

HOW'S THIS LOOK?
DO YOU LIKE?

I GOT IT FOR
SPRING BREAK.

HOLY
CRAP!

WHAT? IS
THAT GOOD
OR BAD?

I THINK IT'LL
LOOK REAL
GOOD BEING
RETURNED
TO THE
STORE.

MOM'S NOT
GOING TO LET
YOU WEAR THAT
TWO-PIECE TO
FLORIDA.

OH MAN.
I DIDN'T THINK
ABOUT THAT.

DOES IT LOOK
NICE, THOUGH?

"NICE" ISN'T
THE FIRST WORD
TO COME TO
MY MIND.

KIDS? I'M SORRY, BUT YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO GO TO FLORIDA NEXT WEEK.



WHAT?! WHY NOT?



YOUR GRANDFATHER'S DYING. THEY'RE NOT SURE HE'S GOING TO MAKE IT THROUGH NEXT WEEK.

WE'RE ALL GOING TO VIRGINIA.



MY WHOLE FAMILY WILL BE THERE.

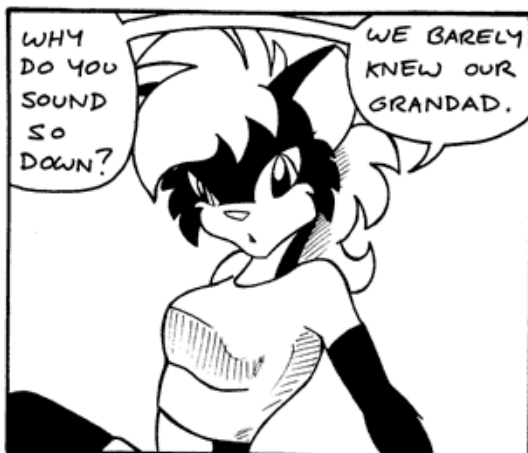
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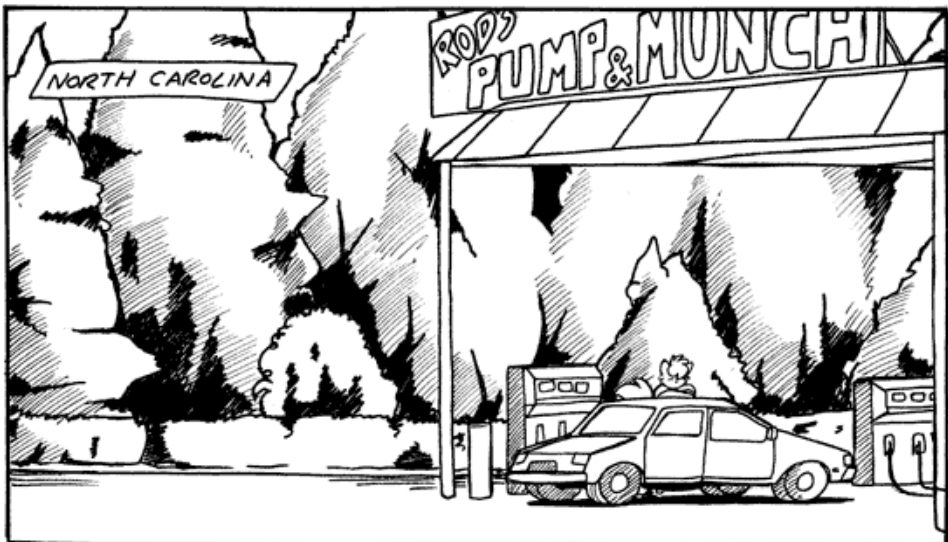


