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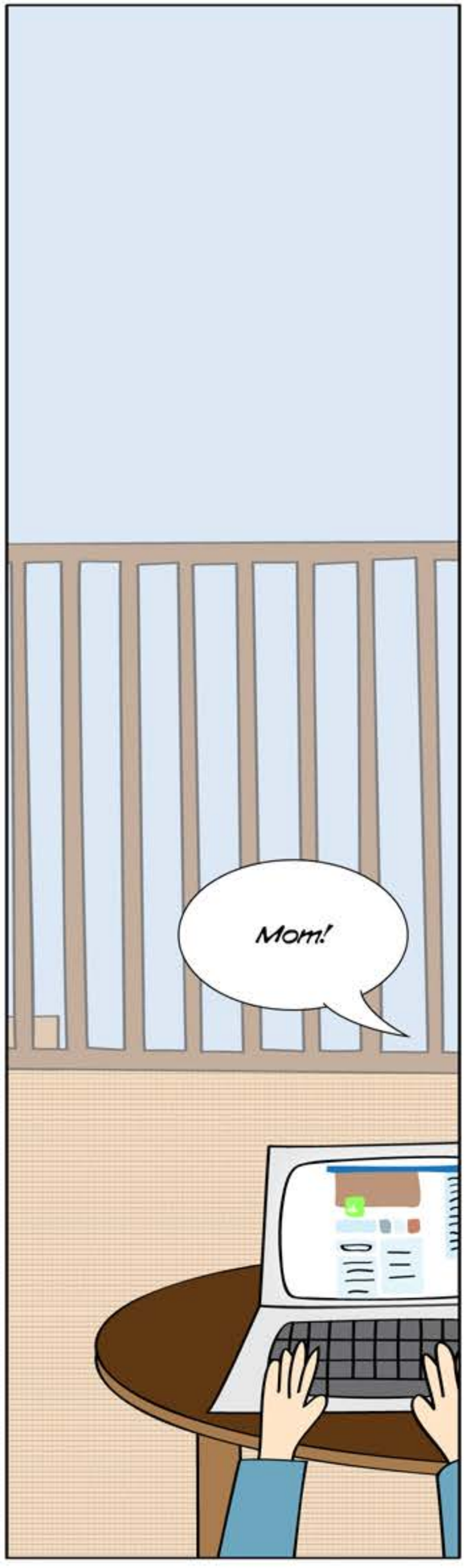
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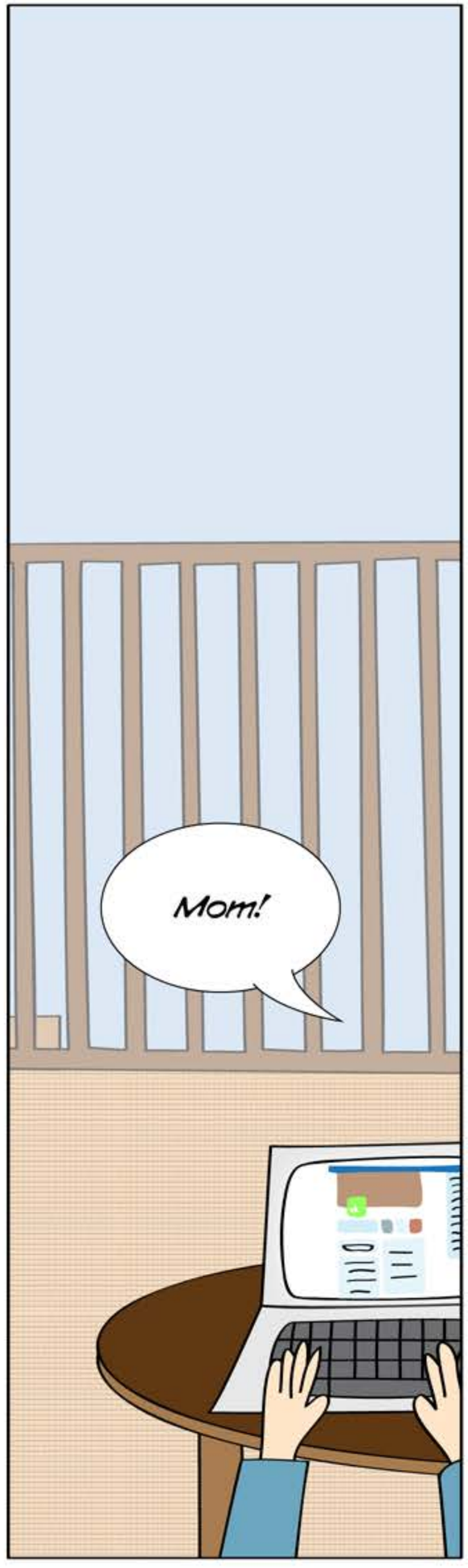
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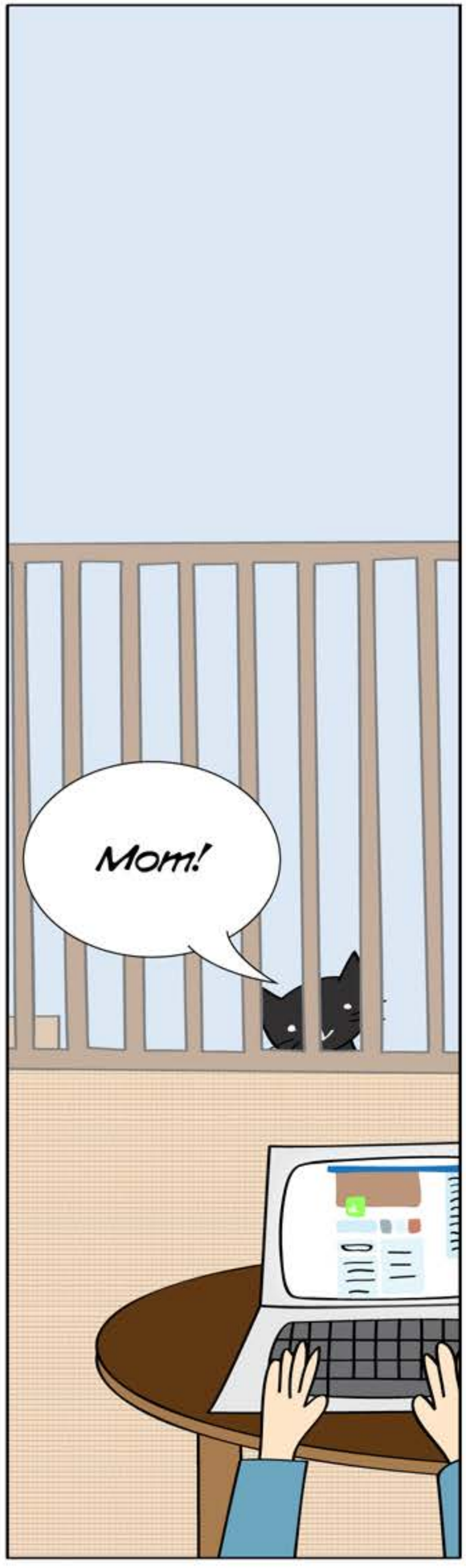
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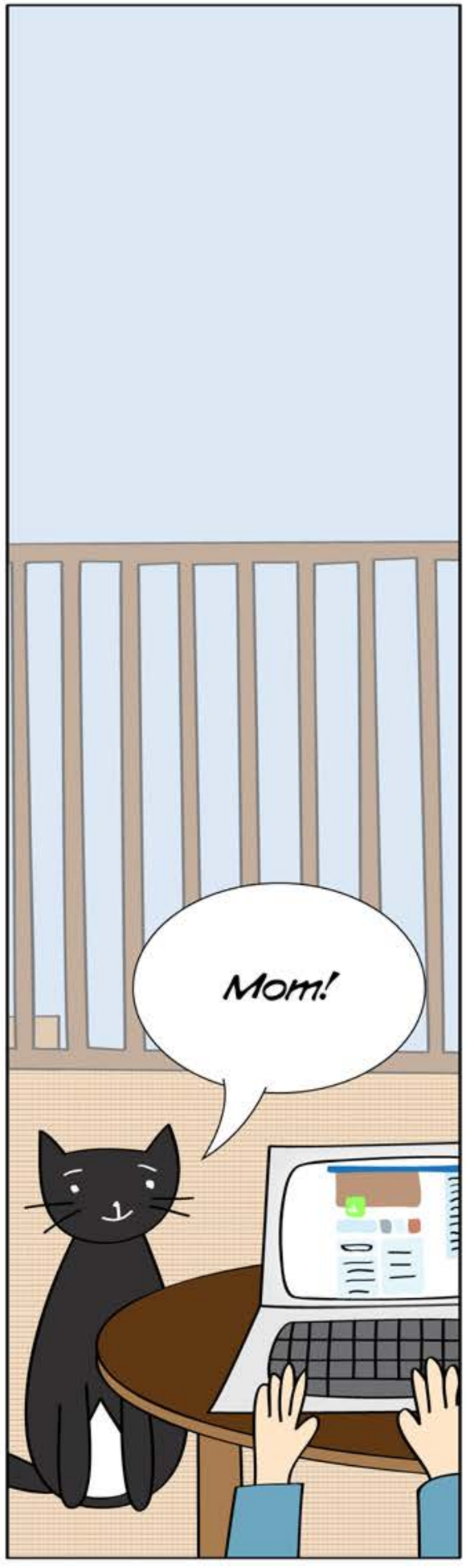

Mom!

Gobi is coming to town!

Who?

He's my favorite string player, probably the best ever.

"They call him 'The String Bean' because of his signature mid-air flip move."

I have this permission slip to go because it's at the mall and we have to take the bus.

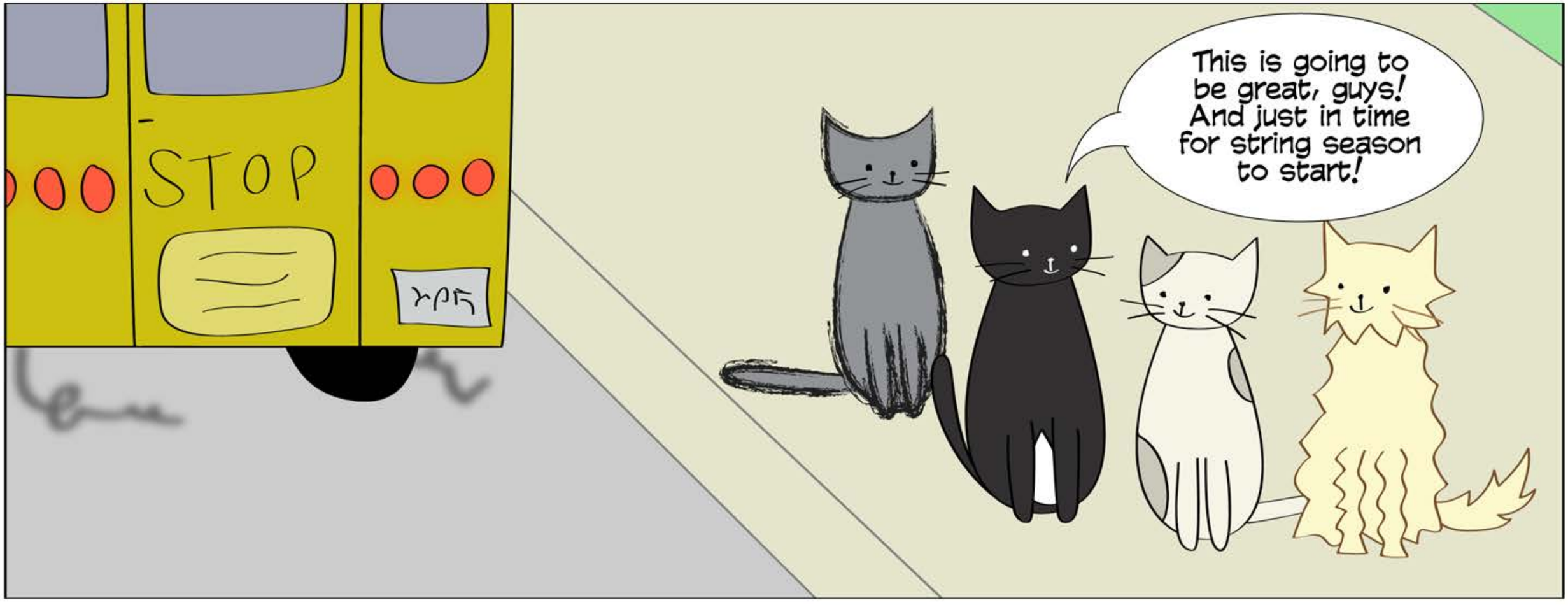
Let's see here. Other schools are going too.

