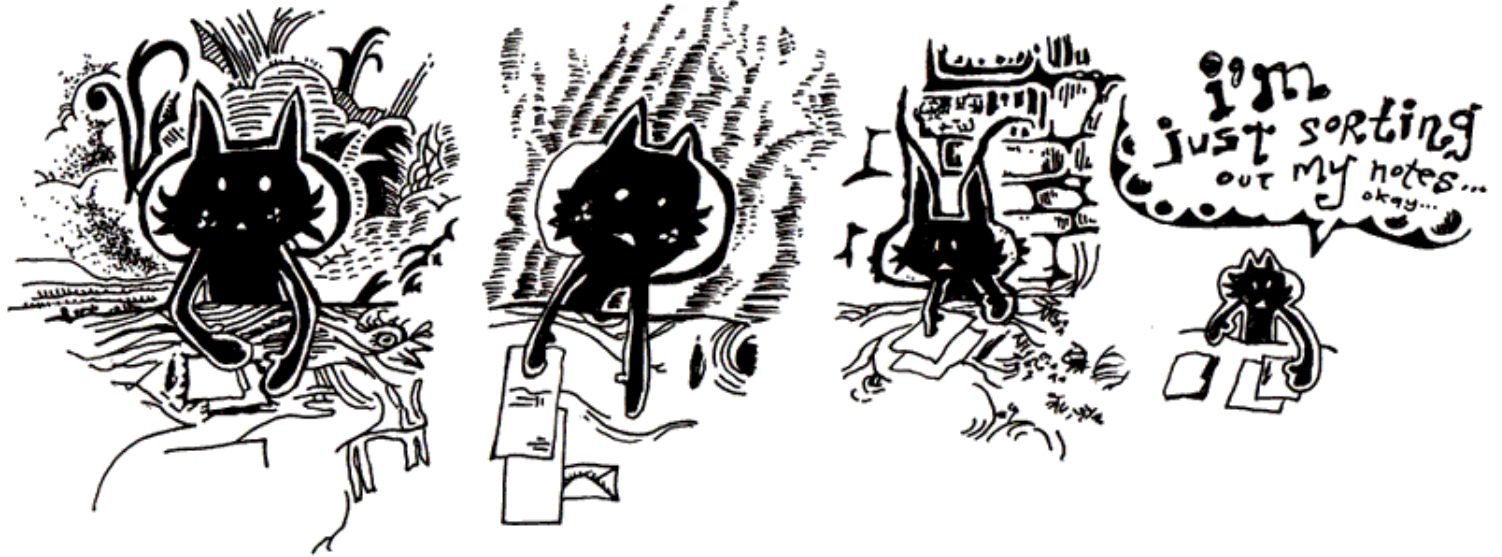


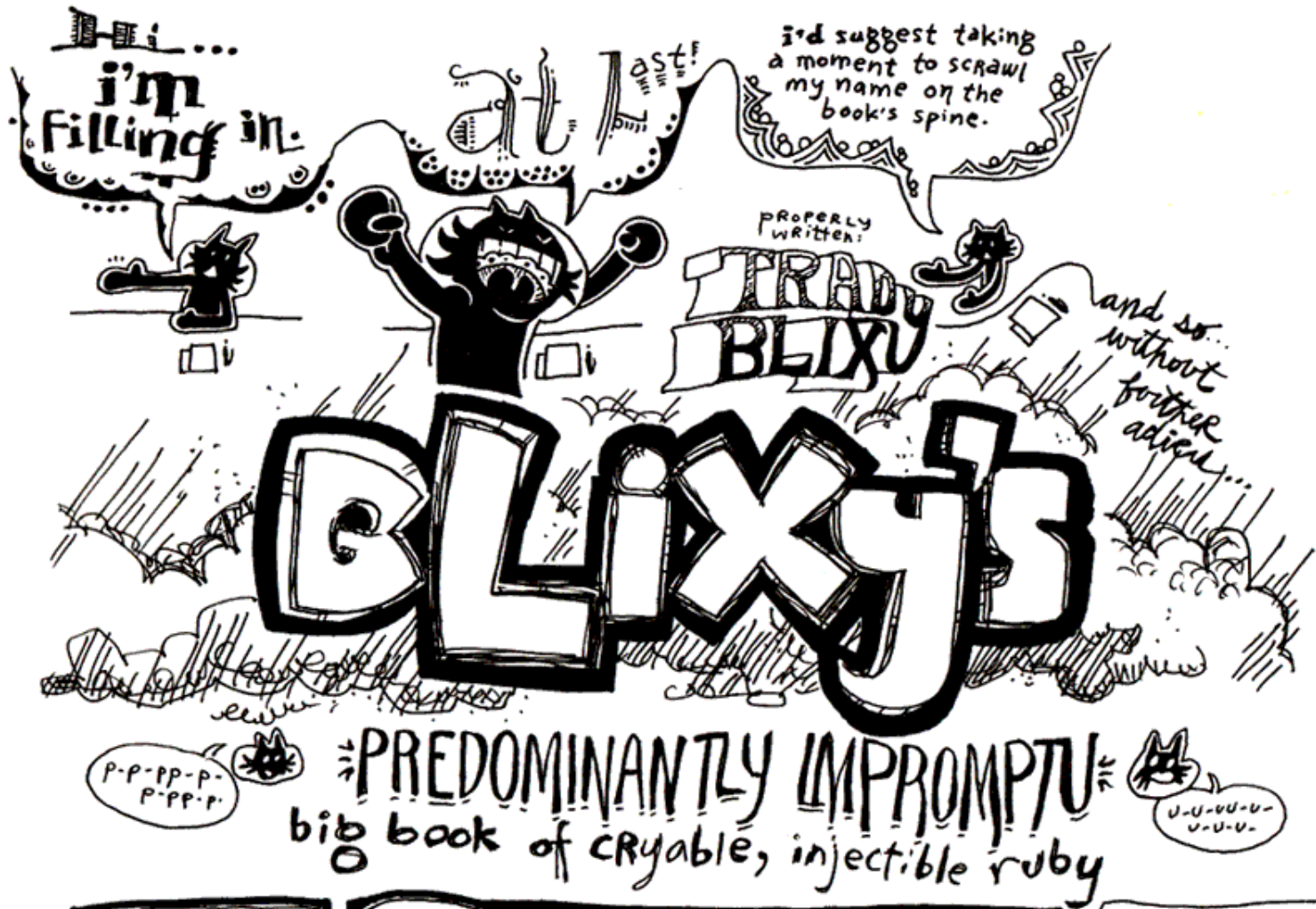


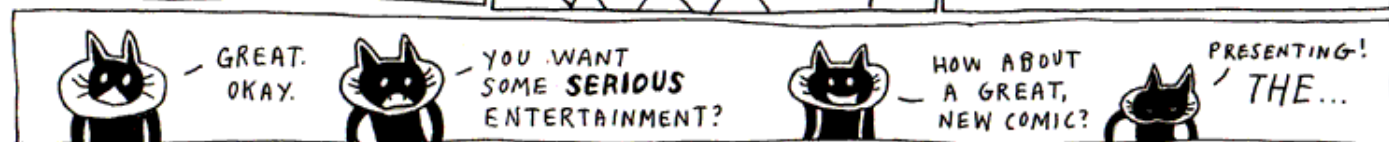
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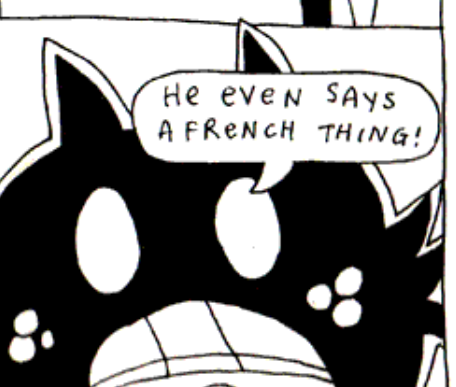


