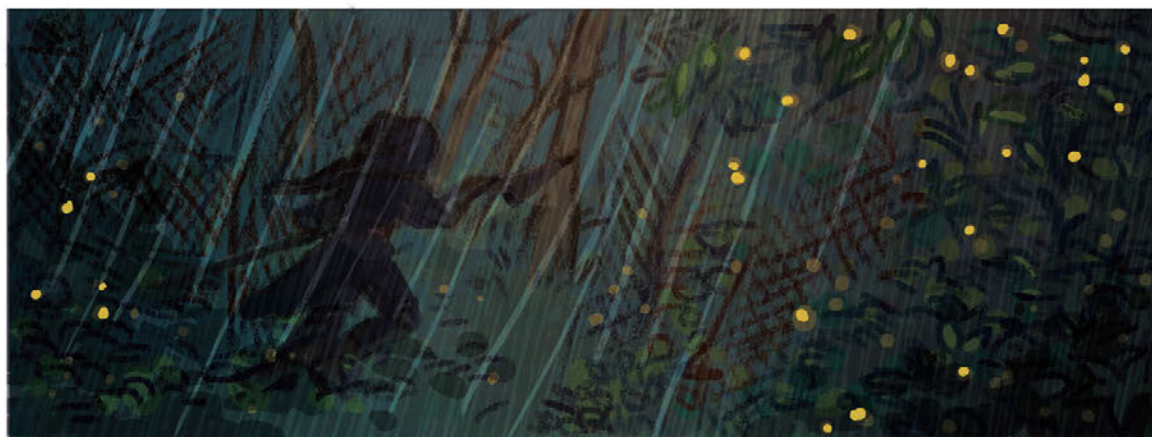
"In a massive wave...  
...the realms crashed together."



Oh my-  
Ahhhhhh!



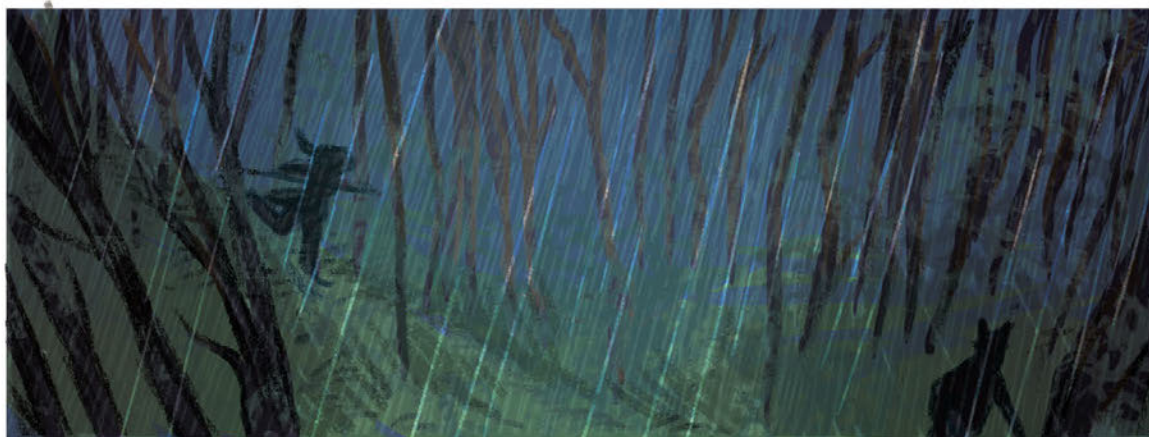












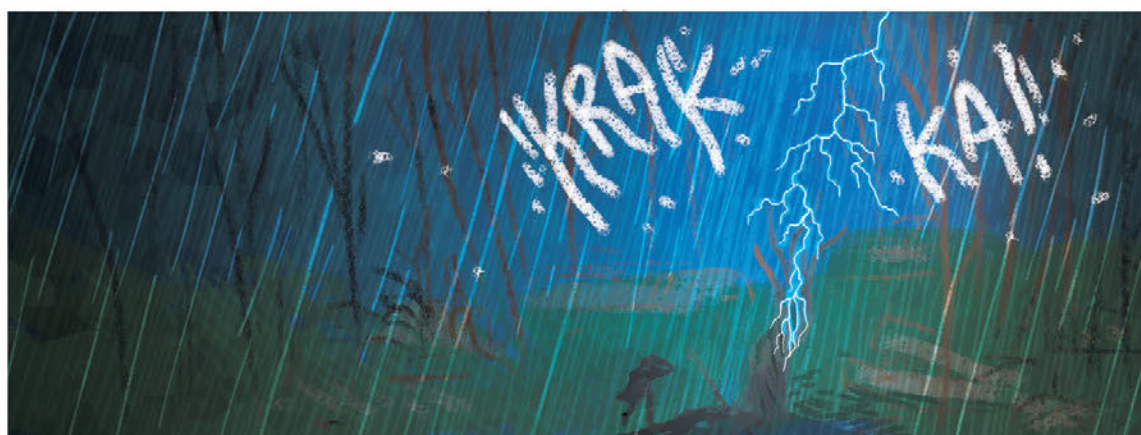




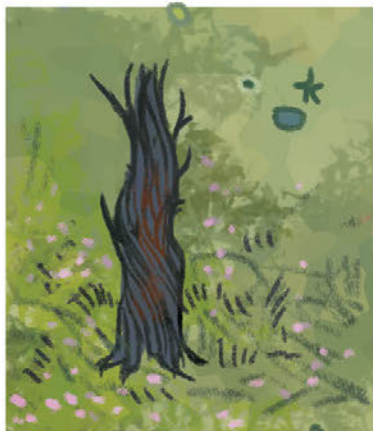
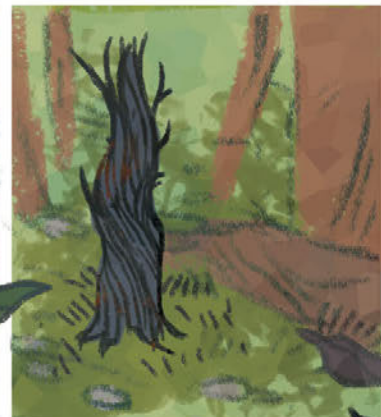












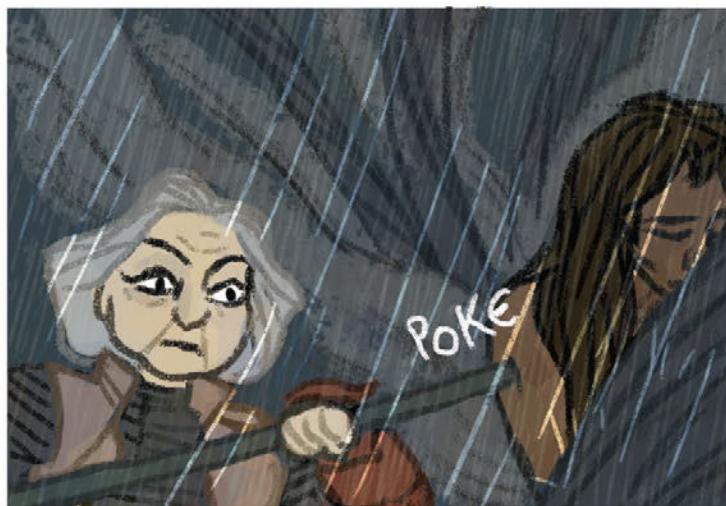
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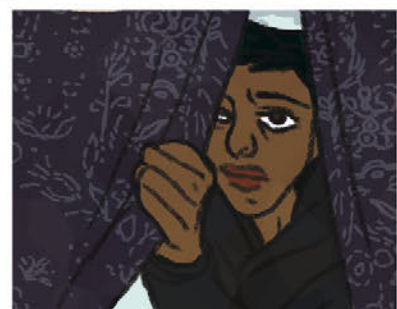








NEARLY SEVENTEEN YEARS LATER









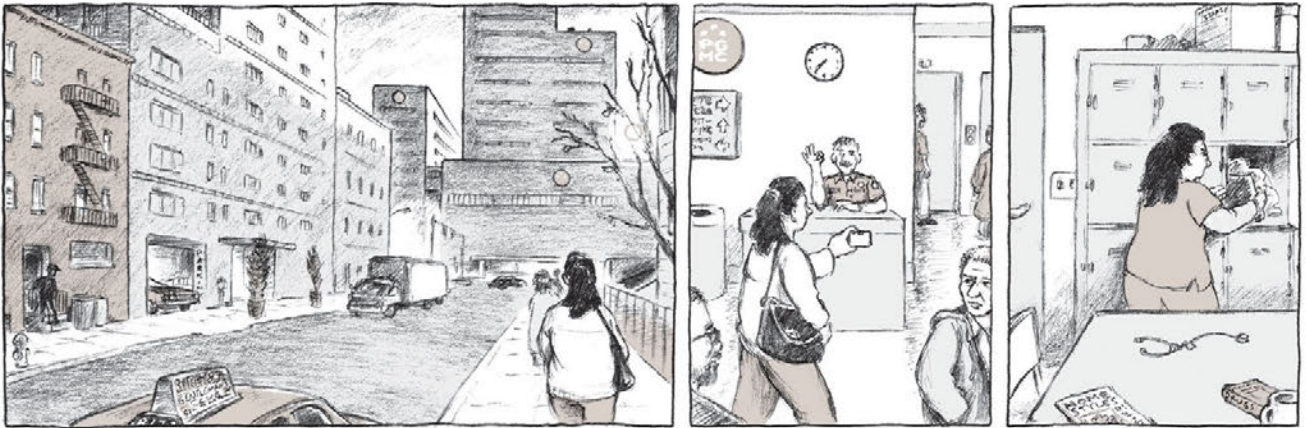
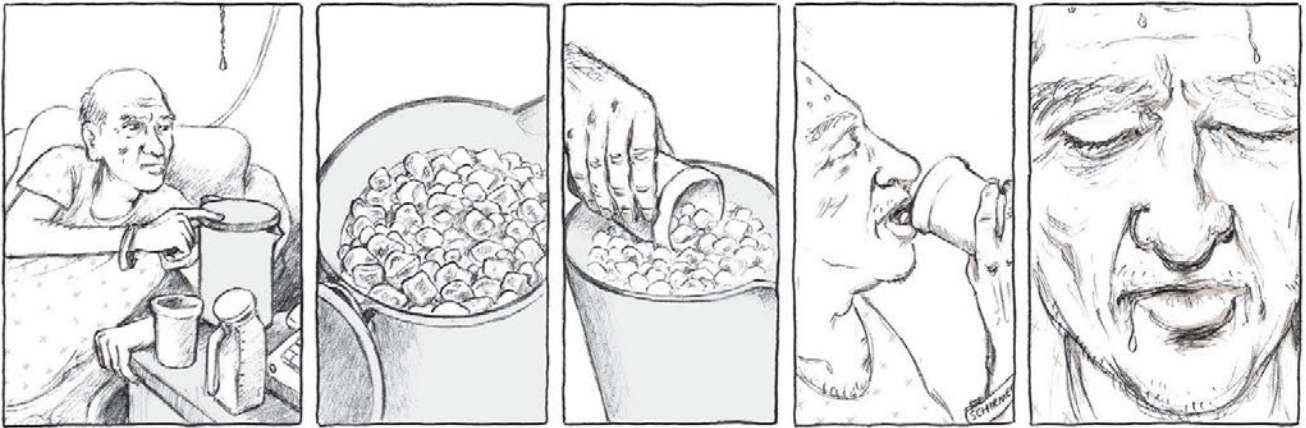
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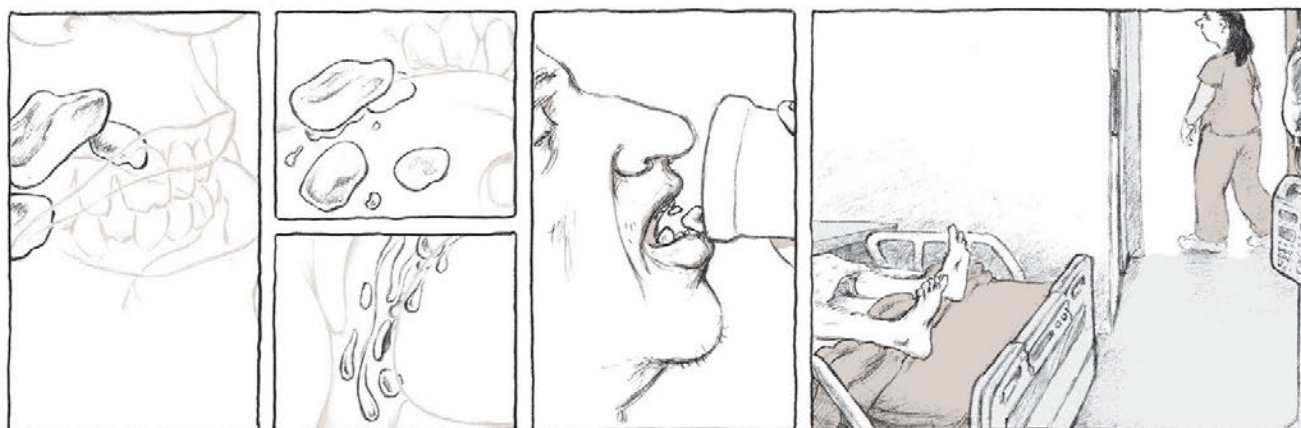
ELI BISHOP



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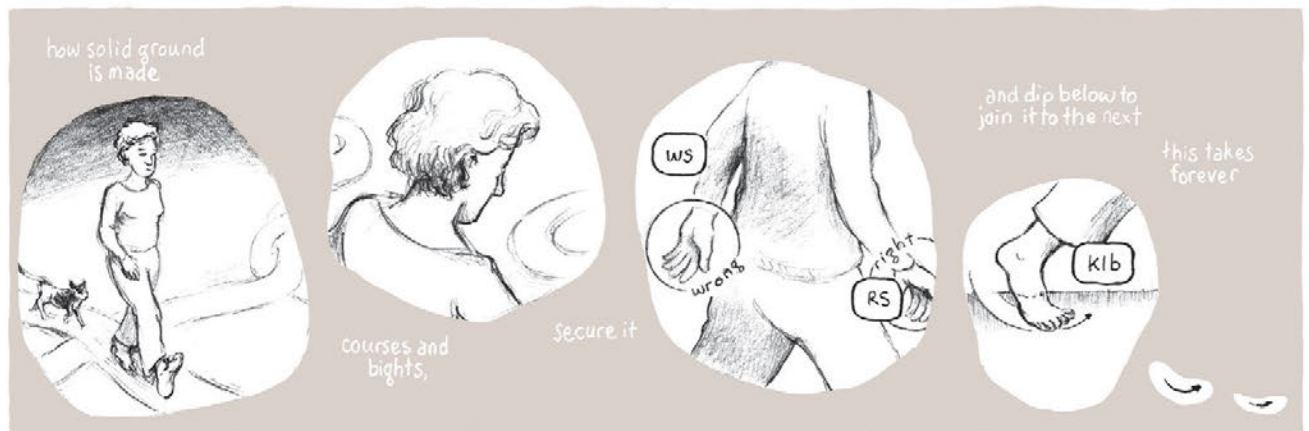
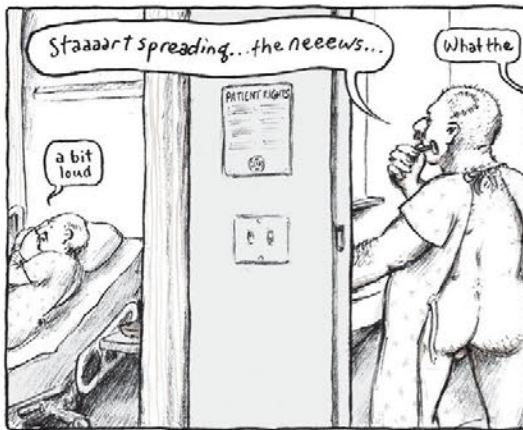
the cat showed up



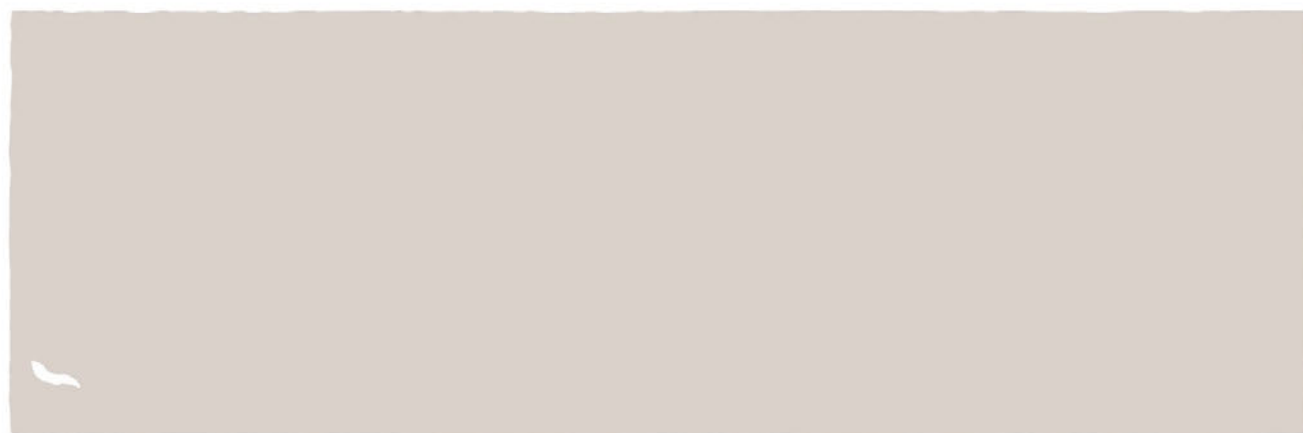
It'll be rain up above.  
I'm not there.





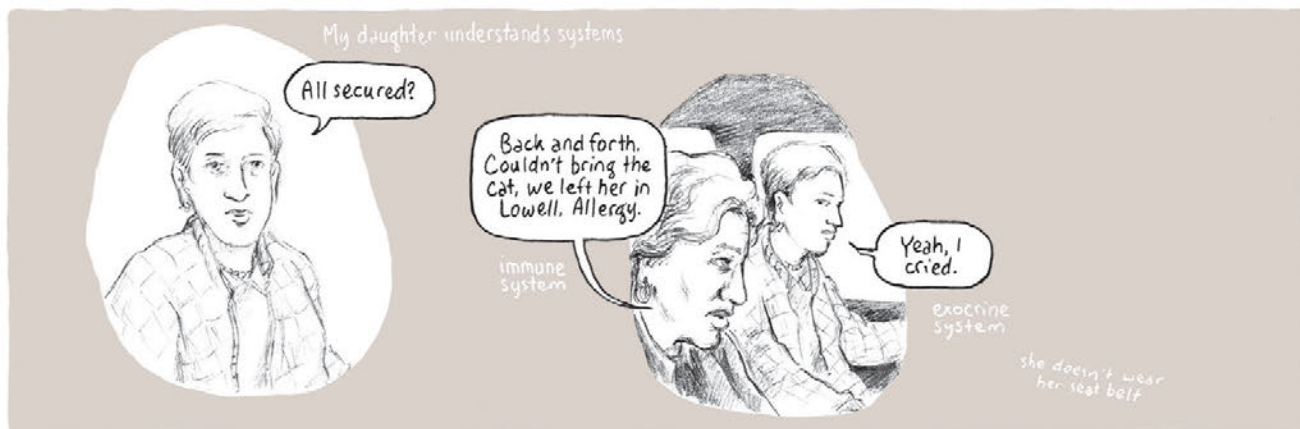




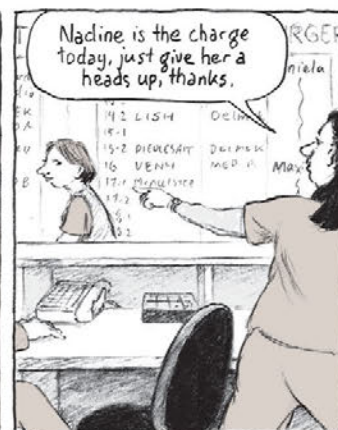




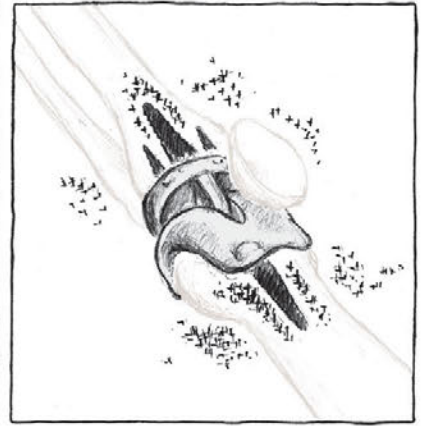
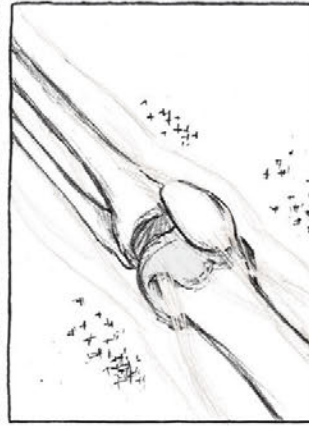












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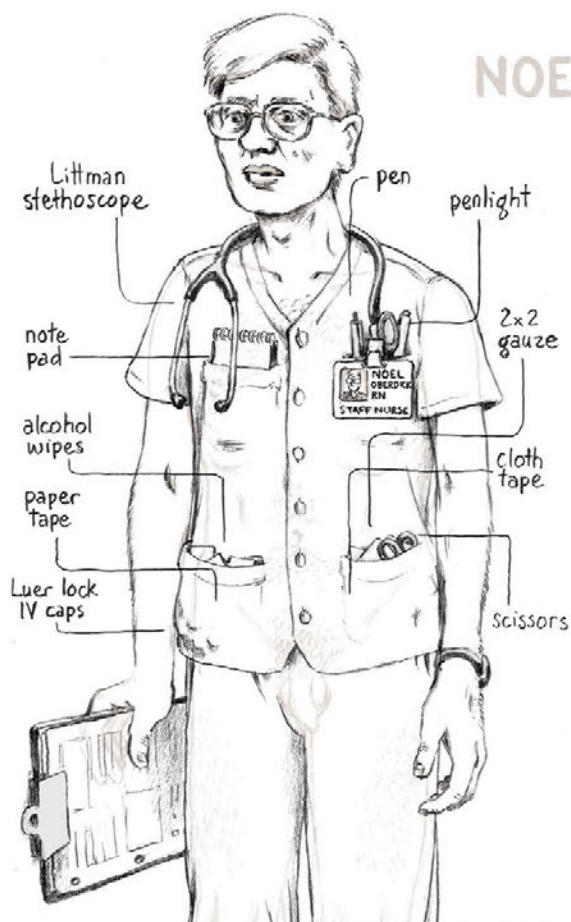




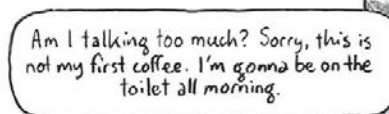


# NOEL

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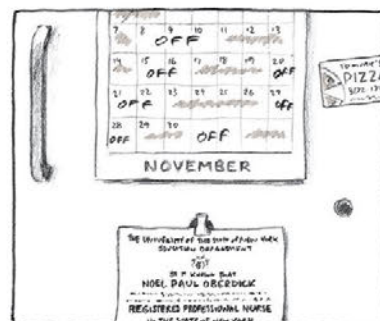




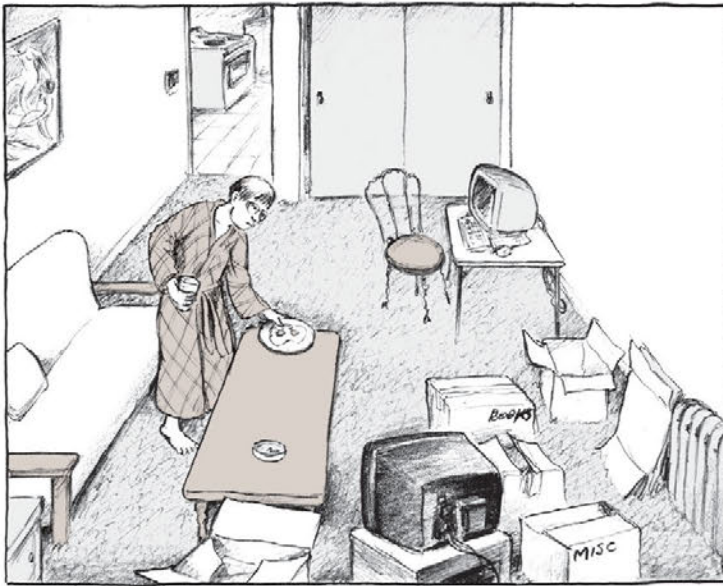




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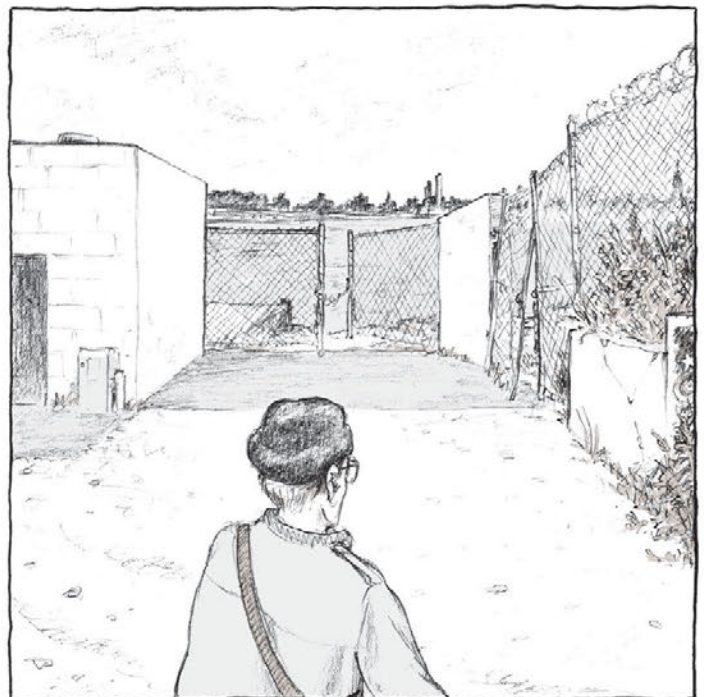
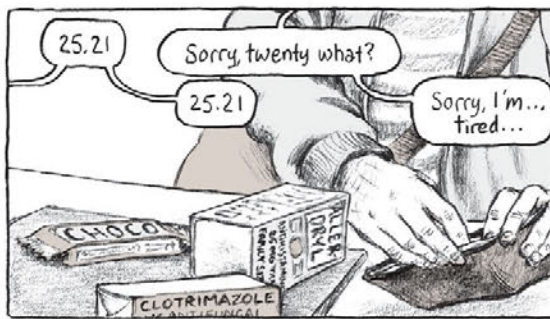
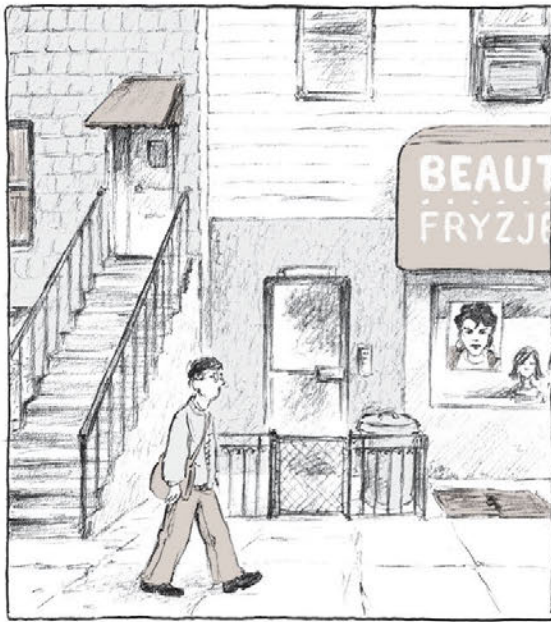




