



Welcome to *Squid Bits*! Come on in and meet our team of friendly and adorable* comic characters!



Don't forget the Squid!



They end up in a HAT!



Ahhh hhh hhh!



This book is actually about us!



*may be subjective



Hi! I'm Jess Bradley! Come and draw with me and my friends in...
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THAT'S A NICE HAT!

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Squid Bits!



THAT'S A NICE HAT!



It's not nice! I HATE IT!!



HATS ARE ART!

BONUS
THE PHOENIX COMIC CLUB
ACTIVITIES INSIDE!

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I don't
even like
hats!!

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You can learn the art of drawing with me, Jess Bradley, the creator of Squid Bits! Turn to page 189 of this book, or head to [The Phoenix Comic Club](#) online to discover your how-to-draw hub!



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JESS BRADLEY'S **Squid Bits!**



THAT'S A NICE HAT!



Hello, readers!
We're the doodles that
live in the Squid Bits
Comics!



Eh? Hey, Dog! Who
are talking to?



Oh. Them.
Meh.



Haha!



What are
you talking
about?!



What's
going
on?



Are we
having a
party?



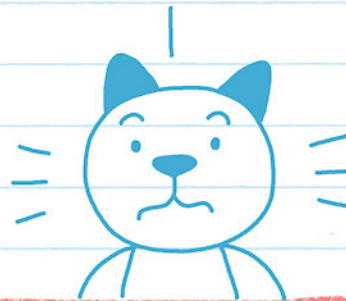
I could
be home
reading
my book!



The readers, Cat! The
people out there!



What?! What are
you talking about?



What's going
on?



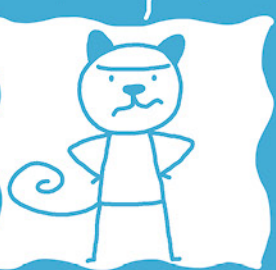
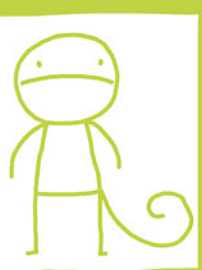
Oh, hi, Lizard! We're
talking about the
readers of the
Comic!



What readers?!
What Comic?!



★ Let's meet the Doodles! ★

Dog	Cat	Lizard
Everything is great! 	Everything is rubbish! 	Meh. 
Rabbit	Mouse	Goat
Oh dear!! 	Yay! 	Sigh. 

And then there's
the Squid!

A SQUID?!
Wait, what
Squid?

Yep.
The
Squid!

The
Squid!
The
Squid!
Of course!

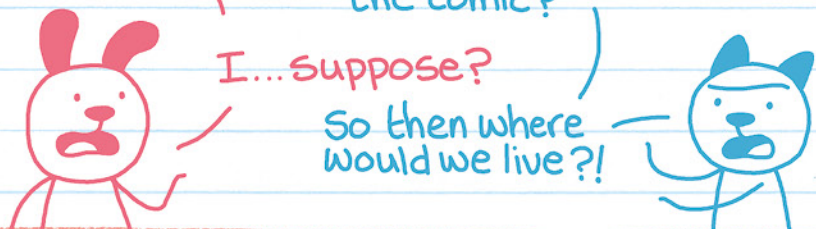


Well, the Squid makes the
comics and we live around
the comics! Like
the ones over
there!

Wait wait wait! Hold up! So if
this Squid wanted to, they
could just stop making
the comic?

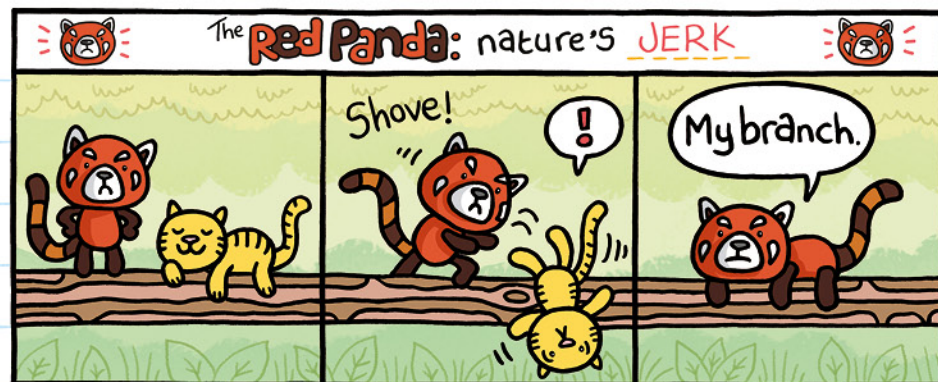
I... suppose?

