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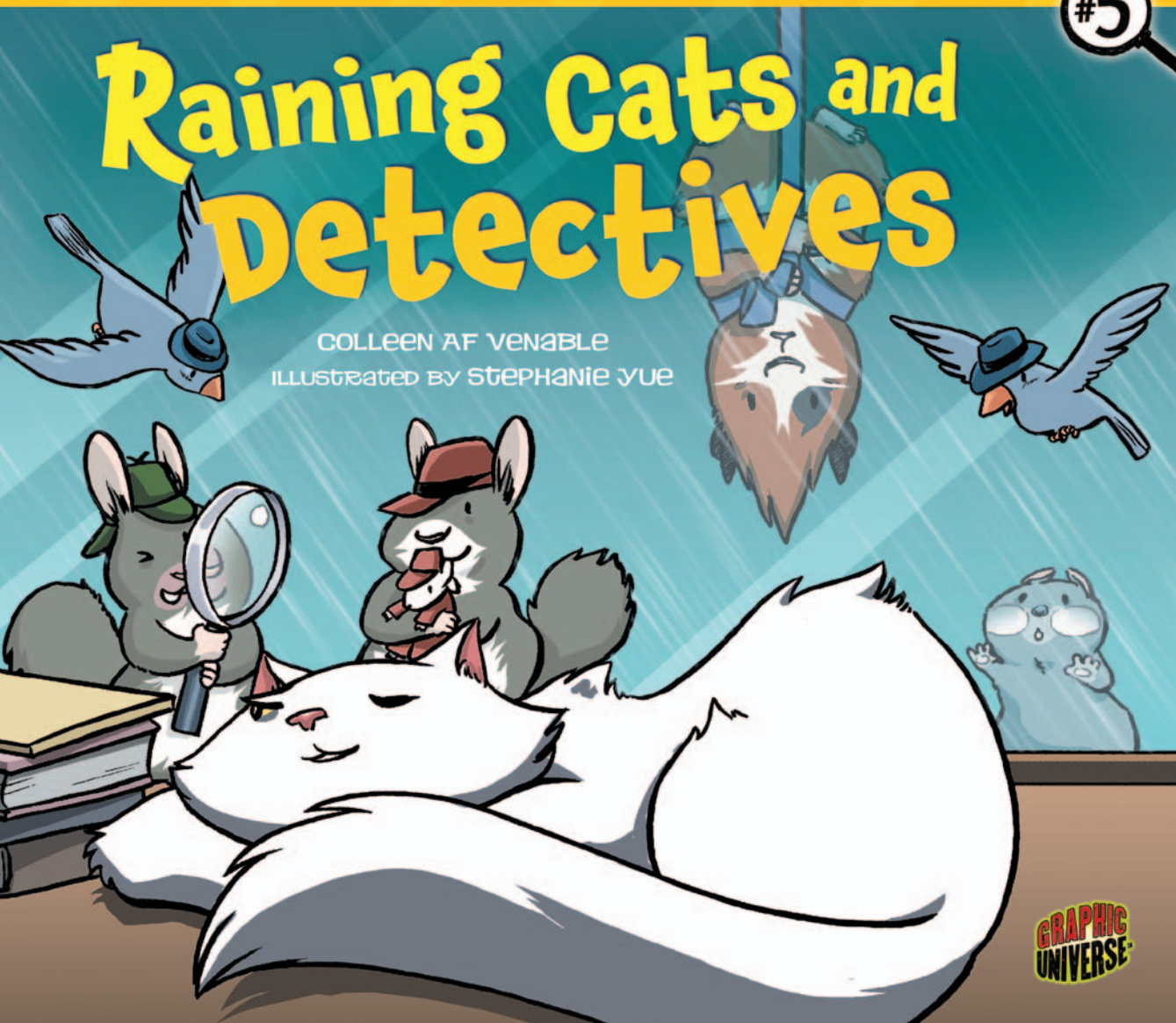


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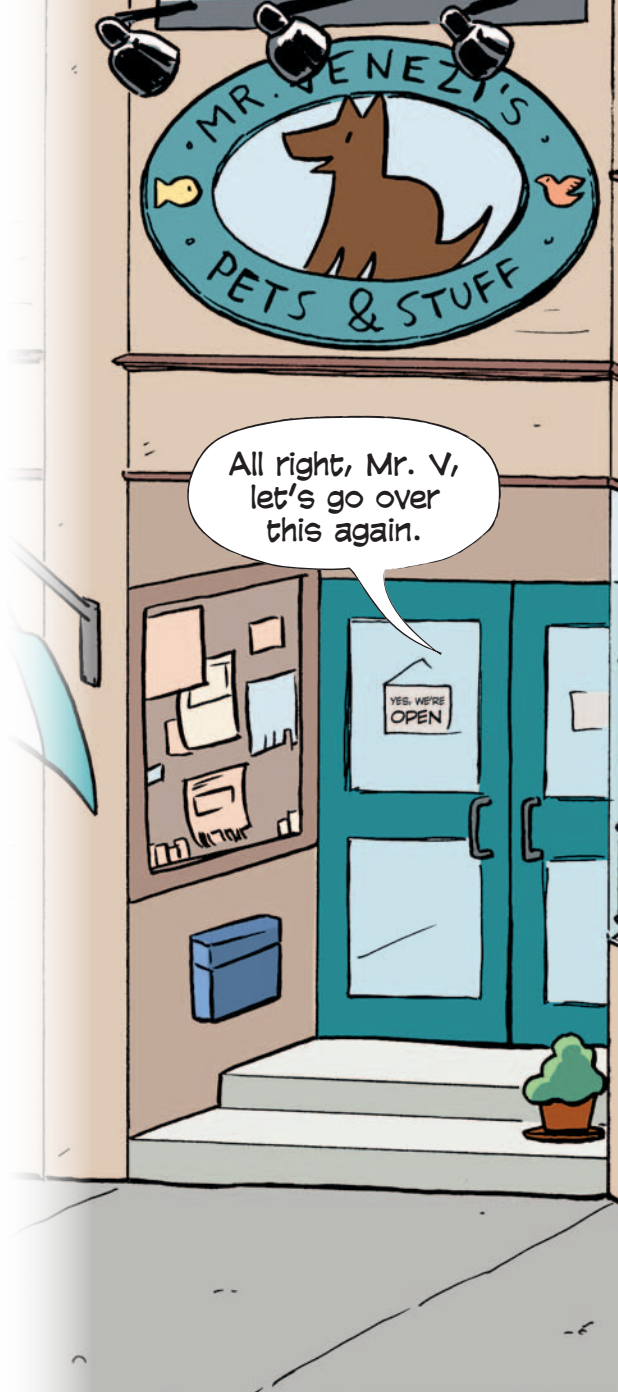
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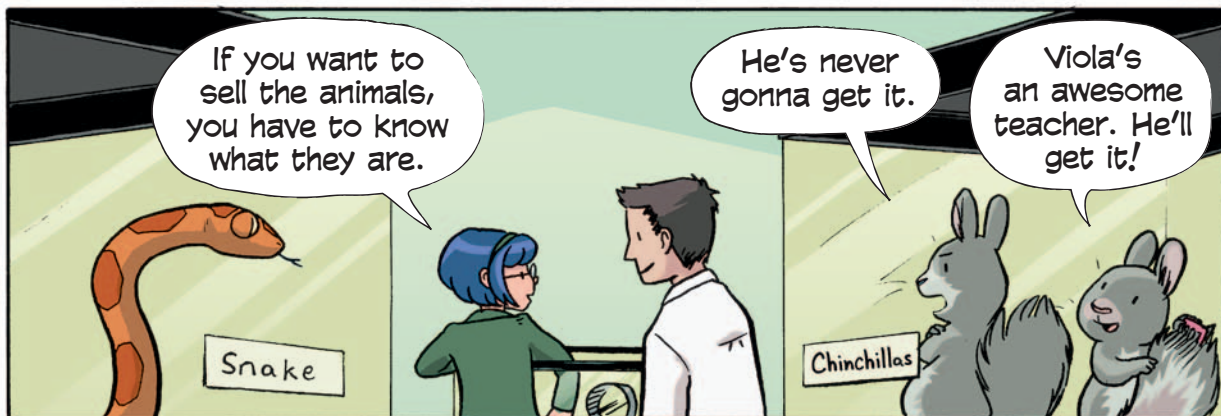
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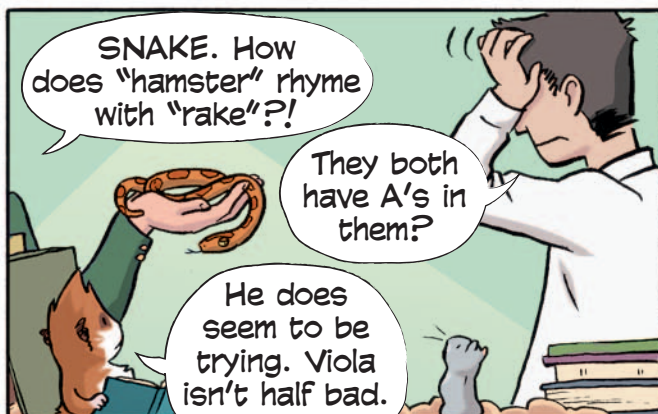
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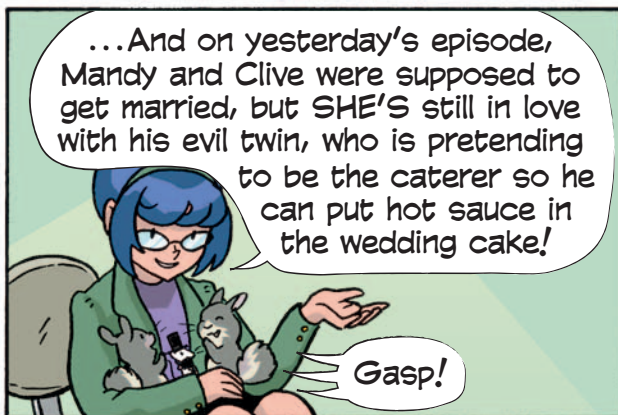
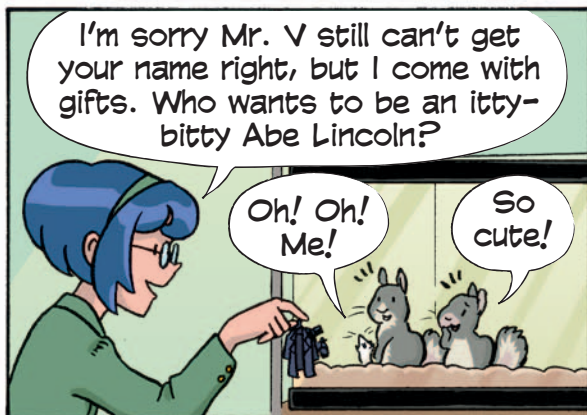
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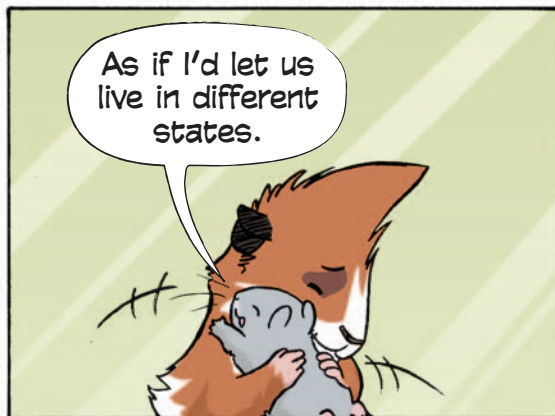
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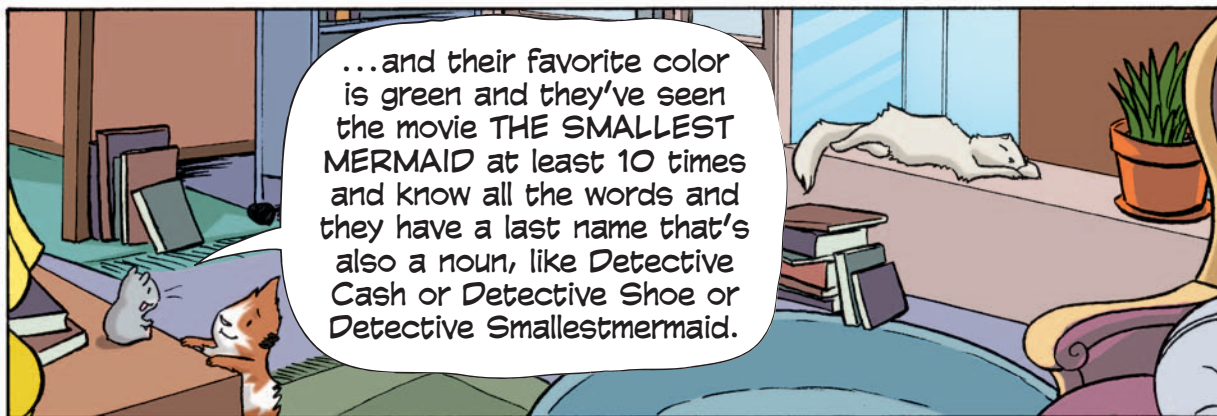
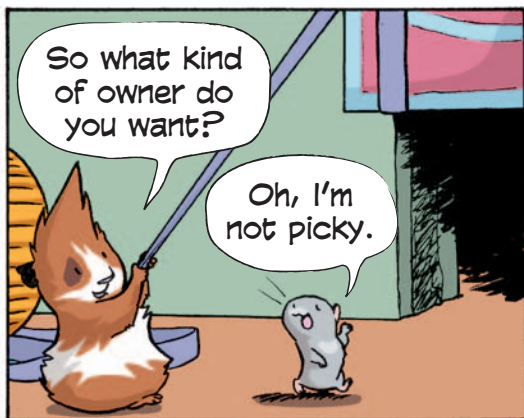
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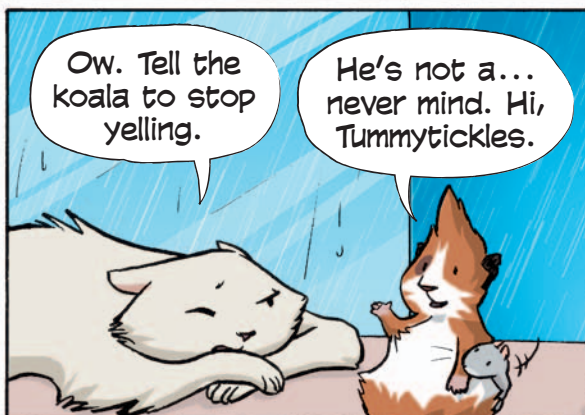
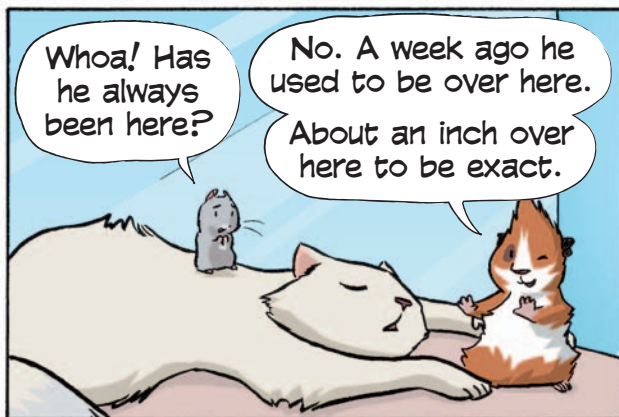
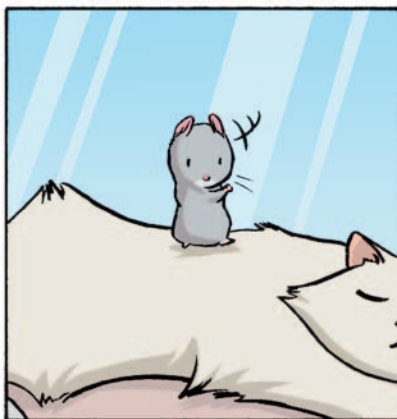


