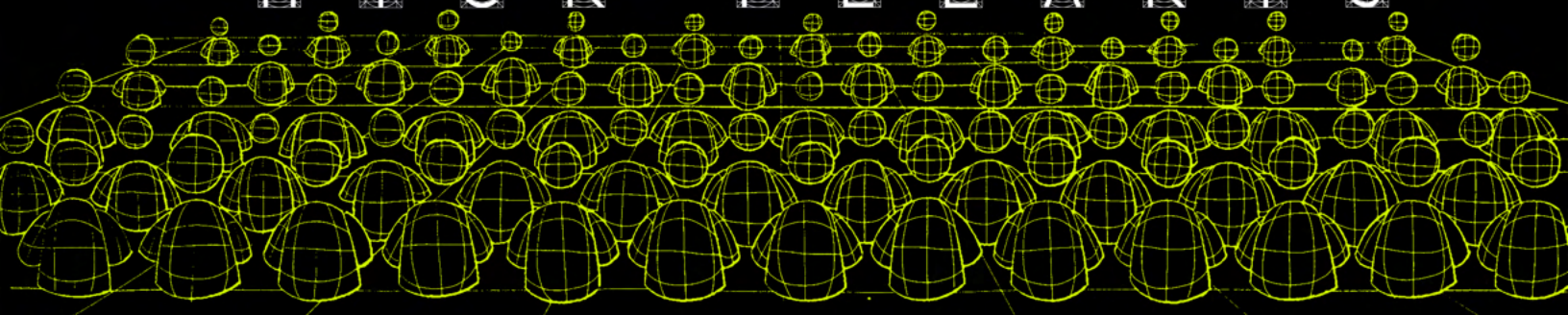




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ROUNDA!



||| AND I SPEND
EVERY DAY
ON MY IDEA BOX.



SHUCKA
SHUCKA SHUCKA
SHUCKA

EVERYONE I KNOW LOVES
THEIR IDEA BOXES, TOO.



TEN!
NINE!
EIGHT!



MY MOM, MY DAD,
MY SISTER ALANA ...

EVEN MY DOG CIRCUIT.

SEVEN!
SIX!



EVERY DAY AT EIGHT O'CLOCK SHARP,
I WATCH THREE DIFFERENT MOVIES,
PLAY THREE DIFFERENT VIDEO GAMES,

FIVE!



CHAT WITH HUNDREDS OF
PEOPLE ONLINE ...

FOUR!

AND GET READY FOR SCHOOL,
... ALL THANKS TO MY IDEA BOX!



IT EVEN MAKES
MY BREAKFAST.



THREFFEE...
TWOOD...





LEVI IS THE ONLY FRIEND I NEED. WE BECAME VIRTUAL FRIENDS OVERNIGHT.



MILQ! GET ONLINE!

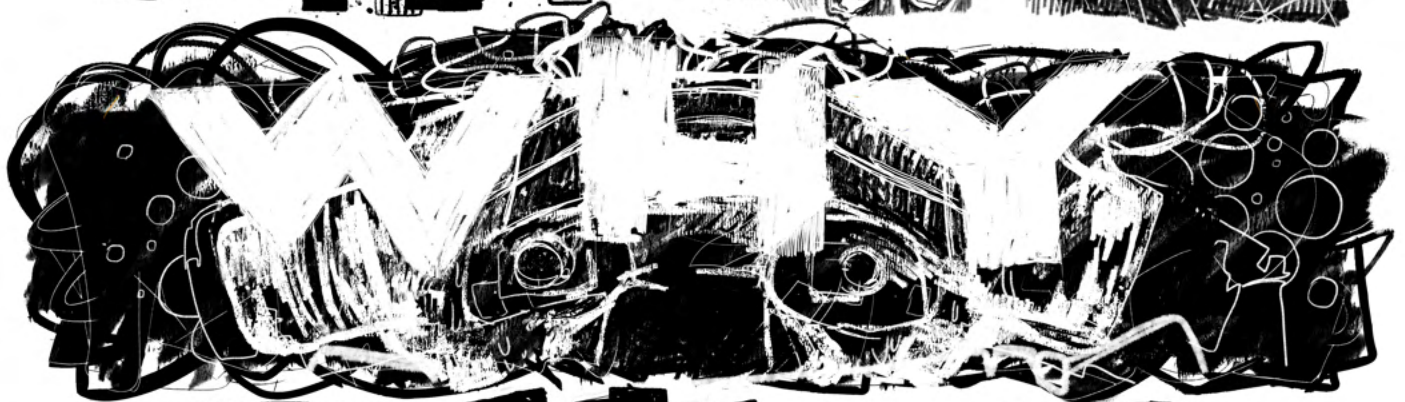
I'VE NEVER SEEN HIS FACE BEFORE.



SOMETIMES, LEVI GETS VERY ANGRY, BUT HE TOLD ME THAT ALL OF HIS VIRTUAL FRIENDS ARE JUST AS ANGRY.



MY SCHOOL IS ALL ON THE IDEA BOX, BUT I NEVER PAY ATTENTION.





MILQ, WHAT IF YOU AND I SPENT EVERY DAY ON OUR IDEA BOXES?

YOU COULD MEET ALL OF MY CYBER FRIENDS.

IF YOU SKIPPED SCHOOL FOR A WEEK, WHAT'S THE WORST THAT COULD HAPPEN?

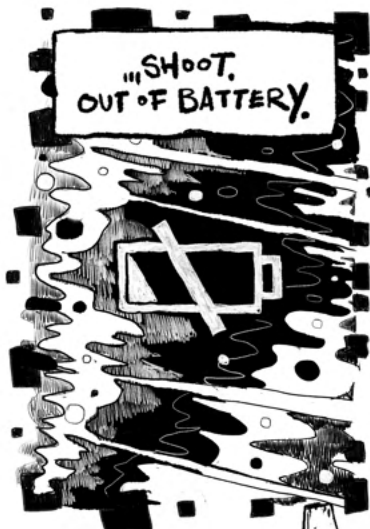
FOR SEVEN DAYS STRAIGHT, I PLAYED TOO MANY VIDEO GAMES, AND MET TOO MANY STRANGERS.

MY EYES BURNED LIKE ELECTRIC LIGHTBULBS.

MY NECK CREAKED LIKE A WOODEN RULER.

MY BRAIN GLOOMED LIKE A LONELY RAINGLOUD.

I NEVER LEFT MY ROOM.



THAT'S NATURAL.
LET ME TURN
ON MY CAMERA.



VIEW CAMERA?
YES NO



BEE!

GO AHEAD, MILD.
LOOK AT MY CAMERA.



YOU'LL GET
USED TO IT.



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AAA!!!

CHAAAA!



