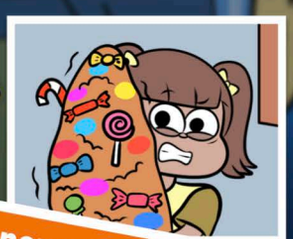
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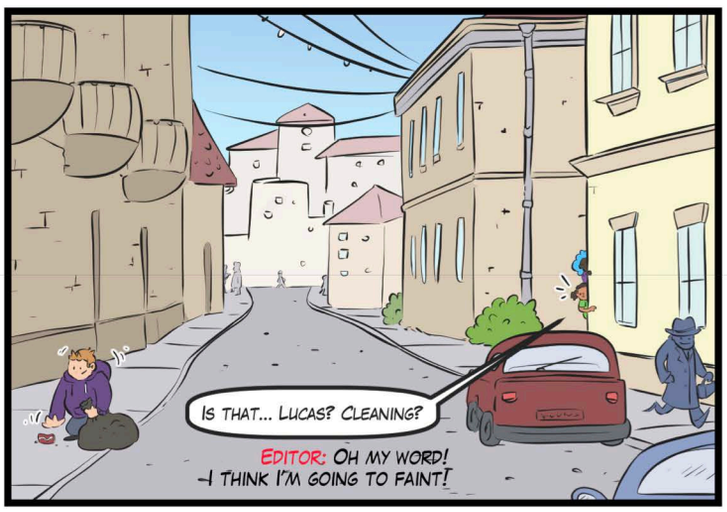


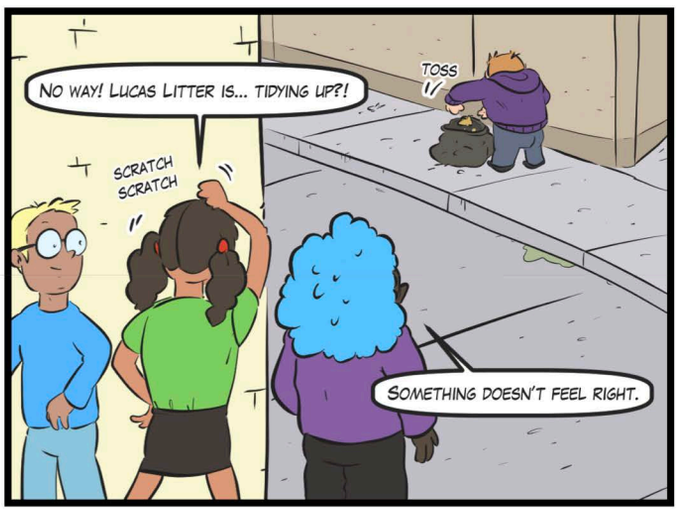
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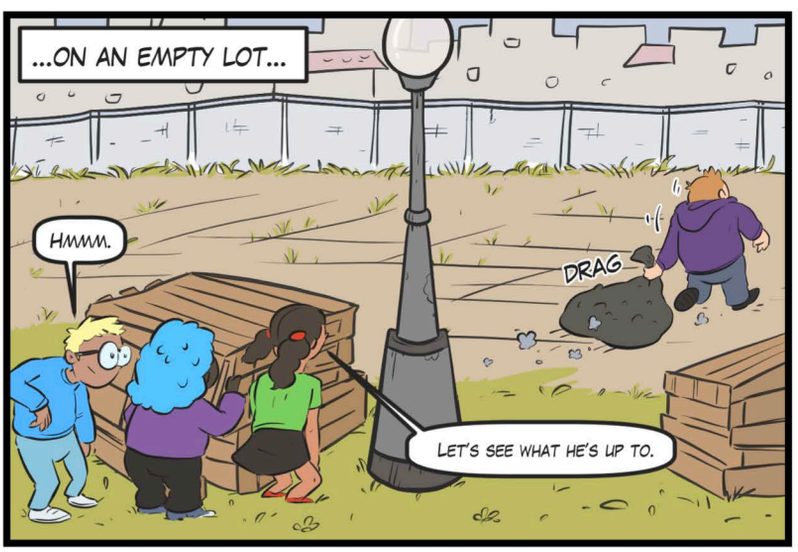
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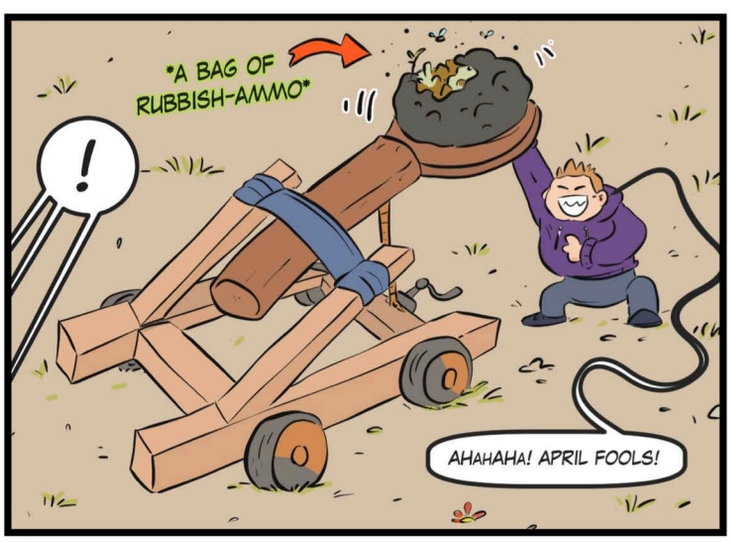
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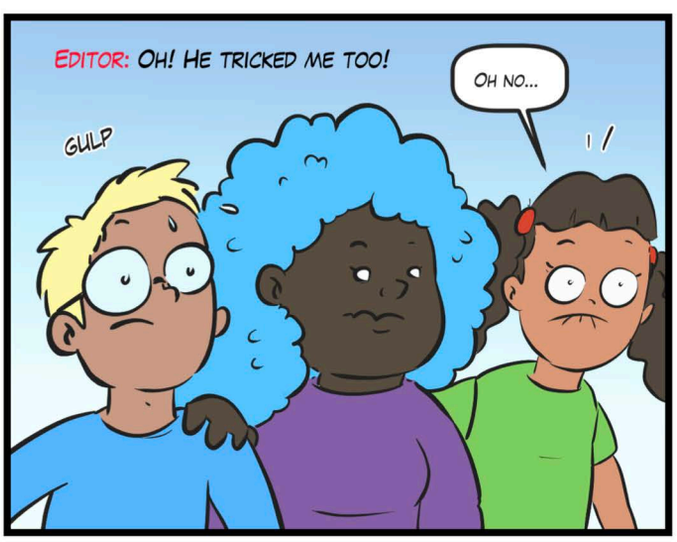




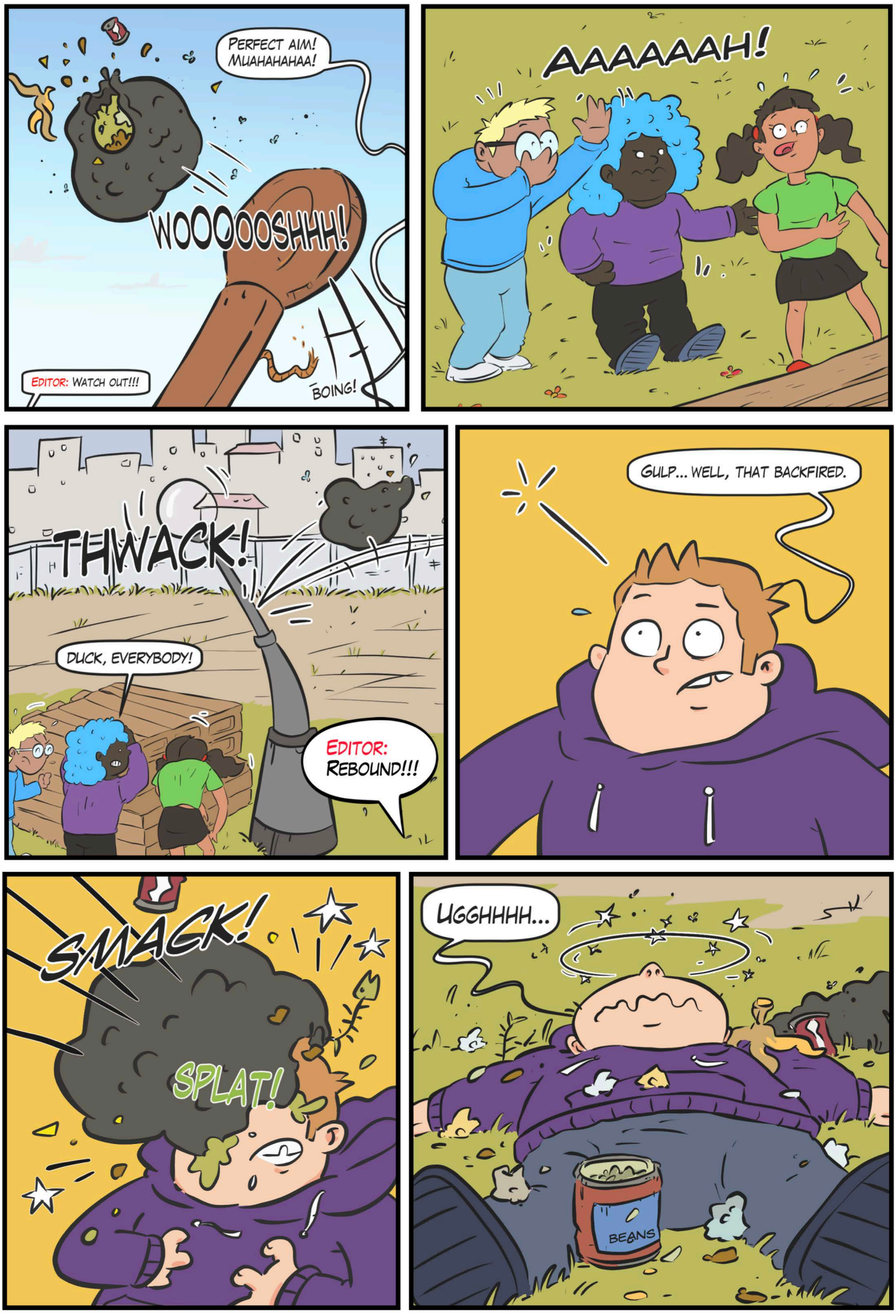


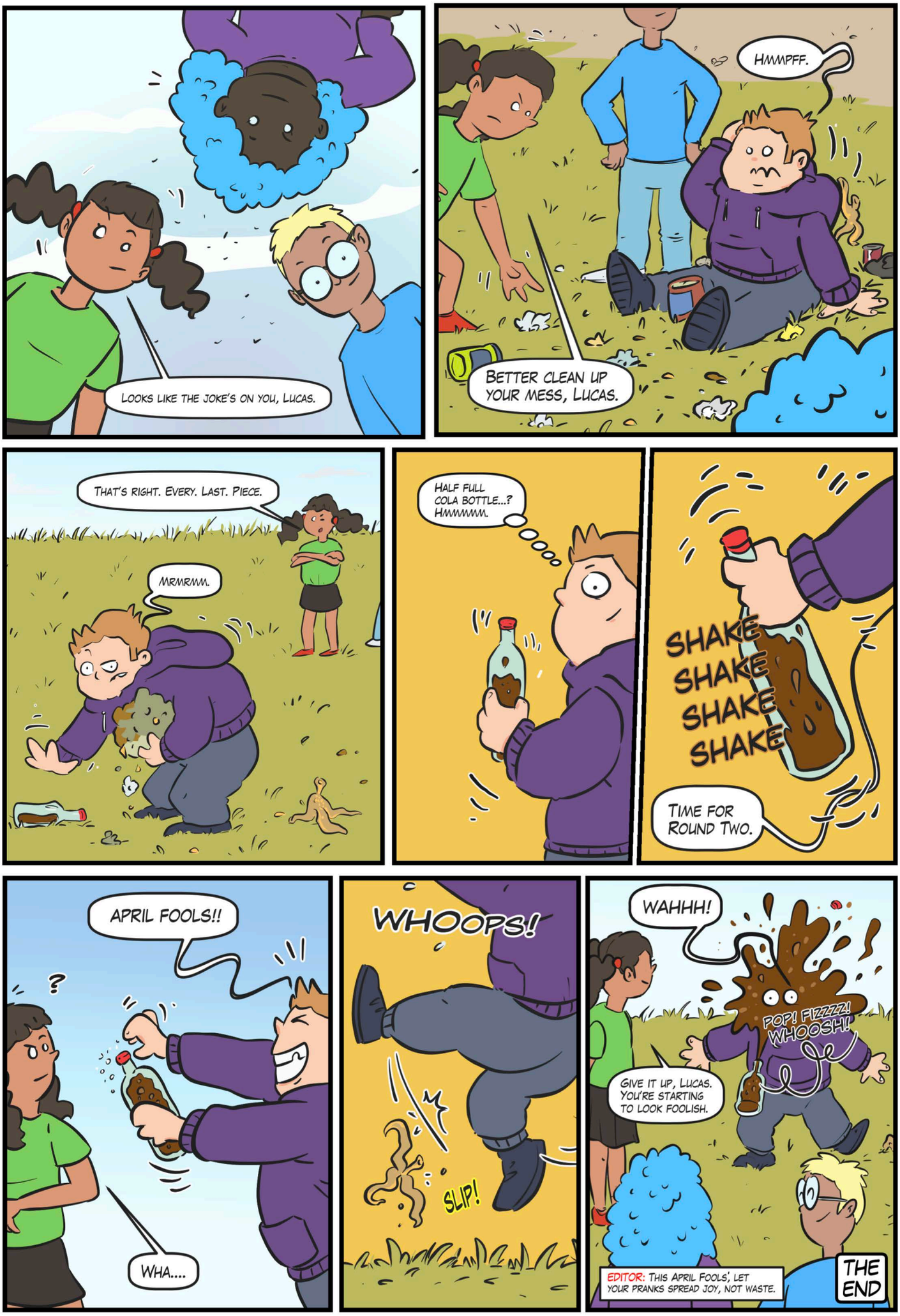




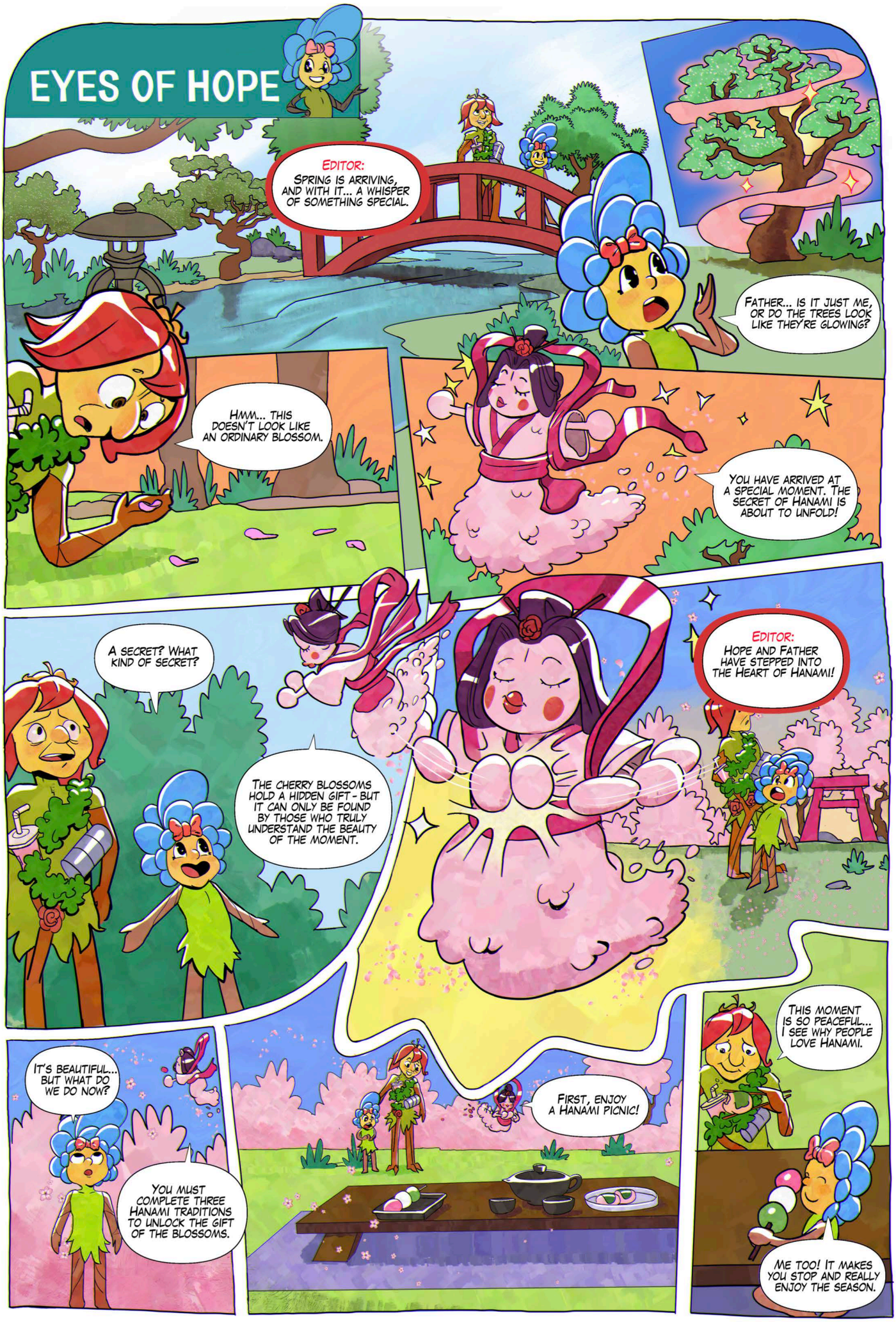


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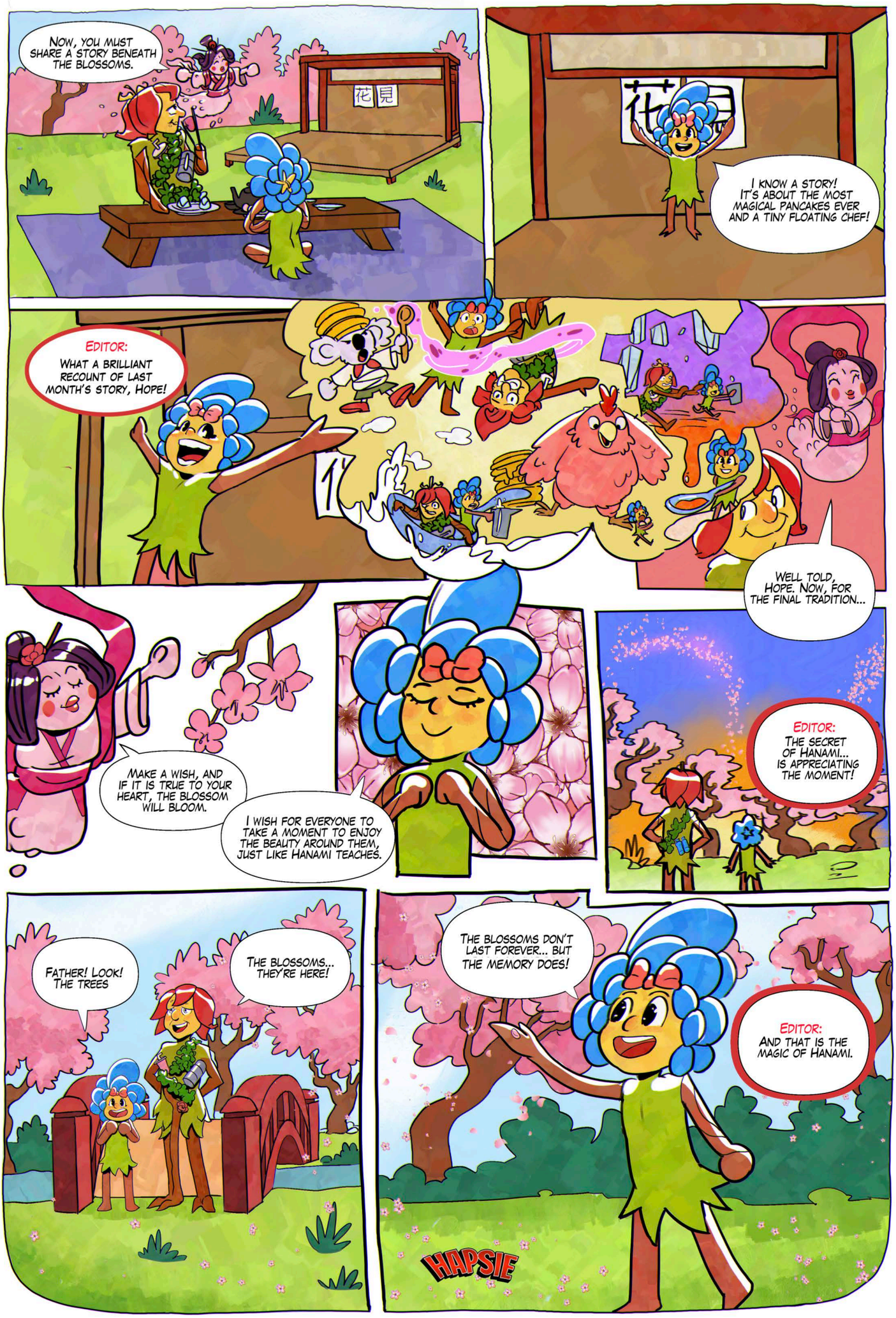

