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

Pfft!

The Lizard Bros!

Woo!

Ow!

Don't forget the Squid!

ART SHARK!

COMICS ARE ART!!

Ahhh hhh hhh!

This crab who has no idea what's going on!

?!

They end up in a HAT!

Red Panda: Nature's Jerk!

YOU'RE a Jerk!!

This book is actually about us!

*may be subjective



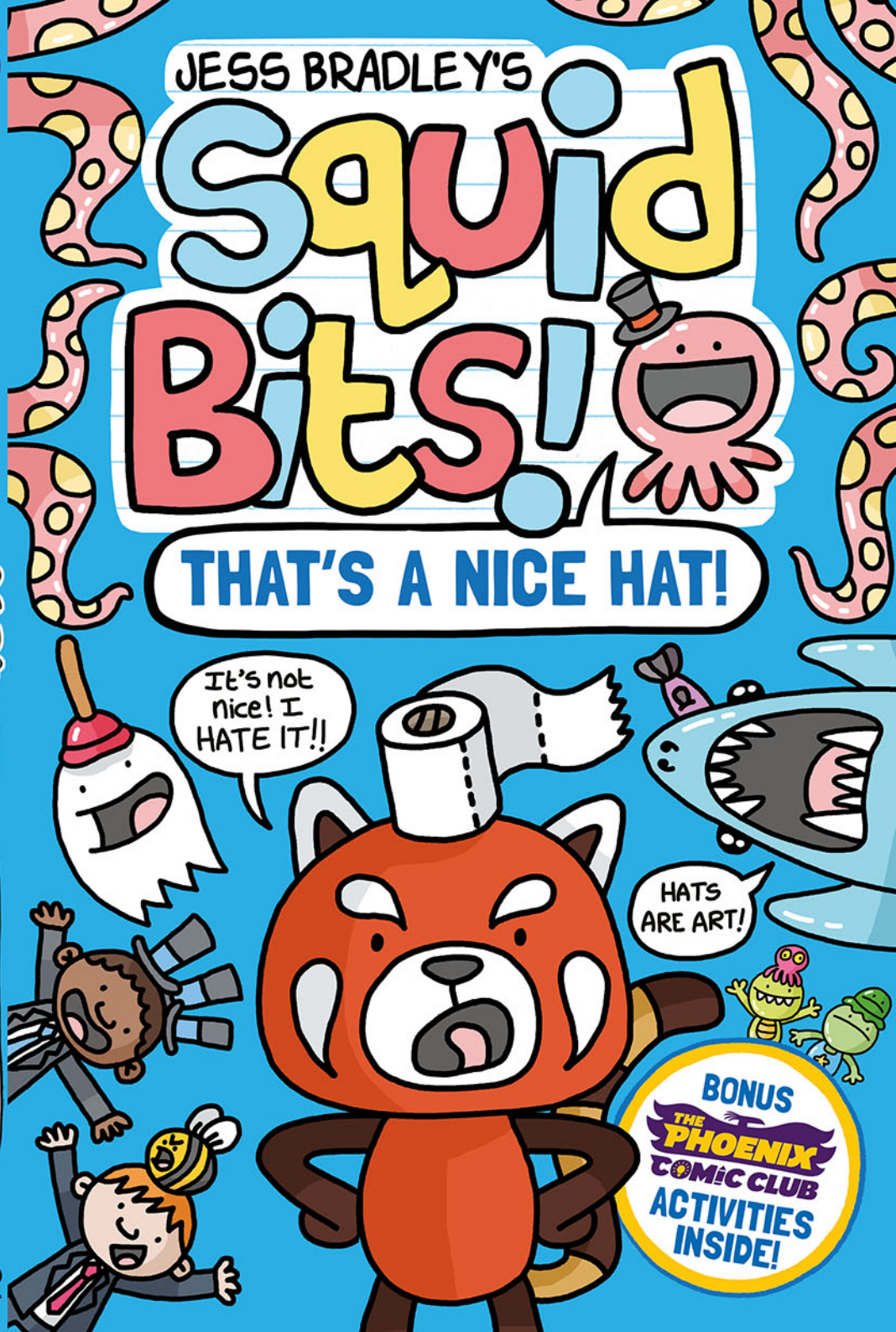
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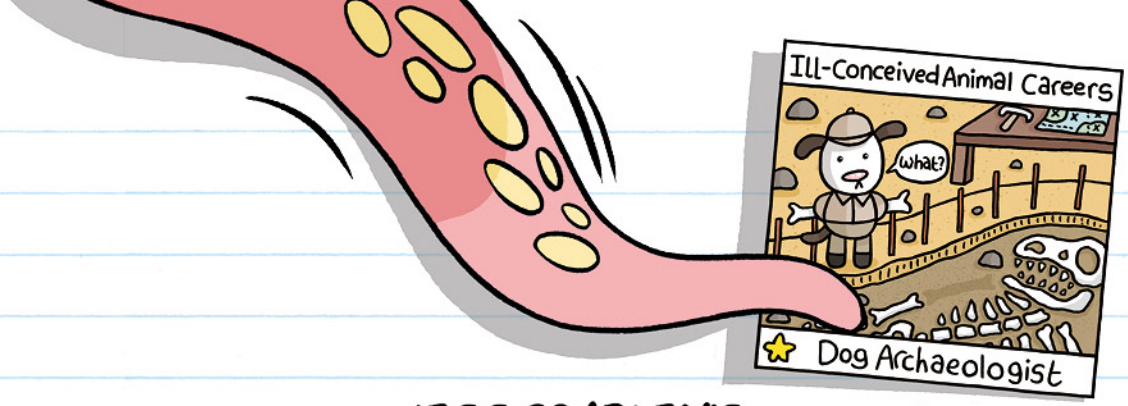
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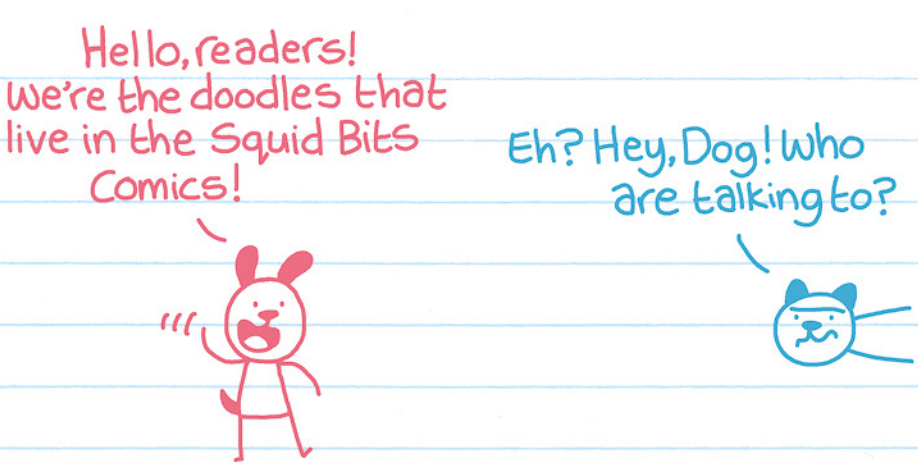


