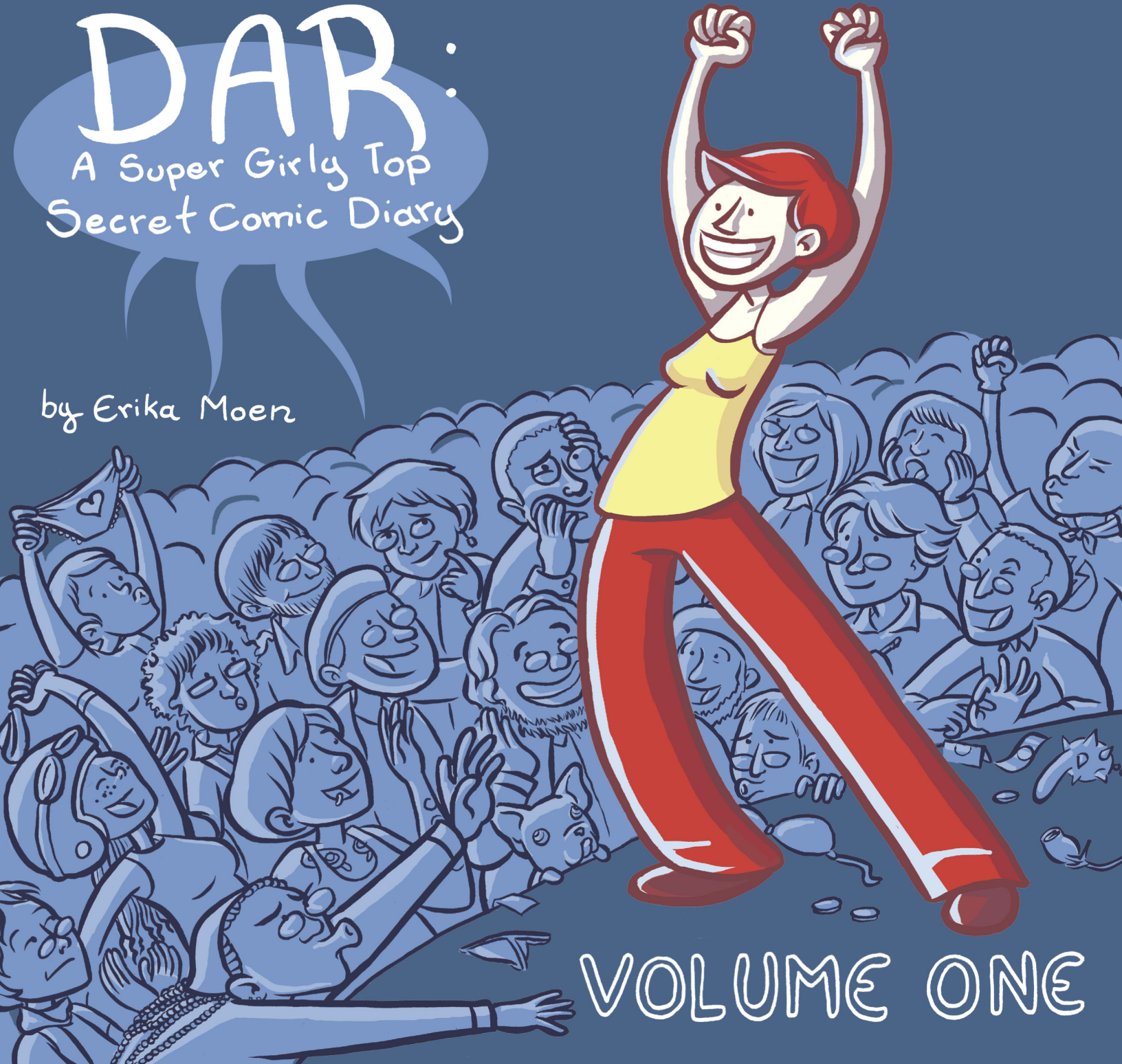


"Erika Moen's comics make me feel like dancing!" --Scott McCloud

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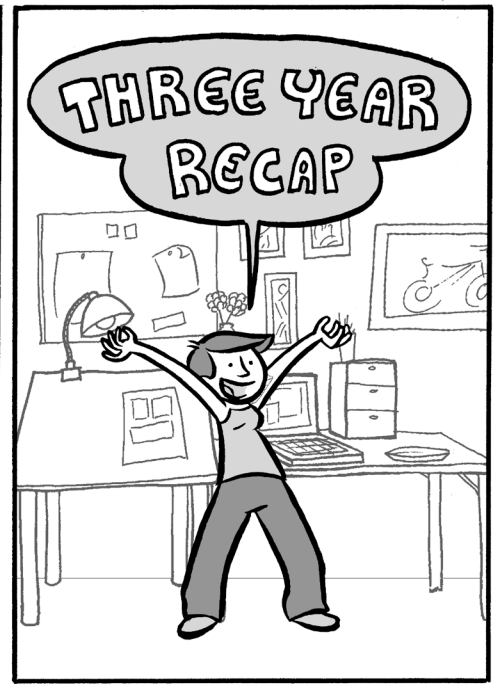
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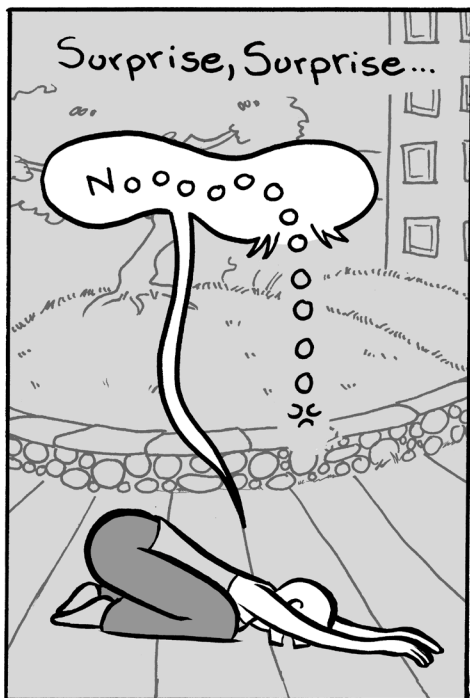
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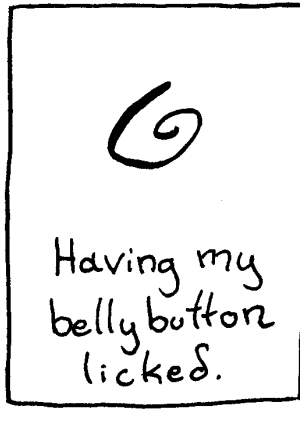
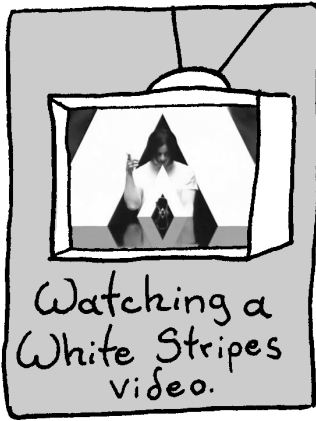
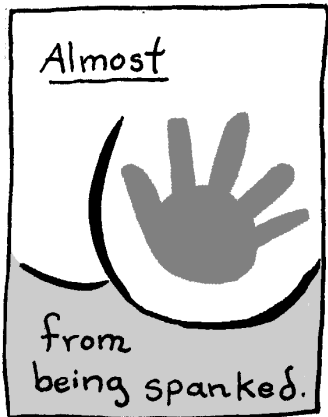
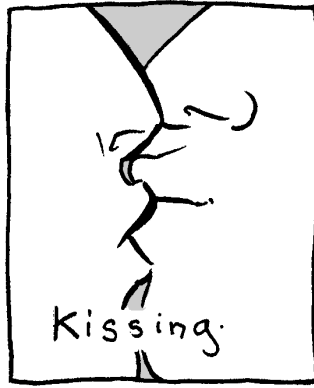


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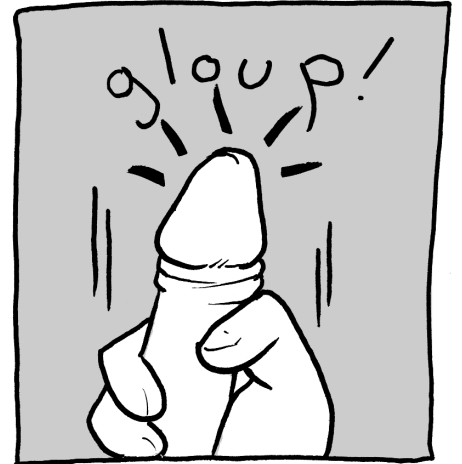
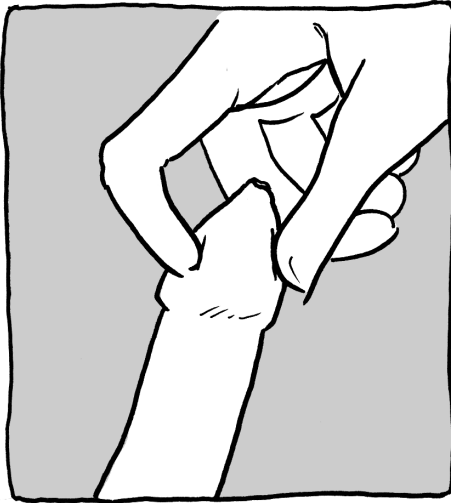


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Odd things that made me orgasm

