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Part Two

My Tri-C LifeIllustrated

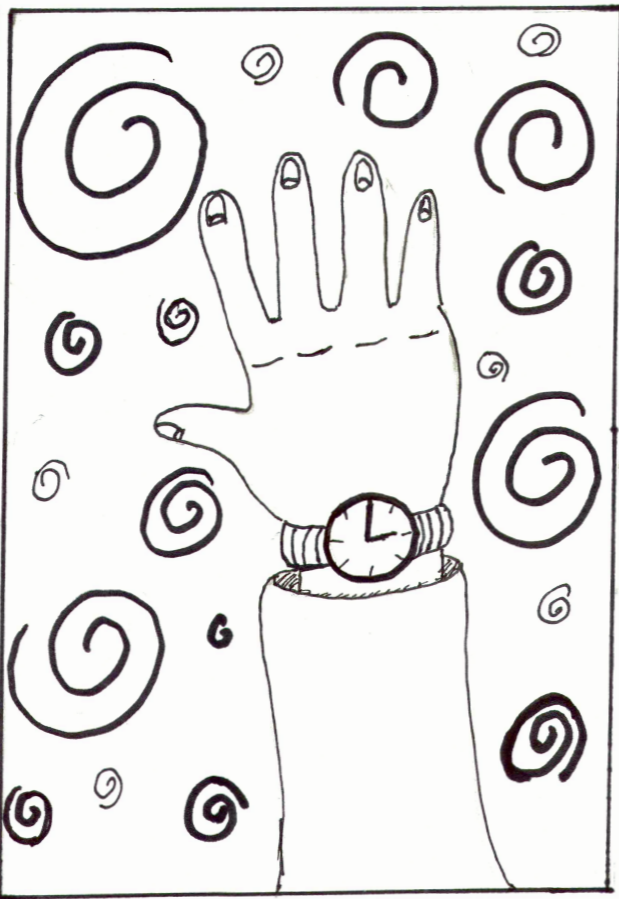
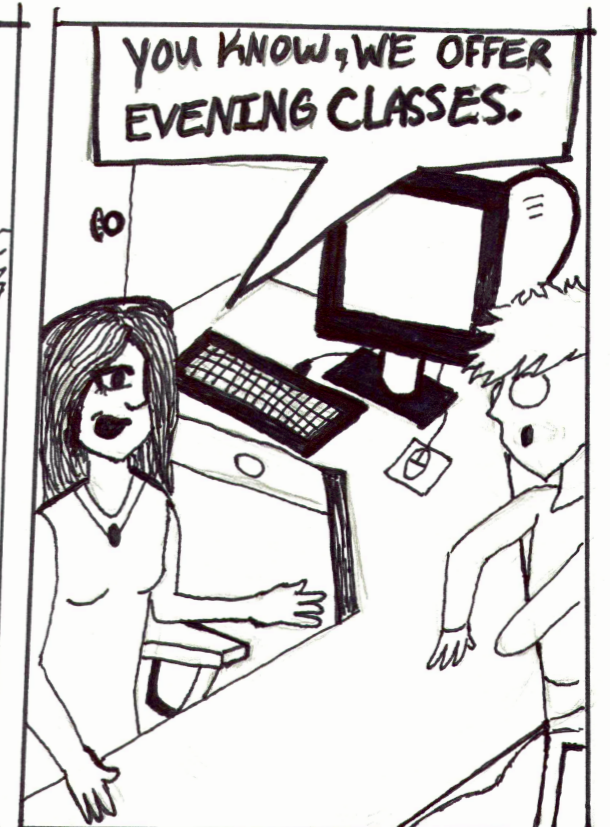
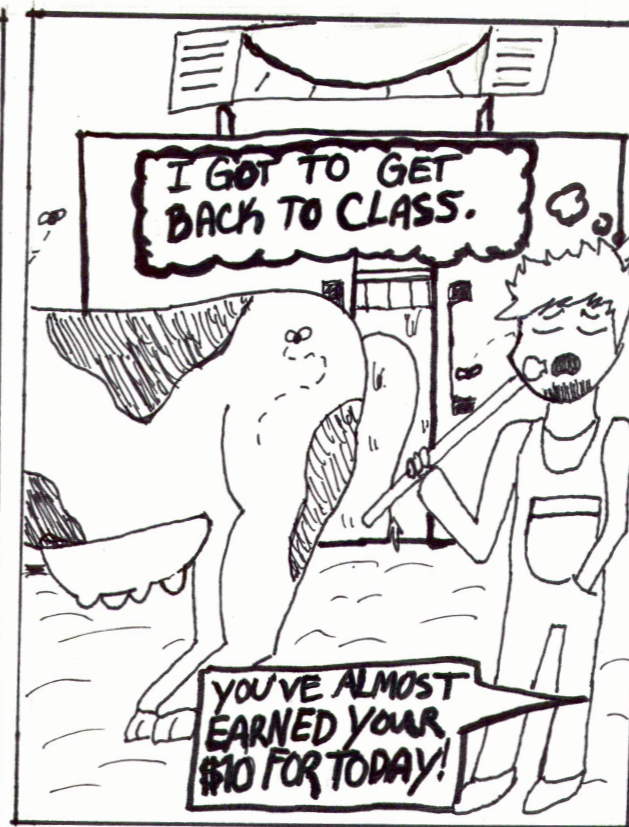
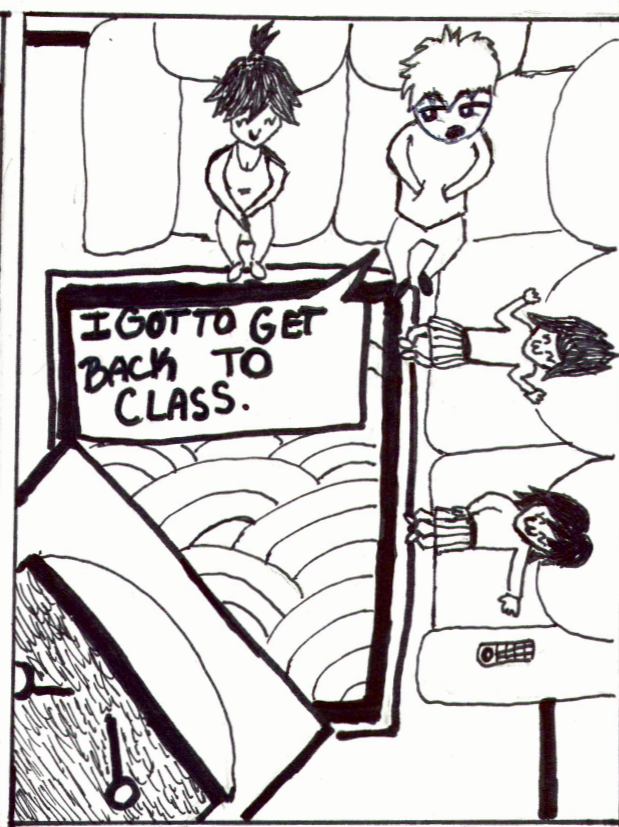
one student writes, another student draws, true stories, real talk

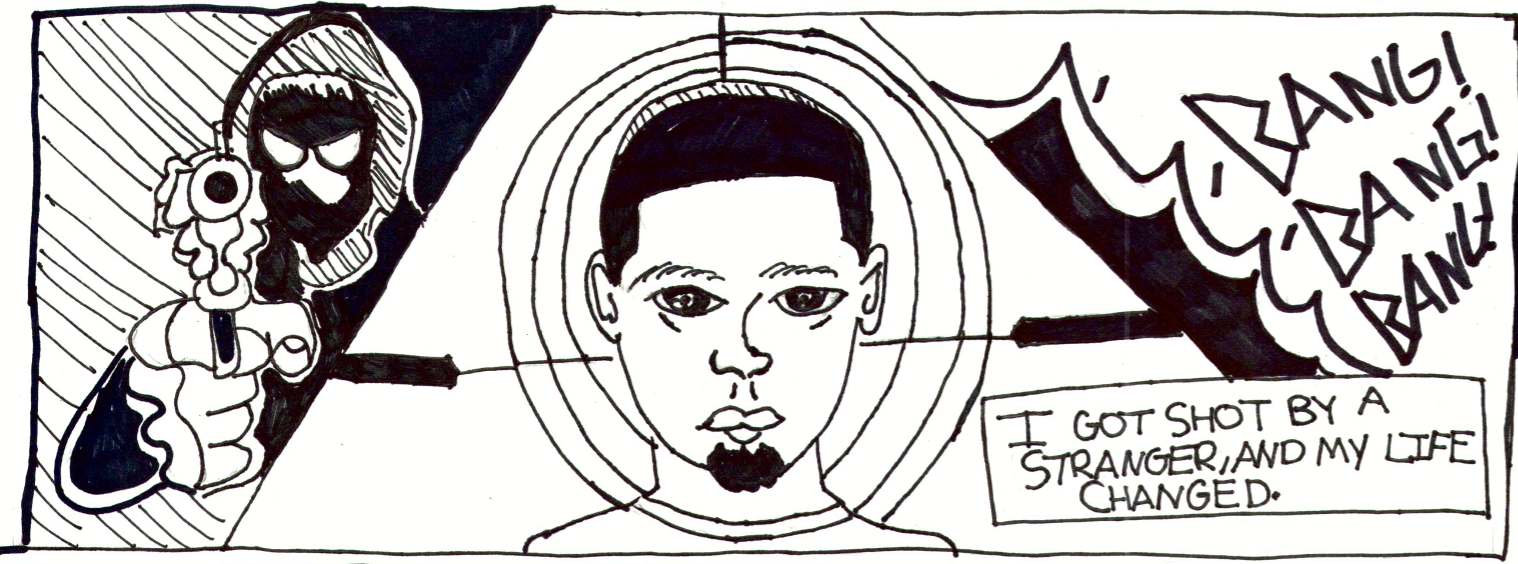
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Sex, Drugs and The FAFSA Rollercoaster.

