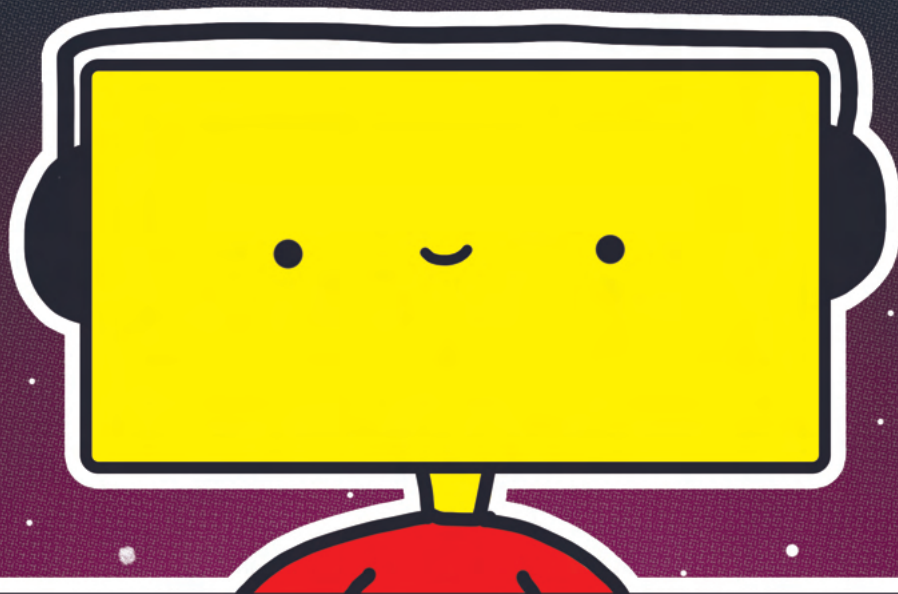


THE STORY CORNER

MAGIC BAG EDITION!





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FOREWORD

WHEN I WAS A KID, I WAS MASSIVELY USELESS AT PIANO. BUT WHAT GOT ME THROUGH EACH PAINFULLY TUNELESS WEEKLY LESSON WAS THE 50p I GOT AT THE END TO BUY A **BEANO COMIC**. OR DANDY, OR WHIZZER & CHIPS, OR TOPPER, OR OINK...

EVERY NEWSAGENTS WAS STUFFED FULL OF AMAZING KIDS COMICS, AND WITH CHRISTMAS BRINGING ASTERIX, TINTIN AND CALVIN & HOBBS BOOKS, IT WAS A GOLDEN AGE FOR FUNNY, EXCITING STORIES TOLD IN BOXES AND BUBBLES AND **BOOMS!**

ANYONE WHO GETS BADLY BITTEN BY THE COMICS BUG CAN'T STOP THEMSELVES FROM GIVING IT A GO, AND LOADS OF COMICS-MAD KIDS (LIKE ME) GREW UP MAKING THEIR OWN BOX-AND-BUBBLE BASED STORIES. AND TODAY'S KIDS ARE THE WINNERS, AS WE'RE IN A NEW GOLDEN AGE OF SILLY, ZANY, EPIC GRAPHIC NOVELS.

THERE ARE SO MANY OUT THERE THAT I LOVE, FROM BUNNY VS MONKEY AND HILDA, TO BARB THE BRAVE, LIGHTFALL AND DOG MAN. AND WITH BEAUTIFUL ADAPTATIONS LIKE WATERSHIP DOWN AND TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD, BOXES-AND-BUBBLES CAN TELL BIG, SERIOUS STORIES TOO – SO THERE'S A GRAPHIC NOVEL FOR EVERYONE!

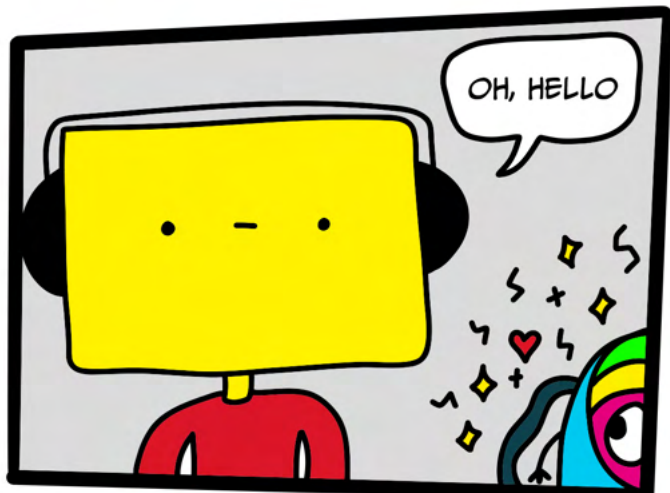
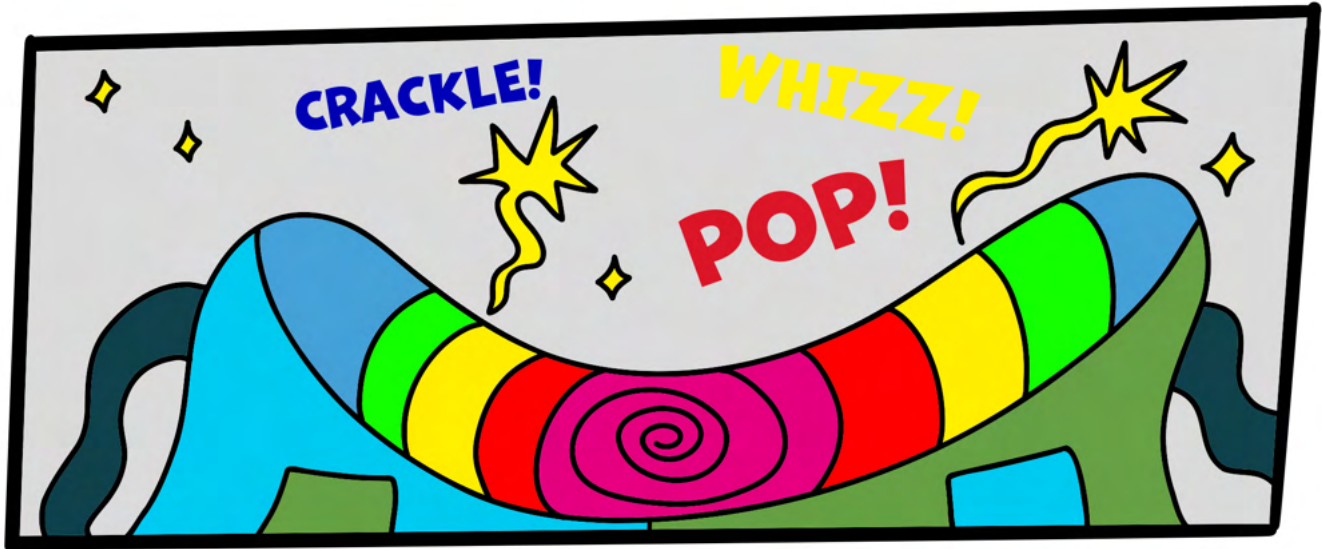
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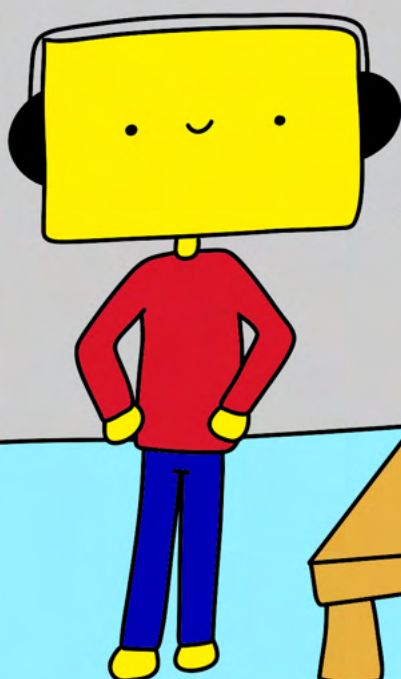
BUT I DRAW COMICS FOR A LIVING – SO IT WAS WORTH THE EARACHE!

