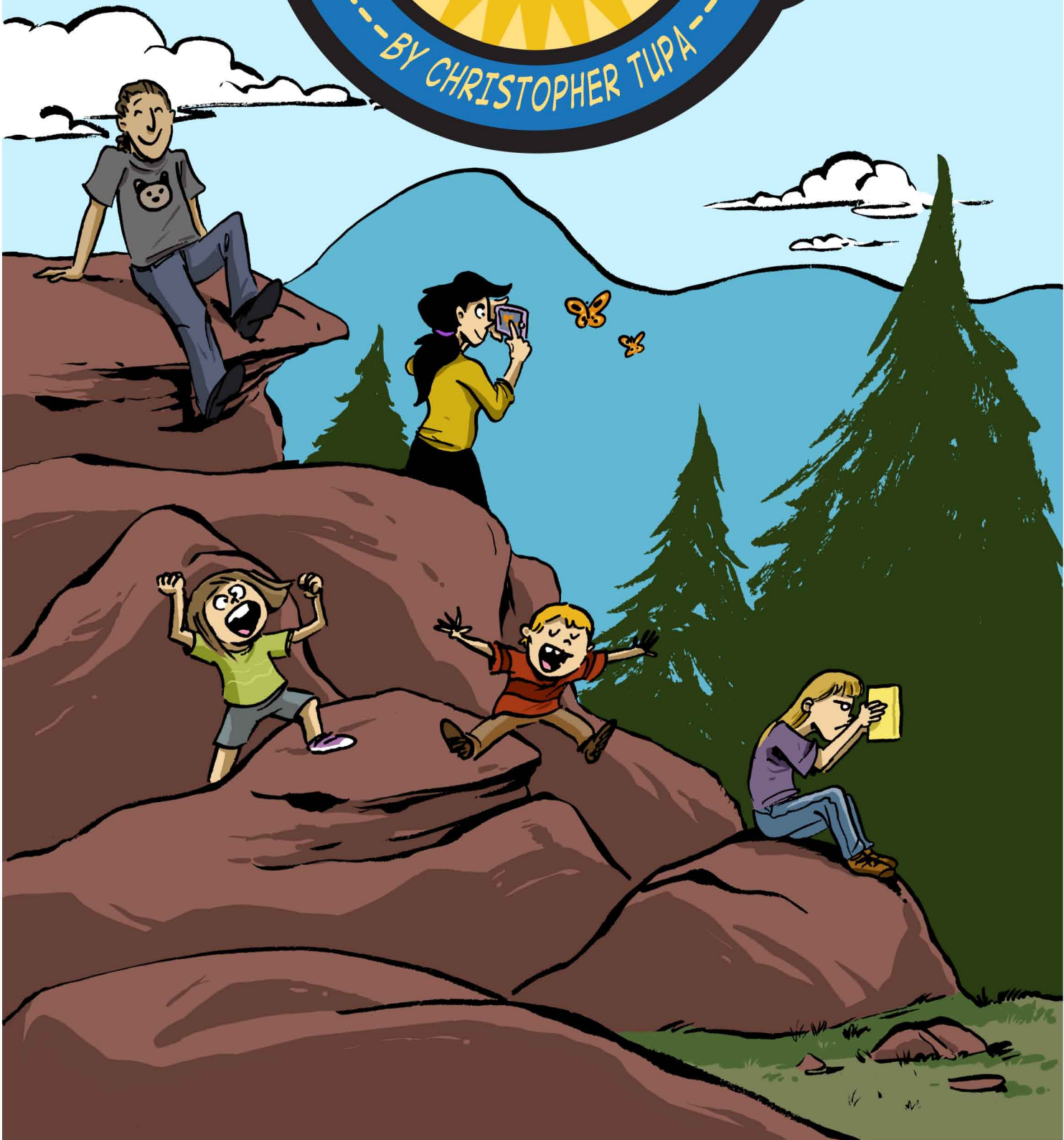


THE KRESTA FAMILY GOES
Camping
BY CHRISTOPHER TUPA



DURING THE DAY HE SLEEPS UP IN THE MOUNTAINS...



...BUT WHEN THE SUN GOES DOWN HE COMES DOWN TO THE LAKE.



HE COMES TO THE LAKE TO HUNT...



... ALWAYS ON THE HUNT.

HE'S ALWAYS HUNGRY...

SPLASH



... AND HE'LL EAT ANYTHING HE CAN CATCH.



FISH



BIRDS



SMALL ANIMALS



BIG ANIMALS

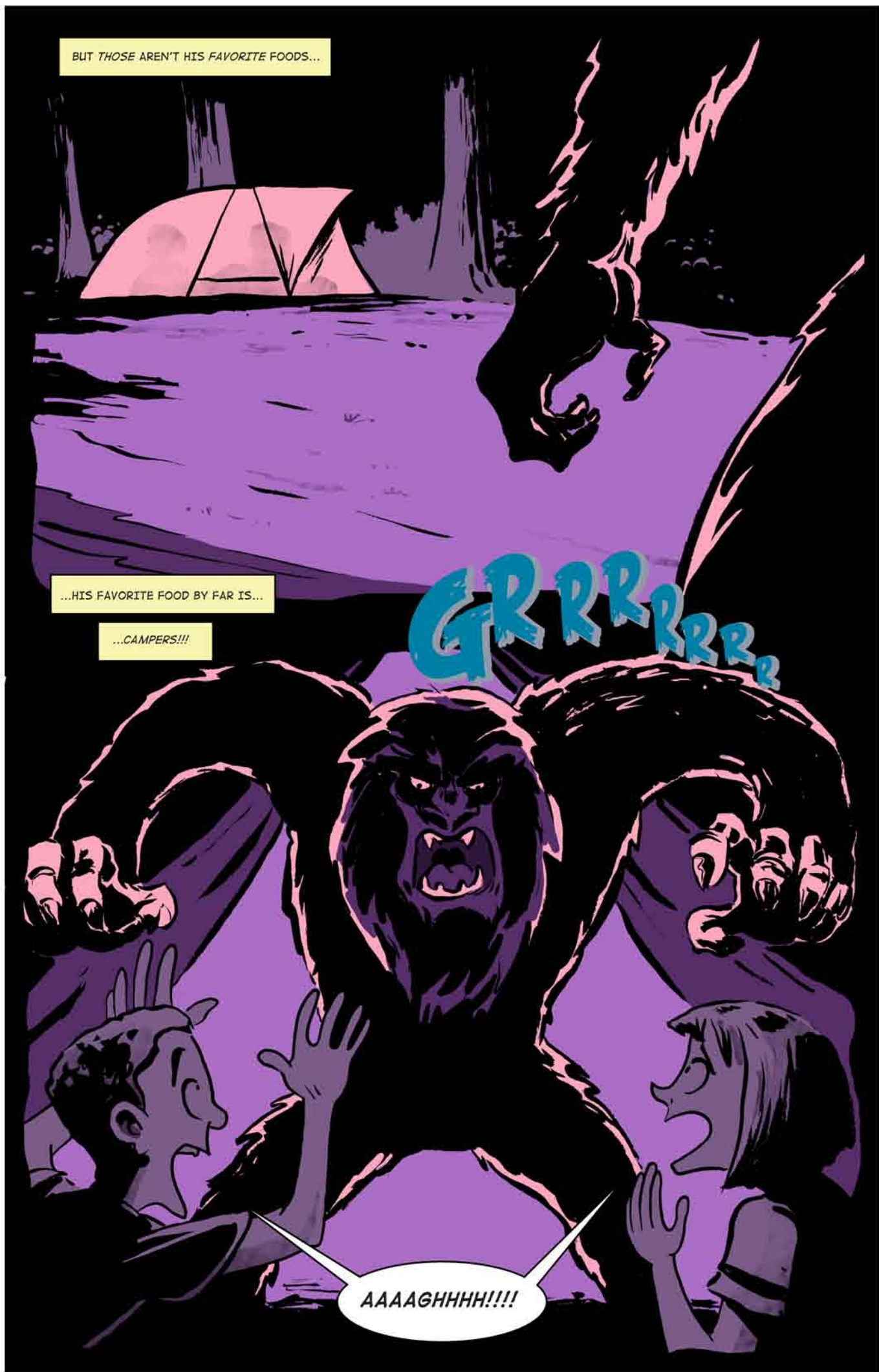
BUT THOSE AREN'T HIS FAVORITE FOODS...

...HIS FAVORITE FOOD BY FAR IS...

...CAMPERS!!!

GRRRRRRR

AAAAGHHHH!!!!





AND THAT'S THE LEGEND OF THE WILDMAN OF THE WOODS.

TRUE STORY.



NO WAY.

MY BROTHERS CALL HIM THE LAKESIDE LURCHER.

THE MOUNTAIN MONSTER.



FOREST FREAK.

OLE' GRIZZLY.

PINEYWOODS CREATURE.

MY DAD SAID HE'S THE BRUSHY BRUTE.

BIGFOOT.



THAT'S JUST A CRAZY STORY.

NO WAY THAT'S REAL.


OH?



DAY 1









I GUESS I SHOULD TELL YOU ABOUT MY FAMILY:



MOM, A LITTLE OLD,
PRETTY COOL TOO;
LIKES TAKING PICTURES;
LOTS AND LOTS OF PICTURES.




DAD, OLD BUT PRETTY COOL..




I'M RILEY,
THE COOLEST,
MOST AWESOME
DAUGHTER AND GIRL
IN THE WHOLE UNIVERSE.



MY BROTHER ZANE,
KIND OF OK,
NOT COOL AT ALL.



MY SISTER MANDY,
SHE'S ADOPTED;
NO, NOT REALLY.
SHE'S NOT TOO COOL.



WE GET ALONG..
MOST OF THE TIME.

WELL YOU'RE A
POOP-FACE!

HEY POOPY-HEAD!

AND SO...



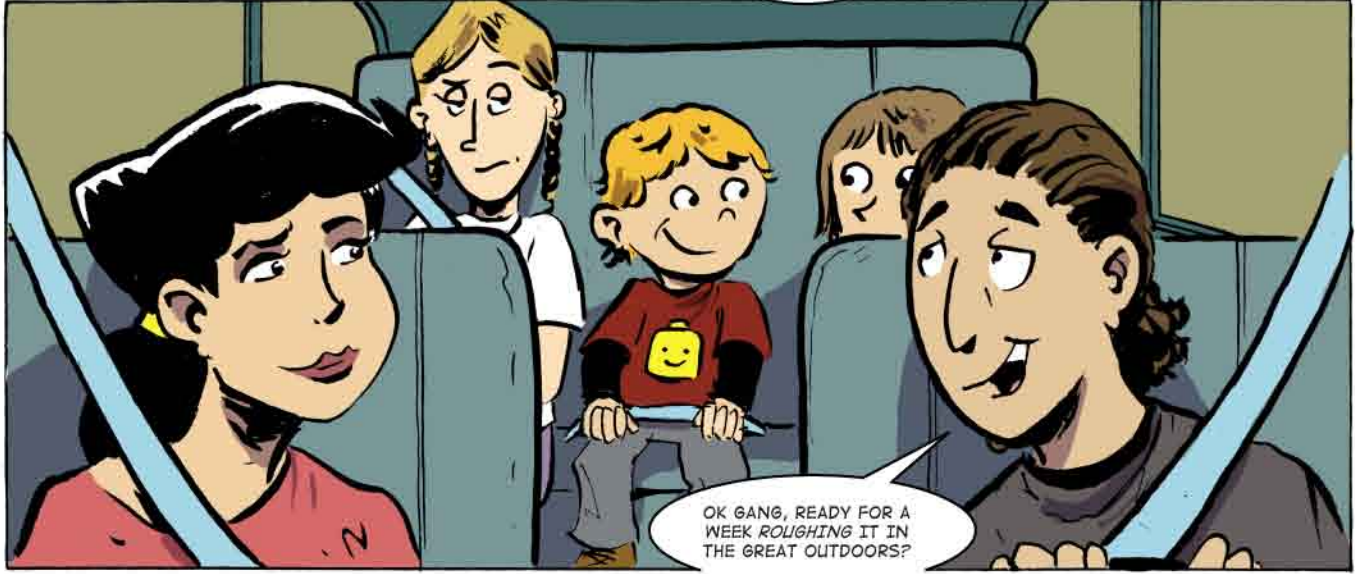
WELL, THAT SHOULD DO IT... ALL LOADED UP.

GEE DAD, YOU SURE YOU PACKED ENOUGH STUFF?

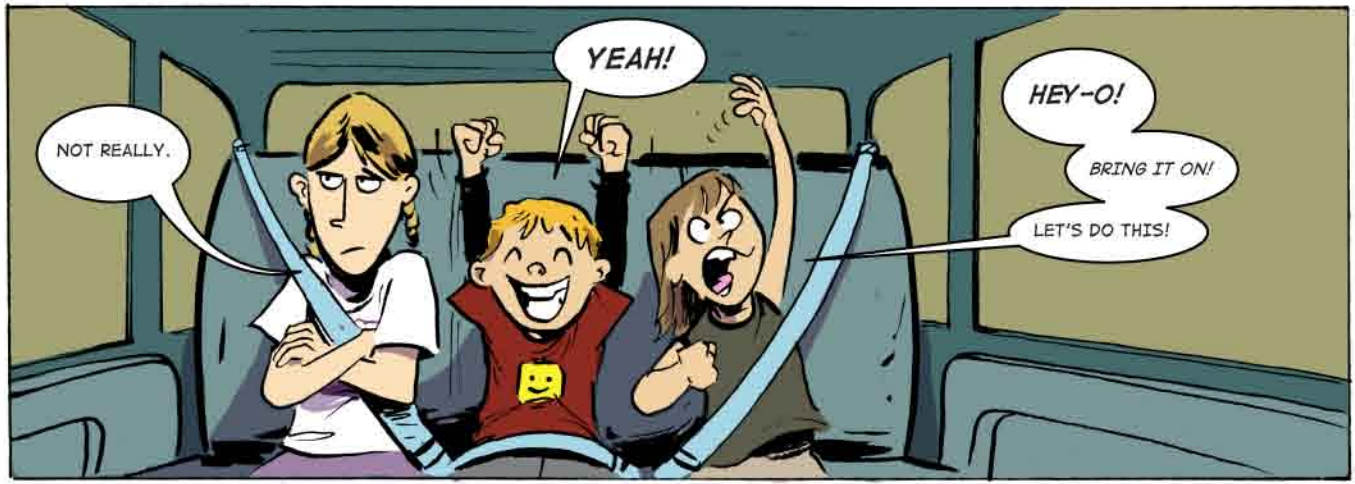
HOPEFULLY... WHY? YOU THINK WE NEED MORE? DID I FORGET SOMETHING?

OH BROTHER.

CLICK



OK GANG, READY FOR A WEEK ROUGHING IT IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS?