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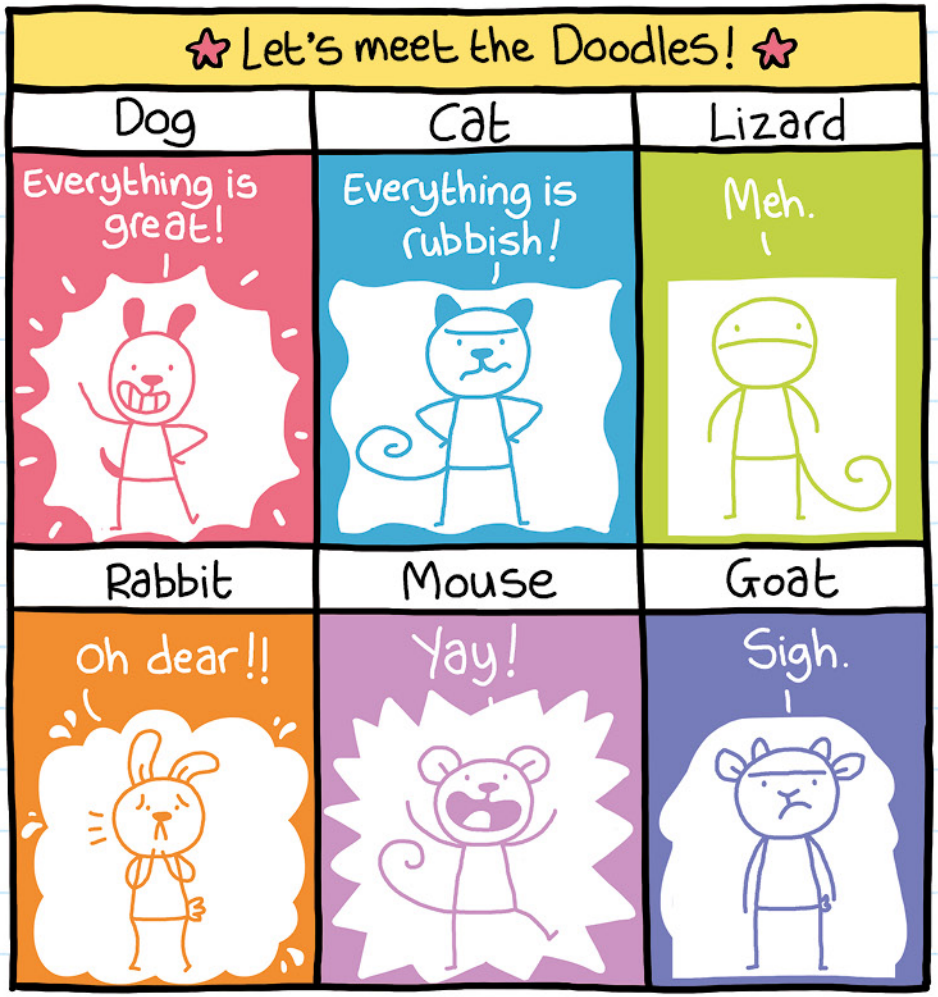
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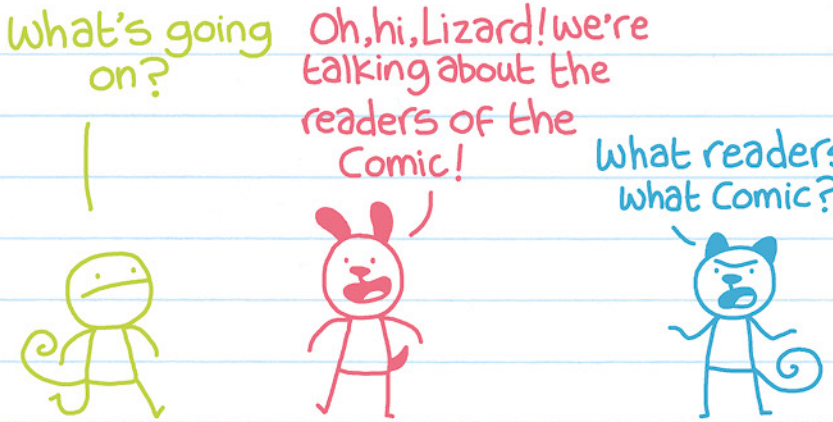


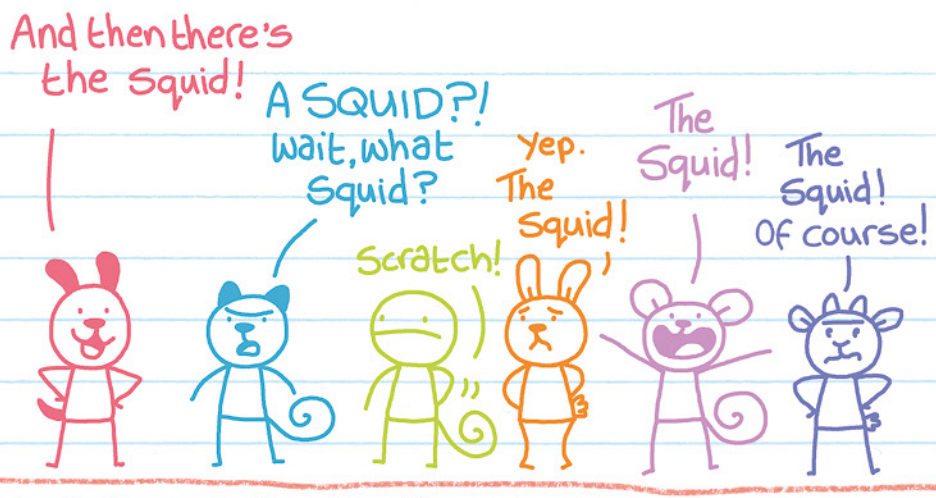

Hello, readers! We're the doodles that live in the Squid Bits Comics!
Eh? Hey, Dog! Who are talking to?

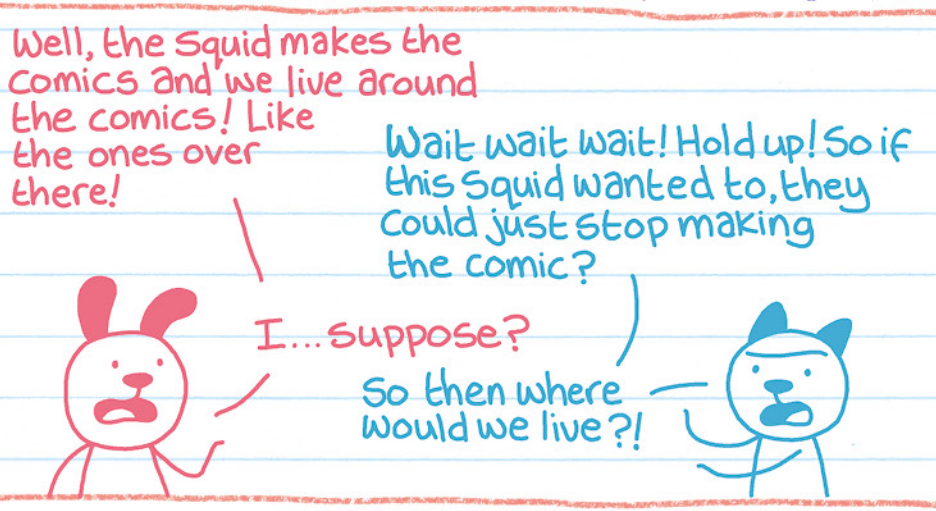

Oh. Them. Meh.
Ha ha!
What are you talking about?!
What's going on?
Are we having a party?
I could be home reading my book!


