KIDS FOR GLOBAL PEACE

crump!

HELLO
MY NAME IS JOY. ANYTHING FEATURING THE JUNKROOM BAND IS ALWAYS A LOT OF FUN. BUT YOU'LL HAVE MORE FUN READING THIS COMIC BOOK IF YOU KNOW THE FOLLOWING THINGS.

FROM THE VERY BEGINNING OF A PERSON'S LIFE, HE OR SHE HAS HUMAN RIGHTS. ***HUMAN RIGHTS ARE PRIVILEGES TO WHICH EVERY PERSON IS AUTOMATICALLY ENTITLED.***

NO PERSON IS ENTITLED TO MORE OR LESS HUMAN RIGHTS THAN ANOTHER PERSON AND ***THIS IS TRUE REGARDLESS OF A PERSON'S:***

LANGUAGE OR SOCIAL STATUS

PROPERTY OR ECONOMIC STATUS

DISABILITIES

RACE OR COLOR

AGE

SEX

RELIGION OR BELIEFS

NATIONAL, ETHIC, OR SOCIAL ORIGINS

SATURDAY IN THE CC ALL PURPOSE ROOM

HEY, I'VE GOT SOME GREAT NEWS FROM JOY!

JOY BERRY IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER CALLED THE CC.

THE CC IS PUTTING ON A WEEKLONG CELEBRATION TO PROMOTE THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD.

JOY WANTS US TO DO AN ENTIRE SHOW ABOUT KIDS' RIGHTS TO WRAP UP THE WEEK!

SARAH LEVY: BAND MANAGER

THE CONVENTION OF WHAT?

JASON MCGREGOR: DRUMMER

DOES IT PAY ANYTHING?

RAJ KUMAR: BAND ORIGINATOR AND KEYBOARD PLAYER

$$$2,000!$$$

GASP!

YAHOO!

RIGHT ON!

OHH YEAH!

WOW!

BUT I STILL DON'T GET WHAT THAT CONVENTION THING IS ALL ABOUT.

WHO CARES! IT'S TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS.

TERRASITA RAMIREZ: SINGER, SONGWRITER AND CHOREOGRAPHER

BUT HOW CAN WE DO A SHOW ABOUT SOMETHING WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT?

MIKE PARKS: SINGER, SONGWRITER AND LEAD GUITAR

WHO CARES WHAT IT'S ABOUT! I'D SING ABOUT ANYTHING FOR TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS!

JEFF PARKS: BASE GUITAR

I THOUGHT THAT YOU'D ASK ABOUT THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD.

SO I LOOKED IT UP.

In 1989, world leaders, decided that children needed a special convention just for them because people under 18 years of age are in need of special care and protection that adults do not need. The leaders also wanted to make sure that the world recognized that children have human rights too.

BUT I *STILL* DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS!

AND EVEN IF WE DID KNOW ABOUT THAT CONVENTION THING, HOW ARE WE GOING TO BUILD A SHOW AROUND IT?

I AGREE WITH RAJ. NONE OF OUR SONGS ARE ABOUT KIDS' RIGHTS.

WELL THERE GOES OUR TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Sigh

LASHAN FRANKLIN: BACKUP SINCER AND DANCER

SUGAR JACKSON: LEAD SINGER AND SONGWRITER

OF COURSE WE DON'T HAVE SONGS ABOUT KIDS' RIGHTS. THAT JUST MEANS WE NEED TO WRITE THEM.

WRITE THEM !3!

HOW MANY SONGS WOULD WE HAVE TO WRITE?

JUST 14

THERE ARE 13 RIGHTS AND OF COURSE WE'D NEED A GENERAL SONG ABOUT KIDS' RIGHTS FOR THE FINALE.

EASY FOR YOU TO SAY BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE TO WRITE ANY OF THE 14 SONGS.

WE HAVE 3 MUSIC WRITERS, AND EVERYONE HELPS WITH THE LYRICS. BESIDES WE HAVE SIX MONTHS TO DO THIS!

#1-THE RIGHT TO LIVE

#2-THE RIGHT TO DEVELOP AND GROW

#3-THE RIGHT TO HAVE AN IDENTITY

#4-THE RIGHT TO HAVE PARENTS

#5-THE RIGHT TO HAVE AN ADEQUATE STANDARD OF LIVING

#6-THE RIGHT TO BE PROTECTED FROM HARM

#7- THE RIGHT TO BE INFORMED AND EDUCATED

LOOK, HERE'S A LIST OF THE 13 RIGHTS.

#8-THE RIGHT TO HAVE THOUGHTS AND BELIEFS

#9-THE RIGHT TO EXPRESS FEELINGS AND OPINIONS

#10-THE RIGHT TO HAVE PRIVACY

#11-THE RIGHT TO ASSOCIATE WITH OTHERS

#12-THE RIGHT TO BELONG TO A CULTURE OR RELIGION

#13-THE RIGHT TO BE TREATED JUSTLY

OKAY. LET'S DIVIDE UP THE RIGHTS TO RESEARCH AND COME UP WITH SONG IDEAS.

SARA, YOU NEED TO TAKE A FEW MORE RIGHTS BECAUSE YOU GOT US INTO THIS MESS.

SO THAT'S THE THANKS I GET FOR GETTING US A $2,000 GIG?!

RIGHT #1 - THE RIGHT TO LIVE



LAUGH ALL YOU WANT, BUT THE SUBJECT IS NOT THAT FUNNY. SOME KIDS HAVE THEIR RIGHT TO LIVE TAKEN AWAY FROM THEM.

DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF KIDS IN OTHER COUNTRIES AS YOUNG

AS EIGHT YEARS OLD THAT ARE KIDNAPPED AND FORCED TO BECOME SOLDIERS?

A LOT OF THEM ARE GIRLS!

THE THINGS THESE KIDS ARE FORCED TO DO ARE HORRIBLE.

SOME OF THEM EVEN GET USED AS HUMAN SHIELDS TO PROTECT THE ADULT SOLDIERS FROM GETTING SHOT!

THAT *IS* HORRIBLE!

RIGHT #2- THE RIGHT TO DEVELOP AND GROW

THE STUFF I LEARNED ISN'T AS HORRIBLE AS WHAT JEFF LEARNED, BUT IT'S PRETTY BAD.

EVERYONE IS ALWAYS TEASING ME ABOUT BEING A LATE BLOOMER- WHICH ISN'T TRUE. BUT SO WHAT IF IT IS? ALL KIDS HAVE THE RIGHT TO DEVELOP AND GROW AT THEIR OWN PACE.

ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT HOW YOU STILL SLEEP WITH YOUR TEDDY BEAR?

HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

VERY FUNNY, JEFF.

I THOUGHT THAT EVERYONE SLEPT WITH A TEDDY BEAR, SIGH.

I ALSO LEARNED THAT OVER TWO MILLION KIDS UNDER THE AGE OF FIVE DIE EVERY YEAR.

IT'S BECAUSE THEY DON'T GET THE RIGHT KIND OF FOOD OR THEY DON'T GET ENOUGH OF IT.

PEOPLE THINK THAT STARVATION ONLY HAPPENS IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

BUT A LOT OF KIDS IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD ALSO DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FOOD TO EAT.

AND STARVATION ONLY PERTAINS TO A CHILD'S PHYSICAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT. MANY CHILDREN ARE DEPRIVED OF THE THINGS THEY NEED TO DEVELOP MENTALLY, EMOTIONALLY, SOCIALLY AND SPIRITUALLY.