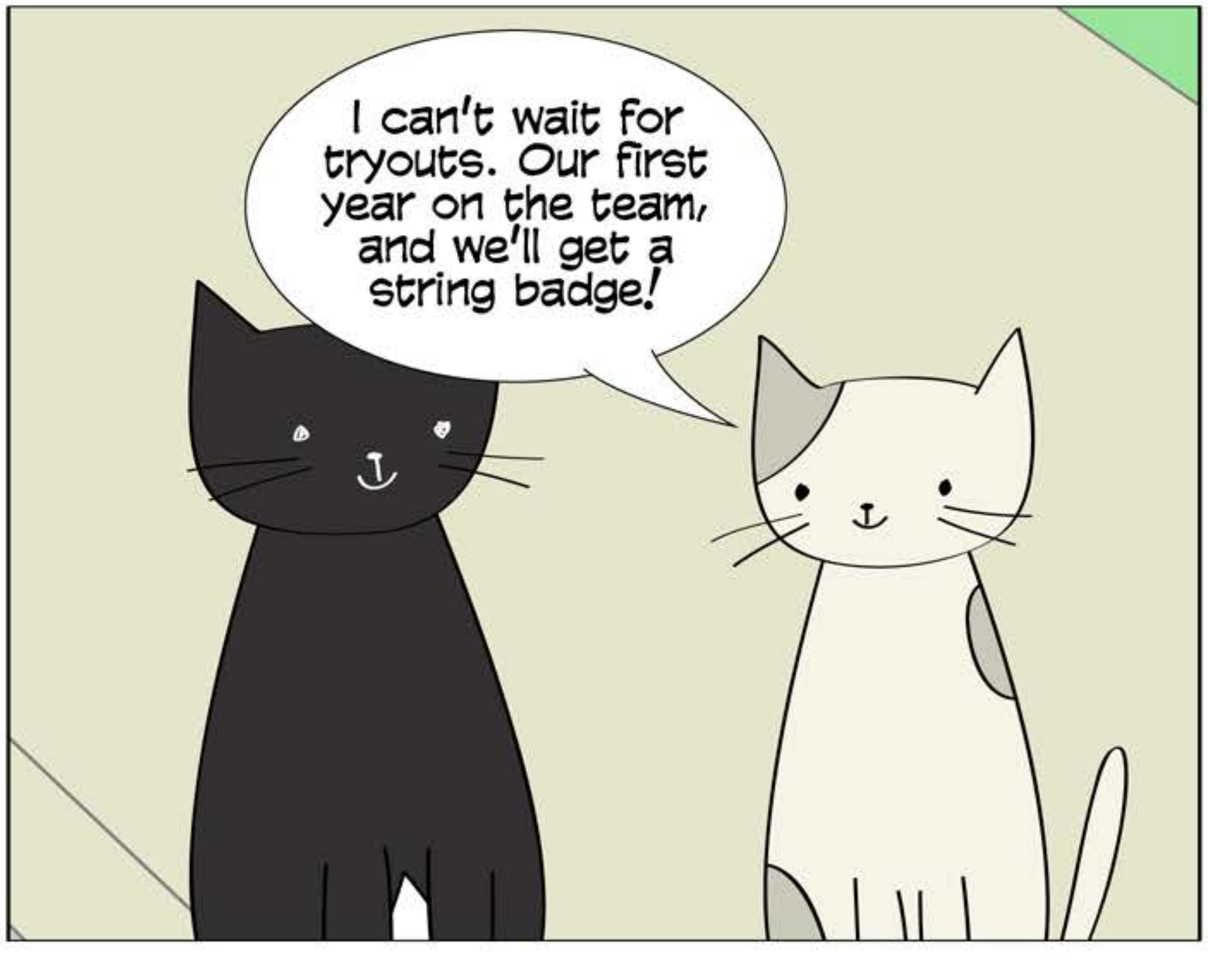
PERMISSION

Will you be better behaved with the other cats on the bus this time?

I'm uncomfortable with this!

I'll be good, I promise.


STOP
This is going to be great, guys! And just in time for string season to start!


I can't wait for tryouts. Our first year on the team, and we'll get a string badge!

In my country, many people like to join the sports team for recreation, and all the cats play the string and the chase.

Here we go, cats. Don't forget to give me your permission slips.

Now, since we're on a field trip and taking the bus, it's important that everybody behave well and keep yourself calm during the ride.

Mr. Sparckel, I'm uncomfortable.

That's what you need to keep in check.

You'll be representing Kitty Country Day around a lot of other cats, and some will be on other string teams this year.

So let's all be good on this field trip.

I wonder if any cats we know will be there.

Pimper, Dirtmo, you need to sit frontward.

I sure hope Pack 97's not there. I hate those cats so much!

Sorry, Mr. Sparckel.

SCHOOL BUS
STOP

Let's stay together, cats. The show is up here in the center court.

NO TO CATNIP
YES TO STRING

URGERS

CUT A RUG

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Mr. Sparckel, there's a lot of other cats here.
I don't like this.
Me too.
Let's just try to stay calm until the show starts.
Every school in town must be here.
Hey, look -- there's Yellow Cat.

"Who is Yellow Cat?"

"He's this cat who lives in our neighborhood who doesn't go to school. He just wanders around all day. Also he's kind of a jerk."

Oh, he's not that bad. There are a lot more jerky cats in this town.

SPATULA

STRING THINGZ

RGERS

CUT A RUG

OE'S JUNK

Well, well, Pimper and Pack 61.

Pack 97!

Where are your uniforms? You guys should be representing your pack.

We're here for school. We're getting our string badges for actually playing string, not just watching.

Also, um, my sash is dirty and my mom said I couldn't wear it.

Really sad what some Panther Scout packs are coming to these days.

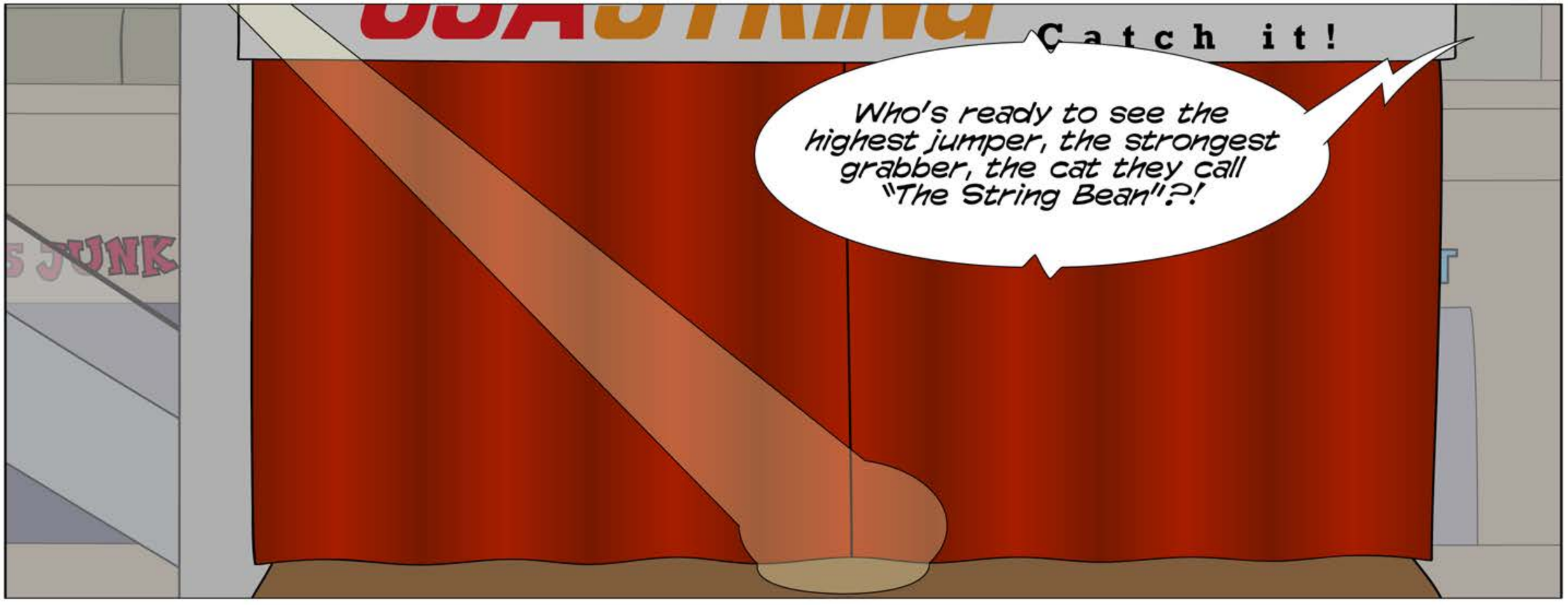
Iggy! Ernie! Come on back over here, it's about to start.

Scout duty calls, cats. Enjoy the show.

We should've worn our uniforms.

Yeah, we look like chumps.

Who's ready to see the only four-time national champion in the history of string?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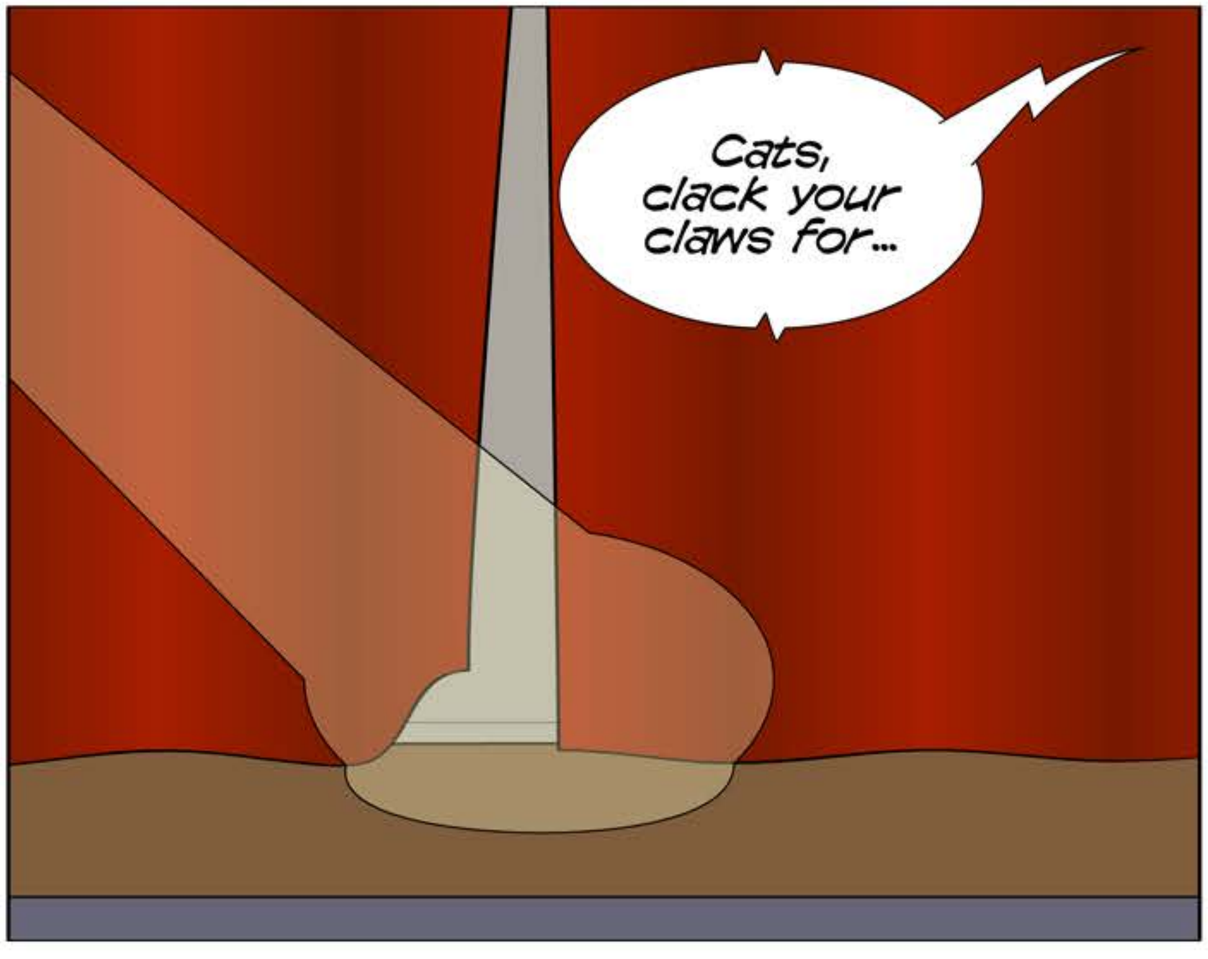
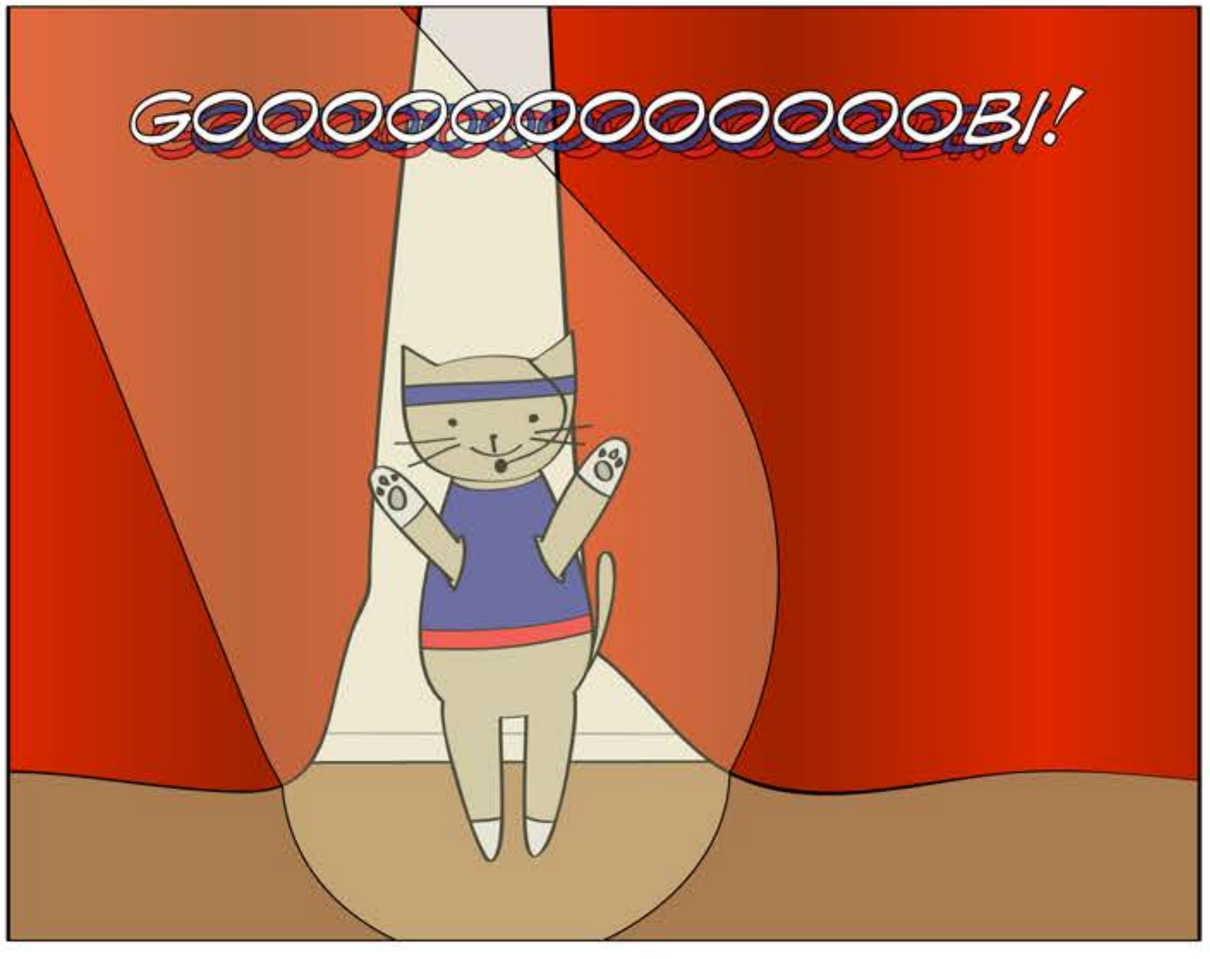
Who's ready to see the highest jumper, the strongest grabber, the cat they call "The String Bean"?!


