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BRIGHTON & HOVE  
**COMMON  
AMBITION**

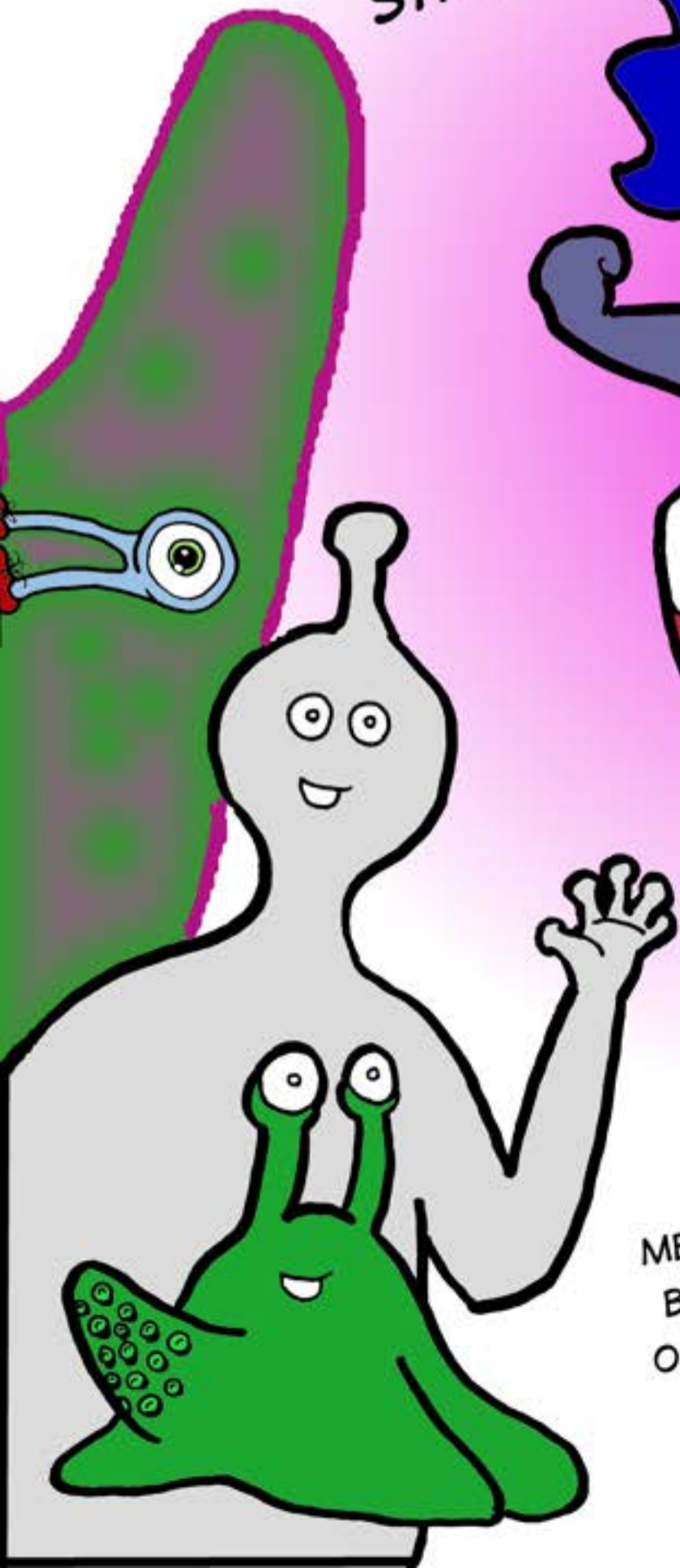
# THE COMIC

STARRING  
**CAPTAIN CO-  
PRODUCTION  
AND MR.  
STICKY!**

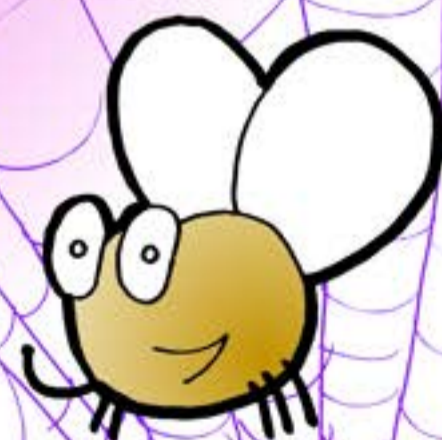
A COMIC ABOUT  
MAKING POSITIVE  
CHANGES TO  
HOMELESSNESS  
SERVICES - BY  
PEOPLE WITH LIVED  
EXPERIENCE



NAVIGATE THE  
**SYSTEM WEB**  
WITH THE FLY  
AND THE  
SPIDER!



MEET THE ALIENS OF  
BRIGHTON AND HOVE  
ON THEIR JOURNEY TO  
**INCLUSION AND  
ACCEPTANCE!**



# Hello!

## WE ARE BRIGHTON AND HOVE COMMON AMBITION.

We bring together people with lived experience of homelessness, frontline providers and commissioners through co-production within homeless health services. We want to improve systems, services and outcomes for people experiencing homelessness in Brighton & Hove.

The project is supported by The Health Foundation and the partner organisations are Arch Health CIC, Justlife, University of Brighton, Brighton and Hove City Council Public Health Department and NHS Sussex.

The Common Ambition Steering Group designed and delivered the project. This is made up of people with lived experience of homelessness and members from Arch homeless healthcare, Justlife and the University of Brighton.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY  
READING OUR COMIC AS  
MUCH AS WE DID MAKING IT!

THE BRIGHTON AND HOVE  
COMMON AMBITION  
STEERING GROUP  
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IN THIS COMIC WE ARE  
ILLUSTRATING SOME OF  
THE DIFFICULTIES FACED BY  
PEOPLE EXPERIENCING  
HOMELESSNESS.

### THE STORIES AND THEMES WE ARE COVERING ARE:

#### **The BHCA Alien Story**

This story shines a light on the stigma and judgment people experiencing homelessness face, and how they are alienated from society.

#### **The Fly, the Spider and the System Web**

This focuses in on the barriers to accessing care and support that people experiencing homelessness have to navigate, and offers a solution through co-production.

#### **Captain Co-Production: The Origin!**

This comic showcases the power and importance of co-production, with our superhero duo representing the values of Brighton and Hove Common Ambition. You will discover the importance of sticky notes like this one!



