

ARSENIC LULLABY



The
VooDoo Joe
Essentials

Part 1

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"THE DEVIL'S DECADE"

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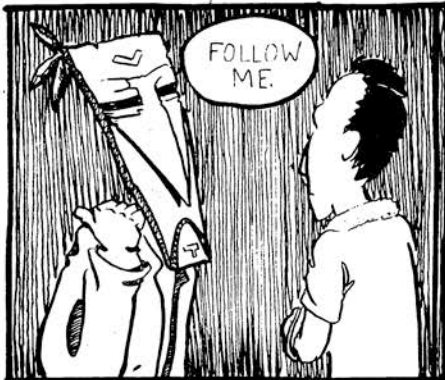
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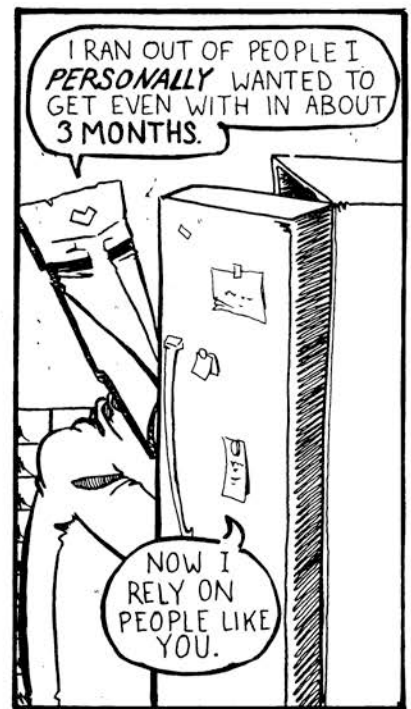
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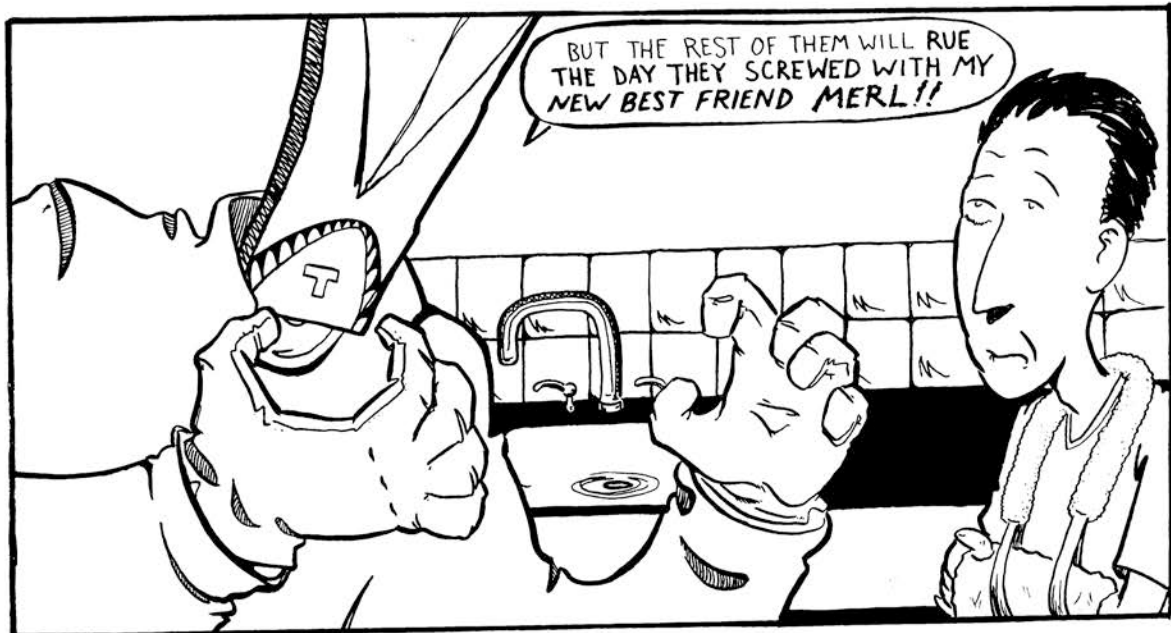
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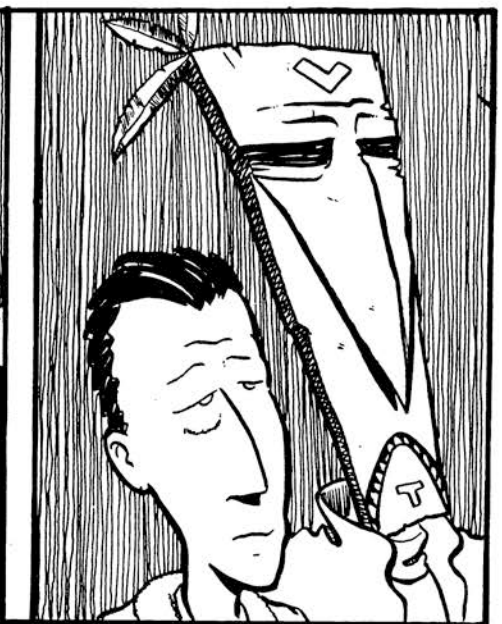




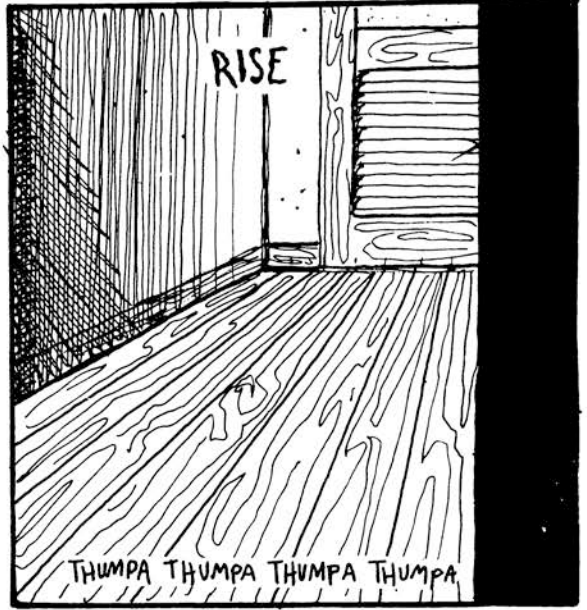
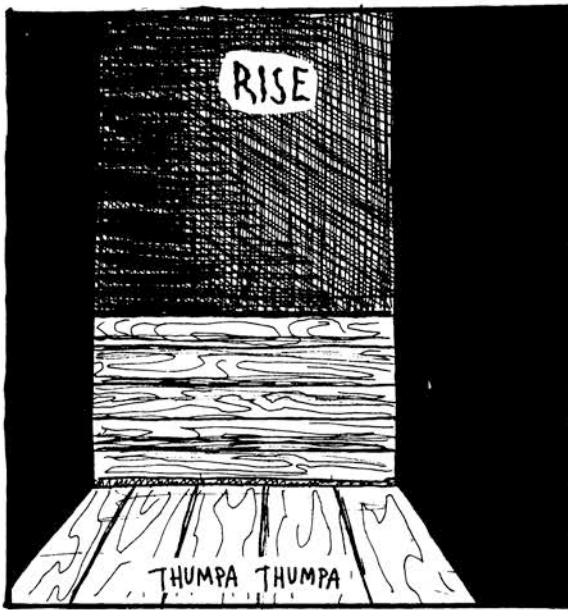


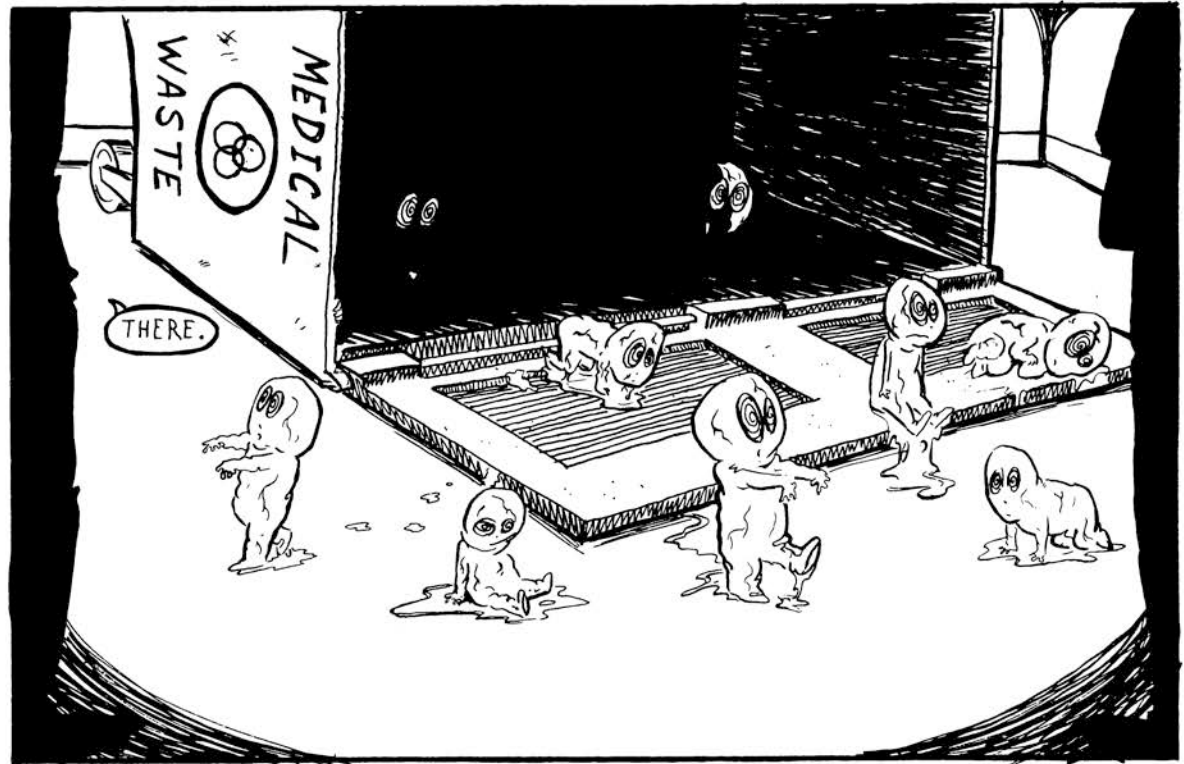


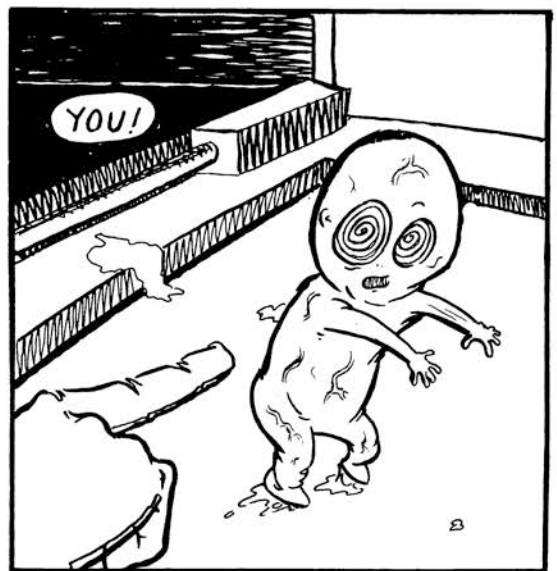
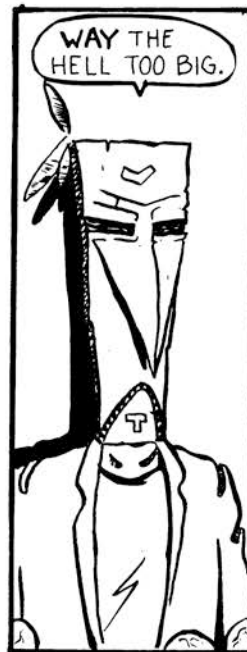


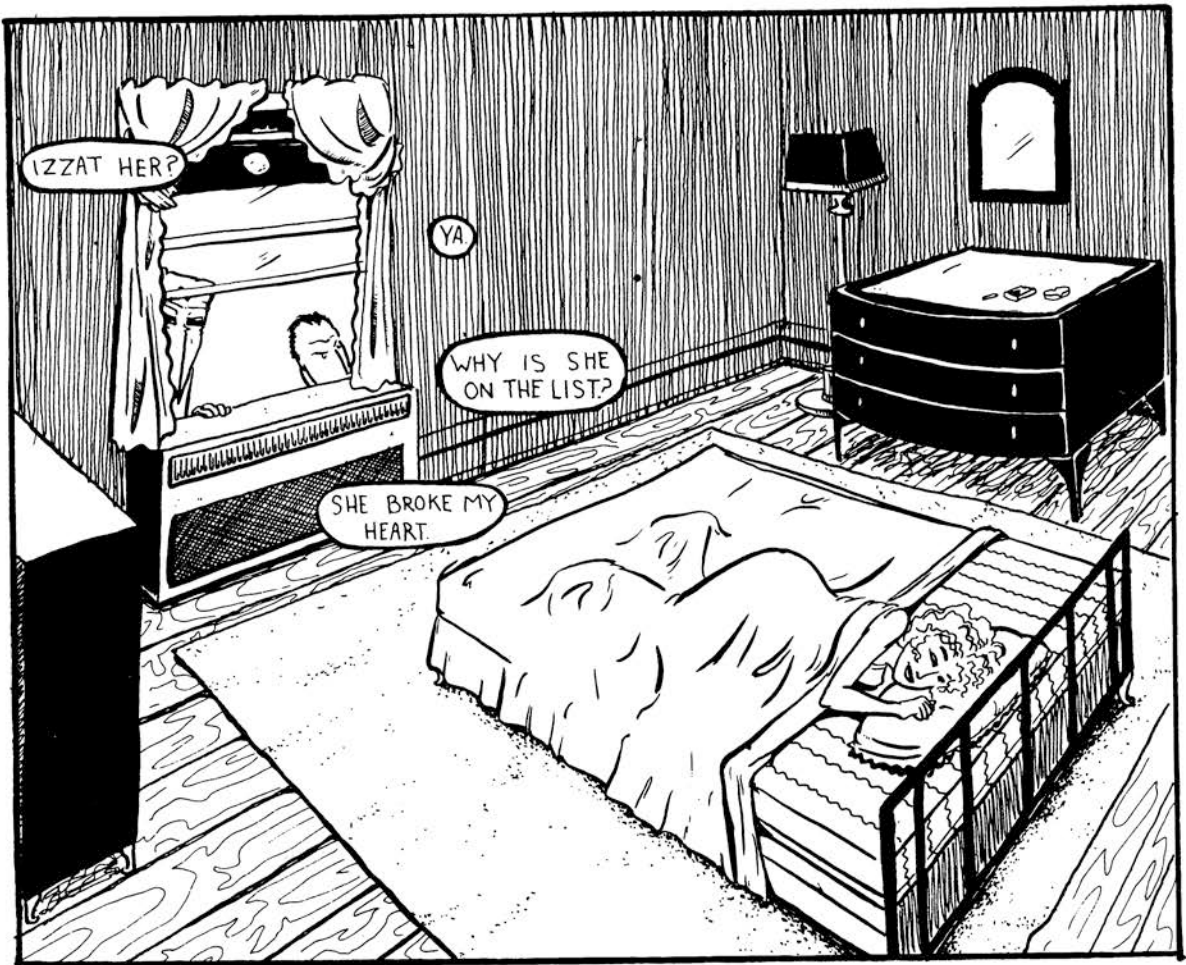


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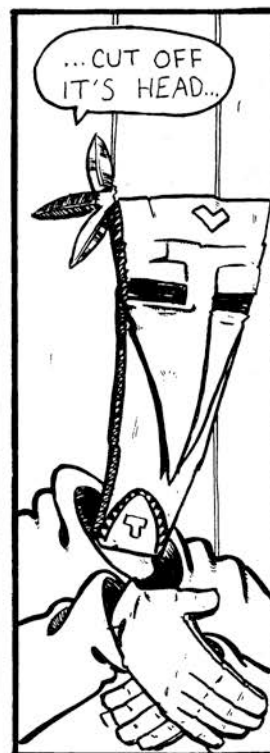
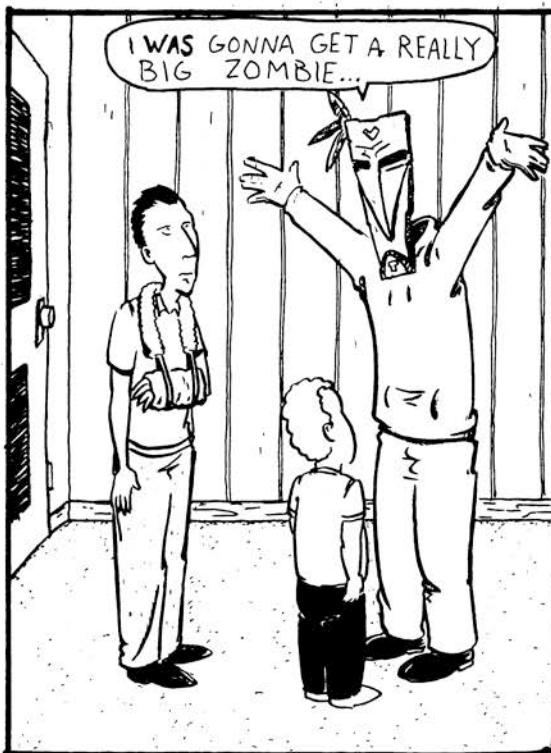
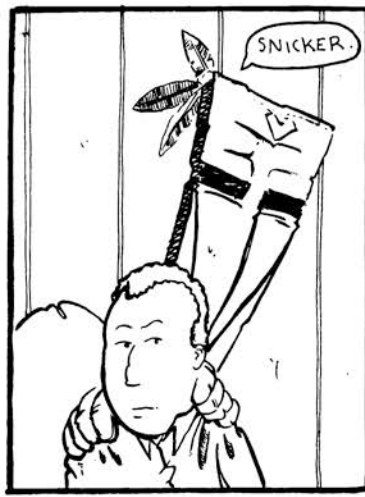
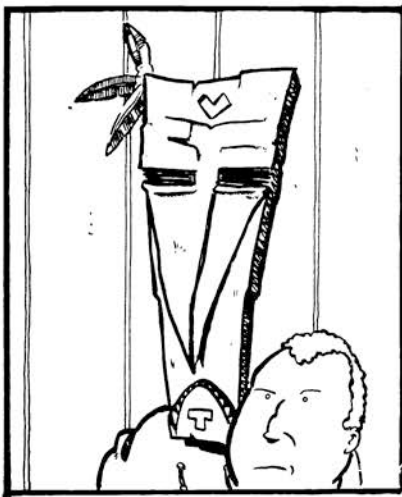


