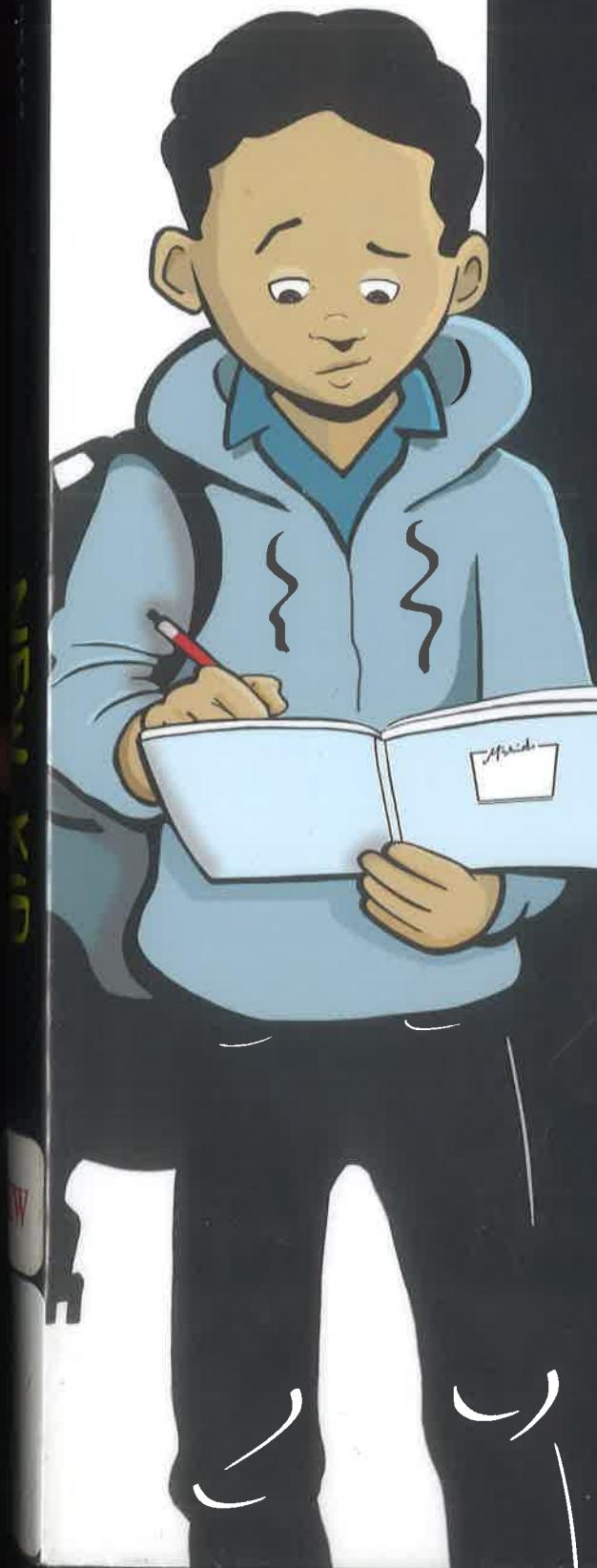


Middle school  
is hard enough  
without being the...

# NEW KiD

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"Funny, sharp, and totally real!  
Jordan Banks is the kid  
everyone will be talking about!"

-Jeff Kinney  
Author of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*



## SEVENTH GRADER JORDAN BANKS

loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan turns out to be one of the few kids of color in his entire grade. As he makes the daily trip from his Washington Heights apartment to the upscale Riverdale Academy Day School, Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds—and not really fitting into either one. Middle school's hard enough without all the unspoken rules and expectations that come with being the new kid! Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his neighborhood friends and staying true to himself?

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THIS IS HOW I FEEL EVERY SINGLE DAY OF MY LIFE, LIKE I'M FALLING WITHOUT A PARACHUTE.

I MEAN, I'M NOT REALLY FALLING. THAT'S CALLED A METAPHOR. I LEARNED ABOUT THEM IN ENGLISH.

WHEN I WAS YOUNGER I USED TO WISH I WAS SUPERMAN. SO INSTEAD OF FALLING, I COULD FLY.

## CHAPTER

### 1

## THE WAR OF ART

BUT NOW THAT I'M TWELVE, I REALIZE JUST HOW SILLY THAT WAS.









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# My Dad's Tips for Being a Man! "Shaking Hands"

The handshake is one of the most important rituals on earth.

Why?

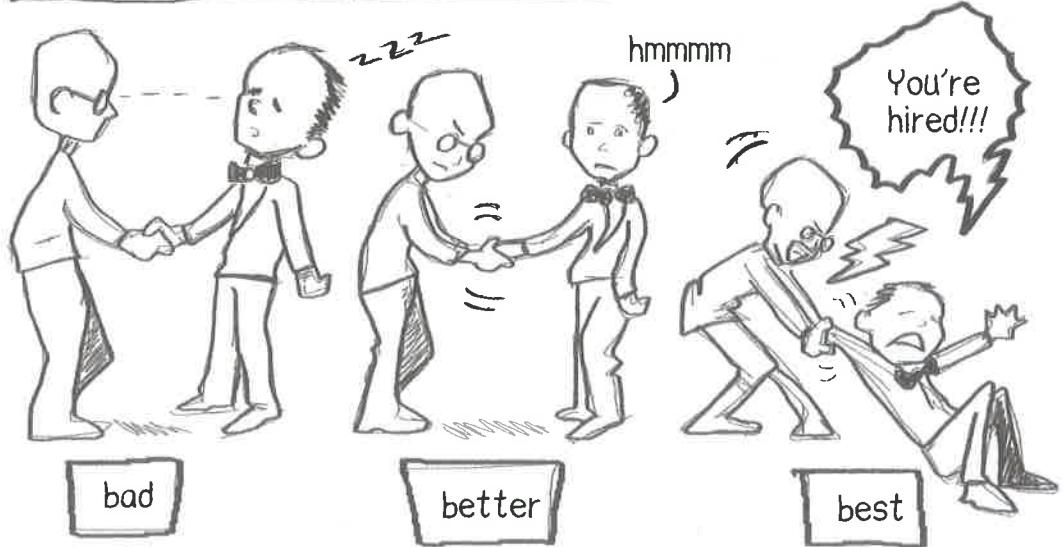
I don't know.  
Nobody does!  
But here's how to do it.

step #1 ONLY use your right hand . . . even if you're a lefty.

