

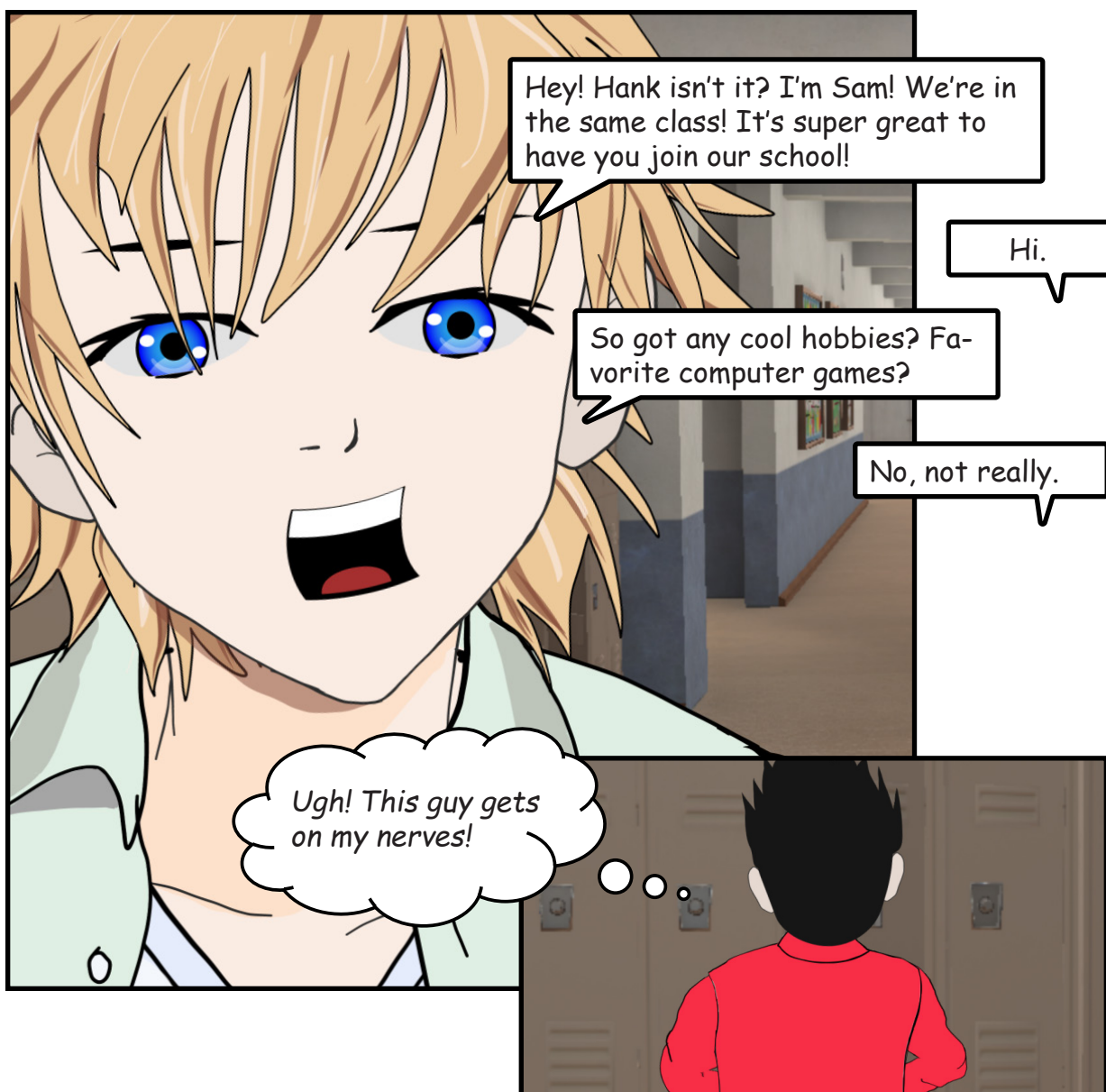
EXTRA
ORDINARY



FRIENDSHIP



A CHEERY FACE WALKS PURPOSEFULLY DOWN THE CORRIDOR...



Hey! Hank isn't it? I'm Sam! We're in the same class! It's super great to have you join our school!

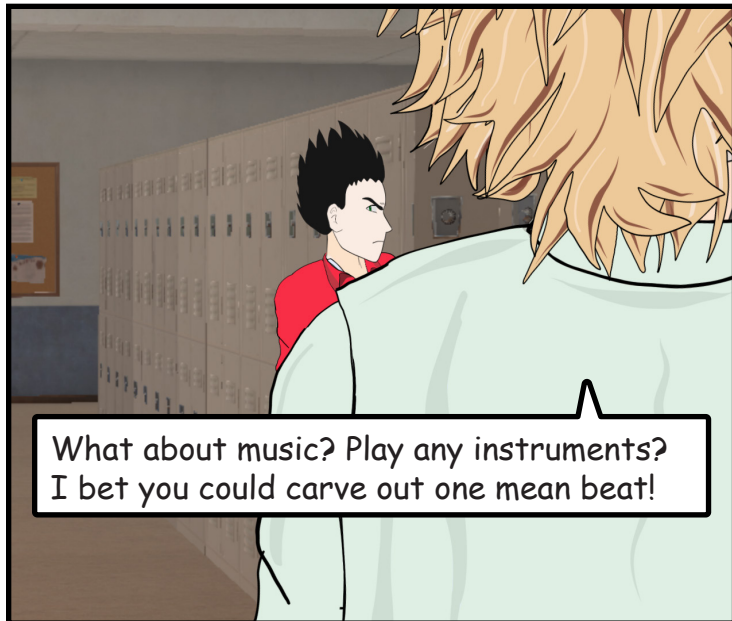
Hi.

So got any cool hobbies? Favorite computer games?

No, not really.

Ugh! This guy gets on my nerves!





