

TRANSFORMATION

A FANTASY COMIC BY TAYEN ASPLIN, EIGHTH GRADE
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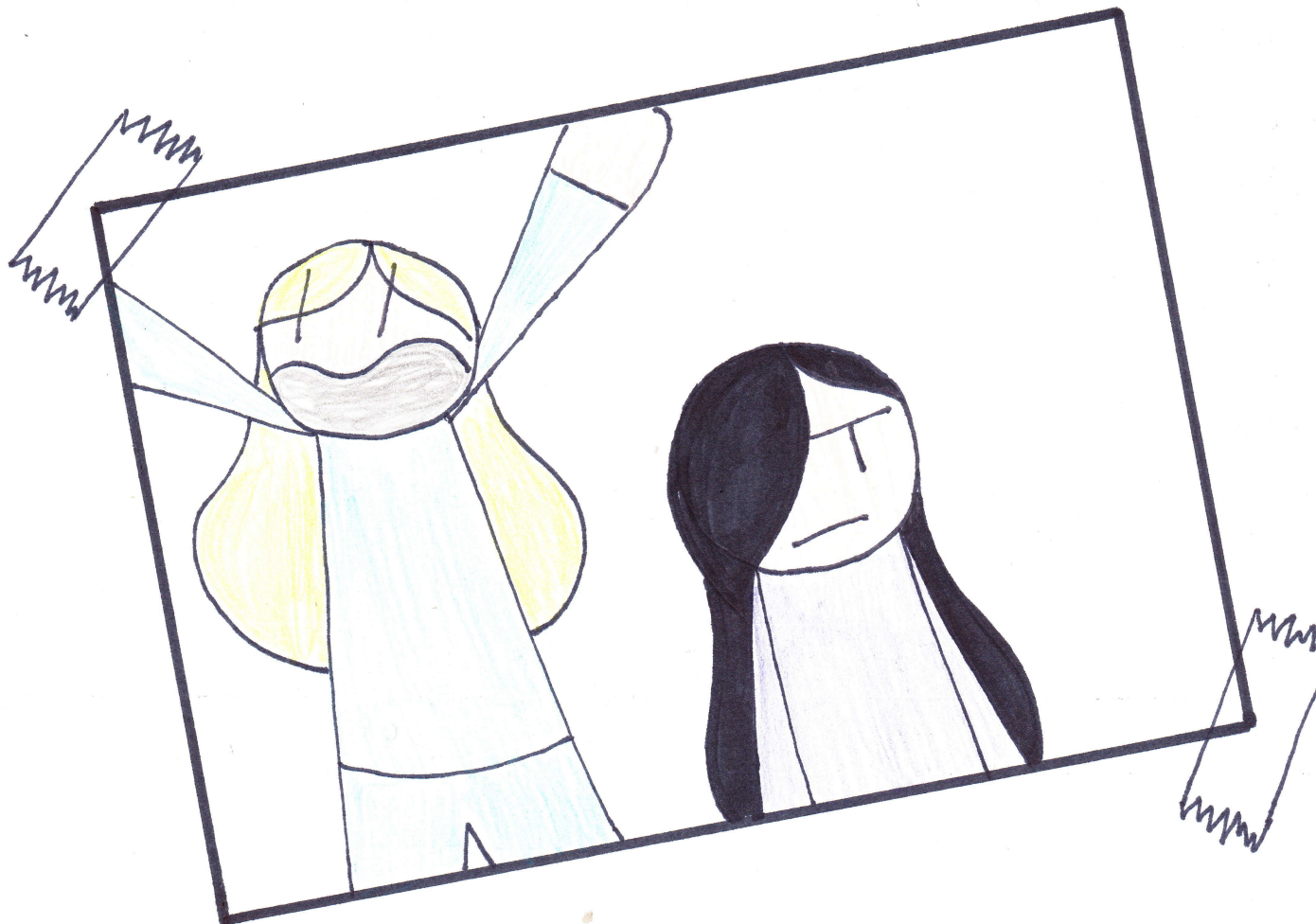
Everyone wants wings... right?

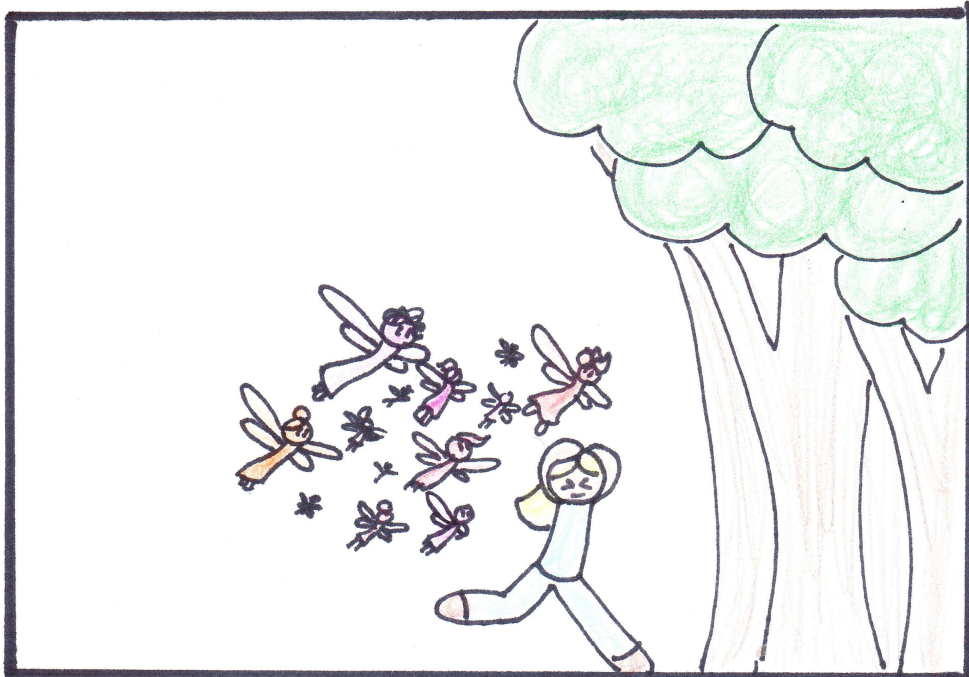
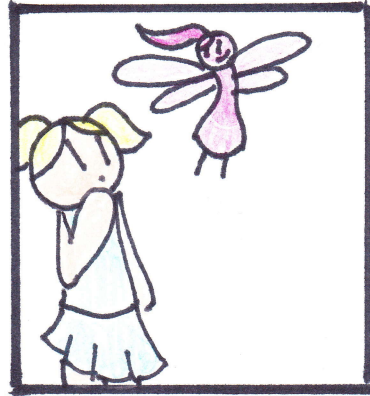
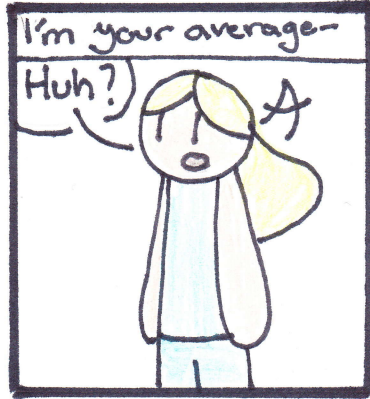
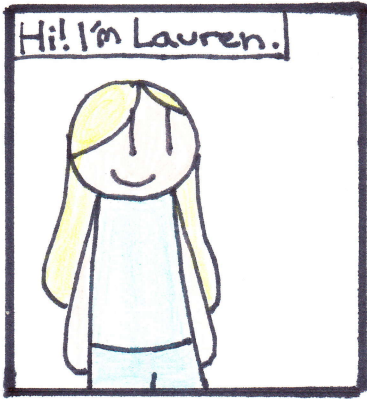
Lauren Morris is your average ninth-grader, except she lives in perpetual fear of faeries only she can see.