-Huw Aaron

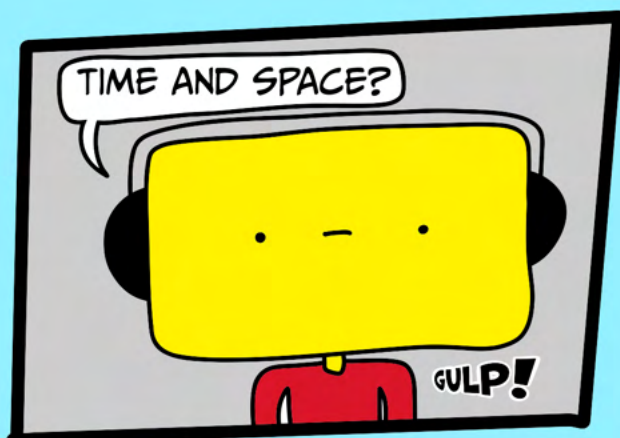


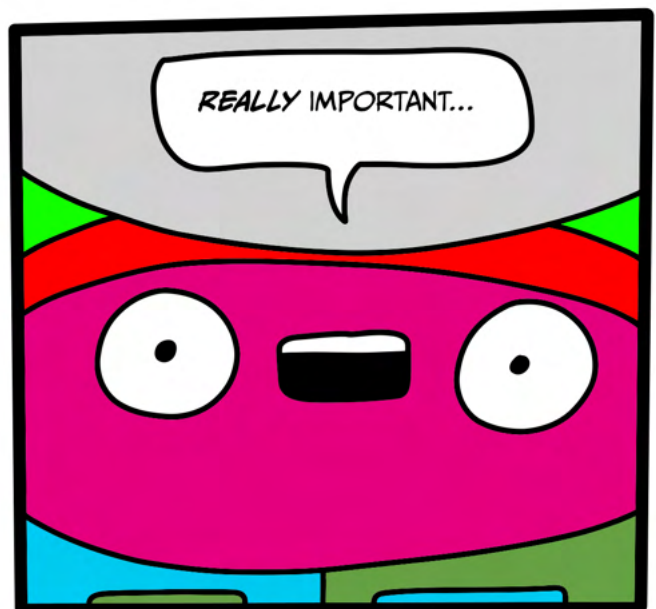
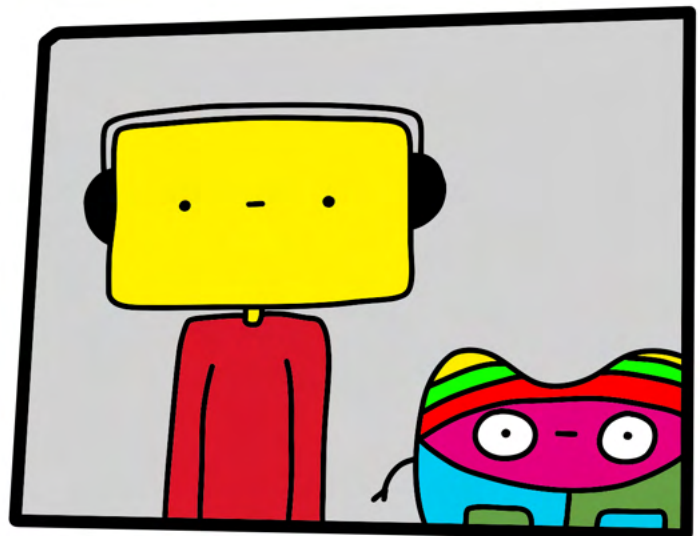
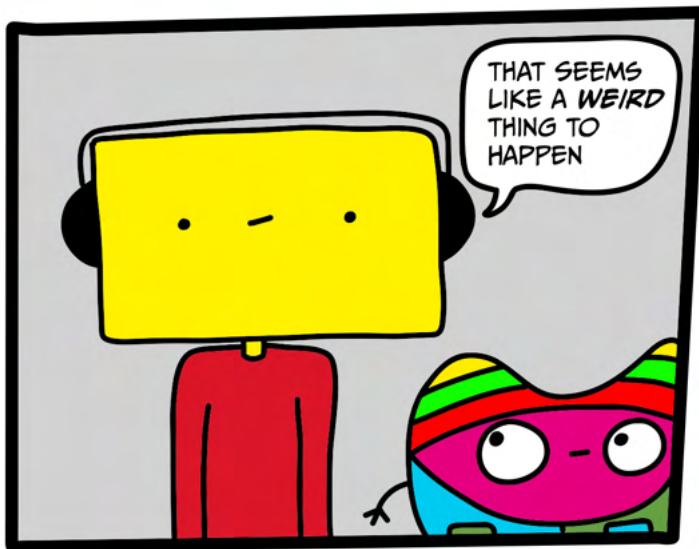
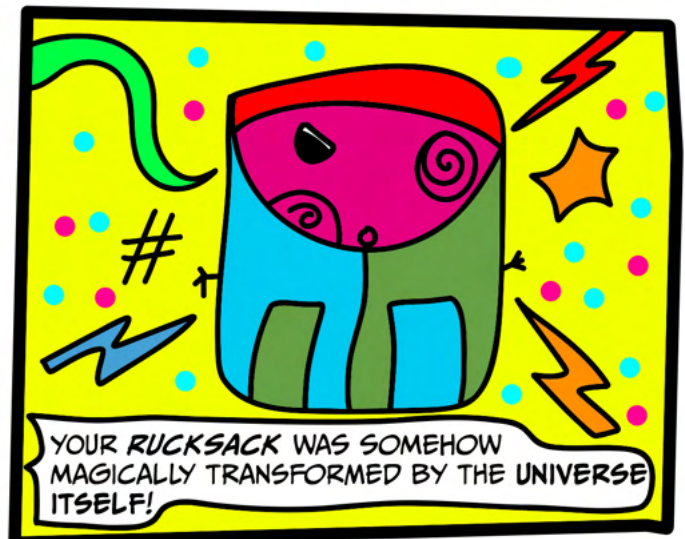
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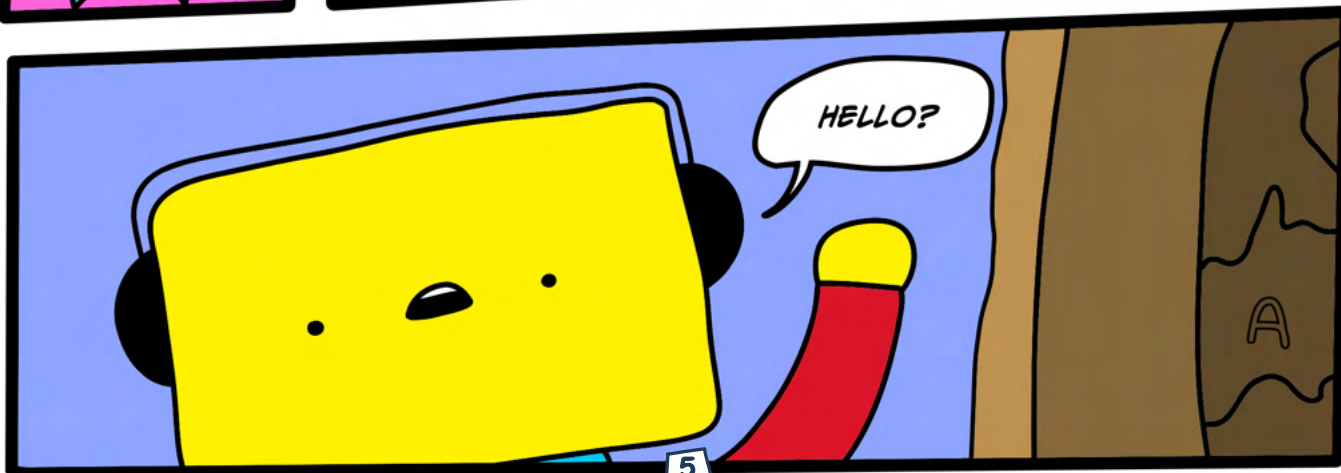
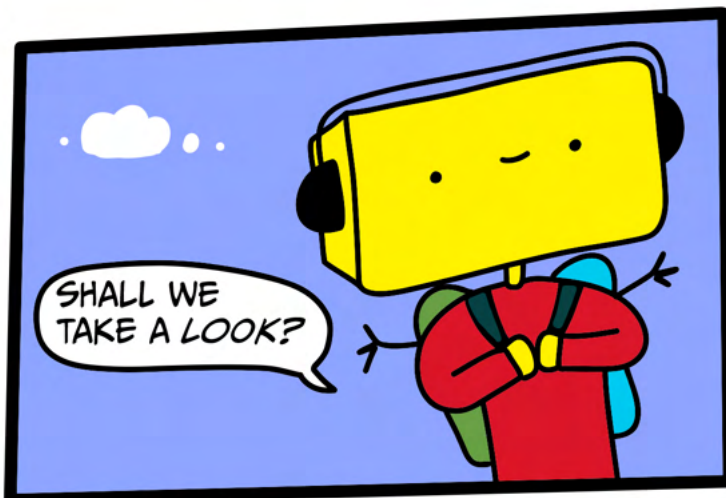
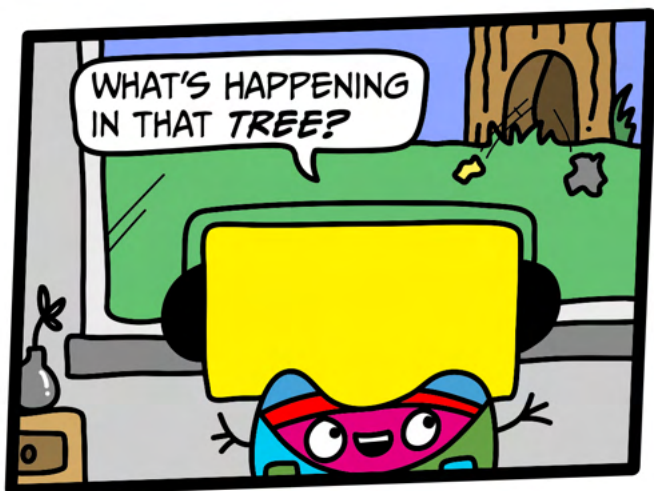
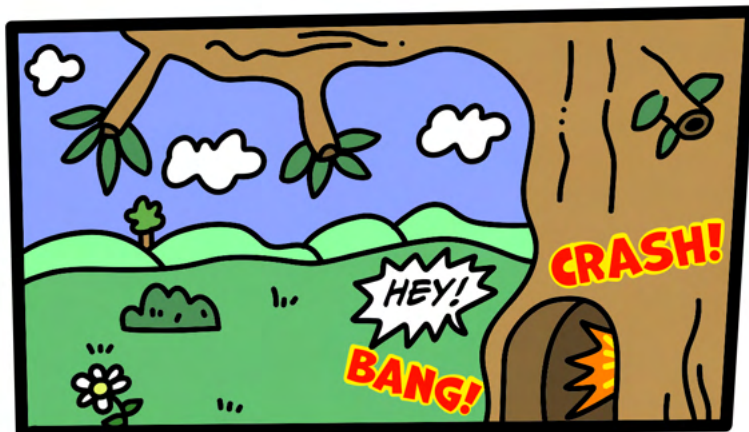




JUST A PROJECTION







The Department Metro Station.
Recently Centipede-estrianized.

Oh boy. Oh
boy, oh boy.
Calm down,
Stickler.

BREATHE.

YOU'VE
GONE
PINK.

IT'S JUST...
PRESENTING
TO THE
COUNCIL...

EEK!

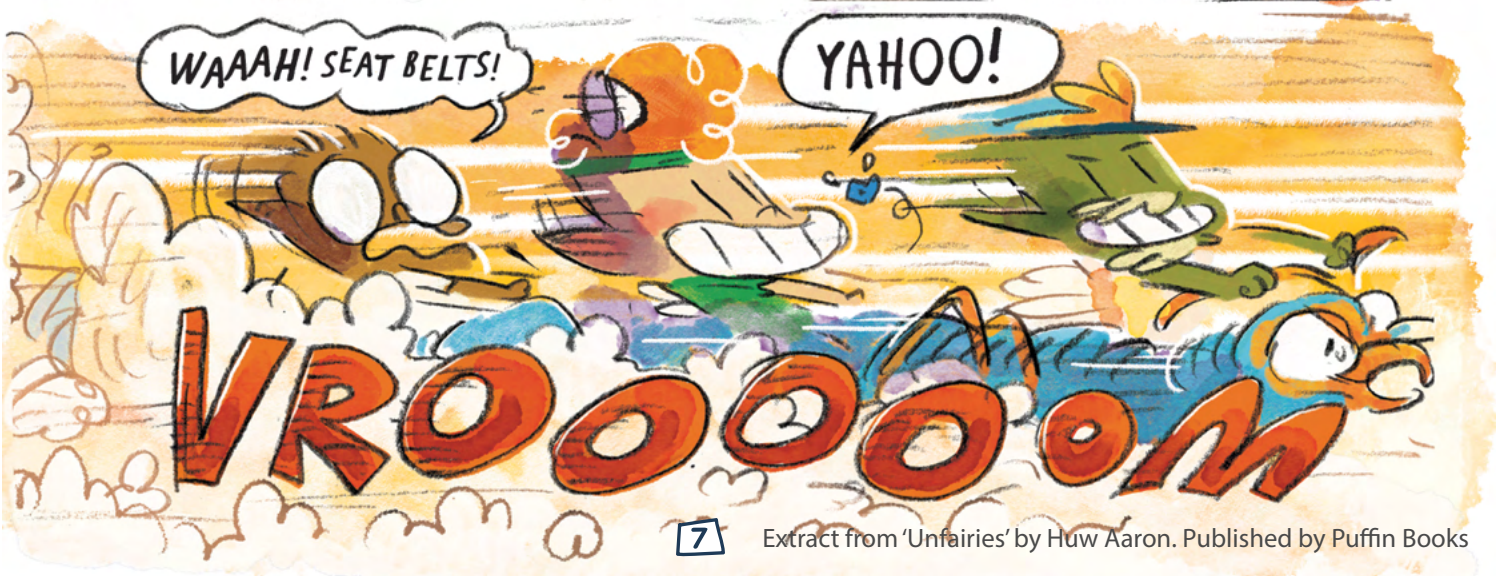
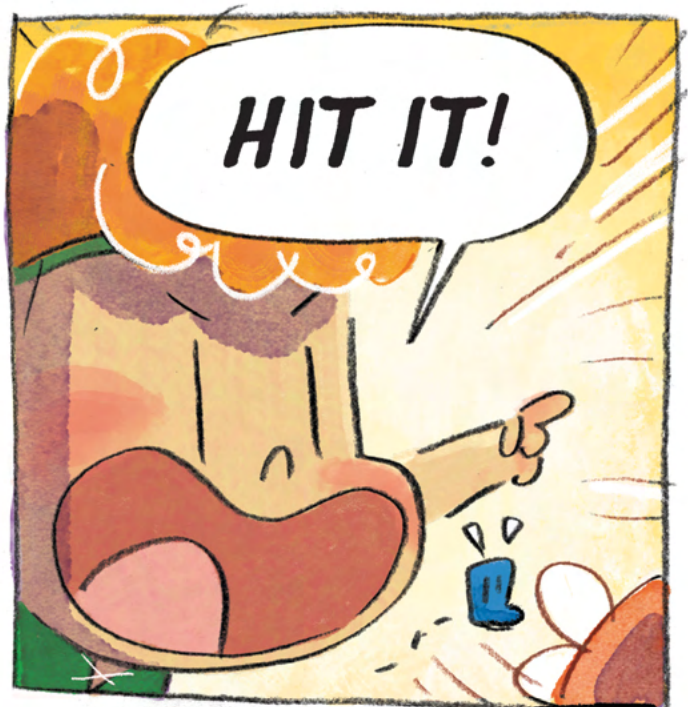
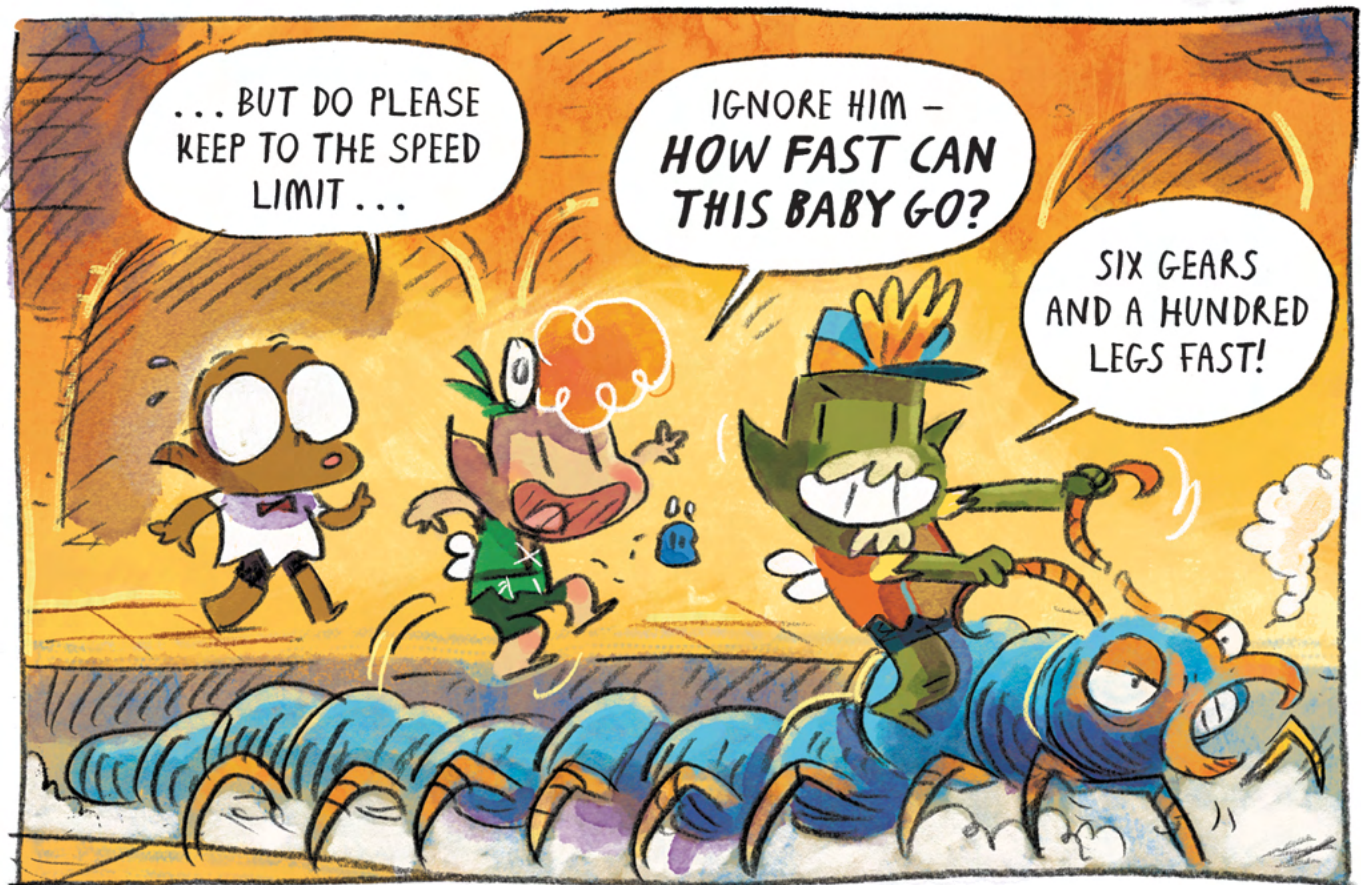
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BE QUICKEST.
HERE'S ONE!