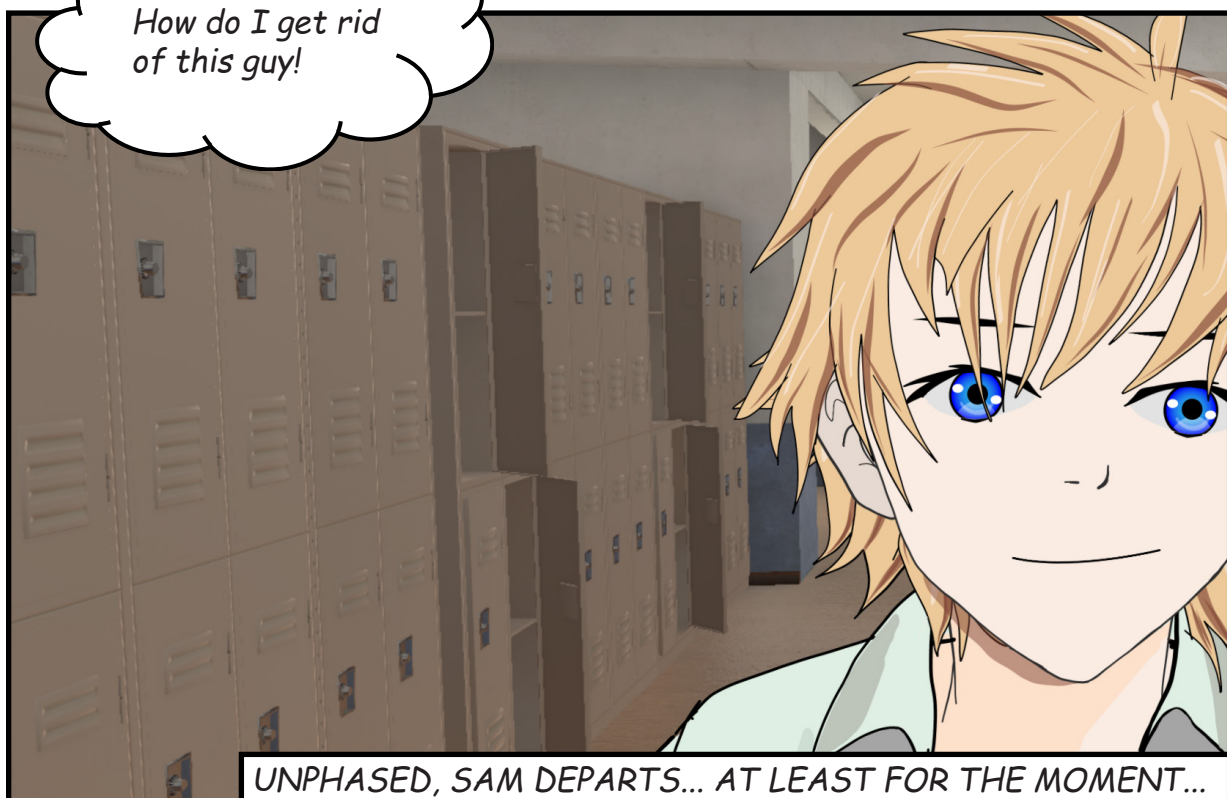
What about music? Play any instruments?
I bet you could carve out one mean beat!



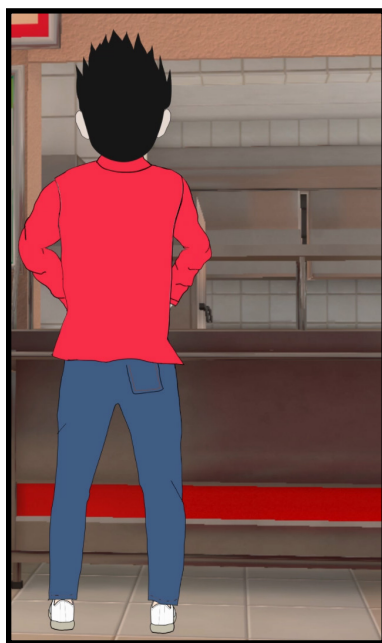
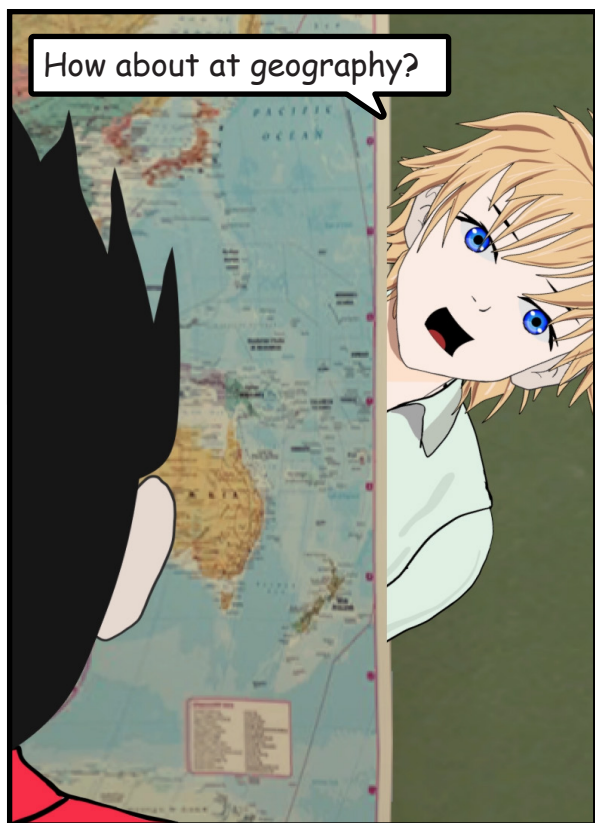
Sorry, I'm busy. I don't
have time to talk right now.

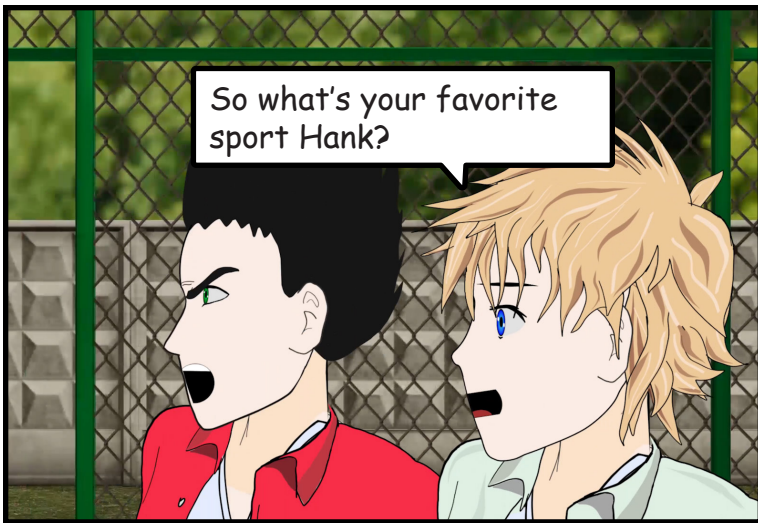
Okay, see you 'round!

How do I get rid
of this guy!



UNPHASED, SAM DEPARTS... AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT...

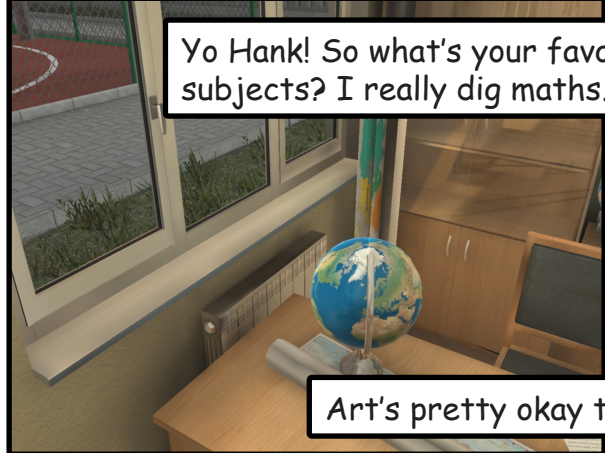




IS RUNNING AWAY ON THE CIRICULUM?


