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The iconic series that launched the alt-manga bible *GARO* becomes available in English for the very first time

At long last, manga titan Shirato Sanpei's groundbreaking epic makes its way into English. Celebrated as a watershed of both the Japanese counterculture and dramatic, longform storytelling in manga, *The Legend of Kamui* serves up clashing swords and class struggle to create a timeless political allegory set in feudal Japan. This ten-volume series is a musthave for fans of samurai and ninja manga and anime, and of other giants of postwar manga like Tezuka Osamu, Mizuki Shigeru, Tsuge Yoshiharu, and *Lone Wolf and Cub's* Kojima Goseki.

It's the 17th century in Japan. Child outcast Kamui lives on the fringes of a miserably stratified society. Fueled by pure grit, rage, and a dash of cunning, his only way out is to take up the mantle of ninja. Follow scrappy peasants, cold-blooded ninja, and disgraced and exalted warriors as they navigate the unforgiving hardships of a violent yet hopeful age. With its vivid and critical attention to social injustice and

environmental issues against a backdrop of heart-pounding action and romance, this multilayered gekiga drama not only redefined ninja and samurai fantasy, it also offers astonishing parallels with the modern day.

Originally serialized between 1964 and 1971 in the legendary alt-manga magazine *Garo*, *The Legend of Kamui* is translated by social historian and decorated academic Richard Rubinger.

PRAISE FOR THE LEGEND OF KAMUI

"An adventure story with adult content and themes, [The Legend of Kamui] can be seen as the work that forced manga and anime to "grow up." —Nichi Bei News

"Legend of Kamui follows the young boys of farmers and ninja, and describes structures of a hierarchical society and resistance to discrimination in detail."

—The Asahi Shimbun

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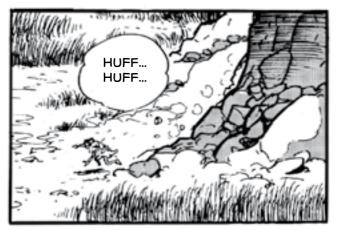


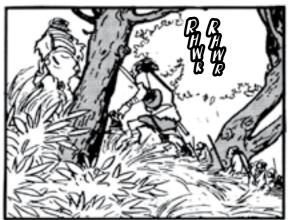










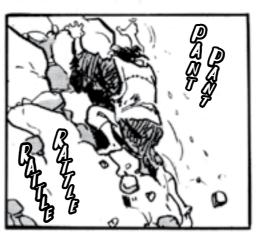


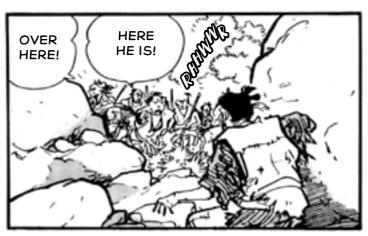
































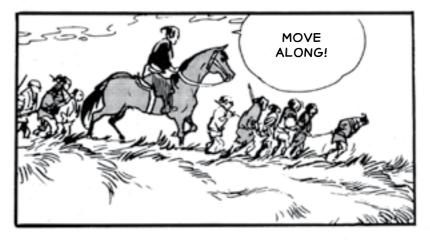




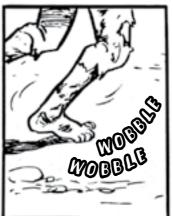






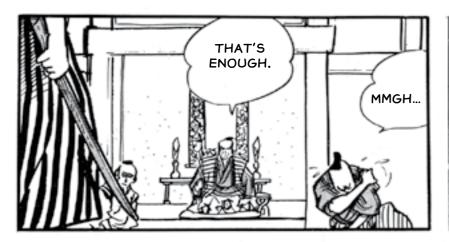






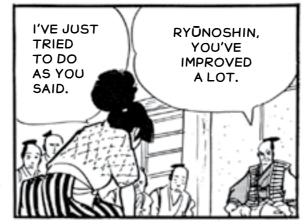


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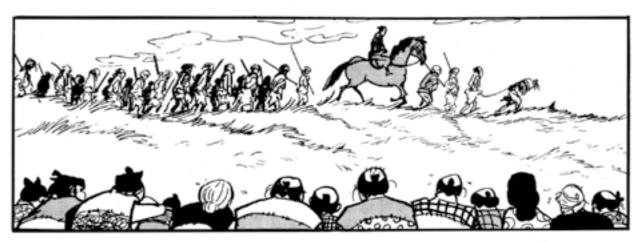




































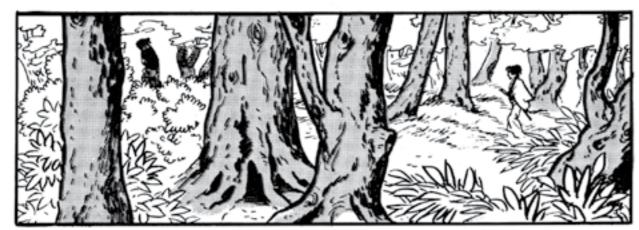




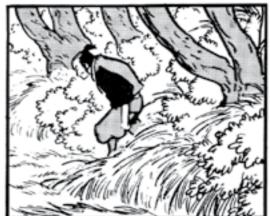




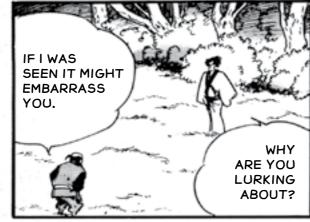












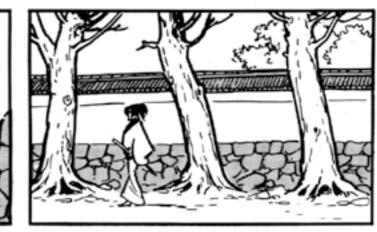




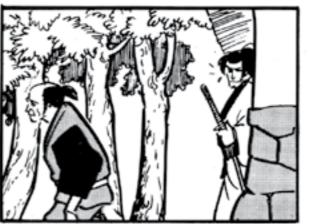


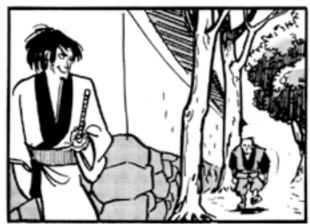




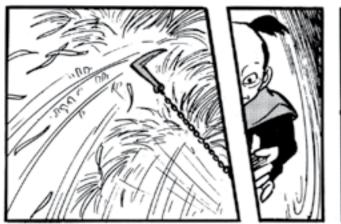








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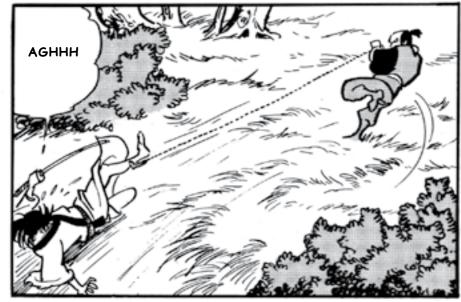






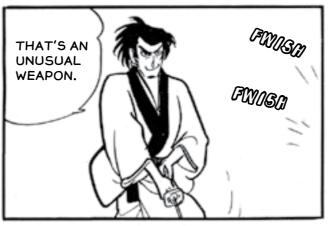






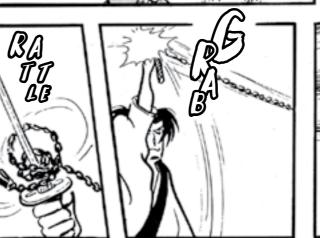








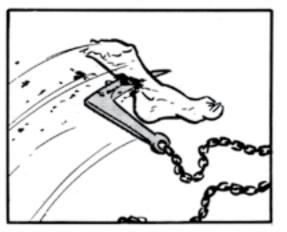


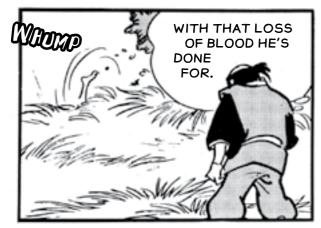




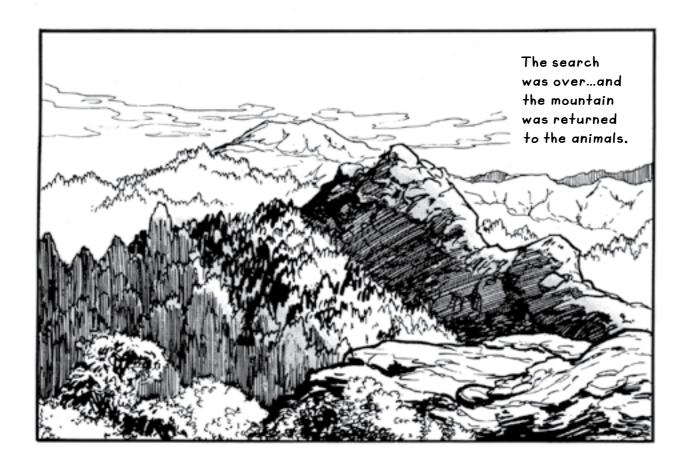














Shirato Sanpei was born in Tokyo in 1932. His father, Okamoto Tōki, was an oil painter whose artistic endeavors exposed the young Sanpei to a variety of perspectives. Okamoto notably trained Kurosawa Akira before the latter became a filmmaker. After a seven-year stint as a Kamishibai artist, Shirato would begin working in the kashi-hon manga market in 1957. By 1963, he scripted an animated television series, *Kaze no Fujimaru*, that was Miyazaki Hayao's first project. The following year, *The Legend of Kamui* debuted in the pages of *Garo*, now best known as a launching pad for other revered manga talents like Mizuki Shigeru and Tsuge Yoshiharu.



HOLY LACRIMONY MICHAEL DEFORGE

The post-alien abduction trauma memoir we've all been waiting for

"Ah, there's that famous lip quiver!" says Jackie's abductor and student. Jackie has been determined to be the "saddest living person in the entire world" by a mysterious team of alien abductors. His earthly musical celebrity is nothing compared to his emotional superstar status in the eyes of these curious and peculiar shape-shifters. Jackie is forced to perform his sadness over and over again on command, so his captors can study and master this very puzzling, very human emotion. Until just like that, Jackie is returned to his old life. Trying to comprehend what has happened, he joins a support group. It's a sea of conspiracy theorists, emotional vampires, and simpatico "real" abductees. As each person tells their story, he realizes he may never know.

