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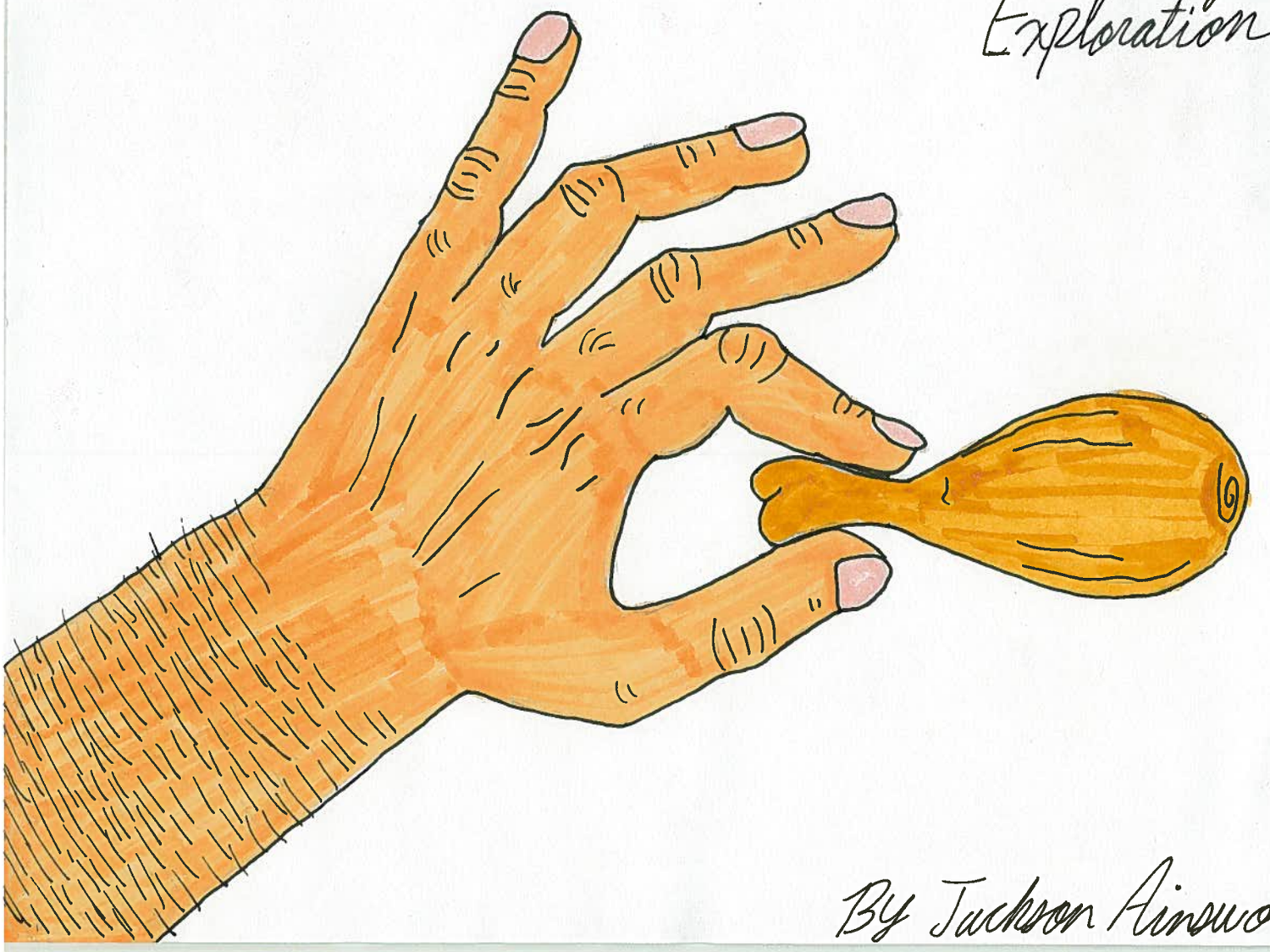
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3 WHITE GUYS ORDER WINGS

An Ontological Exploration



By Jackson Ainsworth

Our story opens on a cold night in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The year is 2017 and the world is divided Politically on many issues.



3 friends are attending The University of Michigan.

Their names are Mike, Jonathan, and George and they live together in a house off-campus.

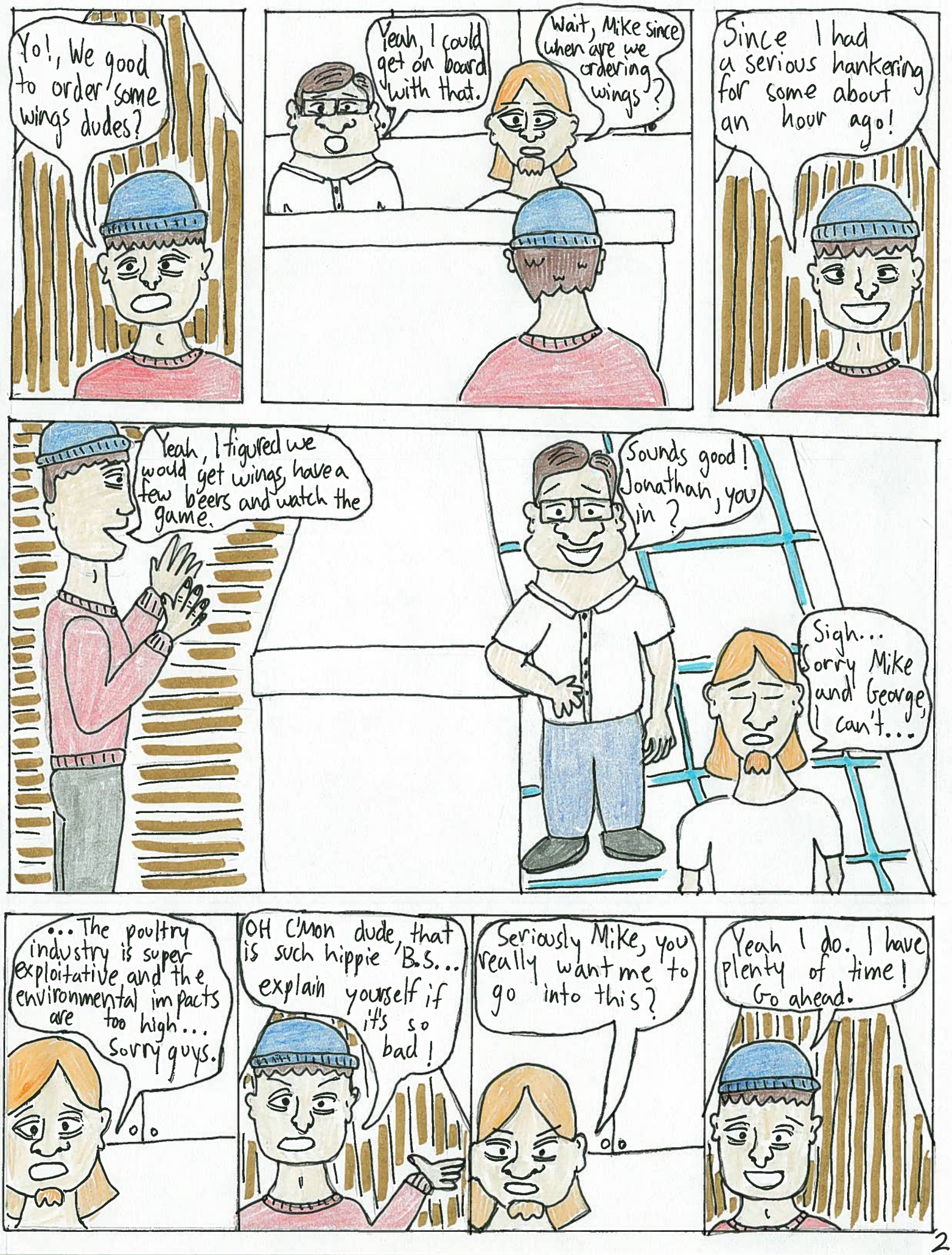


This is the story of When our three friends ordered chicken wings.