... IT IS NOW!!!






Yo Hank! So what's your favorite subjects? I really dig maths.

Art's pretty okay too.



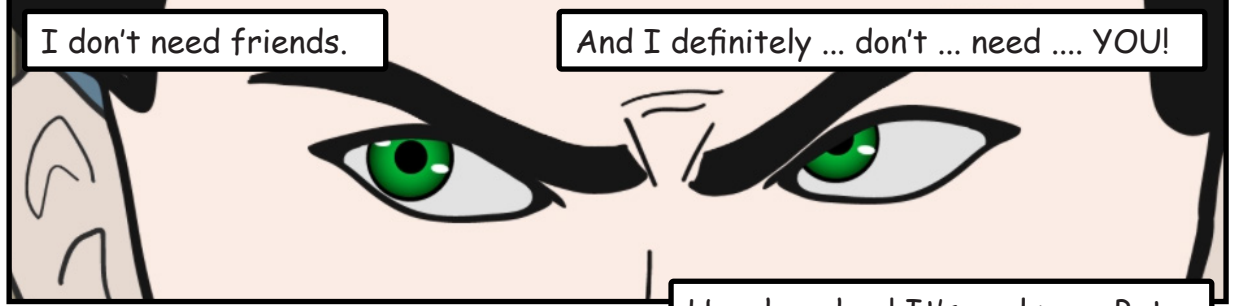
I don't need you in my face all day long.



Look, will you stop bugging me? Don't you get it?

I don't need friends.

And I definitely ... don't ... need YOU!



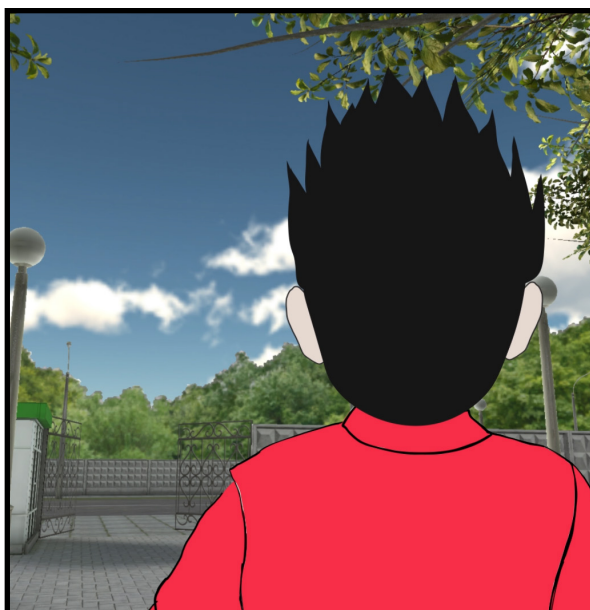
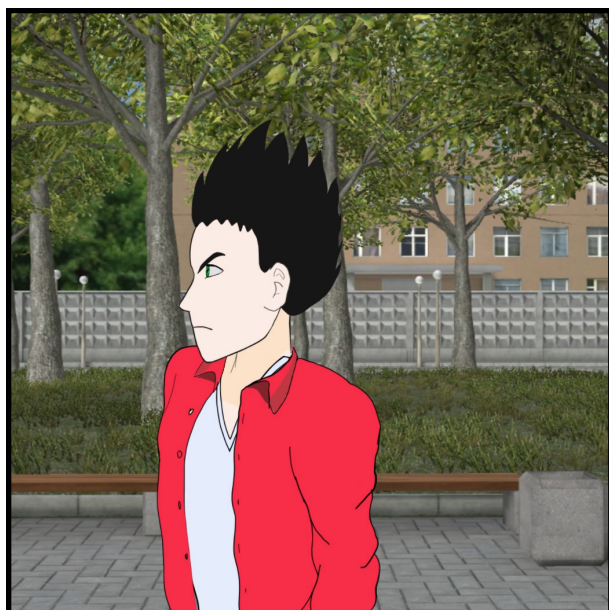
Hey, hey, hey! It's cool man. But if you ever need something, I'm Sam the Man! You know where I am! ... which is on the desk right behind you!



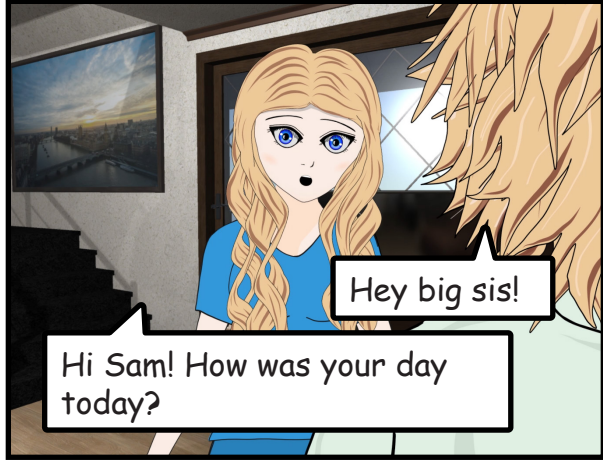
ROASTED



(Groan!)



THAT EVENING AT HOME...



Hey big sis!

Hi Sam! How was your day today?



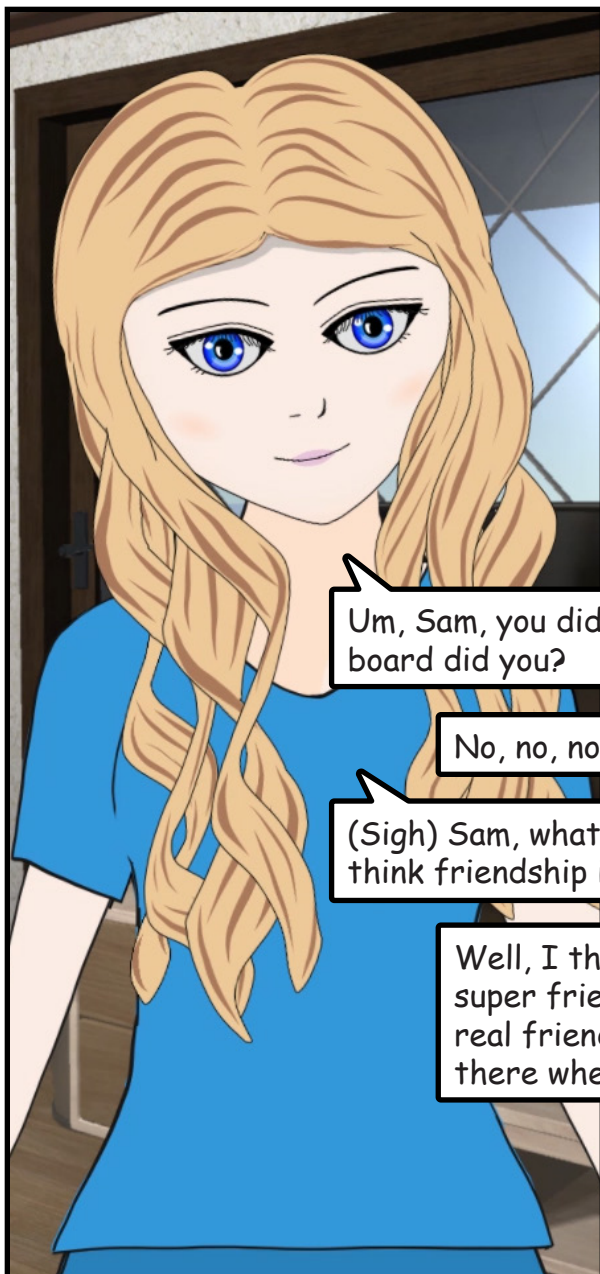
Super great as always! ... There is this new kid in class. I tried to make him welcome, so I did my super-Sam 'getting to know you'.



