



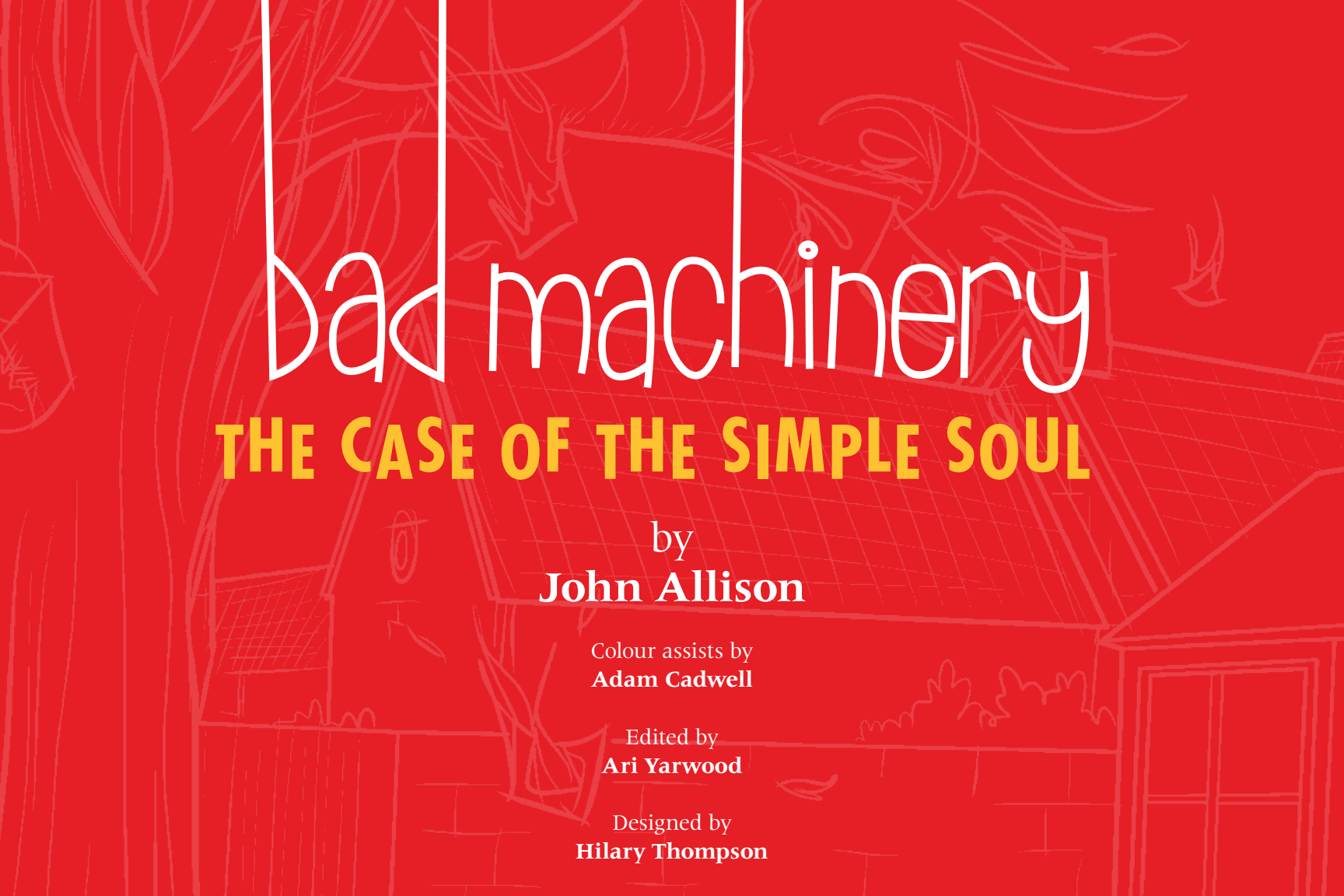
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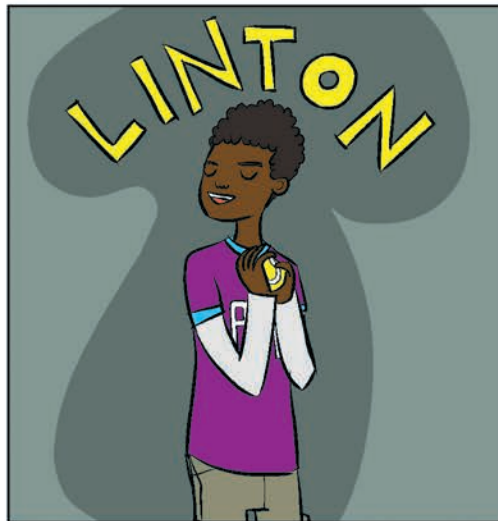
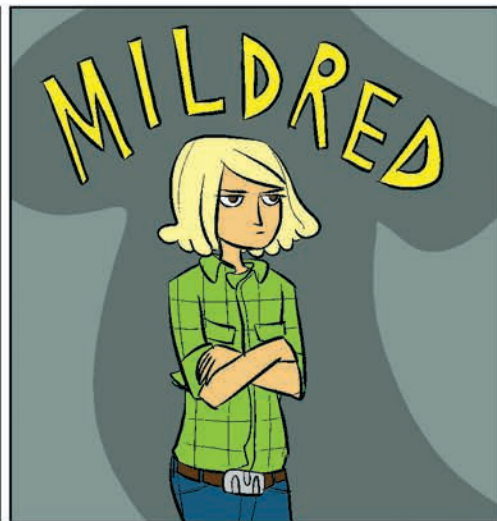
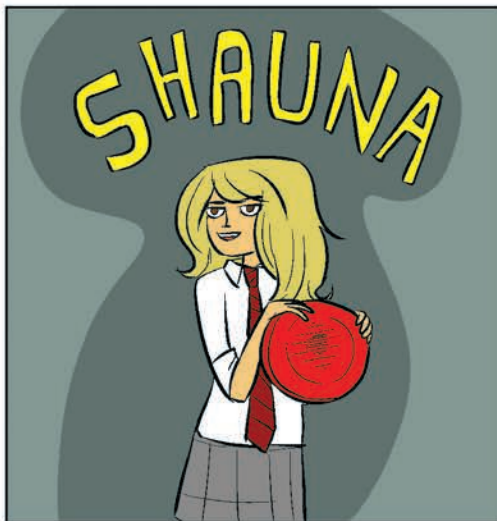
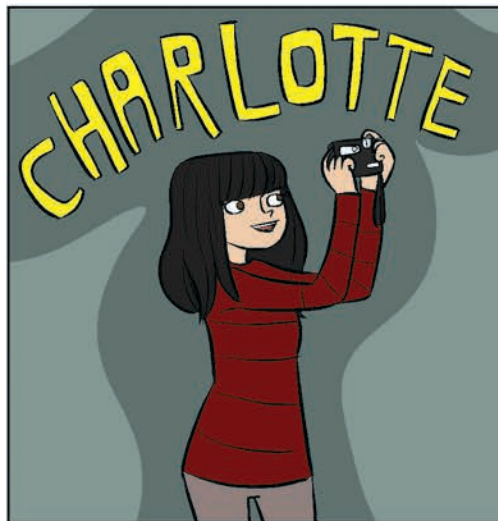
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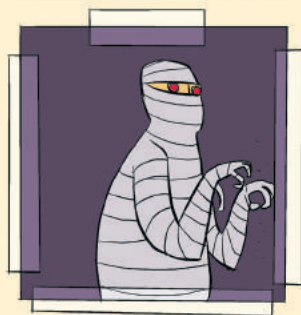
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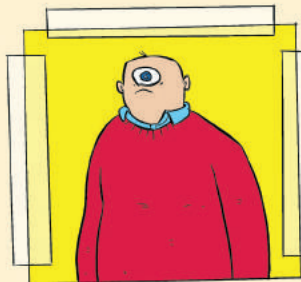






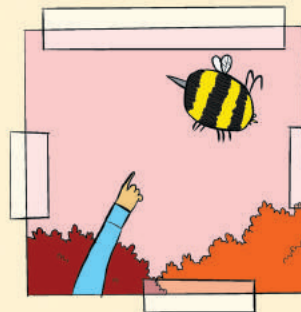
Tackleford Mummy

Museum menace. Average member of staff unabel to repel using gift shop contents. Slightly murderess.



Jerry the cyclops

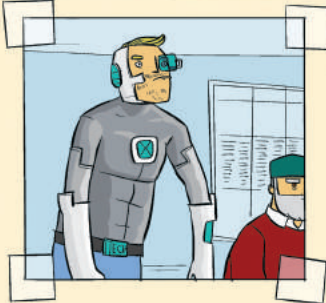
Fearsome looking but his lack of depth perception and phisycal fitness mean he is NON-THRETTENING.



Giant bee

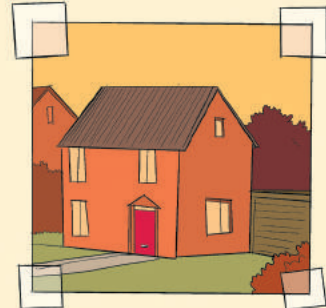
Does it make giant honey?

NOT SURE.



Local cyborg

Not billionaire playboy as suspected, just an idiot with a soldering iron and too much spare time.



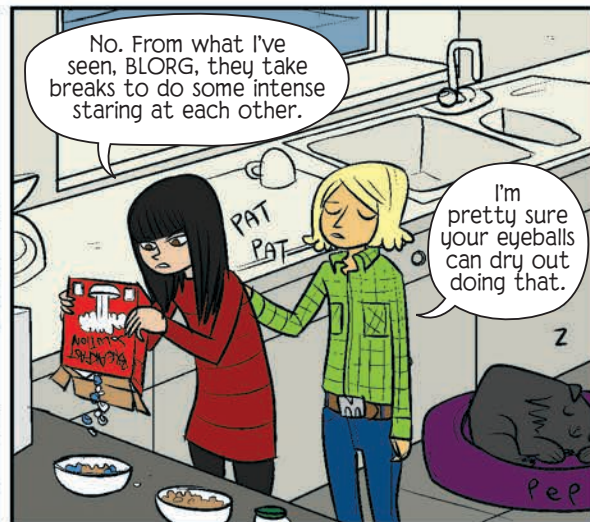
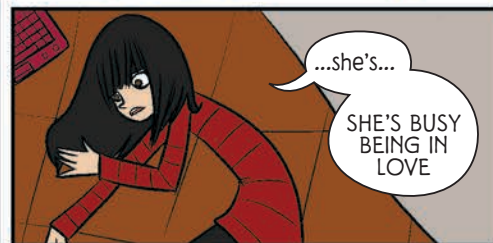
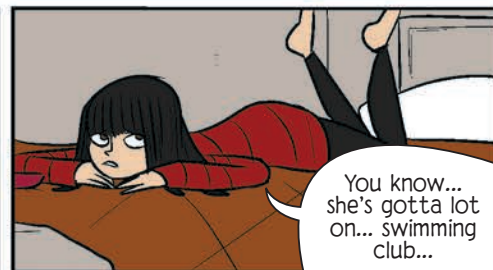
House of evil

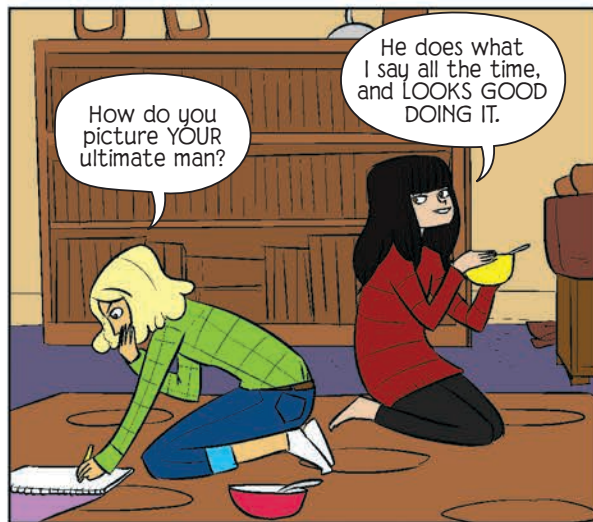
On no accoant put your hand through the letter box.

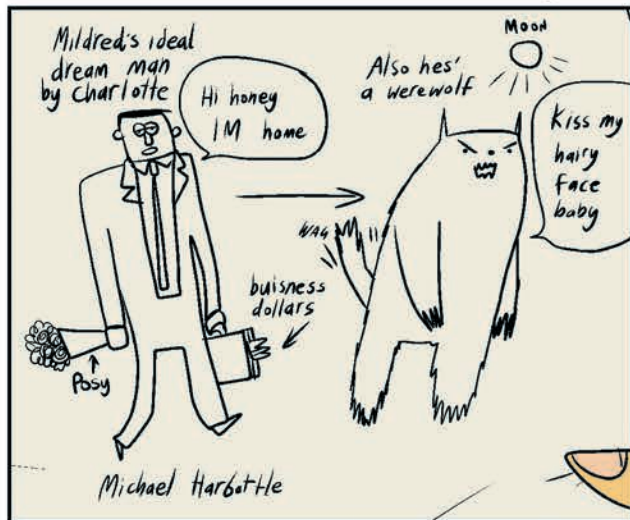
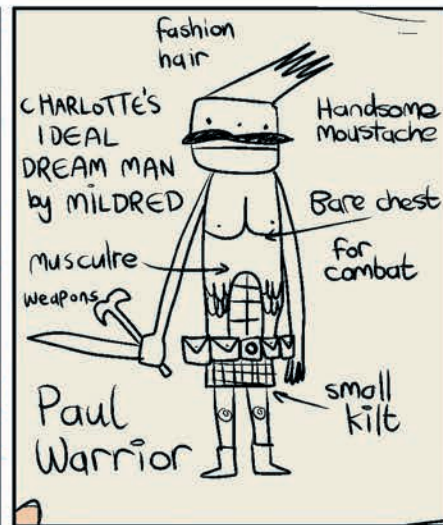


Wee folk

Almost too wee!
Reminder: watch where you are walking.

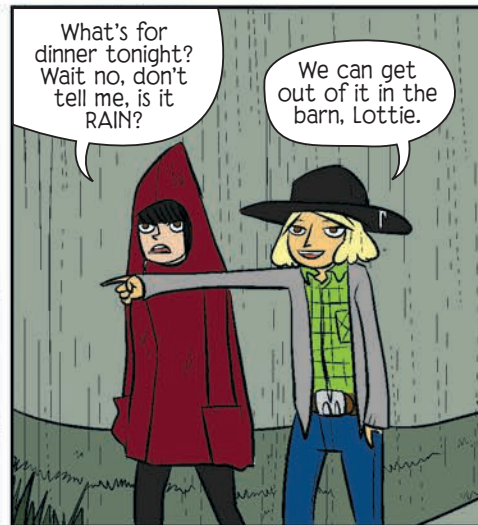








Rain rain
rain rain
flipping RAIN,
Mildred.



What's for
dinner tonight?
Wait no, don't
tell me, is it
RAIN?

We can get
out of it in the
barn, Lottie.



It smells like
a bonfire.

Be careful
not to sit on a
rusty nail. That's
basically deadly.



The summer
holidays had
better not be
like this.

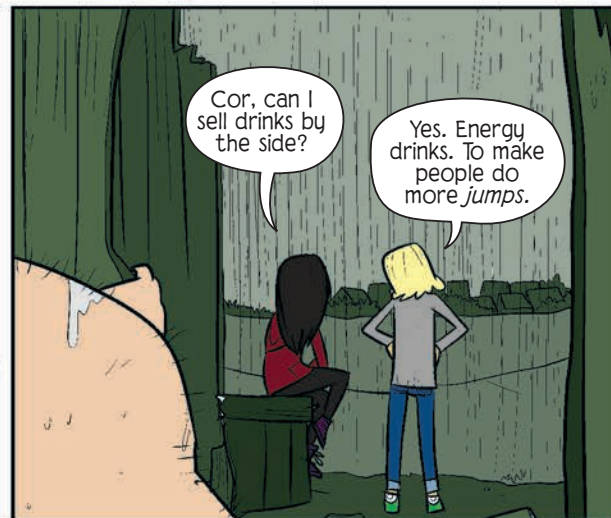
I've got
big plans.

Yeah?



I'm going to
build a ramp and
charge people to
do jumps off it.