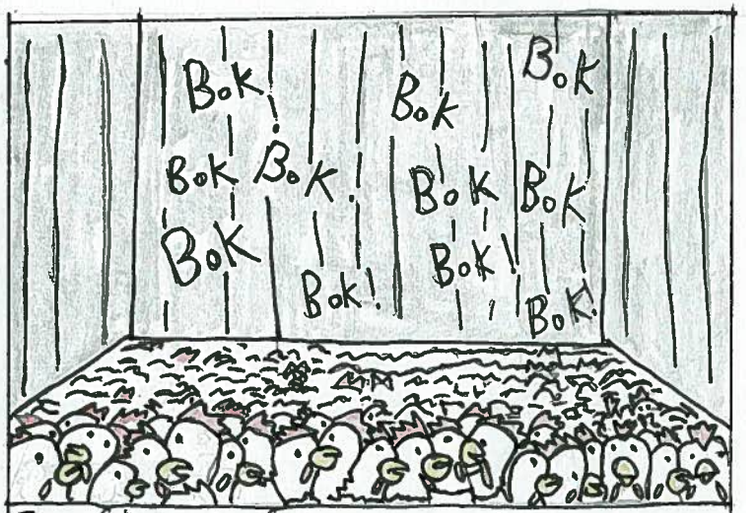


"There is a more fundamental need to understand how all ontology — our understanding of reality — is achieved in social practices and networks of power rather than being simply given."

-Johanna Oksala (8) (2012)


Yo!, We good to order some wings dudes?
Yeah, I could get on board with that.
Wait, Mike since when are we ordering wings?
Since I had a serious hankering for some about an hour ago!
Yeah, I figured we would get wings, have a few beers and watch the game.
Sounds good! Jonathan, you in?
Sigh... sorry Mike and George, I can't...
...The poultry industry is super exploitative and the environmental impacts are too high... Sorry guys.
OH C'mon dude, that is such hippie B.S... explain yourself if it's so bad!
Seriously Mike, you really want me to go into this?
Yeah I do. I have plenty of time! Go ahead.

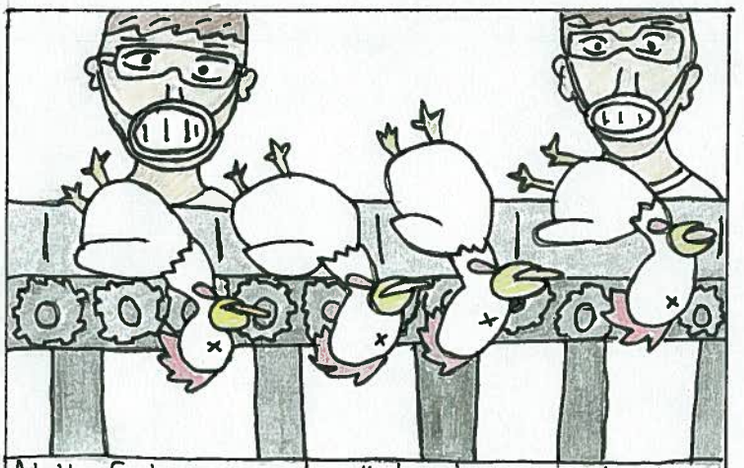

Well lets start with the chikens.
The Chickens we use for meat are called broilers, and boy, these are no ordinary chickens. (10)
It all starts in 1946 when the poultry industry in the United States started raising these broiler chickens faster and to have more meat. (10)
So, Companies began to pump chickens with antibiotics to make them perfect Specimens for consumption. Chickens now are dependent on these antibiotics (10)
Broiler chickens grow so quickly that most of them have diseases and development problems because their bones cannot support their heavy bodies (10)
Broiler chickens have a lifespan of 6 weeks. They use to be able to live up to 20 years. (10)



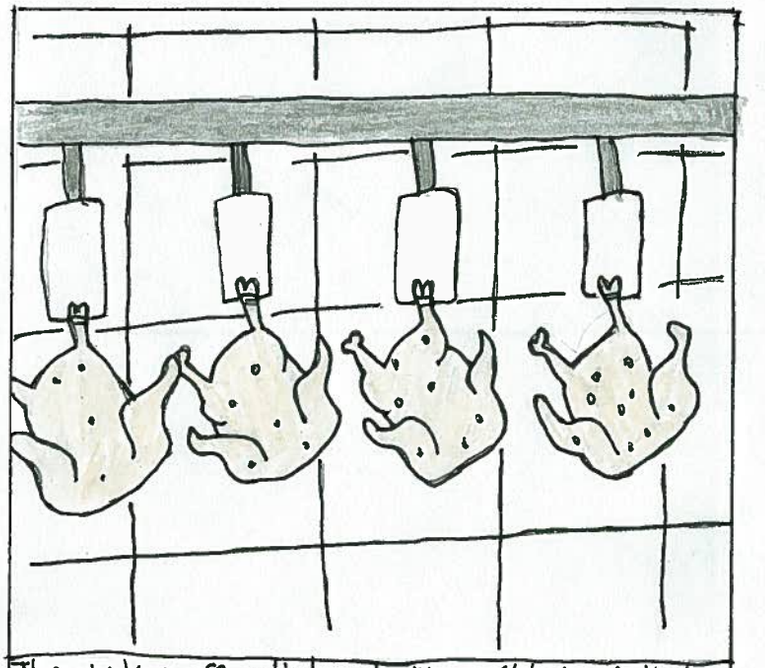
Tens of thousands of these massive Broiler chickens are jammed in a dark feed room, filled with diseases, until they are ready to be caught for slaughter (10)



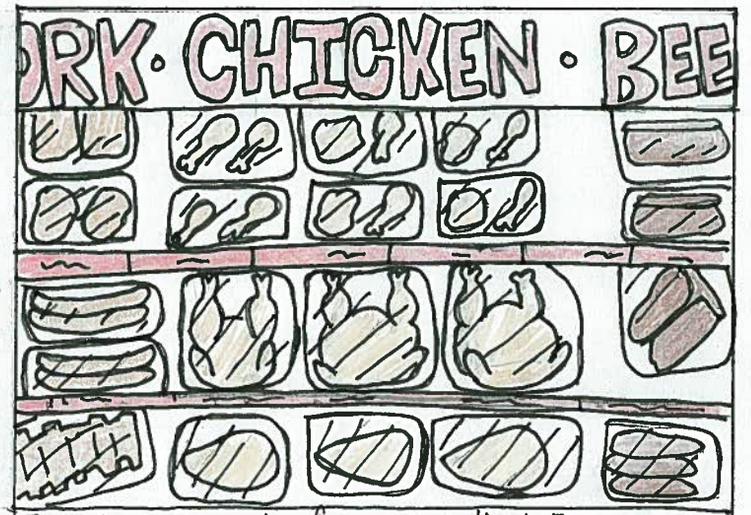
When the time is right, underpaid illegal workers are sent in to catch these birds, most of which have e.coli or salmonella, and throw them in a truck. (10)



At the factory, the birds will be given an electric bath, then have their throats slit. This is very inhumane, and the chickens are often alive during this process. (10)



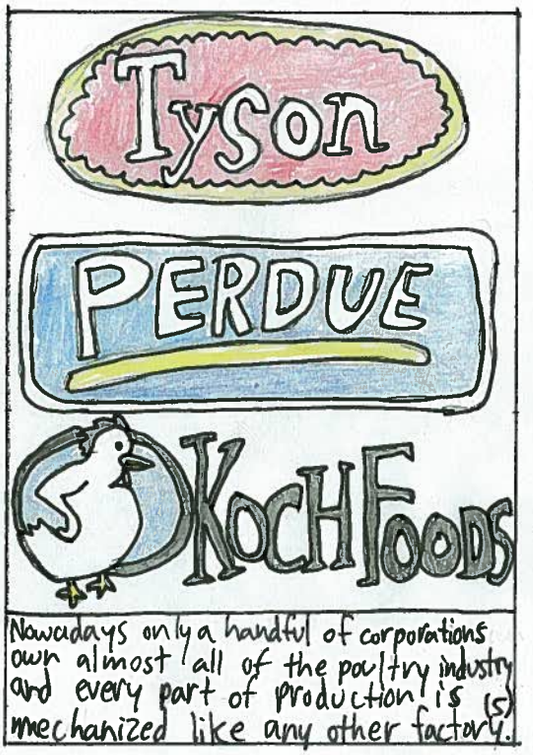
The chickens are gutted and given a chlorine bath to rid them of disease and bacteria. Taste chemicals are then pumped in them, so they taste like actual Chicken (10)



Then they are ready for consumption! Though many chickens sitting on supermarket shelves are still filled with contaminating bacteria. (10)



The days when a farmer owned and raised chickens on a farm are over.