RIGHT #3 - THE RIGHT TO HAVE AN IDENTITY

I CHOSE THE THIRD RIGHT BECAUSE IT'S ABOUT IDENTITY AND SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE I DON'T HAVE ONE.

I'M EITHER "THAT GIRL IN THE BAND" OR "SUGAR'S FRIEND" OR WHATEVER.

YOU MEAN YOU DON'T LIKE IT WHEN PEOPLE SAY, "HEY YOU!"

STOP TEASING, JASON! SHE'S BEING SERIOUS.

WELL AT LEAST "HEY YOU!" IS BETTER THAN "HEY DOG!"

NO, I DON'T LIKE IT!

JUST LIKE EVERY OTHER KID, I HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE A NAME, A FAMILY AFFILIATION, AND A NATIONALITY.

BUT THAT'S OBVIOUS. EVERY KID HAS THOSE THINGS.

DID YOU KNOW THAT MORE THAN 24 MILLION ASIAN KIDS HAVE UNREGISTERED BIRTHS? IN AFRICA IT'S 20 MILLION. AND IT'S NOT MUCH BETTER IN OTHER COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD.

THESE KIDS ARE OFTEN CALLED "INVISIBLE" OR "STATELESS" CHILDREN.

SO WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT NOT HAVING AN IDENTITY?

YOUR IDENTITY IS PROOF OF YOUR EXISTENCE AND YOU NEED THIS IN ORDER TO DO IMPORTANT THINGS -LIKE GOING TO SCHOOL.

IN ADDITION, WHO IS GOING TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR KEEPING AN INVISIBLE CHILD SAFE?

WHO IS GOING TO RESCUE THE CHILD WHEN SOMETHING BAD LIKE A NATURAL DISASTER HAPPENS?

BUT EVEN WORSE IS THE FACT THAT IT'S EASIER FOR INVISIBLE KIDS TO BE KIDNAPPED AND FORCED INTO INHUMANE THINGS LIKE SLAVE LABOR, PROSTITUTION, AND MILITARY SERVICE.

RIGHT #4 - THE RIGHT TO HAVE PARENTS

IT'S INTERESTING THAT YOU BROUGHT UP THE QUESTION OF WHO IS GOING TO PROTECT A CHILD. IN MY MIND, THAT SHOULD BE THE PARENTS.

BUT WHAT IF A KID DOESN'T HAVE A PARENT?

I CHOSE TO CHECK OUT THE THIRD RIGHT BECAUSE AS ALL OF YOU KNOW, I'VE NEVER EVEN MET MY FATHER.



All children have the right to:

know their parents,

Know where their parents are,

Maintain personal relationships with their parents, and have direct contact with their parents on a regular basis.



All children have the right to be raised by parents unless the children are taken away because their parents:

neglect their children,

or abuse their children.

When parents are unwilling or unable to protect and care for their children, the children have the right to be protected and cared for by other capable, caring adults.

I WAS FEELING SORRY FOR MYSELF UNTIL I DID A LITTLE MORE RESEARCH AND FOUND OUT THAT THERE ARE OTHER KIDS WHO DON'T EVEN HAVE ONE PARENT. AT LEAST I'VE GOT MY MOM.

AND THEN THERE ARE THE MILLIONS OF KIDS ALL OVER THE WORLD WHO ARE FORCED TO LIVE ON THE STREETS BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO PARENTS AT ALL.

DID YOU KNOW THAT EVEN IN AMERICA THERE ARE ABOUT ONE TO TWO MILLION KIDS LIVING ON THE STREETS WITH NO ACCESS TO A PARENT?

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ALL OF YOU, BUT ALL OF THIS TALK ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS FOR KIDS HAS GOTTEN ME THOROUGHLY DEPRESSED.

I AGREE. I THOUGHT THIS PROJECT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE FUN.

NO ONE TALKED ABOUT THIS PROJECT BEING FUN. WE TOOK IT ON BECAUSE OF THE MONEY.

BUT I'M STARTING TO FEEL GUILTY ABOUT THAT. WE SHOULD BE DOING THIS PROJECT BECAUSE IT'S IMPORTANT.

I AGREE WITH RAJ. WHAT COULD WE DO THAT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN TEACHING PEOPLE ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS FOR KIDS?

PROBABLY NOTHING. BUT QUITE FRANKLY, I'M **STARVING** AND NOTHING IS MORE IMPORTANT TO ME RIGHT NOW THAN **GETTING SOMETHING TO EAT.**

LET'S GET SOMETHING TO EAT!