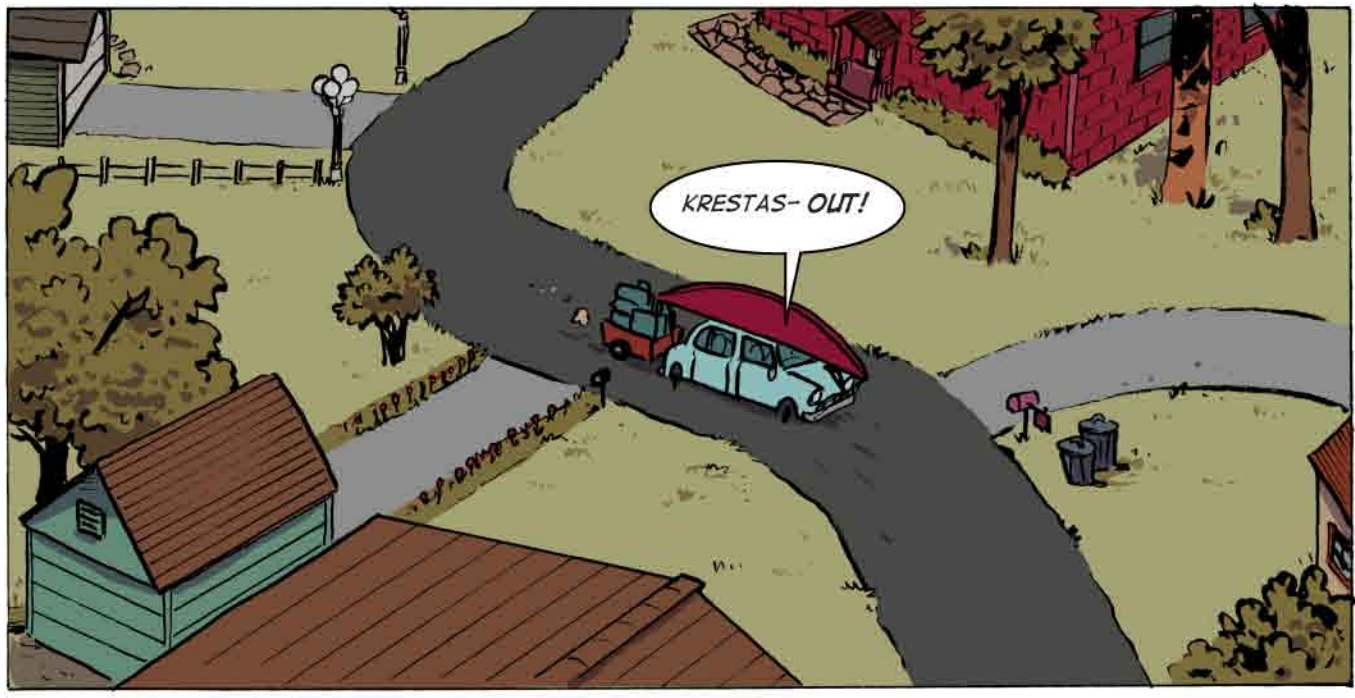
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YEAH!

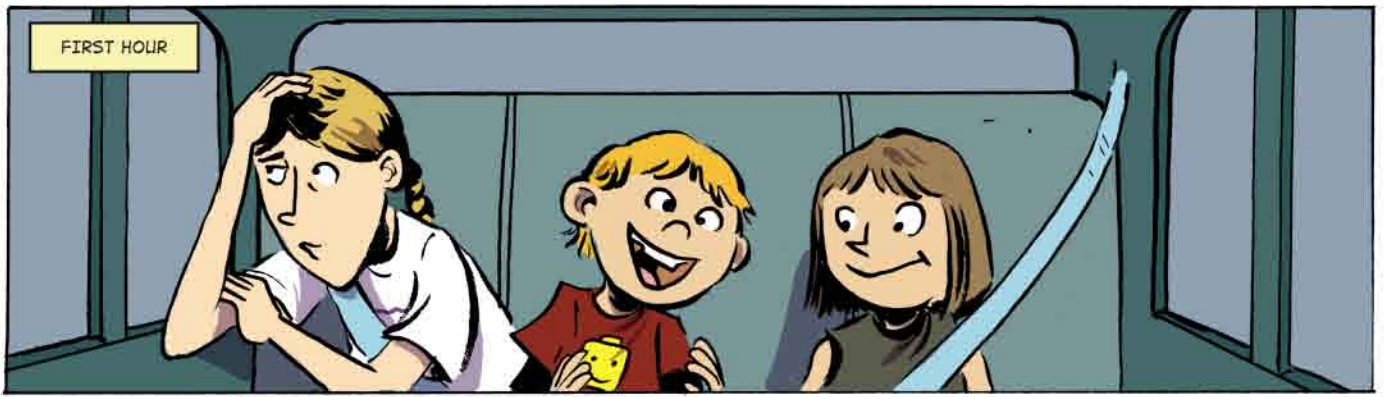
HEY-O!

BRING IT ON!

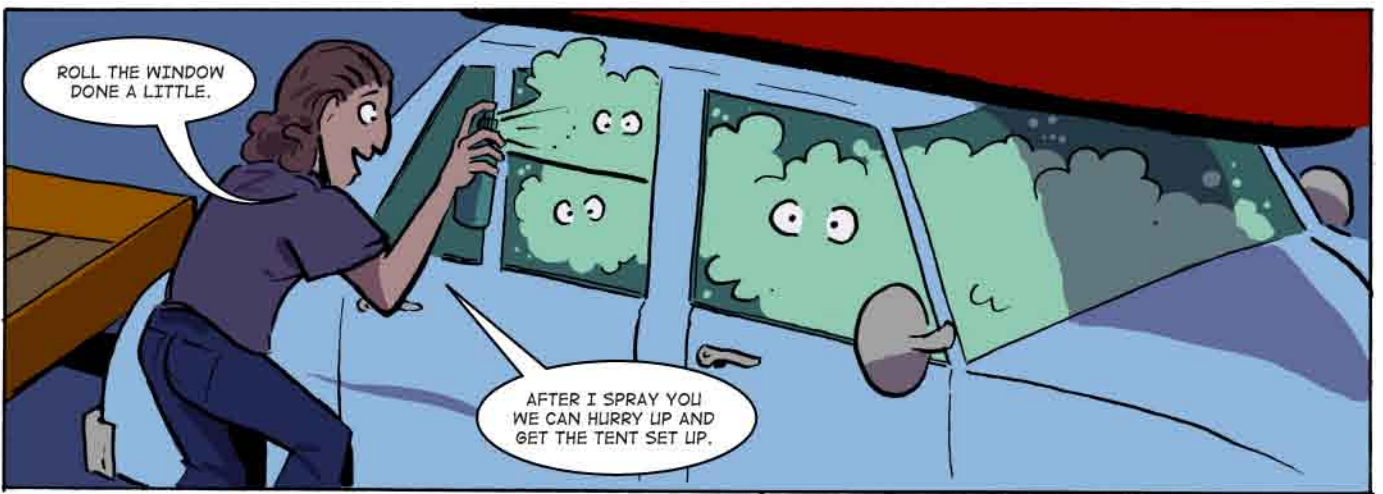
LET'S DO THIS!



KRESTAS- OUT!







ROLL THE WINDOW
DONE A LITTLE.

AFTER I SPRAY YOU
WE CAN HURRY UP AND
GET THE TENT SET UP.



MUCH BETTER
WITHOUT ALL
THE MOSQUITOES!

NOT MUCH BETTER.

FIRST WE HAVE TO LAY
THE TENT DOWN AND
SPREAD IT OUT.



THEN WE CONNECT THE POLES
AND SLIDE THEM THRU
THESE TUNNELS.

POLES?



ON GUARD
STINKY-FACE!

FIGHT!!!!



UGH!

THIS IS GOING
TO BE A
LONG NIGHT...

WHACK
WHACK

AN HOUR LATER:

WELL, DESPITE A FEW HICCUPS, WE'RE ALL SET!

SO WHAT DO YOU GUYS THINK SO FAR, CAMPING FUN OR WHAT?

OR WHAT.

A TINY BIT.

YES.

JUST GIVE IT A CHANCE RILEY. YOU'LL HAVE FUN TOMORROW.

MAYBE.

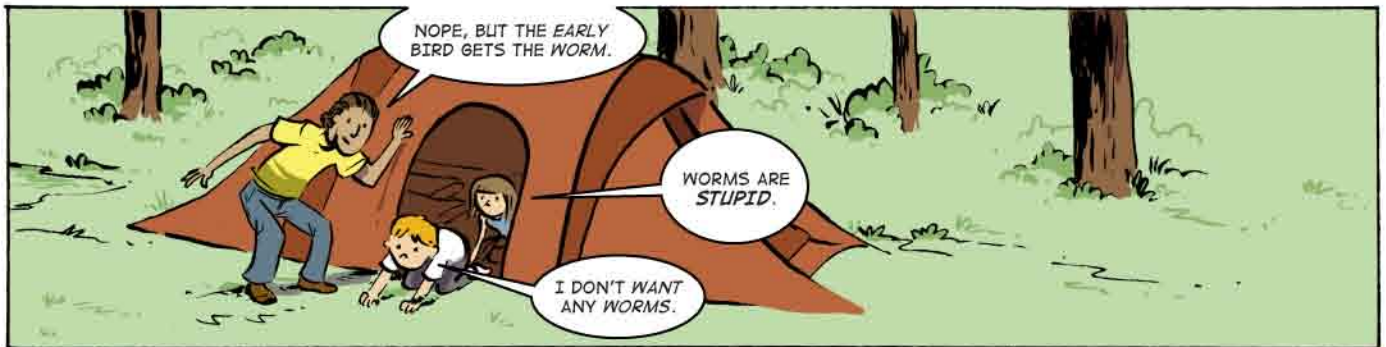
HEY LOOK, YOU CAN SEE THE STARS!

LET'S GO OUTSIDE AND TAKE A LOOK.



DAY 2





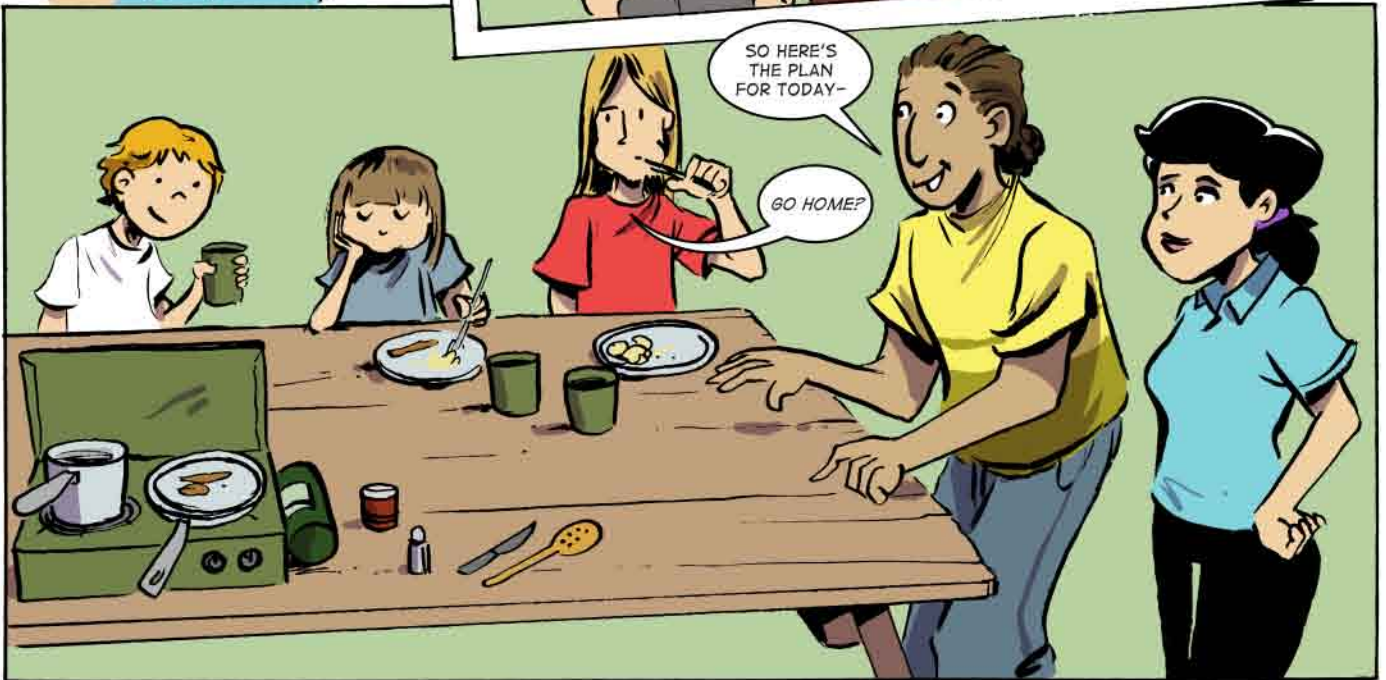
FIRST OFFICIAL MORNING AT CAMP, SAY CHEESE!

CLICK



SO HERE'S THE PLAN FOR TODAY-

GO HOME?

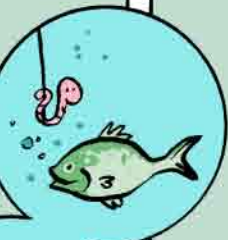


NO.

FIRST WE GO CANOEING.

FOLLOWED BY HIKING, THEN FISHING, SWIMMING AND SOME BIRD WATCHING.

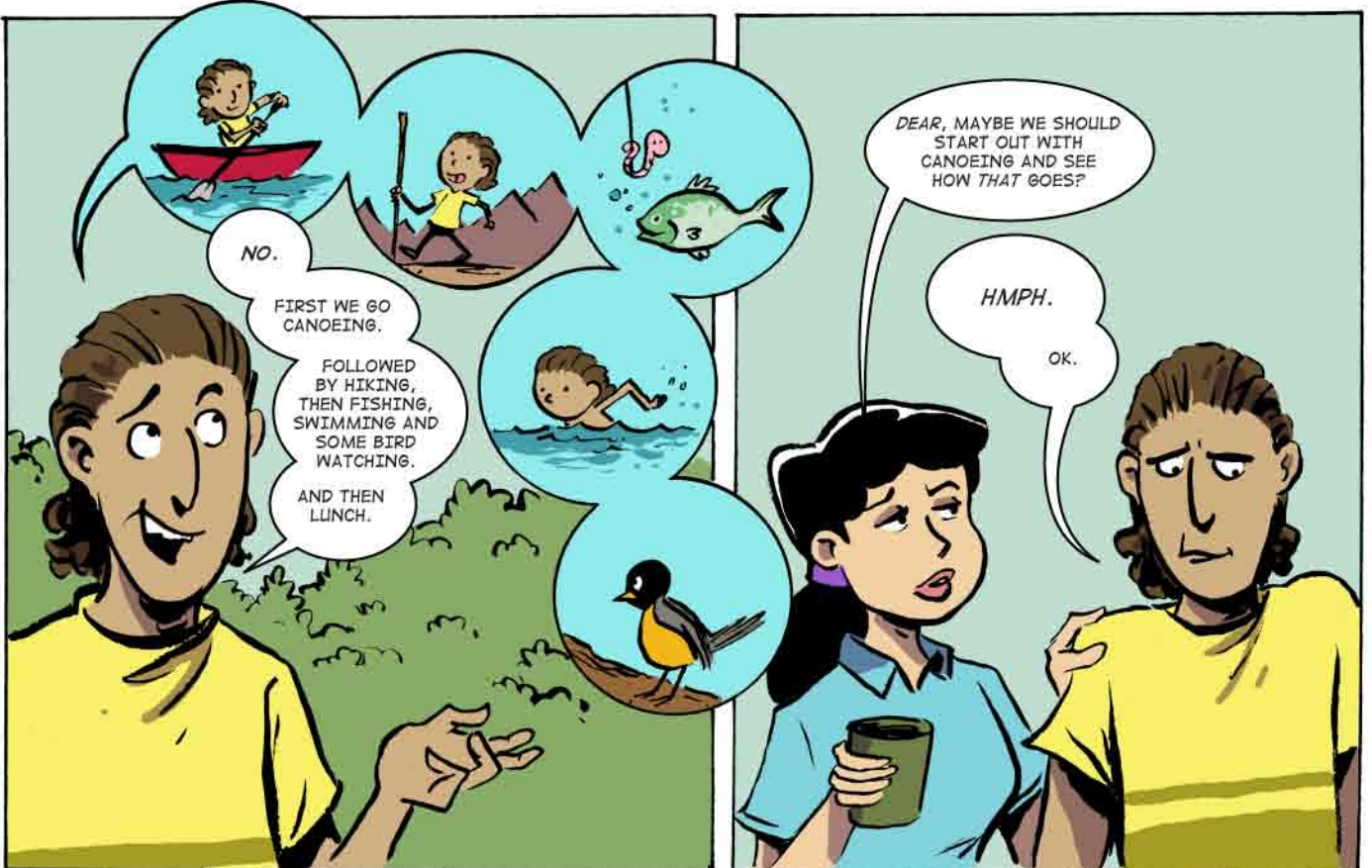
AND THEN LUNCH.



