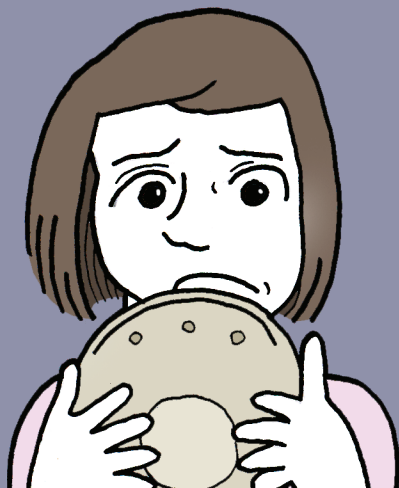
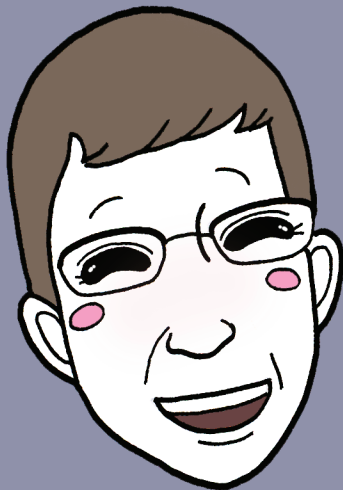


# UNSTOPPABLE!

A TRUE STORY STARRING  
TEENA FITZROY

BY JUSTIN HUBBELL





HI! I'M TEENA AND  
I HAVE CEREBRAL PALSY.