Holy Lacrimony is classic DeForgeoscillating between shockingly dirty, casually funny, and earnestly engaged

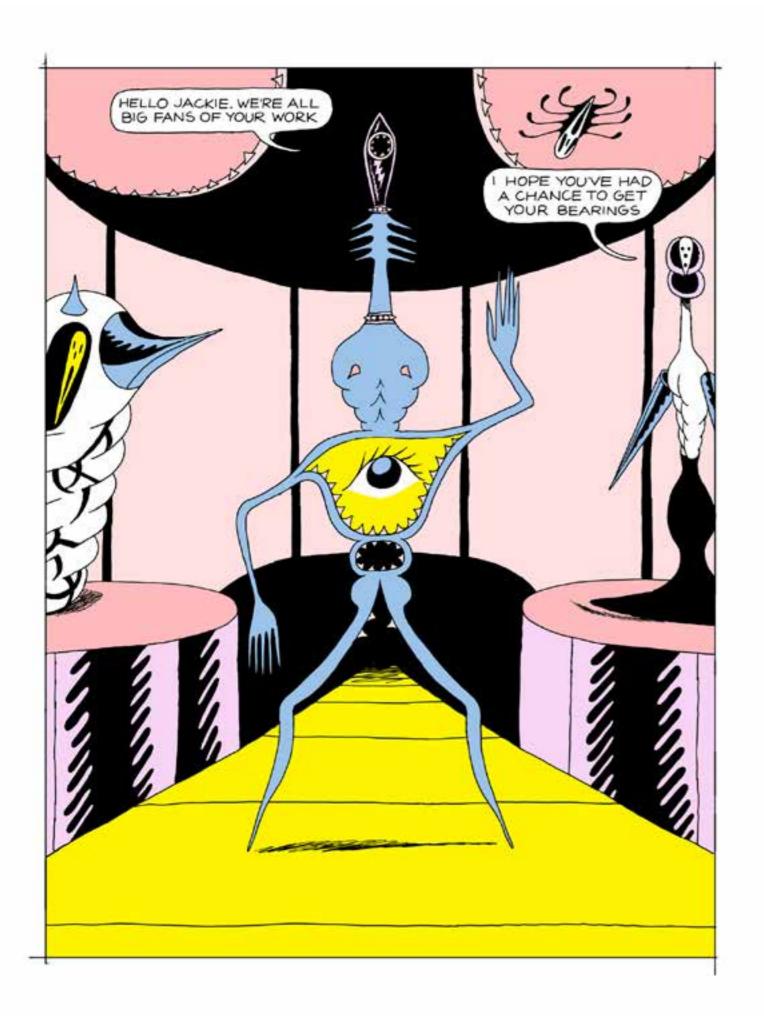
in the socio-politics of his fictive worlds. Part abstract shape blending and part hieroglyphic storytelling, each image is a discrete and tightly designed object of beauty that never loses the forward motion of the best personal cartooning. DeForge continues to prove that he's the single most innovative and empathetic cartoonist in the past twenty years.

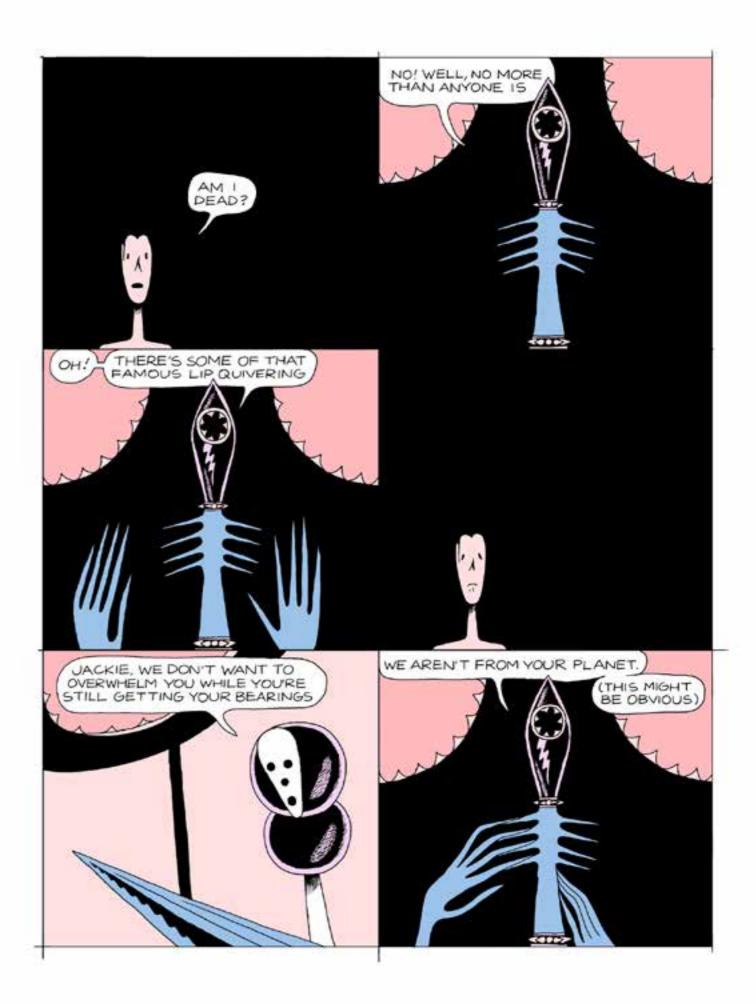
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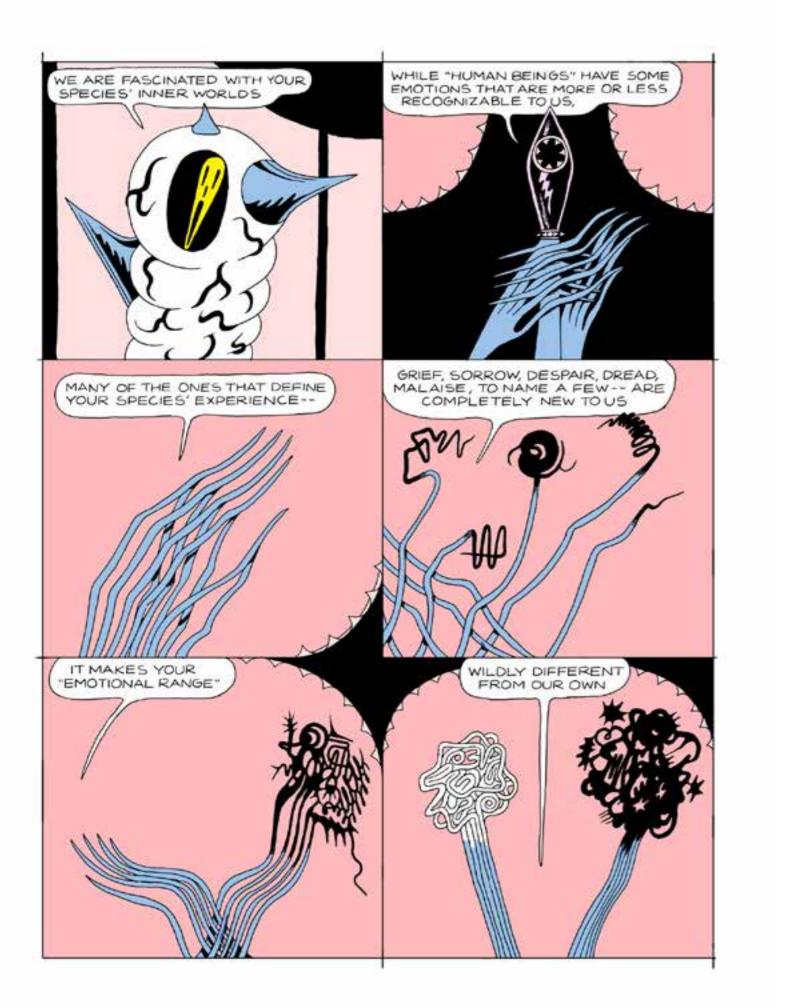
- "DeForge examines both how we build our own sense of self and how others take on the roles we create for them."
- —The Guardian
- "DeForge's often hilarious, sometimes cutting satire is made more impactful by the sense he's driven less by anger than compassion for those trapped in absurd, faltering systems. Not to be missed."

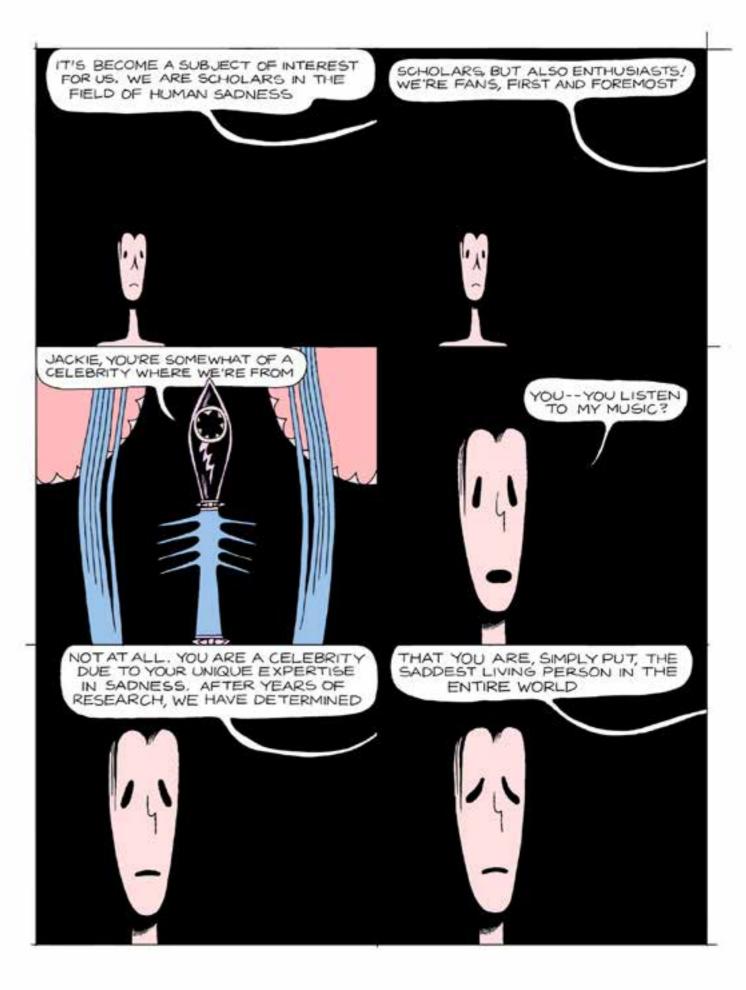
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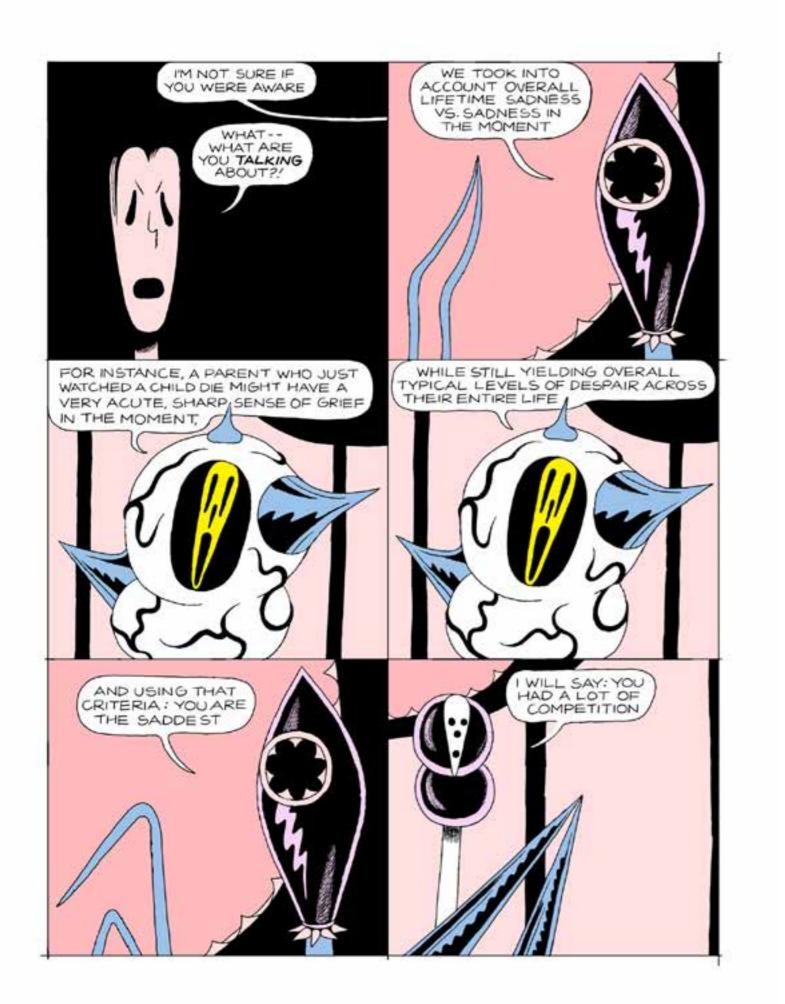
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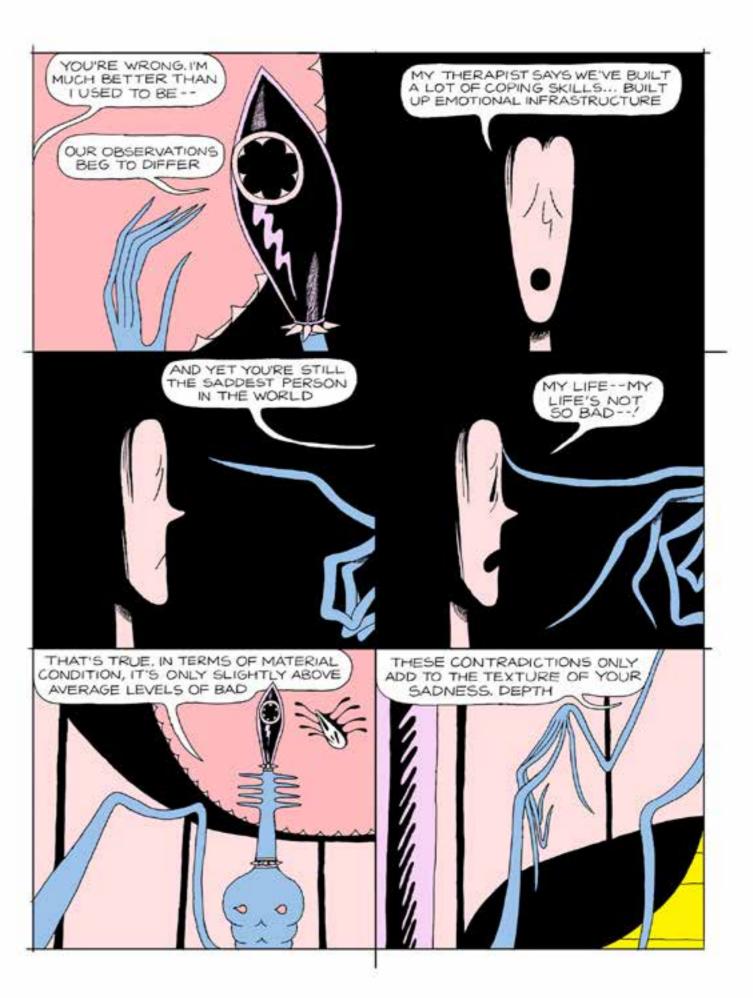