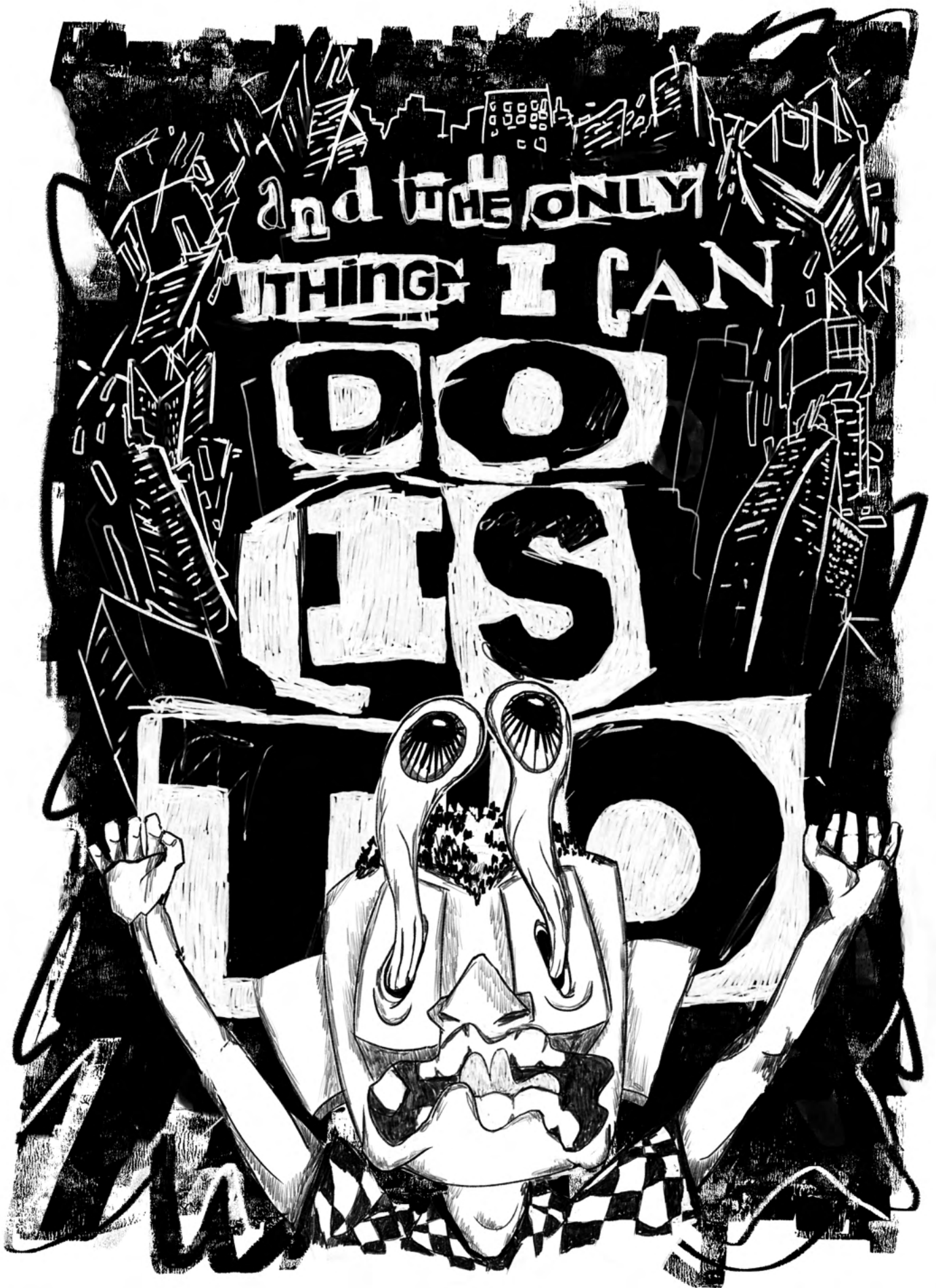


BOX PEOPLE? BOX CARS?
WHAT IS HAPPENING?

MY LIFE HAS TOO MUCH
TECHNOLOGY.

MY IDEA BOX TOOK
MY FRIENDS AND
MY FAMILY...

...AND IT CHANGED
MY BODY...




UNPLUG

POOM!



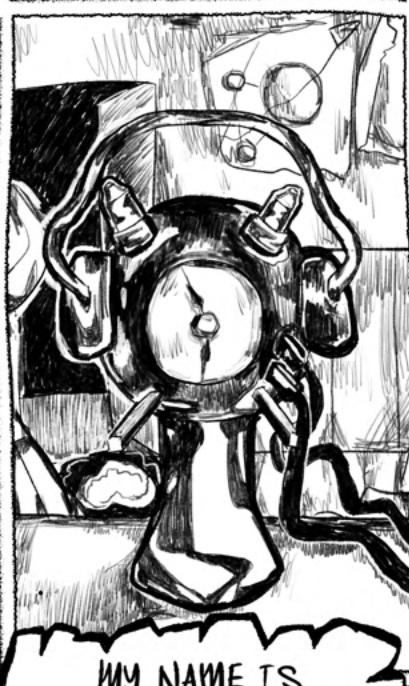
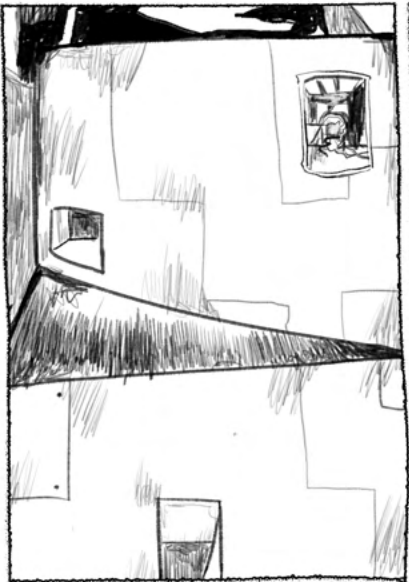
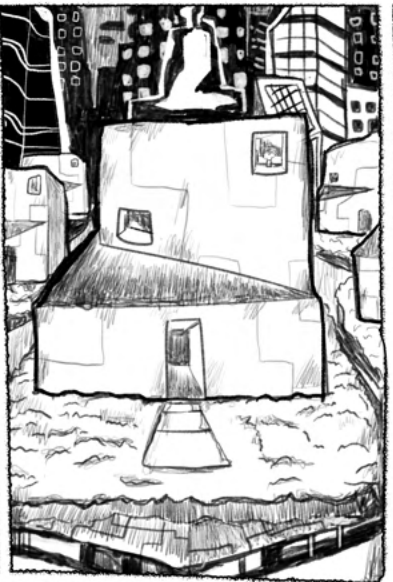
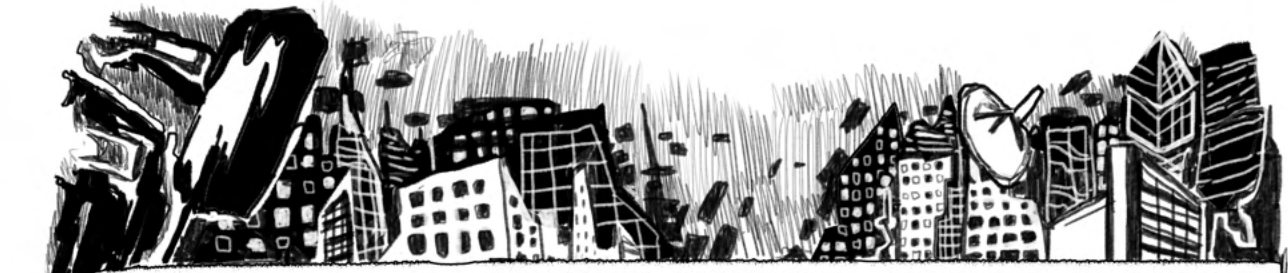
THE EDGE OF
THE CITY?

