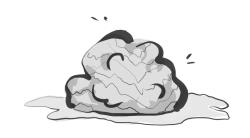


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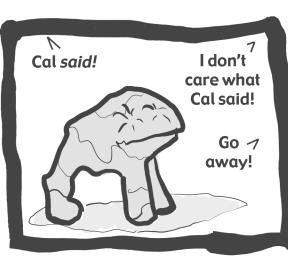




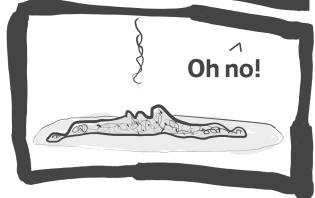








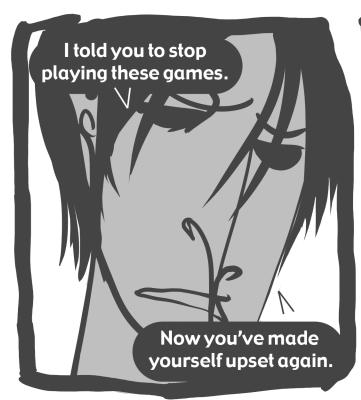


























You're very selfish. We put up with



I know...
I'm really sorry...



To keep playing your game, you'd need more space and resources than we have here.



You'd have to leave.

Leave forever.

Do you want that? Do you want to abandon your family?



Family is the only > thing that matters.

You're going to 1
stay here, forever,
with Rae and I,
and you're going
to be happy.



Doesn't that
sound
wonderful?
Don't you
want that?

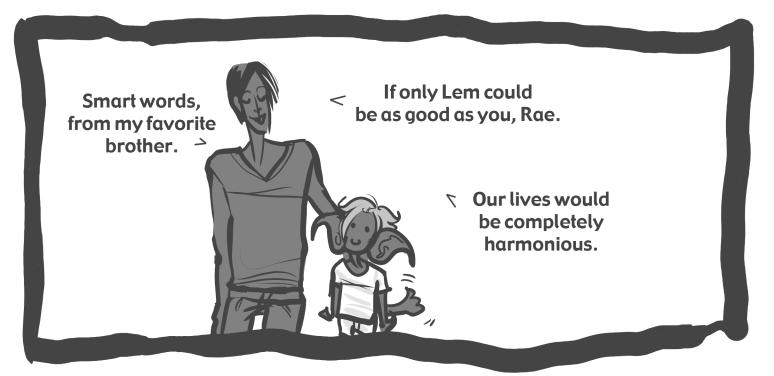




















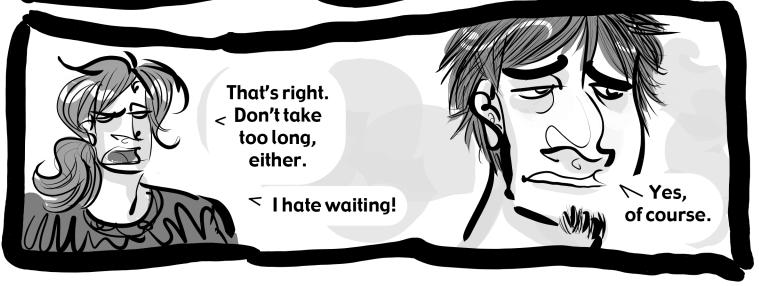




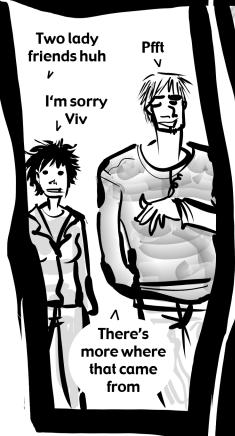






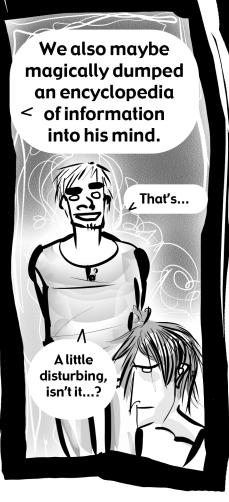














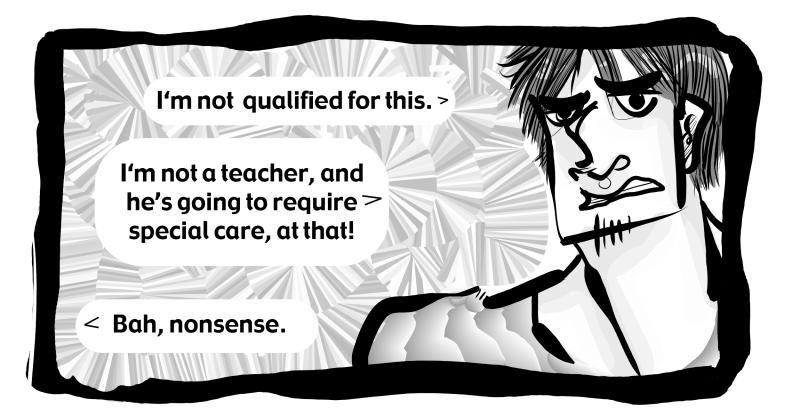


Fola here has all of this material dumped in his mind, but since he didn't actually learn all of this stuff, it is in complete disarray. He can't access it because his brain hasn't developed paths to the information.