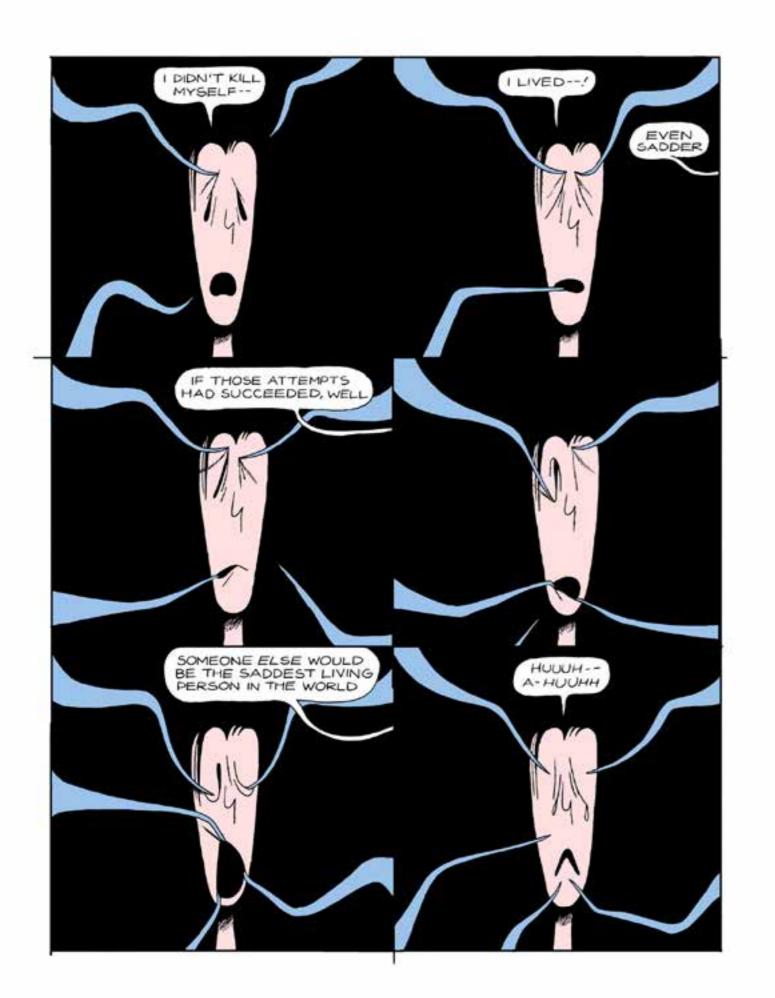


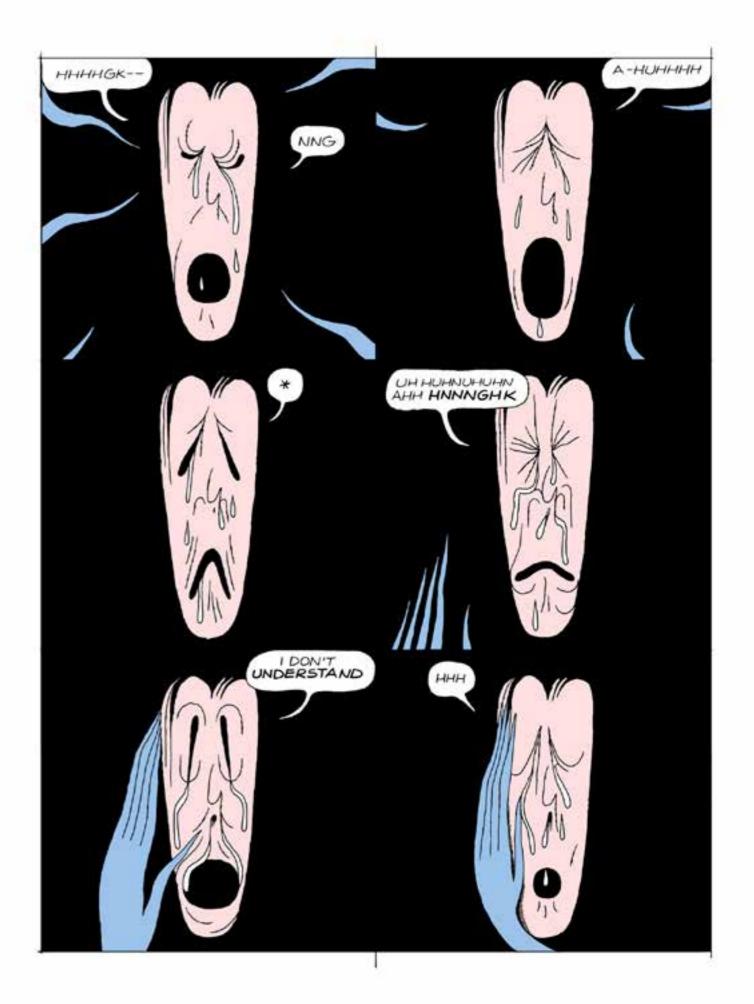


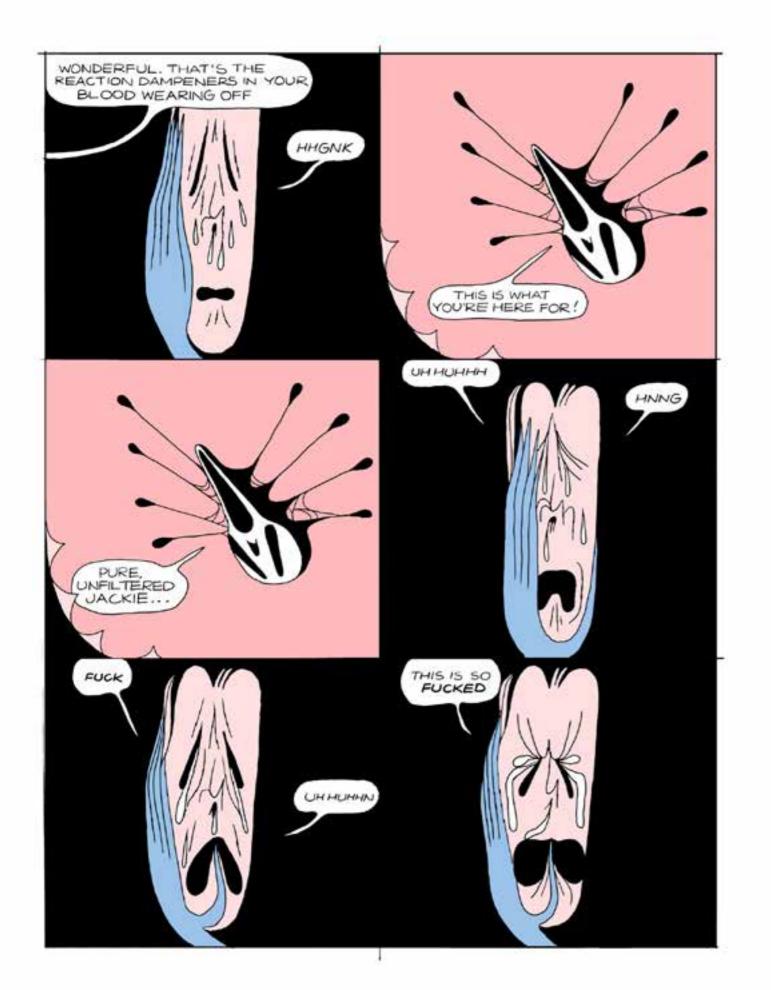


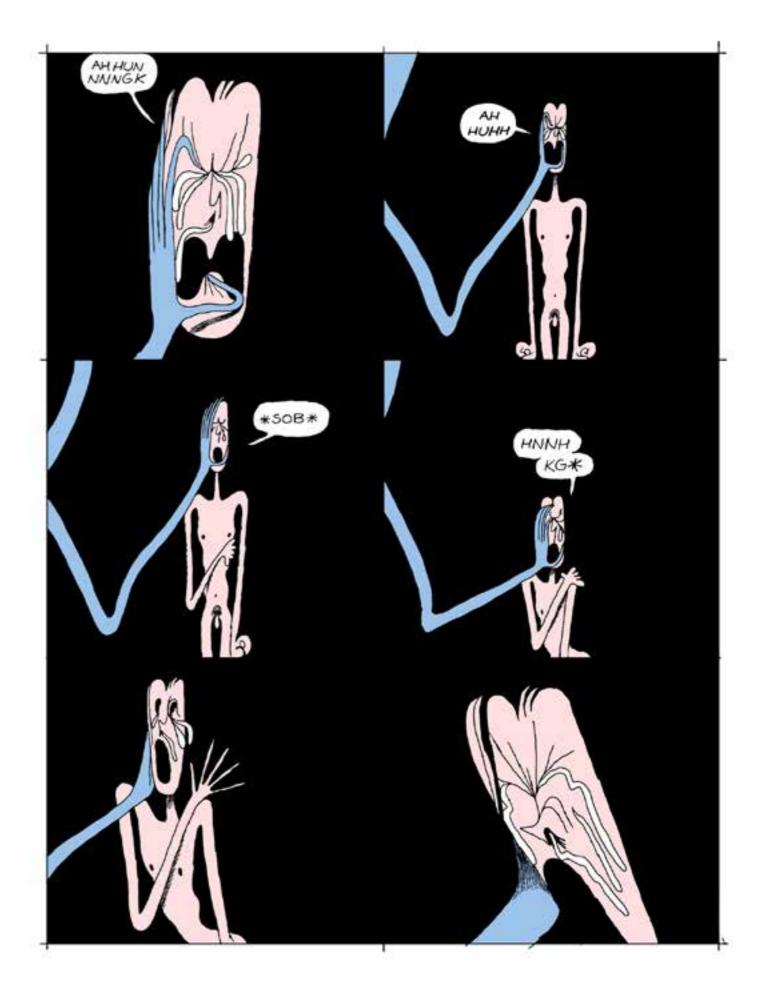


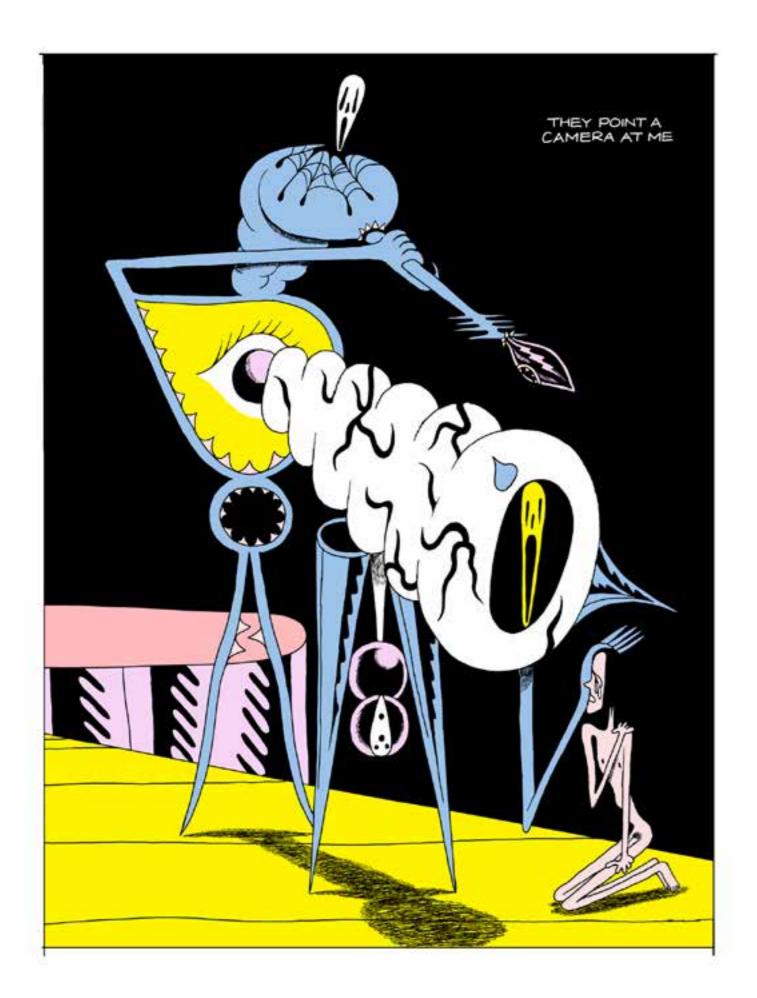














Michael DeForge was born in 1987 and is currently on a treadmill.

MILKwhite Michael D.

MILK WHITE STEED MICHAEL D. KENNEDY

The mournful, tragicomic tune of wanderlust undercut by the longing for a home seemingly lost

"Have I settled down yet?" The question rings eternal across all ten stories in this highly-anticipated debut collection of comics fiction by *New Yorker* and *New York Times* contributor Michael D. Kennedy.

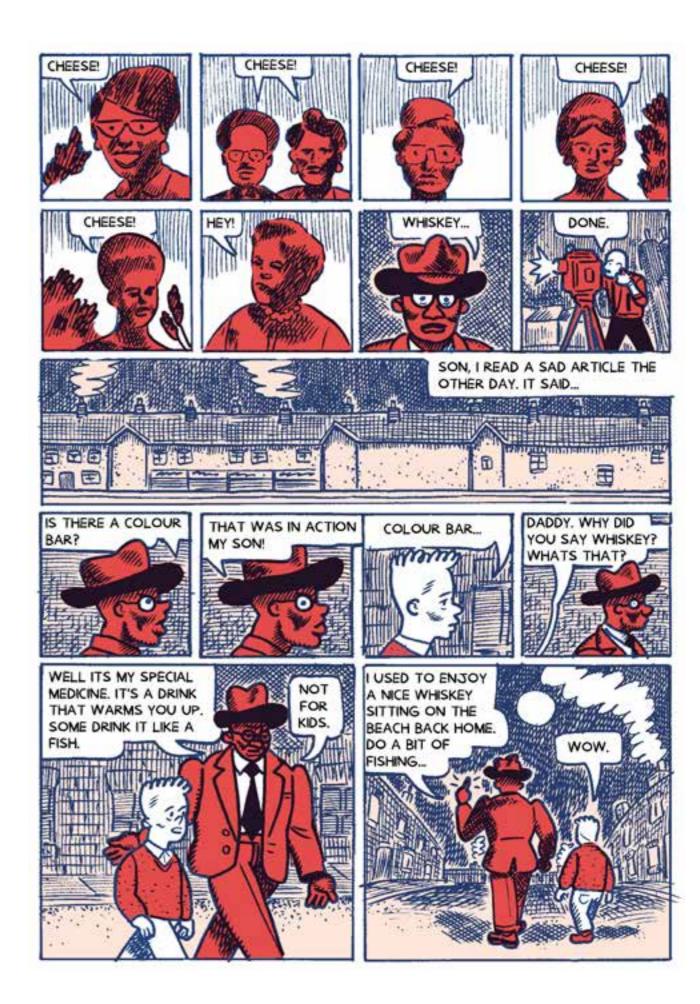
A series of individuals leave the West Indies and attempt to find their footing in the damp dinge of England's counties. A child on his daily trike ride is stalked by a sinister, shape-shifting ligahoo. A blues singer's wife hallucinates untoward revelations in the grips of high yellow fever when she inhales spores from psychedelic mushrooms growing unchecked in their apartment. A man dwells on his absent father, paints the man

into a duppy myth, and bears the consequences of this fantastical undertaking.

Inspired by the folk tales and oral traditions of his Caribbean roots, *Milk White Steed* is a dreamlike venture into the messy truths of everyday West Indian lives: the abiding pursuit of the familiar and the vicious appraisal of their own otherness, all at once. Phantom desires, unchecked reveries, and surreal visions of the future flood the page in full-color. Kennedy's decisive woodcut-inspired brush-strokes draw a striking portrait of the Black diaspora as it sees itself, always searching and yet forever seeing.

