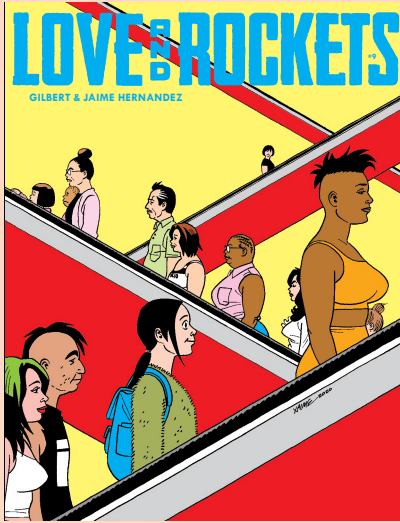


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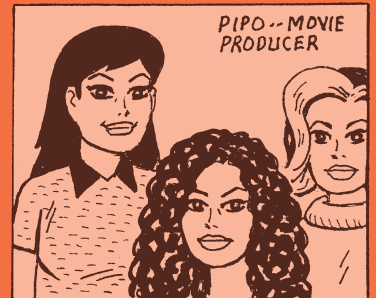
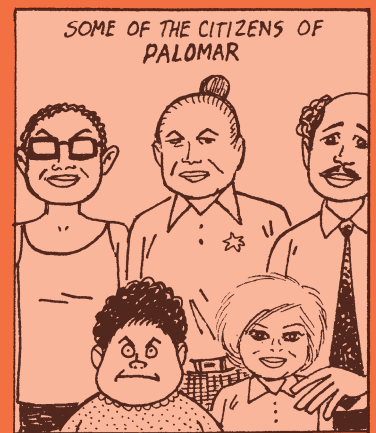
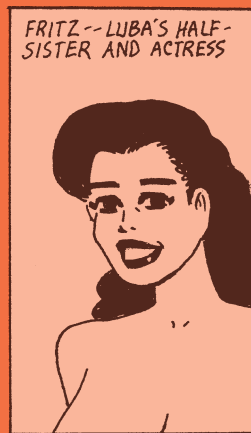
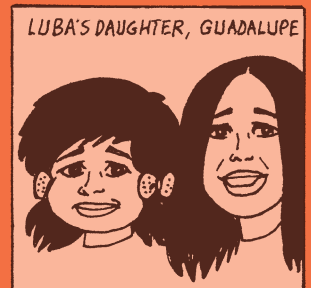
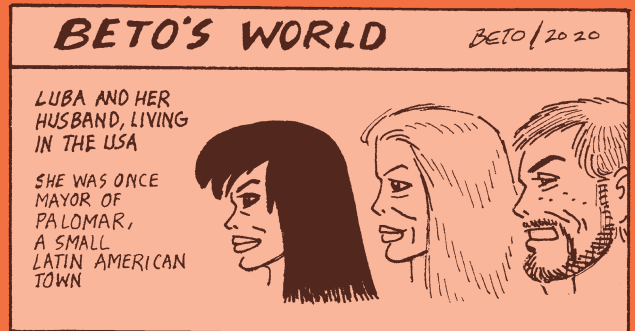


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# WARY MIRTH

by XAIMG 2020

... AND THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN I'M BEING THREATENED BY THESE TWO TEENAGE GUN MOLLS ALL BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT I STOLE THEIR STUPID FUCKING BEACH HAT ...!

FALSO

AND THIS HUGE VULTURESS IS LEANING OVER ME READY TO TEAR MY FUCKING HEAD OFF AND I'M LIKE, BOO HOO, YOU WIN, PLEASE DON'T HURT ME...

SERVES ME RIGHT FOR TRYING TO BE ALL HIPSTER SUNNING MYSELF IN THE PARK WEARING A KOOKY HAT READING A STUPID BOOK!

HA HA!

OF COURSE I'M PISSED! I'M STILL TOTALLY PISSED!

I WANT THOSE BABY BITCHES BURKED AND HARED...!

... ESPECIALLY THE ONE THAT WAS MY SIZE!

HA HA! RIGHT!

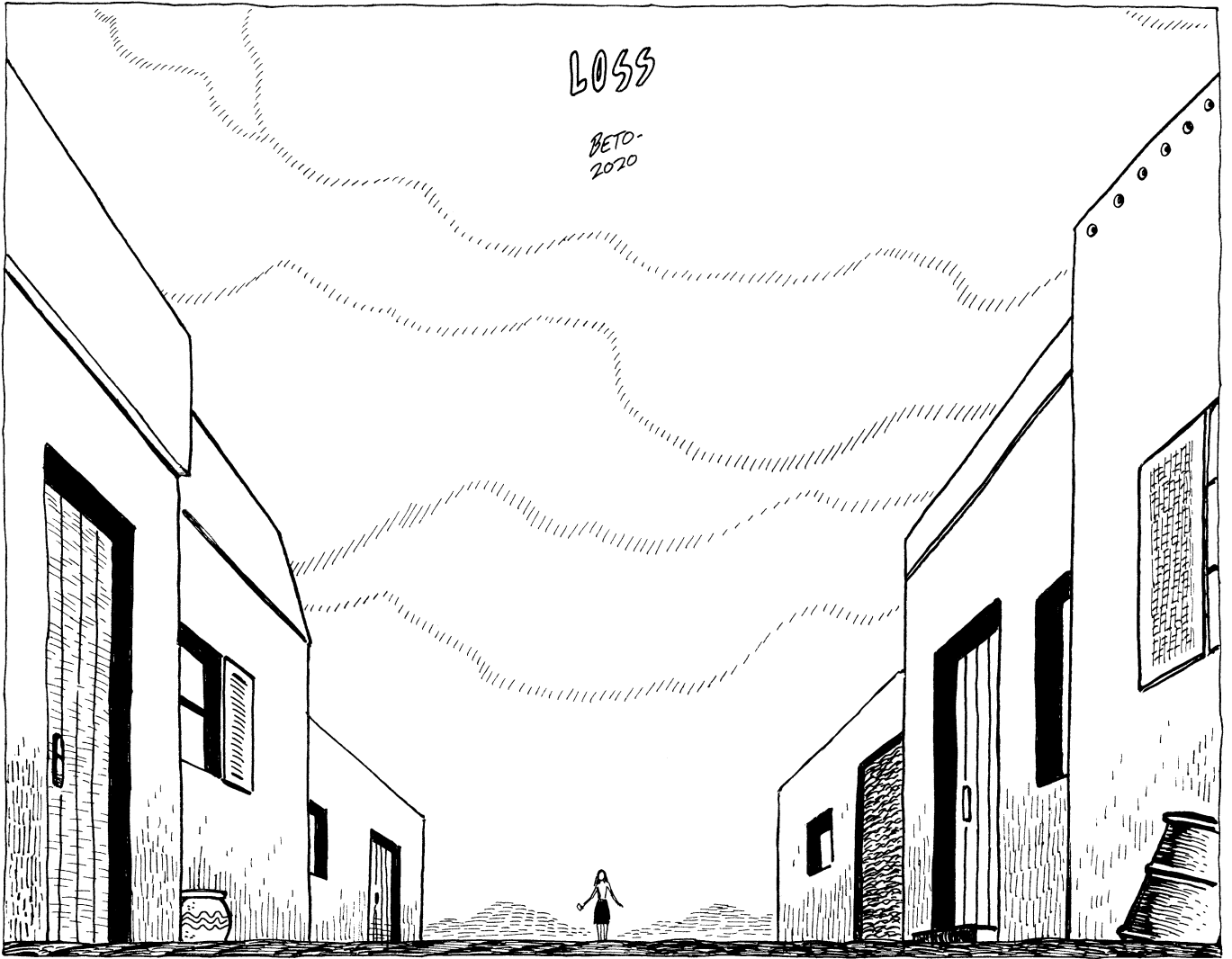
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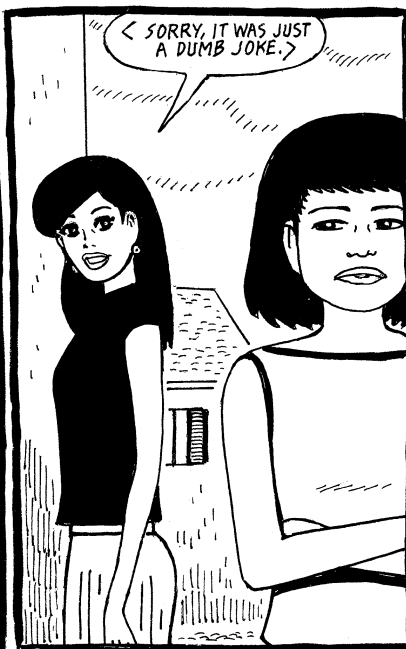
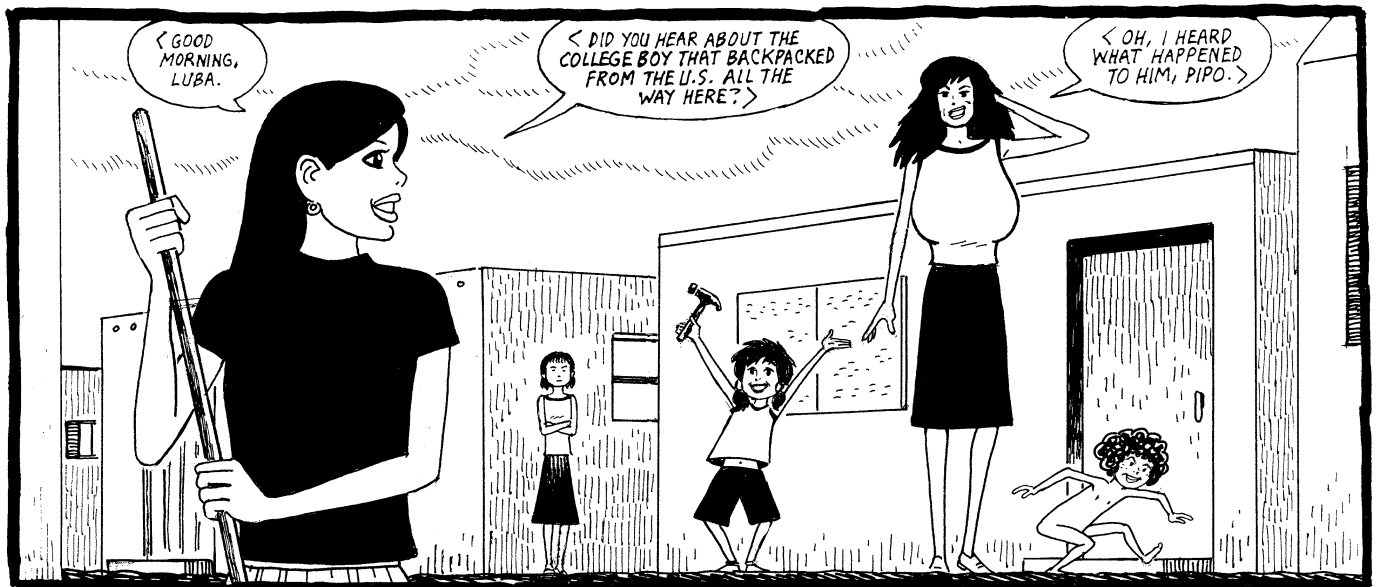