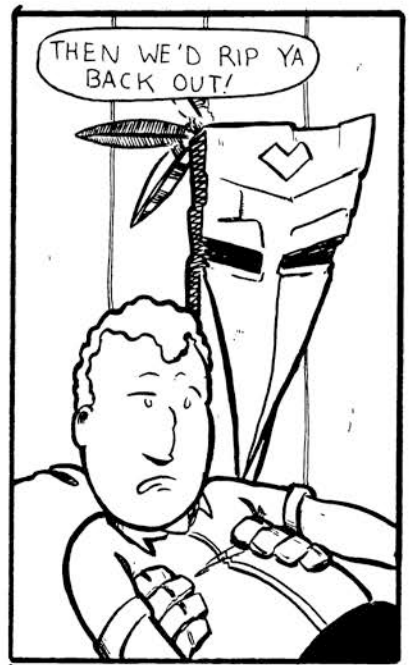


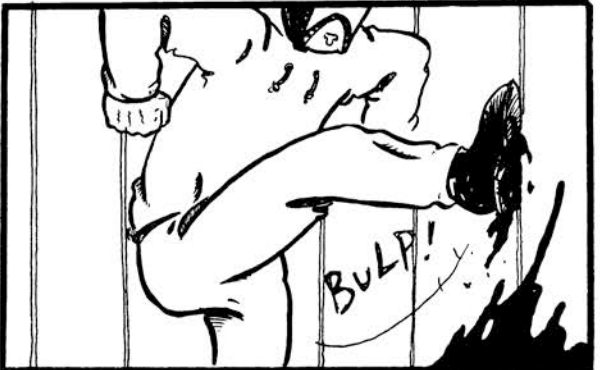
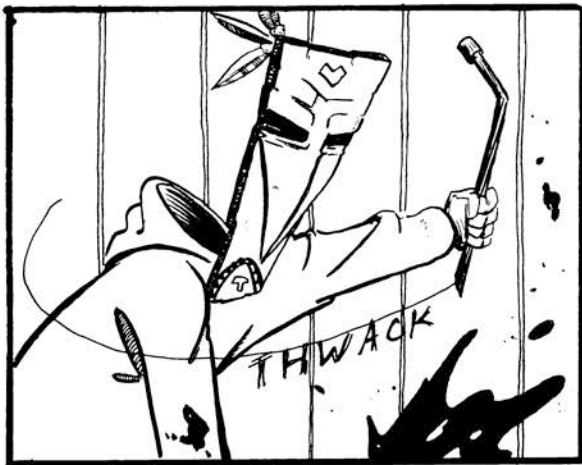


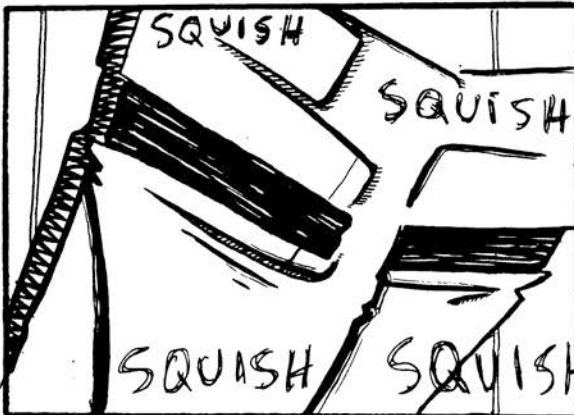
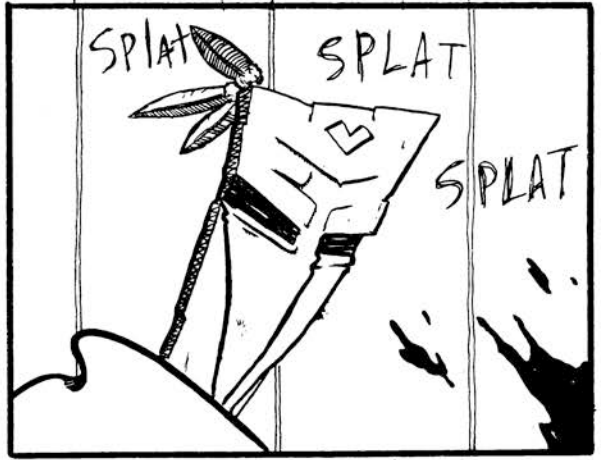
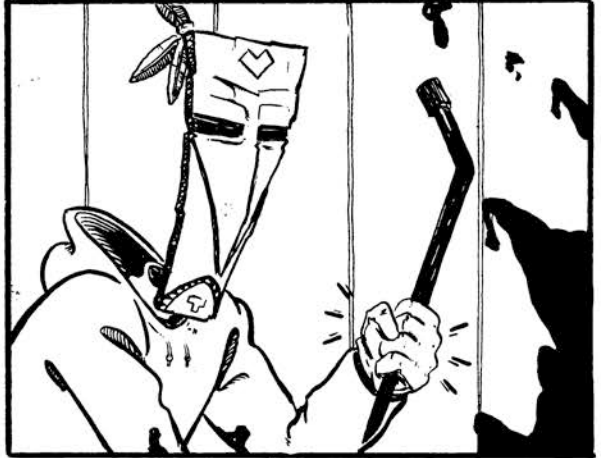
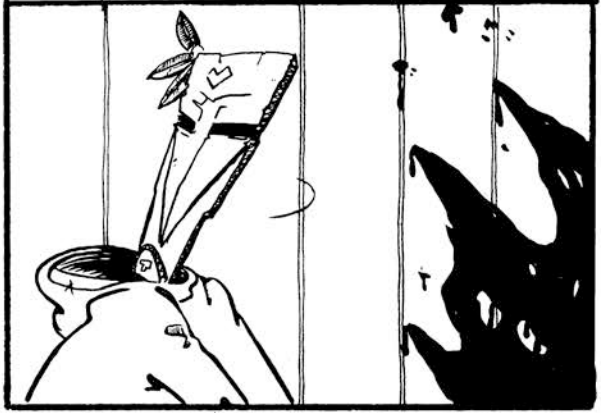
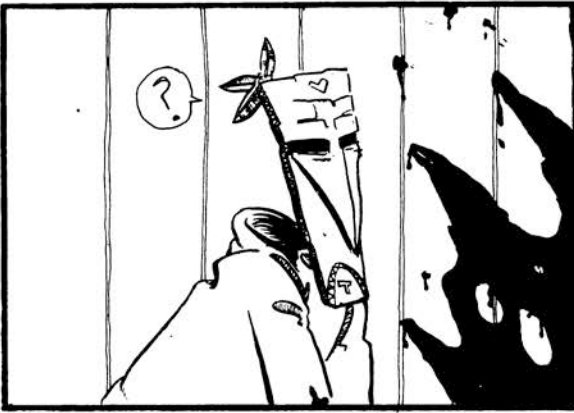


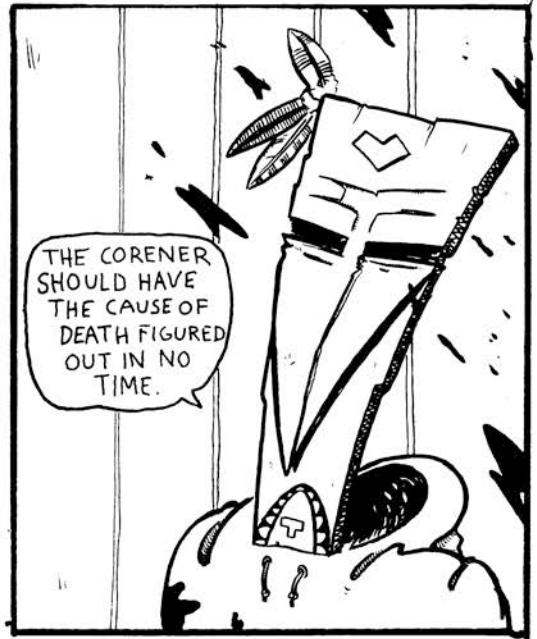






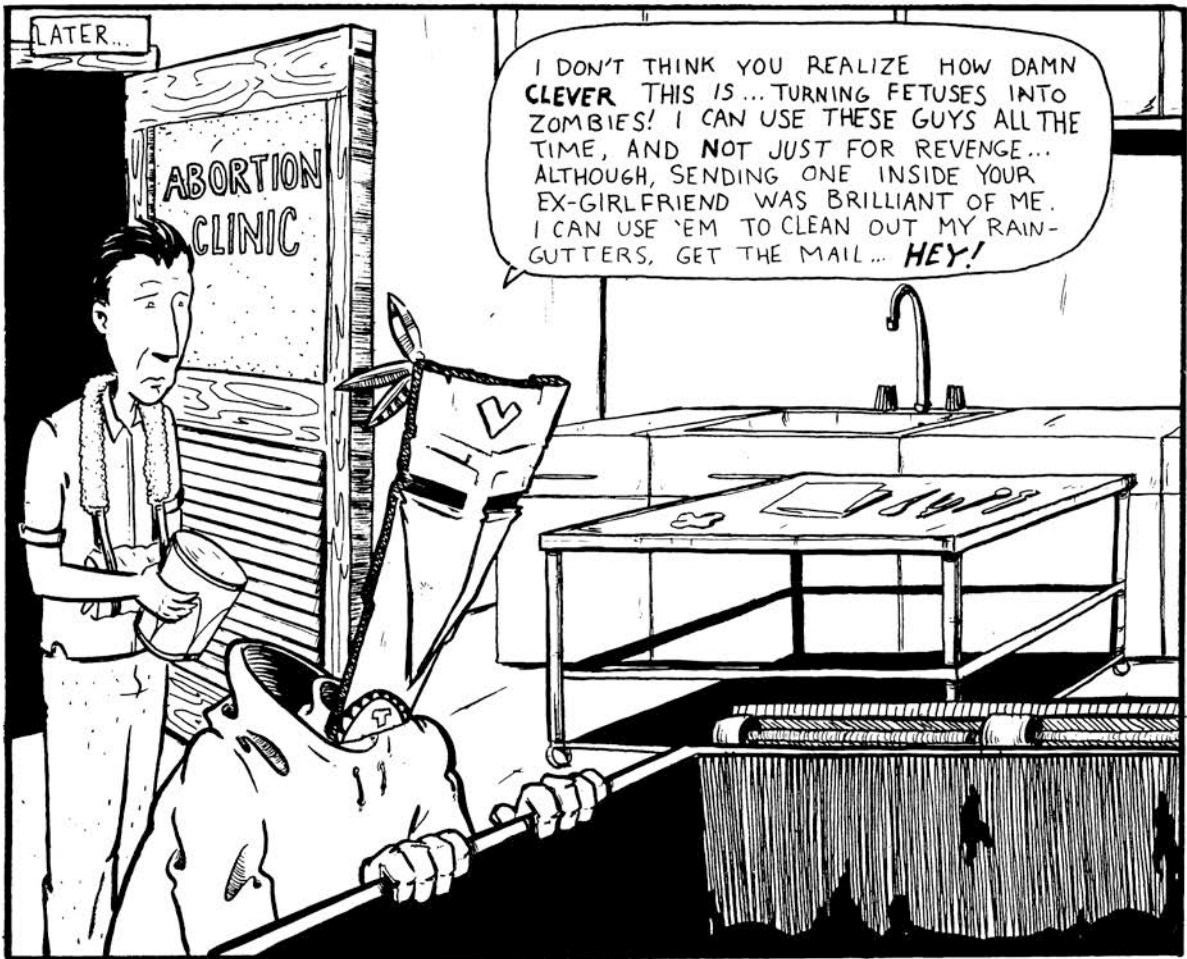


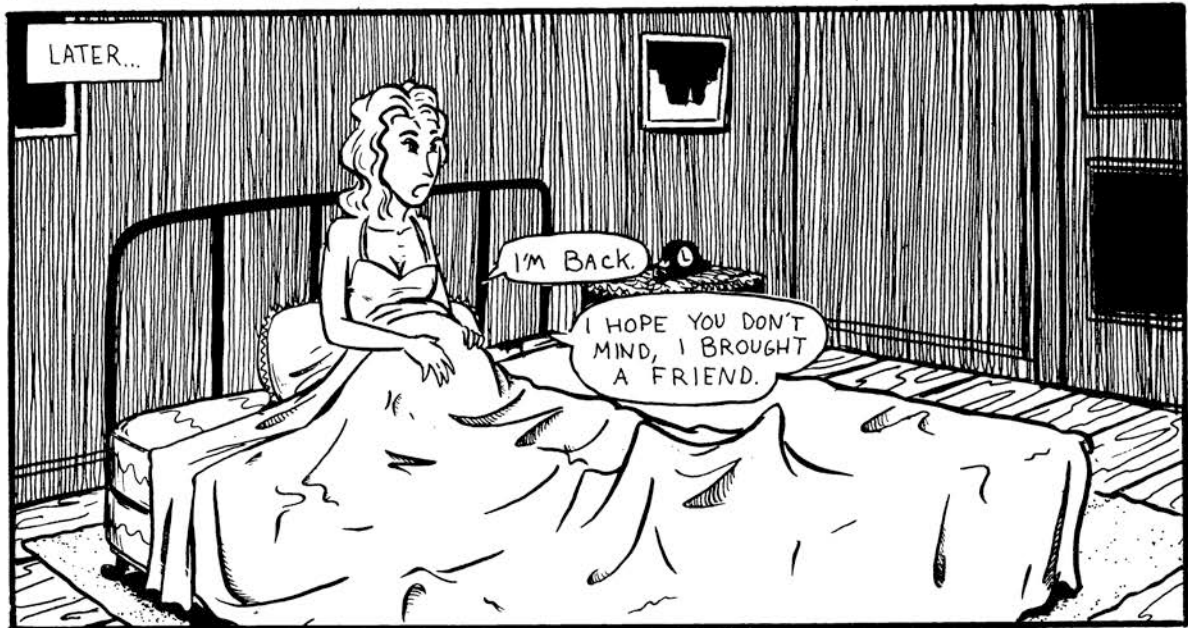
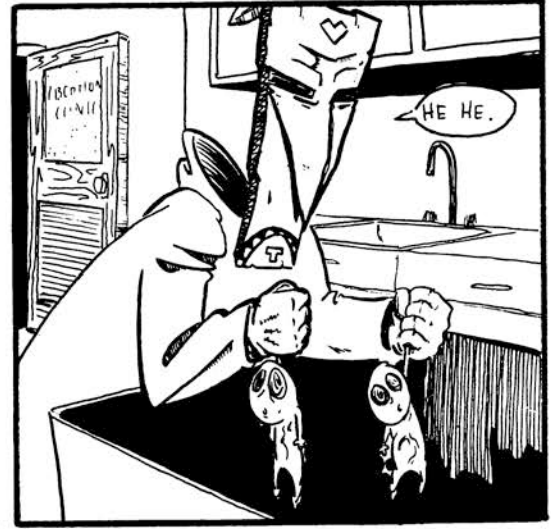


