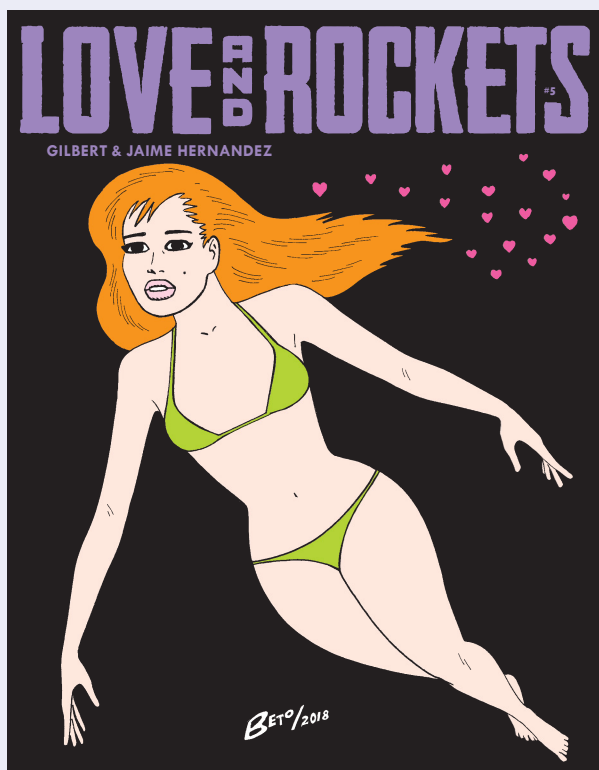


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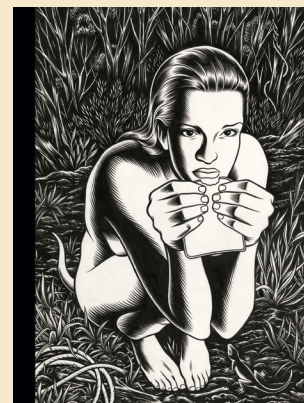
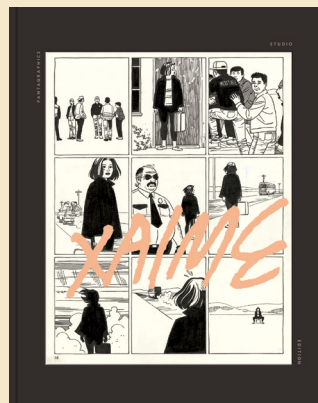
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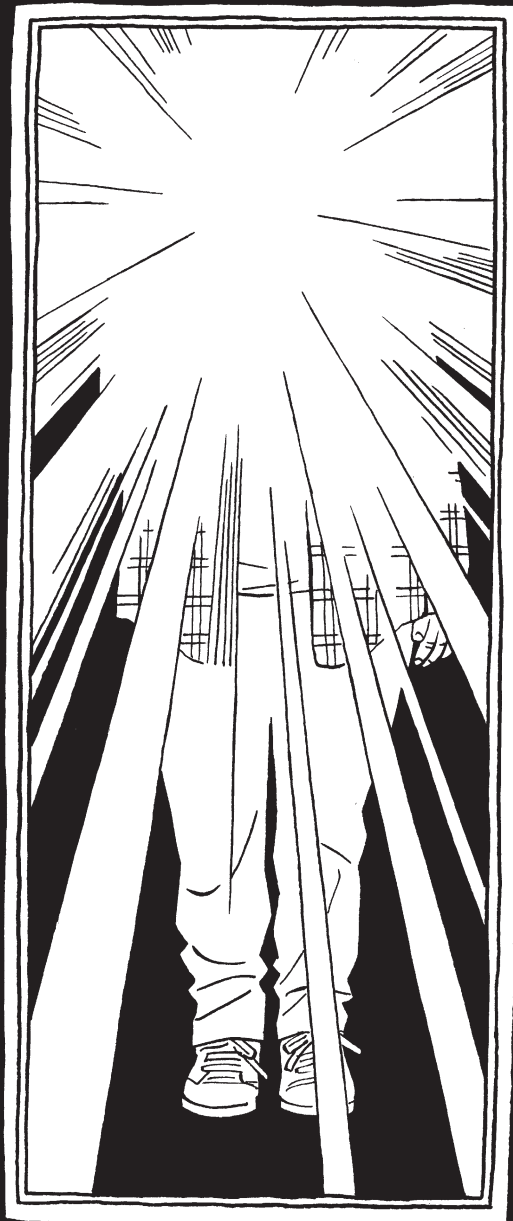
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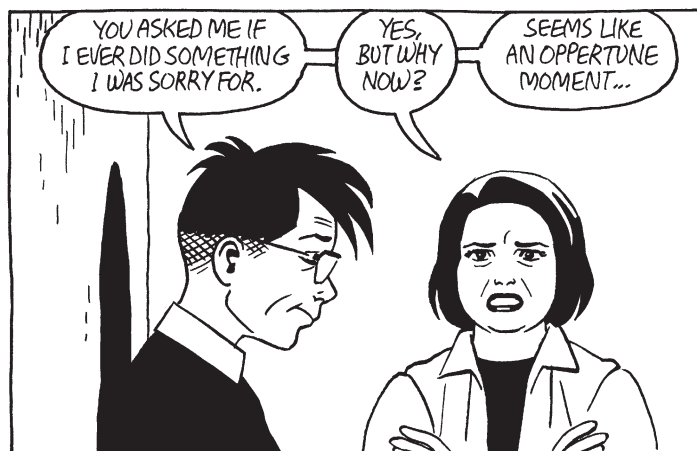
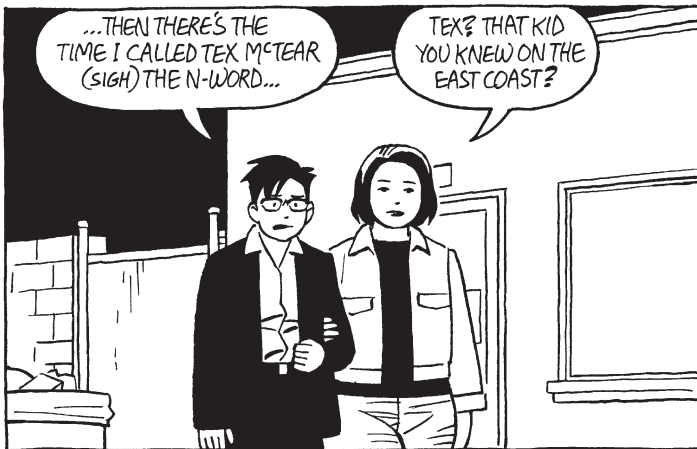


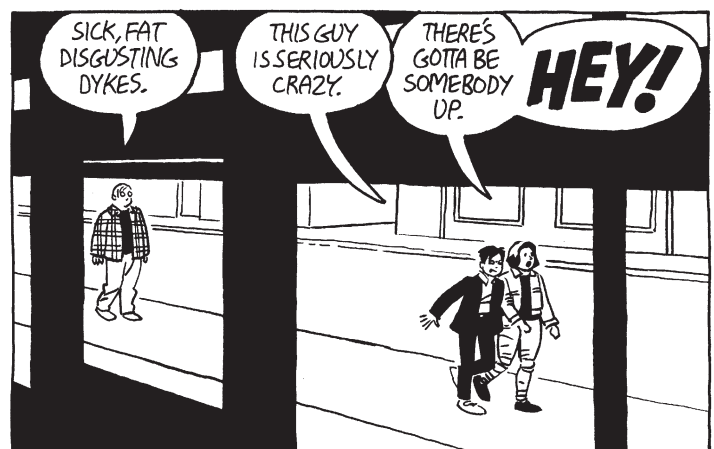
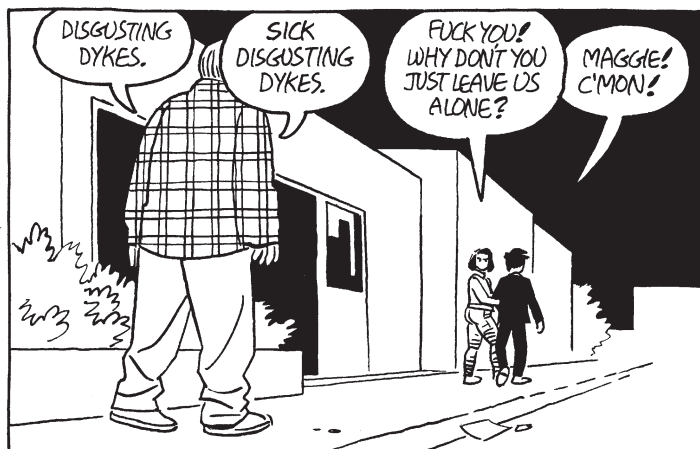
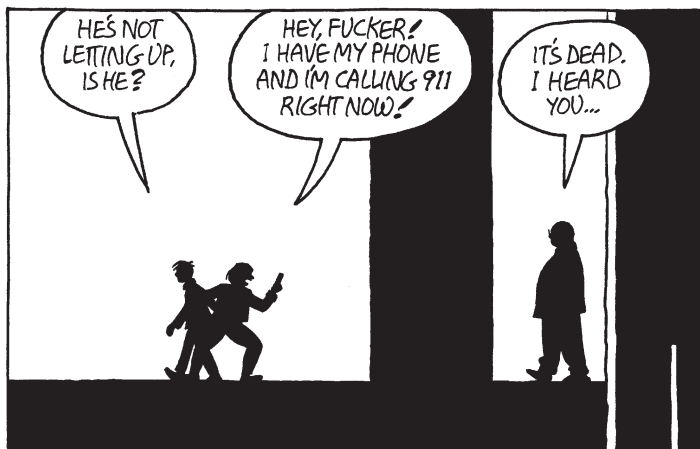
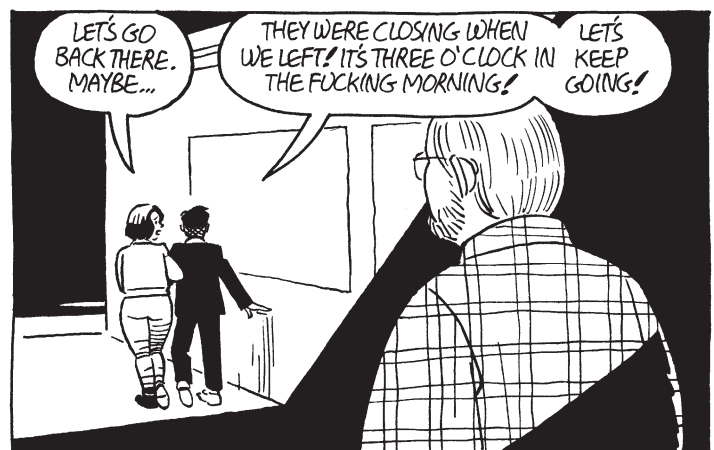
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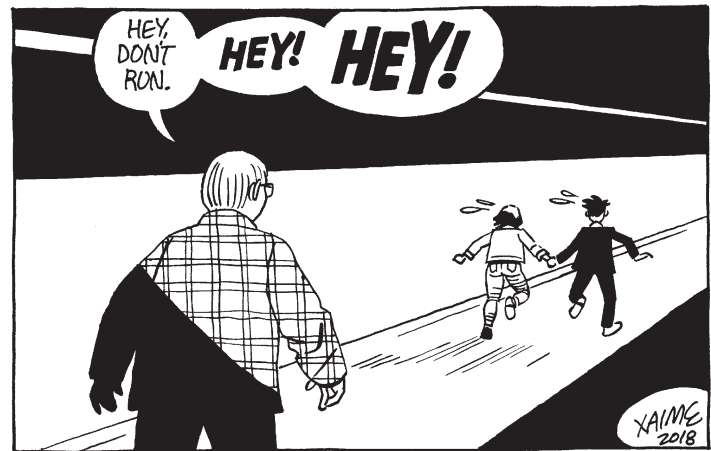
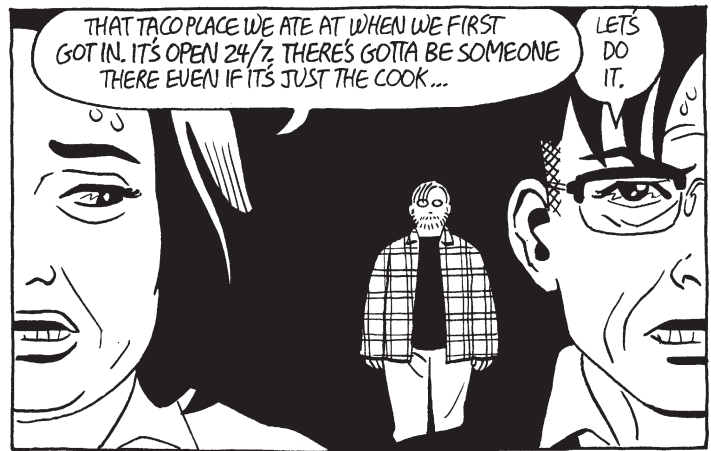
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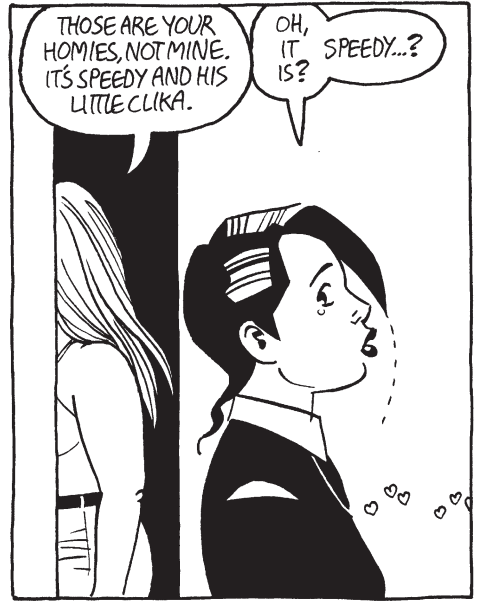
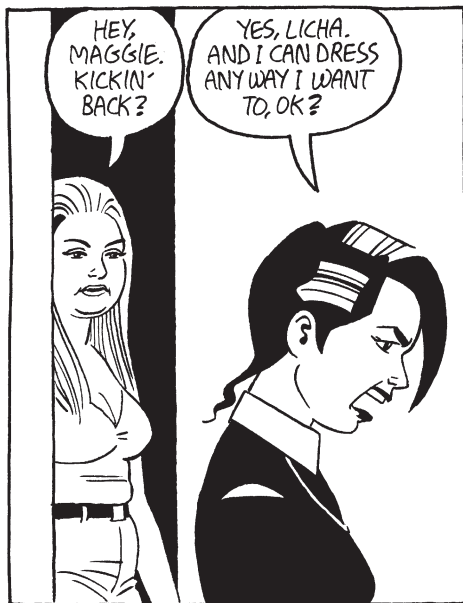
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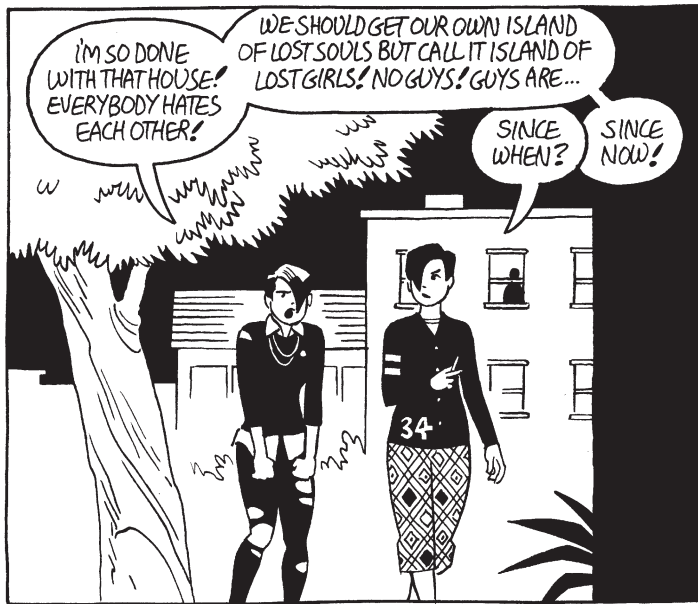
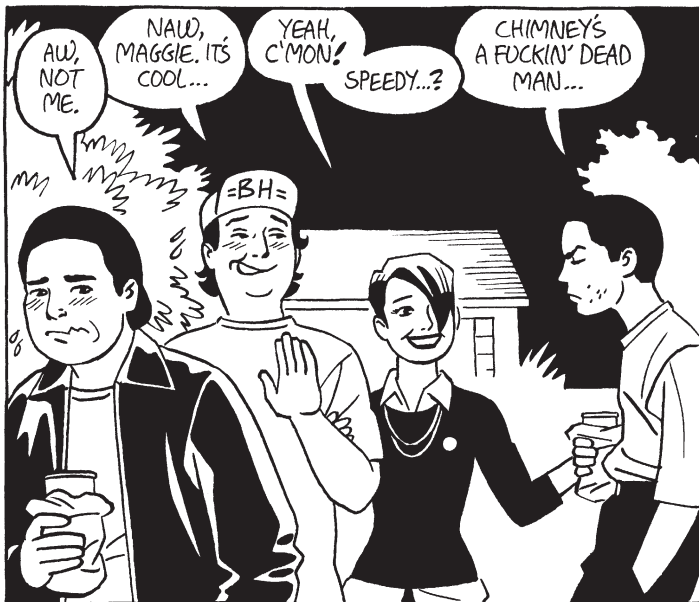