DEAR, MAYBE WE SHOULD START OUT WITH CANOEING AND SEE HOW THAT GOES?

HMPH.

OK.







WE'LL PRACTISE HERE A BIT WHERE'S IT'S NICE AND SHALLOW.

LIFE VESTS FIRST.

THE PERSON IN THE REAR SEAT STEERS.

THE ONE IN FRONT HELPS GUIDE AND GIVES THE CANOE EXTRA SPEED.



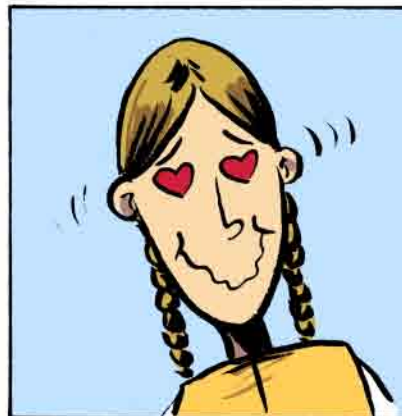
IF RILEY PADDLES ON THE RIGHT SIDE THE CANOE TURNS LEFT.

IF SHE PADDLES ON THE LEFT SIDE THE CANOE TURNS RIGHT.

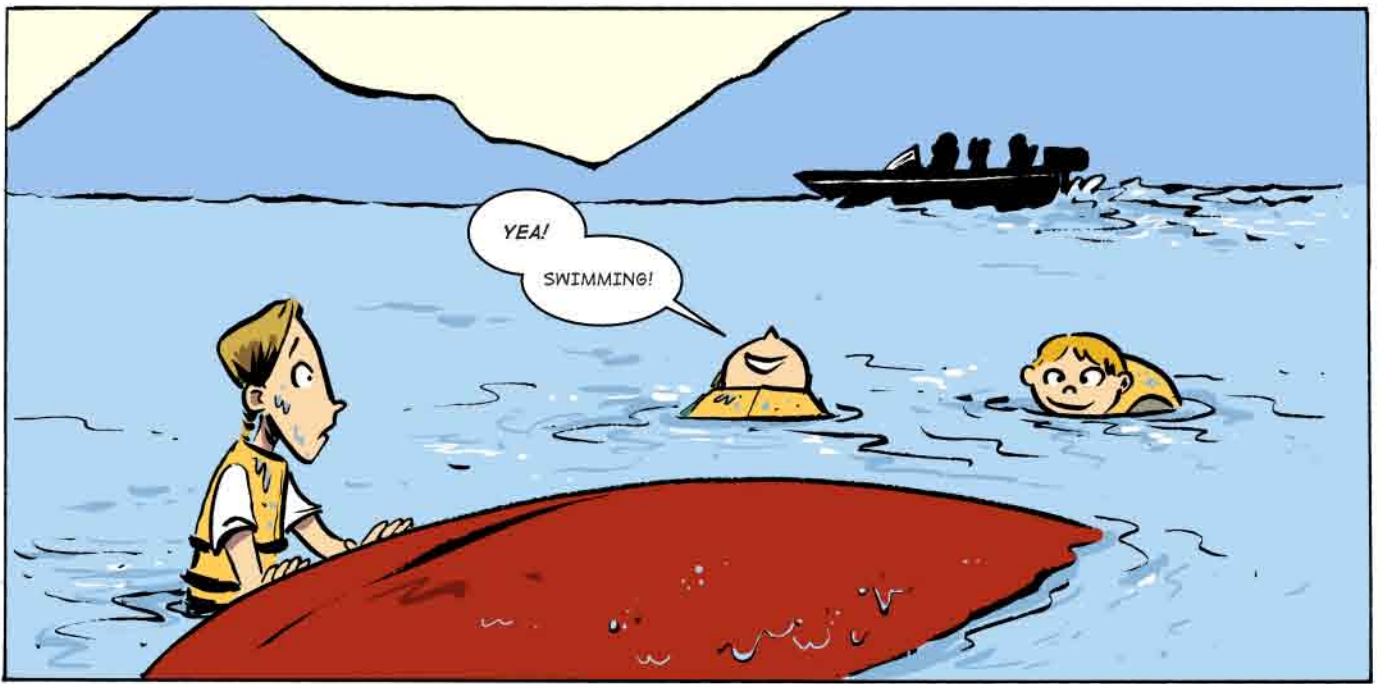
IT TAKES A LITTLE GETTING USED TO.

OK KIDDOES, GIVE IT A SHOT.

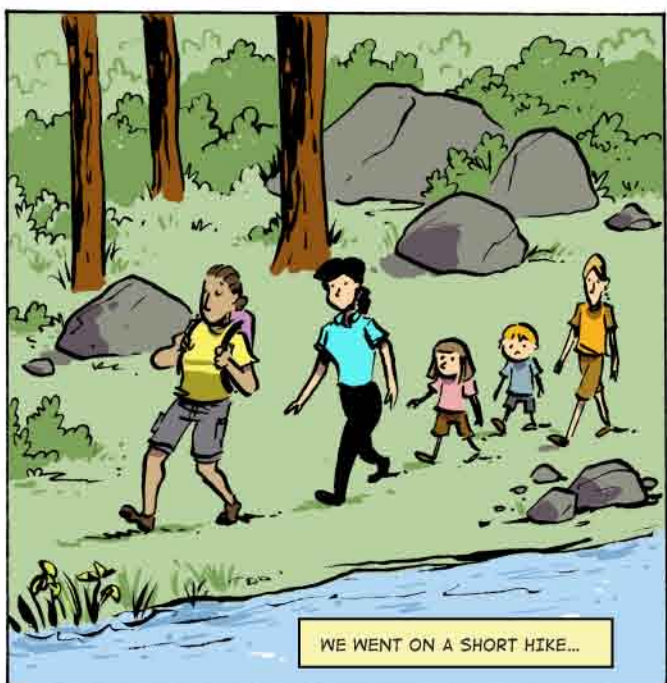
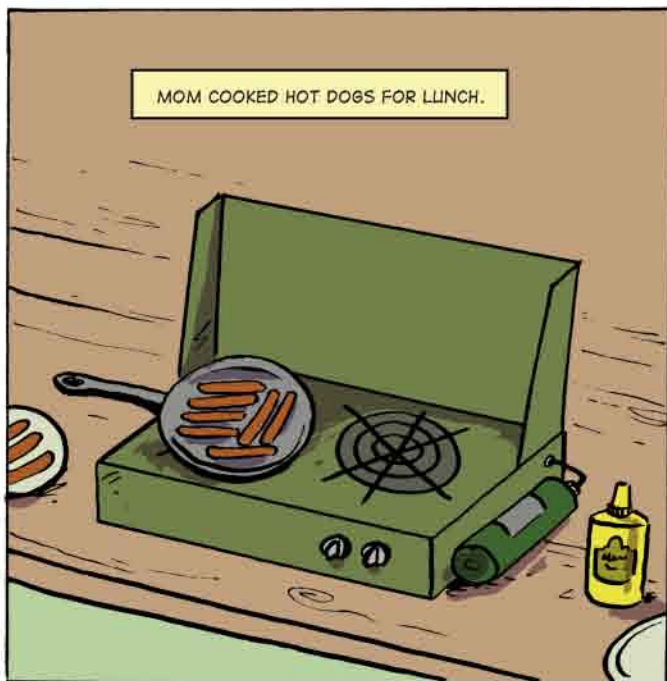












WE WERE SO HUNGRY FROM HIKING WE ATE IT ALL. EVEN THE GROSS VEGETABLES.

FINALLY!

SO DELICIOUS!



AFTER WE CLEANED UP WE HAD TO MAKE A BEAR BAG.

WE HAD TO PUT ALL OF OUR FOOD IN A BAG...



...THEN WE HAD TO TIE IT TO THIS ROPE...



...AND HOIST IT UP INTO THE AIR AND TIE IT OFF TO THIS TREE.



THAT WAY IT'S OFF THE GROUND AND OUT OF REACH OF BEARS.

SO NOW OUR FOOD IS SAFE FROM BEARS.



IF YOU KEEP YOUR FOOD ON THE GROUND THE BEAR WILL EAT IT.

YOU NEVER WANT ANY FOOD IN YOUR TENT, THE BEAR MAY GET IN THE TENT LOOKING FOR IT AND THAT WOULD BE REAL BAD, ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE IN THE TENT WHEN THE BEAR SHOWS UP.



URP!!



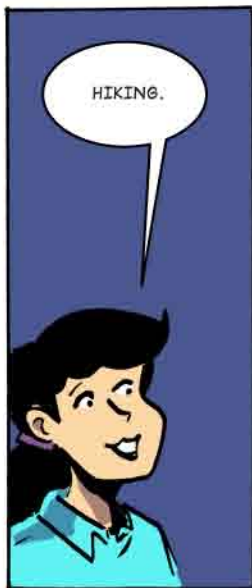
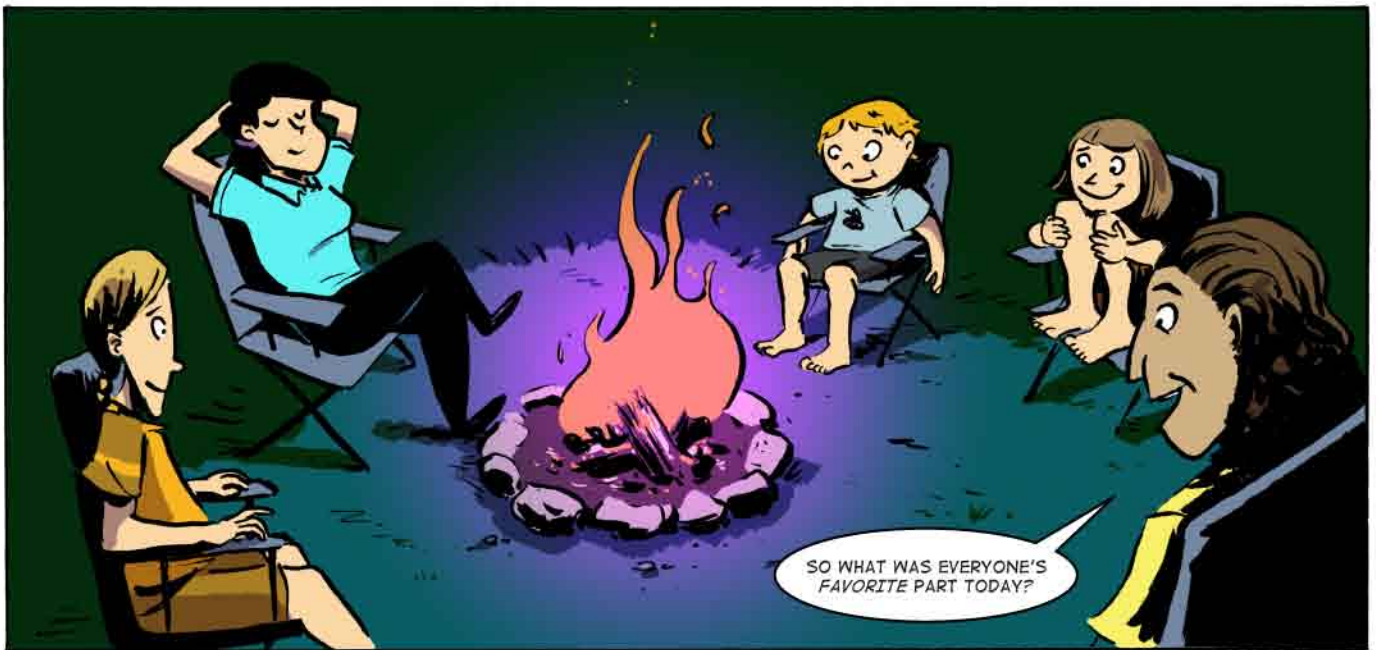
CAMPFIRE TIME!

WAIT...SO THERE ARE BEARS AROUND?

YEA!!!!

BEARBAG? MORE LIKE BEAR BAIT!









LATER THAT NIGHT...

RUSTLE
RUSTLE

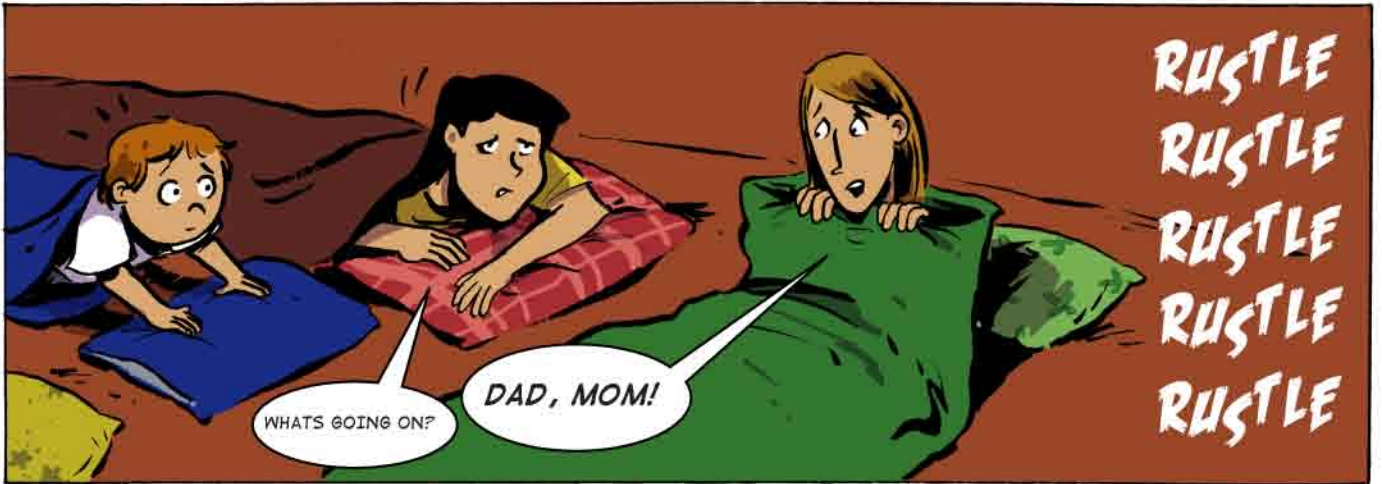


HUH?



RUSTLE RUSTLE RUSTLE

WHAT IS THAT NOISE?



WHAT'S GOING ON?

DAD, MOM!

RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE



OH NO, IT'S THE WILD MOUNTAIN MAN!

THERE'S NOISES OUTSIDE!

WHAT?

IT'S THE TIMBERWOOD TERROR!



NO DAD!
IT COULD BE A BEAR!

I'LL GO CHECK IT OUT.

RUSTLE RUSTLE



RUSTLE RUSTLE RUSTLE RUSTLE

GET THE FLASHLIGHT.

WHAT IF IT'S THE
MOUNTAIN CREATURE?
HE EATS CAMPERS;
IF YOU BELIEVE
IN THAT STUFF...



HE EATS
CAMPERS?

ZI
P
P
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I THINK IT'LL
BE OK...



AARGHHHHH!

!

AAAHHHHH!!