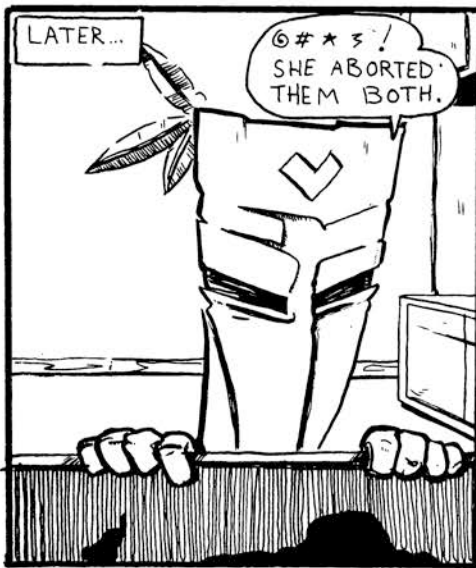












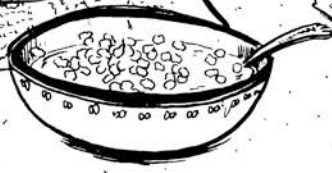
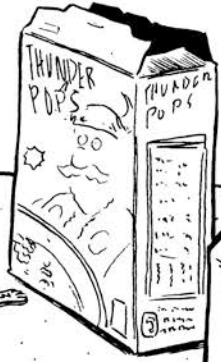
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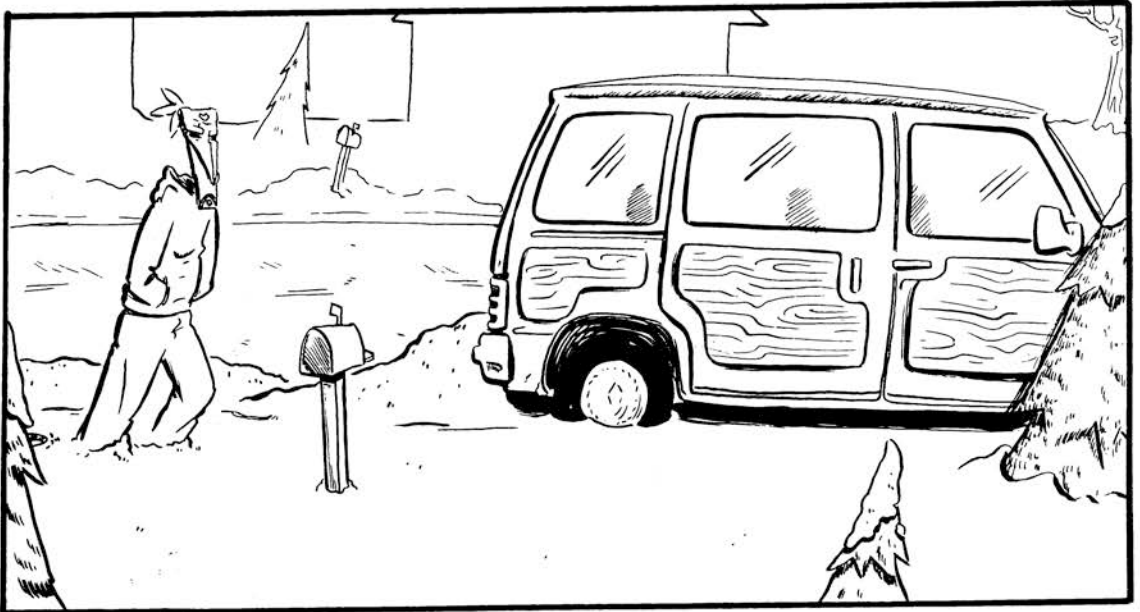


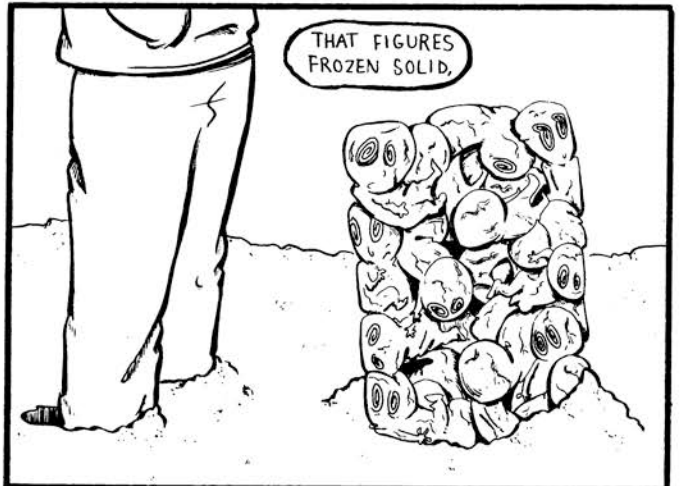
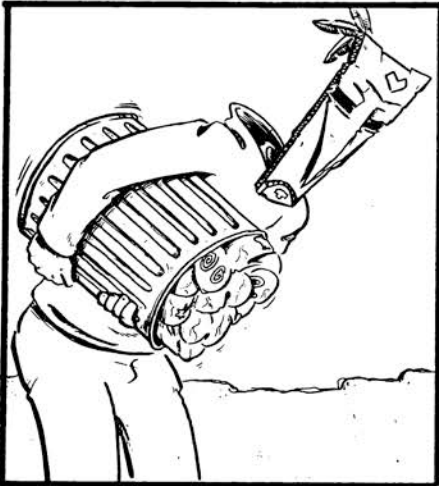
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DNA TEST PROVES BASTARD
CHILD IS BILLIONAIRES SON

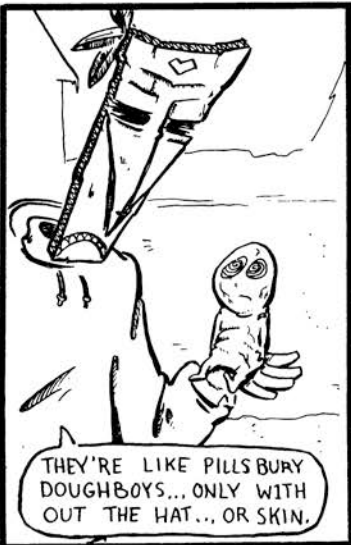
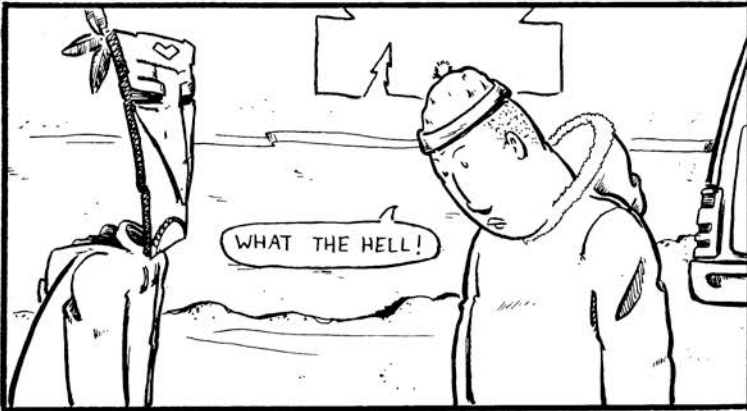


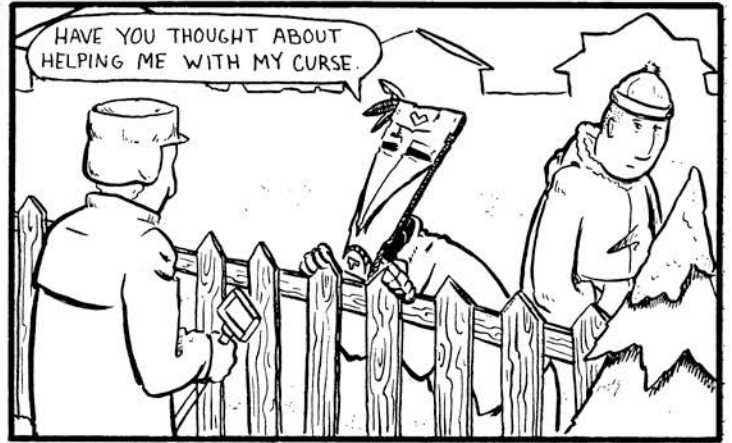
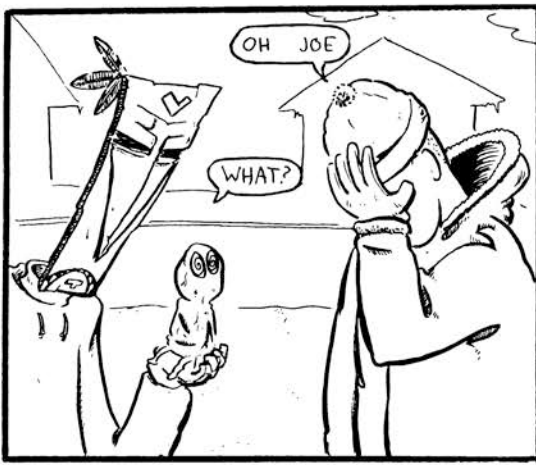
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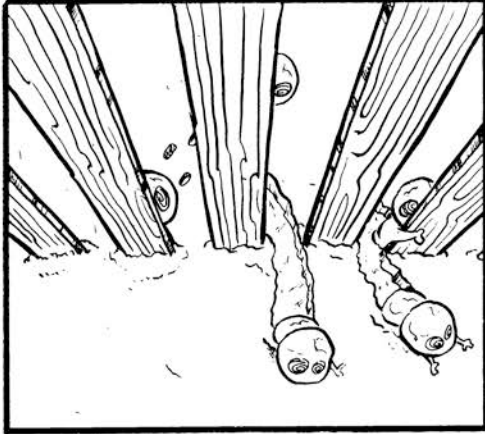


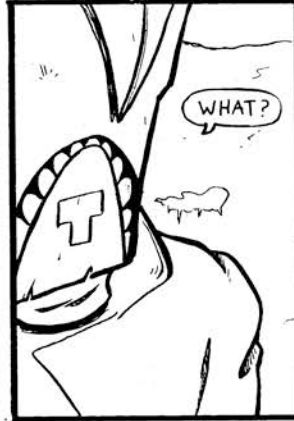
















WELL, WELL, WELL.
LOOK WHO FINALLY
STROLLED IN!



I WUZ AT
SCHOOL.



YOU THINK I
DONT KNOW WHERE
YOU'VE BEEN.



JOE. WHAT
ARE YOU...

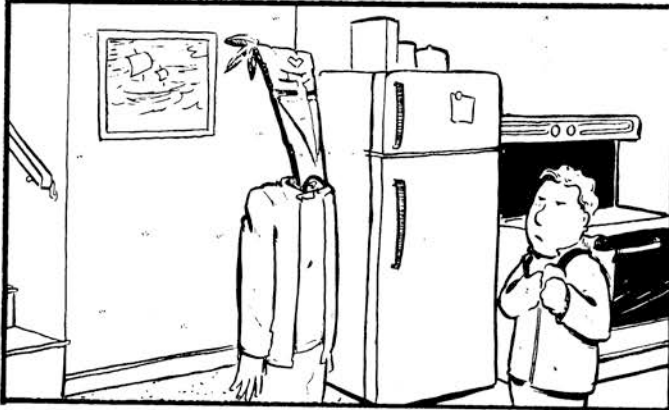
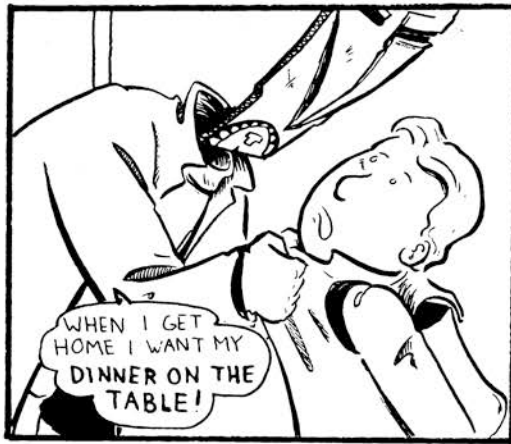


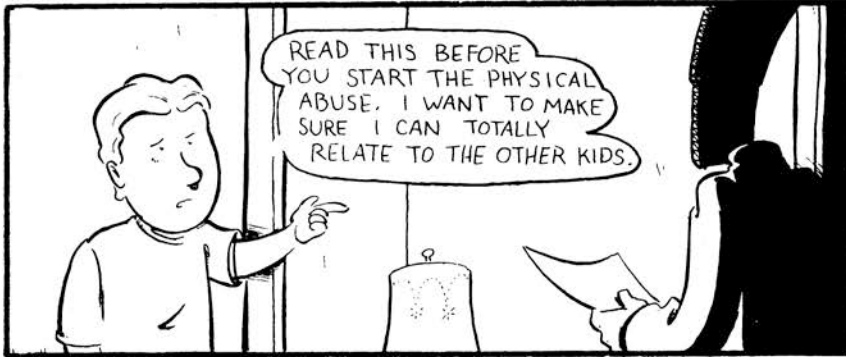
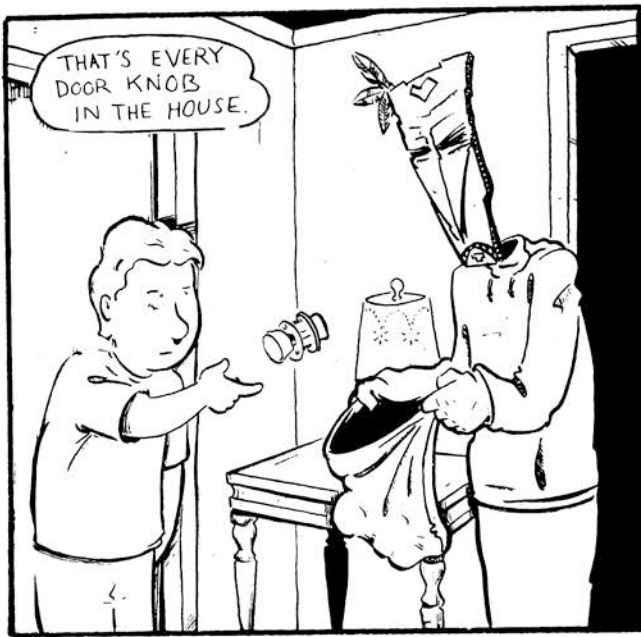
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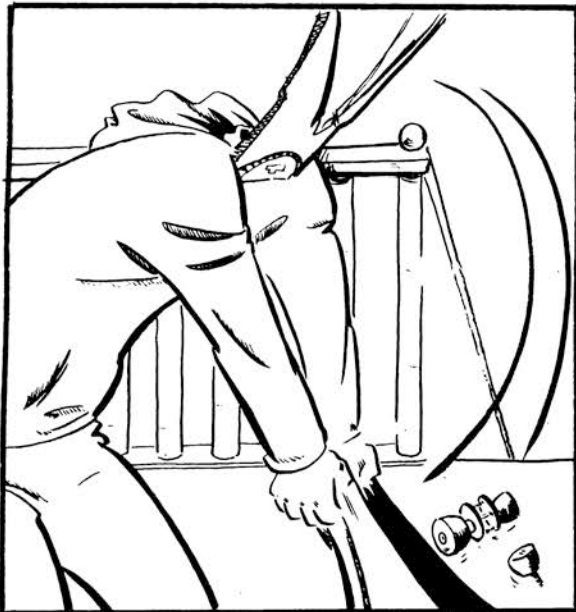
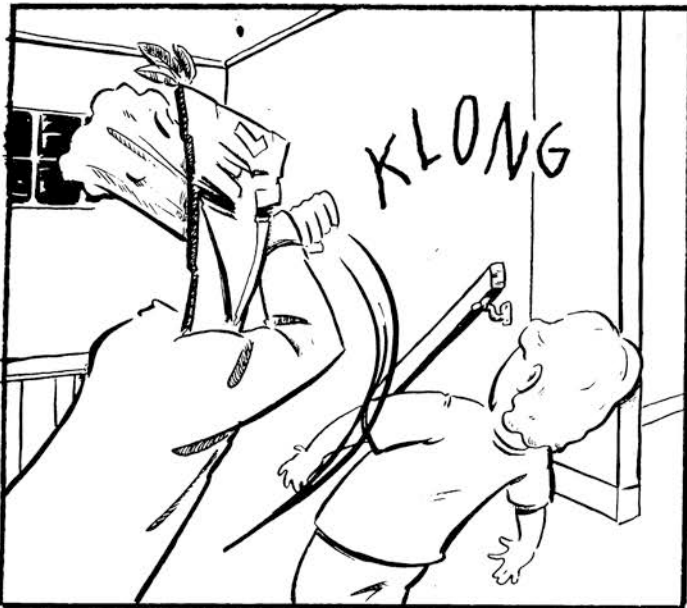
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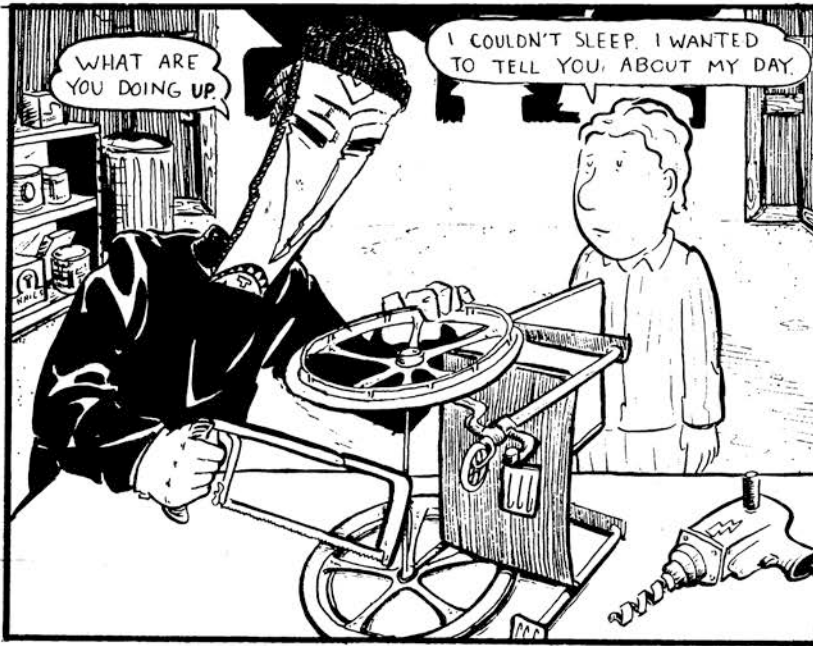


WHILE I'M OUT WORKING,
TO PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE,
YOU'RE OUT FOOLING AROUND
WITH THE MAILMAN...

