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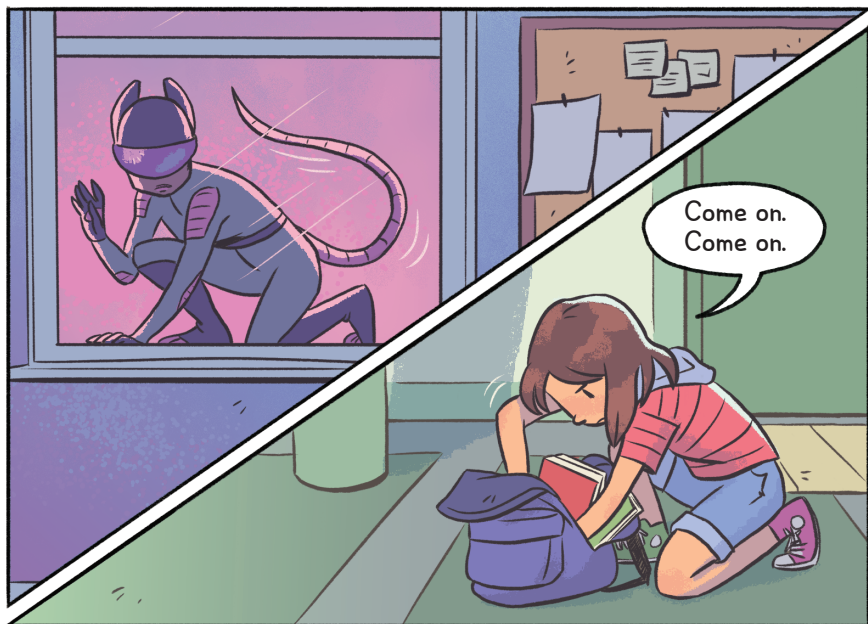
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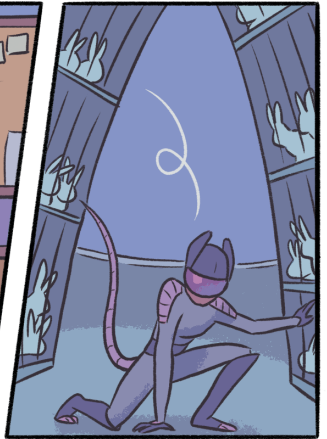
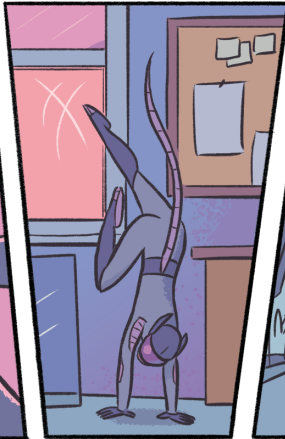
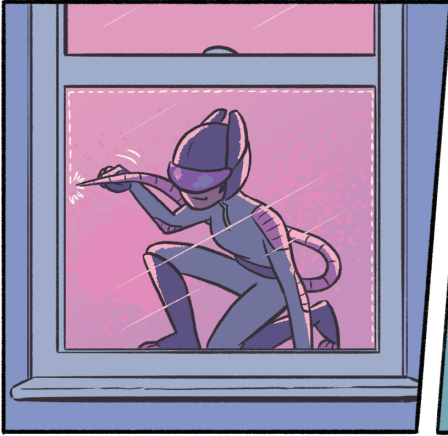


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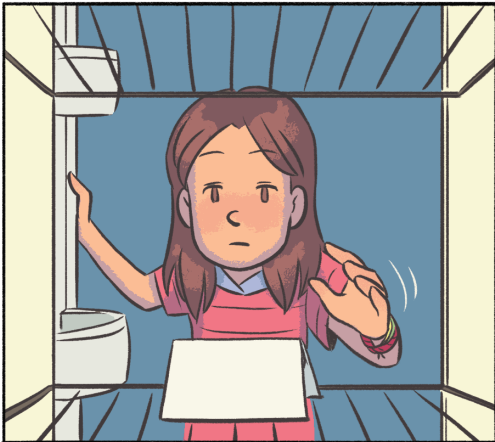
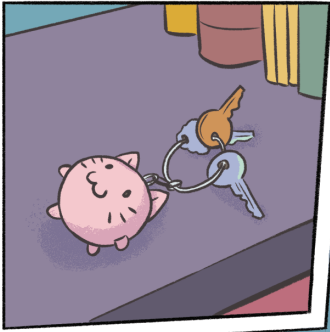
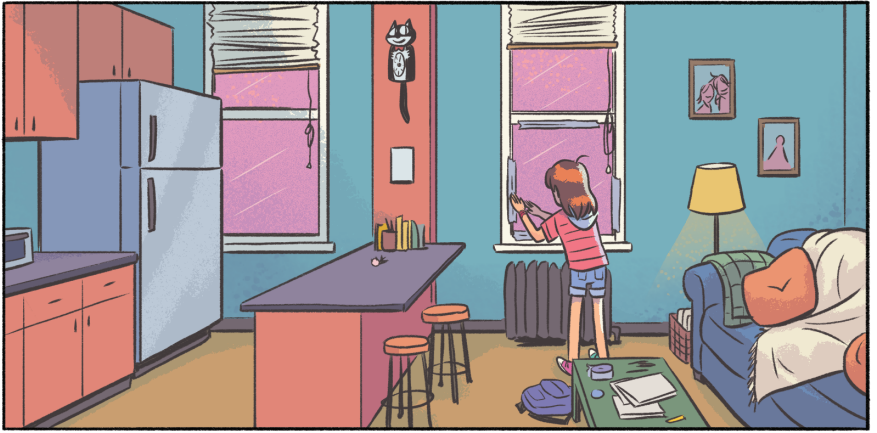


