

I DON'T KNOW IF I WOULD
JEOPARDIZE A GOOD RELATIONSHIP
FOR THE POSSIBILITY
OF ADVENTURE.



WELL, LUCY. YOU'VE BEEN TOGETHER
FOR YEARS, BUT YOU SHOULDN'T
FEEL OBLIGATED TO TAKE STEPS
YOU AREN'T READY FOR.



TOMMY'S A SWEET GUY WITH A BRIGHT
FUTURE. WHAT BENEFIT COULD THERE
BE TO STRAYING AROUND WITH

SEVERAL OTHER
GUYS?

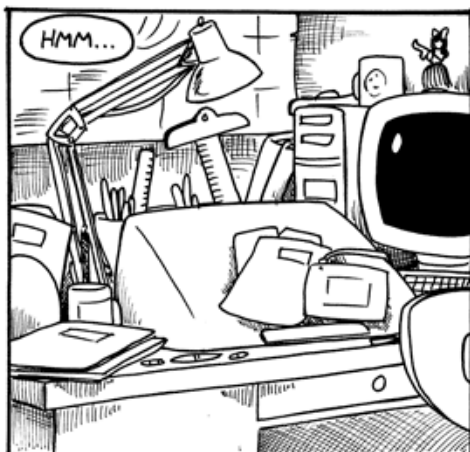


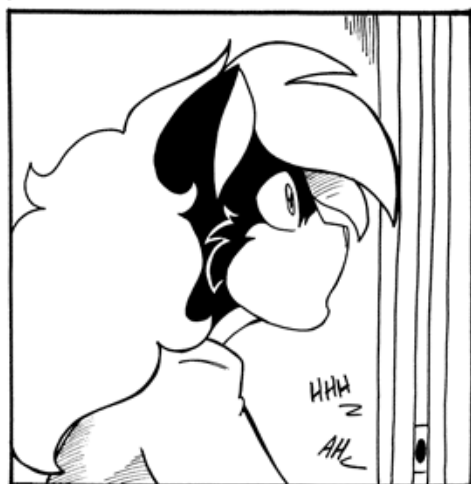
BETH WOULD KNOW!
LETS ASK HER!

COUGH!

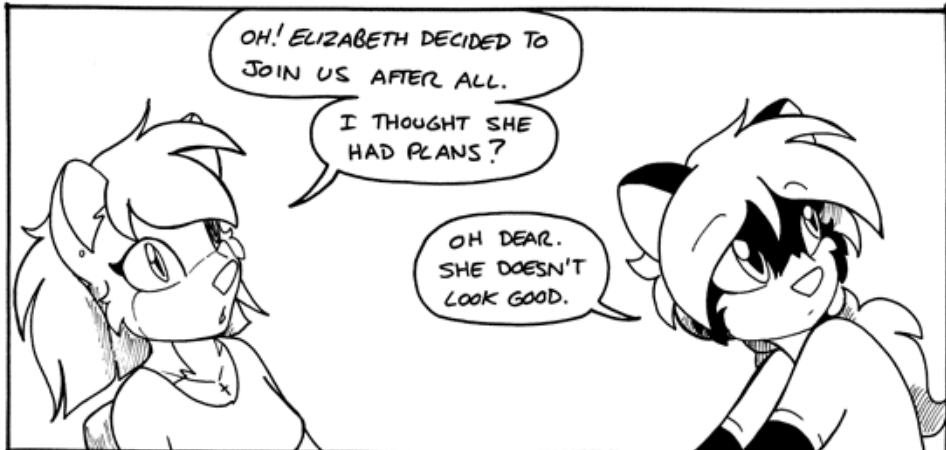
















WHAT'S IT MATTER!?

I CAN'T LEAVE DAVID!
MY MOTHER WOULD BE
DEVASTATED!

ELIZABETH! YOU'RE MY FRIEND
AND I LOVE YOU, BUT THAT'S
BULLSHIT!