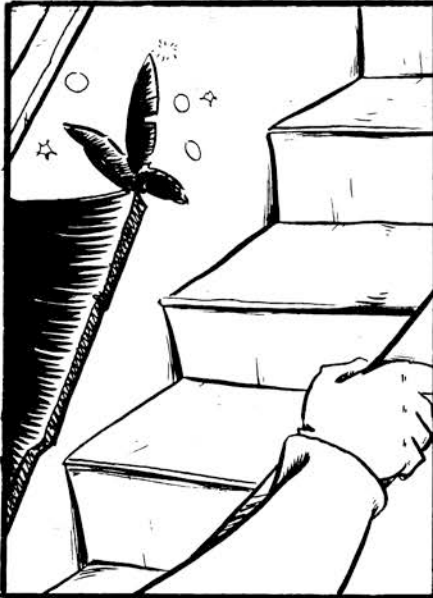


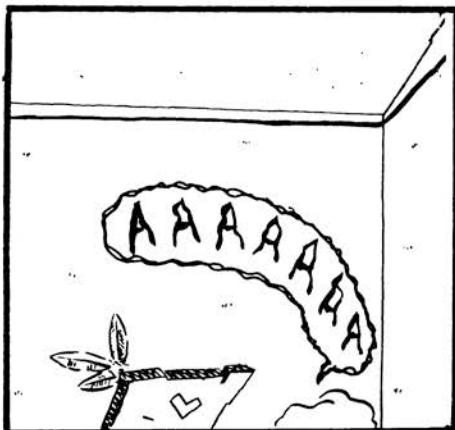








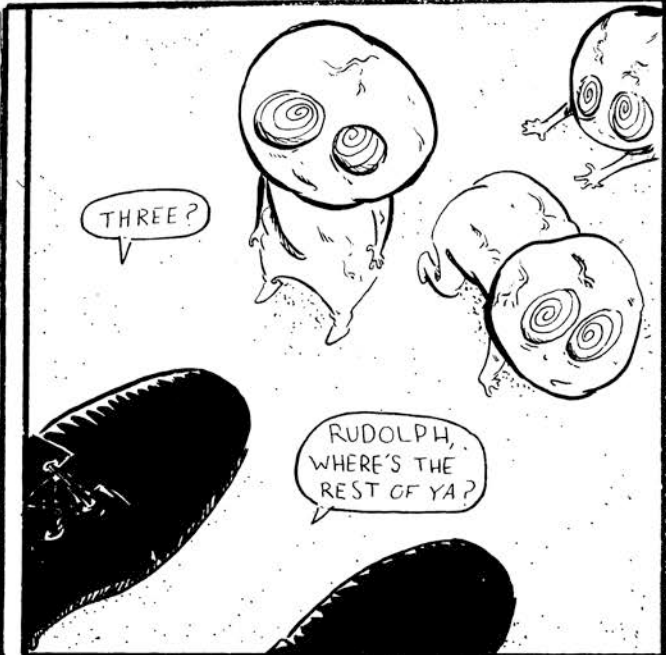


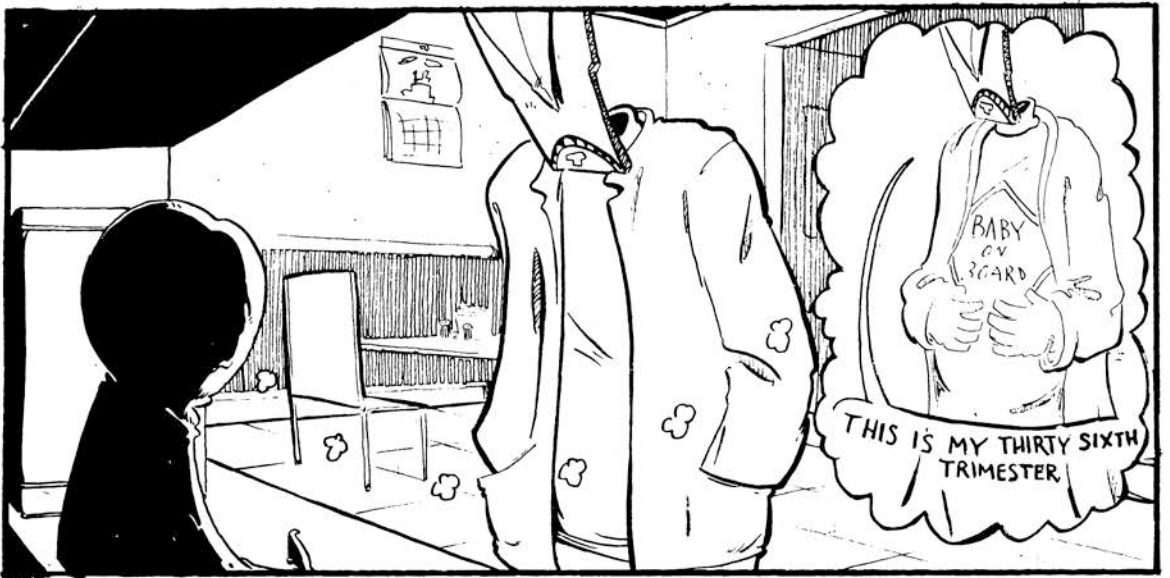


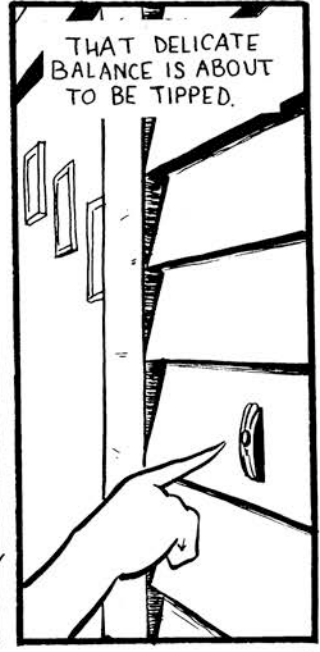


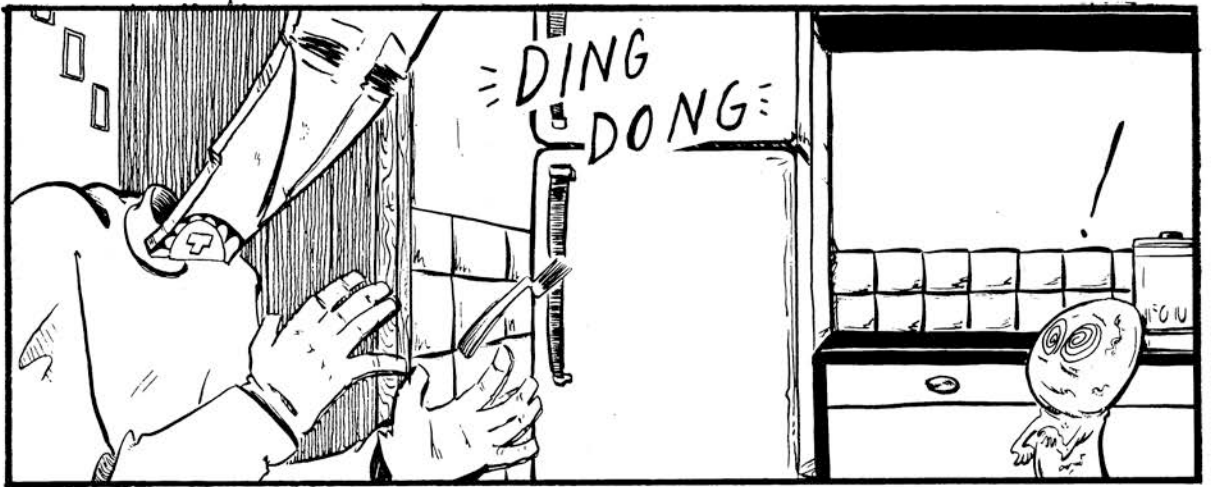




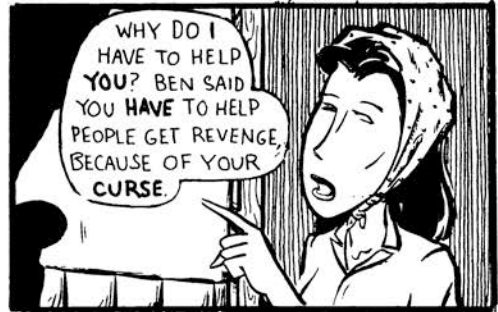




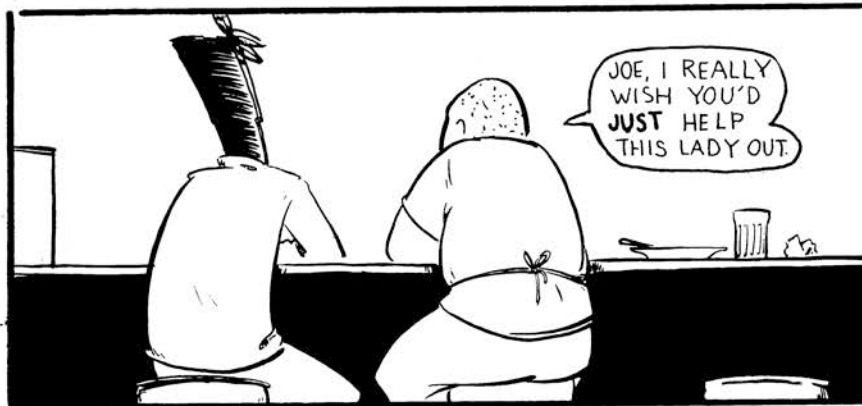














WOW, HE'S A HOUSE ALRIGHT.

I ONLY KNOW HOW TO SHRINK HEADS, NOT WHOLE BODIES. SO WE'RE GONNA TAKE A PAVLOVIAN APPROACH... ATTACH A LOT OF NEGATIVE REINFORCEMENT TO EATING, SO HE STARVES HIMSELF. I'LL START BY INVADING HIS DREAMS.



DAMN YOU!



MOOOO!



HEY!

PAY ATTENTION!



DAAAAA!?



UGH!
THAT'S NOT
GONNA WORK.

WE'LL TRY SOMETHING ELSE
TOMORROW. I'M GONNA
GO TAKE A SHOWER.









AS SOON AS HE FALLS ASLEEP, I'M CUTTING OUT HIS TONGUE, AND REPLACING IT WITH A COW TONGUE, HE WON'T BE ABLE TO FIT ANYTHING IN HIS MOUTH BIGGER THAN A RAISIN!



IT MAY EVEN SPICE UP YOUR MARRIAGE.



COULD I KEEP HIS OLD TONGUE?...AS A TROPHY

YEAH RIGHT, TROPHY.

JUST MAKE SURE THE DOOR'S UNLOCKED.



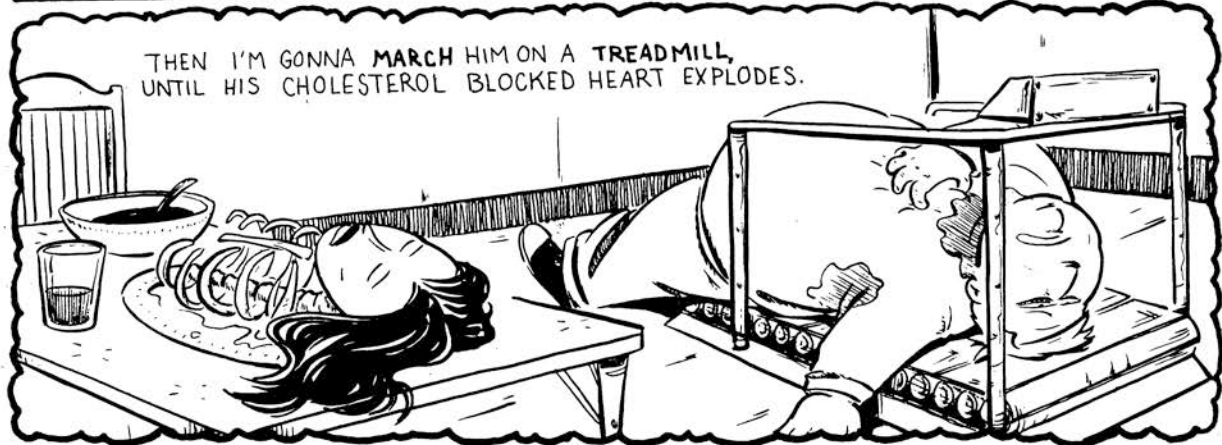
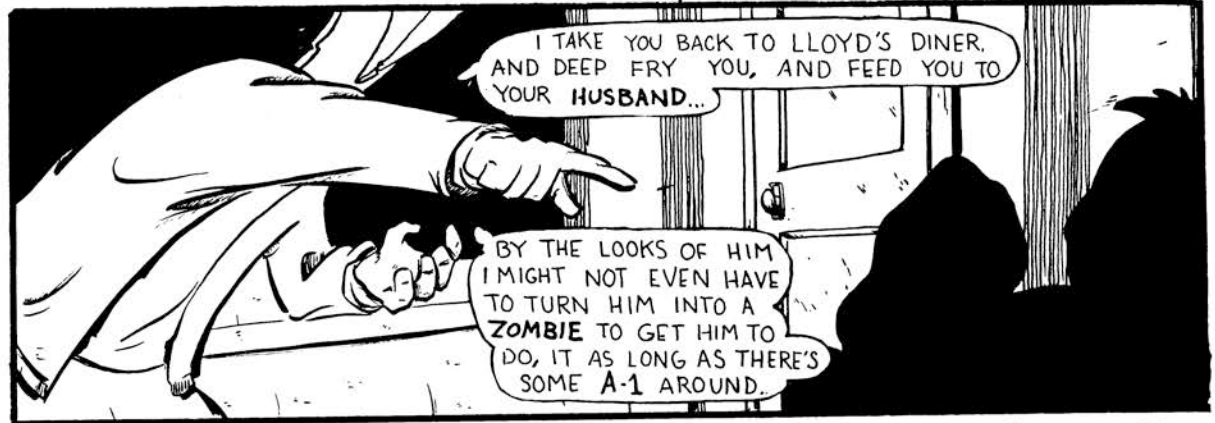
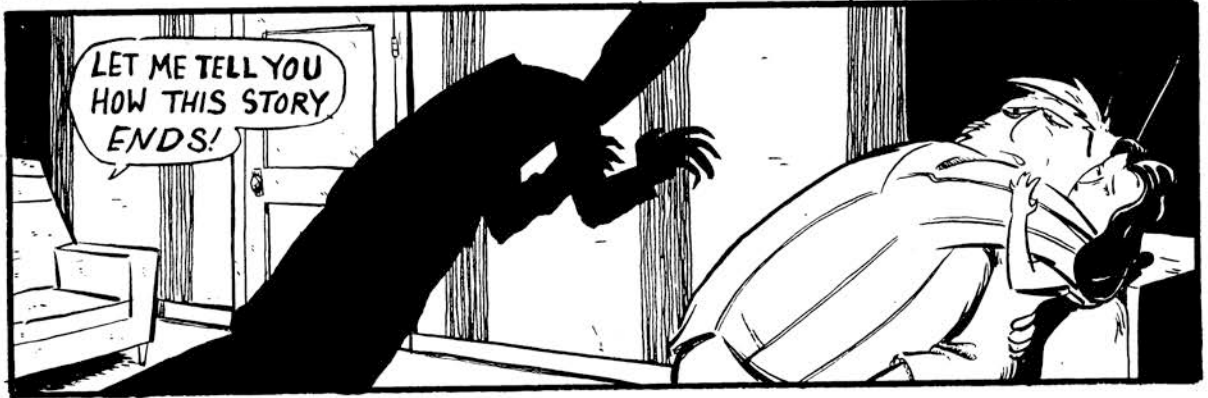
SO! YOU'RE THE GUY!