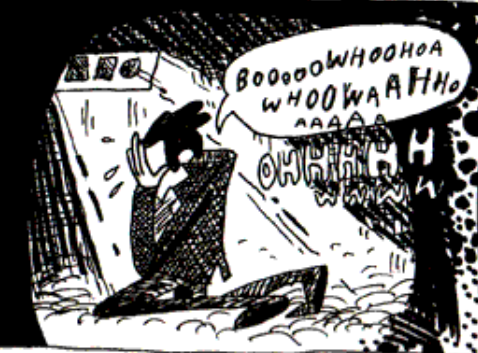
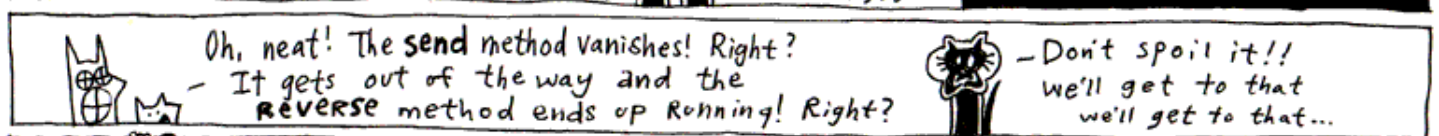
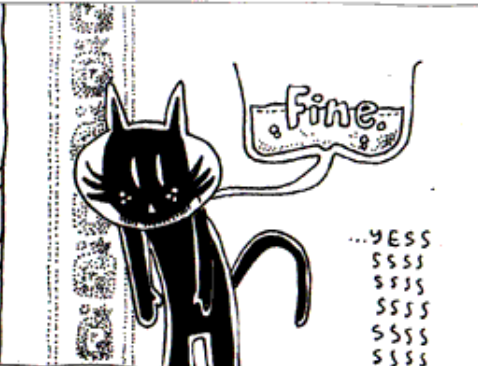
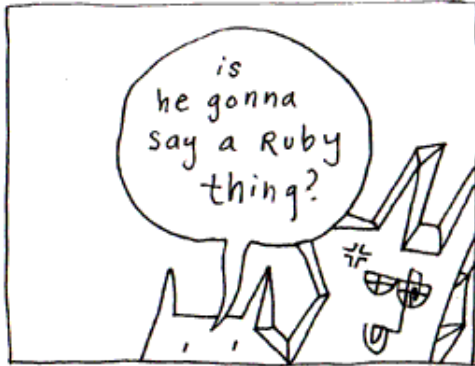
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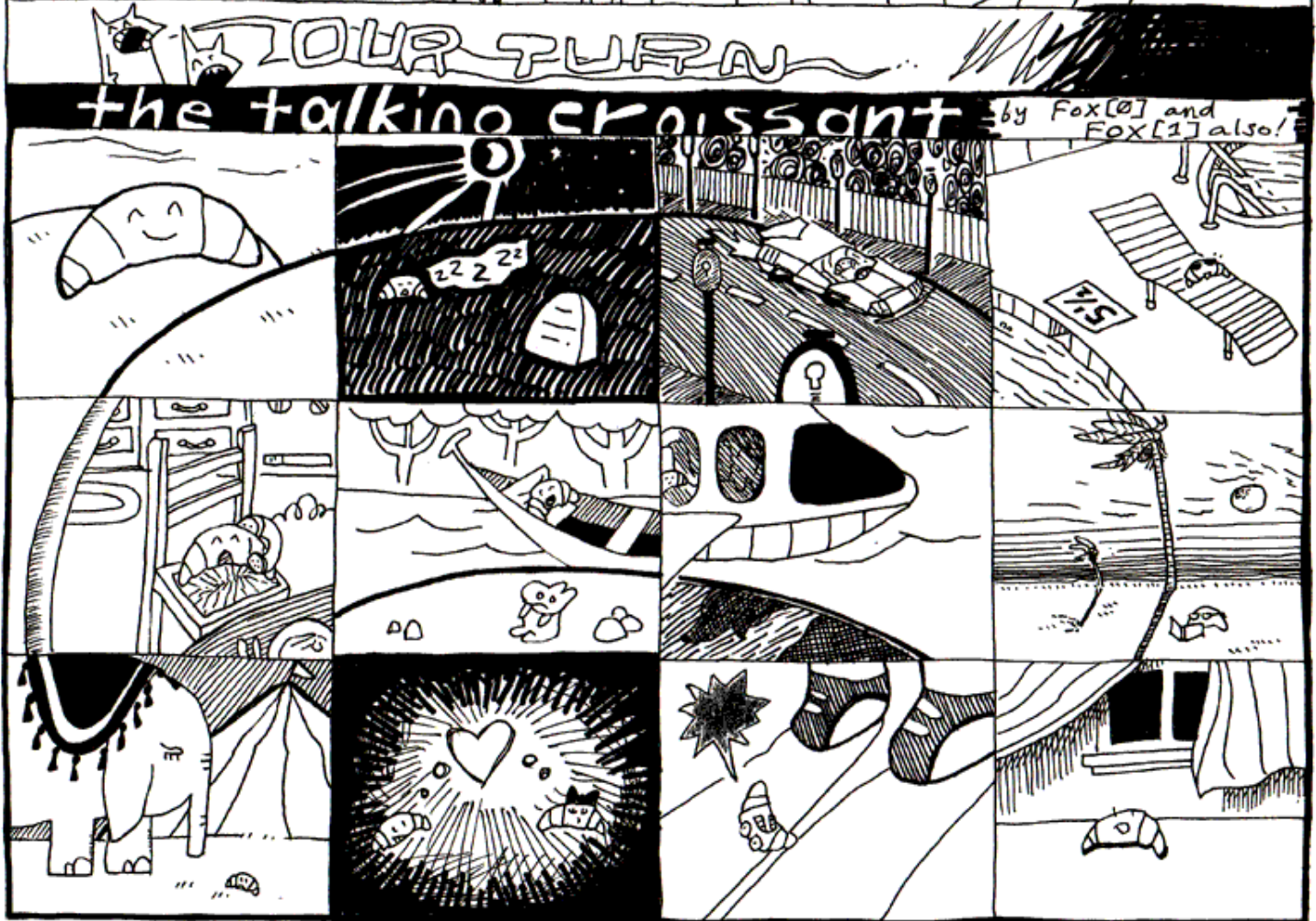
