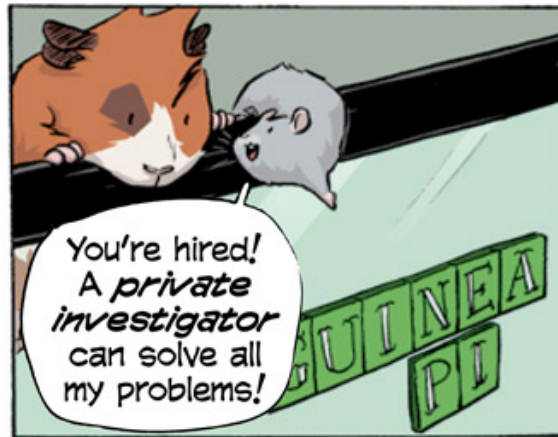




Rabbits vs Three-Toed Sloth









GUINEA PIG



Pet SHOP  
Private  
eye

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# The Ferret's a Foot



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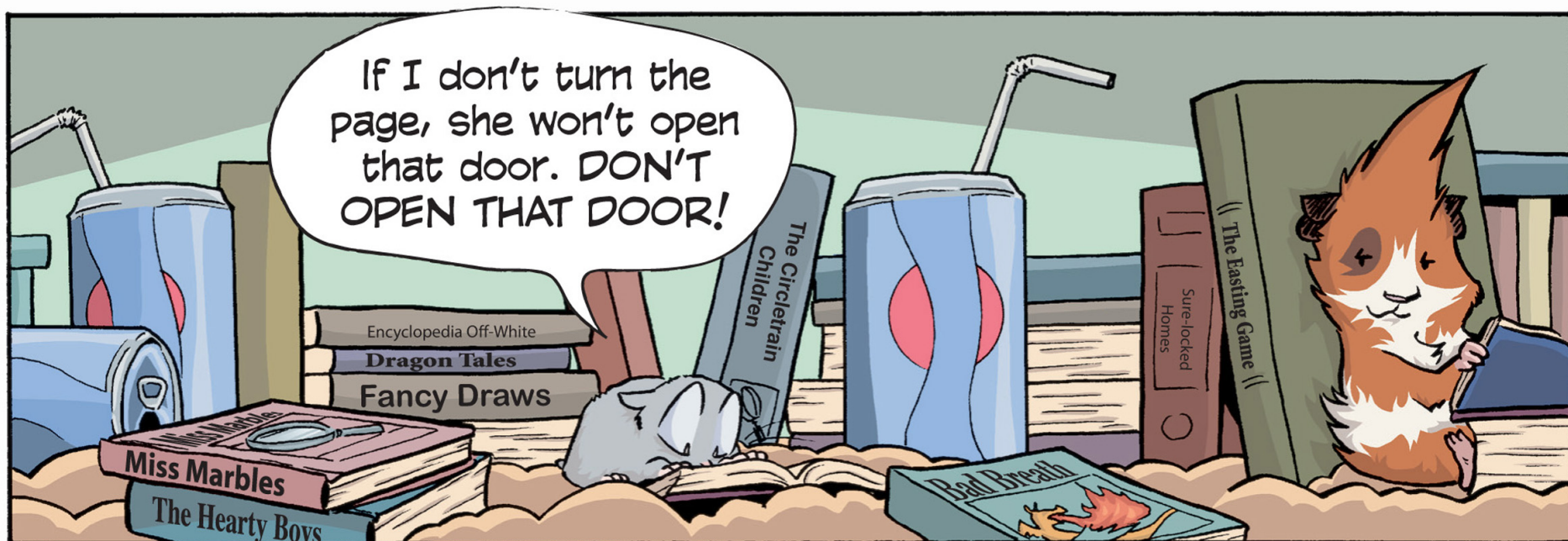
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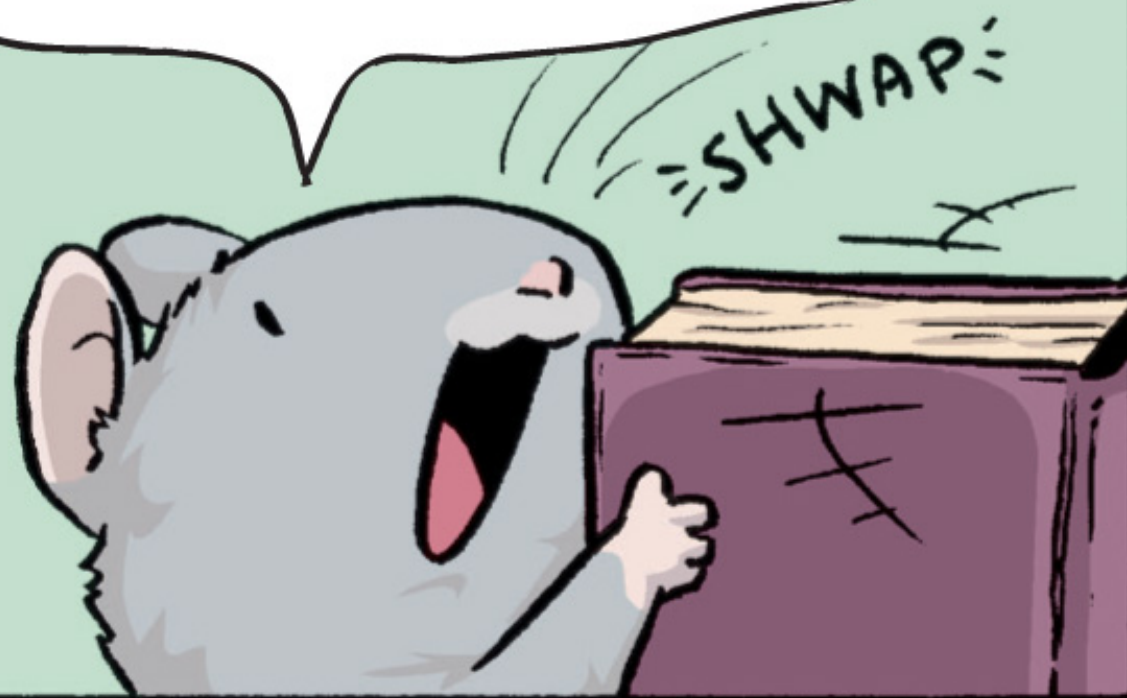
Aaaahhh.  
Oh. Wait.  
Phew. It's  
okay! She's  
okay!

Yeah. I know. I've  
read that one at  
least four times.





Done! Hey! Do you  
think if I read enough  
of these, I'll be as  
great a detective as  
you one day?!



I keep telling  
you, I'm not a...





Well...

...I'm not  
a **GREAT**  
detective.



Are you kidding  
me?! You're like the best  
detective in the world!  
You're a million times  
smarter than any of  
these guys.





Somebody should write a book about you! Oooh, maybe I'll write a book about you! I'll tell everybody what happened! It'll be 100% true! Other than the parts about the dragons. Every good book has dragons. But minus the dragon parts, 100% true!



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Hey, wait a minute. It's the middle of the day. Why are you awake, Hamisher? You're nocturnal. You sleep during the day.

Not anymore!  
I'm done with being nocturnal.

So what do you think is the best name for a dragon? Hamsmisher the dragon or Handisher the dragon? I don't want people to think the detective sidekick dragon is supposed to be me.





Okay. No more soda for you.

Oooh, and I already learned something from reading. If it's obvious that a certain person did the crime, that person didn't do it! It's never the person you think it is. It's always the person you least suspect! Like the waiter guy from page 2 who didn't talk!



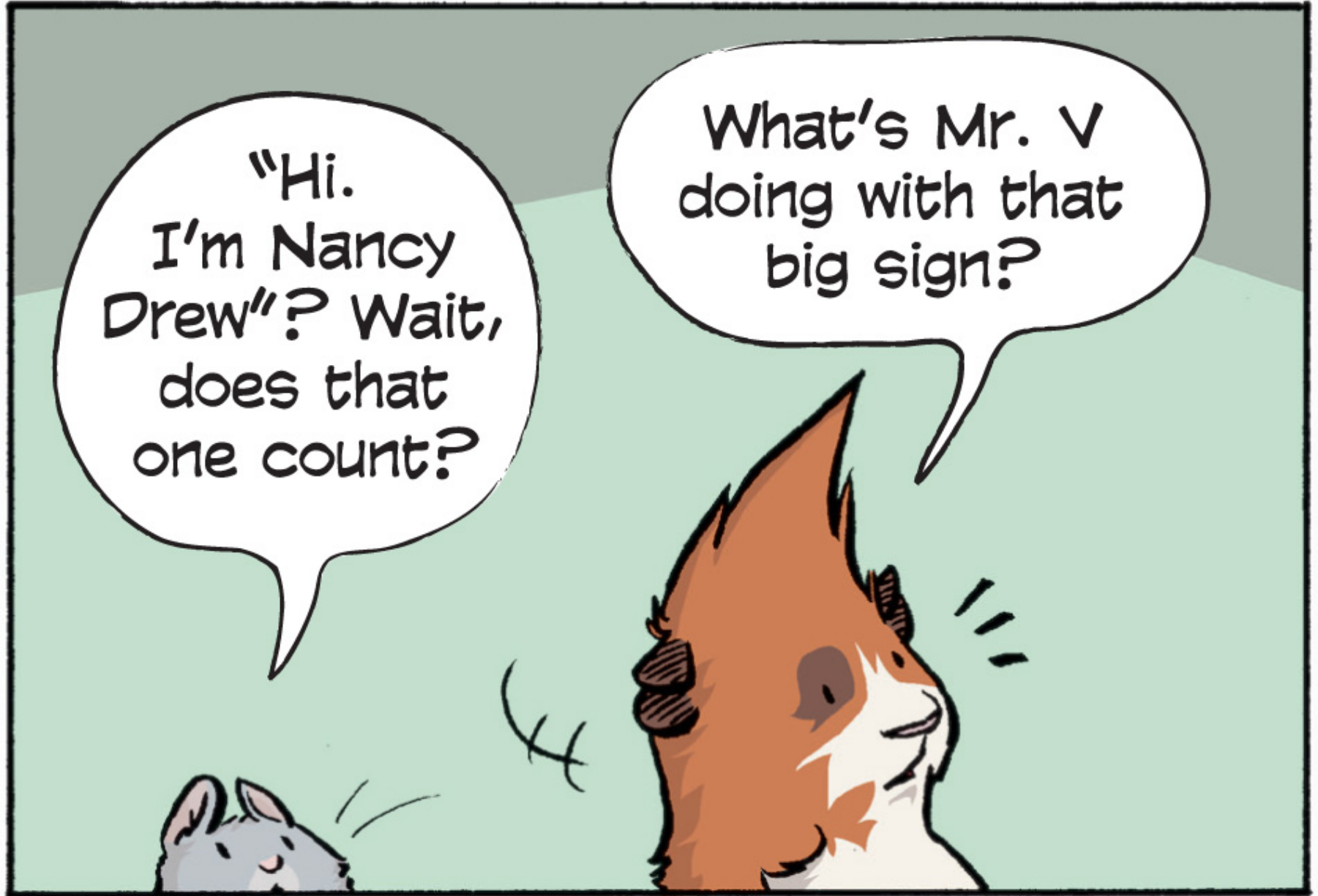
I know why no one has  
written a book about  
you yet! You don't  
have a catchphrase.  
You know, something  
you say all the time.

Like  
"Elementary, My  
Dear Watson"  
or "The Game is  
Afoot" or "You  
Meddling Kids!"  
or, um...



"Hi.  
I'm Nancy  
Drew"? Wait,  
does that  
one count?

What's Mr. V  
doing with that  
big sign?