The readers, Cat! The people out there!
What?! What are you talking about?

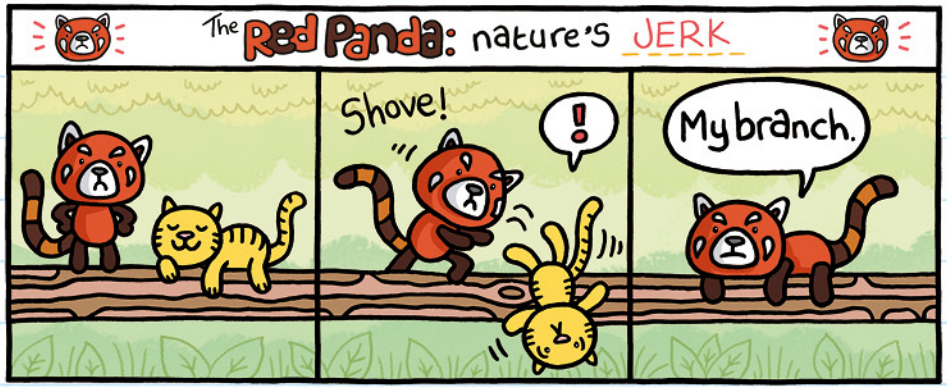

Let's meet the Doodles!
Dog
Everything is great!
Cat
Everything is rubbish!
Lizard
Meh.
Rabbit
Oh dear!!
Mouse
Yay!
Goat
Sigh.

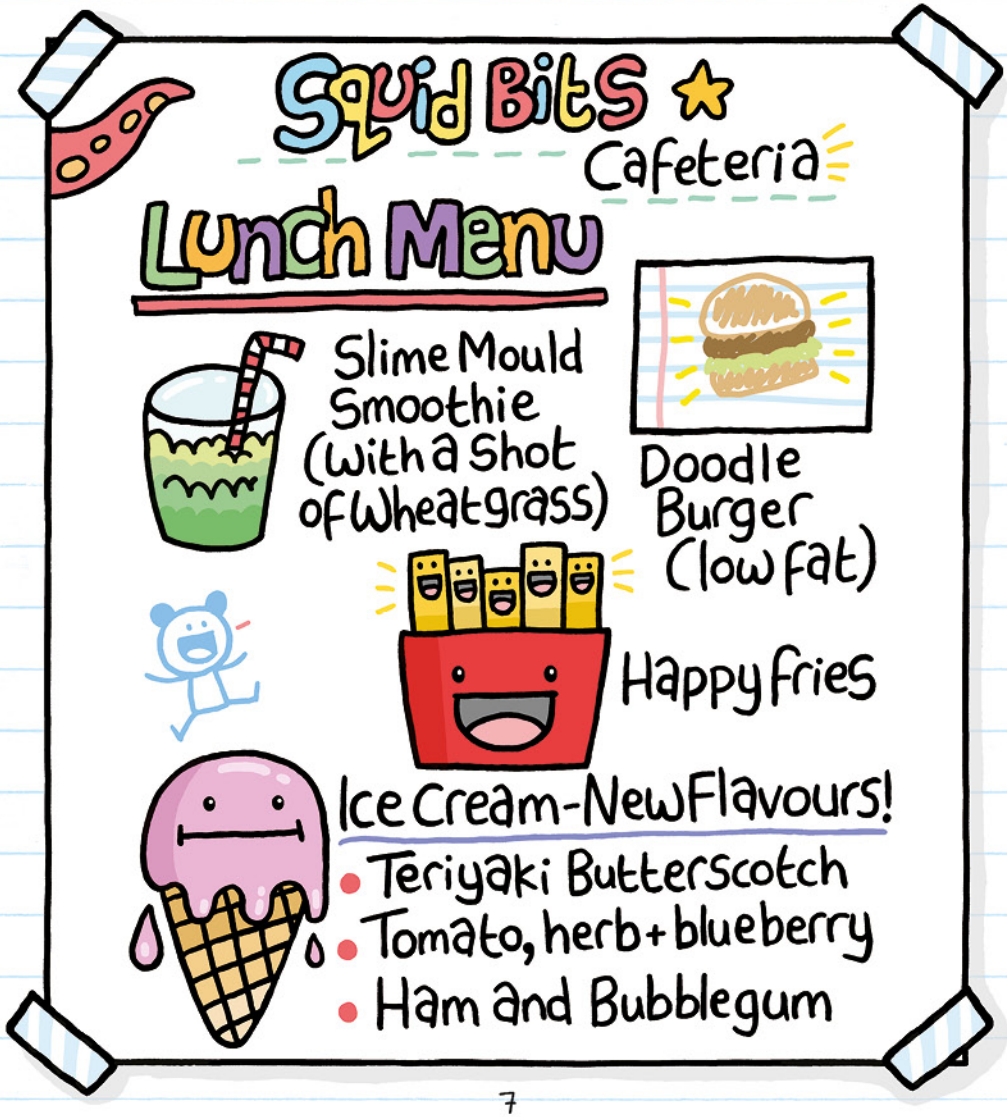

What's going on?
Oh, hi, Lizard! We're talking about the readers of the Comic!
What readers?! What Comic?!

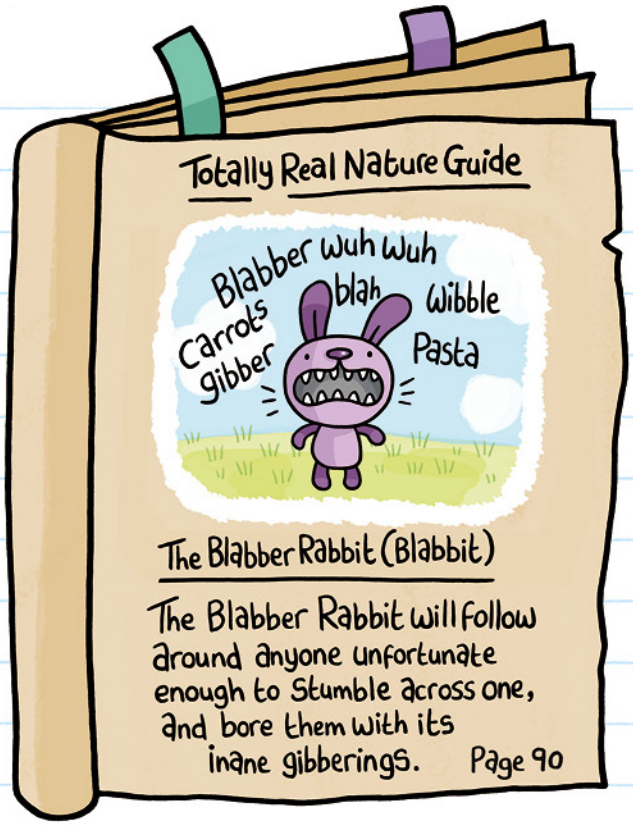

And then there's the Squid!
A SQUID?! Wait, what Squid?
Yep. The Squid!
The Squid!
The Squid! Of course!
Scratch!


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?!

