Bittersweet Candy Bowl

VOLUME THREE

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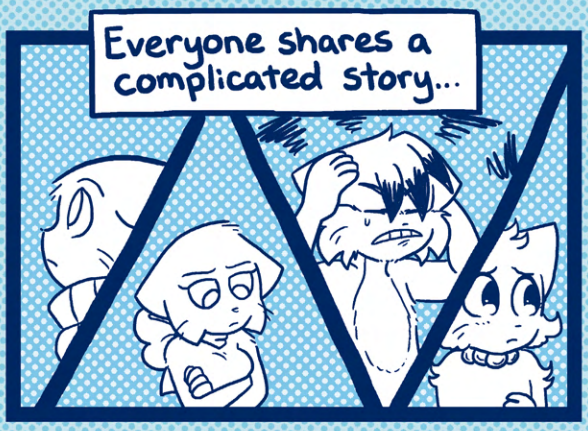
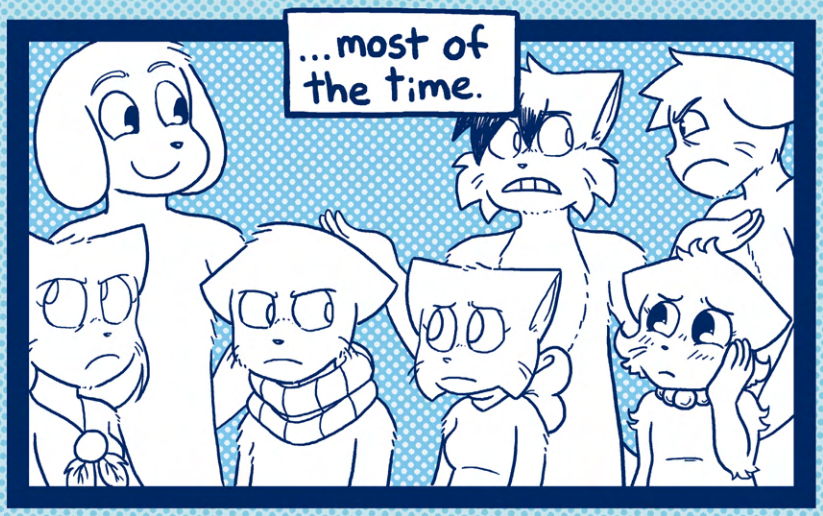
So if you missed the last 750 pages...

Augustus likes Daisy a lot.
...but he tried to do very bad things.
So now Daisy dates a boy named Abbey.
And they are happy.
Paulo likes to talk to girls. His best friend is David.
He tries very hard to impress girls.
He tried to date an older girl named Tess.
That didn't work out.
Then Lucy tried to make him her rebound.
Childhood crushes
That didn't work out.
Then Jessica and Rachel dated him to make Tess mad.
That REALLY didn't work out.
Now Paulo is dating a younger girl named Jasmine.
And it's a little awkward.

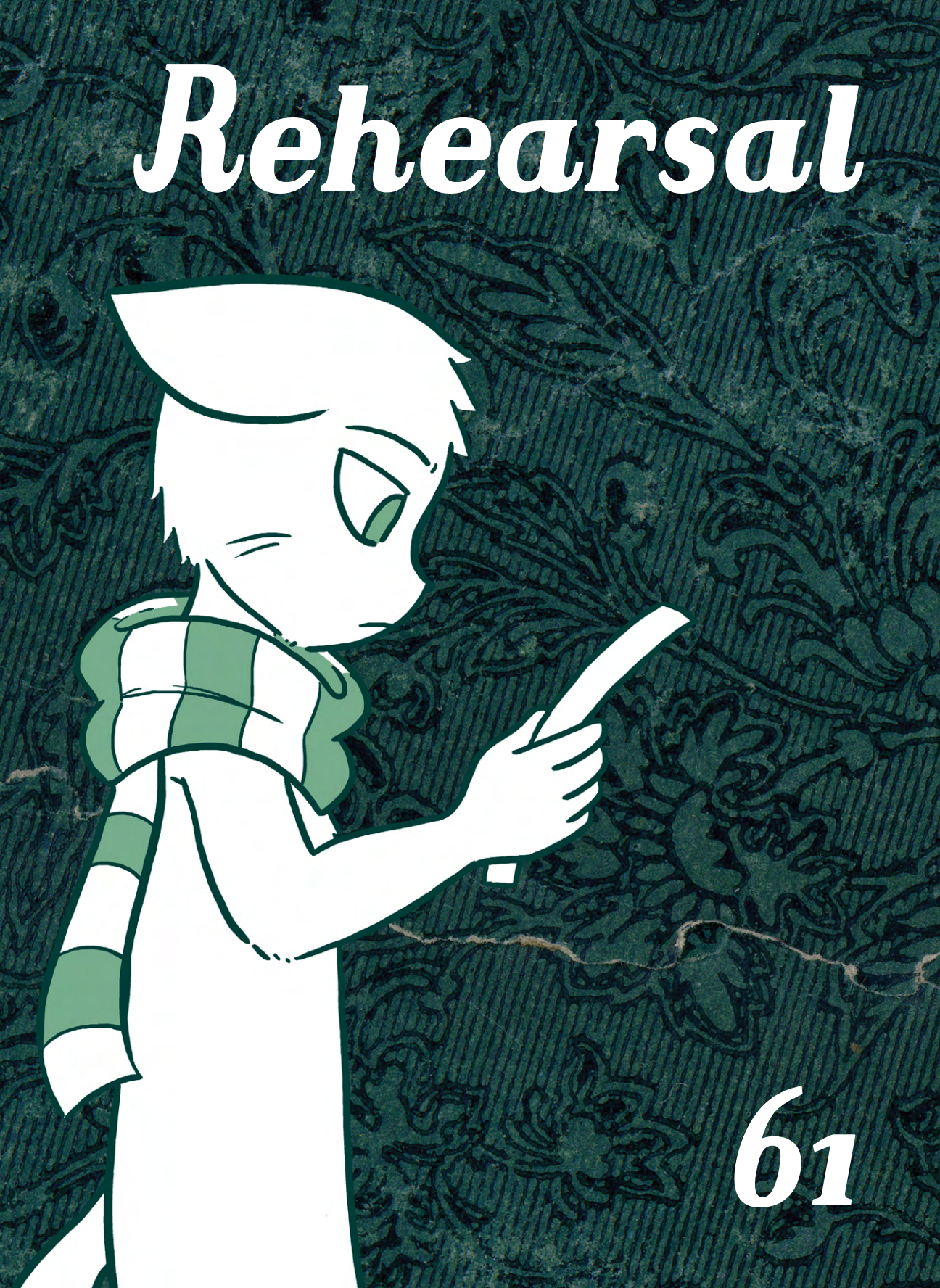
Abbey wants to protect girls. He hates boys like Paulo.
Abbey has foster parents because his father was mean.
He has a sister, too
Sometimes he gets mad, but he tries to get better. Daisy helps.
Sue wants to make the world a better place.
She wrote a play and made Mike and Lucy the stars.
This may not be because they were the best fit for the roles.
Katie is popular and thinks she is great.
Stacy is a little shy
Amaya and McCain are Sue's best friends. Amaya doesn't talk.
Nobody wants McCain to talk
Lucy and Mike have outspoken pets.
Augustus keeps to himself now.
He feels bad about Daisy
Jessica wants to stay out of trouble . . .
. . . while Rachel is much more relaxed.





So have fun reading it all!

Rehearsal



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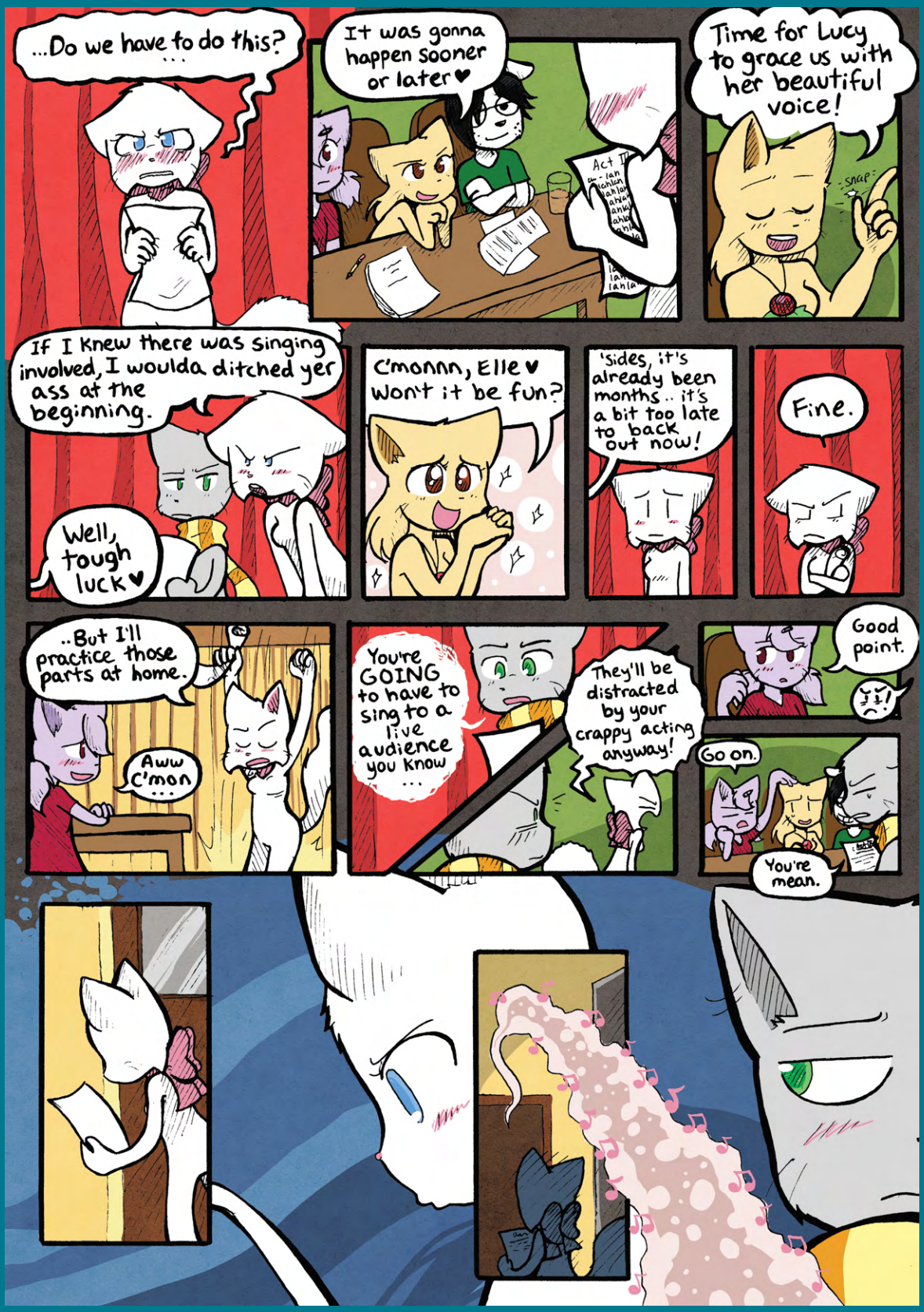
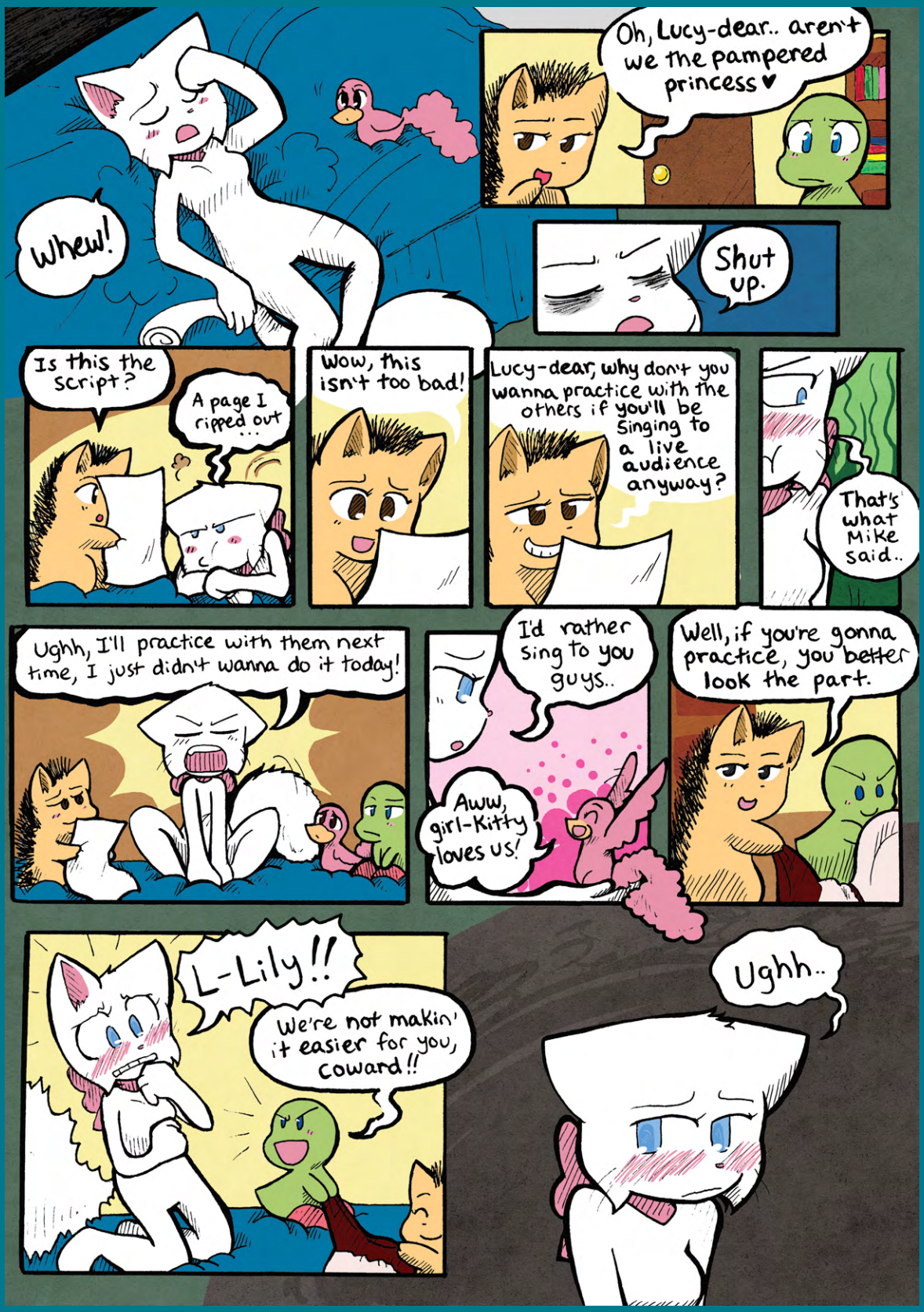
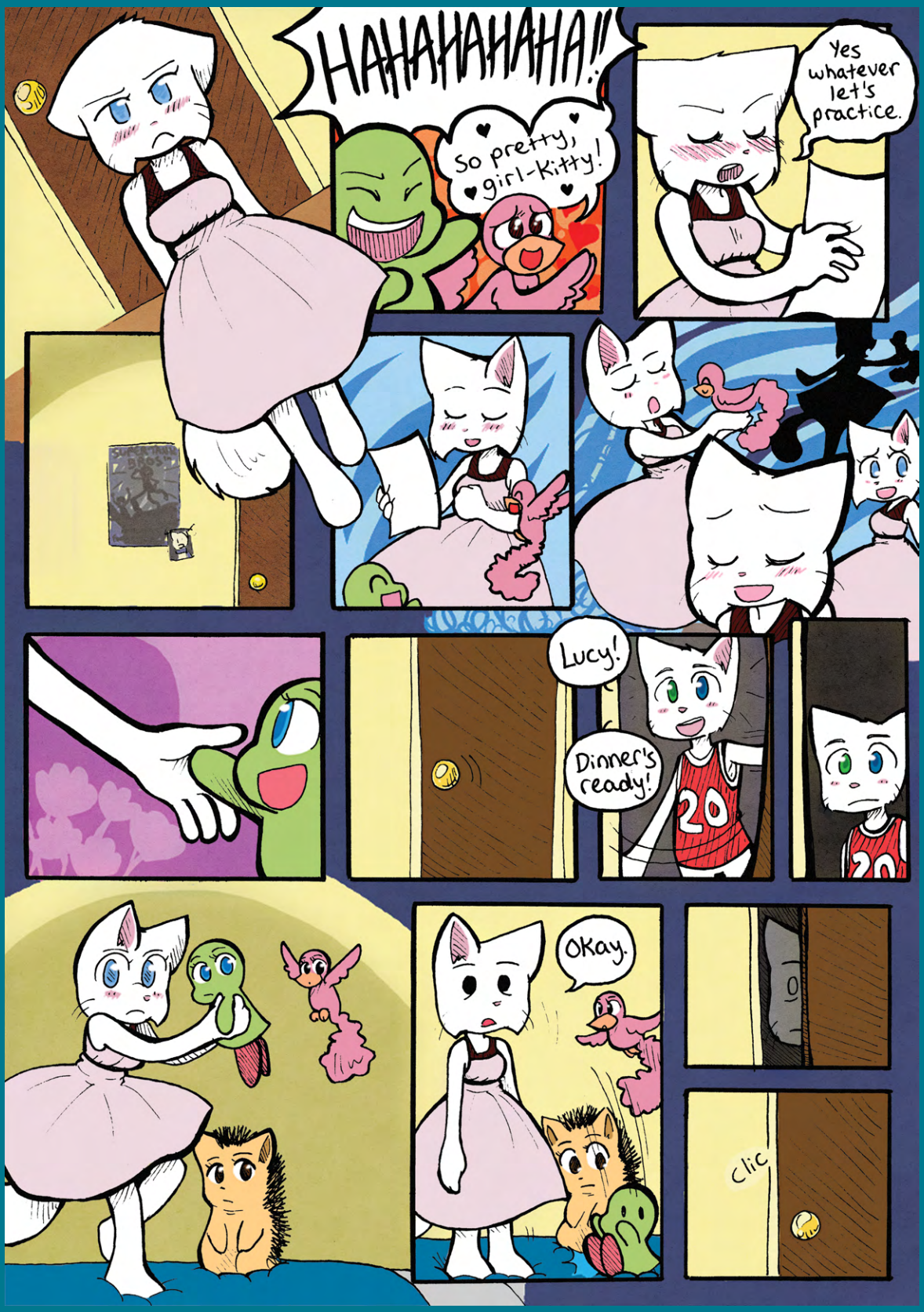
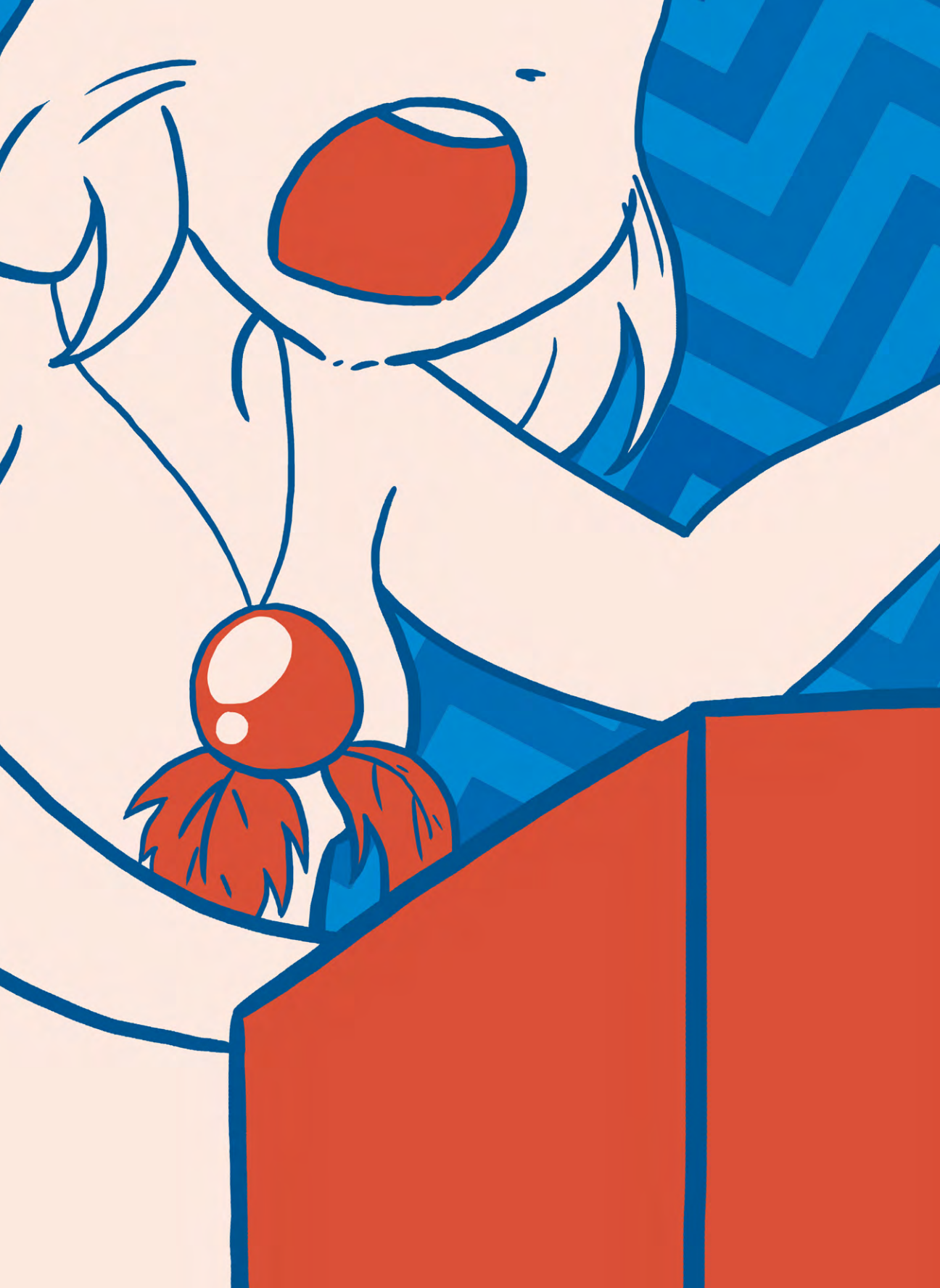

...Do we have to do this?
It was gonna happen sooner or later♥
Act II
Time for Lucy to grace us with her beautiful voice!
snap
If I knew there was singing involved, I woulda ditched yer ass at the beginning.
Well, tough luck♥
C'monnn, Elle♥ Won't it be fun?
'sides, it's already been months.. it's a bit too late to back out now!
Fine.
..But I'll practice those parts at home.
Aww C'mon ...
You're GOING to have to sing to a live audience you know ...
They'll be distracted by your crappy acting anyway!
Good point.
Go on.
You're mean.


Whew!
Oh, Lucy-dear.. aren't we the pampered princess ♥
Shut up.
Is this the script?
A page I ripped out ...
Wow, this isn't too bad!
Lucy-dear, why don't you wanna practice with the others if you'll be singing to a live audience anyway?
That's what Mike said..
Ughh, I'll practice with them next time, I just didn't wanna do it today!
I'd rather sing to you guys..
Aww, girl-Kitty loves us!
Well, if you're gonna practice, you better look the part.
L-Lily!!
We're not makin' it easier for you, coward!!
Ughh..


HAHAHAHAHA!!
So pretty, girl-Kitty!
Yes whatever let's practice.
Lucy!
Dinner's ready!
OKay.
clic

Next practice day.
Getting better there, Mike.
I guess.
Thanks!
I'll keep working on these reads until opening night.
SLAM
OK I'm ready.
Good! We need to see how all that practice paid off!
Don't look at me while I sing.
But I'm supposed to star...
whatever she did at home, it worked.
Face it, she won't be practicing with us again.
But I want her to wear this!!
END



Feline Filibuster

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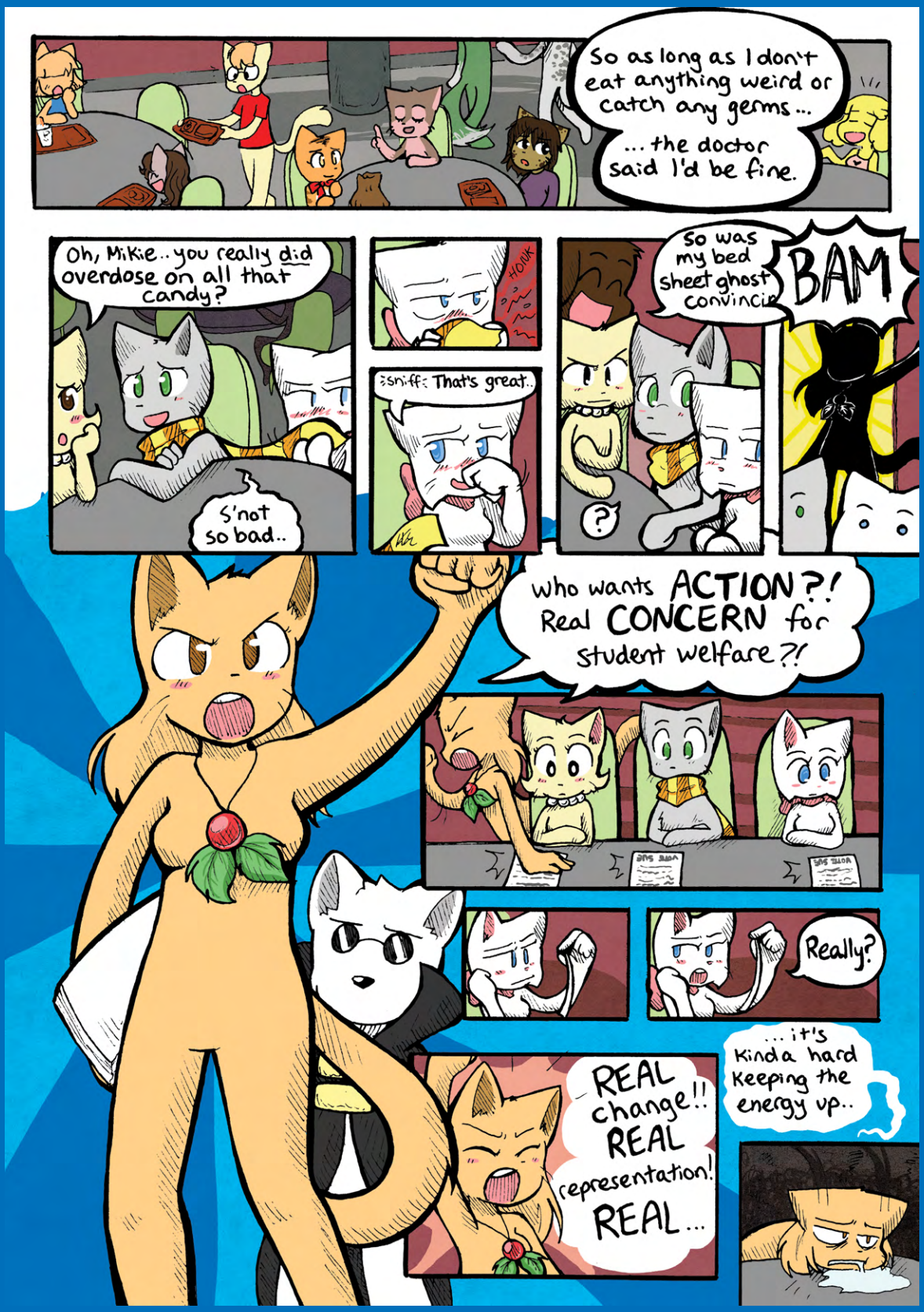
DJ Jazzy Jazz and the Fresh P...
Paulo!!
Yeah?
That's stupid, no no!
I think my first idea worked better.
"Join Jasmine"?
For a better Roseville High.
Print
Perfect!
Boy, I'll say.
Yer gonna nail this, Jazz.
Teehee, thanks to you♥

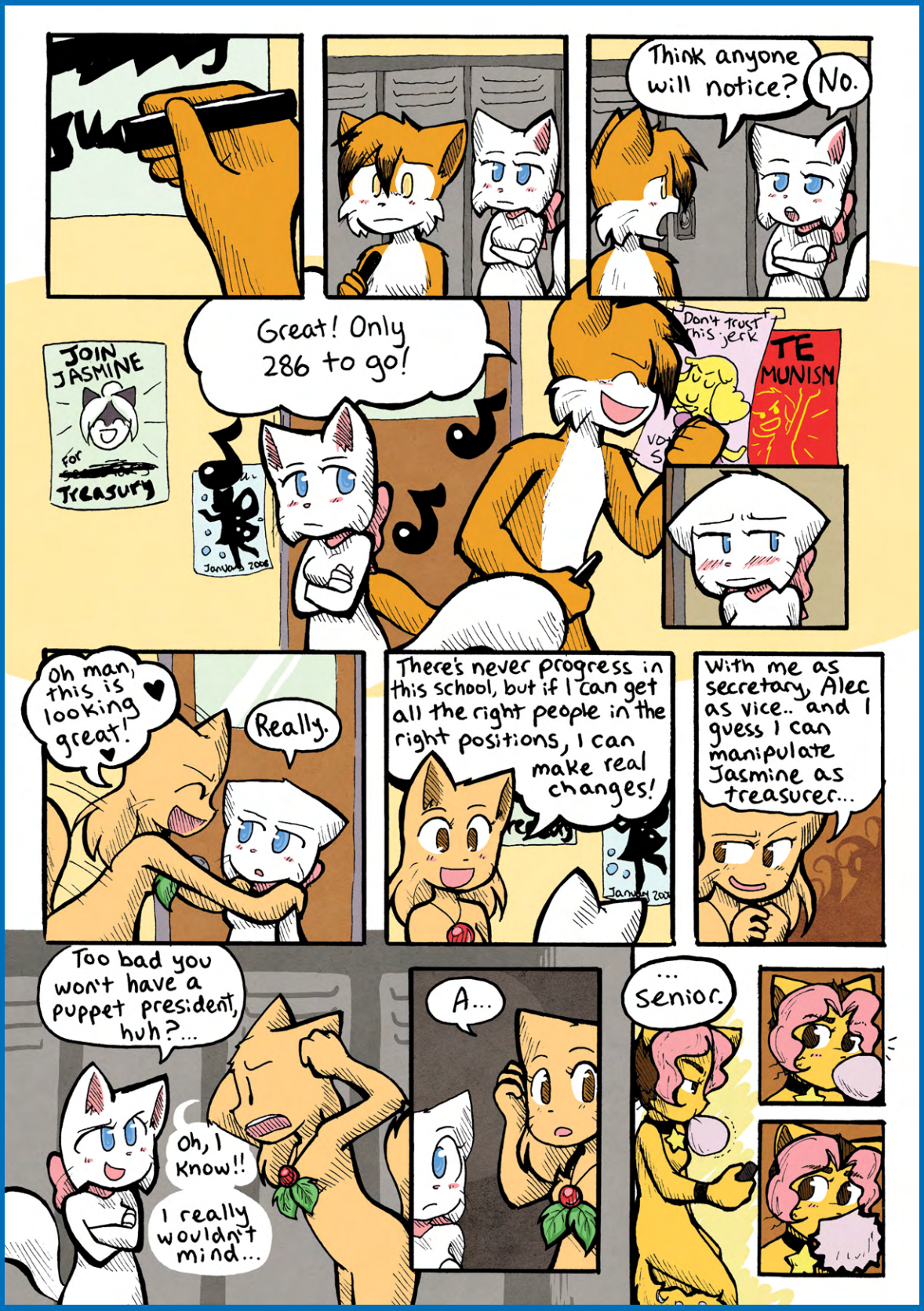

So as long as I don't eat anything weird or catch any germs...
... the doctor said I'd be fine.
Oh, Mikie.. you really did overdose on all that candy?
S'not so bad..
HONK
:sniff: That's great..
So was my bed sheet ghost convincing
BAM
?
Who wants ACTION?! Real CONCERN for student welfare?!
VOTE SUE
VOTE SUE
Really?
... it's kinda hard keeping the energy up..
REAL change!! REAL representation! REAL...