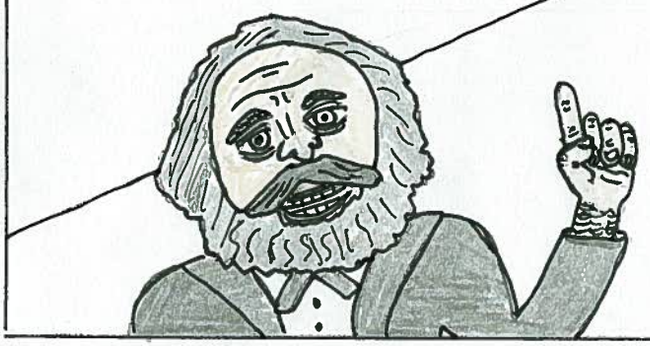


Nowadays only a handful of corporations own almost all of the poultry industry and every part of production is mechanized like any other factory. (5)

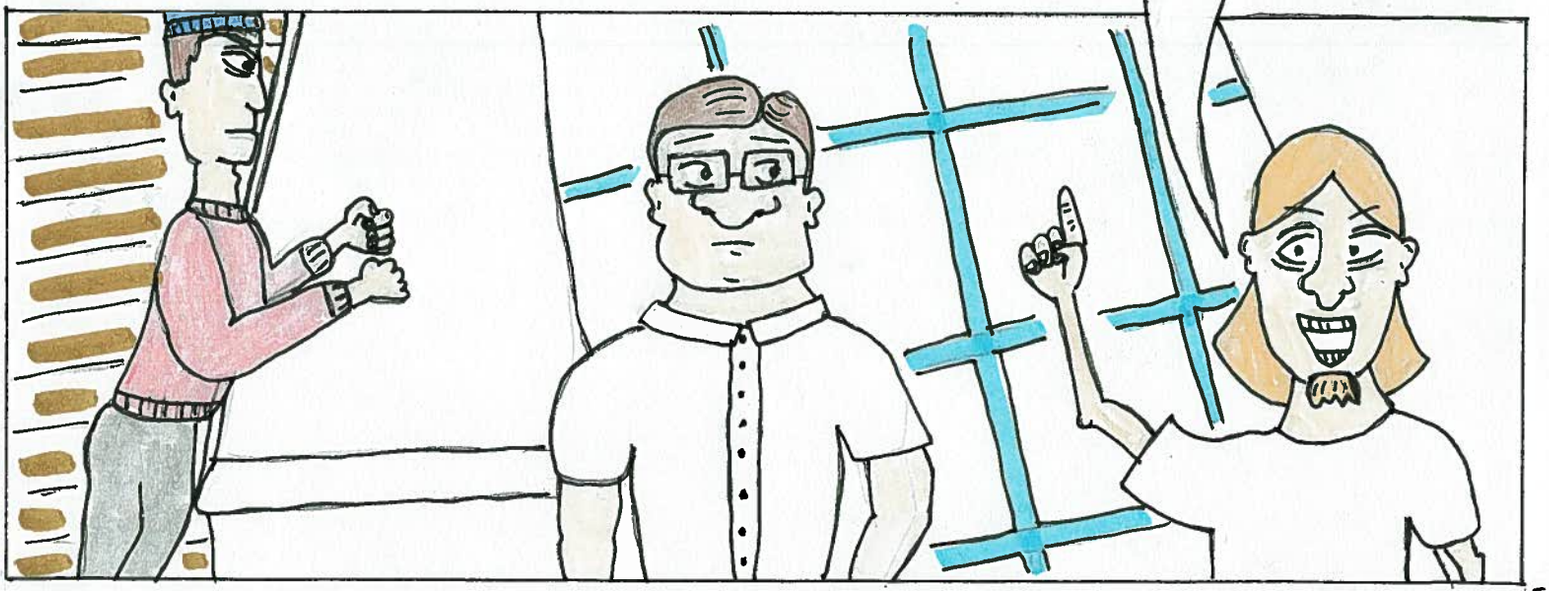


Farmers are now subcontracted and sell their labour power to these corporations for a very small wage. (5)

It is like Karl Marx says:

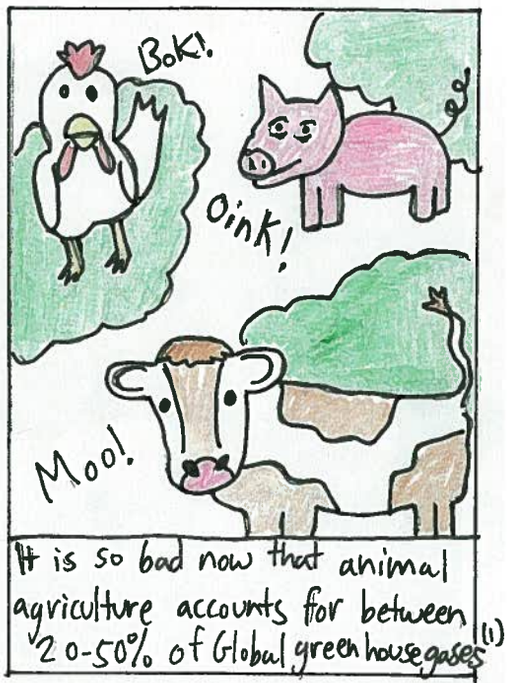


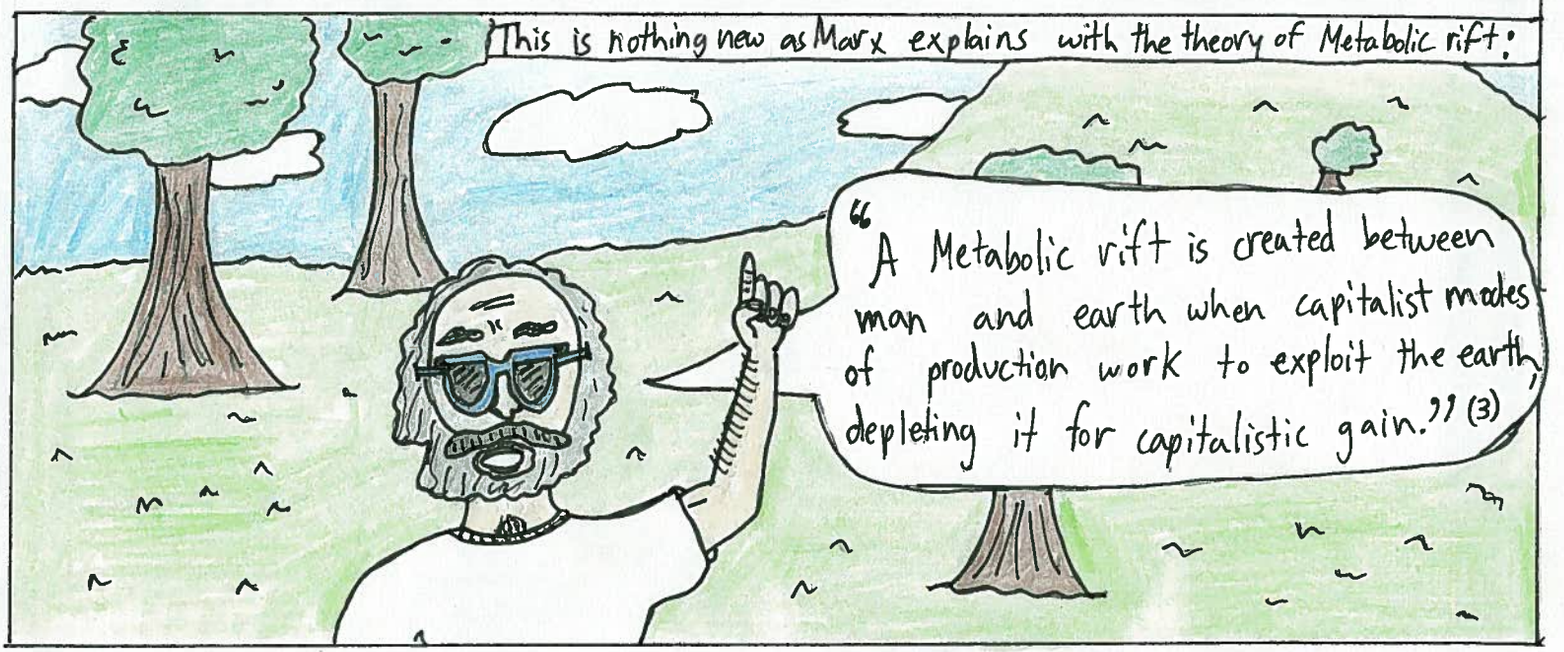
"Wherever a part of society possesses the monopoly of the means of production, the labourer, free or not free, must add to the working-time necessary for his own maintenance an extra working time in order to produce the means of subsistence for the owners of the means of production." (6)




And all this leads us to the environment


Bok!
Bok!
Bok!
Bok!
We're sacrificing the environment so corporations get richer, I mean these chicken houses not only pollute, but produce chemicals that effect people living in the area.* (11)


Bok!
Oink!
Moo!
It is so bad now that animal agriculture accounts for between 20-50% of Global greenhouse gases (1)


This is nothing new as Marx explains with the theory of Metabolic rift:
"A Metabolic rift is created between man and earth when capitalist modes of production work to exploit the earth, depleting it for capitalistic gain." (3)

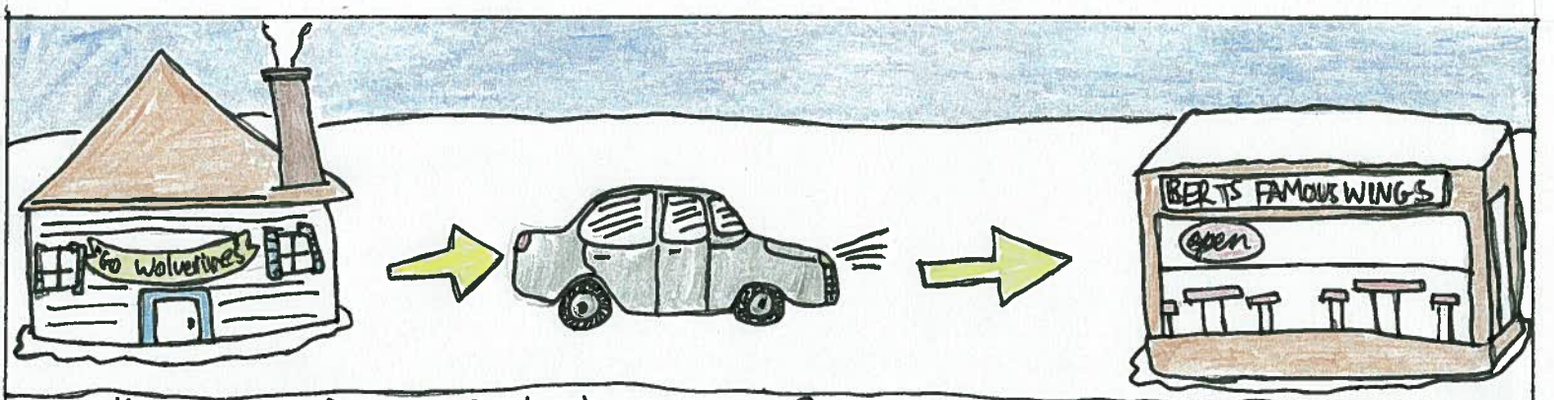

If we weren't douchey enough being 3 white guys who just watch sports, now were taking part in this screwed up system!


All for just the wing of the chicken!


The goddam wing!

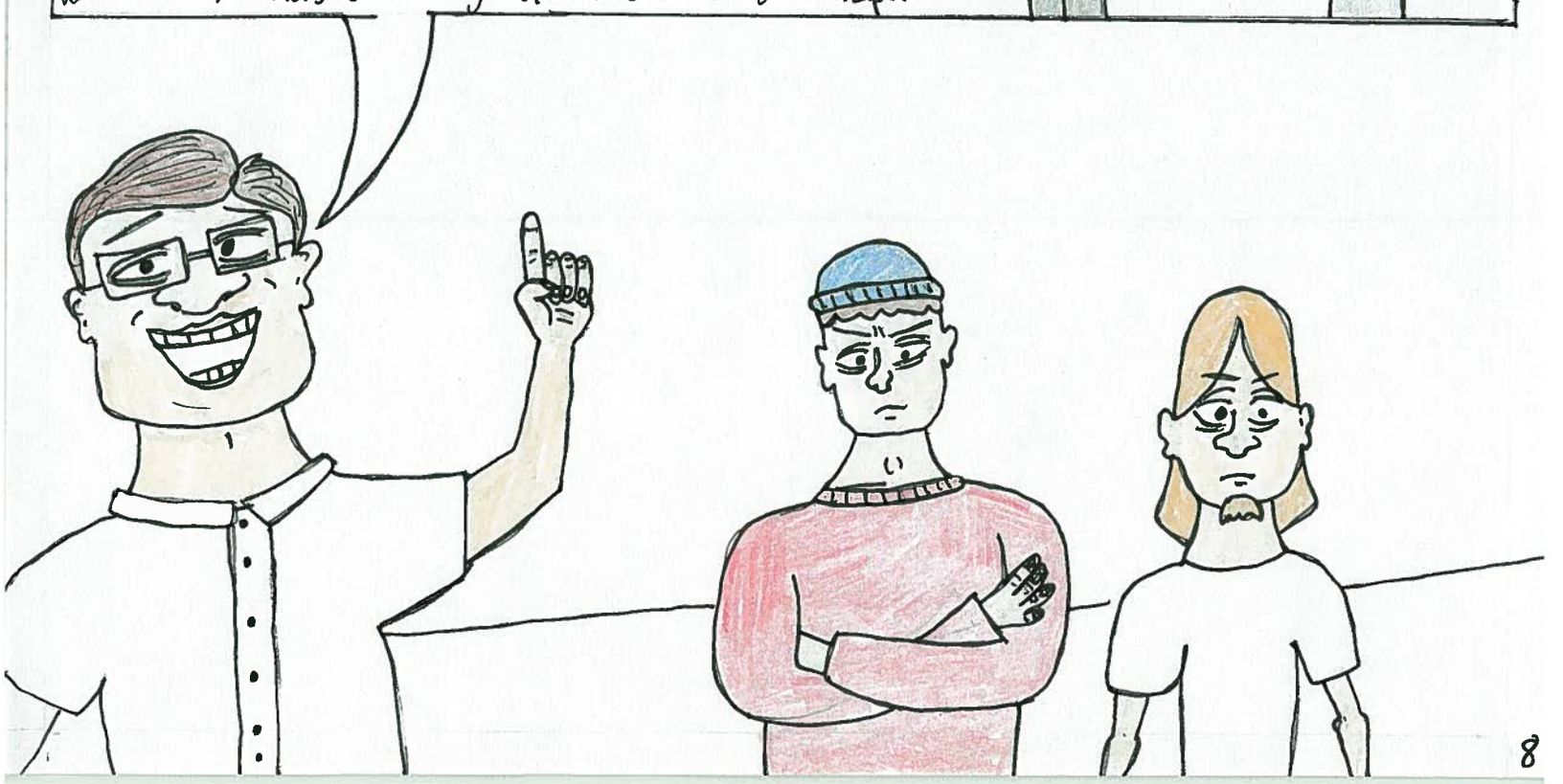

I won't be apart of it.