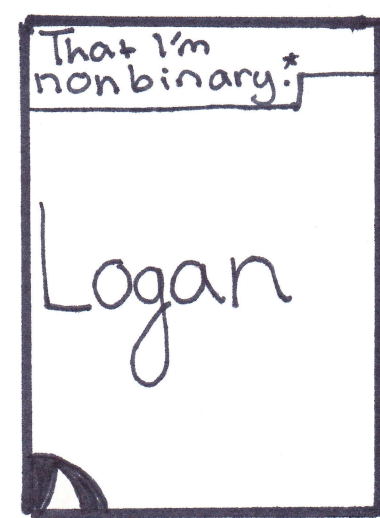
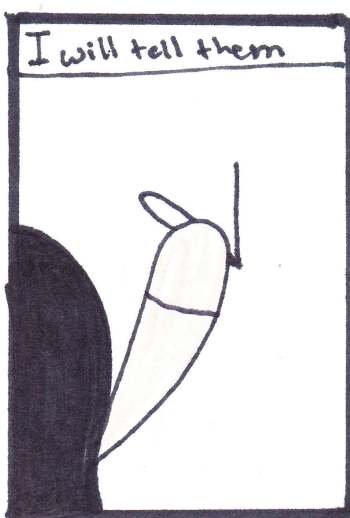
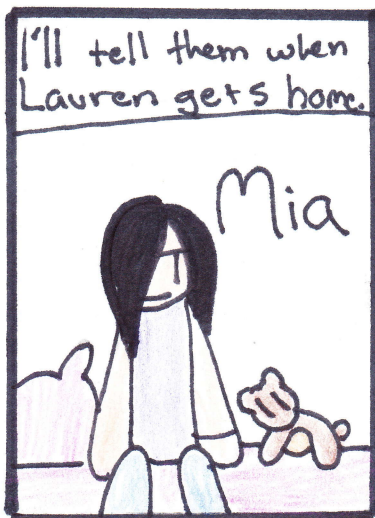
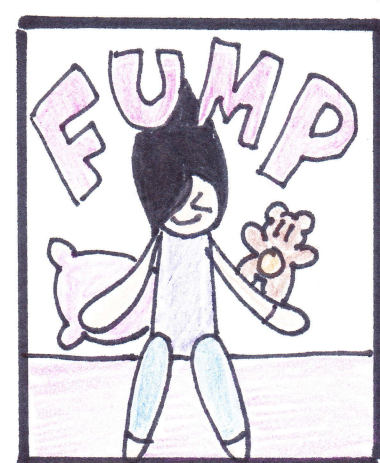
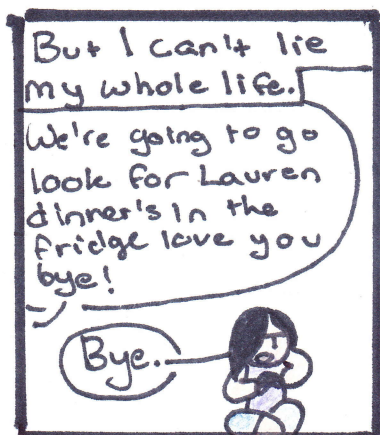
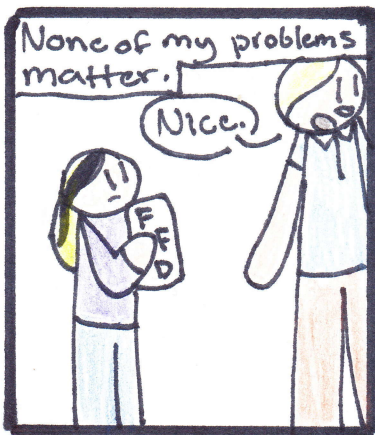
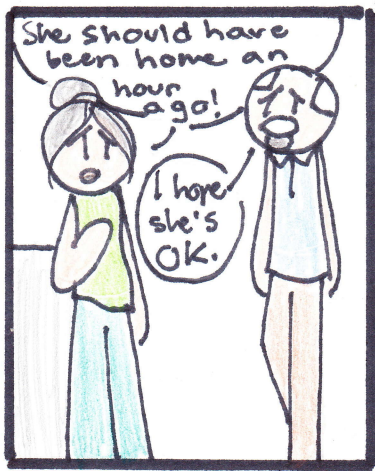
One day, the faeries chase her into a forest. She trips and passes out, and when she wakes up, a guy claiming he is a wizard informs her that she is in Magicland, and she has wings.

But Lauren is afraid of heights, and she definitely doesn't want to stay in Magicland for the rest of her life.

