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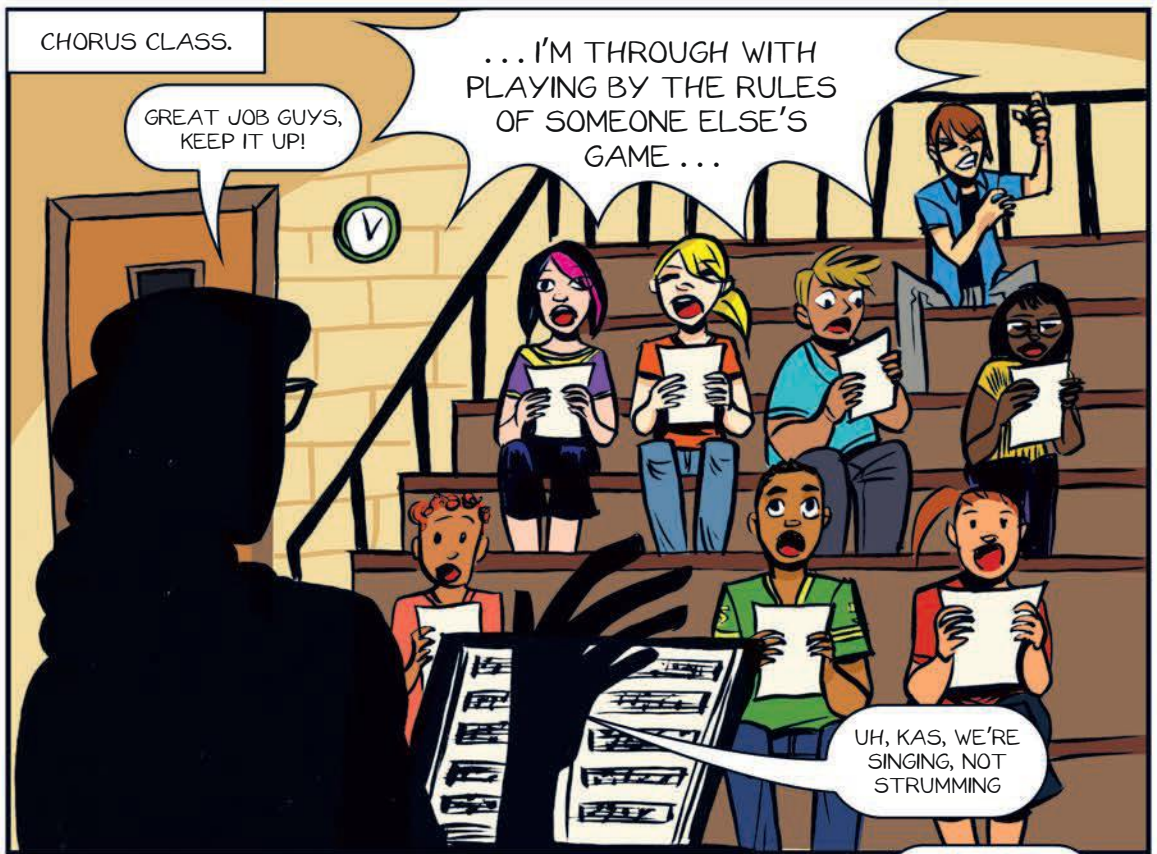
SPECTRA

SONIC SURPRISE



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CHORUS CLASS.

GREAT JOB GUYS, KEEP IT UP!

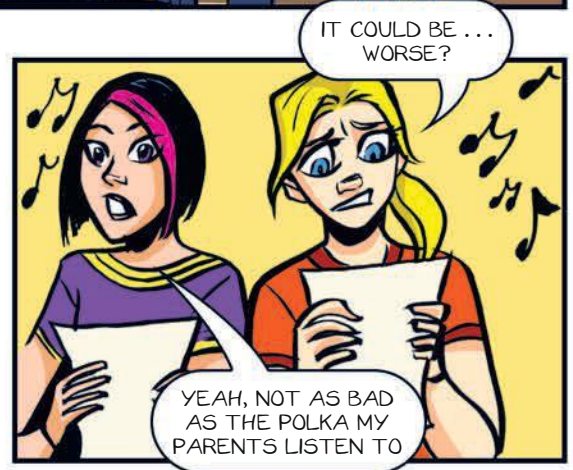
... I'M THROUGH WITH PLAYING BY THE RULES OF SOMEONE ELSE'S GAME ...

UH, KAS, WE'RE SINGING, NOT STRUMMING



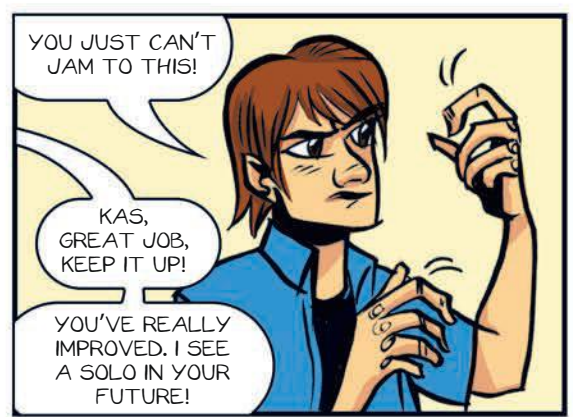
... TOO LATE FOR SECOND GUESSING ...