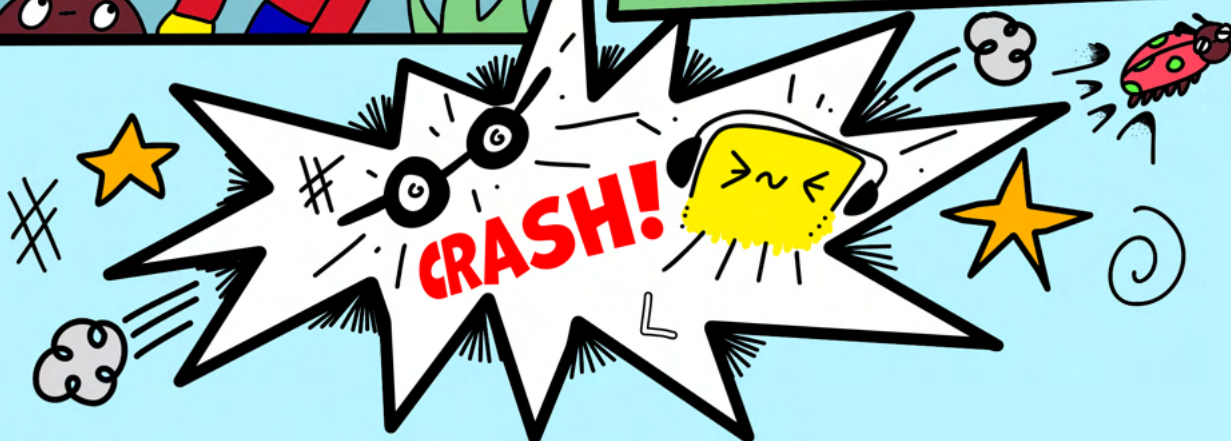
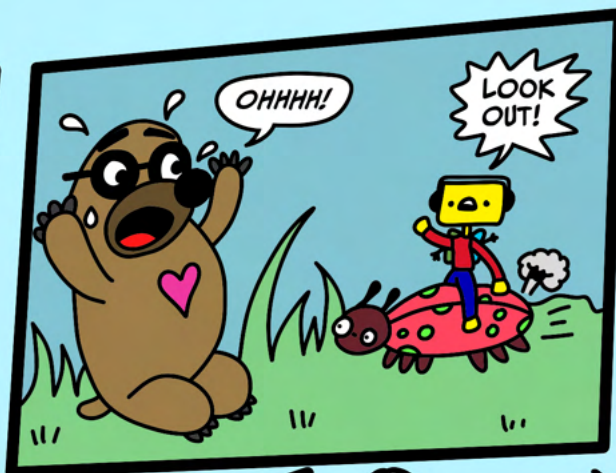
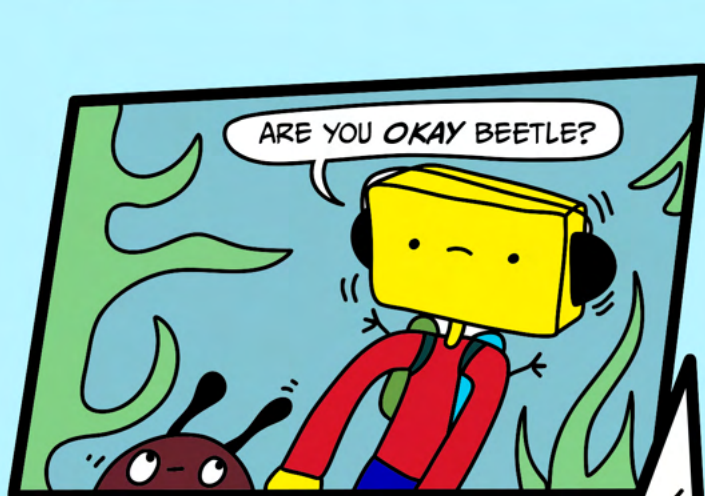
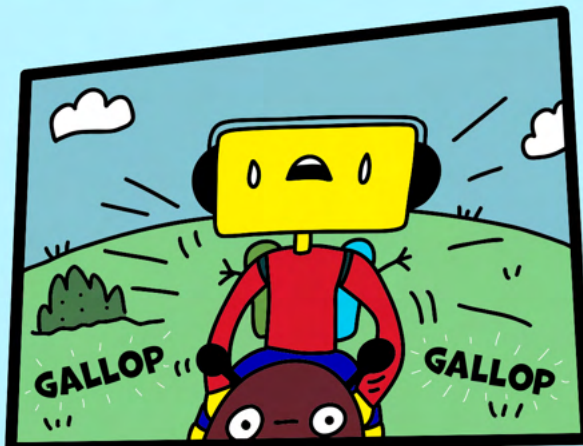
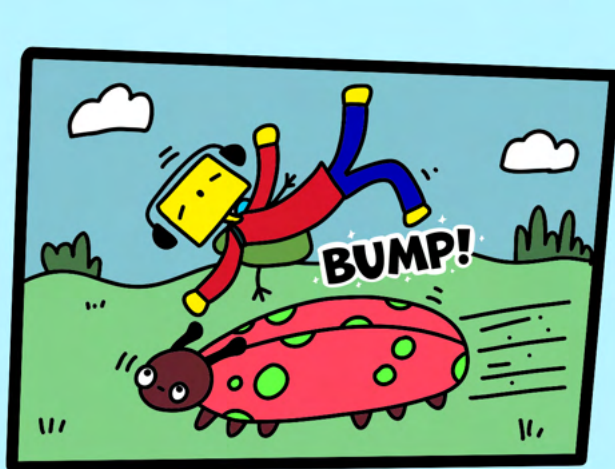
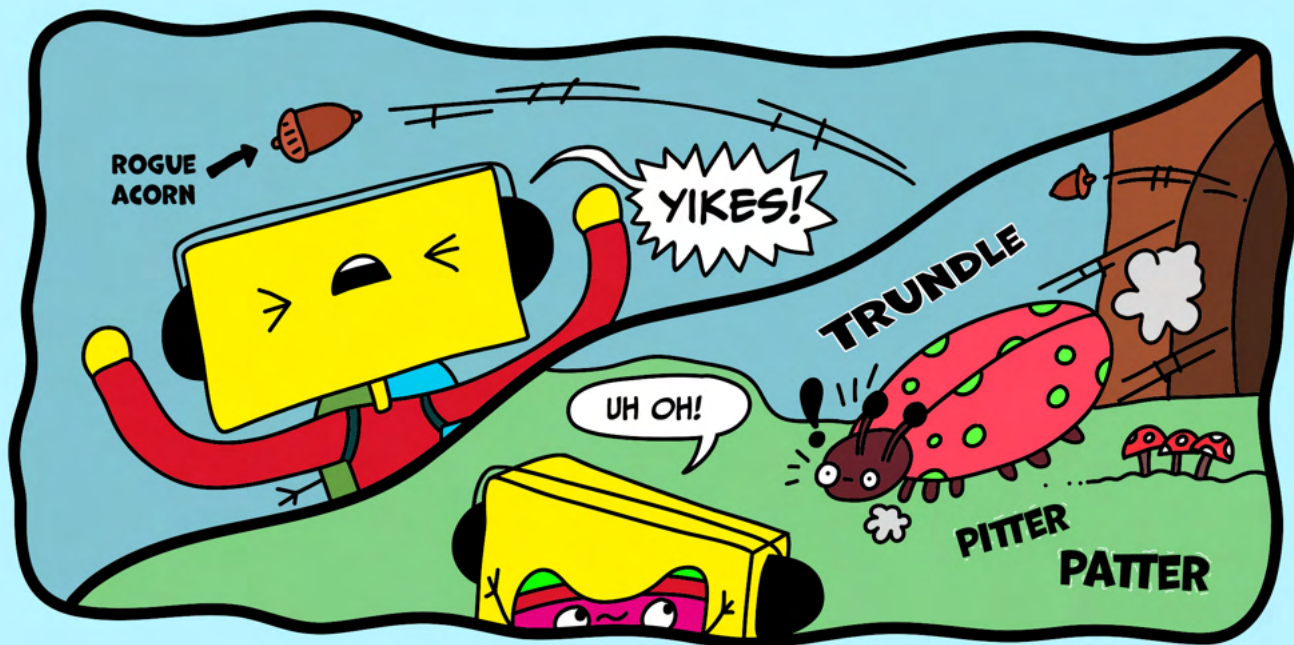
SCREECH

HEY!

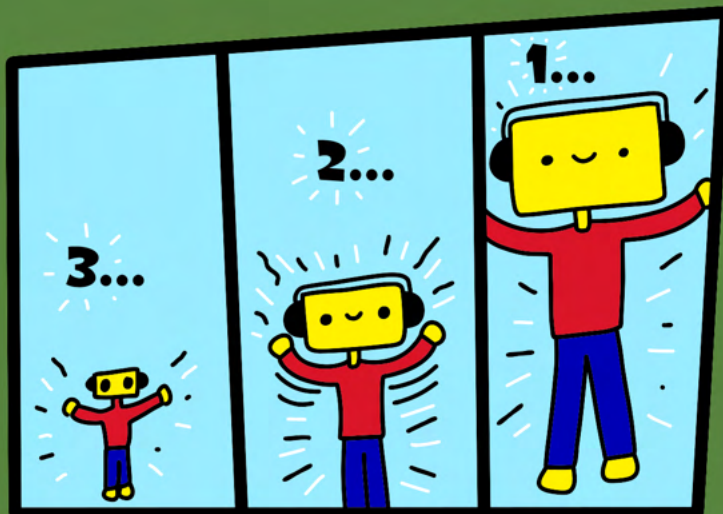
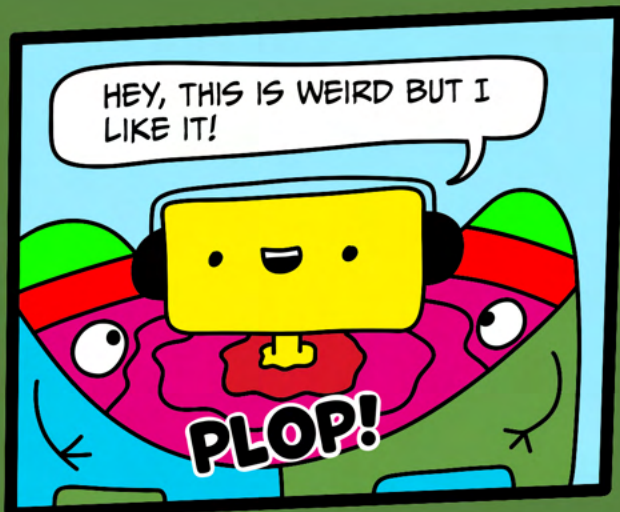
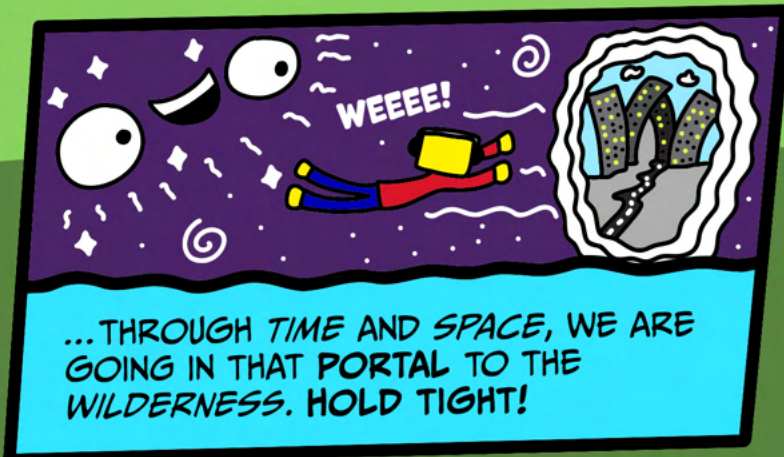
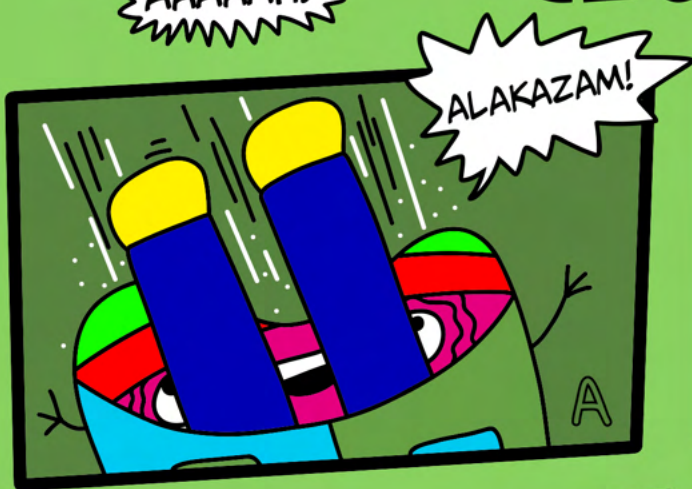
TWO TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
PLEASE. UM, THERE'S A BIT OF
A RUSH...