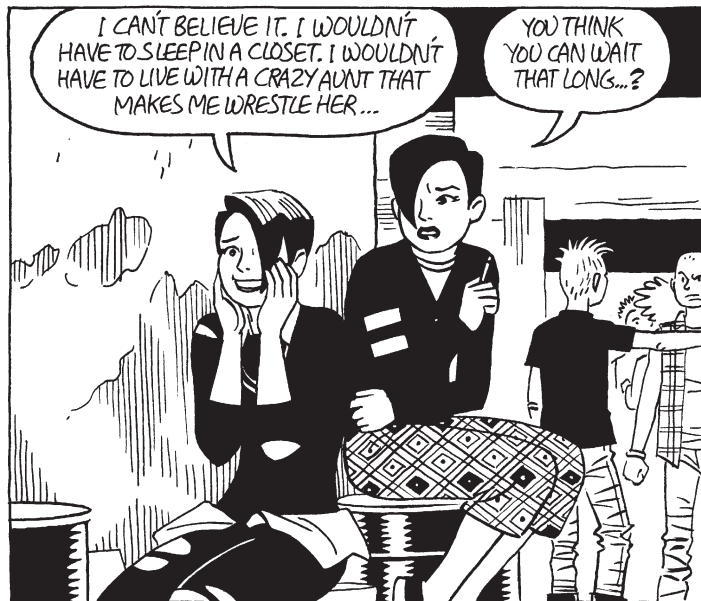
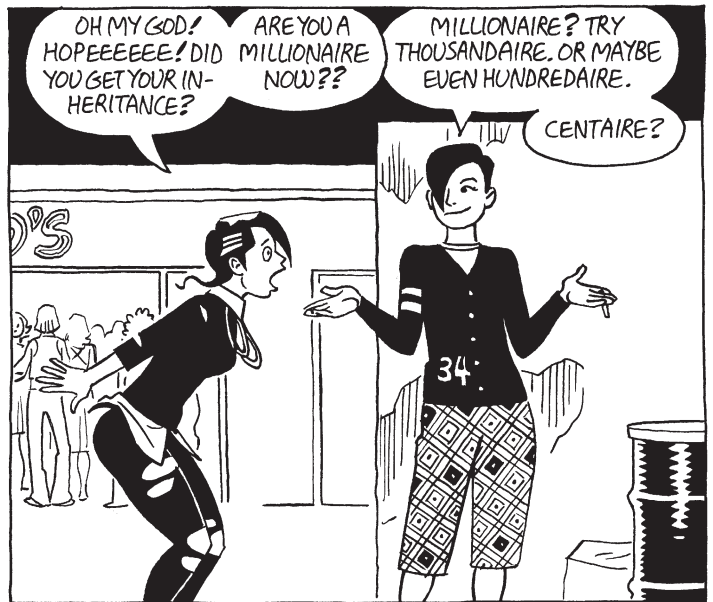


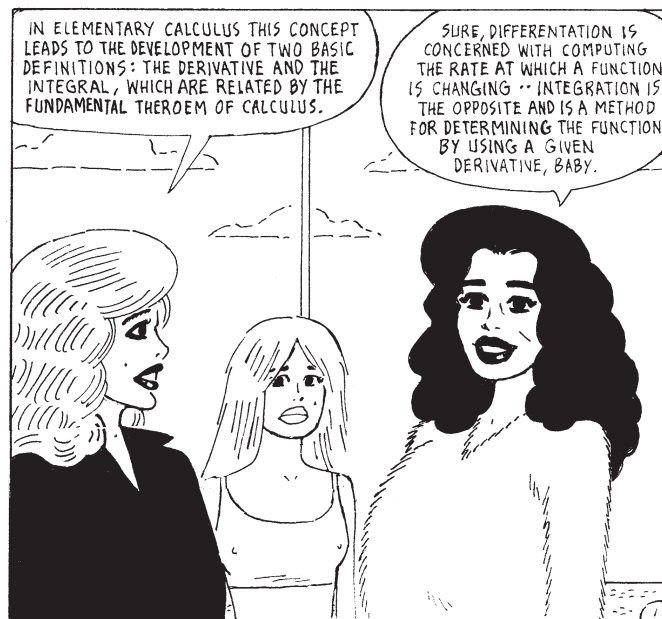
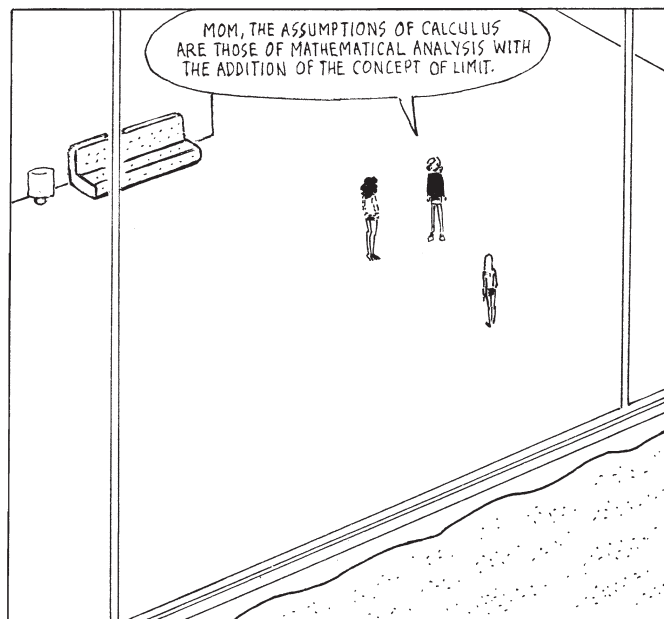


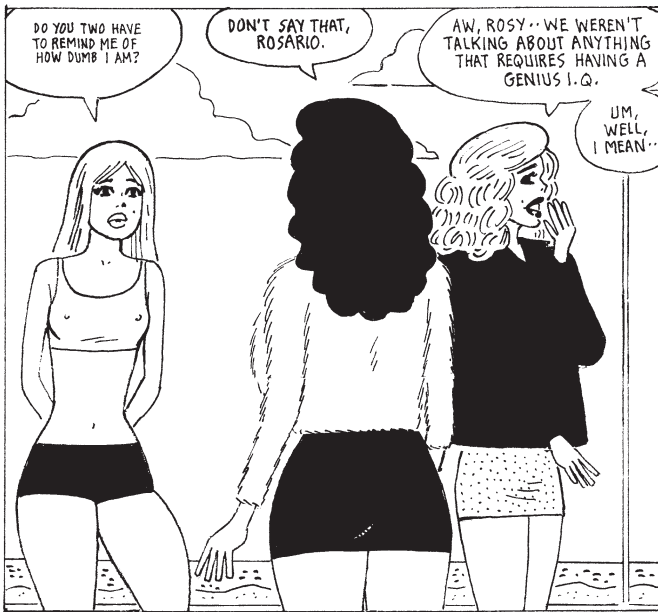


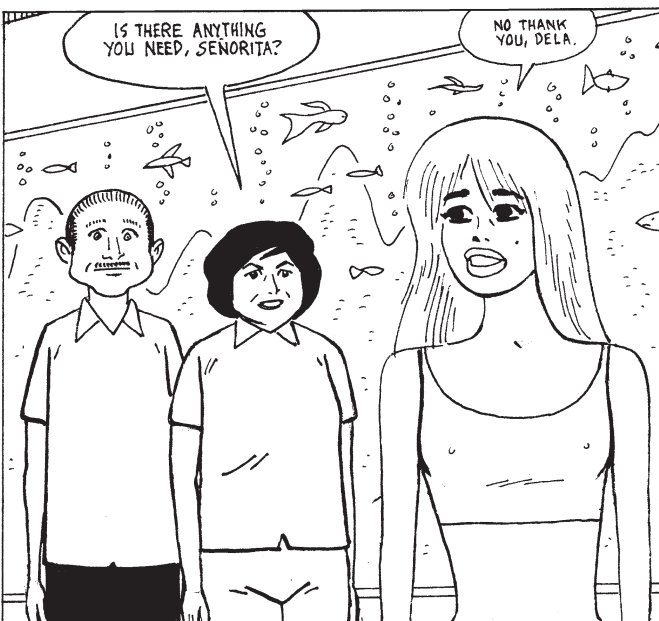
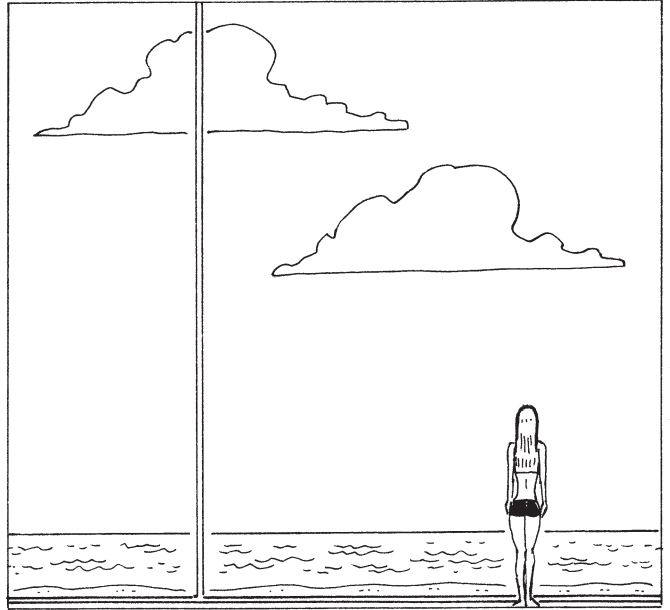
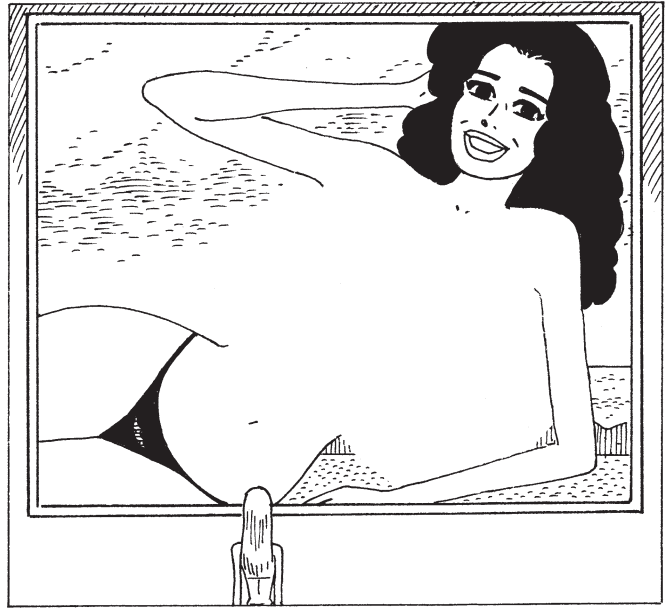


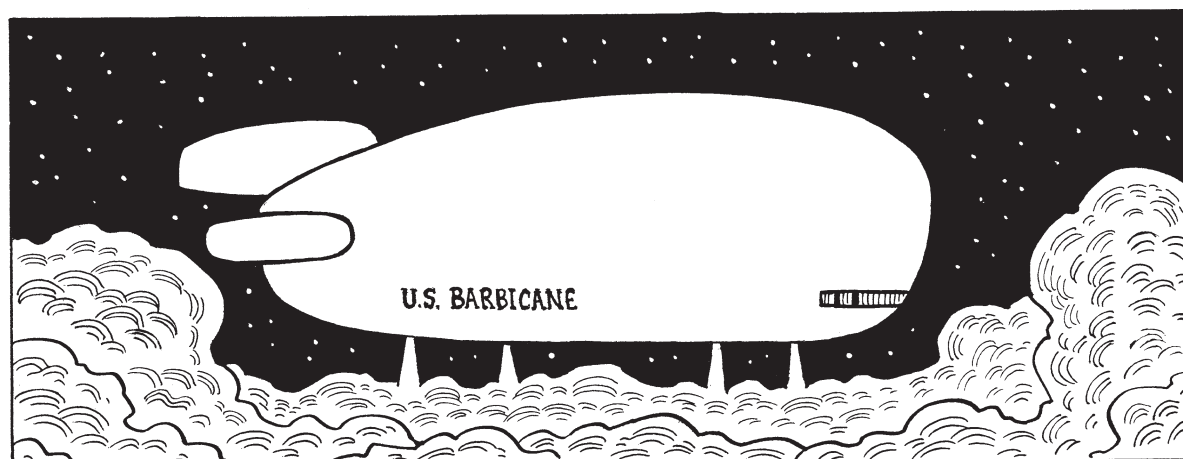
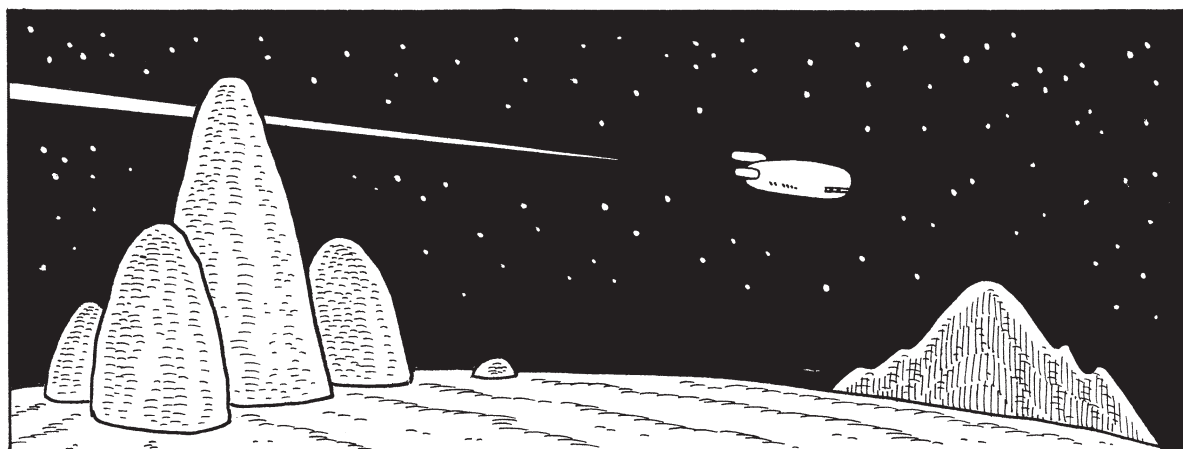
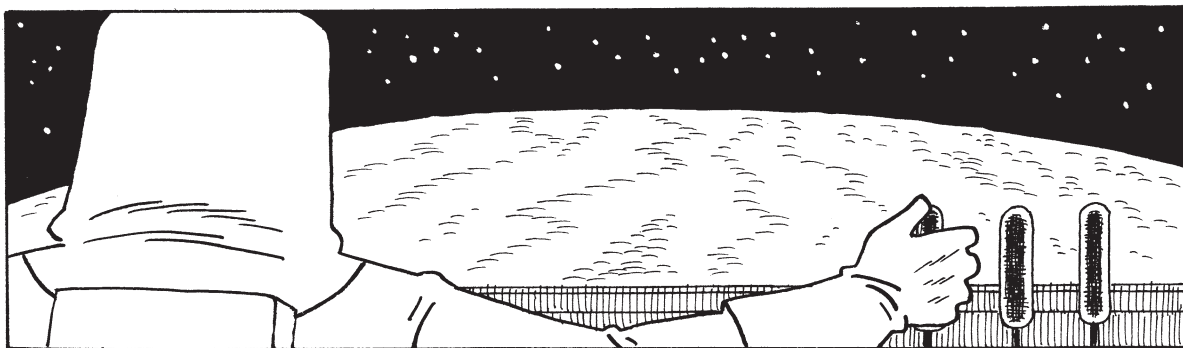