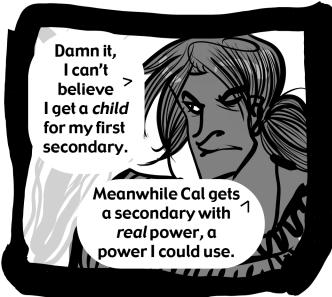


















We don't know anything about being nice.







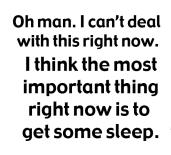












Come on, I'll show you where you can sleep.





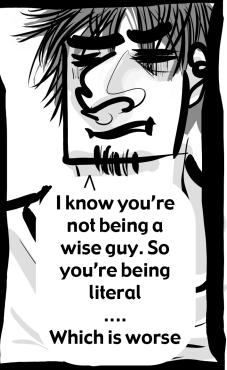


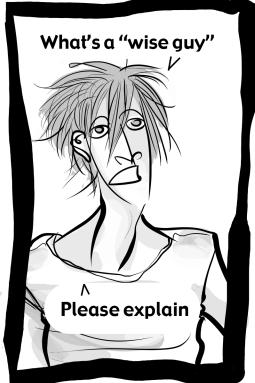












I....don't think I can do that right now



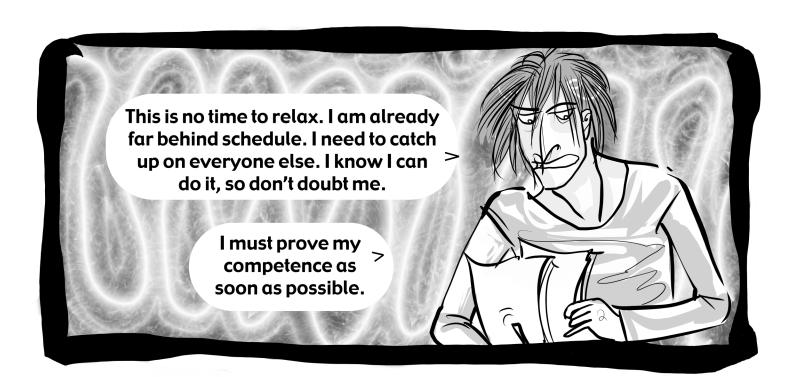
I read the books and

Oh well maybe you can answer my other questions

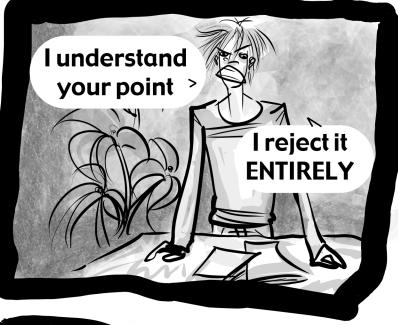
> I wrote down things I didn't understand

> > Oh...really >





No one doubts YOUR competence. We doubt the primaries because they're kinda crazy. We don't have to obey their every word. We should take ∨ our time with this.