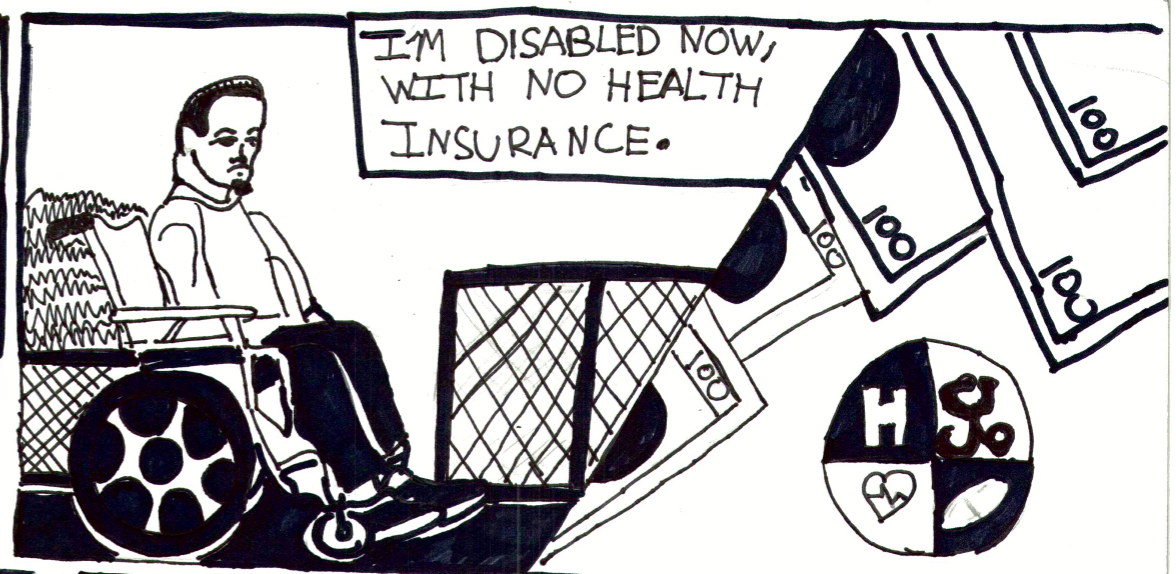
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I GOT SHOT BY A STRANGER, AND MY LIFE CHANGED.



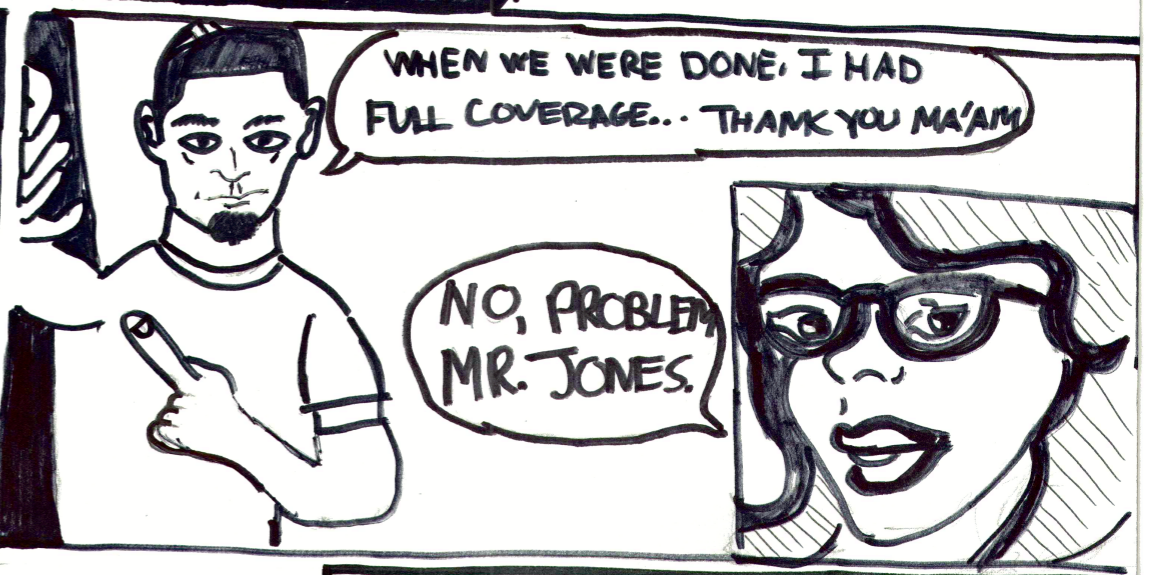
I'M DISABLED NOW, WITH NO HEALTH INSURANCE.



I NEED INSURANCE TO COVER PHYSICAL THERAPY AND PAIN MANAGEMENT.



MRS. AMITA HELPS WITH PAPERWORK



WHEN WE WERE DONE, I HAD FULL COVERAGE... THANK YOU MA'AM

NO, PROBLEM MR. JONES.



NOW, I GOTTA CHANGE MY LIFE AIN'T NOTHING ON THESE

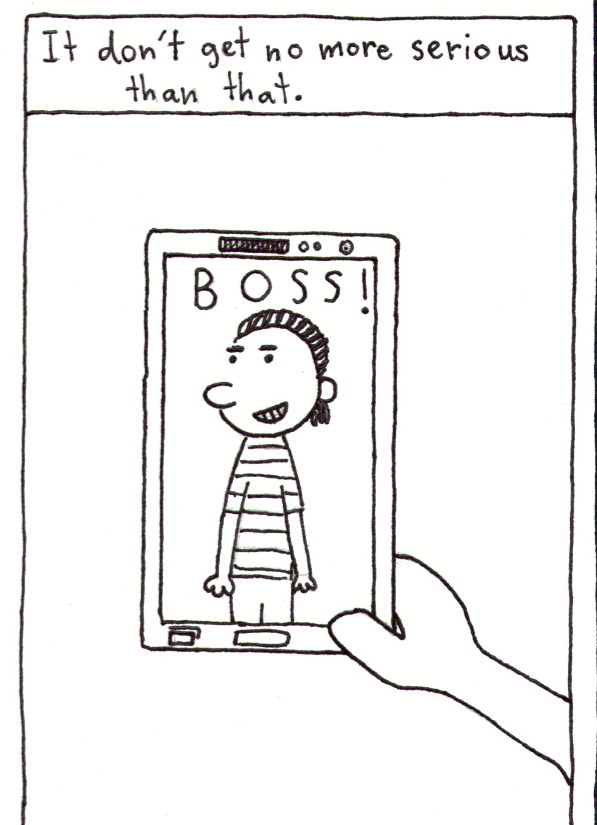
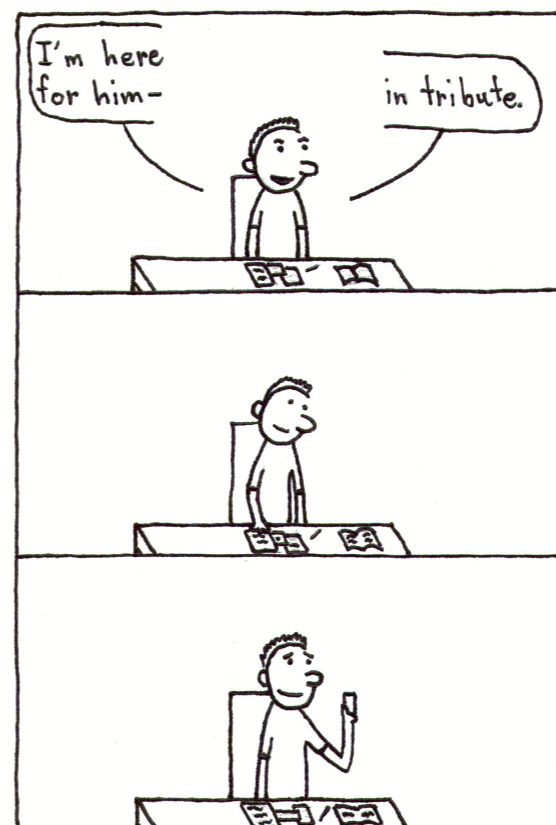
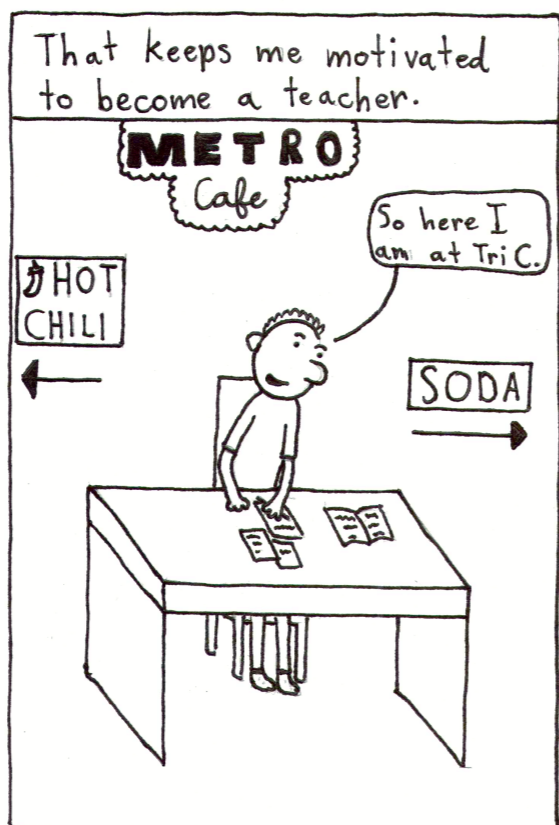
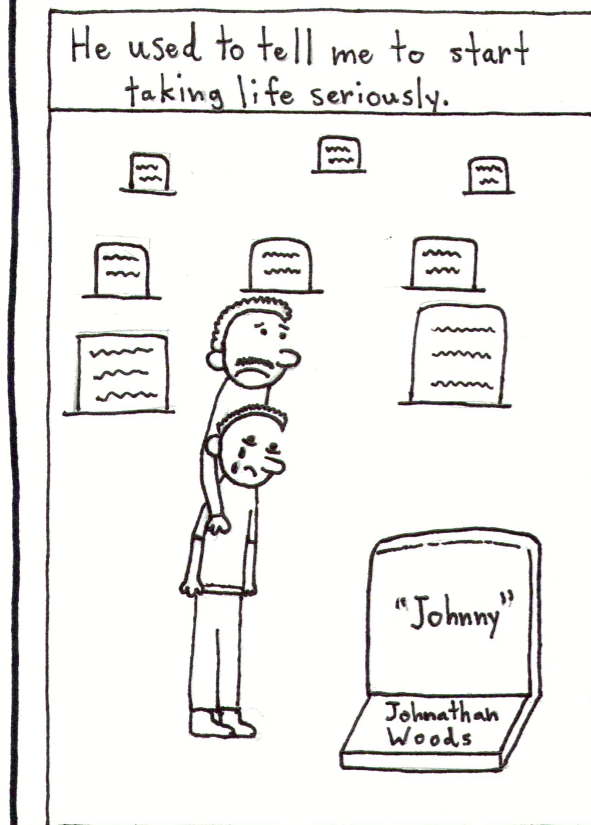
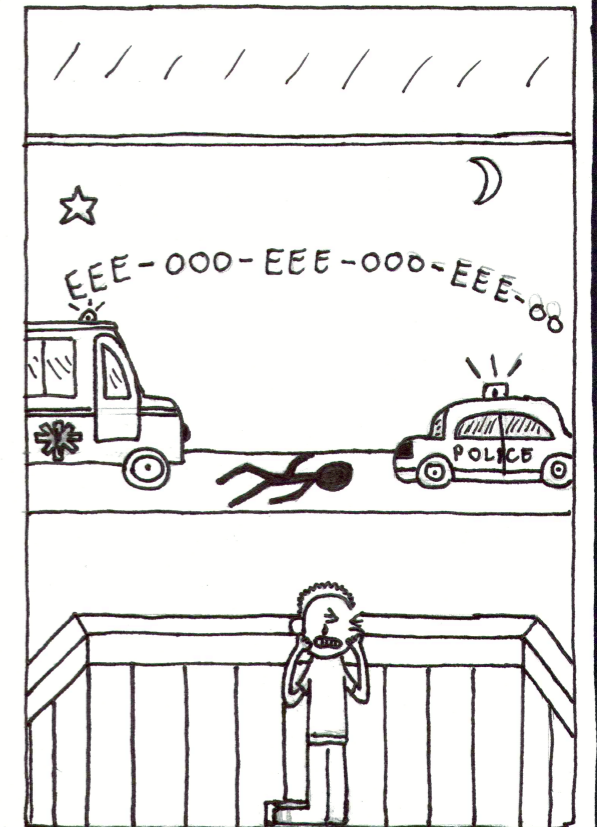
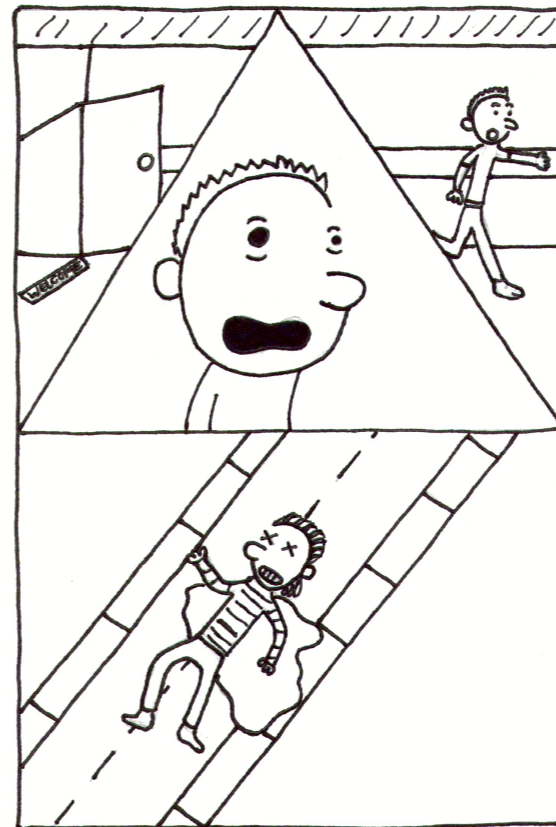
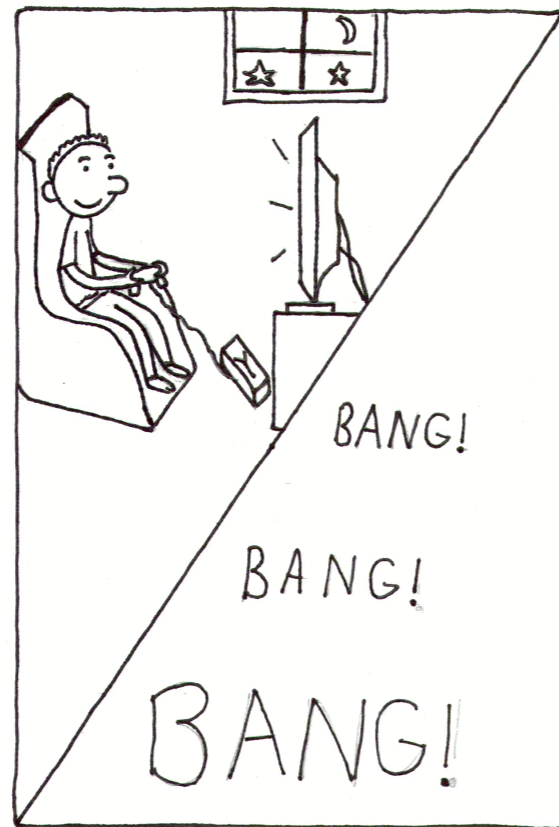