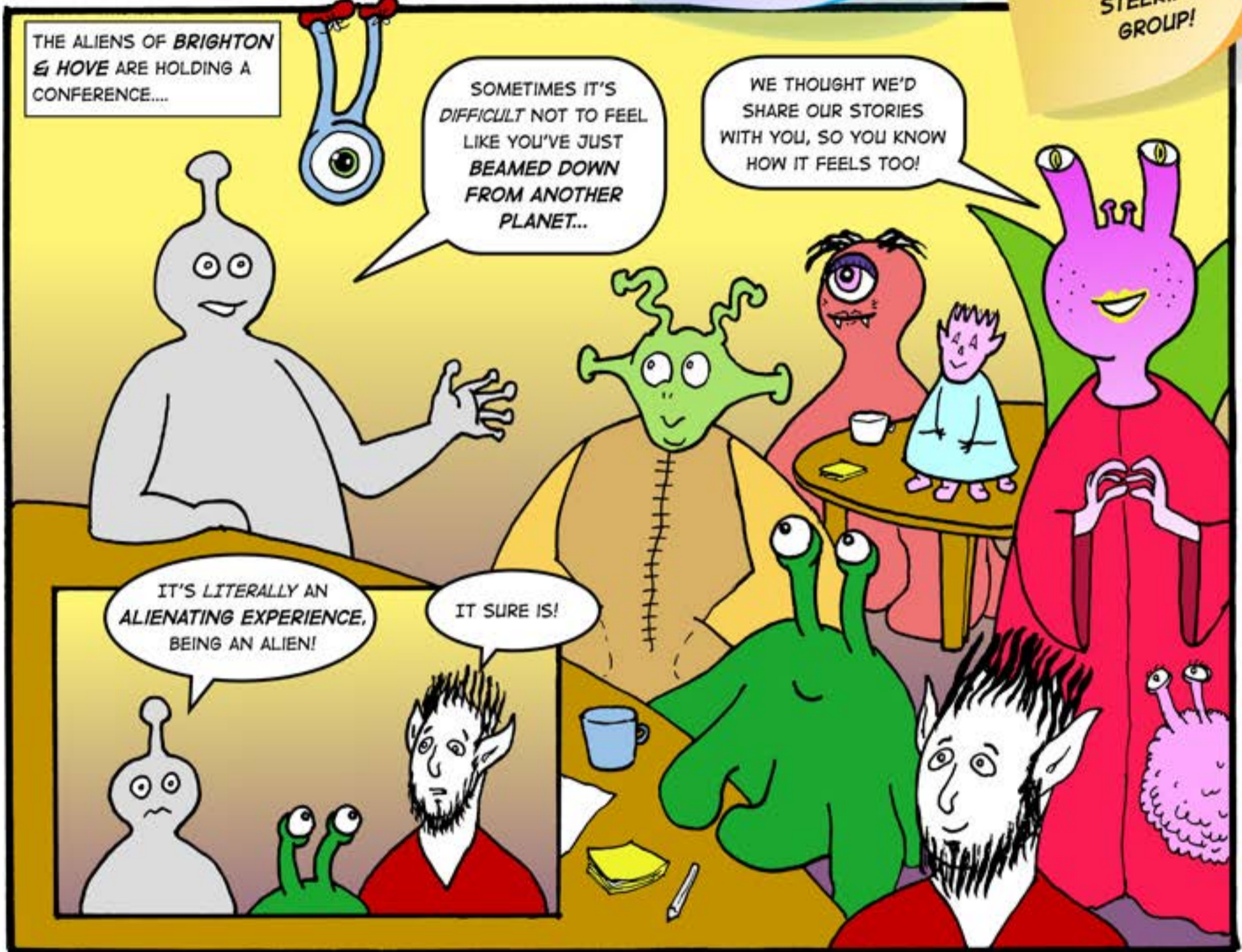


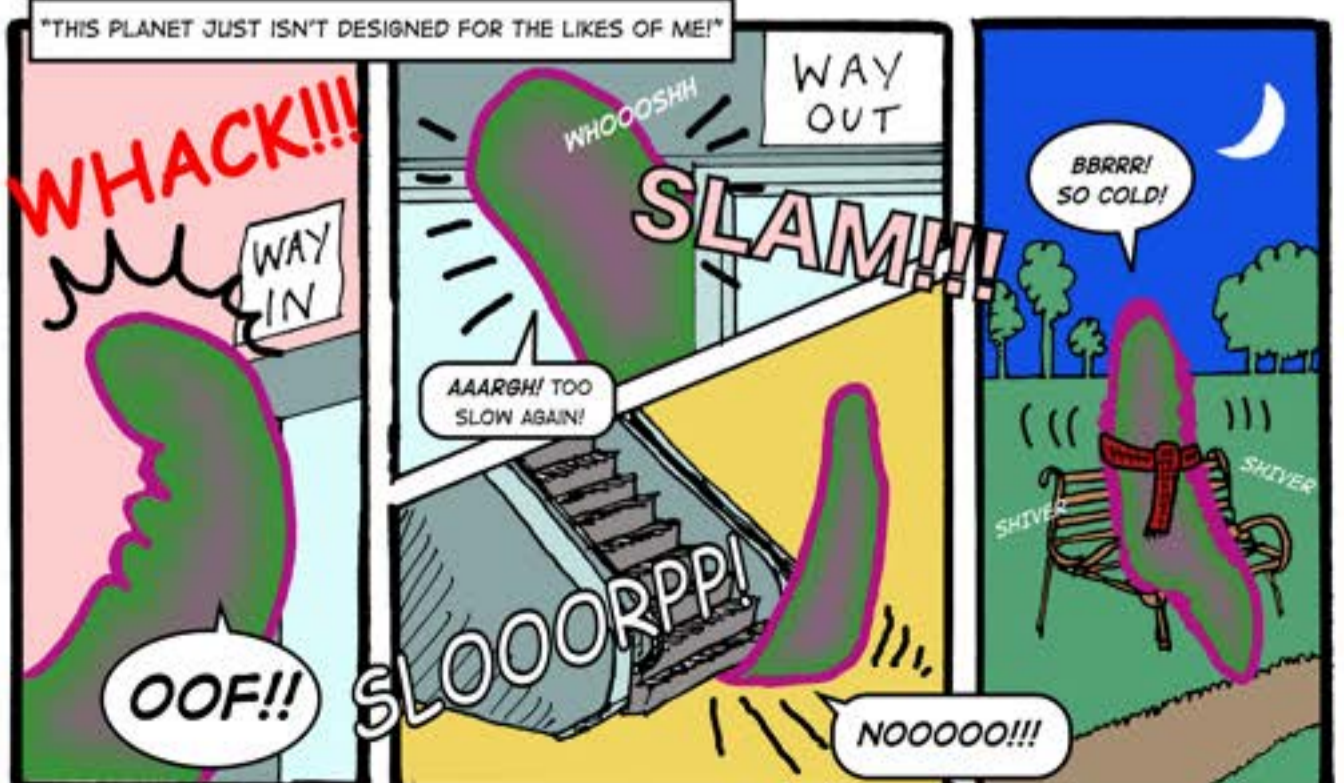
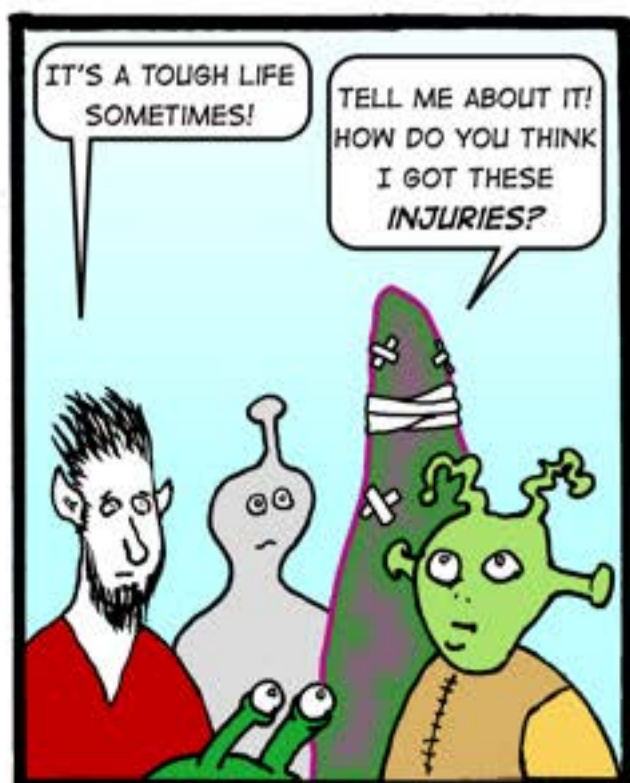
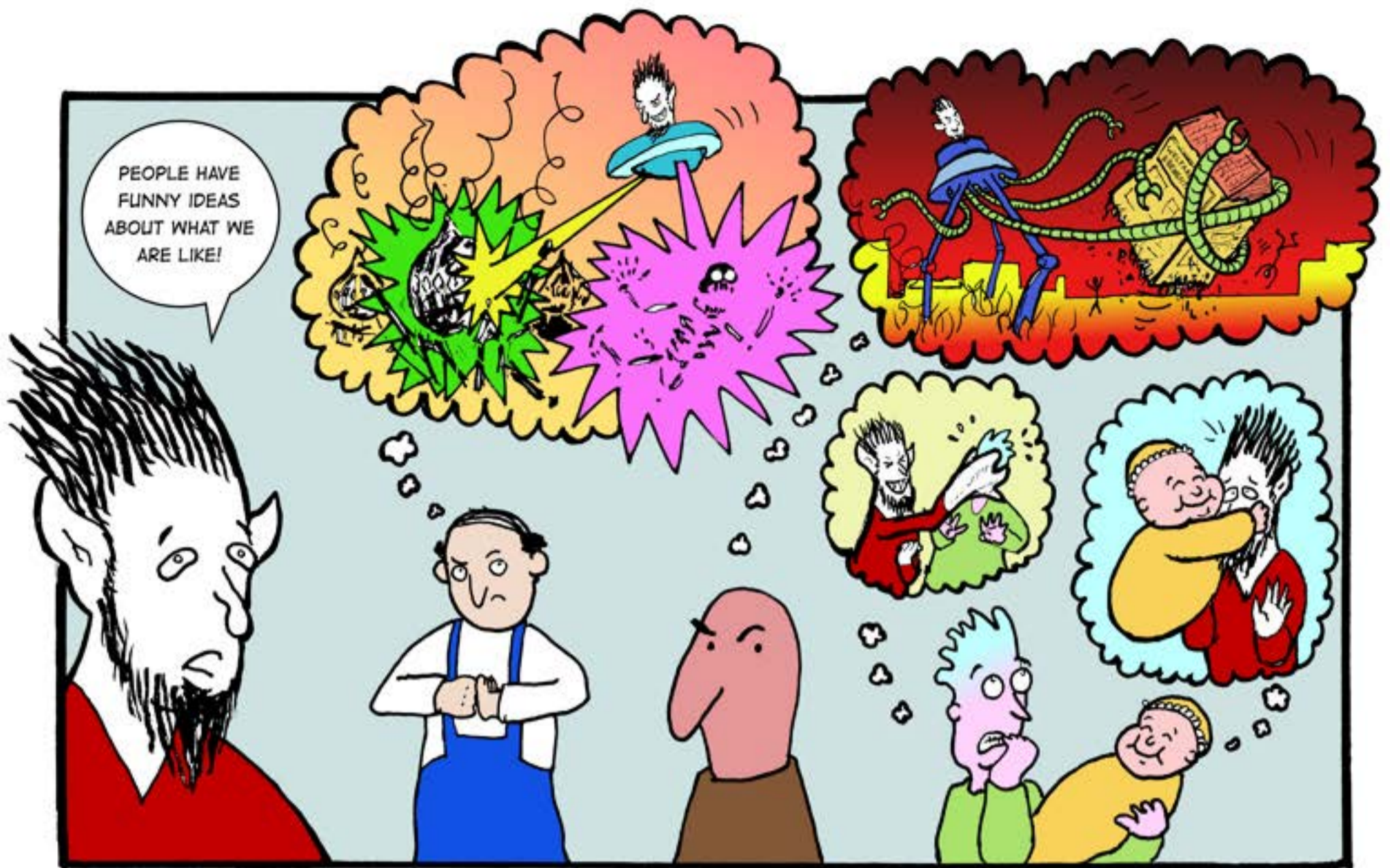
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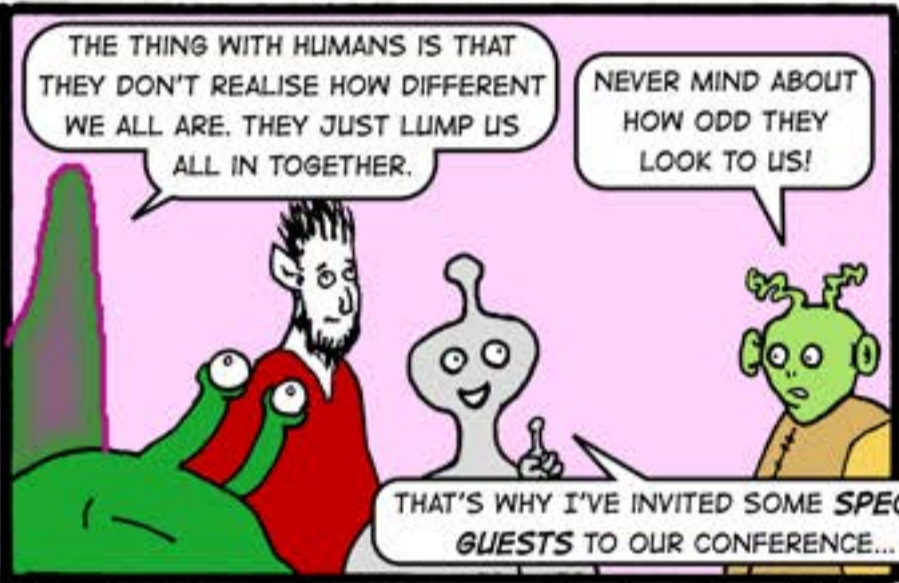