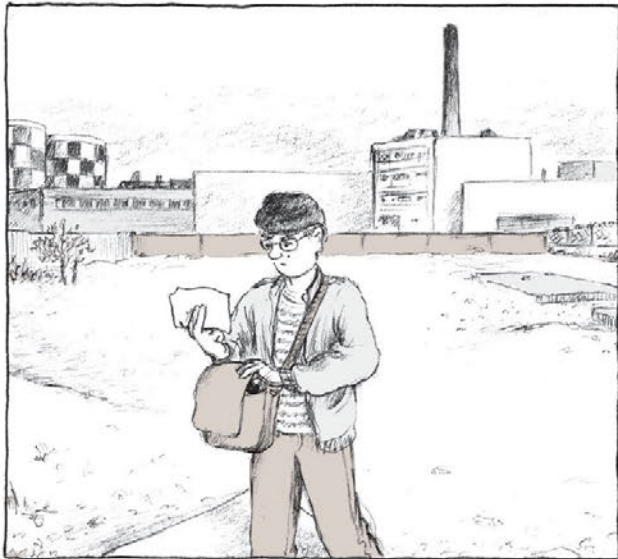




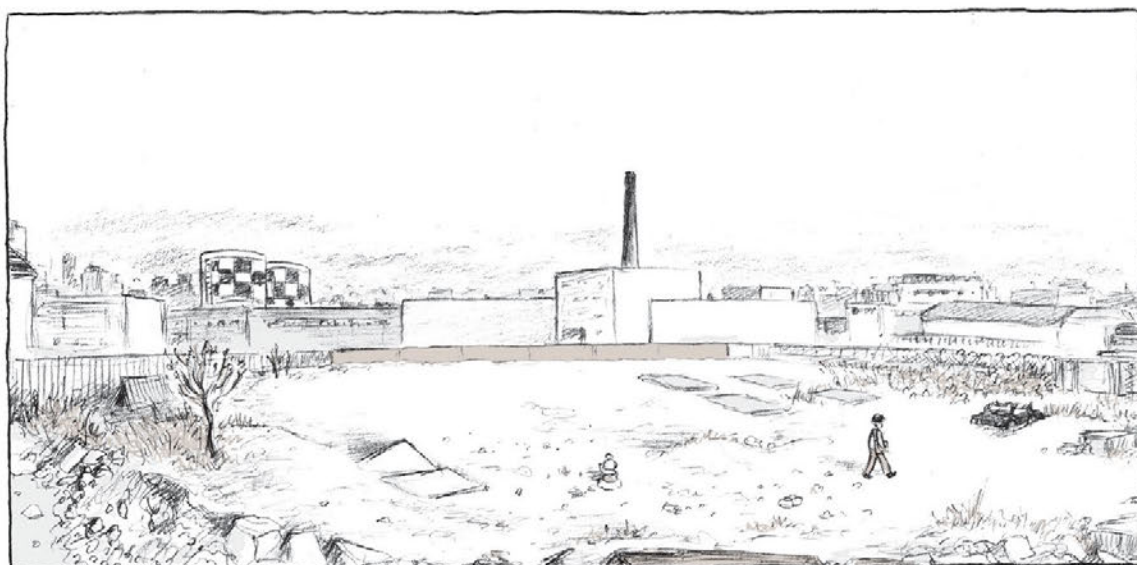
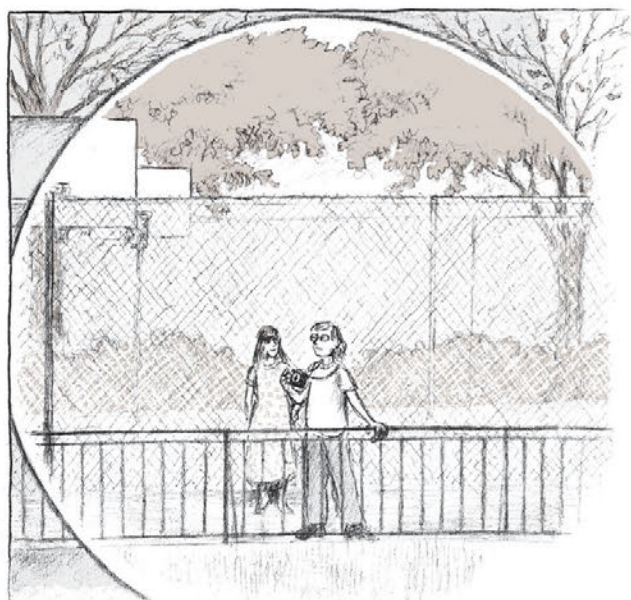














# CHILDREN IN HEATH



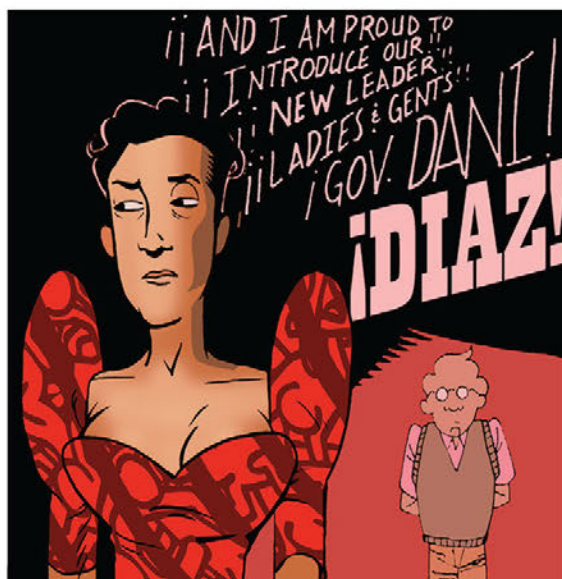
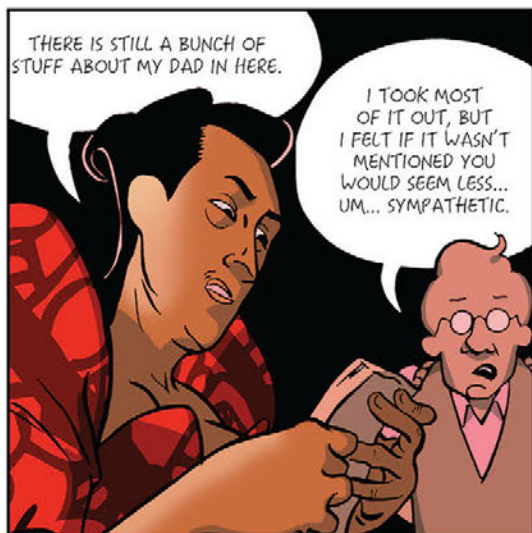
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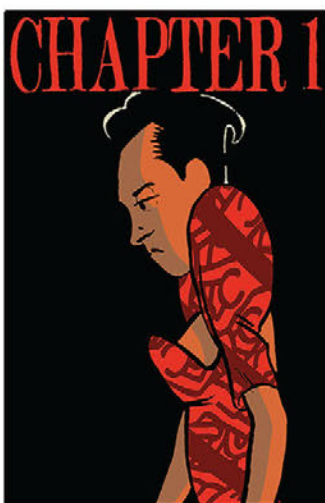








## CHAPTER 1



# FLESH DRIED TO FILTER





Whether or not this is fair isn't in question.  
It's about perspective.

No matter if I'm a murderer,  
a thief or some nerd off the curb,  
I'm still a policeman.

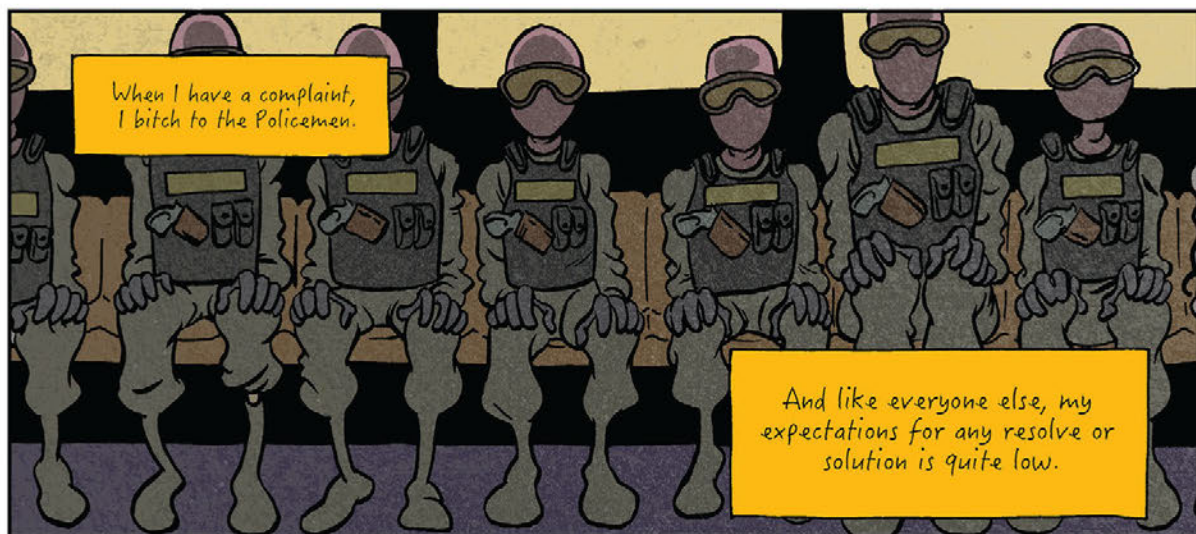
We all are  
and are referred to as such.



WELCOME TO THE CITY OF HEATH.  
YOUR LIAISON WILL BE WAITING FOR  
YOU OUTSIDE THE TRAIN ENTRANCE.

In many ways,  
I'm like everyone else.

YOU WILL BE RELEASED IN AN ORDERLY  
FASHION, FROM THE FRONT OF THE CAR  
TO THE BACK OF THE CAR. THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR SERVICE. HAVE A NICE DAY.



When I have a complaint,  
I bitch to the Policemen.

And like everyone else, my  
expectations for any resolve or  
solution is quite low.

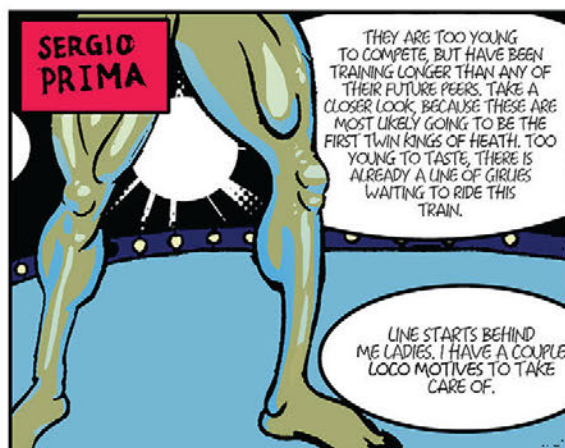
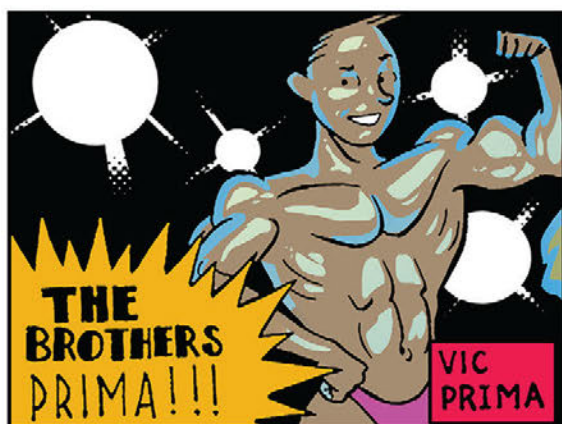




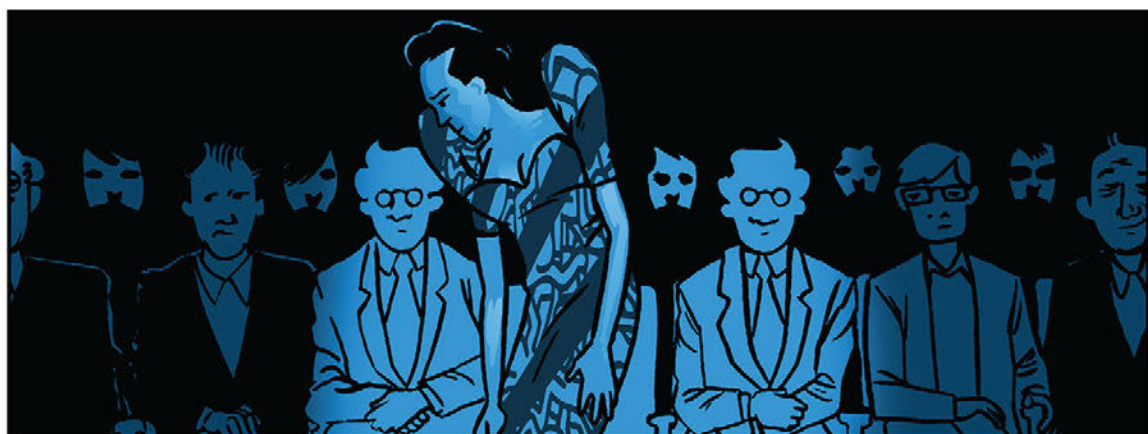


















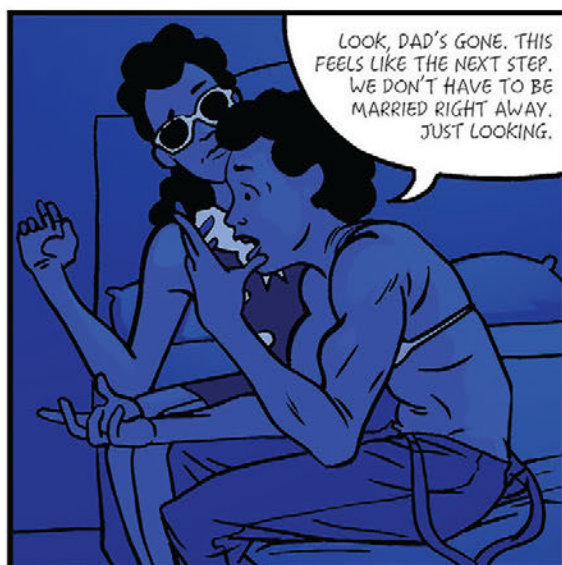






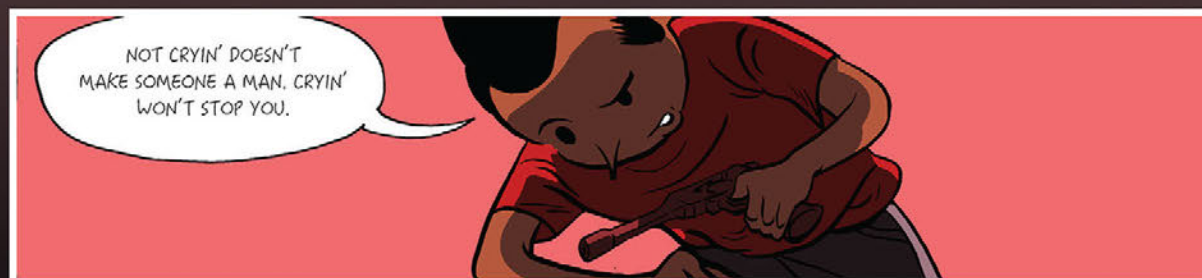






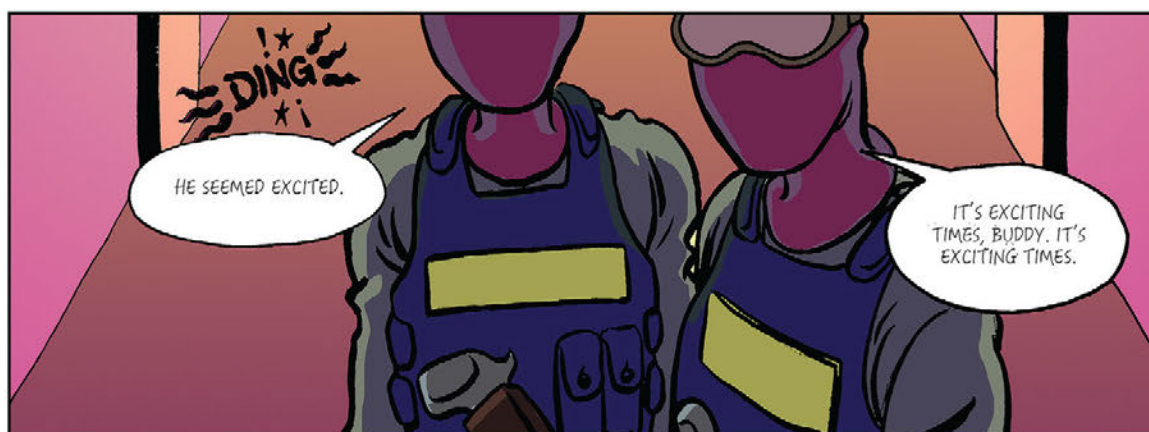




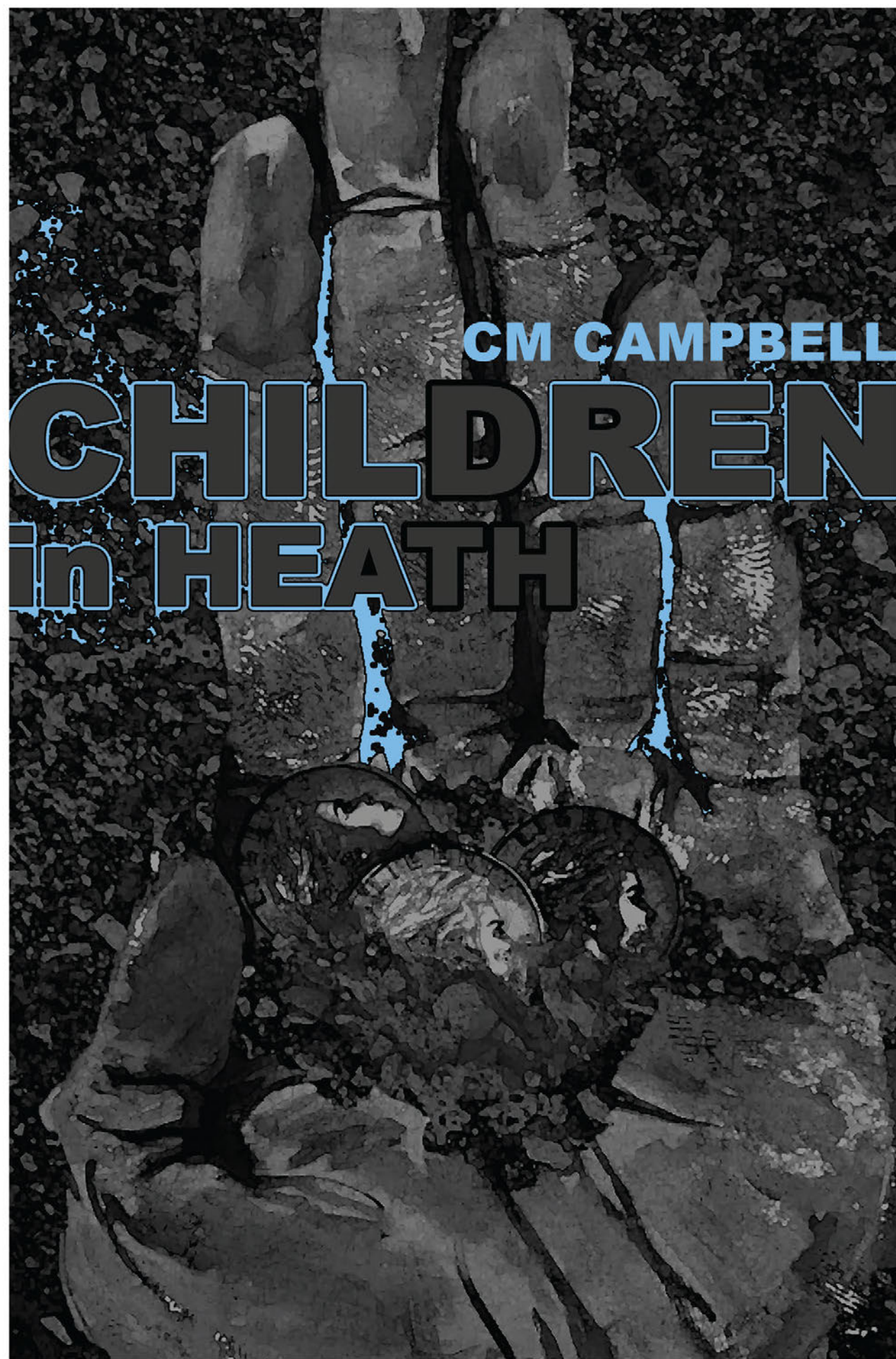












# MEET YOUR SUPREME COURT JUSTICES





LAUREN DAVIS







BY LAUREN DAVIS

# JOHN ROBERTS

"THE CHIEF"

AFTER THE DEATH OF WILLIAM REHNQUIST, GEORGE W. BUSH APPOINTED JOHN ROBERTS CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT.

EVEN IF YOU DON'T AGREE WITH HIS CONSERVATIVE PRINCIPLES, THERE'S A LOT TO ADMIRE ABOUT ROBERTS' VIEW OF THE COURT.

FOR EXAMPLE, HE FEELS THAT THE SENATE CONFIRMATION OF SUPREME COURT NOMINEES GETS TOO BOGGED DOWN IN POLITICS.

HE ALSO WORRIES THAT THE COURT FUNCTIONS TOO MUCH AS INDIVIDUALS AND NOT AS A COHESIVE GROUP. HIS GOAL IS TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS AMONG THE JUSTICES, GIVING THE COURT A CLEAR AND UNITED VOICE...

JUSTICES, WE MUST JOIN TO FORM:

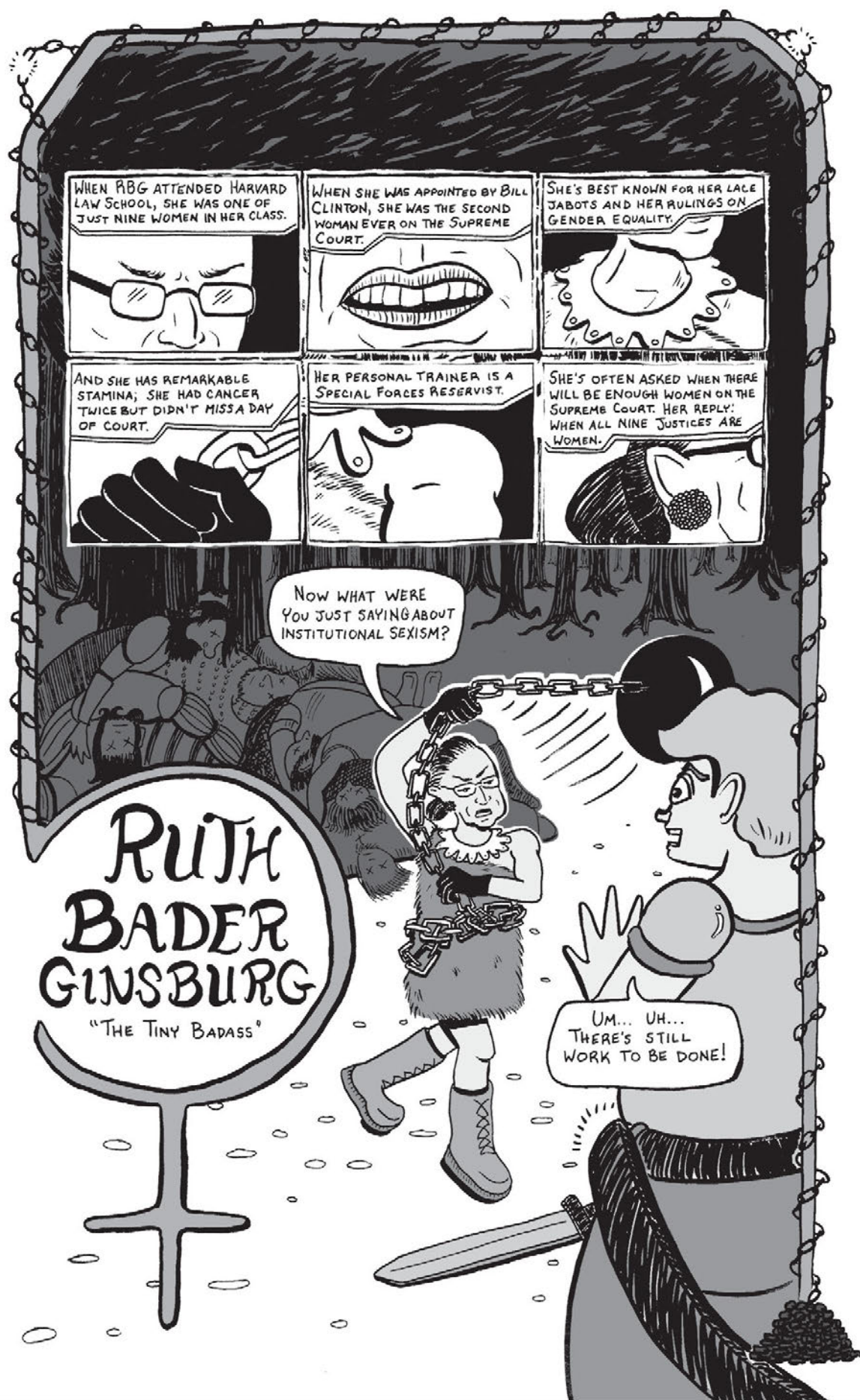
## SCOTRON!

UM,  
GUYS?

GUYS

IT DOESN'T ALWAYS  
WORK OUT.





CLARENCE "THE QUIET ONE" THOMAS WAS NOMINATED BY GEORGE H.W. BUSH.



BUT HIS CONFIRMATION WAS MARKED BY SCANDAL AFTER HE WAS ACCUSED OF SEXUALLY HARASSING HIS FORMER COLLEAGUE ANITA HILL.



HE WAS CONFIRMED, BUT BY THE NARROWEST MARGIN IN 100 YEARS.



TODAY, HE'S KNOWN AS THE COURT'S MOST CONSERVATIVE MEMBER.



AND ITS MOST TIGHT-LIPPED.



HE WENT 10 YEARS WITHOUT ASKING A SINGLE QUESTION IN COURT.



BUT WHY WOULD HE NEED TO ASK QUESTIONS WHEN HIS BELIEFS ARE SO IMMALLEABLE AND HIS OPINIONS SO PREDICTABLE?



HE OPPOSES CIVIL RIGHTS, DEFENDS CORPORATE INTERESTS, AND SUPPORTS BROAD EXECUTIVE POWERS.



NEITHER OF THE CHIEF JUSTICES HE'S SERVED UNDER HAS TRUSTED HIM TO WRITE A LANDMARK MAJORITY OPINION.



AND LOOK, I CAN'T PRETEND I'M IMPARTIAL HERE...



...AND THE SUPREME COURT HAS HAD MANY THOUGHTFUL AND INTELLIGENT CONSERVATIVE JUSTICES...



...BUT CLARENCE THOMAS KIND OF SUCKS.





# Sonia Sotomayor

APPOINTED BY BARACK OBAMA

FIRST  
YALE L  
ASSIST  
PUERT  
STATE

## THE GREAT DISSENTER

EVEN WITH FEW LANDMARK MAJORITY OPINIONS UNDER HER BELT, JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR MAKES HER VOICE HEARD.

Dissenting from the majority ruling in *Utah v. Strieff*, which held that police could use evidence found after an illegal stop, Sotomayor wrote, "It implies that you are not the citizen of a democracy, but the subject of a carceral state, just waiting to be cataloged."



### OUTLAW AFFIRMATIVE ACTION?

When the Supreme Court ruled that Michigan's law banning Affirmative Action in certain cases was constitutional, Sotomayor dissented: "Race matters because of the slights, the snickers, the silent judgments that reinforce the most crippling of thoughts: 'I do not belong here.'"

### WHO PROTECTS US FROM POLICE FORCE?

In *Mullenix v. Luna*, the majority found that a police officer who shot a suspect was entitled to qualified immunity. Sotomayor disagreed, writing, "By sanctioning a 'shoot first, think later' approach to policing, the Court renders the protections of the Fourth Amendment hollow."

Her advice to Sesame Street: "Pretending to be a princess is fun, but it is definitely not a career."



# ANTHONY KENNEDY

"THE SWINGER"

ALTHOUGH HE WAS APPOINTED BY CONSERVATIVE PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN, KENNEDY IS VIEWED AS THE COURT'S SWING VOTER, SIDING WITH HIS MORE LIBERAL COLLEAGUES ON CERTAIN ISSUES.

FOR EXAMPLE, HE'S LONG SUPPORTED GAY RIGHTS, PENNING THE MAJORITY OPINIONS IN:



LAWRENCE V. TEXAS

UNITED STATES V. WINDSOR

OBBERGEFELL V. HODGES

ON THE OTHER HAND...

HE AUTHORED THE CONTROVERSIAL OPINION IN CITIZENS UNITED V. FEC...

IN WHICH THE COURT RULED THAT A CORPORATION'S POLITICAL SPENDING IS PROTECTED AS FREE SPEECH.





# ELENA KAGAN

*"The Nerd"*

## The Nerd is Appointed by Barack Obama



## The Nerd vs. The Gun Lobby



## The Nerd Learns to Hunt



## The Nerd vs. The Question



## The Nerd's Greatest Legacy







# Samuel Alito

the\_rude\_one

Appointed by George W. Bush

3,127 SIDE EYES

MAJORSONIA: DID YOU SERIOUSLY ROLL YOUR EYES DURING MY OPINION?

THE\_RUDE\_ONE: YOU MADE A JOKE ABOUT "PREEMPTION," SONIA. WHAT WAS I SUPPOSED TO DO? #SUPREMECHEESE

MAJORSONIA: NEXT TIME YOU DO THAT, I'LL PREEMPT YOUR FUTURE FERTILITY.

SCOTRON\_CHIEF: @MAJORSONIA THE COURT WILL NOT TOLERATE TALK OF CASTRATING COLLEAGUES. #ROBERTSRULES

MAJORSONIA: @SCOTRON\_CHIEF I WAS THINKING MORE A SOLID KICK TO THE NADS.

THE\_RUDE\_ONE: @MAJORSONIA YOU CAN'T SEE THIS, BUT I'M ROLLING MY EYES RIGHT NOW. #HOWDOYOUMAKEGIFS

1,734 SIDE EYES

RBG: THAT WAS DURING MY DISSSENT ON FISHER V. UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS! YOU THINK SEXUAL HARASSMENT IS FUNNY?

THE\_RUDE\_ONE: YOU GOING TO TELL MY MOM?

RBG: WHY WOULD I DO THAT WHEN SCALIA AND KAGAN ARE SO MUCH MORE INTIMIDATING? #HUNTERS

THE\_RUDE\_ONE: SAY WHAT YOU WILL ABOUT MY EYEBALLS, AT LEAST THEY FIGHT THEIR OWN BATTLES. #EYESGOWPOW

9,821 SIDE EYES

SCOTRON\_CHIEF: WAS THIS DURING THE STATE OF THE UNION? DID YOU ROLL YOUR EYES AT OBAMA?