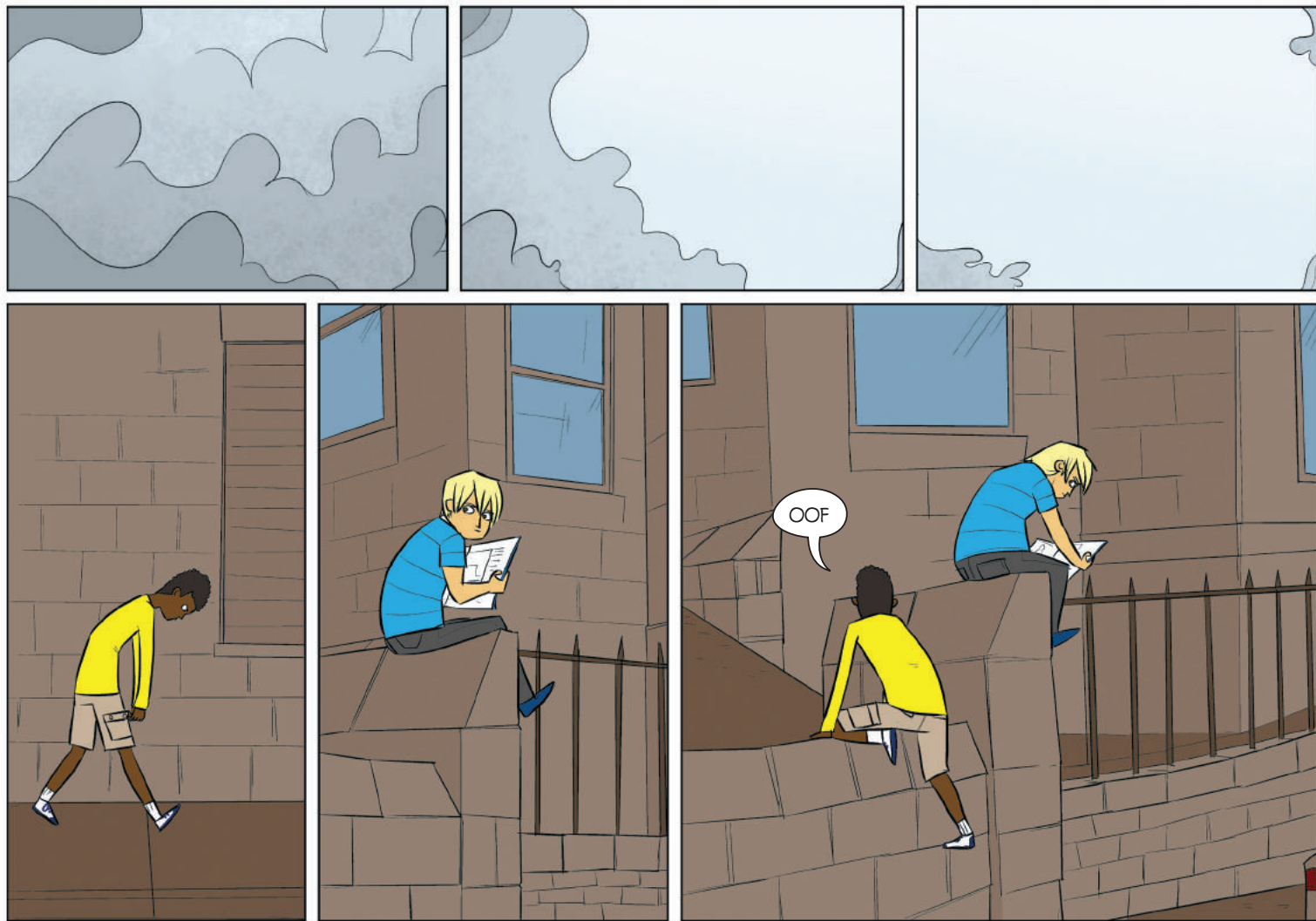
The best
ramp!



Cor, can I
sell drinks by
the side?

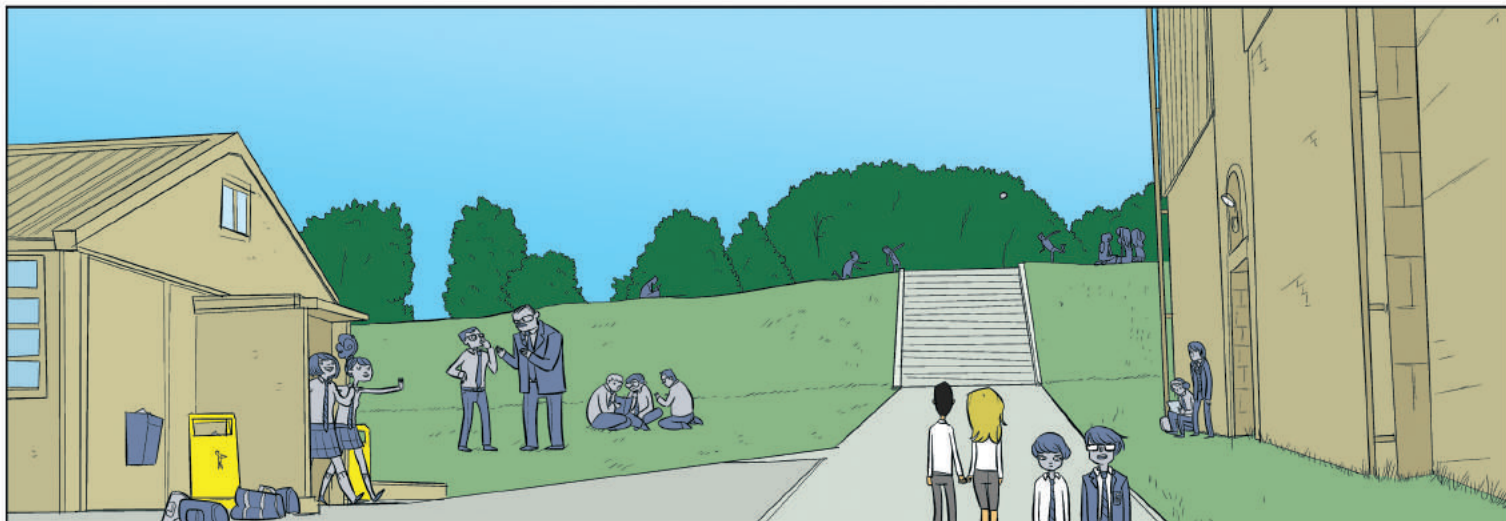
Yes. Energy
drinks. To make
people do
more *jumps*.

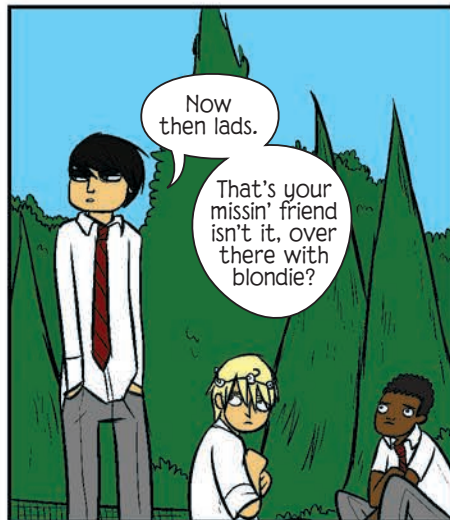
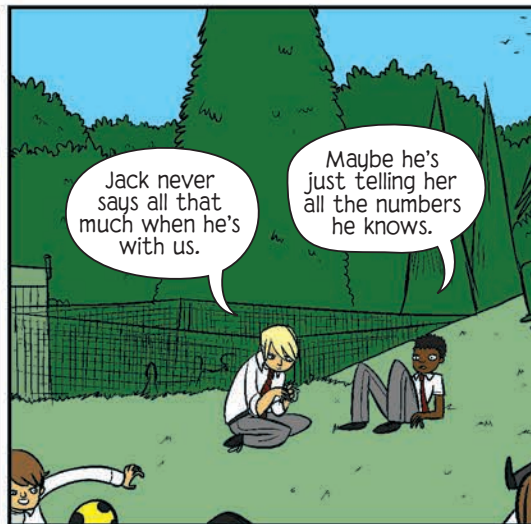




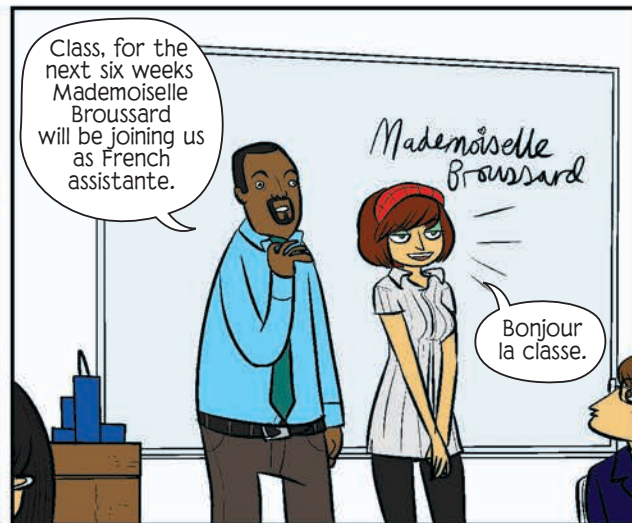
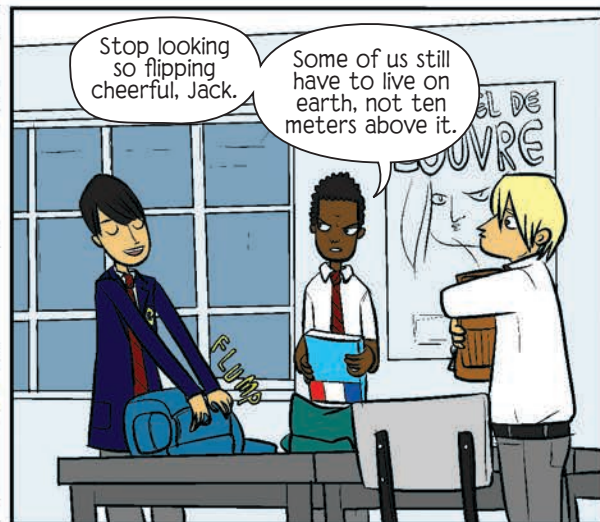
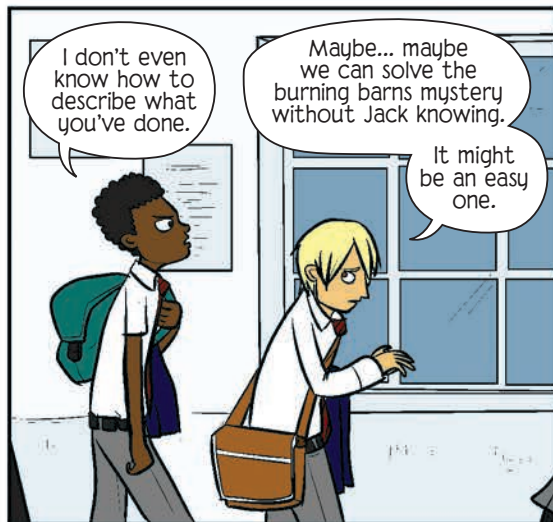


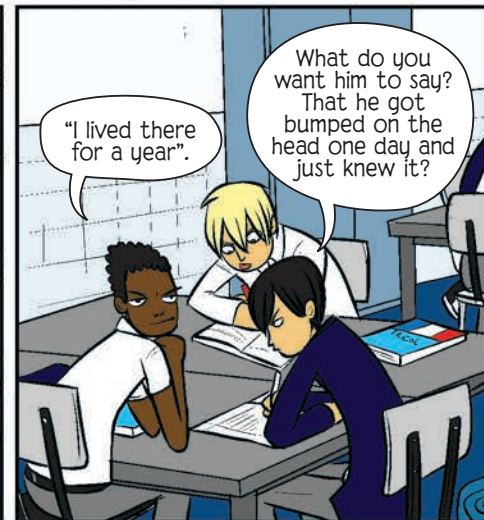




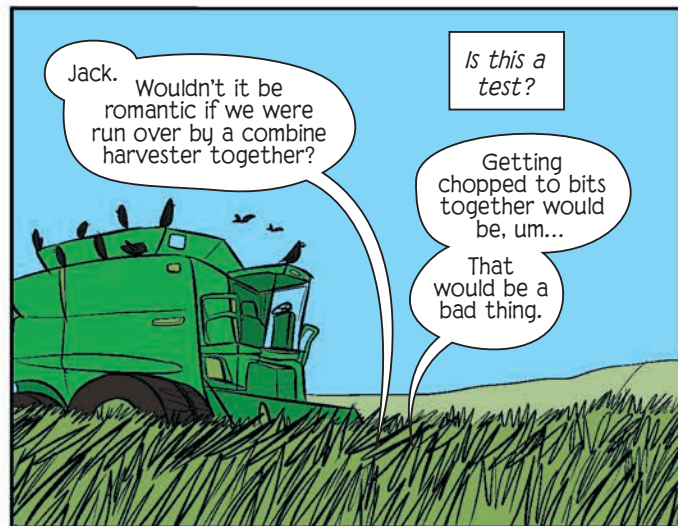


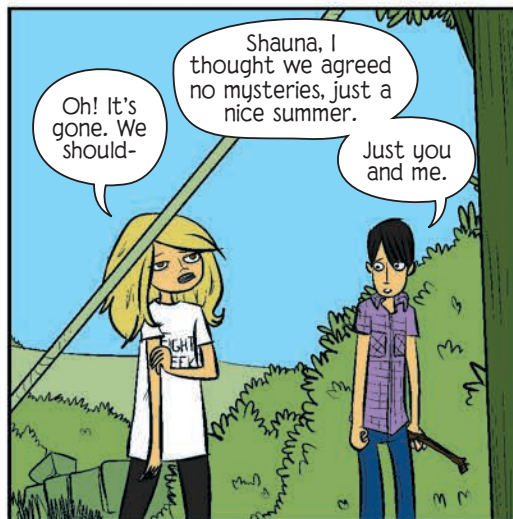
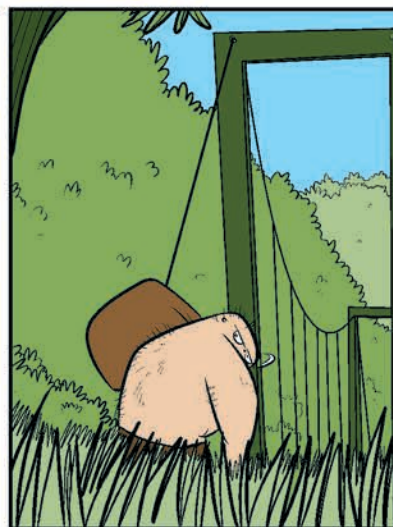


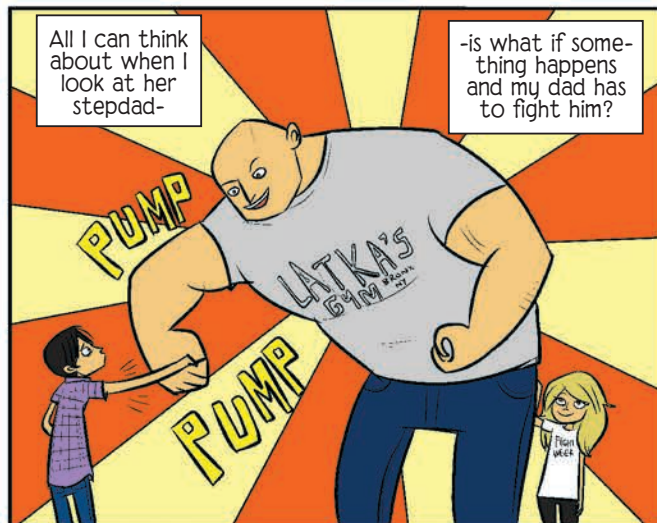
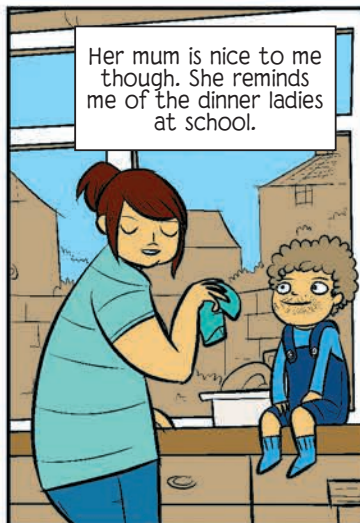
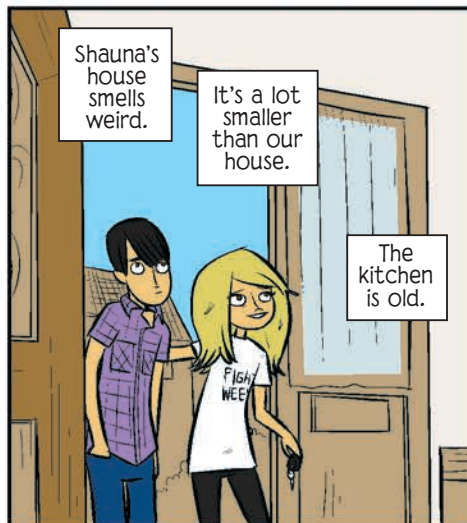






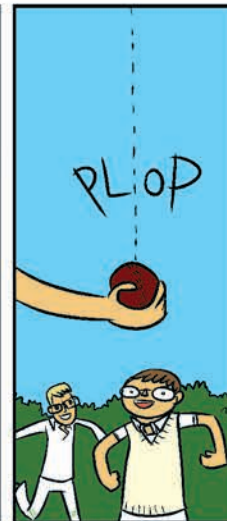
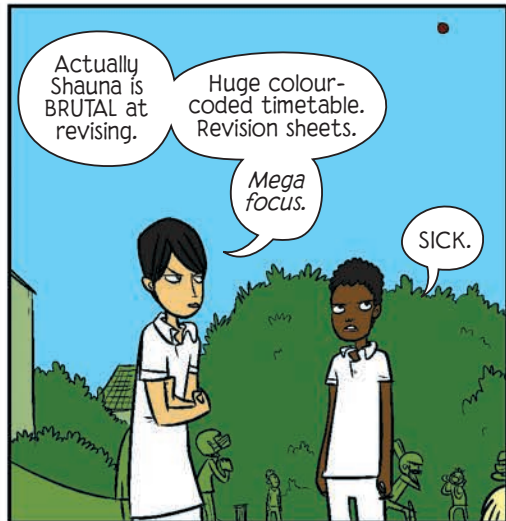
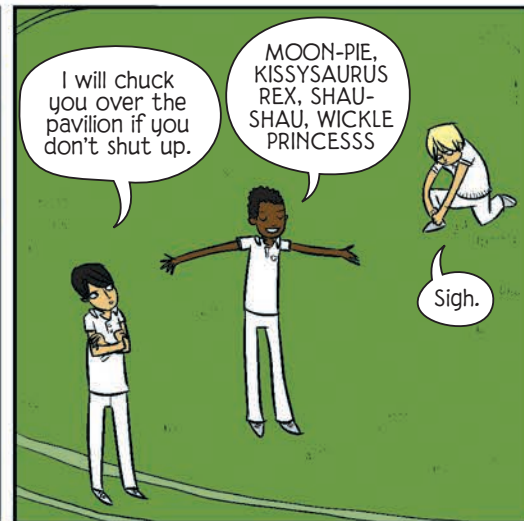
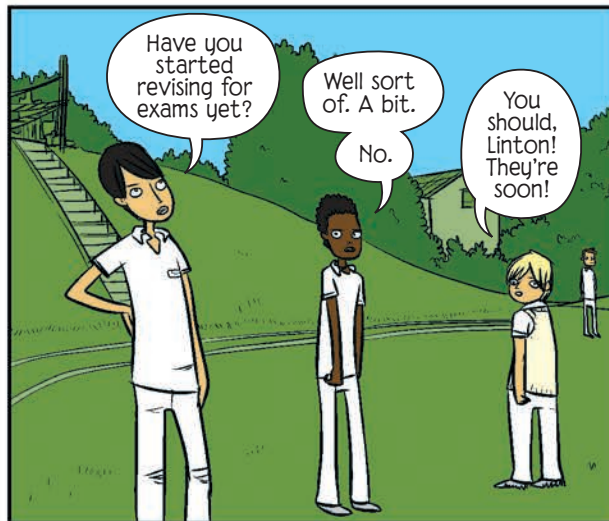


