

# SUPER SUPERMARKET

*An absurdist vision of a world on permanent lockdown, in which a golden ticket to shop at the Super Supermarket is a luxury so scarce that it draws out the darker side of human nature.*

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A projection into the future of current pandemic realities, *Super Supermarket* envisions a world in which no one leaves their home, in which simply walking down the street can get you reported to authorities, and in which everything past the front door begins to provoke reactions of fear and anxiety. Cloistered in their homes, a new generation of children is growing up with no knowledge of the outside world or basic niceties – like wearing pants!

One day our protagonist is reading a picture book to her nephew, only to discover it contains forbidden depictions of playgrounds and supermarkets – things that no child should know about! Her hysterical complaints to customer service are resolved with a free gift of two tickets to the Super Supermarket Experience, an elite in-store shopping simulation intended to alleviate the rampant cabin fever of the near future. However, the tickets only serve to awaken our protagonist's long-suppressed retail desires, leading her down a spiral of temptation that can only end in disaster!

Known for her dark humor and willingness to address troubling topics, graphic novelist Pam Pam turns her unsparing eye to the psychological impact of pandemic restrictions, providing chillingly incisive social commentary while perfectly lampooning the ways in which we all went a little crazy while on lockdown.

## Pam Pam Liu

Active as an illustrator, an independent graphic novelist, and a musician, Pam Pam is also a talented animator. Her works span the range from darkly absurdist fantasies to true-to-life stories like her highly acclaimed *Good Friend, Cancer*. Her other works include *A Trip to the Asylum* and *When My Brother Was a Kid*. Starting in 2018, she spent one year as a resident artist at La Maison des Auteurs in Angoulême, France.



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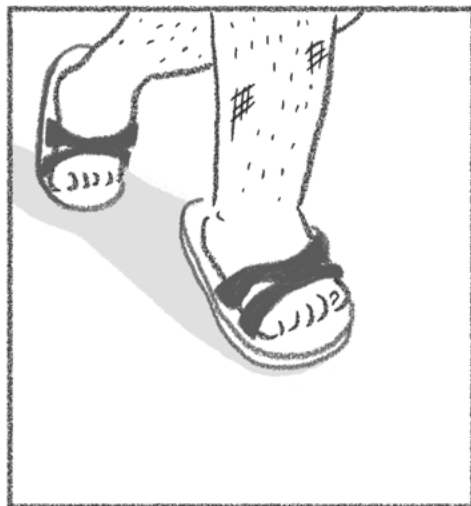
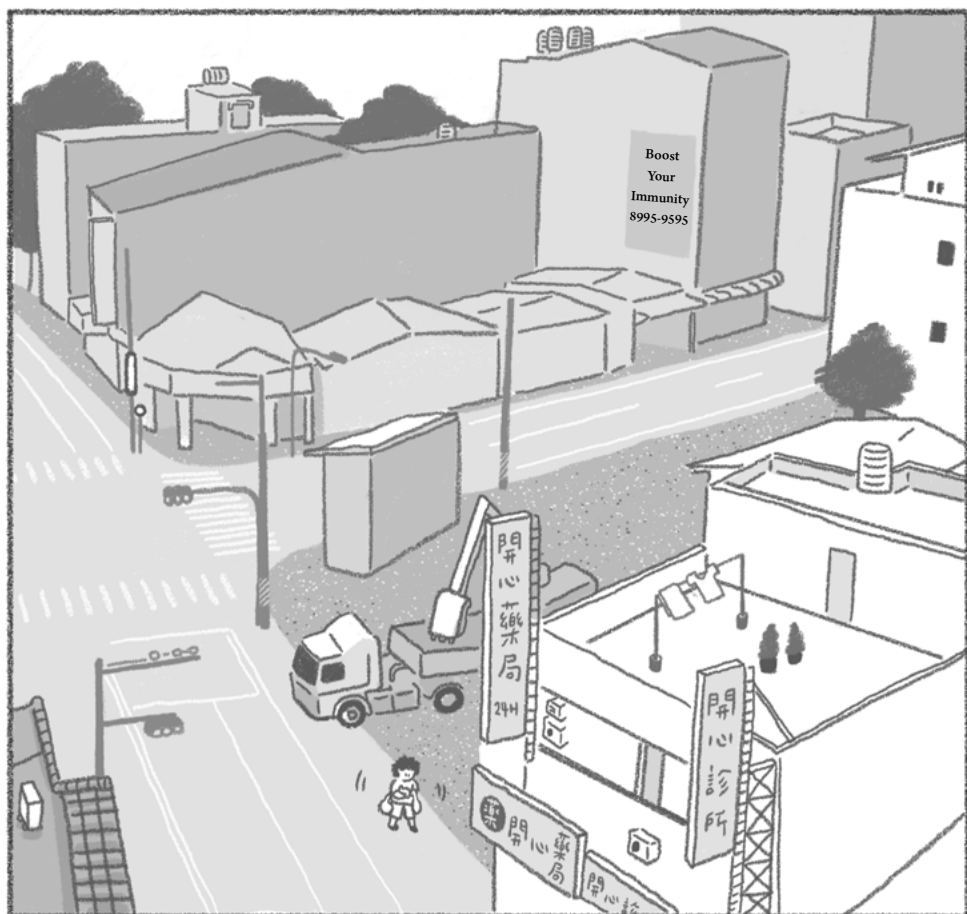
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Incident Hotline,  
how can I help you?



Hi! I've spotted  
something.

There's a person  
wandering around on  
Happy Road, Sec. 3.

No, no mask!...  
A hazmat suit?

No,  
of course not!



They could  
infect the whole  
neighborhood!