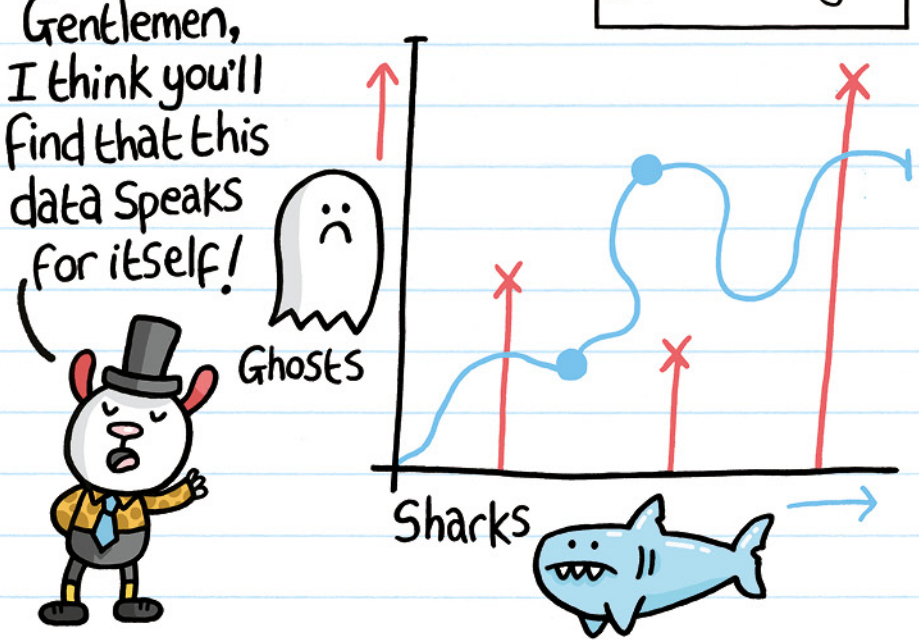

I don't think that would happen!
Would we even still exist without the Squid?!
Huh?!
What?!
Puce!
Um, Cat has a Point!


The Red Panda: nature's JERK
Shove!
!
My branch.


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


Totally Real Nature Guide
Blabber wuh wuh blah
Wibble
Carrots gibber
Pasta
The Blabber Rabbit (Blabbit)
The Blabber Rabbit will follow around anyone unfortunate enough to stumble across one, and bore them with its inane gibberings.
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Check list!
Go away
Grumpy Teddy
Bad Drawings
Half-eaten Food
?
A Woodlouse
You're ready!

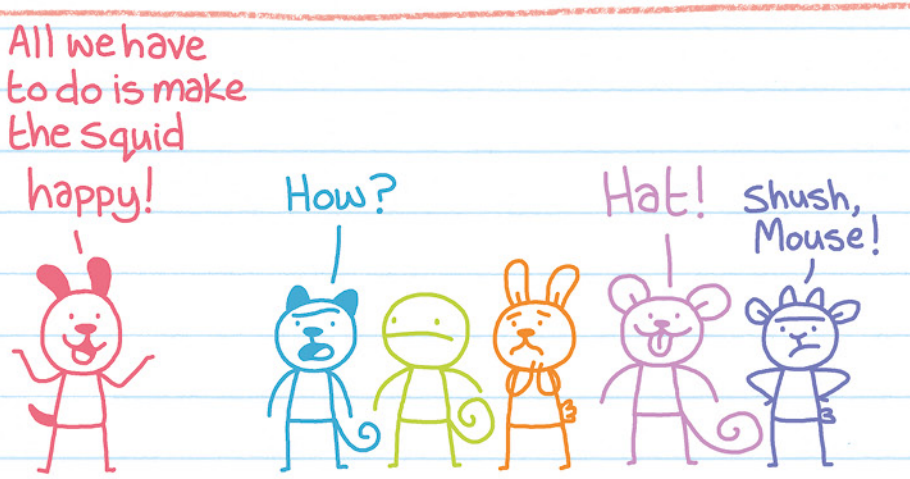

Gentlemen, I think you'll find that this data speaks for itself!
Ghosts
Sharks

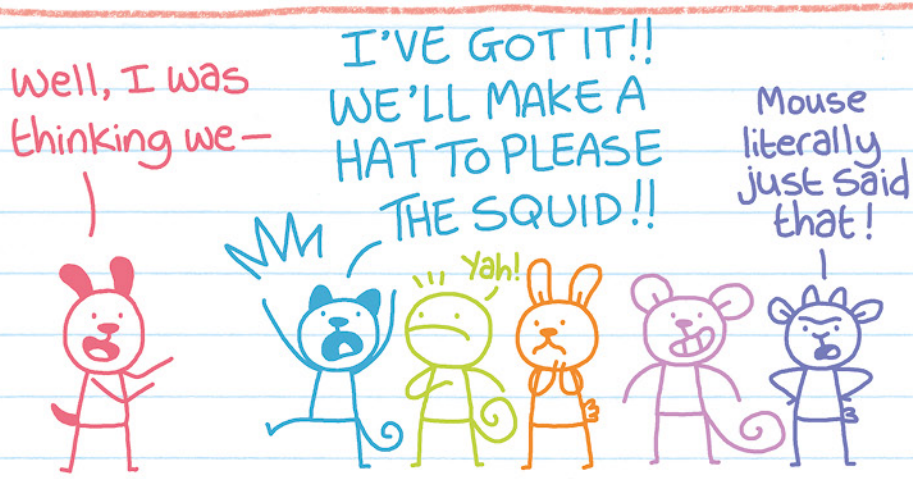

THE SQUID WILL END US ALL!!
AHHH!
WAHHH!
HAAA!
Gulp!
Weeee!
SQUID DOOM!!
AHHHHHHHHH!!


But...!
Existence. So fleeting...! So fragile...!
I don't want to be eaten, which is what I assume will happen!!

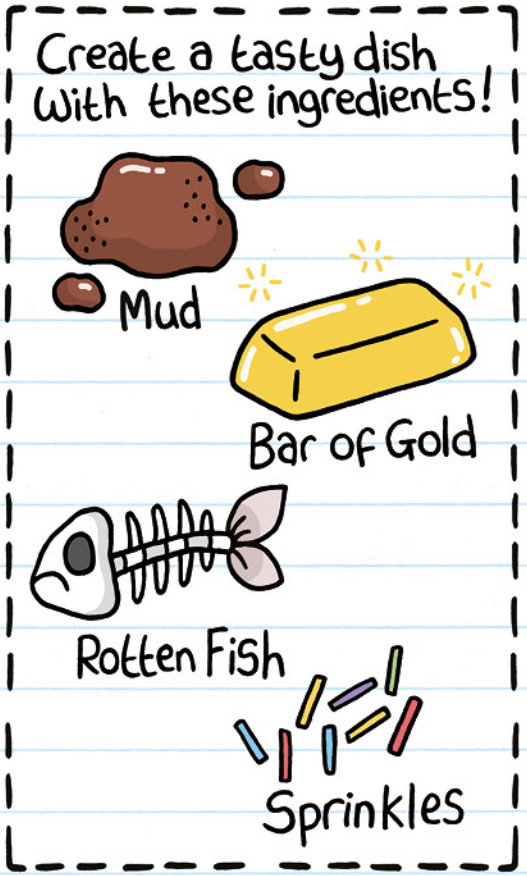

Hang on, everyone! Just calm down!
CALM DOESN'T EXIST!!
Woe!
Bums!
Existential crisis!
Sob!







