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FOR CONRAD & JOHN.

Thanks for the adventures,
on paper and off.





INTRODUCTION

I met **Yuko** and **Ananth** for the first time in 2009, shortly after they moved to Brooklyn to start a new chapter of their lives, both on the pages of *Johnny Wander* and off.

But I felt like I already knew them. It was as though we had already been friends for years. I could refer to the time George did that one thing, or Conrad said something witty, or John created a cantankerous riot (as John is wont to do). Even though I'd only read about these anecdotes in their comics, it felt like I had been there.

Writing autobio comics is tricky business. I've been putting my own life into the pages of my graphic novels for the better part of a decade, but I have the advantage of a 20-year retrospective lens, so I'm not constantly gleaning my present-day life for kernels of interest. Yuko and Ananth channel the everyday, the mundane, the highs and lows of navigating adulthood, and for this I admire them greatly.

Striking the right balance is key. It's not easy to let your readers into your daily life, essentially allowing them to read your diary, while also keeping things fresh, universal, and most importantly, funny. But they are funny people. They are warm and caring and smart as tacks. Yuko really does geek out full tilt about dragons, and then grabs her pencil to scribble them in her sketchbook. Ananth really does like sugar. And books. And the human condition.

The two of them really will take you in, feed you a big curry dinner, sit you down on their comfy couch for an hour or two of TV or video games, and write or draw with you. (While John does the dishes.) They will ride in the backseat of your car on the drive to TCAF, and listen to Phil Collins with you, and then write a comic about how you guys just wanted food, but could only find massage parlors. (And Horseland Emporiums. Yeah. What gives, Toronto suburbs?)

Johnny Wander is my favorite comic on the Internet. It's by two of my favorite people, both on the Internet and off. It's about roommates and work and life and dreams and reality. It's funny as heck. It's about two people wandering, together, through the labyrinth of early adulthood. The reader wanders with them, stopping along the way to pet cats in laundromats, duck into doorways to get out of the rain, and brew a quick cup of tea to enjoy with a friend. **Yuko** and **Ananth** are my friends, and after you read *Johnny Wander*, you'll feel like they're yours, too.

Raina Telgemeier, author of *Smile*

San Francisco, CA

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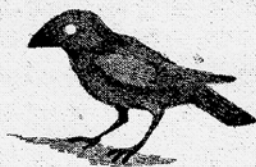
I.

I WISH to go a'wanderin',
A' wanderin' with you

What won'drous woods and wilderness
We'll go a'traipsing through

What kinds of creatures shall we see?
A wanderin', jus' you an me?
Birds and beasts from land and sea

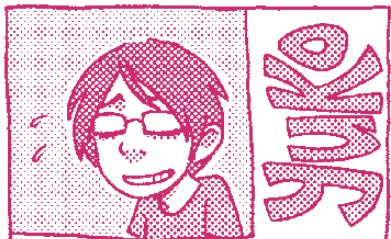
While wanderin' with you.



sage advice

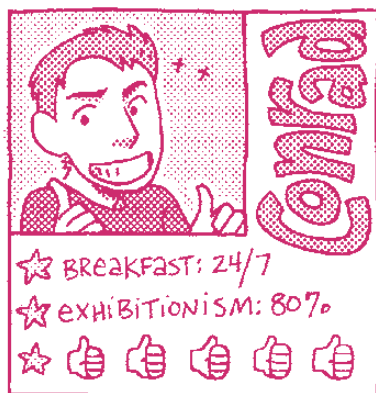
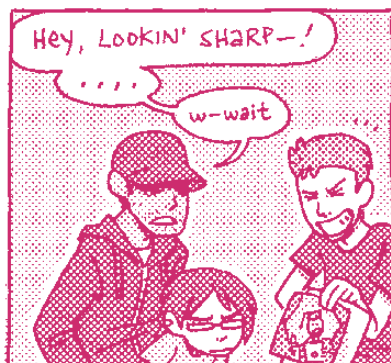
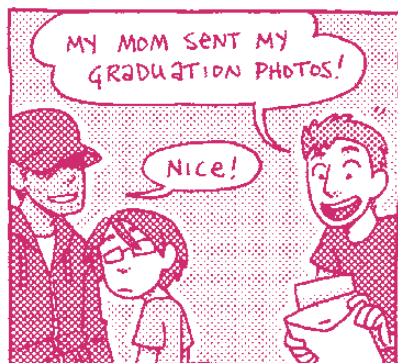


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- ☆ STUBBLE: +5
- ☆ EYES: ???

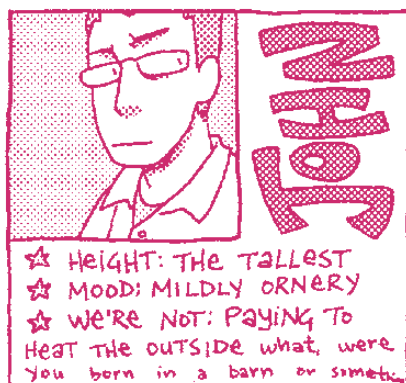


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- ☆ FITS INSIDE A DRYER: YES
- ☆ DRAGONS: ABSOLUTELY

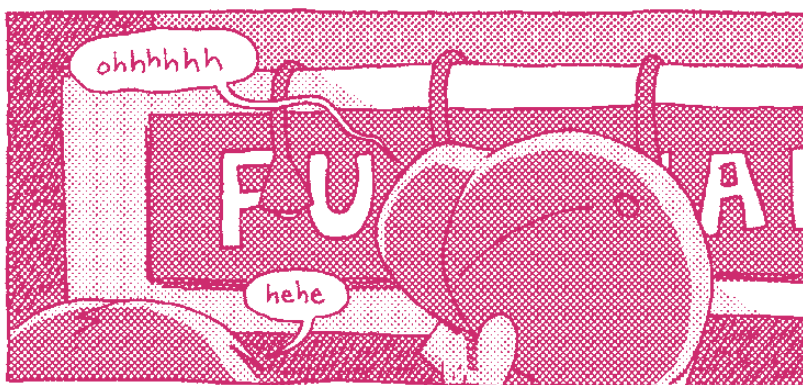
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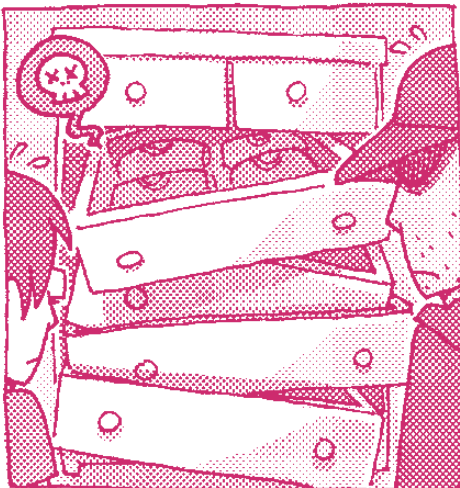
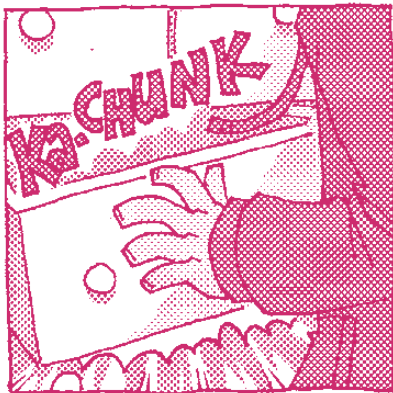
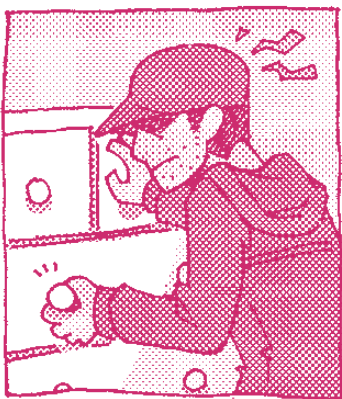
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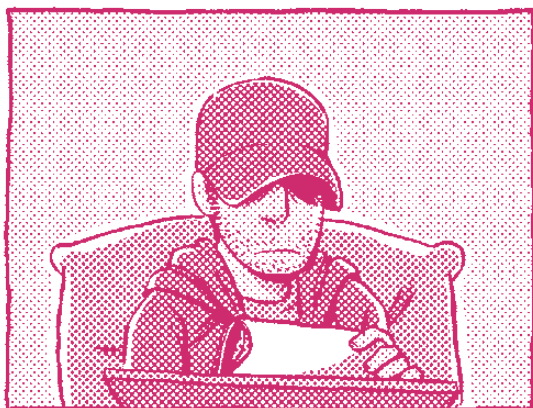
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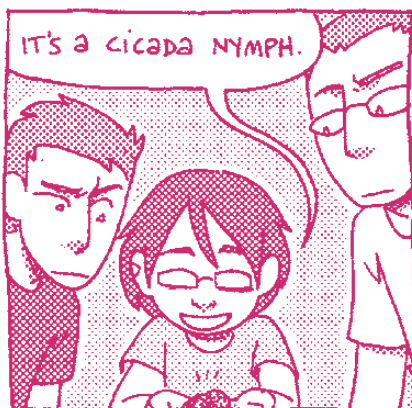
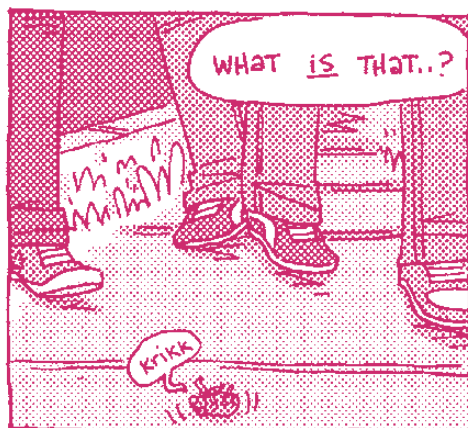
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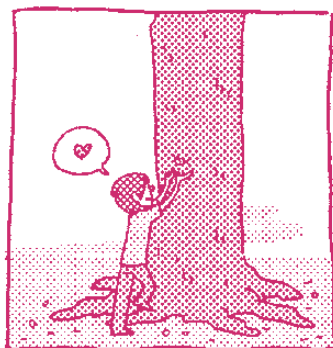
a face like sandpaper



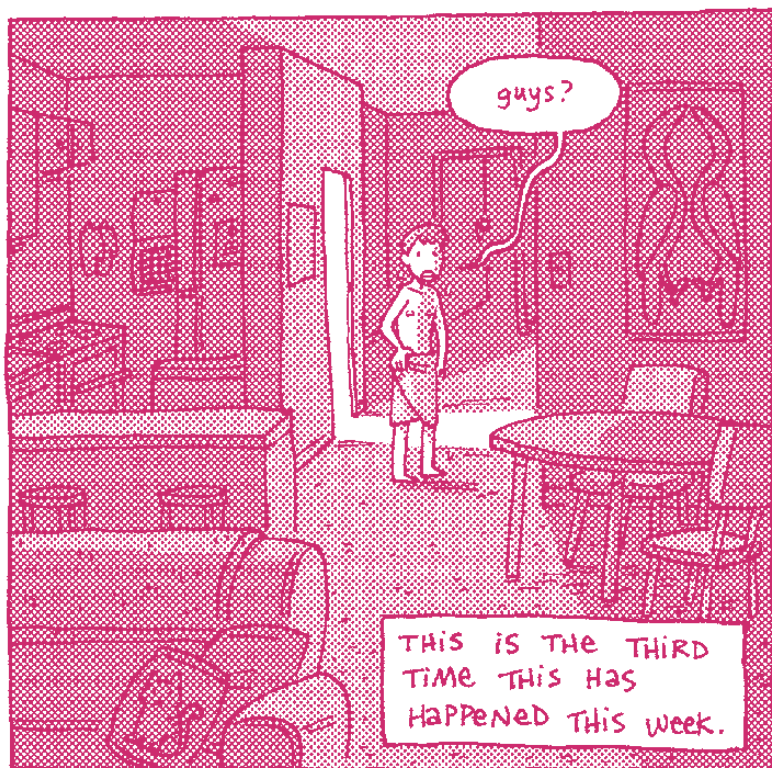
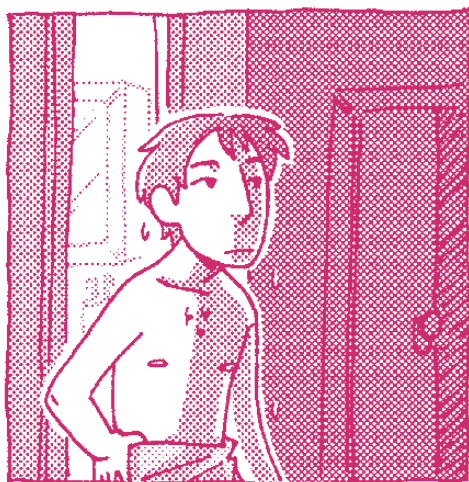
boys are wimps



epilogue:



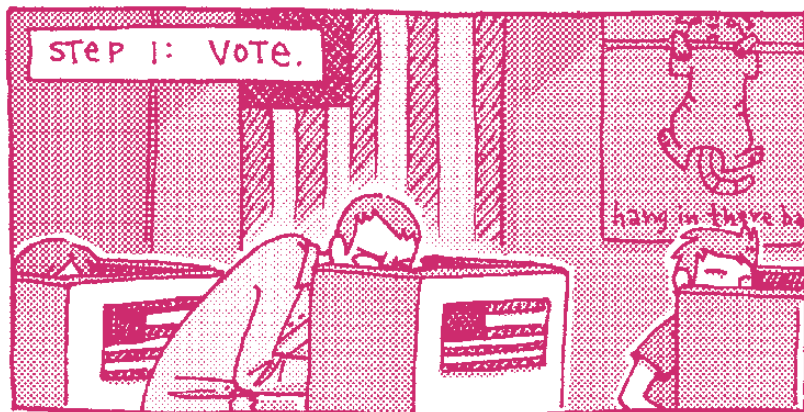
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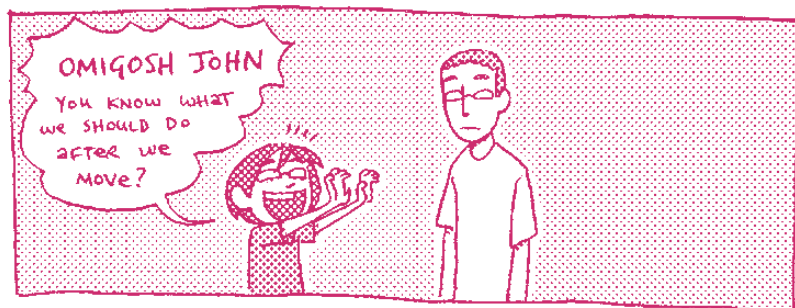
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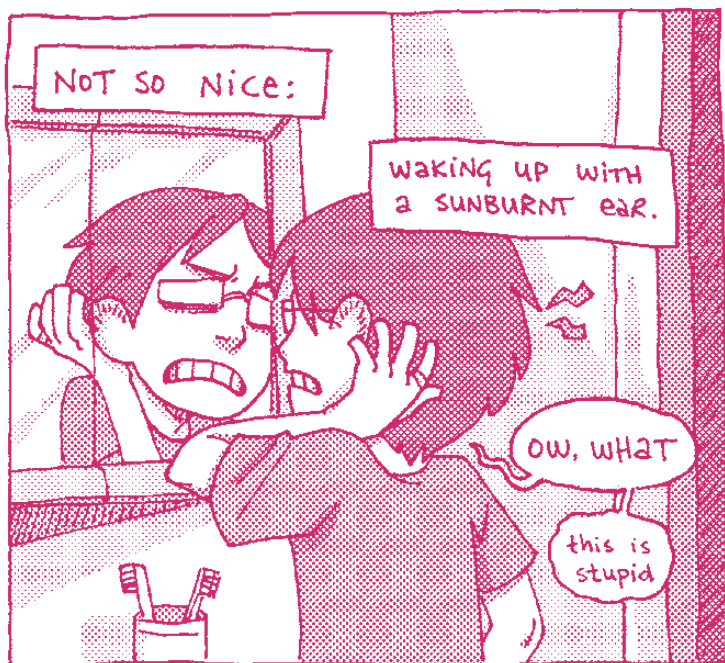
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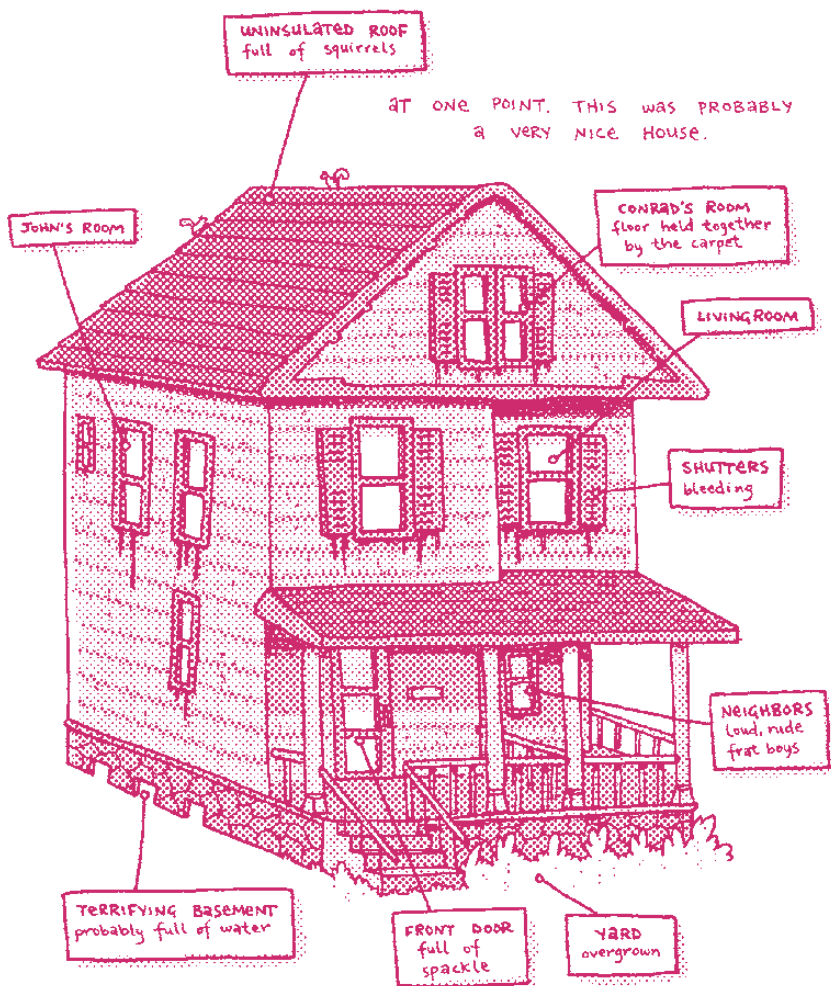


exxtreme furniture purchases



then i got curtains

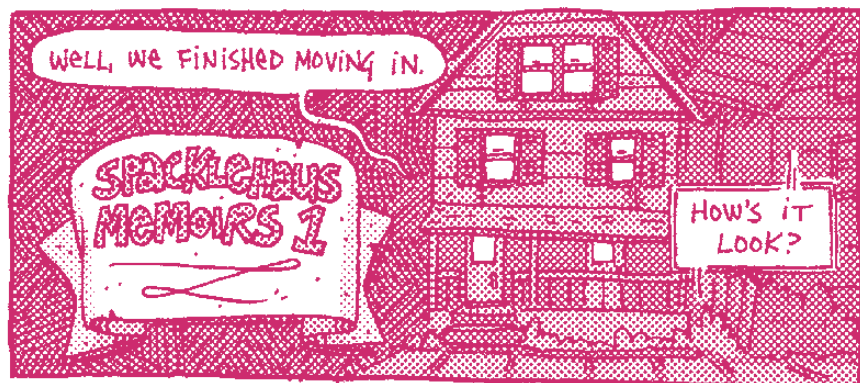




Before Maryland we lived in upstate New York, in a house the landlord repaired exclusively with spackle.

We named it SPACKLEHAUS.

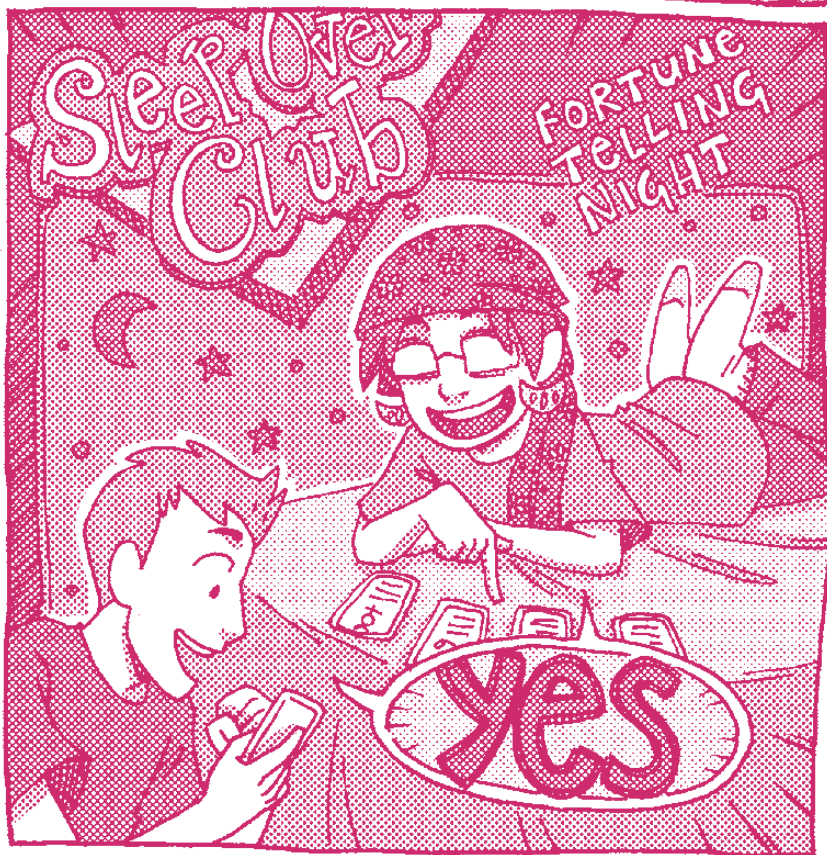
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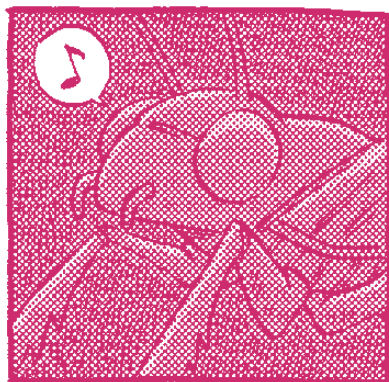
ghosts might have been preferable



the best sleepover ever



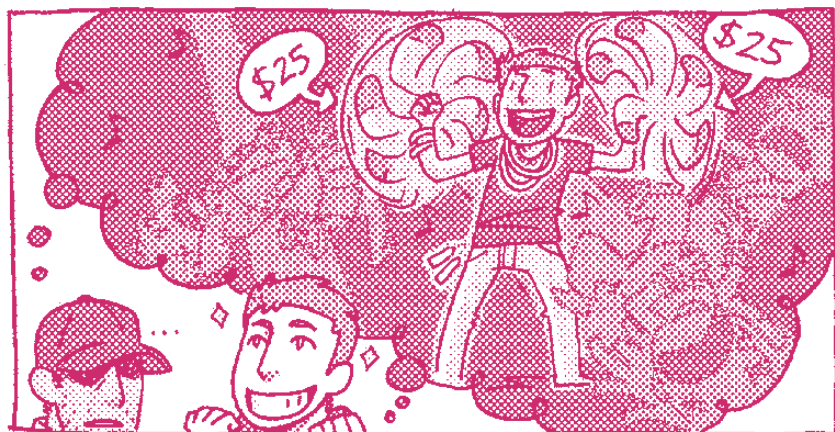
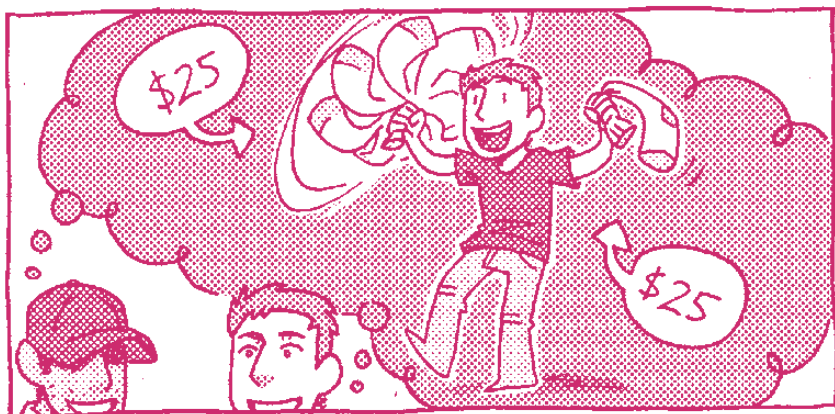
the first plague



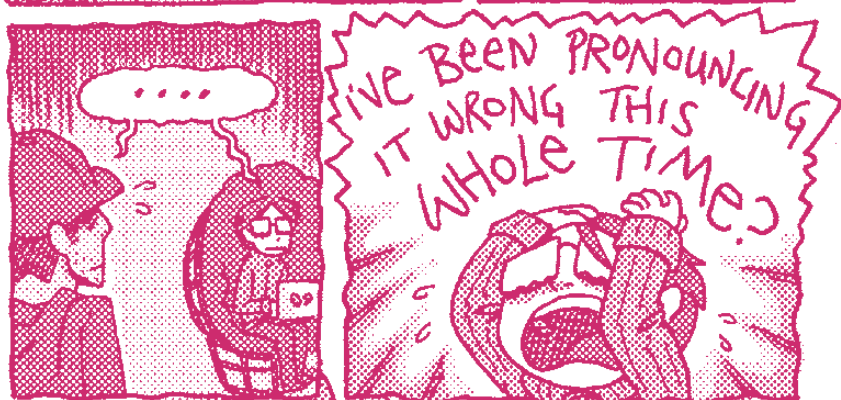
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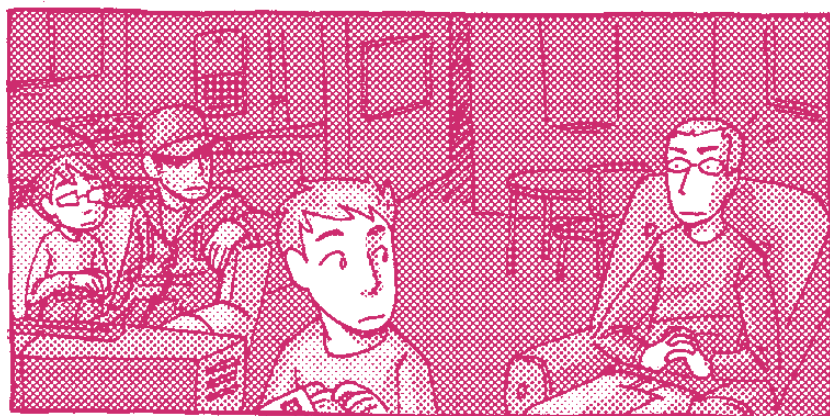
the most obvious course of action



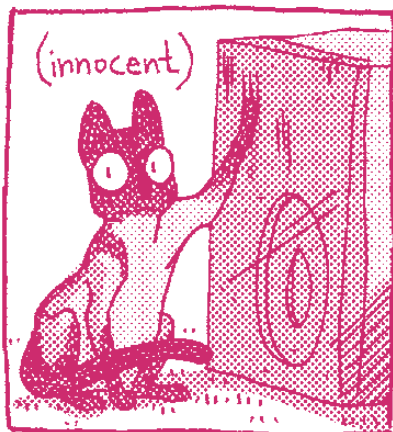
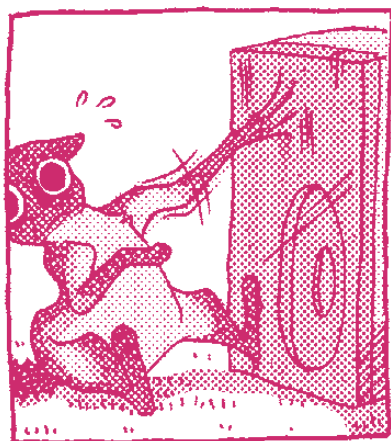
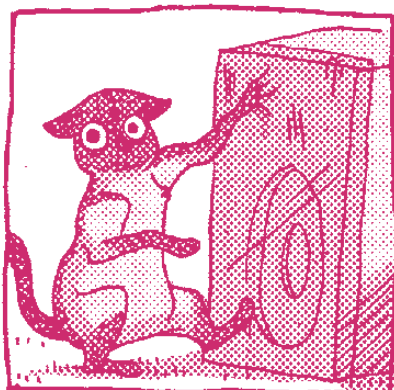
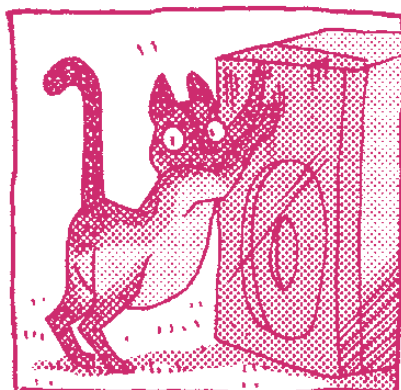
theasaur



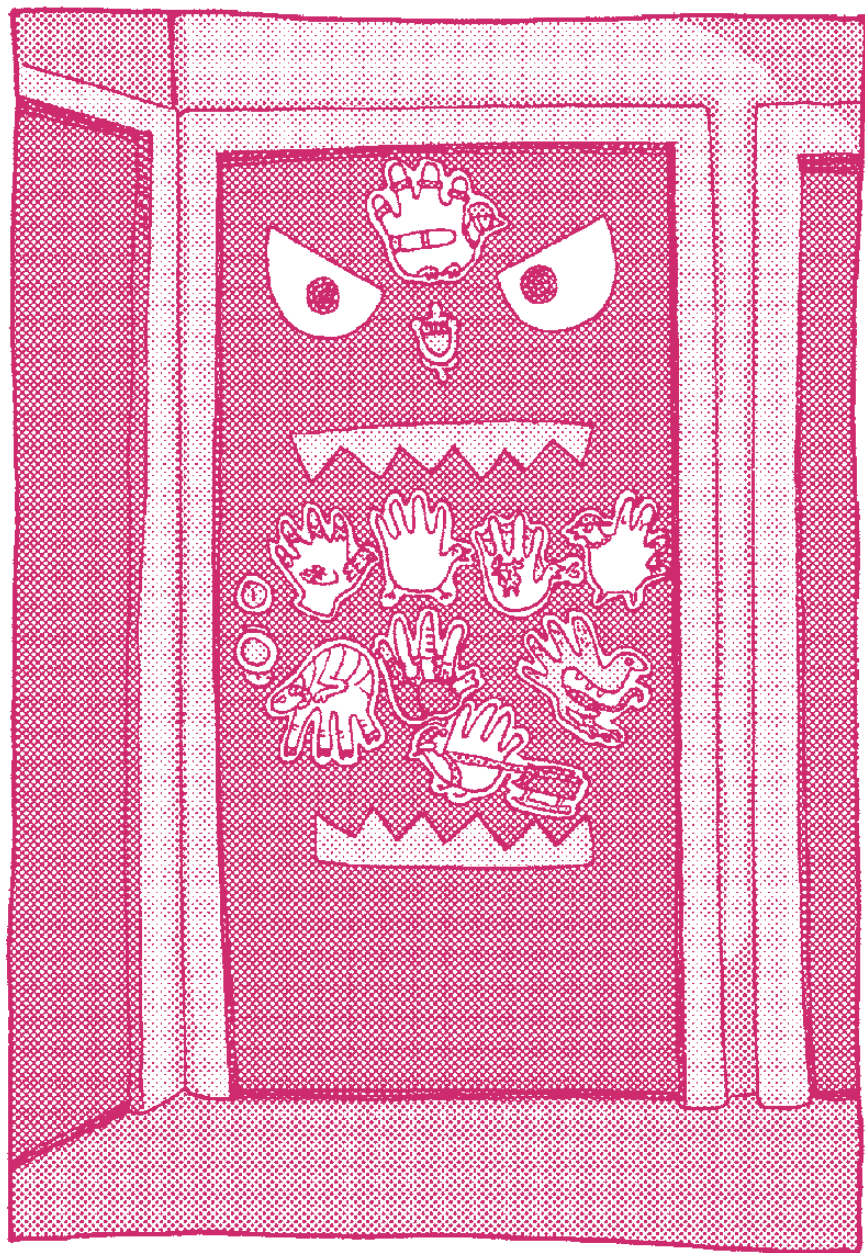
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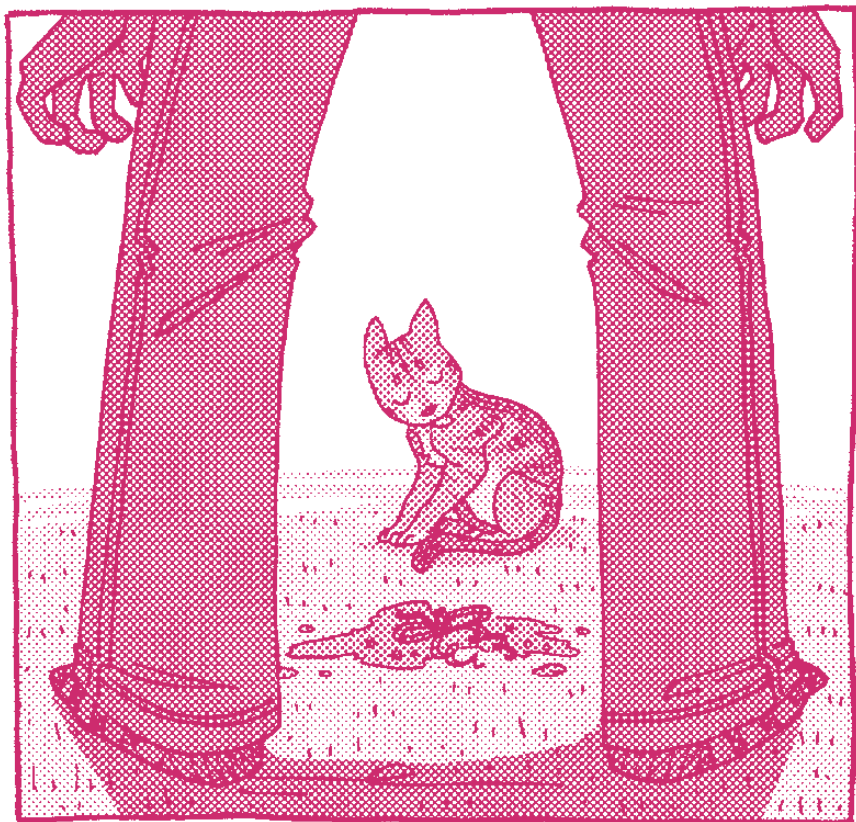
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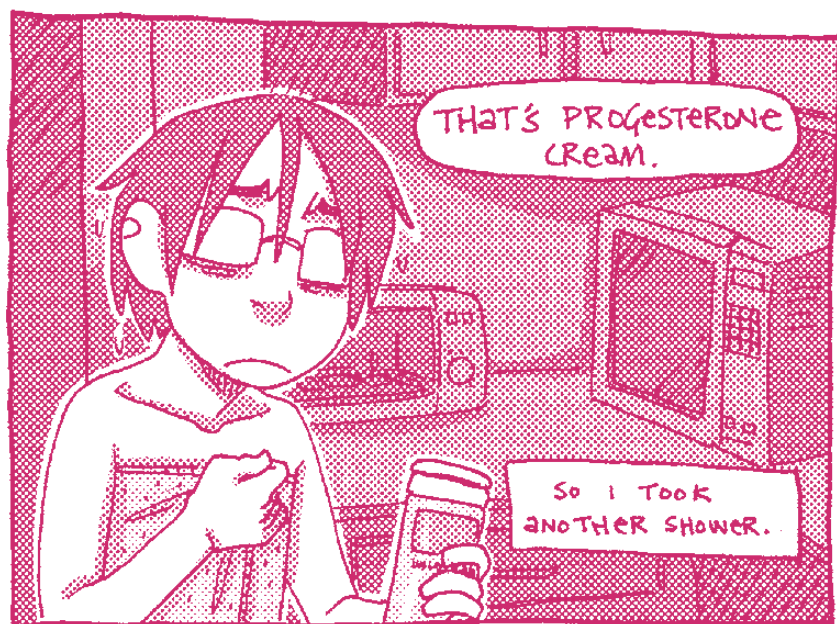
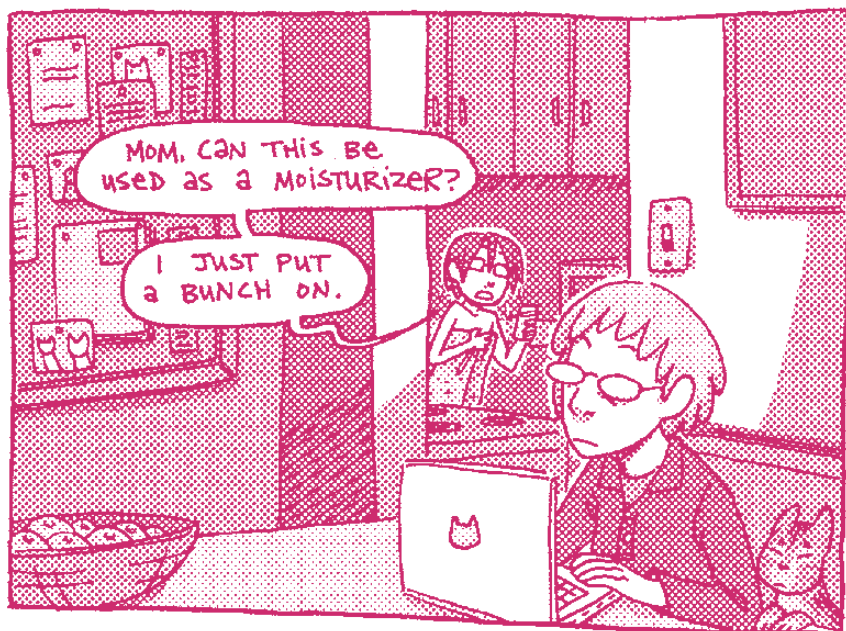
our neighbors think we are weird



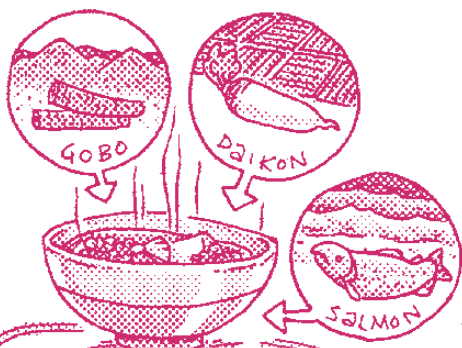
STOP EATING RIBBONS



read instructions before proceeding



あけましておめでとうございます。
happy new year



ZONI — mochi soup.

A TRADITIONAL SOUP MADE WITH RICE CAKE AND FOODS FROM THE THREE HARVESTED REGIONS OF JAPAN: MOUNTAINS, FIELDS, AND OCEAN. THIS IS MY FAMILY'S RECIPE.



RENKON — pickled lotus root.

THE LOTUS FLOWER HAS TIES TO BUDDHA AND THEREFORE IS ASSOCIATED WITH GODLY BLESSINGS.



INARIZUSHI — sushi rice in a sweet fried tofu shell.

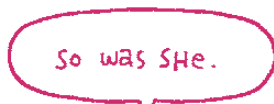
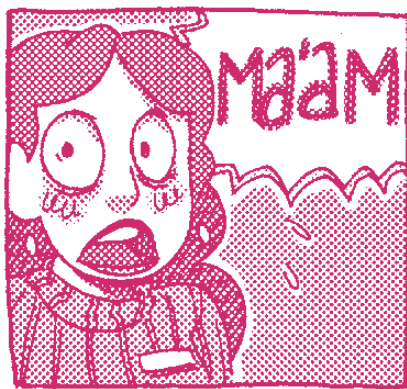
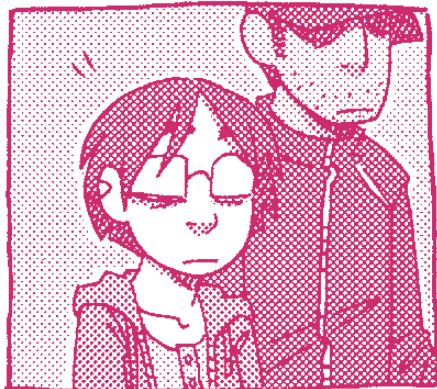
ASSOCIATED WITH THE RICE GODDESS, INARI — IT IS SUPPOSED TO BE A FAVORED FOOD OF HER MESSENGER FOXES.



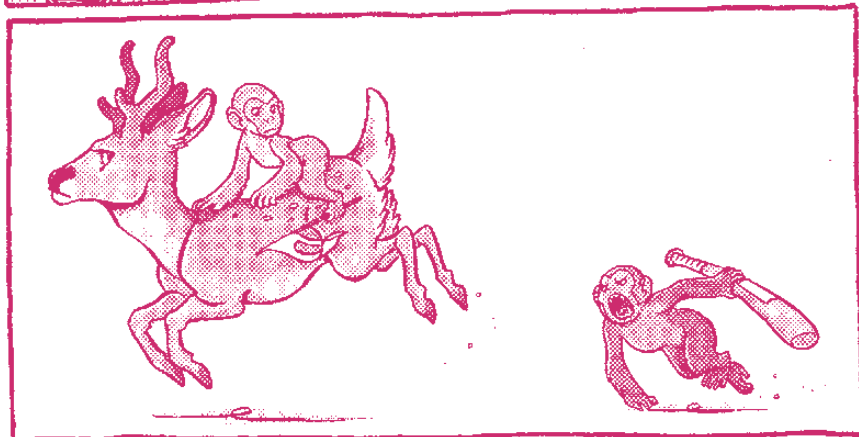
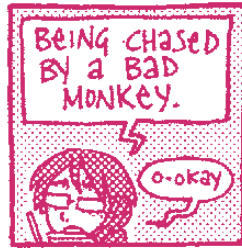
ZENZAI — sweet adzuki bean and mochi soup

EATING RED THINGS ON NEW YEARS IS SUPPOSED TO BRING GOOD FORTUNE. (A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE DIE EVERY NEW YEAR BY CHOKING ON MOCHI.)

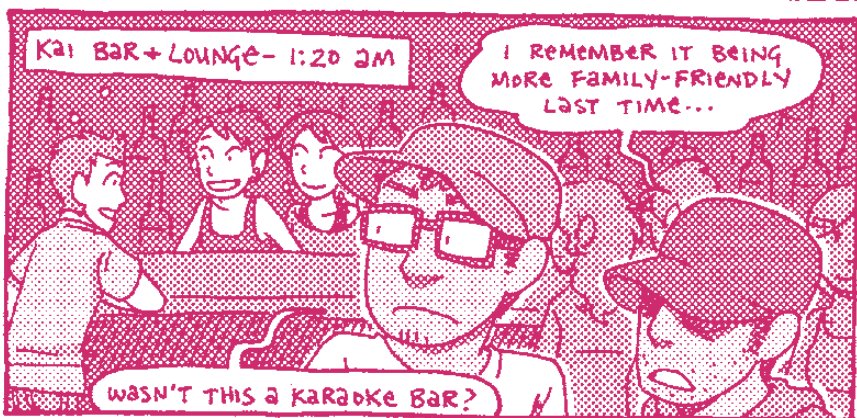
not the first time this has happened



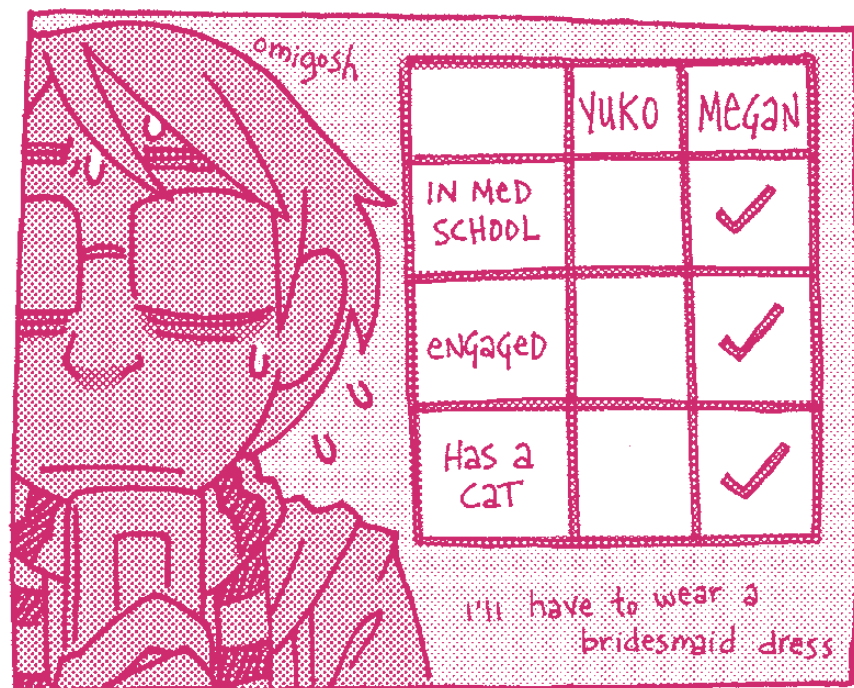
YOU HAVE TO MAKE IT REALLY BAD



happy birthday conrad



various inadequacies



fifth sense



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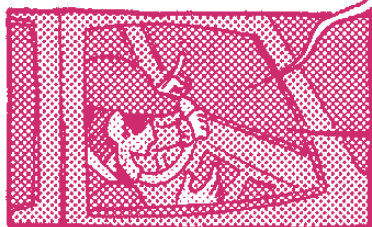
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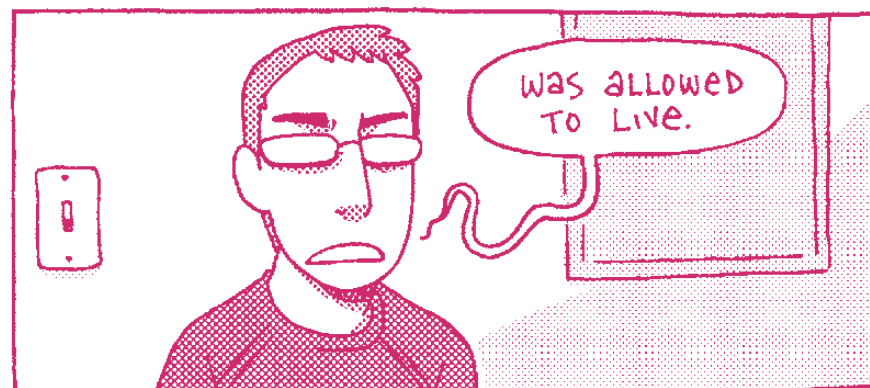
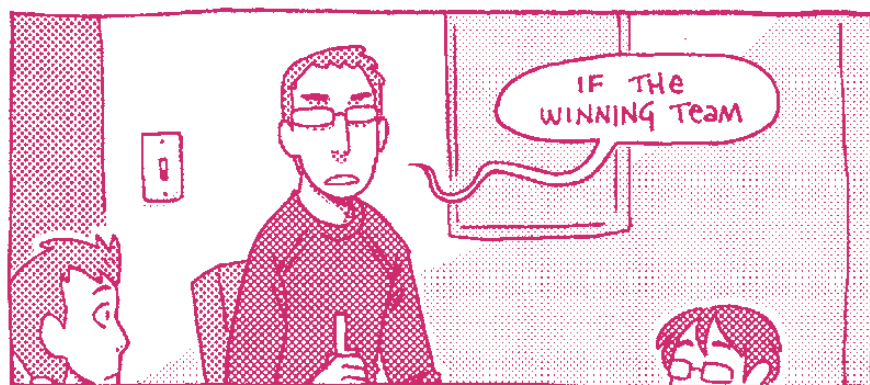
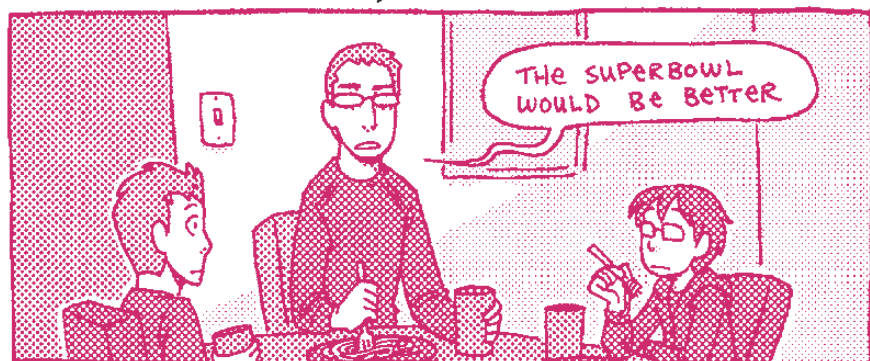
coeLOLcanth!

RoFLope

hehe



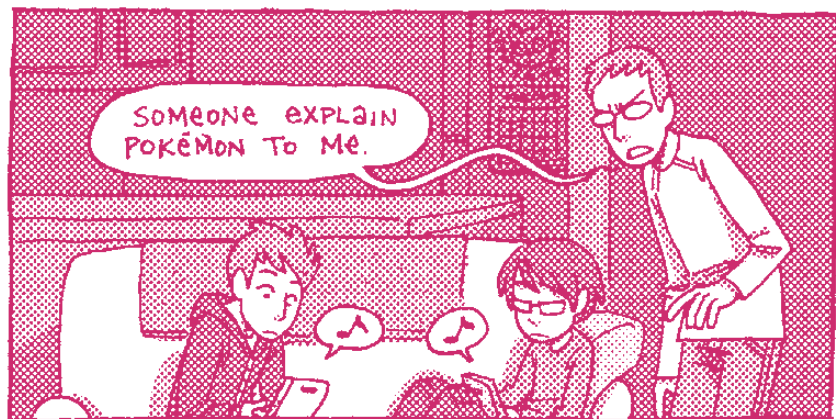
without cable we cannot
be sure anyway



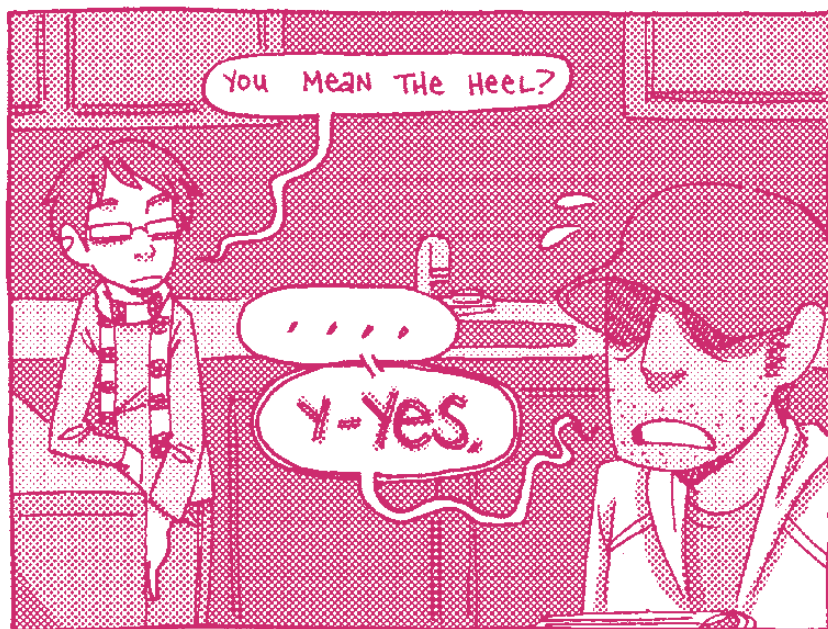
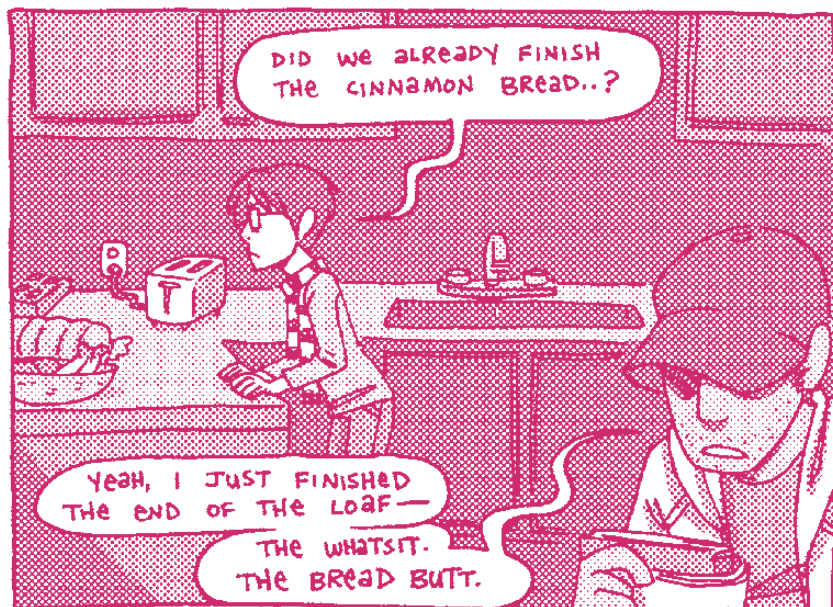
three dollar comfort



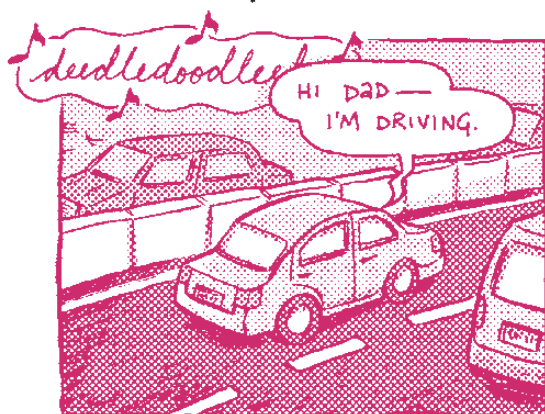
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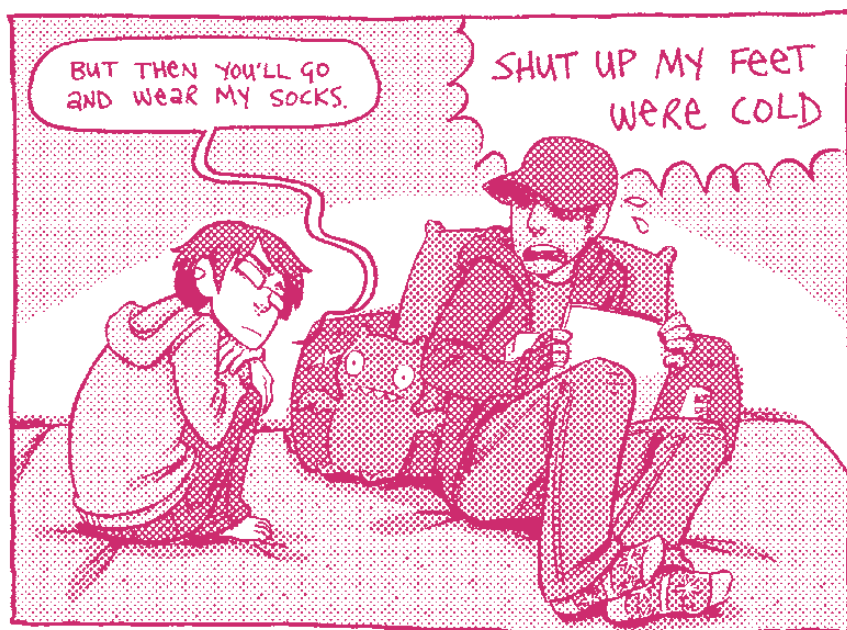
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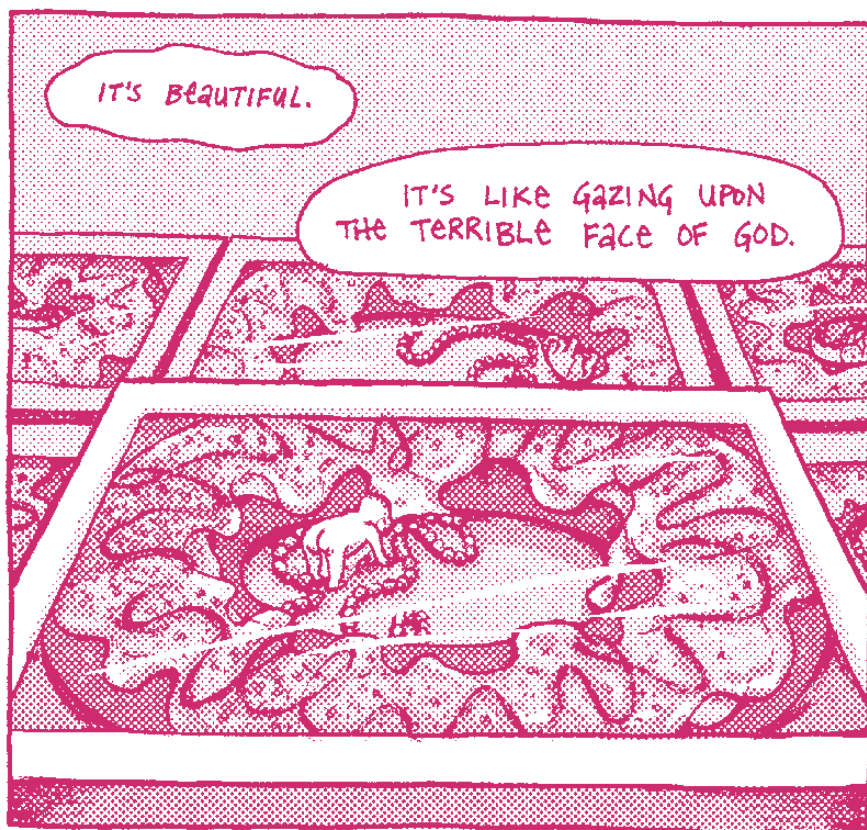
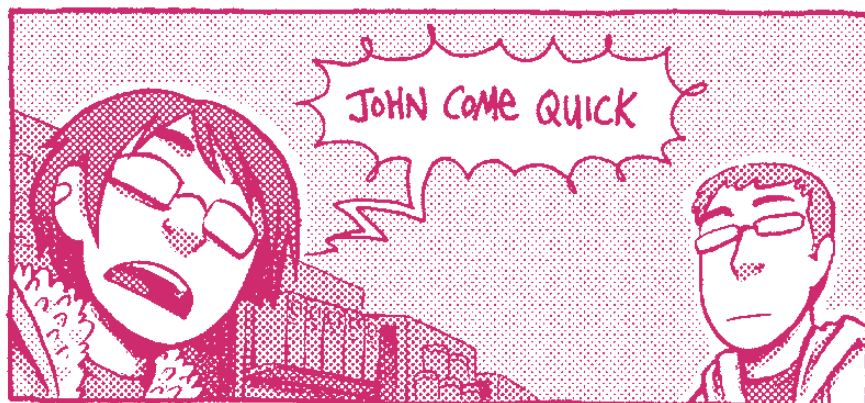
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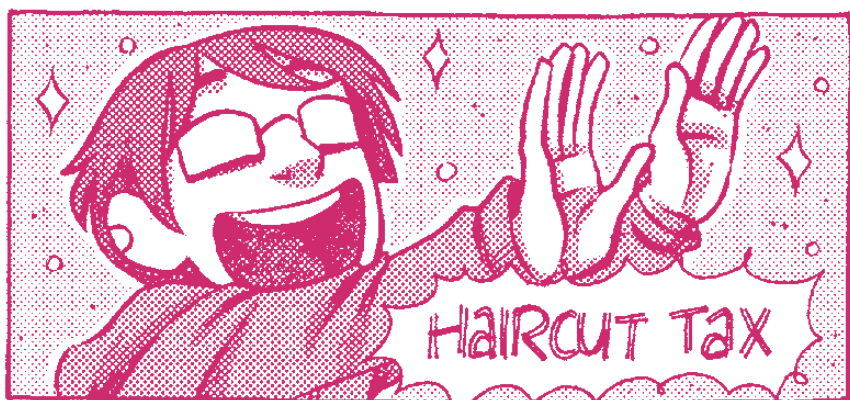
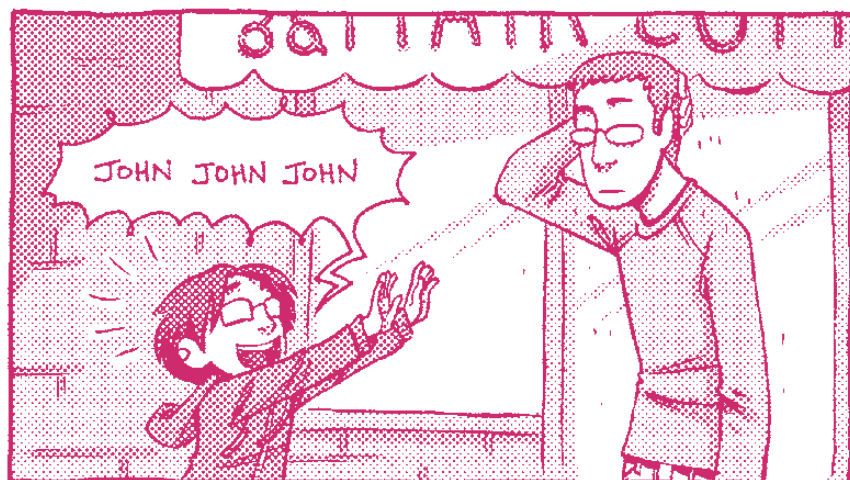
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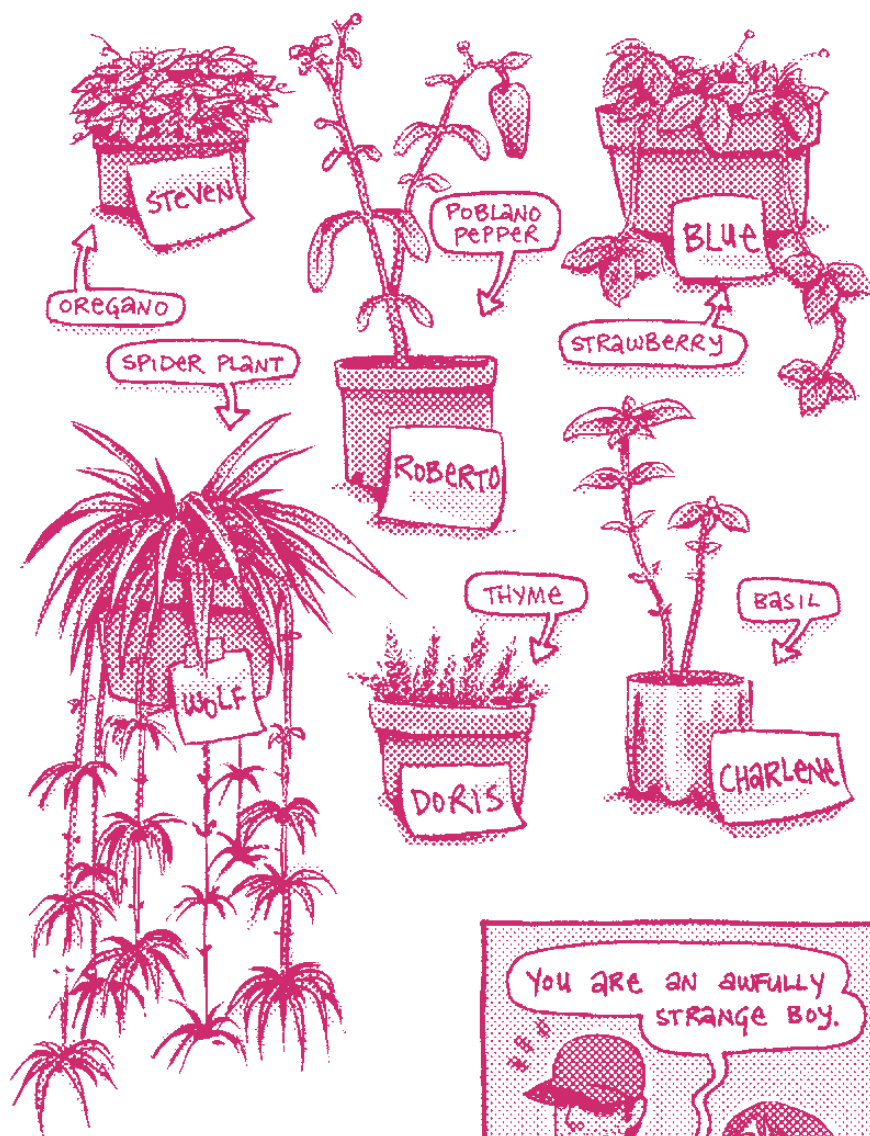
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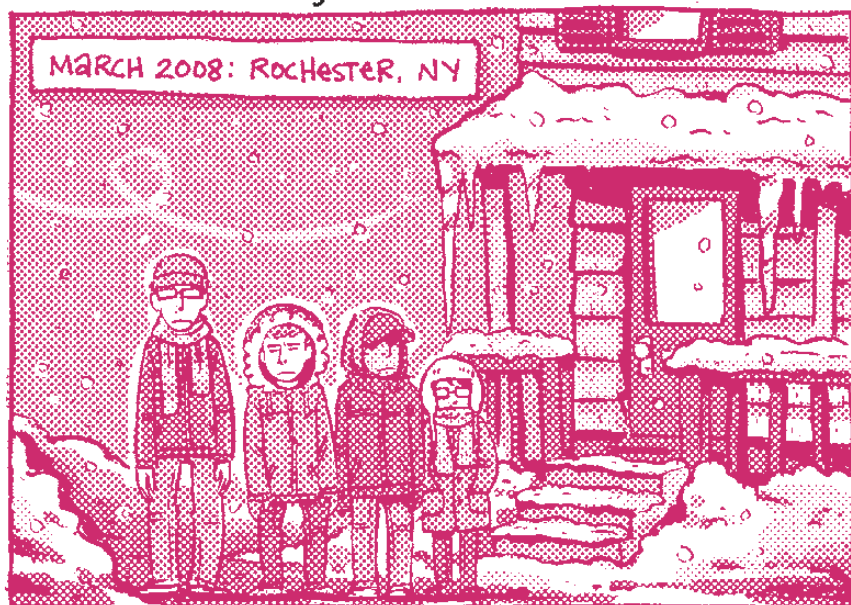
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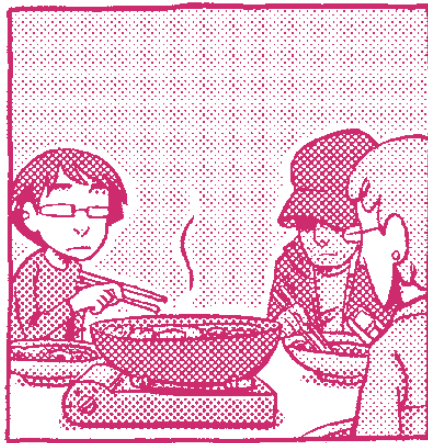
he named the houseplants



latitude change



inscrutable language joke

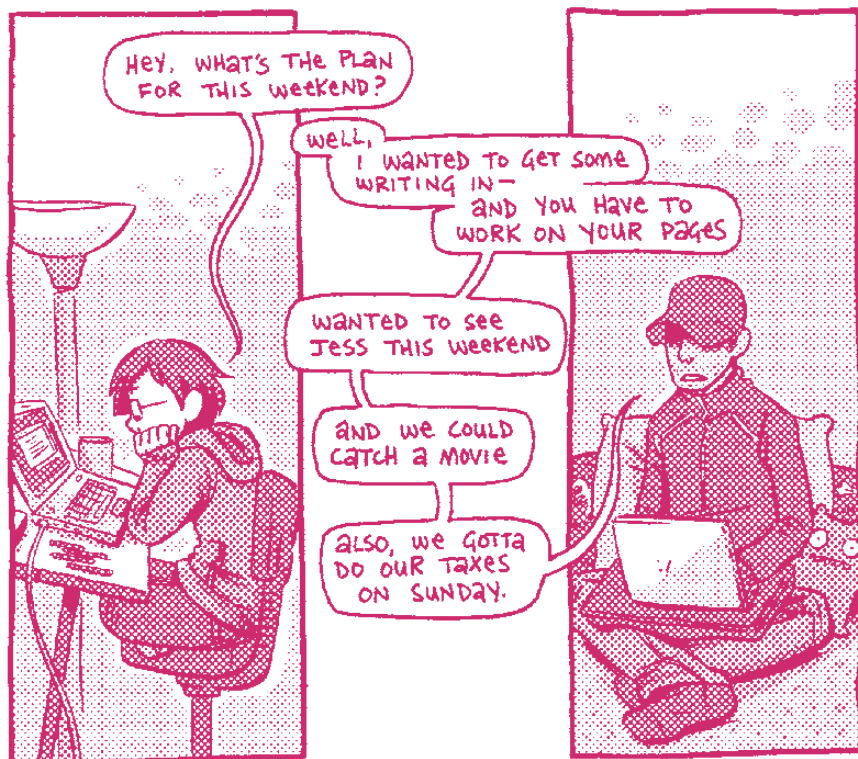


where Yuko has to explain the joke:

鍋 焼き = sukiyaki, Beef HOT POT.
FLOW COOK

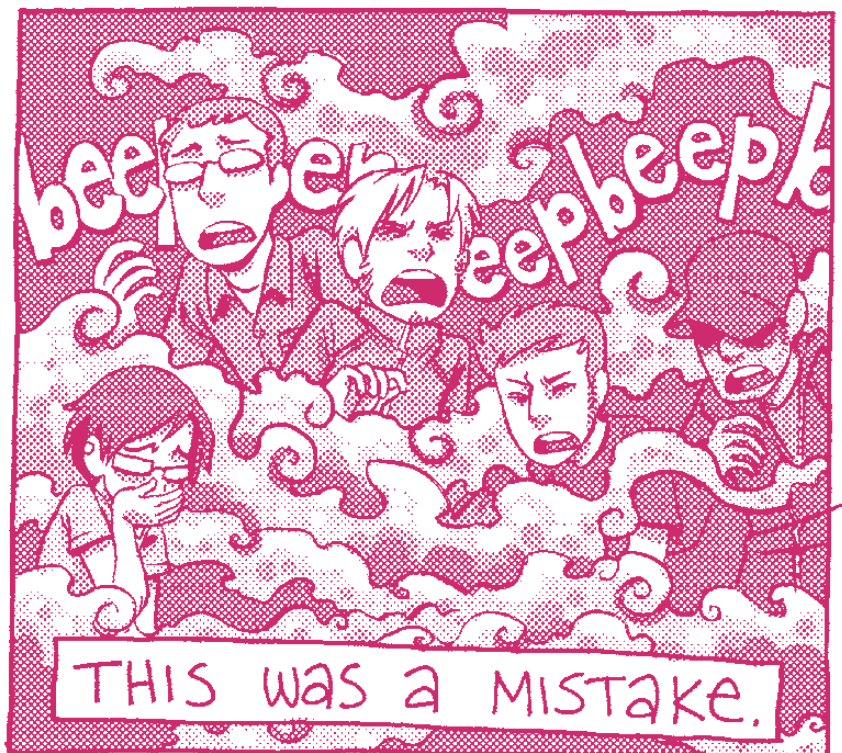
大 好き = Daisuki, TO LOVE
BIG LIKE

her computer died



AND THEN
WE DID NONE
OF THOSE
THINGS.

homemade mace



yuko's parents' cats again

things mika likes to do:



drink from wet hair



destroy things while no one is looking



sleep on people, sometimes

things gonta likes to do:



fret



eat



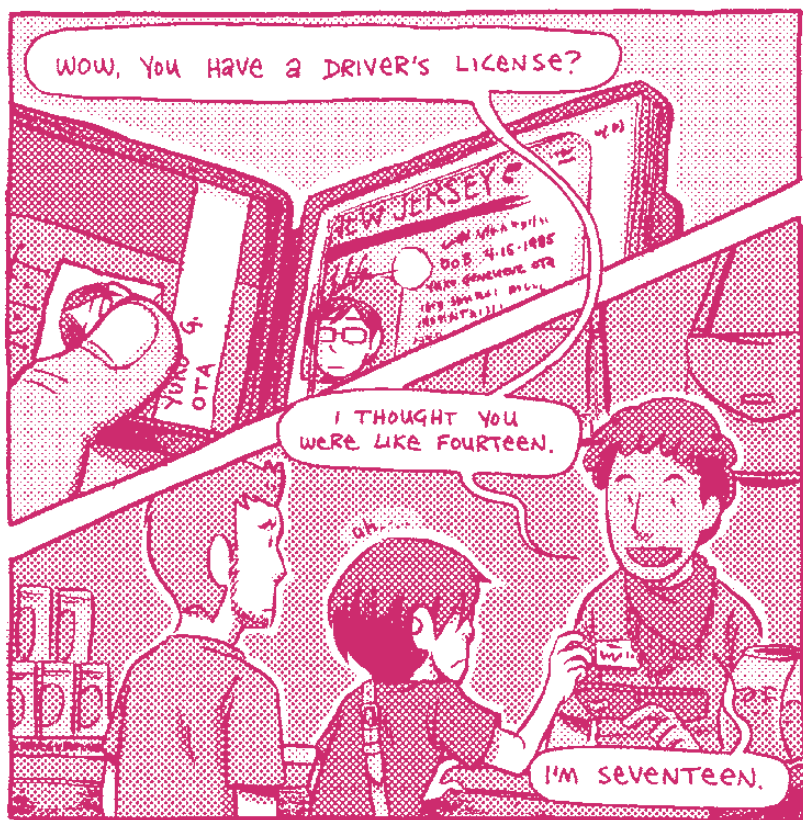
fret

things they both like to do:



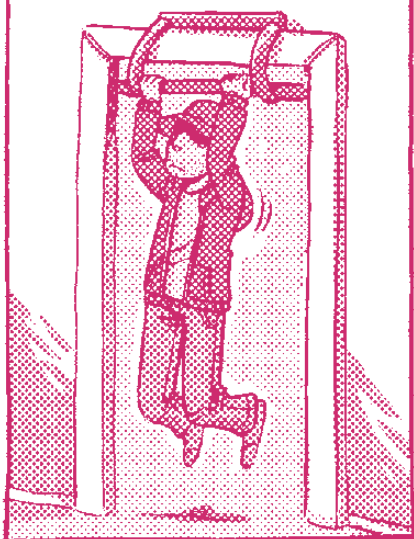
run around in the small hours of the morning

give or take ten years

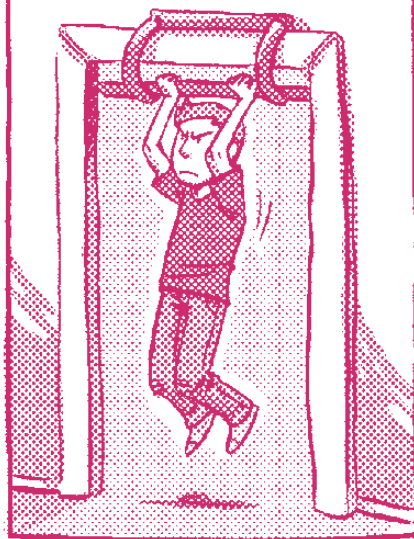


get ripped quick

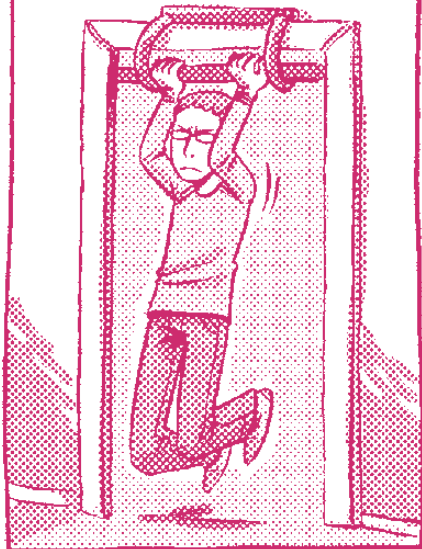
ANANTH: 10 pullups



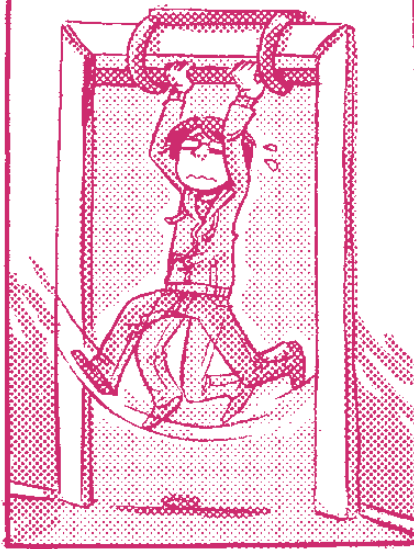
CONRAD: 7 pullups



JOHN: 7 pullups



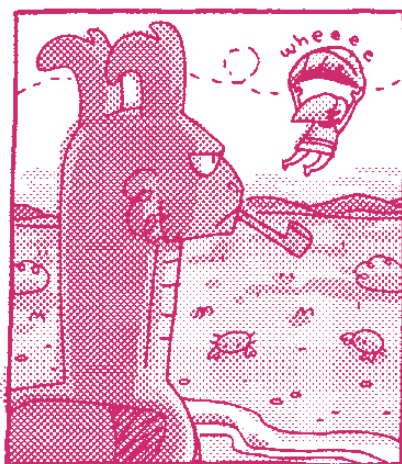
YUKO: $\frac{3}{4}$ pullup



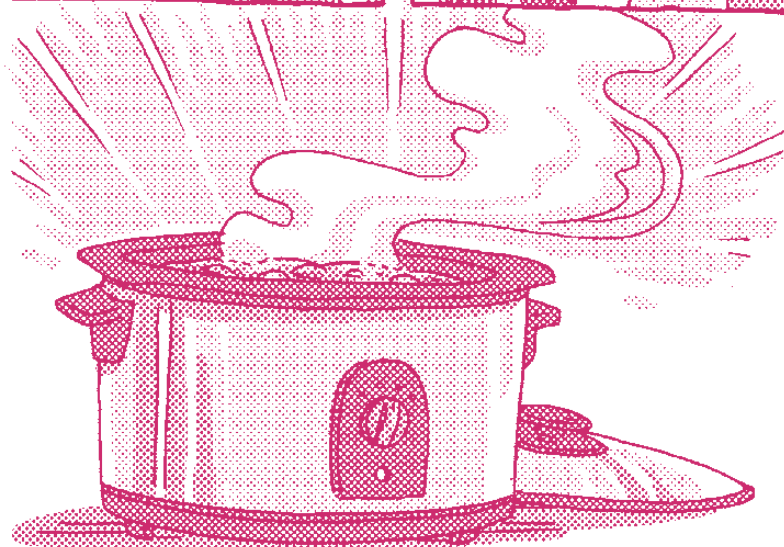
ananth's tennessee plague



you were boat-adopted



REM cooking



IT WAS PRETTY GOOD.