PERFECT AIM! MUAHAHAHAHAA!
WOOOOOSHHH!
EDITOR: WATCH OUT!!!
BOING!
AAAAAAAH!
THWACK!
DUCK, EVERYBODY!
EDITOR: REBOUND!!!
GULP... WELL, THAT BACKFIRED.
SMACK!
SPLAT!
UGGHHHH...
BEANS


LOOKS LIKE THE JOKE'S ON YOU, LUCAS.
HMMPFF.
BETTER CLEAN UP YOUR MESS, LUCAS.
THAT'S RIGHT. EVERY. LAST. PIECE.
MRMRMM.
HALF FULL COLA BOTTLE...? HMMMMM.
SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE
TIME FOR ROUND TWO.
APRIL FOOLS!!
?
WHA....
WHOOPS!
SLIP!
WAHHH!
POP! FIZZZZ! WHOOSH!
GIVE IT UP, LUCAS. YOU'RE STARTING TO LOOK FOOLISH.
EDITOR: THIS APRIL FOOLS', LET YOUR PRANKS SPREAD JOY, NOT WASTE.
THE END

EYES OF HOPE



WORDS: Bertie Stephens **ART:** Sreehari Panthalath **INTERVIEW:** Jane Howarth


NOW, YOU MUST SHARE A STORY BENEATH THE BLOSSOMS.
花見
I KNOW A STORY! IT'S ABOUT THE MOST MAGICAL PANCAKES EVER AND A TINY FLOATING CHEF!
EDITOR:
WHAT A BRILLIANT RECOUNT OF LAST MONTH'S STORY, HOPE!
WELL TOLD, HOPE. NOW, FOR THE FINAL TRADITION...
MAKE A WISH, AND IF IT IS TRUE TO YOUR HEART, THE BLOSSOM WILL BLOOM.
I WISH FOR EVERYONE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO ENJOY THE BEAUTY AROUND THEM, JUST LIKE HANAMI TEACHES.
EDITOR:
THE SECRET OF HANAMI... IS APPRECIATING THE MOMENT!
FATHER! LOOK! THE TREES
THE BLOSSOMS... THEY'RE HERE!
THE BLOSSOMS DON'T LAST FOREVER... BUT THE MEMORY DOES!
EDITOR:
AND THAT IS THE MAGIC OF HANAMI.
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HANAMI IS SO BEAUTIFUL! I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE FUN TO LEARN MORE ABOUT IT...

Hanami is a Japanese word that means 'flower viewing', but more specifically it refers to... enjoying cherry blossoms! Cherry trees and their blossoms are called sakura in Japanese. Each year, people rush to see the amazing clouds of pink and white blossoms, and tourists travel to Japan specially to join in. But they've got to be quick – sakura only lasts for about two weeks.

It's a way to welcome spring and appreciate those special moments that only last for a short time.

Japanese courtiers began celebrating blossom season way back in the 8th century, during a time called the Nara period.

After a while, wealthy citizens joined them – and eventually everyone could sit beneath the trees and enjoy the season.



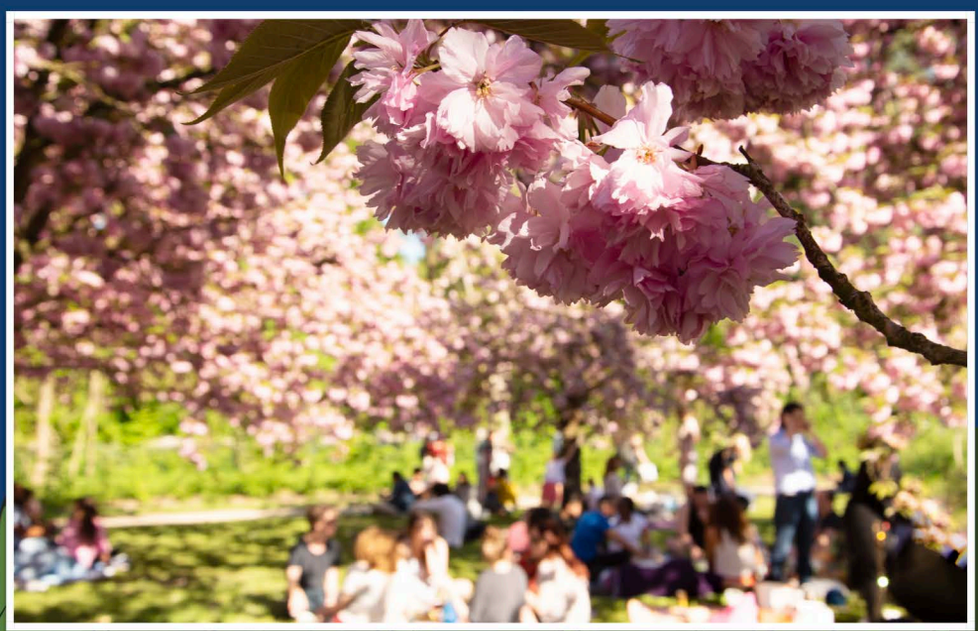


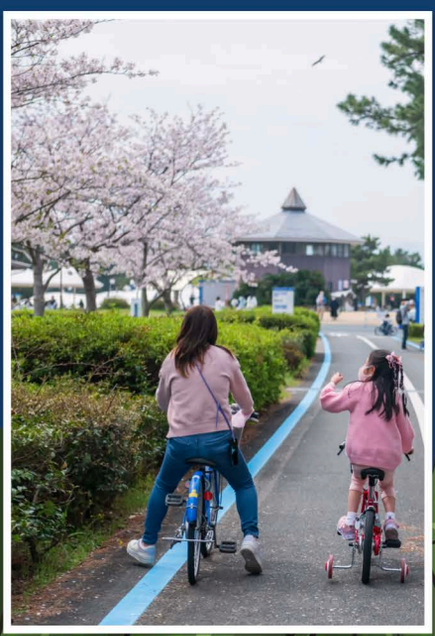
Like a lot of traditions, hanami comes with its own food! It's common to bring a picnic to share with family and friends under the blossom trees, including treats like sakura mochi – a springtime speciality made from sticky rice and red bean paste, wrapped in a specially prepared cherry blossom leaf. It's thought they were invented in a Tokyo teahouse over 300 years ago! You might also see hanami dango – skewered rice sweets in pink, white and green.



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Cherry blossoms bloom all over Japan, but at different times depending on the local climate. In warmer places like subtropical Okinawa, sakura appear in late January or February. Tokyo's cherry blossoms don't appear until March or April. Towns and cities all over the world hold their own cherry blossom festivals too – from Seoul in South Korea, to London in the UK, and Amsterdam in the Netherlands, where 400 Japanese cherry trees blossom each year.



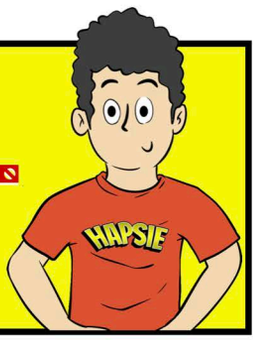


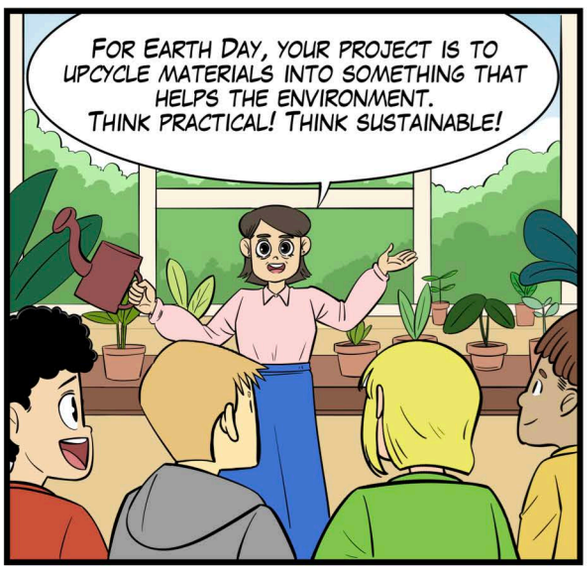
This Spring, why not try looking for sakura in your local park, enjoy a picnic under the trees, or simply appreciate the spring blossoms you see when you're out and about?

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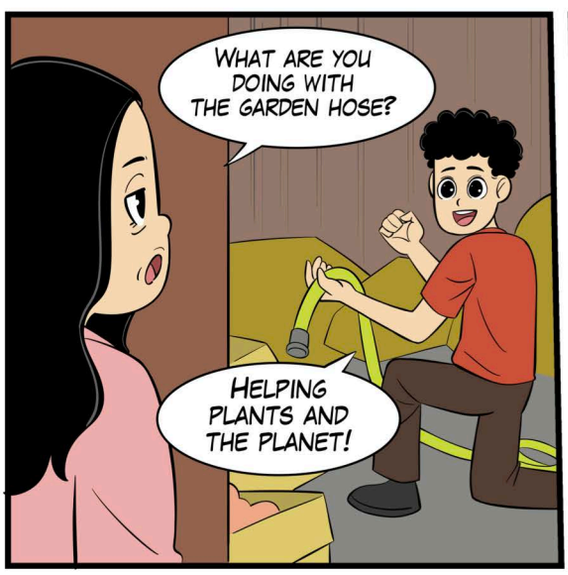
If there's life left in it, Michael won't bin it!









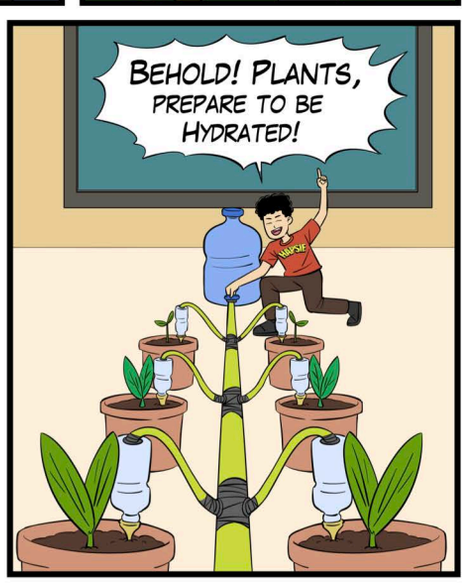






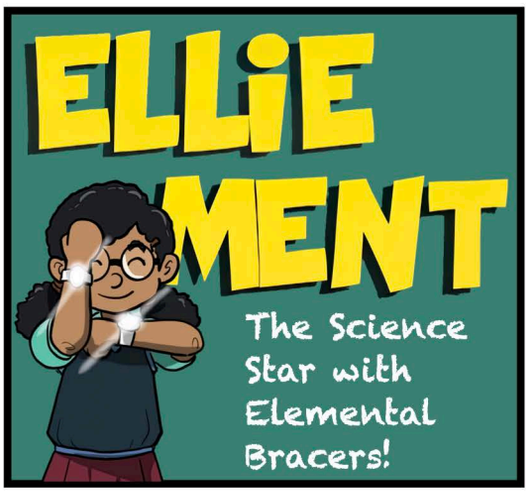


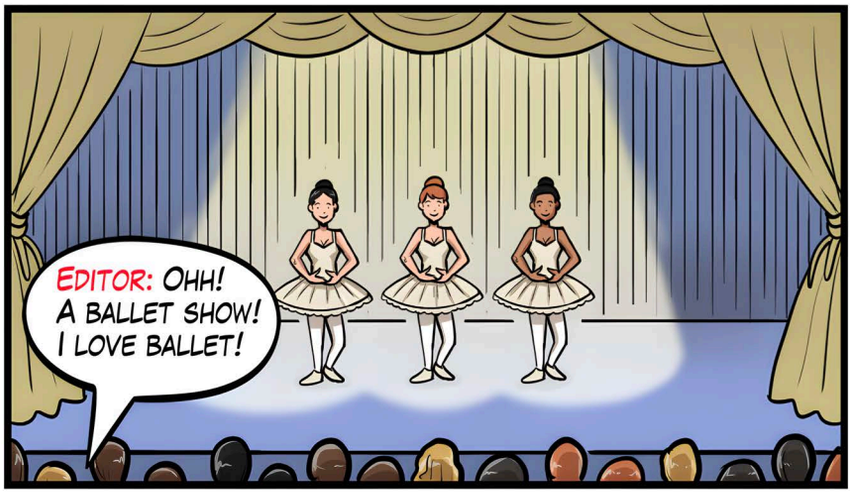


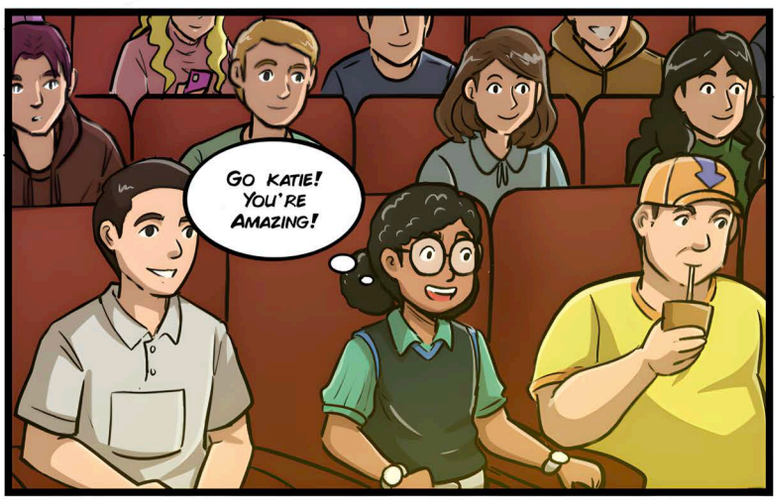


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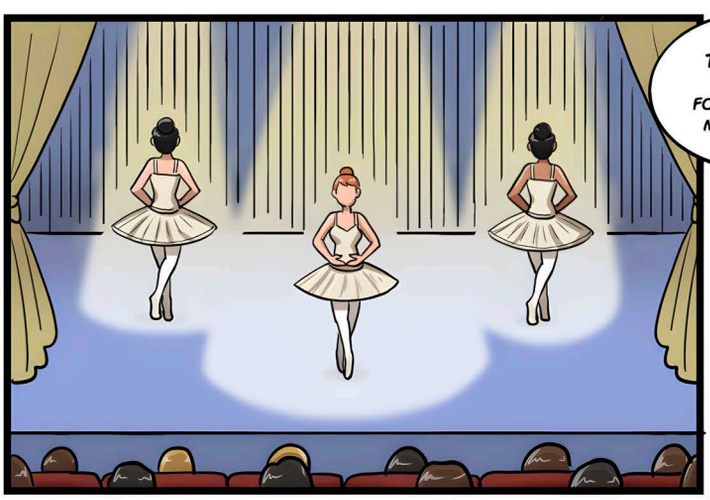

DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
SPLOOOOSHH!
HEY! MY JUMPER!
TAKE COVER
FLOK
MICHAEL, MAKE IT STOP!!!
EDITOR: MY KEYBOARD! IT'S SOAKED!
WHOOSSHH
SPLAAASSSSSHHH
EVERY TIME I HEAR 'MICHAEL,' I KNOW I NEED MY MOP...
ERR... WELL... THE PLANTS DID GET WATERED!
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MICHAEL, CLEAN THIS UP. AND NEXT TIME, TEST YOUR INVENTIONS MORE THAN ONCE!
ISN'T SCIENCE ALL ABOUT TESTING AND LEARNING?!
LATER THAT NIGHT...
AT LEAST IT'S NOT THE KITCHEN THIS TIME...
THIRD TIME'S THE CHARM!
THE NEXT DAY...
OH NO, NOT AGAIN...
HAPSIE
EDITOR:
READERS, UPCYCLING IS FUN!
BUT JUST REMEMBER...
PLAN CAREFULLY,
TEST YOUR IDEAS, AND KEEP
THE MESS UNDER CONTROL!