#2 ALWAYS look each other in the eye!



#3 Remember, the firmer your grip, the more that people will respect you.



And here are some other bad things:

cold hands!



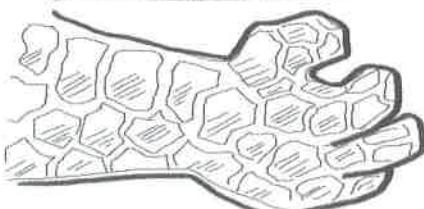
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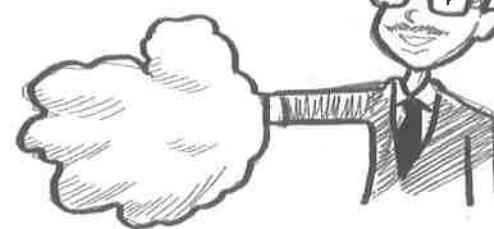
dirty hands!



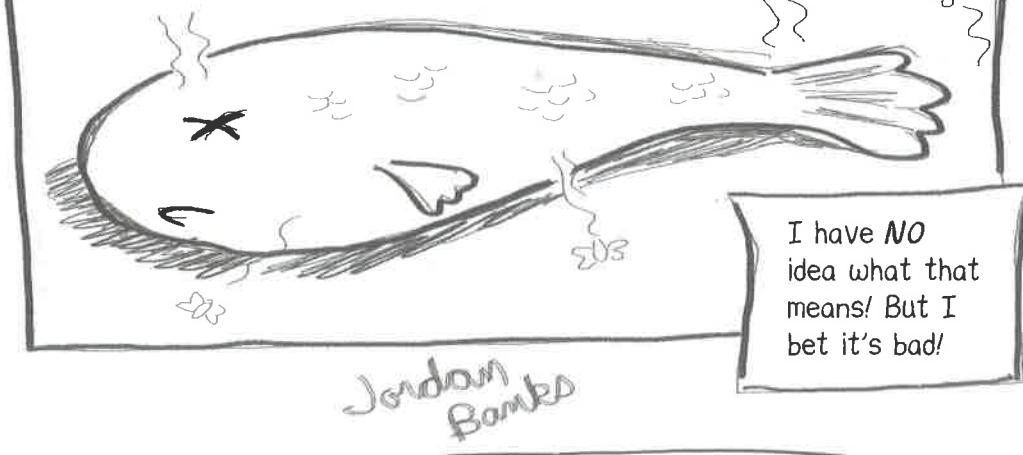
hands too rough



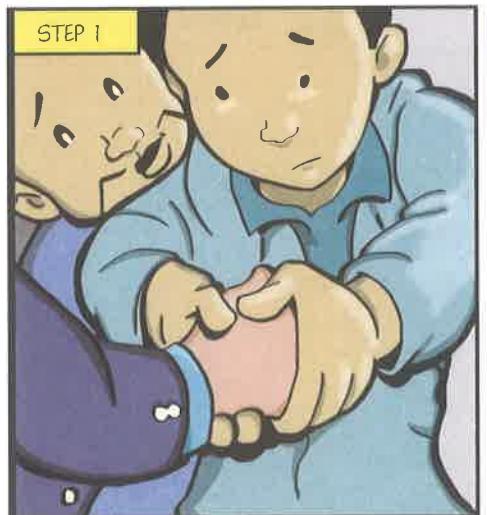
hands too soft



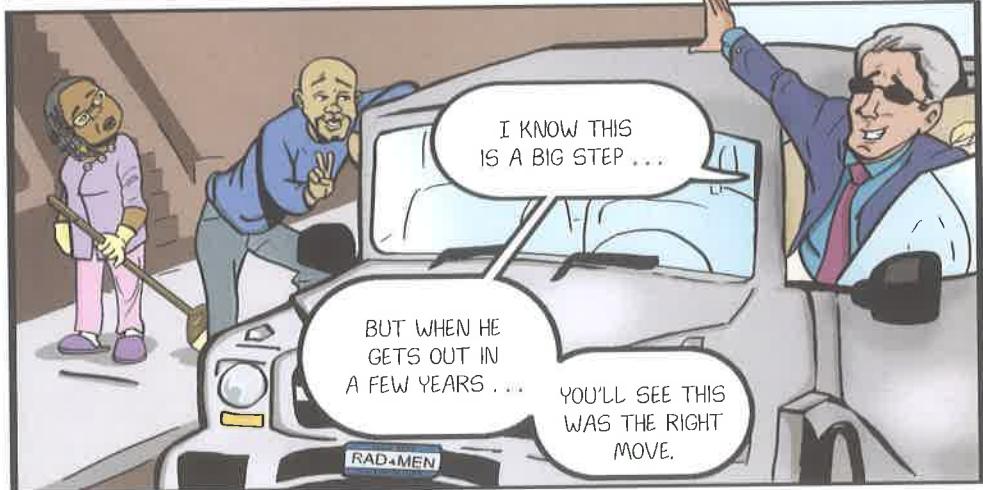
And the most important rule of all: never, ever give someone a "dead fish!!!"