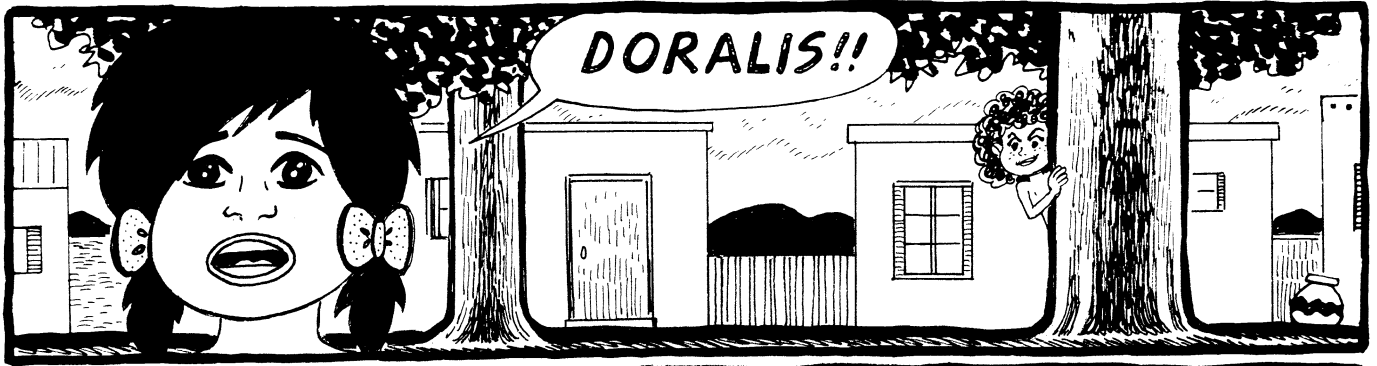
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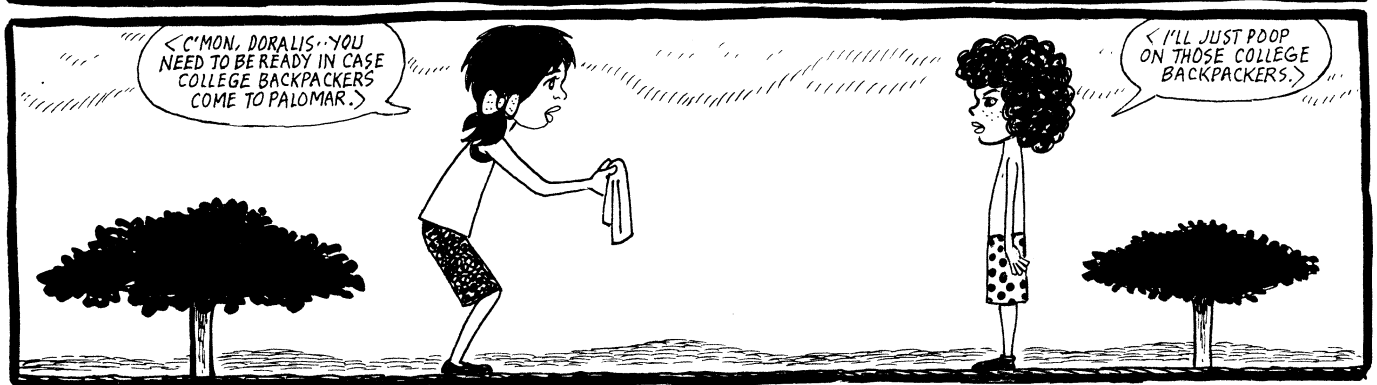


DORALIS!!



< GUADALUPE, WILL YOU GET THAT TOP ON DORALIS? >

< I'M TRYING, MAMA, I'M TRYING! >



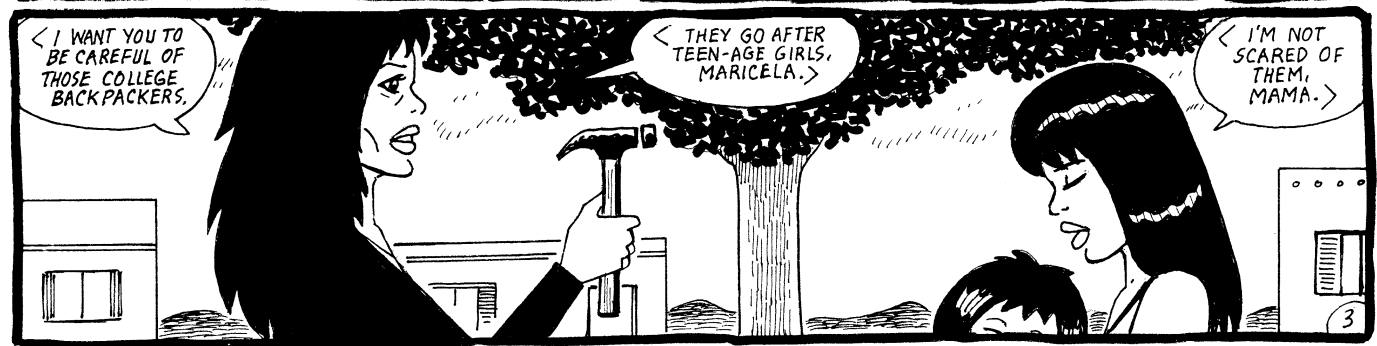
< C'MON, DORALIS... YOU NEED TO BE READY IN CASE COLLEGE BACKPACKERS COME TO PALOMAR. >

< I'LL JUST POOP ON THOSE COLLEGE BACKPACKERS. >



< NO, THEY FOOL GIRLS AND ACT NICE BUT THEY'RE ONLY ACTING NICE. >

< MAMA WILL SOCK THEM TO DEATH WITH HER HAMMER! >

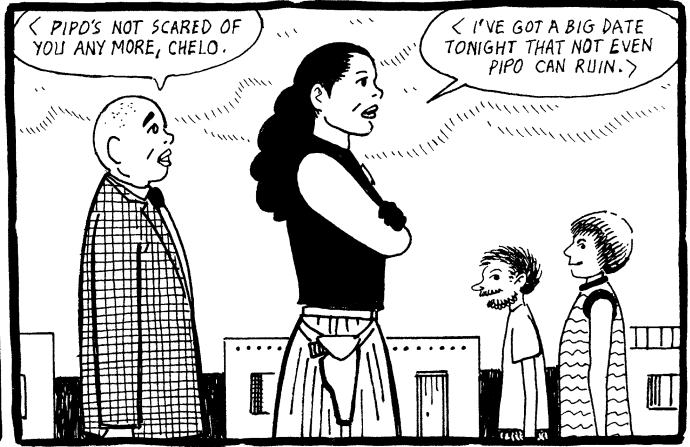
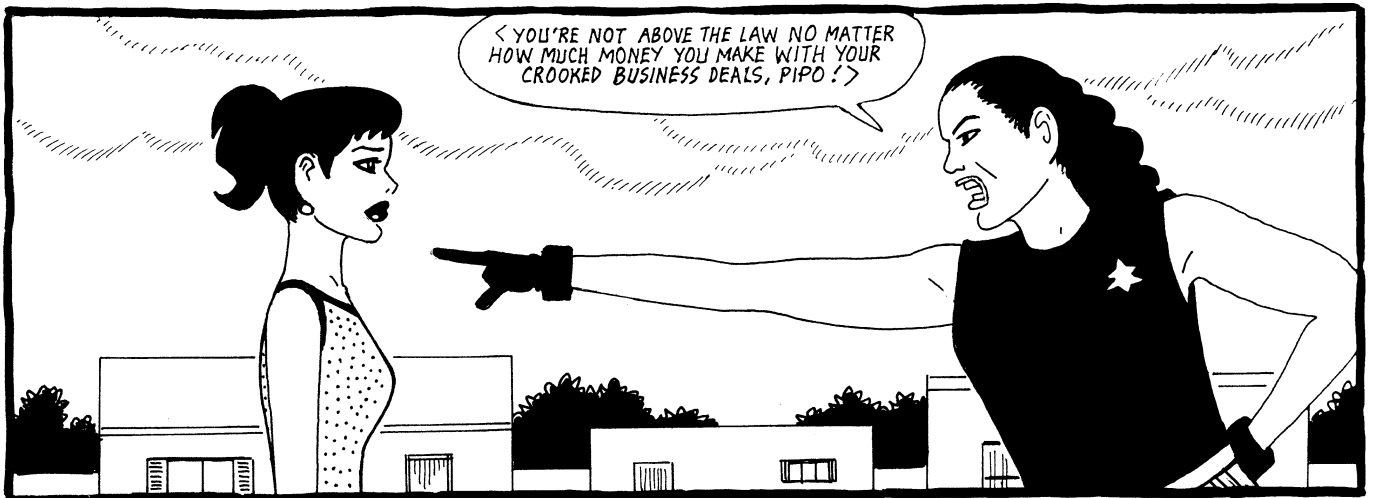


< I WANT YOU TO BE CAREFUL OF THOSE COLLEGE BACKPACKERS. >

< THEY GO AFTER TEEN-AGE GIRLS, MARICELA. >

< I'M NOT SCARED OF THEM, MAMA. >



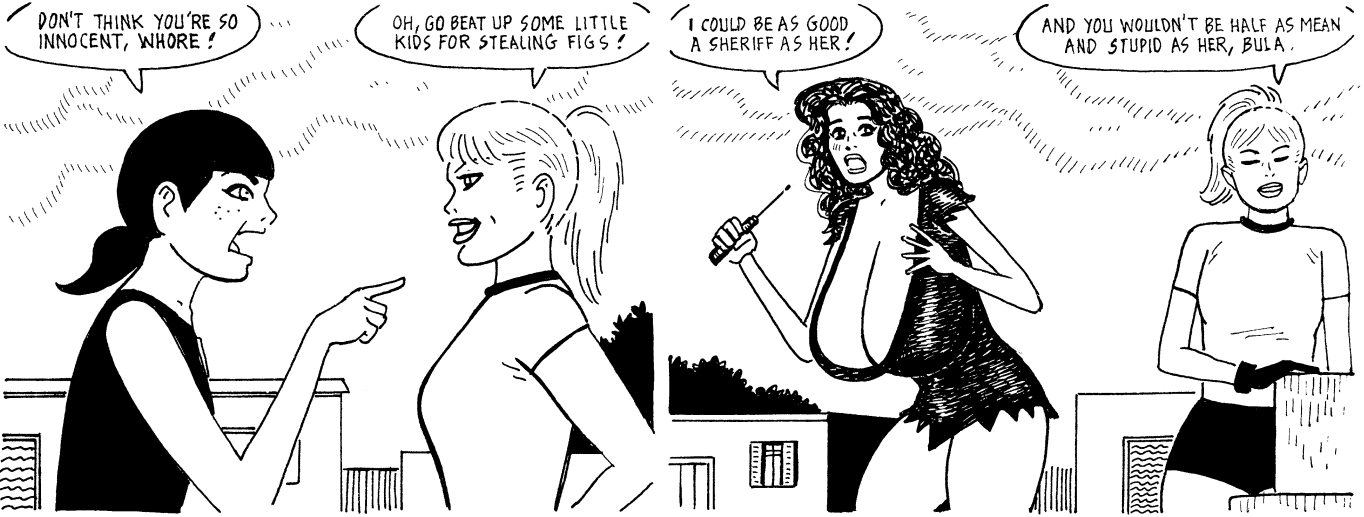




I COULD BE YOUR SHERIFF PARTNER, SHERIFF!

YOU'RE TOO DUMB TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANYTHING, BULA.

IT WOULDN'T BE THAT MUCH OF A DIFFERENCE WITH WHAT WE'RE ALREADY GOT HERE.



DON'T THINK YOU'RE SO INNOCENT, WHORE!

OH, GO BEAT UP SOME LITTLE KIDS FOR STEALING FIGS!

I COULD BE AS GOOD A SHERIFF AS HER!

AND YOU WOULDN'T BE HALF AS MEAN AND STUPID AS HER, BULA.



SHE'S NOT MEAN, SHE'S JUST--JUST--

MEAN.

WOULD I TURN AS MEAN AS HER IF I WAS THE SHERIFF?

SHE'S MEAN TO BEGIN WITH, BULA--YOU MIGHT, THOUGH.