JUST KIDDING.

GRRRRRR!

NOT FUNNY DAD.

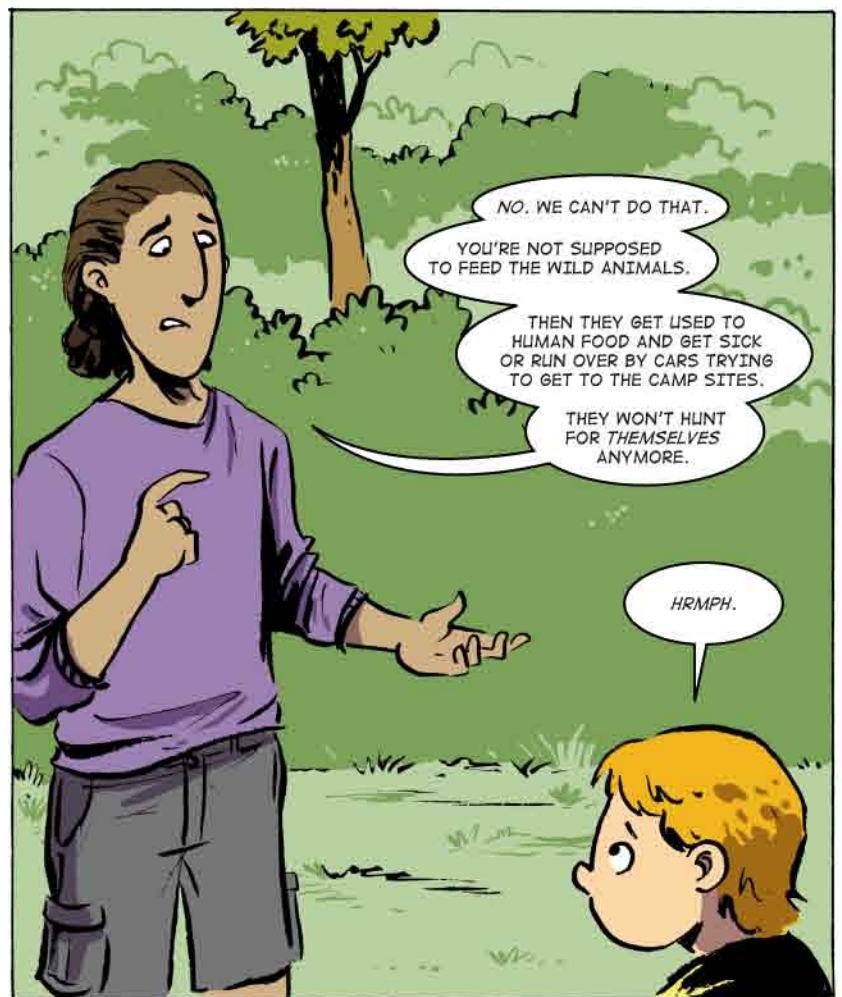






DAY 3









HEY!
I'M SUPPOSED TO BE IN FRONT!



WHY CAN'T I JUST STAY AT THE CAMPSITE AND READ; OR SLEEP??

ECHO
ECHO
ECHO
ECHO
WHOOOO
WHOOOO
WHOOOO
WHOOOO
WHOOOO



MOM!
I'M HOLDING THE WALLS APART!

CLICK



SOME PEOPLE ARE COMING, SCOOT TO THE SIDE. GIVE THEM ROOM TO GET BY.



HELLO.

HI.

HI.

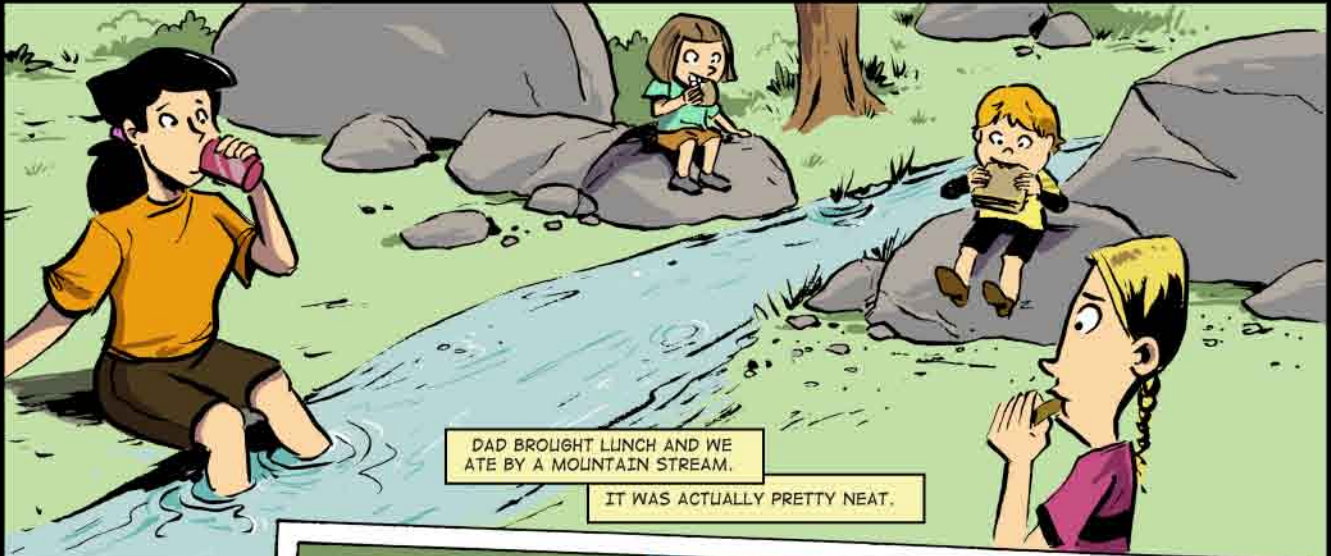
AFTERNOON.

SLIP!





WE HIKED MOST OF THE DAY.



DAD BROUGHT LUNCH AND WE ATE BY A MOUNTAIN STREAM.

IT WAS ACTUALLY PRETTY NEAT.



OF COURSE MOM HAD TO TAKE A PICTURE.

BUT THEN...

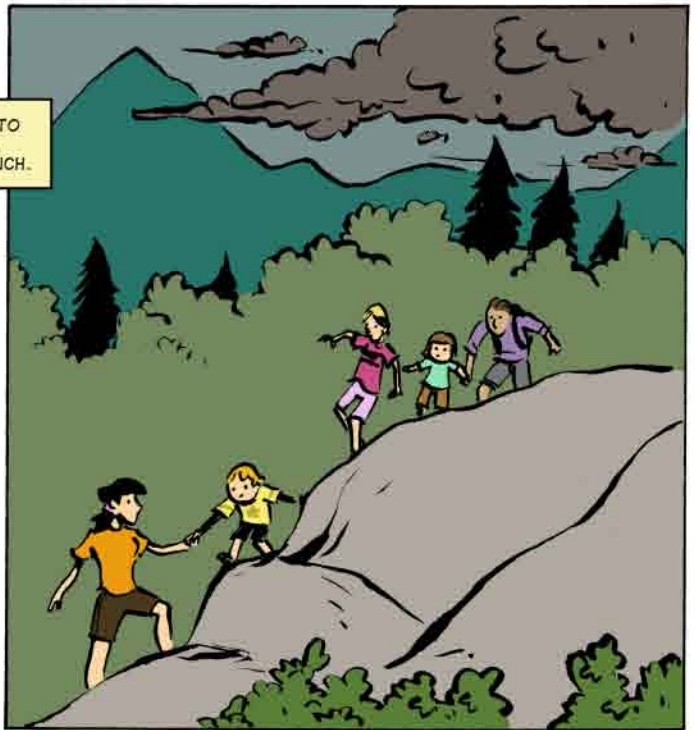


UH OH-
LOOKS LIKE RAIN
MIGHT BE HEADED
OUR WAY.

WE BETTER
GET BACK.

WE MADE BETTER TIME GOING BACK.

I GUESS BECAUSE WE WERE IN A HURRY TO GET BACK BEFORE THE RAIN STARTED; WE DIDN'T LOOK AT THE SCENERY VERY MUCH.



WINDS PICKING UP...



IT'S SPRINKLING!
HURRY GUYS!







WE'LL JUST WAIT FOR THE RAIN TO STOP AND THEN WE CAN SET THE TENT BACK UP.



IT'S NOT LETTING UP...



AT LEAST THE FOODS IN THE CAR!

DON'T EAT EVERYTHING!!



ANOTHER HOUR LATER:

HMM...MIGHT HAVE TO JUST SLEEP IN THE CAR...



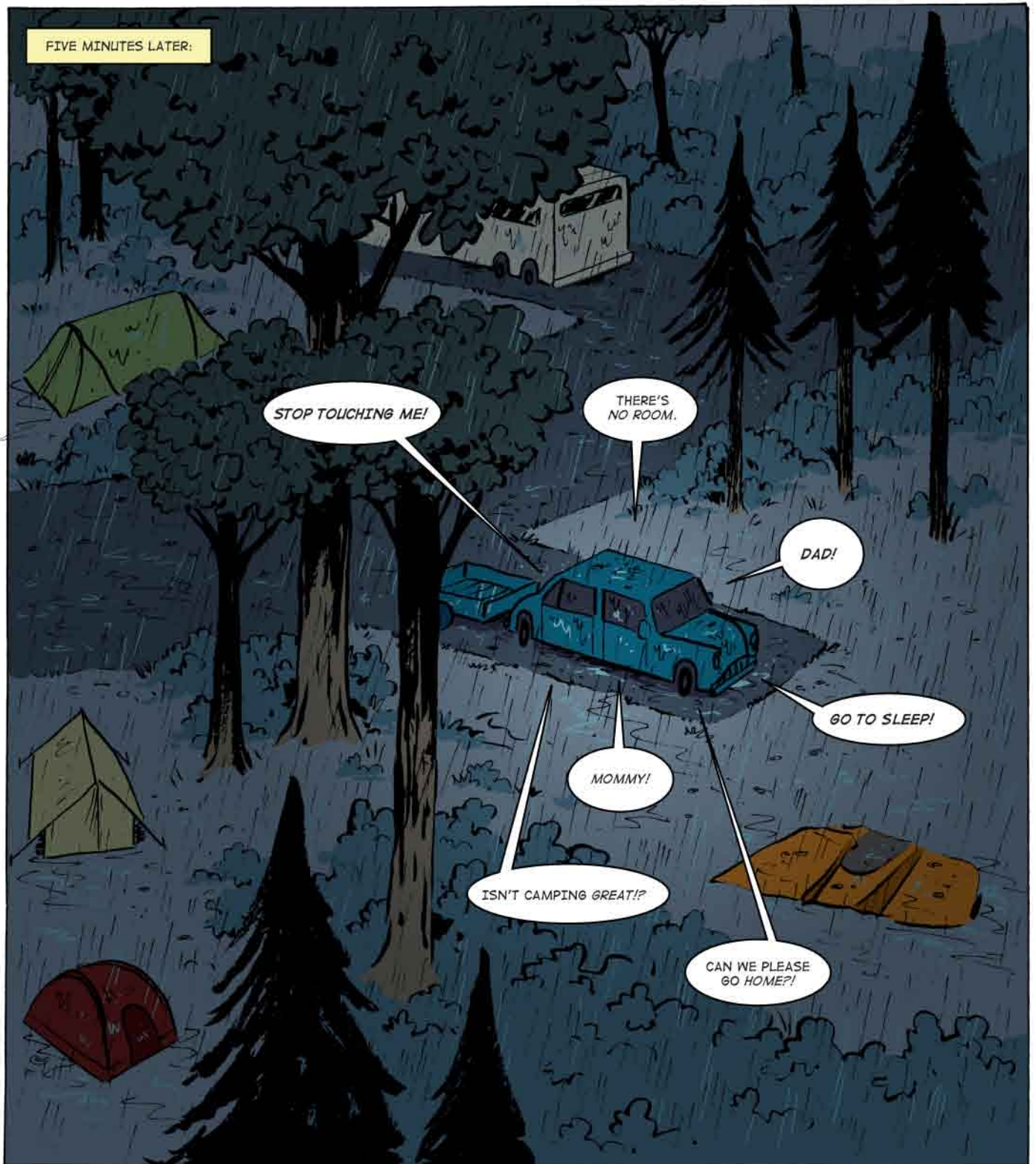
WHAT?! SERIOUSLY?!

YES! COOL!!

AWESOME!



FIVE MINUTES LATER:



MUCH LATER THAT NIGHT...

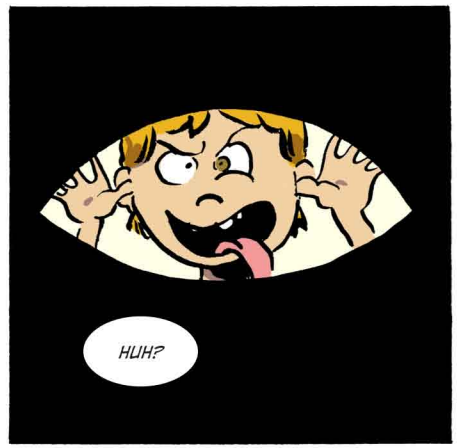
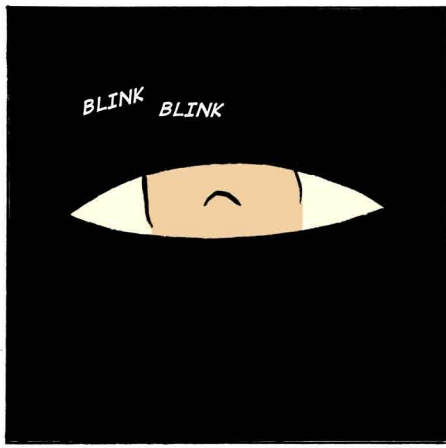
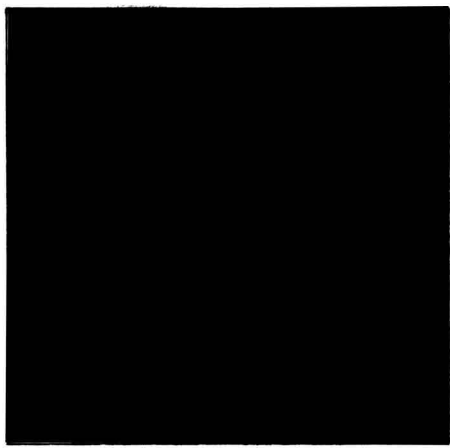


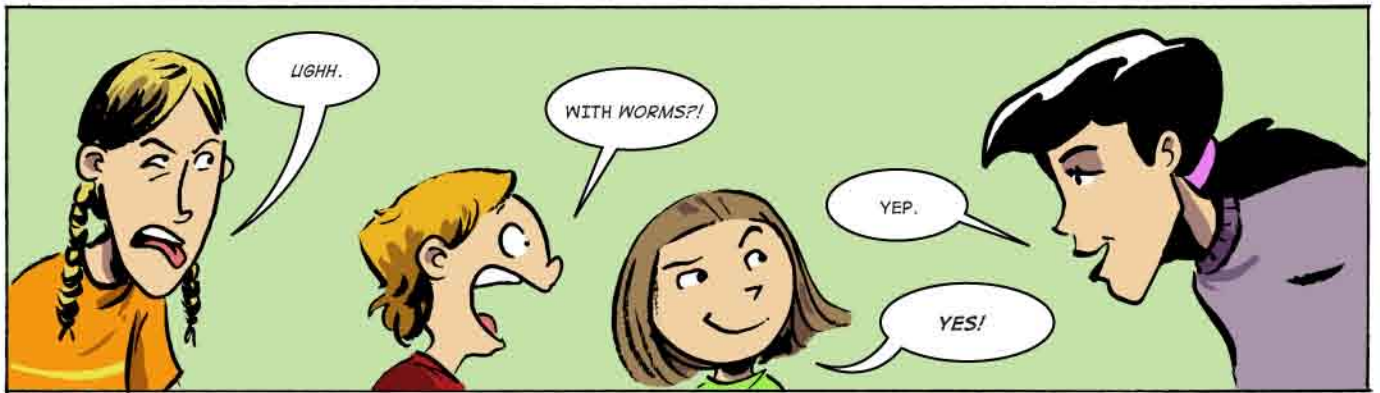
FINALLY STOPPED RAINING.

