

HUDI AND CHUNKY FACE THEIR GREATEST TRIAL . . . SUMMER CAMP.



Hudi finally embraced his love of art and comedy, but his class clown antics keep getting him in trouble. After Hudi's artwork lands him in detention *again*, his parents decide to sentence him to four weeks at summer camp.

Hudi is hesitant about Camp Green—a Jewish sleepaway camp in the blazing Texas desert. At least he still has Chunky. Then Hudi meets Pepe, a fellow camper who's also Latinx, Jewish, and a comedian like Hudi, and who—get this—*can also see Chunky!* What?!

This new friendship with Pepe leads Hudi and Chunky into all kinds of high jinks, including a prank war with a few rival campers: the rich, preppy gang of Joshes. Hudi soon realizes that Pepe is driven by more than just making people laugh, and he's not telling Hudi the truth. As the pranks escalate further than Hudi wants, he's at risk of getting labeled a troublemaker again. Can Chunky help Hudi save this new friendship? Or will it flame out?



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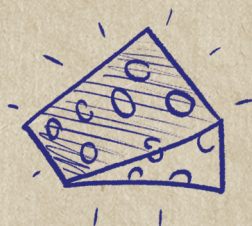
YEHUDI MERCADO

CHUNKY

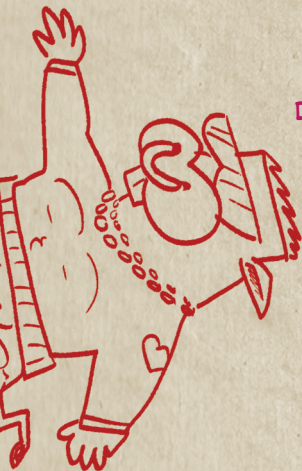


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Dedicated to Pepe and Lonnie



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Chunky Goes to Camp

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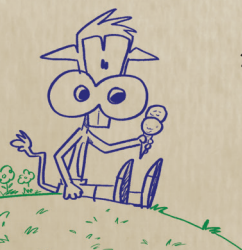
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CHAPTER ONE

DETEENTION





BEHIND EVERY PUNISHMENT, THERE IS A CRIME.

BEHIND EVERY CRIME, THERE IS A CRIMINAL.





BEHIND EVERY CRIMINAL, THERE IS A STORY.

BUT SOMETIMES THAT STORY REVEALS THAT NOT EVERY PUNISHMENT STARTS WITH A CRIME.





LET'S START FROM THE BEGINNING . . . STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.



MY NAME IS HUDI, AND I'D LIKE A WEIRD AL RECORD.





NO. YOU ARE ON TRIAL HERE, HUDI. YOU NEED TO TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY.



I ALWAYS TAKE THINGS SERIOUSLY.
BUT I LEAVE THEM SILLILY.



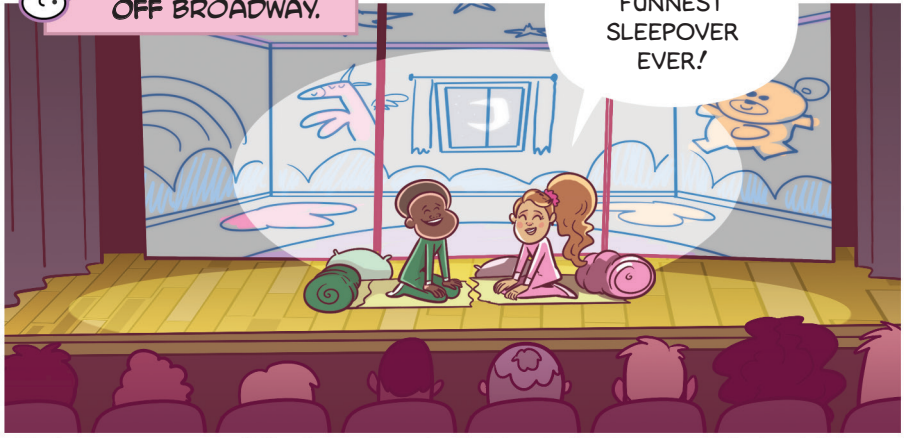


ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, YOUR JOURNEY FROM CLASS CLOWN TO BAD BOY BEGAN ON THE BROADWAY STAGE.



WELL . . . MORE LIKE OFF BROADWAY.

THIS IS THE FUNNEST SLEEPOVER EVER!