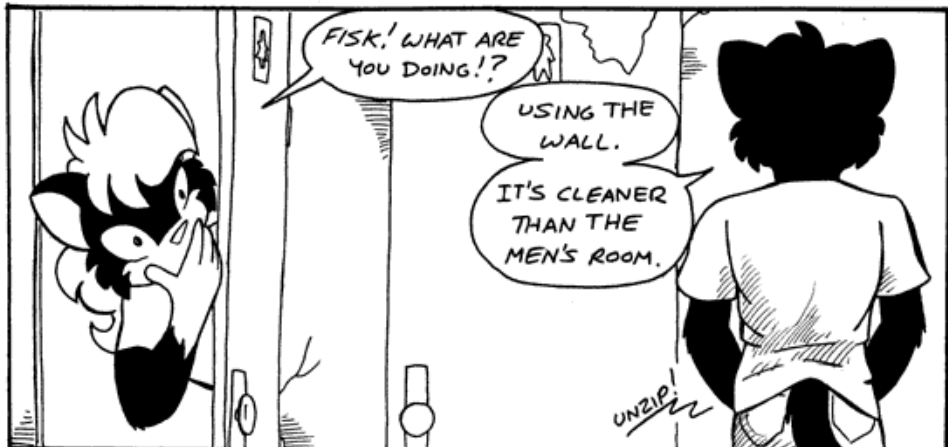
BESIDES, I WOULDN'T LET YOU OUT OF THE HOUSE WITH THAT BIKINI.

AW MAN...

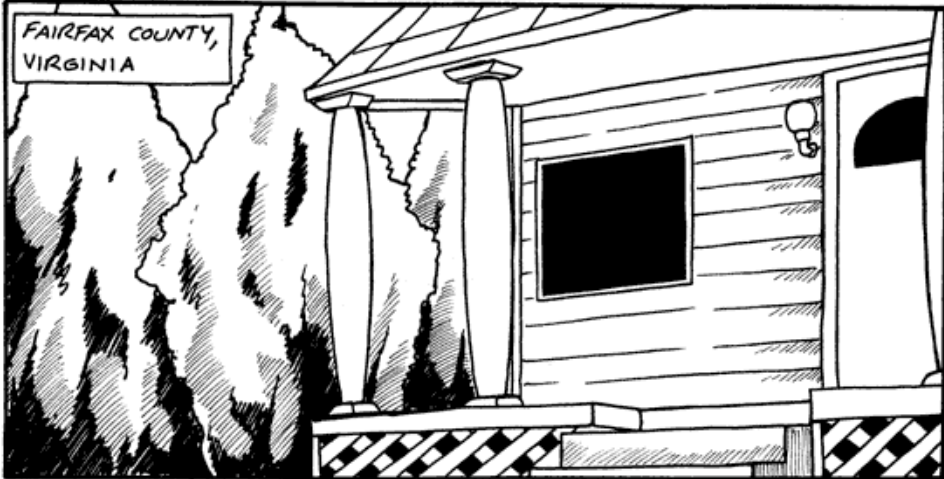








FAIRFAX COUNTY,
VIRGINIA



OOOOO...



SHEILA! SHEILA! OH,
IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU,
CHILD!



HI, MOM.

I'M GLAD YOU
COULD MAKE IT,
HONEY.



OH MY! THE TWINS HAVE GROWN! I
BET THAT YOUNG MAN IS BEATING
THE GIRLS OFF WITH A STICK!

OH YEAH. AS OFTEN
AS POSSIBLE.

FISK!





SHE'S GOING THROUGH
BOYFRIENDS EVERY FEW
MONTHS.

SHE'S GOING TO
HASTEN YOUR FATHER'S
PASSING BY BRINGING
HER NEW NIGGER
BOYFRIEND.

MOM!
YOUR
LANGUAGE!

I'M SORRY DEAR. I KNOW IT'S
A DIFFERENT TIME, THESE DAYS.
I TRIED TO TELL HER TO
HAVE CONSIDERATION FOR YOUR
FATHER, BUT YOU
KNOW HOW
BOBBIE IS.

ALL THOSE REVOLVING RELATIONSHIPS
CAN'T BE GOOD FOR HER DAUGHTER.

THAT POOR GIRL. SHE'S
DRAGGED FROM ONE PAGEANT
TO THE NEXT. SHE'S GOING
TO BE A WRECK WHEN SHE'S
GROWN.

YOUR DADDY AND I ARE VERY
PROUD OF HOW YOU'VE TAKEN
CARE OF YOUR CHILDREN.



PERSIA! DARLING! DON'T GET OUT OF THE CAR WITHOUT YOUR SHOES ON!

YES, MOTHER!



NOT YOUR SANDALS! YOUR SHOES! YOUR FEET WILL GET FILTHY!

SORRY, MOTHER!



WHAT'S ON YOUR FACE? CHOCOLATE?

SCRUB
SCRUB

DON'T EAT THAT STUFF. IT'LL MAKE YOU FAT!