So you're running for Obama?
a-huh?
Well, I'm running for secretary. The vote's in two weeks...
... and it looks like another stupid preppie landslide again.
So I'm running to shake things up!
"Shake things up with Sue"?
We tried that. Didn't test too well.
EH EH EH-HEM
So come November 5th...
...Make sure you vote for...
JASMINE!!
JOIN JASMINE, EVERYBODY!!

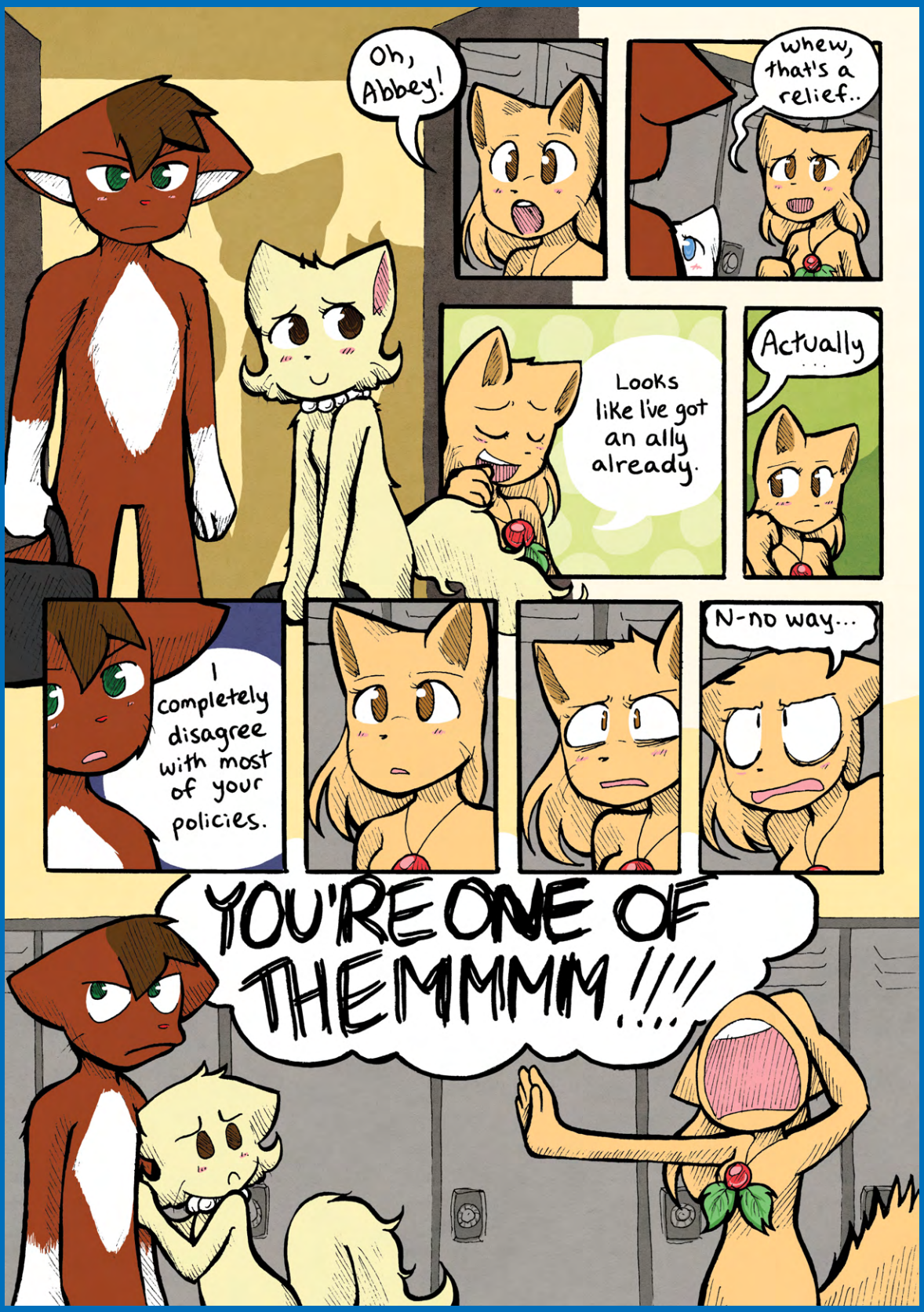
A-hah..
So I heard of this ... A rivalry, huh?
Well, you see...
My Jazzie's standing for everything good..
..like longer vacations, candy bars at lunch, and a ban on detention!
You can do that?
snnrk
Of course not.
A president can propose changes to school policy but ultimately must work within the framework of the school board and admin....
SHUT IT MCCAIN
Then we revise our policy to be that if you vote Jazzie...
She will be AWESOME!!

...is this a serious campaign?
Of course it is!
Paulo and I printed posters and everything!
Feh.
Not much different from Katie's unsuccessful run last year..
But..
Looks like you'll have to vote for me for serious policies and strong leadership for the future~!
Policies like?
"A day longer on library loans."
"Leadership of the student movement against standardized testing."
Umm...
REAL ACHIEVABLE OUTCOMES FOR EVERY STUDENT!
H-Hey..
SCATTER

Ughh.. not again..
We can do achievable outcomes as well..
Like banning DETENTION...
Man.. this isn't fun anymore..
The fate of the people rests on you..
This is no game.
Oh...
Dude, who cares. This is High School.
This is a waste of time! Let's go, Alec.
I wouldn't mind actually getting lunch...
That reminds me..
You're in the wrong year. Only sophomores run for secretary.
PAULO!! You typed it all out!!
Geez, I forgot you're a freshman, okay?!
300 sheets of WRONG, Paulo!!
IT'S ALL OVER THE SCHOOL!!


Think anyone will notice?
No.
Great! Only 286 to go!
JOIN JASMINE
for Treasury
Don't trust this jerk
TE MUNISM
Oh man, this is looking great!
Really.
There's never progress in this school, but if I can get all the right people in the right positions, I can make real changes!
With me as secretary, Alec as vice.. and I guess I can manipulate Jasmine as treasurer...
Too bad you won't have a puppet president, huh?...
Oh, I know!!
I really wouldn't mind...
A...
...senior.

OHMYGOD Tess you HAVE to run for President!
Gulp
No.
why not? Don't you care about the wellbeing of the school?
THE SCHOOL. HATES ME.
I'm sure it's not THAT bad..
HEY, BITCH~
Bahahaha, you totally answered!!
oh, GROW UP, RACHEL!
ooh, u mad
so much for that. Guess I can settle for a 75% monopoly.
Not if I have anything to do with it!


Oh, Abbey!
whew, that's a relief..
Looks like I've got an ally already.
Actually...
I completely disagree with most of your policies.
N-no way...
YOU'RE ONE OF THEMMMM!!!!

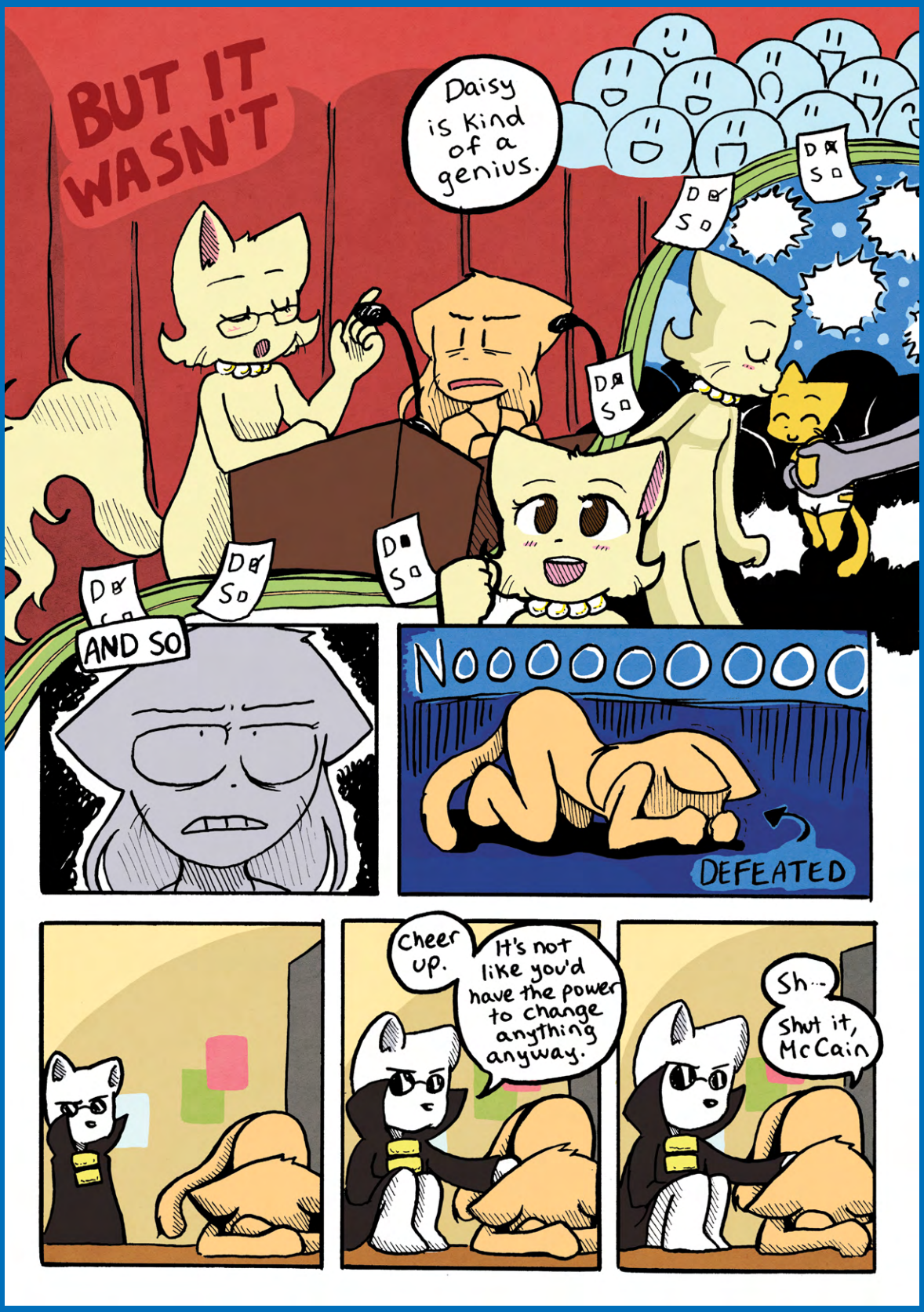
we shall begin the first secretaries' debate!
MAN when did this boring shit happen last year?
You skipped it with David. You're only here because of Jasmine.
Oh, right!
I wonder when she'll be on ♥♥
Idiot..
okay ..
First question ...
What is your response to the reported increase in school bullying?
Well!
Expulsion.

Geez, Abbey, expulsion?!
Not even a warning?!
We have a serious bullying problem in this school.
People who make threats and put fear in the lives of others deserve no sympathy.
It's not that simple! Bullies are not robotic torture machines! You're bringing your emotions into a school policy!
Oh, am I?
Yes!
Daisy.
Consider a building with a few broken windows. If the windows are not repaired, the tendency is for vandals to break more windows. Eventually they may even break into the building, and the degeneration continues. This is the essence of my argument. Leniency solves very little, long-term yet strict policies will deter even the most minimal offenses..
It is a harsh, yet effective method.
This school is becoming careless and irresponsible, ANY visitor can just walk in and wreak havoc on innocent students, and the authorities ignore it!
There is only so much you can do on your own.
But how far must we go before we act together?
Abuse is not a game. Regardless of a bully's excuses..
It's never acceptable to do violence to an innocent.

Oh COME ON.
He's seriously talking about me in this part, the two-faced...
Aw, to hell with it.
Oh, it seems we have a question.
Yes..
Abraham, why are you such a huge dick?
Daisy.
I take my question back..
HA!!
Typical! Using scare tactics to silence your opposition. I saw what you did to those bullies..
Sounds like violence was the right idea when you were in charge!
Abbey for a fascist Roseville dictatorship.

FASCIST?!
What kind of ridiculous hyperbole is that?
All I'm suggesting is real action for a change!
Real action?
Action that'll turn this school into a prison complex!
Do you seriously think an issue as complicated as bullying can be reduced t---
YES!!
The fact is, harsh behavior needs a damn harsh response! Discipline! PUNISHMENT!!
Q+A
Not everyone deserves th---
DON'T TELL ME WHO DOES AND DOESN'T DESERVE IT!! BULLIES SHOULD ALL ROT IN HELL!!
Hit her!

Abbey, temper.
Remember what the counselor said?
OH GOD OH GOD OH GOD
Here!
squee
squee
squee
Next question!
Um..
If I may...
Abbey seems to have forfeited for now..
I would like to take his place.
squee
squee
You.
Me.
This HAS to be a joke.


BUT IT WASN'T
Daisy is kind of a genius.
AND SO
NOOOOOOOOOO
DEFEATED
Cheer up.
It's not like you'd have the power to change anything anyway.
Sh...
Shut it, McCain

It's nice of you to join me!
Eh, I got over it.
I'm impressed!
You had no real campaign but nearly everyone voted for you.
Oh, I know! Does that mean people actually notice me?
I know I woulda cried if I lost..
Work on that confidence, Daisy. You're alright.
I guess you're right.
Maybe people DO like me!
WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED.
VOTE FOR HER.
VOTE FOR HER.
Look at this face.
If it cries, you're DEAD man.
VOTE FOR HERRRRR!!
Maybe Abbey campaigned behind my back
whatever.

Hey, winner... and loser!
Hah!
Hi...
Hey!
So what's the first order of business, captain?
Well...
I'm giving my position to Abbey!
WHAT?!
This is what Abbey wanted the most! I did say it was temporary!
It was HIS campaign..
'sides, it'll clash with my 18 other extracurricular activities so...
EH whatever
Just tell me who to congratulate or sumthin'..
Abbey, you're the secretary now!
Heh... Just according to plan..

Tic
Ughh, not this one either...
Man, I'm pretty sure even the school secretary doesn't have authority to declare the fifth "orange cats pick up trash during lunch day" this week.
Hey, at least I won!
Thanks to you!
It's funny, though.
What is?
How you did all you could to get your DAIIISY elected... but you basically put Abbey in charge!
Dude.
DUDE.
DUDE!
Muamua Daiseyyy~
That's not funny! I've got enough to deal with after this mess of an election.
Aww, Paulo... don't worry.
You're not the only one with problems
Dear Abbey,
I went to the bank and got the money changed into smaller denominations for the PTA bake sale like you asked. Left it in your locker.
Jasmine ♥
...smaller... denominations...
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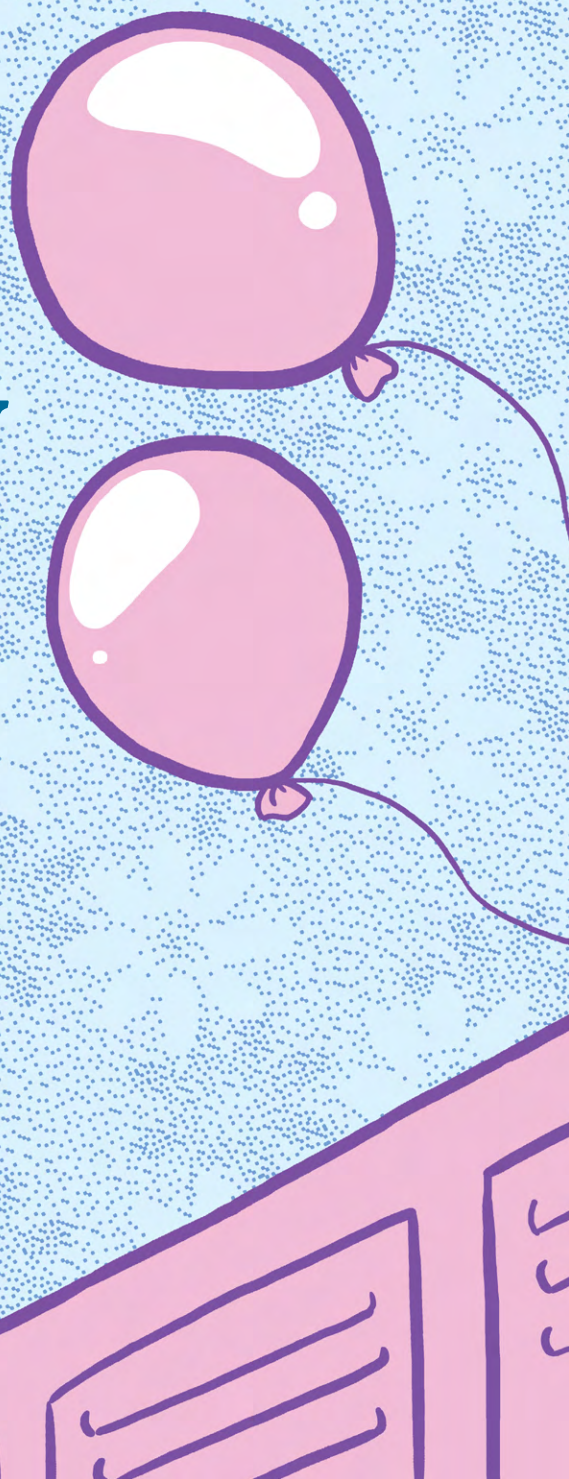
Pillow Talk



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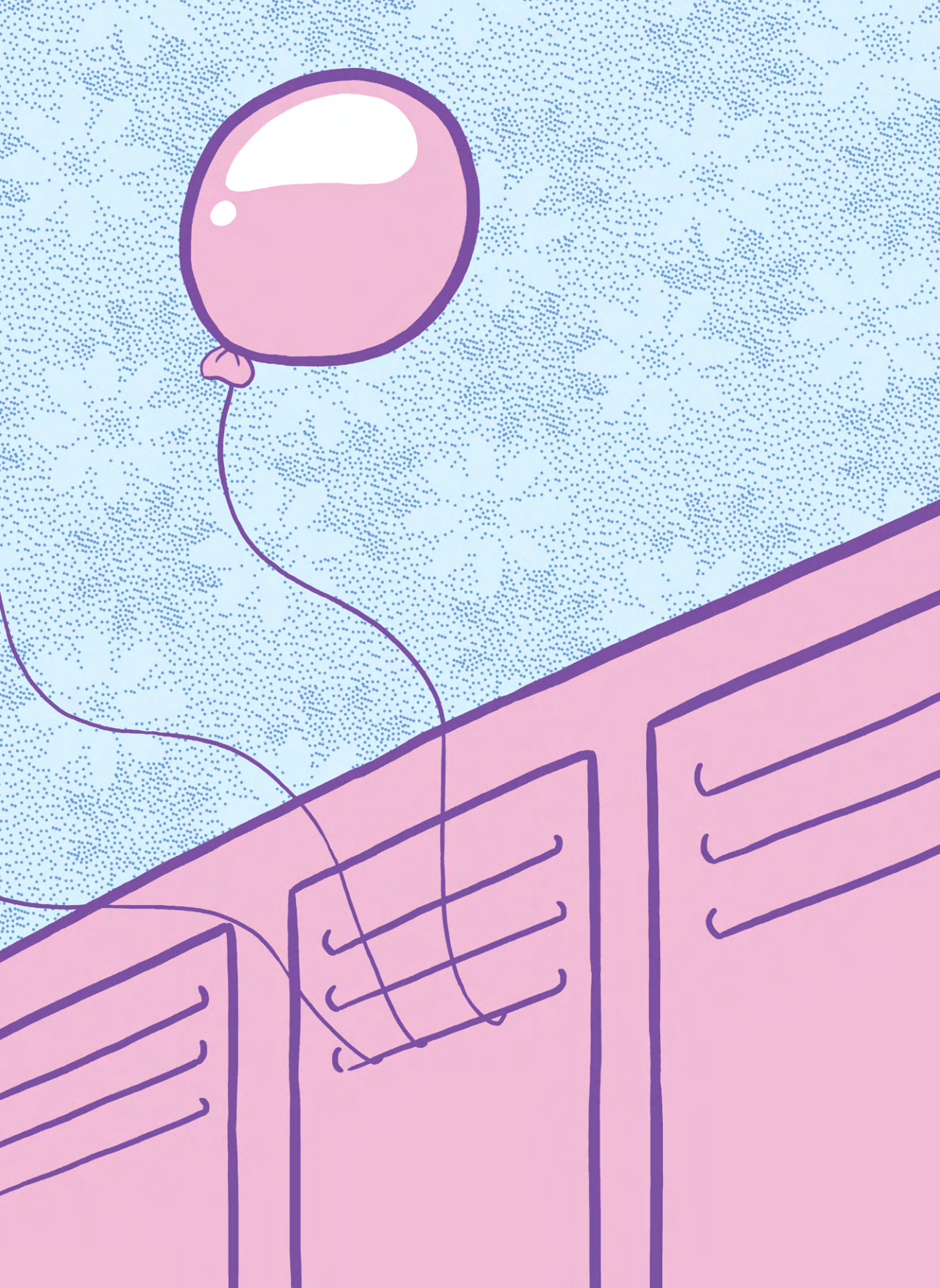

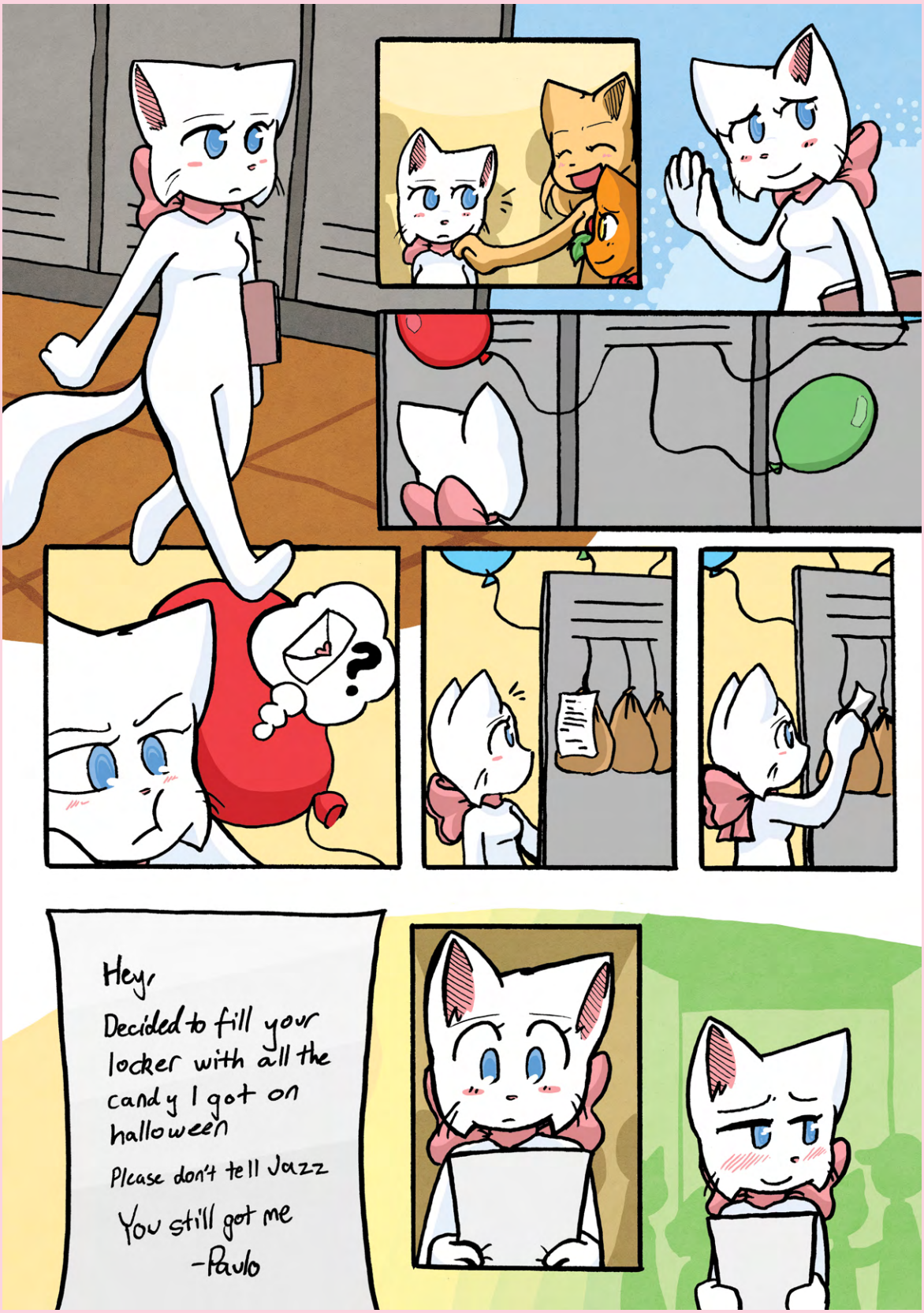
Hey,
Decided to fill your locker with all the candy I got on halloween
Please don't tell Jazz
You still got me
-Paulo

ERP
You should know this by now.
?
RIIIING
Get a brain moran
Oh, Lucy!
Happy birthday!~
Did you go to your locker? There were balloons everywhere an...
You're invited
To Lucy's b-day sleepover!!
Time Sat, 5pm
Place Daisy's house
Cake + drinks will be provided, but please bring snacks!!
Oh, right!

You wouldn't believe how hard it was to invite everyone all at once so you could enjoy the surprise!
I had to remember the seats in different classes and stuff.
Don't worry, though! Boys aren't coming
'sides I know you wouldn't come if you weren't invited.
Mint chocolate.
I want a mint chocolate cake.
Sure!!
Oh, hi Mikie!
Hey, Daisy.
Congratulations, I guess!
Oh, it was nothin'! Abbey deserved the win

Rules of home room!
1. Quiet
2. No cell phones
3. No food
4. No gum man thass gross
5. Ms. Amalu is awesome
6. Rules 1 + 2
More resources
REQUIRED
MAP OF THE FREAKEN WORLD

Can I borrow your notes?
Thanks for that.
Aren't you gonna sit with us?
No..
Same time after school, right Elle?
Hey, Lucy! I'll bring your present on Saturday, okay?
You okay?
Guess I'll leave you alone..
Yay! Lunch!
Surp--Aah! You saw me!
Lucy~!
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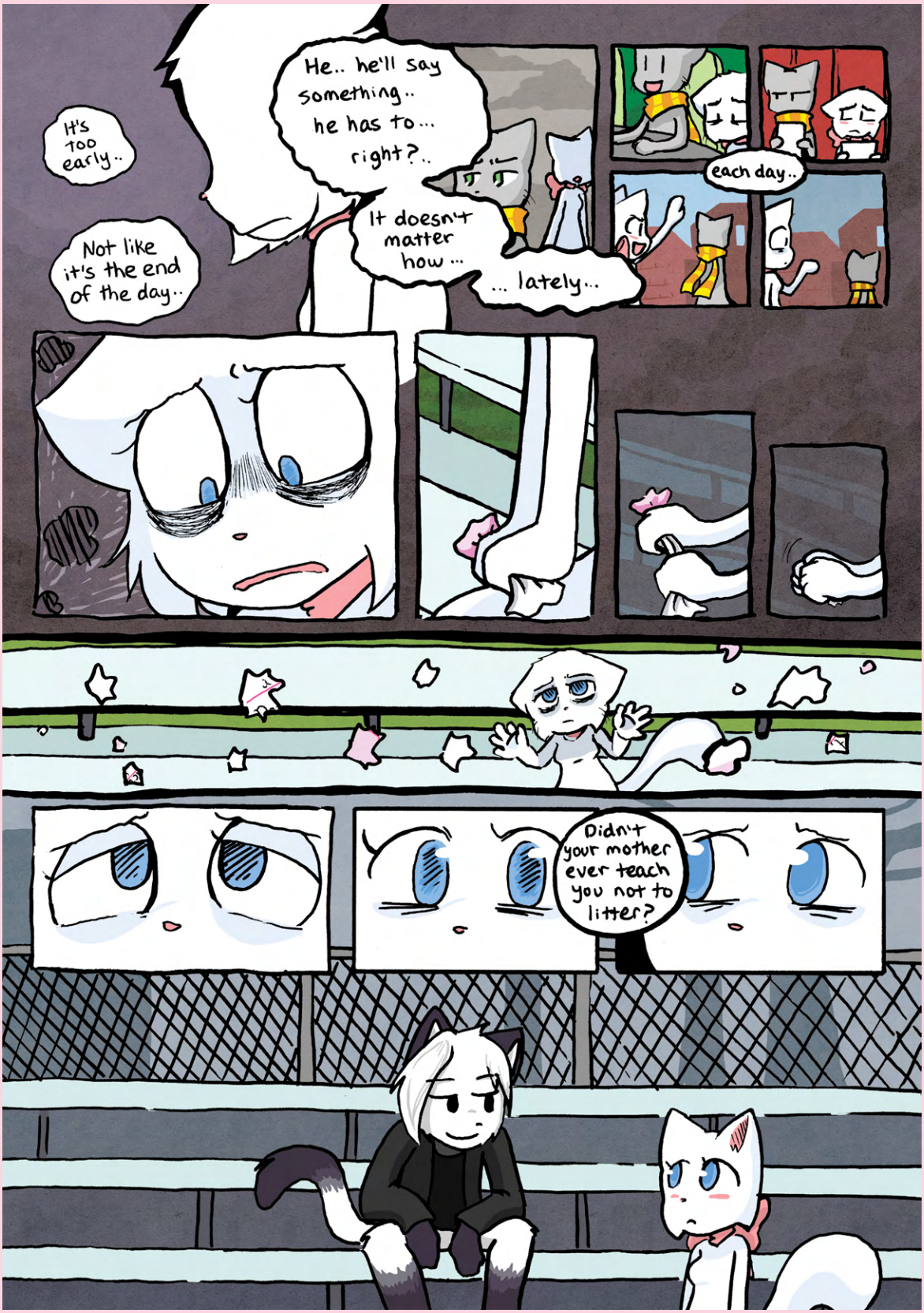
I'll get you next time!
Surprise, Lucy!!
...Aww, not this year?
Hahaha, you know I'll get you someday!
Naw, I'm never gonna be too old to try and surprise you!
Just wait until next year..


It's too early..
Not like it's the end of the day..
He.. he'll say something.. he has to... right?..
It doesn't matter how...
... lately...
each day..
Didn't your mother ever teach you not to litter?

Where are you going?
I'm not an idiot.
Go do whatever you do to someone else.
You've never spoken to me--
Daisy has.
The girl you tried to rape. That Daisy.
I wasn't going to---
I don't care.
What she told you was wrong!
I was just...
Fuck off, creep.
I'm really not in the mood.

A challenge.
Pff..
Hahaha
well, about time.
Knock Knock Knock
Hey!
You came!
why wouldn't we?
Hello!
well, I dunno...
I just thought..