I ENROLLED, AT TRI-C FINALLY, TO GET ON TRARR.



SOMETIMES DARK DAYS POINT THE WAY TO A BRIGHT FUTURE.

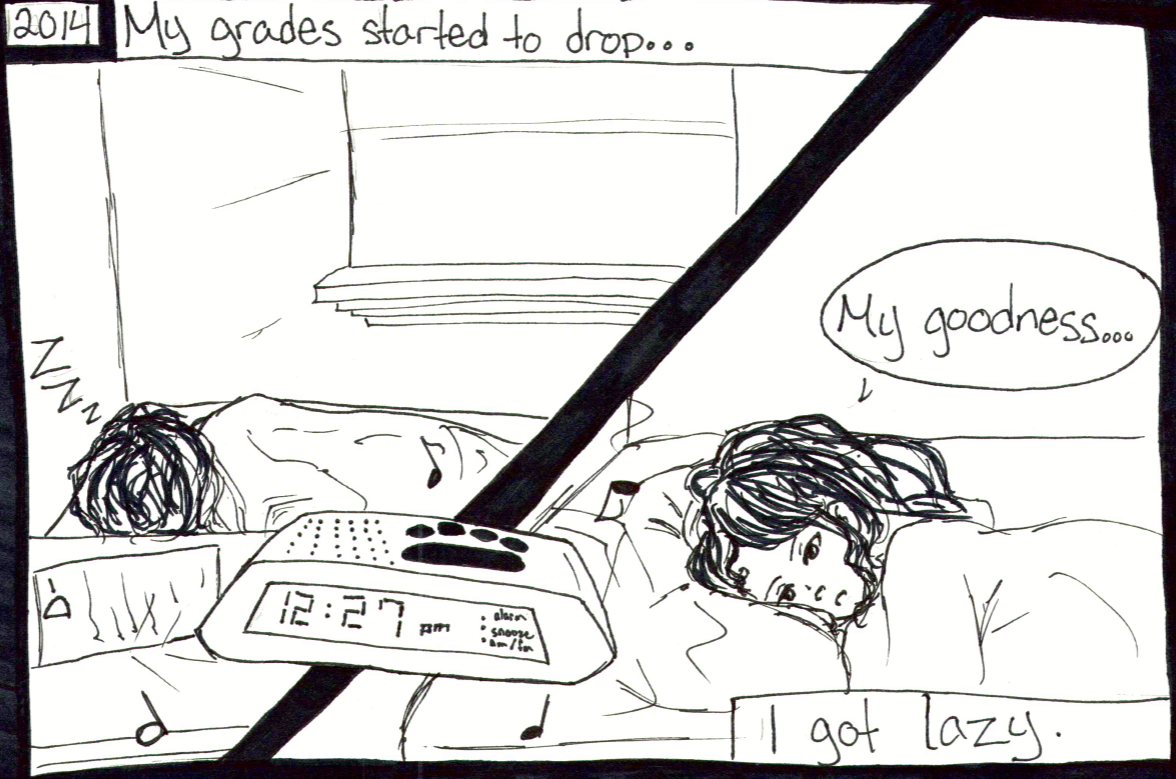
WHERE FUTURES BEGIN



2012, High School



2014 My grades started to drop...



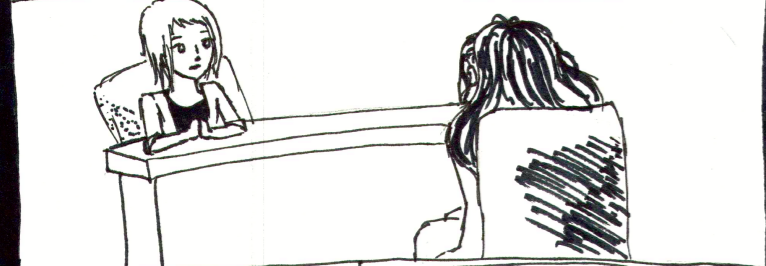
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Until I finally lost my scholarship.



\$20,000-gone! My people were upset!

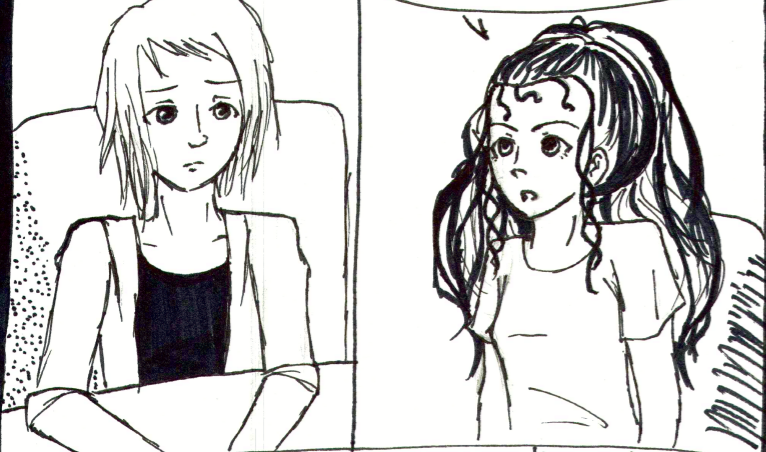
I set an appointment with my counselor.



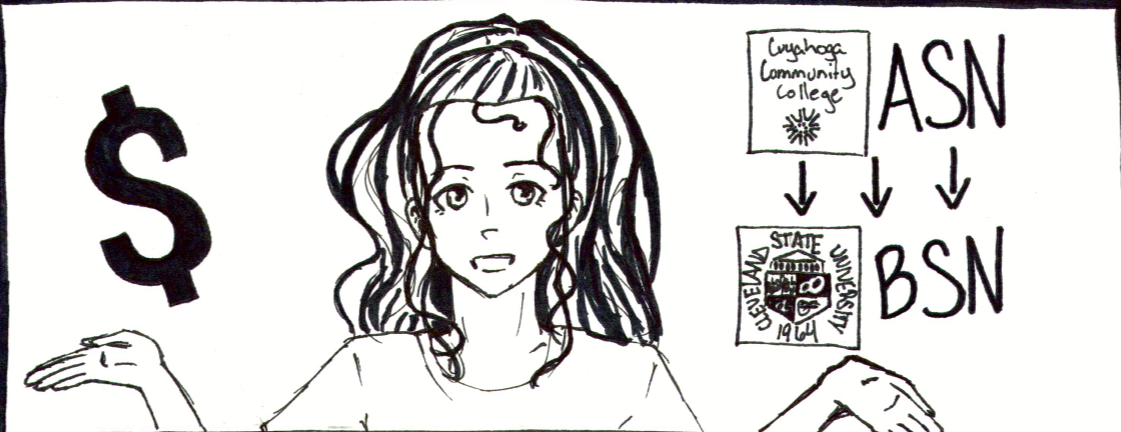
She suggested Tri-C's 2-year program.



