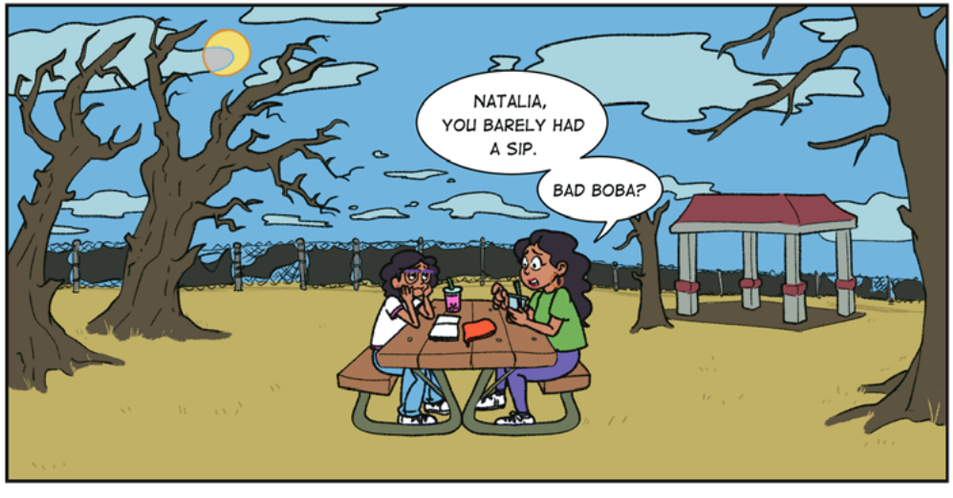

NATALIA & LETTY
BY KATIE LAZO


NATALIA, YOU BARELY HAD A SIP.
BAD BOBA?


NO. IT'S NOTHING.
WELL, WHEN I'M UPSET, I LIKE FRESH AIR AND BEING OUT IN...
NATURE.


NATURE?! THIS PARK IS SO SAD! NO ONE'S OUTSIDE. THERE'S NO SHADE, AND ALL THE PLANTS ARE, LIKE, DYING!


WHOA, DUDE! JUST TRYING TO ENJOY MY BREAK AT HOME.
WE BARELY GET TO HAVE SISTER HANGS ANYMORE...

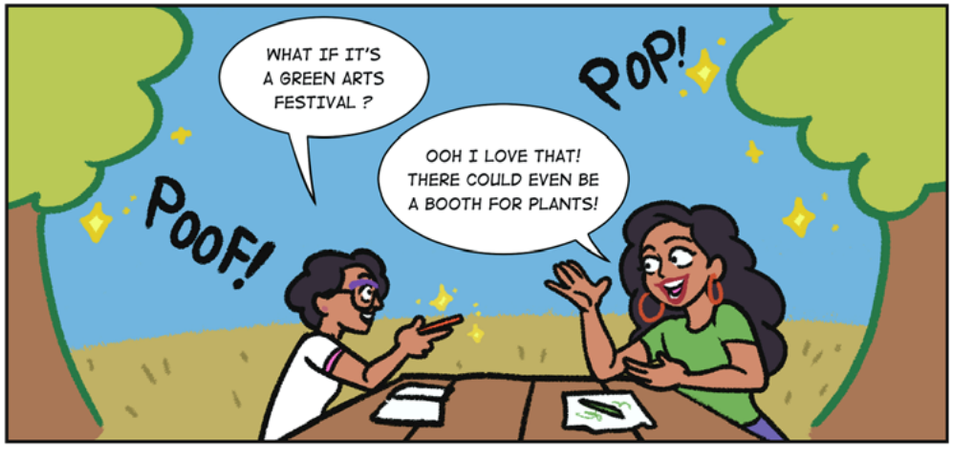



RIIIP!


WHEN I'M UPSET, I LIKE TO DRAW.


I'M DRAWING MY PLANTS. I'M WORRIED MY ROOMIE WILL DROWN THEM, HAHA.
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
THESE ARE MY FRIENDS. I WAS THINKING ABOUT OUR COMICS CLUB.
YES!
WHOA, THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!
?!
WHAT IF WE HELD A ZINE FESTIVAL RIGHT HERE IN THE PARK!
ZINES
YOU
ME
HERE? EVEN THOUGH IT'S... SO SAD-LOOKING?
EXACTLY! THAT'S THE POINT.


WE COULD EVEN HELP CLEAN THE PARK AND MAKE IT LOOK NICER.
WE? LIKE, THE WHOLE COMMUNITY?
YEAH! THAT WAY THE FESTIVAL CAN BE ABOUT MORE THAN JUST BOOKS.
OOH, THAT GIVES ***ME*** AN IDEA!


WHAT IF IT'S A GREEN ARTS FESTIVAL ?
POOF!
OOH I LOVE THAT! THERE COULD EVEN BE A BOOTH FOR PLANTS!
POP!


AND A BOOTH FOR ARTISTS TO DECORATE PLANTERS!

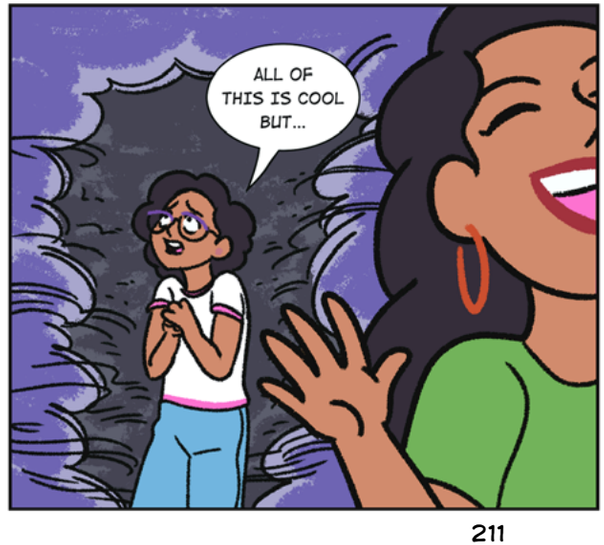

I COULD EVEN INVITE FRIENDS TO DO CLOTHING SWAPS.
I HAVE A HARD TIME GIVING UP CLOTHES, BUT IF THEY GO TO COOL KIDS, I DON'T MIND.
EVERYBODY
SWAP DON'T SHOP


WHAT IF IT ISN'T JUST A ONE-TIME THING? WE COULD CREATE COMMUNITY SPACES WHERE PEOPLE GATHER AND HELP EACH OTHER!


LIKE A COMMUNITY GARDEN?
YEAH, WOULDN'T THAT BE NEAT?


AH! IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES!




ALL OF THIS IS COOL BUT...


CAN IT REALLY HAPPEN?


WHAT?! OF COURSE.
BUT I'M JUST A KID...
AND I'M JUST A COLLEGE STUDENT! SOMETIMES, I FEEL LIKE I'M NOT ENOUGH. LIKE I CAN'T ON MY OWN.
SO I REMIND MYSELF...
...HAVING AN IDEA IS THE FIRST STEP TO SPARKING REAL CHANGE, DON'T YOU THINK?
SKTCH
SKTCH


HERE, LETTY, I WANT YOU TO HAVE THIS...
...FOR WHENEVER YOU NEED A REMINDER.
OUR DREAMS WILL GROW

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