YOU KNOW WHEN BETH STARTS
TALKING ALL PHILOSOPHICAL AND
WE BARELY KNOW WHAT THE HELL
SHE'S SAYING?

I'M STARTING TO UNDERSTAND!

YOUR MOTHER DOESN'T LIVE YOUR LIFE!
SHE DOESN'T LIVE WITH YOUR DECISIONS!

YOU DO!

SHE DOESN'T WEAR
YOUR FLUR! SHE DOESN'T
HAVE TO FUCK YOUR
HUSBAND...

WHY DO YOU MAKE YOUR MOST
IMPORTANT DECISIONS WITH THE
LEAST CONSIDERATION FOR THE
ONE WHO HAS TO LIVE WITH THEM?

YOU!





NO WAY!

WAY.

I ALWAYS HAD AN IMPRESSION DAVID WAS SLIMY, EVER SINCE I MET HIM.

WHAT'S SHE GOING TO DO?

NOT SURE. BUT I GAVE HER FISK'S NUMBER FOR WHEN HE COMES BACK.

THEY'VE LIKED EACH OTHER SINCE THEY WERE KIDS.

I KNOW.

YOU'RE HOPING SHE'LL HAVE AN AFFAIR WITH FISK?

WELL... WHO KNOWS...

OH NO, LUCY. FISK IS SUPPOSED TO BE **MY** OCCASIONAL DALLIANCE!

YOU DONT EXPECT THAT TO LAST FOREVER, DO YOU?

SIGH... YEAH
I SUPPOSE.

WELL, YOU COULD HAVE HAD
FISK TO YOURSELF IF YOU'D
LET HIM HAVE HIS CAREER.

HMM.
I KNOW...

BESIDES, YOU AND ARON HAVE THAT
"OPEN" UNDERSTANDING. YOU DON'T
MIND WHEN **HE** HOOKS UP WITH
OTHER LADIES,
DO YOU?

HM. TRUE. BUT HE'S NEVER
HOOKED UP WITH ANYONE ELSE
AS FAR AS I KNOW. I'M HIS
ONLY SOURCE OF
SEX.

OH...

OH, I
SEE.

SIGH...



OH! ARON, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

HELLO LUCY.



I KNOW YOU WATCHED US...



I... I DON'T... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

LET ME SHOW YOU...

OHHH~













DON'T THINK OF TAKING ADVANTAGE OF LUCY'S UNCERTAINTY!

I WOULD NEVER!



IT'S FAR MORE FLATTERING TO WAIT FOR CERTAINTY!

JUST BE CAREFUL, ARON. YOU'RE MESSING AROUND WITH SOME OF YOUR BEST FRIENDSHIPS.




NO... LUCY IS.

YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO THAT THEIR RELATIONSHIP DOESN'T HINGE ON MY ACTIONS, BUT ON HER DESIRES.

NOTHING I DO, OR **DON'T DO**, WILL CHANGE HER DESIRE FOR WHAT SHE BELIEVES SHE'S LACKING.


THAT IS WHAT IS AFFECTING THEIR RELATIONSHIP.

SIGH...




HOW WAS YOUR TRIP?


MM. THE USUAL, YOU KNOW. NOTHING SPECIAL.



OH, PLENTY OF "SPECIAL" THINGS HAVE BEEN HAPPENING HERE!



OH? LIKE WHAT?



ELIZABETH CAUGHT DAVID CHEATING, AND IS THINKING OF LEAVING HIM! ISN'T THAT GREAT!?

UH...



AAAND SHE *MAY*
CALL YOU THIS
WEEKEND.

JUST
SAYING.

MAYBE.