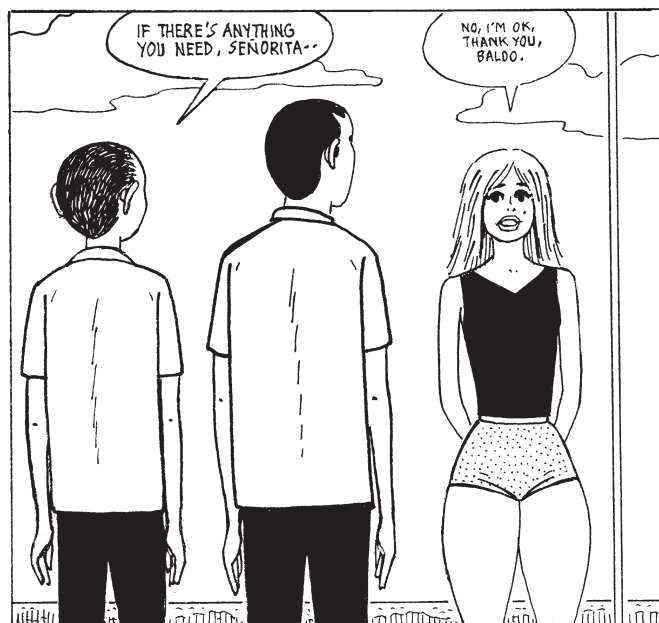
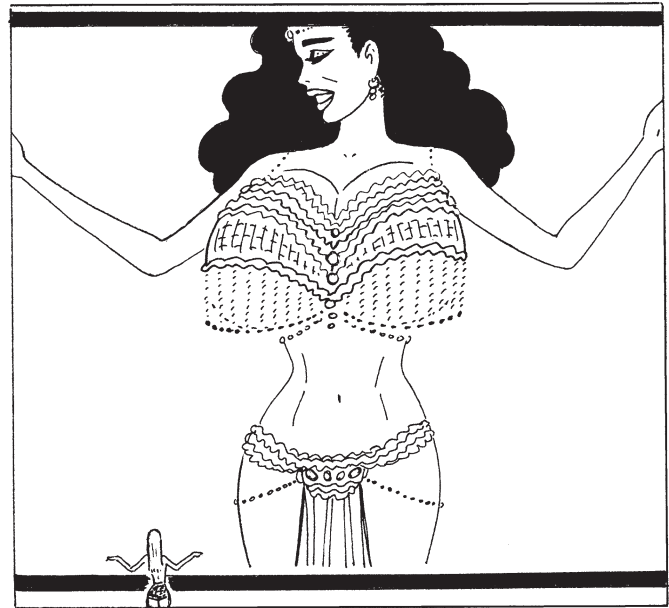
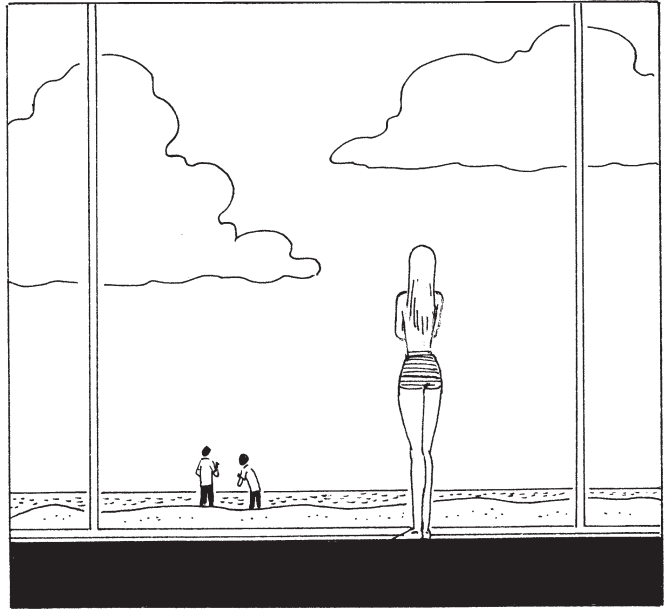
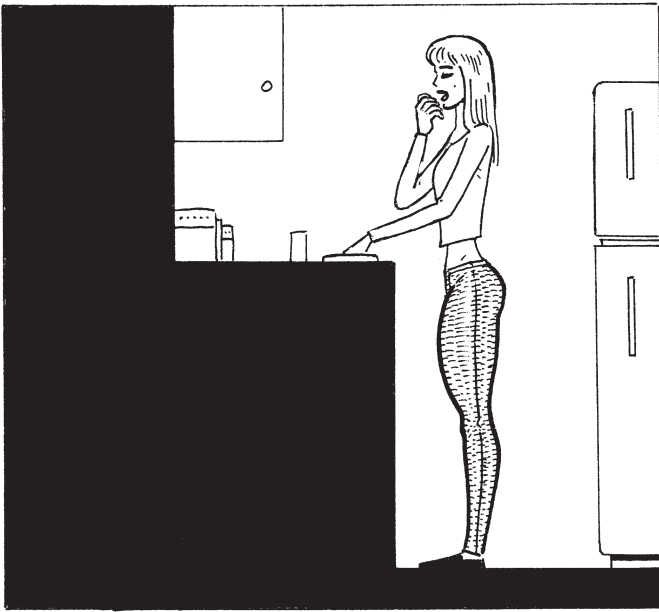


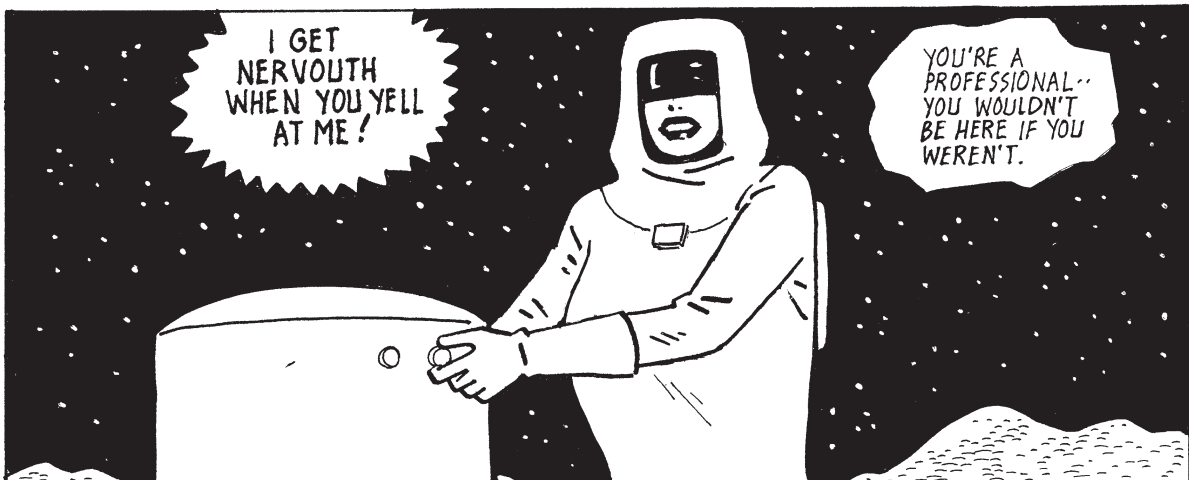
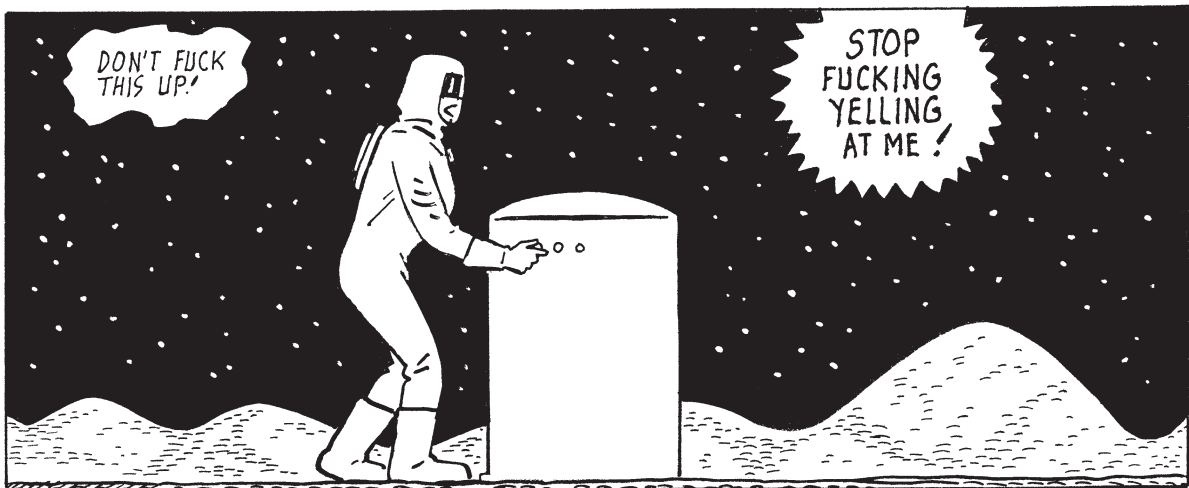
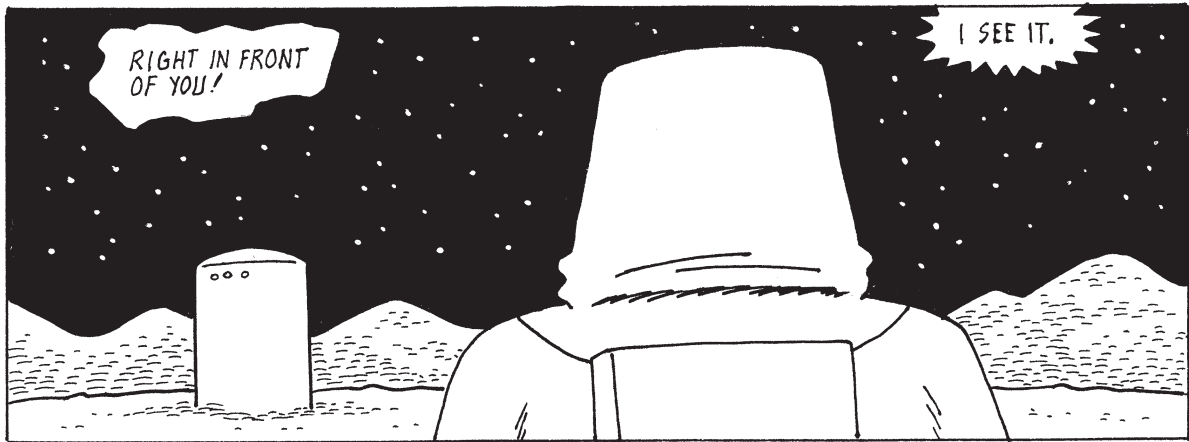


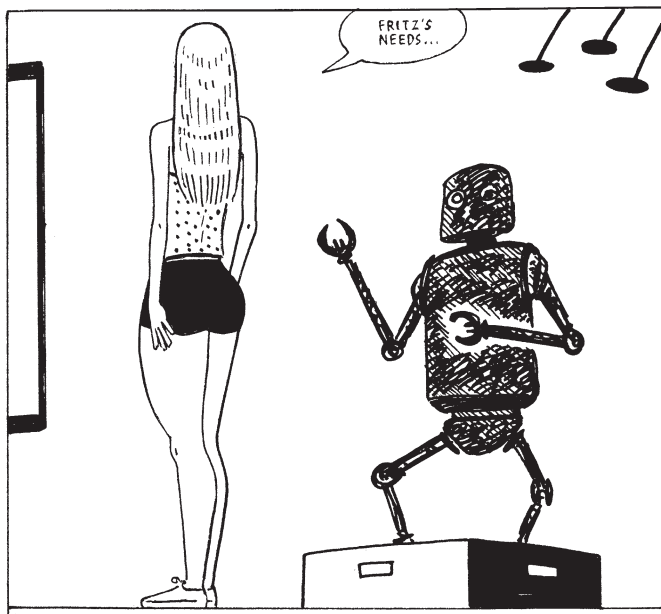
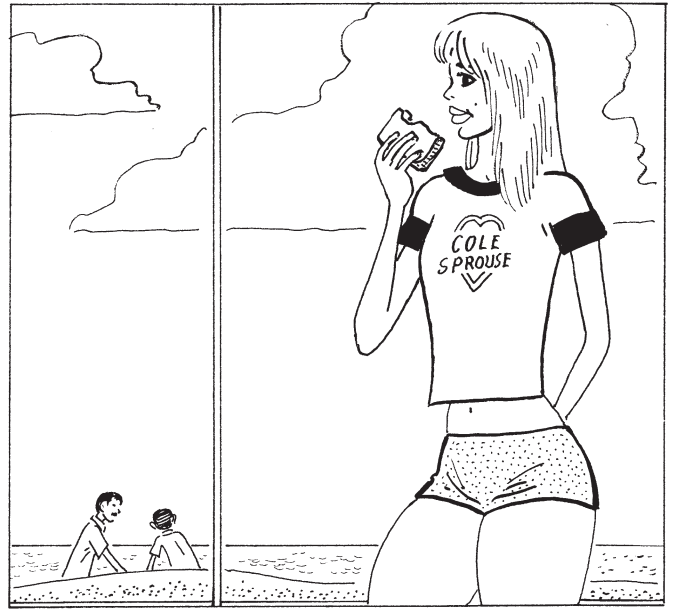
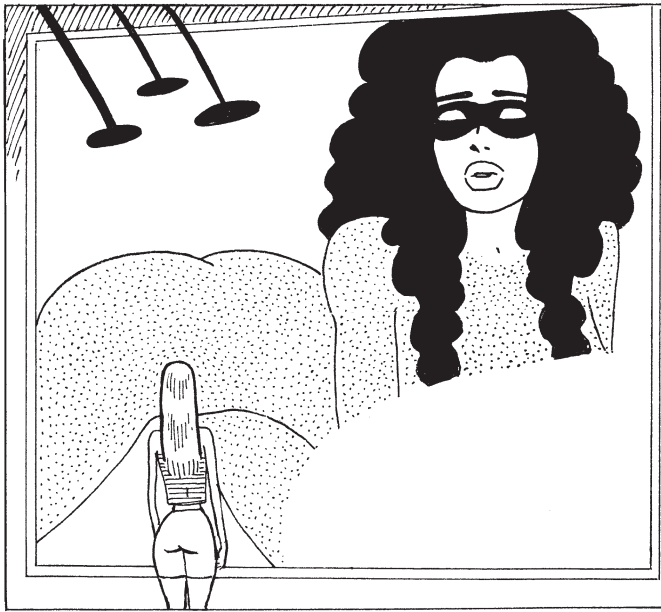