THIS IS NICE.

A black and white illustration of a busy city street. The scene is filled with cars, including a large white van in the center and several smaller cars around it. Buildings of various heights and styles line the street. A large clock face is visible on the left side of the street. The overall style is a detailed, sketchy line drawing with cross-hatching for shading. The sun is visible in the sky at the top center.

EVERYONE IS ADDICTED
TO THEIR IDEA BOXES.

DOES MY SISTER ALANA
KNOW HOW BADLY
IT COULD AFFECT HER LIFE?



MY NAME IS
AZANA KREZKIE...

...AND I SPEND
EVERY DAY
ON MY IDEA BOX.





THE END



This story written and illustrated by Nick Felaris



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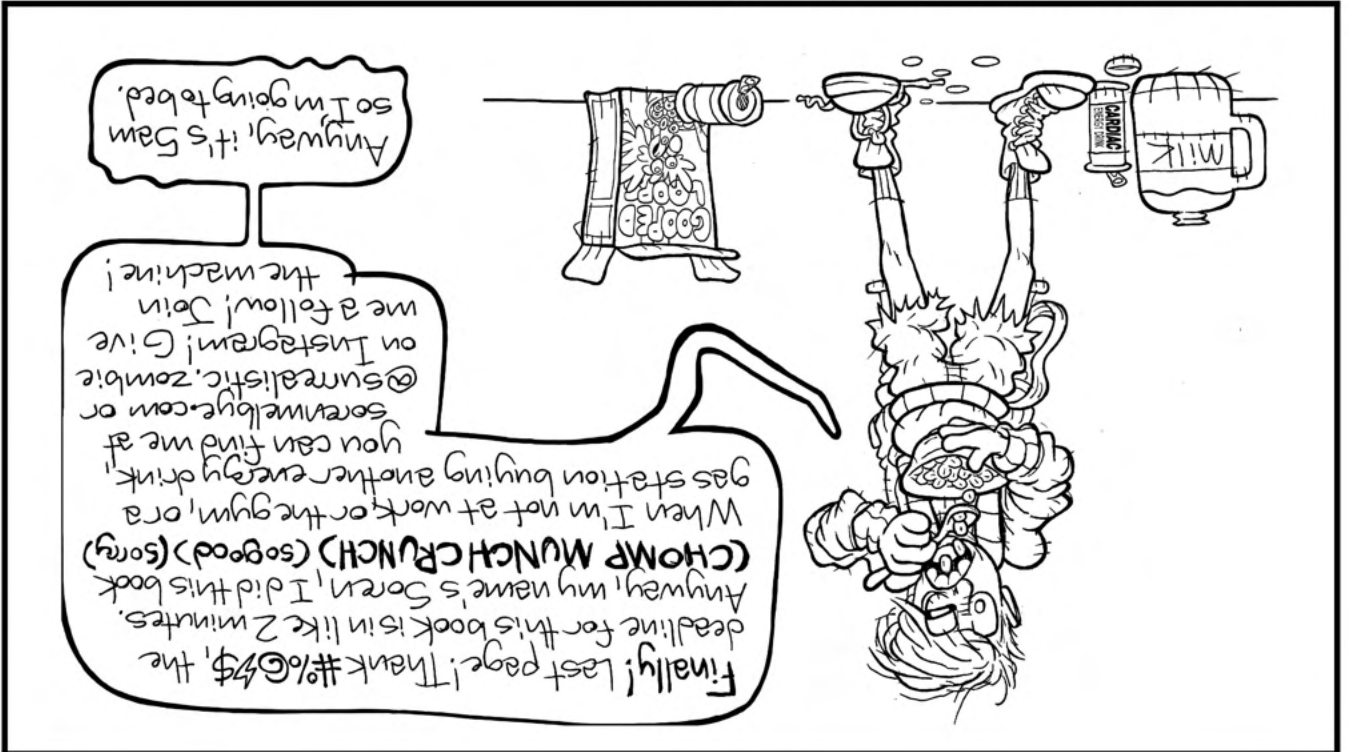
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This story written and illustrated by Soren Melbye





I'M CLEARLY ON MY BREAK, ON MY BREAK, CHRIS!

SHOULD WE CHECK ON THE TEAM RETURNING DICK SMITH ON THE WAY TO THE VIRUS'S HOLDING CELL, THEY'VE BEEN GONE FOR A WHILE. AND WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

GIR TELEPORT ROOM

TO FOLLOW



Dick Smith

JOSH, YOU NEVER GOT MY COFFEE.

I WAS GONNA, GEEZ.

DROP OFF THE CEO AND GET THIS GAZI%!
BACK IN THE PORTAL!

WOW PENNY,
YOU'RE SO PRETTY
AND FULL OF LIFE!
CAN I GET YOU SOME
MORE COFFEE?
OK

SECRETARY

WOW PENNY,
YOU'RE SO PRETTY
AND FULL OF LIFE!
CAN I GET YOU SOME
MORE COFFEE?
OK

WILL TAKE OVER THE
WORD THIS TIME!
AGAIN!

They got so buck
that some fool always
gotta start a fight
They usually made us
close early that night
In the summer.



BIGGER SPENDINGZ

WORK SMARTER

SECRETARY

WOW PENNY,
YOU'RE SO PRETTY
AND FULL OF LIFE!
CAN I GET YOU SOME
MORE COFFEE?
OK

elsewhere

END.

detention →

GUESS IT'S BETTER THAN GETTING KICKED AROUND BY A VIRUS.

SO WE GOT DETENTION! WE'LL KICK A BALL AFTWARDS!

GOTCHA BRATSI! DISAPPEARING FROMGYM CLASS! ARE YOU TRYING TO GET ME SHEDD?

no no no no no no no no



RIDE BIKES? EXPLORE THE TOWN? JUST KICK A BALL AROUND? LET'S JUST CHOOSE SOMETHING!