LOOK AT THOSE STARS!

DAY 4







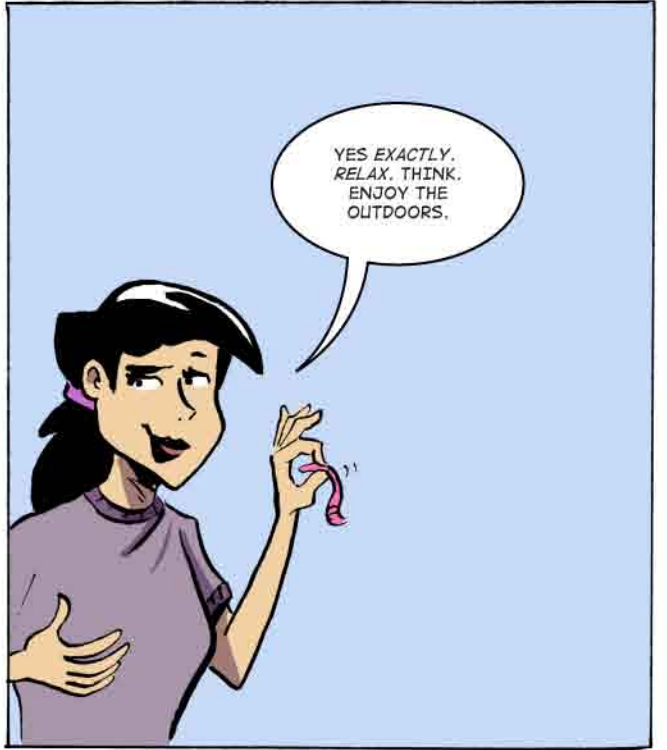


WE WALKED ALONG THE SHORE LOOKING FOR A GOOD SPOT TO GO FISHING.

AH! PERFECT!



FISHING IS SO BORING YOU JUST SIT THERE ALL DAY.



YES EXACTLY. RELAX, THINK, ENJOY THE OUTDOORS.



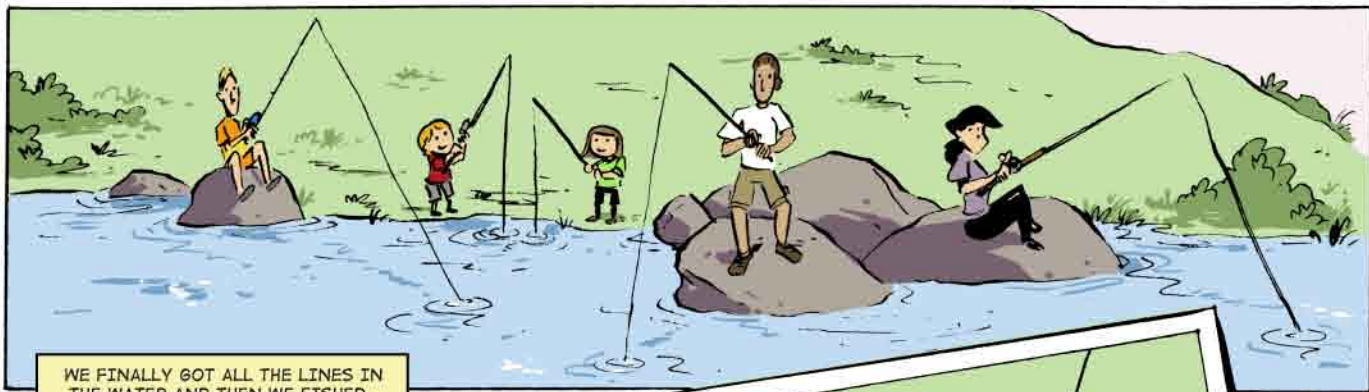
HOLD YOUR POLE STEADY.

HMPH. I'D RATHER RELAX AND THINK WHILE I PLAY ON MY TABLET. AT HOME.

YUCK. POOR WORMY.

WHEEEE!





WE FINALLY GOT ALL THE LINES IN THE WATER AND THEN WE FISHED.

FOR HOURS, AND HOURS AND HOURS.

AT LEAST IT FELT THAT WAY.



BUT IT WASN'T TOO RELAXING FOR MOM AFTER ALL:



MOM MY LINES TANGLED.



I'M HUNGRY.



CAN WE GO SWIMMING?



I HAVE TO GO POTTY.

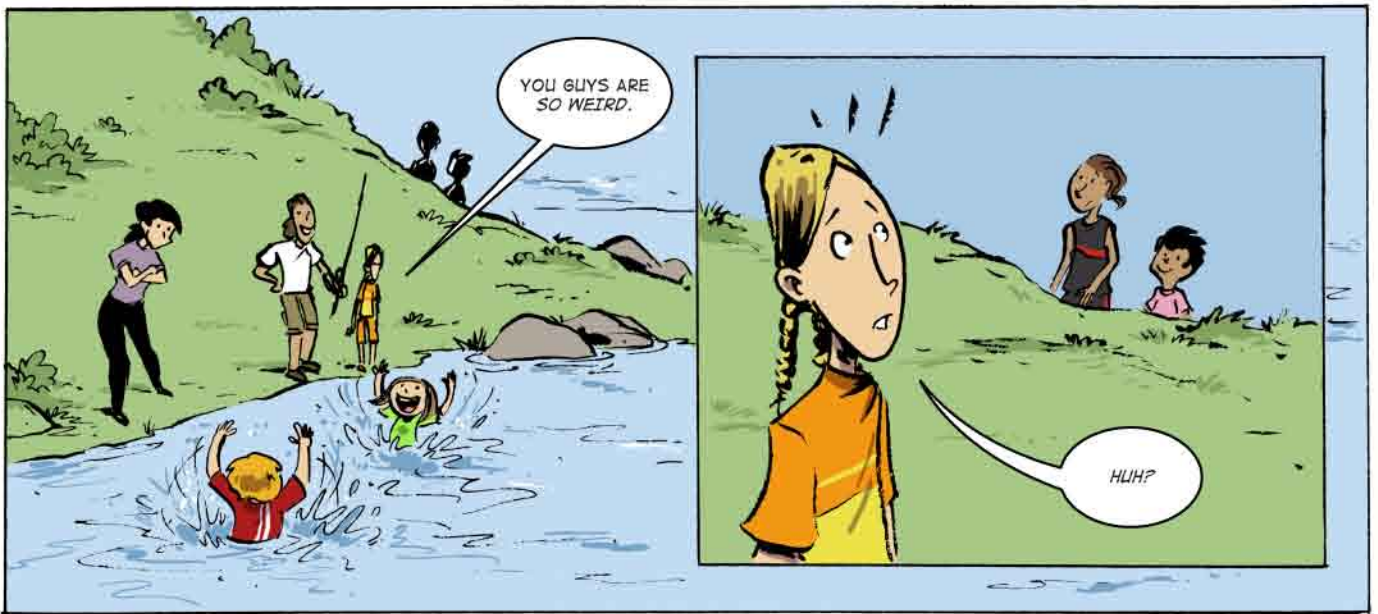


CAN WE GET IN THE WATER NOW?

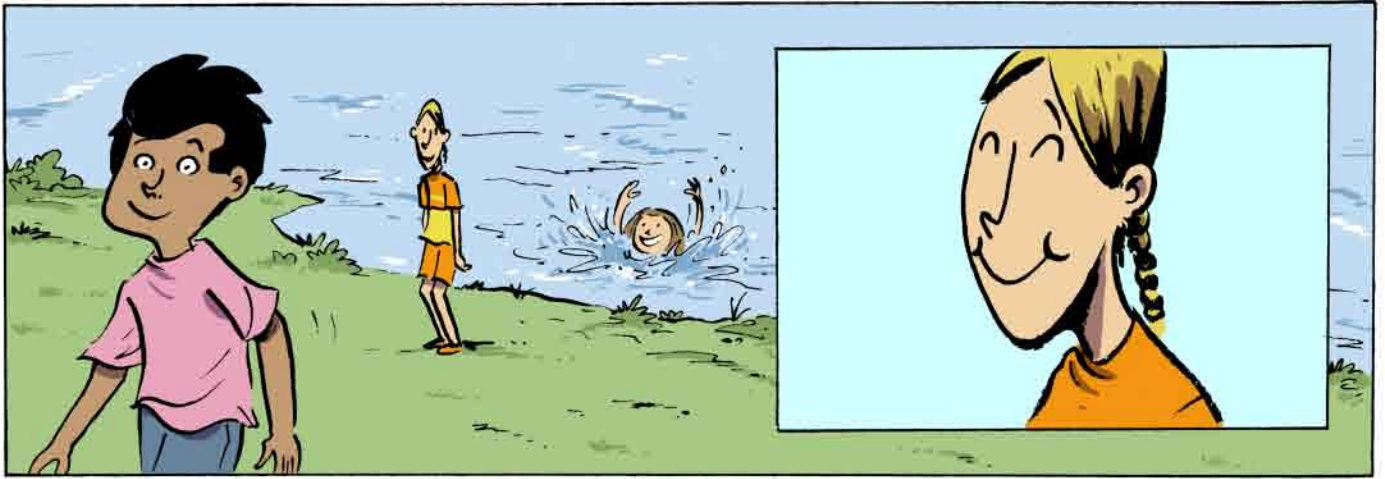


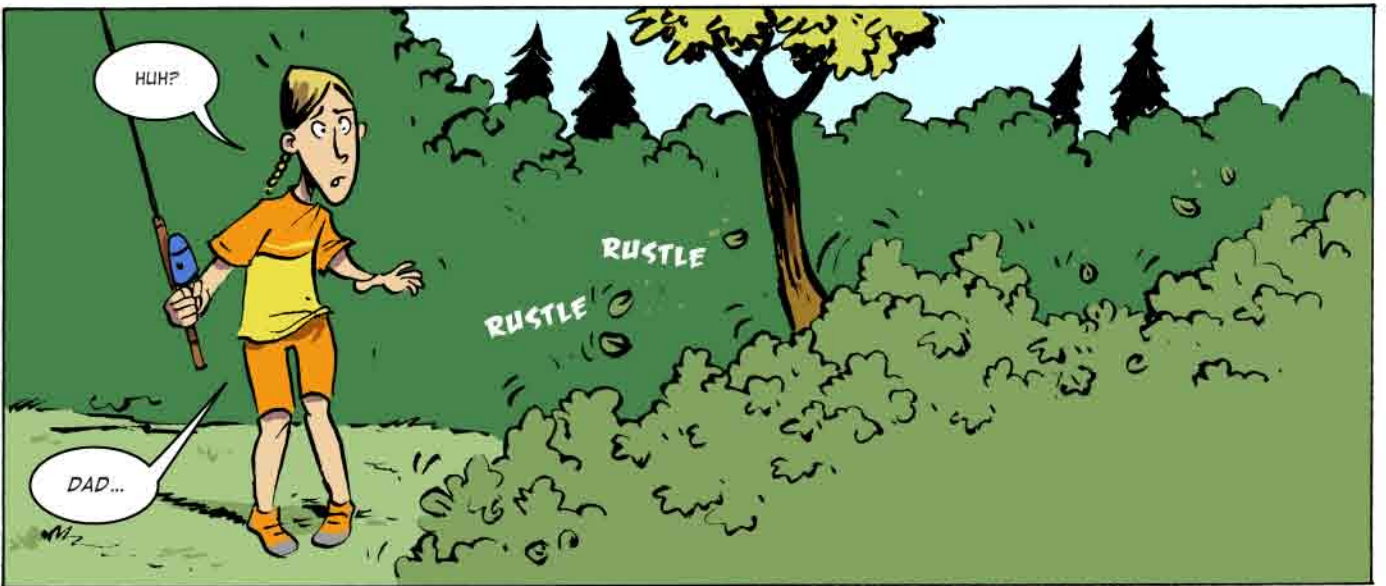
IS THIS POISON IVY?

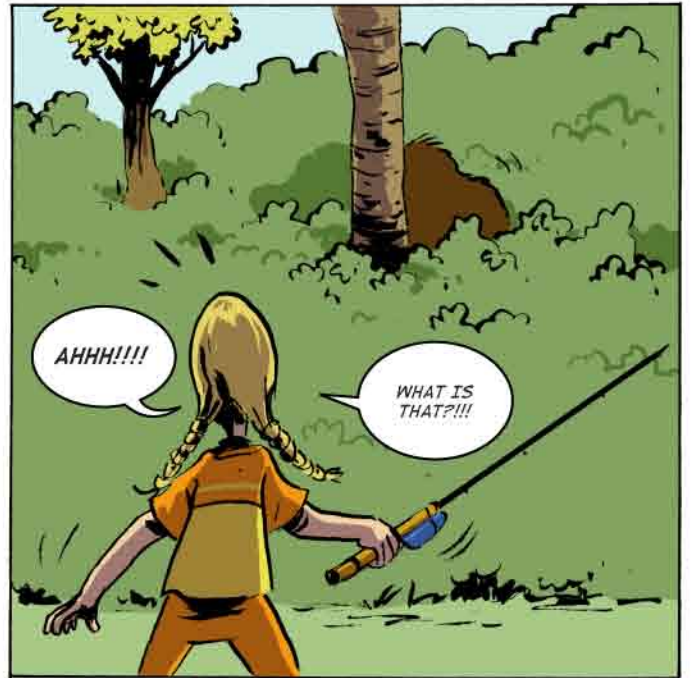




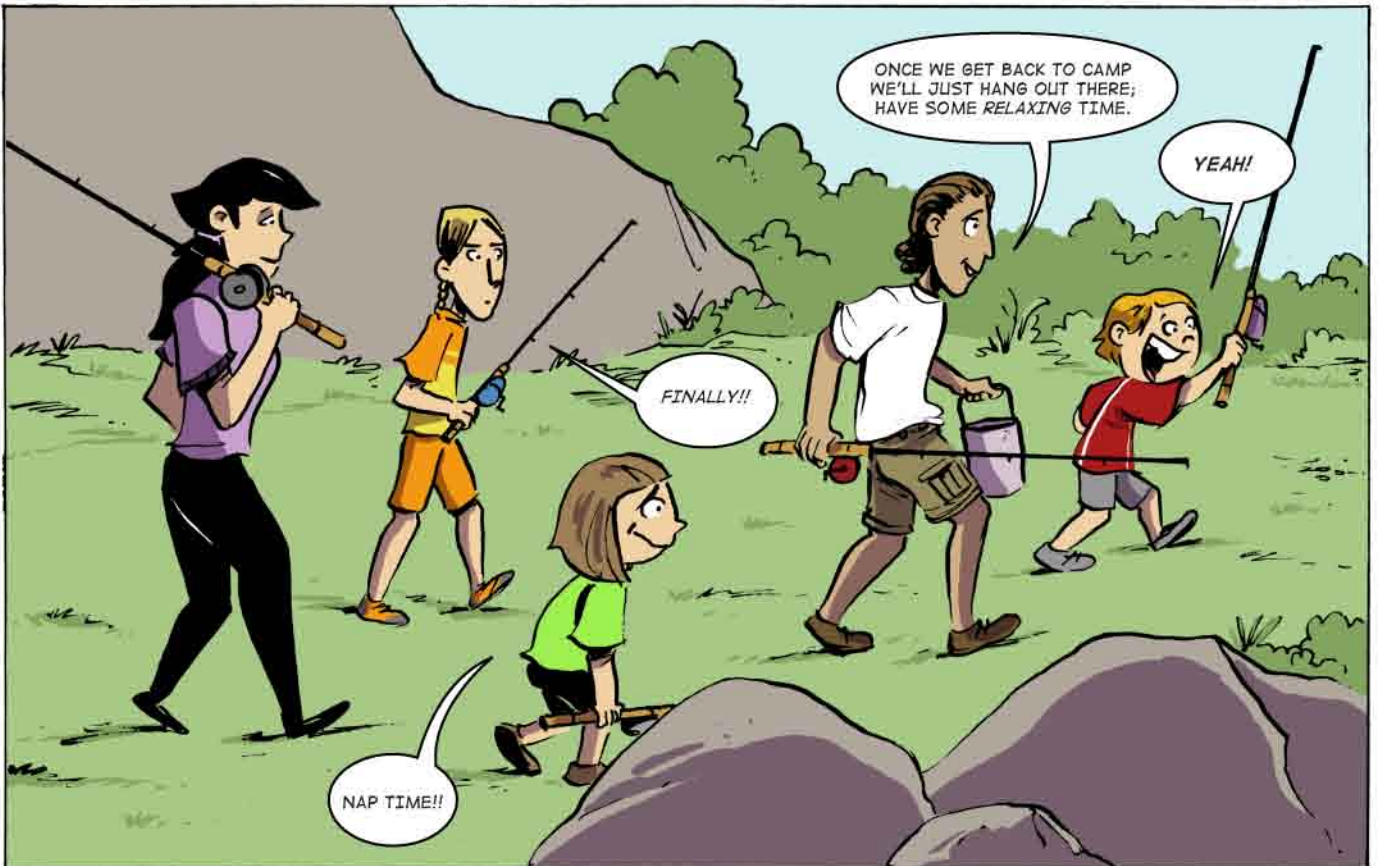














WE HAD ANOTHER *GROSS* HEALTHY DINNER.



