

# Crossing THE ROAD

A CHICKEN-THEMED JOURNEY THROUGH LYNNWOOD HISTORY



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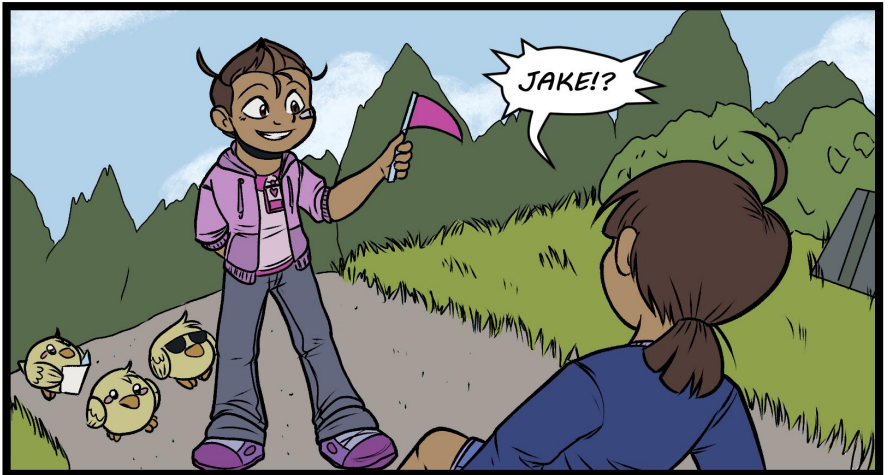
We acknowledge the original inhabitants of this area, the Snohomish people, and their successors, the Tulalip Tribes. Since time immemorial, they have hunted, fished, gathered, and taken care of these lands. We respect their sovereignty, their right to self-determination, and honor their sacred spiritual connection with the land and water. We will strive to be honest about our past mistakes and bring about a future that includes their people, stories, and voices to form a more just and equitable society.

THE INTERURBAN TRAIL- ONCE A BUSTLING ELECTRIC TROLLEY WAY, IT'S SINCE RETIRED INTO A BIKE PATH AND WALKING TRAIL... AND, FOR KIDS LIKE LUZVIMINDA GALVEZ, A QUIET SPOT AWAY FROM THE CITY TO ENJOY SOME PEACE AND REST.



HEY, OUT OF THE WAY! BEEP, BEEP! YOU'RE BLOCKING THE ROAD!

OR... USUALLY, ANYWAY.



JAKE!?

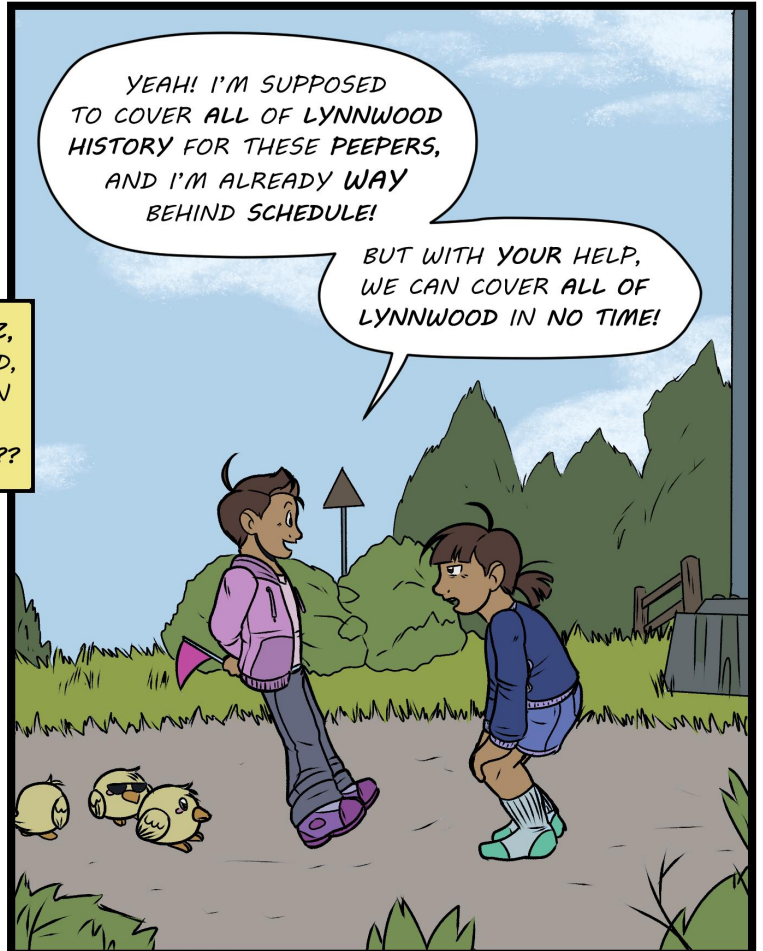
OH, HEY, LUZY! COME ON, YOU'RE JUST IN TIME FOR THE TOUR!