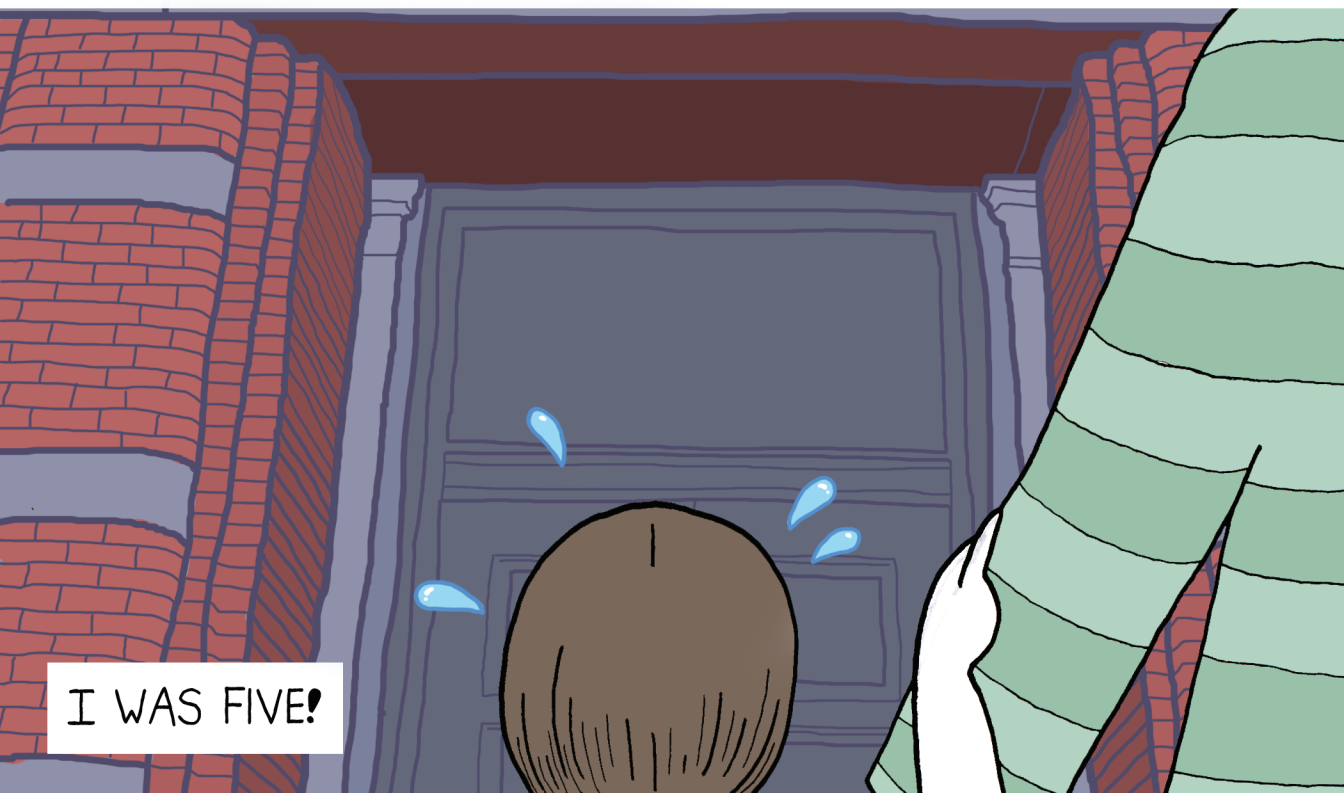


IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL  
NOW, BUT IN 1956 IT  
WAS SOMETHING ELSE!

AFTER GIVING US "THE BAD NEWS," A DOCTOR TOLD MY MOM  
SHE SHOULD GIVE ME AWAY!

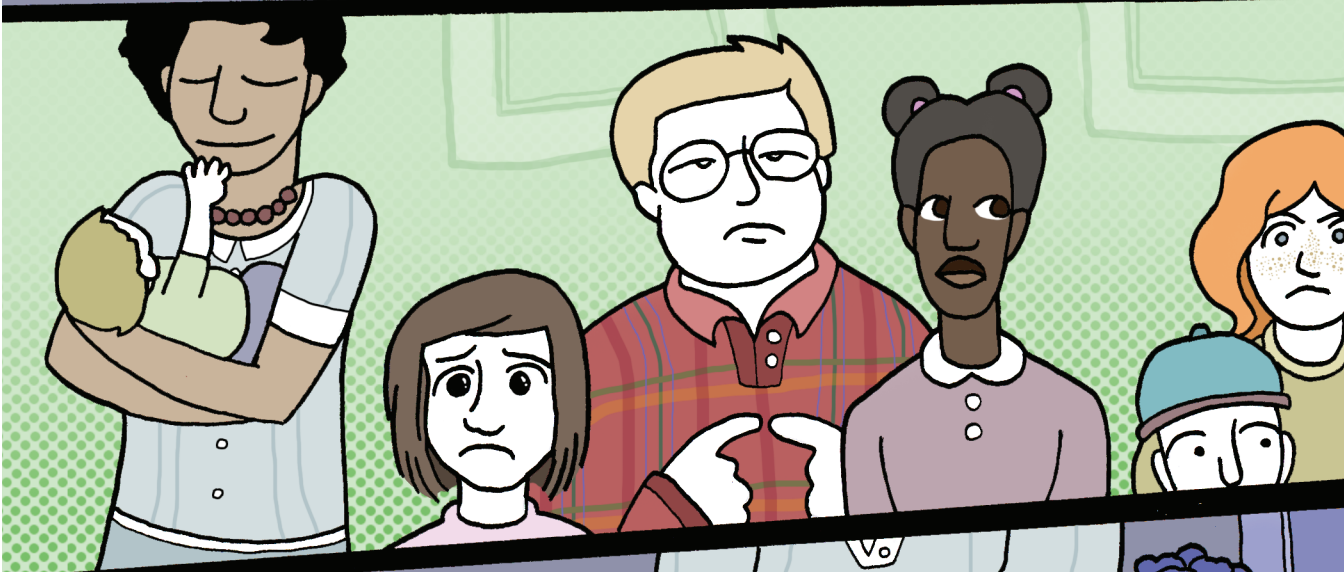


MOM COULDN'T DO THAT. INSTEAD I WAS INSTITUTIONALIZED  
AT THE EDITH HARTWELL CLINIC IN LE ROY, NEW YORK.