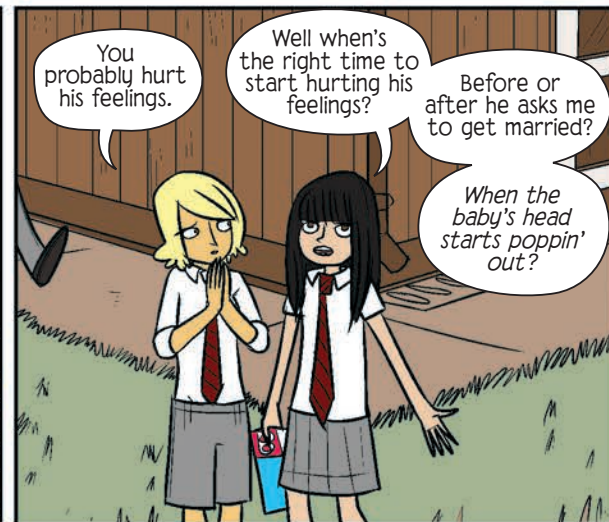
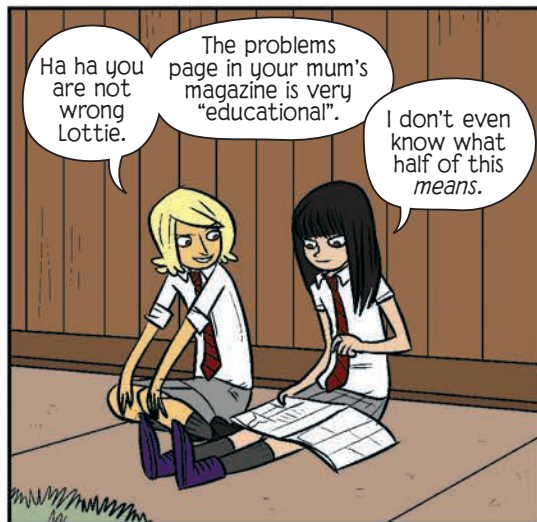


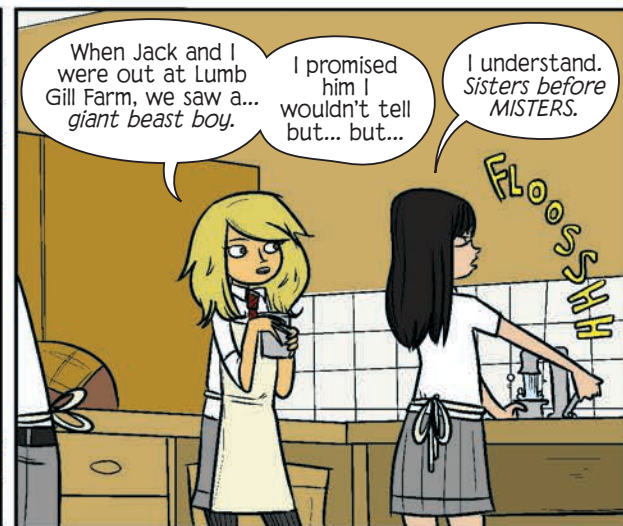


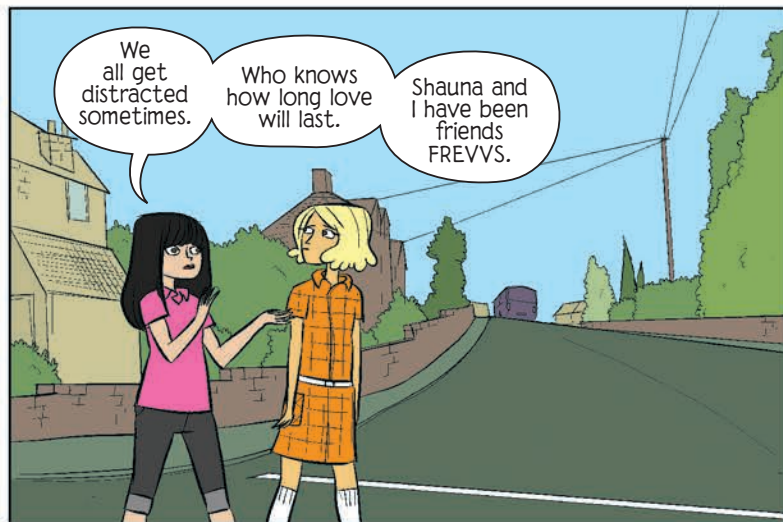


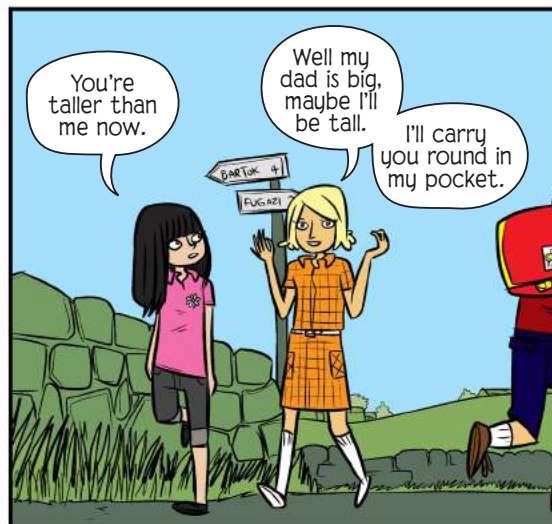


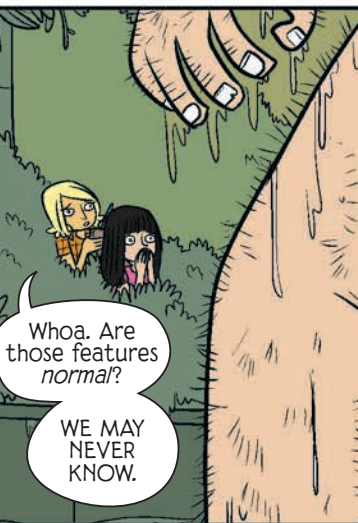






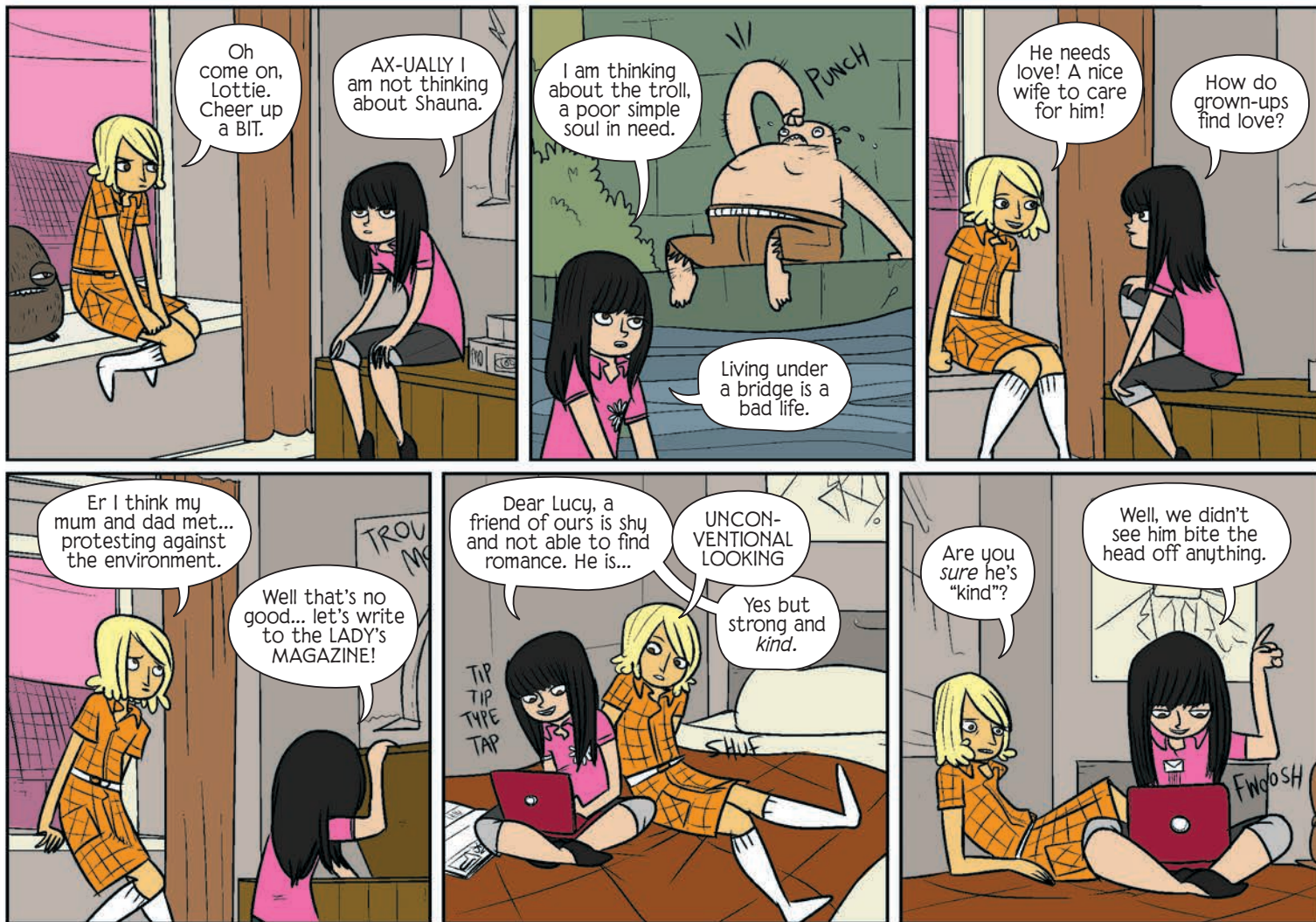










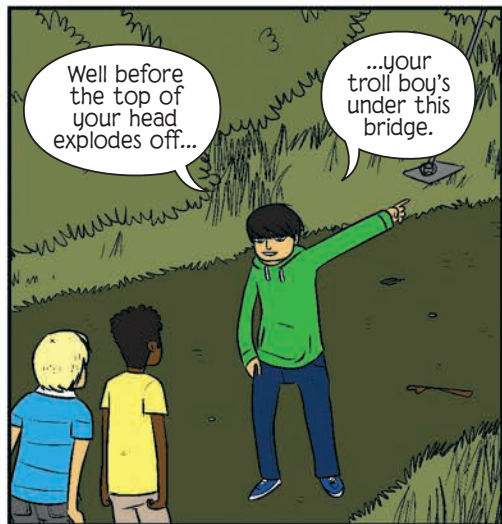




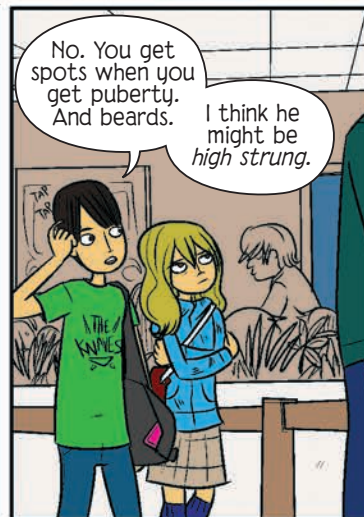










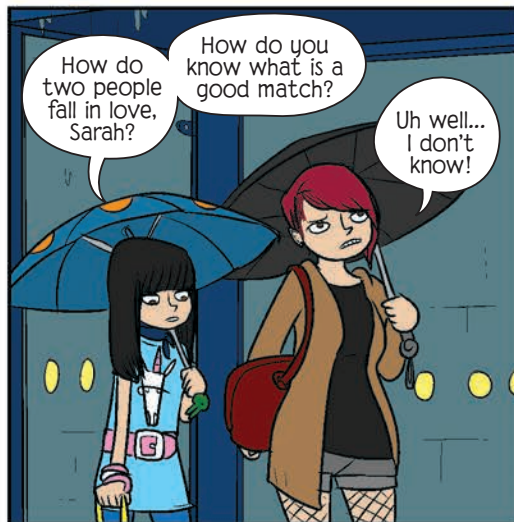


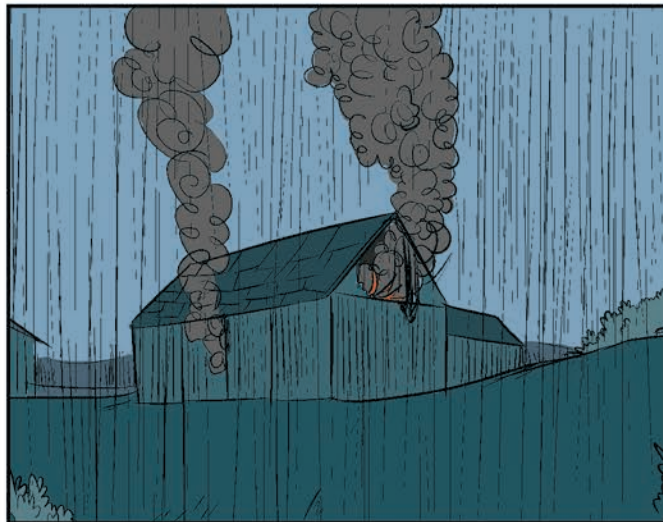
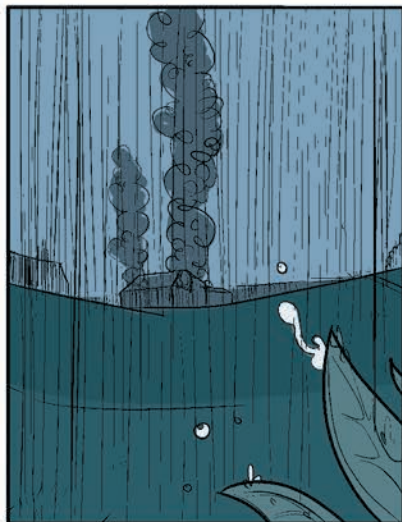
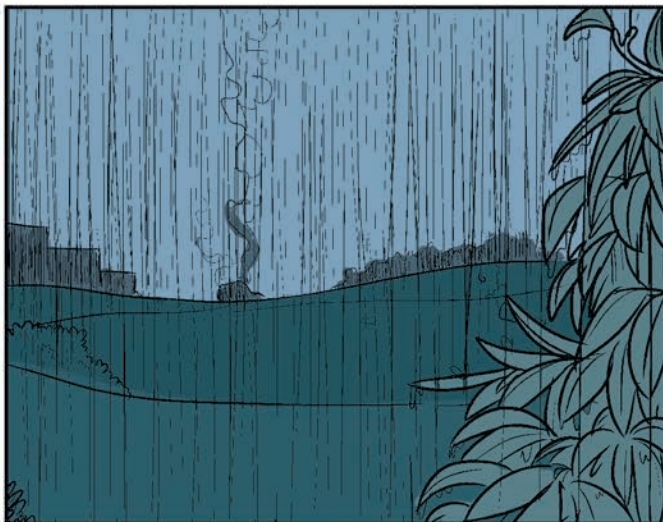




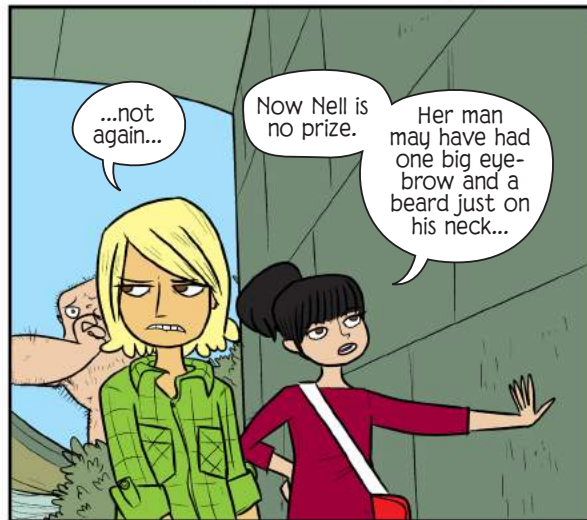
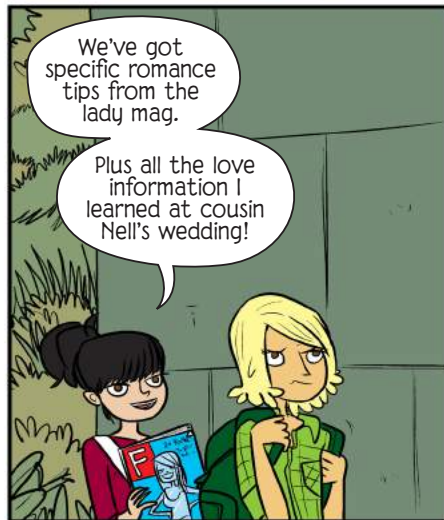