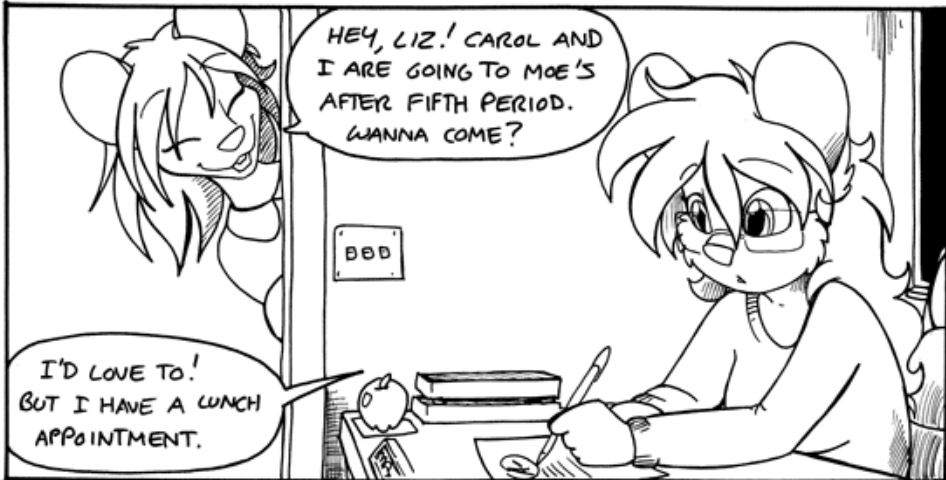


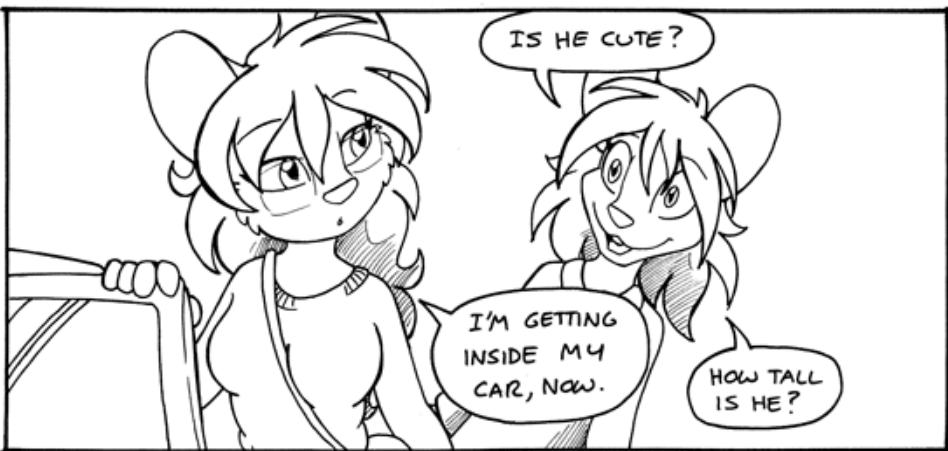
YOU CAN THANK
ME LATER, IF
YOU WANT.

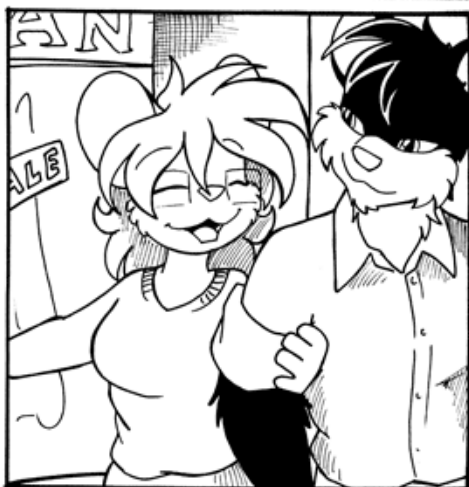
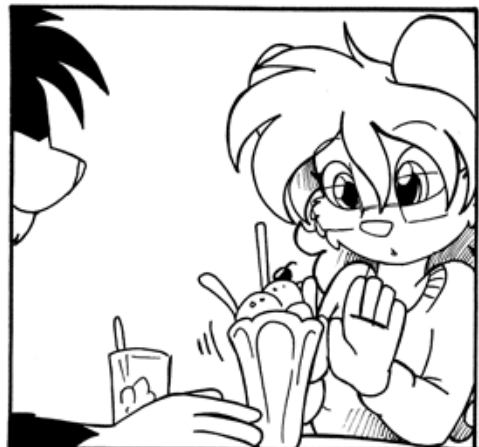