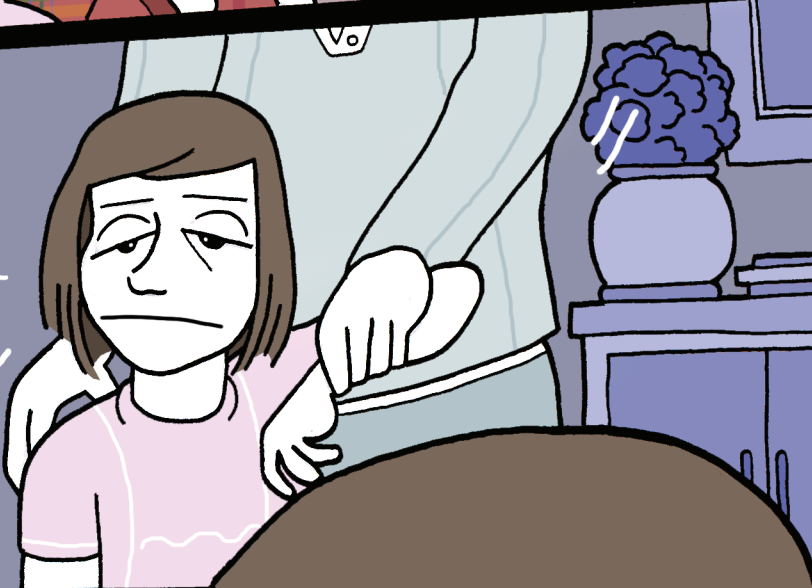


I WAS FIVE!

THEY HAD ALL KINDS OF KIDS AT THE CLINIC.  
FROM INFANTS TO TEENAGERS.

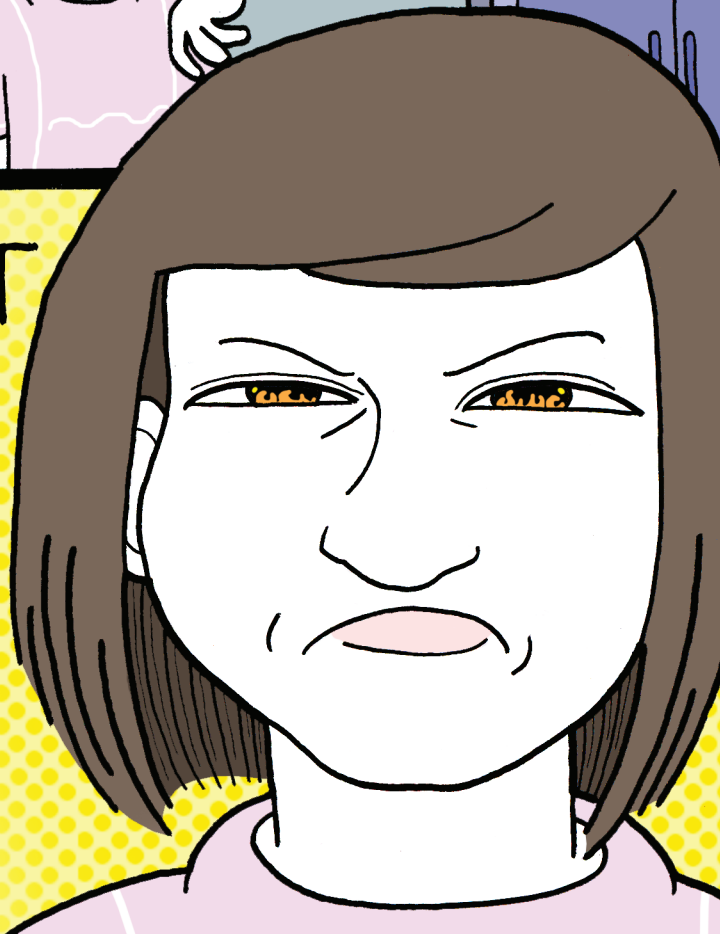


EACH DAY WE'D GET  
PHYSICAL, SPEECH,  
AND OCCUPATIONAL  
THERAPY, AND  
TWO HOURS OF  
SCHOOLING.