LIFT YOUR TAIL OUT OF THE DIRT, CHILD! YOUR GRANDMOTHER WILL THINK I RAISED YOU IN A BARN!



OH, BLESS ME! THOSE MUST
BE SHEILA'S TWINS!



PERSIA! COME UP AND MEET
YOUR COUSINS!

COMING, MOTHER!



YOU REALLY GREW TO BE A HANDSOME YOUNG
MAN! I REMEMBER WHEN YOU WERE
NO BIGGER THAN A LOAF OF BANANA
BREAD!



YOU REALLY DO LOOK
SO MUCH LIKE YOUR
DADDY!



I'LL BET YOUR GIRL
BACK IN GEORGIA
REALLY MISSES YOU!

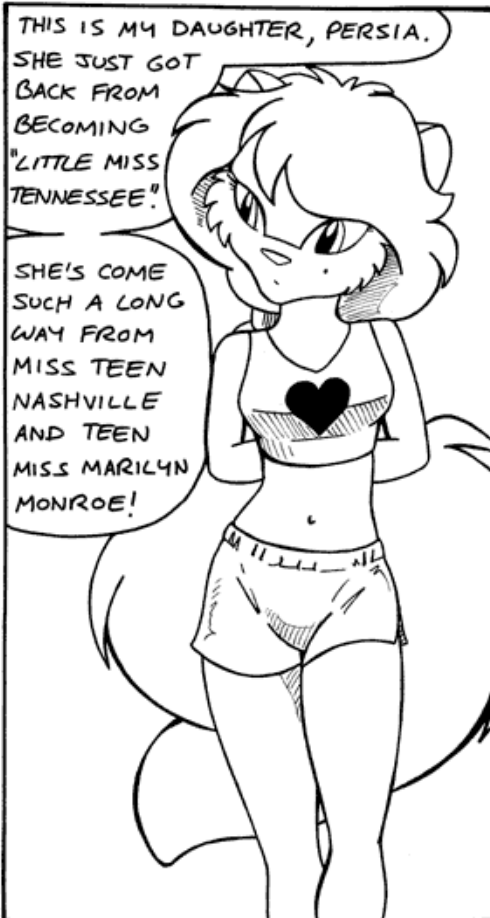




THESE ARE
YOUR
COUSINS,
PERSIA.



THAT'S LUCY AND THAT'S FISK.



THIS IS MY DAUGHTER, PERSIA.
SHE JUST GOT
BACK FROM
BECOMING
"LITTLE MISS
TENNESSEE".

SHE'S COME
SUCH A LONG
WAY FROM
MISS TEEN
NASHVILLE
AND TEEN
MISS MARILYN
MONROE!



YA'LL KIDS KEEP EACH
OTHER BUSY WHILE WE
GO INSIDE AND MEET
YOUR MOTHER.

UM... HI.

SO DO YOU LISTEN TO MUSIC?

NOT MUCH.

HAVE A
BOYFRIEND?

NO.

HOBBIES?

I DON'T
HAVE LOTS
OF TIME FOR
THAT STUFF.

WHY
NOT?

I HAVE TO WAKE UP BEFORE SUNRISE
EVERY DAY TO WORK ON MY HAIR AND
MAKE SURE MY FUR IS COMBED AND
TRIMMED PERFECTLY. OTHERWISE,
IT GROWS OUT PUFFY.

MOST PHOTO SHOTS LAST ALL
DAY. IT CAN TAKE EIGHT HOURS TO
DO SEVERAL HUNDRED PHOTOS SO
THEY CAN USE MAYBE TWO.

MY MOTHER SAYS BOYS WILL ONLY
TAKE AWAY FROM MY MODELLING TIME
AND THEY ONLY WANT ONE THING.

MODELLING IS SO TOUGH. WHEN
I'M OLD ENOUGH, I'M GOING TO
RUN TO L.A. AND BECOME AN
ACTRESS.

MMM...

I DON'T THINK I COULD TAKE
THAT. I WOULDN'T WANT TO
TRADE HAVING
FUN FOR BEING
PRETTIER.











COME ON. TIM JUST COULDN'T
HANDLE ALL MY NEEDS.

TIM COULDN'T HANDLE
FINDING OUT HE WASN'T
PERSIA'S DADDY.