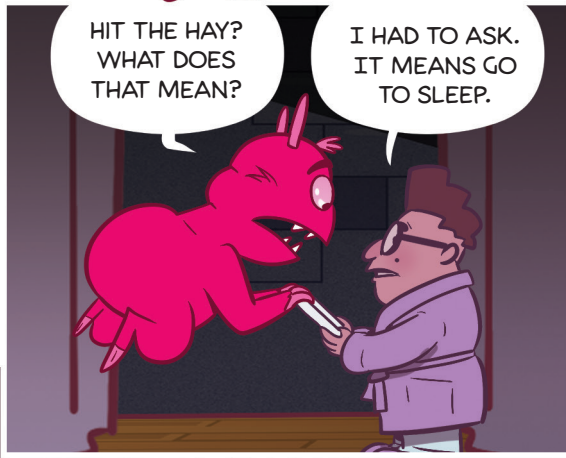


I WANT MORE SODA!





HIT THE HAY?
WHAT DOES
THAT MEAN?



I HAD TO ASK.
IT MEANS GO
TO SLEEP.



BUT I'M NOT
TIRED!



I ONLY HAVE
ONE LINE,
CHUNKY.

HUDI, YOU'RE GOING
TO MAKE THAT **ONE LINE**
THE FUNNIEST, BEST,
MOST MEMORABLE LINE
IN CAMPBELL JUNIOR HIGH
WINTER PLAY HISTORY!?

YOU'RE MY
IMAGINARY MASCOT,
YOU HAVE TO
SAY THAT.

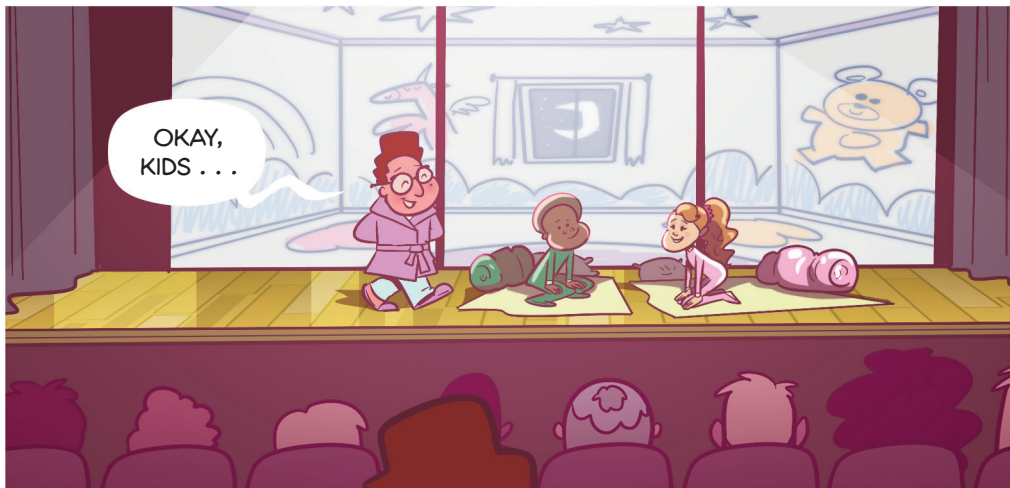
I DON'T
HAVE TO . . .
I GET TO!

I SHOULD
WRITE MY OWN
PLAY SOMEDAY. I HAVE
MORE TO SAY THAN
JUST ONE LINE.

YOU
SHOULD!

WE COULD
SEE THE
SUNRISE!

THAT'S
YOUR
CUE!



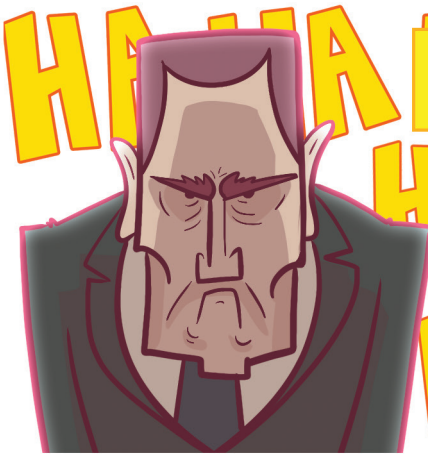
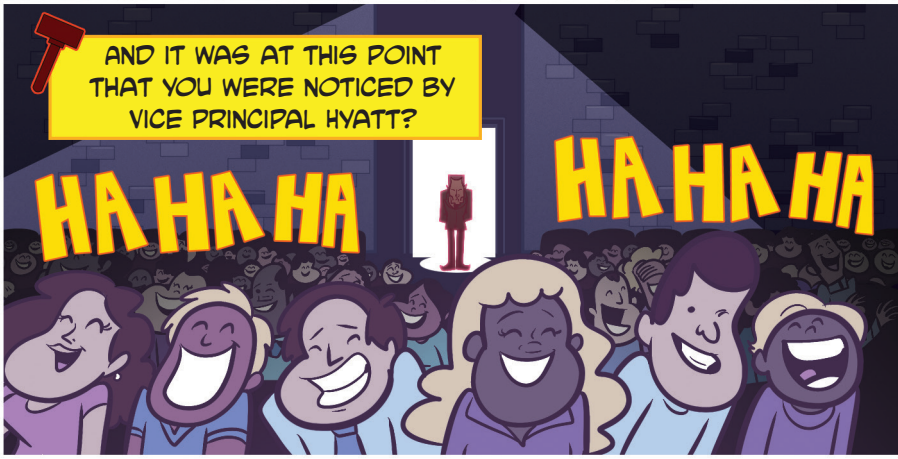
TIME TO
HIT THE
HAY!