Oh, that's just LOW, Daisy!
Okay, so I invited her. So?! She's Lucy's friend as well! It wouldn't be fair if I didn't!
'sides, it's been like two years? Shouldn't you let it go?
Fair enough!
S'not like I was gonna leave!
'sides, I might be warming up to her already!
Isn't that right, hoebag?
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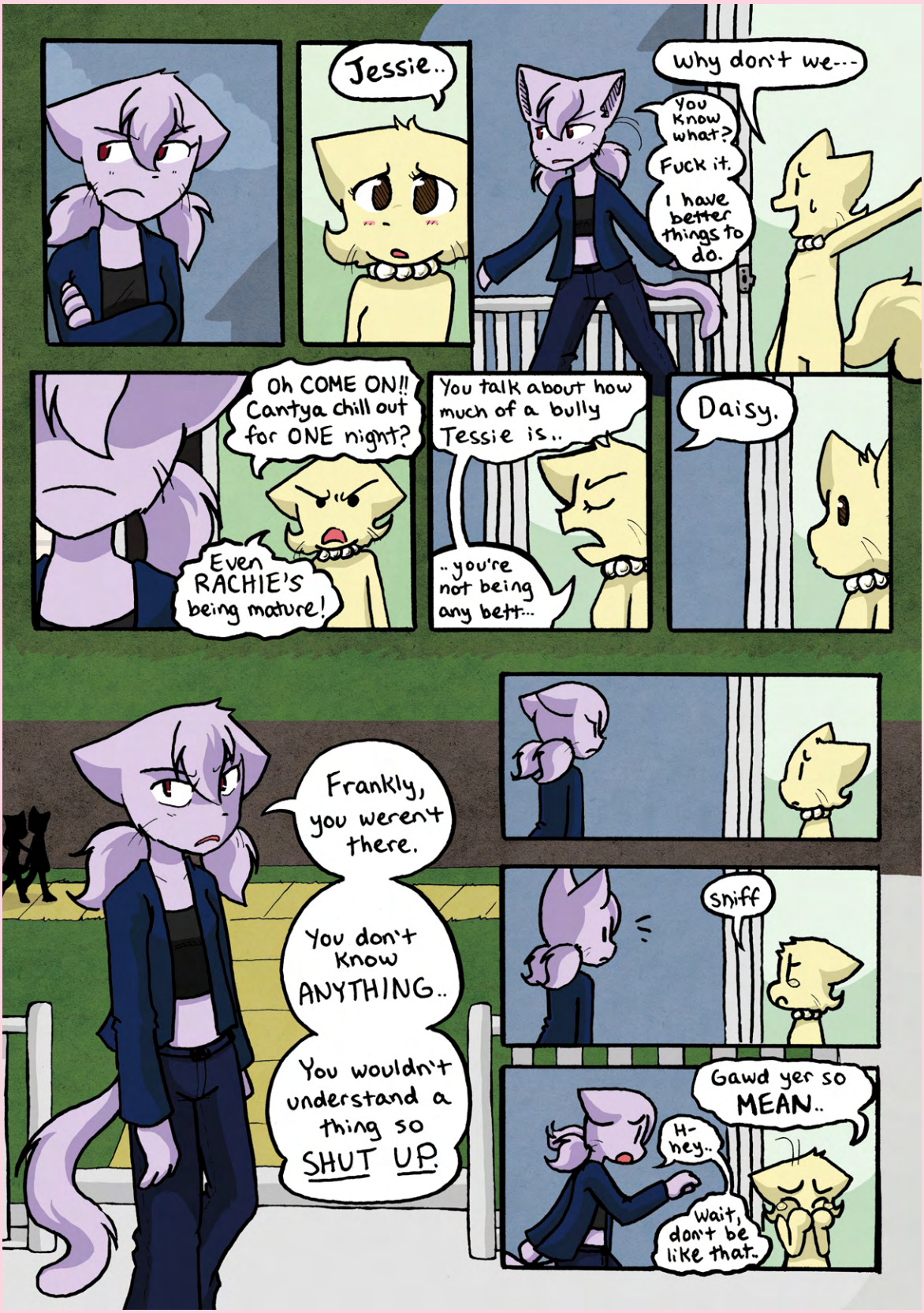
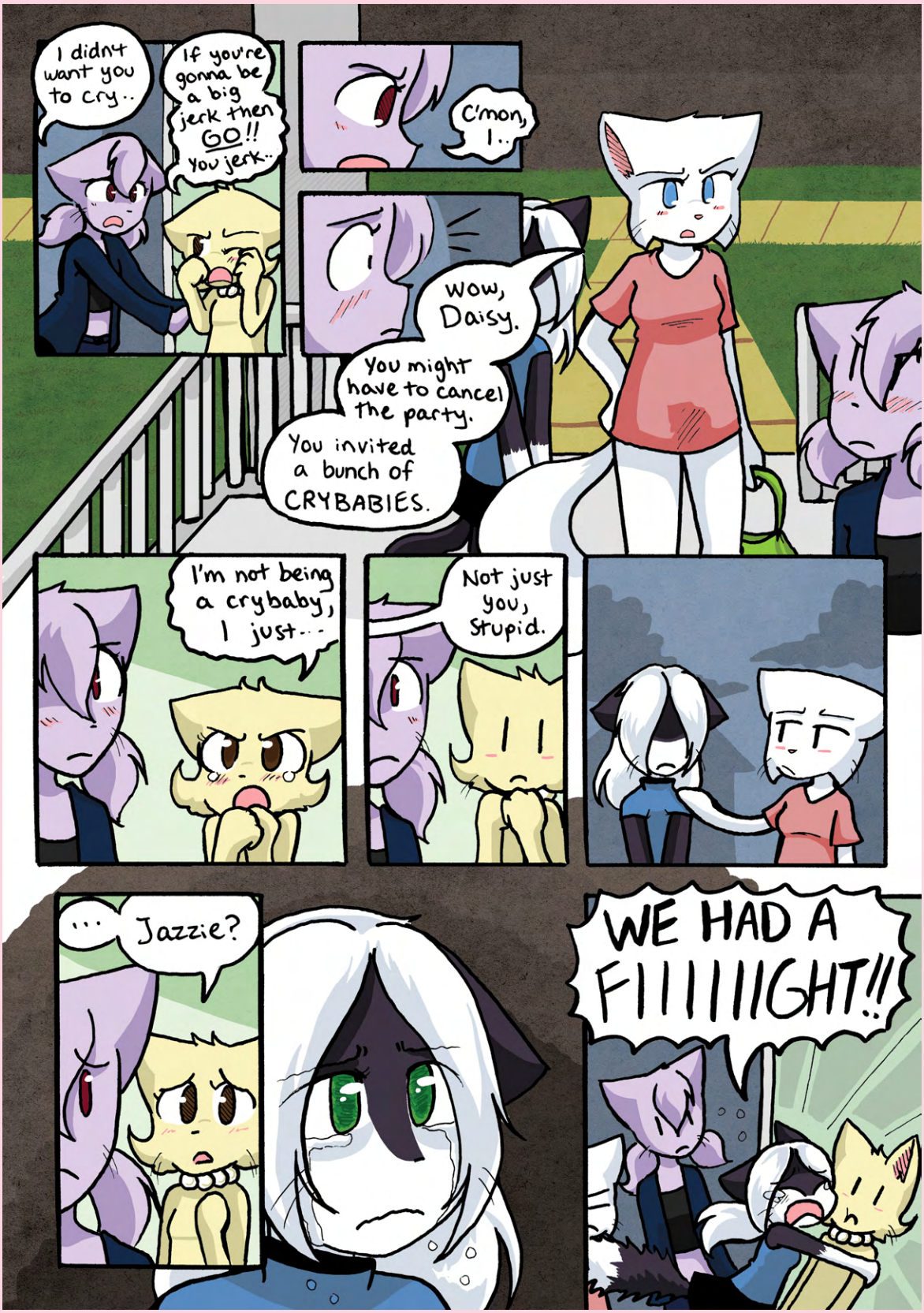
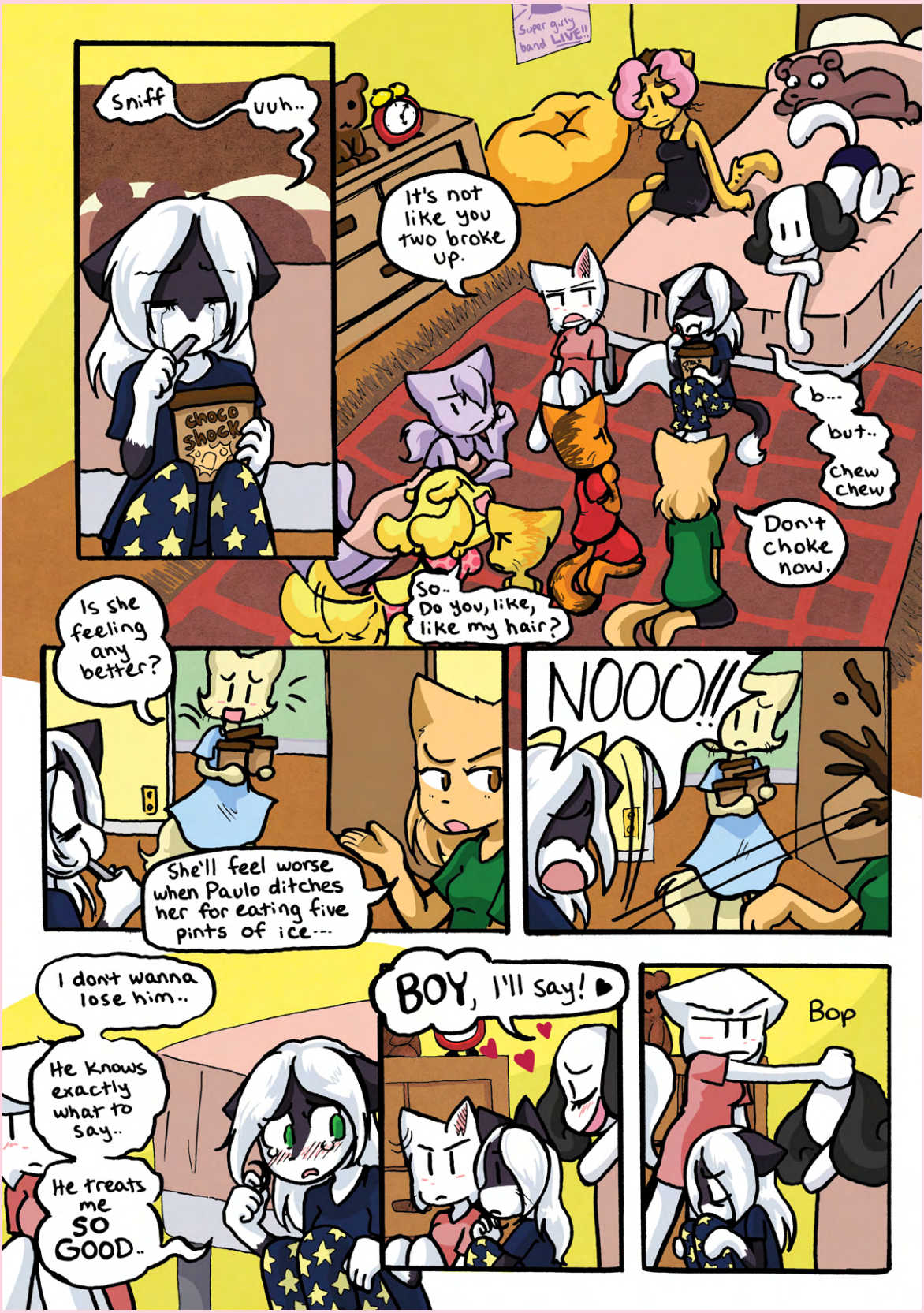
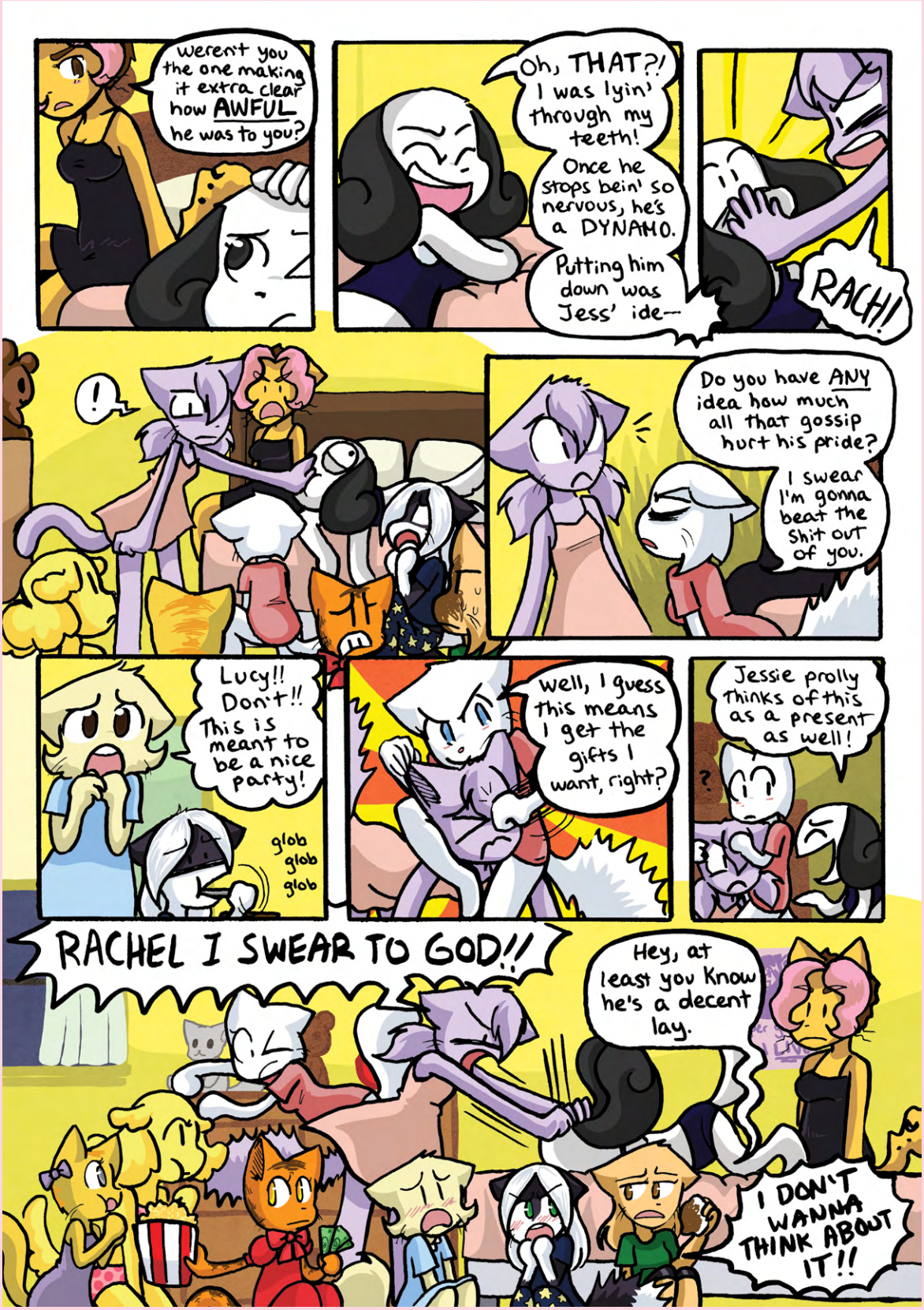

Jessie..
Why don't we---
You know what?
Fuck it.
I have better things to do.
Oh COME ON!! Cantya chill out for ONE night?
Even RACHIE'S being mature!
You talk about how much of a bully Tessie is..
..you're not being any bett...
Daisy.
Frankly, you weren't there.
You don't know ANYTHING..
You wouldn't understand a thing so SHUT UP.
sniff
Gawd yer so MEAN..
H-hey..
Wait, don't be like that..


I didn't want you to cry..
If you're gonna be a big jerk then GO!! You jerk..
C'mon, I..
Wow, Daisy.
You might have to cancel the party.
You invited a bunch of CRYBABIES.
I'm not being a crybaby, I just...
Not just you, stupid.
...
Jazzie?
WE HAD A FIIIIIIGHT!!

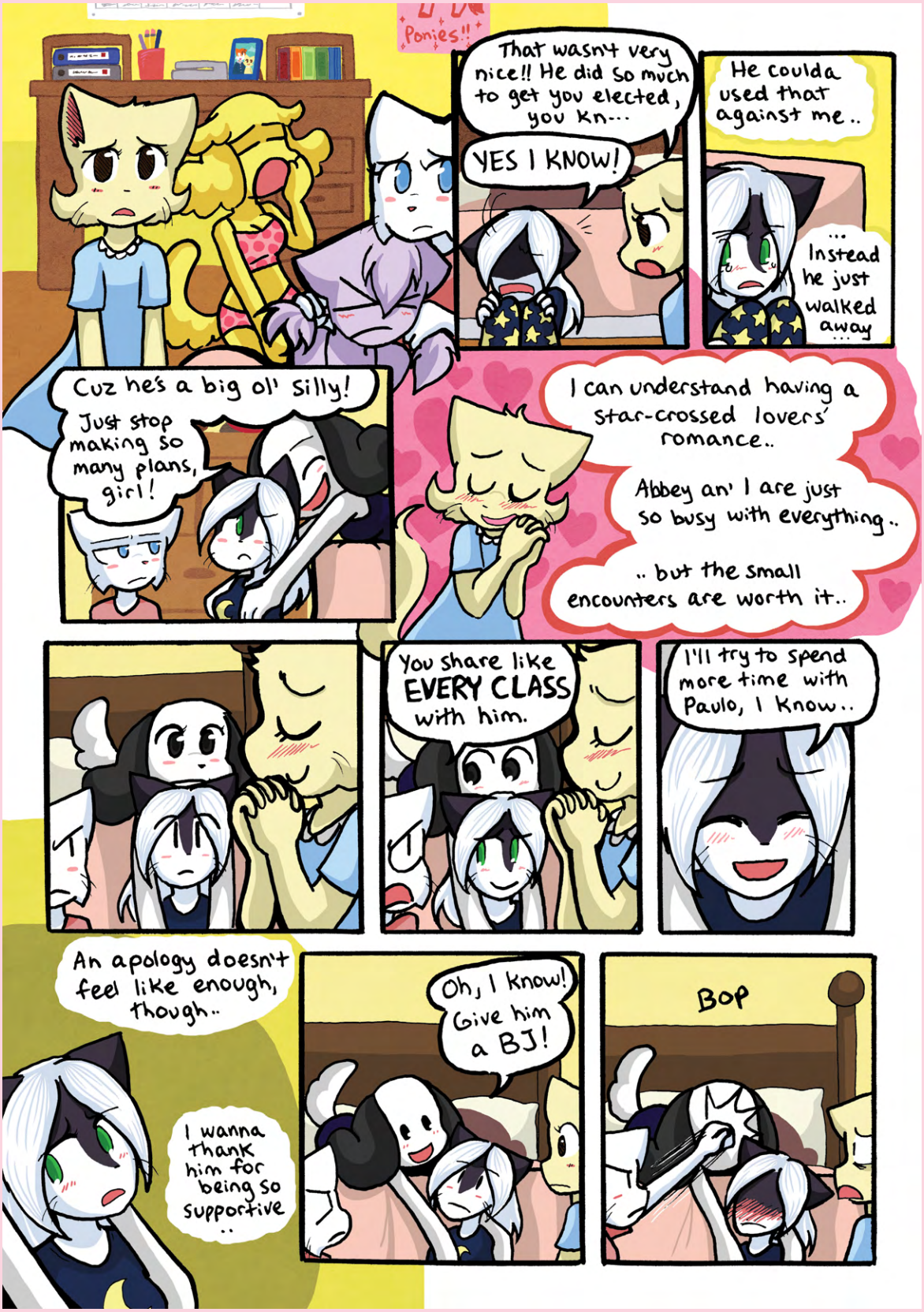

Sniff
uuh..
Super girly band LIVE!!
It's not like you two broke up.
b...
but..
chew chew
Don't choke now.
So.. Do you, like, like my hair?
Is she feeling any better?
She'll feel worse when Paulo ditches her for eating five pints of ice---
NOOO!!!
I don't wanna lose him..
He knows exactly what to say..
He treats me SO GOOD..
BOY, I'll say!
Bop

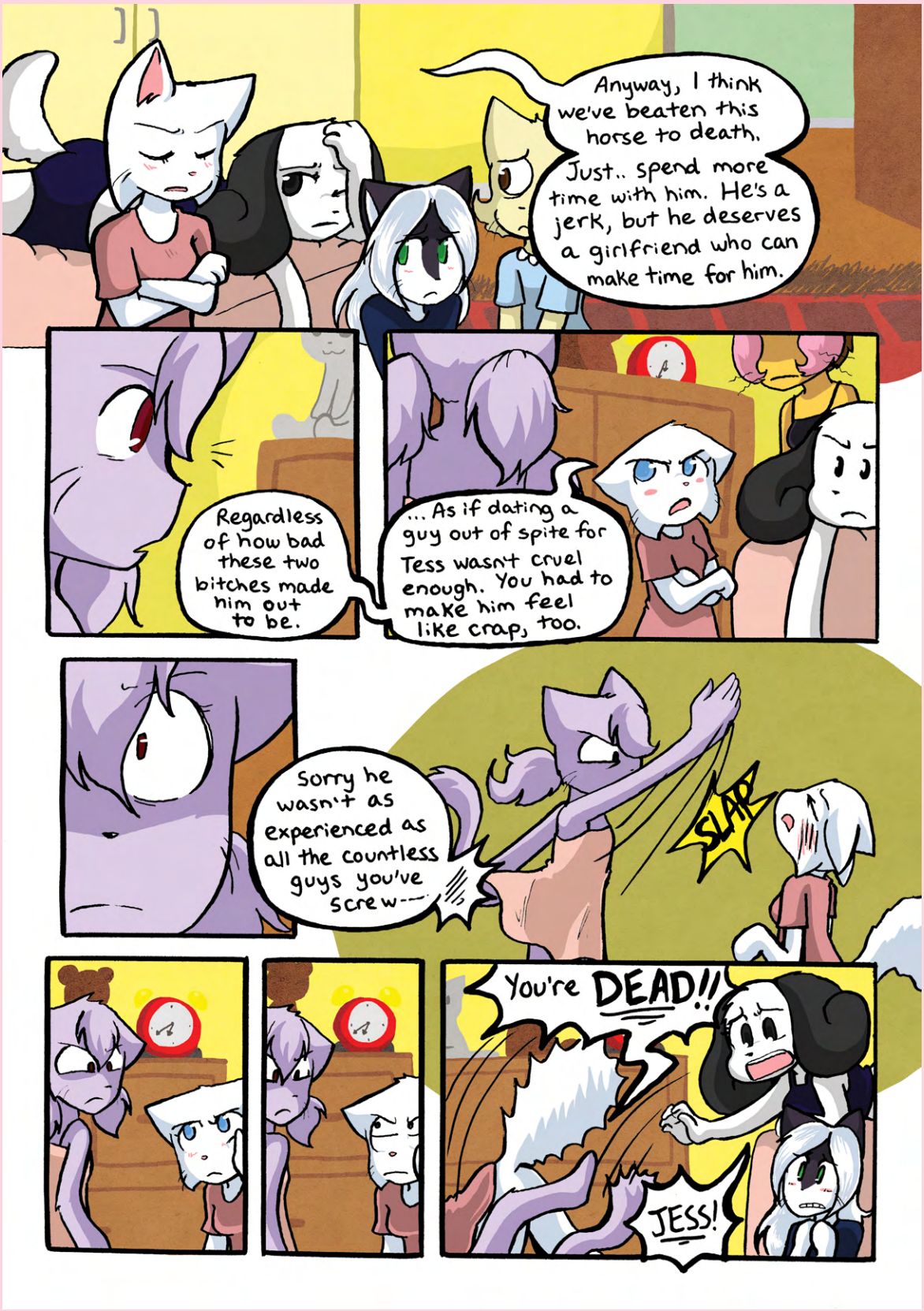

Weren't you the one making it extra clear how AWFUL he was to you?
Oh, THAT?! I was lyin' through my teeth! Once he stops bein' so nervous, he's a DYNAMO. Putting him down was Jess' ide—
RACH!
!
Do you have ANY idea how much all that gossip hurt his pride?
I swear I'm gonna beat the shit out of you.
Lucy!! Don't!! This is meant to be a nice party!
glob glob glob
Well, I guess this means I get the gifts I want, right?
Jessie prolly thinks of this as a present as well!
?
RACHEL I SWEAR TO GOD!!
Hey, at least you know he's a decent lay.
I DON'T WANNA THINK ABOUT IT!!

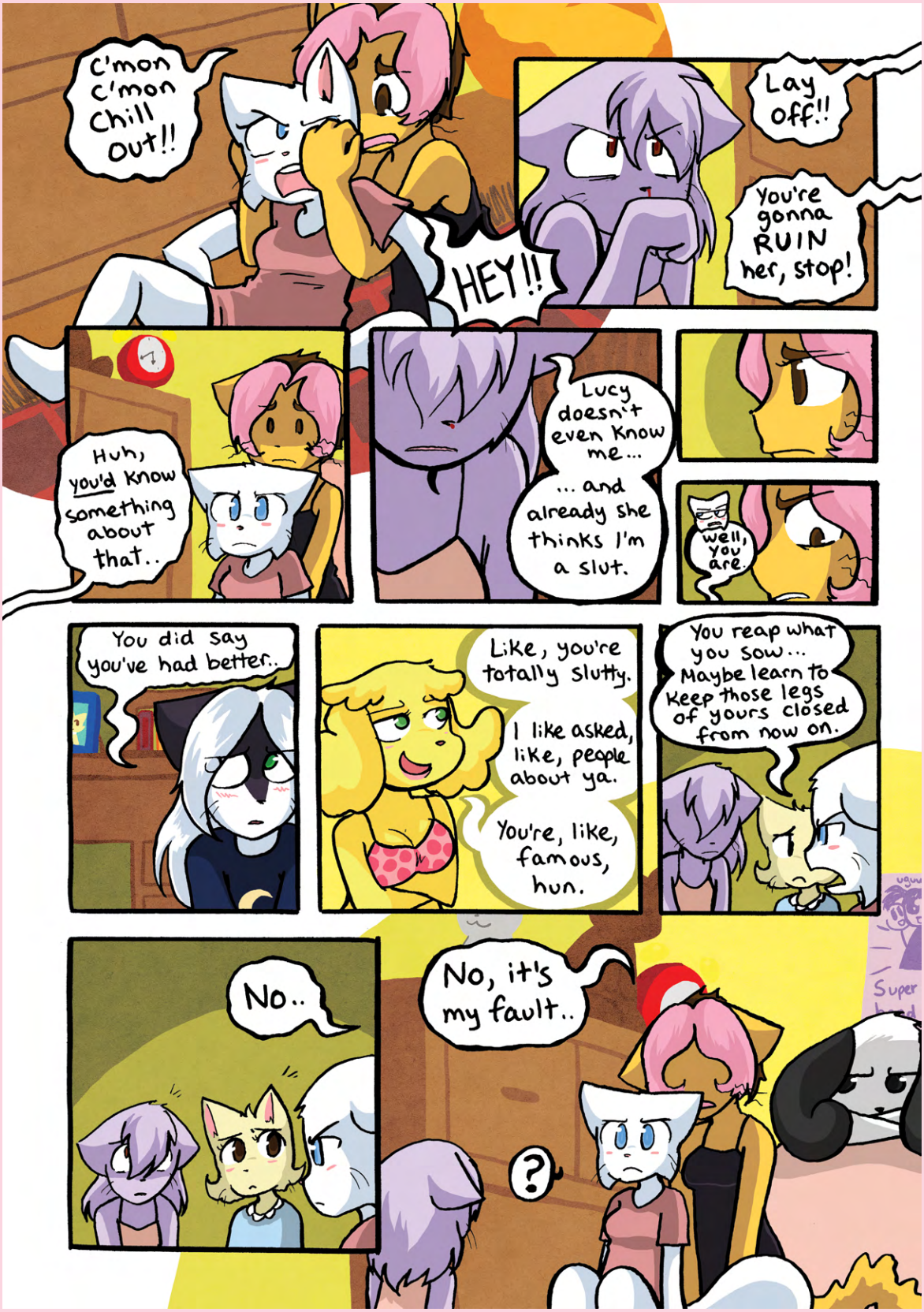
So why'd you lie, huh?
Ughh..
You know, it'd make him very happy if you said that sappy stuff to his face.
Yeah.. I guess so.
...
why'd you two fight anyway?
Jazzie!!
Paulo!!
:AFFECTION:!!
Man, tonight's gonna be great!
Eh? why?
I got us two tickets to that gay girly flick you were dying to see.
Last ones, would ya believe it?
Aww, Paulo!
I can't go.
What?

I forgot to tell you..
..but like there's a sleepover tonight and I can't miss it.
I'm sorry.
Can't you like... show up late?
That'd be rude!
I'm sure they wouldn't mind.
well, I'd mind!
It's not like you really wanted to see the movie anyway..
I'd be cool with skipping the movie if it didn't mean missing time with you.
Now you're just making me feel bad!
Well, I wasn't trying to!
Some idea these tickets were..
FINE, forget it! I'll watch it with David instead!
Why are YOU mad! I'm sorry I had plans!
Plans..
You ALWAYS have fucking plans.

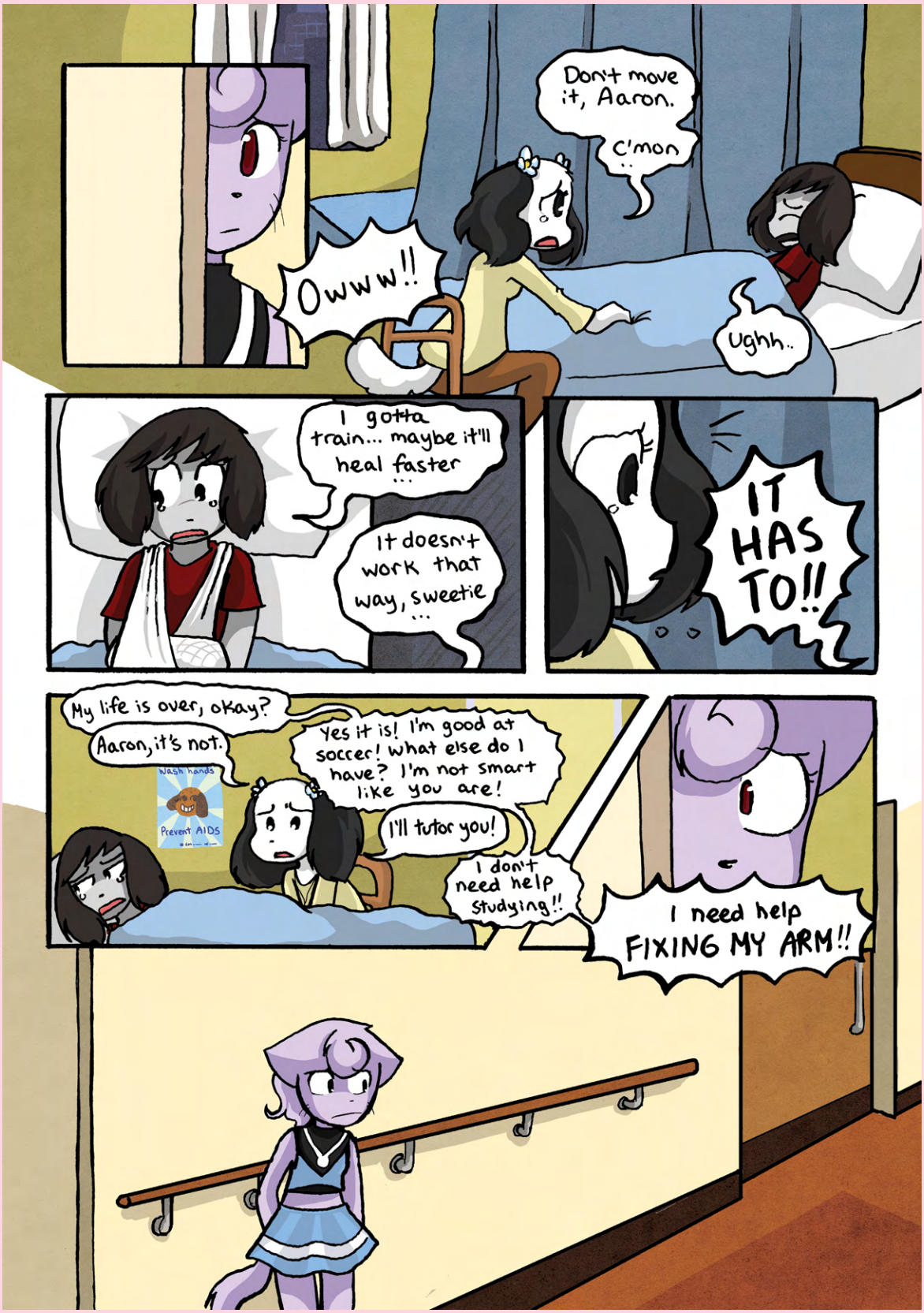
It's either softball..
WHALES
P. cool dudes
..environmental club..
..or going out with your friends..
And NOW you're freaken treasurer!
Is there ever gonna be ONE weekend where we can actually hang out?
There's always Sund-
BULL SHIT!!
You already said you have church and family day and some other shit.
Face it, you never have time for me!
Mm..
Sorry I'm not a slacker like you.
Okay.
Sorry for wasting your time.
W-wait..
I didn't mean to...
Paulo...