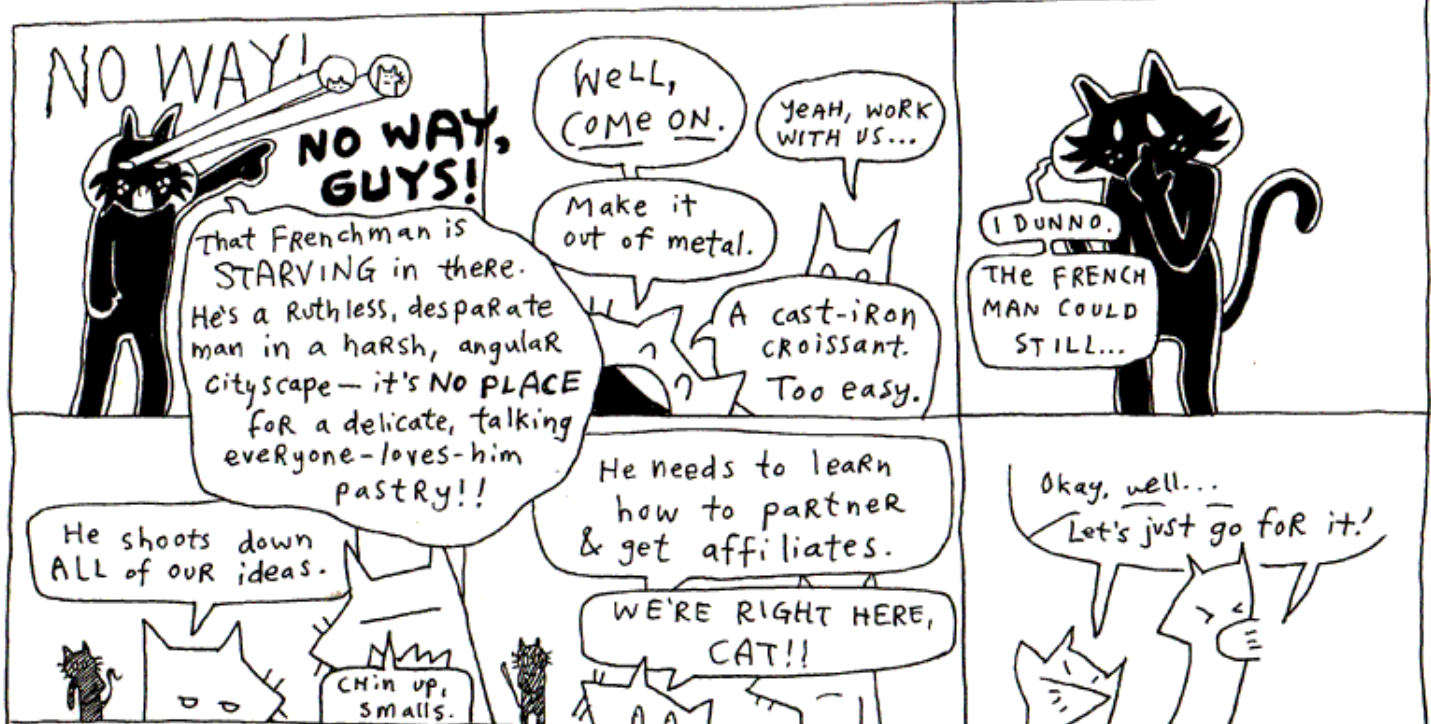
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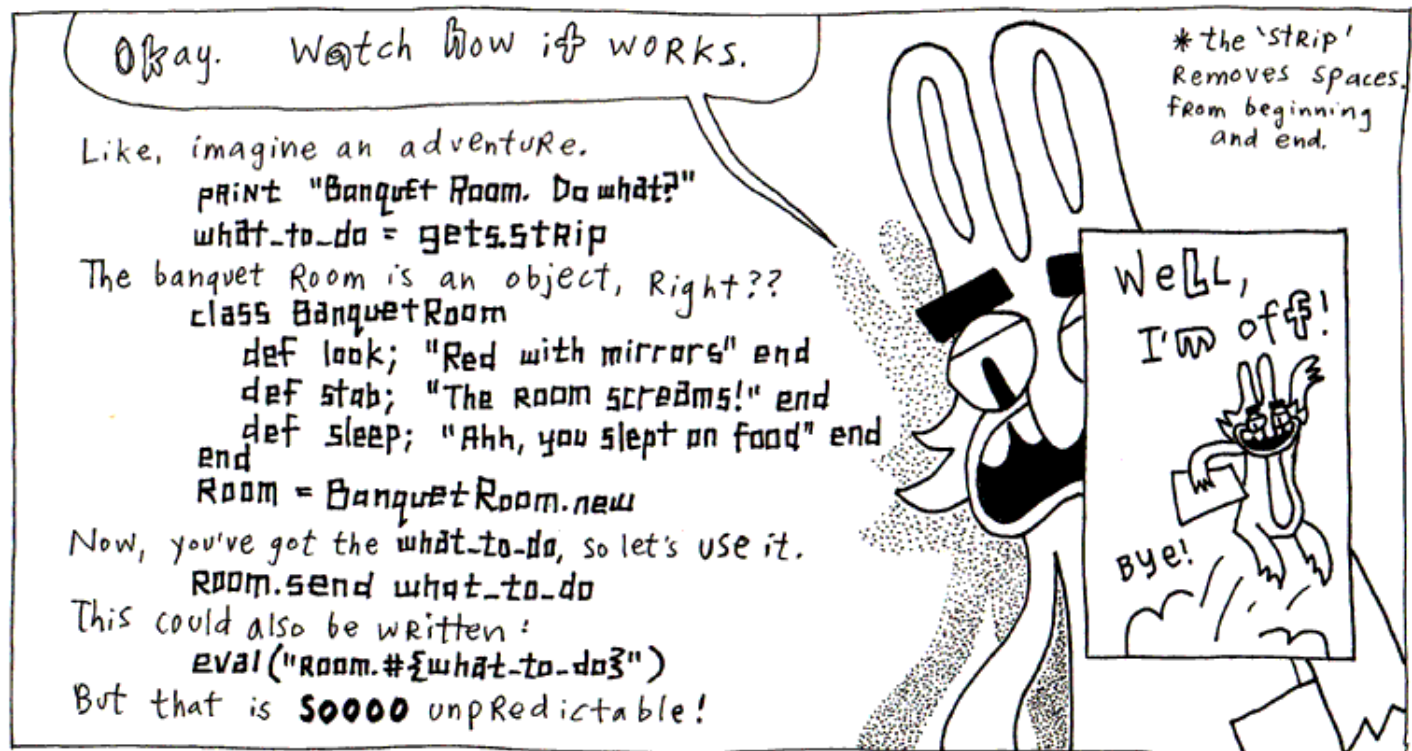
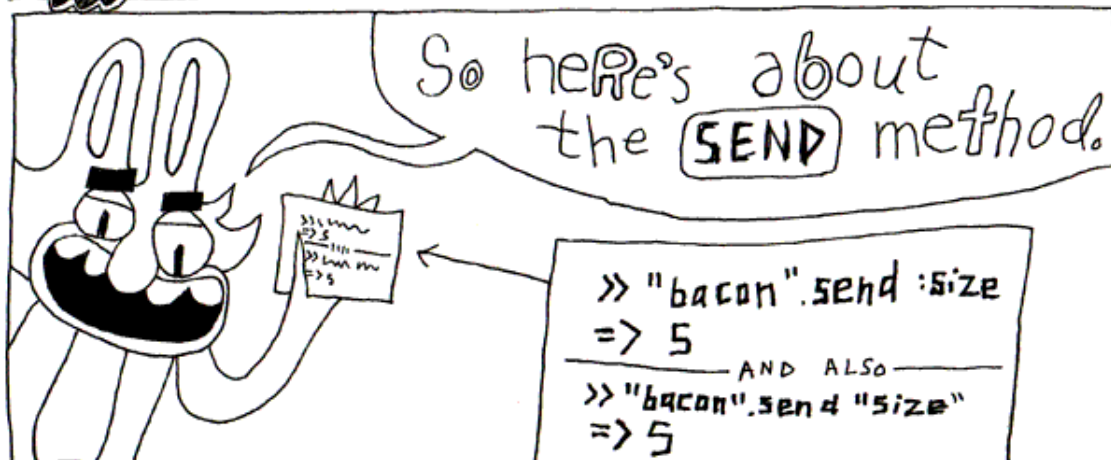
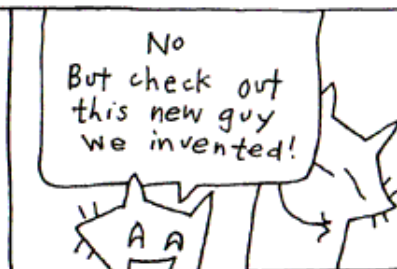