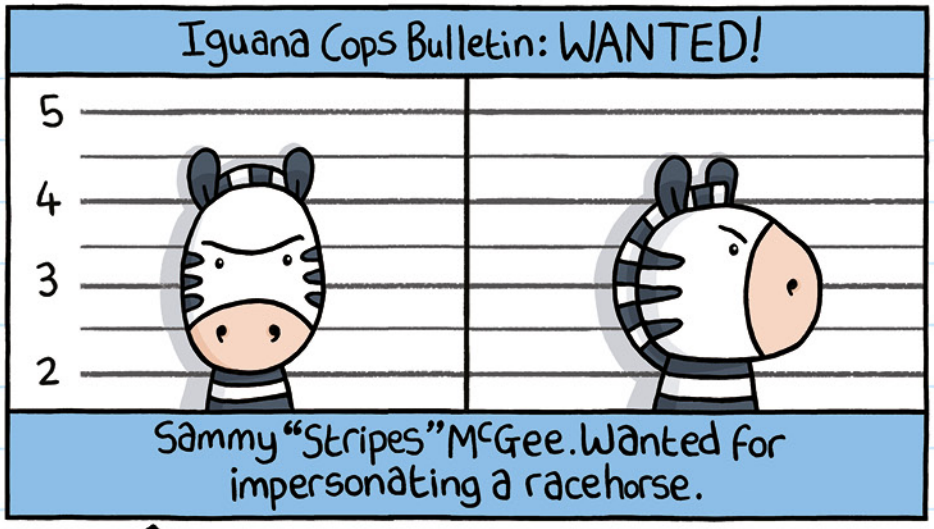








I'm a garlic Vampire! The ultimate Contradiction!

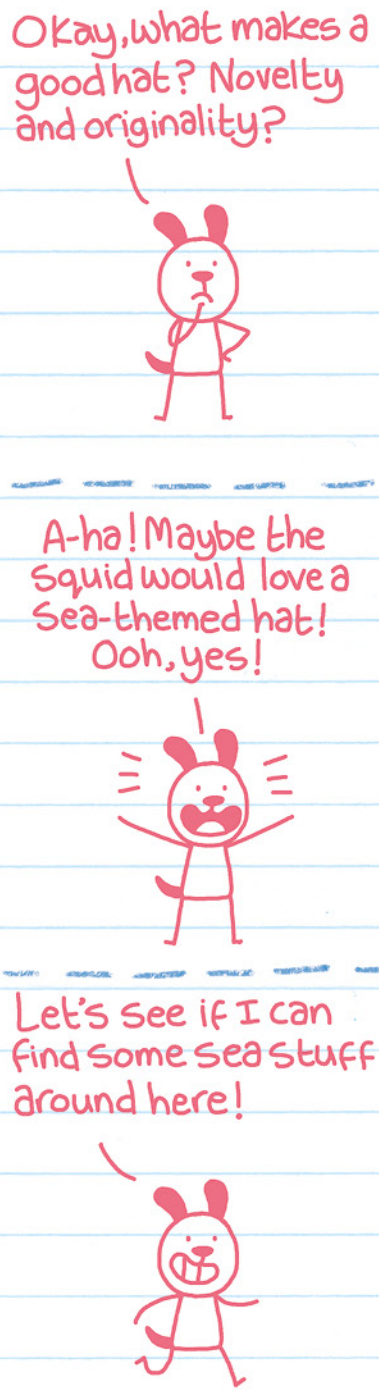

Iguana Cops Bulletin: WANTED!
5
4
3
2
Sammy "Stripes" McGee. Wanted for impersonating a racehorse.


World Record Penguin Pyramid!
!!!


But-!
My hat will be the best! The Squid will like me the most!
But we could make one together!
So long, Suckers!
Must make hat!
Love me, Squid!
Ha ha ha!
This feels like so much work!

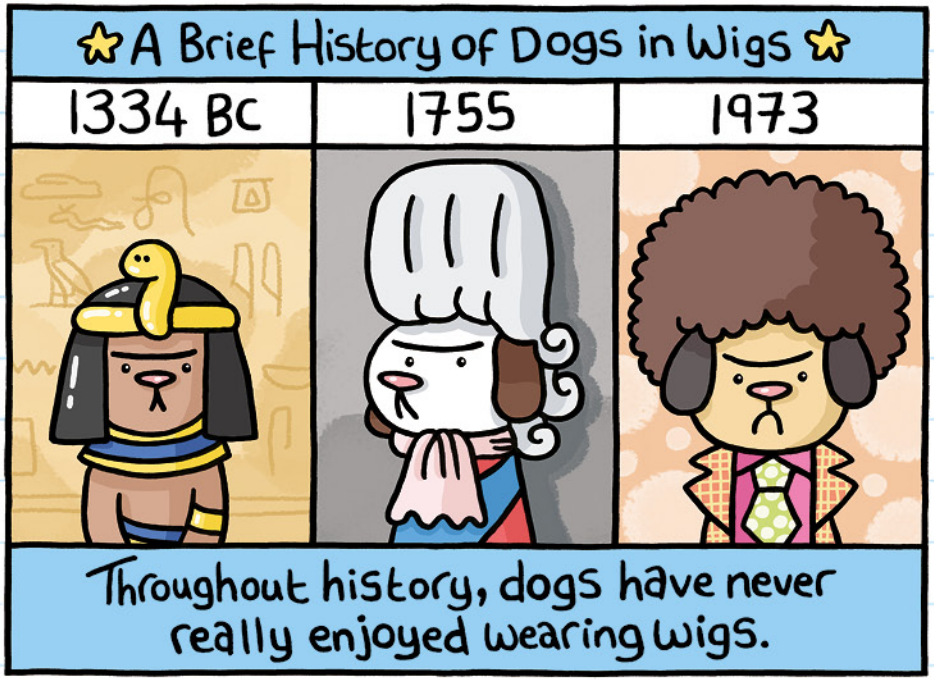

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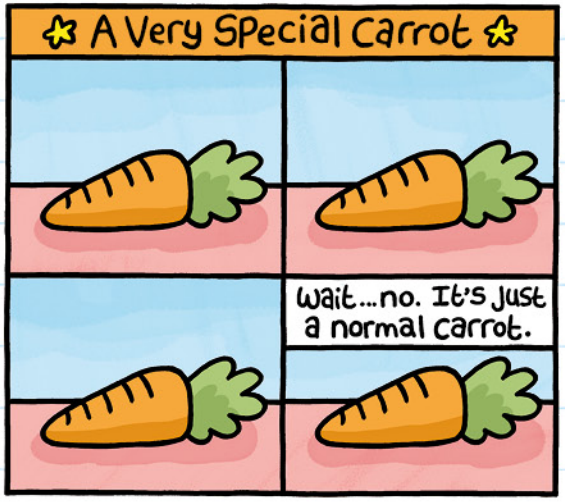




Build-a-shark kit!









Squid Bits Horoscopes!

Cancer, Leo, Pisces.