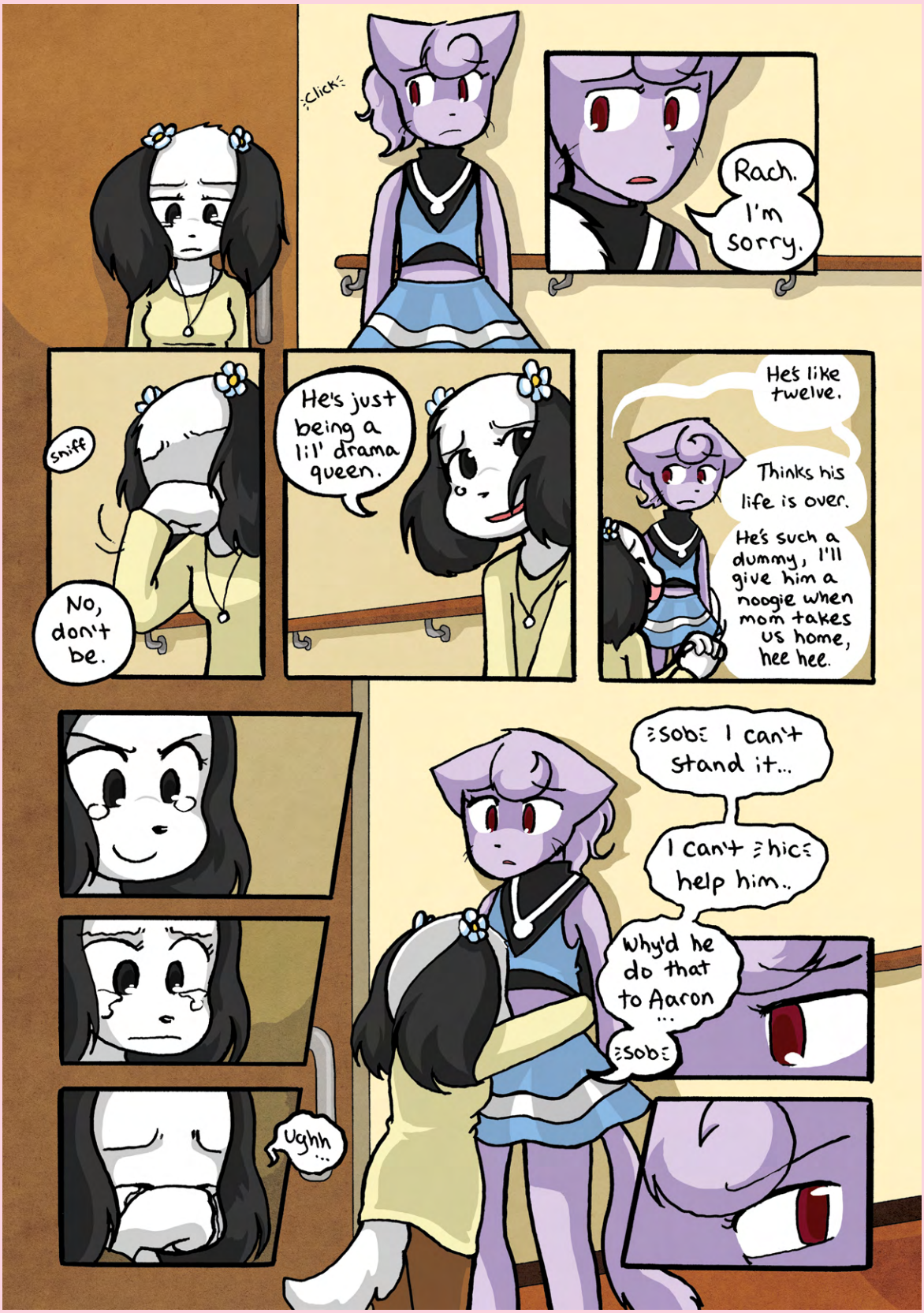

Ponies!!
That wasn't very nice!! He did so much to get you elected, you kn...
YES I KNOW!
He coulda used that against me..
...
Instead he just walked away
Cuz he's a big ol' silly!
Just stop making so many plans, girl!
I can understand having a star-crossed lovers' romance..
Abbey an' I are just so busy with everything..
.. but the small encounters are worth it..
You share like EVERY CLASS with him.
I'll try to spend more time with Paulo, I know..
An apology doesn't feel like enough, though..
I wanna thank him for being so supportive ..
Oh, I know! Give him a BJ!
Bop


Anyway, I think we've beaten this horse to death.
Just.. spend more time with him. He's a jerk, but he deserves a girlfriend who can make time for him.
Regardless of how bad these two bitches made him out to be.
... As if dating a guy out of spite for Tess wasn't cruel enough. You had to make him feel like crap, too.
Sorry he wasn't as experienced as all the countless guys you've screw---
SLAP
You're DEAD!!
JESS!


C'mon C'mon Chill out!!
Lay off!!
You're gonna RUIN her, stop!
HEY!!
Huh, you'd know something about that..
Lucy doesn't even know me...
... and already she thinks I'm a slut.
well, you are.
You did say you've had better..
Like, you're totally slutty.
I like asked, like, people about ya.
You're, like, famous, hun.
You reap what you sow... Maybe learn to keep those legs of yours closed from now on.
No..
No, it's my fault..
?

What good is telling them?
.. S'not like it helped my image "dating" Paulo.
No, Jess. You should tell them everything.
They deserve to know why you hate me..


Owww!!
Don't move it, Aaron.
C'mon..
Ughh..
I gotta train... maybe it'll heal faster...
It doesn't work that way, sweetie...
IT HAS TO!!
My life is over, okay?
Aaron, it's not.
Wash hands
Prevent AIDS
Yes it is! I'm good at soccer! What else do I have? I'm not smart like you are!
I'll tutor you!
I don't need help studying!!
I need help FIXING MY ARM!!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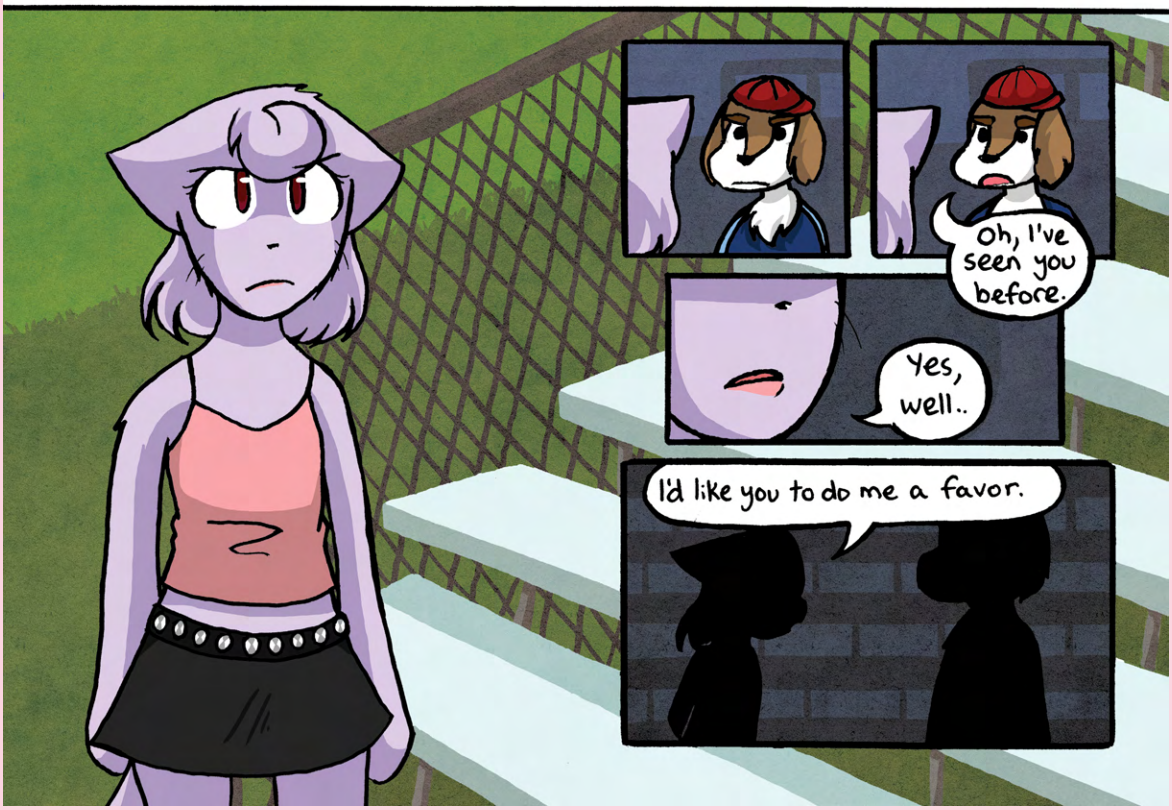
Rach. I'm sorry.
sniff
No, don't be.
He's just being a lil' drama queen.
He's like twelve.
Thinks his life is over.
He's such a dummy, I'll give him a noogie when mom takes us home, hee hee.
:sob: I can't stand it...
I can't :hic: help him..
Why'd he do that to Aaron ...
:sob:
Ughh ...

Tales
H---
HEY!!
YOU...
... You'll be late for class?

Meet me at the school oval, 5 PM. I need to ask you something.
Jess♡
Hey.

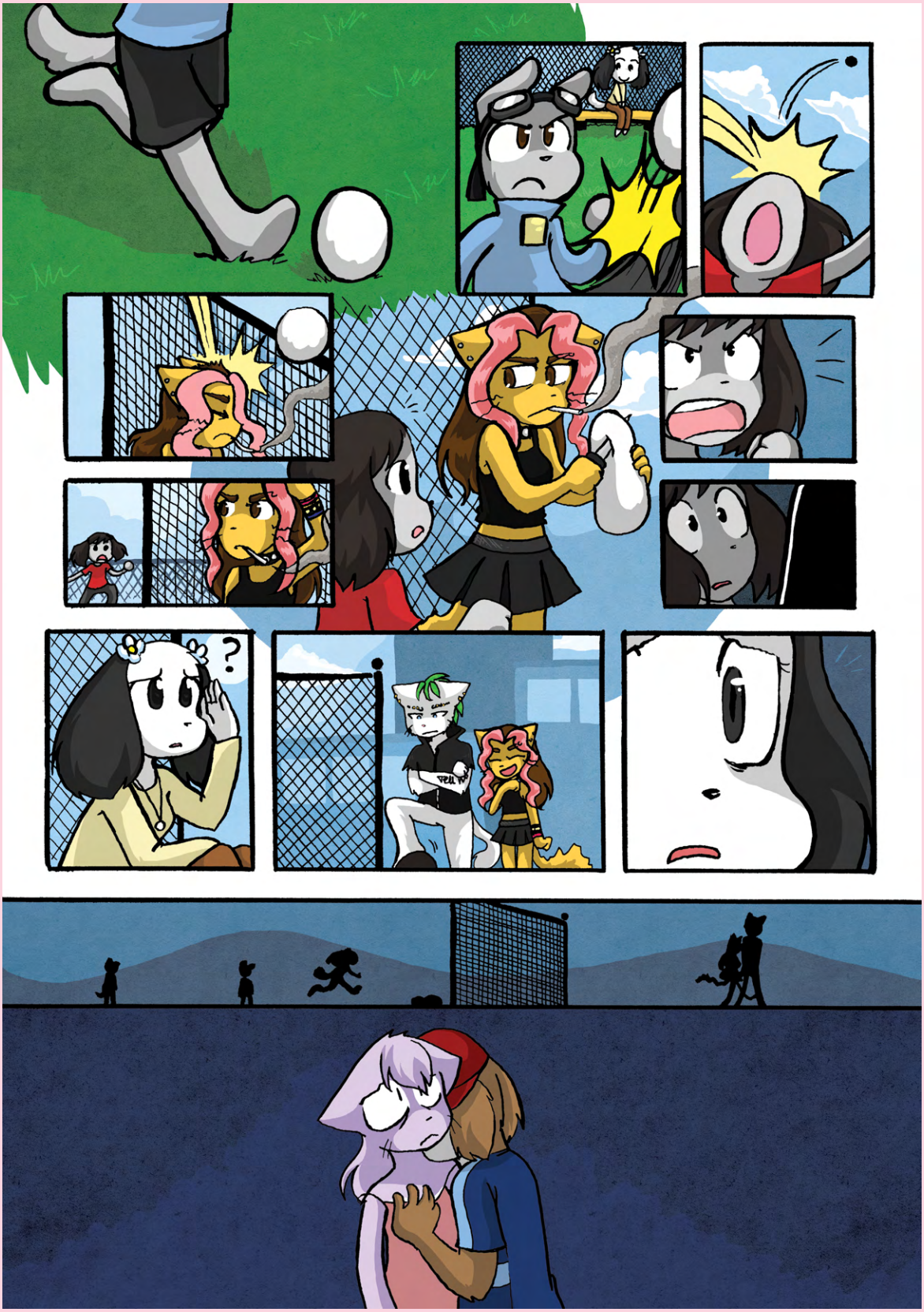

Oh, I've seen you before.
Yes, well..
I'd like you to do me a favor.

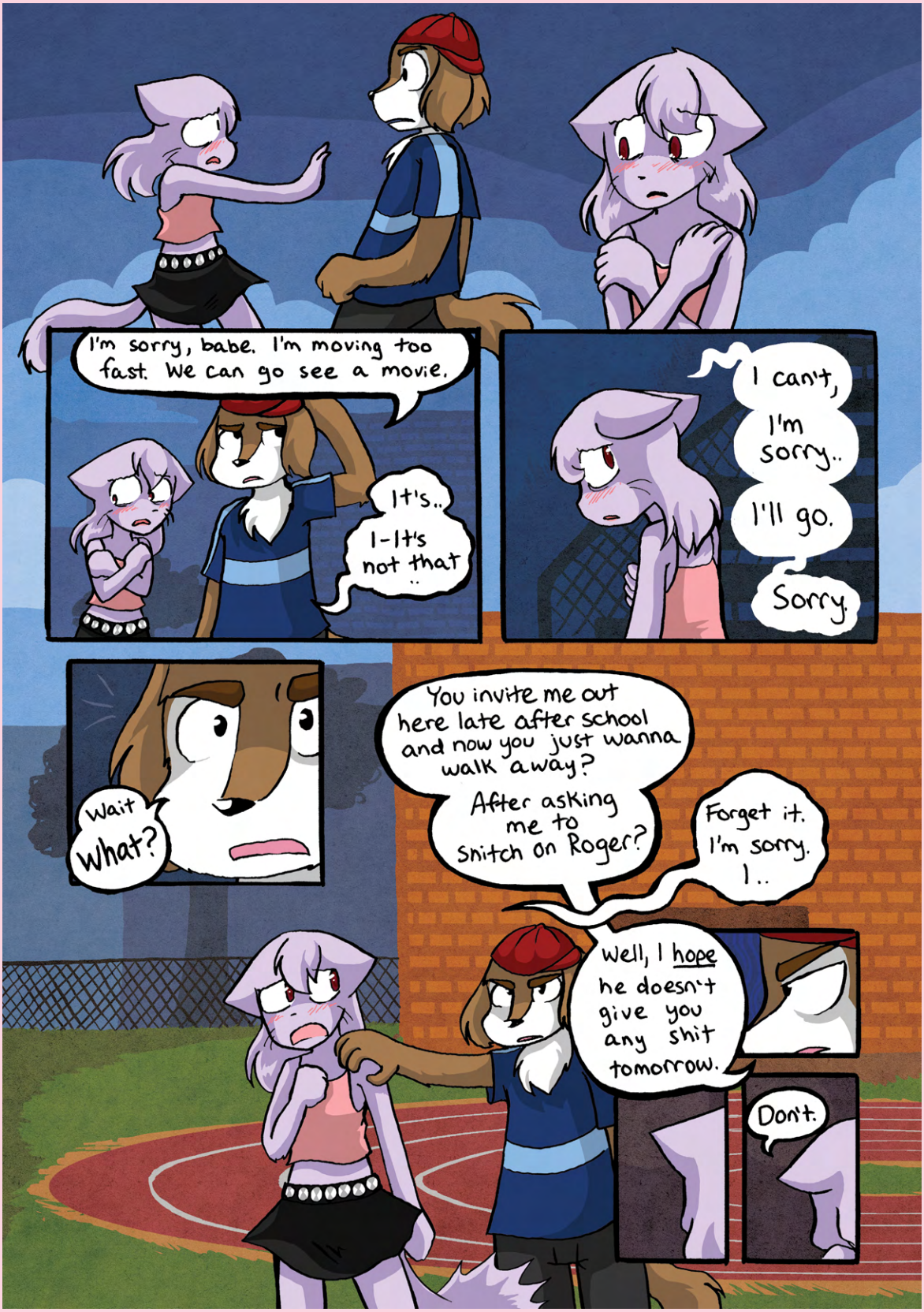
See?! You slut!
Let her talk before you judge her.
Bop

So..
Pretty cute note you left me.
Strange way to flirt in the hall there.
I didn't realize you were coming onto me.
I... heh. Well..
Tp tp
Maybe I'm not.
Sure looks like it.
I...
I was wondering if you could help me..
That's what the note was about.
That's all? You sure~?
I'm interested in Roger.
What the hell do you MEAN?

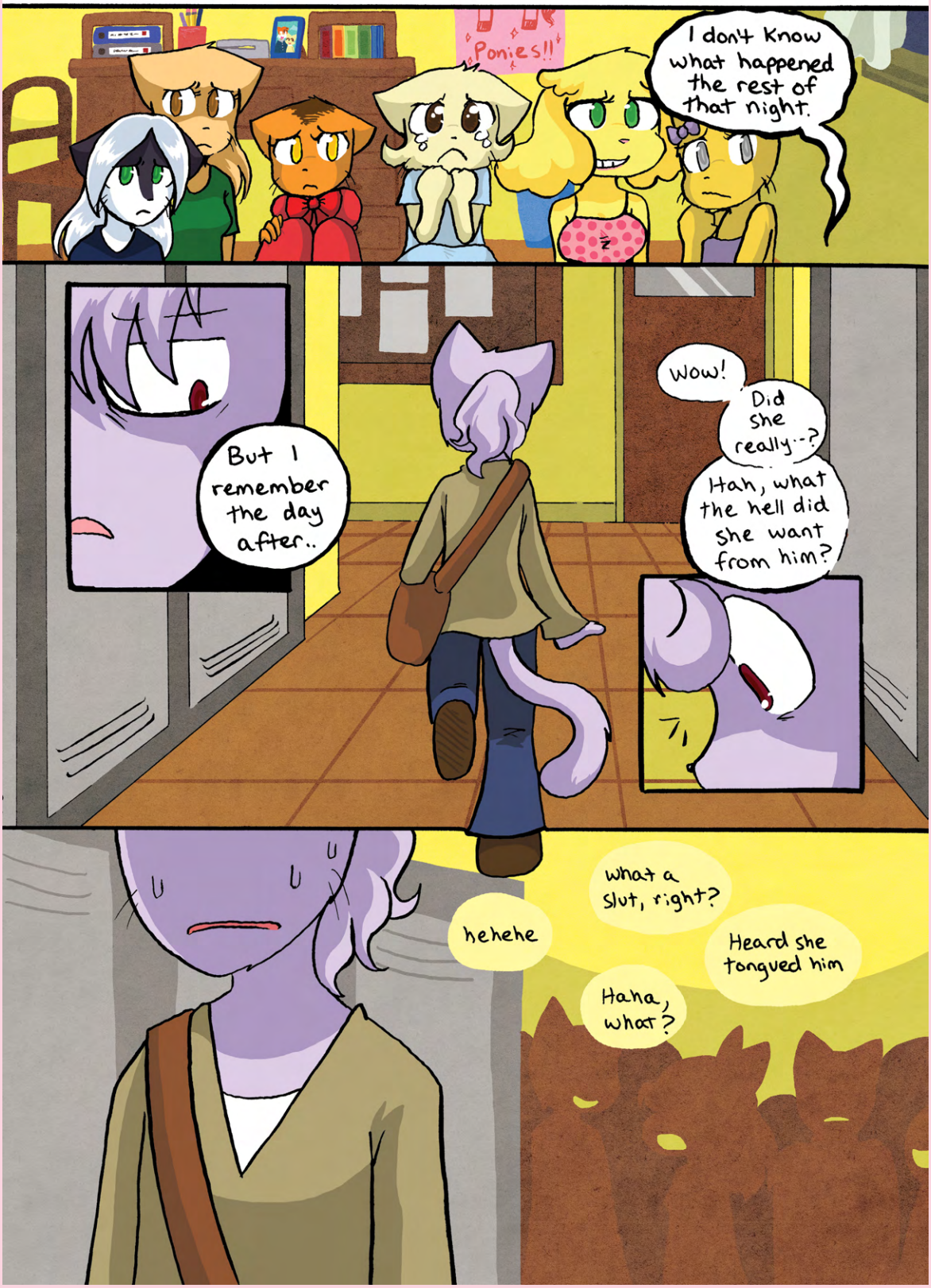
He's ALREADY seein' someone!
No, hell no!! Not that way!
I mean.. I was wondering if you had something on him..
..Some secret.. something he hates...
Some way I could...
What, get him suspended or somethin'?
You think I'd rat him out?
Maybe a date could change yer mind?
.. but, um, it's up to you..
What are you saying? You're cute, but..
It could be our little secret.
I bet you have something you could tell me..
I just wanna see him squirm a little♥

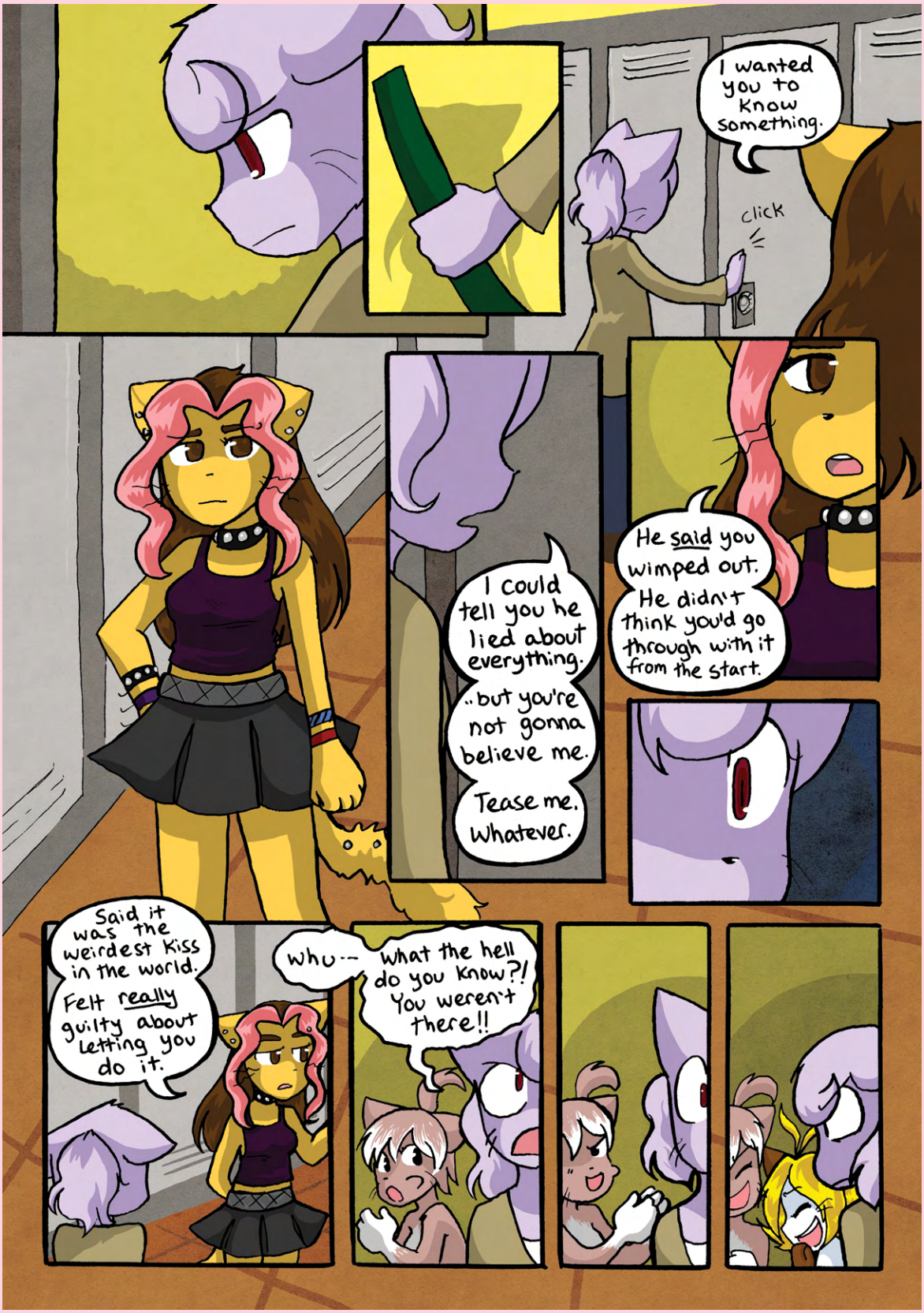
well. I could tell you about where he keeps his pocket knife..
But.. I'm not going to tell some random freshman with a grudge for nothing..
I.. I already told you.. T-take me to the movies.. or something..
Oh, c'mon.. I could tell you right now if you wanted.
I.. ughh.. yeah, please do..
First, quit being so tense.. You're.. you're cute.




I'm sorry, babe. I'm moving too fast. We can go see a movie.
It's.. I-It's not that..
I can't, I'm sorry.. I'll go. Sorry.
Wait What?
You invite me out here late after school and now you just wanna walk away? After asking me to snitch on Roger?
Forget it. I'm sorry. I..
Well, I hope he doesn't give you any shit tomorrow.
Don't.

Oh, I'll just tell him where I was, is all. Some girl trying to find out where he keeps his---
Don't.
Why not?
...
Anyway, I'll see you.
Wait!
Mm.
Don't tell him anything.
Don't tell him.
Please.
Let that be enough. I'm sorry.
Huh. I'll think about it.
But next time, don't screw around.
I don't like picking on cute girls.
But you be careful with Roger and me.
Might not be so lucky next time.


Ponies!!
I don't know what happened the rest of that night.
But I remember the day after..
Wow!
Did she really..?
Hah, what the hell did she want from him?
hehehe
what a slut, right?
Heard she tongued him
Haha, what?


I wanted you to know something.
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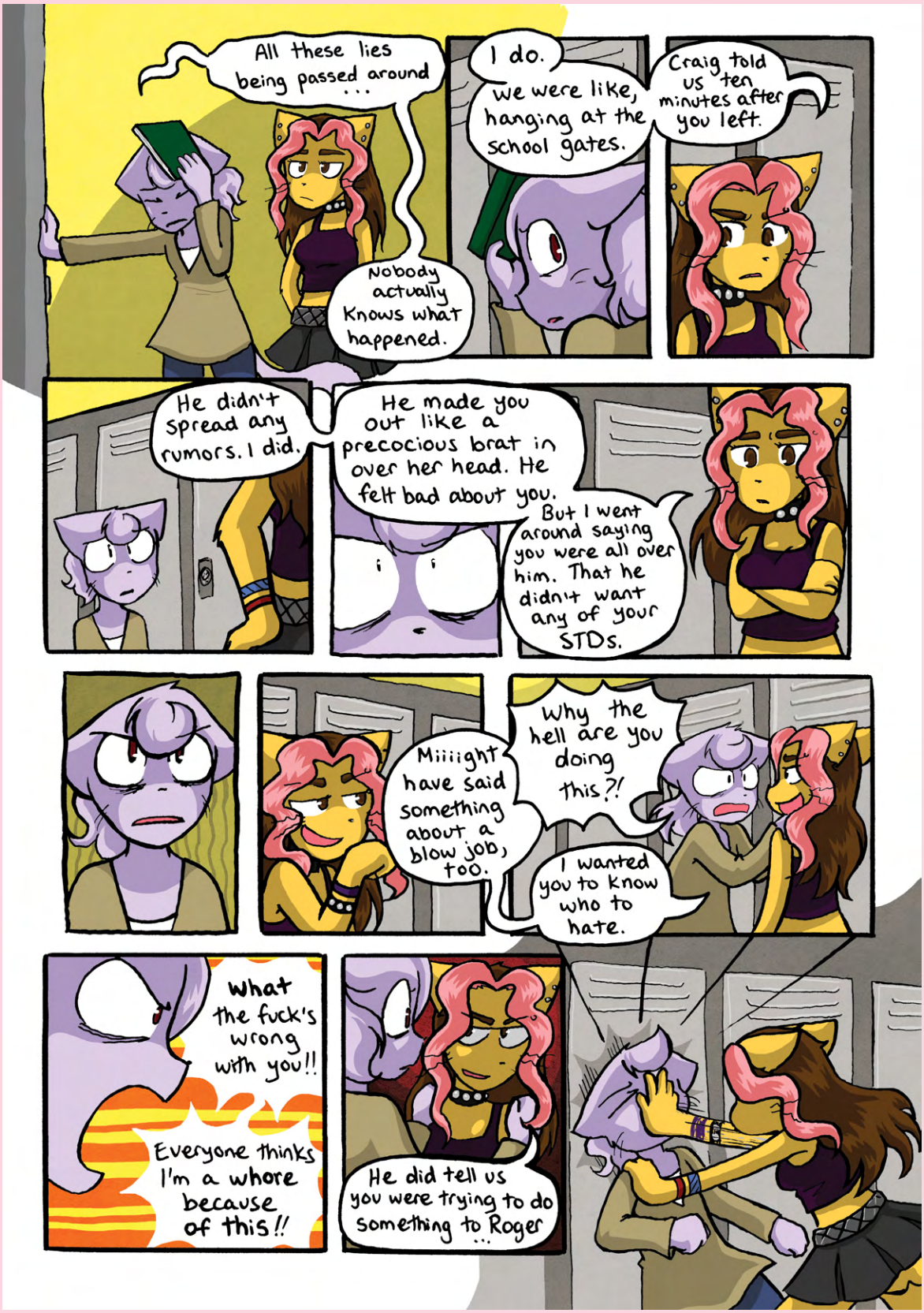
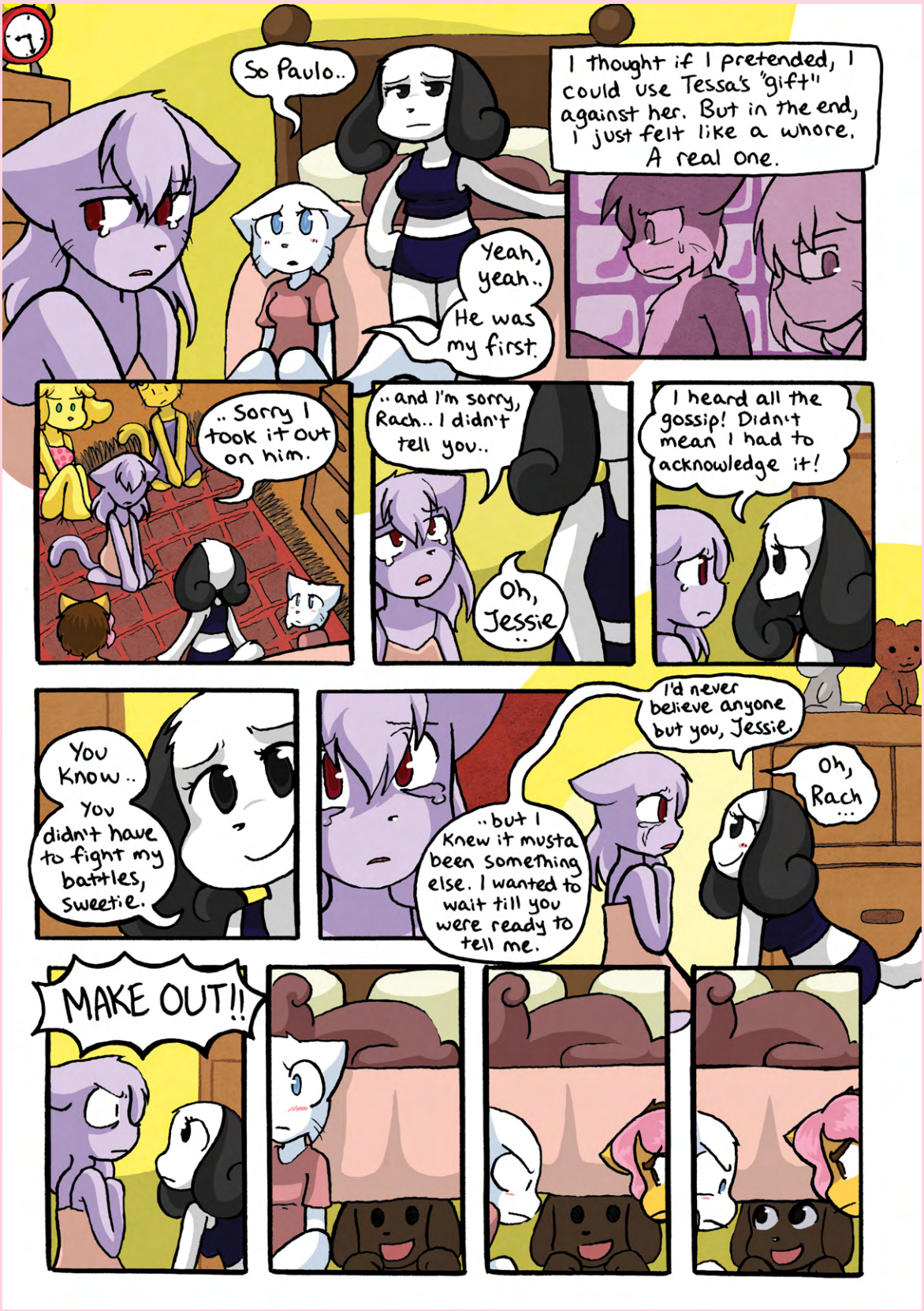
He said you wimped out.
He didn't think you'd go through with it from the start.
I could tell you he lied about everything.
..but you're not gonna believe me.
Tease me. Whatever.
Said it was the weirdest kiss in the world.
Felt really guilty about letting you do it.
whu--
What the hell do you know?! You weren't there!!