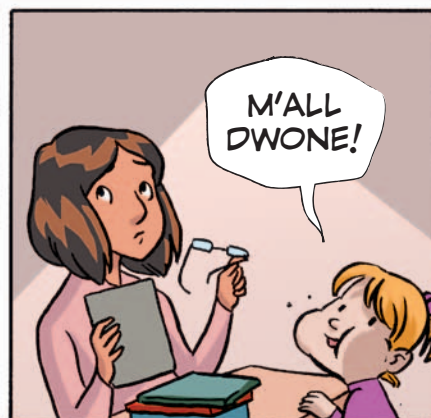
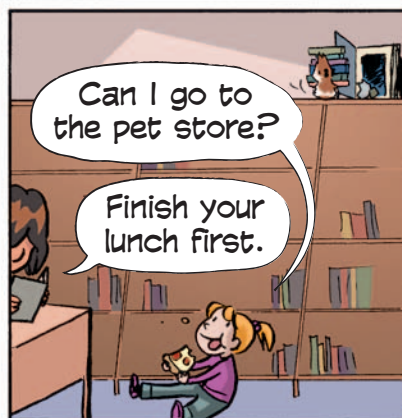


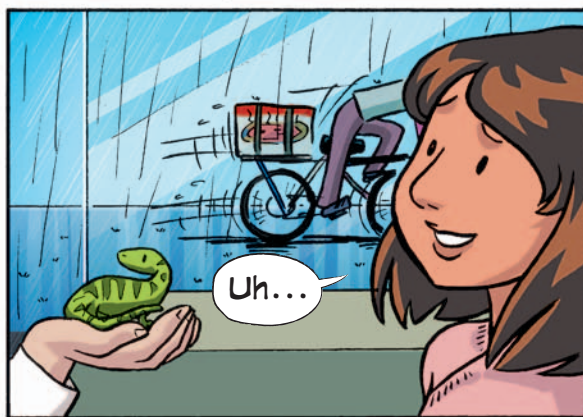
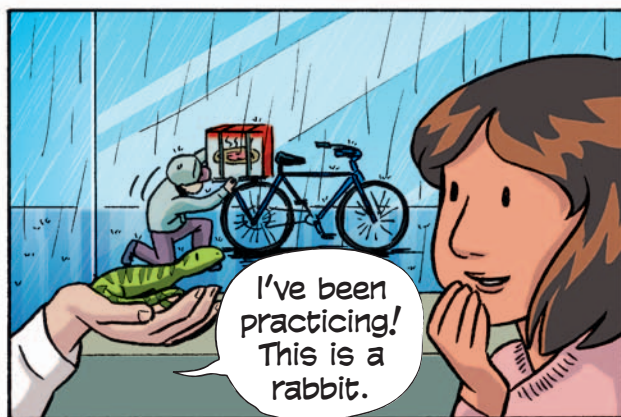
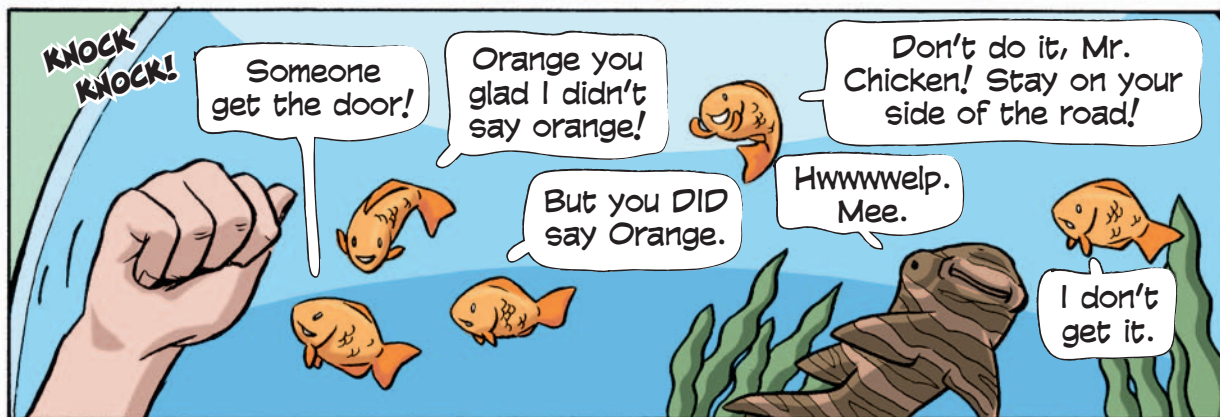
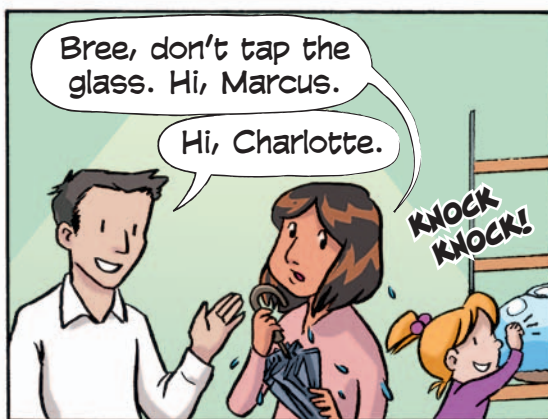