I have NO idea what that means! But I bet it's bad!







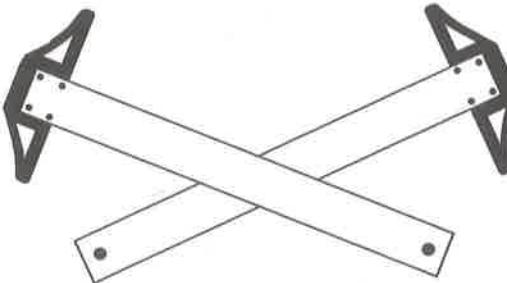
Washington  
Heights



## Chapter 2

the road to riverdale

there and back again



# Riverdale

► THE ANNUAL FIRST-DAY-OF-SCHOOL ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE.

Watson's Weaves

ENVIOS  
MONEY

CANDELARIO'S  
CARNICERIA

JAY'S  
PIZZA

BODEGA

IGLESIA

VELASQUEZ  
RESTAURANT

LIVE  
MUSIC

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS  
ZOMBIES

INWOOD ZOMBIES

AREN'S

Thin Crust  
PIZZA

GREG & MIKE'S  
COOKIES AND  
CAKES

KEEFE'S

KEEFE'S  
IRISH?

Britto's  
Organic  
Foods

TRISHA'S TRAVEL

MISS CARRIE'S  
TRAVEL

CASH NO  
TIME

Jeanine's  
PORK SHOP

555  
WISCONSIN  
Ave

BREA'S  
PUPPIES

Mikes

Custom  
Golf  
Studio

ANN-KELLY'S  
SOUL GRILL

VETTER'S FRU  
& VEGETAB

Autier's  
Beauty Supplies

KINGSBRIDGE ZOMBIES

HERE WE ARE,  
RIVERDALE ACADEMY  
DAY SCHOOL ...

BUT THEY'VE  
CALLED IT  
**RAD** SINCE  
I WENT HERE.

YOU USED  
TO GO HERE?

SURE DID. SO DID *MY DAD!*  
AND SO DO LIAM'S SISTER, KIRSTEN,  
AND HIS LITTLE BROTHER, GRAYSON.  
I DROPPED THEM OFF BEFORE  
COMING TO GET YOU.

WOW!!

WAKE UP, SLEEPYHEAD.  
I'M HEADING STRAIGHT TO  
THE AIRPORT.

MAKE SURE TO  
INTRODUCE JORDAN  
TO YOUR FRIENDS.

(YAWN) ...  
KAY, DAD.

**GULP!**

MR. PIERRE  
WILL PICK  
YOU GUYS UP.

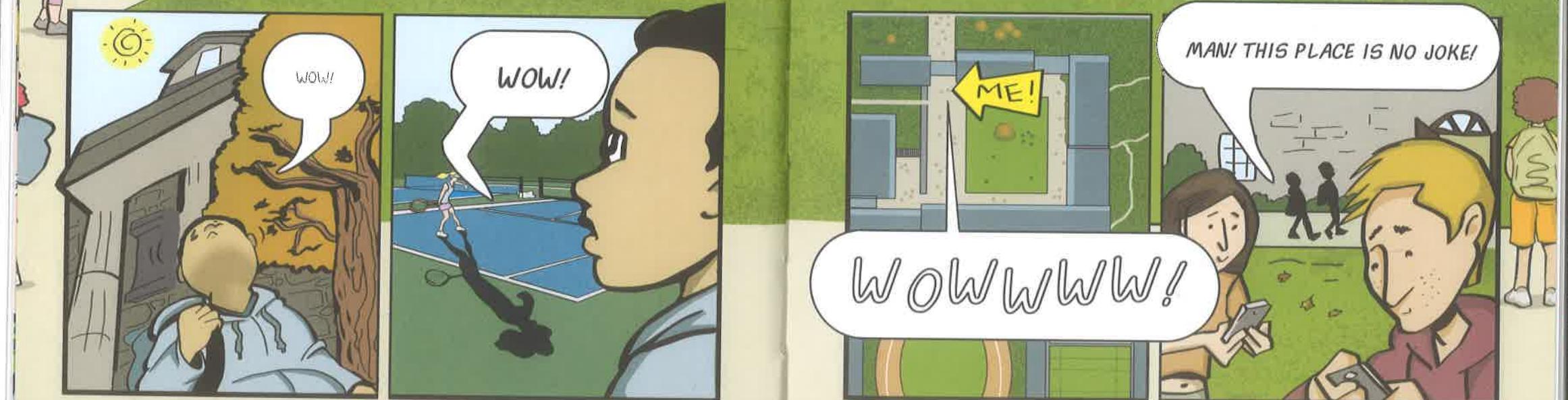
MOM WILL GET  
YOUR BROTHER  
AND SISTER.