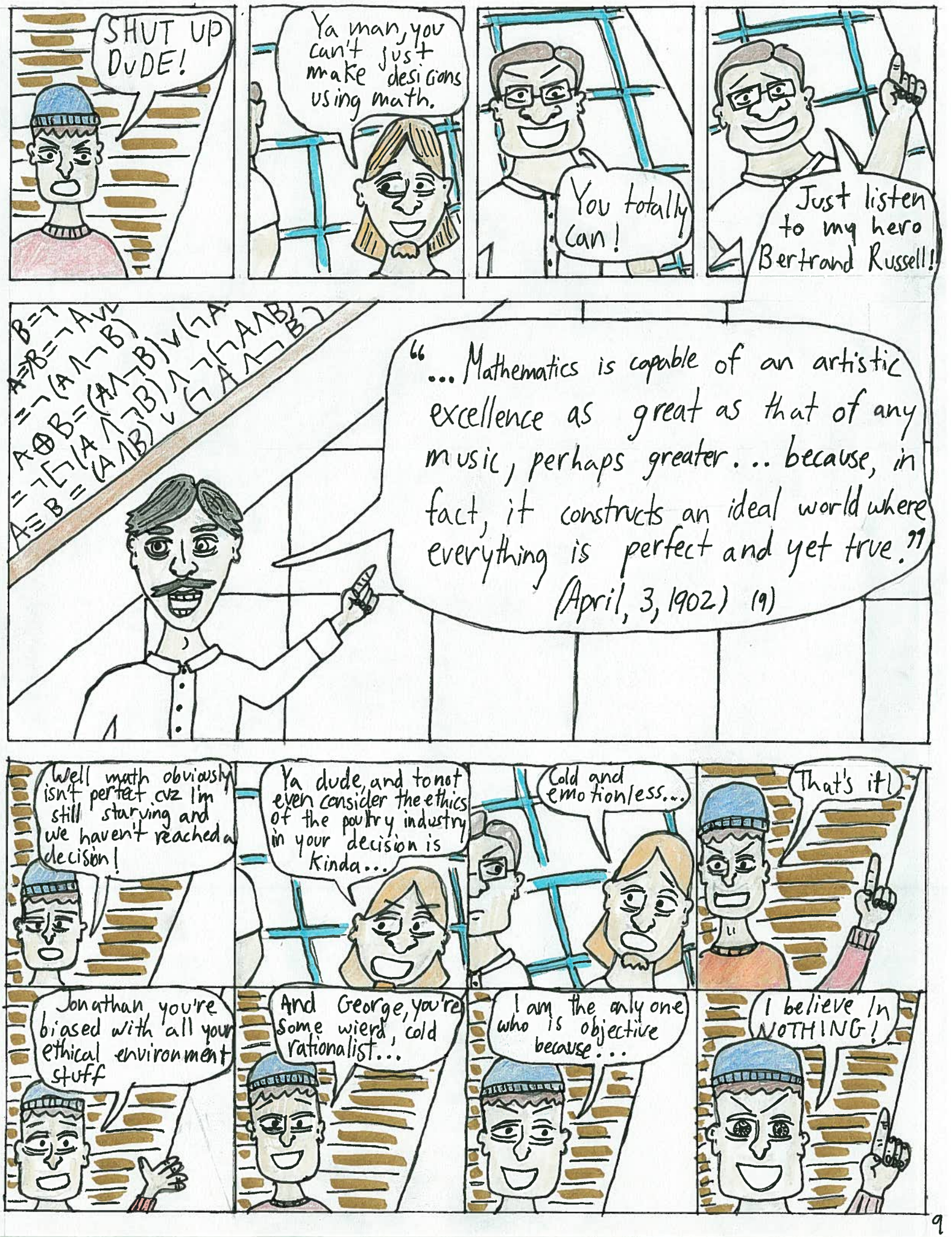

Are you done dude?
Jeez, were you ready enough for that
That felt scripted, and I would argue against you right now, but you forgot one thing!
It's still 2 against 1, right George?
George...
I'm sorry, Jonathan brought up some valid points.
Thanks dude!
The only way to solve this dilemma is through the power of mathematics!
Jesus Christ...
One white guy wants wings...
One does not.
I will make this big decision because I am rational and logical
Jesus Christ.



Well, the delivery fee at Berts is 3.00$ for orders under 30$. So if we're just getting wings, we should drive. Berts is about 5 miles away and my car gets around 20 miles per gallon. To go there and back is 10 miles, meaning half a gallon of fuel. A Gallon of gas is 3.65$ so it would cost aroud a dollar eighty in gas to go. Wait a second! If we get our regular order of 20 wings it is 25.99$ plus tax. Considering food tax is around 6% it would come out to around 27.50$. If gas is a 1.80 the total would be around 29.30$ give or take. Is it worth it? Orders over 30$ don't have a delivery fee, and I recently saw that Berts had a special 30 wings for 29.99. After tax and tipping the delivery guy that's like 34 dollars! So for four extra bucks we're getting 10 more wings. Perfect! Wait a second, the grocery store is only 3 miles away and wings cost like 6 bucks a pound. If I estimate one wing is around a tenth of a pound -so 20 wings is 2 pounds. Well 2 Pounds of wings at the store is like12...