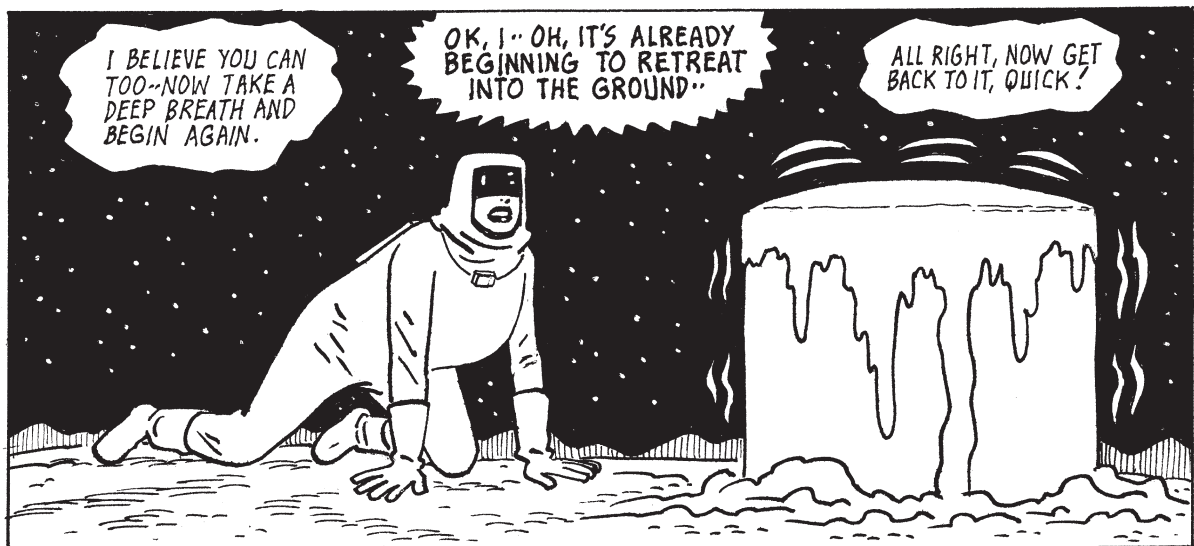
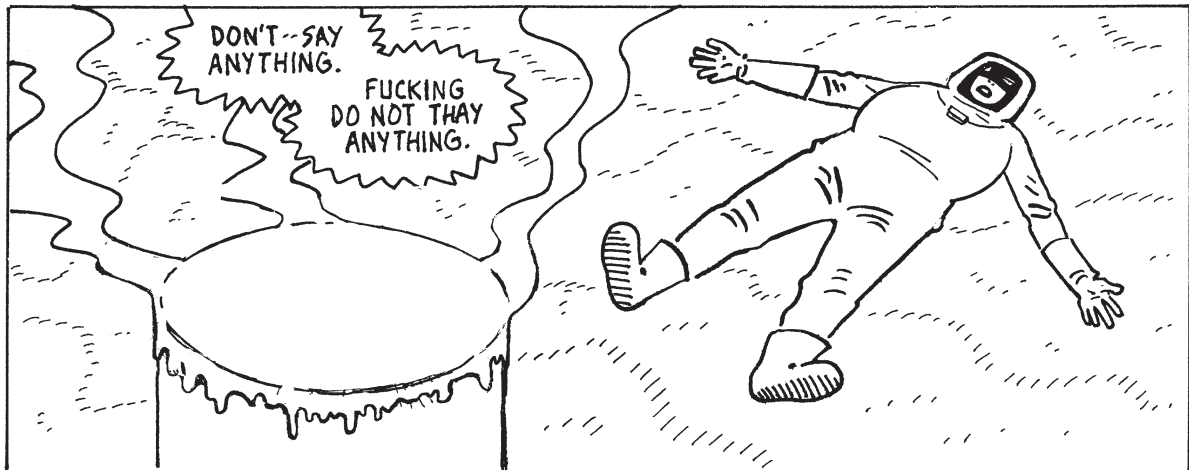
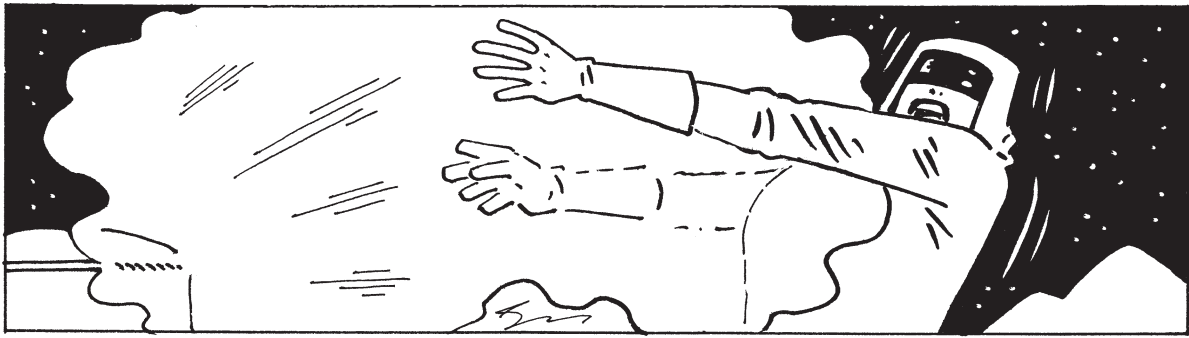


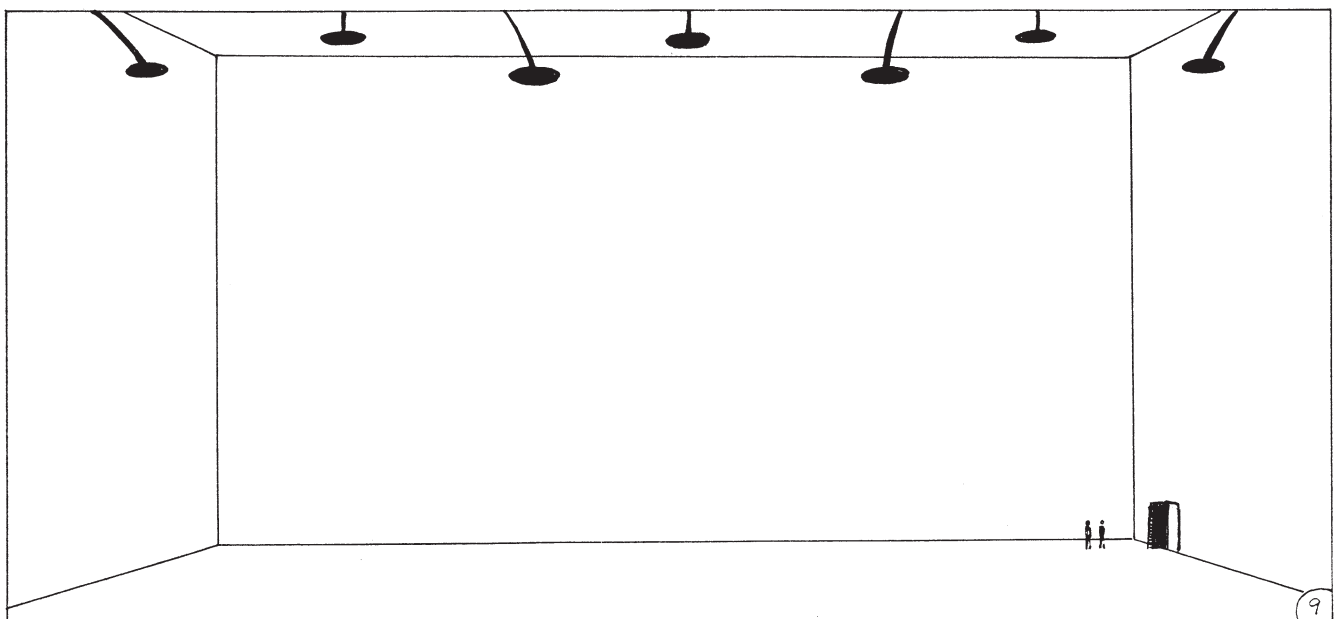
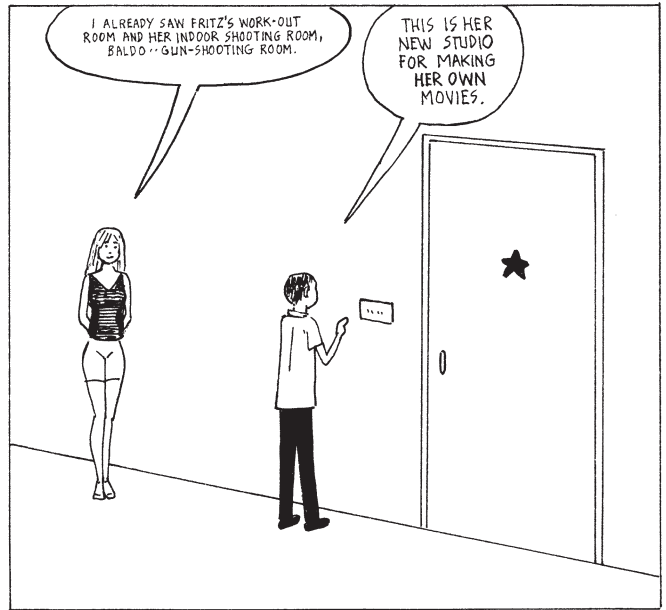


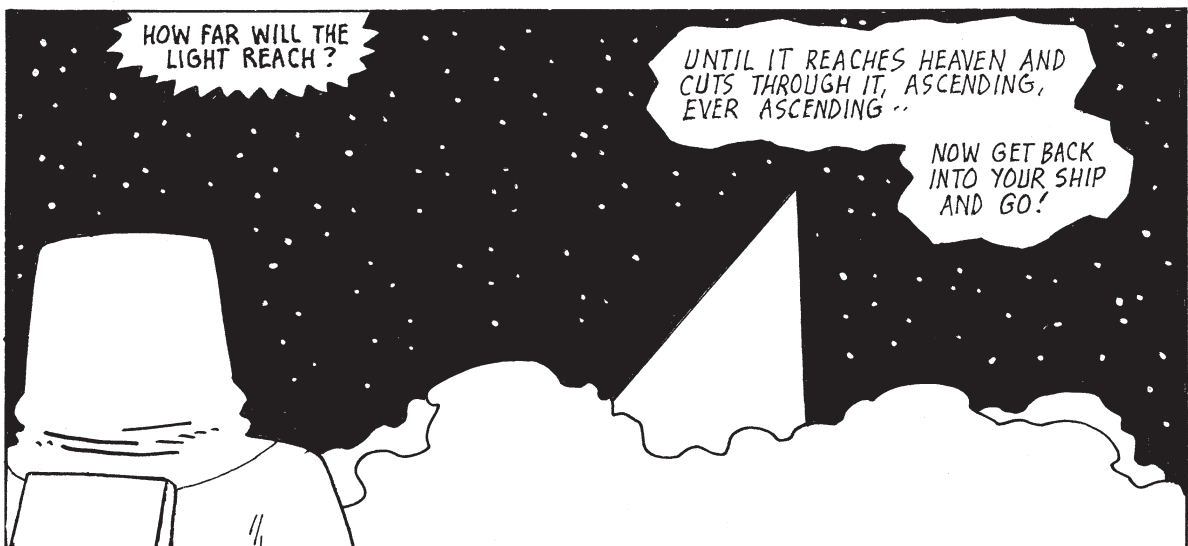
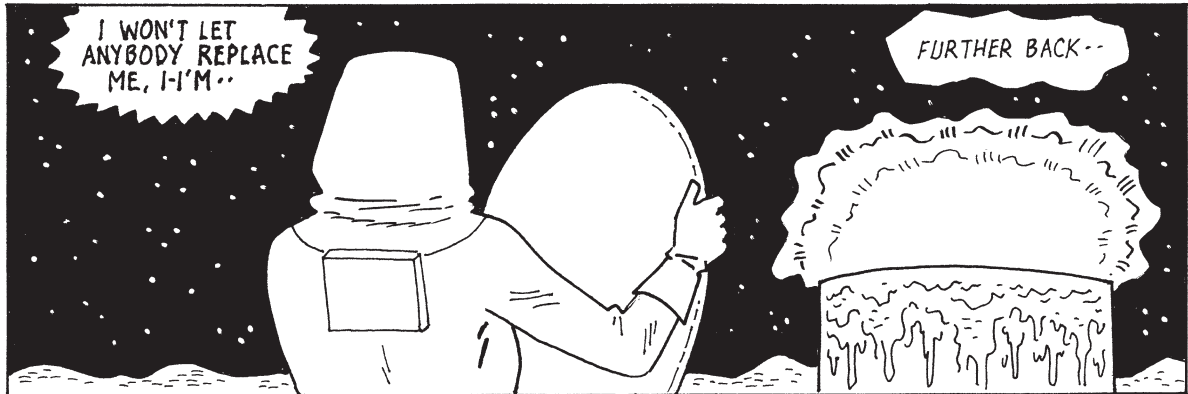


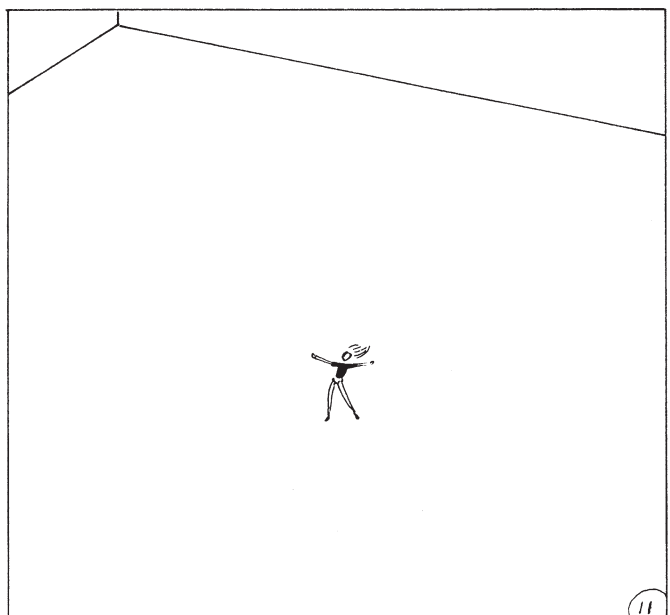
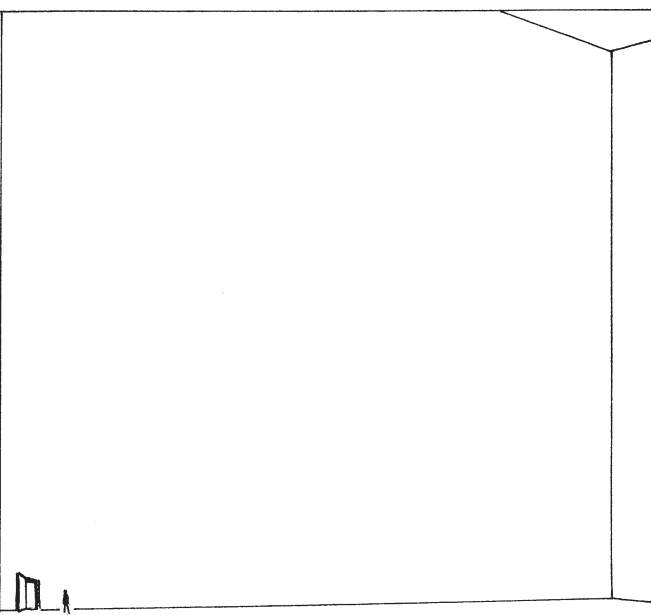
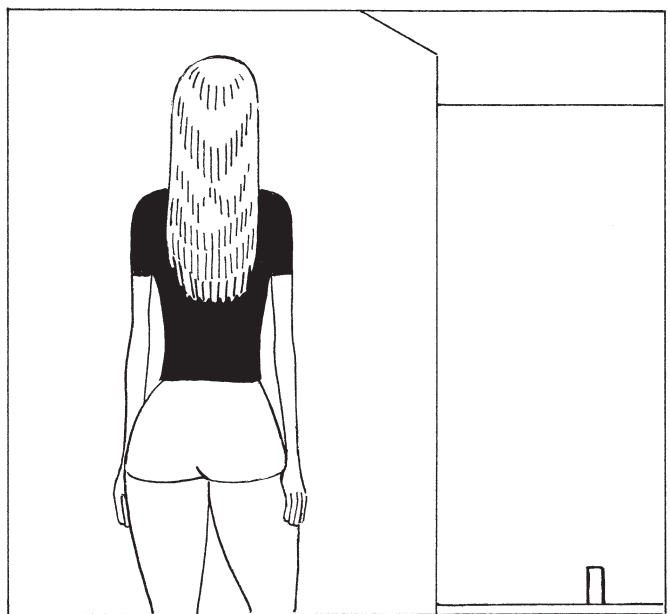
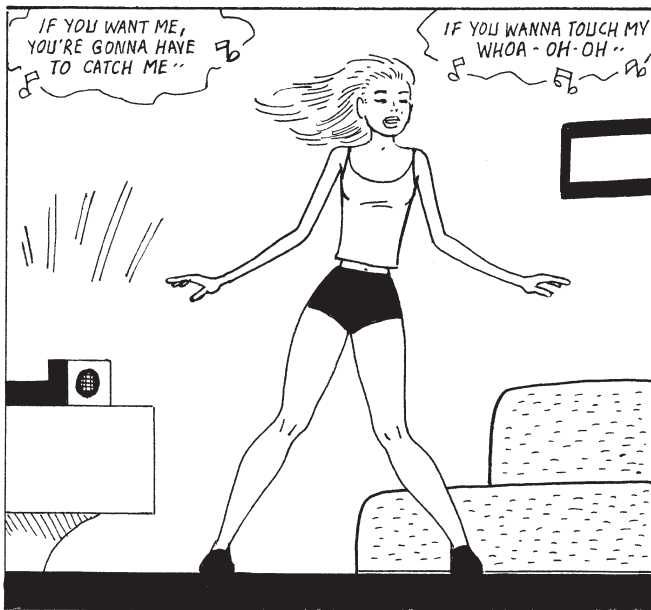