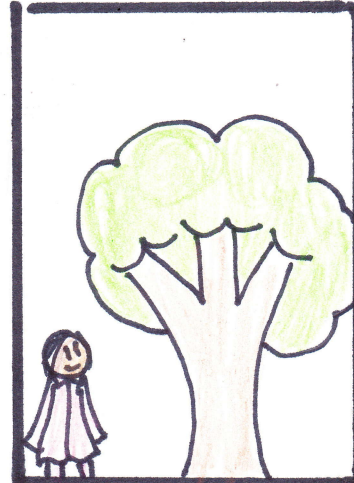
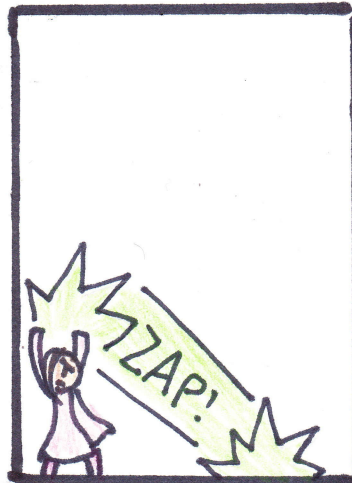
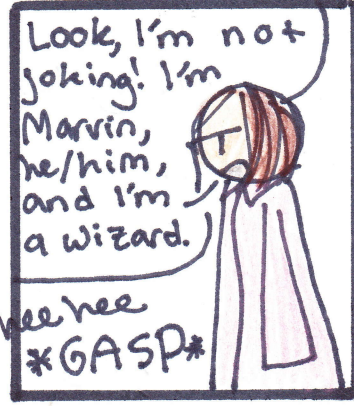
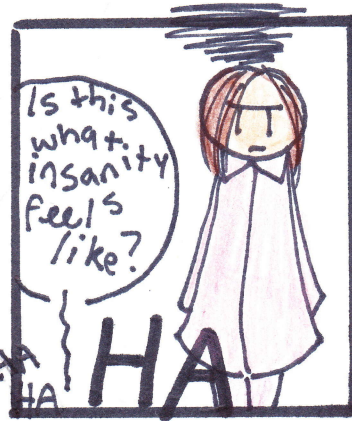
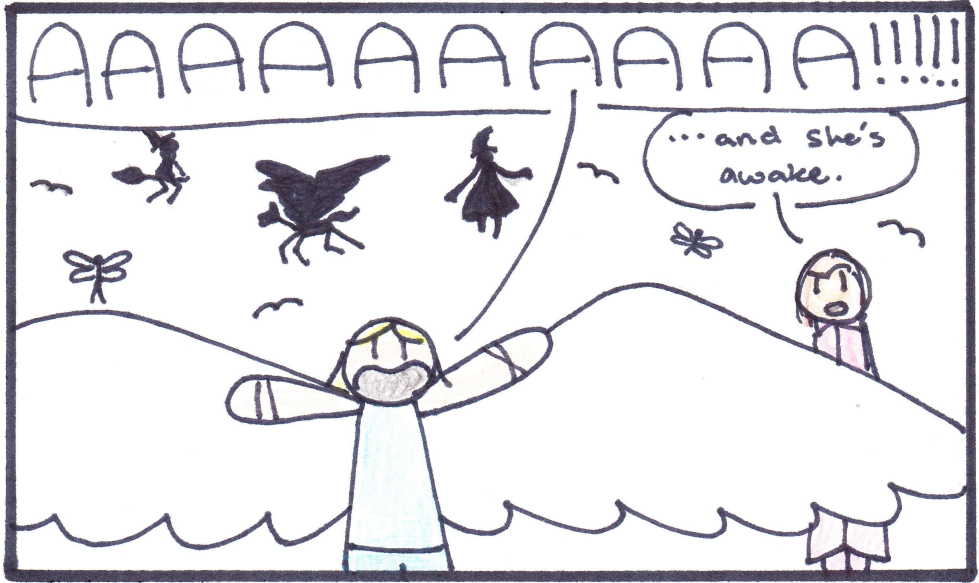
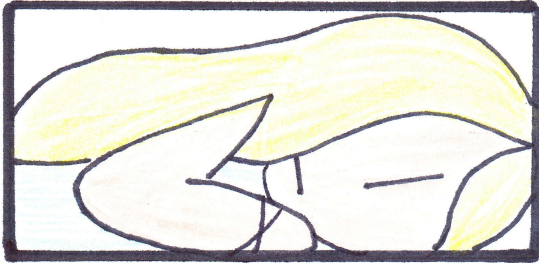
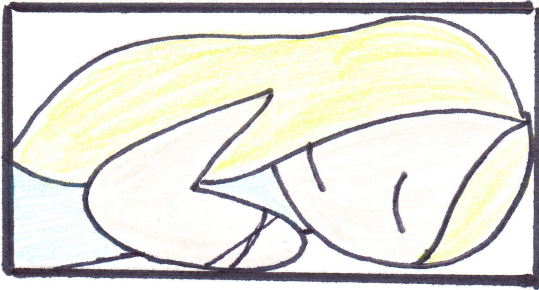
Meanwhile, Lauren's younger sibling Mia is struggling with their nonbinary gender identity. However, they are afraid to come out and take their parents' focus off Lauren.