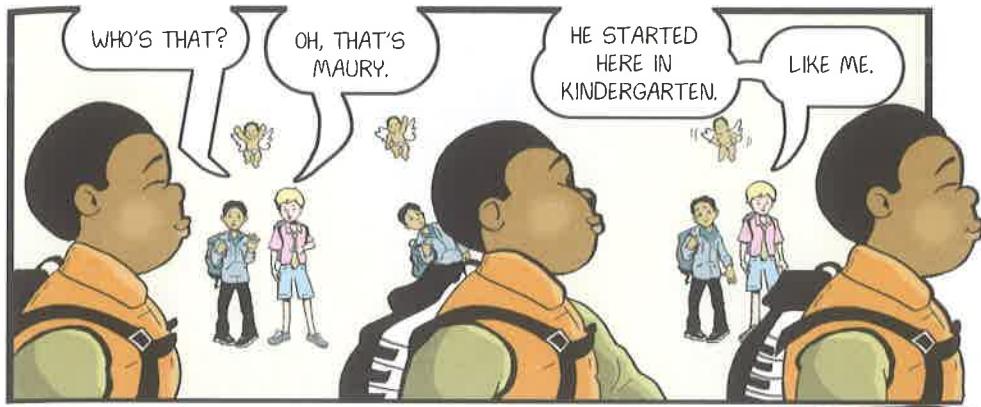
WHO'S MR.  
PIERRE?

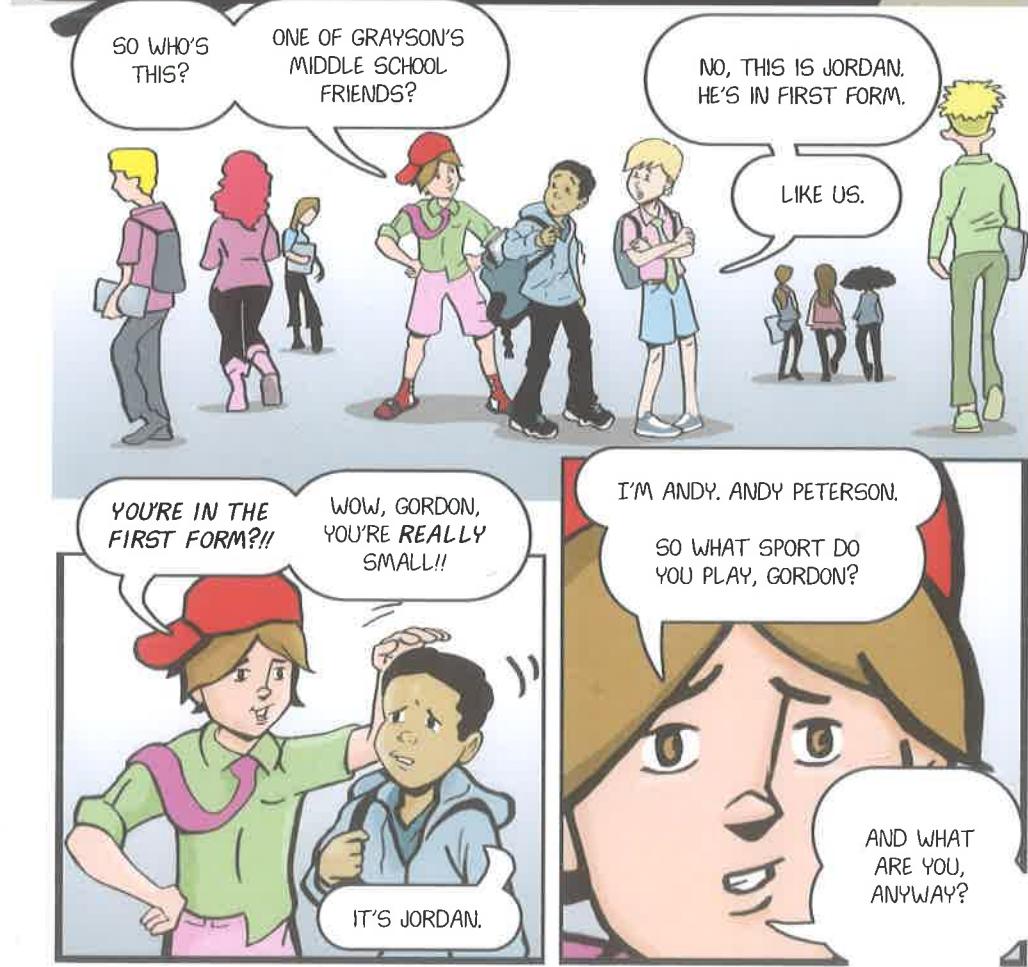
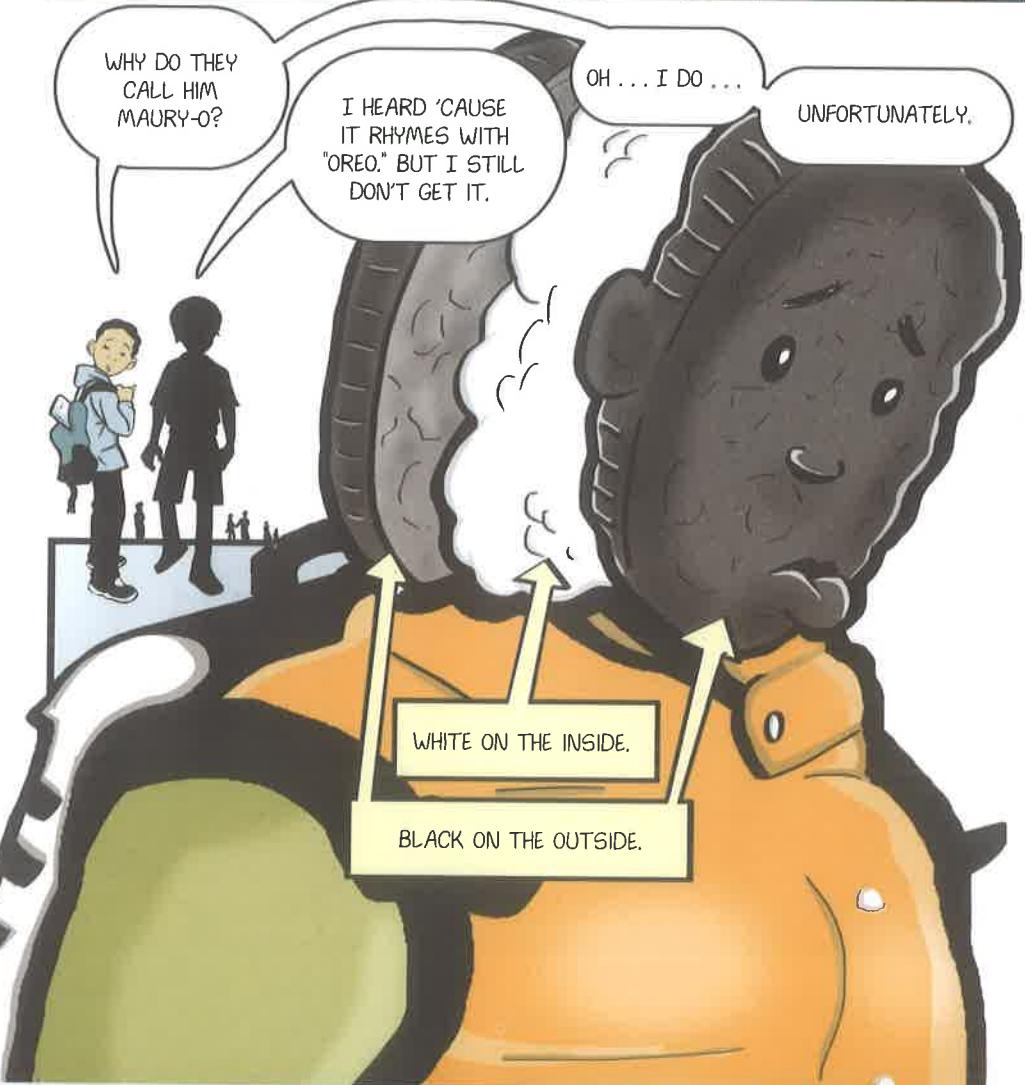
UM ... JUST  
A FRIEND OF  
THE FAMILY.