THE\_RUDE\_ONE: DID YOU HEAR WHAT HE SAID ABOUT THE CITIZENS UNITED DECISION? #NOTHANKSOBAMA

SCOTRON\_CHIEF: IF YOU NEED A REFRESHER ON DECORUM, YOU CAN GO BACK TO SERVING THE OTHER JUSTICES COFFEE. #CREAMNOSUGAR

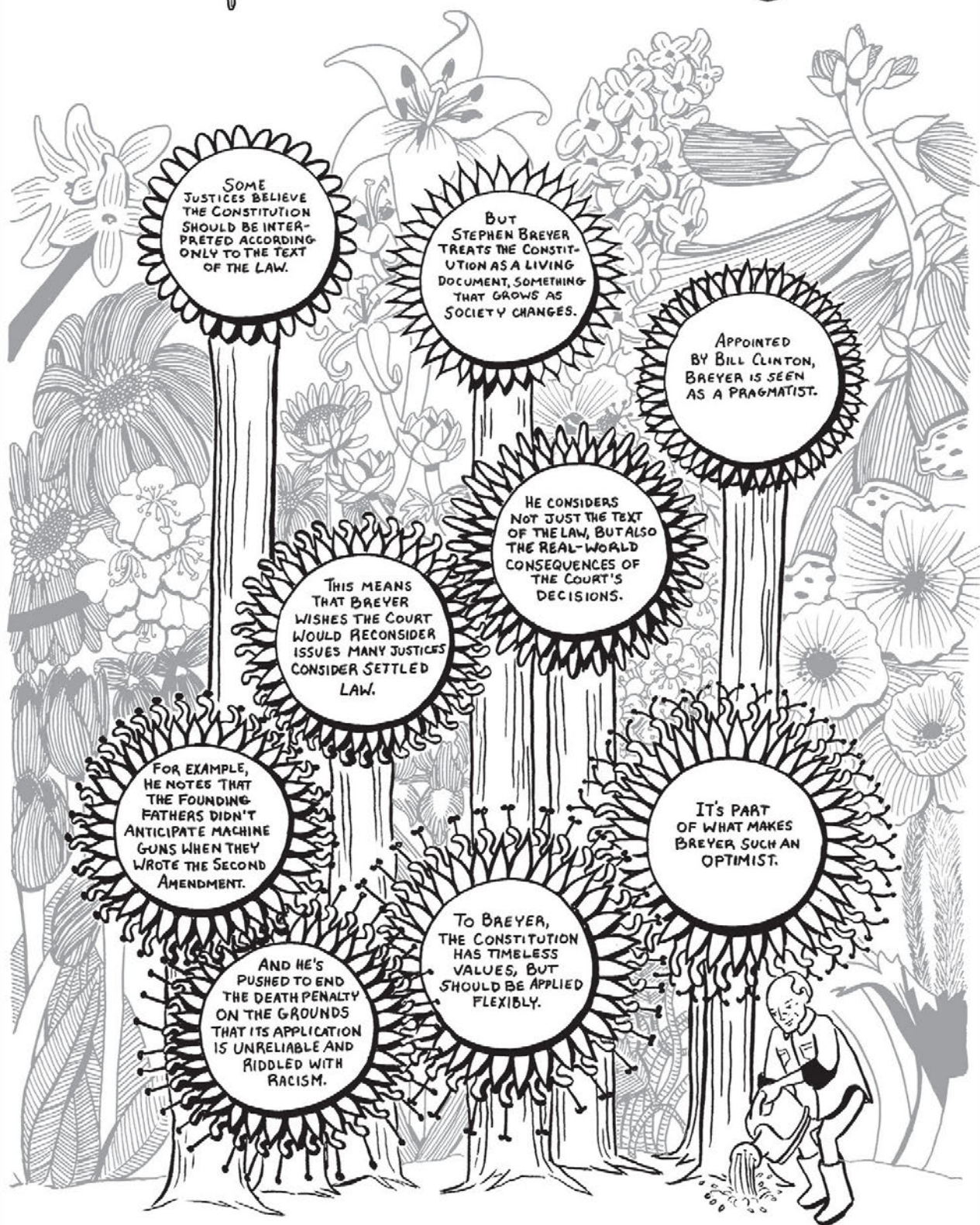
THE\_RUDE\_ONE: ...I WILL TRY TO CONTROL MY EYEBALLS.

SCOTRON\_CHIEF: THANK YOU.

THE\_RUDE\_ONE: 😐



# Stephen "It's alive!" Breyer



AS MUCH AS CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS SEEKS CONSENSUS, THE COURT IS MADE UP OF INDIVIDUALS (ROBERTS INCLUDED).

AND, RIGHT NOW, THERE'S A VACANCY ON THE COURT, WHICH MEANS A NEW JUSTICE WILL SHAPE ITS DECISIONS.

NOT JUST WITH THEIR POLITICAL BELIEFS

BUT ALSO THEIR PHILOSOPHY OF THE CONSTITUTION.

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THEIR GENDER, THEIR BACKGROUND, IT WILL ALL IMPACT US LAW.

POSSIBLY FOR GENERATIONS.

AND THE QUESTION ISN'T JUST, "WHO WILL THE NEXT JUSTICE BE?"

BUT ALSO:

"WHO WILL THEY BECOME WHEN THEY PUT ON THAT ROBE?"

THAT'S TERRIFYING!



THAT'S THE SUPREME COURT!





# SPEED OF LIGHT

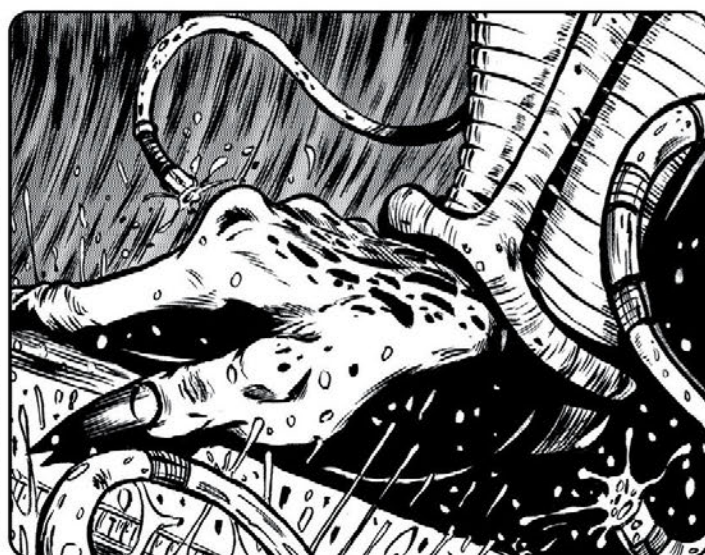
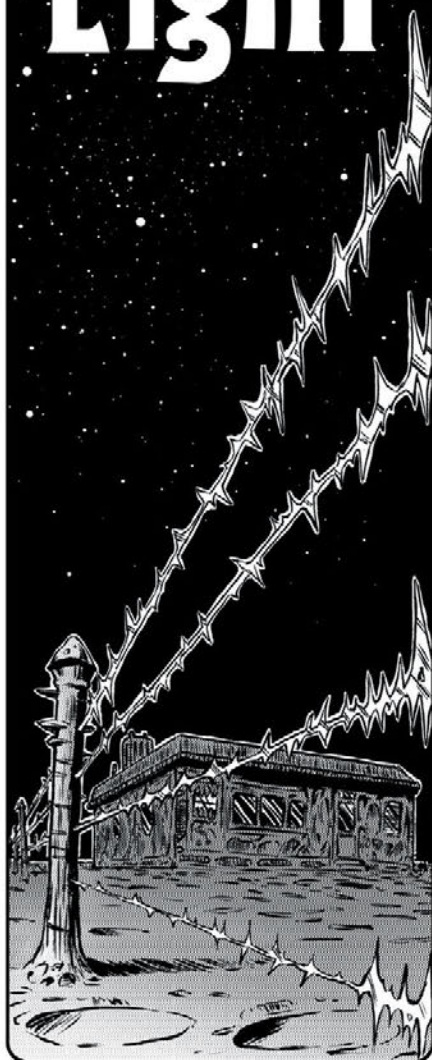


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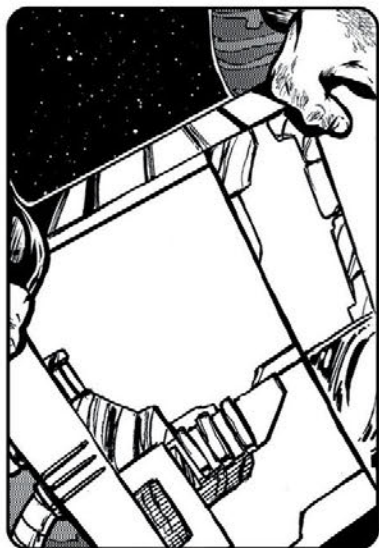
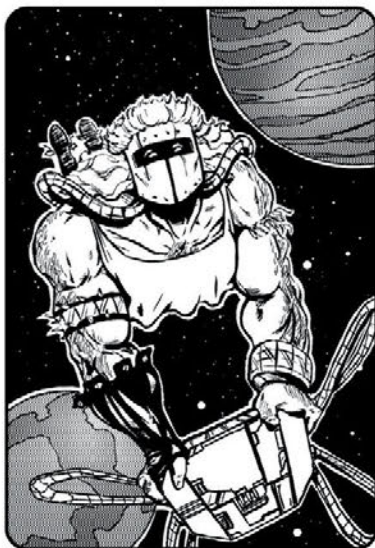
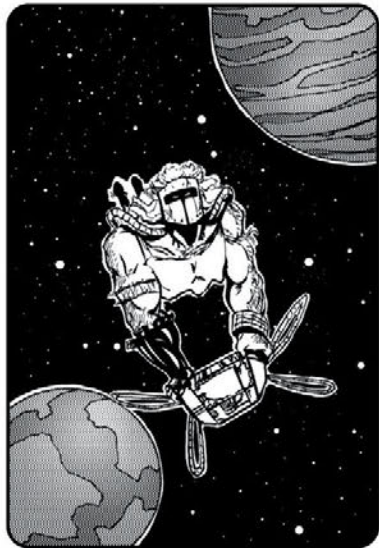
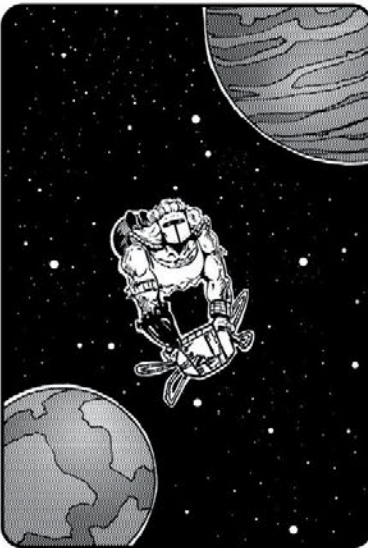
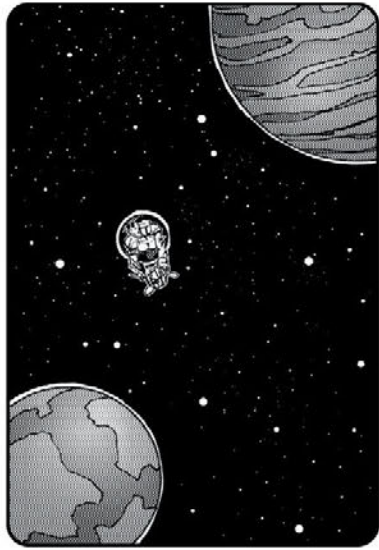




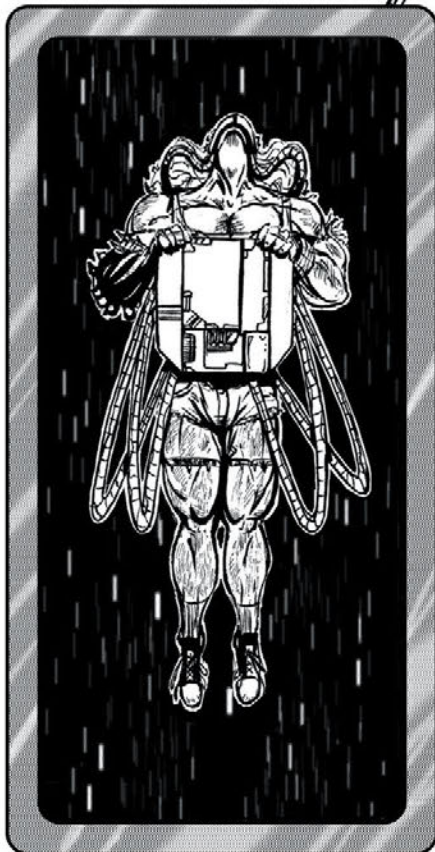
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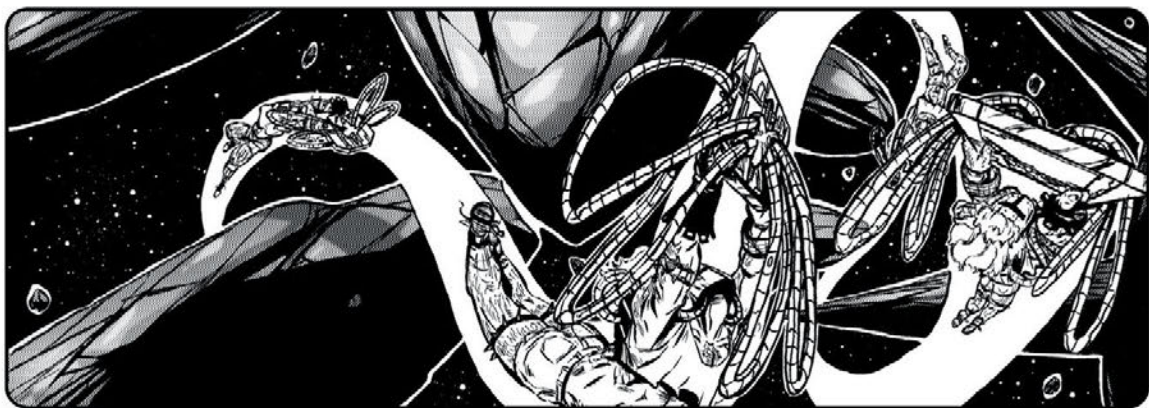








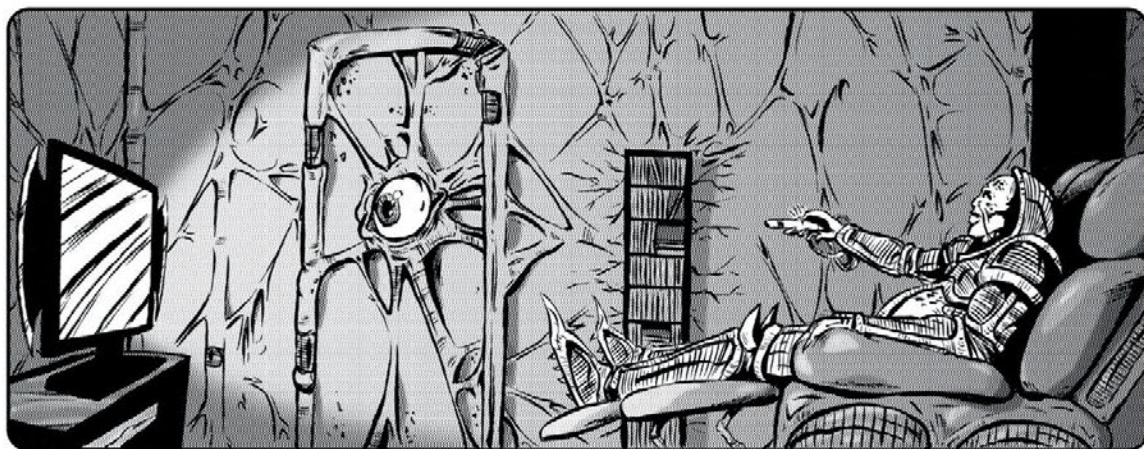




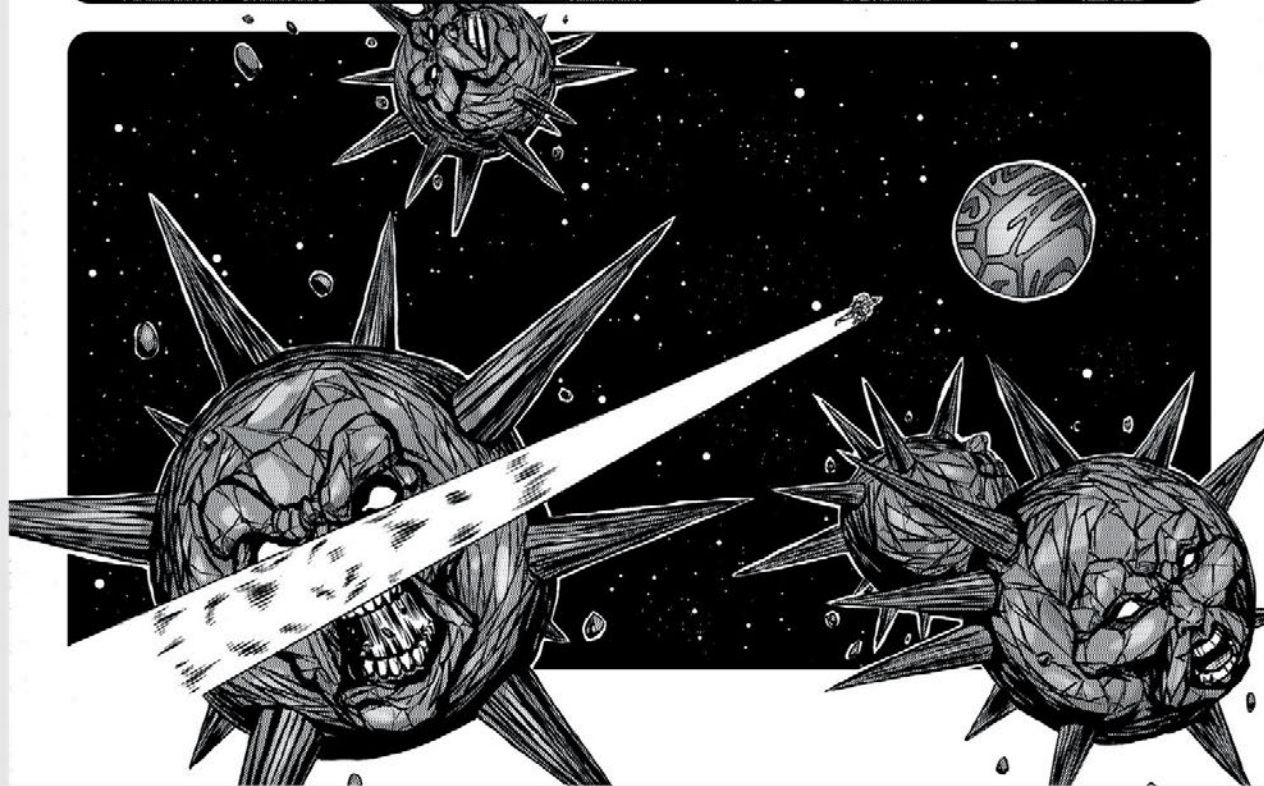
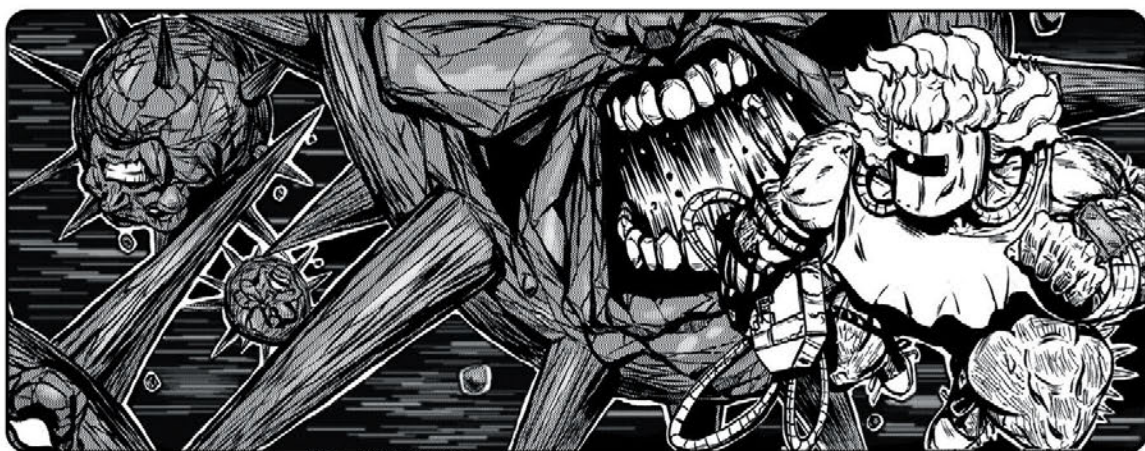










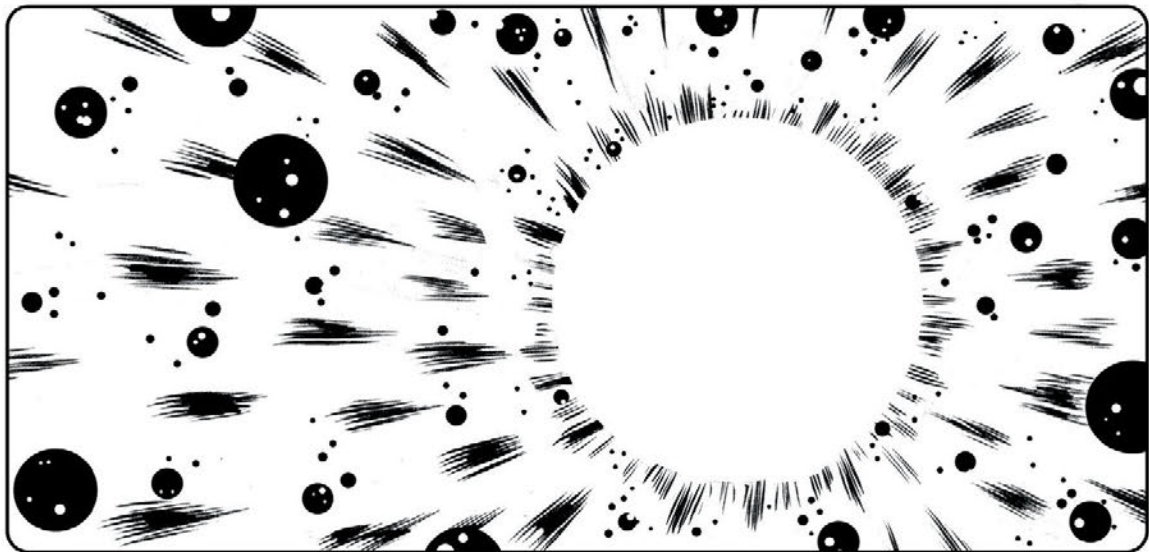
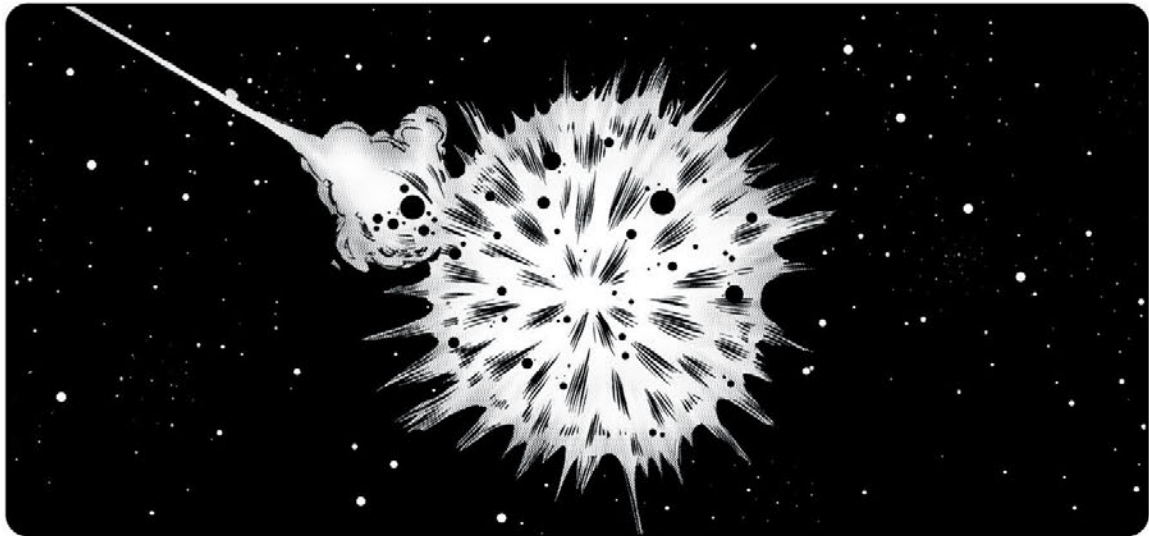
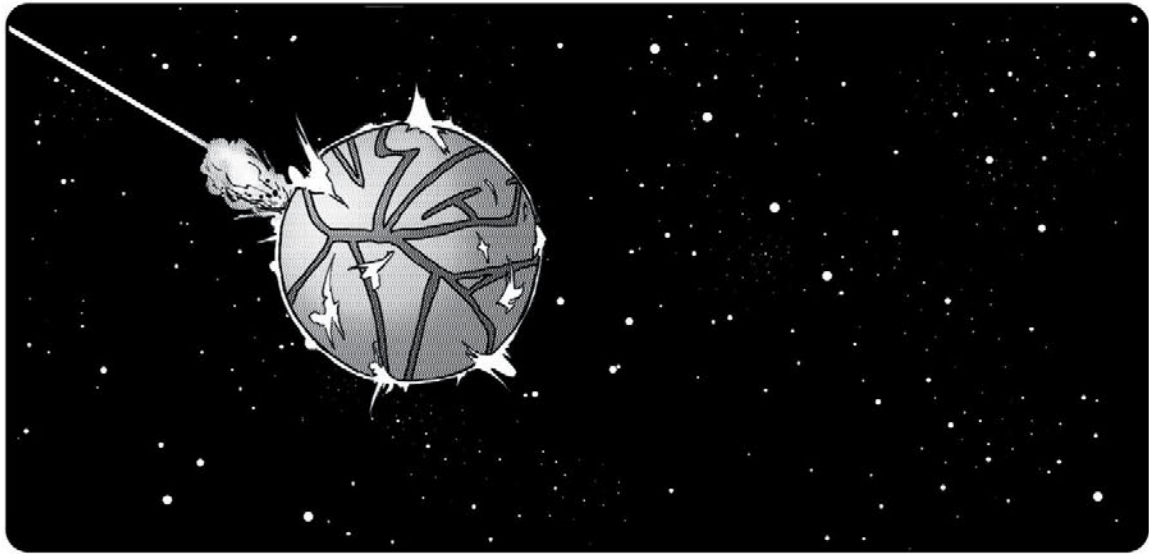




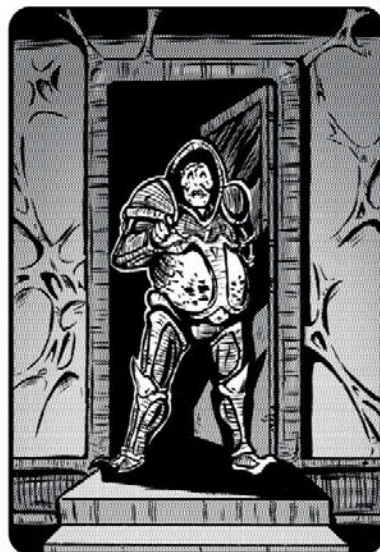
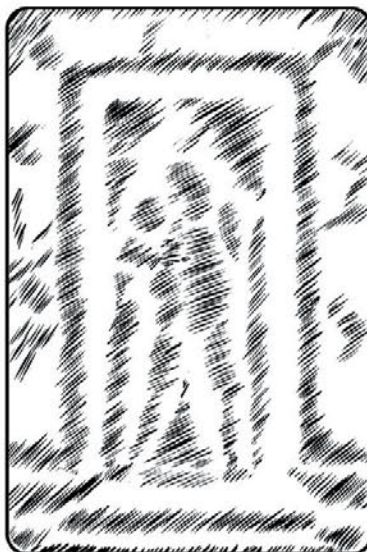