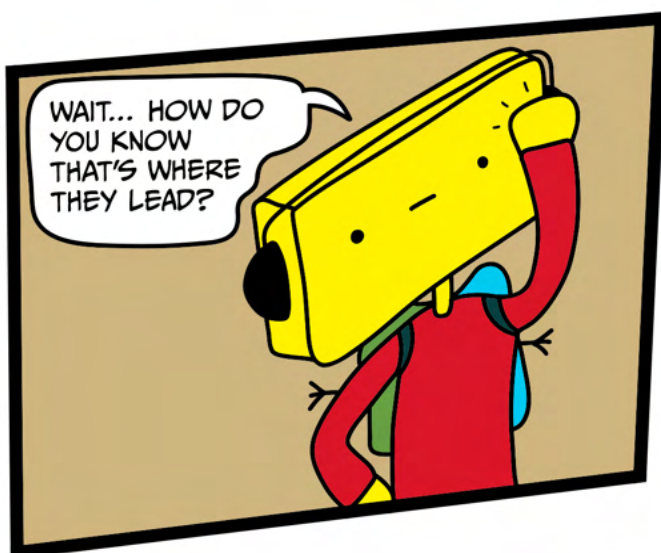
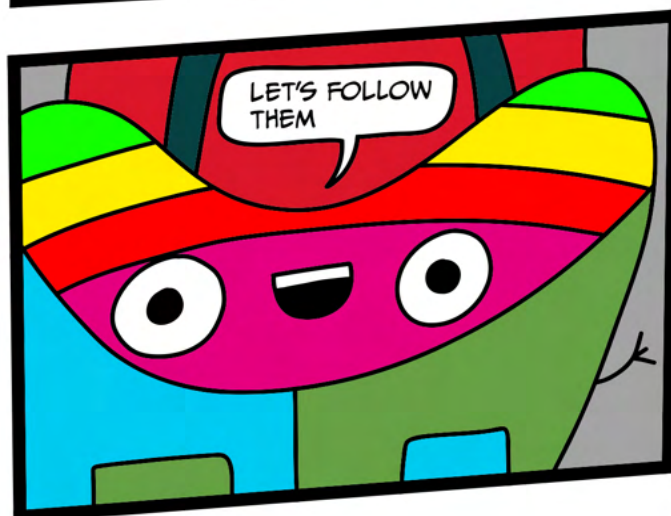
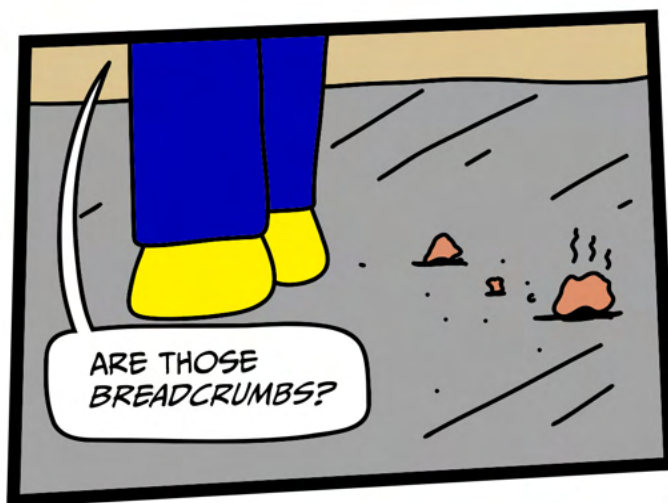
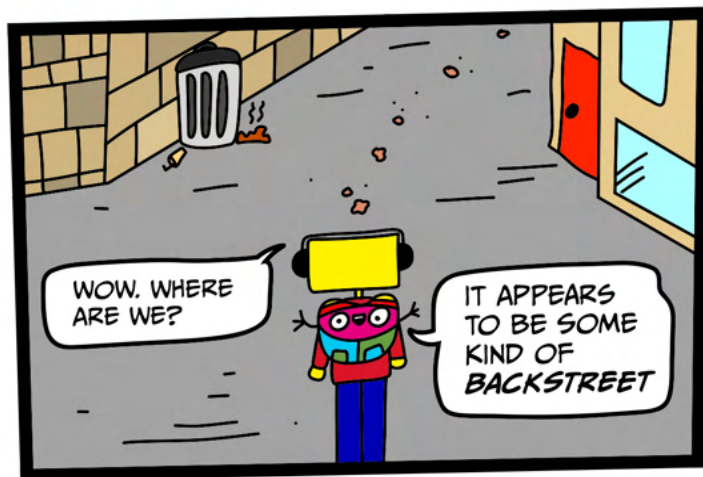
HOP
ON!

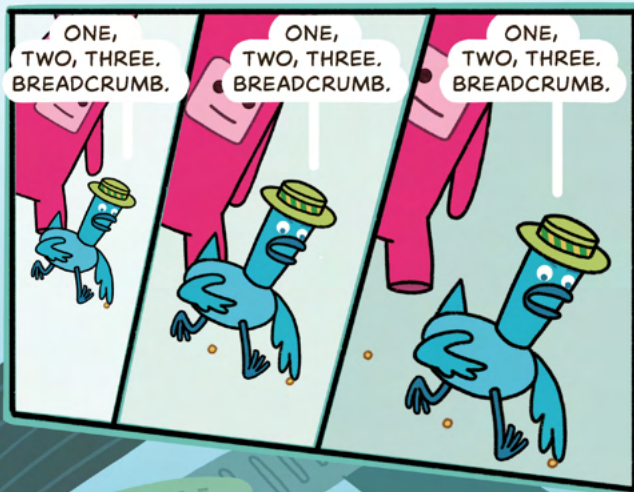






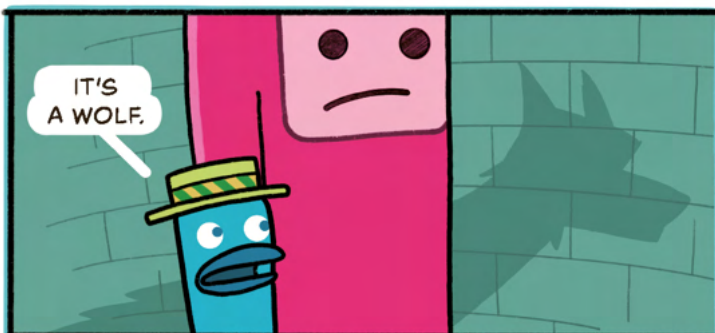
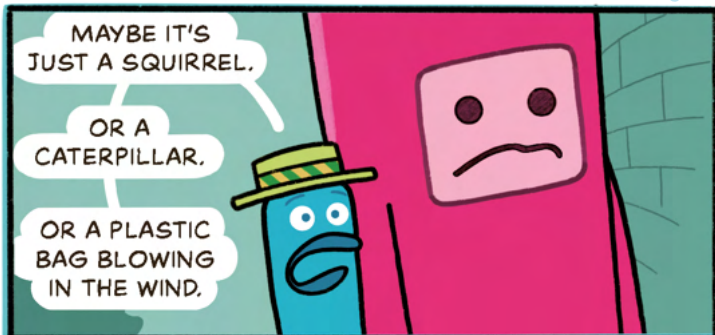
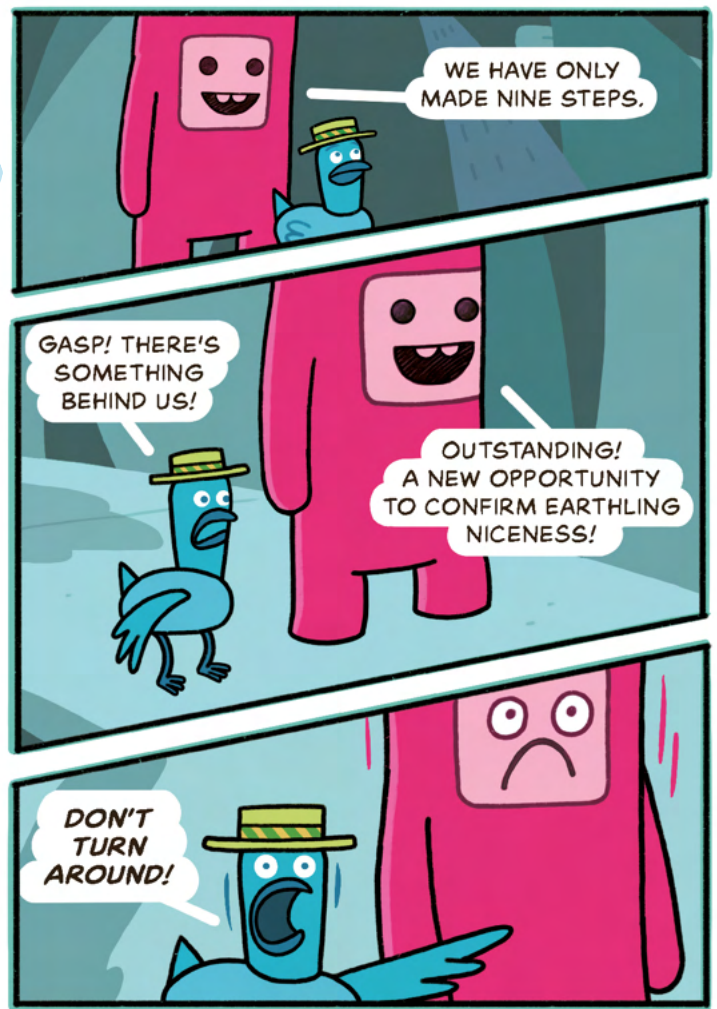




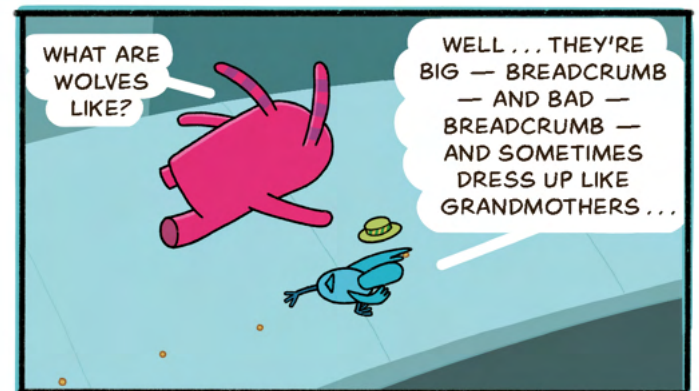


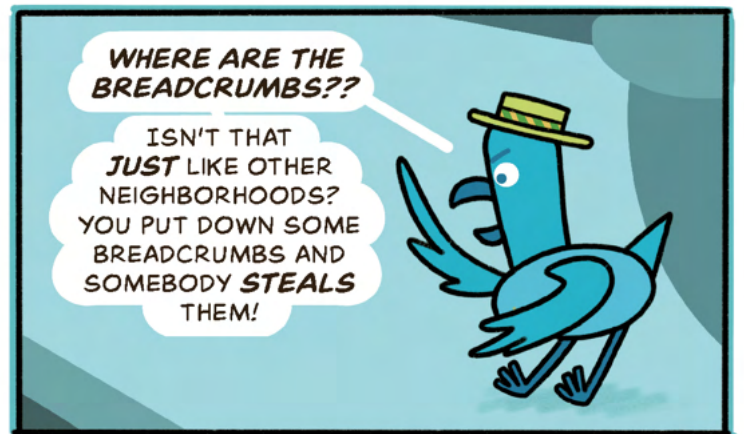
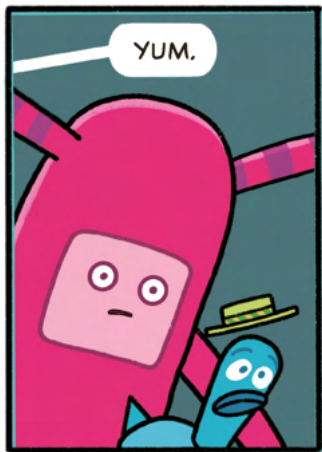
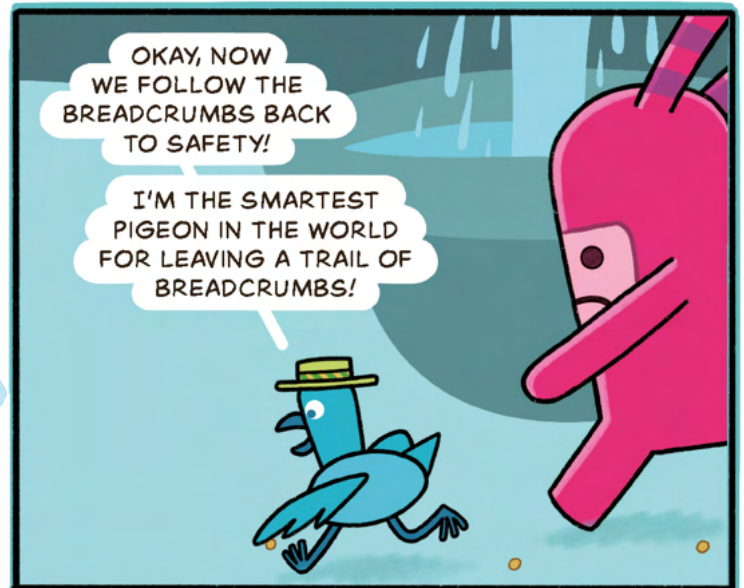
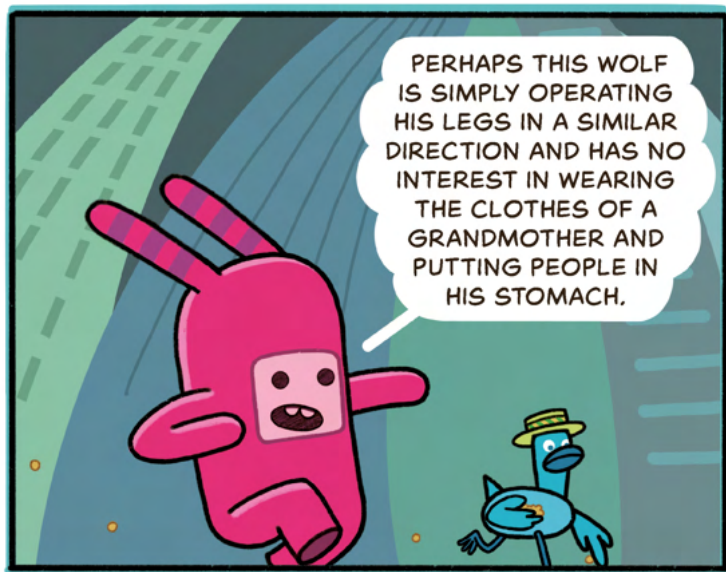
THE WIND IS PICKING UP!
THE SHADOWS ARE GROWING
LONG! THE BUILDINGS ARE
CLOSING IN OVERHEAD,
BLOCKING OUT THE SKY!