AND AFTERWARDS WE HAD A CAMPFIRE.



SHOULD BE DARK ENOUGH
TO SEE SOME STARS NOW!

REALLY?



NO, NO, NO!

CLOUDS ARE COMING IN!!

THEY'RE COVERING
UP THE STARS!
NOW WE CAN'T
SEE THEM!

AARGH.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?





AWW MAN.



TOO BAD DAD.

'NIGHT.

GOODNIGHT.



STILL A NICE NIGHT
EVEN WITHOUT THE STARS.



YOUR FEET STINK!

STOP SHOIVING!

YOU BE QUIET!

YOUR FACE STINKS!

MOVE YOUR FEET!

YOU BOTH STINK-
NOW BE QUIET!

YOU MOVE!

IT'S A WONDERFUL NIGHT.

YES IT IS.

DAY 5



THE NEXT DAY HAD GREAT POTENTIAL:



AFTER BREAKFAST AND CLEANUP WE GOT DRESSED AND HEADED INTO THE NEARBY TOWN.

DAD WANTED TO TAKE A BREAK FROM CAMPING AND HIKING AND EXPLORE THE TOWN.



I WAS GLAD TO GET OUT OF NATURE AND BACK TO THE CIVILIZED WORLD.

CAN WE GET ICE CREAM?
I WANT ICE CREAM!

TOYS!

AIR CONDITIONING
AND MUSIC...
THAT'S ALL I WANT.

IS THERE A
TOY STORE?

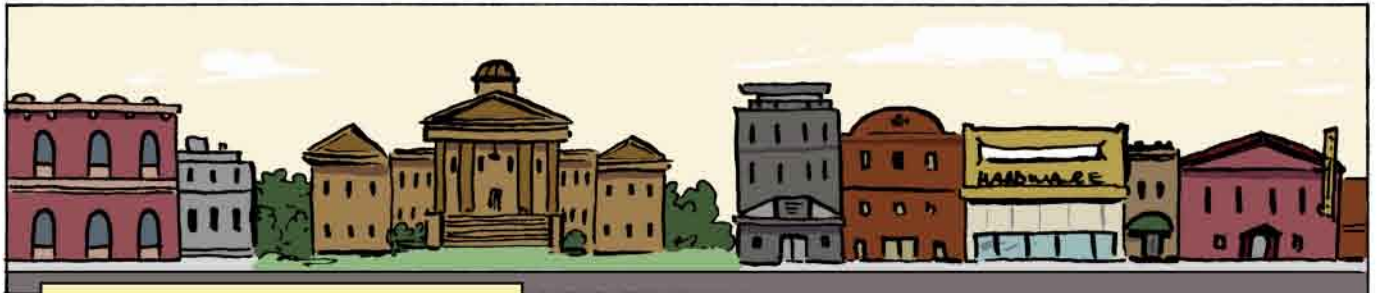


THERE'S PROBABLY A
LOCAL MUSEUM IN TOWN,
HOW ABOUT THAT INSTEAD?!

SERIOUSLY?!

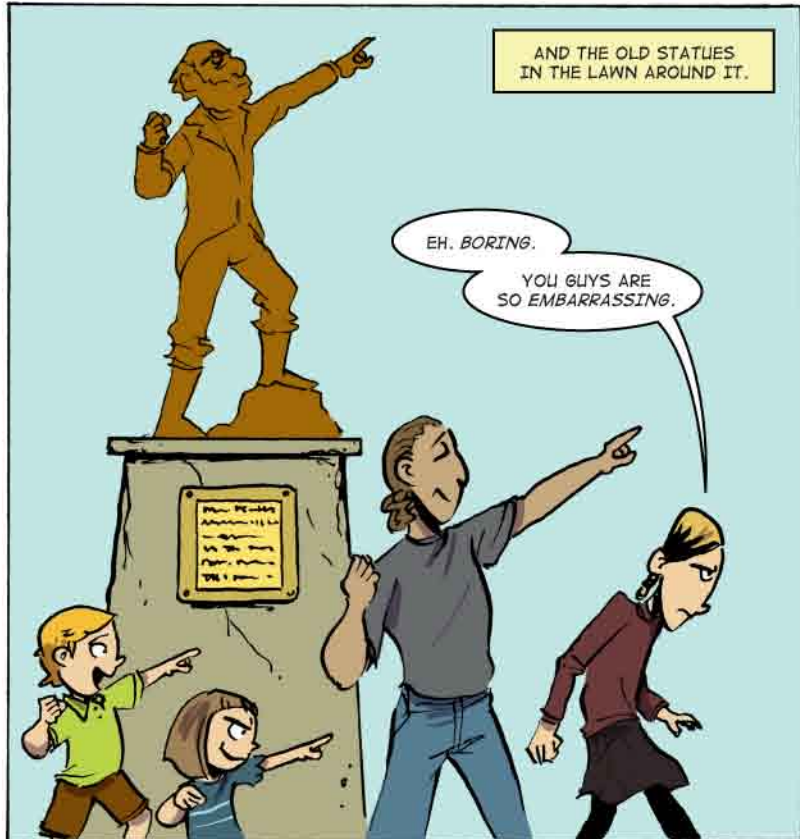
UGH...





MOM AND DAD MADE US VISIT THE COURTHOUSE...

...WOOPY-DO.



AND THE OLD STATUES IN THE LAWN AROUND IT.

EH. BORING.
YOU GUYS ARE SO EMBARRASSING.



UGH...
WHY IS MY FAMILY SO WEIRD?



THEN WE WALKED AROUND MAIN STREET.

MORE OLD BUILDINGS.



IS THERE A MALL HERE?



NO.
BUT THEY HAVE *FUDGE!*

FUDGE IS OK,
I GUESS...



THEY DID HAVE A LOT TO PICK FROM.

WHOA.

YUM.
YUM.
YUM.



IT'S SO GOOD!

DELISH!



WE HIT A FEW MORE STORES...

POW
POW

MY PONY
BREATHES FIRE!



NO!
DO NOT
TOUCH!

PRETTY!

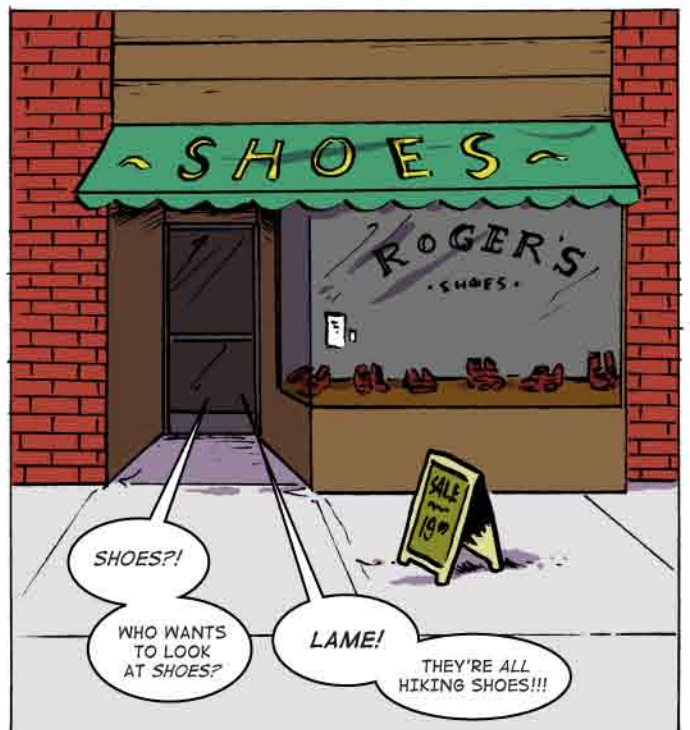
OH!



I'M IN A
JUNGLE!

ROAR!!!

WATCH OUT
FOR THE
DINOSAURS
DADDY!

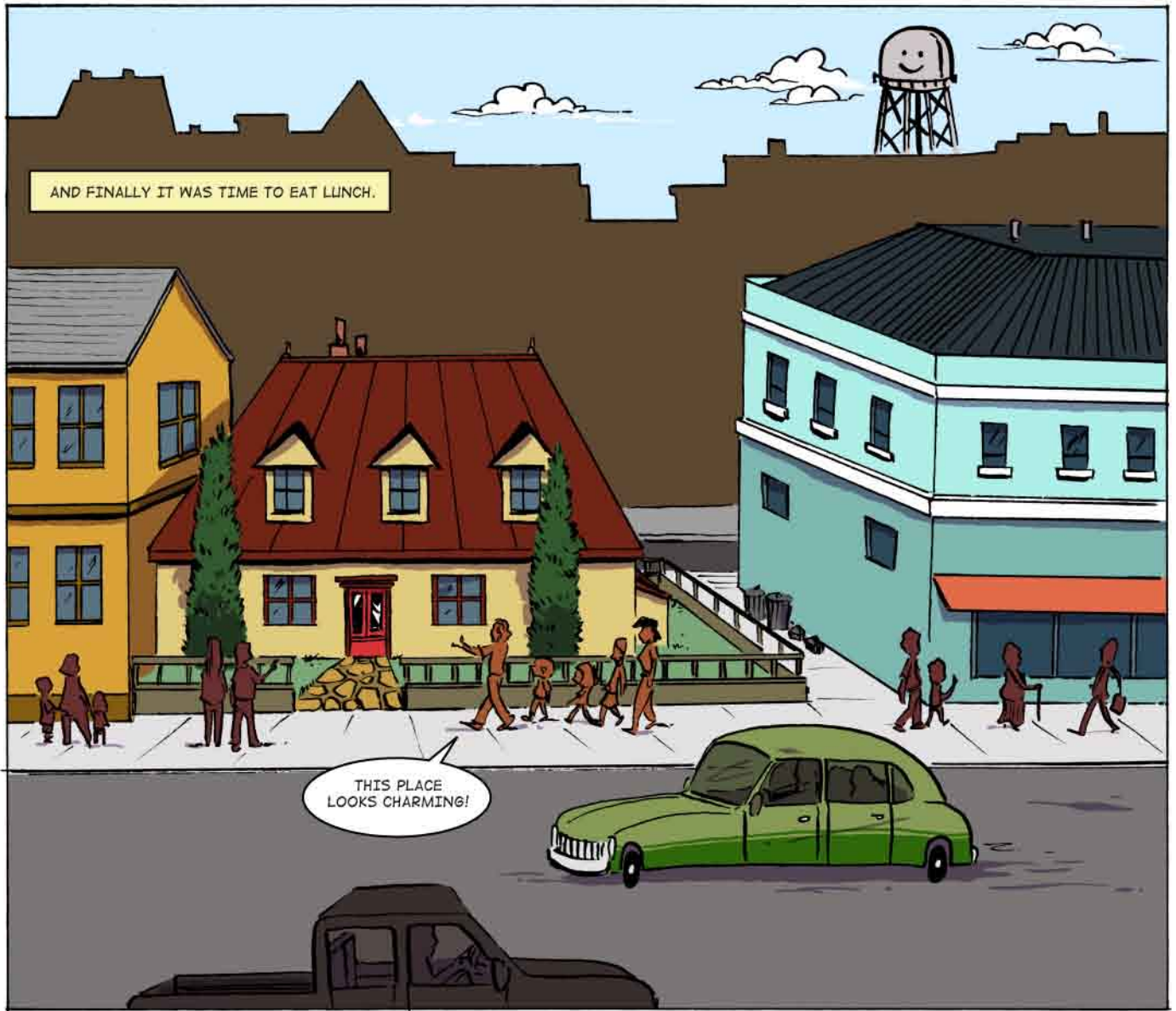


SHOES?!

WHO WANTS
TO LOOK
AT SHOES?

LAME!

THEY'RE ALL
HIKING SHOES!!!



AND FINALLY IT WAS TIME TO EAT LUNCH.

THIS PLACE LOOKS CHARMING!

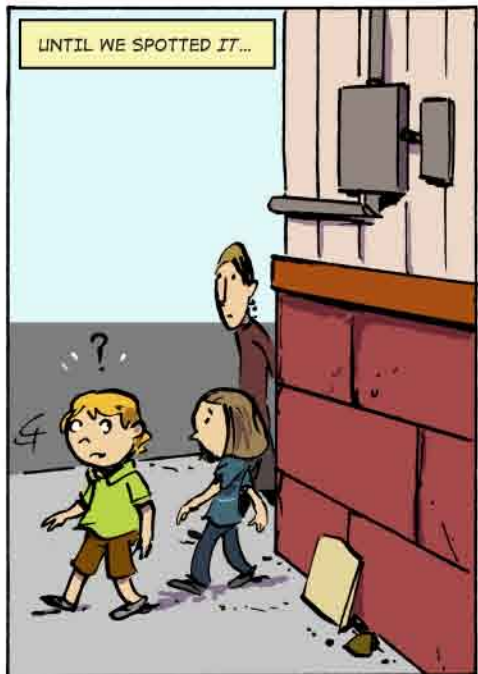


AND OF ALL THE PLACES DAD PICKED...