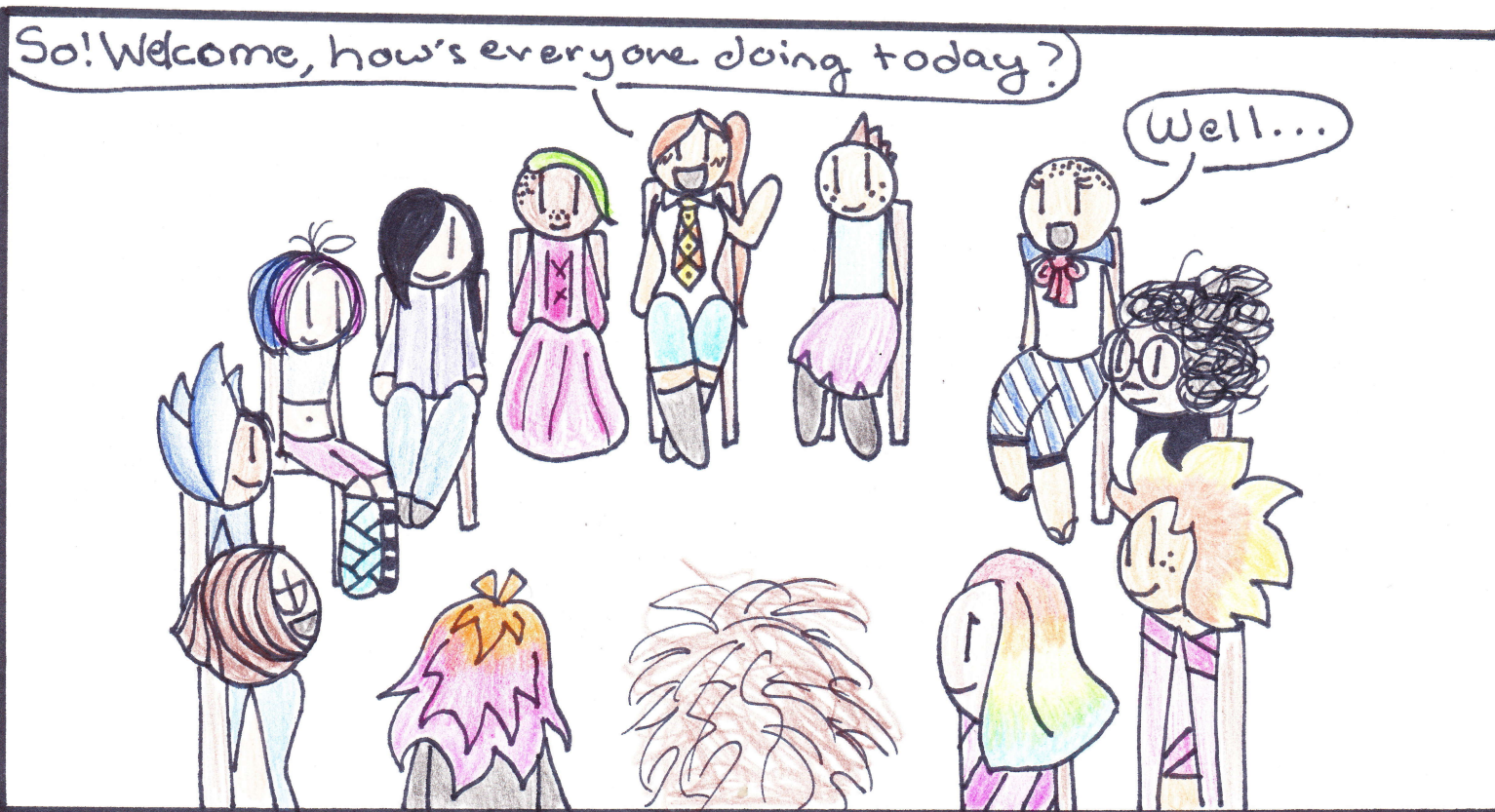
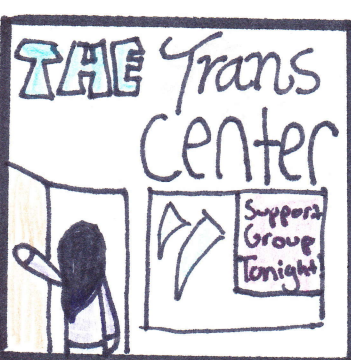
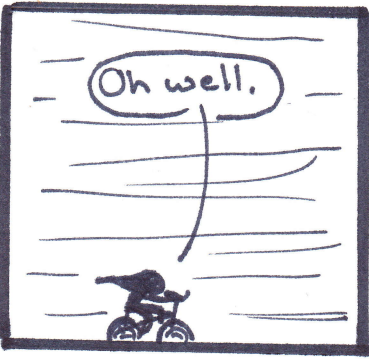
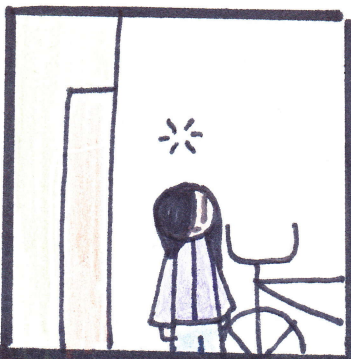
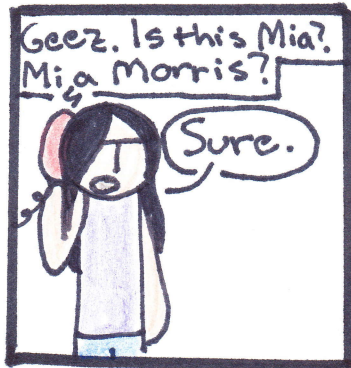
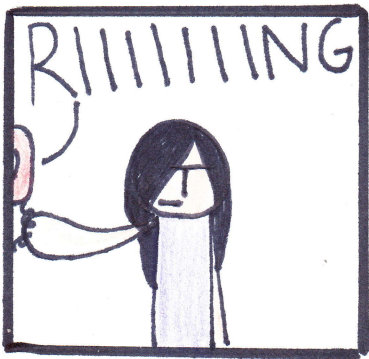


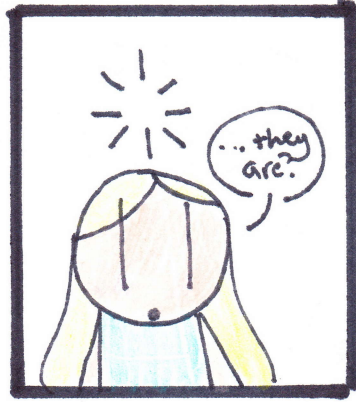
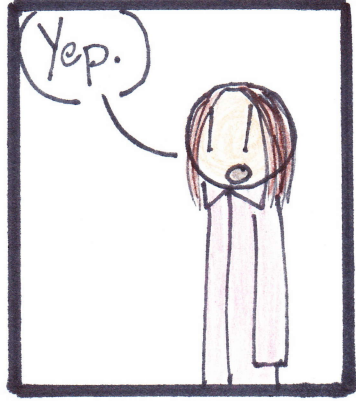




*neither male nor female.







There is only one Magicland: this one.

You can't die here.

People can only get in if selected, or noticed to have magical skills.

Sorcery + magic are both real and you will learn them!

However, some ghosts "live" here.

Talking/magical animals live here.

About 1,000 people live here.