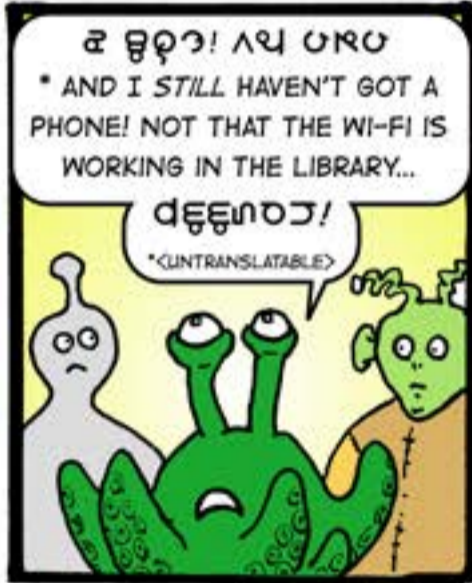
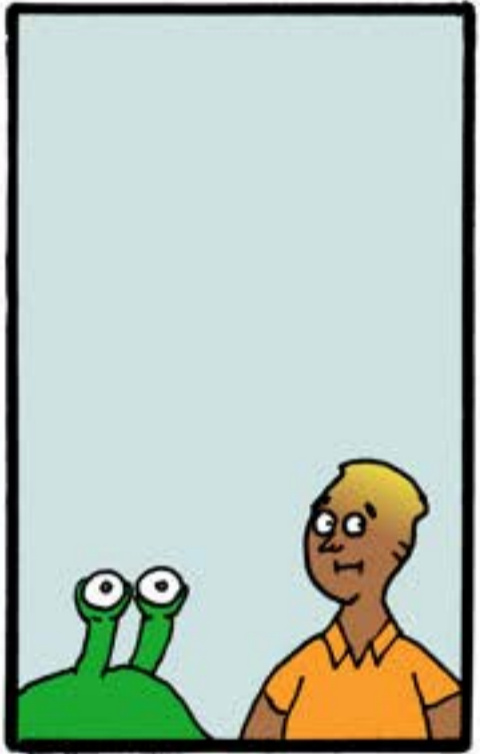
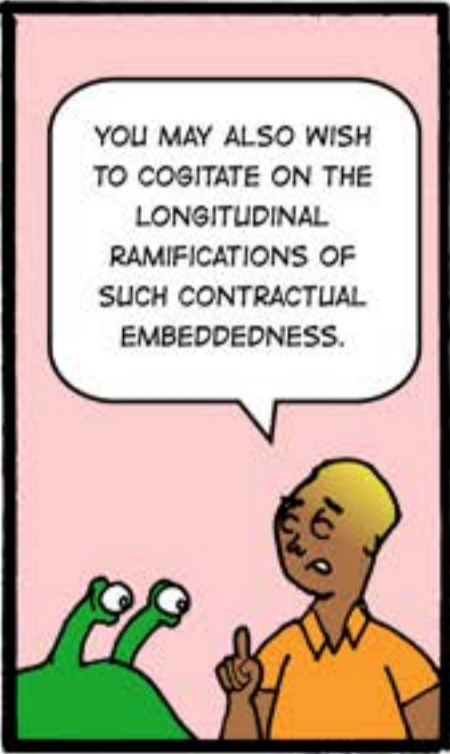
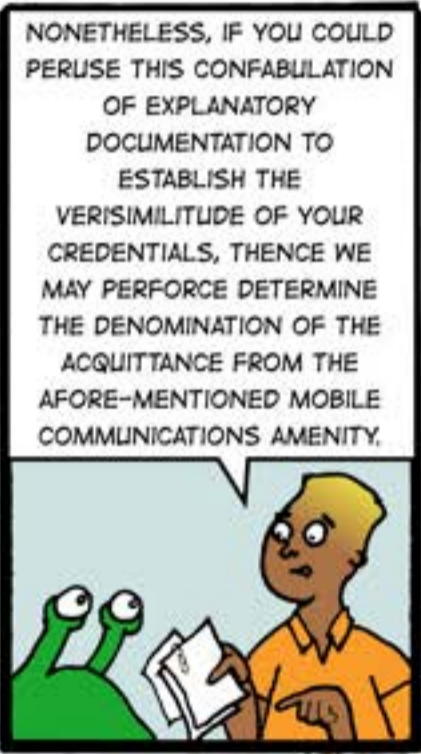
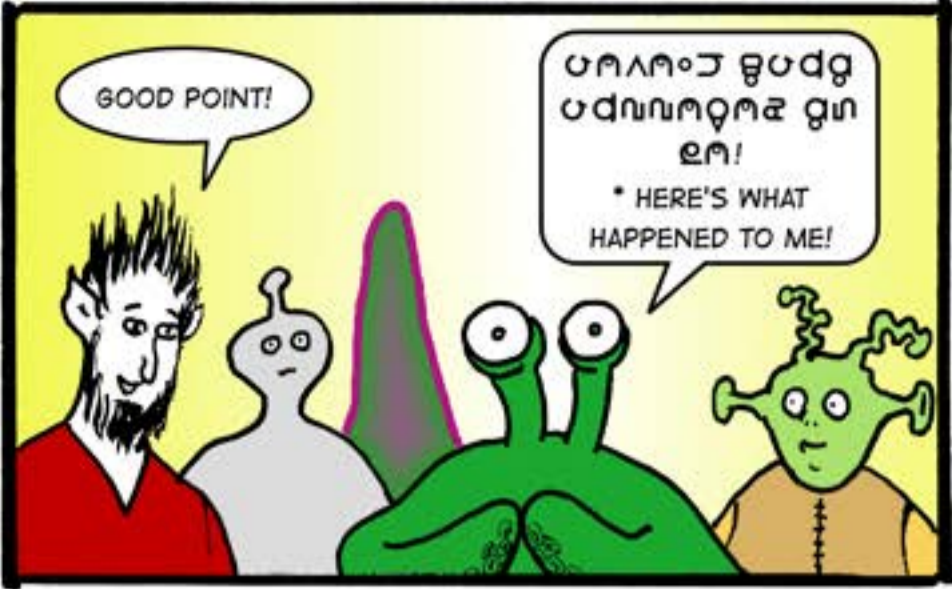
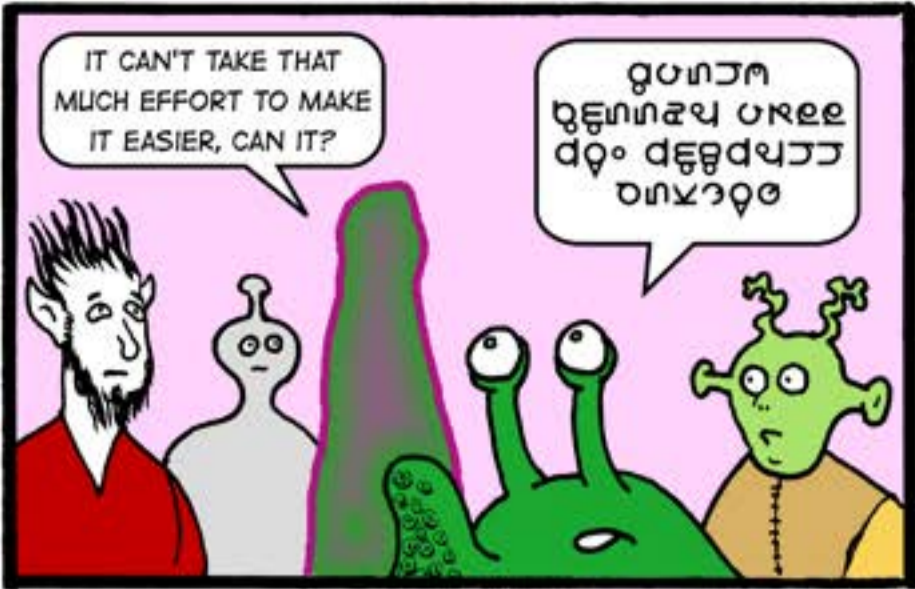
# ALIEN STORY