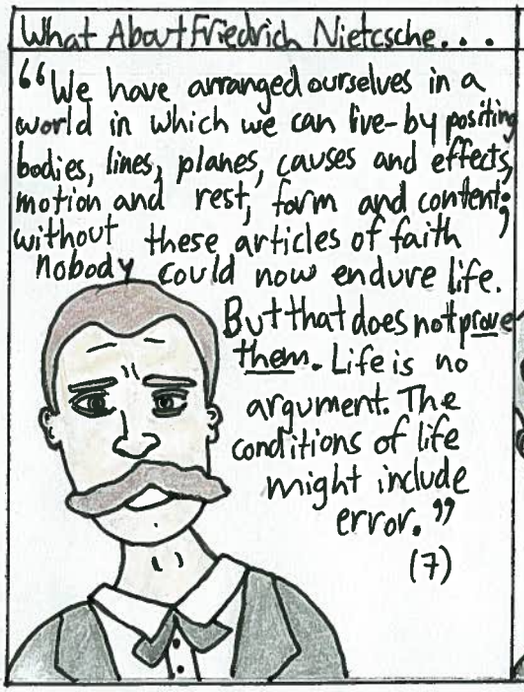


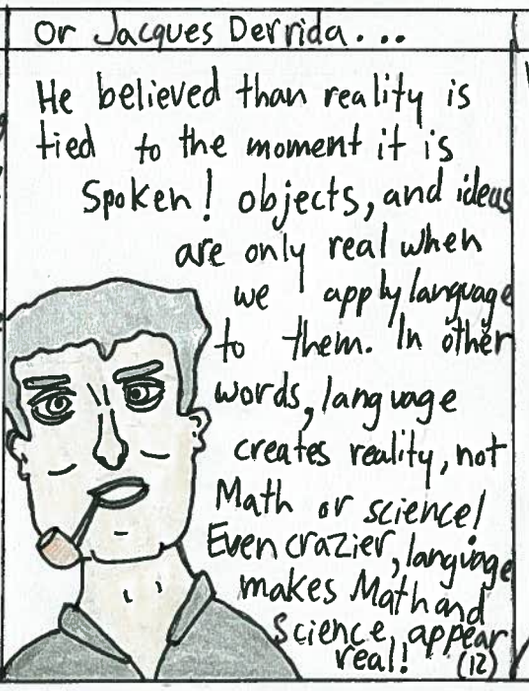

SHUT UP DUDE!
Ya man, you can't just make desicions using math.
You totally can!
Just listen to my hero Bertrand Russell!
"...Mathematics is capable of an artistic excellence as great as that of any music, perhaps greater... because, in fact, it constructs an ideal world where everything is perfect and yet true."
(April, 3, 1902) (9)
Well math obviously isn't perfect cuz I'm still starving and we haven't reached a decision!
Ya dude, and to not even consider the ethics of the poultry industry in your decision is kinda...
Cold and emotionless...
That's it!
Jonathan you're biased with all your ethical environment stuff
And George, you're some wierd, cold rationalist...
I am the only one who is objective because...
I believe in NOTHING!

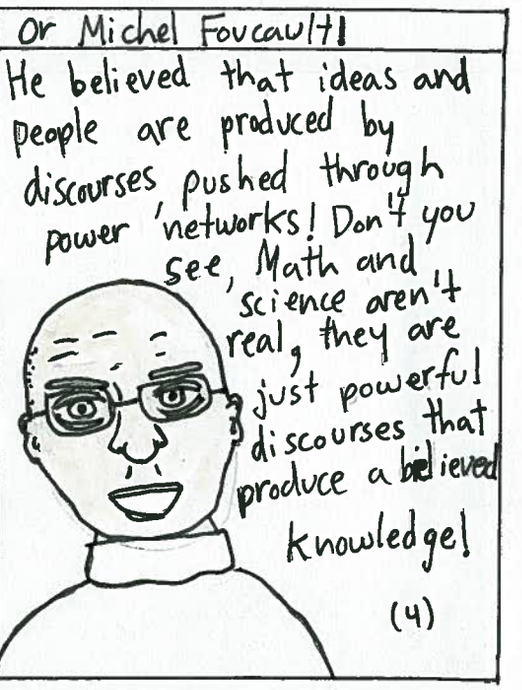

OH Boy, Here we go.


I mean all this science and environment stuff and math are all based on foundations which aren't real!


You two brought up Marx and Russell, but what about the ideas of a few key figures...


What About Friedrich Nietcsche...
"We have arranged ourselves in a world in which we can live- by positing bodies, lines, planes, causes and effects, motion and rest, form and content; without these articles of faith nobody could now endure life. But that does not prove them. Life is no argument. The conditions of life might include error." (7)


Or Jacques Derrida...
He believed than reality is tied to the moment it is Spoken! objects, and ideas are only real when we apply language to them. In other words, language creates reality, not Math or science! Even crazier, language makes Math and Science appear real! (12)


Or Michel Foucault!
He believed that ideas and people are produced by discourses pushed through power 'networks! Don't you see, Math and science aren't real, they are just powerful discourses that produce a believed knowledge! (4)


You see! your rant on Chickens and your math stuff doesn't matter. What matters is we're hungry and we should get wings!
Man! you nihilist's are so full of crap!


Believing in nothing is believing in something.
When you claim nothing exists you're still making a claim dude!
You're just saying that because you know I'm right.
Jesus Mike! YOU'RE SO VAIN SOMETIMES. It Drives Me NUTS!
YOU BOTH DIDN'T GET ME A BIRTHDAY GIFT LAST Year!
What the hell was that George...
Sorry... It's just getting really intense.
Either way, I don't want wings!
Well I do, so what are we going to do?

20 Minutes Later...

It is a cold night in Ann Arbour, Michigan. Mike, Jonathan, and George decide to order wings

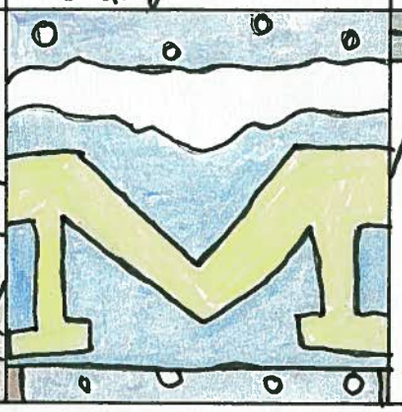
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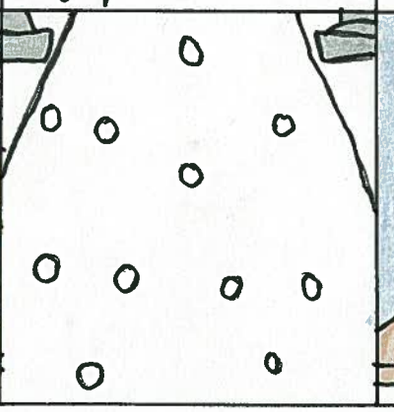
During times of crisis, humans don't reflect on their faults, nor do they make large changes. (2)

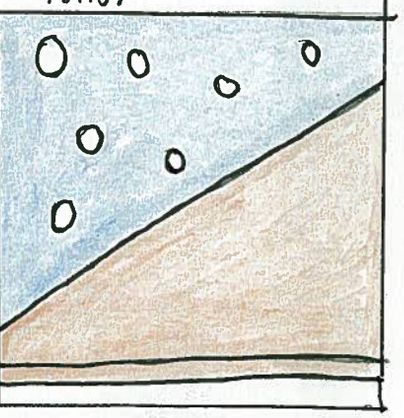
Human Anxieties lead us to rebuild systems that cause crises, we enjoy our anchors (2)

I don't know if this is why our three white guys ordered wings. All I know is this:







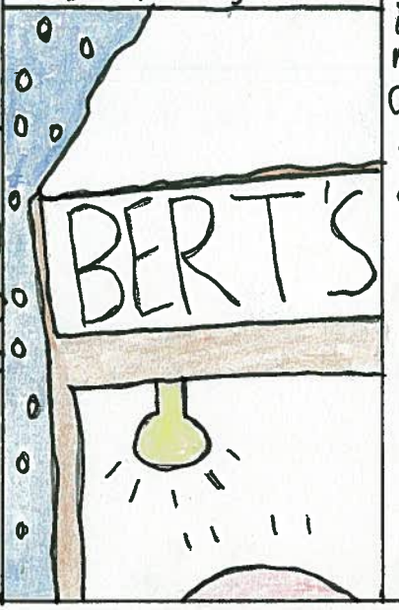


Chickens are still being unhumanely slaughtered, raised and consumed.

Gas is still 3.65$ a gallon and wings are 6 bucks a pound at the grocery store.