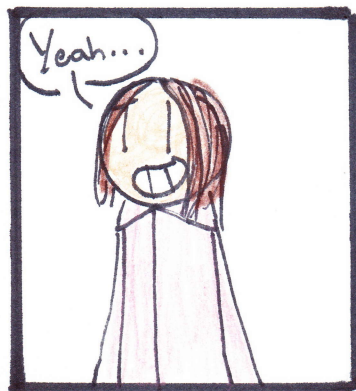
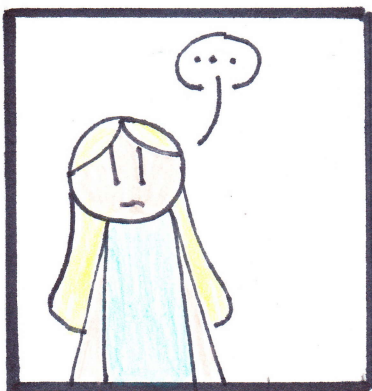
Wizards wear trench coats.

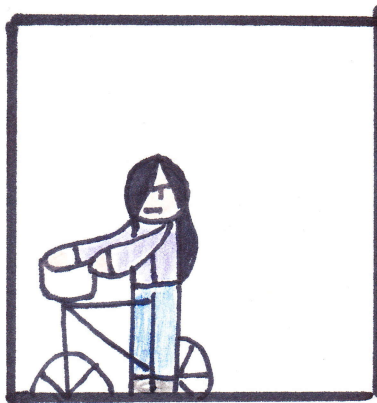
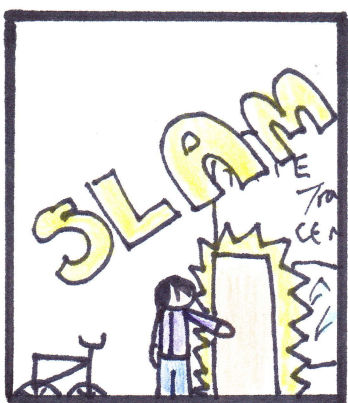
Hi!

Dragons, unicorns, sea serpents, wizards, pegasus: they are all real + live here.

Faeries can leave freely but people can't. If they want to leave, they need permission from the Elders, who will wipe their memories.

Sometimes, people who leave will have tiny bits of memories left. For example, JK Rowling left and then remembered enough to write Harry Potter.

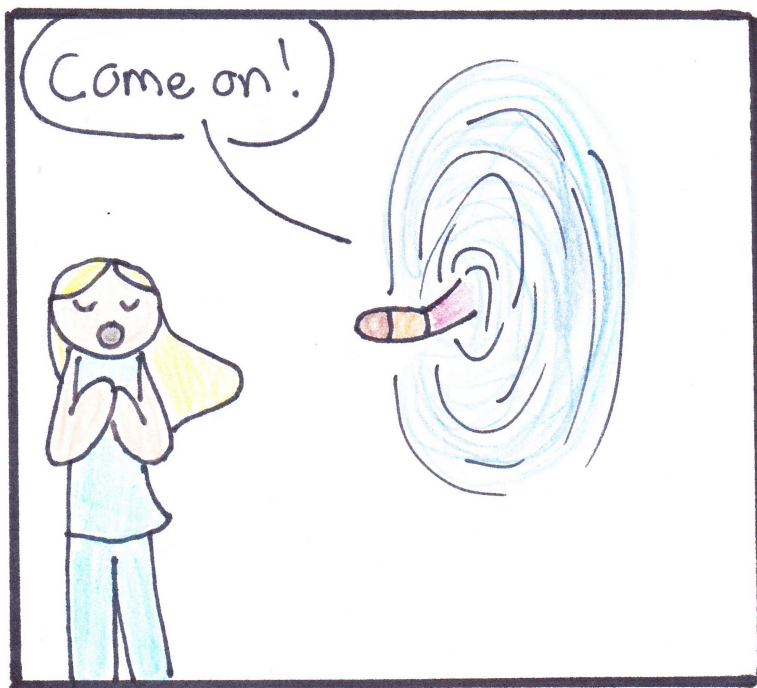
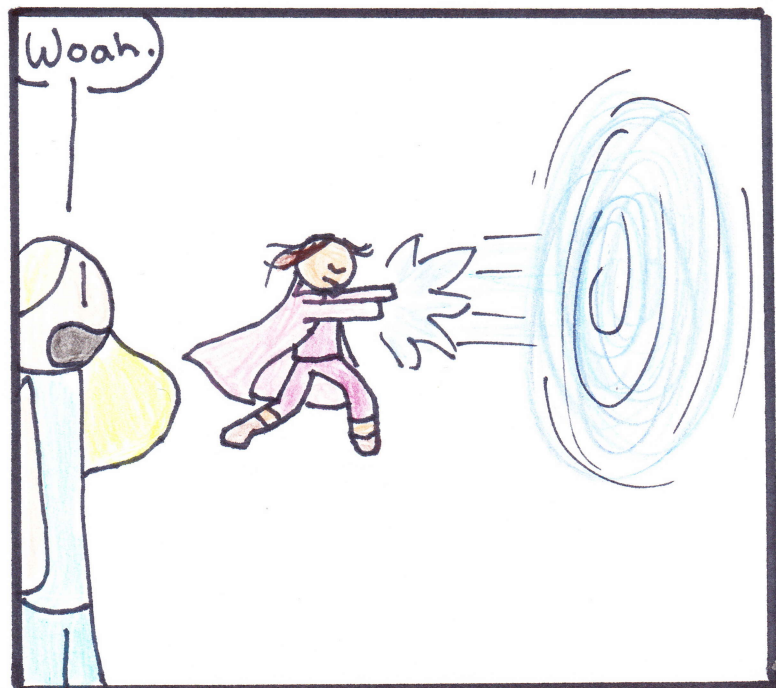