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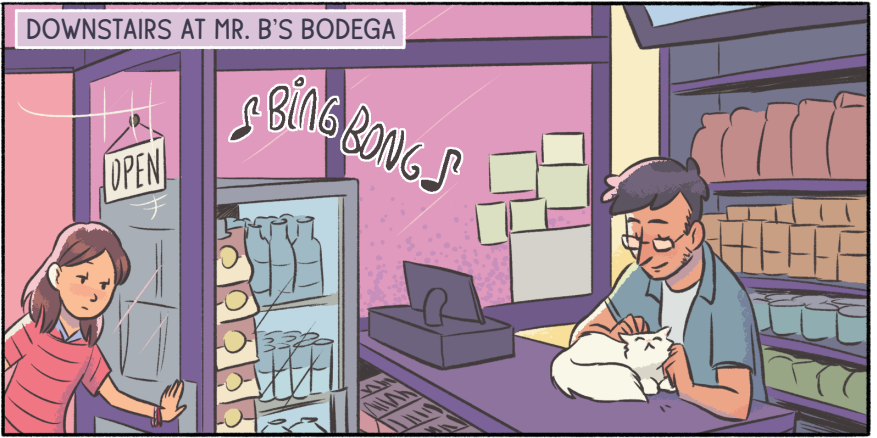
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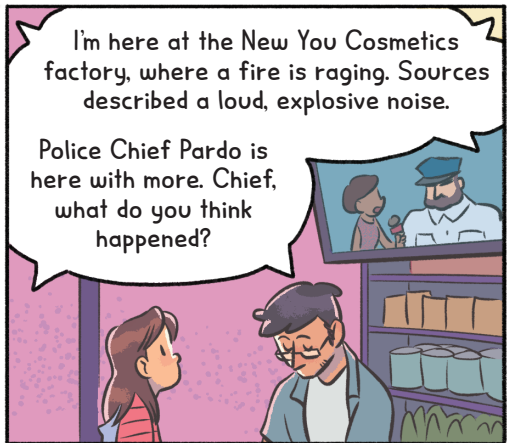
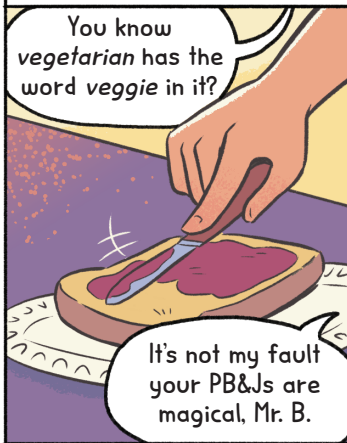
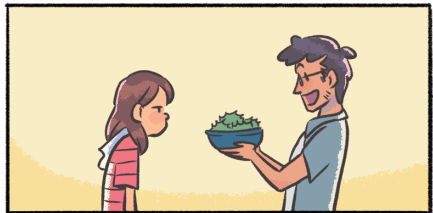
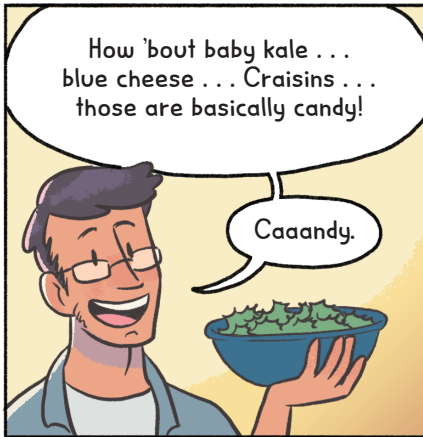




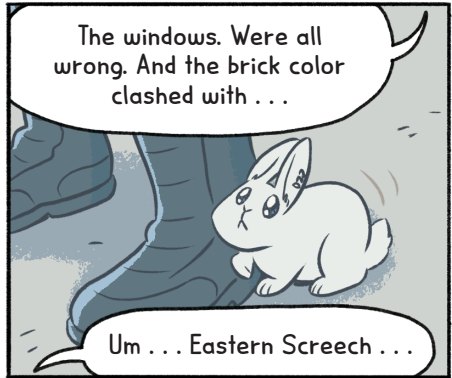


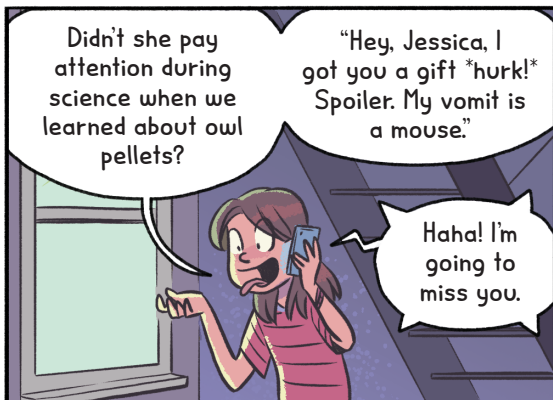
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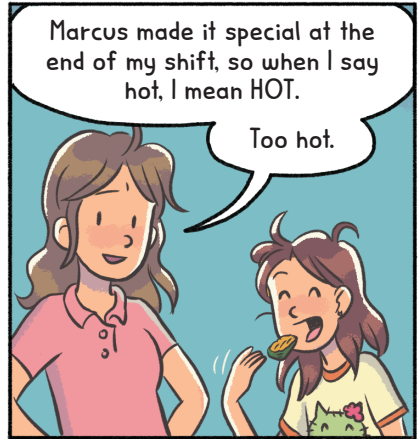




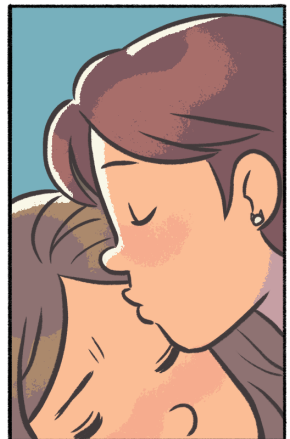
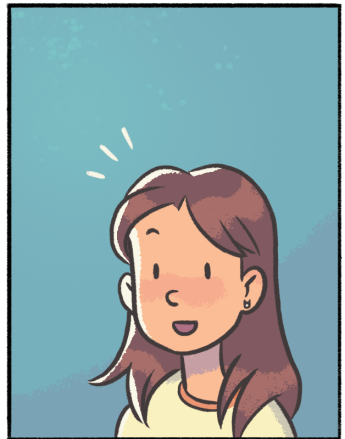
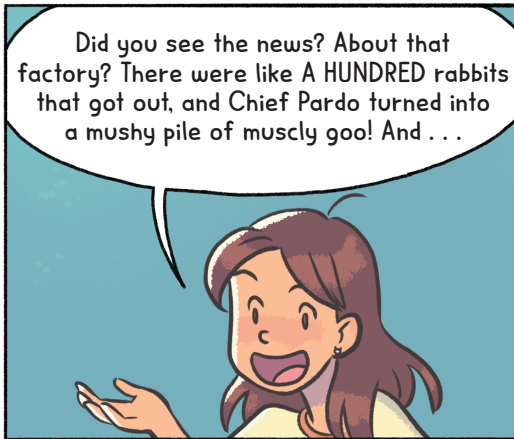
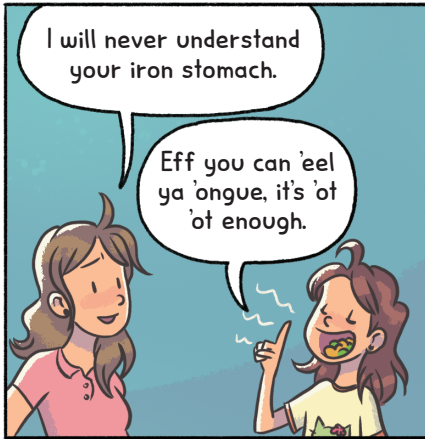












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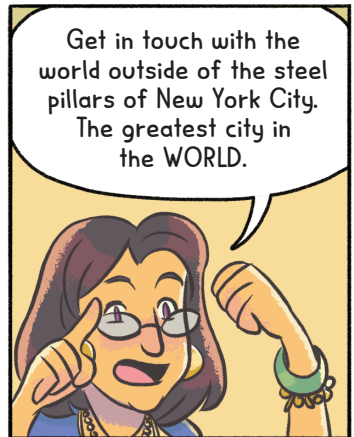


There's so much we can learn from the Eastern Screech. Last night he put himself at risk to save hundreds of poor rabbits from a terrible fire. I'd like to use today's art session to honor him and all animals in general. His ability to get in touch with nature and the majestic owl is one of the things that makes him noble, intelligent, quick, mysterious, handsome . . .