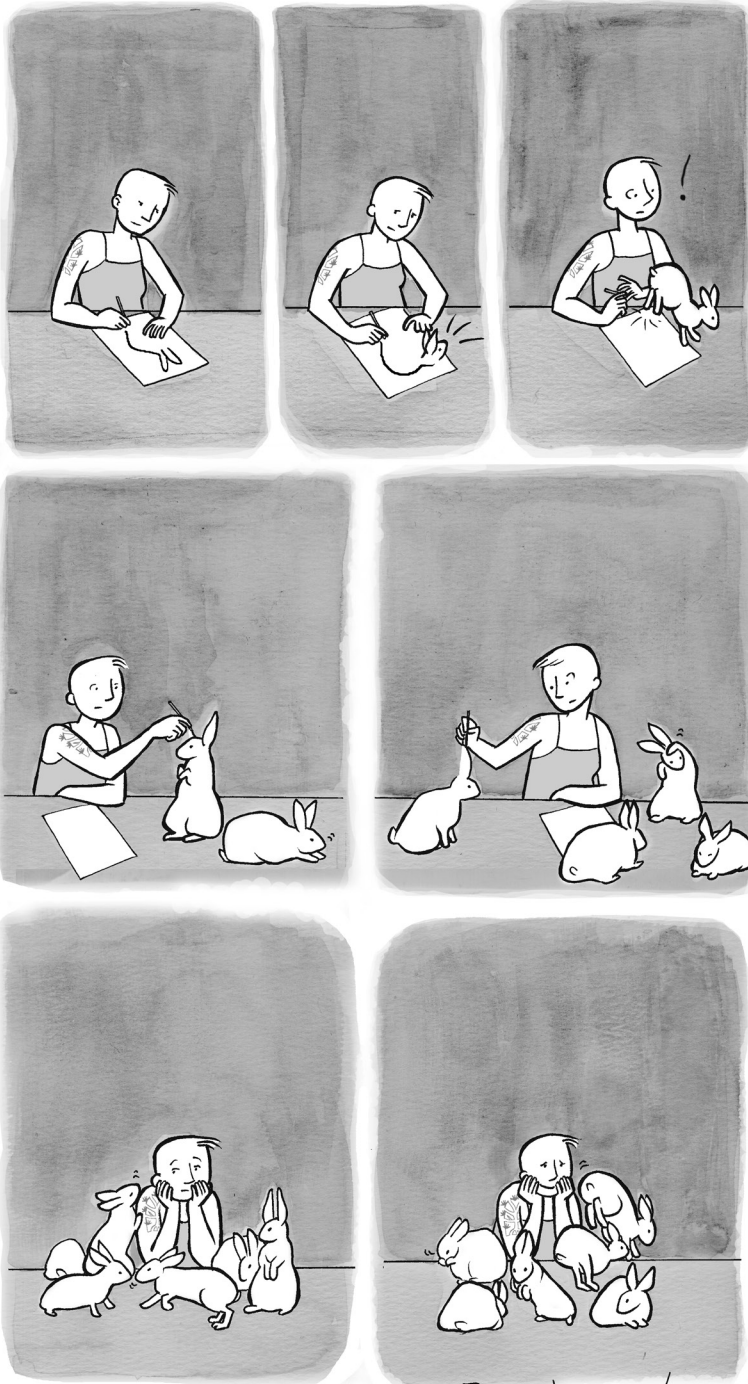


Gloup



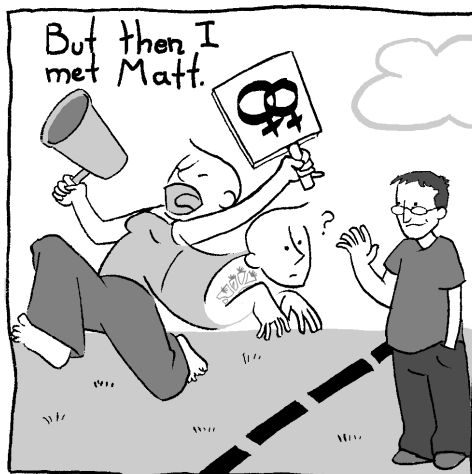
Getting with a lesbian really isn't as great as straight guys would hope.

BunnyLuv

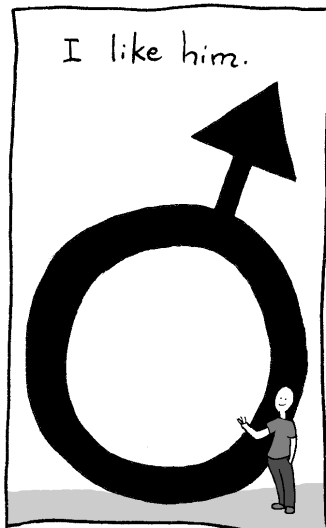
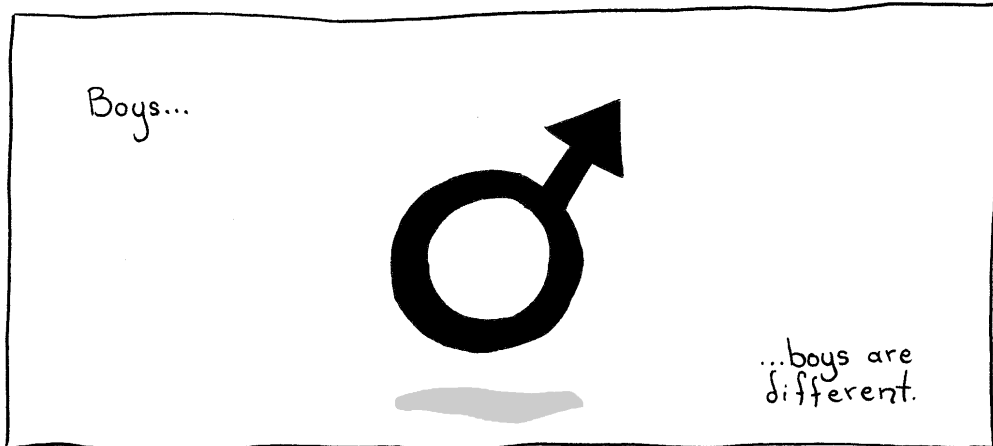


I miss hanging out
at the bunny shelter.

I Like a Boy



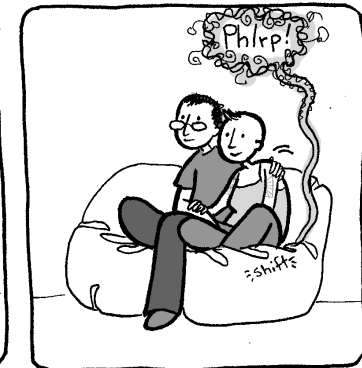
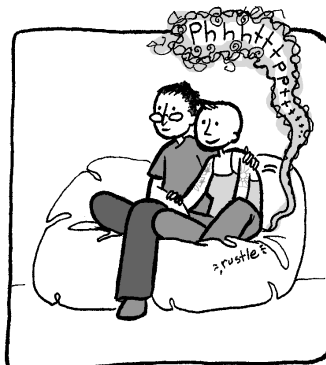
I Like a Boy



Attack!



Phllrp

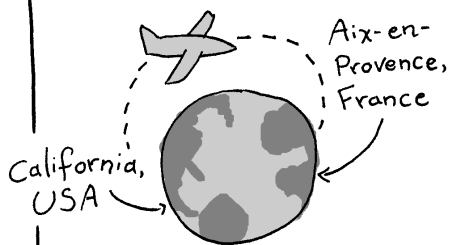


The Last Seven Months

Erika's last 7 months: The Condensed Version.

January:

Flew to France for my semester abroad...



...Where I lived with Raymonde.



Kind of learned French (but not really)

'Cos all my attention was devoted to drawing and comics - I was hella productive over here.



(also I was angsting over my break up with Marni.)

She loves me, I know she does - so why won't she commit?? WHY DOESN'T SHE WANT TO MARRY ME???



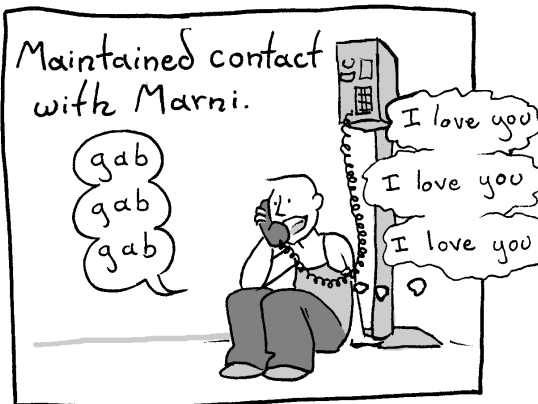
A reader I'd never talked with before hooked me up with a place to stay for London's comic expo thing.



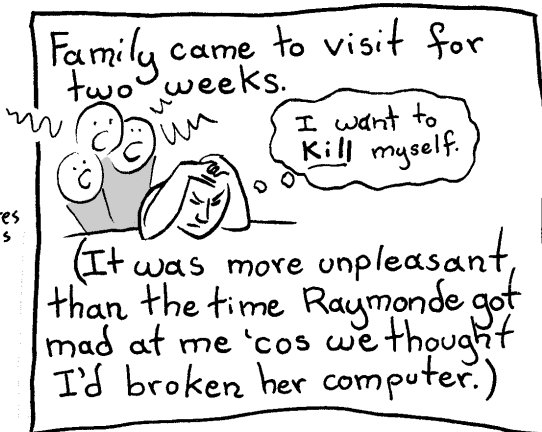
Maintained contact with Marni.