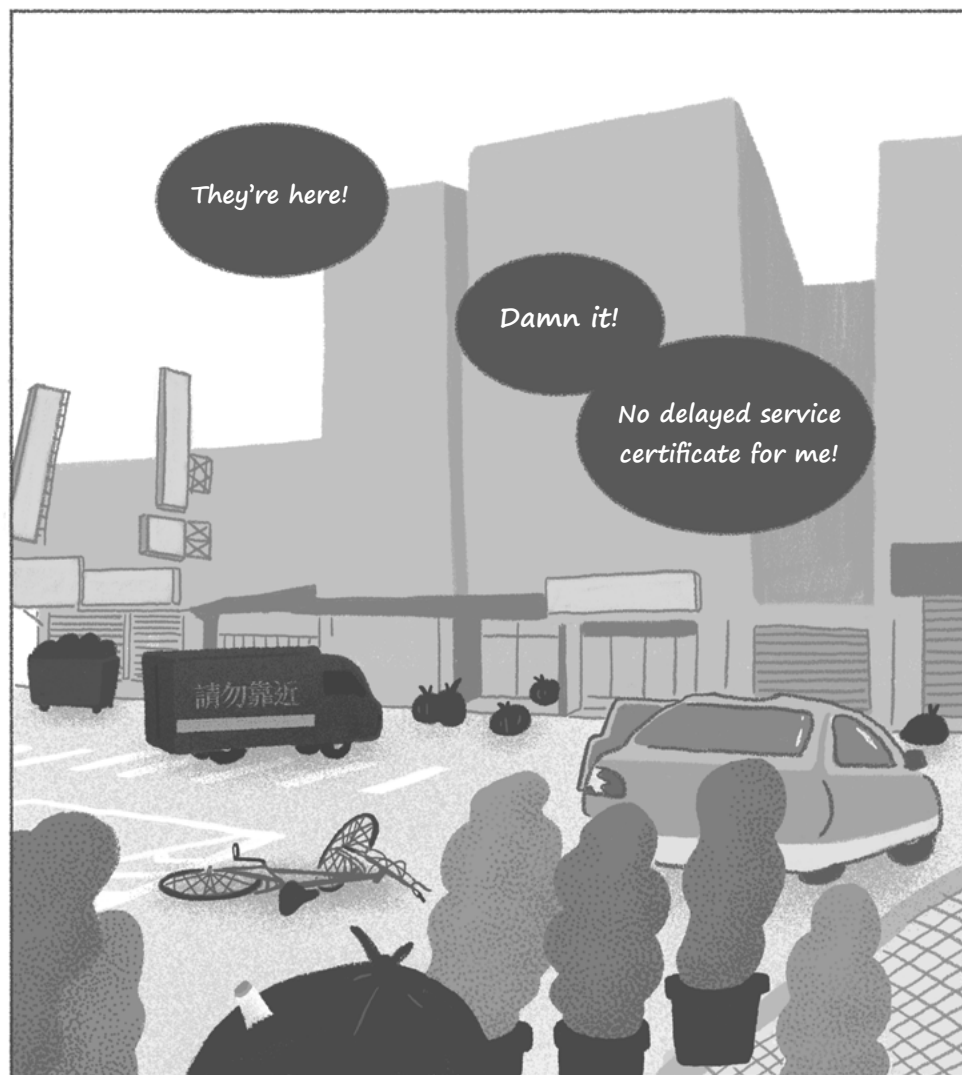
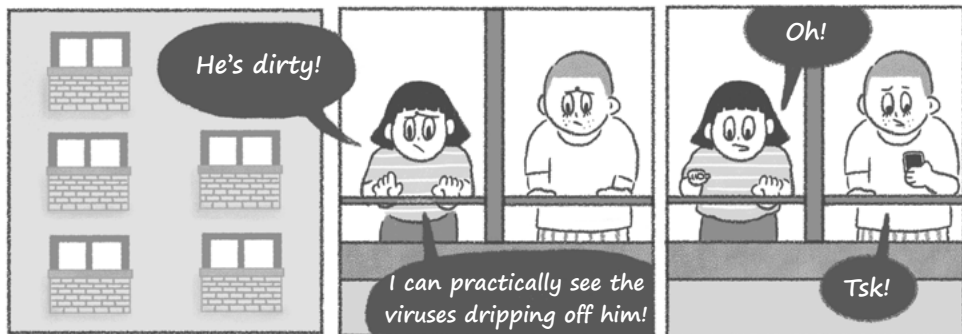
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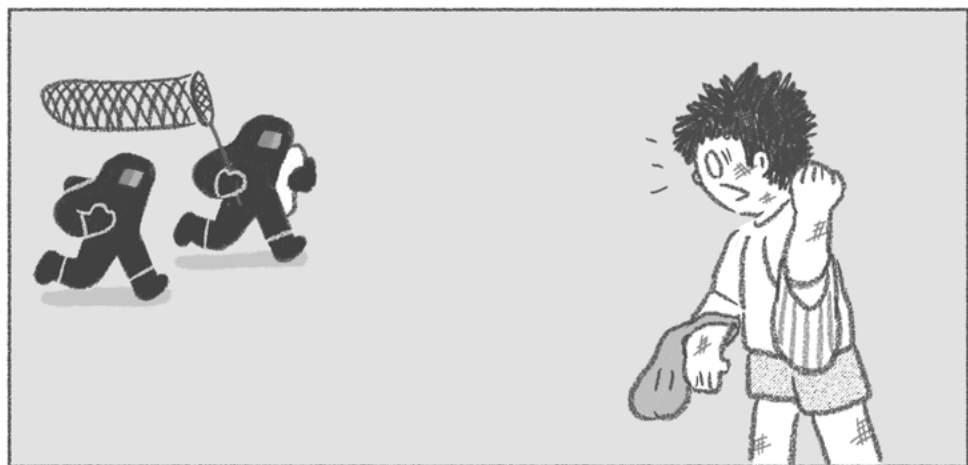
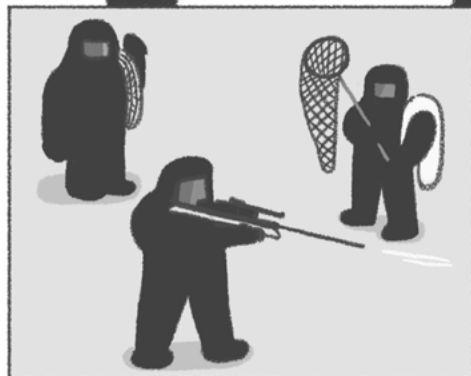
This guy's a  
menace! We're in  
danger here!

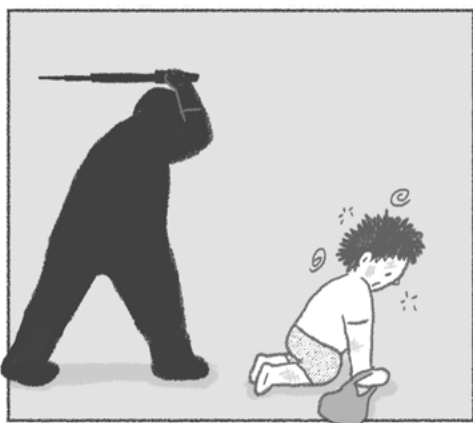
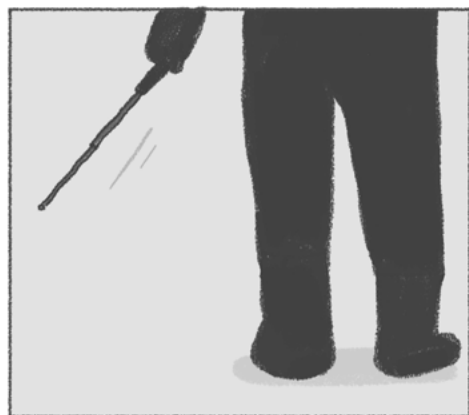
Send someone  
to Happy Road,  
Section 3! Quick!