DREAM CURRY

This recipe makes enough curry for 6+ people, with leftovers. Quick to put together, no need to watch it, difficult to overcook... there aren't a lot of ways to mess this up.

Makes one giant 6 quart pot of curry!

INGREDIENTS

x2 Large chicken breasts, cubed (or more)
x1 15 oz can of pumpkin puree
x1 15 oz can of reduced sodium chicken broth
x1 8 oz box of S&B Golden Curry
x~4 carrots, peeled and cut into bite-sized pieces
x~3 big potatoes, peeled & cut into pieces
x1 Large onion, cut into large pieces
x~2 garlic cloves, diced
x~1 tbsp ginger (grated fresh or dried)
Cream or milk to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

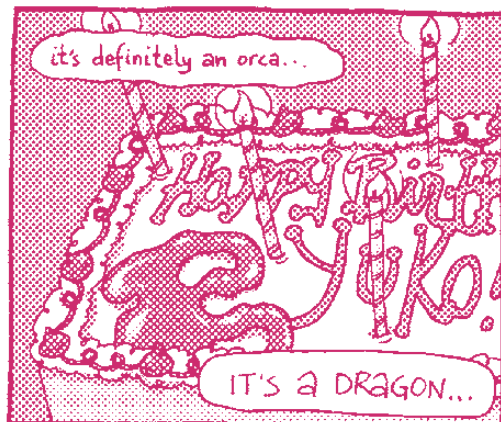
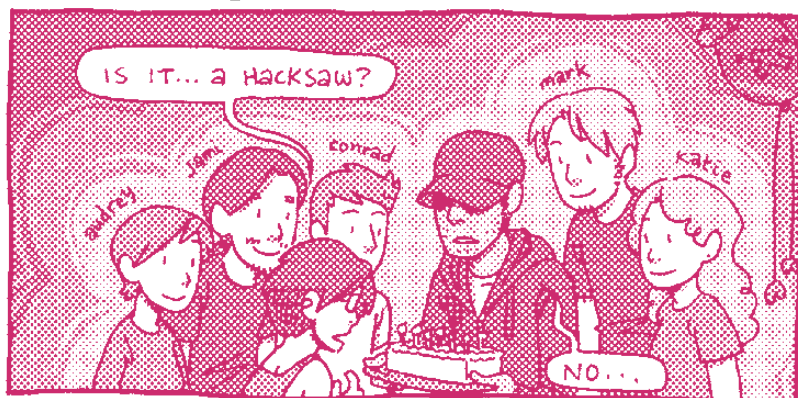
1. Add all ingredients (except milk) to slow cooker.
2. Just barely cover all ingredients with water.
3. Cover and cook on high for 4-5 hours or low on 6-8 hours, stirring every few hours.
4. Add cream if desired.

Feel free to add or replace any vegetables. This will probably taste good with tomato, apple, sweet potato, peas, squash, eggplant, pepper, or whatever. There's no right way to make it.

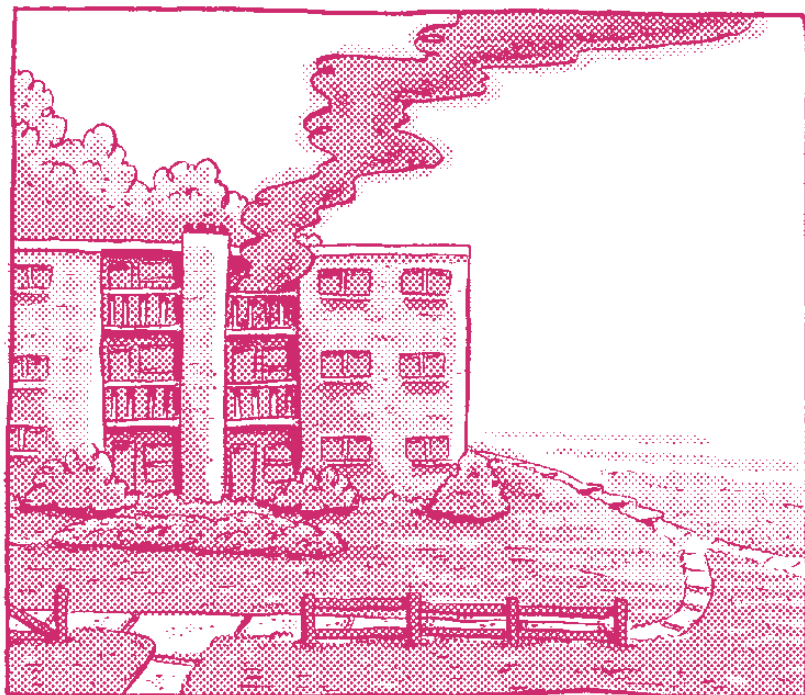
If you want, you can eat the curry plain. Traditionally, you pour it over Japanese sticky rice, but you can also put the curry over regular white rice, ramen noodles, spaghetti, or whatever else you might want.

This is an ideal winter meal. It's stick-to-your-ribs warm and it'll keep in your freezer for-ev-er.

the thought that counts



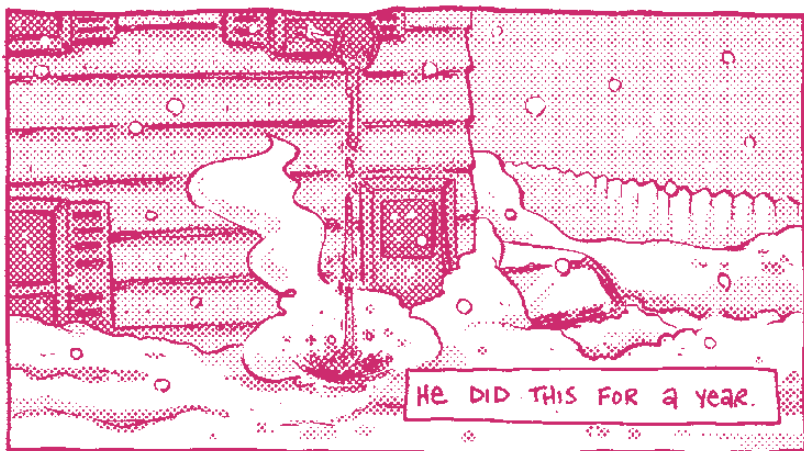
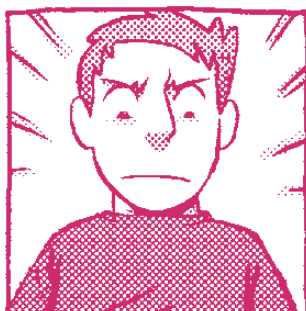
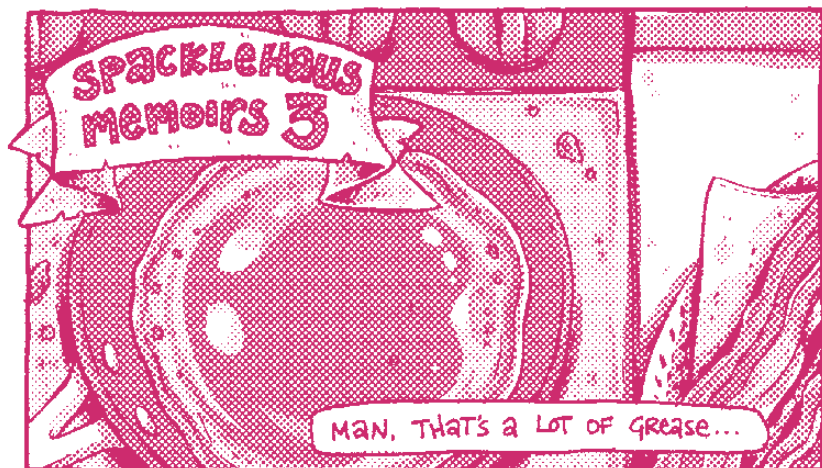
john sets more things on fire



except for the cats and her mom



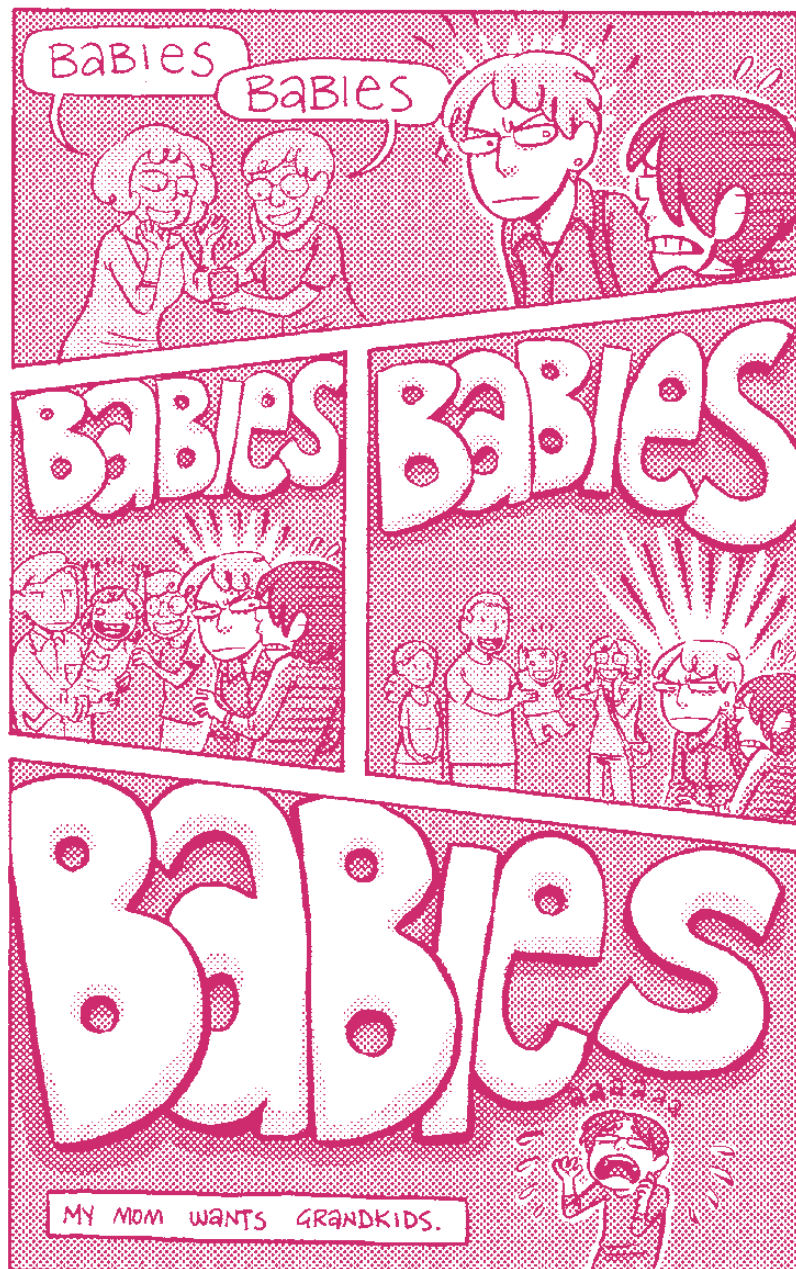
desperate times



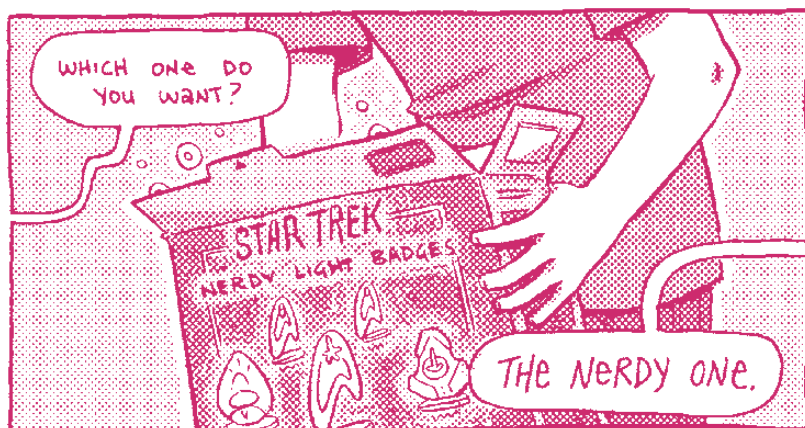
harder better faster stronger



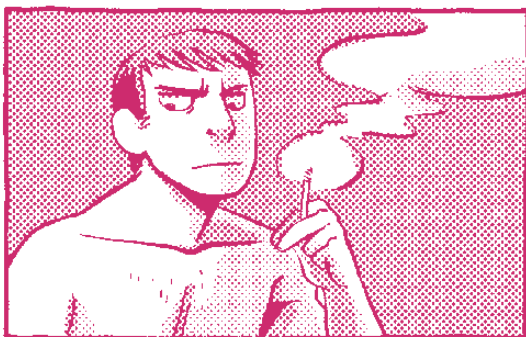
palpable discomfort



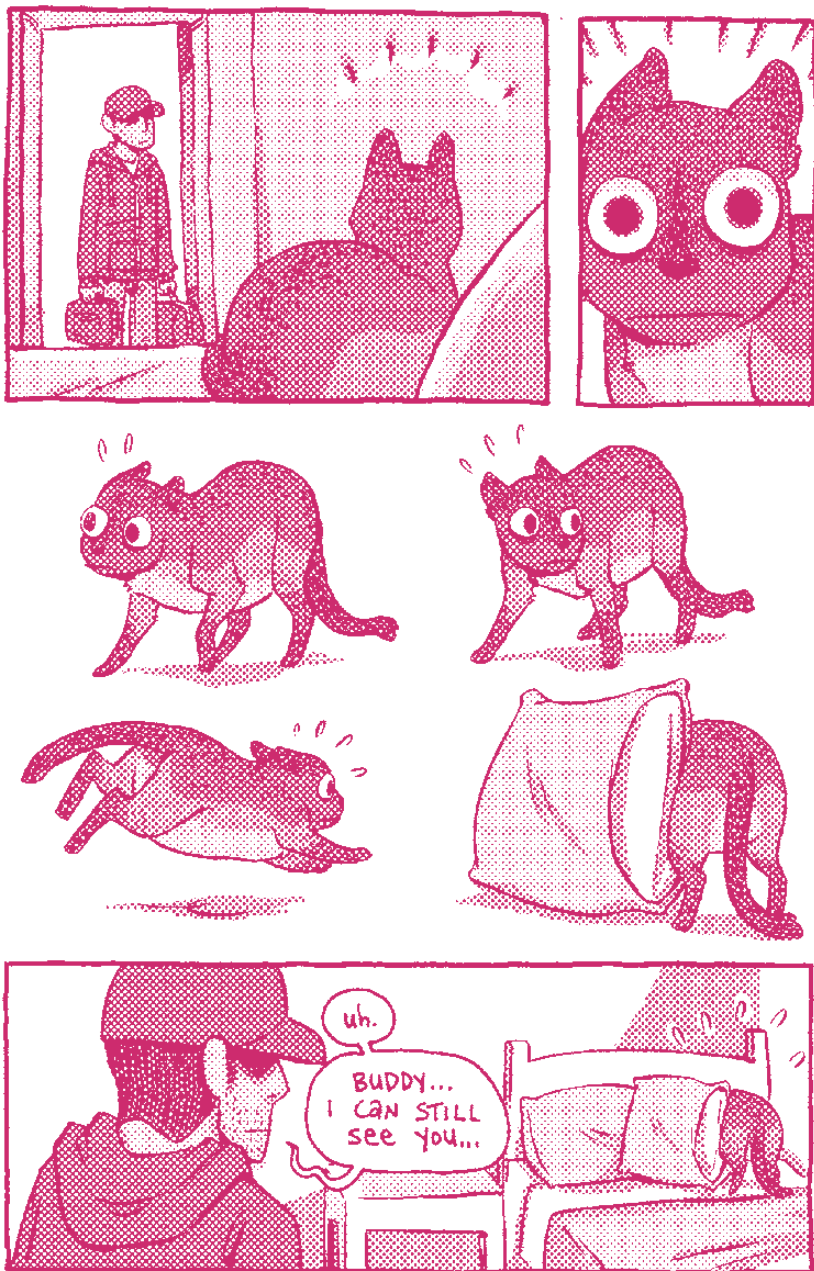
luckily they are all nerdy



on cats and burly ripped dudes



natural defense mechanisms

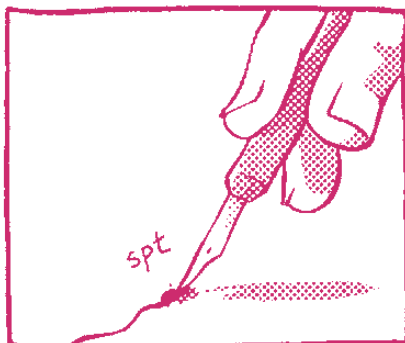


a lesson in appropriate attire



this keeps on happening.

she was pretty angry

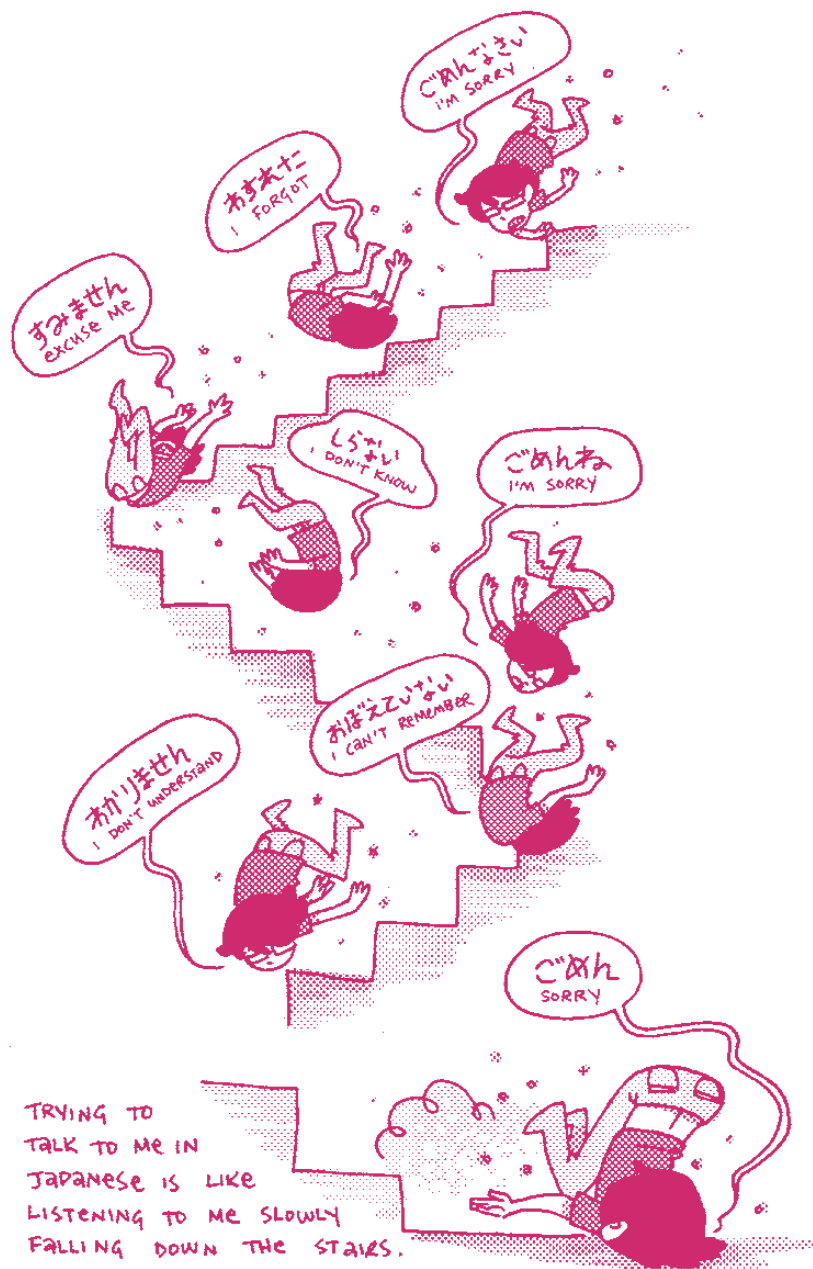


STEEL NIBS AND I
ARE BREAKING UP.

she only likes real coffee



flights and flights of stairs



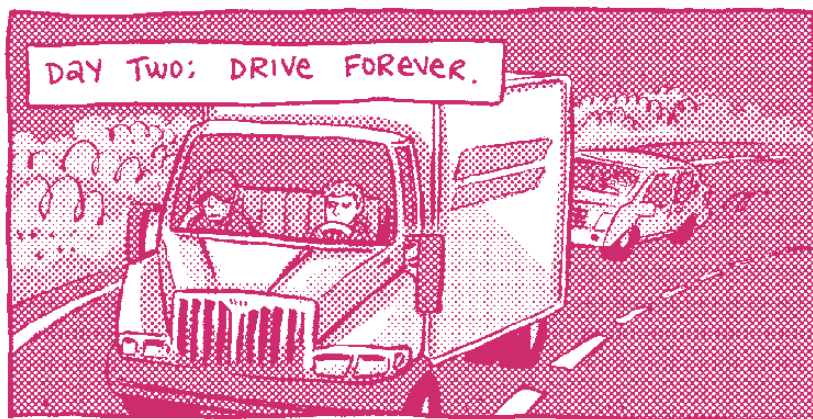
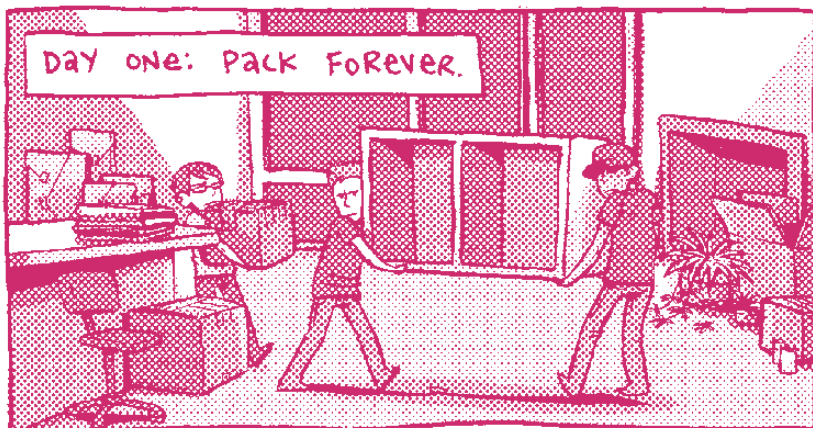
then again, it's probably engrish



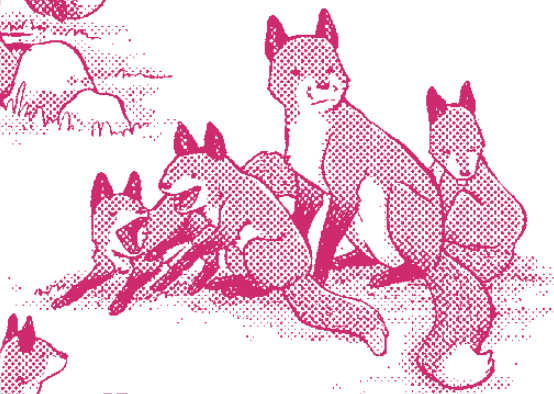
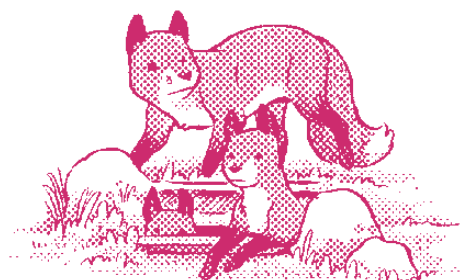
I WANT TO GO
TO THERE



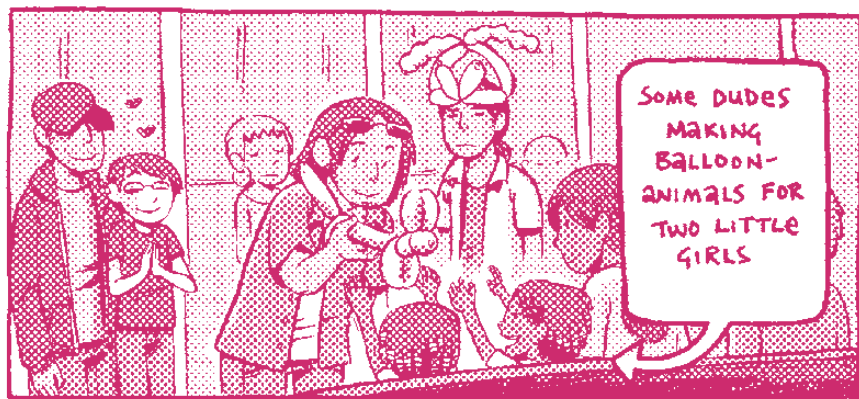
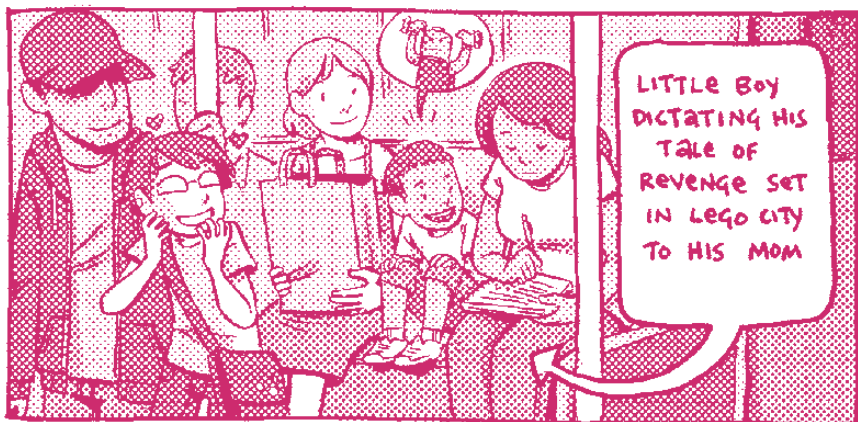
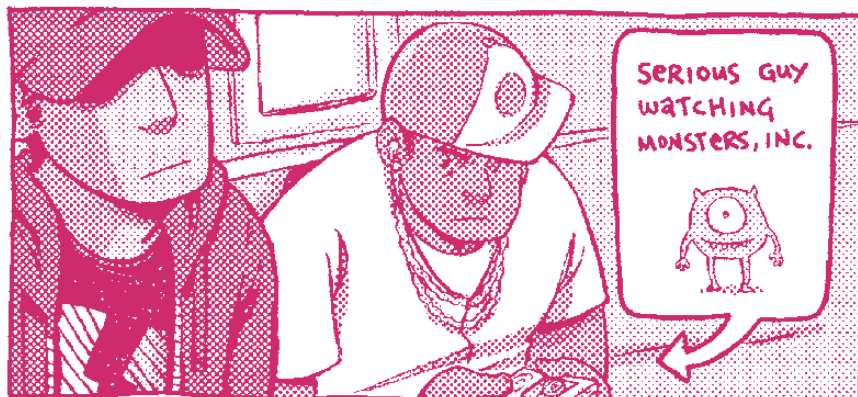
don't go back to rockville



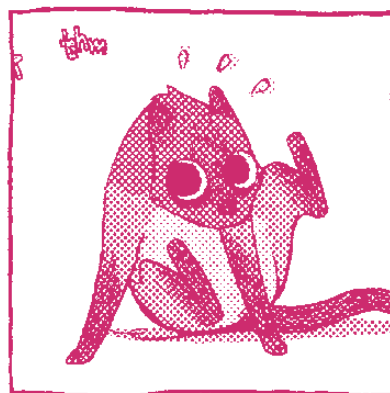
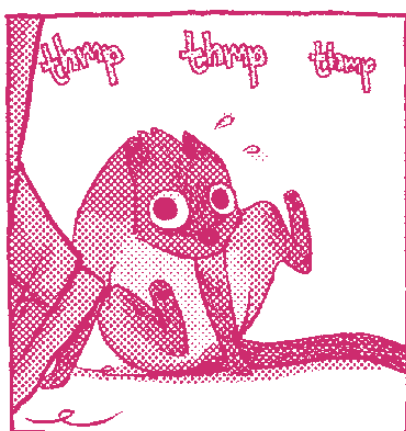
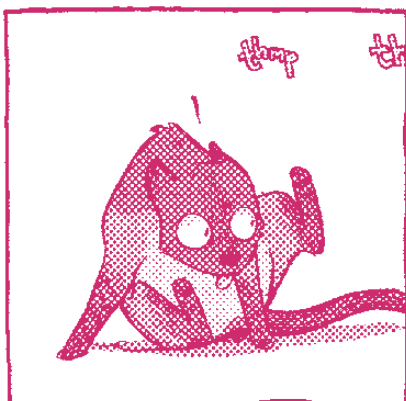
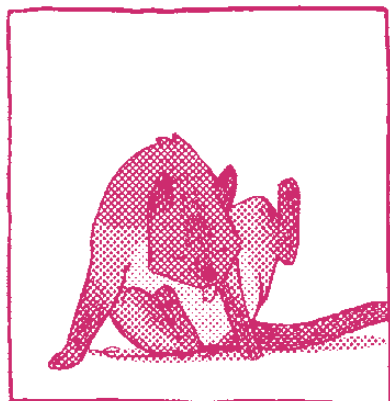
foxes in the backyard



CUTE THINGS WE'VE SEEN ON THE SUBWAY LATELY



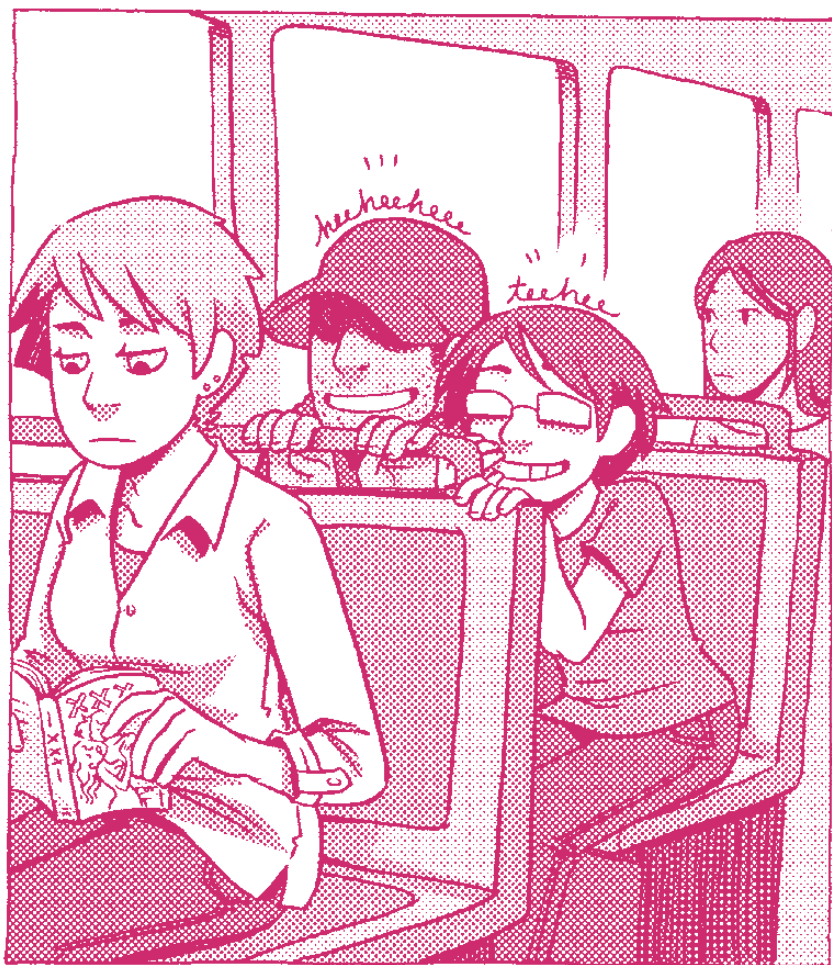
that can't be comfortable



at least we
can be assured
that Gonta will
never be eaten
by dinosaurs.

his pride, her passion

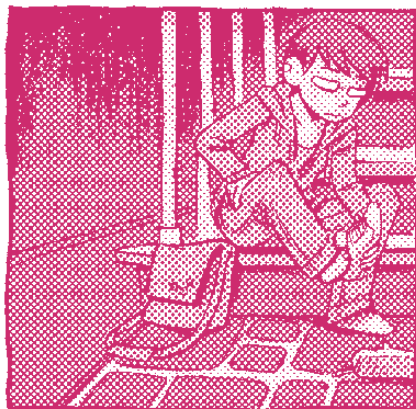
THERE WAS A WOMAN READING A
ROMANCE NOVEL ON THE METRO.



SHE WAS AT ONE OF THE STEAMY PARTS.

why is it always my carpet

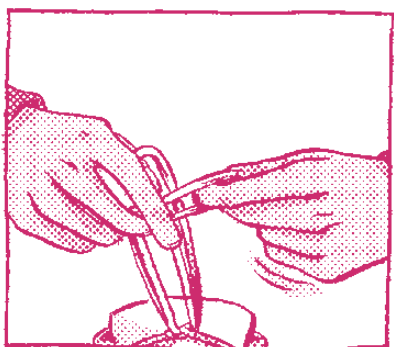
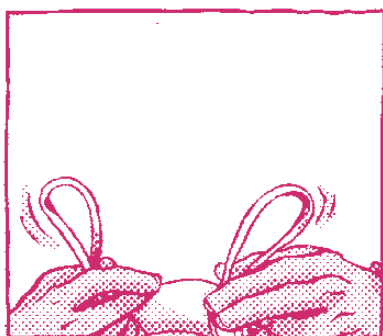
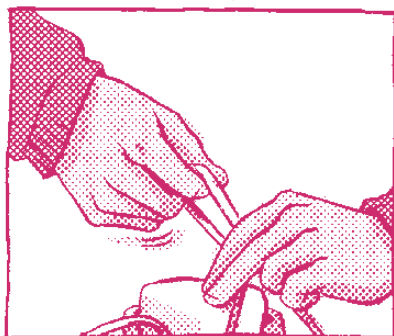
MORE THINGS MIKA & GONTA LIKE TO DO:



aaaaaaaa

VOMITING
ON YUKO'S
CARPET.

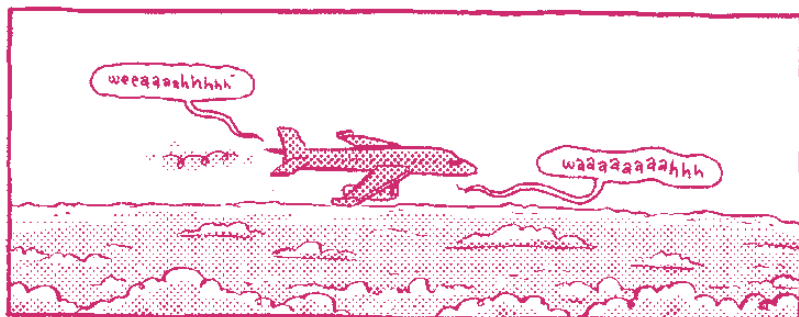
one bunny rabbit....



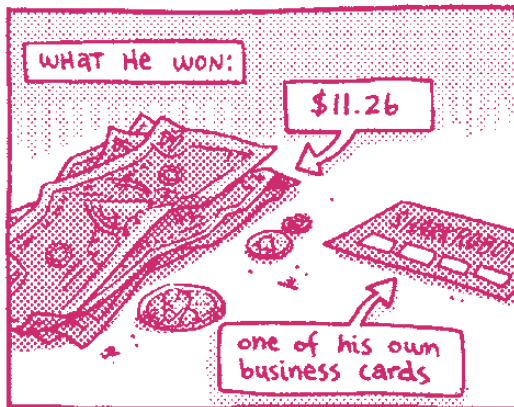
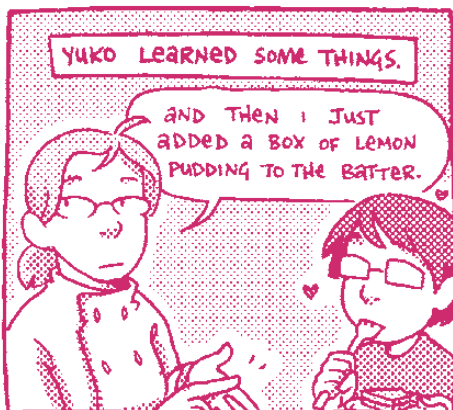
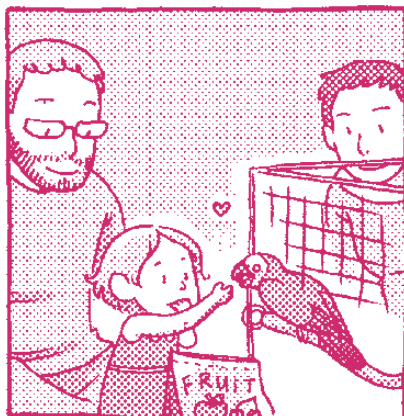
i still have to make bunny-ears to tie my shoes.



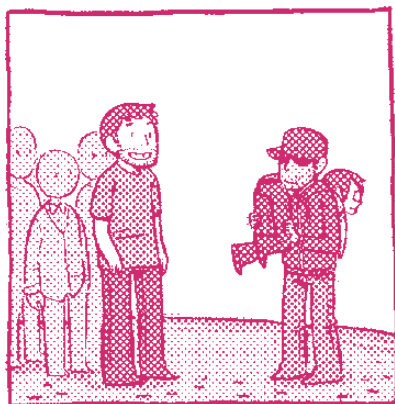
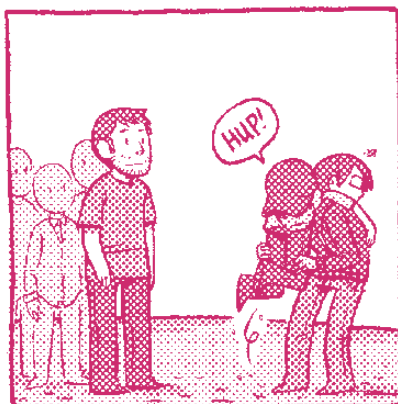
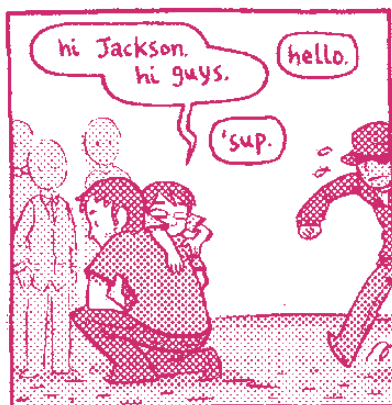
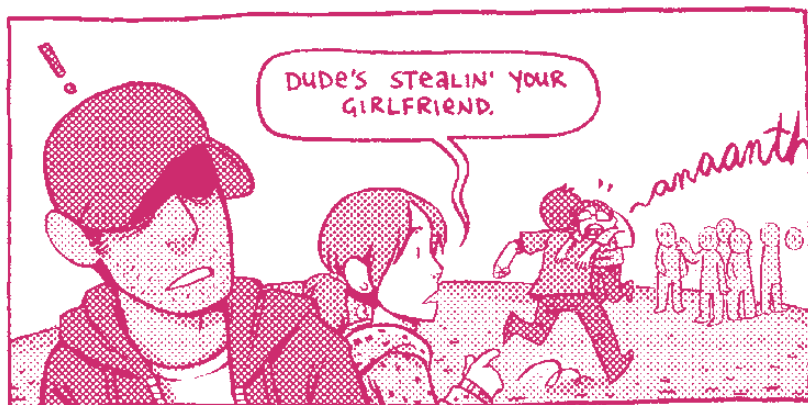
enjoy your four-hour flight



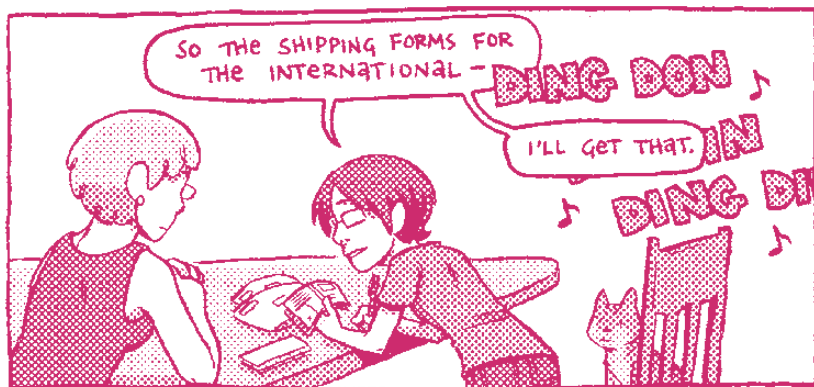
a weekend at connecticon



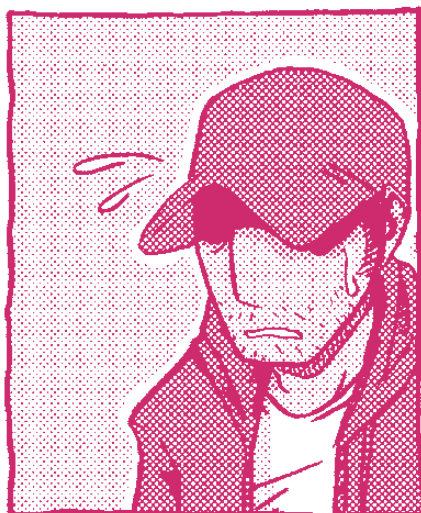
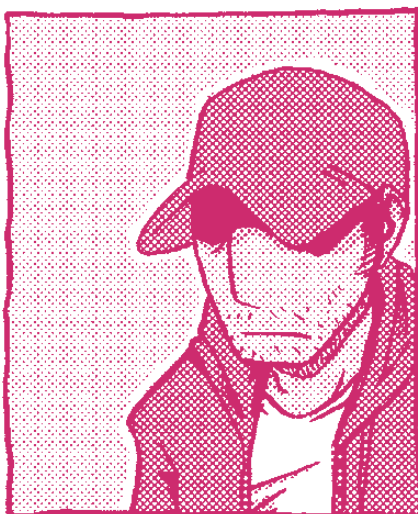
sacks of potatoes

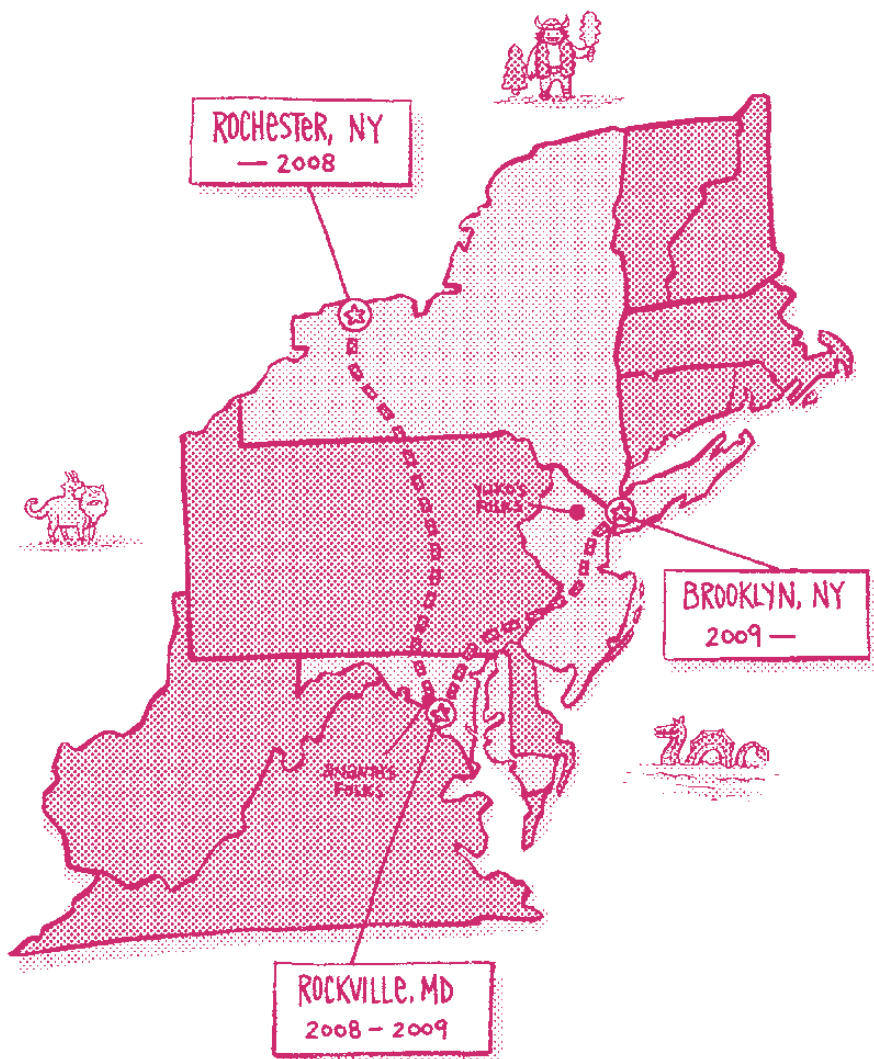


parental supervision required

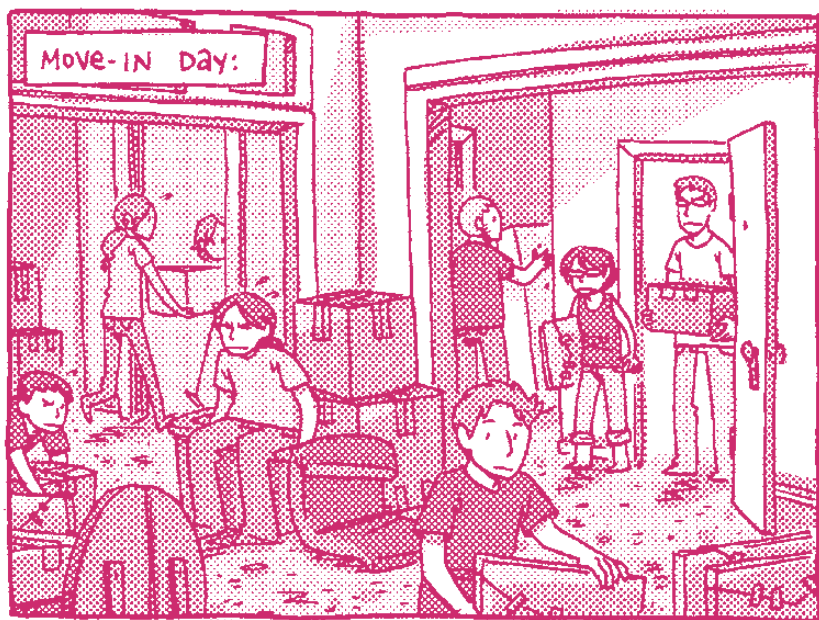
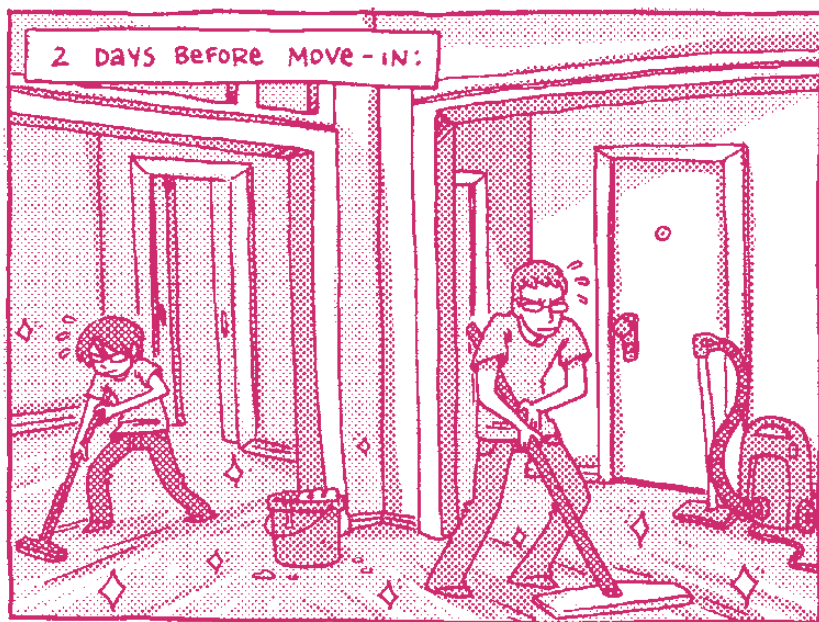


so dumb





pardon our dust



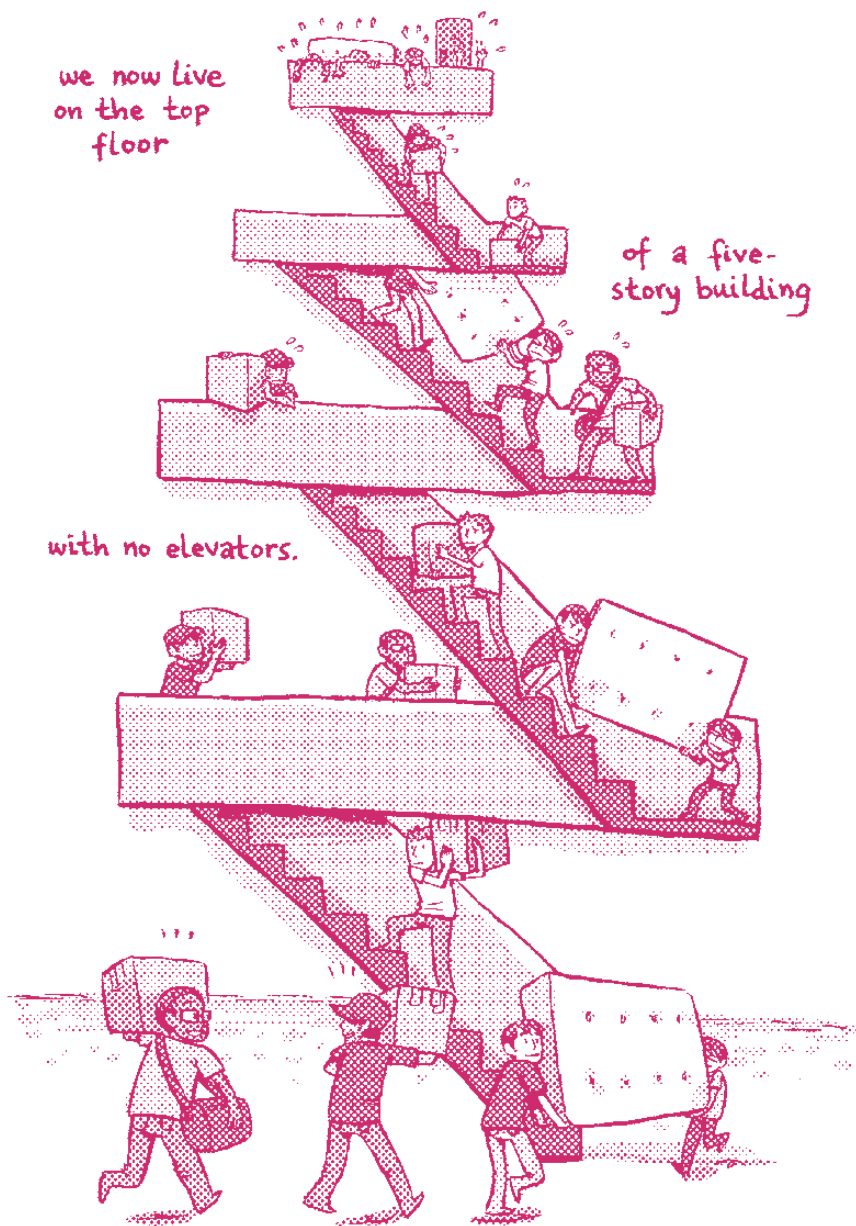
stairs forever

we now live
on the top
floor

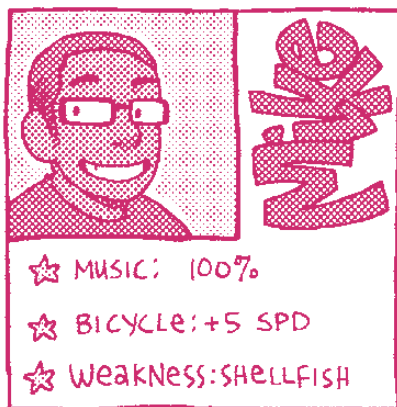
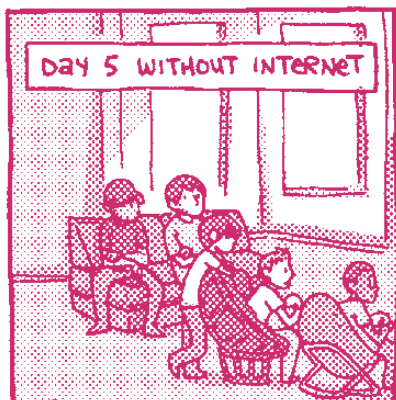
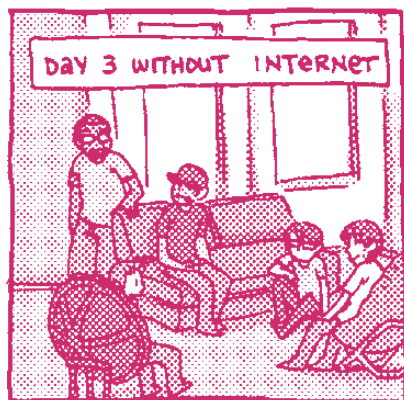
of a five-
story building

with no elevators.

it seemed like a good idea at the time.

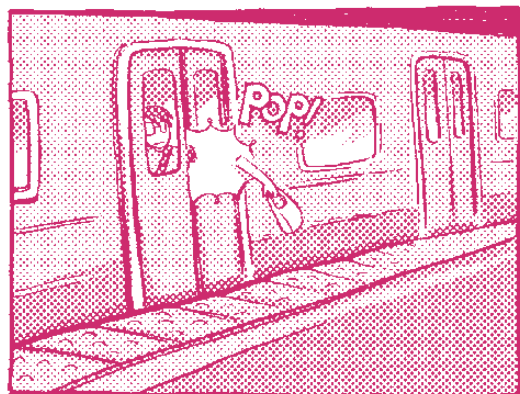
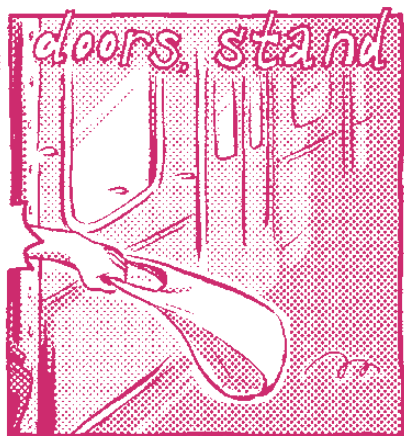
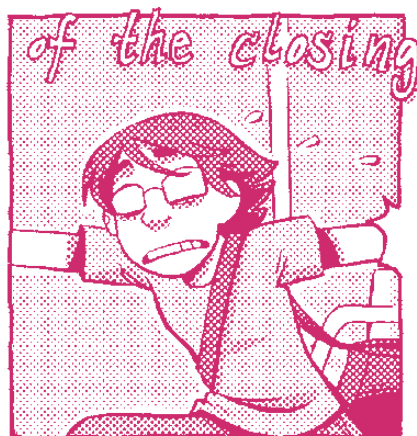


the most terrible thing

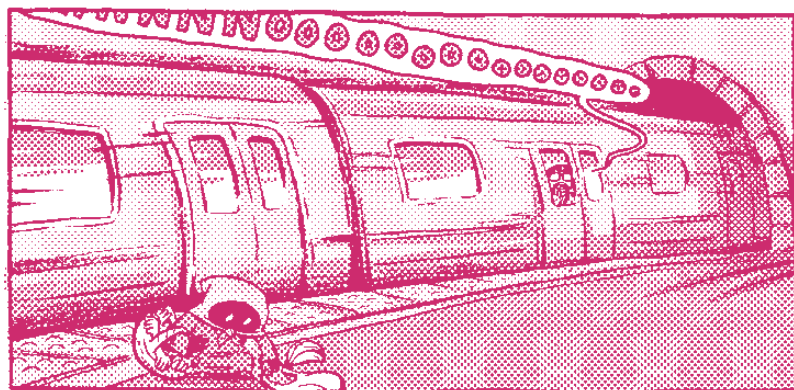
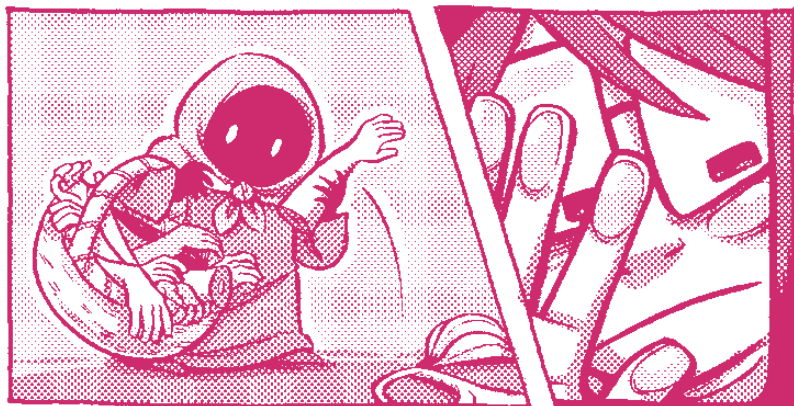
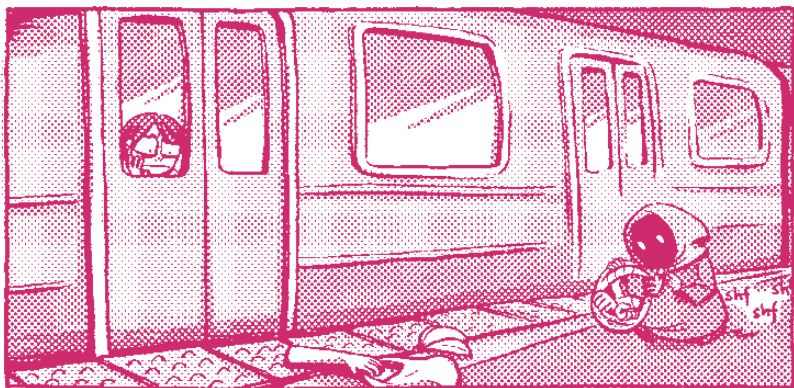


at least it wasn't your head

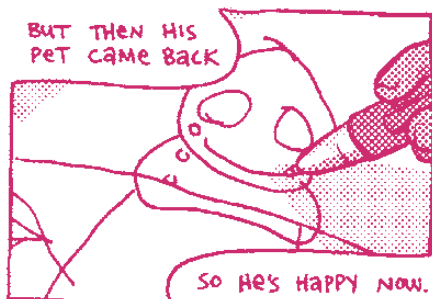
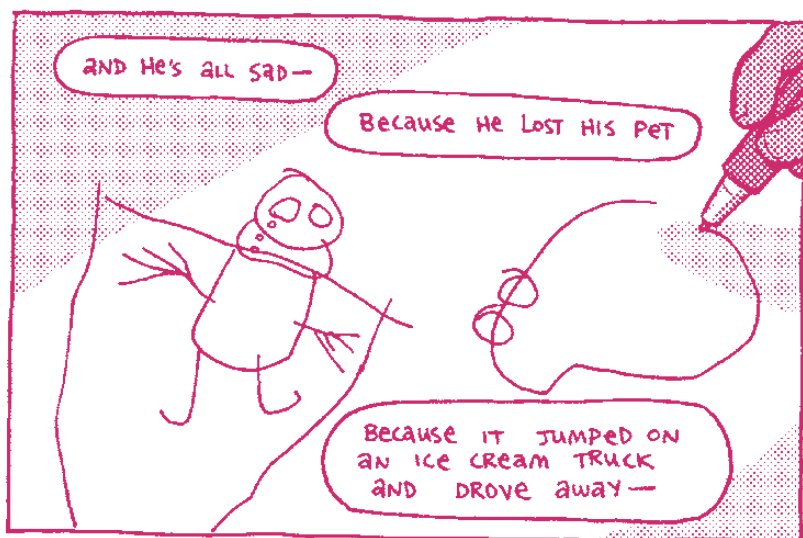
I SWEAR, THIS IS
GONNA HAPPEN ONE
OF THESE DAYS.



well, maybe your head would've
been better



laundromat friends





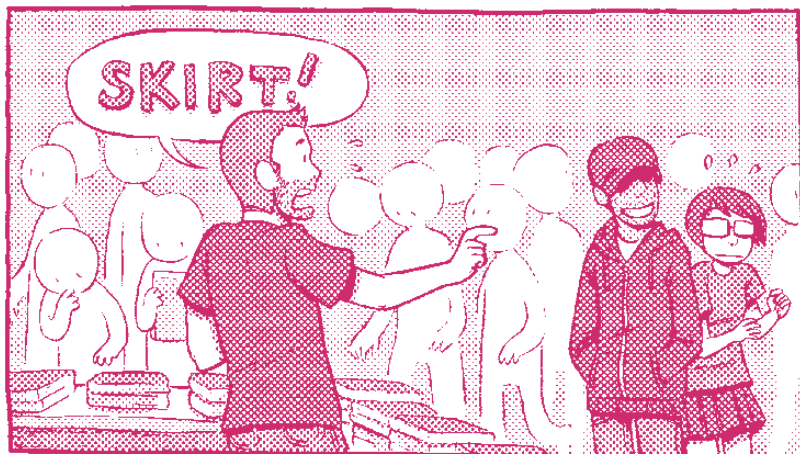
AND THERE'S A TREE IN THE PARK
AND A SQUIRREL AND A MOMMY
BIRD BRINGING A WORM
TO ITS BABIES AND
THERE ARE EGGS
IN THE NEST TOO
AND THERE'S A SLIDE
AND SOMEONE RIDING
IT - NO IT'S TOO
SHORT YEAH



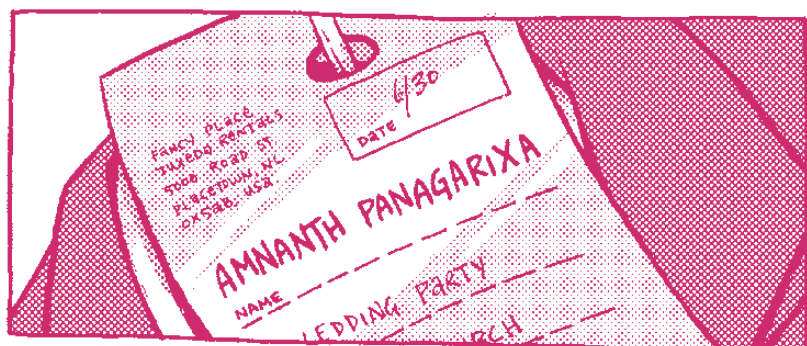
but how can I stay mad at you



how to ensure yuko never wears
a skirt again



from planet panagarixa 7





II.

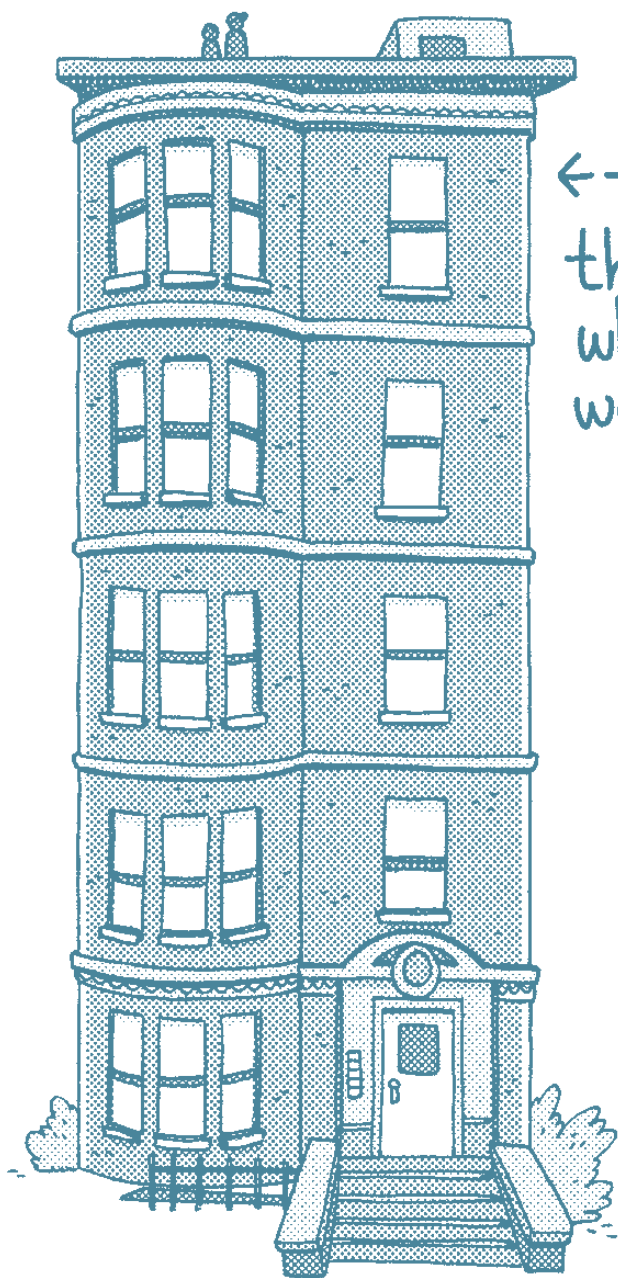
WE'LL wander 'pon a pond'rous man,
His wide-brimmed hat held tall,

We'll sup amongst his heavy feet,
And find shade in his sprawl

Proposing to depart us three,
He'll decline dispassionately, or
Perhaps it will have been that he

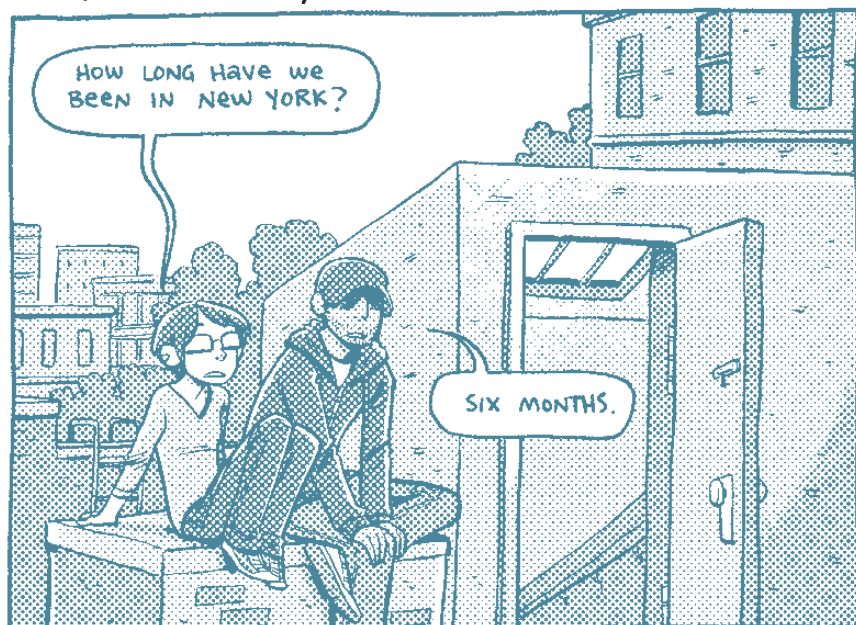
Did not notice us at all.



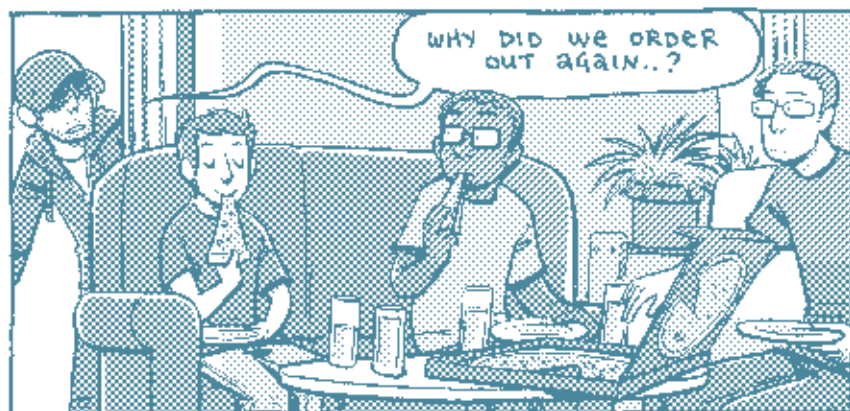


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this is
where
we live.

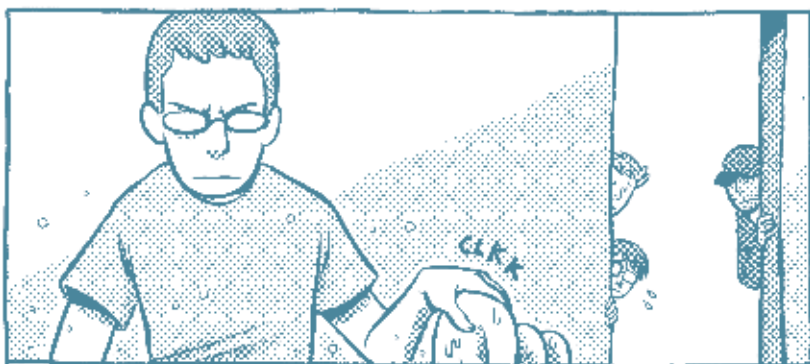
escape to new york



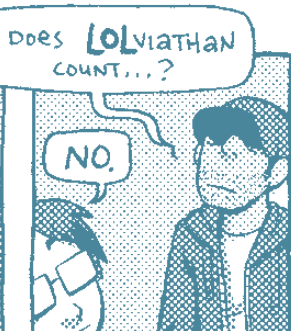
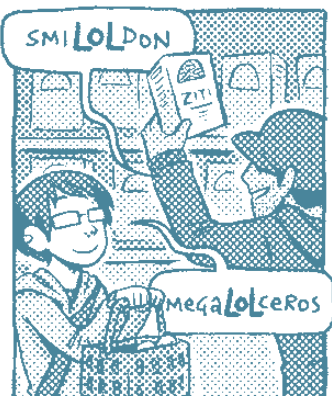
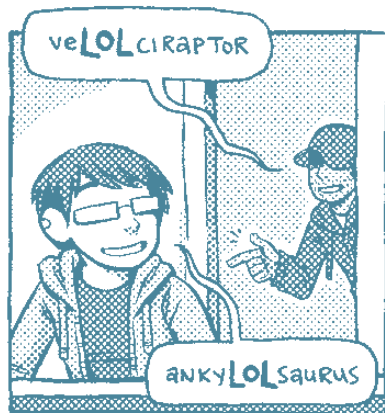
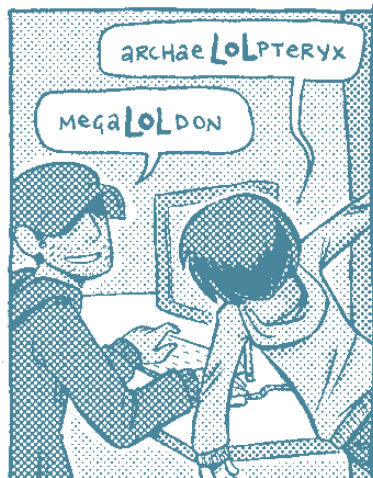
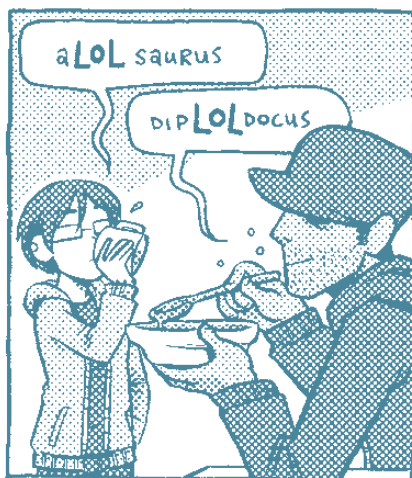
don't burn the house down



but you don't live with us anymore

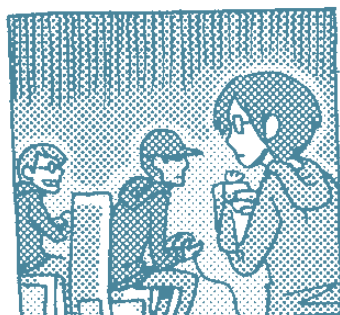


paleontoLOLgy



hourly comics: october 6, 2009

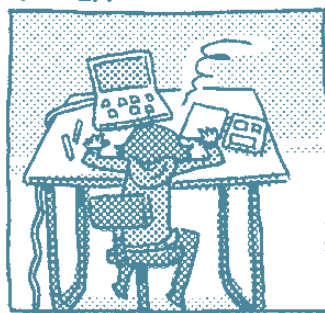
1:20 AM



BUT ANANTH IS PLAYING
LEFT 4 DEAD.