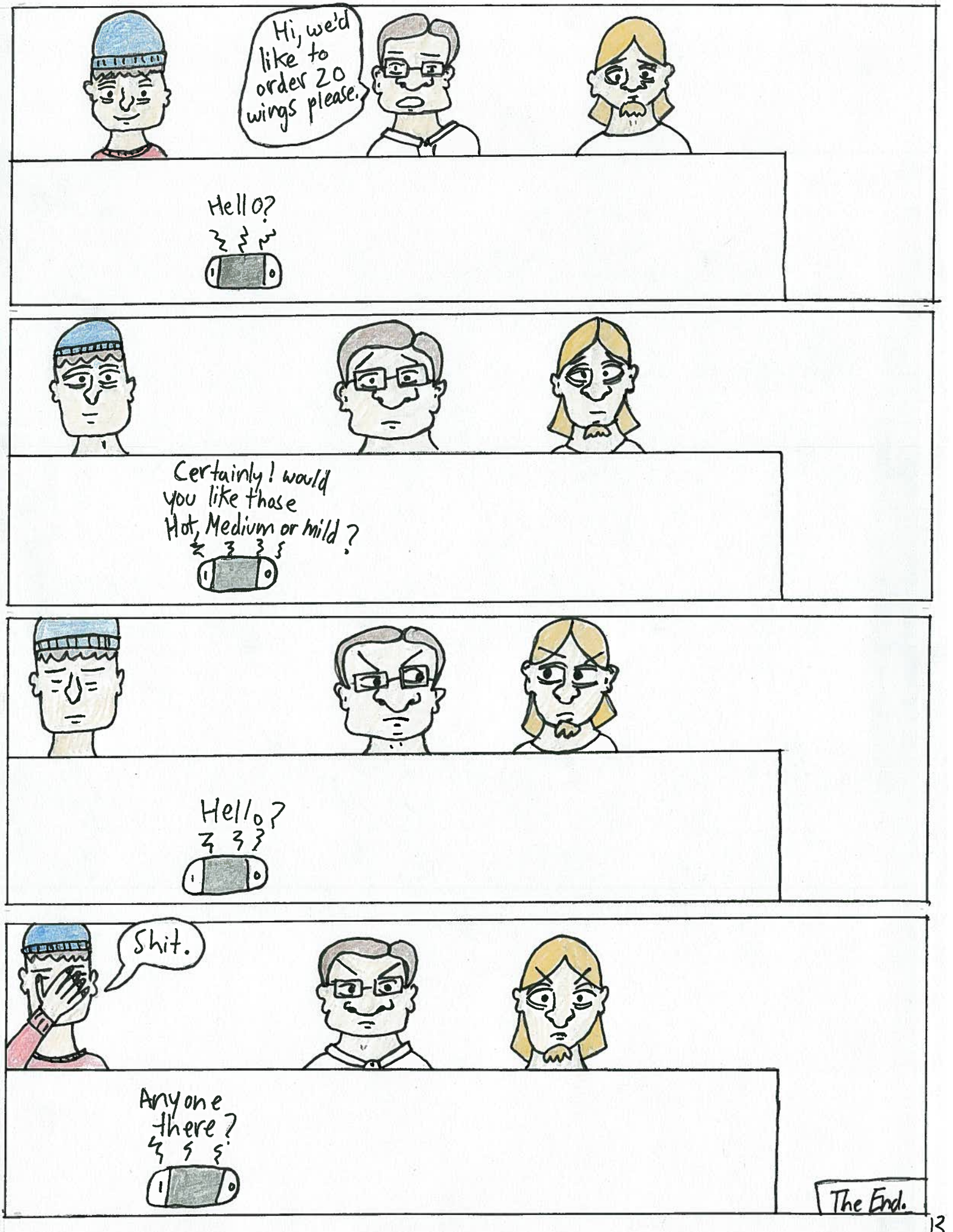


And nothing is real.



"Social practices always incorporate power relations, which become constitutive forms of the subject as well as domains and objects of knowledge"

—Johanna Oksala (2012) (8)


Hi, we'd like to order 20 wings please.
Hello?
Certainly! would you like those Hot, Medium or mild?
Hello?
Shit.
Anyone there?
The End.

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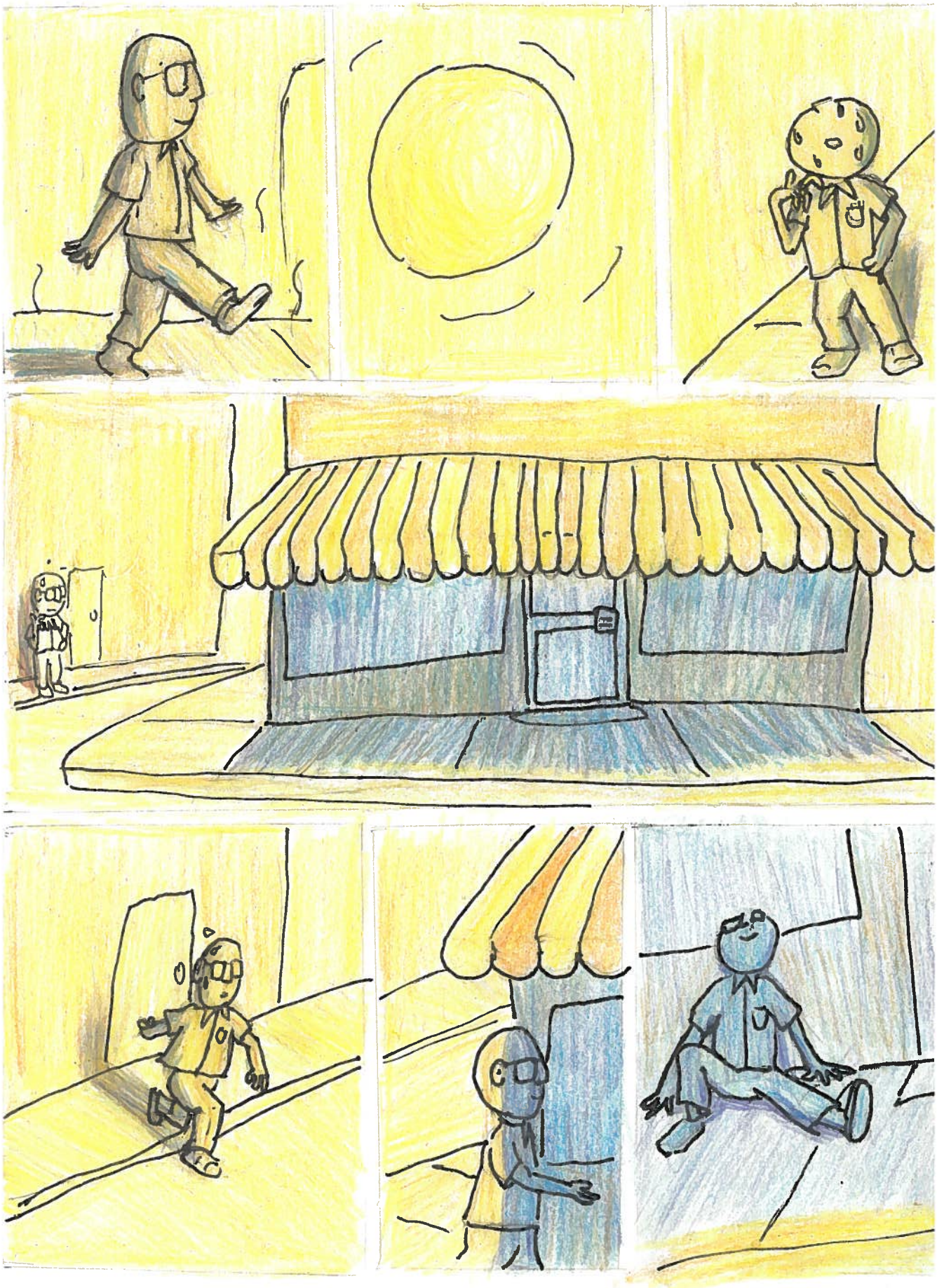
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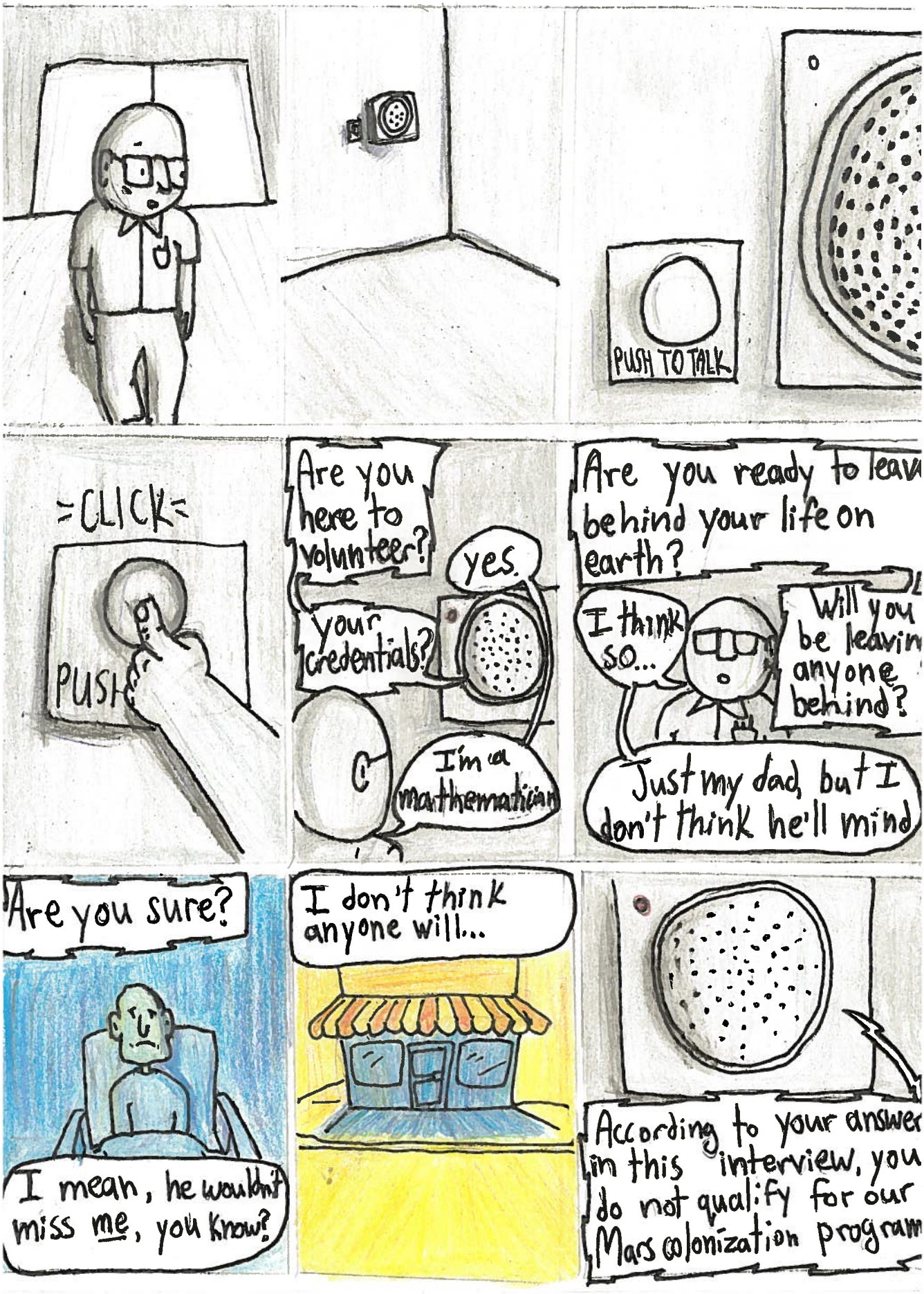