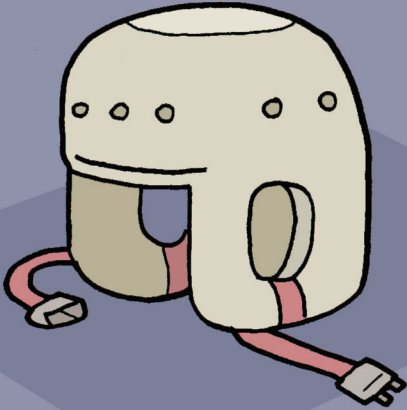


THAT DIDN'T  
MATTER.

I WAS  
GETTING  
OUT!



FIRST THING ON  
MY LIST WAS THE  
HELMET.



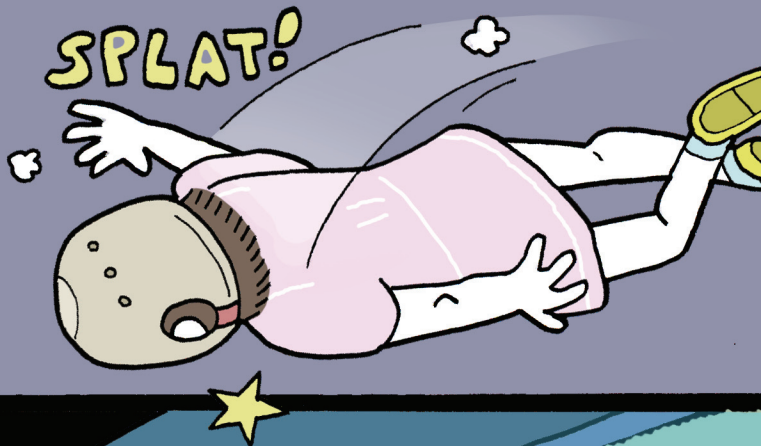
WE ALL HAD  
TO WEAR THEM.



THEY WERE FOR  
OUR PROTECTION.



I DO FALL DOWN A LOT,  
BUT I'VE LEARNED SINCE  
THEN HOW TO FALL PROPERLY.