That's great Sam, I am sure he appreciated that, being a stranger at a new school.



But he totally shut me down. I mean, do I smell bad or something? Did I run too fast at sports maybe? I just don't get it.



Um, Sam, you didn't go over-board did you?

No, no, no, I'm sure I didn't!

(Sigh) Sam, what do you think friendship is?

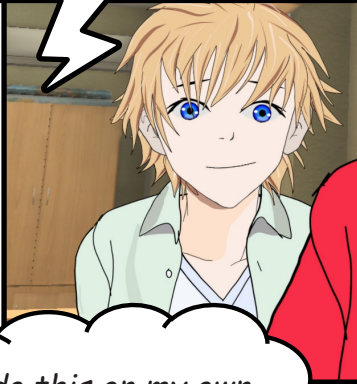
Well, I thought I was being super friendly, but I guess a real friend is someone who is there when you need them.



Mmmm. So maybe try being less 'friendly' and more of a 'friend'.

AS THE CLASS COMES TO AN END...

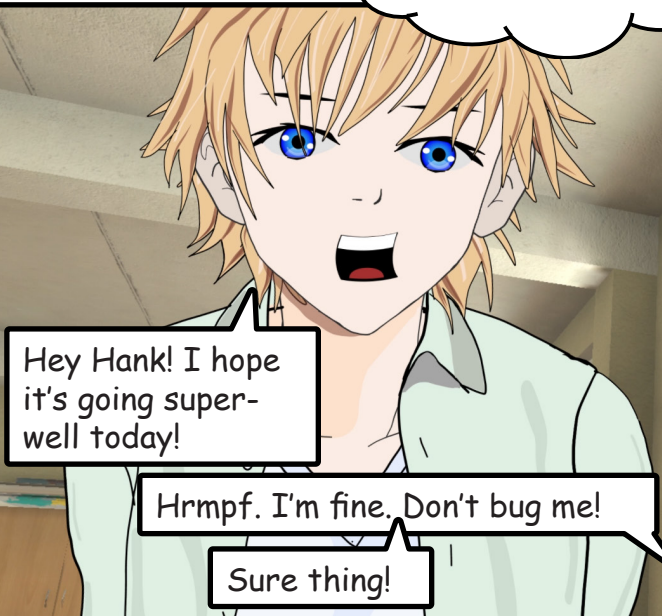
So that's your next assignment. I expect your best work! All assignments are due this Friday. You can form teams to discuss if you want to, but each of you must submit your own report.



I can do this on my own. It's less hassle than dealing with others.



But that second part looks hard!



Hey Hank! I hope it's going super-well today!

Hrmpf. I'm fine. Don't bug me!

Sure thing!





I have the assignment first part sorted, but that second part I just don't get!



I guess I could ask Sam ...

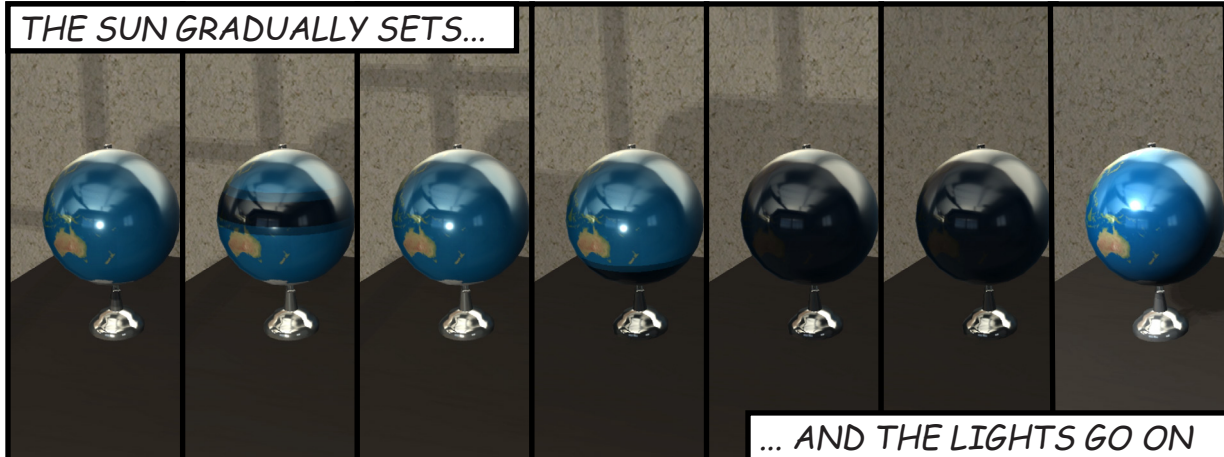


No! I can do it. I said I don't need friends and I meant it!

AT HOME, HANK STUDIES HARD ...



THE SUN GRADUALLY SETS...