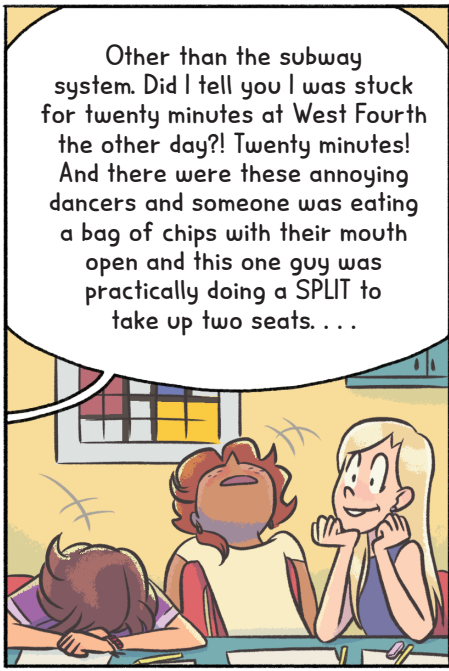
. . . likely single, I mean I've never noticed a ring on his wings. . . .



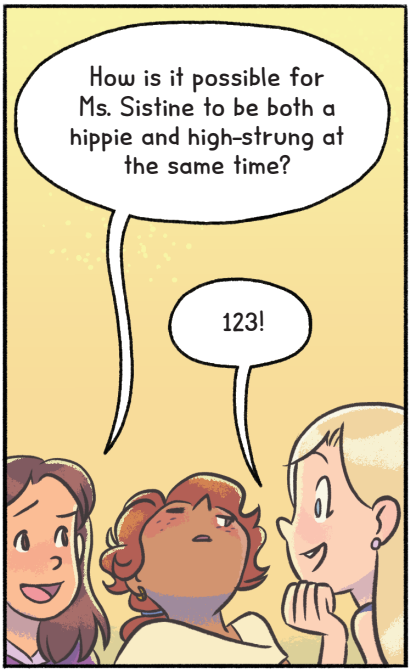
I want you to think like the animals. Feel your feathers! Stretch your scales! Waddle your gills! Breathe in air that lions have breathed out!



Get in touch with the world outside of the steel pillars of New York City. The greatest city in the WORLD.



Other than the subway system. Did I tell you I was stuck for twenty minutes at West Fourth the other day?! Twenty minutes! And there were these annoying dancers and someone was eating a bag of chips with their mouth open and this one guy was practically doing a SPLIT to take up two seats. . . .



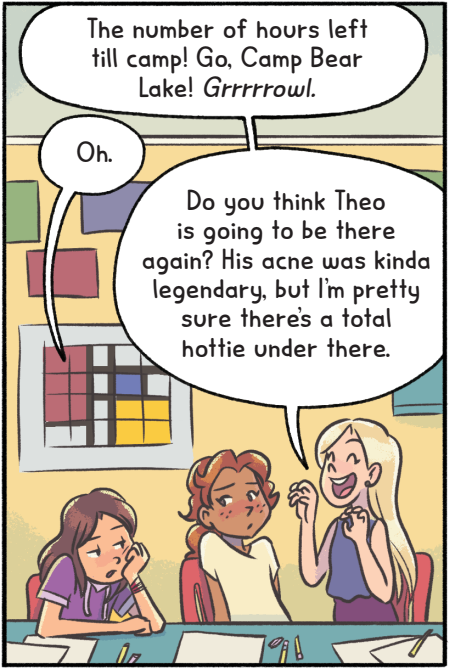
How is it possible for Ms. Sistine to be both a hippie and high-strung at the same time?

123!



Jess!

What's 123?

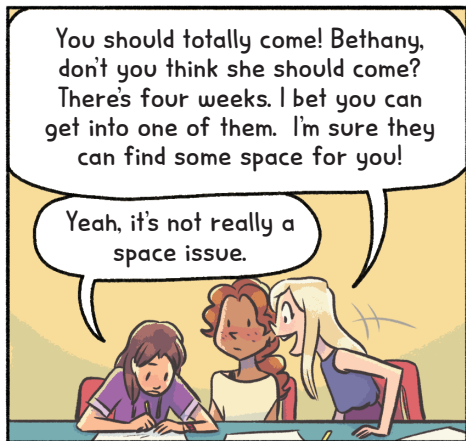
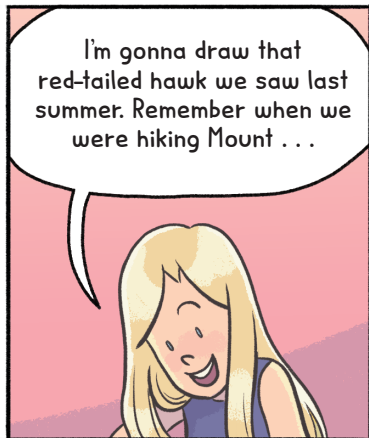
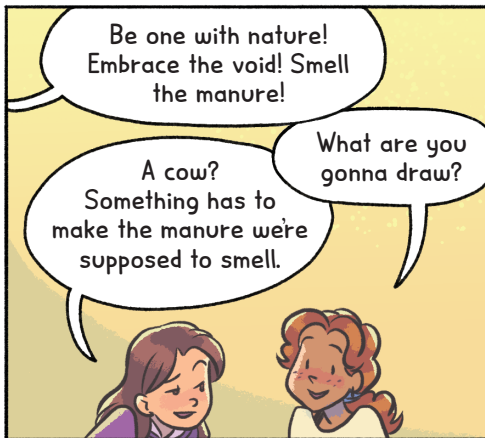


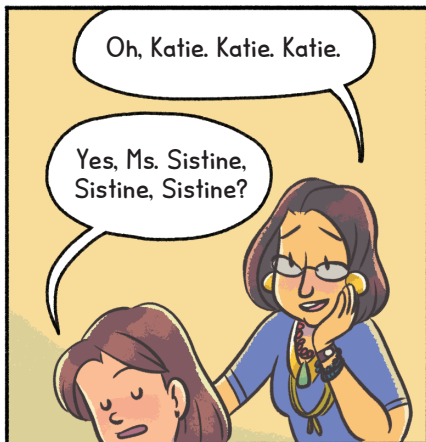
The number of hours left till camp! Go, Camp Bear Lake! Grrrrrowl.

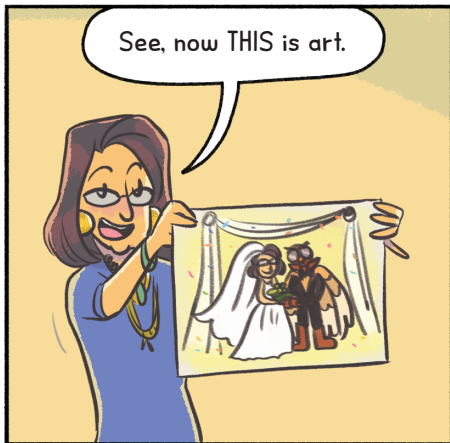
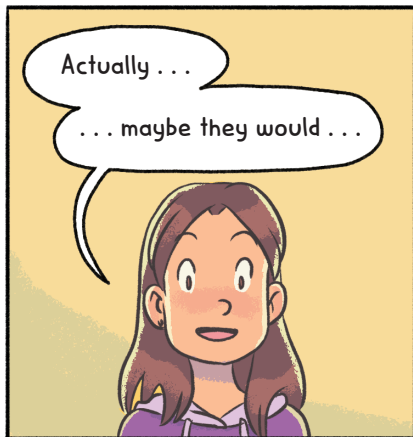
Oh.