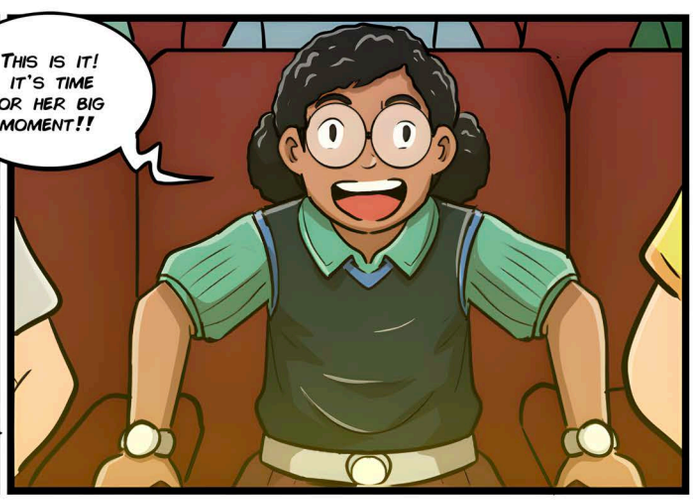


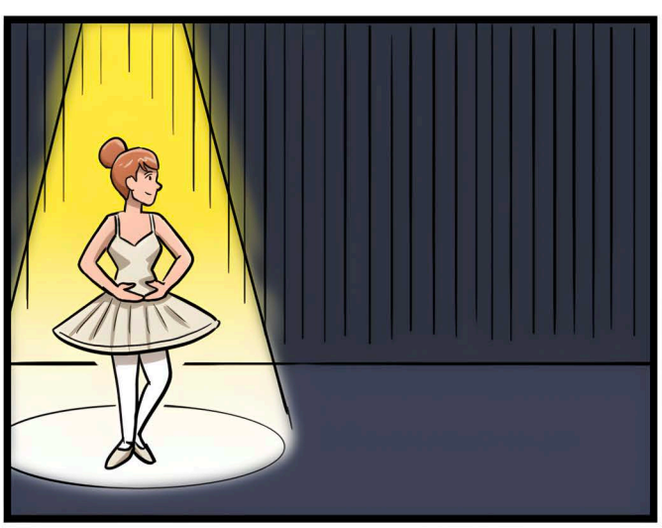






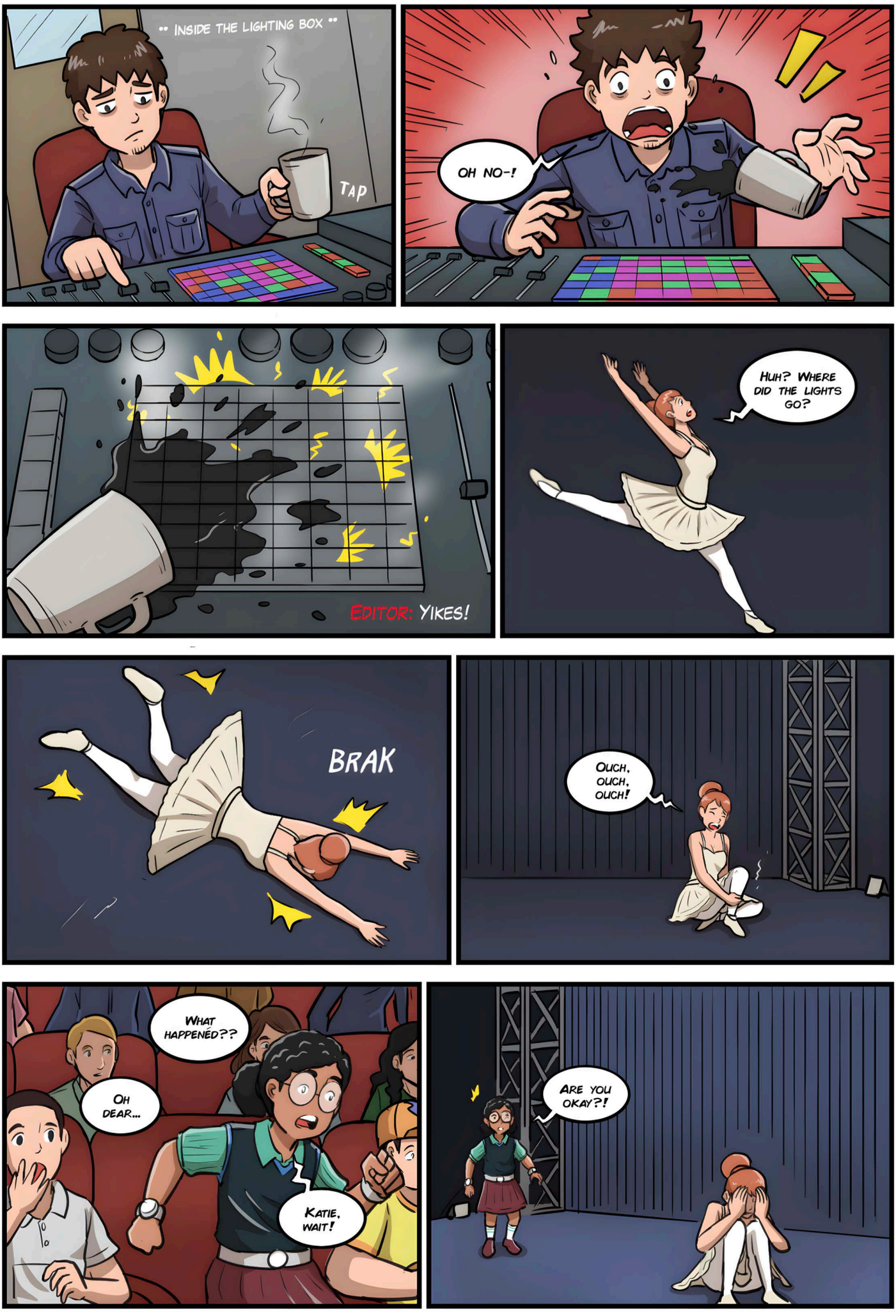


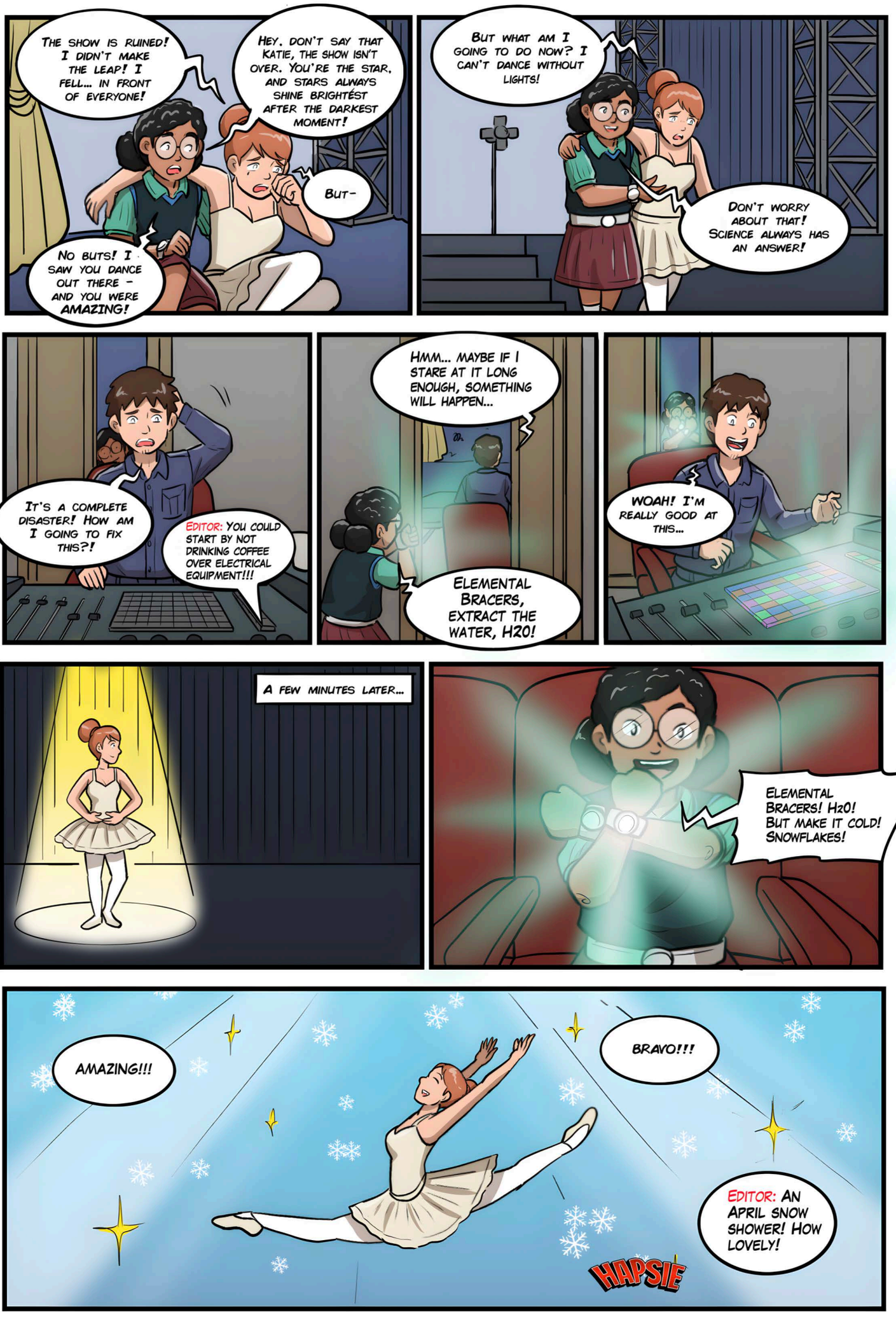






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•• INSIDE THE LIGHTING BOX ••
TAP
OH NO-!
EDITOR: YIKES!
HUH? WHERE DID THE LIGHTS GO?
BRAK
OUCH, OUCH, OUCH!
WHAT HAPPENED??
OH DEAR...
KATIE, WAIT!
ARE YOU OKAY?!


THE SHOW IS RUINED! I DIDN'T MAKE THE LEAP! I FELL... IN FRONT OF EVERYONE!
HEY. DON'T SAY THAT KATIE, THE SHOW ISN'T OVER. YOU'RE THE STAR, AND STARS ALWAYS SHINE BRIGHTEST AFTER THE DARKEST MOMENT!
BUT-
NO BUTS! I SAW YOU DANCE OUT THERE - AND YOU WERE AMAZING!
BUT WHAT AM I GOING TO DO NOW? I CAN'T DANCE WITHOUT LIGHTS!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT! SCIENCE ALWAYS HAS AN ANSWER!
IT'S A COMPLETE DISASTER! HOW AM I GOING TO FIX THIS?!
EDITOR: YOU COULD START BY NOT DRINKING COFFEE OVER ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT!!!
HMM... MAYBE IF I STARE AT IT LONG ENOUGH, SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN...
ELEMENTAL BRACERS, EXTRACT THE WATER, H2O!
WOAH! I'M REALLY GOOD AT THIS...
A FEW MINUTES LATER...
ELEMENTAL BRACERS! H2O! BUT MAKE IT COLD! SNOWFLAKES!
AMAZING!!!
BRAVO!!!
EDITOR: AN APRIL SNOW SHOWER! HOW LOVELY!
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Action Challenge

Blossom Survey



This month, I want you to create a blossom survey around the area where you live!

Why it's important...

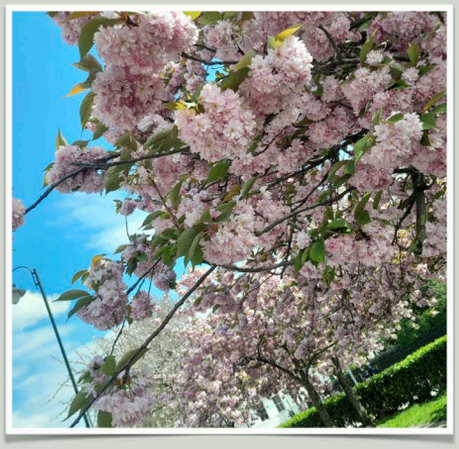
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Visitors travel from all over the world to see Japan's famous cherry blossoms, known as sakura. But climate change is making it harder to predict when the petals will appear, with warmer temperatures bringing the blossoms out earlier than ever before.

You don't have to get on a plane to see blossoms, though – they're all around us! And spring blossoms can tell us how trees are adapting to our changing temperatures.

How can you help?

1. Appreciate the changes nature brings with every season.
2. Pay attention when it's telling us something.
3. Take action to help the planet whenever you can.



Adah's Action Challenge:



The Challenge: Create a blossom survey!

Record the blossoms you find near your home or in a local park or woodland.

Think about when they blossom, which colours they are… Then make your own chart or come up with a system to record your research!

Things to think about: Can you find out which type of tree they belong to? How many different types are there? Do some blossoms appear later than others? When do they start to fall?

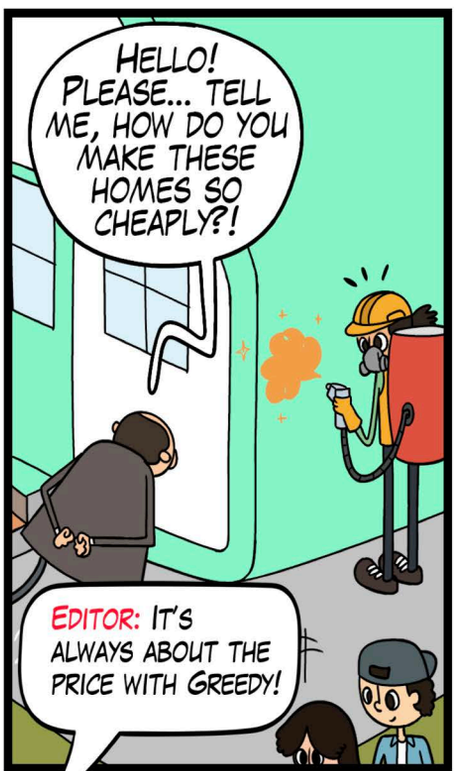
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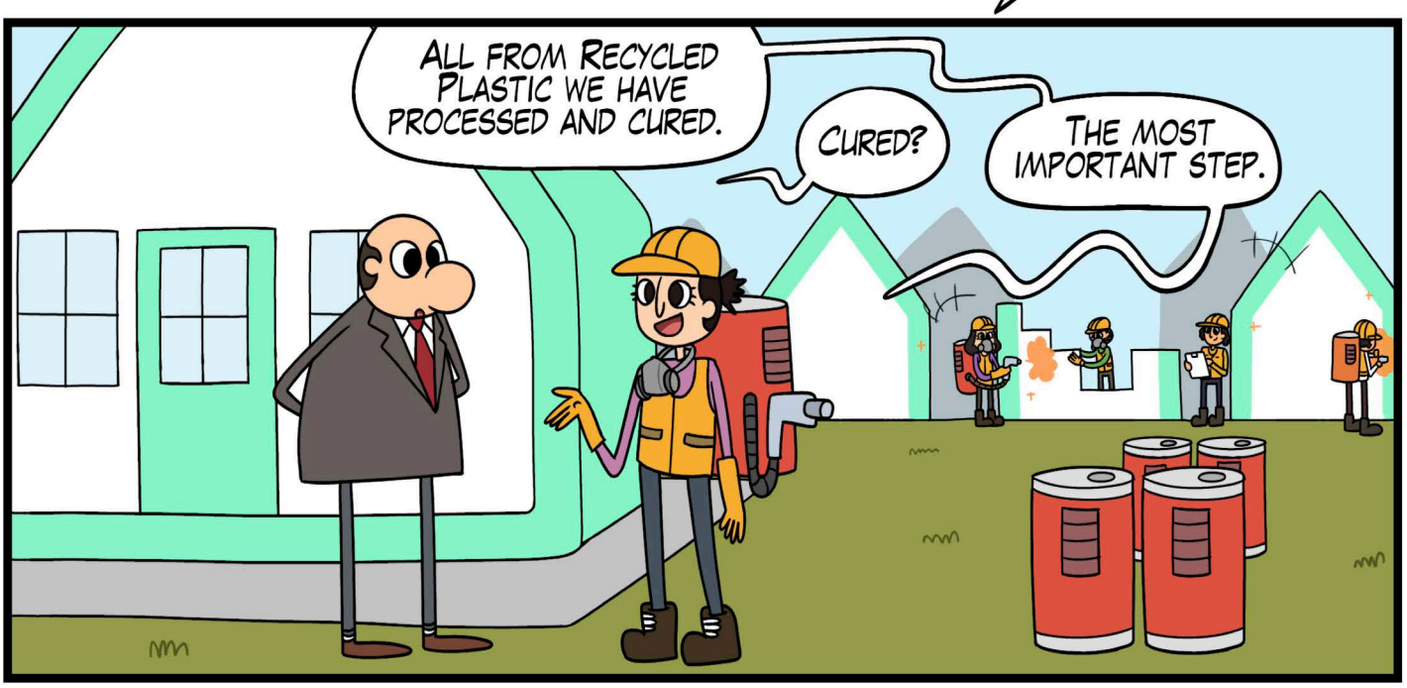
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THE BUSINESSMAN WHO'S ALL ABOUT THE GREEN...







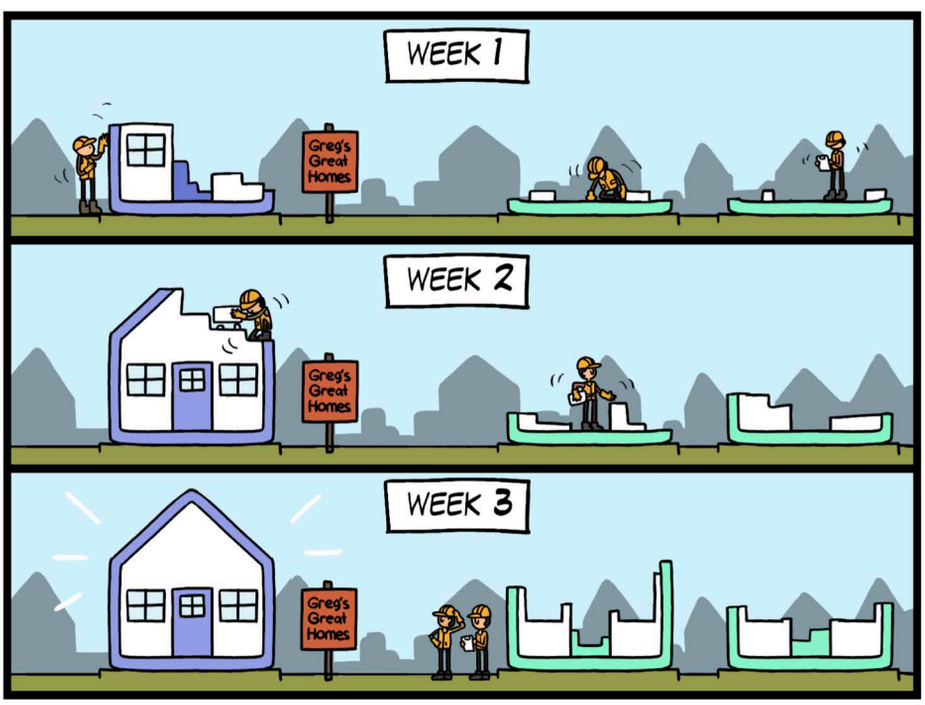


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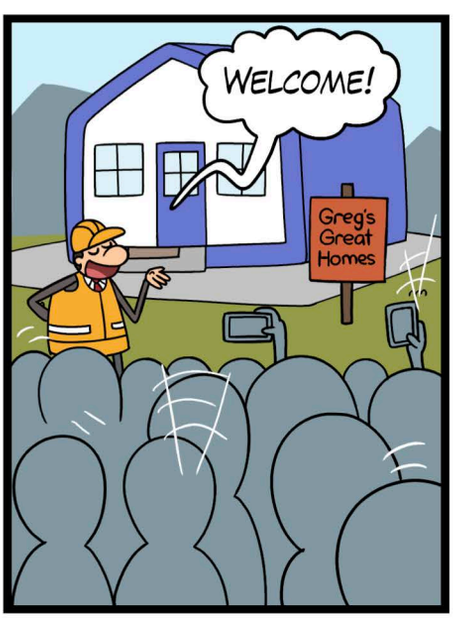

CURING MAKES THE PROCESS TWICE AS LONG...
THAT'S NOT GOOD
...BUT IT GUARANTEES THE PLASTIC WALLS ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO STAND ON ITS OWN.


SKIPPING THE CURING IS FASTER BUT IT RUNS THE RISK OF BREAKING DOWN.

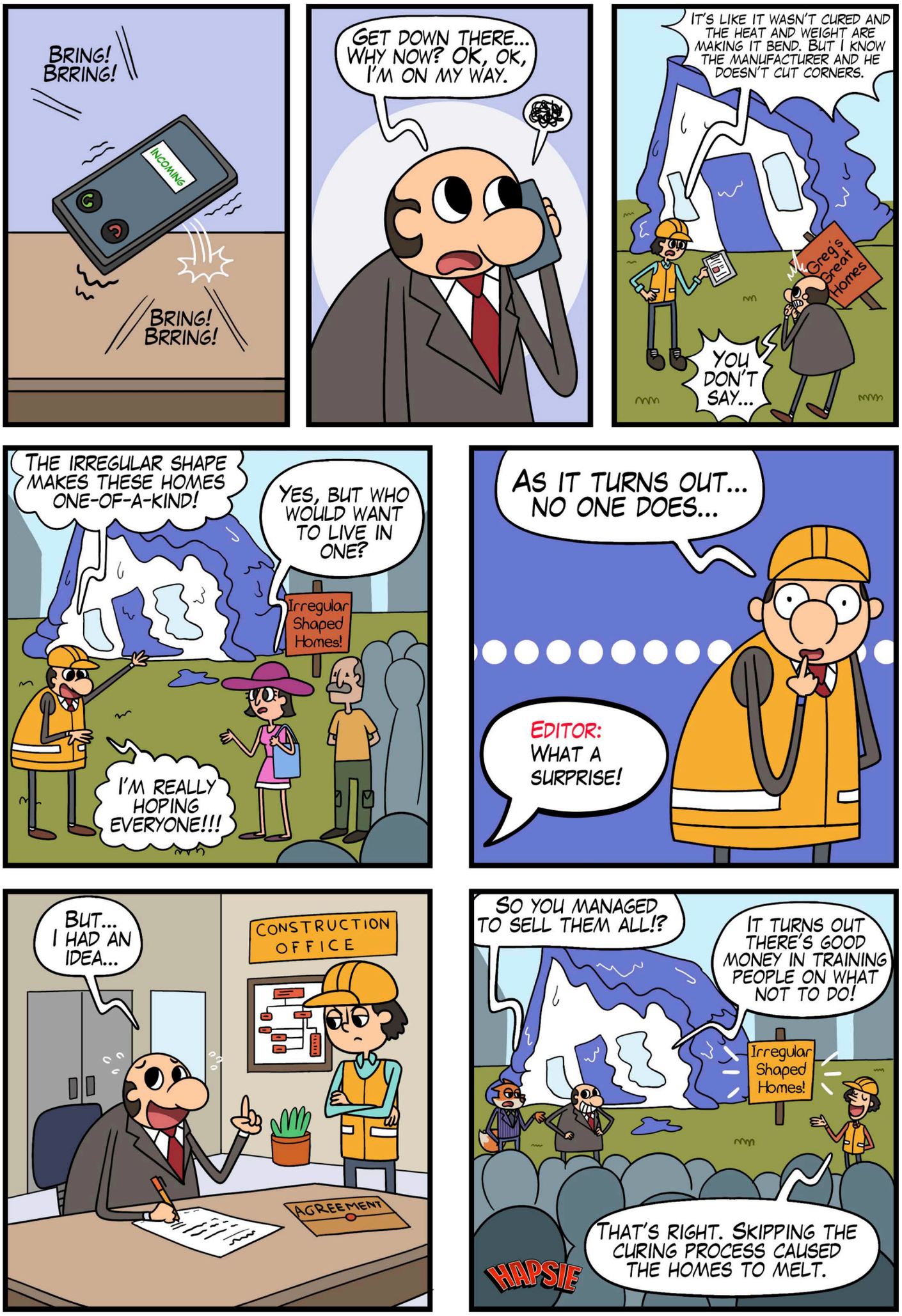

DO YOUR BEST. I TRUST YOU...