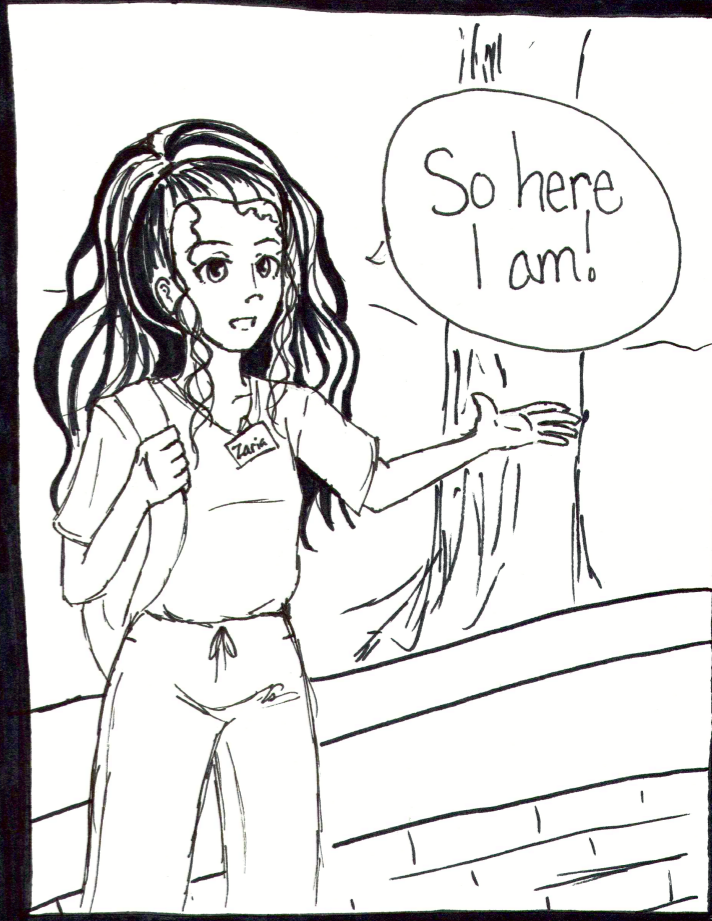
I won't fail I refuse to fail.



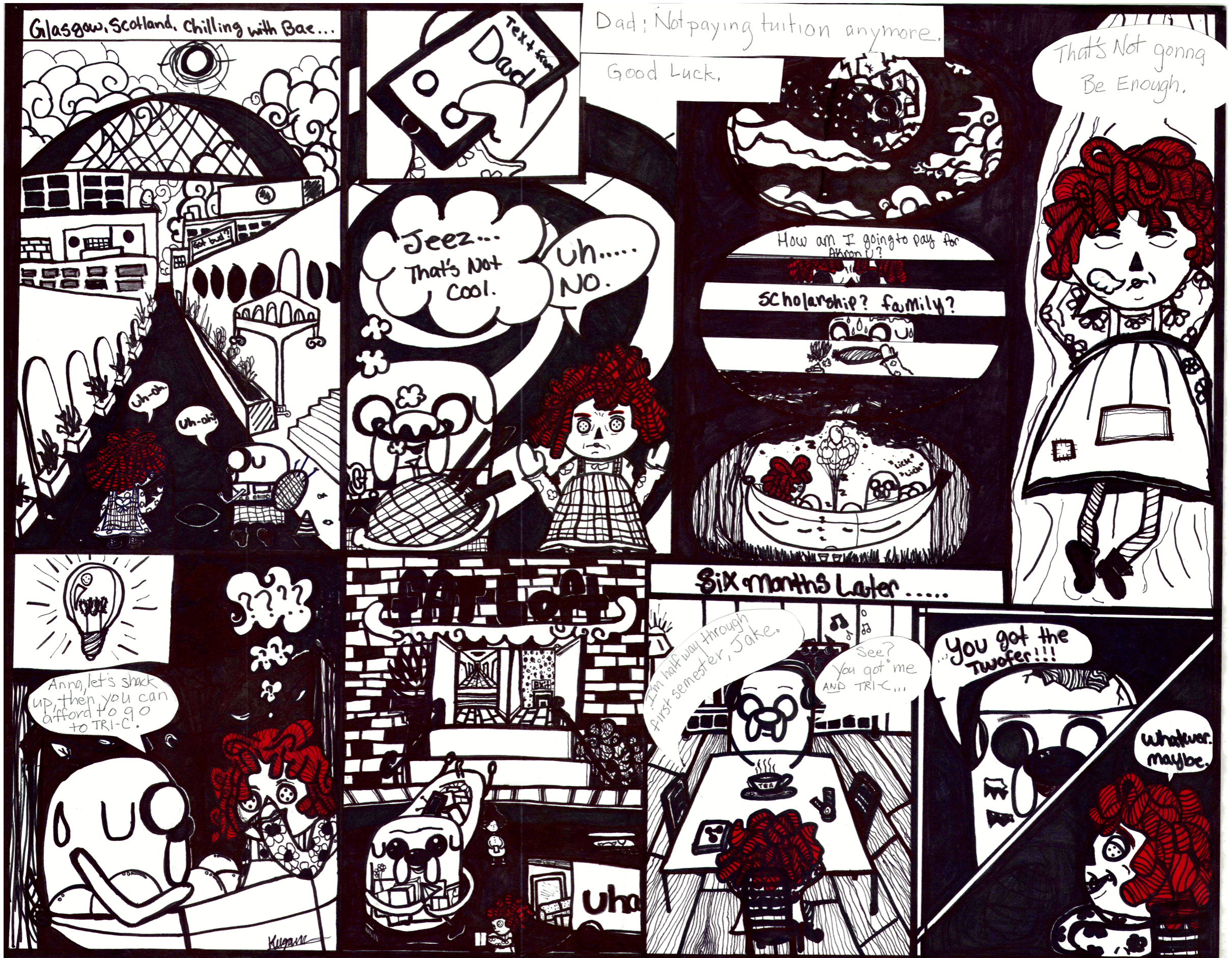
I still needed money though.



It was affordable, plus I could transfer to Cleveland State



The Twofer art by Keegan Wilbourne/story by Anna Readenhour



Glasgow, Scotland. Chilling with Bae...

Text+son
Dad

Dad! Not paying tuition anymore.
Good Luck.

Jeez...
That's Not Cool.

Uh.....
NO.

How am I going to pay for
Atton U?

Scholarship? family?

That's Not gonna
Be Enough.

Lightbulb idea

Anna, let's shack
up, then you can
afford to go
to TRI-C.

Uha

Six months Later

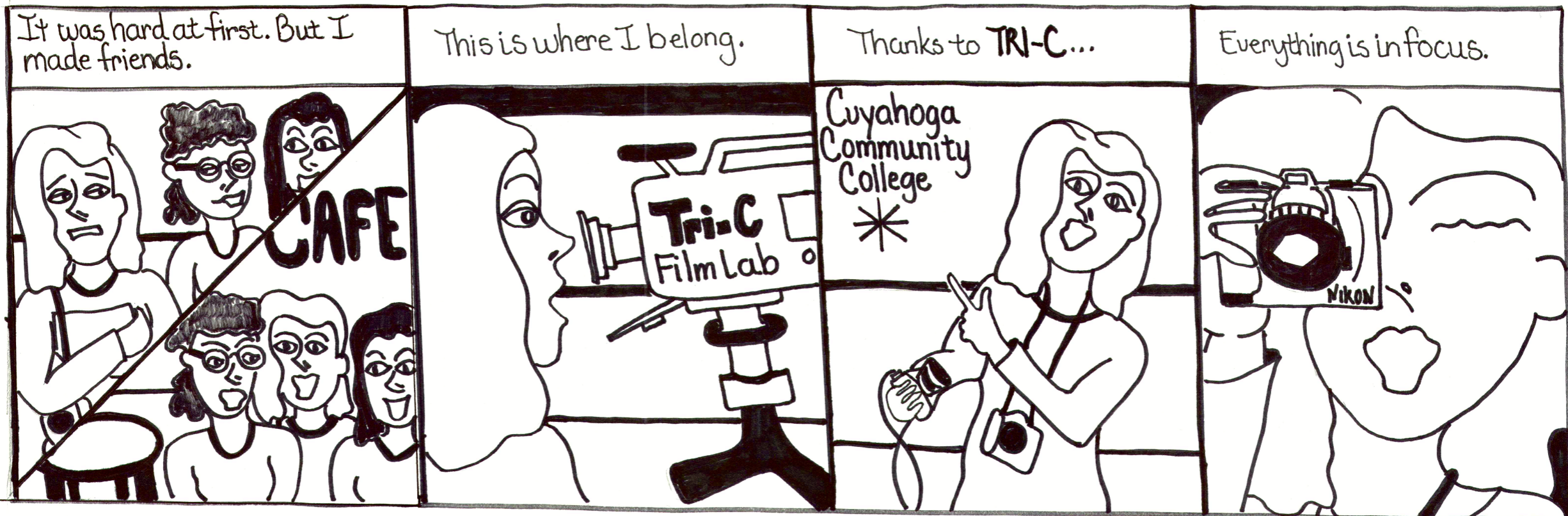
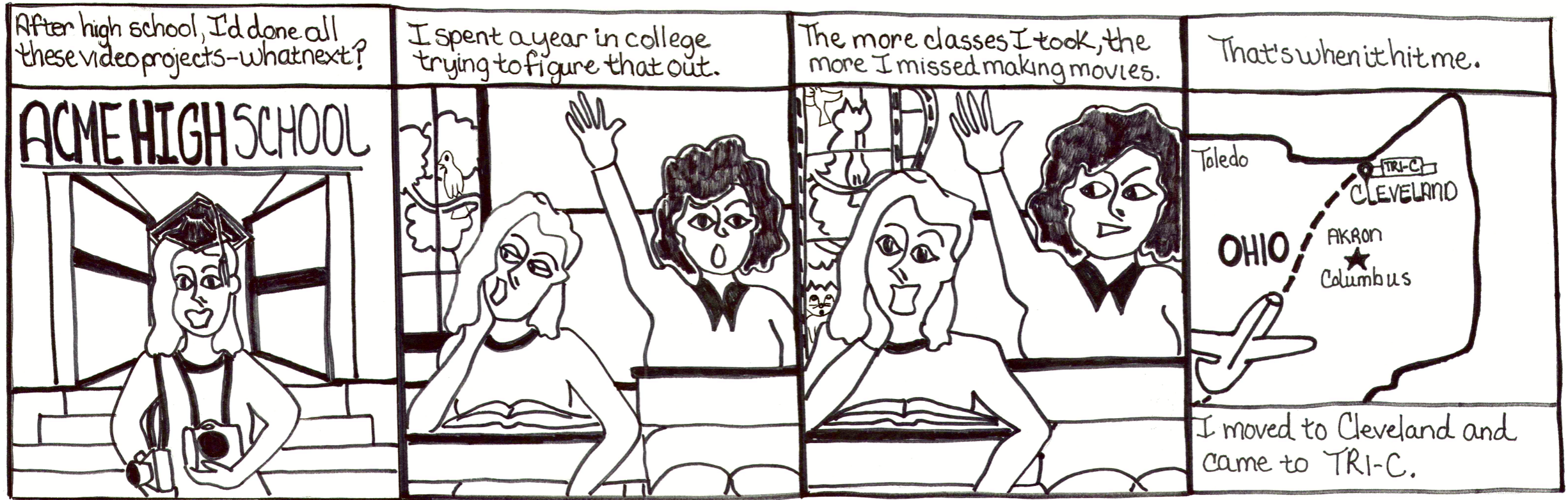
I'm half way through
first semester, Jake.