I ONCE HIT
THE HAY SO
HARD IT HIT
ME BACK!





AND IT WAS AT THIS POINT THAT YOU WERE NOTICED BY VICE PRINCIPAL HYATT?




IS IT FAIR TO SAY THAT MR. HYATT CLEARLY DIDN'T ENJOY YOUR COMEDY STYLINGS?




COMEDY IS SUBJECTIVE, BUT I CAN OBJECTIVELY SAY THAT MR. HYATT DIDN'T LIKE COMEDY.






VICE PRINCIPAL HYATT WAS KNOWN AS THE STRICTEST, TOUGHEST, MOST DETENTION-HANDING-OUTTEST FACULTY MEMBER IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.



MR. HYATT HATED CLASS CLOWNS MORE THAN HE HATED SMILING.



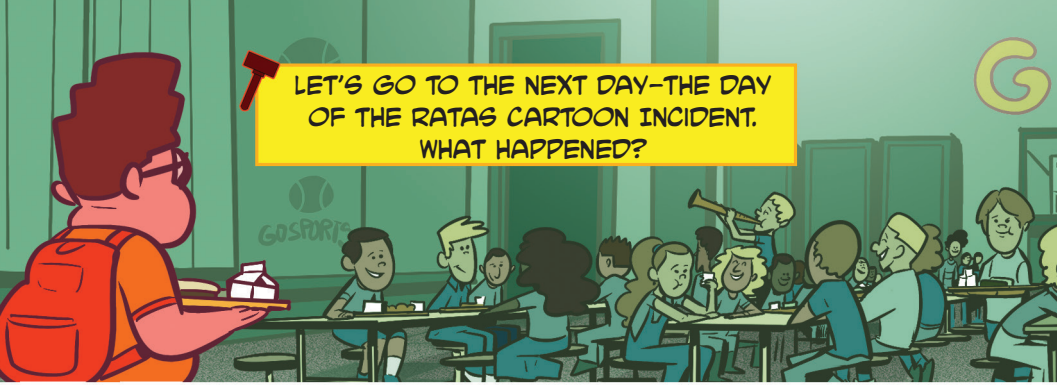
WHY WOULD YOU TEMPT FATE BY GETTING ON THE WRONG SIDE OF A MAN LIKE THAT?



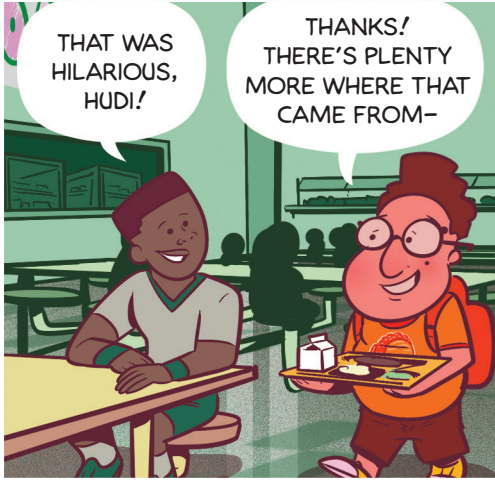
SOME PEOPLE ONLY HAVE WRONG SIDES.



HUDI

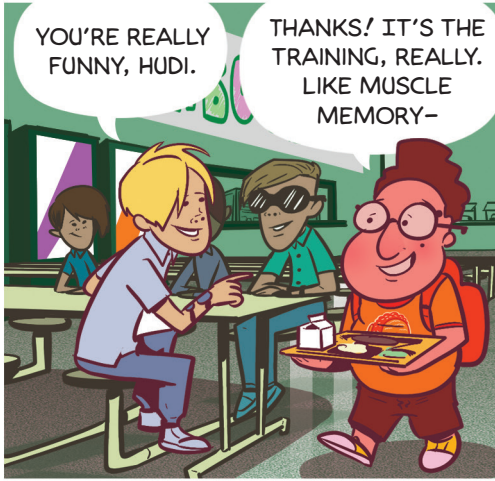


LET'S GO TO THE NEXT DAY-THE DAY OF THE RATAS CARTOON INCIDENT. WHAT HAPPENED?