Cats, clack your claws for...


GOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOB!!

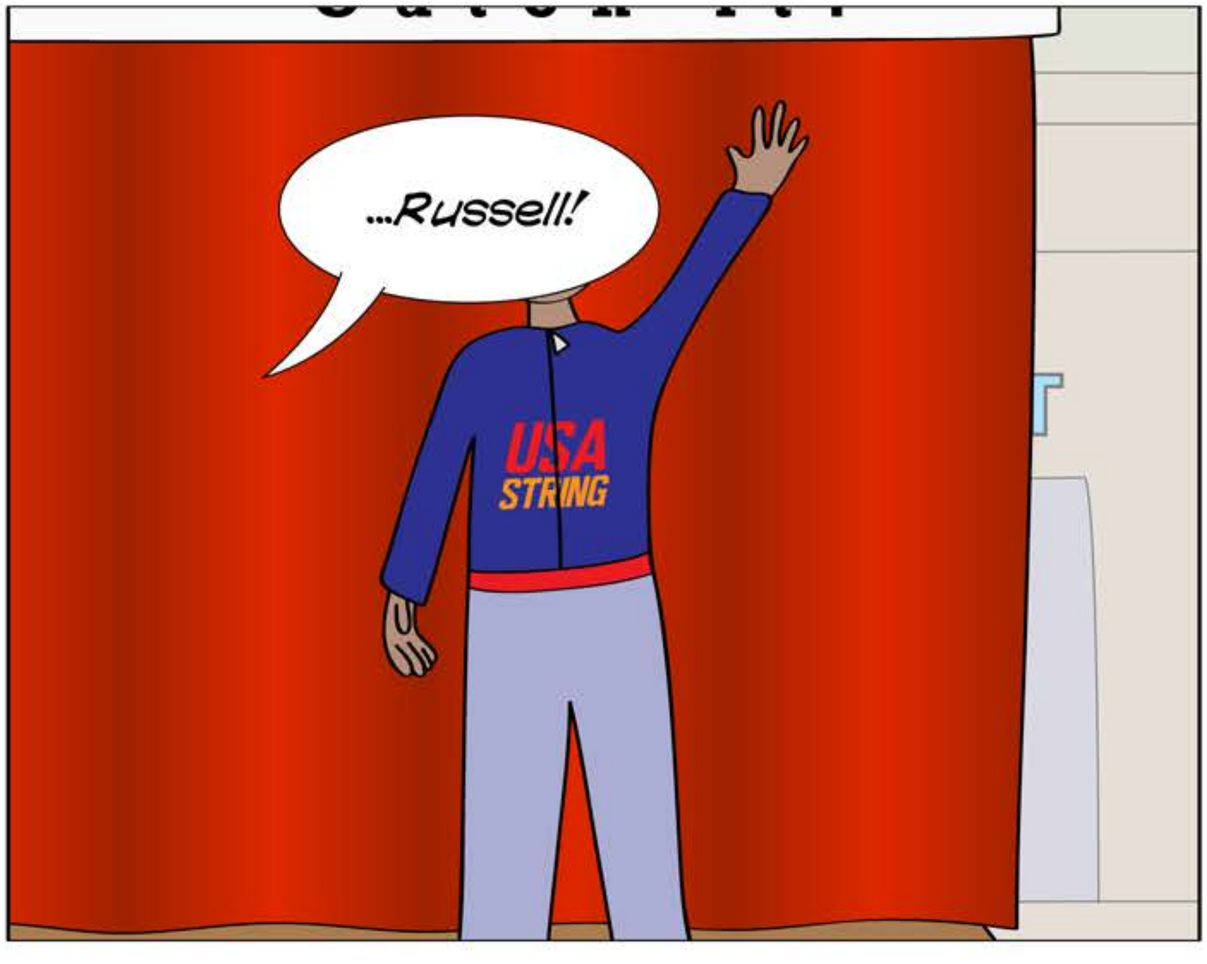
TRING

Catch it!

It's so great to see all you cats here excited about string with the new season on the way.

ULA CITY
STRING THING
We've got a great show for you today, and hopefully you'll all learn some great new ways to play and exercise.

First I'd like to bring out the person who helped me win four championships, my stringer...


...Russell!
USA
STRING

Russell and I are glad to see so many of you here, getting into string.

And I've got a question for you...

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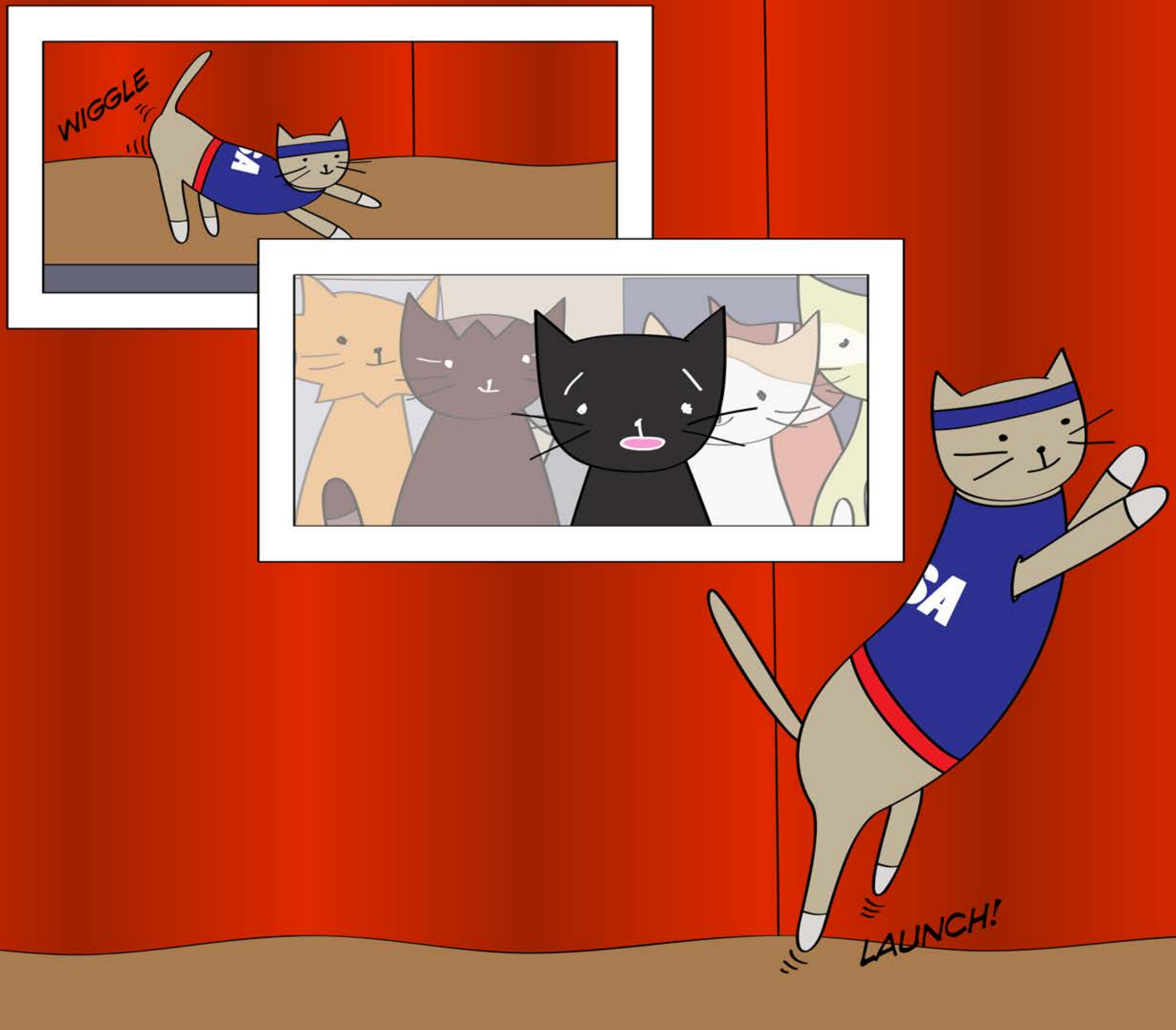
Who wants to see some jumps?

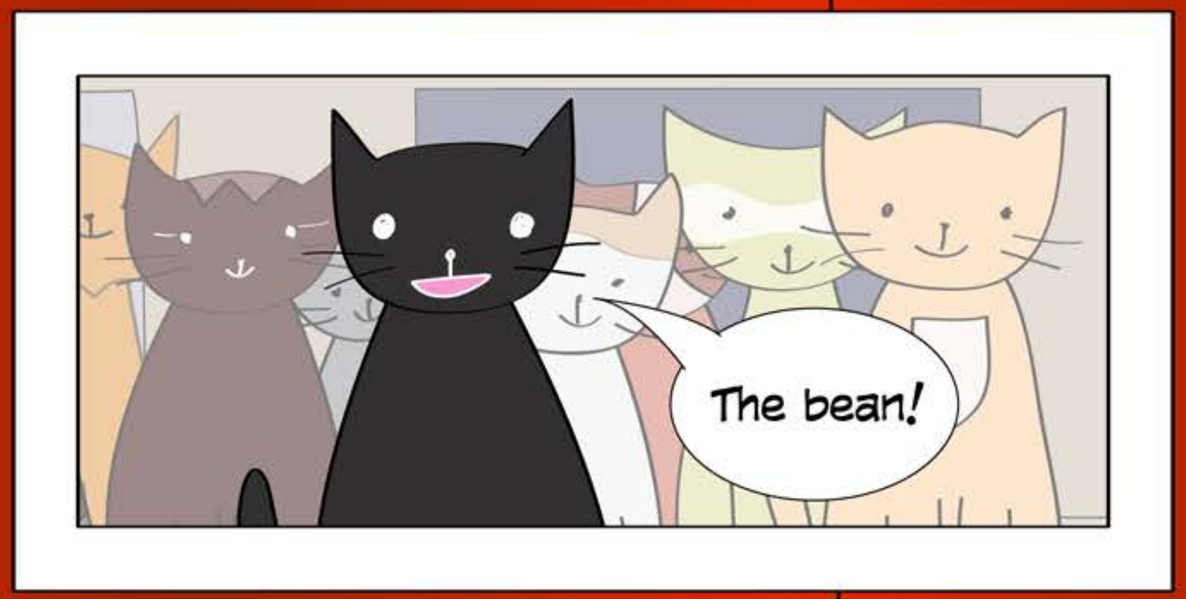
CLACK CLACK CLACK

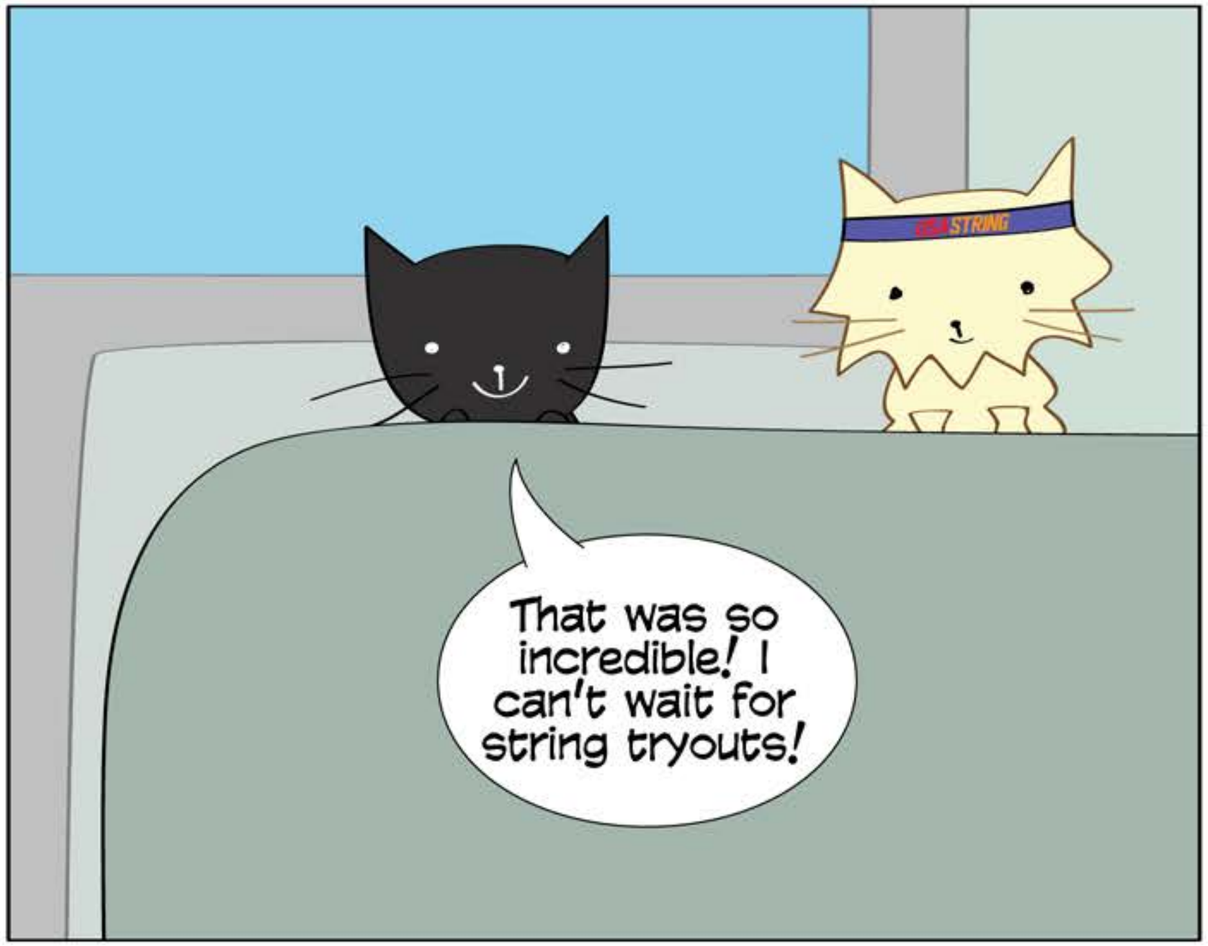
JUMP!