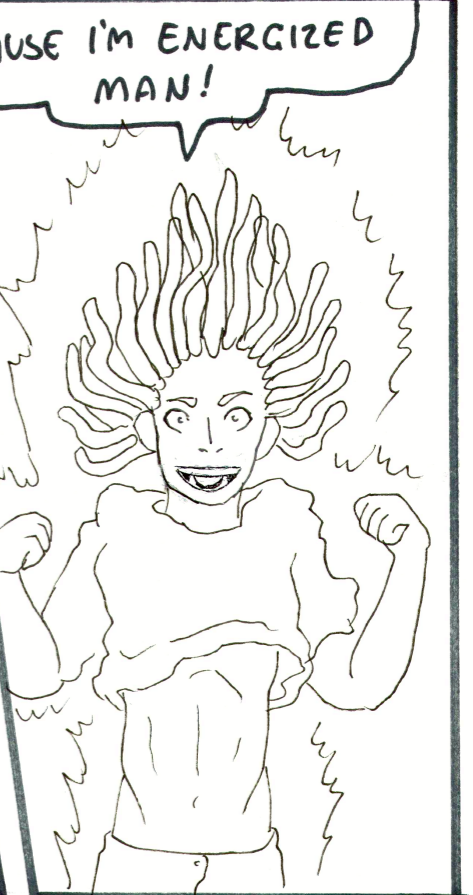
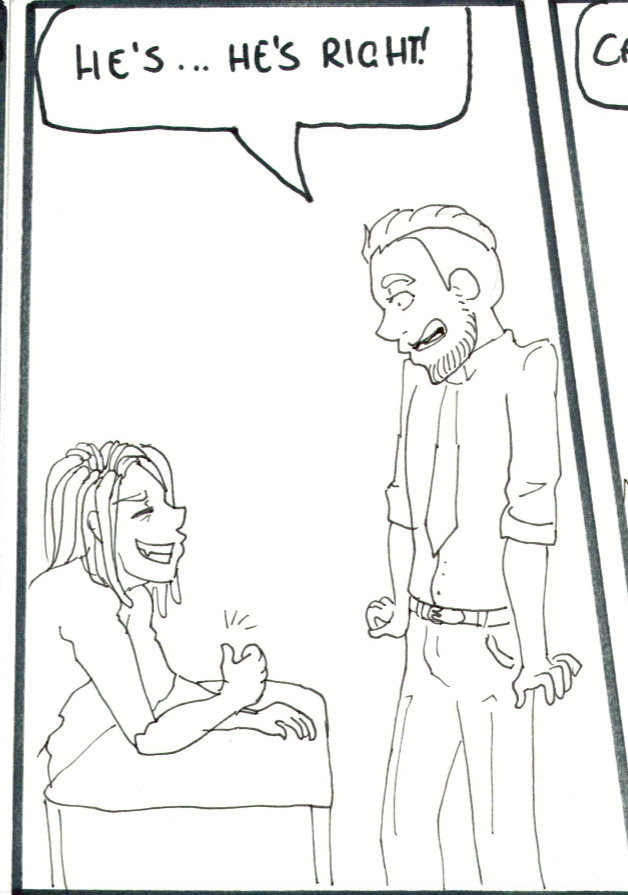
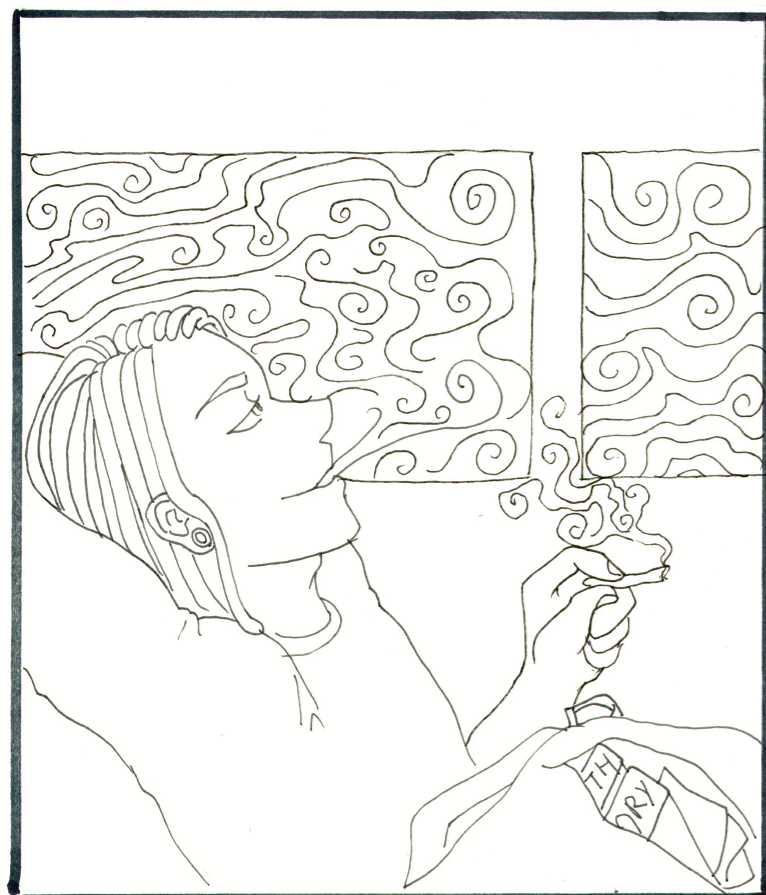
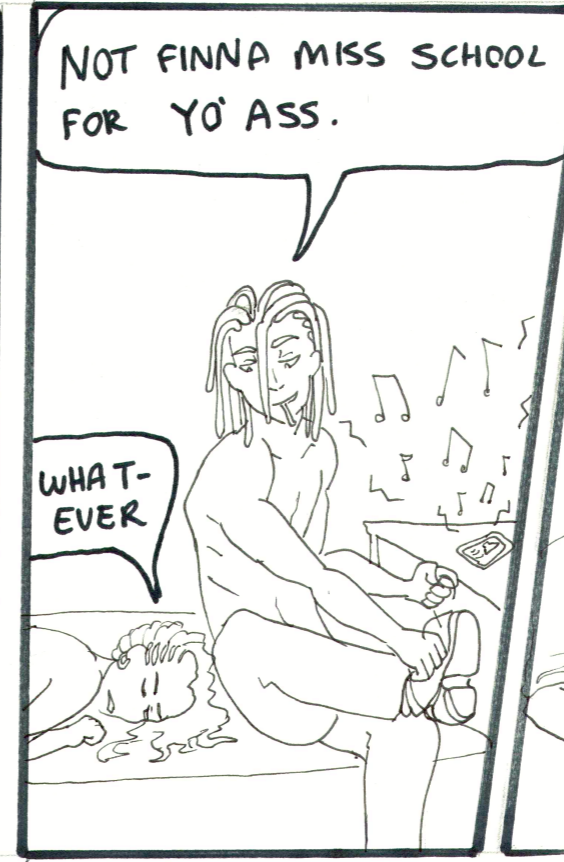
See?
You got me
AND TRI-C...

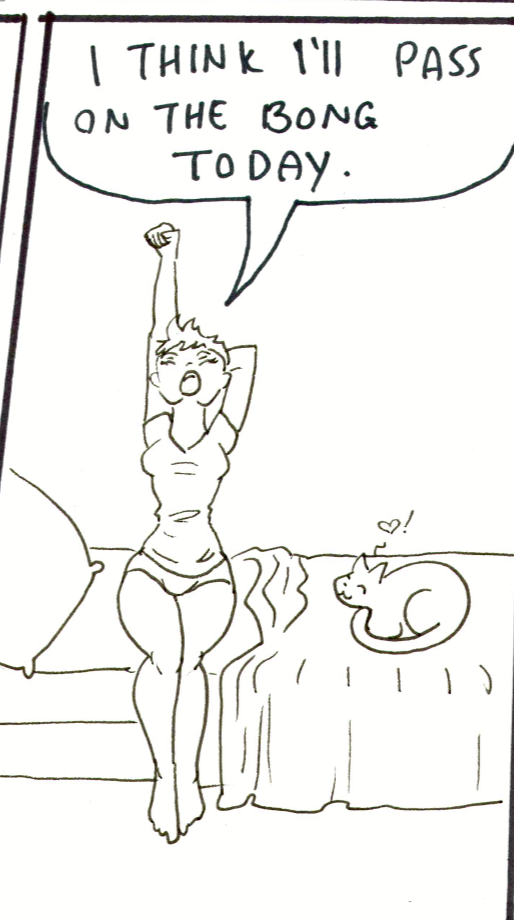
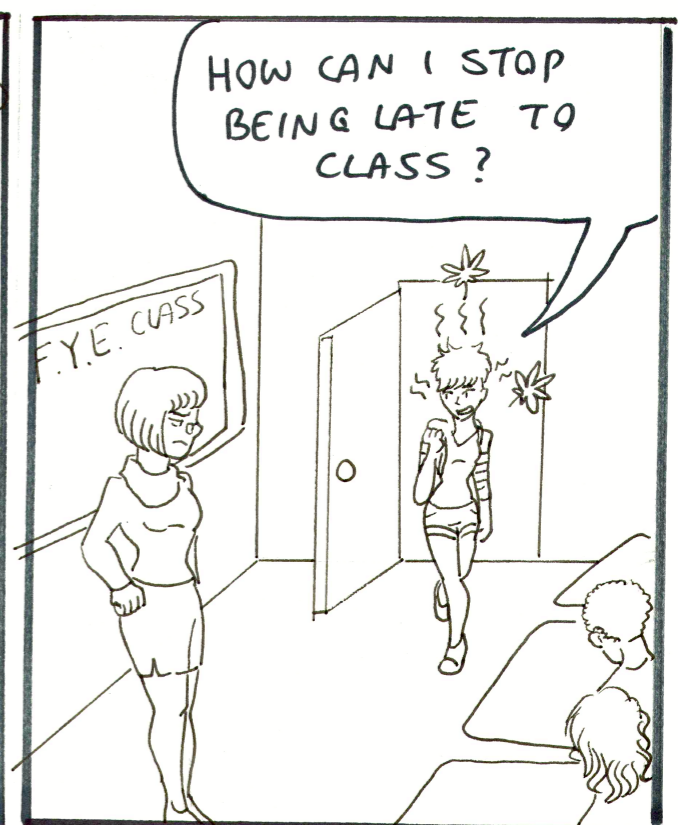
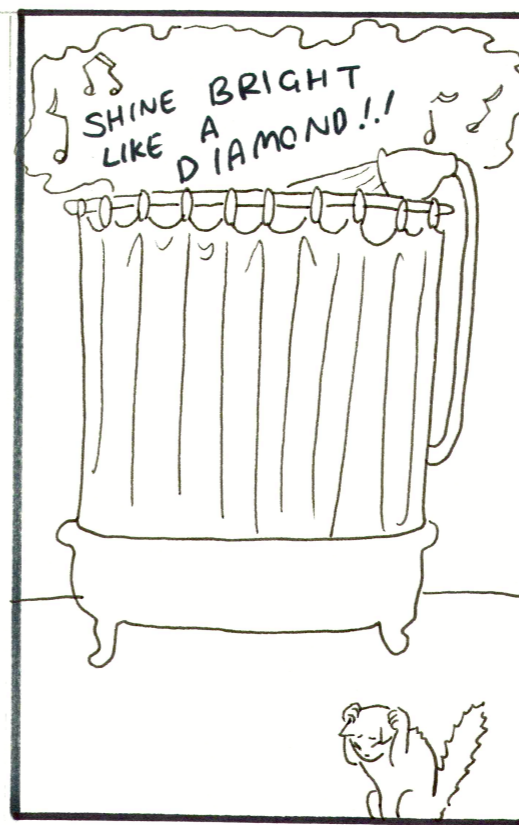
You got the
Twofer!!!