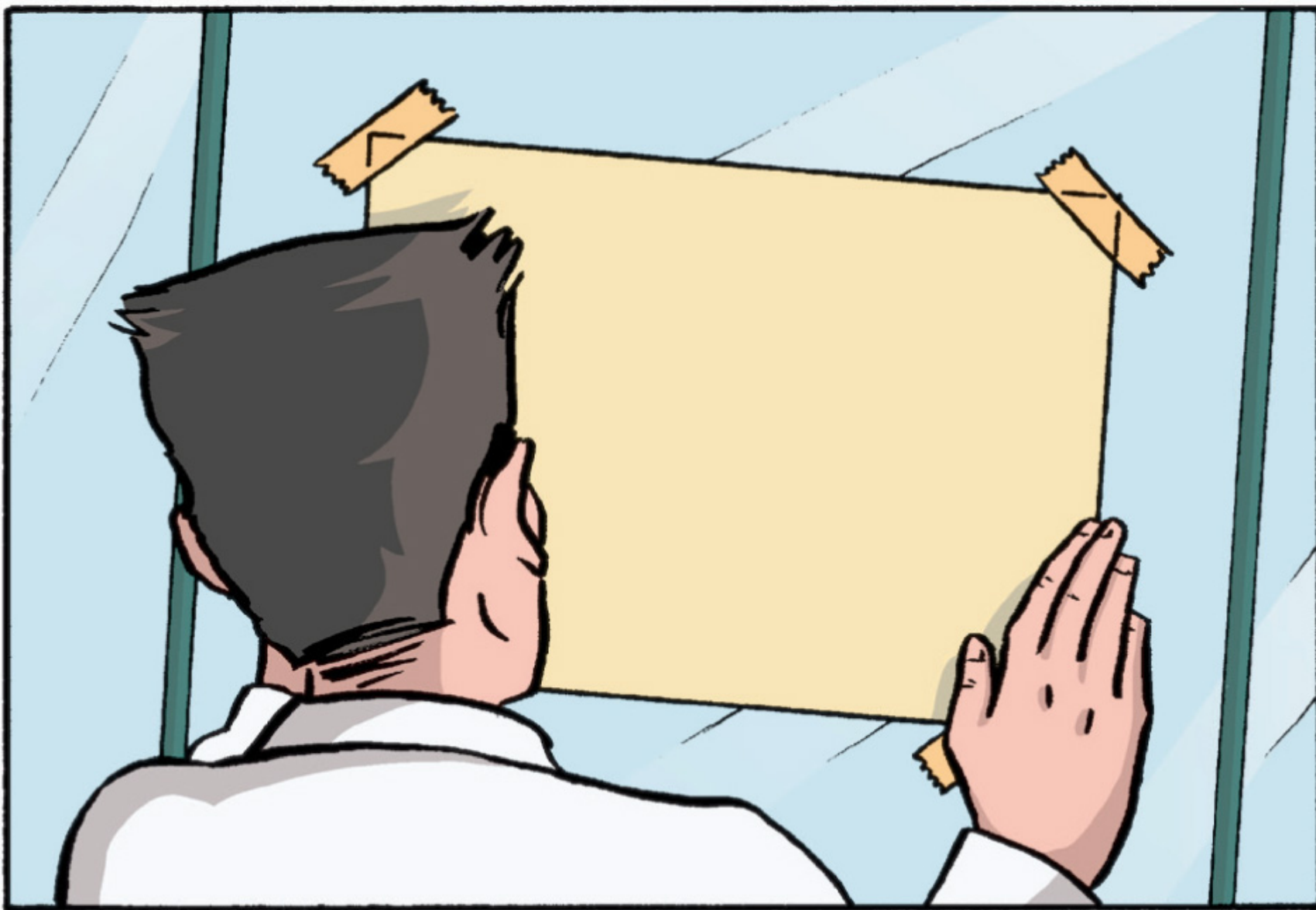


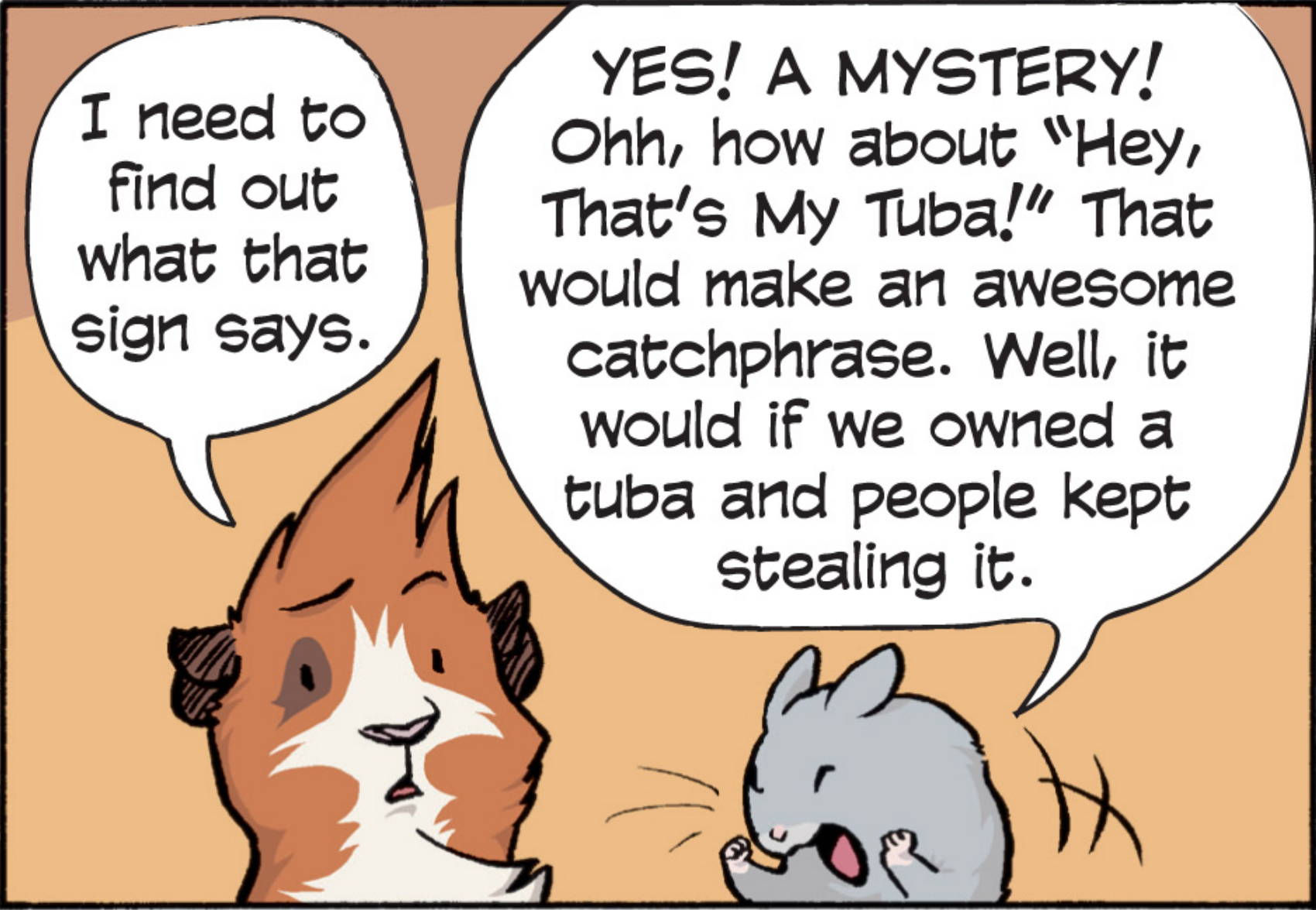
Some of those don't  
even make sense. How  
can something be a  
game AND a foot?  
That's just silly.







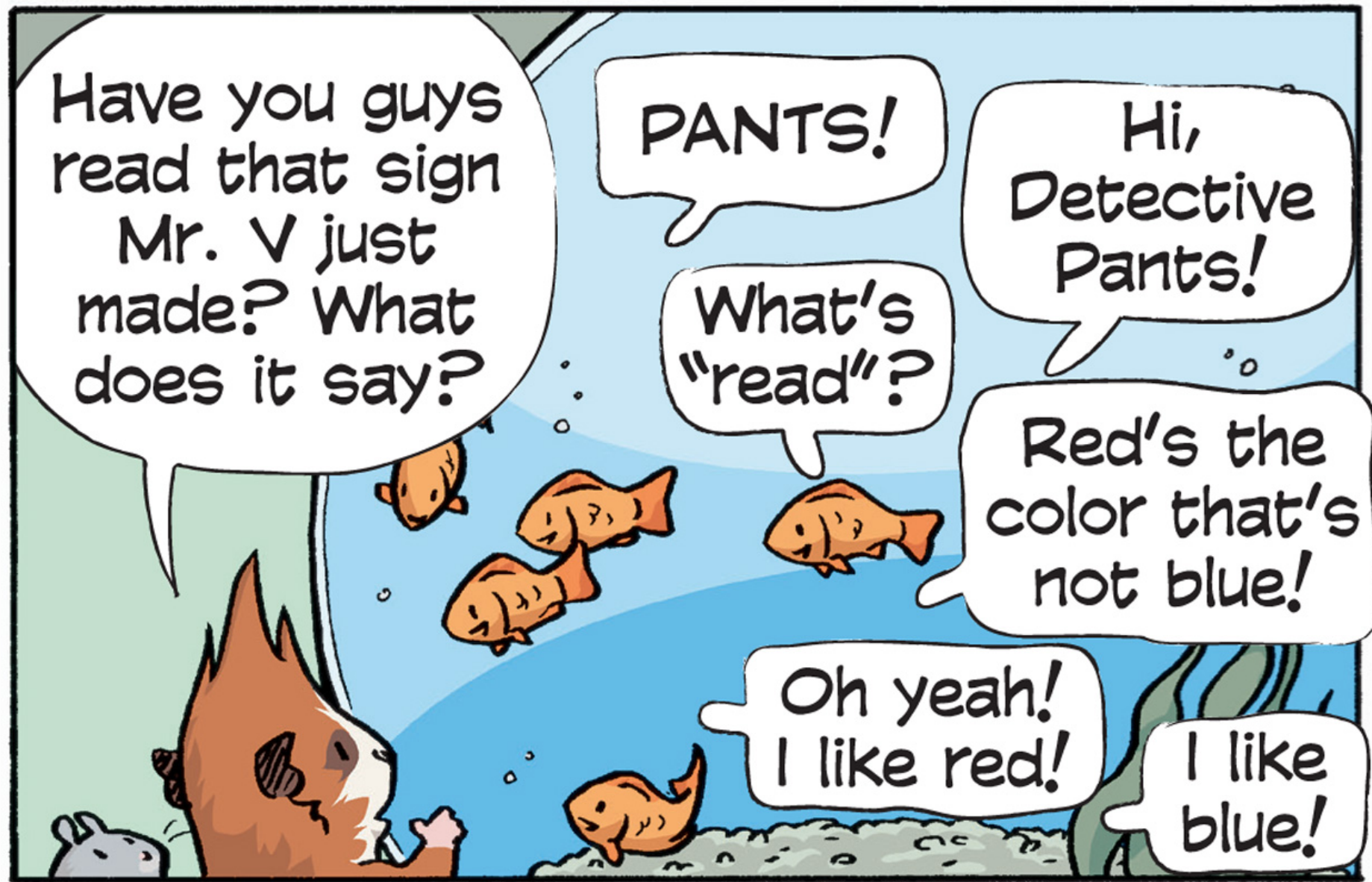


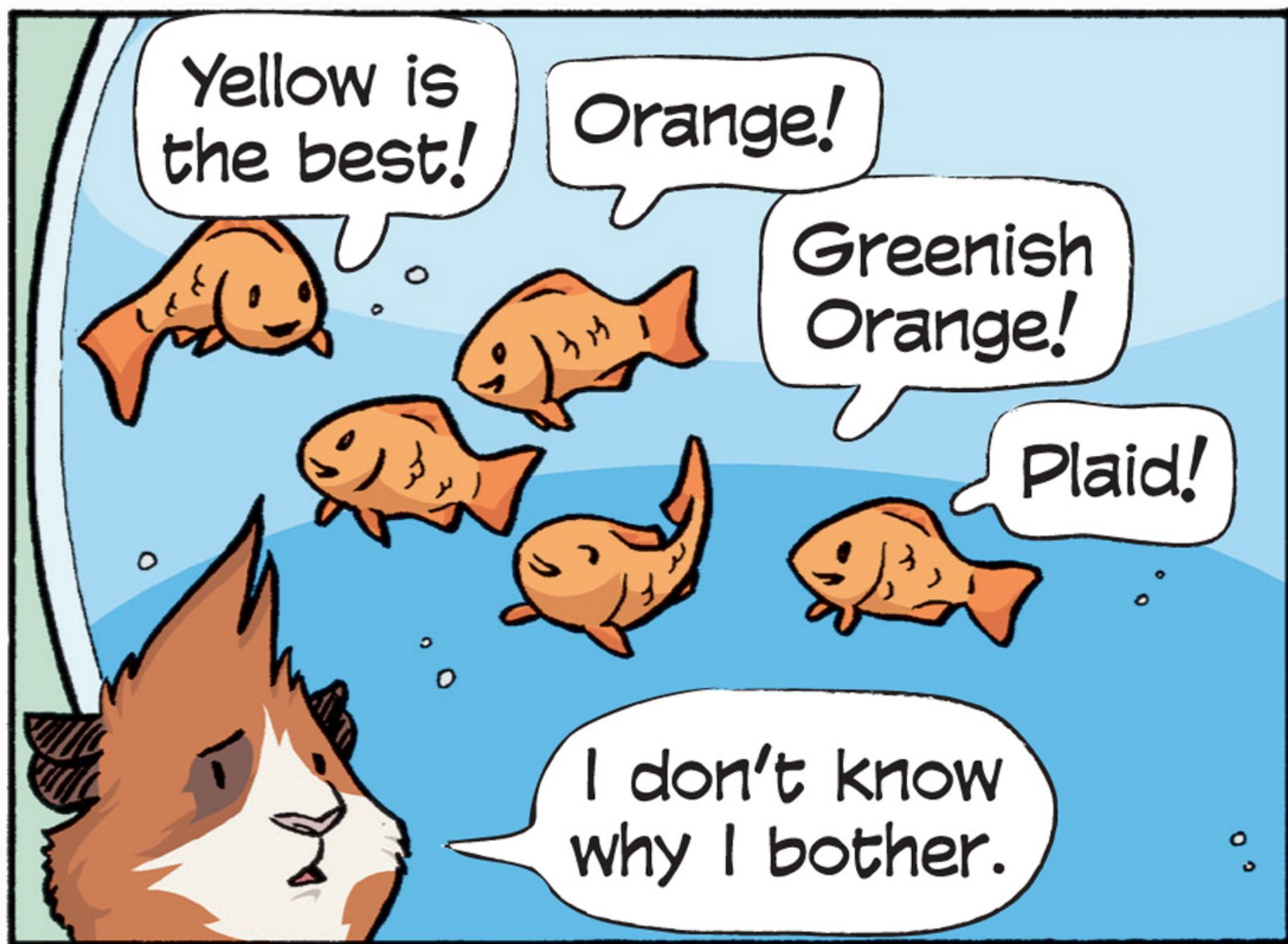


I need to  
find out  
what that  
sign says.

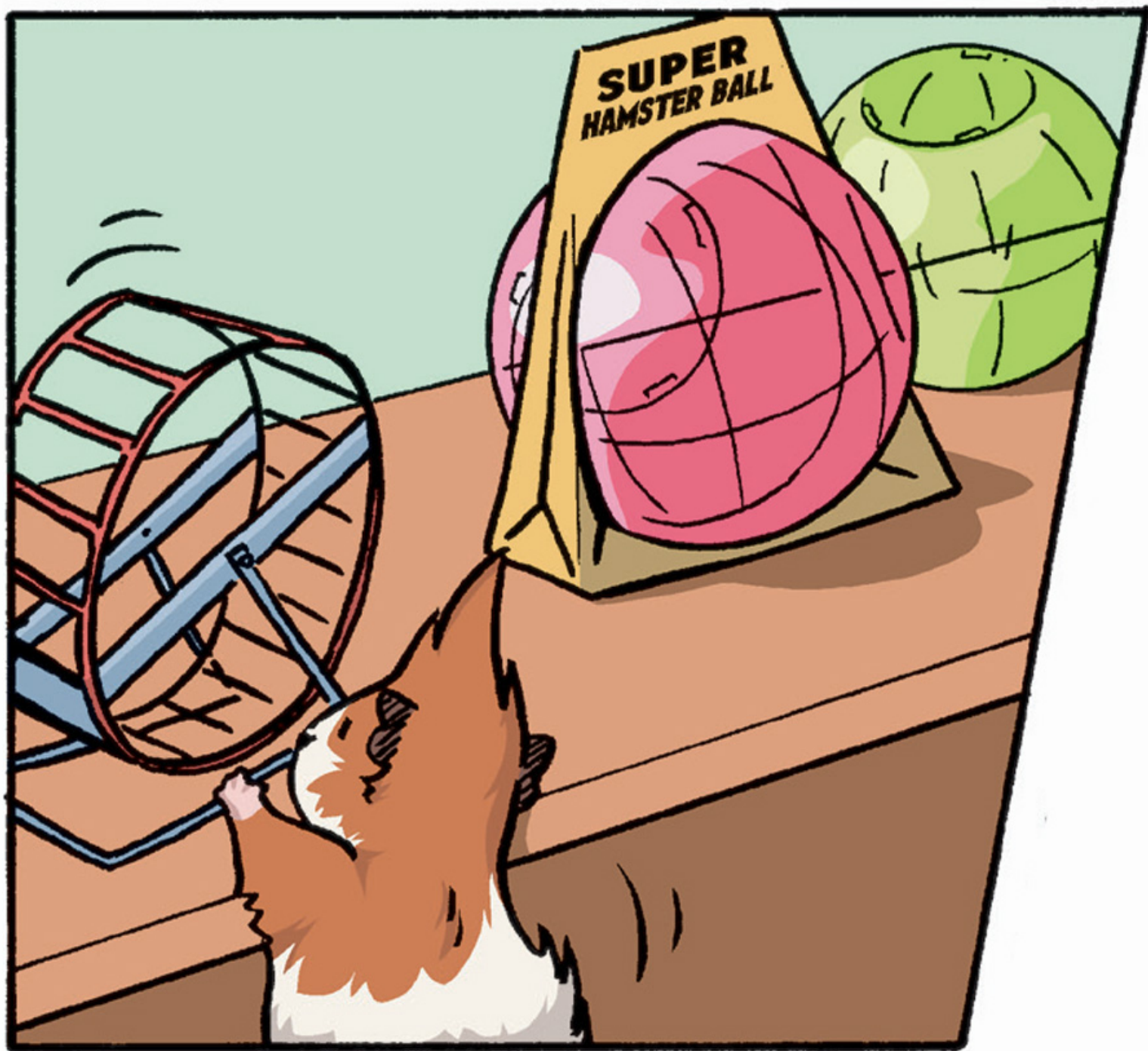
YES! A MYSTERY!  
Ohh, how about "Hey,  
That's My Tuba!" That  
would make an awesome  
catchphrase. Well, it  
would if we owned a  
tuba and people kept  
stealing it.