I APPRECIATE THE EFFORT, GORDY, BUT MAYBE YOU COULD SING A BIT MORE QUIETLY ... WE'D UM, LIKE EVERYONE TO BE HEARD.



IT COULD BE ... WORSE?

YEAH, NOT AS BAD AS THE POLKA MY PARENTS LISTEN TO



YOU JUST CAN'T JAM TO THIS!

KAS, GREAT JOB, KEEP IT UP!

YOU'VE REALLY IMPROVED. I SEE A SOLO IN YOUR FUTURE!

SEE YOU GUYS LATER, WE HAVE GYM CLASS

WE'RE HEADED TO ART, SO MUCH EASIER THAN MUSIC CLASS!

SPEAK FOR YOURSELF

I'M NOT GREAT WITH COLORS, UNLESS IT'S COLORS OF LIGHT!

WHAT DO YOU HAVE GOING ON THIS WEEKEND? WANT TO GO DRESS SHOPPING FOR THE DANCE? YOU'RE SO MUCH BETTER WITH FASHION!

SOUNDS GOOD! I FINISHED MAKING MY DRESS LAST WEEK BUT I NEED SHOES --

SHOOT! WE'RE GOING TO BE LATE, MISS KLIMT HATES THAT!

RACE YA!

I LOVE THIS!

UM... WHAT HAPPENED?

YOU OKAY?

YEAH... I'M FINE! WHAT MAKES YOU THINK SOMETHING'S WRONG? I JUST DIDN'T... WANT TO BEAT YOU

UM, OKAY

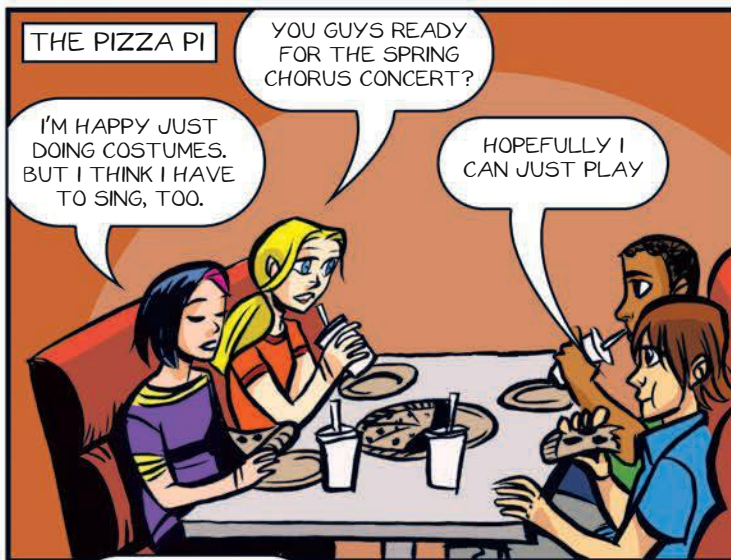
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SNIPPY ABOUT IT --

YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY?

I'M FINE, REALLY!

THAT WAS WEIRD

MAYBE I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH LUNCH?







OKAY, I'VE GOT THIS. YOU CAN'T JUST LOSE SUPERPOWERS OVERNIGHT.



I CAN CUT THIS METAL RULER. I KNOW I CAN.

CONCENTRATE. ARG! NO... I CAN'T.



ALRIGHT, I'LL TRY PLAYING A CD. LASERS CAN DO THAT!... DRAT!



OKAY FINE, I'LL GET AS LOW POWERED AS I CAN -- CAT TOY LASER, HERE I COME!



CRASH!

OW!



THIS IS NOT GOOD -- WHAT IS HAPPENING TO ME??

RUBY WAS RIGHT



I CAN'T BELIEVE I WAS SO MEAN TO HER, I REALLY NEED HER HELP!



HEY, I'M REALLY SORRY I WAS RUDE TODAY. I'M JUST SCARED AND DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.

NO BIG DEAL, CHANGES ARE SCARY! HAVE YOU TRIED TO CHANGE INTO A LASER SINCE THE PIZZA?

YES -- NO LUCK! NO CD'S, NO CUTTING METAL, HECK -- I CAN'T EVEN TURN INTO A CAT TOY! I DON'T KNOW WHERE THESE POWERS CAME FROM, I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY'VE GONE, AND NOW I DON'T KNOW HOW TO GET THEM BACK!

WELL ... IT'S NOT THE END OF THE WORLD IF YOU'RE JUST NORMAL AGAIN



YES, ACTUALLY IT IS!

WHAT WOULD'VE HAPPENED IF I HADN'T STOPPED MISS ALIGNMENT?



OKAY, GOOD POINT. LET ME THINK ABOUT IT ...

... I DON'T HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS. UGH, SORRY!

I HAVE TO FINISH MY PHOTOGRAPHY HOMEWORK. BUT WE'LL HAVE TONS OF TIME TO TALK DURING THE AQUARIUM TRIP TOMORROW!



THE AQUARIUM

DOLPHINS CAN PRODUCE BOTH SOUNDS AND HIGH FREQUENCY SOUNDS FOR ECHOLLOCATION.