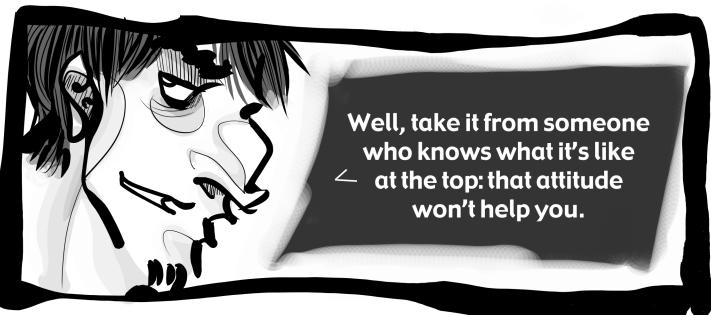




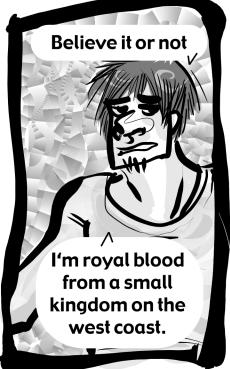


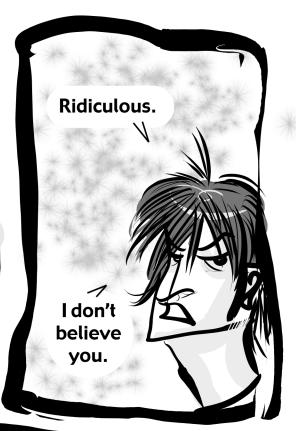




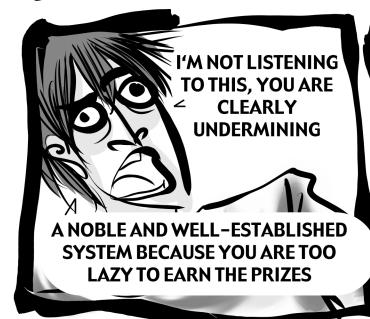




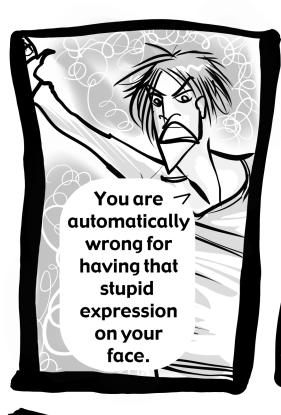


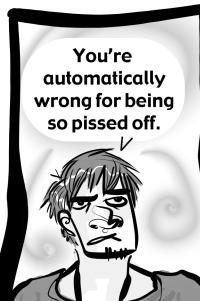


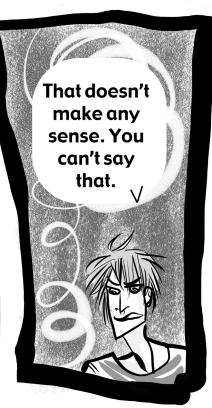
Regardless of whether you believe me or not, the idea of being rewarded for working hard is an idea perpetuated by privileged people who want unprivileged people to be obedient and bleed out so that the privileged people can profit off of > their wasted lives.















I need to reassess
all the information you
gave me now that
I know how much
importance you
place on your
own subjective
feelings.

Harsh.











Sure I'll babysit your little boyfriend for a couple hours



Ugh oh god he's not my boyfriend

∠ he has the mind of a child you know

And it's not babysitting either, this is a legitimate learning experience < for him





He looks like a grown-ass adult to me.
You're just going to cause more harm
acting like he's a little kid forever.
Throw him in at the deep end, is what
I say. Sink or swim.



more delicate than that.

Obviously he needs less of your babying. I'll set him straight.





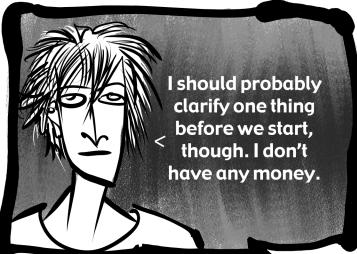


Now you're talking my language. I'm in charge of virtually all Tower industry, but my "baby" is our textile mill, which I personally founded. I know everything about fabric. Whatever you want –



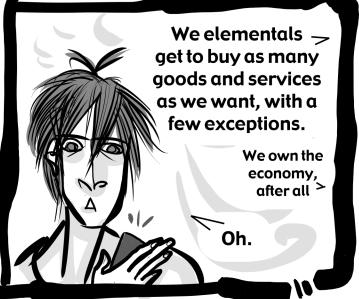


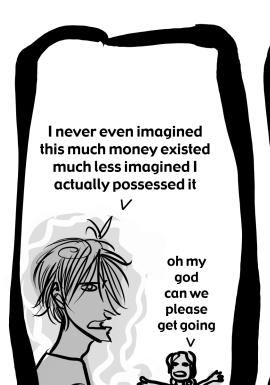






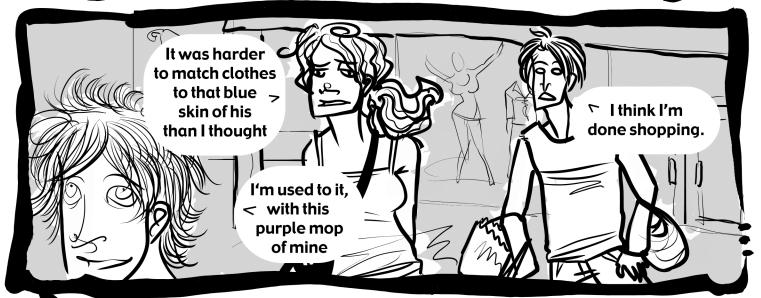












Are you sure?
There could be
a single turtleneck
left somewhere.

One turtleneck for each day of the week is sufficient.





















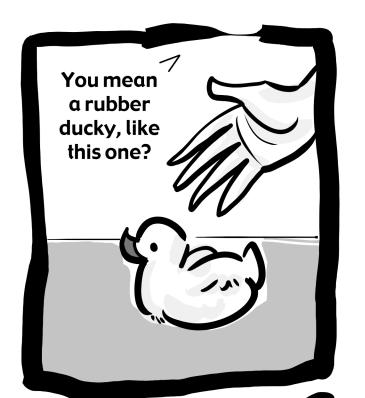
You're a public figure, sir! Everyone knows who you are! ∠ You were in all the papers.

> Is there something I can help you with today?

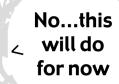














Ok! I'll be stocking shelves over here if you change your mind!