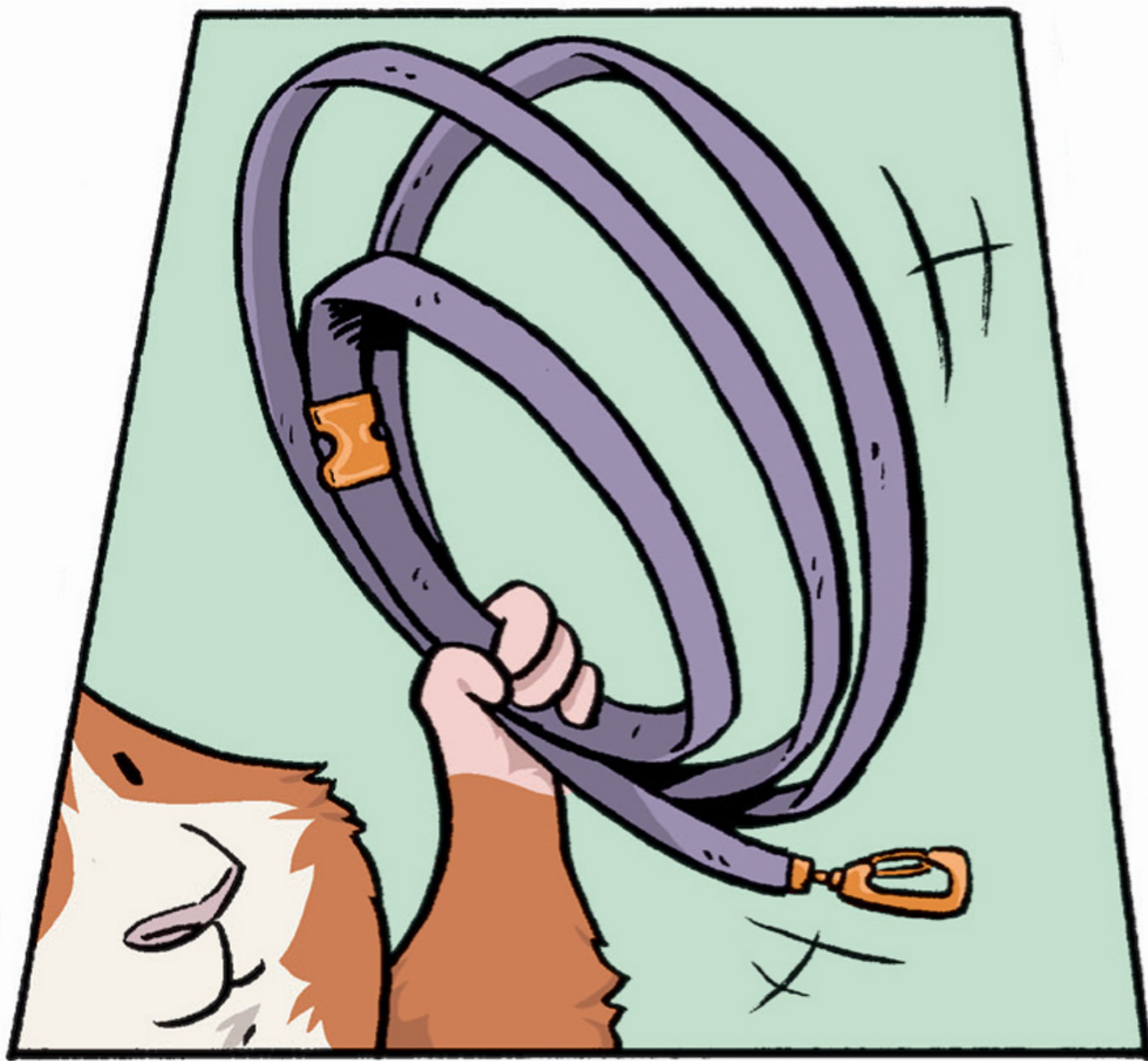


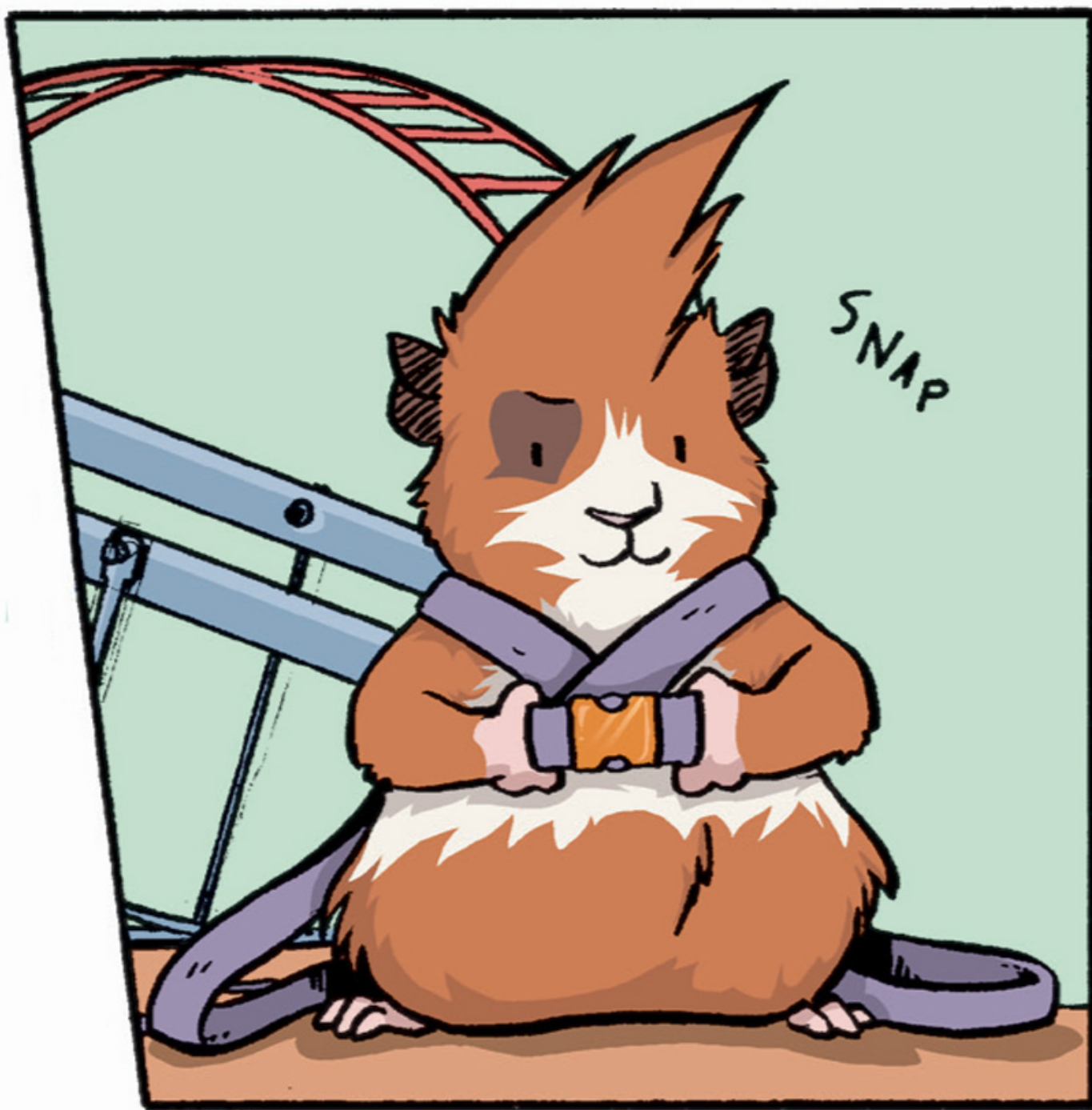


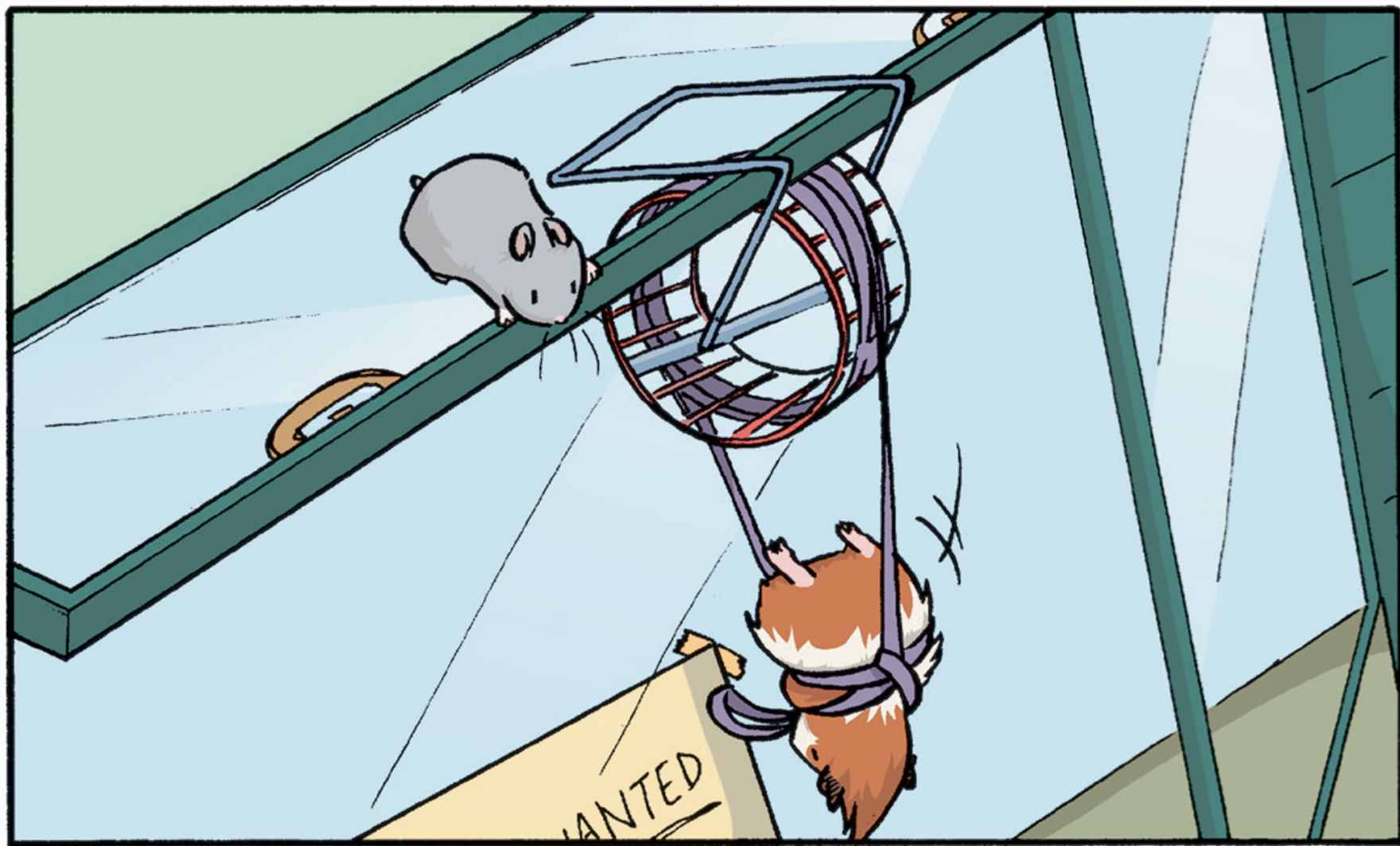














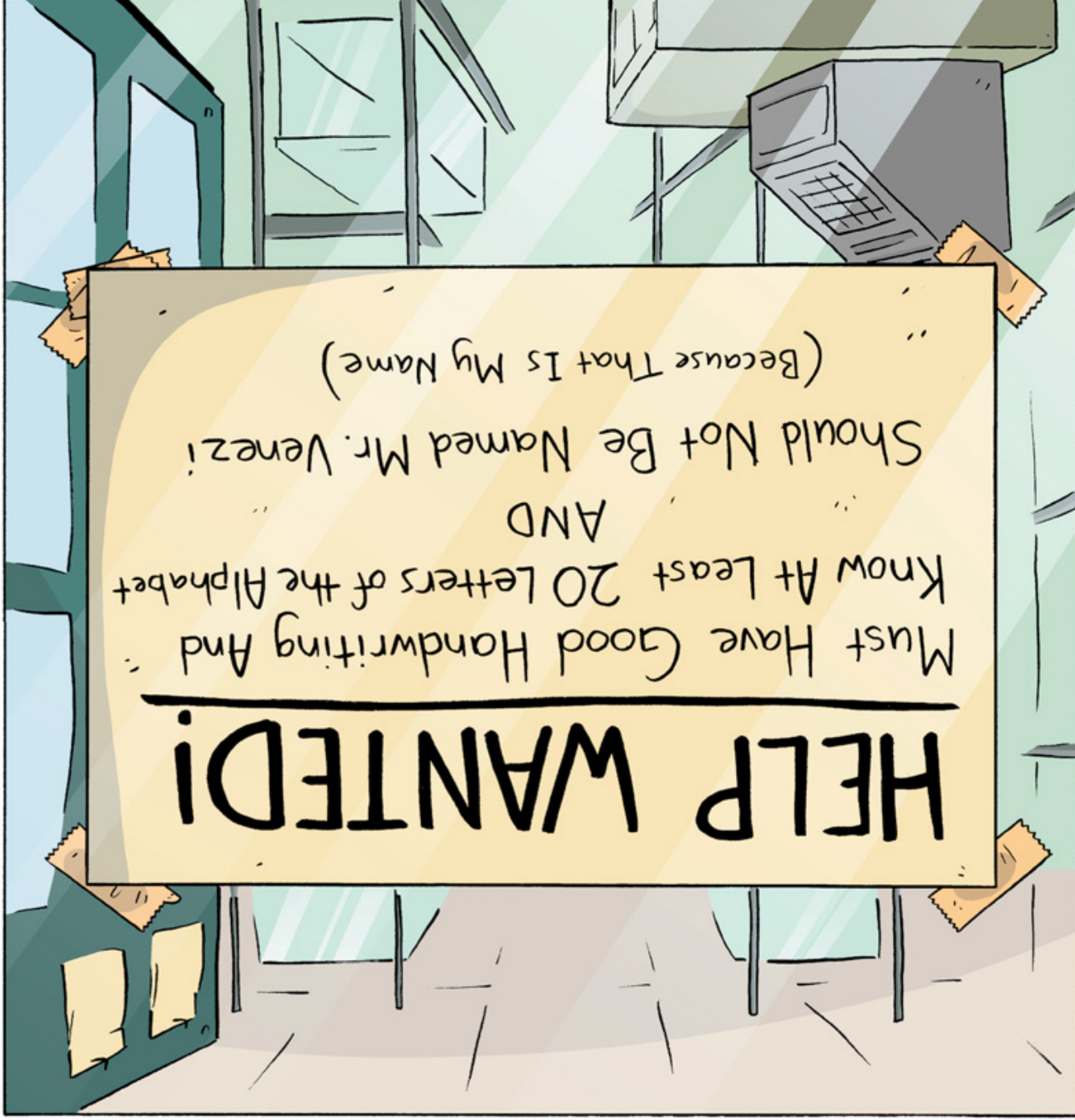


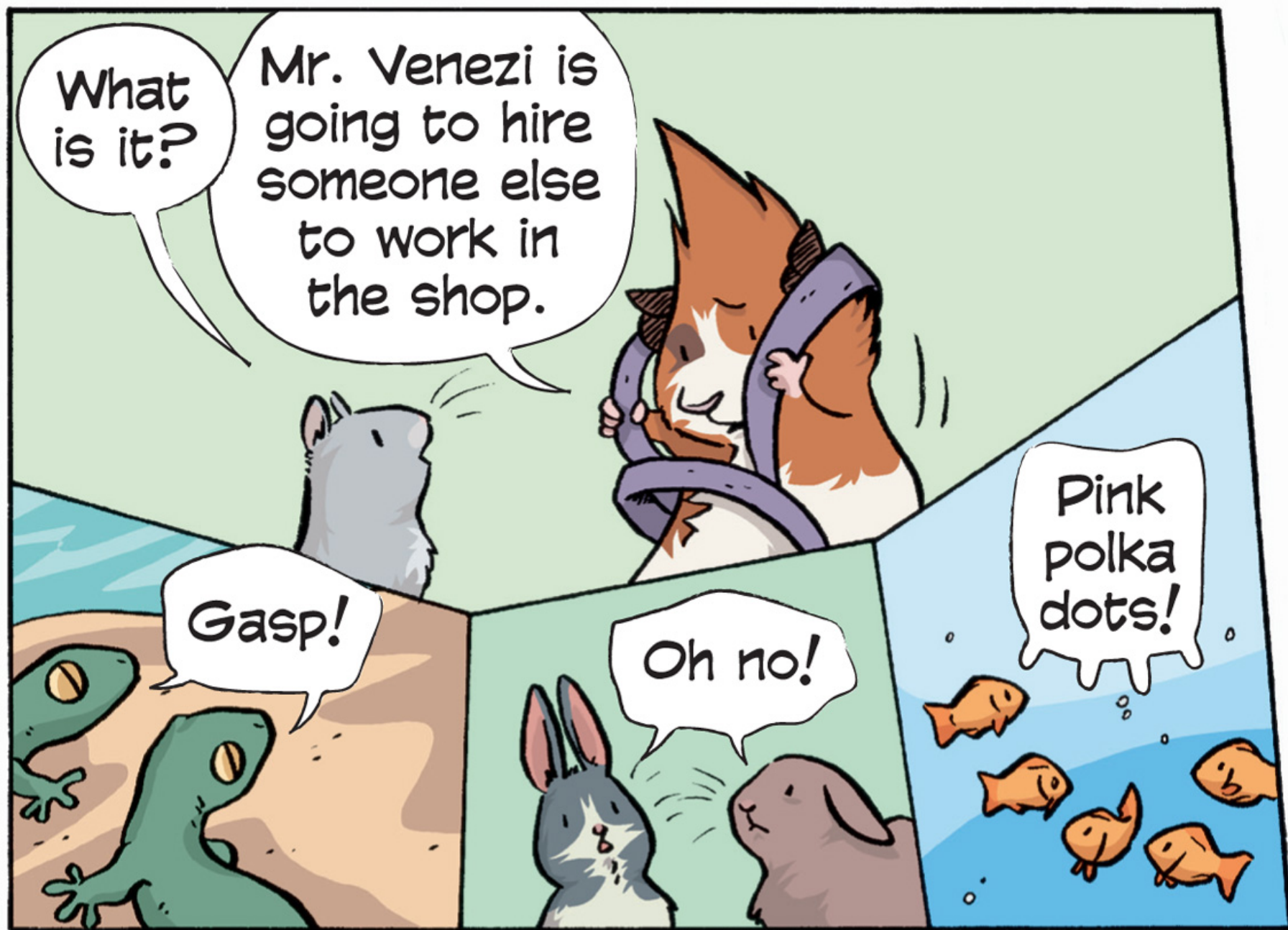
# HELP WANTED!

Must Have Good Handwriting And  
Know At Least 20 Letters of the Alphabet  
AND

Should Not Be Named Mr. Venez!

(Because That Is My Name)





What  
is it?

Mr. Venezi is  
going to hire  
someone else  
to work in  
the shop.

Gasp!

Oh no!

Pink  
polka  
dots!



Maybe he'll hire  
someone who doesn't  
forget to unlock the  
door every other day.



**THUMP**





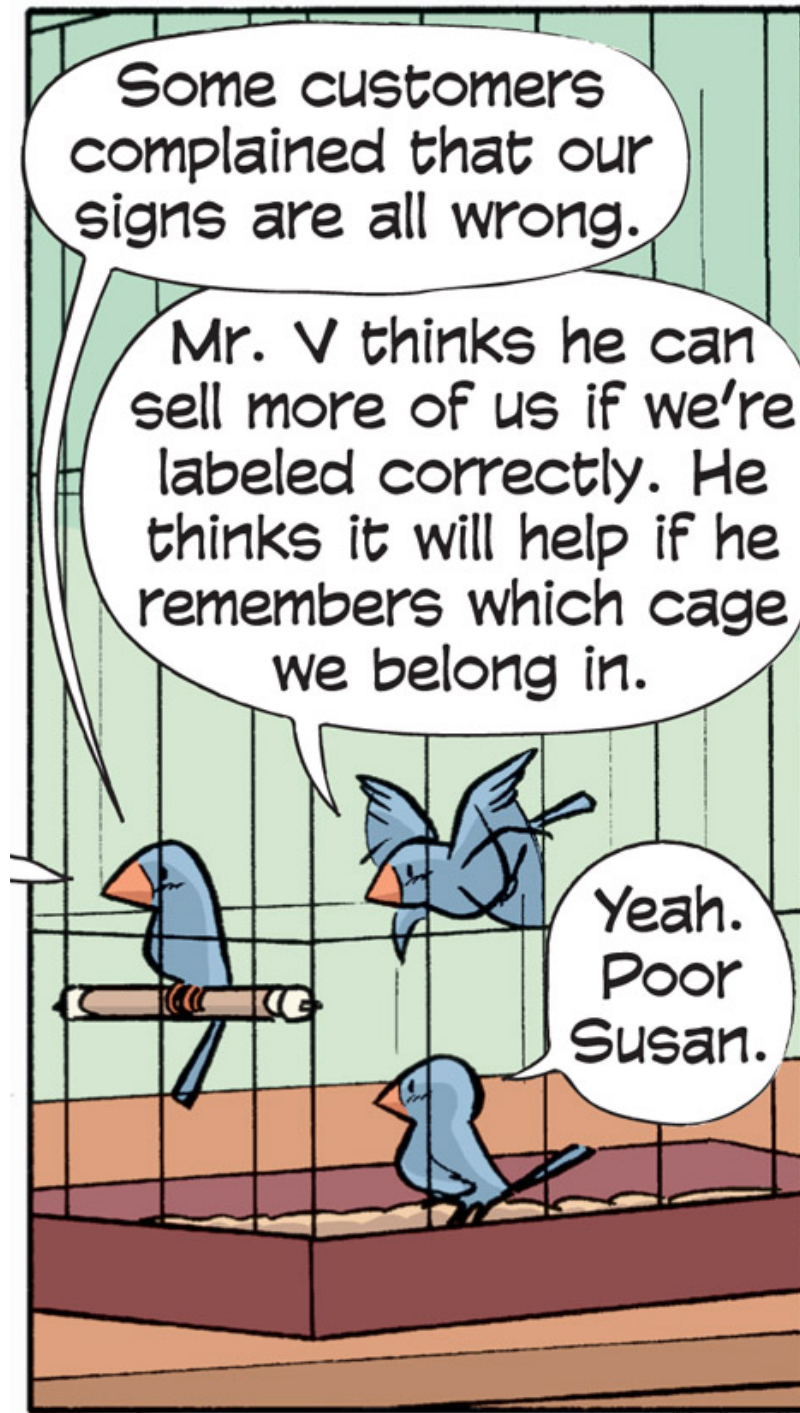
I wonder why  
he wants to  
hire someone  
else after all  
this time...

We know!

Some customers  
complained that our  
signs are all wrong.

Mr. V thinks he can  
sell more of us if we're  
labeled correctly. He  
thinks it will help if he  
remembers which cage  