So then where
would we live?!



I don't think that
would happen!

Would we even still exist
without the Squid?!

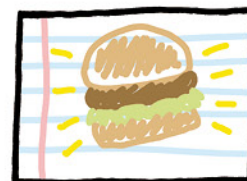


Squid Bits ★ Cafeteria

Lunch Menu



Slime Mould
Smoothie
(With a Shot
of Wheatgrass)



Doodle
Burger
(low fat)



Happy fries



Ice Cream-New Flavours!

- Teriyaki Butterscotch
- Tomato, herb + blueberry
- Ham and Bubblegum



Check list!

 Go away

Grumpy Teddy ☐

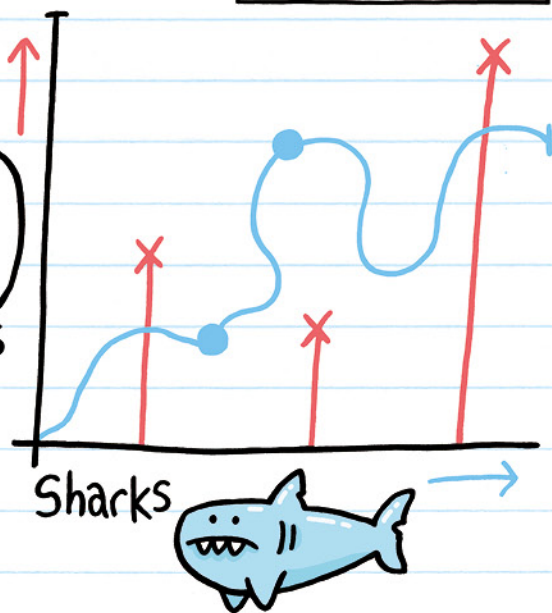
 Bad Drawings ☐

 Half-eaten Food ☐

 A woodlouse ☐

☞ You're ready! ☞

Gentlemen,
I think you'll
find that this
data speaks
for itself!



THE SQUID WILL
END US ALL!!



But...!



Existence.
So fleeting...!
So fragile...!



I don't want to be
eaten, which is what
I assume will happen!!



Hang on, everyone!
Just calm down!



CALM
DOESN'T
EXIST!!



Woe!

Bums!
Existential
crisis! —
Sob! —

Everyone
STOP!!



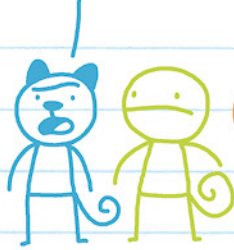
All right,
Calm down!



All we have
to do is make
the squid
happy!



How?



Hat!



Shush,
Mouse!



Well, I was
thinking we—



I'VE GOT IT!!
WE'LL MAKE A
HAT TO PLEASE
THE SQUID!!

Yah!



Mouse
literally
just said
that!



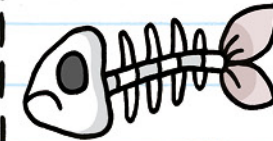
Create a tasty dish
With these ingredients!



Mud



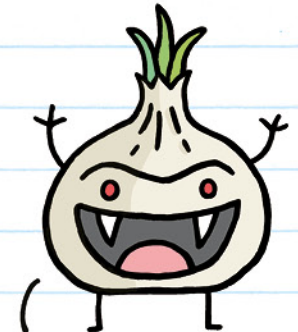
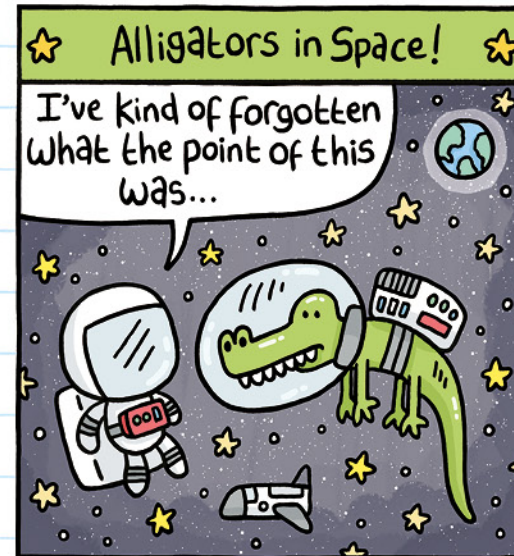
Bar of Gold



Rotten Fish



Sprinkles



I'm a garlic
Vampire! The
Ultimate
Contradiction!