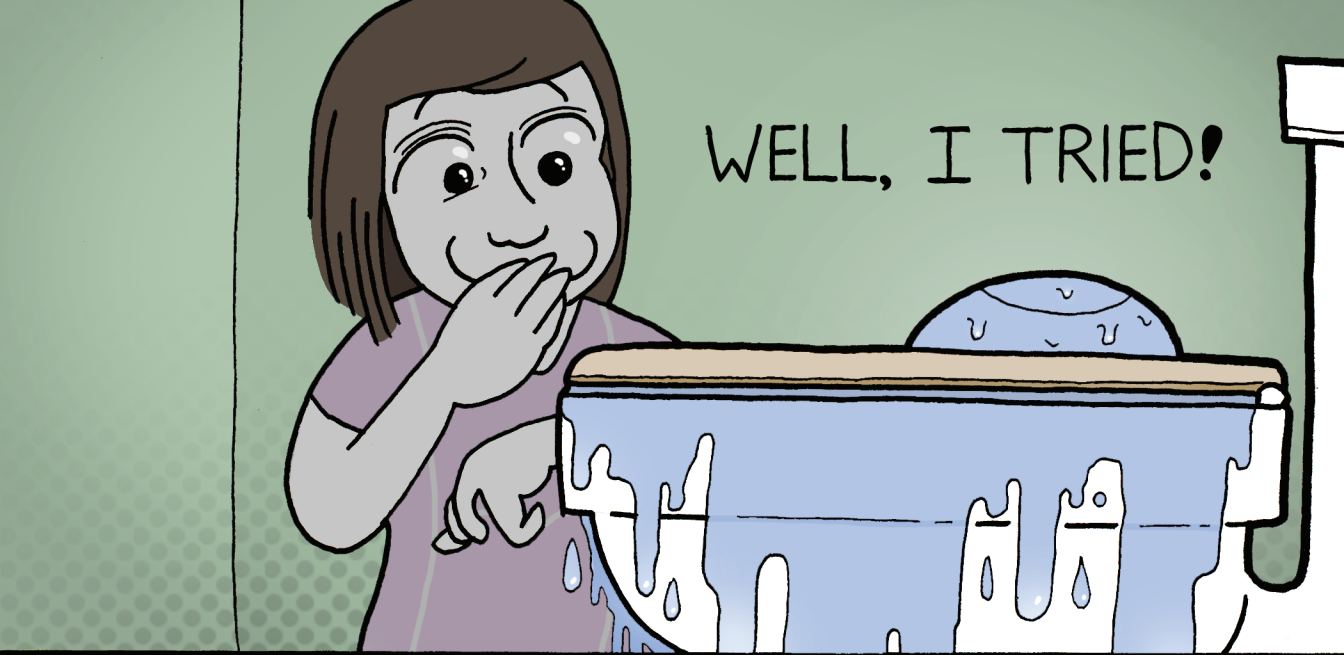


I DON'T NEED A  
HELMET.

I FLUSHED  
MINE DOWN  
THE TOILET.







WELL, I TRIED!



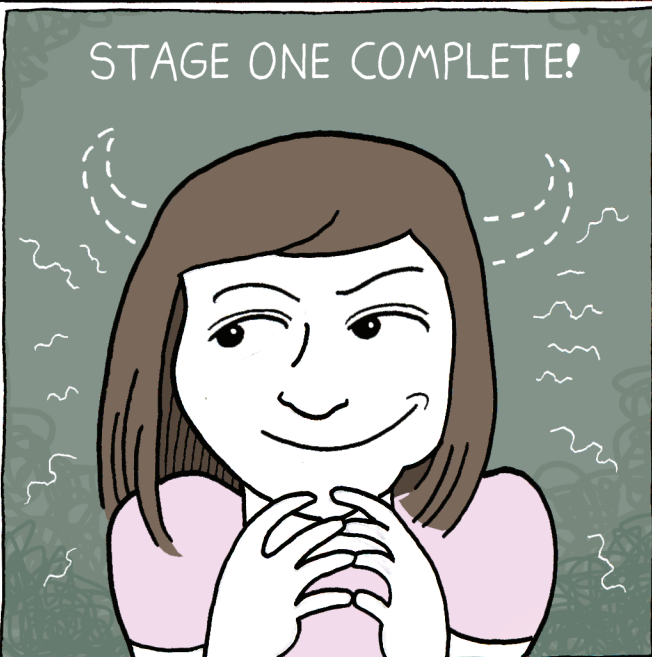
WHEN THAT  
DIDN'T WORK  
I HID IT.



WHEN THEY FOUND IT  
I THREW IT IN THE  
GARBAGE.