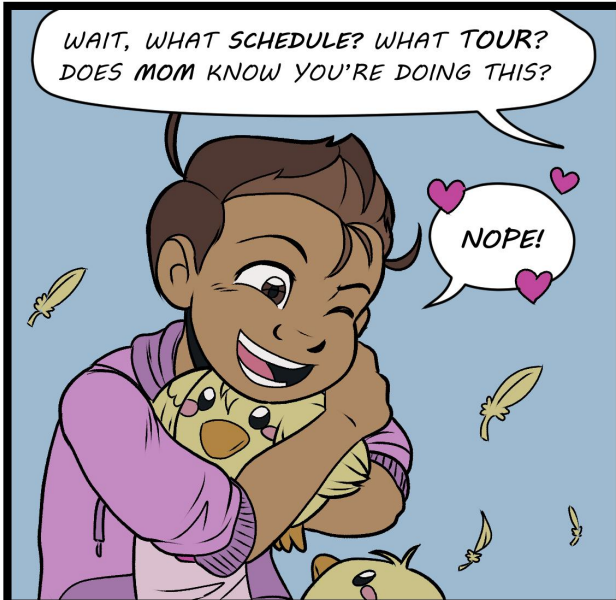
"TOUR"?

JAKE GALVEZ, 12 YEARS OLD, LUZY'S TWIN BROTHER, TOUR GUIDE??

YEAH! I'M SUPPOSED TO COVER ALL OF LYNNWOOD HISTORY FOR THESE PEEPERS, AND I'M ALREADY WAY BEHIND SCHEDULE!

BUT WITH YOUR HELP, WE CAN COVER ALL OF LYNNWOOD IN NO TIME!





\* STUH-BOOS, MEANING 'BLUNT FACE' IN LUSHOOTSEED, A SNOHOMISH NATIVE LANGUAGE.



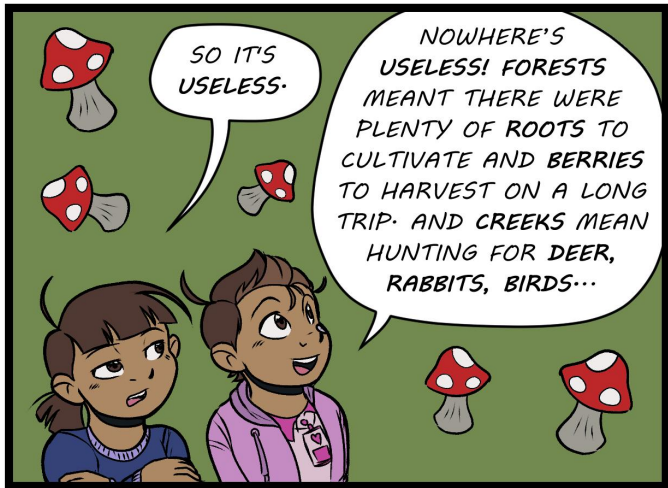


SO, TOUR FACT: EARLY LYNNWOOD WASN'T A SUPER INTERESTING PLACE FOR THE SNOHOMISH. THERE AREN'T ANY RIVERS OR CLEARINGS TO SET UP CAMPS HERE, JUST CREEKS AND SWAMP AND FOREST.

IT'S REALLY A TERRITORY TRIBES WOULD TRAVEL THROUGH IN THE SUMMER, ON THEIR WAY TO THE COAST OR TO THE SNOHOMISH RIVER, TO TRADE OR TO FOLLOW MIGRATION ROUTES.



SEE?



SO IT'S USELESS.

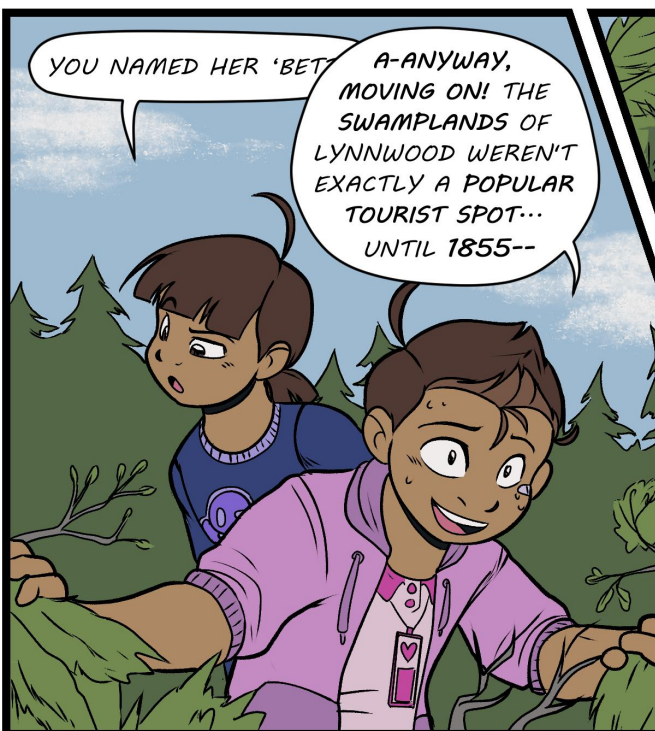
NOWHERE'S USELESS! FORESTS MEANT THERE WERE PLENTY OF ROOTS TO CULTIVATE AND BERRIES TO HARVEST ON A LONG TRIP. AND CREEKS MEAN HUNTING FOR DEER, RABBITS, BIRDS...



...CHICKENS?



OH, SORRY, BETTY! WE WON'T HUNT YOU.



YOU NAMED HER 'BETTY'?

A-ANYWAY, MOVING ON! THE SWAMPLANDS OF LYNNWOOD WEREN'T EXACTLY A POPULAR TOURIST SPOT... UNTIL 1855--



--WITH THE TREATY OF POINT ELLIOT.