THAT WAS HILARIOUS, HUDI!

THANKS! THERE'S PLENTY MORE WHERE THAT CAME FROM-



YOU'RE REALLY FUNNY, HUDI.

THANKS! IT'S THE TRAINING, REALLY. LIKE MUSCLE MEMORY-



GO GATORS



IT WAS A TYPICAL LUNCHTIME, AND I WAS SEARCHING FOR A GROUP TO SIT WITH.

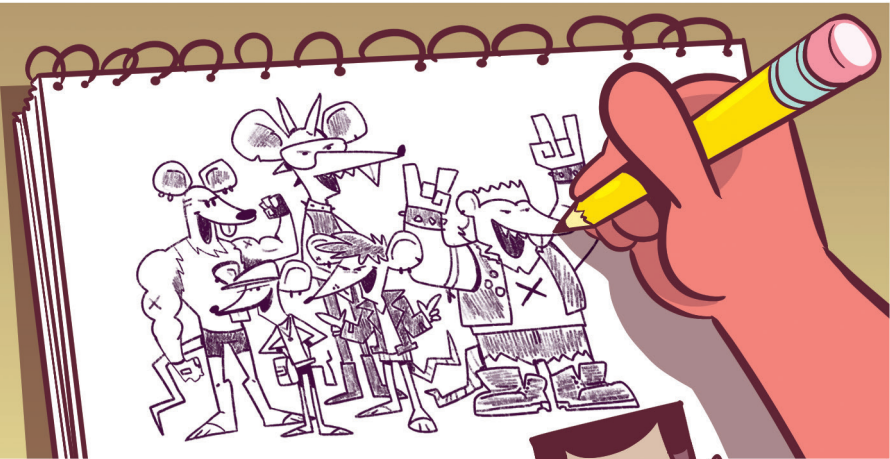




SO CHUNKY AND I DECIDED TO
BRAINSTORM IDEAS FOR NEW
CHARACTERS.

YOU SHOULD
GIVE HIM
MORE
SPIKES.

YEAH!




Y'KNOW, I THOUGHT
MY STAR-MAKING
TURN AS SLEEPOVER
DAD WOULD HAVE
GAINED ME MORE
FRIENDS.




WHAT ARE YOU
DRAWING???






OH, UH . . . WELL,
IT'S A NEW
COMIC I'M
WORKING ON . . .

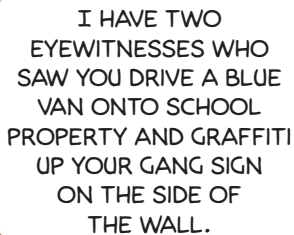


IS THIS A GANG
THING? ARE YOU
IN ONE OF THOSE
MEXICAN GANGS?

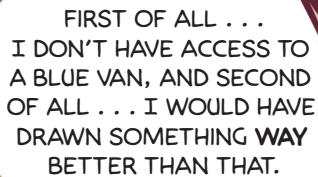


I WISH. I
WOULDN'T BE
EATING LUNCH
ALONE IF I WERE
IN A GANG.

COME
WITH ME.



I HAVE TWO EYEWITNESSES WHO SAW YOU DRIVE A BLUE VAN ONTO SCHOOL PROPERTY AND GRAFFITI UP YOUR GANG SIGN ON THE SIDE OF THE WALL.



FIRST OF ALL . . . I DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO A BLUE VAN, AND SECOND OF ALL . . . I WOULD HAVE DRAWN SOMETHING WAY BETTER THAN THAT.





BY DENYING
IT, YOU MAKE
YOURSELF LOOK
EVEN **MORE**
GUILTY.



MORE
THAN IF I
ADMITTED
TO IT?