Iguana Cops Bulletin: WANTED!

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4
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2



Sammy "Stripes" McGee. Wanted for impersonating a racehorse.

World Record Penguin Pyramid!



But - !



But we could make one together!

My hat will be the best! The Squid will like me the most!



So long, Suckers! -



Must make hat!

Haha ha!

Love me, Squid!

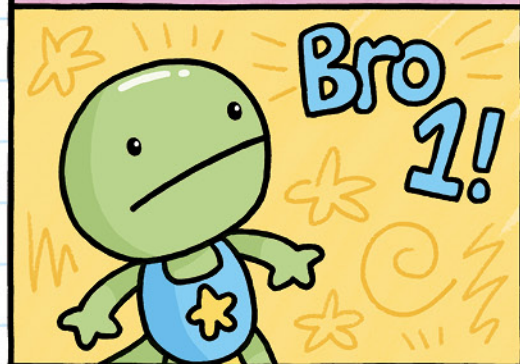
This feels like so much work!



Sigh.



The **AMAZING** Lizard Bros!



Okay, what makes a good hat? Novelty and originality?



A-ha! Maybe the Squid would love a Sea-themed hat! Ooh, yes!



Let's see if I can find some sea stuff around here!



Build-a-shark kit!



☆ A Brief History of Dogs in Wigs ☆

1334 BC



1755

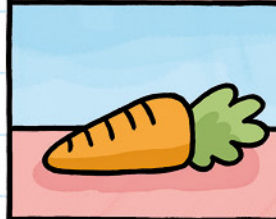
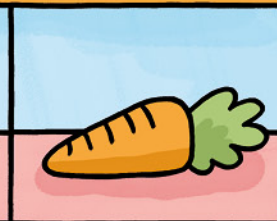
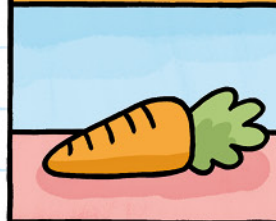


1973



Throughout history, dogs have never really enjoyed wearing wigs.

☆ A Very Special Carrot ☆



The **Red Panda:** nature's **JERK**

I hate everything.



*Squid Bits Horoscopes!

Cancer, Leo, Pisces.

A chance encounter with a giant slug will put things into perspective for you.



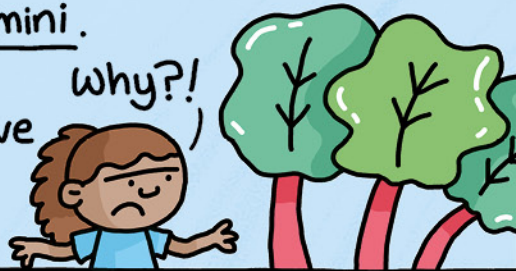
Aries, Taurus, Sagittarius.

Don't beat yourself up for a silly mistake. Unless it's accidentally putting salt into a cake instead of sugar.



Libra, Capricorn, Gemini.

A Sudden windfall of rhubarb will leave you confused and annoyed.



Virgo, Scorpio, Aquarius.

A feeling of great foreboding and dread will turn out to be a touch of wind.



For Sale ★★★



Carrot: decent Condition
Please note: this carrot is not special in any way.
Price: A cup of tea or next best offer

Oh hey! There's a Crab! Wanna be on a hat?

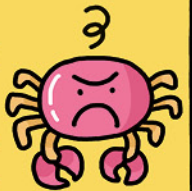


Check list!

Several pre-cooked sausages



A crab who lost out on a karate championship back in 1984 and is still bitter about it.



All the sweets no one wants in the selection boxes.



Clean pants.



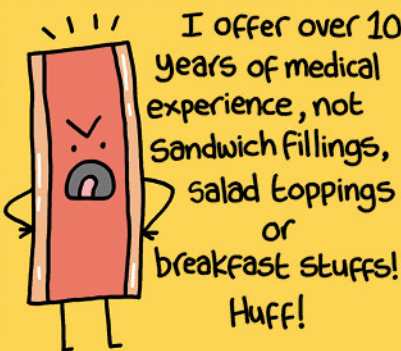
You're ready!