How I have longed for this moment



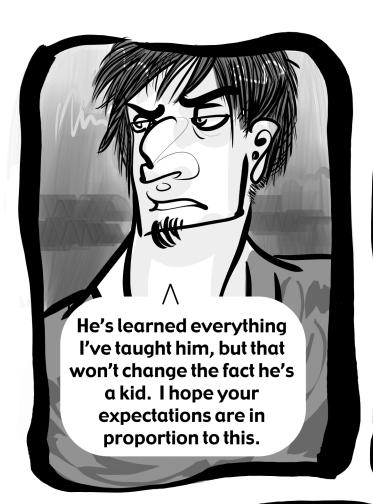
2 months later...



That's funny, because I'm pretty sure it was your job to answer that question, on this deadline.

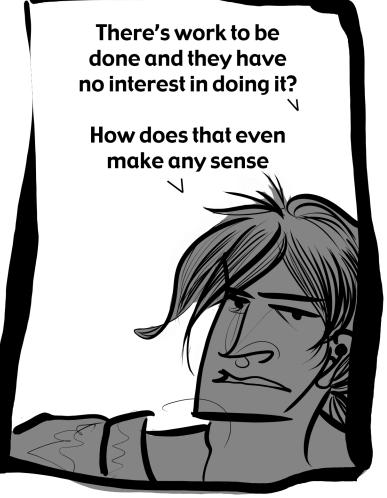
Well, the more time he has to get trained, the more ready he will be. So more time would be ideal.













No daddy issues. No one cares you killed your dad. I don't give a fuck about your fat tears or your need for a parent, so don't drag it into your work.





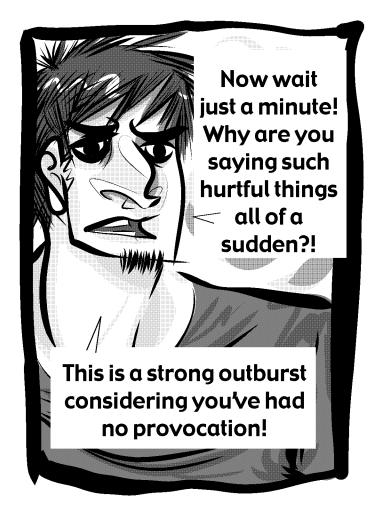
I'm not going to be your dad. Viv's not going to be your dad. Nobody's going to be your dad, because your dad's dead.

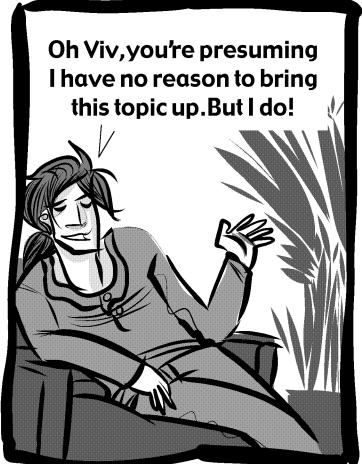
He's dead because you killed him.
The end.

You see, I'm a monster, and it takes one to know one. — I'm not like the rest of these rubes.

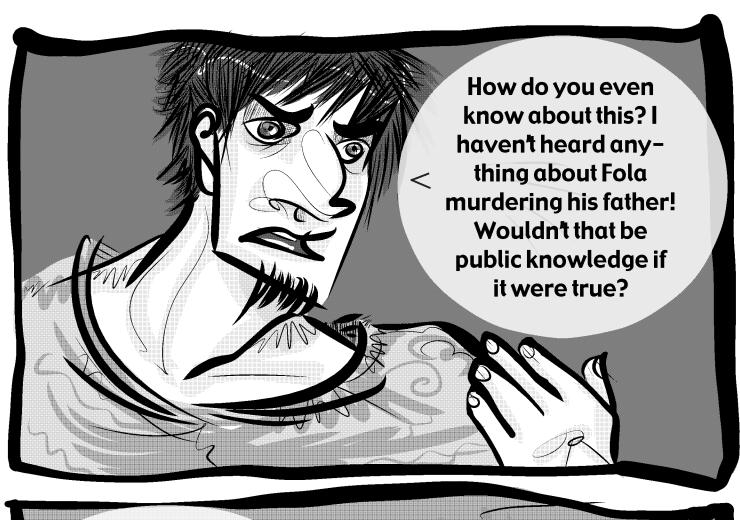
I'm not jerking off to your precious lost innocence.
Children are disgusting little beasts and you're no exception.















Also of note: there's been a lot of fawning and preening about how smart and capable you are for a little disadvantaged kid.



That might be fine enough when it comes to satisfying



But I'll be impressed only once you have demonstrated your usefulness.