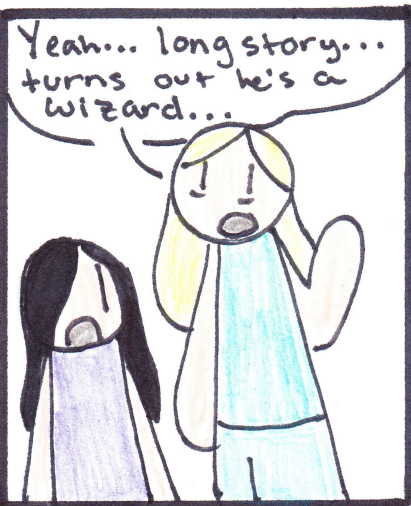
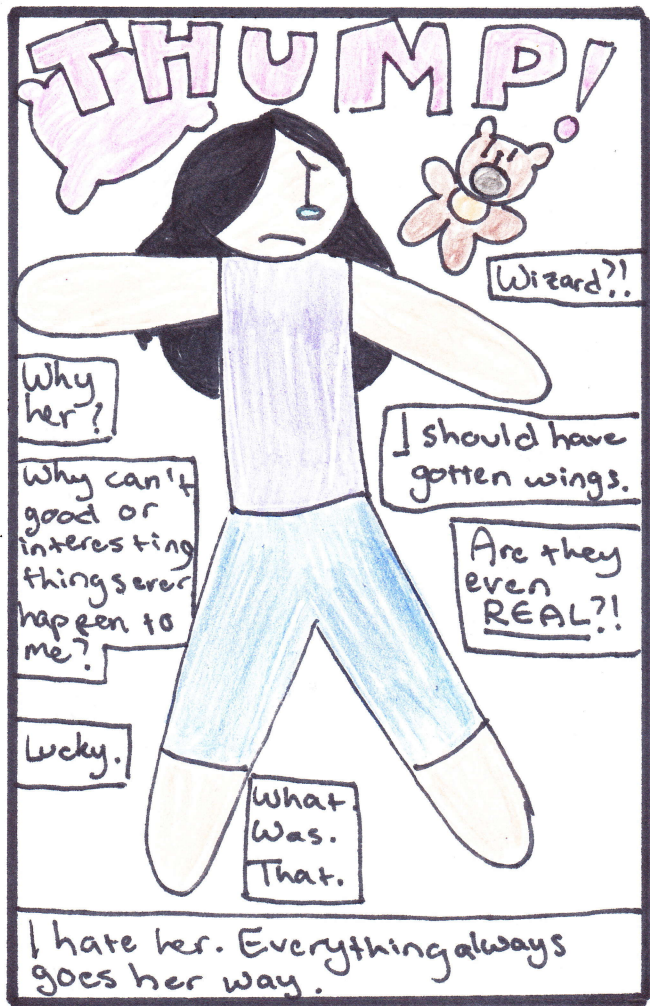
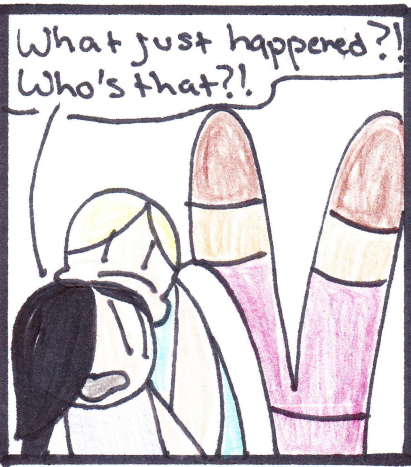
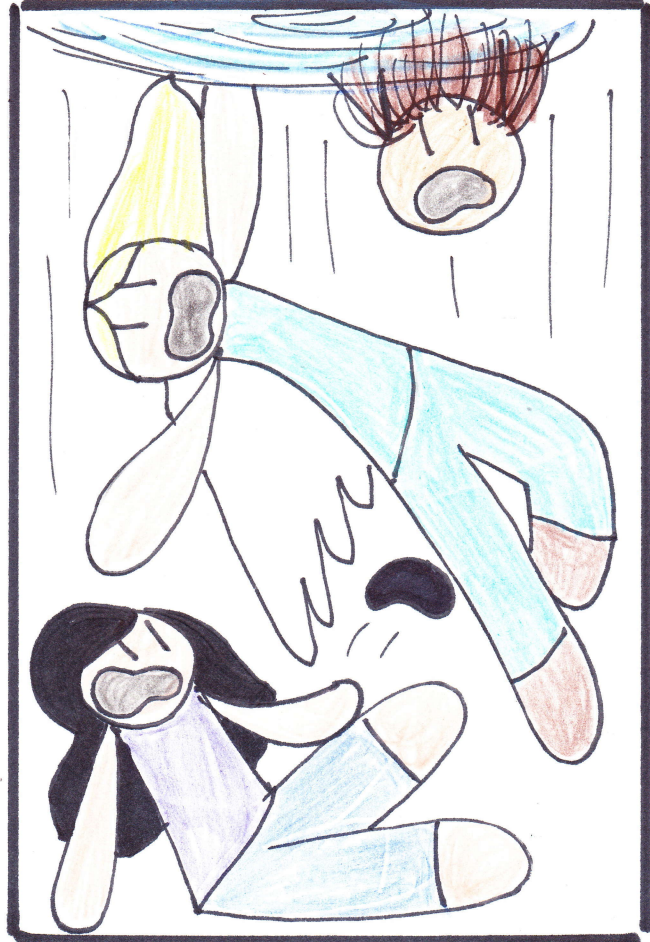
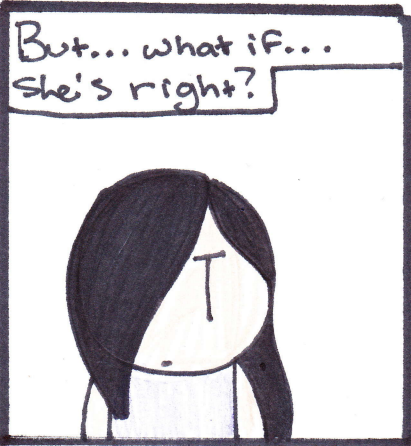