All these lies being passed around...
Nobody actually knows what happened.
I do.
We were like, hanging at the school gates.
Craig told us ten minutes after you left.
He didn't spread any rumors. I did.
He made you out like a precocious brat in over her head. He felt bad about you.
But I went around saying you were all over him. That he didn't want any of your STDs.
Miiight have said something about a blow job, too.
Why the hell are you doing this?!
I wanted you to know who to hate.
What the fuck's wrong with you!!
Everyone thinks I'm a whore because of this!!
He did tell us you were trying to do something to Roger...

Roger sticks by guys like Craig, but he'd do anything for me. Roughs up anyone that looks at me wrong.
I thought the best punishment would be for you to know that the person who made you a whore is completely untouchable.
Next time, remember your place.

Ponies!!
I wasn't THAT rough on you.. was I?
I remember it pretty well.
I guess I knew how Aaron felt.
My life really did seem like it was over ...
... and yet..
Hey, Jess!
C'mon, let's head to class!
R-Rach, I..
?
Y.. you don't..
C'MON!
She didn't seem to hear all the slurs..
..and I guess I didn't want her to find out..
It seemed she never caught wind of it..


So Paulo..
Yeah, yeah..
He was my first.
I thought if I pretended, I could use Tessa's "gift" against her. But in the end, I just felt like a whore. A real one.
.. Sorry I took it out on him.
.. and I'm sorry, Rach.. I didn't tell you..
Oh, Jessie..
I heard all the gossip! Didn't mean I had to acknowledge it!
You Know.. You didn't have to fight my battles, sweetie.
.. but I Knew it musta been something else. I wanted to wait till you were ready to tell me.
I'd never believe anyone but you, Jessie.
Oh, Rach...
MAKE OUT!!

So.. speaking of first times...
Anyone else have like "first time" stories?
Wait, I mean.. like.. kisses. You know, let's talk about something nice.
We haven't all had first kisses .. enlighten us about it. Abbey, right?
Uhhhhh
It was.. Kinda Mikie in freshman year.
Super band
He didn't really like it..
What are you all LOOKING at me for?
They're all prolly shocked Daisy beat you to Mike's virgin kiss.
Sandy took that in THIRD GRADE.
...I see.

...
How'd you know about that?
He told me..
..on one of the days he acknowledged my existence.
So I guess he told you the story, too.
No.. Sandy told me.
But I hated Mikie a bit so it didn't bother me as much as you..
She was my best friend. Like Mikie was yours ...
Did you kiss her too?
NO!!
We were just like.. inseparable, you know?
Then it just.. stopped.
.. and she left.
You know she didn't even TELL me?..
.. Then again..
I guess I don't blame her..
.. it was after she left that I began to like Mikie.
.. at least your first kiss won't be wasted like mine was..
I guess so.
So, Katie, tell us yours! was he g----

Brrrrr
If your fur can't keep you warm.. WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS GOING OUT WITHOUT CLOTHES?
I didn't think it'd snow this much, OK?!
Why aren't you ever cold?
Self-made coat!
I forget how HUGE that tail is sometimes..
You sure you're not half-squirr--
It's on.

Hey! Make yer own snowballs!
C'mon!
If I bent down to make one, you'd have an easy shot.
I don't play dirty like that.
Well, I do!
so cold so cold aaaa
HAHAHAHAHAHA

Kyaaaa!
You're not even shivering! What's wrong with you!!
Maybe I'll just bury you like when you buried me in the sand!
As if I'd let you do that.
Uhh.. Lucy?..

What are you doing on top of my sister?!
He was only burying me in the snow, Sam.
Guhhh...
You can let him go now.
Bop
Any minute, Sam.
Bop
bop
bop
Feh, fine. You better come inside, though.
There's a snow storm coming.
Want me to drive you home?
No we'll just call his mom and she'll get him thanks
?
Thanks for that
Last time he drove me, I got a broken arm. This is safer.

Okay, 20 minutes?
Thanks, love you mom.
20 minutes? That's enough time for a few games.
WAIT I WANNA COME!!
ohhh no yer staying with me♥
Thanks, mom.
Just WHY are you leaving them alone?
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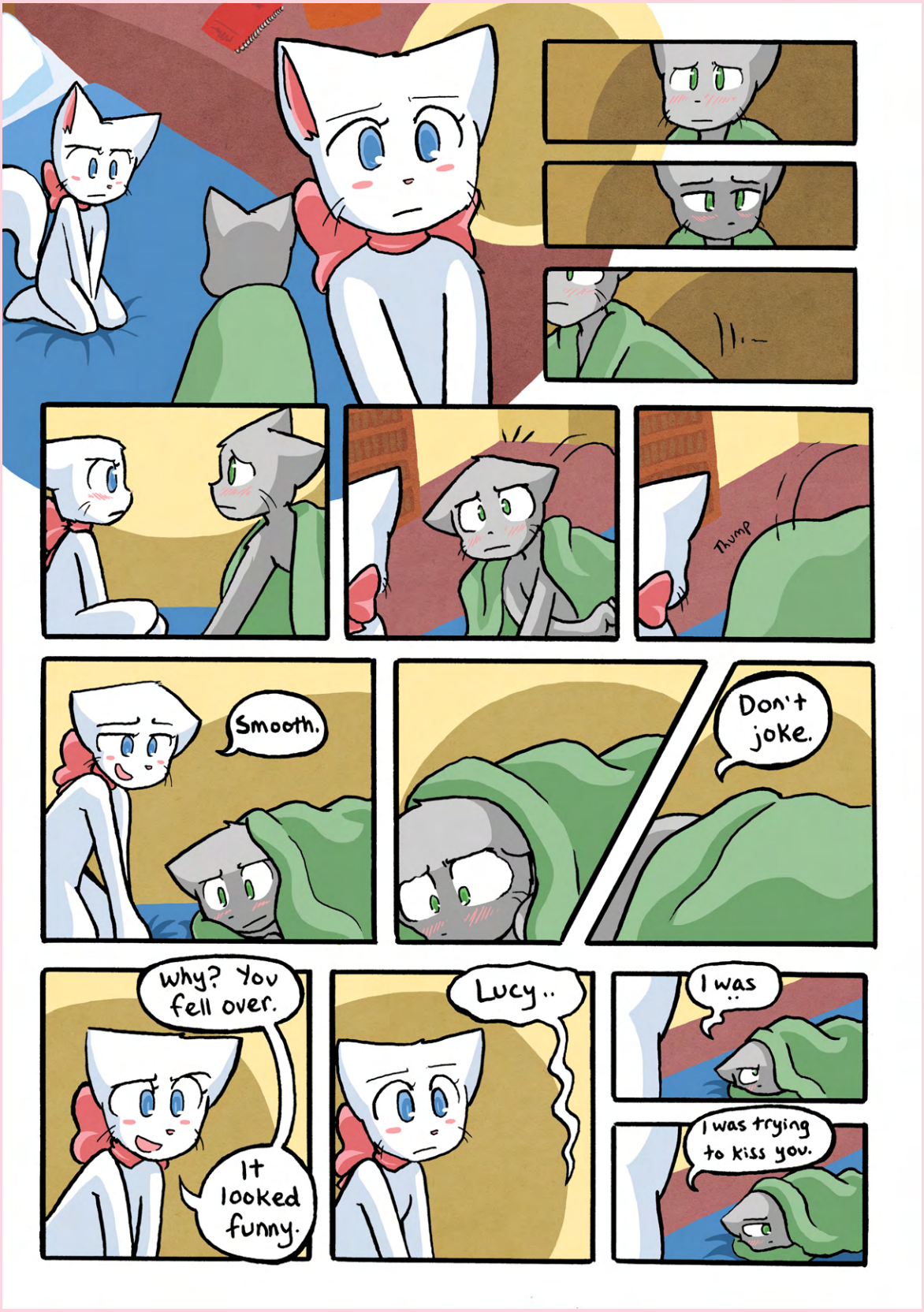
Sorry about my brother.
Eh. Older siblings.
We've known each other for like eight years. He should be used to you by now.
Stupid drama qu---
G--gunh, I'm soaked..
Oh, right.

You should really look into getting something warm to wear. Maybe a scarf?
brr...
Why a scarf?
You're gay. Gay guys wear scarves.
Ughh, that's such a dumb stereotype.
Relax, god.
I HAVE looked for them before, though.
Hah!! Totally gay.
I am not!!
I think girls can be pretty..
8th graders are totally looking less like .. us, these days..
Wow, perv!
I was hit on by some girl just yesterday! So what if I'm thinking about that!
Creepy cradle robber!
It was nothing! I blew her off. Besides, we'll be 8th graders next year.
I guess so..


thump
Smooth.
Don't joke.
Why? You fell over.
It looked funny.
Lucy..
I was..
I was trying to kiss you.

What?
Umm, I guess it's stupid..
Y'know, trying to surprise you like that.
I thought it would be romantic.
Sorry, um. For being weird about it. But I gotta try being confident.
I need to be that way around you.
Your mom is due in, like, ten minutes.
You should get going and maybe--
But when else am I going to get the chance to tell you? Just listen!
Lucy..
I really really like you..

Lucy..
You should wait downstairs.
What did I do? You can't just---
Please go.
That hurts.

Please, Mike.
I don't want to.
Go.
Okay.
I guess I'll wait until you're ready.
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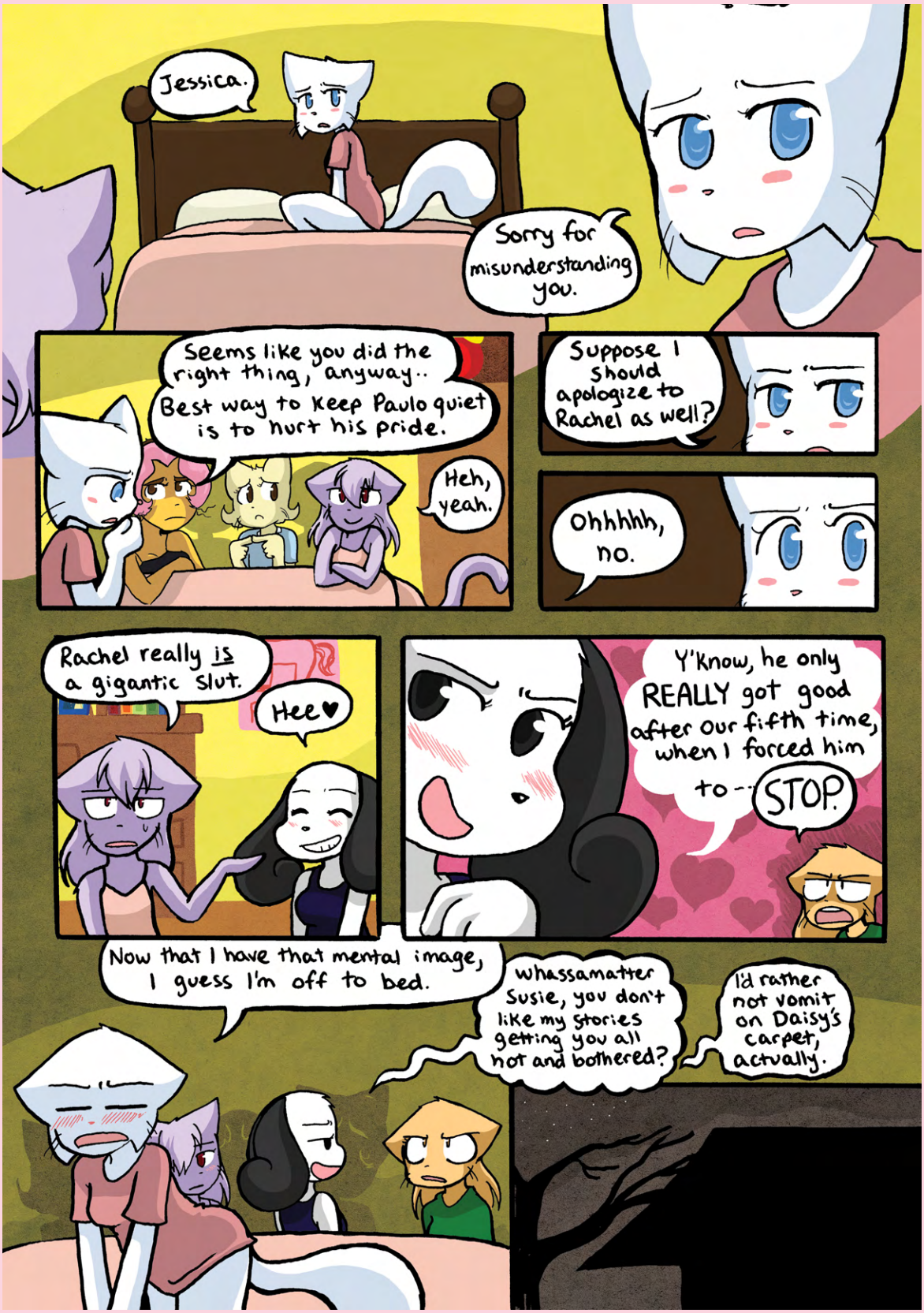
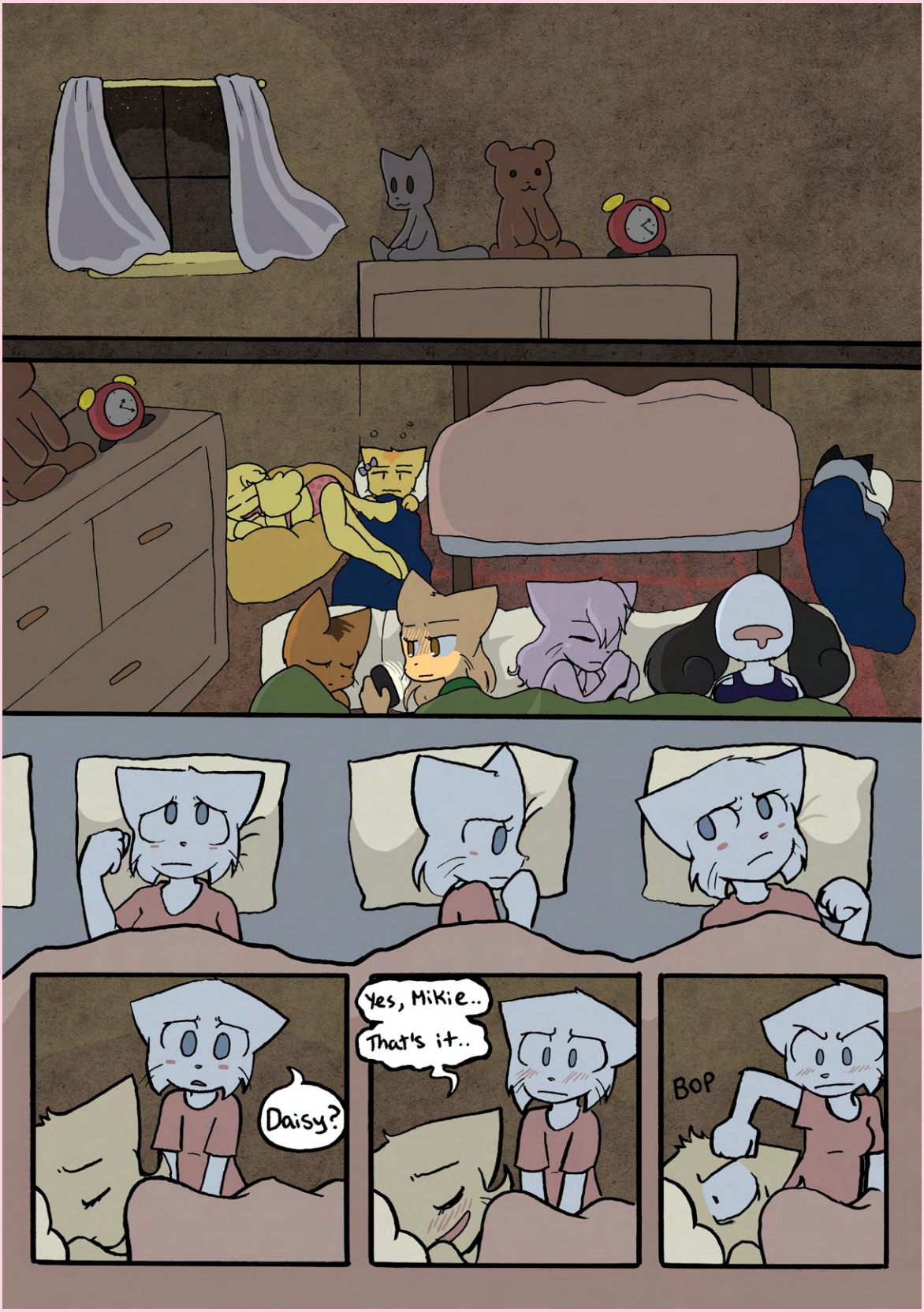
He never did bring it up again..
Just like .. when I shut him up..
after the alley fight..
I...
So.. goddamn stupid ...
Lucy?
We're ready to play now.. I thought you should get first dibs on a piece.
I'm going to bed.
But you haven't even had your cake yet!
I'm not hungry.
Continue the party without me.
I'd rather not ruin the fun.
Okay, sleep well..
I almost forgot.

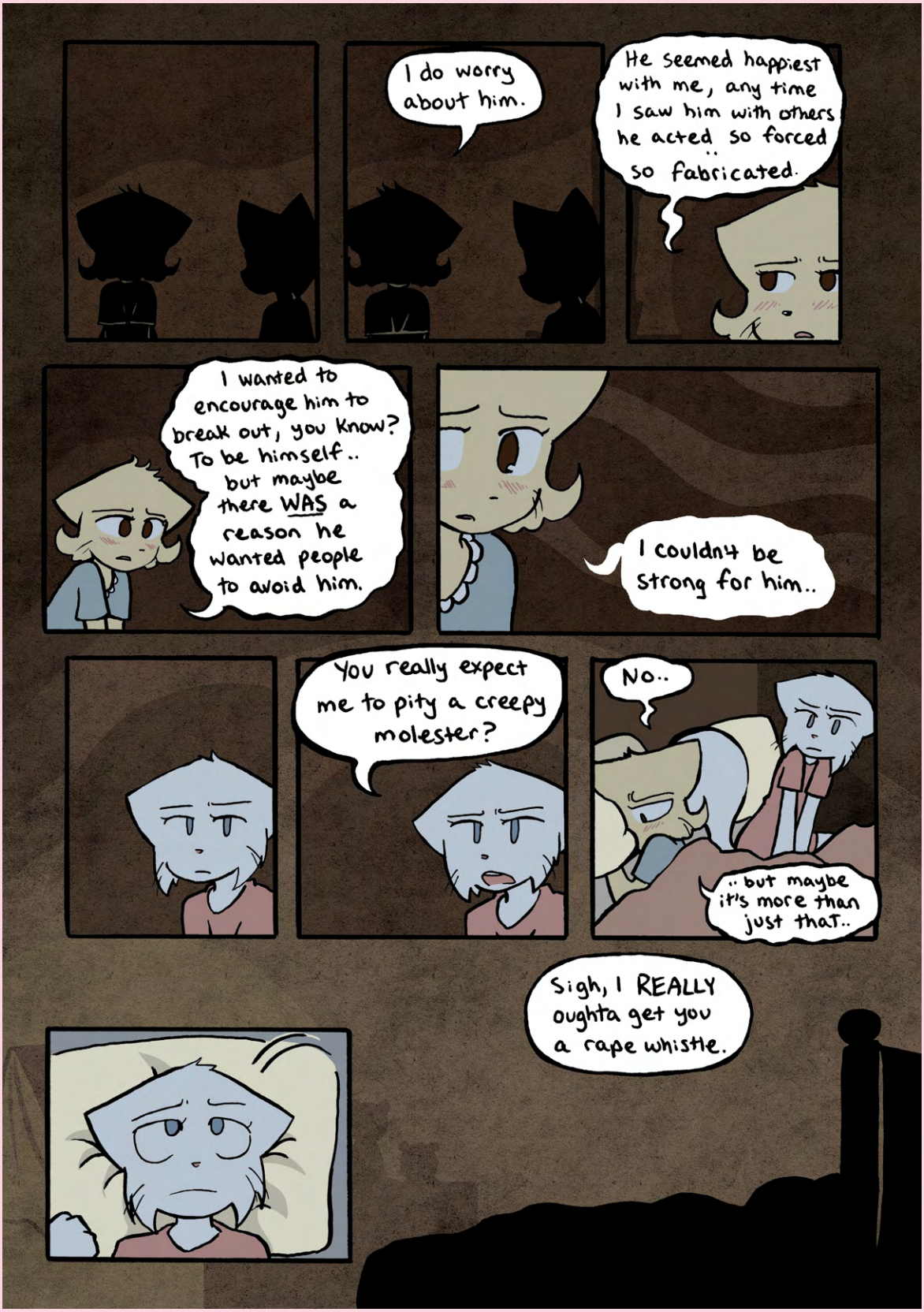

Jessica.
Sorry for misunderstanding you.
Seems like you did the right thing, anyway.. Best way to keep Paulo quiet is to hurt his pride.
Heh, yeah.
Suppose I should apologize to Rachel as well?
Ohhhhh, no.
Rachel really is a gigantic slut.
Hee♥
Y'know, he only REALLY got good after our fifth time, when I forced him to--
STOP.
Now that I have that mental image, I guess I'm off to bed.
whassamatter Susie, you don't like my stories getting you all hot and bothered?
I'd rather not vomit on Daisy's carpet, actually.


Daisy?
Yes, Mikie..
That's it..
Bop

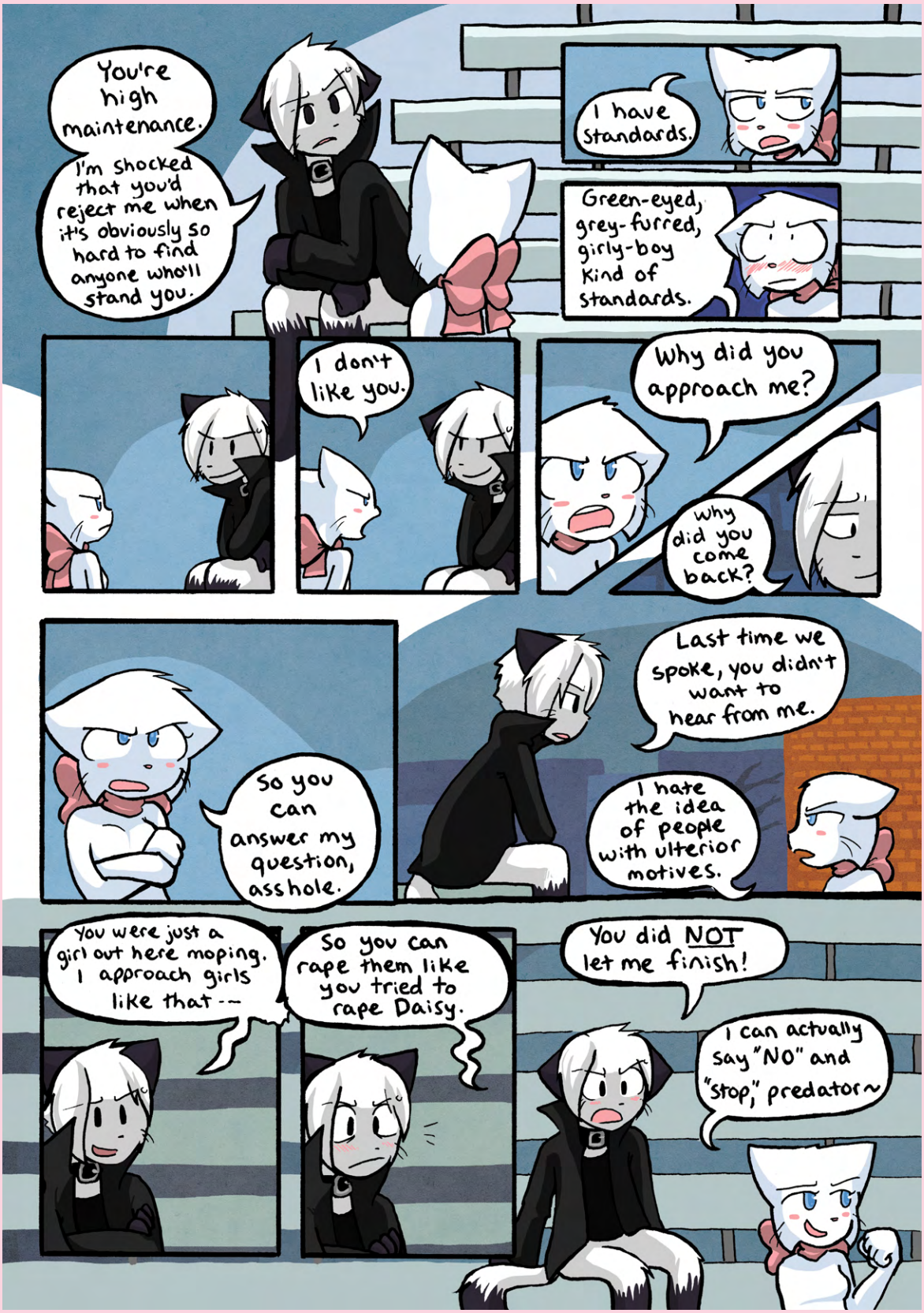
Lucyyy, what was that for?!
Think Abbey would appreciate you dreaming about Mike?
He was.. just giving me a backrub..
Anyway, what's up?
Siamese Kid.
what do you know about him?
why are you asking?
He talked to me on wednesday and I thought...
Daisy?
FLOOMP

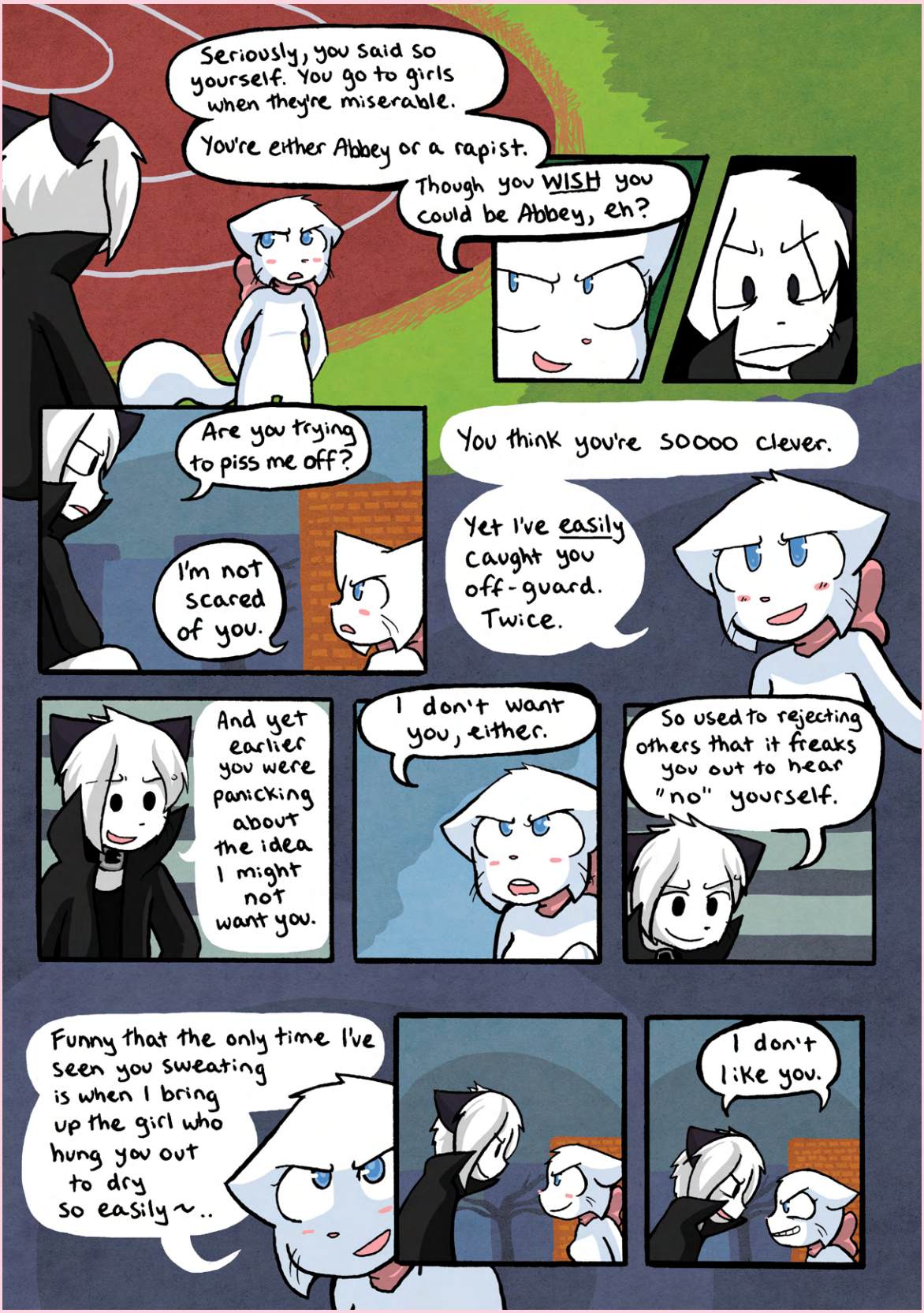
Daisy?
Any minute now.
This is my birthday party, Daisy. You will tell me what's wrong.
It's nice to know he moved on so quickly..
EXCUSE ME.
We didn't DO ANYTHING, OKAY?!
I even brought YOU up and he got all whiny and sad about it!
He did?
Maybe you should have gotten over all your boy crushes before fooling Abbey into a relationship, huh?
HEY, it's not like that! Boys ALWAYS approach you and NEVER pay attention to me!!
Augustus only ever seemed to have me on his mind..
I liked that, okay? Sue me.