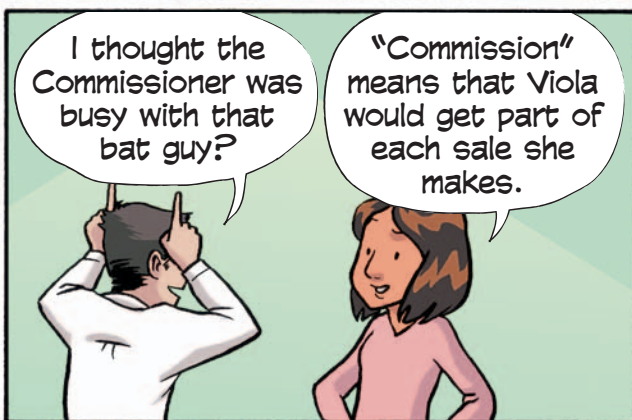


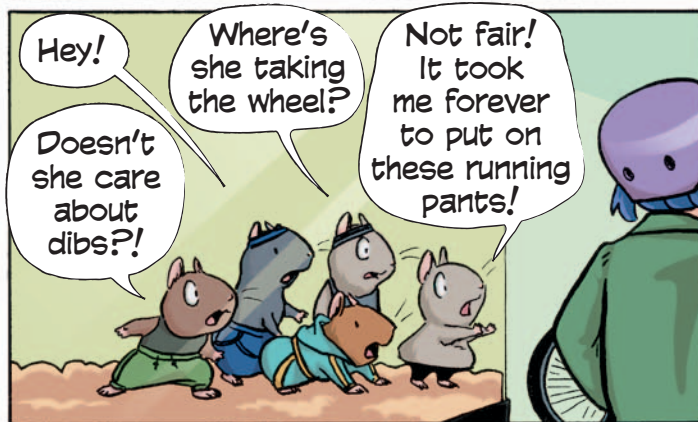
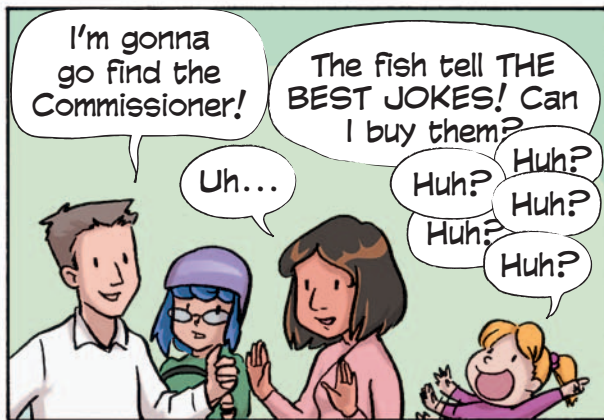
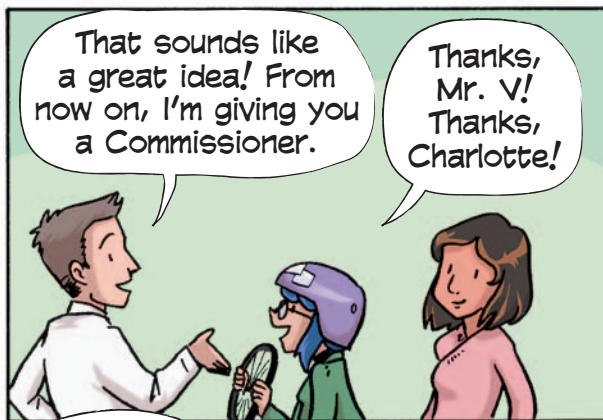


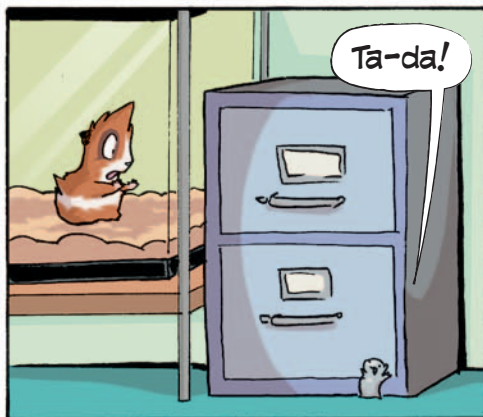
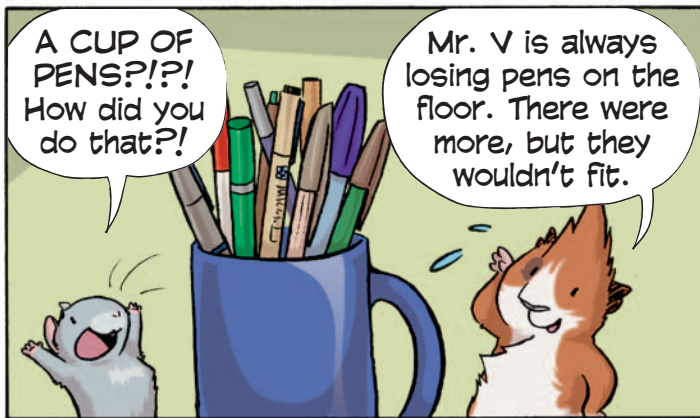


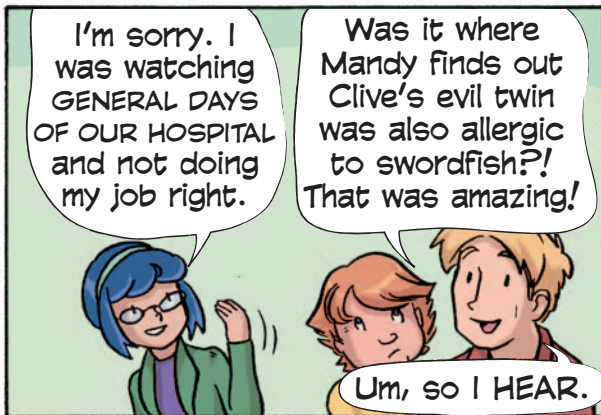
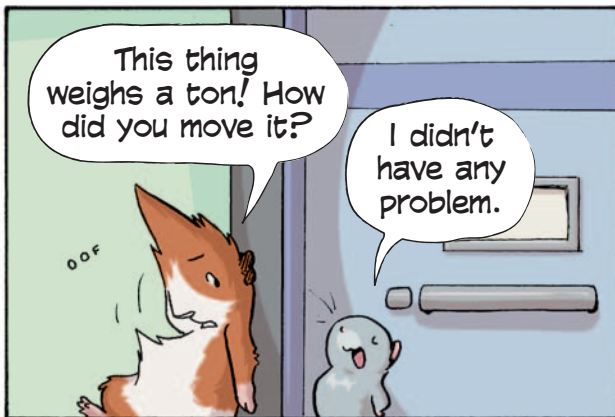


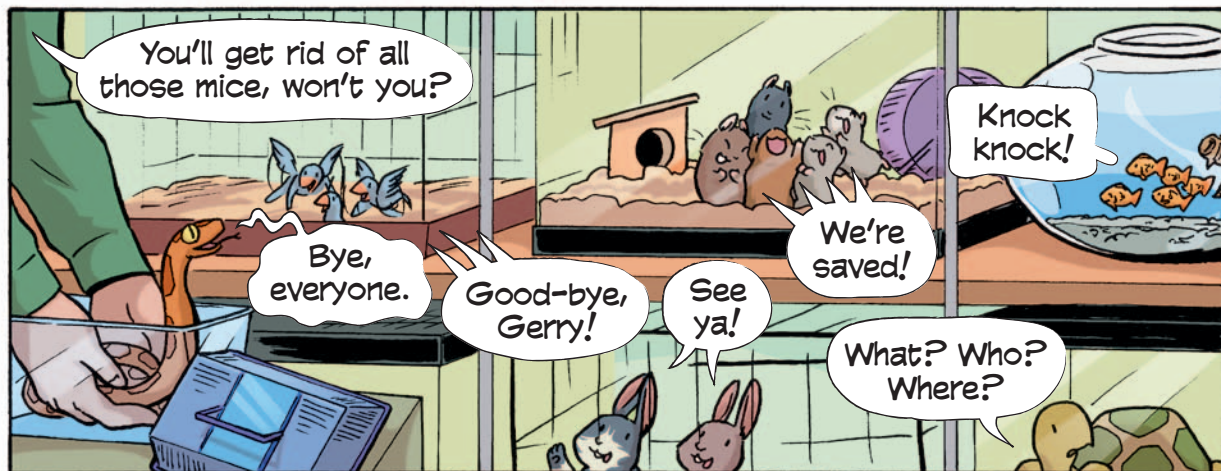
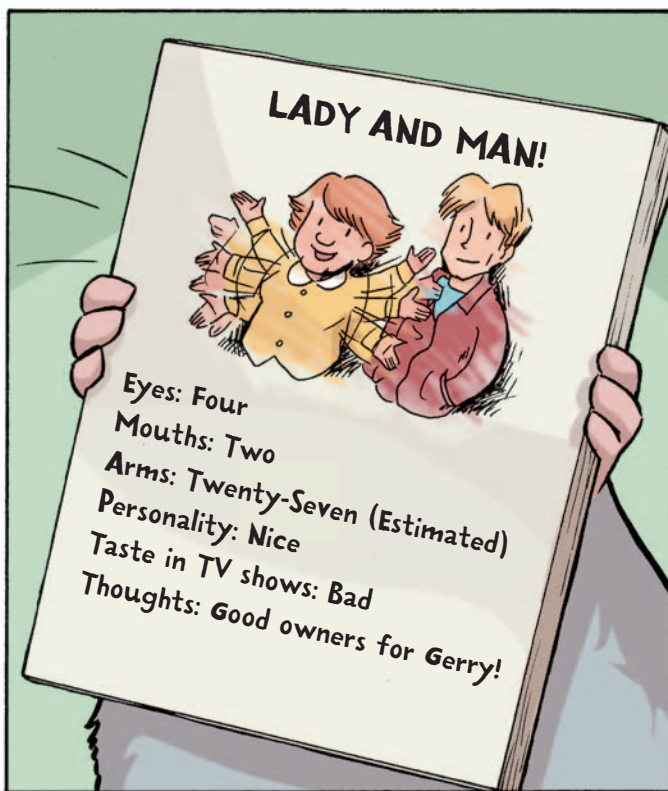
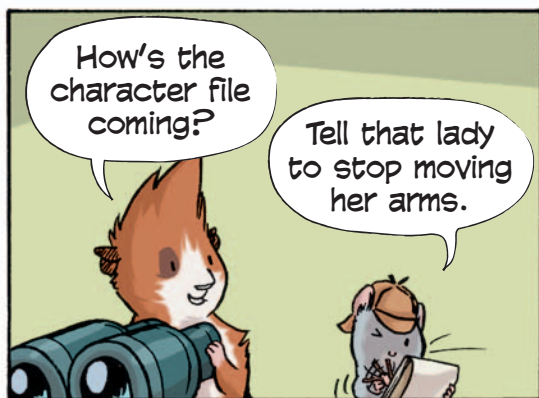