SPROING!

REACH!


WIGGLE
LAUNCH!


The bean!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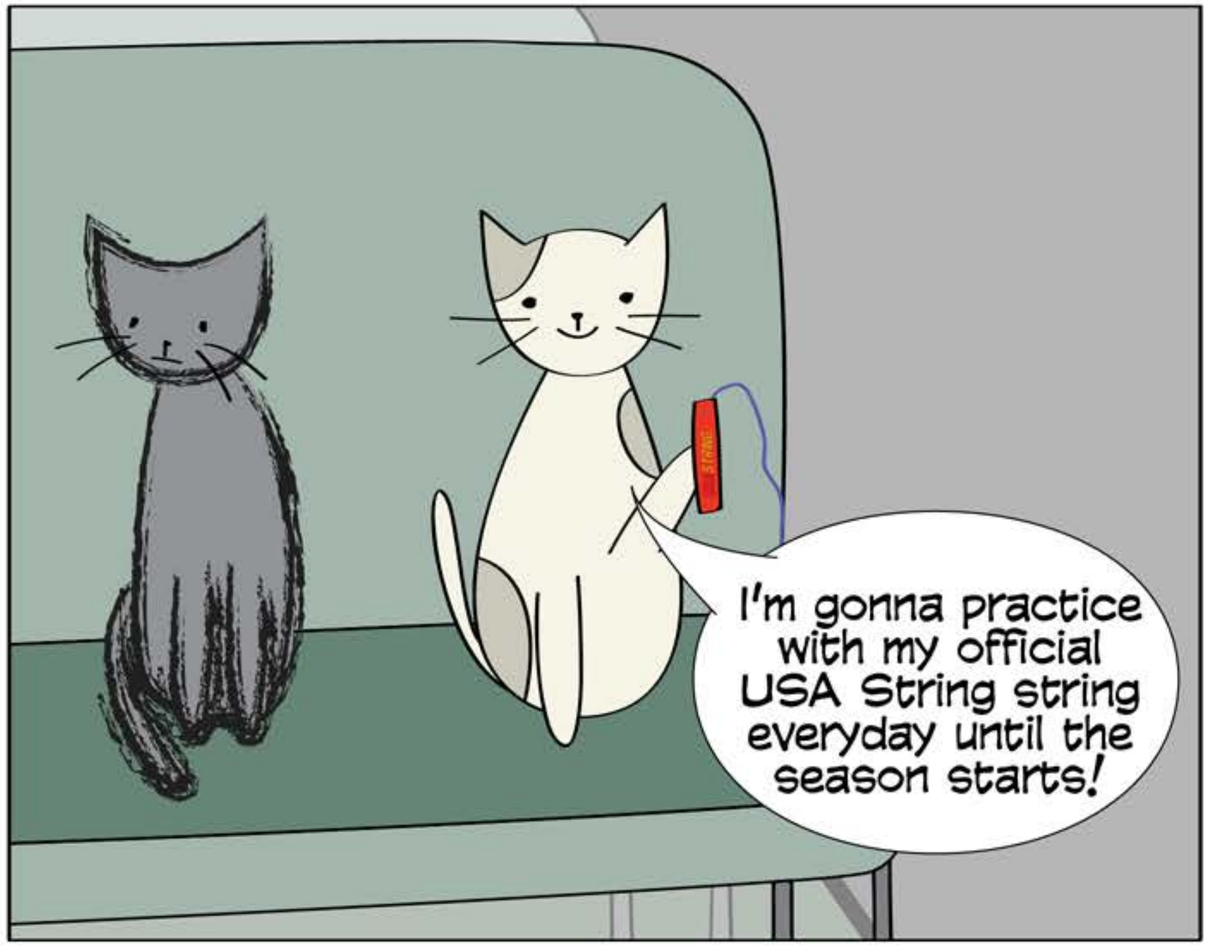
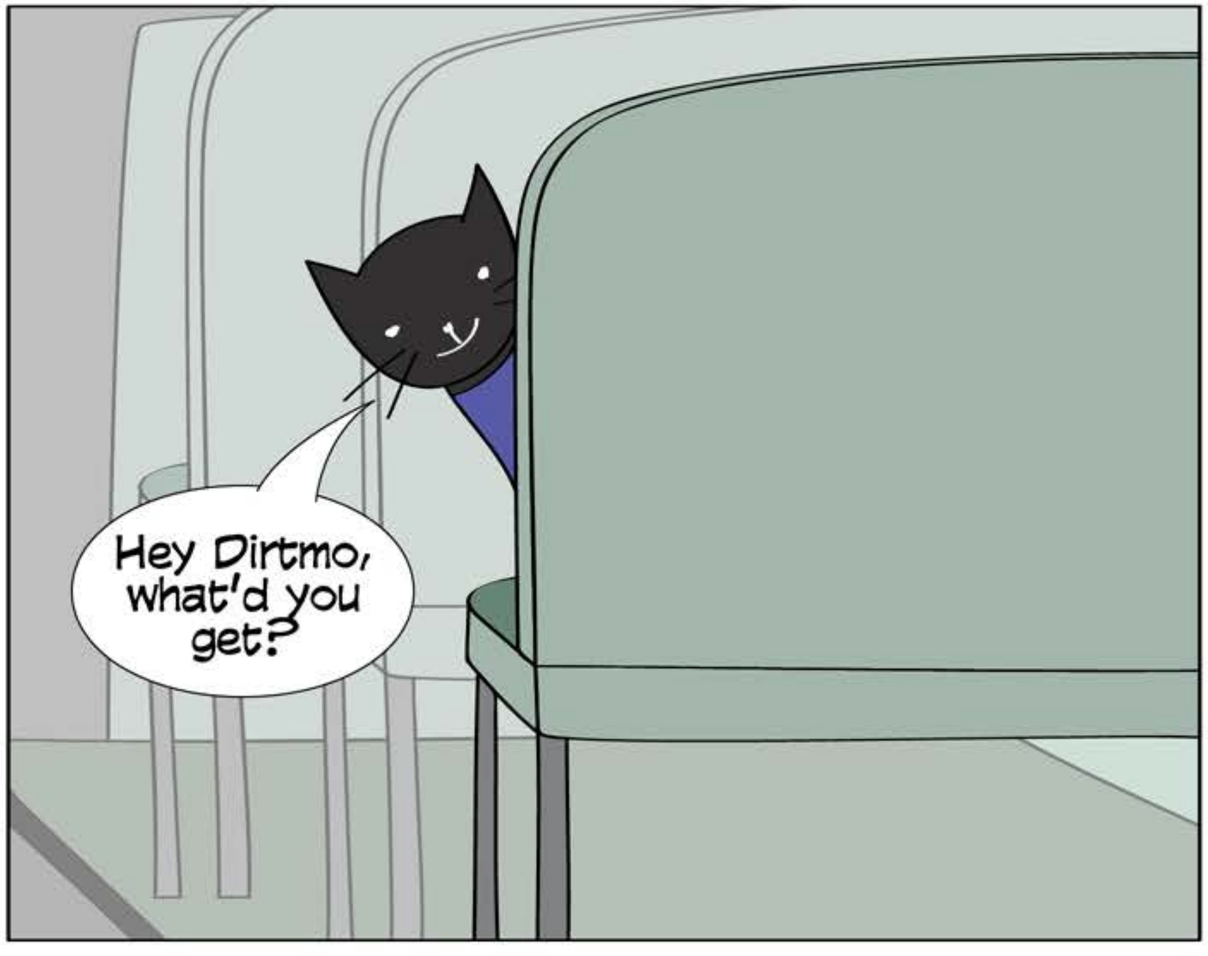
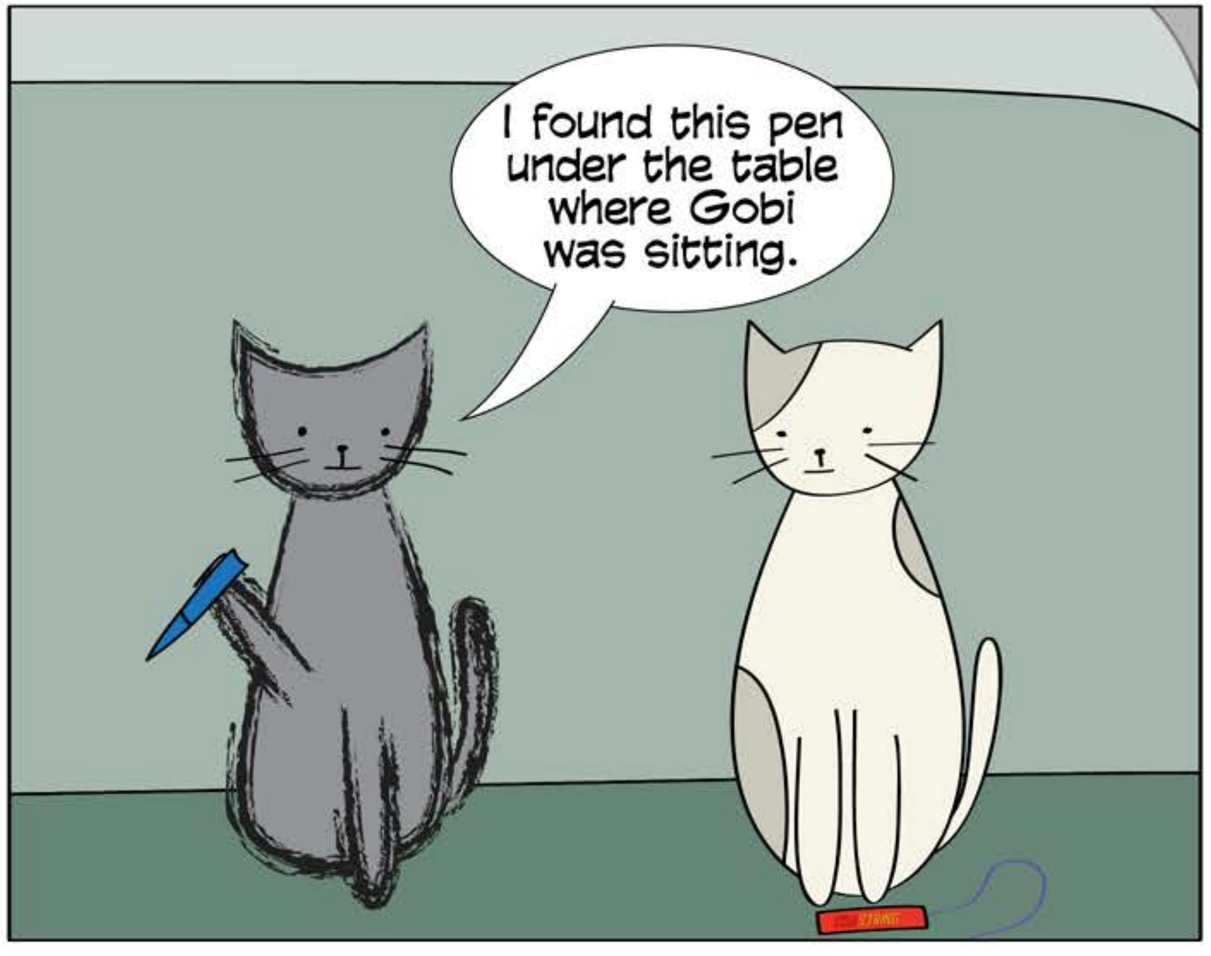
That was so incredible! I can't wait for string tryouts!