First off: Get help.
Second, you can have the creep. I'm not touching that.
I just wanted to see if you knew anything about him.
Did he ever open up to you?
Why?
I wanna know what he wanted out of me.
Since you mentioned you two don't talk.
Maybe he just likes you..
I AM NOT HAVING THIS ARGUMENT WITH YOU!
I stopped talking to him because he's kind of threatening and gives me bad vibes.
What, is he some sorta villain on training wheels?
I dunno..
We talked during lunch time most days.
Even though he tried to be secretive, we got close.
Stuff slipped out.
I think it all made sense on the night of the carnival, things just clicked.


I do worry about him.
He seemed happiest with me, any time I saw him with others he acted so forced.. so fabricated.
I wanted to encourage him to break out, you know? To be himself.. but maybe there WAS a reason he wanted people to avoid him.
I couldn't be strong for him..
You really expect me to pity a creepy molester?
No..
.. but maybe it's more than just that..
Sigh, I REALLY oughta get you a rape whistle.

Monday
Hey.
Were you hitting on me last Wednesday?
You're not my type.
Good, thought so.
Waitaminute, what's wrong with me?


You're high maintenance.
I'm shocked that you'd reject me when it's obviously so hard to find anyone who'll stand you.
I have standards.
Green-eyed, grey-furred, girly-boy kind of standards.
I don't like you.
Why did you approach me?
Why did you come back?
So you can answer my question, asshole.
Last time we spoke, you didn't want to hear from me.
I hate the idea of people with ulterior motives.
You were just a girl out here moping. I approach girls like that--
So you can rape them like you tried to rape Daisy.
You did NOT let me finish!
I can actually say "NO" and "stop," predator~


Seriously, you said so yourself. You go to girls when they're miserable.
You're either Abbey or a rapist.
Though you WISH you could be Abbey, eh?
Are you trying to piss me off?
I'm not scared of you.
You think you're SOOOO clever.
Yet I've easily caught you off-guard. Twice.
And yet earlier you were panicking about the idea I might not want you.
I don't want you, either.
So used to rejecting others that it freaks you out to hear "no" yourself.
Funny that the only time I've seen you sweating is when I bring up the girl who hung you out to dry so easily~..
I don't like you.

Click
Jess.
Ughh what do you want, Pau---
Oh GOD you talked to Jasmine.
SOOO! "Dynamo," huh~?
Rachel's words.
YOU WERE BAD.
I'm learning that "bad" means something different with you girls~♥
You're dead to me.
C'monnn, I'm just trying to break the ice!
Look, I'm sorry. No hard feelings, okay?
Y'Know, Jazzie told me you were eying her ALLLL night~
YUCK AS IF.
END

Yo, Dave, whatcha doing? I thought we were playin' Call of Duty.

It's Caturday! I'm watching them post sum cats.

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Post some fucking cats!

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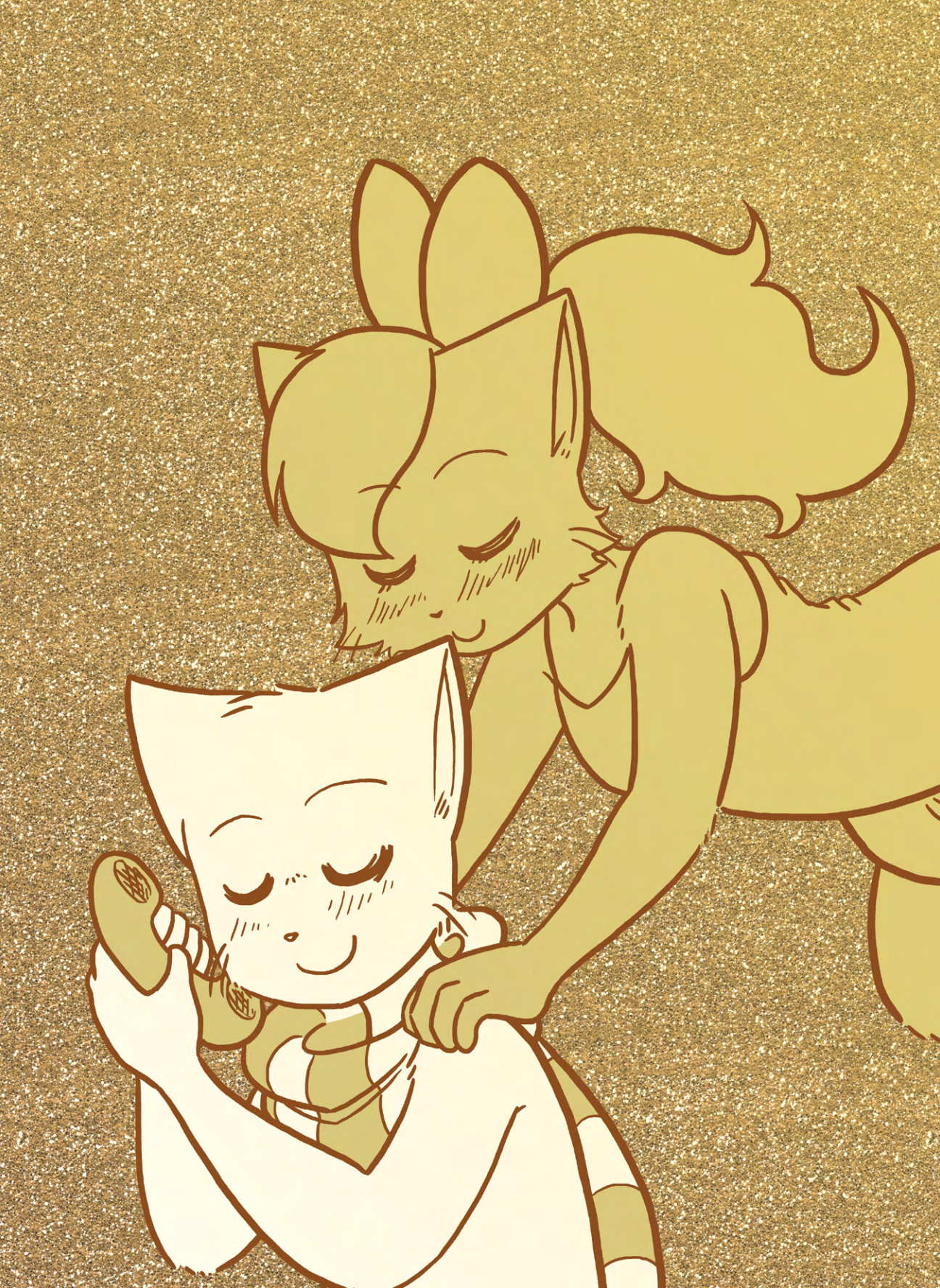
Wow, those are damn hot nudes. I'd hit that.



Call Waiting

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What. The hell. Are you doing.
Take a look at this!
...bigger than I thought.
You can't be serious.
Oh, mine looks like that, too!
Grades aren't out yet!
Oh, it's not that!

Yeah, this phone is my very late birthday present.
Technically my early Christmas present, too. I wanted it THAT bad.
Why were you so desperate.
Why else!
10:37
Monday 26 November
Sandy
:40 AM
<3<3<3
Aww :) <3<3
#^^#!!
:D<3
ur so kute ilu ^^
no you are :)
Reply
We text each other all the time now!
Oh, lemme see!
Wow.
Real intimate conversations, Mike.
Eeeee
Waitaminute.
You have an iPhone, too?
Gimme your number!

This is my early Christmas present.
I found it in my mommy's hiding spot.
Does she know you have it?
Oh, yes! She said I'm her special lil' sleuth!
What?
Do you ever get punished for this stuff?
Why would I?
What are you doing here?
I needed to get away.
Hah! You...
YES, I would RATHER hang around a VILLAIN than be with my FRIENDS right now. Don't rub it in.
Okay.
Besides, I'm not Daisy. I can take care of myself.
Pff, she didn't need to stop me.
No wonder you have no friends.
I didn't mean it that way.

So what's your deal?
What?
Daddy didn't hug you enough? Someone special died in your arms?
I have no desire to share anything with you.
Okay then: Daisy. Tell me, do you always go for the helpless, impressionable types?
She's not "helpless." I like her because she's amazing.
She's smart, independent. Gorgeous.
She just doesn't know it. She could be anything she wants to be, but it's her own lack of confidence that stops her.
If she grew past it, she could be the most incredible girl in the world.
I can see that.
If you have to know, I like girls who AREN'T pathetic and worthless.
Which is why I'd never date a bitch like you.

You should totally sell it.
What, no!
C'mon, sell the phone, spend it all on Blasto. I win the prize, you go LIVE with Sandy. Perfect!
But if you DON'T find the prize, I'll be back to square one, waiting for calls with NO texts.
We will get this, man...
And if not, there's always next year!
I wont be helping you next year.
You say that!
Paulo!
Ahh!
Hey, Jazz. Still wanna hang out tonight?
Well...
Just..
God she's so PATHETIC.

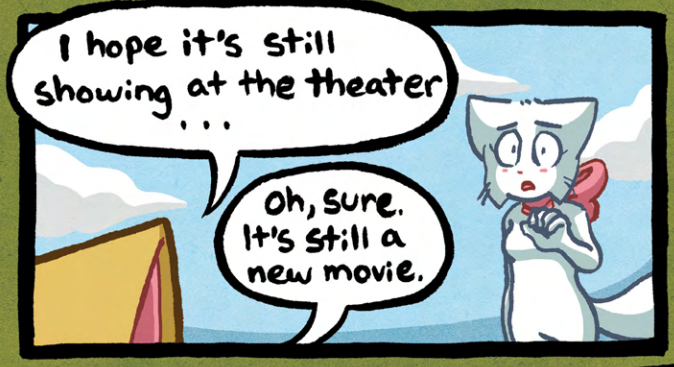
to him.
np legs
able.
David
Hi
Hi
Ur gay
cock.jpg
202.KB
AAAAAAAAA

HAHAHAHAHAHAHA
David, you're REPULSIVE!!
I remember to wash it like a good boy!
Holyshityousawit!!!
oh god
HAHA HA HAHA
I CLOSED IT!!
I'm blocking you, okay?!
But I'm right here!
... Are you sending me ANOTHER text?!
Mayyyybe♥
Ughh I'll do it now.
W---
Where is it?!?!
Bzz
END

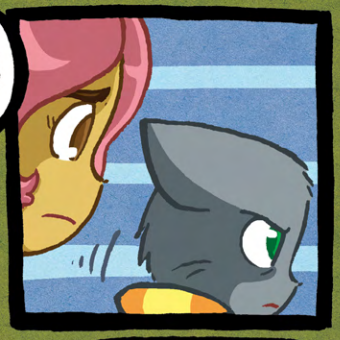
So, rehearsal this afternoon, right?
Bite me.
c'mon, Lucy, I wanna see you in action.
I got the lines, okay?
:Sigh: Suit yourself.

Hey! whateryou talking about?

But it totally picks up at the end!
Mm?
You really should see it!

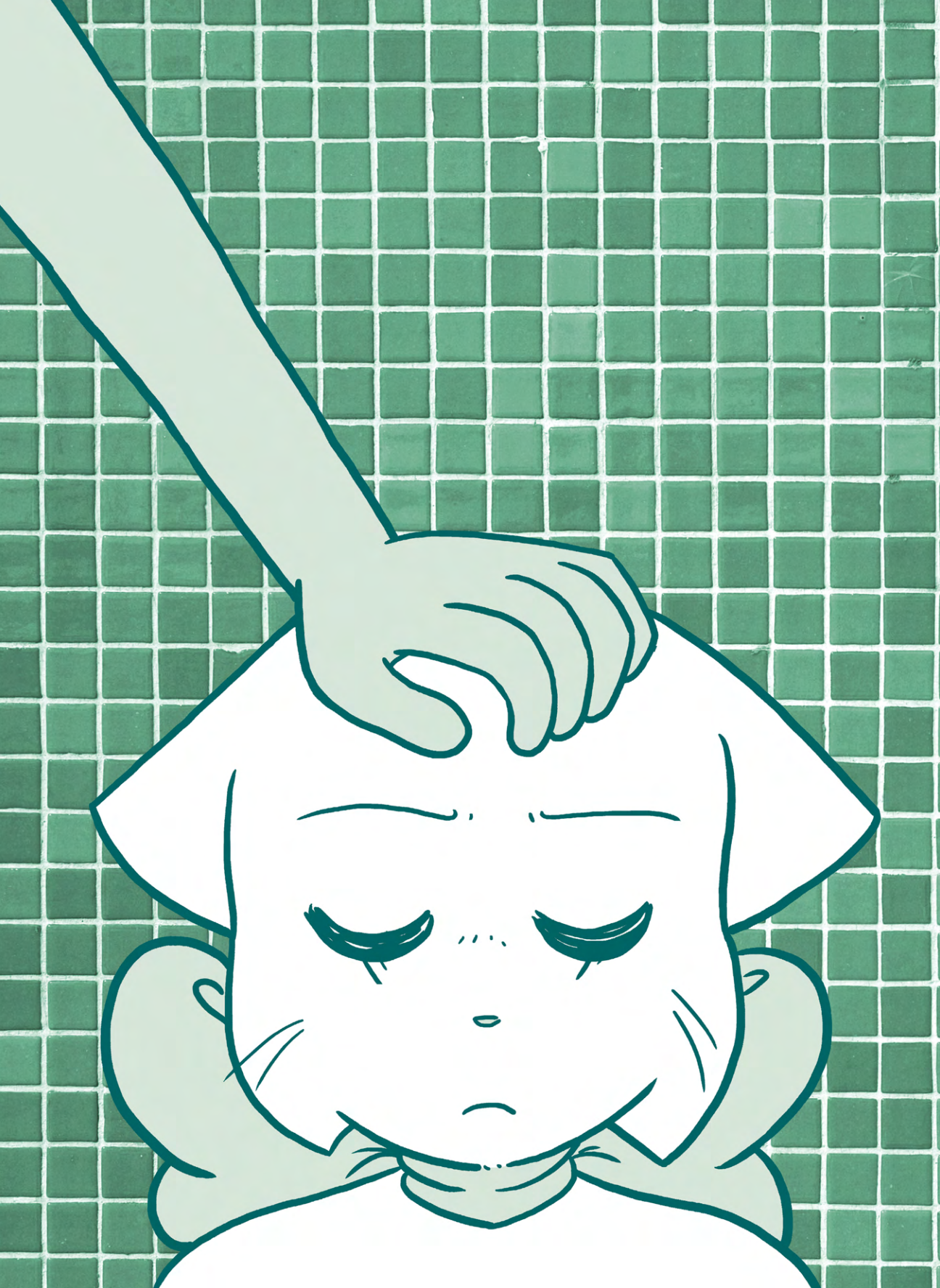

I hope it's still showing at the theater...
Oh, sure. It's still a new movie.

That really wasn't very nice of you.



She just doesn't learn.

You're a real brat, you know that?
Shaddup.
END



Carry Me

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So how's the missus? It's been a month now!
Pretty sweet.
When we're together, things are GREAT.
Too bad we're almost NEVER actually together..
We do catch glimpses of each other between classes, which is nice, but..
I guess all we really have is after school.
But then again she's got all these clubs and softball and SCHOOL COUNCIL...
But hey, she's got nothin' today.
Then go get her!
BRINNNG
JASMINE!!
So what do you wanna do today?
Umm..
Well Cassidy and Mina wanna take me to the mall..
I guess you could come?
No, that would be weird.
I know, right? Talk to you tomorrow!

Next day
bounce bounce bounce
bounce bounce bounce
That's really distracting!
I just wanna see her!!
BRRING
JAS
mine?
There's some after-school meeting for freshmen. Wanna come?
Ain't a freshman!

You upset?
I just wanna be with her, man.
Tp Tp Tp
Her hair smells like peaches.
Can you eat it?
I didn't think a girlfriend would be so ANNOYING.
I have friends like Luce and Daisy who I see like every day.
Figures I get the unreachable girlfriend.
She's not in our year!
Neither's Tess.
Apples and oranges, Paulo!
... Apples and peaches
Look, if she doesn't hang out with me tomorrow, I'm just gonna end it.
I mean, no hard feelings.
Maybe we're just better off as friends.
I can't see how Jazz has no time for me yet Daisy finds time for ABBEY.
Maybe he's just better than you.
At the sex.
?

Next morning
HEY, LUCY!! OVER HERE-----
LUCYY!!
Are you ok--- WHOA!!

You're burning!
I'm just a bit sick...
A BIT?!
No shit Sherlock
Why aren't you at home?
LUCY!!
I'm thinking!!
I guess I snuck out tryin' not to let my mom...
Mmmmmm
You're coming with me!
DON'T TOUCH ME YOU'RE SPOKEN FOR

DON'T TOUCH ME!! YOU'RE TAAAAAAAAAAAKENNNNnnnn...
why do you WANT to go to school?!
They need me after school for rehearsal.
THEN WHY DON'T YOU JUST COME TO SCHOOL AT 3PM?!
iuno.
'neeways see ya in class.
BEEP BEEP BEEP
OH MY GOD SHUT THE HELL UP!!

YEAH YOU SEE ME CARE? GUESS WHAT? I DON'T.
HONK A LITTLE LOUDER CAN'T HEAR YOU.
I should go to the doctor.
SORRY FOR SAVING A LIFE ASSHOLE.
HAHA BETTER TAKE THAT GREEN LIGHT, PRICK.
We sure showed that guy, huh?
Hospital, please.
Keep the change.
NO!!

Okay, so nobody noticed me jump on...
That's fine, they'll make a stop, I snatch Lucy, we bail to her house..
Simple.

..Okay
Hasn't stopped.
whatdoldowhat
whump
YES.
Eat sum fish
Lucy..

You gonna pay?
Wait, no, I...
Then get out.
Punk kids..
LUCYYYYY!!
Paulo.
Yes, yes.
C'mon, let's get out of...

NEVER RIDE MY BUS AGAIN!
Uh, nice one.
That got us out of there fast.
Glad I helped...
Now let me just figure out how to get home, okay?
... After I wash myself, though.
where are we?
I need to pee..

This is really busy.
Oh, I see a light over there.
C'mon.
Nghhhh
They'll have a bathroom, okay?
Babe come on...
Nghhhh

DURP DURP
Don't play that game, you idiot!
Though I'm doin' pretty damn good!
C'mon c'mon
YES!!
YES YESYES I GOT IT
stumble
I GOT I---
... I'm sorry.

That wasn't very hot.
I'd prolly be more excited to be at the beach...
.. if it wasn't November.
Never mind all the vomit.
S'not like Lucy'll let me get near the water, anyway...
SHAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAA
MEN

ME
Lucy? C'mon, let's go.
I'm sorry.
It's okay, we just need to get as far from here as possible.
That's not your towel.
I know, but I gotta dry off, okay?!
Getting wet makes some things a little more.. you know.. embarrassing..
who cares I seen it before

So, uh...
We can't get you to see a doc..
..but I'll take you straight home.
K.
S'long as I make it to rehearsal..
Not in that state.
Yer not my mom.
We coulda given it back to the guy..
Hmm.
Oh, hey!
How far is Roseville from here?
You're thinking of WALKING?

No money..
No way to call dad..
Stuck with Lucy..
How you holdin' up, babe?♥
Don't patronize me.
Wow, people just dump anything on the street, don't they.

Super Ugui Shop
30% off sale!!
hot-hot! hot!

We shouldn't have taken it down that cliff..
Oh well! I can just carry you! If you control yourself.
So, Luce.
Mm?
If yer so concerned about the play...
.. Why not rehearse a bit with me?
It's embarrassing
You're fine..
Yer gonna be doing it this afternoon anyway!
'sides, why you scared? I'll love anything that comes outta you...
Mostly anything...

why are you crying?

I'm sorry ...
It's pathetic of me..
Oh.
I just.. you know...
I really didn't think you'd do that for me.
I don't know what I'm doing...
... I'm gonna make Jasmine so sad...
why? ..
This is so messed up...
I just wanna be happy with someone I really like...
Paulo?

Where were you?
Jasmine?
Shouldn't you be in class?
School's finished.
WHAT?!
Is that how long I've been gone? Wow!
Should I ask?
SNORE
Oh!
Craziest freaken day, Jazz! I gotta tell you about it!
Wait, why were you waiting for me?
Don't you have violin lessons or something?
Oh.. well, that's what I was waiting for..
?
I finally got my dad to cancel them!
No more violin lessons!

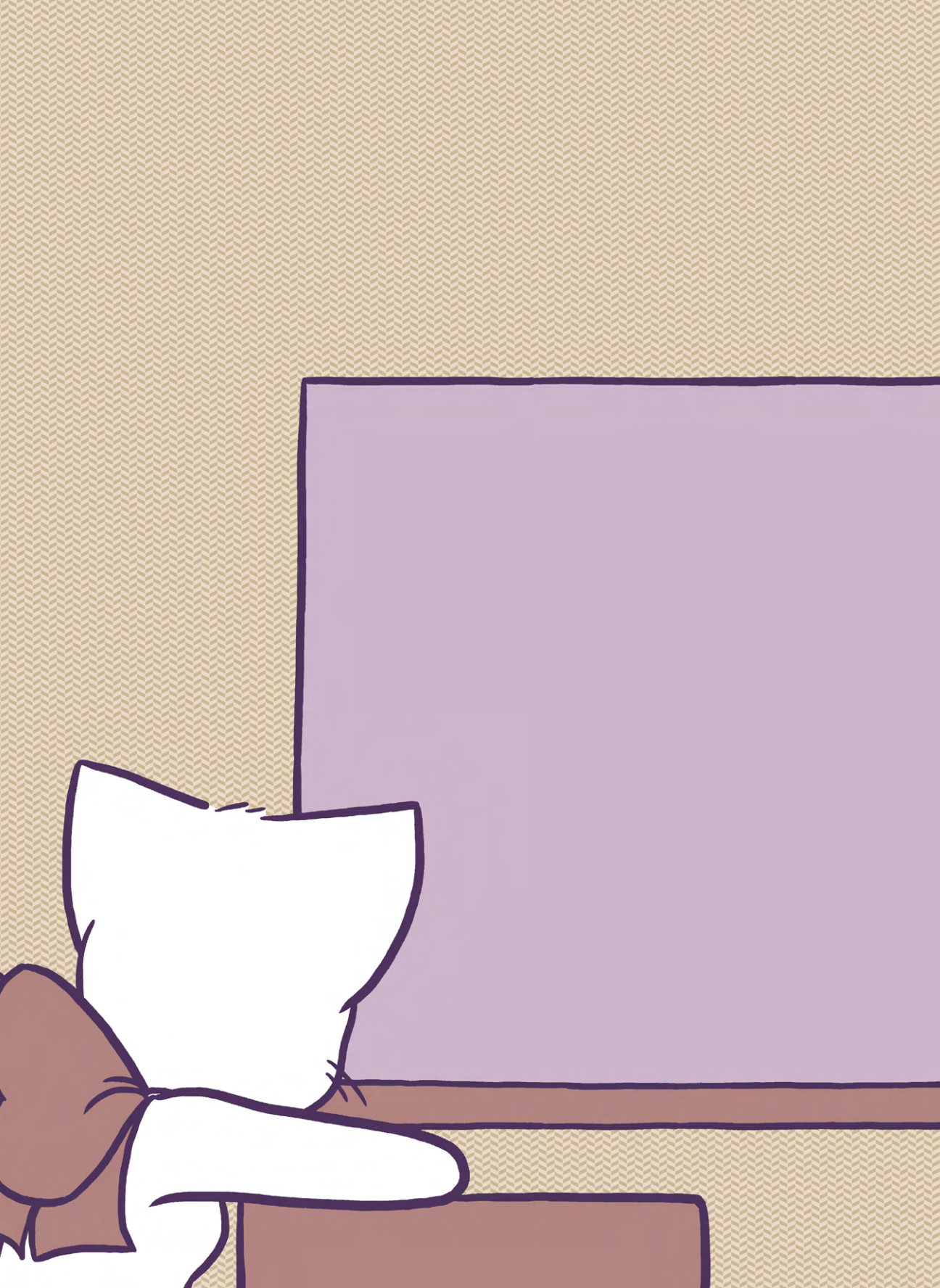
I always hated the violin, like, seriously.
And I mean, I didn't expect Treasury to be so super busy...
("heil Führer Abbey"..)
..Thank you, Paulo.
Huh?
You made me realize how little time I have for fun...
I didn't have much wiggle room to do what I want to do, like hang out with you.
You inspired me to talk to my dad..
I'm sorry for not seeing you much lately, I know it sucked.
..but you stuck it through.. I don't deserve someone like you...
Yeah... It's okay.
..Is she alright?
She's been off the whole day, don't worry.
After noon?!

whoa hey
Paulo there you are!
Oh, did you "terminate" it, yet?
Terminate what?
NO, Lucy's sickness is not "terminated", Dave, but if you mind, can you take her to Sue?
Oh
Agents are GO!
Annnnnd we're off!
Don't worry, Lucy-baby! You'll get to Ricky's show!!
So!
So! Free day!
Yup, and I'm treating you!
Aww, Jazzie!

She's like, ahead anyway, and knows the lines, she can afford to skip the day..
Ehh..
SPECIAL DELIVERY!!
For..
I.C. Wiener? Aww, crud.
GET OUT.
Lucy?
Hold on.
She sounds really... broken.
Lucy. Here.

Guess you caught the bug going 'round. Don't sneak out for school tomorrow.
It's really contagious.
You know how crazy my mom is with keeping me healthy.
She gave these to me, "just in case."
Seems you need it more than I do.
MIKE!!!
You actually talked to me...
Yer talkin'..
I was scared that you hated me, Mike.
So scared, Mike..
Yer talkin' ta me, thank you..
Thank you..
Thank you..
Wow, pretty clunky transition at the end of scene two..
Excuse me?!

Hahaha
haha
haha
Can't believe we actually fit..
You must have, like, the tiniest butt.
Ehh.
This was a great day..
Yeah..
We're gonna have lots more like it, I promise.
Treasury, softball, environmental ...
Three things, that's all..
Aww, don't let me stop you from doing what you want to..
You're not stopping me..
If you gotta know, my favorite extracurricular activity is you.
That was so fuckin' CORNY.
END



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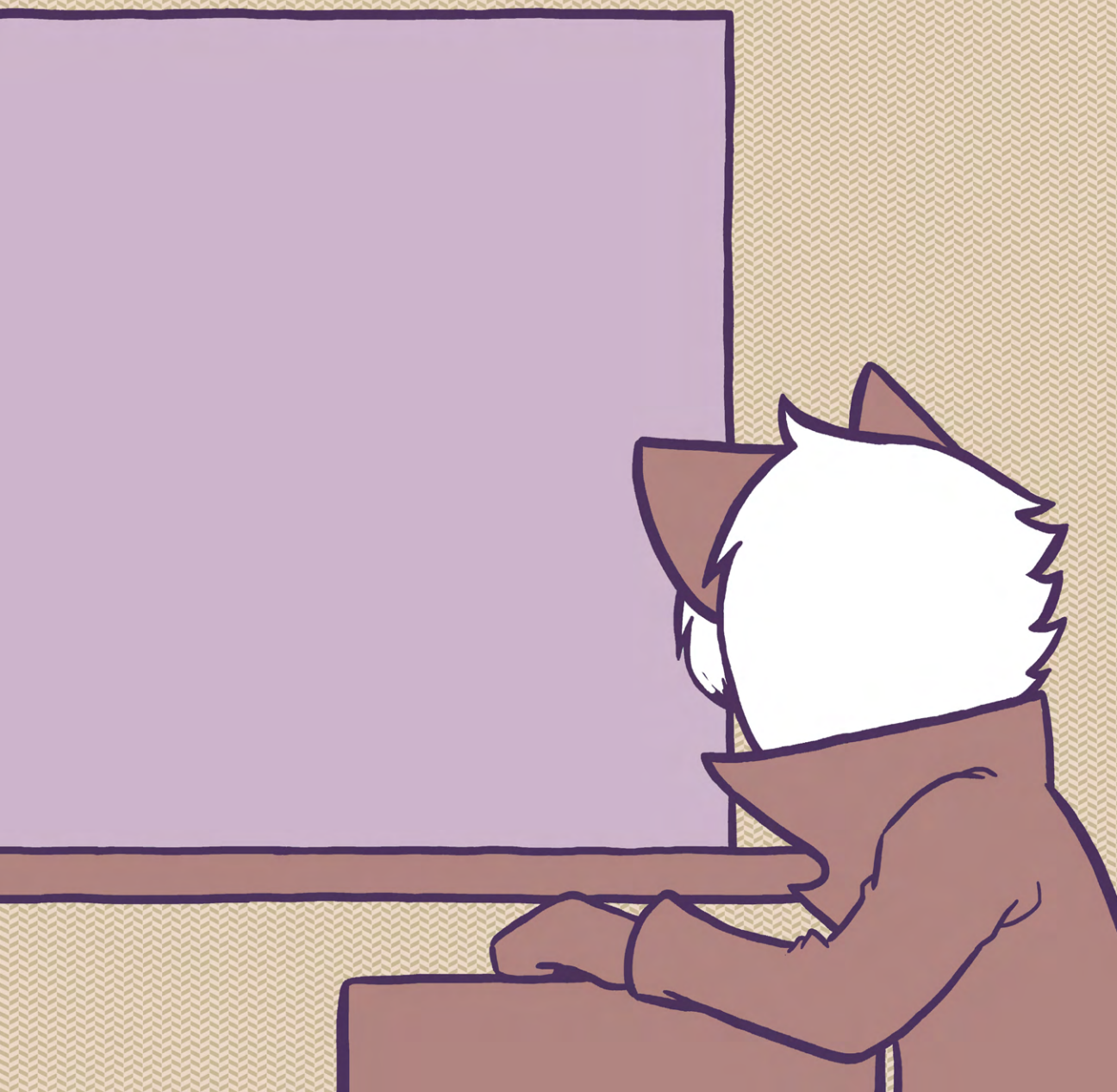
On Our Own



RIIIIIINNG

Aww, how disappointing.
I thought you'd at least have a band sticker or skateboarding poster or something in there.
What? You assume all guys with piercings are punks
Yes.
chic
So you've stooped as low as this to find your next shoulder to cry on.
HEY!
I'm only here because I've got nowhere else to go!
How about home?

Family trouble?
No, it's just...
I just wanted to go somewhere different, is all.
I mean! Before going home!
C'mon. Everybody else I know just lines up for the school bus and prepares for homework or whatever.
You do other stuff, right?
SCHOOL BUS
I take a different bus, for a start.

well, that's something.
what are you even thinking? I live over an hour away!
I'm game!
For an exciting ride to nowheresville?