we belong in.

Yeah.  
Poor  
Susan.







Must

Get

Out.

Oh and that reminds me of the time I wanted to say "Hello," but it came out "Jello," and then we all laughed and laughed.

Or maybe I just laughed. I can't remember if there was anyone else there...

Hmmm. We can't  
risk Mr. V hiring  
someone.



BLINK  
BLINK ? !



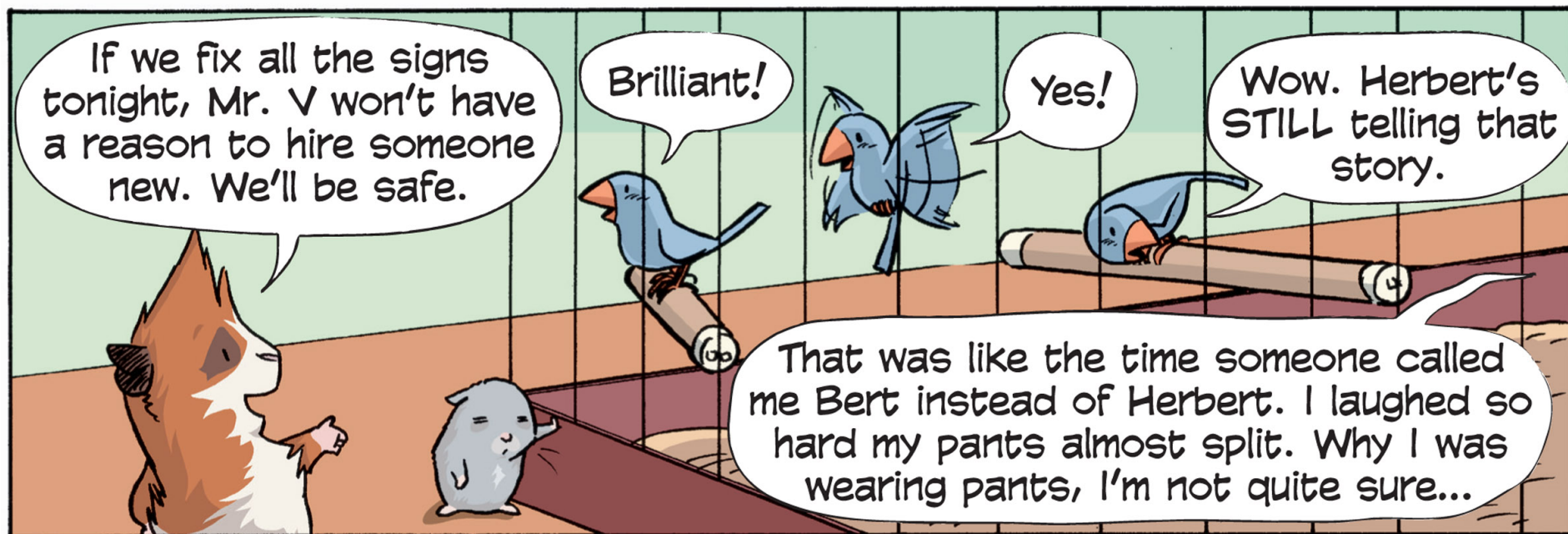




That's it!

Huh?!  
What?!  
I'm awake!





If we fix all the signs tonight, Mr. V won't have a reason to hire someone new. We'll be safe.

Brilliant!

Yes!

Wow. Herbert's **STILL** telling that story.

That was like the time someone called me Bert instead of Herbert. I laughed so hard my pants almost split. Why I was wearing pants, I'm not quite sure...

If I write on  
the signs and  
Hamisher draws  
a picture of the  
animal that  
should be in the  
cage, Mr. V  
won't get it  
wrong  
anymore.

How about  
it, Hamisher?  
Are you up  
for it?