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DAD WENT ON TO TALK ABOUT HIS BEST CATCH OF FISH, THE RED SNAPPER, MOM WAS SHOCKED AT THE LACK OF PHOTOGRAPHS.

SOON ENOUGH IT WOULD BE ALL WE HAD LEFT OF THE MAN, HIS HEART GAVE IN ONE DAY AND HE LEFT US ON THIS ISLAND. HE SHE MARCHED US BACK IN OUR SUNDAY BEST. LEFT MOM AND ME WITH THE VULTURES ON WHILST HE CAUGHT SNAPPERS IN HEAVEN.

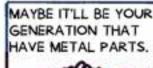






ANYWAY, YOU CAN KEEP THE PHOTOS, BUT YOUR FATHER TOOK OUT A LINE OF CREDIT WITH ME TO PAY FOR IT. THATS A THING I DON'T USUALLY DO FOR WEST INDIANS. TELL YOUR MOTHER SHE CAN PAY BACK WHEN'S BEST FOR HER, BUT REMIND HER THAT PHOTOS ARE AN EXPENSIVE ART.







SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.

HIS BREATH SMELLED OF SMOKE, AND OF DADDY'S DRINK... WHISKEY.



MOM CHOSE TO SPEND ON FOOD AND ON KEEPING A ROOF OVER OUR HEADS. THE LOCALS CHOSE TO STARE.



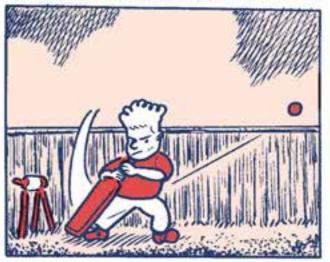
SHE COULD KEEP A STOIC FACE IN FRONT OF THE "COMMUNITY", A VIRTUE I DIDN'T POSESS.



I HAD A SOLITARY UPBRINGING AS YOU COULD IMAGINE. PEOPLE IN THE MIDLANDS HAD RARELY BEEN TO THE COAST OF ENGLAND, NEVER MIND THE WEST INDIES.



SPORTS, BECAME THE IDEAL FOCUS OF MY FRUSTRATION. ALTHOUGH I QUIT EVERY CLUB.



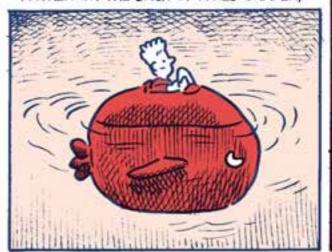
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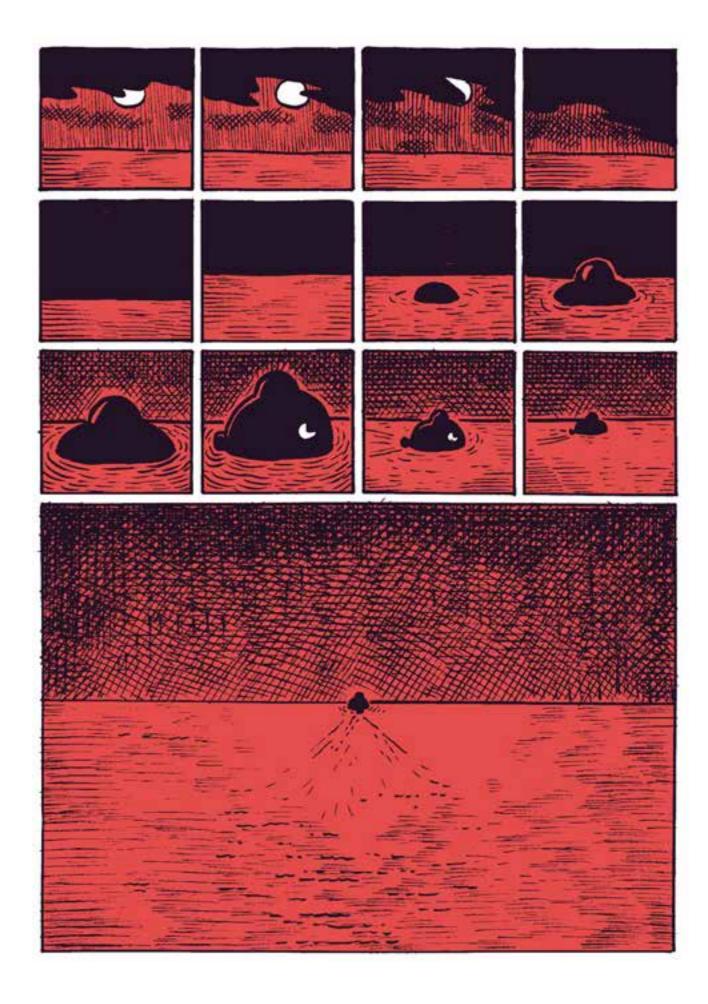
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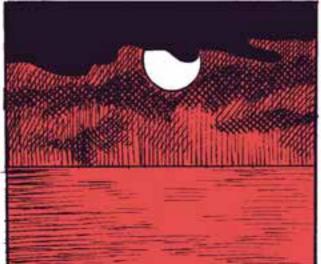
FOOTBALL COMICS BECAME SCIENCE FICTION COMICS, I BEGAN TO IMAGINE A PATH TO MY FATHER ON THE BACK OF A RED SNAPER,

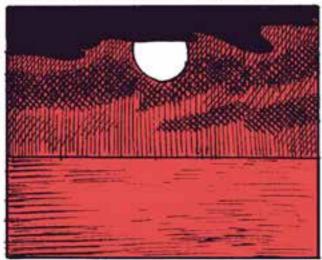






MOM AND I WENT TO THE BEACH ONLY ONCE. IT WAS A DARK DAY THAT BECAME NIGHT TOO QUICKLY TO EVER REMEBER FONDLY.