THE SNOHOMISH, DUWAMISH, SKAGIT TRIBES... NONE OF THEM WANTED TO SETTLE ALL YEAR LONG IN THE SWAMP. BUT NEW EUROPEAN-AMERICANS DID. AND THEY WERE WILLING TO MAKE A DEAL.

EVERY NEW TRADING COMPANY, LOGGING MILL, AND MINE WANTED A BIG PIECE OF LAND TO REAP FOR RESOURCES.

SO TRIBES TRADED MILLIONS OF ACRES IN PLACES LIKE LYNNWOOD IN EXCHANGE FOR HOT DEALS: EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE, AND THE RESERVATION OF ANY LAND ACTUALLY IMPORTANT TO THEIR WAY OF LIFE.



LIKE WHEN I GAVE YOU A COOKIE SO YOU WOULDN'T EAT MY BIRTHDAY CAKE.

...AND LIKE WHEN YOU ATE THE COOKIE AND THEN ATE ALL MY CAKE, ANYWAY.

THAT TREATY DIDN'T LAST TOO LONG, HUH.

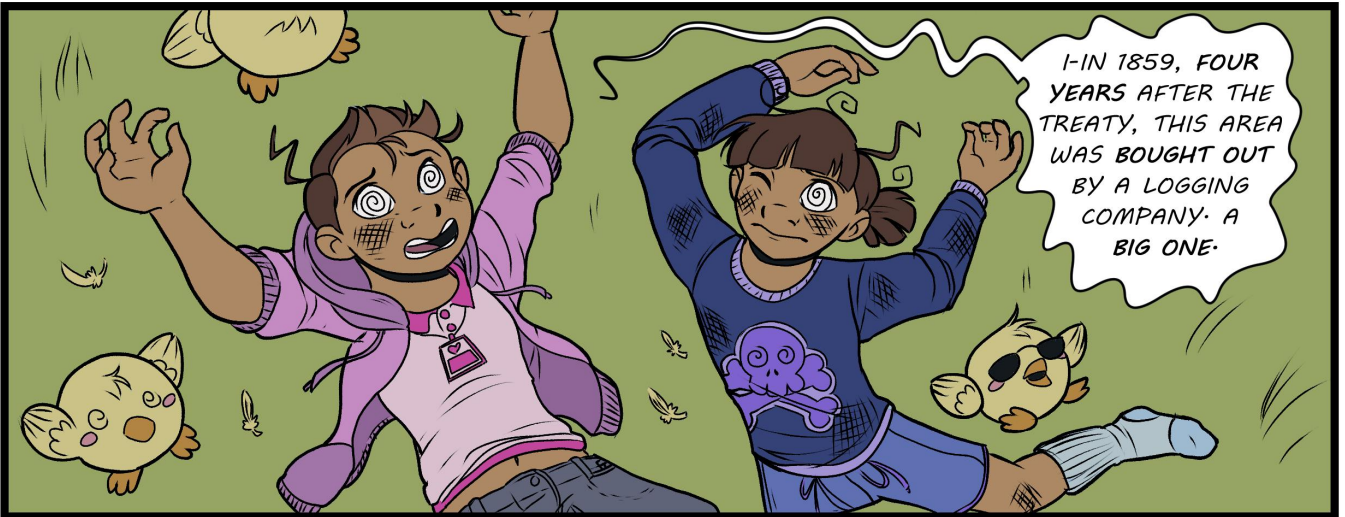
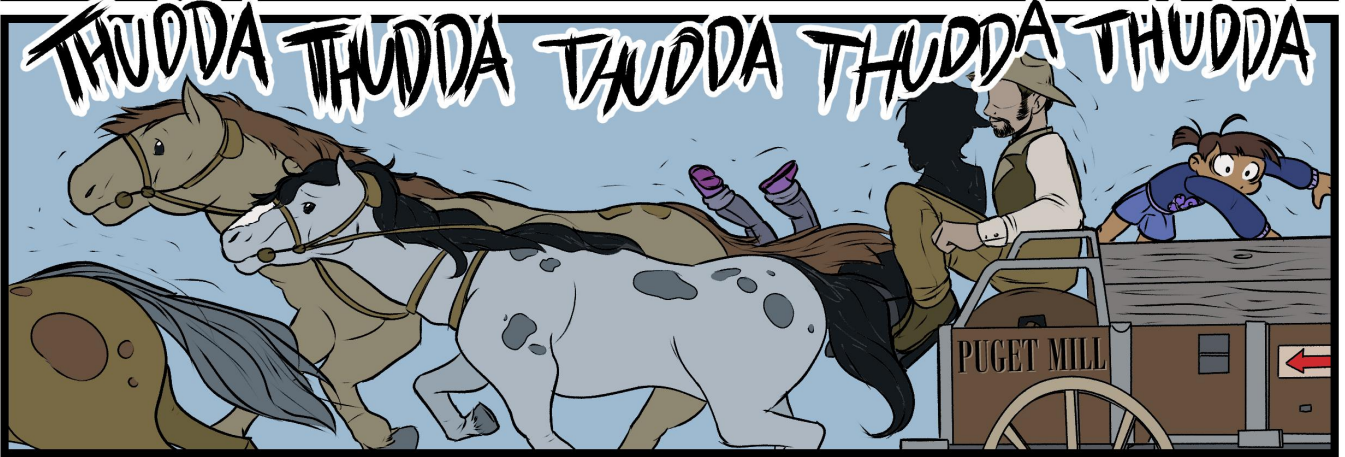
NOPE. A LOT OF ITS PROMISES WERE NEVER EVEN KEPT TO BEGIN WITH. SETTLERS HATED THE TREATIES, WITH PROTESTS AND ALTERATIONS UNDOING NEARLY EVERY DEAL IN THEM.

