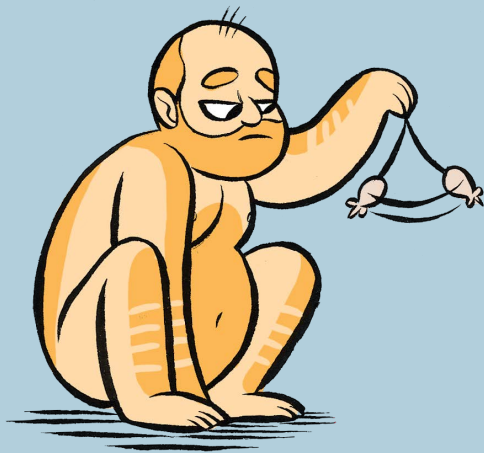




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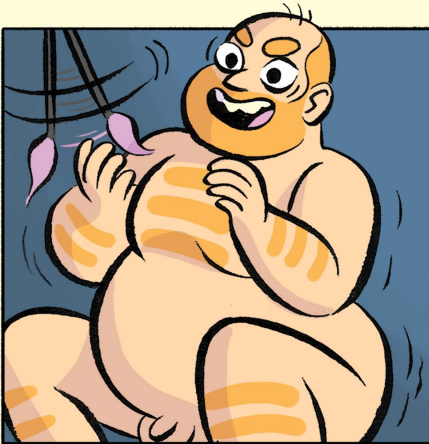
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## STEVE CATSON

**Occupation:** Call center drone

**Hobbies:** Drawing comics, wasting time on the Internet

A frustrated artist and likable but introverted cat-dude, Steve find himself working a dead-end job and bemoaning a nonexistent love life while all his friends are launching their careers, getting married, and having kittens. Taking care of his pet man Manfred has always been Steve's one source of satisfaction...until Steve's carelessness results in Manfred wandering away from home and getting lost in the big city. Can a cat who can't even clean up his own apartment manage to find his missing man before it's too late?



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## MANFRIED THE MAN

**Personality traits:** Irritability, impulsiveness

**Favorite foods:** Hungry Man Canned Hamburger and Winner Winner Chicken Dinner Grumpy, lazy, overfed, self-centered . . . Manfred's favorite activities include sleeping in the sun, shedding all over the couch, knocking things off tables and shelves, and complaining loudly when his food dish is empty. Steve loves him in spite of Manfred's maddening behavior, but how will pampered Manfred fare when he has to fend for himself among alley men, curious kittens, and a man colony that depends on donated French fries?



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## CHELSEA MEOWMERS

**Occupation:** Graduate student

**Favorite location:** The driver's seat

Steve's neighbor Chelsea is a hard worker who has it all together—and wishes some of her work ethic would rub off on Steve. Helpful, upbeat, and organized, Chelsea is happy to take charge in almost any situation. Her only real flaw is a blistering temper, as Steve discovers when his negligence endangers Chelsea's beloved pet Roger. Will she find it in her heart to help Steve track down Manfred? Or will she decide that he's a lost cause?



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## ROGER THE MAN

**Personality Traits:** Grace, civility

**Highest Award Received:** Group Winner, Catlanta Man Show

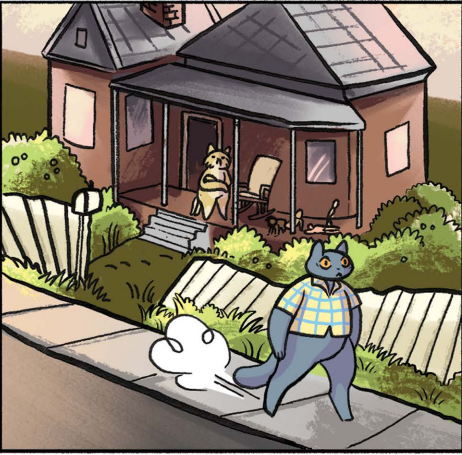
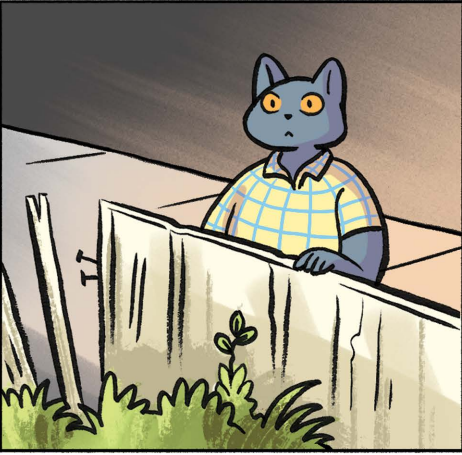
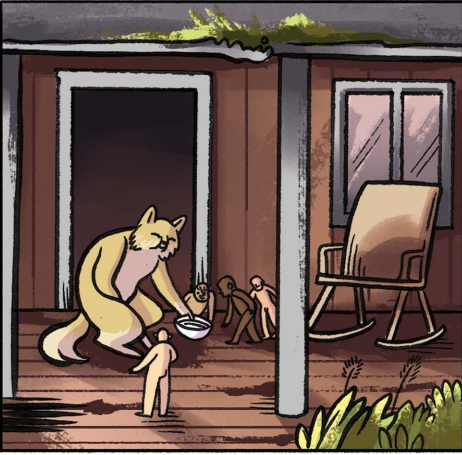
Chelsea's pet man is everything Manfred is not: handsome, groomed, athletic, trained, and well-mannered. Which may be why Roger and Manfred are often at each other's throats. Roger keeps his cool most of the time, but when Manfred's uncouth behavior gets under his skin, there's only one result: manfight! Followed by another trip to the man hospital for both of them.