I'M SORRY. I'VE BEEN IN
SINGAPORE FOR A MONTH.
ALL I CAN THINK ABOUT IS
HAVING A REAL AMERICAN
CHEESEBURGER, RIGHT NOW.

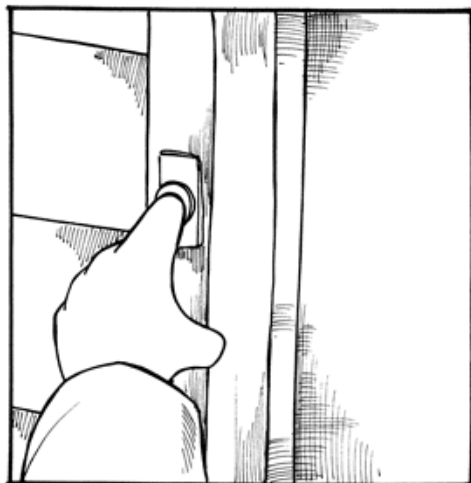
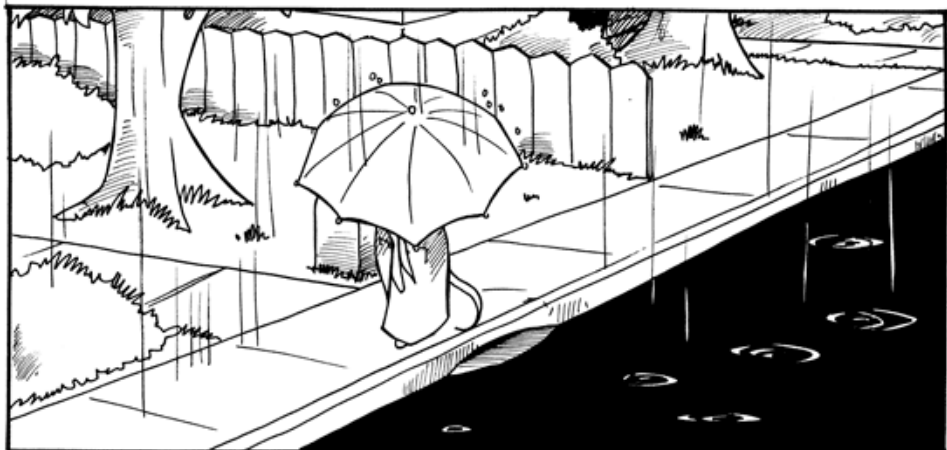
















SIGH...



WHAT'S WRONG,
BETH?

LUCY WENT TO HAVE
SEX WITH ARON AND
I...



YOU DON'T SAY?



WHAT ARE YOU
DOING HERE!?