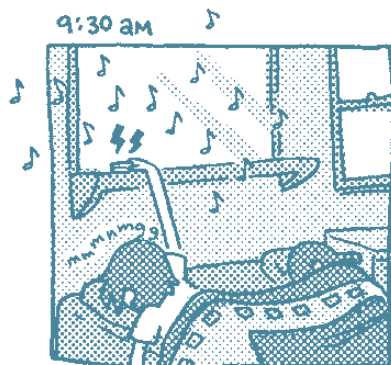


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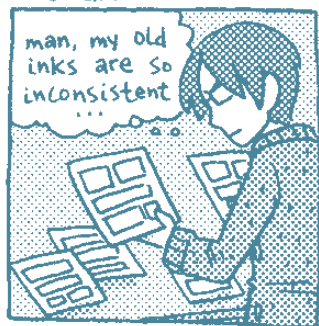


COMIC IS DONE
WANT TO DIE

9:30 AM



10:30 AM

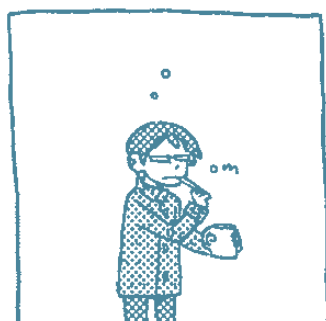


PACKING PAGES FOR
A COMICS EXHIBITION

11:00 AM



DIRTY DISHES FROM
LAST NIGHT



CEREAL OUT OF A
COFFEE CUP

11:30 AM



GEORGE ARRIVES!

12:45 PM



WE ARRIVE AT THE
VIACOM BUILDING!

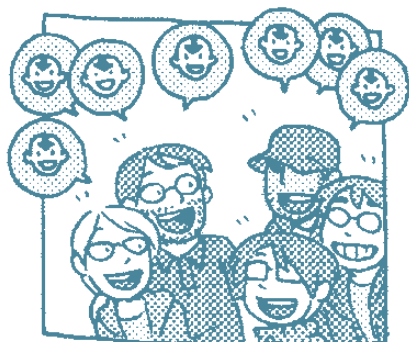
1:00 PM



♥ MEET WITH DAVE + RAINA! ♥



OMIGOSH WE'RE TOURING
NICKELODEON MAGAZINE eee



NERDING ABOUT AVATAR

5:00 PM

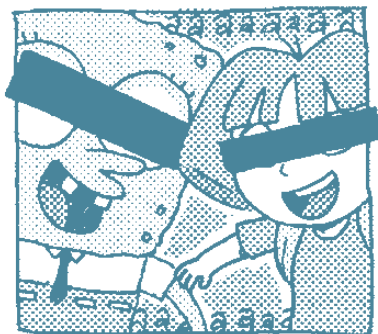


GROCERY SHOPPING FOR
CAKE INGREDIENTS

7:00 PM

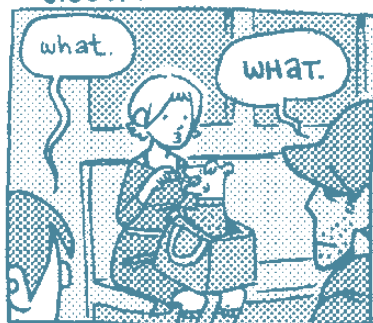


SO WE ALL DO
BIRTHDAY SUSHI.

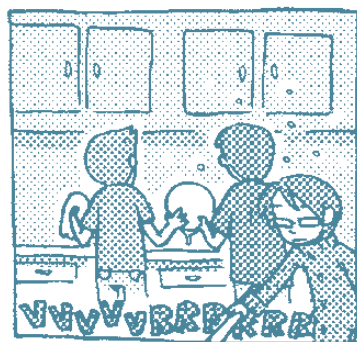


IT'S LIKE A SHRINE TO [REDACTED]
AND [REDACTED] HERE.

6:00 PM



WOMAN FEEDING COMBOS TO
HER DOG ON THE TRAIN D:



BUT FIRST, WE HAVE TO
DO DISHES. and vacuum.

8:00 PM

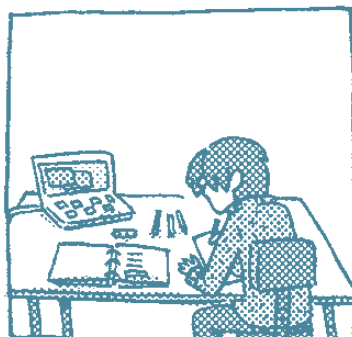


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oops.

10:00 PM

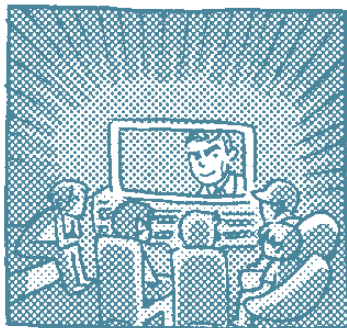


WORKING ON CONTRACT
WORK WHILE CAKE COOLS.

11:00 PM



11:30 PM



FINISHING DEXTER SEASON 1

3:30 AM



*except for Conrad who pulled
an all-nighter finishing work

दिवाली DIWALI (in my family)

DIWALI CELEBRATES THE RETURN OF RAMA FROM EXILE, DURING WHICH HE DEFEATED THE DEMON KING RAVANA TO SAVE HIS WIFE SITA. HIS SUBJECTS LIT ROWS OF LAMPS (DIYAS) TO LIGHT HIS HOMECOMING. DIWALI MEANS "ROW OF LAMPS" IN SANSKRIT, AND IS CELEBRATED AS THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS.



A LAMP MADE FROM COTTON STRING WICKS AND GHEE (CLARIFIED BUTTER)

PUJA (PRAYER) IS OFFERED TO LAKSHMI (THE GODDESS OF WEALTH), GANESH (THE GOD OF PROSPERITY AND LUCK), AND SARASVATI (THE GODDESS OF LEARNING).



PUJA VARIOUS THINGS ARE OFFERED AS PART OF THE PUJA SUCH AS FRUIT, MITHAI (SWEETS), AND SILVER COINS WASHED IN A BOWL OF MILK. TILAK (A RED MARK) IS PUT ON THE FOREHEAD OF GODS AND THOSE PARTICIPATING WITH ROLI (VERMILION).

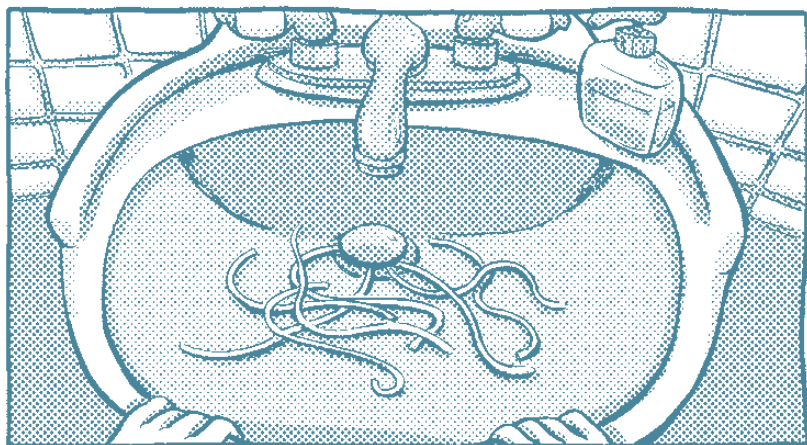
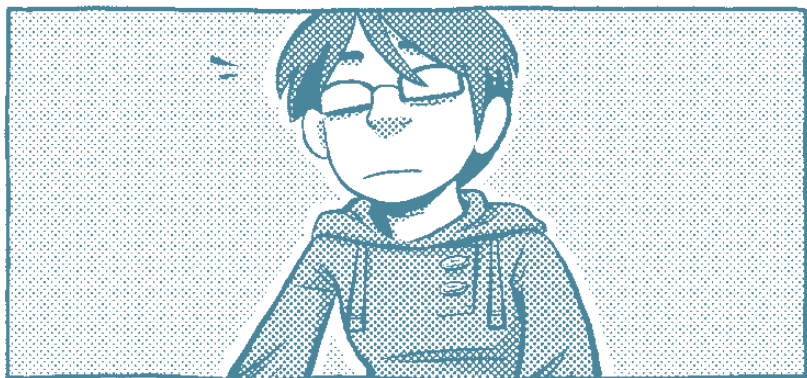


YOU TOUCH THE FEET OF YOUR ELDER'S AS A SIGN OF RESPECT — IN RETURN YOU RECEIVE BLESSINGS AND OCCASIONALLY GIFTS.

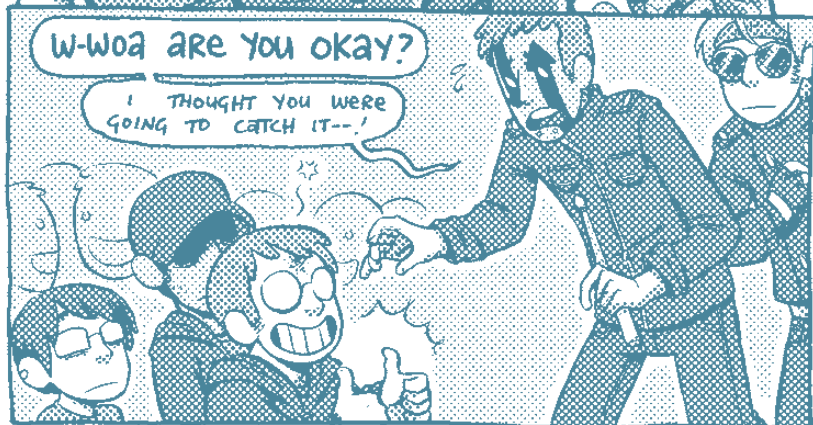
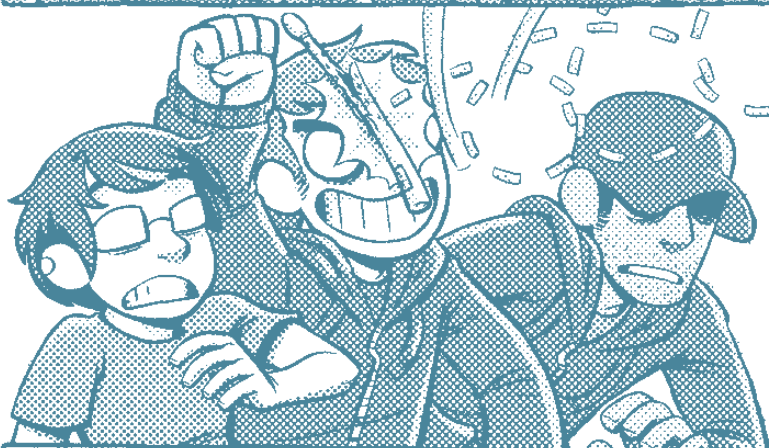
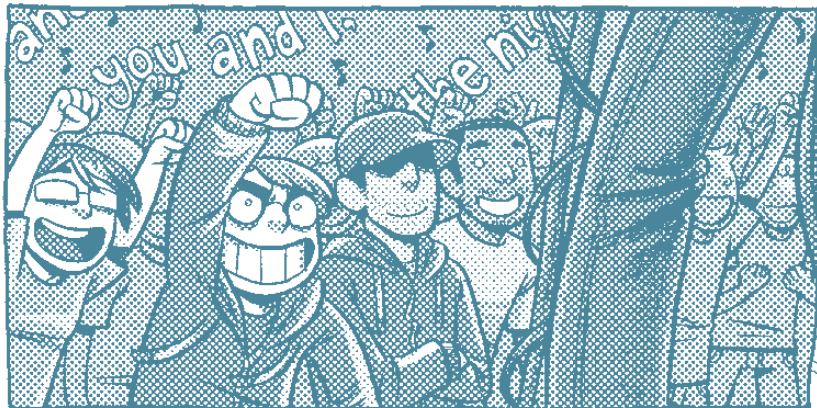


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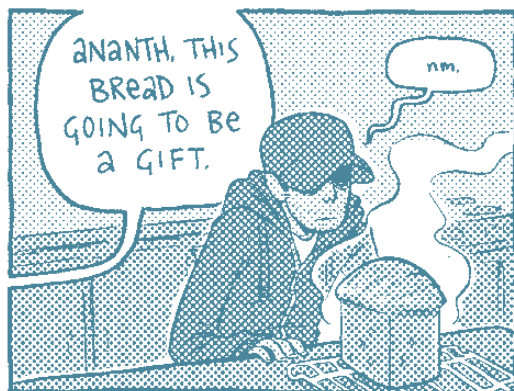
these things happen sometimes



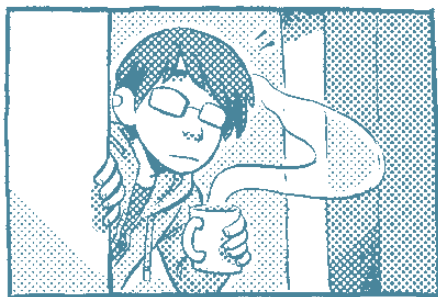
protomen @ trashbar



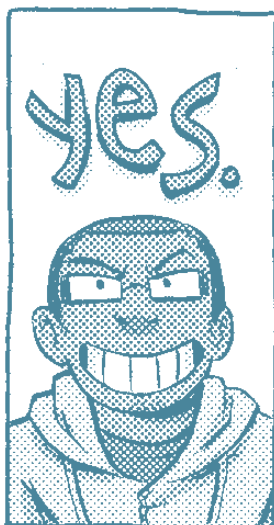
hand in the proverbial cookie jar



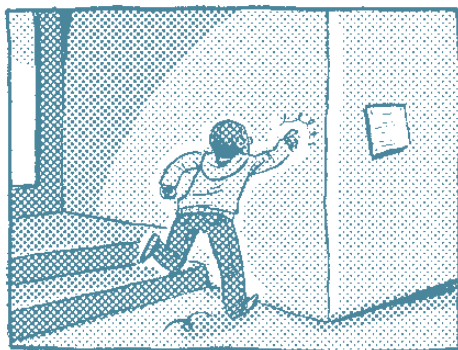
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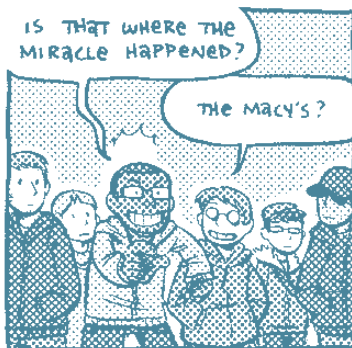
now he knows it's real



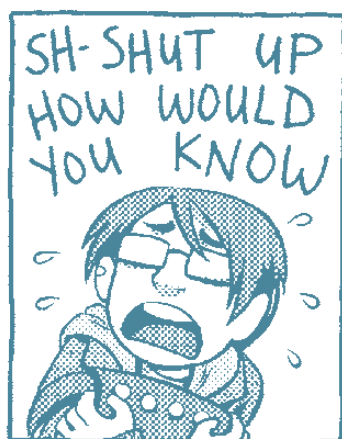
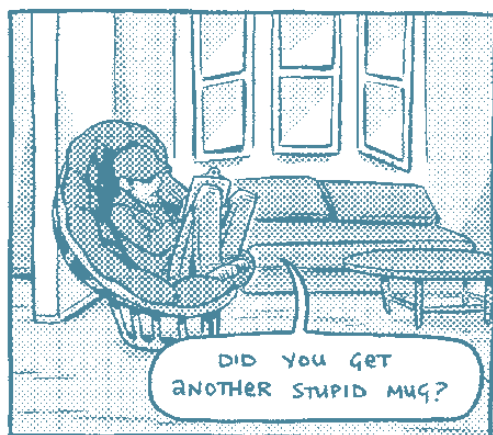
AND SO :



AND
LATER:



YUKO AND GEORGE GO TO GOODWILL



what they got:

a TOTALLY STUPID
MUG: \$.99

1st EDITION D+D
MONSTER MANUAL: \$2.99





CHRISTMAS MUG



BIRTHDAY MUG



PLASTIC INACCURATE
DINOSAUR MUG



BLACK CAT MUG



WILD STRAWBERRY MUG



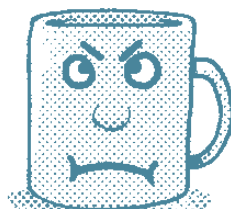
SEDONA SUNSET MUG



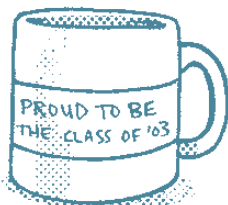
WEIRD FRENCH
GOODWILL MUG



RABBITS IN
TREES MUG



GRUMPY DOLLAR-
STORE MUG



YUKO'S HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATION MUG

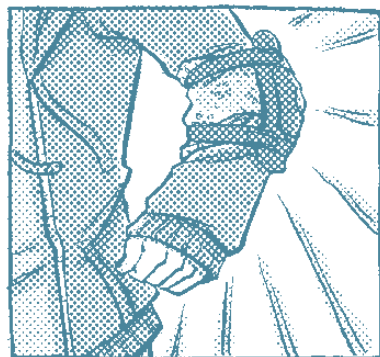
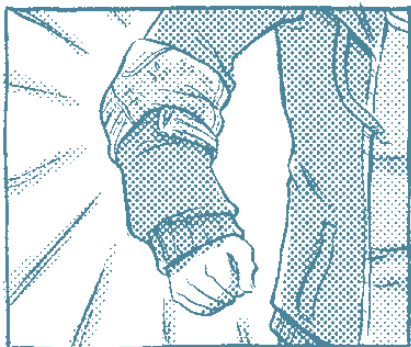
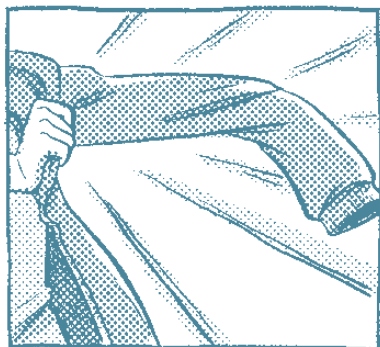


GOODWILL GIRL MUG



GOODWILL "THIRTY
HURTS" MUG

full-contact comics



we're sorry john



OTHER THINGS JOHN TAKES SHOTS OF:



soysauce



salad dressing



ketchup



barbeque sauce



teriyaki sauce



balsamic vinegar



salt

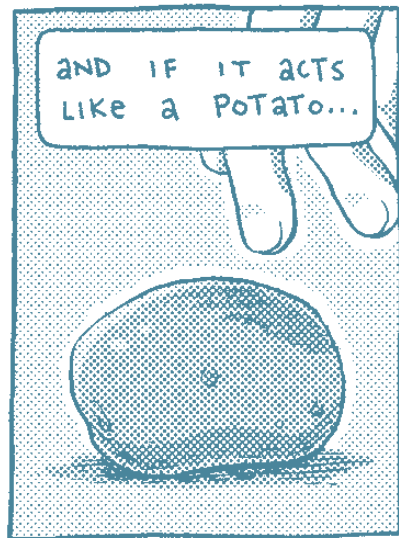
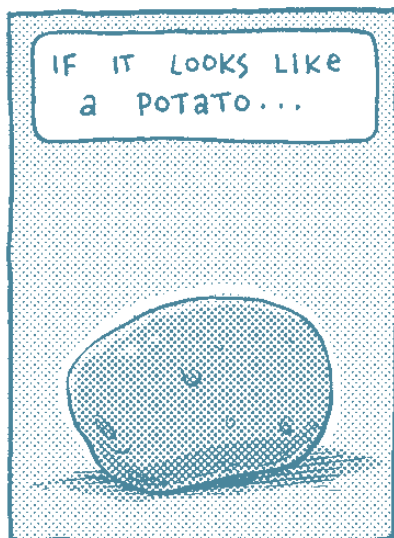


honey



sugar

when did we even buy kiwis



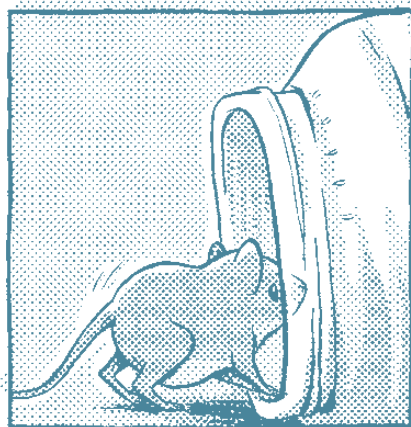
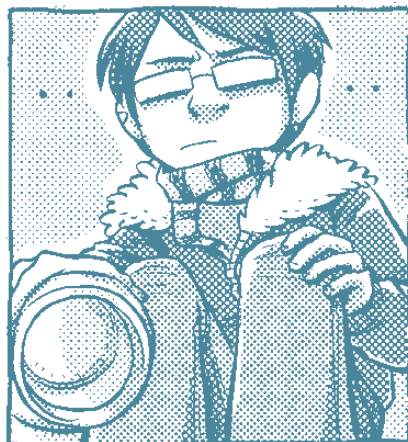
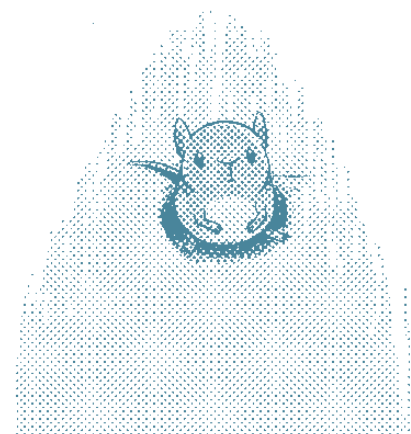
speed lines



THE ULTIMATE CLEMENTINE PEELING TECHNIQUE!



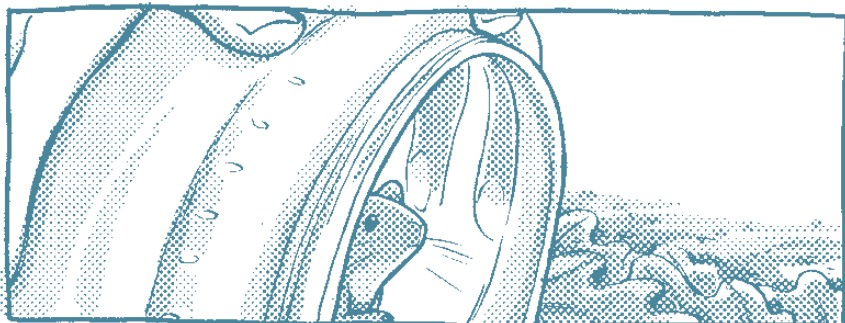
inept baby mouse



you're really bad at
being a mouse, aren't you.

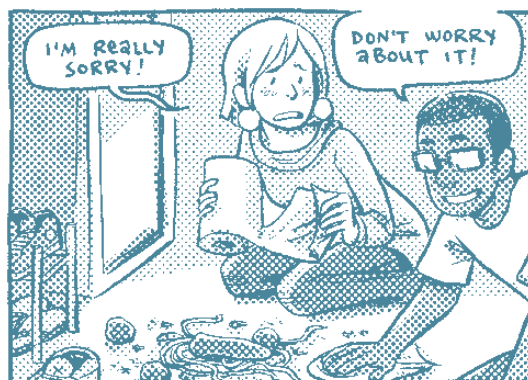
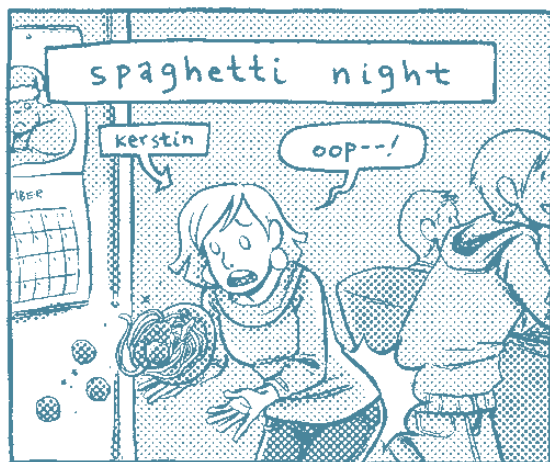


inept baby mouse II



on top of spaghetti all covered in cheese

FOR NEW
YEARS EVE
WE HAD A
BUNCH OF
FRIENDS
STAY WITH
US...

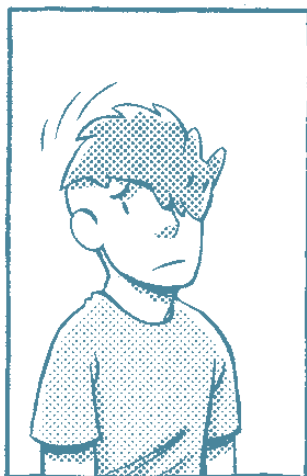


**BUT THE
NEXT
MORNING**

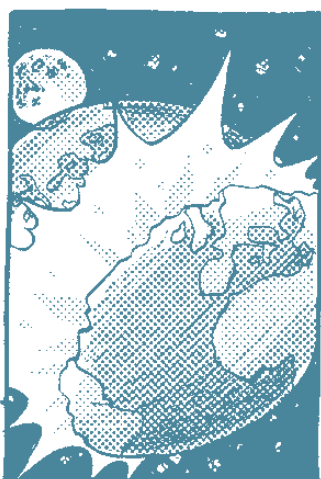
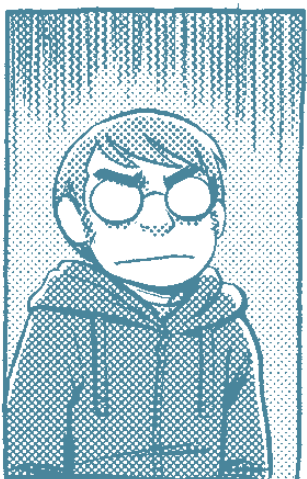
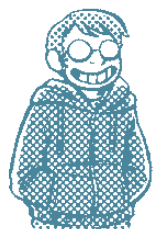


VERY IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

WHAT'S THE
DEAL WITH
CONRAD'S
HAIR?

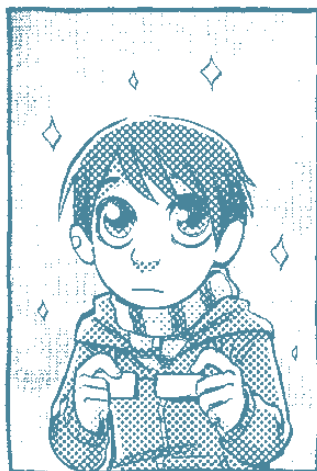


WHAT WOULD
HAPPEN IF
GEORGE
STOPPED
SMILING?

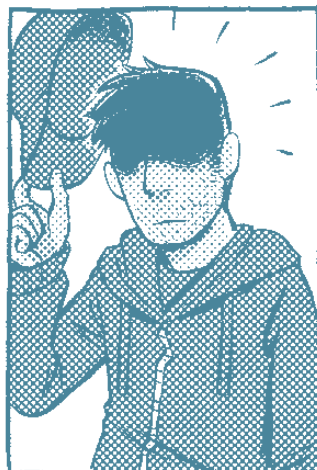


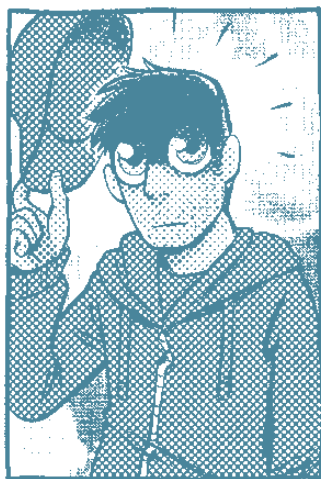
MORE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

WHAT IS
BEHIND
YUKO'S
GLASSES?



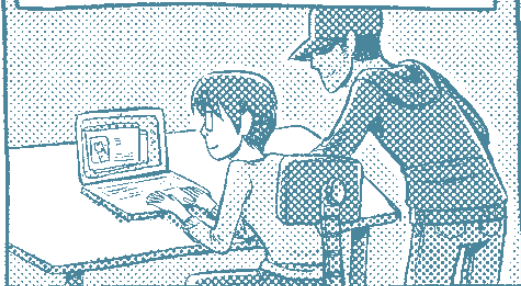
WHAT DOES
ANANTH'S
FACE LOOK
LIKE?





TERRIBLE cat ODYSSEY

NOVEMBER- YUKO FOUND A RESCUE
CAT THROUGH PETFINDER.COM.

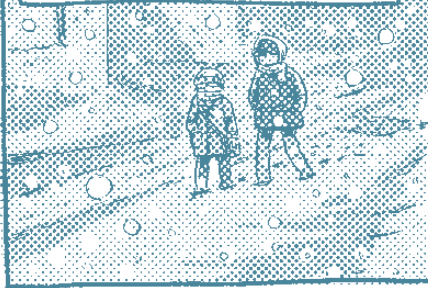


DECEMBER- FINALLY GOT
THE 10-PAGE APPLICATION.

TO MEET
THE CAT.



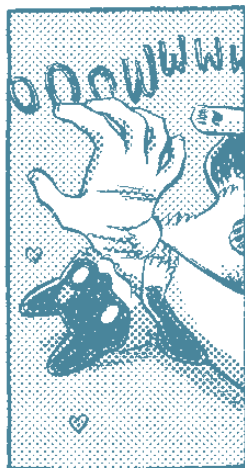
HAD TO TRUDGE THROUGH
THE SNOW TO GET A
VET RECOMMENDATION.



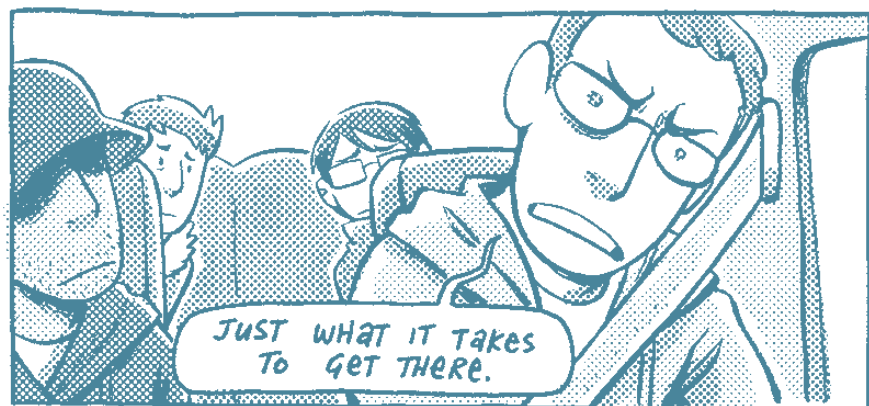
JANUARY- FINALLY
GOT APPROVED!



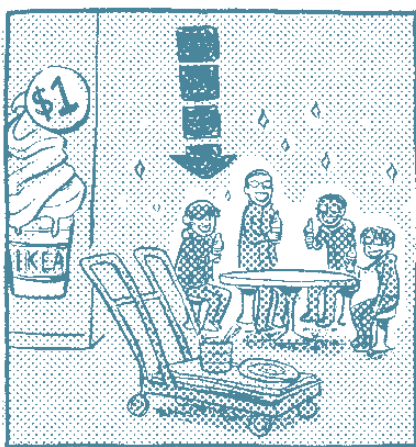
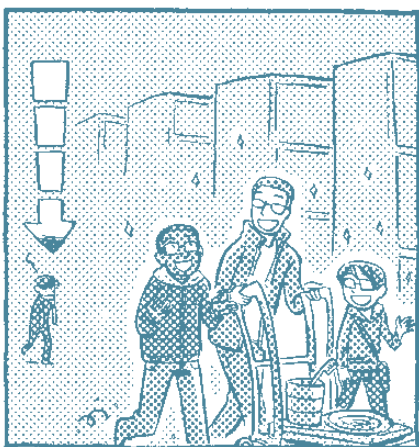
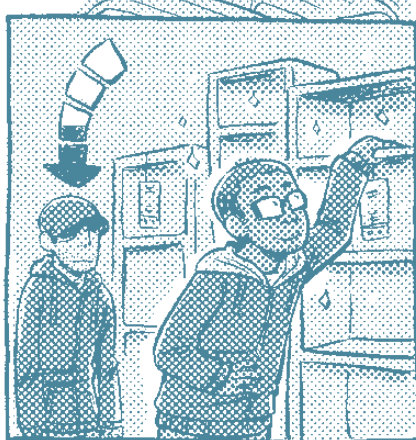
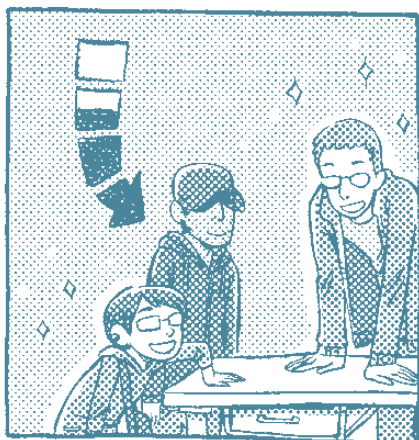
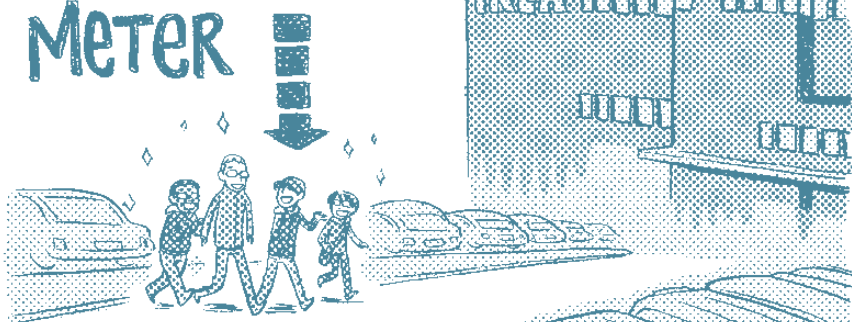
AFTER THREE
MONTHS:



the johnisms continue



ANANTH'S SANITY METER



the triumphant return of wolf

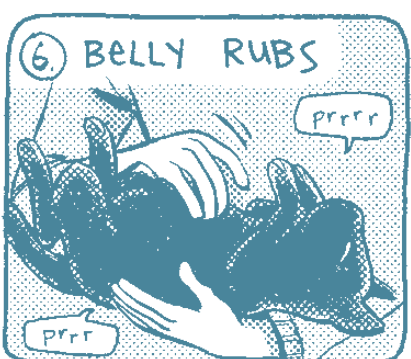
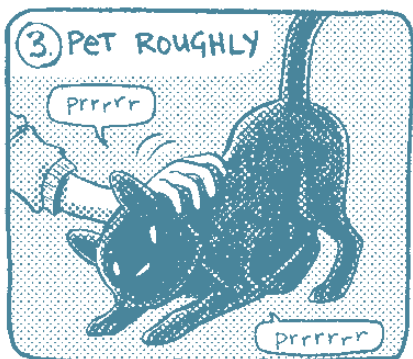
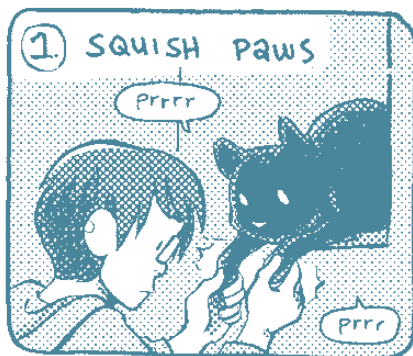


AND NOW WE HAVE
15 SPIDER PLANTS.

How Laid Back IS THIS CAT?

LET'S BOTHER IT

AND SEE HOW LONG IT TAKES
FOR ME TO GET BITTEN.



THIS OBVIOUSLY ISN'T A REAL CAT.

hourly comics: february 1, 2010

WENT TO BED WITH WET
HAIR LAST NIGHT.



JOHN IS HERE!



TIME FOR BREADMACHINE!



oops, THE YEAST LATCH
WAS PROPPED OPEN



EATIN' CEREAL, SHRINKIN'
IMAGES FOR THE WEB.



ANANTH SET UP AN ONLINE
SHIPPING ACCOUNT!



AT THE POST OFFICE:

1:00 PM

aw, I will miss
you guys!

we will miss you, too!

ALSO MY MOM SENT LIKE
12 LBS OF ORANGES.

oh jeez - I got 'em

THE ORANGES ARE SO
ACIDIC THEY HURT MY TEETH.

2:00 PM

ow.

WORKING ON MEGAN'S
WEDDING INVITATION.

BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP

oh hey, bread's done!

SUPER CALLS ME TO LET
IN THE RECENTLY EVICTED
TENANTS SO THEY CAN
CHECK THEIR MAIL.

3:00 PM

make sure to
lock the door
after them!

y...yeah

warm
bread

MAKING Tea



DRINKING TEA, TALKING TO ANANTH ABOUT SCRIPTS.



WRITING a LIVEJOURNAL POST.



STILL WORKING ON THAT THING FOR MEGAN.



AND THUMBNAILS.



AGH, I FORGOT — TODAY
WAS ART GROUP.



DROWNING SORROWS IN
CUTE CAT NAMES.



eta: oops, the cat's a boy.

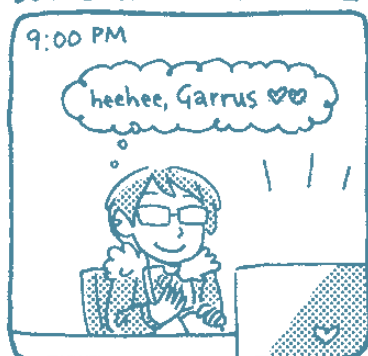
ANANTH LEAVES FOR HIS
PARENTS' PLACE



BURNT THE TOAST (dinner)



WATCHING AWKWARD MACKIN'
SCENES FROM MASS EFFECT 2



MAYBE I SHOULD START
DRAWING MY HOURLIES.



WORKING ON JOHNNY
WANDER COMIC INSTEAD



LISTENING TO ANGELS?
DEMONS ON AUDIOBOOK.



INKING AND TALKING TO
ANANTH ON AIM



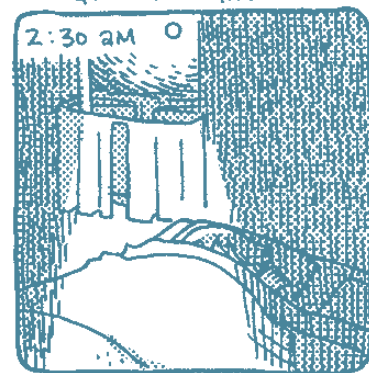
THROAT IS FEELIN'
SCRATCHY.



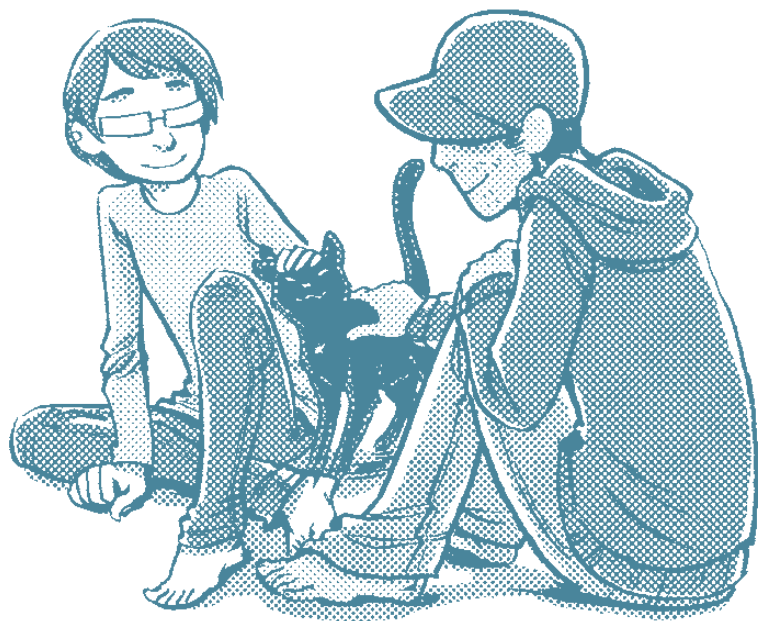
DRAWING HOURLIES.



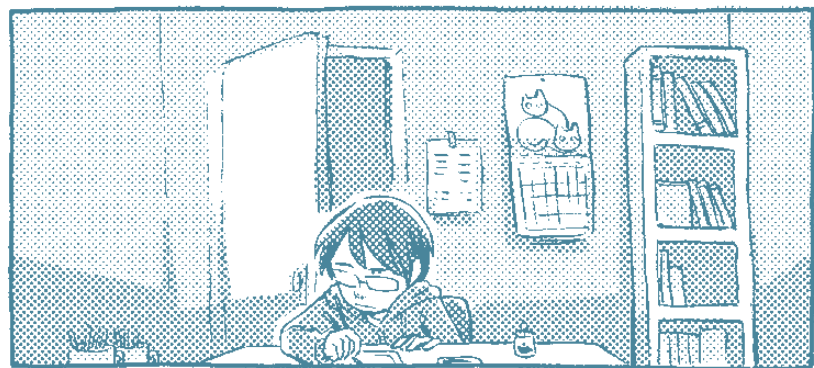
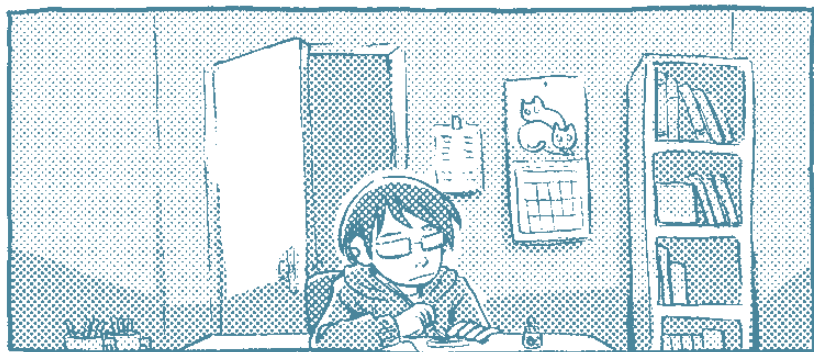
THE MOON IS STUPENDOUSLY
BRIGHT TONIGHT.



Busy week.

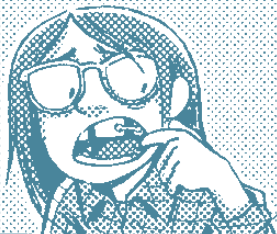


well I guess conrad is home



YUKO'S TRAUMATIZING DENTAL MISADVENTURES

age 10: Two OPERATIONS
IN ONE week....



① BABY TOOTH PULLED BECAUSE IT
WAS FUSING TO ADULT MOLAR.
PERMANENT RETAINER AFTERWARDS.

② THE MUSCLE ATTACHING THE
UPPER LIP TO THE GUMS
REMOVED BECAUSE IT WAS
PUSHING APART THE TOP INCISORS.



age 12: BRACES PUT IN FOR
ABOUT A YEAR TO FIX THE
GAP BETWEEN FRONT TEETH.



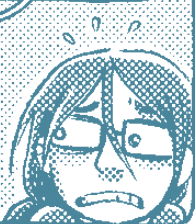
AFTERWARDS, A RETAINER.

age 15: AFTER GETTING FOUR
CAVITIES IN THE SAME TOOTH,
DENTIST DECIDES TO CROWN IT.

it's poorly
formed, like
there's a
fold in the
enamel.



it's gotta go.



BUT FIRST,

ROOT CANAL



(GOT TO BRING THE NERVES HOME!)

age 19: WISDOM TEETH ARE IMPACTED AND NEED REMOVAL

But your tonsils are too inflamed, so we'll have to take those out first!

WHAT

TONSILS OUT, LAID UP FOR TWO MONTHS, LOST 12 LBS.

I can see every one of my ribs....

SURVIVED ON INSTANT MASHED POTATDES, ICED TEA, AND CODEINE.

THROAT HEALS, FINALLY ALLOWED TO GET WISDOM TEETH OUT!

surprisingly painless!

age 22: PERSISTANT CHRONIC PAIN IN THE OLD CROWN

You can't possibly have pain in that tooth, there's no nerve! Unless there's an airbubble of bacteria inside causing an infection...

whuhf.

AND SO,

ROOT CANAL #2

BWRRKRG4

SIGNIFICANTLY MORE PAINFUL THAN THE FIRST ONE!

ROOT CANAL HELPS NOTHING! eventually you BECOME USED TO THESE THINGS.

it only really hurts when I brush my teeth.

the end

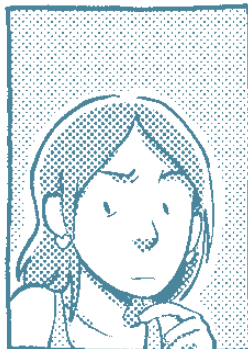
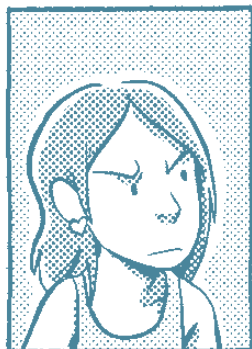
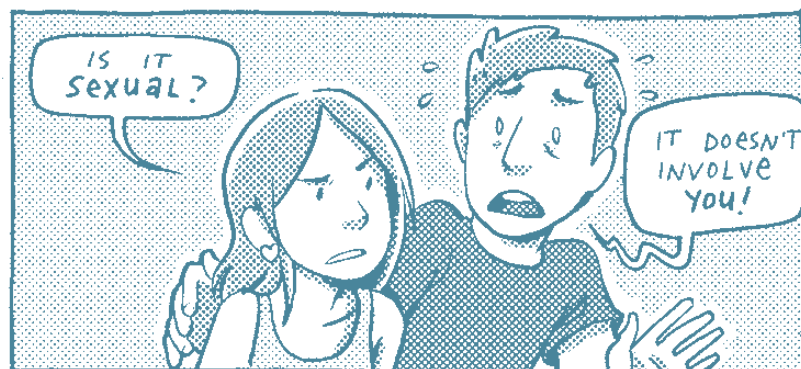
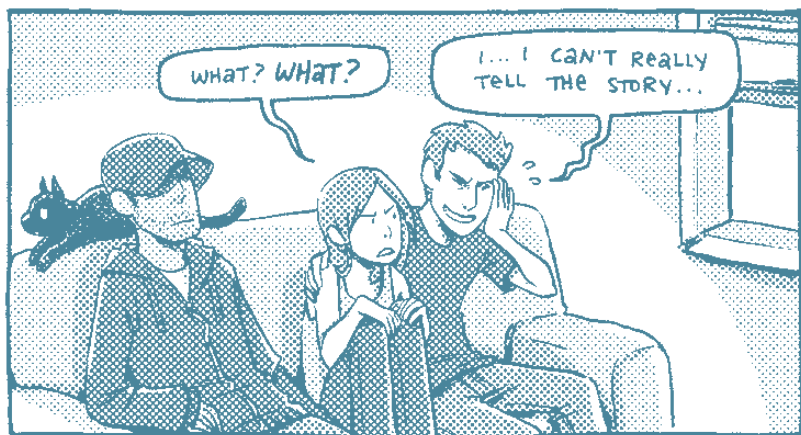
-ERIC ARON

chivalry I guess

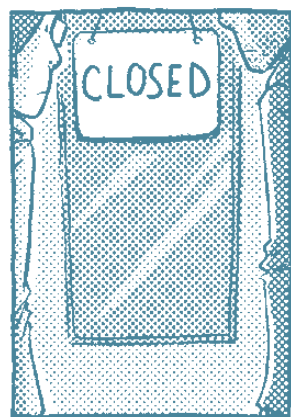
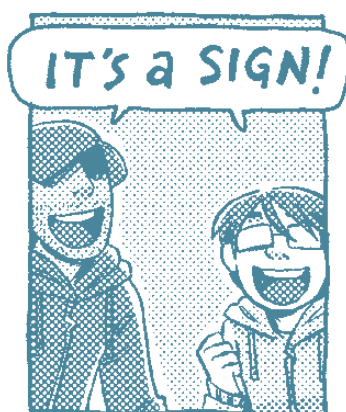
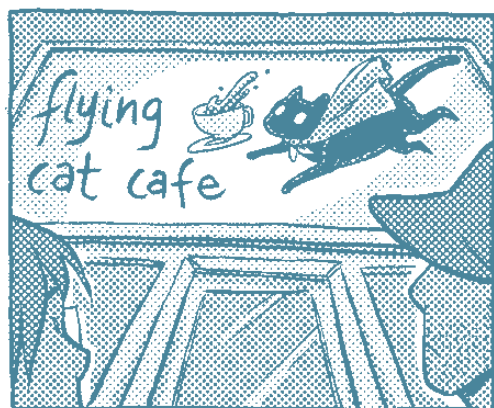
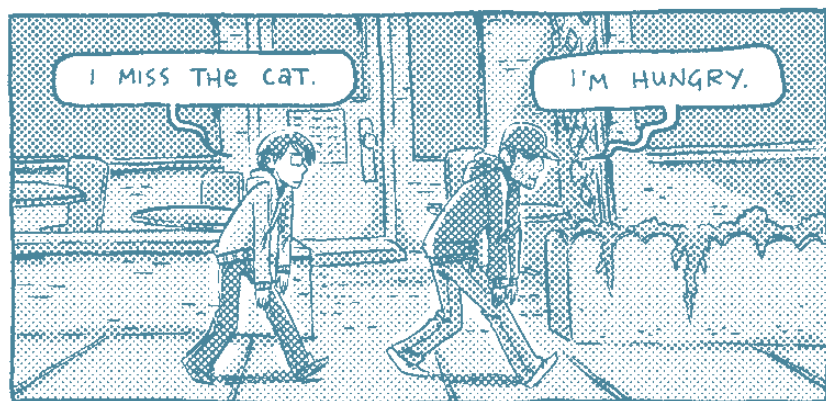


SO THE DUDES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD
THINK ANANTH IS A JERK.

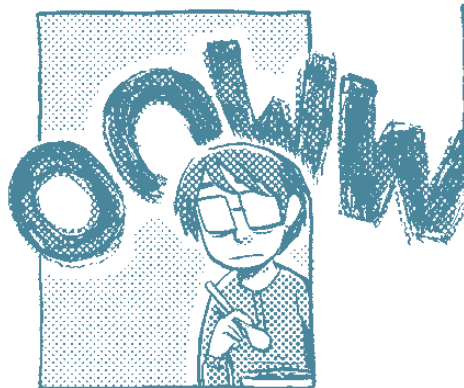
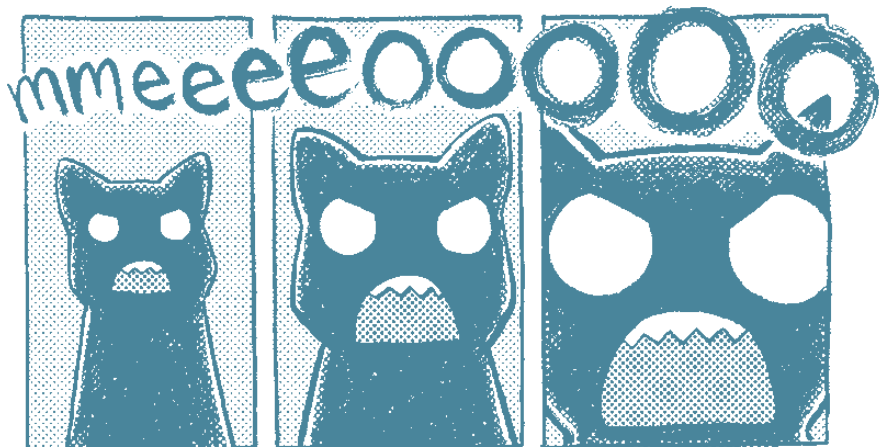
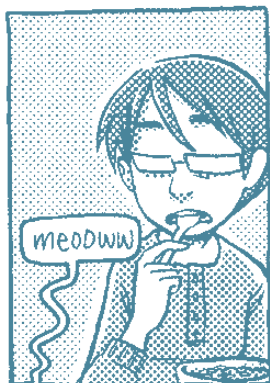
on self-incrimination



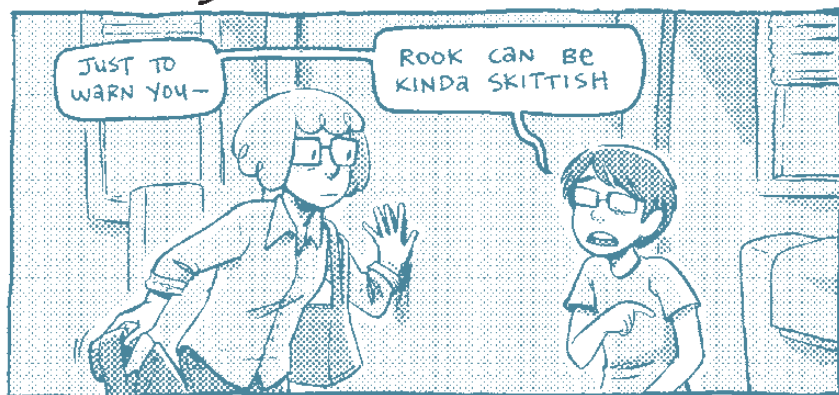
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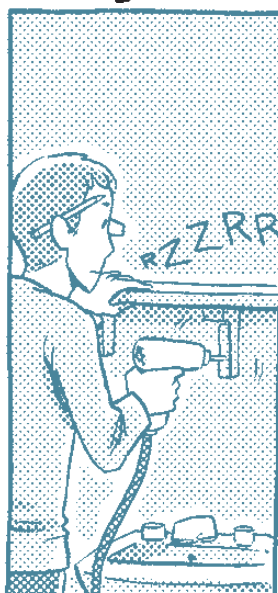
ambulance cat



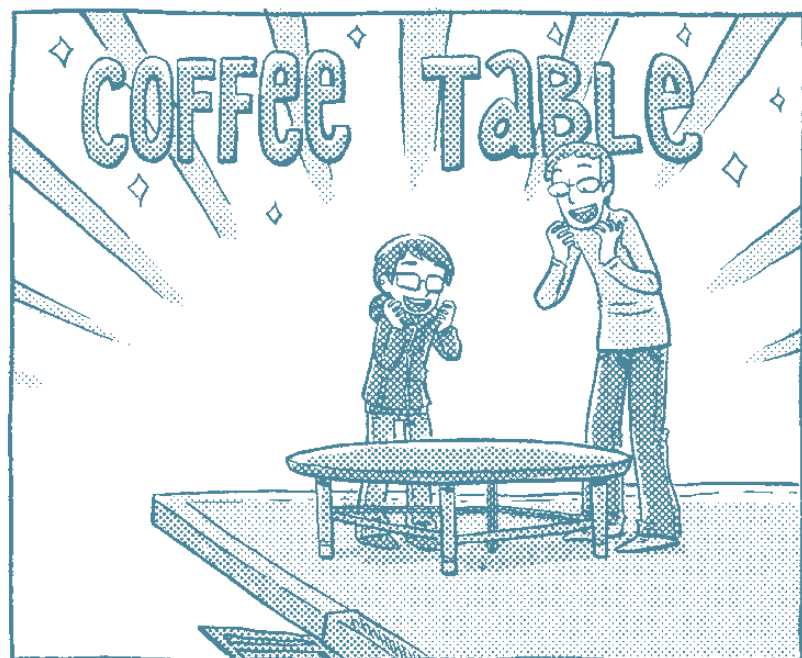
ladies only



like \$200 of tinkertoys

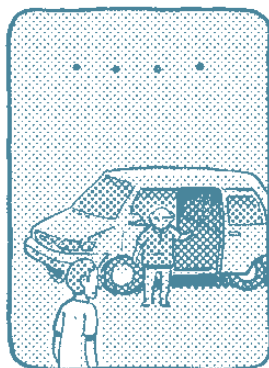


one man's trash



SPACKLEHAUS MEMOIRS 4

the landlord



nothing some epoxy won't fix

LOOKS LIKE ROKK THREW UP
ALL OVER OUR SHOES
LAST NIGHT... WE TRIED
TO CLEAN IT UP BUT...

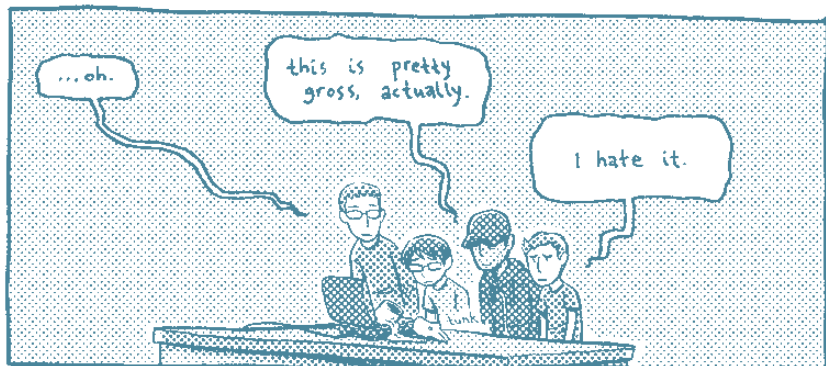
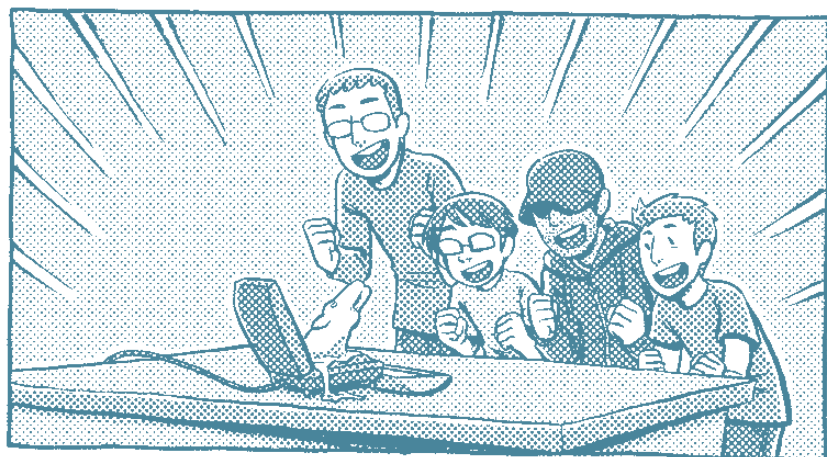
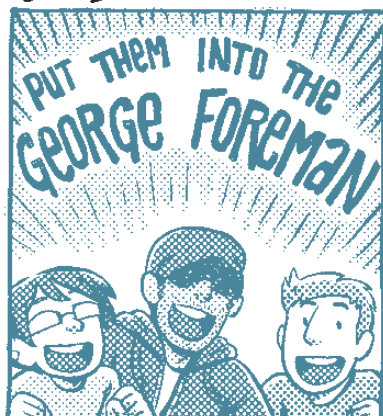
IT'S PRETTY
AWFUL.



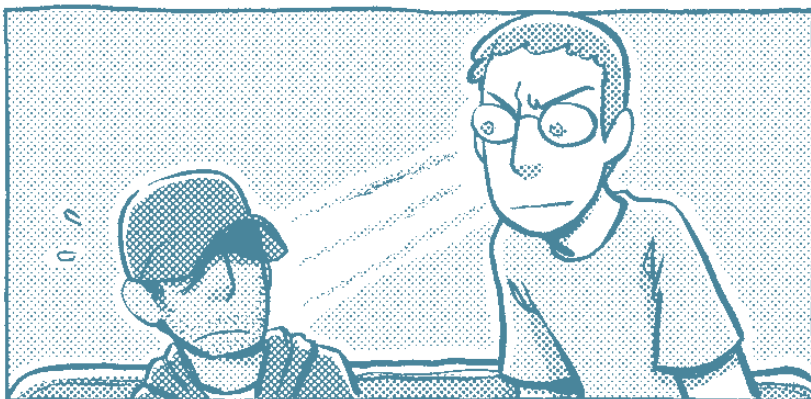
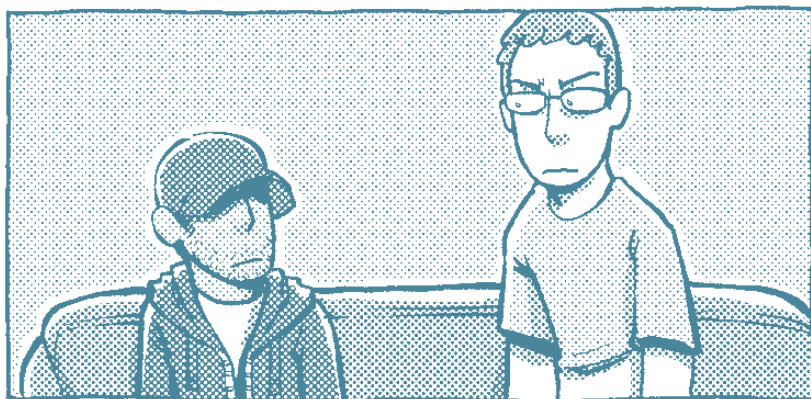
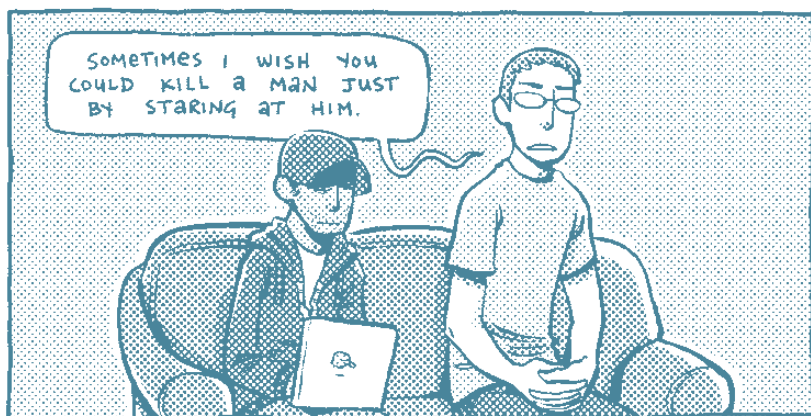
YOU LITTLE
PUNK



because we sure weren't going to eat them

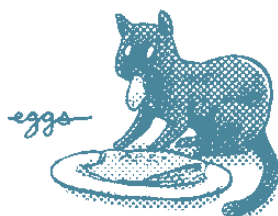


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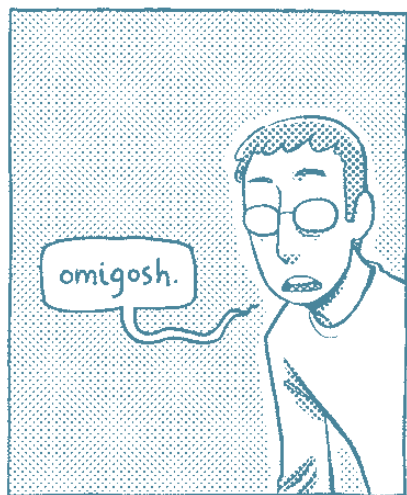
THINGS ROOK WILL EAT

GIVEN HALF THE CHANCE

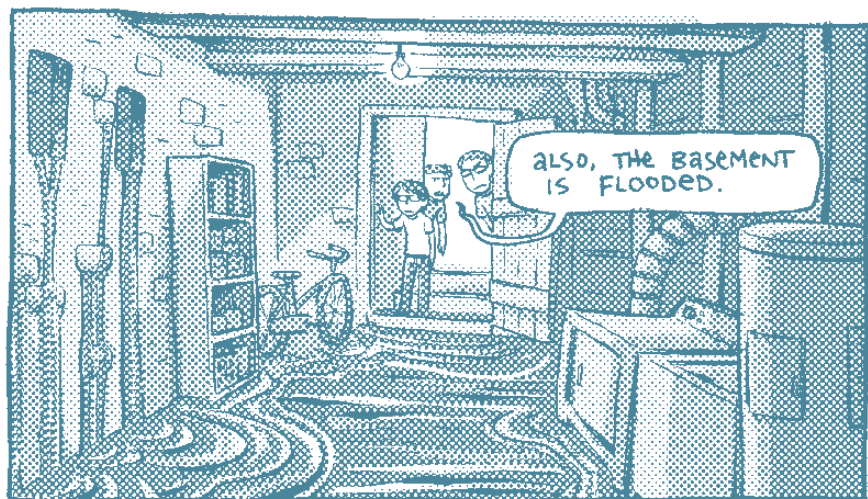


coffee grounds





spacklehaus MEMOIRS 5



he's still the best super we've ever had



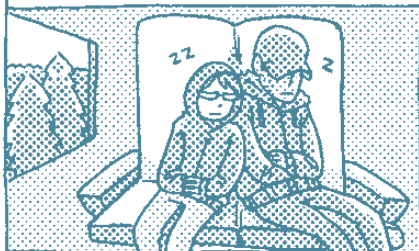
I CAN'T TELL
IF THE SUPER IS
MAKING FUN OF ME

FAIRLY UNEVENTFUL 14-HOUR TRAIN RIDE FROM TORONTO TO NEW YORK

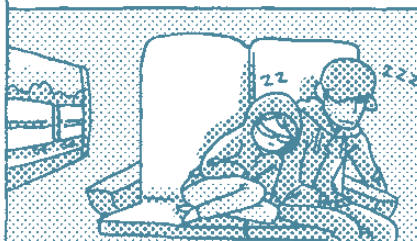
8:00 AM - TAKING THE TRAIN
FROM TORONTO BACK TO NYC!



9:00 AM;

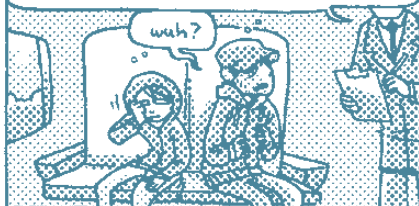


10:00 AM;



11:00 AM - OH GOSH WE'RE
CROSSING THE BORDER

the reason for your visit?



12:00 PM - BORDER GUARD IS
STILL INTERROGATING PEOPLE.



1:00 PM - MOVING AGAIN! WE
VISIT THE CAFÉ CAR.



2:00 PM- TAKING DOWN SOME FUTURE STORY IDEAS.



3:00 PM- THE GUY ACROSS FROM US WON'T STOP SINGING...



4:00 PM- I KEEP ON FALLING ASLEEP WITH MY GLASSES ON AND MESSING UP THE FRAMES.



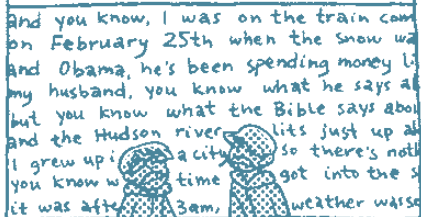
5:00 PM- THE TEENY JANITOR CARTOON IN THE BATHROOM KINDA LOOKS LIKE A DEVIL.



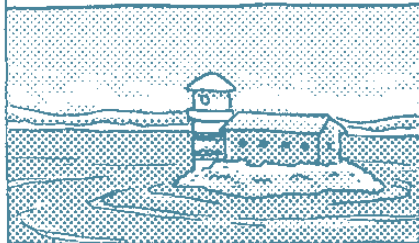
6:00 PM- THUMBNAaaaiiLLSS



7:00 PM- THE WOMAN BEHIND US IS SO LOUD THAT WE HAVE TO CHANGE SEATS.



8:00 PM- TEENY LIGHTHOUSE
ON THE HUDSON RIVER.

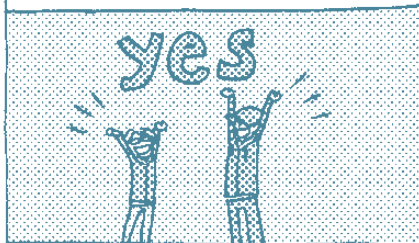


9:00 PM- WE'RE GETTING ANTSY.

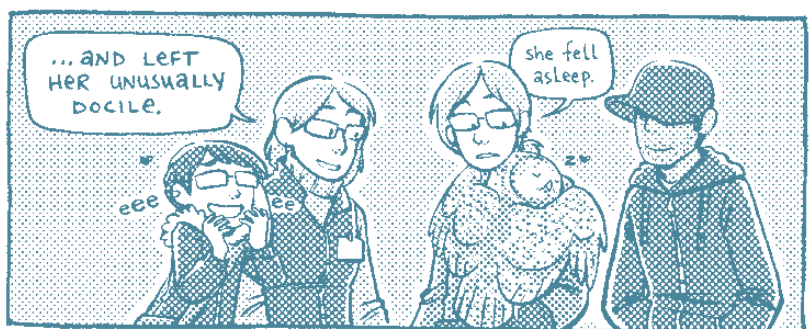
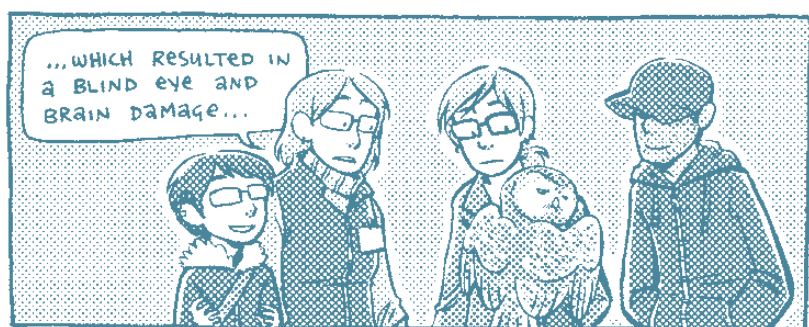
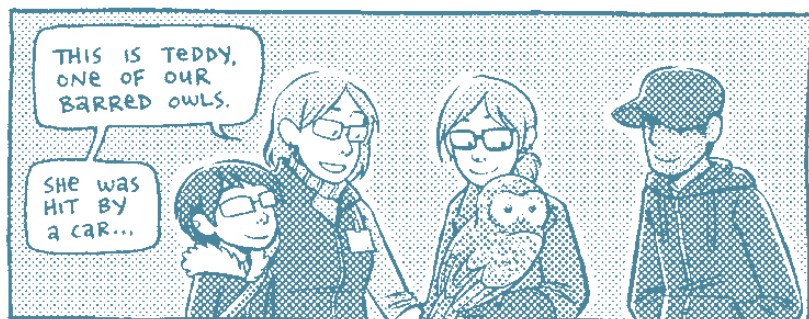
aaa we've been here for
over twelve hours aaaa



10:20 PM- WE'VE ARRIVED AT
PENN STATION!!



visiting the mountsberg raptor centre



also special thanks to:



ECHO



OTUS

BEAN

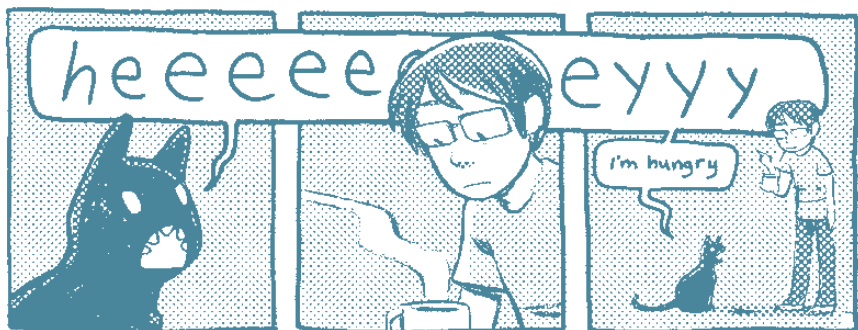
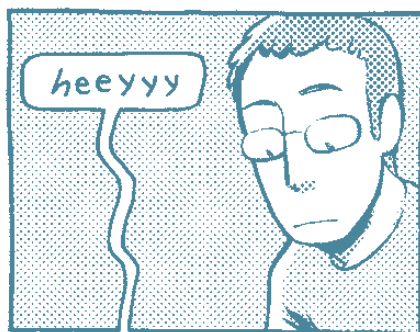
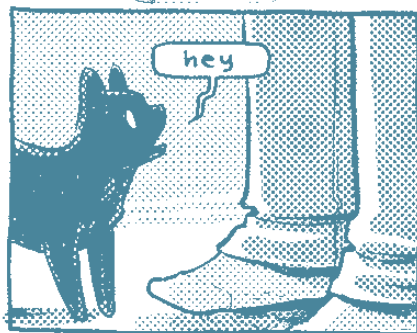


HUTTON

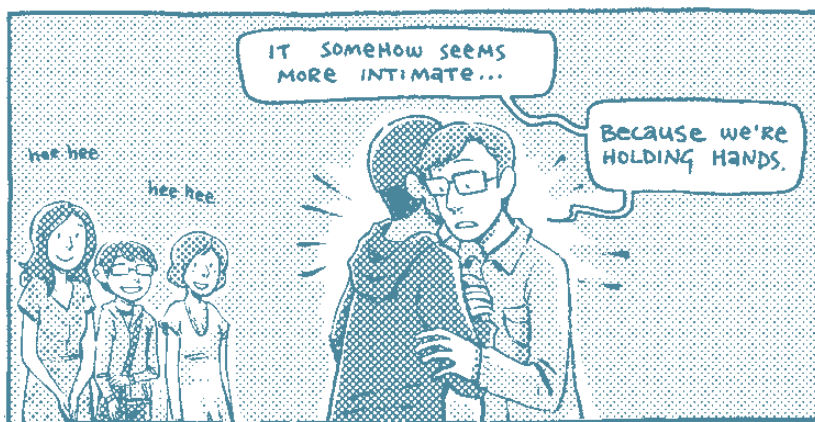
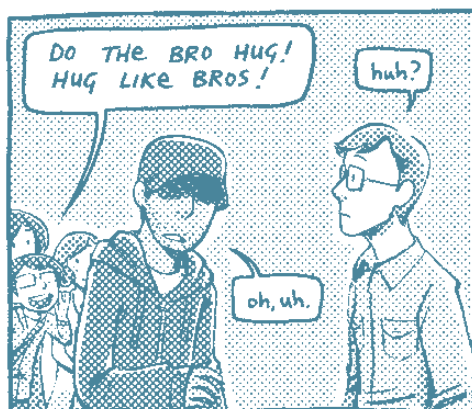
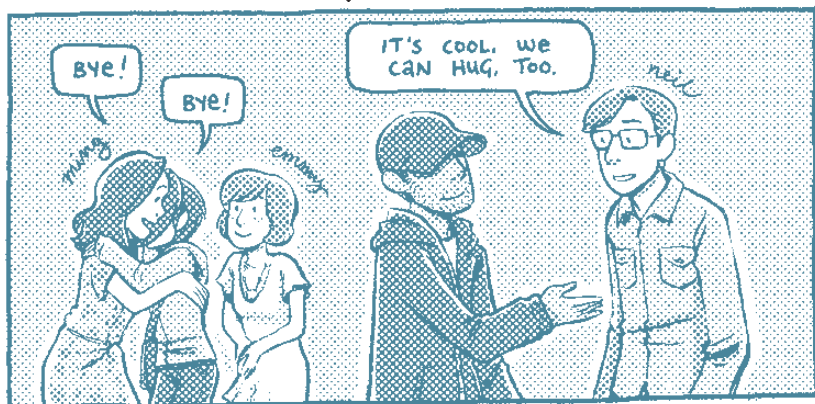
and the Mountsberg Raptor Centre!