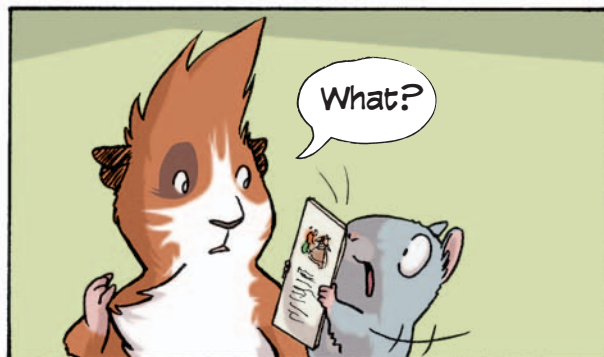
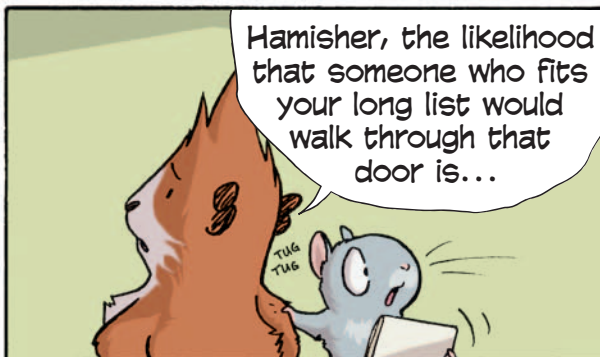


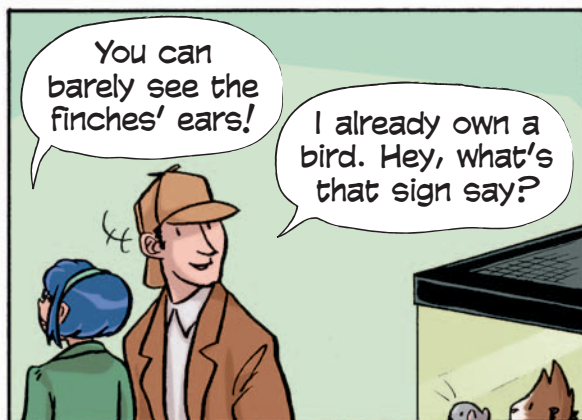






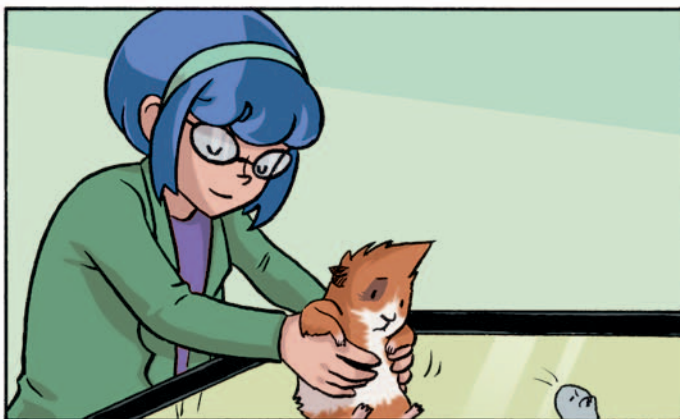
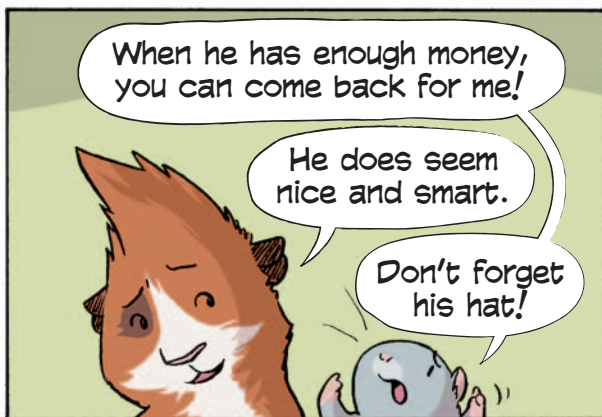


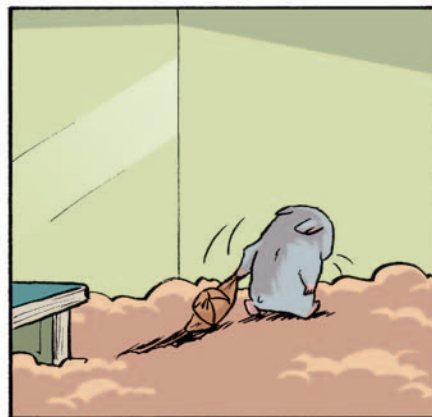
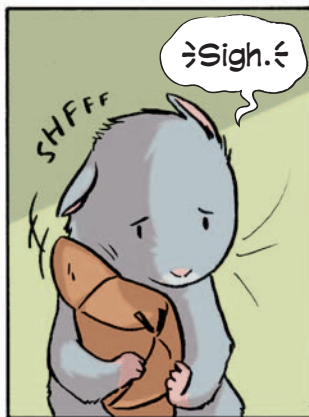
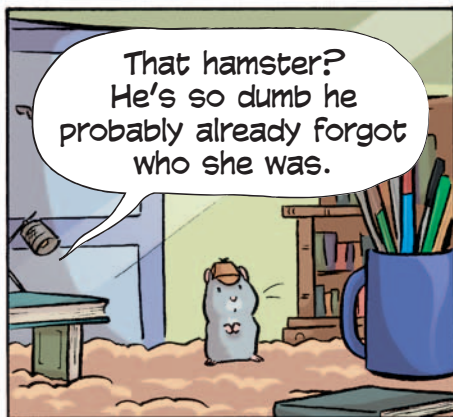
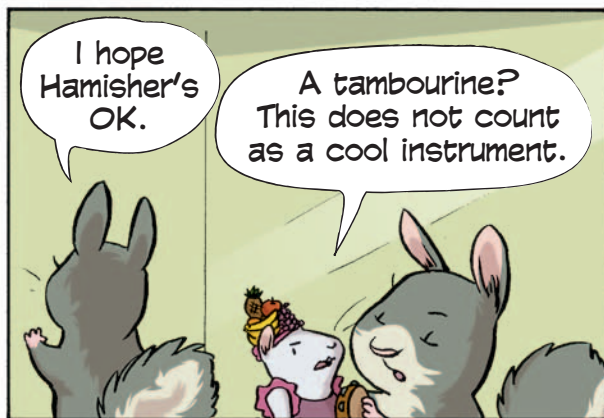
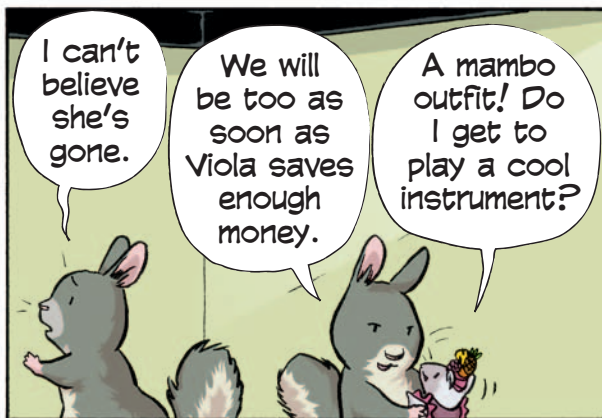




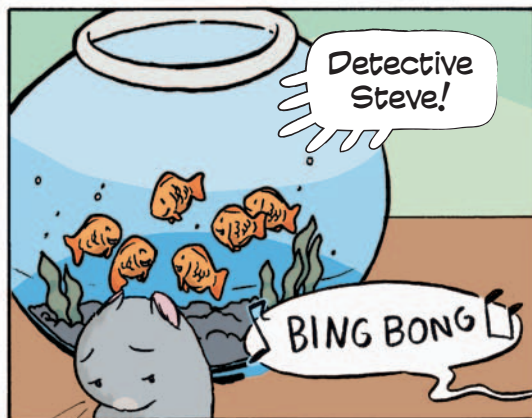
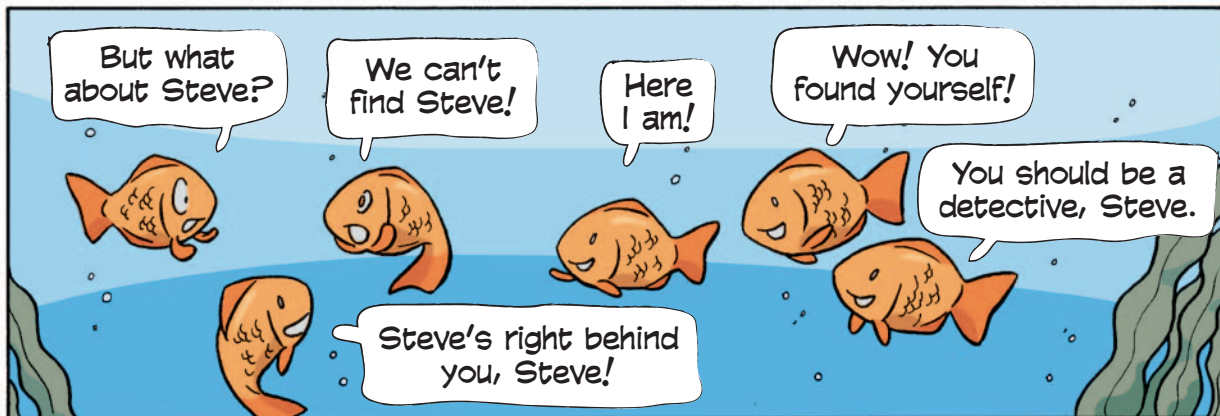