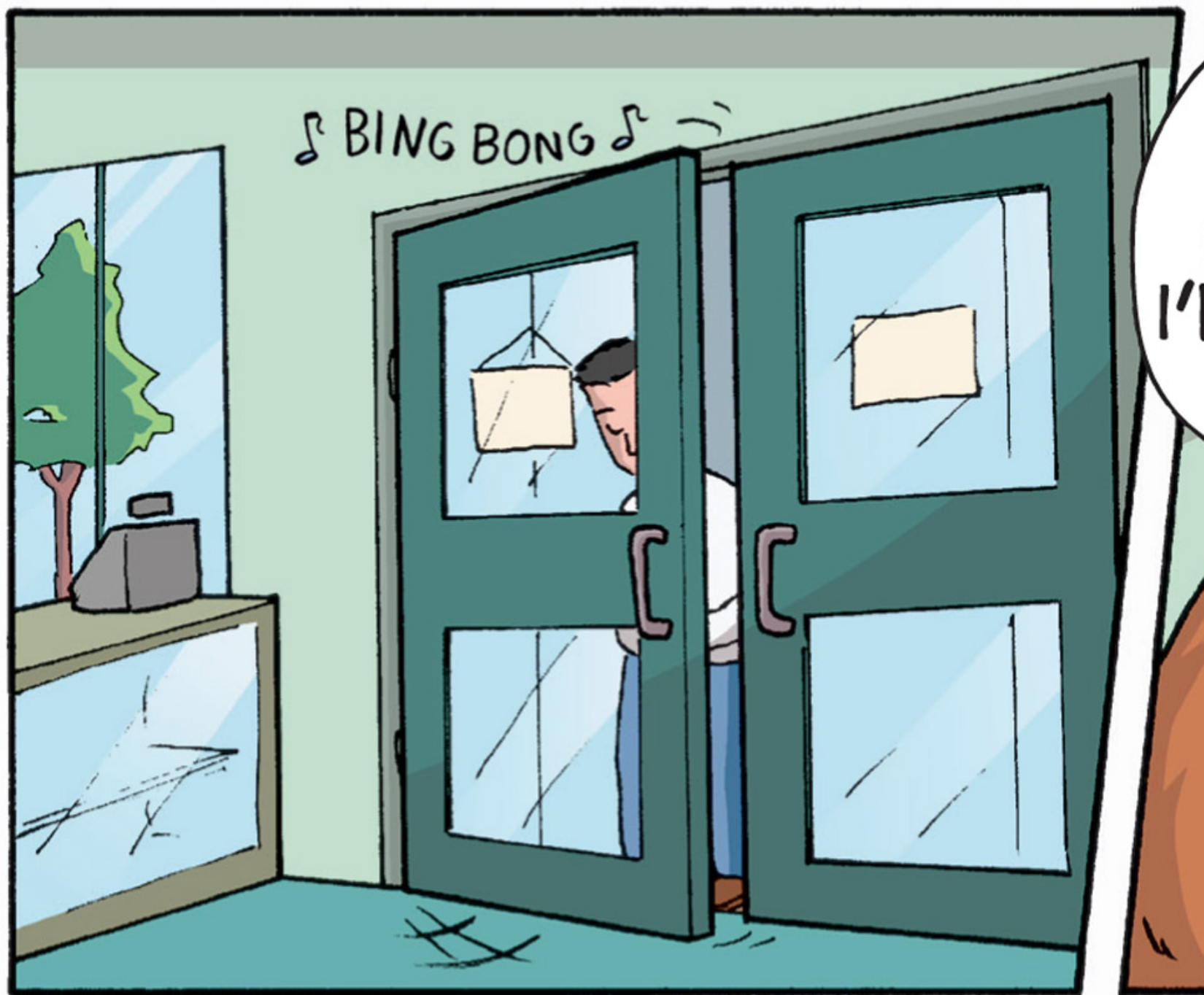





I'm just  
going to  
take that  
as a yes.

z  
z  
z







You start drawing the pictures, and I'll hang them up as you go.

Great! That's great! I'm ready! Let's go! Hey, maybe our catchphrase can be "Let's Go!" or "Something's Fishy!" or "The Game Is on My Foot." Ooooh, or "There's Something on My Foot." YES! That's it! You can say that anytime you think something weird is going on.





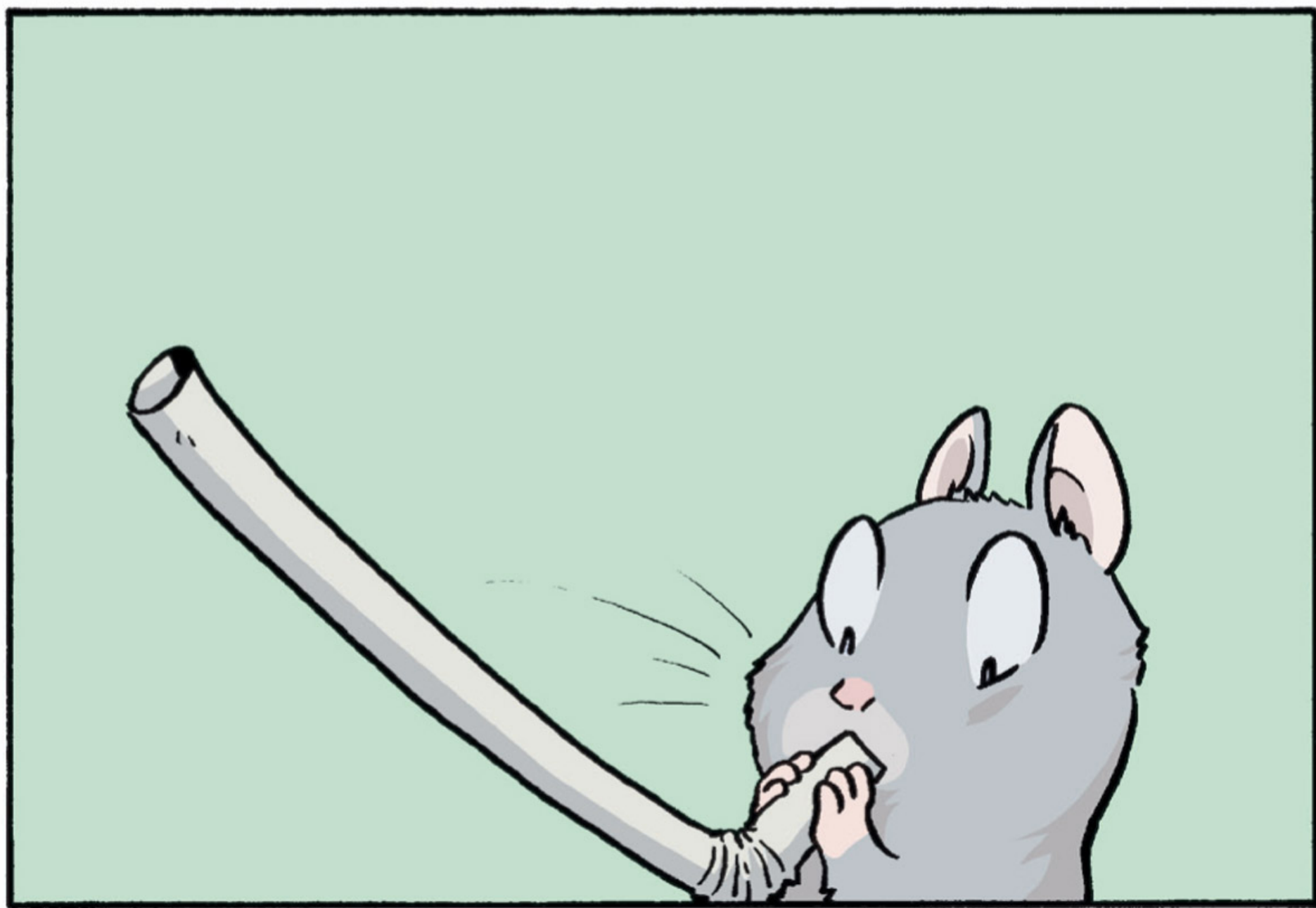
And when we get done, you **HAVE** to sleep. Promise?

Sleep. Pah!  
Overrated!

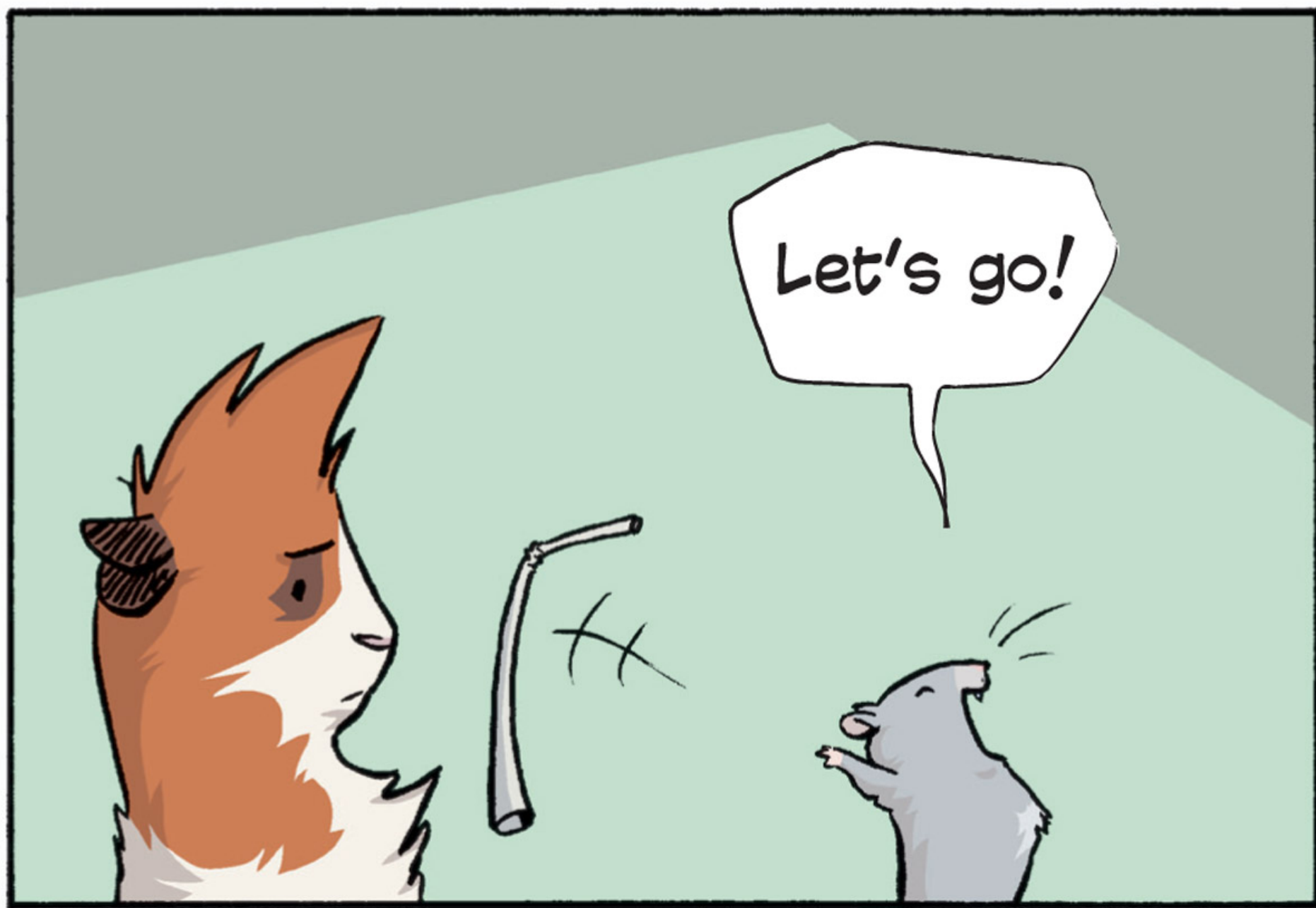
I don't need it! Besides, "there's something on my foot!"

SLURP





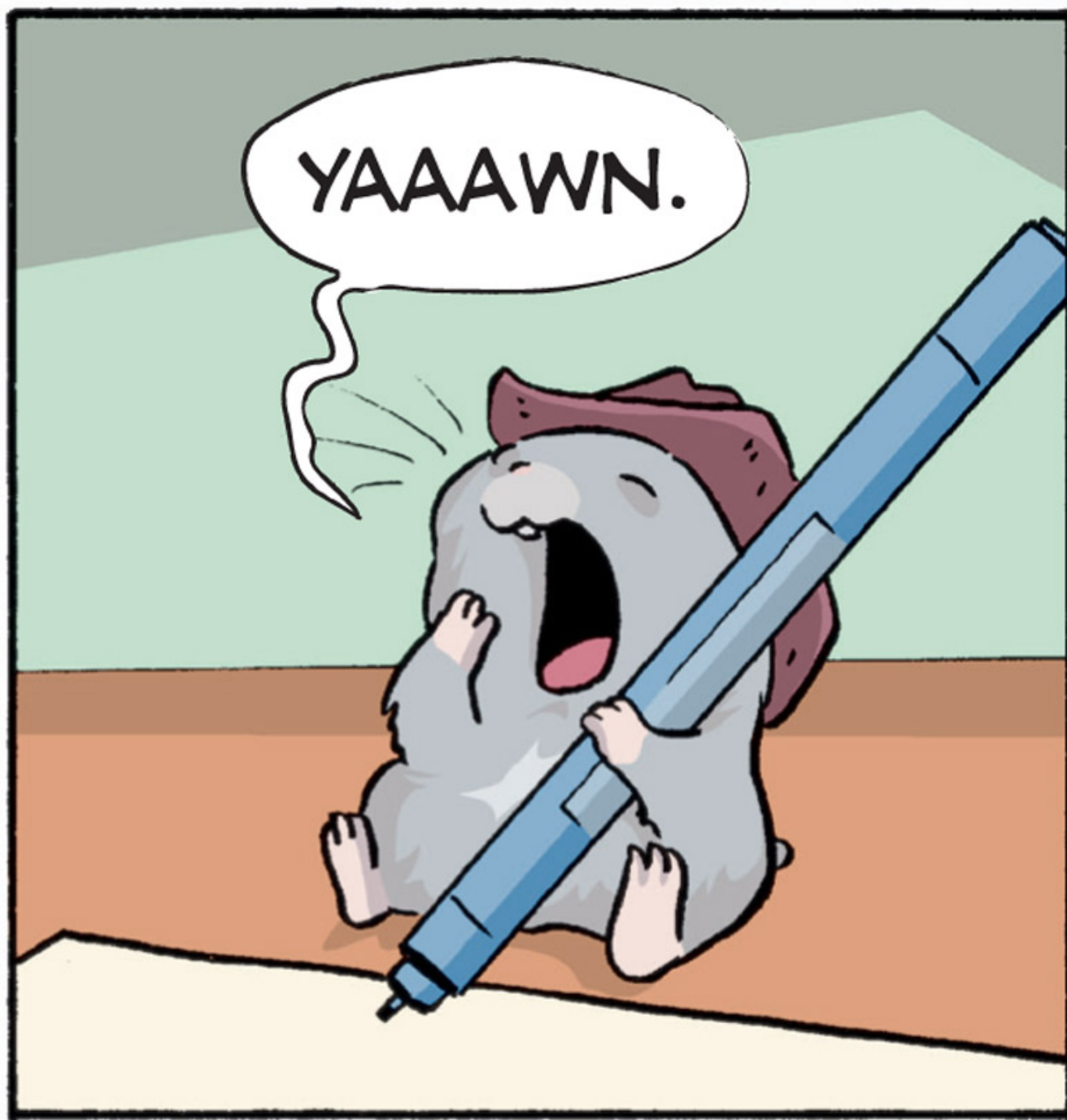

















Phew! Almost done. Just the hamsters left.

 LIZARDS

Can I do it?!