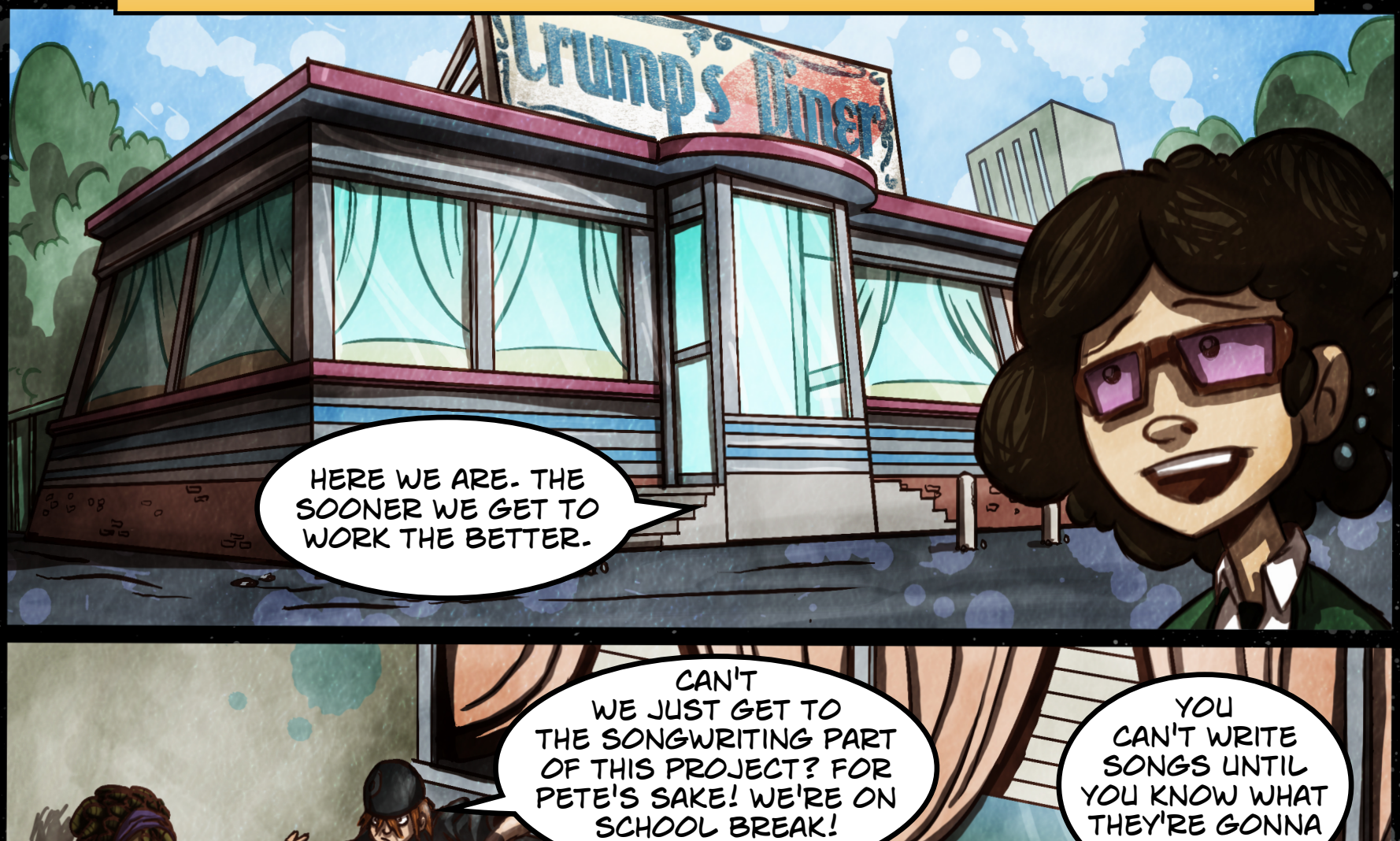
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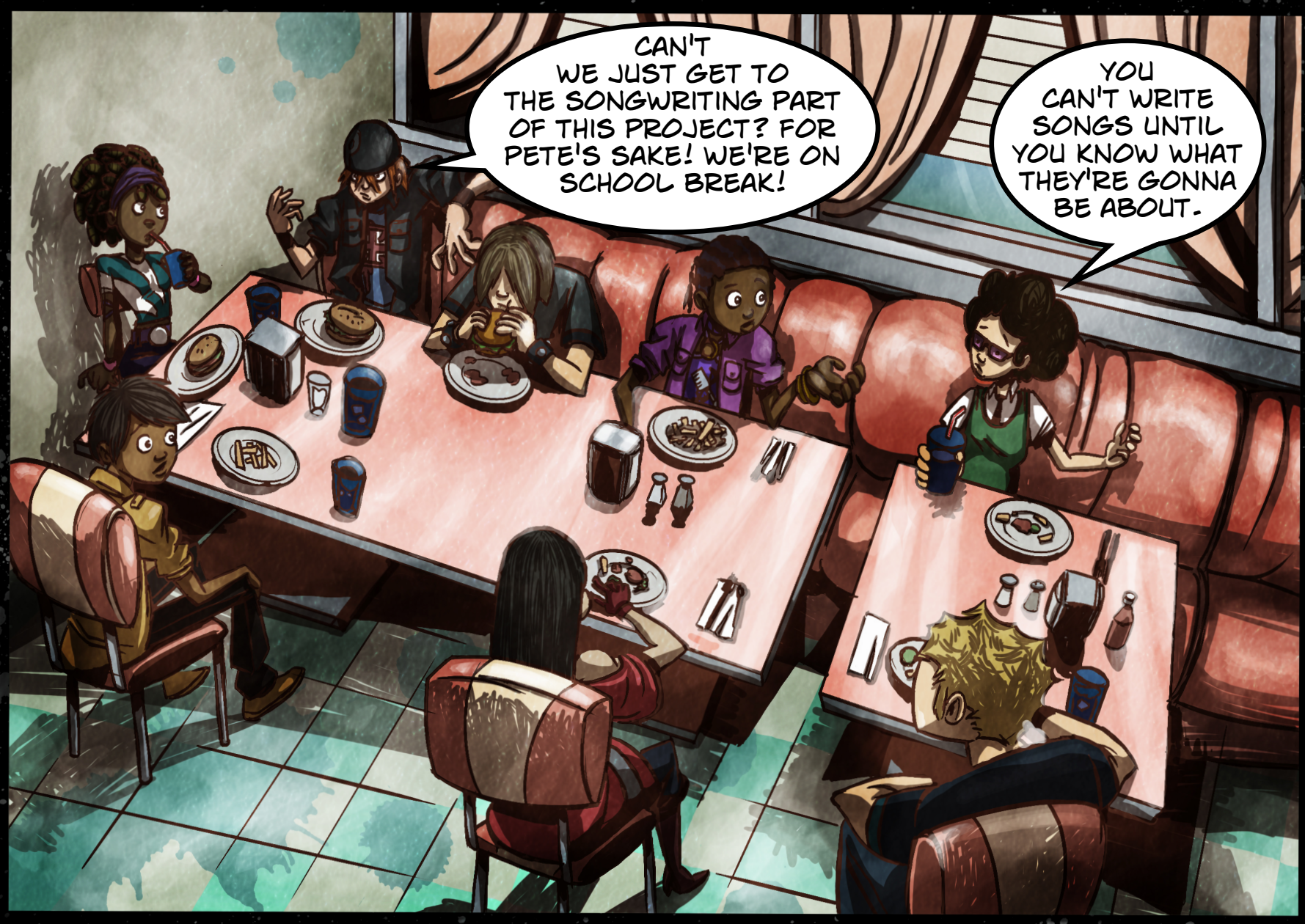
I AGREE! NOTHING'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN EATING!

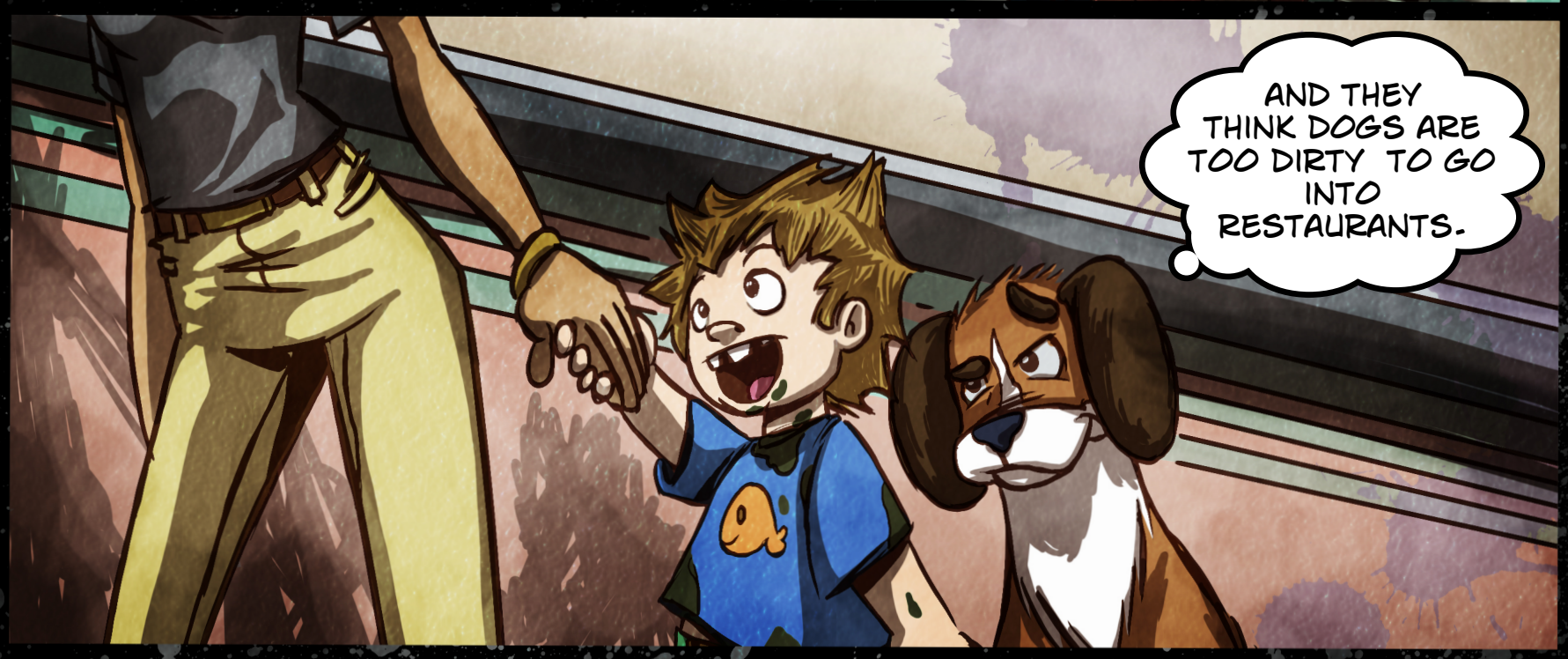
---BUT WE NEED TO KEEP SHARING OUR RESEARCH OVER LUNCH.