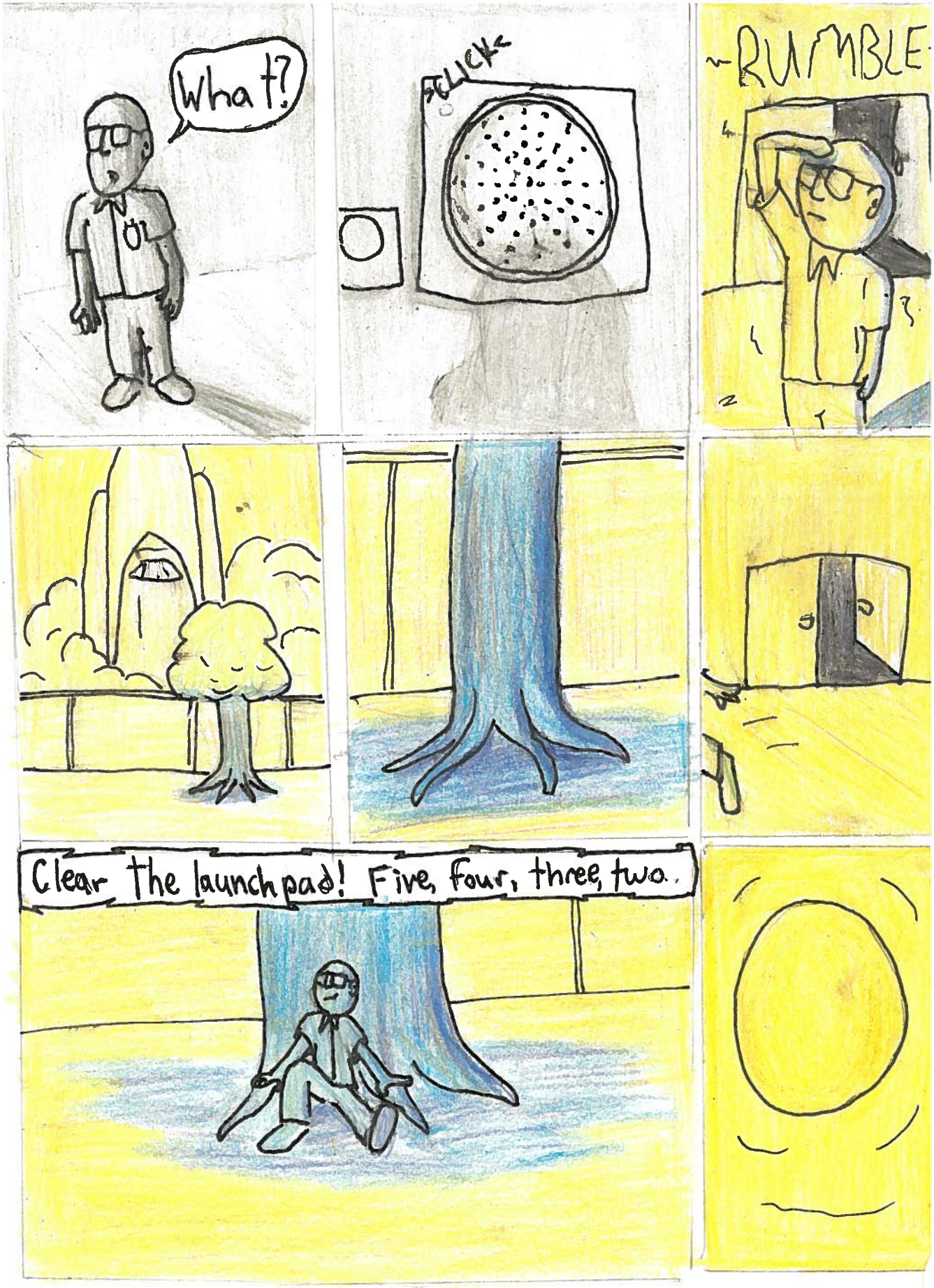

Hey! Food!
Sorry about that, Dad. I got distract
It's just that it's so nice out there today!
mhmm... ...could you turn on the TV?
yeah, sure
CLICK
RCA


re you tired of the
ame old earth?
Do you need a
change of scenery?
Volunteer today
to colonize Mars
I'm...
Gonna go
out for a
minute.




One hour later
MARS
MARS
MARS


PUSH TO TALK
=CLICK=
PUSH
Are you here to volunteer?
yes.
your credentials?
I'm a mathematician
Are you ready to leave behind your life on earth?
I think so...
Will you be leaving anyone behind?
Just my dad, but I don't think he'll mind
Are you sure?
I mean, he wouldn't miss me, you know?
I don't think anyone will...
According to your answer in this interview, you do not qualify for our Mars colonization program


What?
CLICK
~RUMBLE
Clear the launchpad! Five, four, three, two.



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