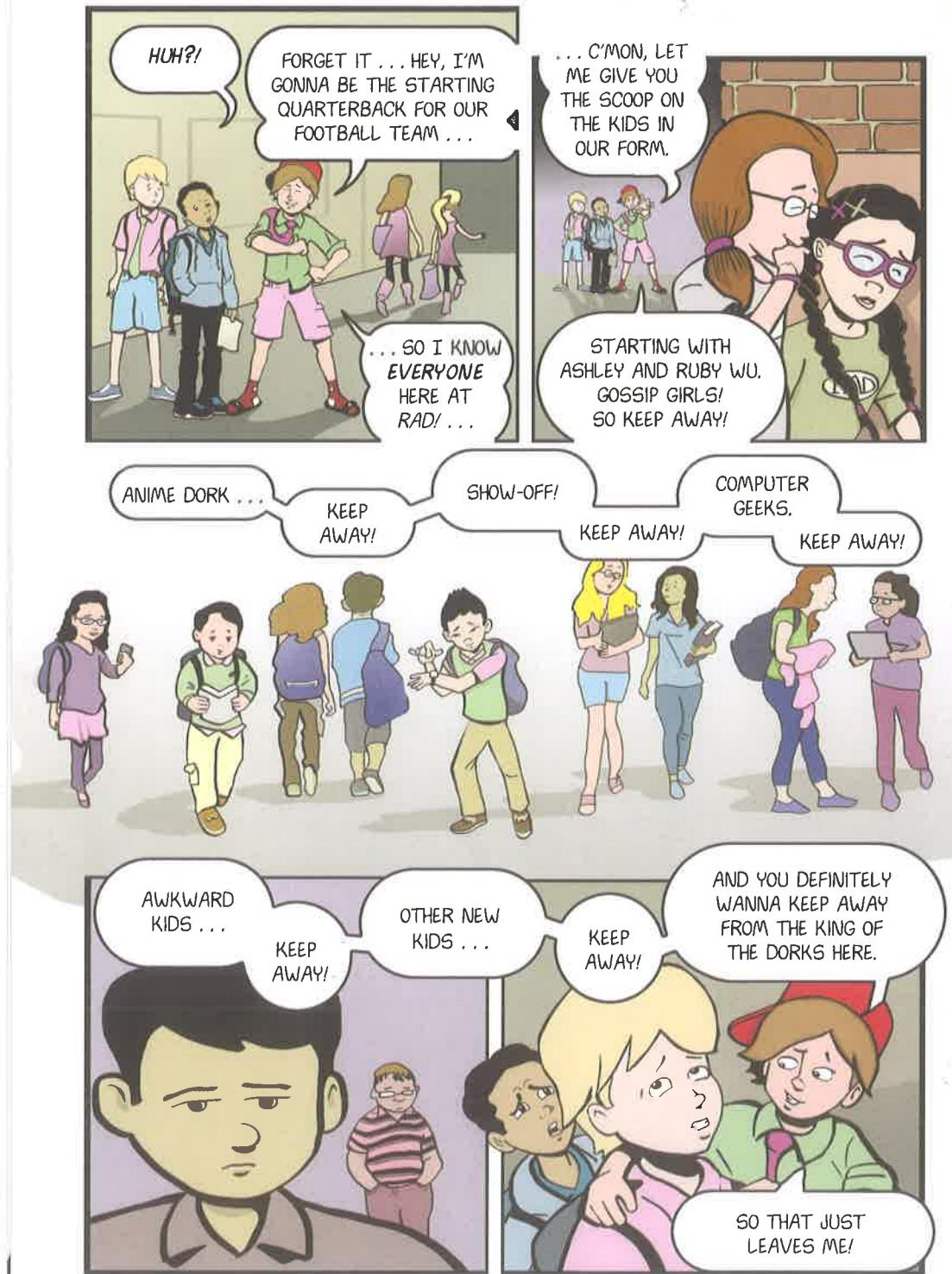
C'MON, WE DON'T  
WANT TO BE LATE.