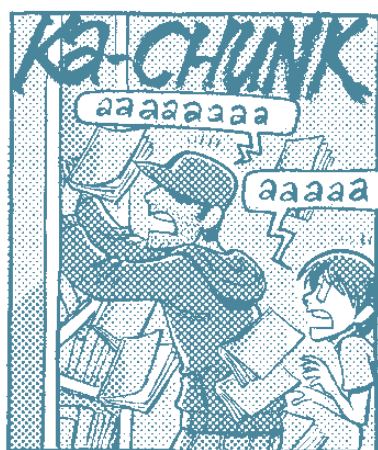
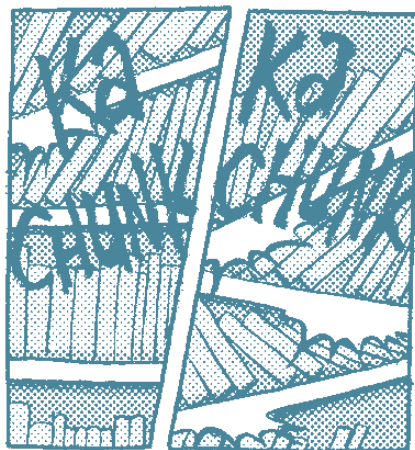
WHAT IF ROOK COULD TALK



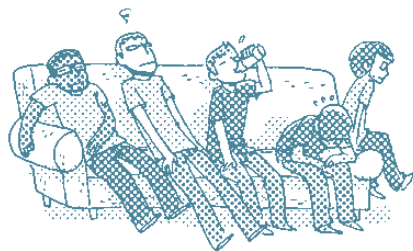
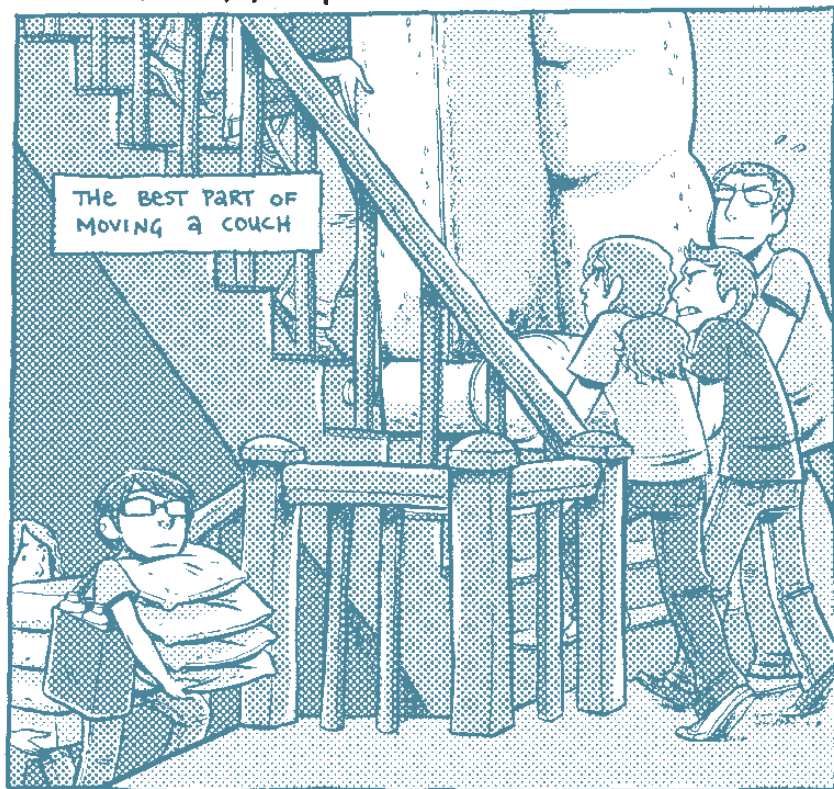
an alternate interpretation



rest in pieces revolutions

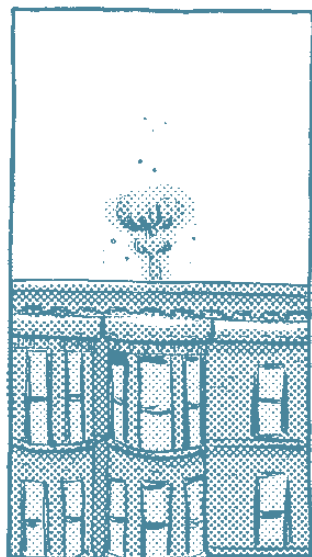
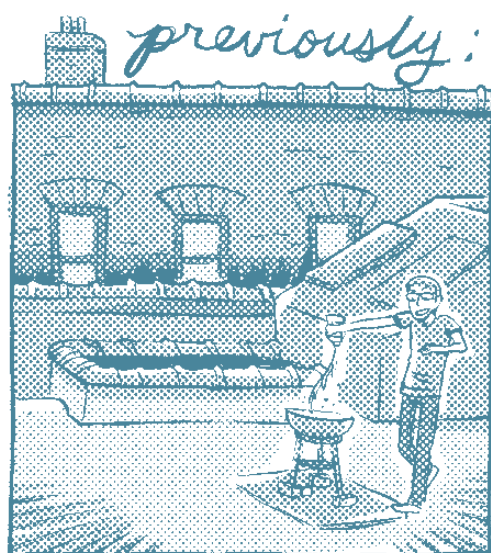


woes of a fifth-floor tenant

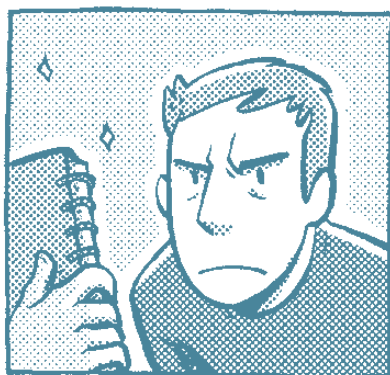
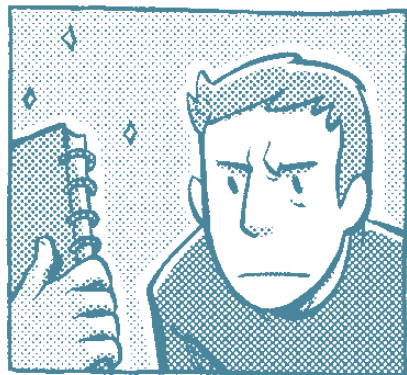
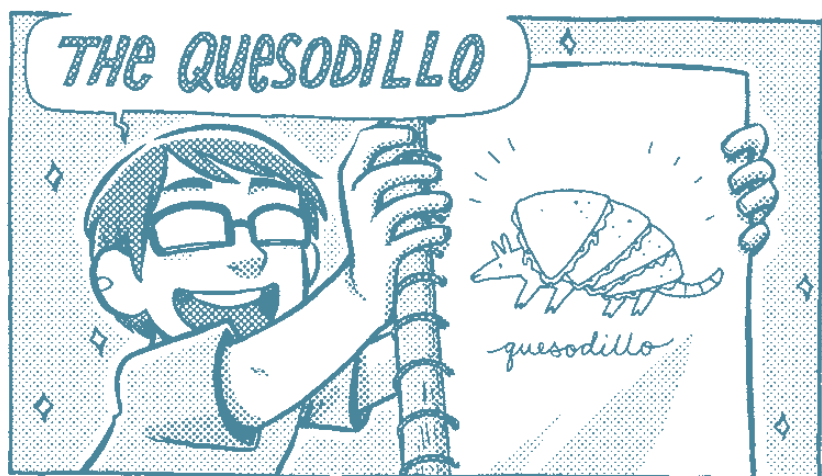
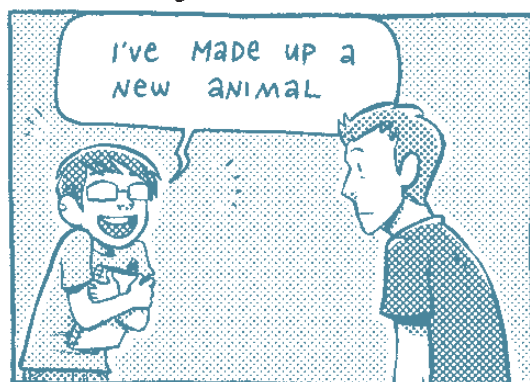


IS SITTING ON
IT AFTERWARDS.

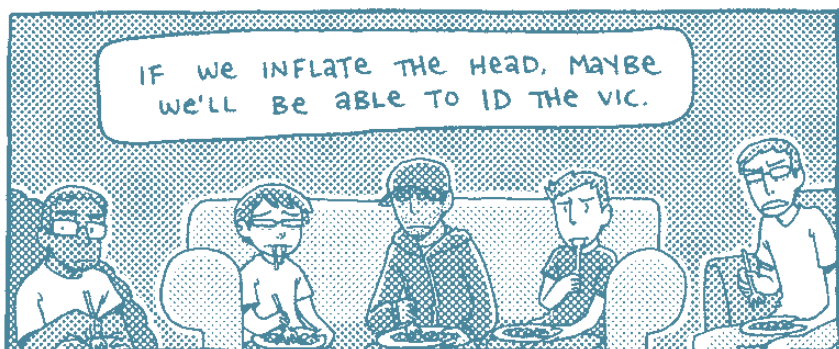
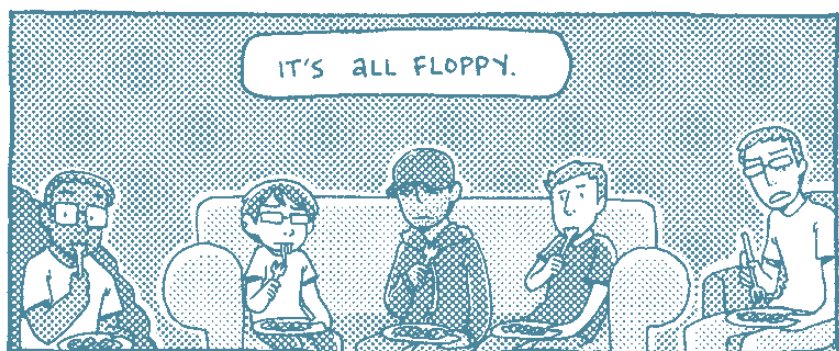
but we were out of lighter fluid



the most delicious of the cingulatas

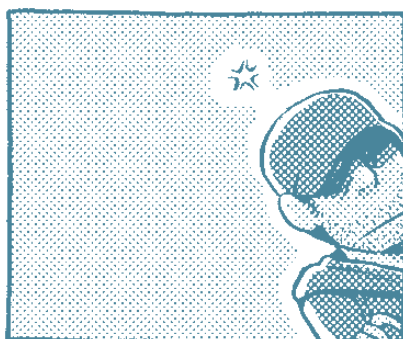
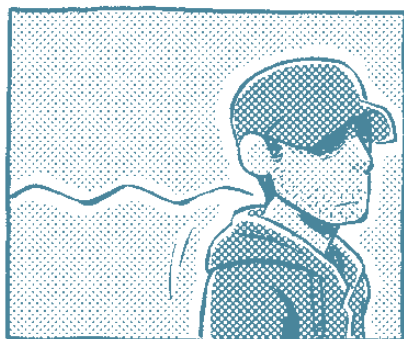


how bout them noodles



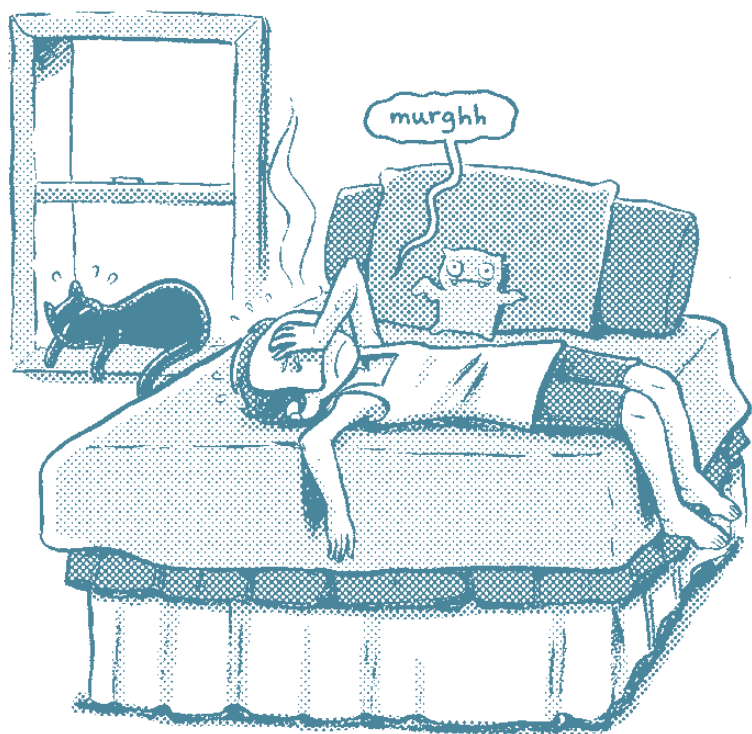
BUT WE KEEP WATCHING
FORENSICS SHOWS
OVER DINNER anyway

the sheddingest cat

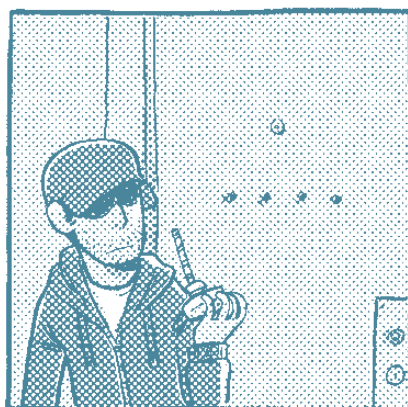
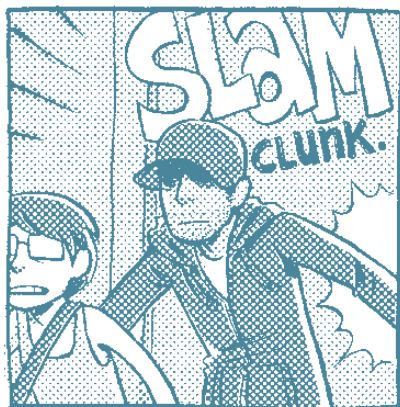
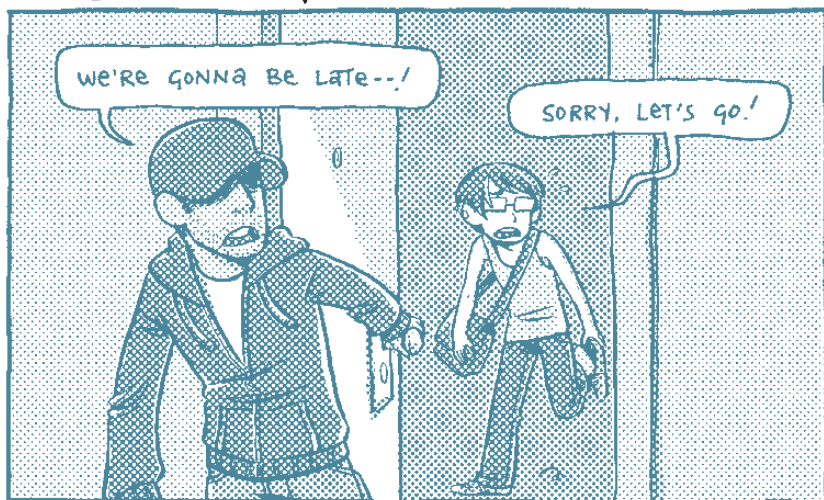


bad: having a stye on the
inside of your eyelid

worse: holding a hot compress
to your face in sweltering heat

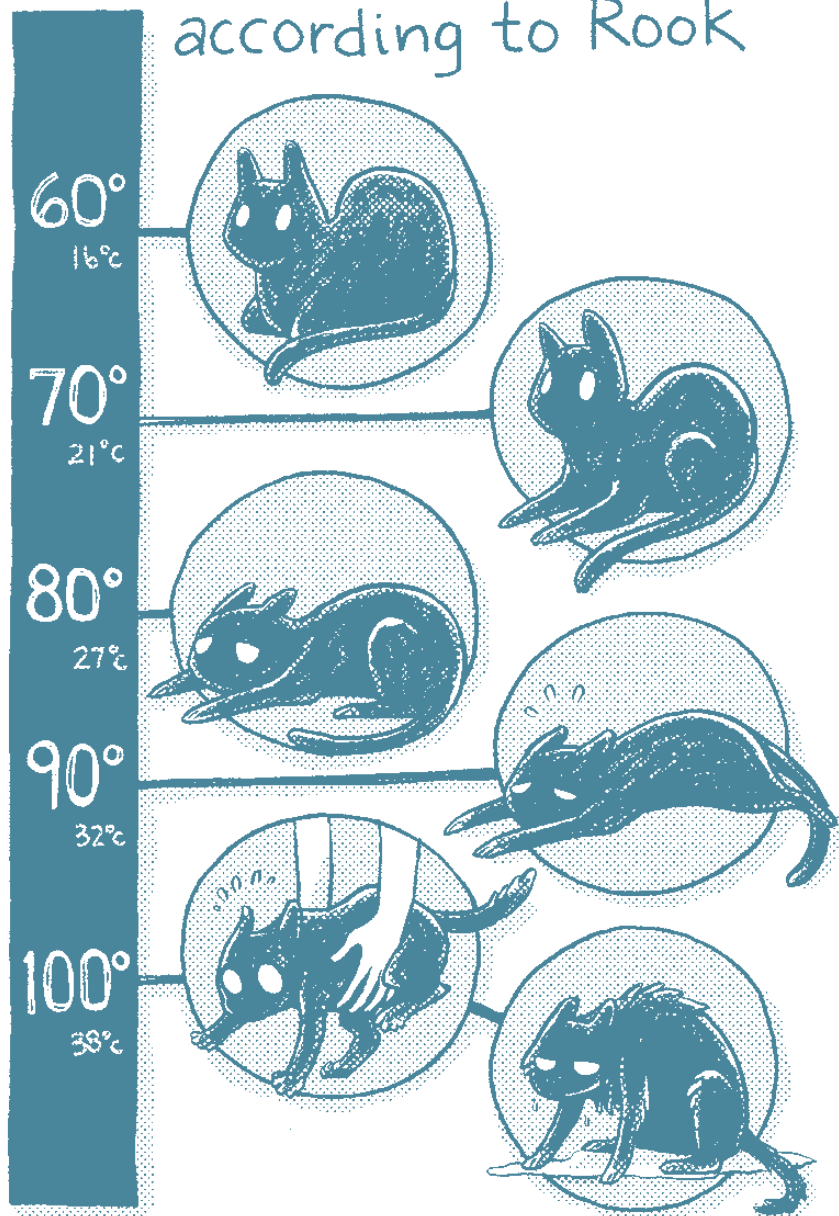


the great escape



OH NO.

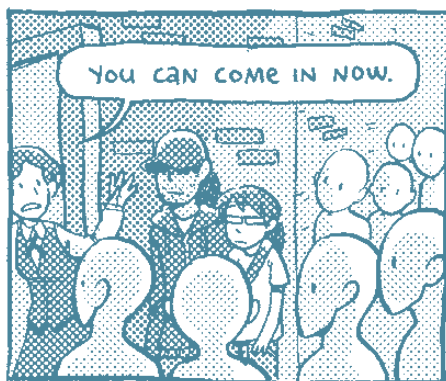
the TEMPERATURE according to Rook



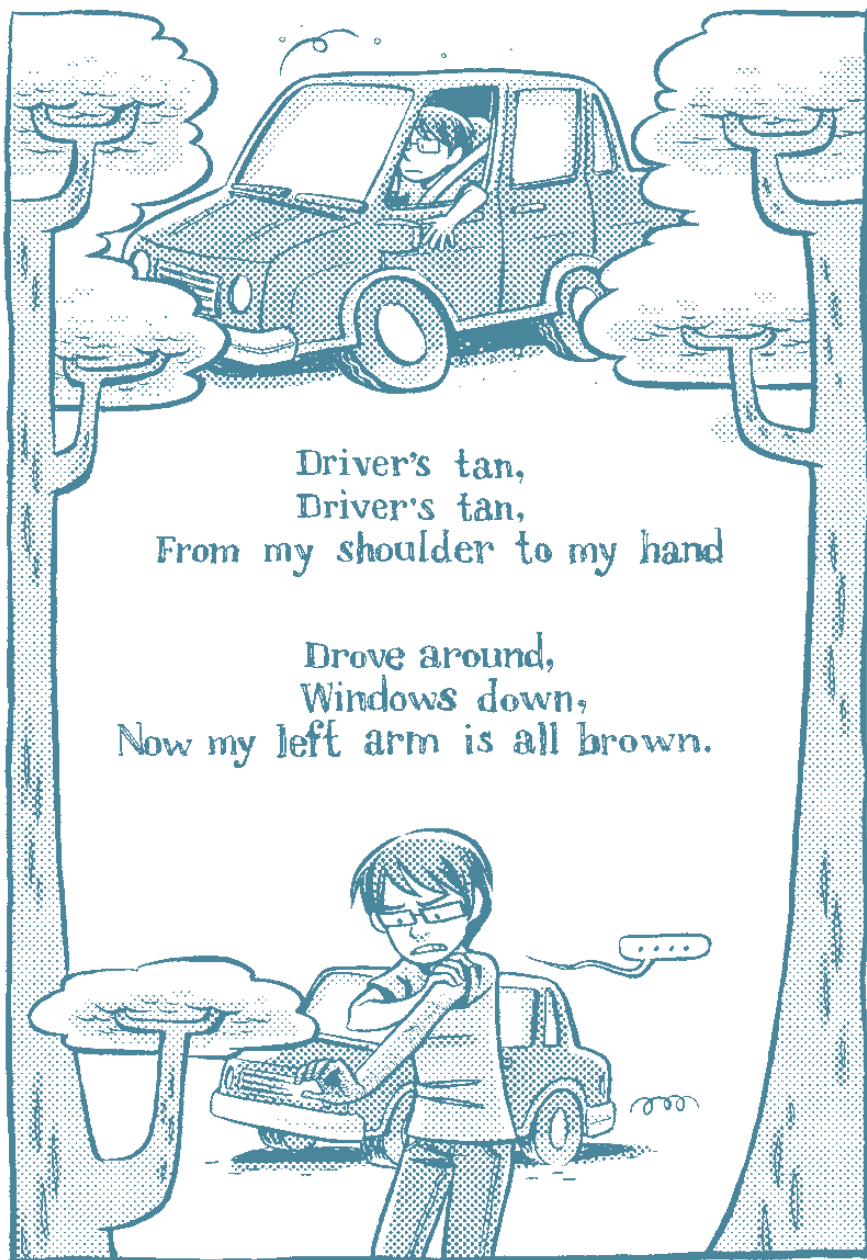
when it rains



20 minutes



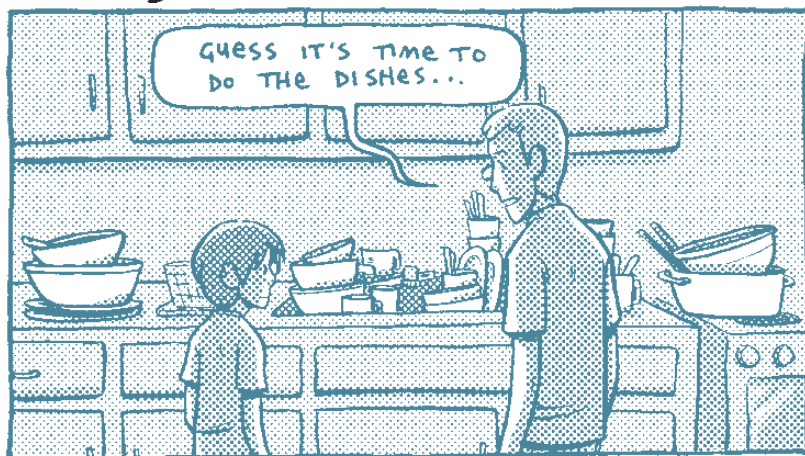
driver's tan



Driver's tan,
Driver's tan,
From my shoulder to my hand

Drove around,
Windows down,
Now my left arm is all brown.

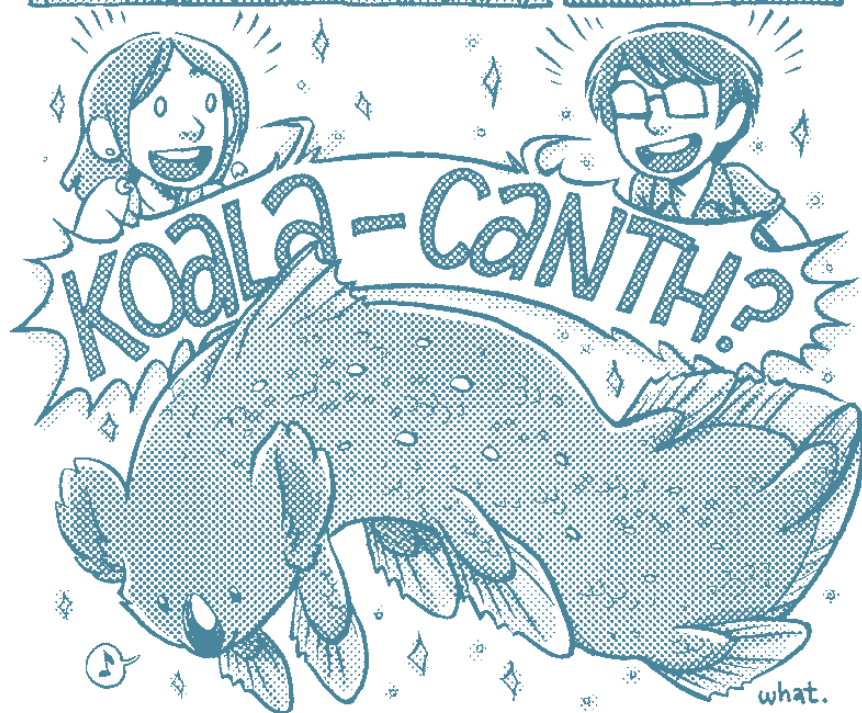
the integral first step



BUT FIRST 



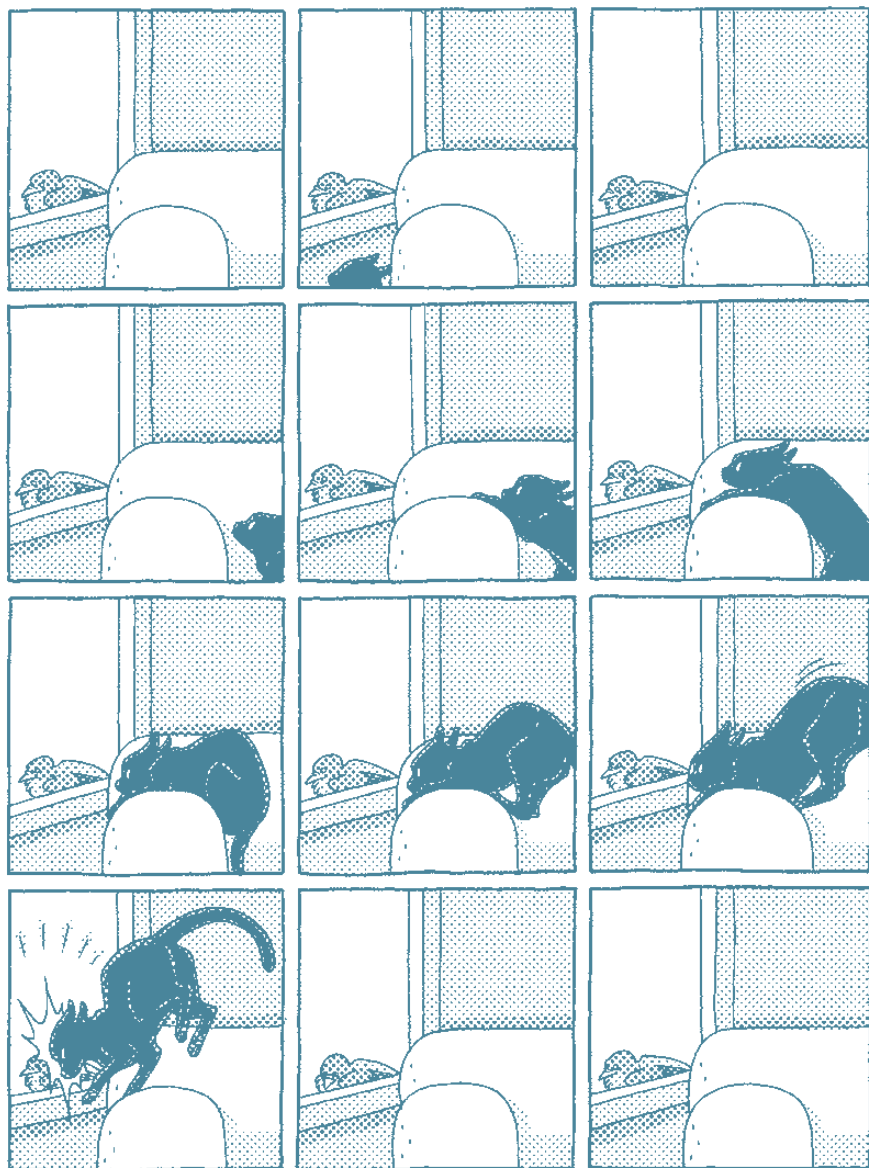
the same terrible wavelength

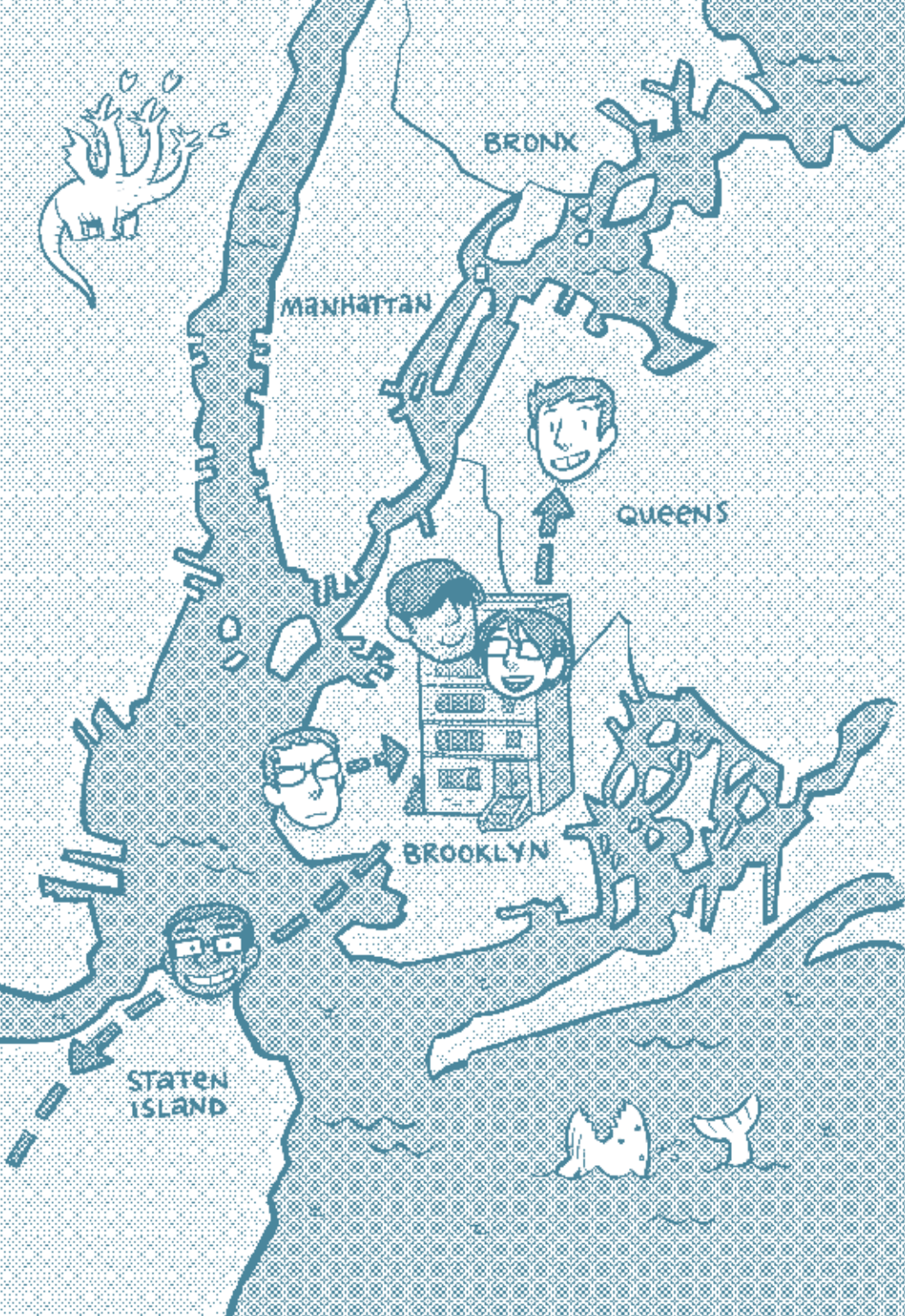


but bookshelves are heavy



battlecat





BRONX

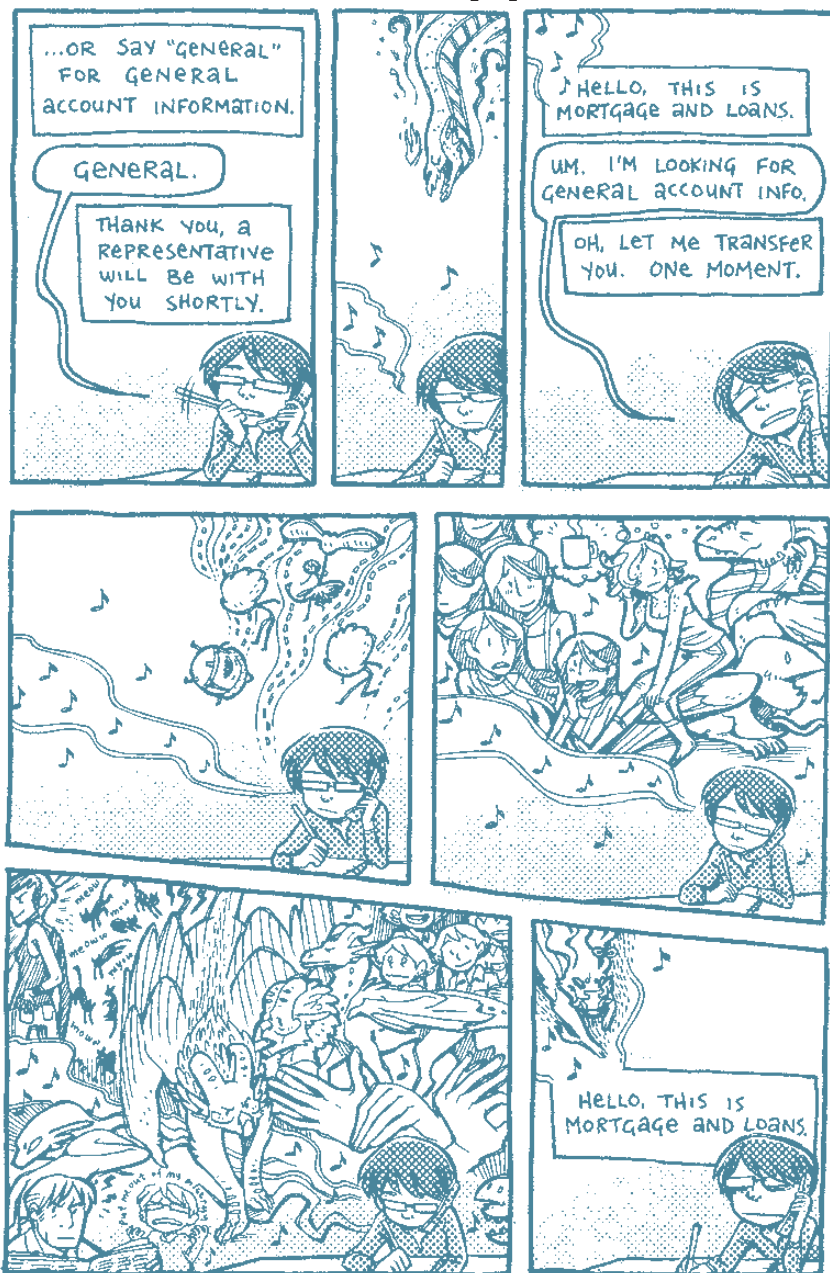
MANHATTAN

QUEENS

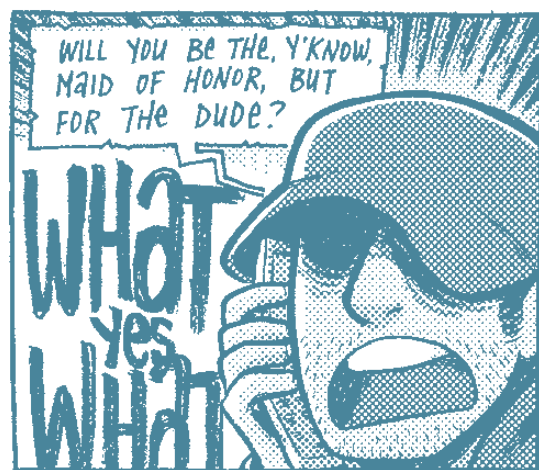
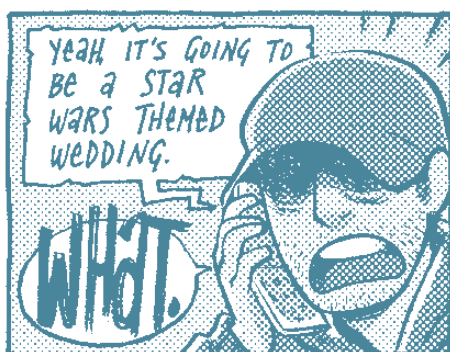
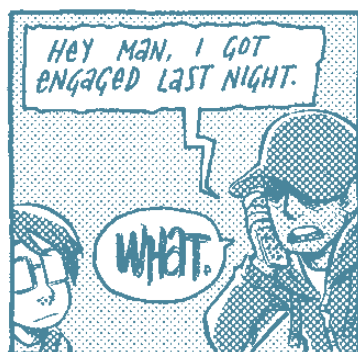
BROOKLYN

STATEN
ISLAND

but I don't have a mortgage



wookie of honor



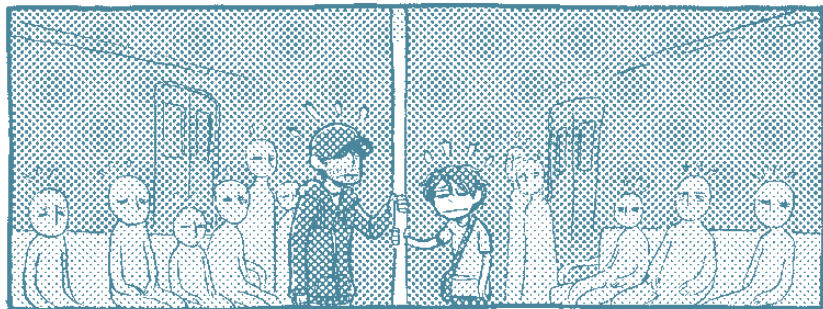
ananth showers with his hat



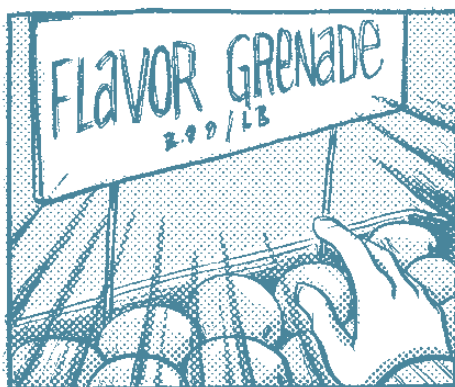
AND SO: SHOWERS



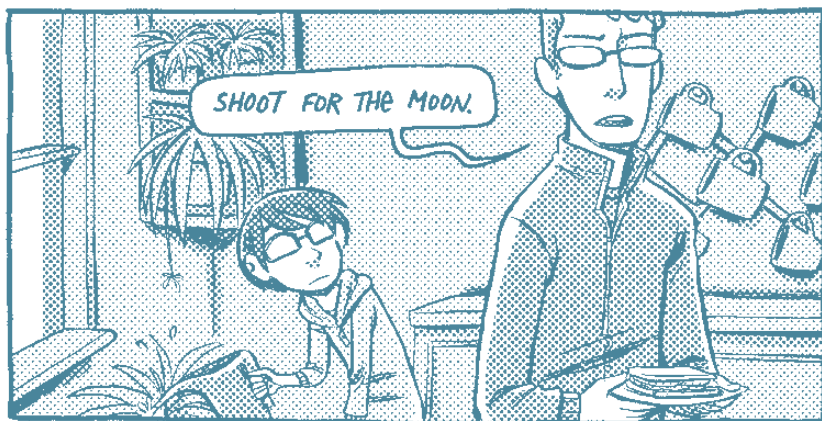
AND THEN: THE SUBWAY



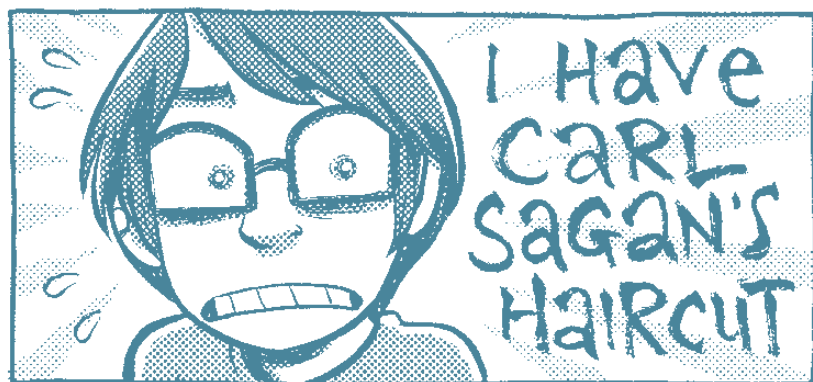
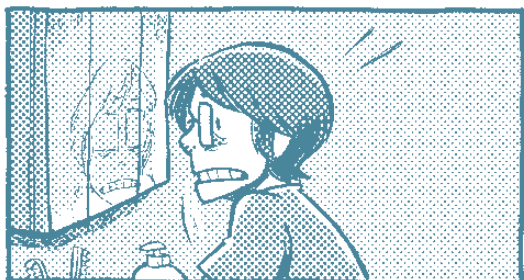
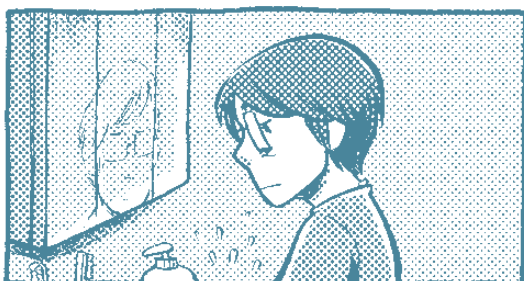
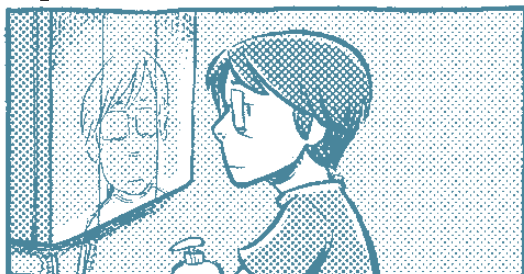
i don't trust it



motivational speaker



good thing: y/n



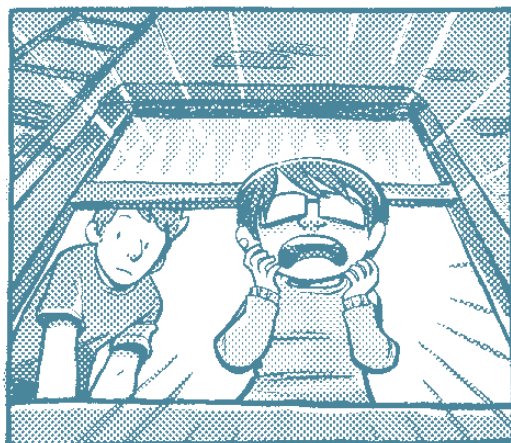
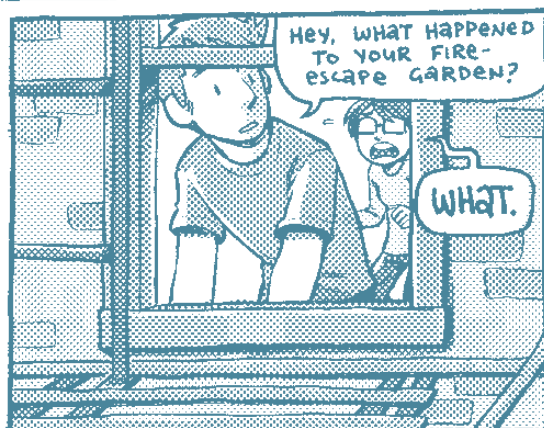


the tomatoes are dead, long live the tomatoes

SO THERE WAS A TORNADO IN BROOKLYN.



BUT
SOON:



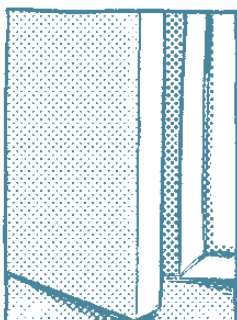
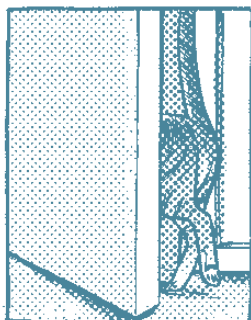
R.I.P. 2010-2010



Cat - versus - Door

can They open it?

MIKA



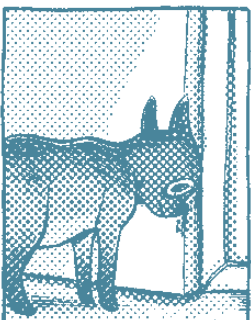
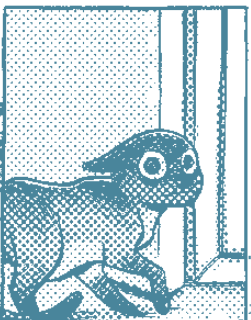
RESULT: yes!

ROOK



RESULT: eventually!

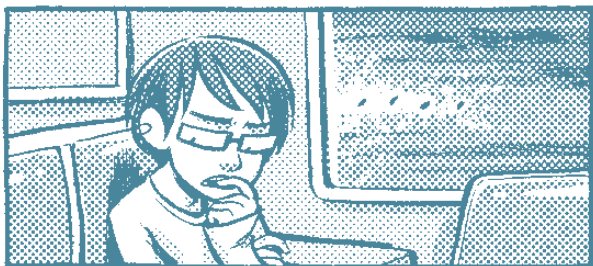
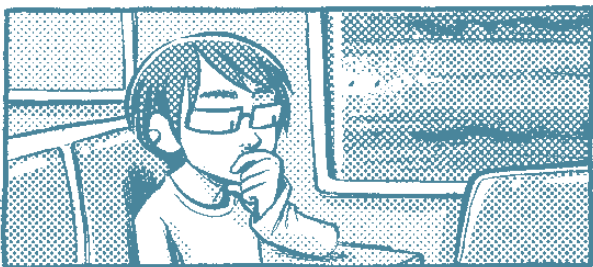
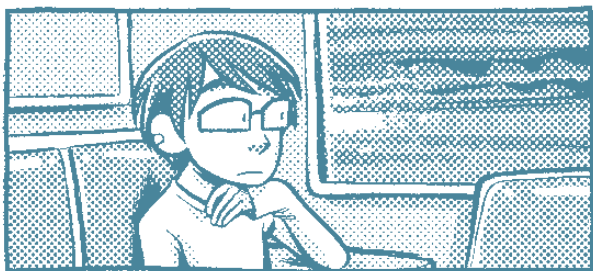
GONTA



RESULT:



oh no don't do that



and this is how you get sick.

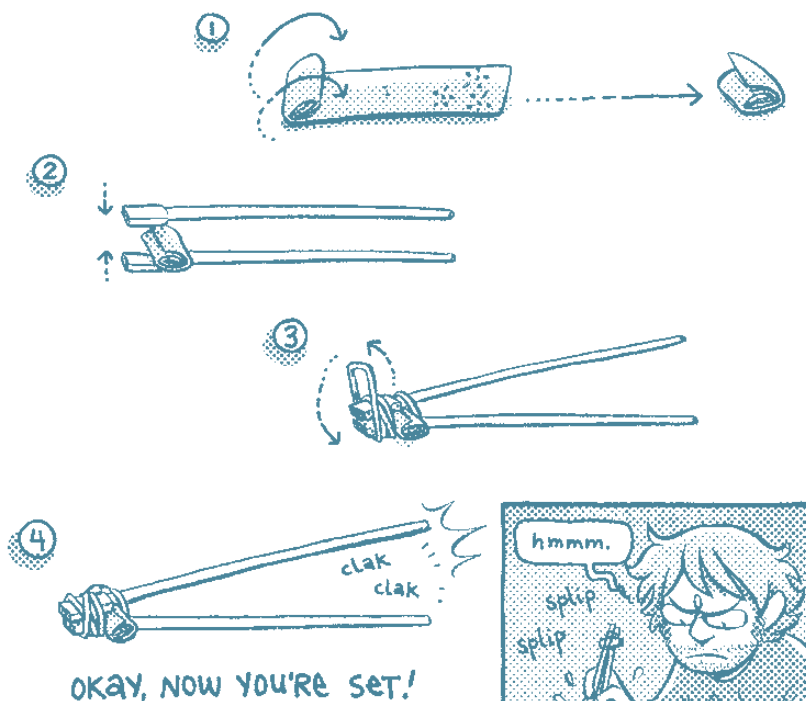
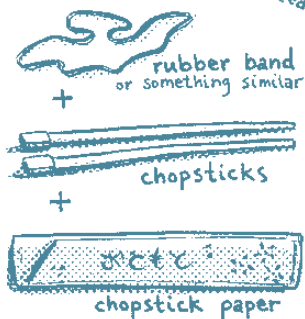


thank you, pterodactyl crazy band



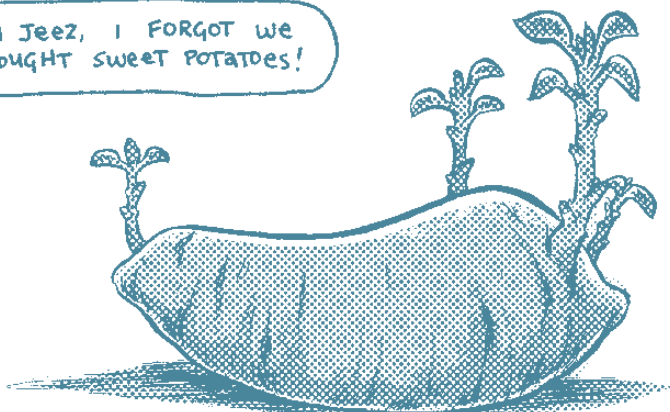
LET'S HELP KC
EAT NOODLES!

you'll need:



sweetie pie the sweet potato

OH JEEZ, I FORGOT WE
BOUGHT SWEET POTATOES!

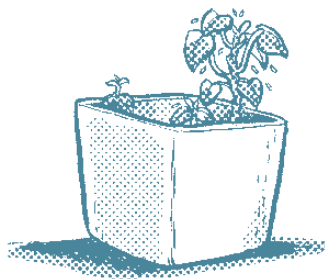


IT'S awFULLY TENACIOUS.

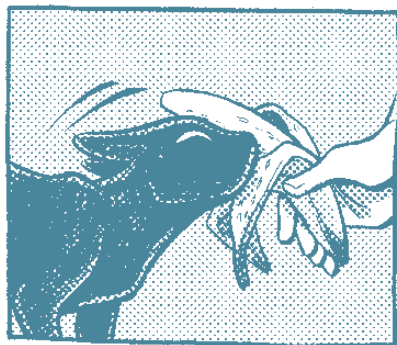
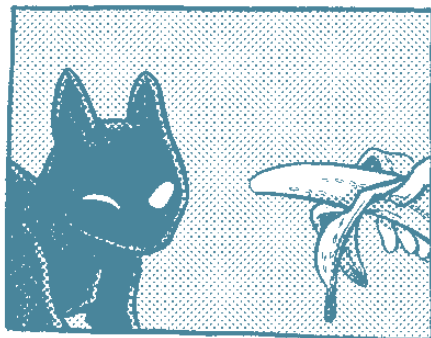
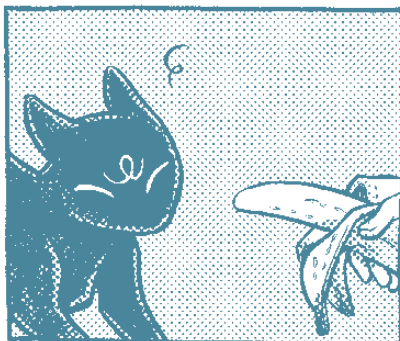
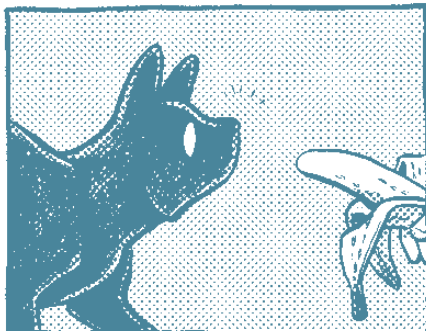


I'D FEEL GUILTY EATING
IT OR TOSSING IT OUT...

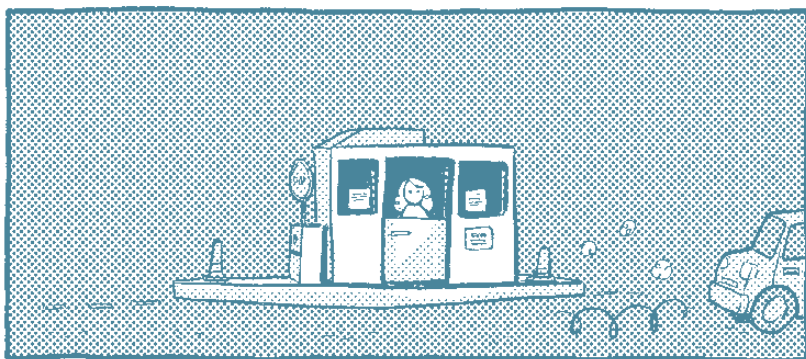
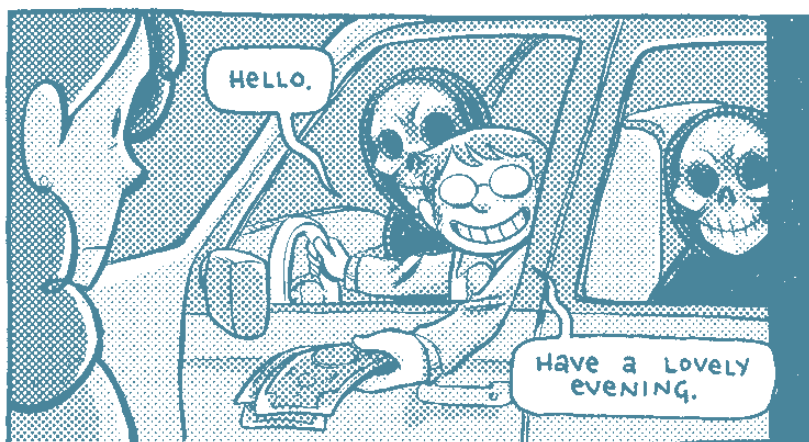
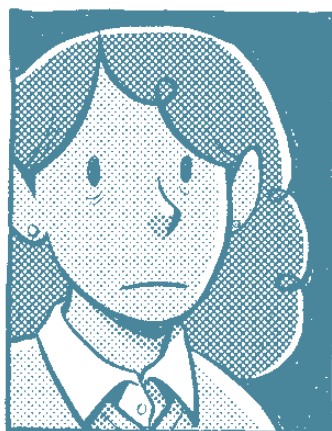
and so,



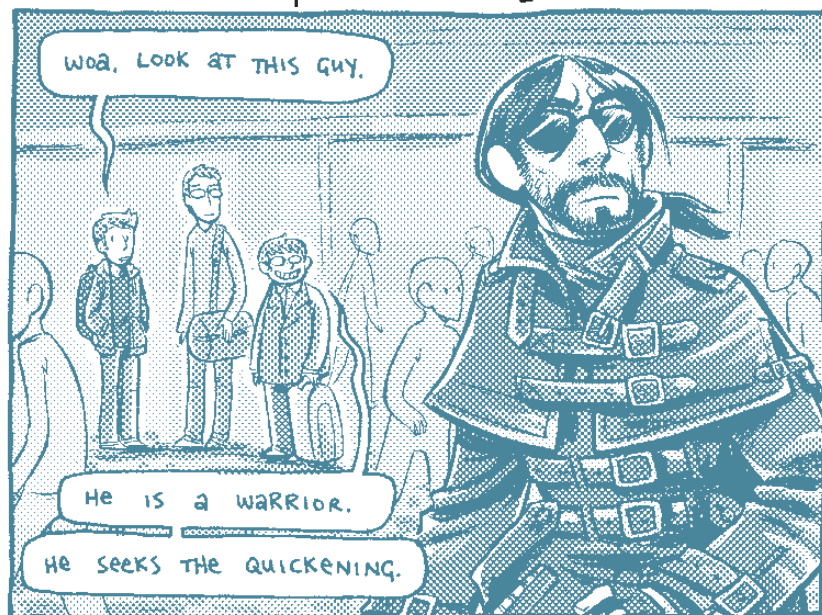
welp



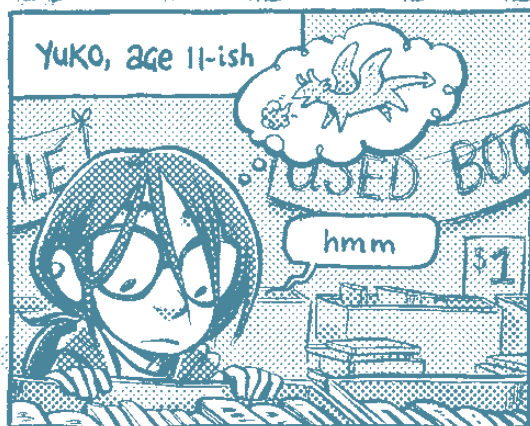
george has a posse



highlander in port authority



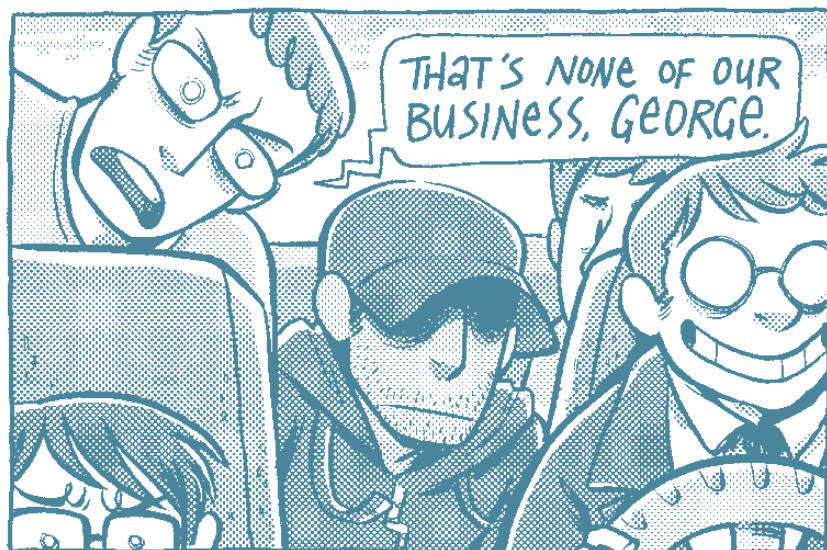
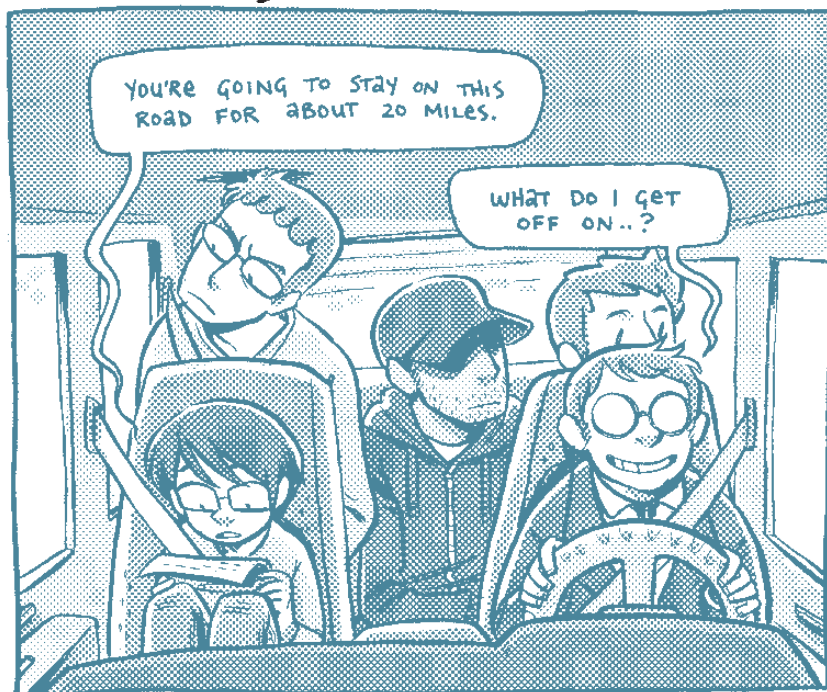
HOW YUKO GOT INTO SCIENCE AND STUFF



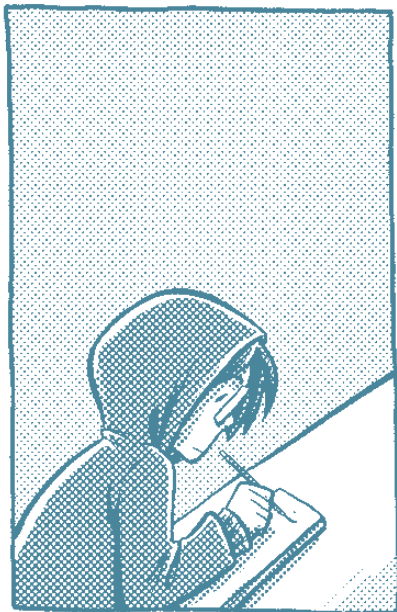
BUT I READ IT ANYWAY



your jeers only make him stronger



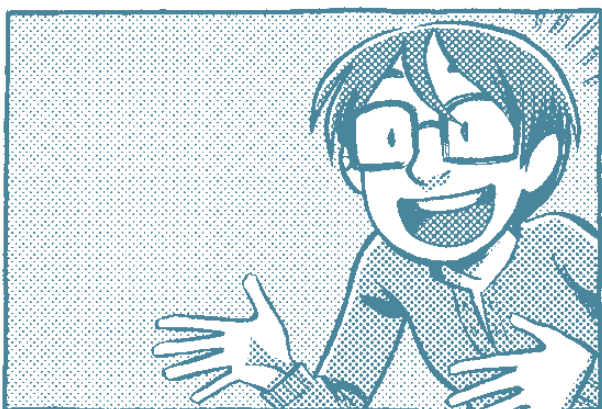
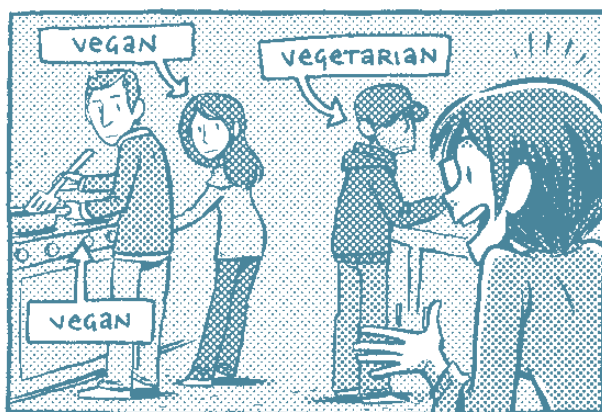
drawing the drawing hand that is drawing you



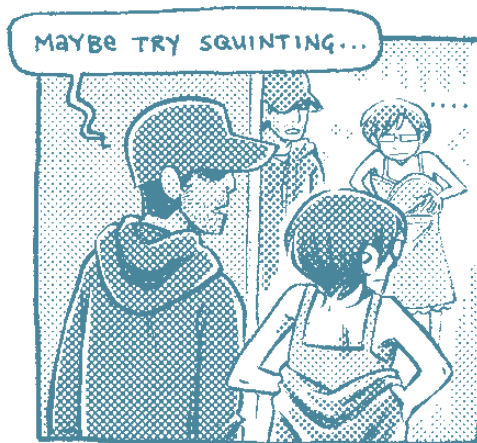
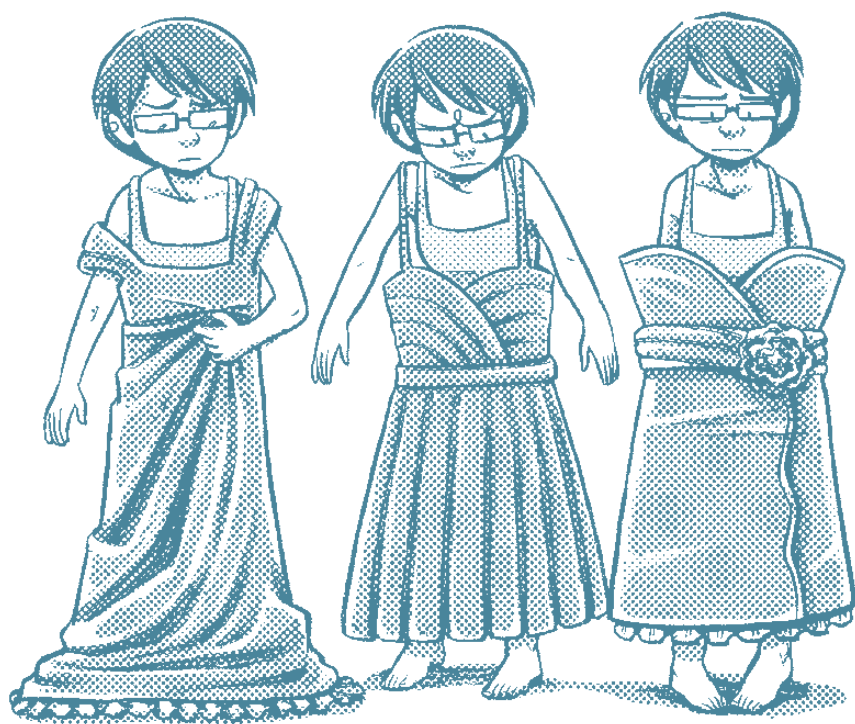
cat-meras



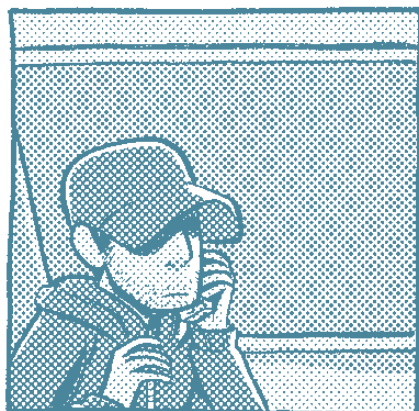
right, guys.?



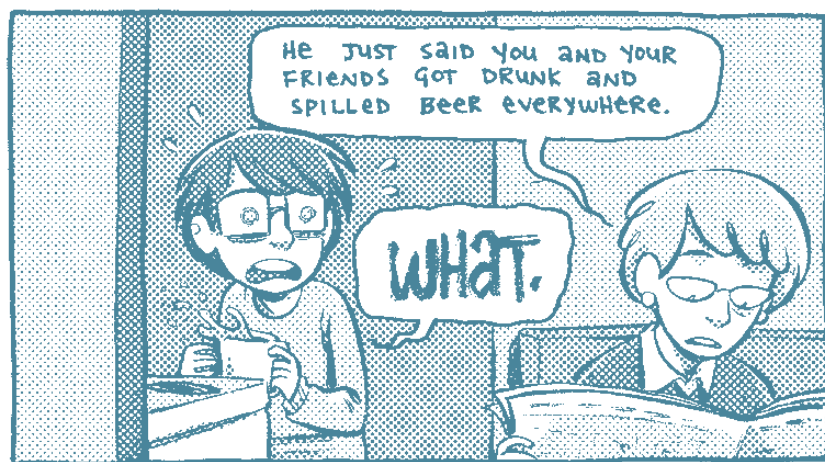
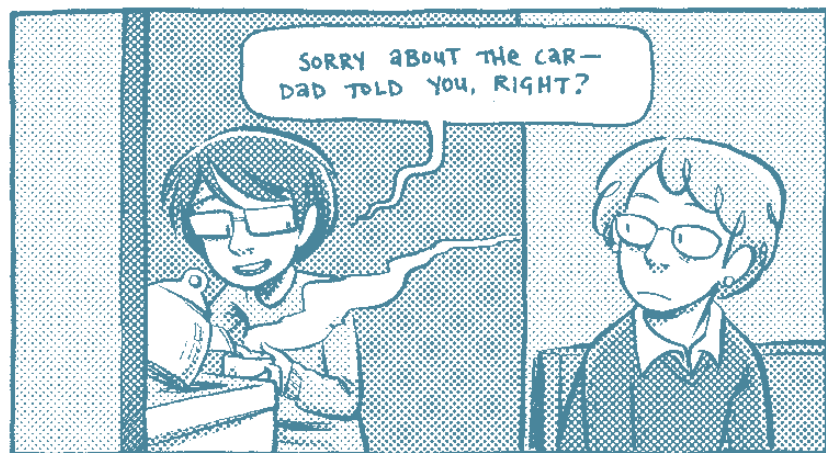
bridesmaid dresses is hard



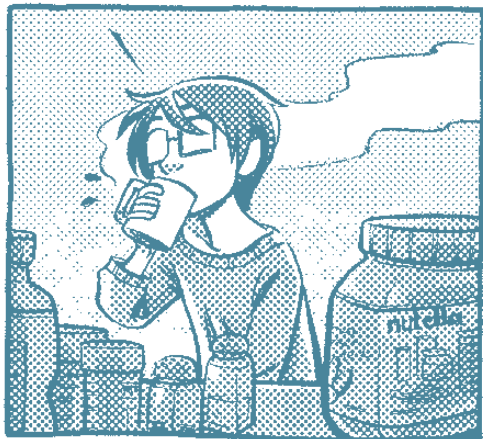
all quiet on the western bus



beer-scented car freshener



nutella: the sriracha of sweet foods



WELL OKAY
MAYBE NOT

oh eww.

BECAUSE THE OIL
IN THE NUTELLA
SEPARATES.



THERE IS NO HEAT IN THE APARTMENT

also the internet is down.

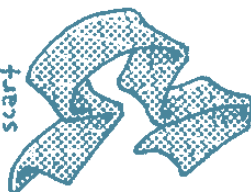
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what I am wearing
inside the apartment
RIGHT NOW:

wool hat



scarf



hand warmers



camisole



thermal shirt



another shirt



stupidly thick socks



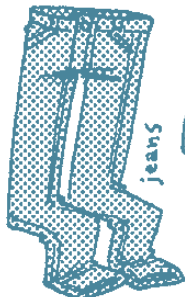
thermal hoodie



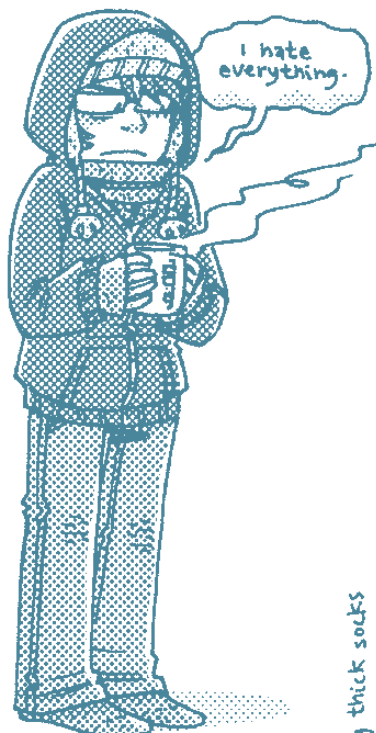
leggings



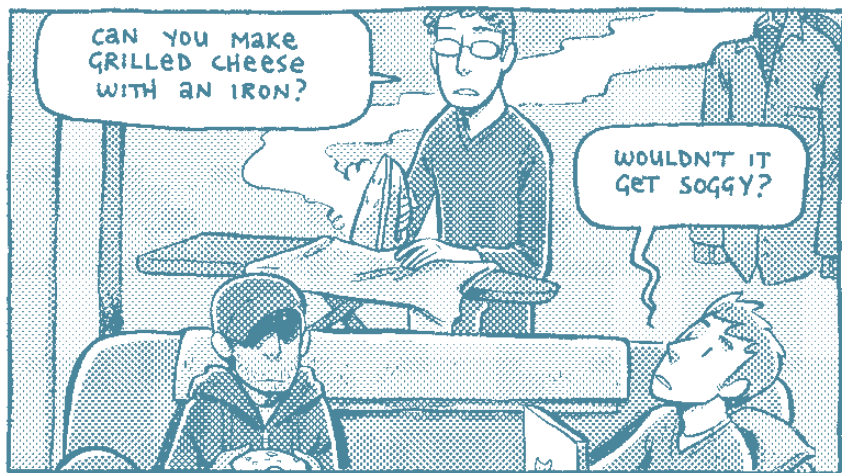
jeans



and underwear
I guess.



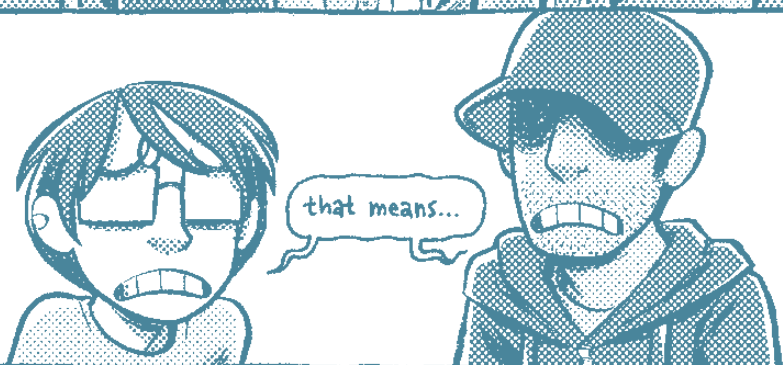
terrible terrible food science



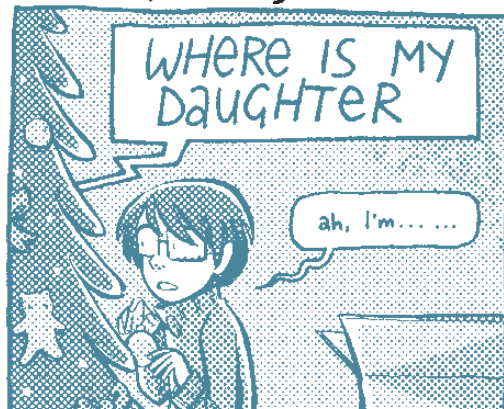
but in all seriousness



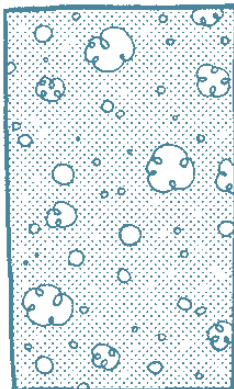
how did we get two dozen eggs anyway



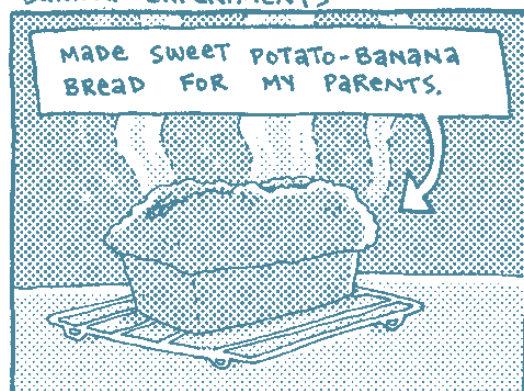
but I'm your only... oh.



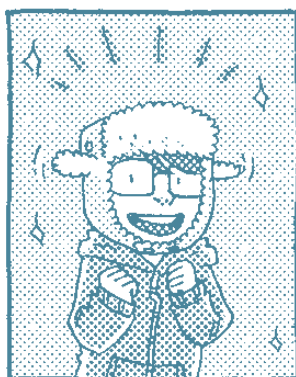
DRIVING ON THE BACK ROADS



BAKING EXPERIMENTS



GOT A NEW HAT FOR CHRISTMAS



CHRISTMAS GIFT BIAS

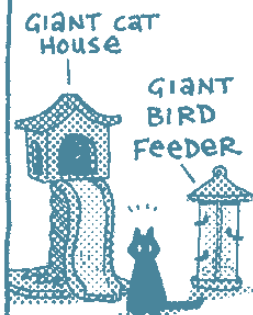
YUKO GOT:



ANANTH GOT:



ROOK GOT:



MILLET

DON'T SPILL THE MULLET!



REALLY? I'VE NEVER HEARD OF IT.

HERE.



oh.



