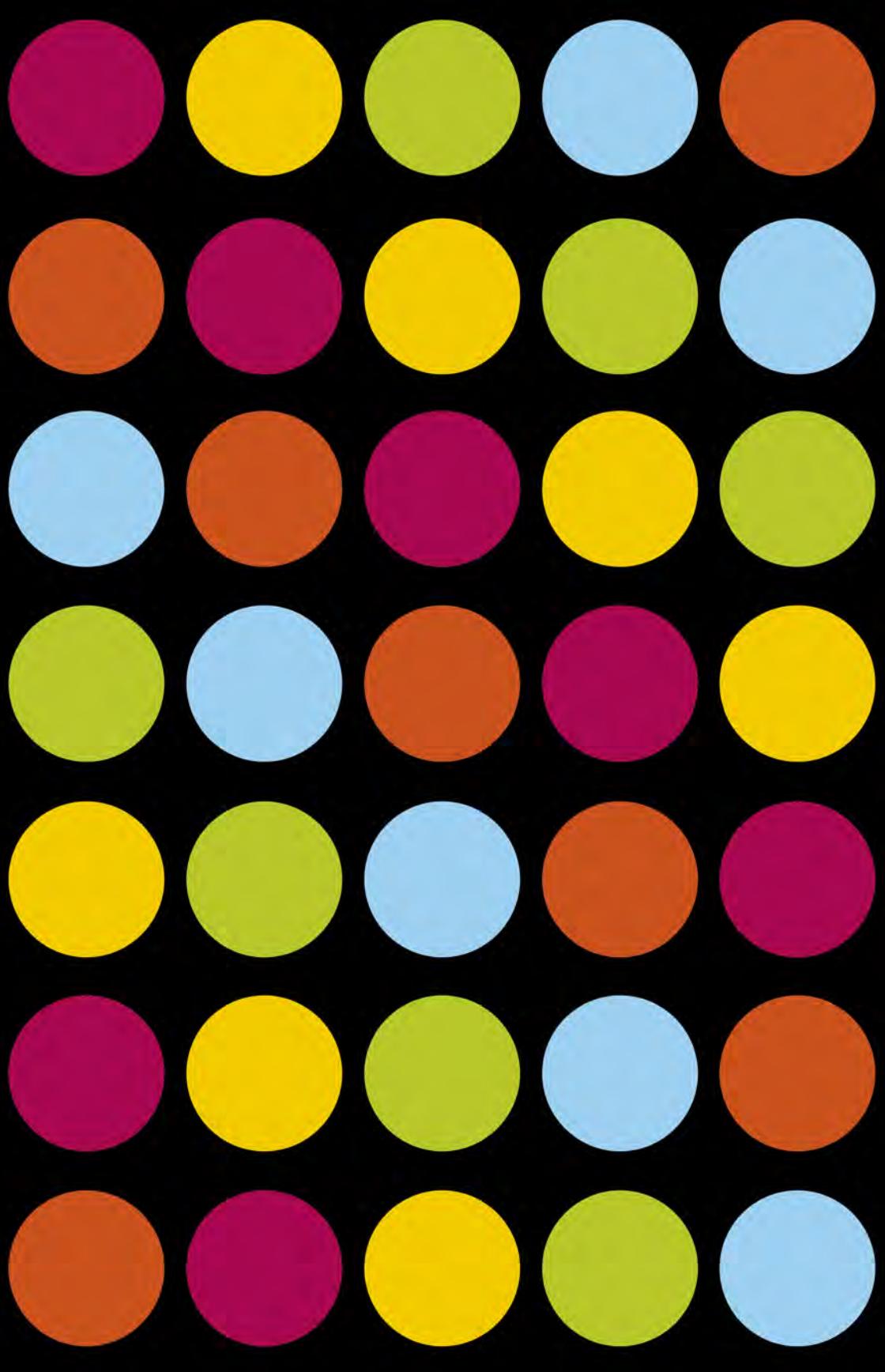


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BY**



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# Cast of Characters

**Sam is 14 years old and likes to play the trumpet.**



**Jen, Sam's older sister, is in her final year at school. She's not sure what she'll do afterwards, but would quite like to be famous.**



**Molly is Sam's little sister. She's 5 years old and wants to be a ballerina or a vet.**

**Louis is Sam's older brother. He's 18, at art school, and does modelling on the side to help finance his studies.**



**Sam's mum is a nurse. His dad works at a printers. They encourage art activities but don't think that a job in the arts will pay the bills.**



**Miss Murphy is Greenvale High's new art teacher. She has the idea of organising a talent show.**



**Runi is the keyboard player in Jen's band. She wants to become a doctor but keep her interest in the arts.**



**Benji is the drummer in Jen's band, The Panic Twins. Her mum works in the museum's café.**



**Tom is Sam's best friend. He is really good on the violin.**



**Joe is another one of Sam's friends. He likes video games, and has a lively YouTube channel.**



**Laura is Sam's classmate. She likes writing and wants to be a marine biologist.**



**Declan does graffiti and is so unhappy with himself he aggresses others.**



**Fela owns the corner shop. He studied engineering in Nigeria.**



**Steve is Benji's mum's boyfriend. He works as a lorry driver.**



# Introduction

The Scottish Government asked Creative Scotland to lead the development of Scotland's first arts strategy for ages 0-25 which is called Time To Shine. This graphic novel is part of that strategy and one of the results from a national discussion (consultation) with over 1800 people, 48% of them young people, that helped create it.

Time To Shine aims to inspire Scotland's children and young people (aged 0-25) to achieve their potential in and through the arts. It also intends to create the environment that will help Scotland become a recognised leader in youth arts around the world and help inspire the next generation of artists.

Some of the script in this original story comes directly from what young people said in the national discussion. A 'youth task group' organised by Young Scot, helped develop and refine the storyline.

While this graphic novel is aimed at a younger readership we believe parents, teachers and other adults will enjoy it too!

To find out more about the strategy and to see the Time To Shine: Animation go to: [www.creativescotland.com](http://www.creativescotland.com)

## About the Authors

Metaphrog are John Chalmers and Sandra Marrs. Together they have been creating graphic novels and illustrations since 1996. Their Louis series of books has received critical acclaim, several prestigious Eisner and Ignatz Award nominations and was Highly Commended for the Scottish Children's Book Awards. They love to share some of the secrets of graphic novels and the creative process and are always travelling to deliver workshops and talks in schools, libraries and at book festivals. They believe that comics are an art form in their own right.

Visit [www.metaphrog.com](http://www.metaphrog.com) and follow them on Twitter @metaphrog

THIS IS MY SCHOOL...

GREENVALE...

GREENVALE  
HIGH SCHOOL

LAURA  
TELFORD?

HERE!

THOMAS  
WILBERFORCE?

HERE!



AND MY NAME'S SAM.

SAMUEL  
SMALL?

HERE!

MY FRIEND TOM SAYS HE'S AN  
UNDISCOVERED VIRTUOSO.

HE PLAYS VIOLIN  
BY THE WAY.



AND THAT'S MY SISTER, JEN.



SHE'S A PAIN.





THAT'S HER BAND:  
THE PANIC TWINS.

THERE'S NO TWINS. THEY'RE  
NOT EVEN RELATED. THEY  
JUST LIKE THE NAME.

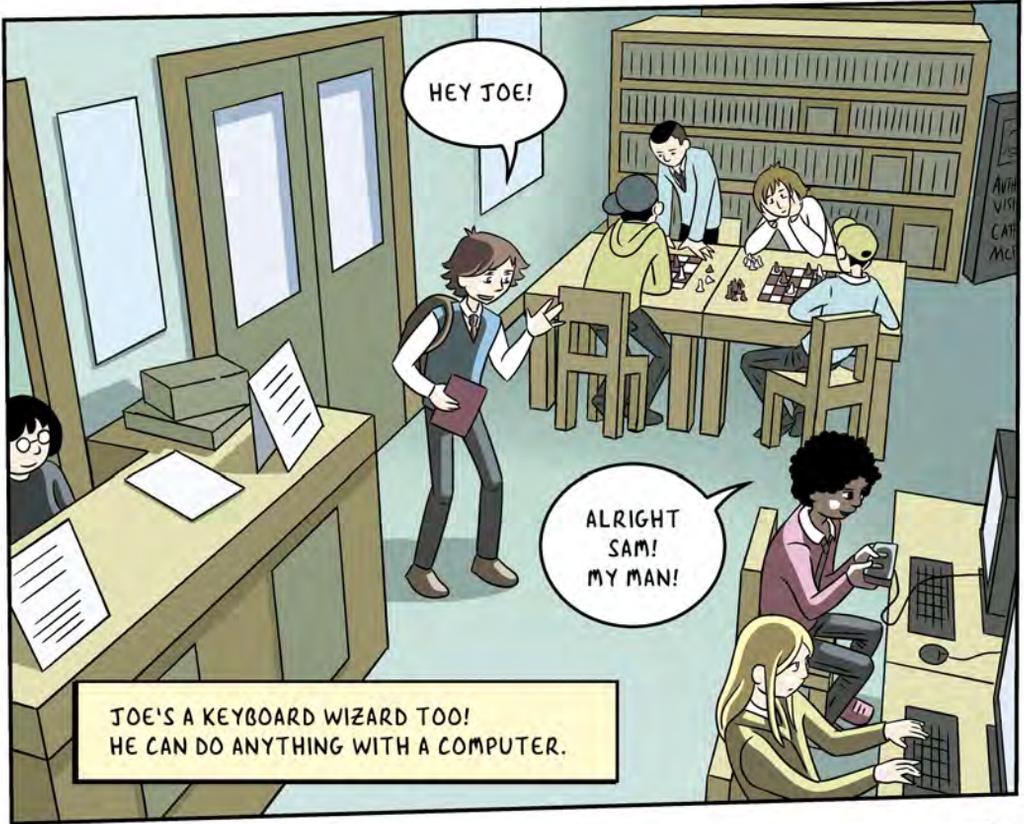
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AT THE YOUTH CLUB.