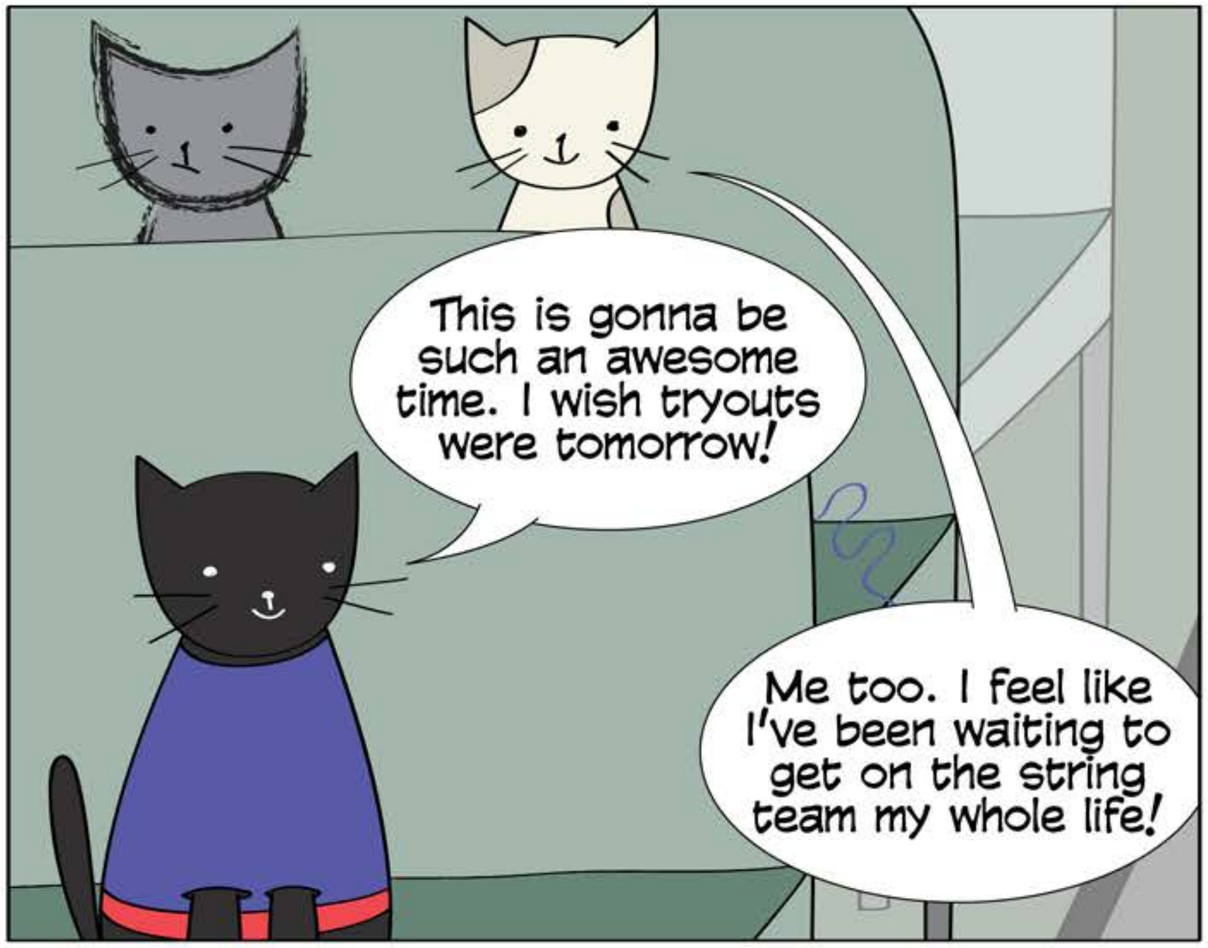

I'm gonna practice with my official USA String string everyday until the season starts!

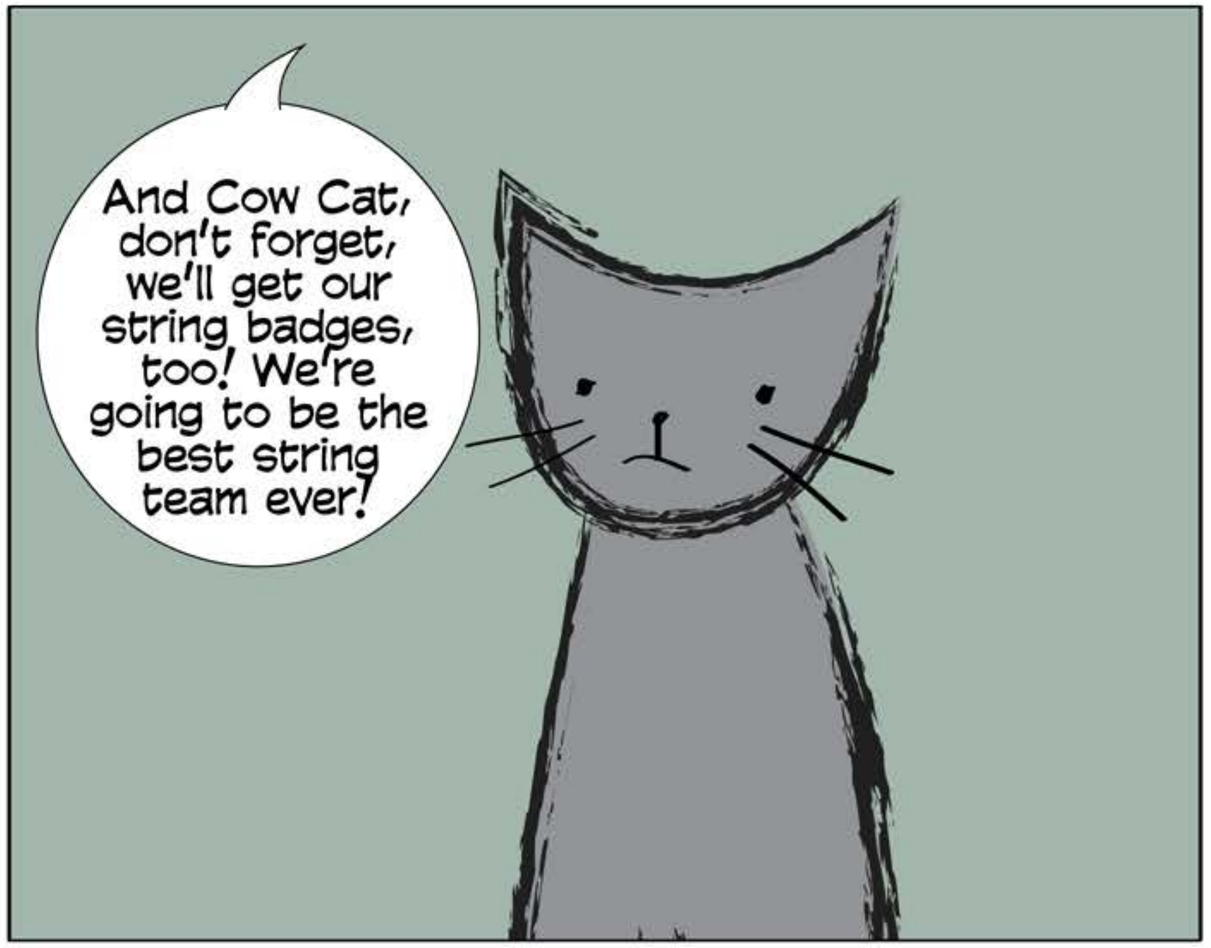
Mr. Sparckel, can I wear my Gobi jersey when I'm on the string team?

We have our own Kitty Country Day jerseys. And you cats need to sit frontward, please.