SIGH! IS TAKING... FREAKIN' BREAK TOO MUCH TO ASK?!

RIGHT #5 - THE RIGHT TO HAVE AN ADEQUATE STANDARD OF LIVING







SO, SHOULD I TELL YOU GUYS ABOUT RIGHT #5 - THE RIGHT TO HAVE AN ADEQUATE STANDARD OF LIVING?

SEEMS APPROPRIATE SINCE ALL OF US ARE *STUFFING OUR FACES.*

BECAUSE MY FAMILY LIVES ON ALMOST NOTHING, I WANTED TO KNOW JUST WHAT AN ADEQUATE STANDARD OF LIVING IS.

I FOUND OUT THAT IT INCLUDES SUFFICIENT: NUTRITION, HOUSING, CLOTHING, HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION, RECREATION AND PLAY.

WELL, I'M SURE NOT GETTING AN ADEQUATE AMOUNT OF RECREATION AND PLAY.

SHAME ON YOU JASON!

WHILE YOU LIVE IN COMFORT, 16.4 MILLION AMERICAN CHILDREN LIVE IN POVERTY. AND MILLIONS OF OTHER KIDS ALL OVER THE WORLD HAVE IT EVEN WORSE.



RIGHT #5 - THE RIGHT TO BE PROTECTED FROM ALL HARM

SO WHO TOOK THE RIGHT TO BE PROTECTED FROM ALL HARM?

I FEEL LIKE I HAVE TO PROTECT MY LITTLE BROTHERS, AND THAT'S WHY I WAS INTERESTED IN RIGHT #6.

SHOULDN'T SOMEONE BE PROTECTING ME?

I COULD GET HURT OUT HERE!

WOOSH!

IT SAYS HERE...

Every kid has the right to be protected from:

Physical or Mental Violence,

Abuse or Injury,

Neglect or Negligent treatment,

and Maltreatment or Exploitation.

WHO'S GONNA PROTECT THE INVISIBLE KIDS?

AND WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS WHO ARE BEING KIDNAPPED AND FORCED TO DO SCARY THINGS— LIKE BEING HUMAN SHIELDS ON A BATTLEFIELD?

THOSE KIDS HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE PROTECTED! IN FACT, LISTEN TO THIS.

Every child has the right to be protected from:

narcotic and psychotropic drugs,

all forms of sexual exploitation and abuse,

Abduction and the sale of the child for any purpose

and cruel, inhumane or degrading, torture, treatment or punishment.

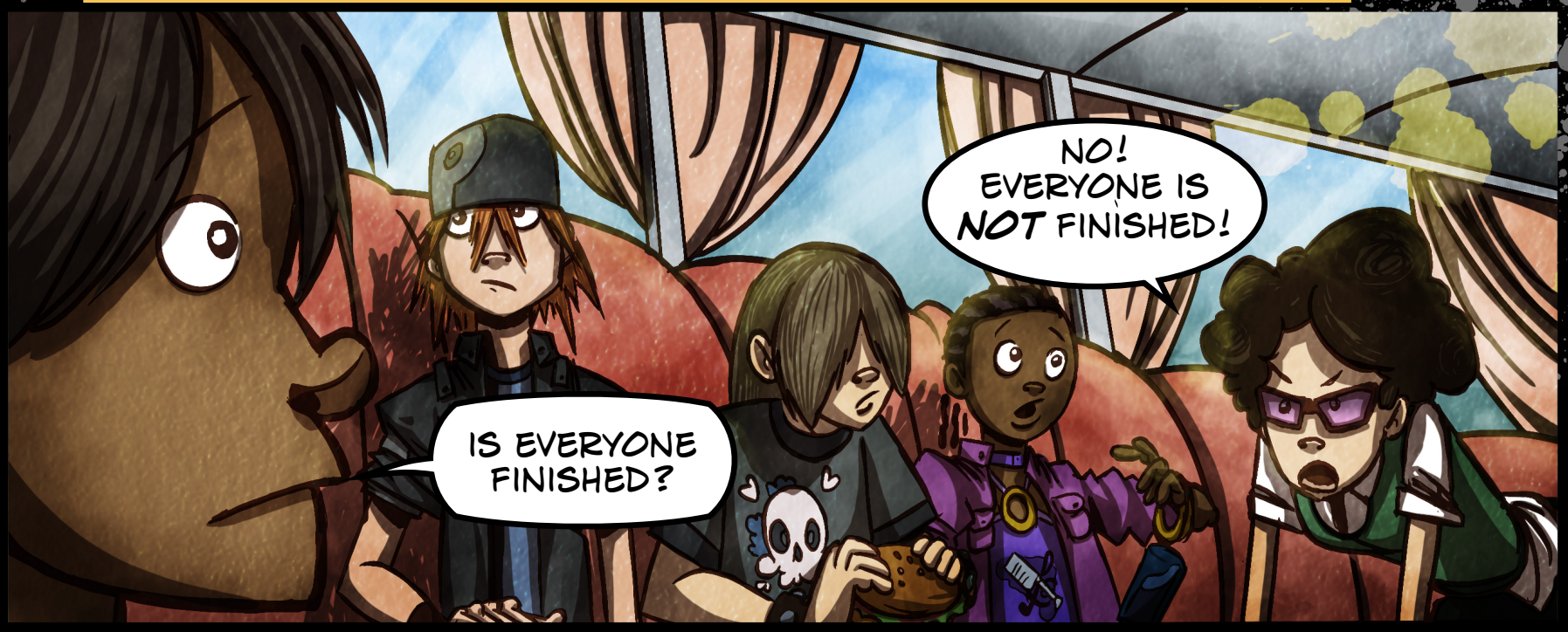
ALSO, CHILDREN SHOULDN'T BE FORCED TO WORK BEFORE A MINIMUM AGE. AND THEY SHOULDN'T WORK AT DANGEROUS JOBS OR ONES THAT INTERFERE WITH THEIR EDUCATION.

ONE MORE THING- NO CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 15 SHOULD SERVE IN THE ARMED FORCES.