DID YOU THINK I WOULDN'T KNOW SOMETHING WAS GOING ON? ALL WEEK, MY WIFE'S BEEN COMING HOME LATE, SMELLING LIKE CIGARETTES... THERE'S FANCY DESERTS IN THE REFRIGERATOR FOR SOMEONE.

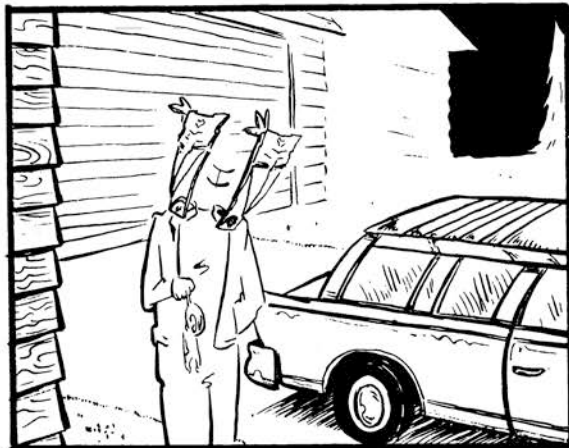
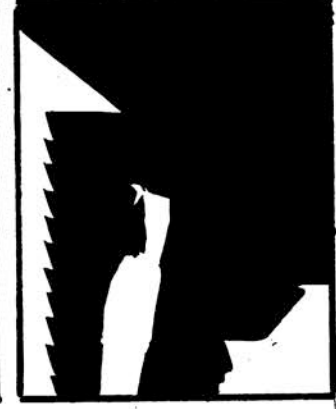
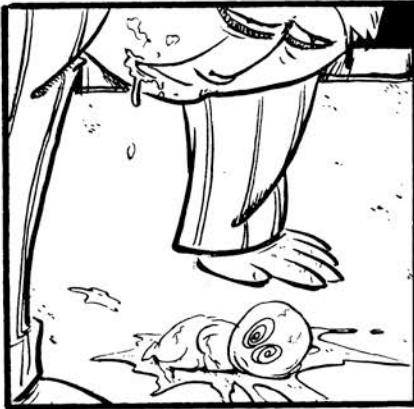
WELL YOU'RE FOOLIN' AROUND WITH THE WRONG GUY'S WIFE!

NO! HURK: IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK!















ONCE HE WAS BORN, MY LIFE WAS OVER, EVERYTHING WAS ABOUT HIM.



EVERY DIME I MADE, EVERY MINUTE I HAD ALL GOT SPENT RAISING HIM.

WHEN HIS MOM DIED ON US, IT WAS EVEN WORSE.

SHE STEPPED IN FRONT OF A BUS.



I THINK SHE DID IT ON PURPOSE, TO ESCAPE THE STRESS. SHE ALWAYS WAS IRRESPONSIBLE... SHE WAS GONNA ABORT HIM!



BUT YOU'RE...



I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I WAS RAISED WITH A CERTAIN SET OF VALUES...



THAT'S TAKING THE EASY WAY OUT.

IF TWO PEOPLE DON'T WANT A BABY, THEY SHOULD DECIDE EARLY ON TO HAVE THE WOMAN FALL DOWN A FLIGHT OF STAIRS AT SOME POINT DURING THE FIRST TRI-MESTER.



ANYWAY, I NEVER THOUGHT THE KID'D MAKE IT, AS MUCH AS SHE DRANK AND SMOKED DURING THE PREGNANCY...

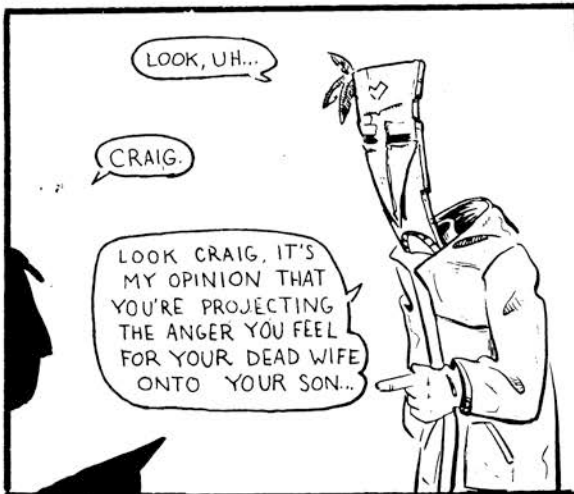
UH HU.



WHAT THE HELL ARE ALL THOSE WARNING LABELS FOR!?



SO, ANYWAYS, I WANT HIM TO KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HAVE YOU'RE WHOLE LIFE TURNED UPSIDE DOWN. BEN SAID YOU COULD HELP.



LOOK, UH...

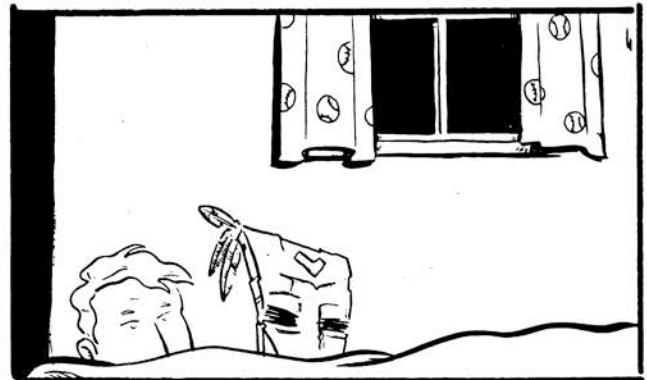
CRAIG.

LOOK CRAIG, IT'S MY OPINION THAT YOU'RE PROJECTING THE ANGER YOU FEEL FOR YOUR DEAD WIFE ONTO YOUR SON...

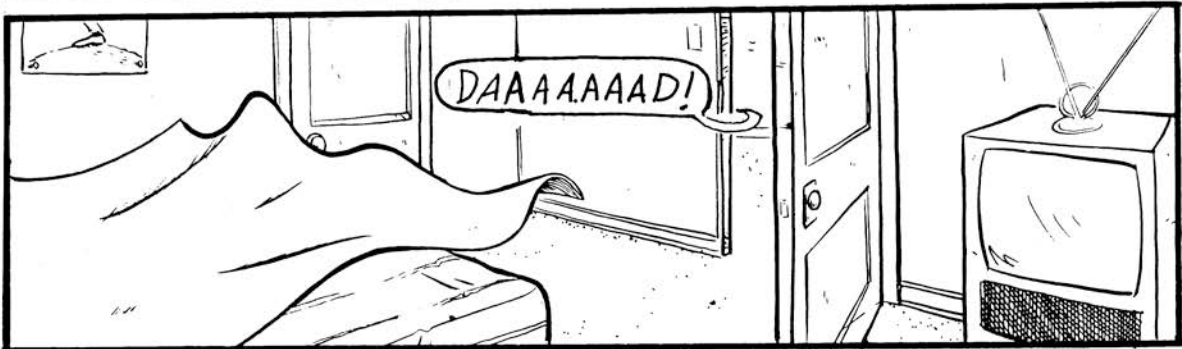
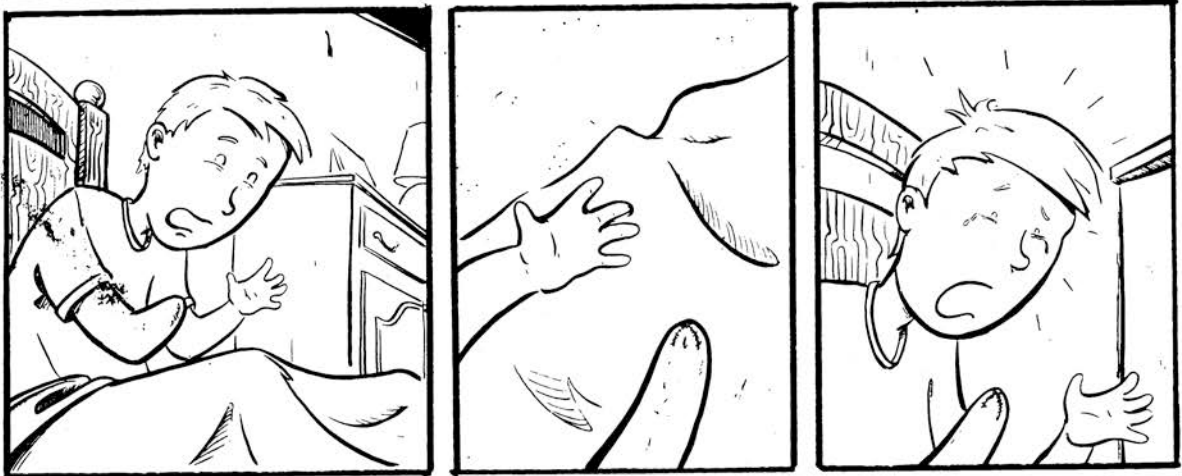
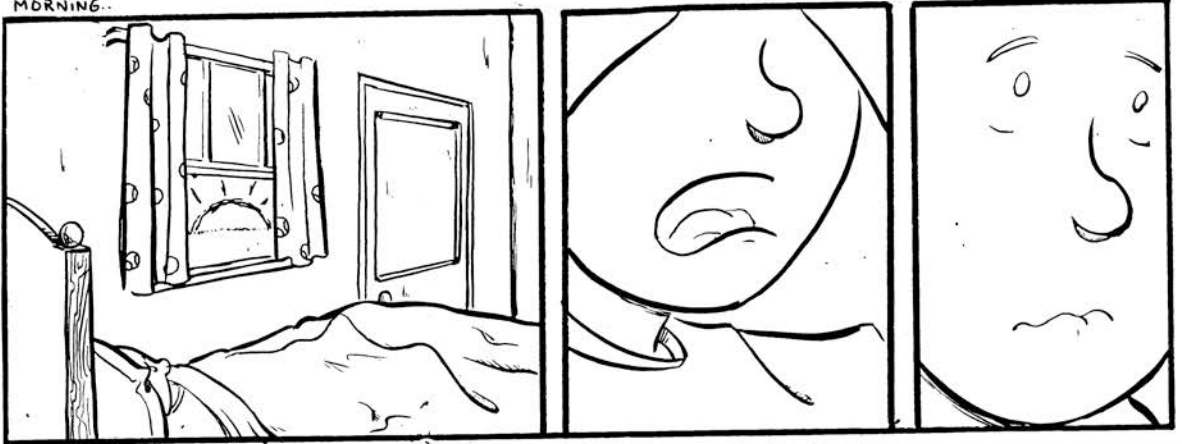


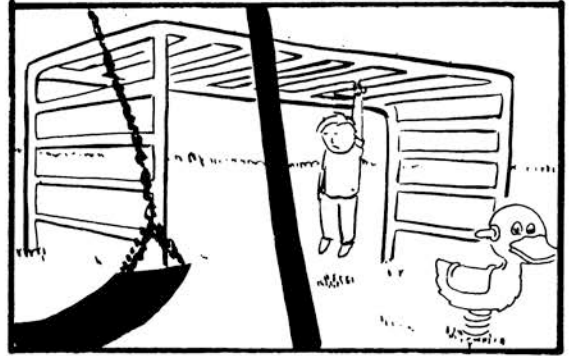
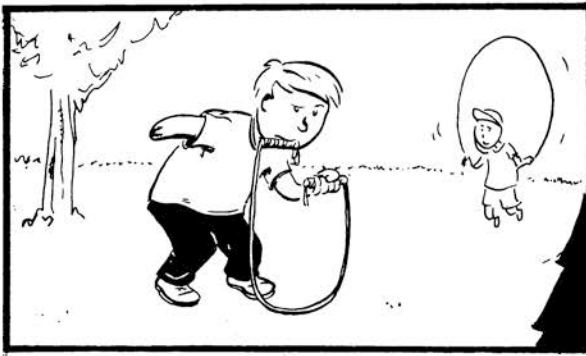
...AND I'D LIKE TO HELP.

LATER...

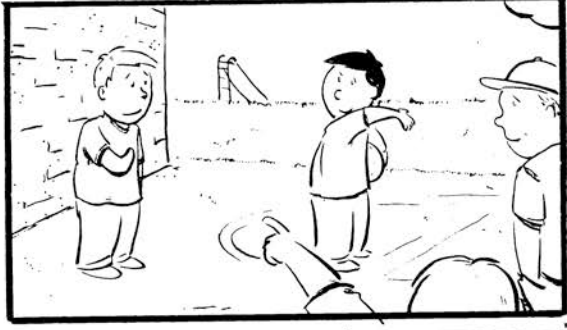
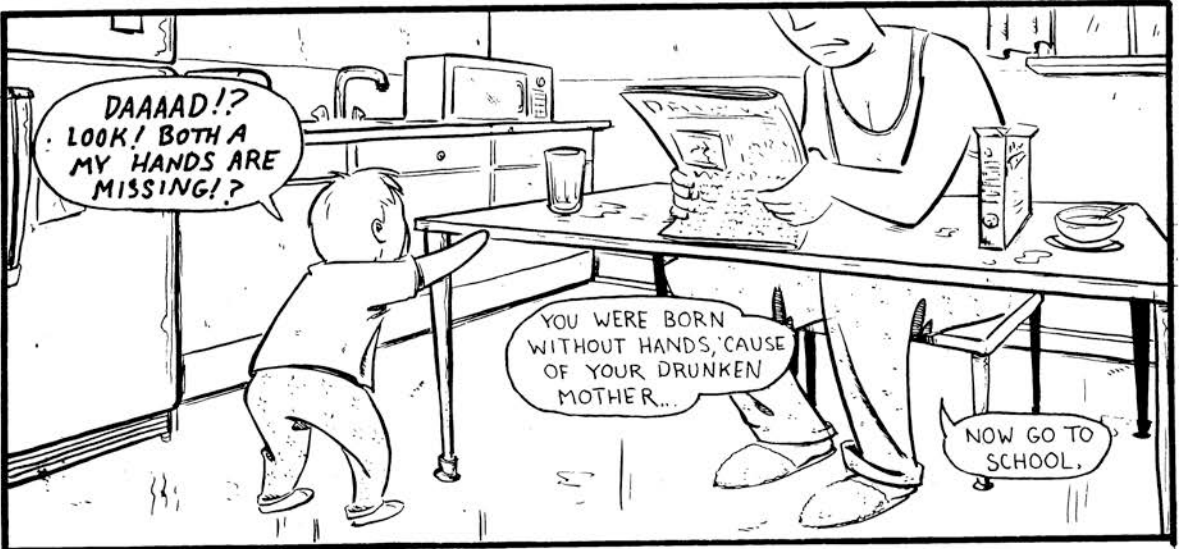


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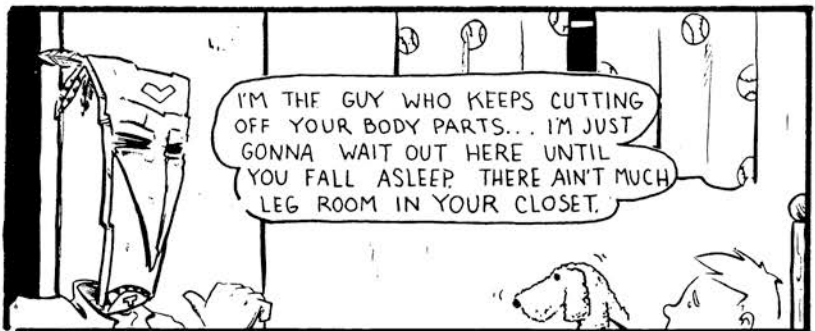
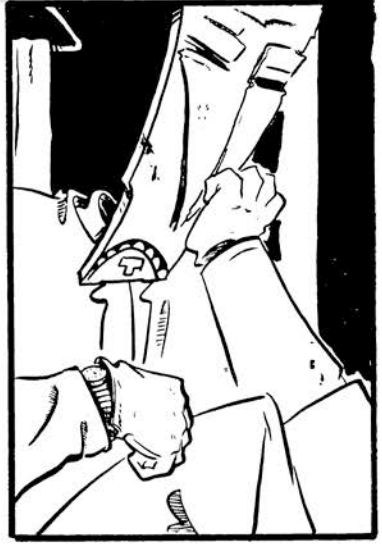


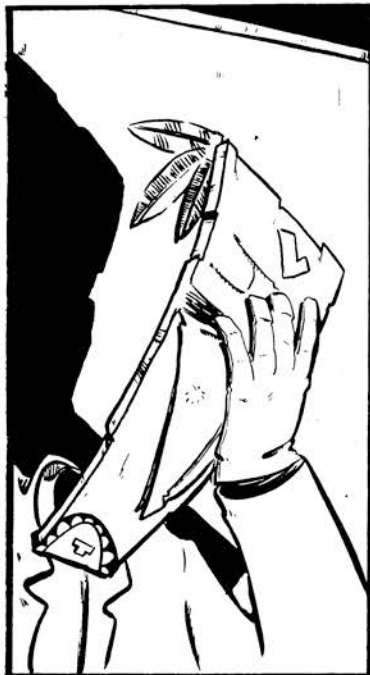


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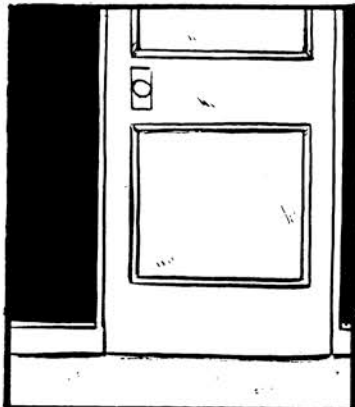
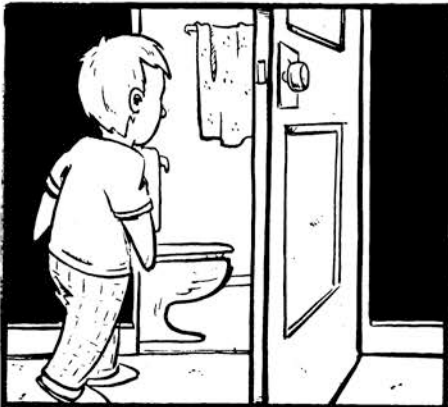
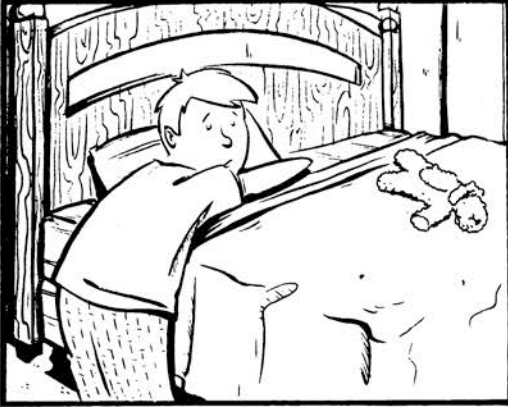
LATER.