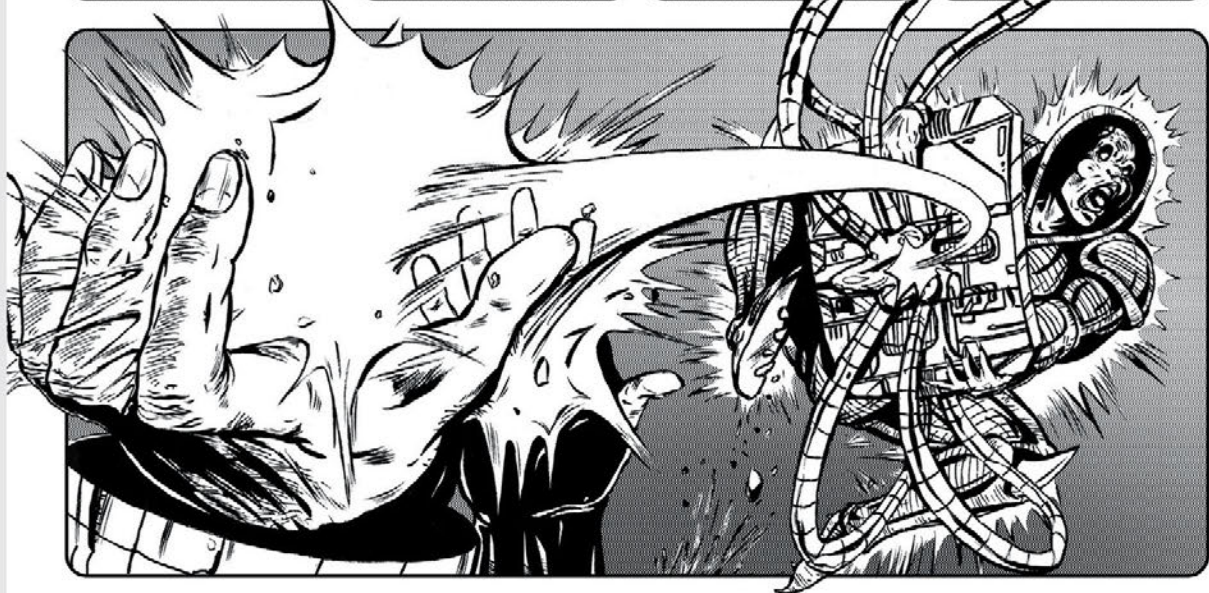
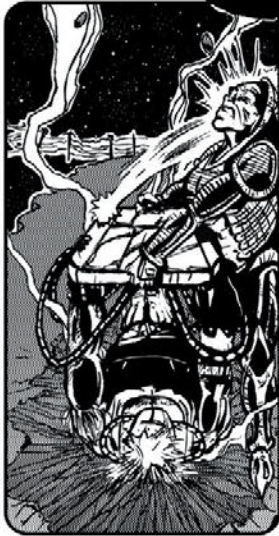
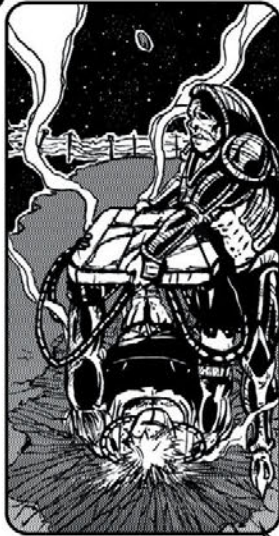
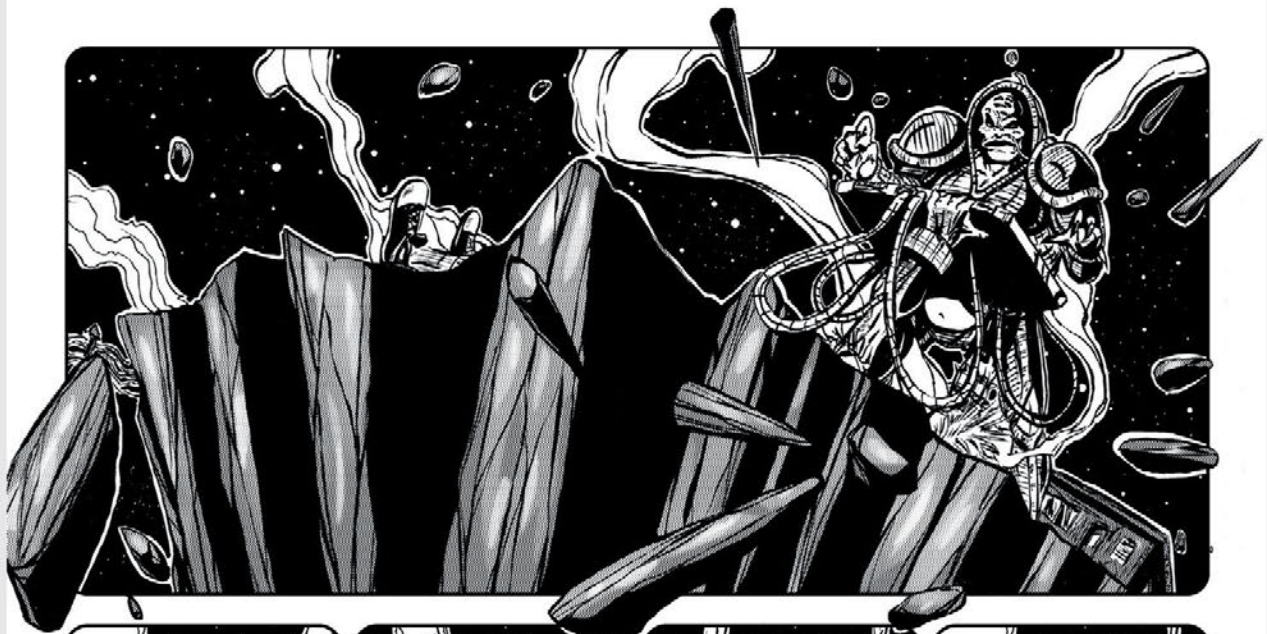




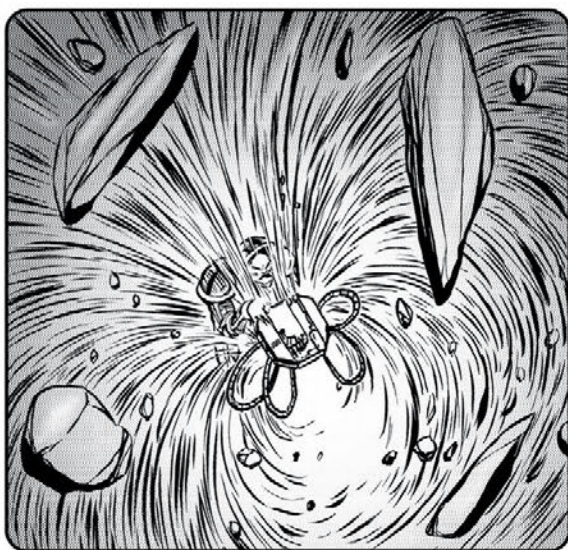
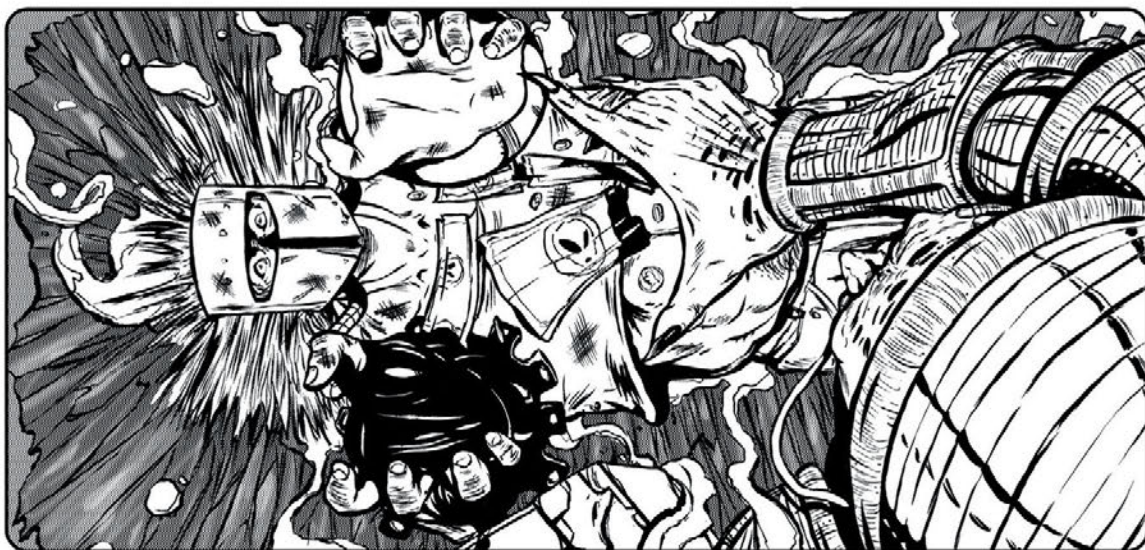




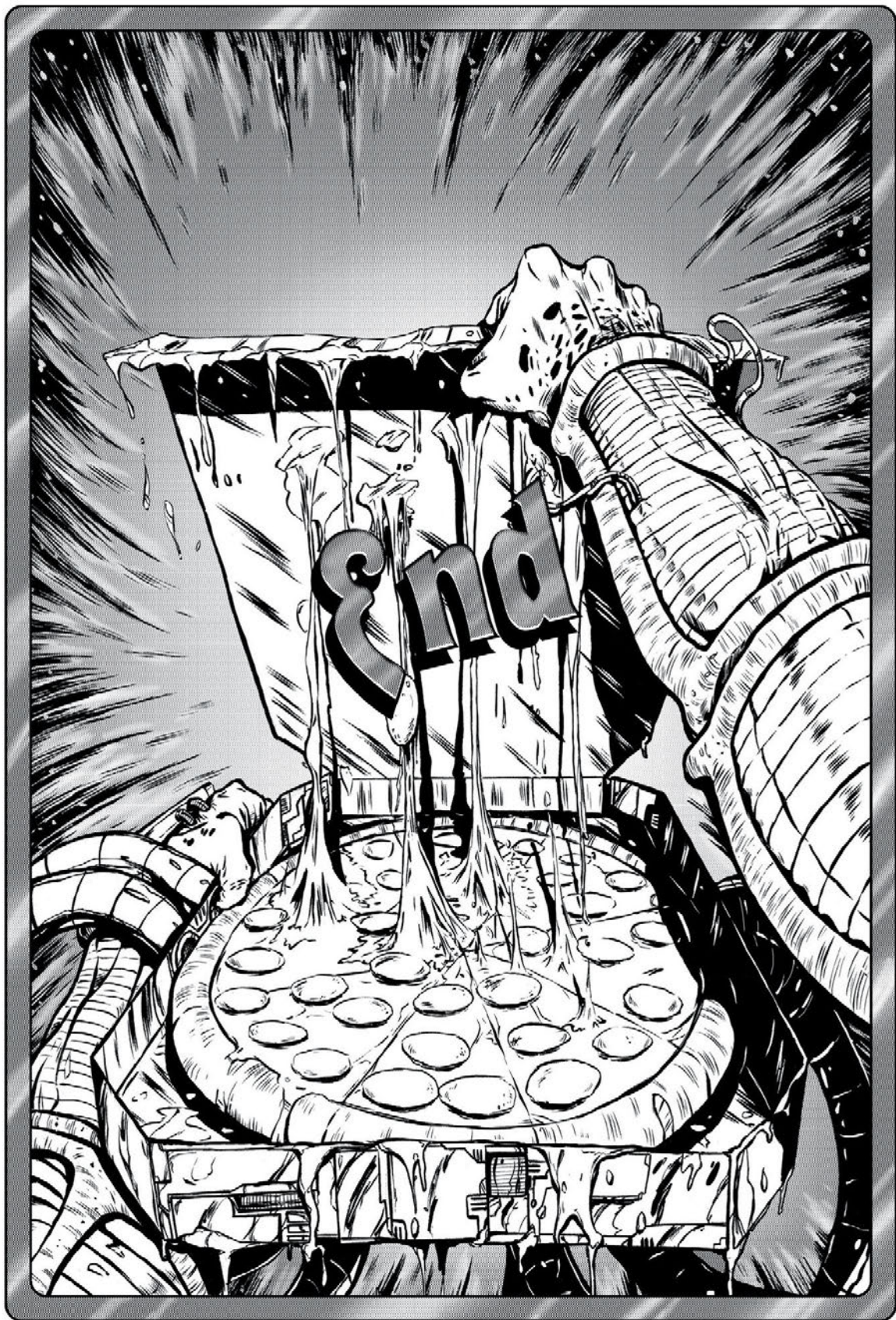
















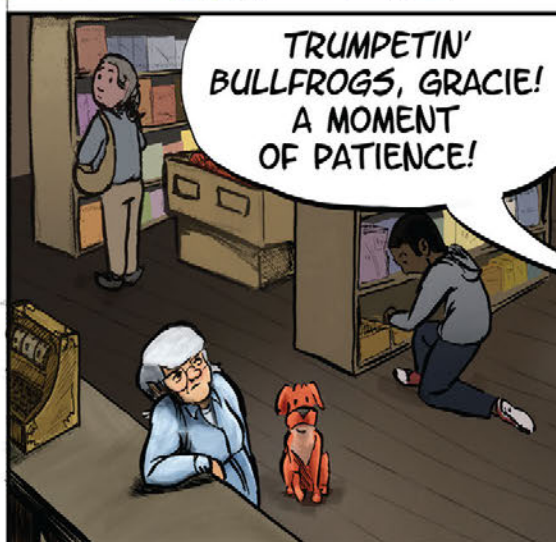
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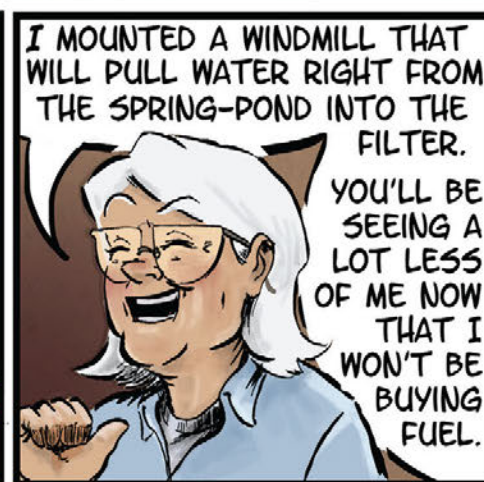
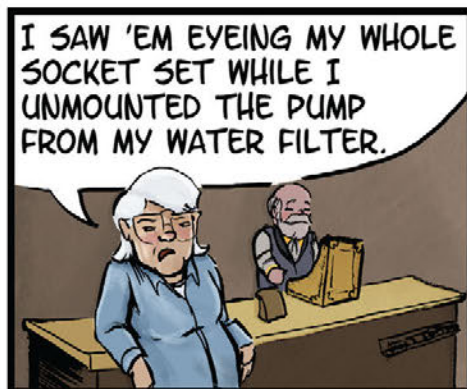
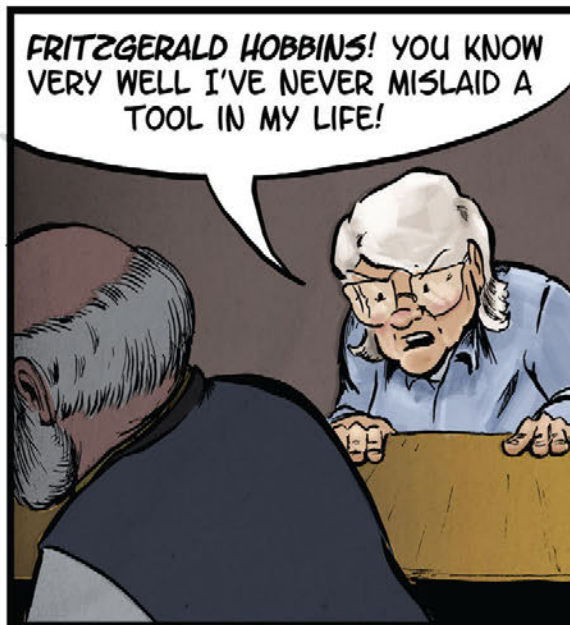


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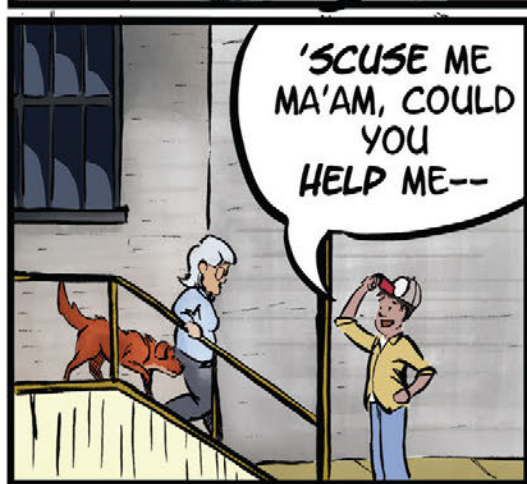
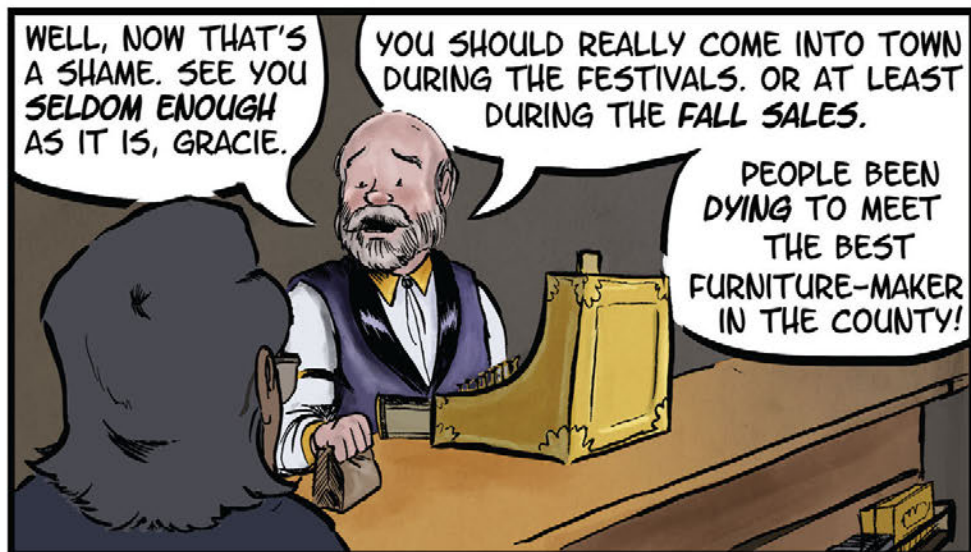


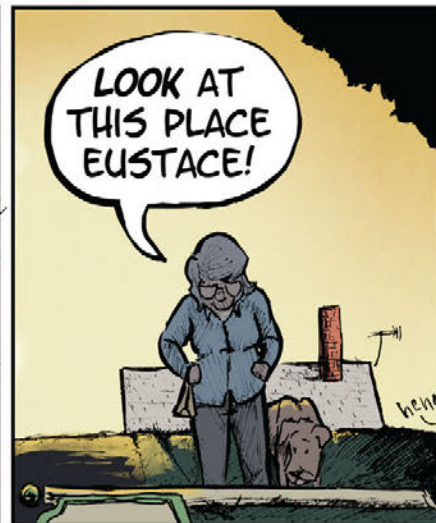






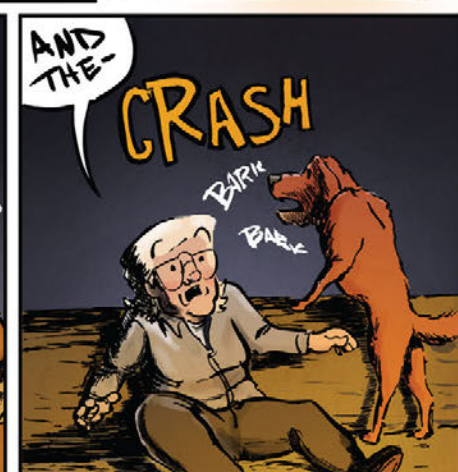
















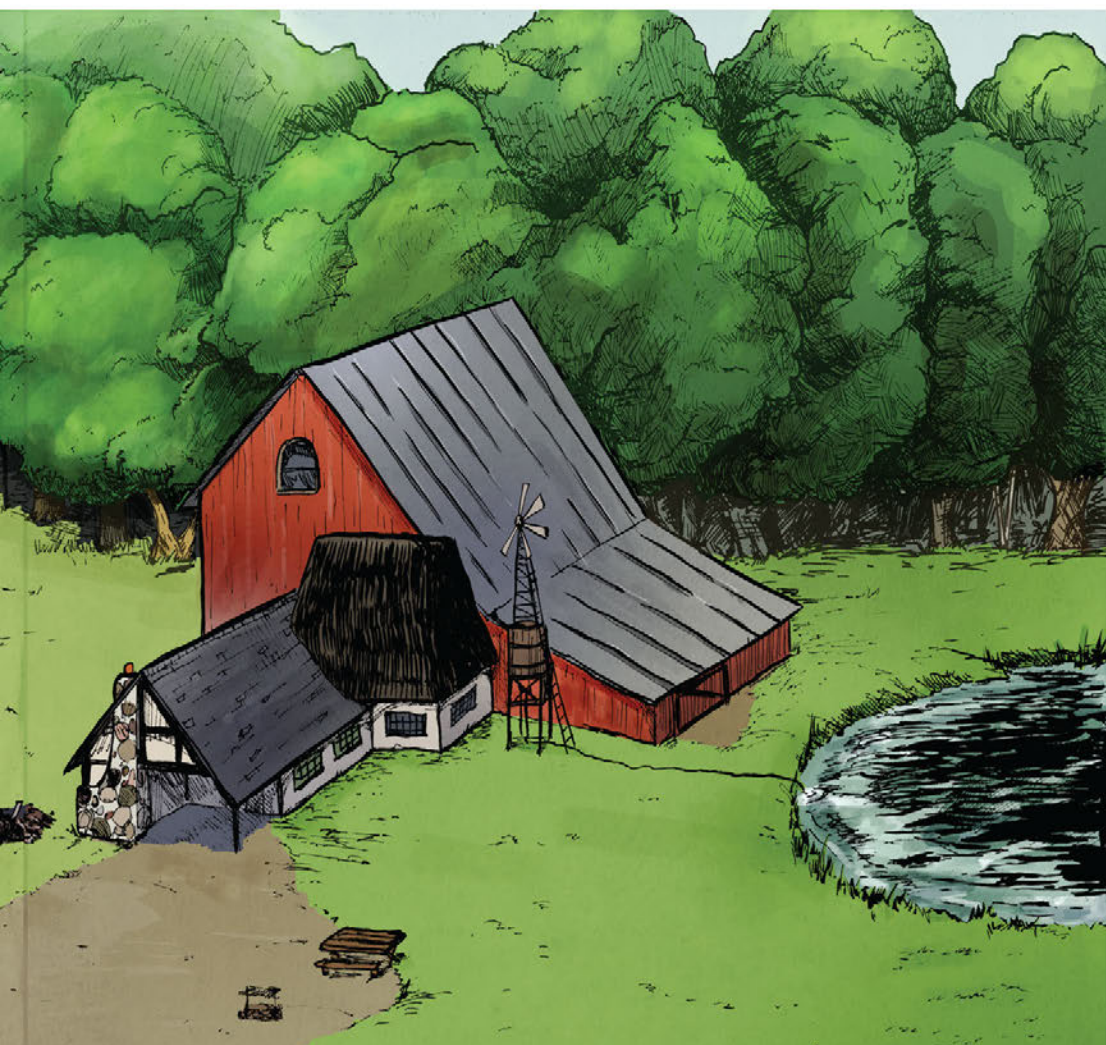






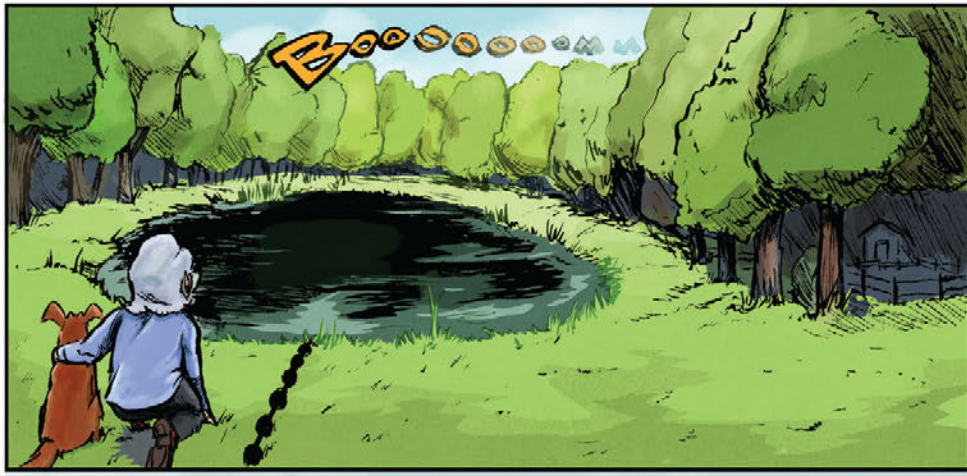


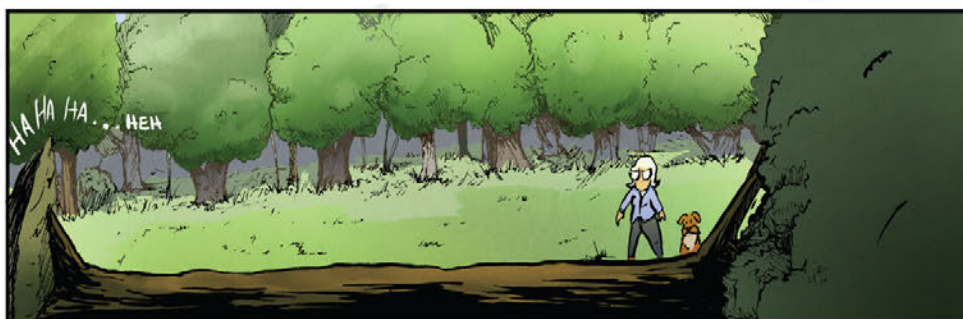




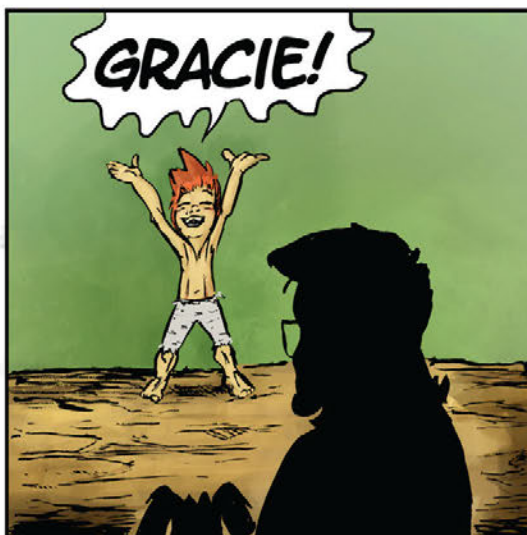












I KNOW, I KNOW, DRAMATIC ENTRANCE. BUT YOU WERE NOT CATCHING MY HINTS!



I FIGURED AT SOME POINT YOU'D RECOGNIZE ME, BUT YOU WERE NOT SEEING IT--

AHH!



WERE...WERE YOU FOLLOWING ME FROM GREEN VALLEY?

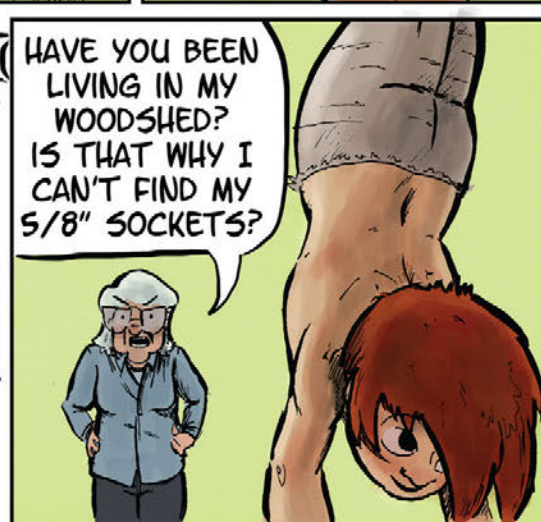
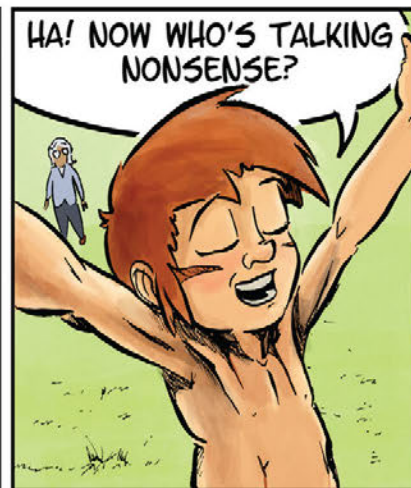
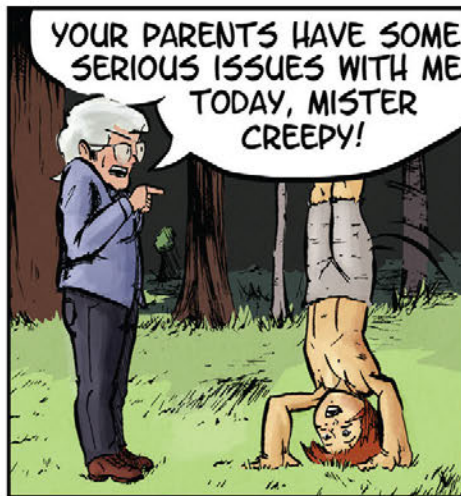
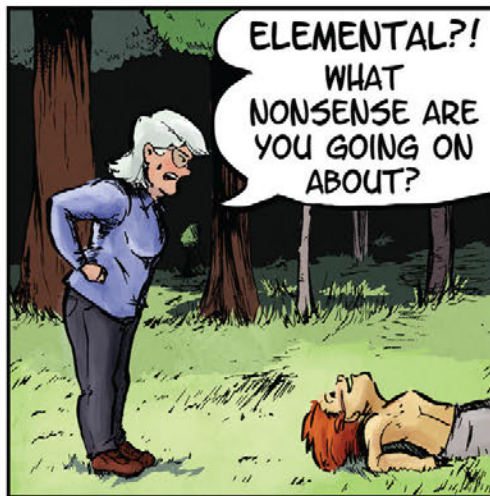