Ooh, kelp is very sea-themed! A bit stinky but I guess that adds to the charm!



Dr Bacon's Clinic-Now Open!



Totally Real Nature Guide!

Cut'n'keep for reference!

Moss Pups

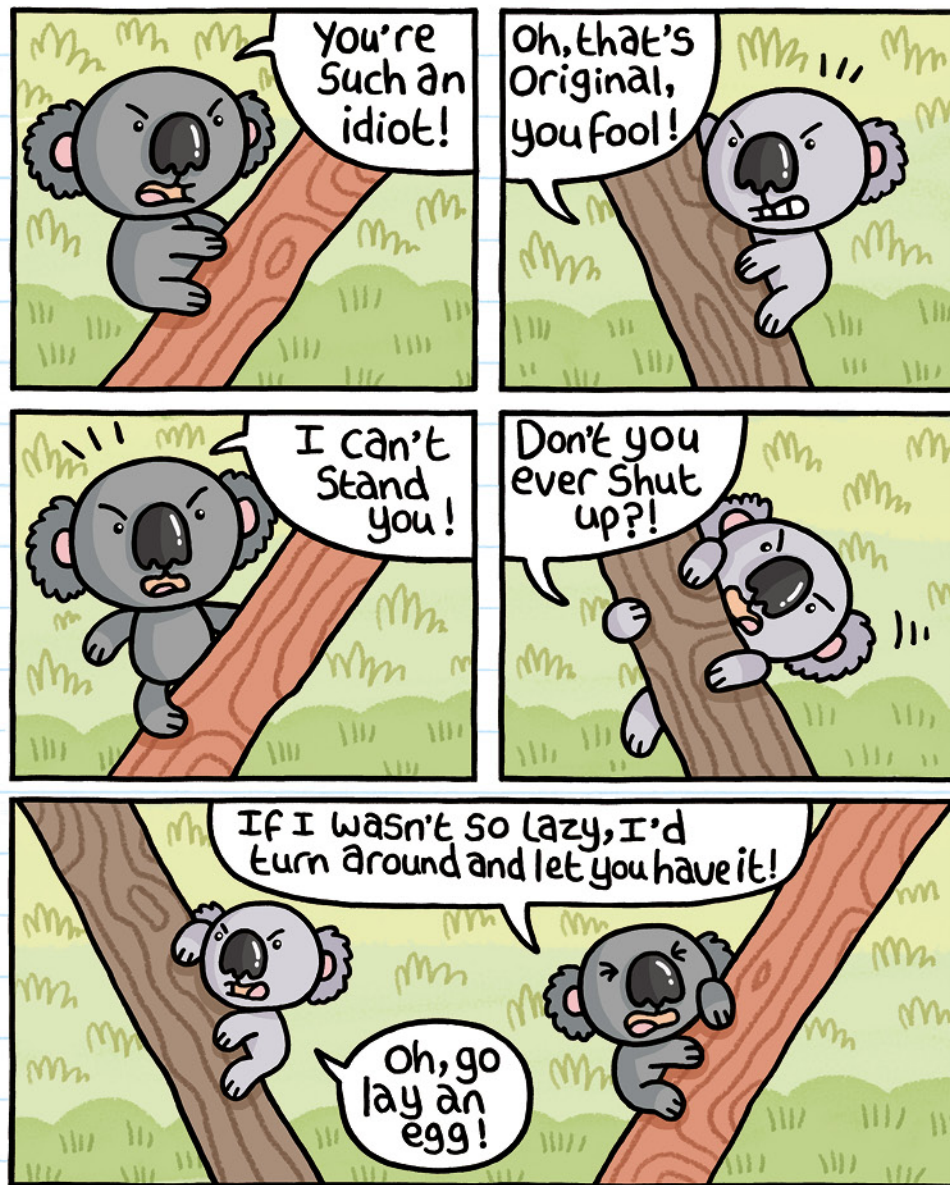


These flumpy Canines are 50% flora, 50% fauna. They shed little clouds of moss constantly, but are friendly and smell pleasantly earthy.