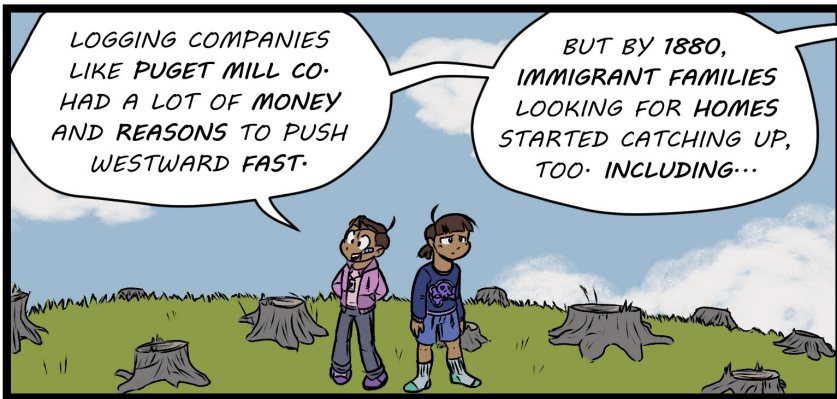
AS MORE SETTLERS MOVED IN AND LAND RAN OUT, THEY IGNORED RESERVATIONS, SPREAD RACIST RUMORS, AND TRIED TO FORCE NATIVES TO ADAPT TO THEIR CULTURE, INSTEAD.

YOU'RE ACTING LIKE THIS IS HISTORY, JAKE. BUT EVERYTHING YOU SAID IS STILL HAPPENING TODAY.

WHICH IS WHY WE'RE LEARNING HISTORY: TO DO BETTER NOW.

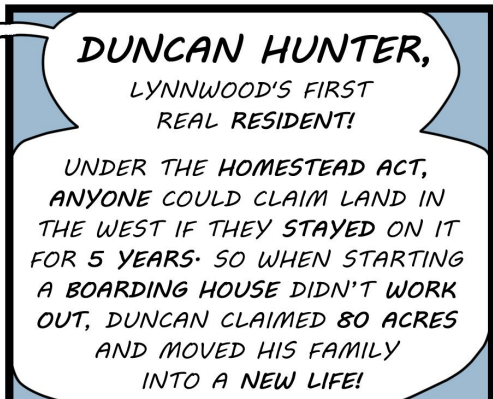






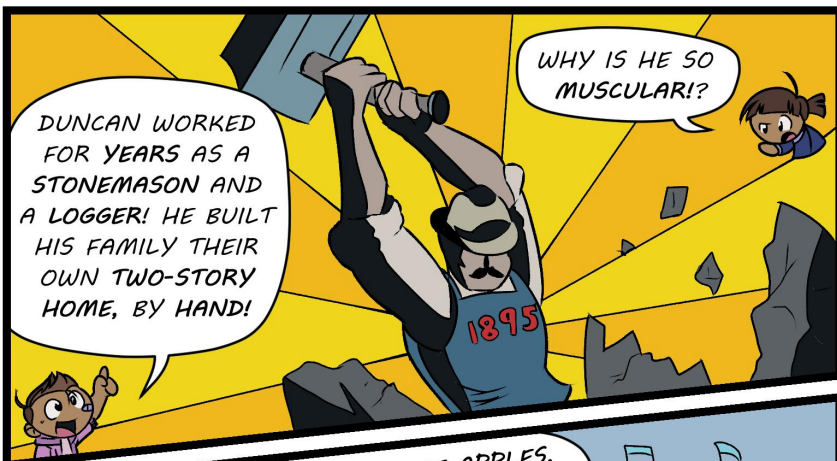
LOGGING COMPANIES LIKE PUGET MILL CO. HAD A LOT OF MONEY AND REASONS TO PUSH WESTWARD FAST.

BUT BY 1880, IMMIGRANT FAMILIES LOOKING FOR HOMES STARTED CATCHING UP, TOO. INCLUDING...



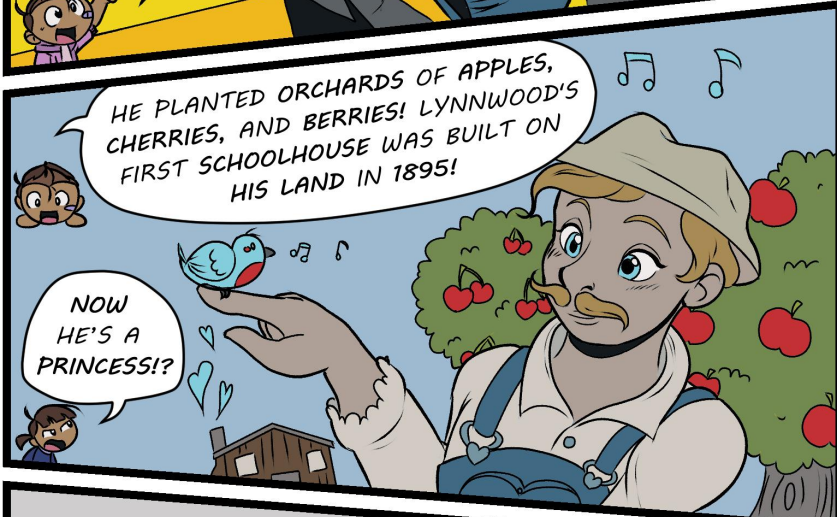
**DUNCAN HUNTER,**  
LYNNWOOD'S FIRST REAL RESIDENT!