THIS MEANS THEY CAN PRODUCE A SOUND, WHICH IS A VIBRATION --

-- THAT VIBRATES THE WATER, BOUNCES OFF SOMETHING, AND TELLS THE DOLPHIN WHERE IT IS.

BATS USE IT TOO!

OH COOL!



TO PRODUCE WHISTLES, THEY VIBRATE THEIR LARYNX.

AND TO PRODUCE ECHOLLOCATION SOUNDS, THEY VIBRATE AIR SACKS IN THEIR HEADS.

EVERY DOLPHIN HAS A DISTINCT WHISTLE, JUST LIKE HUMANS HAVE DISTINCT VOICES.

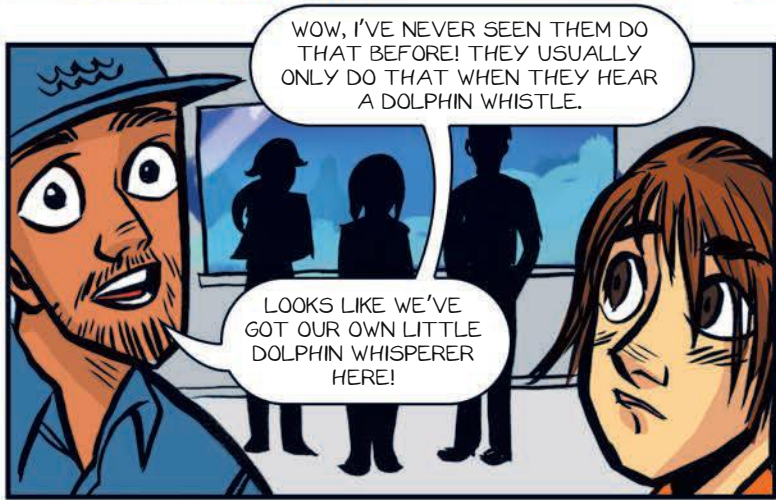


»WHISTLE«
HERE, DOLPHIN DOLPHIN!

HOW YA DOING?



UH, HI GUYS! DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'RE INTERESTED IN ME, BUT COOL! WHAT'S IT LIKE LIVING IN THERE?



WOW, I'VE NEVER SEEN THEM DO THAT BEFORE! THEY USUALLY ONLY DO THAT WHEN THEY HEAR A DOLPHIN WHISTLE.

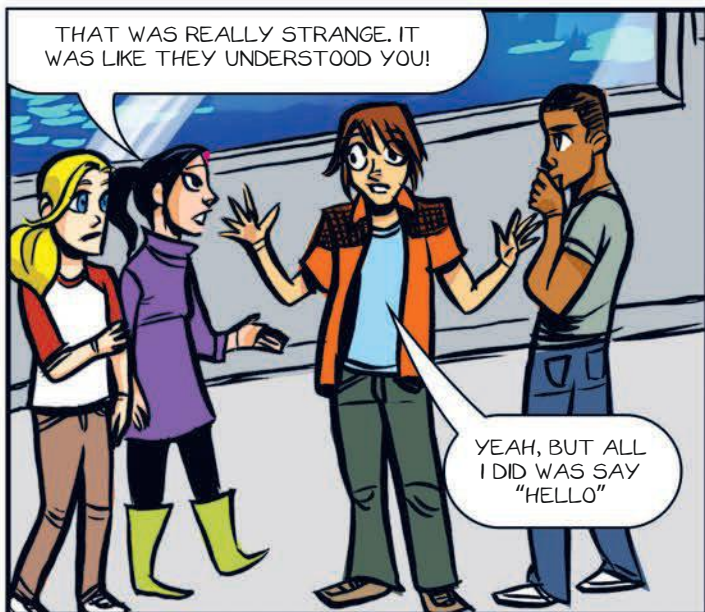
LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT OUR OWN LITTLE DOLPHIN WHISPERER HERE!