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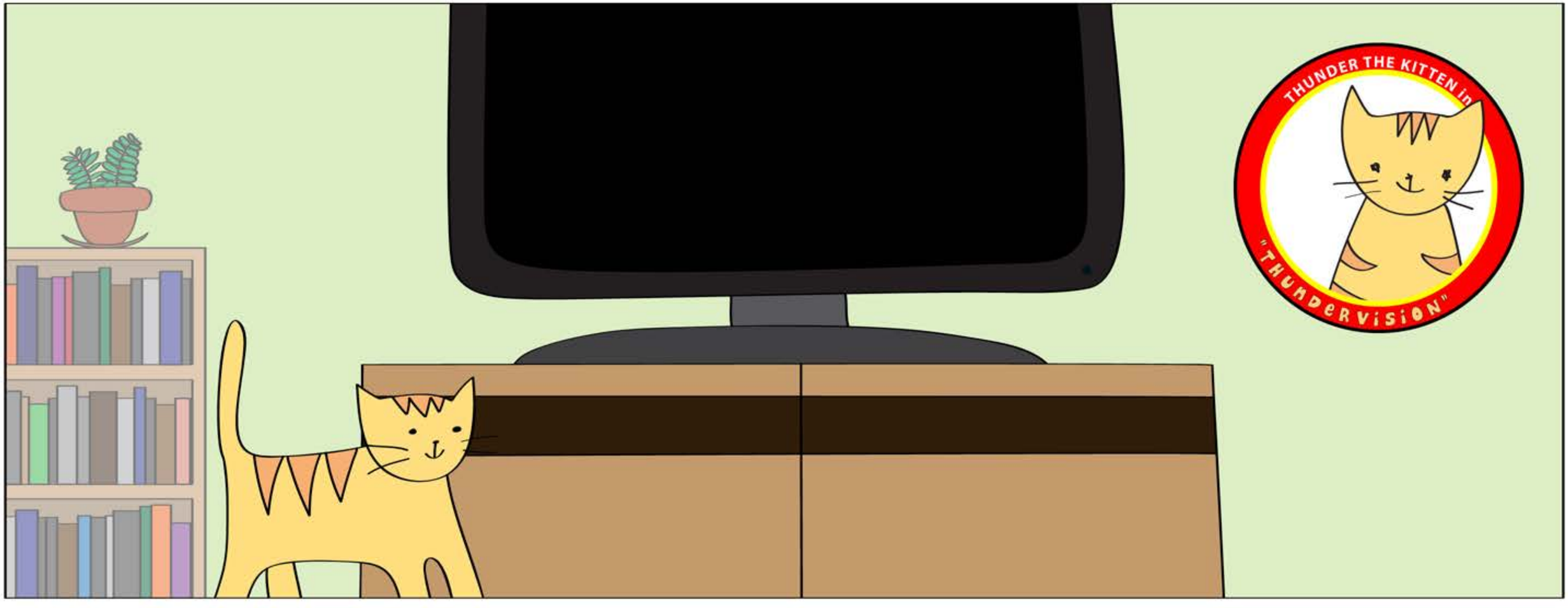
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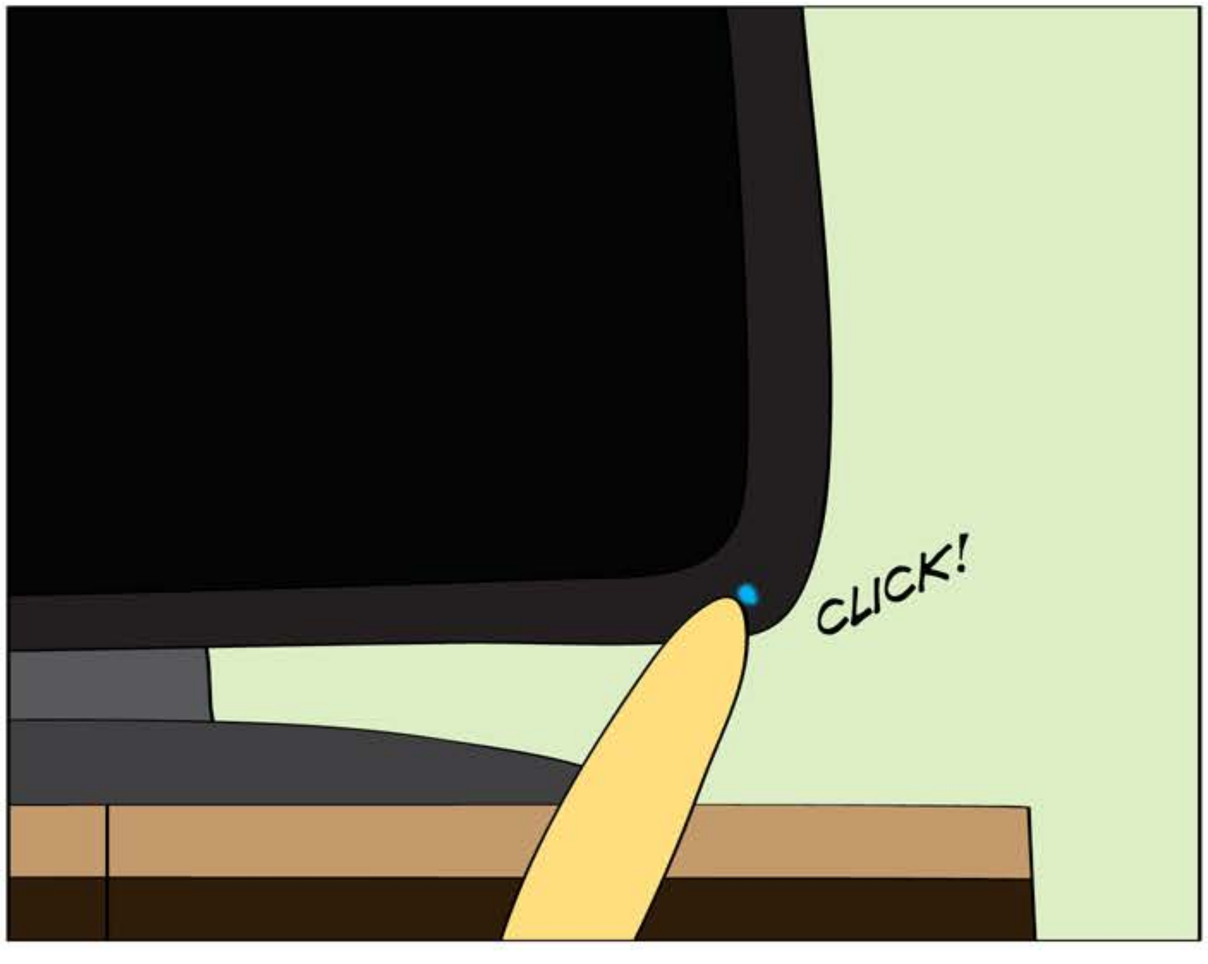
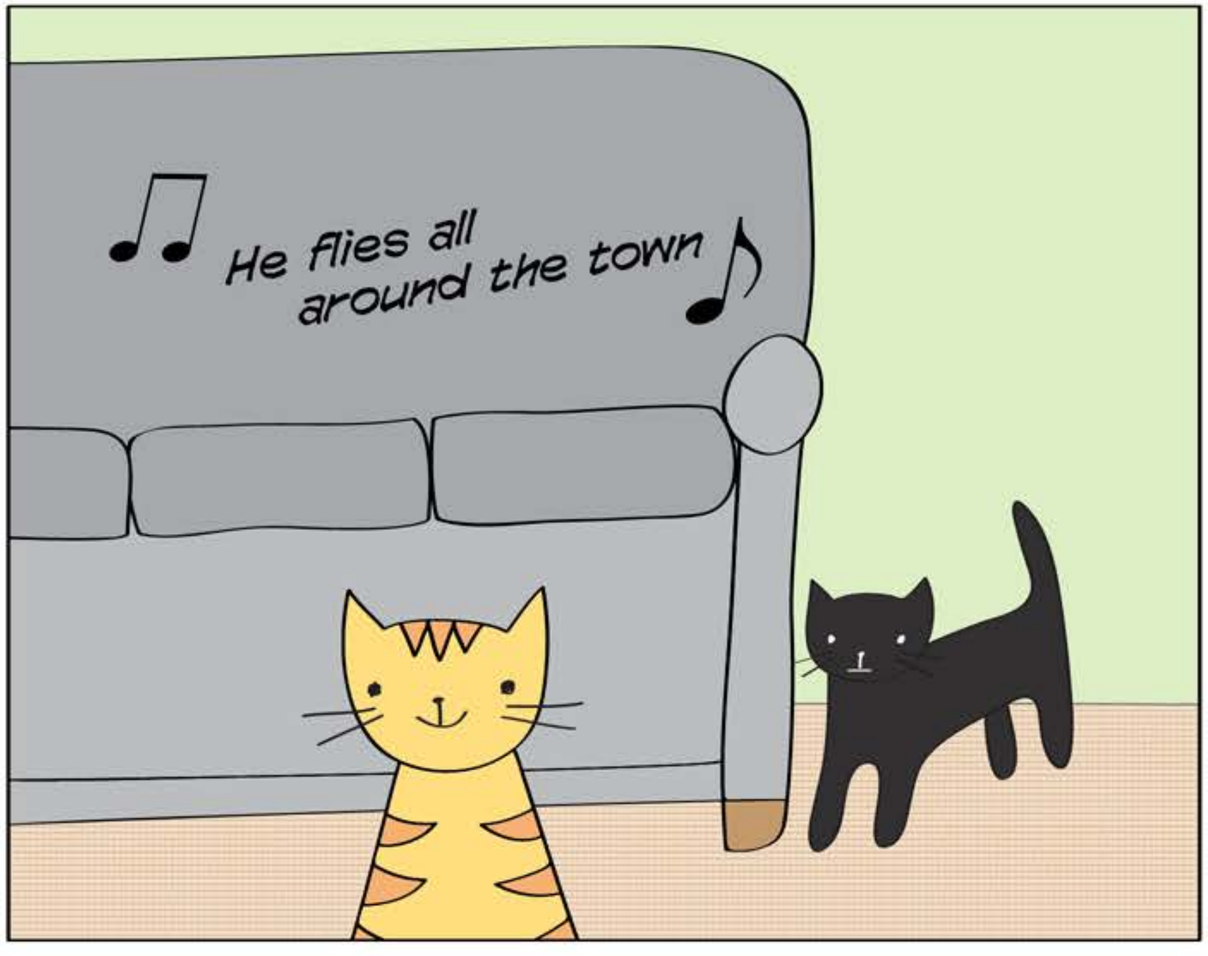
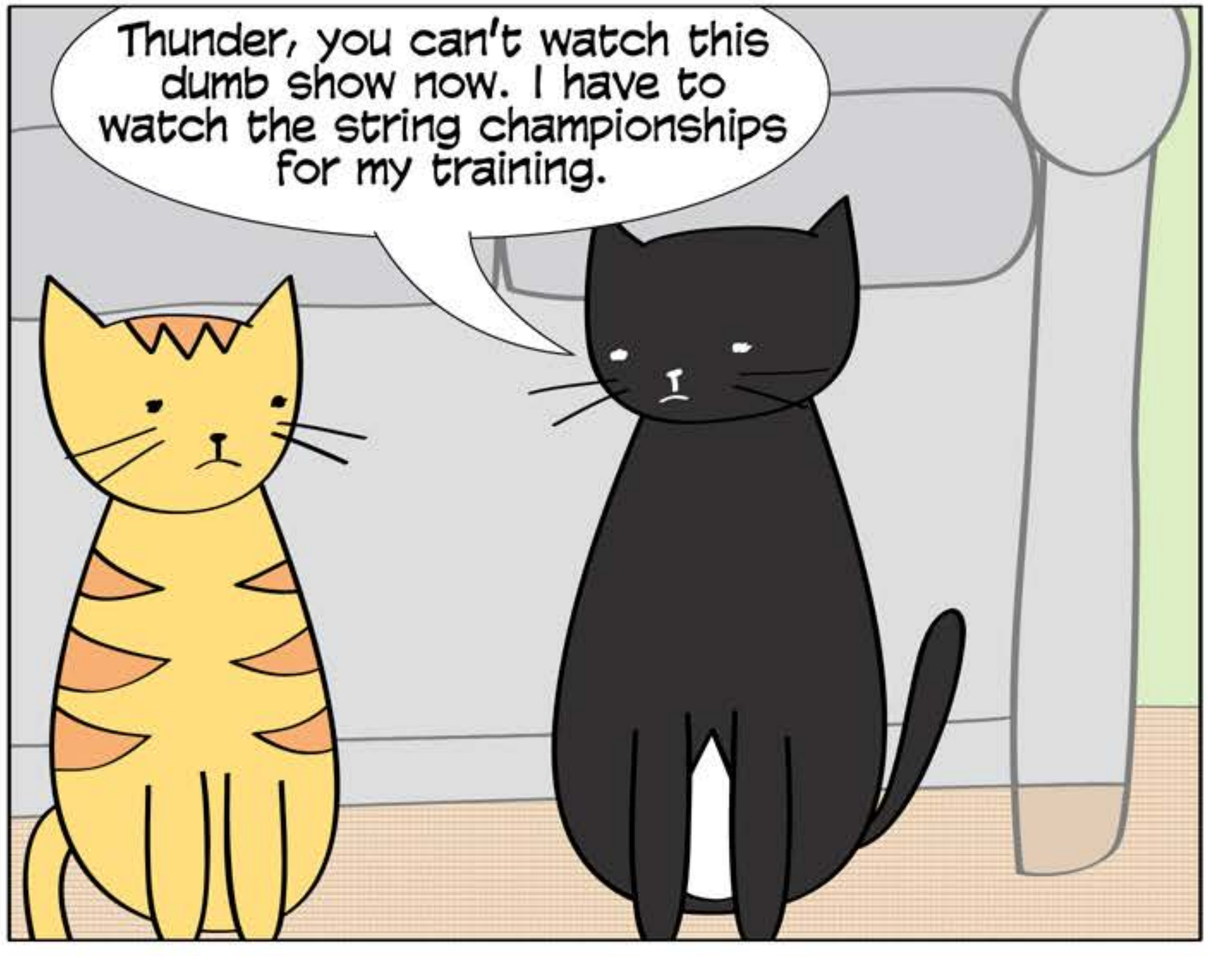
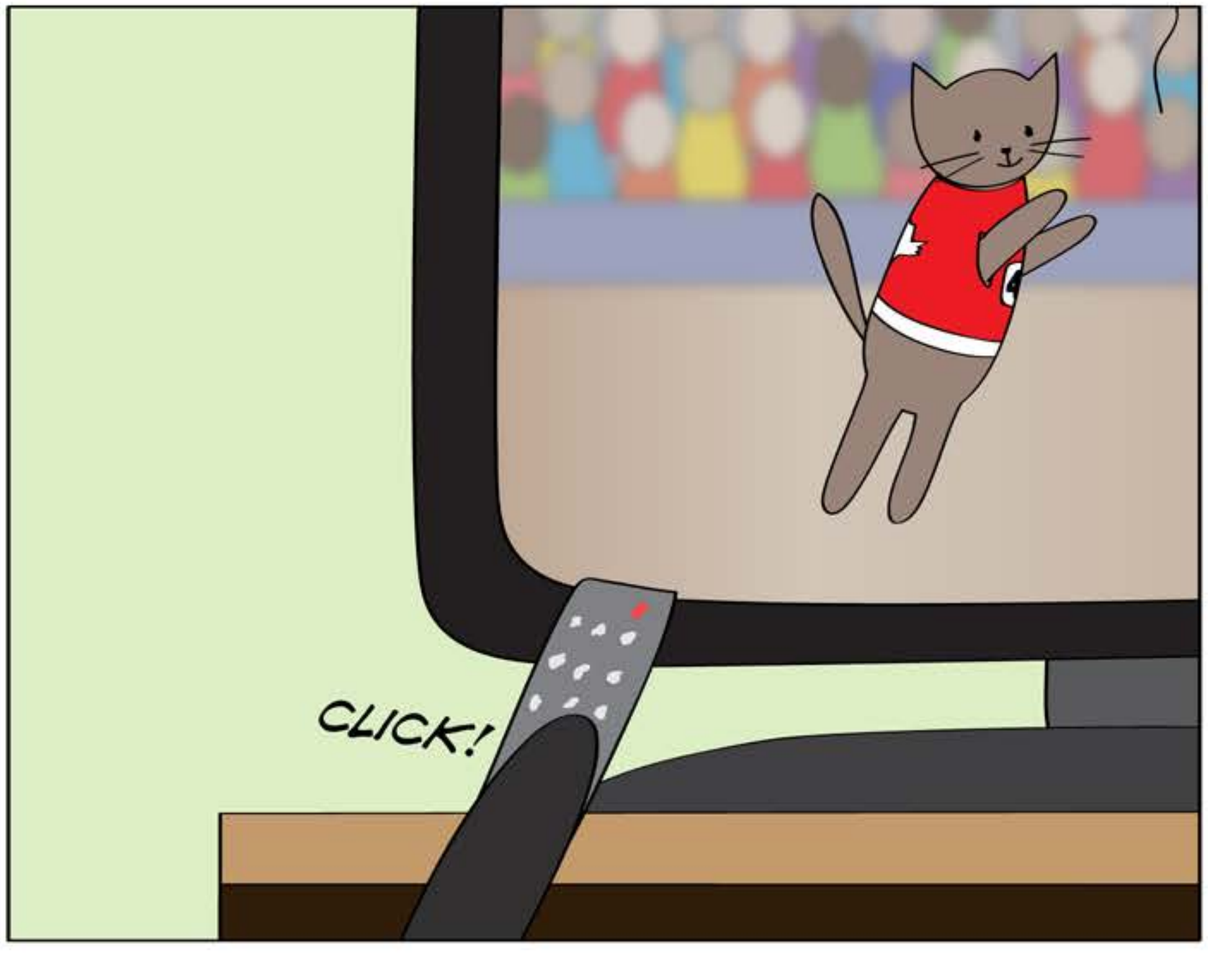
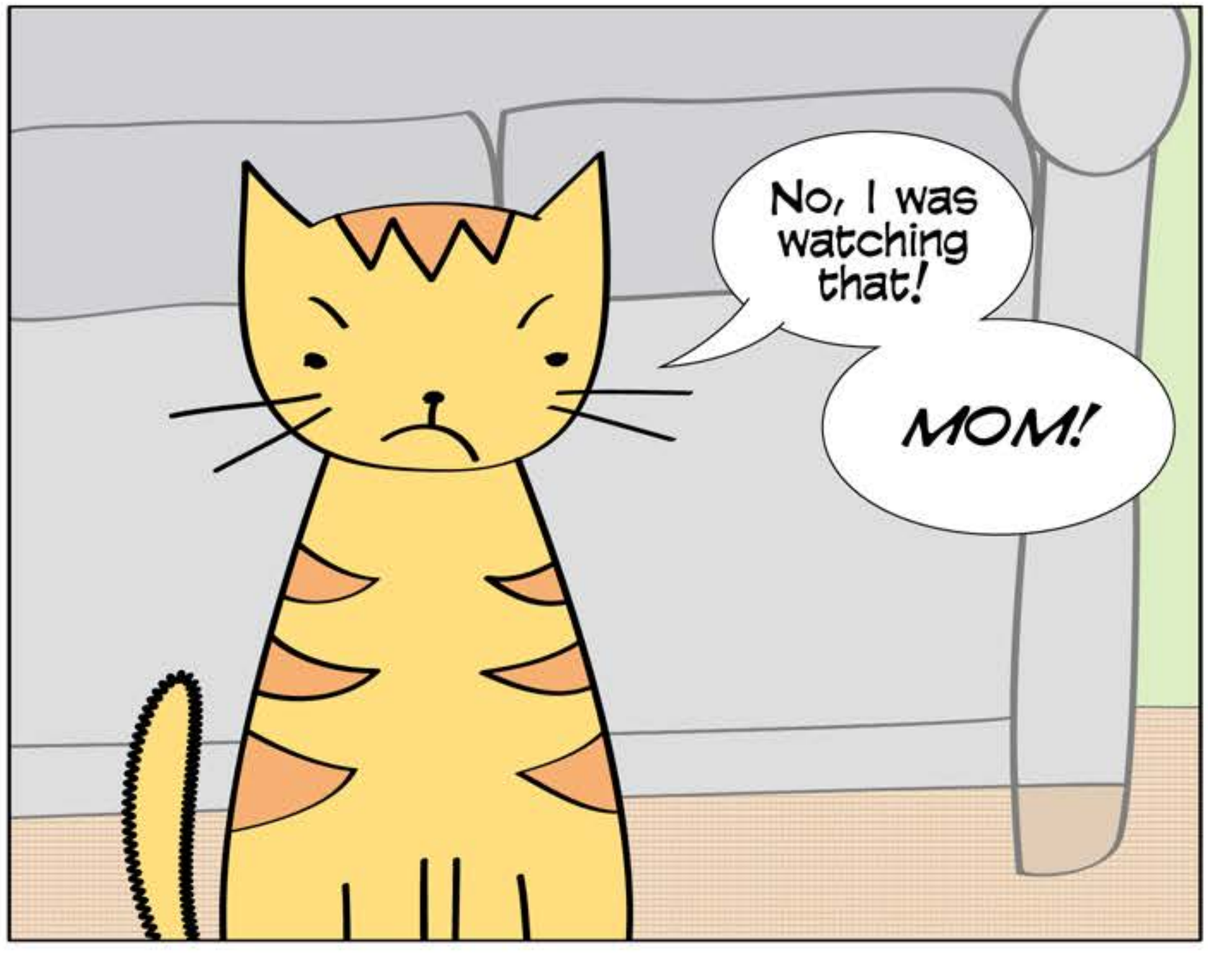

CLICK!