gab gab gab

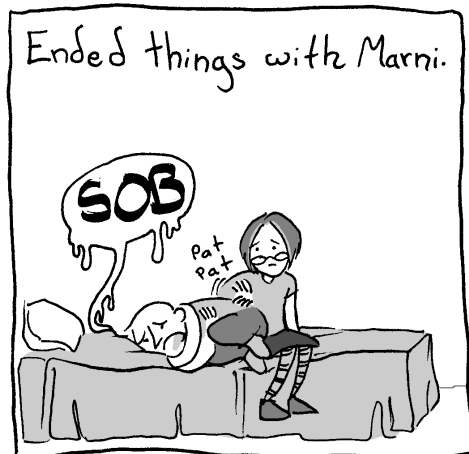
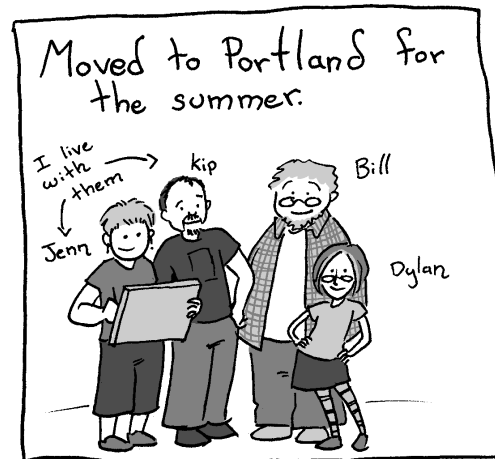
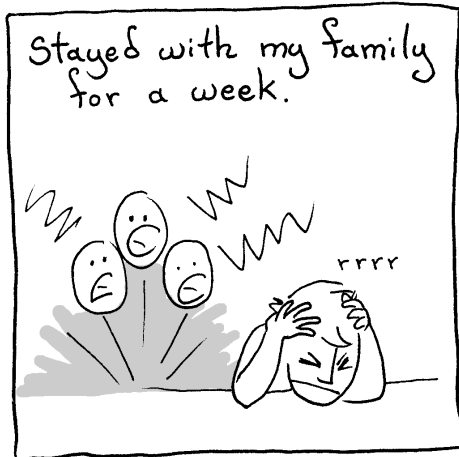
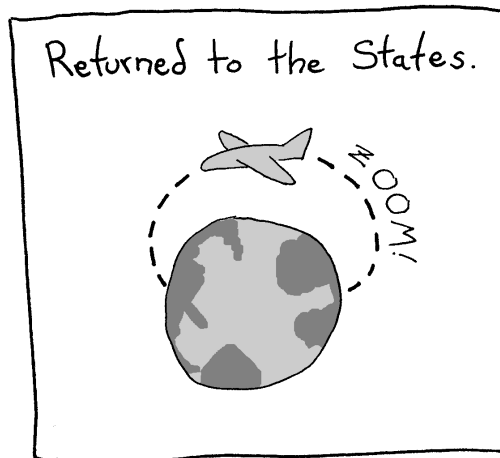
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I love you



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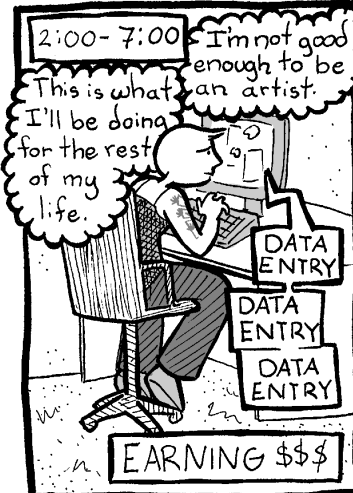
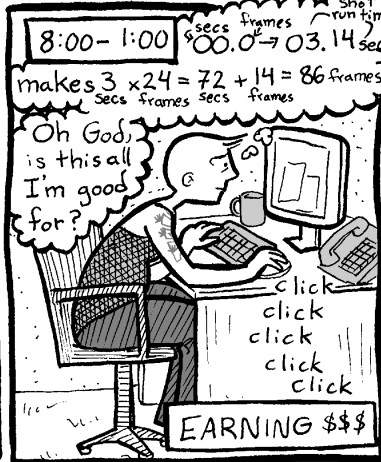
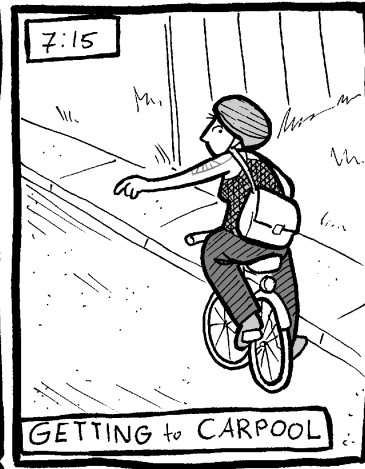


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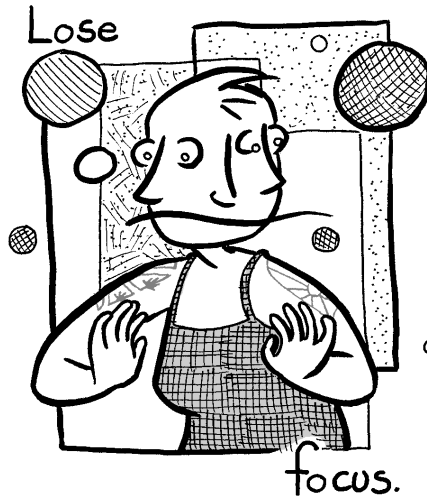
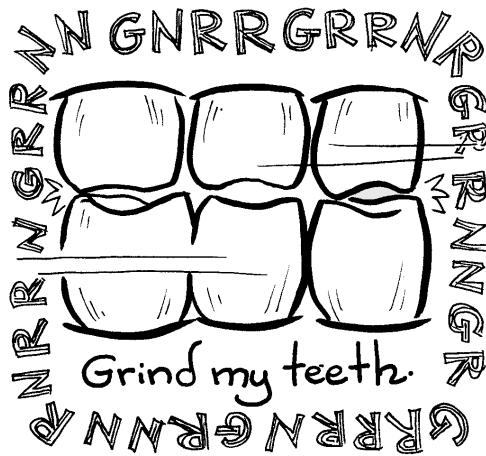
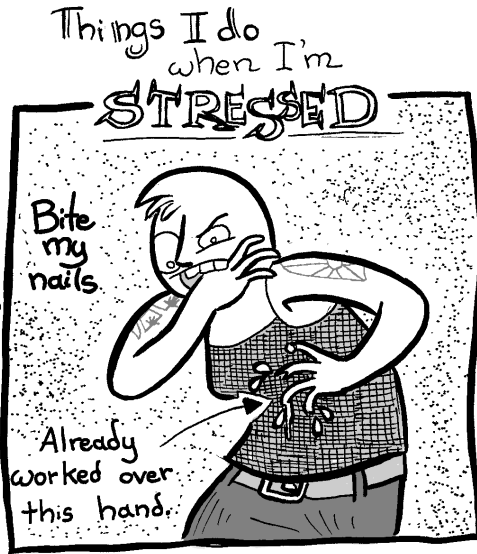


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Daily Grind



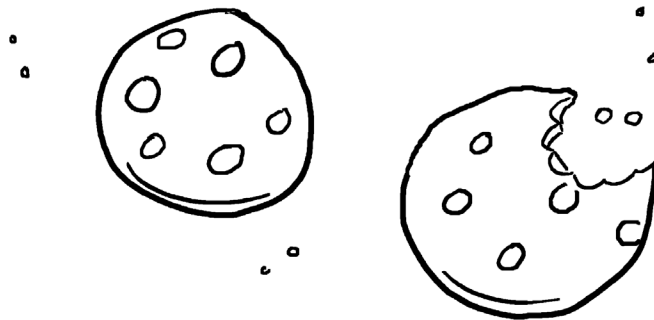
Things I Do When I'm Stressed



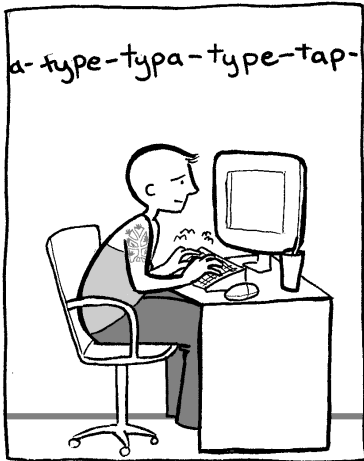
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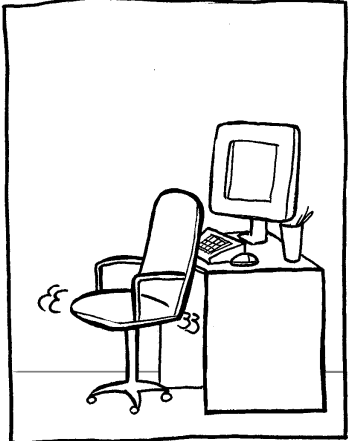
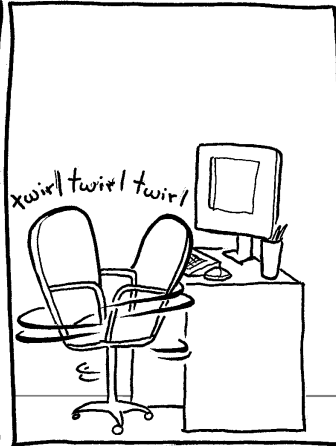
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Withdrawal