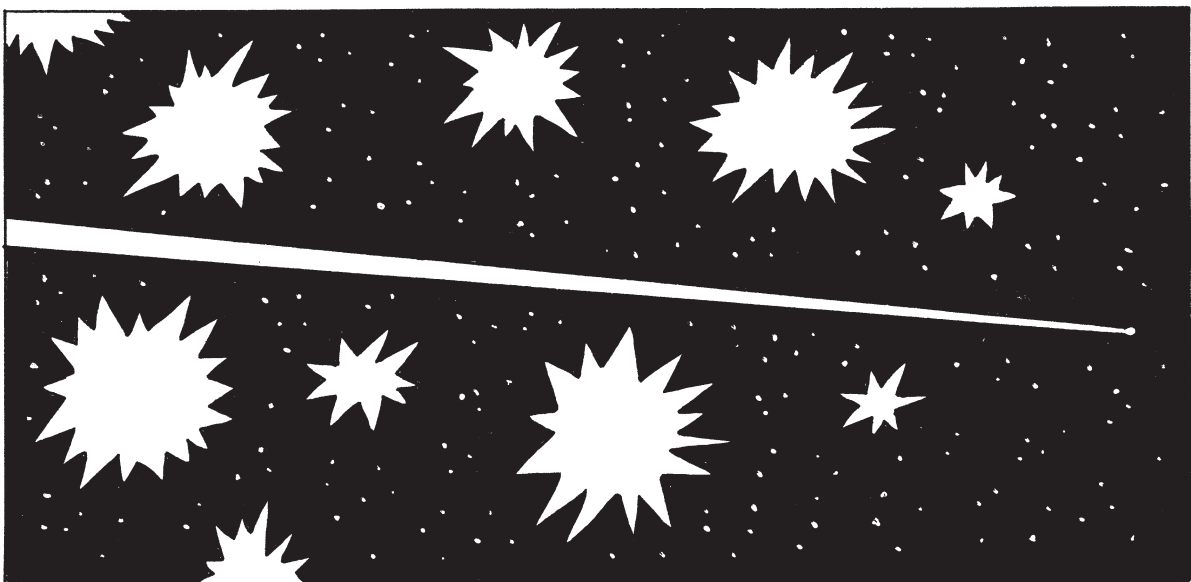
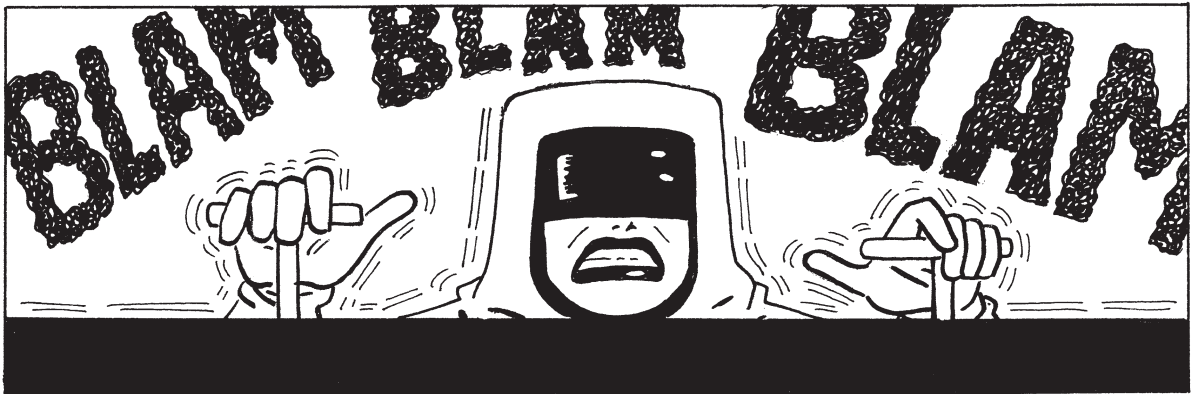
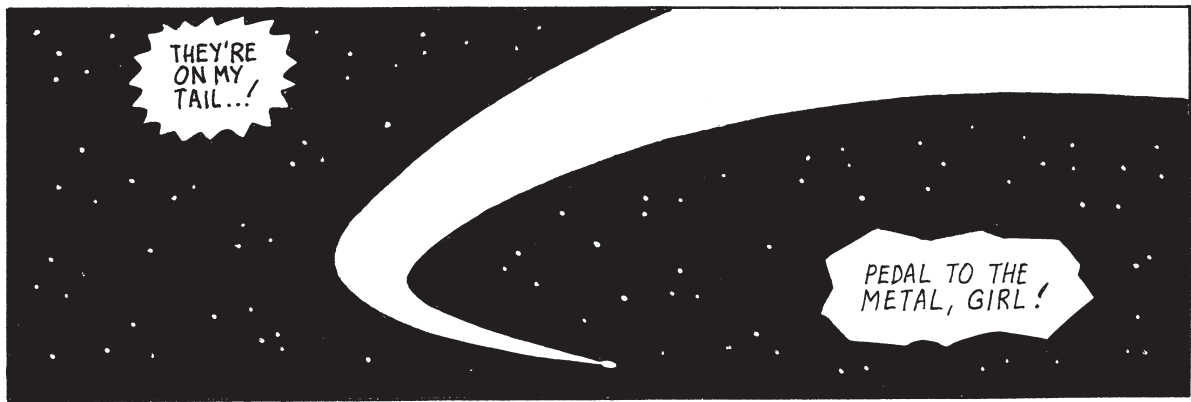


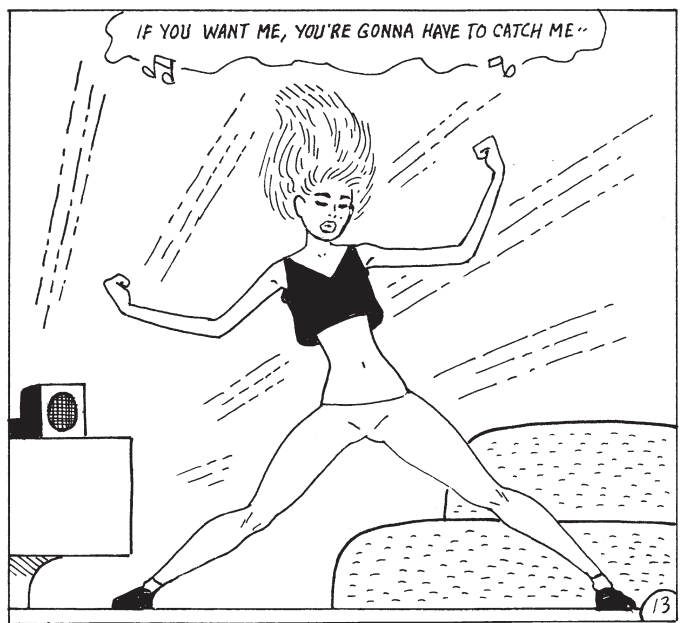
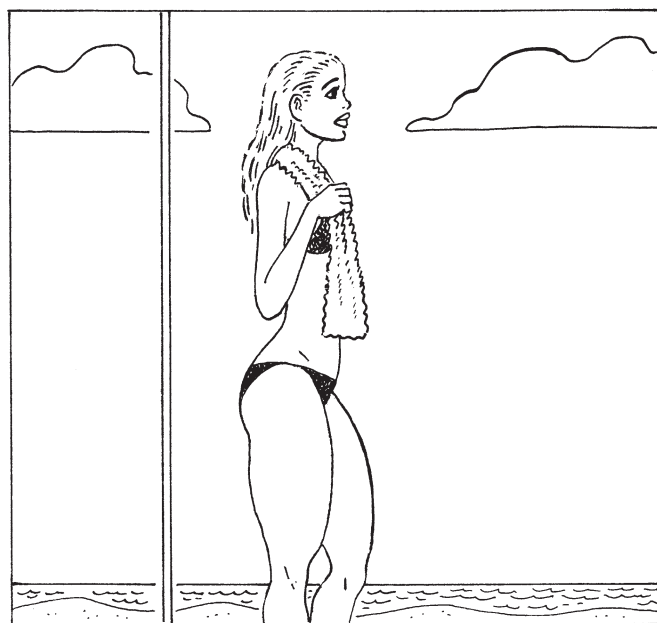
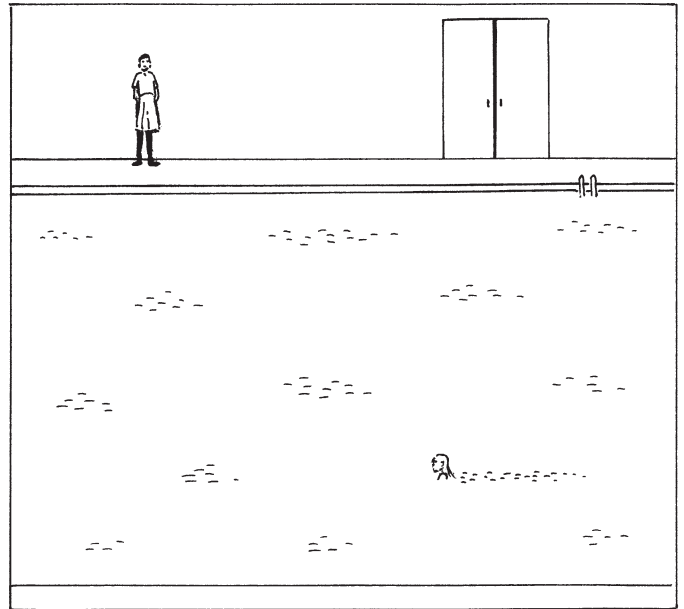
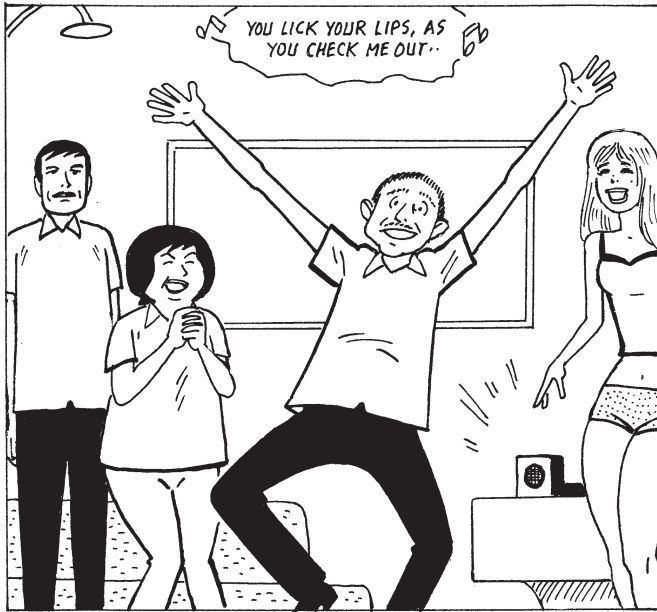


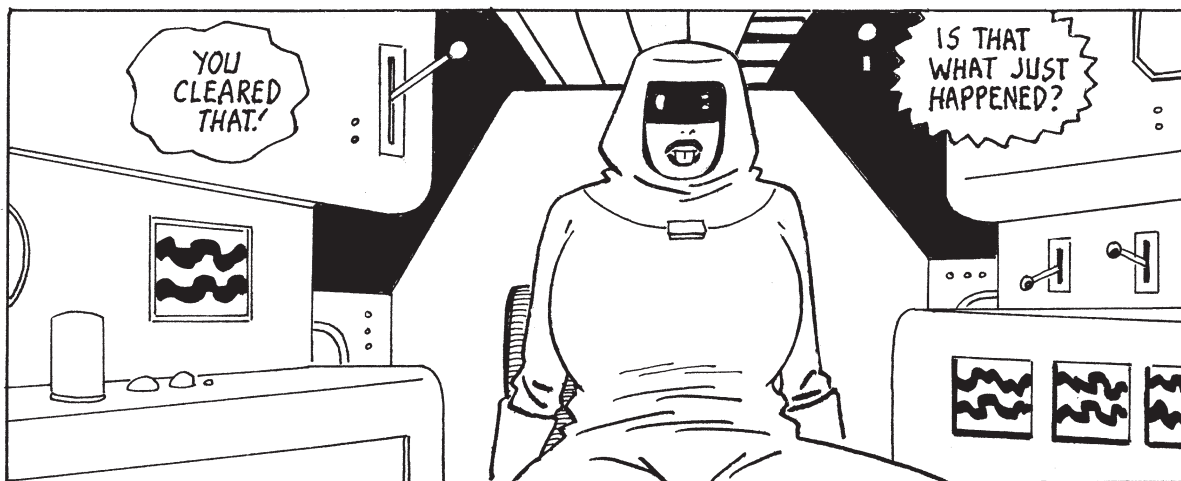


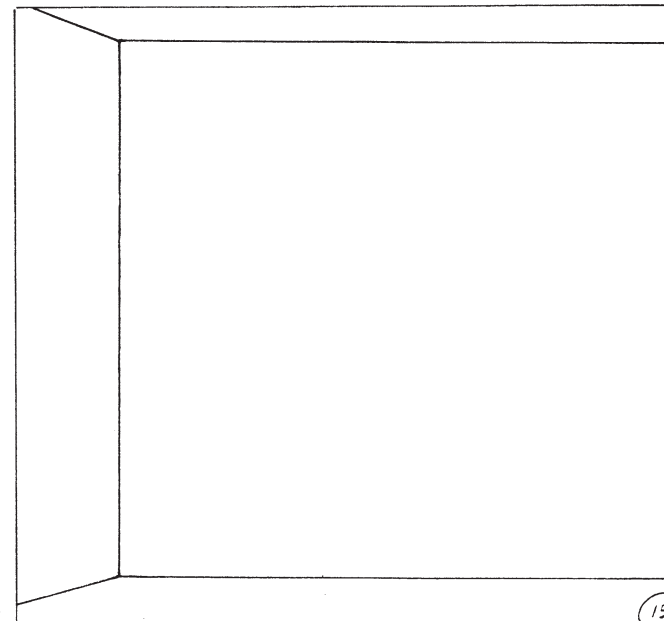
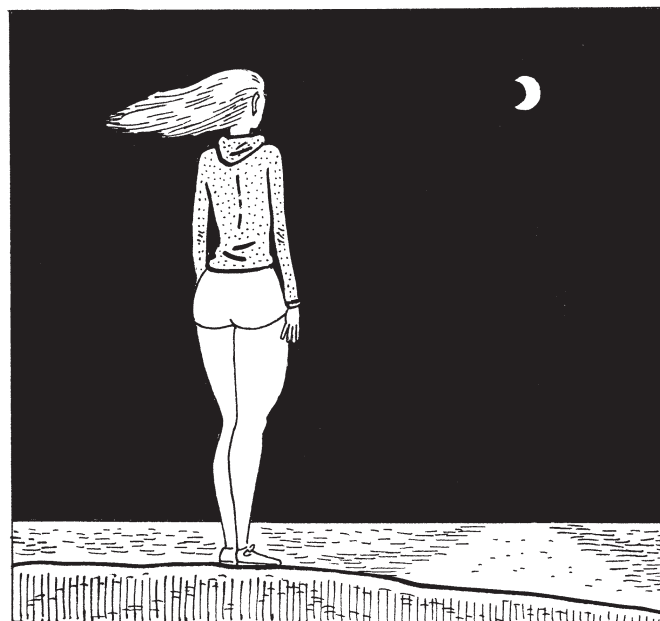
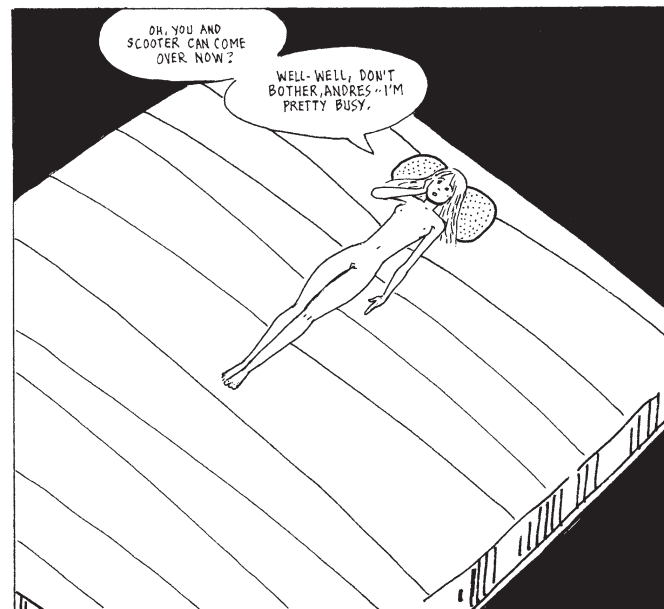
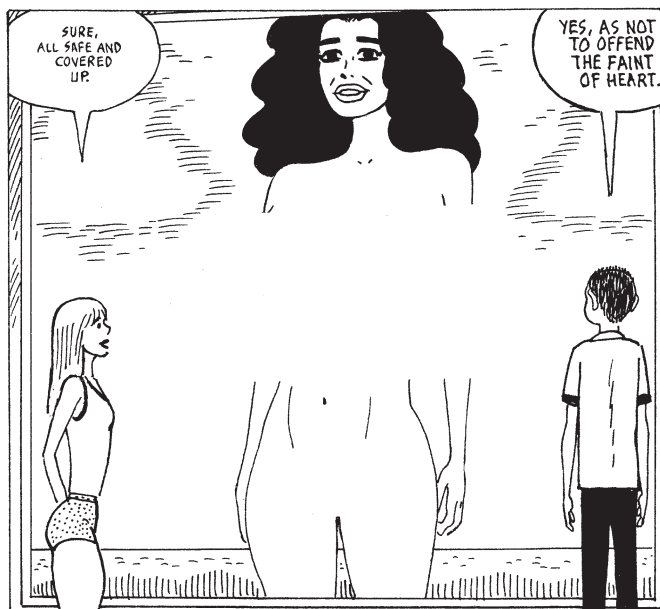
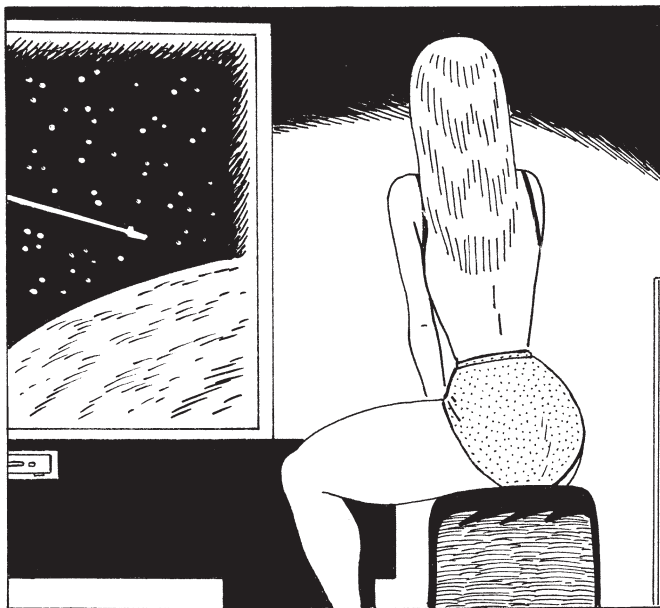