WEEK 1
Greg's Great Homes
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Greg's Great Homes


EDITOR: WHAT HAVE YOU DONE, GREEDY? WHAT HAVE YOU DONE...

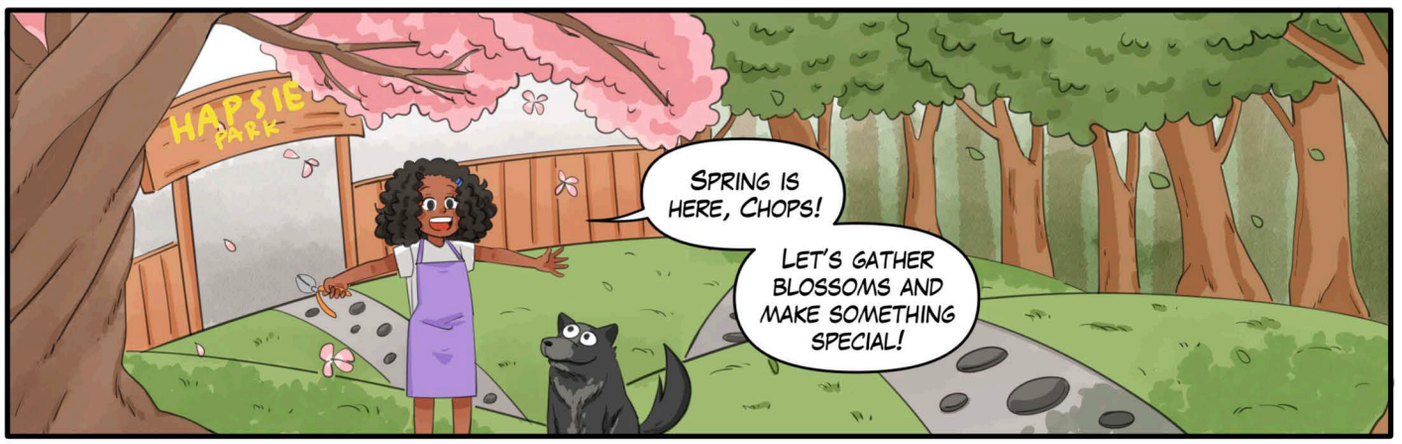

WELCOME!
Greg's Great Homes


TEMPERATURES RISING TO 33 DEGREES CELSIUS, VERY UNUSUAL FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR....
NEWS
YES, A BEAUTIFUL DAY, INDEED.


BRING! BRRING!
INCOMING
BRING! BRRING!
GET DOWN THERE... WHY NOW? OK, OK, I'M ON MY WAY.
IT'S LIKE IT WASN'T CURED AND THE HEAT AND WEIGHT ARE MAKING IT BEND. BUT I KNOW THE MANUFACTURER AND HE DOESN'T CUT CORNERS.
Greg's Great Homes
YOU DON'T SAY...
THE IRREGULAR SHAPE MAKES THESE HOMES ONE-OF-A-KIND!
YES, BUT WHO WOULD WANT TO LIVE IN ONE?
Irregular Shaped Homes!
I'M REALLY HOPING EVERYONE!!!
AS IT TURNS OUT... NO ONE DOES...
EDITOR: WHAT A SURPRISE!
BUT... I HAD AN IDEA...
CONSTRUCTION OFFICE
AGREEMENT
SO YOU MANAGED TO SELL THEM ALL!?
IT TURNS OUT THERE'S GOOD MONEY IN TRAINING PEOPLE ON WHAT NOT TO DO!
Irregular Shaped Homes!
THAT'S RIGHT. SKIPPING THE CURING PROCESS CAUSED THE HOMES TO MELT.
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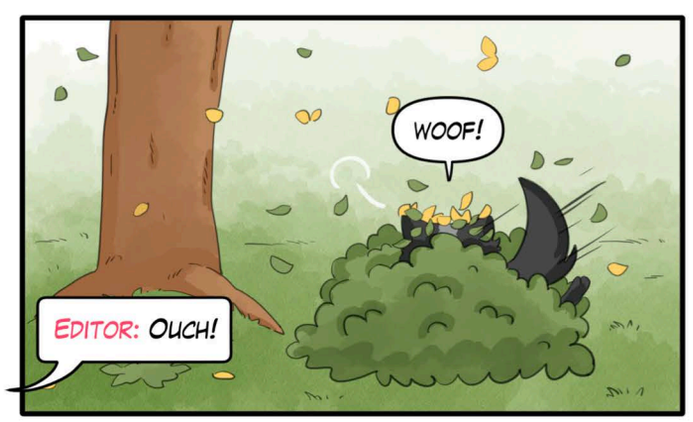
CHUKCY CHORES

LOVES TO HELP, HATES INSTRUCTIONS!









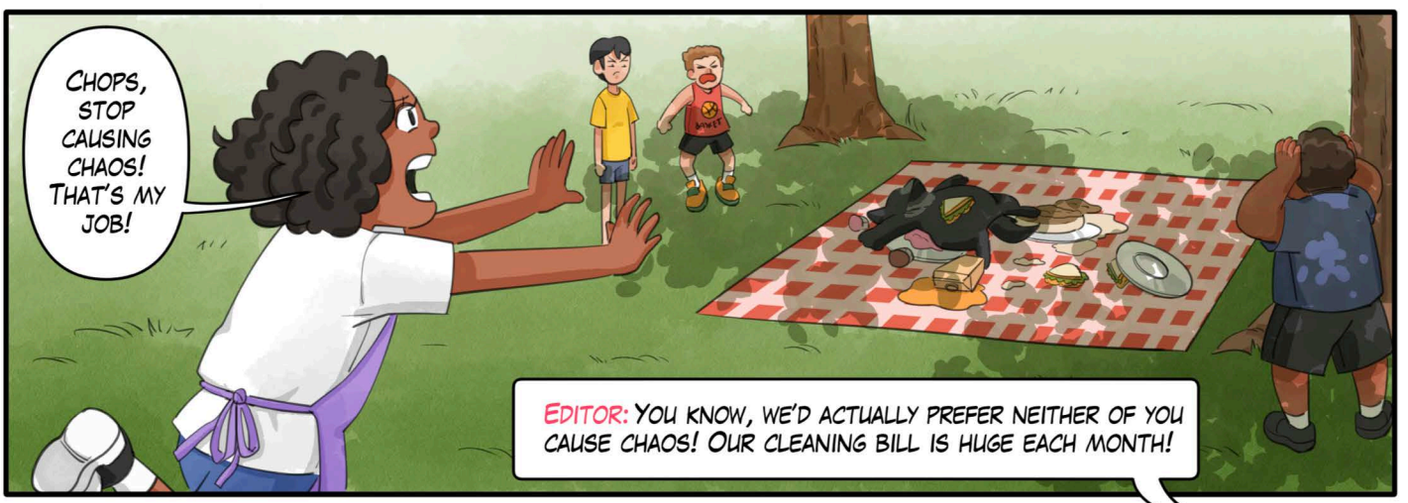






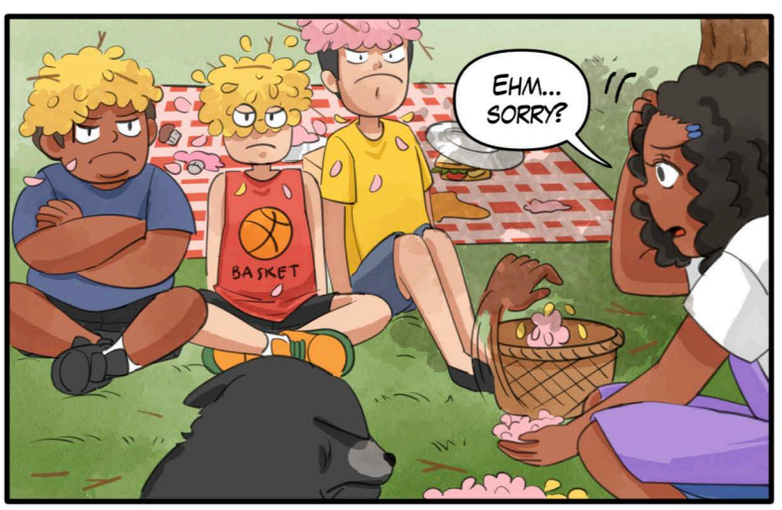
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BASKET


CHOPS, STOP CAUSING CHAOS! THAT'S MY JOB!
EDITOR: YOU KNOW, WE'D ACTUALLY PREFER NEITHER OF YOU CAUSE CHAOS! OUR CLEANING BILL IS HUGE EACH MONTH!


CHOPS, YOU'RE MAKING IT WORSE!


AGHHH!
ACHOO!

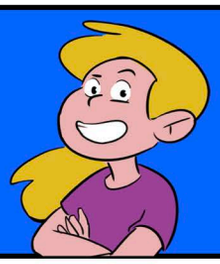

EHM... SORRY?
BASKET

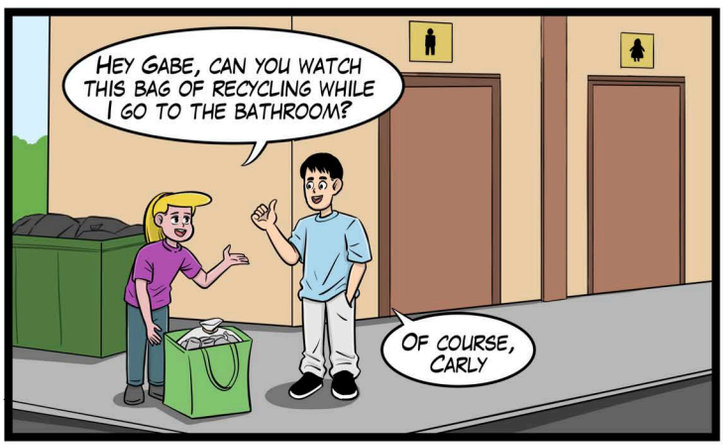

ACHOO!

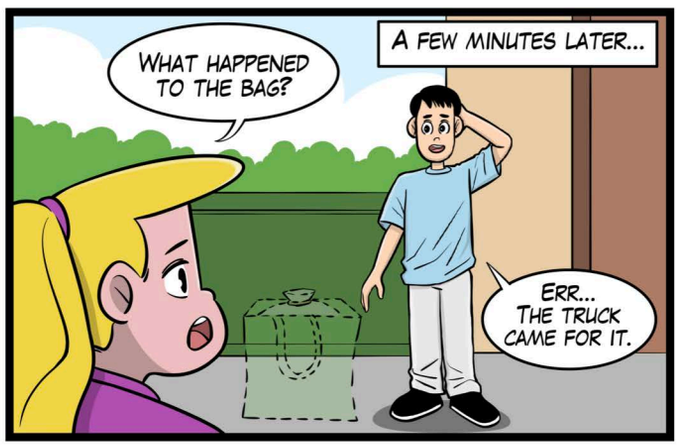

NOT AGAIN! CHOPS I THINK YOU MIGHT HAVE HAY FEVER!
HA, DOESN'T LOOK LIKE YOU MIND THOUGH...
WE'LL TURN THIS MESS INTO SOMETHING AMAZING!
BEAUTIFUL SMELLING BAGS OF POTPOURRI!
WHOOSH
EDITOR: WOW! THEY LOOK AMAZING! SO COOL!
YOU'RE LUCKY YOU'RE SO CUTE, CHOPS!
THANK YOU, CHUCKY!
EDITOR: READERS, SPRING CAN BE WILD, MESSY, AND FULL OF SURPRISES, BUT IT'S ALWAYS AN ADVENTURE WORTH SHARING! WHAT WILL YOU CREATE FROM THE BEAUTY OF THE SEASON?

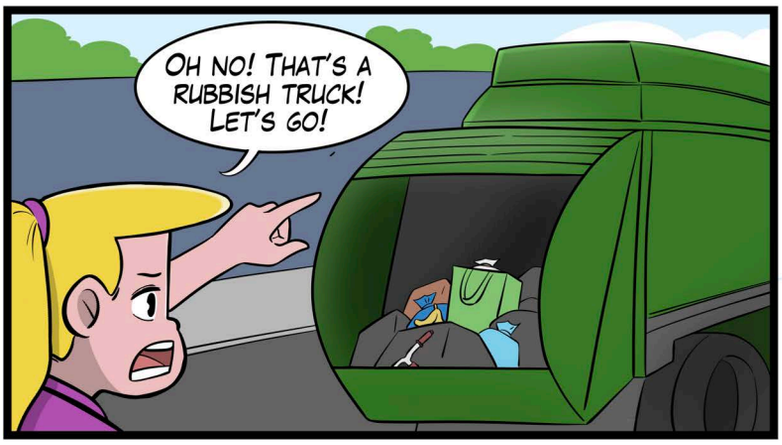
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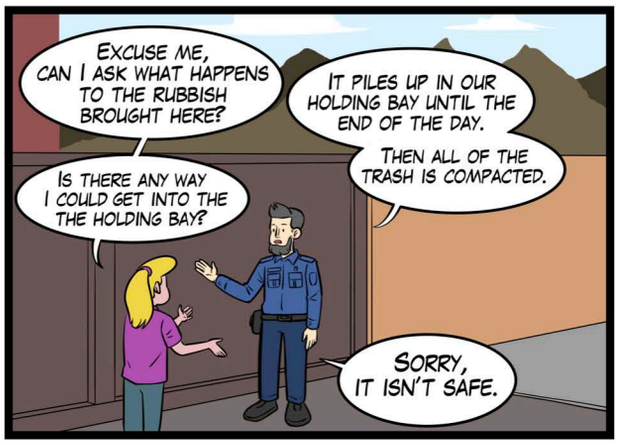
Tricking grownups into being better!























WORDS: Joseph Jasionowski **ART:** Satria Jusar


OH NO...
YIKES! I NEED A CUNNING CARLY FOR THIS CUNNING CARLY!
VRRRRRRRR...
CRUNCH
THERE MUST BE SOMETHING IN HERE THAT I CAN USE.
PERFECT! I CAN USE THIS TO HOLD UP THE GARBAGE PRESS!
IT WORKED!
CRRRRRRRKKK
COME ON, WHY ISN'T THERE ANYTHING ELSE...
THIS IS GOING TO BE TIGHT...
CTAANKK!
PHEW! IT WORKED!
OH NO...
WHOAAAAAAAAA AAAAAAAAAAA AAAAAAAAA!
WORTH IT! THE RECYCLABLES ARE SAFE.
HAPSIE
EDITOR: CARLY! YOU HAD US ALL WORRIED THERE!

IGNORANT IKE

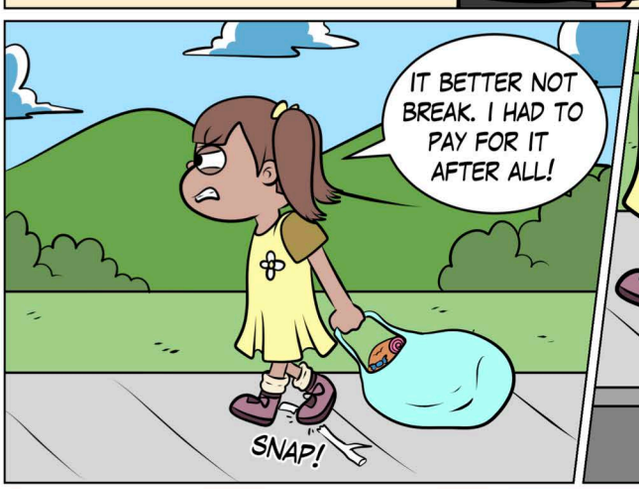


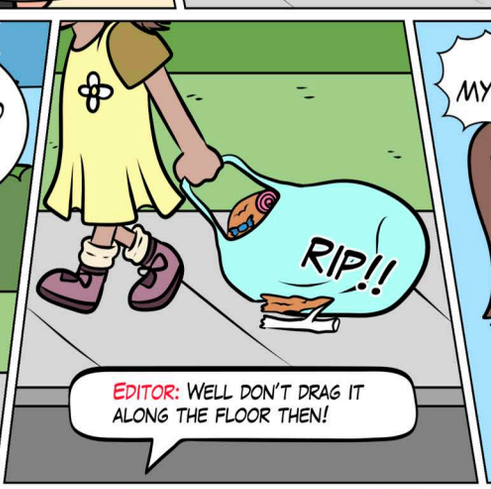




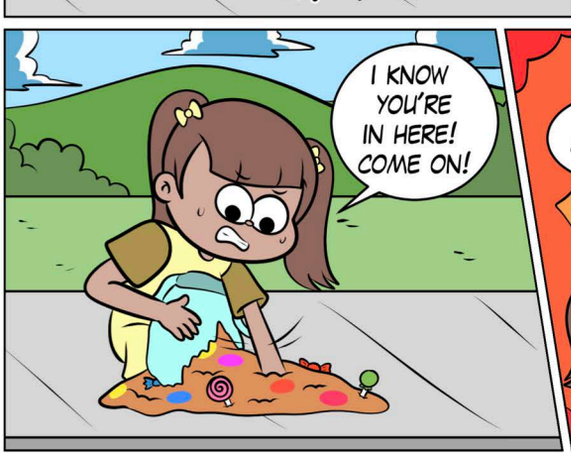








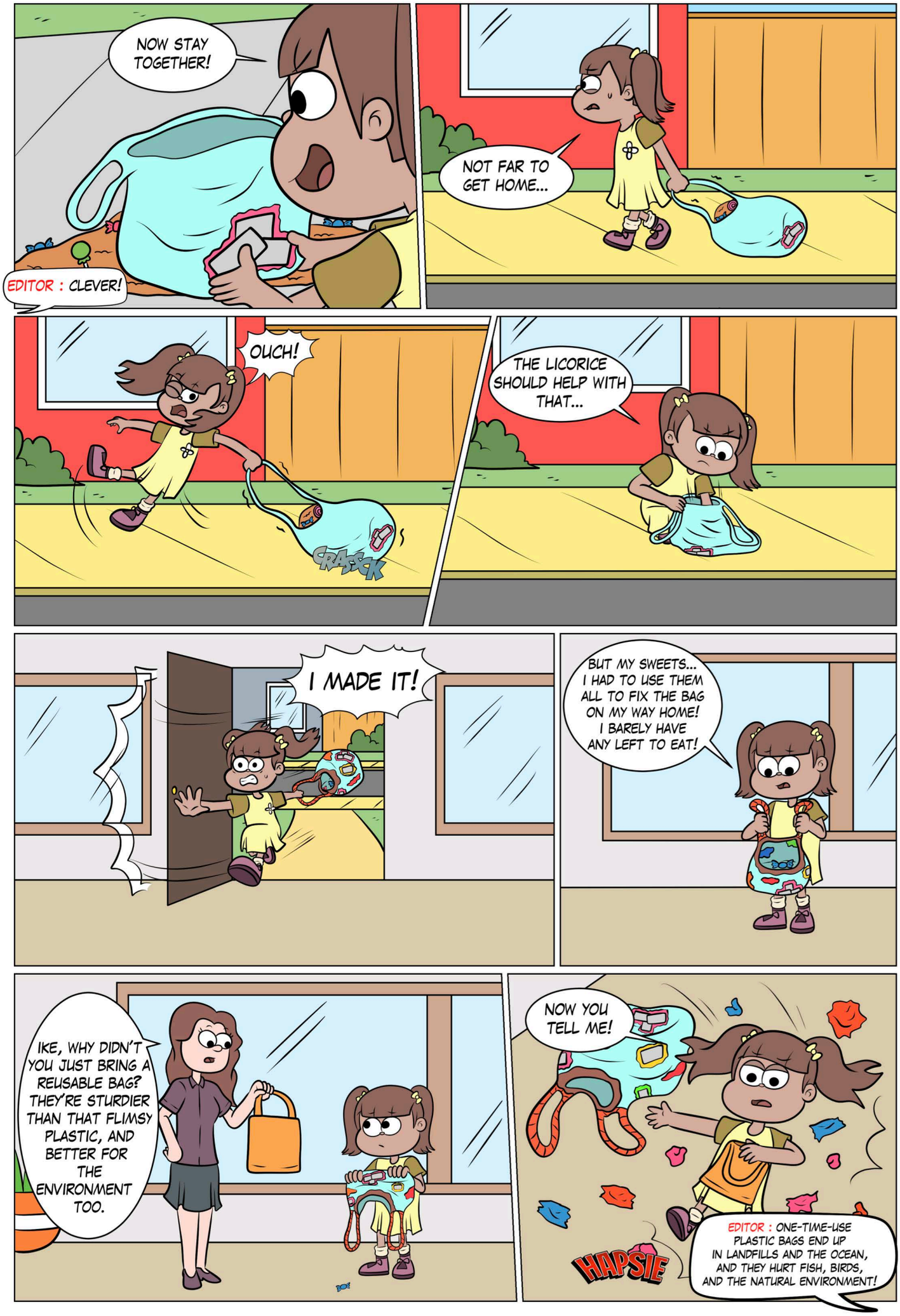








WORDS: Katie Marcum **ART:** Albertus Ang Hartono


NOW STAY TOGETHER!
EDITOR : CLEVER!
NOT FAR TO GET HOME...
OUCH!
CRAYSCK
THE LICORICE SHOULD HELP WITH THAT...
I MADE IT!
BUT MY SWEETS... I HAD TO USE THEM ALL TO FIX THE BAG ON MY WAY HOME! I BARELY HAVE ANY LEFT TO EAT!
IKE, WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST BRING A REUSABLE BAG? THEY'RE STURDIER THAN THAT FLIMSY PLASTIC, AND BETTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT TOO.
NOW YOU TELL ME!
HAPSIE
EDITOR : ONE-TIME-USE PLASTIC BAGS END UP IN LANDFILLS AND THE OCEAN, AND THEY HURT FISH, BIRDS, AND THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT!