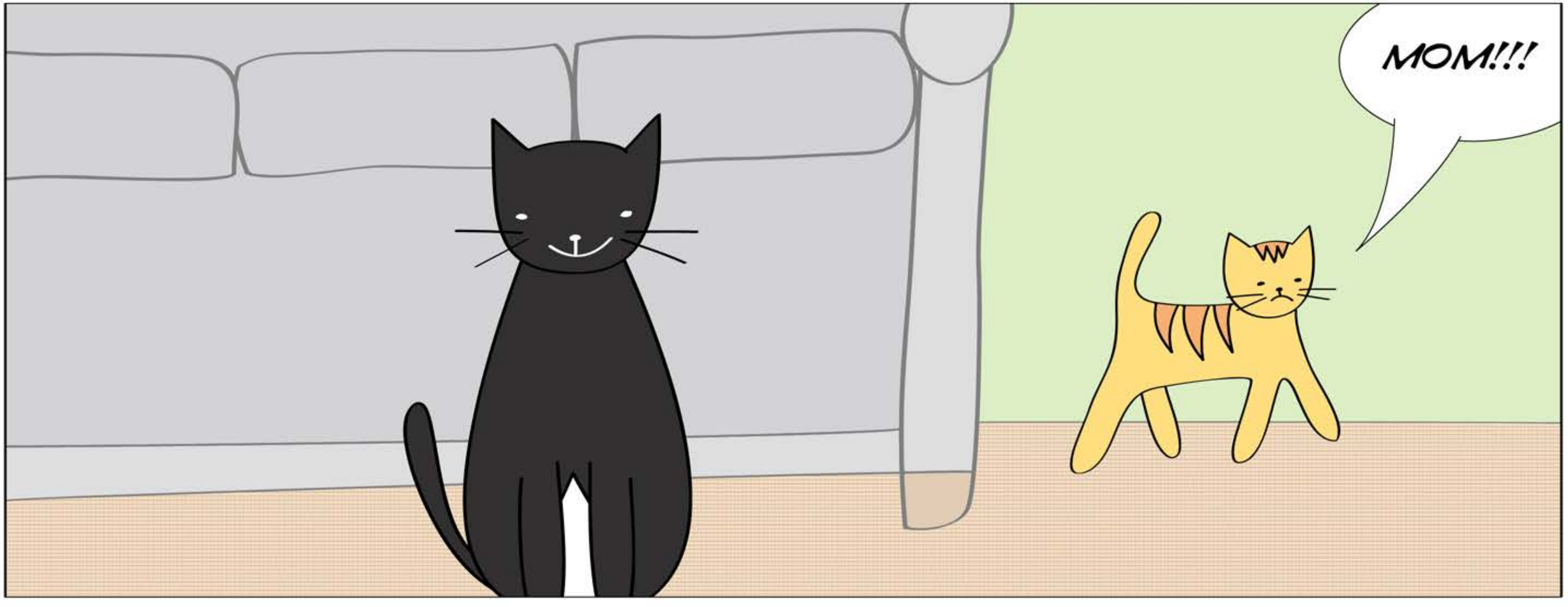
My Little Birdy
CATV 1
My little birdy,
My little birdy

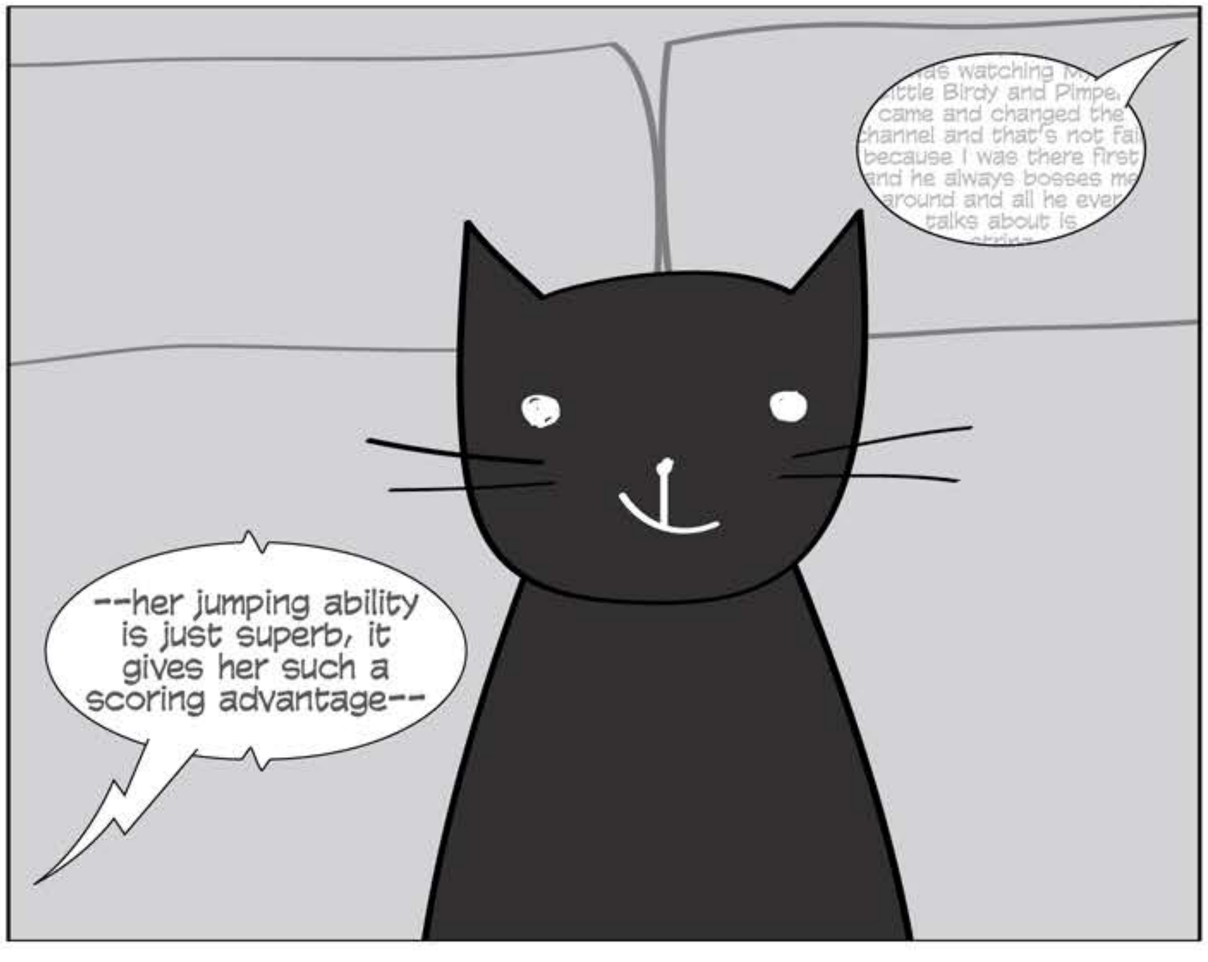

He flies all around the town

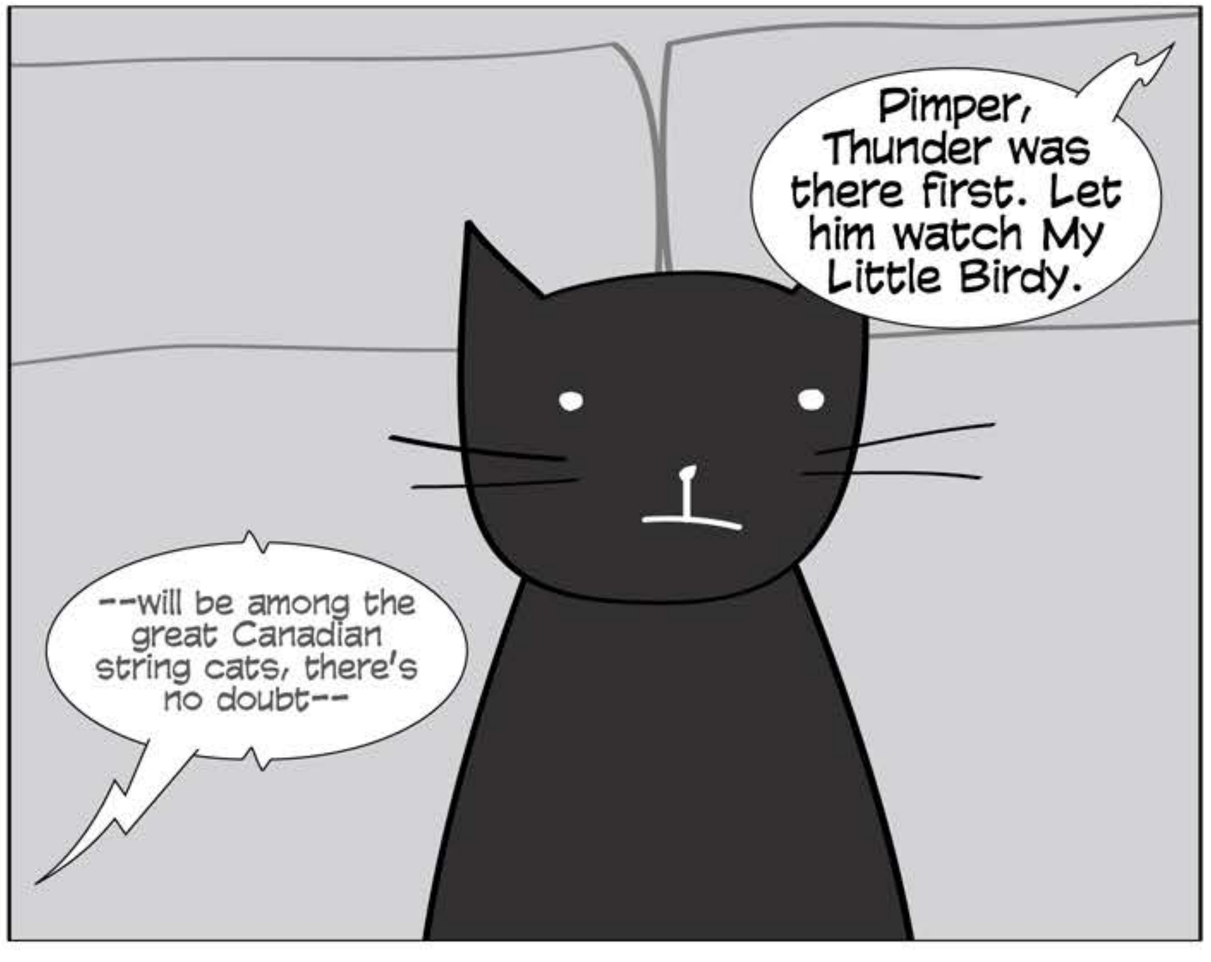

Thunder, you can't watch this dumb show now. I have to watch the string championships for my training.


CLICK!


No, I was watching that!
MOM!


MOM!!!