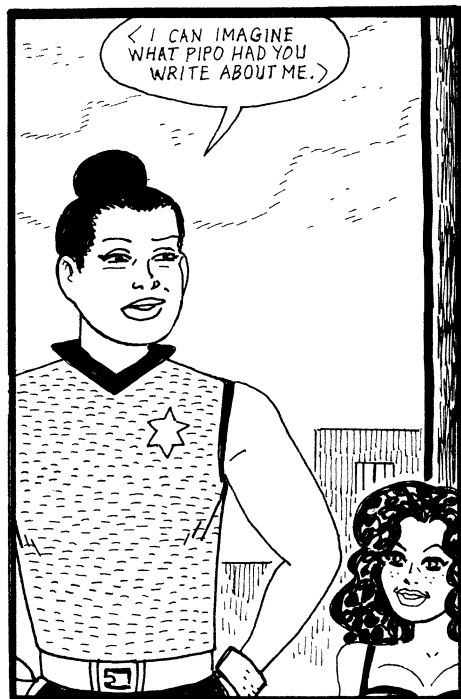
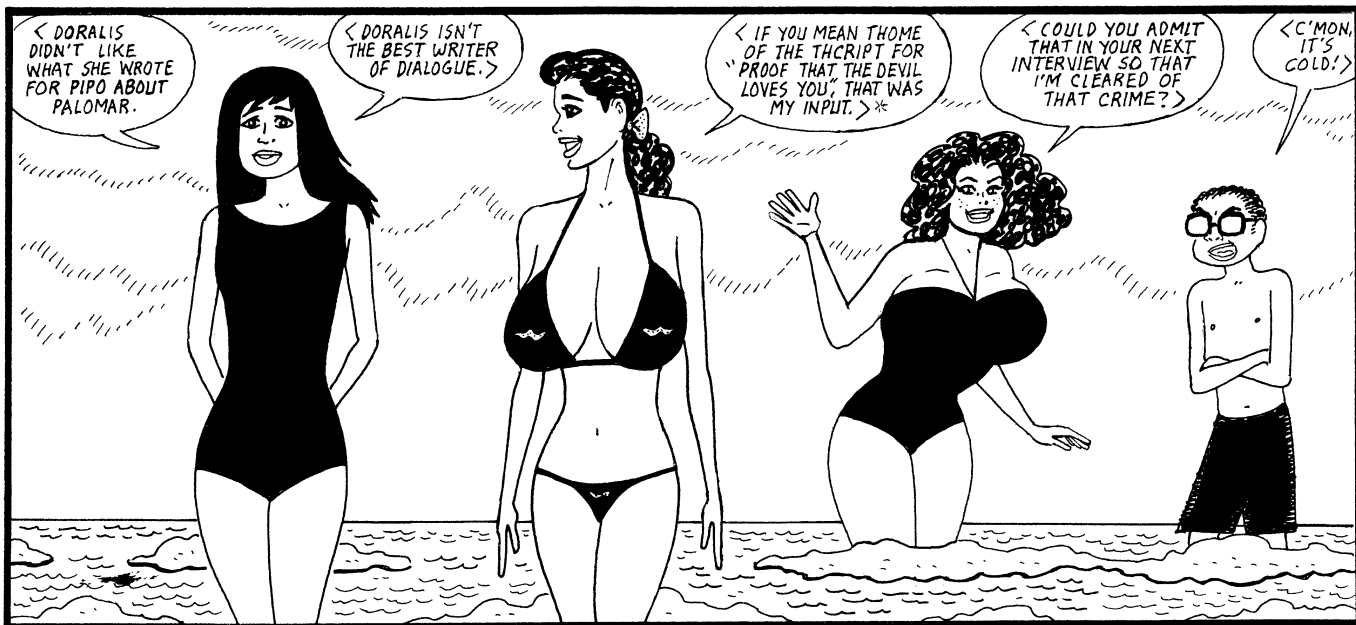
ANYTHING THAT HAPPENS IN THIS TOWN ALWAYS TURNS OUT BAD.

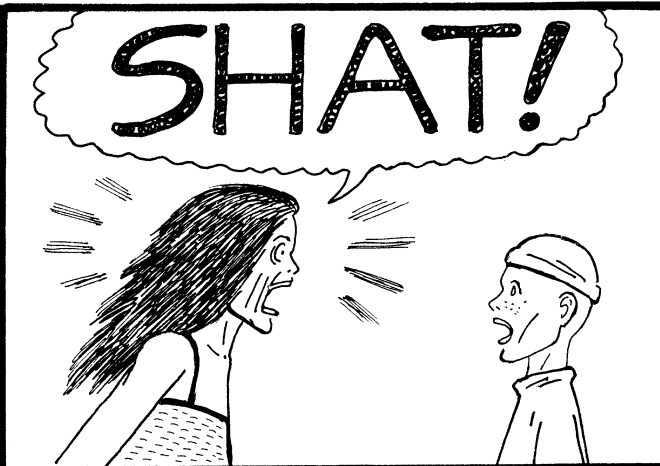
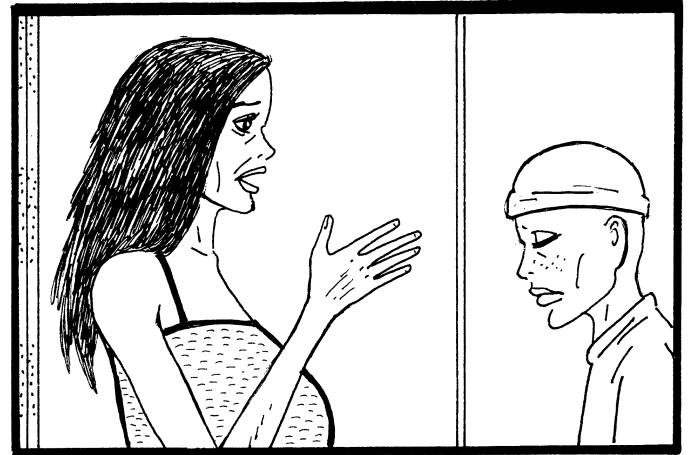
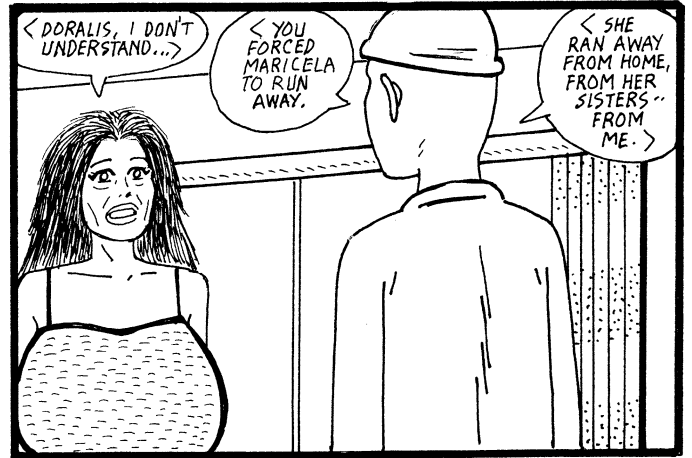
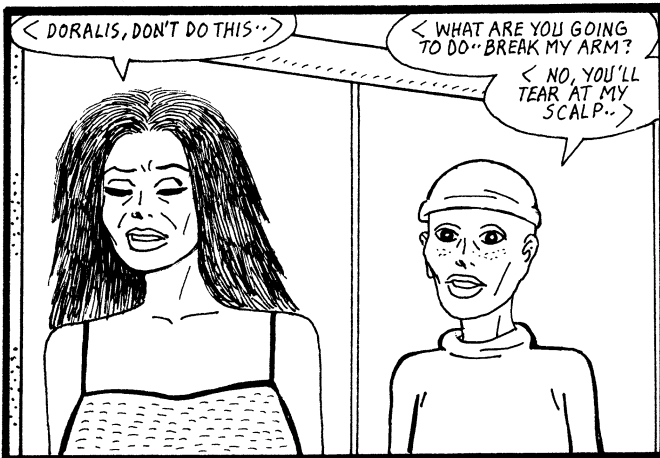
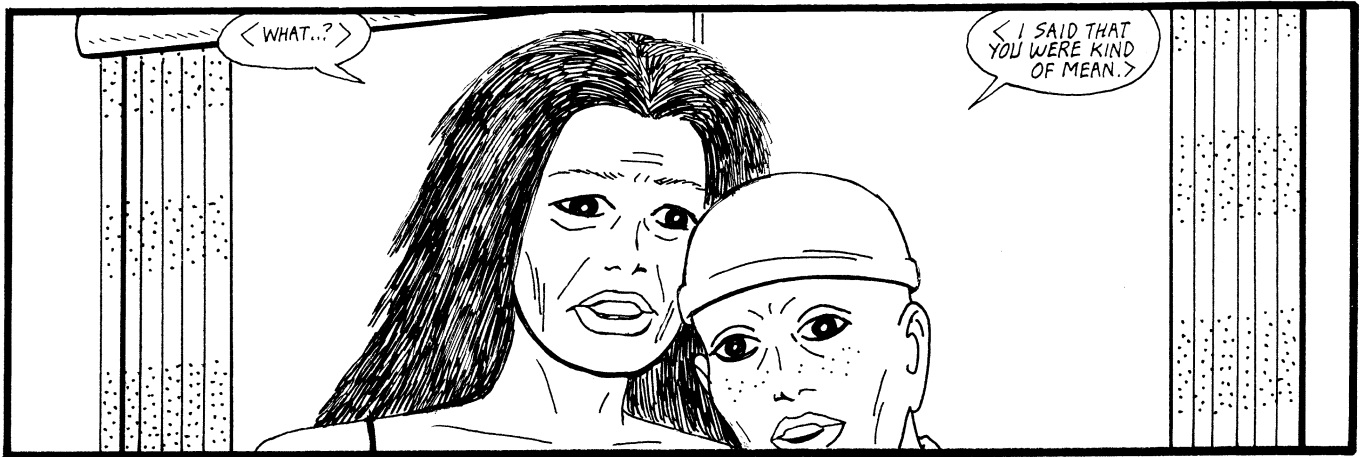
PROOF THAT THE DEVIL LOVES YOU

WRITTEN BY DORALIS DE LOS SANTOS

STARRING FRITZ



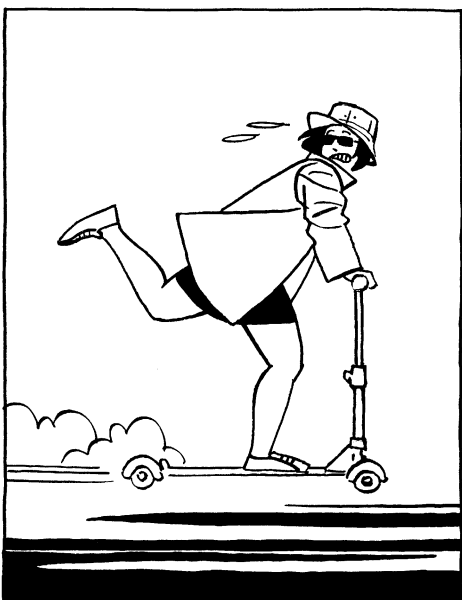
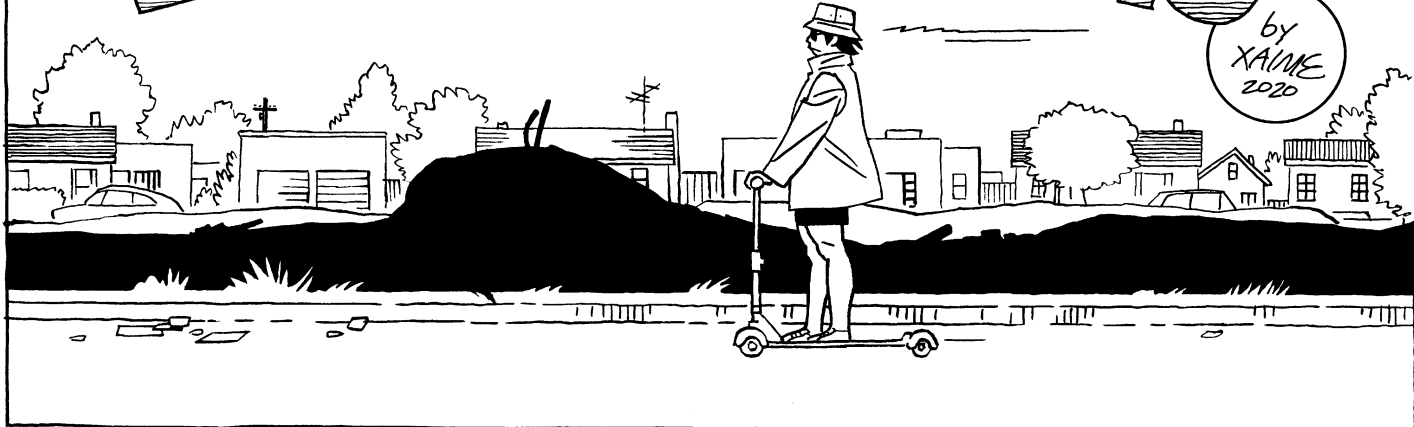






# ECHTE WIEVE DIS

by  
XAVIER  
2020





WHAT?! I DID EVERYTHING YOU SAID...

WHAT DID YOU DO?



I LEFT THE EARRINGS THURSDAY NIGHT, THE PERFUME THE NEXT NIGHT AN' THE CHOCOLATE LAST NIGHT...

WHAT DID THEY SAY?



I DUNNO, I JUST LEFT 'EM.

DID YOU LEAVE THEM A NOTE?

NO.



HOW WILL THEY KNOW ALL THOSE GIFTS ARE FROM YOU?

I DUNNO.



I THINK YOU SHOULD JUST KNOCK ON THEIR DOOR AND APOLOGIZE. THAT WAY...

WHAT IF THEY JUMP MY ASS?



MAYBE I'LL TAKE JUDY FAIR WITH ME. THEY WOULDN'T DARE TRY ANY SHIT WITH HER THERE.