Do you think Theo is going to be there again? His acne was kinda legendary, but I'm pretty sure there's a total hottie under there.



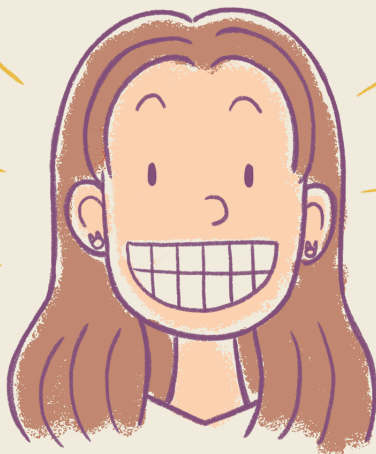






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Water your plants!



Clean your apartment!



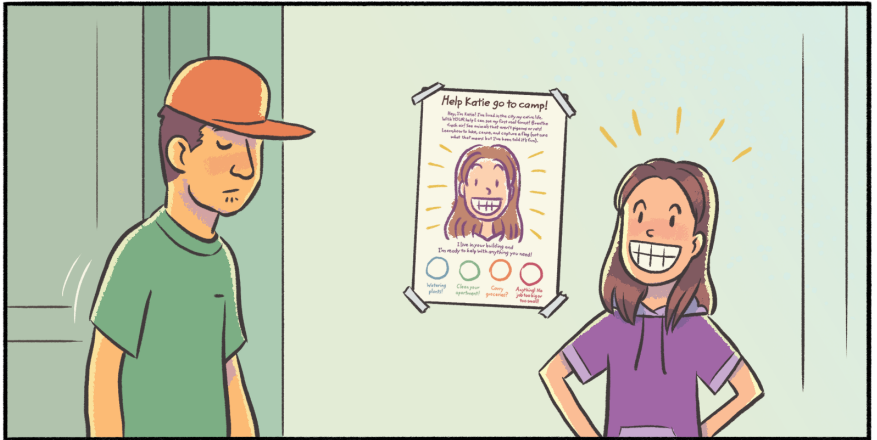
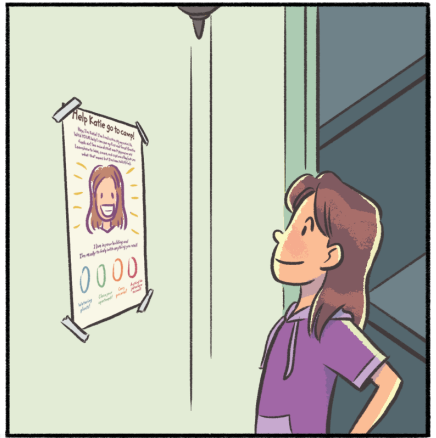
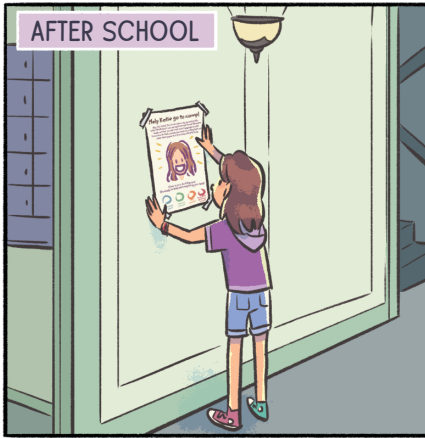
Carry groceries!

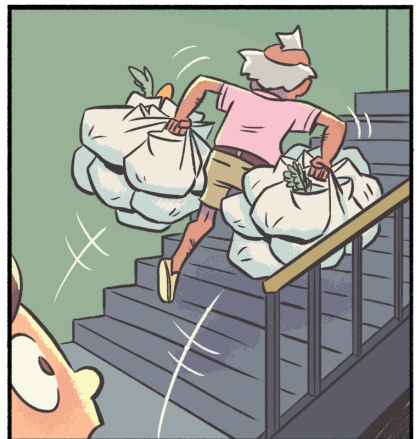
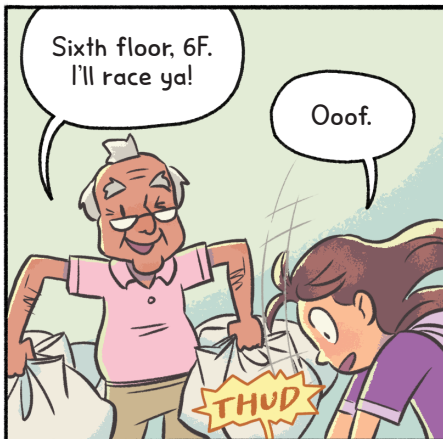
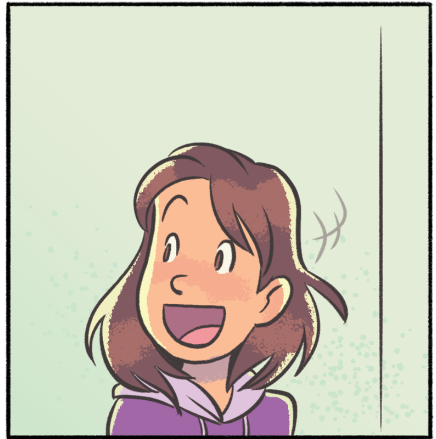


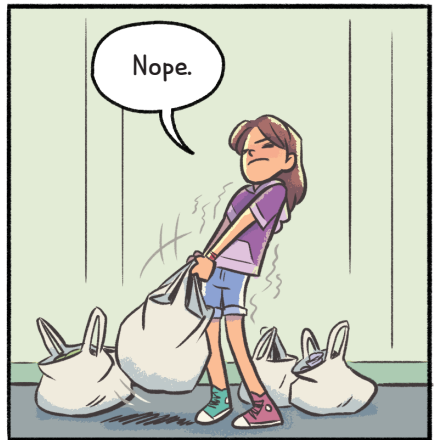
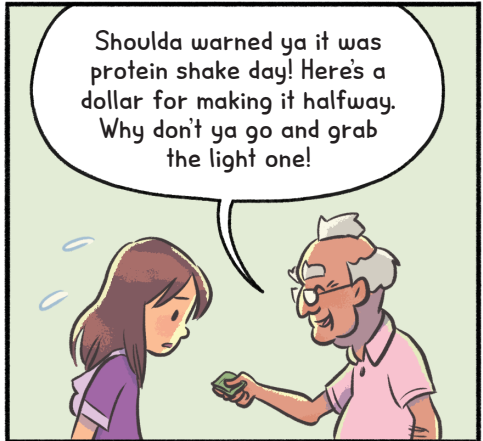
Anything!  
No job too big  
or too small!