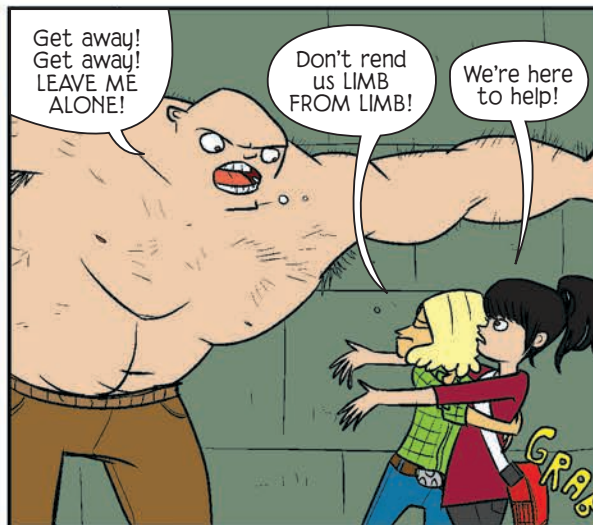


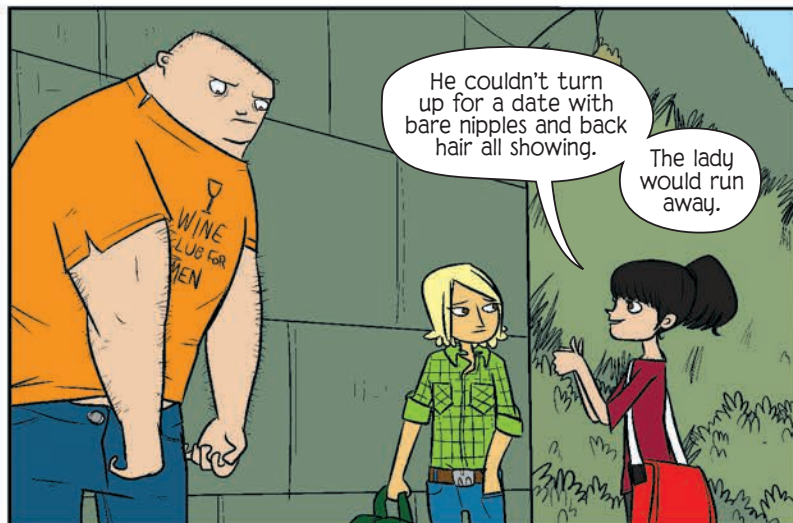
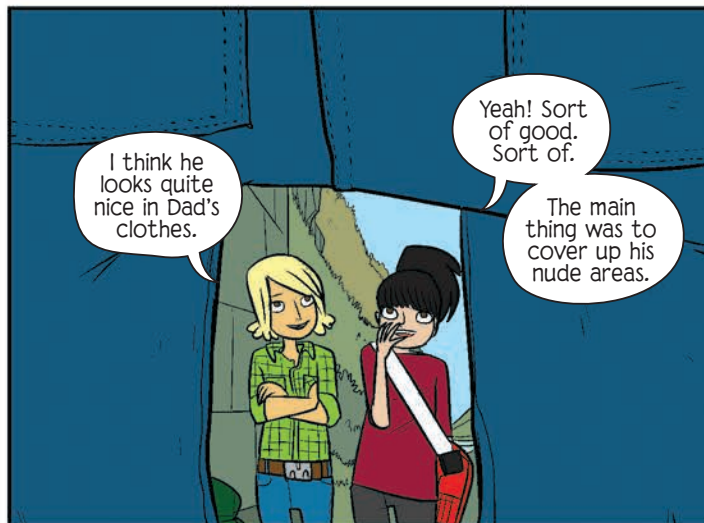


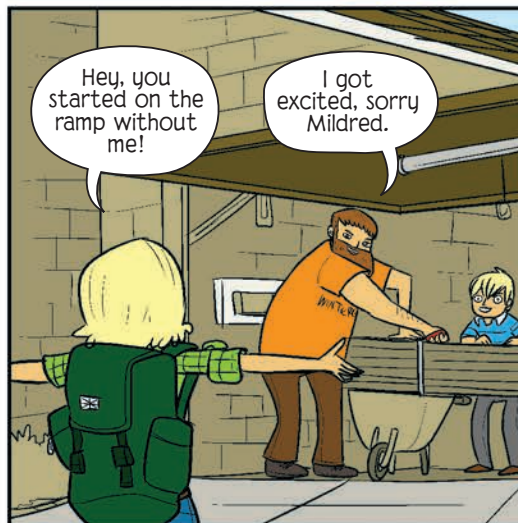


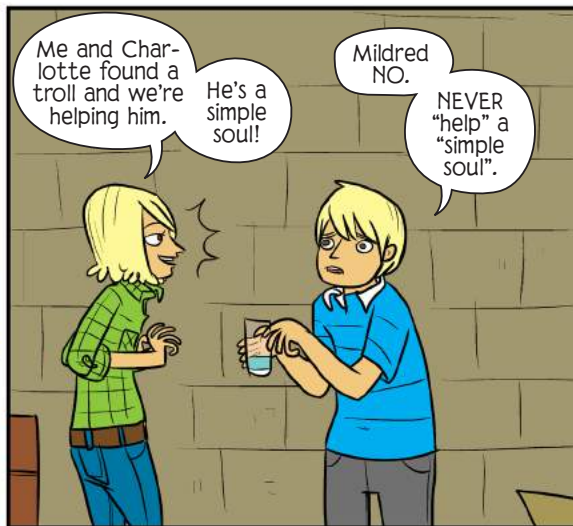




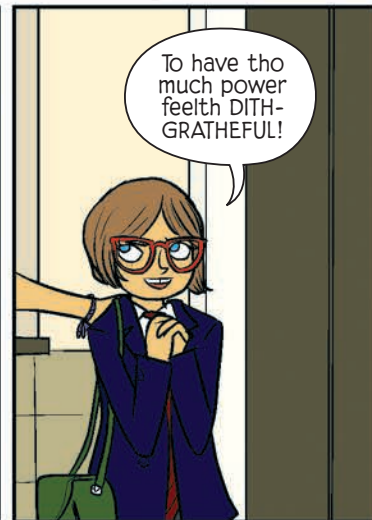
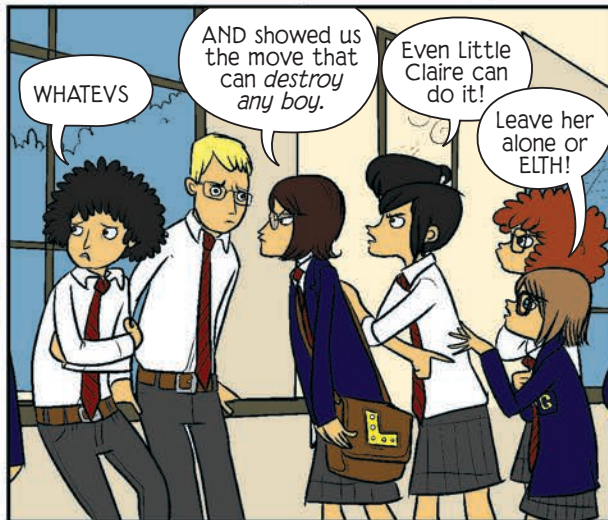
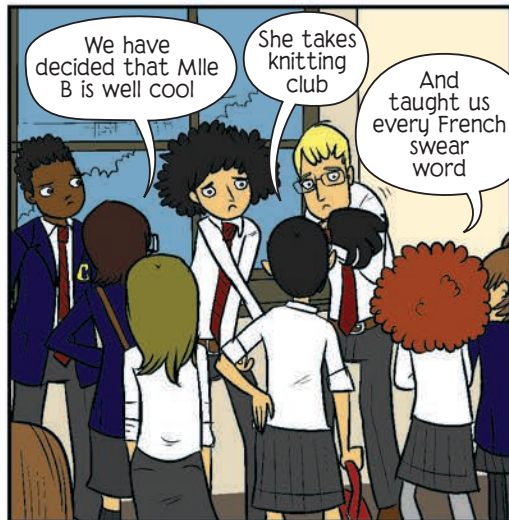


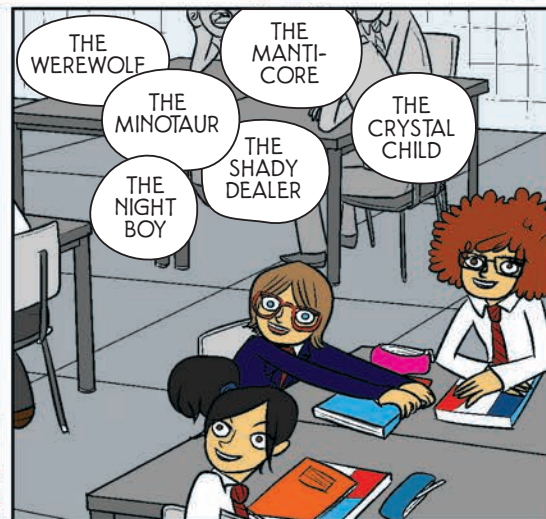
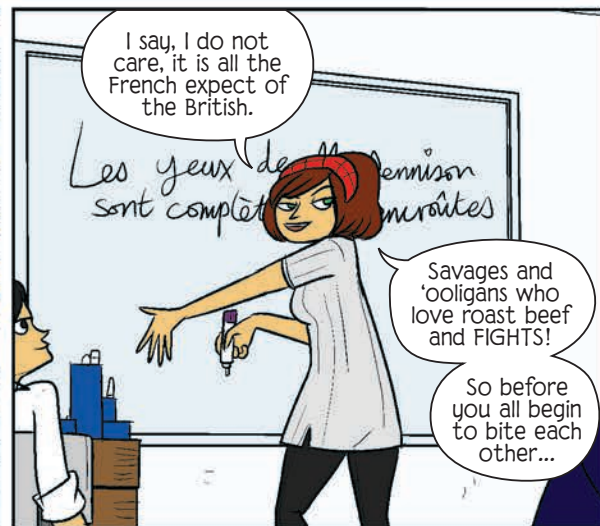
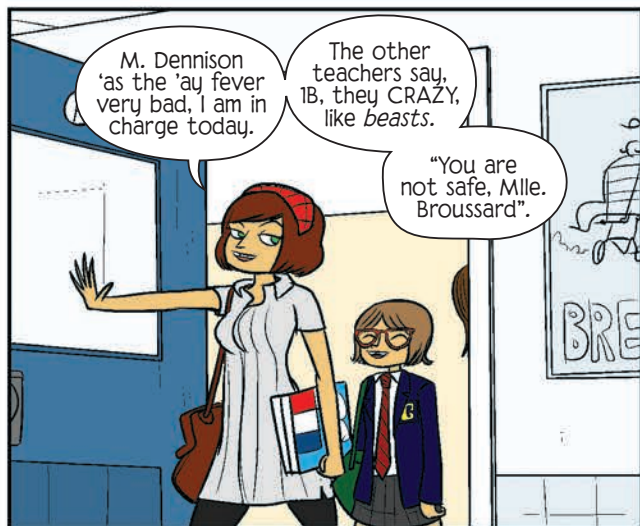


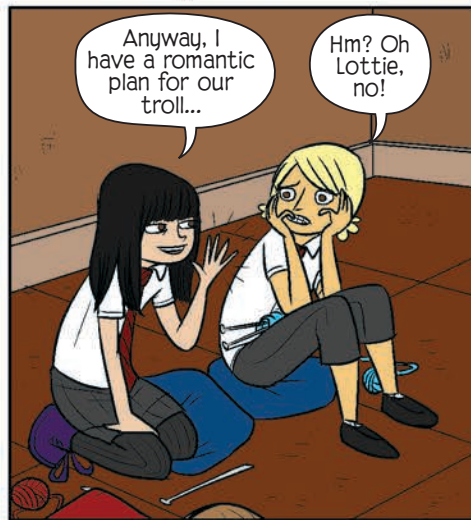
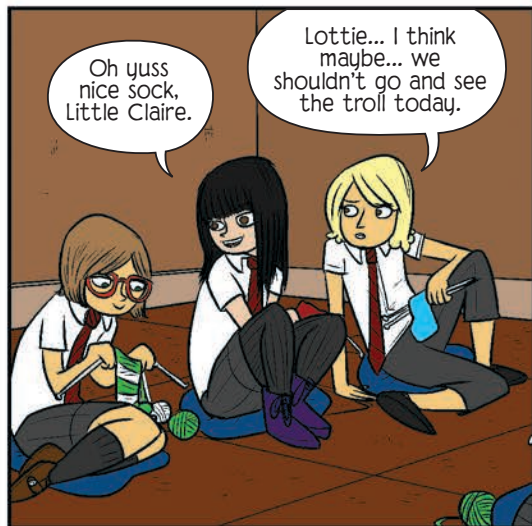


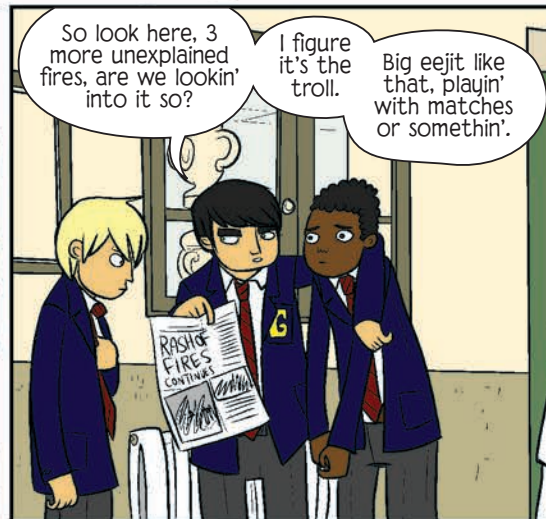
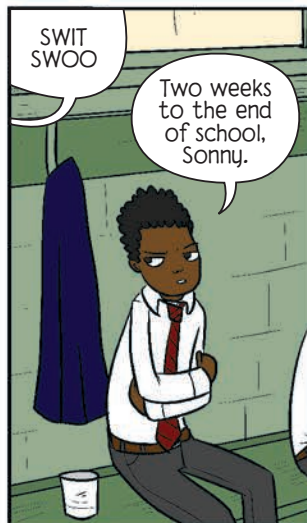




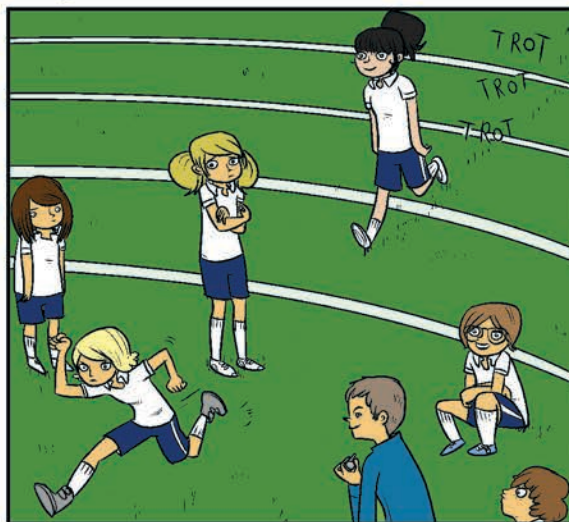
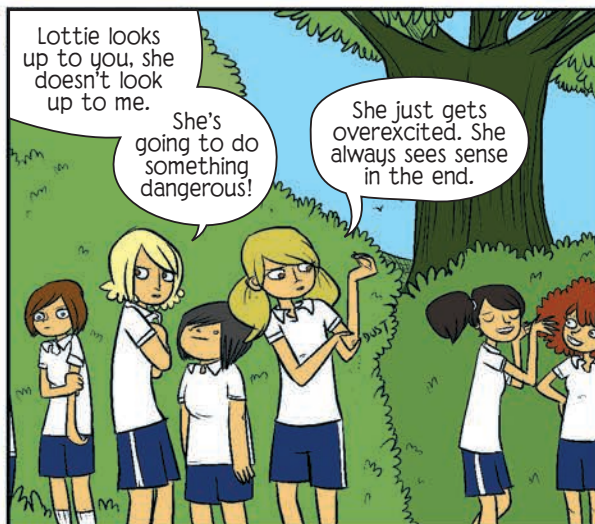