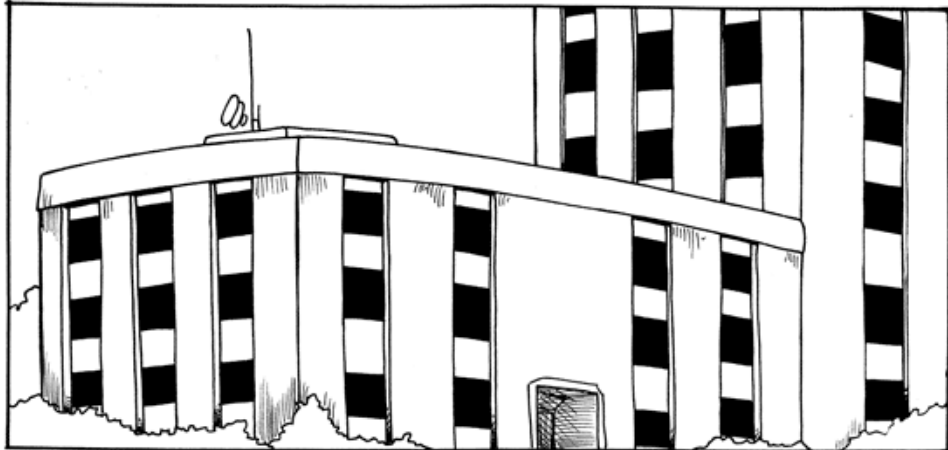
WHERE'S
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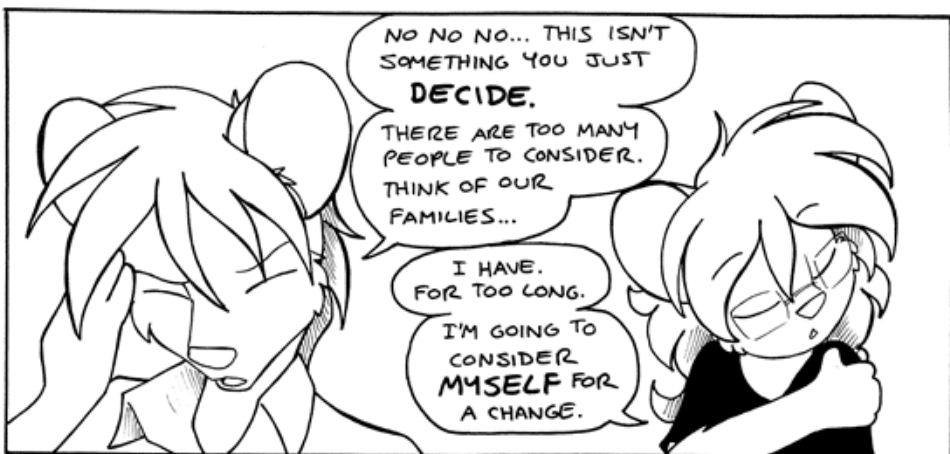
I DON'T KNOW!

SHE JUST GRABBED HER
PURSE AND LEFT WHEN
SHE FINISHED TALKING TO
YOU!

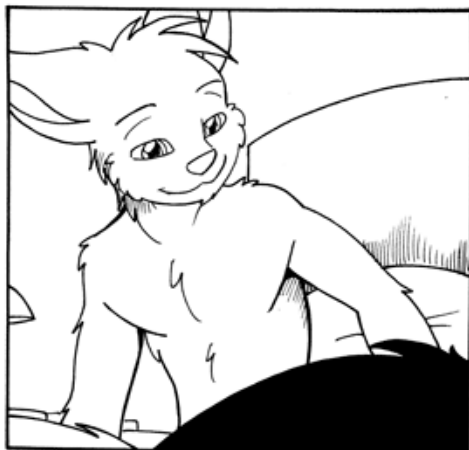















UNLESS YOU WANT TO SEE IF I CAN BLOW OFF WORK, TODAY.

MMM, NO.

I WON'T FALL FOR THAT FALSE CHOICE.

I WANT YOU TO WORK.

OH?

I LOVE YOU, TOMMY. AND I WANT YOU. YOU. NOT SOME VERSION OF YOU THAT DOESN'T INCLUDE WHAT YOU DO.

I WON'T HAVE ANYTHING BUT YOU, AND DON'T EVER SUGGEST OFFERING ME ANYTHING ELSE, AGAIN.

JUST... WHEN YOU'RE DONE TONIGHT, NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TAKES, RETURN HERE.

CONSIDER THIS "HOME".

THAT'S ALL I NEED.