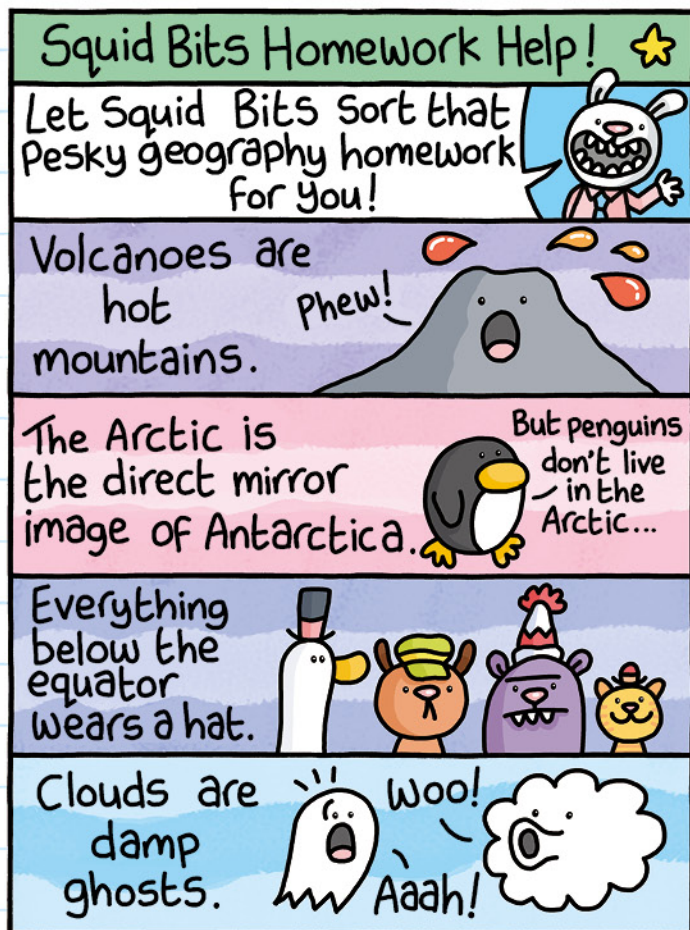
See also:
Lichen-thropes.



Koalas: Not Very Social



Hey, that's my kelp! —



DO NOT EAT!!

I guess I need to make an actual hat to stick this stuff on!



Lesser-known Planets!

Gargo.



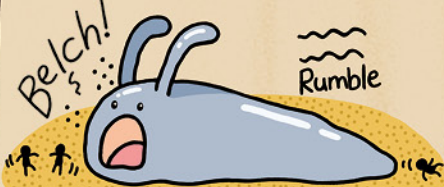
Poot!



A Super gaseous planet with no moon and an atmosphere as thick as candy floss. Except fart-Flavoured.

Totally Real Nature Guide

Burping Earthquake Slug



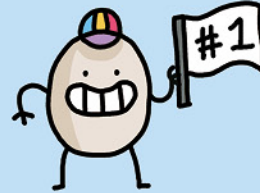
These giant slugs live in remote desert regions where they consume vast amounts of sand. They proceed to burp heartily, causing the Earth's tectonic plates to shift.

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And the nominees are...



Bowl of Worms



Supportive egg



Multiple Wigs



Teenage Werewolf

And the winner is...

... Teenage Werewolf!



Show and Tell!

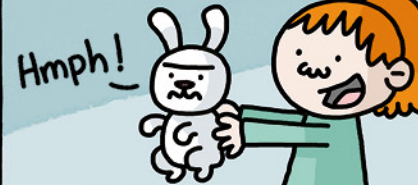
All right class! Time for Show and tell!



This is my Sea-Shell collection!



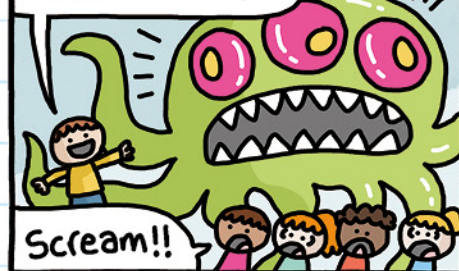
This is my rabbit!



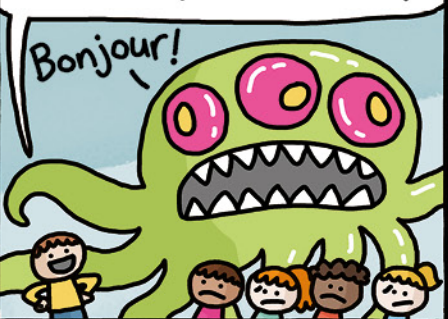
This is my Fabergé Egg!