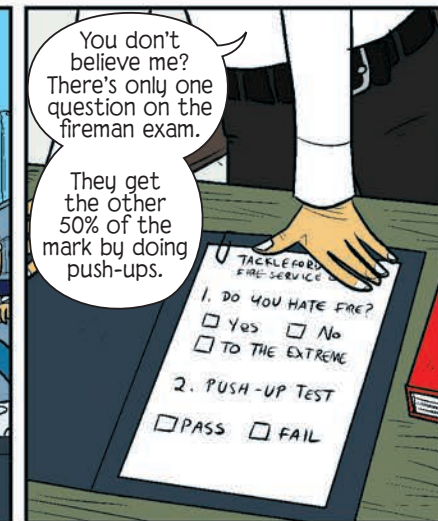
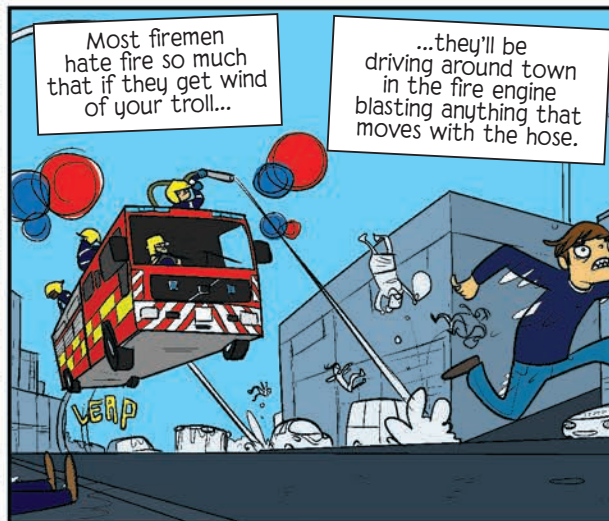
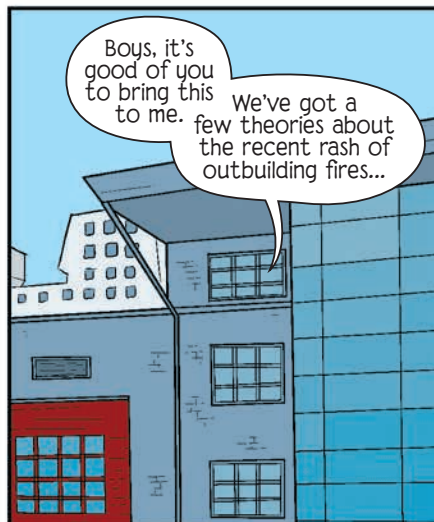






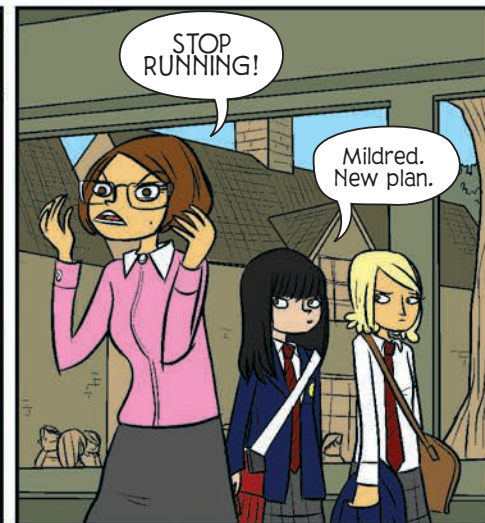
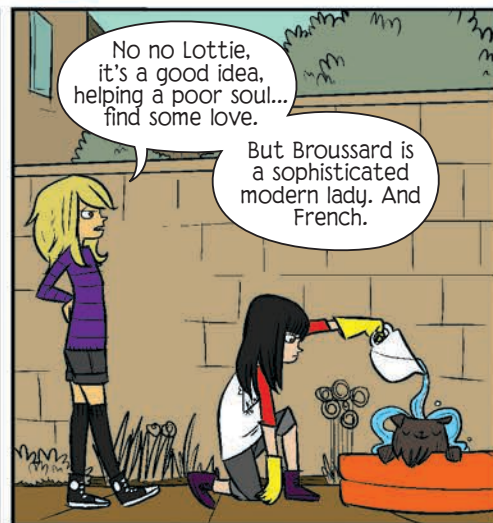


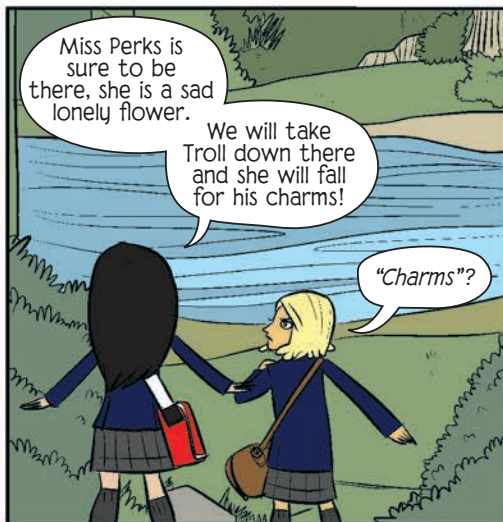






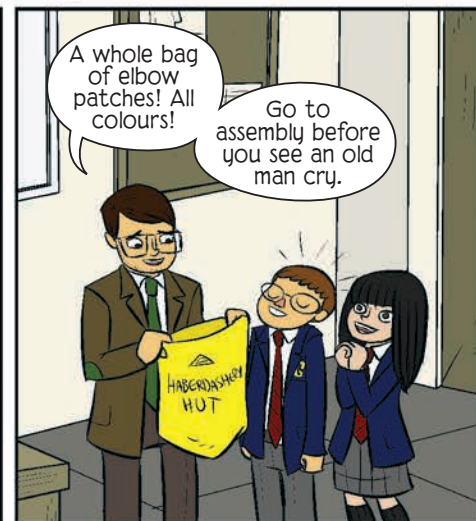




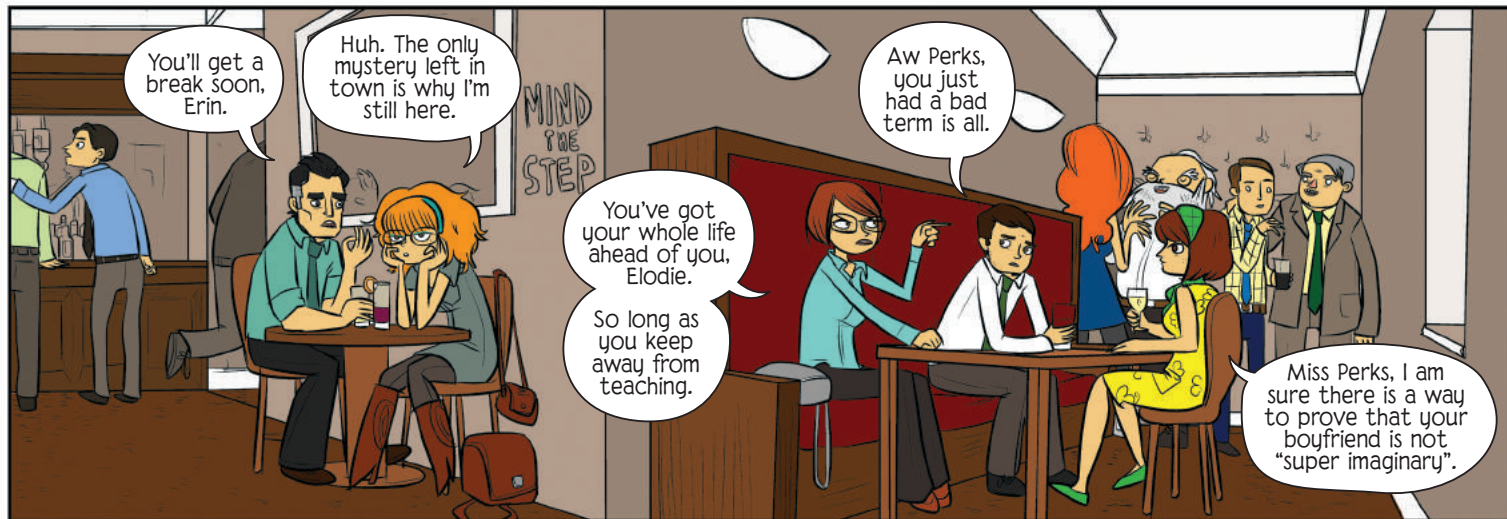


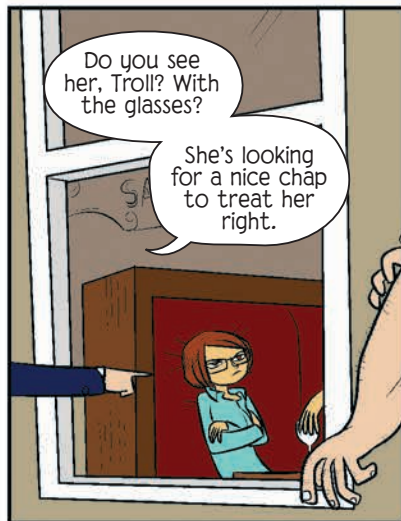
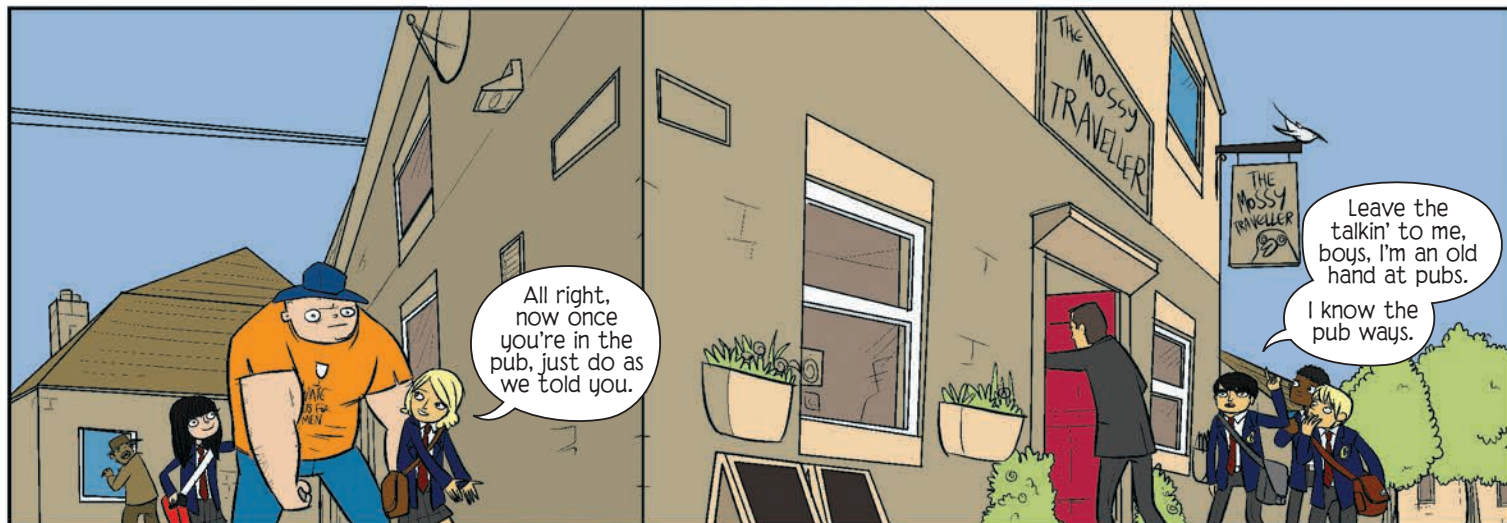


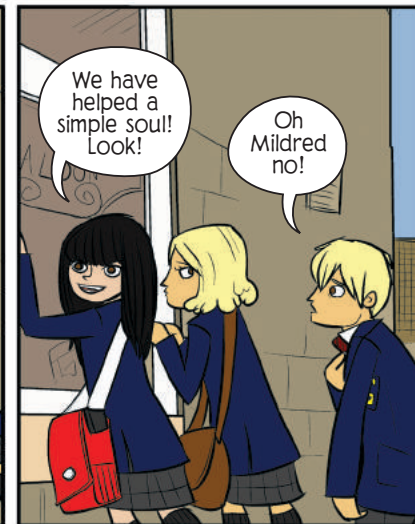
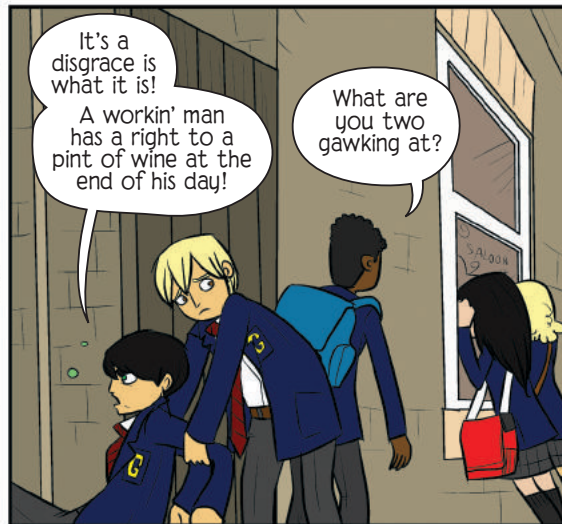


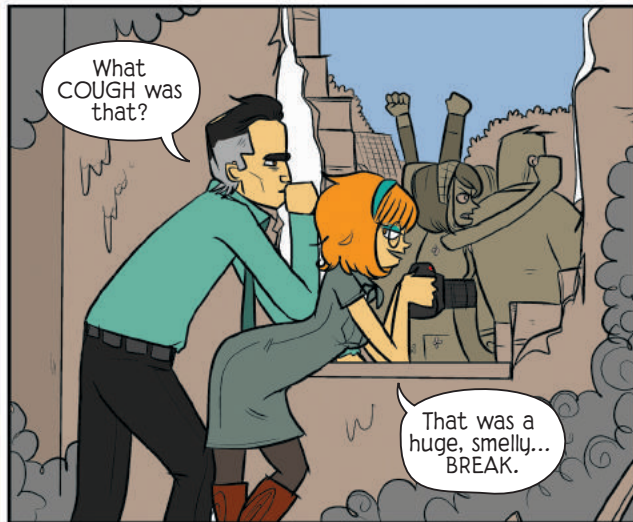
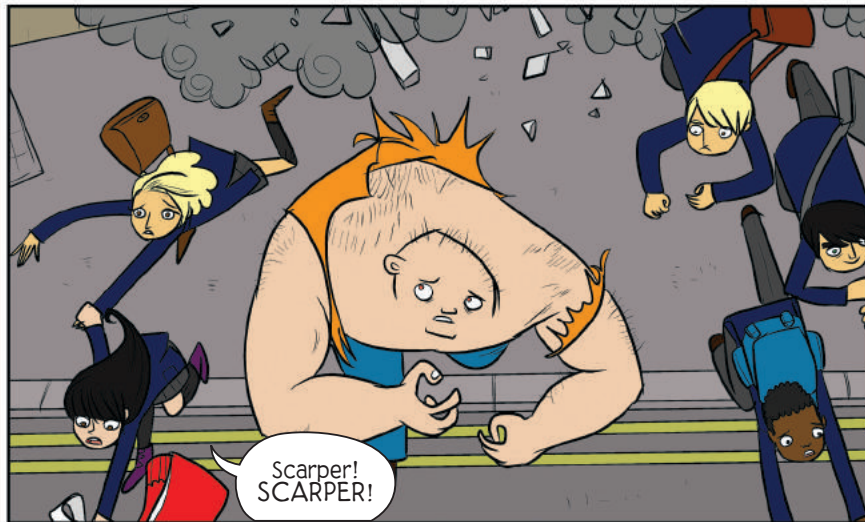