WE'RE
DEEP INTO THE
WILDERNESS
NOW!

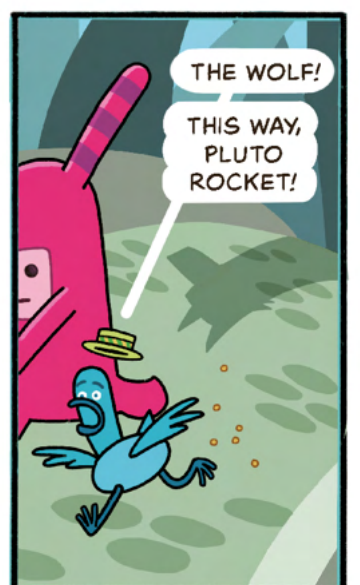
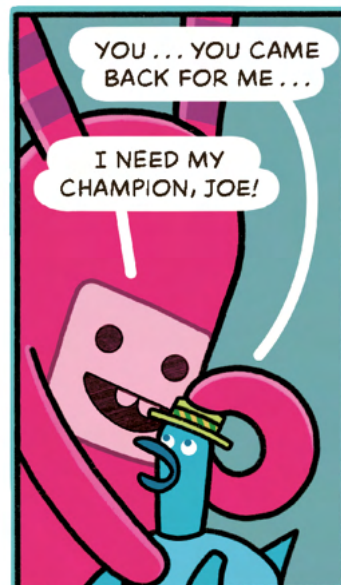


ONE-TWO-THREE-
BREADCRUMB!
ONE-TWO-THREE-
BREADCRUMB!
ONE-TWO-THREE-
BREADCRUMB!





Extract from 'Pluto Rocket, Full Blast' by Paul Gilligan.
Published by Pushkin Children's Books.



'BUILD THE ROCKET' GAME

OH NO! THIS IS ANNOYING

IF WE FOLLOW THE PATH, MAYBE WE CAN BUILD A ROCKET

HOW TO PLAY

- MAKE COUNTERS
- PLACE AT START
- ROLL A DICE OR USE OUR DICE APP



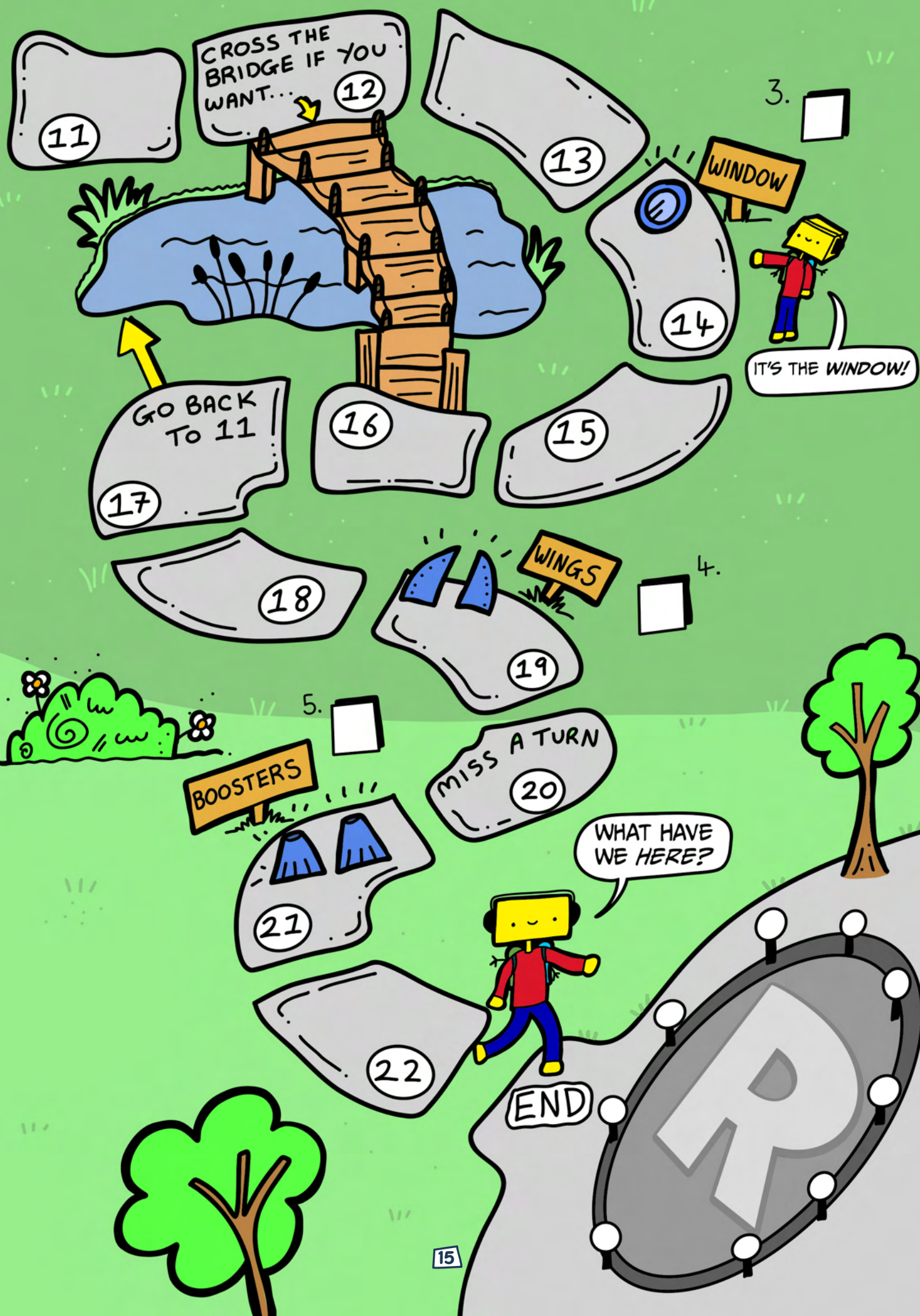
- COLLECT ALL THE PIECES OF ROCKET AND TICK THEM OFF AS YOU GO

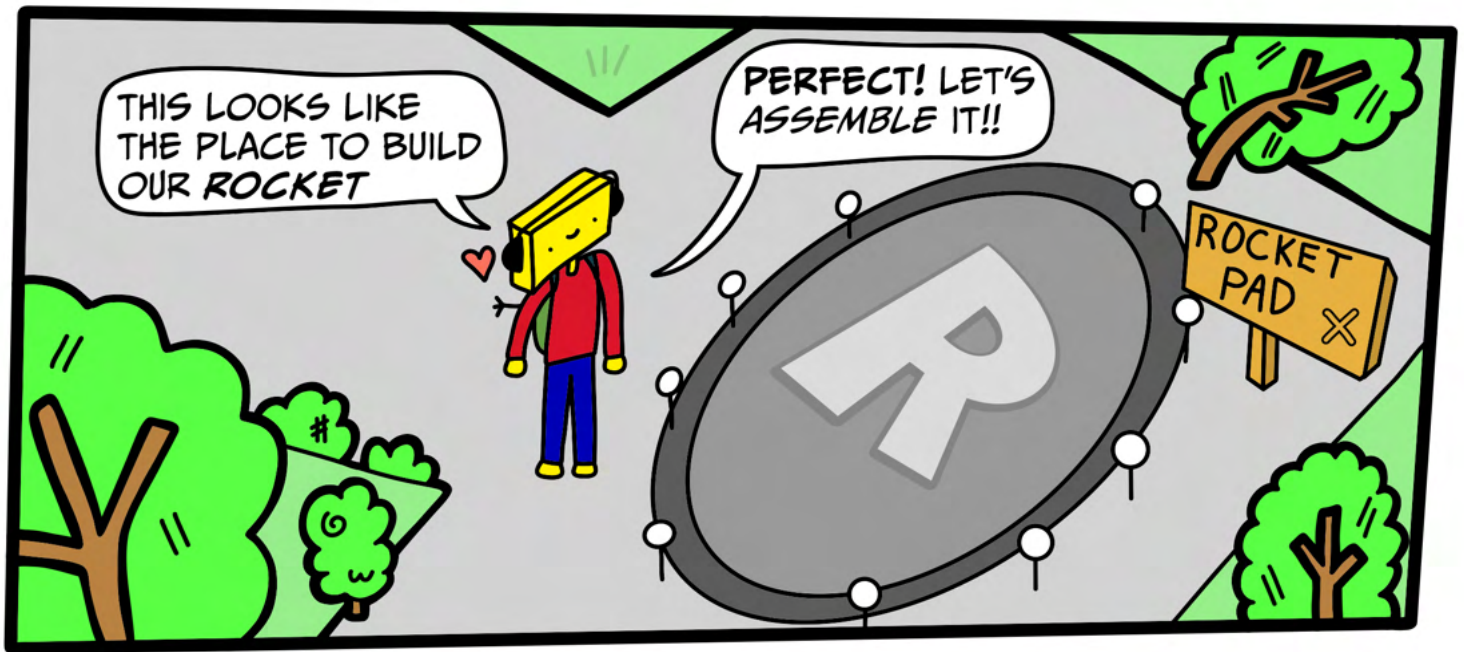
- REACH THE END
BUILD THE ROCKET!