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Devil's Point



2007

Tea Kisses



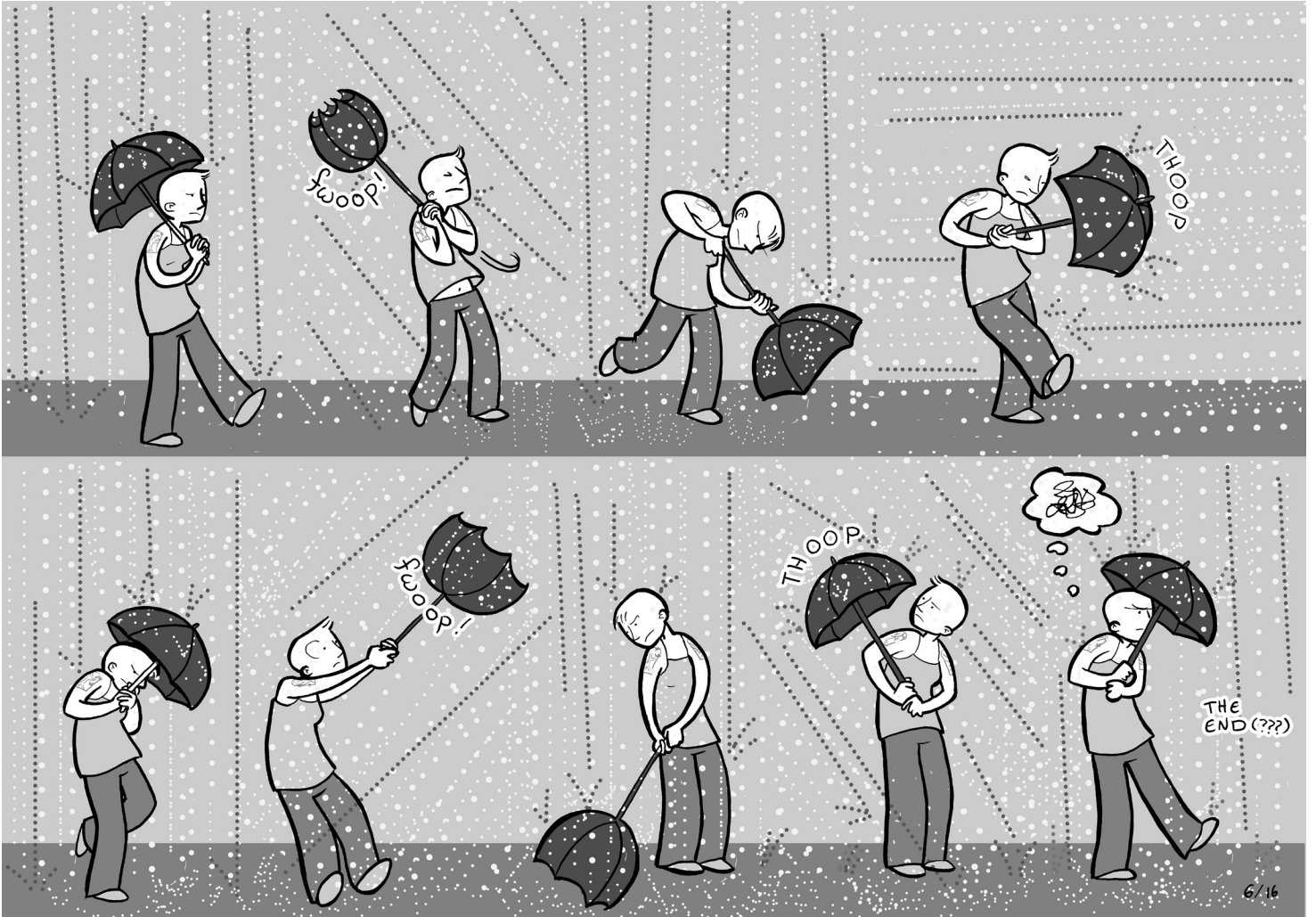
Coffee Crush

I know she does it for everyone...



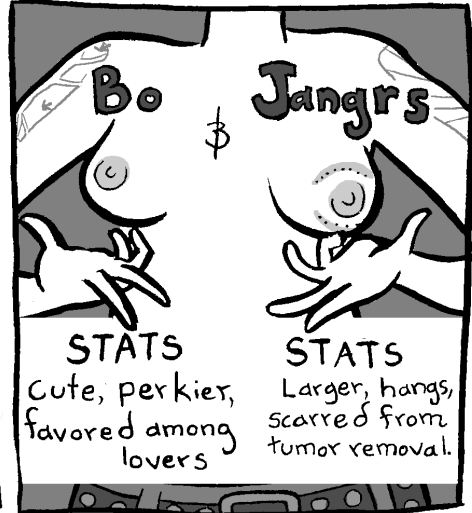
..but I still have
such a crush.

Portland Rain



Boobs

This is absolutely true:



And we all live happily ever after.

Youthful Expectations

3 days before my birthday.



For the Queen



Autobiography

QUESTION:

Is it hard to write about people you know?

What're you up to today?

Drawing a whole new DAR 'cos the one I was doing got too personal.

Really! How?

It was about my new pelvis problems n' after I was half way through I was like, 'The internet really doesn't need to know about my gunky vagina.'

Haha, yeah

What are you replacing it with.

The strip where you claim my butt. In the name of England? From where I visited in December.

I what?

You grabbed my ass and were all 'I claim this butt in the name of England.'

Oh. Hm.

What?

You always make me out as a big British stereotype.

Wh-what?

No, honey!

It's a cute story, that's all!

Yeah, well, you always play up that I'm British — And I'm not even!

... You live there and have the accent...

It just feels like every comic I'm in is about my cultural difference.

The last one was just us talking!

It was you talking at me — I had one line and no personality.

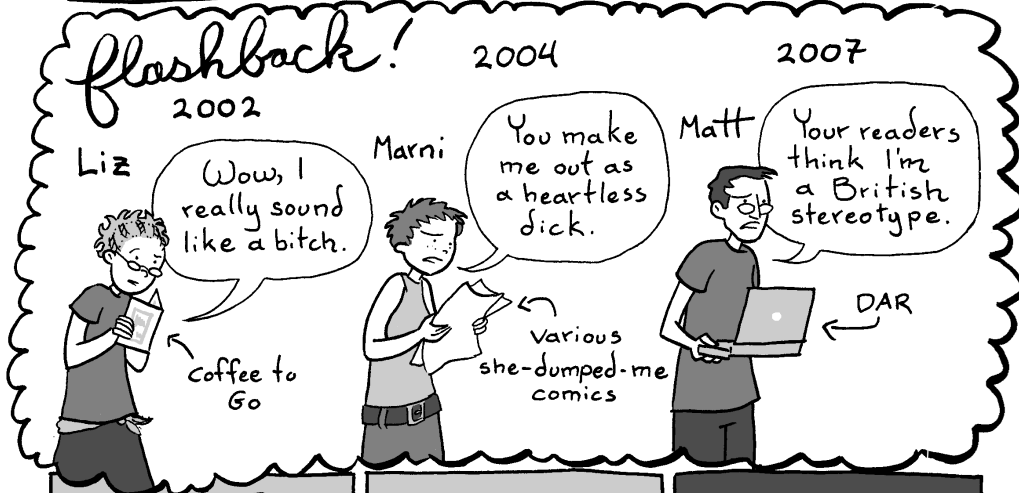
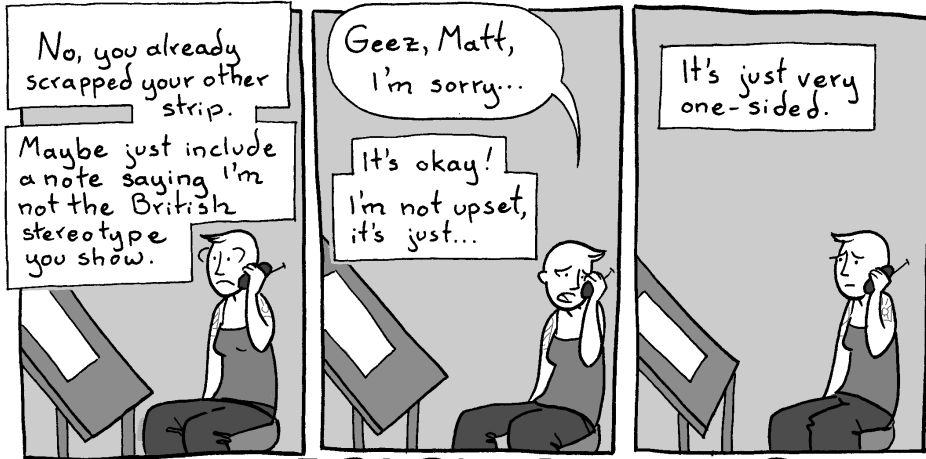
I'm... I'm sorry, I didn't know you felt like that.

Do you not want me to use this comic?

No, no.

'Cos I won't if you don't want me to!

Autobiography

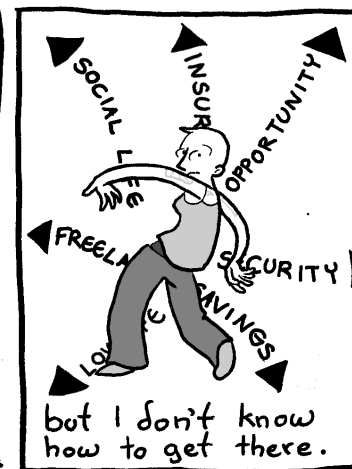
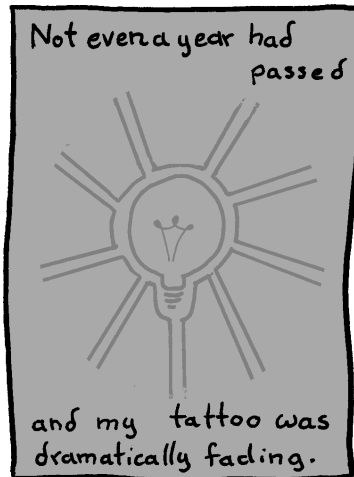
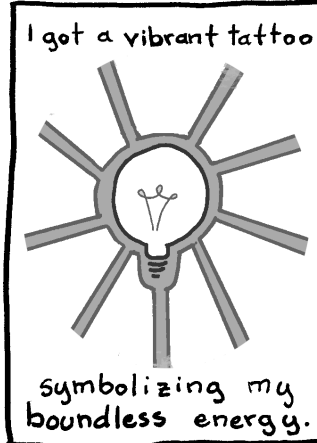


Pizza and a Coke for Dinner

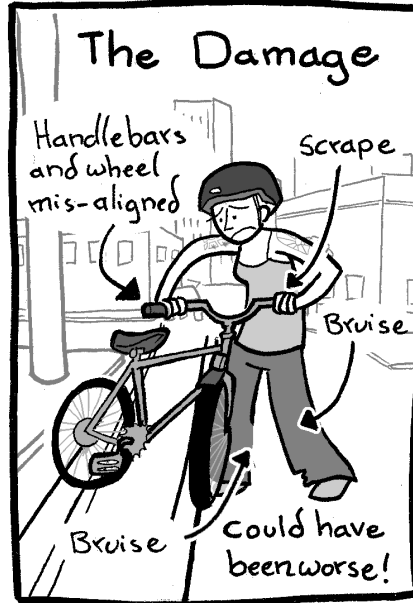
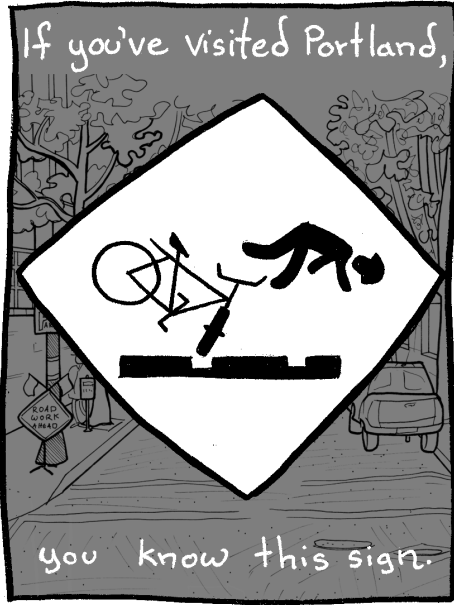
Pizza and Coke for dinner.