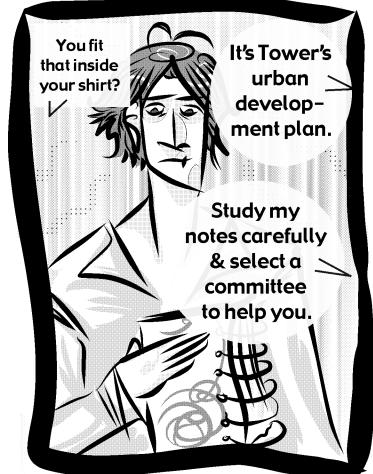
If being 'special'is all it takes to satisfy you, then you are DEFINITELYnot going to impress me.

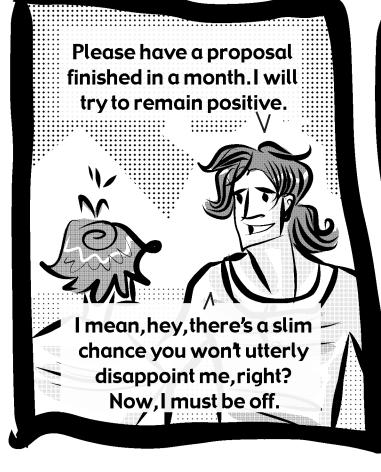
Sir, I understand what you're saying perfectly!

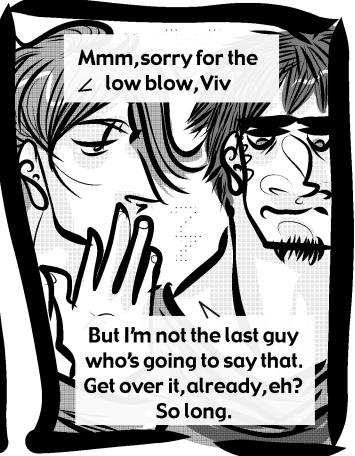


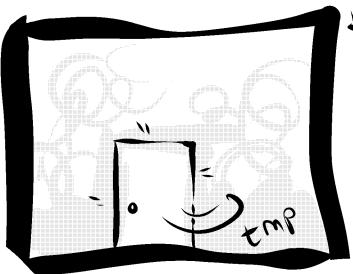
Ugh gross don't beg that's disgusting >

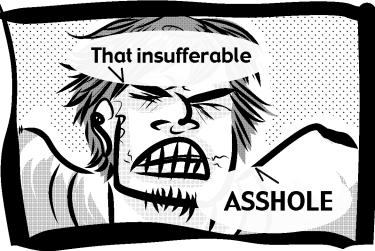








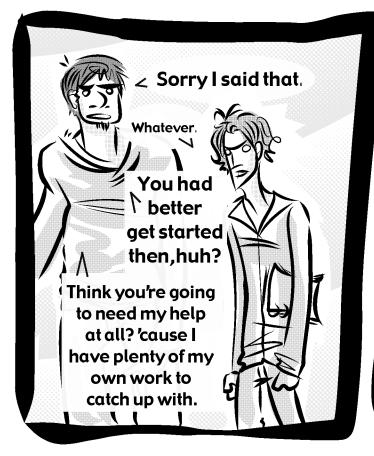




How dare you speak of him > that way!