"Hamster" doesn't  
start with a "K"

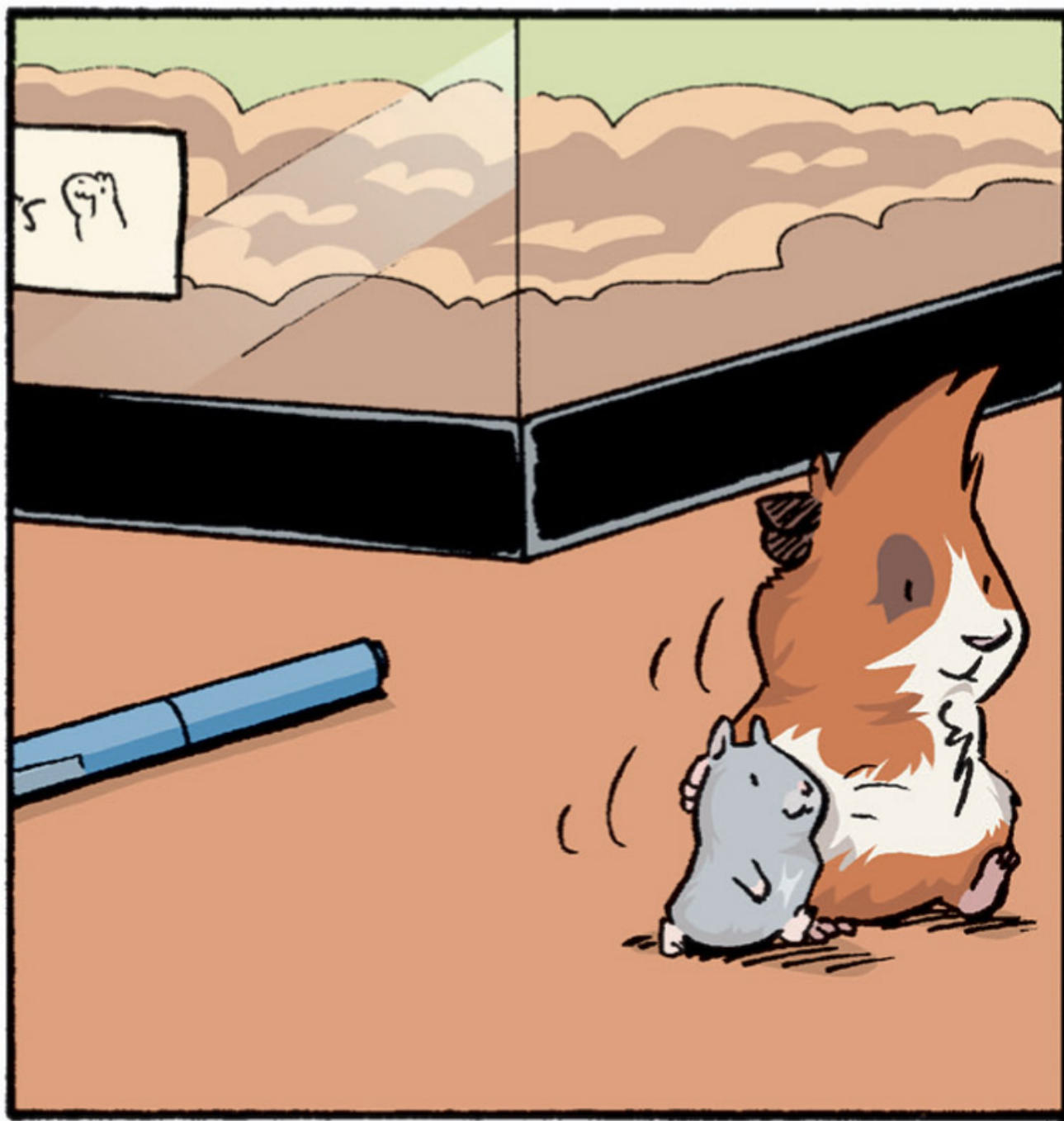
Pleeeeeease?!

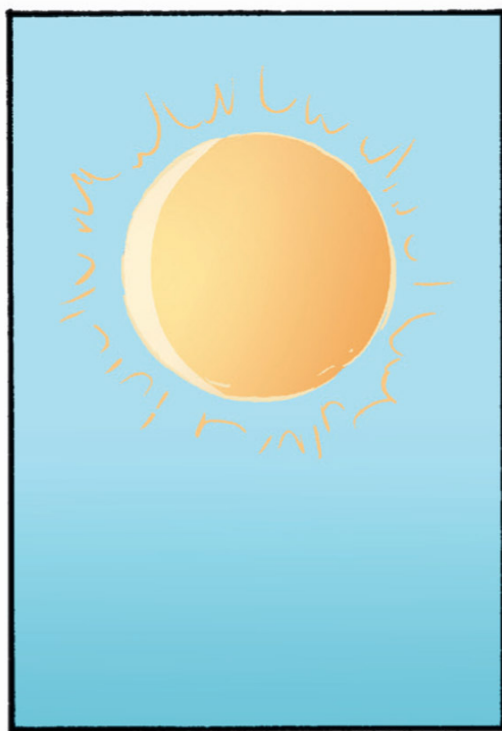
Sorry! You can't be a  
koala this time. All the  
signs need to be right.

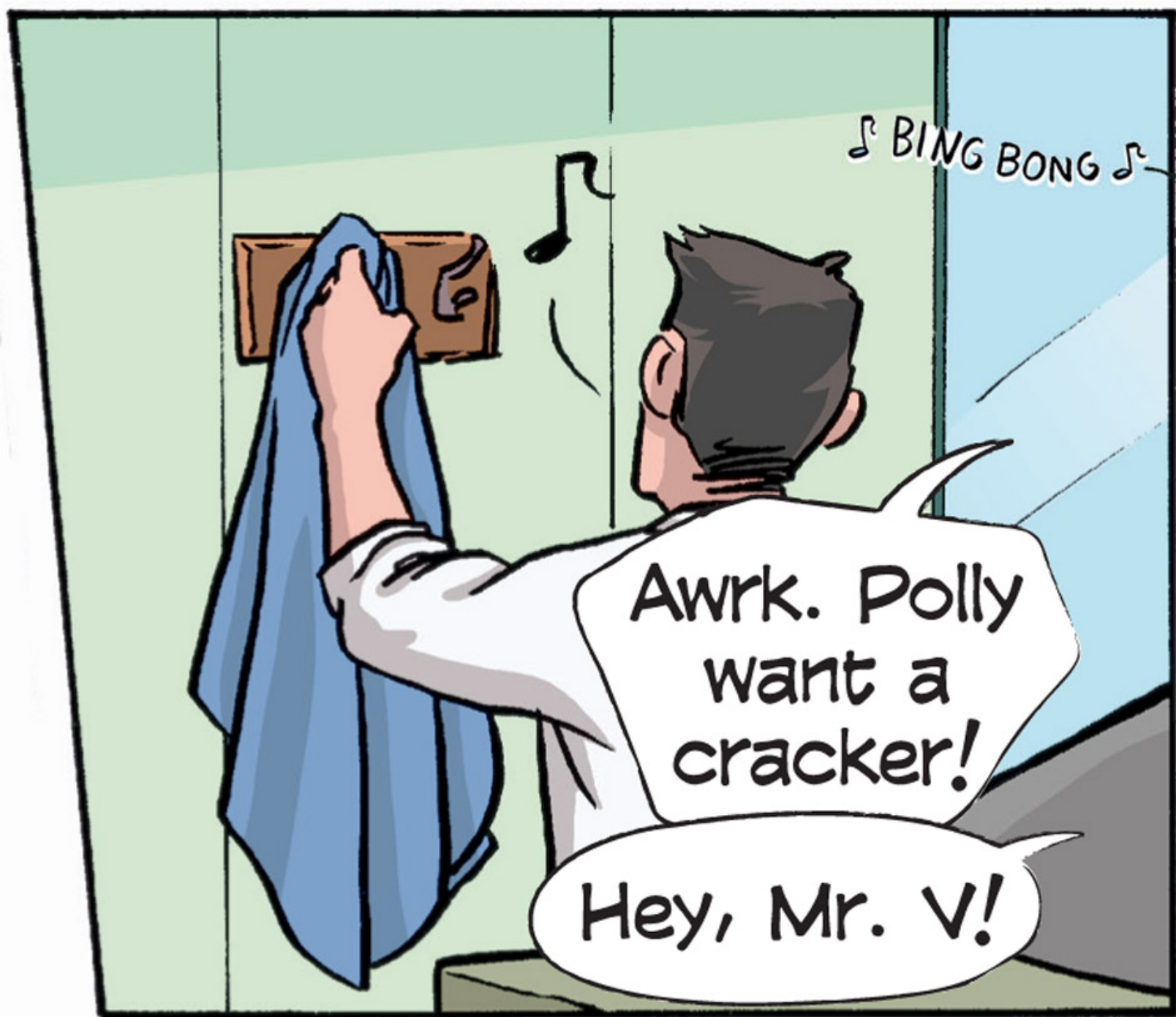
















Oh, hello, kids!  
How's the  
zebra?

Our parrot's great,  
but we need more  
food for him.

Tee-hee.  
Zebra.

We named  
him Marcel!

Well, the hard part  
about owning pets  
is you never know  
what they want.

Awwrk.  
Polly want  
a cracker.

Wait!  
I know!



Here you go!

Um...maybe you should look for something with a picture of a bird on it...

Hey, look! All of the signs are right!





They  
are.?

Yeah! And they  
even have little  
pictures on them.  
So cute!



Well, would you look  
at that. They fixed  
themselves!

CHINCHILLAS

TURTLES

RABBITS

~~h~~amsters

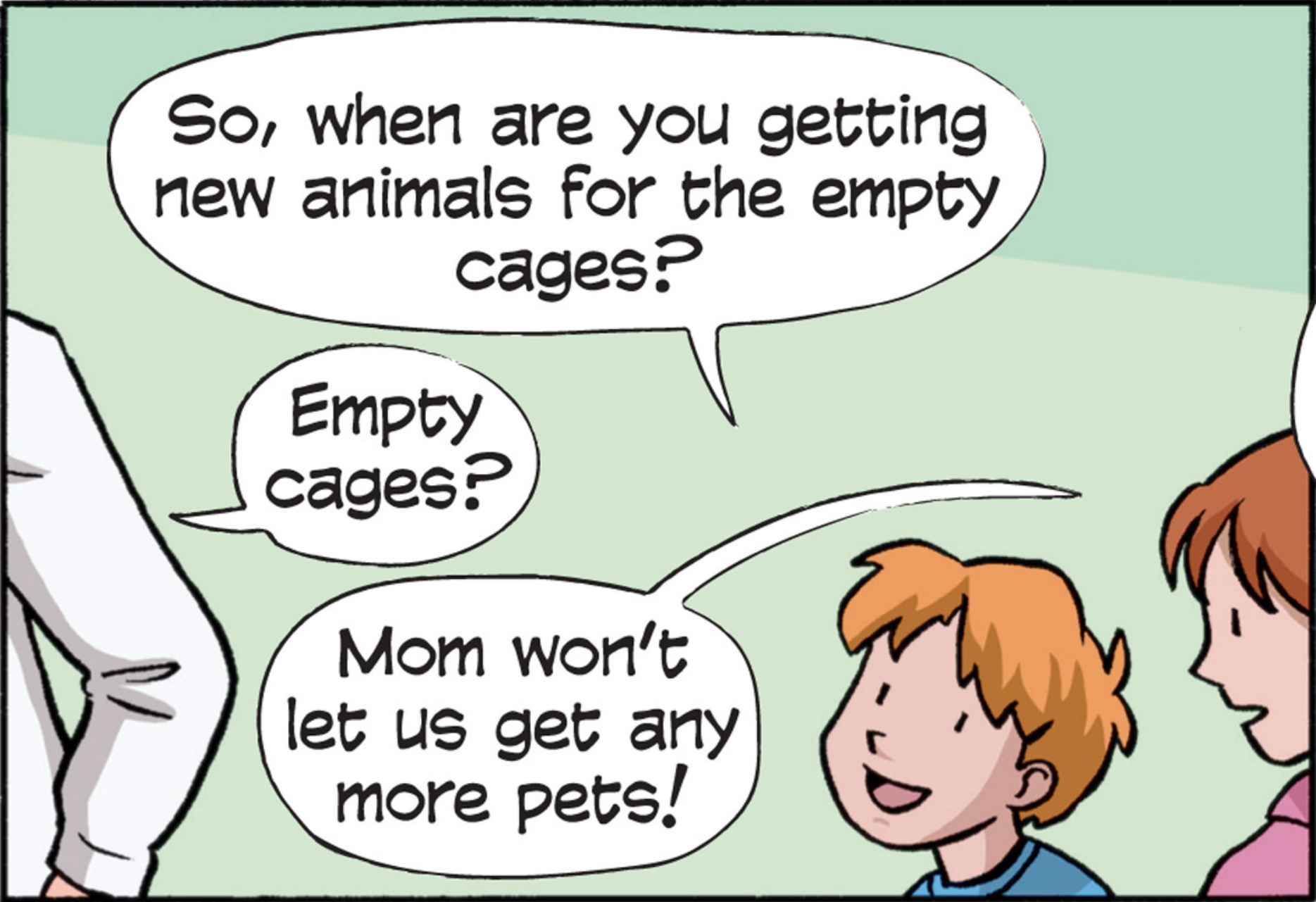
I guess I can take  
down that **HELP  
WANTED** sign!

Here it  
is.

LIZARDS

MICE





A comic panel with a light green background. On the left, a person in a white lab coat is partially visible. In the center, a boy with orange hair and a blue shirt is speaking. To his right, a girl with brown hair and a pink shirt is partially visible. Three speech bubbles are present: a large one at the top from the lab coat person, a medium one in the middle from the boy, and a large one at the bottom from the girl.

So, when are you getting new animals for the empty cages?