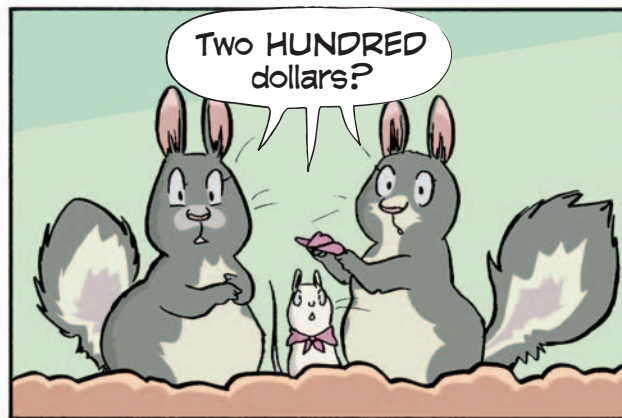
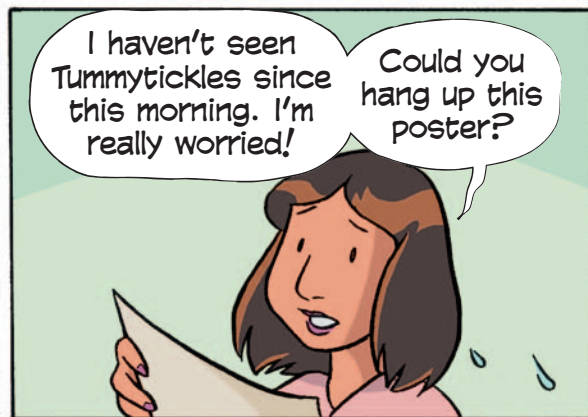
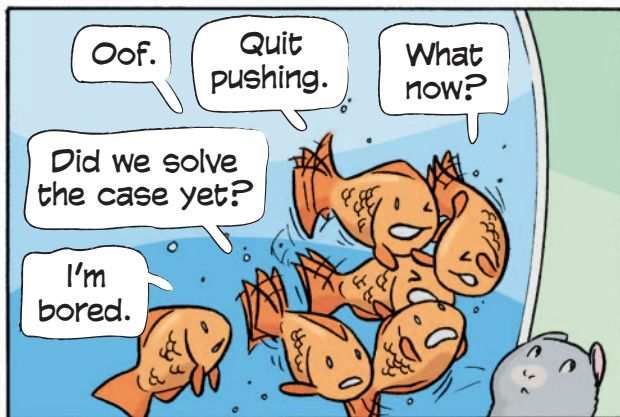
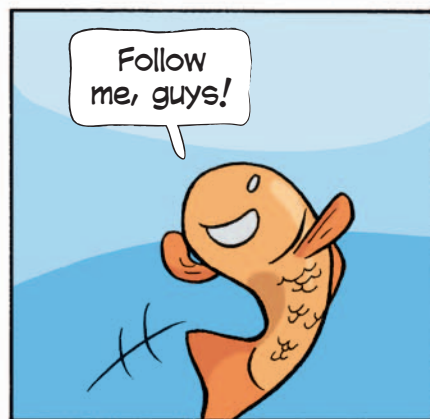
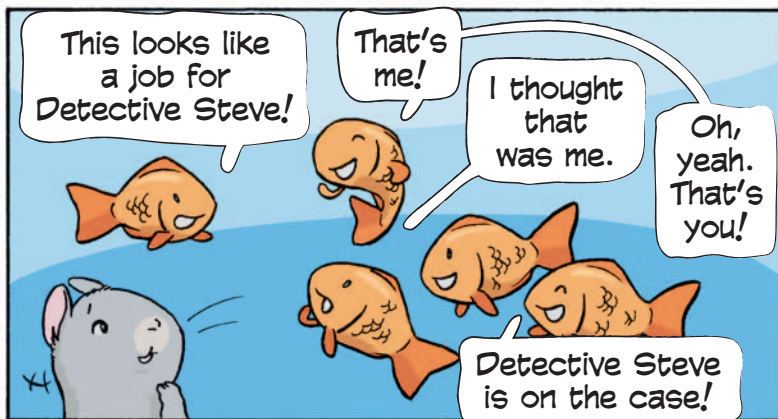


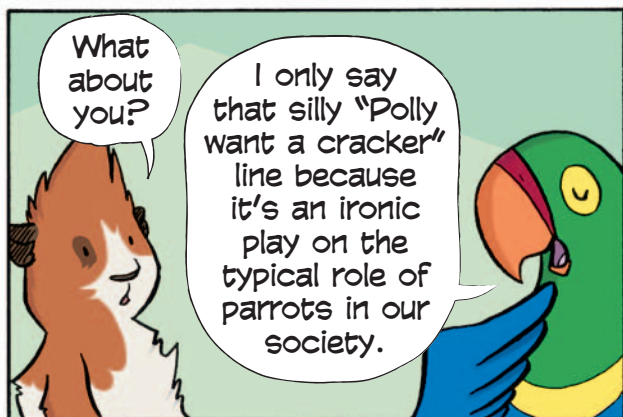
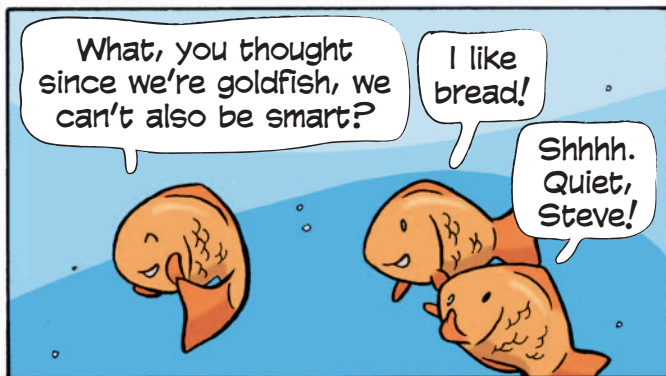
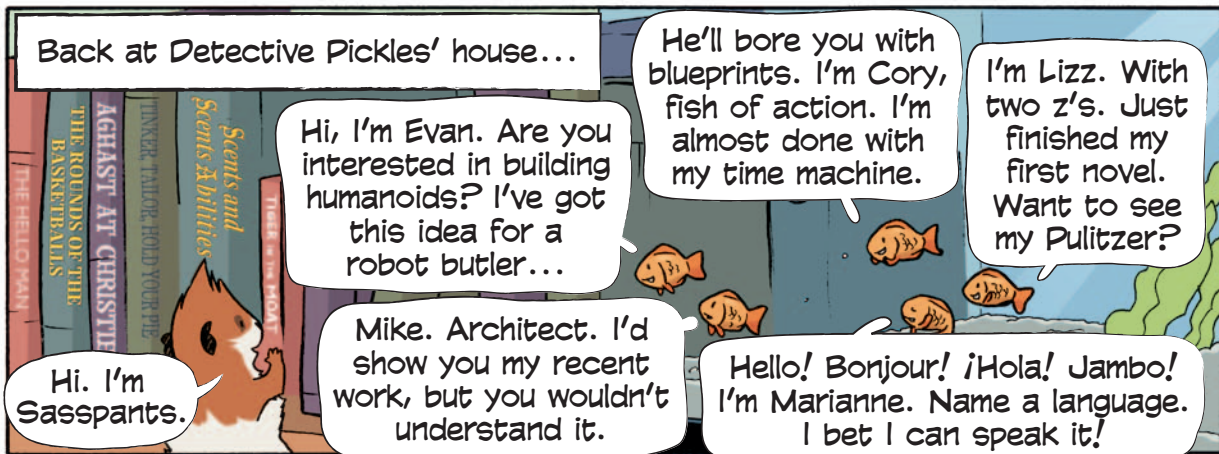


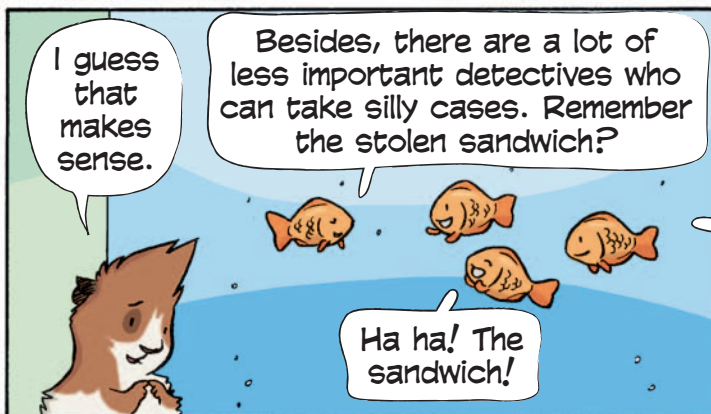
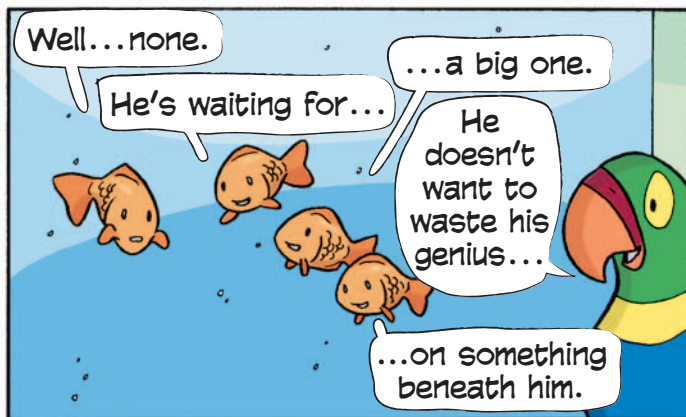