PLACE COUNTERS HERE

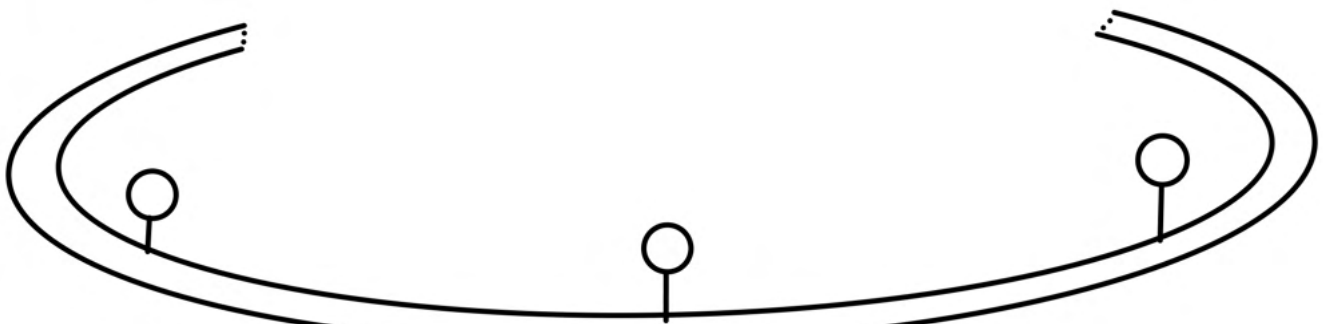
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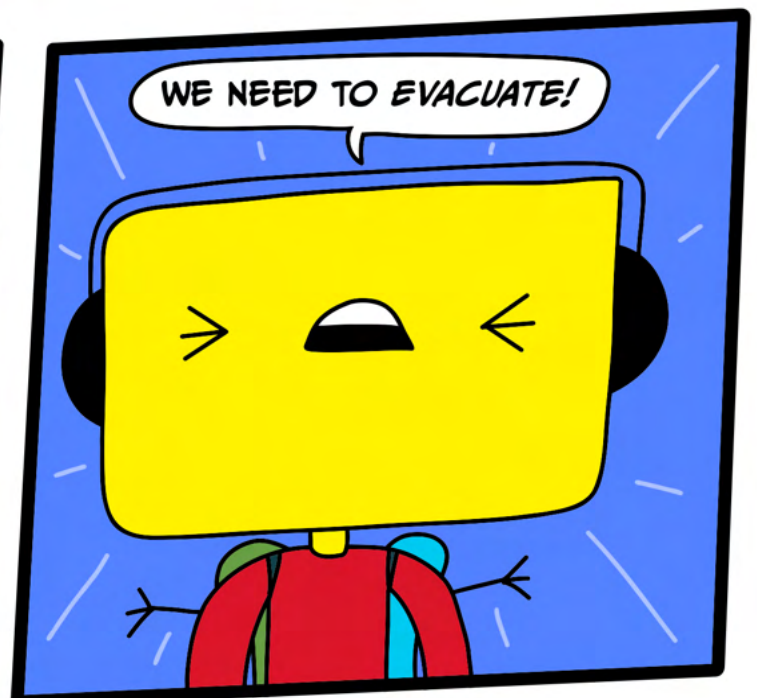
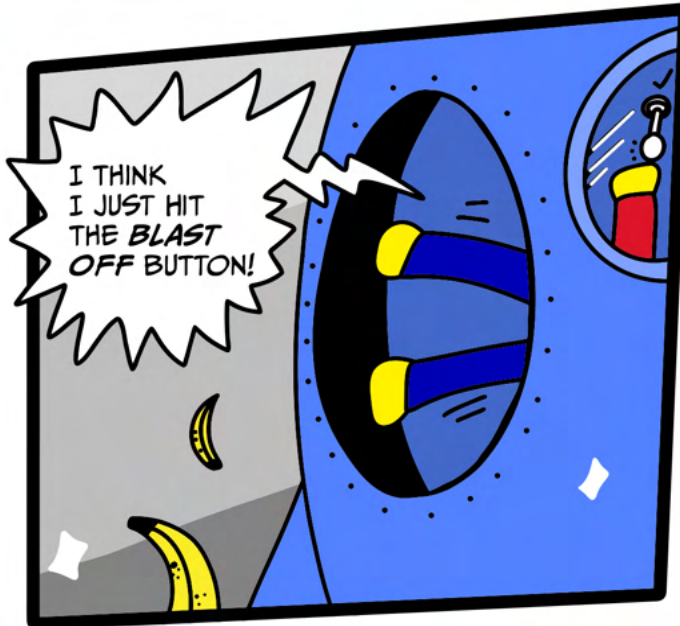
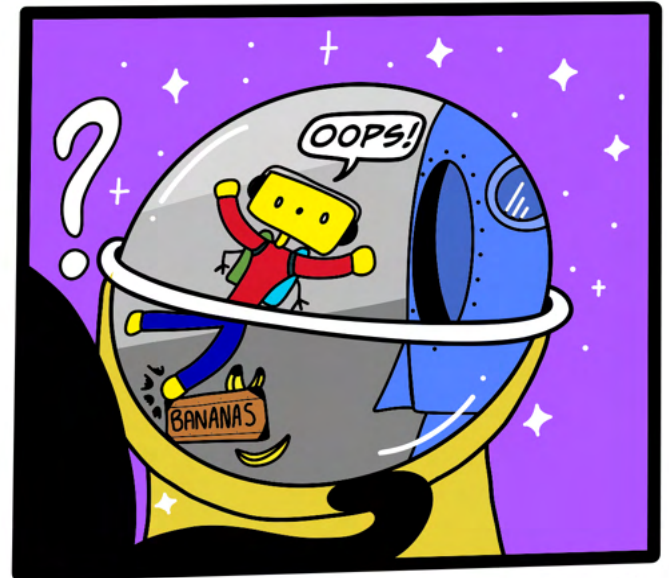
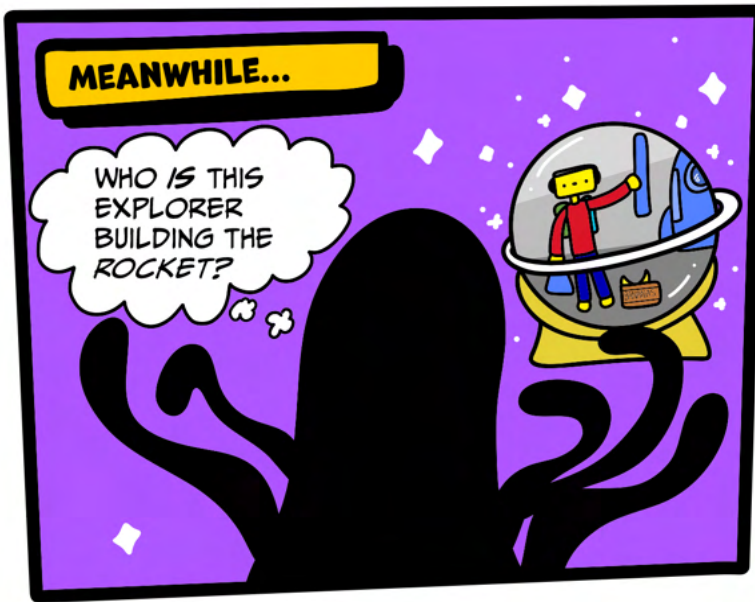


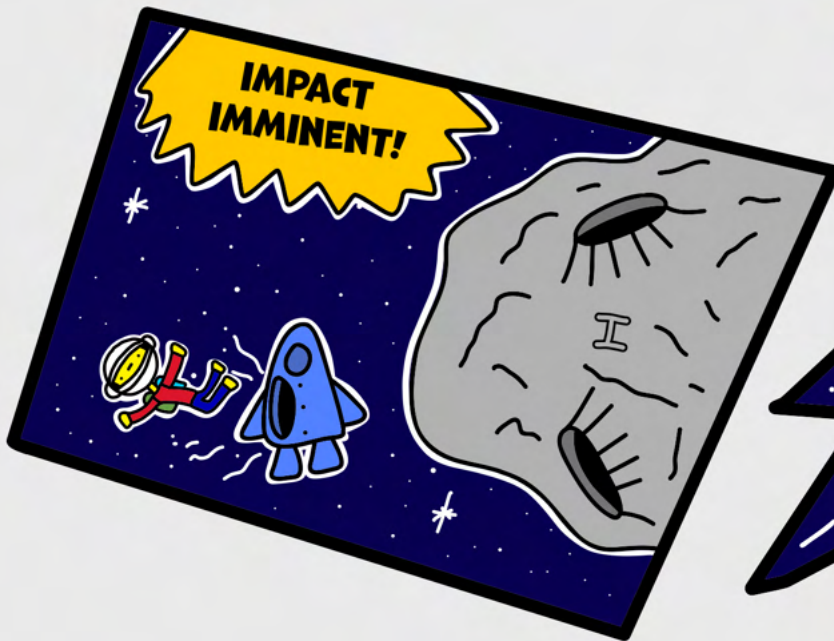
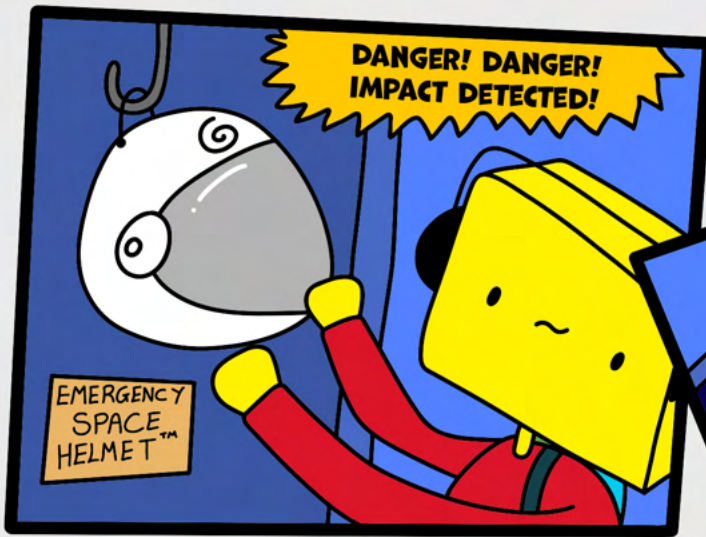


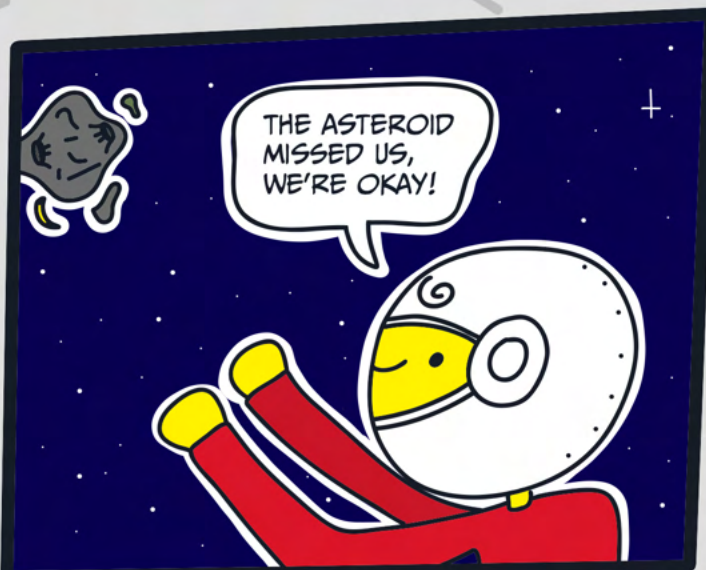
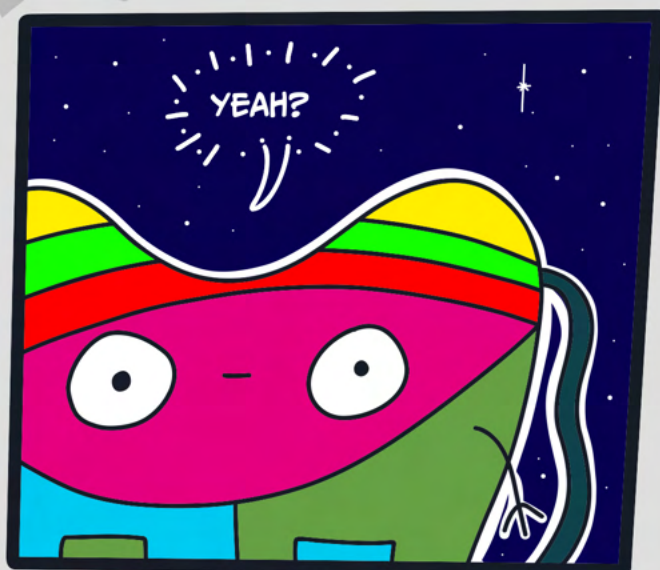