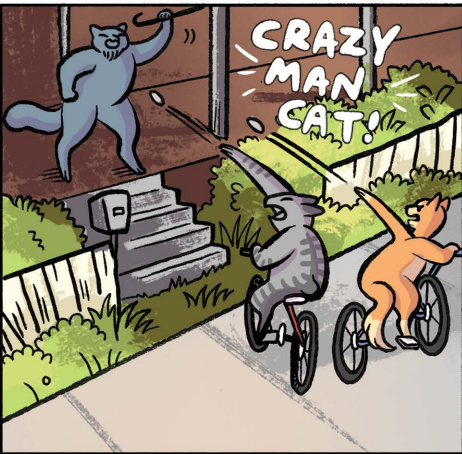
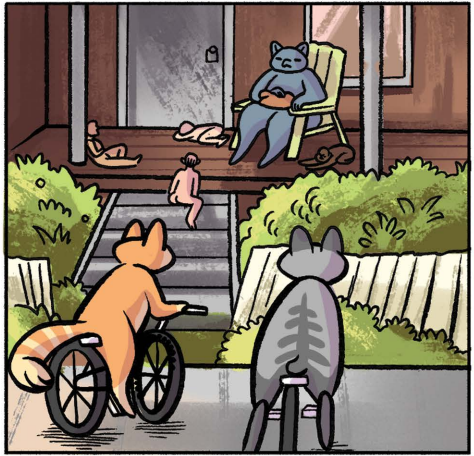


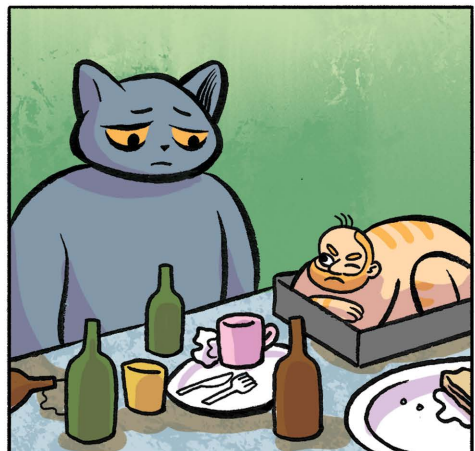
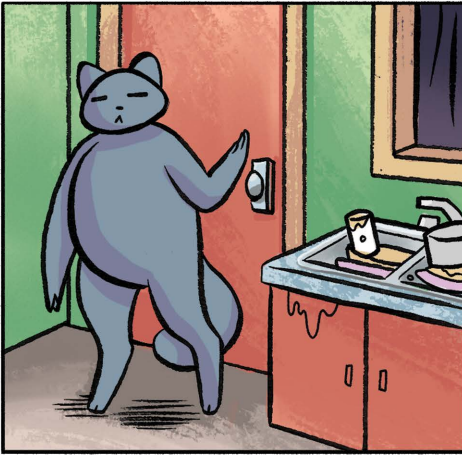
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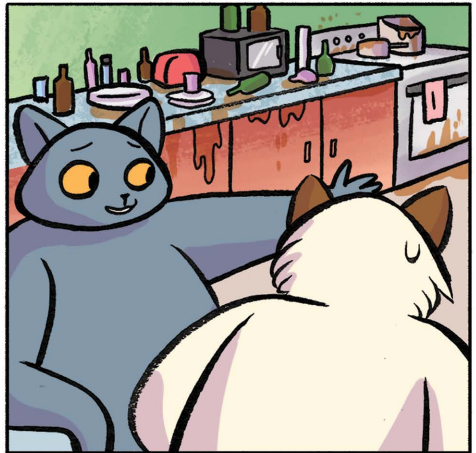
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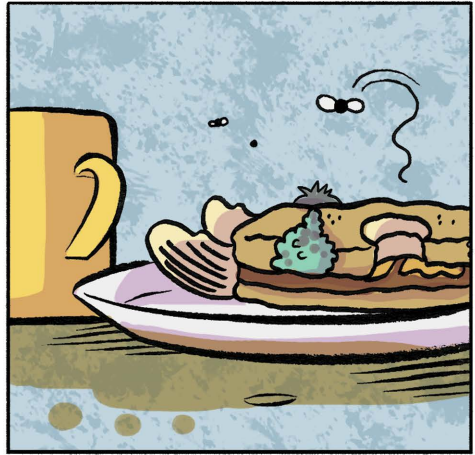
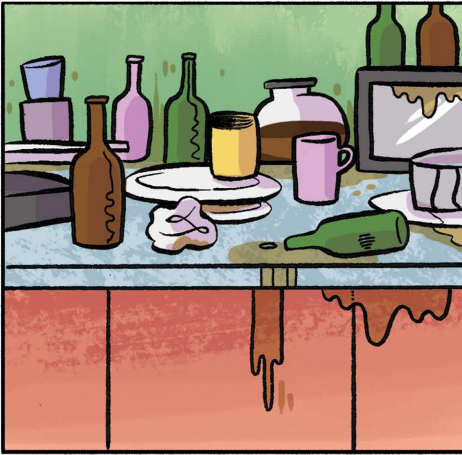
To everyone in the neighborhood, Mrs. Whiskers is just a crazy man lady. But to Steve, she's a harbinger of his own man-obsessed future. When Mrs. Whiskers isn't sitting in her rocking chair, with one man on her lap and a dozen strays dozing around her, you'll find her paging through one of her scrapbooks, reminiscing about traveling with her late husband, Stumps. Like the time they visited Japan to see the world-famous Man Island—an island filled with men as far as the eye can see!