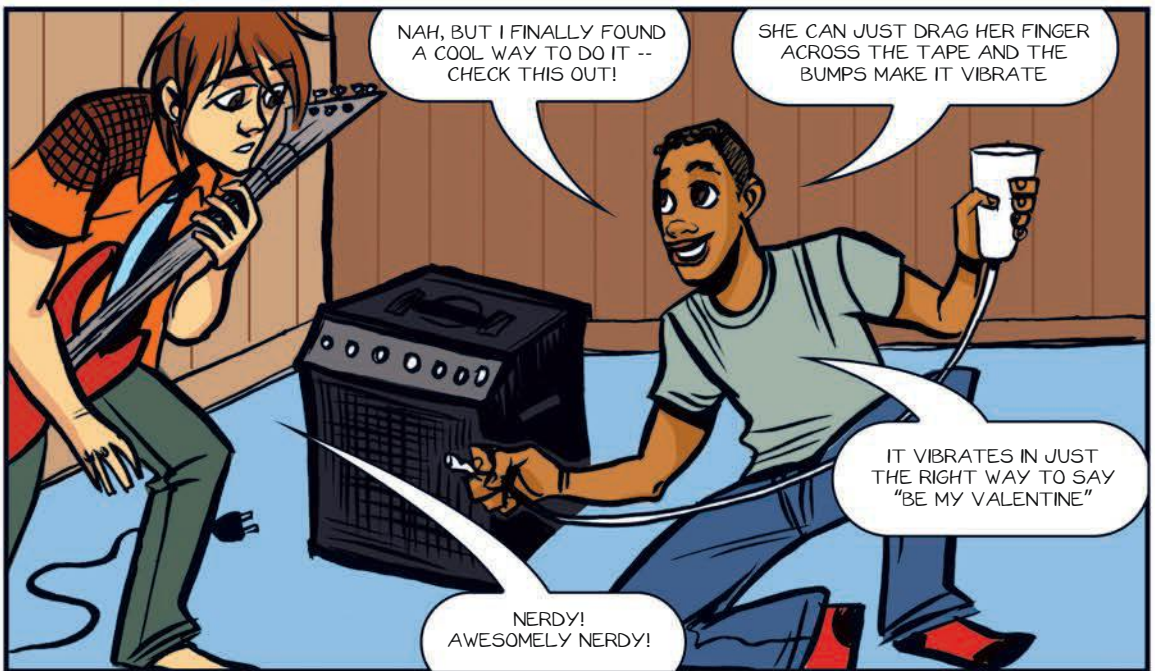


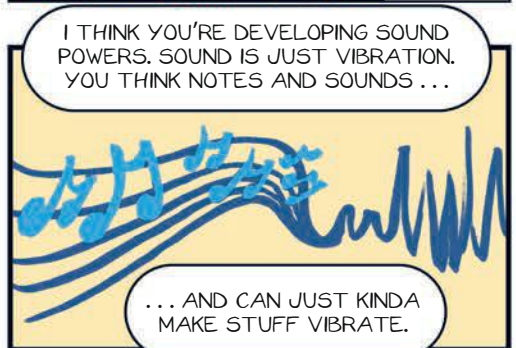
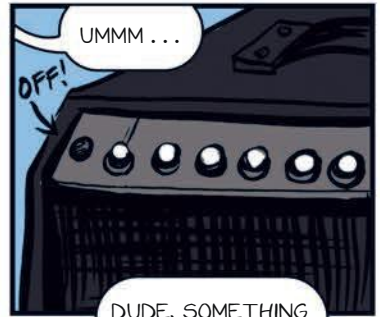
OR MAYBE HE JUST SMELLS LIKE FISH!

HA HA HA HA

OKAY, LET'S MOVE ALONG TO TURTLES --









OKAY, TRY THIS -- THINK OF A WORD AND TRY TO MAKE MY EARDRUMS VIBRATE SO I HEAR IT

DONUTS



EEK! YOU JUST THOUGHT "DONUTS"

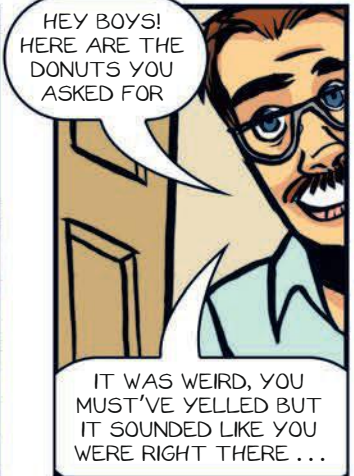
DONUTS WOULD BE SO AWESOME RIGHT NOW ...

AT A TIME LIKE THIS, ALL YOU CAN THINK ABOUT IS FOOD?? ... I MEAN, A SNACK WOULD BE NICE ...



ON IT! JUST LET ME TELL MY DAD ...

DONUTS



HEY BOYS! HERE ARE THE DONUTS YOU ASKED FOR

IT WAS WEIRD, YOU MUST'VE YELLED BUT IT SOUNDED LIKE YOU WERE RIGHT THERE ...

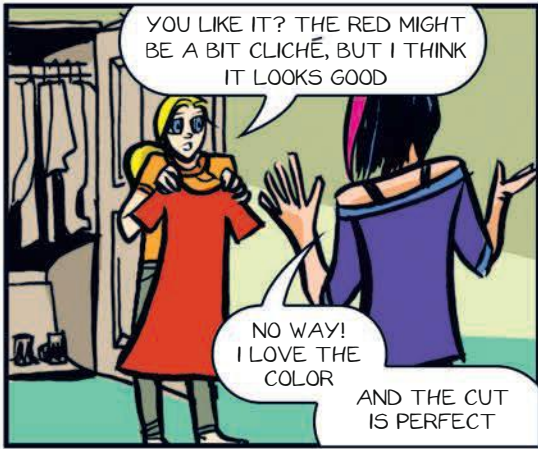


YOU KNOW WE NEED TO TELL THE GIRLS ABOUT THIS

NOT JUST YET ... LET ME HAVE SOME FUN WITH IT FIRST



I WANT TO MAKE THE GENERAL THINK THE PHYSICS CLASSROOM IS HAUNTED!



YOU LIKE IT? THE RED MIGHT BE A BIT CLICHÉ, BUT I THINK IT LOOKS GOOD

NO WAY! I LOVE THE COLOR

AND THE CUT IS PERFECT



NOW I JUST NEED TO GET KAS TO ASK ME. I MEAN, I ASSUME HE WANTS TO ASK ME ...



DON'T WORRY, HE'LL DO IT. HE'S NEVER QUITE BEEN ON TOP OF THINGS.

I MEAN, GORDY HASN'T EVEN ASKED ME YET --

-- AND HE'S THE MOST RESPONSIBLE PERSON I KNOW!