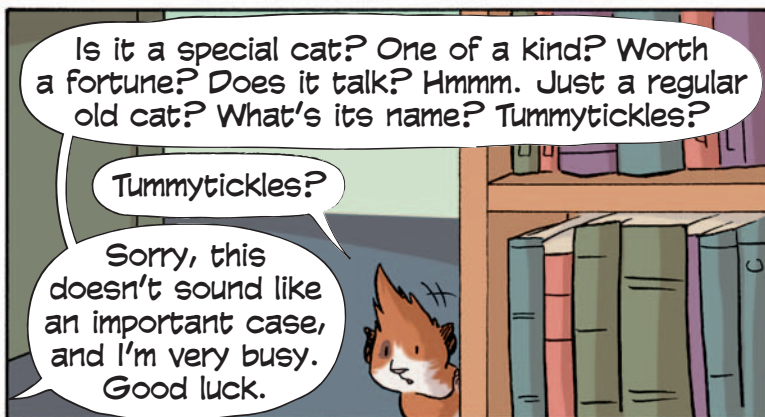
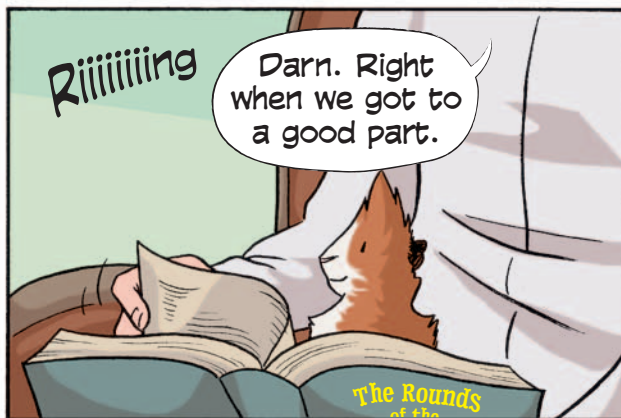


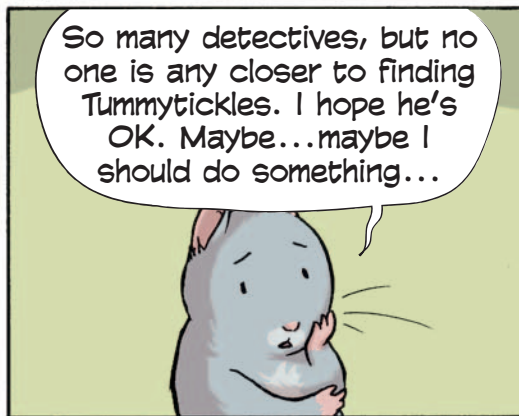


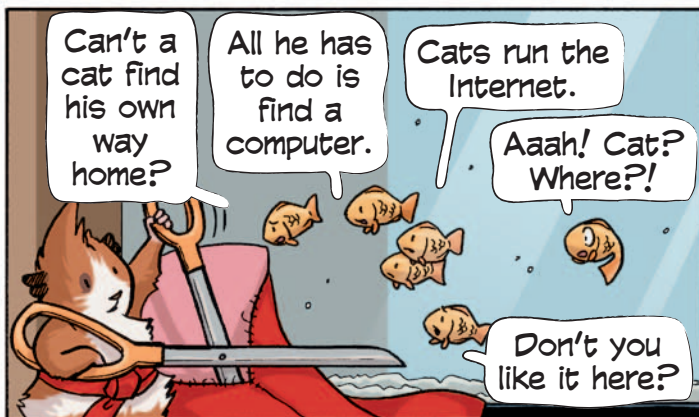


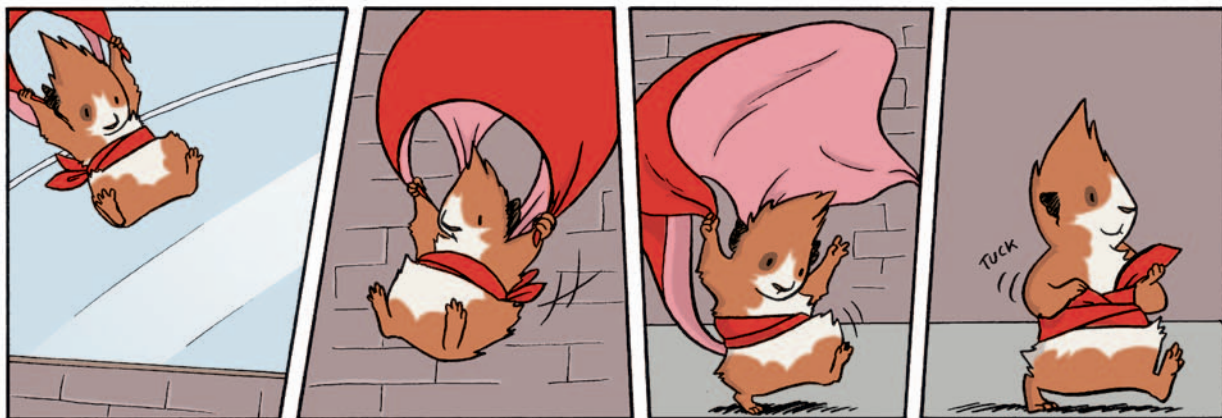


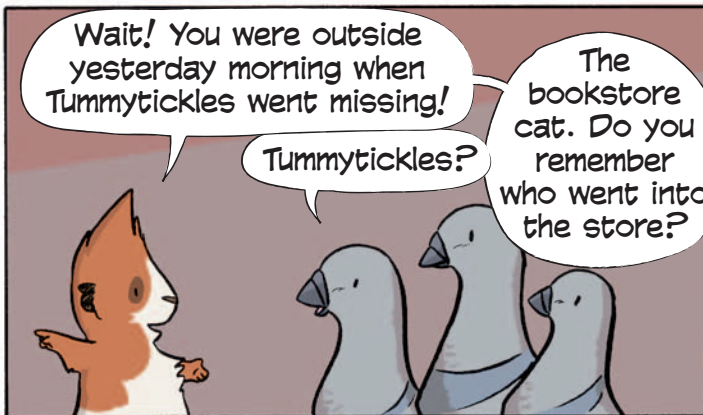
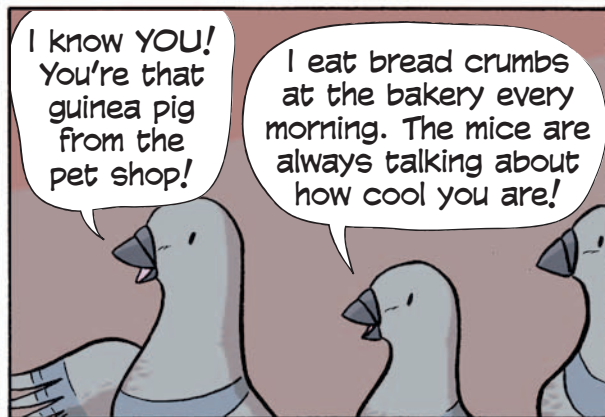


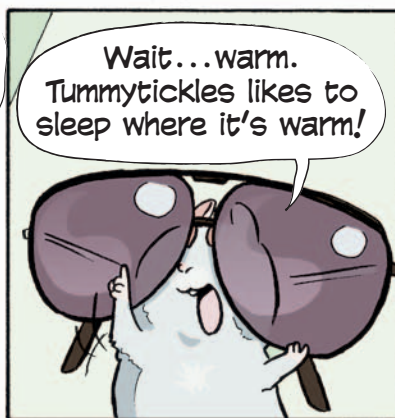
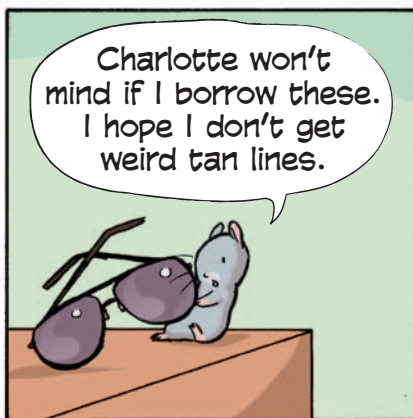
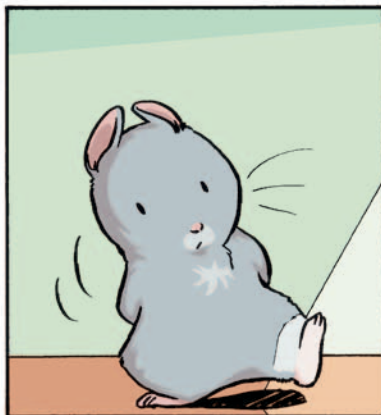


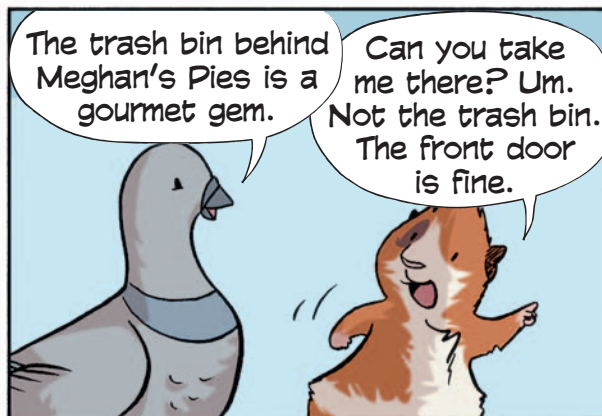
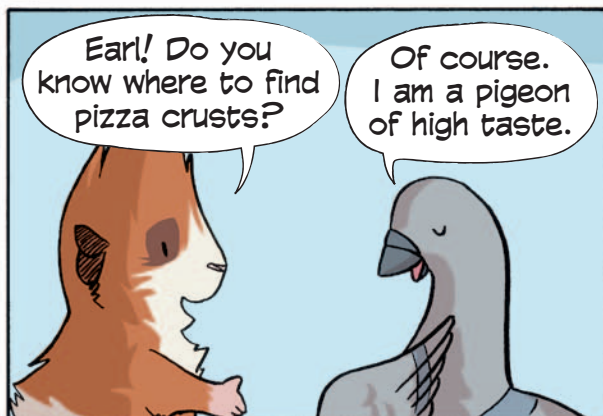
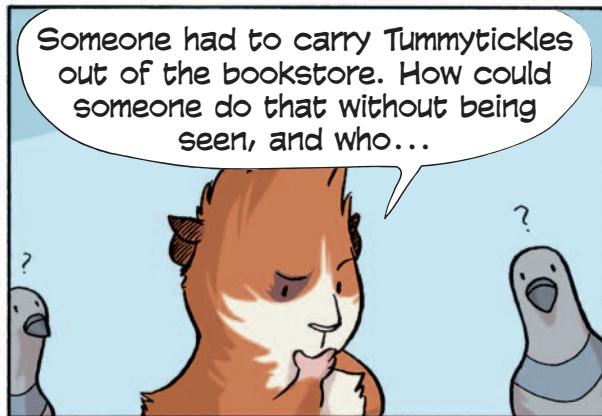
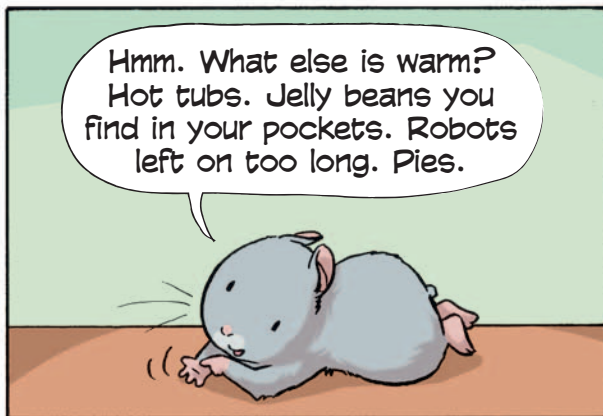