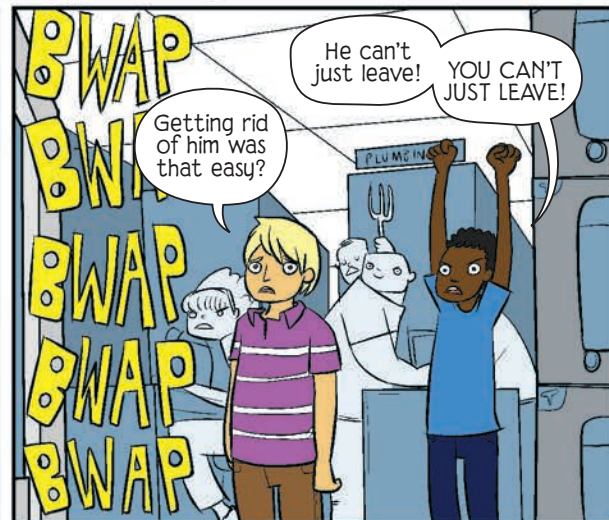






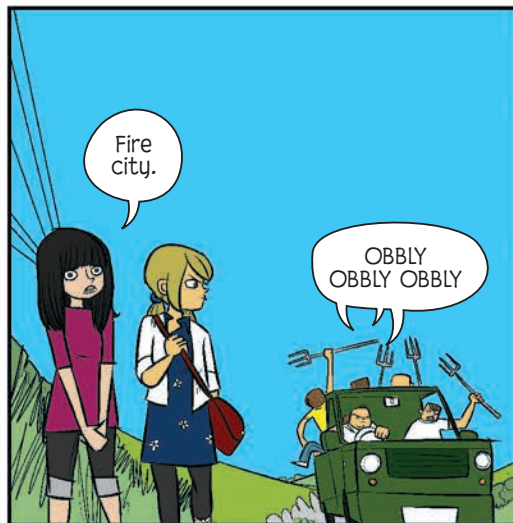


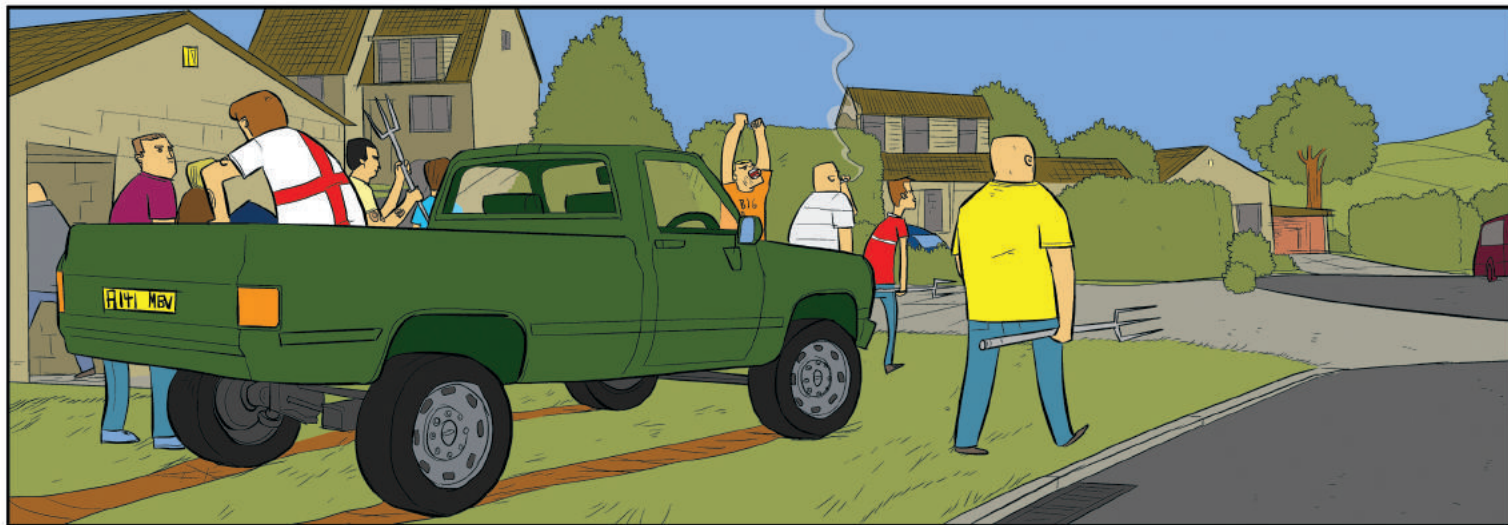


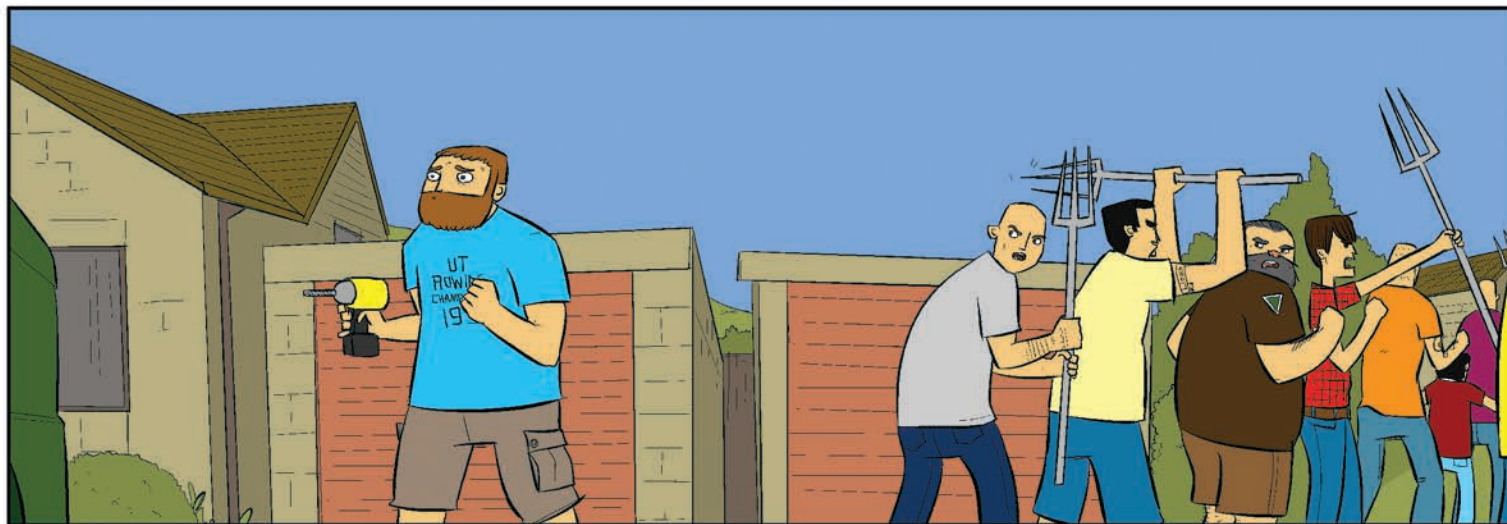




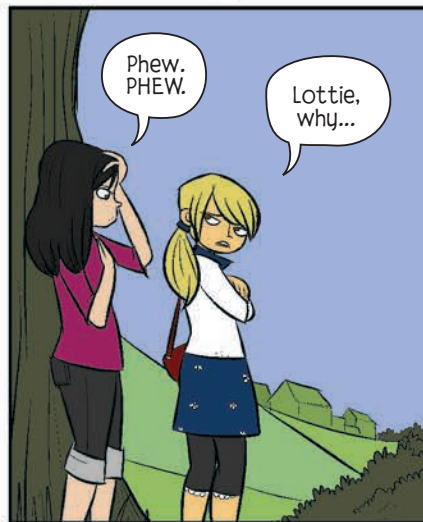
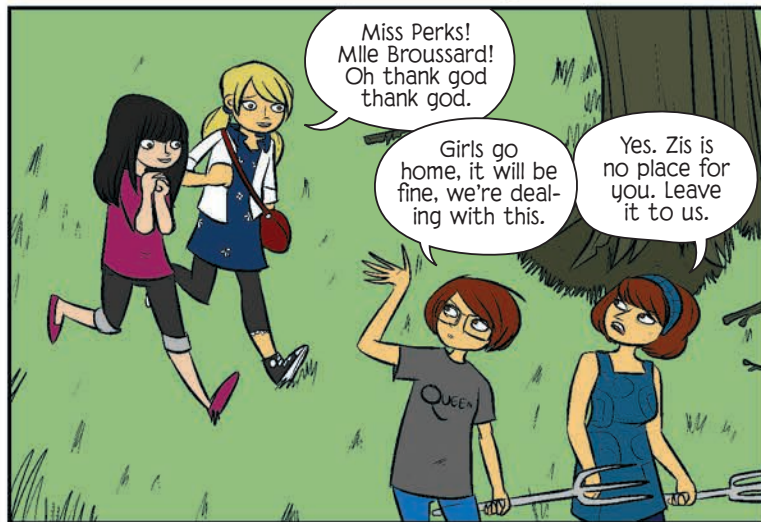




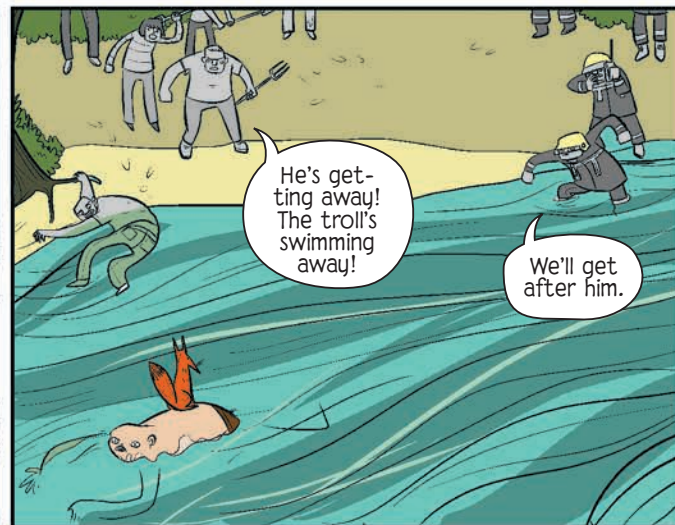


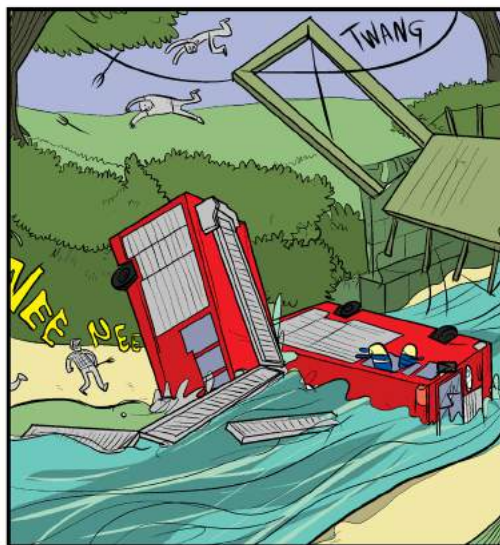


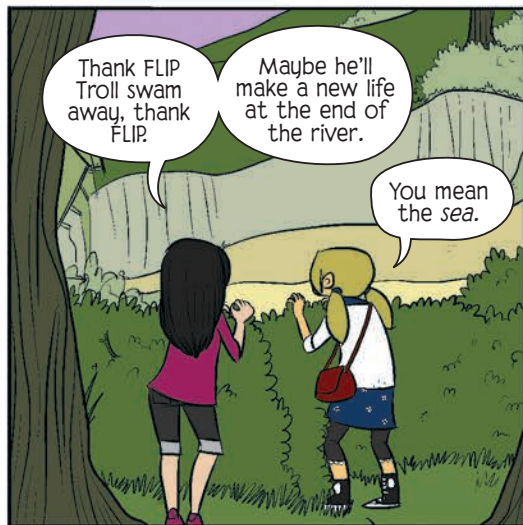




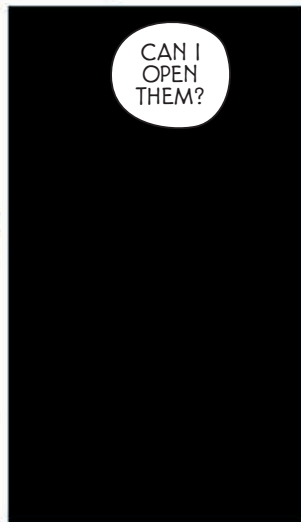
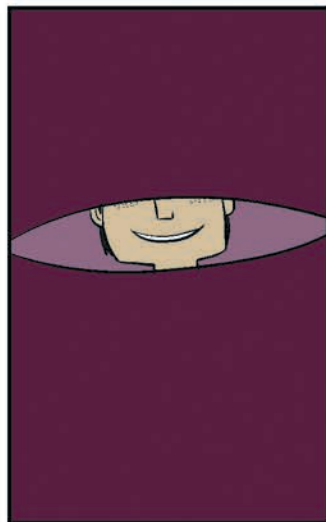
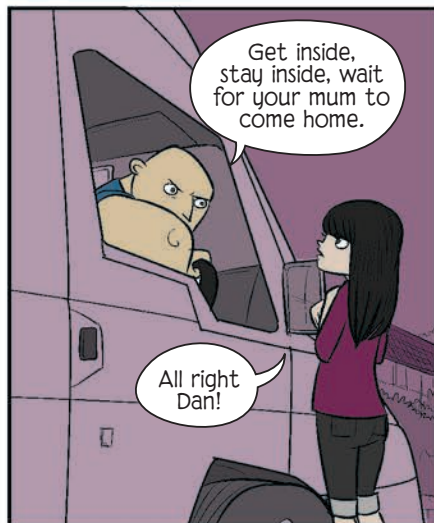




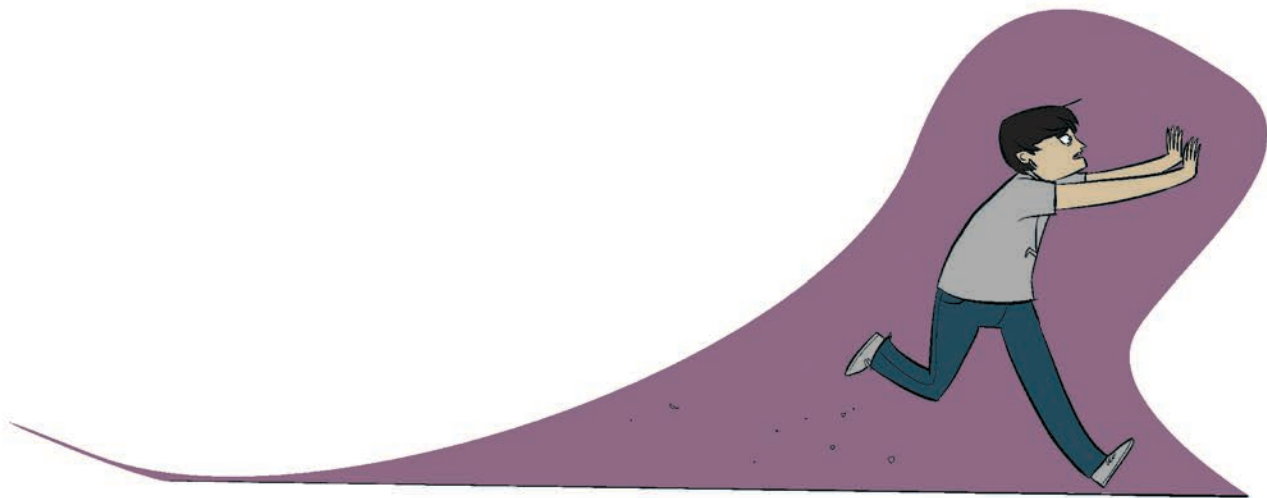










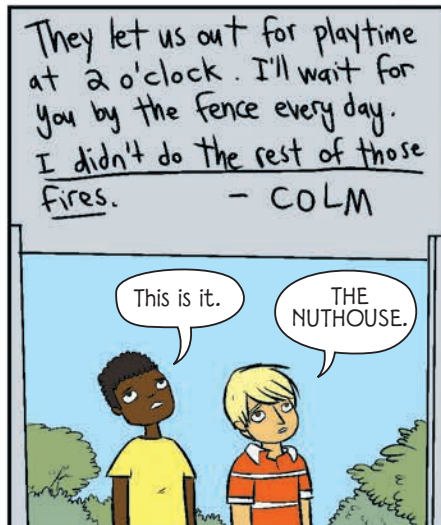




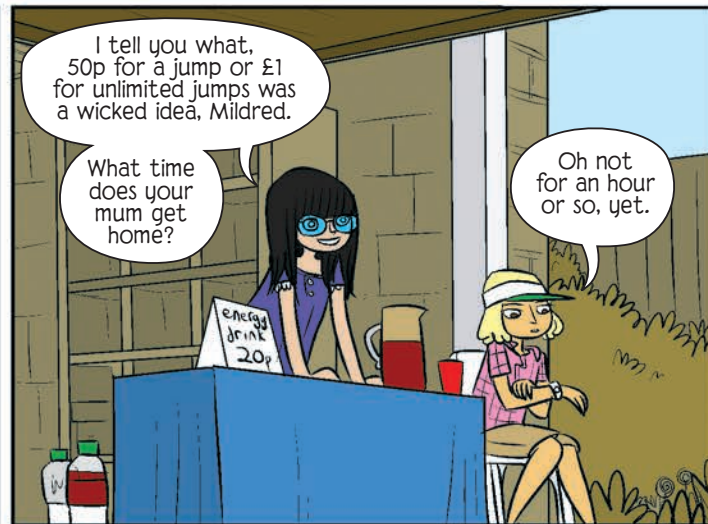


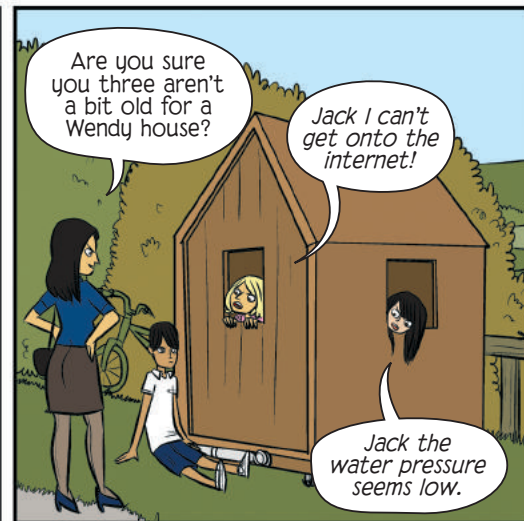
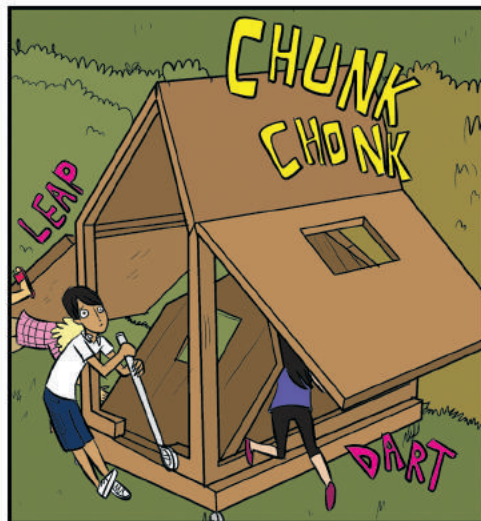
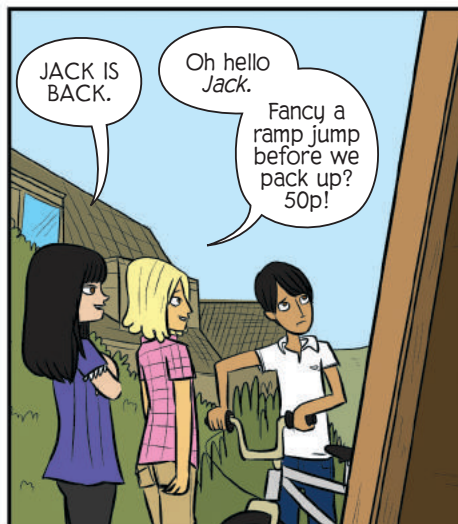
So they put me in the nuthouse rather than the big house. They think I'm crackers. You're less likely to get beaten up here but more likely to get bitten.