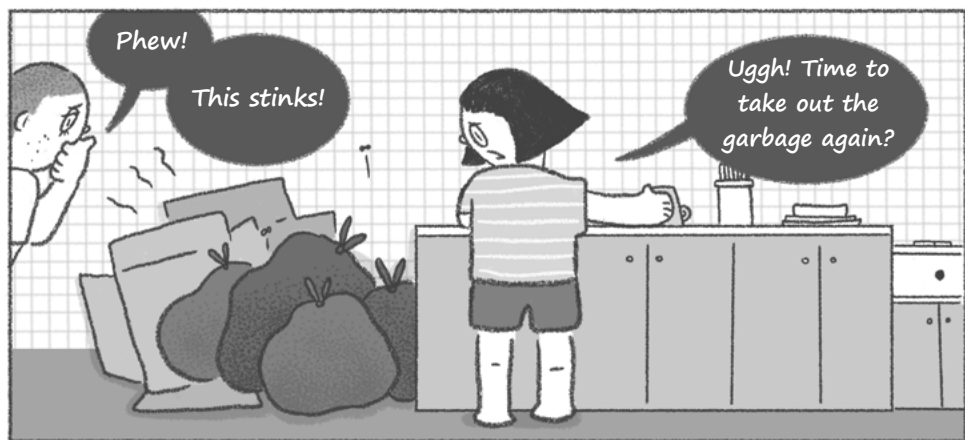
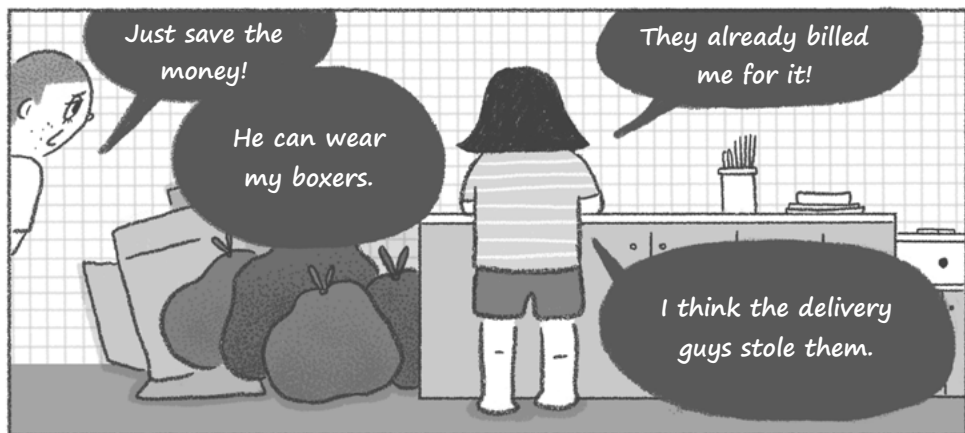


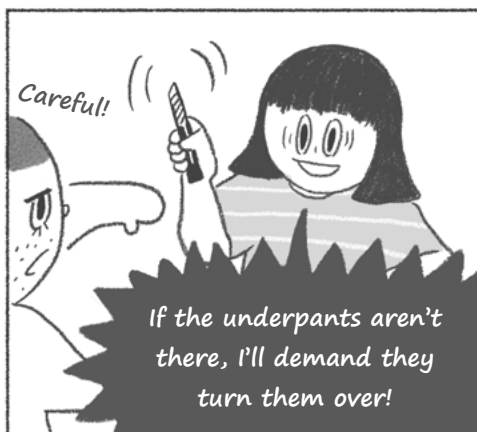




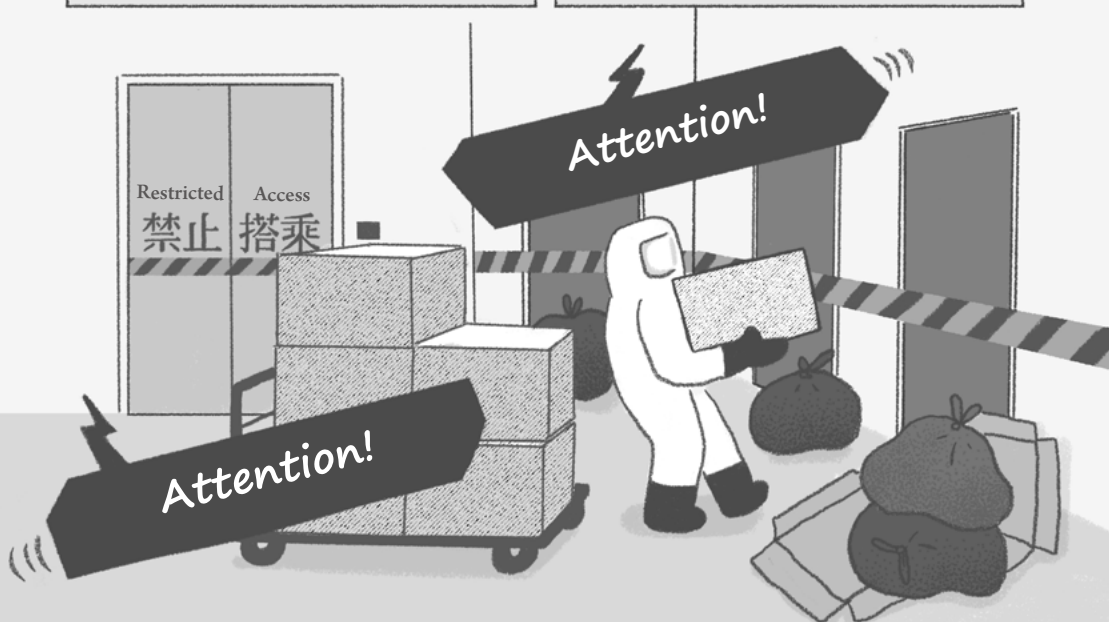
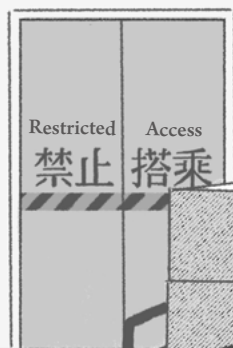
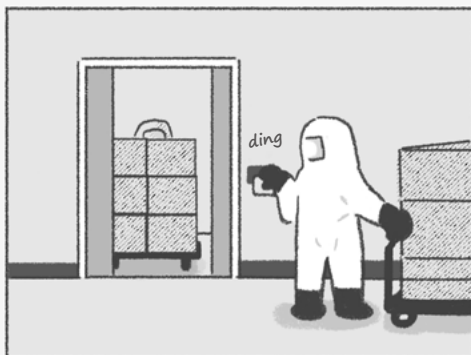
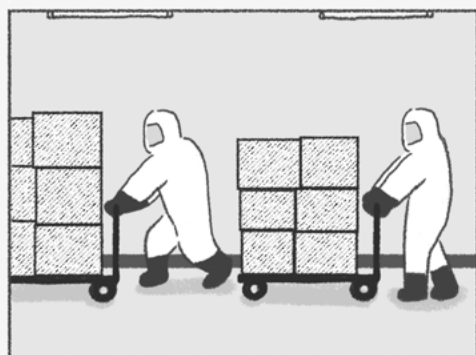