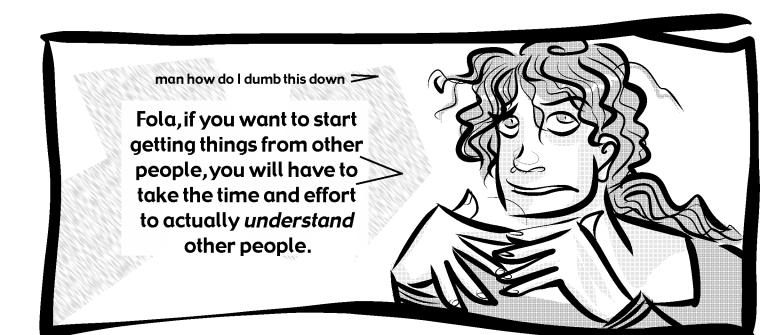






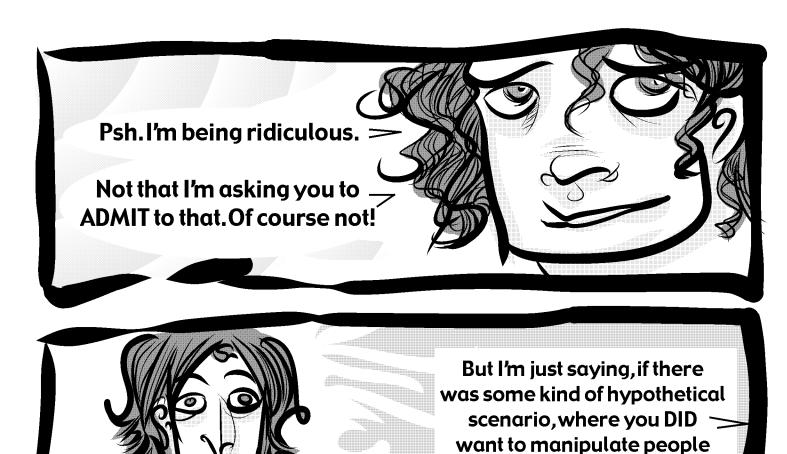












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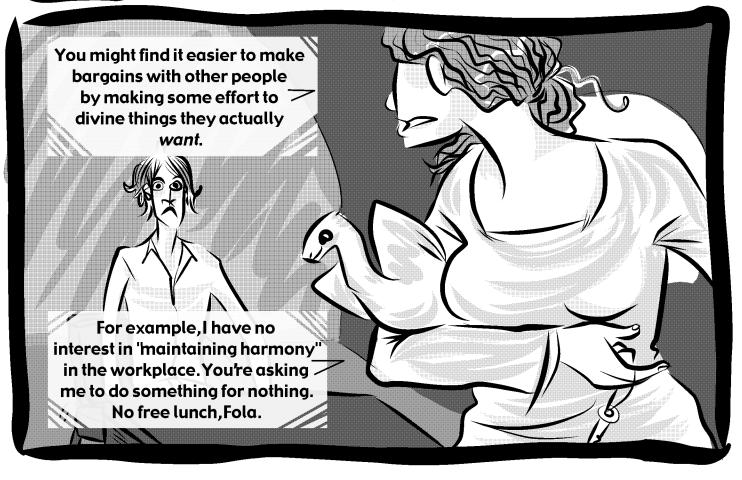
I might
have some
idea of
how to
do it

and this *hypothetical you* might actually have some use for what I have to say













I'll have none of it.
Either you tell the
truth about my
contribution,or
you get nothing!







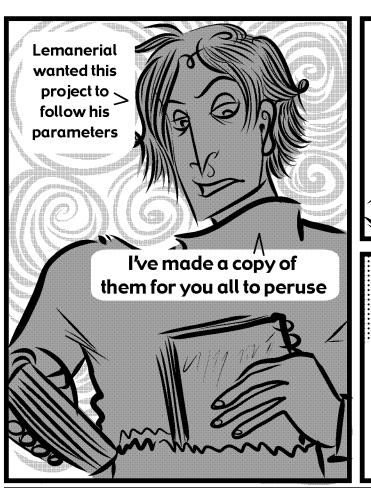


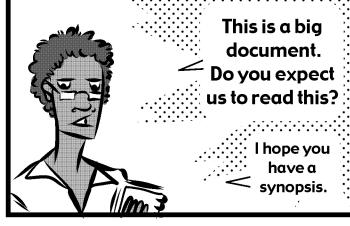






















I'm here for the progression of my own career!



What will we get out of doing this public service?

Oh, I'm sure there will be great rewards in your work here...um...it has to be in this book somewhere





I thought we were city planning, not establishing some sort of happy-go-lucky hippy commune.
I have no interest in this touchy-feely nonsense.







I guess I'll figure this out later

Like getting out of the Funa thing













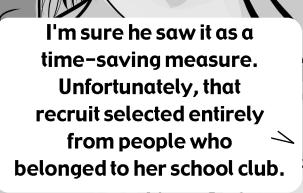








He proceeded to fill the rest of the positions based on suggestions made by that one first recruit.



And that school club just so happens to be made up of people



Mortal people who believe elementals should be enslaved and drained of our power so that they may rule instead.

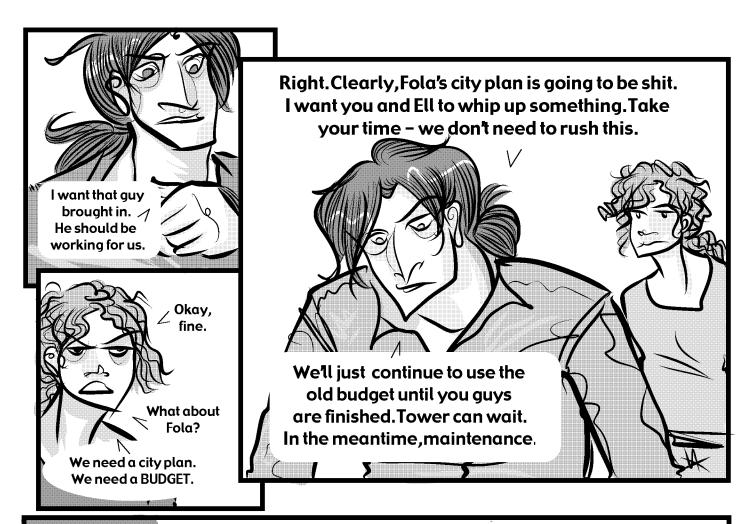
So, yeah, I'd say we had a problem. Not like we can't handle this specific situation.

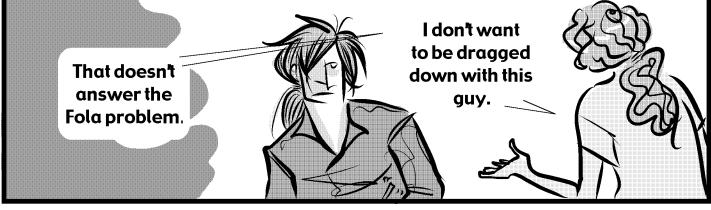
More importantly, how does this reflect on Fola's judgment?