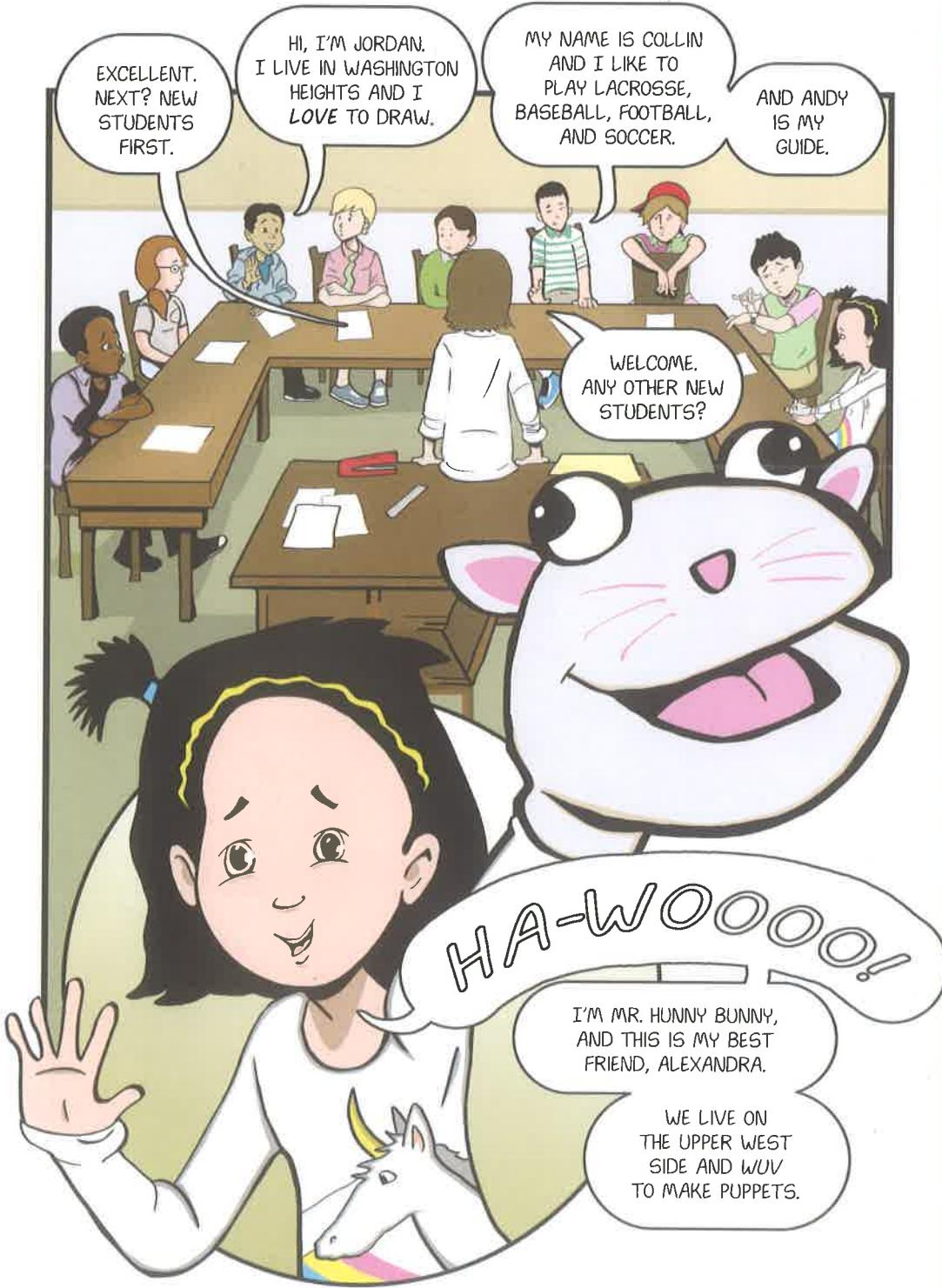




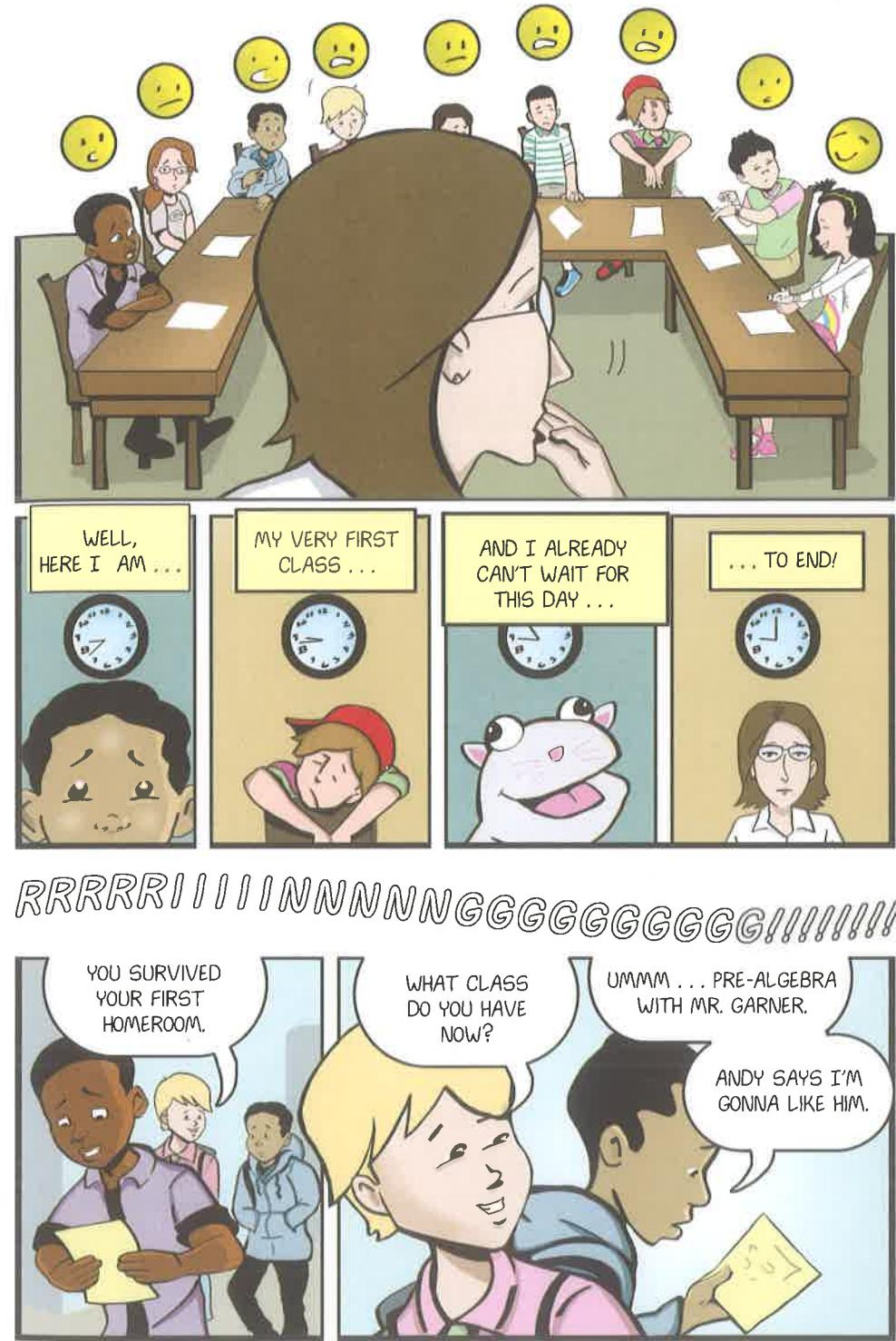




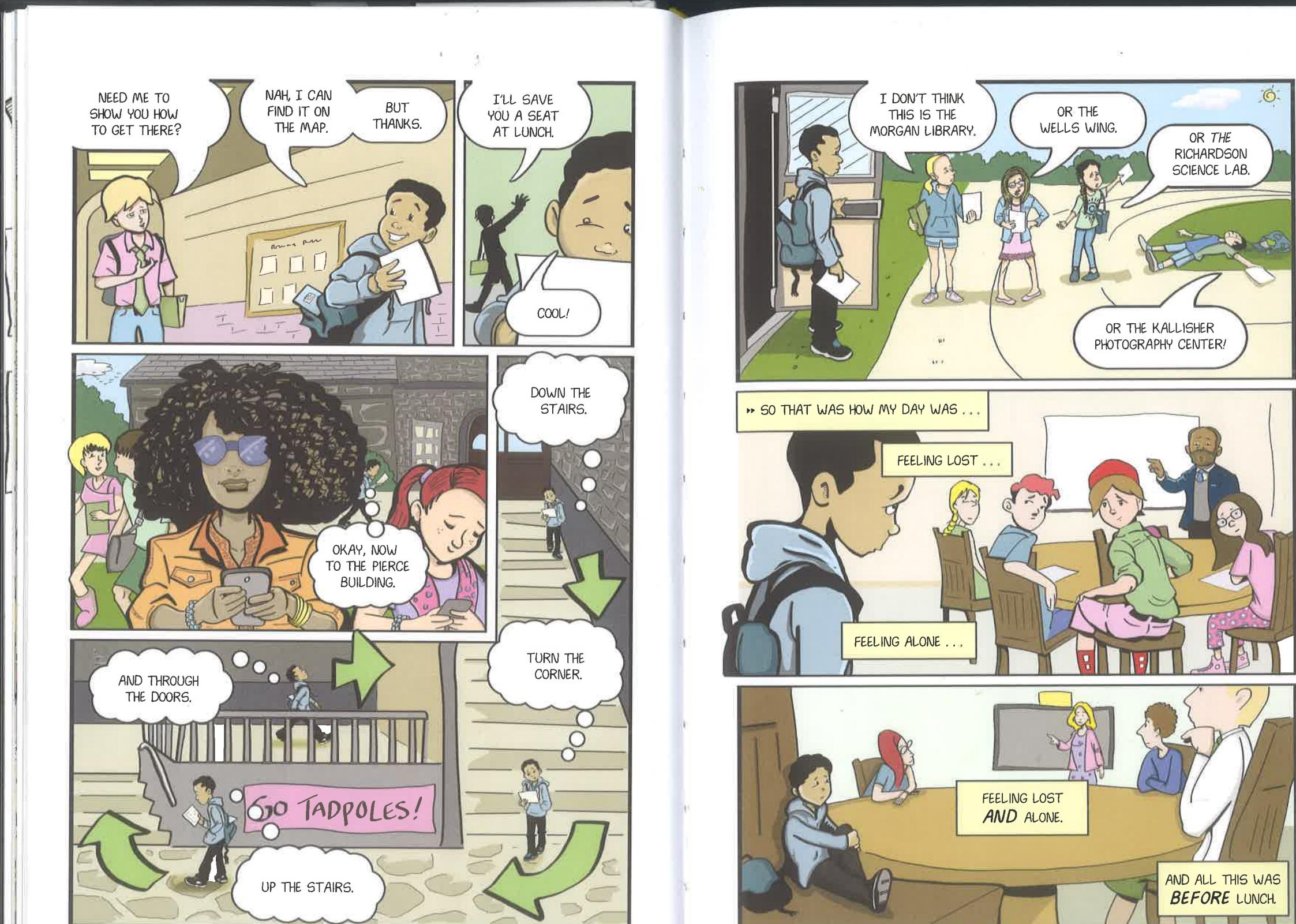




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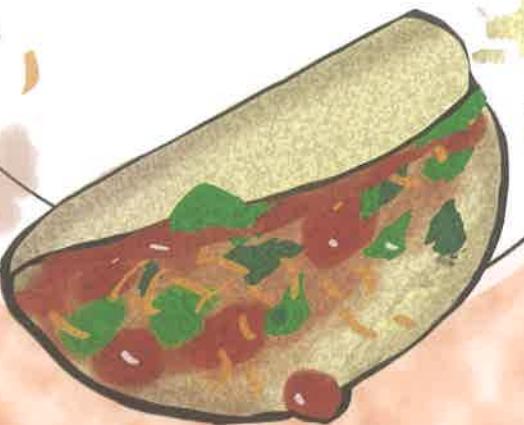


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# CHAPTER 3

THE HUNGRY GAMES:  
STOP MOCKING J





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HI, ALEX.  
UMMM...  
OKAY.



YEAH, NOT FOR LOSER FIRST FORMERS!

SO APPARENTLY THERE'S A SEATING ARRANGEMENT!



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# The Dude Pyramid

## A Guide to Cafeteria Hierarchy

Regular seniors (Wolves) get the window seats.

The Upper-Class Black Table (Rhinos).

Juniors (Foxes) get their own section in the middle.

WRESTLING