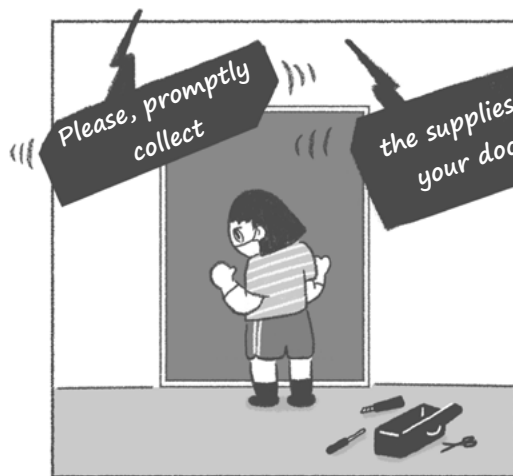






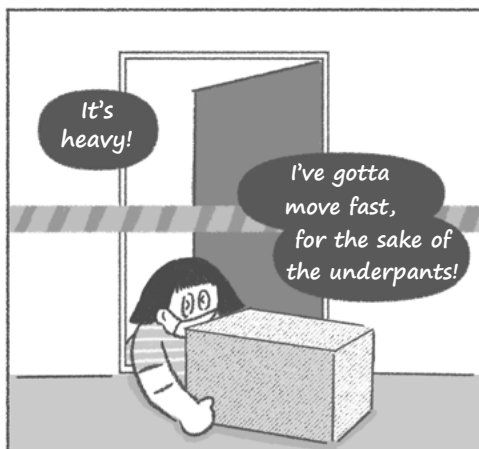






1. Quickly open the package!
2. Confirm whether the underwear is there!

**THREE!  
TWO!  
ONE!  
GO!**



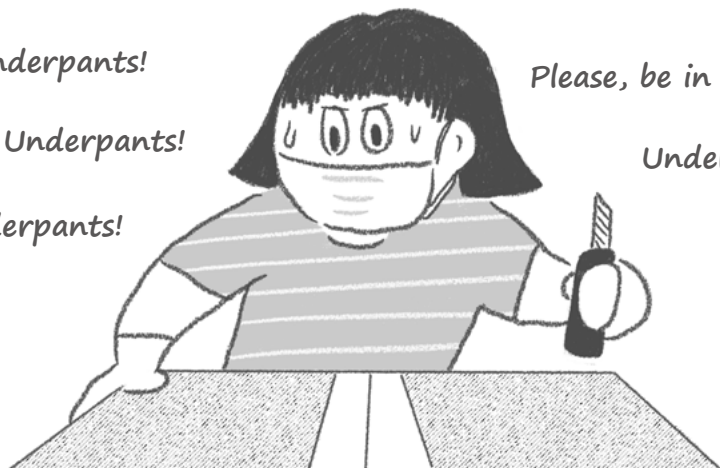
Underpants!

Underpants!

Underpants!

Please, be in here!

Underpants!





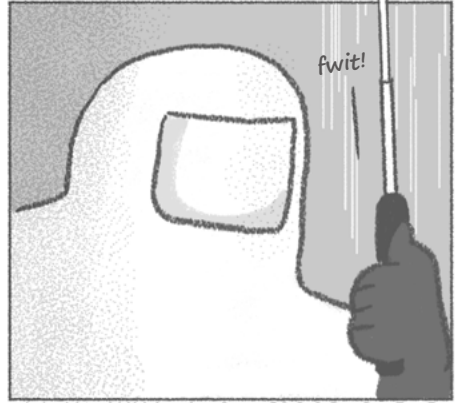
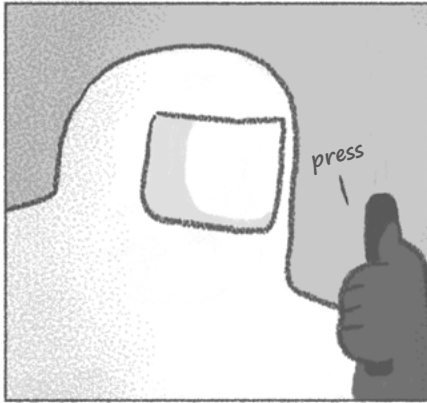
8th floor delivery guy!  
I've ordered boys underpants twice now!  
Where are they?



I know you delivery guys steal supplies!

I saw it on the news!

Give me the underpants!



Aiiiyaaaa!

He nearly  
beat me!