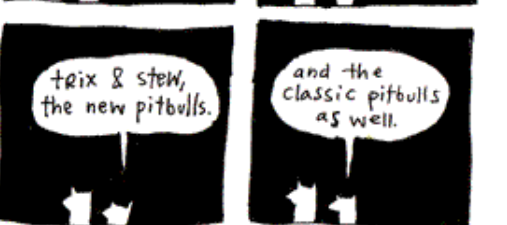
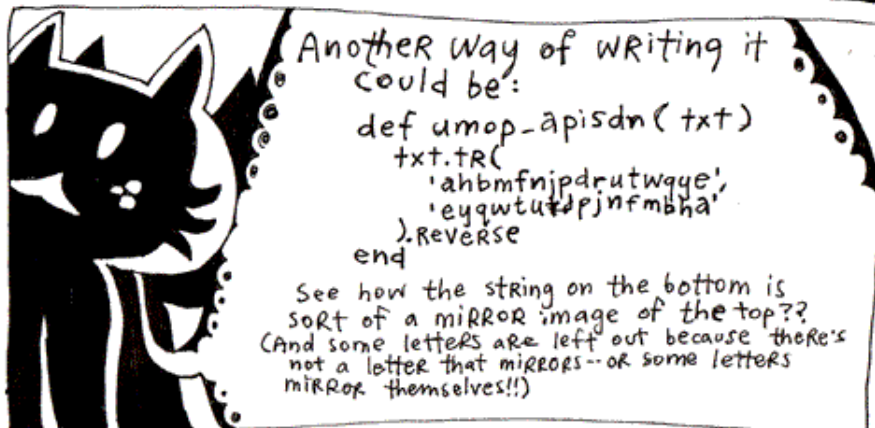
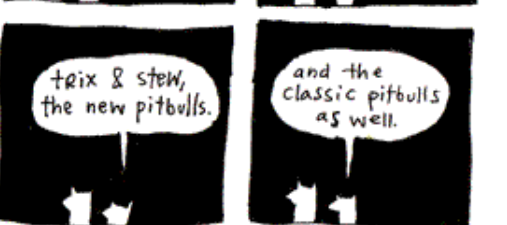
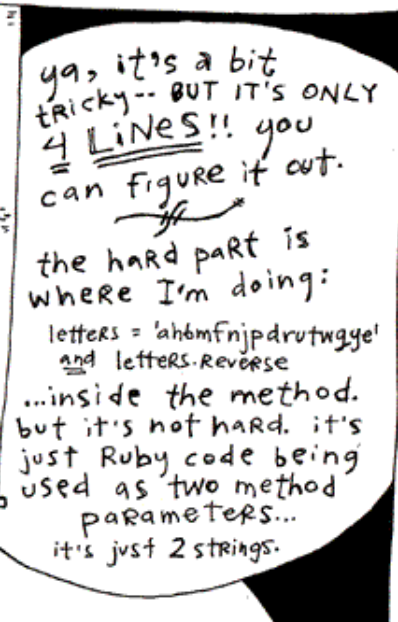
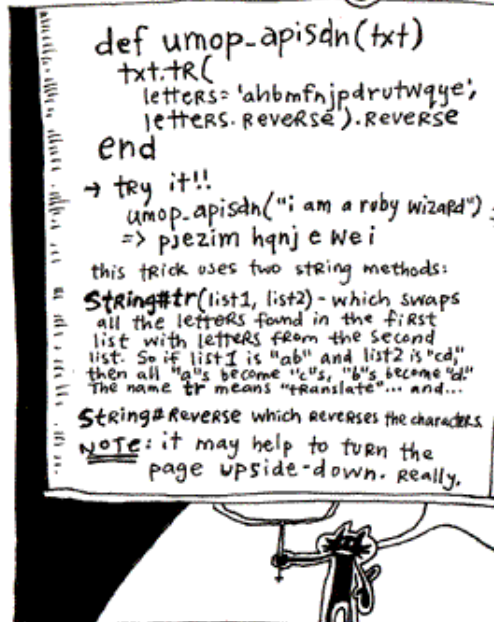