EXCITING NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

11:00

WATCH GIRLY ANIME

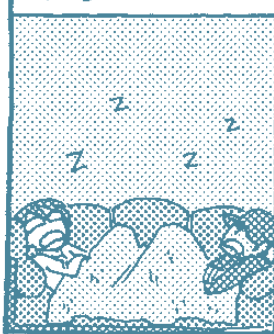


12:00

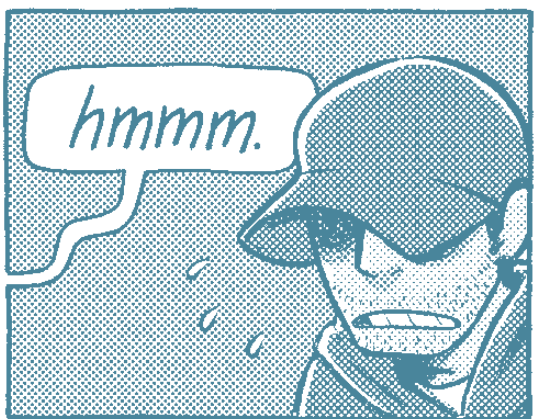
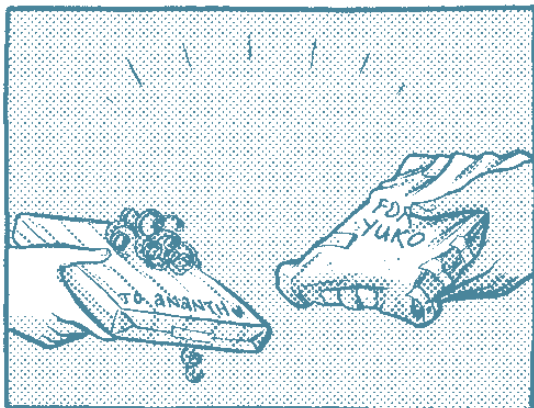
WATCH THE BALL DROP, DRINK PRE-MADE MARGARITAS



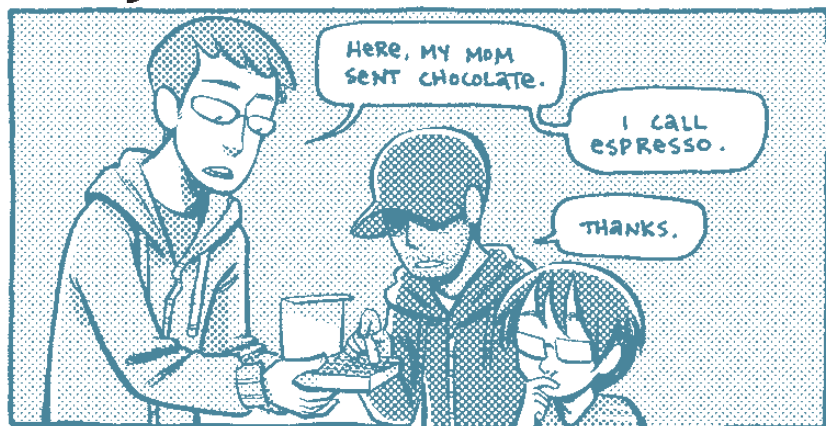
12:05



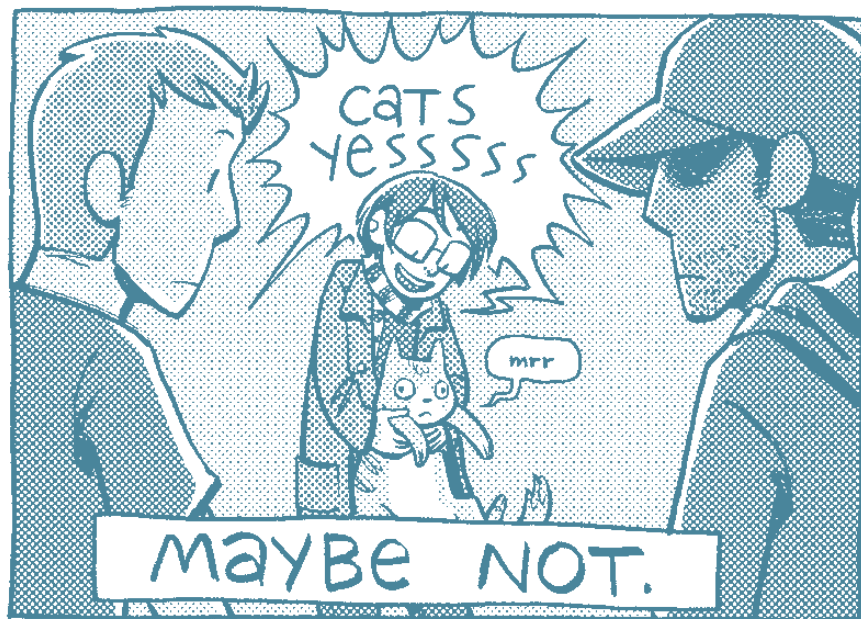
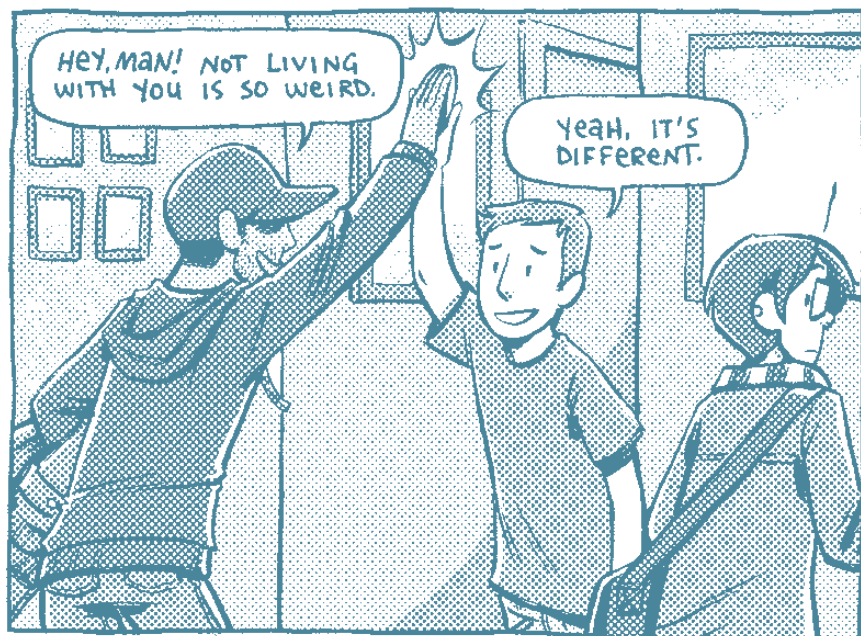
look that gift horse right in the mouth



speaking from experience



meanwhile, in queens



III.

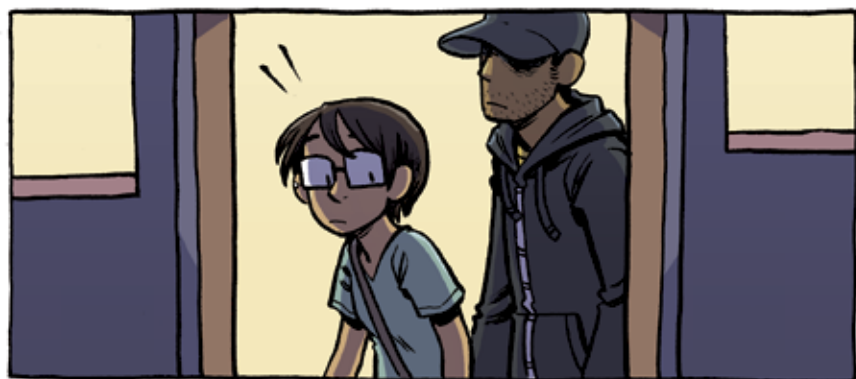
WE'LL come across a serpent stretched,
Basking in a glade

Neither head nor tail in sight,
The world wrapped in its splay

And so finding the beast to be
Accepting of us docilely
We'll climb upon its back and we

Will be upon our way.

prelude to a ballad



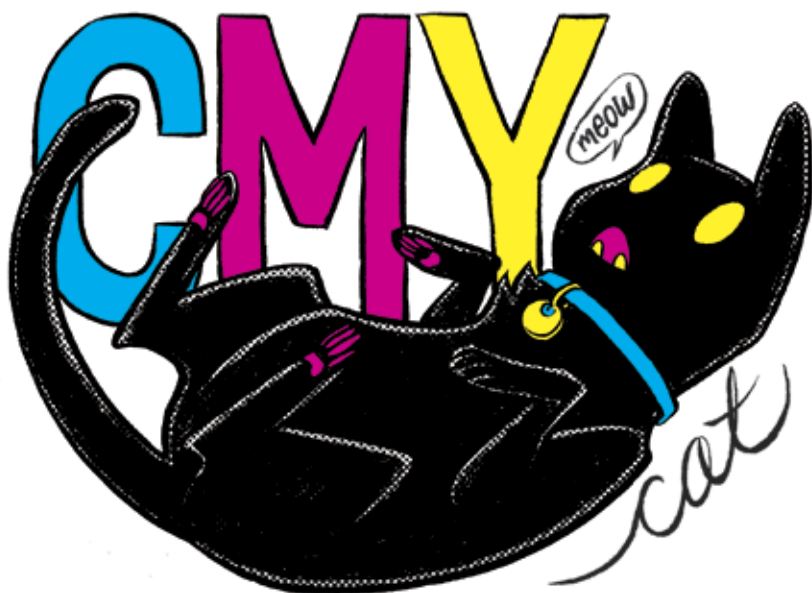
monochrome



CMYcat



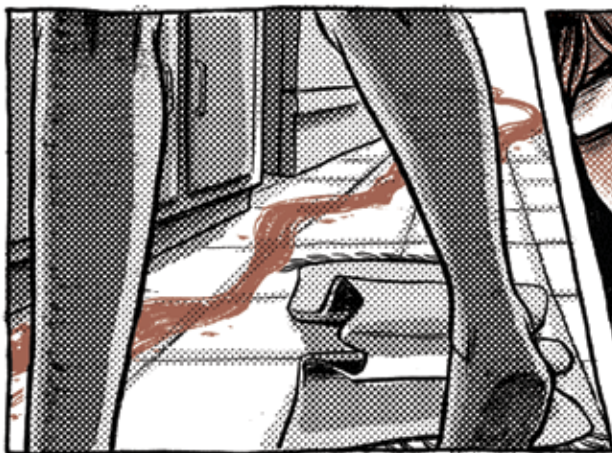
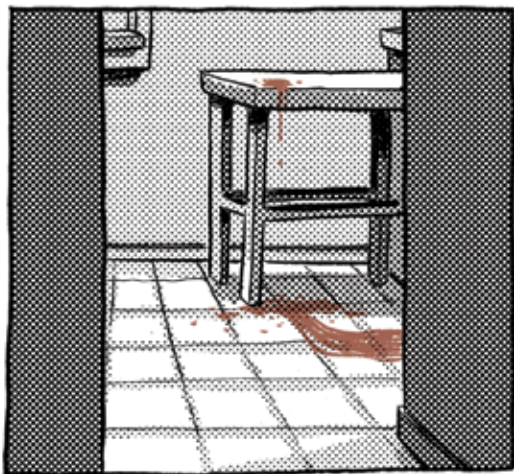
NOW ROOK IS



hand-face coordination

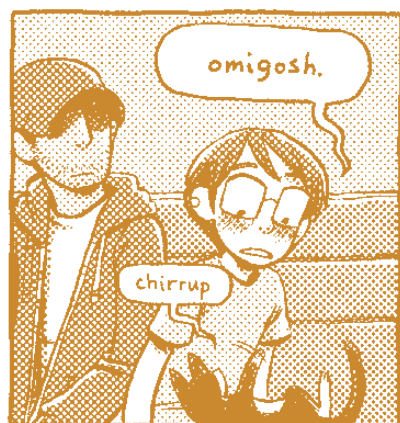
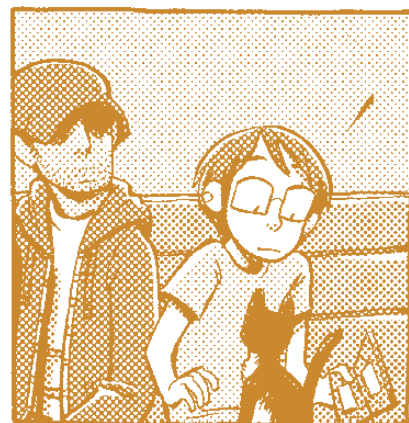
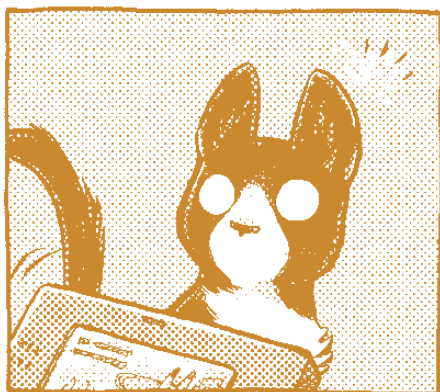
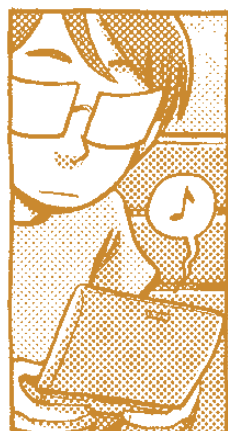
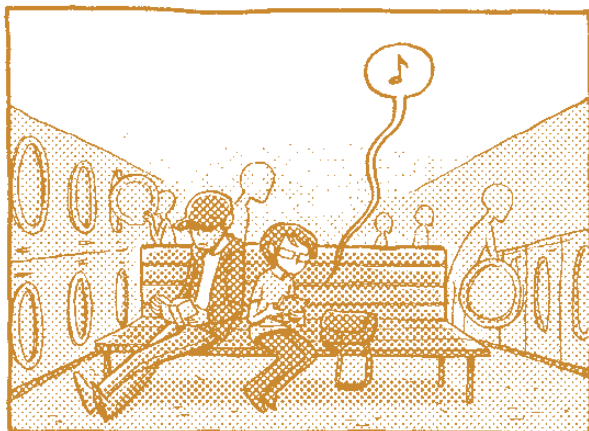


oh the horror

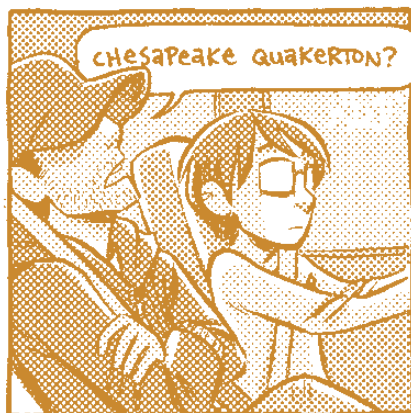
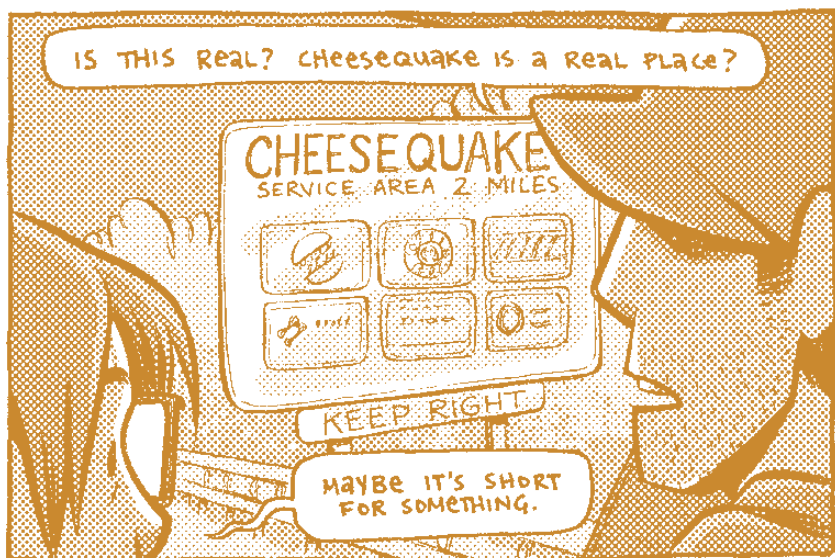


now we have to buy
a new pork loin.

the ballad of laundry cat



a secret for the ages



hourly comics: february 1st, 2011

10:00 am

WAIT, TODAY IS HOURLY COMICS DAY?



BUT I'M ALREADY DRAWING COMICS!



11:00 am

EATING CEREAL.



12:00 PM

WAS GOING TO MAKE THE BED, BUT THE CAT IS ASLEEP ON IT.



1:00 PM

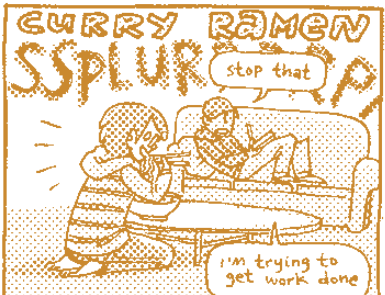
MY THROAT'S BUGGING ME, SO ANANTH MADE ME TEA.



2:00 PM

instant ramen

leftover curry



A cartoon illustration of a person with glasses and a distressed expression sitting at a desk. They are holding a pen over a notepad. A laptop is open on the desk to their right. A black dog is sitting on the floor next to them. The background is filled with the word "MEOW" repeated many times in various orientations. A speech bubble from the person says, "YOU DON'T EAT FOR TWO MORE HOURS".

I DON'T WANT TO GO GROCERY SHOPPINGGG

buhhh

DON'T LET HIM FOOL
YOU, I FED HIM
WHILE YOU
WERE OUT.

meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow

8:00 PM

JOHN MADE DINNER
JOHN IS THE BEST



9:00 PM

SHOWER...



... THEN COMICS



10:00 PM

... AND COMICS



11:00 PM

...and comics



12:00 AM

... and comics



1:00 AM

and Comics



2:00 AM

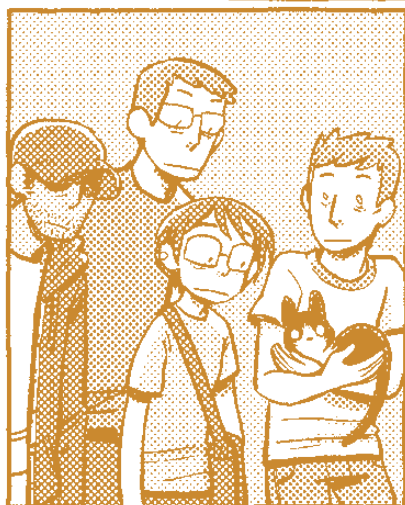
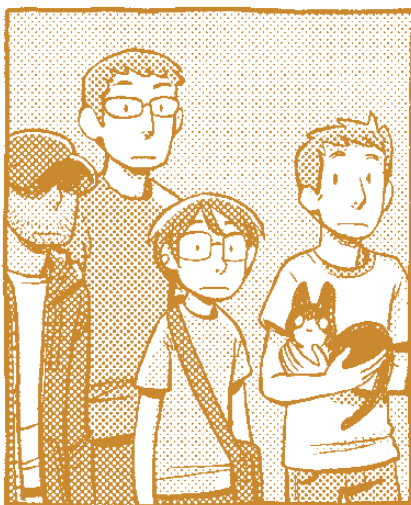
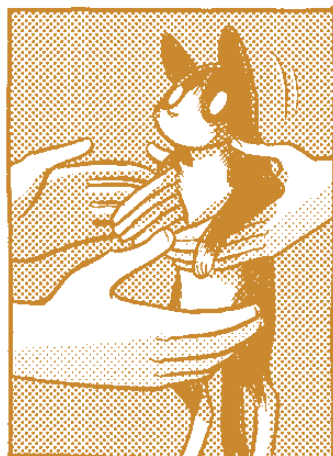
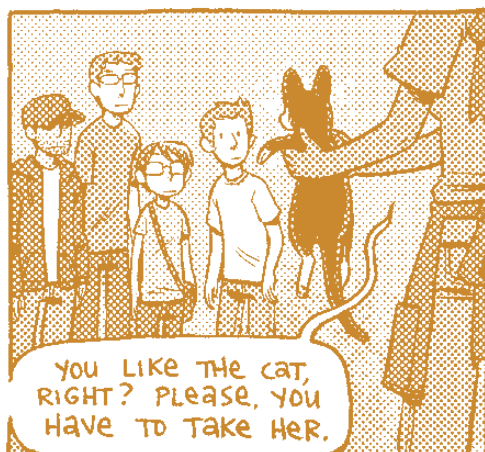
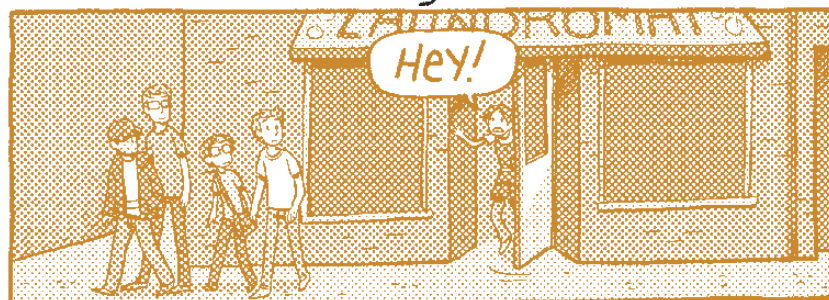
and JEEZ WHATEVER, I'LL
FINISH THIS TOMORROW.



and then I went to bed.

HOURLY COMICS: FEBRUARY 1ST, 2011.

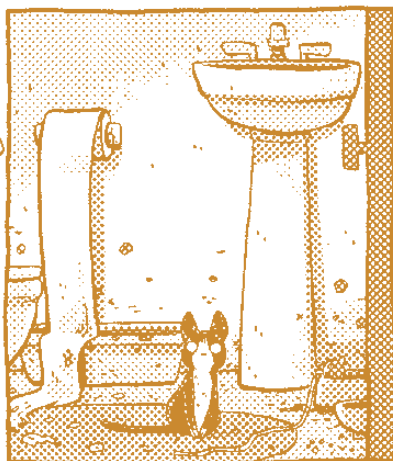
extended ballad of laundry cat



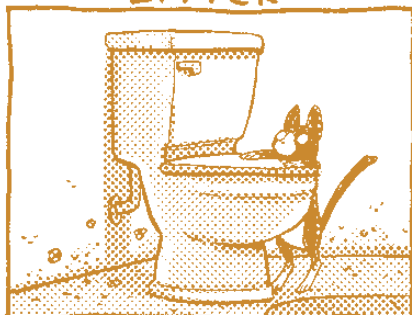
kitten quarantine



the next morning...



LITTER



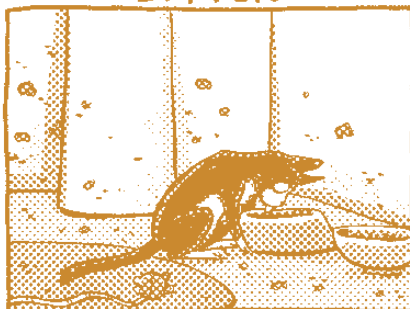
BEHIND THE TOILET

LITTER



IN THE SINK

LITTER



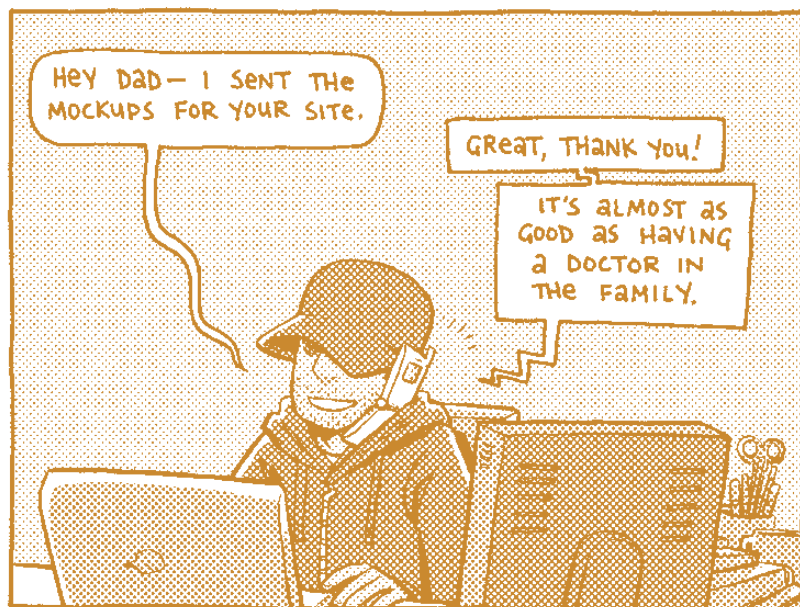
ON THE WALLS

LITTER

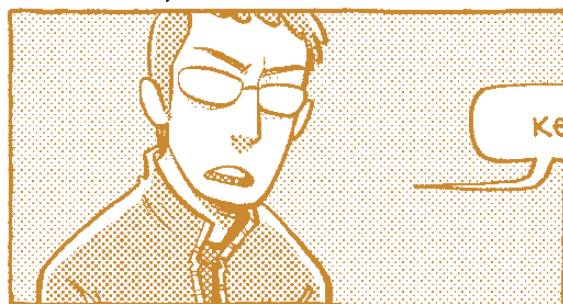


ON THE KITTEN

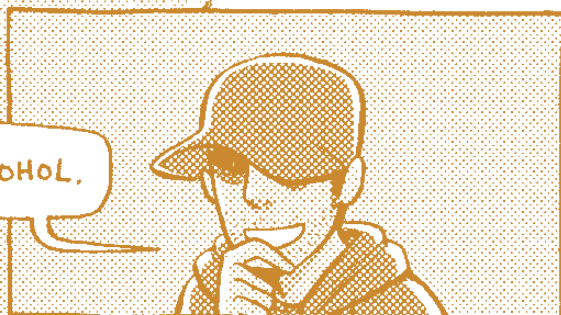
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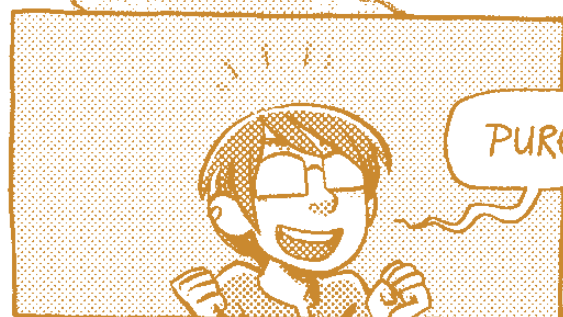
combustifier



KETCHUP.



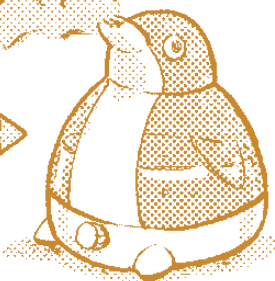
GRAIN ALCOHOL.



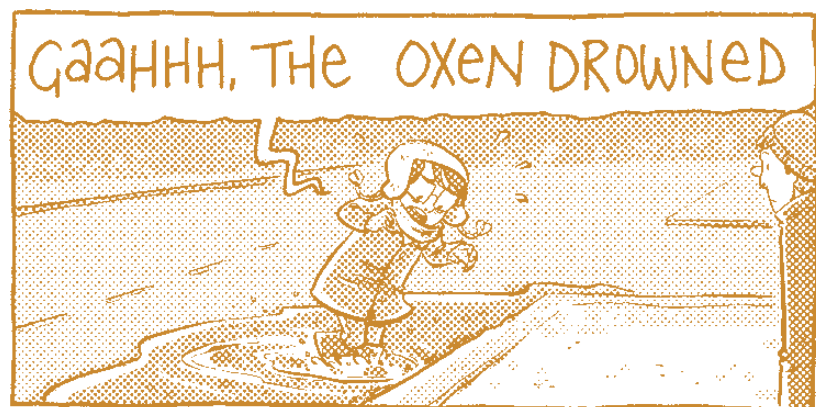
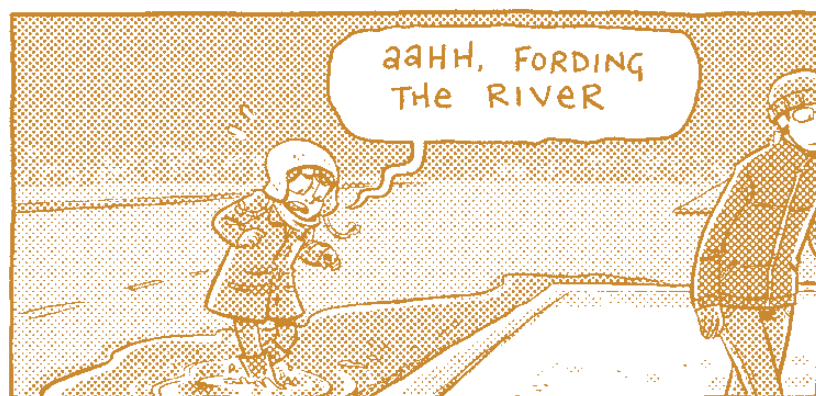
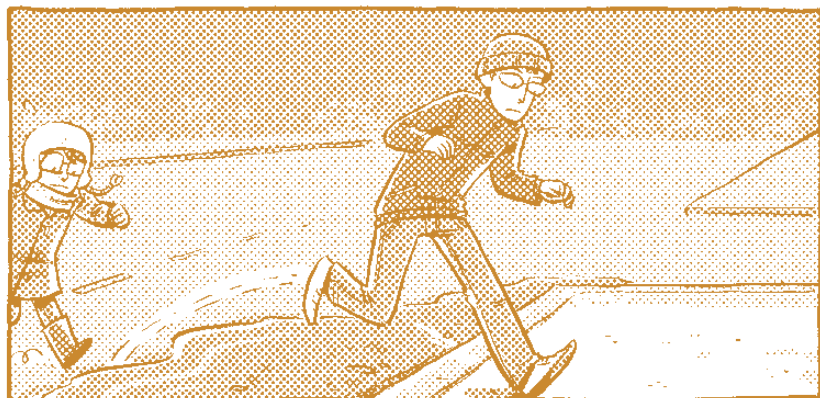
PURE CESIUM

THINGS THAT WOULD
PROBABLY MAKE THE
HUMIDIFIER CATCH FIRE

MR. BARGLES

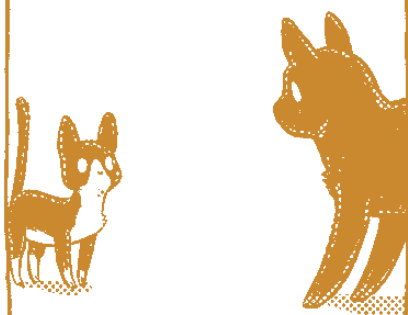


should've taken the ferry



the surest path to friendship

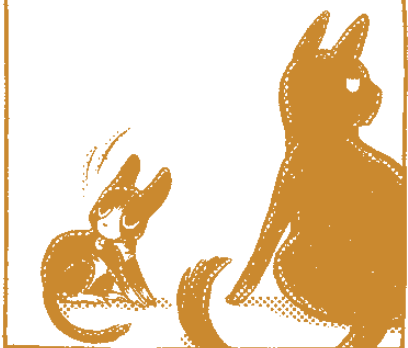
1. APPROACH



2. ENGAGE



3. IGNORE



4. RUB ON SOME STUFF



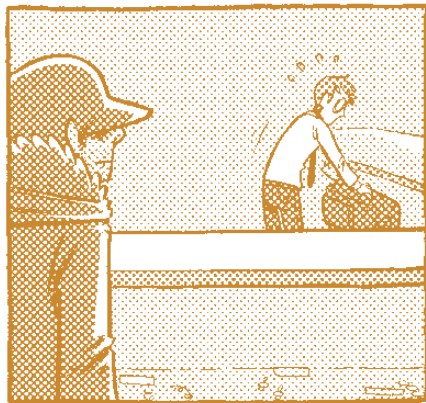
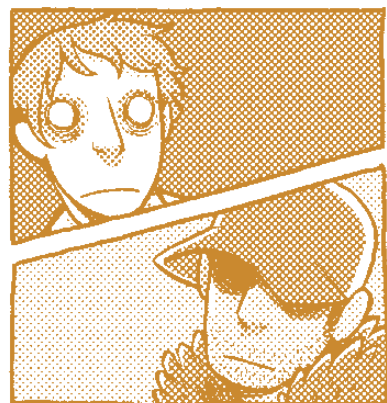
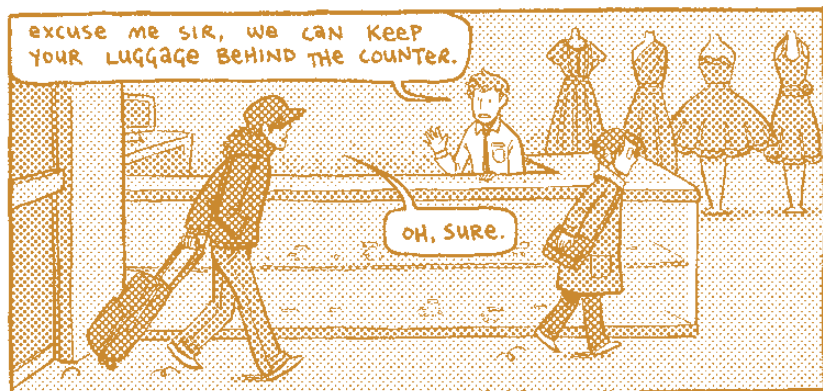
5. ENGAGE AGAIN



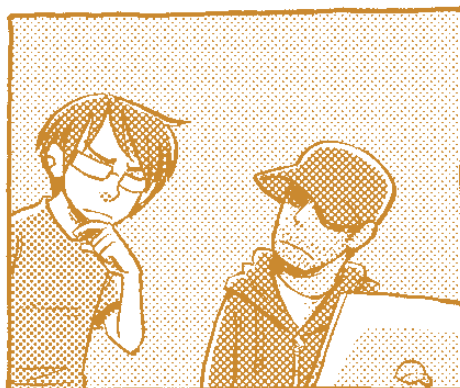
6. IGNORE



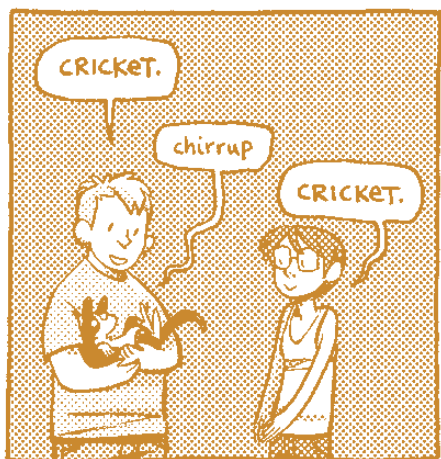
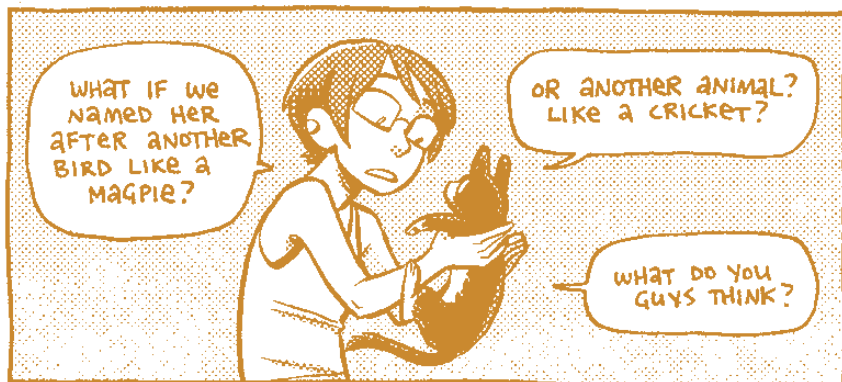
tick tick tick tick



what does it meeeean



naming the kitten



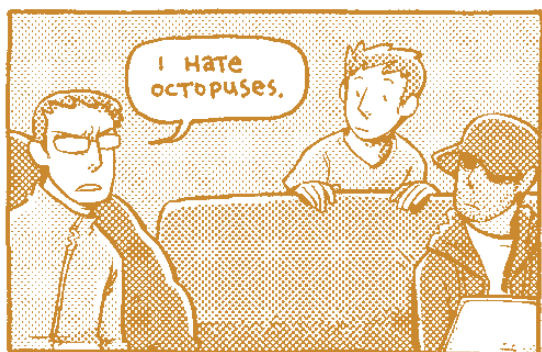
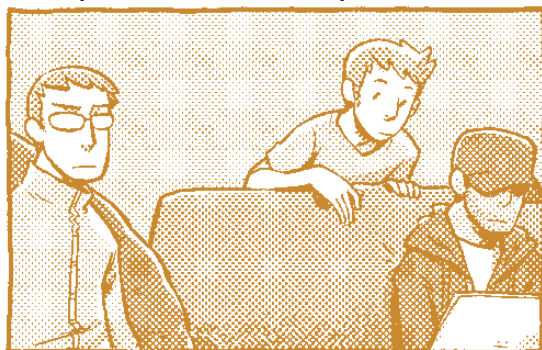
nearly burning down the apartment part fifty jillion



AND SO:



octopuses, not octopi



HOW TO DRAW CRICKET

①



draw a circle

②



add two triangles

③



and two smaller circles

④



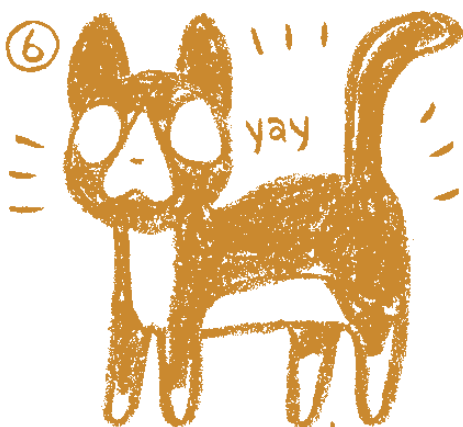
draw an upside-down heart

⑤

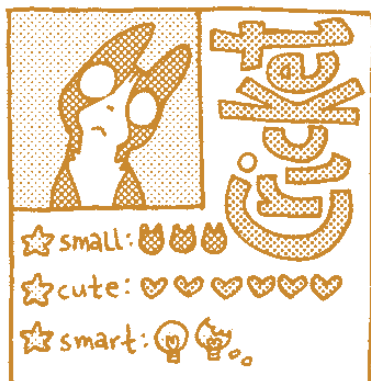


add a cat body

⑥



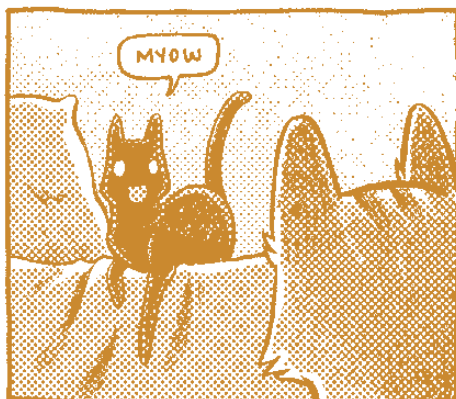
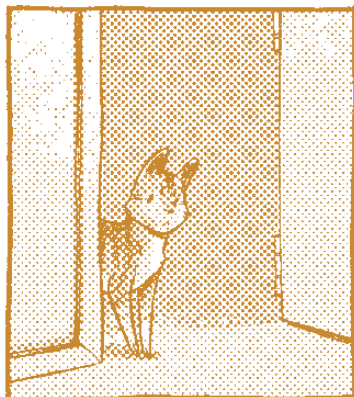
you're done!



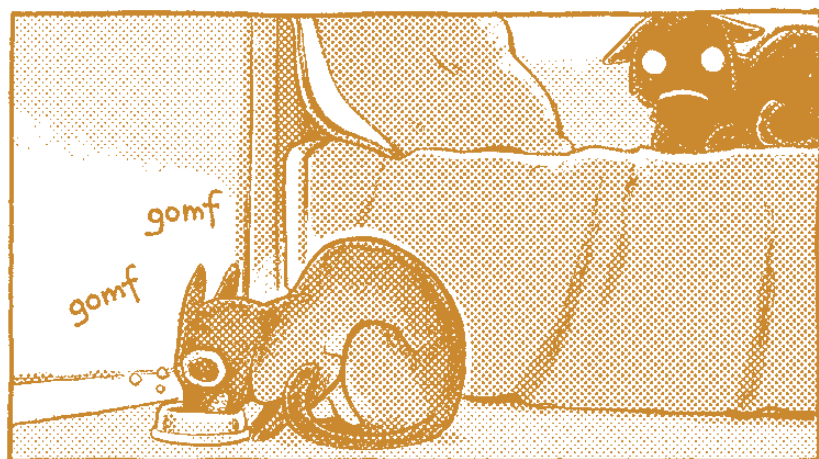
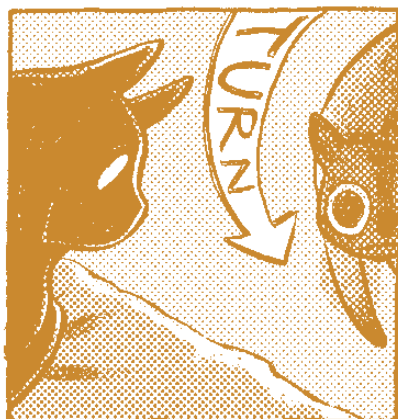
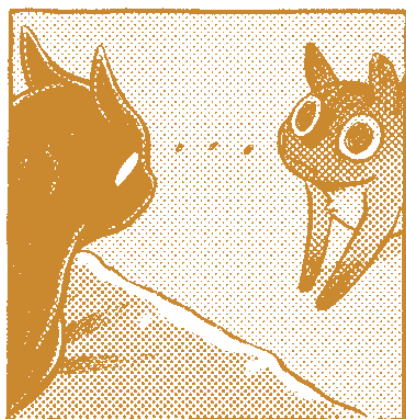
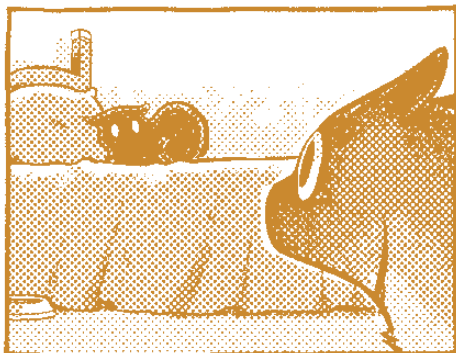
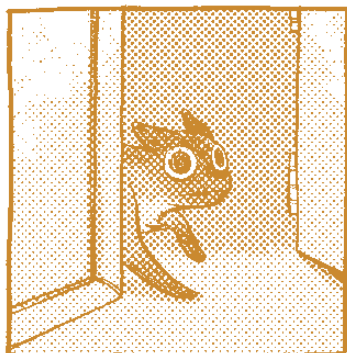
urgent matters



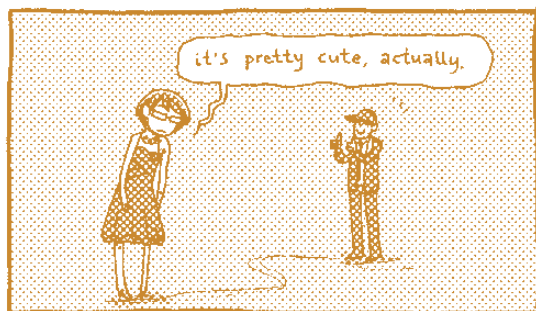
when rook met mika



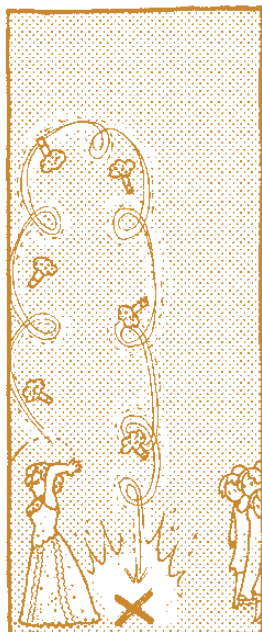
when rook met gonta

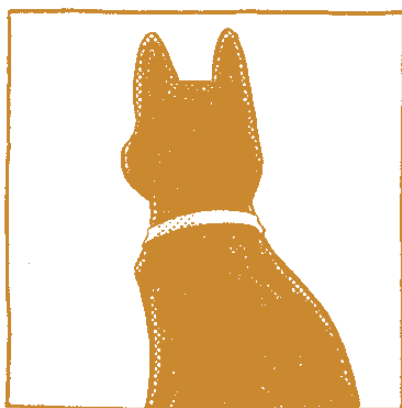
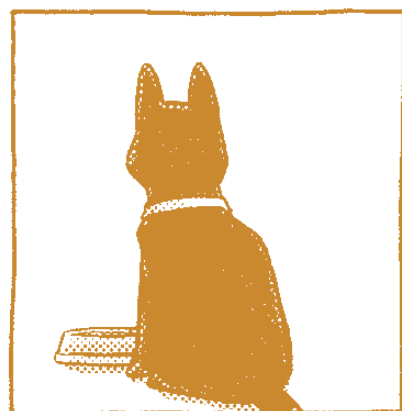
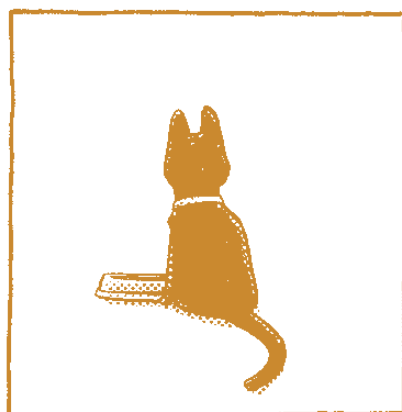


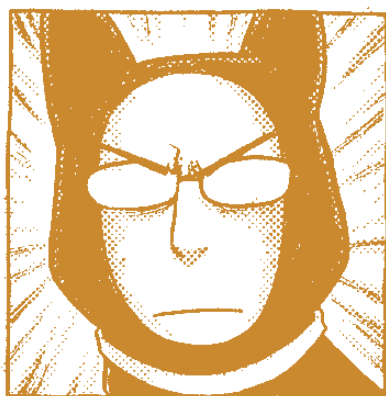
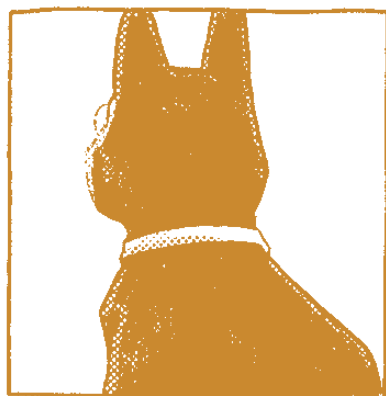
maid of honor



don't get any ideas, mom

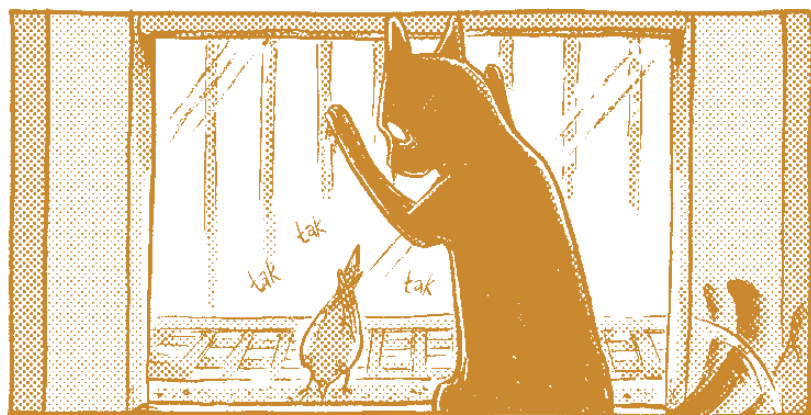
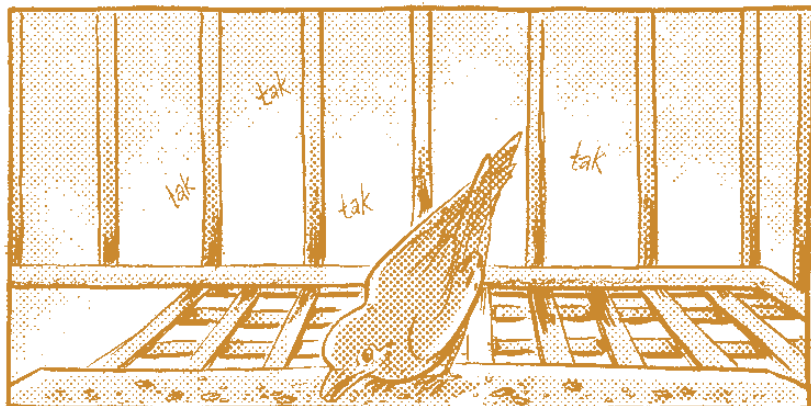






happy april fools.!

carnivore-blocked



the return of sweetie pie



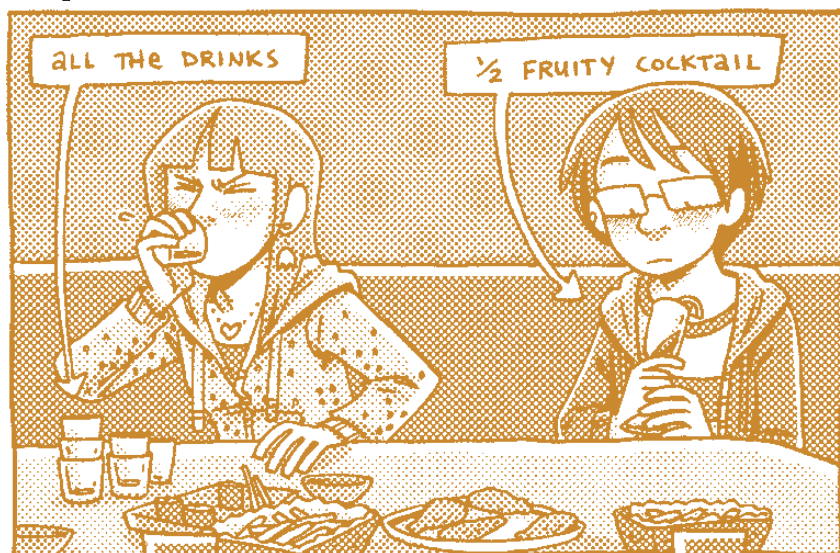
5 Days Later:



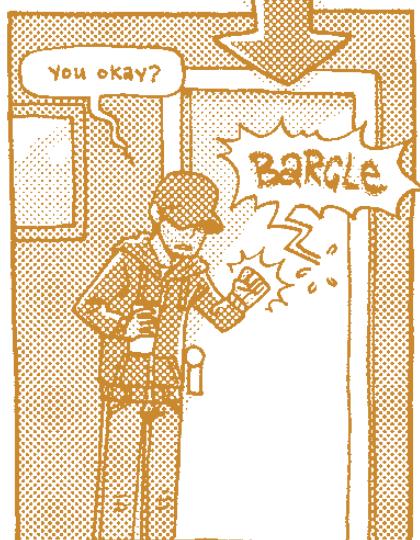
cake sagan



bargle



THE NEXT DAY

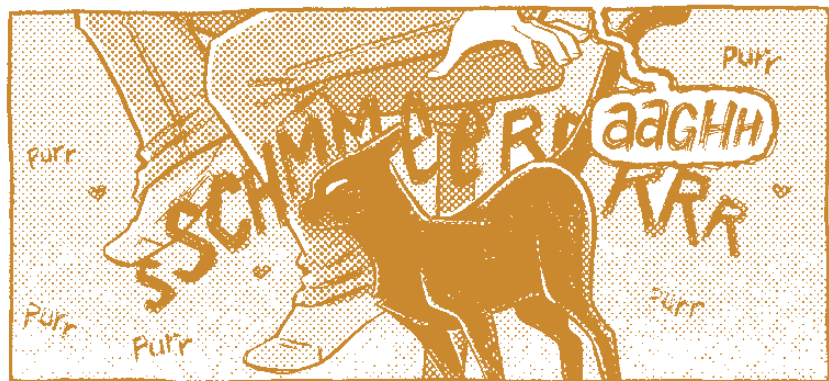
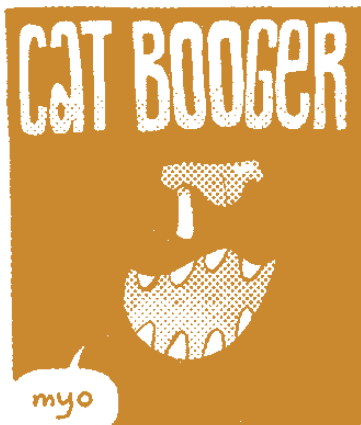
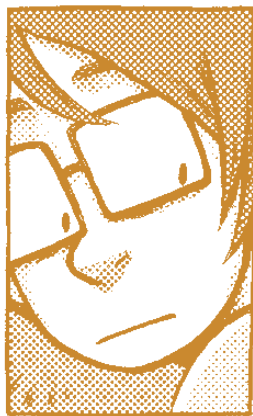
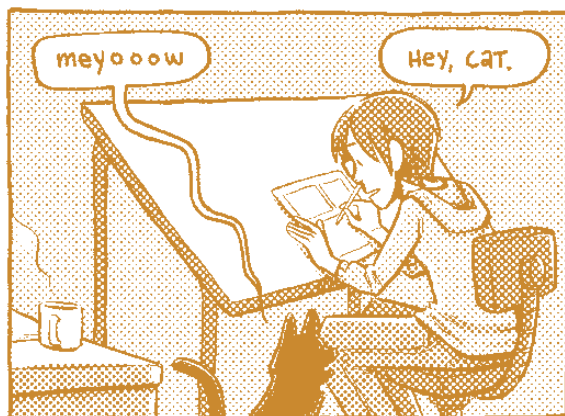


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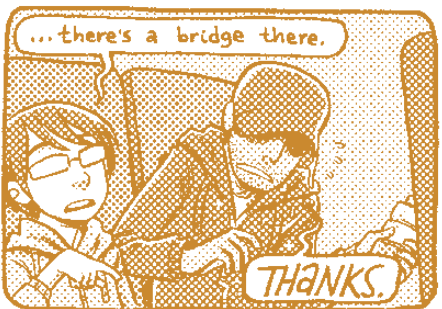
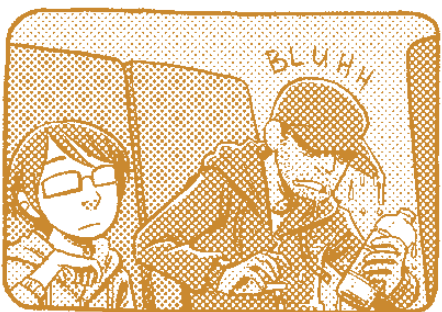
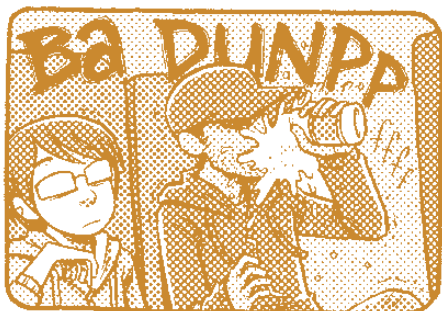
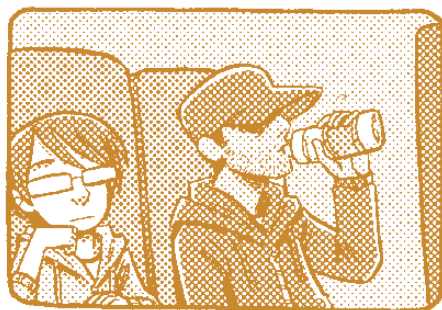
thanks, nihilism dad



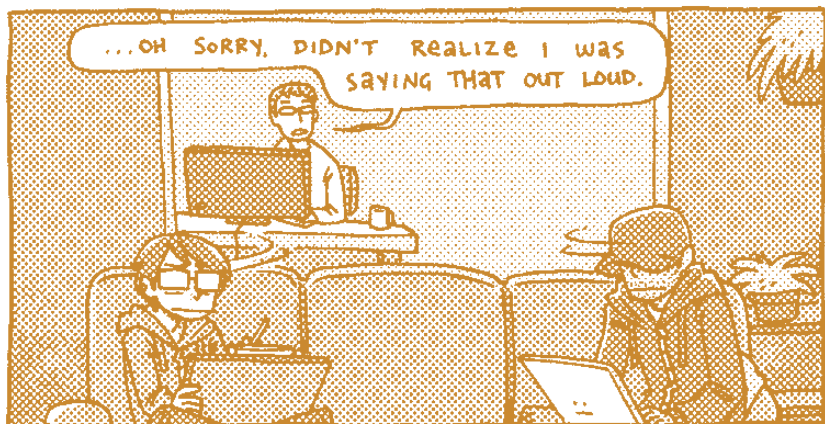
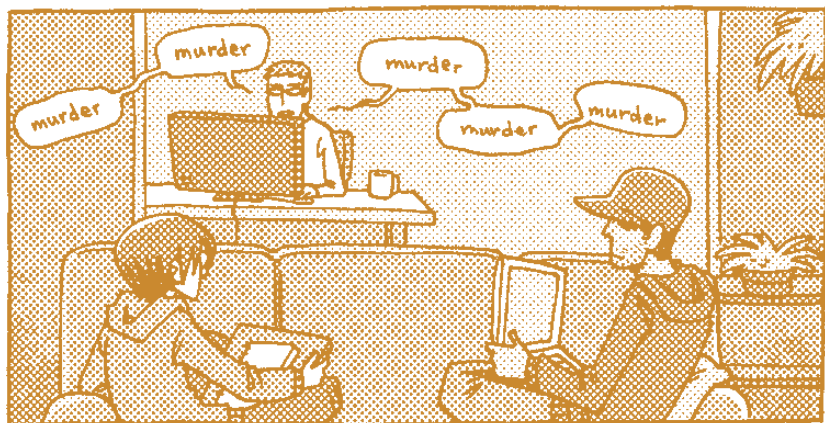
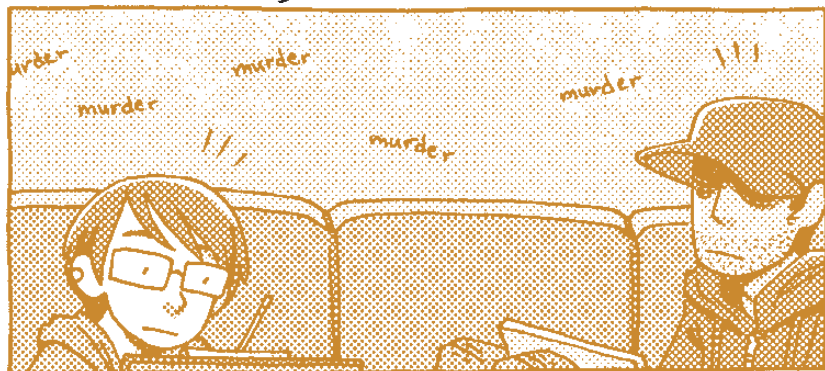
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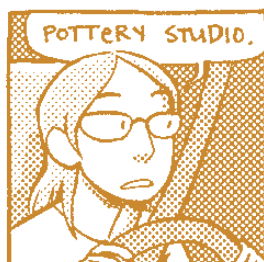
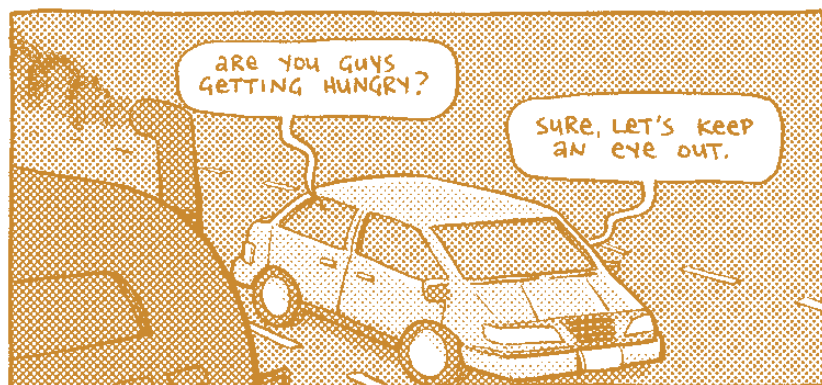
drinking problem



the call is coming from inside the houssee

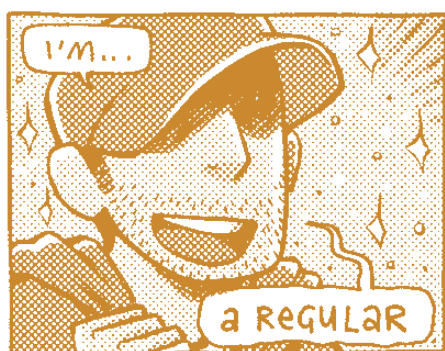
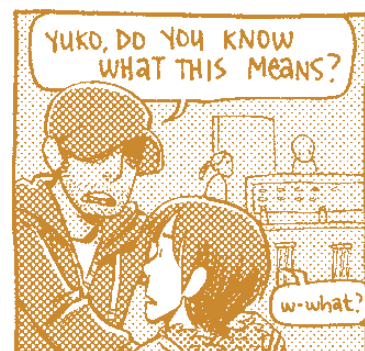
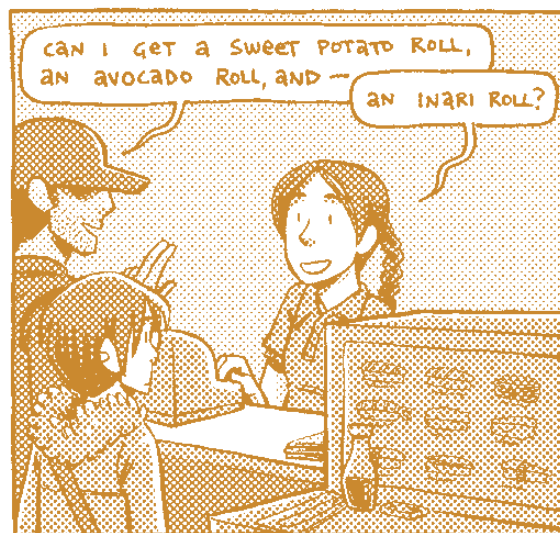


gas station snacks for dinner

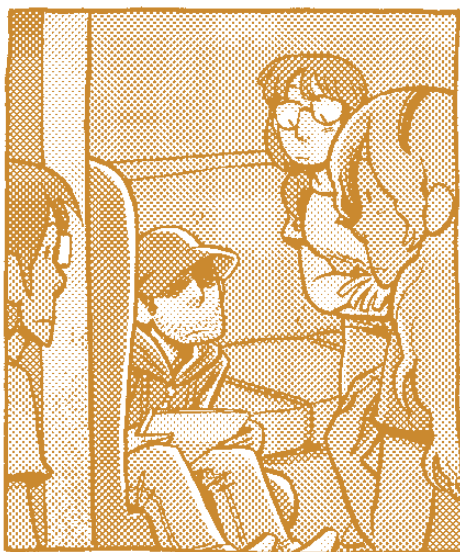
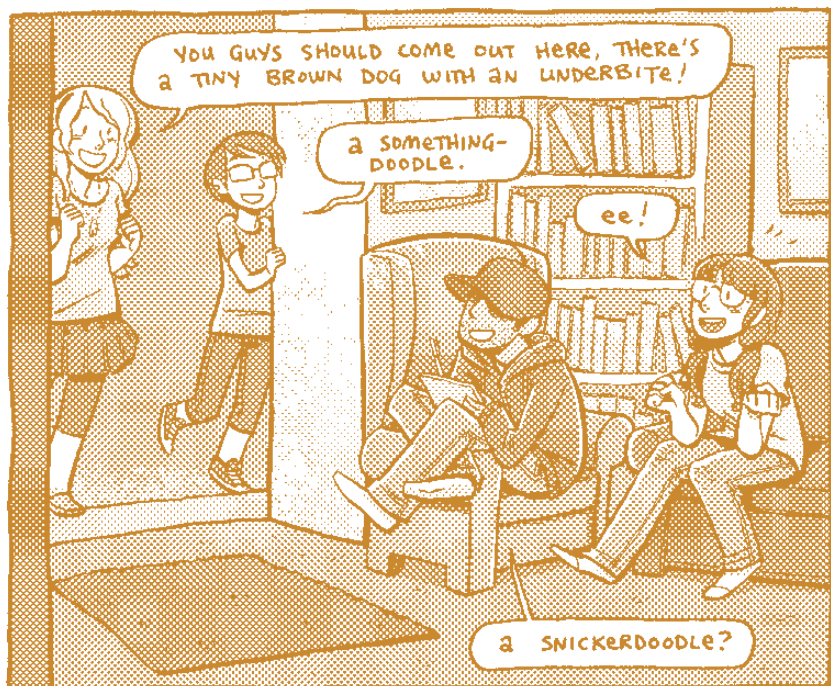


BUT NO FOOD.

where everybody knows your name



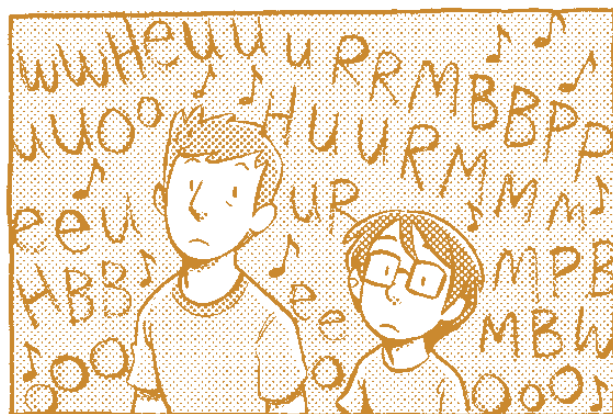
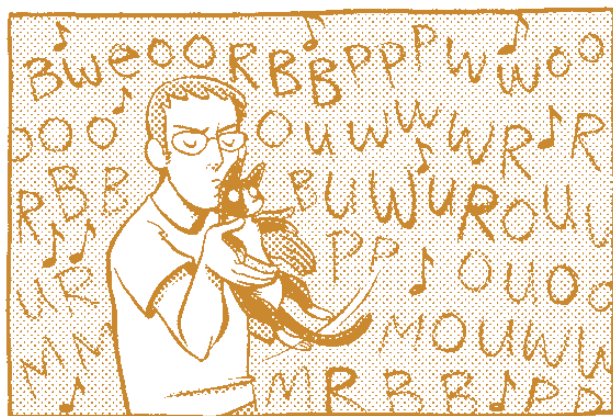
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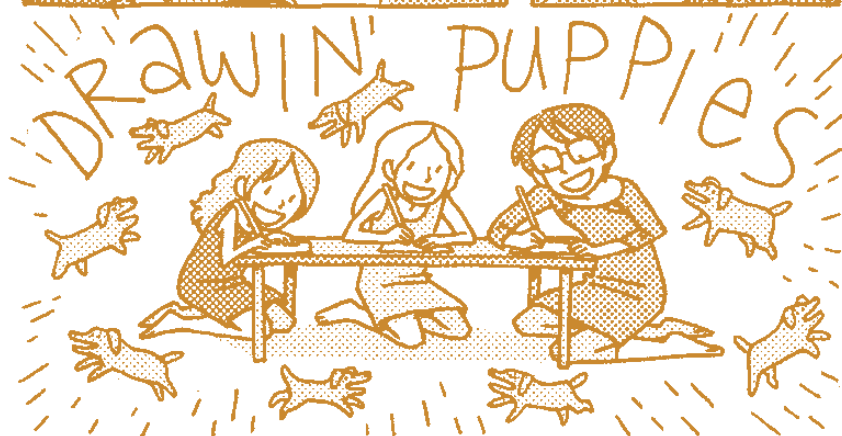
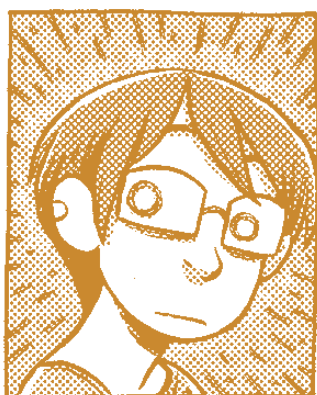
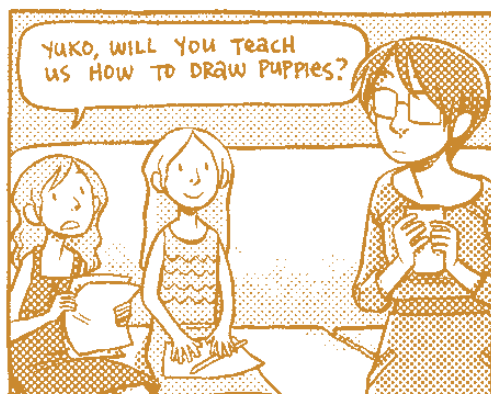
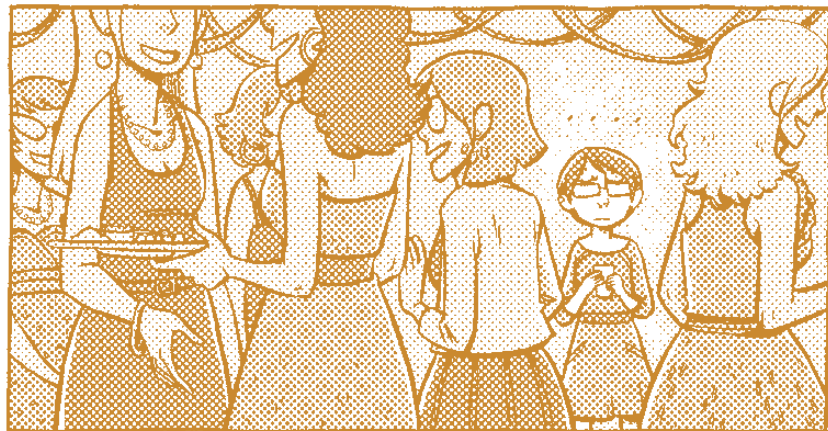
OH GOD, I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT DOGS AND EVERYTHING ABOUT COOKIES



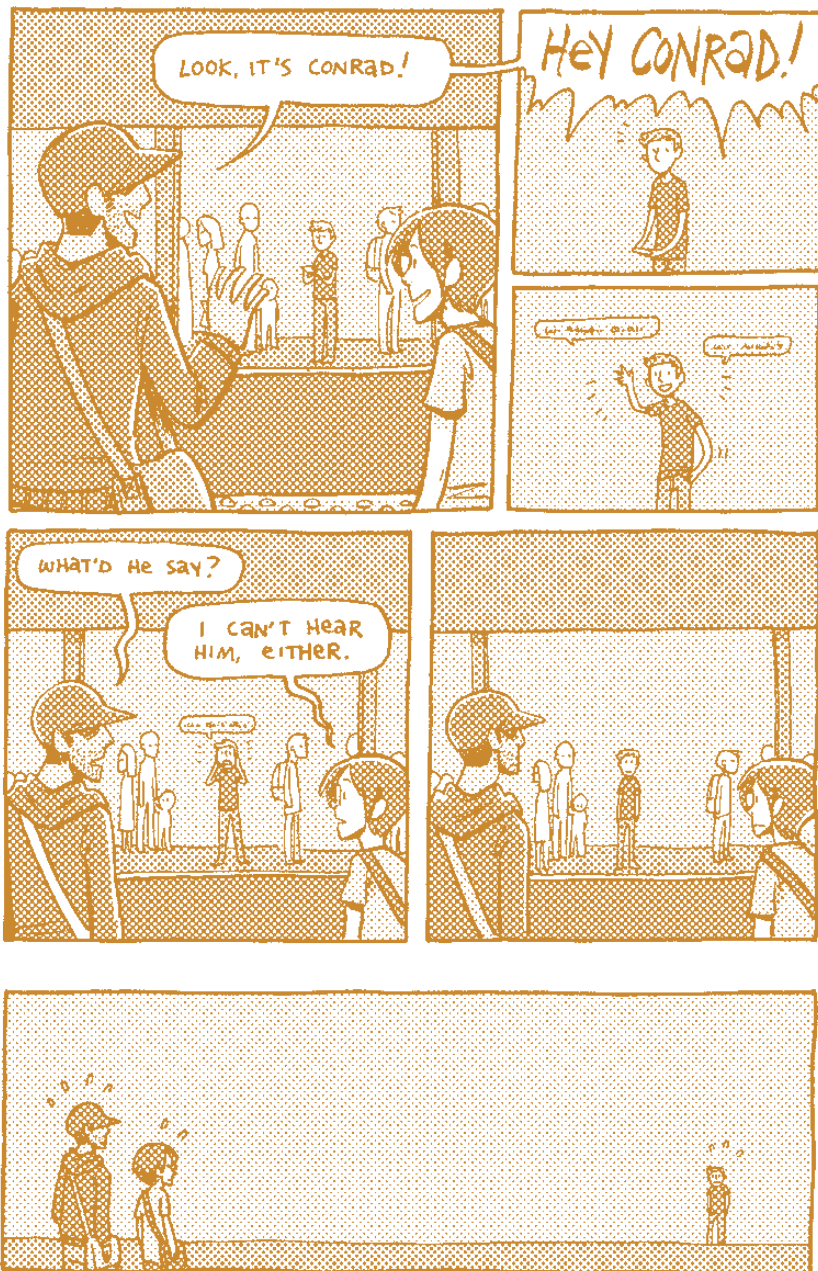
saxocat



puppy shower



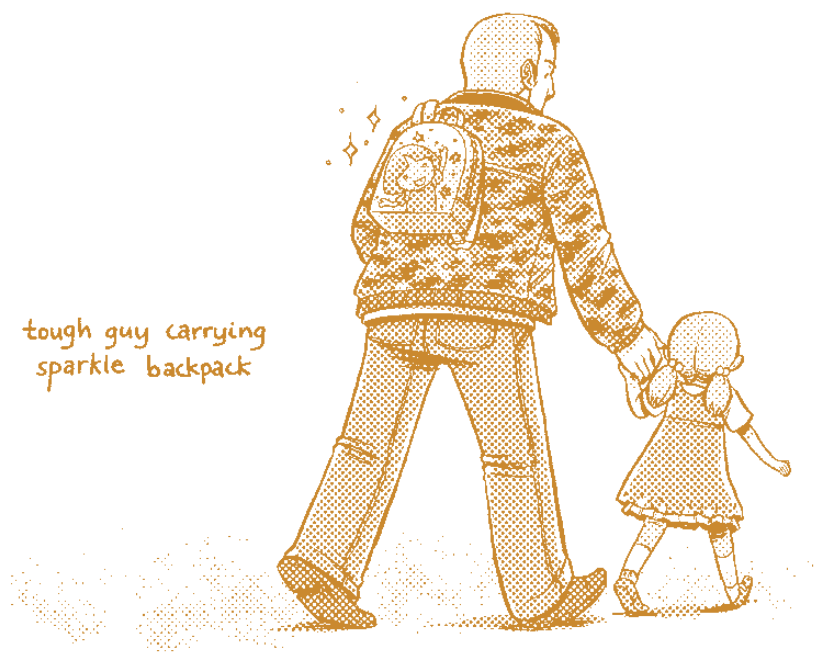
should have learned flag semaphore



a few of my favorite things: TOUGH GUY EDITION



tough guy carrying
sparkle backpack



THAT WEIRD ECTO-COOLER SMOOTHIE THING THAT JOHN MAKES:

BLEND TOGETHER:

THE BETTER PART
OF A 6oz BAG OF
FRESH SPINACH

10-15 FRESH
MINT LEAVES

A HALF (or more)
CAN OF FROZEN
WHITE GRAPE JUICE
CONCENTRATE

and a can of
ginger ale if
you want

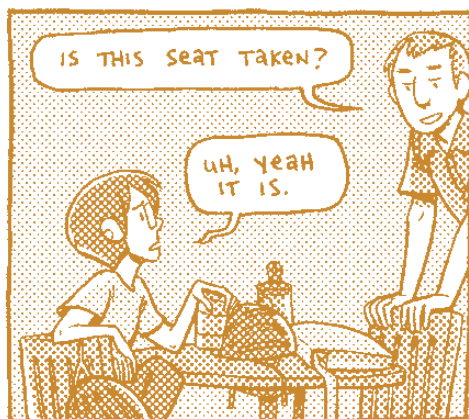
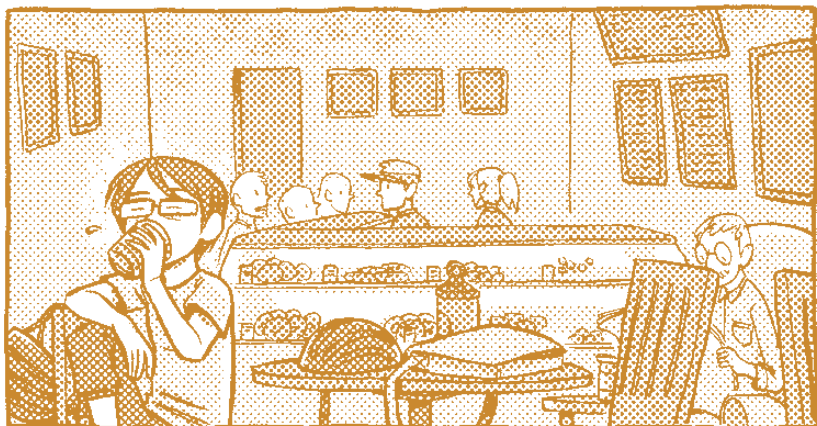
then fill
the blender
with ice

and
blend
that, too

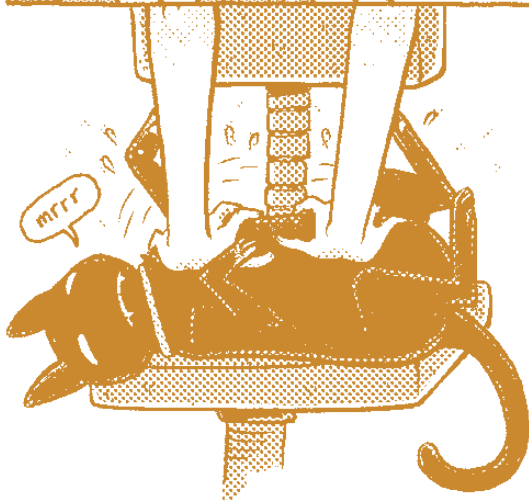
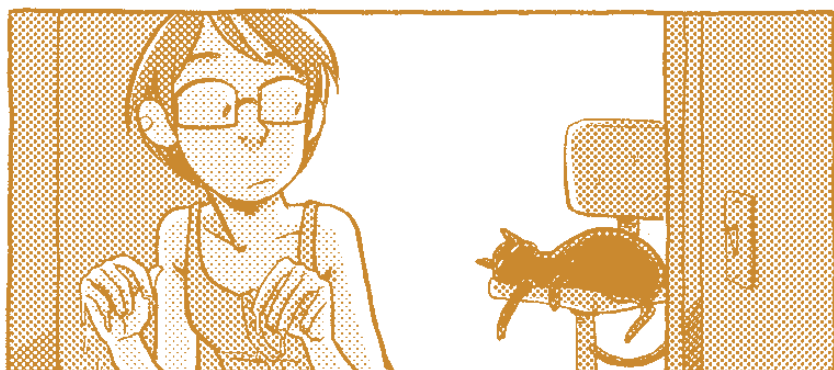
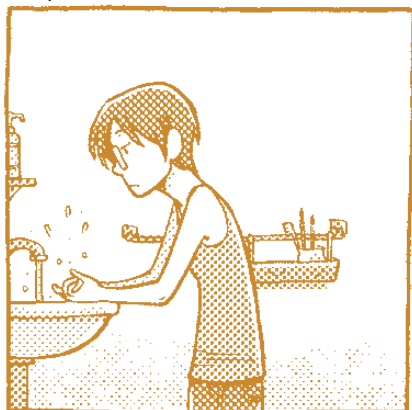
NO SERIOUSLY IT'S REALLY GOOD
YOU GOTTA BELIEVE US



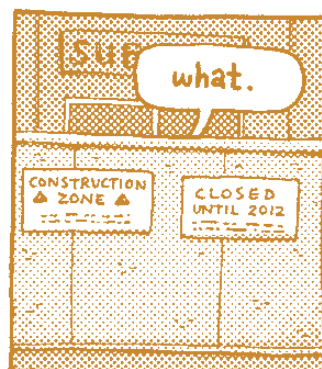
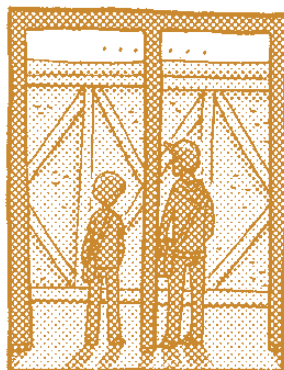
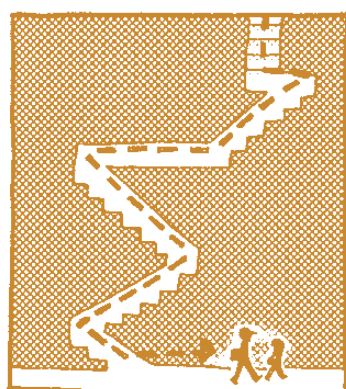
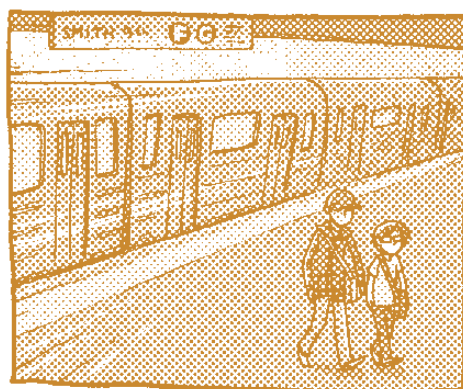
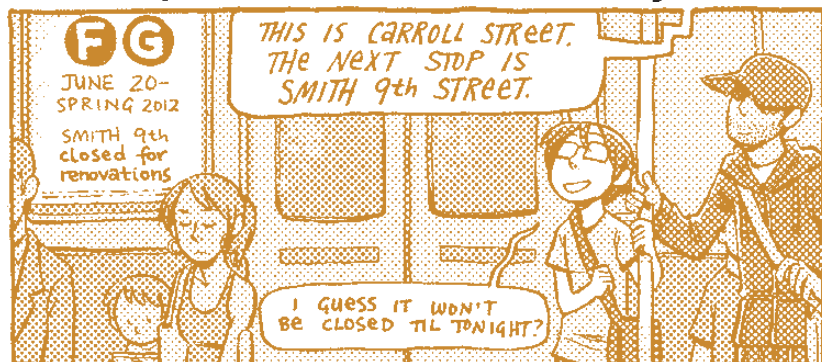
another day, another person mistaking yuko for a teenager



nope



good thing we just took up rock climbing



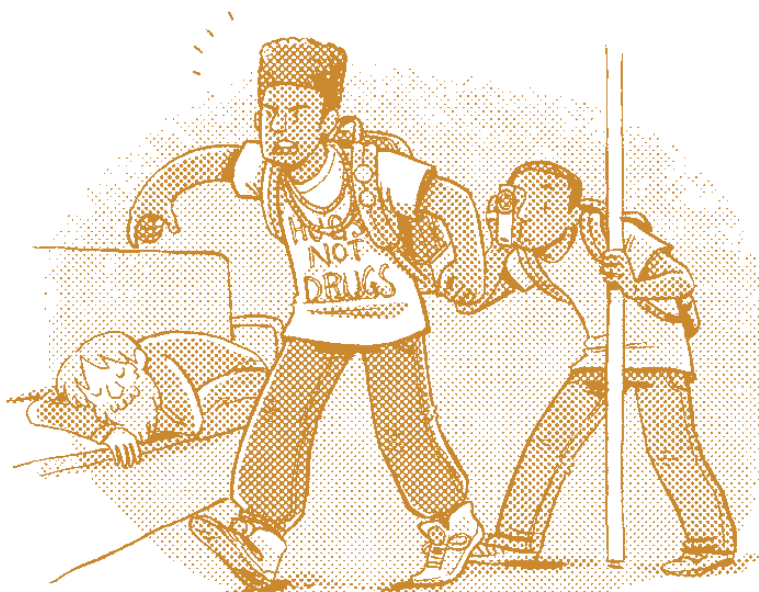
AND SO:



a few of my favorite things: SUBWAY MUSICIANS VERSION

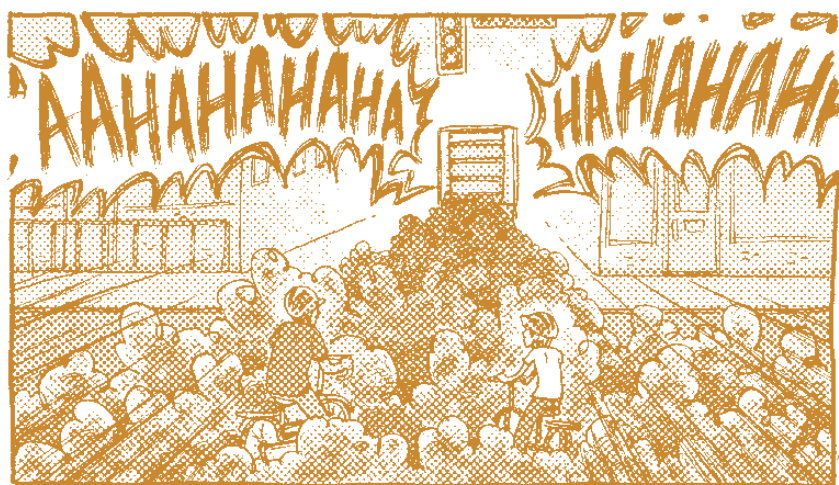
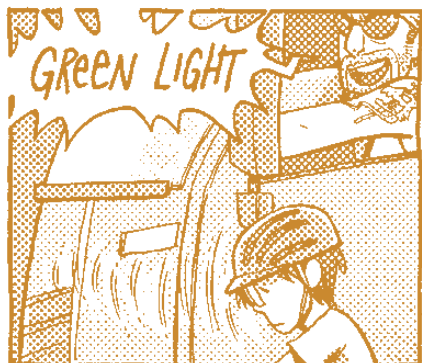
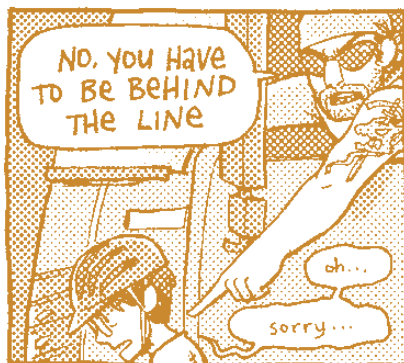
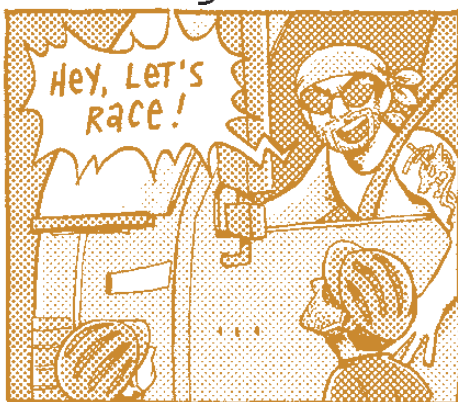
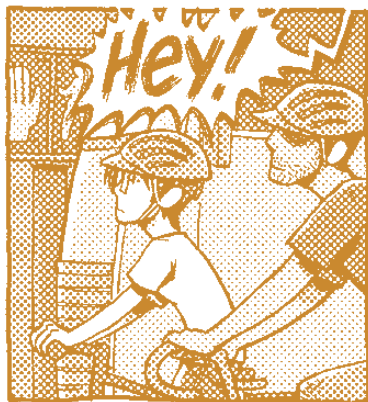


FIVE-PIECE MARIACHI BAND IN FULL REGALIA



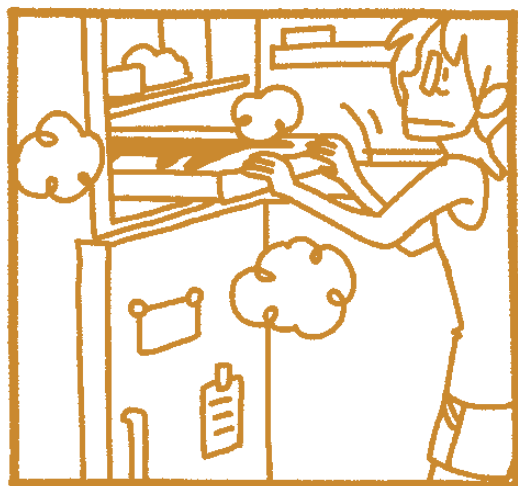
TIME-TRAVELING '80S RAPPER
(I didn't know they still made those shirts)

the time we drag-raced hulk hogan



cat ice tray

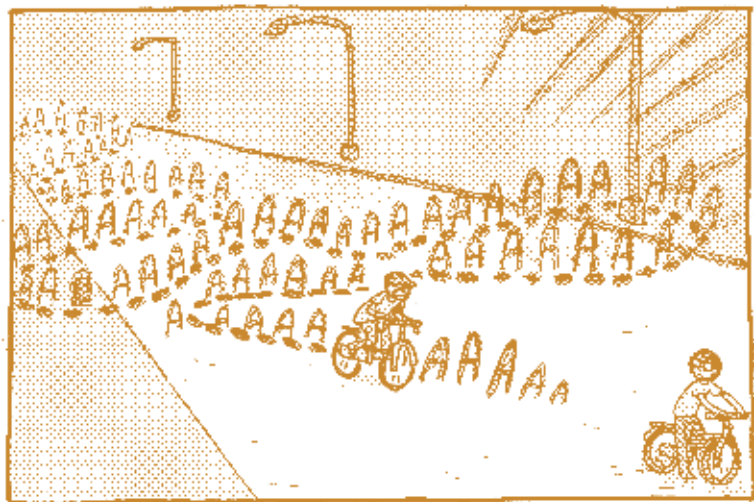




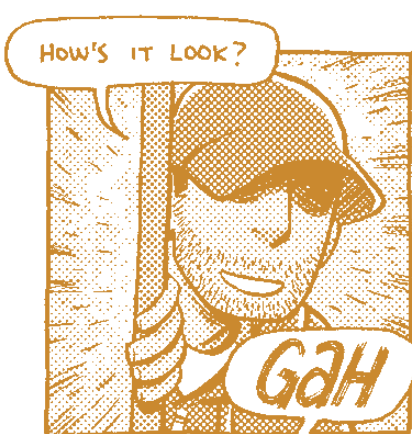
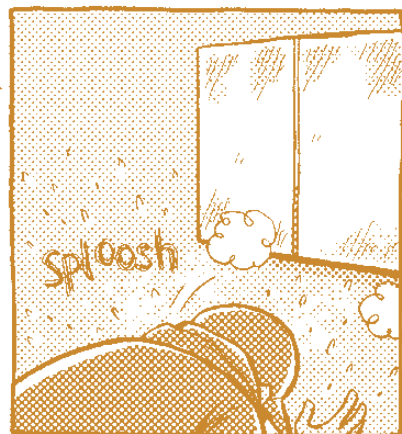
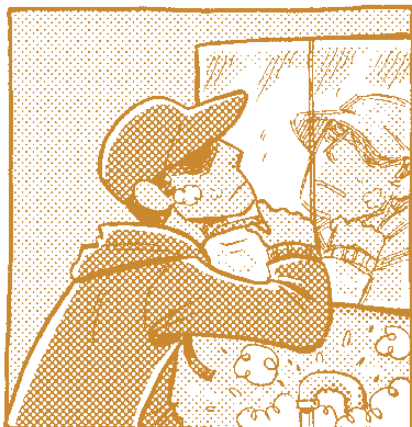
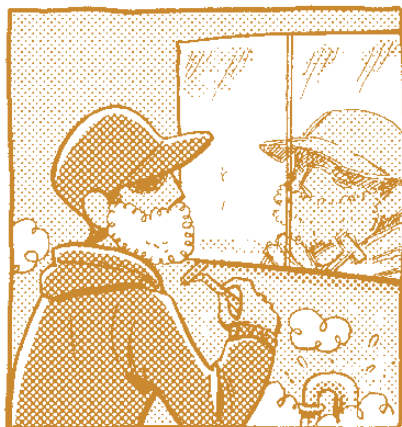
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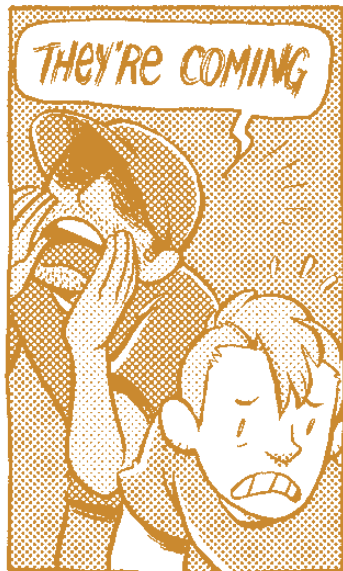
not the first, not the last



every o'clock shadow



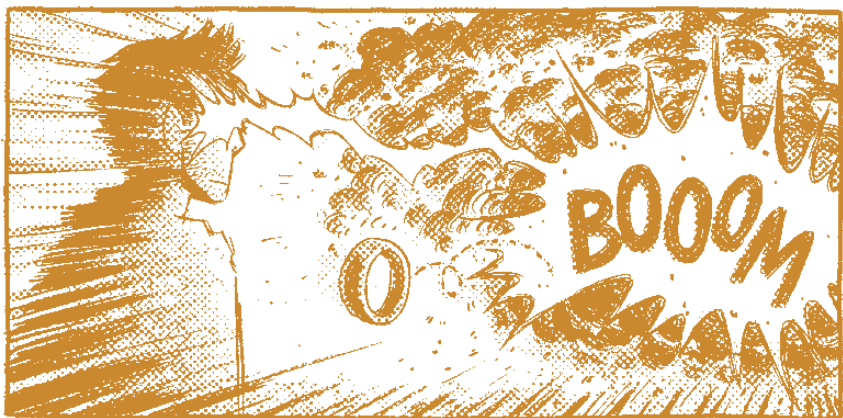
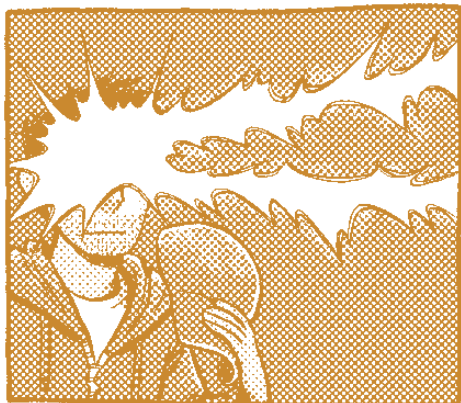
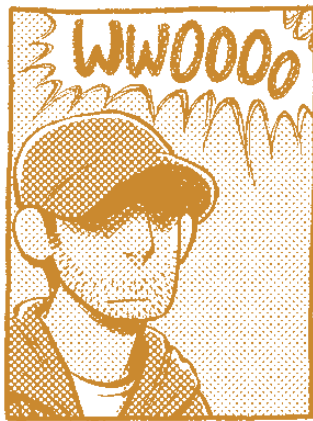
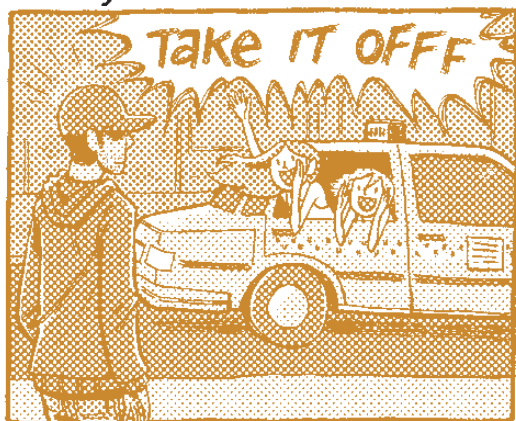
save yourself



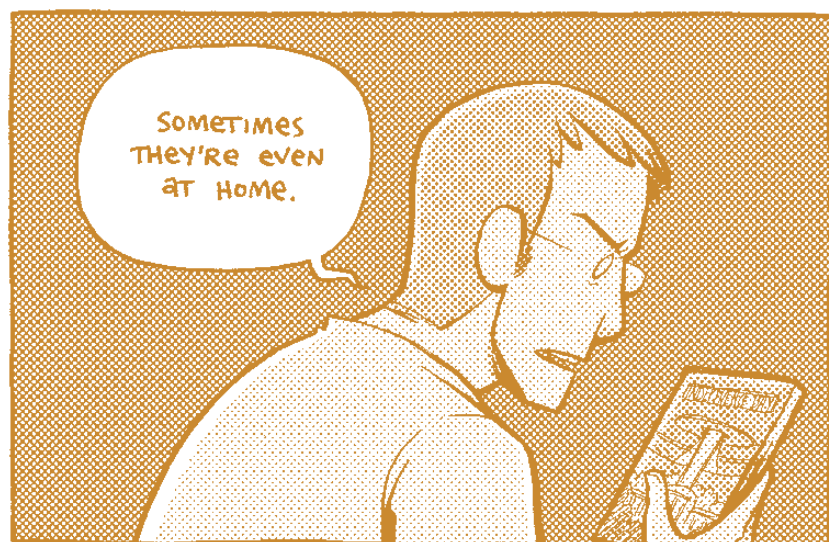
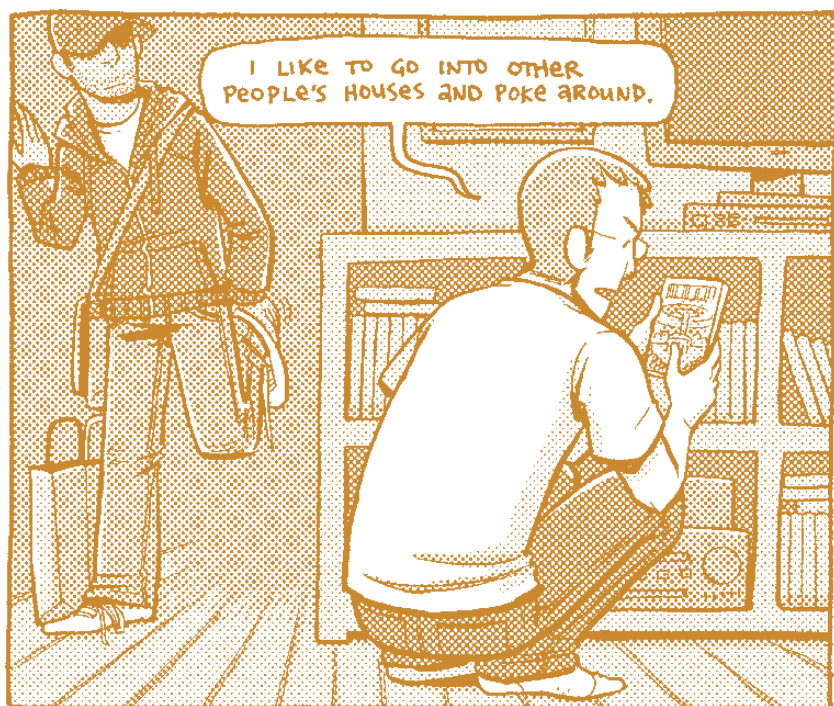
stoppit, cat-dad

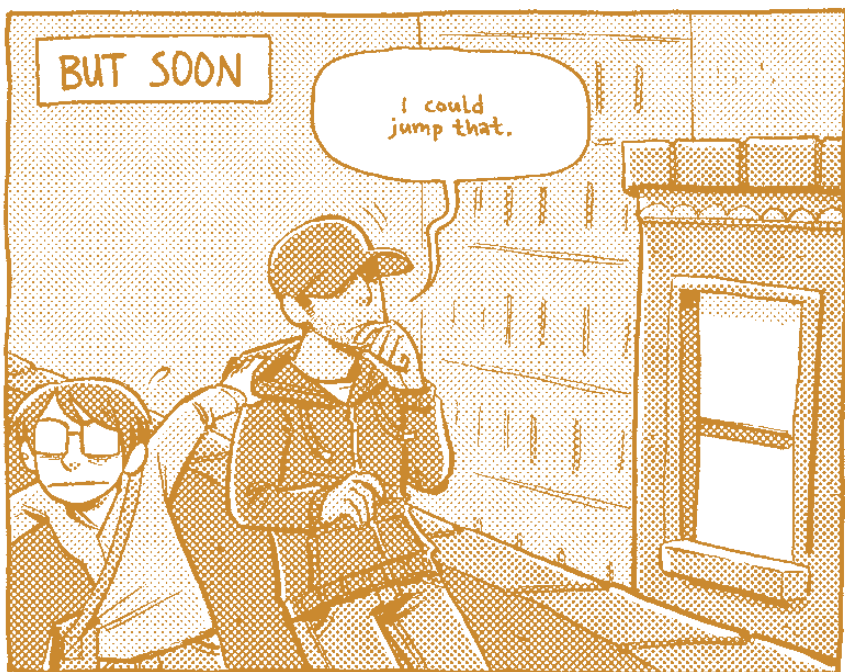
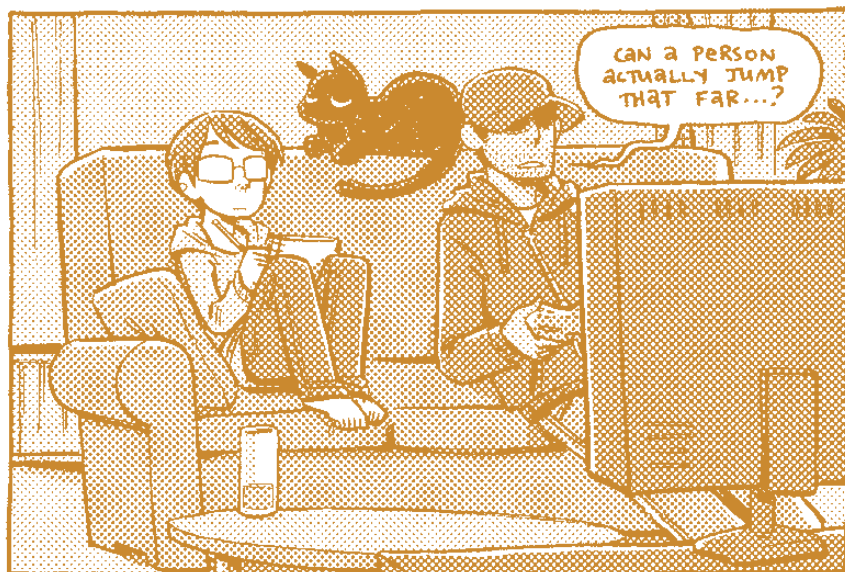


taking it off

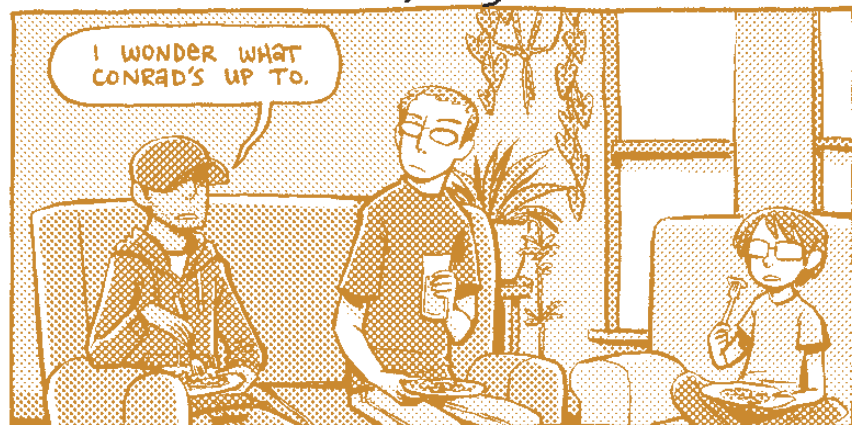


Lock your doors

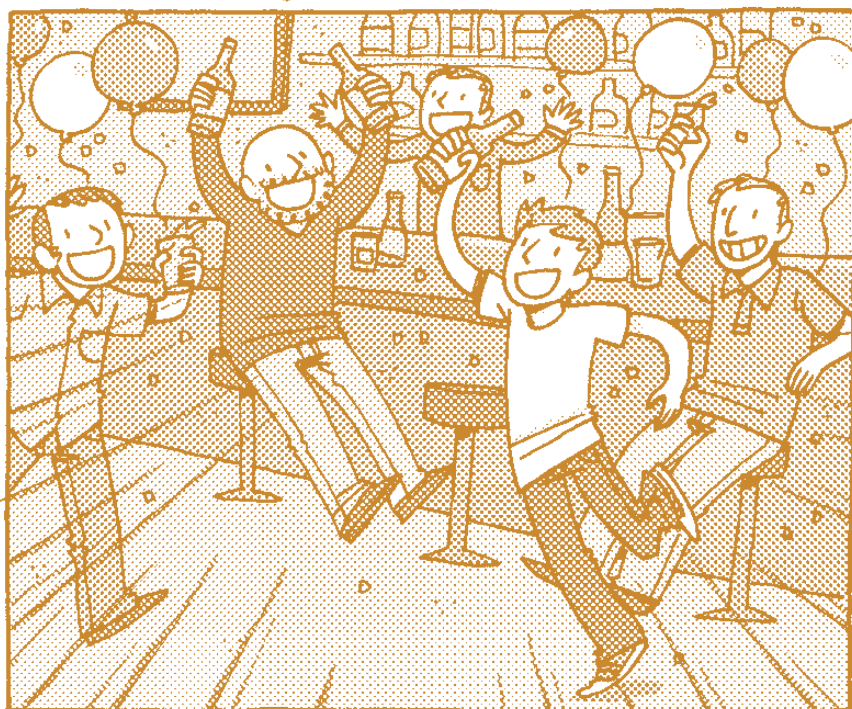




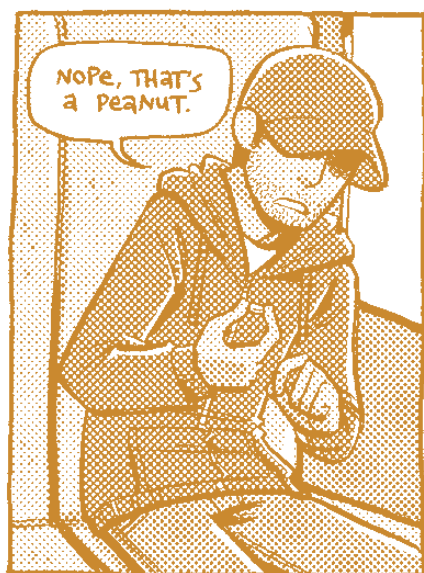
international man of mystery



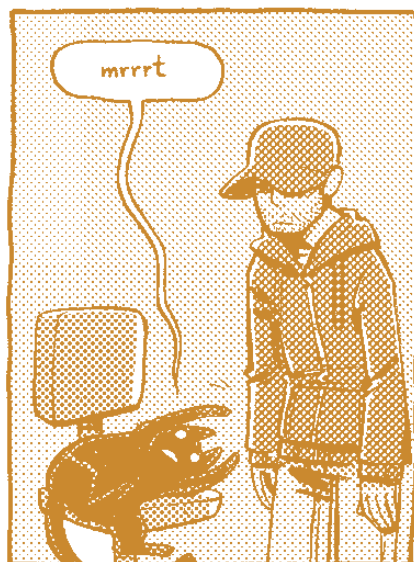
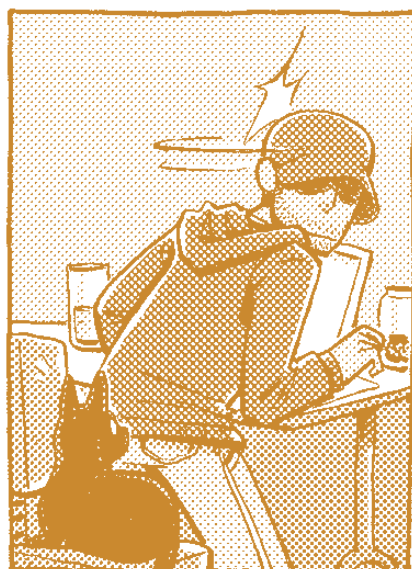
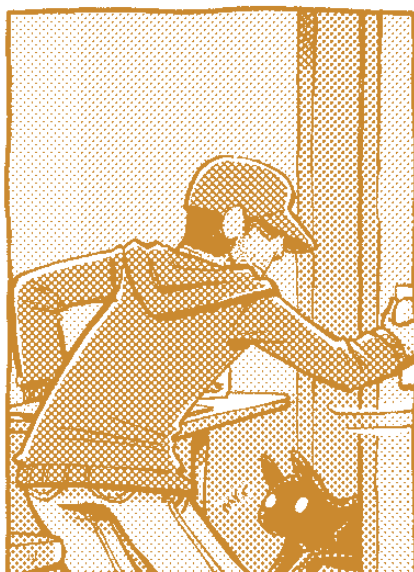
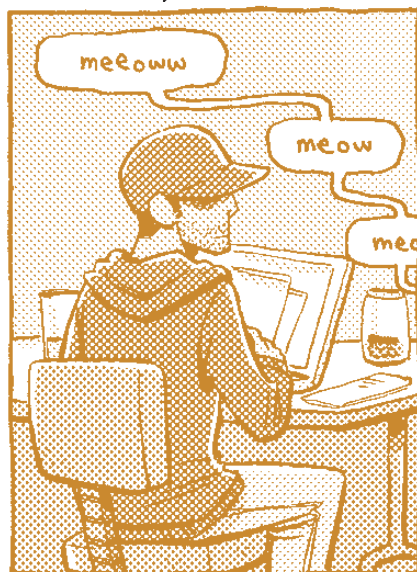
MEANWHILE IN TAIPEI



magical buried treasure



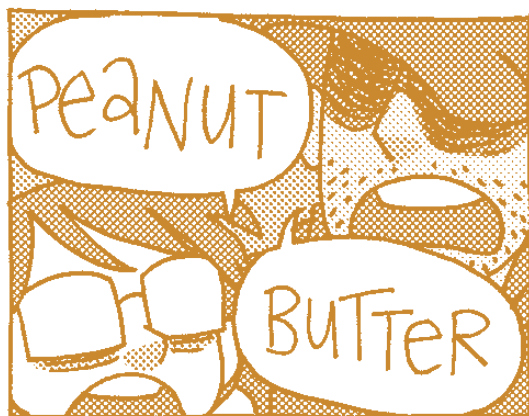
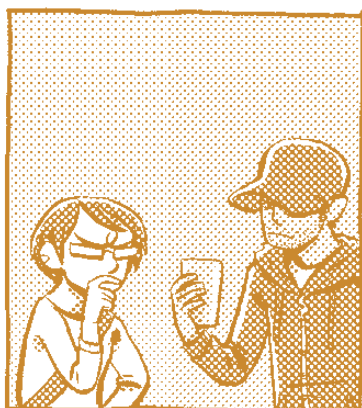
chair sniper



why did they put them all next to each other



peanut blarghr

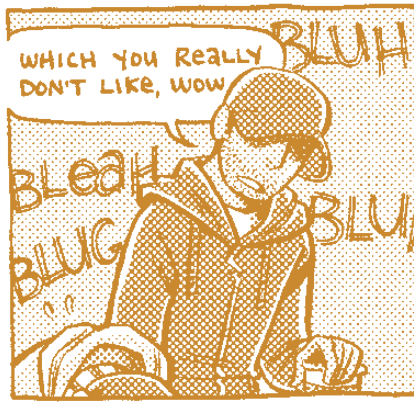
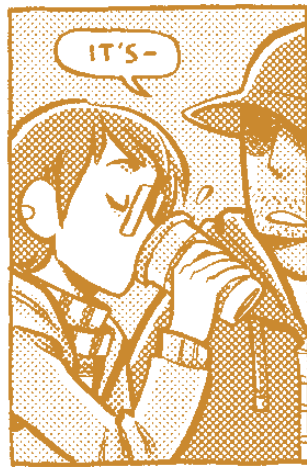
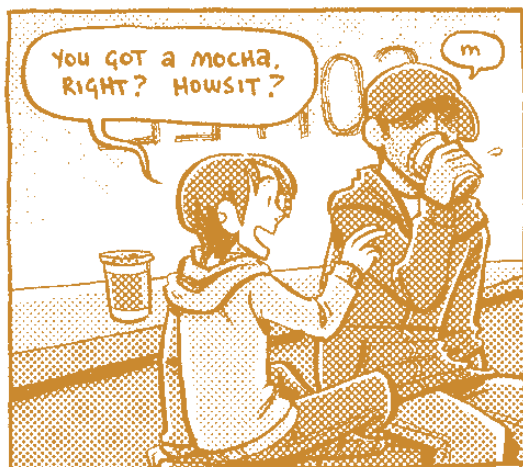


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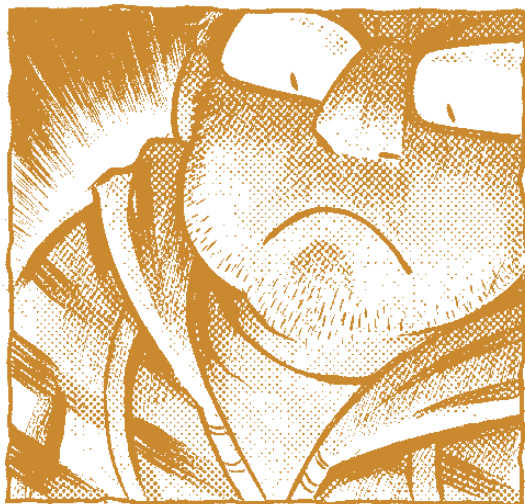
DURATION OF WEEKEND



peppermint bargles



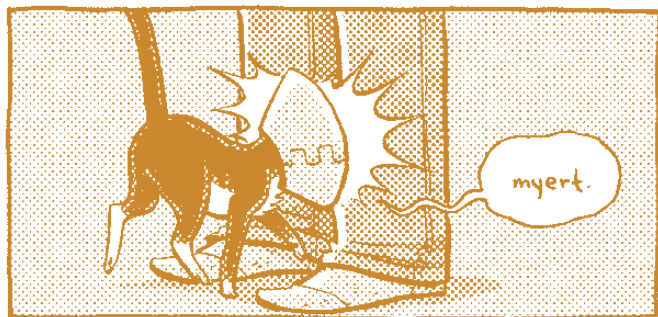
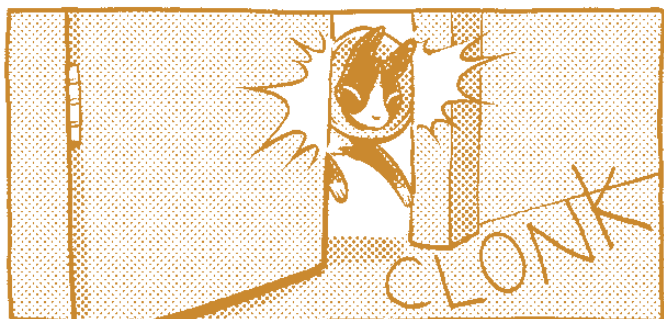
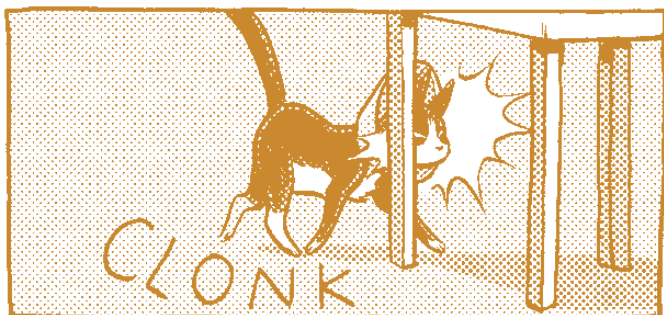
all freight elevators are haunted



party cone



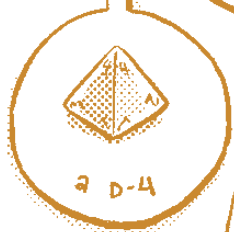
CRICKET GOT
SPAYED LAST
WEEK.



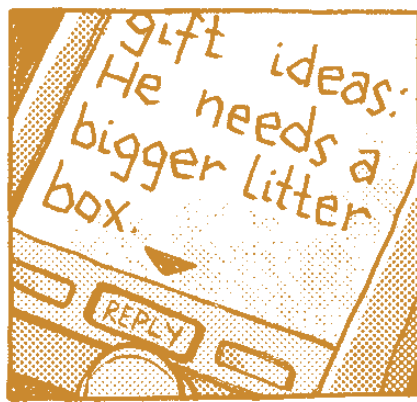
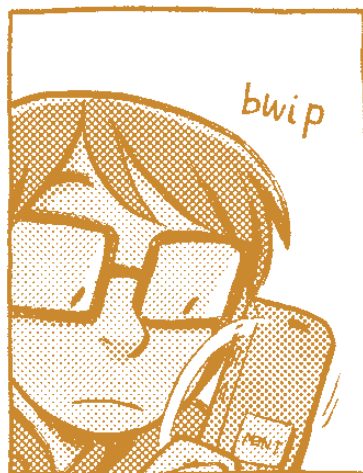
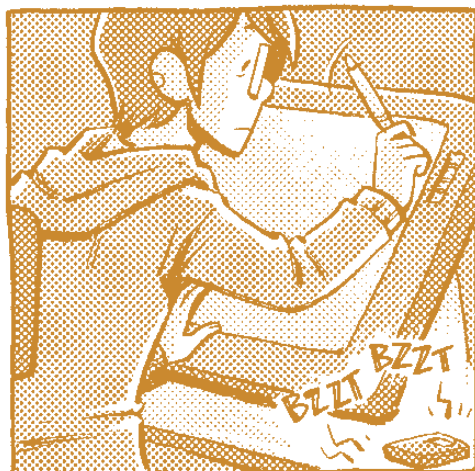
everything I own has grey stripes how did this happen



THINGS FOUND INSIDE MY WINTER COAT
~ from last year ~

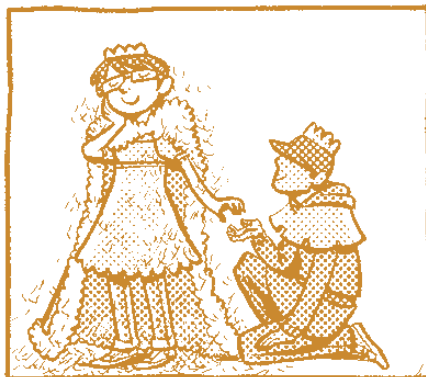
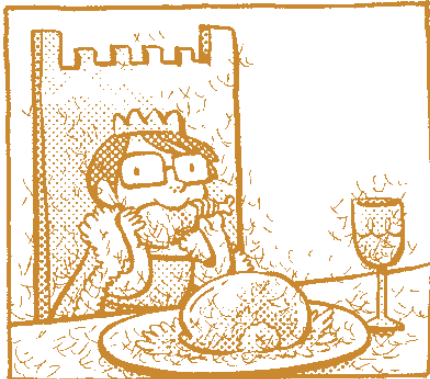
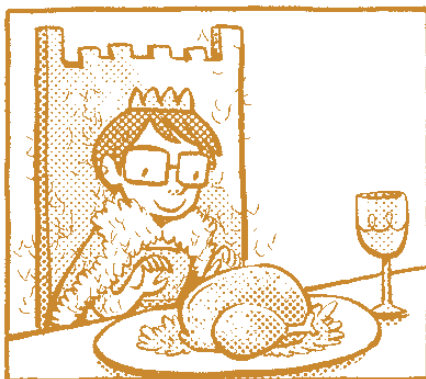
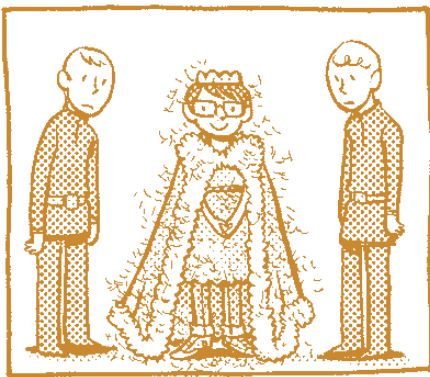
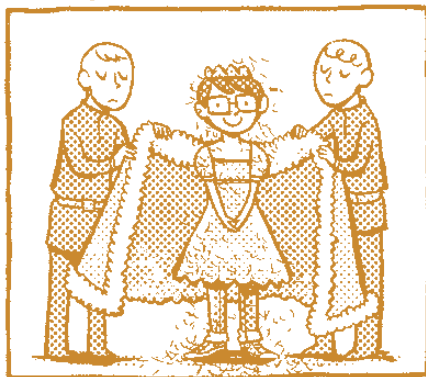


cat-rad

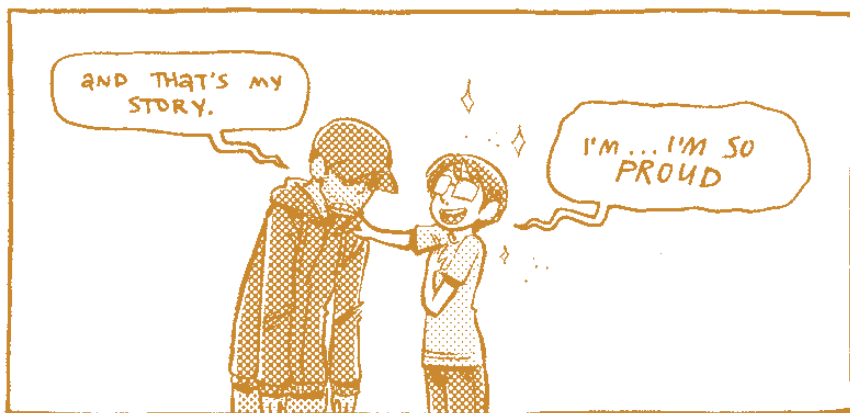


The Midas Touch

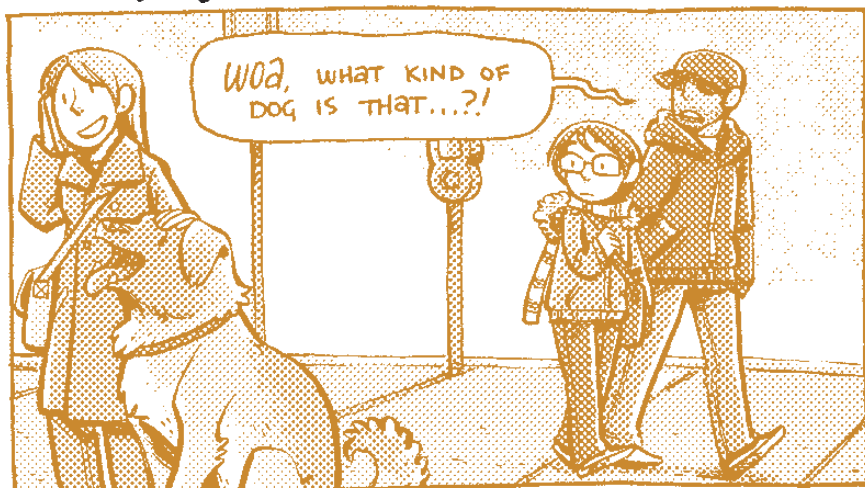
BUT WITH
CAT HAIR



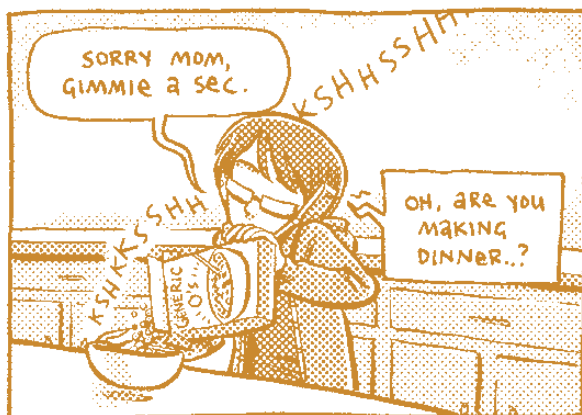
needs about ten packs of sugar



we are going to be best friends



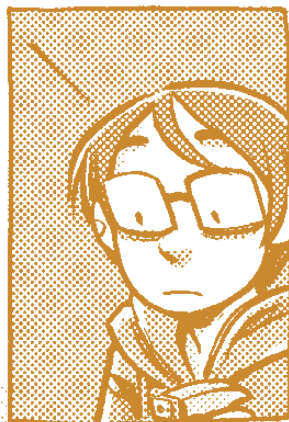
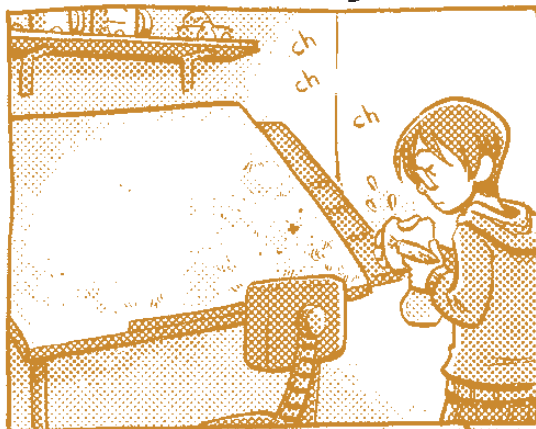
it runs in the family



laundry rich



teeny fractal buddy



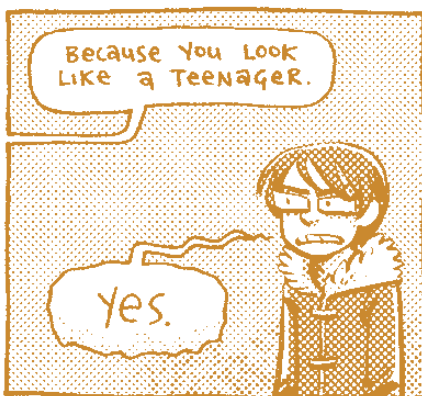
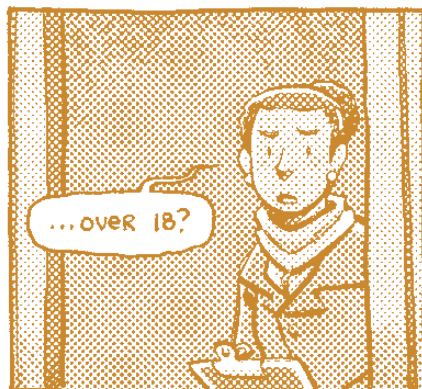
IT...

IT LOOKS JUST LIKE A MANDELBROT SET...

I CAN'T WASH
THAT
OFF
...

AND THEN
MY DESK
WAS NEVER
CLEAN
AGAIN.

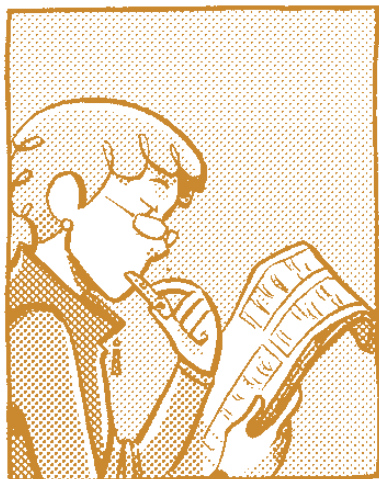
yes



roadtrip soundtrack



merry christmas, mom



LET'S MAKE A SANDWICH!



with yuko's dad

TAKE TWO SLICES OF LEFTOVER PIZZA

pepperoni



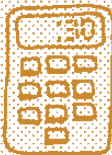
anchovy



COVER IN KIMCHI

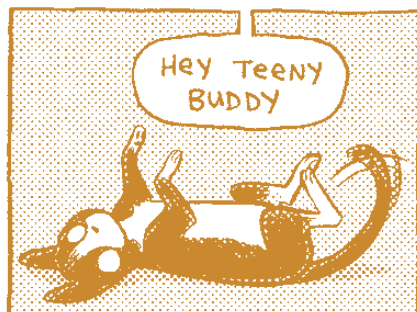


MICROWAVE

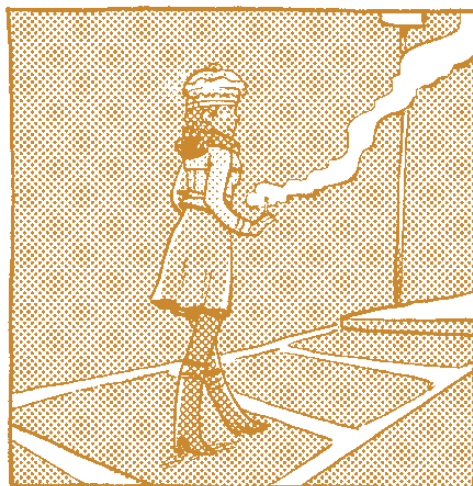


enjoy!

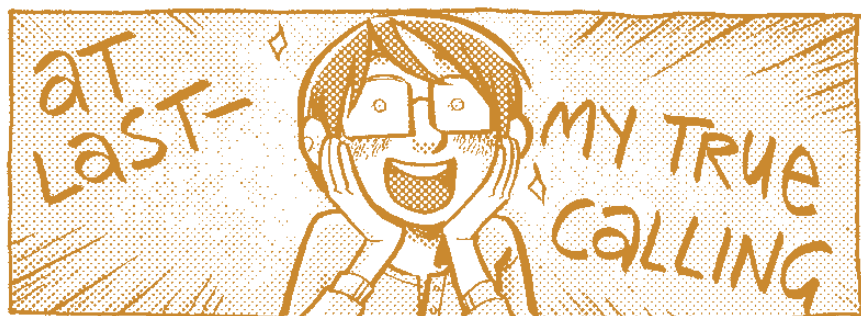
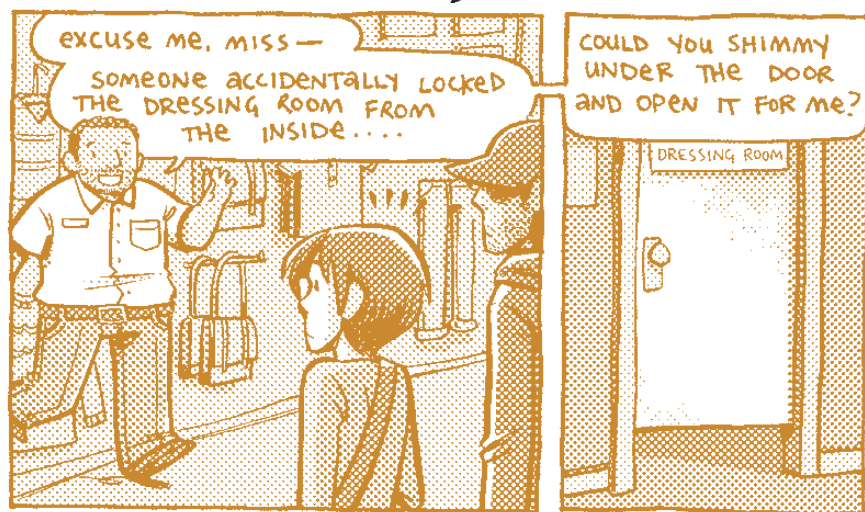
kitten of a hundred names



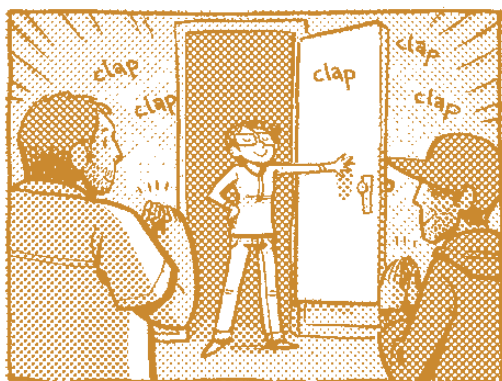
how can you be unhappy while wearing a cupcake hat



cat burglar in the making



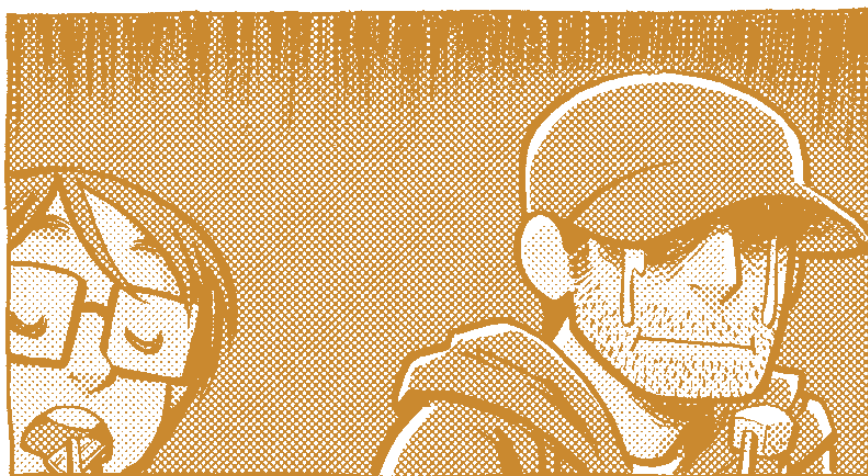
and
so:



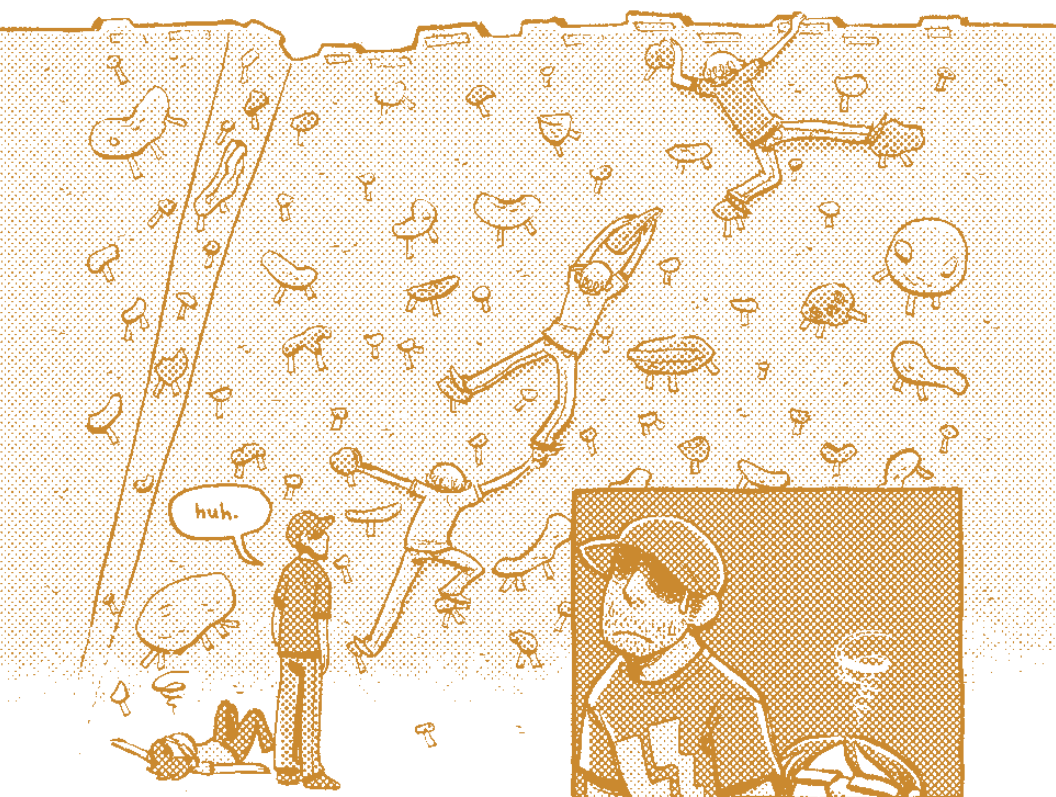
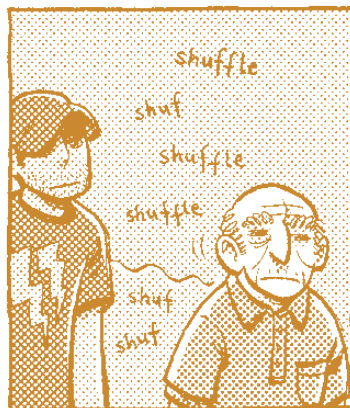
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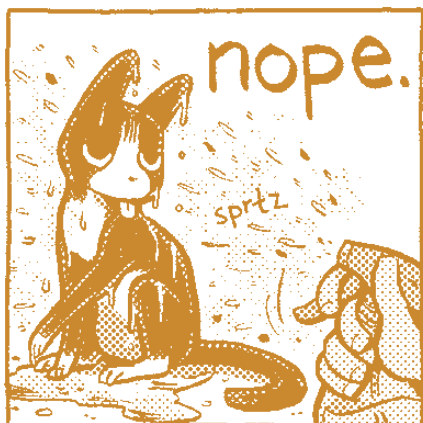
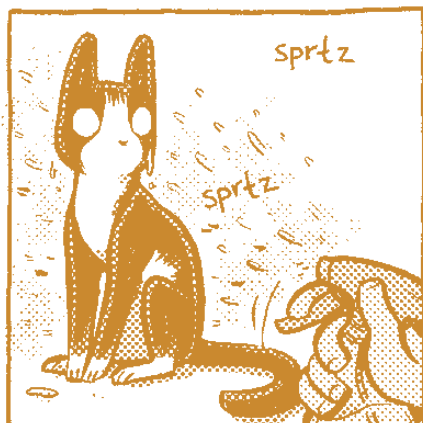
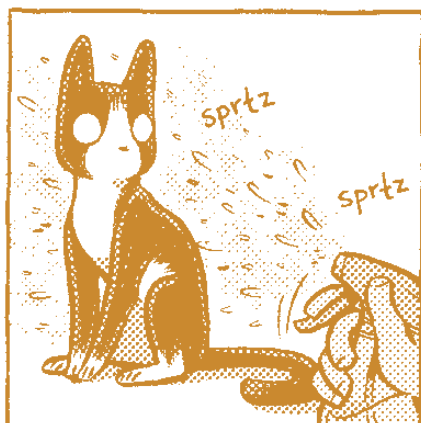
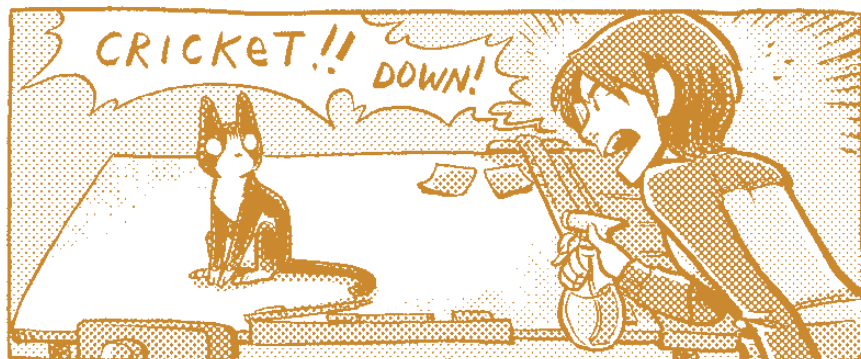
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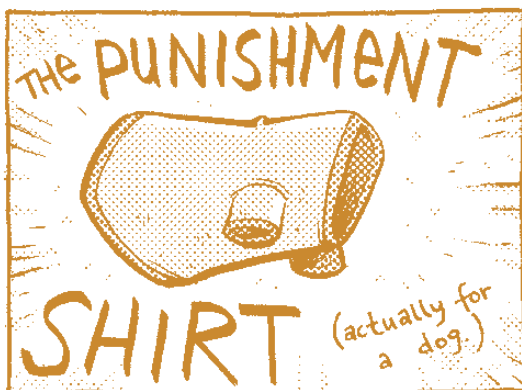
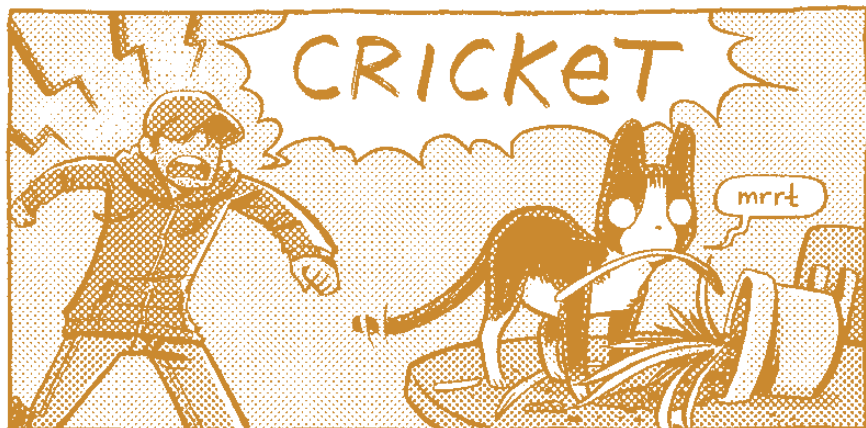
tai chi-ing up the wall



water cat



shirt cat

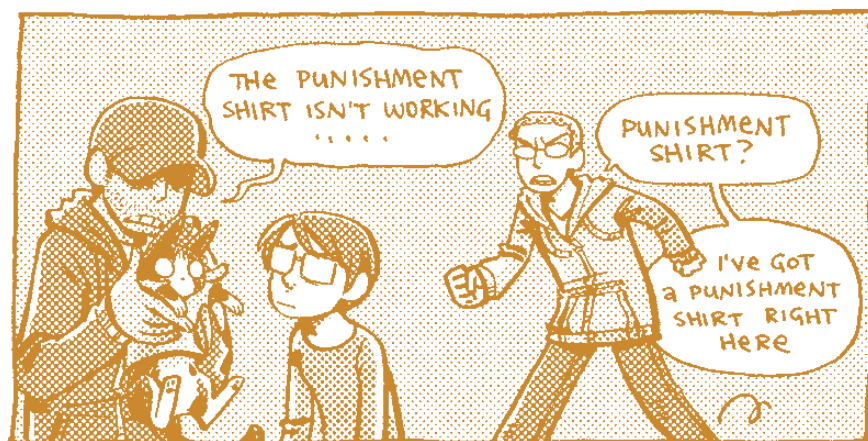


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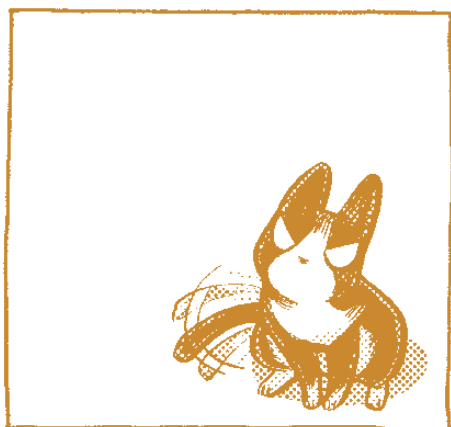
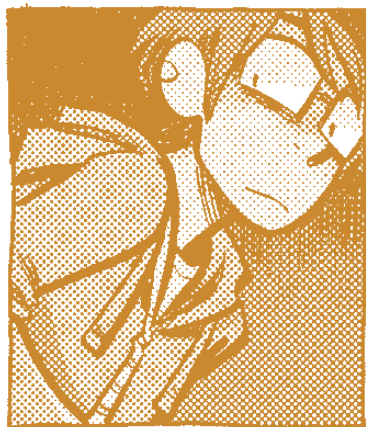
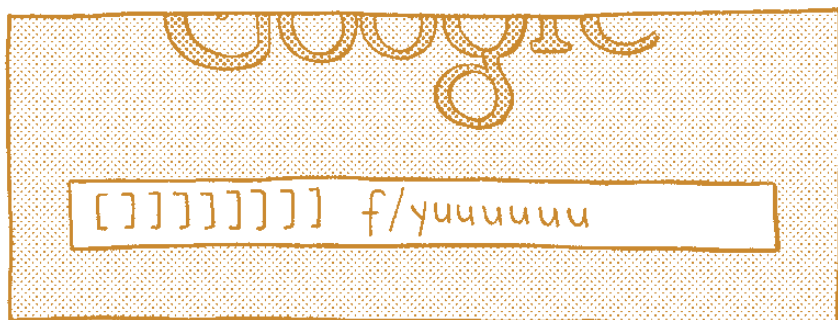
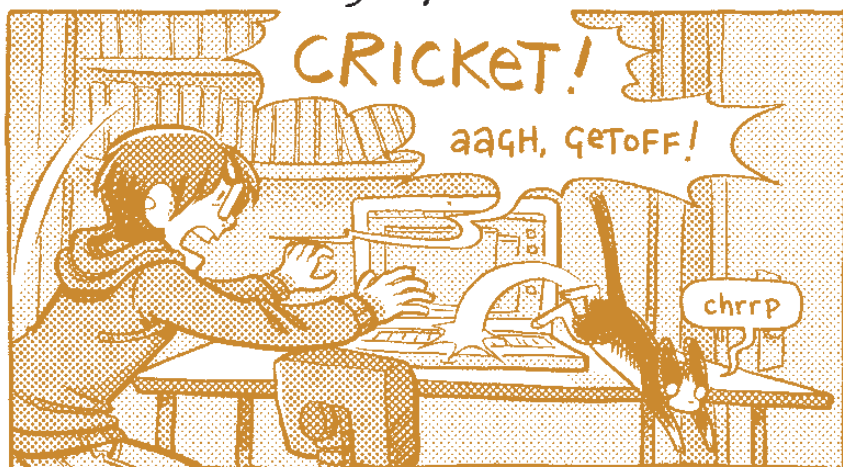


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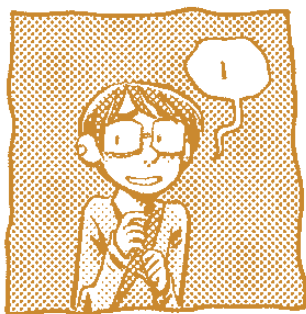
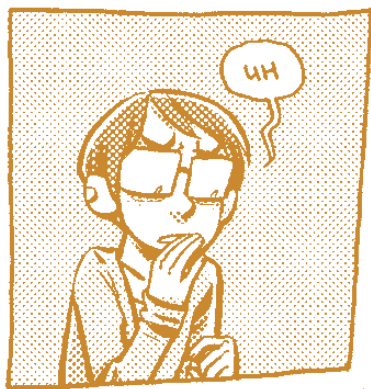
punishment shirt



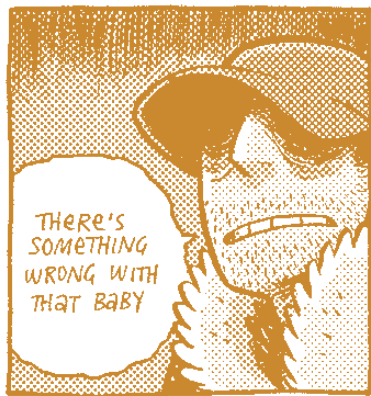
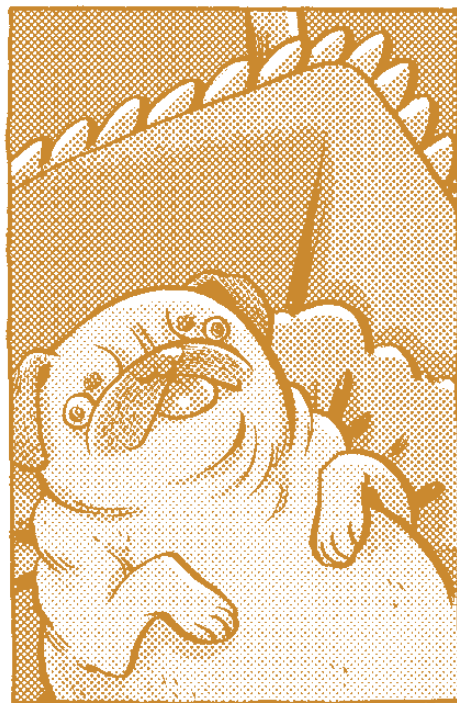
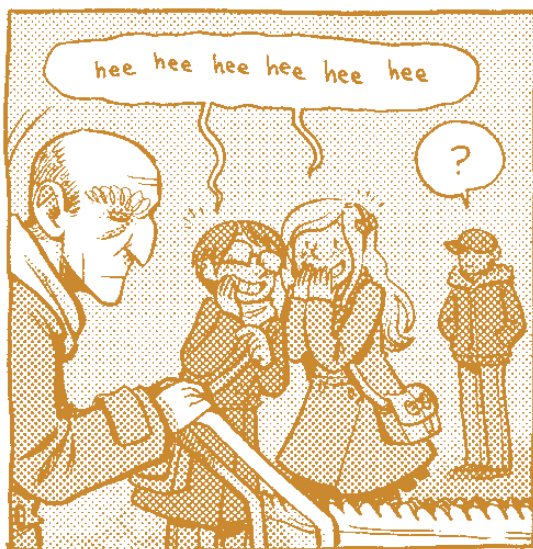
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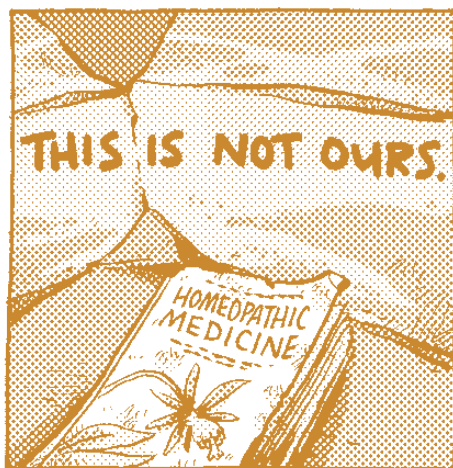
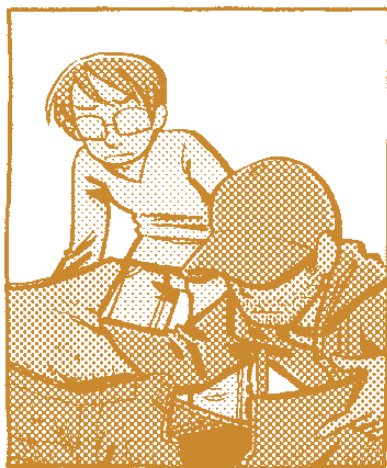
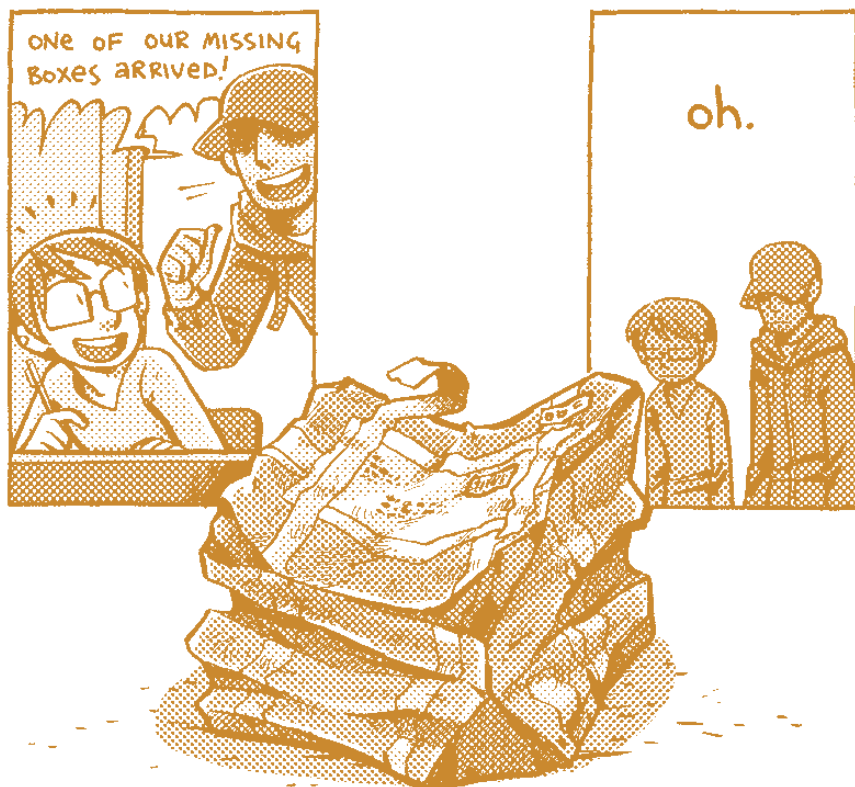
taking compliments like a pro with yuko



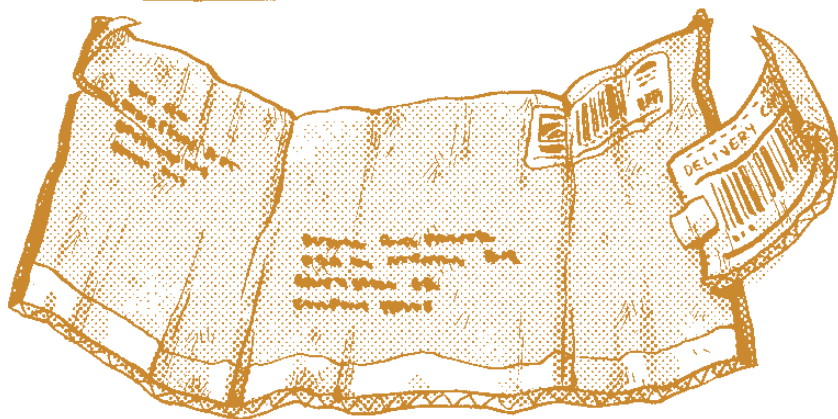
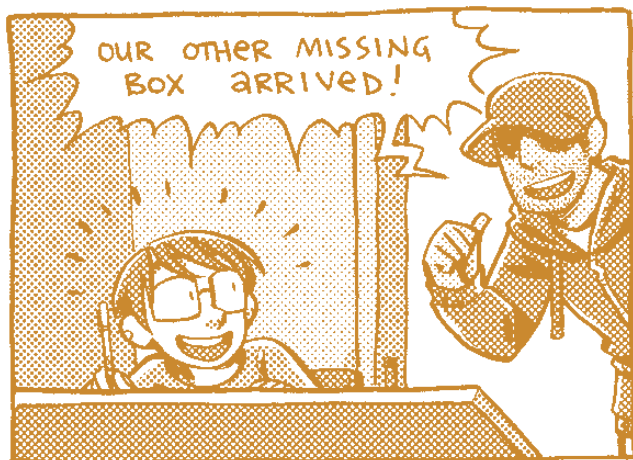
bassinet chariot



schrodinger's book



this is not my beautiful box



oh.