Electricity



Bike Accident

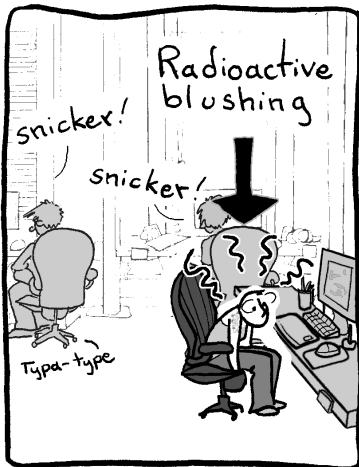
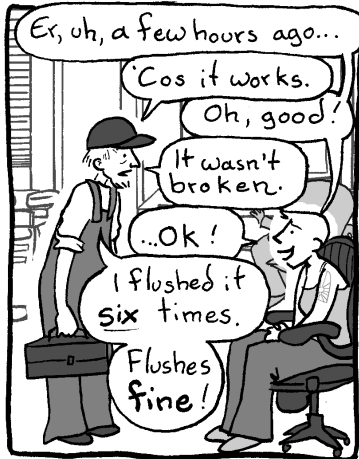


Toast

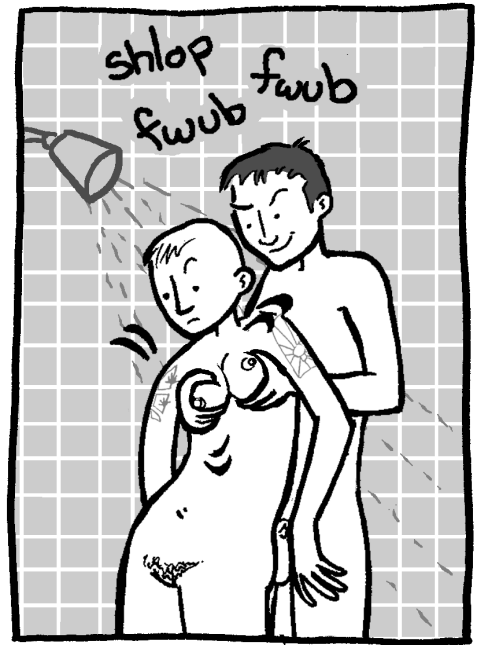
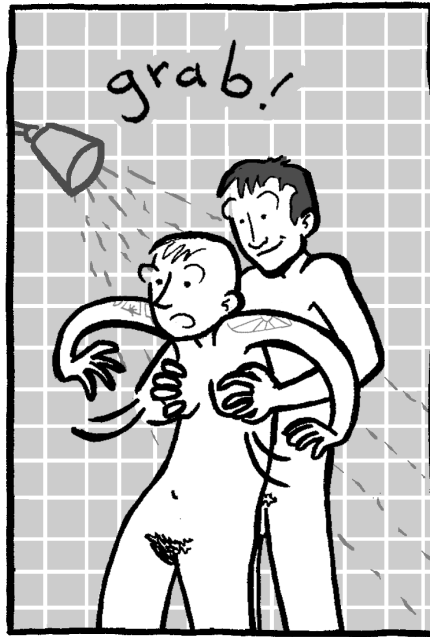
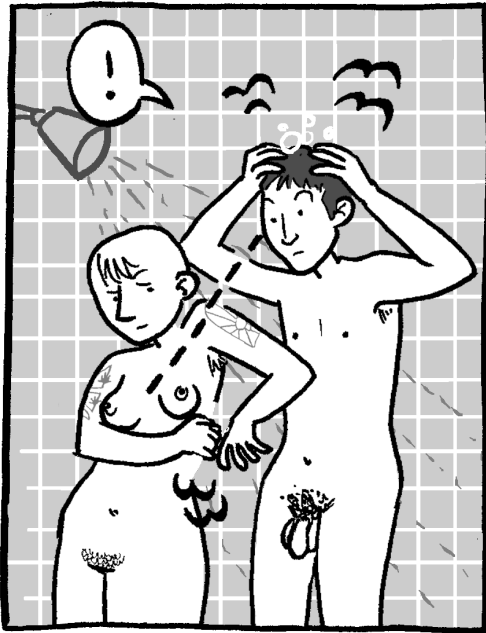


I am my own toaster

Clogged



Helping Hands



Stumptown Comics Fest 2007



The Best Job



The Best Job : PROOF



Thanks again to Stormy and Rocket, Portland's hottest strippers!



Rocket: <http://rocketisrad.com>

Stormy: www.myspace.com/stormy_is_dope



Life Modeling



Spit Roast

Radio interview with
"Flight of the Conchords" ↘

"... And it was very awkward and embarrassing"

"It's unfortunate, but yeah, it was in England where they call a threesome a "spit roast" which is a very British term that we weren't familiar with..."



Ohmygod, the British call threesomes a "spit roast"??

... yeah...

It means a guy in the vag and a guy in the mouth.

!!



... Baby... we've talked about it before.

I-
I thought we were talking about dinner.

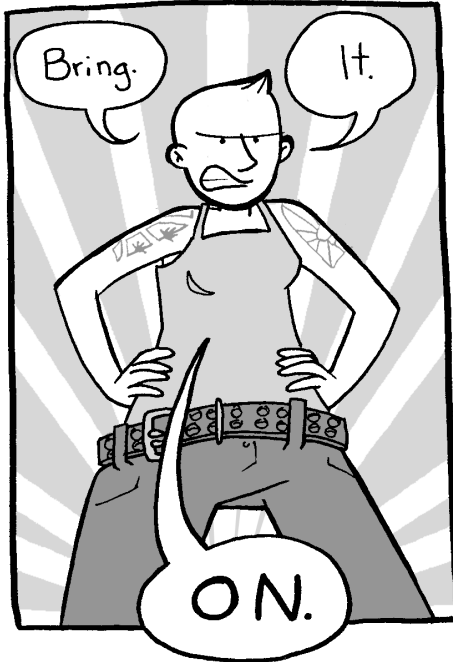


Dyke with a Boyfriend



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Cooking Accidents



12/2/07



Cooking: 1
Me : 0

EPILOGUE

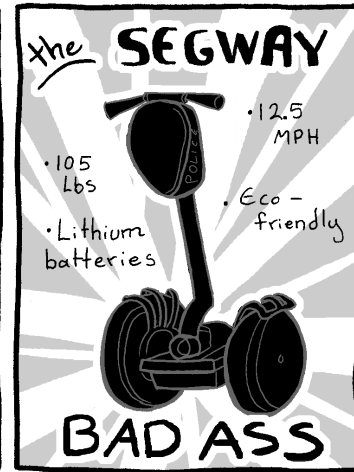


The next night I made it again and it turned out pretty okay.

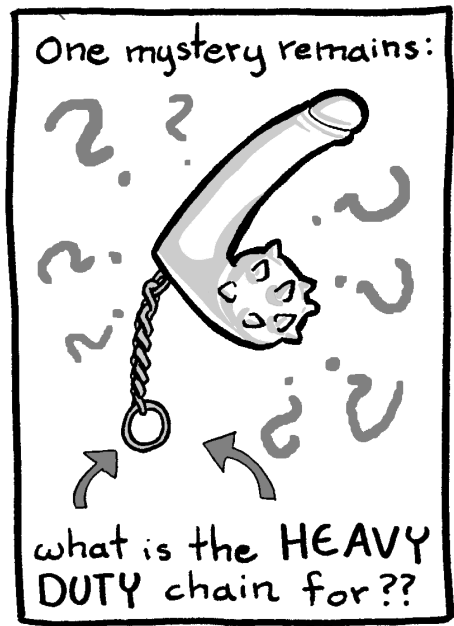
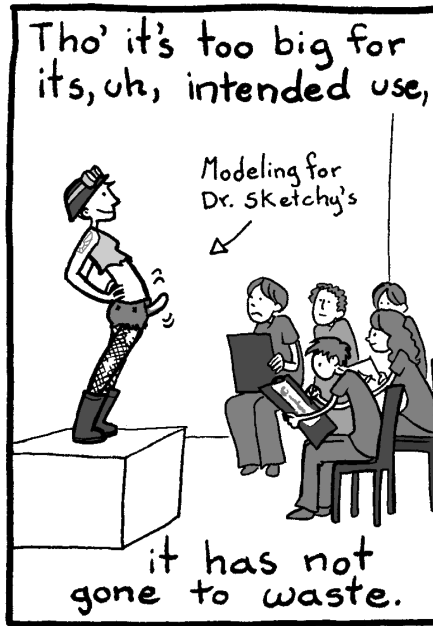
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Segway Cops



2008



Housemate Conversation



Financial Stability



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Butt Sex



Love Lost



Sweet Talk



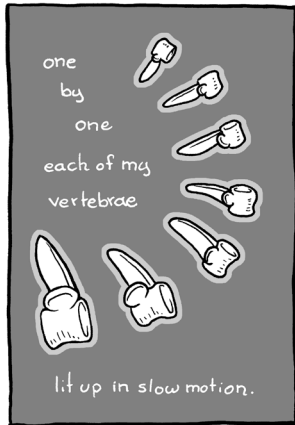
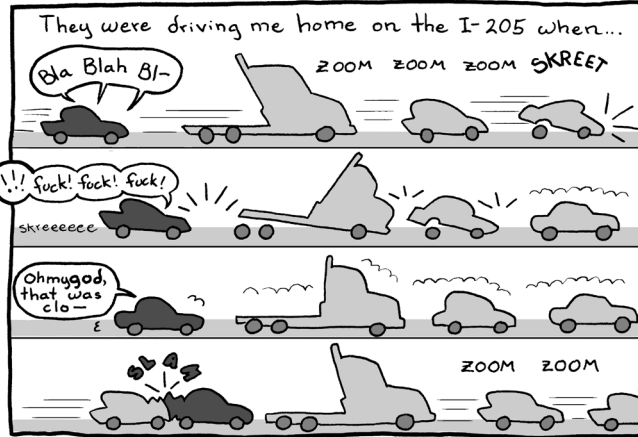
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The Origins of DAR