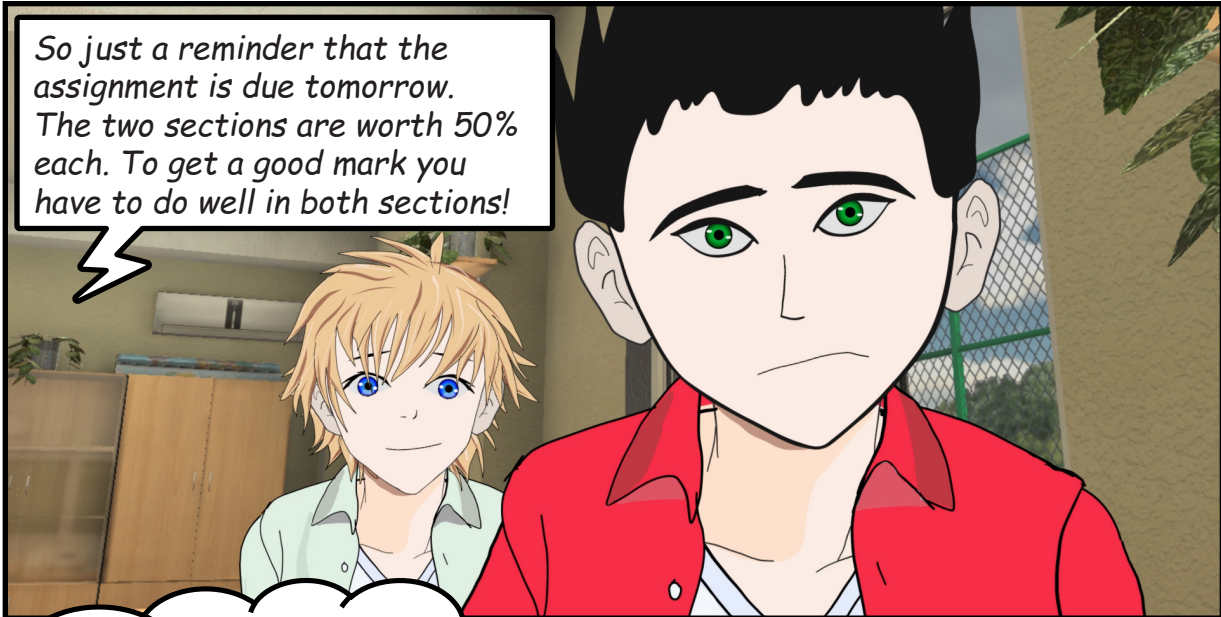
... AND THE LIGHTS GO ON



HEY HANK! PAPER DOESN'T GROW ON TREES YOU KNOW!



So just a reminder that the assignment is due tomorrow. The two sections are worth 50% each. To get a good mark you have to do well in both sections!



Oh no! I just don't get the second part! I am going to start a new school bombing my first assignment?

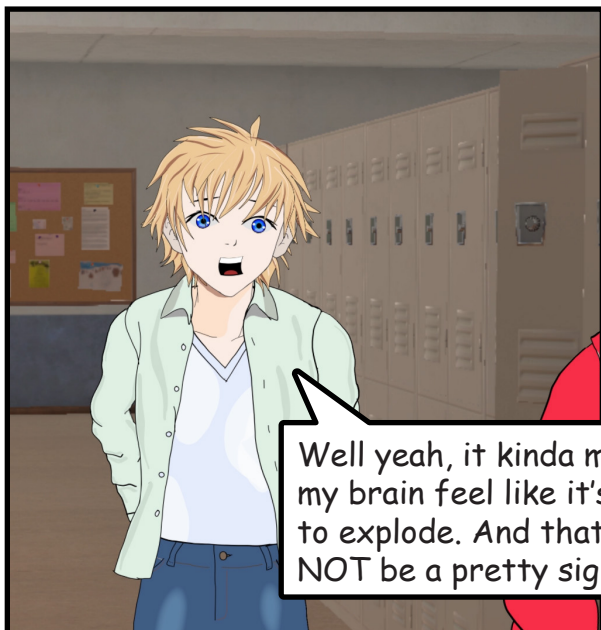
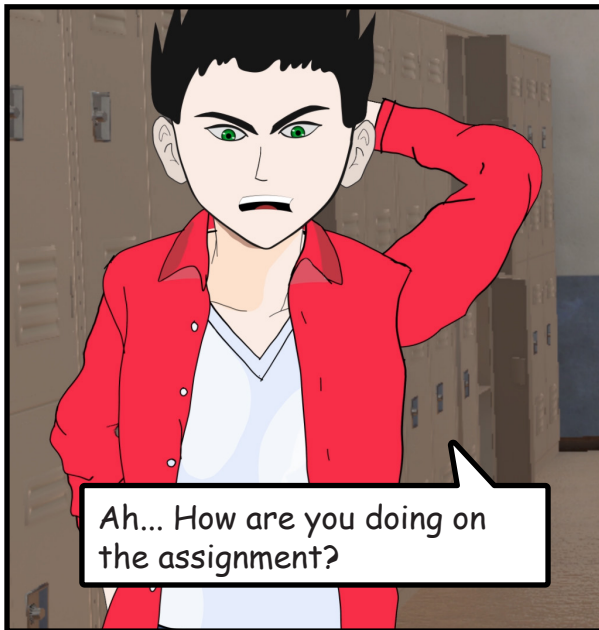
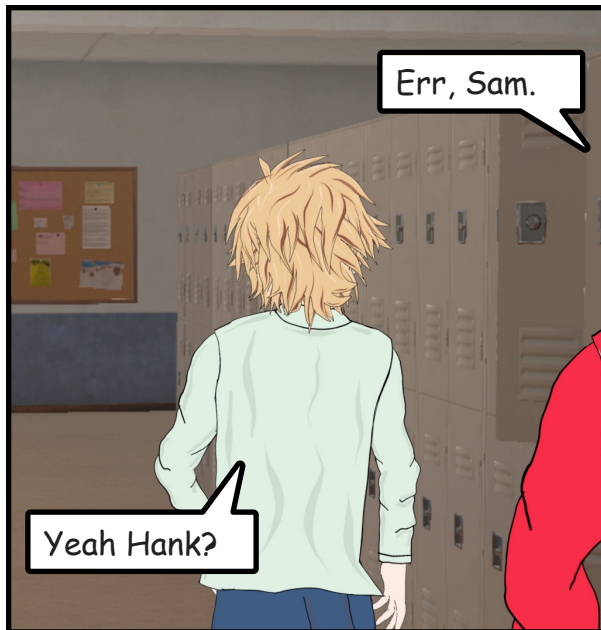