HOW LONG BEFORE THE SUN SETS? WHAT DO WE DO FIRST?

(THE OUTDOORS!

WOW! I NEVER WOULD'VE THOUGHT OF THIS!



exit library!
 THEN COME ALONG, KID. COME ALONG, TO...

YOU WERE RIGHT, MINDY. VIDEO GAMES AND THE INTERNET ARE FUN, BUT YOU CAN GET LOST IN THEM, AND YOU CAN LOSE SOME COMMON SENSE SOMETIMES.



HEY, COME ON. I HAVE A NEW IDEA.

YOU KNOW, ACTUALLY, I THINK I'VE DONE FOR THE DAY.



FRANKLIN, DID YOU FORGET EVERYTHING THAT JUST HAPPENED??

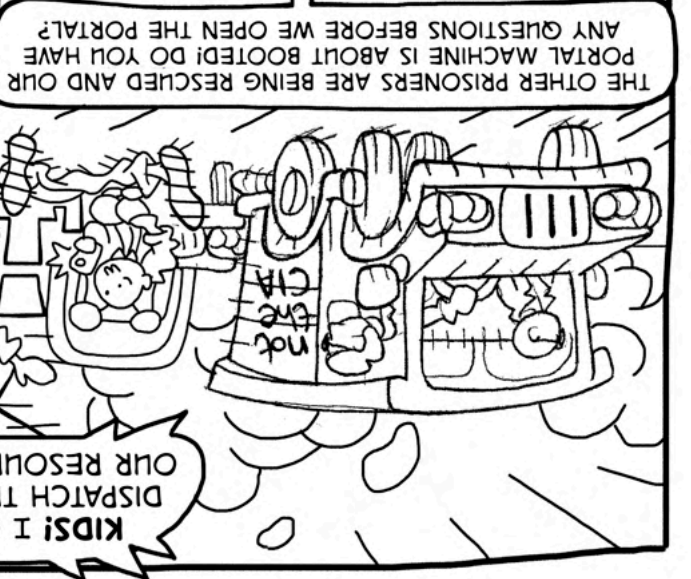
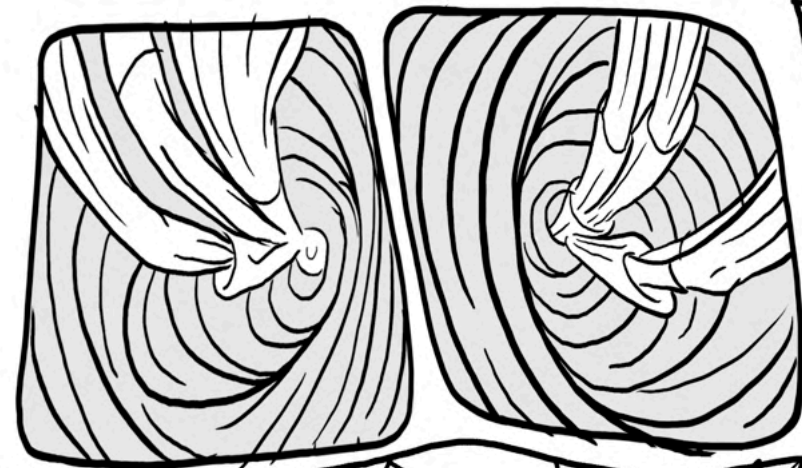
SWEET! WHAT LEVEL ARE WE ON?

BUT THE POP-UP'S GONE AND THE COMPUTER'S BACK TO NORMAL!



(GROAN) PORTALS FEEL LIKE GOING DOWN THE REST OF A WATER SLIDE AFTER FALLING OUT OF YOUR INNER TUBE HALFWAY DOWN.

WELL... THAT WAS WEIRD.









WE WERE!

I TOLD YOU BUMS TO WATCH WHERE WE'RE FLYING!!

WHEN CAN WE LEAVE? I NEED TO FINISH SOME PAPERS.



WHY DO YOU ALL HAVE THAT LOOK?



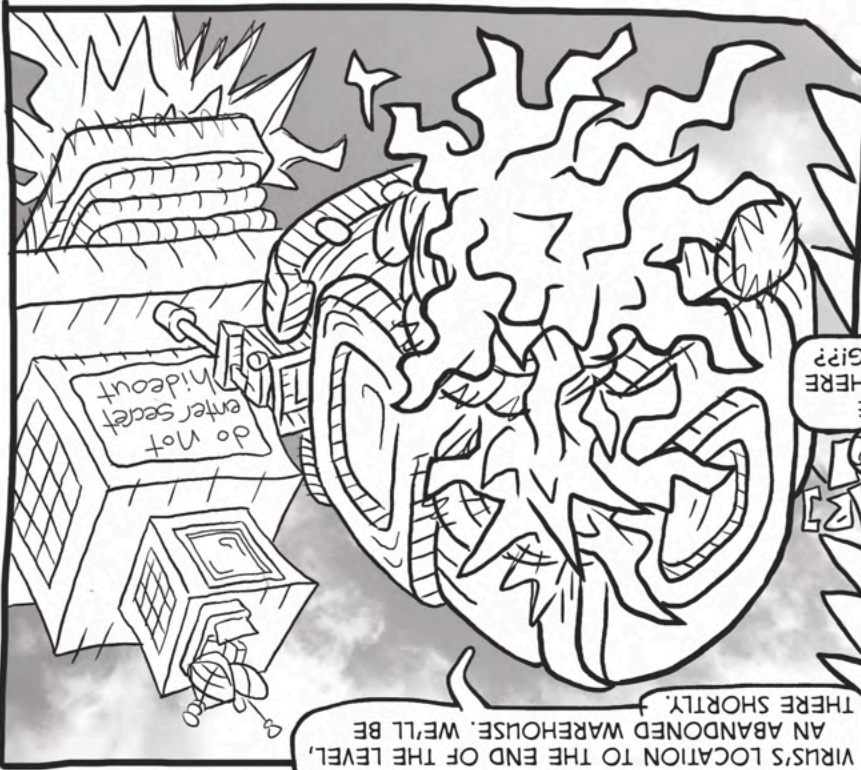
I STILL DON'T GET THIS LEVEL, THOUGH. WHAT DO I DO WITH THIS BALL? AND HOW DOES THE PORTAL I NEED TO GO THROUGH OPEN?

HOW MANY TIMES DO I NEED TO SAY THIS? YOU LOSERS AREN'T LEAVING! I AM! WE!! I'M-I'M-



HAVE TO OPEN THE PORTAL AND I'LL BE FREE OF THIS VIDEO GAME!

MR PRISONERS HAVE BROKEN DOWN THE DIMENSIONAL BARRIERS! NOW, I JUST



BUT FEAR NOT, KIDS! WE PINPOINTED THE VIRUS'S LOCATION TO THE END OF THE LEVEL, AN ABANDONED WAREHOUSE. WE'LL BE THERE SHORTLY.