LATER...







USUALLY HOW THIS WORKS, IS... YOU TELL ME YOUR SOB STORY AND I COME UP WITH SOMETHING IRONIC TO DO TO HIM..

WELL, HE JUST ALWAYS HATED ME...

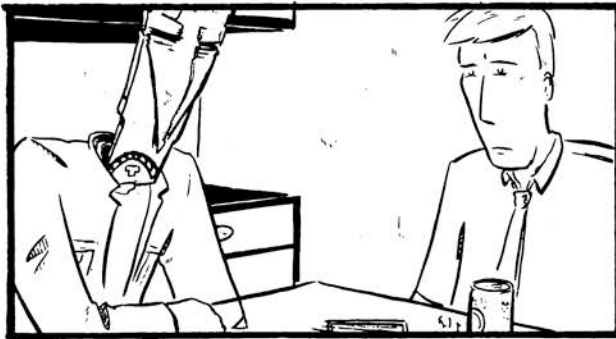
RIGHT FROM DAY ONE.



... FROM THE DAY I WAS BORN...

WE HAVE A RABBI MAKING ROUNDS, WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR SON CIRCUMCISED?

YES SLOWLY.



YOUR MOTHER SAID I HAVE TO LET YOU GO TRICK OR TREATING.



I DON'T THINK THIS IS A VERY GOOD COSTUME DAD.

NONSENSE... YOU'LL BE THE ONLY KID ON THE BLOCK DRESSED AS A PUNCHING BAG.



MAKE SURE YOU SHOW THE OLDER KIDS.



GREAT COSTUME. DORK.

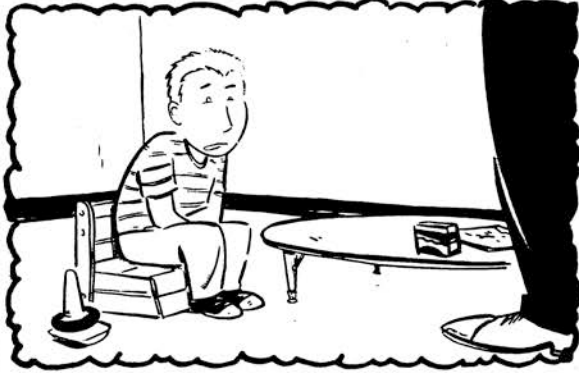
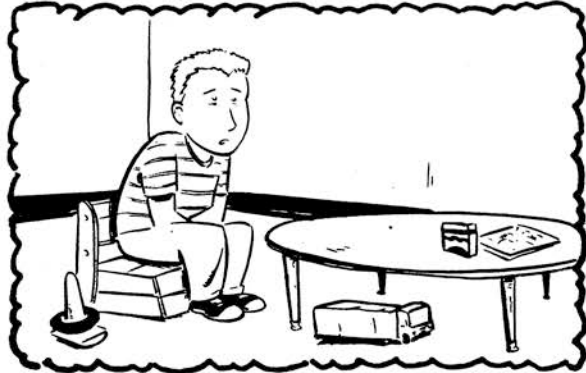
UFH!

SOCK



SOCK

OW!





HE NEVER LET UP



HE SAYS "PLEASE" "THANK YOU" AND READS FROM HIS BOOK

TALKING TOO!



WHY CAN'T YOU BE MORE LIKE YOUR DOLL?



SOUNDS TO ME, LIKE HE NEVER WANTED YOU.

YOU WERE PROBABLY AN UNEXPECTED PREGNANCY THAT RUINED HIS DREAM, AND HE TOOK IT OUT ON YOU.

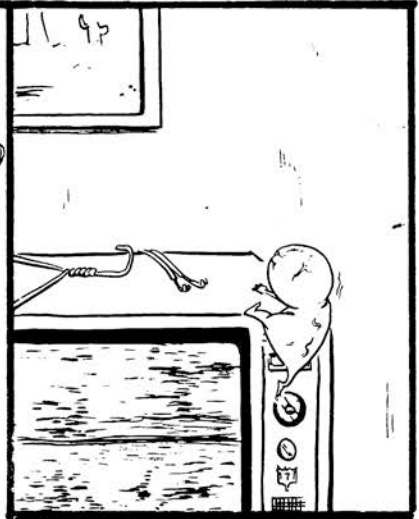
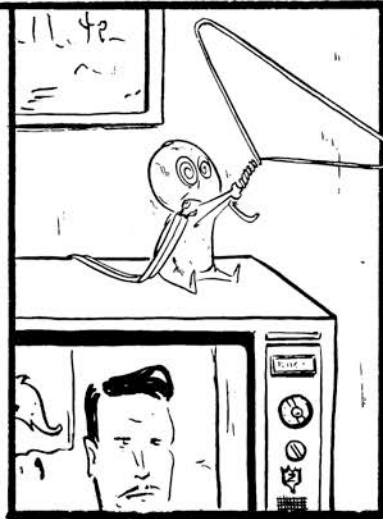


IF YOU REALLY WANT REVENGE...

I'VE GOT AN IDEA, BUT IT'S GONNA TAKE NERVE



OKAY EISENHOWER, YOU CAN DROP THAT, AND COME HERE!



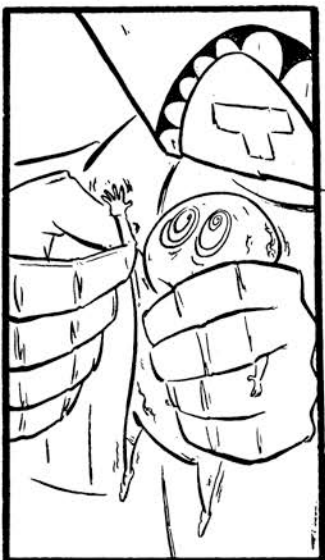
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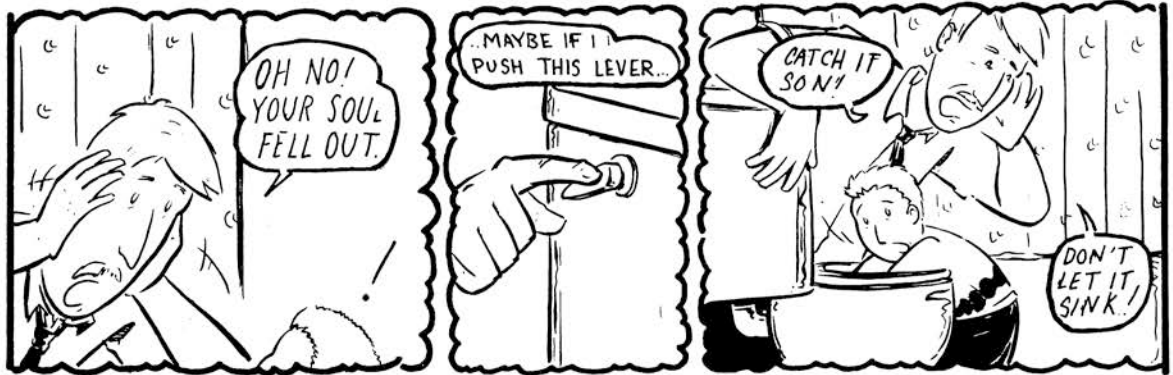


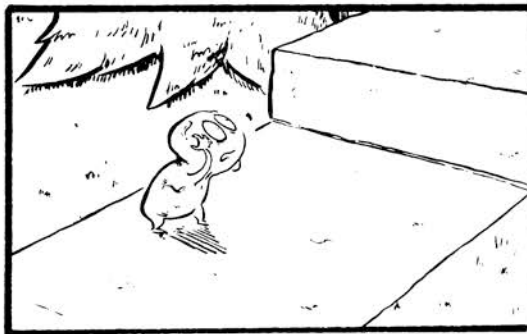
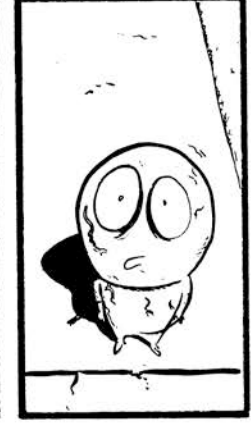
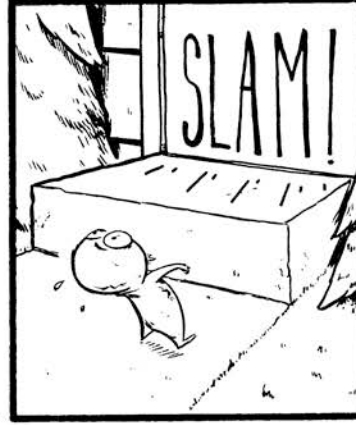
A WHILE AGO I NEEDED A FETUS FOR A JOB SO I BROKE INTO AN ABORTION CLINIC AND TURNED A DUMPSTER FULL OF 'EM INTO ZOMBIES.

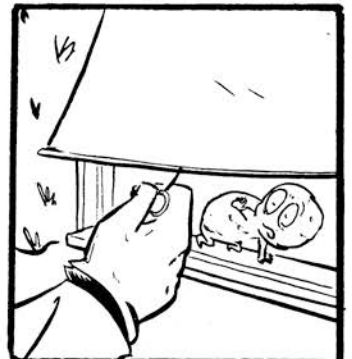
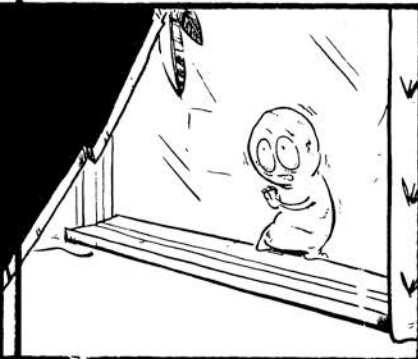
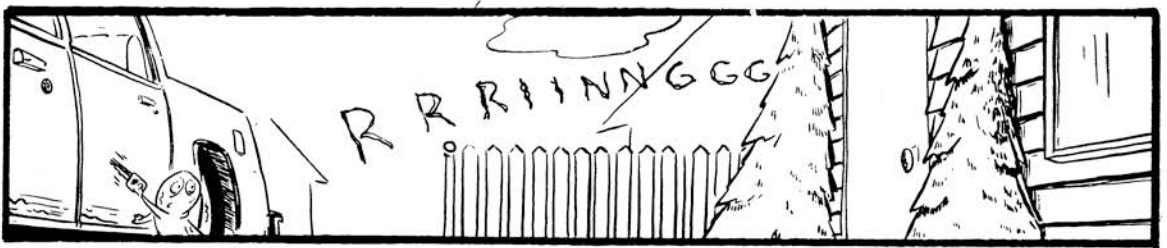
...TURNS OUT THEY'RE A LOT LESS MAINTENANCE THAN FULL SIZED ZOMBIES, SO I KEEP SNEAKING BACK FOR MORE.

YESSS MASTERRR?











THE MAN SLEEPING IN THE CHAIR IS A POWERFUL WITCH DOCTOR.

HE HAS SPENT THE LAST FEW YEARS USING BLACK MAGIC TO MAKE PEOPLE SUFFER.

TONIGHT THREE SUCH PEOPLE HAVE SNUCK INTO HIS HOUSE...

THEY HAVE SPENT WEEKS LEARNING HIS SECRETS AND PREPARING...

THEY BELIEVE THEY HAVE THE TOOLS AND THE KNOWLEDGE TO DEFEAT HIM, AND MAKE HIM SUFFER AS HE HAS MADE OTHERS SUFFER.



COULD THEY BE RIGHT?

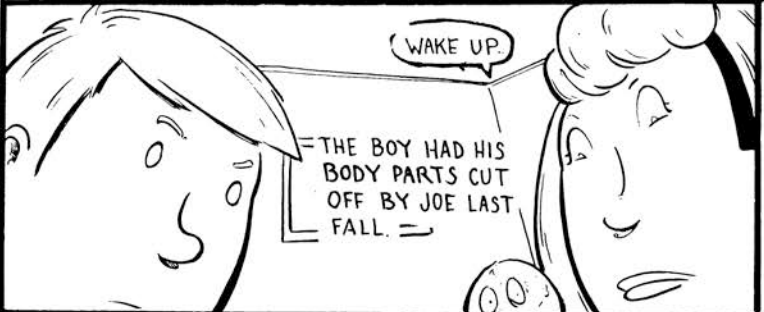
Poke
Poke



THE GIRL WAS TRICKED INTO BREAKING HER OWN NECK.



SNORT. HUH?



WAKE UP.

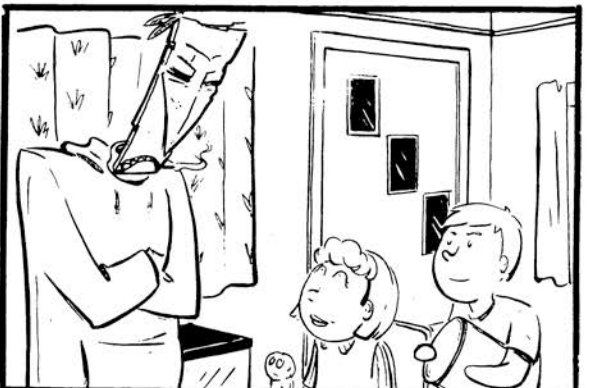
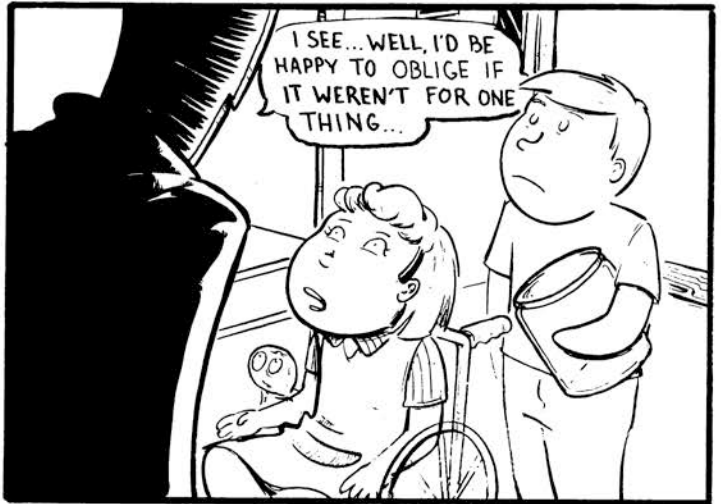
THE BOY HAD HIS BODY PARTS CUT OFF BY JOE LAST FALL.

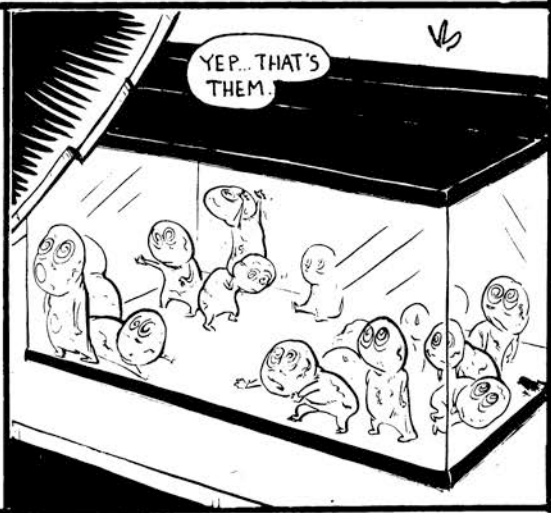
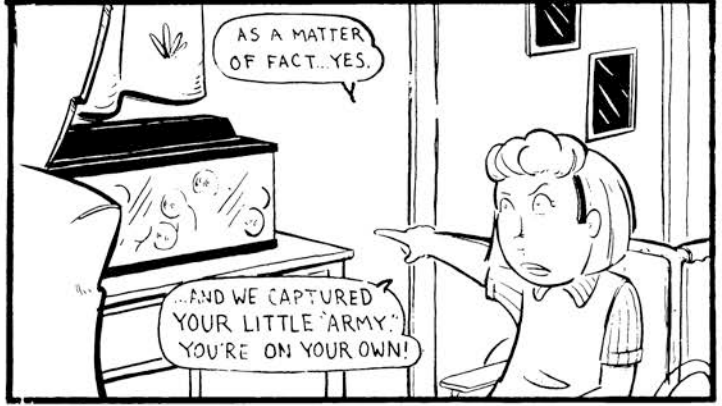


THE FETUS WAS ONCE A GROW MAN NAMED DALE.