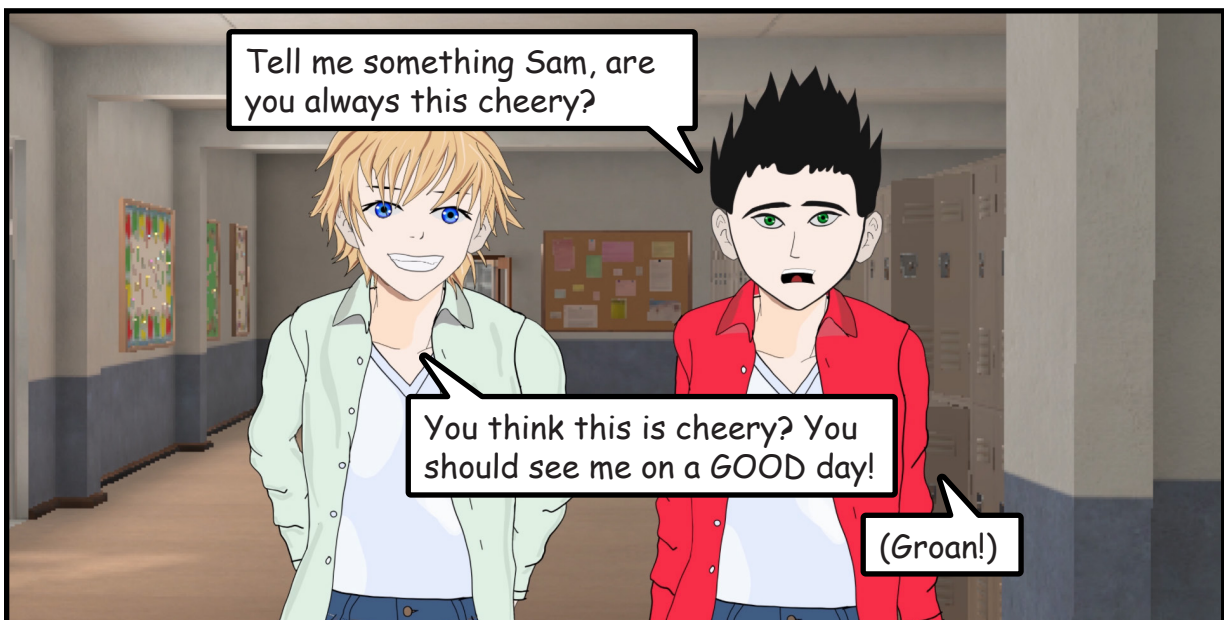
What am I going to do!

SAM GREETED HANK, BUT KEEPS ON WALKING..

Hey hank!

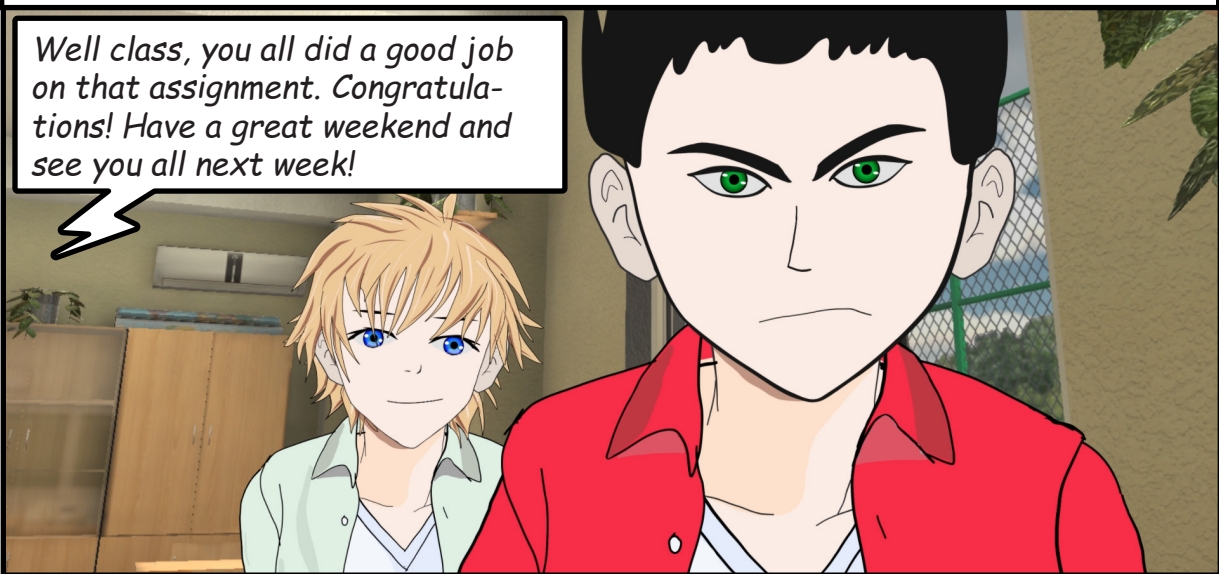




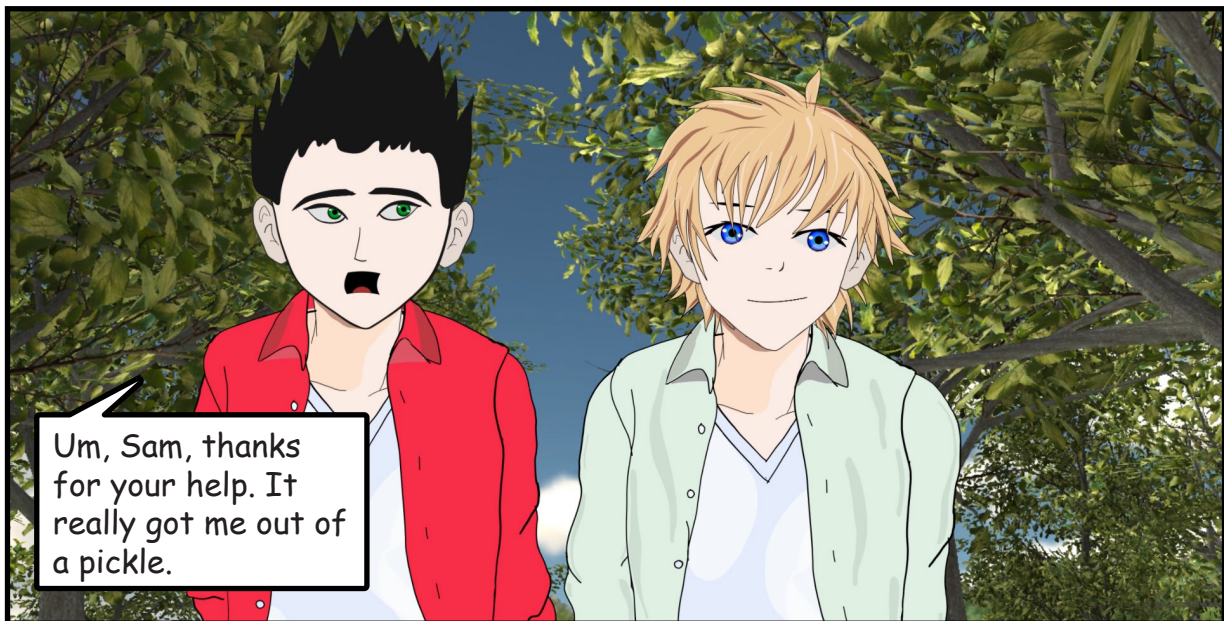


THE TEACHER CONGRATULATES THE STUDENTS

Well class, you all did a good job on that assignment. Congratulations! Have a great weekend and see you all next week!



Um, Sam, thanks for your help. It really got me out of a pickle.