OH GIVE IT A REST, SHEILA! YOU
DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO
BE TRAPPED IN A MARRIAGE
FOR **YEARS**! IF JIM HAD
MADE IT HOME YOU'D HAVE
EVENTUALLY
STRAYED
TOO!

BULLSHIT! DON'T YOU
FUCKING **DARE** ...

TAKE IT FROM SOMEONE WHO'S
BEEN THERE, LITTLE SIS'. DON'T
TELL ME YOU'VE NEVER SEEN

A SITUATION
WHERE YOUR
STRICT MORAL
CODES DON'T
APPLY!



ARE THEY FIGHTING?

THEY'VE BEEN FIGHTING
SINCE THEY COULD TALK.





LOOK AT YOU! YOUR
HAIR IS A MESS!
AND YOUR FUR!
DID YOU WALLER
IN A MUD PUDDLE!?

DON'T GIVE ME THAT
LOOK, YOUNG LADY!
GET! GET UPSTAIRS!
NOW! GET UP THERE
AND WASH UP!



I HAD **FUN**, MOTHER! OR
DON'T YOU **CARE!**?

WHAT **ELSE** DID
YOU DO!?



WERE YOU HALF DRESSED
WITH THAT BOY!?

NO!

YOU CONTROL
YOURSELF, YOUNG
LADY!

NO BOYS UNTIL
YOU'RE MARRIED
AND **I'M** DEAD!

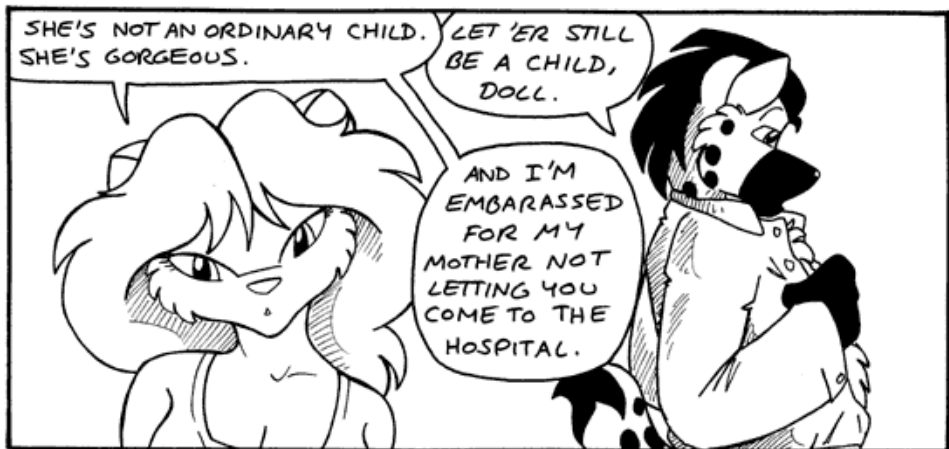


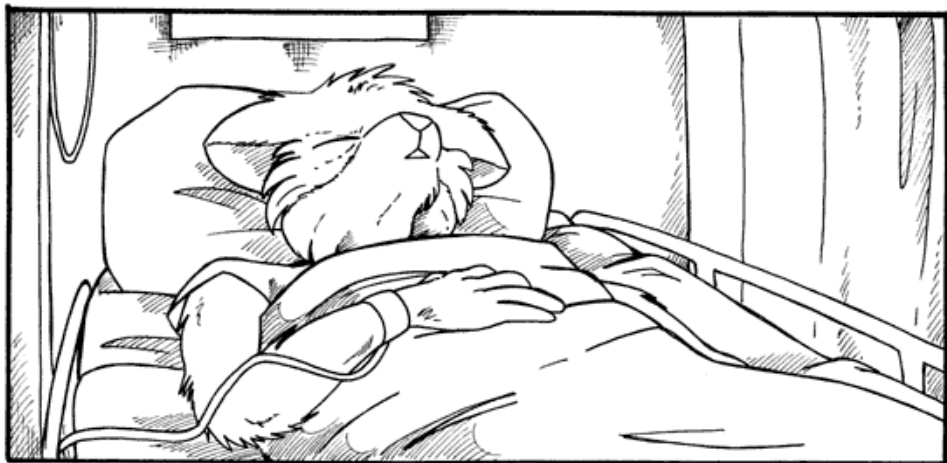
DON'T WORRY! I'M **NOTHING**
LIKE YOU, MOTHER!