Kids who don't speak English that well (Mice) fill up the gaps in between.

Sophomores (Owls) sit closest to the food.

Freshmen (Ants) go around the wall without the windows.

Senior athletes (Lions) get the cool corner with windows.

RAD

Theater kids (whatever lions eat) get stuck sitting next to senior Jocks.

Dorky clubs (Worms) sit next to the brick wall.

WIND

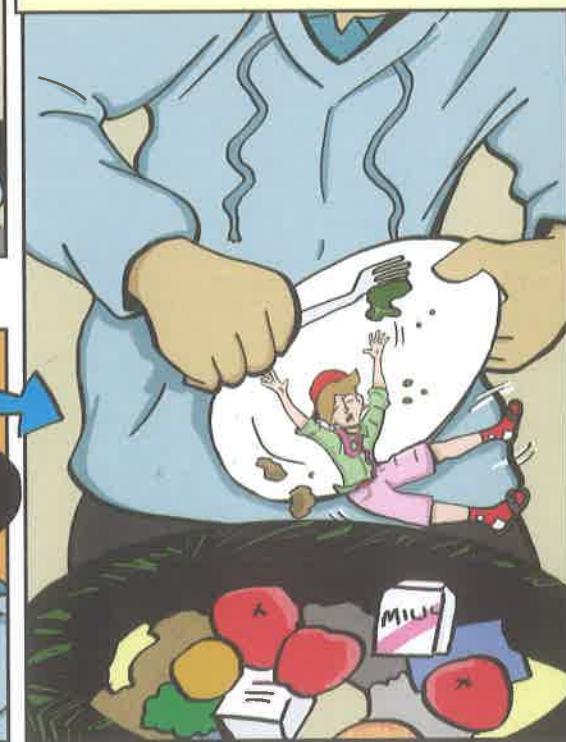
And then there's US, seventh and eighth graders, also called first and second formers (Toenail Fungus). We get to sit in front of the drafty doorway next to the trash cans.

GARBAGE

JORDAN BANKRD



► LUNCH WAS FUN. LIAM, ALEX, AND RAMON WERE COOL. COLLIN WASN'T TOO BAD. BUT I COULD HAVE REALLY DONE WITHOUT ANDY.