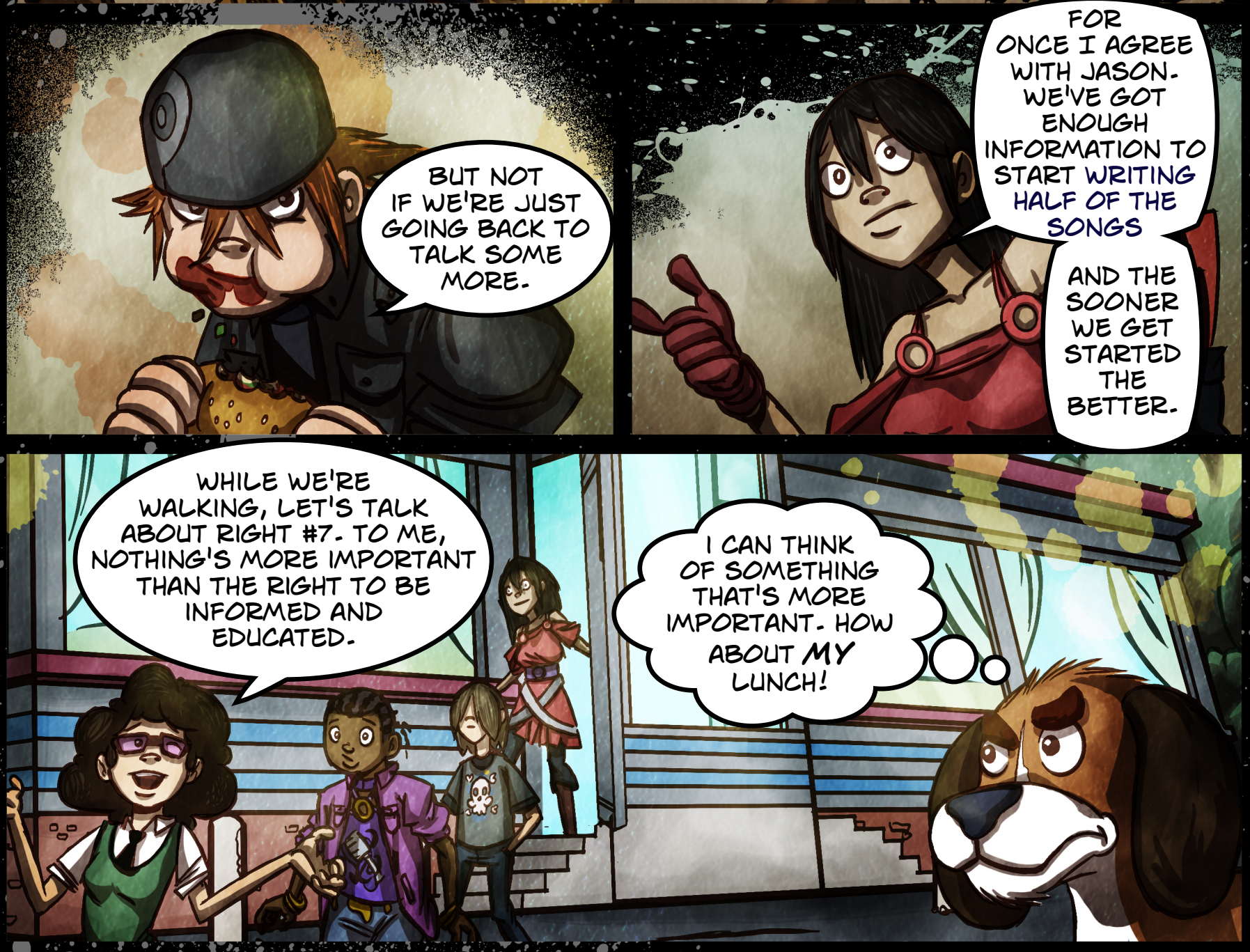
THANKFULLY, IT'S 17 IN THE U.S.!

YEP! NOT READY FOR BOOT CAMP YET.

RIGHT #7-THE RIGHT TO BE INFORMED AND EDUCATED







I GET THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING FOOD AND ALL THAT OTHER STUFF, BUT I COULD DO JUST FINE WITHOUT SCHOOL.

ARE YOU CRAZY? HOW WOULD YOU LEARN ALL OF THE STUFF YOU NEED TO KNOW TO SUCCEED IN LIFE?

RIGHT # 7 COVERS EVEN MORE THAN THAT.

EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO HAVE ACCESS TO INFORMATION, IDEAS AND MATERIALS OF ALL KINDS FROM A DIVERSITY OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SOURCES.

IN ADDITION, A CHILD'S EDUCATION SHOULD BE FREE, REQUIRED, AND BASED ON THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD RATHER THAN THE INTERESTS OF ADULTS.

AND NOTHING, INCLUDING WORK, SHOULD PREVENT A CHILD FROM GOING TO SCHOOL.

HMMM. WORK OR SCHOOL--WHAT A FUN CHOICE.

Interesting Fact: Most of the estimated 70 million children without access to an education are girls.

RECORDING STUDIO

I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO GET INTO THE LEFT-OVERS THEY BROUGHT HOME FROM THE DINER!

OKAY. LET'S DIVIDE INTO THREE GROUPS AND GIVE EACH GROUP TWO SONGS TO WRITE.

I'LL TAKE SUGAR AND LASHAN.

I'LL TAKE JASON.

I'LL TAKE JEFF.

AND AS ALWAYS, I'LL JUST BE EVERYONE'S SLAVE.

NEXT DAY

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS RHYTHM?

THAT WILL WORK.

YEAH, MAN- IT'S GREAT!

DO YOU LIKE THIS MELODY?

I WANT TO WRITE A SONG THAT WE CAN REALLY DANCE TO.

I AGREE.

THEN LET'S DO A HIP HOP SONG.

DOES ANYONE NEED ANYTHING?

HOW ABOUT A STEAK- MEDIUM RARE?

SEVERAL DAYS LATER

THIS JUST ISN'T WORKING.

YOU'RE RIGHT. SO NOW WHAT?

BUT I THOUGHT THAT YOU LIKED THE MELODY?

I DID, BUT NOW IT'S STARTING TO BUG ME!

YOUR WORDS HERE...

WHAT WOULD YOU KNOW ABOUT HIP HOP?

I'M A DANCER DUMMY!

CAN'T WE ALL JUST GET ALONG?!

CONFLICT IS *SO* UNPLEASANT

SEVERAL GRUELING WEEKS LATER IN THE ALL PURPOSE ROOM

NOW THAT WE'VE FINISHED WRITING THE FIRST SEVEN SONGS, LET'S HEAR THEM.

MIKE AND JASON, YOU GO FIRST.

SURE.

GREAT JOB GUYS!

GEEZE. I WONDER IF WE SHOULD HAVE USED A DRIVING BEAT LIKE THEY DID?

CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP

THAT WAS AMAZING!

HOW IS ANYONE SUPPOSED TO COMPETE WITH THOSE MELODIES?

CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP

THAT'S INCREDIBLE! YOUR SONGS MAKE EVEN *ME* WANT TO DANCE.

IT'S PRETTY HARD TO COMPETE WITH THREE HOT-LOOKING GIRLS.

CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP

BACK IN THE RECORDING STUDIO

ALL OF YOU DID AN AMAZING JOB. BUT WE NEED TO KEEP GOING BECAUSE WE HAVE SIX MORE SONGS TO WRITE.

ISN'T SEVEN SONGS ENOUGH?

NOT WHEN WE'RE SUPPOSE TO WRITE ONE SONG FOR EACH OF THE 13 RIGHTS...WHEN THE SHOW IS TWO HOURS LONG ... AND WHEN WE'RE THE ONLY ACT.

I JUST HATE SITTING THROUGH ALL THE TALK ABOUT THE RIGHTS.

I AGREE.

I ONLY LIKE TALKING WHEN SOMEONE SAYS, "DINNERTIME!"

BUT WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE RIGHTS IF WE ARE GOING TO WRITE SONGS ABOUT THEM.

PRECISELY! WHICH IS WHY THE SOONER WE GET TO TALKING ABOUT THE REMAINING SIX RIGHTS, THE BETTER.

LET'S JUST POWER THROUGH THE REST OF THE RESEARCH.

NO ONE LEAVES THIS ROOM UNTIL WE'VE HEARD ABOUT ALL OF THE RIGHTS.