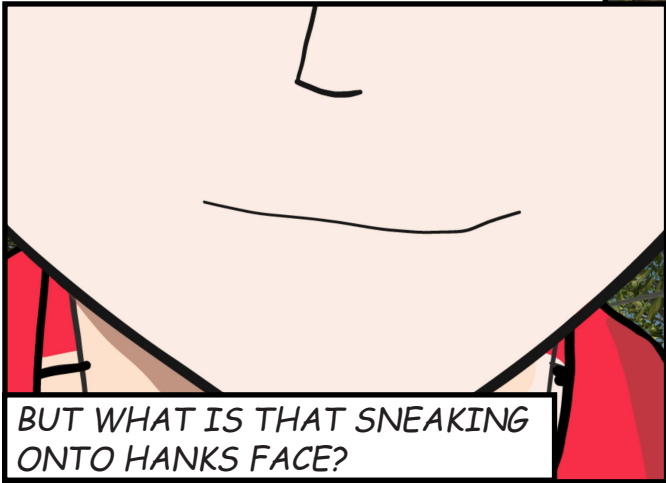


No worries Hank! You helped me too! That's what friends do!

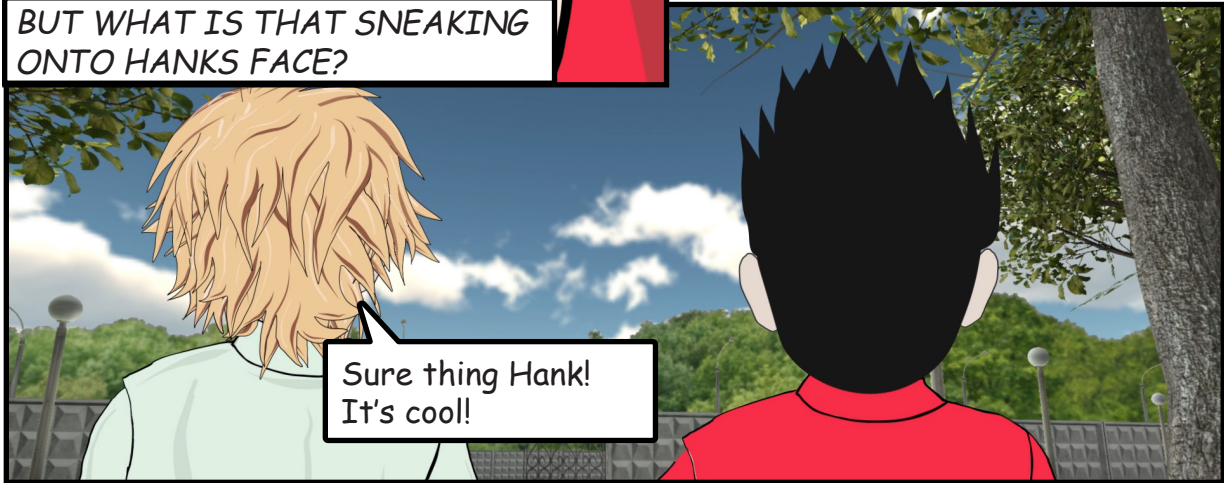




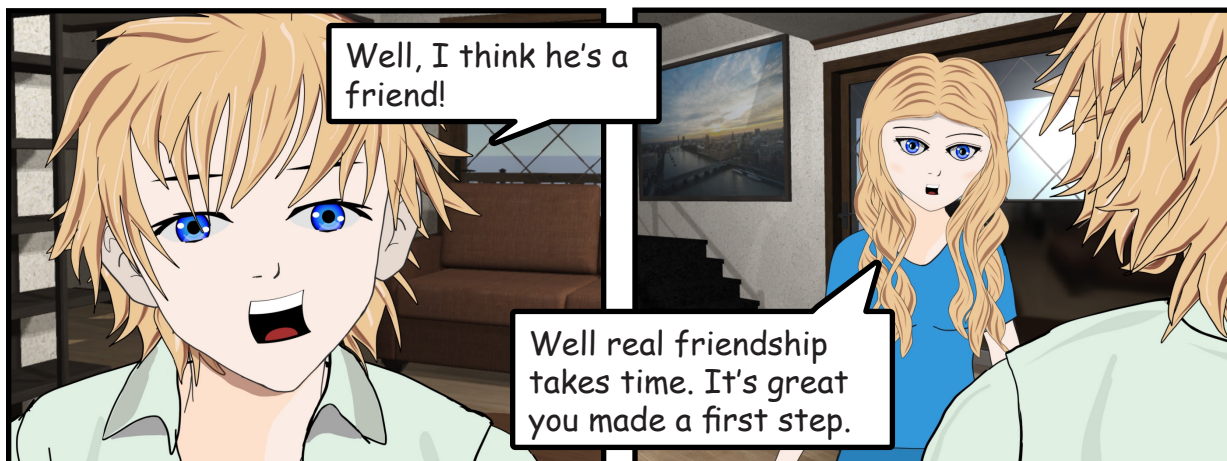
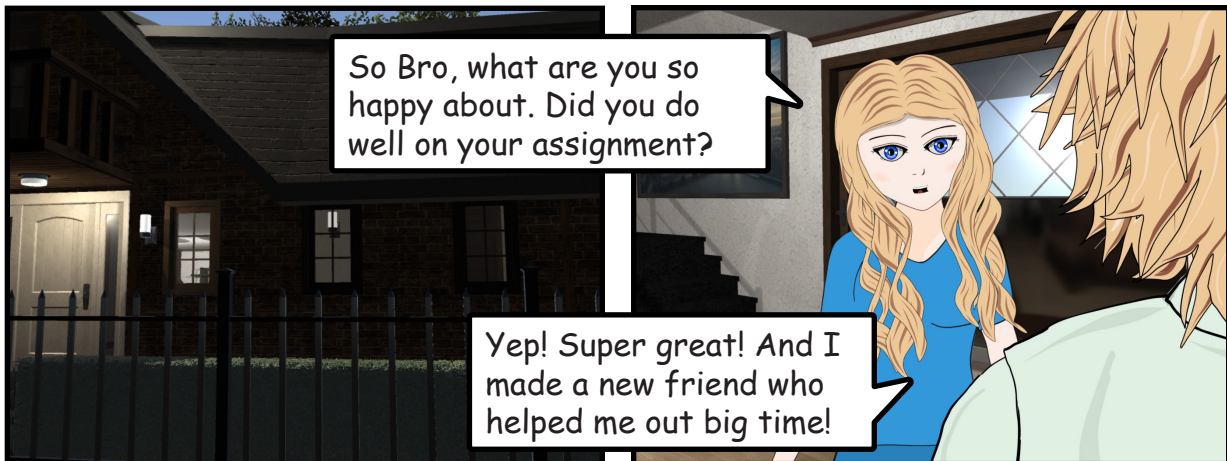
Huh! Friends! Who said anything about being friends!



BUT WHAT IS THAT SNEAKING ONTO HANKS FACE?