UNDER THE HOMESTEAD ACT, ANYONE COULD CLAIM LAND IN THE WEST IF THEY STAYED ON IT FOR 5 YEARS. SO WHEN STARTING A BOARDING HOUSE DIDN'T WORK OUT, DUNCAN CLAIMED 80 ACRES AND MOVED HIS FAMILY INTO A NEW LIFE!



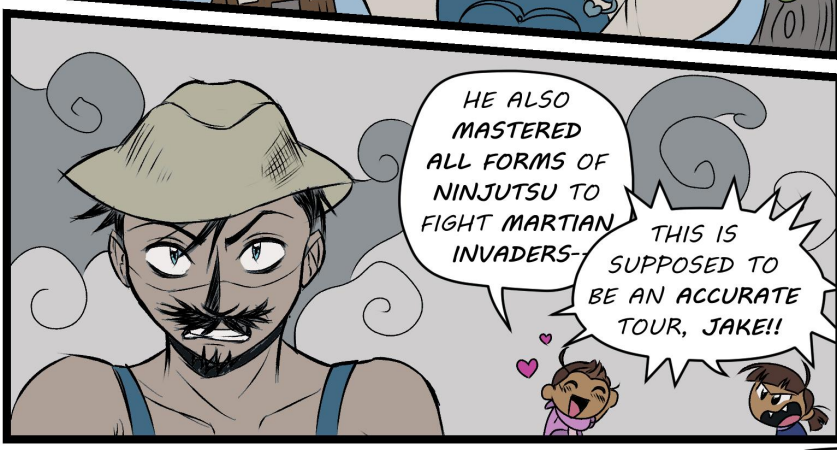
DUNCAN WORKED FOR YEARS AS A STONEMASON AND A LOGGER! HE BUILT HIS FAMILY THEIR OWN TWO-STORY HOME, BY HAND!

WHY IS HE SO MUSCULAR!?



HE PLANTED ORCHARDS OF APPLES, CHERRIES, AND BERRIES! LYNNWOOD'S FIRST SCHOOLHOUSE WAS BUILT ON HIS LAND IN 1895!

NOW HE'S A PRINCESS!?



HE ALSO MASTERED ALL FORMS OF NINJUTSU TO FIGHT MARTIAN INVADERS--

THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE AN ACCURATE TOUR, JAKE!!



...OKAY, SO THAT LAST ONE WAS MADE UP. BUT THE REST IS TRUE! MY POINT IS, DUNCAN HUNTER WAS THE START OF MAKING THE ALLEN PRECINCT MORE THAN A BUNCH OF RESOURCES.

IMMIGRANTS TURNED THE ALLEN PRECINCT INTO A HOME. AND WITH EVERY HOME... COMES GUESTS.

**HONK**

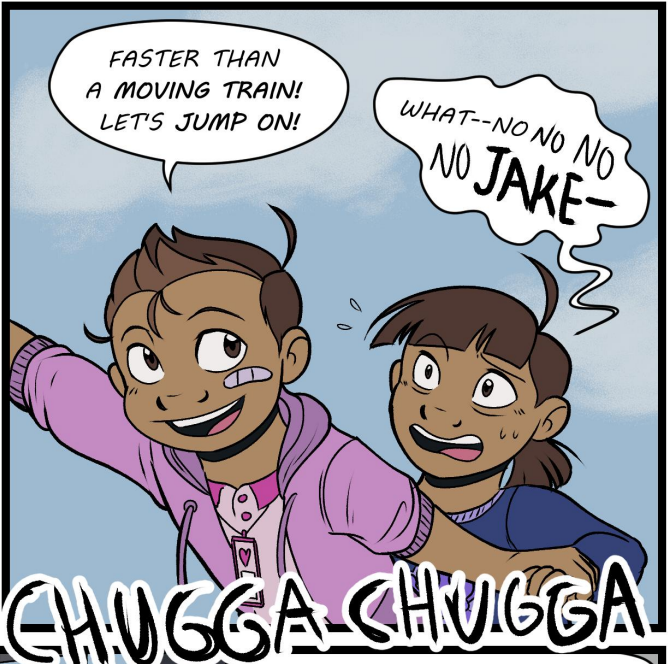
(AUTHOR'S NOTE: ARTISTIC RENDITION NOT ACCURATE TO THE REAL DUNCAN HUNTER.)





THINGS ARE HAPPENING FAST, HUH?

HONK



FASTER THAN A MOVING TRAIN! LET'S JUMP ON!

WHAT--NO NO NO NO NO JAKE--

CHUGGA-CHUGGA-CHUGGA-CHUGGA



TRAINS WERE ALL ACROSS THE US BY 1880, BUT IT WASN'T UNTIL THE 1900S--



--THAT THEIR TRACKS REACHED THIS FAR NORTHWEST!



SUDDENLY, GETTING THINGS TO AND FROM THE ALLEN PRECINCT GOT A WHOLE LOT EASIER THAN WAGONS.

SPEAK FOR YOURSELF!



BY 1909, THE ALLEN PRECINCT HAD ENOUGH PEOPLE TO BUILD HALL'S LAKE GRANGE: A COMMUNITY HOME FOR CLUB MEETINGS, DANCE HALLS, AND HOLIDAY PARTIES.