This is Norlax, destroyer of galaxies!



He can speak French!



Glue!

Tape!
Snip!

Sounds of
stuff being
made!

Hey, this is
Pretty good!



★ SEAHAT ★

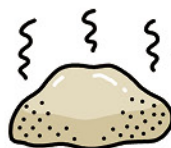
Crab
Observation
booth!



What?! That's amazing!
I need to step up my game! —



Check list!
Make sure you
have everything!



Ambergris



Evil geode



Trousers
with massive
pockets



AHHHH!!

Angry fried
egg



No

This



You're all set! 🍷

★ Banana Style! ★

Viking
Chic



Rugged!



Formal
debutante



Banana!

So beautiful!



Hipster
entrepreneur



Trendy!



NAKED!



BANANA!

You can't be
naked in
this comic!



--- Product Recall ---

The Squid Bits Super Toilet!



Due to a manufacturing error,
the SB Super toilet becomes a
black hole when flushed. Please
return unflushed to avoid
event horizon / singularity.

Adventurer's Guide # 93

Have you found all of these cursed objects?

The Necromancer's Bones



The Crystal of Lost Souls



The Goblet of Mucilage



Teddy Bear with Human Eye



Post Office Receipt



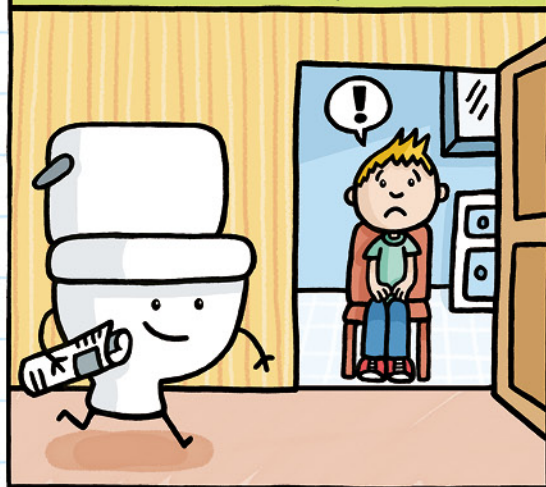
Your ticket ↓



What kind of hat can I make? Hmm, a toilet hat, maybe?



★ Adventures in Opposite Land



★★ Spot the Difference! ★★



Can you spot 6 differences between these 2 pictures? Look carefully!

★ Squid Bits Horoscopes! ★

Cancer, Sagittarius, Leo.

This week, a banana wearing a hat will bring you fortune.



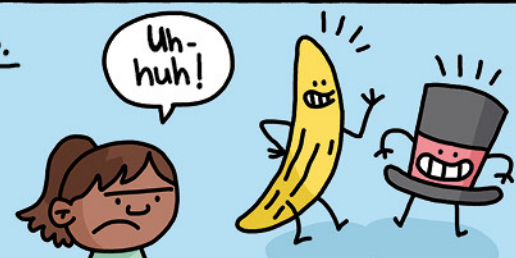
Virgo, Capricorn, Aquarius.

This week, a hat wearing a banana will bring you fortune.



Scorpio, Aries, Pisces.

This week, a banana and a hat will bring you fortune.



Gemini, Taurus, Libra.

This week, a hat merged with a banana will bring you fortune.



A banana hat? Ugh, no! That's a terrible idea!



Red Panda: What is Nature's Jerk?



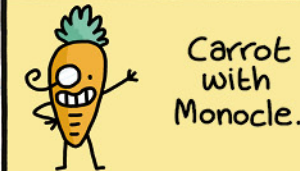
I'm not getting any inspiration here AT ALL!!



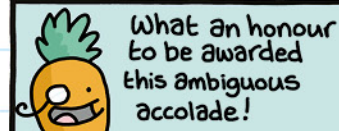
I mean, how am I supposed to think of a hat with a monster lobster staring at me?!



And the nominees are ...



And the winner is...



Frankenstein's **Lobster**

Hmm, I might need a few more goes to get this right...