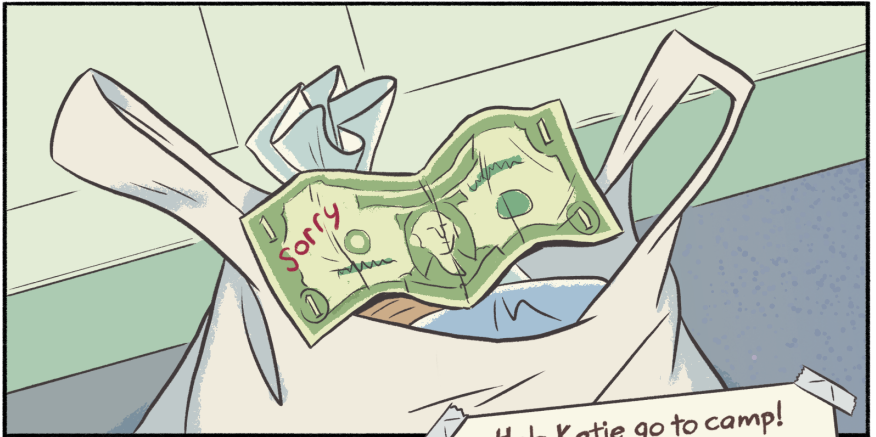


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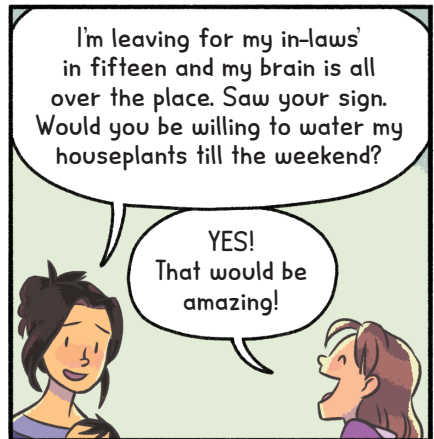
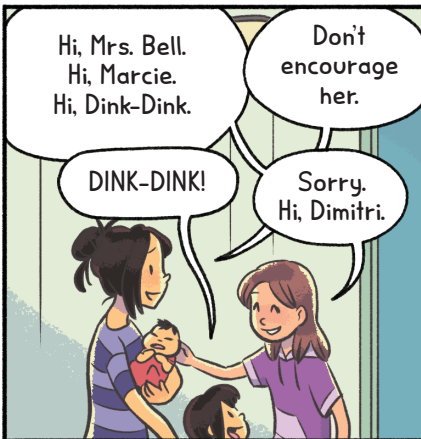
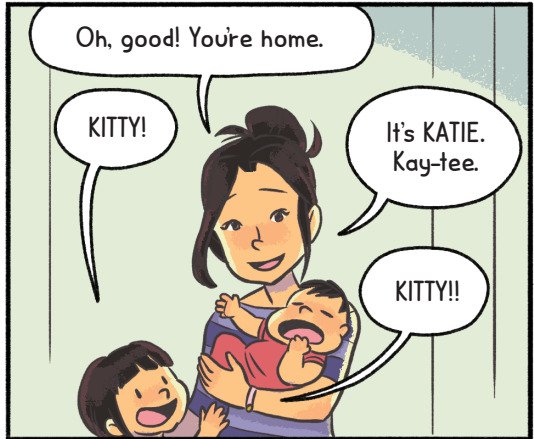
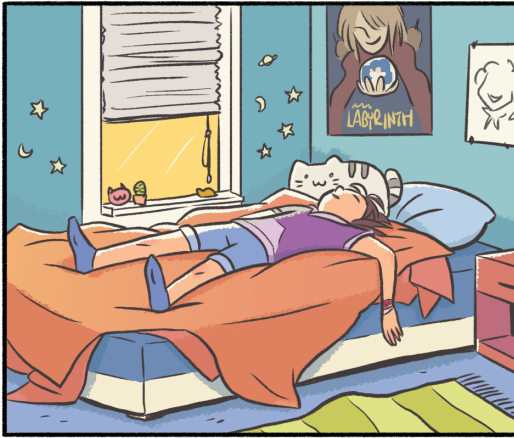












Fantastic. Let's say \$10 a day. Here's the spare key. No need to water the succulents. The fern needs some love, and the terrarium just needs two spray bottle spritzes, but fast ones like "spritz spritz." The moss ball needs to be soaked for five minutes, but just the moss part. DON'T wet the top leaves or it gets moldy. Got it?

Yes?

Actually, can you repeat . . .

Phew! You're a lifesaver, Katie.

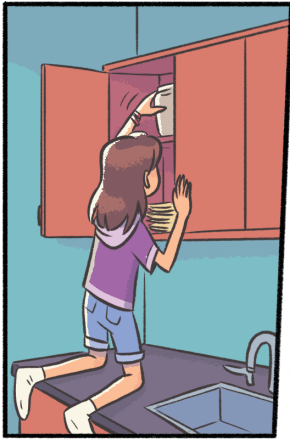
Bye, KITTY!

Oh, and I almost forgot. Mr. Quinn from 6F asked me to give you this.

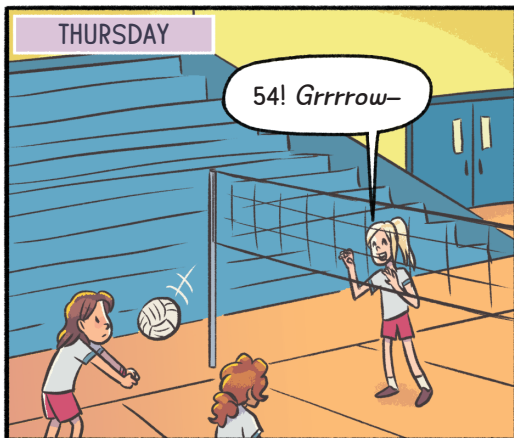
See you Friday!

Sorry

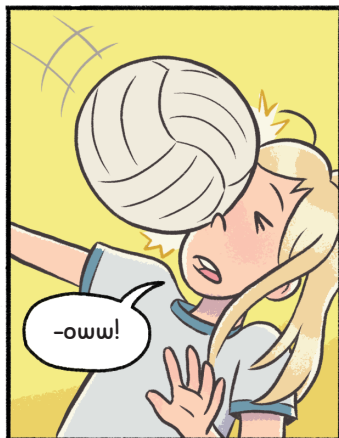
YOU EARNED THIS!  
PLEASE KEEP IT  
P.S. DON'T  
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CURRENCY!



THURSDAY



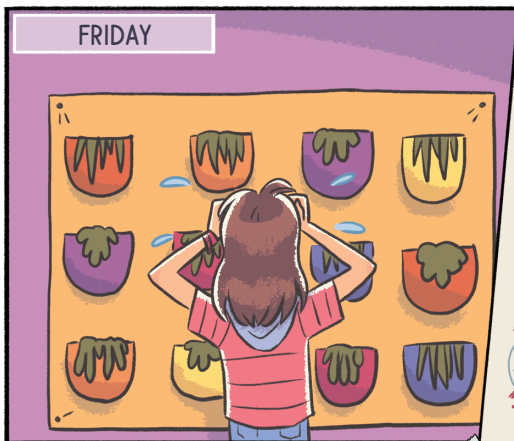
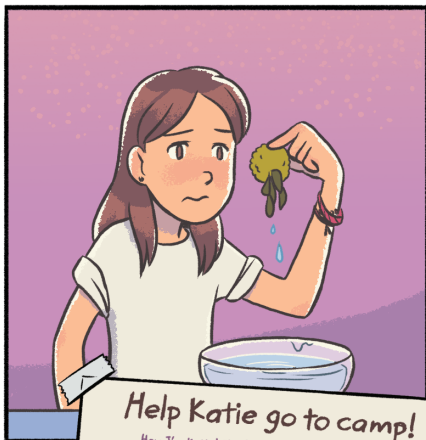
54! Grrrrrow-



-oww!