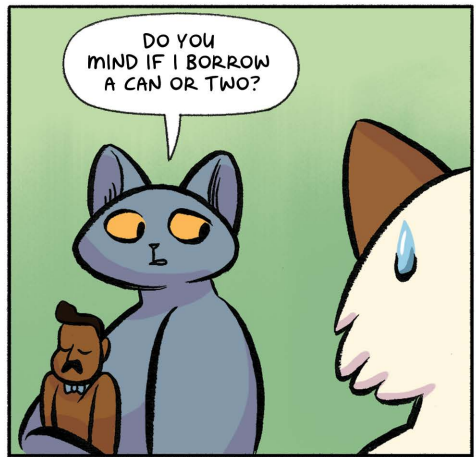
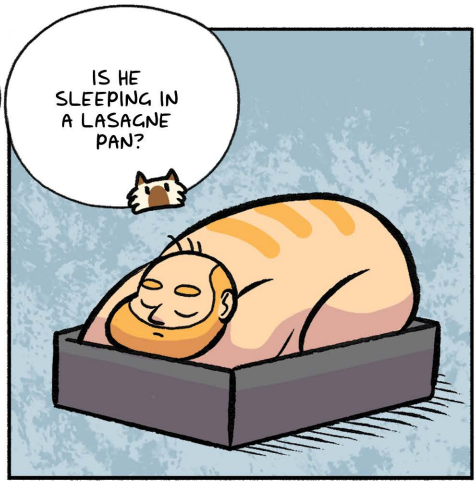


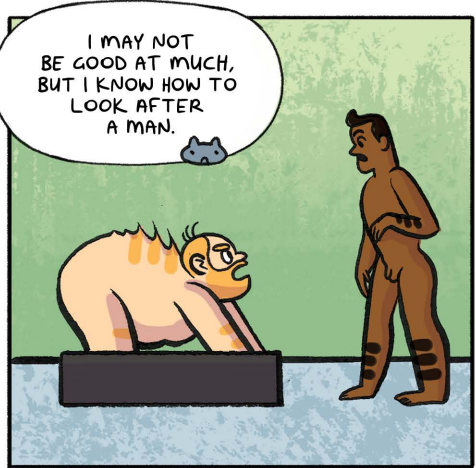
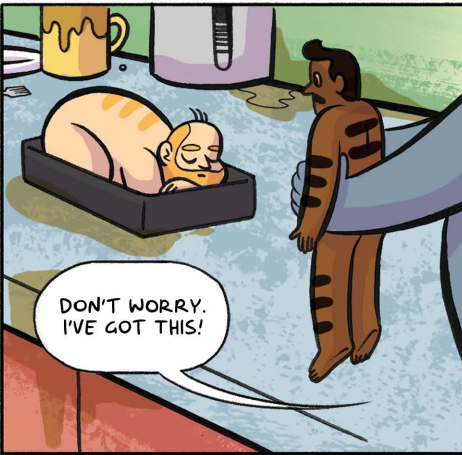
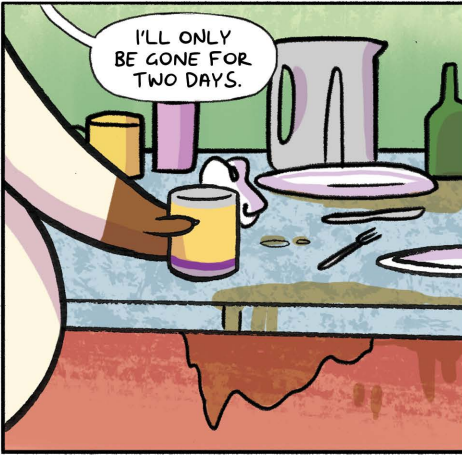