--her jumping ability is just superb, it gives her such a scoring advantage--


Pimper, Thunder was there first. Let him watch My Little Birdy.
--will be among the great Canadian string cats, there's no doubt--

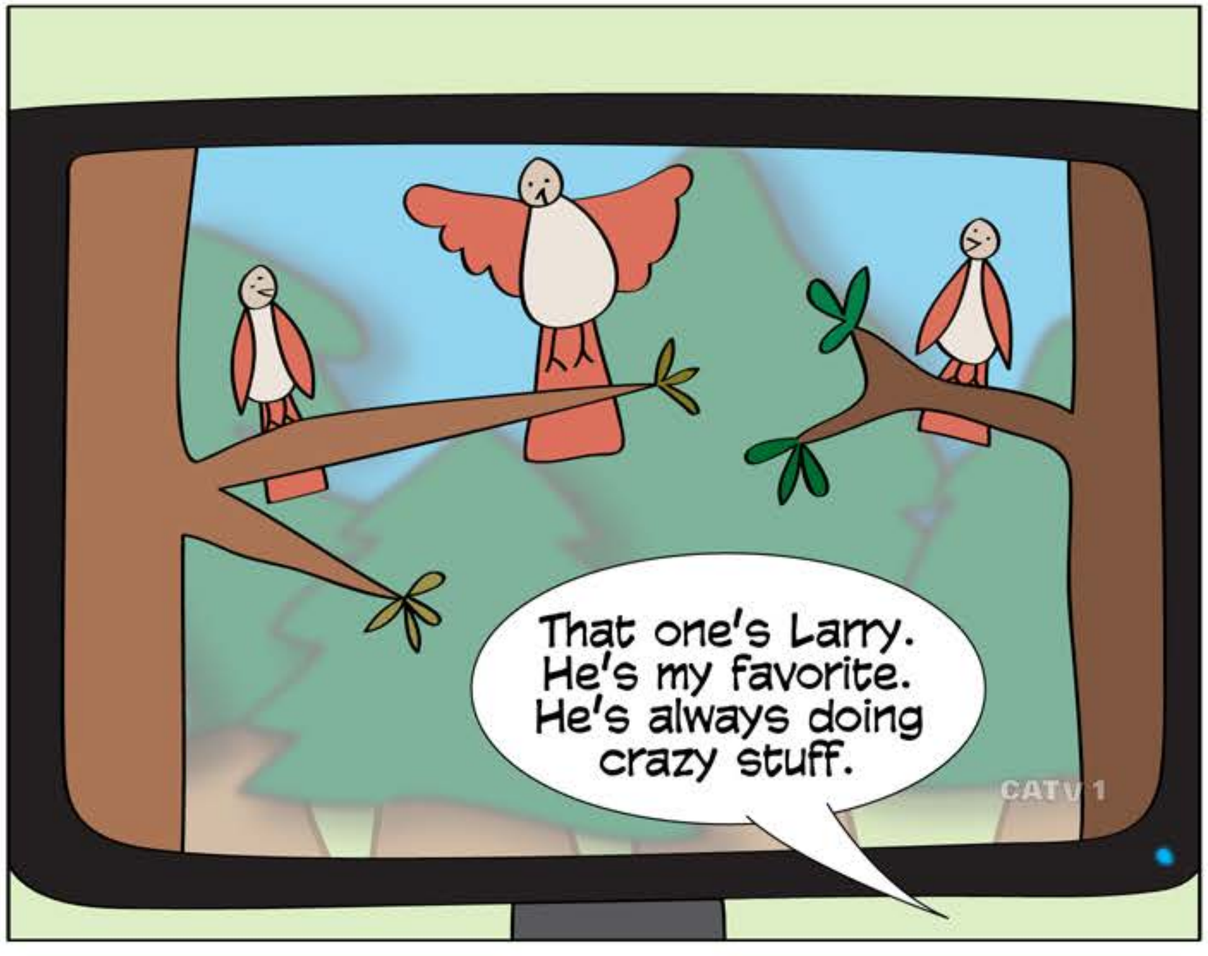
Why don't you watch together? Then later you can watch string online and teach Thunder how it works.

I guess.

CATV 1

CLICK!

I'm going to teach you about birds.


That one's Larry. He's my favorite. He's always doing crazy stuff.
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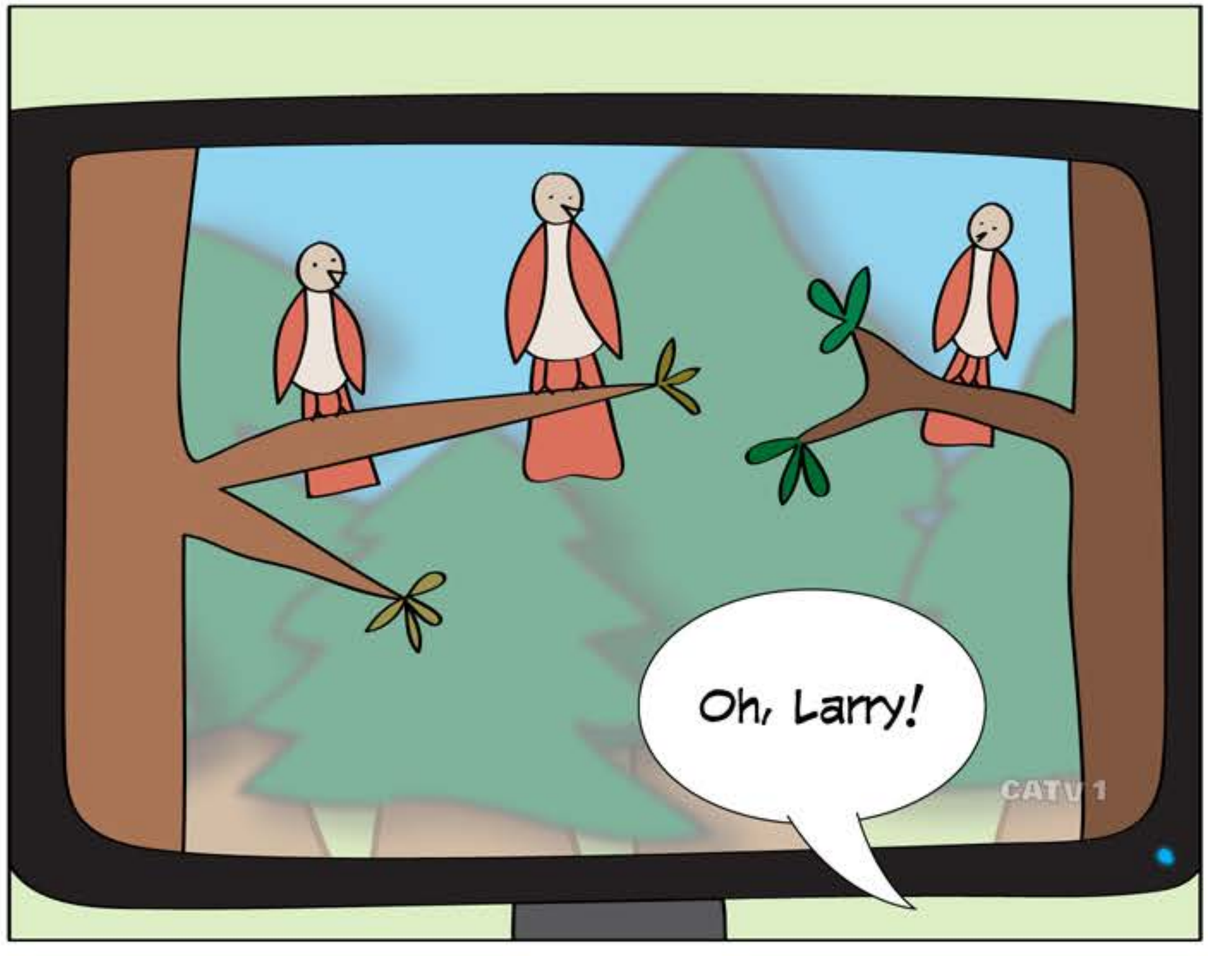
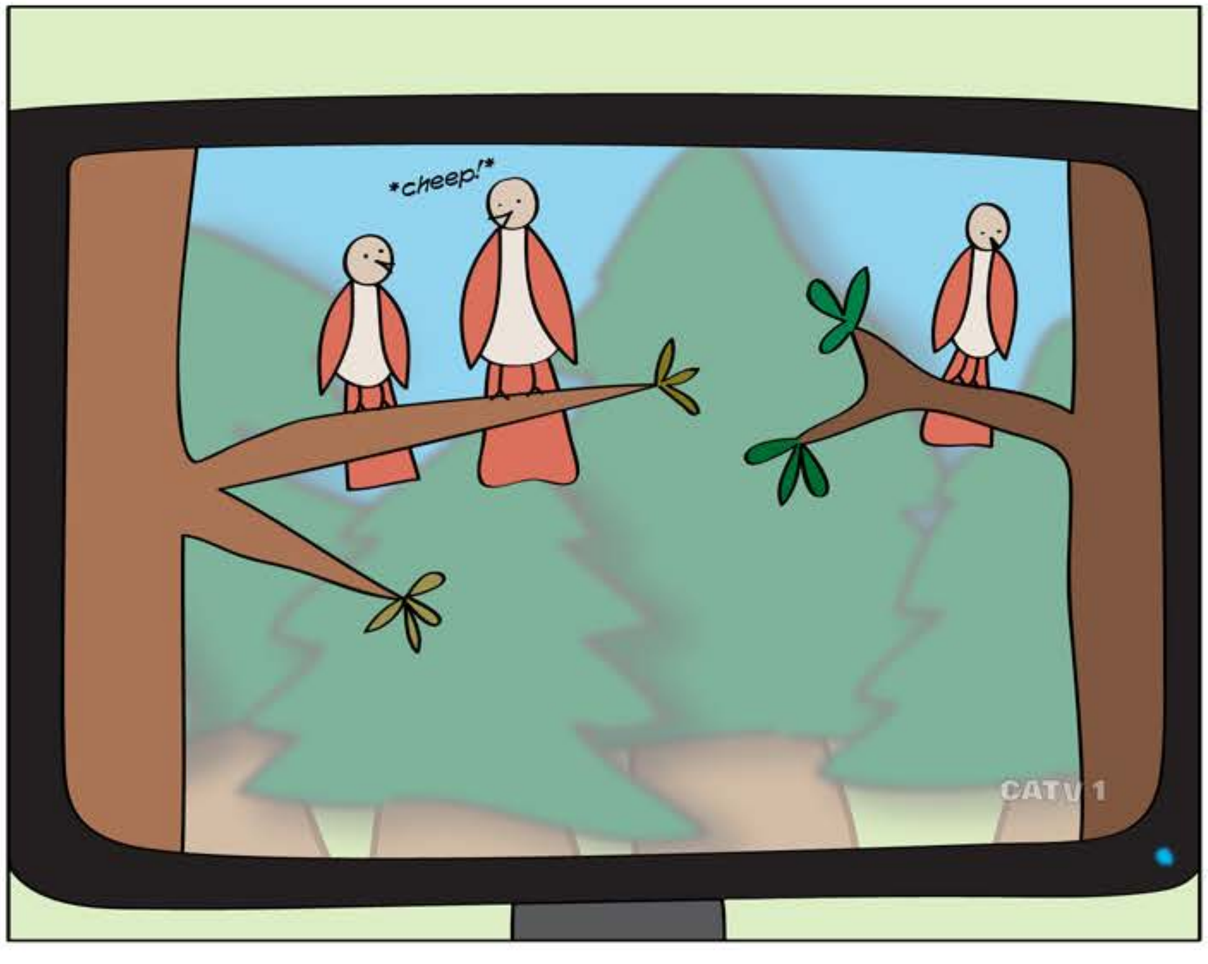
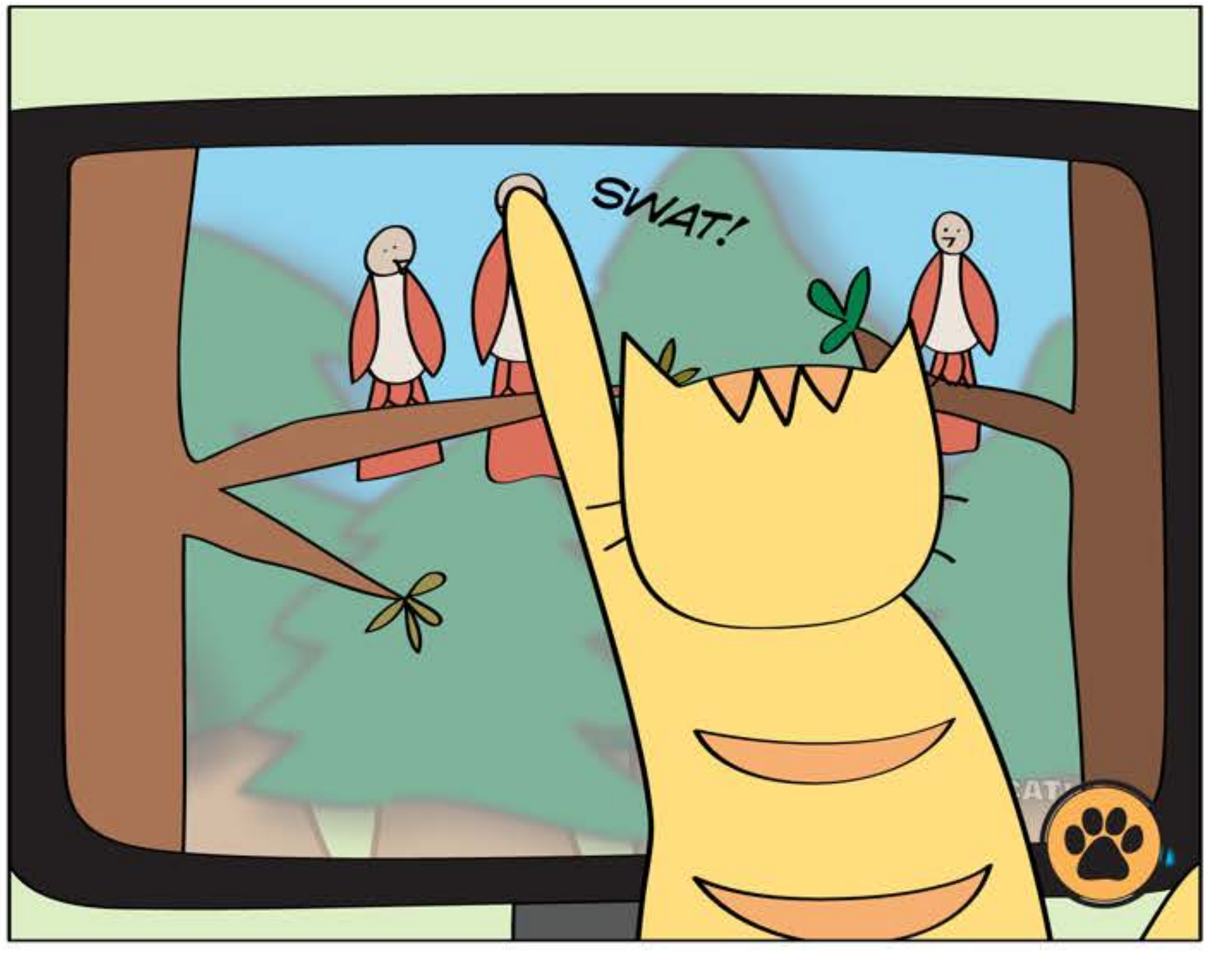

Oh, Larry!
CATV 1


cheep!
CATV 1


SWAT!