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



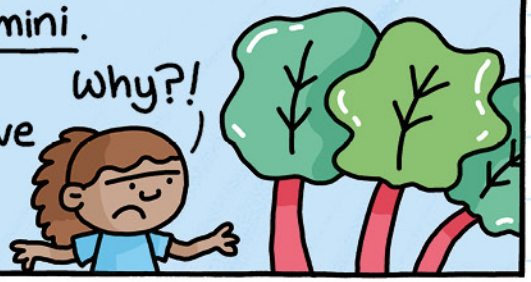
Aries, Taurus, Sagittarius.

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.



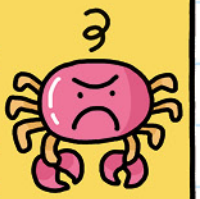
For Sale ★★★



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



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!



Totally Real Nature Guide!

Cut'n'keep for reference!

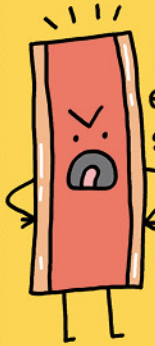
Moss Pups



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.

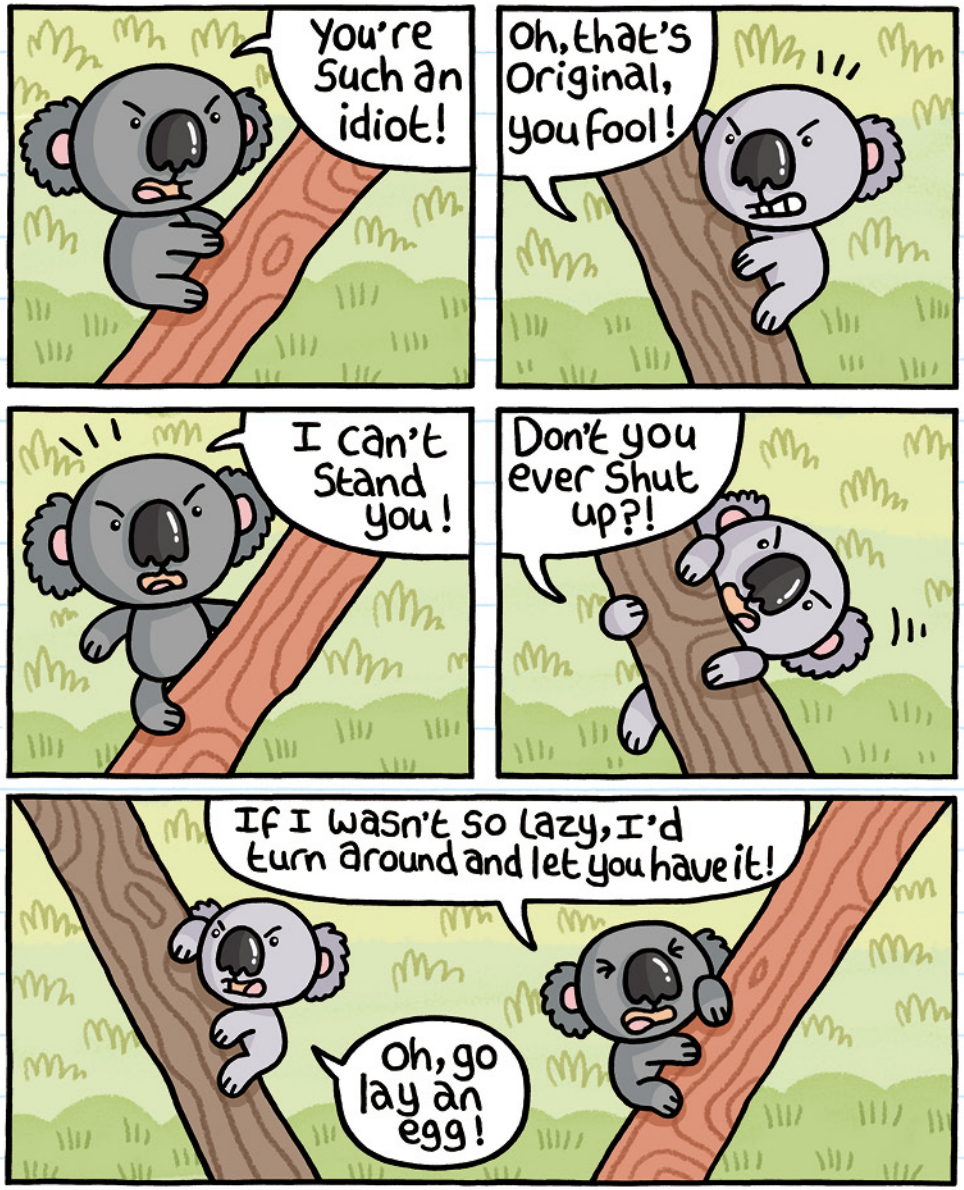
Dr Bacon's Clinic - Now Open!



I offer over 10 years of medical experience, not sandwich fillings, salad toppings or breakfast stuffs! Huff!