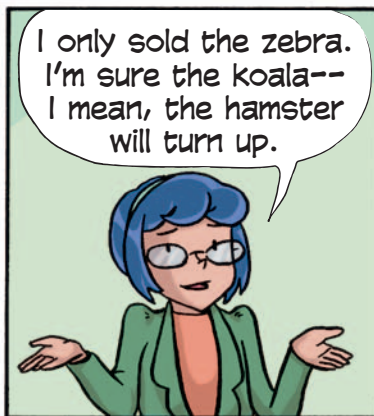
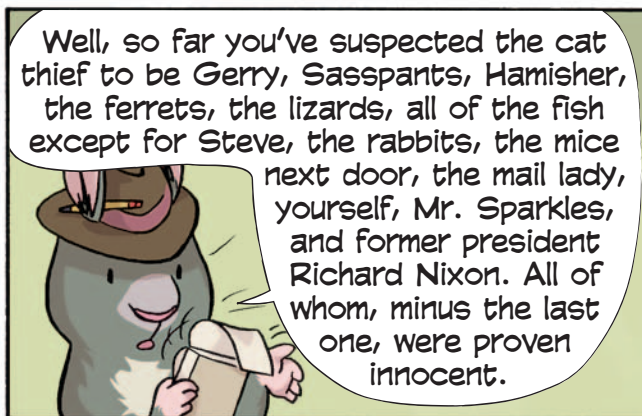


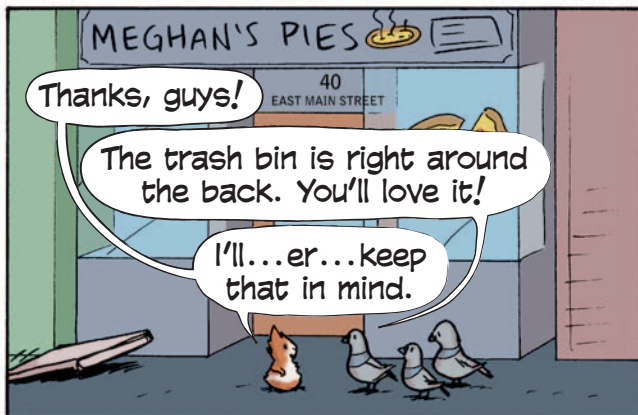


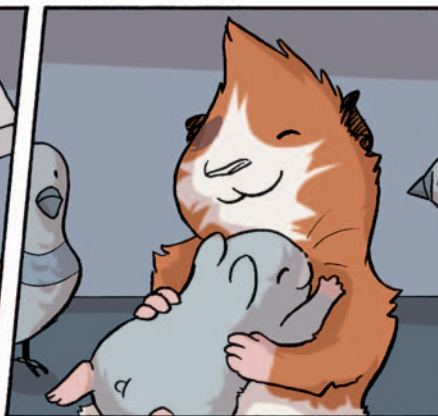


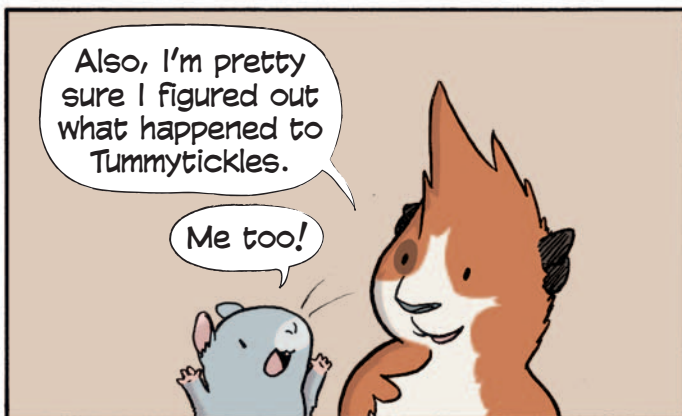


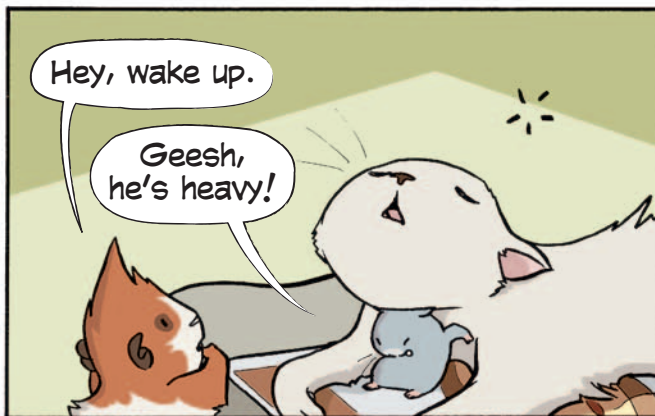
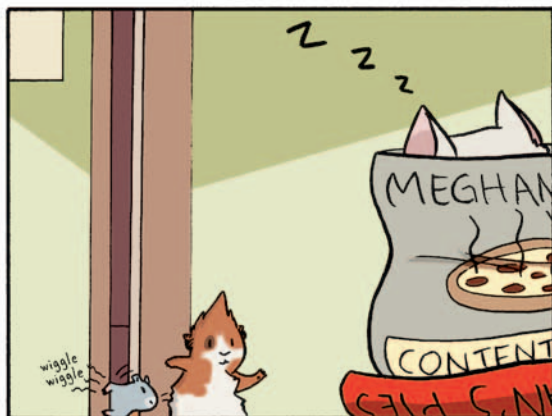


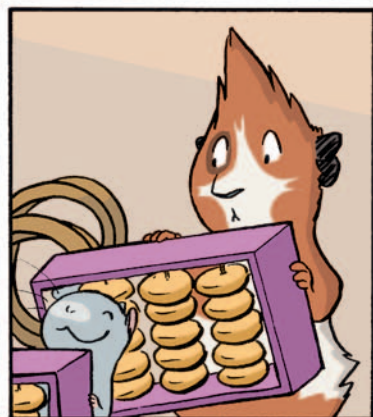
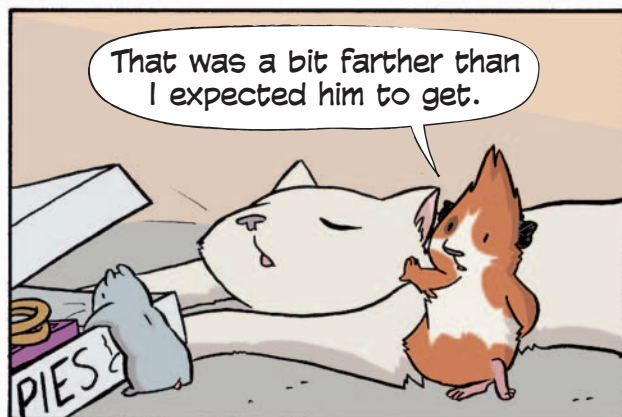
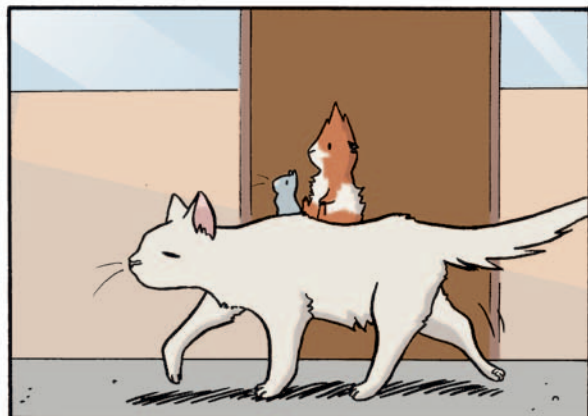
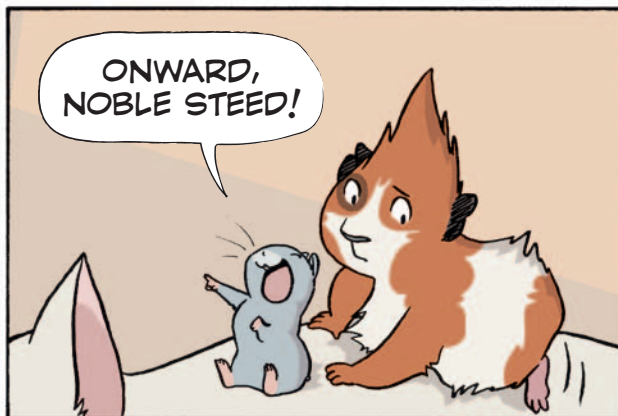