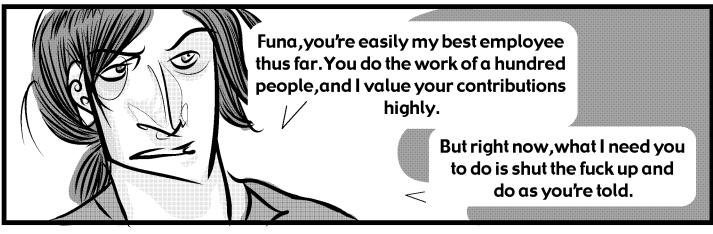
How are you going to keep this under control?



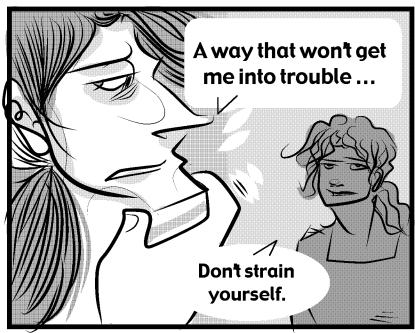


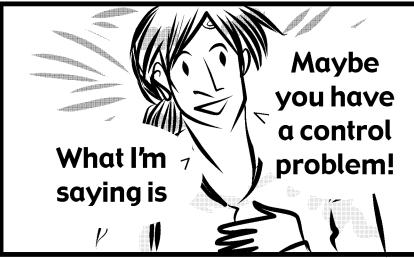
























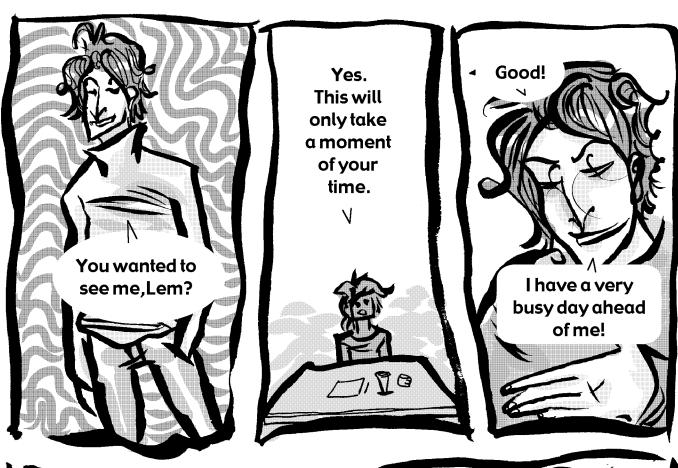
















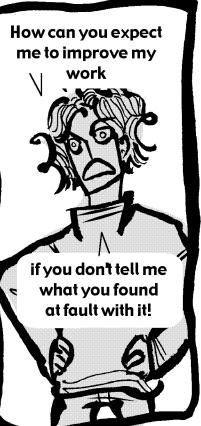




















You won't tell me because there isn't > any good reason.

