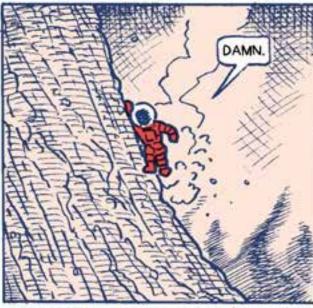


STANDING THERE, MY MIND WHINED. ALL I COULD SEE WERE PREMONITIONS OF OUR EVENTUAL DEMISE ON THIS PLANET. MOM'S DEATH. MY OWN DEATH. INEVITABLE IMAGES.

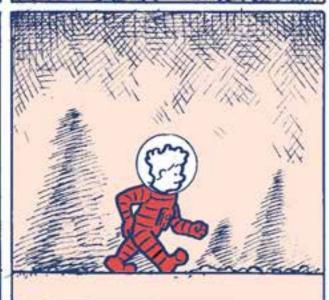






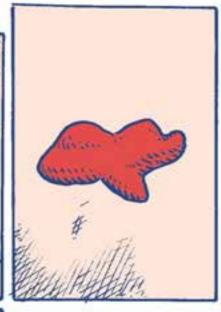


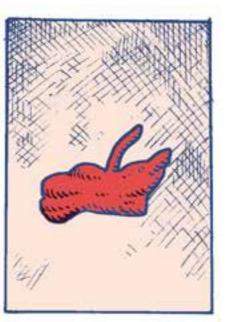


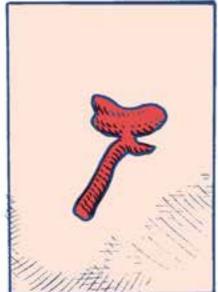


THE SEA HAD HEARD ME.



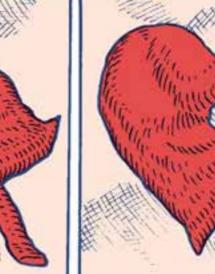




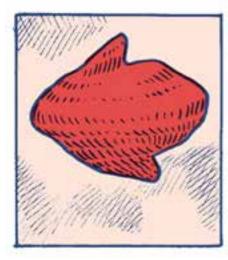


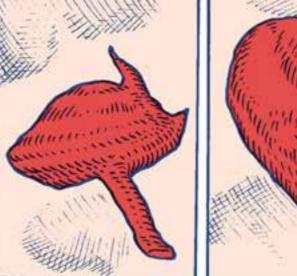




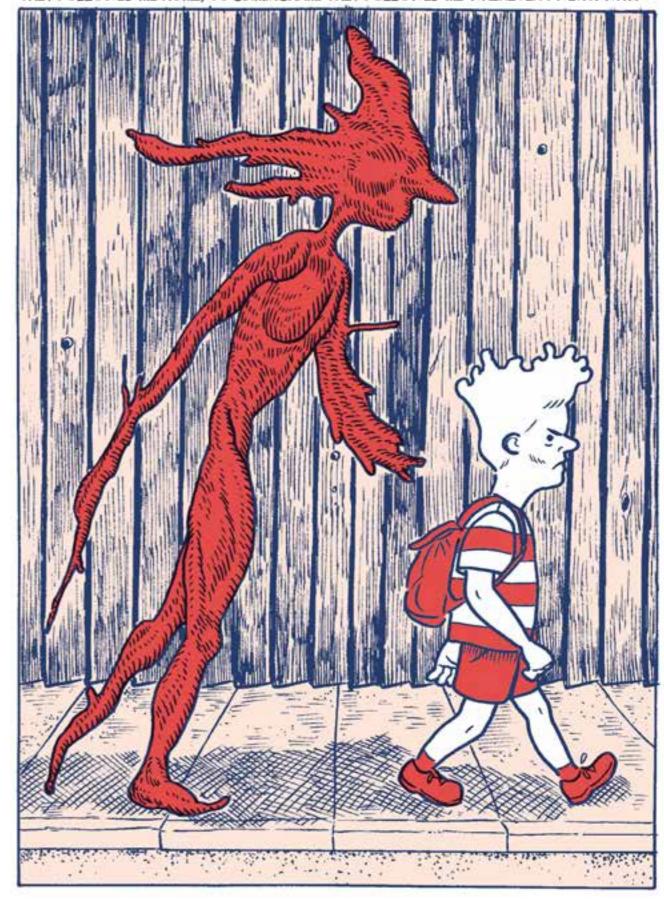


MOST RESEMBLED FISH, THE COLOUR OF RED SNAPPERS THAT I SAW IN BOOKS.





THEY FOLLOWED ME HOME, TO BIRMINGHAM. THEY FOLLOWED ME WHEREVER I WENT. WHY?



WAS THIS AN INVASION? AM I IT'S VESSEL?





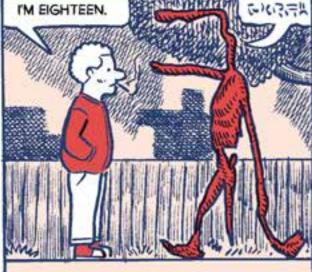


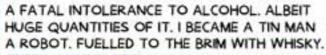




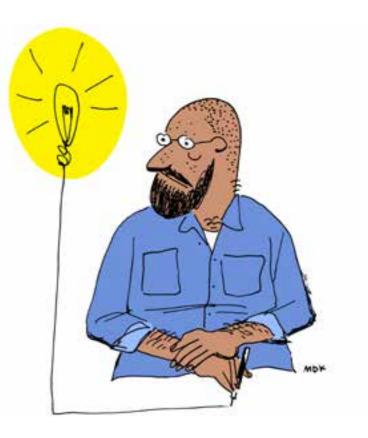


IF CLOSING MY EYES AND SCREAMING INTO SPACE BROUGHT THE SNAPPERS HERE. THEN I HAD TO STOP THE SCREAMS.









Michael D. Kennedy is a cartoonist and illustrator from the English midlands. Influenced by old British children's comics and annuals, his stories seek to present the lives of overlooked folk and the lower classes. Notably, he is the author of the small press series *Mint*, a collection titled *Mr Hardee* and most recently *Biffa*. He has had comics work published by *McSweeney's Quarterly* and the *Believer*. Working as an illustrator since 2020, Michael has been published by the likes of *The New Yorker*, *New York Times* and *The Atlantic*.

THERE'S NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT

PAUL B. RAINEY

If time travel existed, would you right societal wrongs or just watch future episodes of Doctor Who?

Paul B. Rainey's *There's No Time Like the Present* continues to upend grand science fiction gestures with a deep desire to understand the emotional lives of the common man (nerd). It's a simple conceit: time travel is only possible between the invention of the necessary, functioning machinery and the day those machines are shut off. In that finite sliver of space-time, humanity schisms into those who defiantly refuse to look into the future, and those who reap the benefits of doing so.

After all, what would you do if you accidentally found out for certain that you would still be working the same dead end job at the age of 70? What would you do if you could read every future issue of your favorite comic? Or if you traveled back in time and couldn't afford to travel back? Would your life actually be that different? Can we admit that there might not be such a thing as free will? Is life just a series of denials of reality? Why does that one guy have horns?

There's No Time Like The Present proves the success of Why Don't You Love Me? was no fluke, and is yet another brilliant graphic novel by a modern master.

PRAISE FOR PAUL B. RAINEY

"Rainey may be working in the comics form, but he leaves readers with the impression that they've just consumed a full-blown novel."—Shelf Awareness

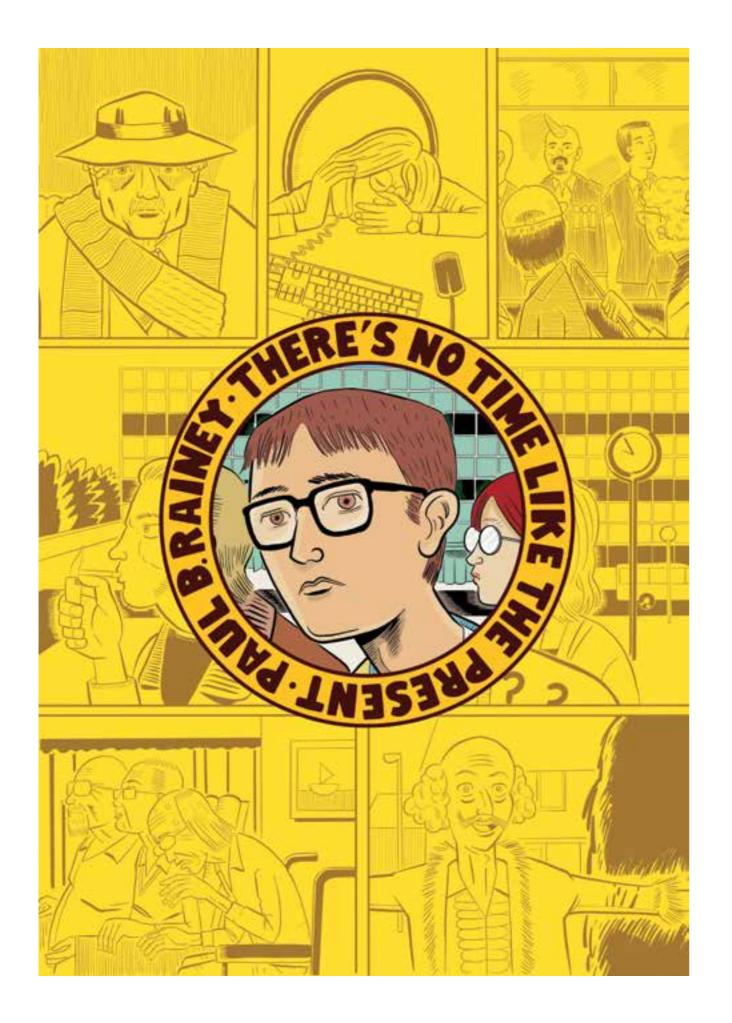
"Movingly insightful and brave, Rainey's writing is engrossing."—Steven Heller, *PRINT Magazine*

"[Rainey] wants readers to ask large questions about existence and the world."