This week I'm answering
QUESTIONS from th' READERS



Car Accident



If I Had A Penis

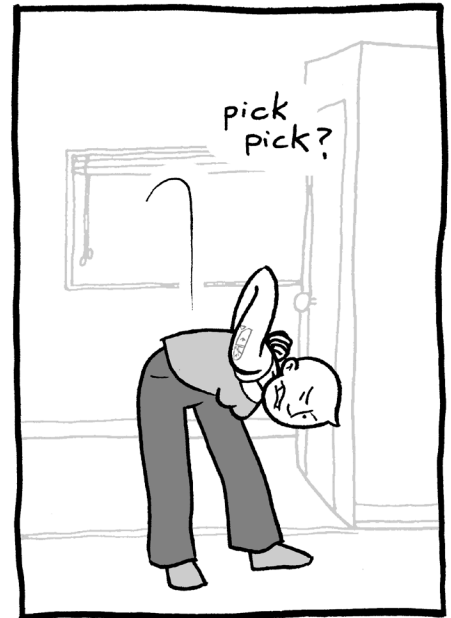
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Only Science Can Save Her Vagina

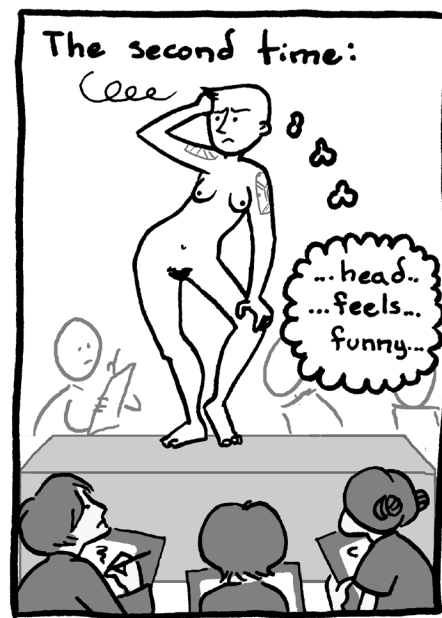
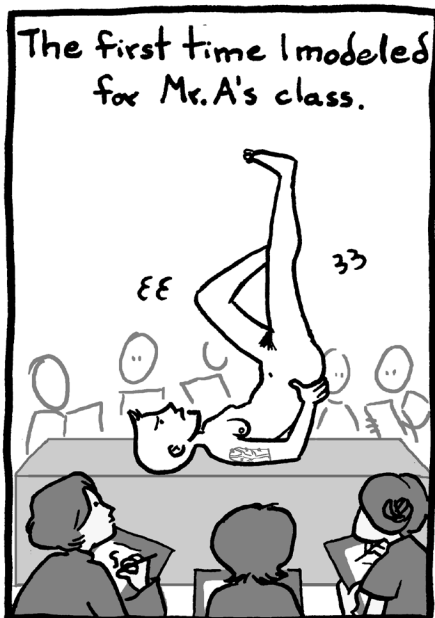


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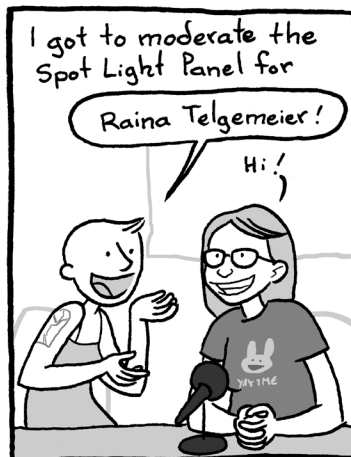
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Life Model Mishaps





I was touched to get a Thank You letter and gift certificate (to Cosmic Monkey Comics) for having attended all 5 years of the fest.



Safe Word

Banana is Our Safe Word



It's not gay if the balls don't touch.

Truth in Autobiography

This week I'm answering
QUESTIONS from the READERS

How true are your comics?

scribble
scribble

What're you drawing?

Our fight from
yesterday.

But you made
it look like you
won!

I did.

That's a bloody lie!

Noh-uh!

I tickled you till
you screamed
banana!

You lost in two
seconds and you
know it.

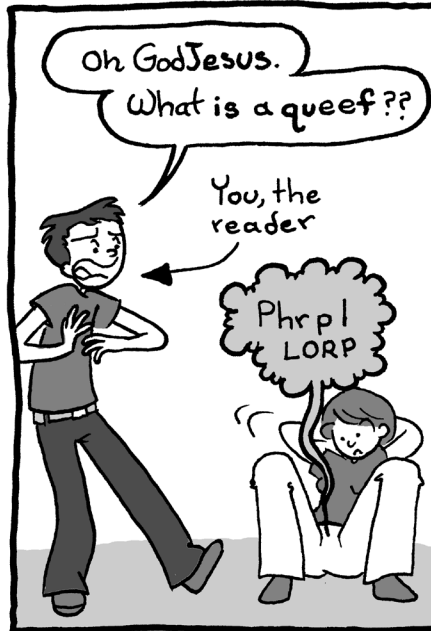
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Well you can just
draw your own
comics where you
get to win.

True Enough.

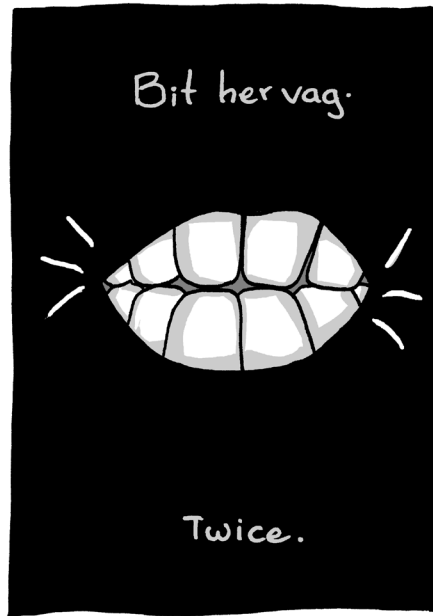
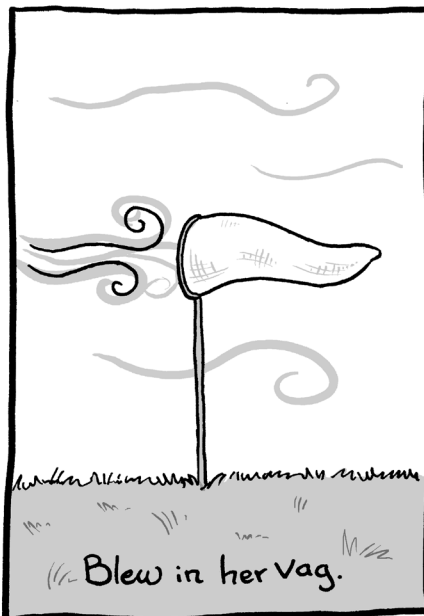
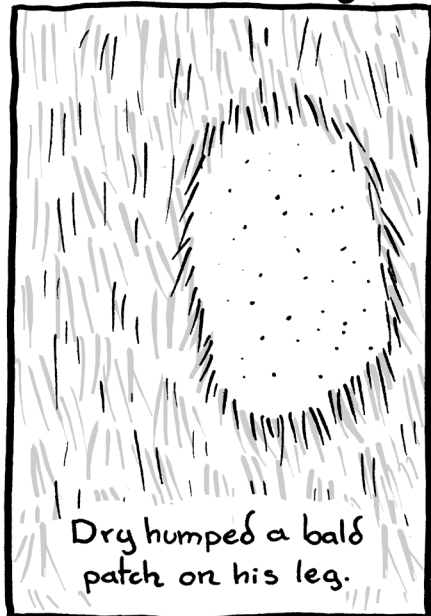
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The One About Queefing



Sex Accidents

The Worst Things I've Done
to My Partners During Sex:



I officially apologize for
ever becoming sexually active.