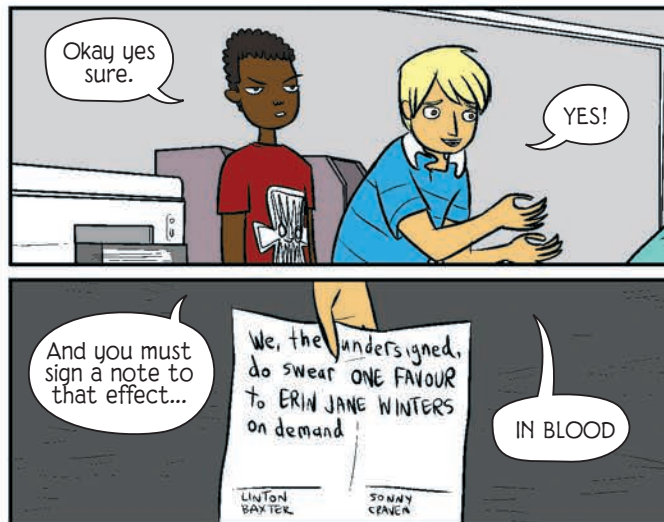


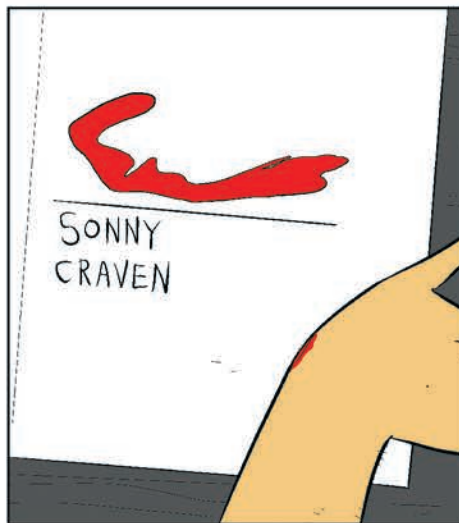
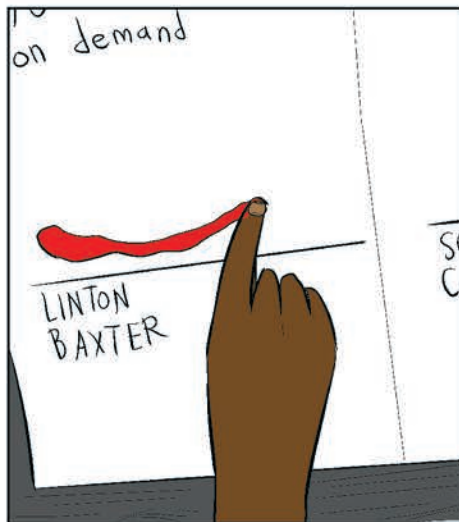








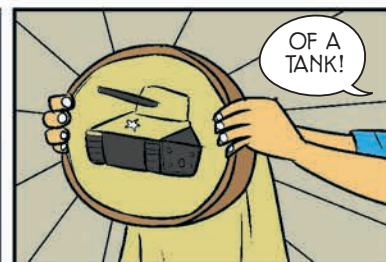
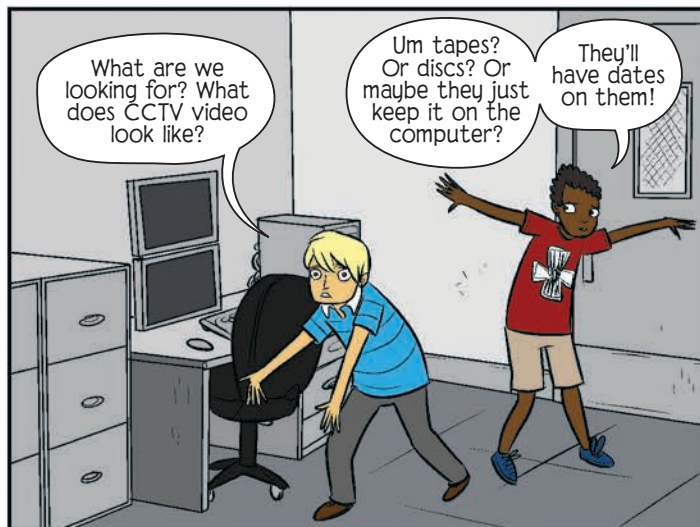




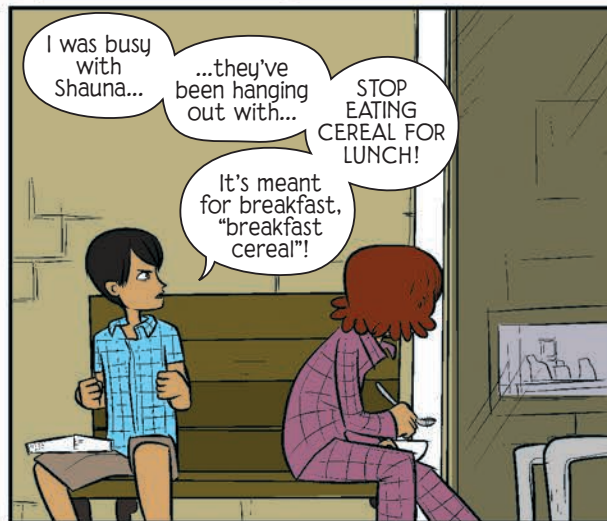


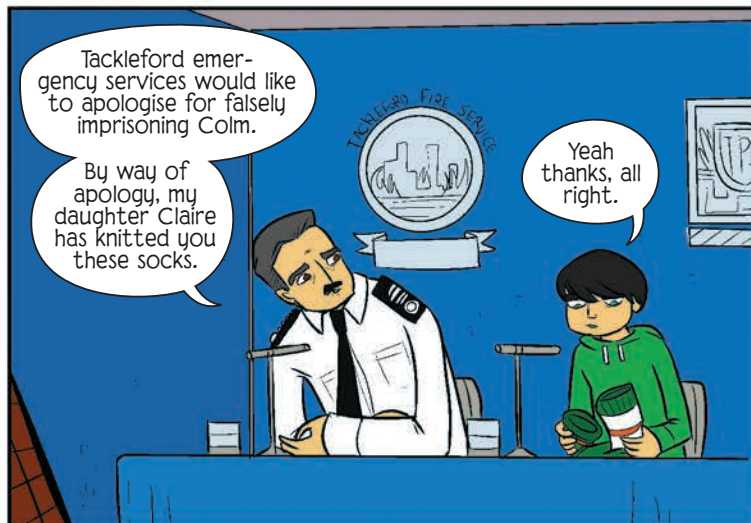






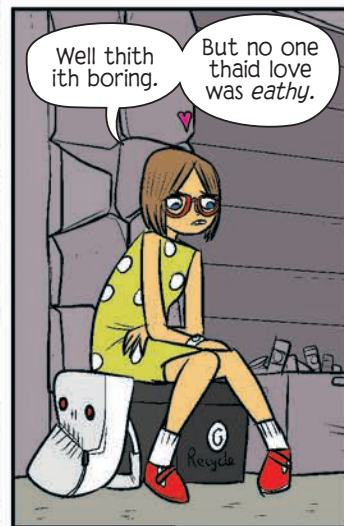
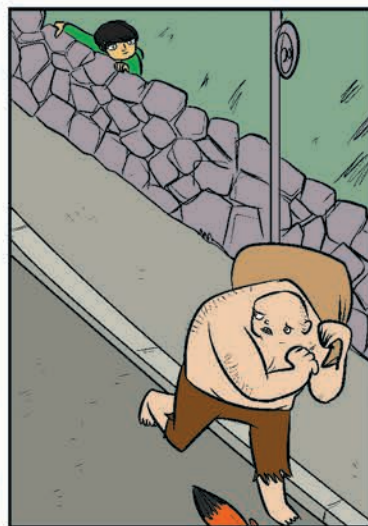
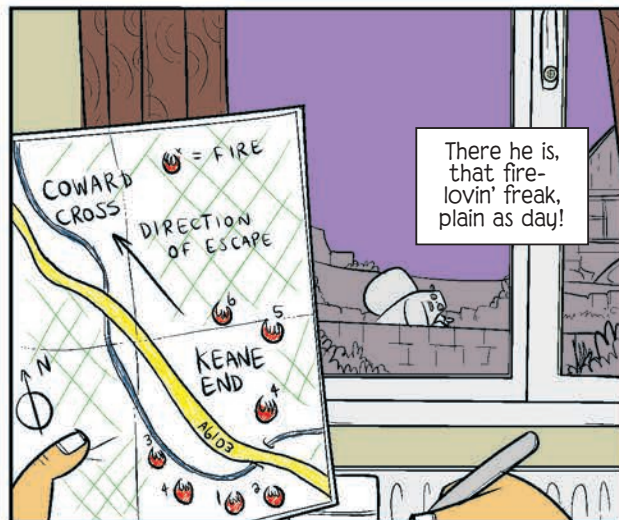


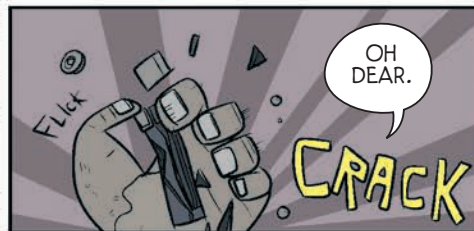
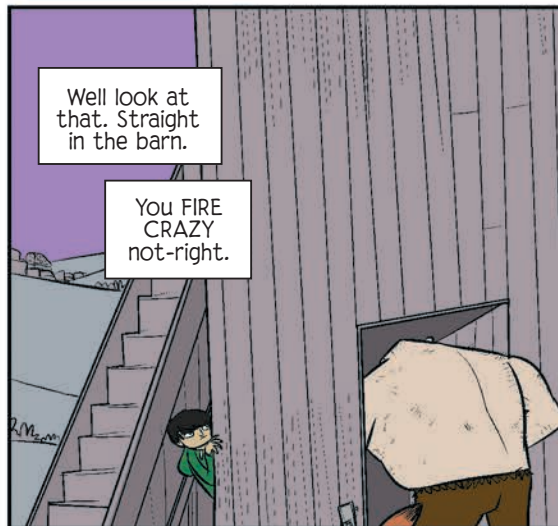








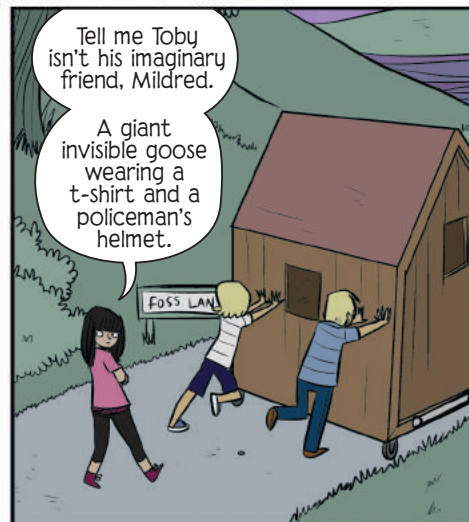


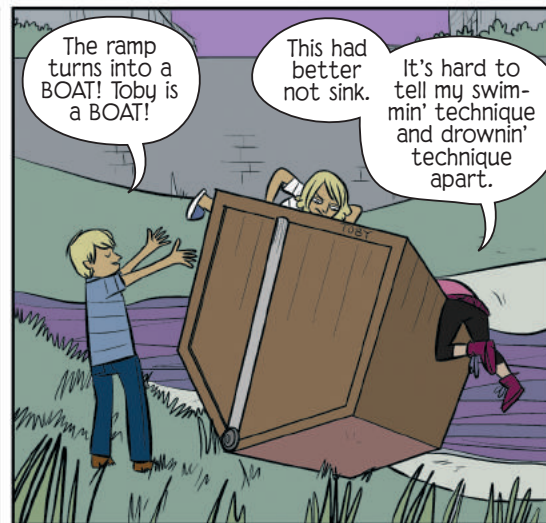
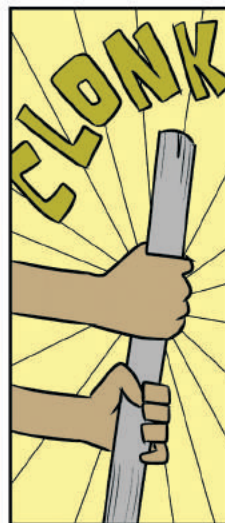
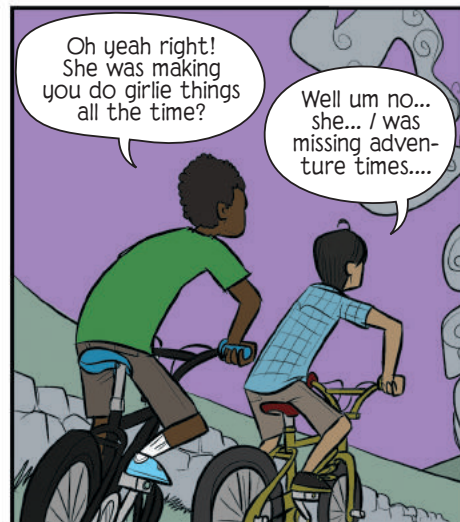
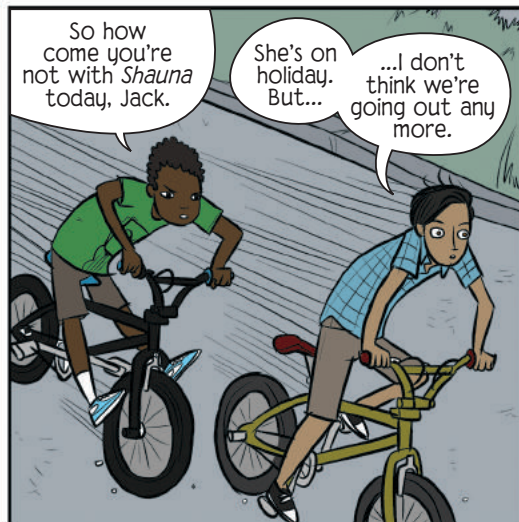






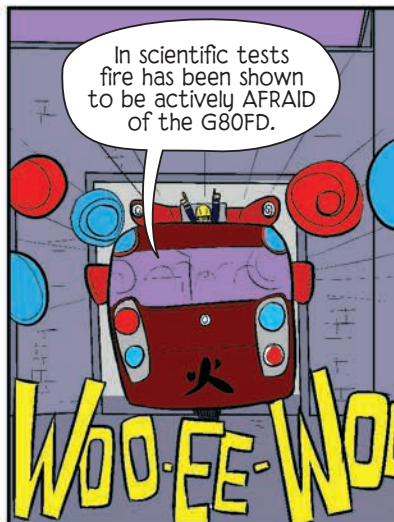
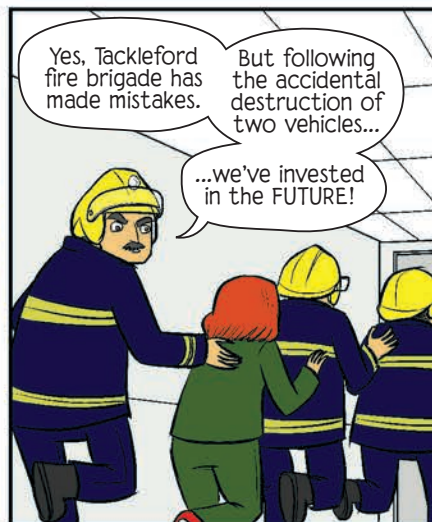