—Solrad

"Rainey is a seasoned cartoonist [...] someone who has spent years working within the medium and wants to push what it's capable of."—Comics Beat

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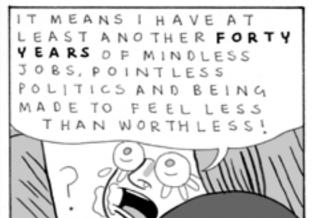








THEY HAVE THE ULTRANET AT WORK! I WENT AND HAD A LOOK AND FOUN DOUT THAT I'M STILL THERE WHEN I'M SIXTY FIVE!





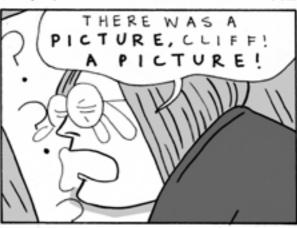


























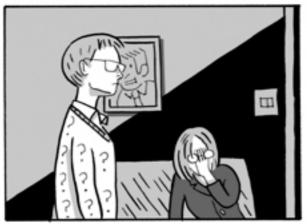








































































































Paul B. Rainey is a British cartoonist who has been making comics for decades. His creations include *Peter the Slow Eater*, 14-Year-Old Stand-Up Comedian, and Audrey Pemberton. He won the Observer/Jonathan Cape/Comica Graphic Short Story Prize in 2020 with the strip *Similar to But Not*.



I ATE THE WHOLE WORLD TO FIND YOU RACHEL ANG

An entire sea of water can't sink a ship...unless it gets inside

I Ate the Whole World to Find You maps the topography of trauma, treasures, and loss imposed onto the body of Jenny, a twenty-something-going-on-thirty-something partial hot mess who's routing her way more firmly into adulthood. As she navigates friendship, family, and romantic relationships, will her inability to communicate destroy her, or ultimately be her rebirth?

A coworker-turned-prospective-lover confesses a hard-to-swallow fetish. A train ride fantastically goes off the rails as old habits get dragged across the tracks. Cousins revisit summer holiday bliss—or was it really horror? Exes fumble an attempt

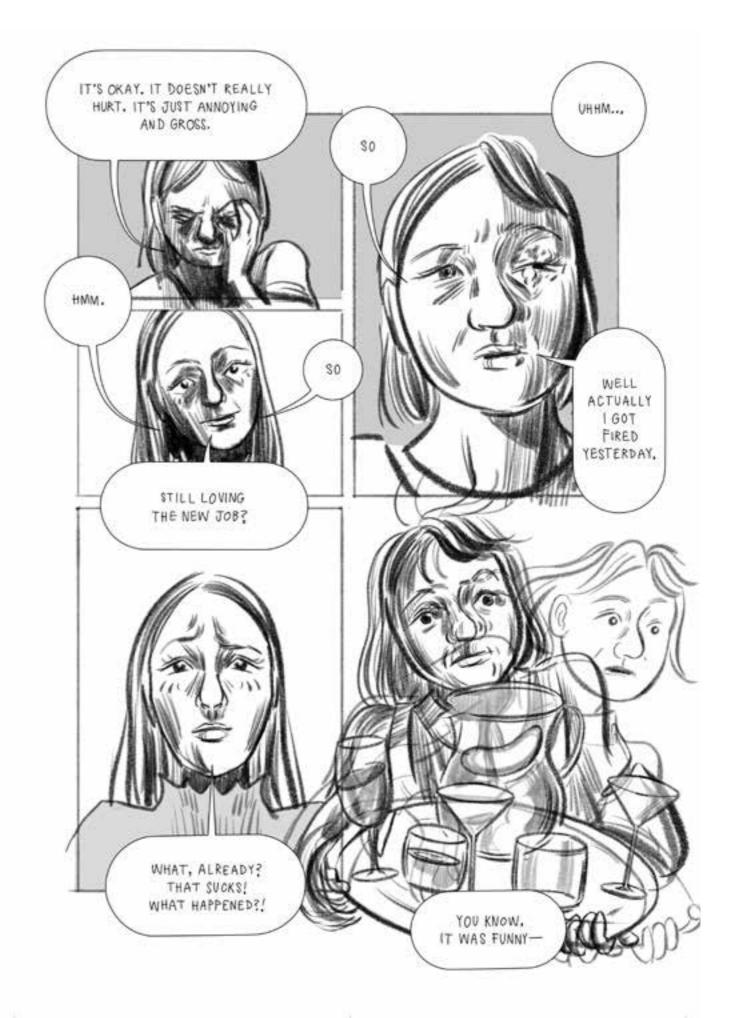
to reconnect over a dip in the pool on a squelching summer day. And an expectant mother slips into an unusual place as she embarks on a communion with her baby more pure than language can accommodate.

Set against an exquisitely lush Australian backdrop, Rachel Ang's pencils are fluid yet scratchy, precise and evocative, bringing to life the inner and external world of Jenny with stunning realism and gushing imagination. Sprinkled with speculative fiction and fantasy, Ang's radiant debut collection introduces a dynamic voice to comics, and establishes Ang as one of the most exciting short-story writers working in comics today.

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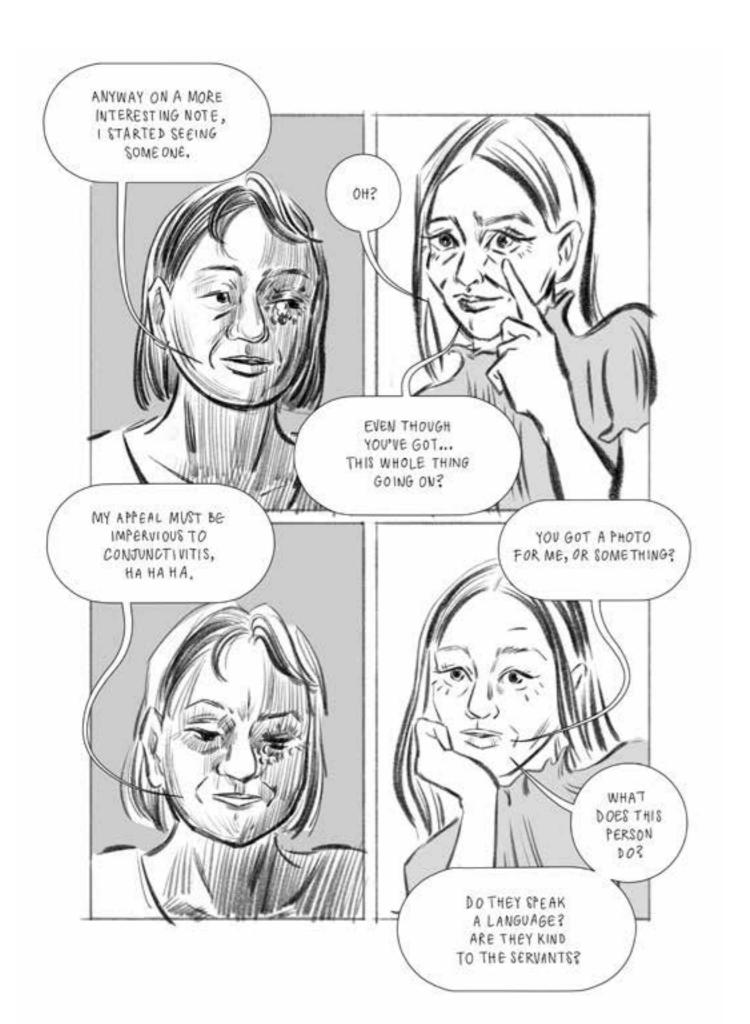