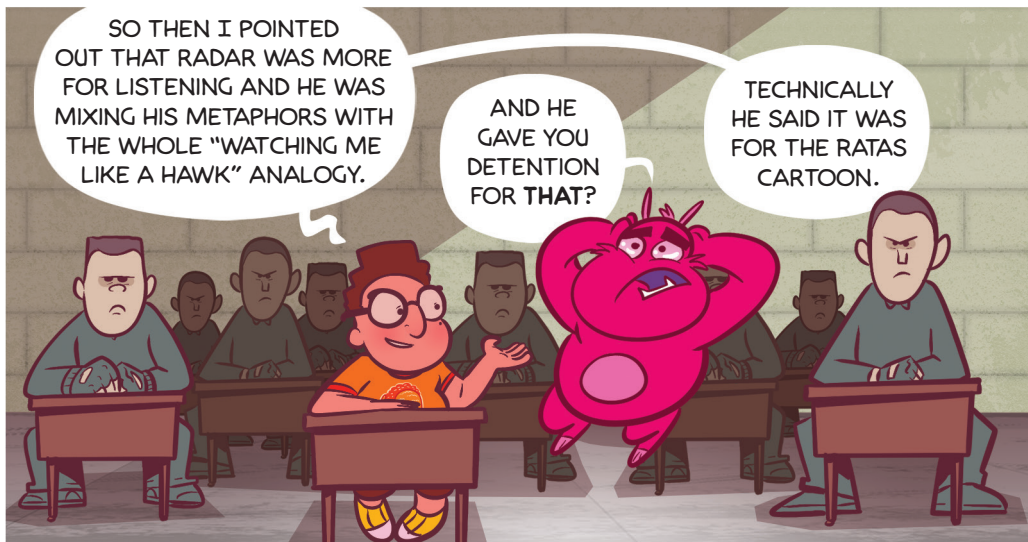
MERCADO,
I'LL BE WATCHING
YOU LIKE A HAWK.
YOU'RE ON MY
RADAR NOW.

IT SEEMS AS THOUGH OLD MAN HYATT WAS KEEN ON PUNISHING YOU NO MATTER WHAT. HE HAD FINALLY FOUND HIS DISCIPLINARY WHITE WHALE.

DETENTION



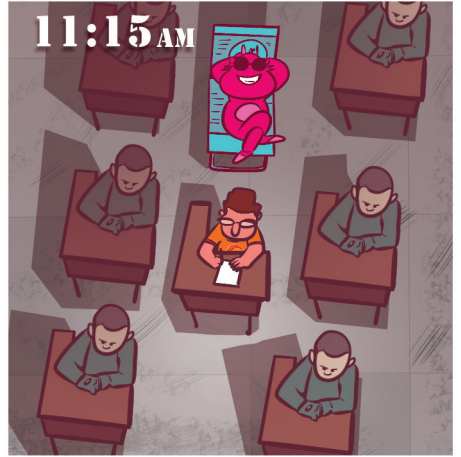
WHILE I REGRET THE INSINUATION, I APPRECIATE THE LITERARY REFERENCE.



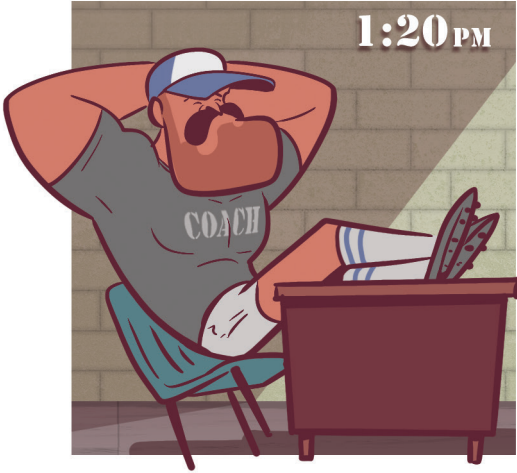
8:30 AM



11:15 AM



1:20 PM




2:30 PM




3:00 PM






WHY AM I GETTING
CALLS AT WORK FROM
THE SCHOOL TELLING ME
YOU'RE BECOMING
A DISCIPLINARY
PROBLEM?



I DIDN'T
DO ANYTHING! I
DREW THIS AND THEY
THOUGHT I WAS
IN A GANG.




LOOK!




WELL, I DON'T LIKE HOW DIRTY THESE CHARACTERS LOOK, BUT THEY CAN'T PUNISH YOU FOR THIS.



MY THOUGHTS EXACTLY.



LISTEN, THERE ARE LOTS OF DUMB PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO ARE GOING TO TREAT YOU DIFFERENTLY BECAUSE OF WHERE YOU COME FROM. BUT YOU HAVE TO PLAY THEIR GAME.