THEN YOU'RE RIGHT WHERE YOU STARTED!



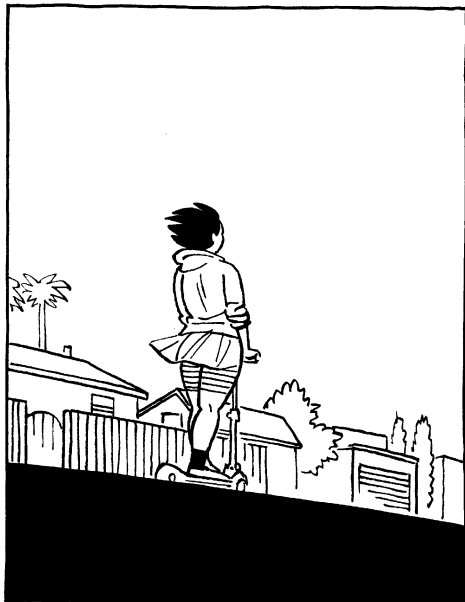
LOOK, WHATEVER YOU DO, DO IT BEFORE YOUR NEXT CLASS WITH MR. DOMINGUEZ OR YOU'LL NEVER GAIN HIS TRUST AGAIN.

THIS IS REALLY MRS. DOMINGUEZ'S FAULT, Y'KNOW.



¡TONTA!  
¡TONTA!  
¡TONTA!

OK, OK. SEE YOU LATER, ... TRAITOR. GOMEZ...



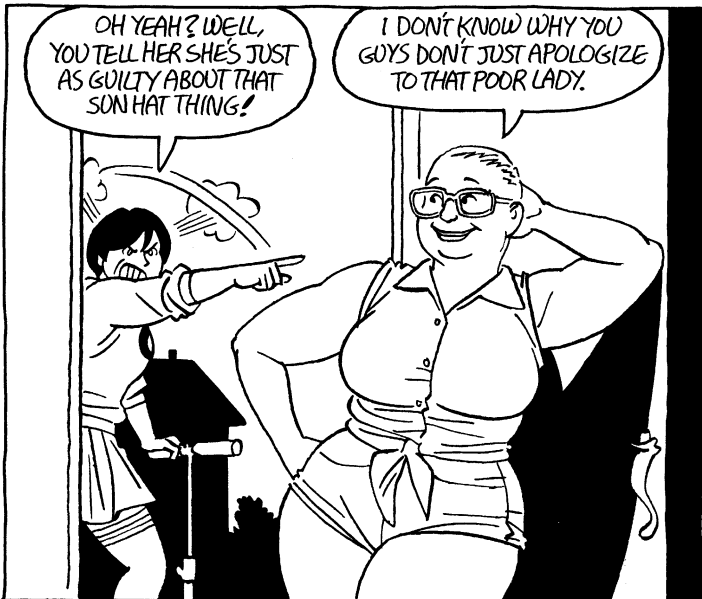
HEY, C.C. IS JUDY FAIR HOME?

YES, BUT I DON'T THINK SHE WANTS TO SEE YA, TDNTA.



WHY NOT?

SHE SAYS YOU BAD NEWS.



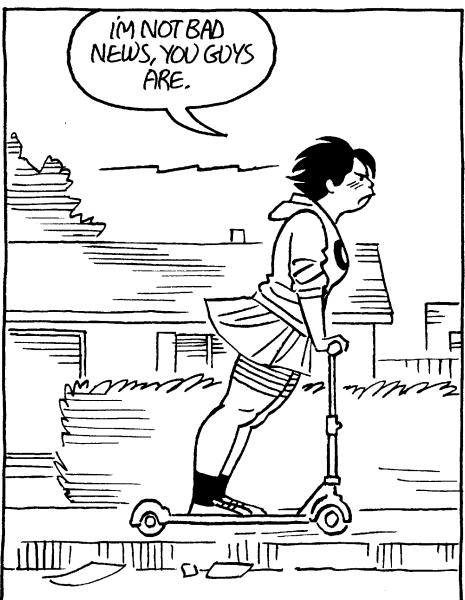
OH YEAH? WELL, YOU TELL HER SHE'S JUST AS GUILTY ABOUT THAT SON HAT THING!

I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU GUYS DON'T JUST APOLOGIZE TO THAT POOR LADY.



THAT'S 'CAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING! AN' YOU KNOW HOW I KNOW YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING...?

'CAUSE YOU HANG OUT WITH MY KNOW-NOTHING SISTER!



I'M NOT BAD NEWS, YOU GUYS ARE.



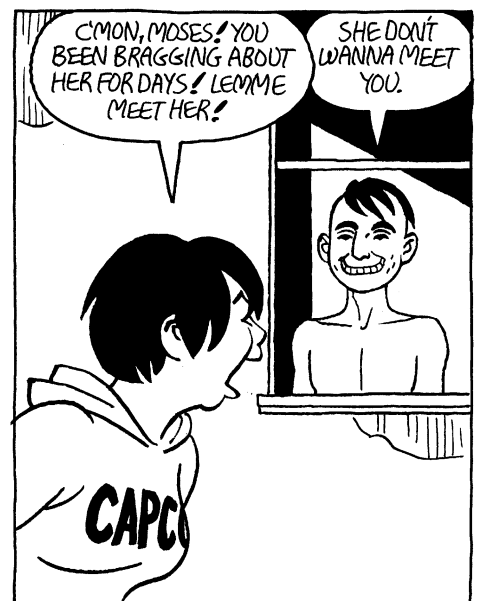
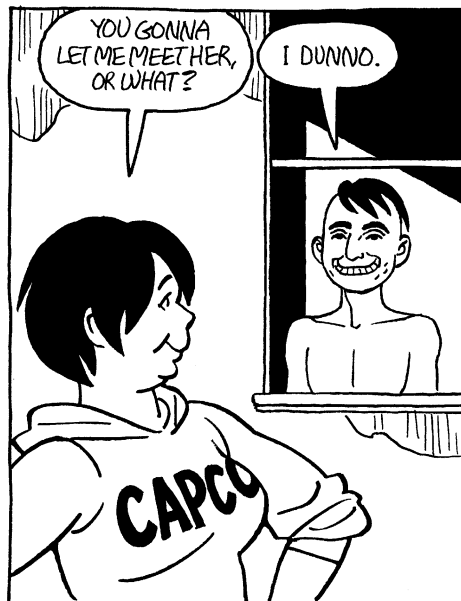
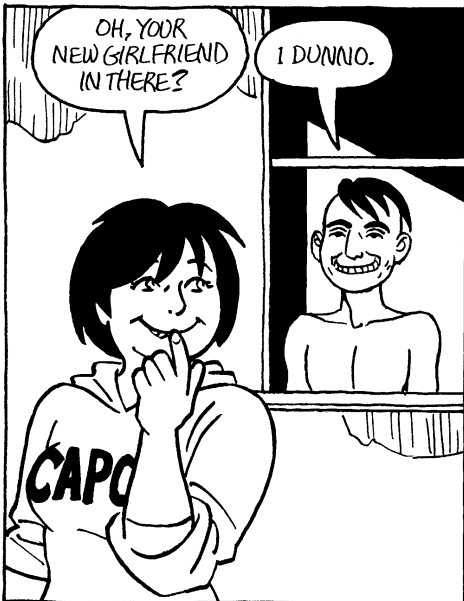
HEY, MOSES! YO' MAMA'S LOOKIN' FOR YA!

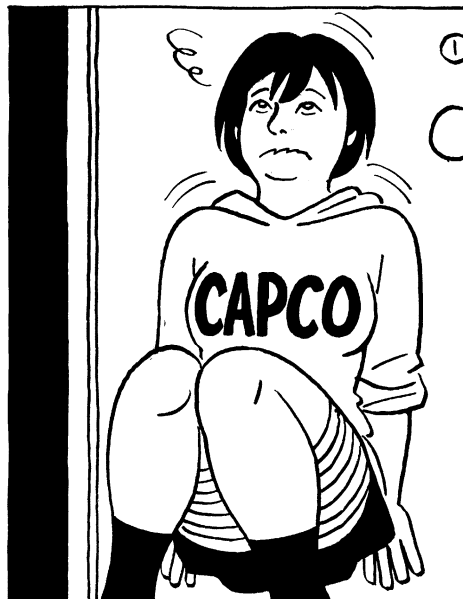
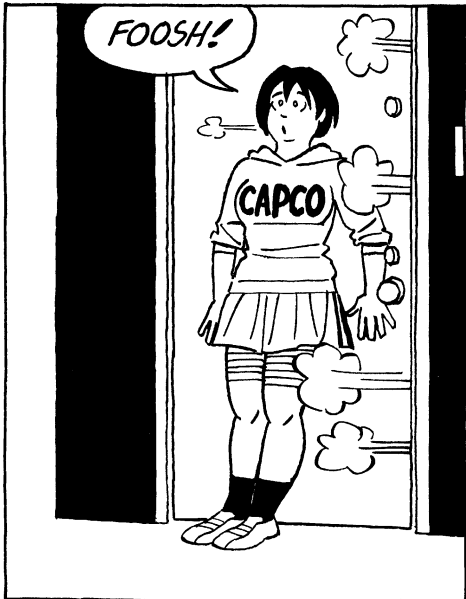
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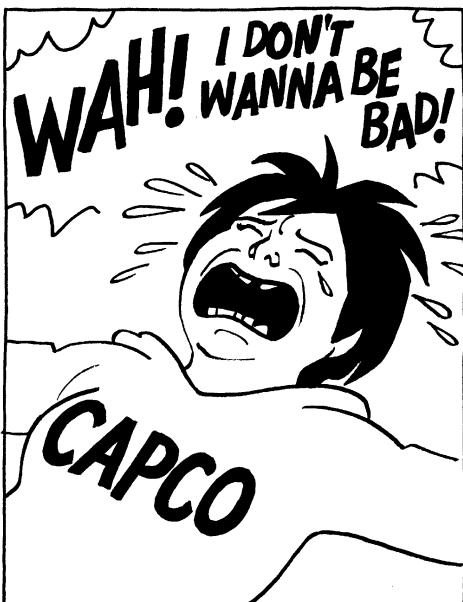
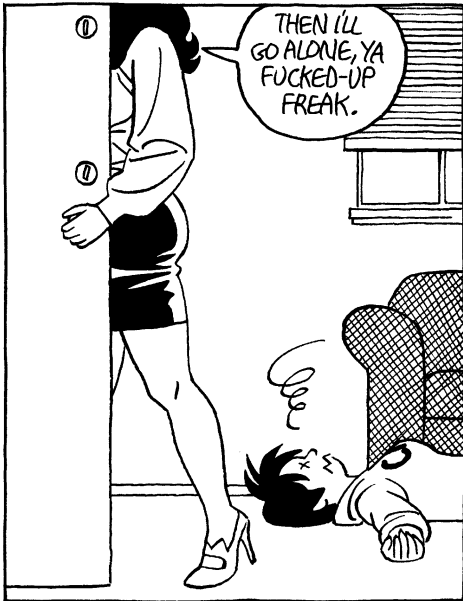
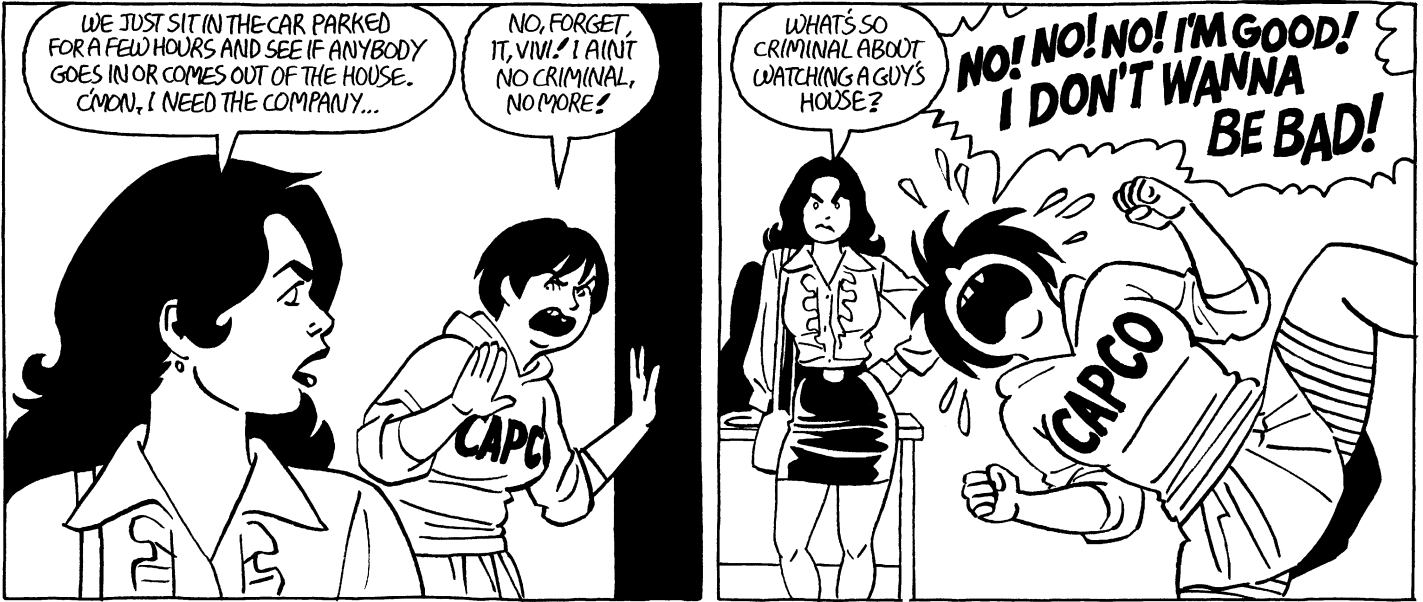


CAME BY 'CAUSE I NEED A FAVOR.