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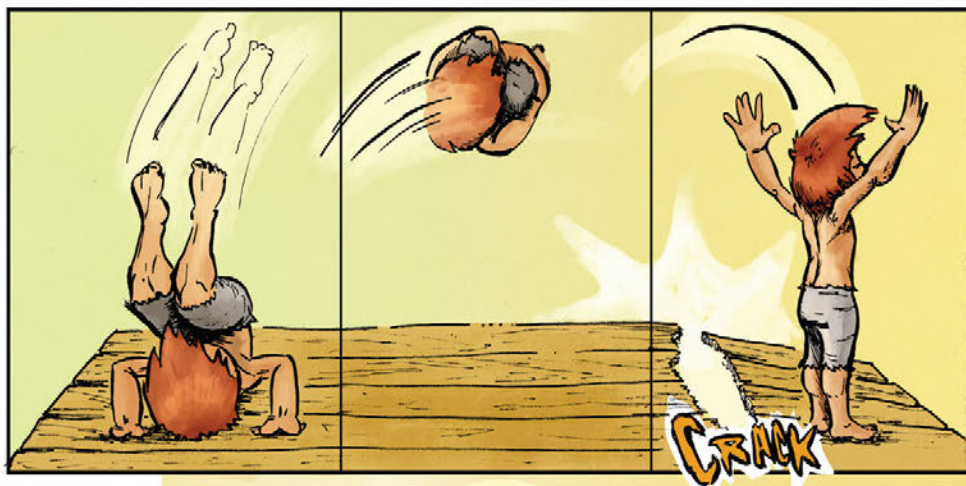
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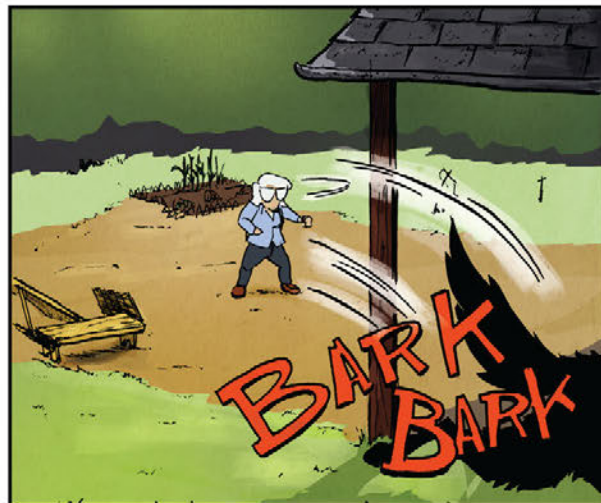
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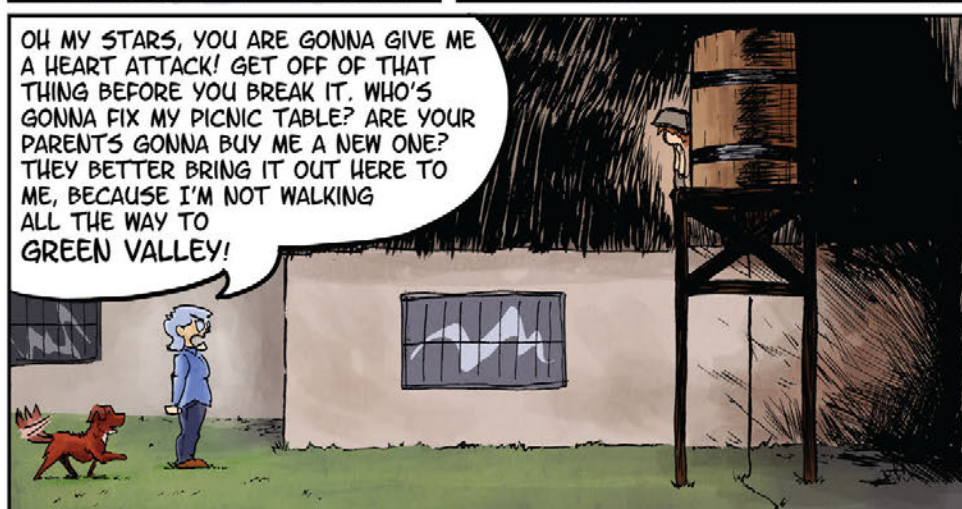






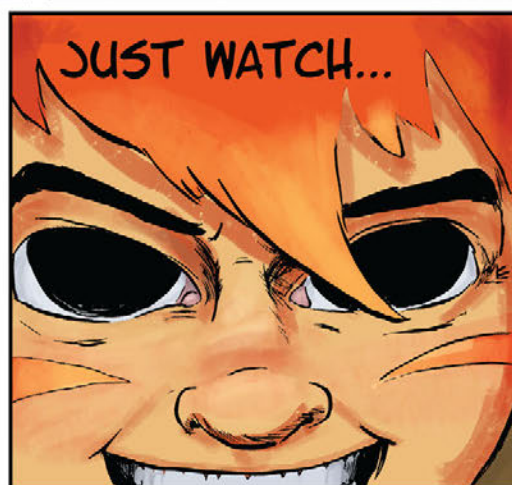
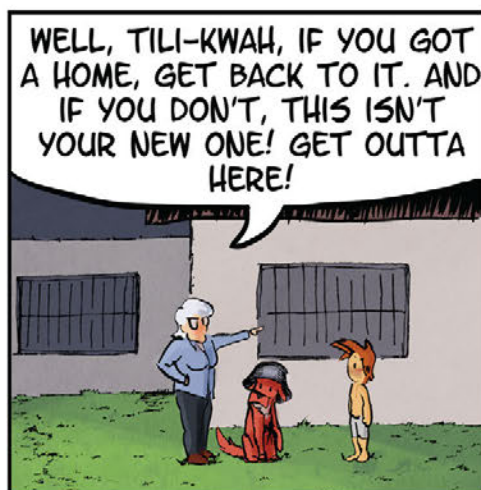


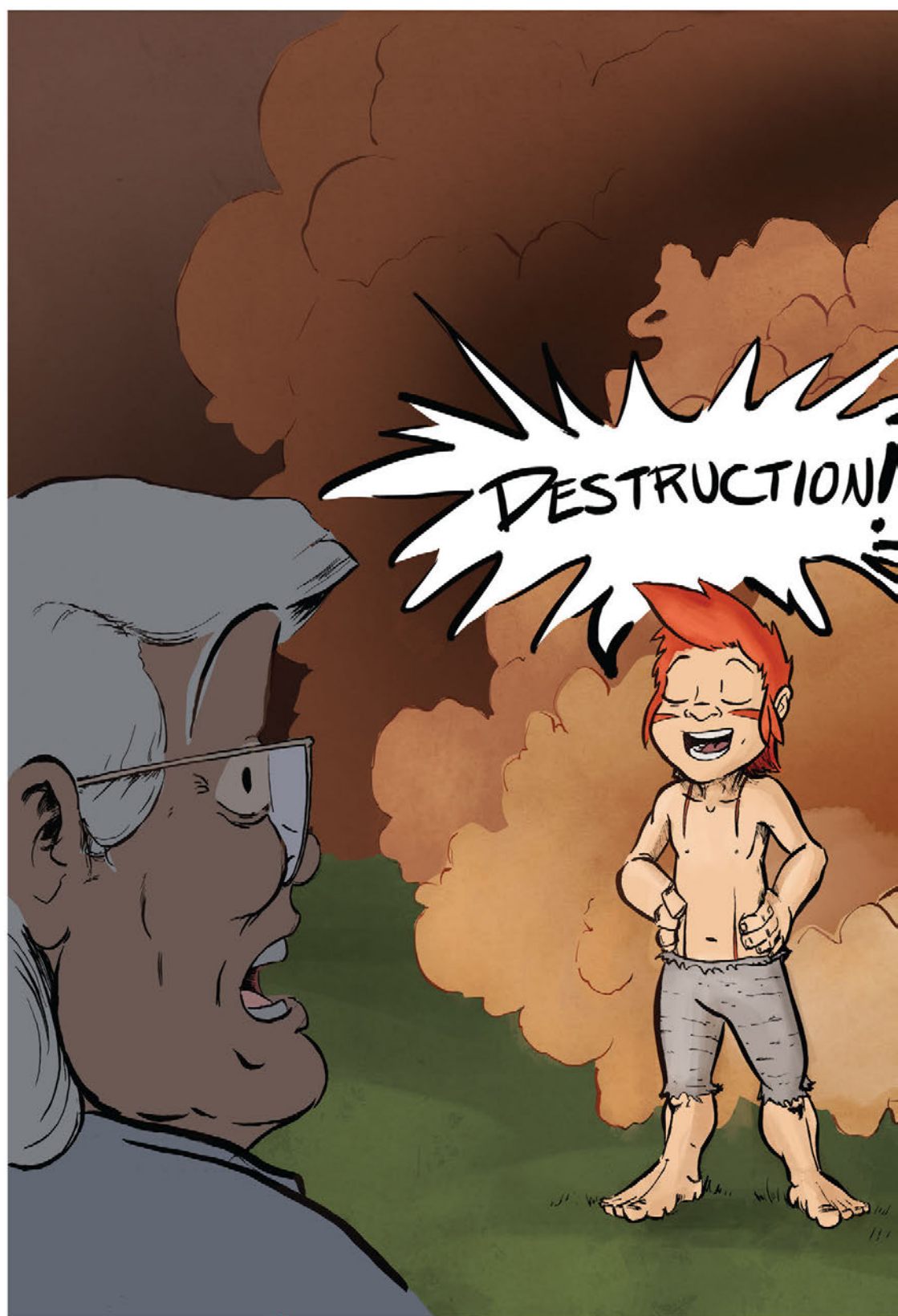




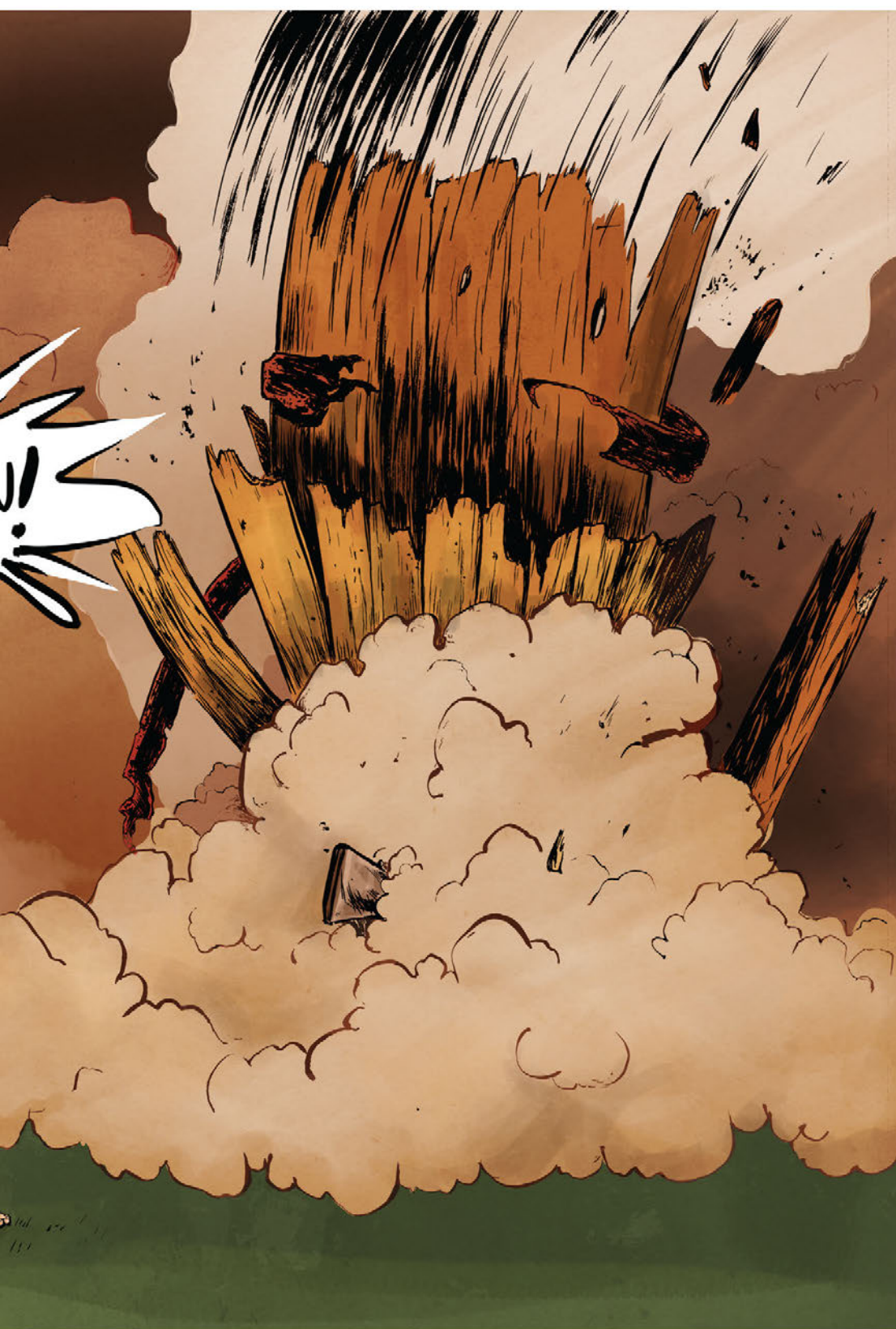












FLIGHTS



LEAH Yael LEVY





Hudson River, NY 2014

It was the first time my mom's family all came together since 2008 when our dear Safta Peppy died.

I came to this reunion with a video camera and some questions.



This is me— Yael.



This is my cousin— Kendra.

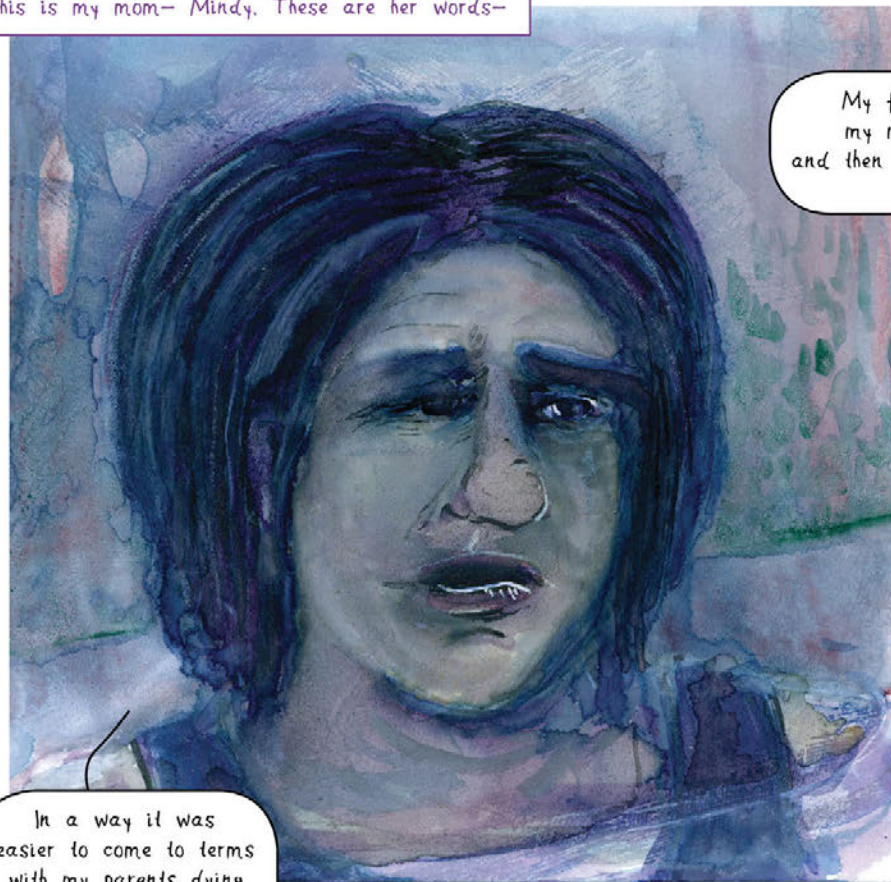


Maybe instead of— How do you feel about being Jewish?

Tweak it to— What does being Jewish mean to you?

She's good with words. She helped refine my questions and hold some of the more challenging interviews, like my mom's.

This is my mom— Mindy. These are her words—



My father died,  
my mother died  
and then the money died.

Three deaths.

In a way it was  
easier to come to terms  
with my parents dying  
than the money dying.

Because I always  
knew they were going  
to die one day.

So I'm  
still coming to  
terms with that





This story looked a little different through my eyes.

Let me backtrack a bit.

My mom moved to Israel when she was 25.

The first time I got on a plane I was 7 months old.



The first time I flew anywhere alone was for Kendra's Bat Mitzvah



We've been traveling to America our whole lives. Mostly to visit Safta Peppy and Saba Jerry in Florida.



On years we did not go there, our grandparents came to visit us, with suitcases full of gifts.



By now flying has become sort of a normal thing, like going on a REALLY long bus ride, just a bit more exciting and a tad more confusing.

I mostly sleep.



Flying to Florida 2001



He had been sick for a while, so there was some sense of relief. But still, it was sad.

Poor Peppy.

I was almost 17 when my Saba Jerry died.

I knew much less about him back then than I know now.

This will be my first funeral. Ever. I have encountered death twice before this point, but they never let me go to the funeral.

I knew he came from Russia on a boat when he was 5.



I didn't know he was the only offspring of both his parents.




They both had children from previous spouses they had lost before they met.



By the casket, instead of a picture, they put the drawing I made of him for his last birthday.





Jerry could read some Hebrew.  
Couldn't really speak it though.

He studied in Yeshiva  
when he was young.

With his brother, he started out with an  
underwear factory in the Lower East Side.

When the business grew, he started  
investing in the stock market.

His dad was a hat maker.

Leah was Jerry's mother.  
Both Kendra and I are  
named after her.

His passion was never about the work he  
did, but about the profit it generated.

They gave a lot to charity. That was  
more Peppy's job. He made the money,  
Peppy gave it away.

We all had trading accounts in our  
names that he was managing for us,  
for our future.

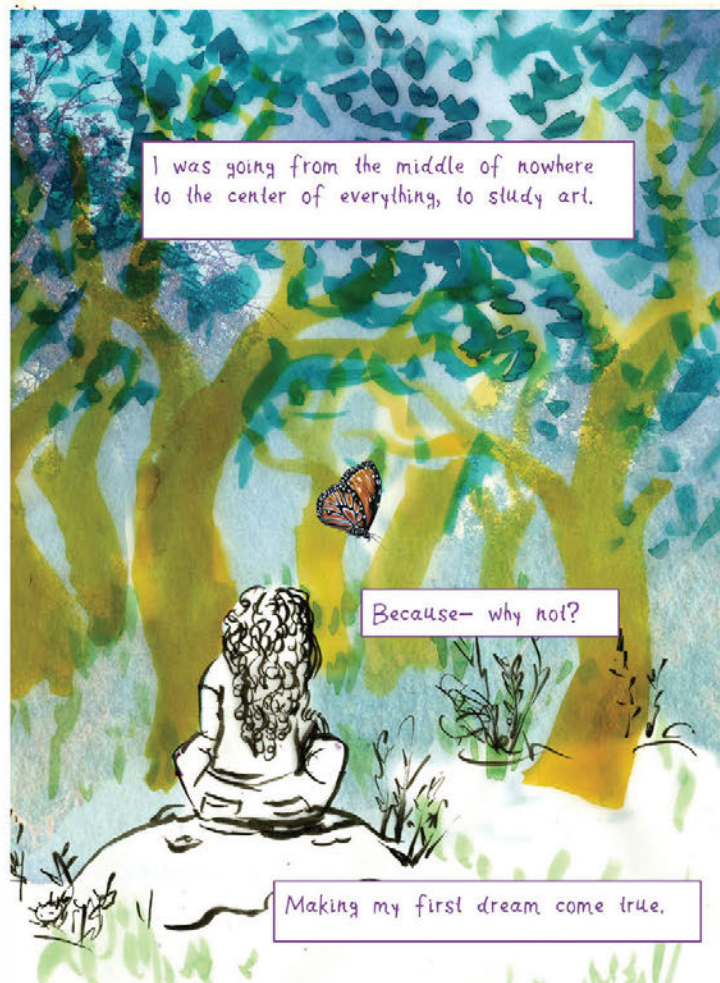




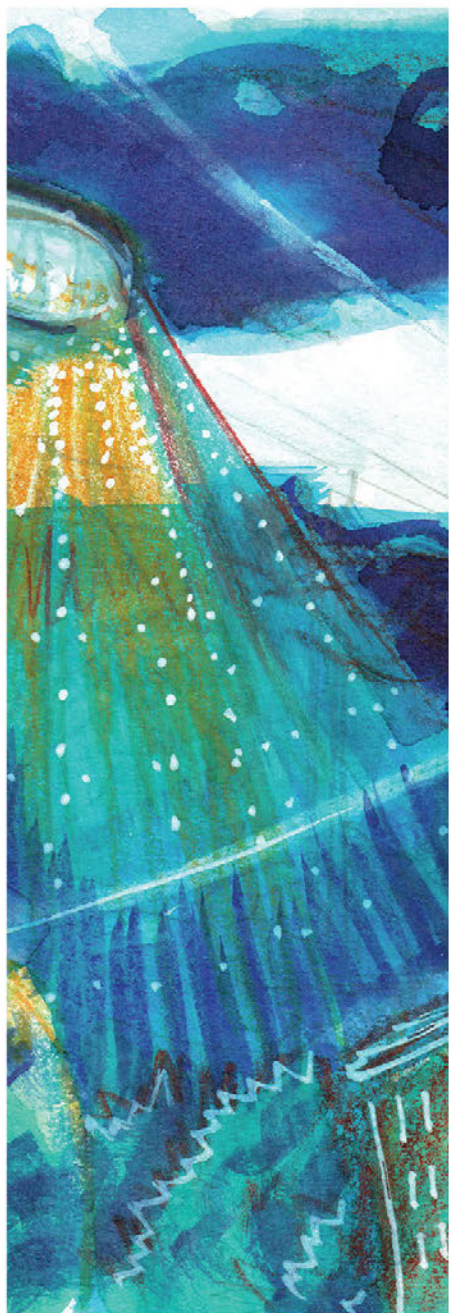
Israel 2002



So after spending the summer hanging out and partying with friends, losing virginities and other primal experiences. I took my American passport, my credit card, and the big blue bag - and left for New York City.







I had no idea back then that I was moving right into my grandpa's old neighborhood.



India, 2005



I wake up early at the ashram in Kiriganga. I pretty much slept on the floor (there was some sort of an excuse for a mattress). My back hurts, but I don't care at all.

Above me, around me, hugging me are the foothills of the Himalayas. And these are just the foothills of this enormous and impressive mountain. Which has been here long before me and will be years after me.



A month ago I was still in uniform? Nah, never happened. And if it did, surely it doesn't matter anymore. It is in the past. Over with.

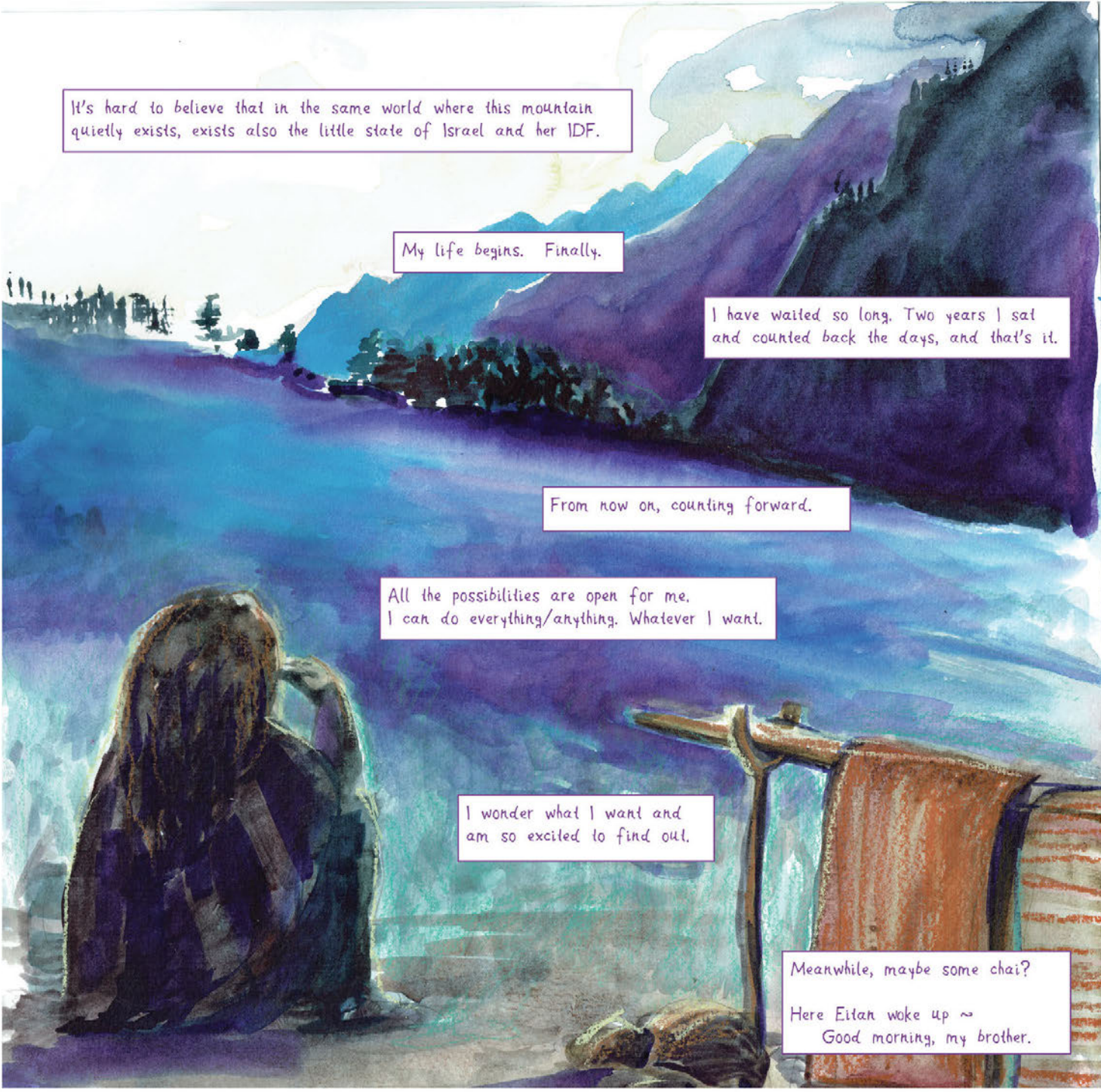


He can call me a bum all he wants, but I made it all the way up here. The 5-hour climb was totally worth it.



I love my brother so much. This beauty is majestic. Maybe noble is the word.





It's hard to believe that in the same world where this mountain quietly exists, exists also the little state of Israel and her IDF.

My life begins. Finally.

I have waited so long. Two years I sat and counted back the days, and that's it.

From now on, counting forward.

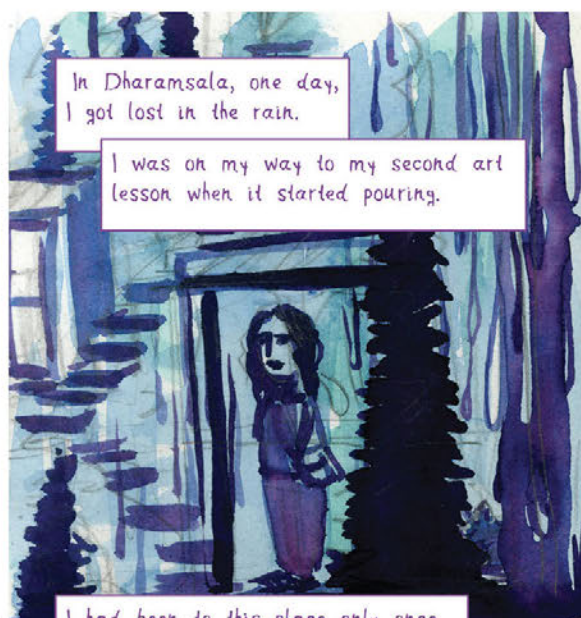
All the possibilities are open for me.  
I can do everything/anything. Whatever I want.

I wonder what I want and  
am so excited to find out.

Meanwhile, maybe some chai?

Here Eitan woke up ~  
Good morning, my brother.





In Dharamsala, one day,  
I got lost in the rain.

I was on my way to my second art  
lesson when it started pouring.

I had been to this place only once

And was led in and  
out the last time.



I kept going from one  
shelter to another



But the truth is, I had no idea where I was.



They invited me inside.

There were five  
of them sharing  
one bedroom.

They offered me  
a cup of hot water.

I felt humbled and grateful.

I had searched and found an artist to teach me the local way of painting.



Here, this  
is your guy

It's SO  
nice to meet  
you!

Hi

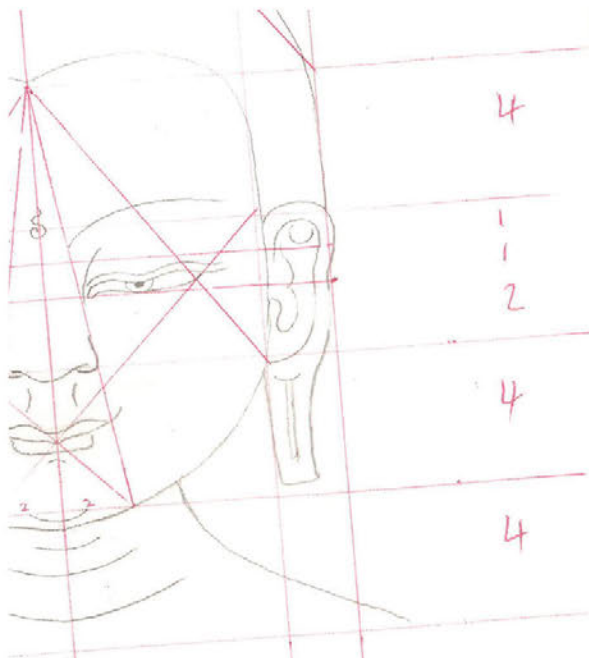
Go to the  
bookstore and get a  
mechanical pencil

Come  
back tomorrow  
at 3 o'clock



Then suddenly this family came  
home to one of the doors beside  
where I was standing.





Eventually the rain calmed down and I found my way back out onto the main street. But I never found that teacher again.

The next day was my last day before I had to start journeying back home.

In the spirit of our original mission – spreading smiles – I took my loose change and my camera and exchanged coins for smiles.



Sinai, 2000

That summer Kendra came to Israel on her own. She was 18. I was 16.

Wow.

What if  
instead of burning  
planets light years  
away, it's reversed?

Like the earth is  
covered by a black layer,  
and the stars are like tiny  
holes in black paper?

Yeah!

I don't think  
I've ever seen so  
many stars

Uh,  
what?

And outside  
this layer there's like  
really bright light?