WOULD YOU THREE QUIT WITH THE GAMES AND PAY ATTENTION TO WHERE YOU'RE FLYING?!

HO THINKS THIS VIRUS WANTS TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD. WE HAVE TO FIND IT AND DESTROY IT!

WINNER NEXT-BOSS. SORRY.



THE CIA?

THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, YOUNG MAN! WE PROTECT THE COUNTRY FROM ANYONE WHO THREATENS IT!



THE VIRUS MENTIONED MEN IN SUITS CATCHING UP.

HOPE YOU'RE GOING TO GYM CLASS, KIDS. CLIMB UP THIS ROPE!



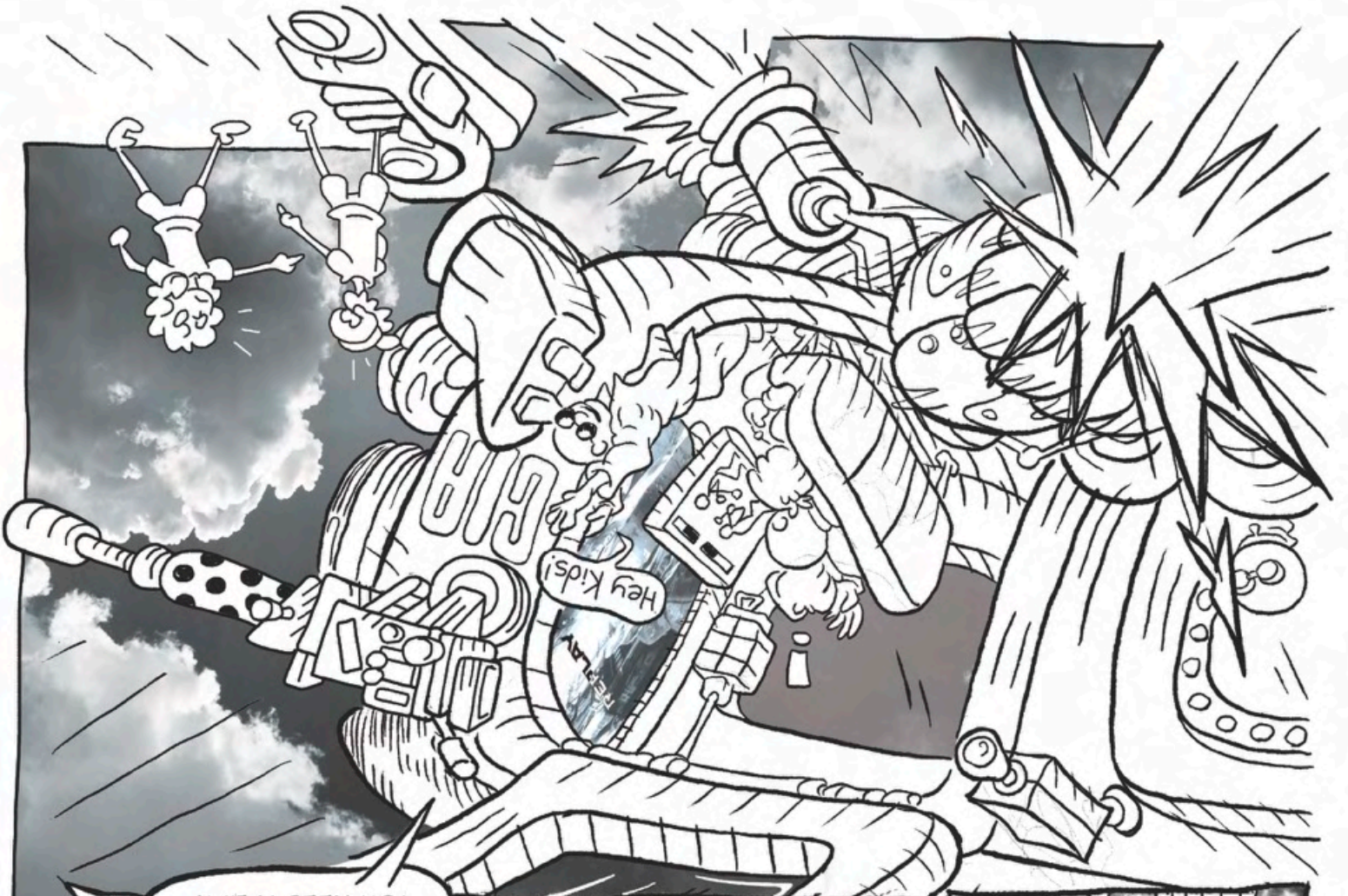
WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU TWO SINCE WE GOT WORD OF HOSTAGES ESCAPING THE VIRUS!

ALRIGHT JAKE, PUT THE SHIP IN GEAR!



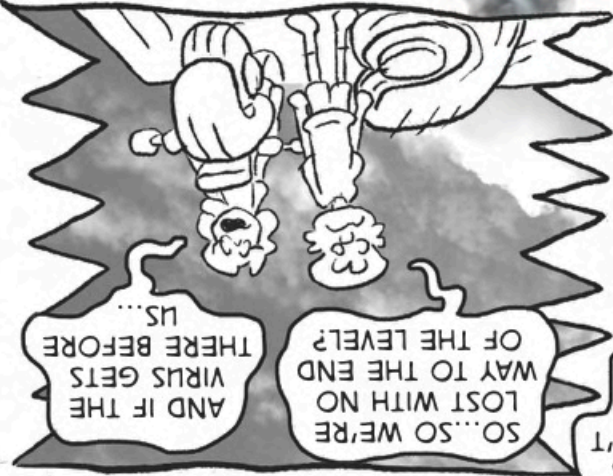
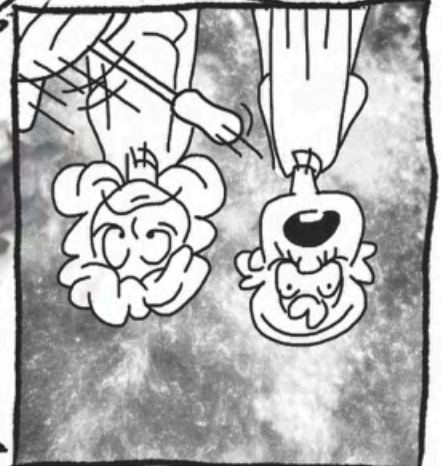
WARP SPEED! SPRINT!





GOODNESS,
YOU TWO LOOK LIKE
YOU NEED A LIFT!

THIS IS
YOUR
FAVOR



AND IF THE
VIRUS GETS
THERE BEFORE
US...

SO...SO WE'RE
LOST WITH NO
WAY TO THE END
OF THE LEVEL?