I'M SORRY AGAIN I WAS SO RUDE. I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON WITH ME -- I USED TO JUST DO LASER THINGS. NOW I CAN'T DO ANYTHING.

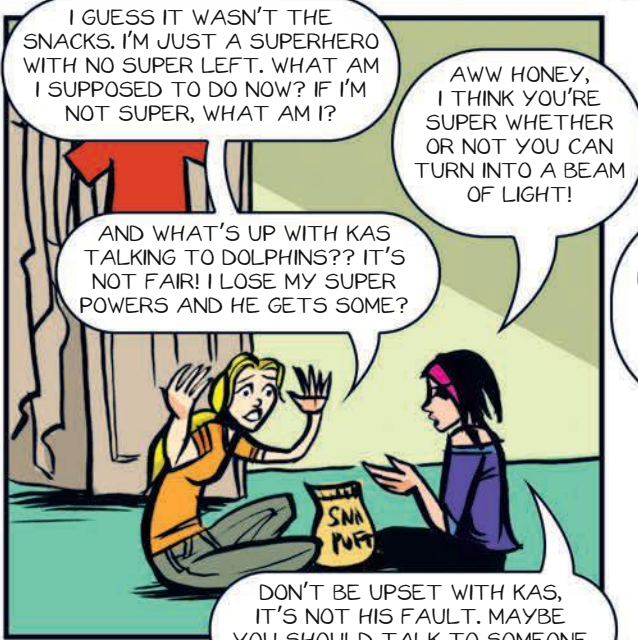
I'M SORRY TOO, BUT WE CAN FIGURE IT OUT!

ARE YOU STRESSED? SWIMMING TOO MUCH? EATING ENOUGH? HEY, EATING -- WE CAN AT LEAST FIX THAT!



OKAY, YOU CAN DO THIS -- TRY TO REFLECT OFF THAT MIRROR

OR ... MAYBE NOT. ARE YOU OKAY?



I GUESS IT WASN'T THE SNACKS. I'M JUST A SUPERHERO WITH NO SUPER LEFT. WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO NOW? IF I'M NOT SUPER, WHAT AM I?

AWW HONEY, I THINK YOU'RE SUPER WHETHER OR NOT YOU CAN TURN INTO A BEAM OF LIGHT!

AND WHAT'S UP WITH KAS TALKING TO DOLPHINS?? IT'S NOT FAIR! I LOSE MY SUPER POWERS AND HE GETS SOME?

DON'T BE UPSET WITH KAS, IT'S NOT HIS FAULT. MAYBE YOU SHOULD TALK TO SOMEONE BESIDES ME ABOUT THIS?



I GUESS ... I COULD TALK TO MY MOM? SHE ALWAYS SAID I COULD TALK TO HER ABOUT ANY CHANGES I'M GOING THROUGH ...

... THOUGH I DID FINALLY CONVINCED HER WE WERE KIDDING ABOUT THAT WHOLE MISSING VAN AND THE LASER POWERS THING ...



HEY MOM? CAN YOU COME HERE A SEC?

I, UH, KINDA WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SOMETHING

SURE HONEY - WHAT'S UP?

WELL, UM, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SAY THIS, BUT I'M GOING THROUGH SOME CHANGES. AND KAS IS, TOO. IT'S LIKE THERE ARE ... SOME, UM, THINGS I USED TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT I CAN'T ANYMORE. THINGS ARE JUST, YOU KNOW ... DIFFERENT.

OH BOY, I CAN DO THIS. I'M A GOOD MOM. I CAN TALK ABOUT THE HARD STUFF.

OH HONEY, THAT'S ALL PART OF GROWING UP. EVERYONE GOES THROUGH CHANGES AT YOUR AGE, IT'S TOTALLY NORMAL. AND KAS IS GOING THROUGH IT TOO, IN, UH, A DIFFERENT WAY.



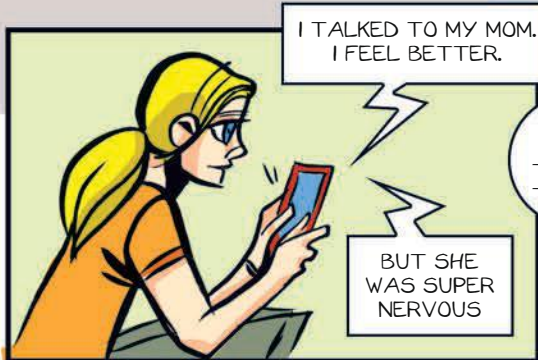
BUT ... WHAT IF I CAN'T EVER DO THE THINGS I USED TO? WILL I STILL BE ME?

OF COURSE, HONEY! YOU'LL ALWAYS BE YOU. AND YOUR FATHER AND I WILL LOVE YOU NO MATTER WHAT -- INCLUDING WHATEVER YOU THINK YOU CAN AND CAN'T DO.



MOST PEOPLE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE. BUT YOU'LL GET THROUGH IT.

... THANKS MOM. THAT HELPS ... THOUGH I STILL DON'T THINK I WANT TO CHANGE ...