Whatever.
maybe.

Keegan

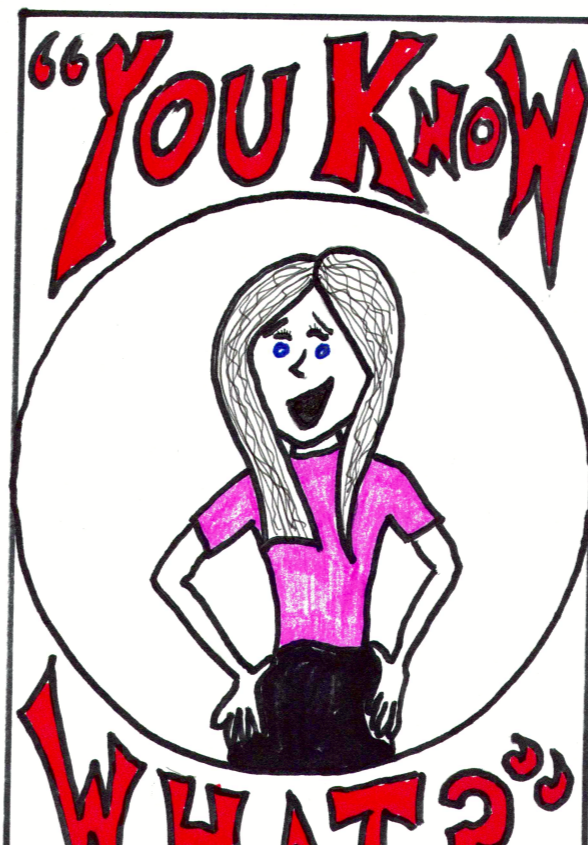
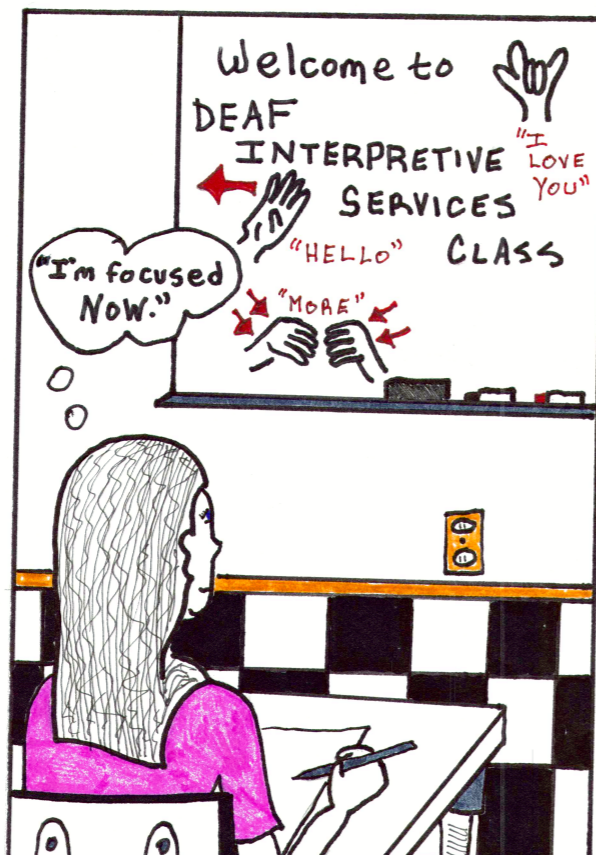
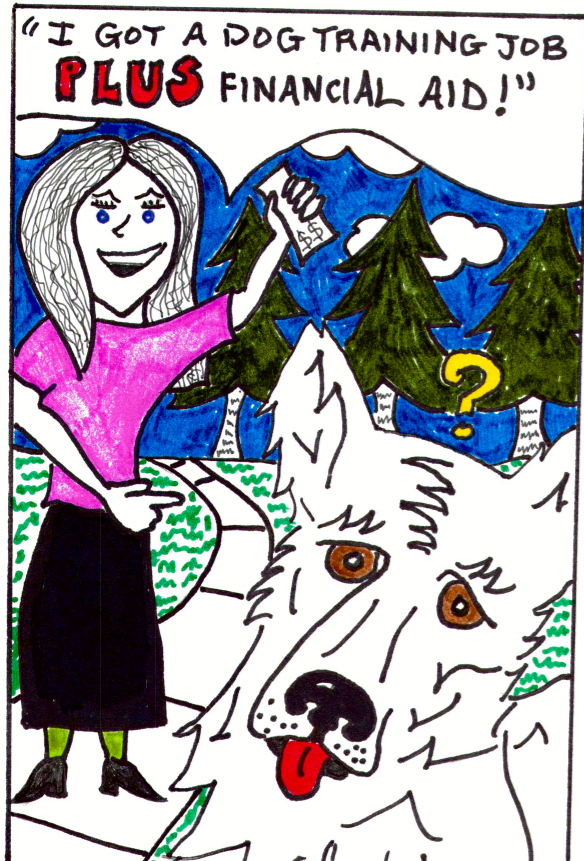
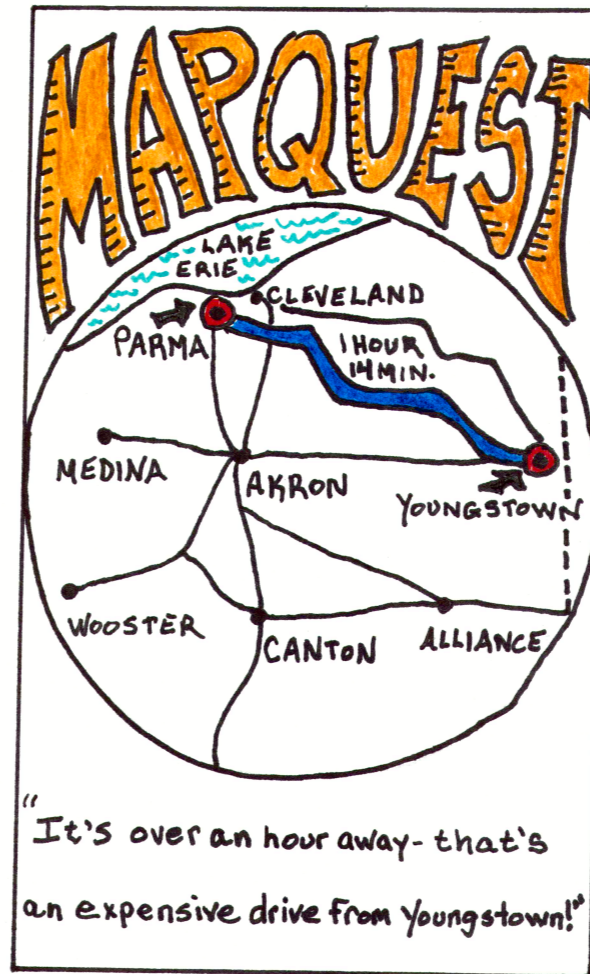






Doors and Signs

art by Keith Wisberger/story by Catherine Vanderbilt



Drawn In art by Adrian Valentine/story by Antonia Hale

AS A LITTLE GIRL, I DREW A LOT.



LATER, I WAS COMPARED TO OTHER ARTISTS, IT WAS DISCOURAGING.



I LONGED TO DRAW, BUT I GOT AN ART BLOCK. I COULD NOT DRAW.



SOME PEOPLE WOULD ENCOURAGE ME ...



BUT THE BLOCK LASTED FOR YEARS.

I FOUND INSPIRATION IN OTHER ART, AND BOUGHT SOME SUPPLIES



I STARTED DRAWING AGAIN, EVENTUALLY.