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## J Max Bond Jr Way

» THREE O'CLOCK.  
FINALLY!

HELLO, BOYS, HOW  
WAS YOUR FIRST  
DAY?

GREAT!!!  
WHEN I WASN'T  
GETTING LOST.

JORDAN,  
THIS IS  
MR. PIERRE.

BY THE WAY,  
SORRY ABOUT  
THIS MORNING.

NO  
PROBLEM.

GUESS I'M NOT  
A MORNING  
PERSON.

PLUS SOME  
FAMILY DRAMA.

IT'S OKAY,  
LIAM.

REALLY.

SO WHAT DO  
YOU THINK  
OF RAD?

YEAH...  
DO YOU PLAY  
XBOX?

IS THAT KID  
ANDY ALWAYS  
LIKE THAT?

WELL, HERE WE  
ARE, SON.

IT'S A BIT  
OVERWHELMING.

DEFINITELY! I'LL  
GIVE YOU MY  
GAMER TAG.

NO. MOST TIMES  
HE'S WORSE!

BOY, THAT  
WAS QUICK.

JUST BUMMED  
ABOUT MY  
NEW SCHOOL.

YEAH, I  
FIGURED. I  
KNOW TH-

OH...

WHO'S  
THAT?  
UHM...  
JUST A FRIEND  
FROM THE  
BLOCK.

\$5,000  
DRAFT  
\$5000