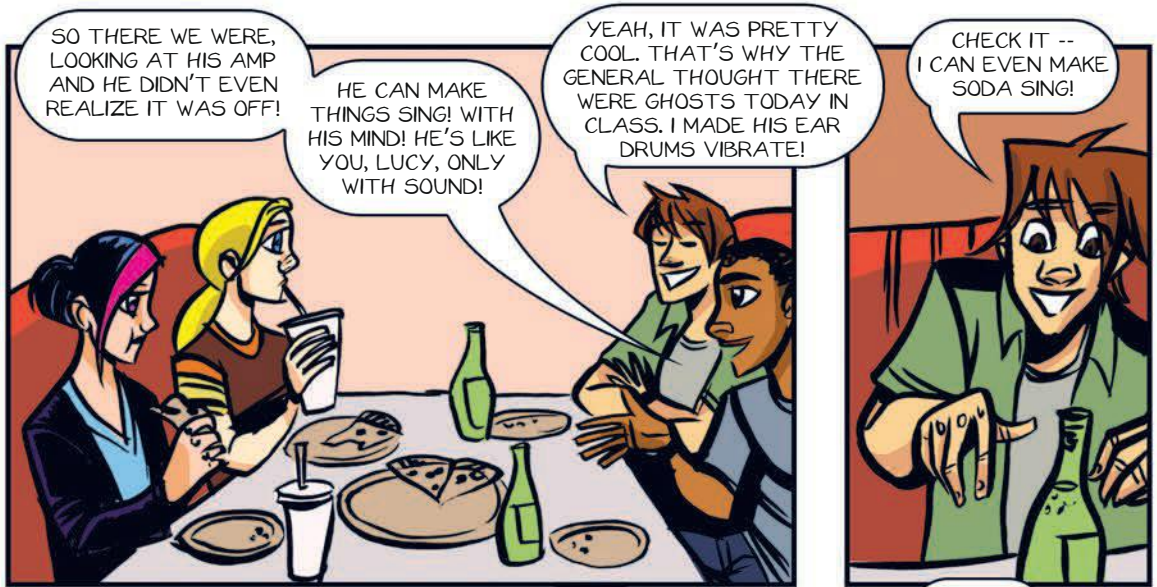
I TALKED TO MY MOM. I FEEL BETTER.

BUT SHE WAS SUPER NERVOUS

WHEW, GOT THROUGH THAT!

I GUESS I'M NOT SO TERRIBLE AT THIS MOM GIG



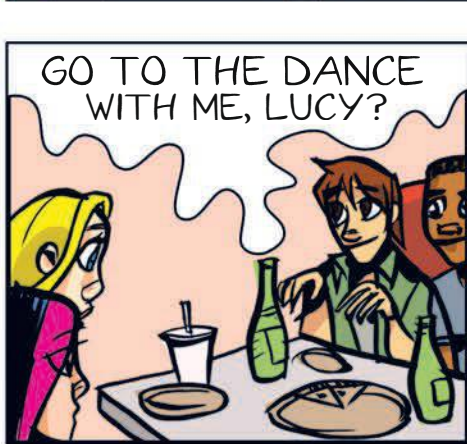


SO THERE WE WERE, LOOKING AT HIS AMP AND HE DIDN'T EVEN REALIZE IT WAS OFF!

HE CAN MAKE THINGS SING! WITH HIS MIND! HE'S LIKE YOU, LUCY, ONLY WITH SOUND!

YEAH, IT WAS PRETTY COOL. THAT'S WHY THE GENERAL THOUGHT THERE WERE GHOSTS TODAY IN CLASS. I MADE HIS EAR DRUMS VIBRATE!

CHECK IT -- I CAN EVEN MAKE SODA SING!



GO TO THE DANCE WITH ME, LUCY?



SURE! I'D LOVE TO



THAT'S AMAZING!

HOW GOOD ARE YOU AT CONTROLLING IT? CAN YOU MAKE TWO SOUNDS AT ONCE?



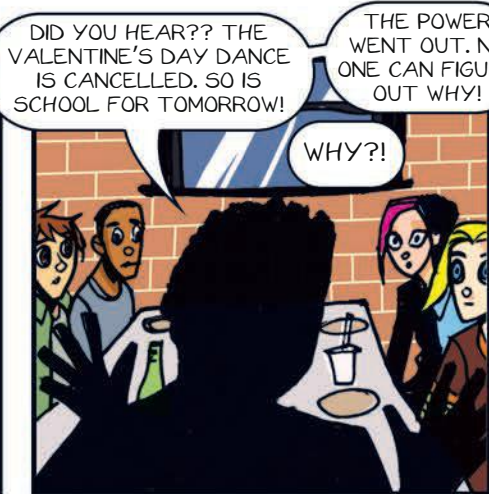
WOW, BUT WHY DOES IT SOUND LIKE THE NOTES KEEP GETTING LOUDER AND SOFTER?