SOMETIMES A METAPHOR IS  
**TOO GOOD NOT TO USE!** THESE  
ARE OUR REFLECTIONS ON WHAT  
IT IS LIKE TO FEEL ALIENATED  
AND STIGMATISED WHEN  
EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS,  
USING **ACTUAL ALIENS** TO  
SHOW THIS!

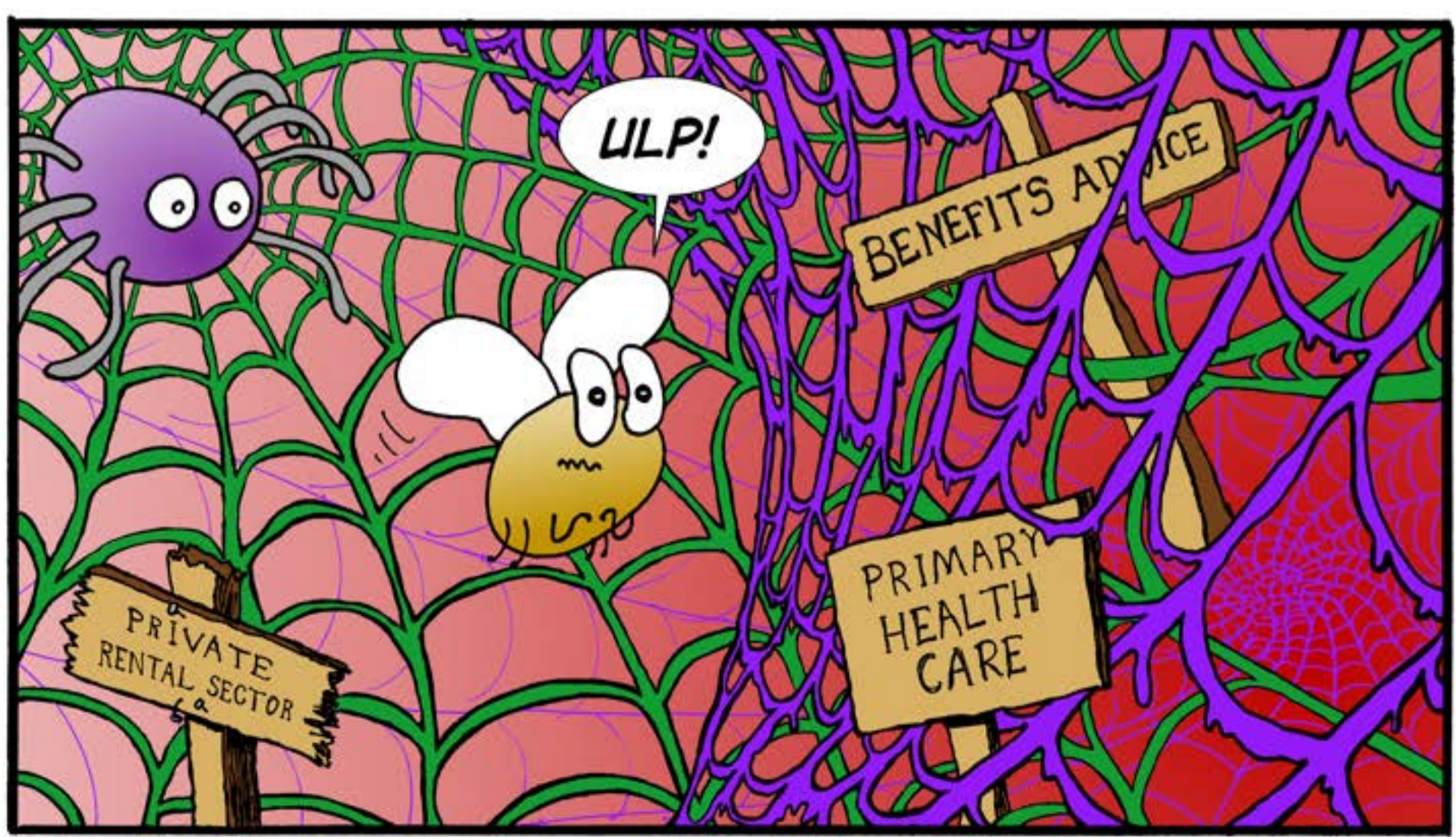
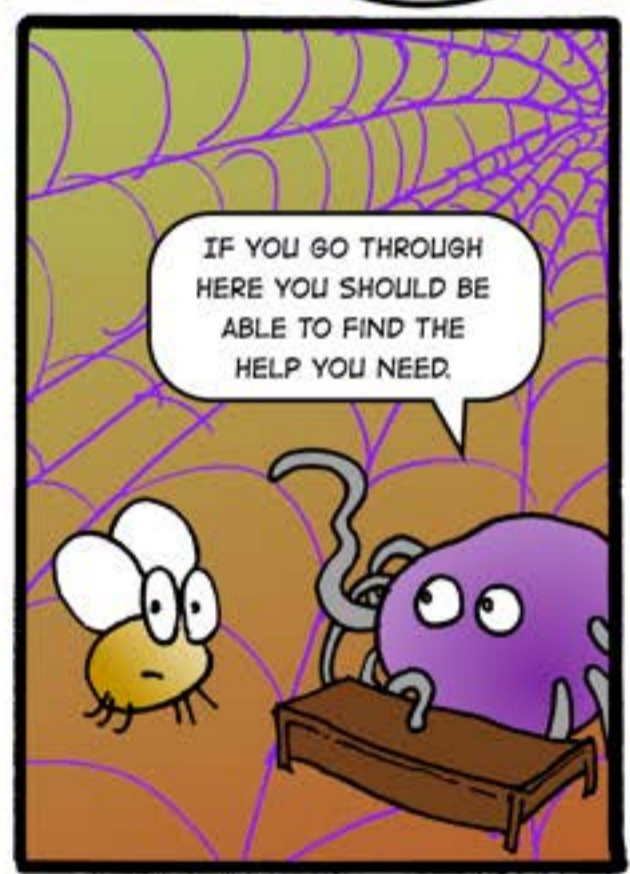
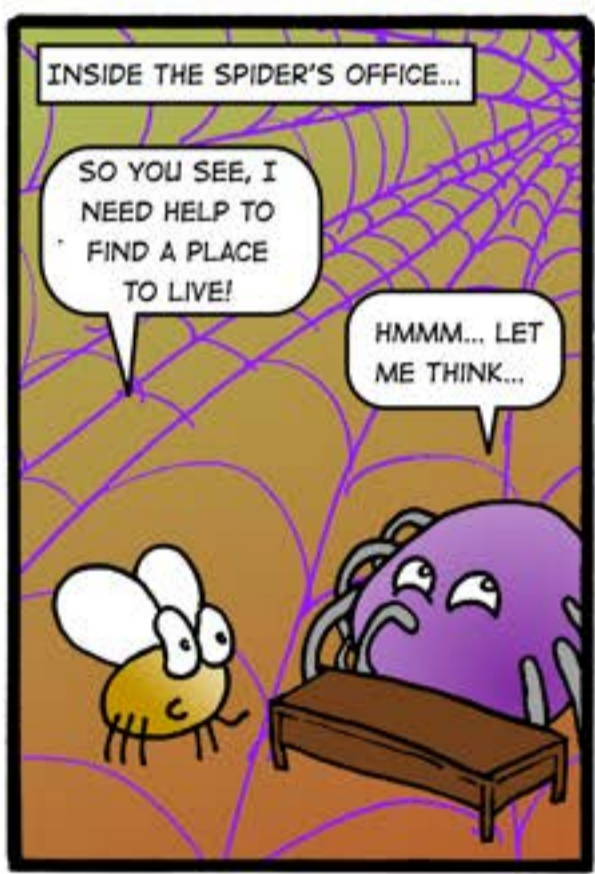
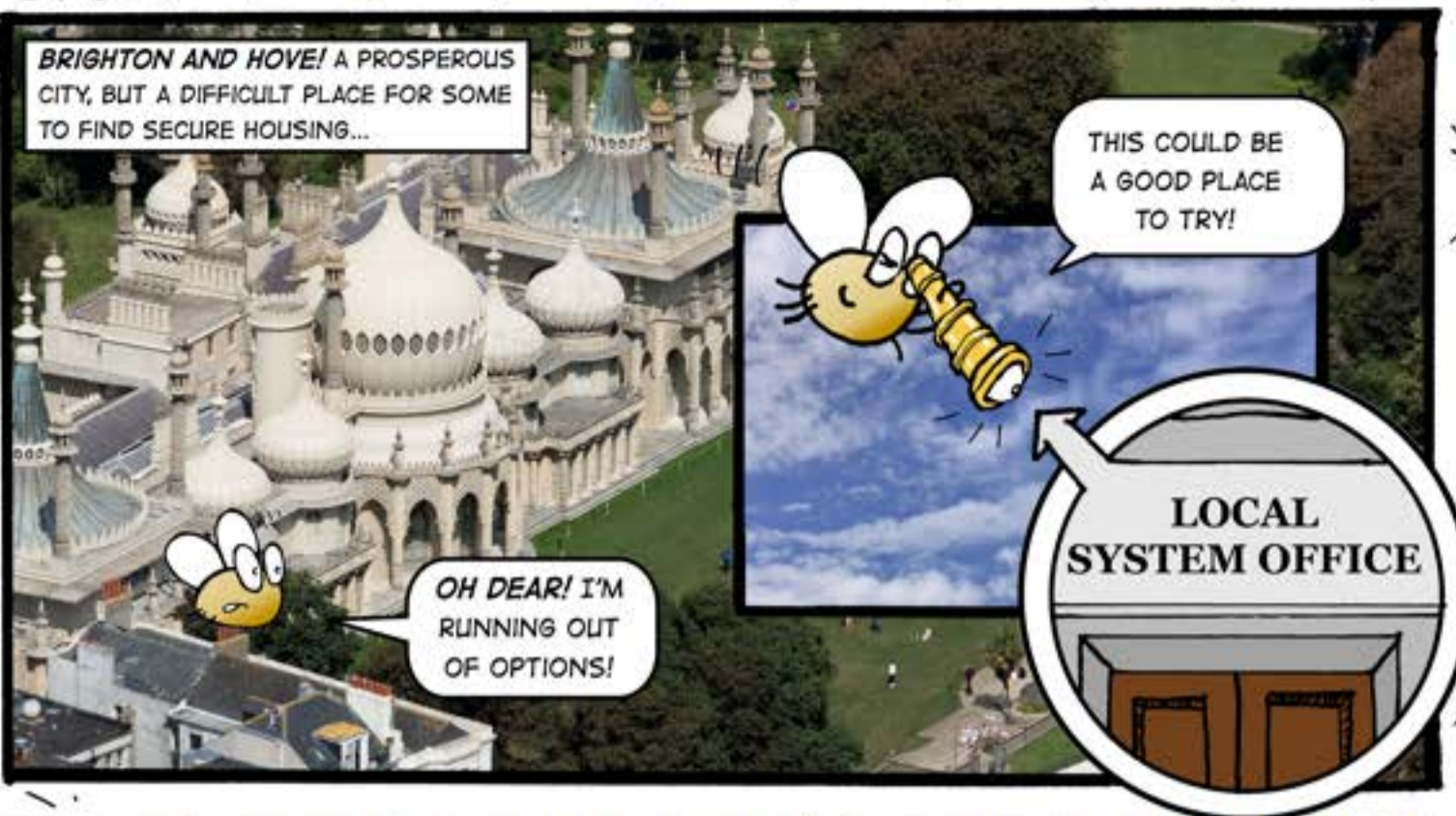
ALL OF THE ALIENS IN  
THE STORY WERE  
DESIGNED BY  
PARTICIPANTS IN THE  
COMMON AMBITION  
STEERING  
GROUP!