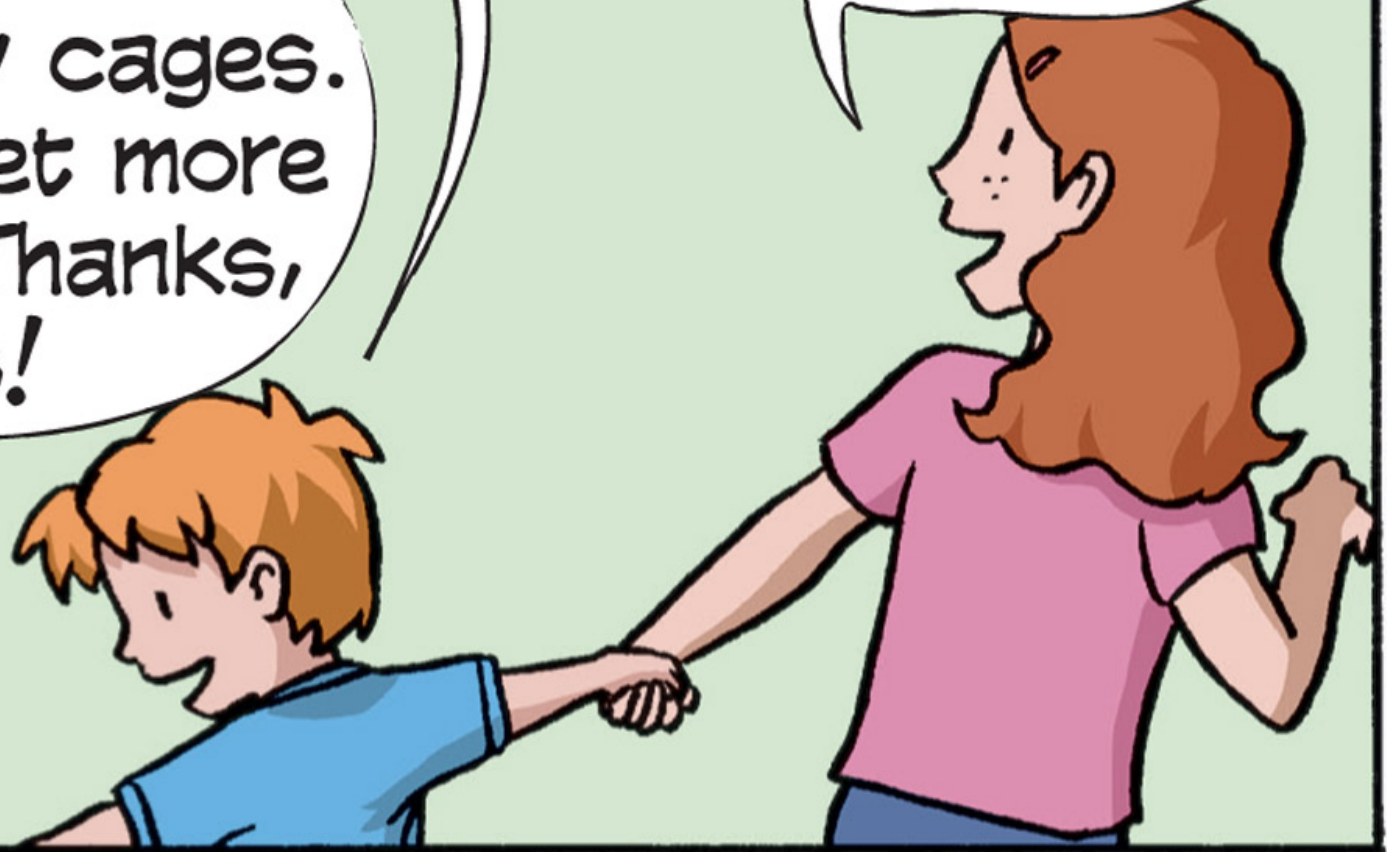
Empty cages?

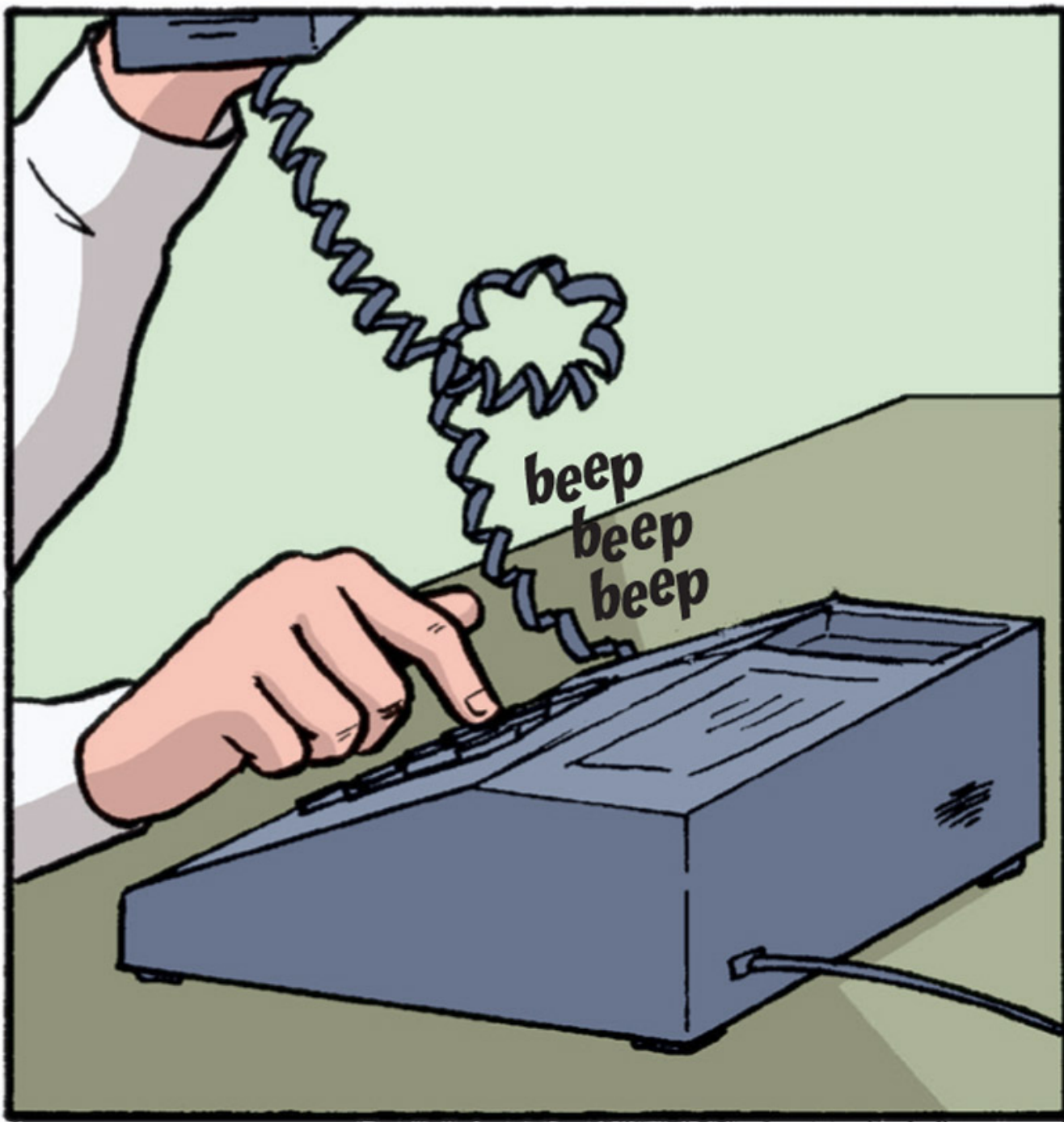
Mom won't let us get any more pets!

I just want  
to look.

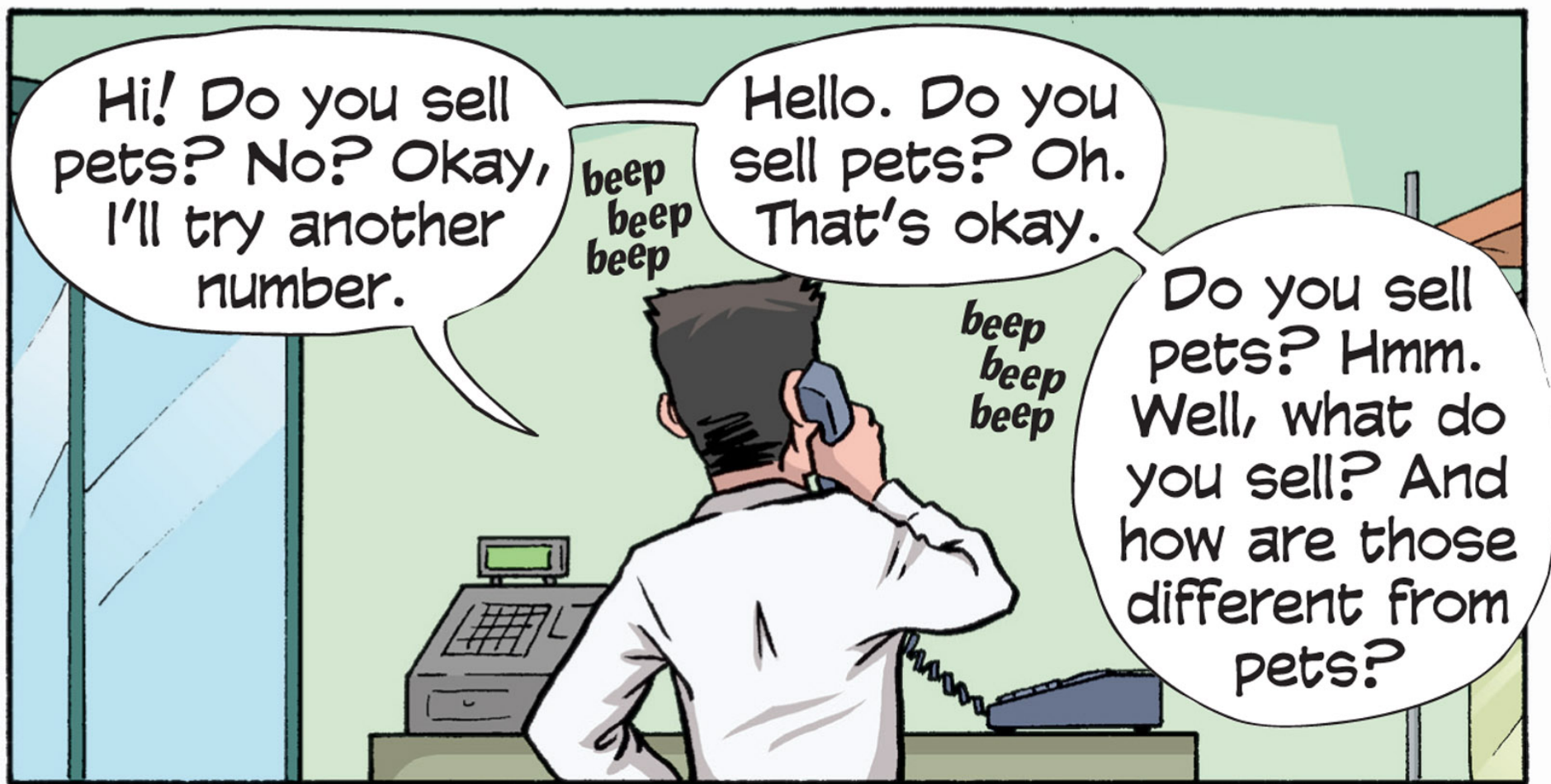
Hmm. There  
**ARE** empty cages.  
I should get more  
animals. Thanks,  
kids!

We gotta  
go. See you  
soon, Mr. V!









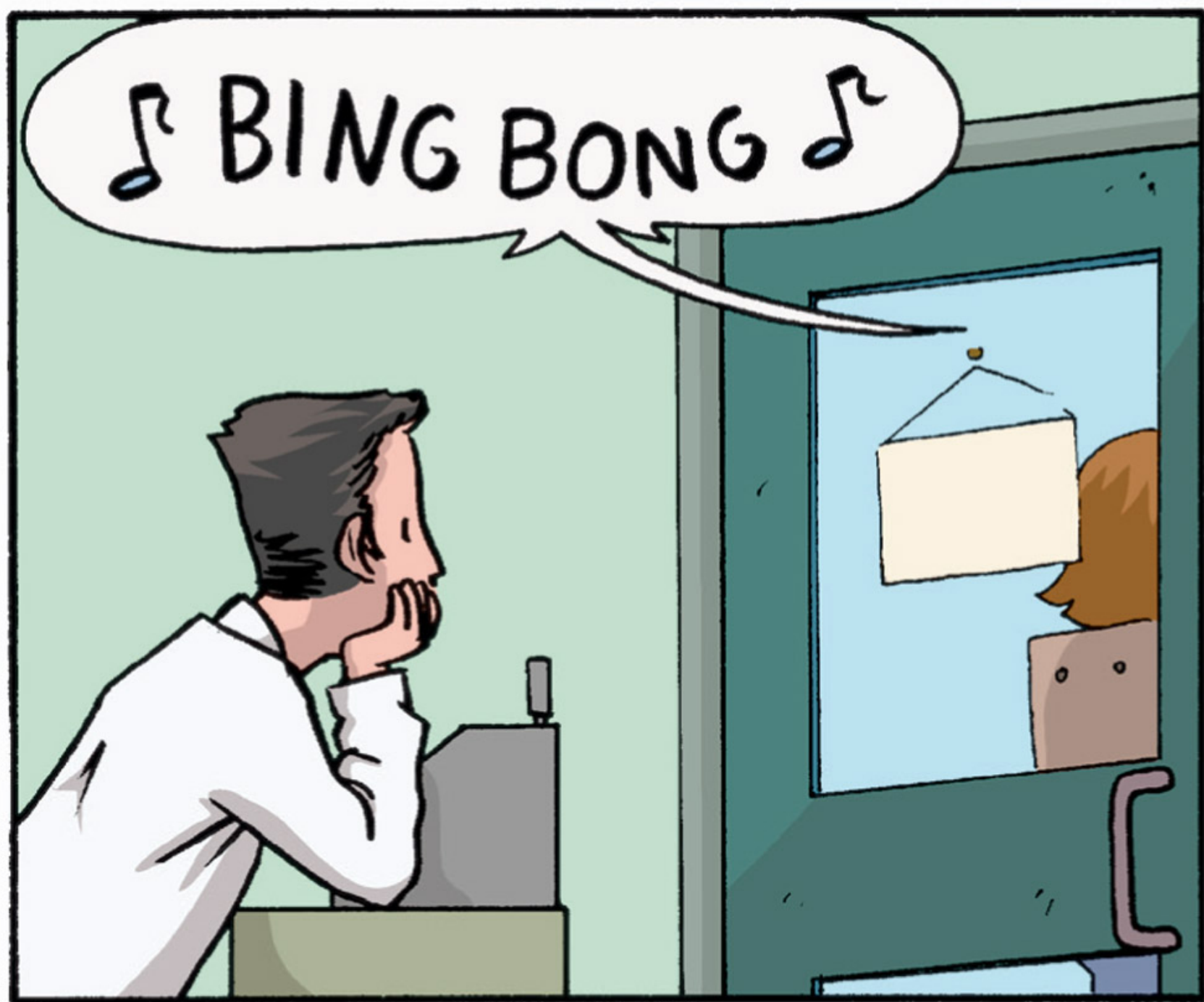
Hi! Do you sell  
pets? No? Okay,  
I'll try another  
number.