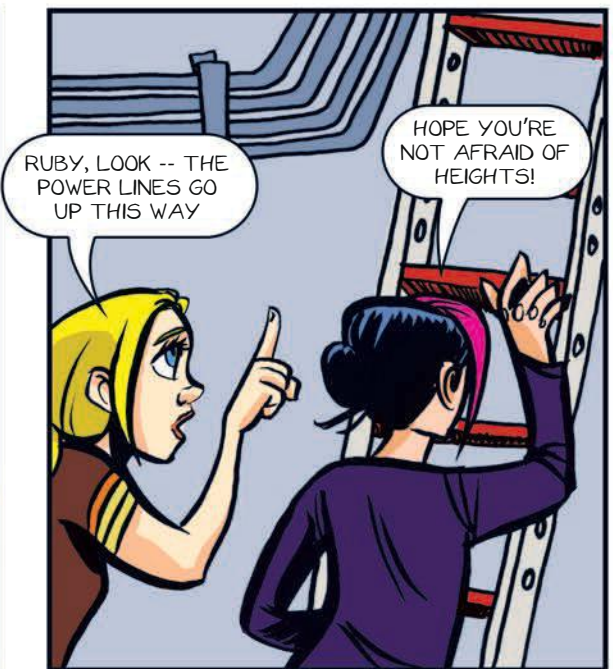
NO IDEA. I'M NOT CHANGING HOW HARD I'M BLOWING.

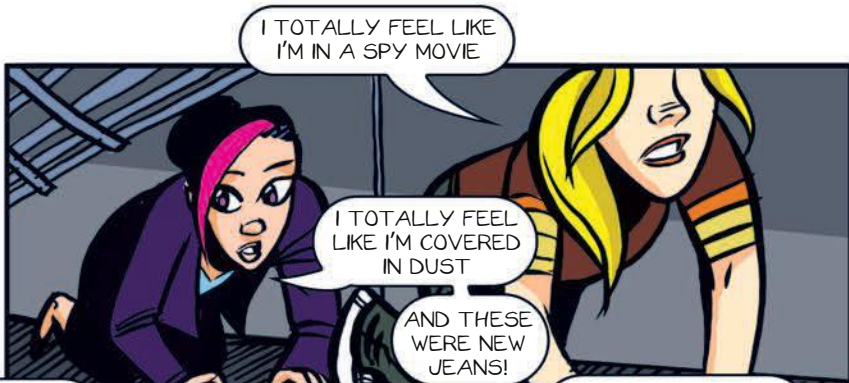
OH! WE LEARNED ABOUT THIS. IT'S CALLED A "BEAT FREQUENCY"



THE SOUND WAVES ADD TOGETHER AND SOMETIMES THEY ADD TO MAKE IT LOUDER, SOMETIMES SOFTER.







I TOTALLY FEEL LIKE I'M IN A SPY MOVIE

I TOTALLY FEEL LIKE I'M COVERED IN DUST

AND THESE WERE NEW JEANS!



AAH! WHAT THE --



AWW, THEY'RE CUTE!

CUTE AND RUINING OUR DANCE! HOW ARE THEY NOT FRIED?

LOOKS LIKE THEY TRIPPED THE RIGHT BREAKER



HEY KAS TALKED TO DOLPHINS, RIGHT? MAYBE HE COULD --

HEY KAS!

WE NEED YOU - WE HAVE A POSSUM PROBLEM

AN AWESOME GOBLIN?



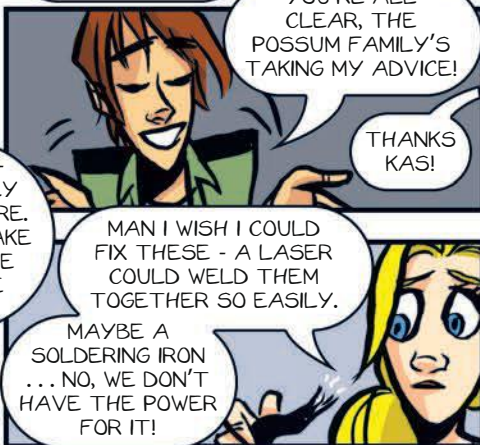
A POSSUM PROBLEM!



OH!

HEY GUYS -- GREAT FAMILY YOU GOT THERE. COULD YOU TAKE THEM TO LIVE SOMEWHERE ELSE?

THERE'S AN AWESOME CAVE JUST OUTSIDE OF TOWN!



YOU'RE ALL CLEAR, THE POSSUM FAMILY'S TAKING MY ADVICE!

THANKS KAS!

MAN I WISH I COULD FIX THESE - A LASER COULD WELD THEM TOGETHER SO EASILY.

MAYBE A SOLDERING IRON ... NO, WE DON'T HAVE THE POWER FOR IT!



WAIT! RUBY!! I THINK I SAW A FLASH! LOOK!

THE WIRES ARE BACK TOGETHER! MY POWERS ARE COMING BACK!!



WHAT HAPPENED? WHAT DO YOU THINK CHANGED?

NOT SURE - MAYBE I JUST NEEDED TO RELAX AND NOT TRY SO HARD.



WOO HOO! WE'RE COMING BACK DOWN GUYS, WE FIXED IT!