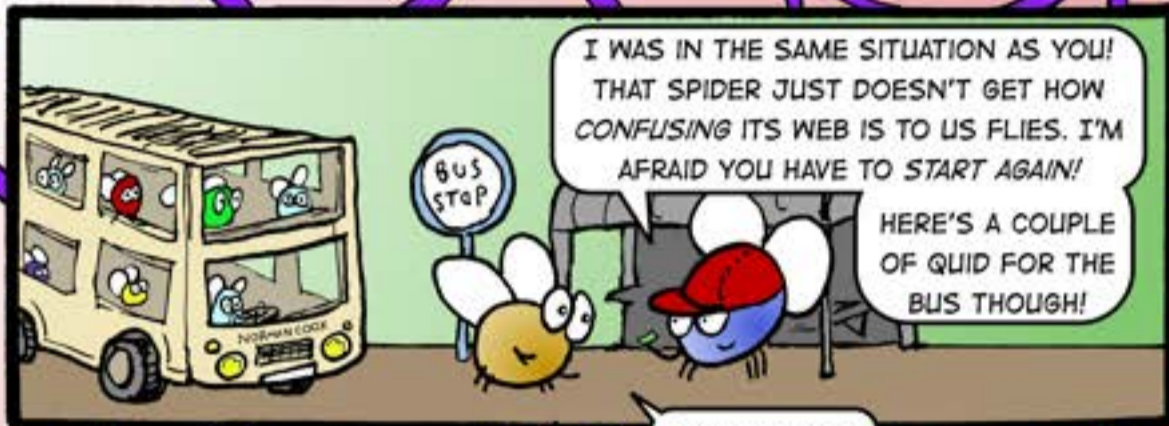




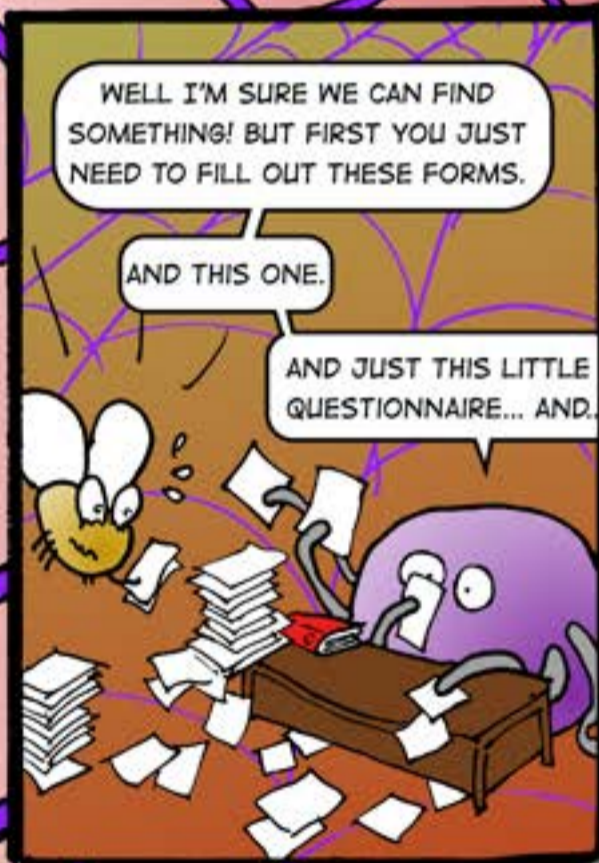


The  
**FLY**,  
the  
**SPIDER**  
and the  
**SYSTEM  
WEB**





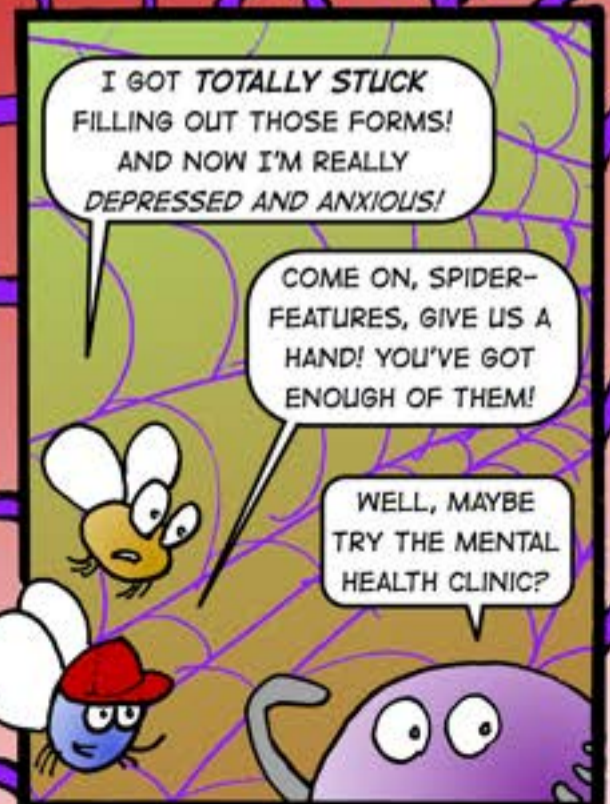
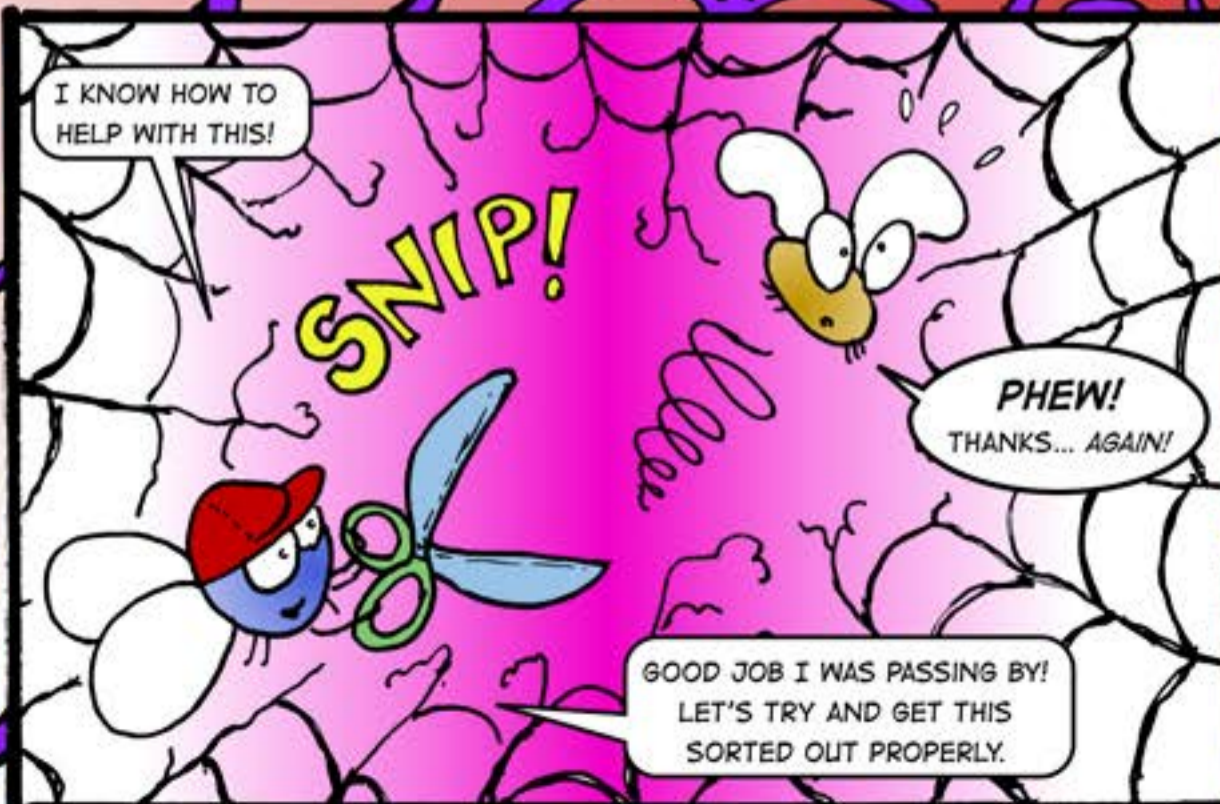
THANK YOU!



BEFORE TOO LONG...

HOW MUCH MORE OF THIS? WHAT DOES THIS EVEN MEAN?

WHY DO THEY EVEN WANT TO KNOW THIS? I'VE GONE OVER IT ALL A HUNDRED TIMES BEFORE!





AT THE CLINIC...

Appointments by referral ONLY

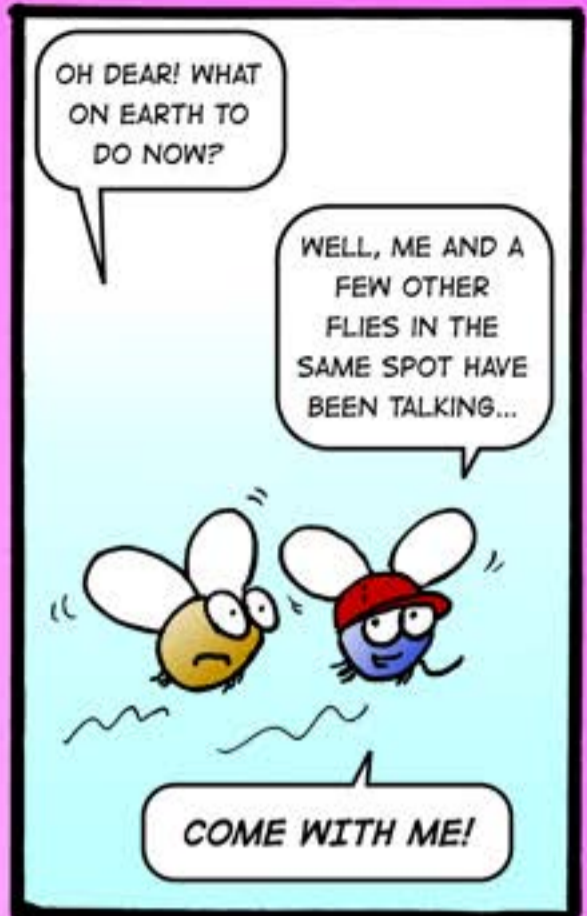
LONG DELAYS EXPECTED

**NO**

NO SUBSTANCE USE HISTORY ... OR ELSE!

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA  
- Not too well  
- Not too unwell

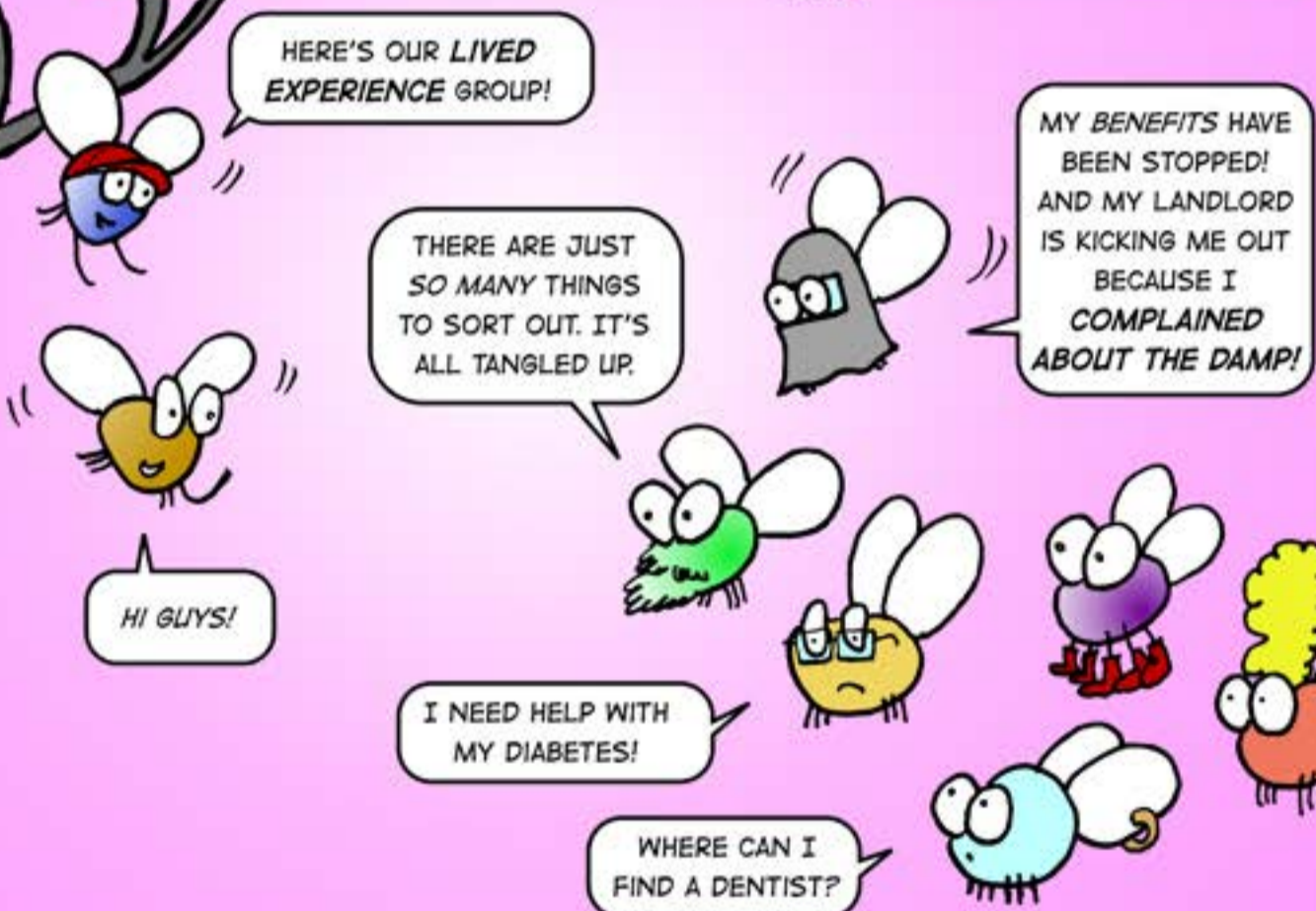
THIS IS TOTALLY NOT THE RIGHT PLACE!



OH DEAR! WHAT ON EARTH TO DO NOW?

WELL, ME AND A FEW OTHER FLIES IN THE SAME SPOT HAVE BEEN TALKING...

COME WITH ME!



HERE'S OUR LIVED EXPERIENCE GROUP!

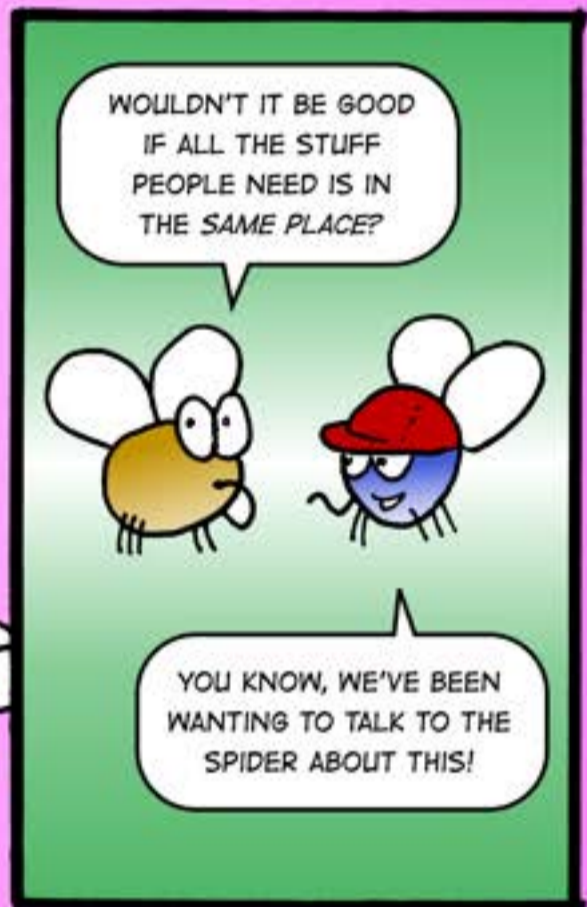
THERE ARE JUST SO MANY THINGS TO SORT OUT. IT'S ALL TANGLED UP.