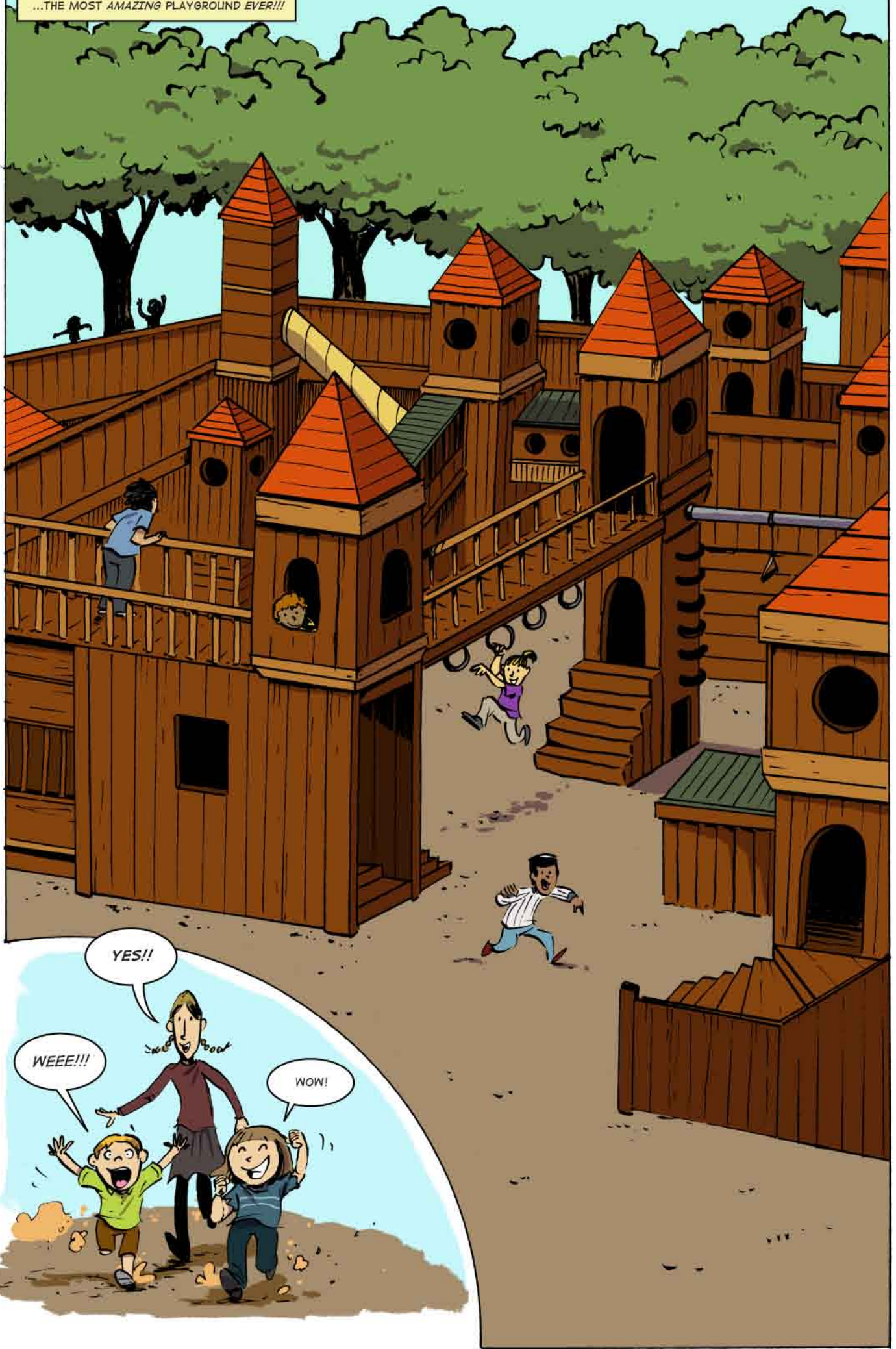
...HE PICKED THE RIGHT ONE.

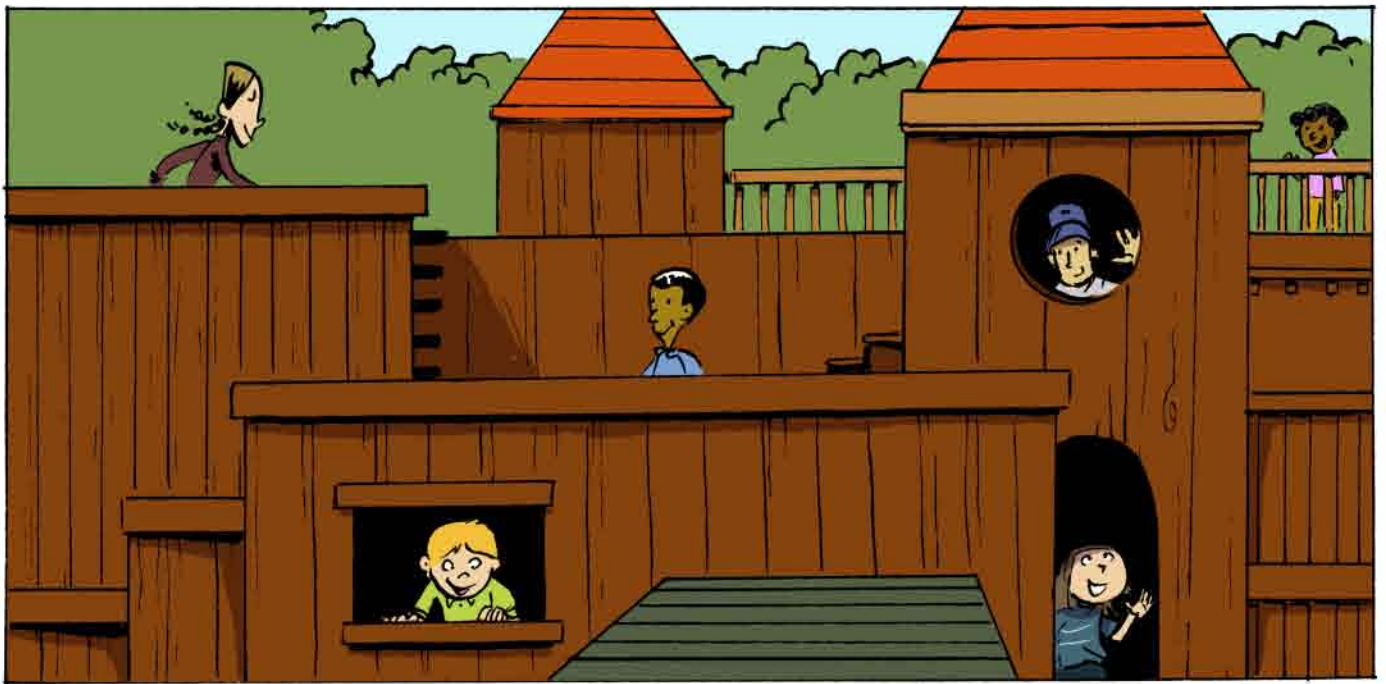






...THE MOST AMAZING PLAYGROUND EVER!!!





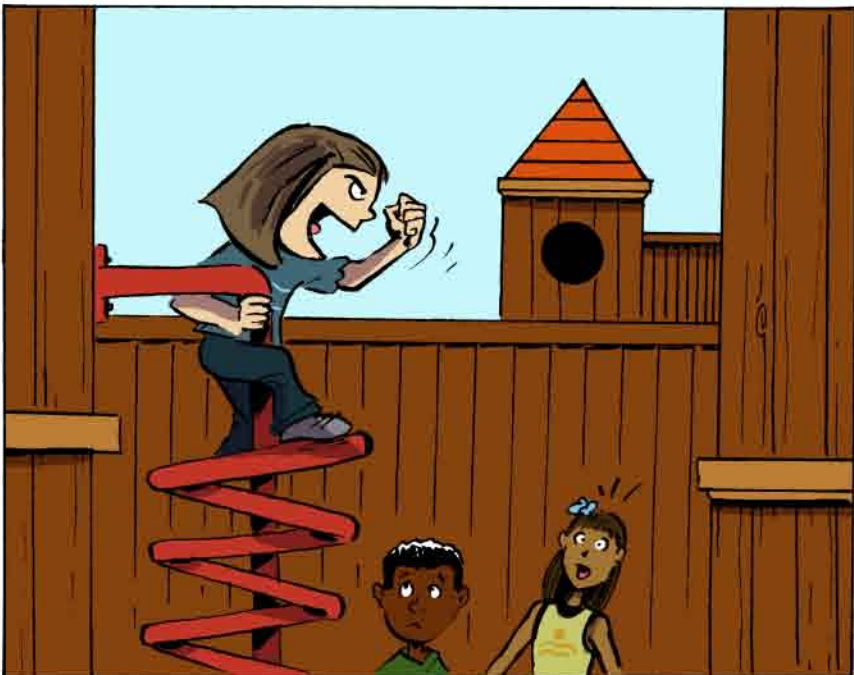


PLAYING TAG WAS A LOT OF FUN.



SOMETIMES BY BROTHER AND SISTER CAN BE FUN.

SOMETIMES... AND PETE WAS REAL COOL..





I THINK WE ATE DINNER NEXT.

I WASN'T REALLY PAYING MUCH ATTENTION.



I WAS STILL THINKING ABOUT THE PLAYGROUND. AND PETE. BUT MOSTLY PETE...



WE DID GO FOR ANOTHER SHORT HIKE ALONG THE LAKE.

PRETTY.

SO PEACEFUL.

CAN WE GO SWIMMING?

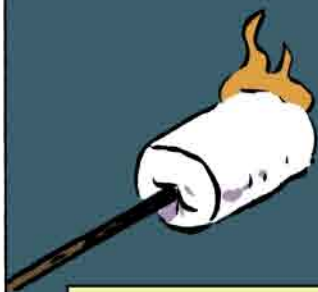
SWIMMING!

NO, YOU CAN'T GO SWIMMING.

WHEN WE GOT BACK WE MADE S'MORES.



FIRST YOU HAVE TO WARM UP THE MARSHMALLOW.



SOME PEOPLE LIKE TO CATCH IT ON FIRE AND THEN BLOW IT OUT.

THEN YOU SQUISH IT BETWEEN TWO PIECES OF GRAHAM CRACKER AND A PIECE OF CHOCOLATE.



PRESTO! S'MORE!



I LIKE THE CHOCOLATE THE BEST.



MY MALLO'S ON FIRE!

CAREFUL WITH THOSE!

MINE TOO!!

WHOA! EASY GUYS!



IT'S A TORCH!

WE'RE IN THE OLYMPICS!



SWORD FIGHT!

I'M A JEDI!

I'M A SITH!

NO, I WANT TO BE THE SITH!

WELL TOO BAD, I AM!

STOP IT YOU TWO!

IT WAS FUNNY WHEN MANDY GOT A MARSHMALLOW IN HER HAIR.



MOM WAS SUPER MAD AND THAT MADE IT EVEN FUNNIER.



SHE HAD TO TAKE HER TO THE CAMP BATHROOM TO WASH HER HAIR.



SO THAT KINDA RUINED THE FUN.



LATER:

IT'S TOO HOT,
I CAN'T SLEEP!

CHANGE INTO YOUR SHORTS THEN!

GET YOUR LEGS
OFF OF ME!

BE QUIET!

I'M SWEATING!

BE STILL!

STOP MOVING!

IT SMELLS
IN HERE!

ARRGGHH!

I CAN'T SLEEP!

WE NEED AIR!

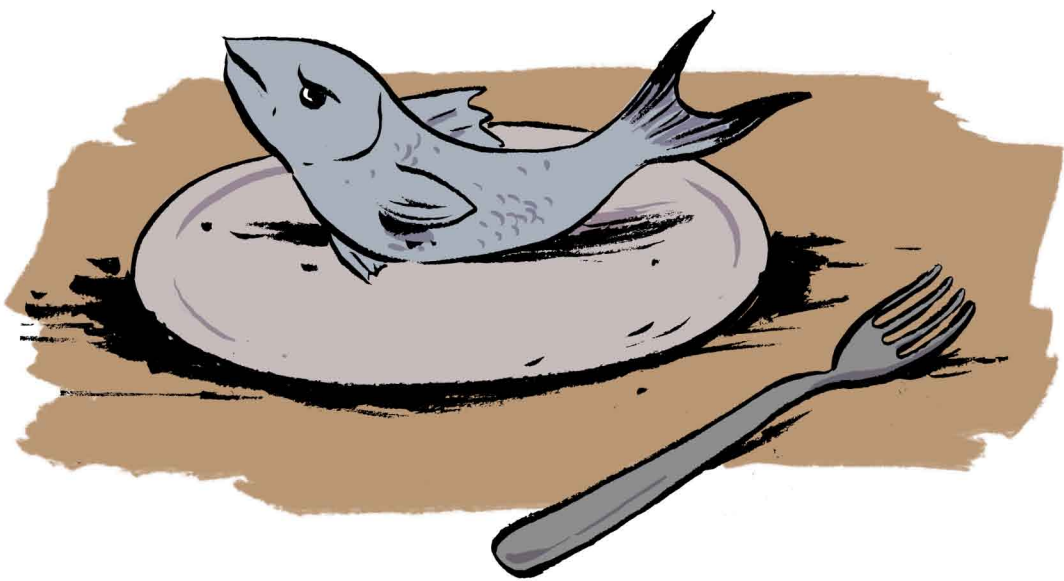
BE QUIET!

TOO HOT!

IT'S TOO STILL!



DAY 6





TODAY WE'RE GOING TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT.



ARE WE FINALLY GOING HOME?

NO, I DON'T WANT TO GO!

BUNGEE JUMPING?

NO, WE'RE NOT GOING HOME OR BUNGEE JUMPING.



WE'RE GOING HOME TOMORROW.

YES!

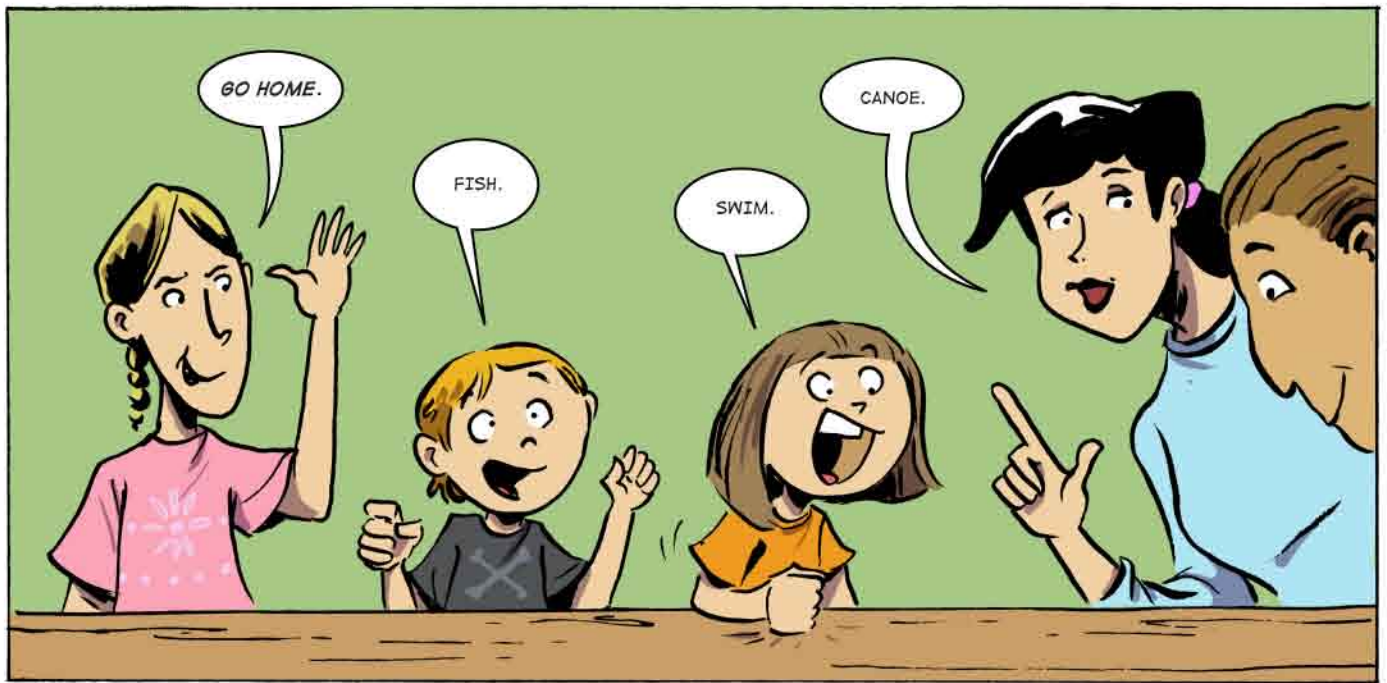
AWW...