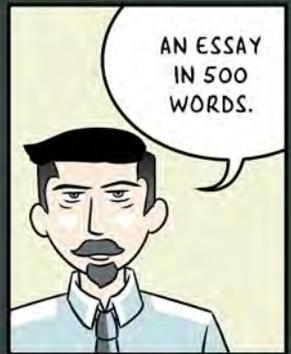
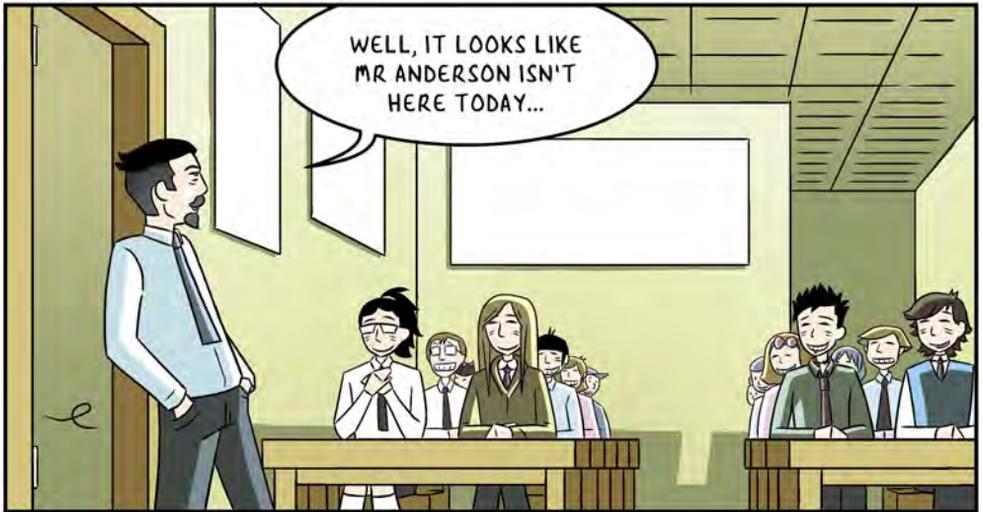
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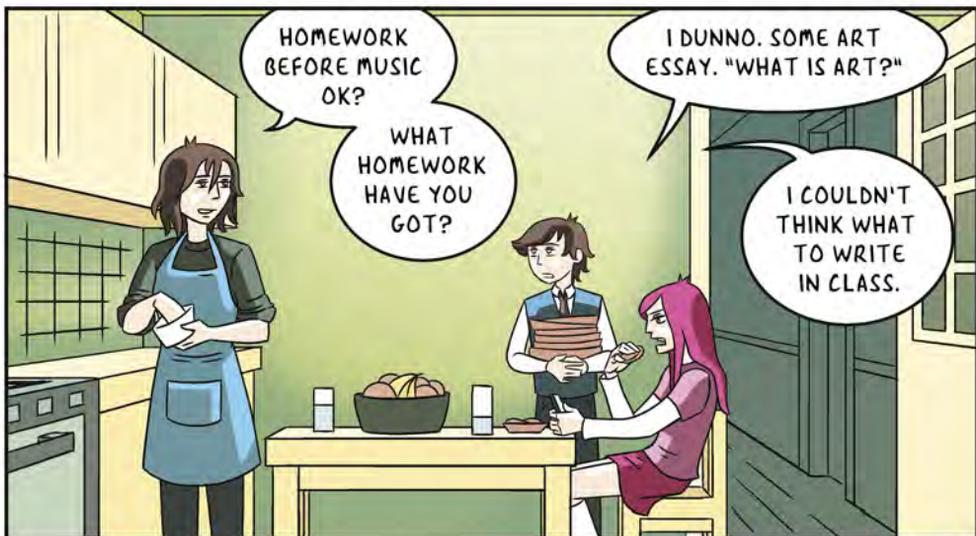
RUNI'S AMAZING: A  
KEYBOARD WIZARD.

HER GRANDFATHER WAS THE  
FIRST MAN IN INDIA TO PLAY  
ACID OR SOMETHING. DID  
BOLLYWOOD SOUNDTRACKS  
AND EVERYTHING.

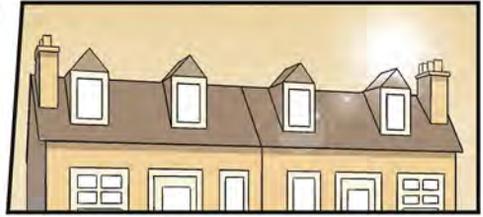


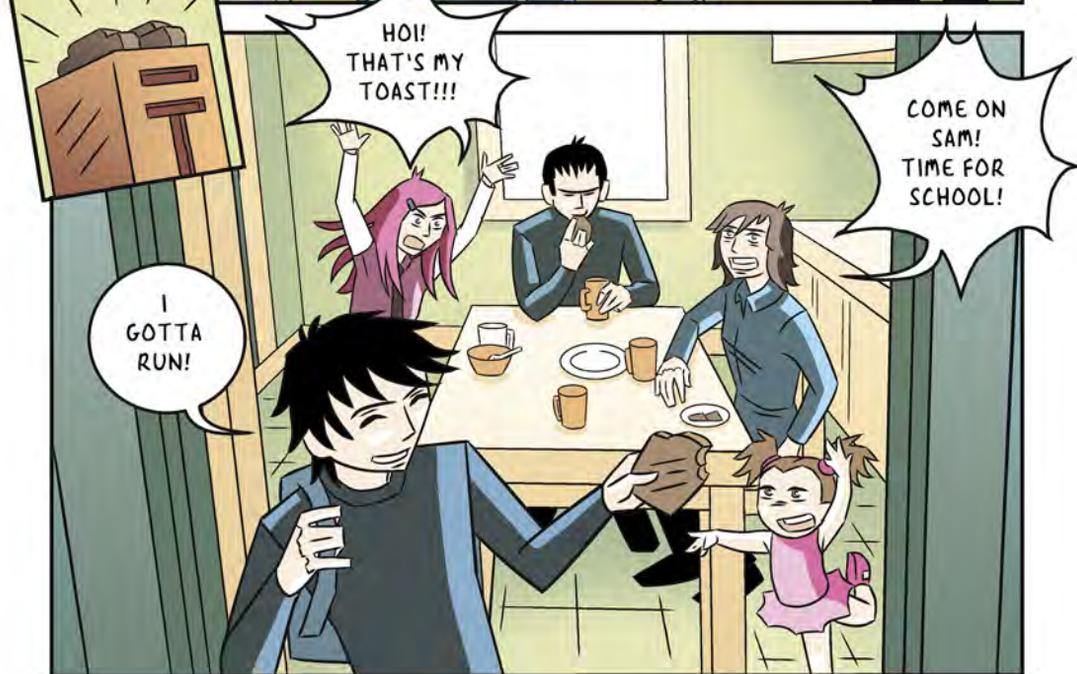


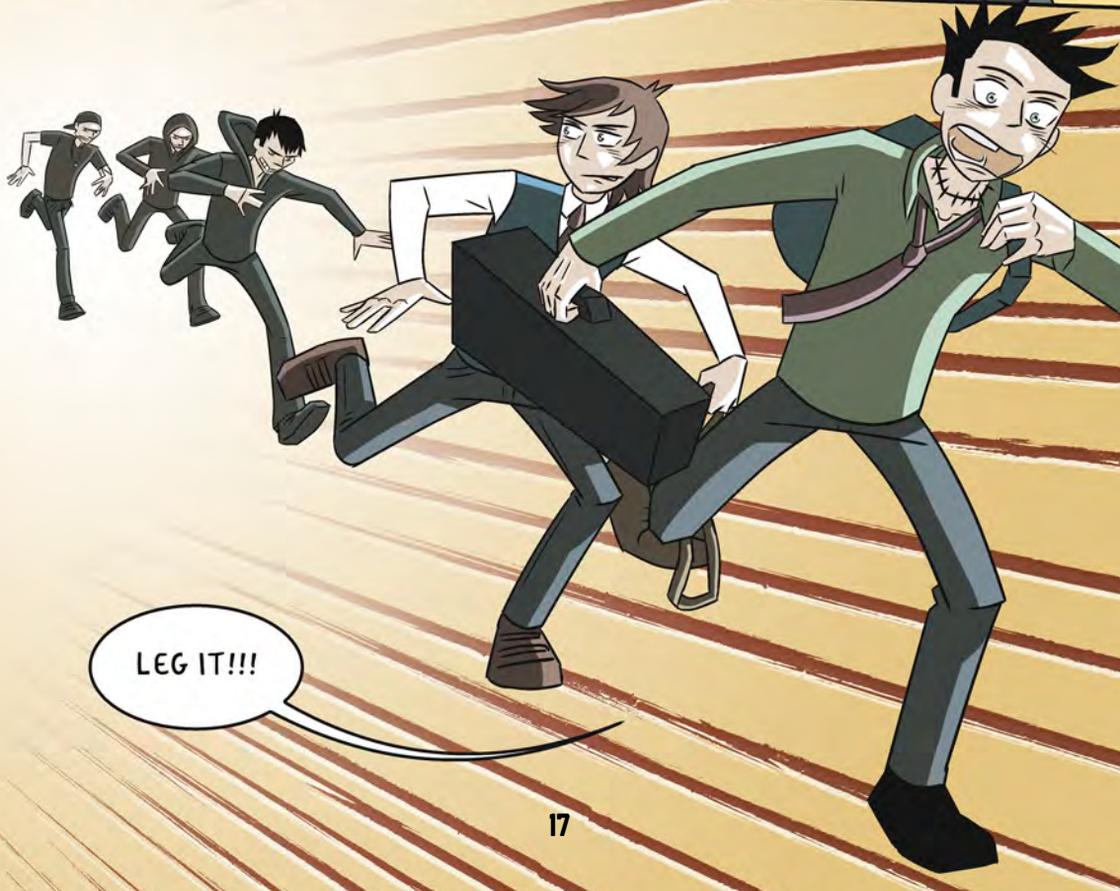


















IF SHE WANTS TO ORGANISE A TALENT SHOW, LET HER!