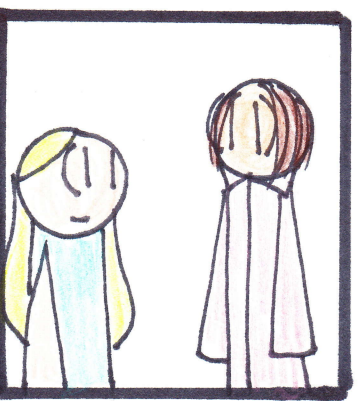
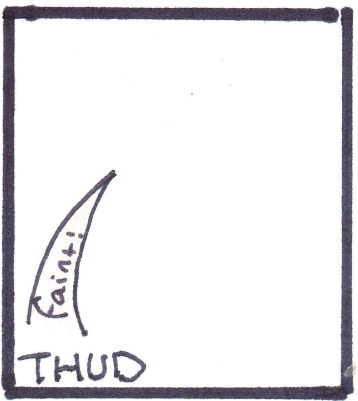
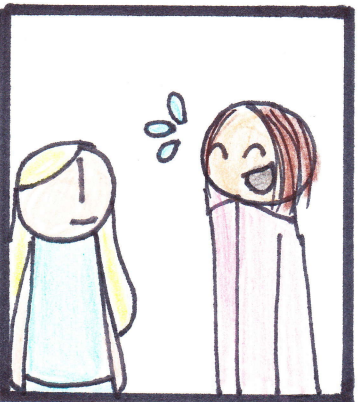
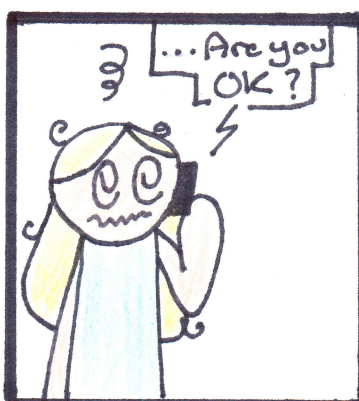
I wish they did.



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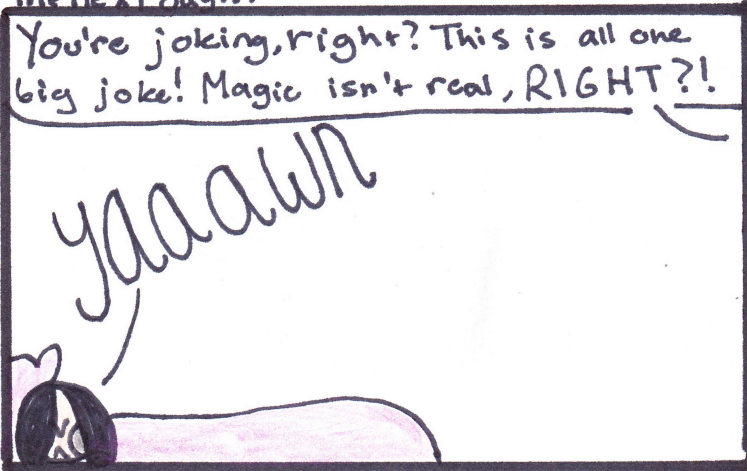




The next day...

You're joking, right? This is all one big joke! Magic isn't real, RIGHT?!

yawn



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WHY IS OUR KITCHEN TABLE FLOATING?!

So, you really... weren't joking?



The faeries were real? You're... a wizard, Marvin?

You know what? I'm sick of this.



NO, YOU ARE NOT WIPING OUR MEMORIES AND TAKING OUR DAUGHTER!

Stupid Marvin. What a jerk!



There. Much better.

OK, OK! I'm sorry!



Oh, hello!

GO AWAY, JERK!



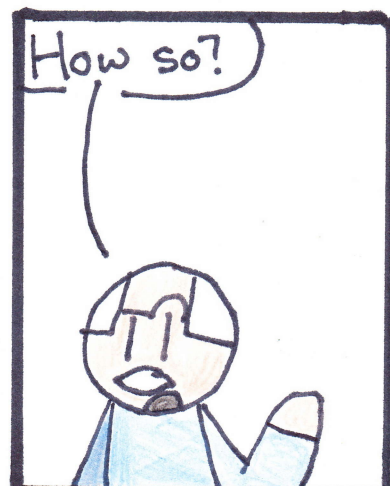
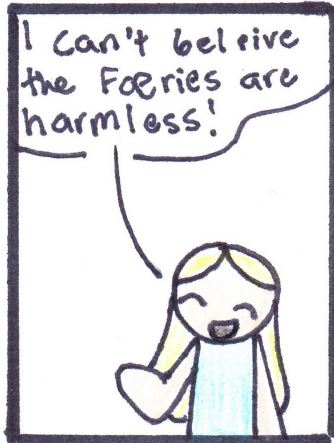
What? Why am I a jerk? what did I do?

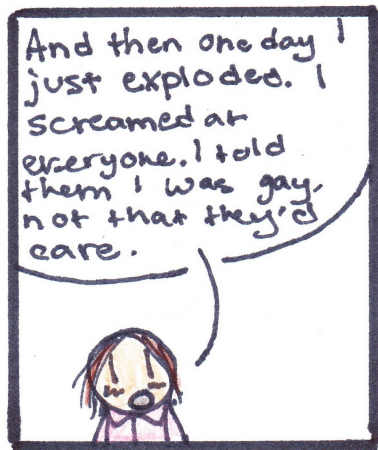
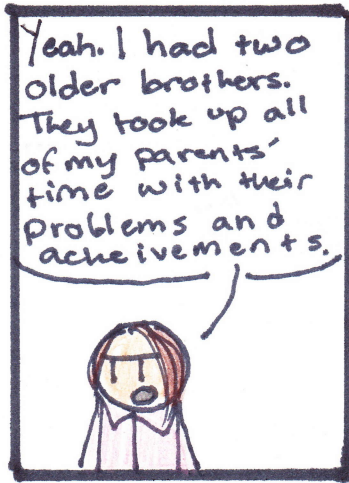