Owen and Susie's Rainforest Dot to Dot



Hope's Spring Blossom Wordsearch

Hope loves watching plants and trees blossoming in spring!
Can you find some of them in the wordsearch?



- Rowan
- Hawthorn
- Crab apple
- Wild cherry
- Magnolia
- Pear
- Lilac
- Blackthorn
- Sour cherry
- Plum
- Elderflower
- Apple

C	R	A	B	A	P	P	L	E	A	P	K	C	O
P	W	E	T	R	G	M	A	P	L	S	O	M	L
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Adah Action

MAKING CHANGE HAPPEN













WORDS: PD Loupee **ART:** Arman Muchtar

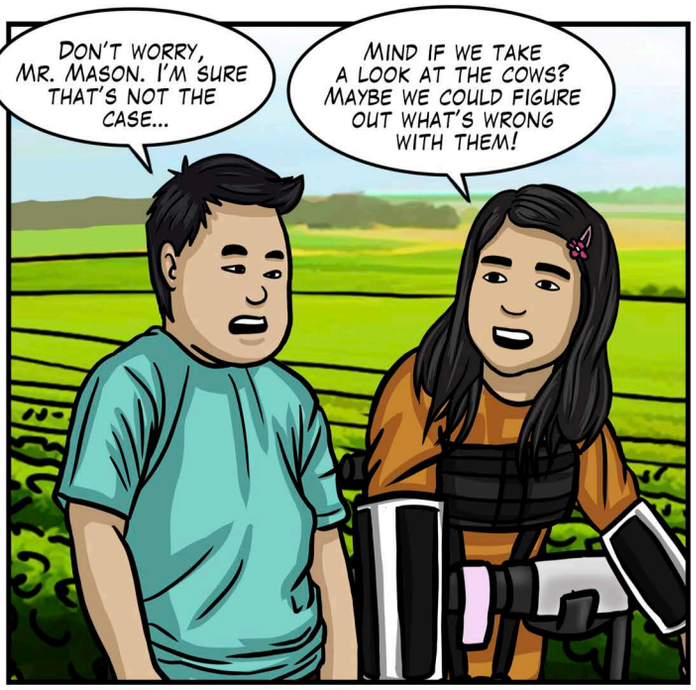

CAN'T WHAT, MAYOR?
YEAH, HOW WE ARE GOING TO GET PAID IF WE DON'T WORK?
YOU'LL ALL BE ENROLLED IN A UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME PROGRAM! ALSO KNOWN AS U.B.I.
IS THAT THE THING WHERE WE ALL GET PAID FOR DOING NOTHING?
NO, MY FRIEND!
YOU GET PAID TO SAVE MONEY FOR THE ECONOMY!
I THOUGHT THIS WAS ONE OF YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL THINGS!
BUT IT IS ALSO!
IF THE WORKERS ARE IN A U.B.I. PROGRAM, THEY DON'T HAVE TO CUT THE TREES!
I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW GIVING AWAY MONEY SAVES MONEY...
VERY SIMPLE: WHEN YOU HAVE THE MINIMUM TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, YOU GET LESS SICK, LESS HUNGRY, AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE ON JUST ANY JOB THAT MAY HARM THE PLANET!
THANK YOU, MAYOR!
ERRR... YES... ALL MY IDEA!
HAPSIE





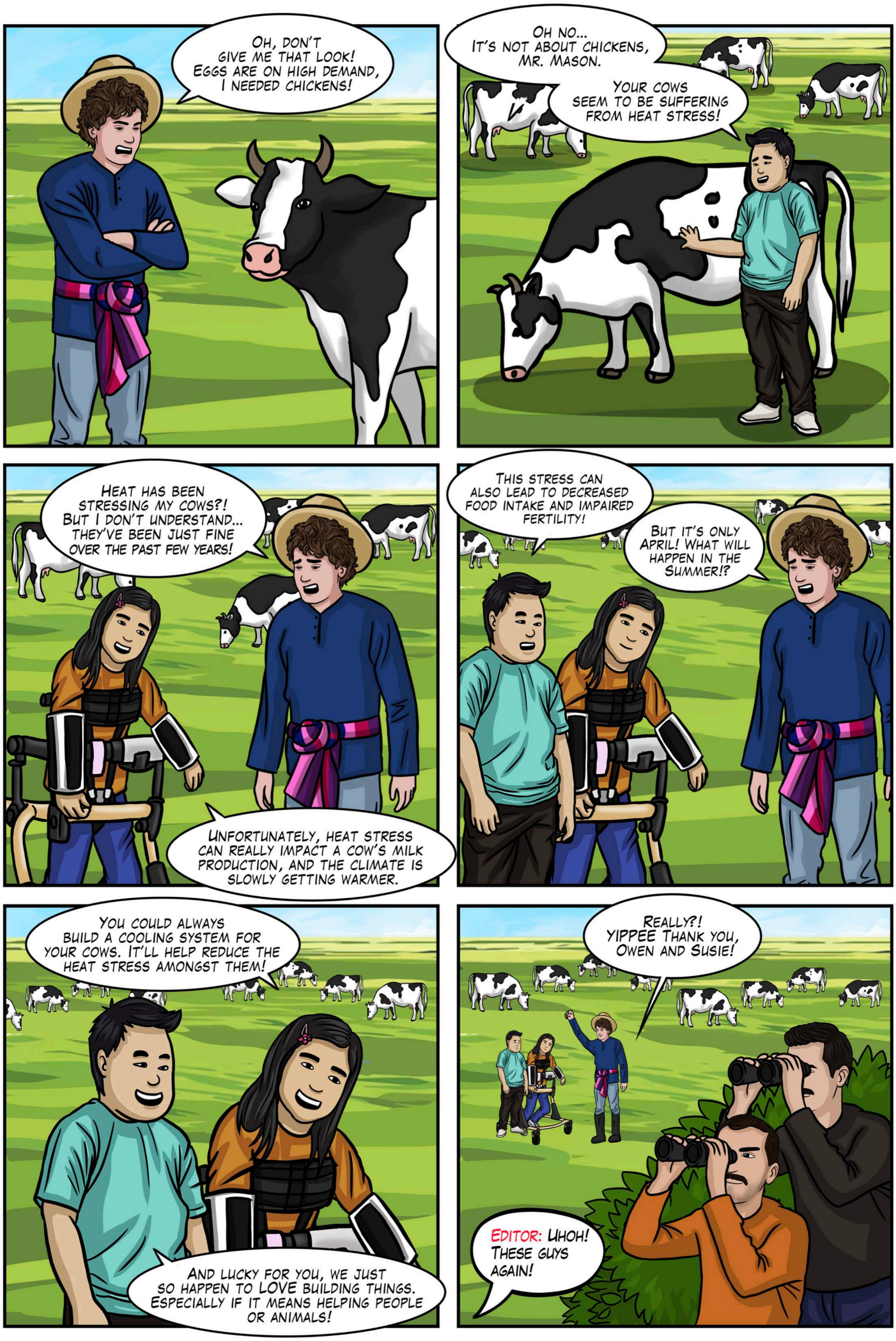


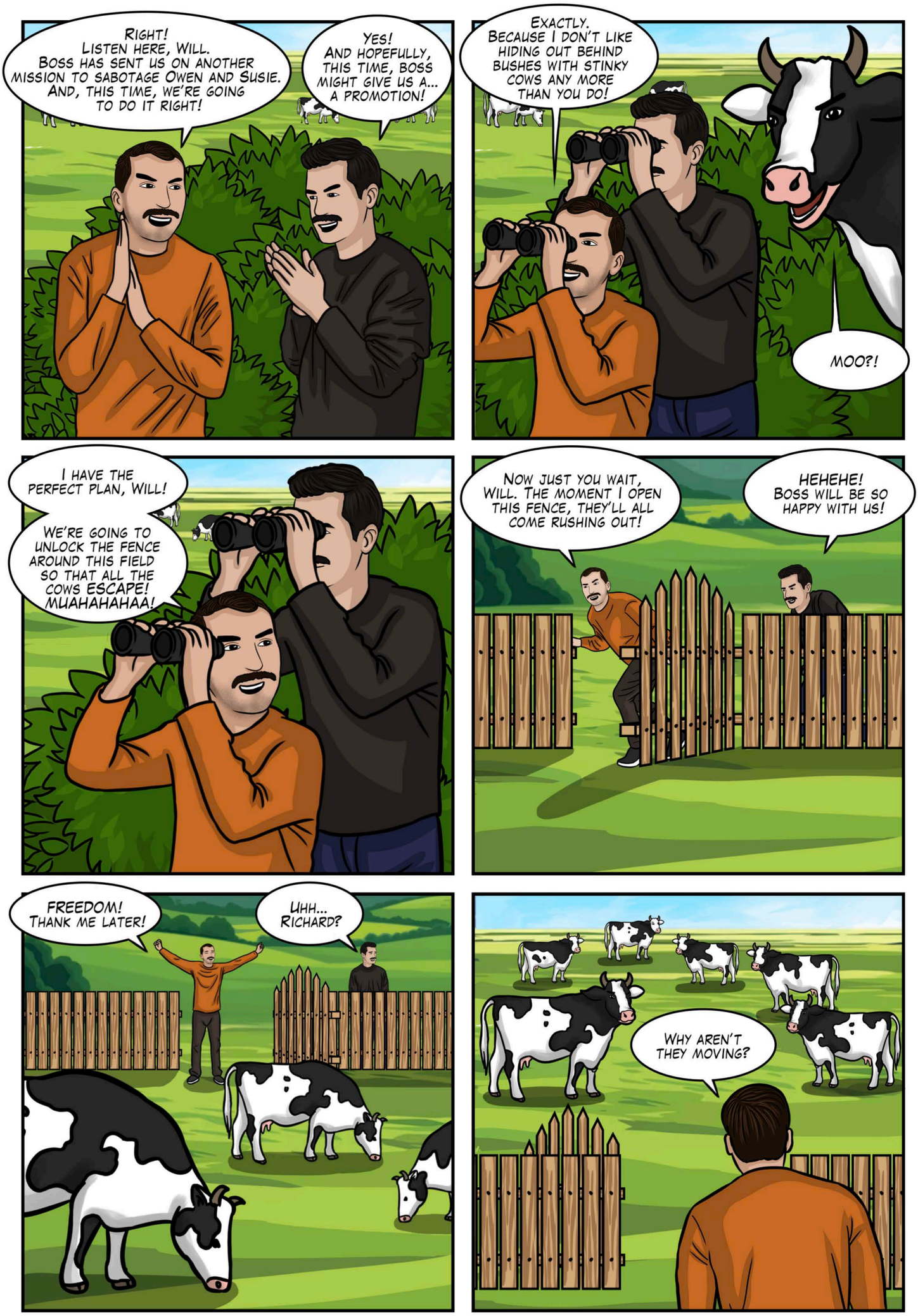


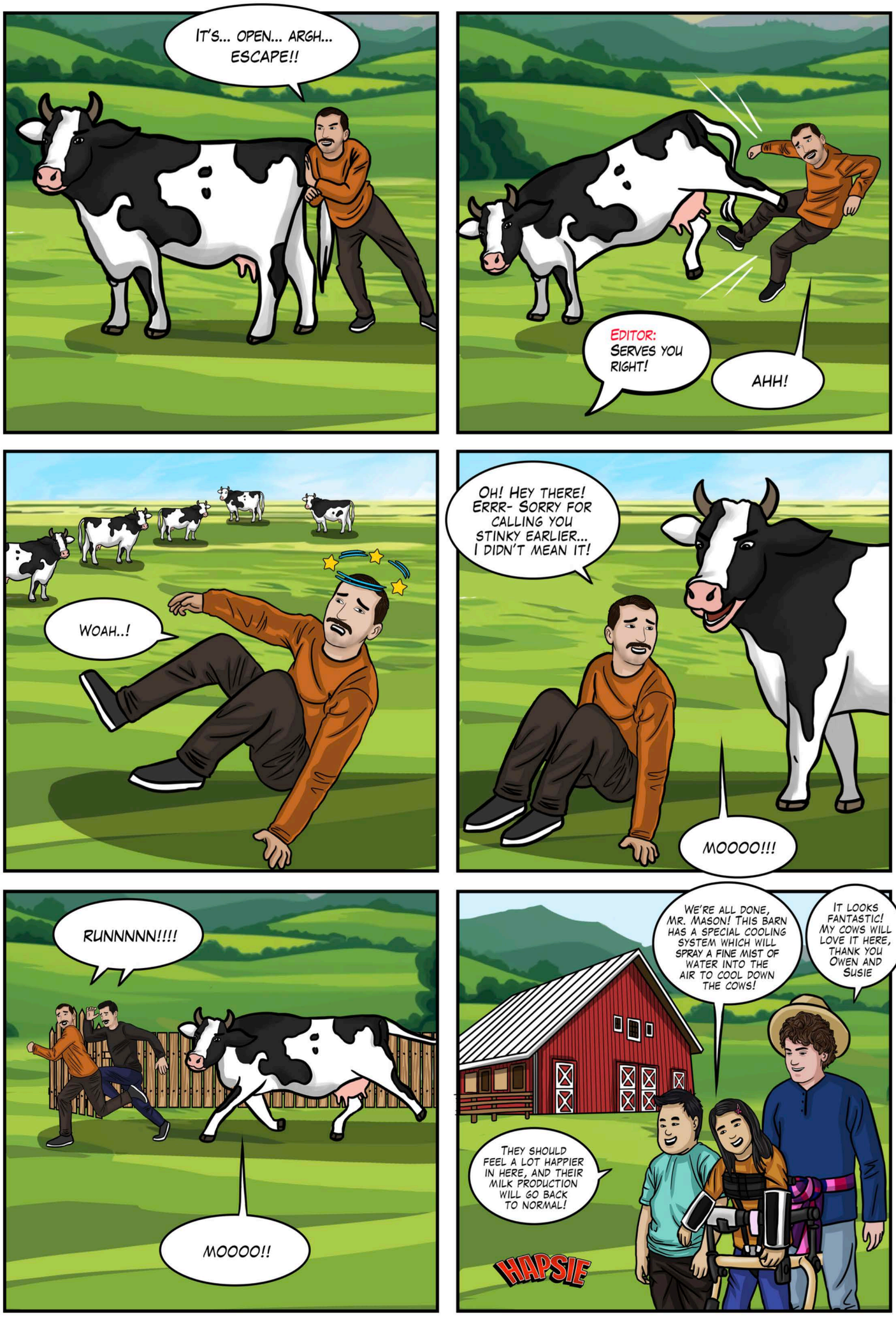




WORDS: Qunoot **ART:** Queny Subong


Oh, don't give me that look! Eggs are on high demand, I needed chickens!
Oh no... It's not about chickens, Mr. Mason.
Your cows seem to be suffering from heat stress!
Heat has been stressing my cows?! But I don't understand... they've been just fine over the past few years!
Unfortunately, heat stress can really impact a cow's milk production, and the climate is slowly getting warmer.
This stress can also lead to decreased food intake and impaired fertility!
But it's only April! What will happen in the Summer!?
You could always build a cooling system for your cows. It'll help reduce the heat stress amongst them!
And lucky for you, we just so happen to LOVE building things. Especially if it means helping people or animals!
Really?! YIPPEE Thank you, Owen and Susie!
EDITOR: Uhoh! These guys again!

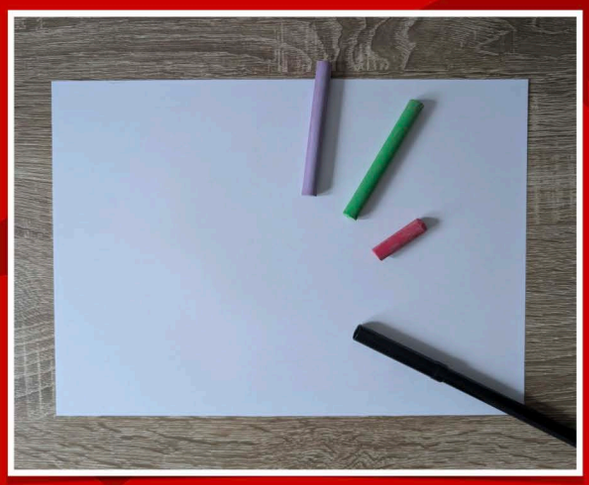

RIGHT! LISTEN HERE, WILL. BOSS HAS SENT US ON ANOTHER MISSION TO SABOTAGE OWEN AND SUSIE. AND, THIS TIME, WE'RE GOING TO DO IT RIGHT!
YES! AND HOPEFULLY, THIS TIME, BOSS MIGHT GIVE US A... A PROMOTION!
EXACTLY. BECAUSE I DON'T LIKE HIDING OUT BEHIND BUSHES WITH STINKY COWS ANY MORE THAN YOU DO!
MOO?!
I HAVE THE PERFECT PLAN, WILL!
WE'RE GOING TO UNLOCK THE FENCE AROUND THIS FIELD SO THAT ALL THE COWS ESCAPE! MUAHAHAHAHAA!
NOW JUST YOU WAIT, WILL. THE MOMENT I OPEN THIS FENCE, THEY'LL ALL COME RUSHING OUT!
HEHEHE! BOSS WILL BE SO HAPPY WITH US!
FREEDOM! THANK ME LATER!
UHH... RICHARD?
WHY AREN'T THEY MOVING?


IT'S... OPEN... ARGH... ESCAPE!!
EDITOR: SERVES YOU RIGHT!
AHH!
WOAH..!
OH! HEY THERE! ERRR- SORRY FOR CALLING YOU STINKY EARLIER... I DIDN'T MEAN IT!
MOOOO!!!
RUNNNNN!!!!
MOOOO!!
WE'RE ALL DONE, MR. MASON! THIS BARN HAS A SPECIAL COOLING SYSTEM WHICH WILL SPRAY A FINE MIST OF WATER INTO THE AIR TO COOL DOWN THE COWS!
IT LOOKS FANTASTIC! MY COWS WILL LOVE IT HERE, THANK YOU OWEN AND SUSIE
THEY SHOULD FEEL A LOT HAPPIER IN HERE, AND THEIR MILK PRODUCTION WILL GO BACK TO NORMAL!
HAPSIE

How to make...

Blossom Art





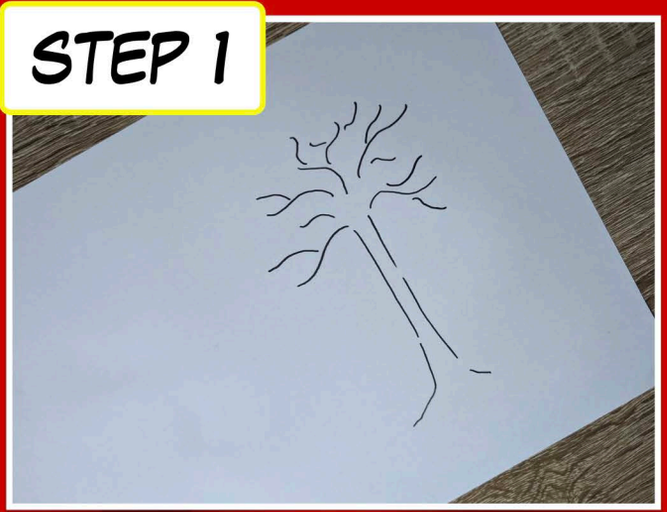
What you need...