MY BENEFITS HAVE BEEN STOPPED! AND MY LANDLORD IS KICKING ME OUT BECAUSE I COMPLAINED ABOUT THE DAMP!

HI GUYS!

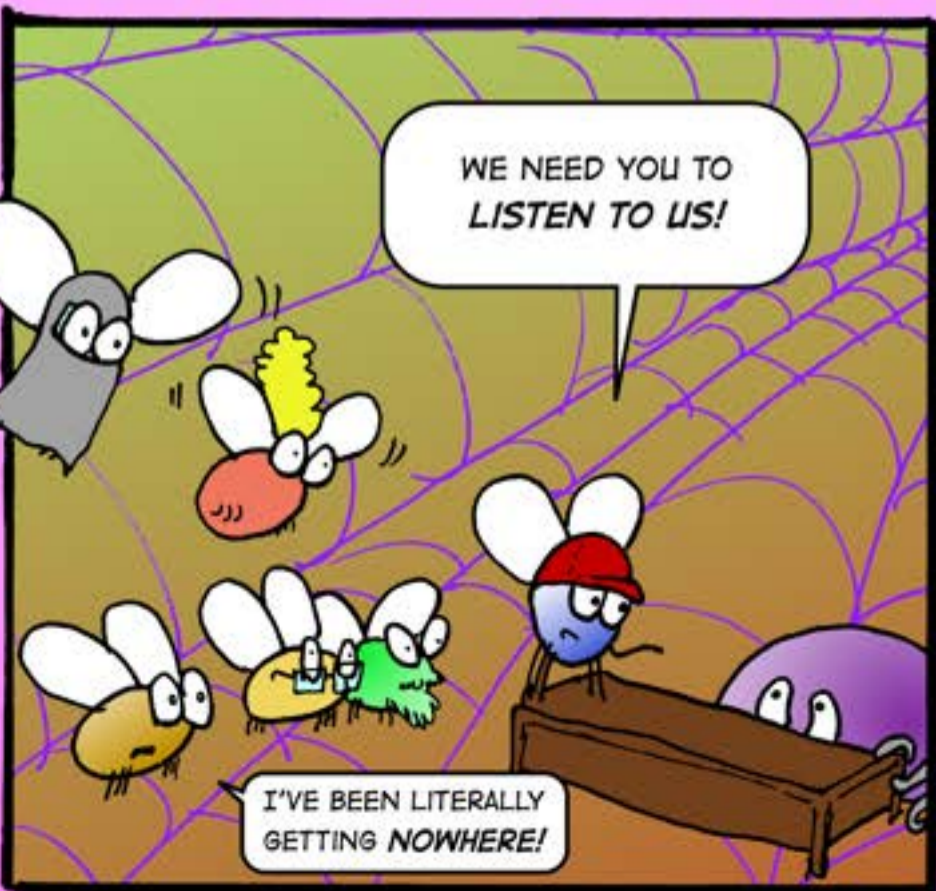
I NEED HELP WITH MY DIABETES!

WHERE CAN I FIND A DENTIST?



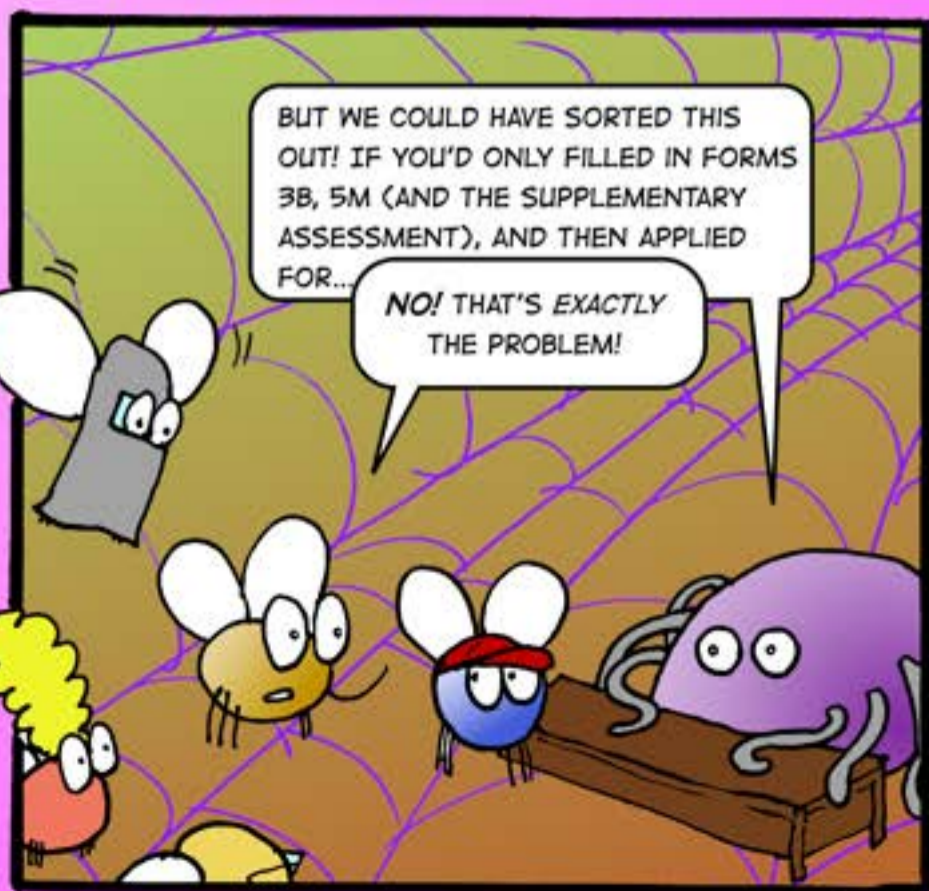
WOULDN'T IT BE GOOD IF ALL THE STUFF PEOPLE NEED IS IN THE SAME PLACE?

YOU KNOW, WE'VE BEEN WANTING TO TALK TO THE SPIDER ABOUT THIS!



WE NEED YOU TO LISTEN TO US!

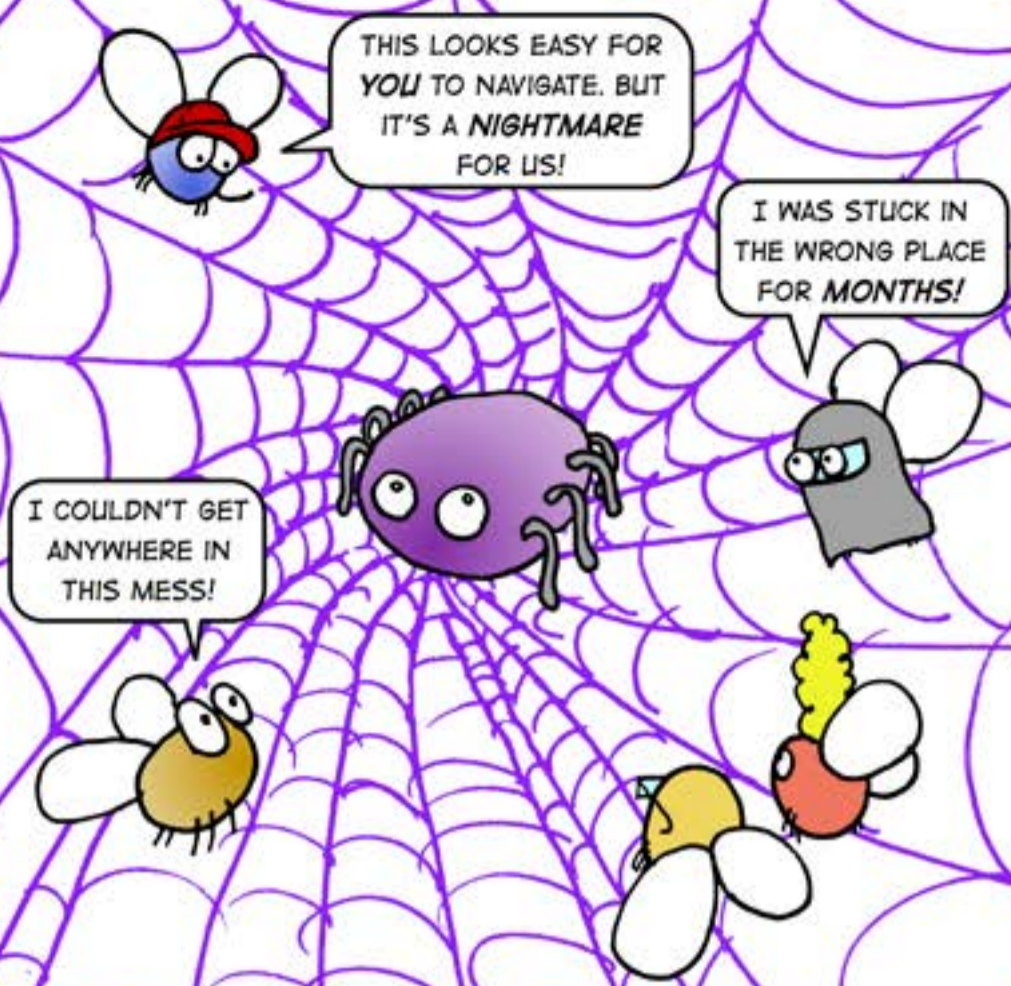
I'VE BEEN LITERALLY GETTING NOWHERE!



BUT WE COULD HAVE SORTED THIS OUT! IF YOU'D ONLY FILLED IN FORMS 3B, 5M (AND THE SUPPLEMENTARY ASSESSMENT), AND THEN APPLIED FOR...

NO! THAT'S EXACTLY THE PROBLEM!





THIS LOOKS EASY FOR YOU TO NAVIGATE. BUT IT'S A NIGHTMARE FOR US!

I WAS STUCK IN THE WRONG PLACE FOR MONTHS!

I COULDN'T GET ANYWHERE IN THIS MESS!