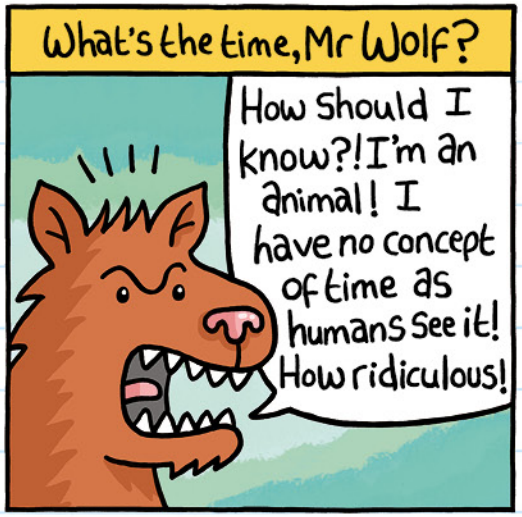
Koalas: Not Very Social

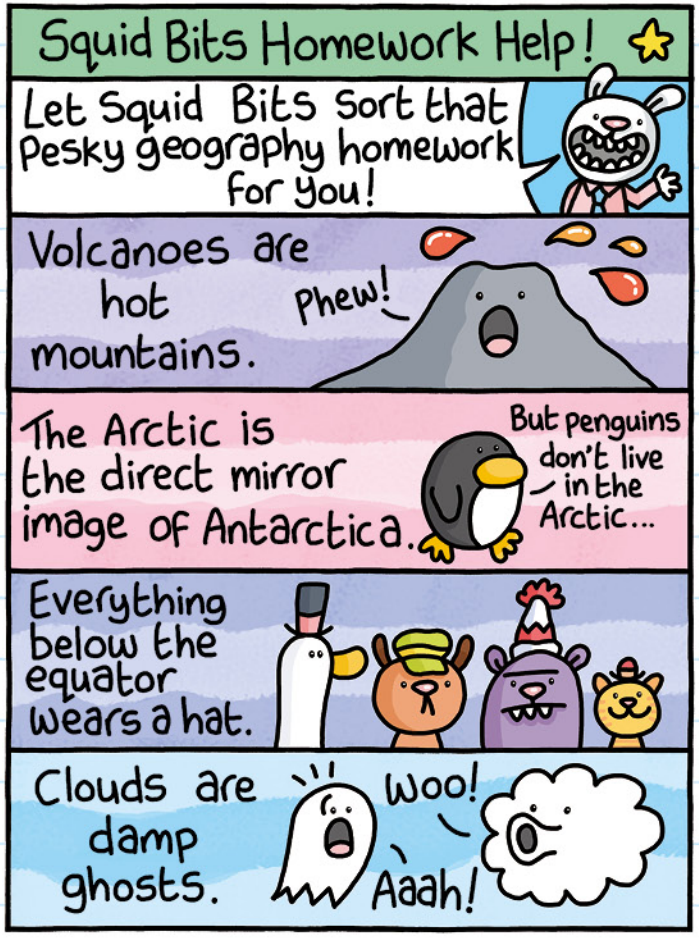


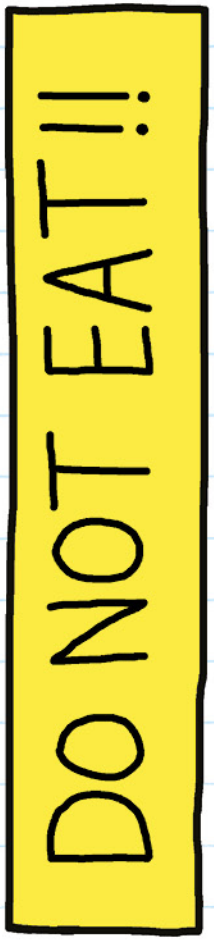
Hey, that's my kelp!




In the
OLden Days...
Achoo!
Very few things were in colour.


What's the time, Mr Wolf?
How should I know?! I'm an animal! I have no concept of time as humans see it! How ridiculous!


Squid Bits Homework Help!
Let Squid Bits sort that pesky geography homework for you!
Volcanoes are hot mountains.
Phew!
The Arctic is the direct mirror image of Antarctica.
But penguins don't live in the Arctic...
Everything below the equator wears a hat.
Clouds are damp ghosts.
Woo!
Aaah!


DO NOT EAT!!


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


Vote for President Dog!
?
He's cute and he wears a tie! What more could you want in a president?


Art Shark!
CHECK YOUR LIGHT SOURCE!
Yah!!
DID YOU PRIME YOUR CANVAS?!
Whimper!
WATCH YOUR PROPORTIONS!
Eeek!
This art class is too intense!
I'LL SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!!

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

Belch!

Rumble

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

#1

Supportive egg

Multiple wigs

Just leave me alone!

Teenage Werewolf

And the winner is...

...Teenage Werewolf!

This is so Cringe!

Show and Tell!

All right class! Time for show and tell!

This is my sea-shell collection!

This is my rabbit!

Hmph!

This is my Fabergé Egg!

This is Norlax, destroyer of galaxies!

Scream!!

He can speak French!

Bonjour!

Glue!

Snip!

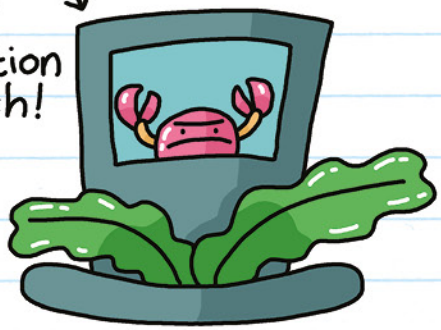
Tape!

Sounds of stuff being made!

Hey, this is pretty good!

SEA HAT

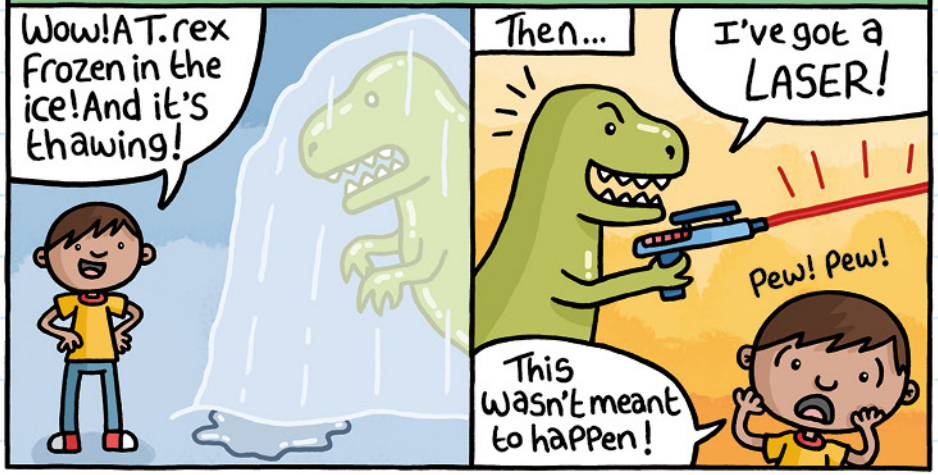
Crab observation booth!



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

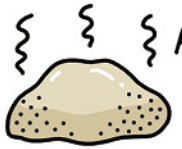


That Escalated Quickly...



Check list!

Make sure you have everything!



Ambergris ☐



Evil geode ☐



Trousers with massive pockets ☐



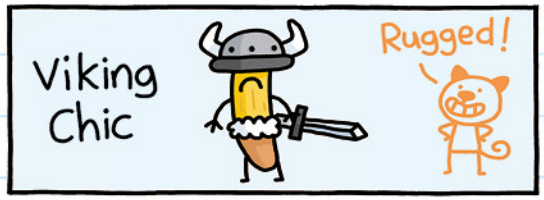
Angry fried egg ☐



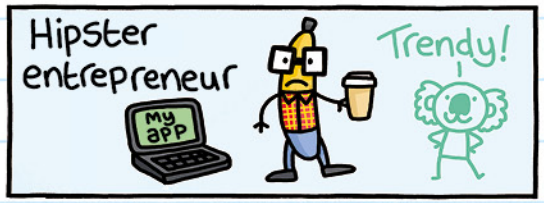
This ☐

You're all set!

Banana Style!









---Product Recall---

The Squid Bits Super Toilet!



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

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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



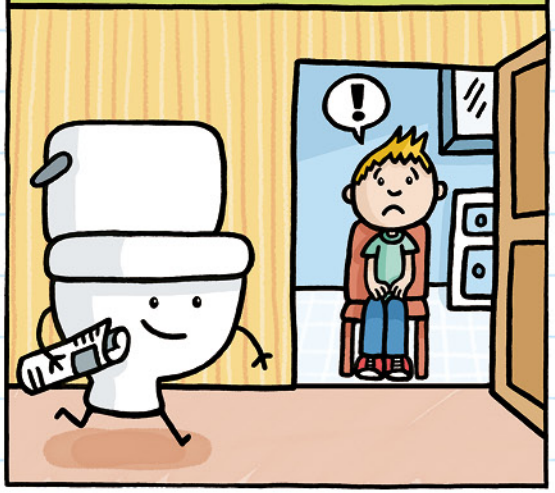
Your ticket!

RAFFLE

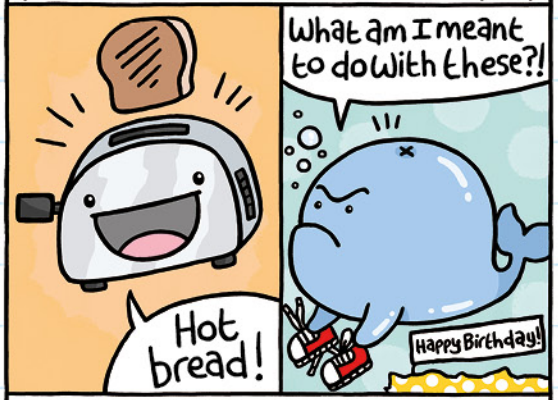
What kind of hat can I make? Hmm, a toilet hat, maybe?