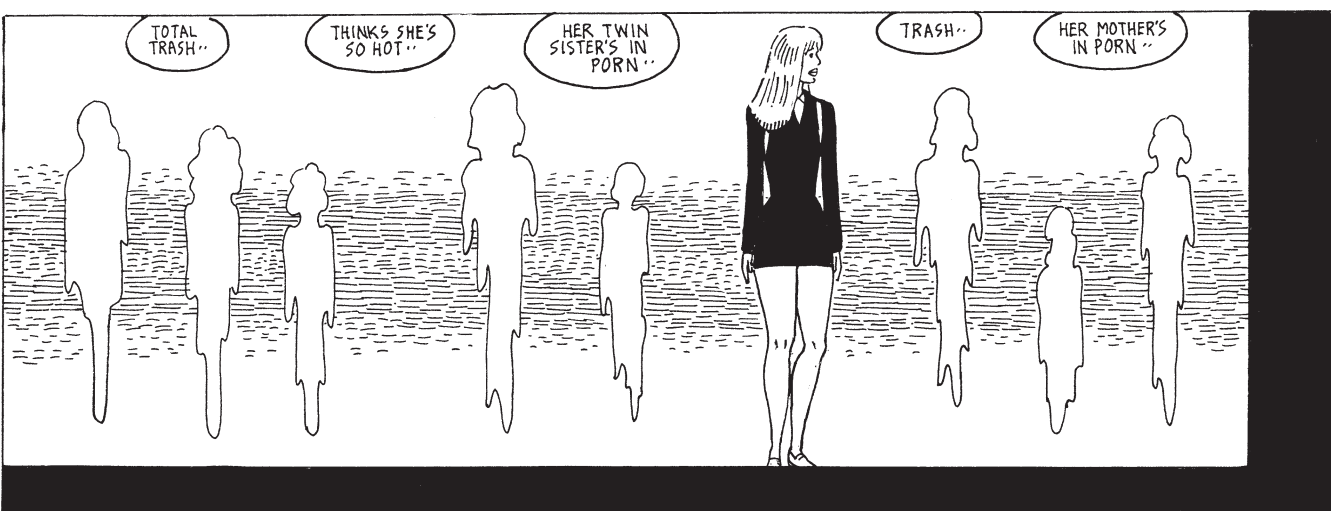
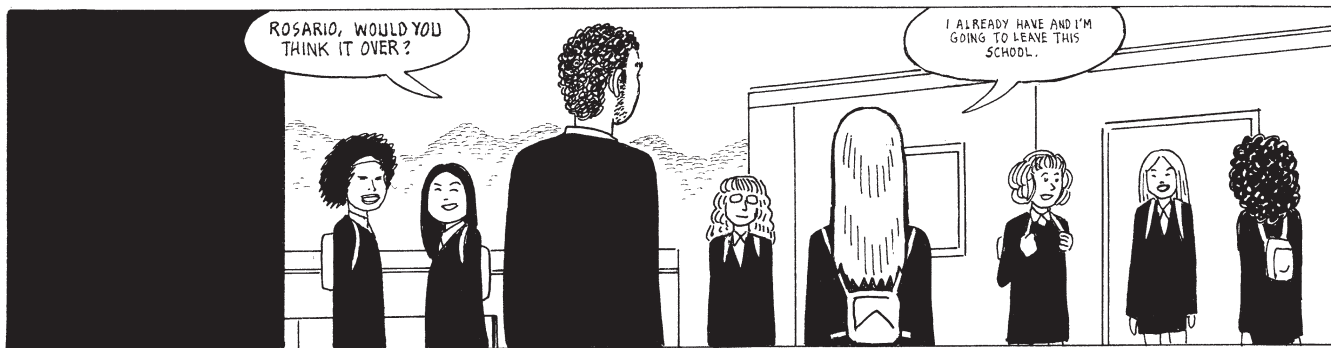


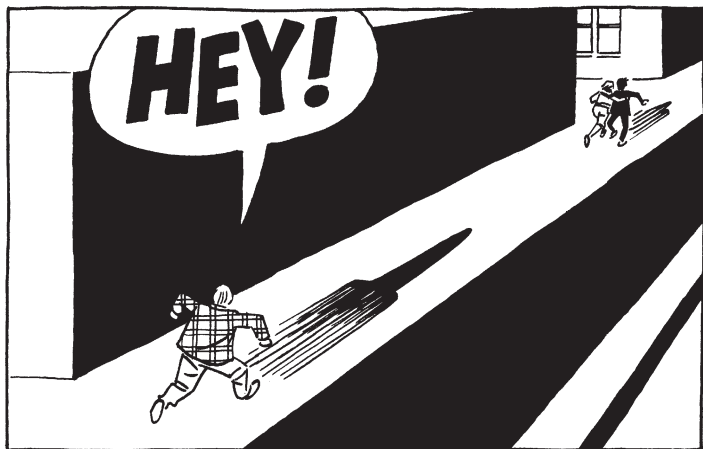


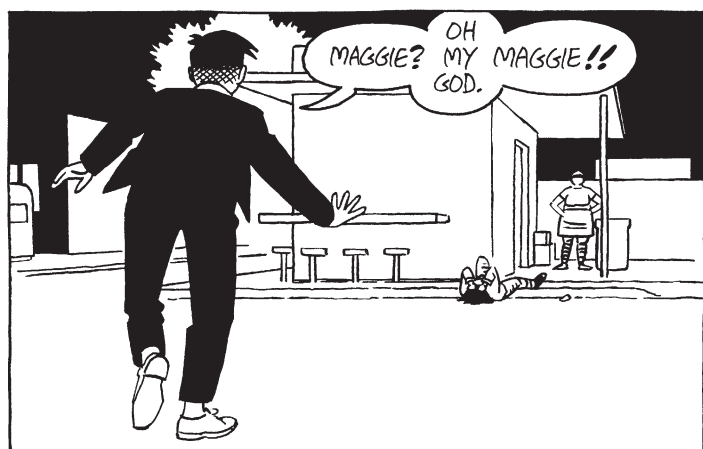
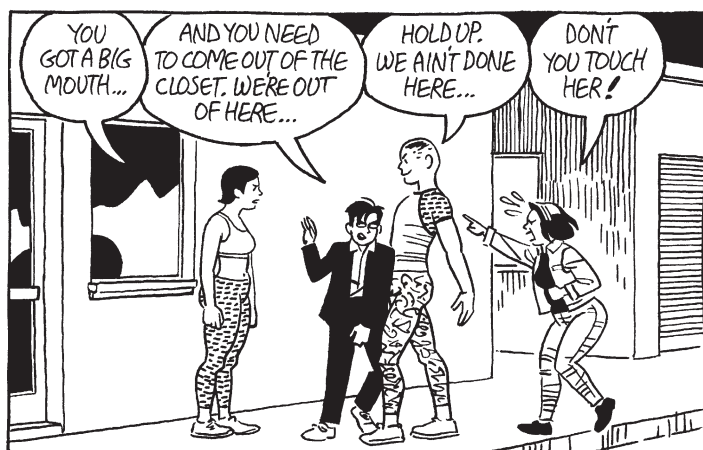
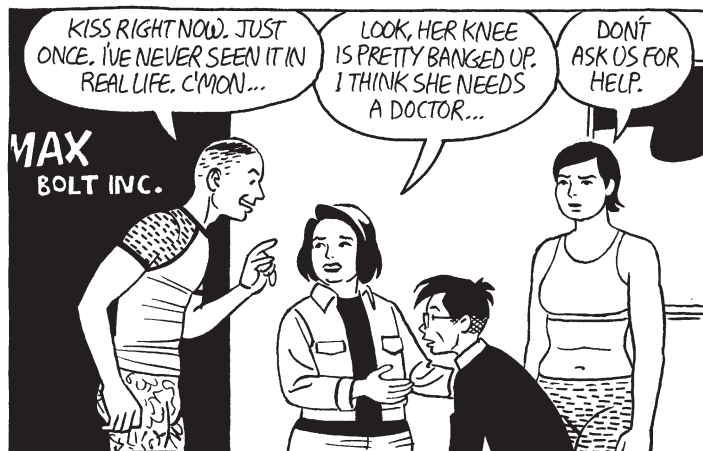
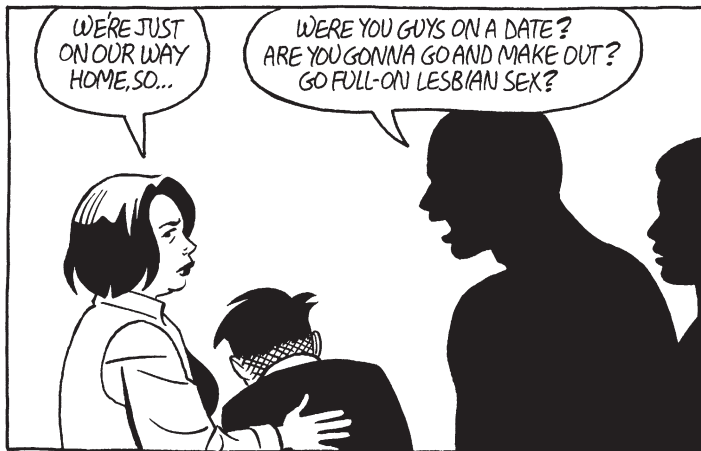


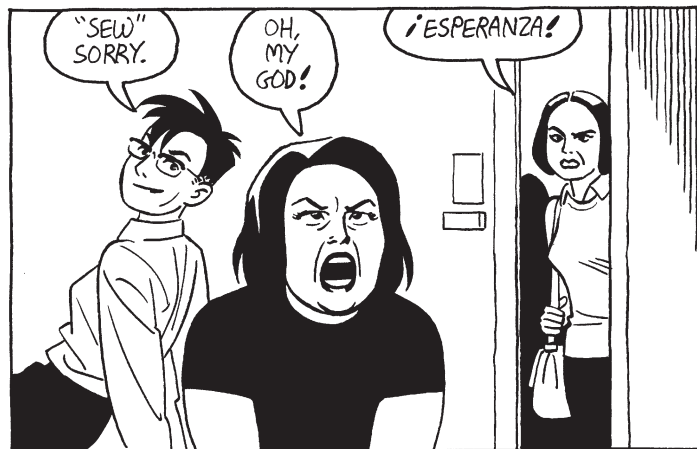
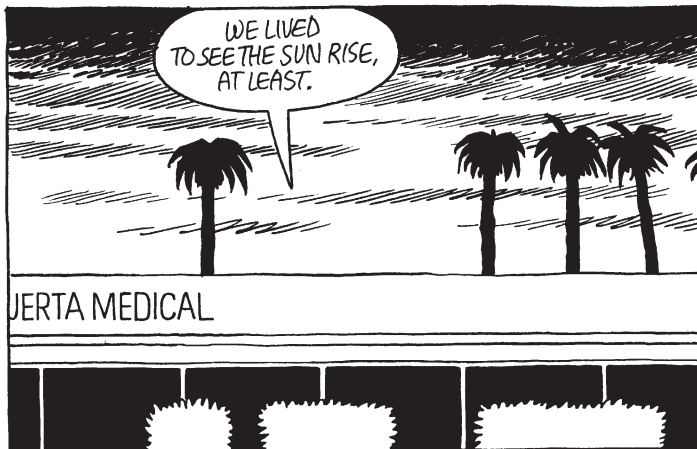
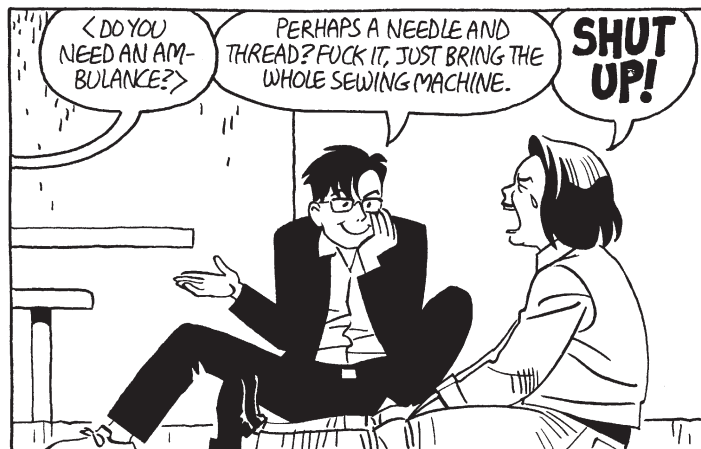
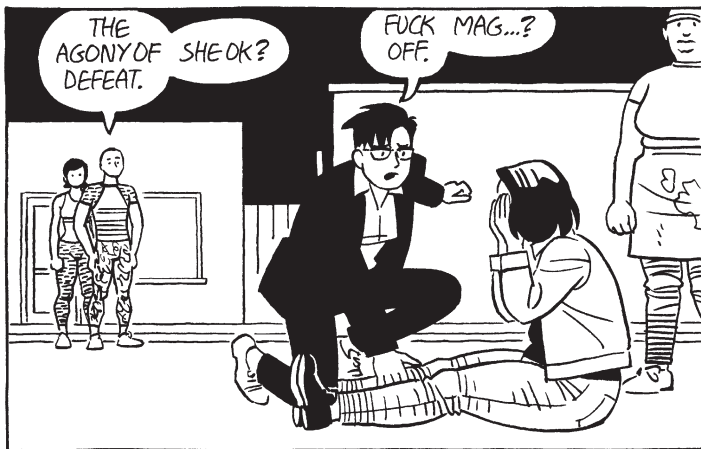