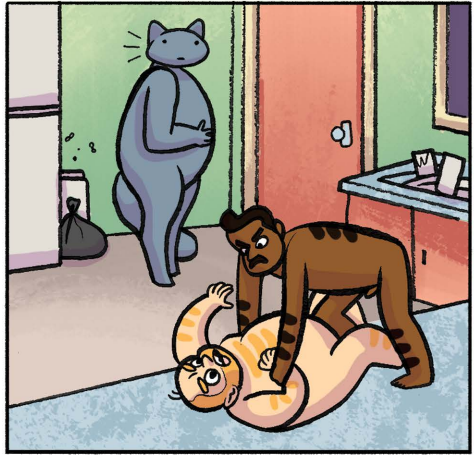


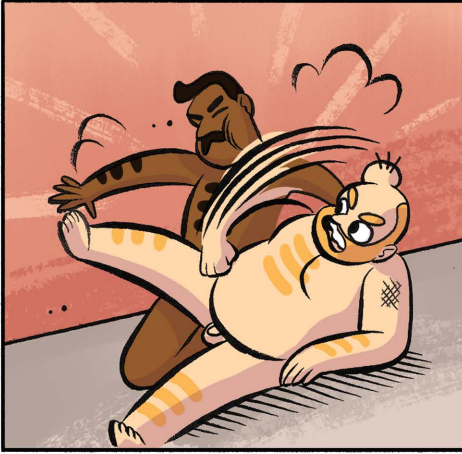


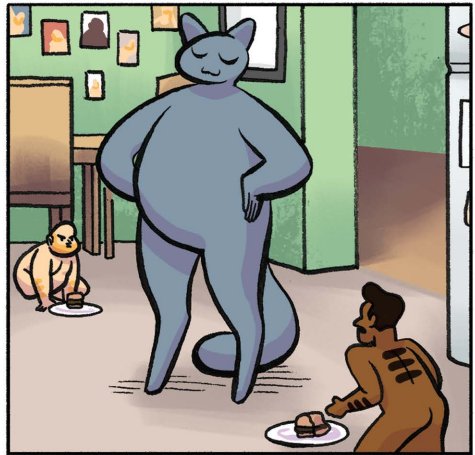


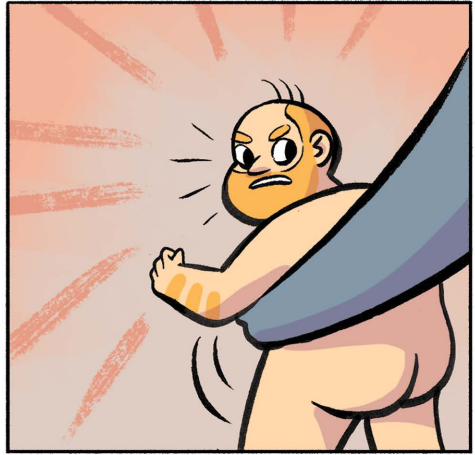
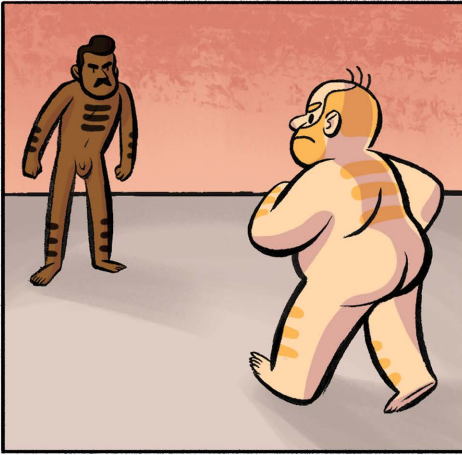