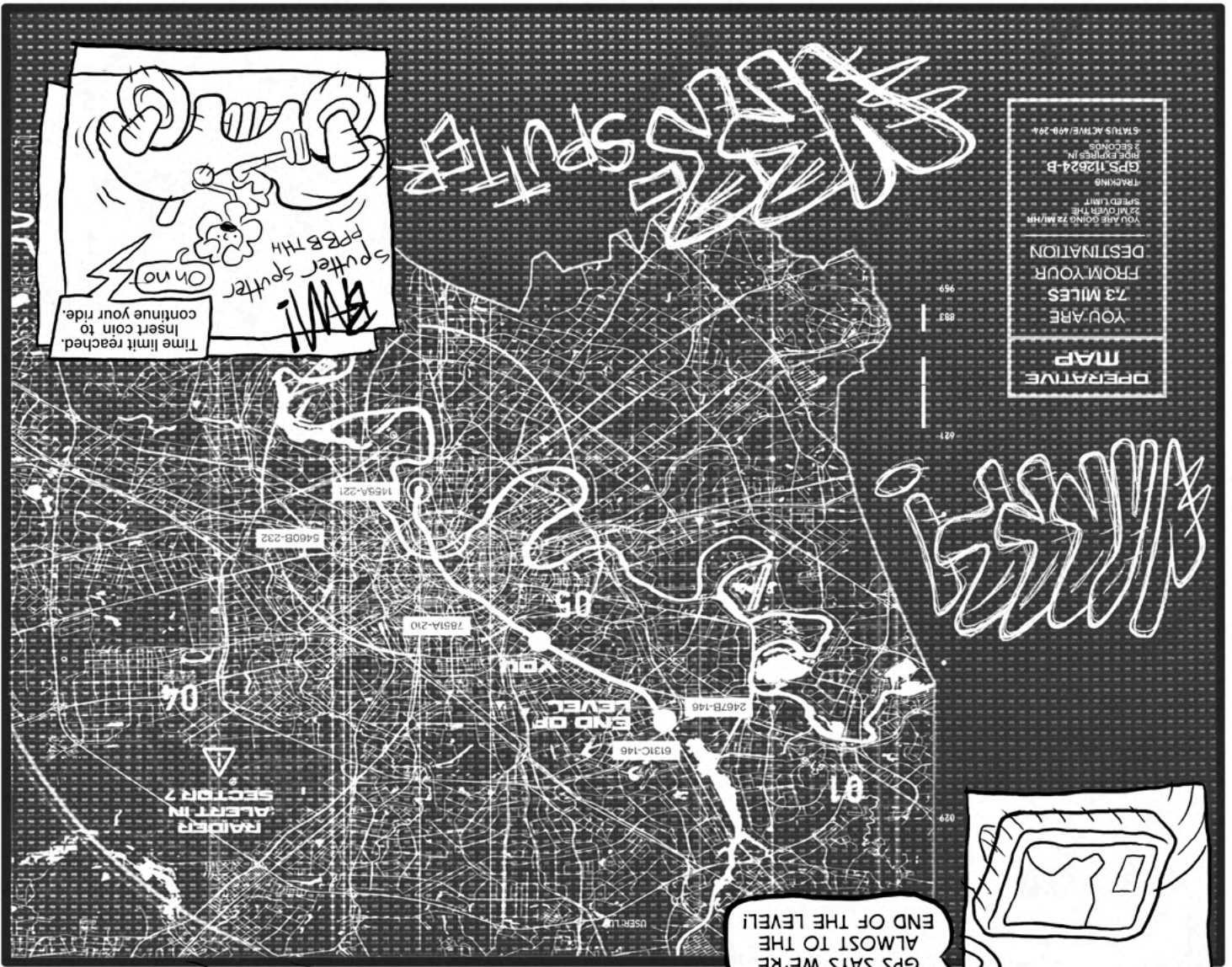
WHO CARRIES
COINS?? I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
TO DO...

W-WE NEED
COINS! DO
YOU HAVE
ANY MORE-

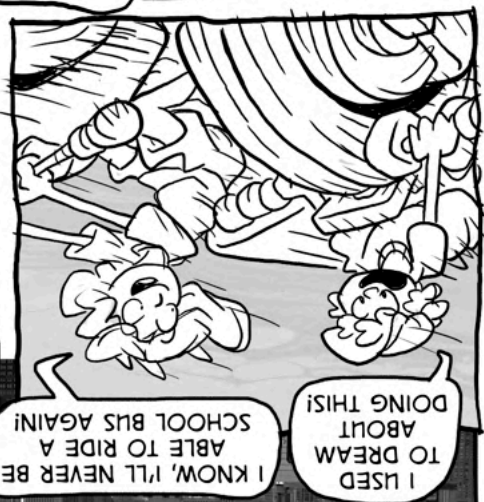


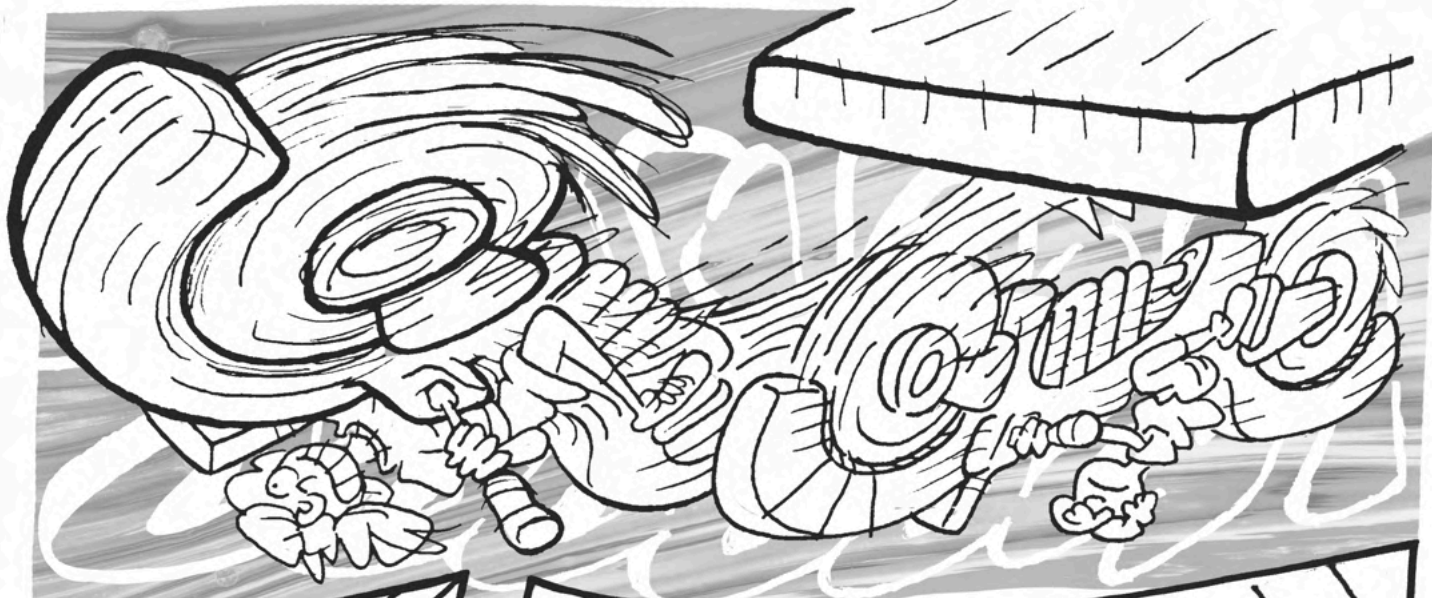
WE STILL
HAVE MILES
TO GO!