A polite notice from Mr Wolf:



5th Annual **Nudibranch**

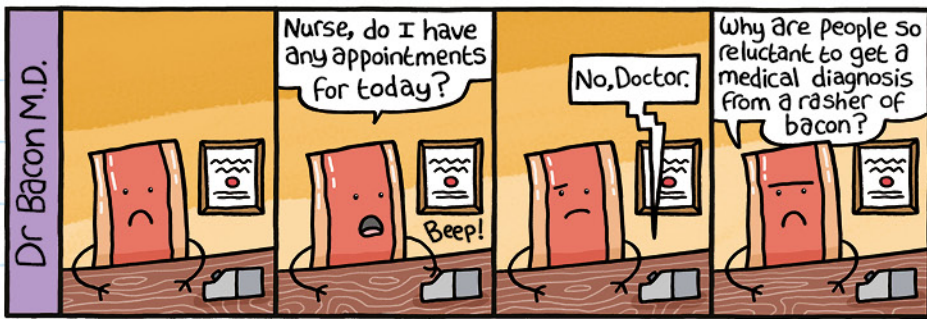
Festival!

The Best Slugs Around!

Fun! Slugs!

So many Sea Slugs!

Best in show!



Oof, this page is a bit stinky! Hey, wait! Don't people think that stinky things are sophisticated? Things like...



★ For hire! ★

A Terrible Stink

Available for:

- Unwanted visits
- Concert ticket queues
- For fun

Contact →

The Adventurer's Guide #126: Know your Goblins!



Onion Goblin Bad-tempered, Stinky, holds grudges for a long time.



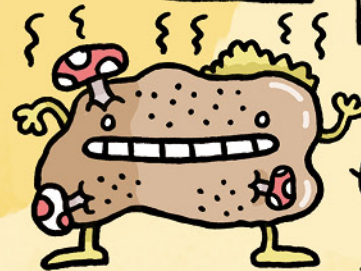
See also:



Garlic Troll
Chive Sprite



Mulch Goblin Mild-mannered, Stinky, happy to help with adventures.



See also:

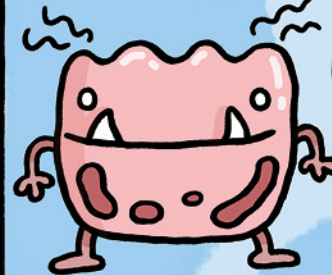


Dung Gremlin

Fungus kelpie



Jelly Goblin Helpful, but easily distracted, absorbs everything it touches so a bit Stinky.



See also:
Gelatin Pixie.



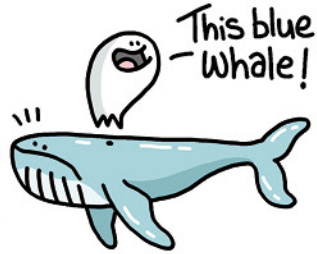
CHEESE!!!
Ha!! A cheese board
hat! Now, this is
Classy!



★ CHEESE HAT ★



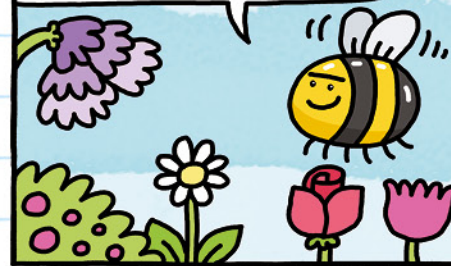
What Are You Haunting?



Business Bee!



Hmm, these flowers are
primed for business!



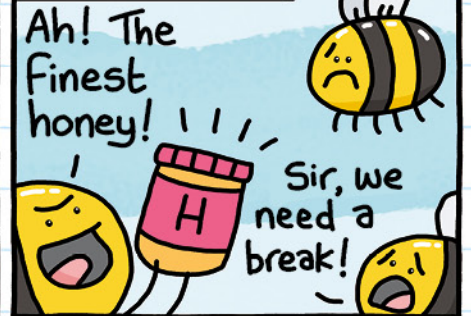
EMPLOYEES!! MAKE
HONEY NOW!



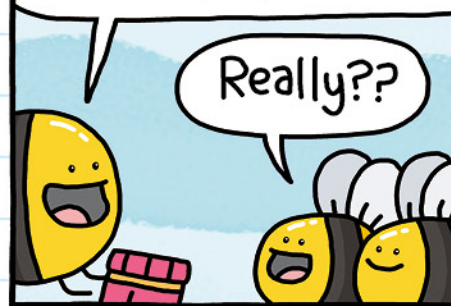
Productivity is good!



6 hours later...



A break? Of course!



No! THIS IS BUSINESS!