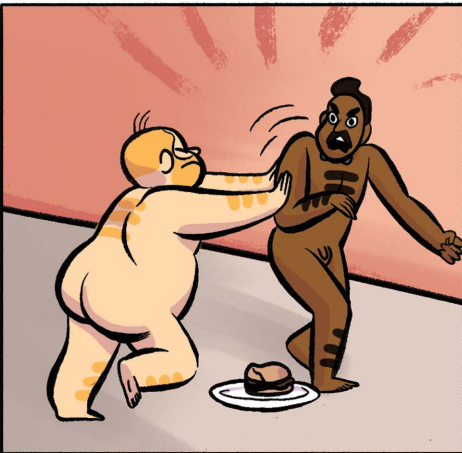
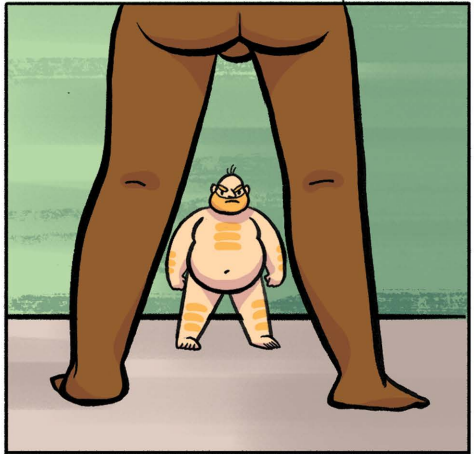
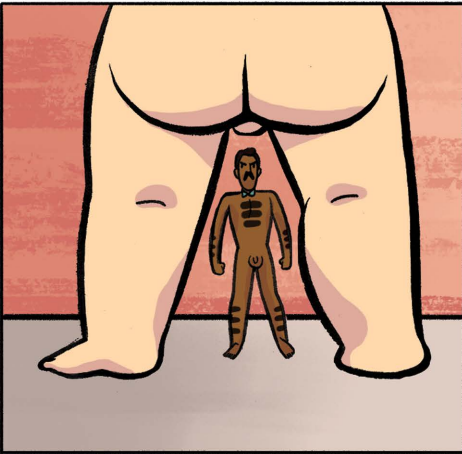
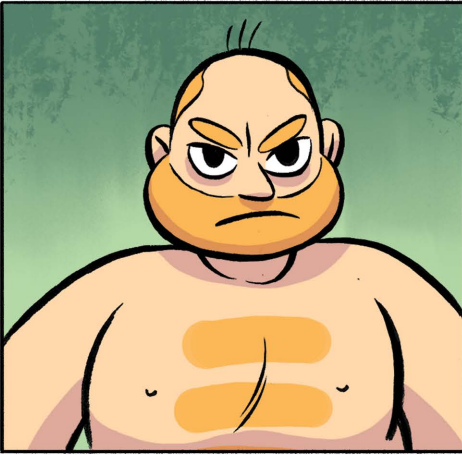


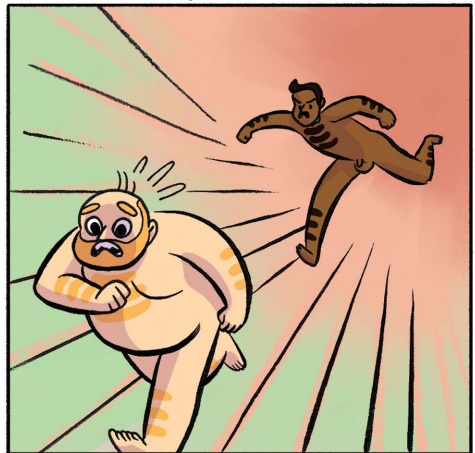
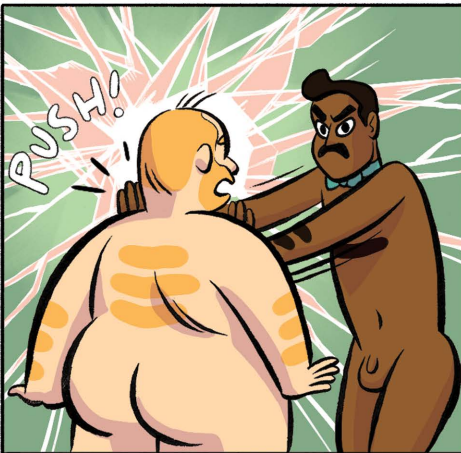
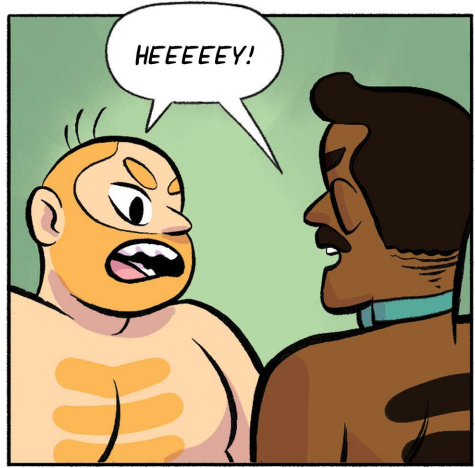














I MEAN...

IT'S MY MAN'S  
FAVORITE FLAVOR.

HE CAN'T GET  
ENOUGH OF IT!



D-DO YOU  
HAVE A MAN?



I'M MORE OF  
A DOG PERSON  
ACTUALLY.