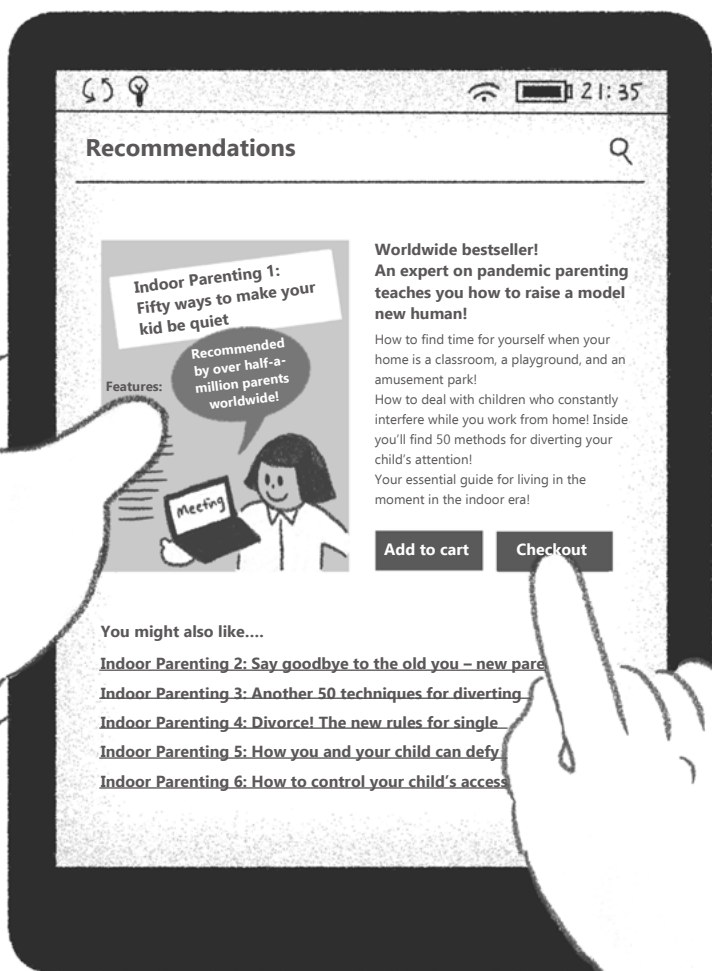
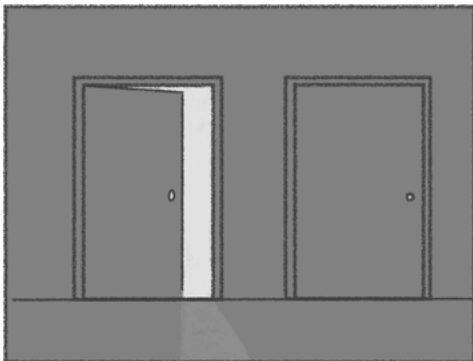


I told you  
we'd get in  
trouble.

At least we  
didn't get fined.  
The boy can wear  
my boxers.

Waaa!  
Waaa!

Did  
auntie  
pee her  
pants,  
too?





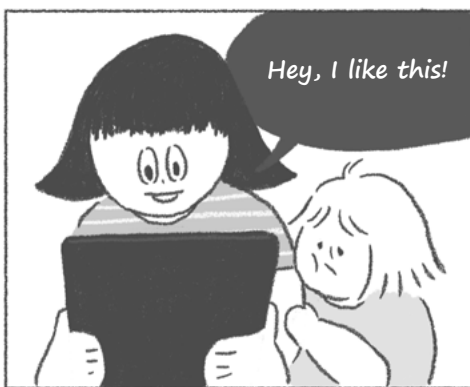


I don't understand!

I'm bored!



Let Auntie read you a story!



No, he doesn't!

*I'm so bored!*



*I went to the park and  
hung from the bars,*



*but I'm still bored!*

*The swing was*



*even more boring!*

*Ah ya ya ya ya ya*



*Mom took me to the  
supermarket to keep me quiet.*



*Soda, juice, potato chips.*

*I'm sick of everything!*

*I'm so bored!*



It's fun to break things!



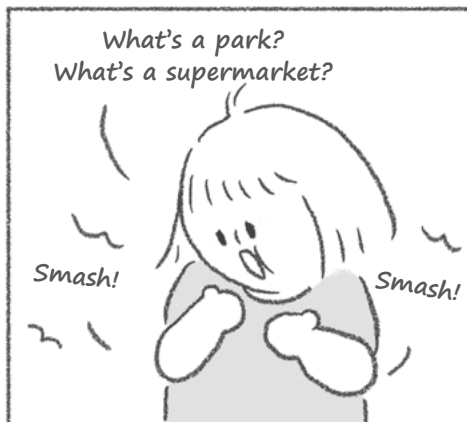
What's wrong with this book?!



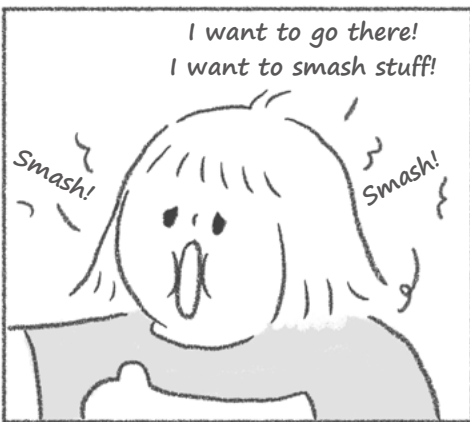
It's not appropriate for kids!



What's a park?  
What's a supermarket?



I want to go there!  
I want to smash stuff!











It's horrible! There  
are parks and  
supermarkets in it!  
My lord!



How could someone  
put things like that  
in a children's book?  
It's illegal!



My nephew won't  
stop asking me  
questions! What's  
this? What's that?



What am I supposed to tell him?  
You've got to fix this!!!



...

Sorry, I'm losing it.  
But it's really too  
much!



Taking it off the shelf  
doesn't fix anything.  
He's already seen it.  
I've already seen it!  
Now my head is full of places  
I can't go, and things  
I can't buy!



And I still don't know  
what to say to my  
nephew.

Online shopping? But it's not  
the same! And the boys  
underpants I ordered  
never arrived!



I don't care  
about shopping  
online! It's no substitute  
for the real thing!

Take Shuang shampoo,  
for example! It has over a  
dozen different scents!



My favorite is  
Pomelo, but  
my point is...

... every time I saw them  
all lined up on the shelves...



... I would go down the whole  
row sniffing each bottle for a  
moment, even though I already  
knew what they all smelled like.



Then I would grab a bottle of  
Pomelo scent and put it in  
my basket.



That's what I call a real  
shopping experience!

Yes, I know I've imagined myself  
a lot better looking than I am.



But in my imagination, I can still  
get a haircut, buy new clothes,  
and get Botox treatments!

Thank you for your suggestions.  
Happy E-books will take them  
into consideration.

sob



sob



We will conduct a complete review  
of our catalogue to eliminate books  
that have illegal content or cause  
readers emotional distress.

We're sorry for any difficulty we  
have caused. You will receive a follow  
up report within 5-7 working days.



Thank you, and best wishes.

Hello?!

That's what you always say!  
But you never get back to me!