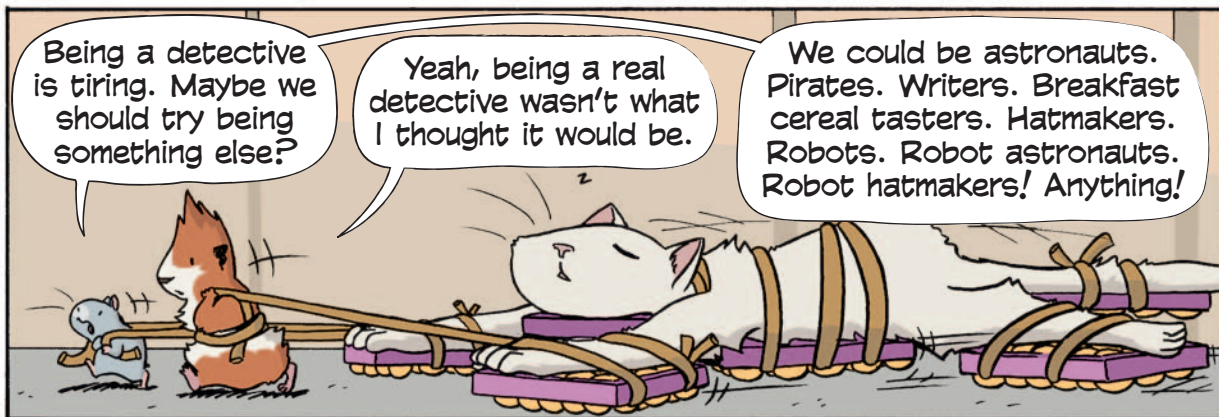




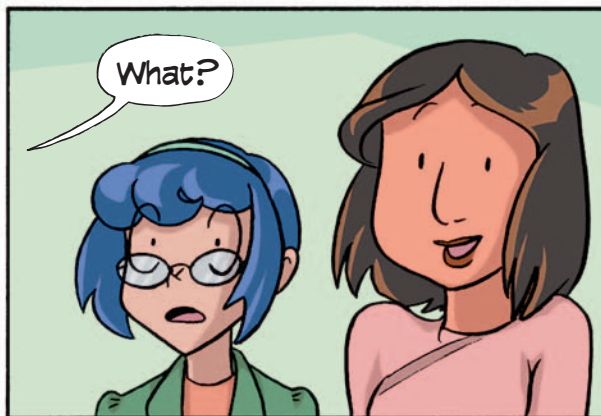
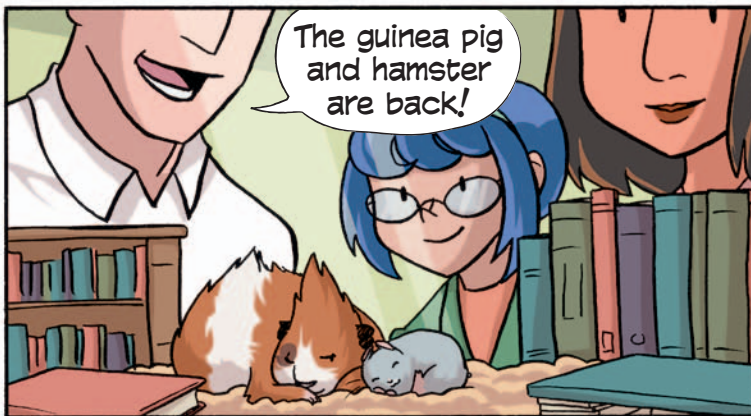


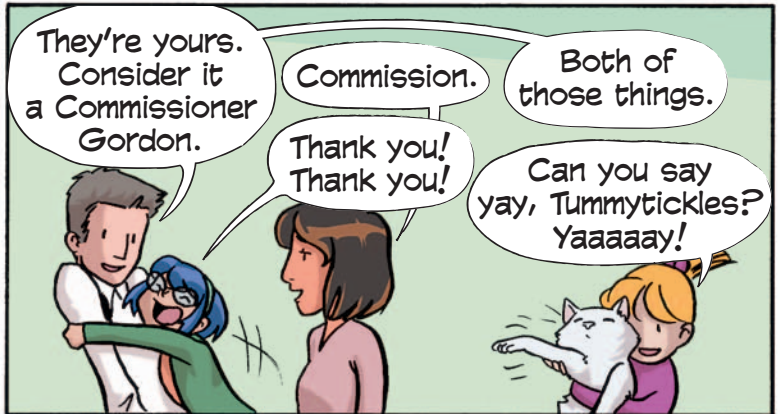
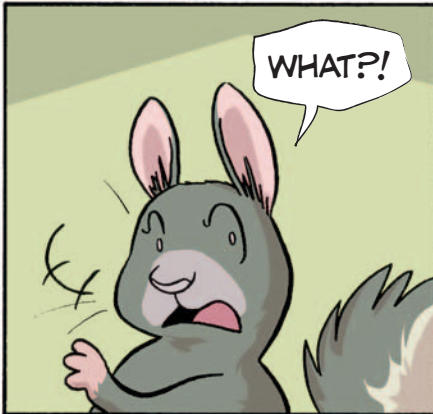
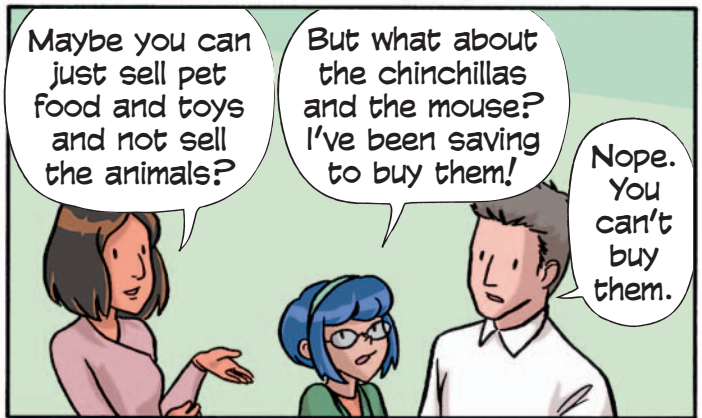


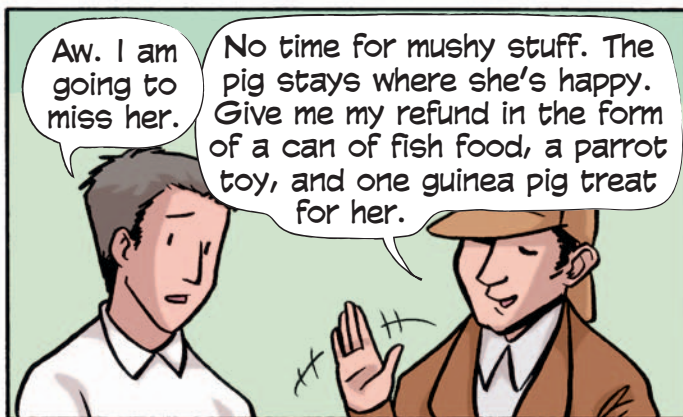












CATS!

HAMISHER EXPLAINS...



It's hard to believe that Tummytickles is related to tigers, lions, and the cheetah—the world's fastest land animal—since domestic cats sleep around 17 hours a day. If you have a 10-year-old cat, he's probably spent 7 of those years totally asleep! BUT cats can run 30 miles per hour, while very fast humans can only run about 27 miles per hour.

Not all cats are as lazy as Tummytickles. Some even have jobs. Humphrey was a stray cat hired by the British government in 1989 to keep the prime minister's office mouse free. Humphrey was given an official government title, Chief Mouser to the Cabinet Office, and even had a yearly salary! There have been cats in the White House too. Abraham Lincoln was the first president to own a house cat, but the ACTUAL first cats to live in the White House were a pair of tiger cubs owned by President Martin Van Buren. Eep! He was a president with really silly facial hair. Almost makes you wonder if he had a tiger as a barber!



Domestic cats come in all different colors and breeds, but if you want to tell two cats apart, look at their noses. Cat noses are like human fingerprints and have little ridges that form patterns. No two cat noses are exactly the same!

Cats are the most popular pet in the world, but they didn't always hold that title. In China around 500 B.C. it was illegal for anyone other than the emperor to own a cat. In the 1400s, the Catholic Church officially denounced cats, because people believed cats were connected to witches. Eventually people realized that having more cats around means fewer rats around and fewer rats means fewer plagues!

A lot of famous people throughout history have loved cats. Leonardo da Vinci painted the smiling Mona Lisa, but he also loved drawing cats and said they were a "masterpiece" in the world of nature. Sir Isaac Newton figured out what gravity is, but he also invented the cat door so his cat, Spithead, could come and go as he pleased.

A group of cats is called A TERRIFYING THING FOR A HAMSTER TO SEE... or also a "clowder." A group of kittens is called a "kindle"!

The BEST Animal Detectives!

While Herbert and the fish may not have made the best detectives, there are a lot of animals that would look really good in detective hats...and would make pretty good detectives too.



MASTER OF DISGUISE:

MIMIC OCTOPUS: Totally the stealthiest animal! Not only can they change their skin color in a few seconds to blend in with any background, but they're named "mimic" because they have the ability to imitate over 15 other animals including water snakes and fish. The mimic octopus is one of the only animals in the world that is that smart and it's definitely the fastest at putting on its disguises!

BEST SNIFFER OF CLUES:

BLACK BEAR: Bears may not take that many showers, but they smell great! Actually, in the animal kingdom, they have the most powerful noses of all. Bears can smell things from over 20 miles away. Their sense of smell is seven times better than a bloodhound's and over 2,000 times stronger than a human's! If detectives were really smart, they'd use bears instead of dogs to sniff out clues...um...or maybe they made the right decision.



MOST OBSERVANT:

JUMPING SPIDER: They get their name from their ability to jump over 40 times their body length, but it's their eyes, all EIGHT of 'em, that make jumping spiders awesome detectives! Jumping spiders have four sets of eyes, and each set works like a fancy spy camera: one set for seeing things far away, one set for sensing movement on their sides, one set that can measure distances, and even a set that has special night vision. Ooooh.

BIGGEST SMARTY-PANTS

(NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH SMARTY SASSPANTS)

Some scientists say CHIMPANZEES are the smartest, and others say DOLPHINS. Both are great at puzzles, learn spoken commands, and love playing games and sports. If I had to pick which would make better detectives, I'd have to say chimpanzees...mostly because they wouldn't keep losing their hats.



what animal do YOU think would make the best detective?

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GUINEA PIG



PET SHOP
PRIVATE
EYE

CRACK ALL THE CASES WITH DETECTIVE SASSPANTS

#1 HAMSTER AND CHEESE

#2 AND THEN THERE WERE GNOMES

#3 THE FERRET'S A FOOT

#4 FISH YOU WERE HERE

#5 RAINING CATS AND DETECTIVES

It's a dark and stormy afternoon when **Sasspants, PI(G)**, leaves Mr. Venezia's pet shop to live with a new owner. Soon there's a mystery afoot back at the shop: the cat from the bookstore next door has disappeared. All the animals are putting on their detective hats, but the fluffy-but-faraway guinea pig detective can't help them follow the clues! Can Hamisher the hamster solve this cat-napping without Sasspants? He's going to try his furry best to crack the case and reunite with his best friend and fellow sleuth too.



"Move over Miss Marple, never mind the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency, here's the real mistress of the whodunnit. She's sharp. And she's furry. This one's a keeper."

—Mark Siegel, illustrator of *To Dance* and *Sailor Twain*

THE FERRET'S A FOOT

"Packed with witty dialogue, off-the-wall humor, and quirky, likable characters."

—*School Library Journal*, "SLJ's Top 10 2011: Graphic Novels"

FISH YOU WERE HERE

"Great graphic tales for young readers and animal lovers; long may Sasspants detect!" —*Kirkus Reviews*

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