DOG  
FOOD

AH, HERE IT IS!

MAN  
FOOD



"...IT'S THE  
ONLY THING FOR  
A HUNGRY MAN."





"DO YOU HAVE A  
HUNGRY MAN? WELL  
DON'T YOU WORRY  
MY GOOD FRIEND...

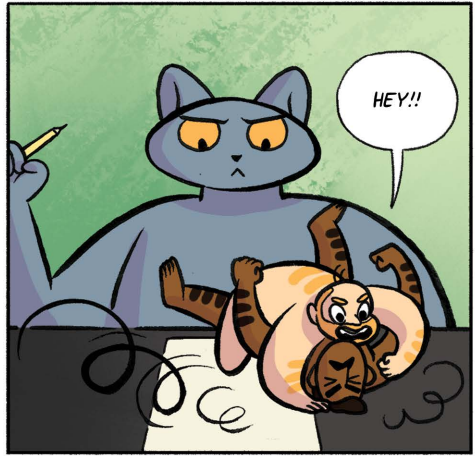
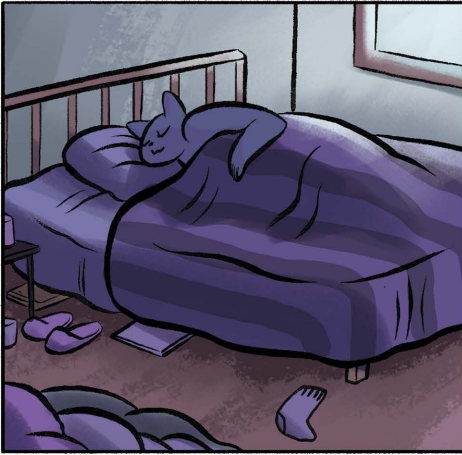
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A FUN NEW SNACK  
TO HELP YOUR MAN  
GET NICE AND FAT!

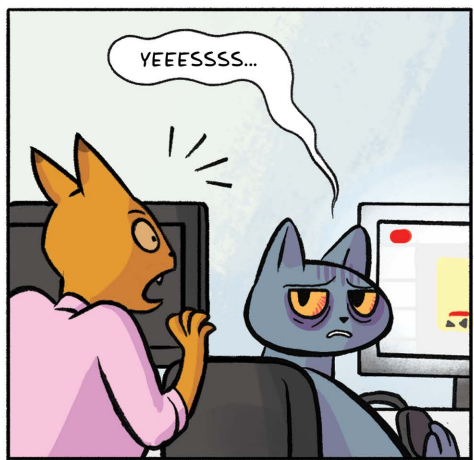
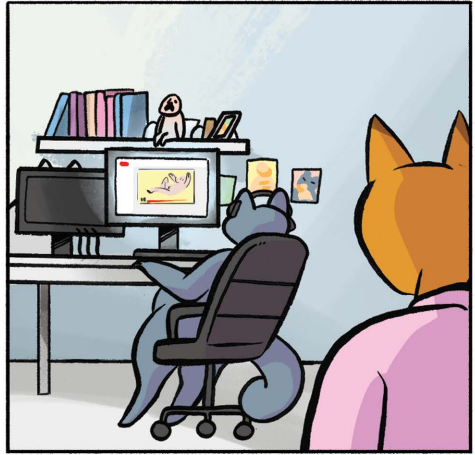
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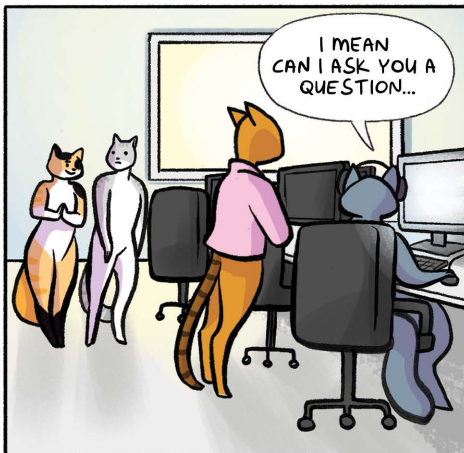
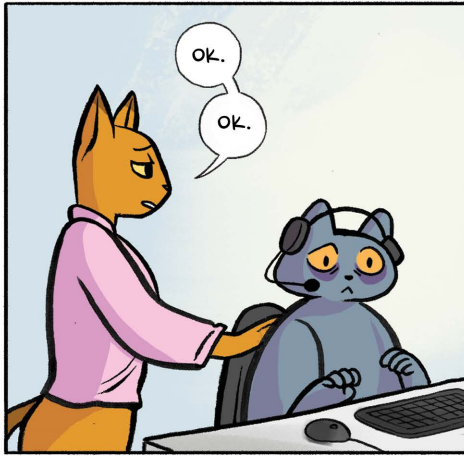
SO DON'T FORGET  
THAT'S HUNGRY MAN  
TO FEED YOUR  
HUNGRY MAN."