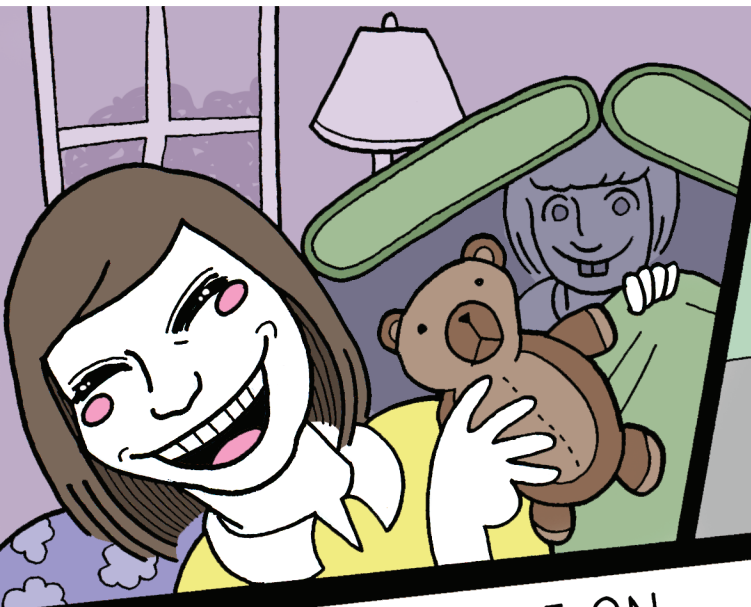
FINALLY THEY CAVED.  
I DIDN'T HAVE TO WEAR  
A HELMET!



STAGE ONE COMPLETE!

WEEKENDS WERE THE WORST.

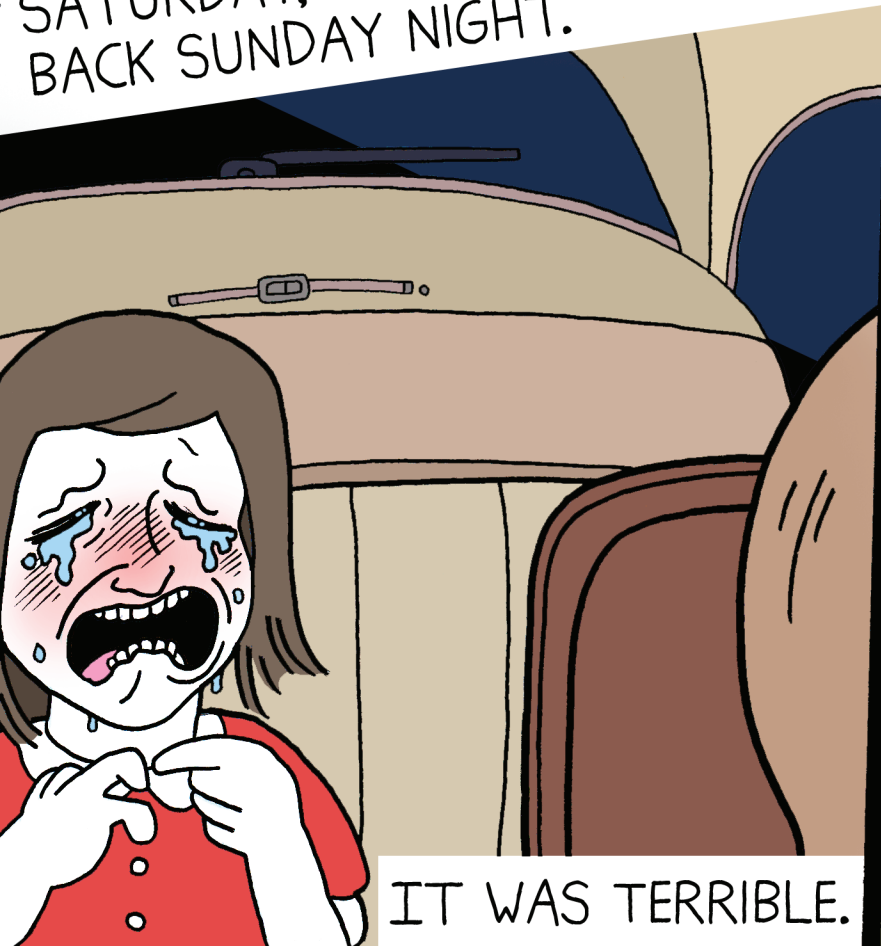
I JUST WANTED TO LIVE AT HOME WITH MY FAMILY.