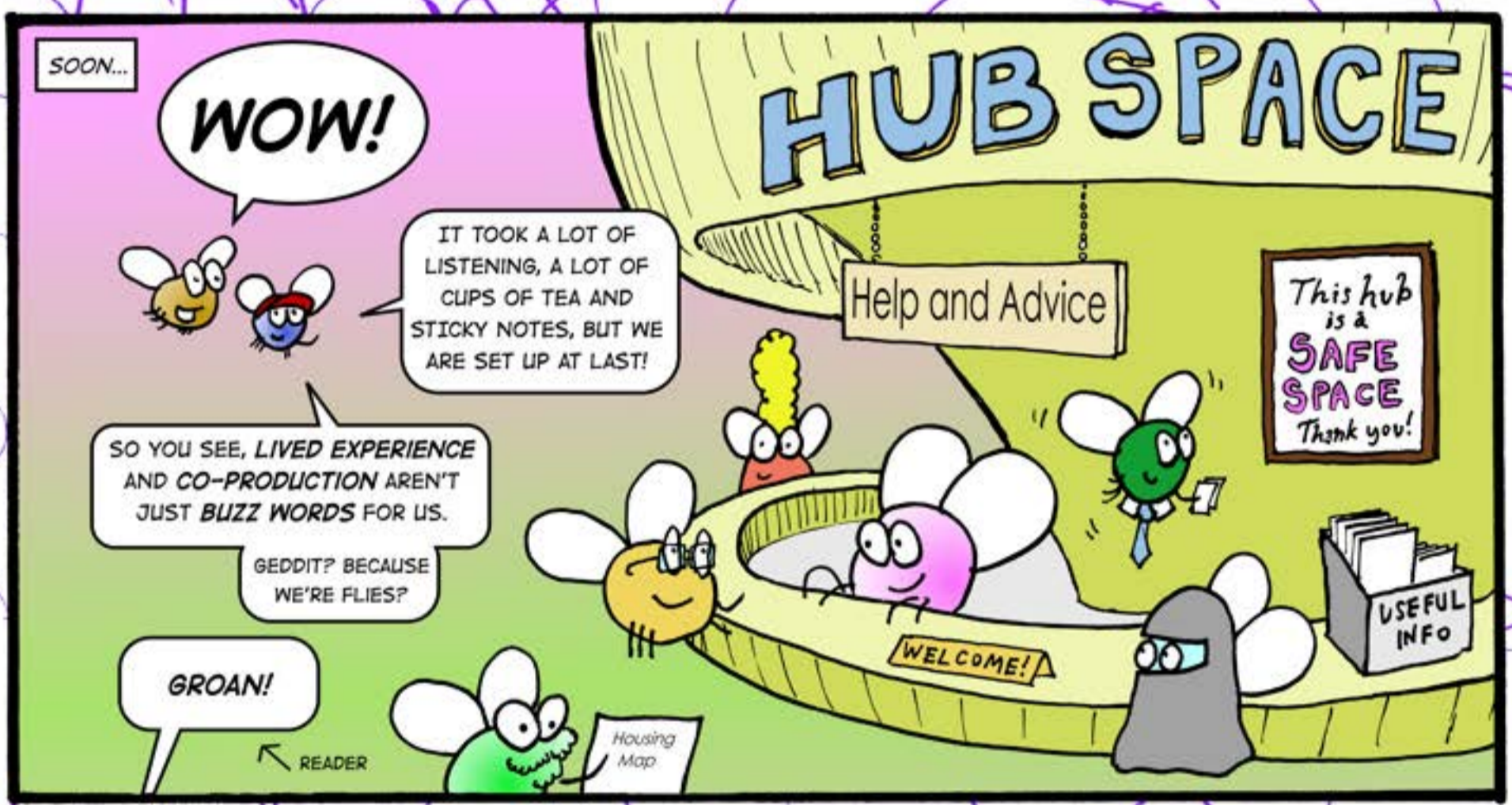


WE HAVE A PROPOSAL FOR YOU! BUT WE HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE IT!



WELL I SUPPOSE YOU ARE THE EXPERTS AFTER ALL...

THAT'S THE SPIRIT!



SOON...

WOW!

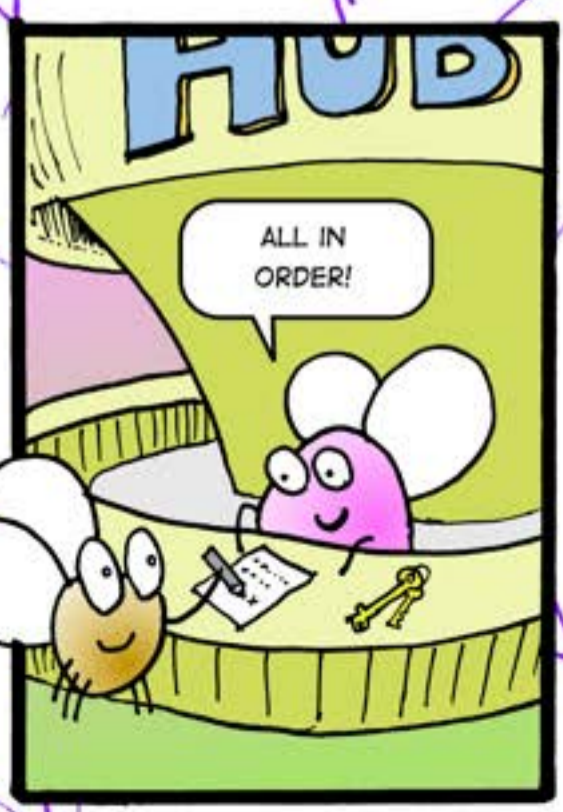
IT TOOK A LOT OF LISTENING, A LOT OF CUPS OF TEA AND STICKY NOTES, BUT WE ARE SET UP AT LAST!

SO YOU SEE, LIVED EXPERIENCE AND CO-PRODUCTION AREN'T JUST BUZZ WORDS FOR US.

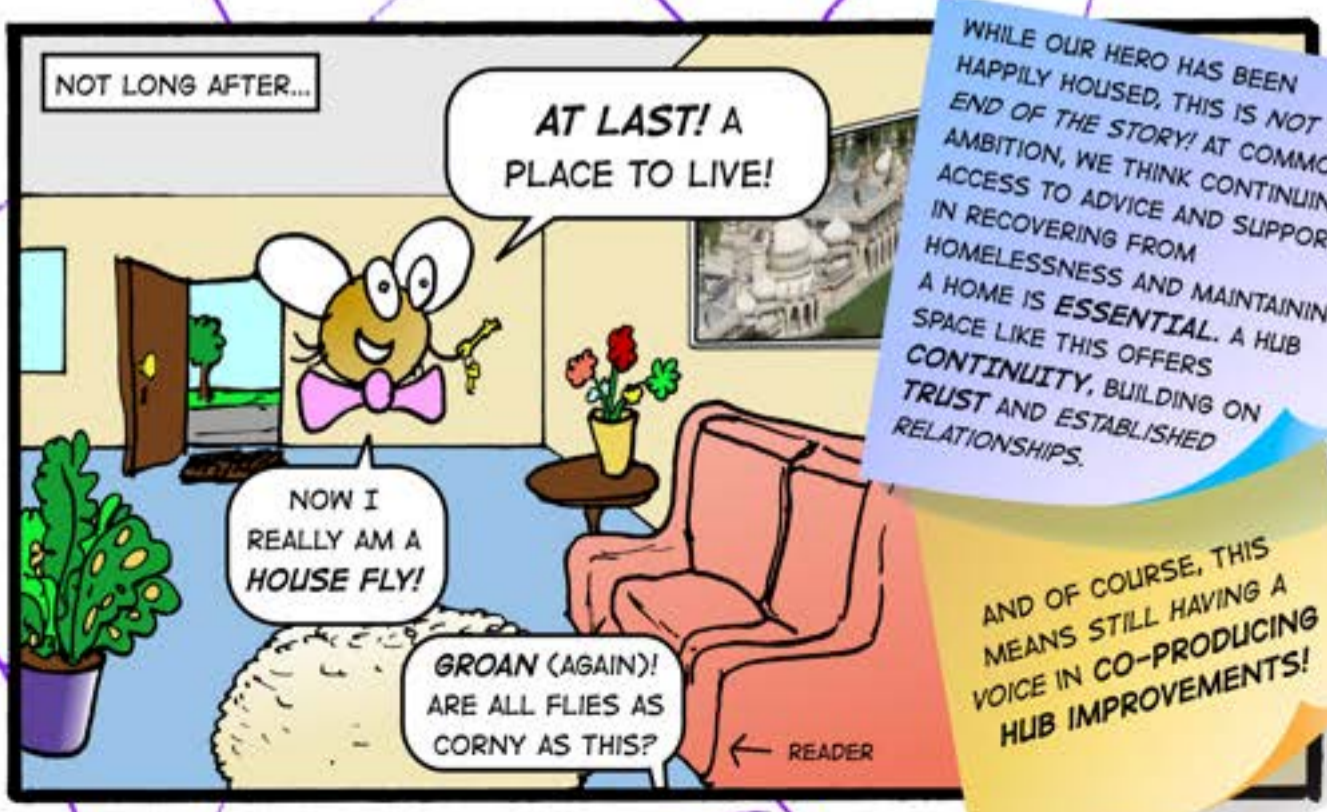
GEDDIT? BECAUSE WE'RE FLIES?

GROAN!

← READER



ALL IN ORDER!



NOT LONG AFTER...

AT LAST! A PLACE TO LIVE!

NOW I REALLY AM A HOUSE FLY!

GROAN (AGAIN)! ARE ALL FLIES AS CORNY AS THIS?

← READER

WHILE OUR HERO HAS BEEN HAPPILY HOUSED, THIS IS NOT THE END OF THE STORY! AT COMMON AMBITION, WE THINK CONTINUING ACCESS TO ADVICE AND SUPPORT IN RECOVERING FROM HOMELESSNESS AND MAINTAINING A HOME IS ESSENTIAL. A HUB SPACE LIKE THIS OFFERS CONTINUITY, BUILDING ON TRUST AND ESTABLISHED RELATIONSHIPS.

AND OF COURSE, THIS MEANS STILL HAVING A VOICE IN CO-PRODUCING HUB IMPROVEMENTS!



ALL THE BEST SUPERHERO TALES BEGIN WITH AN *ORIGIN STORY*...

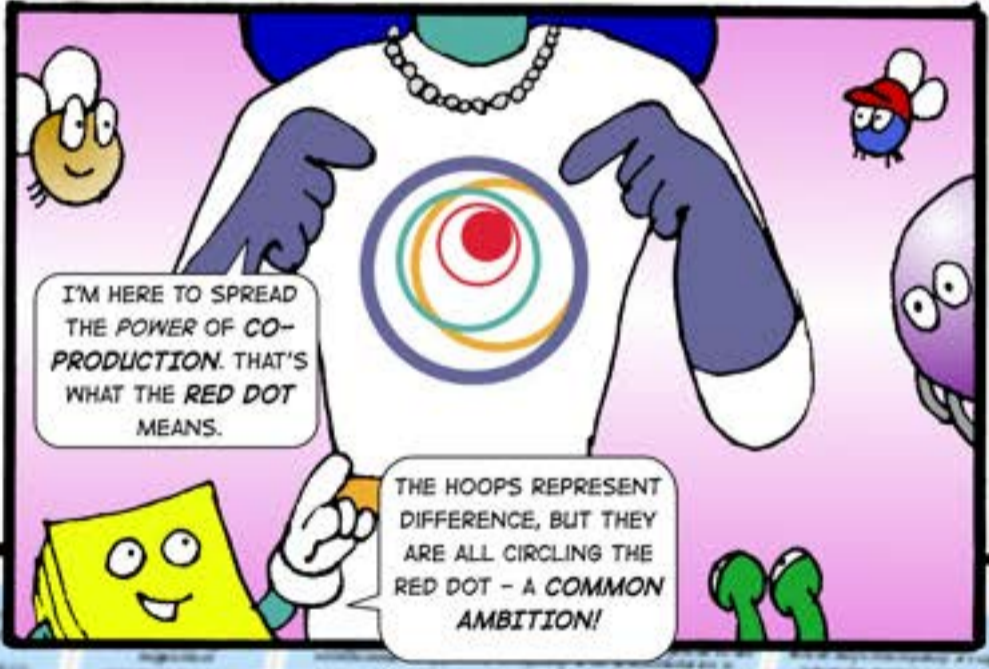
SO FOLKS, WE'RE NEAR THE END OF THE MEETING. HOW ARE WE GOING TO CELEBRATE THE WORK WE'VE BEEN DOING?