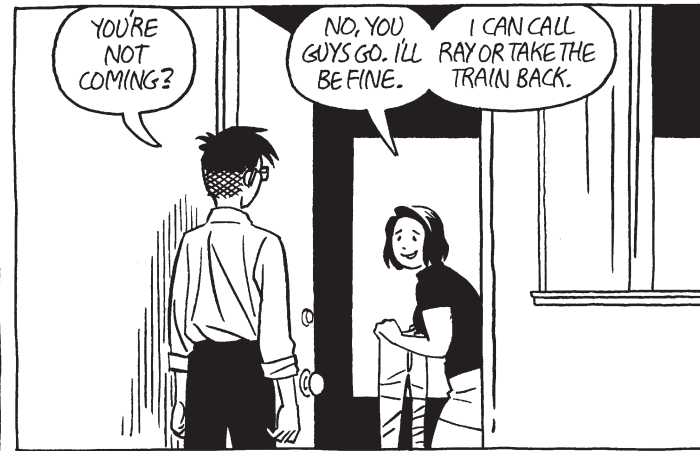
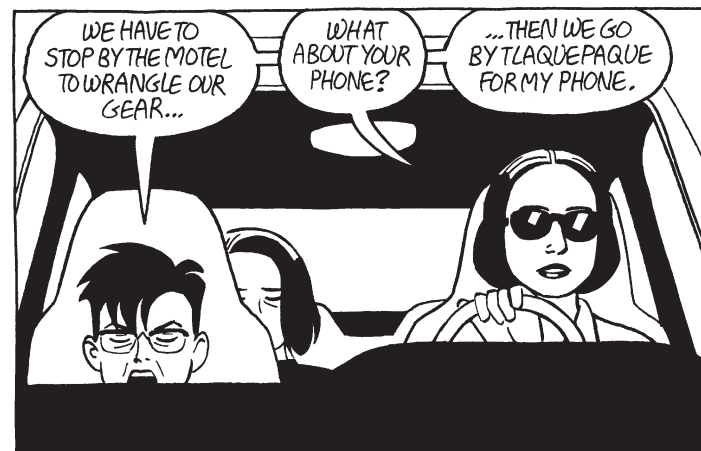
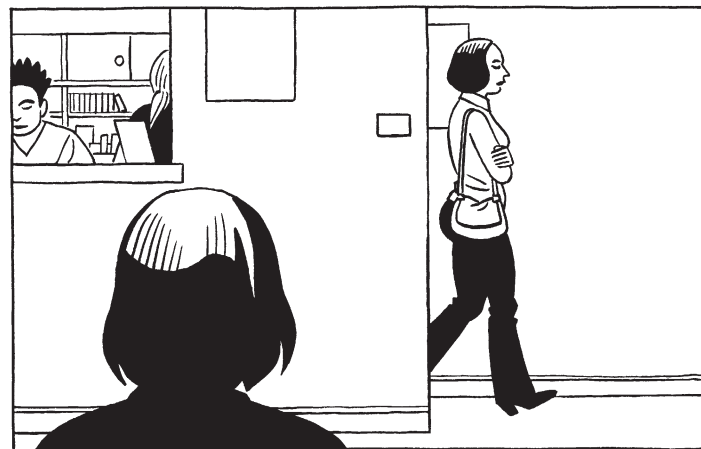
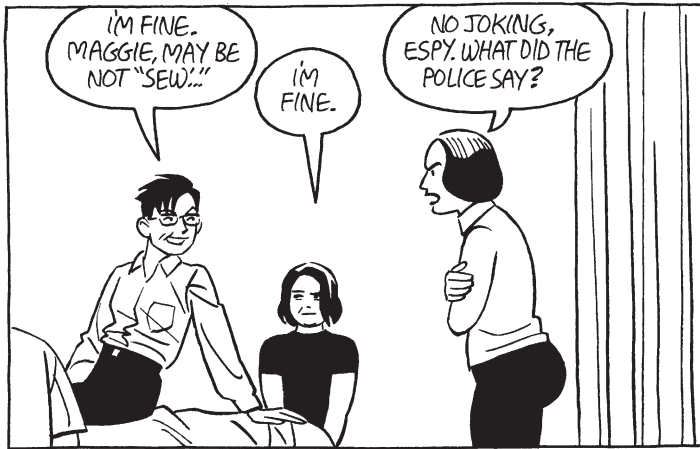
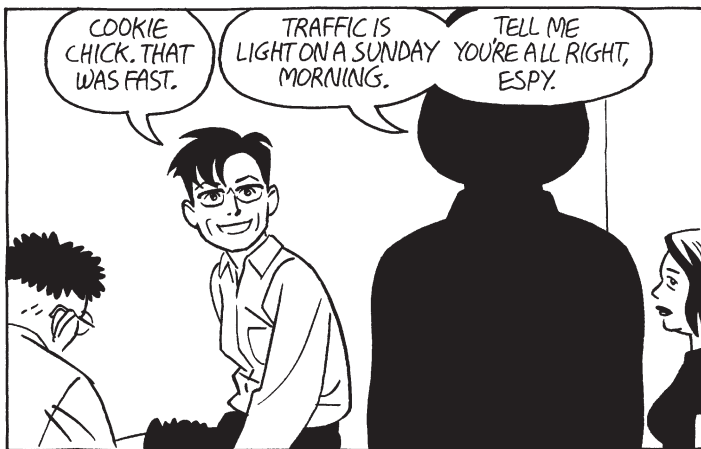


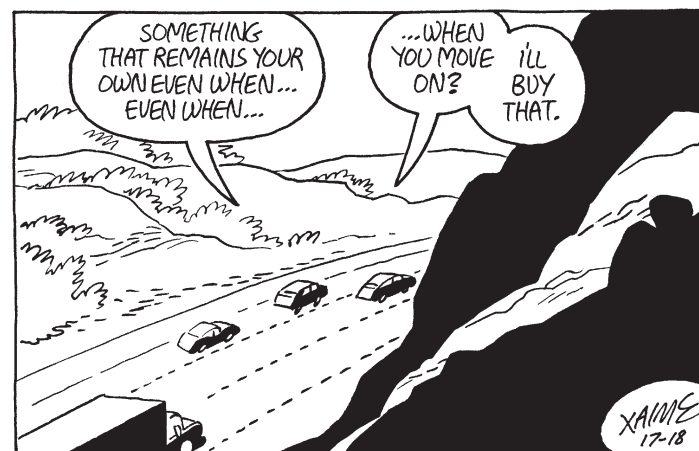
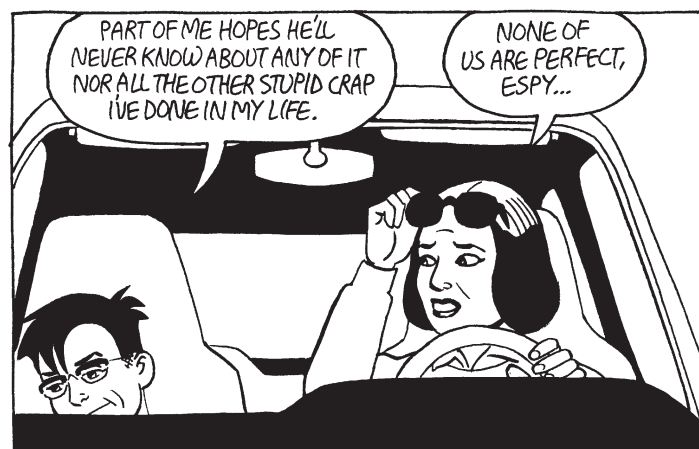
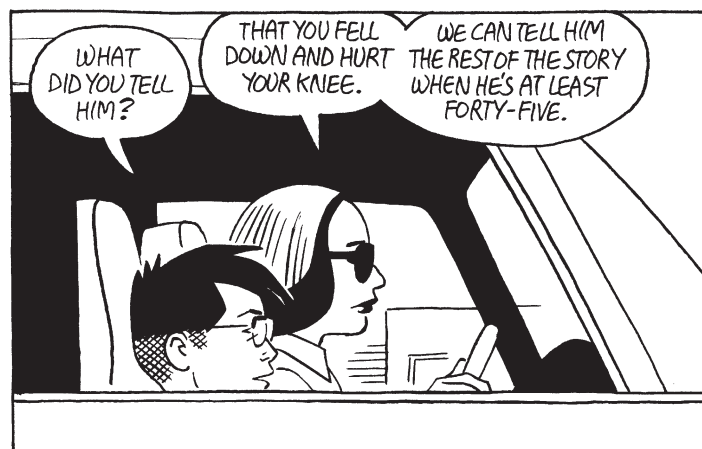
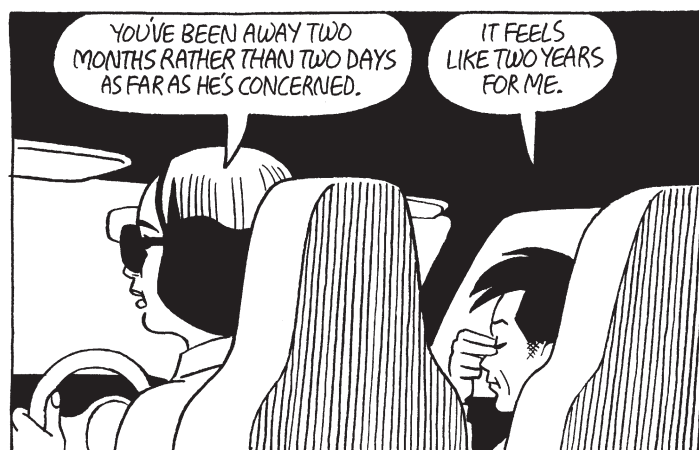
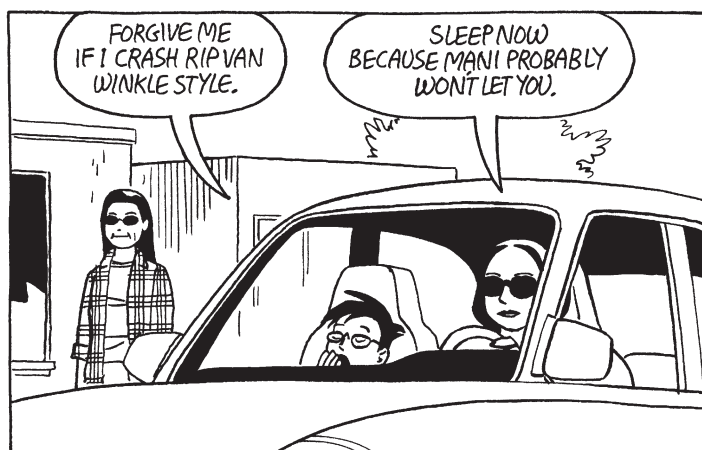


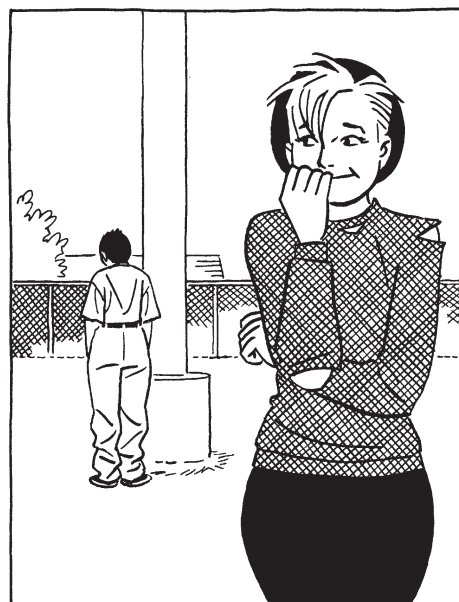
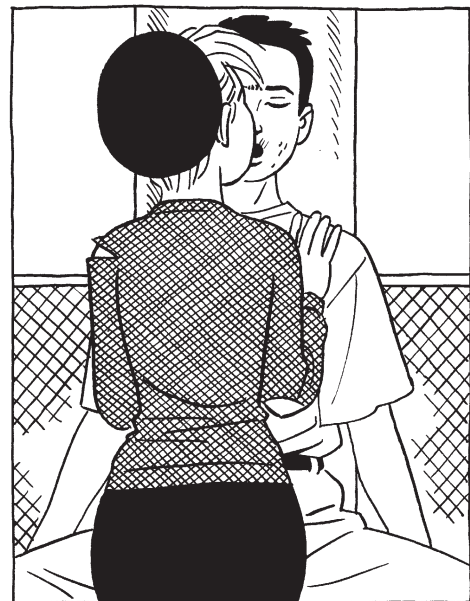
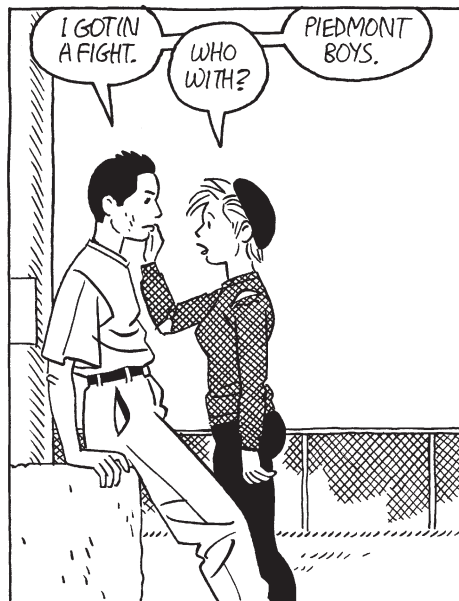
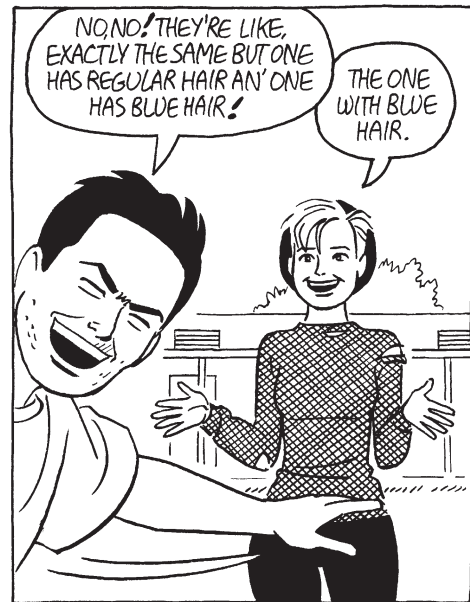


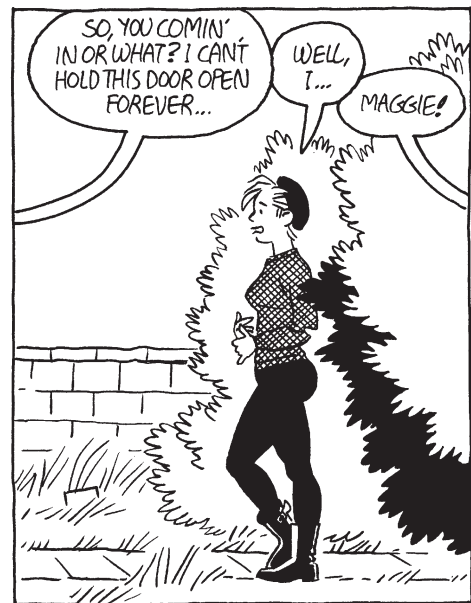
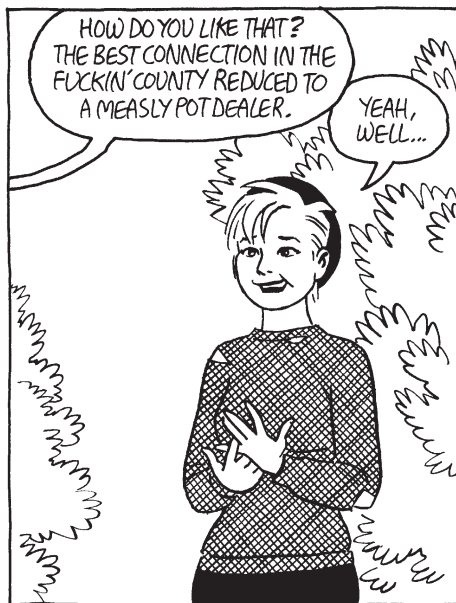
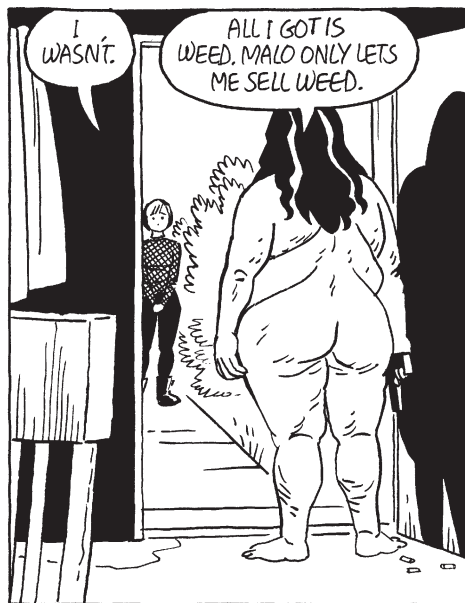


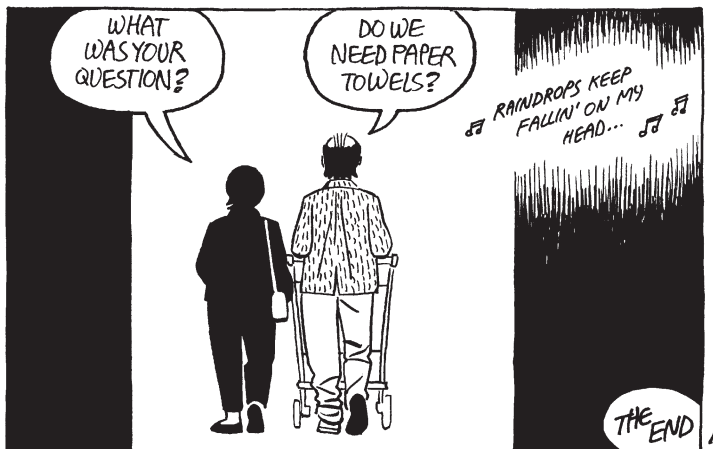
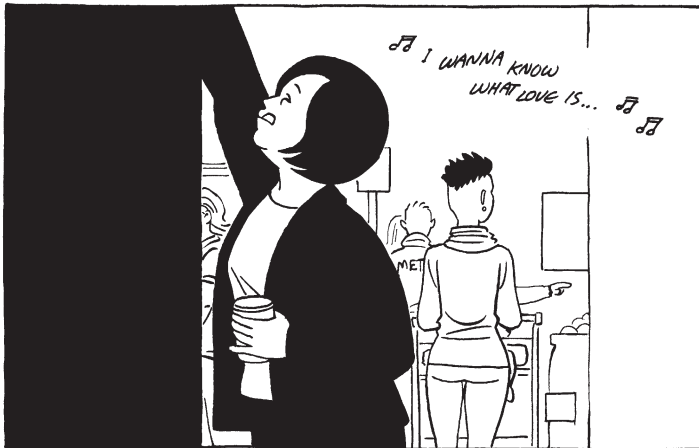














We're back! Hard to believe it's already been a year and a half since Love and Rockets made a triumphant return to comic book shelves as an ongoing magazine series. Thank you all for your ongoing support.