MY BIKE DIED
TOO! HOW FAR
ARE WE NOW??



GPS SAYS WE'RE ALMOST TO THE END OF THE LEVEL!





OH...UH, YEAH! YEAH, THAT WAS MY IDEAL!

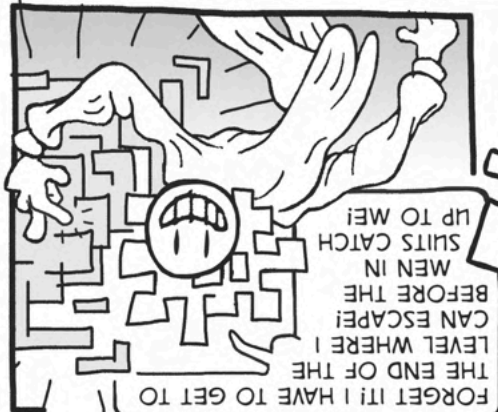
THOSE ARE THE CYBERBIKES IN THE FINAL LEVELS! NOW WE CAN BEAT THE VIRUS TO THE END OF THE LEVEL!

ARE YOU THINKING WHAT I'M THINKING?



JUMP DOWN, I SEE SOMETHING!

WAIT UP FRANKLIN, WHERE ARE YOU GOING??



FORGET IT! I HAVE TO GET TO THE END OF THE LEVEL WHERE I CAN ESCAPE! BEFORE THE MEN IN SUITS CATCH UP TO ME!



I SEE NOW, THAT BOY'S GROSS DRINK FRIED THE CIRCUITRY!

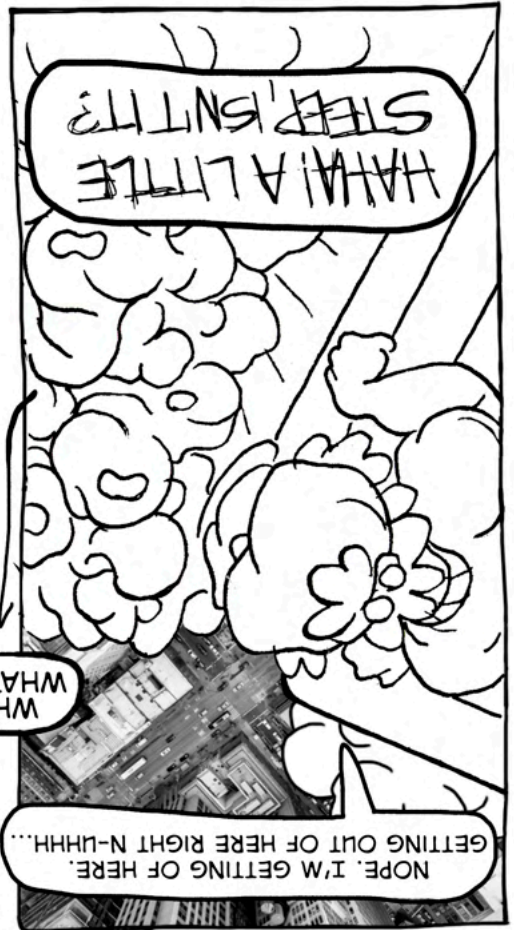


NOW I'M UPSET.





...AND NOW THAT I HAVE YOU TWO, I CAN! WHILE YOU WILL BE TRAPPED HERE FOREVER!



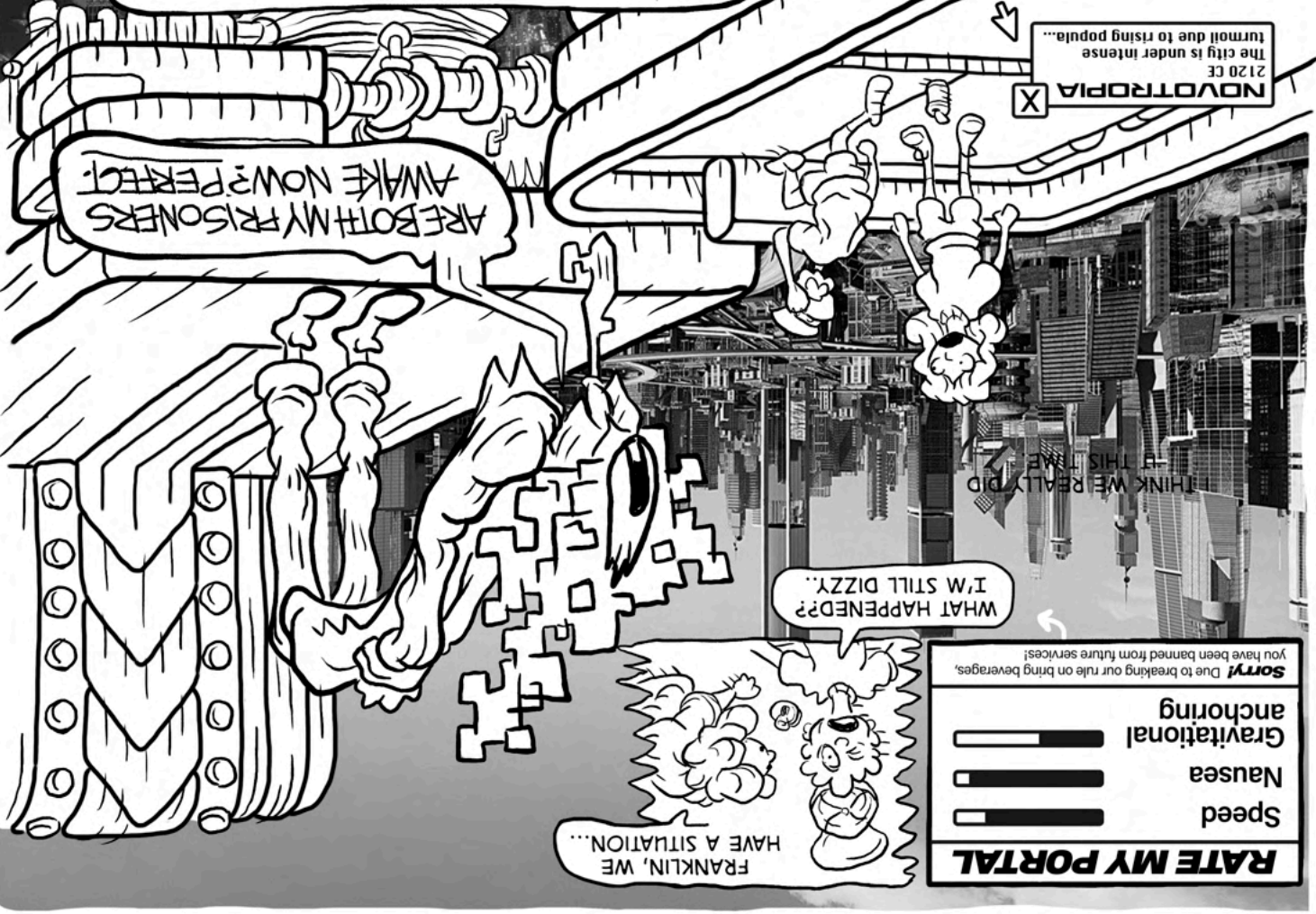
HAA! A LITTLE STEEP ISN'T IT?