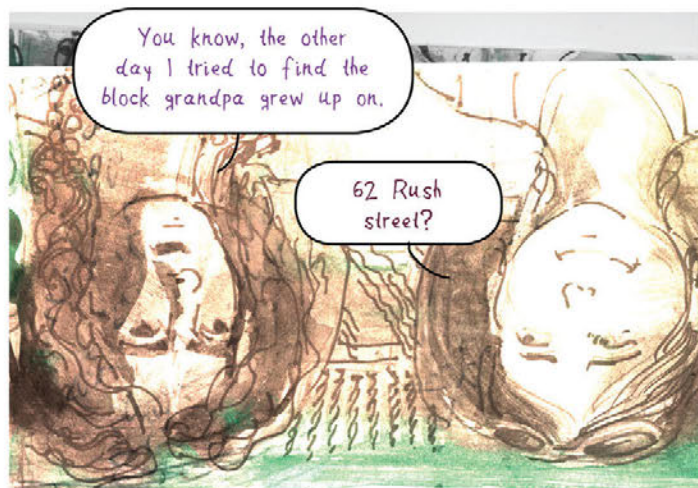
That's pretty  
cool. It does kind of  
look like that..

We were crossing the line from just being relatives to also being really close friends.



Bronx Botanical Gardens 2006

One sunny summer weekend, Kendra and I went up to the Bronx for a Chihuli installation. After walking around for a while, we found a perfect tree to lie under.







It's so cool we live in the same city now. We can hang out whenever we want!

I know! It's still a little bit hard to believe I live here.

It's weird that, in a way, we're like, going back to our roots.

You know grandma grew up in the Bronx, right?

Yeah, but do you know where?.

No, but I bet my mom knows.

You should ask her and we should go on an adventure in the Bronx!

We should totally do that some day. But not today.

Yeah, not today... Didn't you say you were gonna read your book? I'll stop talking now and take my nap!

Wake me up before you go-go.

He he he Did you really just say that?

Yeah, what? Don't leave me hanging on like a yo-yo

HA HA HA Shut up.

Now I'm gonna have this song in my head forever!



Do you remember 2008?

It was a big year in my personal journey. It definitely wasn't all good.

But it wasn't all bad either.

"The week of three continents"

A lot can happen in one year.

Picture yourself in a boat on a river

And so much did.



October 2008

While I was away for the summer, I missed a big family reunion. The family all got together for some poolside summer fun with Grandma Peppy.

So I made my own Peppy time and went down to Florida for a long weekend to spend Rosh Hashanah with her.



She had moved out of their house and into an apartment in a retirement home. There was much less stuff, but photos were still everywhere.



She still drank her hot water with lemon everyday from the same cup with Jerry's picture on it.

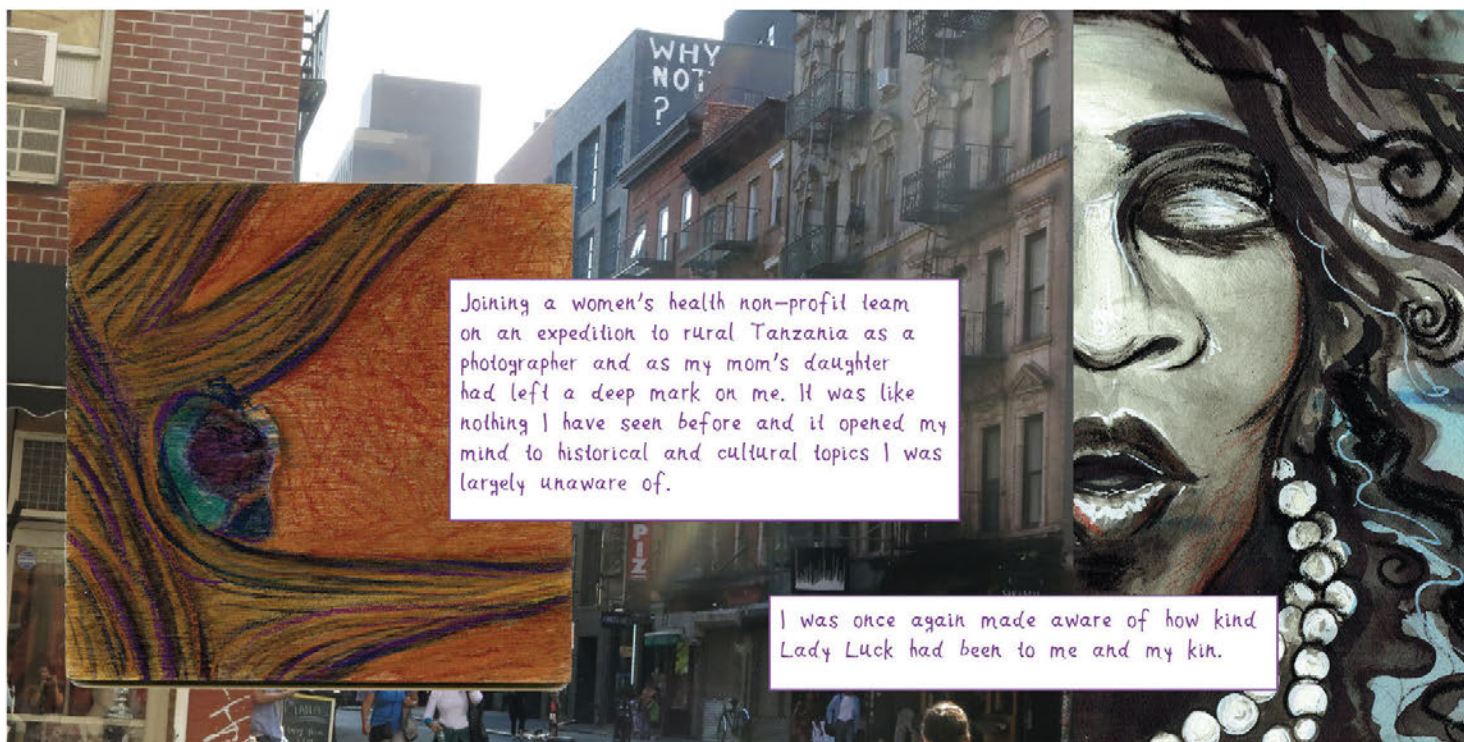


And still had that one little blue picture frame on her dining table so she was never without him.



She had gotten significantly older since I last saw her. She was 92 and tired.







At least they are together now.







So I flew to Florida twice in one month.



It's weird, I have no grandparents left.

Me neither. But my parents are starting to reach grandparents age.

It's crazy to think about, but I mean, will I have to be taking care of them soon? I don't feel ready.



I'm gonna miss her.

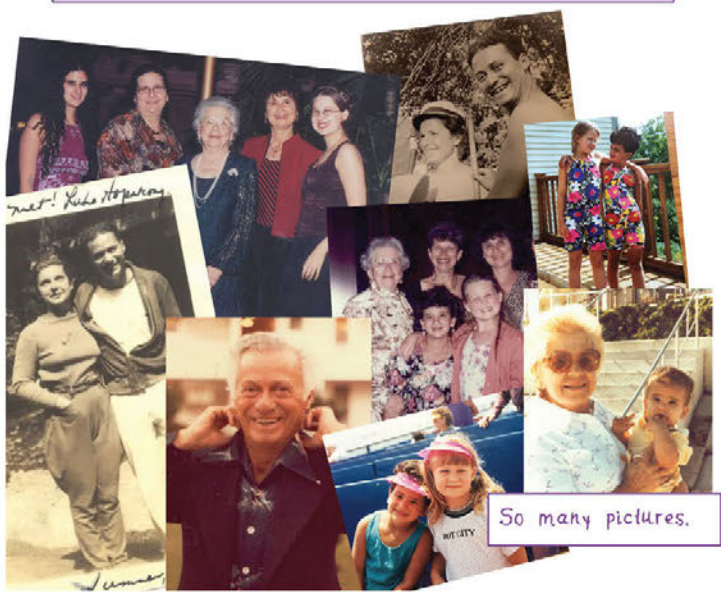
Me too.

It's also sad she won't get a chance to vote for Obama after all.

I guess the nice part is we get to see everyone



Soon after the funeral, the "Peppy Museum" was disassembled and distributed. Lots of jewelry, art and artifacts. But more than anything, pictures.



So many pictures.

Did you know that Grandpa was a Mason?

What does that mean?

It's like a secret men's club or something.

Nobody really knows.





NY December 11, 2008





NY December 27, 2008

Telling my friend Lauri.

It's so great  
to see everyone.

How are  
you dear?

Well... I have  
been better.

Your grandma  
passed recently, right?

Yeah, that  
feels like a long  
time ago now...

And today I just  
found out my best friend's  
mom has cancer.

I'm so sorry.  
Life is so fragile.

I guess it's good to  
remember I am healthy.

I really should quit  
smoking... Soon.

"When it  
rains it pours"  
may be a real thing.

Have you heard  
about this whole Madoff  
"Ponzi Scheme" thing that's  
been going around the news?

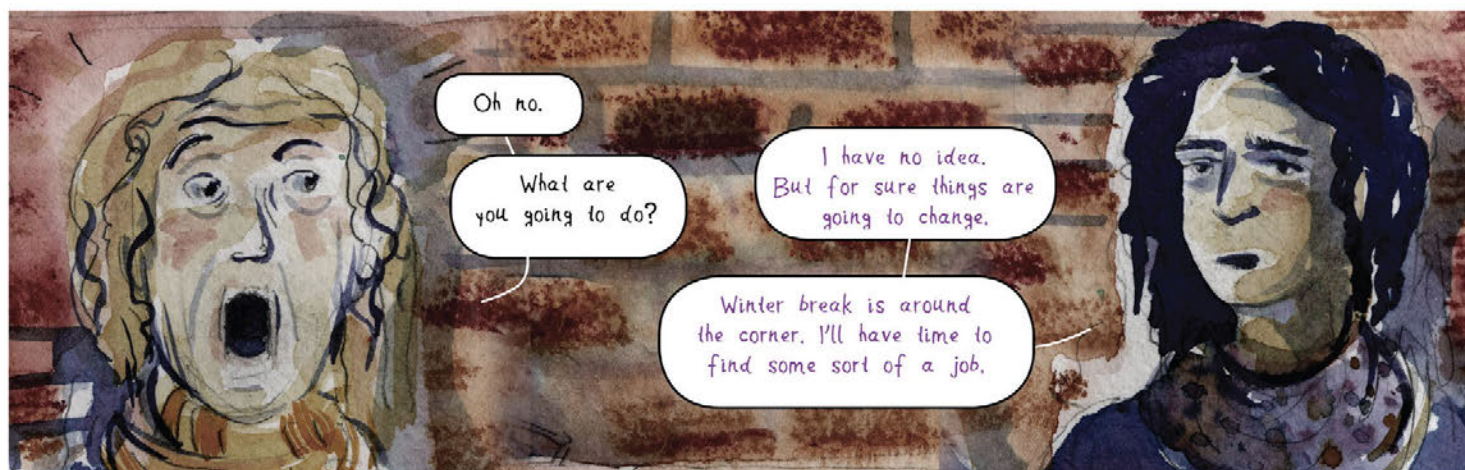
Yes, of course.  
It's everywhere...  
It's so crazy...

Well... My whole  
family's money was  
invested with that guy.

What?!

I... Uh





Telling people was a trip.  
I have never seen so many people  
literally drop their jaws.



I had always claimed money was  
an illusion. Now I had proof.  
Being right did not feel so good.



What  
does that even  
mean?

Hudson River, NY 2014

Do you feel like it affected how you relate to your children and grandchild?

I don't know how to answer that question.

I'm gonna start crying again.



One of the biggest losses that I have to mourn here is...

Uff... This is a big one...

That I can't give the financial security that my parents gave to me, to them. They have to—

They are on their own.

And that makes me really sad



I want to tell you something that's come up in a few interviews—

Growing up without having to worry about money—we, as the second generation in this story—

Have had the privilege to think what we WANT as opposed to what we NEED. While having access to education that allowed us to go get it.

It was just in time!



That is an amazing thing! We were allowed to dream bigger than everybody else.

Well, it happened just in time. If it had been a few years earlier, that wouldn't have happened.

Well, things just have a way of working out that way, don't they?







REVEAL  
LOVE  
A TASTE  
OF ROMANCE

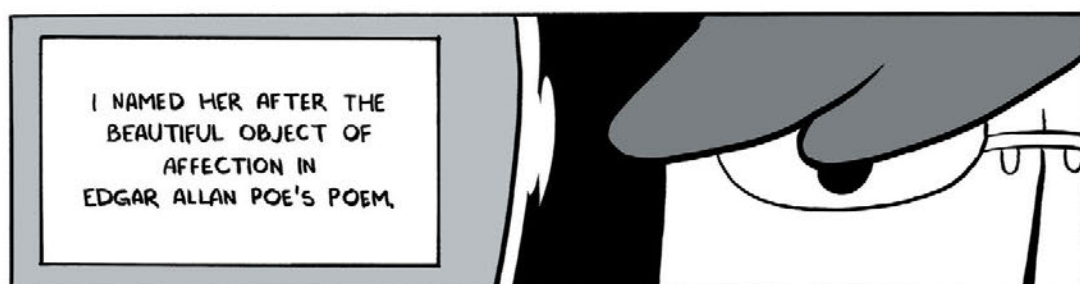
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AMBER PADILLA









SHE'S EVERYTHING I WISH  
I WAS: BEAUTIFUL,  
POPULAR, EXCITING...

MY REAL NAME IS  
ANNABELLE ROMO,  
SIXTEEN YEARS OLD,  
UNATTRACTIVE,  
AND TERRIBLY AVERAGE.

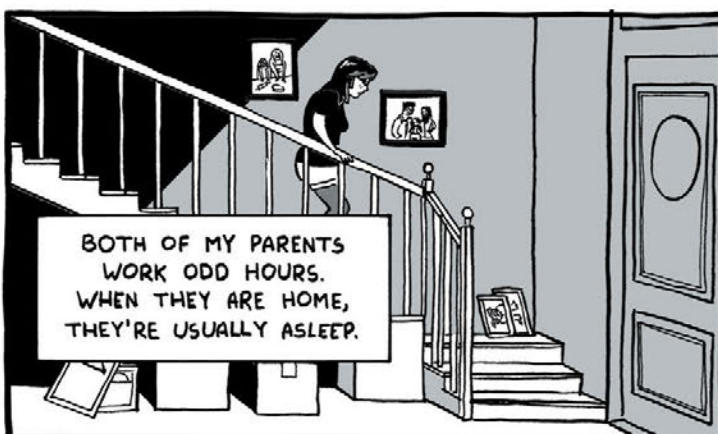




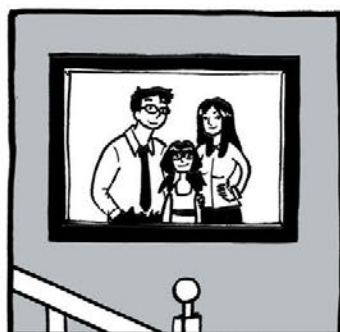
WE MOVED TO SANTA ANA AT THE BEGINNING OF SUMMER BREAK.



MY DAD GOT A BETTER PAYING JOB, AND DECIDED WE SHOULD START FRESH.



BOTH OF MY PARENTS WORK ODD HOURS. WHEN THEY ARE HOME, THEY'RE USUALLY ASLEEP.



THAT WOULD MAKE ME A "LATCH KEY KID"...



MEANING, IT'S USUALLY JUST ME, ALL ALONE, IN THIS BIG, EMPTY HOUSE.

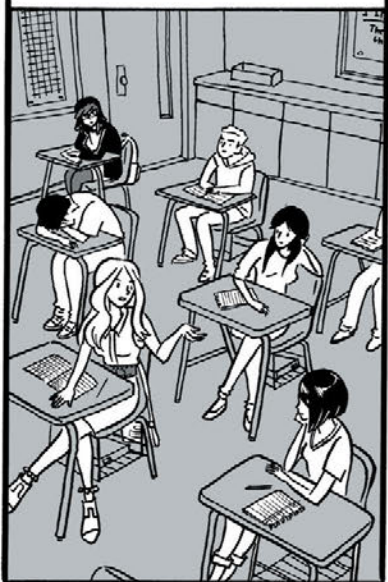
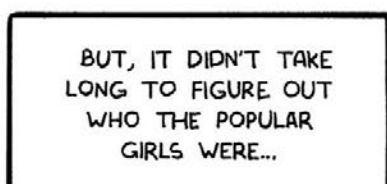


BUT, FROM TIME TO TIME, I DO SEE SIGNS OF THEIR EXISTENCE.



Eat up sweetie.  
I can't wait to hear  
about your new school.  
-Love Mom

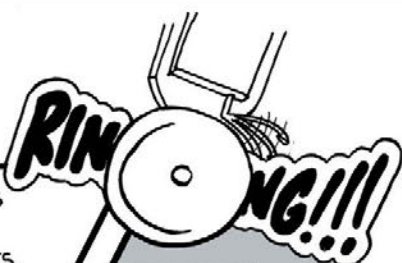
P.S. The cake  
you left for  
us was so  
yummmmm







MY IMAGINARY SELF GOES  
TO IMAGINARY PARTIES  
WITH IMAGINARY HOSTESSES.






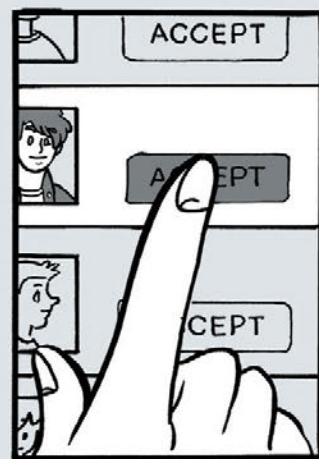
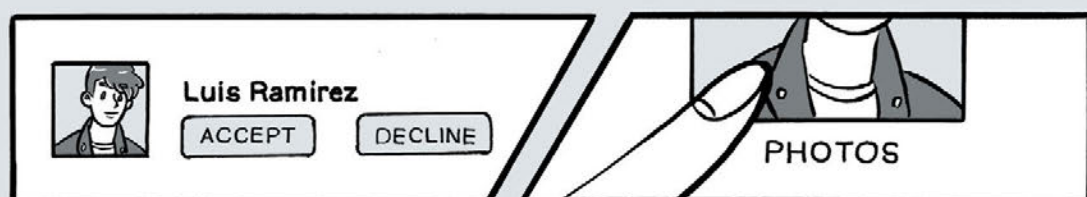
ANNABEL LEE  
SHARES PRETTY MUCH  
ALL OF MY  
PERSONAL INTERESTS.



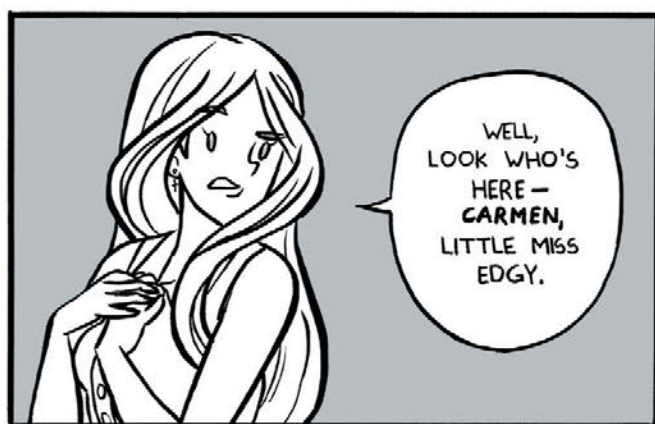
IT'S LIKE SHE'S ME,  
ONLY, BETTER!



	Eugene Garcia	ACCEPT	DECLINE
	Luis Ramirez	ACCEPT	DECLINE
	Philie Wilson	ACCEPT	DECLINE











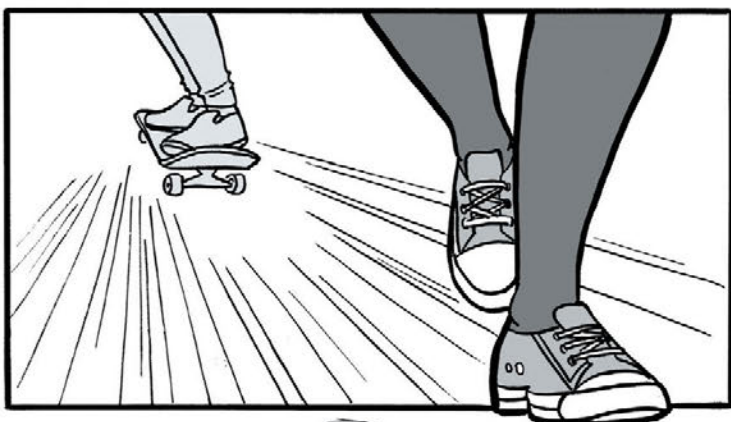


Hey there cutie! I was wondering if I could get to know you better. I get the feeling that you might be someone special.

I get the feeling that you're really special too! Let's chat some more soon, ok?

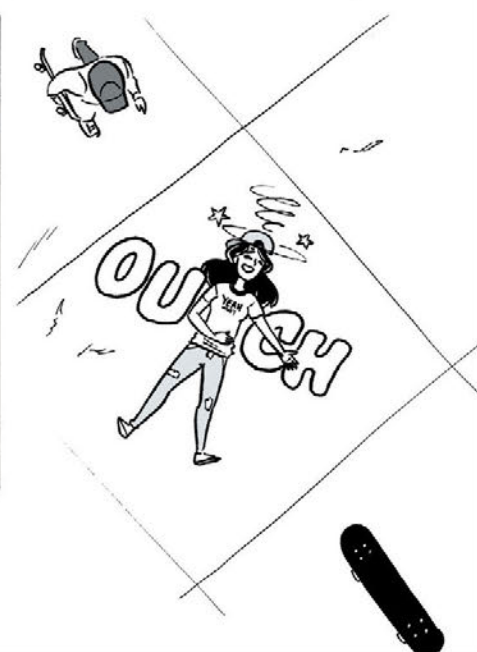


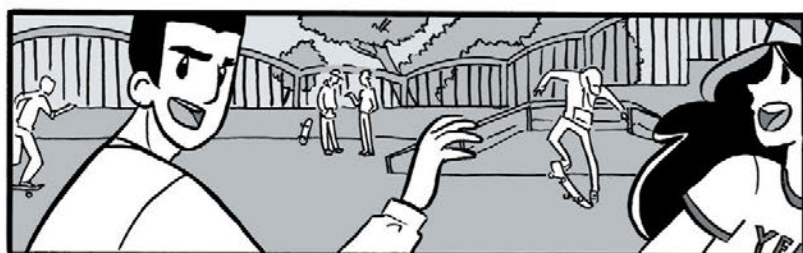
I HAVE TO ADMIT  
THIS FEELS  
REALLY GOOD!



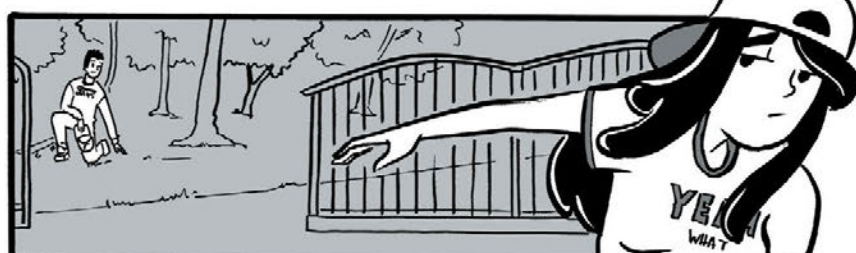






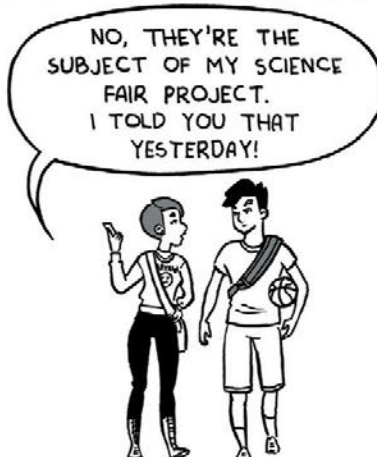












BAKING IS BY FAR MY FAVORITE  
THING TO DO AND I BAKE FOR  
JUST ABOUT ANY OCCASION.



I LOVE THAT YOU START WITH ALL THESE  
DIFFERENT INGREDIENTS AND CHANGE THEM INTO  
SOMETHING NEW, SOMETHING  
COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.



WHAT ARE  
YOU UP  
TO?

THINKING  
OF YOU.



I WOULD PREFER TO  
HAVE SOMEONE ELSE  
TO BAKE FOR...



...BUT KNOWING A  
CUTE BOY WANTS  
TO TALK TO ME,  
SEEMS LIKE A GOOD  
ENOUGH REASON TO  
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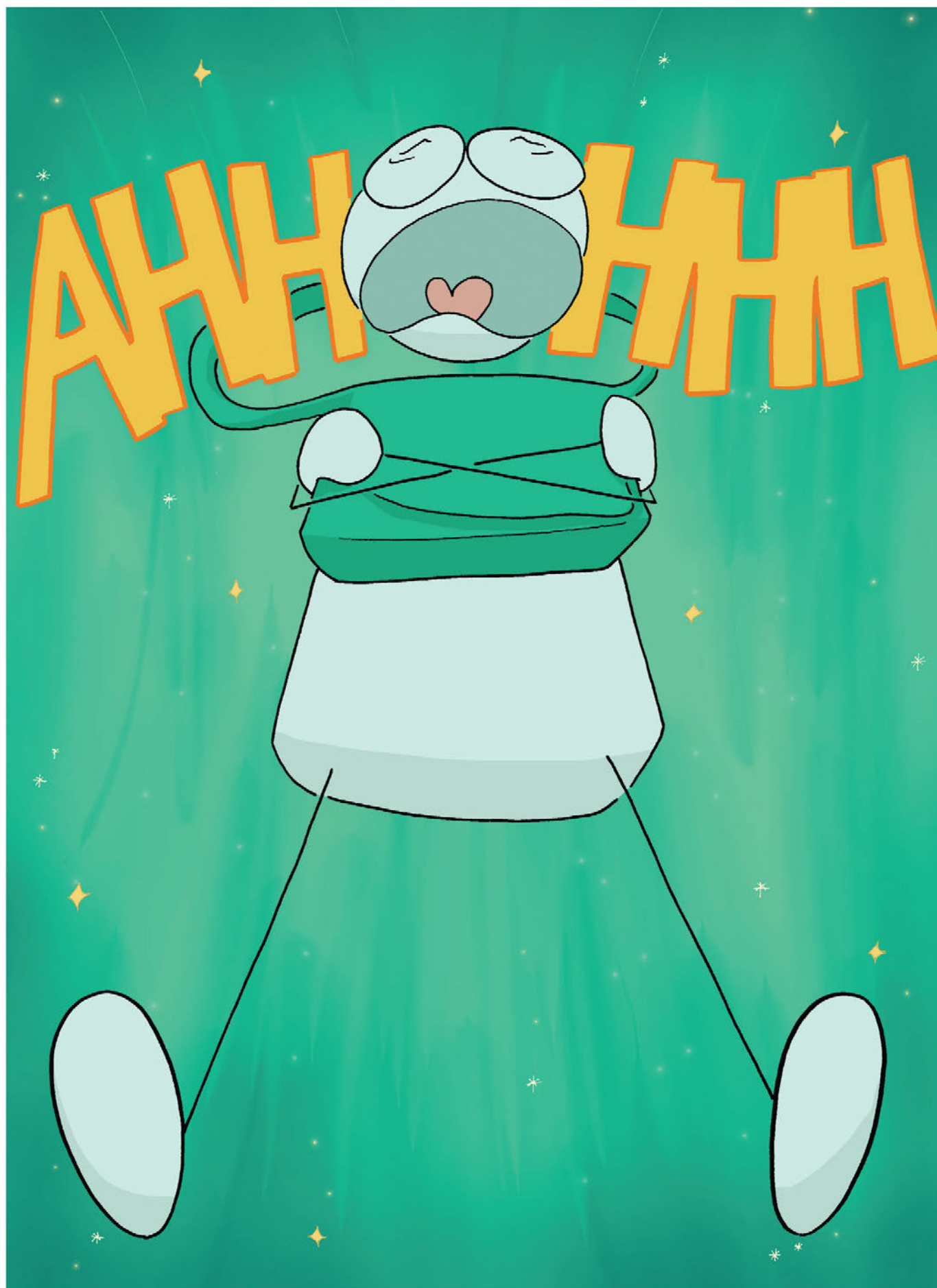
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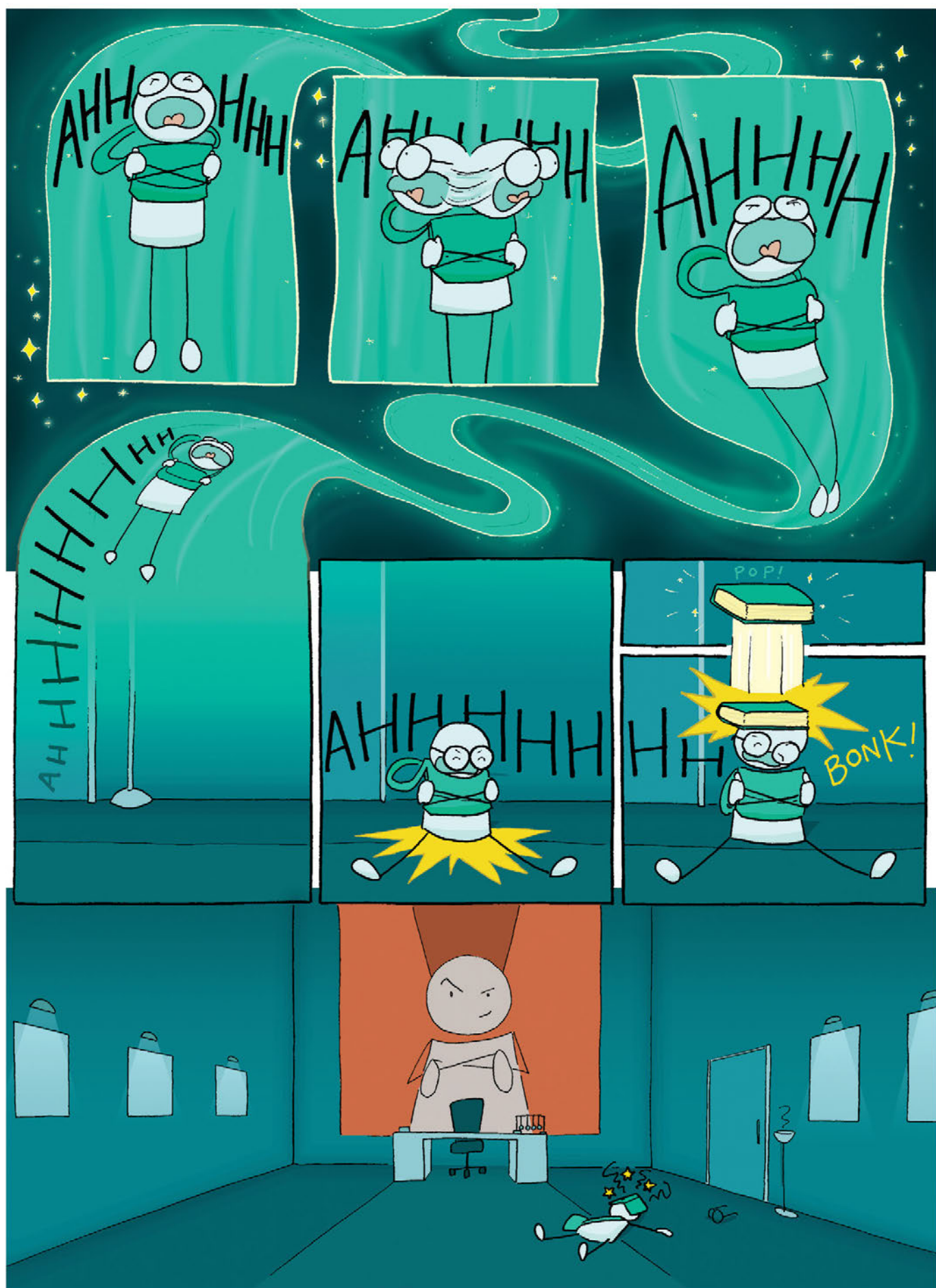