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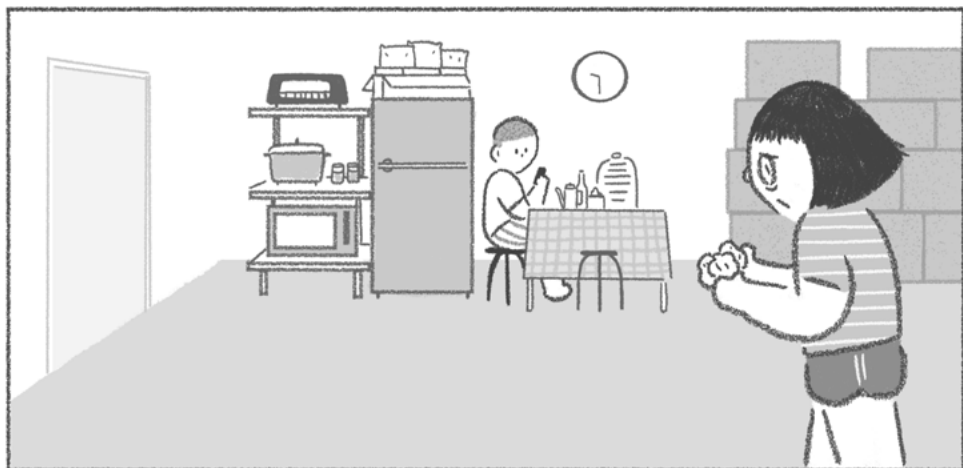


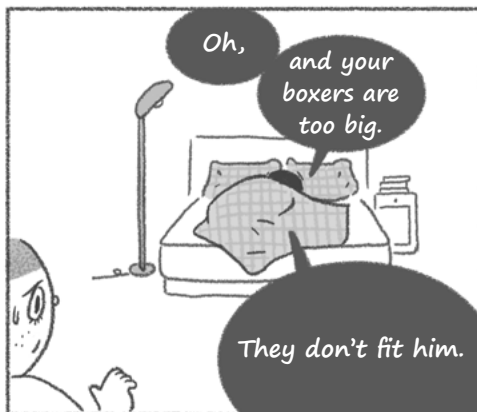
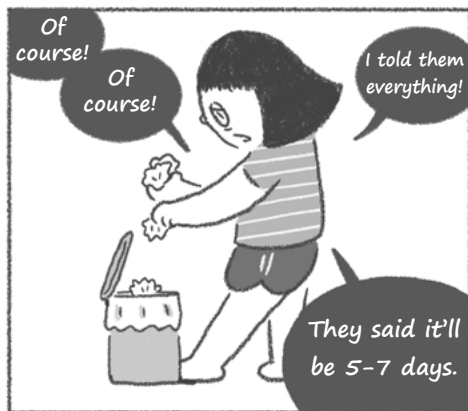
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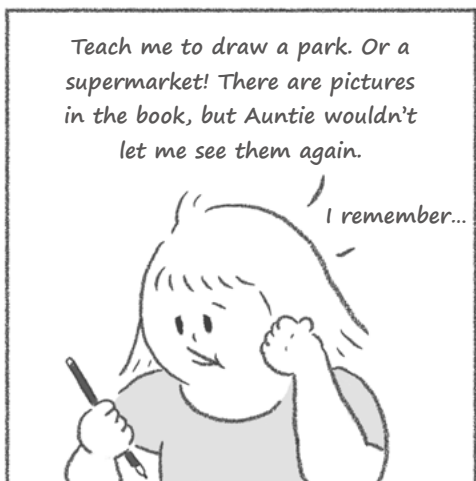
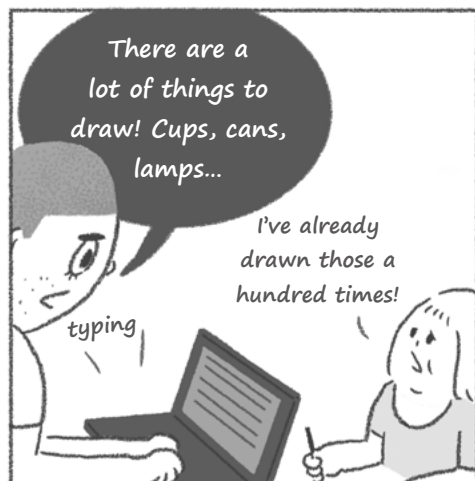
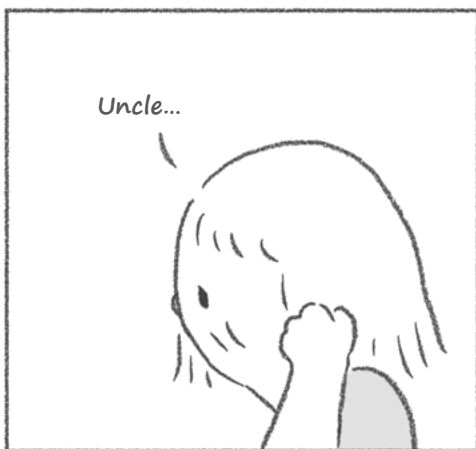
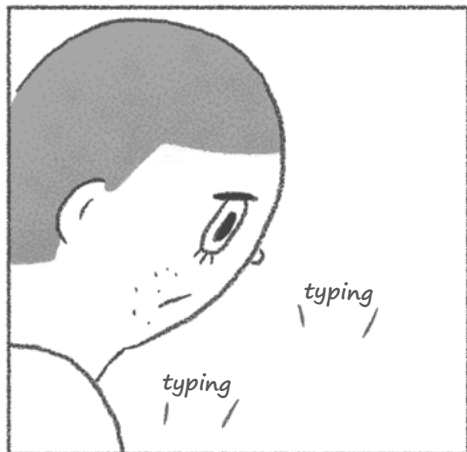