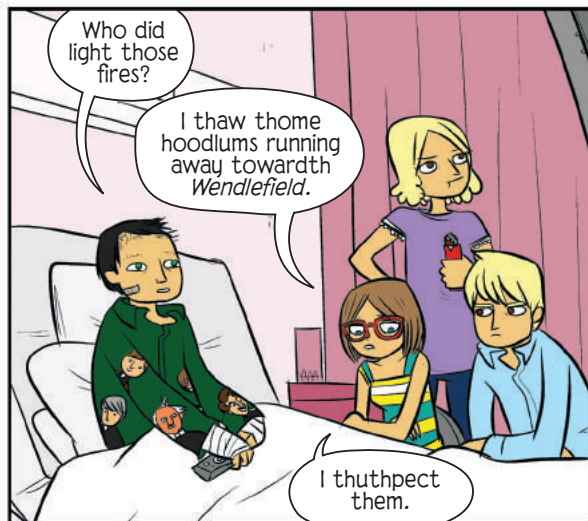


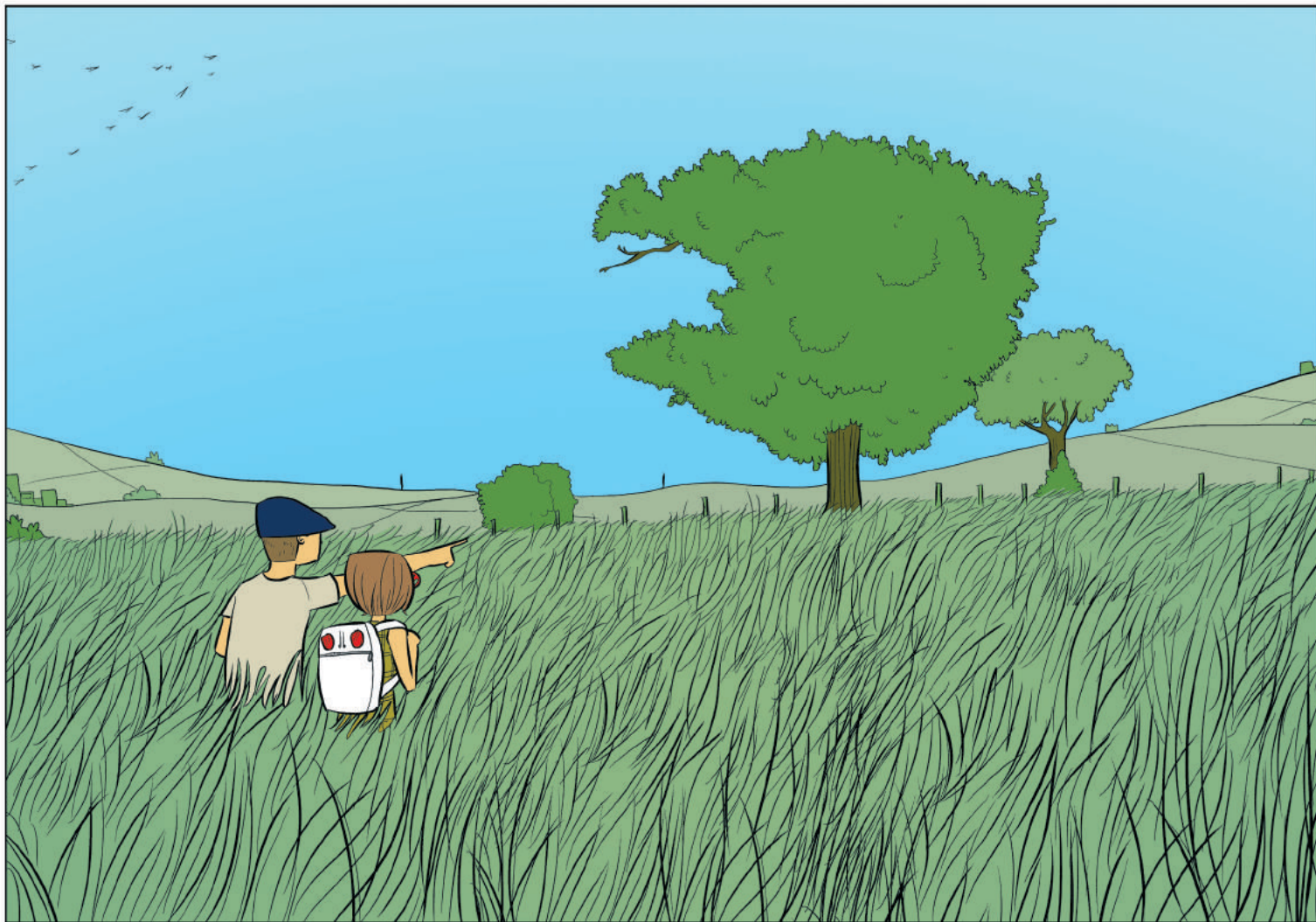




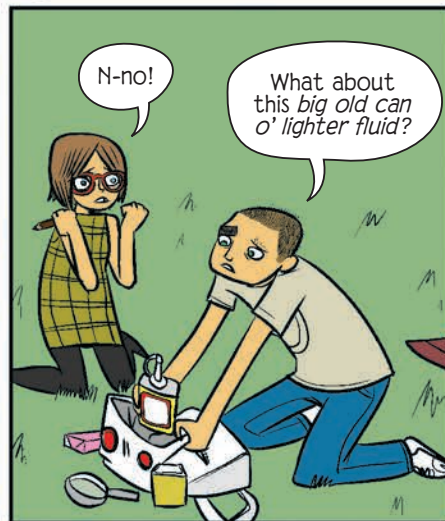


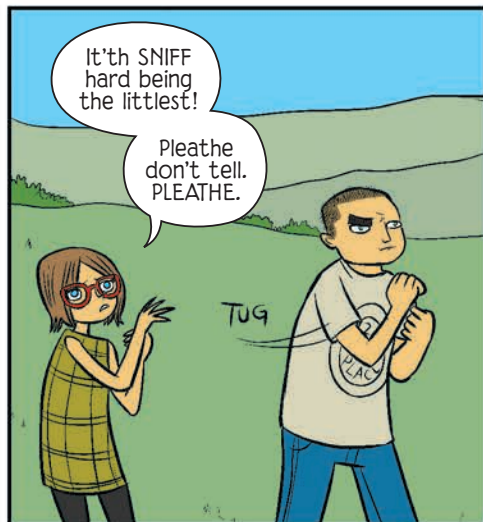
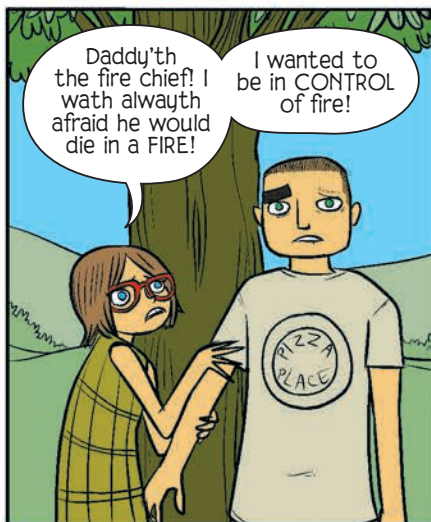


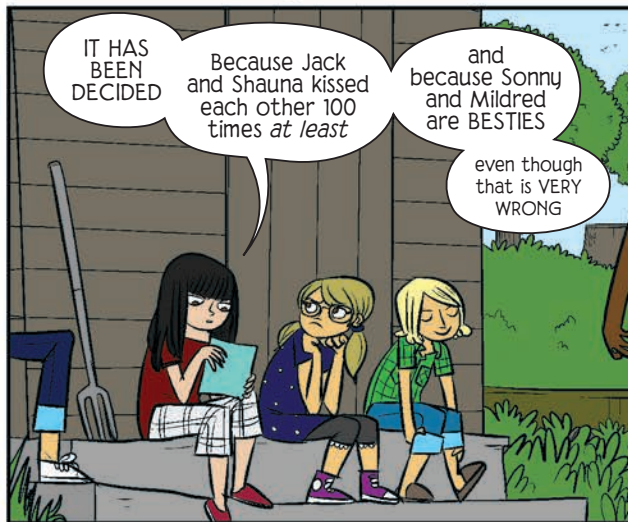
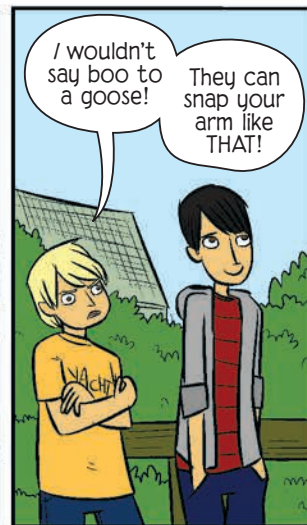














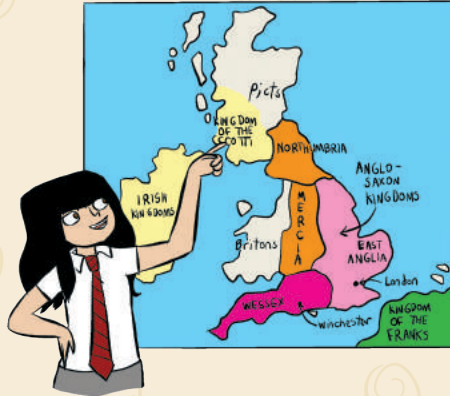
So what do we do now?

Jack... geese... they're like little DINOSAURS.

Solve the case of how many ice creams we can buy with this money my gran gave me.

It sounds INTRIGUING!

GLOSSARY



Great Britain is comprised of four countries: England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. Then there is Cornwall what has its own flag and language but is too obsessed with surfing to really be a country. They don't have a government but they do have "Surfers Against Sewage" which deals with probably 75% of their concerns as a nation. This mixture of people has created a lot of interesting phrases that you may wish to add to your international dictionary.

LOVE,
Charlotte
XXX

Mental: This is when your brainbox does not work quite right. Not to be confused with "The Mentalist" who is a man whose brain works maybe too well?

Parson: A holy man, a cleric. When picturing a parson as the people of Britane might think of him, imagine a priest in a cassock who has gone bright red because a lady in a short skirt just walked in. Maybe there is the sound of a swannee whistle at the same time.

Telly: Television. Please note, belly is not an abbreviation of "bellyvision" which is well a nightmare scenario.



Potty: See "mental". I resent the implication that I do not have a fully working mind. I think eventually Potty Grote will be replaced by "Hottie Grote" or, among less shallow members of the school, "Polyglotty Grote", because of my great mastery of the Fronch long-uage.

FIG 1:
NON-
POTTY
HOBBIES



Dinner lady: In America, "lunch lady". Any meal served by the school at lunchtime is referred to as "school dinner". School dinners are a Controversial Area because in the past schools were always trying to feed you meat they found at the town dump and childers liked that bad meat because the government had made it into a fun shape and put breadcrumbs on it. Then Jamie Oliver got involved.

They all use their knife and fork wrong: Cutlery skills are very important in the UK because for many years the food was not worth eating so you had to concentrate on something else.

The craic: Something Irish people say. Maybe it means “a good time”, but that could be too simple, it can also mean gossip, fine entertainment or just some red hot chat. It is a catch-all term for anything that floats the Irish boat I reckon.

Sports Day: Day on which the whole school competes with each other in a load of track and field events. Well, most do. The kids with kind parents get notes written and enjoy pulling buttercups and daisies out of the living earth in the summer sun while watching Sonia Williams from 4B throw a “shot put”.



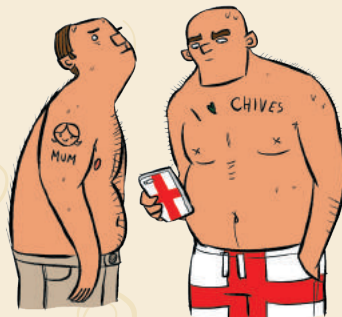
Wendlefield: Tackleford’s main enemy town. As soon as you go under the bridge to Wendlefield, there are no colours, milk goes sour, and a lad scratches your car with a coin while you’re in the supermarket.

Property prices: If you listen carefully on any bus or train in our fine nation, this is what the adult humans are talking about.

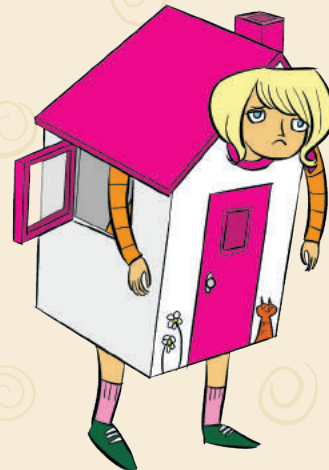


The glad eye: When a lady has taken a shine to a man, she bestows upon him a loving and sen-sual gaze and that is the glad eye. See also: the skunk eye, the dead eye, the kill eye.

Bare nipples and back hair all showing: As soon as the sun is out, certain men head to the downtown zone with this look. The sun has confused them about how much we want to see their bare top halves. It is a national disgrace hem hem.



The nuthouse, nutters: It is important to be very respectful of people who have mind problems, as it is not their fault. Sadly most boys have about as much respect for the feelings of the unwell as they do for an atmosphere untroubled by farts.



Wendy house: A little play house. The day you no longer fit in a Wendy house is the day you take on the cares and concerns of the adult world. Or, well, the concerns of the older than seven world. You will never own a house again (see “property prices”).

Tip: The town dump (*repository for old mattresses and future school dinner meats pre-breadcrumbing*).

MISS
CHARLOTTE
GROTE



Raw
glamma

Poise

Grace



HUSBANDS,
HUSBANDS,
HUSBANDS



Miss
Mildred
Haversham



Beautiful
mind

+ beautiful
face

FOOTBALLER HUSBAND

YES:
Great
wealth
+
strong
physique



BUT:
1%
chance
of
mental
agility

VICAR HUSBAND

YES:
free
house,
listening
ear,
good
behaviour



BUT:
might
grass your
sins up
to
GOD

DOCTOR HUSBAND

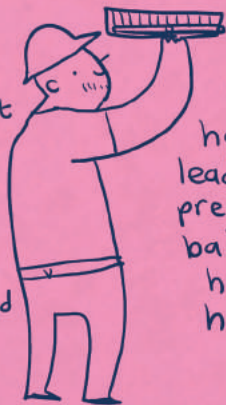
YES:
"in-house"
expert
on
dropsy,
penicillin
and
mystery
aches



BUT:
carries a
lady's
handbag
everywhere
with him
(even to
the
toilet?
CHECK)

Builder husband

YES:
willing
participant
in Fancies
such as
bothy,
gazebo,
motte and
bailey



BUT:
hard hat
leads to
premature
baldness,
hat
hair

Architect husband

YES:
all the
benefits
of a
builder
but
cleaner



BUT:
dangerous
obsession with
expensive
spectacles
+
"FRANK
GEHRY"

Actor husband

YES:
handsome
and
charismatic



BUT:
in love
with
own
reflection
+
sensual
danger of
leading
ladies

SCIENCE HUSBAND



YES:
powerful mind

BUT:
basically a
brain on legs

PRACTICAL HUSBAND



YES:
good
with
tools

BUT:
old
fashioned
attitudes
+
beer
belly

ACADEMICAL HUSBAND



YES:
Wise
and
learned.

Access
to
capes!

BUT:
smells
like the
inside of
an old
chest
of
drawers

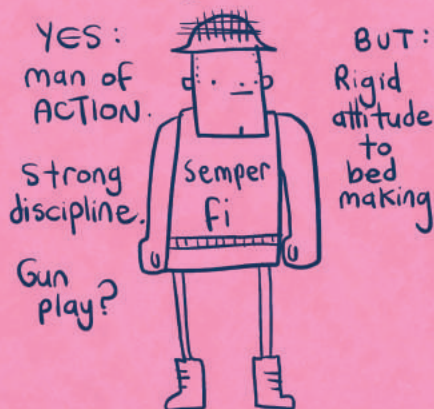
"Alternative husband"



YES:
relaxed
ways.
Extrem
muscles.

BUT:
Terrible music
taste.
Sand
everywhere!!!

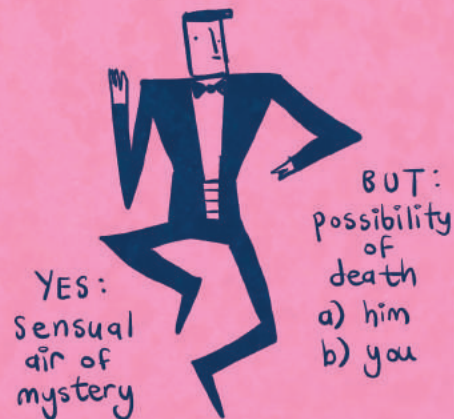
Army husband



YES:
man of
ACTION.
Strong
discipline.
Gun
play?

BUT:
Rigid
attitude
to
bed
making

SPY husband



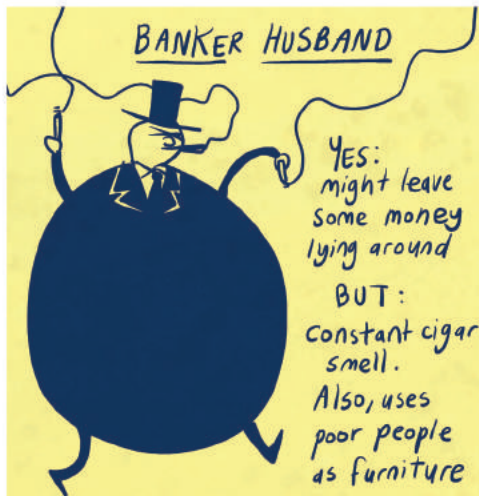
YES:
Sensual
air of
mystery

BUT:
possibility
of
death
a) him
b) you

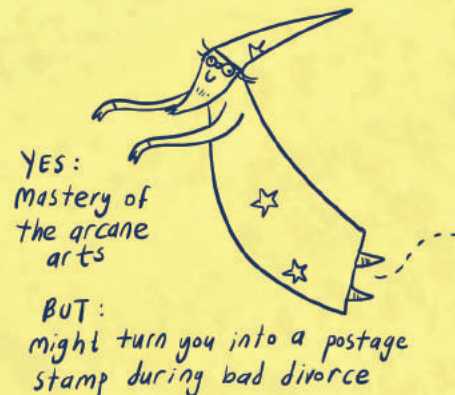
MUSICIAN HUSBAND



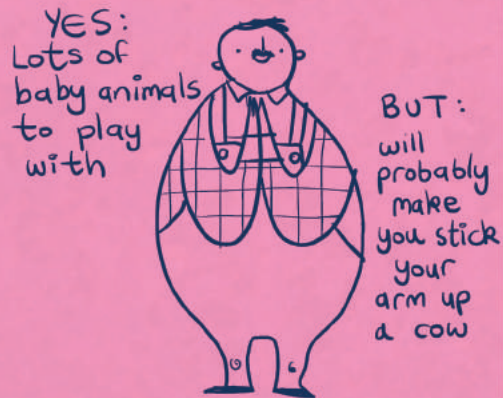
BANKER HUSBAND



WIZARD HUSBAND



Farmer husband



Centaur husband



Clown Husband



JOHN ALLISON

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He has only once shed a single tear, but you only meet Sergio Aragonés for the first time once.

John resides in Letchworth Garden City, England and is known to his fellow villagers only as He Who Has Conquered.

—Contributed by Richard Stevens III

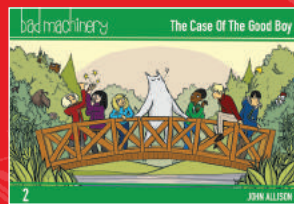


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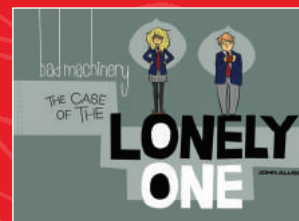
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