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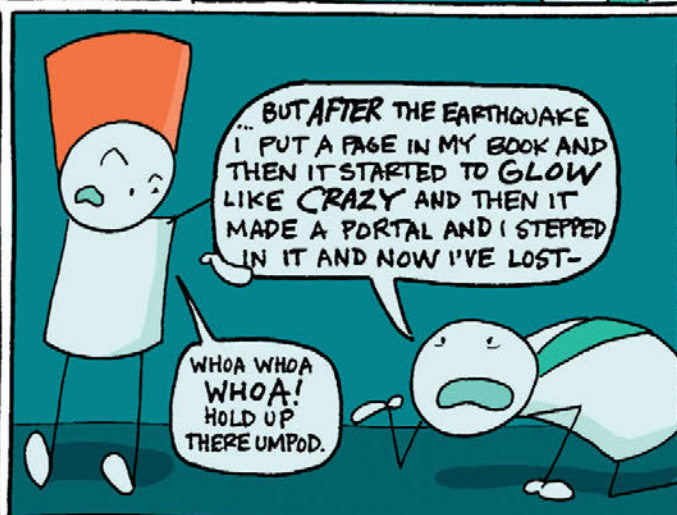
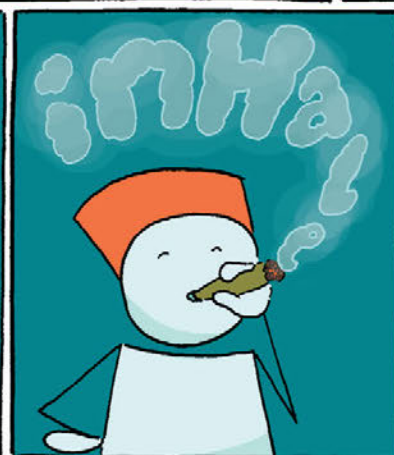
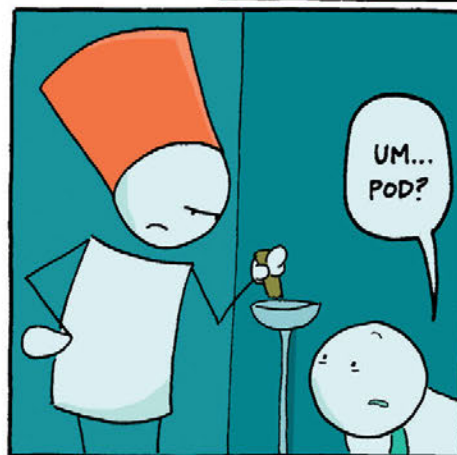
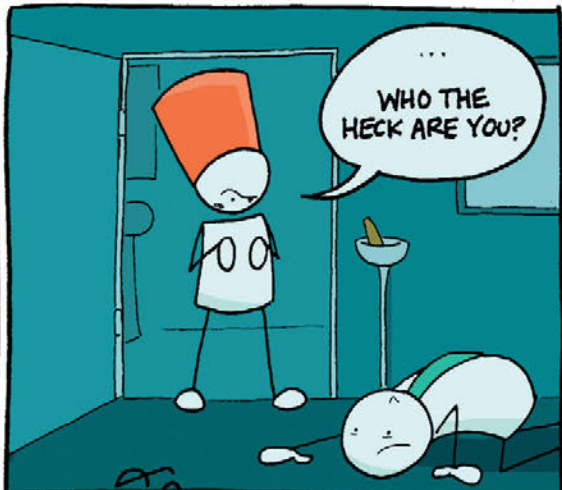
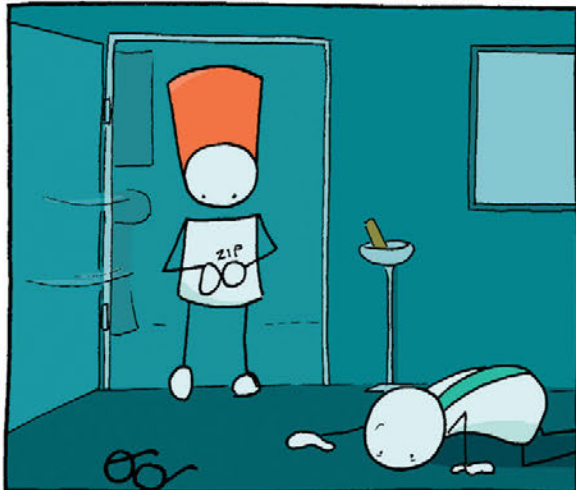
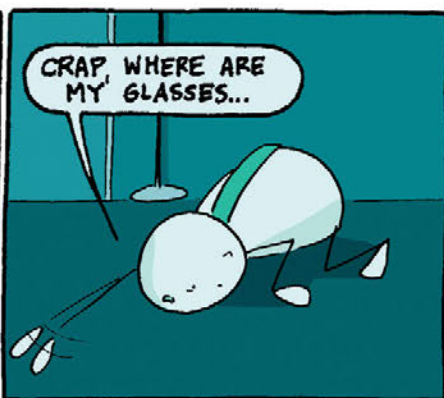
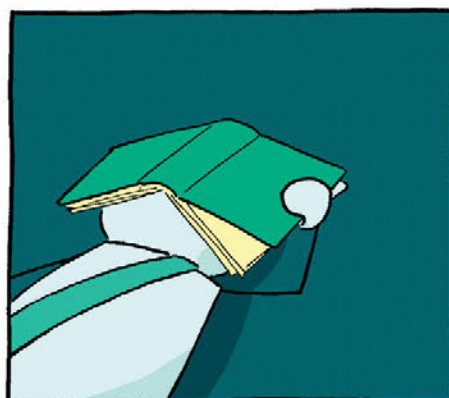




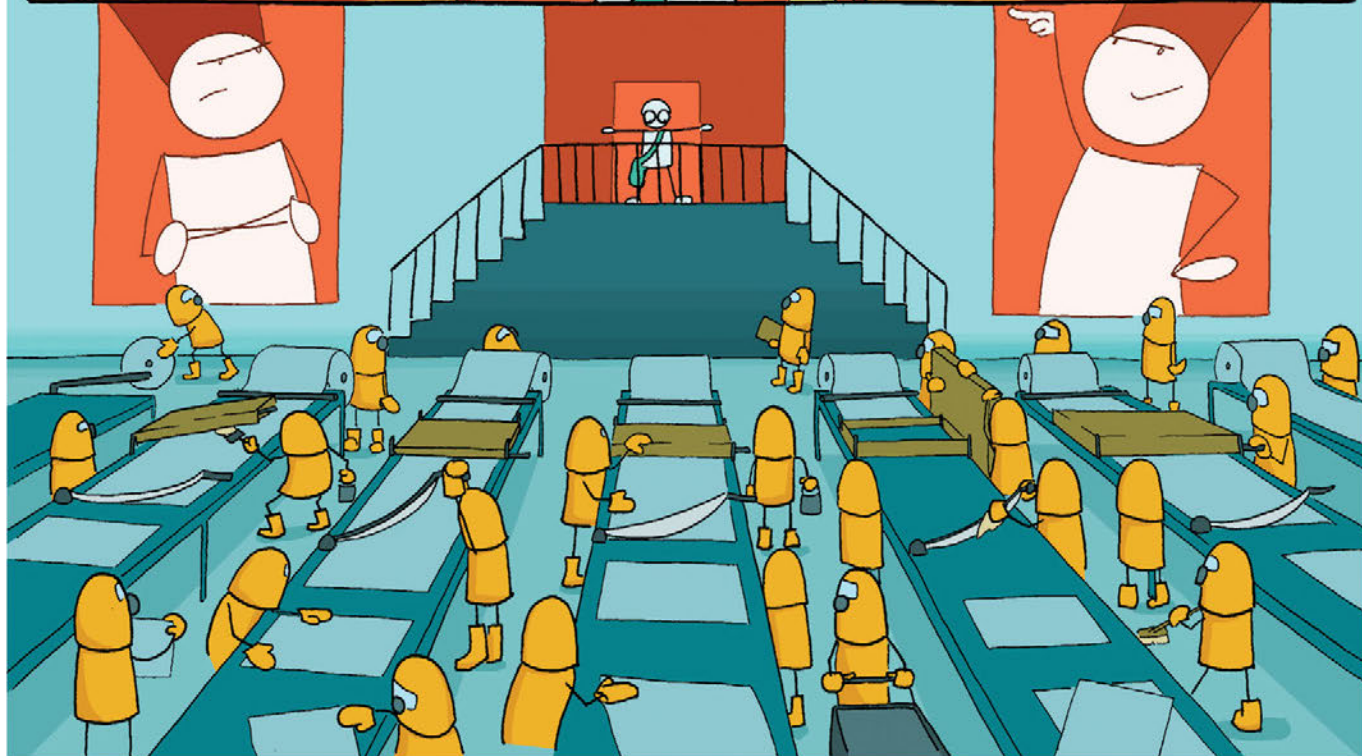
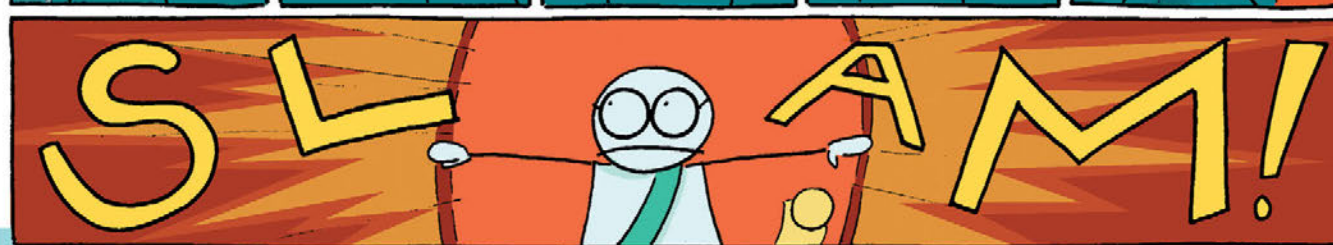
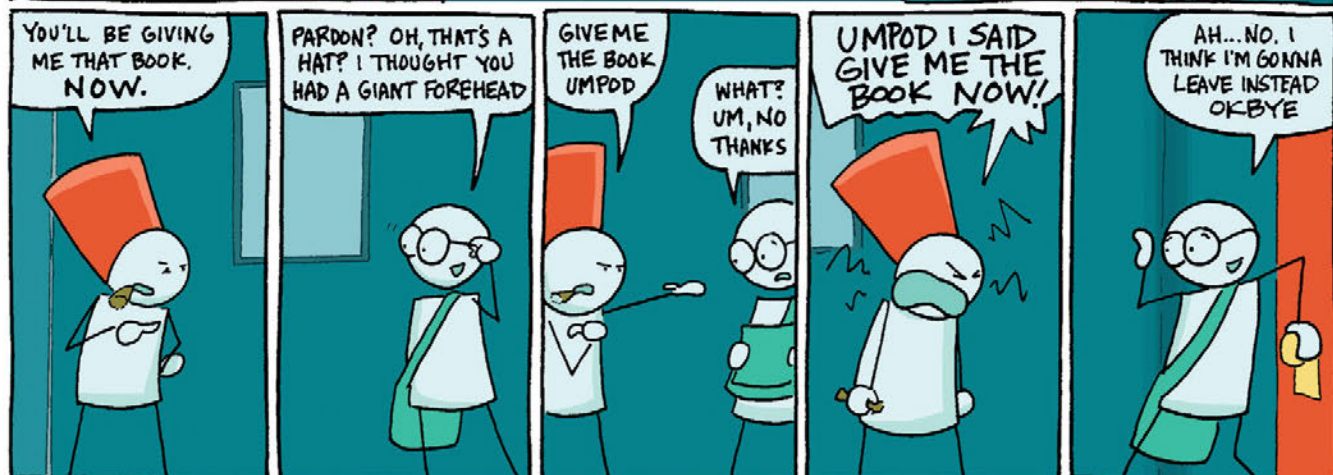




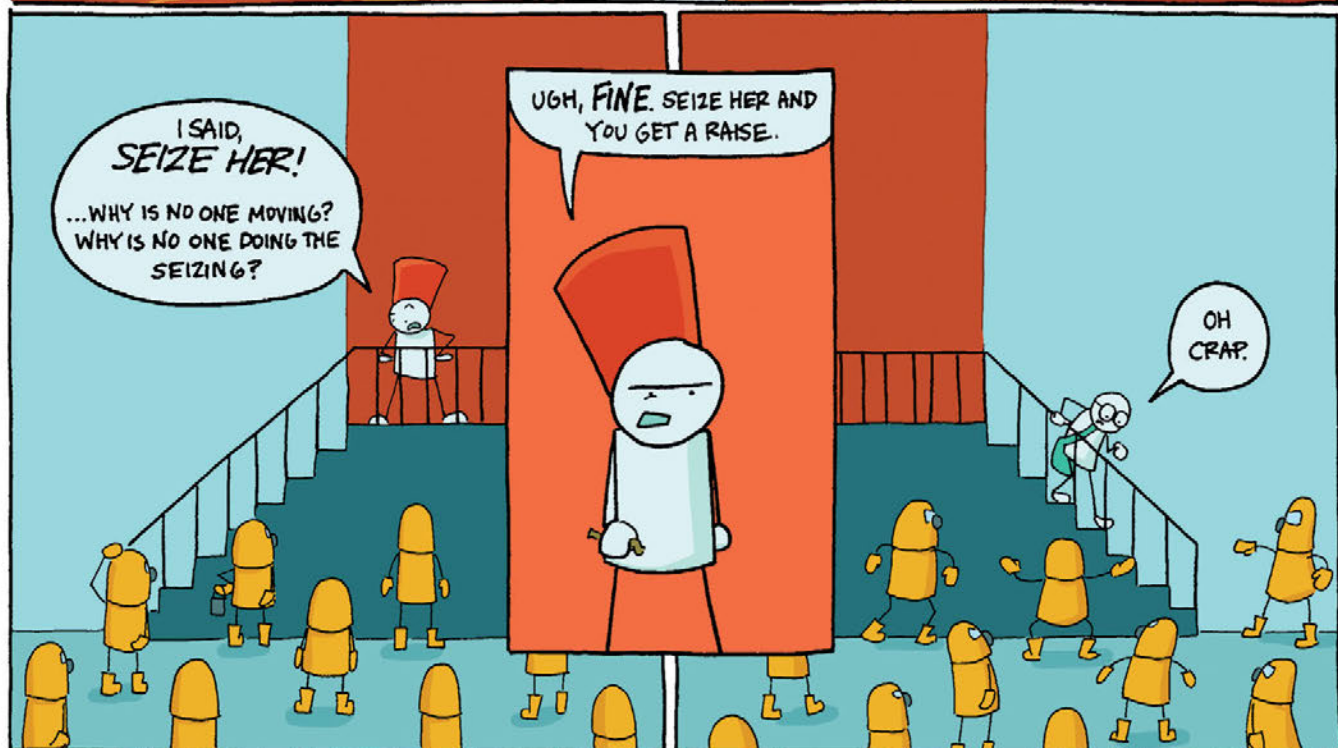
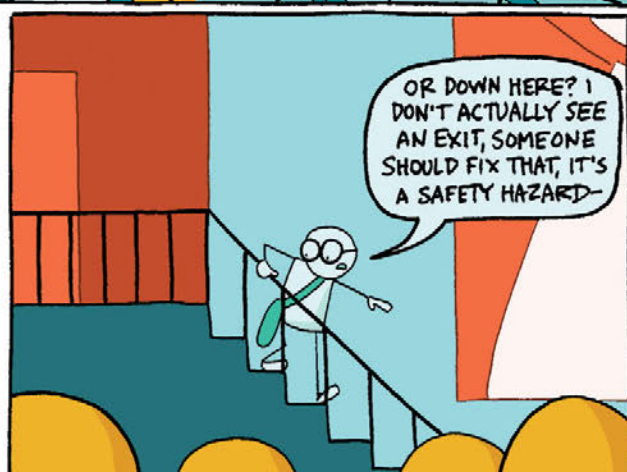
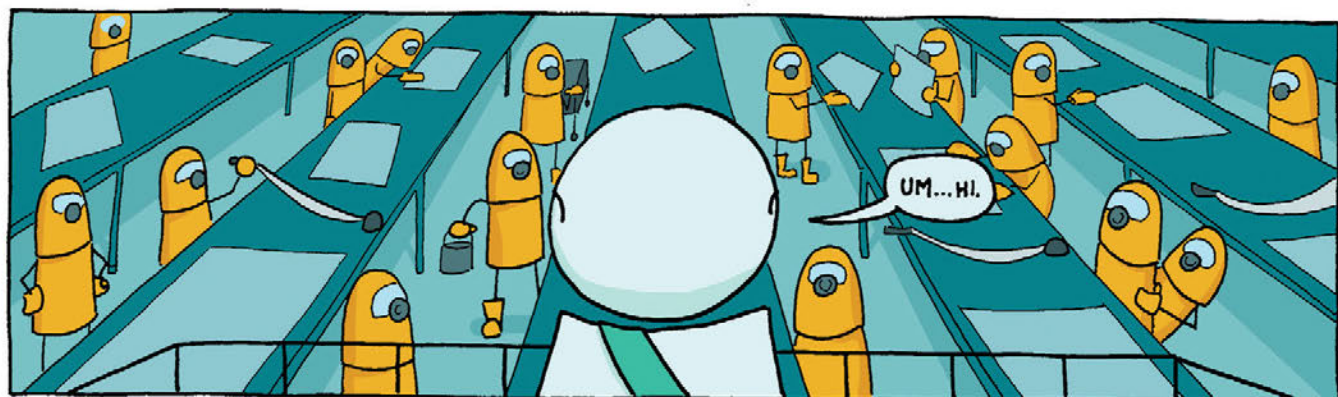




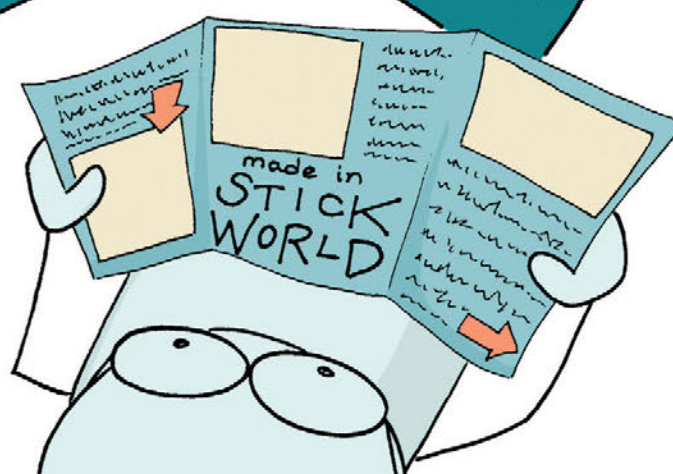
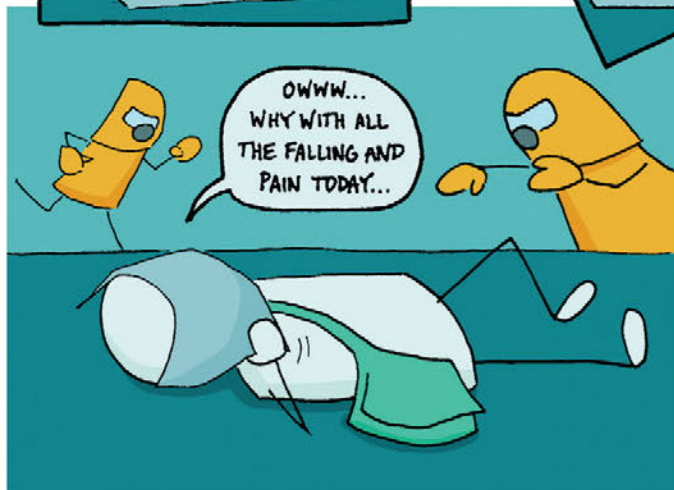
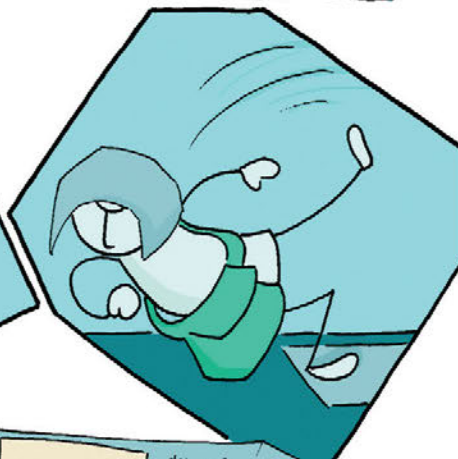
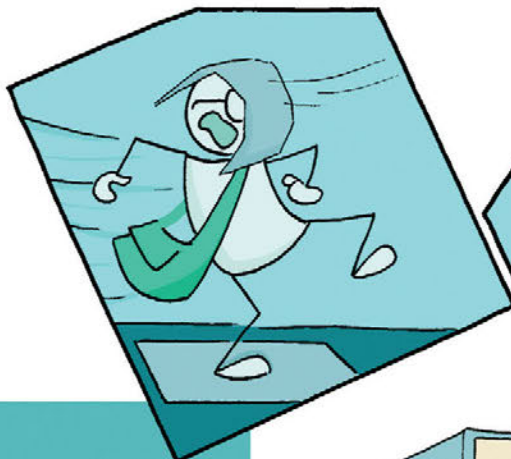
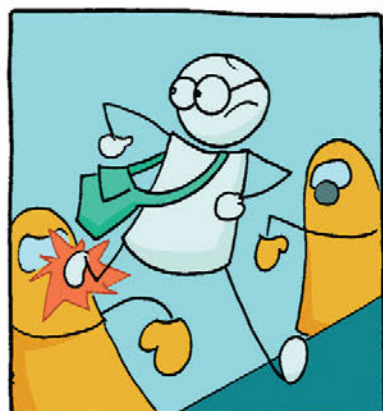




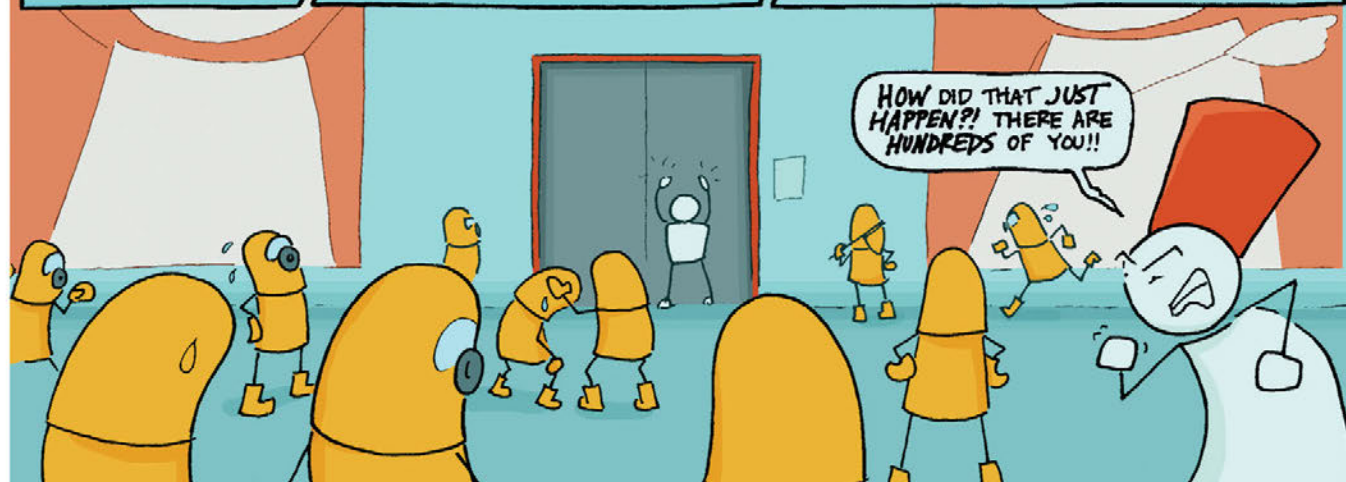
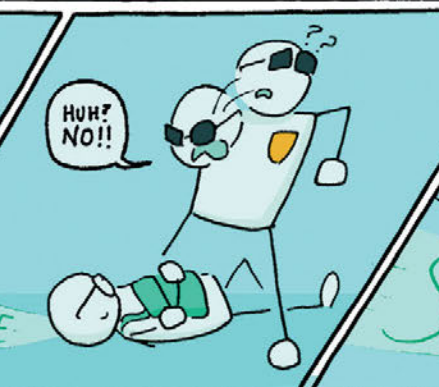
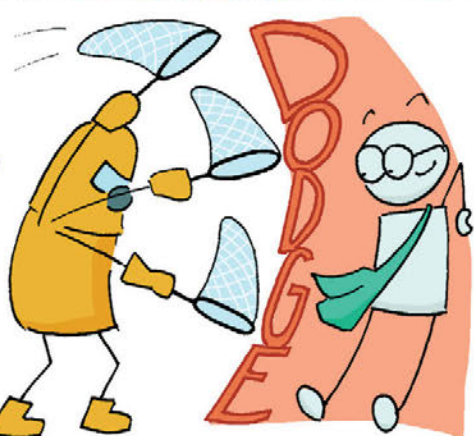