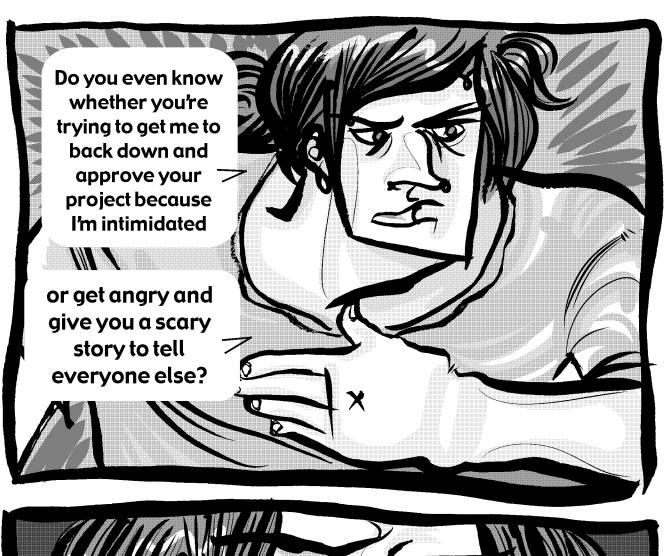


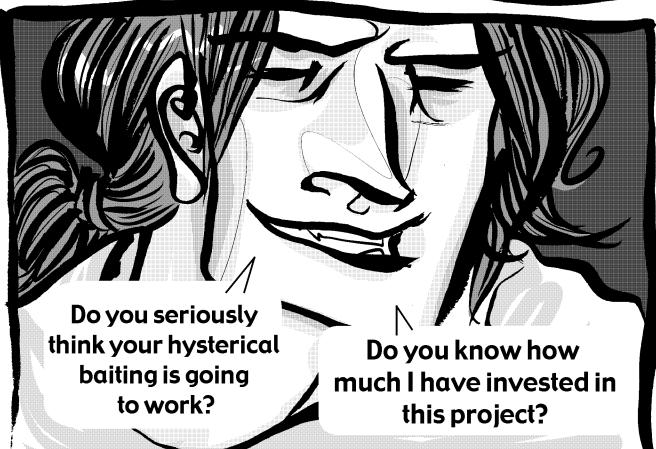




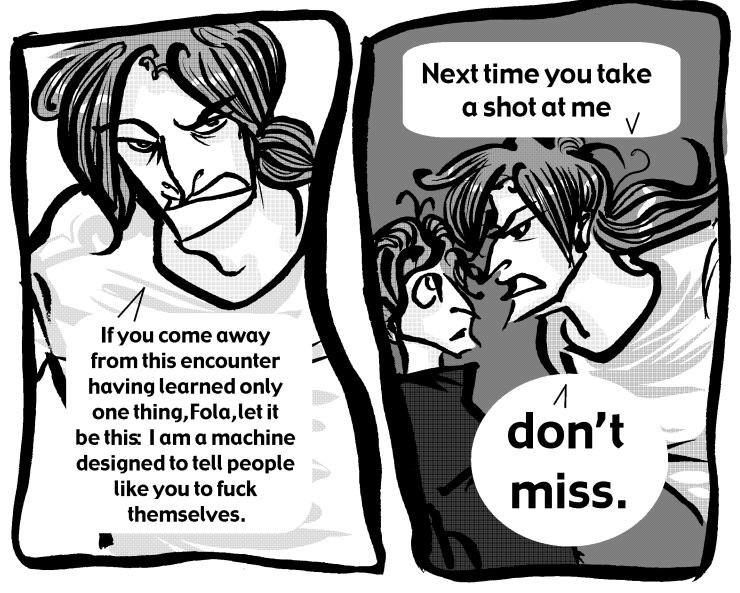
You don't want critique, you're not even listening. You want me to keep talking just so you can shut me up and go away feeling like you solved the problem.











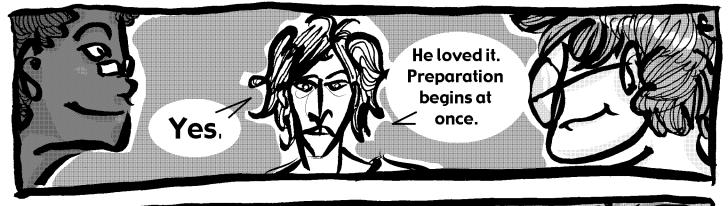






He went for it, huh?









I want an
espresso
machine in
my office



Mom cant tell me what > to do anymore!









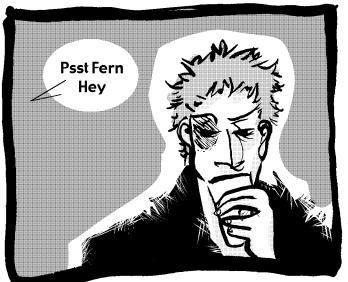


























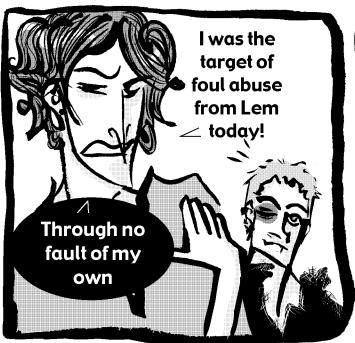




Is there something you want from me, dude?

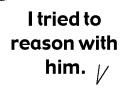
I heard about 1/2 what happened to you.

I think you and I have a lot in common. While the others toil in blissful ignorance, we're experiencing the seedy underbelly of this enterprise.









I was against it being a group project from the







mistakes my so-called peers made.



































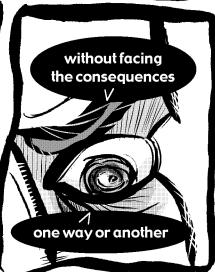












The world will be a ruined waste, of course.

A stain ...
a slurry
smeared
on the face
of the planet

But it won't matter.

I'm gonna live to witness when Cal finally realizes what an asshole he is and I'll laugh in right in his face.

That's it.

My only conceivable hope.









You all look down at me but I'm the only one doing what I'm s'posed to.

You're gonna burn just like I did.

We're all gonna burn.









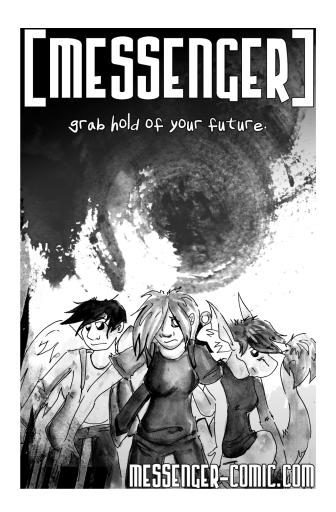






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