Create your own blossom art! Use smudges and bright dots to make your own clouds of petals.

Go grab:

- Plain scrap paper or card
- A black or brown pen
- Pink, purple and green chalk

Step 1



Use the pen to draw a slim tree trunk and several branches.

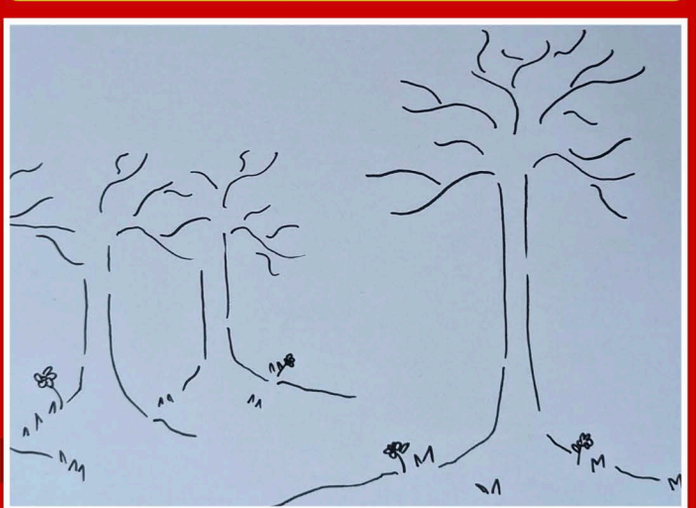
Step 2



Draw a few flowers and blades of grass on the ground.

Step 3

Add more trees in the background. Make each one slightly smaller to show that they're further away!



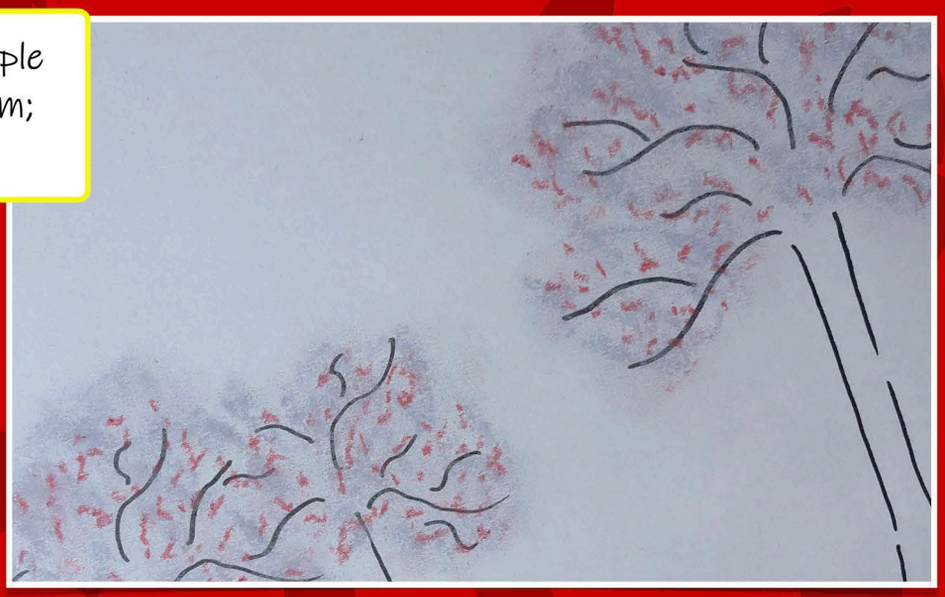
STEP 4

Swirl pink and purple chalk around the branches to create the blossoms, then smudge them.



STEP 5

Add dots of pink and purple – but don't smudge them; let them stand out.



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STEP 6

USE THE GREEN CHALK TO COLOUR THE GRASS, AND PINK OR PURPLE FOR THE FLOWERS. THEN IT'S READY TO DISPLAY!



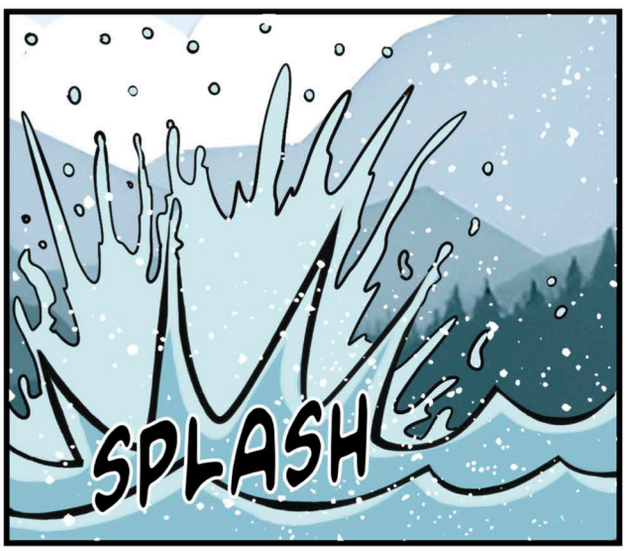


STEFON BACK

The boy who can Step On Back in time

HAPSIE





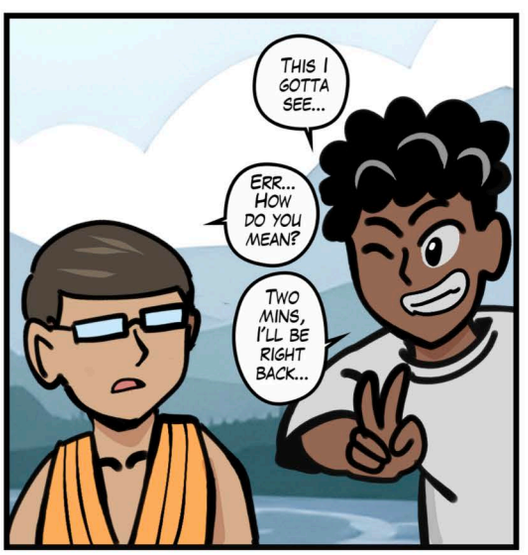














WORDS: Lucy Shaw **ART:** nakkase


Stefon arrives at Niagara Falls in 1901, just as Annie Edson Taylor is about to attempt her daring stunt.
This will be one for the history books!
Is she seriously doing this?!
EDITOR: This is so scary!
At 63 years old, Annie's bravery was driven by necessity. Facing financial hardship, she believed the daring stunt would bring her fame and the possibility of fortune.
SPLASH
I can't watch!
EDITOR: Err... Are you sure that's a good idea, Stefon?
One more for luck, here's to Annie's success!
Err... guys...
SPLASH
WHYYYYY?!?!
RUMBLE RUMBLE
RUMBLE RUMBLE
RUMBLE RUMBLE


EDITOR: OH NO! IS EVERYONE OKAY?!
AGAINST ALL ODDS, ANNIE EDSON TAYLOR BECAME THE FIRST PERSON TO SURVIVE THE PLUNGE OVER NIAGARA FALLS.
UGH... NEVER AGAIN.
YEAHH
YEAHH
CHEERS
ANNIE EDSON TAYLOR'S FEAT BECAME LEGENDARY, PROVING THAT COURAGE AND DETERMINATION CAN DEFY EVEN THE MIGHTIEST OF ODDS.
HMM... MAYBE I COULD DO IT ONE MORE TIME.
UGH, NOPE, NEVER MIND. TIME TO HEAD BACK.
ONE STEP BACK... THEN HEAD FOR A RUN, I LOVE THE PAST, BUT THE PRESENT IS LIKEWISE FUN!
ABSOLUTELY NOT.
I THINK I'VE HAD ENOUGH EXCITEMENT FOR ONE DAY!
C'MON, STEFON, ONE MORE CRAZY STUNT!
I CERTAINLY DON'T HAVE THE BRAVERY, OR STOMACH, OF ANNIE EDSON TAYLOR!
HAPSIE
ERR... WHY DO YOU LOOK SO ILL?
EDITOR:
READERS, ANNIE EDSON TAYLOR'S STORY REMINDS US THAT SOMETIMES, THE BOLDEST ADVENTURES COME WITH THE GREATEST RISKS, BUT THEY LEAVE BEHIND UNFORGETTABLE LEGACIES.

HAHA

WHAT TYPE OF TREE CAN YOU HOLD IN YOUR HAND? A PALM TREE.

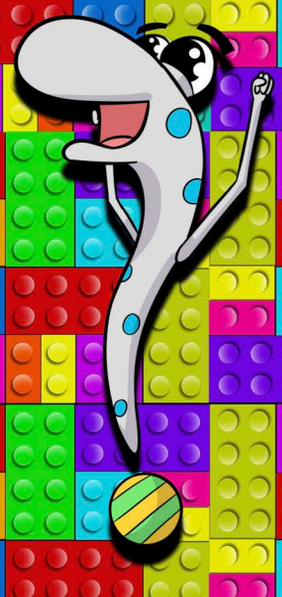
MY MUM TOLD ME TO GET A JOB IN A MIRROR FACTORY, BUT I JUST COULDN'T SEE MYSELF IN IT.

WHY DO DUCKS LOVE JOKES SO MUCH? THEY ALWAYS QUACK UP.

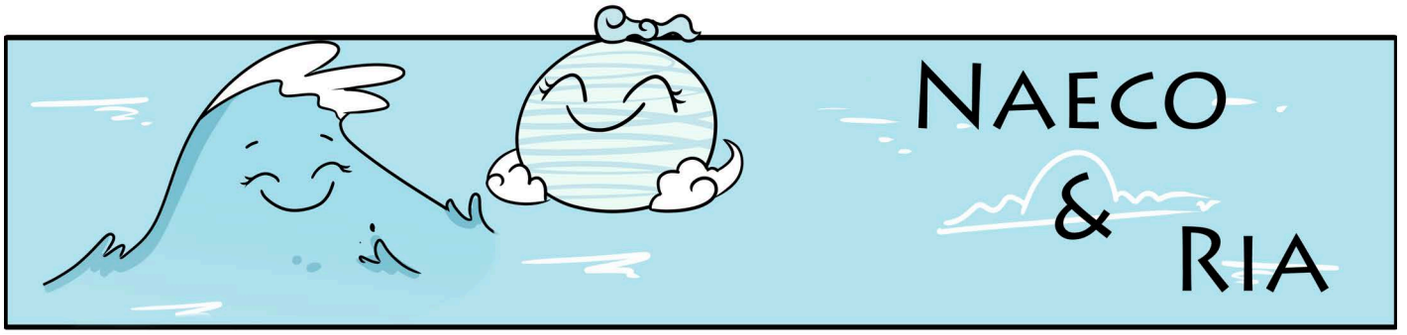
ONE BIRD CAN'T MAKE A PUN... BUT TOUCAN!

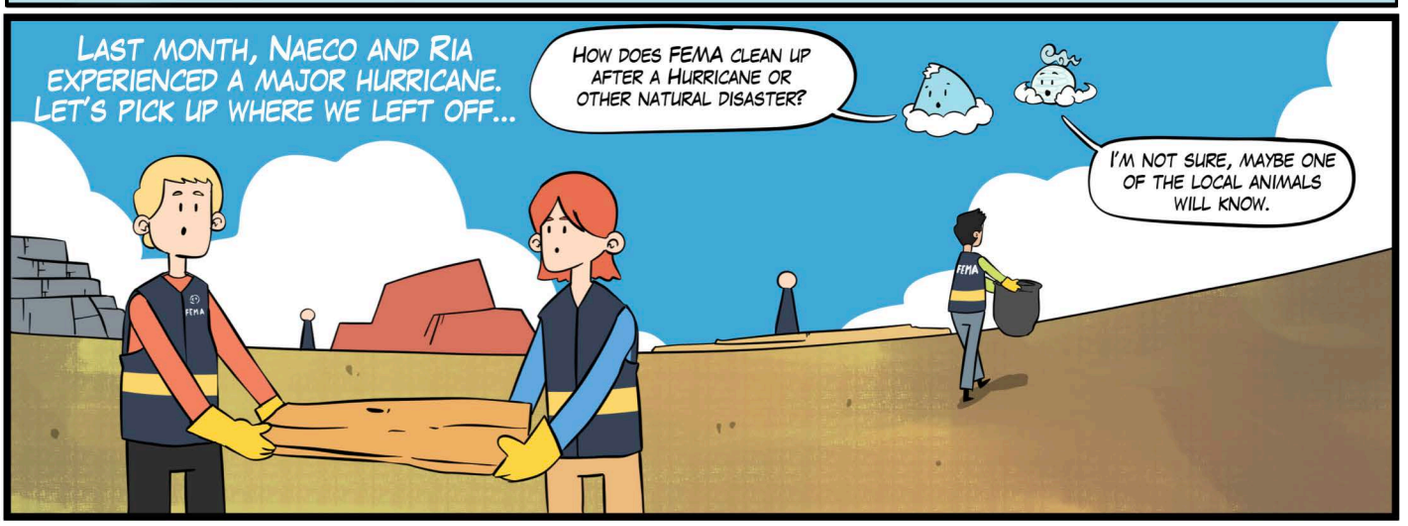
HAPSIE

KNOCK, KNOCK.
WHO'S THERE?
WEEKEND.
WEEKEND WHO?
WEEKEND DO WHATEVER WE WANT!

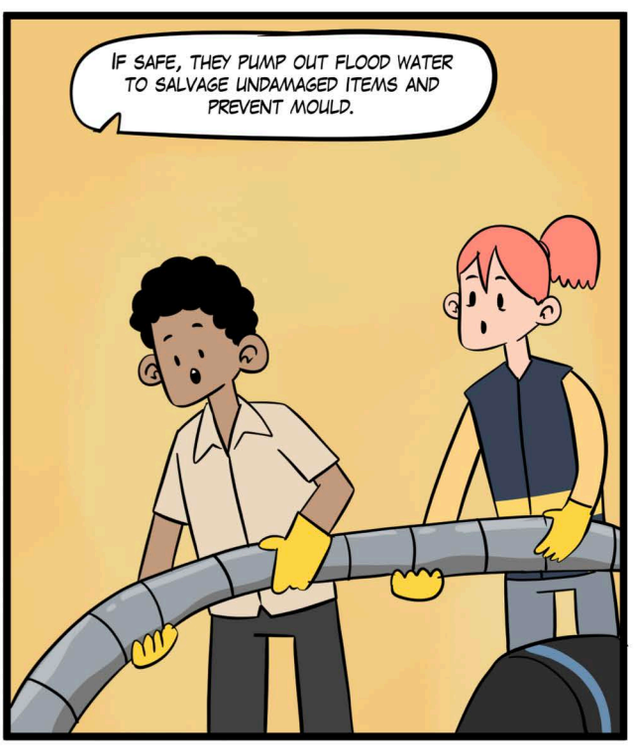


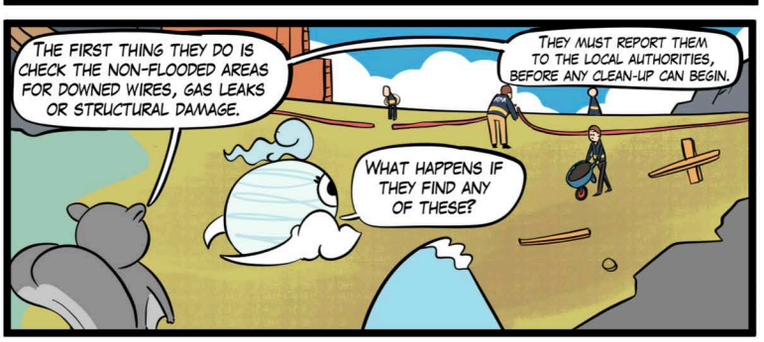
WHY WAS THE PONY ASKED TO LEAVE? IT WAS HORSING AROUND.