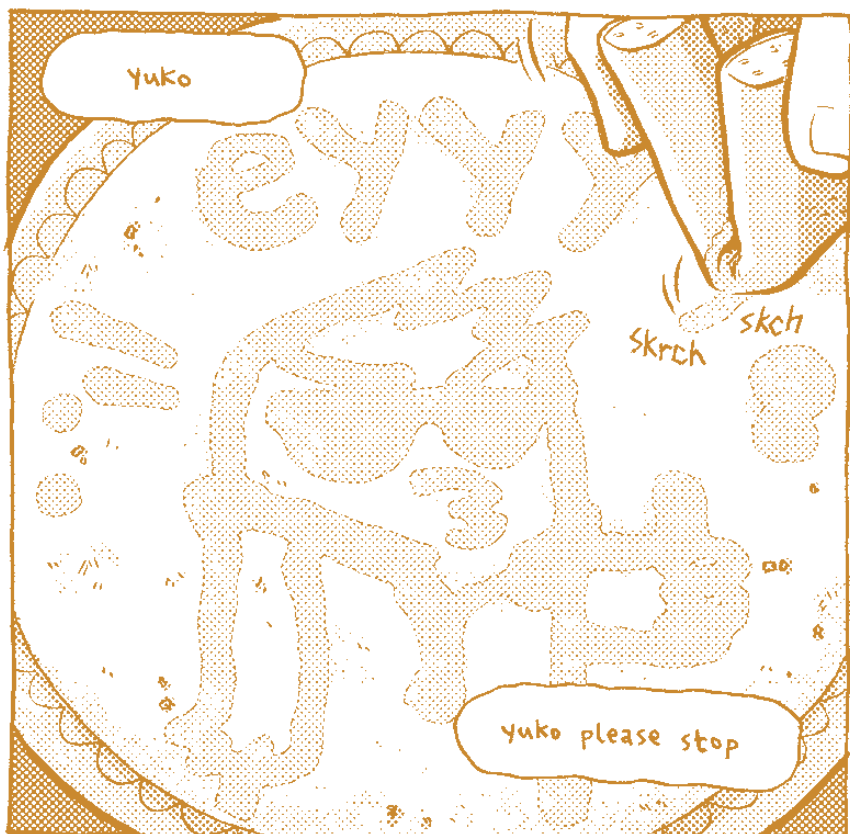
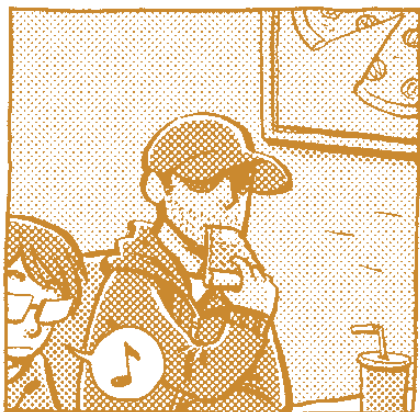
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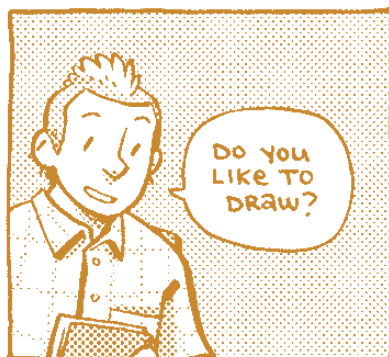
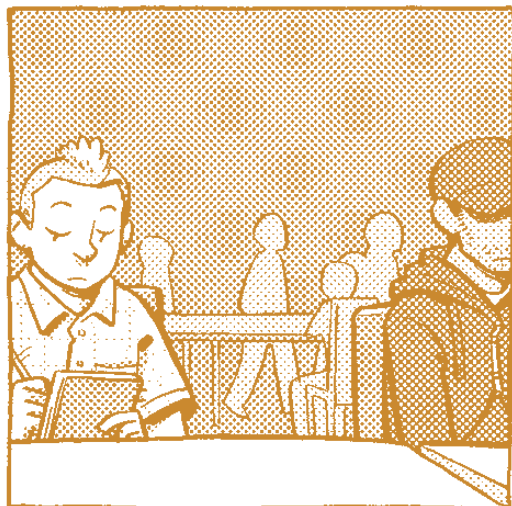
FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS
SHOP HUNGRY



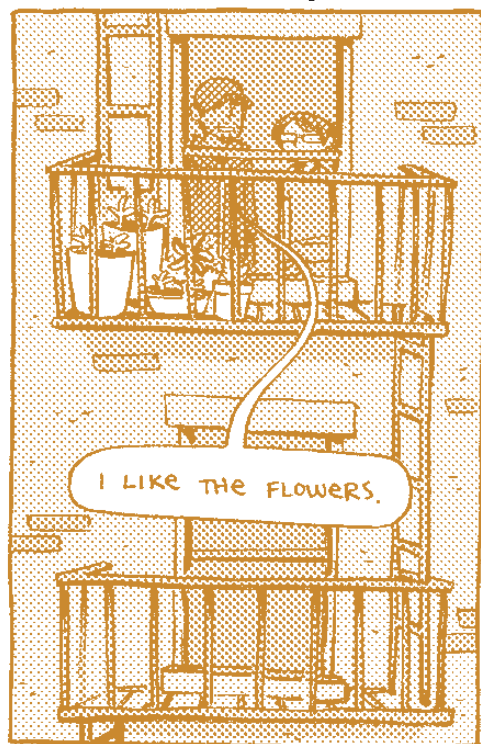
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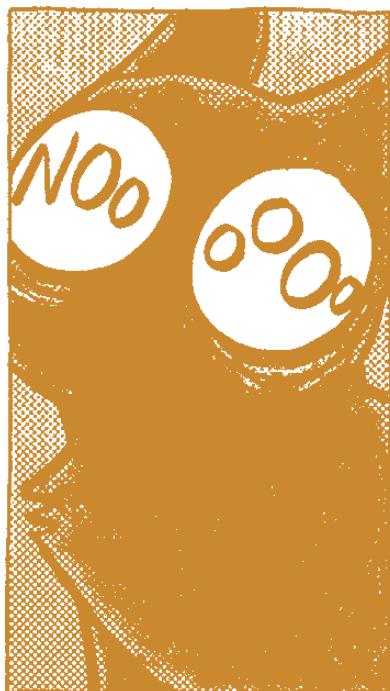
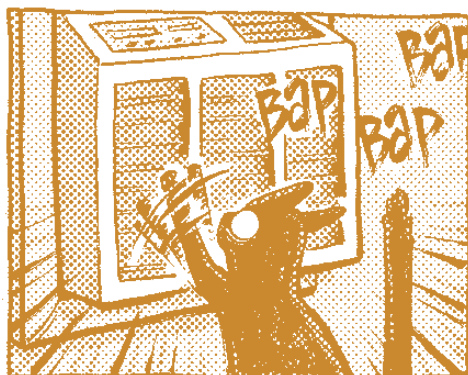
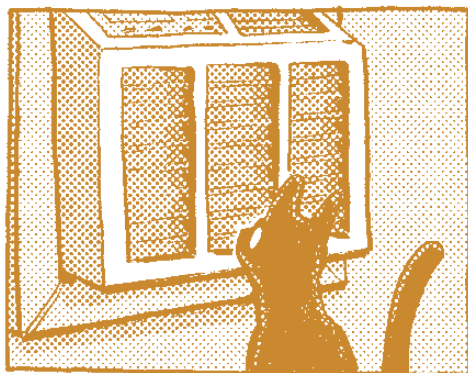
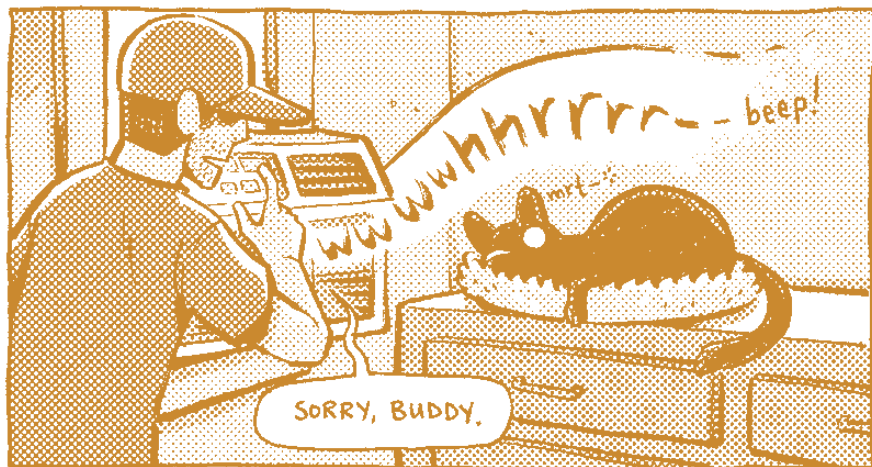
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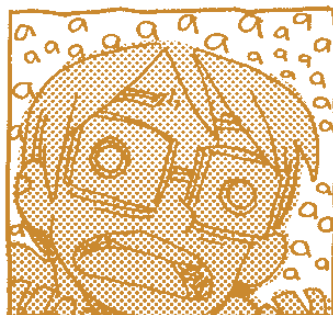
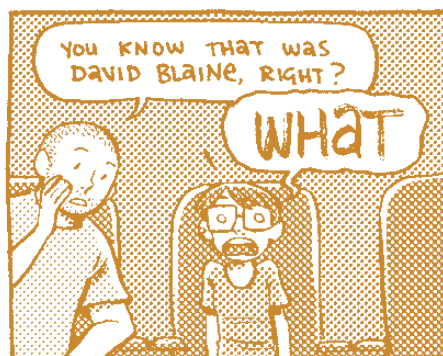
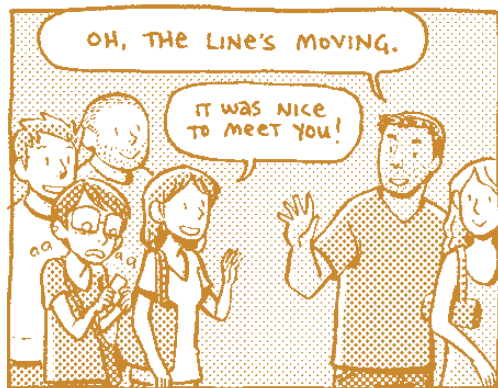
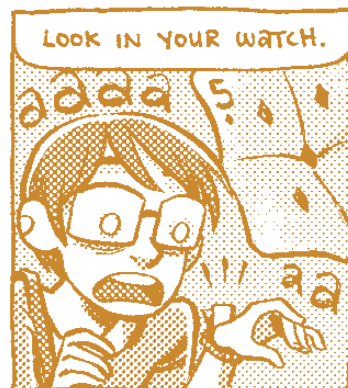
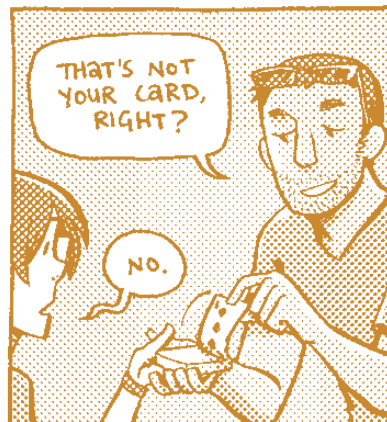
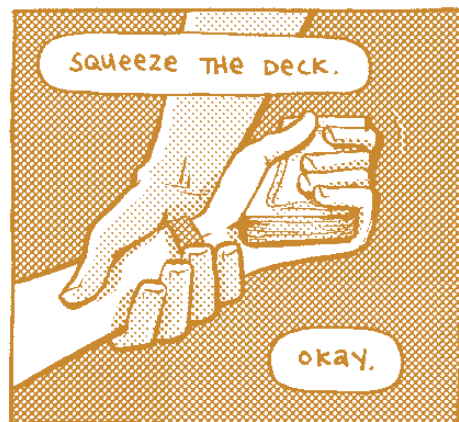
the urban climbing deer



noooooo



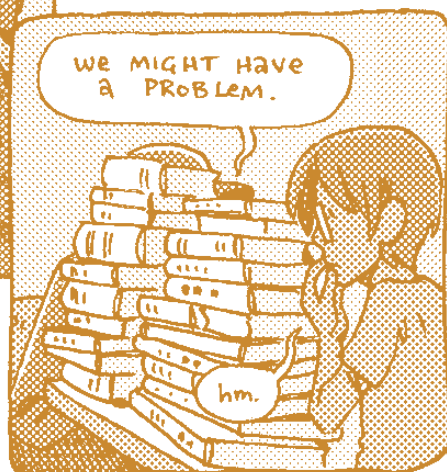
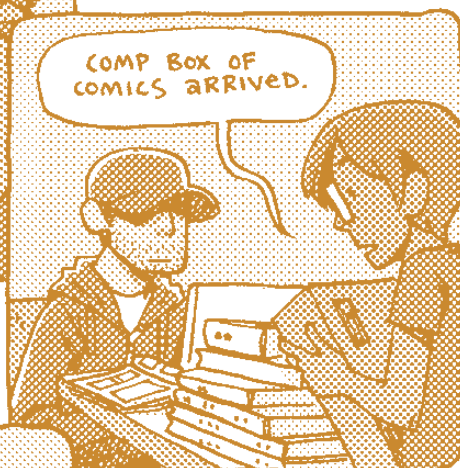
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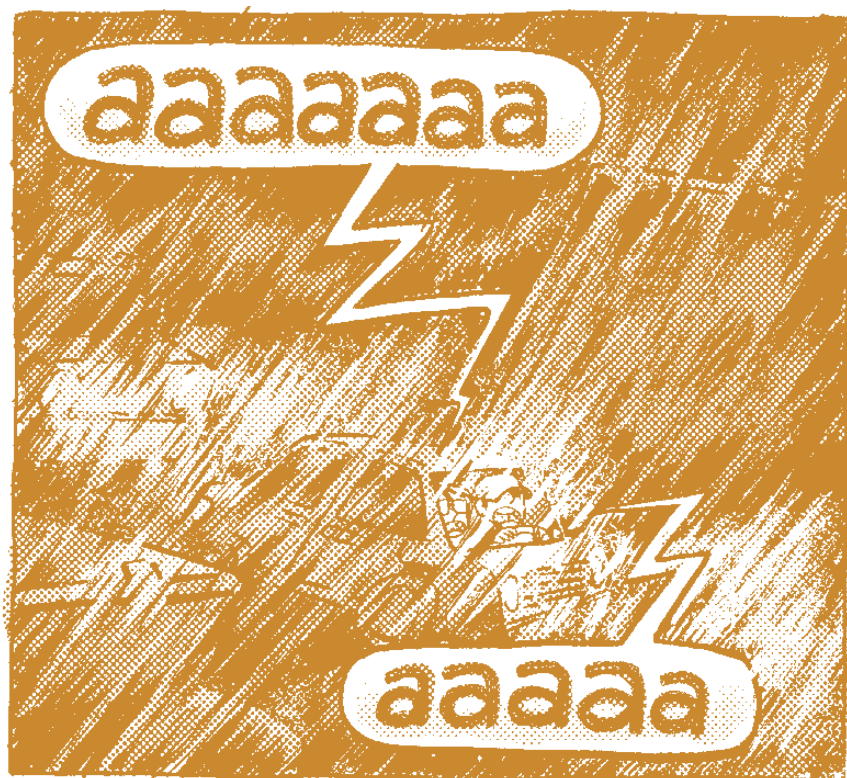
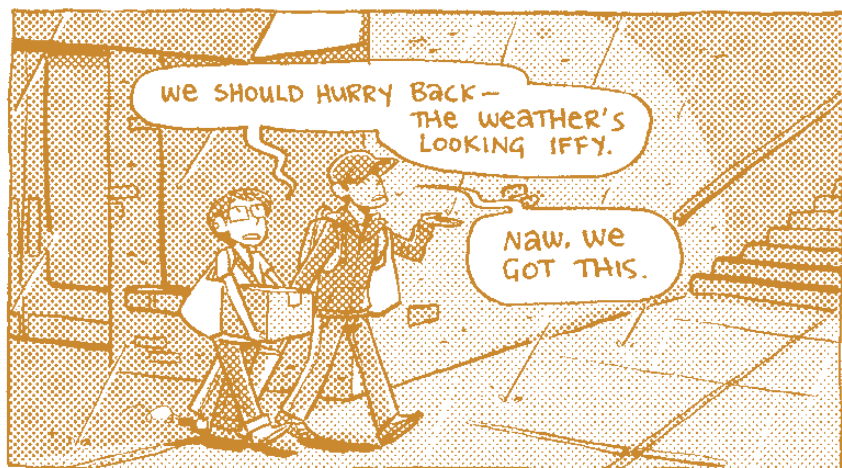
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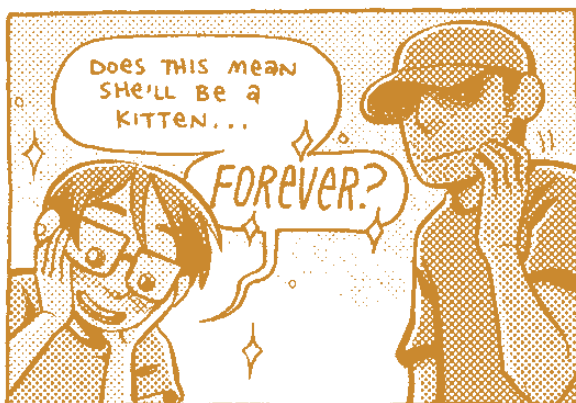
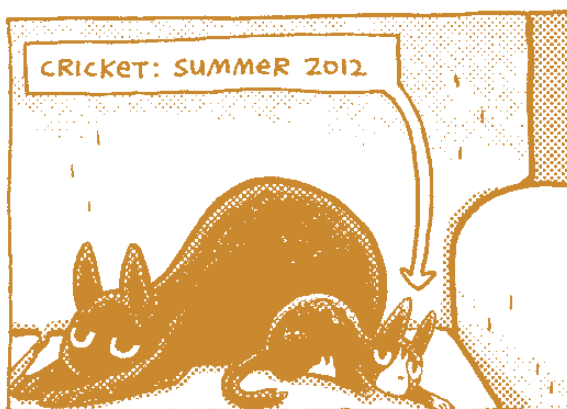
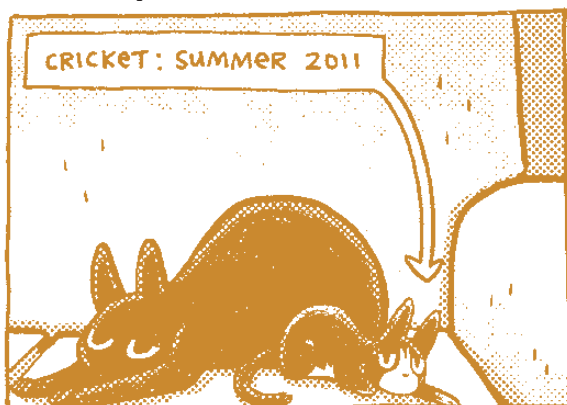
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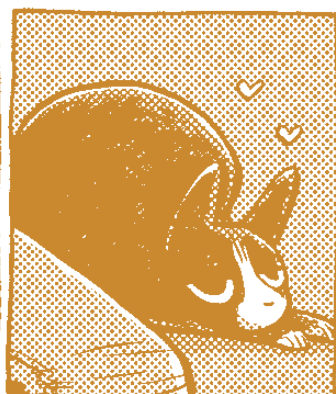
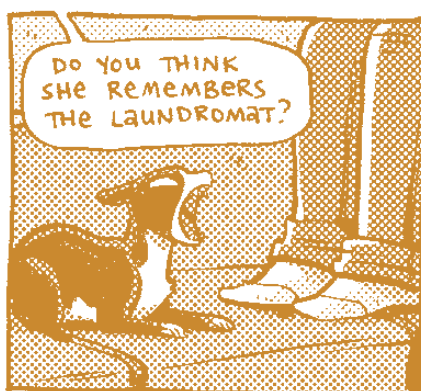
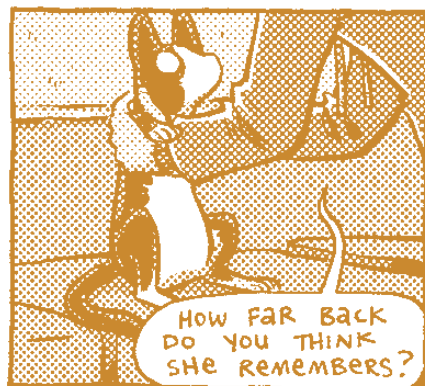
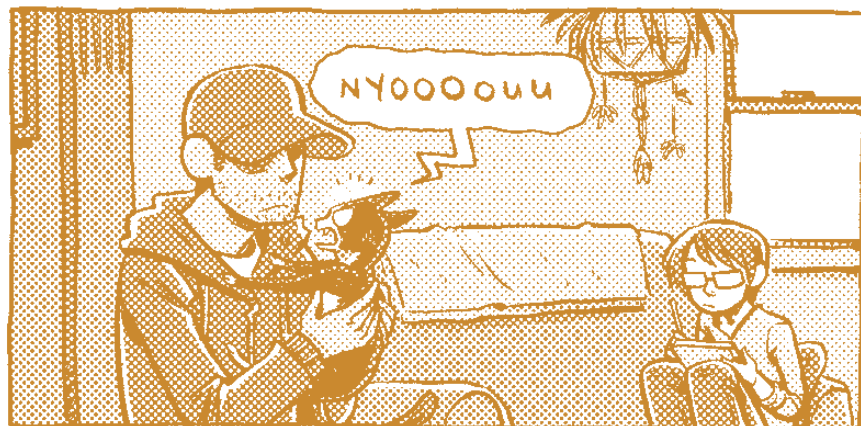
a pleasant drive



birthday cricket



kitten coda



IV.

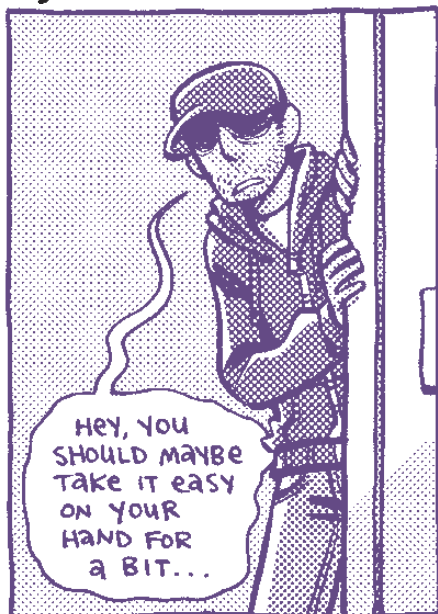
IN time we'll find a shaded den,
All dappled 'cross its dome

Its lady wrapped in splendid black
Upon a splendid throne

And we, away for many miles,
Have not the time to bide a while, so
Lit by her resplendent smile,

Our feet find our course home

everything is fine nothing is broken

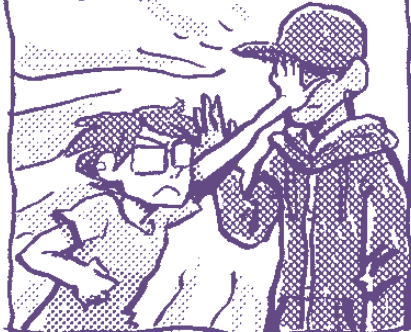


carpal tunnel of fun



non-dominant hand adventures

high five



brush teeth



use chop sticks



text



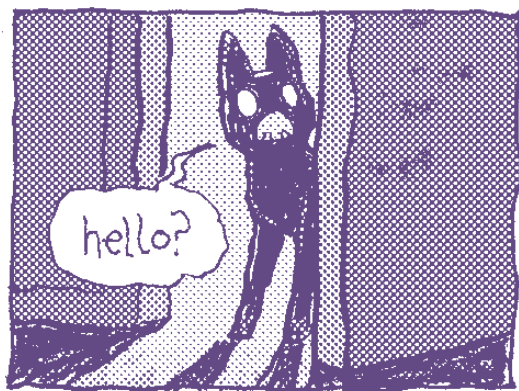
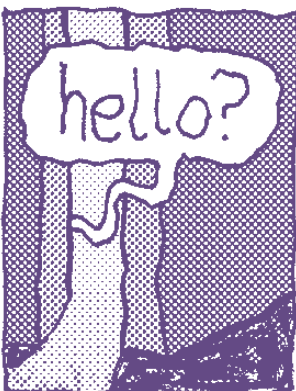
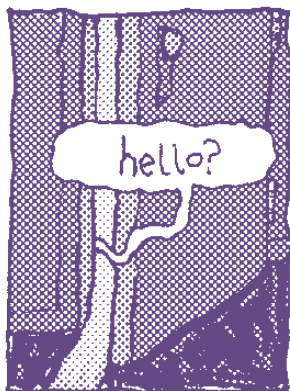
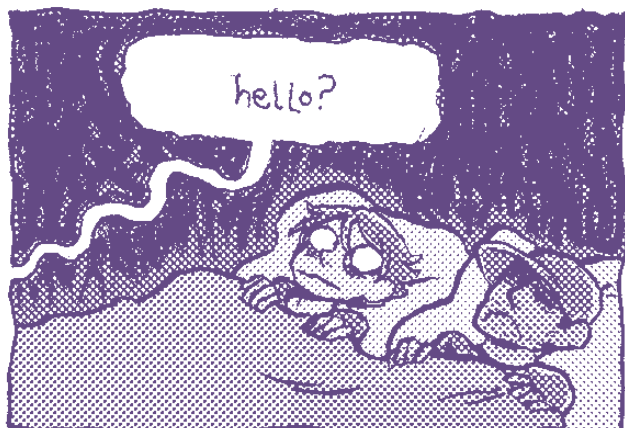
make sandwich



peel fruit



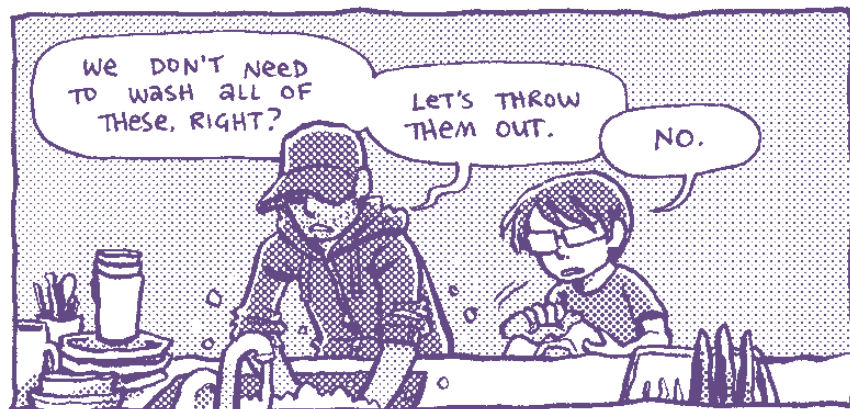
haunted cat



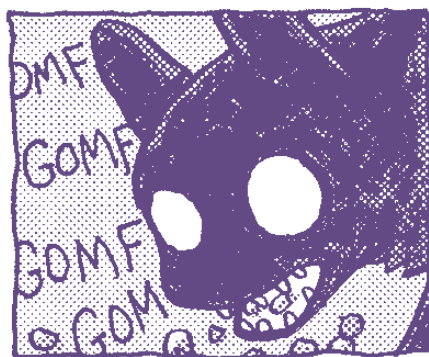
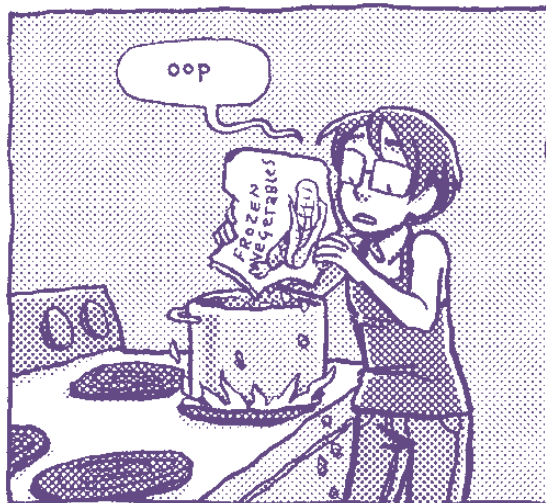
spacey cat



burn it down and start over



omnivore cat





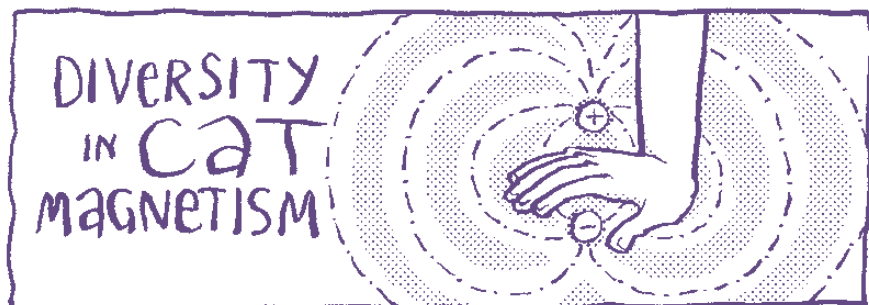


FIG 1. Rook

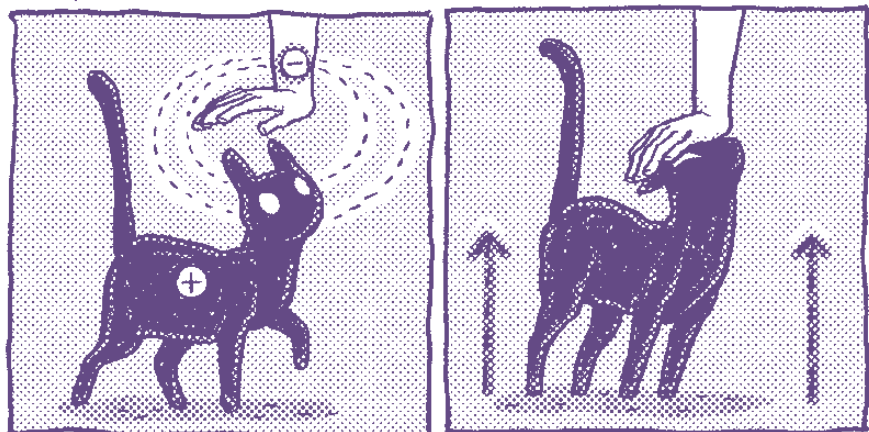
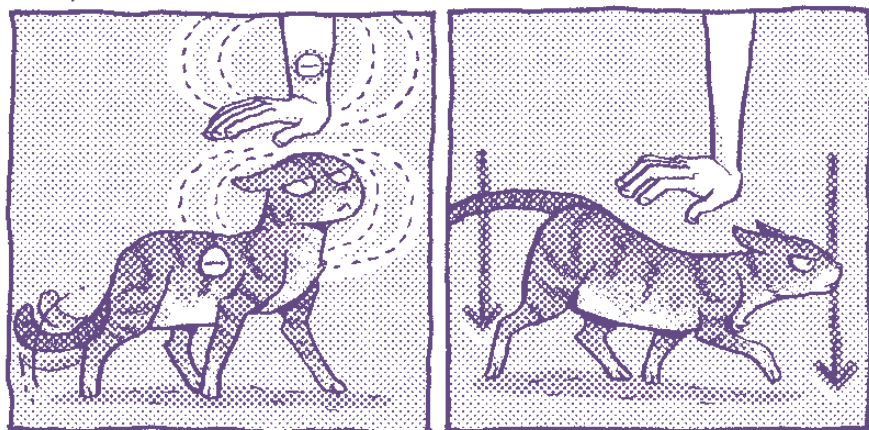
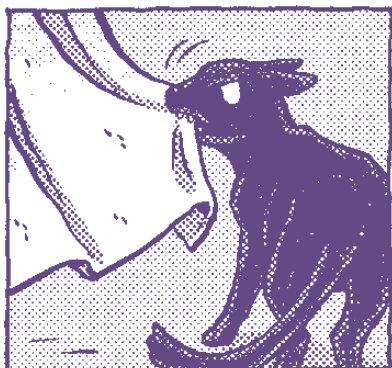
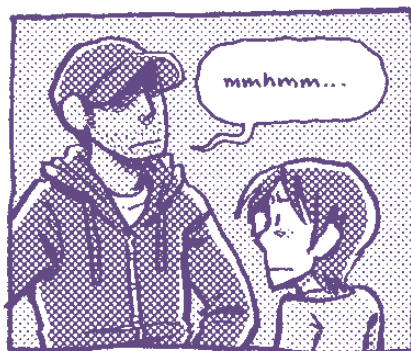
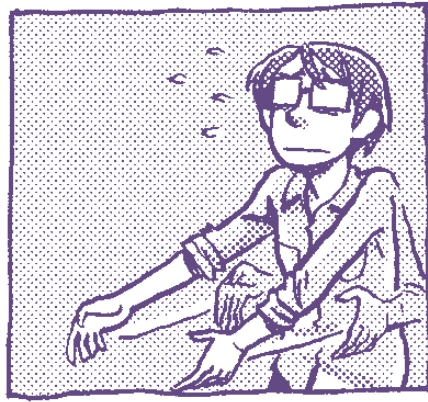
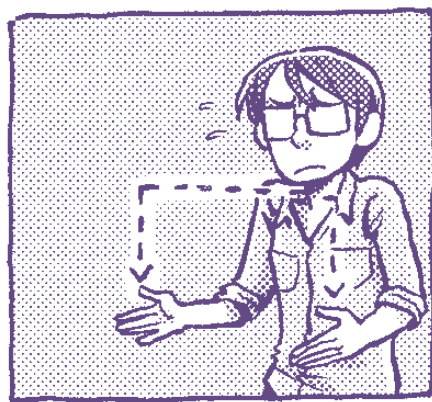


FIG 2. MIKA

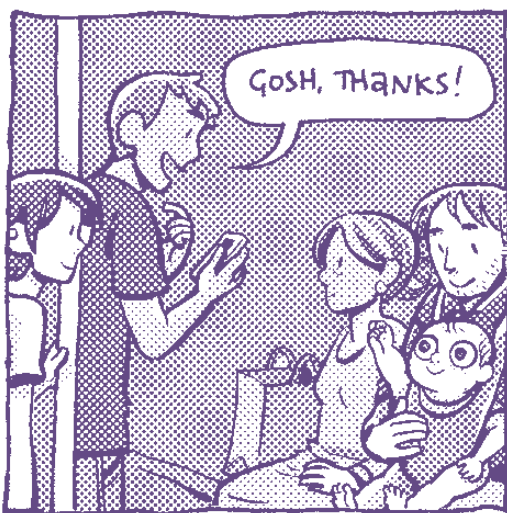
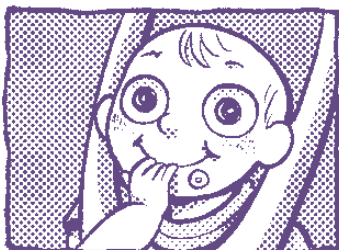
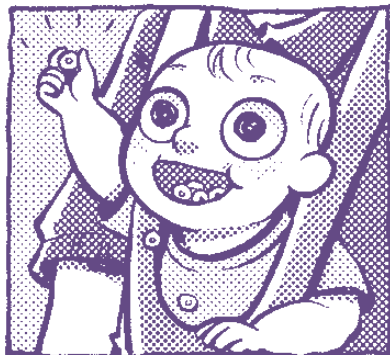
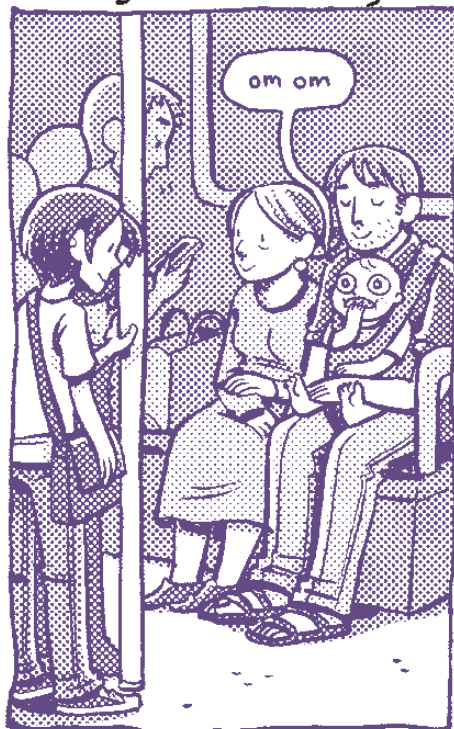




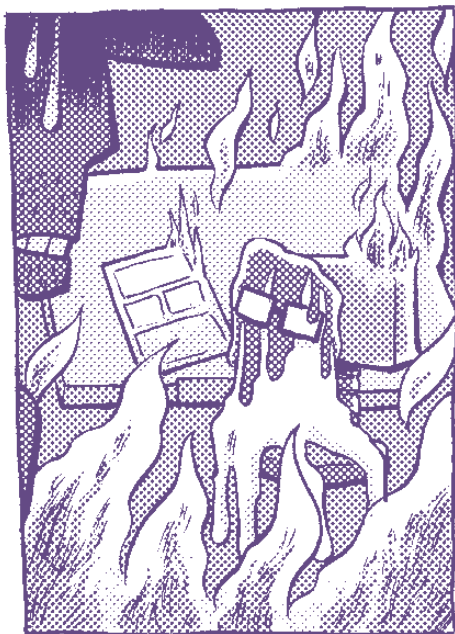
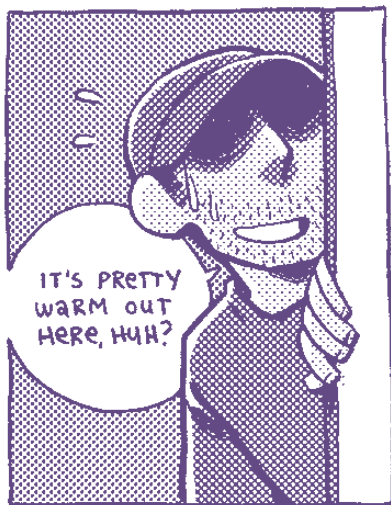
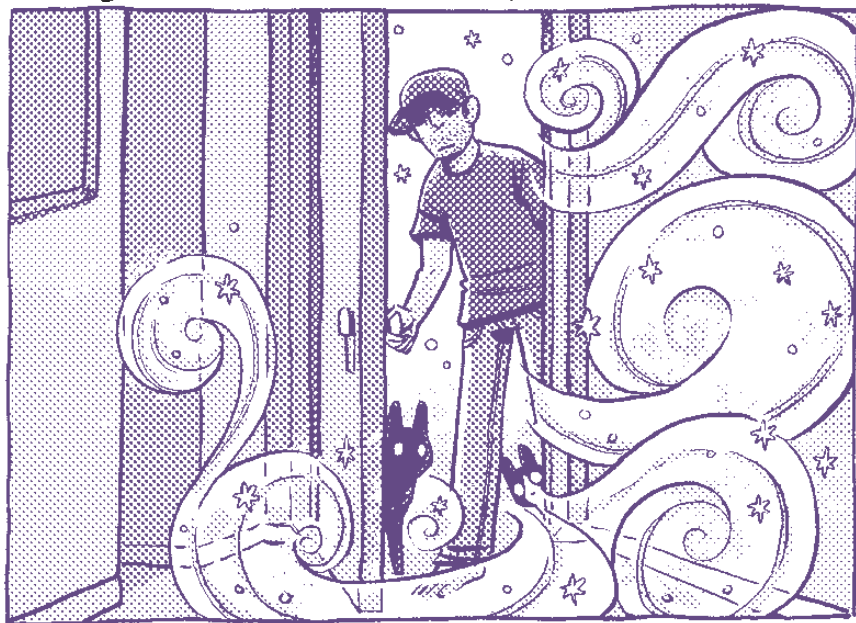
filing cabinet



most generous baby



a song of ice and aaaablaugh



why - yew - kay - oh



AND
LATER



AND
LATER YET



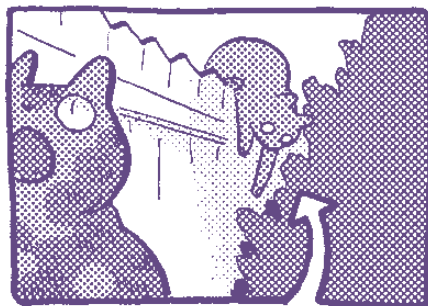
AND



cats in our neighborhood

mrr

Romeo



SOMETIMES THE
WANDERING BARD COMES
THROUGH ROMEO'S YARD

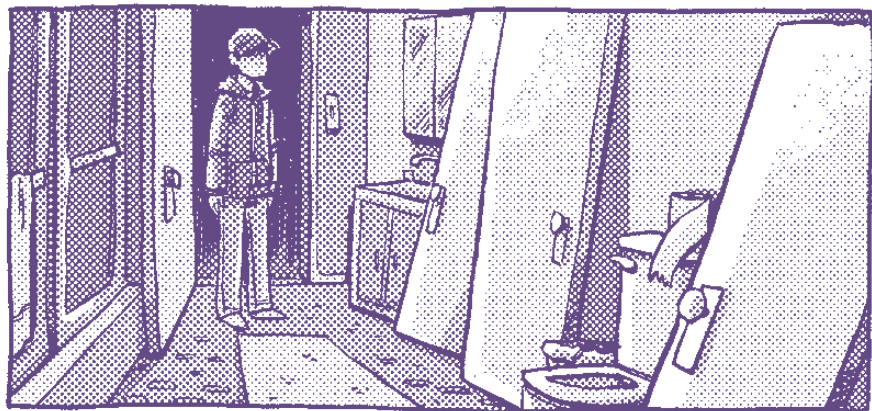
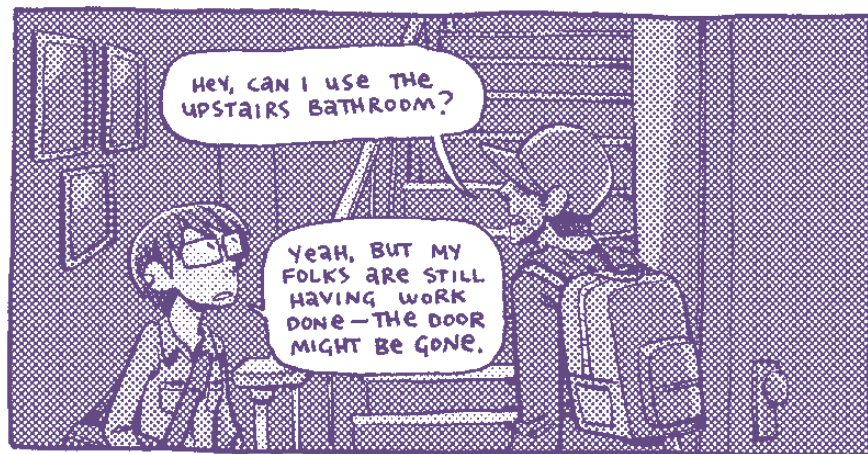


AND EATS ALL HER FOOD.

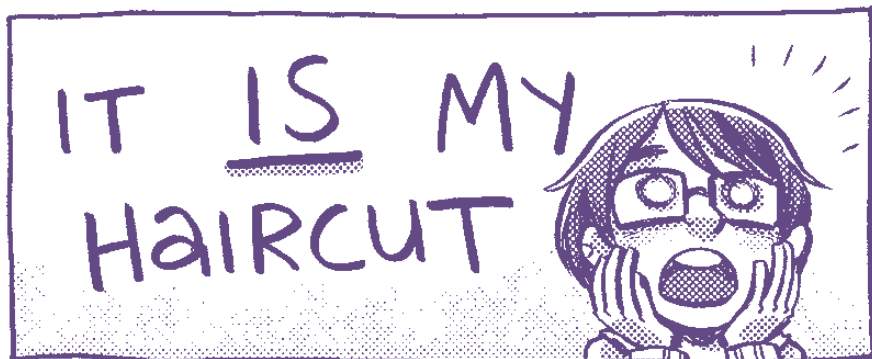
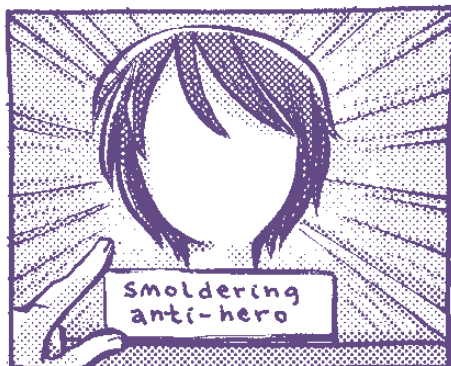
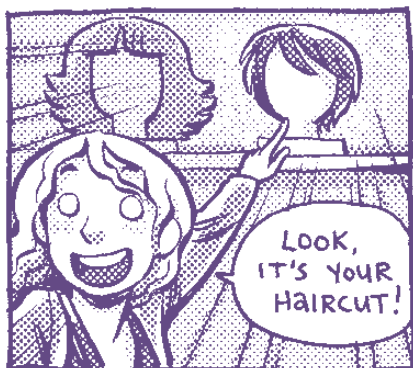
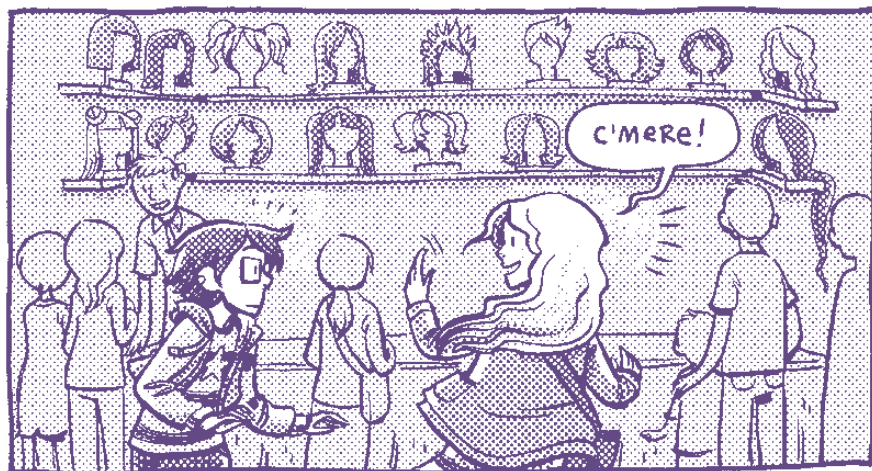


IT'S VERY TRAGIC.

there were extras



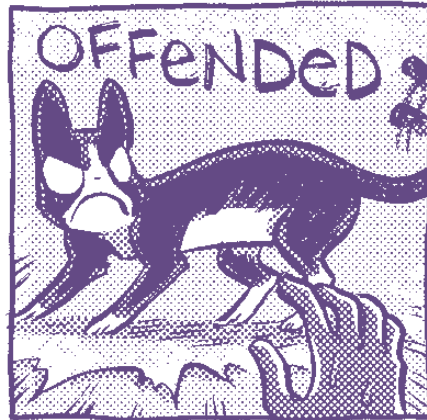
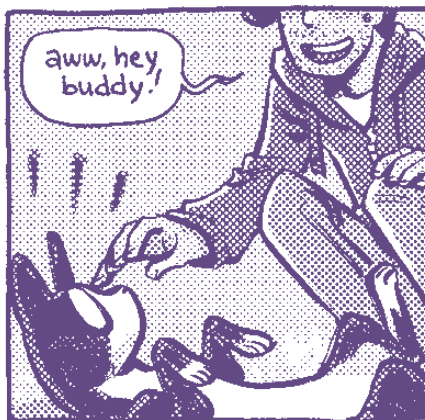
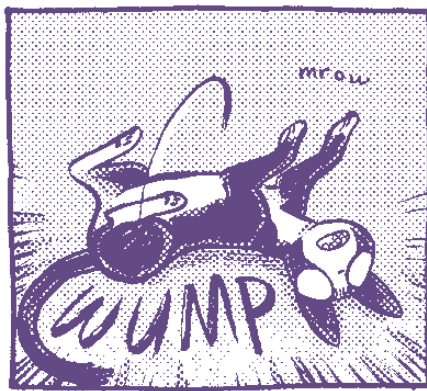
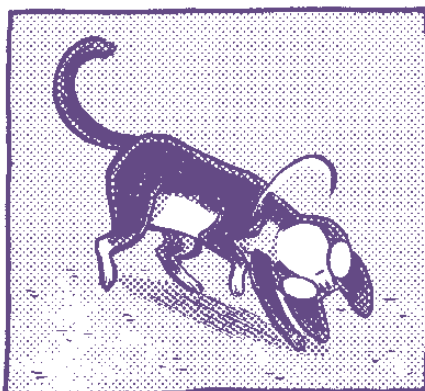
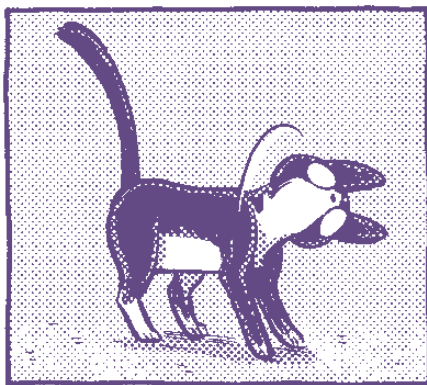
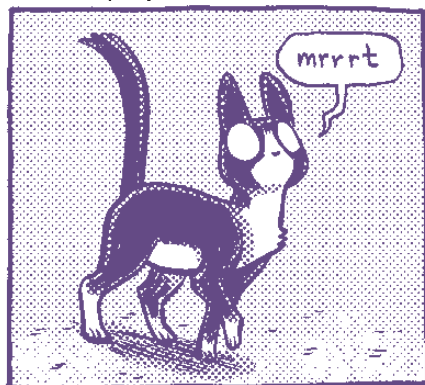
katie finds yuko's official classification



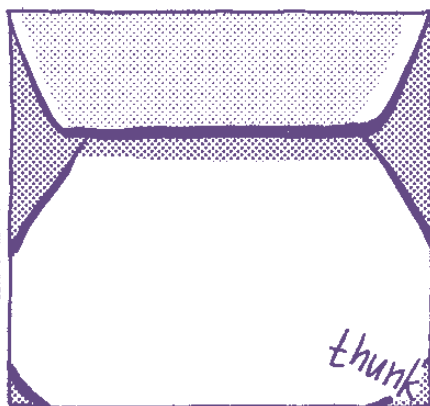
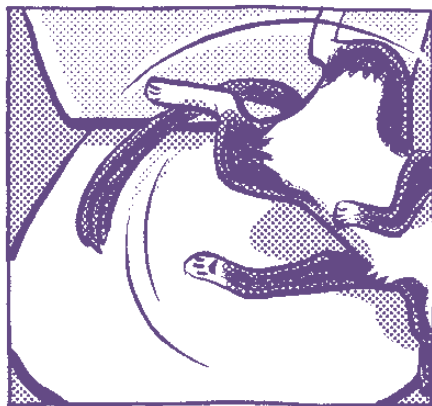
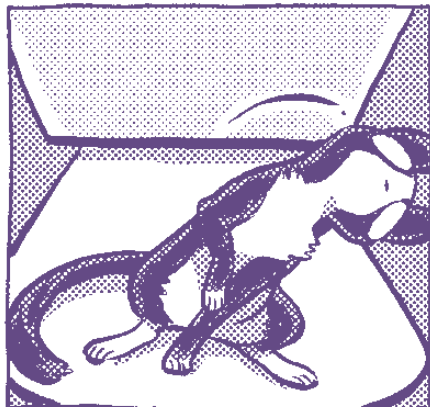
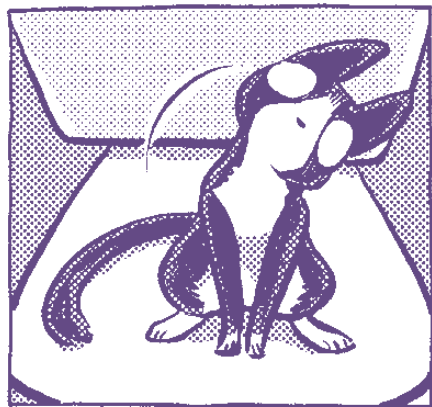
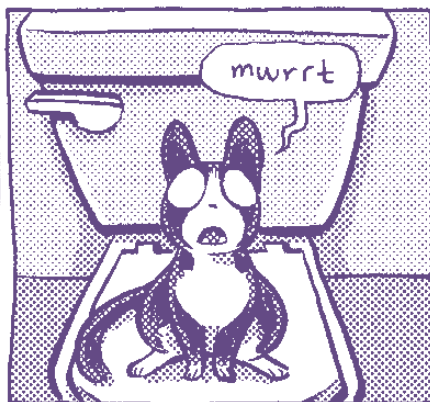


☆ уеааннн ☆

no belly pets



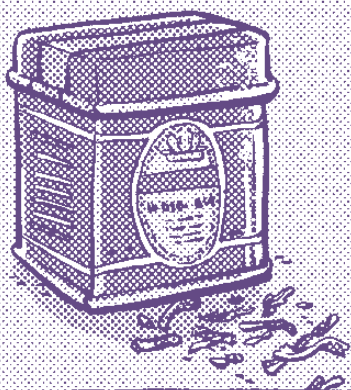
depth perception



Classy tea

for lazy people

① loose tea



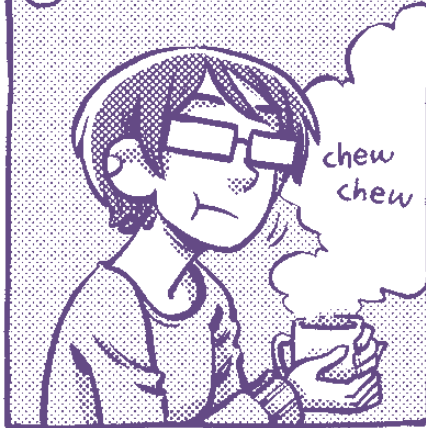
② put in a cup



③ add hot water



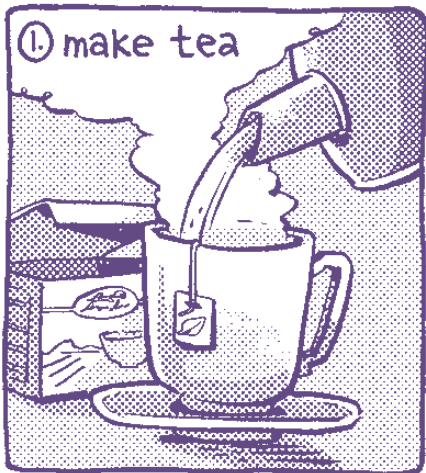
④ whatever



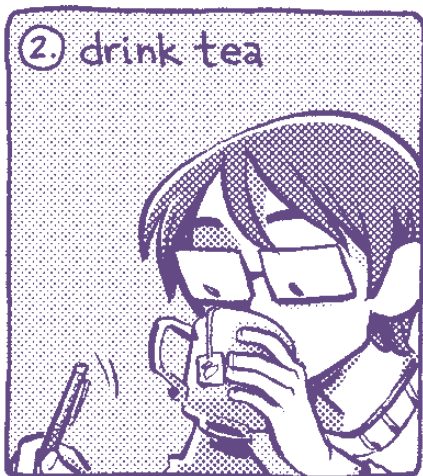
Lazy Tea

for lazy people

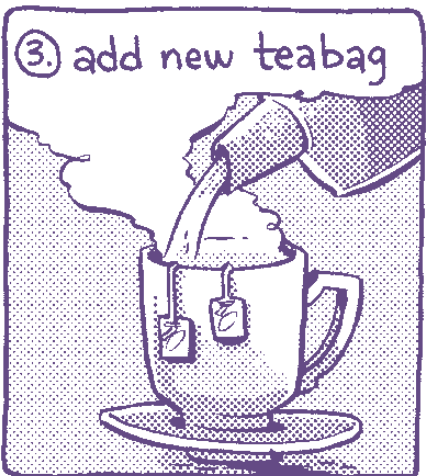
① make tea



② drink tea



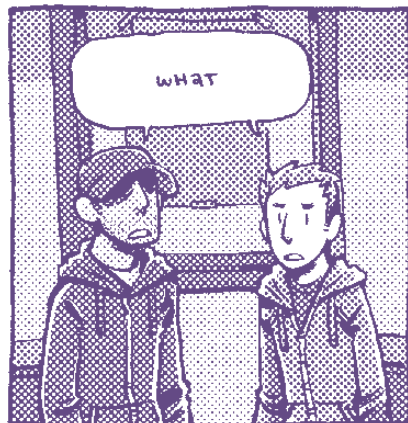
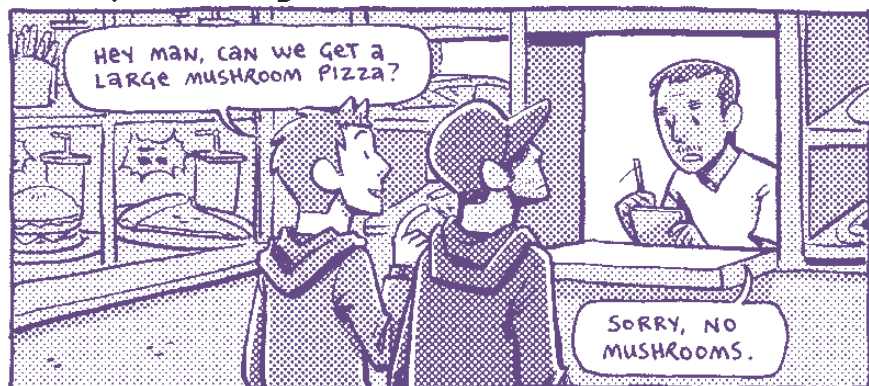
③ add new teabag



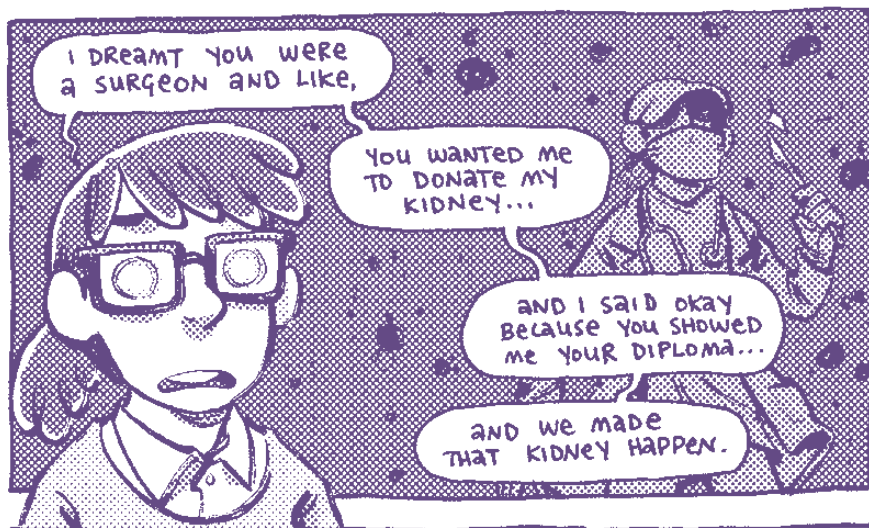
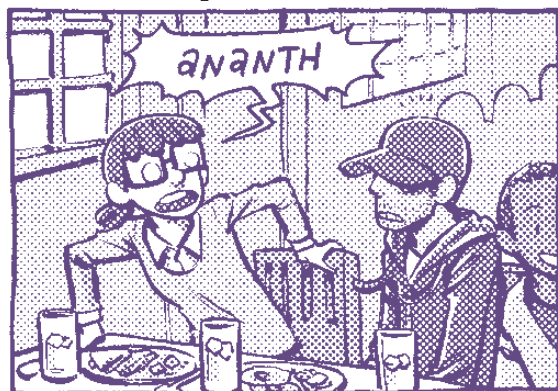
④ repeat steps 2 & 3 as needed



could you also get some milk and eggs



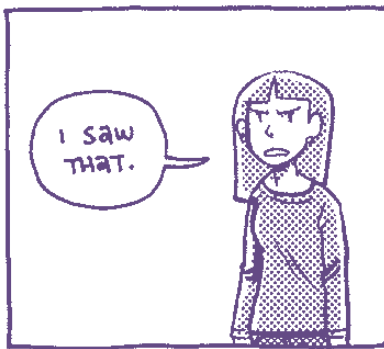
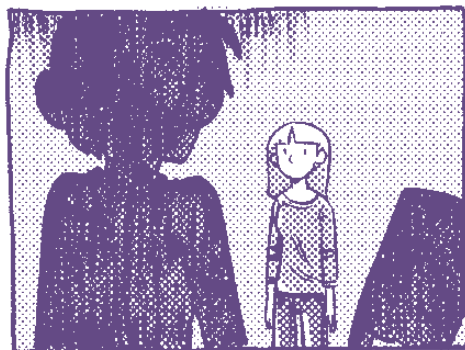
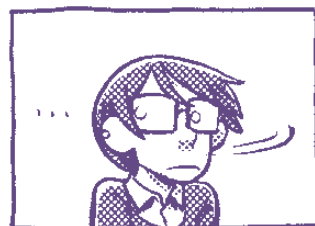
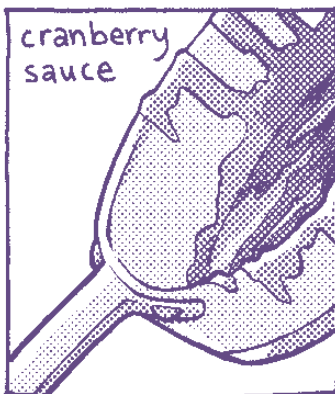
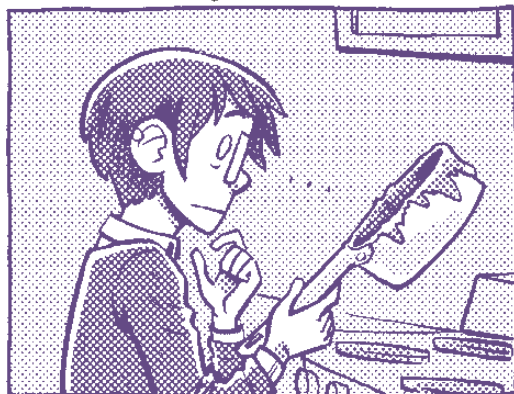
dream surgeon



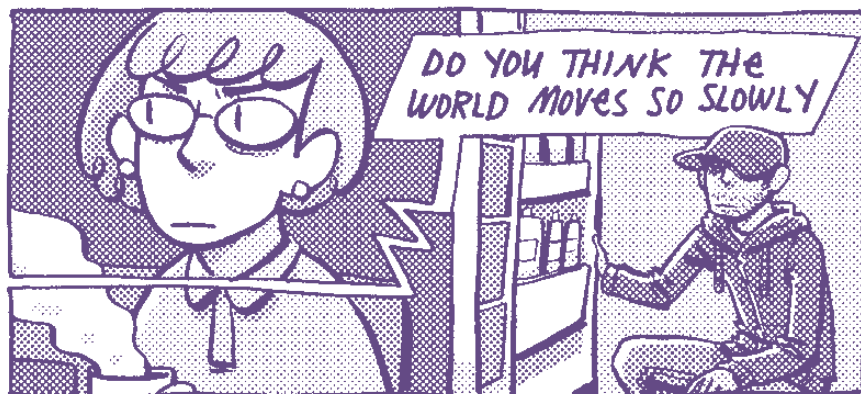
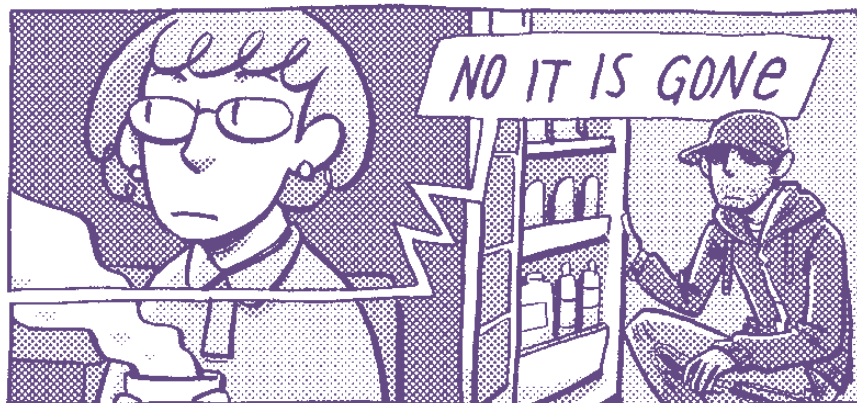
regret in bulk



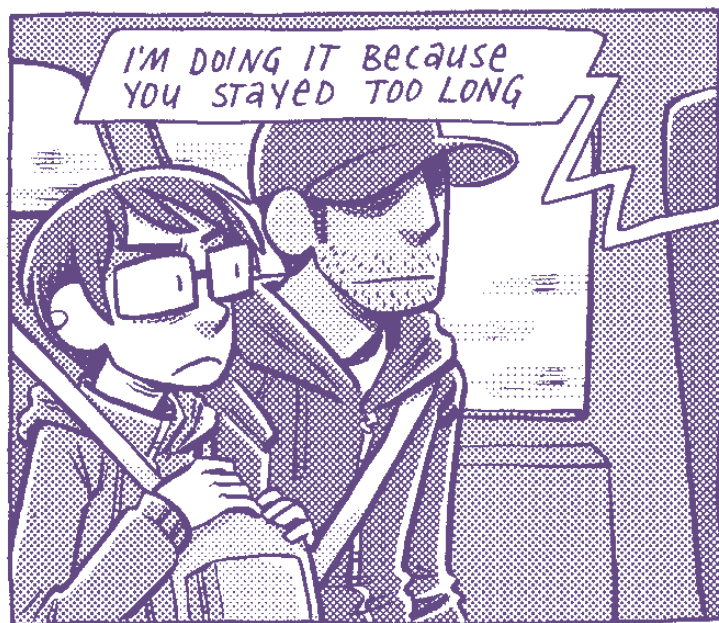
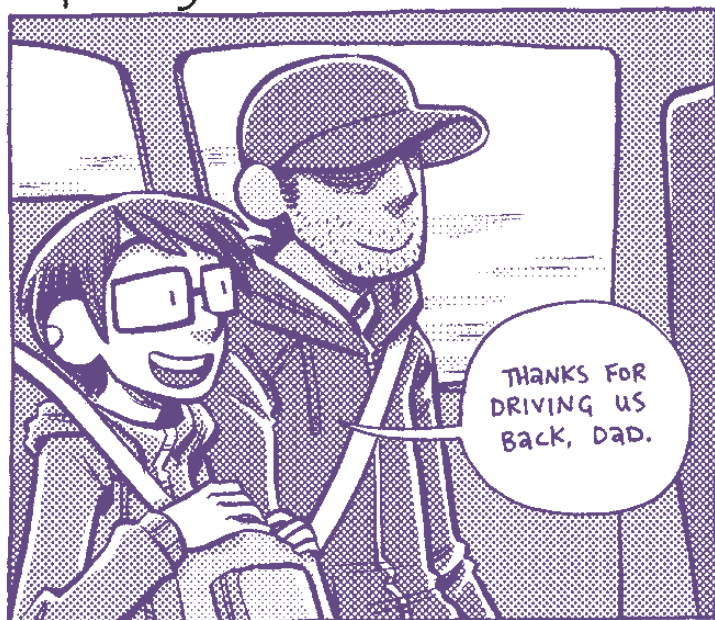
shamesgiving



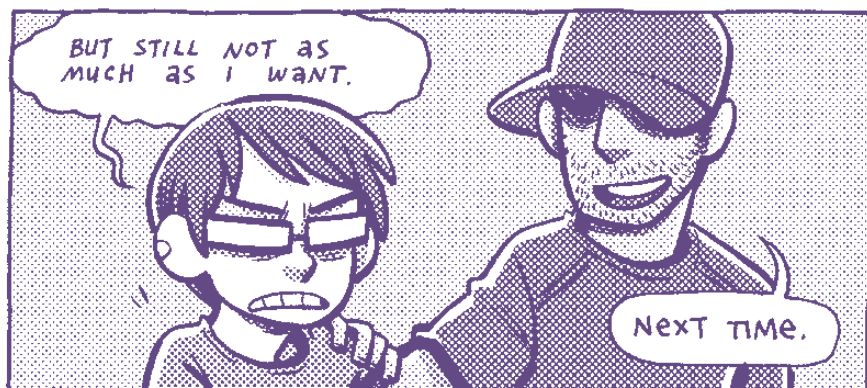
this quickly-turning world



hospitality dad



Next Time

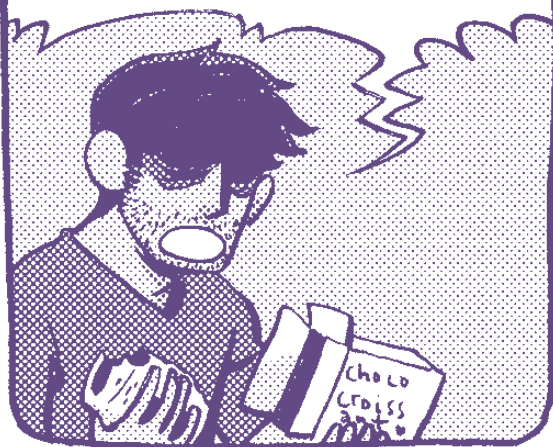


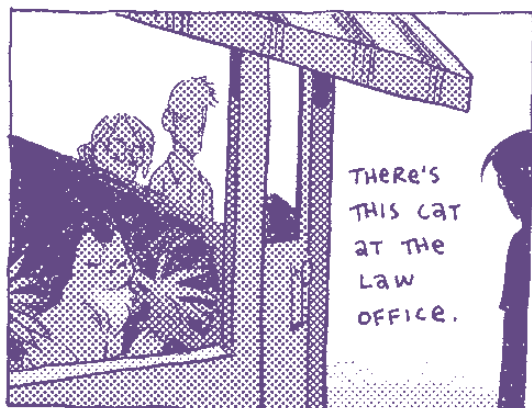
Next Time:



ananth vs choco croissant

THERE'S 400 CALORIES
IN ONE OF THESE??





THERE'S
THIS CAT
AT THE
LAW
OFFICE.



WE ORIGINALLY
CALLED HIM
"THE VISCOUNT"

BECAUSE
HE'S
VERY
REGAL

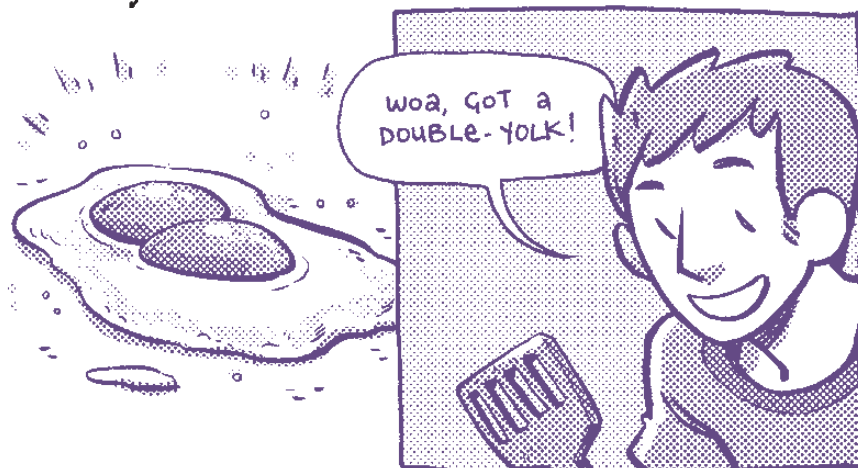


WHEN WE COME HOME
LATE WE SEE HIM
SLEEPING IN THE
WINDOW.

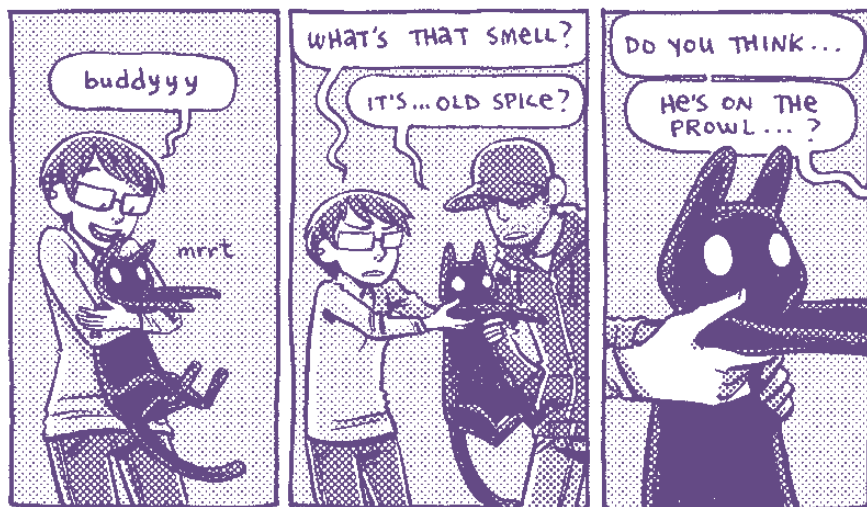


oh, her name
is ivy.