As you may have noticed (wipe those tears!), this issue wraps up Jaime's latest masterpiece, the story of Maggie & Hopey's ill-fated Hoppers punk reunion, which began all the way back in Love and Rockets: New Stories #7 from 2015. Look for the collected graphic novel, to be titled Is This How You See Me? (you heard it here first), in 2019. Now we just have to wait another four months to see what he's got up his sleeve next!

Meanwhile, this summer we have a new volume of Gilbert's work available in the collected Love and Rockets series of trade paperbacks: Vol. 14: Three Sisters. Focusing on Luba and her sisters, Fritz and Petra, this volume collects the graphic novels Luba: Three Daughters (2006), High Soft Lisp (2010), plus other material from issues of Luba's Comics and Stories and Love and Rockets Vol. II, continuing the ongoing saga of Luba's extended family. This volume comes hot on the heels of Jaime's latest volume in the series, Vol. 13: Angels and Magpies — check out our ad for each after your letters!

By the way, we'd be remiss not to give a shout out to American Idol contestant Effie Passero, who immediately endeared herself to us on April 15 by appearing on the hit ABC show wearing a Gilbert Hernandez dress from PinUpGirlClothing.com! Go Effie!

Okay, on to your letters... — Ed.

How-day Hernandez Bros!

Oh, man! You had to keep me waiting concerning what happened to Maggie and Hopey at the hands of Eugene?!? C'mon...I gotta wait 'til issue FIVE!?!?

By the way, regarding the little old person on the masthead of the letters column, I always wondered: Is she throwing out the letters or are they somehow being magically drawn to her? Oh, and before I forget, I loved that 12th Street and Vine story that catches us up with Ray and Maggie's relationship.

I'm so looking forward to issue #5...

Keep up the good work,
Alan Bowman

Alan, I always assumed that was a portrait of myself, welcoming your letters of insight with open arms, every issue. Hmmm... — Ed.

Dear Gilbert/Dear Jaimie,

It's interesting how you both had flashbacks in issue #4 to when you're characters were teenagers, and then showed how they changed (or didn't change) when they grew up. Did you talk about that, or did it just happen?

I like Lumina and Isla and Luba and Pipo's relationships too. Do you ever think of the Bechdel test when you illustrate your graphic novels?

Love the strong female characters,
Jenn Boyd

GILBERT REPLIES: *Hi, Jenn. Jaime and I independently come up with our characters' development, with no real planning between us. And I still don't know what the hell the Bechtel test is!*

Dear Gilbert,

With all due respect, when are you going to lose those "Over 18" censored boxes? Inquiring minds want to know what's underneath!

Sincerely,
Felix Tholomyes

GILBERT REPLIES: *I'm dropping them this issue. There will be blank spaces in designated areas, though. The uncensored versions will appear in future collections. (No censoring in my solo series, Blubber, though!)*

That's it for this issue, folks! Look for #6 this fall. In the meantime, both Gilbert and Jaime will be appearing at Comic-Con International in San Diego, CA from July 18-22. Follow @Fantagraphics on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook for signing schedules! Speaking of social media, are you following Gilbert and Jaime, too? You can find Jaime on Instagram and Twitter via @xaimenh and Gilbert on Twitter via @BetomessGilbert. And while you're at it, be sure to follow Gilbert's wife, Carol Kovic-Hernandez, on Instagram and Twitter via @clkh16. As the unofficial Love and Rockets archivist, she routinely posts amazing photos and art you won't see anywhere else. Have a great summer! — Ed.

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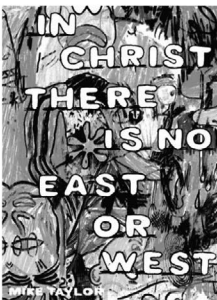
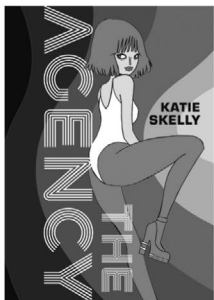
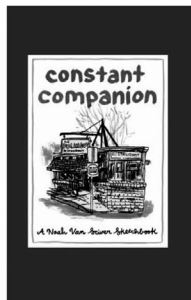
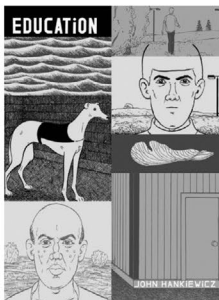
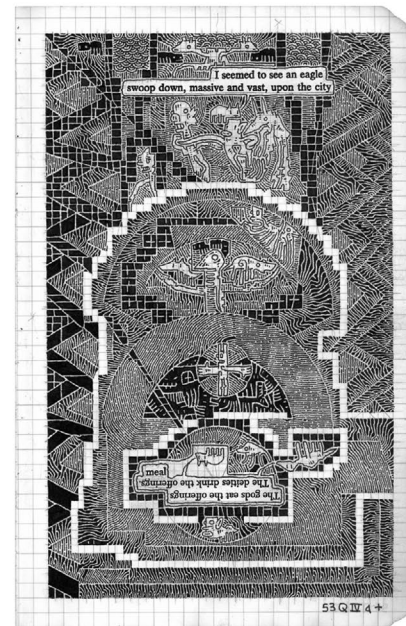
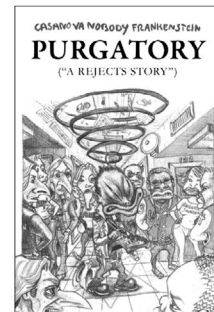
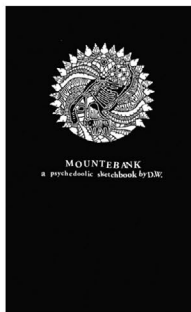
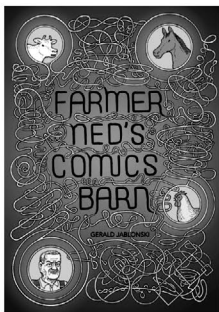
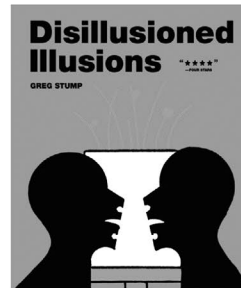
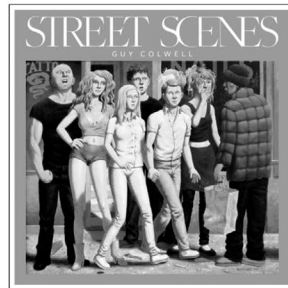
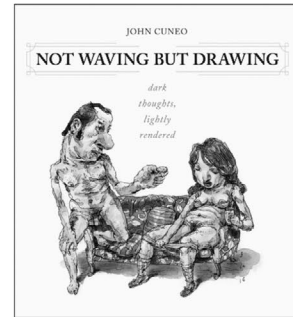
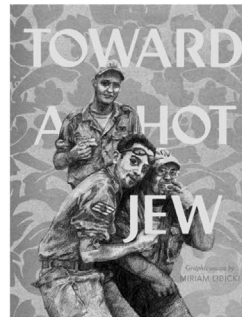
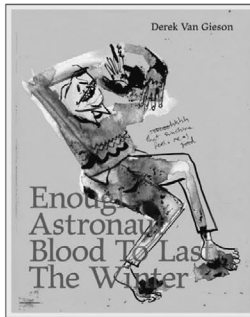
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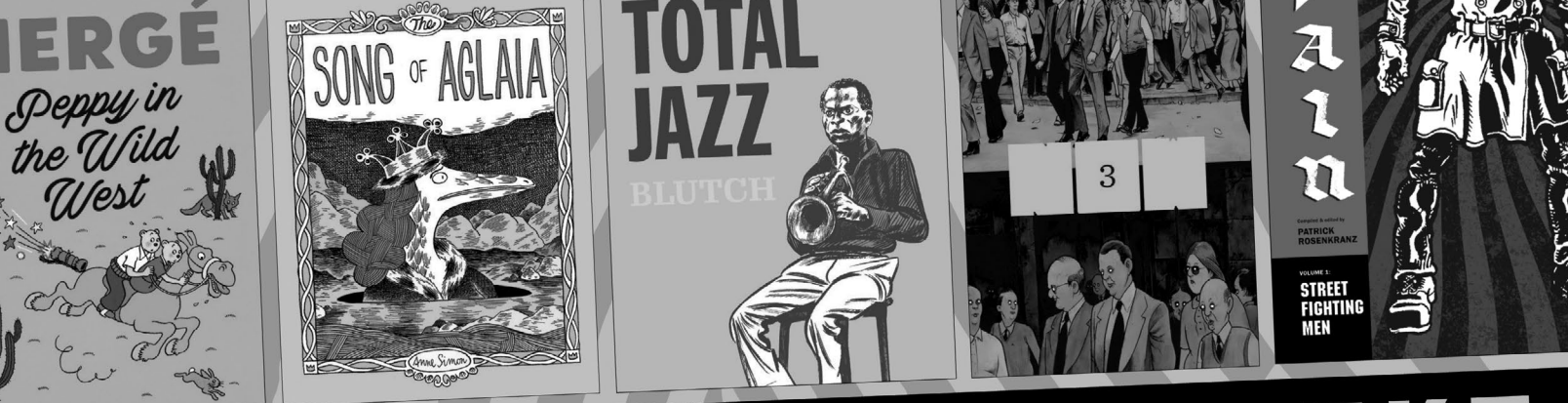
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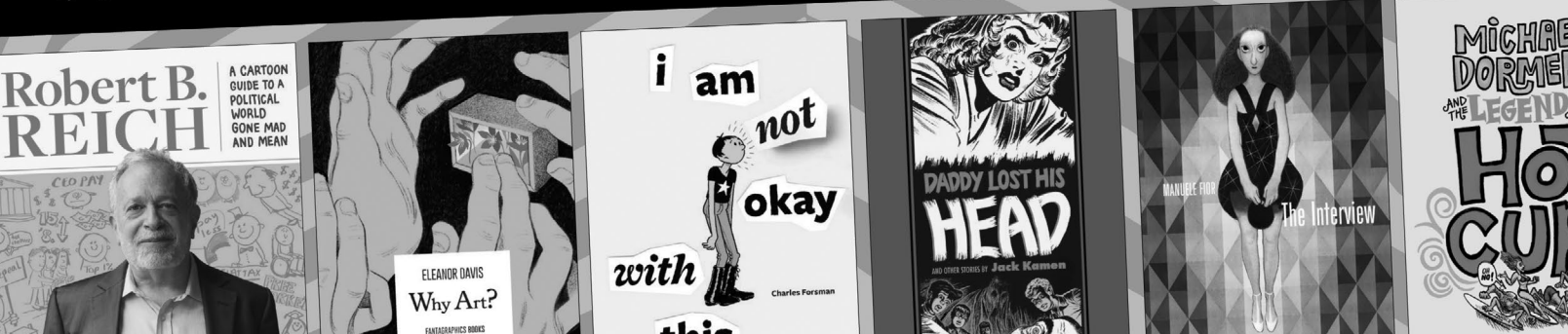
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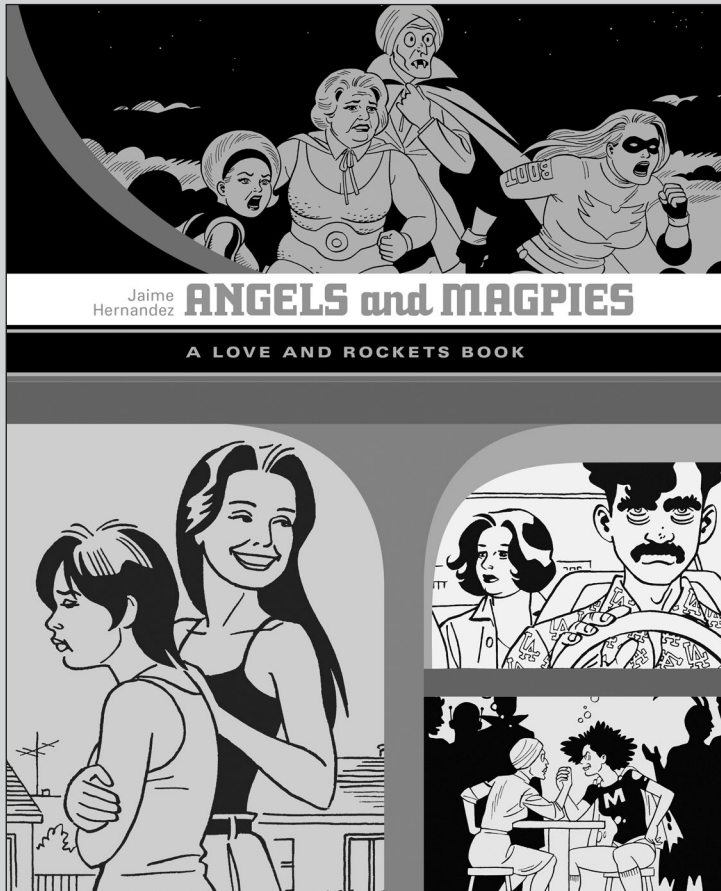


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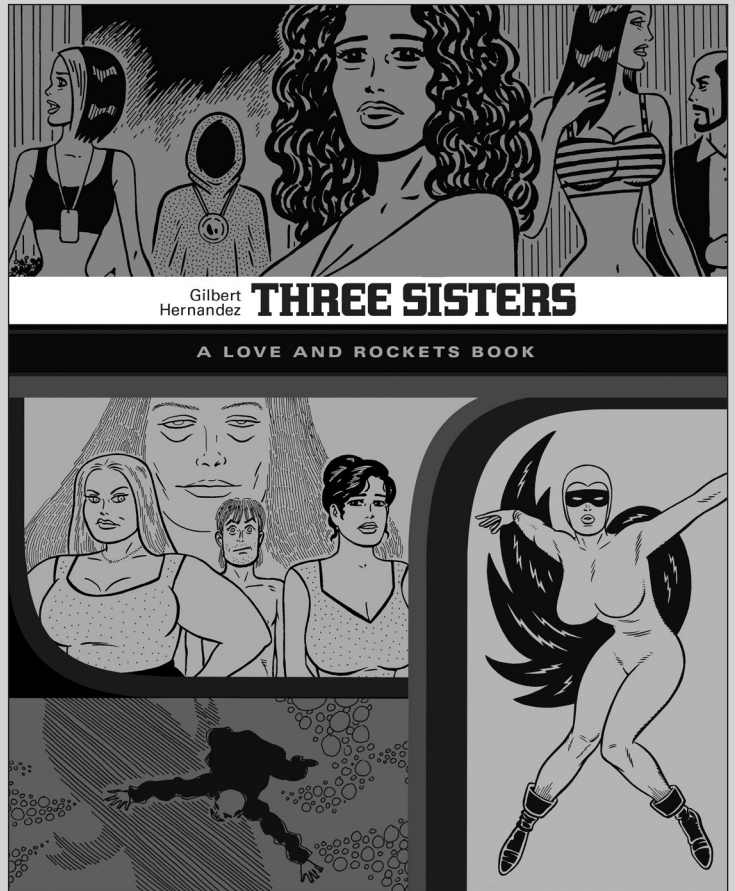
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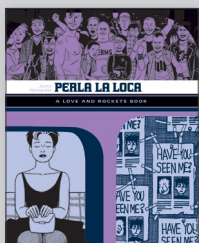
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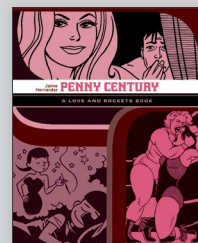
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