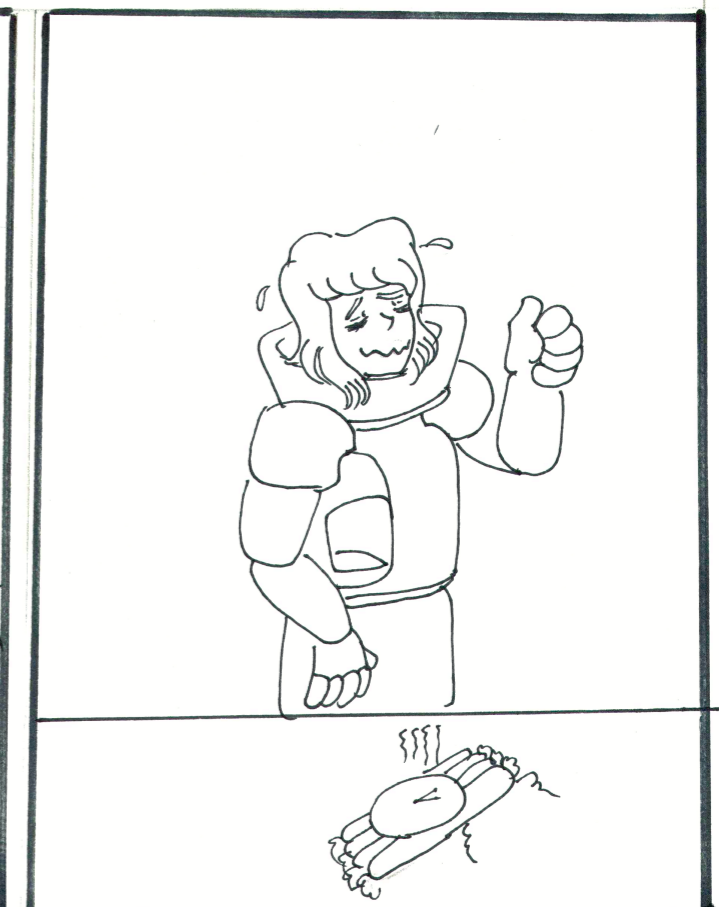
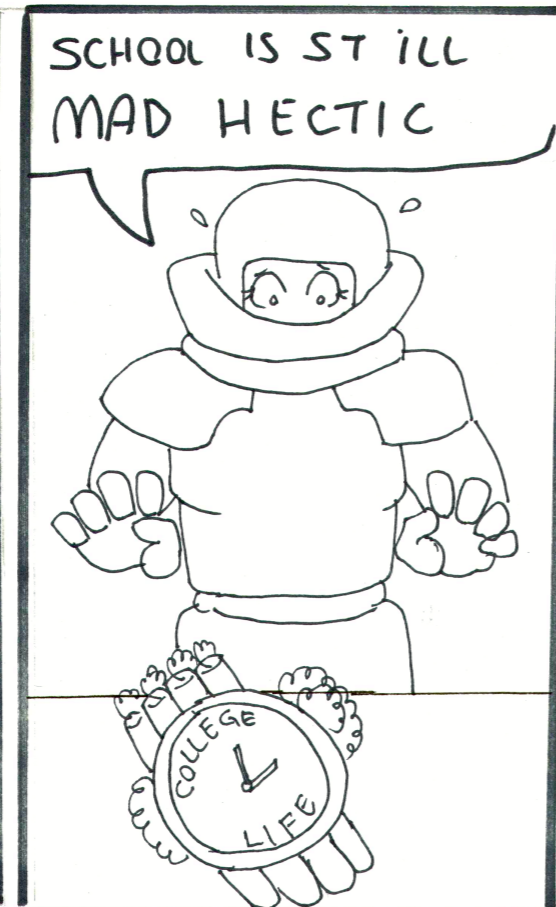
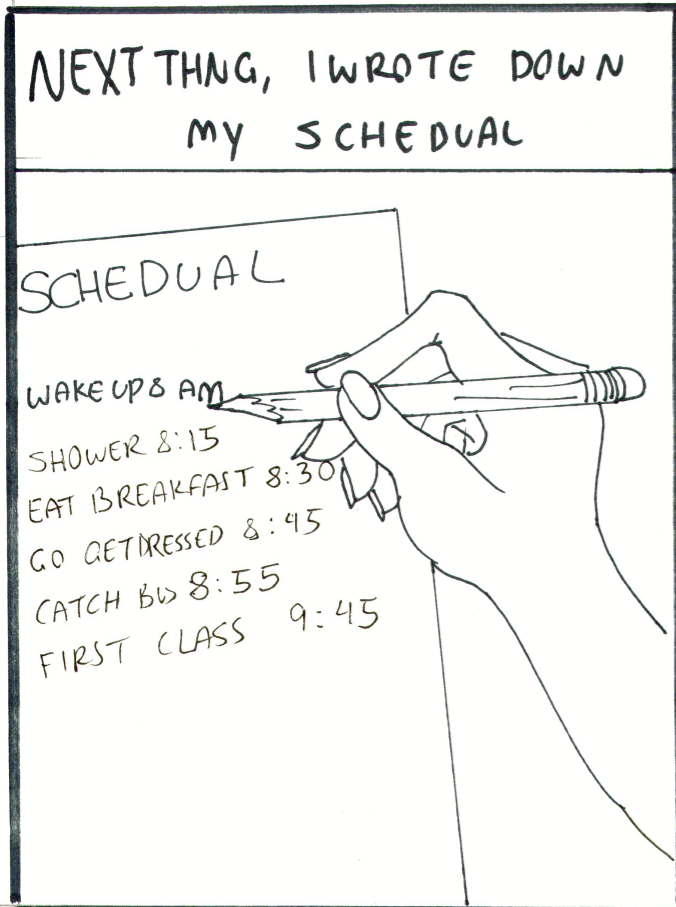
I STRUGGLED, BUT INSPIRATION FOUND ME.



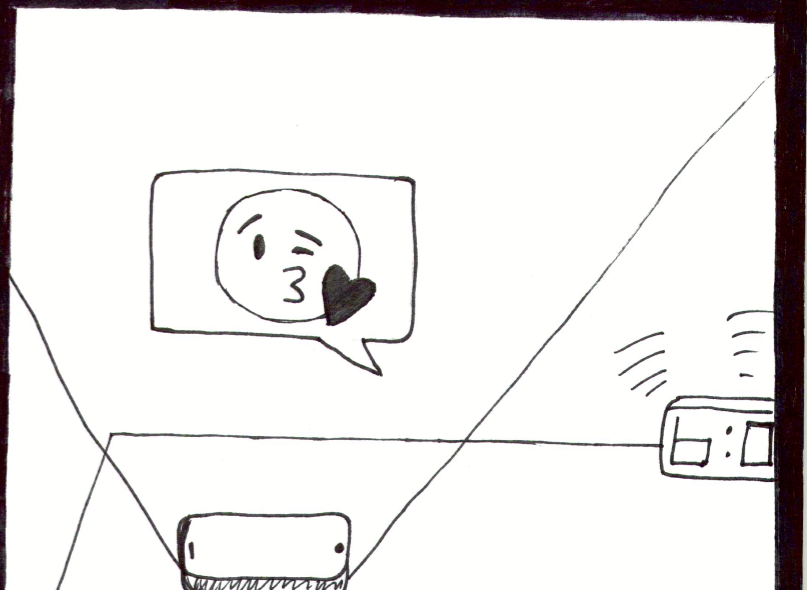
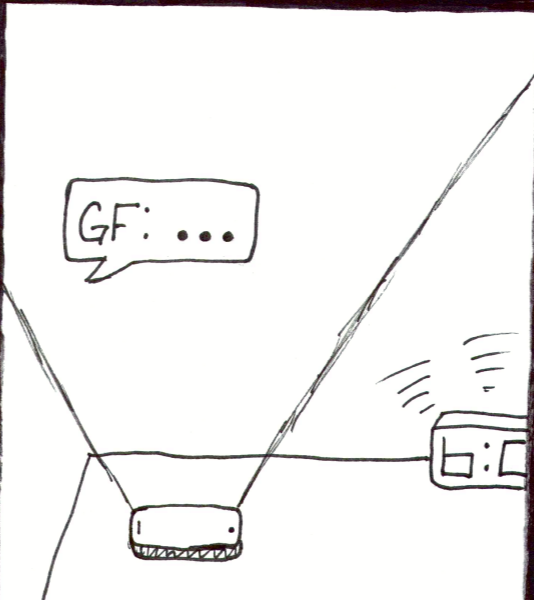
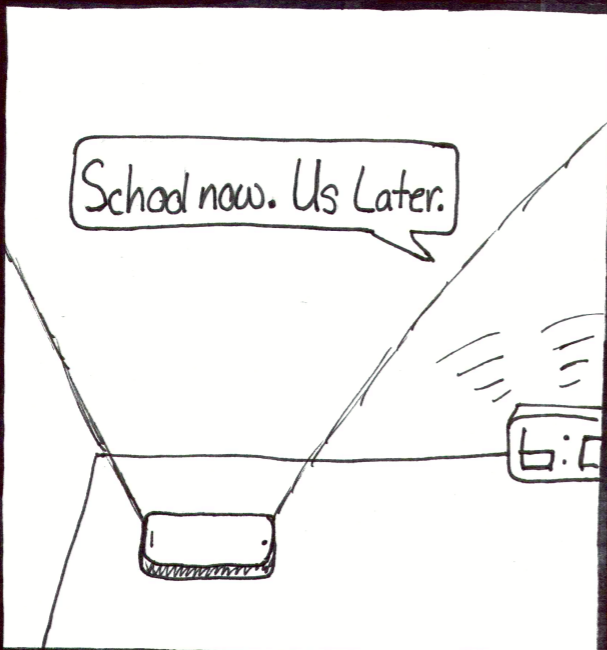
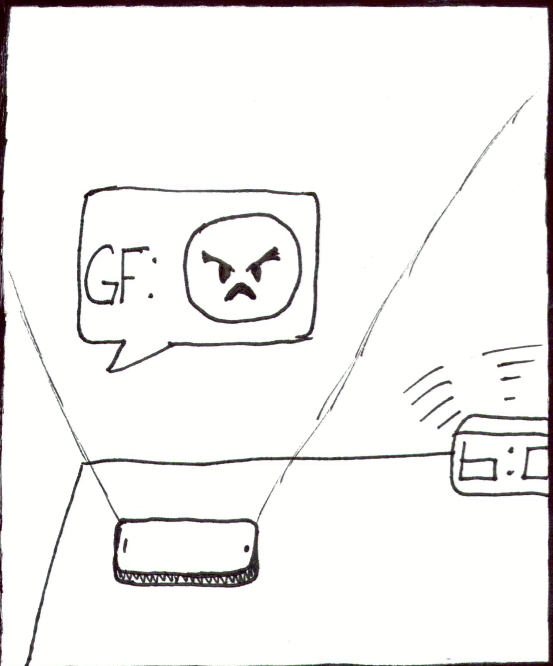
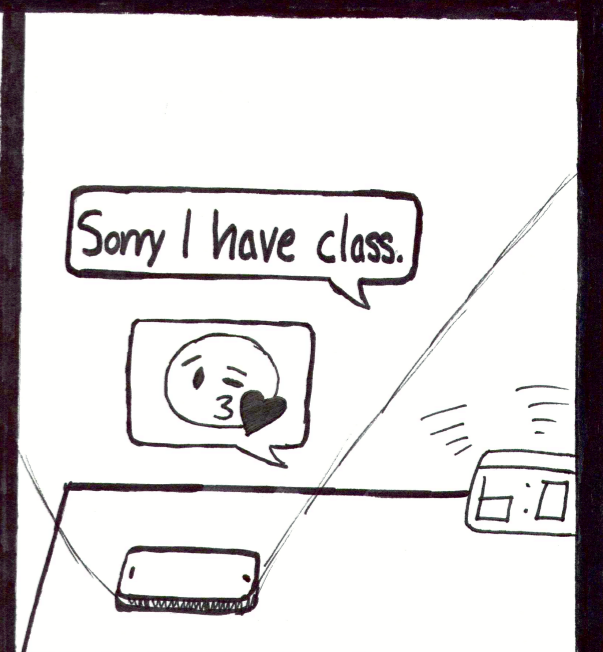
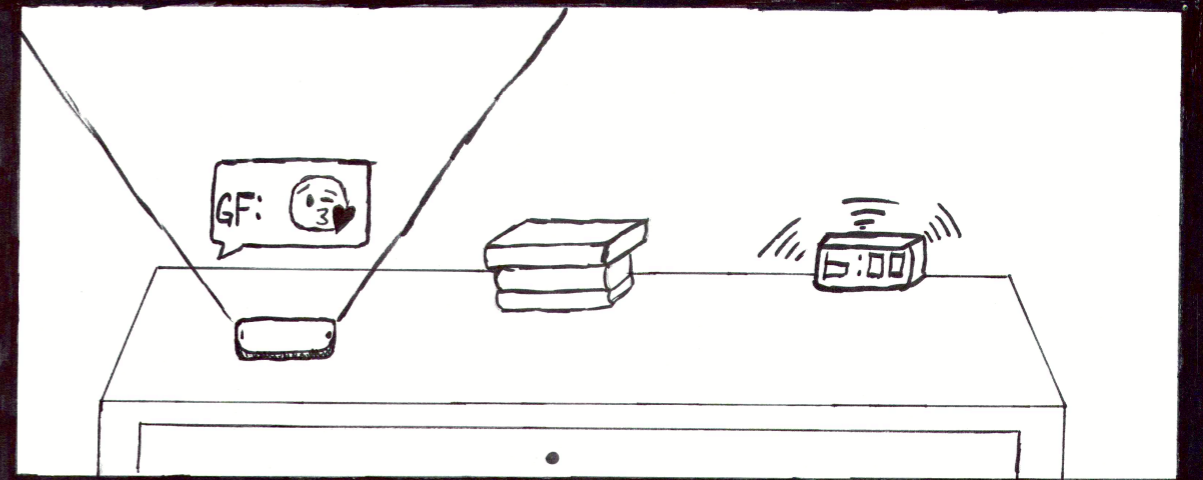
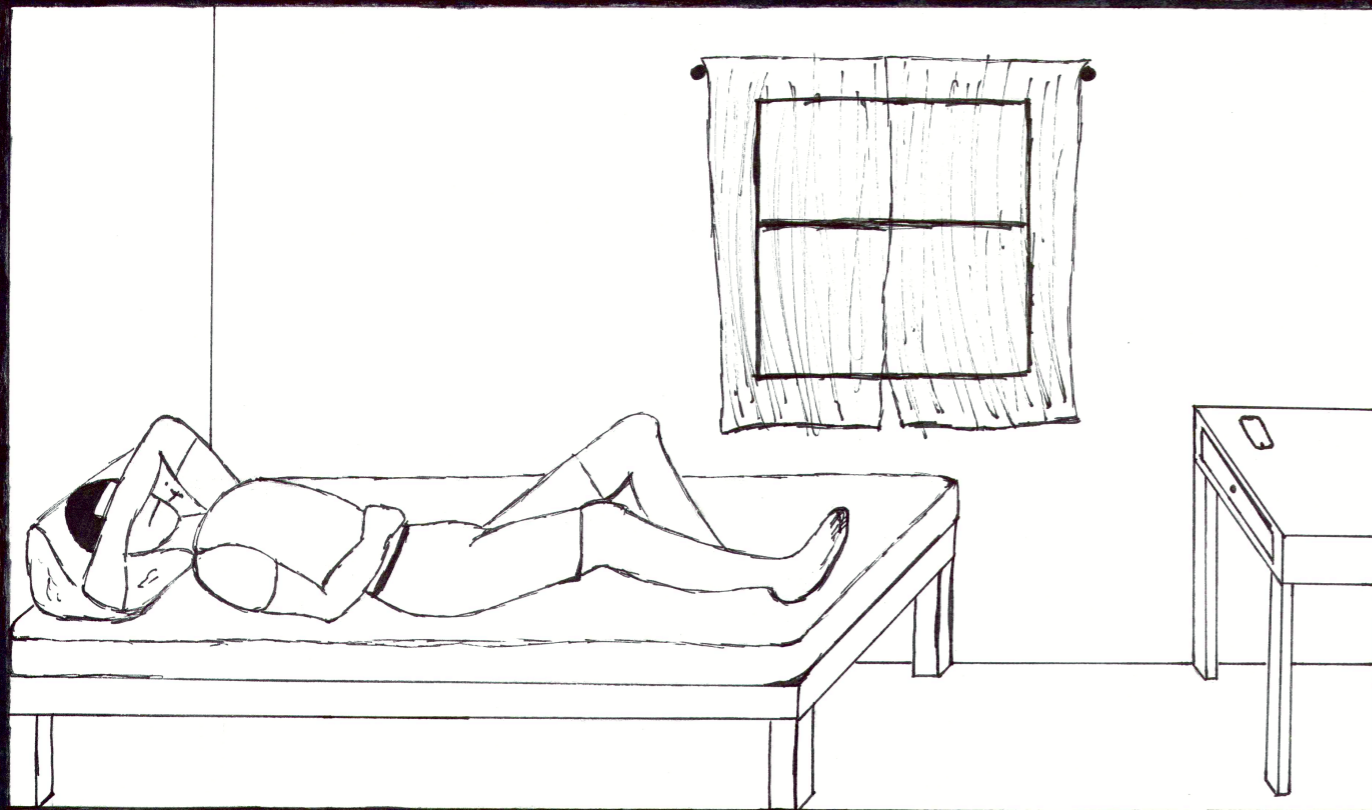
SUPPORT YOURSELF. IT WILL FIND YOU TOO.