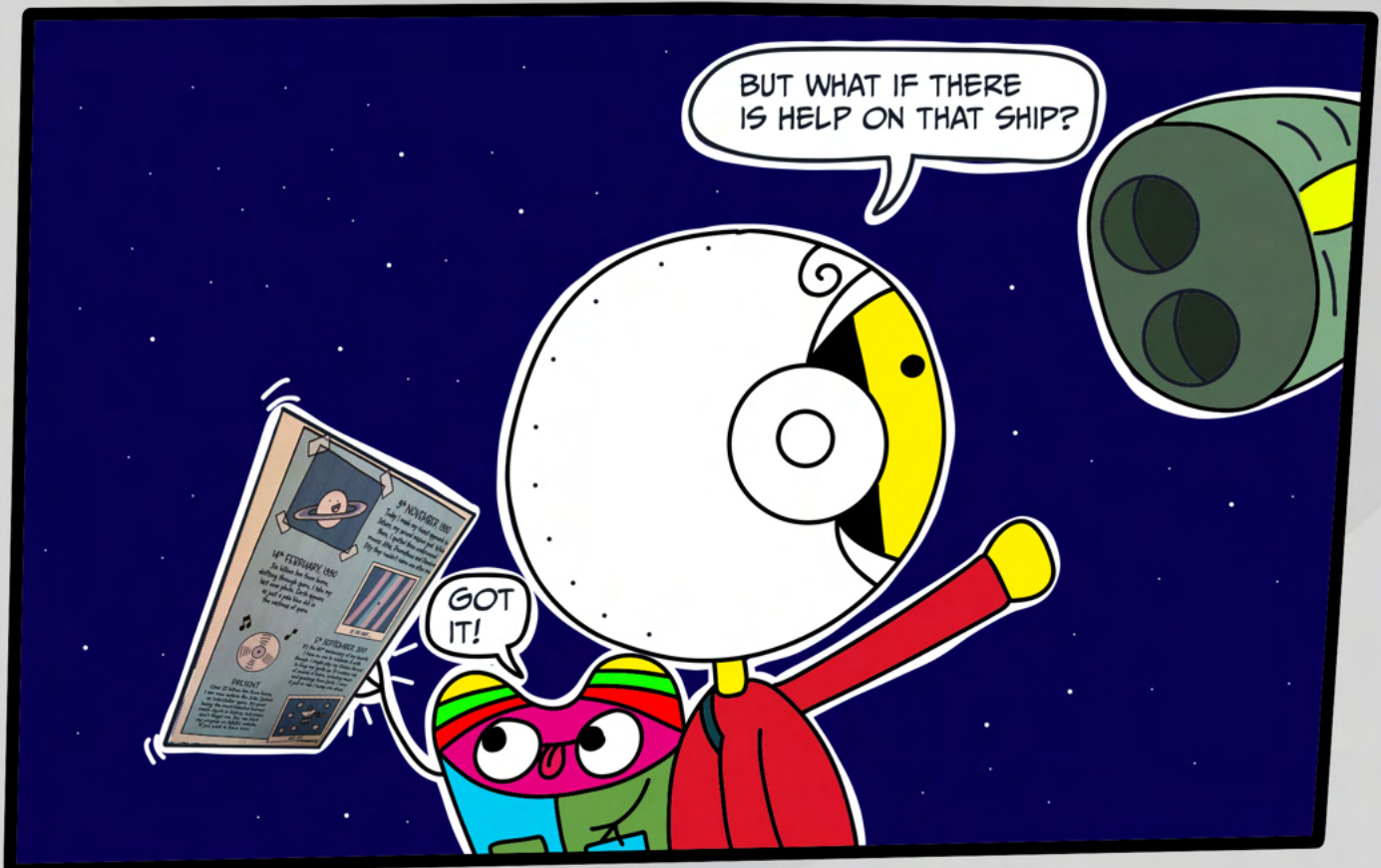
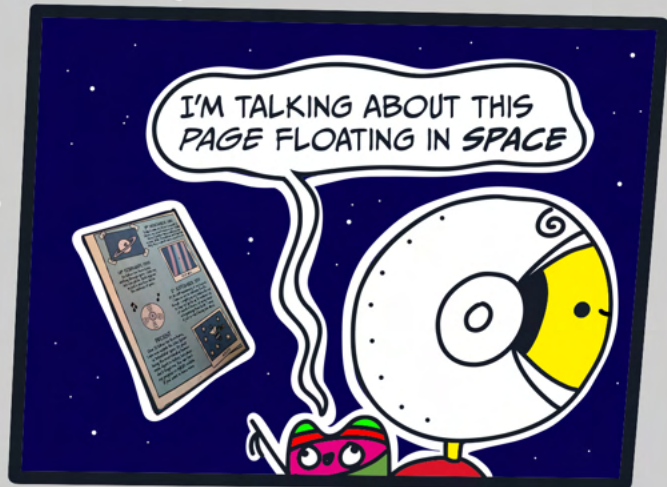
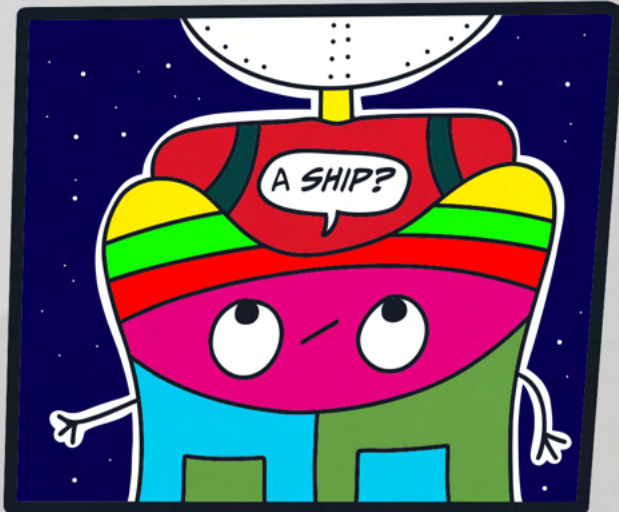
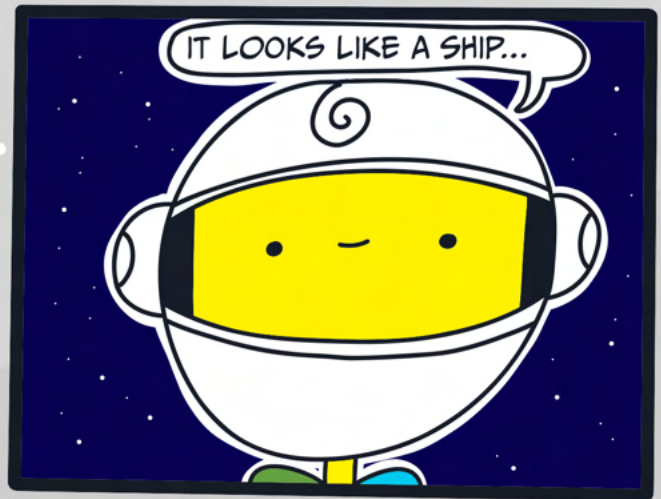
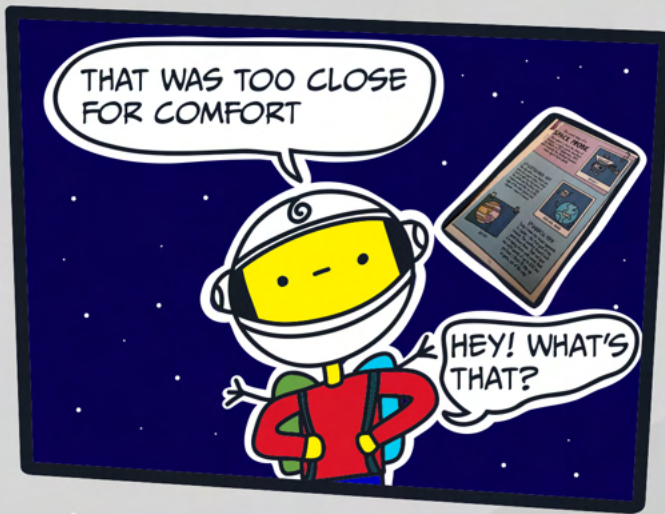
CAN YOU HELP COLIN AND THE MAGIC RUCKSACK ASSEMBLE THE ROCKET BY DRAWING IT? GRAB A PEN AND LET'S GO!





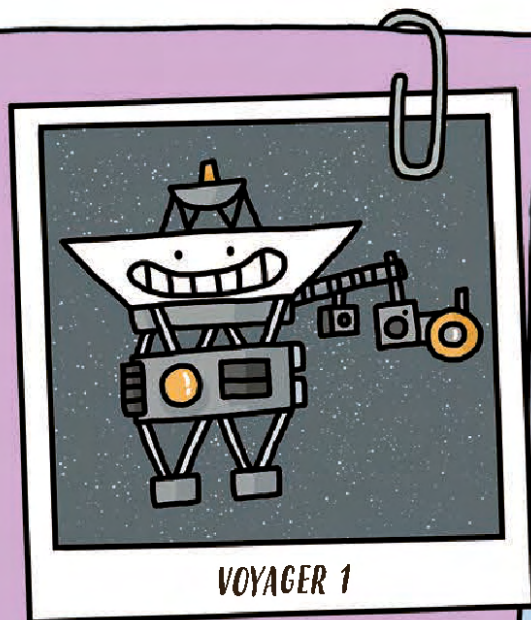






The secret diary of a **SPACE PROBE**

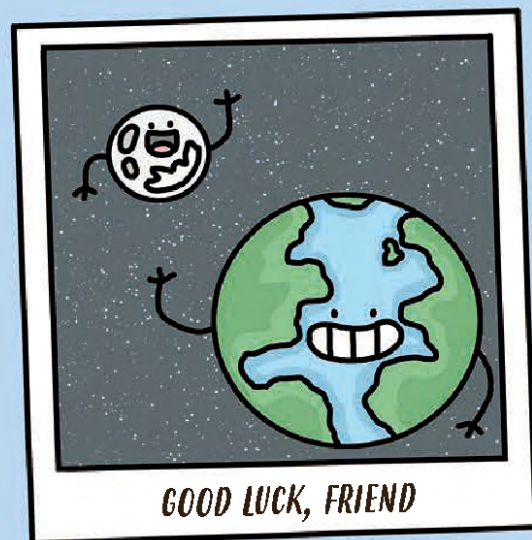
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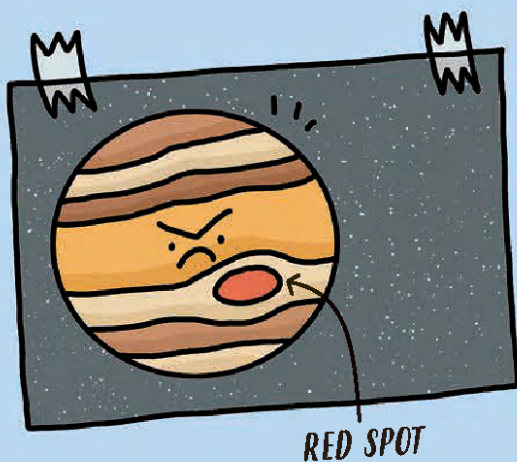
VOYAGER 1

6th SEPTEMBER, 1977

The day after I was blasted into space by a giant rocket, I looked back to take my first photo of the Earth and the Moon. My mission would take me to the edge of the Solar System and beyond – never to return.



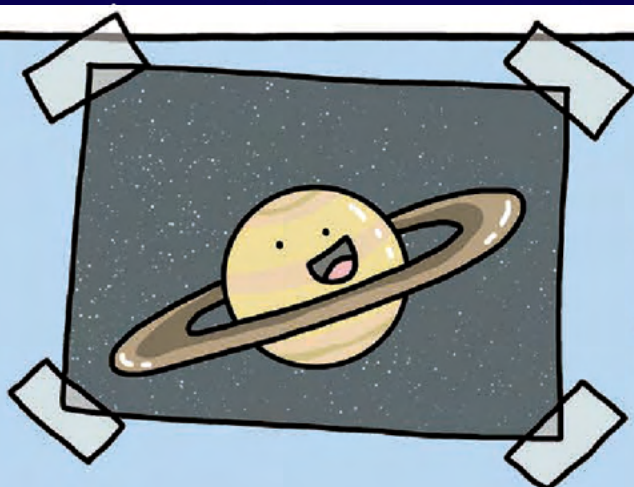
GOOD LUCK, FRIEND



RED SPOT

5th MARCH, 1979

Today I made my closest approach to Jupiter – the first goal of my mission. The weather doesn't look great down there. That red spot is a raging storm with winds that can reach speeds of up to 600 km per hour. I think I'll stay up in space, out of the way.



9th NOVEMBER, 1980

Today I made my closest approach to Saturn, my second mission goal. While there, I spotted three undiscovered moons: Atlas, Prometheus and Pandora. Pity they couldn't name one after me.



14th FEBRUARY, 1990

Six billion km from home, drifting through space, I take my last ever photo. Earth appears as just a pale blue dot in the vastness of space.

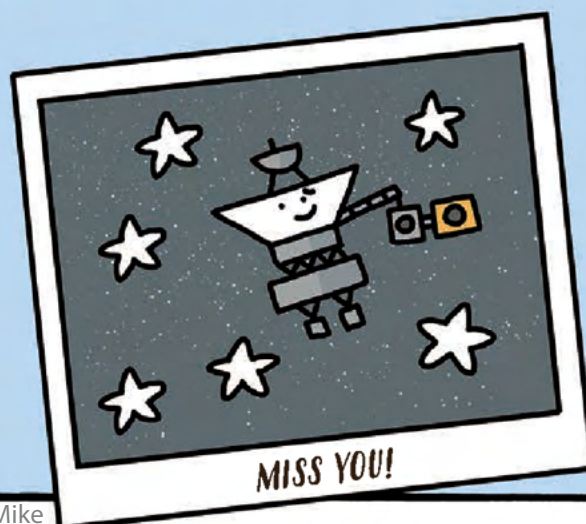


5th SEPTEMBER, 2017

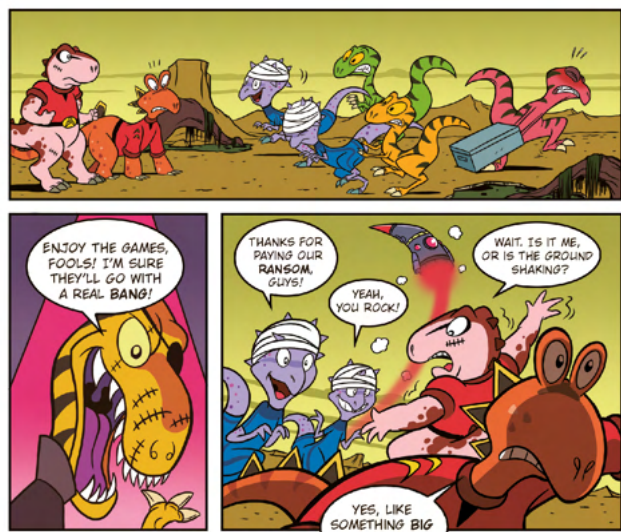
It's the 40th anniversary of my launch. I have no one to celebrate it with, though. I might play my Golden Record to keep my spirits up. It contains lots of sounds of home, including music and greetings from Earth. I carry it just in case I bump into aliens.

PRESENT

Over 22 billion km from home, I am now outside the Solar System in 'interstellar' space. It's great being the most-travelled human-made object in history, but please don't forget me. You can track my progress on NASA's website, if you want to know more.

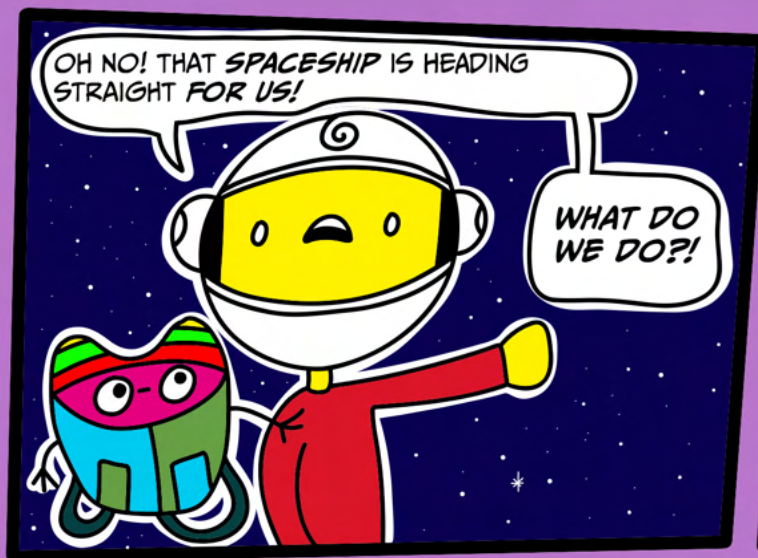


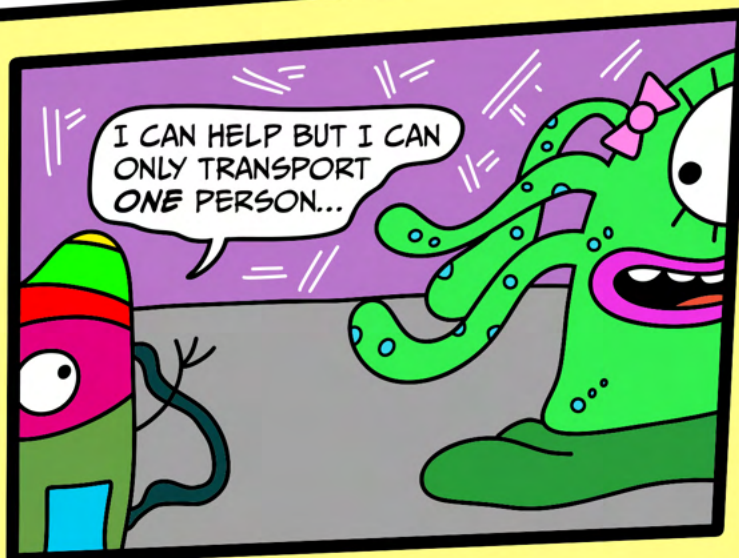
...COLIN WAS WONDERING IF THERE MIGHT BE HELP AT HAND...