YOU MEAN, IT'LL BE A GOOD WAY FOR HER TO LEARN WHAT THE SCHOOL'S REALLY LIKE?

EXACTLY.

I QUITE LIKE IT: "GREENVALE'S GOT TALENT".

BUT WE'VE GOT ENOUGH ON OUR PLATE AS IT IS!

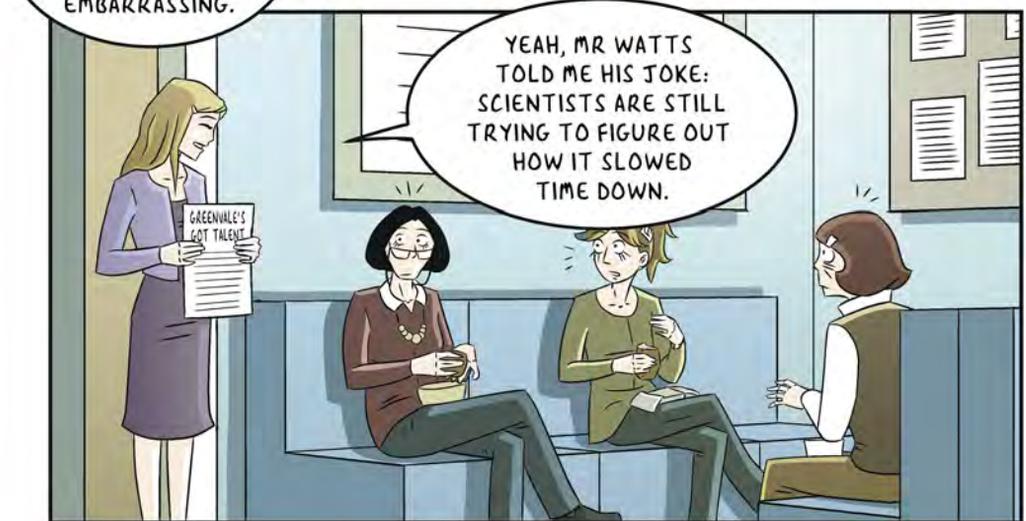
WHAT'S SHE TRYING TO ACHIEVE ANYWAY?

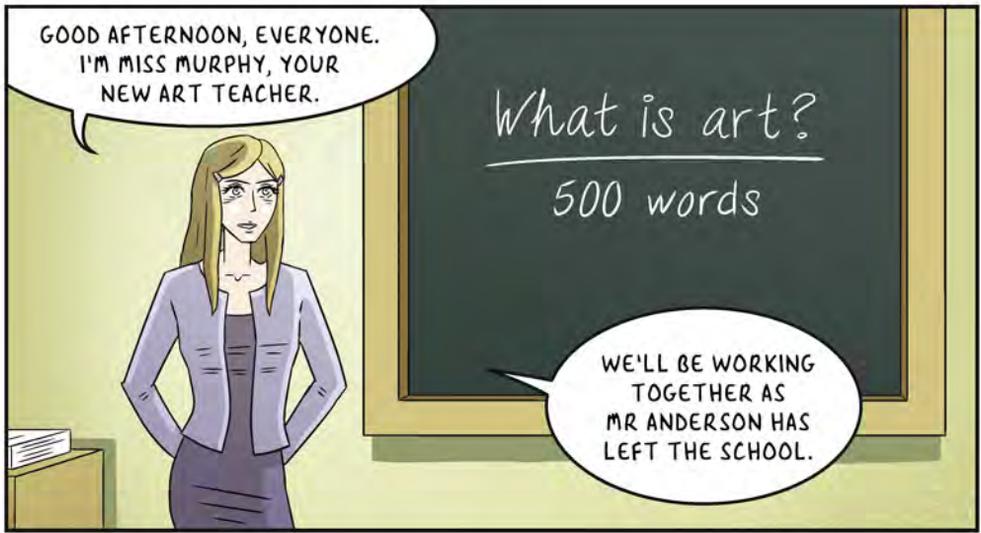
YEAH, WHAT'S THE POINT?



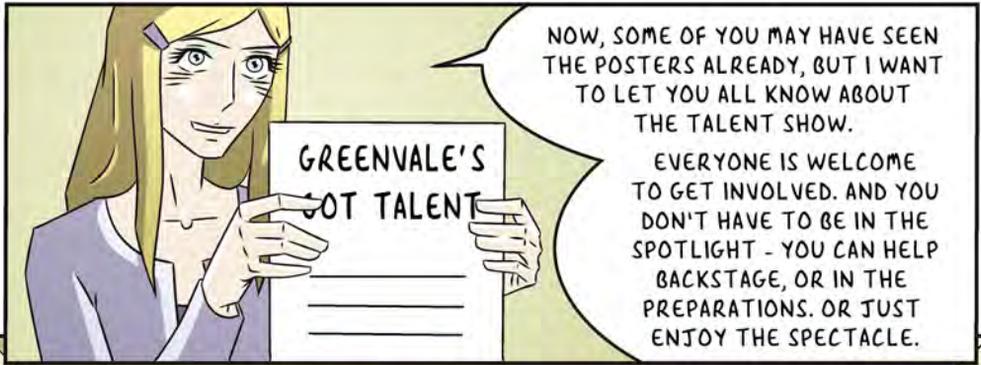


THERE USED TO BE A TALENT SHOW YEARS AGO. IT WAS EMBARRASSING.









NOW, SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE SEEN THE POSTERS ALREADY, BUT I WANT TO LET YOU ALL KNOW ABOUT THE TALENT SHOW.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO GET INVOLVED. AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE IN THE SPOTLIGHT - YOU CAN HELP BACKSTAGE, OR IN THE PREPARATIONS. OR JUST ENJOY THE SPECTACLE.

AND TODAY, WE'RE ALL GOING TO MAKE POSTERS AND FLYERS AND DECORATIONS.

SOMETHING EXCITING TO SHOWCASE THE SCHOOL AND ALL OF YOU.



I CAN'T DRAW, MISS!

EVERYONE CAN.

NO, I MEAN, I REALLY CAN'T.



LET ME HELP YOU ...

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE THING? MUSIC?





MY DRAMA GROUP'S GONNA DO A PLAY.

GREG'S MUM IS AN OPERA SINGER.

NO WAY AM I DOING SOMETHING THAT'S JUST TOO FREAKED.

HEYA!

HI OOOYA!

DECLAN'S SUCH A WEDGE. WERE YOU ALL RIGHT THIS MORNING?



YEAH! MR WATTS ASKED ME TO SEE HIM AT LUNCH, BUT THEN HE WASN'T EVEN THERE!

IF EVERYONE HAS A TALENT ...

I KNOW WHAT MR WATTS' WOULD BE...



... GOING BALLISTIC!



HE HE HE! SEE YA!



I SAVED YOU SOME OF THOSE EGG CARTONS.

FELA'S FOOD

THANK YOU.



THANKS FOR GETTING THE MESSAGES, SAM...

DID YOU HAVE A GOOD DAY AT SCHOOL?

THERE'S GOING TO BE A TALENT SHOW!

WE'RE GOING TO ENTER!

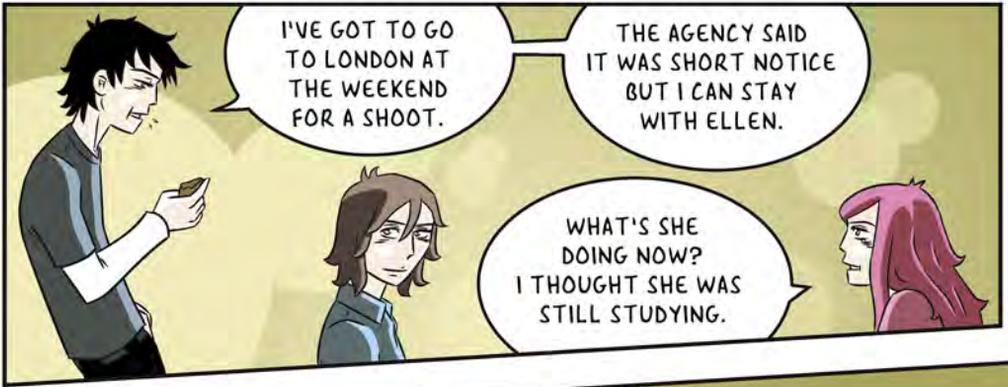
THE BAND!



YOU COULD ENTER WITH YOUR TRUMPET, SAM!



SHUT UP.





NO WAY!

THE YOUTH CLUB'S PURE SHUT!

YOUTH CLUB

CLOSED

YEAH, ANOTHER THING CLOSING DOWN, IT'S DEPRESSING.

SOMEONE WANTS TO DEVELOP THIS BLOCK INTO FLATS.

WHERE ARE WE GONNA PRACTISE NOW? MY PARENTS DIDN'T MIND ME GOING TO THE YOUTH CLUB.

JUST DON'T TELL THEM. WE CAN PRACTISE AT MY HOUSE.



MY MUM WON'T MIND, AND STEVE CAN JUST SHUT UP.