How to Dismantle a Bomb art by Adrian Valentine/story by Lanajia Parks



re: **kissyface** art by Samantha Cook/story by Damian Barnes

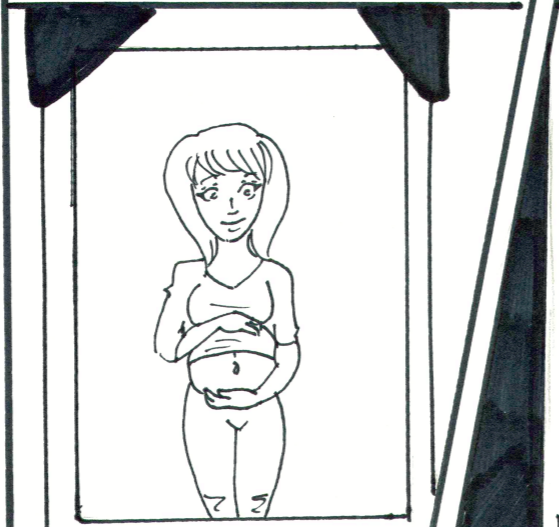


I LEFT SCHOOL AND MET MY FIRST HUSBAND AT 18.



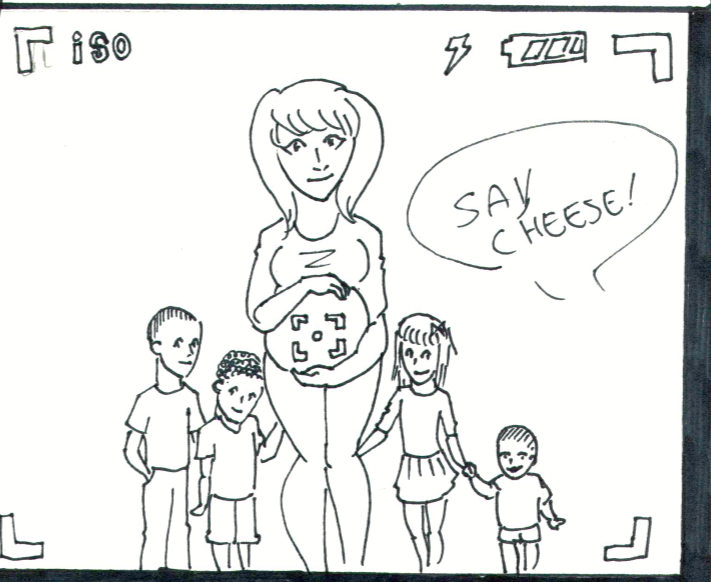
I PLANNED TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL, THOUGH.

ABOUT A YEAR LATER, I HAD A BABY.



FIRST PREGNANCY '86'

AND THEN EVERY 18 MONTHS I HAD ANOTHER ONE.



UNTIL I HAD FIVE BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN.

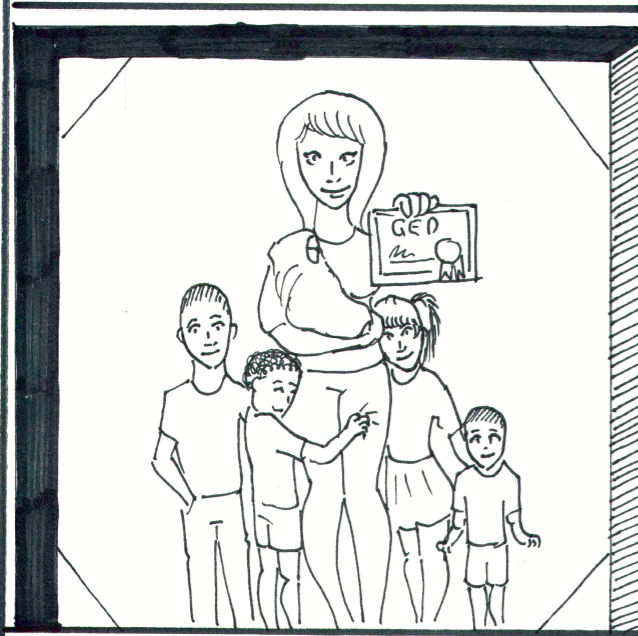
I LEFT MY HUSBAND AND MET A MAN WHO WATCHED MY KIDS.

"MAMA STUDYING" '93



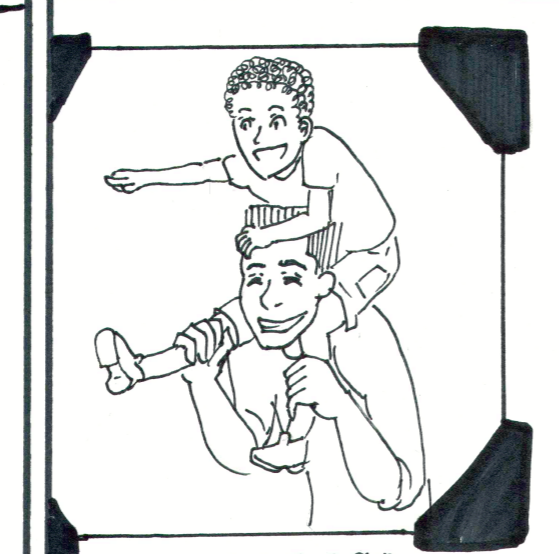
SO I WENT BACK TO SCHOOL.

I GOT MY G.E.D. I KICKED THE BOYFRIEND OUT.



LIFE GOES ON.

CHRIS CAME INTO MY LIFE, HE SUPPORTED ME GOING BACK TO SCHOOL



MY FAVORITE PICTURE OF CHRIS '95

HE'S GOT MY BACK.

AT 48, GRANDMOTHER OF SIX, HERE I AM.



ITS NEVER TOO LATE TO BETTER YOURSELF.



Friends

 art by Brenda Fialko/story by Tyshawn Robertson

It was raining outside that should have been a sign



I completed my project that was the good news.

The Bad News was that somehow, it got erased



I had to do it all over!

All That Work Gone



Thankfully, my friends was looking out for me



They had all the Resources I needed

I Did It Over



That turned out GREAT gotta have friends.