YOU SHARP TONGUED LITTLE—!

DOES OUR WHOLE FAMILY
HAVE WEIRDNESS IN IT?







YOUR GIRLS ARE HERE TO SEE
YOU, HONEY. THEY BROUGHT YOUR
GRANDCHILDREN.



HEH. WHAT HAVE I
UNLEASHED ON THE
WORLD?



YOU GO THROUGH
LIFE...

AND IN THE
END... YOU
WONDER IF
YOU DID
RIGHT.



THEN YOU SEE THESE...
BEAUTIFUL FACES.

AND
YOU
KNOW
YOU
CAN
SAY...



... YOUR LIFE WAS WORTH IT.
YOU CAN BE CONTENT.





LIKE WHAT? LIKE, WHAT I'M GOING TO DO. HOW TO MAKE MYSELF WORTH IT.

WORTH IT FOR ALL THE PEOPLE THAT DID SO MUCH TO MAKE SURE I HAVE WHAT I HAVE.



I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT WOULD BE A "GOOD" OR "BAD" DECISION FOR THAT. I FEEL LIKE A LEAF IN THE WIND, JUST BUMBLING ALONG FOR THE RIDE.



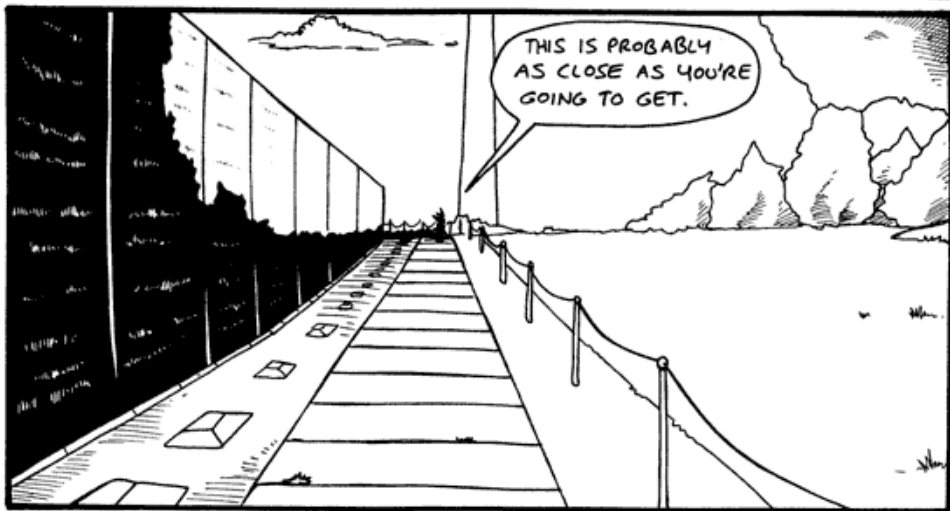
I WANT TO TALK TO DAD. JUST ONCE. BUT ALL I HAVE OF HIM IS SOME NEBULOUS IDEAL. I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HIM AS A PERSON. MAYBE I'M JUST STRIVING FOR AN IDEAL, INSTEAD OF...



... SOMETHING...



THIS IS PROBABLY AS CLOSE AS YOU'RE GOING TO GET.





AC B AARON · JAME
AL · DOUG L ABEN
BERLIN · EDWARD J
K A ABRAMS · TEL
LL ADAMS · EUGEN
S · JAMES C BLACK ·
BROWN · BENJAM
N D COCHRAN · LOU
COLBAIN · HAROLD
N · ADAM V DEVEREA



DAMMIT.



FISK ?

I F-FEEL LIKE I'VE
BEEN KICKED IN THE
STOMACH.



SNF D-DOESN'T MAKE SENSE...
... GODDAMMIT, I DIDN'T KNOW
HIM. I COULDN'T...





HE JUST NEEDS TO FIND HIS CALLING.
LIKE ... MALE STRIPPER...

...ANCHORMAN...

...POOL BOY...

...LION TAMER...

ACTUALLY, I WAS THINKING
OF GOING INTO THE ARMY
FOR A LITTLE WHILE.

THE
ARMY ?