UGHHHH

RIGHT # 8 - THE RIGHT TO HAVE THOUGHTS AND BELIEFS

WHO RESEARCHED RIGHT #8?

ME. I CHOSE THE RIGHT THAT ALLOWS KIDS TO THINK THEIR OWN THOUGHTS AND BELIEVE THEIR OWN BELIEFS BECAUSE I'M A FREETHINKER.

LIKE A LOT OF PARENTS, MINE HAVE VERY STRONG BELIEFS AND WANT ME TO BELIEVE EXACTLY LIKE THEM. BUT SOMETIMES I JUST DON'T.

THAT'S WHY I WAS GLAD TO FIND OUT THAT I HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE MY OWN THOUGHTS AND BELIEFS ABOUT THINGS LIKE VALUES, MORALS, RELIGION, POLITICS AND ALL OTHER ASPECTS OF LIFE.

THAT'S COOL.

IT MAKES SENSE. HOW COULD A PARENT —OR ANYONE FOR THAT MATTER— CONTROL WHAT A KID THINKS OR BELIEVES?

WELL, EVEN THOUGH PARENTS AREN'T SUPPOSED TO CONTROL A CHILD'S THOUGHTS OR BELIEFS, SOME OF THEM STILL TRY.

BUT STILL, EVERY KID IS SUPPOSED TO BE PROTECTED FROM ANY INDOCTRINATION

THAT FOSTERS RACIAL, RELIGIOUS, OR ANY OTHER FORM OF DISCRIMINATION OR HATRED.

WELL I CAN THINK OF A LOT OF SITUATIONS IN WHICH THAT RIGHT IS ABUSED. JUST THINK OF ALL OF THE HATE GROUPS THAT TEACH THEIR KIDS' NEGATIVE RACIAL STEREOTYPES.

AND SOME PRETTY INTENSE INDOCTRINATION HAS TO BE GOING ON IN ORDER TO CREATE TERRORISTS!

THAT'S EXACTLY WHY PROTECTING THIS RIGHT IS SO IMPORTANT.

RIGHT #9 THE RIGHT TO EXPRESS FEELINGS

THE RIGHT I CHOSE IS NOT EXACTLY LIKE RAJ'S, BUT IT'S KINDA SIMILAR. IT'S RIGHT #9—THE RIGHT TO EXPRESS FEELINGS AND OPINIONS.

AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, NOTHING IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THIS RIGHT. IN FACT, I WOULD SIMPLY DIE IF I COULDN'T EXPRESS MY FEELINGS AND OPINIONS.

WE KNOW!

Hmph

LIGHTEN UP, EVERYONE! ALL OF US WOULD BE PRETTY PISSED IF WE COULDN'T EXPRESS OUR FEELINGS AND OPINIONS!

REMEMBER, YOU'RE ALL TEMPERAMENTAL PERFORMERS.

THAT'S WHY WE'RE LUCKY THAT KIDS HAVE THE RIGHT TO EXPRESS THEIR FEELINGS AND OPINIONS IN ANY WAY THEY CHOOSE INCLUDING WORDS, MUSIC, AND ART.

AND YOU KNOW WHAT ELSE? ALL KIDS HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE THEIR FEELINGS AND OPINIONS RESPECTED—ESPECIALLY WHEN THEIR FEELINGS AND OPINIONS RELATE TO THEM.

Interesting Fact : Not all kids and performers have the freedom to express themselves. In China, Lady Gaga is censored because she is considered to be "vulgar".

RIGHT #10 - THE RIGHT TO HAVE PRIVACY

WELL THE WHOLE SUBJECT OF RESPECT DOVETAILS NICELY INTO THE MATTER OF PRIVACY. WHO RESEARCHED THAT RIGHT?

I DID. I WAS INTERESTED IN RIGHT #10 BECAUSE I WONDERED ABOUT A KIDS' RIGHT TO HAVE PRIVACY WHEN PAUL TOLD ME ABOUT HIS MOTHER RANSACKING HIS ROOM WHILE HE WAS IN SCHOOL.

YOU MEAN, POT-HEAD PAUL?

I MEAN PAUL IN MY ***KARATE*** CLASS. ACCORDING TO RIGHT #10, ALL KIDS HAVE THE RIGHT TO KEEP PRIVATE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THEMSELVES. IN ADDITION, CHILDREN HAVE THE RIGHT TO KEEP PRIVATE THEIR FEELINGS, THOUGHTS, OPINIONS, AND COMMUNICATIONS WITH OTHERS.

AND YOU THINK PAUL'S MOM IS NOT RESPECTING HIS RIGHT TO PRIVACY BY GOING THROUGH HIS THINGS?

I'M NOT SURE ***WHAT*** I THINK.

PAUL'S MOM IS PROBABLY GOING THROUGH HIS THINGS BECAUSE SHE SUSPECTS THAT HE'S USING DRUGS.

AND IF THAT'S TRUE, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT DOING SOMETHING ILLEGAL TRUMPS A KIDS' RIGHT TO PRIVACY.

OKAY, I CAN SEE HOW THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY WOULD NOT APPLY WHEN A KID MIGHT BE DOING SOMETHING THAT IS AGAINST THE LAW.

BUT WHAT MAKES **ME** CRAZY IS WHEN MY MOM GETS INTO MY PERSONAL THINGS—LIKE MY DIARY.

OR READING OUR TEXT MESSAGES ON OUR PHONES.

I DON'T LIKE IT WHEN MY MOM TRIES TO MAKE ME SHARE EVERY SINGLE THOUGHT AND FEELING WITH HER. THERE'RE JUST SOME THINGS I WANT TO **KEEP** TO **MYSELF.**

SO I THINK WE ALL AGREE. AS LONG AS WE ARE NOT DOING ANYTHING ILLEGAL, WE HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE PRIVACY.

I PROTECT MY PRIVACY BY NEVER SAYING A WORD. IT WORKS LIKE A CHARM.

Interesting Fact : A U.S. Federal Appeals Court ruled that putting a surveillance camera in a Tennessee middle school locker room violated the students' right to have privacy.

RIGHT # 11 - THE RIGHT TO ASSOCIATE WITH OTHERS

ARE WE FINISHED TALKING ABOUT THE RIGHT TO HAVE PRIVACY?

I AM IF EVERYONE ELSE IS.

OKAY, BECAUSE THE NEXT RIGHT, RIGHT #11, IS MY VERY FAVORITE RIGHT.

IS THAT THE RIGHT THAT MAKES YOU THE QUEEN OF THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE?

HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

I'M TALKING ABOUT THE RIGHT TO ASSOCIATE WITH OTHERS.

ALL KIDS HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASSOCIATE WITH OTHERS AND HAVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER PEOPLE.

AND ALL CHILDREN HAVE THE RIGHT TO GET TOGETHER WITH GROUPS OF PEOPLE AS LONG AS THE GATHERINGS ARE NOT HARMFUL TO THEMSELVES OR OTHERS.

BUT WHAT ABOUT PARENTS WHO THINK THAT IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEIR KIDS THEY NEED TO CONTROL WHO THEIR KIDS HANG OUT WITH.

IF MY PARENTS PICKED MY FRIENDS, IT'S FOR SURE I WOULDN'T BE HANGING AROUND WITH THIS GROUP.

HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

ALL OF US HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE.

IN FACT, THE MORE DIVERSE THE BETTER BECAUSE THAT'S HOW YOU GET EXPOSED TO NEW INFORMATION AND IDEAS.