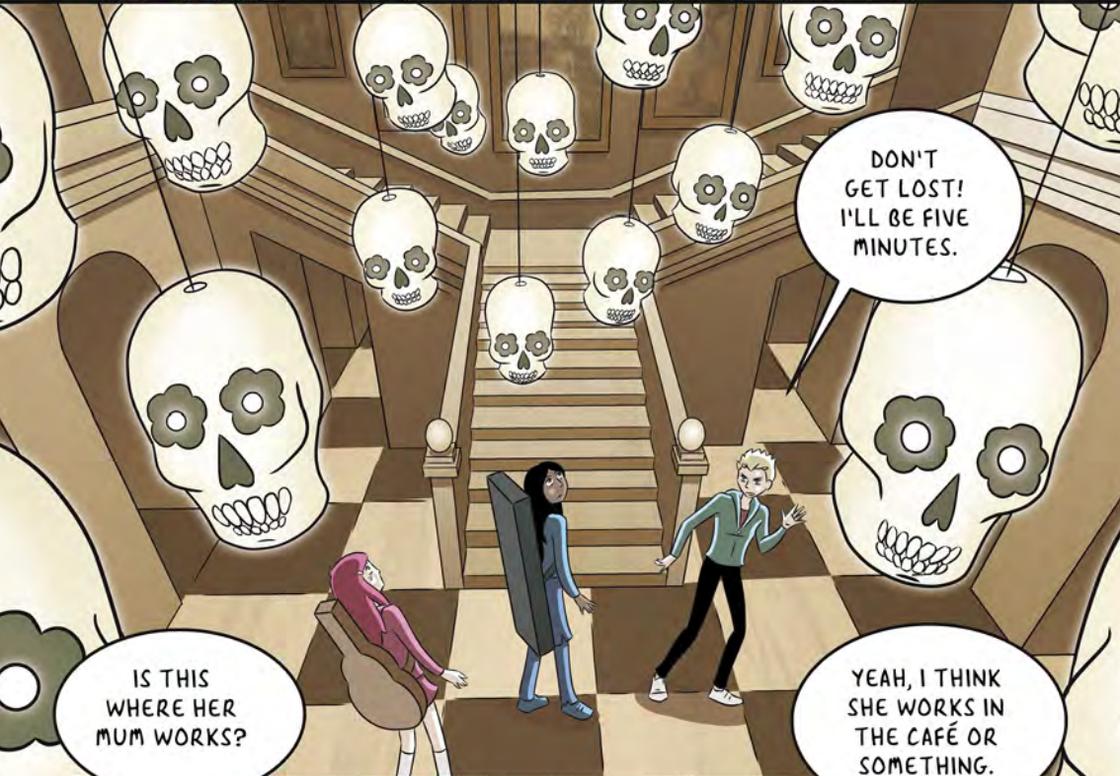
HA HA HA!

WHO'S STEVE?

STEVE'S HER MUM'S BOYFRIEND.



WE NEED TO DROP BY HER WORK FIRST. CHECK IT'S OK. IT'S ON THE WAY.



DON'T GET LOST! I'LL BE FIVE MINUTES.

IS THIS WHERE HER MUM WORKS?

YEAH, I THINK SHE WORKS IN THE CAFÉ OR SOMETHING.





WE SHOULD DO "SONIC ZOOM" FOR THE SCHOOL THING. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

IT'LL TOTALLY BLOW THEM AWAY.

THAT MEANS WE NEED TO IMPROVISE THOUGH...

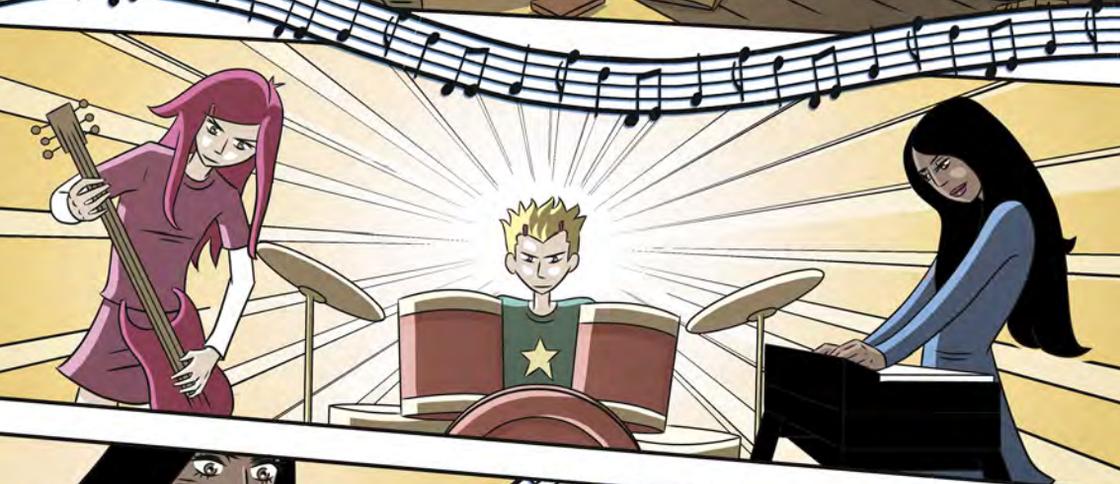
THE WHOLE ENDING I MADE UP.

YEAH, BUT IT'LL BE GREAT. BENJI'S RIGHT.

AND IT ROCKS, IT REALLY BUILDS.

LET'S JUST TRY IT.

SORRY, MY ROOM'S A BOMB SITE...





DID YOU NOT HEAR ME SHOUTING!?!

YOU CAN'T MAKE THAT NOISE HERE!

BUT MUM SAID ...

BUT NOTHING! I'M TRYING TO SLEEP!



BUT WE'VE GOT TO PRACTISE! WE'VE GOT A SCHOOL SHOW!

WELL YOU'RE NOT PRACTISING HERE!



AND THAT'S FINAL.

GREENVALE  
HIGH SCHOOL

GREENVALE'S  
GOT TALENT  
POSTER  
COMPETITION

GREENVALE'S  
GOT TALENT  
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COMPETITION

LIKE, THAT  
MISS MURPHY  
SAID CODING  
IS A TALENT.

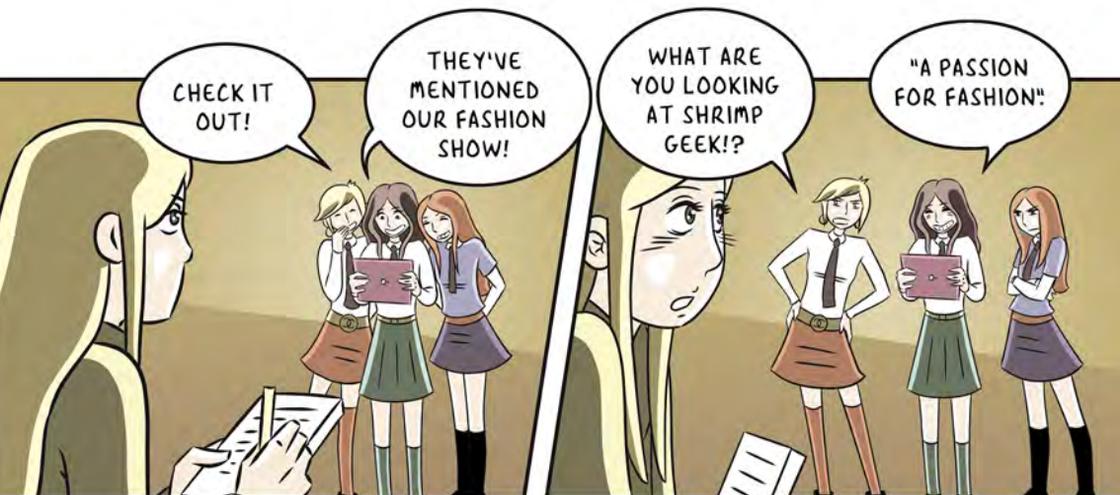
SO I'M GOING  
TO HELP OUT,  
YOU KNOW, BEHIND  
THE SCENES. WITH  
SOUND AND LIGHT  
AND STUFF.

YOU GONNA  
DO SOMETHING  
SAM MAN?

... AND  
I MIGHT  
EVEN MAKE  
A WEE FILM  
...

YOU GONNA  
DO SOMETHING  
SAM MAN?

I  
DUNNO  
...



CHECK IT OUT!

THEY'VE MENTIONED OUR FASHION SHOW!

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT SHRIMP GEEK!?

"A PASSION FOR FASHION!"



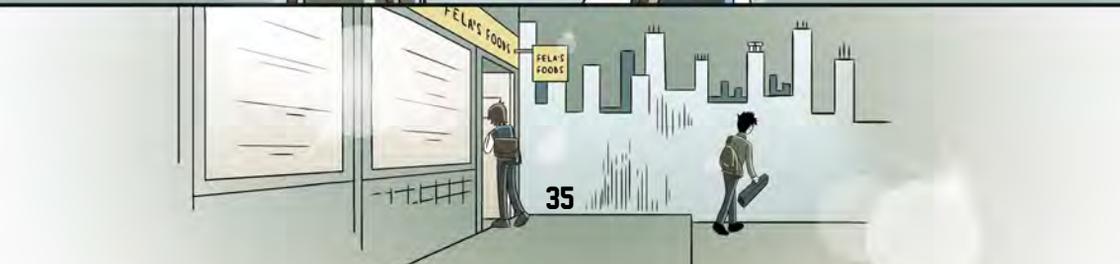
EVERYONE'S GOING CRAZY OVER THE SHOW.



MAN, WE COULD DO SOMETHING TOGETHER, LIKE A DUET.

I DUNNO.

BRING YOUR TRUMPET ON MONDAY!



# SHIFTING SPOTLIGHT

## GREENVALE'S GOT TALENT: THE BLOG

### A PASSION FOR FASHION

VIEWS:  
1,505,312

SOMEONE'S STARTED A MYSTERY BLOG, "SHIFTING SPOTLIGHT", IT'S GONE VIRAL.