Look.
Why don't you just go find whichever boyfriend of the week it is and see if he'll take you to a movie?
HEY!!
I can always find my way back!
You're holding us up.
Sorry, she's trying to get on the wrong bus.
What?!
W-Wait!

SCHOOL BUS
Screw it, then!
Asshole.
END

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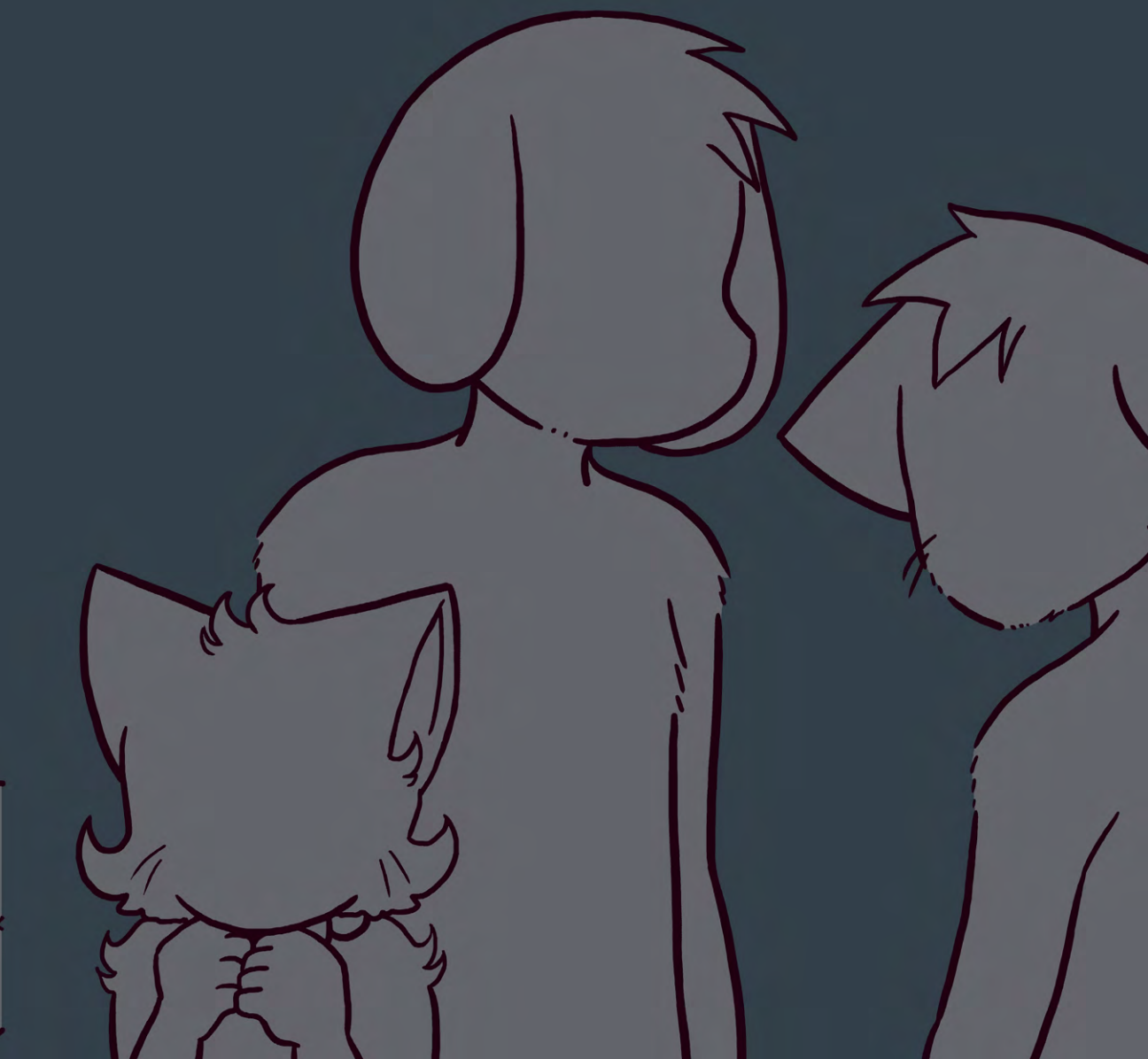
Fade Away



This is my final year...
OBEY!!

I messed up...
.. but now I made a few friends...
Shake shake
I want them to move on...
.. but I don't want them to forget me..
What's with the table cloth?

Tablecloths are for fancy restaurants!
So now we're fine dinin'!
Heh.
Is something down there..?
PAULO!!

Uhh..
My hand slipped...
Ughh PAULO
I'm NOT in the mood for thi.....
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, TESS!!

You're crying!
Did he hurt your leg? I'm prepared to issue a deten-----
MAN I didn't TOUCH HER!
No, this just really surprised me...
why? You knew it was your birthday!
Yes, but...
I'm just not used to having friends who would do this much for me...
we're not used to friends who fly us out on vacation!
Just enjoy it, okay? Happy 18th.
WHOA!!

Tess is 18 now, right?
Yeah?
And how old are you?
15?
DUDE!
SICK!
She almost robbed the cradle!
Man, it's not too much of a diff!
No, it totally is!
Date girls your own age!
I'm dating Jazz!
She's like, ten! Now YOU'RE robbing the cradle!
SHE'S NOT TEN!!
Then why was she riding on a tricycle?
I was RIDING WITH her on my BIKE!!
END

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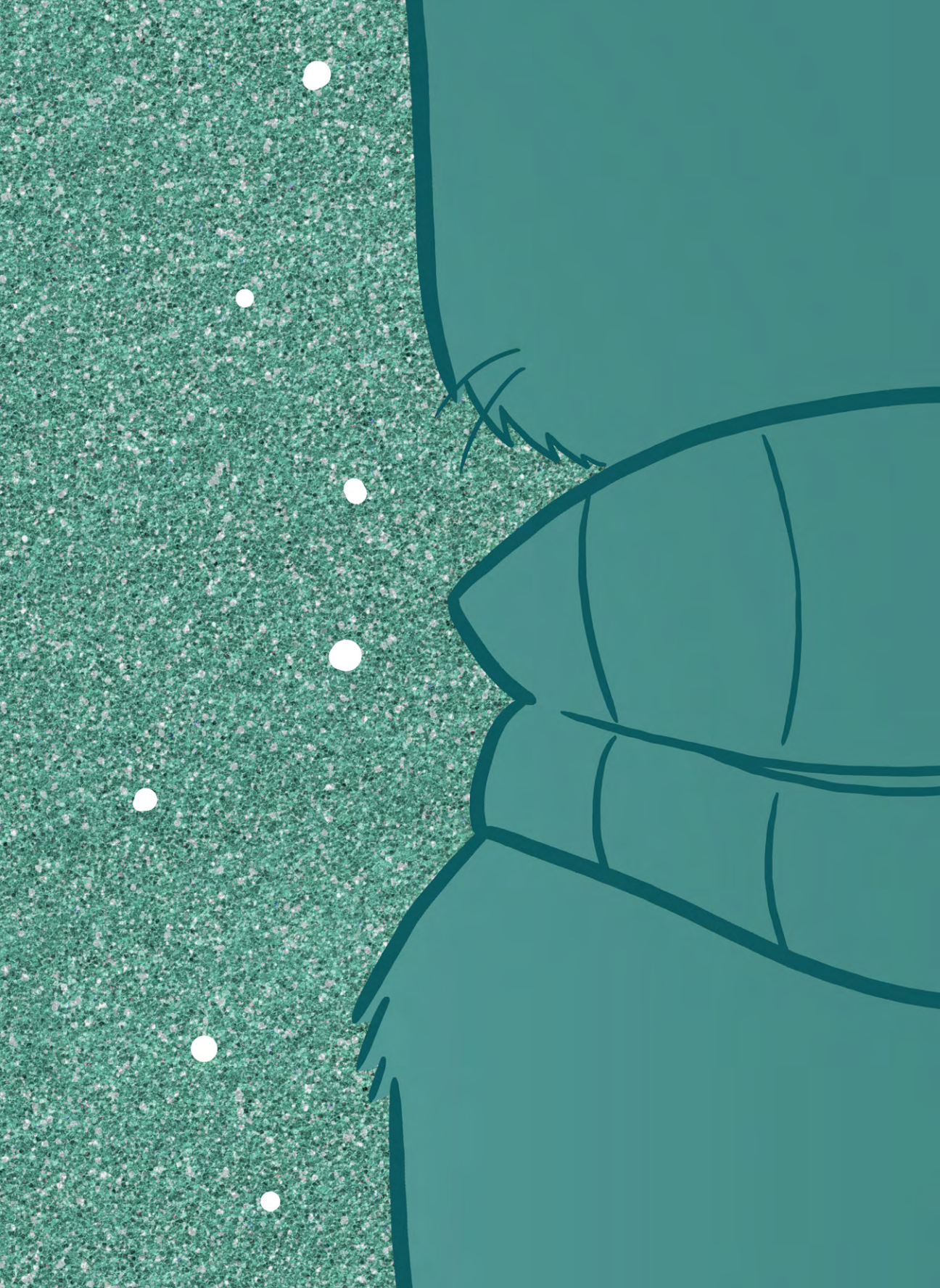


Aww yeah, vacation time soon~♪
Count to ten... count to ten...
I'm sorry about him, Abbey..
It's fine, I have other things to worry about.
At least Christmas is coming!
That's the problem.
History sure is fun
?
Sorry for being late.
APPARENTLY I needed my coat cleaned.
But Noodles your precious coat was full of snow~!
OWW SHIT ABBEY!!

So, class, Monday is the last school day of the year.
..And what better way to round off the unit with a World War II essay due on your final day?
Relax.
You'll be partnered up.
I've got topics and pairs all worked out.
No swaps this time.
Phoebe and Ryan.
Jake and David.
Thomas and Melanie.
Daisy and Simon.
Leslie and Paulo.
Cheryl and John.
Bianca and Abraham...
FINE

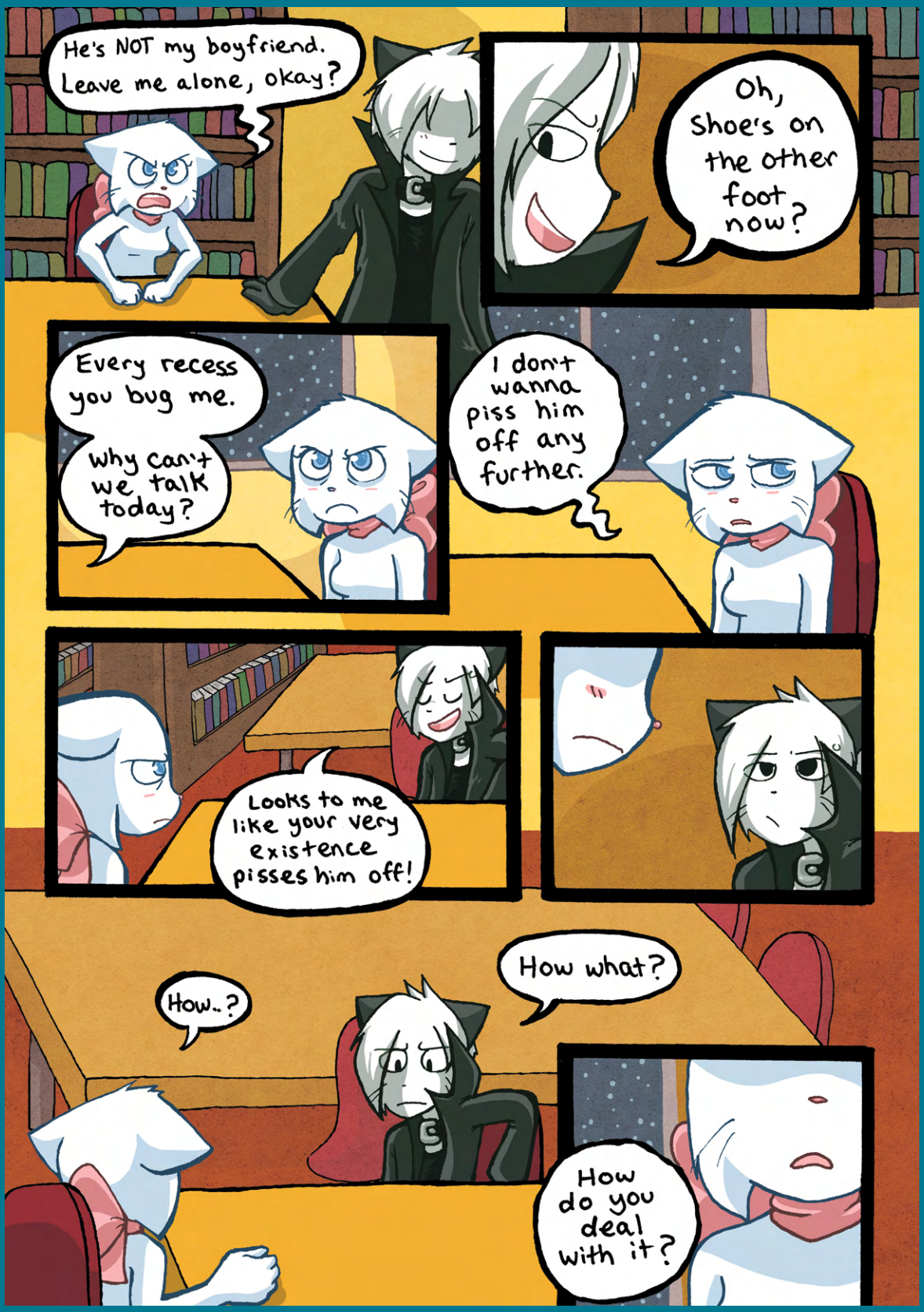
THINGS THAT ARE PRETTY BAD IN HISTORY
- THE PLAGUE
- SUM WARS
I KNOW what's coming.
Go on and announce the most predictable pairing of the class.
Stuck with Lucy. As usual. Thanks.
It's FINE. No, really.
I was actually going to pair you with Susan.
..But if you're going to make a fuss about it, yes, you're with Lucy.
Susan, you've got Cletus.
Shoot.

well, let's head to the library.
Huh?
The quicker we get this essay done, the quicker you can have a weekend alone.
why not.

How've you been?
Okay.
English hard as ever?
I manage.
Haley?
She's fine.
Chris? I haven't seen him in ages.
He's good.
It.. uhh.. must be fun having a lil' brother? Huh?
It's REALLY not a big deal.

Hey.
Be sure to wipe your feet.
You can hang out with him if you like.
What?! I'm meant to help you!!
SHHHH
I could write this in my sleep.
I don't care.

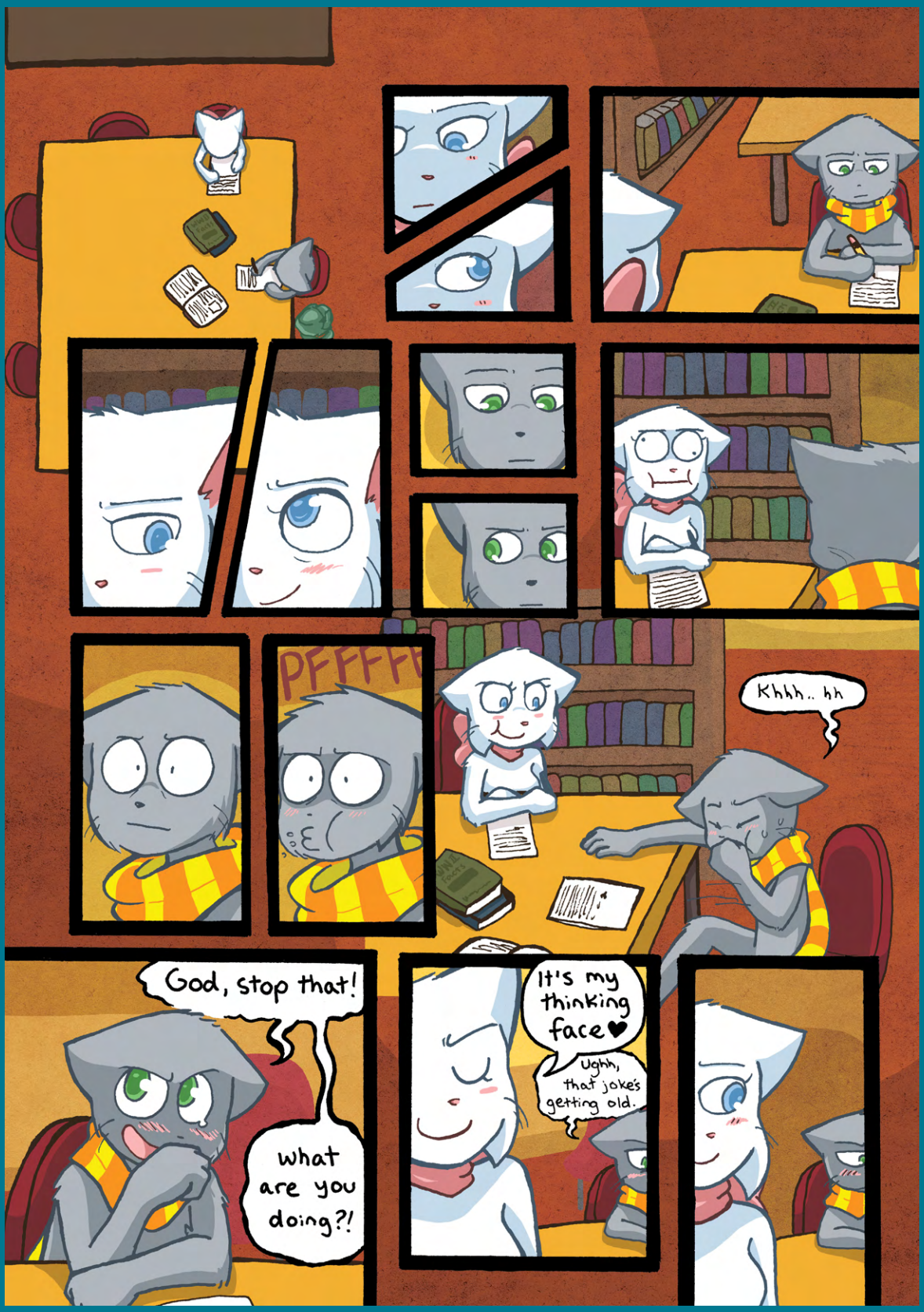
Alright, jerk. I got the point.
Thought I told you to SHHHH
I just want a good grade, okay?!
That's all.
Watch my bag. I'll get some books.
FWUMP
Sounds like you need to have a long and serious talk about your relationship.
Wow. You let him walk all over you.


He's NOT my boyfriend. Leave me alone, okay?
Oh, Shoe's on the other foot now?
Every recess you bug me.
Why can't we talk today?
I don't wanna piss him off any further.
Looks to me like your very existence pisses him off!
How..?
How what?
How do you deal with it?

HEY
thought I
told you to
SHHHH
Hm?
Rejection.
I know you aren't happy about what happened with Daisy.
..but you cope.
I'm just about ready to give up on everything..
Do you have parents?
Yes?
A place to sleep?
Yeah..?
In a safe neighborhood?
What?
And you want to die because some stupid kid won't return your feelings.
You're absolutely worthless.

The difference between us is...
I've come to terms with the idea that Daisy isn't interested in me.
No matter how much it hurts me to see it, he keeps her happy.
I guess that keeps me going.
It's from a distance, but I know she's smiling.
You DONE yet?

I was just leaving, green eyes.
Heh.
Good luck.
I don't belong to you, you know.
Let's start this damn thing before I end up punching you.
I know. Just be a little less obvious.


PFFFFF
Khhh.. hh
God, stop that!
what are you doing?!
It's my thinking face♥
Ughh, that joke's getting old.

So you're okay finishing this up at home?
what you said before was right.
Getting this done tonight means we won't have to meet up again.
Lucy?
Hi, Haley.. hi, Chris♥
It's been a while! Are you getting sick of my stupid brother?
Lucy! ♥ Lucy! ♥
Oh, I'll never tire of Chris!
Poke
LUCY.
C'mon.
Maybe you can fix the stick up his ass that appears whenever he's not on the phone with Sandy.

Man, SCREW IT
Why don't we let off a little steam and play some good ol' Super Boxer Champions?
We still have--
We still have Friday and the WEEKEND.

No.
Oh COME ON!
I'm not playing anything with you.
I'm turning it on.
Don't.
Hear that?
DON'T.
Turn it off.
So which character will you play?
LUCY.
You're going to play, alright?
C'mon, I picked the game YOU ALWAYS KICK MY ASS IN.
I'M MAKING IT EASY.
If you beat me, I'll back off, okay?
If it'll shut you up...

GAME OVER
I'm so RUSTY!
AWW!!
And I'm still as awesome as ever!
C'mon, that final blow was BEAUTIFUL!
Yeah, it was.
HA!
Man, remember when I couldn't get CLOSE to a third knock-out?
I spent some nights at home practicing like hell JUST to be good enough...
And BOY have the tables turned!
Yeah, it only took you three years!
Oh, shut up!
Man I gotta get a drink..
Sprite?
Oh.. sure.

OH YEAH~!
uh huh uhuh uh huh~♪
Chippies
Aww, man.. I'm never gonna figure out that counter, huh?
So you've actually avoided playing video games all this time?
Most of mine are only good for two players...
Mike..
Another round?
Sure, sure!
buzzzzz

Bzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzz
bzzzzzzz
...who's that?
You know... It's a long text...
Oh.
Mike..?
Mike?

Mike...
You're..
What happened?
You should get going.

what the hell do you mean?!
I haven't seen you that happy in months!
I wanna know why!
Don't ruin this for me.
You're better off leaving.
Don't be so weird! what'd she say?
None of your business!
No, Mike! C'MON!
Hey, lay off! It's nothing to do with you!
At least tell me why you want me to leave!
Do you REALLY wanna know?!
YES BECAUSE WE'RE MEANT TO BE FRIENDS AND FRIENDS TELL EACH OTHER EVERYTHI
IT'S BECAUSE SANDY IS COMING TO VISIT NEXT WEEK!!

That's good.
I'm really happy for you, okay?
You need this.
If there's someone who can make you happy again, I'm glad.
You're talking like I wasn't happy already.

You think I've been miserable all this time...
..Like I'm someone you need to help...
But you haven't noticed..
Every problem has been down to you..
You only see me upset because YOU'RE always around!!
Mike, c'mon..
SHUT UP! AND LISTEN!
I told you once already...
I am no longer your babysitter..
.. And yet you still try to talk to me.
I do it because I'm your friend and I still
I DON'T WANT YOU TO BE!!
...
...
I hate you.

I hate you, Lucy...
I HATE YOU!!

No.
I've wanted to say it all this time..
I really have..
I've never been your friend...
You've never treated me anything like one.
And Sandy helped me understand...

Umm.. Uhh.. hello?
Hello, Maishul
Aww..
I missed hearing that..
Ughh, oww..
too bad this phone isn't cordless..
I need to sit down..
Why?
I-It's just my friend, Lucy.. you remember her, right?
No..?
Well.. anyway, I guess I "annoyed" her so much she needed to deck me in the shin..
But I definitely—
GASP
Sandy?
Are..
Maishul, are you okay?!
Yeah?
Are you gonna tell the teacher?!
No?
WHY NOT?!
Why would I?

You sound hoarse.. it's cute, but..
Oh..
I guess I was yelling a lot today..
Was it that girl again?..
Lucy? Yeah.. she was over playing games and threw the BIGGEST tantrum..
we were both screaming pretty loud..
She tried to slap me across the face at the end of it, but I was fast enough to ...
:sniff:
Sandy?!
..Why do you let her do that?
Huh?
SHE HURTS YOU!
what kinda person does that?!
She has a temper, but she's a good person, really.
Do you love her?
WHAT?! No! Of course not! Why would y--
why do you put up with her?..
She's my friend!
A real friend would NEVER hurt you.. ever!!
It's.. it's not like that.
:sob:

:sniff: Hi, Sandy..
Maishul? You got a cold?
No, just a nosebleed..
Heehee, am I that cute?
Oh, I wouldn't be surprised.. ha ha..
Sandy..?
Look, it's fine! I'm okay, I was kind of being an idiot anyway..
This girl..
Lucy?
whatever her name is..
I..
I don't think I like her.
At all.

People were nice to me so long as I played nice with you.
And I gave in.
Sandy snapped me out of it. Reminded me that my happiness is worth something, too.
I really have no reason to care about you.
Mike, I'm..
which is why I'm leaving the table in January.
If I left now, there would be SO MUCH stupid drama..
especially with the play going on..
...but when that's over, I'll have no reason to stay.
But..
You won't have any friends..
who says they won't join me?

If I leave, Daisy will follow. She's one of my best friends, without a doubt.
Abbey will come with her. And Paulo and Daisy are really close, so he'll join along..
And David, he follows Paulo anywhere.
Me, alone? Not likely.
P...
Paulo wouldn't leave me..
Oh yeah? why not?
He's not YOURS.
Face it..
Your dumb rebound..
Doesn't even LOVE you.
Nobody does.
Why would they?
You're a parasite.
Hurk

Don't leave..
Why, am I all you got?
No, I...
You are so damn selfish and transparent..
Clinging to me like I'm the only one who cares about you.
Pushing everyone else away because you think they're only interested in your looks.
Well, maybe you were right..
Nobody can love you for who you are.

Mom's home..
...That means I can tell her the news!
click

Hurk
Gack

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What are you taking that for?
No reason.
Where are you going?
Home.
We still need to work out which parts of the essay we're doing..
I'll leave the whole thing in your locker.
What?
Trust me.

SLAM

I guess that keeps me going..
It's from a distance..
..But I know she's smiling.
END

At Loose Ends

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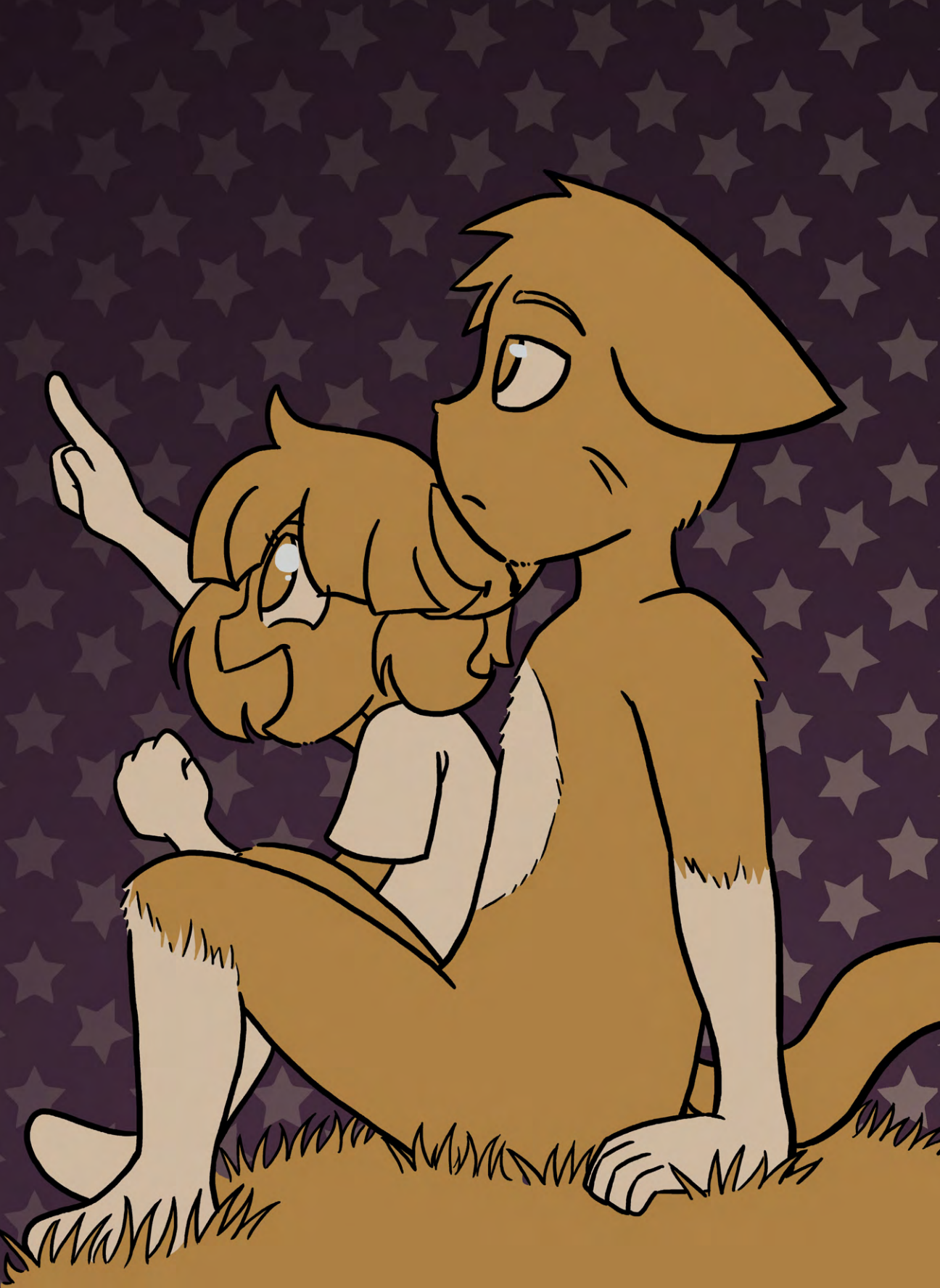


tchhh..
hnnn
Wait, I wasn't done!
Abbey, it's fine. I can do it.
I should have expected it anyway..
You know how your father gets.
Sometimes I must get on his nerves...
NO!!
SHHHH, not so loud!
But he's not home...
It's not that..
Let your little sister sleep, okay?

Molly?
What are you doing?
Oh.
Just making another present.
For mom.

Are you sure you should keep doing this?
Why not?
when we see her again, she'll know I didn't forget about her.
"when we see her again."

Maybe Santa will bring mommy!
Yeah, let's stay up!
I just know she'll come home this year!
Yeah!
Wonder what she's doing?
Mm.
RIIIIIING
Hello?
ABBEYYY!
Hi Daisy.

You going?
Where?
Tess' party!
I didn't know about it.
Check your mailbox! Everyone got a letter!
Mm.
You okay?
I don't think I can go.
Huh? Why not? I wanted to go with you!
You can still go, I just..
I just have some errands to do.
well, alright ...

Abbey!
You got a letter from Tess~
Dear Abbey, you are cordially invited to Tessa's Christmas party, this Thursday the...
I'm not going.
And why is that, Abbey?
I want to find out where my mother is...
And meet her.

So what's your big plan?
..maybe get a bus back home and retrace my steps?
Now why would I let you do that?
I wouldn't have told you.
It would be easier on all of us if you just explained what happened to her!
I would if I knew.
It's the same as always. We lost contact with her and hoped she'd let us know when she was better...
But I'm still waiting.
It's not your responsibility.
It's mine.

Go along to your party and don't worry about it for now.
I'll do some research.
I already told Daisy I'm not going.
And that's why you're about to call her back!
Okay.
Please, let it be something good.

Hey!!
Abbey!
Wait up!
Wanna come to my house for a bit?
Sure!
It's a bit of a walk but I know a shortcut.
No, it's okay!
Father's car?..

bleep
bloop
Tp
tp
tp
Molly, don't laugh..
Daisy TOLD me to wear it, okay?!
DING DONG
Pffffff
I'm glad you could come♥
AWWW~!