I DUNNO, I'M KINDA BUSY, TDNTA.

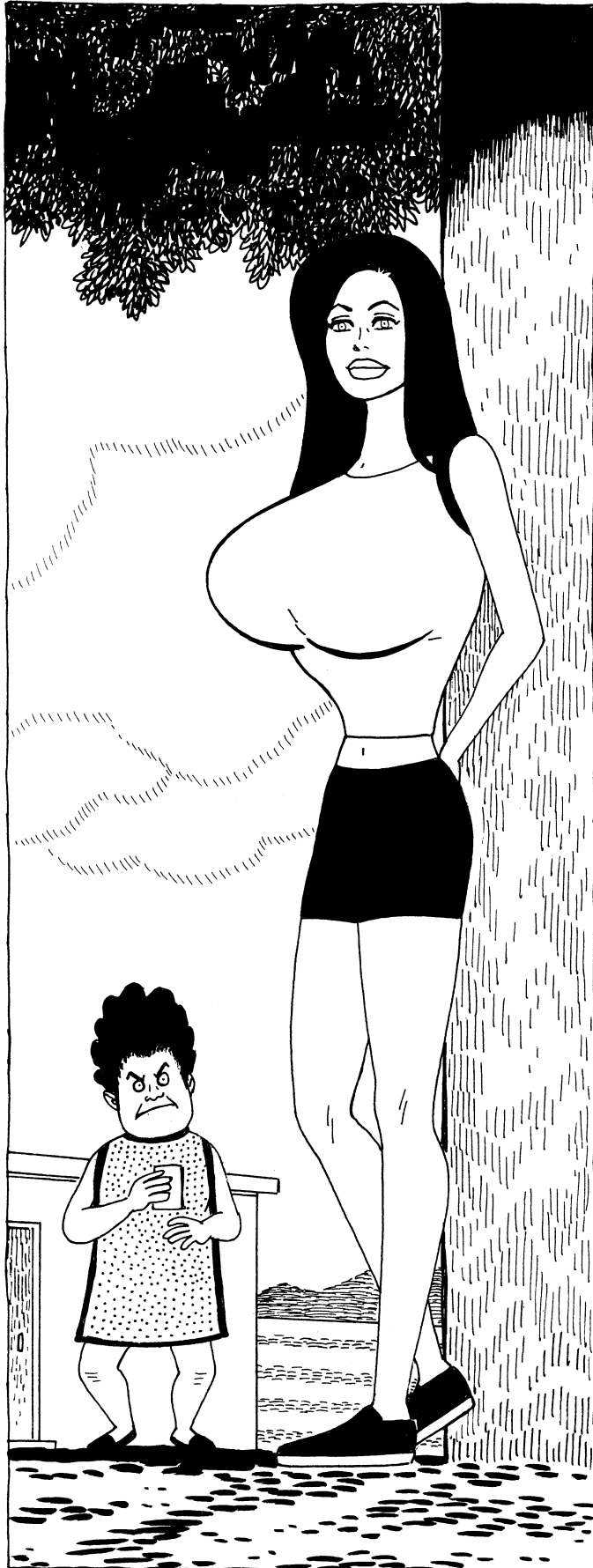






# SAD GIRL IN PALOMAR

BETO/2020





I WAS HAPPY TO JOIN THE ORIGINAL LOVE AND ROCKETS FOR THEIR FINAL SHOWS.

LET'S HEAR IT FOR SEAN ON GUITAR, EL FONTANEL ON DRUMS, AND ON BASS--

ON BASS GUITAR:  
**REX!**



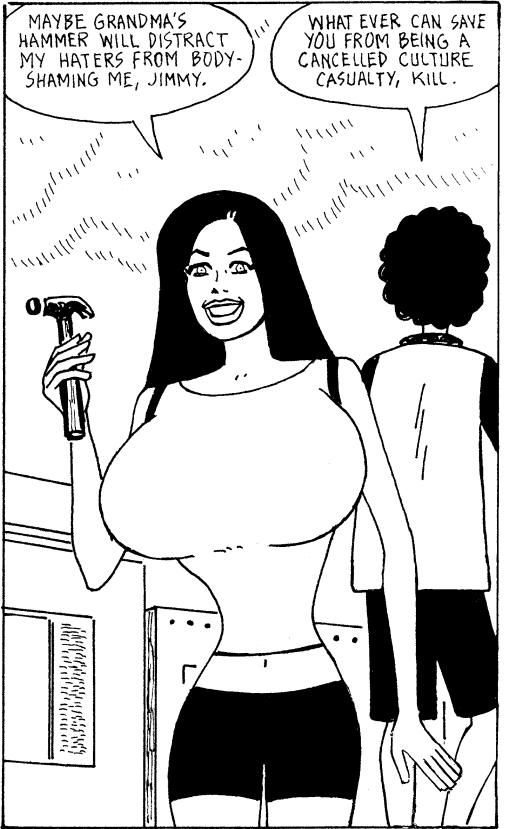
JIMMY, WHERE DID YOU FIND IT?

IN THE BATHROOM WHERE YOU LEFT IT.



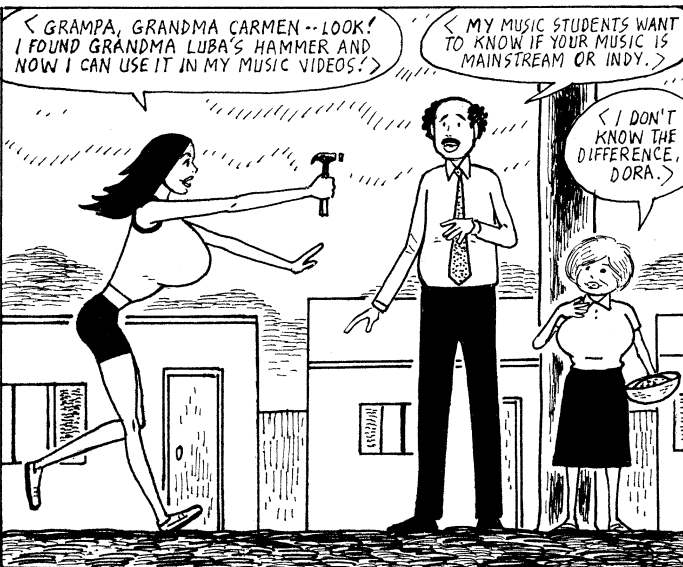
I GUESS I'M JUST AN OLD LADY THAT FORGETS THINGS.

NO, YOU JUST LOOK LIKE AN OLD LADY THAT FORGETS THINGS.



MAYBE GRANDMA'S HAMMER WILL DISTRACT MY HATERS FROM BODY-SHAMING ME, JIMMY.

WHAT EVER CAN SAVE YOU FROM BEING A CANCELLED CULTURE CASUALTY, KILL.



< GRAMPA, GRANDMA CARMEN --LOOK! I FOUND GRANDMA LUBA'S HAMMER AND NOW I CAN USE IT IN MY MUSIC VIDEOS! >

< MY MUSIC STUDENTS WANT TO KNOW IF YOUR MUSIC IS MAINSTREAM OR INDY. >

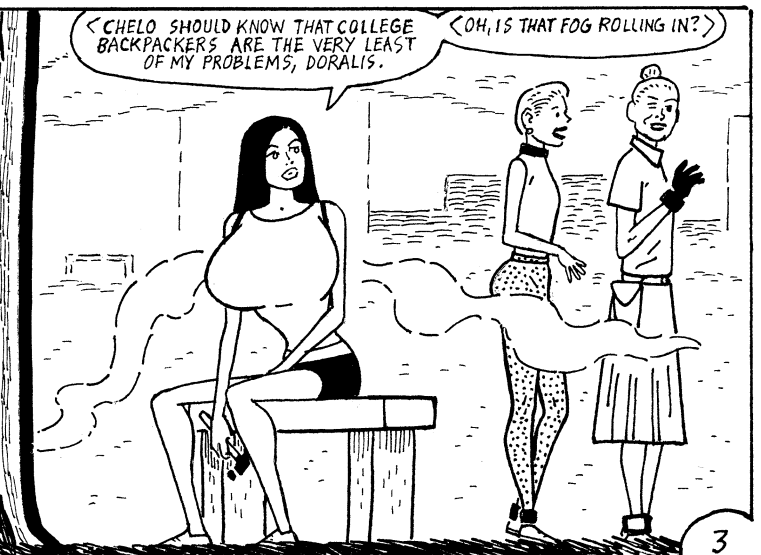
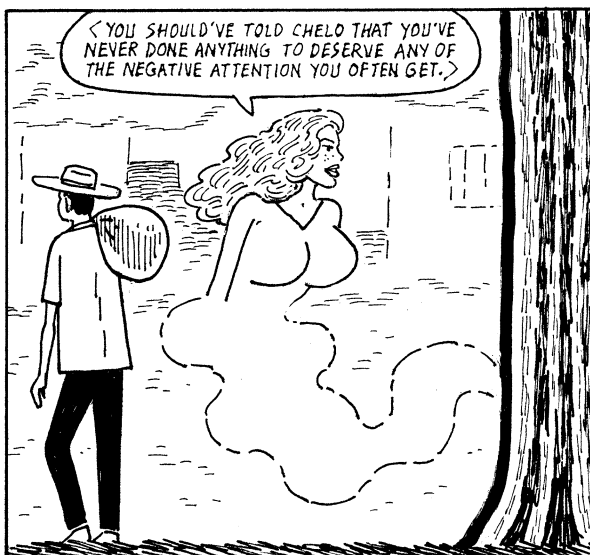
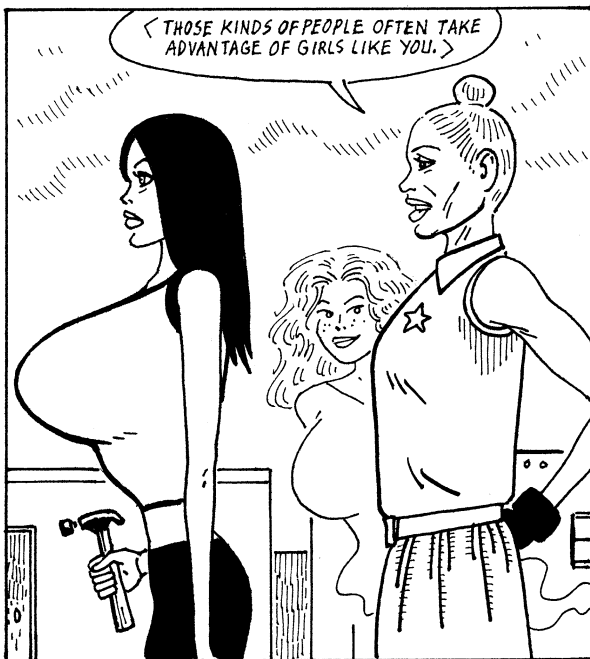
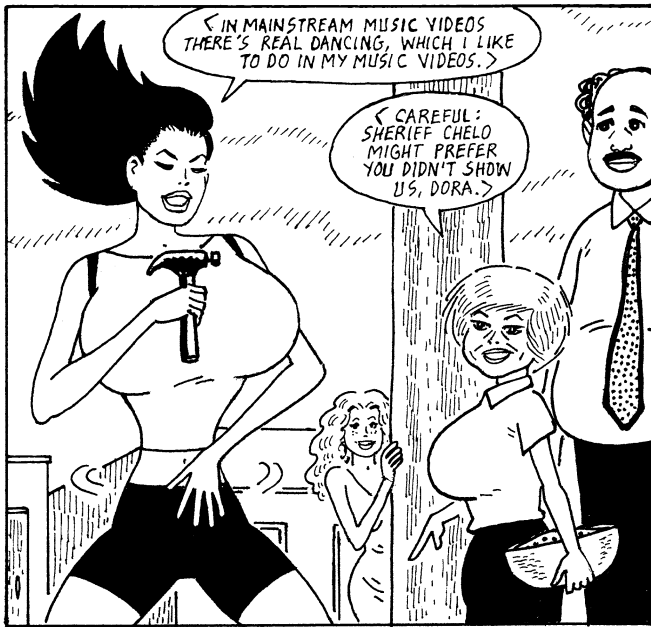
< I DON'T KNOW THE DIFFERENCE, DORA. >