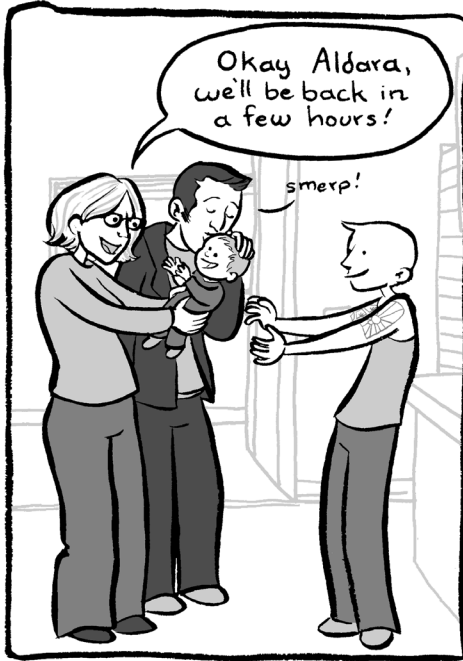
A Little Exposition



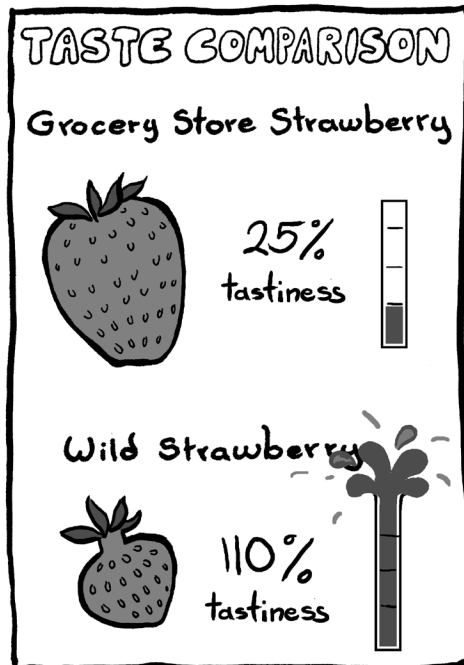
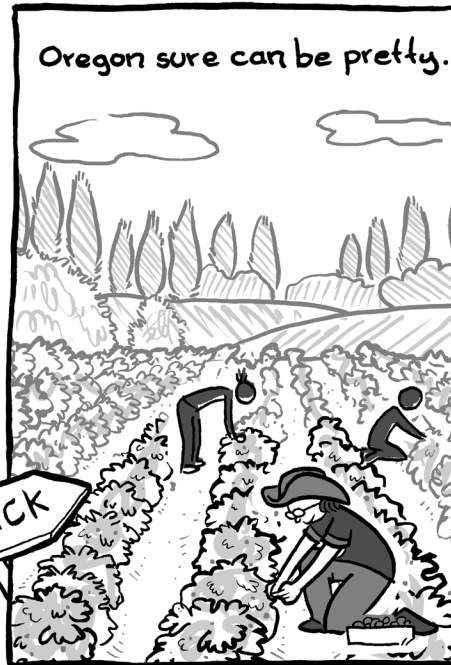
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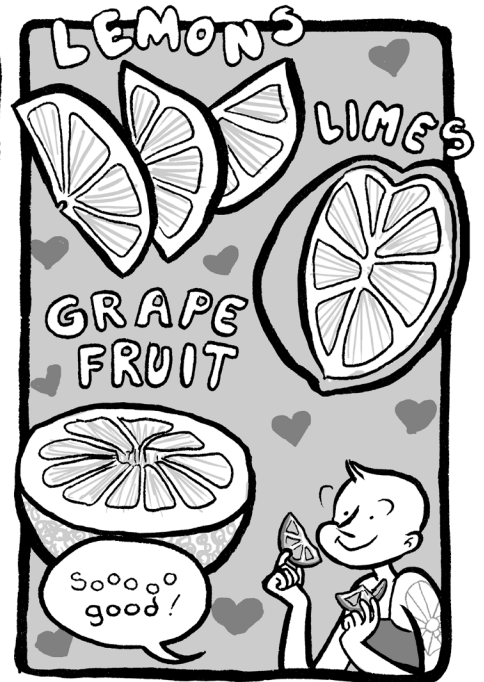
The Babysitter



Strawberry Picking



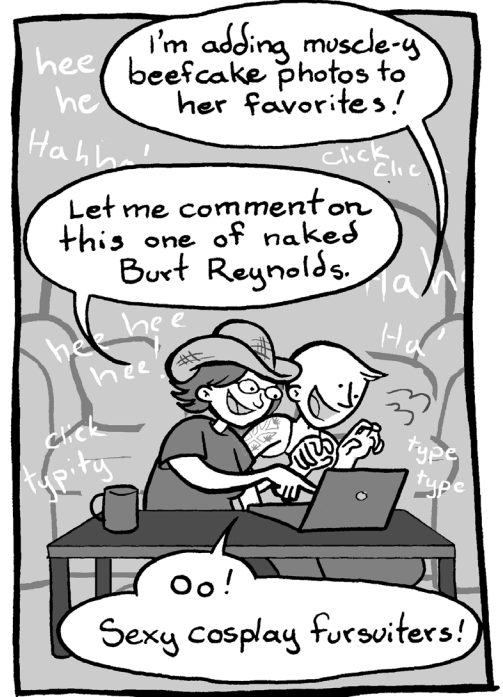
The Miracle fruit Party



Pranked



HAVE YOU
EVER PULLED
A PRANK ON
SOMEONE?



BUT THEY
NEVER NOTICE?



DYLAN MECONIS,

for the love of God,
it's been, like, a week,

PLEASE CHECK
YOUR FLICKR
FAVORITES.

Shrinkage



Phone Sex

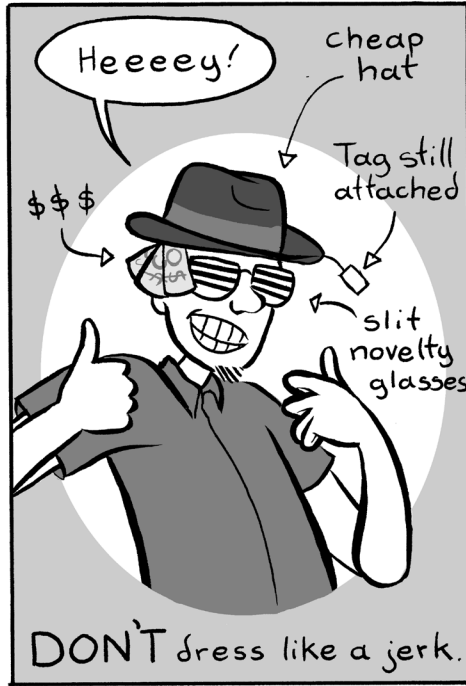
Jeremy is my new housemate



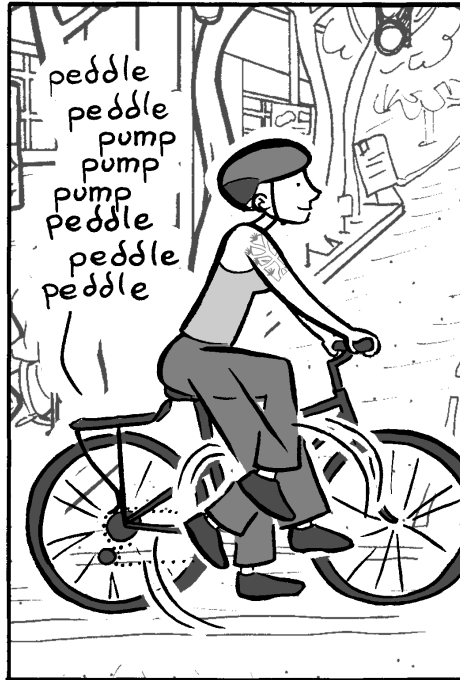
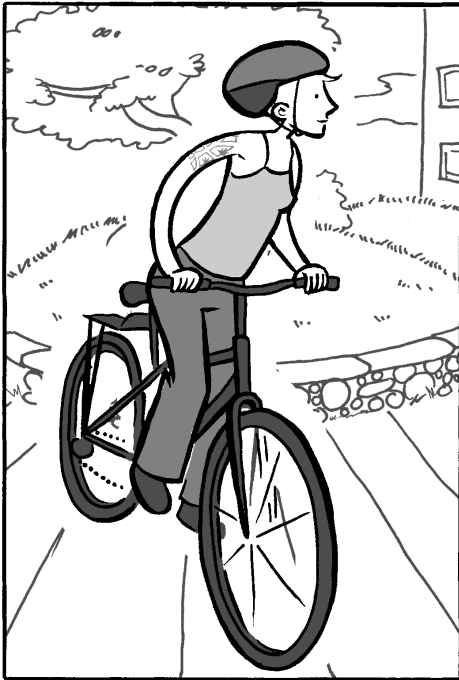
He used to be a phone sex operator

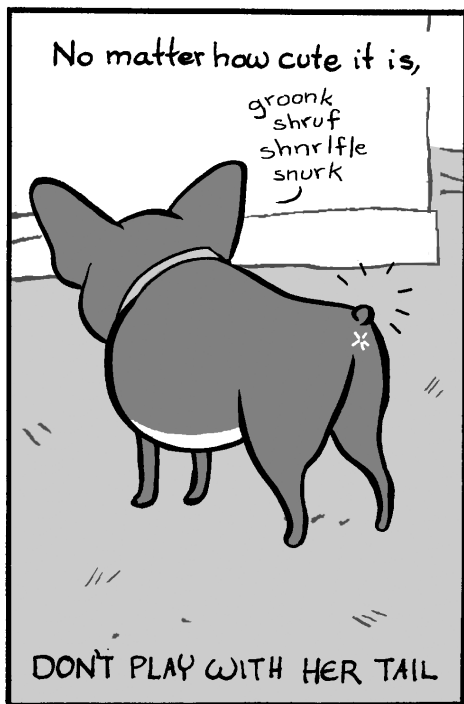
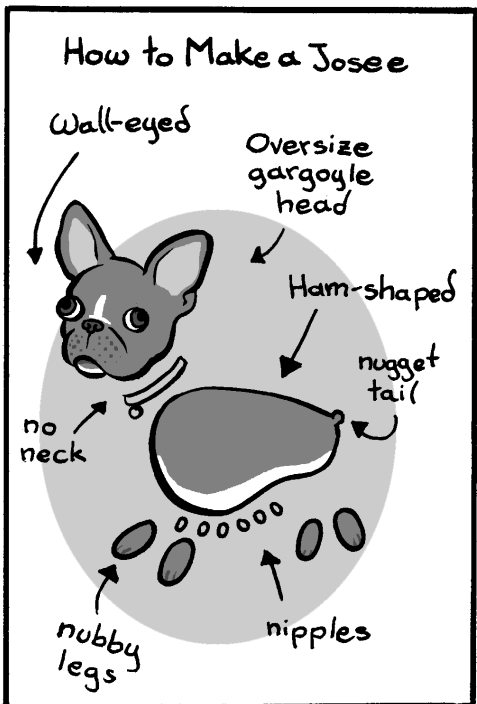


Strip Club Etiquette



Bike Slut





Perspective



Shaved



Boogie



Life Drawing Jerks



October 15, 2008



Special Wed



Dyke



The Erika Moen Show



What can I say?
I like attention.

Gecko



Making Home



The Cocktail Party



Russian Brewlette



Battling Compulsion

TIPS for CONTROLLING COMPULSIVE BEHAVIOR

I've been struggling with Compulsive Skin Picking since adolescence.

IDENTIFY TRIGGERS

Mirrors are where I lose self control.

AIR URGES

Baby? I wanna pick.

Too bad.

FIND an ALTERNATIVE PRESSURE RELEASE

5
6
7
8

'Girl' pushups, cos I'm weak

BE ACCOUNTABLE

I'ma pee.

I won't pick.

Good!