AND THAT'S HOW YOU BECOME MORE TOLERANT.

HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO BE OKAY, YOUR RELATIONSHIPS NEED TO HAVE A POSITIVE INSTEAD OF NEGATIVE IMPACT ON YOU AND OTHERS. RIGHT?

DOES PONTIFICATE MEAN WHAT I'M SUPPOSE TO DO OUTSIDE INSTEAD OF INSIDE?

WE GET IT SARAH. WE DON'T NEED YOU TO PONTIFICATE.

Interesting Fact : Up until the 1960's, in some states in America, black children were not allowed to associate with white children in public places like schools, restaurants and restrooms.

RIGHT#12- THE RIGHT TO BELONG TO A CULTURE OR RELIGION

I DON'T WANT TO "*PONTIFICATE*", BUT I NEED TO TALK ABOUT RELIGION BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT RIGHT #12 IS ABOUT.

IT'S THE RIGHT TO BELONG TO A CULTURE OR RELIGION.

RIGHT#12 GIVES ALL CHILDREN THE RIGHT TO: EXPERIENCE AND ENJOY THEIR OWN CULTURE, USE THEIR OWN LANGUAGE, AND PROFESS AND PRACTICE THEIR OWN RELIGION.

FOR GENERATIONS, MY FAMILY HAS FOLLOWED JUDAISM, AND I'VE NEVER KNOW ANYTHING ELSE.

SO I FOUND THE POSSIBILITY THAT I COULD "PROFESS AND PRACTICE MY OWN RELIGION" FASCINATING.

MY FAMILY IS HINDU AND I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT MY PARENTS WANT ME TO STICK TO THAT RELIGION WHEN I'M AN ADULT.

MY FAMILY IS MUSLIM AND IT'S EXPECTED THAT I'M GOING TO FOLLOW ISLAM WHEN I GROW UP.

THE SAME'S TRUE FOR ME AND THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION.

BUT THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT! WHILE IT'S GREAT THAT OUR PARENTS HAVE CHOSEN THEIR RELIGIONS, AND WHILE IT'S GREAT THAT THEY SHARE THEIR RELIGIONS WITH US, WE ULTIMATELY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE OUR OWN RELIGIONS.

BUT WHAT IF YOU DON'T WANT TO CHOOSE ANY RELIGION?

RIGHT #12 GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO FOLLOW A RELIGION OR NOT FOLLOW ANY RELIGION AT ALL.

COOL!

I LIKE THE FACT THAT THIS RIGHT ALLOWS KIDS TO SPEAK THEIR OWN LANGUAGE.

IT REALLY MAKES ME MAD WHEN I SEE PEOPLE CRITICIZE KIDS WHO ARE SPEAKING THEIR FAMILY'S LANGUAGE INSTEAD OF ENGLISH.

AND WHAT ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO CRITICIZE KIDS WHO SPEAK WITH AN ACCENT?!

WELL I FOR ONE LIKE THE PART OF RIGHT #12 THAT ALLOWS KIDS TO CELEBRATE THEIR OWN CULTURE BECAUSE THAT'S THE BEST PART OF BEING JEWISH.

BUT I THOUGHT YOU JUST SAID THAT YOU MIGHT NOT CHOOSE TO BE JEWISH WHEN YOU GROW UP.

Interesting Fact : Saudi Arabia is an Islamic Kingdom that only allows people to practice other religions in private. The public practice of non-Islamic religions is punishable by deportation, fines or jail.

CULTURE AND RELIGION ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS. BUT THAT'S A DIFFERENT CONVERSATION FOR ANOTHER TIME.

FOR NOW, WE NEED TO GET TO THE END OF OUR RESEARCH BECAUSE WE ARE LOSING JEFF AND JASON.

WHO CHOSE RIGHT #13?

I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER ASK!

REMEMBER LAST YEAR WHEN I GOT DETENTION FOR A WEEK FOR BEING TARDY TOO MANY TIMES?

HOW COULD WE FORGET?!

THAT'S ALL YOU TALKED ABOUT FOR WEEKS!

IT'S BECAUSE I WASN'T TREATED JUSTLY! LOOK AT THIS ABOUT THE RIGHT TO BE TREATED JUSTLY.

Every child accused of breaking the law has a right to:

be treated with dignity and respect,

be presumed innocent until proven guilty.

have adequate legal representation, and be treated justly.

AND LOOK AT THIS.

Any inflicted consequence for breaking the law should:

Take into consideration the child's age.

Be temporary

Attempt to rehabilitate the child

And help return the child back to society

ALL THIS GOES TO PROVE THAT I WAS TREATED UNJUSTLY.

WHATEVER.

I THINK THIS RIGHT PERTAINS MORE TO THE THOUSANDS OF KIDS ALL OVER THE WORLD WHO ARE SITTING IN DETENTION FACILITIES OR JAILS WHO HAVE DONE NOTHING WRONG.

OR KIDS WHO HAVE BEEN SENTENCED FAR TOO HARSHLY FOR THEIR CRIMES. MOST OF THESE KIDS DON'T HAVE PROPER LEGAL REPRESENTATION.

THEY'RE RIGHT, JASON. YOU NEED TO GET OVER THINKING THAT YOU WERE TREATED UNJUSTLY. WHEN YOU DO THE CRIME, YOU HAVE TO DO THE TIME.

I STILL THINK THAT GETTING A WEEK OF DETENTION WAS A BIT HARSH.

Sigh

Interesting Fact: Children born in jails or put into harsh adult prisons are worldwide problems. For example, Manila has over two thousand children in their prison system.

GETTING READY FOR THE SHOW

GUYS! YOU ARE RUSHING IT! LET'S START AGAIN. AND JASON, THIS TIME KEEP THE RHYTHM CONSISTENT!

SURE THING, BOSS.

HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

I'M **SICK** OF THIS SONG! CAN'T WE WORK ON SOMETHING **ELSE?**

NOT UNTIL WE GET IT **RIGHT!**

Sigh

ENOUGH ALREADY WITH ALL OF THE PRACTICING OF MUSIC. **WHEN** ARE WE GOING TO START PRACTICING **THE DANCES** AND THE OTHER MOVES?

NEVER WOULD SUIT ME JUST FINE.

WE HAVEN'T TALKED ABOUT THE **MOST** IMPORTANT THING YET- WHICH IS WHAT ARE WE GOING TO **WEAR?**

I **AGREE**.

NOW I REMEMBER WHY I WANTED TO BE IN AN ALL-BOY BAND.

STOP BICKERING! IT'S GETTING US NOWHERE!

BESIDES THE MATTER OF COSTUMES HAS BEEN SOLVED.

JOY WANTS US TO WEAR JEANS AND THE KIDS FOR GLOBAL PEACE TEE-SHIRTS.

KIDS FOR GLOBAL PEACE

RIGHT ON! COOL

YUCK!

THE SHOW IS TOMORROW AND IF WE AREN'T READY NOW, WE'LL NEVER BE READY!

RAJ IS RIGHT. LET'S ALL GO HOME AND REST UP FOR THE BIG NIGHT.

ONE HOUR BEFORE SHOW TIME

DID YOU SEE THAT MOB LINED UP WAITING TO GET INTO THE SHOW? JOY SAID THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE STANDING ROOM ONLY.

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO SARAH, SCARE US TO DEATH?

I'M SO NERVOUS I FEEL LIKE I'M GOING TO PASS OUT.

THESE ARE THE MOMENTS I LIVE FOR!

JOY SAID THE TICKETS HAVE BEEN SOLD OUT FOR WEEKS.