Oh no no no.



FRIDAY

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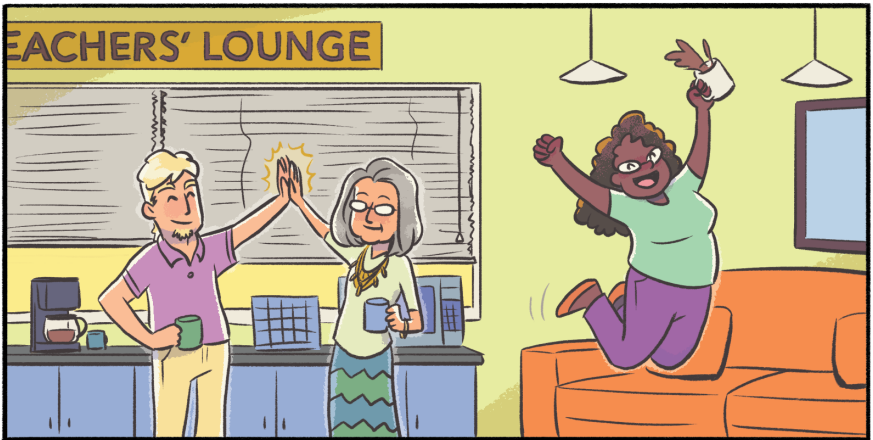
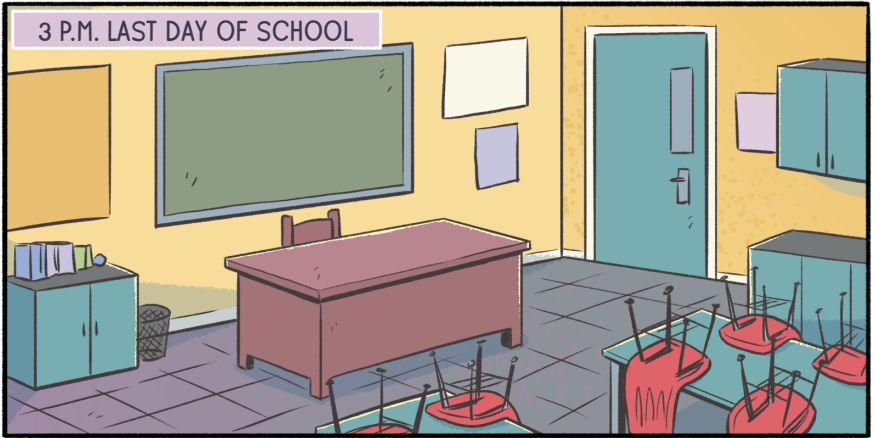


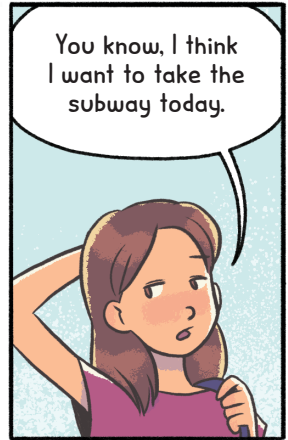
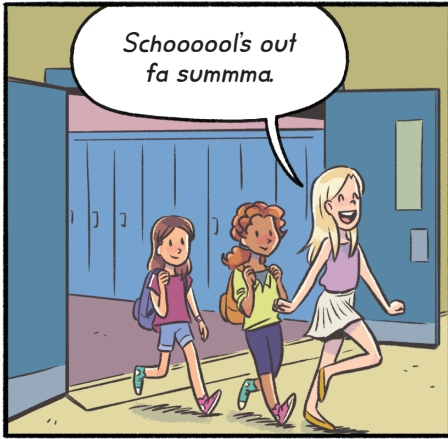
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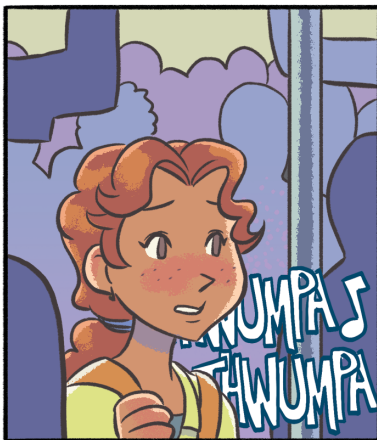
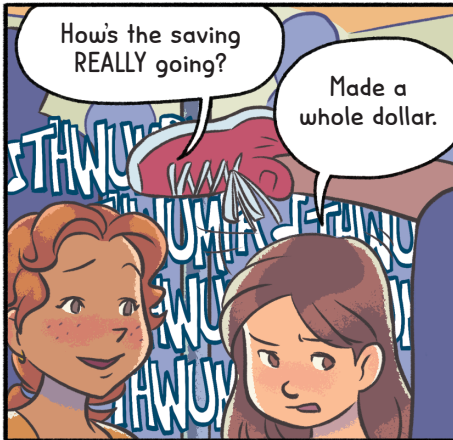
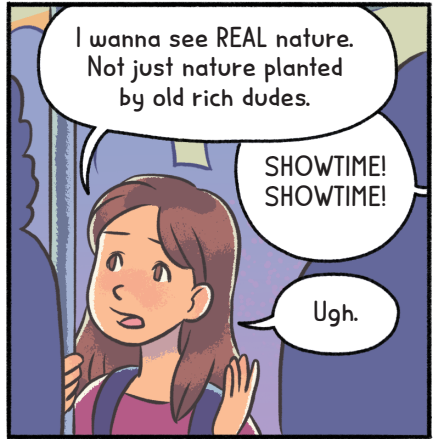
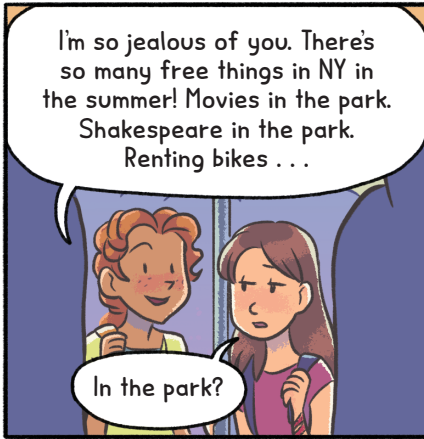
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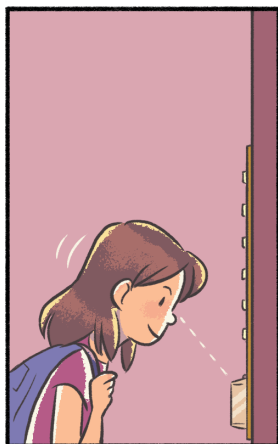
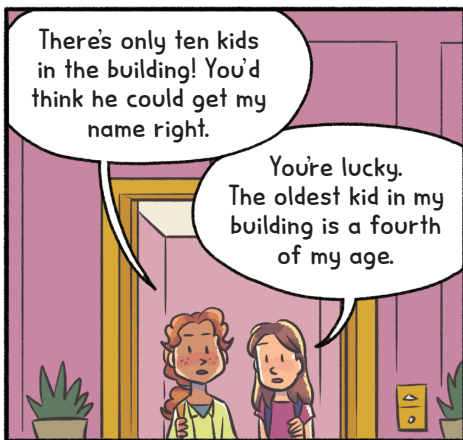
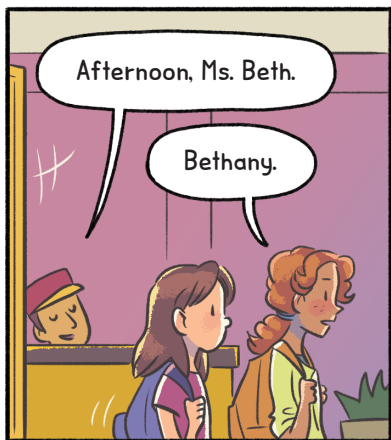
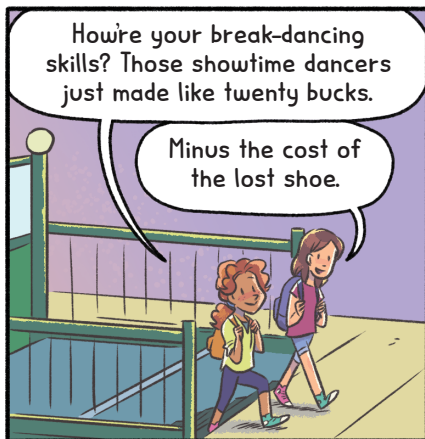