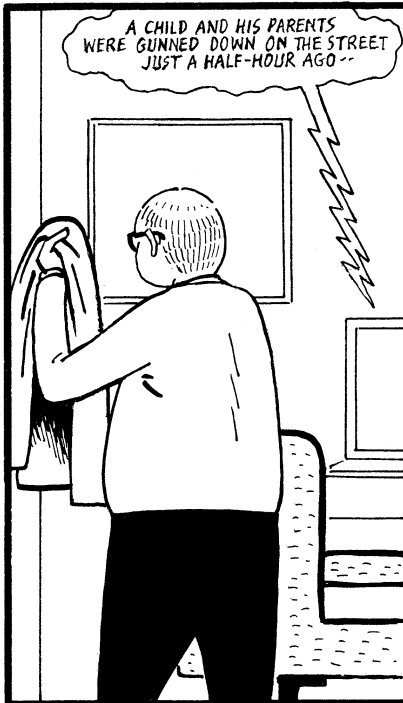
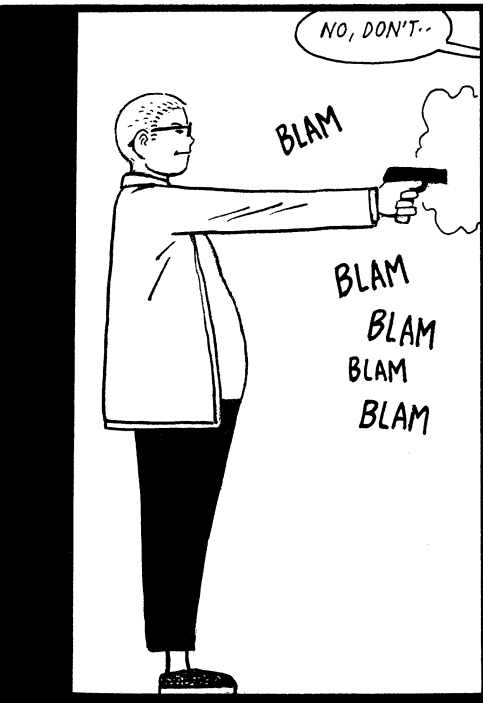
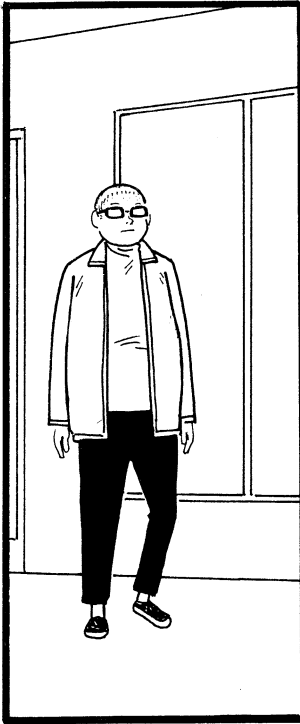
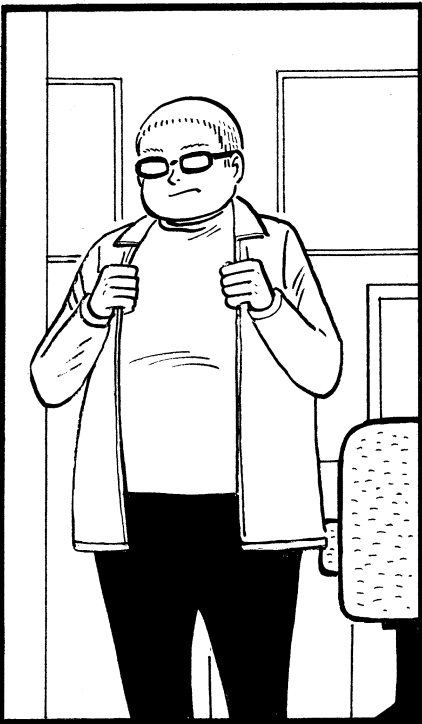


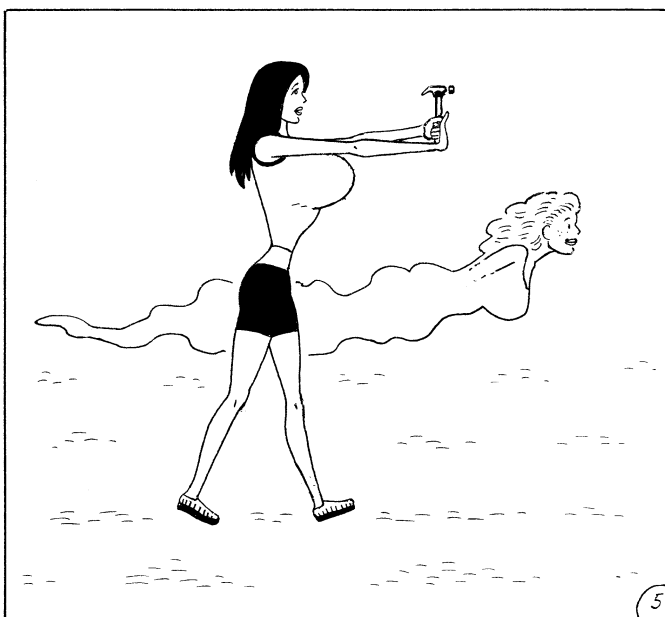
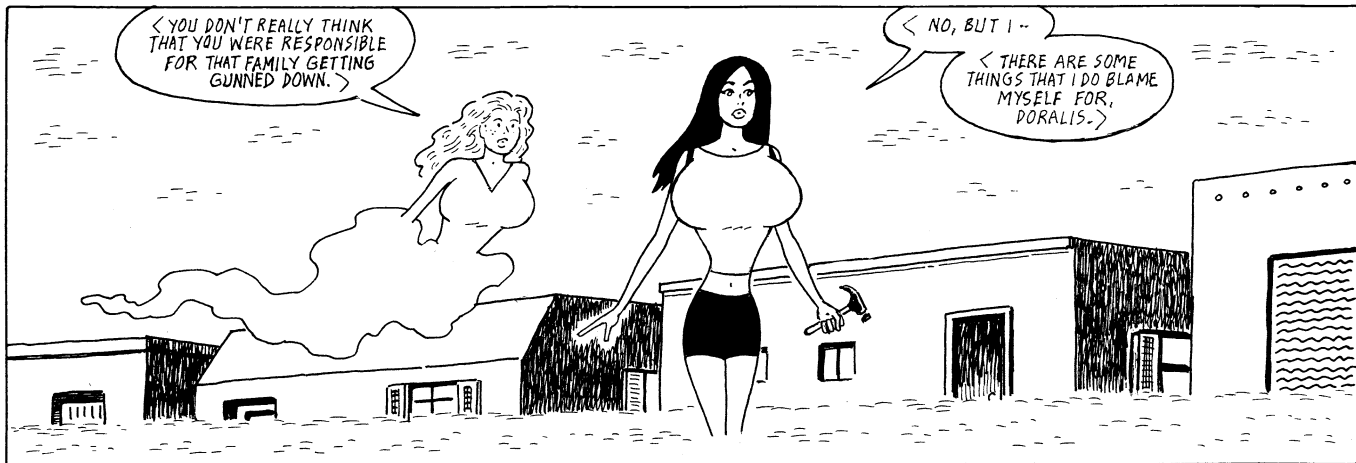
< MY MUSIC IS MORE INDY, EXCEPT IN INDY MUSIC VIDEOS THEY DON'T DANCE, THEY HOP LIKE THEY'RE POSSESSED, USUALLY WEARING BIG BAGGY CLOTHES. >

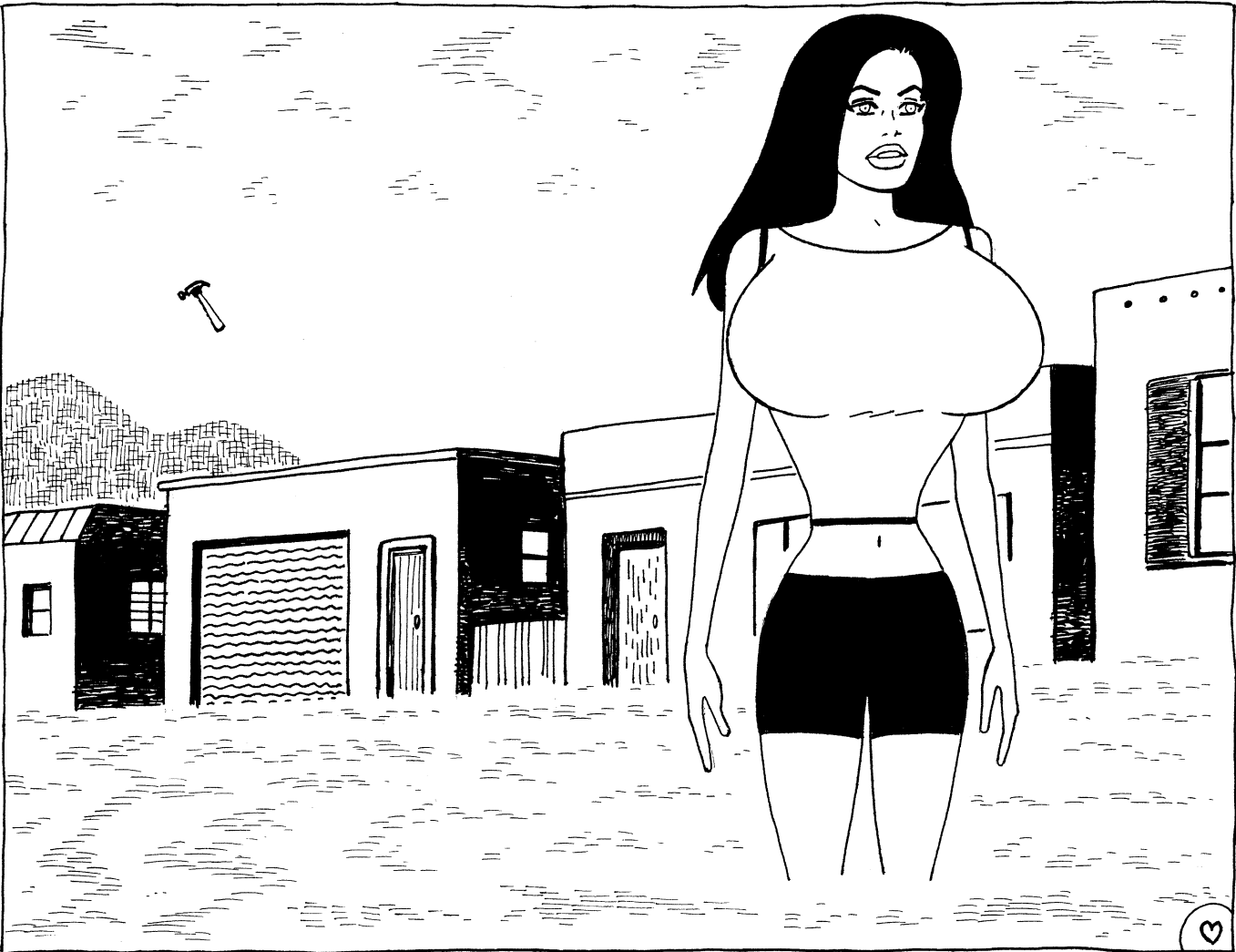
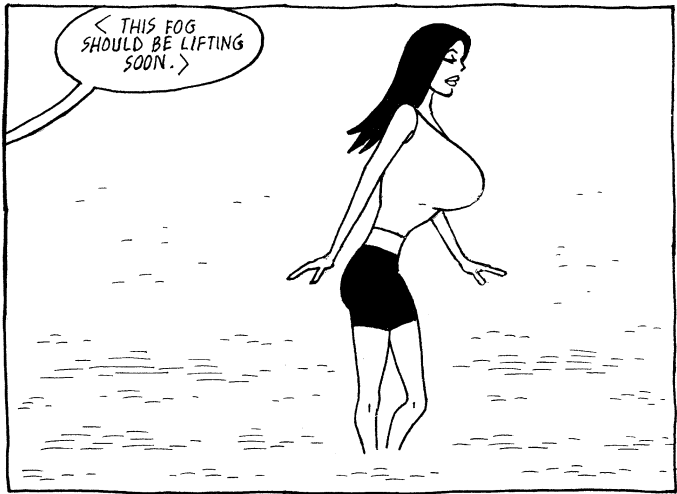
WELL, MY STUDENTS PREFER DANCING. >