YEAH, APPARENTLY THE GREENVALE GAZETTE HAS LINKED TO IT.

SHUT UP!

IT'S SERIOUSLY WEIRD THE WAY THE WHOLE THING'S TAKEN OFF!

TODAY IS ALL ABOUT KAREN AND HER CONTROL FREAK CLIQUE. IT EVEN KINDA MAKES THEM SOUND ALL RIGHT. "A PASSION FOR FASHION".

... BUT LOOK AT YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES!

SHIFTING SPOTLIGHT  
GREENVALE'S GOT TALENT  
THE PANIC TWINS TO WIN!

HEY! LOOK! YOU'RE YESTERDAY'S NEWS!

# SHIFTING SPOTLIGHT

## GREENVALE'S GOT TALENT: THE BLOG

### POPULARITY SURVEY

THE PANIC TWINS



THE MINDSET COLLECTIVE & NERVOUS BREAKDANCE



IS THAT YOUR SCHOOL SHOW?

THEY'VE DONE LIKE A SURVEY. WE'RE LEVEL WITH THE MINDSET COLLECTIVE AND NERVOUS BREAKDANCE.

LOADS OF LOCAL BUSINESSES HAVE SPONSORED IT. IT'S TOTALLY FLOWERS AND ...

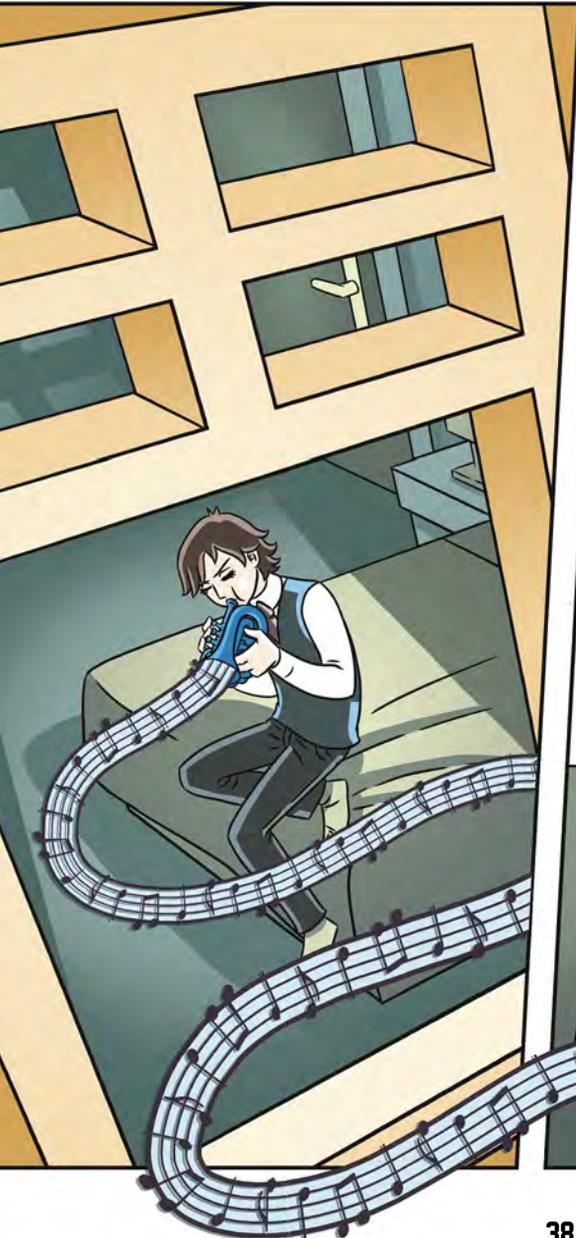
OH. MY. ...

A&R MEN TALENT SPOTTING!!

A RECORD LABEL!



I MEAN, HOW AWESOME IS THAT?!





WHY DO THEY NEVER SAY A&R WOMEN?

ARE YOU TAKING YOUR TRUMPET TO SCHOOL, SAM?



YOU'LL BE FINE.

TOM WANTS ME TO GO TO HIS PLACE. DO A DUET OR SOMETHING.

BUT HE'S REALLY GOOD.

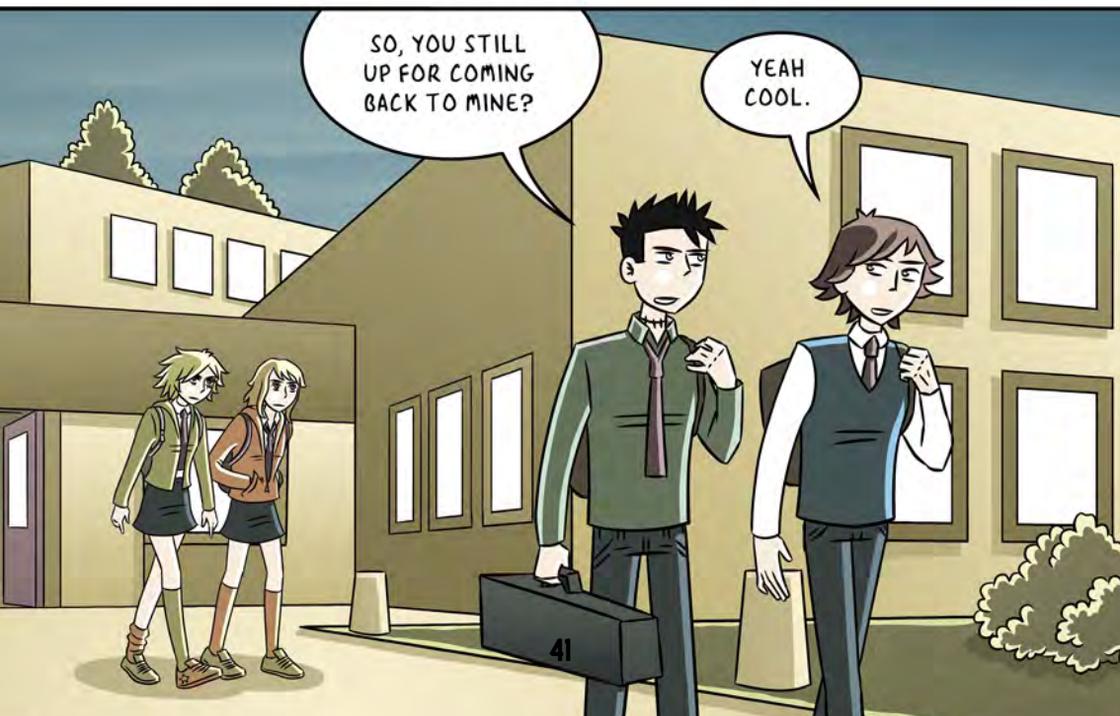
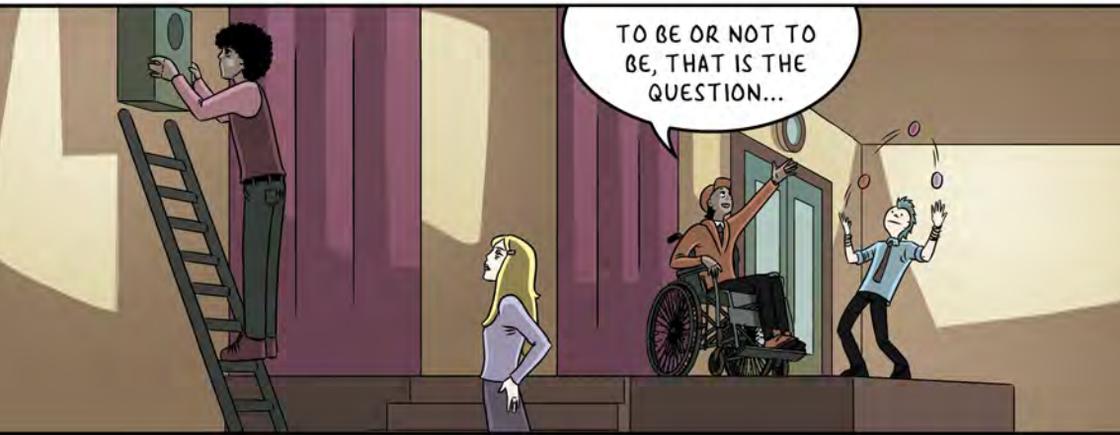


ARE YOU STAYING FOR TEA?