beep  
beep  
beep

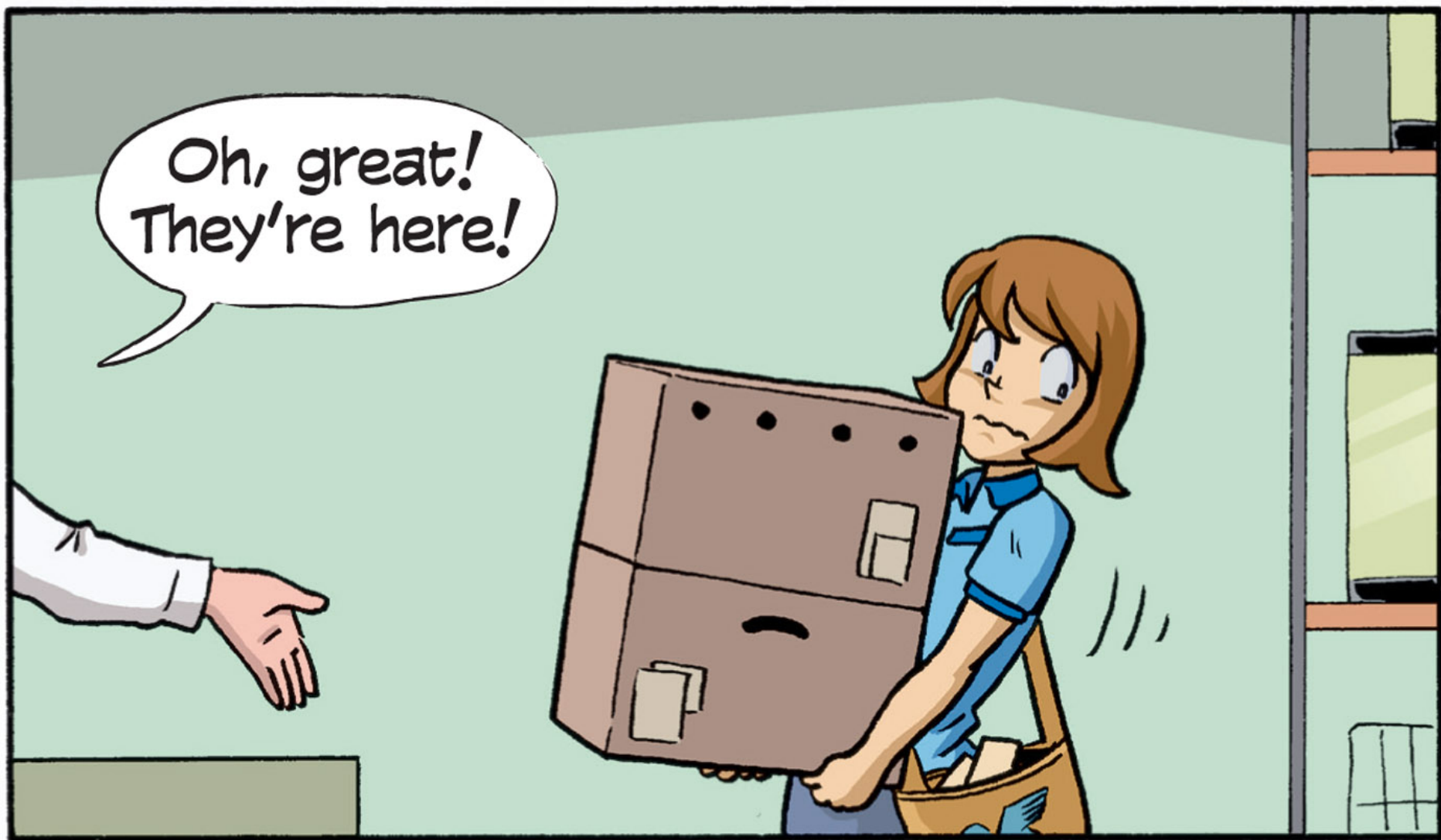
Hello. Do you  
sell pets? Oh.  
That's okay.

beep  
beep  
beep

Do you sell  
pets? Hmm.  
Well, what do  
you sell? And  
how are those  
different from  
pets?



Oh, great!  
They're here!





Ooooooh!  
I wonder  
what they're  
gonna be!

Hamisher,  
go to  
sleep. It's  
daytime.







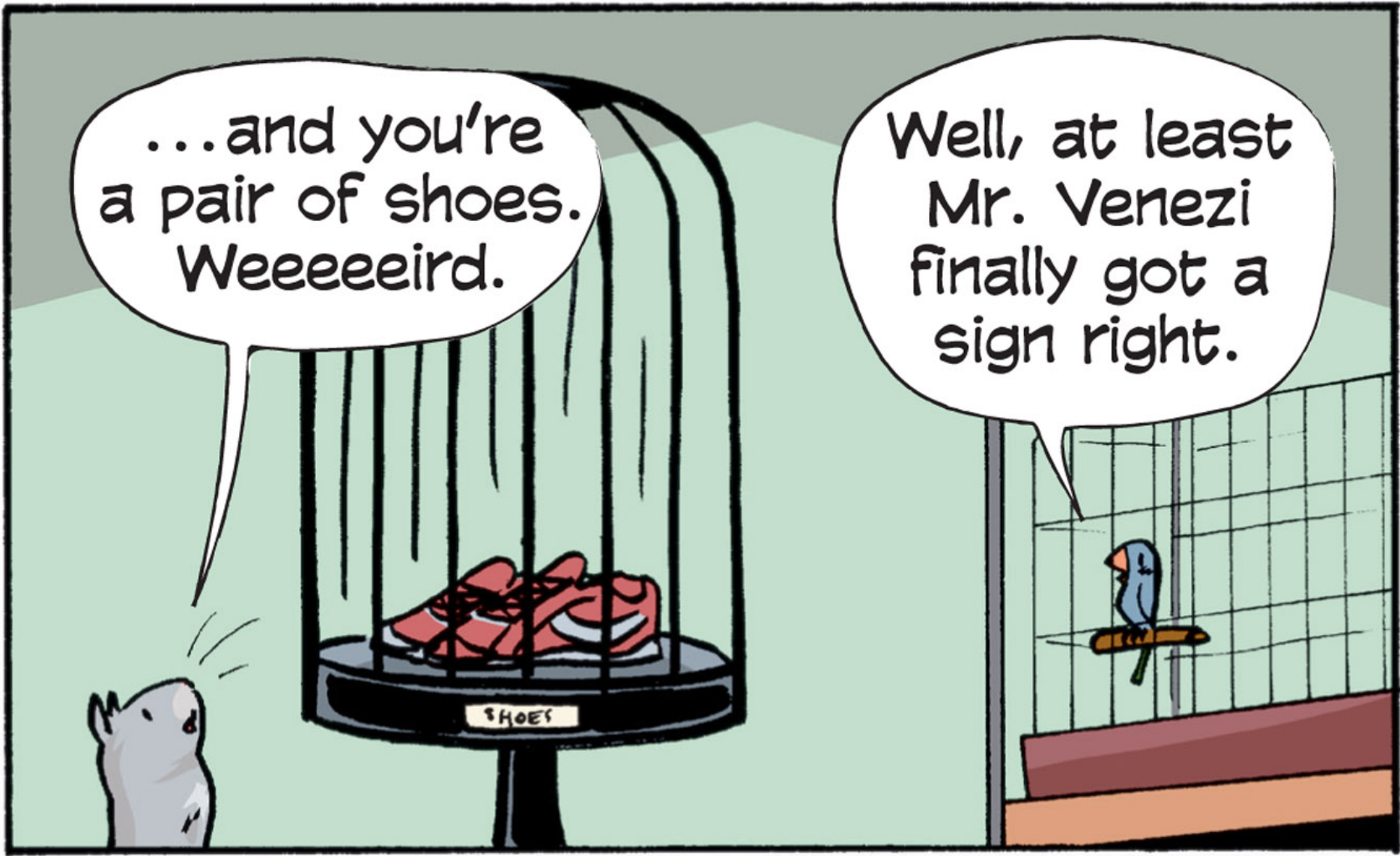
No, thanks.  
I have too  
many friends  
already.

You can  
never have  
too many  
friends.



Hi, my name  
is Hamisher,  
and....





...and you're  
a pair of shoes.  
Weeeeeeird.

Well, at least  
Mr. Venezi  
finally got a  
sign right.

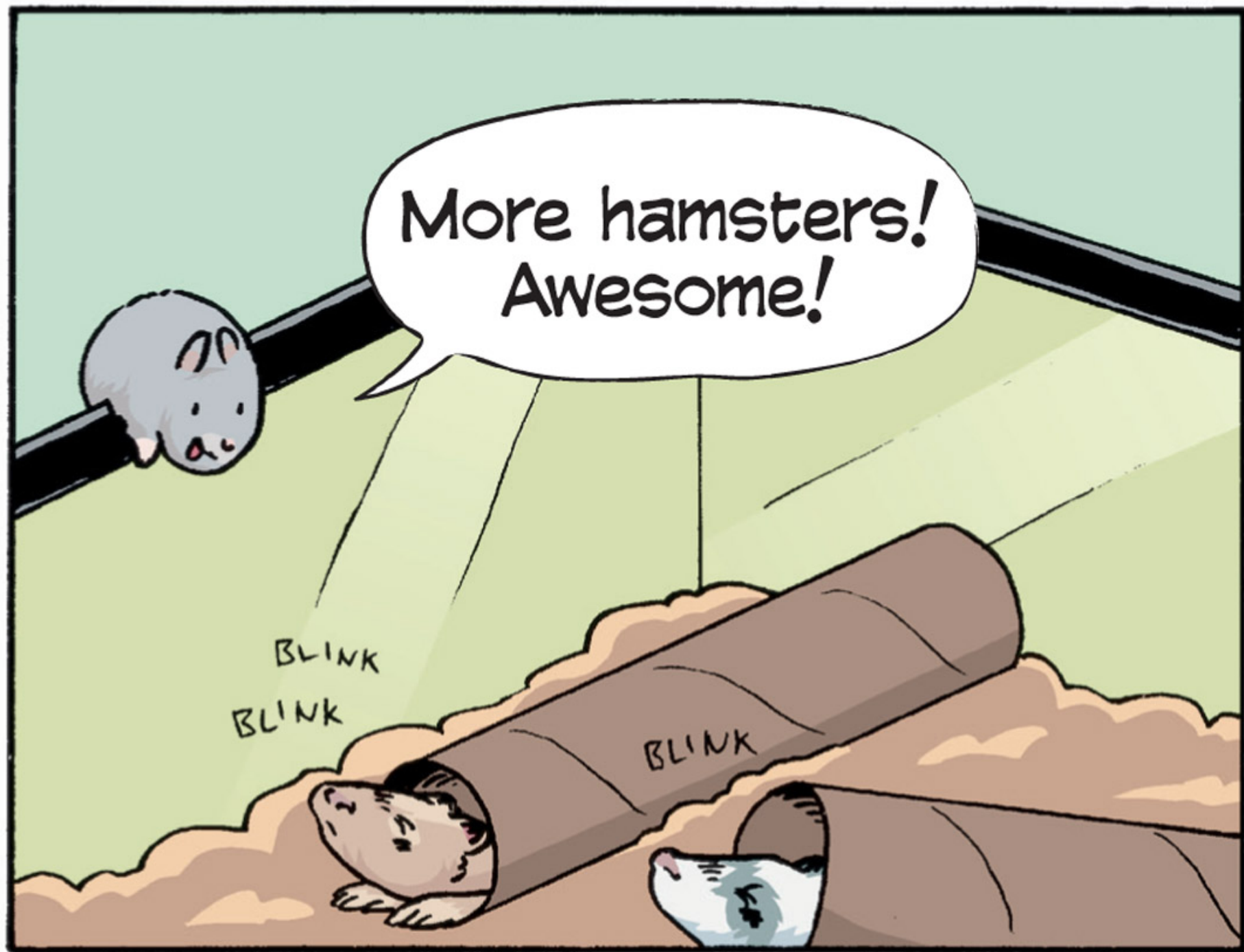




More hamsters!  
Awesome!

BLINK  
BLINK

BLINK









Aaaaahhh! Snakes!  
With giant beards!



Calm down,  
Hamisher.  
Those are just  
ferrets.

What  
do they  
eat?

Mostly  
protein.

Am I  
protein?



Just stay on the outside of the tank, and you'll be fine.

Go talk to them.

Okay.





GUINEA PIG



Pet SHOP  
Private  
eye

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# The Ferret's a Foot



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**LET'S MAKE COMICS!**

panels



Word balloons

Motion Lines

Super hyper hamster





HOW TO COME UP WITH  
A CHARACTER FOR  
YOUR COMIC!



# SASSPANTS!

aka  
Detective Pants\*

\*NOTE: she does not like this  
name, use with caution!





# Traits!

- Loves Books
- Awesome at Making Things
- Bad Hair

# Inspiration!



# Inspiration!







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Make up a character—  
give them a name and  
three traits!

Your character can be:

- an Animal
- a Person
- a Shoe (maybe not the best idea)
- ANYTHING!

Traits can be:

- Entirely made up
- Based on someone you know  
(or even YOU)





Make up a character—  
give them a name and  
three traits!

# SETTINGS!

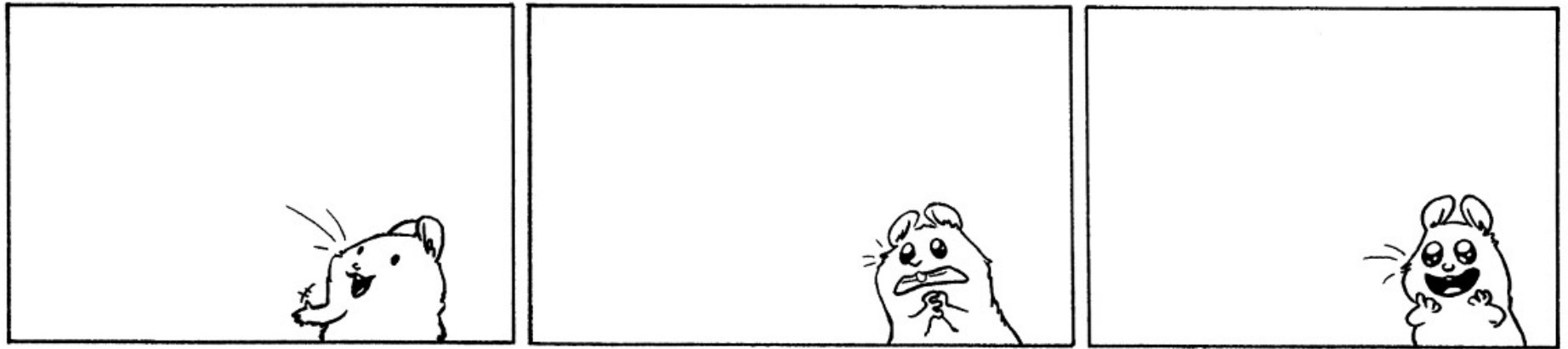


Where could your character be?

**Word Balloons!**



# Word Balloons!



Draw your character  
talking with Hamisher!