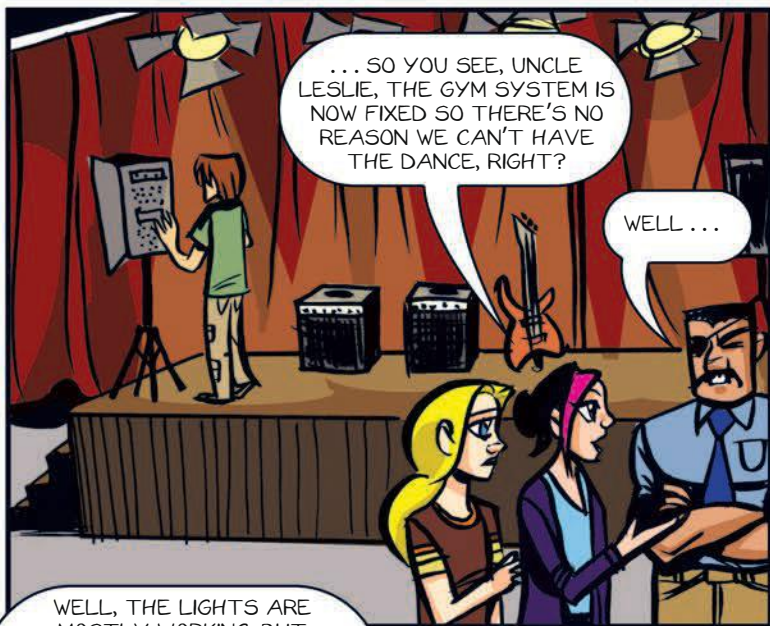
WE GOT THINGS WORKING DOWN HERE. KAS IS AMAZING!

BET YOU AREN'T SO BAD YOURSELF!



WE GOT THIS!

I'LL GO GET THE GENERAL - HOPEFULLY HE'LL LET US STILL HAVE THE DANCE BACK!



... SO YOU SEE, UNCLE LESLIE, THE GYM SYSTEM IS NOW FIXED SO THERE'S NO REASON WE CAN'T HAVE THE DANCE, RIGHT?

WELL ...



DRAT, THE LIGHTS ARE STILL FLICKERING

I PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE SPENT MORE TIME ON THE WIRES ...

WELL, THE LIGHTS ARE MOSTLY WORKING. BUT ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING PLANS, THE SOUND SYSTEM IS ON A DIFFERENT CIRCUIT - AND POSSIBLY NOT UP TO CODE.



ON IT!



AND I'M PRETTY CERTAIN THAT MUSIC IS REQUIRED FOR A DANCE.



THAT SOUNDS SATISFACTORY! YOUR PLAYING IS ALSO UP TO REGULATION.

UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE ALREADY CANCELLED THE BAND. I COULD GET MY ARMY BAND TOGETHER, I'M QUITE GOOD AT THE TUBA!



AND EVERYONE LOVES DANCING TO A GOOD, OLD FASHIONED MARCH!

UM, UNCLE LESLIE?

HM? ... OH! YES, OF COURSE --

KAS'S PLAYING IS ALSO ACCEPTABLE AND POSSIBLY A MORE MODERN ALTERNATIVE.

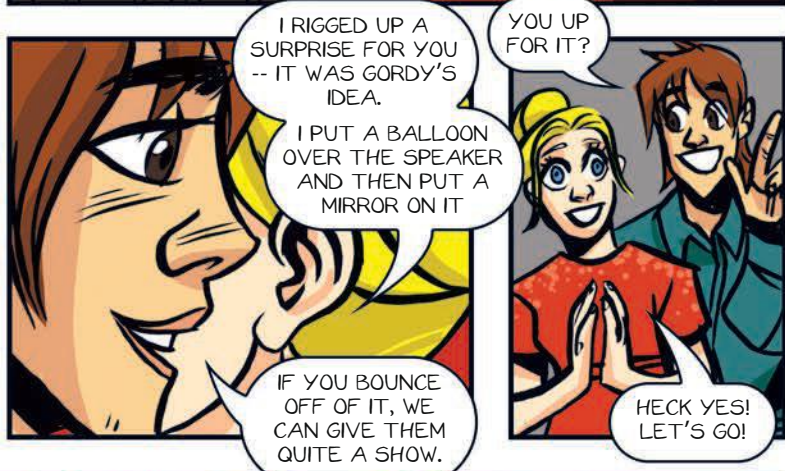
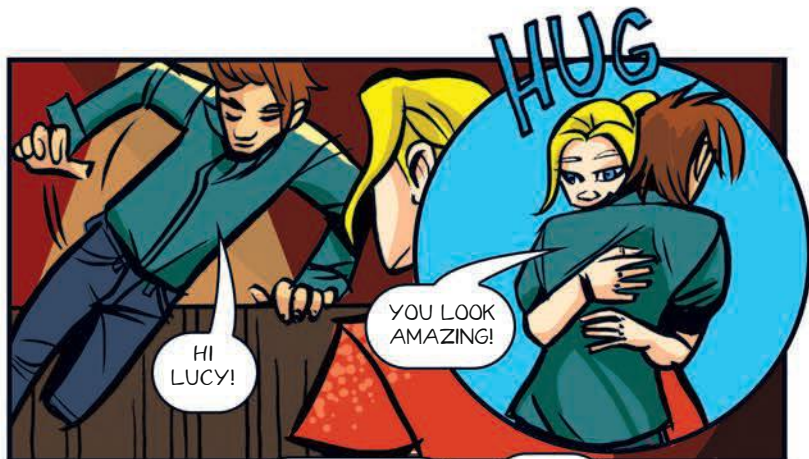
SO THEREFORE, THE LIGHTS ARE WORKING, THE SOUND SYSTEM IS FUNCTIONAL ...



AND WE WILL HAVE ULTRAVIOLET CATASTROPHE HEADLINING! THE DANCE IS BACK ON!

THE DANCE!







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