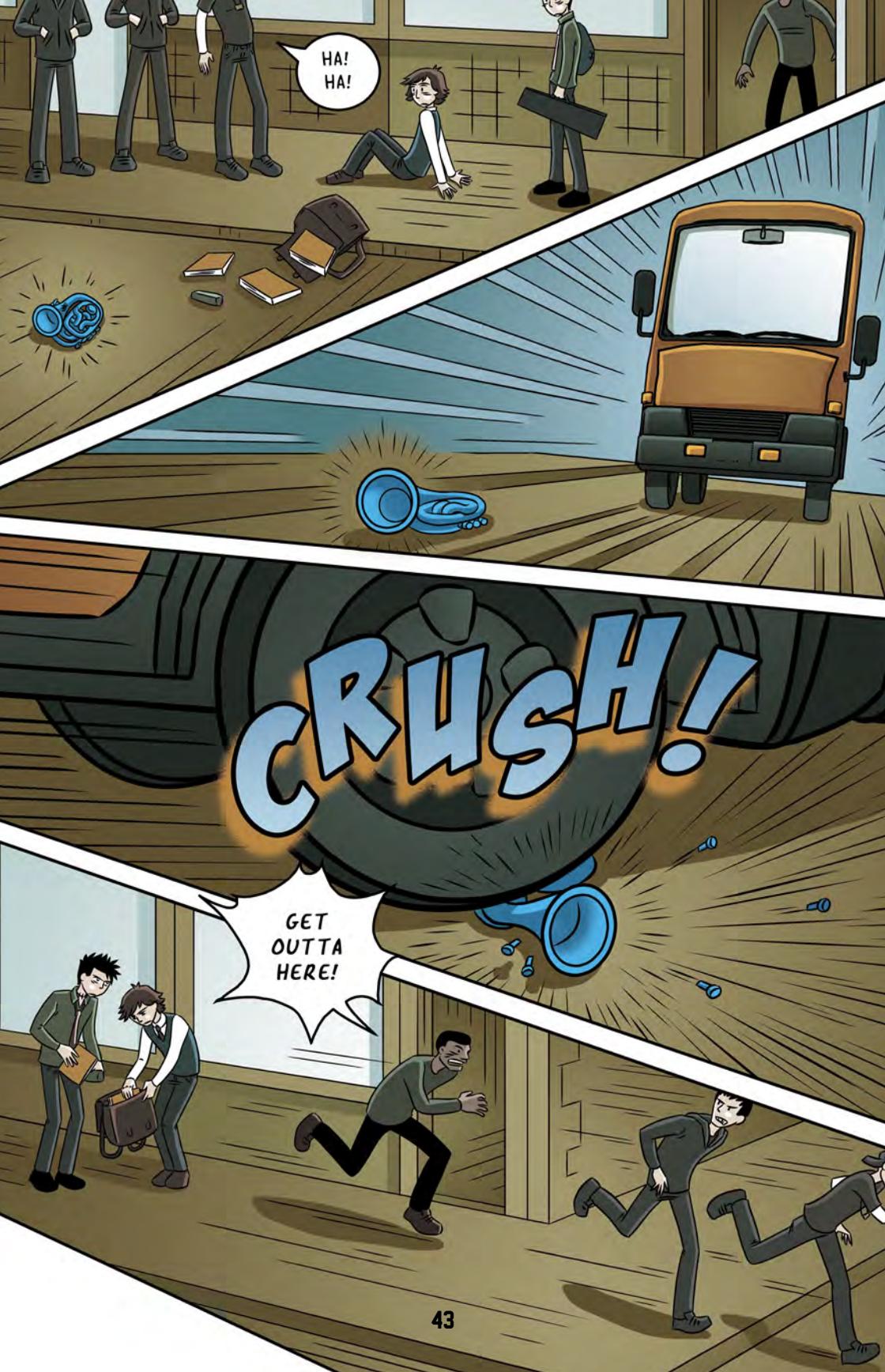
I DUNNO.

I'LL TEXT YOU.









HA!  
HA!

GET  
OUTTA  
HERE!

CRUSH!



IT'S PROBABLY  
FOR THE BEST.  
EVEN THE THOUGHT  
OF BEING ON STAGE  
WAS MAKING ME  
FEEL NERVOUS.



AND  
ANYWAY,  
VIOLIN AND  
TRUMPET,  
IT'S A BIT  
LIKE CHEESE  
AND TURNIP.



http://www.shiftingspotlight.blogspot.co.uk

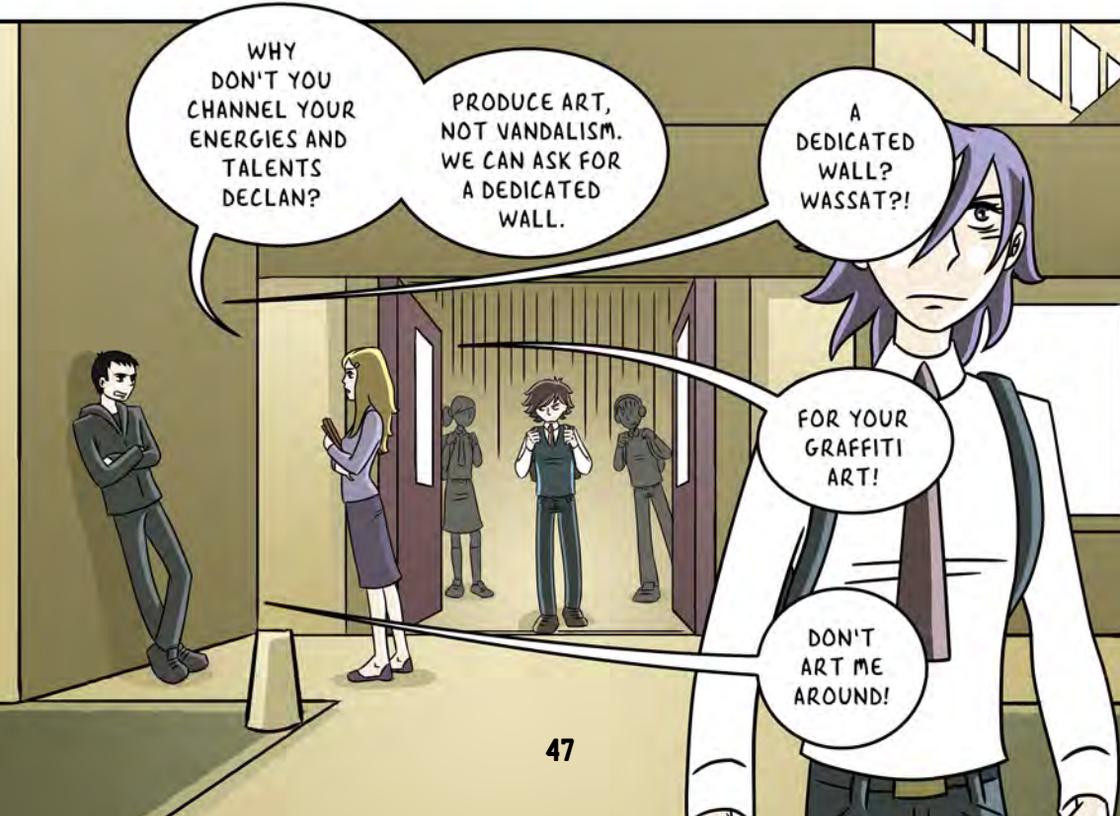
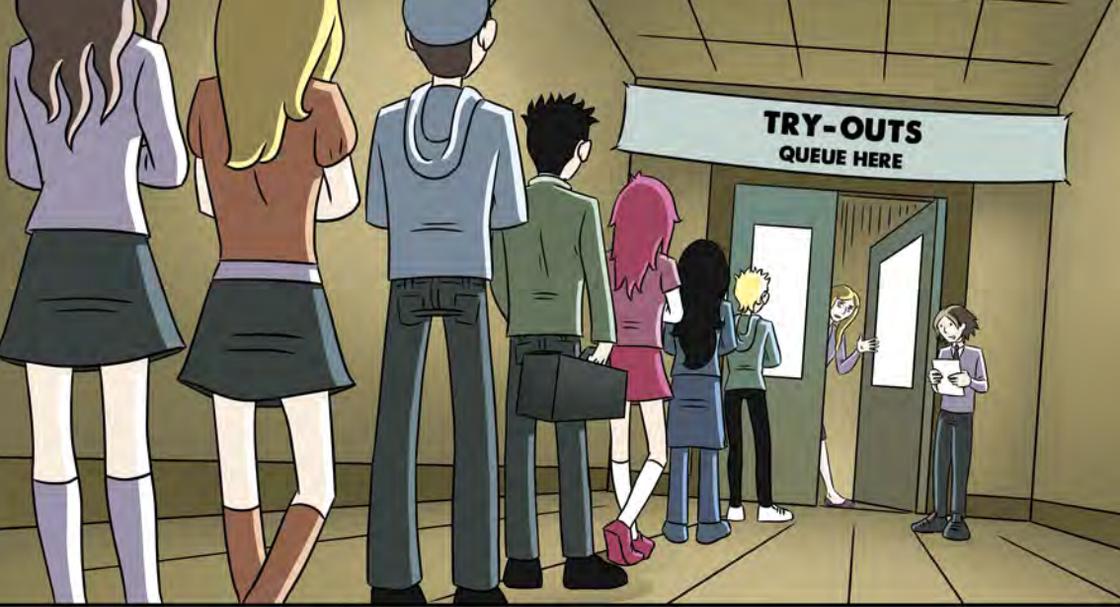
# SHIFTING SPOTLIGHT

## GREENVALE'S GOT TALENT: THE BLOG

**Our school has been galvanised by a talent show, shining brightly on the horizon. Those of us shy enough to avoid spotlights have been busying ourselves behind the scenes. And, the once grey corridors are still grey but are abuzz with happy pupils planning their own turns. Secret auditions, or try-outs will take place next week... The school's mystery talent must wait in line.**