AND DURING THE 1910S, THAT COMMUNITY BUILT A MERCANTILE AND A POST OFFICE, ALL WITH THE RESOURCES FROM LOGGING AND STONECUTTING.

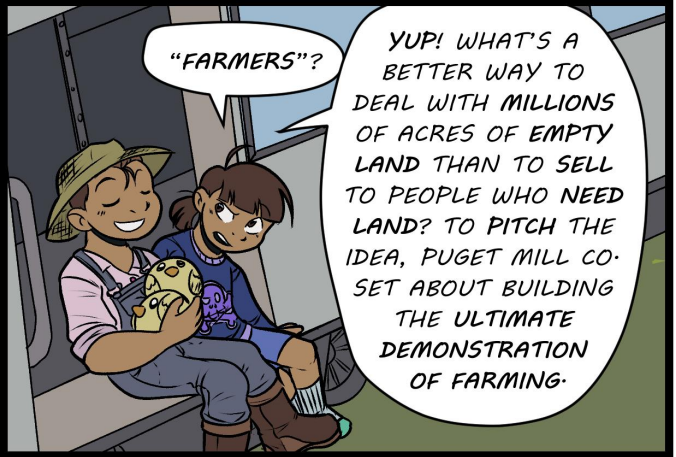


BUT BY 1917, THE PUGET MILL CO. HAD LOGGED JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING THEY COULD LOG, AND WERE LEFT WITH ACRES AND ACRES OF EMPTY STUMPS.

THEY NEEDED A NEW BUSINESS MODEL.



THEY NEEDED FARMERS.



"FARMERS"?

YUP! WHAT'S A BETTER WAY TO DEAL WITH MILLIONS OF ACRES OF EMPTY LAND THAN TO SELL TO PEOPLE WHO NEED LAND? TO PITCH THE IDEA, PUGET MILL CO. SET ABOUT BUILDING THE ULTIMATE DEMONSTRATION OF FARMING.



AND THEY CALLED IT DEMONSTRATION FARM.



THAT'S A REALLY UNCREATIVE NAME.

LOOK, THERE WERE A LOT OF NEW BUILDINGS. THEY CAN'T ALL BE CLEVER.

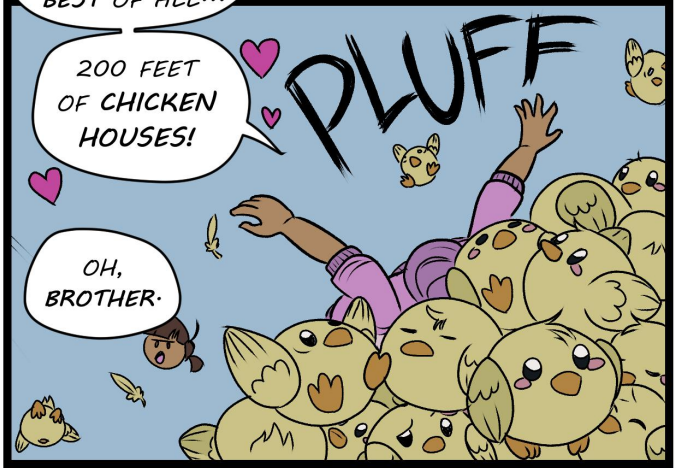
WAS IT NEXT TO TOWN CITY? OR WATER RIVER? OR LAKE FOREST PARK?

SHH!



ANYWAY, THE DEMONSTRATION FARM WAS THE HEIGHT OF FARM LUXURY!

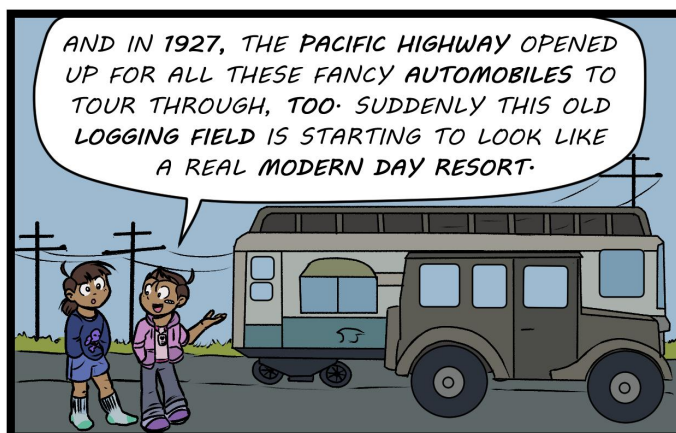
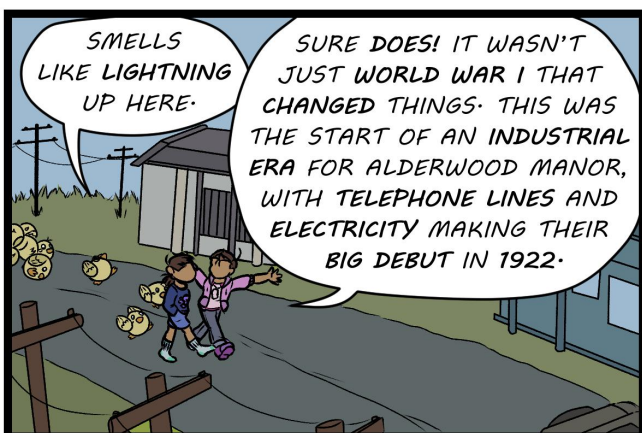
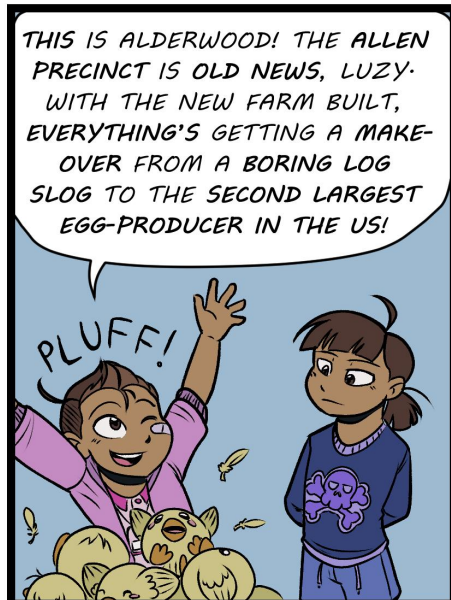
RUNNING WATER! ELECTRIC WIRING! A WATER TANK! THREE ORCHARDS! AND BEST OF ALL...