BLOCKADE TEMPTATION

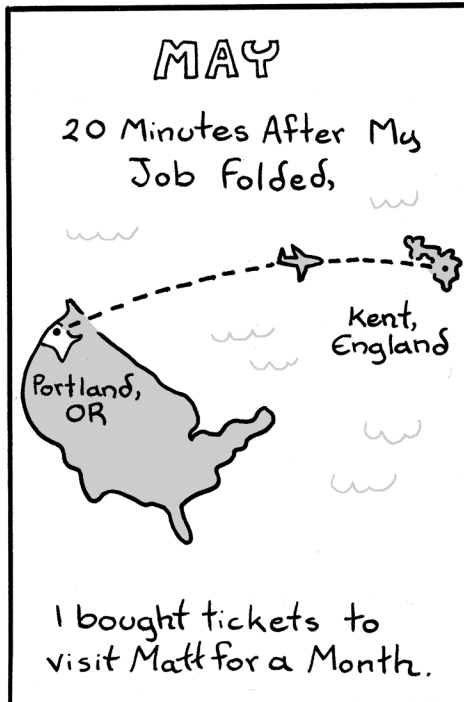
I'd never made it two weeks before.

DON'T PICK

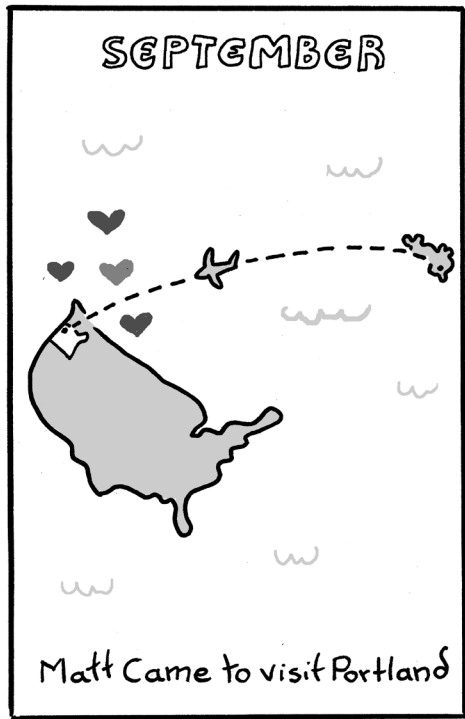
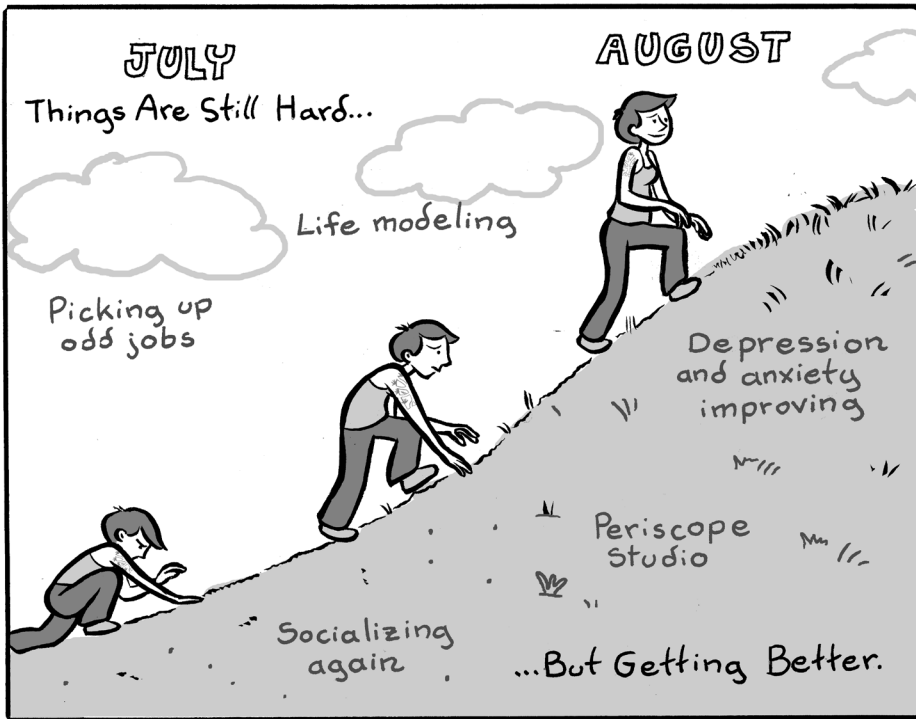
DON'T

The urge is just as strong as its ever been.

One Year



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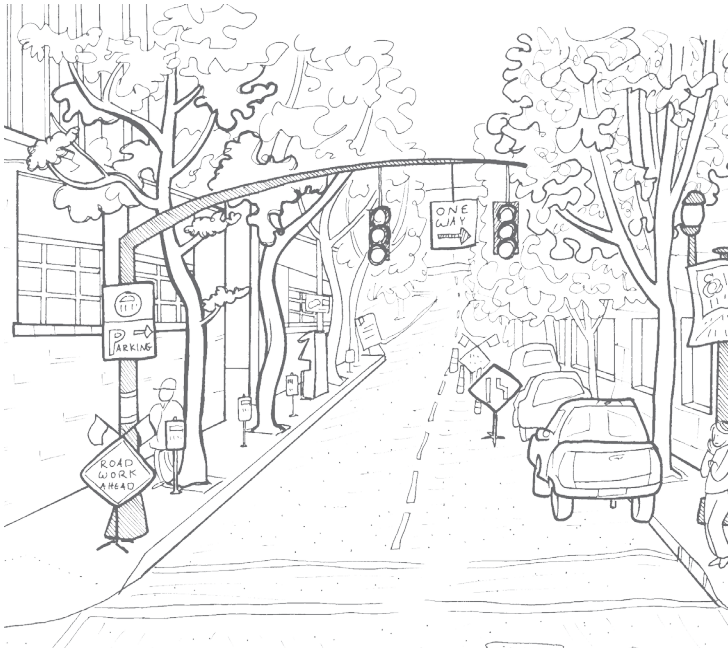
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Backgrounds

Because I hate drawing backgrounds, I typically do them once and then just drop them into the comic through the magic of Photoshop.

How many times can you spot each of these throughout the book?

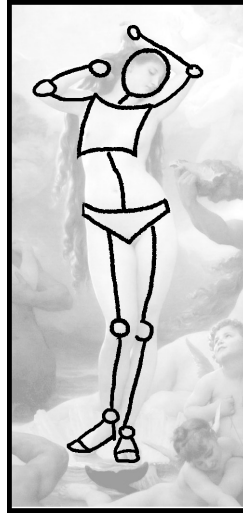


Artivity Title

Are you totally diggin' on my art?
Learn how to do it yourself!



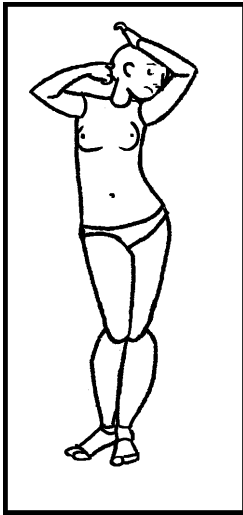
Okay, so observe a real(istic) person. We'll use Venus by Bouguereau for reference.



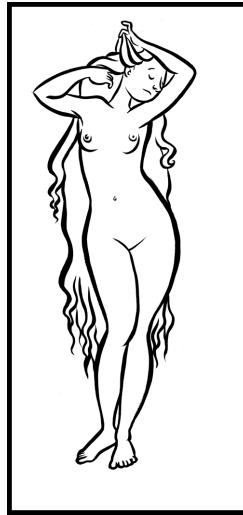
Break her down to her simplest structural skeleton.



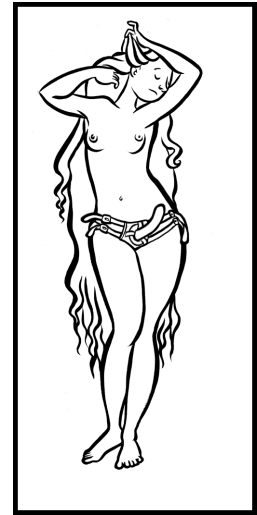
DAR is all about tubes n' round shapes, so draw those over the skeleton.



flesh out those tubes to give them a human touch. Deviate and exaggerate.



Inking adds depth and gives your lines an organic feel. (I use a brush)



Throw on a strap-on and you're drawin' like me! Now go have fun!

About the Cover

Believe it or not, every single person on the cover exists in REAL LIFE!



Thank you so much to my friends for letting me use their (or their dogs') pretty faces.

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Places to Go

Interested in visiting some of the places I've mentioned? I don't blame you, they're pretty bitchin'!

Stumptown Comics fest
stumptowncomics.com
Portland, Oregon
(Pages 41-42, 66)

BunnyLuv
Rabbit Resource Center
bunnyluv.org
(Page 9)



Dr. Sketchy's
Anti-Art School
drsketchy.com
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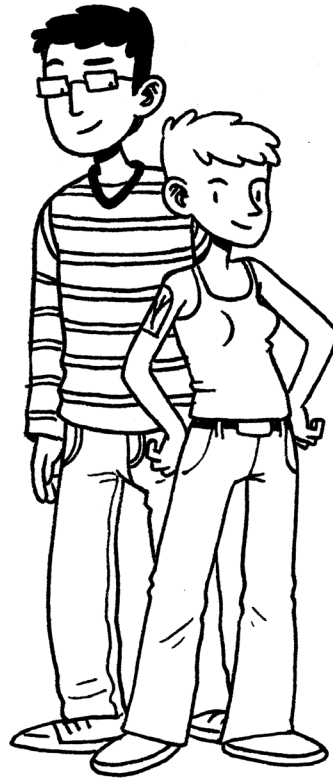
Devil's Point
devilspointbar.com
5305 SE Foster Road
Portland, OR 97206
(Pages 24, 43)

Acropolis Steakhouse
myspace.com/theacropolissteakhouse
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Portland, OR 97202
(Page 79)

Blend
Coffee House and Cafe
2327 E Burnside St
Portland, OR 97214
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Knole Park
Sevenoaks,
Kent TN15 0RP
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DAR is proof that 'EWWW' and 'AWWW' are basically the same thing.

--Douglas Wolk
Reading Comics

DAR is not only damn hot and gorgeously drawn, but has the ability to make you laugh hysterically with every new strip... or stripper.

--Lucy Knisley
French Milk

Ms. Moen is the rare, brave writer who exposes, through autobiography, what most writers would bury deep in a work of fiction. funny, awkward, sexy stuff.

--Hope Larson
Chiggers, Gray Horses

DAR is fun because it is sexy and sexy because it knows damn well that sex is fun.

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A Softer World