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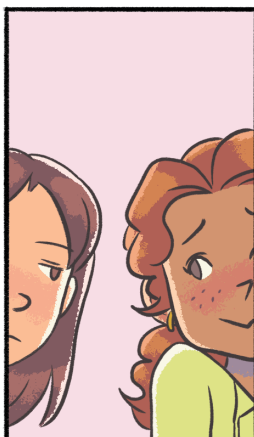


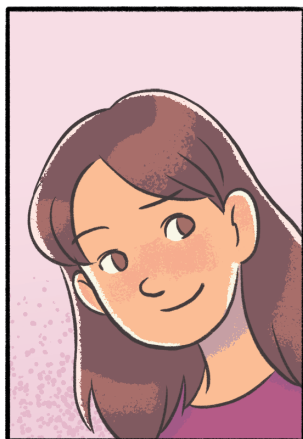


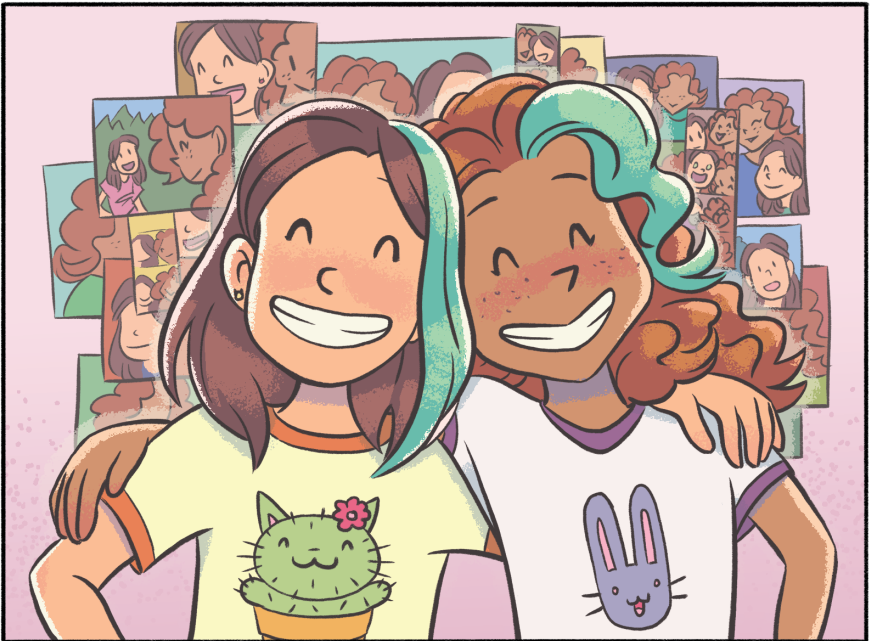
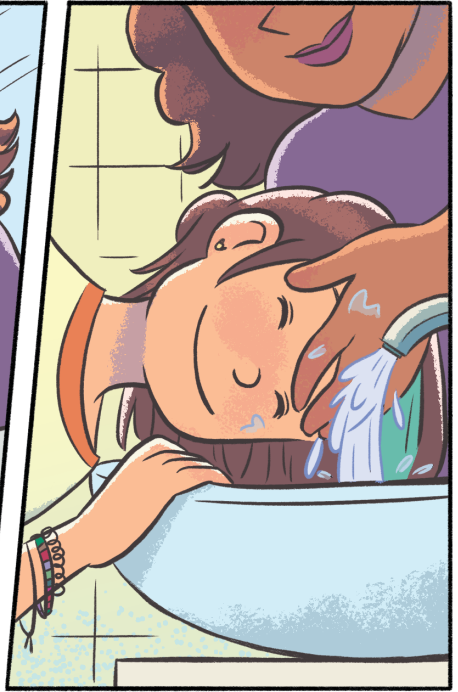


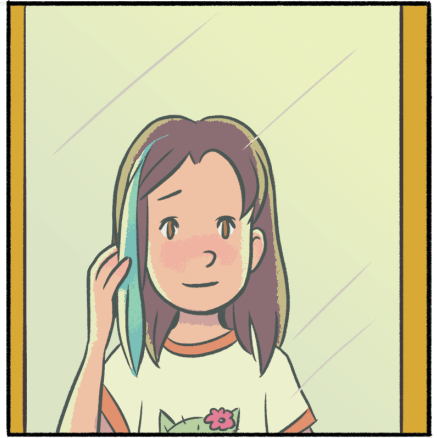
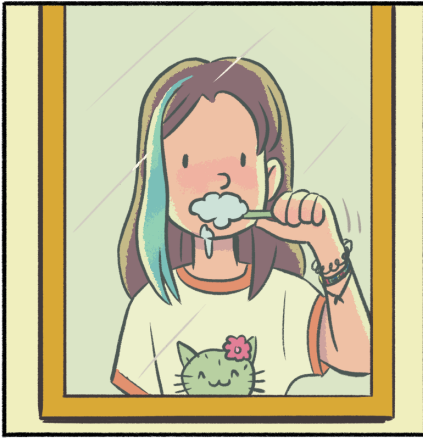