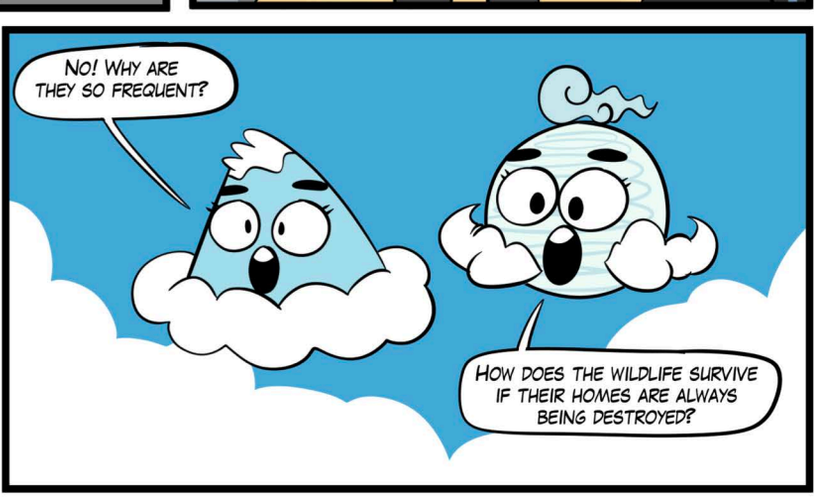




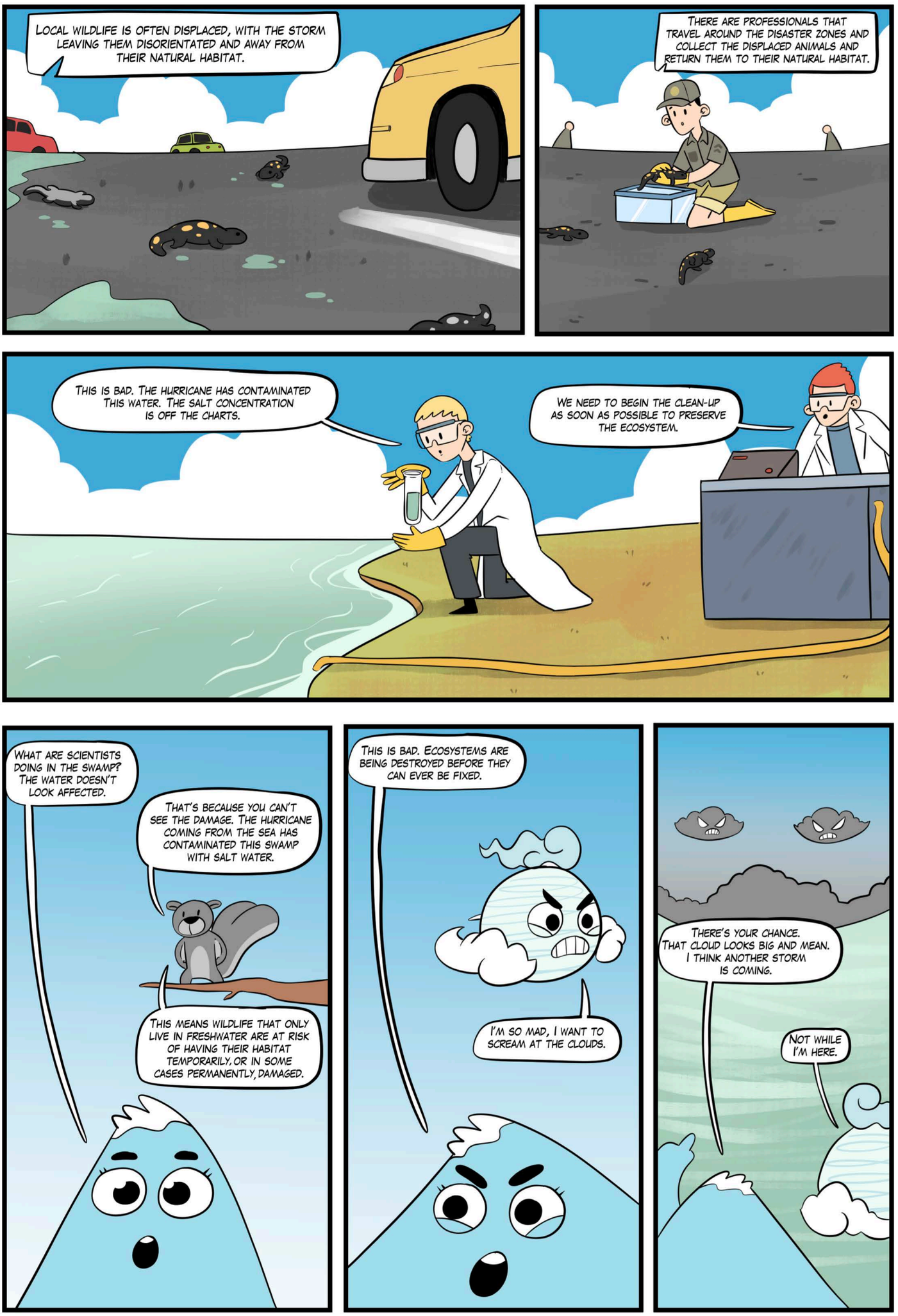


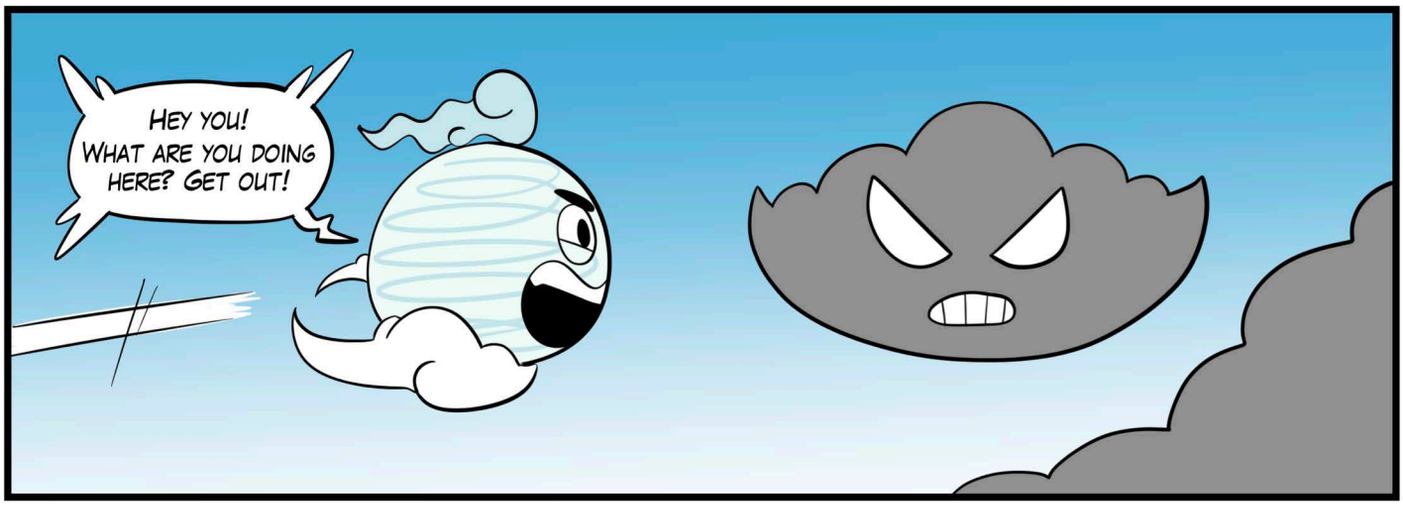




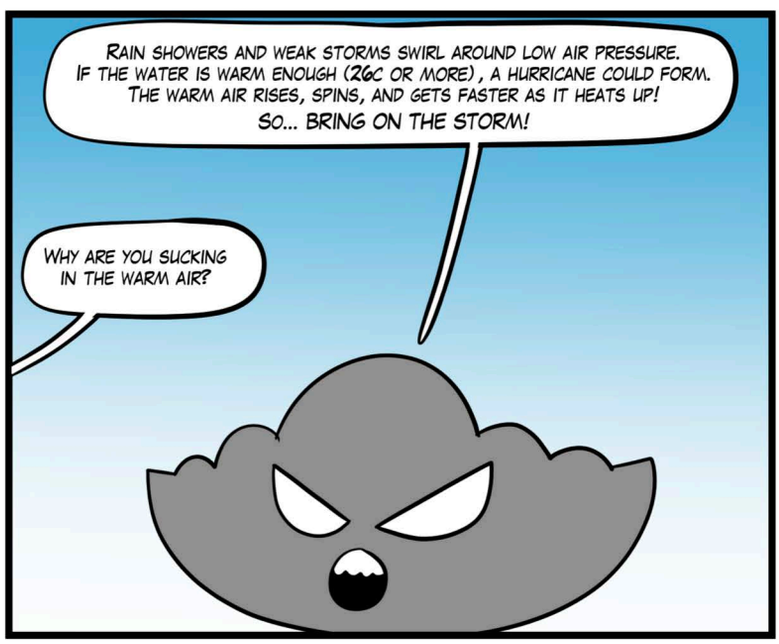


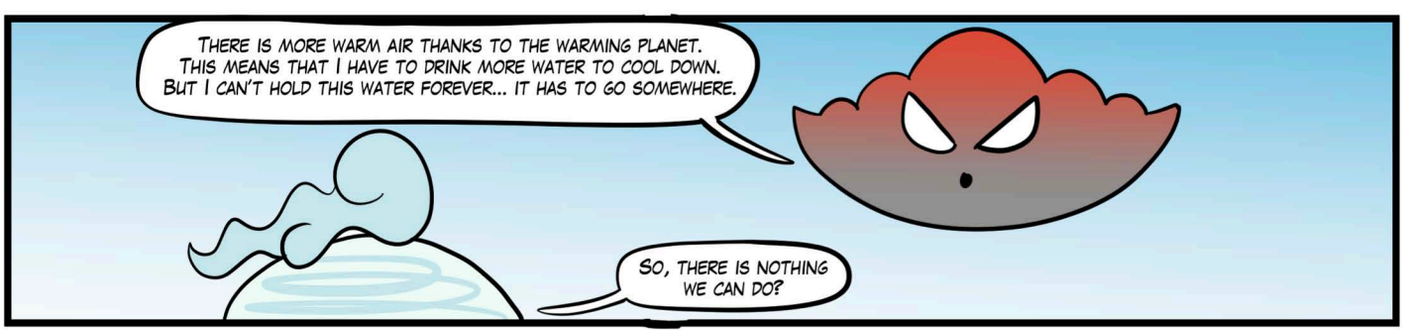
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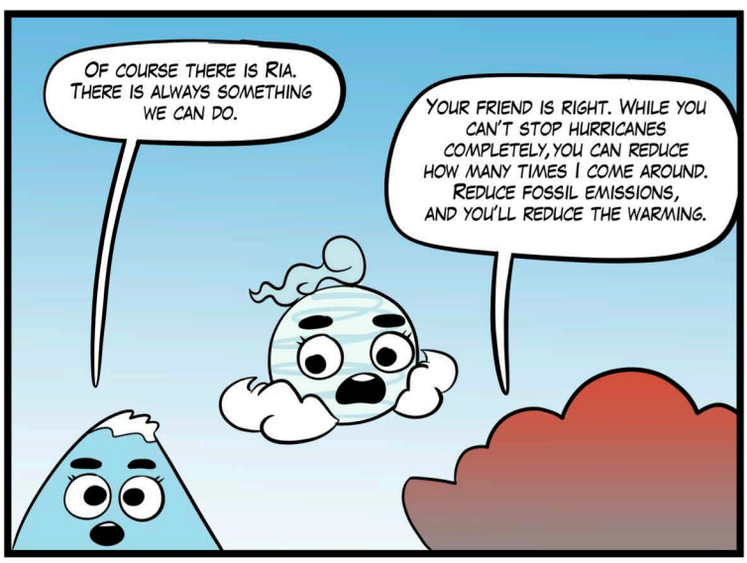

LOCAL WILDLIFE IS OFTEN DISPLACED, WITH THE STORM LEAVING THEM DISORIENTATED AND AWAY FROM THEIR NATURAL HABITAT.
THERE ARE PROFESSIONALS THAT TRAVEL AROUND THE DISASTER ZONES AND COLLECT THE DISPLACED ANIMALS AND RETURN THEM TO THEIR NATURAL HABITAT.
THIS IS BAD. THE HURRICANE HAS CONTAMINATED THIS WATER. THE SALT CONCENTRATION IS OFF THE CHARTS.
WE NEED TO BEGIN THE CLEAN-UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO PRESERVE THE ECOSYSTEM.
WHAT ARE SCIENTISTS DOING IN THE SWAMP? THE WATER DOESN'T LOOK AFFECTED.
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU CAN'T SEE THE DAMAGE. THE HURRICANE COMING FROM THE SEA HAS CONTAMINATED THIS SWAMP WITH SALT WATER.
THIS MEANS WILDLIFE THAT ONLY LIVE IN FRESHWATER ARE AT RISK OF HAVING THEIR HABITAT TEMPORARILY, OR IN SOME CASES PERMANENTLY, DAMAGED.
THIS IS BAD. ECOSYSTEMS ARE BEING DESTROYED BEFORE THEY CAN EVER BE FIXED.
I'M SO MAD, I WANT TO SCREAM AT THE CLOUDS.
THERE'S YOUR CHANCE. THAT CLOUD LOOKS BIG AND MEAN. I THINK ANOTHER STORM IS COMING.
NOT WHILE I'M HERE.

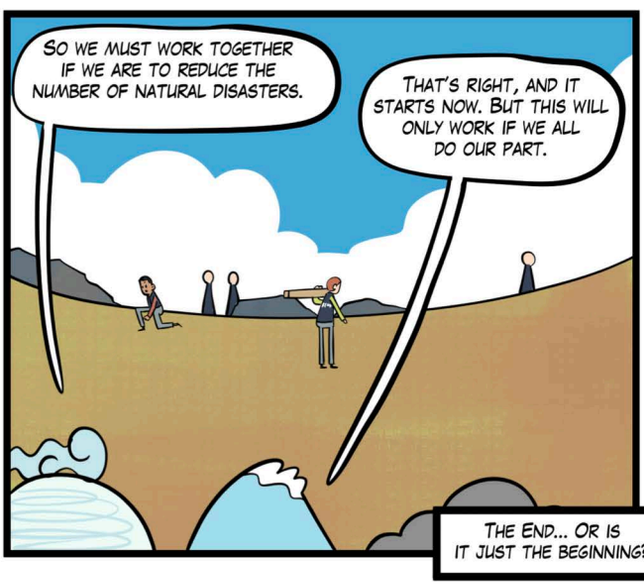

HEY YOU! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? GET OUT!


WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WHY ARE YOU SHOUTING? I'M ONLY DOING MY JOB.
YOUR JOB IS DESTROYING THE PLANET. WE'VE JUST HAD A HURRICANE, WHY DOES THERE HAVE TO BE ANOTHER ONE?


RAIN SHOWERS AND WEAK STORMS SWIRL AROUND LOW AIR PRESSURE. IF THE WATER IS WARM ENOUGH (26C OR MORE), A HURRICANE COULD FORM. THE WARM AIR RISES, SPINS, AND GETS FASTER AS IT HEATS UP! SO... BRING ON THE STORM!
WHY ARE YOU SUCKING IN THE WARM AIR?


THERE IS MORE WARM AIR THANKS TO THE WARMING PLANET. THIS MEANS THAT I HAVE TO DRINK MORE WATER TO COOL DOWN. BUT I CAN'T HOLD THIS WATER FOREVER... IT HAS TO GO SOMEWHERE.
SO, THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO?


OF COURSE THERE IS RIA. THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING WE CAN DO.
YOUR FRIEND IS RIGHT. WHILE YOU CAN'T STOP HURRICANES COMPLETELY, YOU CAN REDUCE HOW MANY TIMES I COME AROUND. REDUCE FOSSIL EMISSIONS, AND YOU'LL REDUCE THE WARMING.


SO WE MUST WORK TOGETHER IF WE ARE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF NATURAL DISASTERS.
THAT'S RIGHT, AND IT STARTS NOW. BUT THIS WILL ONLY WORK IF WE ALL DO OUR PART.
THE END... OR IS IT JUST THE BEGINNING?

Fact File Cultural Heritage

Our traditional crafts, the food we cook, the dances we perform, and the songs we sing are all part of our cultural heritage. They come from the places where we live—our environment and our community.

We might have a lot in common, but everyone's cultural heritage is unique – and special! If an ingredient grows nearby, it makes sense that our ancestors started cooking with it. That becomes part of our culture, whether it's our everyday food or something we couldn't imagine celebrating without.

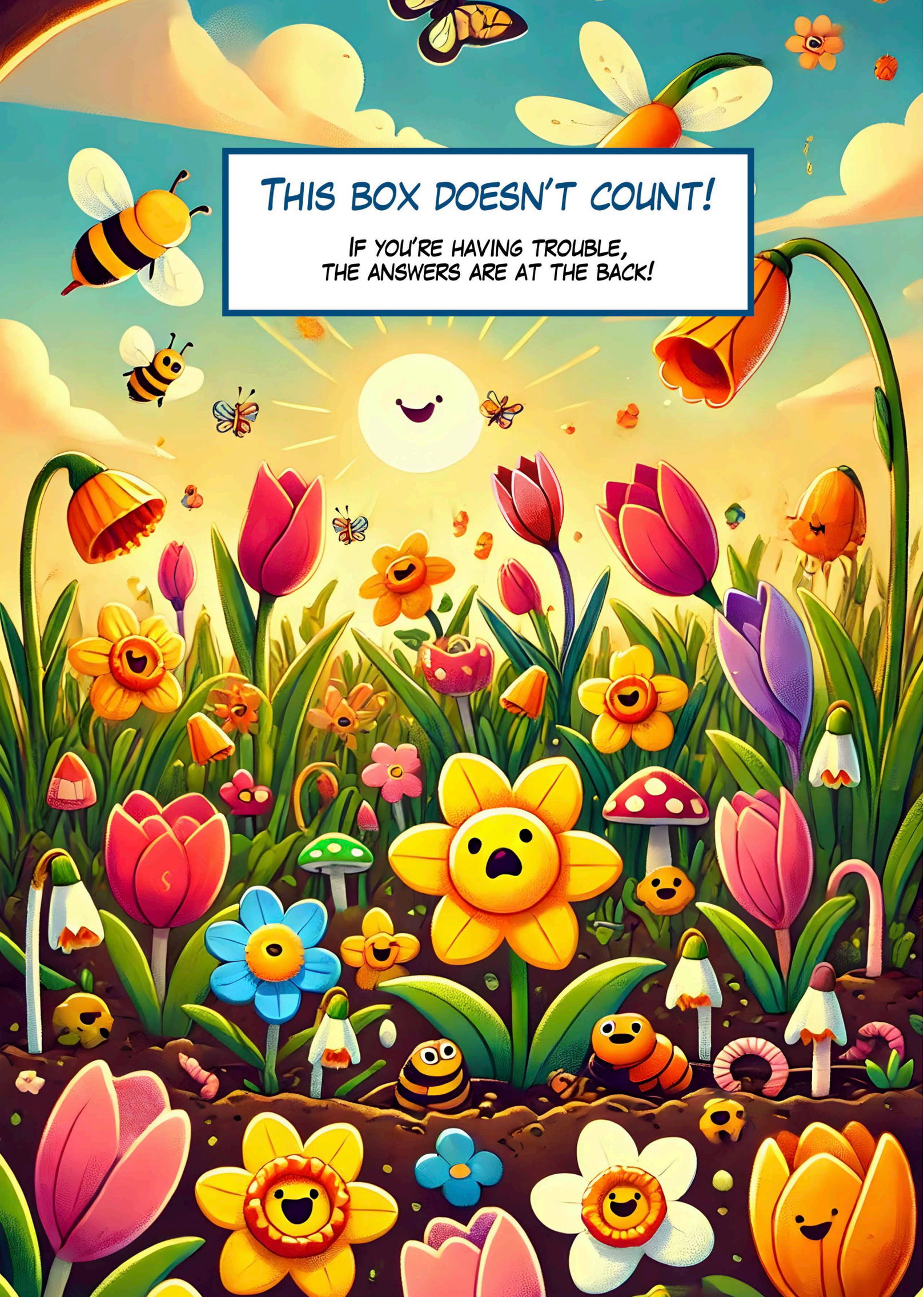
Pacific Islander communities sing songs about the waves or perform dances inspired by native plants and flowers. In Eastern Europe, you might see traditional clothes worn for celebrations. Their colours and patterns often carry meanings that tell local stories!

And think of some of the amazing places around the world that tell us about the people who lived in those parts of the world. Could the Great Wall of China, the Easter Island statues, or the Taj Mahal in India have been built anywhere else?

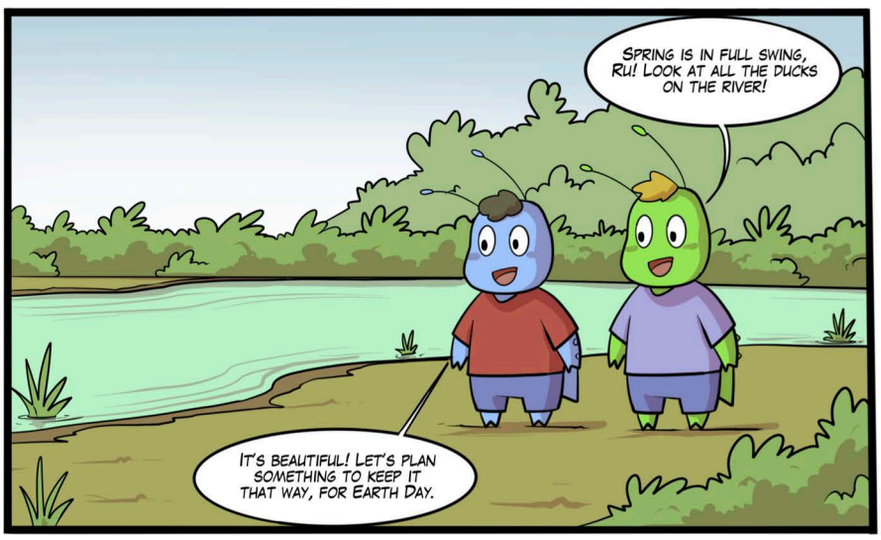
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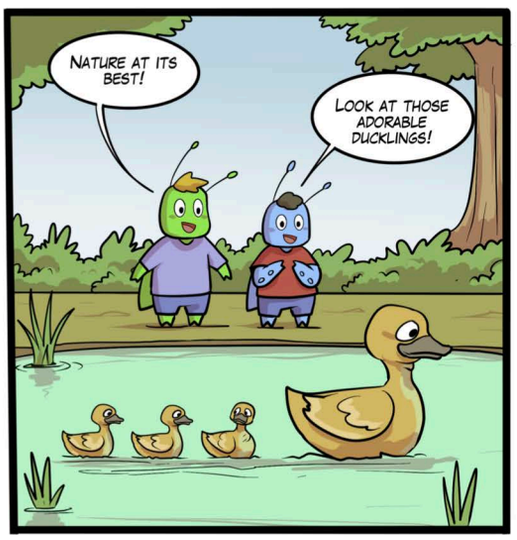
What we think here at HAPSIE! It's important to learn about cultural heritage and keep it safe for the future—however we can!

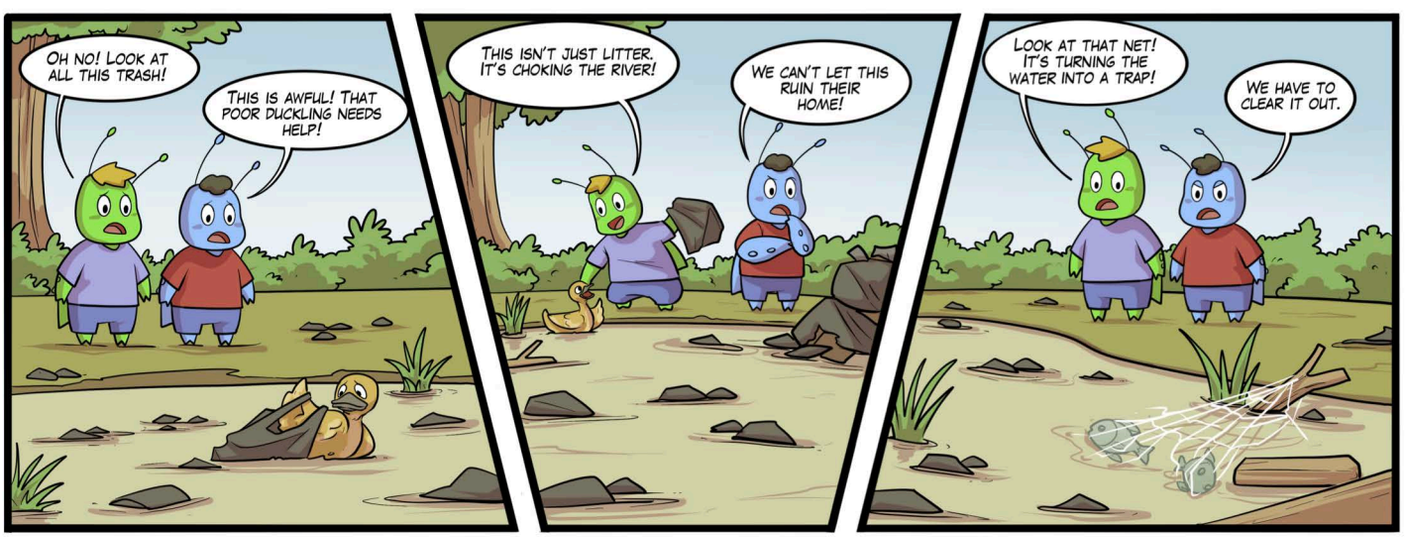

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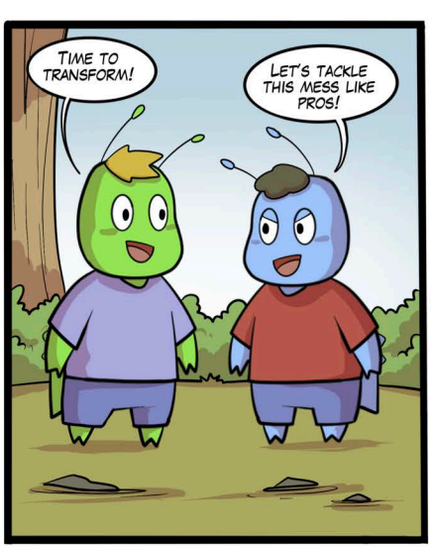

THIS BOX DOESN'T COUNT!
IF YOU'RE HAVING TROUBLE,
THE ANSWERS ARE AT THE BACK!