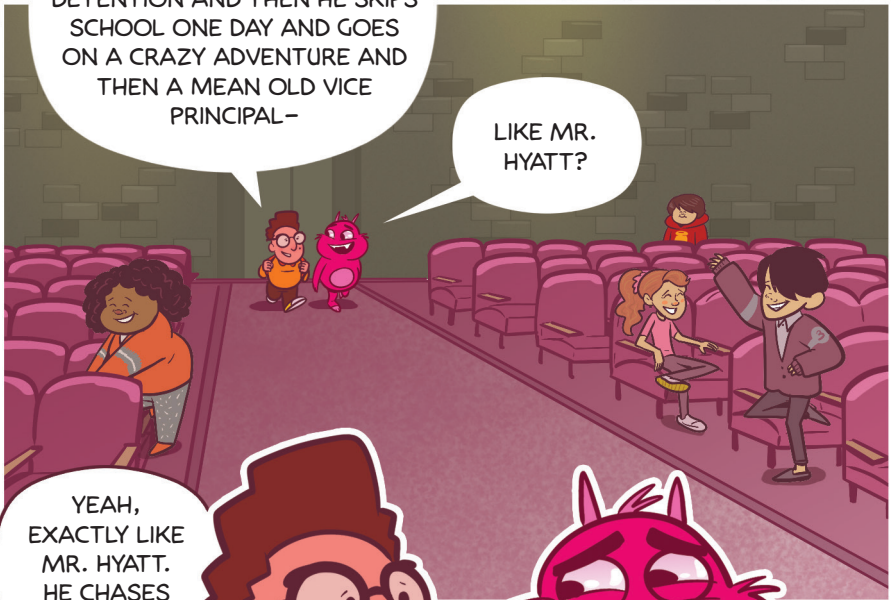


I THOUGHT WE ESTABLISHED I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT GAMES.

DRAMA CLUB

WHAT IF I WRITE
A PLAY ABOUT A KID WHO
KEEPS GETTING SENT TO
DETENTION AND THEN HE SKIPS
SCHOOL ONE DAY AND GOES
ON A CRAZY ADVENTURE AND
THEN A MEAN OLD VICE
PRINCIPAL—

LIKE MR.
HYATT?



YEAH,
EXACTLY LIKE
MR. HYATT.
HE CHASES
AFTER HIM.



SOUNDS
HILARIOUS!



MAYBE I'LL
WRITE IT WHILE
WE REHEARSE THE
SPRING PLAY.



CAST LIST

John Cole - Froggy
Jessica Hayes - Angie
Jeff Ullum - Sgt. Hound
Jeannine Dooner - Mrs. Beasley
Pete Davis - Ralph
Susan Stubbs - Housekeeper
Biz Cobb - Woman

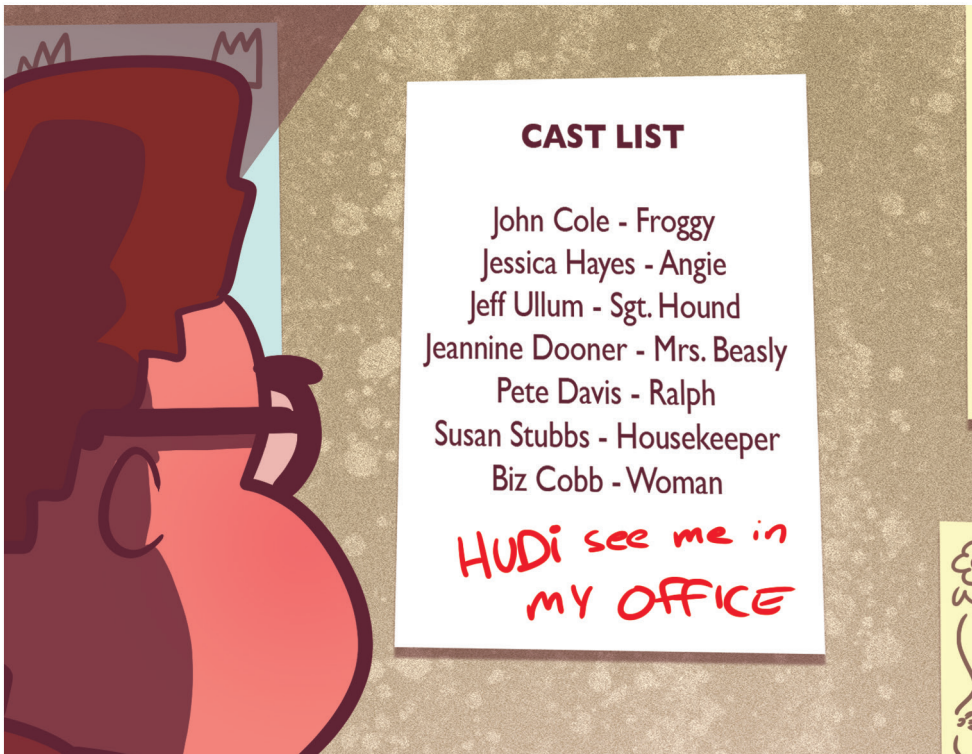
*HUDI see me in
my OFFICE*

**SUMMER
PARTY**



THE CAST
POSTING IS
UP!