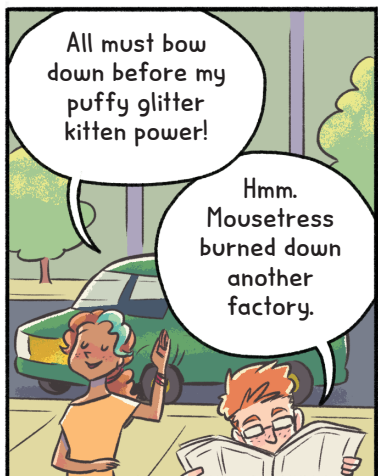
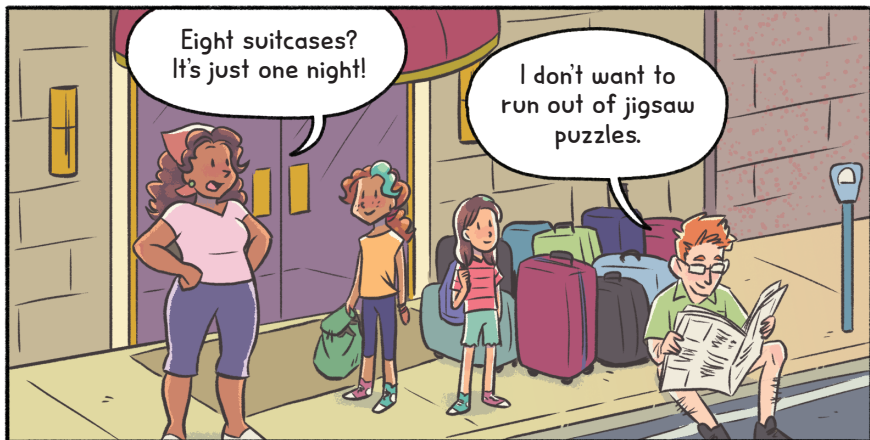




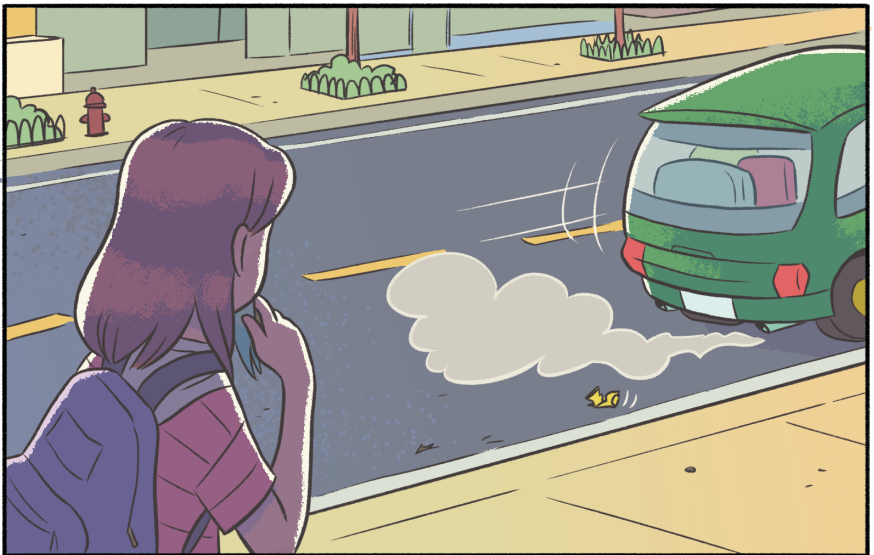
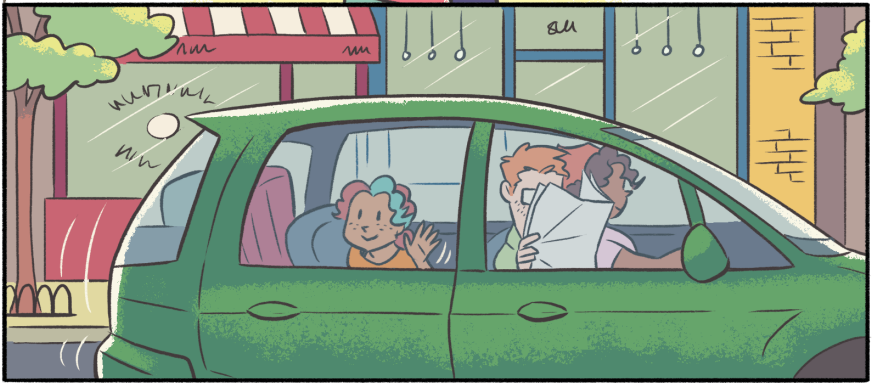
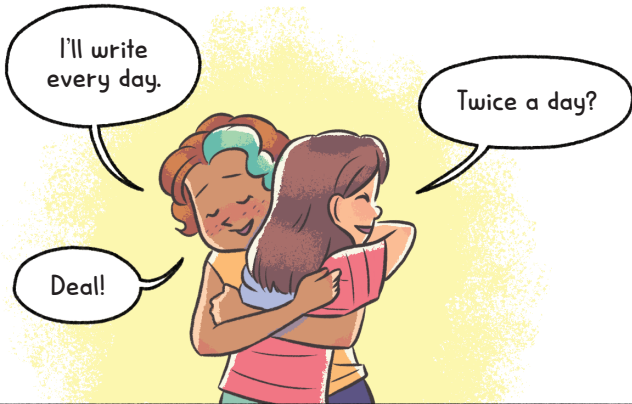


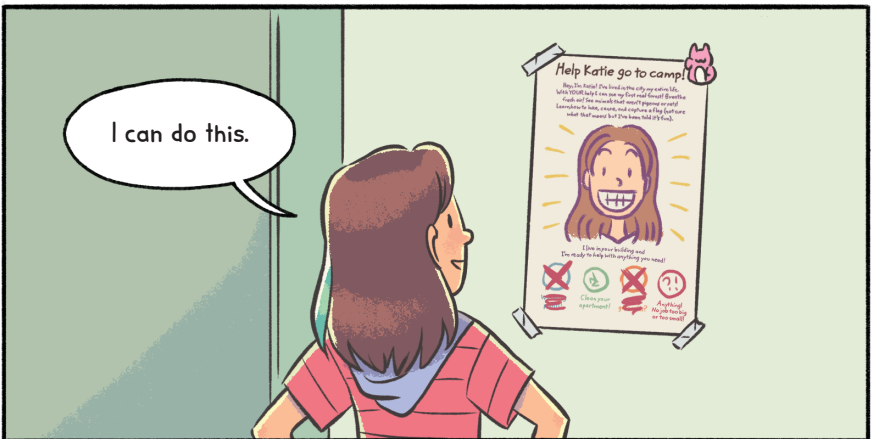
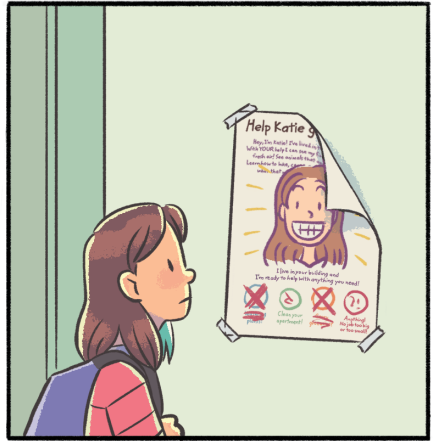












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