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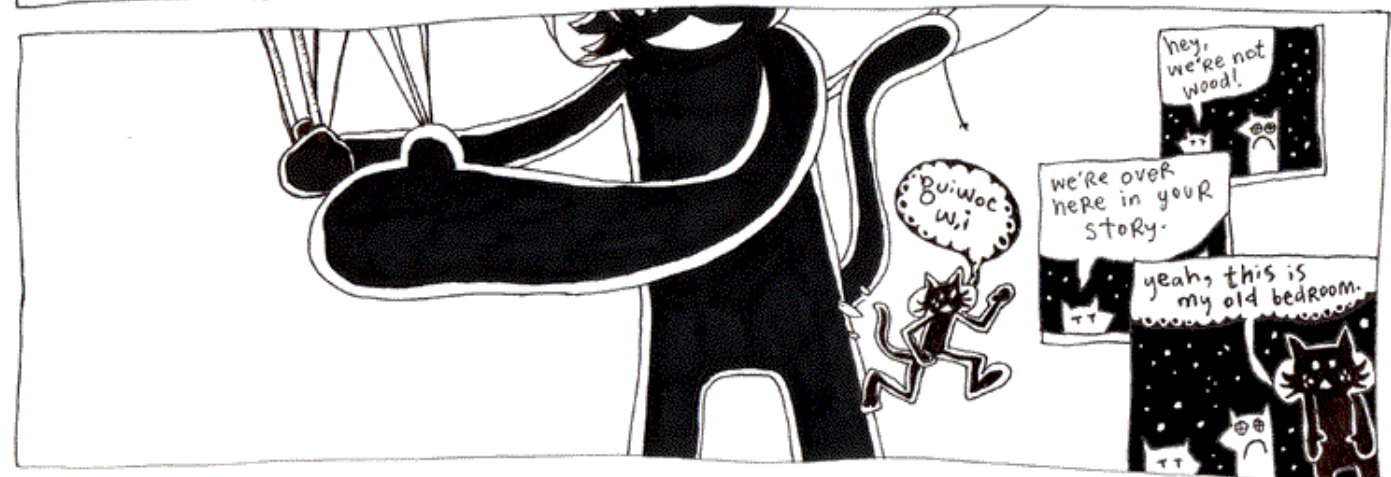
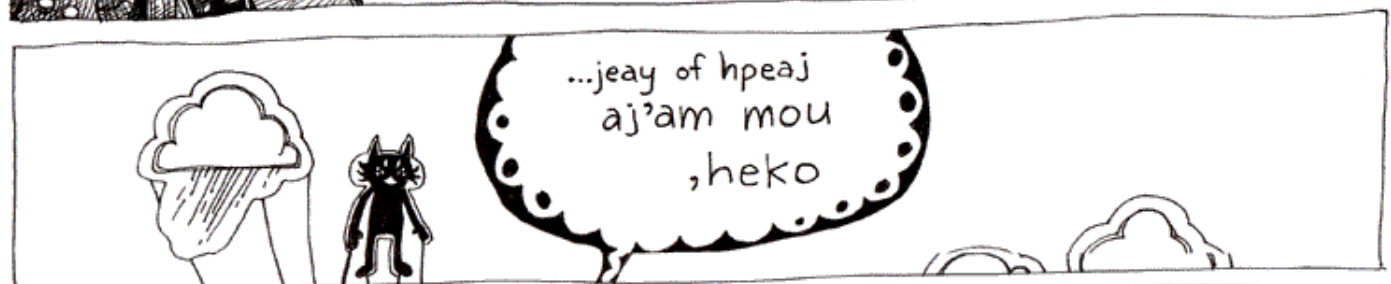
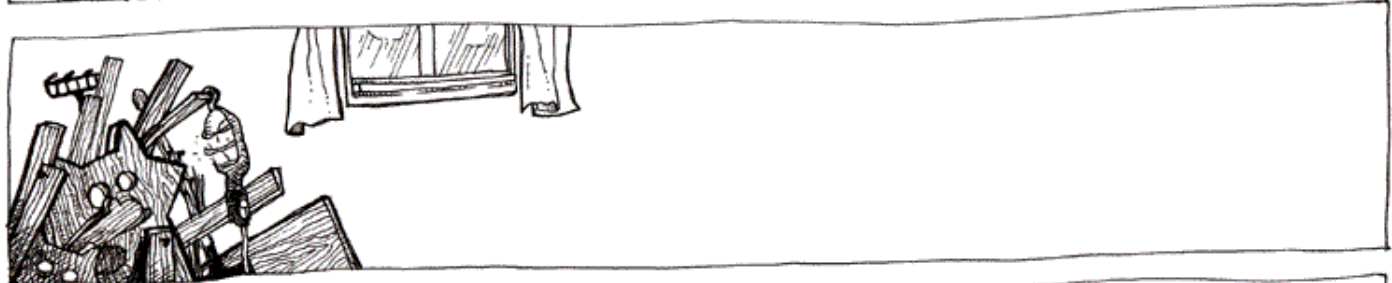