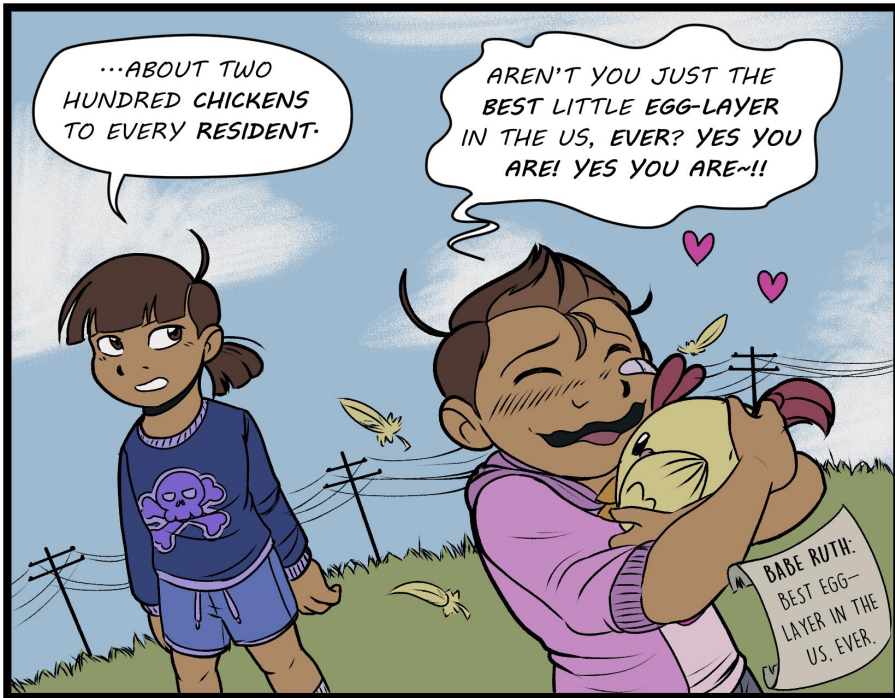


200 FEET OF CHICKEN HOUSES!

PLUFF

OH, BROTHER.





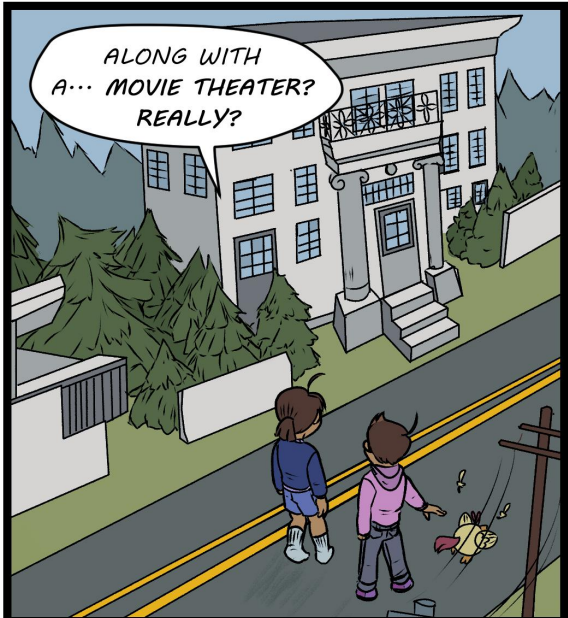
...ABOUT TWO HUNDRED CHICKENS TO EVERY RESIDENT.

AREN'T YOU JUST THE BEST LITTLE EGG-LAYER IN THE US, EVER? YES YOU ARE! YES YOU ARE~!!