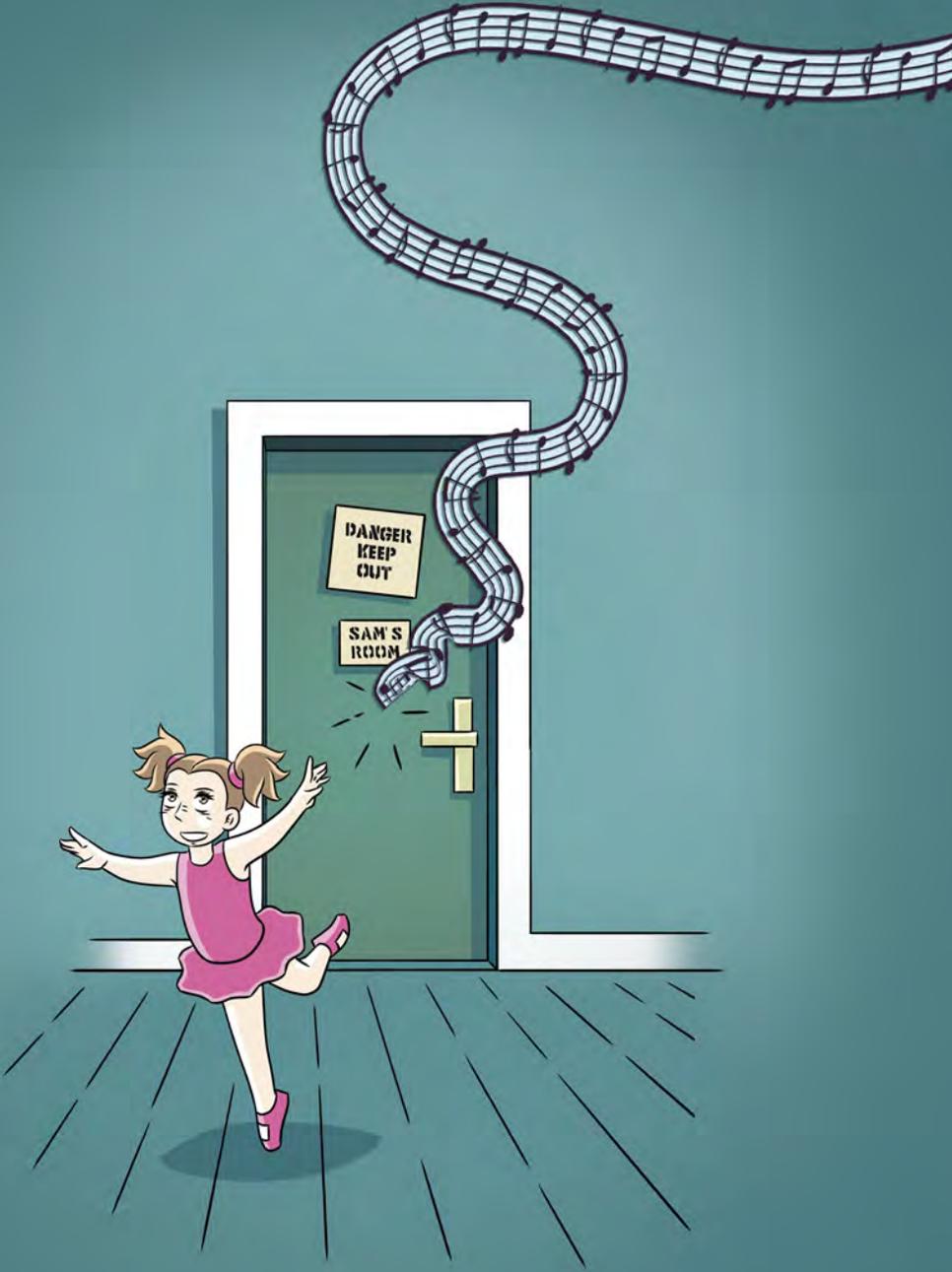
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**В ГРИНВЭЙЛ ЕСТЬ ТАЛАНТ**  
**ПОЗНАЙТЕ ЛИЧНО ПАНИК ТУИНС**



THE BLOG'S  
GONE  
STRATO,  
MAN.

**GREENVALE A DU TALENT**  
**AU COEUR DES PANIC TWINS**



AWESOME!  
LOOK! THEY'RE  
EVEN TALKING  
ABOUT IT  
IN RUSSIA!



SO,  
HOW'S THE  
PREP GOING  
WITH MISS  
MURPHY?

WELL,  
IT'S COMING  
TOGETHER BUT  
IT TAKES TIME,  
MAN.

YOU  
GONNA PULL  
ANOTHER  
ALL-NIGHTER?



PROBABLY.



CHECK OUT THE NEW BANKSY STUFF!

HEY DECLAN, MAN! YOU WANNA DO SOMETHING COOL?

ALWAYS COOL, MA MAN.



MANI IN OUR CREW SAYS YOU SHOULD SPRAY WITH THE MINDSET.

YEAH? I THOUGHT HE DID HIS OWN SPRAYING?

YEAH, BUT IT'S FOR THE SCHOOL THING, MAN. HE CAN'T MAKE IT 'CAUSE THERE'S NO BUSES AND HIS FOLKS DON'T HAVE A CAR.



HE SAYS IT'D BE COOL, MAN.



YEAH, MAYBE...

I'LL THINK ABOUT IT ...



GREENVALE HIGH SCHOOL

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I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S ALREADY TODAY AND WE'RE NOT EVEN READY!

YOU CAN ONLY DO YOUR BEST LOVE.

WE HAVEN'T HAD ENOUGH TIME!

THAT'S THE PROBLEM!

OH!  
NO!



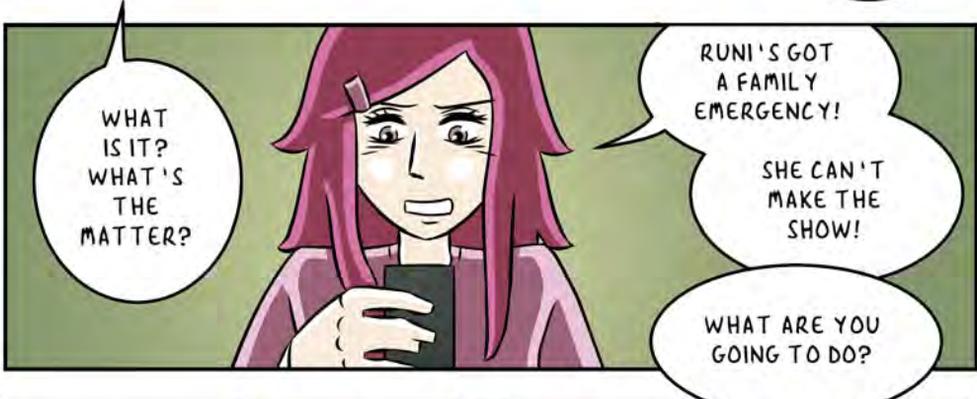
WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S THE MATTER?



RUNI'S GOT A FAMILY EMERGENCY!

SHE CAN'T MAKE THE SHOW!

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?



THERE'S NOTHING TO DO, IS THERE!?

NO SOLO... NO SHOW!

CAN YOU NOT DO A DIFFERENT SONG?



YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! IT'S ALL A MESS!



AFTER ALL THAT!





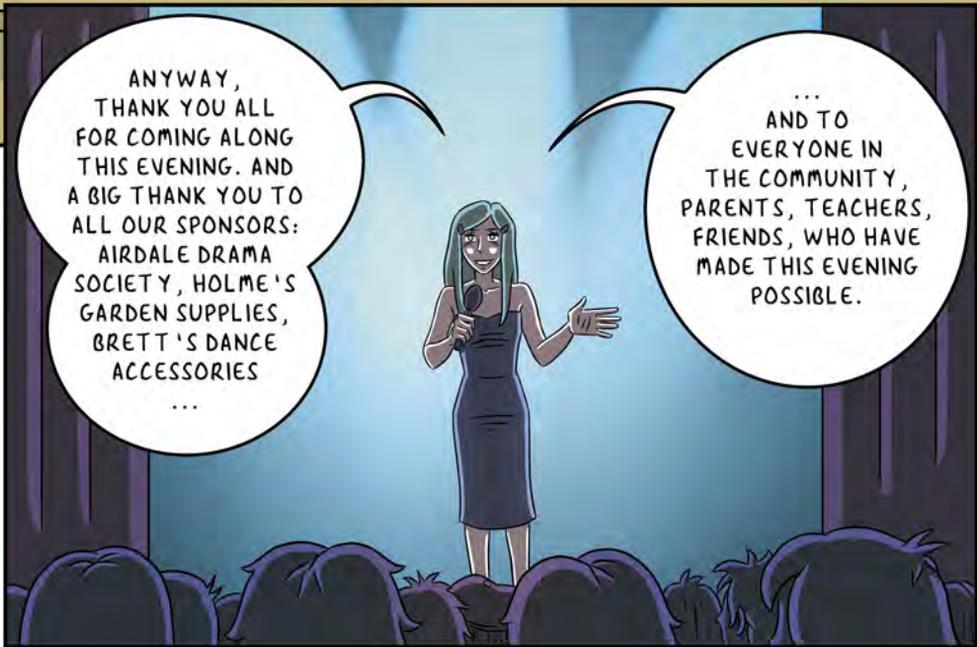
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GREENVALE HIGH SCHOOL

GREENVALE'S GOT TALENT

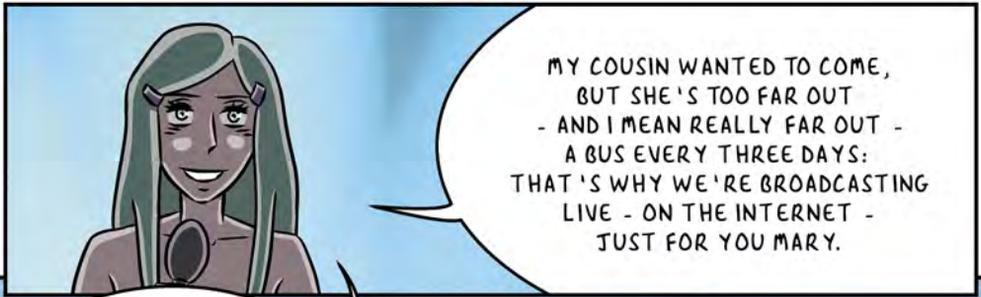
YOU COULD SAY I'M SHY, BUT THE VERY THOUGHT OF DOING STAND-UP COMEDY MAKES ME WANT TO SIT DOWN.

HA! HA!  
HA! HA!



ANYWAY, THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING ALONG THIS EVENING. AND A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SPONSORS: AIRDALE DRAMA SOCIETY, HOLME'S GARDEN SUPPLIES, BRETT'S DANCE ACCESSORIES ...

... AND TO EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY, PARENTS, TEACHERS, FRIENDS, WHO HAVE MADE THIS EVENING POSSIBLE.



MY COUSIN WANTED TO COME,  
BUT SHE'S TOO FAR OUT,  
- AND I MEAN REALLY FAR OUT -  
A BUS EVERY THREE DAYS:  
THAT'S WHY WE'RE BROADCASTING  
LIVE - ON THE INTERNET -  
JUST FOR YOU MARY.