NOPE, I'M GETTING OF HERE, GETTING OUT OF HERE RIGHT N-UHHH...



WHAT ARE YOU?

I'M A COMPUTER VIRUS, CHILDREN! AND YOU LITTLE FOOLS FELL FOR THE OLD POP-UP TRAP! WITH ENOUGH PRISONERS, THE BARRIERS BETWEEN OUR WORLDS ARE WEAK ENOUGH FOR TO ESCAPE THIS PLACE!



NOVOTROPICA
2120 CE
The city is under intense turmoil due to rising popula...

I THINK WE REALLY DID - THIS TIME!

WHAT HAPPENED?? I'M STILL DIZZY.

FRANKLIN, WE HAVE A SITUATION...

ARE BOTH MY PRISONERS AWAKE NOW? PERFECT.

RATE MY PORTAL

Speed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nausea	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gravitational anchoring	<input type="checkbox"/>

Sorry! Due to breaking our rule on bring beverages, you have been banned from future services!



I HOPE THIS SCHOOL BILL PASSES SO WE GET NEW COMPUTERS

HEY! WHAT'S HAPPENING?!



WE'RE GONNA DO IT! WE'LL WIN THE GAME NOW!

IF IT EVER FINISHES LOADING.

IT'S LOADING

I NOTICED.

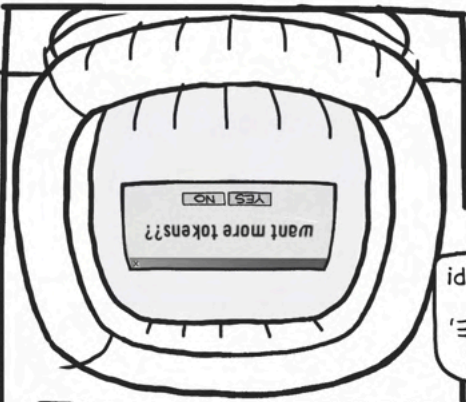
IT'LL BE WORTH IT! COME ON! WE HAVE TO FINISH THE GAME!

ARE YOU SURE?

yes

CLICK!

I DON'T THINK THIS IS SAFE, FRANKLIN. I'VE HEARD STORIES ABOUT THIS. C'MON MINDY! THEY JUST NEED A LITTLE MORE INFO ABOUT ME!



MINDY, WE'RE IN LUCK!
A WAY TO GET MORE TOKENS!



STOP SPITTING
THERE'S A
NEW POP-UP!

HOW CAN THEY DO THIS IN
THE SECOND TO LAST LEVEL?
I'M GONNA
THIS CAN'T BE LEGAL!



I NEED MORE
TOKENS TO PLAY!
THIS IS - THIS IS -
WHY?

LEVEL



CHOOSE
WEAPON:
MINDY!

LEVEL

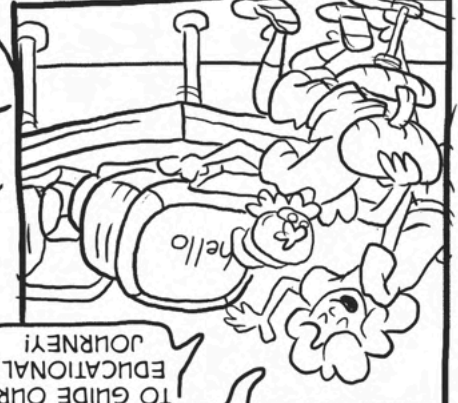


PEOPLE ARE CRAZY
FOR THIS GAME!
BBD!

WHAT
NEXT?



HAAAAH! MINDY!
THE NEXT VIDEO
HAS GORILLAS!
I'M STILL SORTING
MY FLASHCARDS.



GOOD QUESTION
SITES WILL WE USE TO
LUCKILY, I'M
AT THE HELM
TO GUIDE OUR
EDUCATIONAL
JOURNEY!

SO WHAT EDUCATIONAL
SITES WILL WE USE TO
ENRICH OUR LEARNING?



HERE WE ARE, THE LIBRARY!

THEY HAVE COMPUTERS HERE?? NOW I CAN PLAY THE GAMES MY PARENTS WON'T LET ME!



OH, THAT'S IT? YOU SHOULD KNOW I CHARGE FOR TUTORING.

YOU SHOULD KNOW I COULD'VE LEFT YOU ON THAT FIELD, KID.



YOU NEED TO HIDE AND I NEED TO STUDY FOR A TEST

WHERE ARE WE GOING ANYWAY?

exit



THAT GAME WAS GOING FOREVER! IT WAS GETTING HEATED AND IT ENDED WITH YOU FOULING THE GOALIE!

WHAT WAS THE MATTER WITH THEM?



I HAVE AN IDEA. LET'S GO.

WE SHOULD GET OUT OF HERE, I DON'T THINK THE TEAM'S VERY HAPPY WITH YOU.

MINDY, DID YOU SEE THAT KICK?? GO IN THE AIR! I MADE THE BALL GO IN THE AIR!

(SOMETIMES I MISS JAIL)

puh.

WAF



TEN SEEMS TO GO FRANKLIN!
KICK THE BALL!!!



(WE'RE NOT MAKING
STATE AGAIN THIS YEAR)



WHY ARE YOU STOPPING?
MOVE MOVE MOVE MOVE MOVE



REMEMBER TO
BREATHE THROUGH
YOUR NOSE!



IT'S SOCCER,
NOT
DODGEBALL,
FRANKLIN!



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