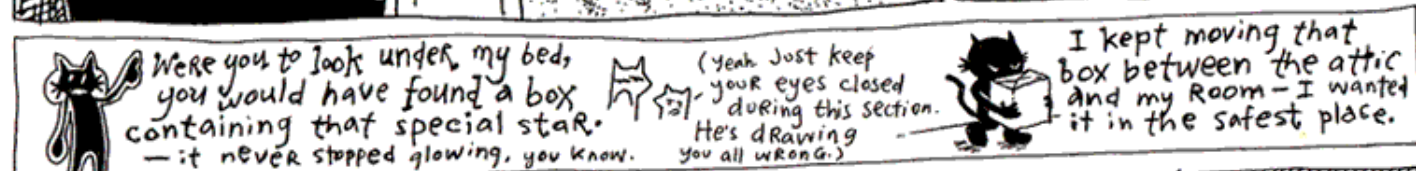


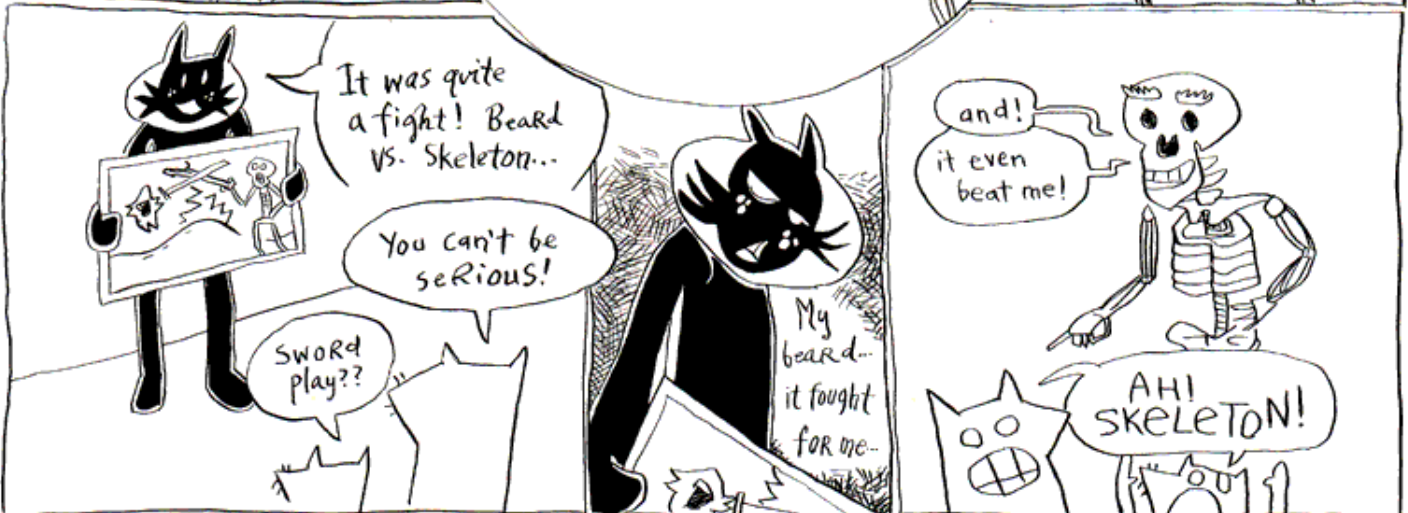
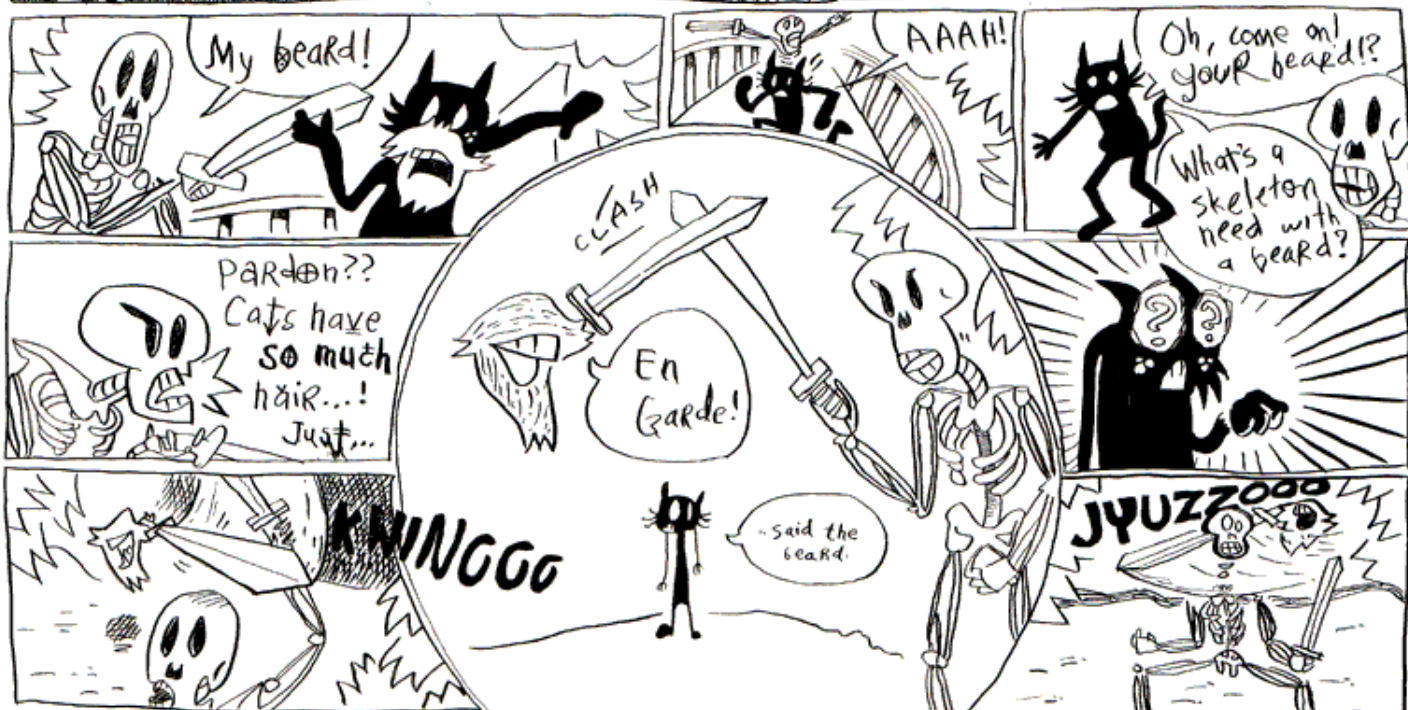
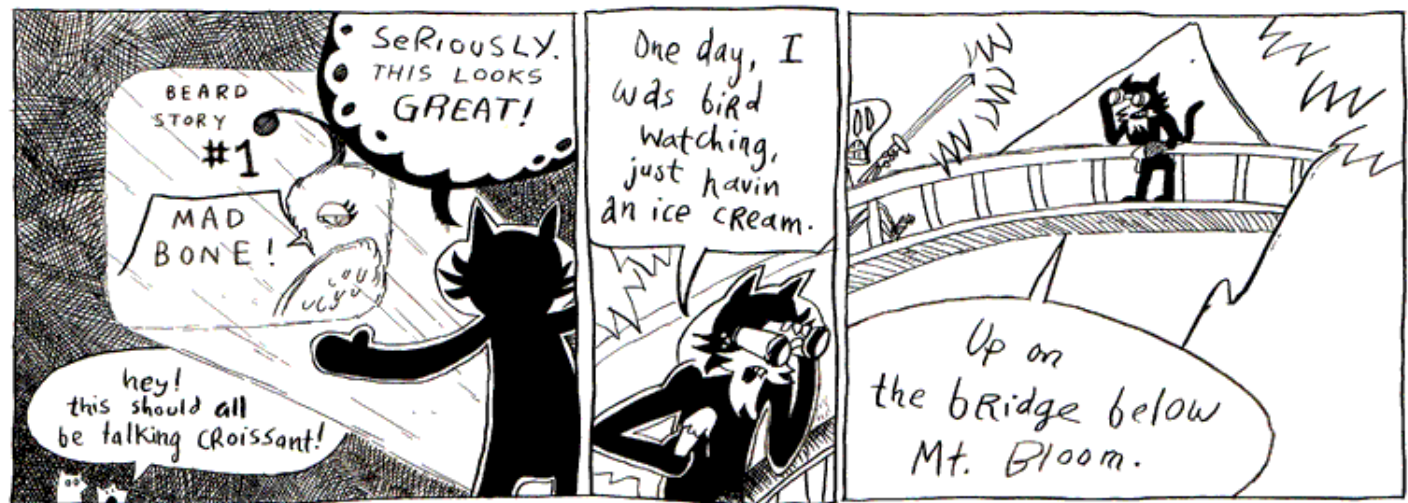