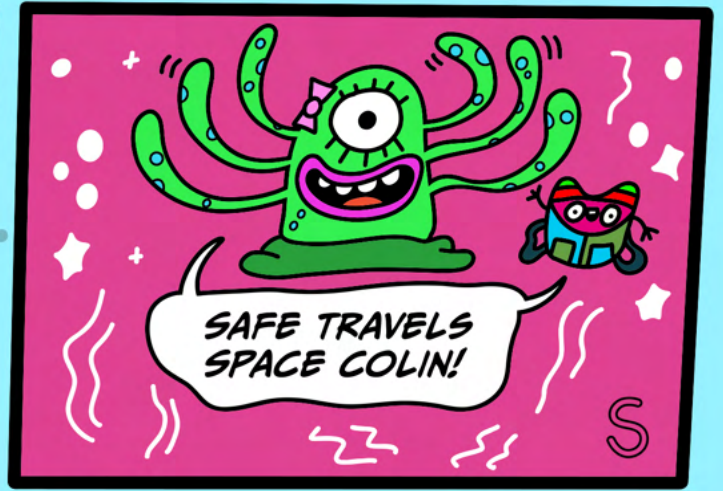
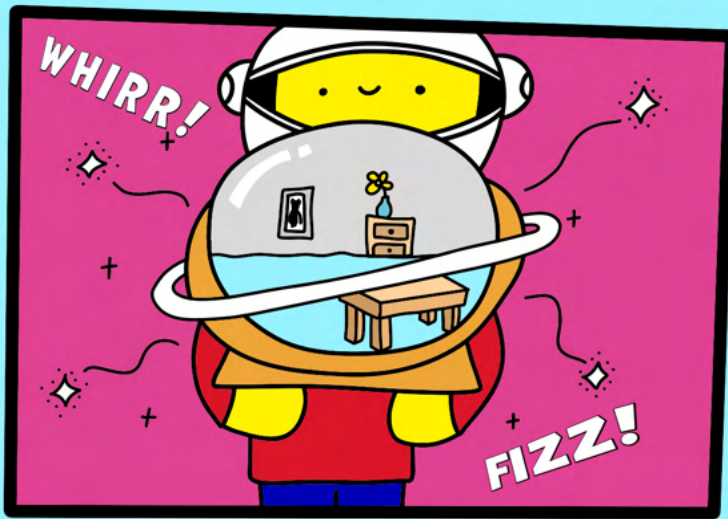


Extract from 'Astrosaurus, Mission To Infinity' by Steve Cole and Tobey Cole, illustrated by Alex Lopez (published by Piccadilly Press)









COLOUR ME IN!

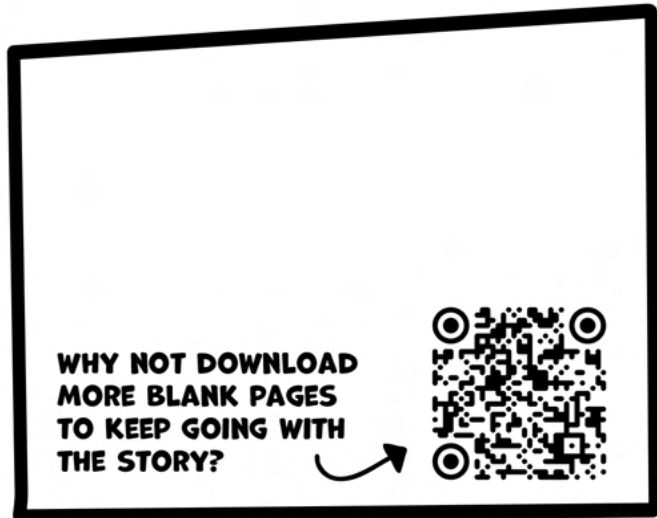
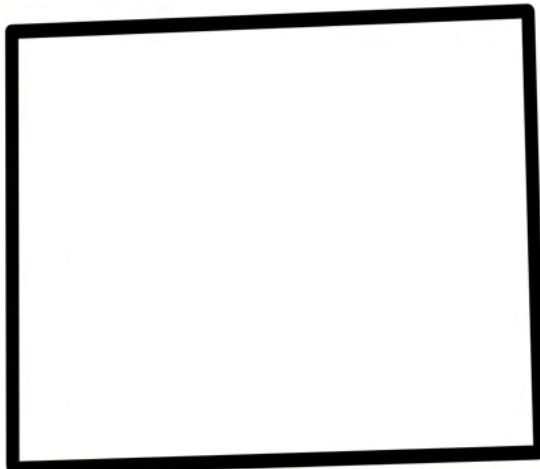
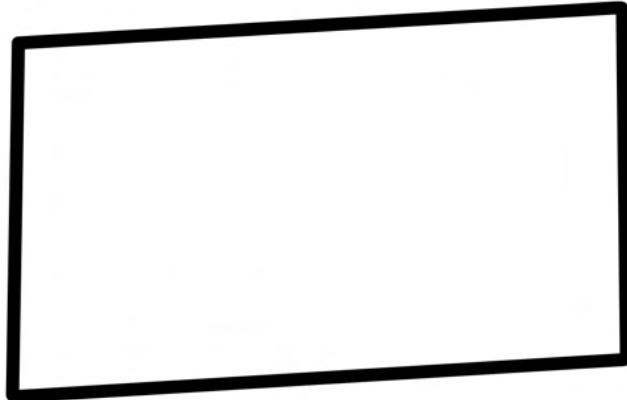
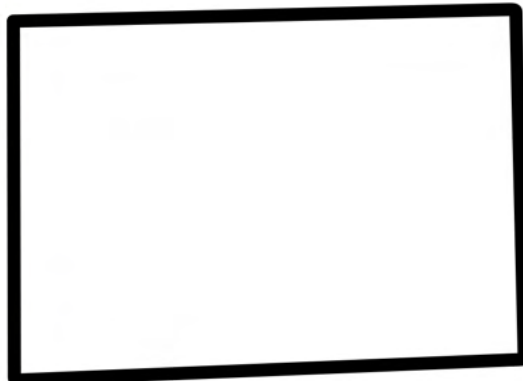
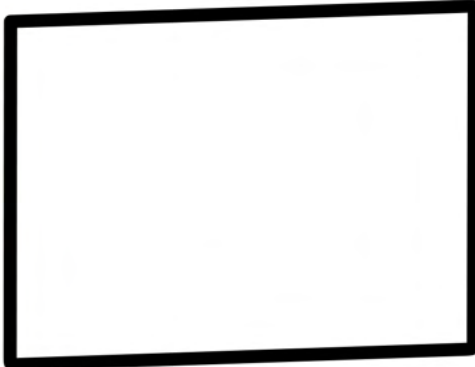


FIZZZ!

BZZZ!

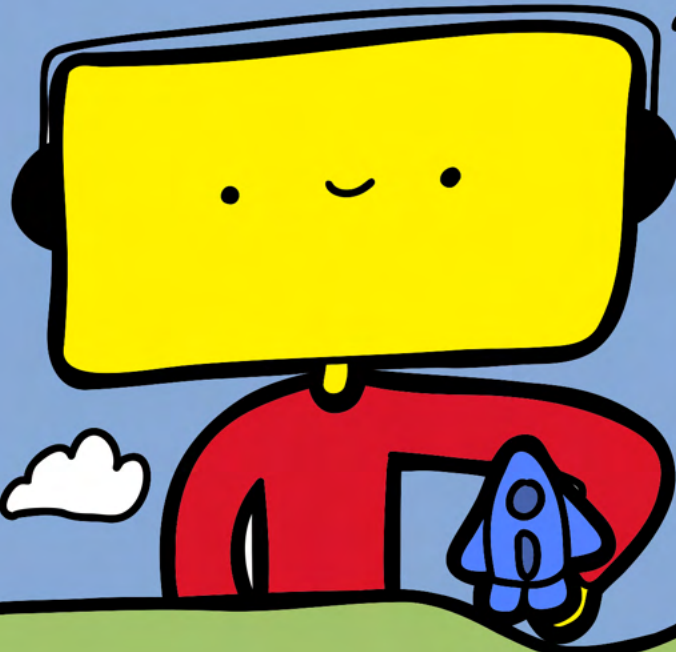
PPFFF!

CAN YOU HELP COLIN GET HOME? FINISH THE STORY!



**WHY NOT DOWNLOAD
MORE BLANK PAGES
TO KEEP GOING WITH
THE STORY?**





WOW. WHAT AN EXCITING ADVENTURE *THAT WAS!* DID YOU FIND ALL THE HIDDEN LETTERS THOUGH?

SEE IF YOU CAN SPELL THE SECRET WORD AND *MAYBE*, IT WILL LET YOU CONTACT RUCKY AND THEIR NEW FRIEND!

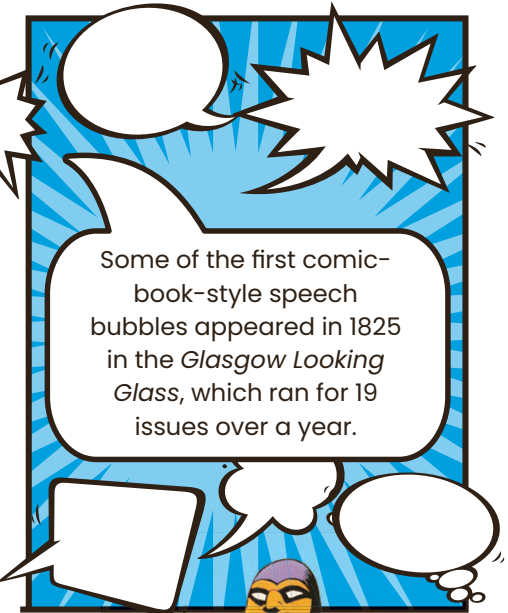
HINT
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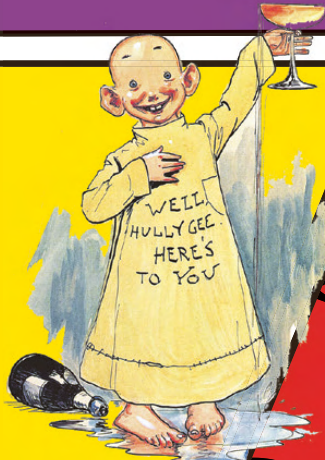
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SUNSHINE STRIPS!

THE world of children's books is getting graphic this summer, with so many great graphic novels (comic-strip books) arriving on the scene. We thought we'd celebrate them, and the history of comics in general, with some fantastic facts.



The *Glasgow Looking Glass* is also thought to be the world's first comic book. It began in Scotland in 1825 and came out every two weeks. One of the first regular characters in a paper was the Yellow Kid, who appeared in America's *New York World* from 1895.

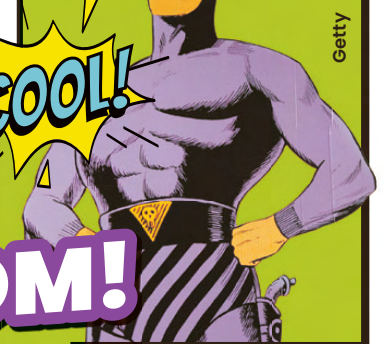


The first costumed comic book superhero wasn't Superman or Batman...

it was PHANTOM!

COOL!

He appeared in 1936.



The most expensive comic book is a rare copy of *Action Comics No 1*, which first introduced Superman. It sold for roughly £4.6 million at auction in April.



Paper Boy has been in *First News* since our very first issue in May 2006! He's barely missed an issue since then, so we've given him a summer holiday, but he'll be back in September.



In 2014, New York schoolkids helped make a *Big Nate* comic strip that was 1,214 metres (3,983 feet) long – a Guinness World Record.

It had 1,202 panels!



Here's a handful of popular graphic novels. How many have you read?

...have you read them?



These are all out now!

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SINCE ILLUSTRATING OUR FIRST GRAPHIC NOVEL ISSUE, JAY HAS BEEN BUSY WORKING WITH CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD ON COLLABORATIVE ART PROJECTS. HE REGULARLY VISITS SCHOOLS TO RUN THE SQUIBBLES WORKSHOPS, WHICH FEATURE PUPPETS, SONGS, STORYTELLING AND CHARACTER CREATION. JAY IS ALSO CURRENTLY DEVELOPING A CHILDREN'S TV SHOW TITLED MEET THE SQUIBBLES!



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