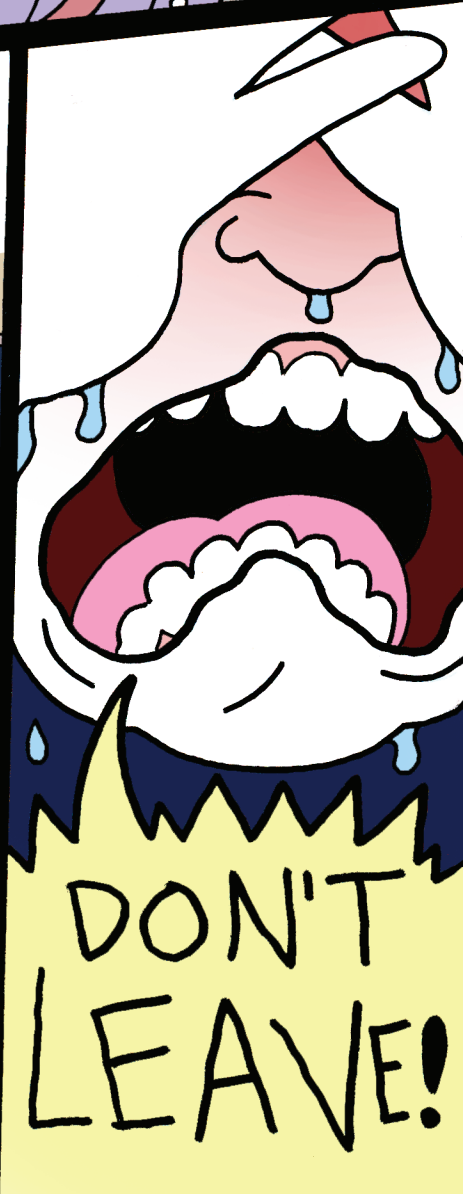
TO GO TO A REGULAR SCHOOL!



I'D GET TO GO HOME ON SATURDAY, BUT I HAD TO GO BACK SUNDAY NIGHT.



IT WAS TERRIBLE.



DON'T LEAVE!

# I SET TO WORK AT AGE SIX TO GET MYSELF EXPELLED.

IT'S NOT TOO HARD  
IF YOU KNOW HOW TO  
RAISE HELL!



I THREW MY FOOD.

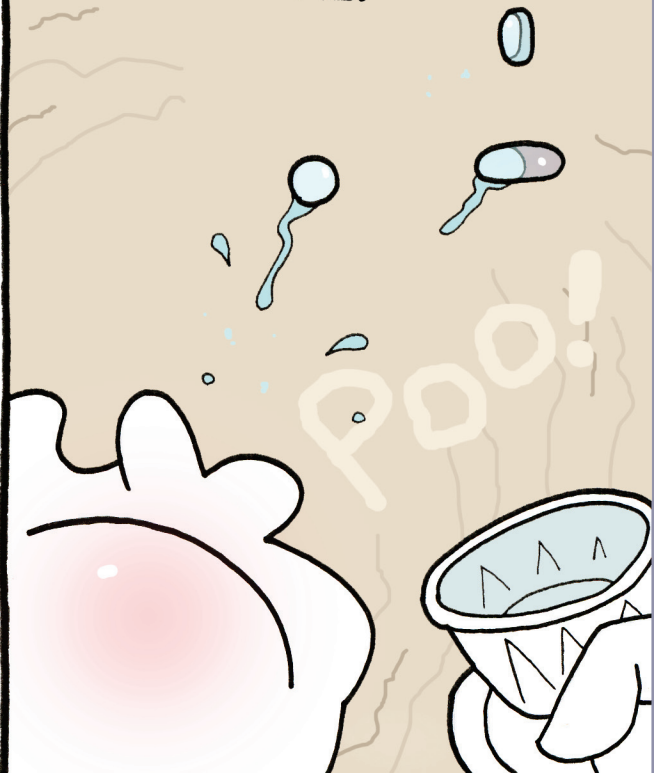
I WORE MY SHOES  
ON THE WRONG FEET.