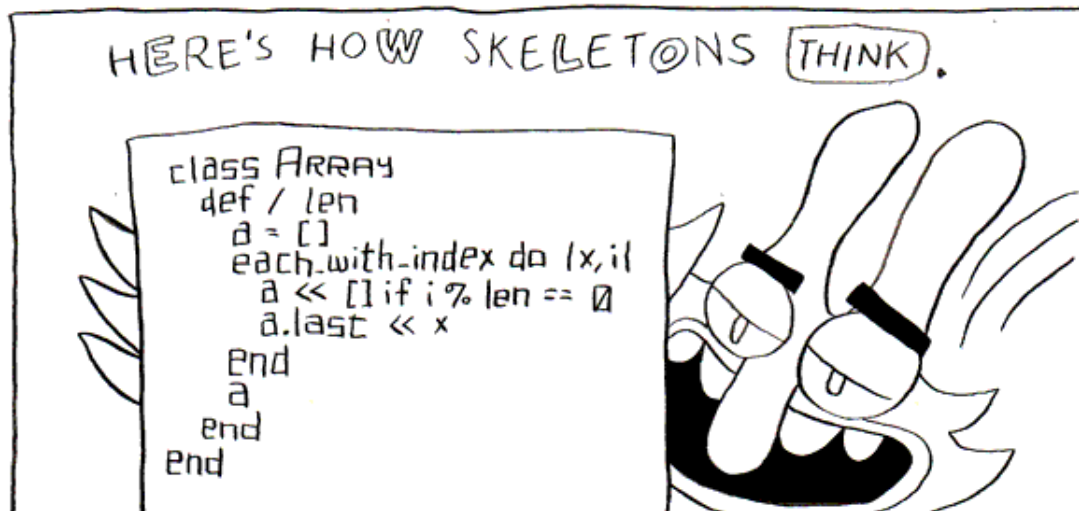
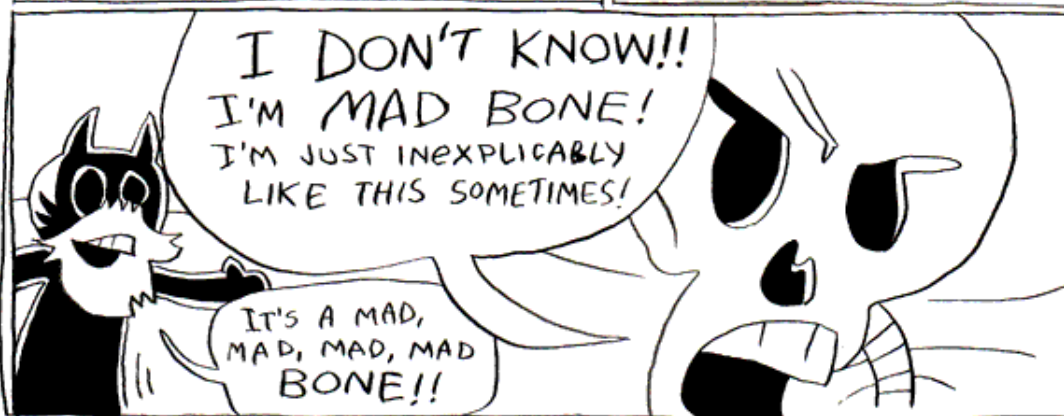
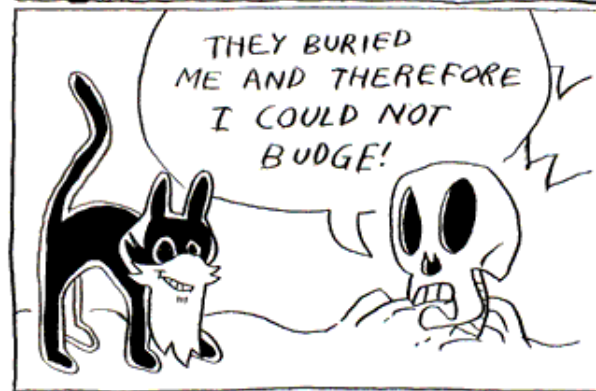
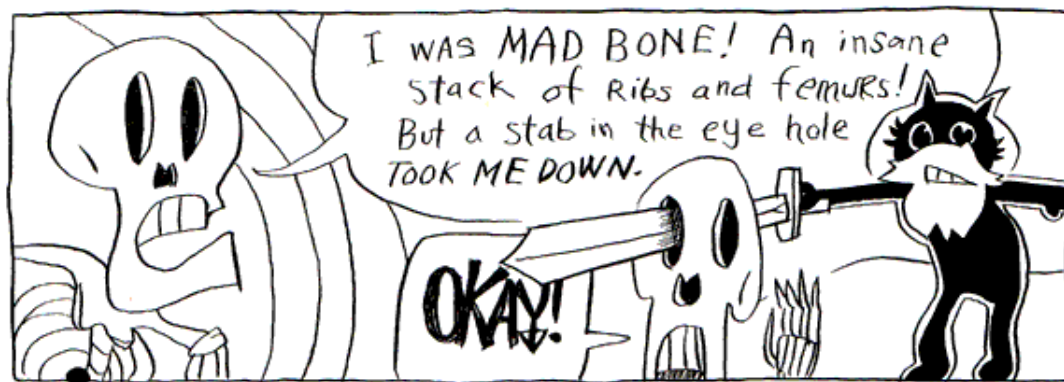












SEE, THIS ADDS A DIVIDING SLASH
TO ALL ARRAYS.

```
>> [:mad, :bone, :and, :his, :buried, :head] / 3  
=> [[:mad, :bone, :and], [:his, :buried, :head]]  
>> (1..10).to_a / 5 see. 3 there. and 3 there.  
=> [[1, 2, 3, 4, 5], [6, 7, 8, 9, 10]]  
      ^ five! ^ and five!
```

Hmmm.
Okay??