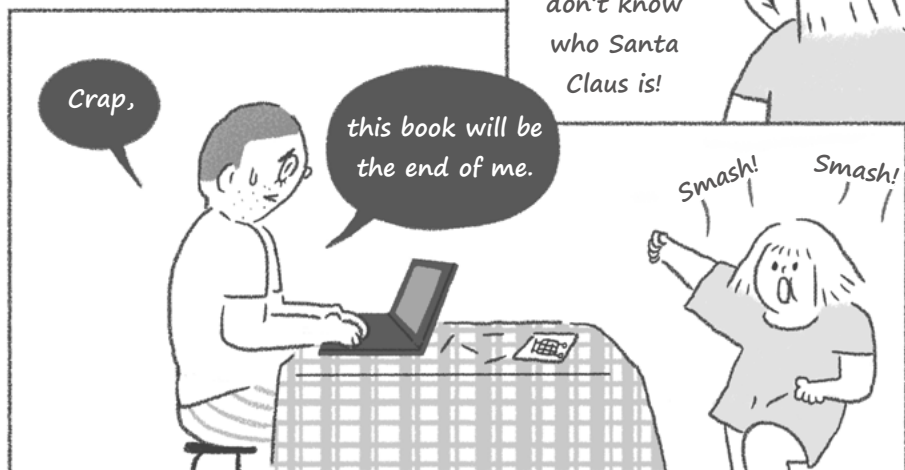
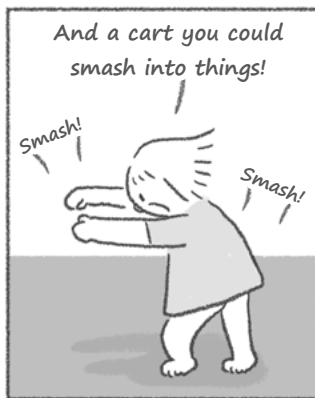
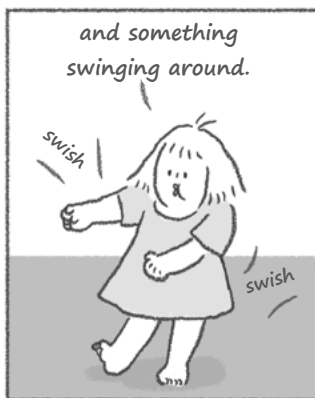
Liars! If you don't give me compensation,  
I'll post pictures of that book on the internet!













Is this... a gathering? Who are these people?



Is he speaking to me?



Maybe I just  
"blah" back  
at him.



I don't know  
what I'm blah-  
ing about!

But it feels  
so good!





Darn it! I laughed  
so loud



my period starting  
flowing out.

I have to  
go buy  
some  
pads.



Personal Care  
Products

Here they are!

Wow!

So many  
different  
kinds!

A special!

59

89

§ Special! §

Buy one get  
one free!

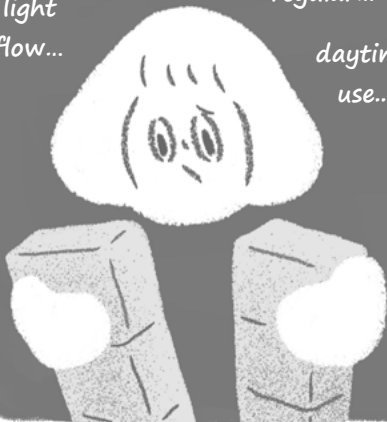
I'm gonna  
buy some  
extras!

Night time use... heavy flow...

light  
flow...

regular...

daytime  
use...



Whatever!

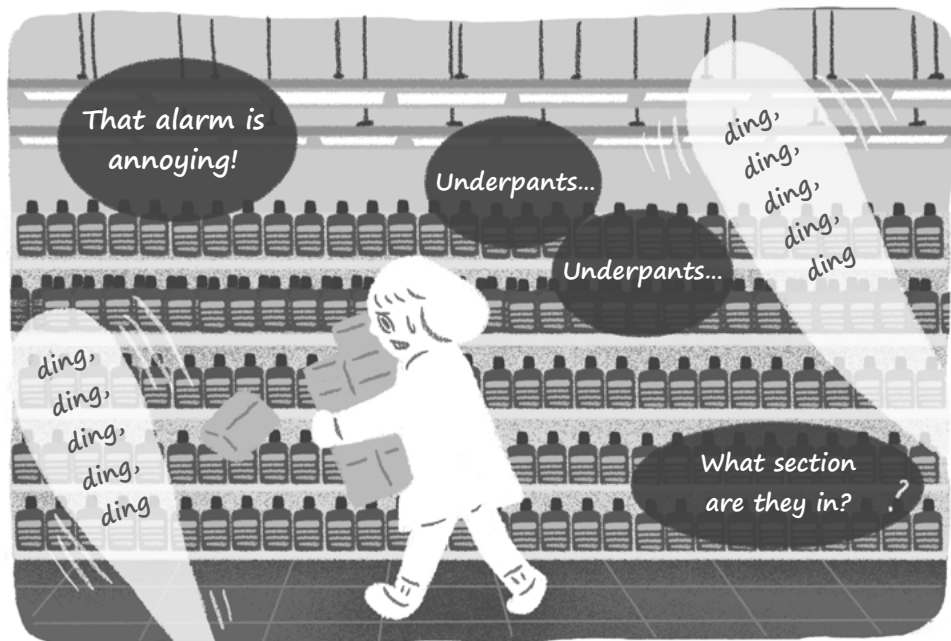
I'll just grab a  
few of each!

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ding,  
ding!

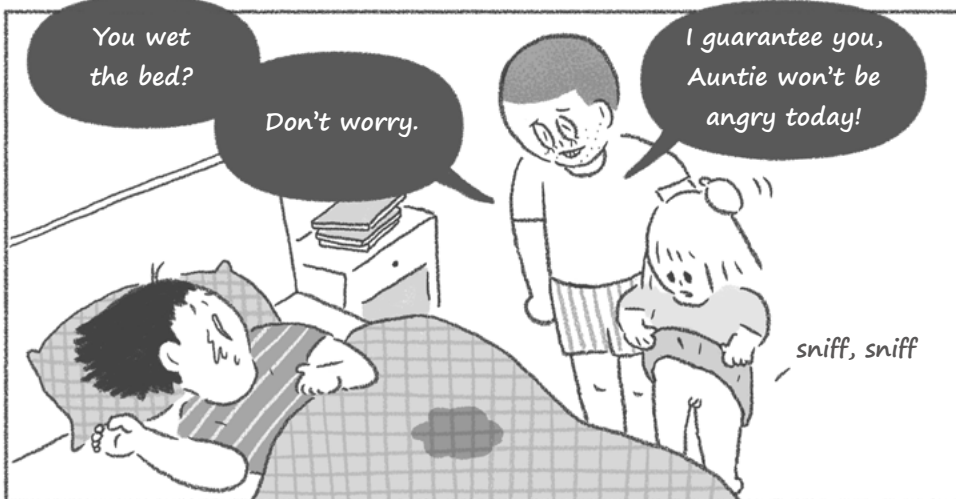
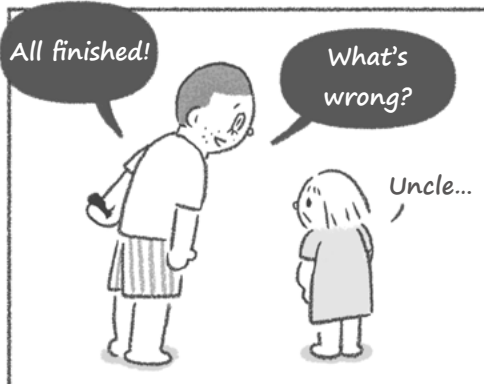
I'll use them  
one day!