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.



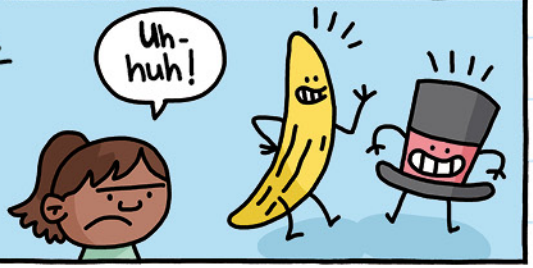
Virgo, Capricorn, Aquarius.

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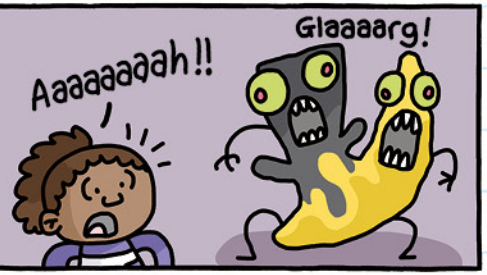
Scorpio, Aries, Pisces.

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



Gemini, Taurus, Libra.

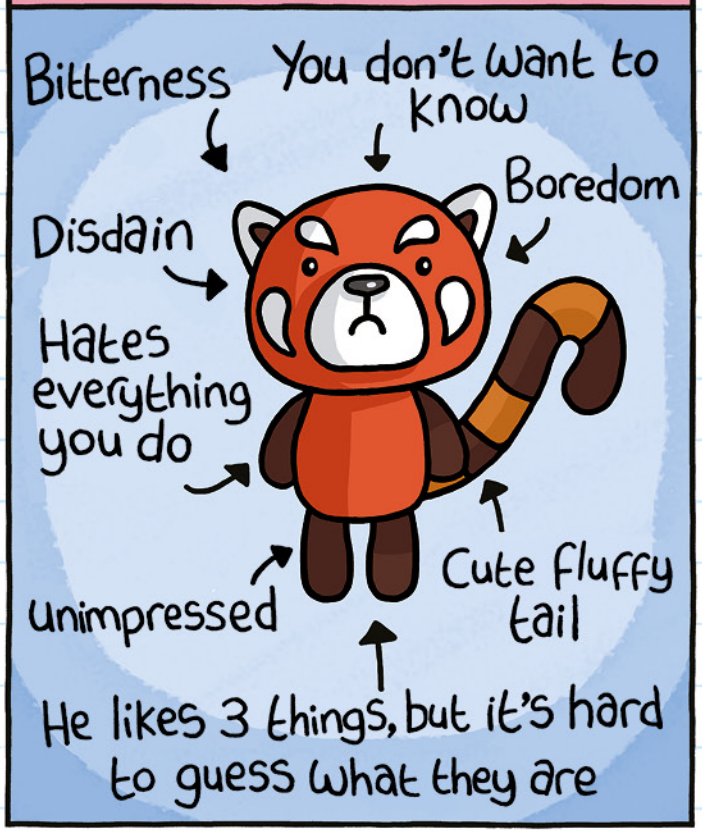
This week, a hat merged with a banana will bring you fortune.



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!!



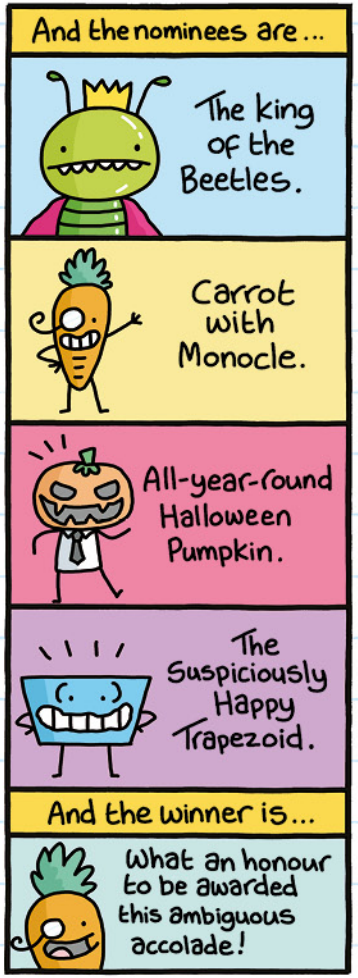


A Polite notice from Mr Wolf:



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





Frankenstein's Lobster





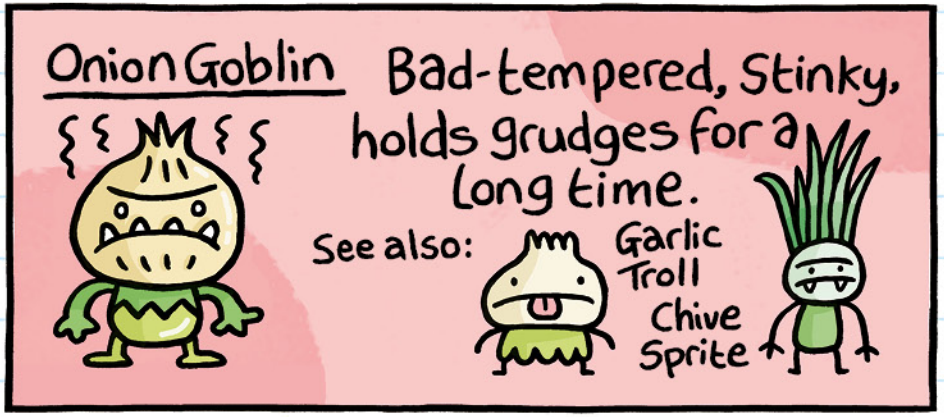




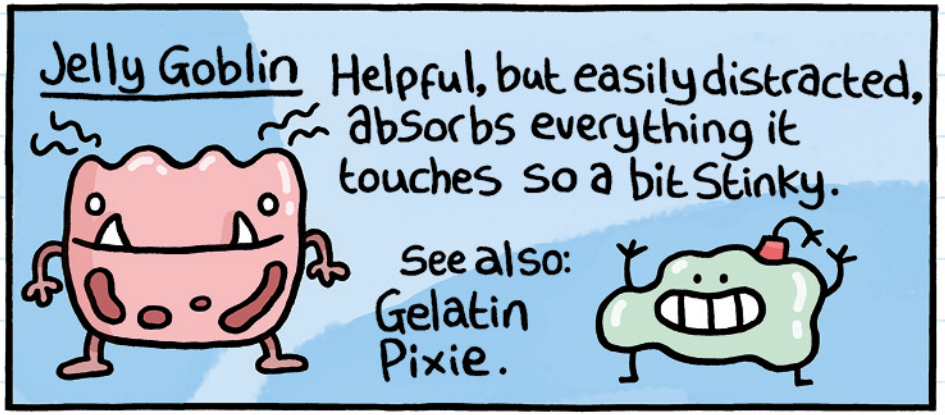
Oof, this page is a bit stinky! Hey, wait! Don't people think that stinky things are sophisticated? Things like...











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

CHEESE HAT







What Are You Haunting?



Business Bee!