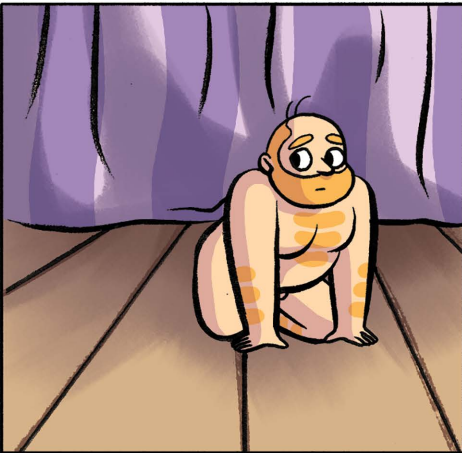
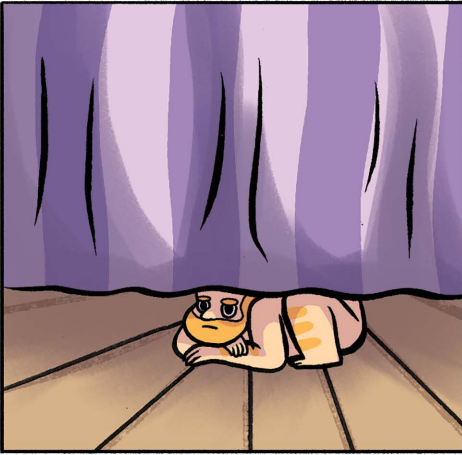


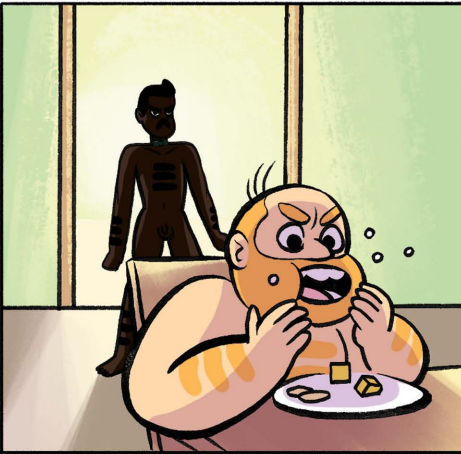
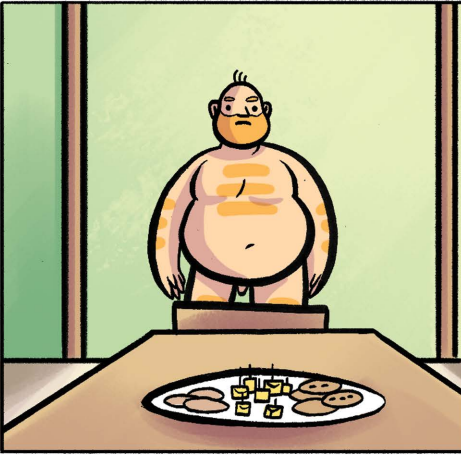