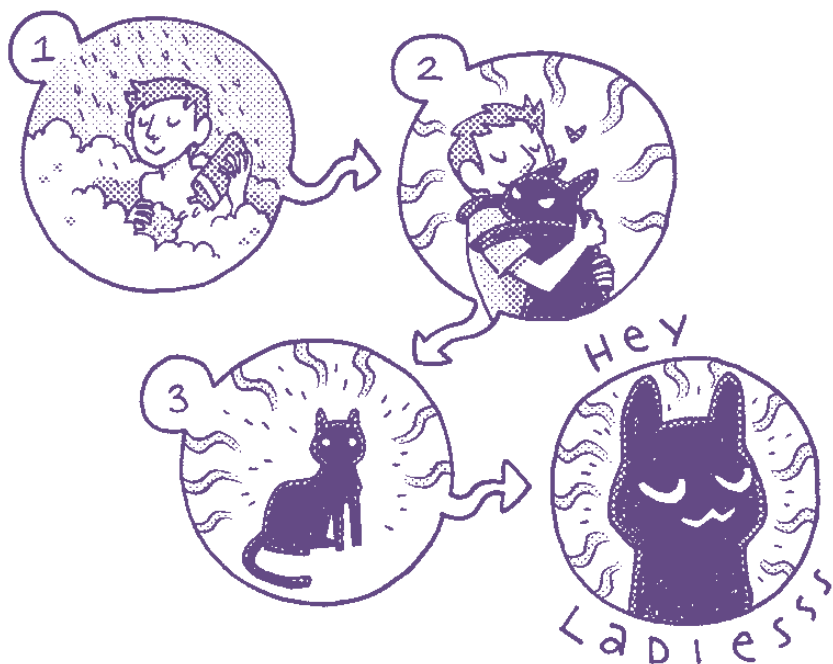
or maybe both



laydeez cat



PREVIOUSLY:



student drivers

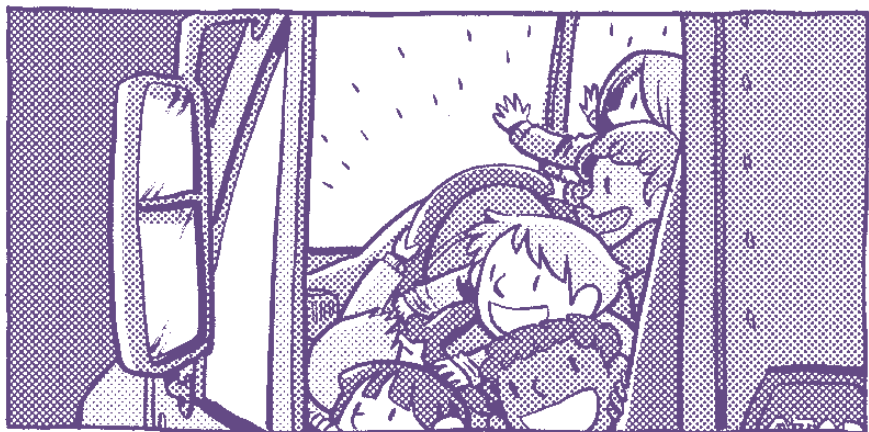
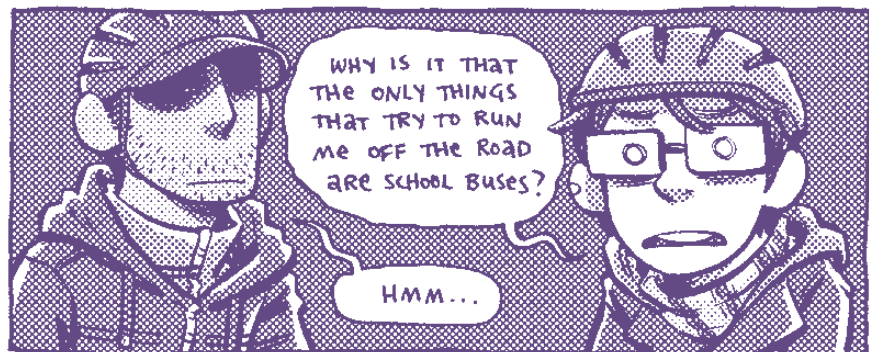
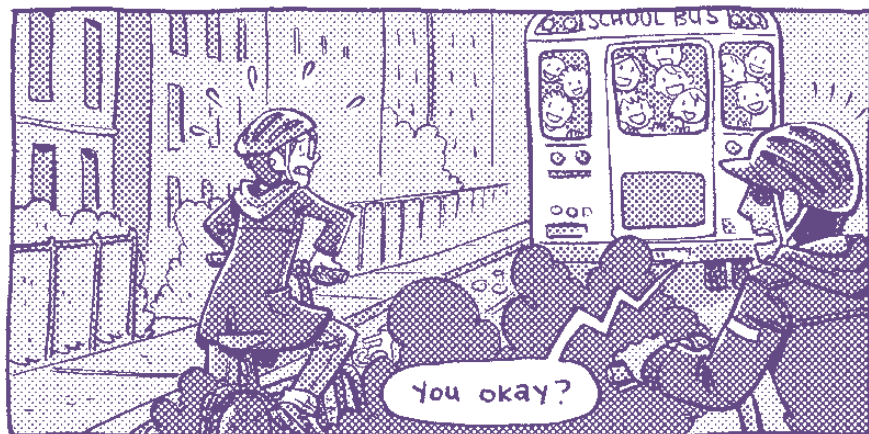
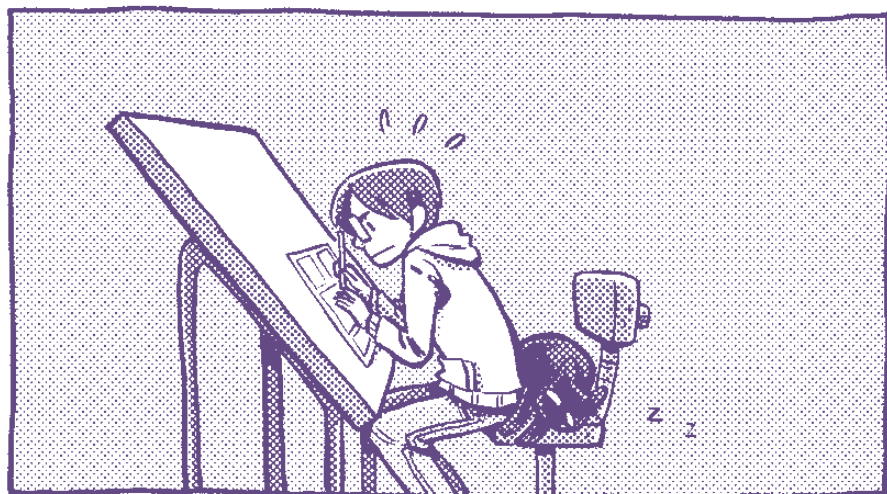
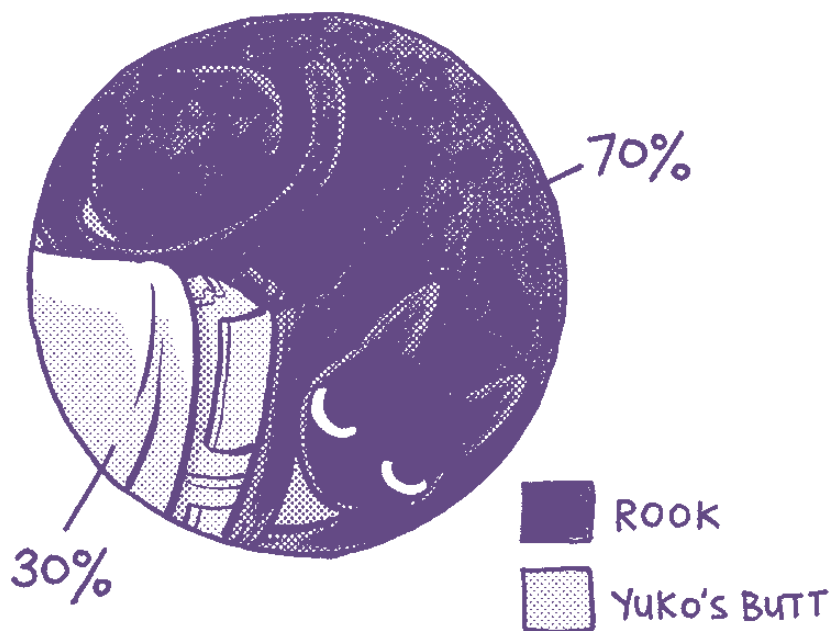


fig 1.: USaGe of YUKO'S OFFICE CHAIR:
a pie chart



inner ear adventures

whenever I travel
out of New York City



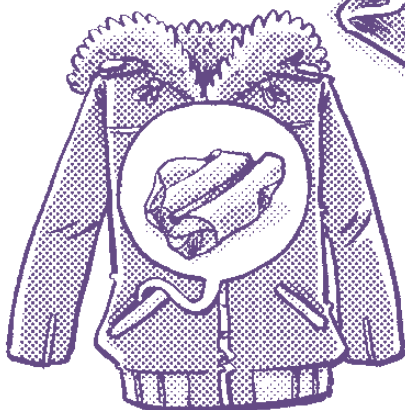
I remember how bad
my tinnitus is.



small treasures I keep in my pockets
 TO FIDDLE WITH WHEN I'M IDLE OR ANXIOUS



a small red marble



*a piece of smooth
purple glass*



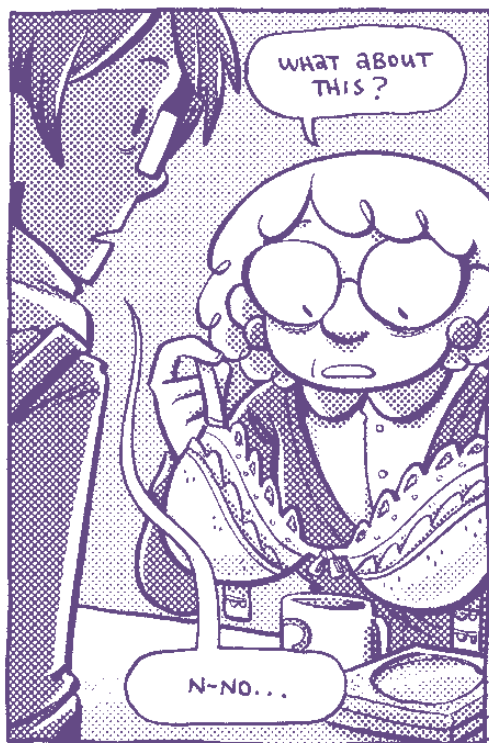
a red & gold D4



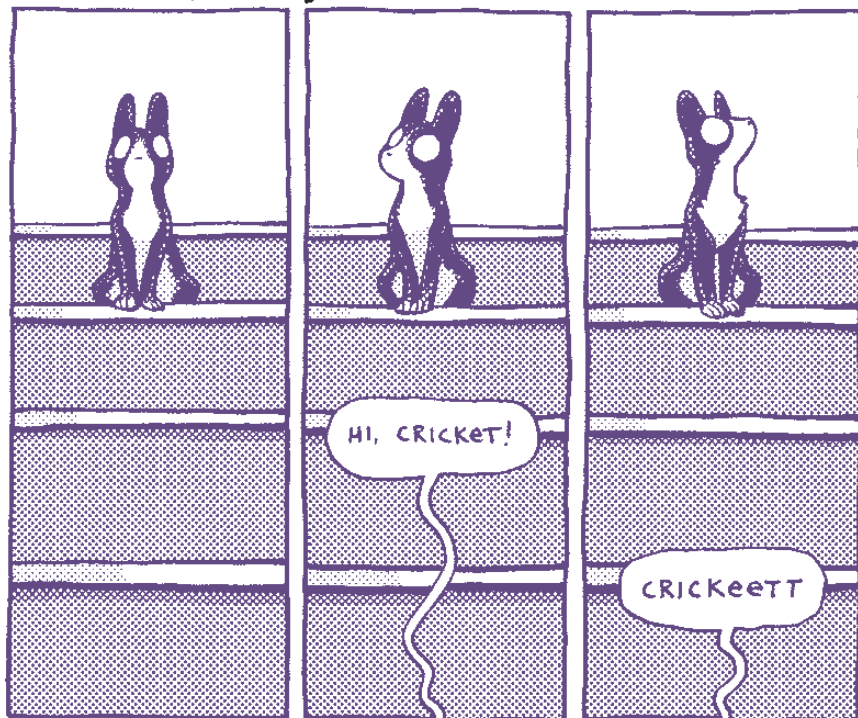
a decoder ring



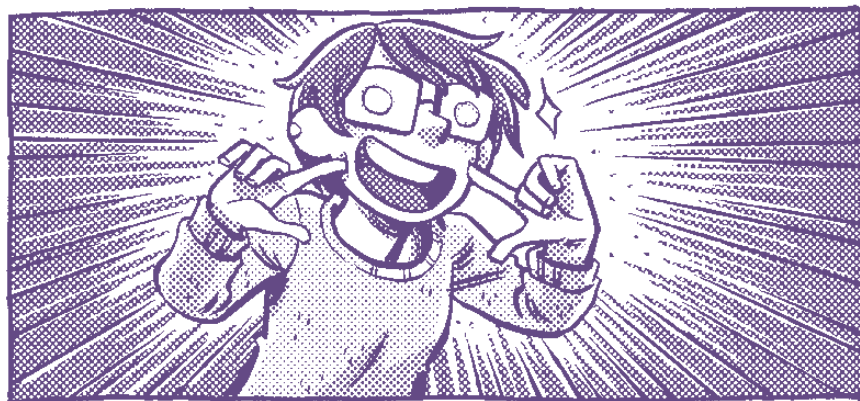
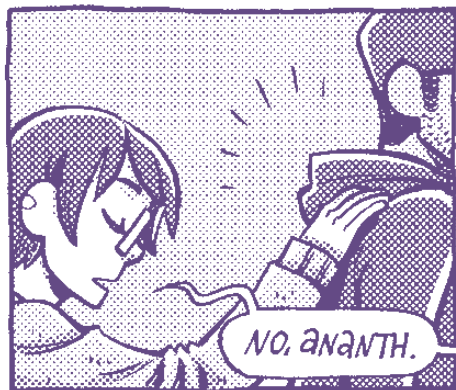
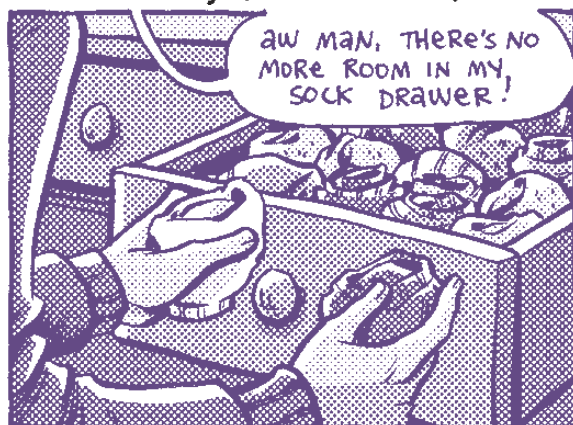
mysterious thrift store undergarments



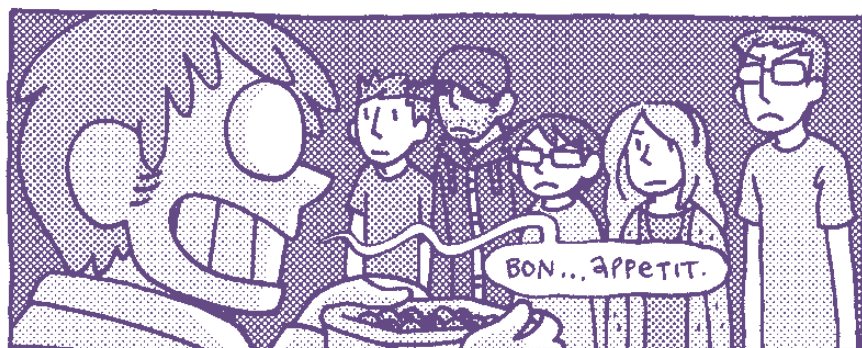
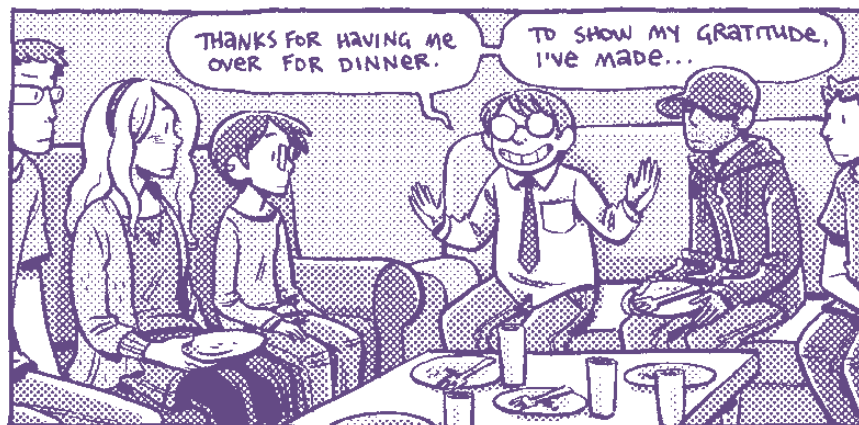
no not especially

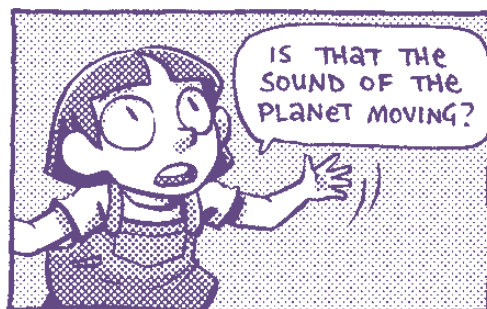
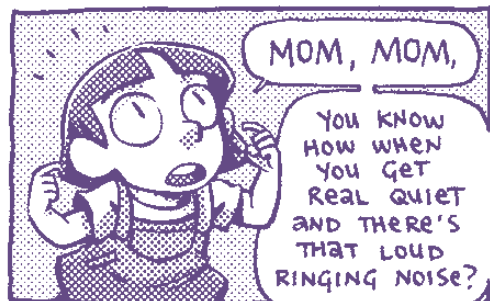
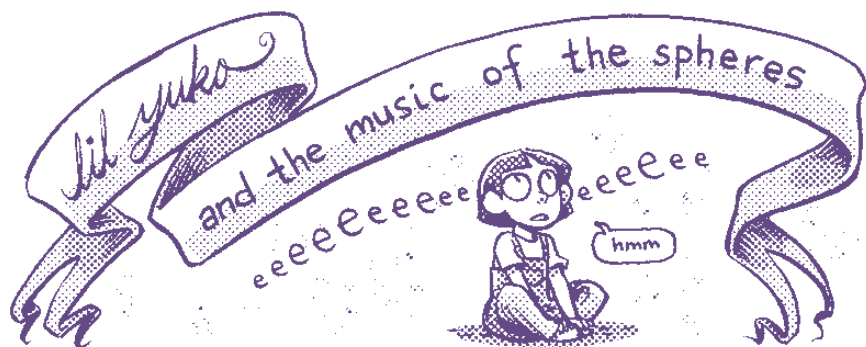


ananth only got socks for christmas

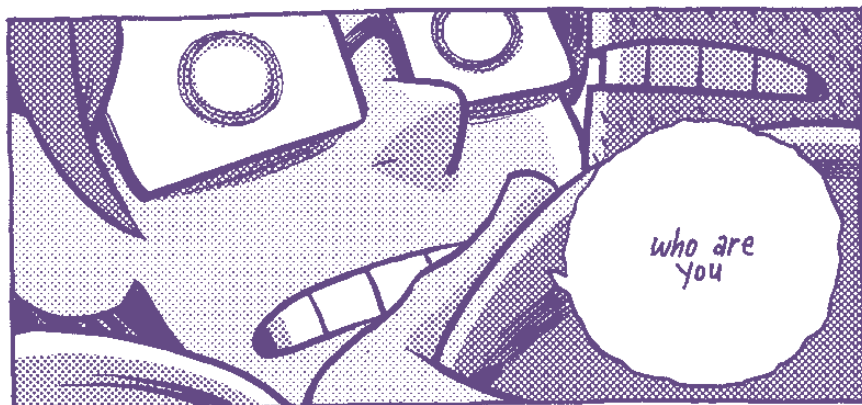
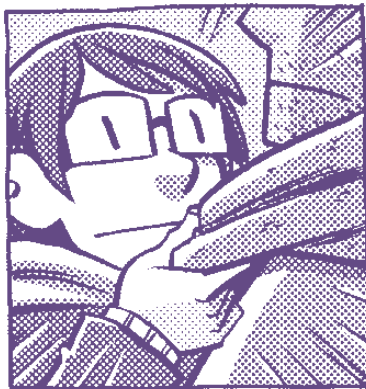
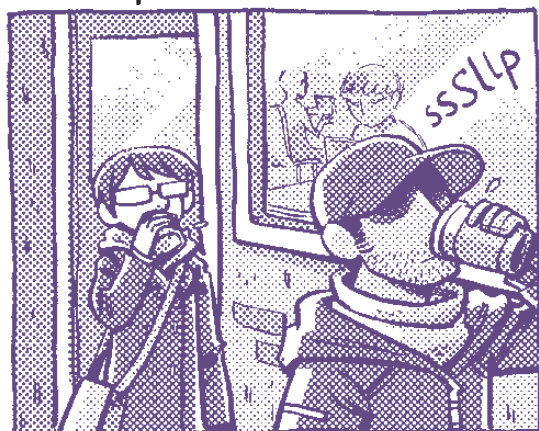


fresh homemade dessert

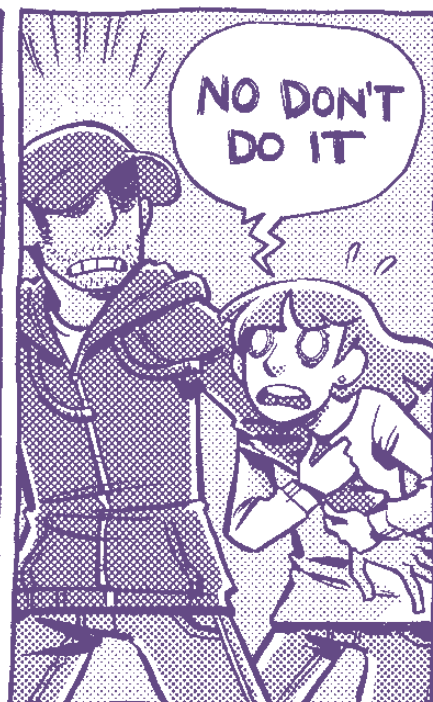
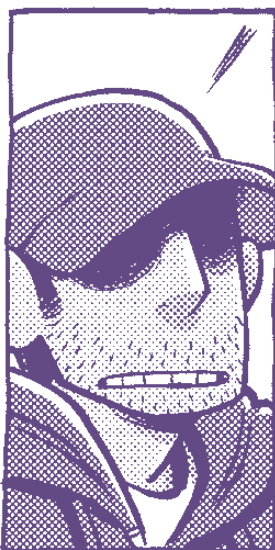
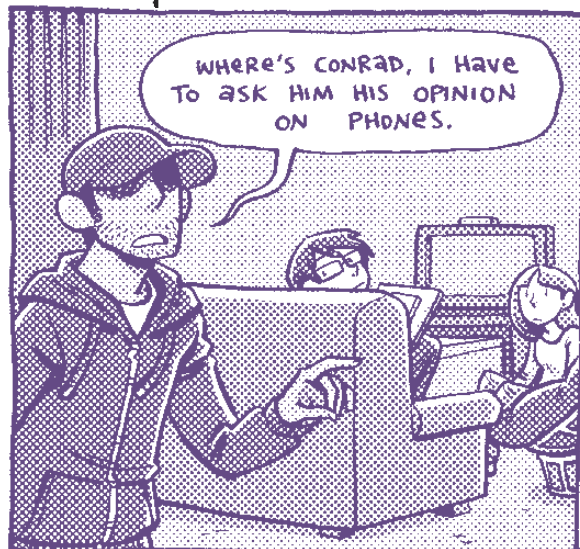




an imposter



no stop



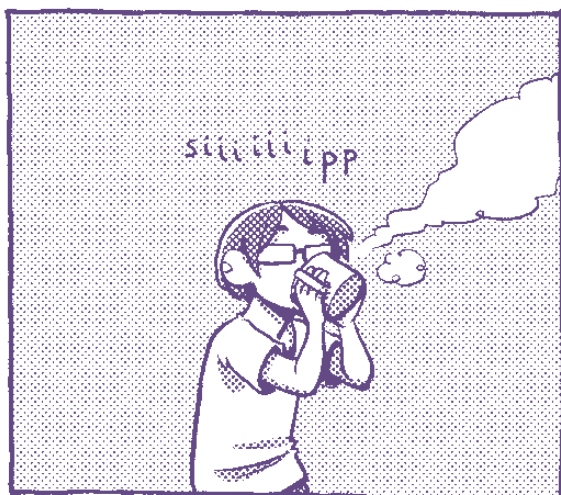


THERE'S A CAT AT THE BIKE SHOP NAMED SPOOKY.



HE GETS SPOOKED.

guess it's time to use hot chocolate as creamer



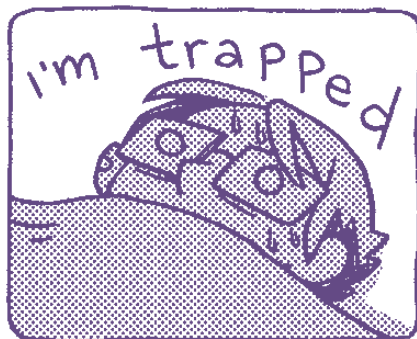
the half and half
went bad.



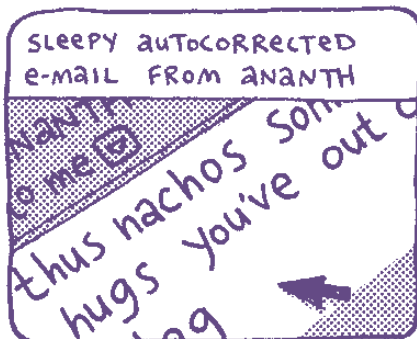
hourly comics

FEBRUARY 1st 2013

9:00 am



10:00 am

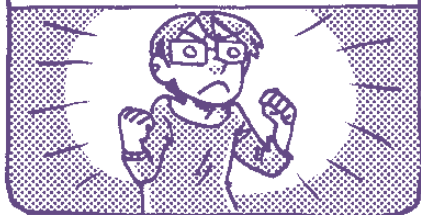


11:00 am



FEBRUARY 2nd 2013
9:00 am

I VOW TO BE
MORE INTERESTING
TODAY

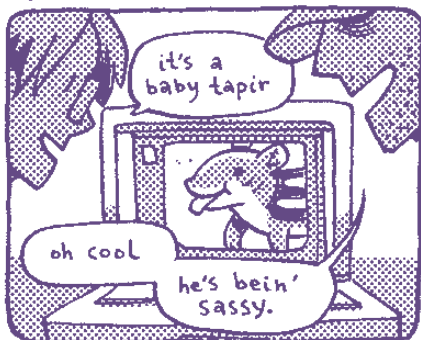


10:00 am

interneetttttt



11:00 am



I live in both
sin and opulence.

Sin and Opulence are
actually my Christian
and given names.

I will let
you pick
which one is
which.



12:00 PM

Step 1: look over tax forms

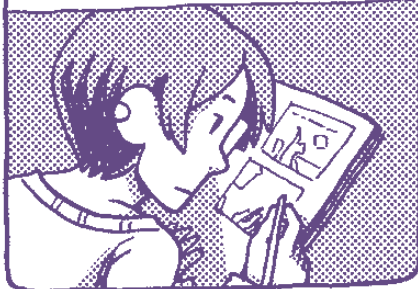


Step 2:
freak out



1:00 PM

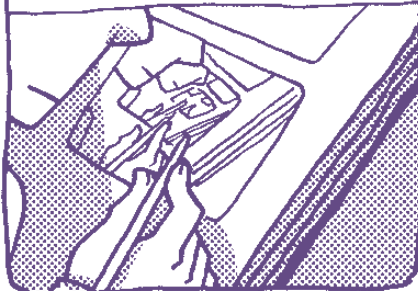
WORK ON HOURLY COMICS

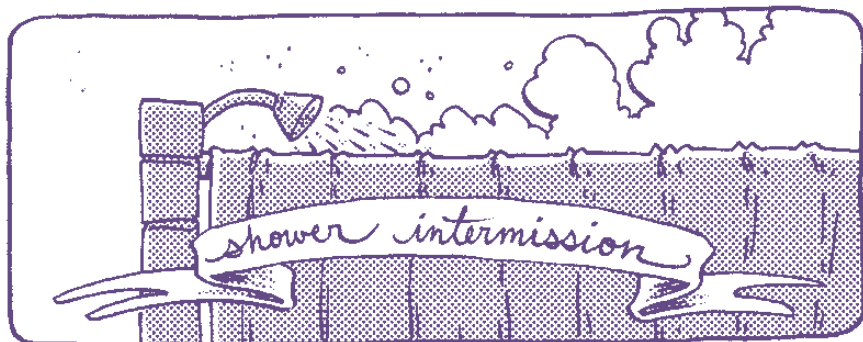


Step 3: post drawings on
Tumblr instead

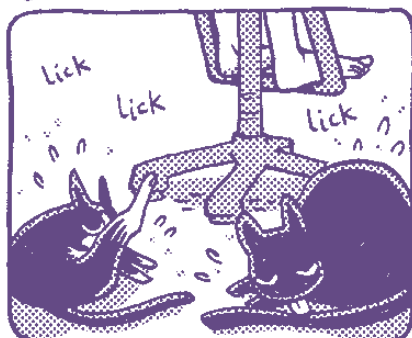


this is awfully recursive

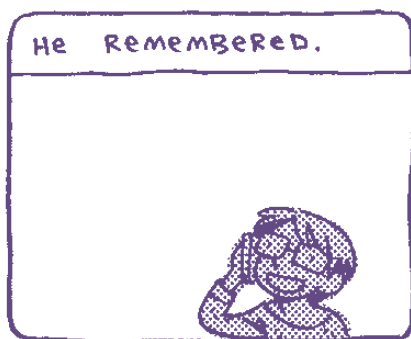




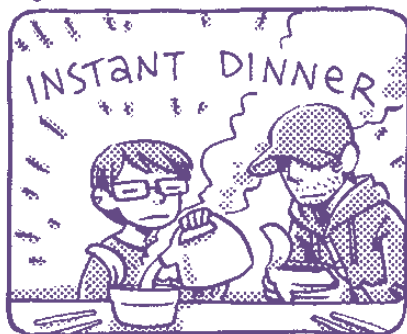
6:00 pm



7:00 pm



8:00 PM



9:00 PM



10:00 PM



11:00 PM



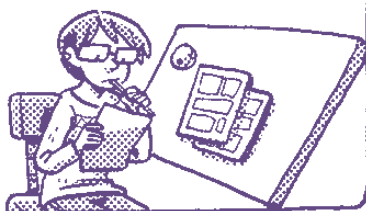
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iinkkkkiinggg



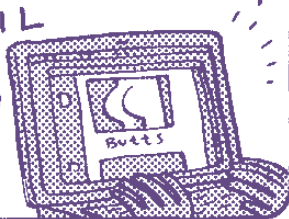
12:30 am

oh huh maybe I should
go to bed



PROCEED TO LOOK
AT THE INTERNET
UNTIL

2:00
am



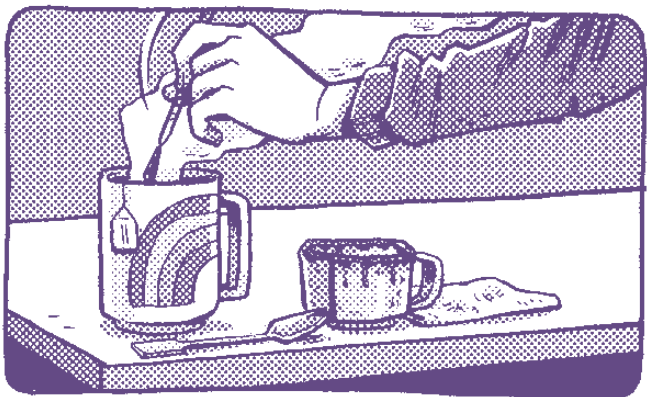
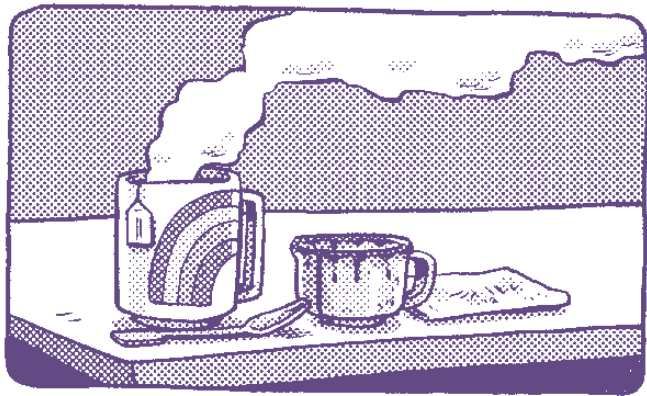
THE END

looking back I guess
I didn't leave the
apartment today

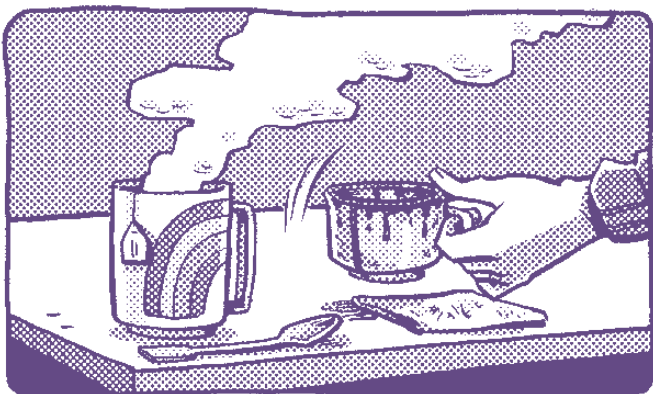
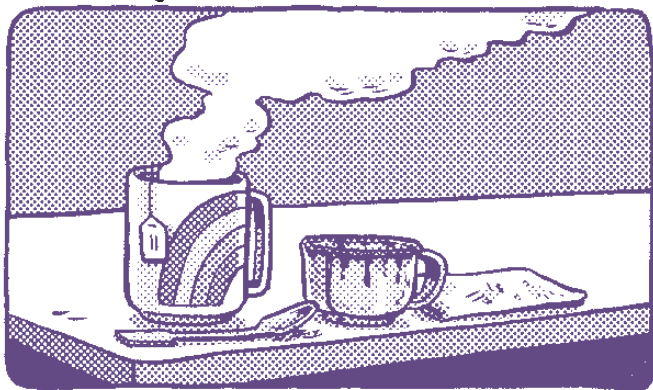
whoops



tempting fate



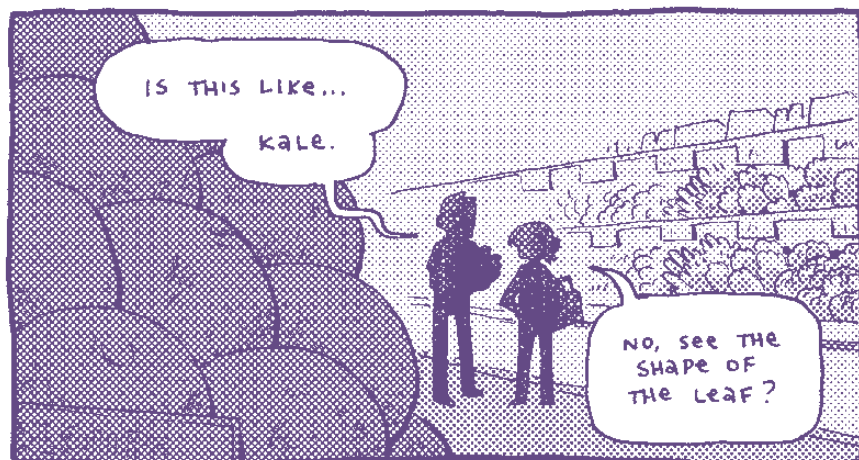
tempting fate once more

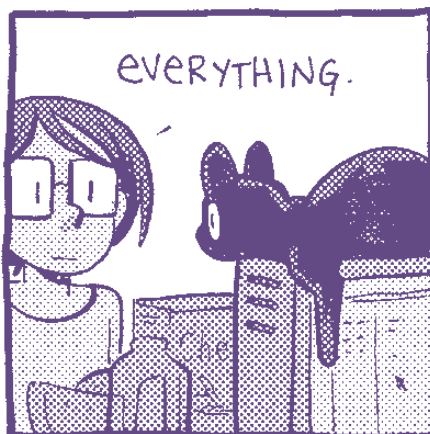
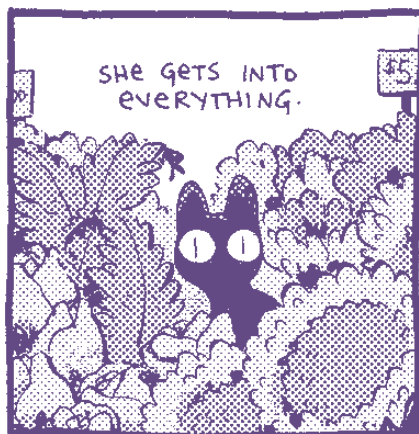
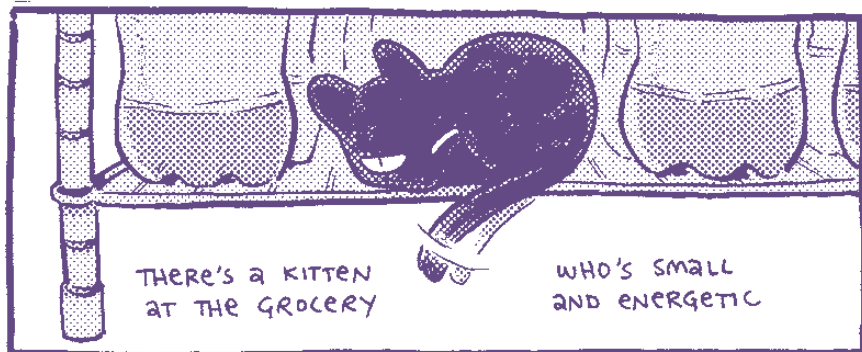


an open letter to all registered US voters (2012 ed.)

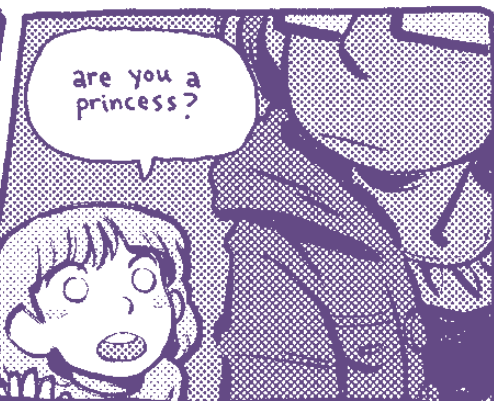
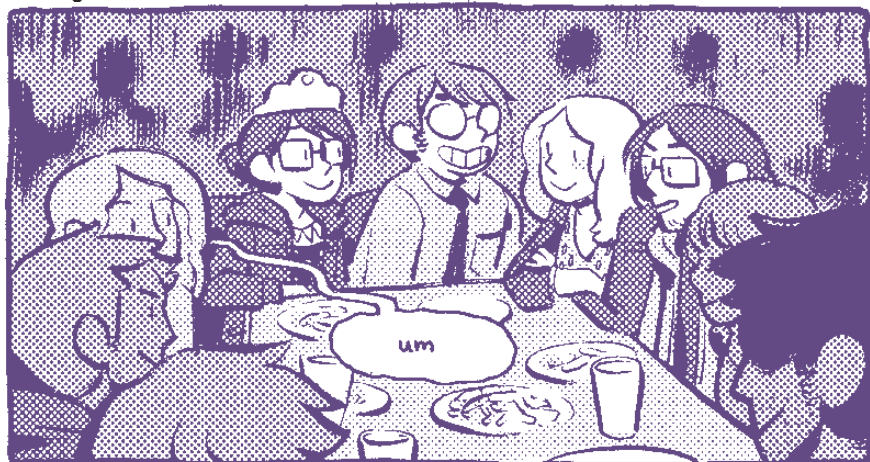


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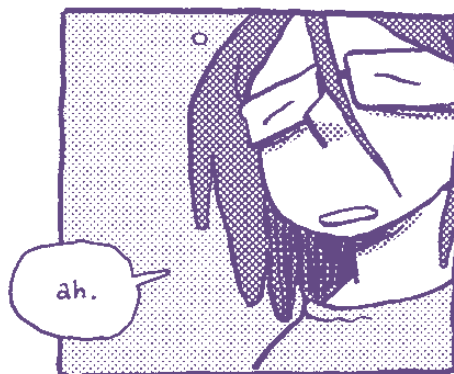
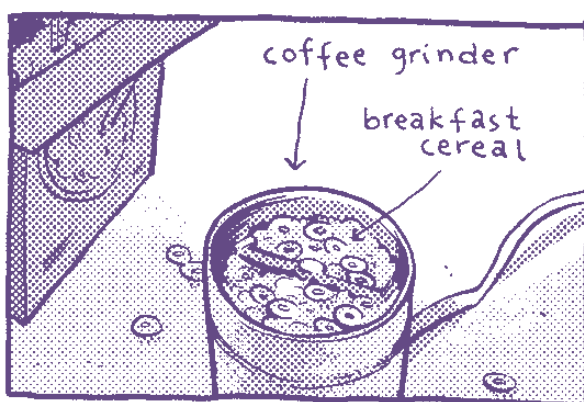




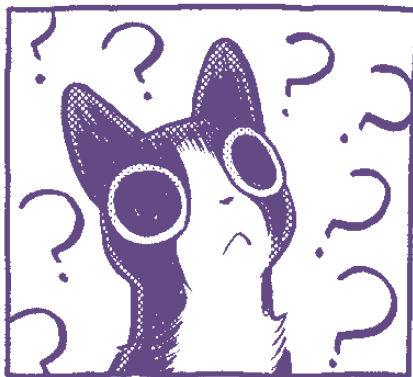
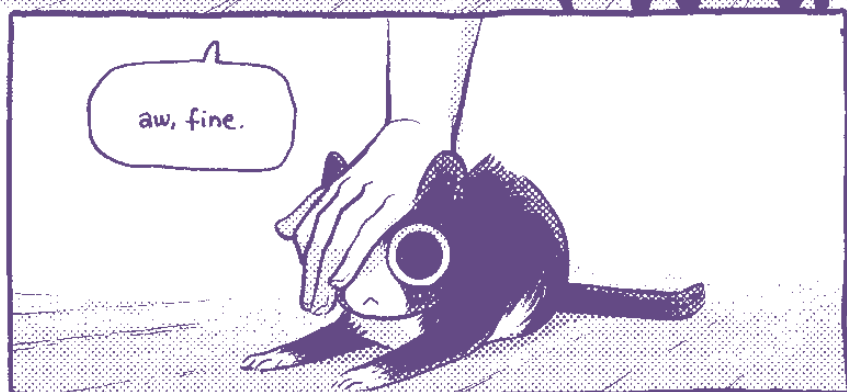
many princesses



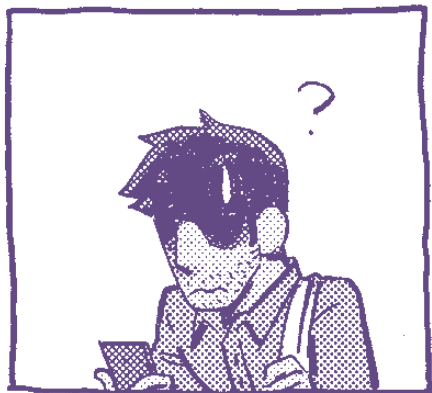
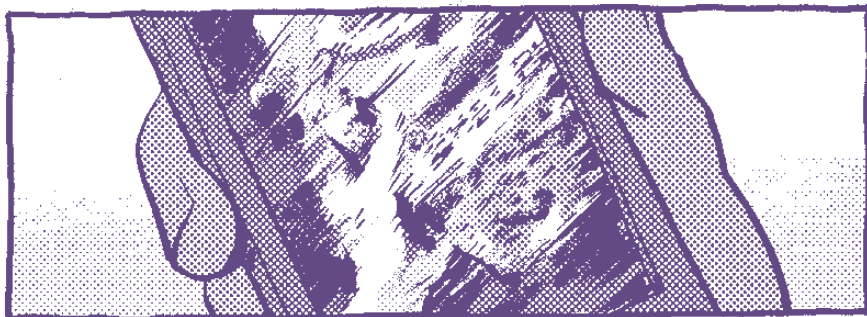
freshly brewed



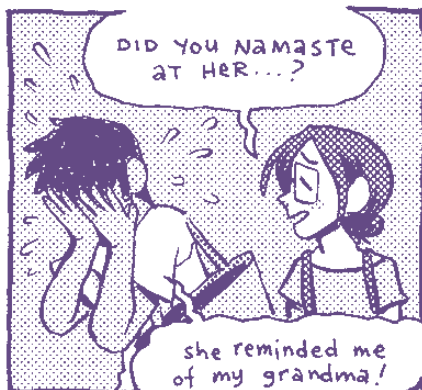
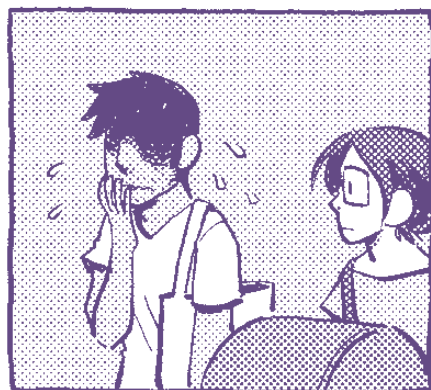
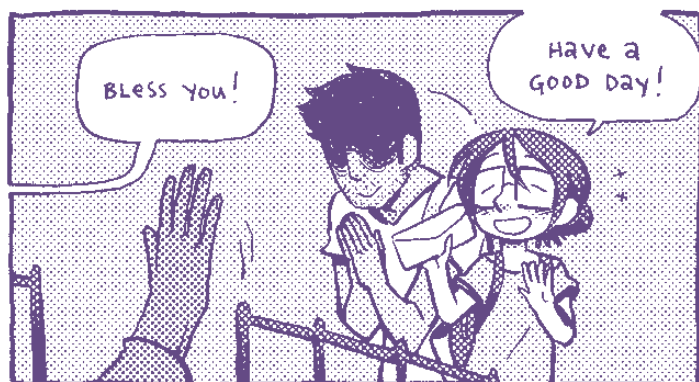
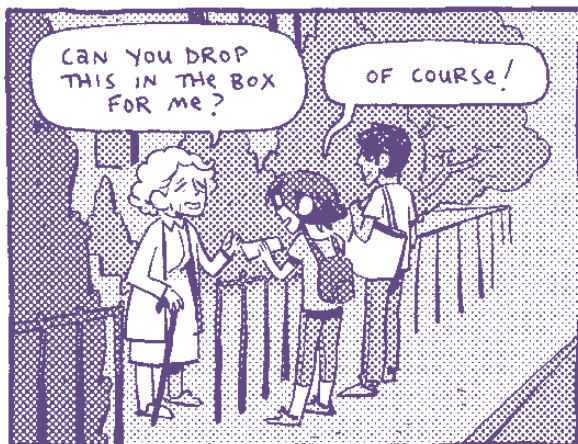
whydja stop



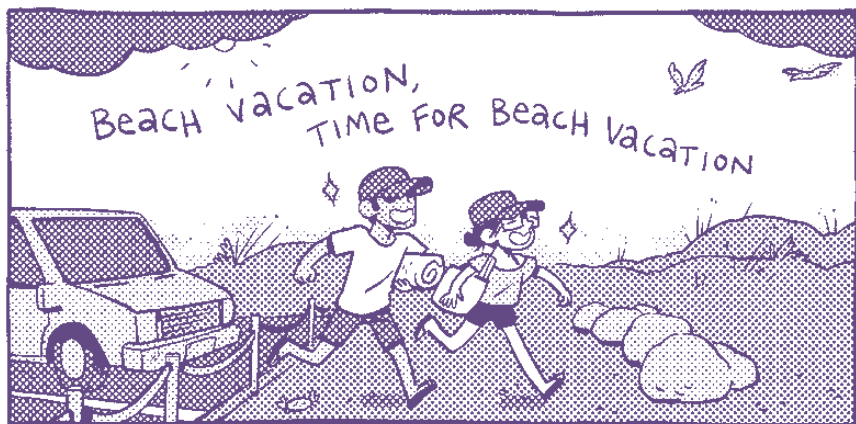
haunted bhel puri



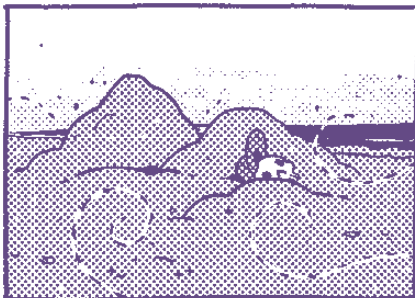
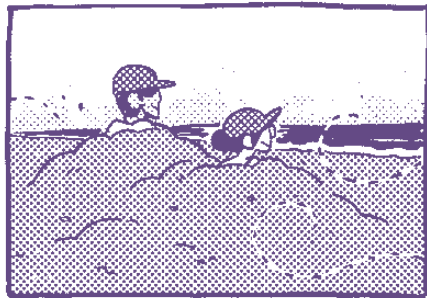
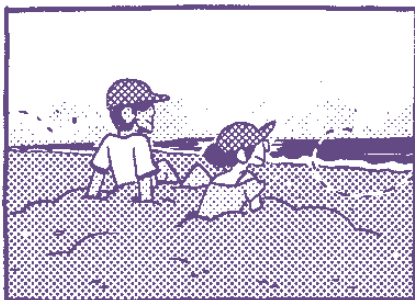
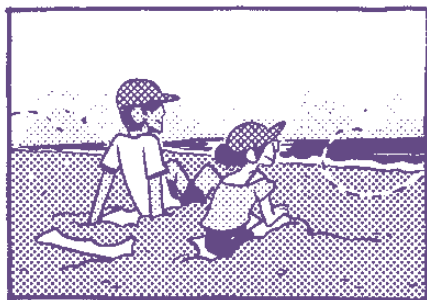
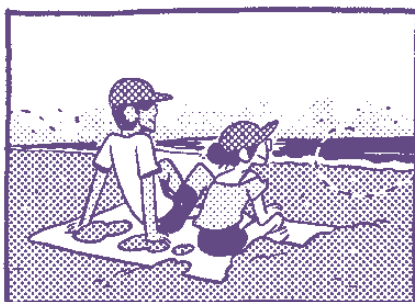
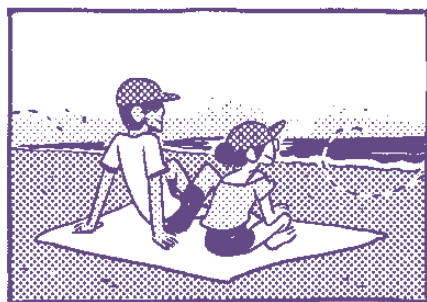
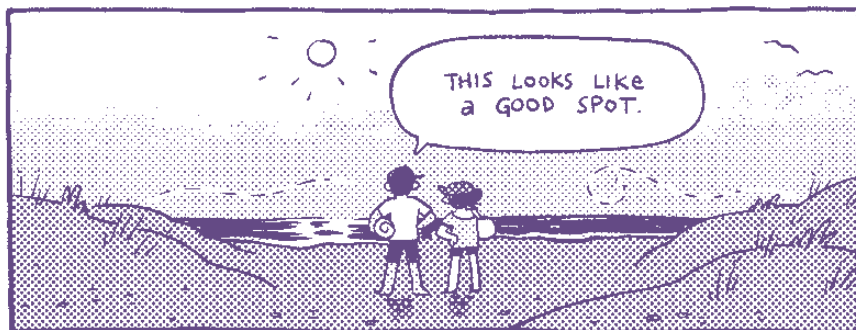
namaste to every grandma



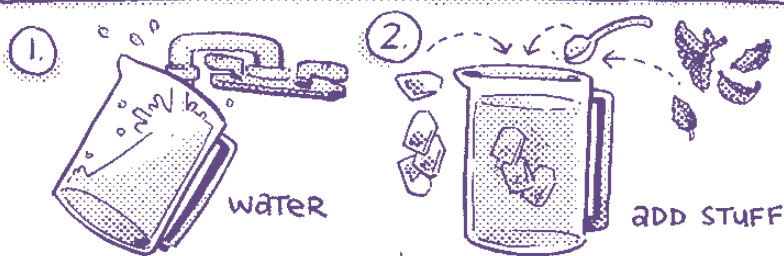
work vacation



wind storm beach vacation fun times 2K15



HEY IT'S SUMMER, HYDRATE YOURSELF! let's make some Sun Tea!



3.
STEEP
IN SUN
FOR ~5
HOURS

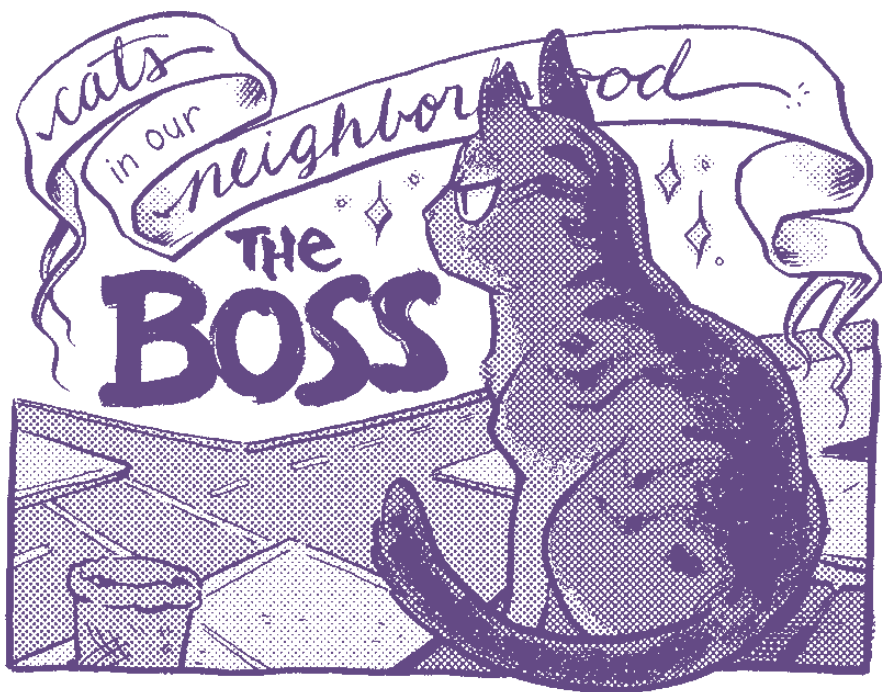


- take out tea bags afterwards
- keep in refrigerator



WOW
THAT
WAS
EASY

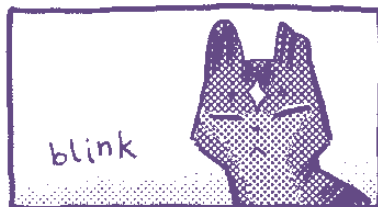
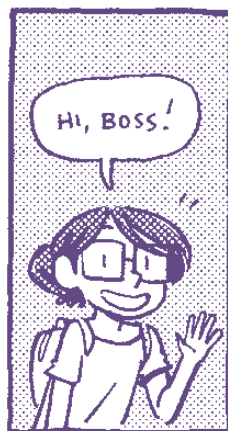




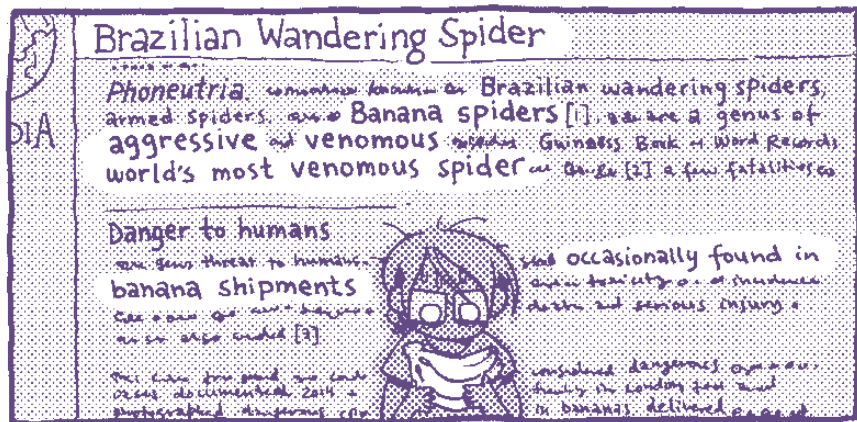
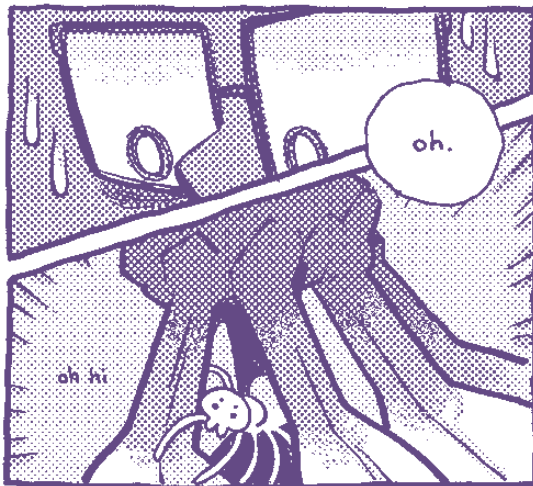
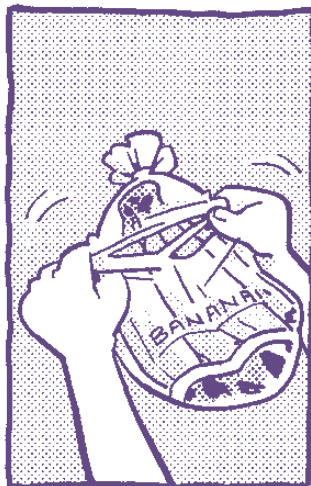
THE BOSS REIGNS OVER
AN INTERSECTION OF
OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.



SHE IS A
BENEVOLENT AND
JUST RULER.



a comic about a spider



Phonutria commonest known as Brazilian wandering spiders, armed spiders, etc. Banana spiders [1] are a genus of aggressive and venomous spiders. Guinness Book of World Records world's most venomous spider as they [2] a few fatalities

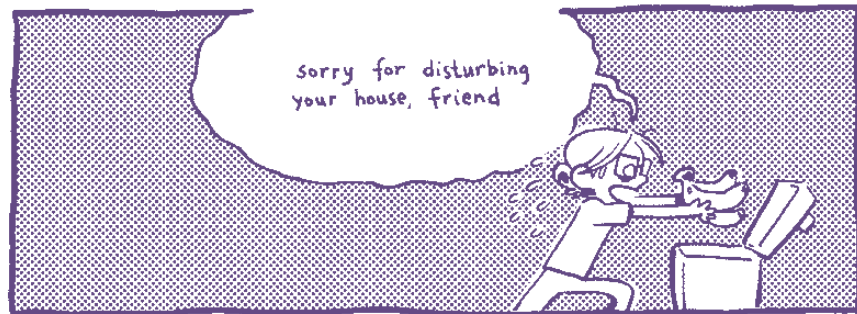
Danger to humans
some fears threat to humans
banana shipments

banana shipments
Coke + ...
... also ... [3]

For more from good and bad
cases documented 2014 +
photographed during the spin

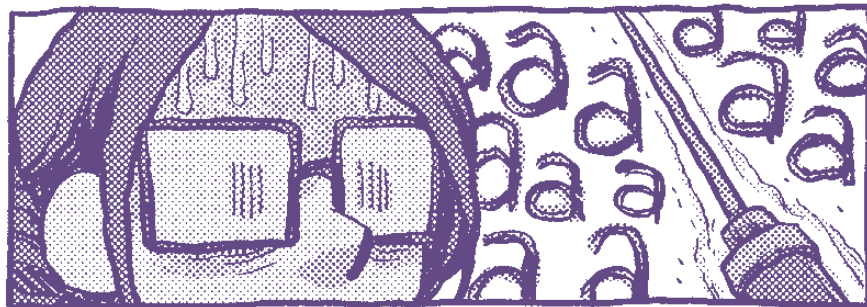
and occasionally found in
open toxicity & or increased
death and serious injury.

considered dangerous, even now,
that is the London post and
the bananas delivered every day.

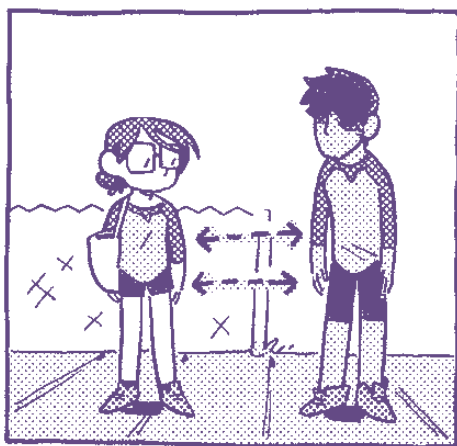
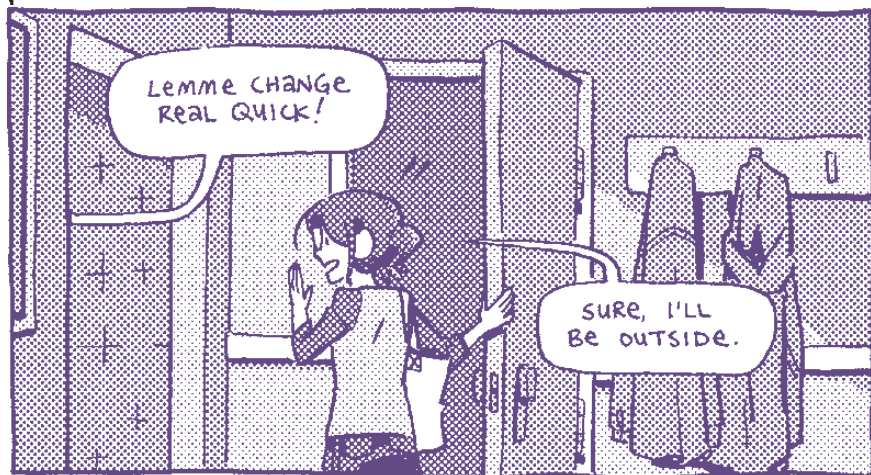


*IT WAS PROBABLY A HUNTSMAN SPIDER, WHICH ARE HARMLESS

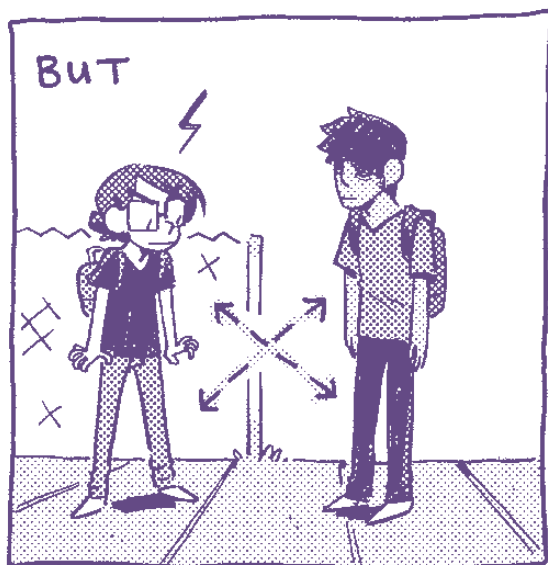
sleepy nurse



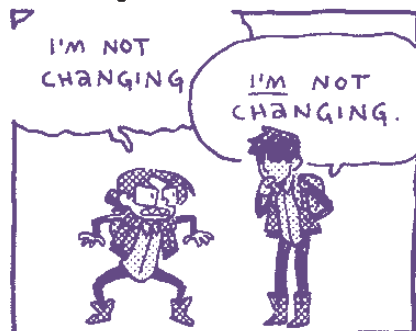
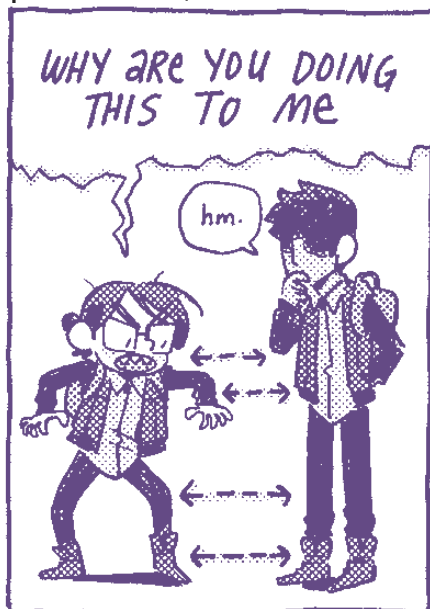
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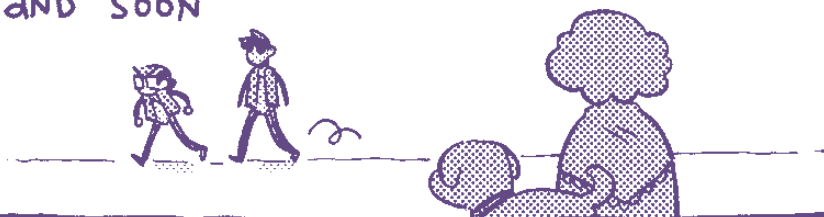
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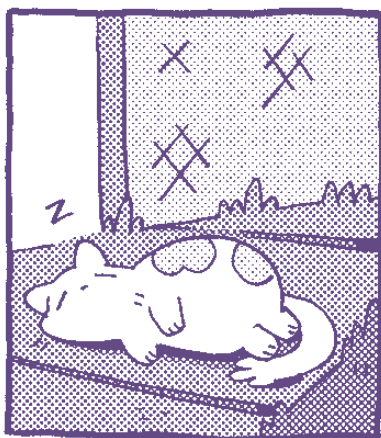
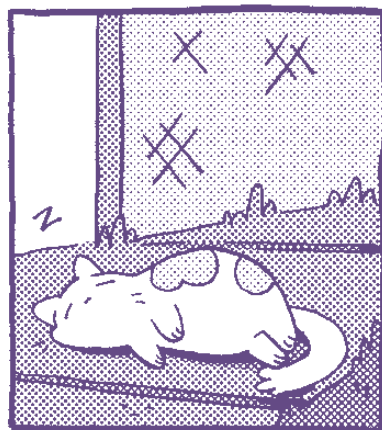


parallel fashion: with a vengeance

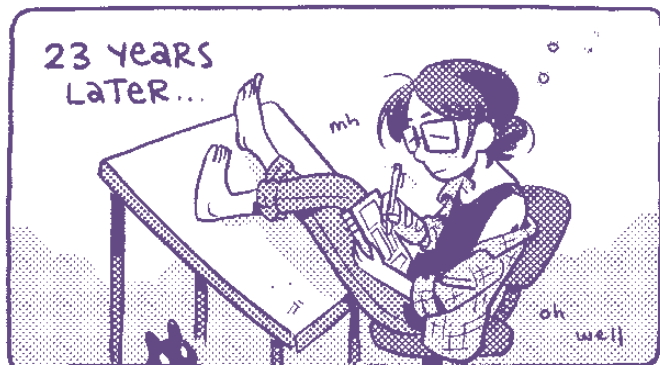
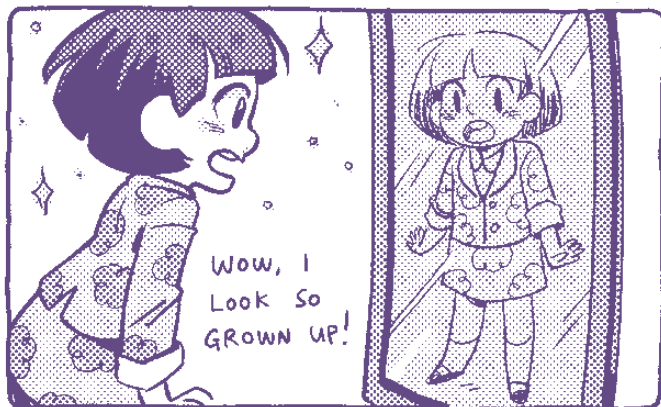


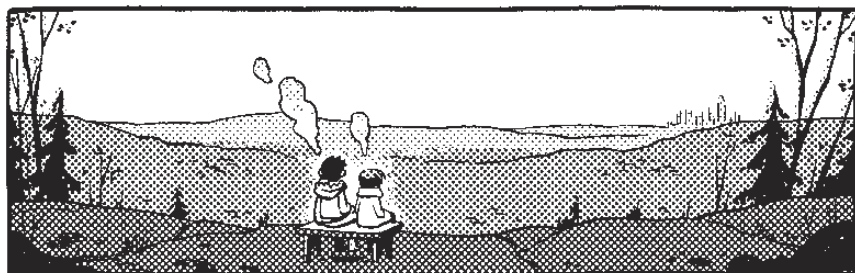
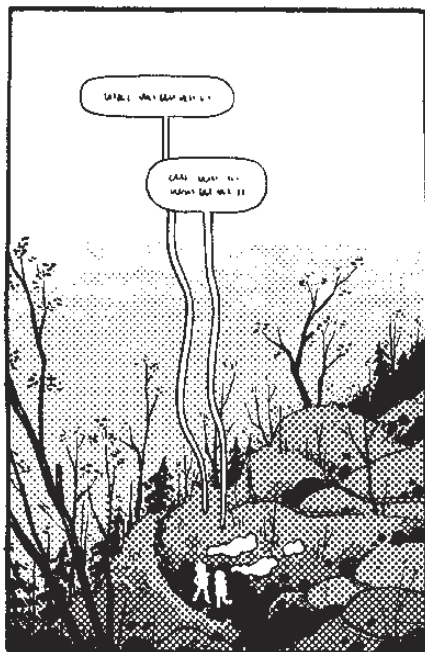
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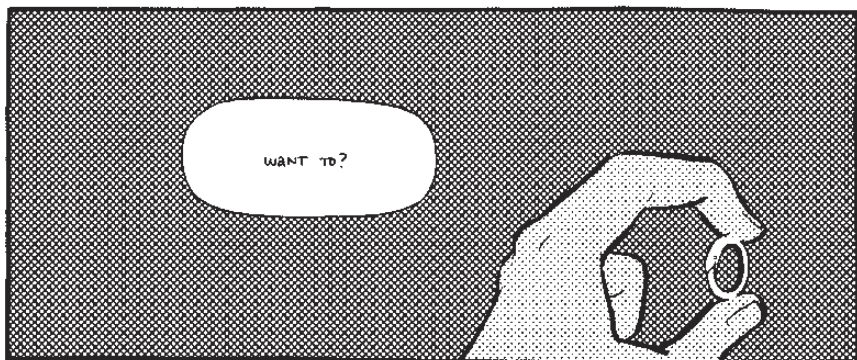
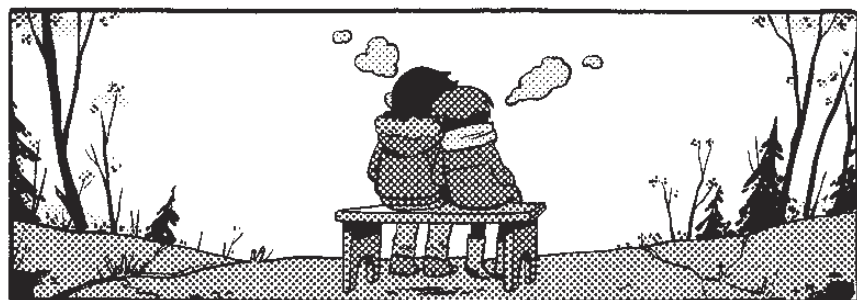
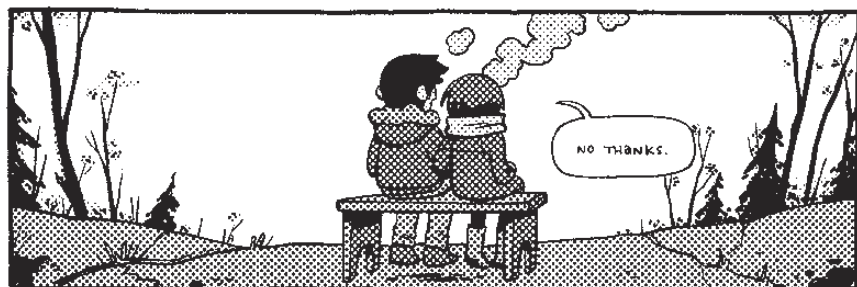


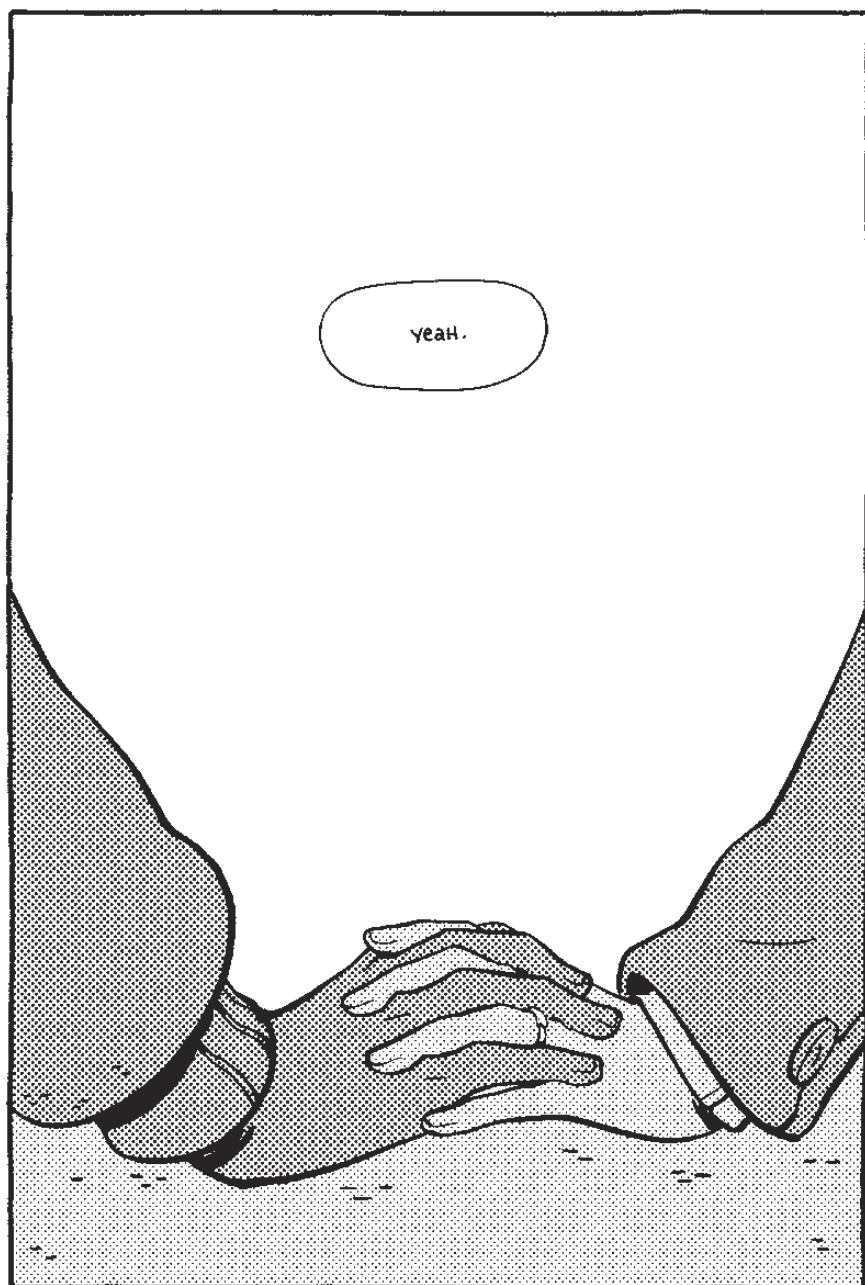


one time I got a hand-me-down
baby suit from my cousin











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THROUGH the thickest knell of night,
Through milky morning dew,

What wondrous sights I'm set to see
While wanderin' with you

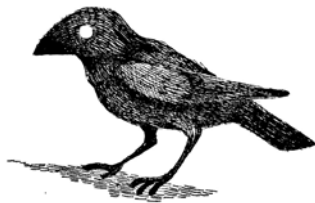
For we could see nigh anything
While wanderin' jus' you an me
For any thing's a won'drous thing

With you, my friend
With you









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