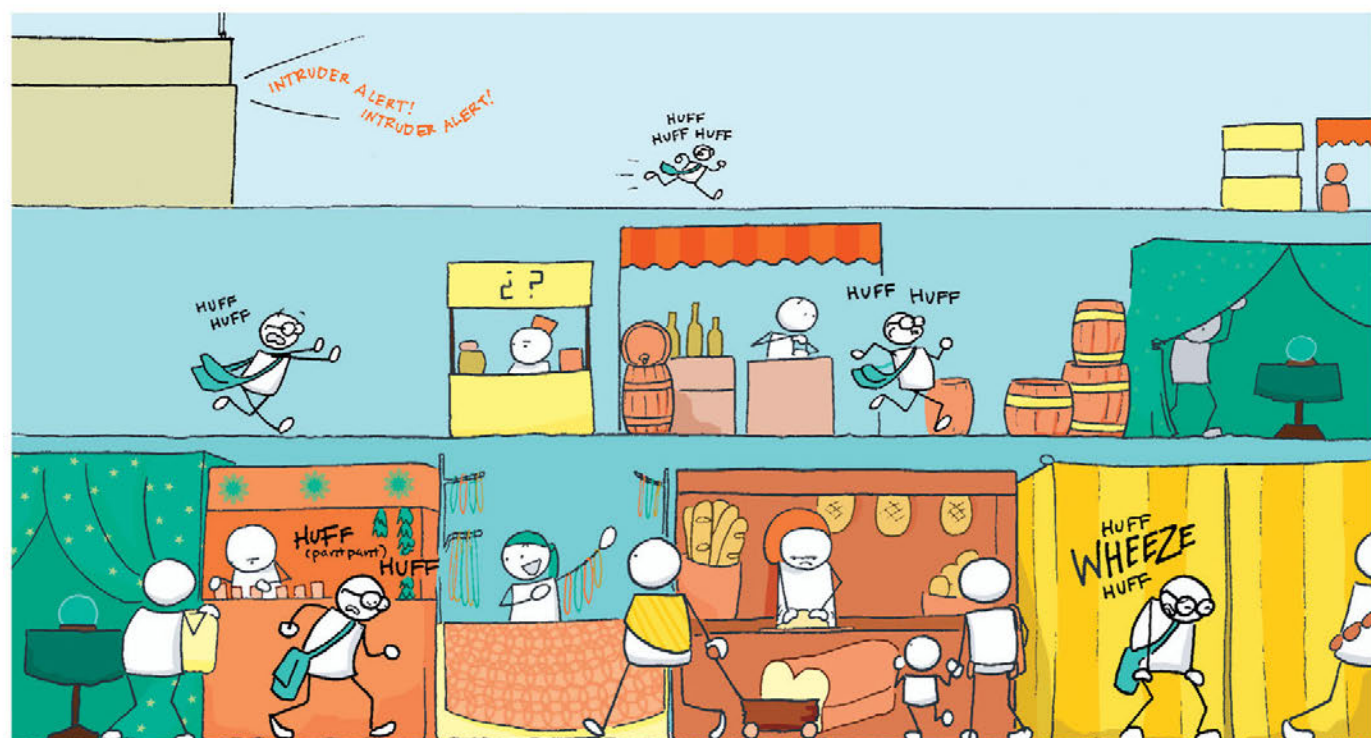




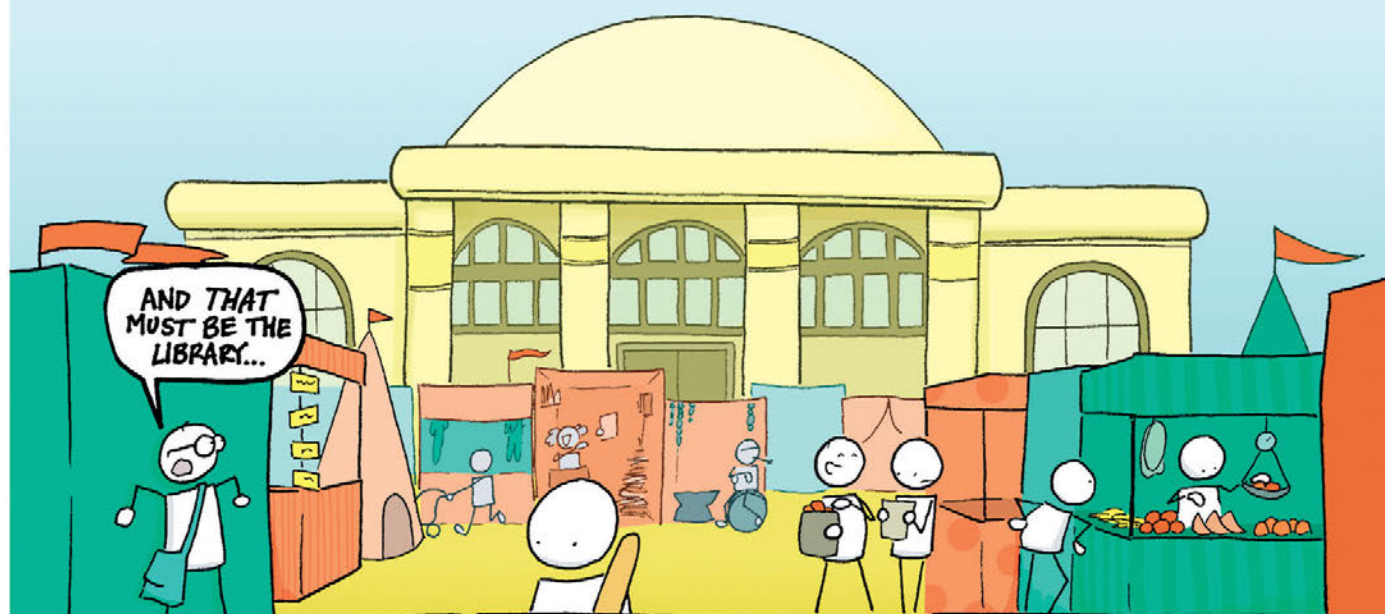
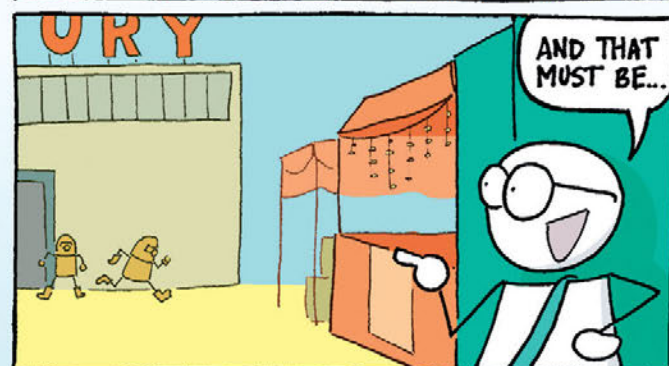
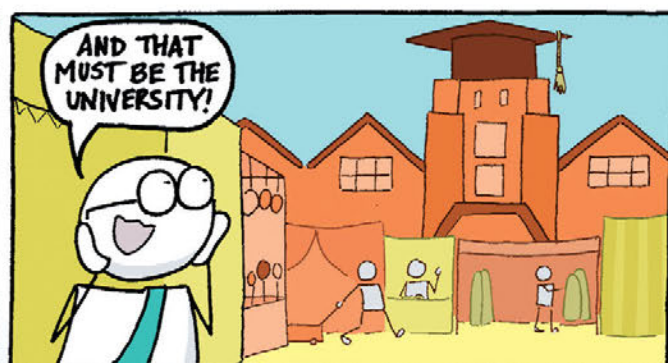




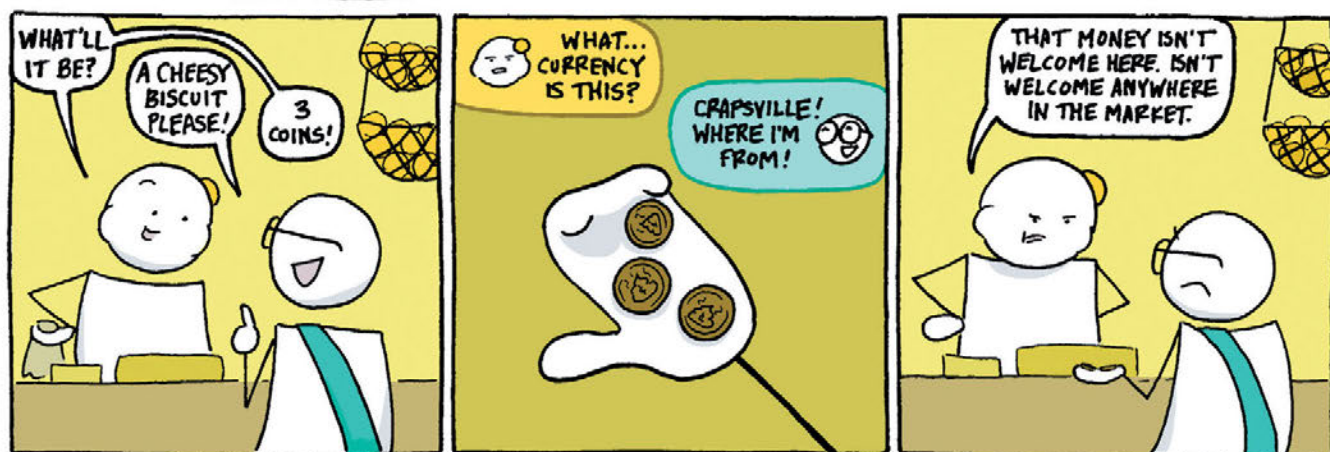
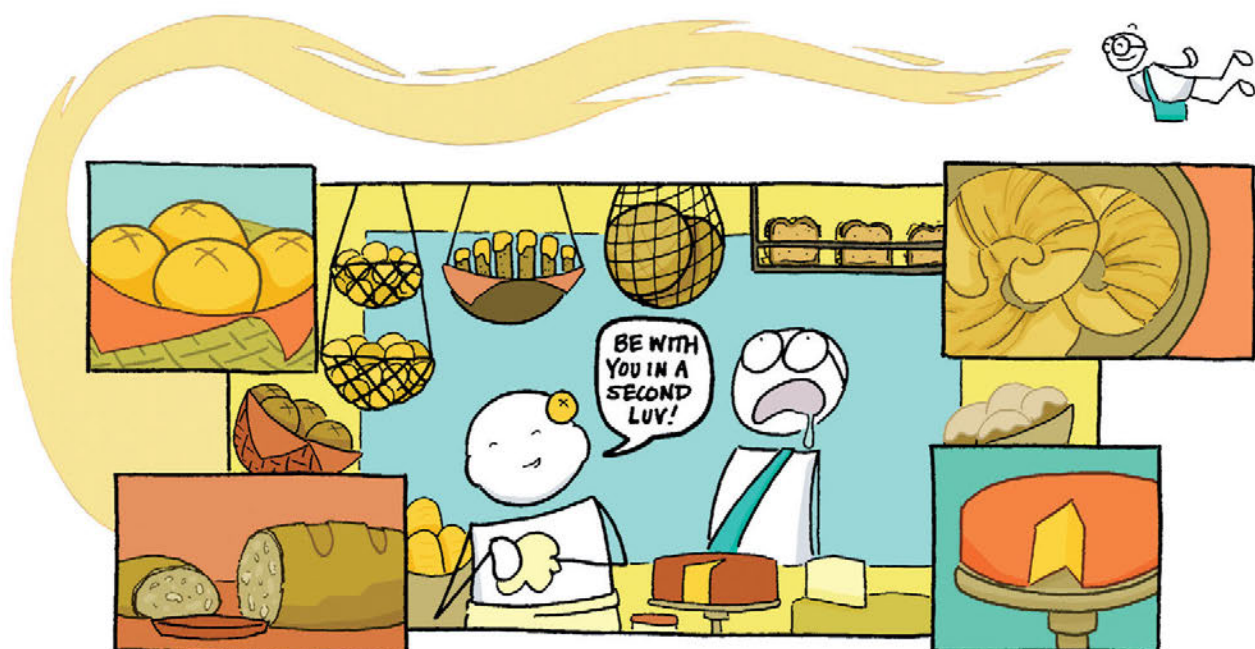
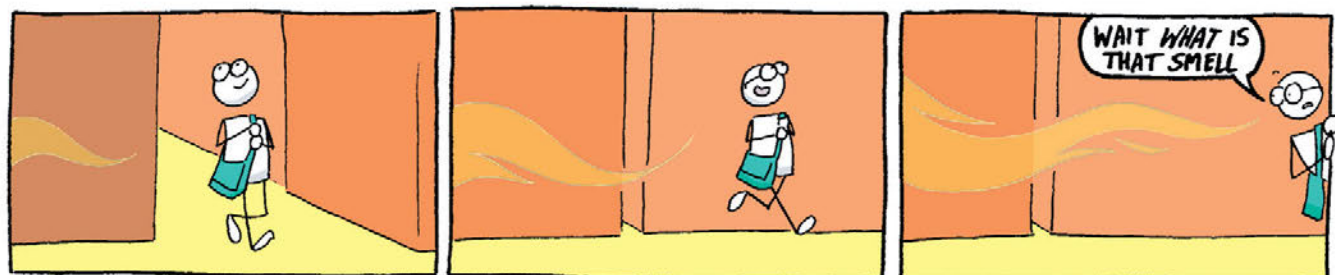




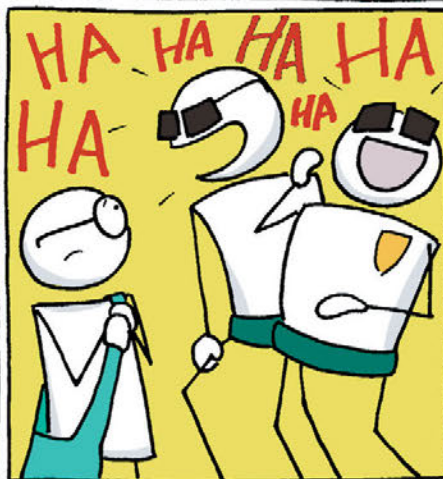
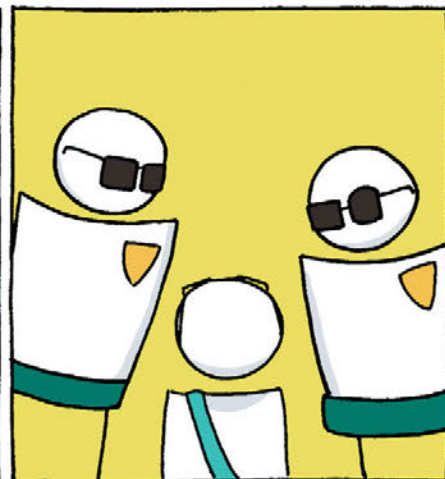
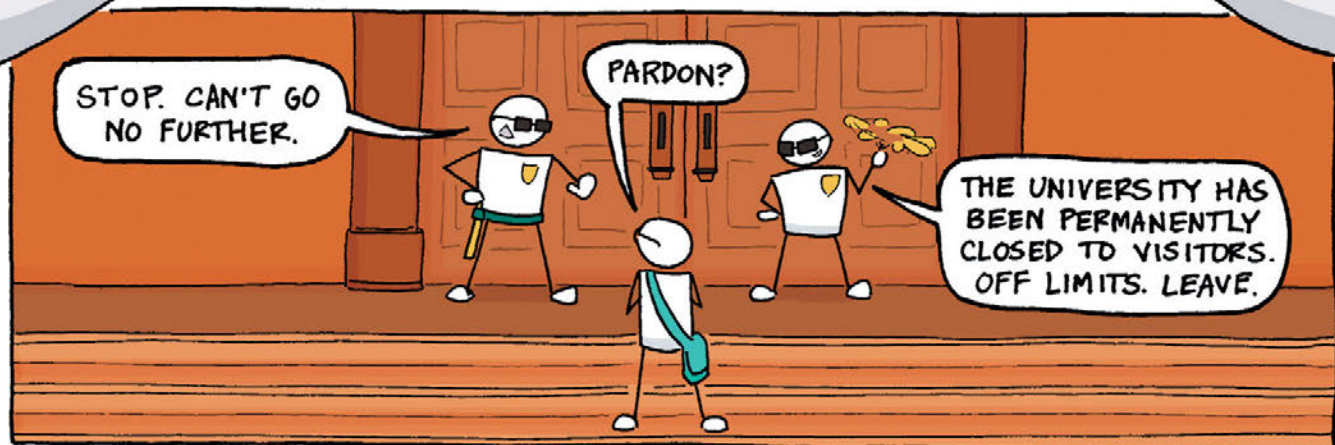
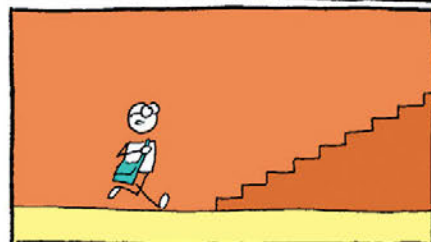
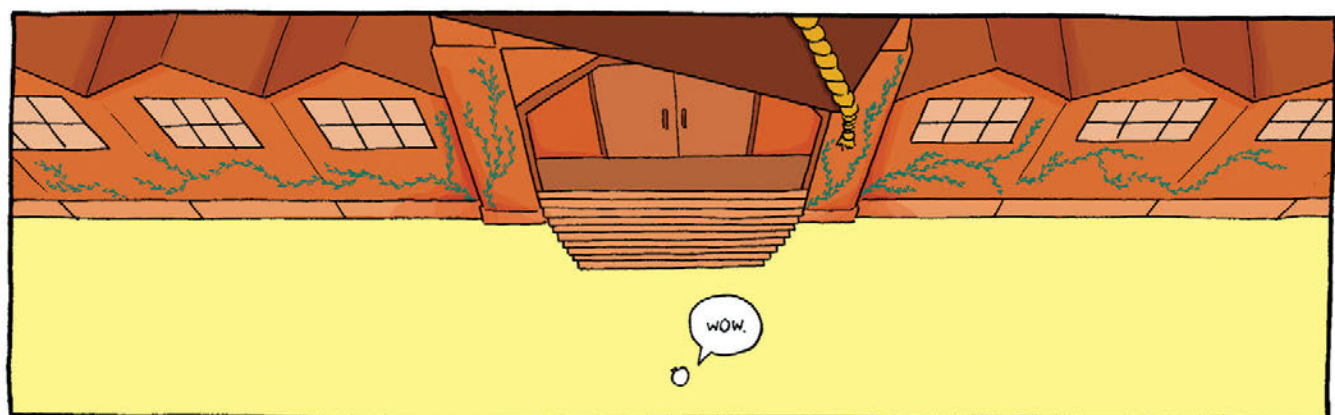


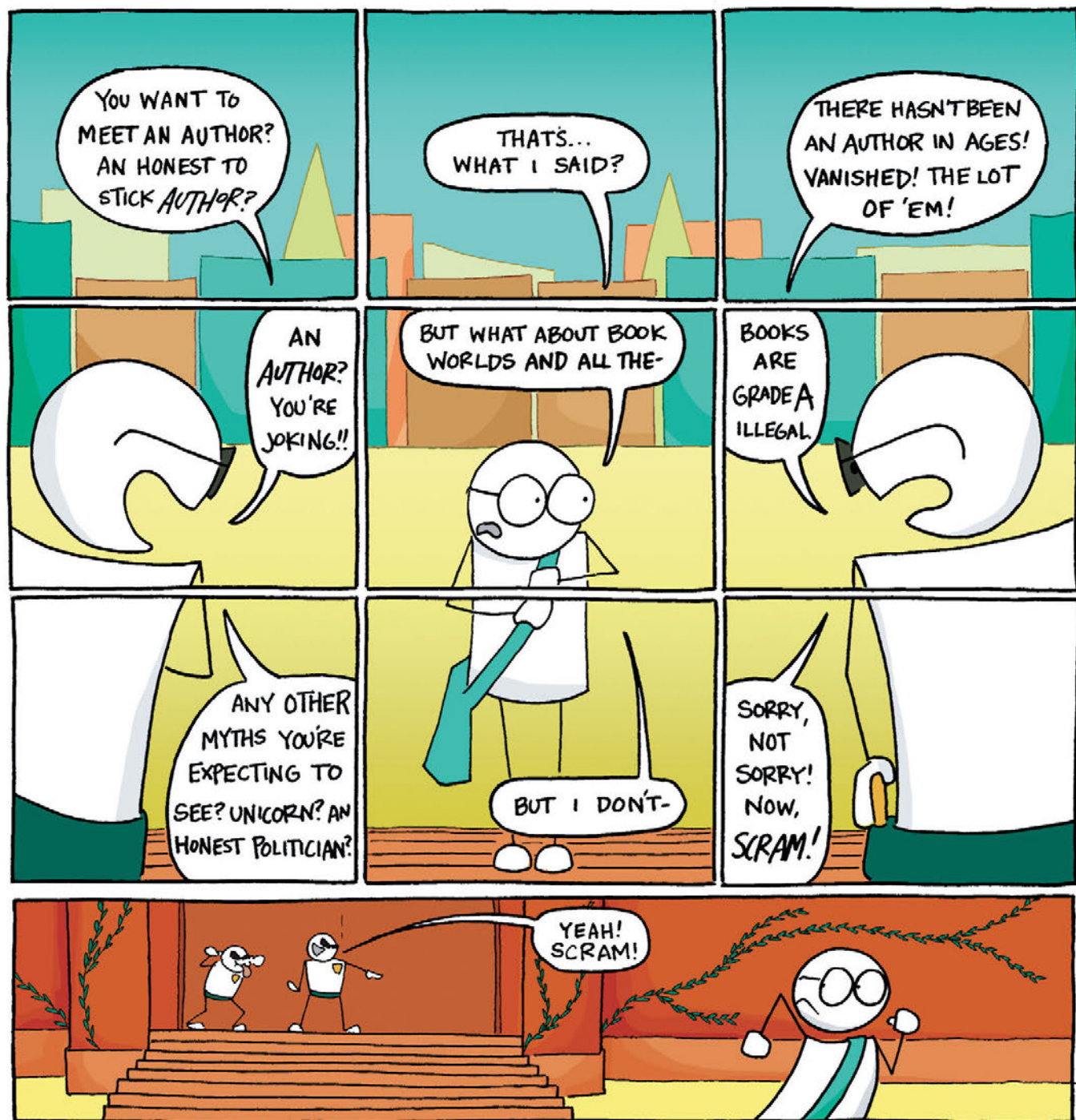




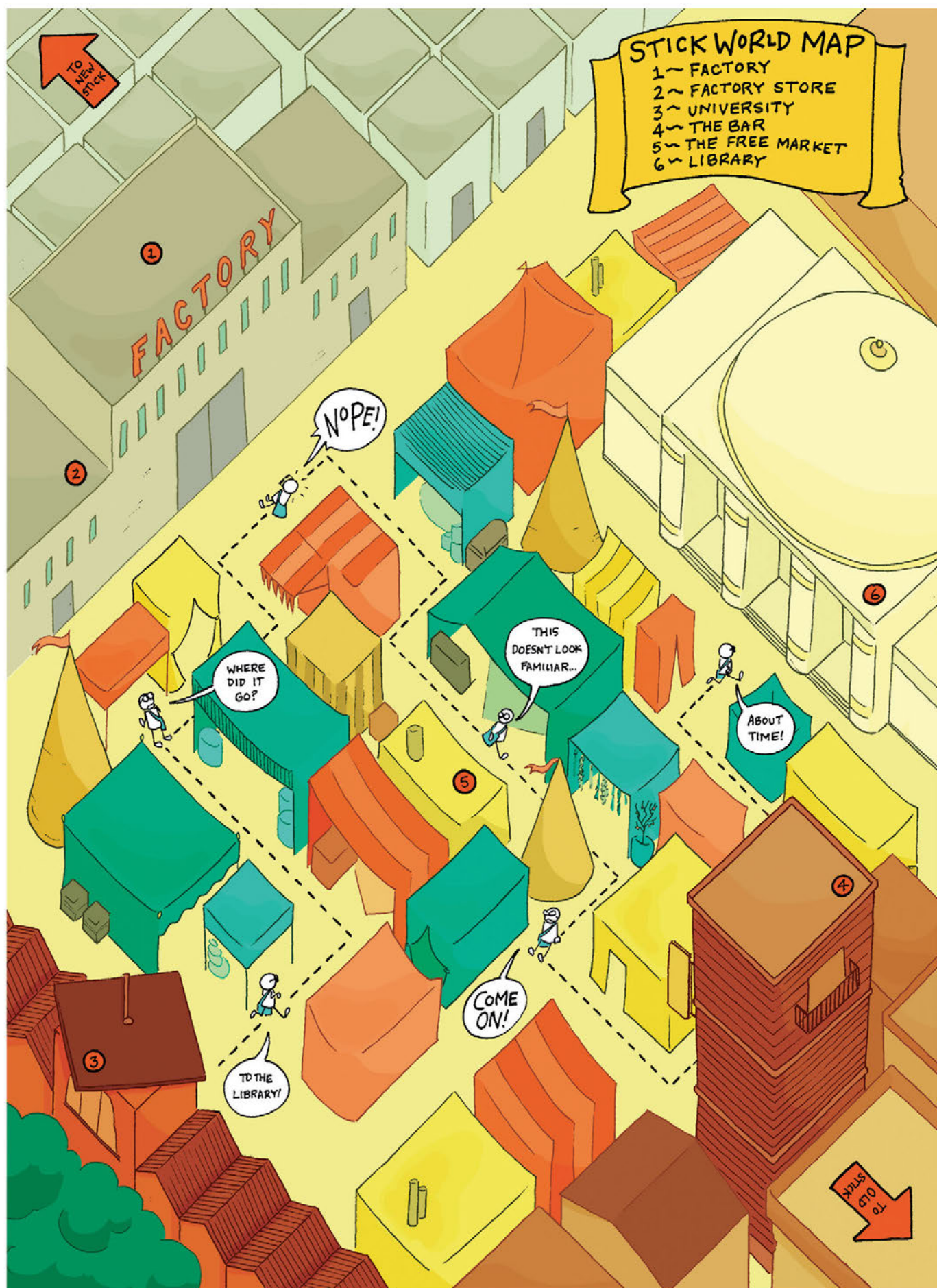




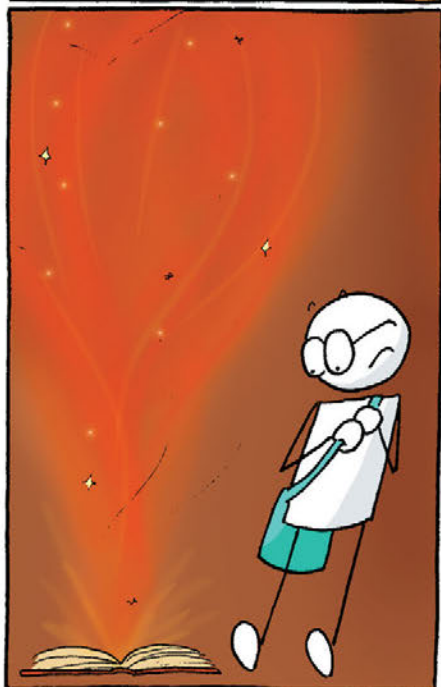
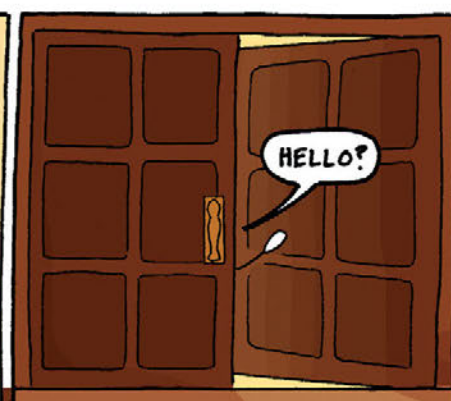




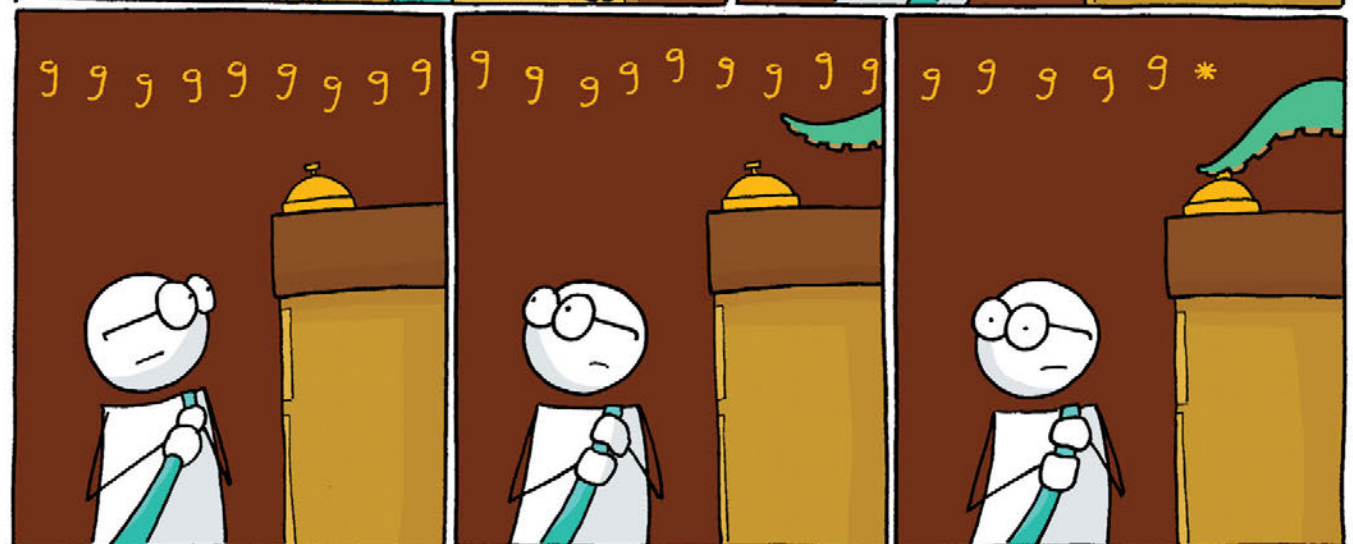
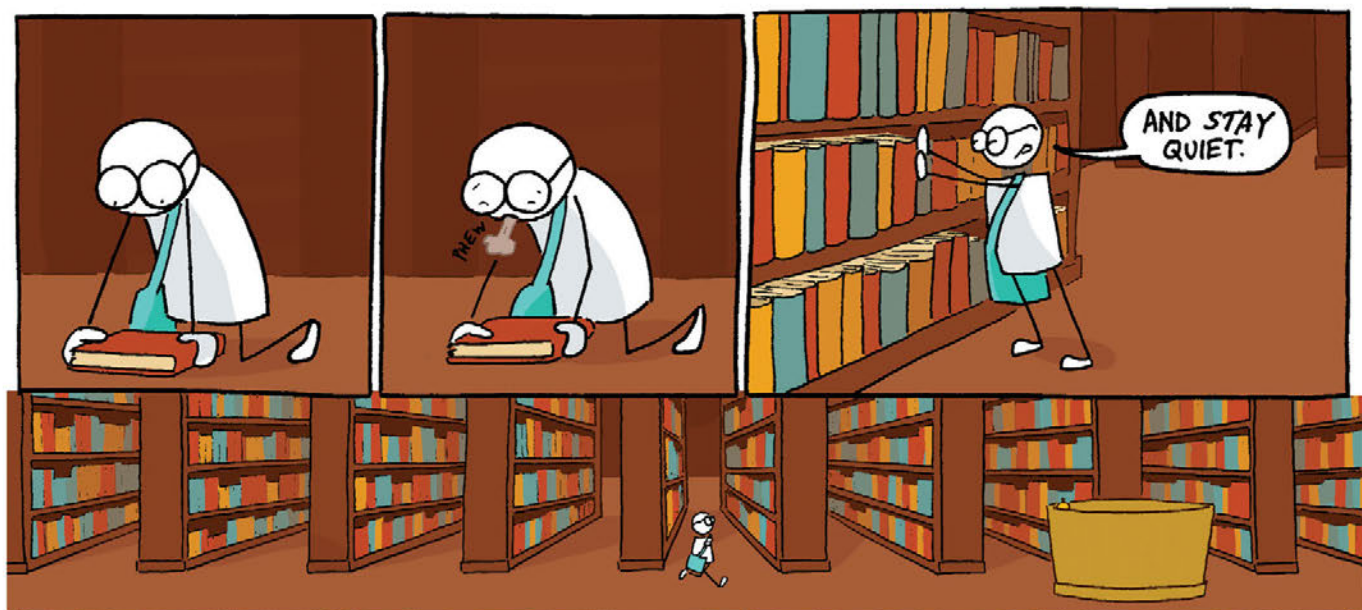


















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