I PUT MY  
CLOTHES ON  
BACKWARDS.



I SPAT OUT  
MY MEDICINE!





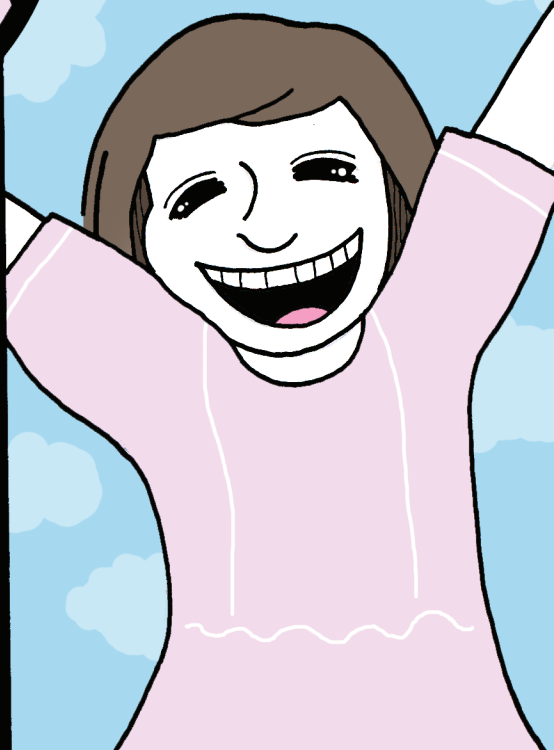
MY BEST TRICK WAS  
WHEN I SWITCHED  
EVERYONE'S CLOTHES.

IN THE MORNING IT WAS CHAOS.



EVERYONE'S BUT  
MINE OF COURSE!

AFTER TEN  
MONTHS THEY  
HAD ENOUGH!



I WAS FREE!



SOMETIMES WHEN YOU  
FEEL UNLOVED  
OR ABANDONED...



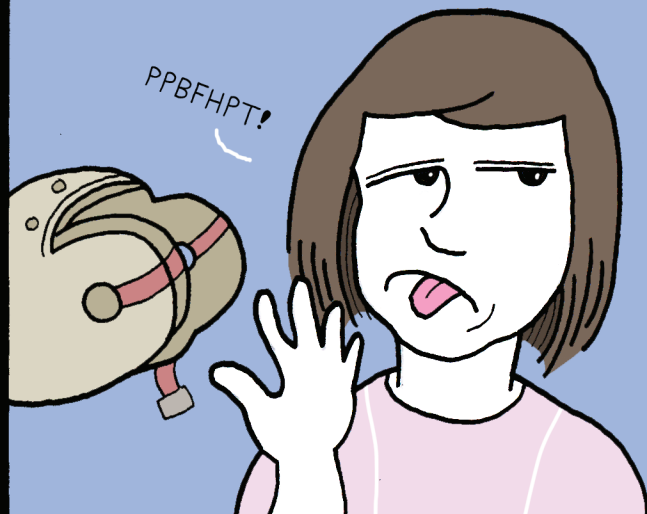
"...YOU HAVE TO TAKE  
MATTERS INTO YOUR OWN  
HANDS!"



"I HAD CEREBRAL PALSY.  
I WAS ONLY SIX."



"BUT SO WHAT?"



"IF YOU WANT SOMETHING  
YOU HAVE TO GO GET IT!"



HOPEFULLY  
YOU WON'T  
GET INTO  
AS MUCH  
TROUBLE  
AS ME  
THOUGH!

**THE  
END**



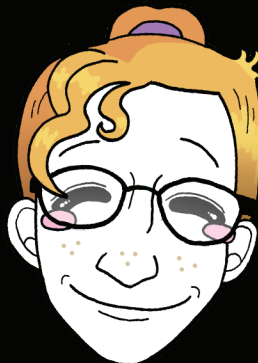


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