WHAT ABOUT USING ALL THESE POST-IT NOTES? SO MUCH ENERGY WE'VE PUT INTO THEM!

I REALLY LIKE THIS LOGO!

IT WOULD BE GOOD TO SHARE WHAT I'VE LEARNED ABOUT CO-PRODUCTION WITH OTHER SERVICE STAFF.

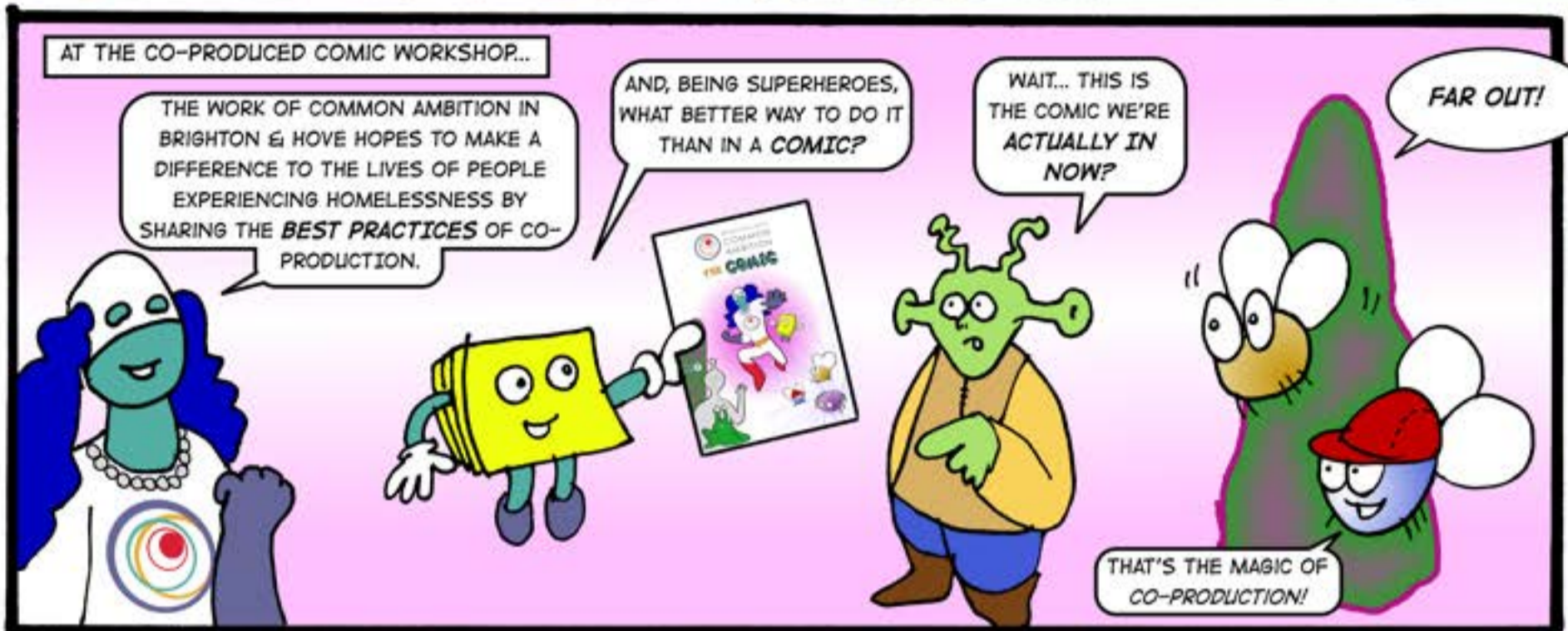
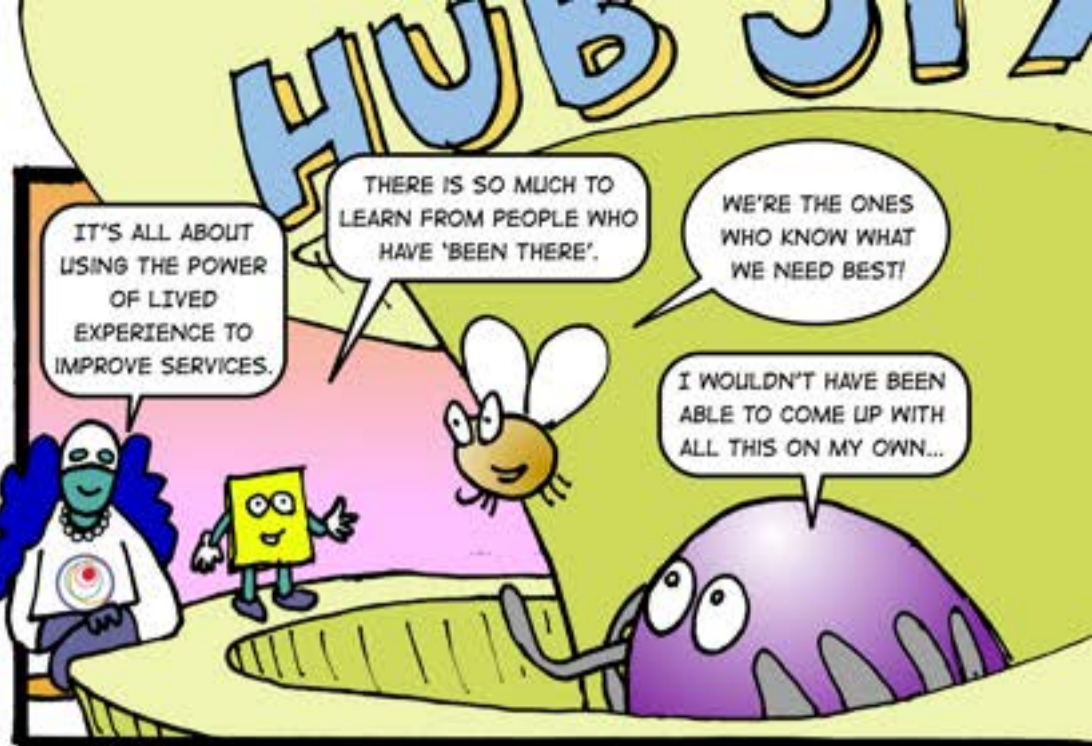
\*LOOKS A BIT STORMY TODAY...



CO-PRODUCTION HAS HELPED US WORK OUT WHERE ALL THE THINGS WE NEED ARE, AND WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT.

MAKING A MAP OF THE HOUSING PATHWAY WITH PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE IDENTIFIES THE NEED FOR CONTINUITY OF CARE.

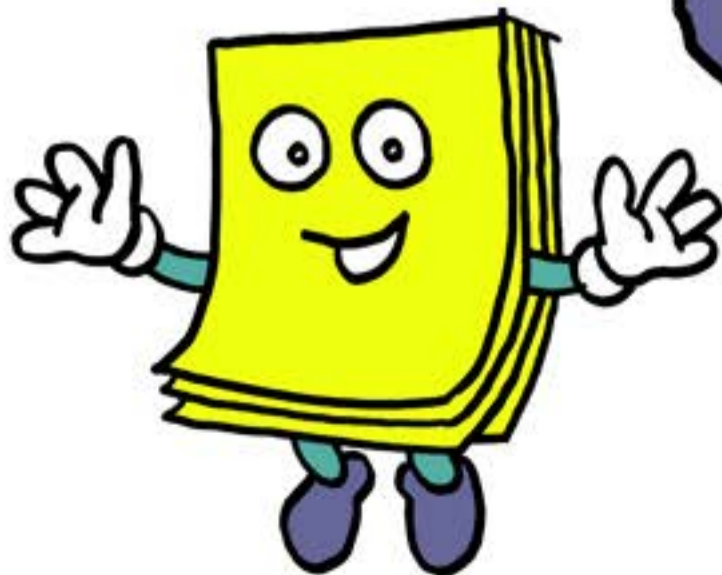




HERE'S HOW CAPTAIN CO-PRODUCTION REPRESENTS OUR VALUES!

**MR. STICKY:**  
REPRESENTS ONE OF OUR FAVOURITE TOOLS!

- ORGANISED!
- ADMINISTRATION SKILLS
- KEEPS THINGS GROUNDED
- GIVES DIRECTION, ACTS AS A COMPASS, OFFERS GUIDANCE
- STICKY -- GOOD FOR REMEMBERING THINGS!



**CAPTAIN CO-PRODUCTION:**

- NON-BINARY
- PEARLS OF WISDOM!
- UTILITY BELT HOLDS ALL BHCA RESOURCES SUCH AS MAPS, PROCESS, TOOLS

**THE RINGS OF CO-PRODUCTION:**

- **PURPLE/BLUE** (ENCIRCLES ALL): 'GOOD BOUNDARIES/WORKING SAFELY'
- **TEAL**: 'JUSTICE AND EQUALITY/ IMPROVING SERVICES' (ALSO BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY LIVERY!)
- **YELLOW**: (FURTHEST BACK/ SUPPORTING) 'RESPECT'
- **RED**: 'COLLABORATION -- THE POWER OF EQUAL POWER -- THE VOICE OF LIVED EXPERIENCE'. THE RED DOT IN THE CENTRE REPRESENTS 'OUR COMMON AMBITION' TO WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE TO HOMELESS HEALTHCARE.



## BRIGHTON & HOVE COMMON AMBITION

Improving homelessness  
healthcare by collaboratively  
lifting the voices of people with  
lived experience.

***NOW IN COMIC FORM!***



***WHAT ARE ALL THESE ALIENS DOING IN A  
COMIC ABOUT HOMELESSNESS?***

***WHY ARE THERE FLIES EVERYWHERE?***

***DO THEY REALLY USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT?***

WHILE THE MEDIUM IS LIGHT-HEARTED, THE MESSAGE IS IMPORTANT: THE VOICES OF PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE NEED TO BE HEARD. OUR COMIC OFFERS THREE STORIES THAT HELP TO ILLUMINATE WHY THIS IS SO.

This comic was co-produced during the summer of 2023 by the Common Ambition Steering Group to celebrate and share the work they have been doing. The steering group is made up of people with lived experience of homelessness and members from Arch Health CIC and Justlife, joined by the University of Brighton to help deliver the project. Our comic hopes to show what experiencing homelessness is like, and what can be done to improve services by working with people with lived experience.

### THE PEOPLE WHO TOOK PART IN MAKING THIS COMIC WERE:

- Jon Bailey, Steven Brown, Jude, Bex, Nicky Pyper, Jules Grenville, Nicki Menin and the rest of the Common Ambition steering group.
- Tom Roberts from the University of Brighton, supported by the ESRC through the South Coast Doctoral Training Partnership.

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