THAT JUST MAKES ME MORE SCARED ABOUT MESSING UP.

JUST THINK OF ALL THE CHICKS THAT ARE GOING TO BE IN THE AUDIENCE.

ALL OF YOU, **STOP** THINKING OF ALL THE TICKET SALES AND CHICKS.

JUST GET YOUR HEADS IN THE GAME!

SHOWTIME

WELCOME TO OUR FINAL DAY OF THE CELEBRATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD!

AND WELCOME TO THE JUNKROOM BAND WHO IS HERE TO SING THEIR ORIGINAL SONGS ABOUT THE 13 RIGHTS FOR KIDS!

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FROM THE VERY BEGINNING OF YOUR LIFE

YOU WERE BORN WITH SOMETHING CALLED HUMAN RIGHTS!

HUMAN RIGHTS! HUMAN RIGHTS!

IT HAD TO HAVE LASTED AT LEAST FIVE MINUTES.

COULD YOU BELIEVE THAT STANDING OVATION?!

RIGHT ON!

PROBABLY MORE. IT WAS THE LONGEST OVATION I'VE EVER SEEN-- WORTH EVERY MINUTE THAT WE PUT INTO THAT SHOW.

LOOK WHOSE HERE!

I HOPE SHE BROUGHT THE CHECK.

I'VE GOT YOUR CHECK FOR $2,000. BUT I THINK I'VE GOT SOMETHING BETTER FOR YOU.

A TOP T.V. NETWORK EXECUTIVE WAS IN THE AUDIENCE AND WAS BLOWN AWAY BY YOUR PERFORMANCE. HE WANTS TO FEATURE YOU AND YOUR MUSIC IN 14 PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS- ONE FOR EACH OF YOUR HUMAN RIGHTS SONGS.

DOES IT PAY ANYTHING?

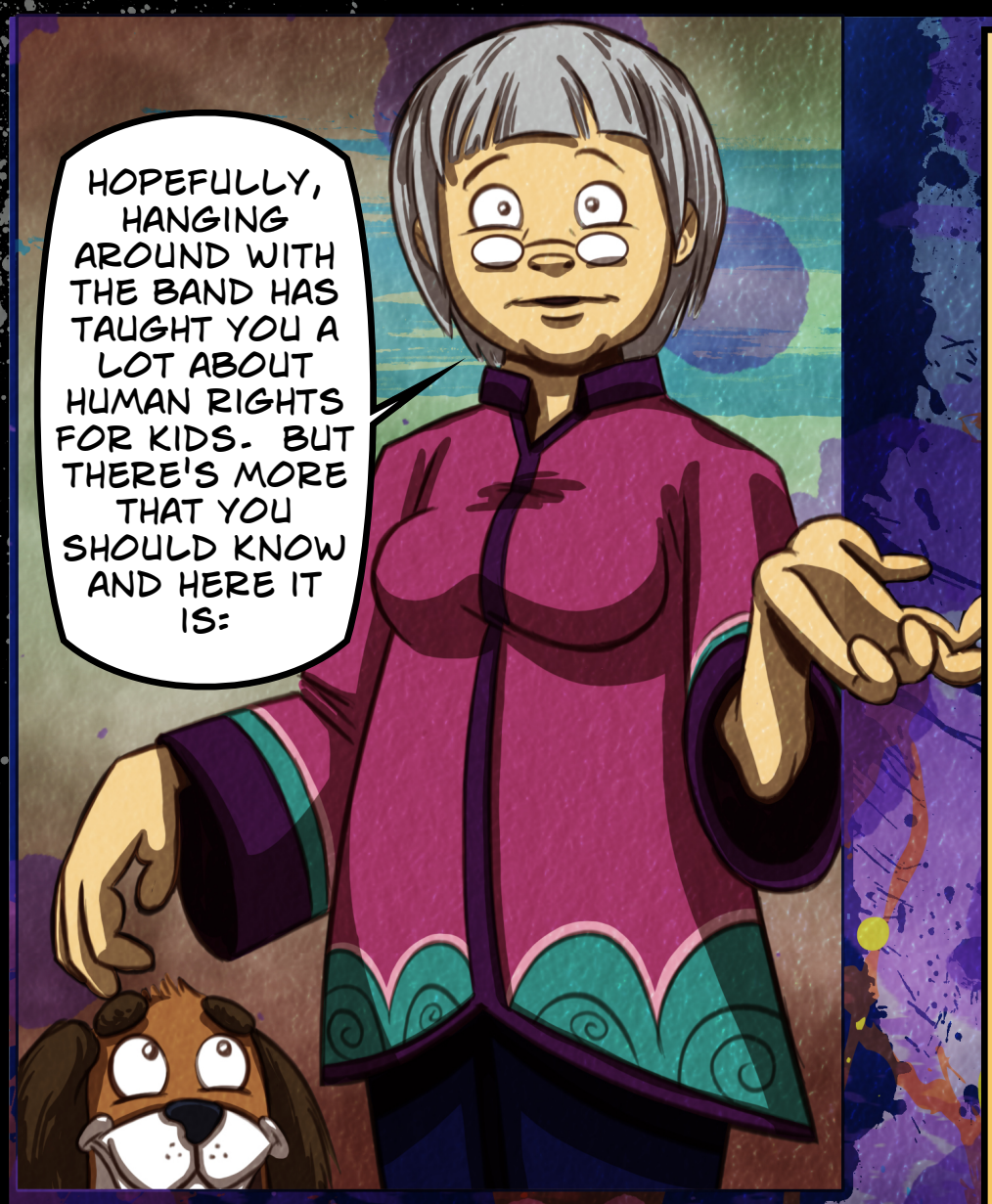
LET'S JUST SAY THAT IT'S GOING TO BE A LOT MORE THAN THE TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS YOU MADE TONIGHT- A WHOLE LOT MORE.

YAHOO!

RIGHT ON!

OHH YEAH!

WOOO!



In order for your rights to be effective, you must assert them. This requires that you:

acknowledge your rights,

accept your rights,

and live in ways that your rights entitle you to live.

If you are having difficulty asserting any of your rights, you need to talk to someone who is old enough and wise enough to help you. It might be a parent, guardian, teacher, principal, school counselor, religious leader, close relative (such as a grandparent, uncle, or aunt) or an adult friend.

If the person you talk to does not help you, talk to others. Keep talking to people until you find someone to help you.

Human Rights for Kids come with responsibility.

This means that you must respect the rights of other children, and you must encourage and help them to:

acknowledge their rights,

accept their rights,

and live in ways that their rights entitle them to live.

Also, if you think that a child is being deprived of his or her rights, you need to encourage the child to talk to a caring adult.

You might also want to talk to an adult about the situation to make sure that the child gets help.

If the adult you talk to does not help to correct the situation, talk to other adults. Keep talking to people until you can find someone to help.

All 13 Human Rights for Kids pertain to all children including ones who are disabled physically, emotionally, mentally, or socially.

Special care should be given to children who are disabled to insure that they are able to assert their rights.

All 13 Human Rights for Kids pertain to all children with special needs including ones who:

have no parents,

are unable to be raised by their parents,

are part of extremely dysfunctional families,

are part of families that have no resources,

live outside of their countries,

live in extremely deprived situations,

or live in or around extremely dangerous situations.

Special care should also be given to children with special needs to insure that they are able to assert their rights.

Human Rights for Kids are special rights that pertain to you and every other child in the world.

Your rights help make it possible for you to survive and grow so that you can be the wonderful person you are meant to be.