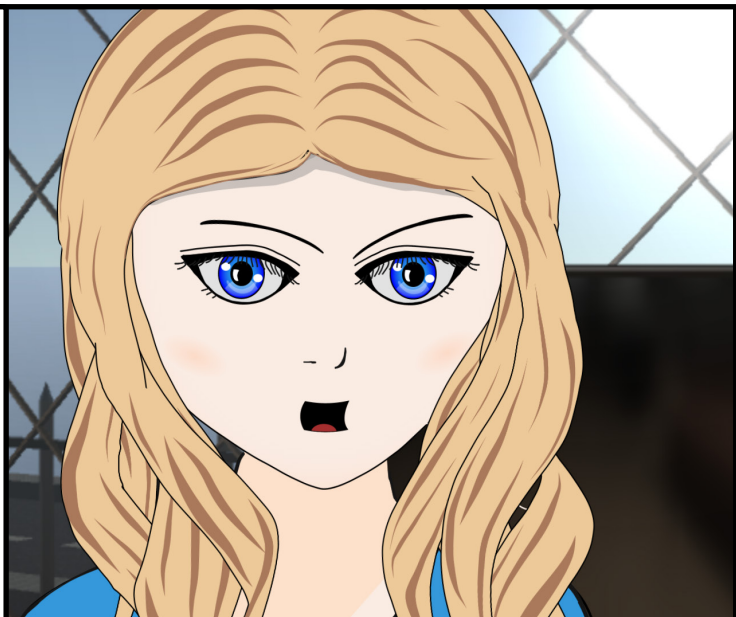
Sure thing Hank!
It's cool!

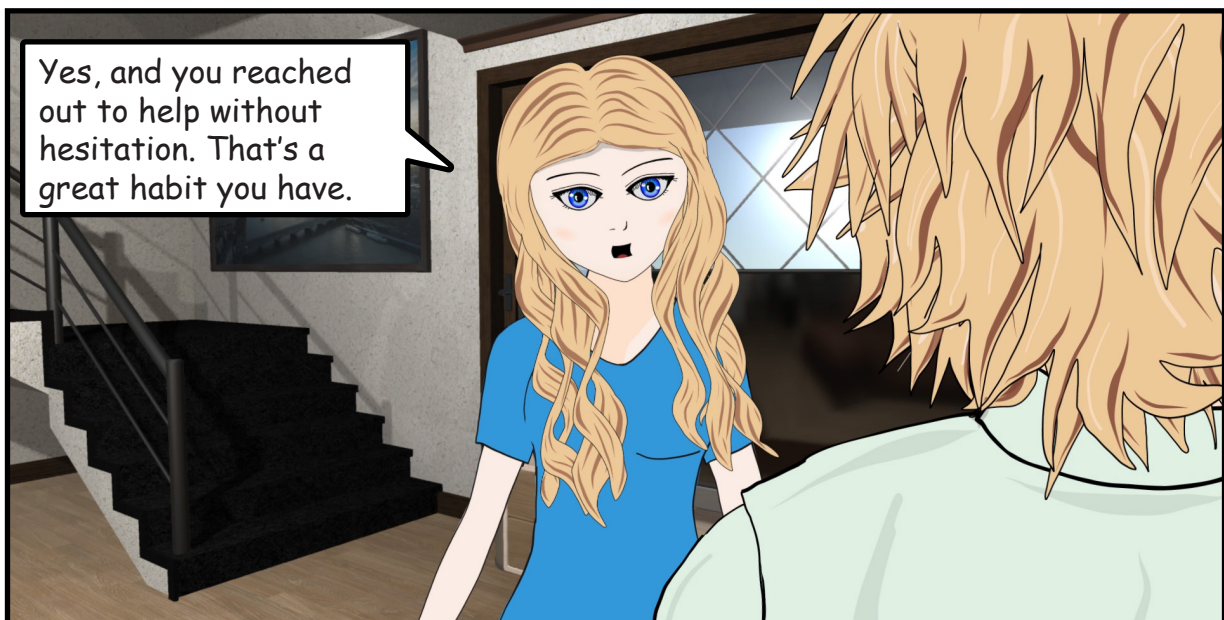




In the bible in Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 it says

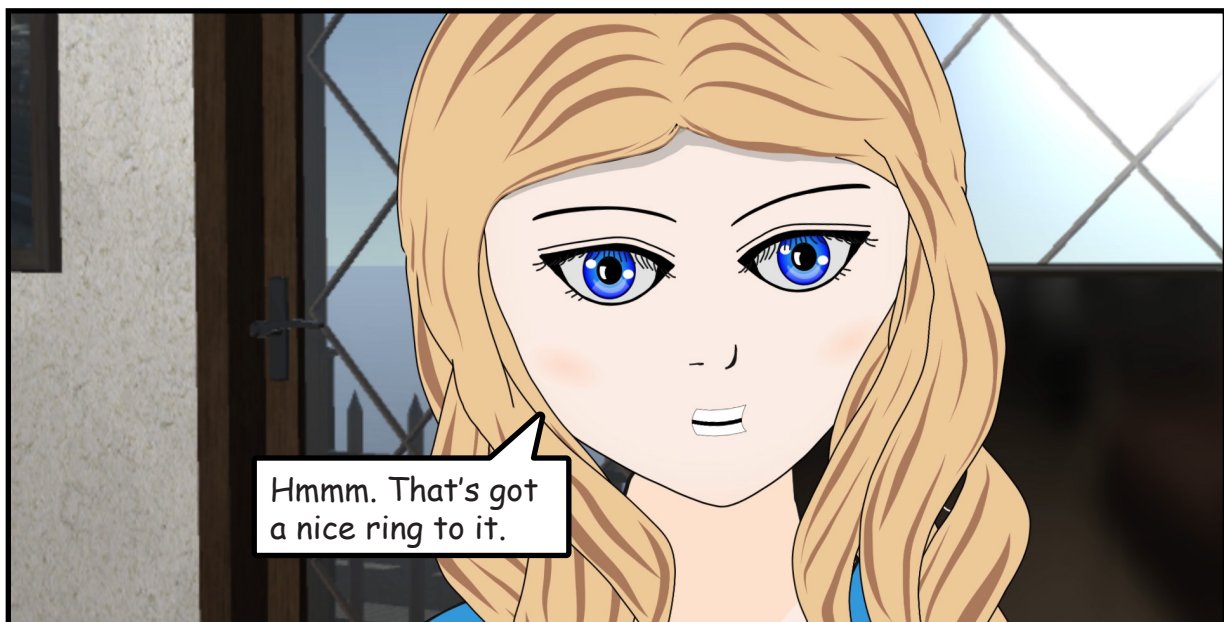
“TWO ARE BETTER THAN ONE, BECAUSE THEY HAVE A GOOD RETURN FOR THEIR WORK: IF ONE FALLS DOWN, HIS FRIEND CAN HELP HIM UP. BUT PITY THE MAN WHO FALLS AND HAS NO ONE TO HELP HIM UP!”







I see. So I guess you could say I made the EXTRAORDINARY ... extra ... ORDINARY, in my life! Something I do without thinking.



Hmmm. That's got a nice ring to it.

NEXT
CHAPTER 2

GOOD
THOUGHTS