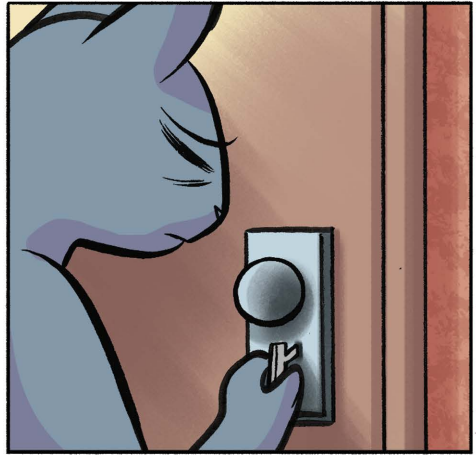


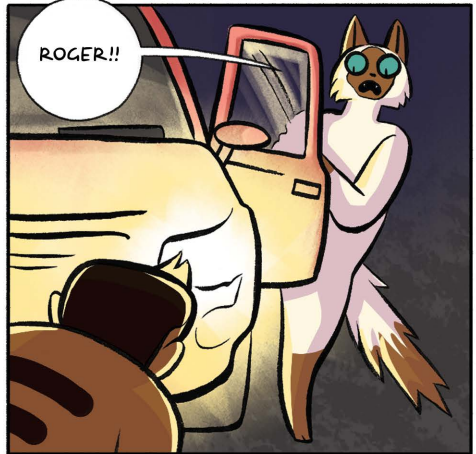
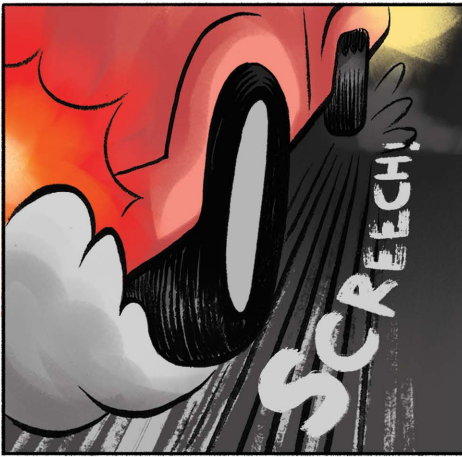
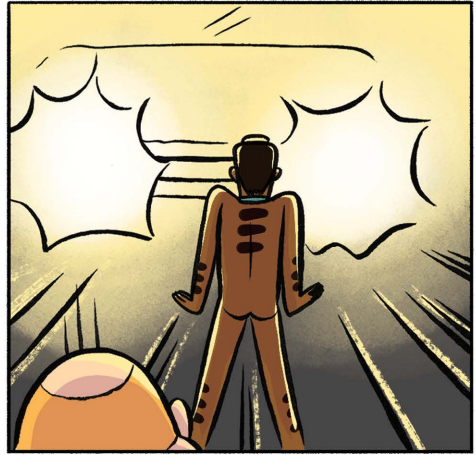


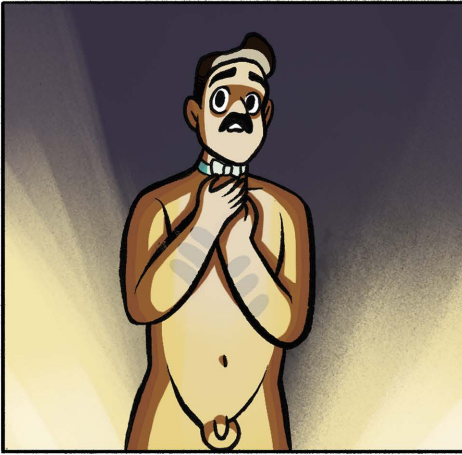












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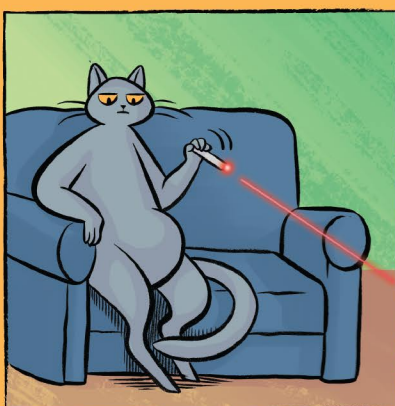
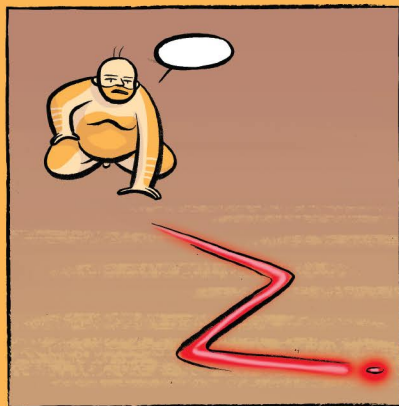
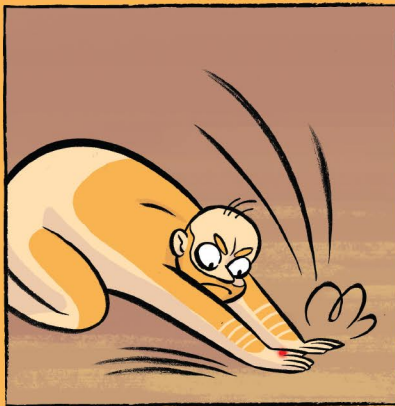
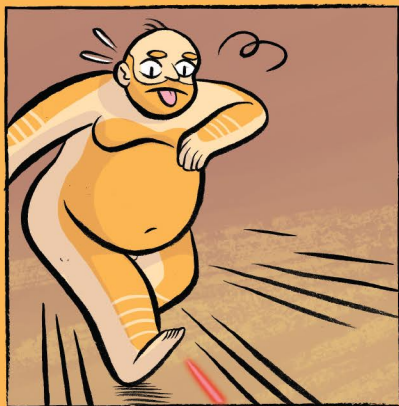


### KELLY BASTOW

(illustrator) is a comics creator and commercial illustrator best known for her beautiful ink and watercolor paintings of landscapes and body positivity. Kelly illustrated Quirk's *The Fangirl's Guide to the Galaxy*; she has also drawn for the comics *Lumberjanes*, *Adventure Time*, and *Capture Creatures*. Her graphic novel *Wax and Wane*, with colors done by *Manfried* author Caitlin Major, was self-published in February 2017. In August 2017 her autobiographical comic *Year Long Summer* was nominated for an Ignatz Award.



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