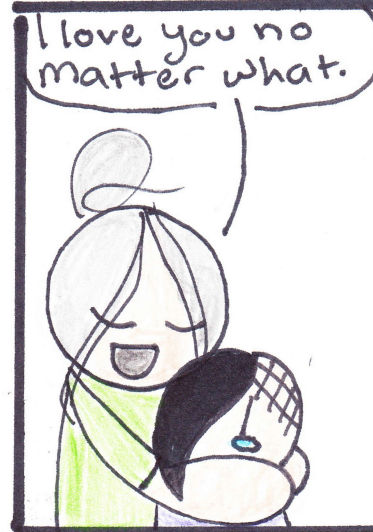
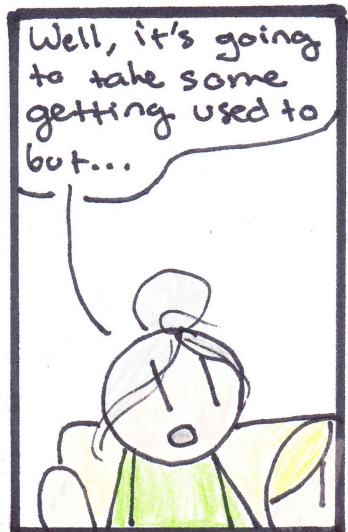
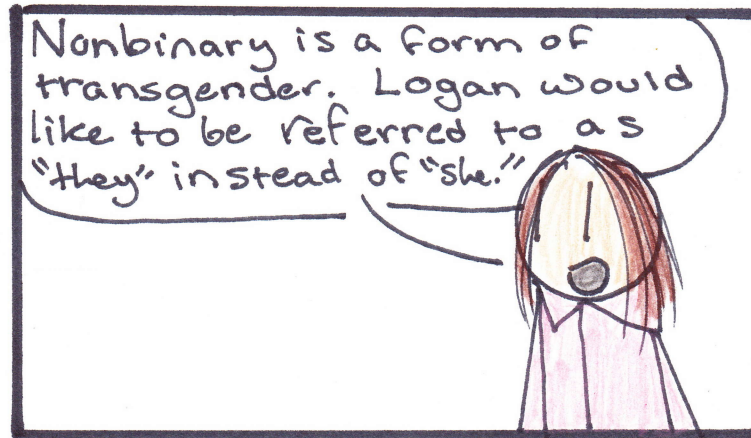
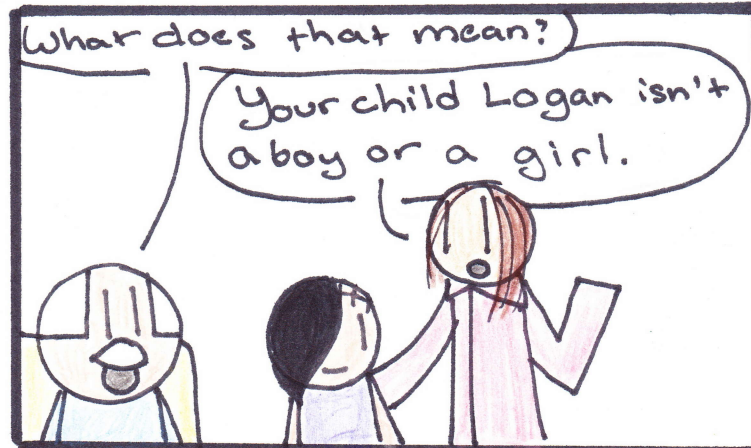
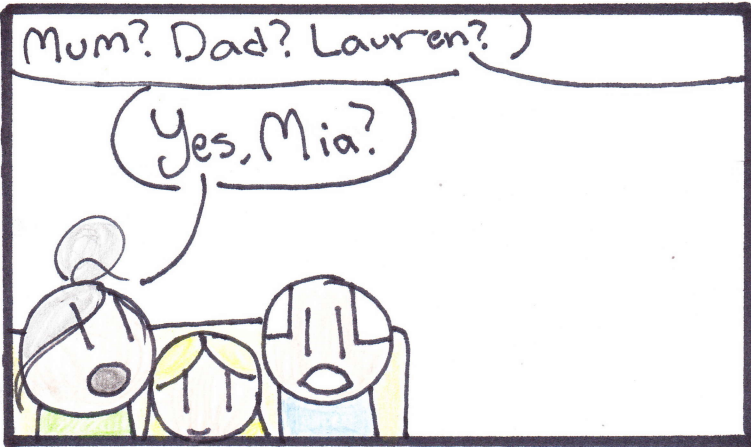
It's what you haven't done! You gave my stupid sister wings, and not me!

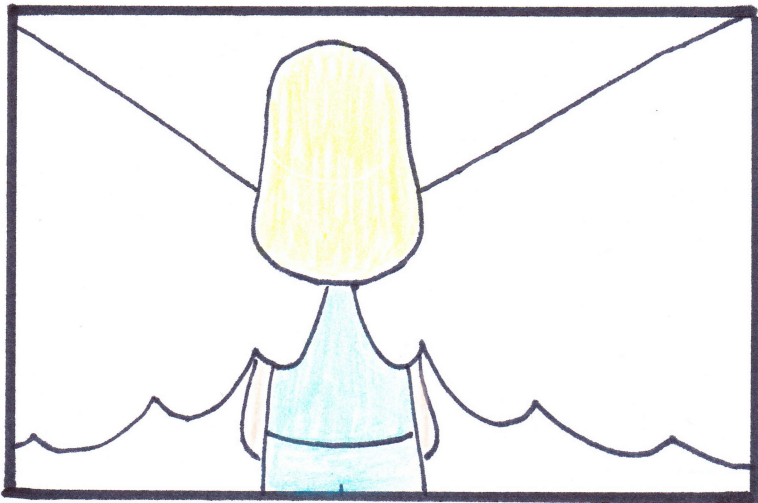
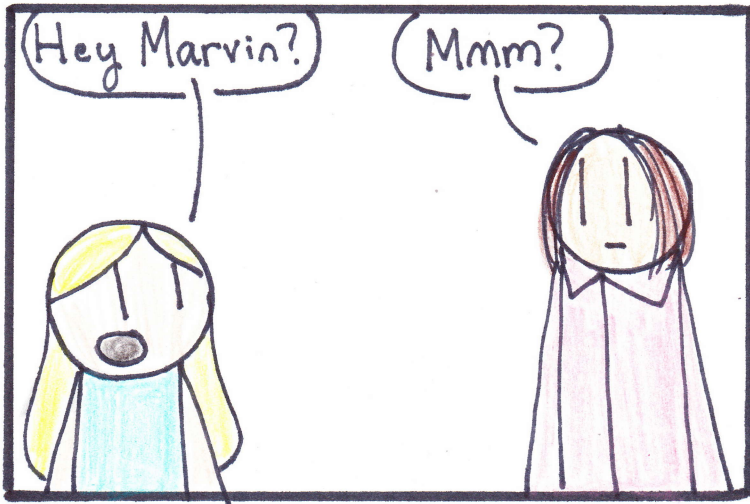
Now my parents will NEVER notice me!











4 Years Later

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