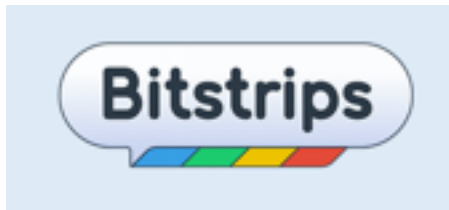Tutorial: How to Make a Comic Book if You Don't Draw

Step 1: Prepare the Software:
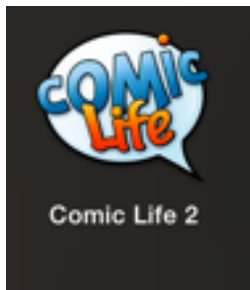
You will need two software program to make a comic book of your own:
1. Bitstrips <either on your phone or through Facebook>
2. Comic Life 2 or 3

   <http://company.bitstrips.com/bitstrips-app.html>

   <https://plasq.com/apps/comiclife/macwin/>

Step 2: Create Your Own Character in Bitstrips:

Here we use the interface on iPhone as an example:
1. Log in to your Facebook account in Bitstrips
2. Choose your character's Face Shape, hairstyle, eye color… all the way to his/her clothing:
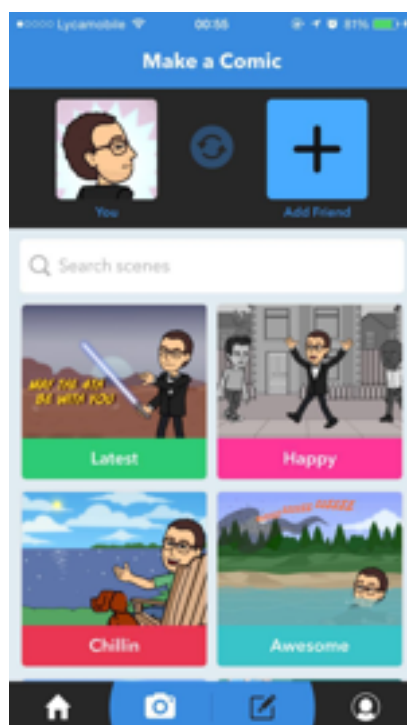
Tips:
If you want multi-characters in your comics, you can use the characters your Facebook friend created in this app or you can sign up for a new Facebook Account and add friend to your primary Facebook account.
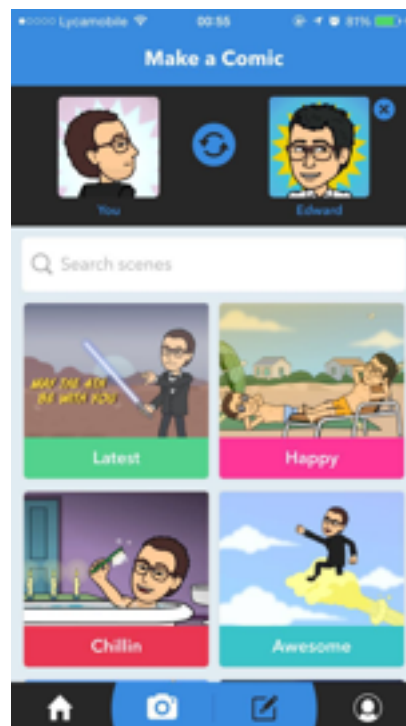

Step 3: Browse Bitstrip Data Collections and Think about Your Story Outline:

This is the most time-consuming, triky and intelligence-demanding step of making your own comic. It's more or less like you grab already existing pictures and make them a story by adding texts. So while you are browsing the collection, you should come up with a story that can fit the pictures.
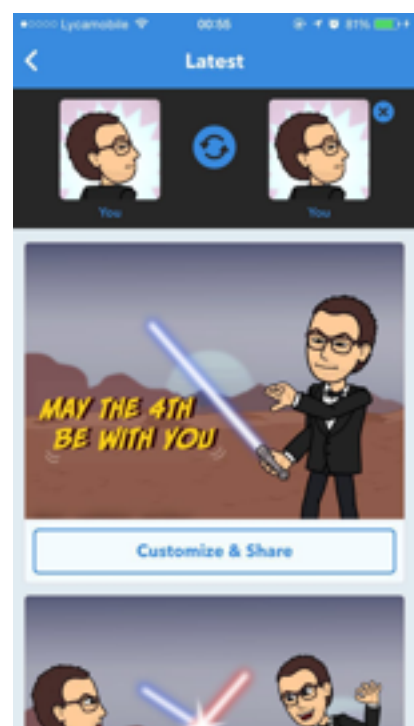

First, choose who you want to interact with. You can choose to act alone, interact with your Facebook friend or even yourself:

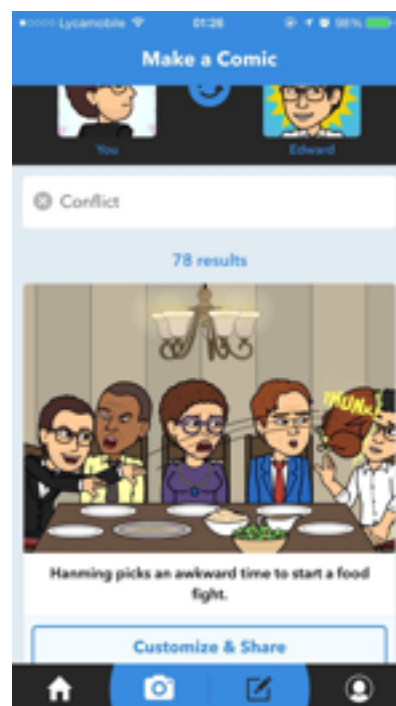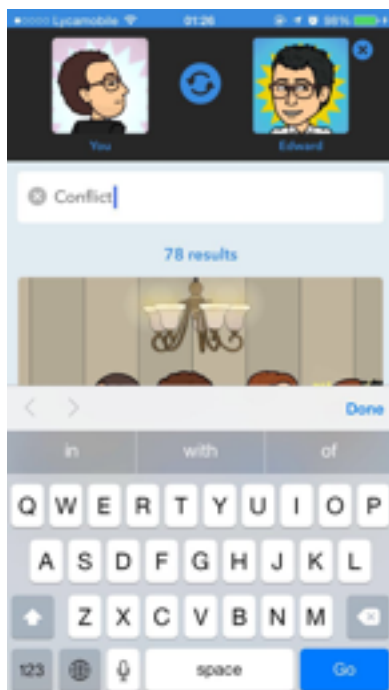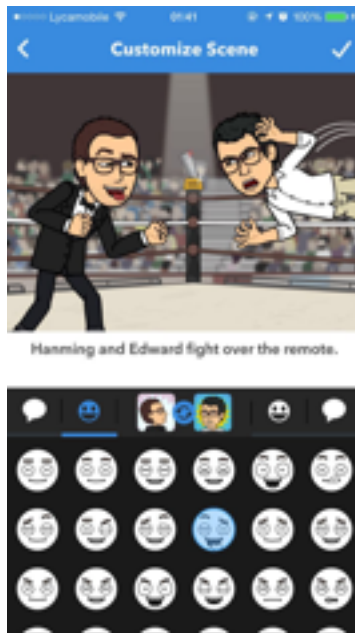Act Alone   Interact with friend   Act with yourself

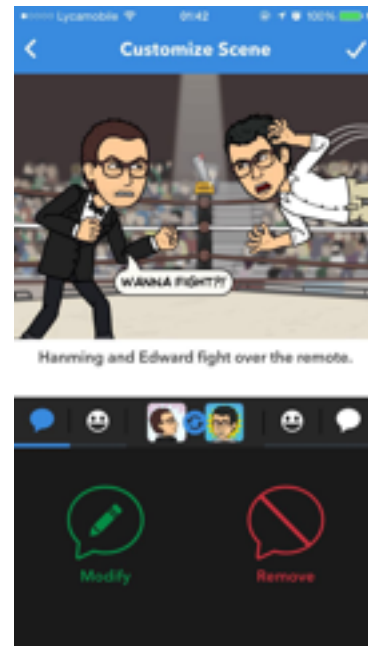Then, you are able to choose/browse scenes accordingly:

Don't for get you can actually use the search bar to see if there's any scenes in your mind existing in the base:

Click the scenes to customize it:

Change Facial Expression   Add Text Bubbles(optional)

You don't have to add text bubbles right now and it's better if you don't because it will be better to add texts together later using Comic Life. However, I do suggest you save several pictures of the same scene but with different facial expressions. It helps to create closure and a sense of animation.
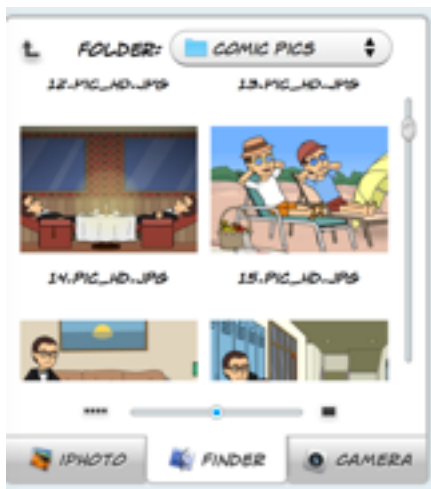
Step 4 Uploading the pictures to Comic Life:

If you are using a smart phone for Bitstrip, you have to upload the pictures to your computer first.
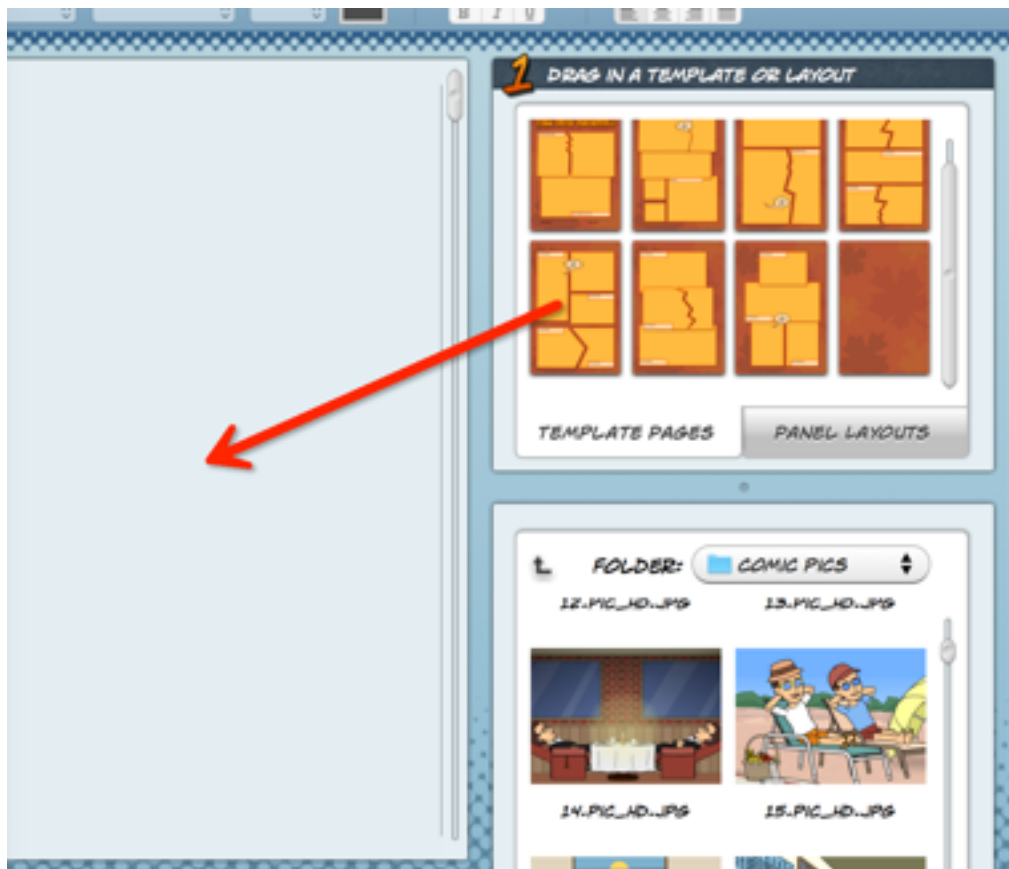
Open Comic Life, Select a cover and theme you like:

Put all you pictures in a folder and locate the folder in Comic Life:
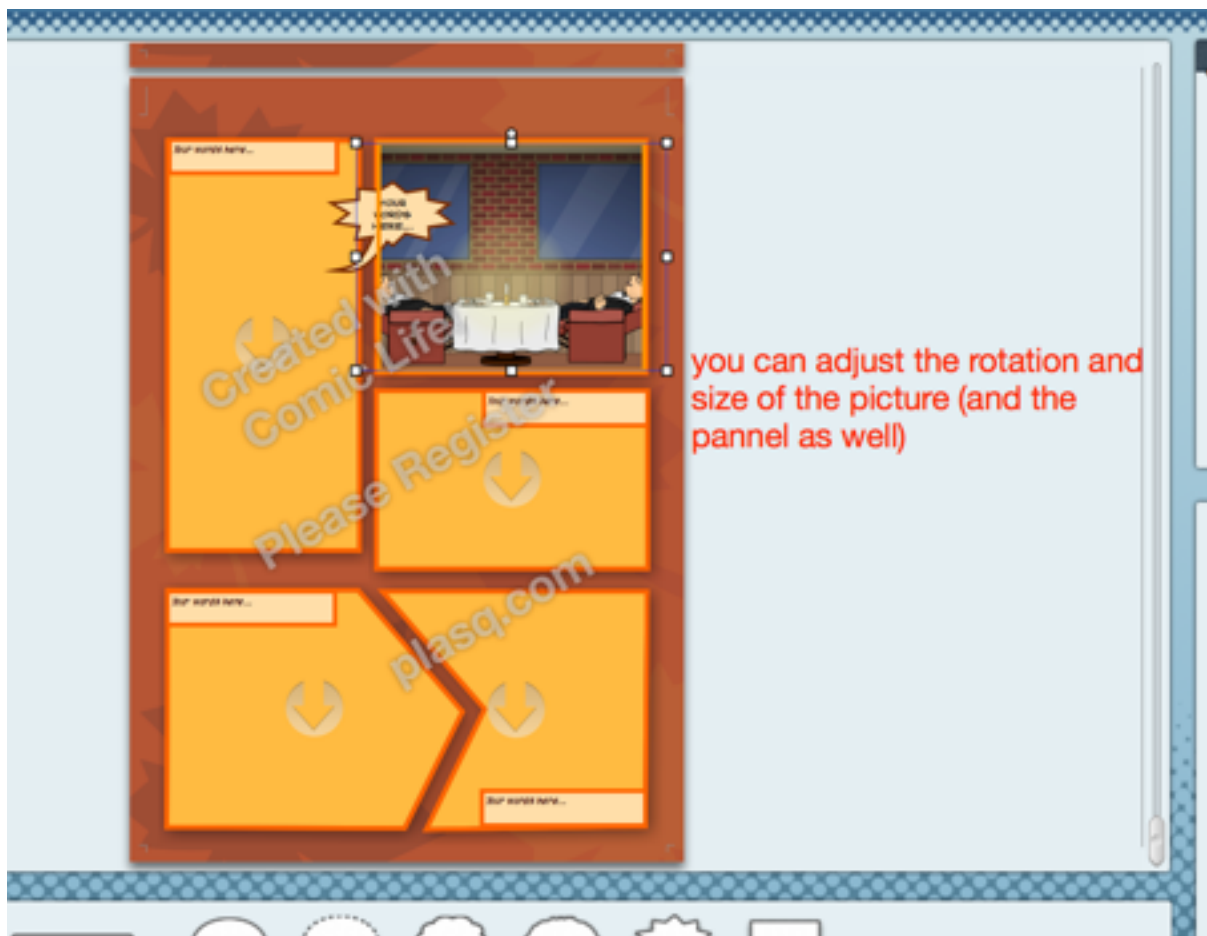

Step 5 Begin Making Your Comic Book:

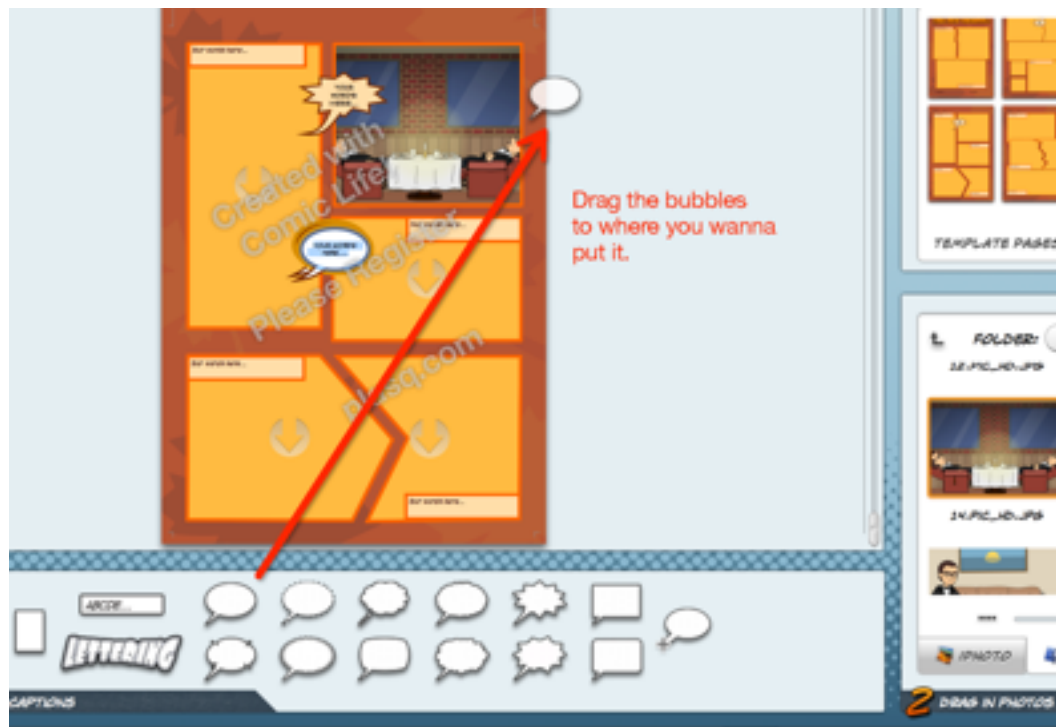1.Drag a style you like from the right panel to the main working area.

2. Drag Pictures into the panel:

3. Adjust the picture:

you can adjust the rotation and size of the picture (and the pannel as well)

4. Add text bubbles:

Have fun with it then

Step 6: Export the comic:

Export as PDF file when you are done.

Finally, feel proud of yourself:)