< SO DO I-- HOPPING JUST SHOWS YOU CAN'T DANCE. >



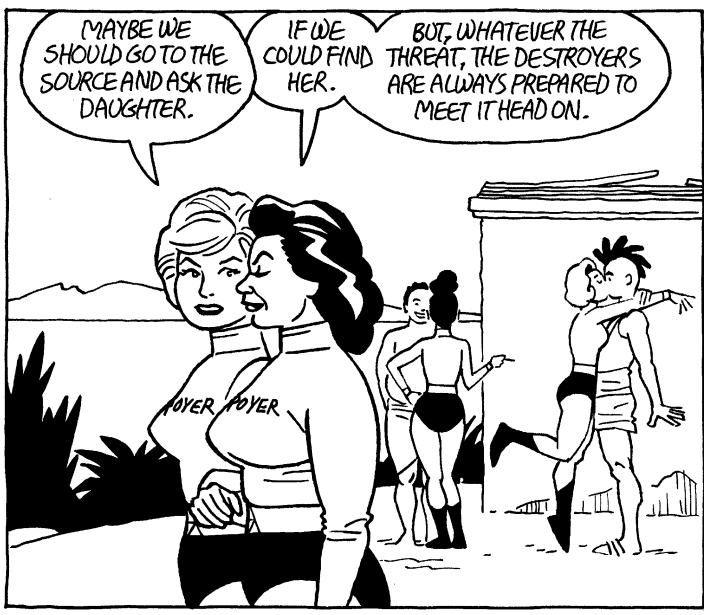




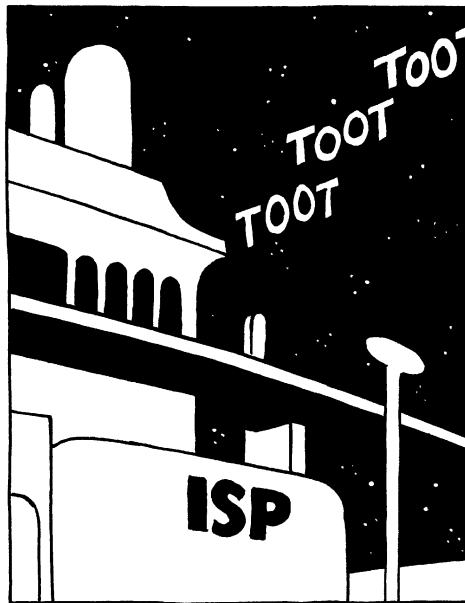


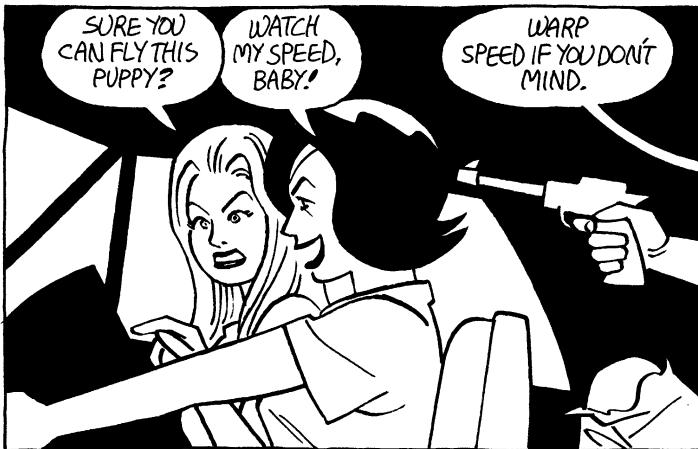
# ANIMUS

by XAIME 2020









SURE YOU CAN FLY THIS PUPPY?

WATCH MY SPEED, BABY!

WARP SPEED IF YOU DON'T MIND.



WE GOT A STOWAWAY, CAP'N, AN' HE'S UGLY AN' ARMED.

BELIEVE ME, YOU DAMES WILL BE FINE IF YOU JUST TAKE ME WHERE I WANNA GO.

AND WHERE IS THAT, BUG EYES?



TAKE ME TO LUMINA.

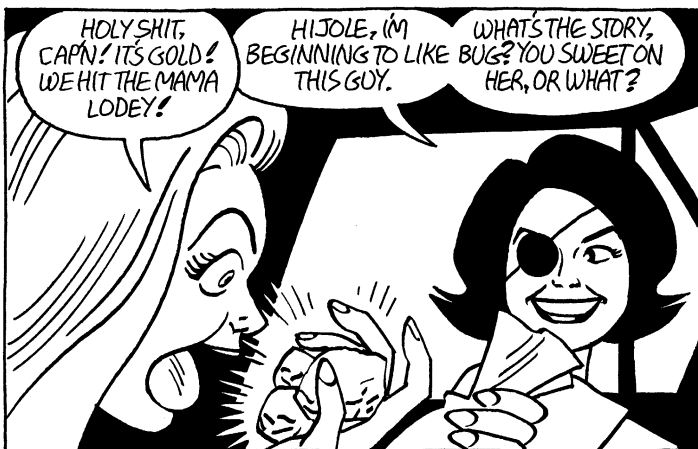
OH, NO WE'RE NOT! ZAPPER OR NO ZAPPER, WE'RE NOT LOOKING FOR THAT JONAH! WHATEVER SHE TOUCHES IS BAD LUCK!

DOWN, TRIX.



LOOK, BUG EYES. SHE MAY BE MY AUNT'S COUSINS NIECE BUT IT'S A BIG GALAXY OUT THERE AND I DON'T KNOW IF WE CAN FIND HER...

WOULD THIS DO BETTER THAN A ZAPPER?



HOLY SHIT, CAP'N! IT'S GOLD! WE HIT THE MAMA LODIE!

HIJOLE, I'M BEGINNING TO LIKE THIS GUY.

WHAT'S THE STORY, BUG? YOU SWEET ON HER, OR WHAT?

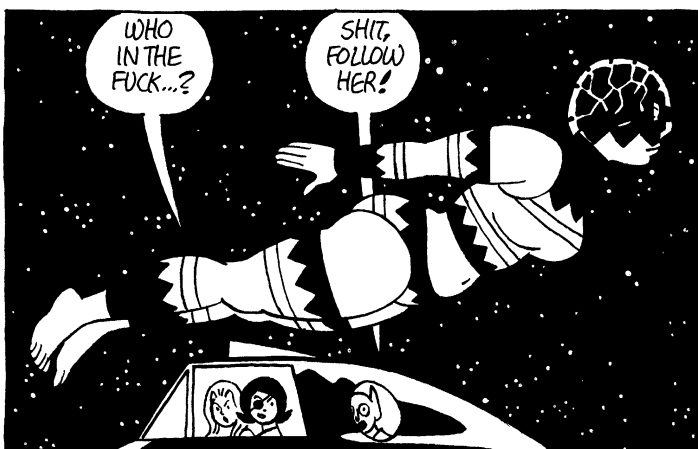


LET'S JUST SAY I'D TRADE A SACK OF GOLD FOR HER.

A SUCKER BORN EVERY MINUTE...

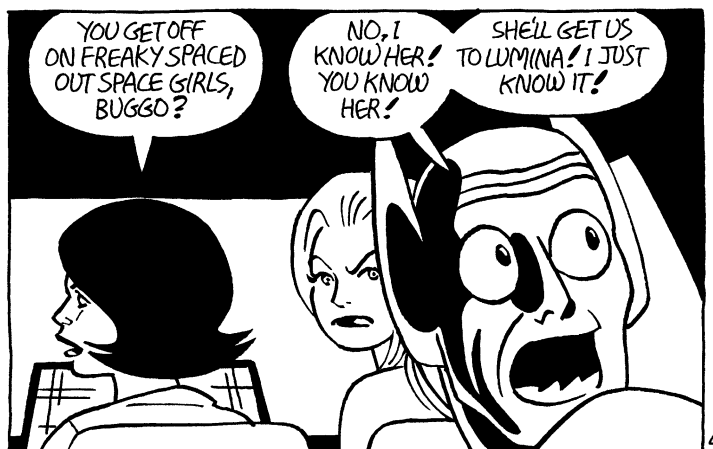
STILL, YOU GOT A DEAL.

HEY, WHAT'S THAT?



WHO IN THE FUCK...?

SHIT, FOLLOW HER!



YOU GET OFF ON FREAKY SPACED OUT SPACE GIRLS, BUGGO?

NO, I KNOW HER! YOU KNOW HER!

SHE'LL GET US TO LUMINA! I JUST KNOW IT!



I HEARD A CRY FOR HELP COMING FROM THIS DIRECTION. LET'S GO, DESTROYERS.

I DIDN'T THINK WE WERE GONNA SEE ACTION THIS SOON.

SCARED, ROOKIE?

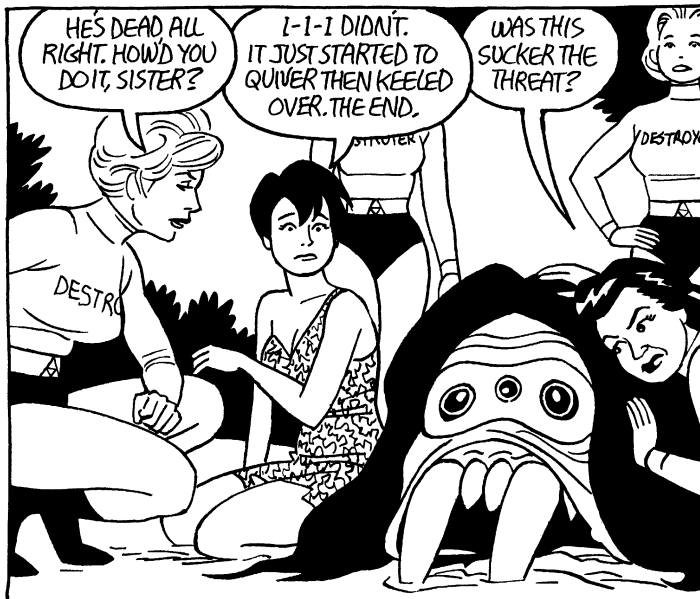


IT'S THE DAUGHTER, KITTY!

HEY, SUGAR, YOU OK?

I-I THINK SO.

WELL, LOOKY HIM.



HE'S DEAD, ALL RIGHT. HOW'D YOU DO IT, SISTER?

I-I-I DIDN'T. IT JUST STARTED TO QUIVER THEN KEELED OVER. THE END.

WAS THIS SUCKER THE THREAT?



THREAT? WHO ARE YOU GUYS...?

LIKE IT DOESN'T SAY IT PLAIN ACROSS OUR TITS.

YOUR DADDY HIRED US TO PROTECT YOUR VILLAGE FROM AN INVASION.

WAS THIS GUY IT OR WASN'T HE?



NO, I WAS MISTAKEN. I THOUGHT HE WAS PRINCESS ANIMA, BUT...

PRINCESS ANIMA??