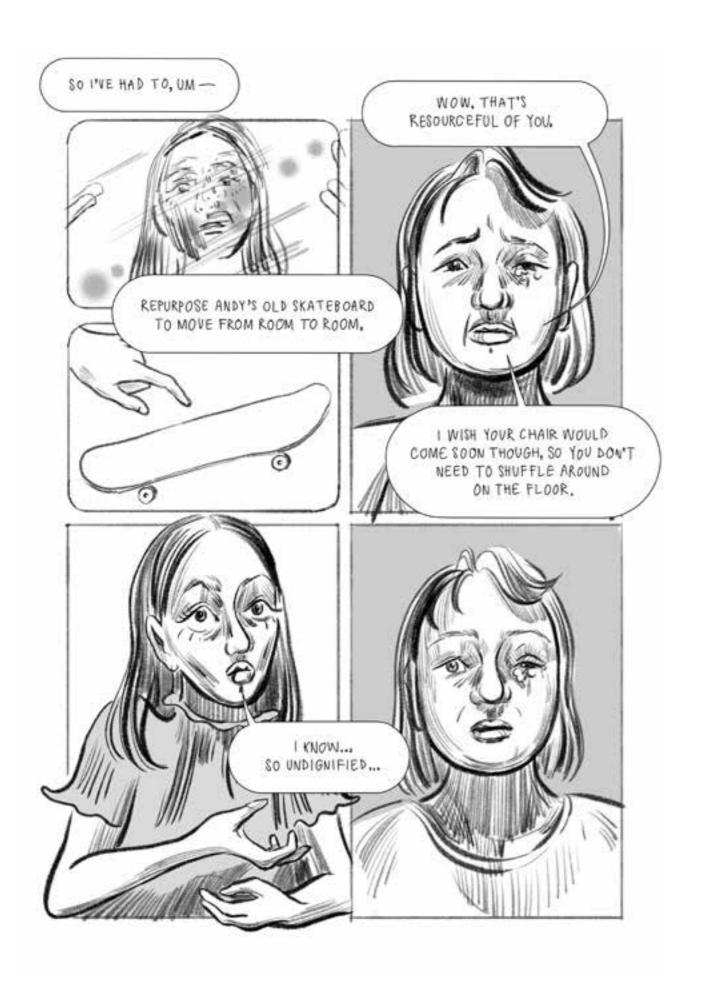




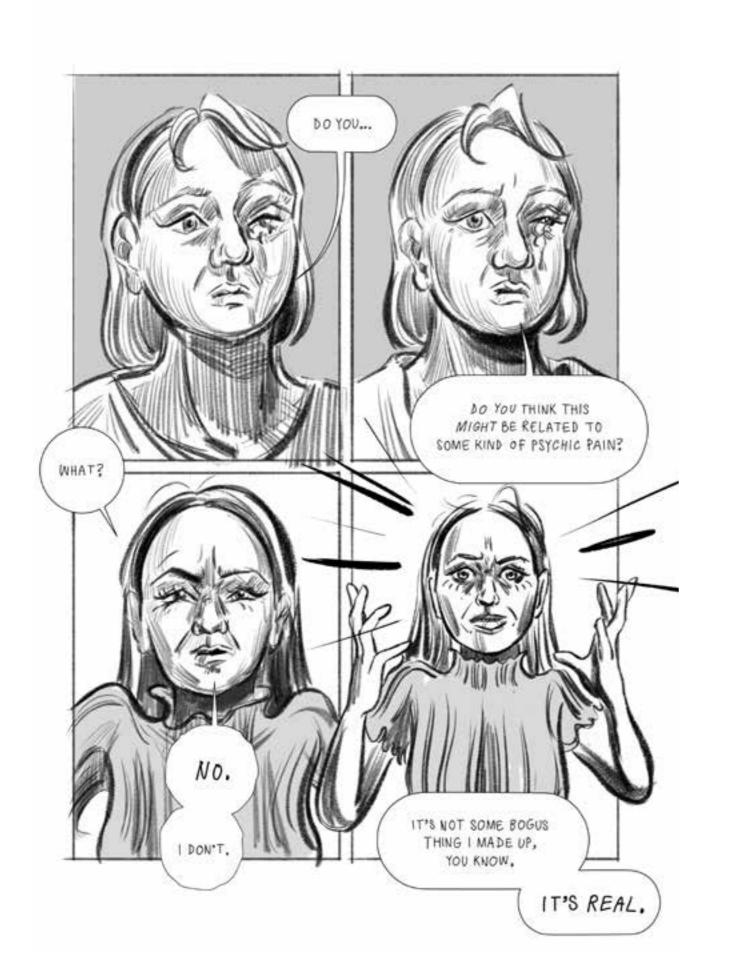










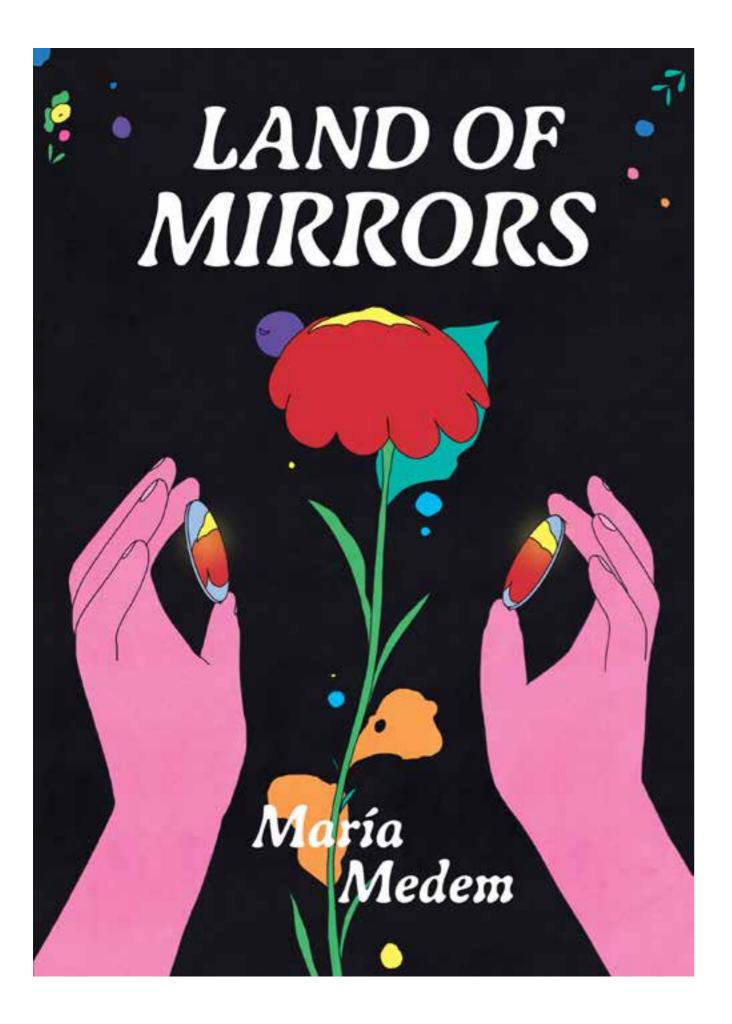








Rachel Ang is an artist and writer working on the unceded lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation (Melbourne, Australia). Their work has been published by *The New Yorker*, *The Washington Post* and *kuš!* Rachel's first book *Swimsuit* was published by Glom Press in 2018, and they were a contributor to the Eisner Award winning anthology, *Drawing Power: Women's Stories of Sexual Violence, Harassment, and Survival* in 2019. Rachel still lives in their hometown, where they draw comics and work in Architecture.



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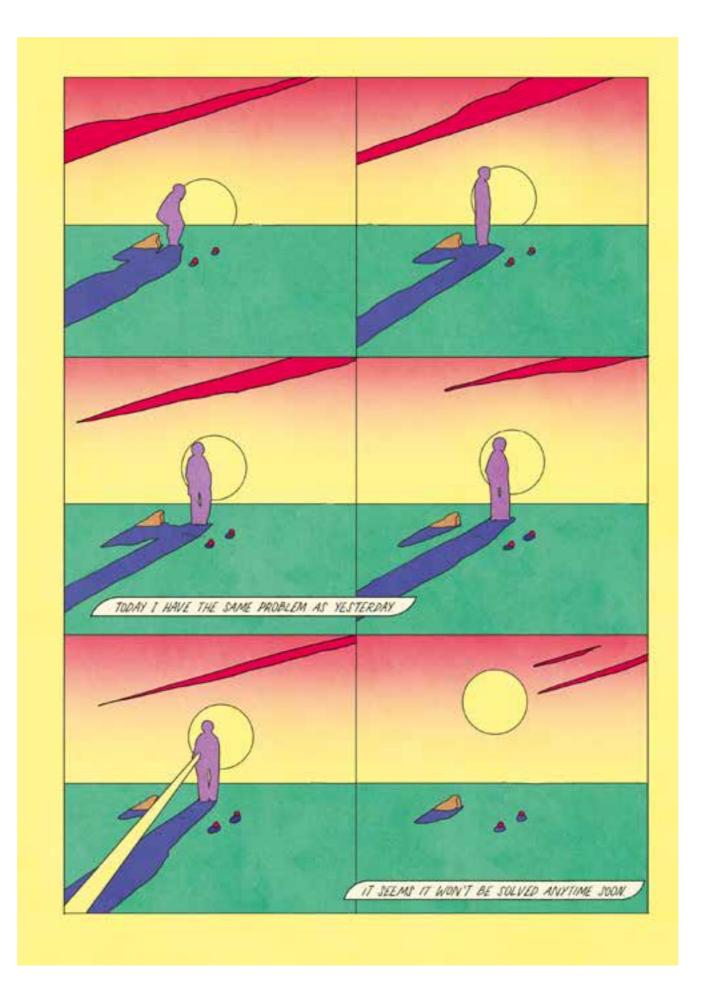
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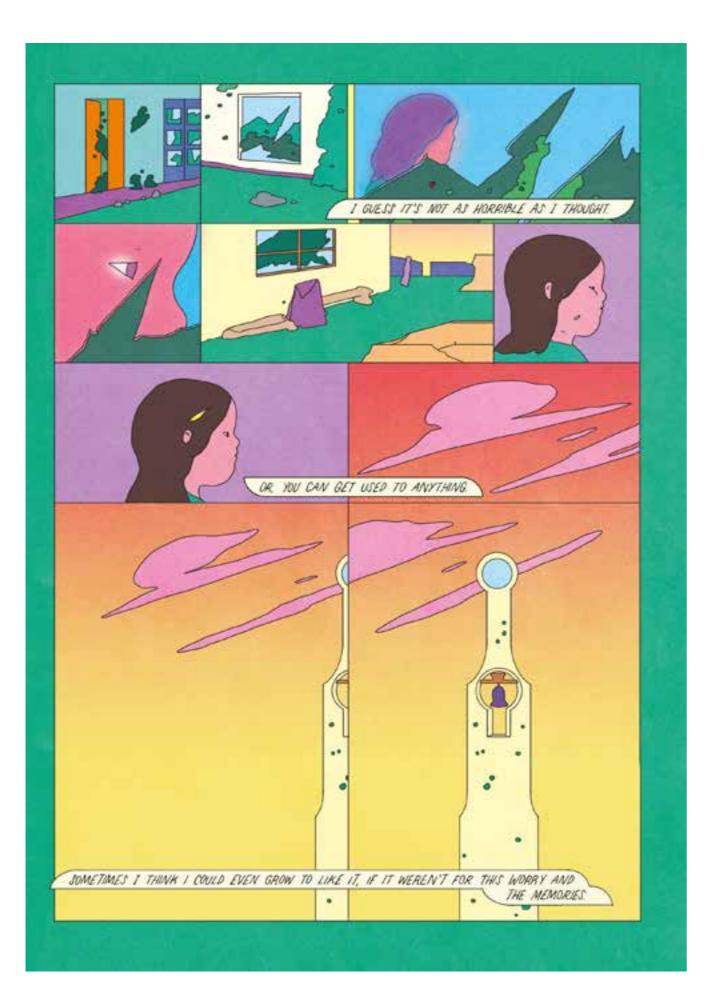
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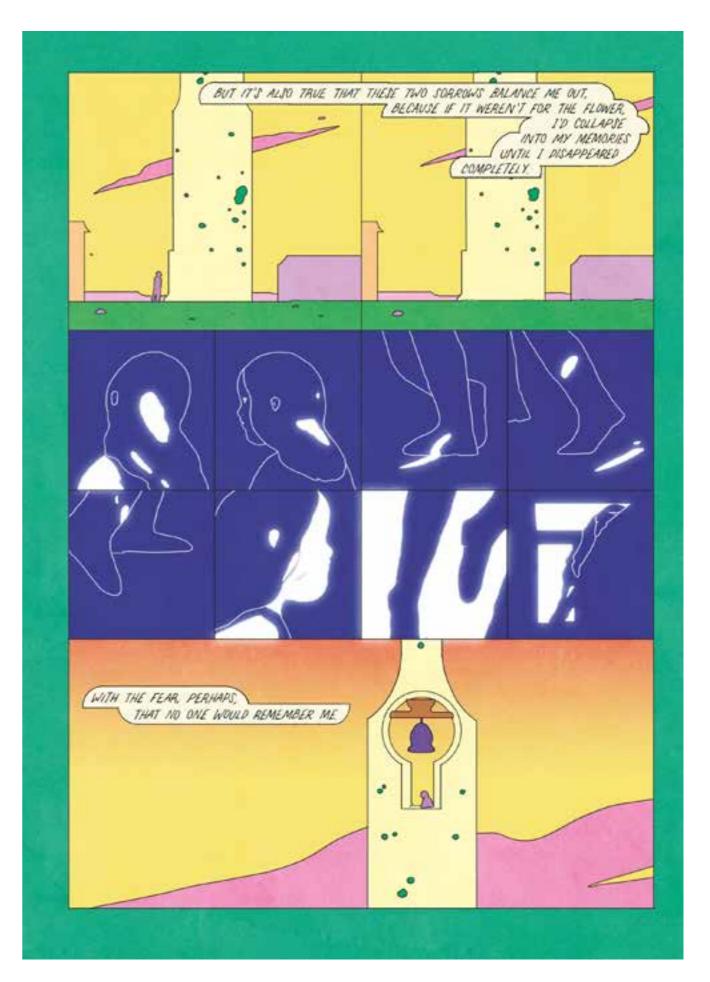
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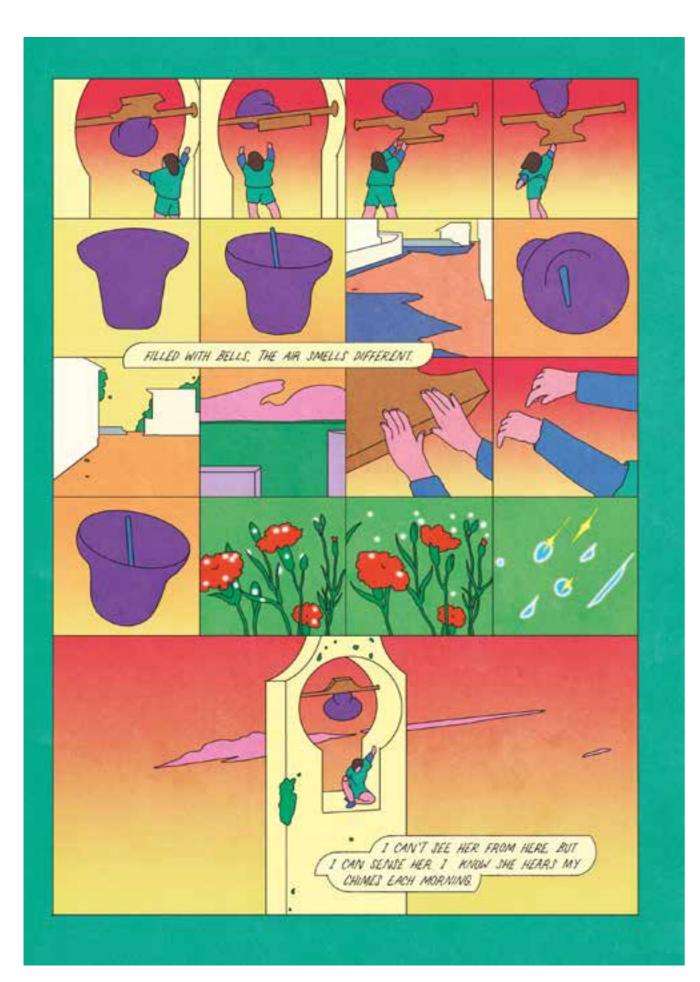
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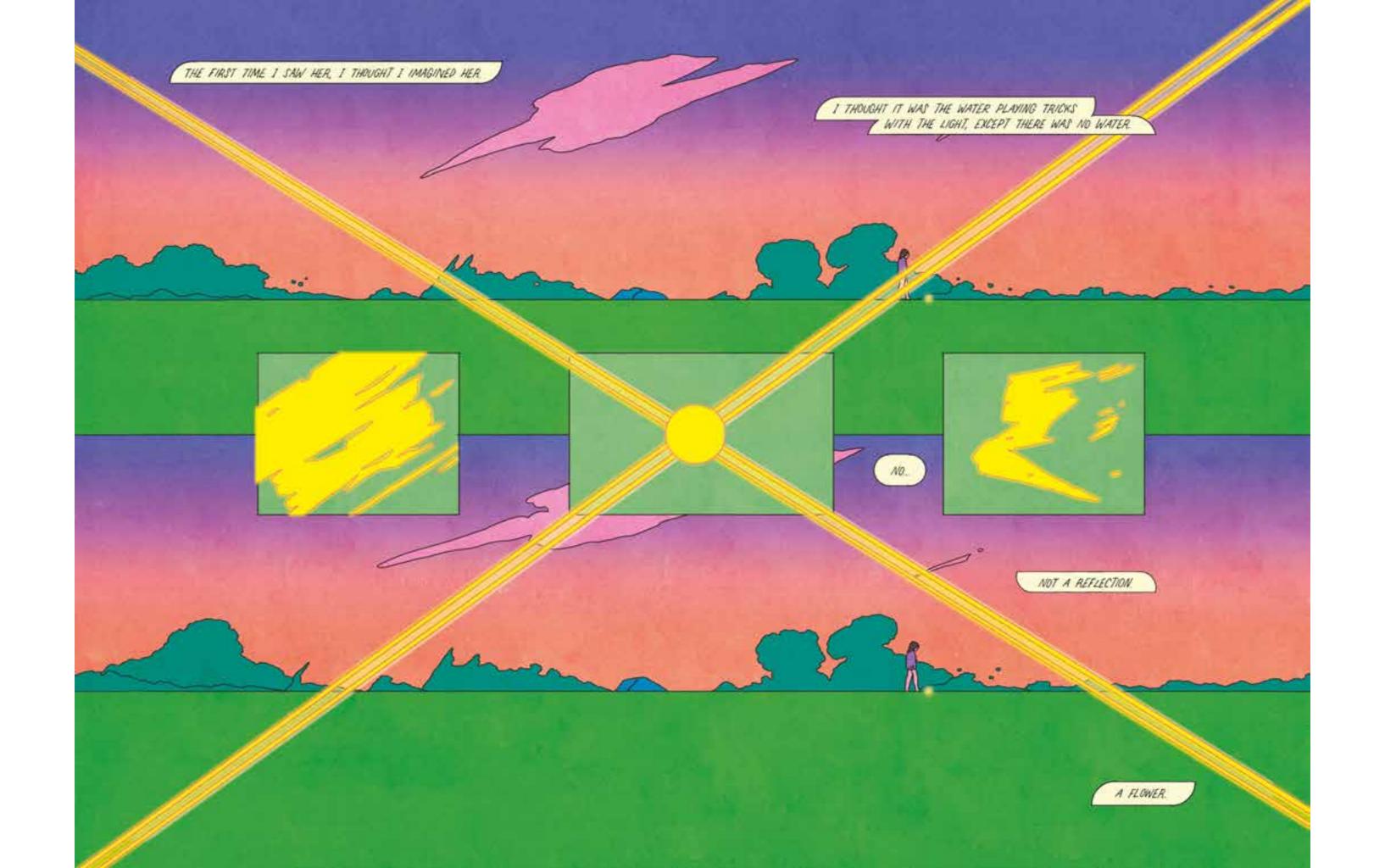