WE'RE EVEN SELLING  
THE DVD TO RAISE  
MONEY FOR  
CHARITY.



HEY SAM! MY MAN!  
WHAT CAN I DO  
YOU FOR?



... THE THREE NUTS!



I CAN'T BELIEVE RUNI'S NOT GONNA PLAY...

IT'S ALL RUINED!

DON'T PANIC! WE'LL BE FINE.



YOU THINK SO? ...



THANK YOU  
MISS CASTAFAREYE  
- THAT WAS  
SIMPLY  
BEAUTIFUL.



AND NOW,  
FOR A DRAMATIC  
MOMENT:  
SHAKESPEARE'S  
HAMLET IN  
ONE AND A HALF  
MINUTES!

TO BE OR NOT TO BE-  
THAT IS THE QUESTION-  
WHETHER 'TIS NOBLER IN  
THE MIND TO SUFFER THE  
SLINGS AND ARROWS OF  
OUTRAGEOUS FORTUNE  
...



SO WHO DO  
YOU THINK ARE  
THE A&R MEN?

I DON'T KNOW,  
I KINDA HOPE  
THEY'RE NOT  
COMING NOW  
...



OUR VERY OWN VIOLIN VIRTUOSO ...

THOMAS WILBERFORCE!



CLAP

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THE MINDSET COLLECTIVE AND NERVOUS BREAKDANCE!

RESPECT!



WITH GRAFFITI ART BY DECLAN MCDEE!



CLAP

CLAP

CLAP

CLAP

CLAP



A SHORT  
FILM ABOUT  
PENGUIN  
SNIFFING  
...

SNIFF!

SNIFF!

BY  
JOE!

SNIFF!



AND NOW  
...



THE  
PANIC  
TWINNS!

HI THERE!  
WE'RE SORRY  
RUNI COULDN'T  
MAKE THE SHOW  
TONIGHT...

BUT WE'RE  
MOST OF THE  
PANIC TWINNS  
...

...  
AND THIS SONG  
IS CALLED  
"SONIC ZOOM".



IS  
SAM  
INNIT?

YOU ARIGHT MAN,  
NEVA DOBBED ME IN  
AND THAT...

RESPECT.

I'M SORRY ABOUT  
YOUR TRUMPET  
...

IS YOUR  
SISTER'S  
BAND?

THEY  
GOOD.



SO, THERE I WAS, IN THE SPOTLIGHT AFTER ALL...

AND MOLLY EVEN JOINED IN TOO.



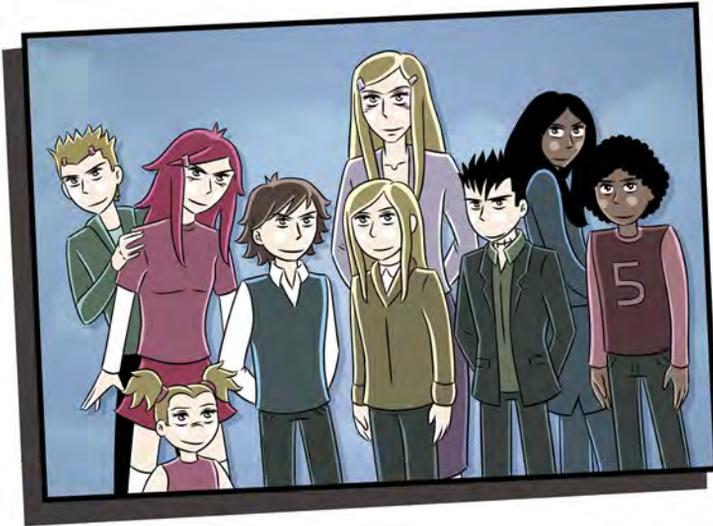
IT'S A GOOD JOB I'D BEEN LEARNING RUNI'S TUNES.



JEN HIT IT OFF WITH THE A&R WOMAN (IT WAS A WOMAN AFTER ALL) AND THE RECORD LABEL ARE TALKING TO THE PANIC TWINS.

FELA'S FRIEND LET ME KEEP BOTH TRUMPETS. EVEN THE POCKET ONE I PICKED UP AT A JUMBLE SALE SOUNDS FINE NOW THAT HE'S FIXED IT, AND I'VE KINDA LEARNED HOW TO PLAY IT.

AND IT TURNED OUT LAURA WAS THE MYSTERY BLOGGER. SHE'S BEEN INVITED ON A CREATIVE WRITING COURSE NEXT WEEK. SHE SAYS WE SHOULD GO AND SEE A FILM TOGETHER WHEN SHE GETS BACK.



AND, AFTER THE SHOW, ME AND TOM WERE EVEN BOTH OFFERED A PLACE WITH THE NATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA.

# Want to Find Out More?

**There are many ways to find out how to take part in arts activities whether as a participant or as an audience member – artists and performers need an audience and someone to look at their work!**

**Sometimes the best place to start finding out what's going on in your area is to ask your parents, friends, a teacher, lecturer or youth worker.**

**If you have an arts centre near where you live they'll have a brochure that tells you what's going on there, and sometimes they'll also run activities in other parts of your community.**

**There are hundreds of arts organisations that hold regular events and activities for you to participate in. Keep an eye out in your local area for posters, flyers and in the local newspapers for details. You can also find out more about arts organisations here: [www.creativescotland.com](http://www.creativescotland.com)**

**If you have access to a computer then why not take a look at Young Scot's 'What's On Where' website. It's a great way to match your interests to activities taking place in your local area: [www.youngscotwow.org](http://www.youngscotwow.org)**

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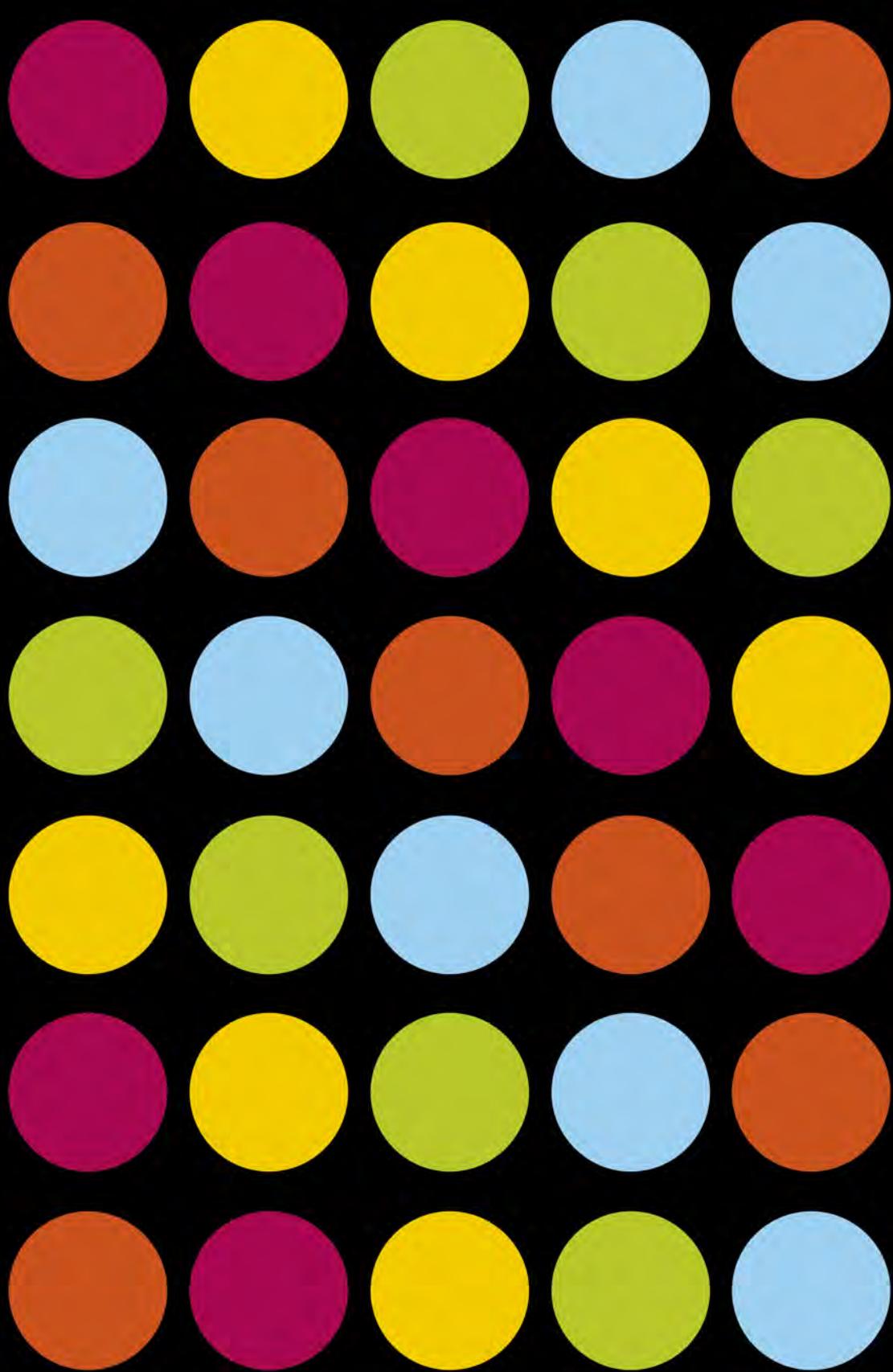
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**SAM IS 14 AND HE LIKES**

**ALL THE USUAL THINGS ANY TEENAGE BOY DOES...**

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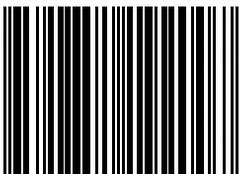
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