LEMME SEE!
LEMME SEE!

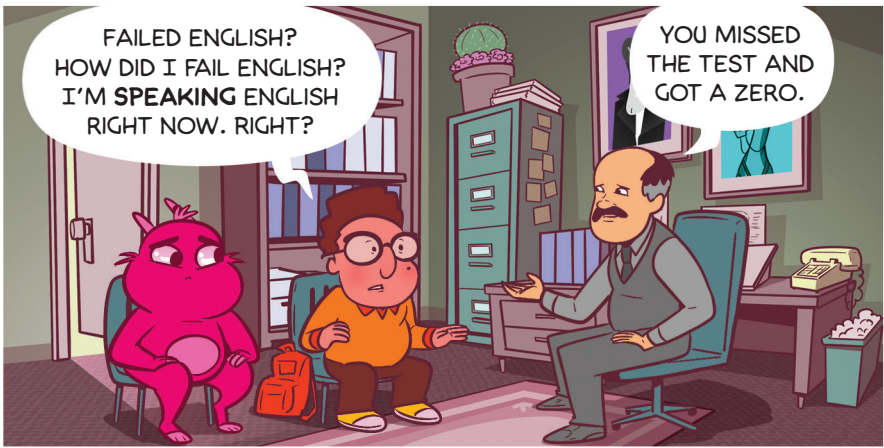


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*HUDI see me in
my OFFICE*







I WOULDN'T
PUSH MRS. CARTER
TOO MUCH ON THIS
BECAUSE . . .

. . . WITH ALL
THIS TIME IN DETENTION,
WORD IS GETTING AROUND
THAT YOU'RE A . . .
BAD KID.



BUT I'M
TERRIFIC AT BEING
A KID! I STILL HAVE
AN IMAGINARY
FRIEND!

HA HA HA



LISTEN, HUDI,
ONCE A STUDENT IS
LABELED A **BAD KID**, IT
LEADS DOWN A WORSE
ROAD. A CLASS CLOWN
IS TOLERATED, BUT A
TROUBLEMAKER
IS PUNISHED.

T AND THAT'S WHEN THE SERIES OF EVENTS THAT YOU CALL THE "DETENTION MONTAGE" HAPPENED.





THAT'S RIGHT. IMAGINE LISTENING TO "BAD TO THE BONE" BY GEORGE THOROGOOD AND THE DESTROYERS.

DETENTION



MUSIC CLASS



HA HA HA HA



DETENTION

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JIVING?

I AM BEING SENT TO DETENTION FOR JIVING?

WHAT DOES THAT EVEN MEAN?

DON'T KNOW, BUT IT SOUNDS BAD.

VICE PRINCIPAL
MR. HYATT



YOU HAVE A CHOICE. YOU CAN DO TIME OR GET SWATS.

JAMIE D.