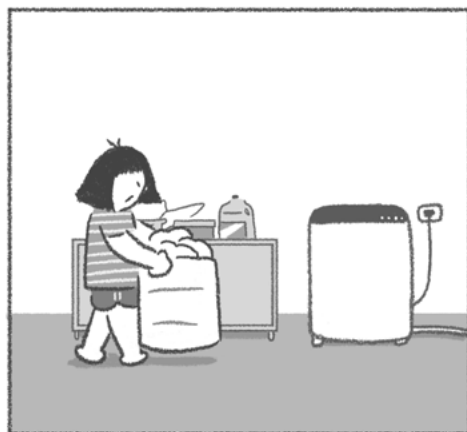


ding,  
ding,  
ding!









Dear Valued Customer:

We are very sorry for any inconvenience we have caused you.  
Please allow Happy E-books this opportunity to offer you



a free voucher for one Super Supermarket shopping experience for you and your child.

Wishing you Health and Happiness

The one-and-only Super Supermarket?

FREE?!

FREE!

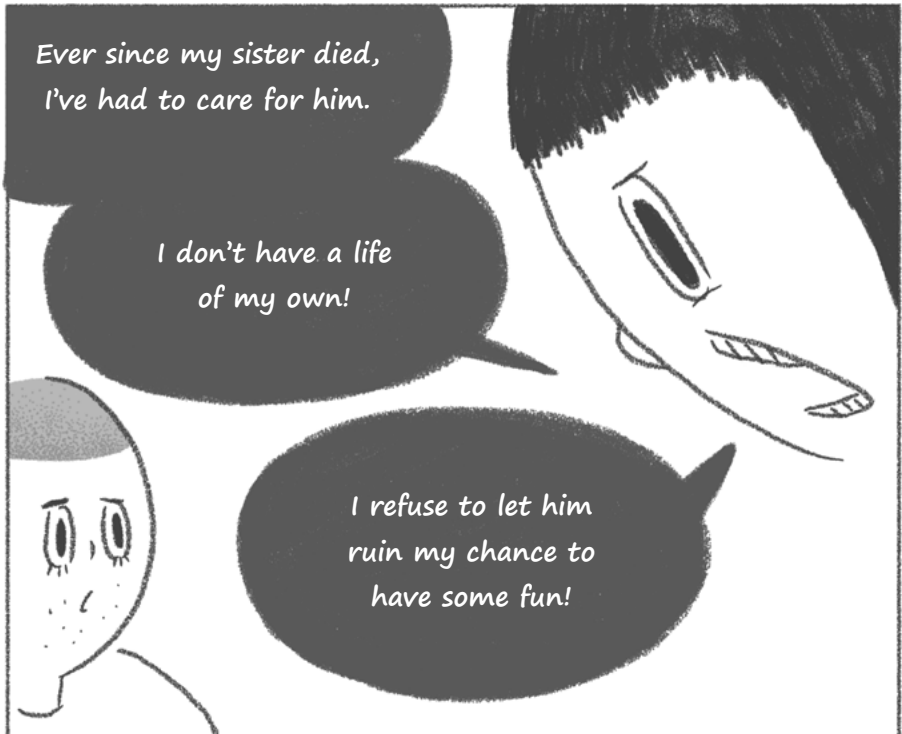
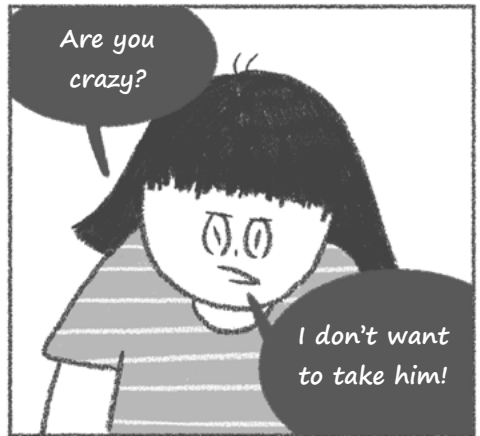
This is the best present I've received in my whole life!

I love you!

Hold on!

What about the boy?



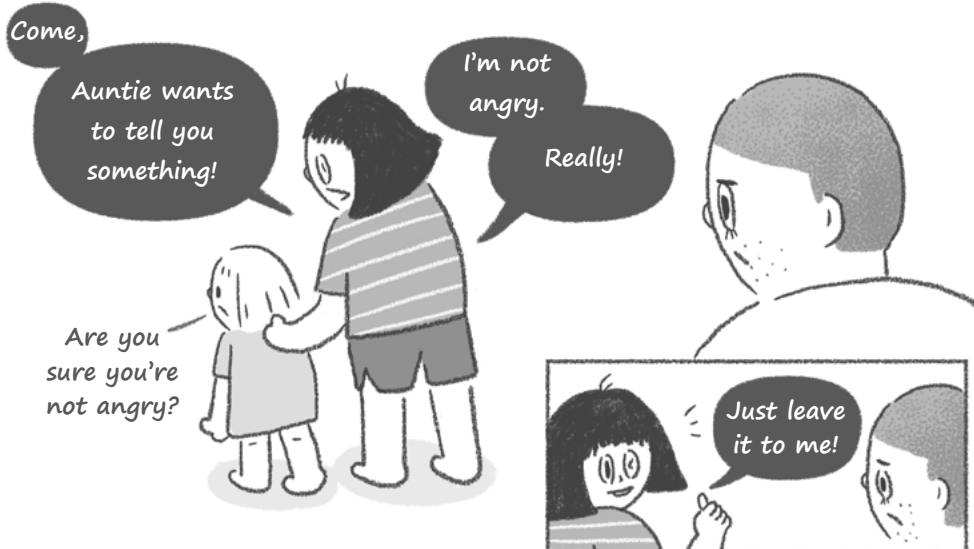




Please, don't be mad!



We just wash the sheets and everything's OK!



Are you sure you're not angry?

I'm not angry.

Really!