GET UP JOE! IT'S TIME TO PAY THE PIPER!

YOU'RE GOING TO UNDUE EVERYTHING YOU DID TO US, OR ELSE!





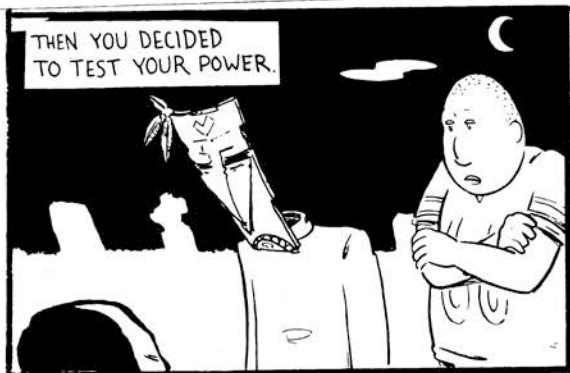




AFTER SNEAKING OUT OF THE AIRPORT, YOU SOUGHT OUT HELP.



YOU MADE SEVERAL FUTILE ATTEMPTS TO REMOVE THE MASK...



THEN YOU DECIDED TO TEST YOUR POWER.



NOTHING

NICE ACOUSTICS ANYWAY.



DAAA!?

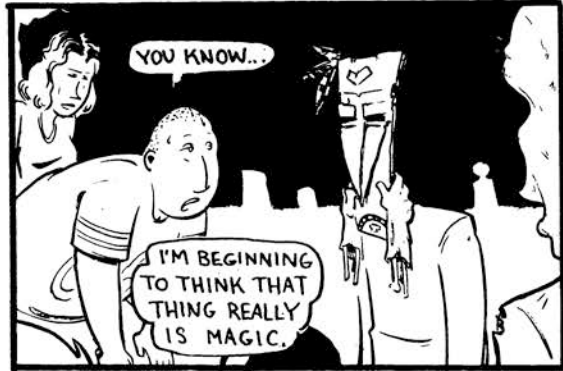


WELL, WHAT'S THIS GUYS PROBLEM?



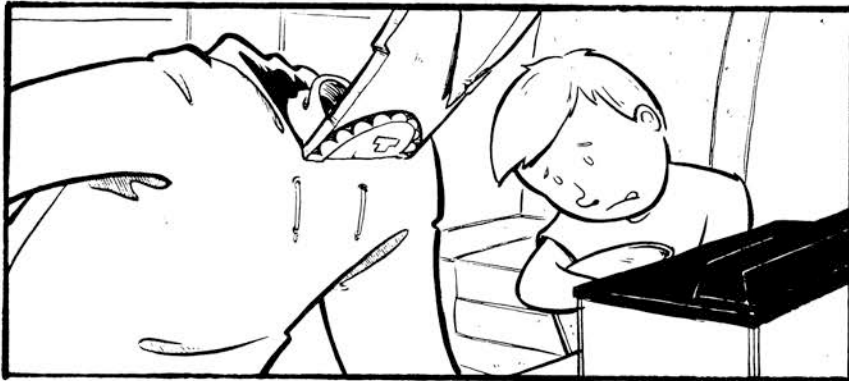
YOUR FIRST ACT WAS A VAIN ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE YOUR FATE.

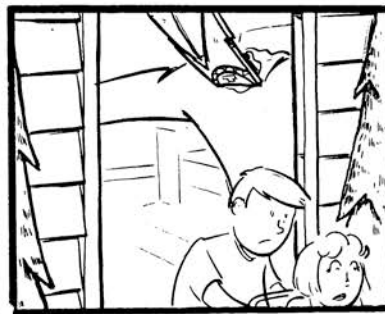
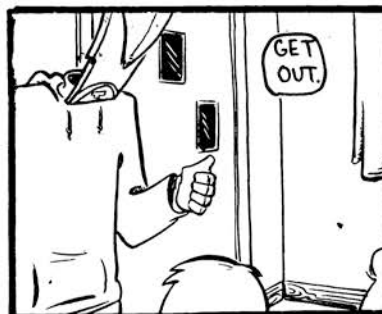
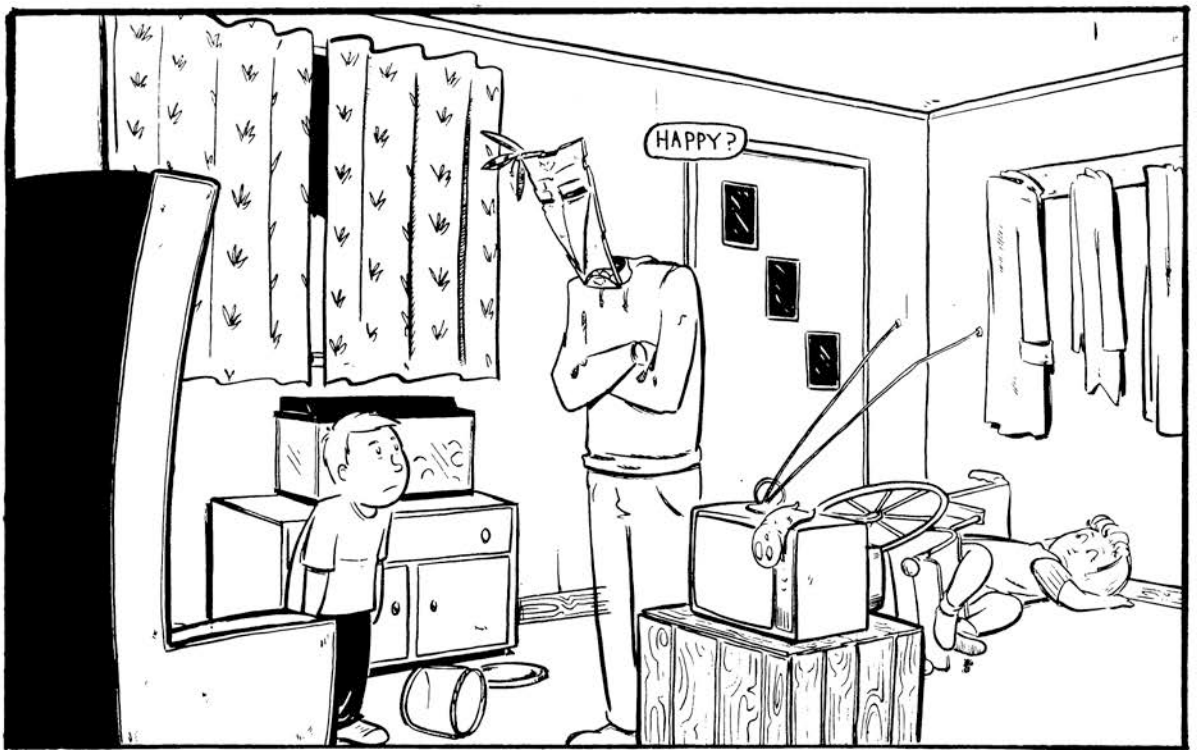
PULLL!



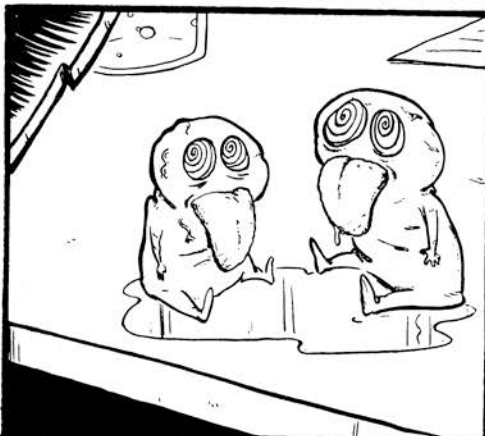
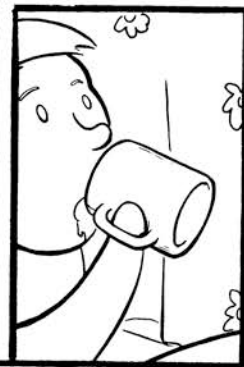
YOU KNOW...

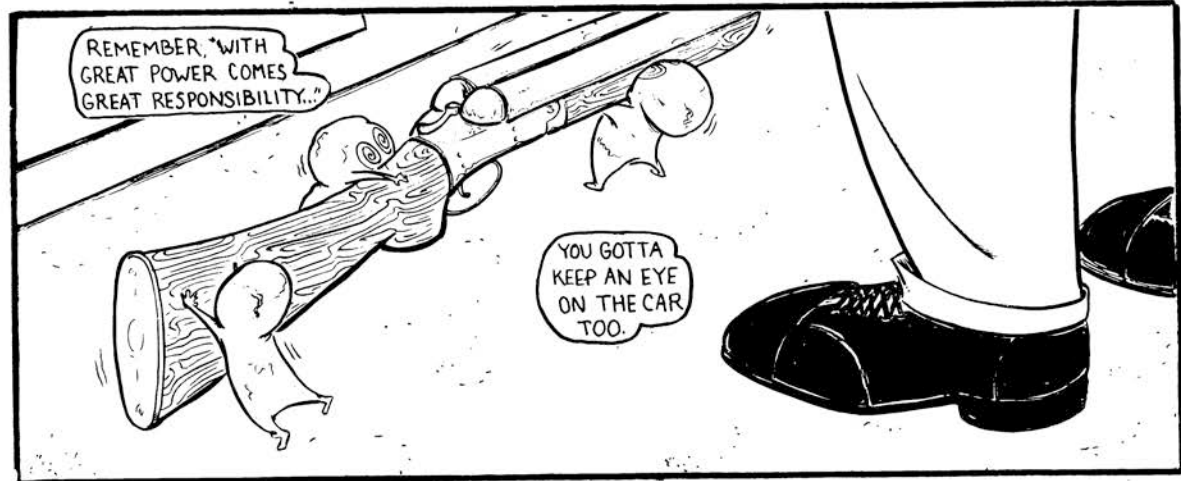
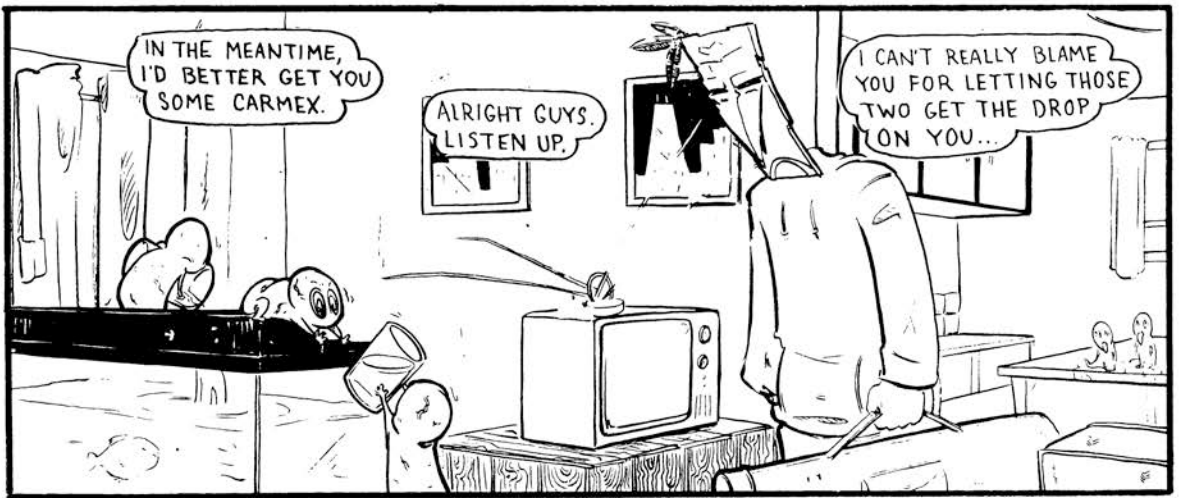
I'M BEGINNING TO THINK THAT THING REALLY IS MAGIC.





THE NEXT MORNING...

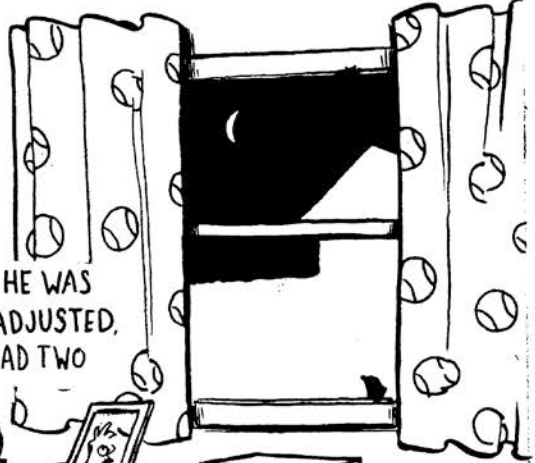




THE CHILD BEFORE YOU
USED TO BE VERY...NORMAL.



A YEAR AGO HE WAS
HAPPY, WELL ADJUSTED,
AND EVEN HAD TWO
HANDS.



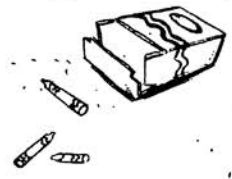
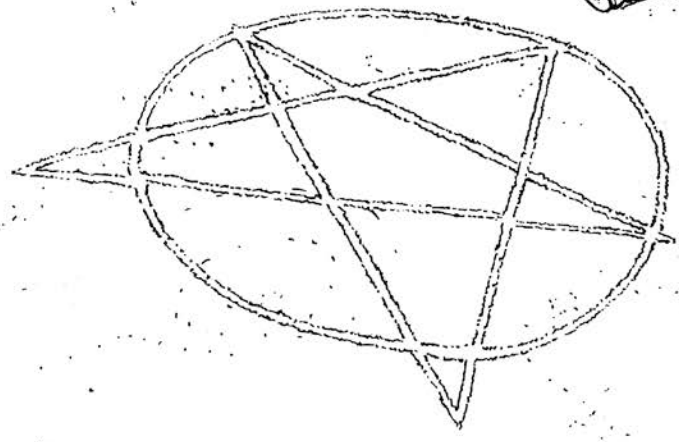
AMMMMMM.

NOW HE CAN'T SPEAK,
HAS NO HANDS AND IS
TRYING TO CONTACT
THE DEVIL.