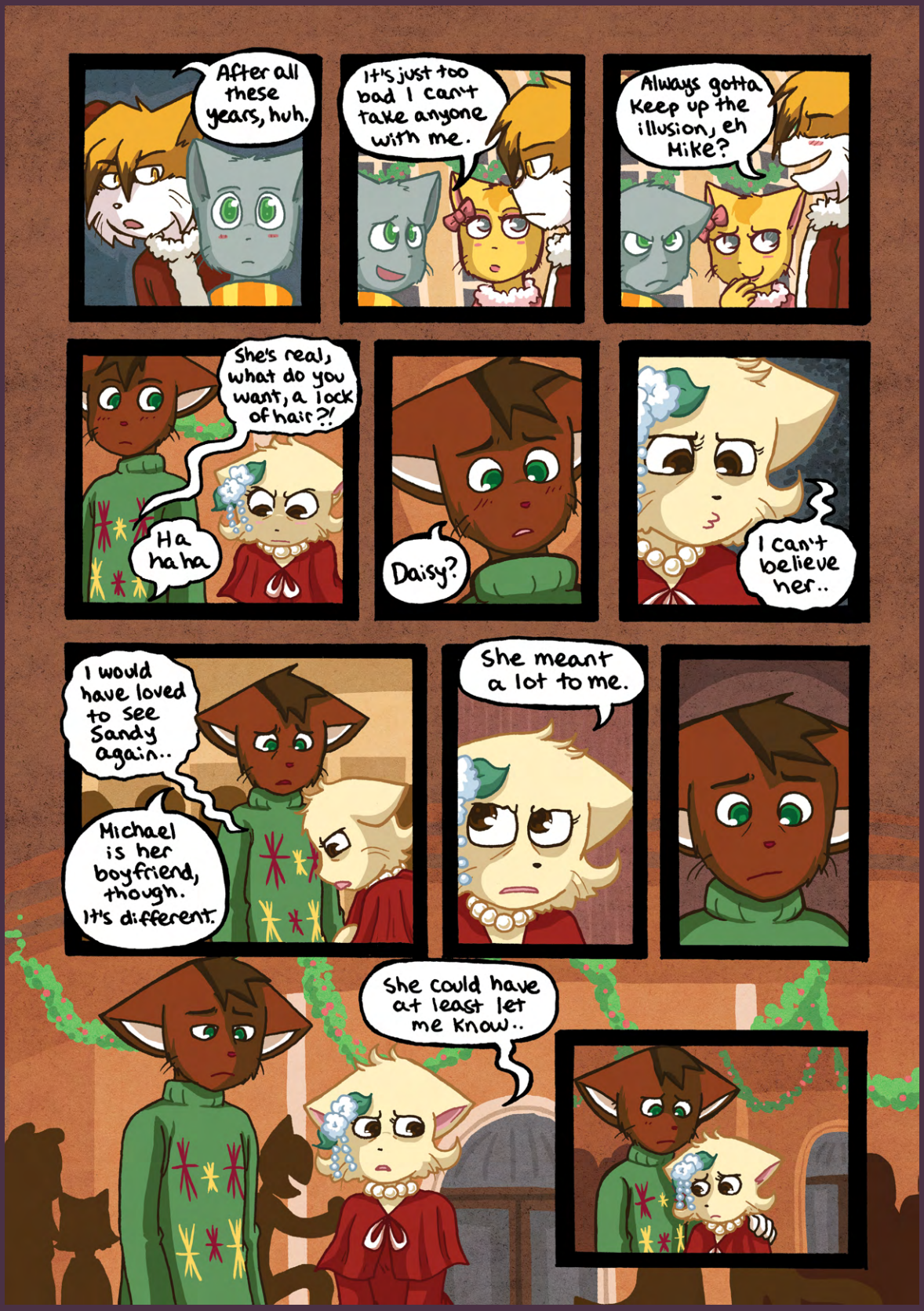
Aww! You're wearing it!
Hee hee hee
I hope this gift won't be as much of a laugh.
Eeeee!!
Janet..?
Abbey, I've already made a few calls. I have a bunch of places to check out tomorrow.
You can trust me.
Thanks.
Have a good night!
Jana, what've you been doing?
bleep
bloop
I'm trying to find your mommy in time for Christmas.

Thanks for driving us, Mr-- --
Nonsense! It was my pleasure!
You treat my lil' pumpkin right and that'll be all the thanks I need!
Daaaaad!!

SLAM
:GASP:
Oh, it's just you, Abbey...
I thought your father was early today, haha..
Abbey?
what's wrong?
Abbey?
We're here.
Hey..

Wanna dance tonight?
Why not? Sounds...
PAF
PAF PAF PAF
Merry Christmas, ya filthy animal!
HA HAHA HAHAHA
THINK FAST
PAF
Get inside, idiot. You too, Jasmine.
You're the idiot.
Sorry if we've been annoying, Tess..
Wow, Tessie, that was so cool!
Ughhoww.. sure was..

Daisy!!
Abbey!!
Over here!
Mikie!
You seem happy.
On top of the world
what happened?
He'll be seeing the mystical Sandy tomorrow.
.. Really?
It's only for one night, she's coming for some fashion show and I've got a ticket to go ..
That's.. great.
Gonna wear a suit?~
well, it is kinda fancy..
I just can't believe it's happening..


After all these years, huh.
It's just too bad I can't take anyone with me.
Always gotta keep up the illusion, eh Mike?
She's real, what do you want, a lock of hair?!
Ha ha ha
Daisy?
I can't believe her..
I would have loved to see Sandy again..
Michael is her boyfriend, though. It's different.
She meant a lot to me.
She could have at least let me know..

Let's dance!
You're gonna love Roseville, guys.. it's a very nice town.
Will mommy and daddy come too?
But your mother has to get better before she can see you again.
Your father's not gonna be around anymore.

For now, you have us! I'm Janet and this is Kevin.
Hi, Jana!
It's "Janet."
It's fine~
You can call Kevin "Big ol' smelly face" if you want.
Oh stop
Bop
YEEEEEEKK!!
NOOOOOOOO
Molly, we were just fooling around.
WELL STOP
DON'T HURT HER
Shh
He isn't!
Smooth, Janet.
Geez.

You haven't really been yourself tonight, Abbey ...
I'm sorry. There's a lot on my mind..
Can I help?
I don't know ..
Molly has this habit of making a little present for my mother every year.
How sweet!
.. Mother's Day, her birthday, Christmas ..
..Oh.
Seems like everyone has their own way of coping.
I just wish this year she was here to appreciate it..
Oh, Abbey..
Oiii Scrooge, stop shitting up my party
COME ON AN' BOOGIE DOWN
Abbey!
I-I think she's right!

OOO YEAH~
Dun lettim Kish Lushy or any otha girl thish year, okay?
TESS
lah lah lah
Speaking of Lucy, did she ever come?
oh yeahhhh
LUSHYYY GET OVAAA HEARRR
COME AWNNNNNNN
Do you have anything to do with this?
what, NO!
Sounding a lil' defensive there.
I didn't do anything!

This Amaya's a fly dancer for sure.
..I don't know if she enjoyed it as much as you did!
I should get a vomit bag.
Too late.
AAAAA
Janet..?
I'm sorry to turn up like this, but you said "the instant you find out".
No, no, what happened?
I.. uhh..
I found out..

What happened?
I gotta go home..
What's wrong?
Something came up.
But..
Abbey, say goodbye to your friends.
Yeah, sure
Is this serious? Can I help?
It's fine.
He wanted to know right away..

How did you get that gum in your hair?
Abbey..
Molly left it on the couch..
And you took a nap?
It wasn't a long nap..
I'll talk to her, okay?
Same thing happened to your father once..
It took so long to get it out, but it was nice brushing his hair..
I wish he'd let me do it again.
He'd let Cynthia do it...
.."Cynthia"?

Abbey?
Do you still blame yourself for what happened?
Well, don't.

would you like to see her tomorrow?
we could stay the night.
It's a few hours away, I could drive you out..
I don't want that.
I'm only going back for my mother. Let's leave early, do it in one day.
Okay.

Abbey?
Did mommy have an accident?
I heard sounds ...
G-give this to the neighbors..
But--
DO IT!!
Abbey?

Knock
Knock
Hello..
Um, can you read this?

What did you do to her?!
Are you coming or not?! Pack up!
STOP IT!
...
Sir.
Oh, this is just ridiculous ...
You've lost your chance, I'm going.
W- wait!!
I.. I'm not scared of you.

What are you here for?
Why did you do that?!
Your mother was being hysterical. Saying all this nonsense about taking you two away with her.
She knows how stupid that would be.
She was out of control.
So, I had to control h-...
Is this your doing?

There was no need for anything like this, Abraham.
But you've done it. You've ruined this family.

Abbeyyy! It's time to go now!
Hi, Daisy.

I asked Janet if I could tag along.
I hope that's okay.
Keviiin, we're going now! Watch over Molly!
Okay!
Waiiit!!
Are you gonna go see mommy?
Can you do me a favor~?

All those bad thoughts in your head?
Forget 'em.
Yeah, Abbey. You're just so NICE..
.. Although you CAN be pretty scary at school..
Scary, huh?
Even the school president is frightened of him!
Oh, I can see why..
My little Abbey, always fighting for what's right.

Hi, Kevin.
Hey, Abbey. Good day at school?
Yeah.
Class must be over by now. Go look for her, okay? I'll park at the back.
Your sister's always late...
Sure!
Noooooooo...

Stoppit!
I'm SERIOUS!
Why'd you wear this stupid thing?
Ooh~ Am I cute now~?
GIVE IT!!
Don't touch me!
BAP
Owww!
Sissyyyy!
D'ya wear this to cover yer ugly ears?
SHUT UP!
Ugly ears♪
Ugly ears♪
Ugly ears♪
Ugly ears♪...
SLAM

GIVE IT BACK!
NGHHH!!
GIMME THE RIBBON!!
OKAY OKAY
Thanks.
If I ever see you near my sister again you're REALLY gonna get it!
I'm sorry!
AND I MEAN IT!
You okay?

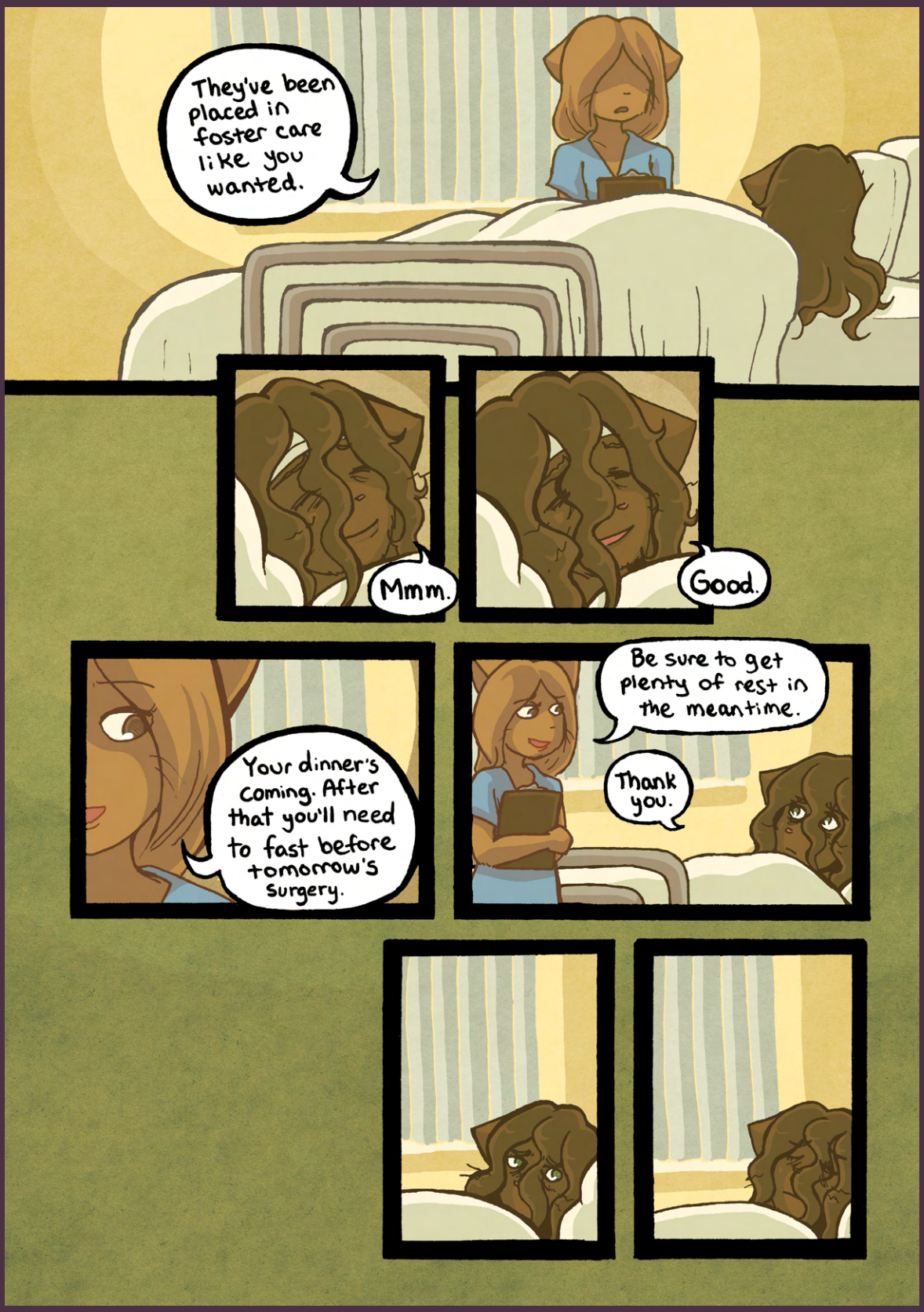
What's wrong?
YOU! YOU'RE WRONG!!
You're a bully!
WHAT?!
HE was the bully!
He was just STUPID, I was gonna tell on him!
Don't do stuff like that!
But he...
PROMISE IT!!
No, I have to protect you!
I can protect myself!
NO YOU CAN'T
Don't be like daddy!

WHAT?!
You heard me!
I AM NOT!!
TAKE IT BACK!
♫ If I could escape ♫ and create a place that's my own ♫ world ♫
And I could be ya favorite girl forever, perfectly together, ♫ now tell me boy ♫ now wouldn't that ♫ be sweet ~ ♫

Oh, uh, I guess the radio was getting a little loud.
Janet..?
Hm?
How do you stop being angry for no good reason?..
That's why you're seeing someone, Abbey. With time, you'll get better.
I feel so passionate.. So sure I'm in the right..
..But when it's over, I feel like it was all my fault to start with..
It's good to be aware of your faults, honey..
Sometimes, I wonder.

Here we are.
This is a pit stop.
We could go back home if you want..
Why should we go home? This is just a stop on the way.
This place hasn't got anything to do with my..
..mother

She knew it would trouble you kids, so she chose to just..
disappear.
And until yesterday, even I didn't realize.
Suppose she got what she wanted, huh?
Where are they?


They've been placed in foster care like you wanted.
Mmm.
Good.
Your dinner's coming. After that you'll need to fast before tomorrow's surgery.
Be sure to get plenty of rest in the meantime.
Thank you.

Today's the day, Charlotte..
You're in good shape today, but it's a big operation.
I'll go get the doctor.
It won't be long.
I understand.
Please do me a favor..
Please, if they're safe now, don't tell them.
If anything happens, I don't want them to worry.
But..
They've got a chance to grow up in a normal family now.
It's the least I could do.

Abbey..
I.. try to be a good person, I tried to help..
But..
Why couldn't I stop him?
Everything's my fault!
Everything's my fault..

See, that's how you do it.
That's a pretty electric color for a powerpoint.
This way it'll get A LOT of attention!
SLAM
You're home!!
Didya see her? Didya?
Yes.

Abbey?
You hanging on?
Mostly
I'm sorry..
No, it's fine. It's a weight off my back.
I thought about what you said..
You and Kevin really have given us a normal life.
My mother was right.
I should enjoy what she gave me.
Sweet dreams.

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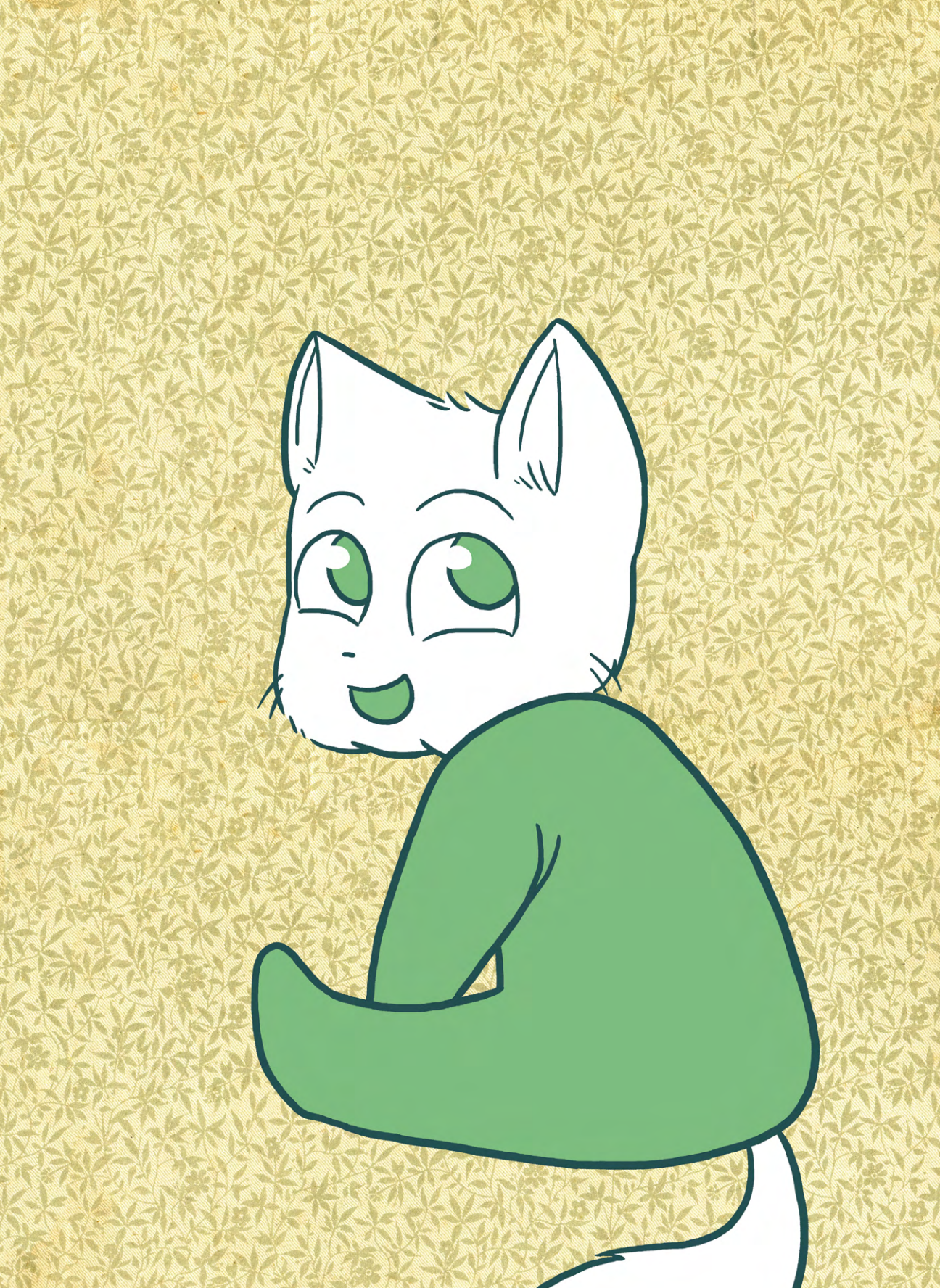
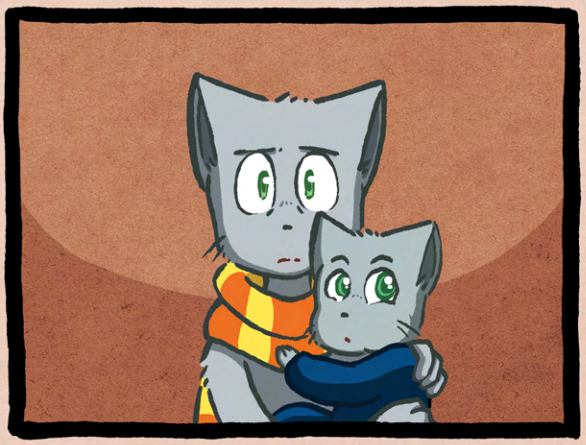
Adult Supervision



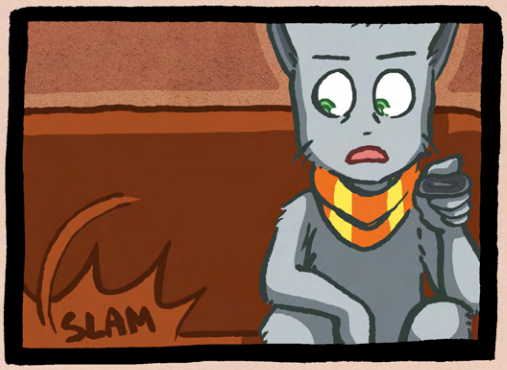
Okay, Kids. We're off now.
We'll be back real late so please put Chris to bed by 8 o' clock.
Okay!
See you in the morning!
Call us if there's any emergencies.
SLAM
?

That's a nice dress to wear at home.
I'm going out tonight, dingus.
But mom and dad said--
I'm only meeting a few friends for pizza. I'll be back soon enough.
B-but I've never watched Chris before.
Time to learn.
SLAM



Well, I guess it's just you and me.

How hard could it be?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AAAAA!!
Oh god!!

Five minutes alone and he's already hurt himself..

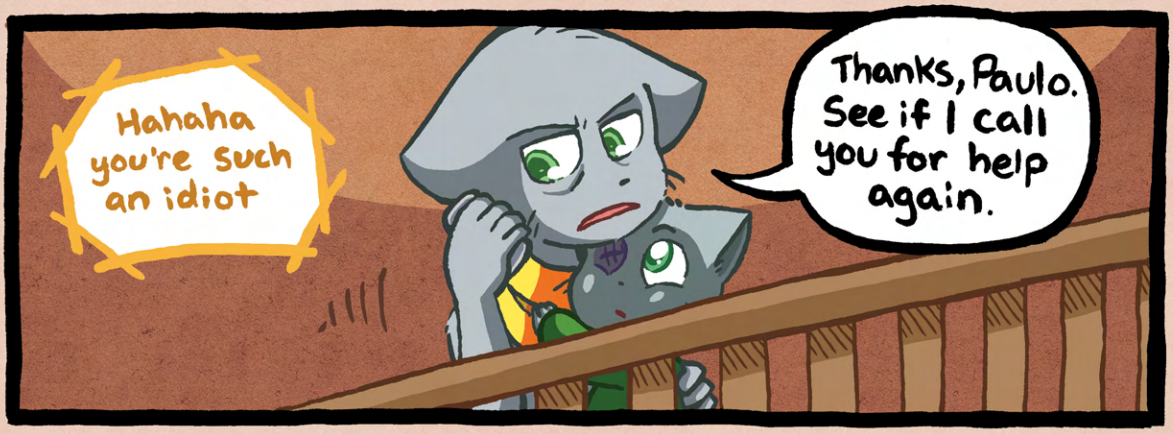
But we'll be okay, won't we--

OH GOD!
"Oh, god!"

How do you even fix a bruise?!
I could try asking...
We leave you alone for FIVE MINUTES and already you're trying to kill our son!
I told him!
Maybe not..
You sure seem calm for a half-blind...
Ow!
Hey!

There has to be something I can do..
who's good with kids..
ughh, of all the...
bzzzzz
bzzzzz
Hello, Maishul!♥
Ohh, hey!!
I'm free for a moment! How are you?
Oh, um..
Oh, I'm just here with my lil' brother!
Say hello!
Lucy?
Lucy!!
click

Black eye, huh?
Have you tried a cold washcloth?
Sit still..
Gonna squeeze!
AAAAA!!
Apply ground parsley.
slurp
Wait, that was--
Now listen. Do you have a live leech?
No, David, I don't.


Hahaha you're such an idiot
Thanks, Paulo. See if I call you for help again.

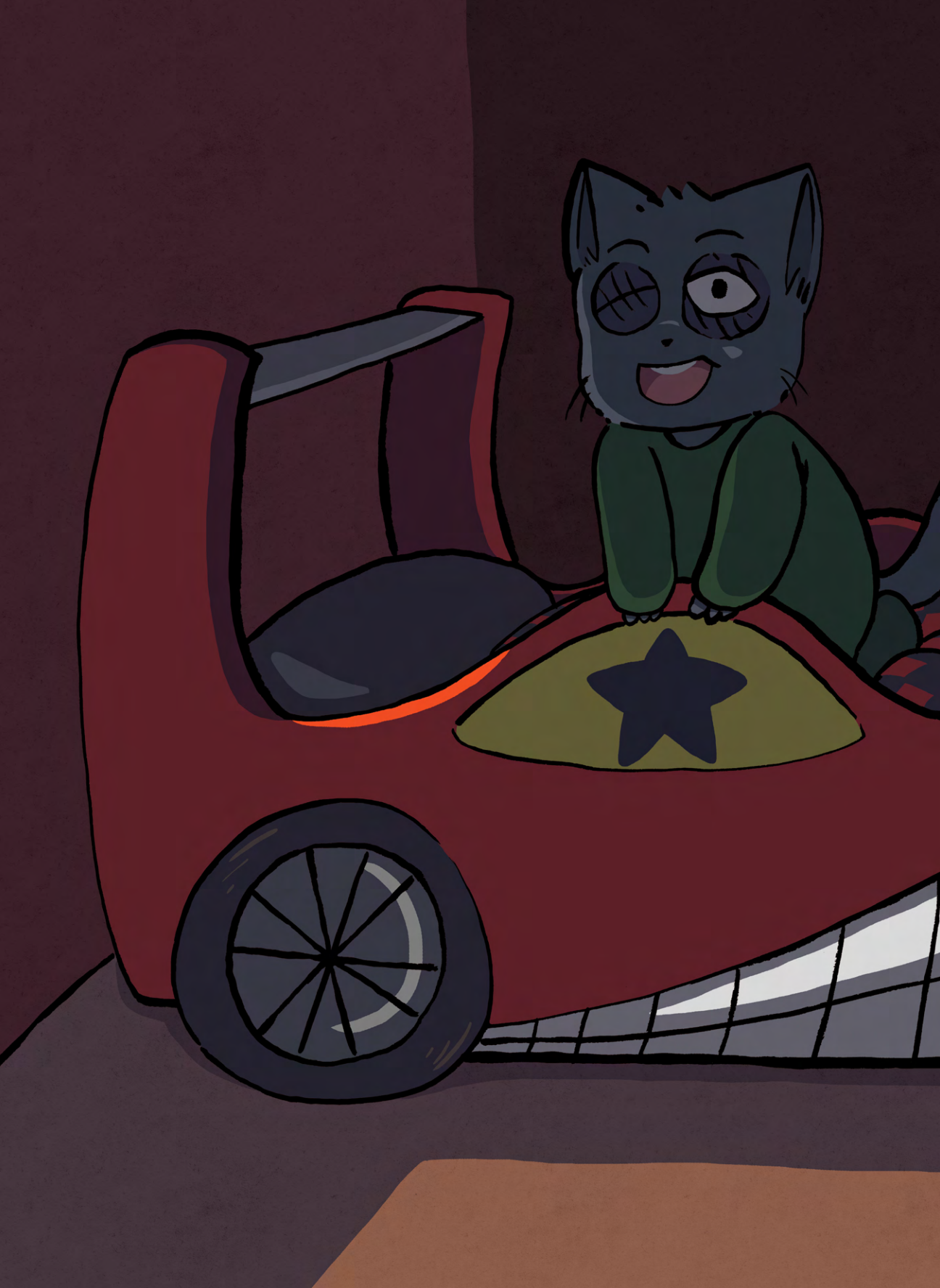
It's 8 PM anyway ...

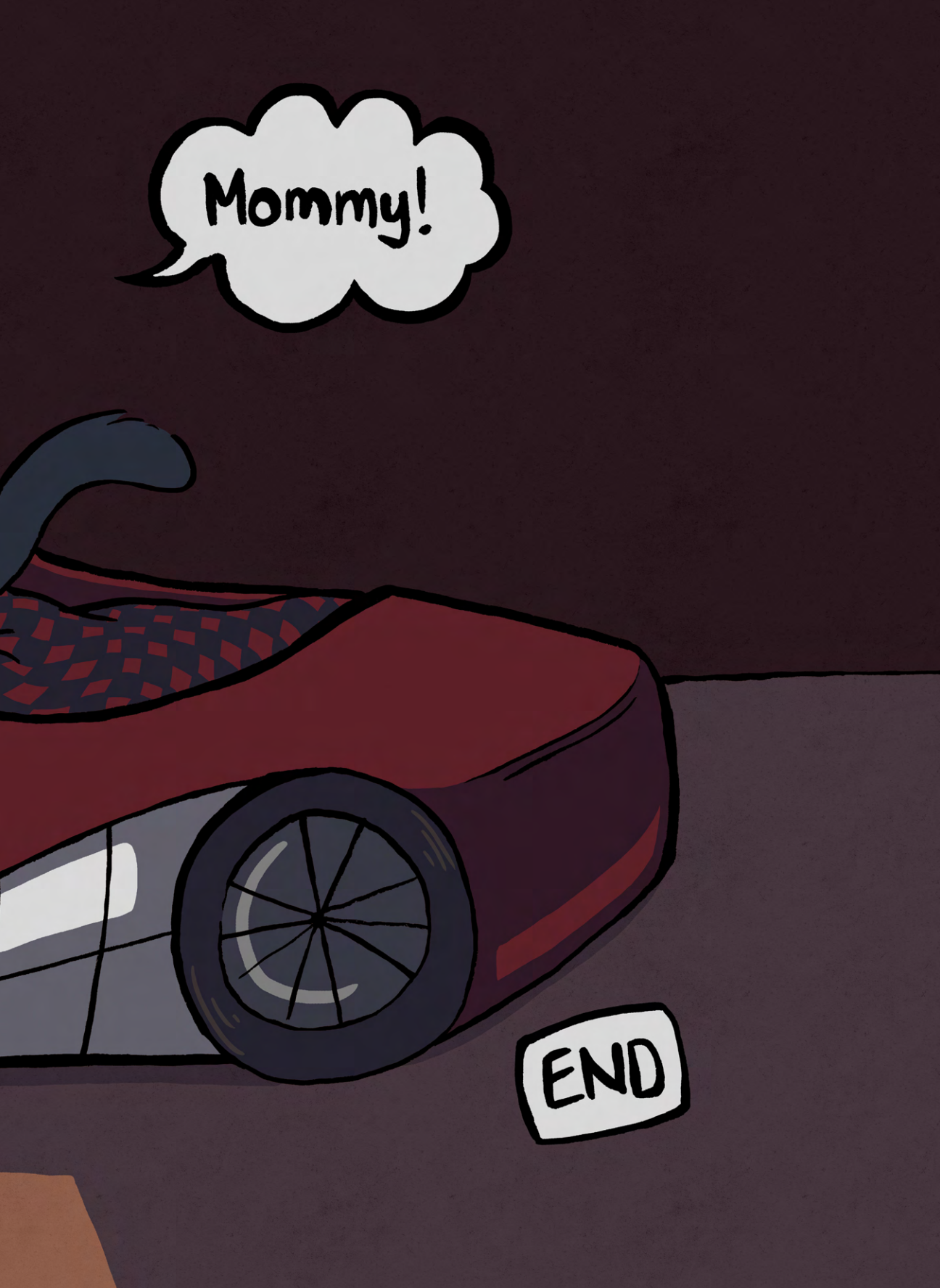
Guess you were tired..

Goodnight, Chris..

PLOP

12 AM
Thanks, Haley..
whew..
Good work, Michael..
YEEEEEK!!




Mommy!
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The end of the year!
At last!
A big night with Sandy!
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Unresolved sexual tension!
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