RUBY doesn't come with this
method! ... And skeletons don't
come... with beards.

But wizards do!

Such an adept and qual-
ified Rabbit. There are
many beards to choose
from — ADD YOUR
OWN! Life allows
it!!

TOODLES!

Valuable life
lessons!
Such a great
chapter!

you...
under-
stand
me!

BEARD #2 ADVENTURE

"the washing machine"



BEARD
WASHIN'
TIME!



EASY
GOES...



LATER...



the Germans
had dug a hole
& took the
beard!



he had always said they
were out there.

I KNOW! I KNOW!
IN GERMANY??

IN VERY FACT,
A FORENSIC STUDY
REVEALED THAT THE HOLE
HAD BEEN DUG OUT BY
GERMAN LABORERS, BUT
TRACES OF EGYPTIAN SPIES
WERE FOUND! AS WELL
AS SPLINTERS FROM A
CATAMARAN IN THE KOREAN
PENINSULA!!

THE SUDS OF INTRIGUE...

LOOK!
THERE I
GO!



K	X	Z	P	W
I	G	T	F	A
H	O	S	E	N
Y	M	B	R	C
U	L	Q	D	V

→ W W

AHA! THIS
WAS THE BEARD'S
MONOGRAM.
BUT WHAT
WAS IT??



It's obviously a code!!

RABBIT!!

Whoa, hold up.

KXX!

YOU GUYS
THINK THIS
SAYS
SOME
THING?

K X Z P W
I G T F A
O S E
M B R
C L Q D V

OF COURSE

OH... SO...
HIS WHERE-
ABOUTS ARE...
Like... SCRAMBLT
IN HERE??

GPS COORDINATES!

NOPE!

IT SAYS...

NOTHING.

OH COME
ON!!

CALM DOWN, HERE WE GO.

```
class Cipher
def initialize(key)
  key = key.downcase.gsub(' ', '')
  raise KeyError if key.length != 26
```

No way!
Not YET!

BUT, NOTICE...
"pferd" &
"hosen"

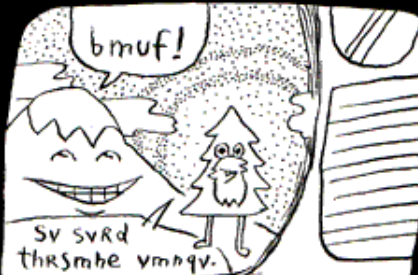


der
pferdenhosen!

11 PM EST ON CASTLE TV!



what were
they saying?



hey, wait. there's
the beard!!



oh, but **NO**
it's gone!!

AND: HERE'S THE CODE!

```
class DeCodey
  def initialize(key); @key = key.downcase.gsub(/^[a-z]/, "") end
  def locate(letter); [@key.index(letter)/5, @key.index(letter)%5] end
  def at(row, col); @key[(row * 5) + col, 1] end
  def encode( str ); pairs, str = [], str.downcase.gsub(/^[a-z]/, "" )
    str.scan(/./) do |pair|
      if pair.length == 1; pairs += [pair + "x"]
      elsif pair =~ /^[a-z]\1/; pairs += ["*#{pair}q", "*#{pair}q"]
      else pairs += [pair] end
    end
    pairs.collect do |pair|
      h, ie = locate(pair[0,1]), locate(pair[1,1])
      if h.first == ie.first # on the same column
        h[1], ie[1] = (h[1] + 1) * 5, (ie[1] + 1) * 5
      elsif h.last == ie.last # on the same row
        h[0], ie[0] = (h[0] + 1) * 5, (ie[0] + 1) * 5
      else; h[1], ie[1] = ie[1], h[1] end # normal swap
      [at( *h ), at( *ie )]
    end.join
  end
end
```



SPOILERS



```
dc = DeCodey.
new <<-END
k x z p w
i g t f a
h o s e n
y m b r c
u l q d v
END
```

Hey, thrs is
cool!



GOING!

I didn't have a computer,
but it can all be figured by hand.

K X Z P W
I G T F A
H O S E N
Y M B R C
U L Q D V
W

See,
RULE #1:
look up 2 letters.

keep them in the
same Row.

BUT SWAP
COLUMNS.
So... "IN" becomes
AH

RULE #2:
However, if the
two letters are in
the Same Row,
SHIFT THEM
BOTH ONCE TO
THE LEFT.

Y M B R C

"BM" is MY

follow?

LASTLY,
RULE #3:

and if two
letters share
the same
columns, SHIFT
ONCE UPWARD.

"RP" is: ED

P
F
E
R
D

LE HS SQ DR IW AI BS KA IS NI CG EV DO TO

Right, so,
break it up!

TWO
TWO
TWO
TWO

U
G
A
A
K
I
P
D
L
D
B
M

ALSO,
KEEP IN MIND,

#4: DOUBLE LETTERS
HAVE "Q'S" IN BETWEEN.
SO, IF YOU DECODE THE
WORD "BOQOQ", IT'S
ACTUALLY BOO.

#5: THERE'S NO "J" USE "I"
#6: AN "X" IS ADDED AT
THE END OF UNEVEN
SENTENCES.

SO THAT'S HOW YOU MAKE a message.

* → Go backwards to DECODE a message.

YAY! WE FIGURED
it all out!

The beard
is being tortured
OR something!
...Somewhere!

gicgvnb
fslslheh
gehvypy
gtsiah.



CUT-OUT

IMITATION

ADVENTURE

Beard

SAFE
for most!!

Let the
BEARD
say what
YOU
can't !!

Samples:

"welcome home,
uncle chuck!"

"microsoft Rules!"

"don't EVER
borrow my hat
A-GAIN!"

WISH
UPON
IT!

Ekk-
Specially
for Cats.



tag your photos
"beard adventure"
on flickr!

*not a proper substitute
for a real, human beard.

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