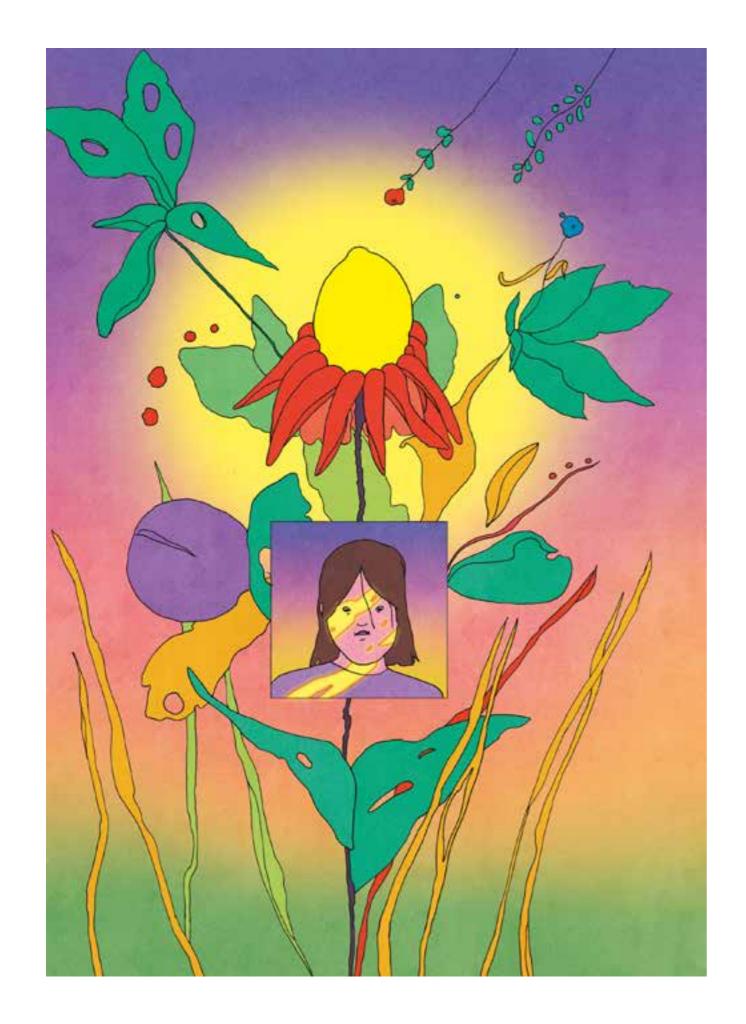


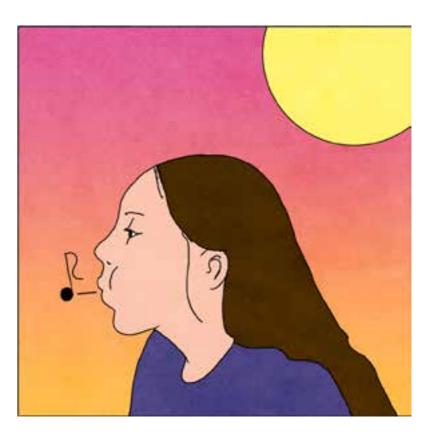




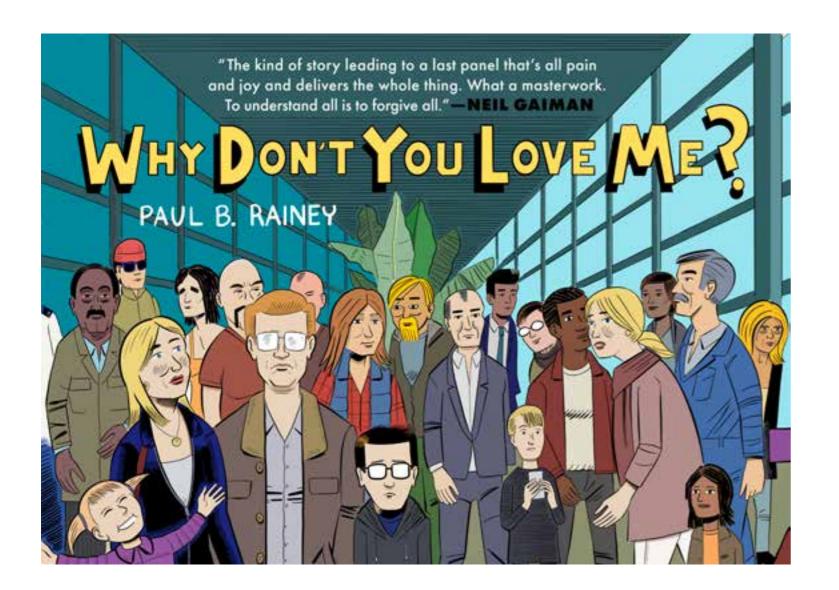








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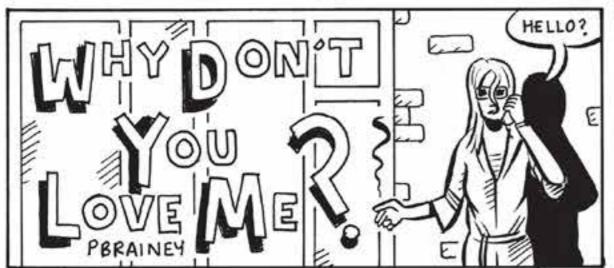


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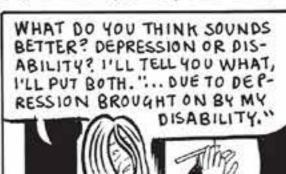
























































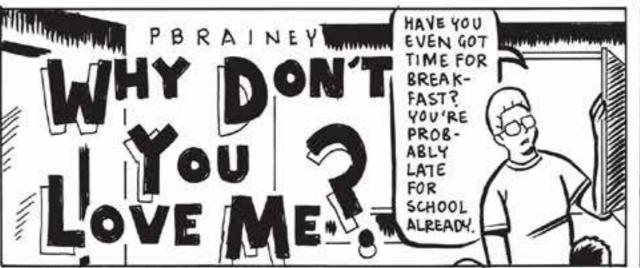


































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