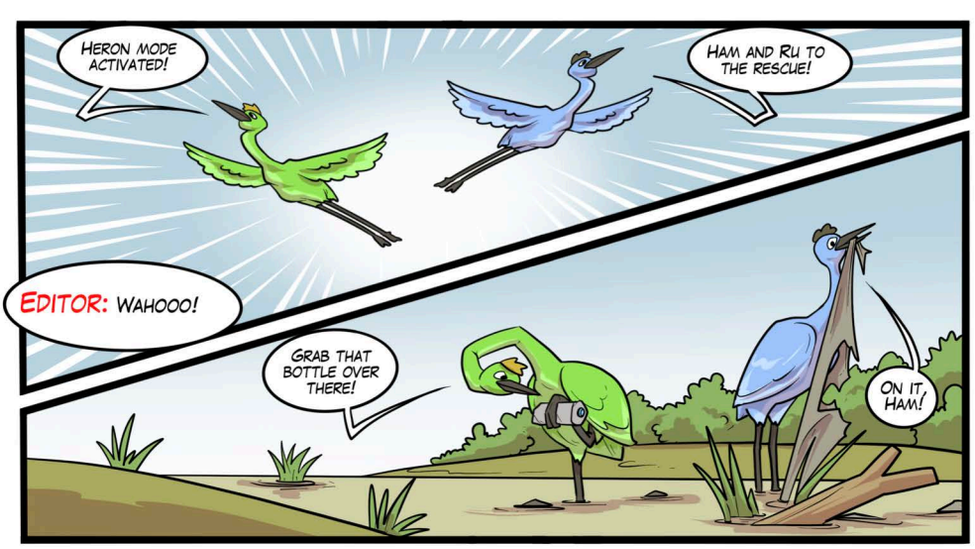




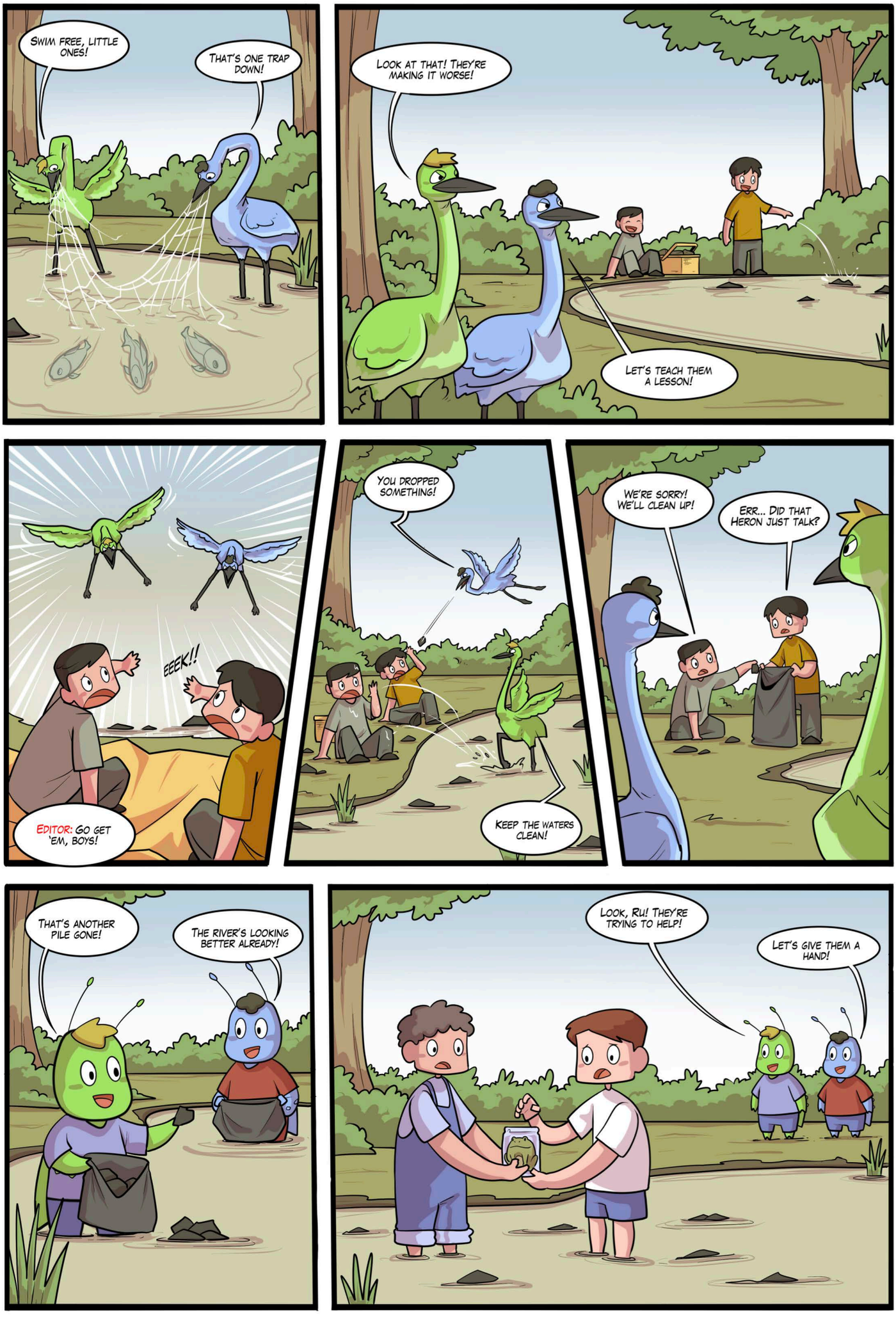


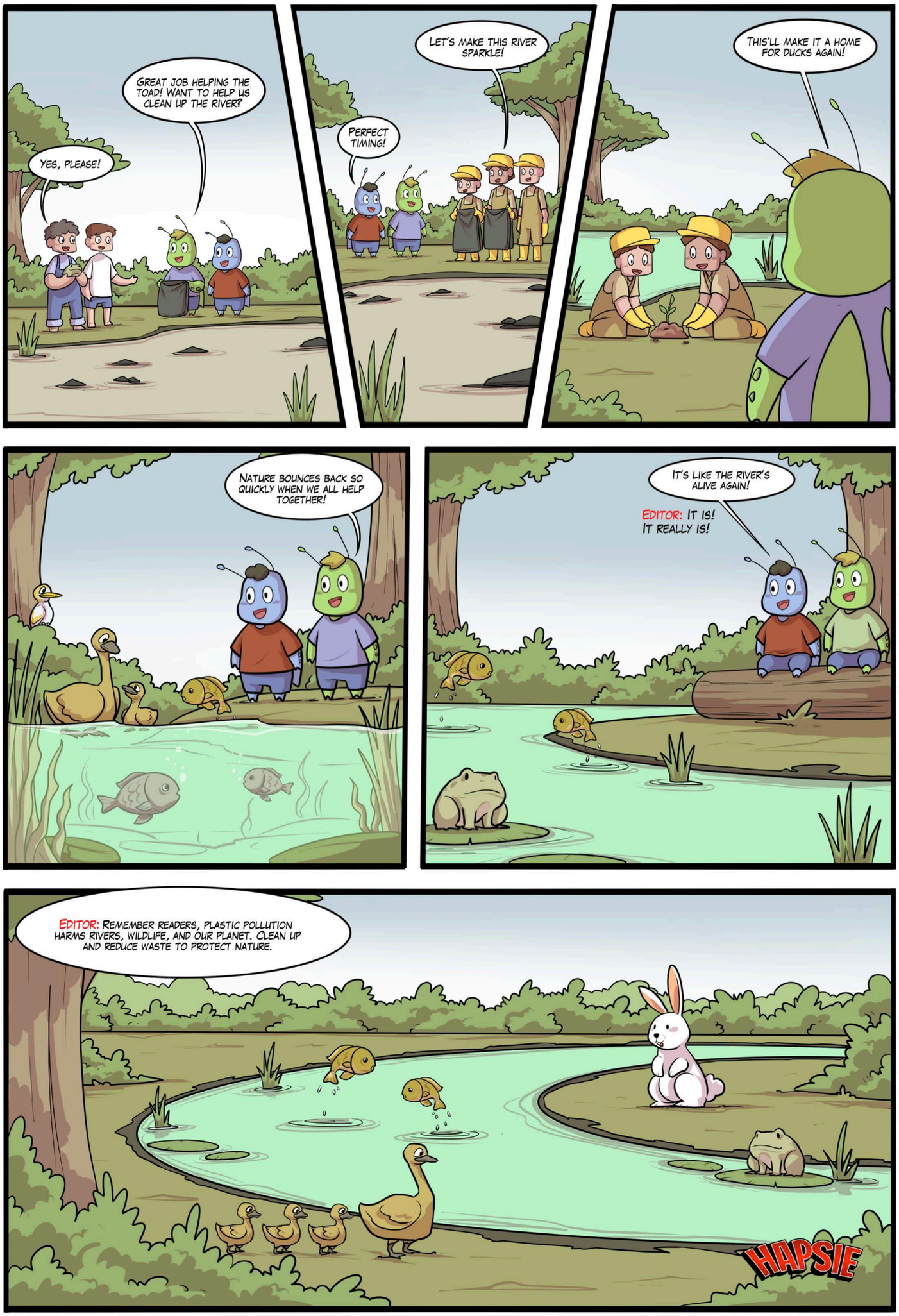






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SWIM FREE, LITTLE ONES!
THAT'S ONE TRAP DOWN!
LOOK AT THAT! THEY'RE MAKING IT WORSE!
LET'S TEACH THEM A LESSON!
EEEK!!
EDITOR: GO GET 'EM, BOYS!
YOU DROPPED SOMETHING!
KEEP THE WATERS CLEAN!
WE'RE SORRY! WE'LL CLEAN UP!
ERR... DID THAT HERON JUST TALK?
THAT'S ANOTHER PILE GONE!
THE RIVER'S LOOKING BETTER ALREADY!
LOOK, RU! THEY'RE TRYING TO HELP!
LET'S GIVE THEM A HAND!


GREAT JOB HELPING THE TOAD! WANT TO HELP US CLEAN UP THE RIVER?
YES, PLEASE!
PERFECT TIMING!
LET'S MAKE THIS RIVER SPARKLE!
THIS'LL MAKE IT A HOME FOR DUCKS AGAIN!
NATURE BOUNCES BACK SO QUICKLY WHEN WE ALL HELP TOGETHER!
IT'S LIKE THE RIVER'S ALIVE AGAIN!
EDITOR: IT IS! IT REALLY IS!
EDITOR: REMEMBER READERS, PLASTIC POLLUTION HARMS RIVERS, WILDLIFE, AND OUR PLANET. CLEAN UP AND REDUCE WASTE TO PROTECT NATURE.
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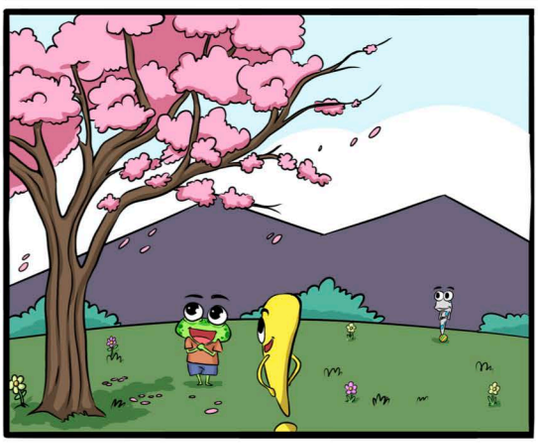


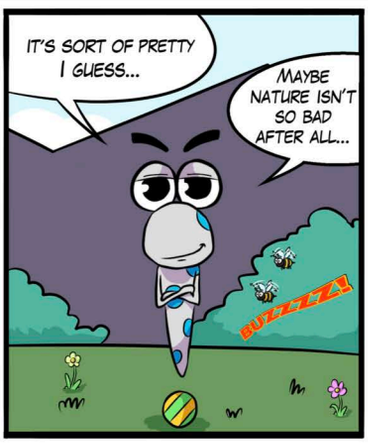


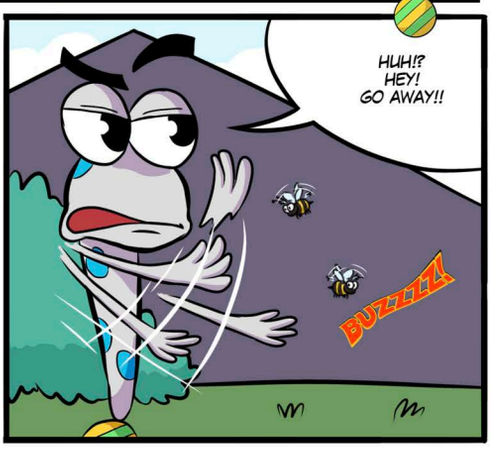
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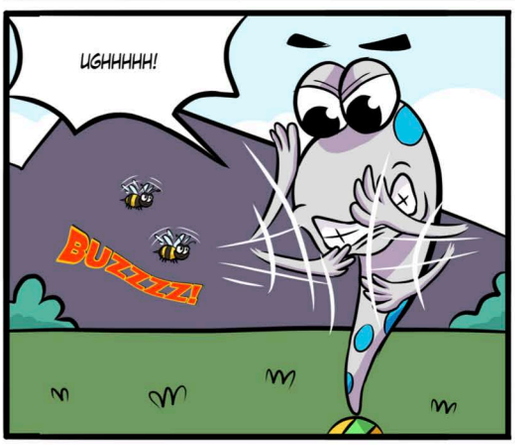
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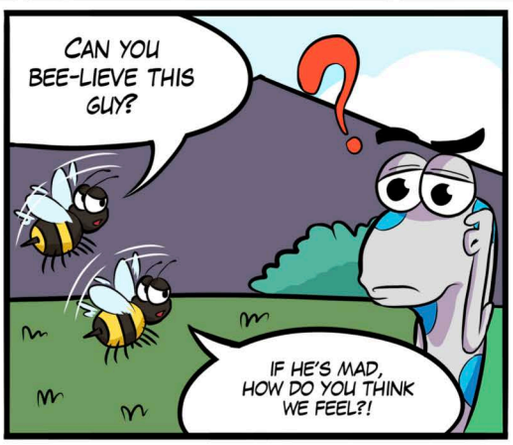
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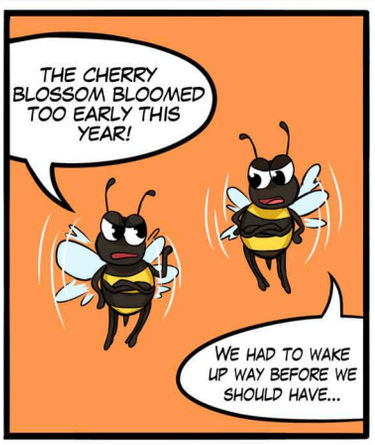


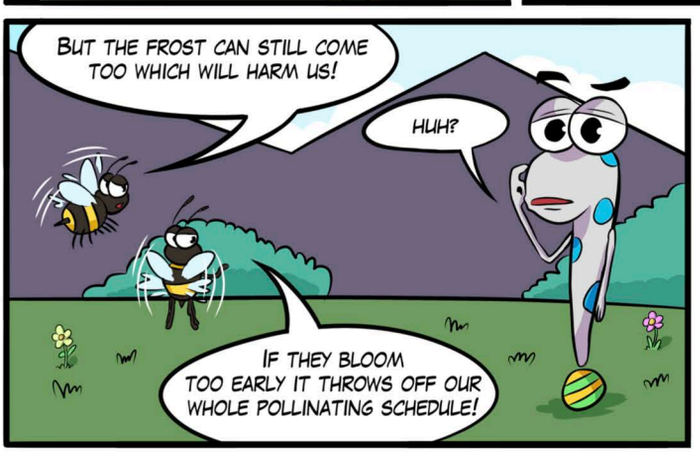


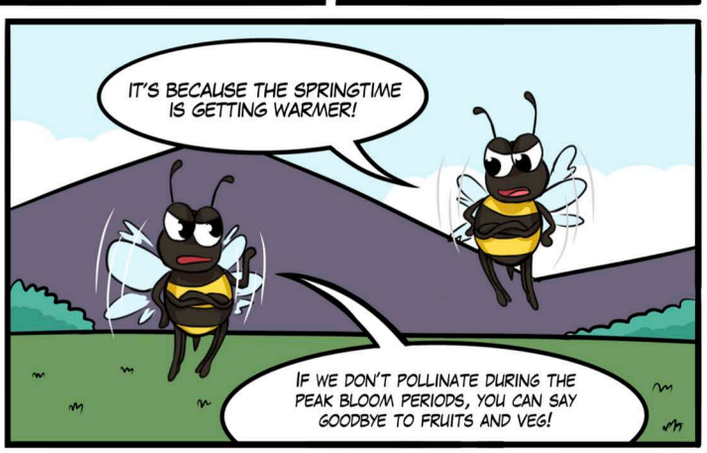


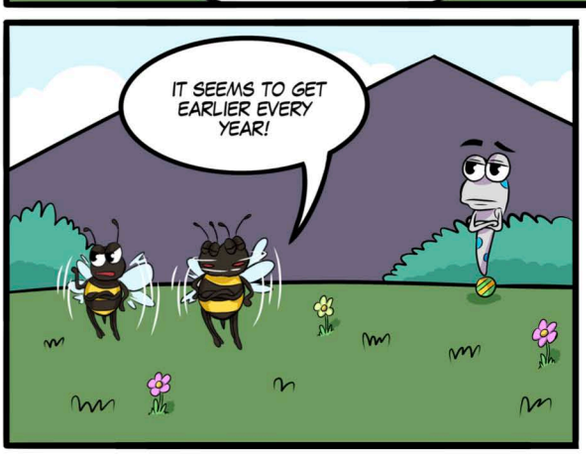


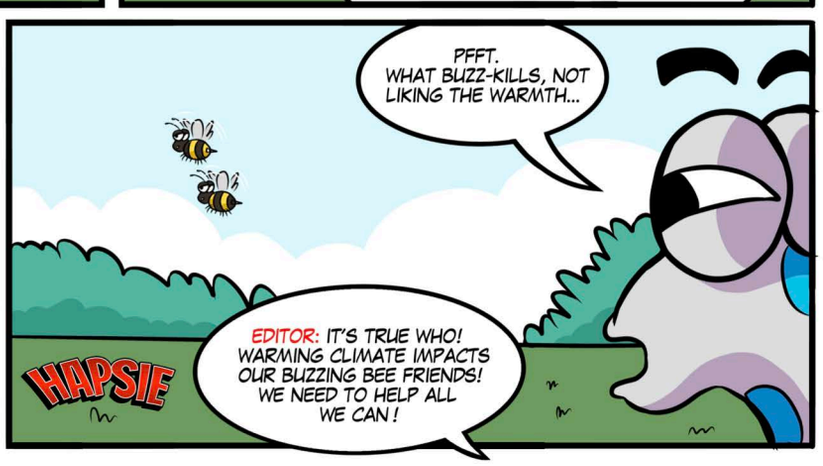












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