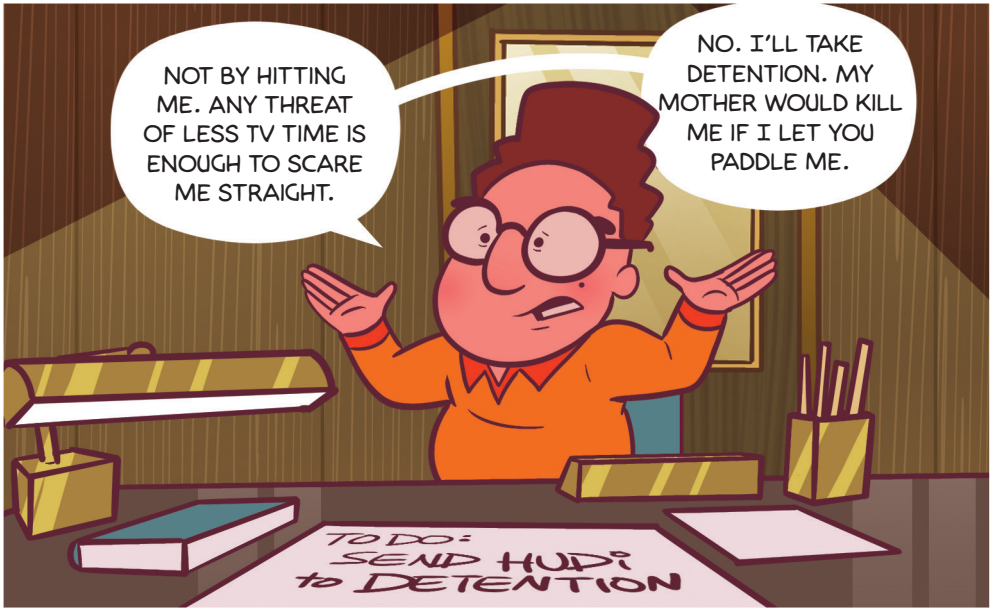
BEN

KOREY

CHARLIE

ASHER





**ONE WEEK
DETENTION**

HUDI on TRIAL

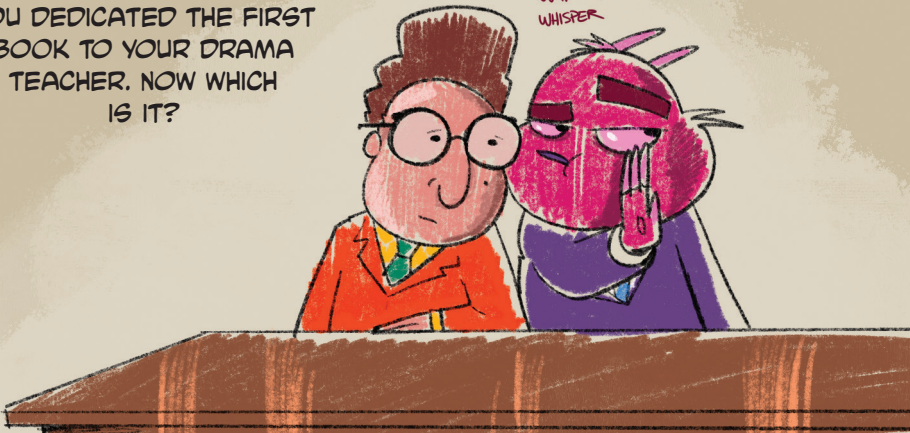
T I OBJECT! MR. MERCADO, DO YOU EXPECT THE COURT TO BELIEVE THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL FACULTY MEMBERS WERE GIVEN PERMISSION TO STRIKE STUDENTS?

I'D LIKE TO REMIND THE COURT THAT THIS IS TEXAS.



T OBJECTION WITHDRAWN. CHAPTER ONE REALLY PAINTS THE TEACHERS IN YOUR LIFE IN A PRETTY UNFAVORABLE LIGHT, AND YET YOU DEDICATED THE FIRST BOOK TO YOUR DRAMA TEACHER. NOW WHICH IS IT?

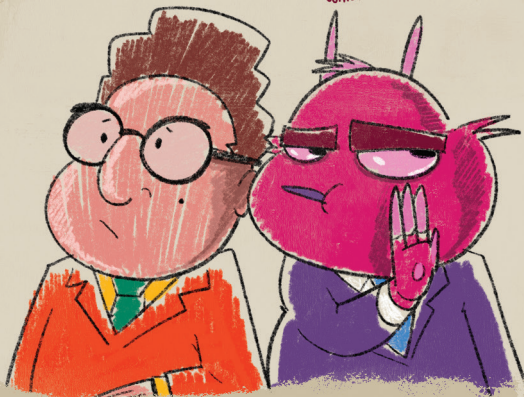
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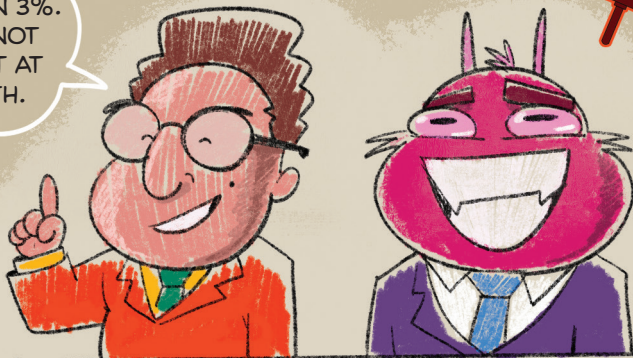
UPON ADVICE FROM
COUNSEL, I'D LIKE TO SAY
THAT TEACHERS ARE HEROES,
THEY SHOULD BE PAID MORE,
MY MOTHER IS A TEACHER,
AND 97% OF TEACHERS ARE
GREAT . . . I JUST HAPPENED
TO GET ASSIGNED TO
THAT OTHER 5%.



WHISPER
WHISPER



I MEAN 3%.
I'M NOT
GREAT AT
MATH.



T SHALL WE
CONTINUE?