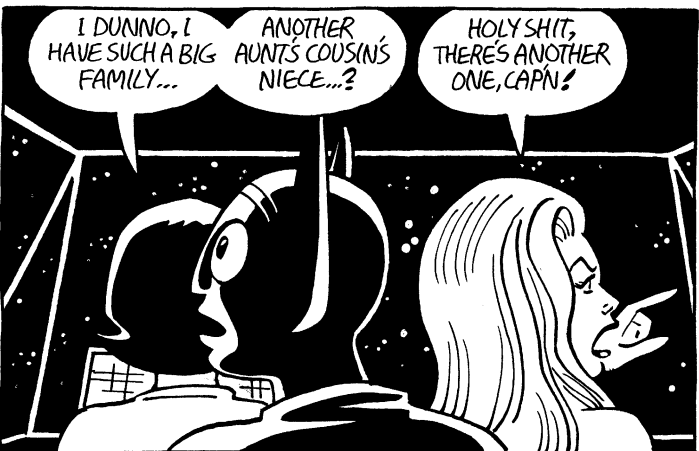
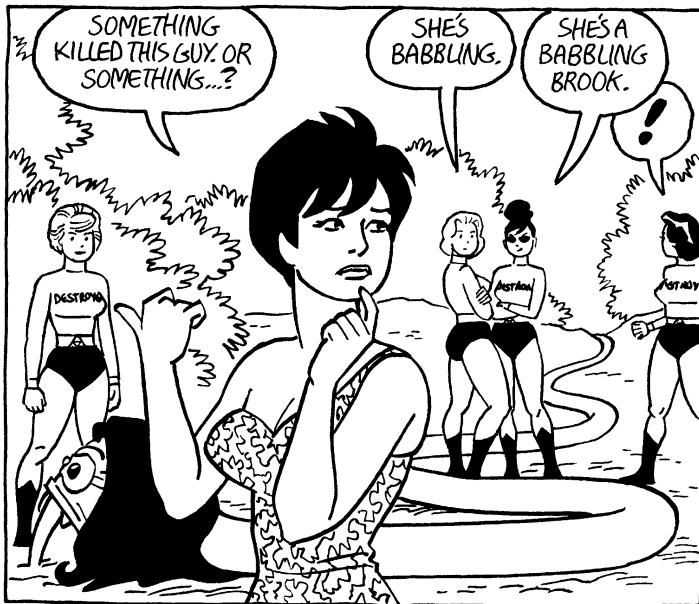
YES, THE HELLMETS WERE COMING TO KILL HER, BUT...

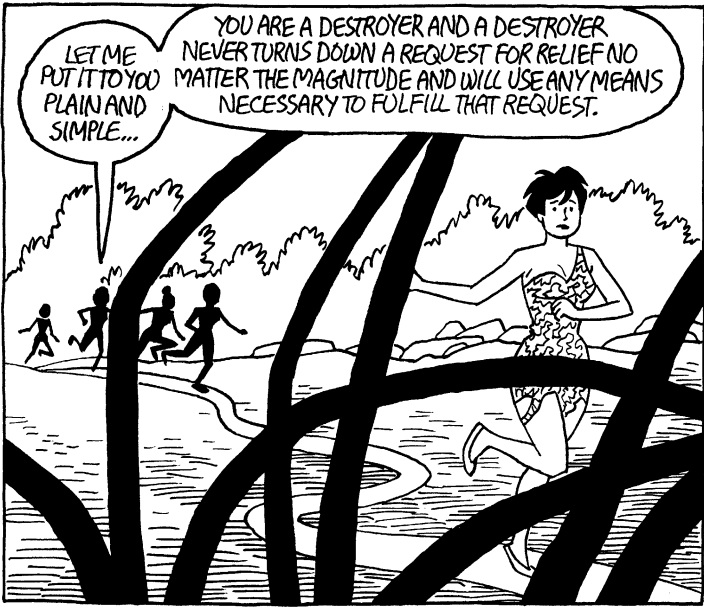


HELLMETS?? PRINCESS ANIMA?? SHIT, KIT...

BUT I DON'T KNOW IF SHE'S EVEN HERE! UNLESS... Y'SEE...

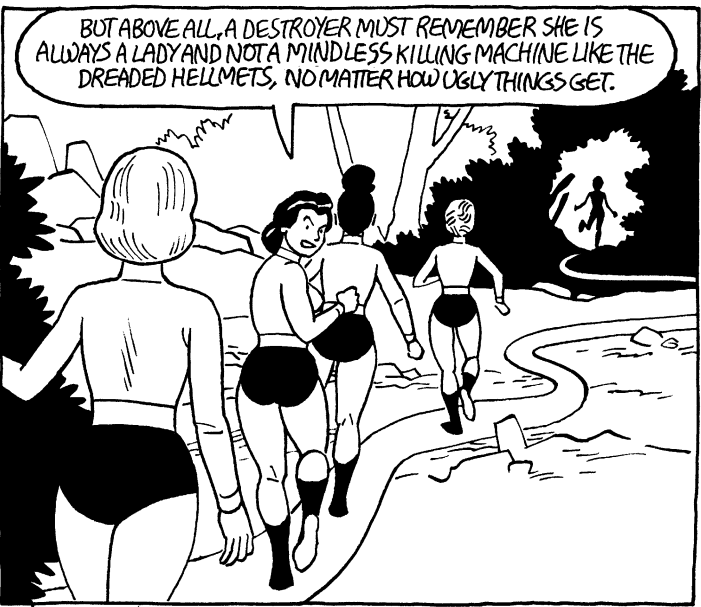
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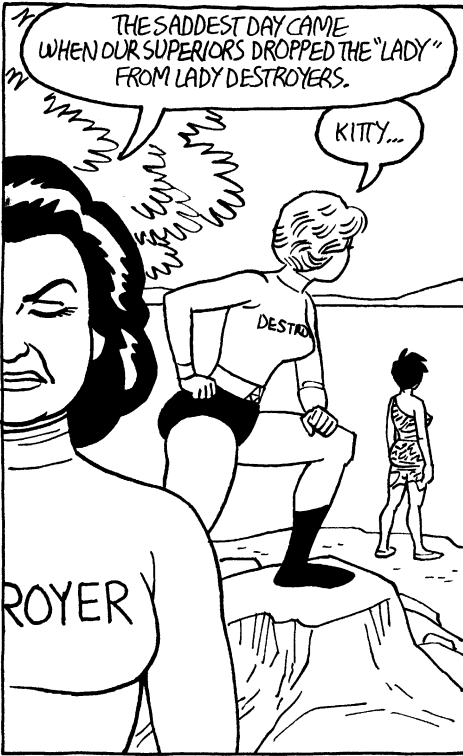


LET ME PUT IT TO YOU PLAIN AND SIMPLE...

YOU ARE A DESTROYER AND A DESTROYER NEVER TURNS DOWN A REQUEST FOR RELIEF NO MATTER THE MAGNITUDE AND WILL USE ANY MEANS NECESSARY TO FULFILL THAT REQUEST.



BUT ABOVE ALL, A DESTROYER MUST REMEMBER SHE IS ALWAYS A LADY AND NOT A MINDLESS KILLING MACHINE LIKE THE DREADED HELLMETS, NO MATTER HOW UGLY THINGS GET.



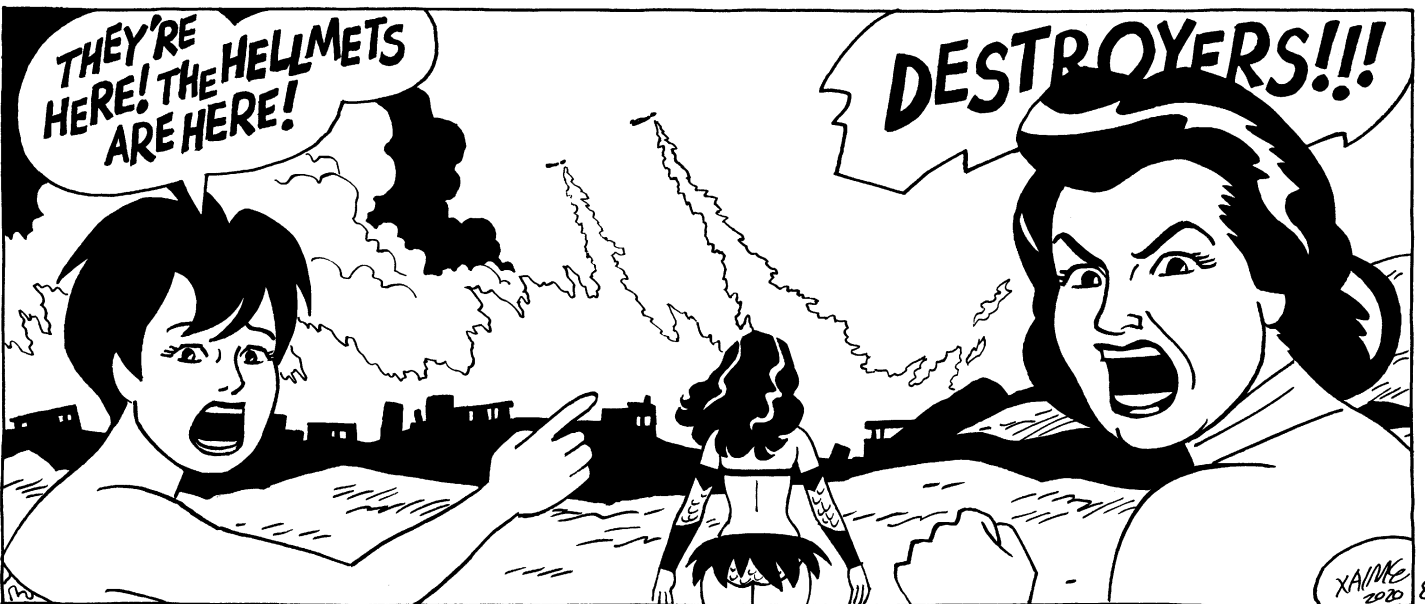
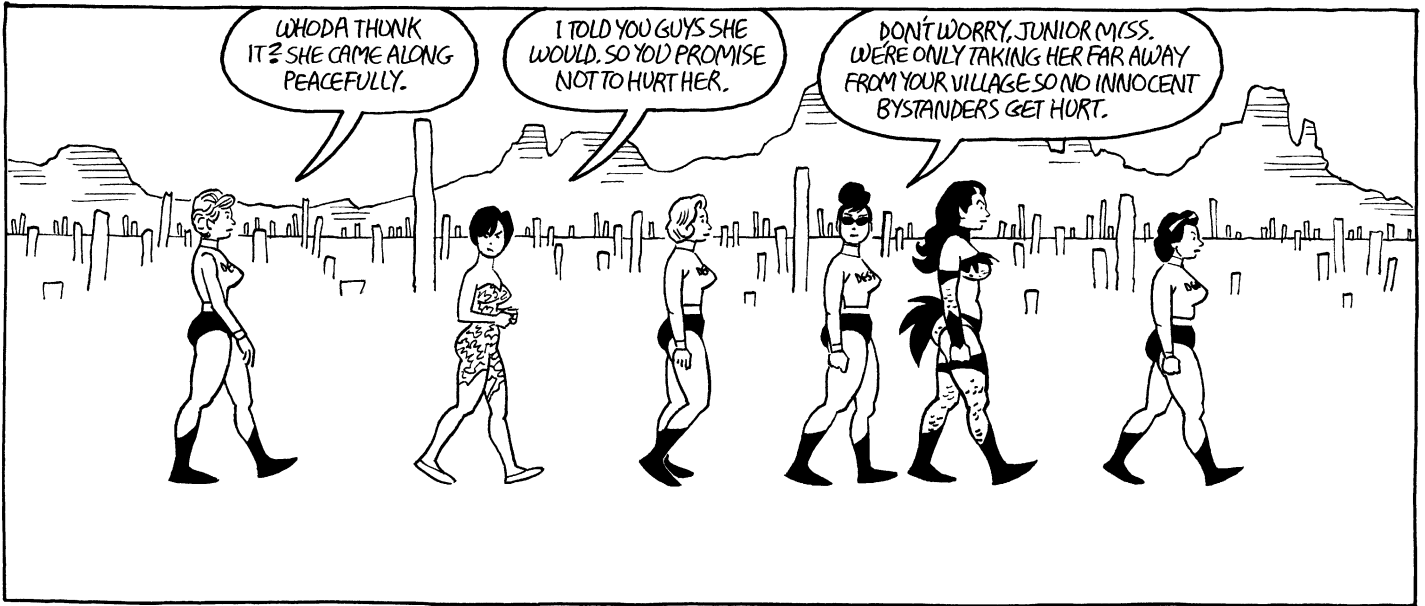
THE SADDEST DAY CAME WHEN OUR SUPERIORS DROPPED THE "LADY" FROM LADY DESTROYERS.

KITTY...



NO, LET HER EAT.







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