OK.



SO...SINCE THIS IS OUR LAST DAY WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A FREE DAY.

YOU GLYS CAN DECIDE WHAT WE DO.





SO ME AND MOM WENT FISHING ON THIS PIER INSIDE THE PARK.



THERE WERE SOME OTHER PEOPLE FISHING THERE TOO.



MOM WAS PRETTY EXCITED.

ME, NOT SO MUCH; BUT AT LEAST I HAD MY BOOK.



OOHH! I GOT A BITE!

YAY.





I KINDA GOT *SIDETRACKED* AND WENT A LOT FURTHER THAN I WAS SUPPOSED TO.



WHOA.

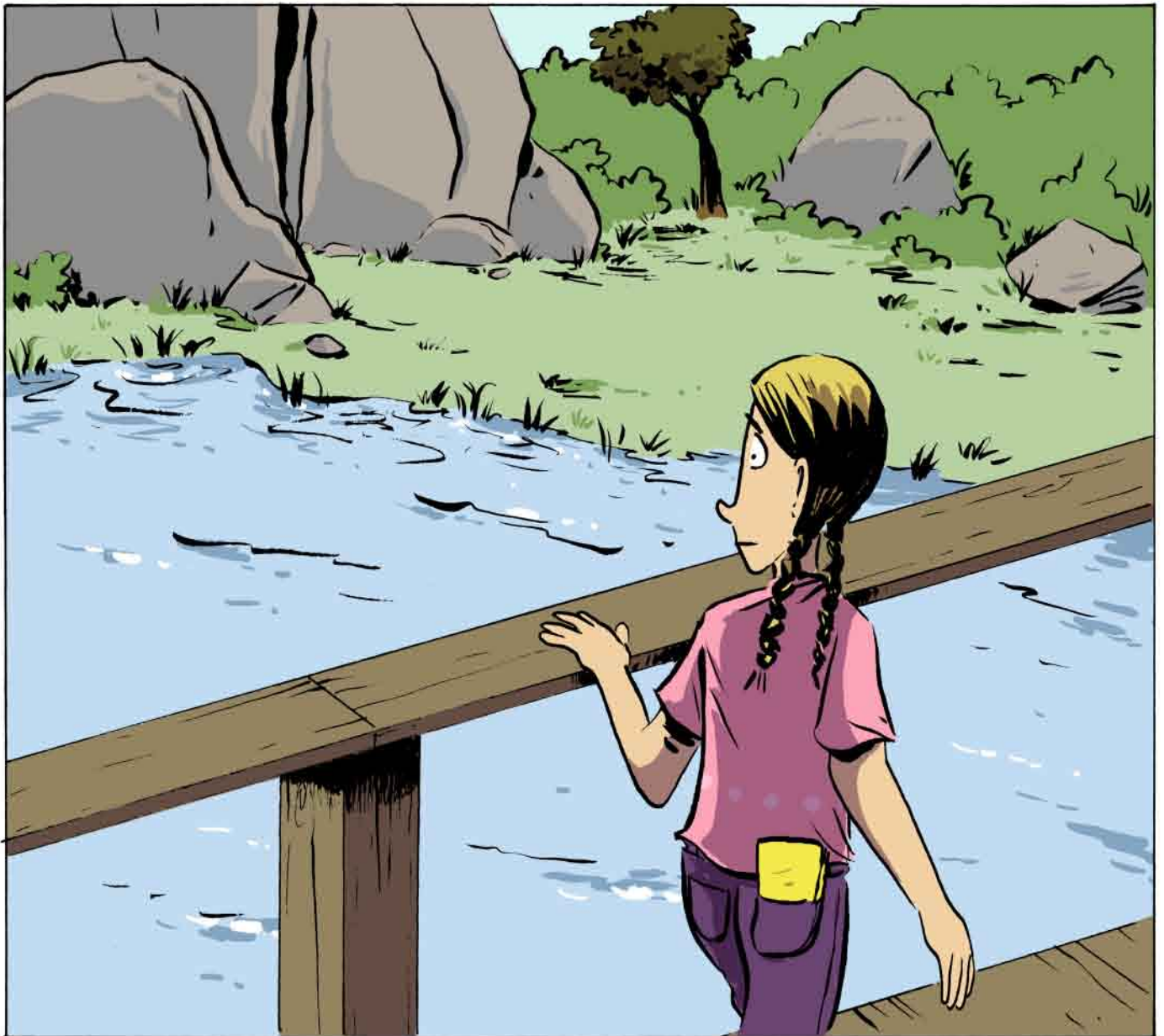
THIS PLACE IS *NEAT!*

IT'S LIKE A *SECRET CANYON* OR SOMETHING.













LUNCH WAS OK. WE ALL HAD A BITE OF MOM'S FISH SHE CAUGHT.



AND THEN WE GOT TO RELAX AND LAY AROUND ALL AFTERNOON.

SO I TOOK A NAP...



...BUT I HAD A WEIRD DREAM:



YOU'RE SO PRETTY RILEY,
AND AWESOME AND PERFECT
IN EVERY WAY.

I KNOW.
PLEASE CONTINUE.

YOU'RE THE COOLEST
PERSON I'VE EVER MET,
AND SO SMART!



GRRRRRRRRRR

ARRGHHH!



SAVE ME RILEY!

GET BACK BEAST!

DON'T WORRY PETE,
I'VE GOT THIS!!



WEIRD HUH?







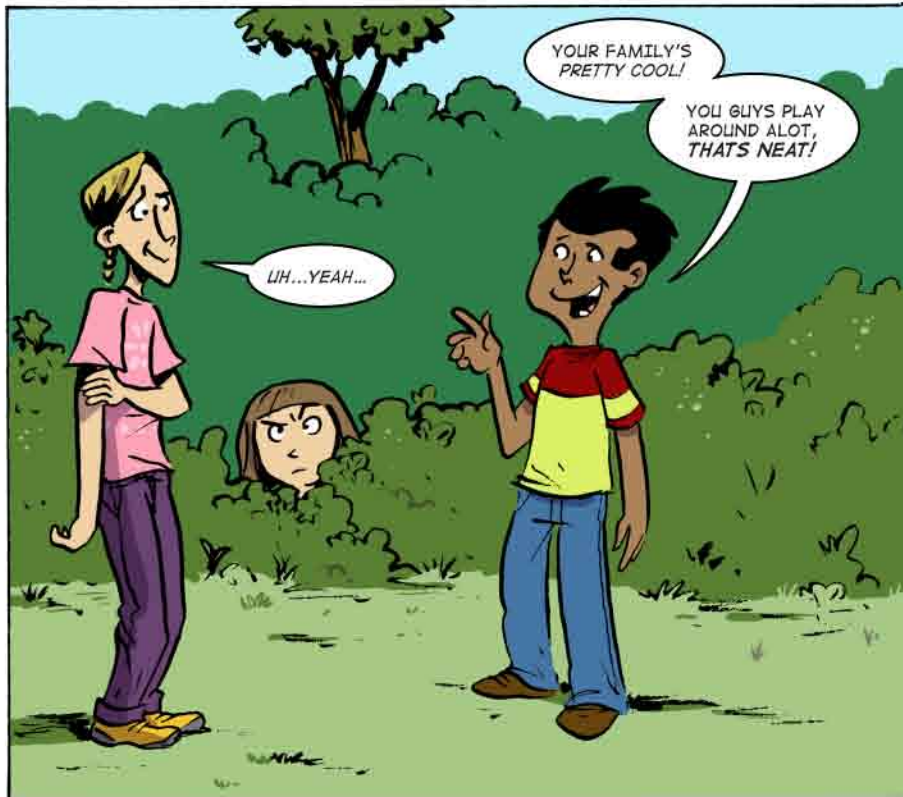
FOUND YOU!



HUH?

HI! WHATCHA DOING?

OH- PLAYING HIDE AND SEEK.



YOUR FAMILY'S PRETTY COOL!

YOU GUYS PLAY AROUND ALOT, THATS NEAT!

UH...YEAH...



WE'RE GOING FOR A HIKE.

COOL..



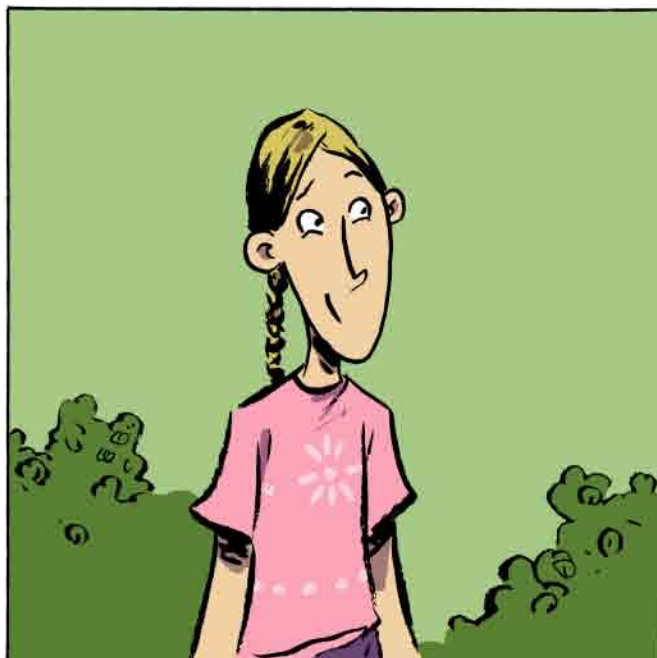
WE'RE GOING CANOEING AGAIN TOMORROW.

MAYBE WE CAN MEET UP?

OH..I CAN'T. WE'RE GOING HOME TOMORROW...



AWWW MAN. THAT STINKS.



THAT NIGHT WAS OUR LAST CAMPFIRE.

PART OF ME WAS READY TO GO HOME...

...SLEEP IN MY BED...

...PLAY IN MY ROOM...

...PLAY ON MY TABLET...

...WATCH TV.

BUT THE OTHER PART OF ME WANTED TO STAY.

I KIND OF LIKE CAMPING AFTER ALL.



SO WHAT WAS EVERYONE'S FAVORITE PART OF THE TRIP?



FISHING.



TIPPING THE CANOE!



PETE!
HA! - JUST KIDDING!
SWIMMING.



HIKING, I GUESS.



THE STARS!

MOM TOOK ONE LAST PHOTO.



AND WE EVEN SAW THE STARS BEFORE WE WENT TO BED.



BEST CAMPING TRIP
EVER GUYS.

DAY 7



WE GOT UP, HAD A QUICK BREAKFAST AND STARTED PACKING UP.

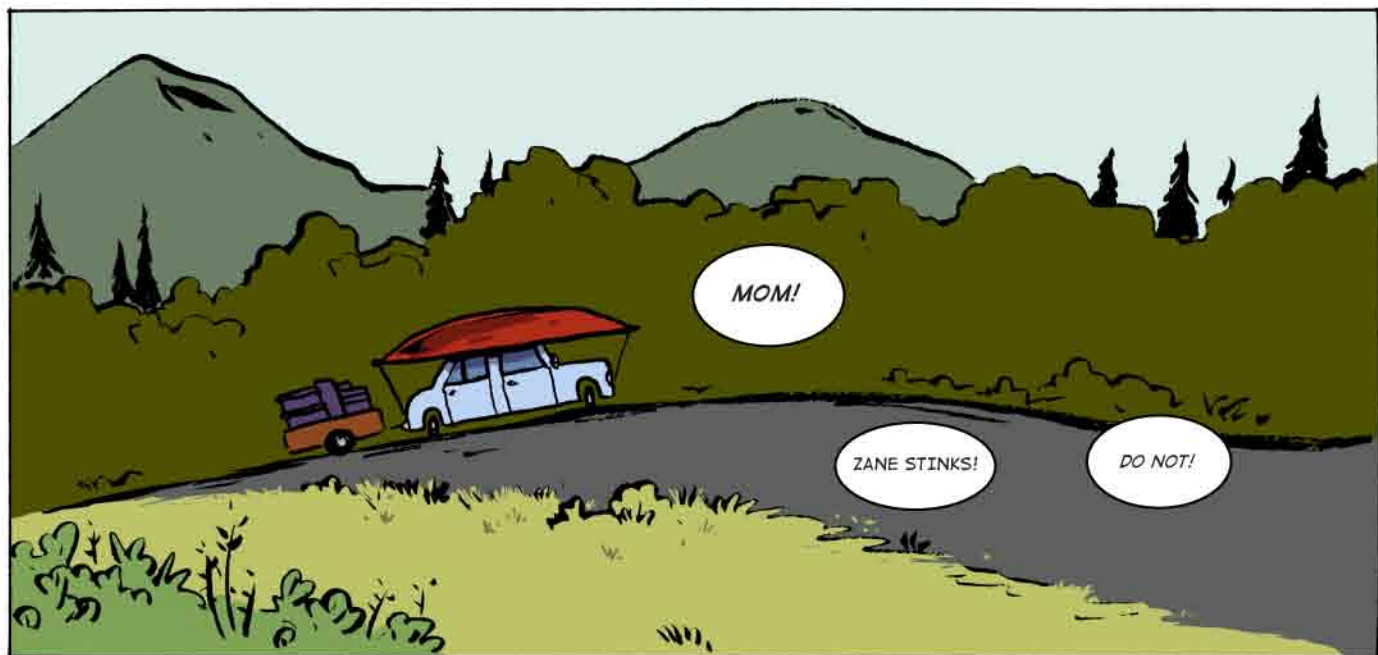
PACKING UP DIDN'T TAKE TOO LONG.



EVERYONE PITCHED IT, YOU COULD TELL WE WERE READY TO GET HOME. WE DIDN'T TALK A WHOLE LOT EITHER.



THEN WE HIT THE ROAD FOR HOME.



DAD, CAN WE COME
BACK NEXT YEAR?

WHAT?!

IS THAT YOU RILEY
OR AN IMPOSTER?
YOU WANT TO
COME BACK?

A LITTLE BIT.

IT'S NO BIG DEAL.
I NEED TO GET PROOF
THAT BIGFOOT IS REAL.

AND SEE PETE!

HUSH IT DORK!

YOU, SMOOCHY FACE!

OH PETE,
YOU'RE SO CLITE!

YOU STINK!

NO, YOU STINK!

STOP SHOVING ME!

MOM, MANDY
TOUCHED ME!

UGH.
ARE WE ALMOST
HOME YET?

THANK YOU FOR
VISITING
CORNELIUS BROWN
National
Forest
CAMPGROUND

THE END



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU TAKE TWO OVER-EXCITED YOUNGER SIBLINGS, ONE OLDER BORED TEEN, A SKETCHY TENT, BUGS, RAIN, LOTS OF VEGGIES AND MAYBE A BIGFOOT?

WELL YOU GET A KRESTA FAMILY CAMPING TRIP!

AND THIS TRIP TURNS OUT TO BE QUITE AN UNFORGETTABLE ADVENTURE. THERE'S FISHING, CANOEING, HIKING, THUNDERSTORMS, SMORES, LAUGHS, SCREAMS AND EVEN A CUTE BOY. JOIN THE KRESTA'S ON THEIR WEEK LONG VACATION OF FUN AND DISCOVERY.