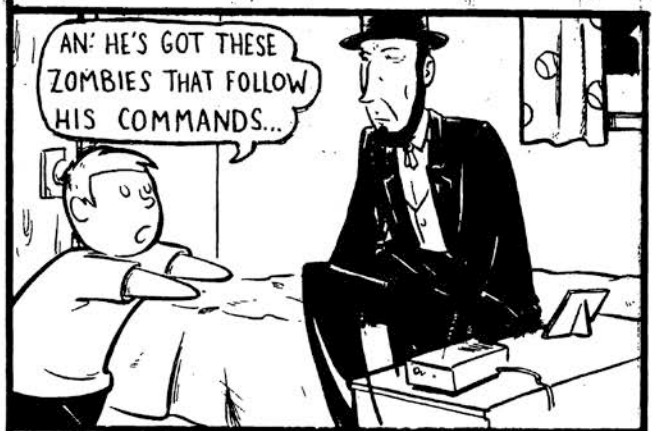
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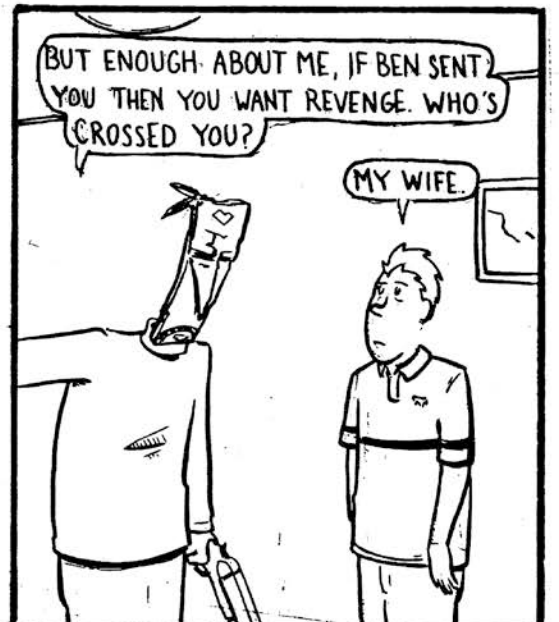
THEY GROW UP
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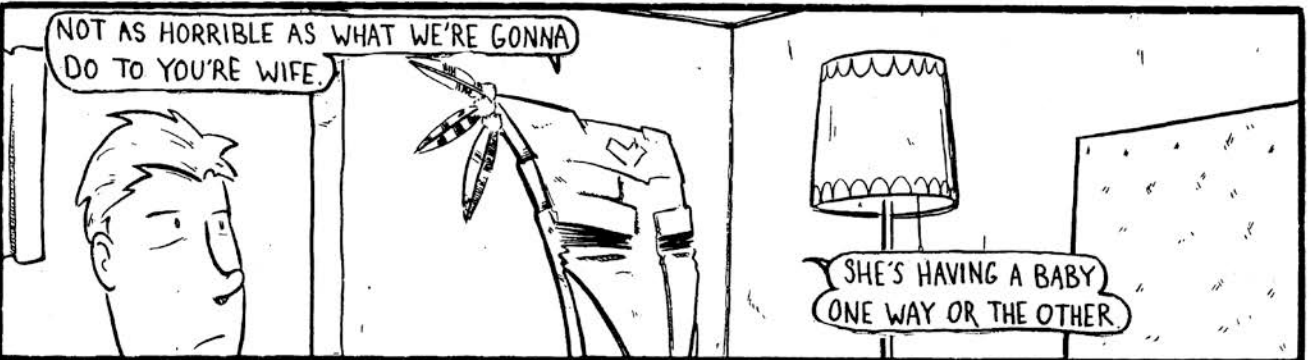
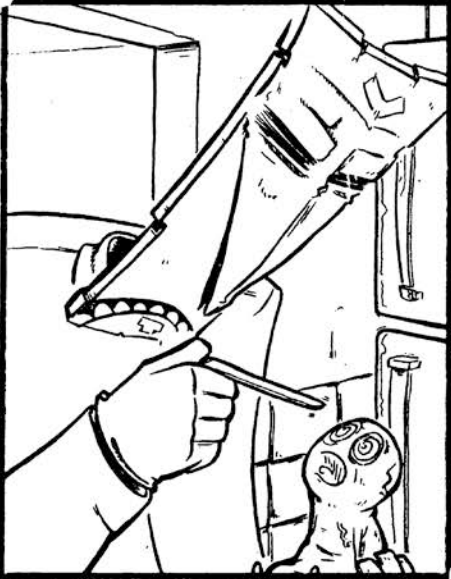
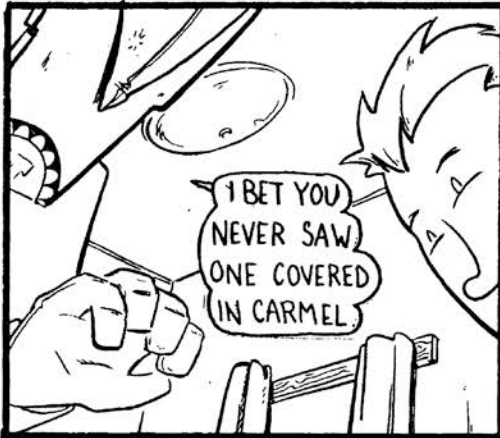
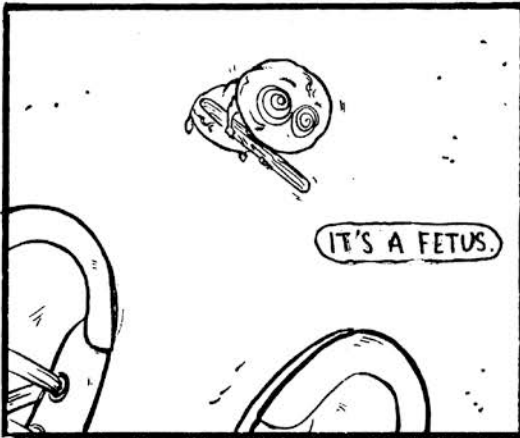


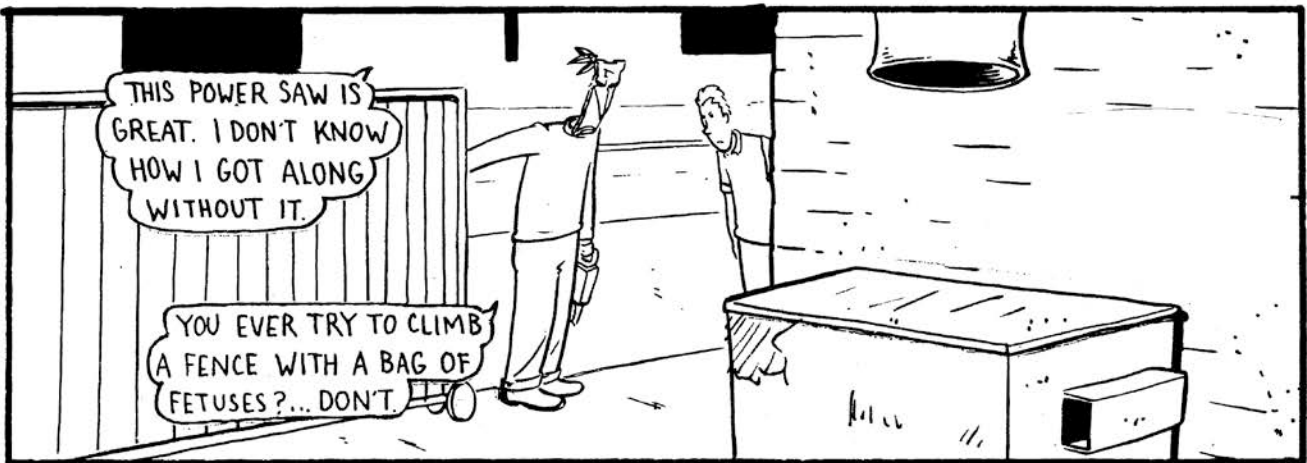
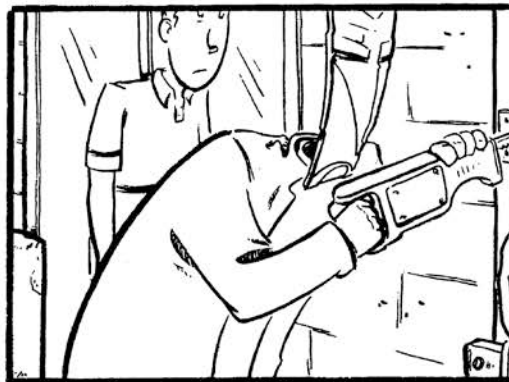




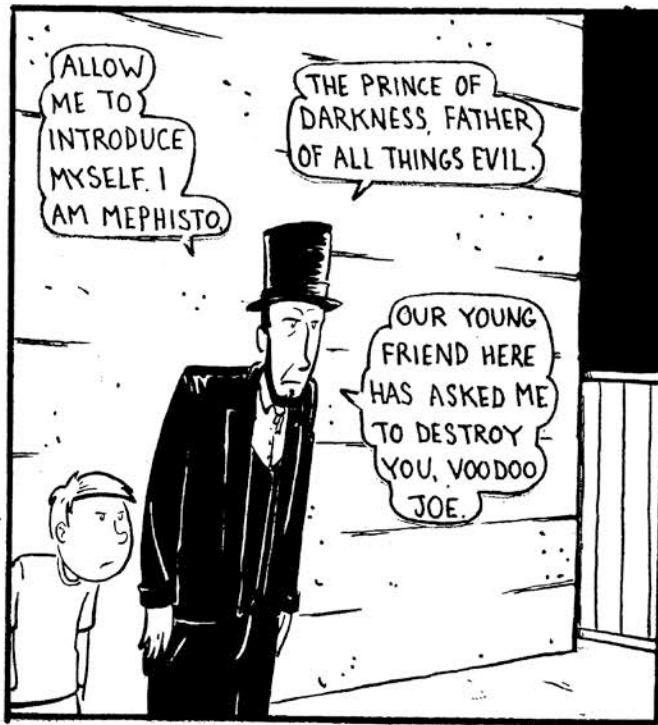
MEANWHILE



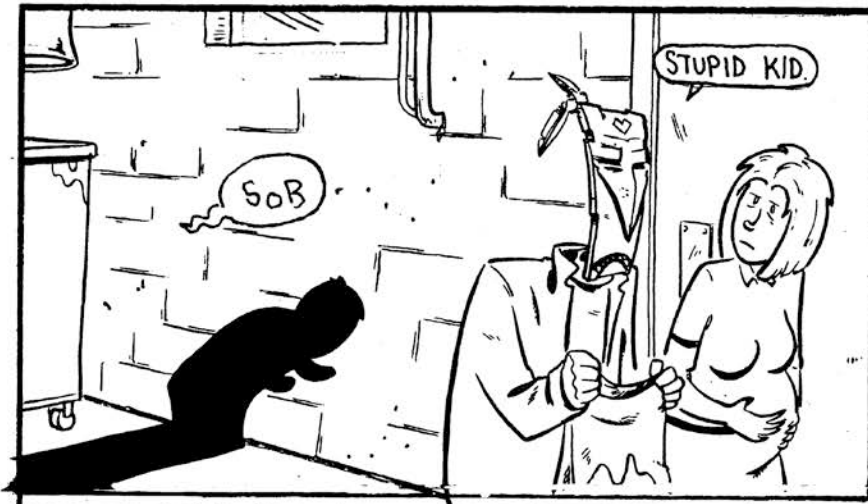
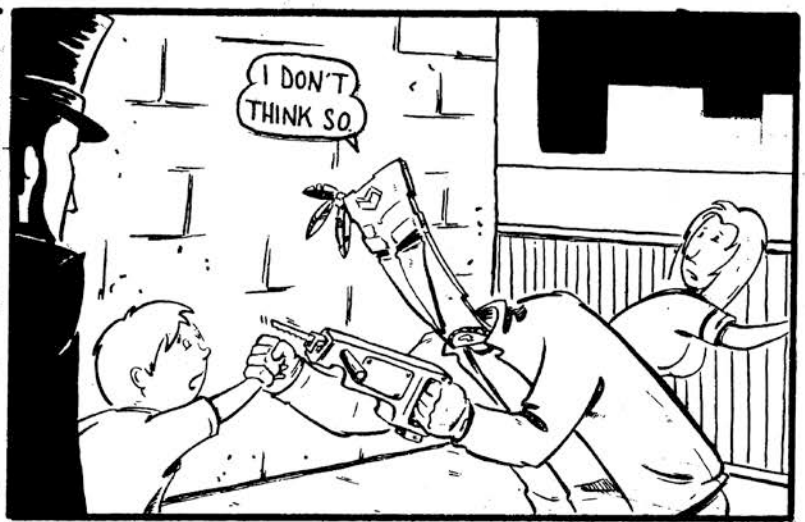












PRESENTING FOR YOUR AMUSEMENT... THE STORY OF A MAN WHO'S LIFE HAS GONE SOUR. HE'S TIRED OF THE WAY THINGS ARE, BUT HE'S TRAPPED.

SO, HE IS HERE TONIGHT, FOR HELP.

Under The In Good Luck!

ACTUALLY, THIS STORY HAS TWO GUYS LIKE THAT IN IT...

RANDLE...

WHO?

I'M VOODOO JOE...

YOU SENT FOR ME.

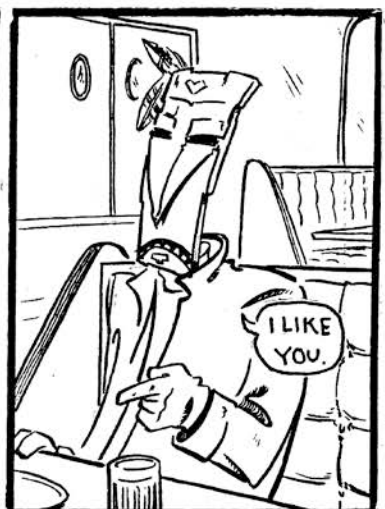
YOU'RE... NOT WHAT I EXPECTED.

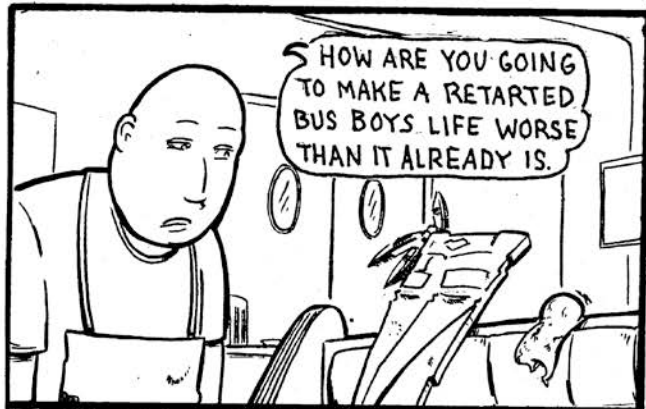
YOU ASKED FOR "VOODOO JOE" WHAT WERE YOU EXPECTING?

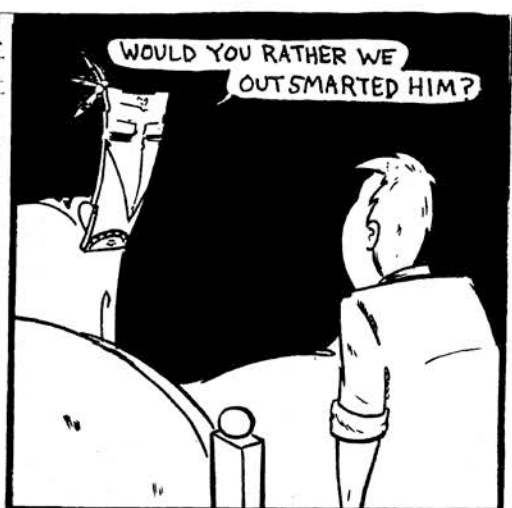
I ASSUMED IT WAS JUST A NICKNAME.

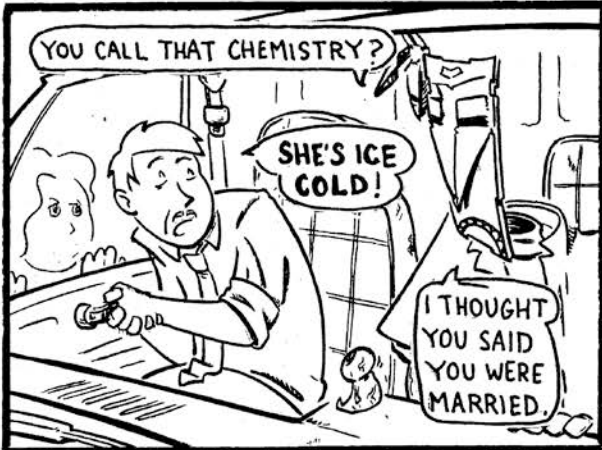
IT IS JUST A NICKNAME.

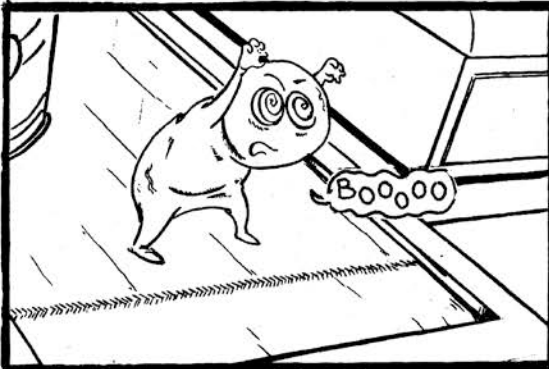


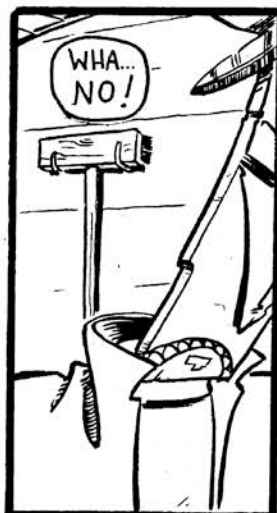
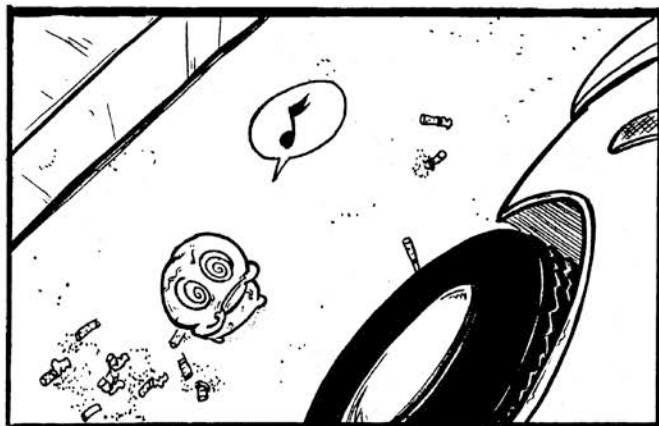












AND SO...