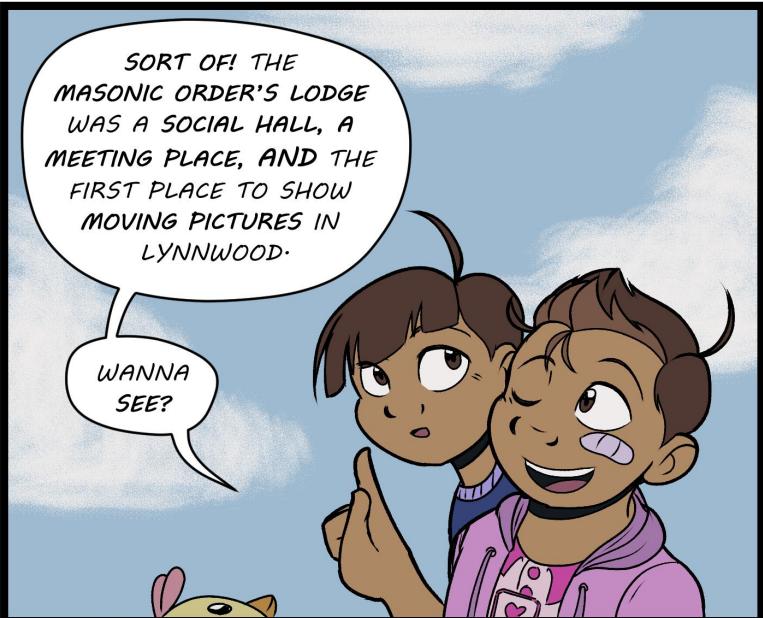


...ALSO, OUR SCHOOL WAS BUILT IN 1921.

BOOOOOOOO.

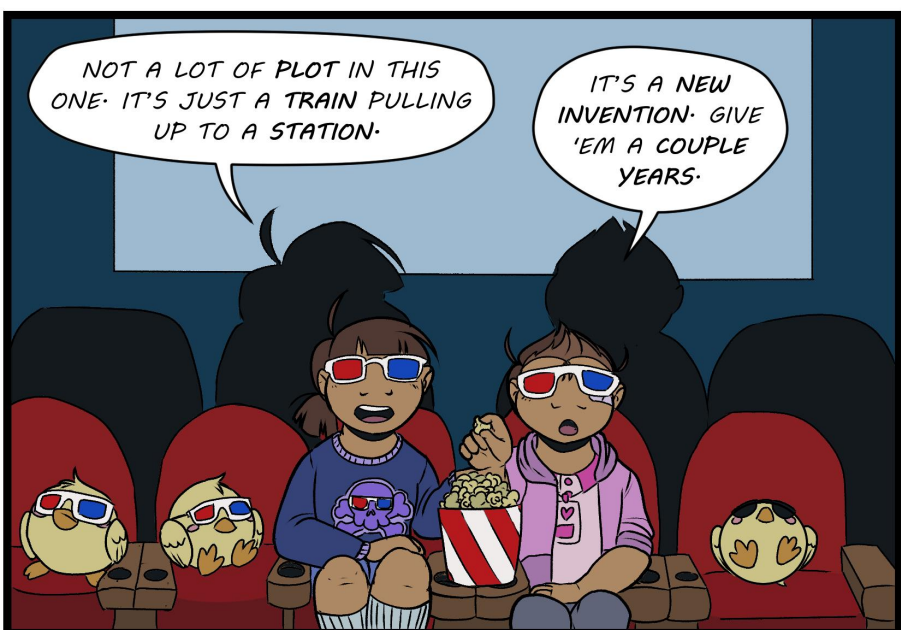


ALONG WITH A... MOVIE THEATER? REALLY?



SORT OF! THE MASONIC ORDER'S LODGE WAS A SOCIAL HALL, A MEETING PLACE, AND THE FIRST PLACE TO SHOW MOVING PICTURES IN LYNNWOOD.

WANNA SEE?



NOT A LOT OF PLOT IN THIS ONE. IT'S JUST A TRAIN PULLING UP TO A STATION.

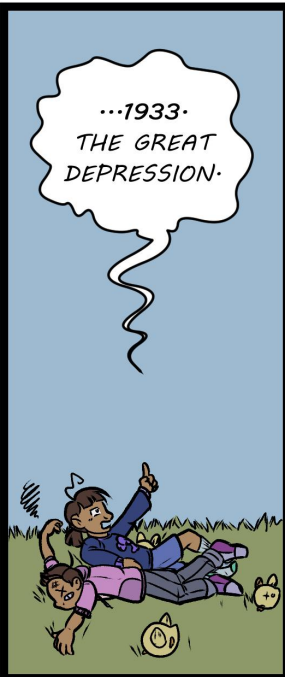
IT'S A NEW INVENTION. GIVE 'EM A COUPLE YEARS.



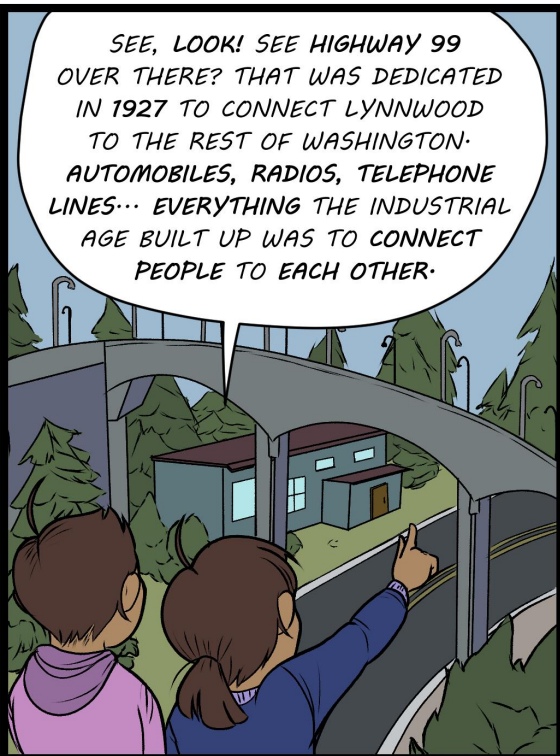
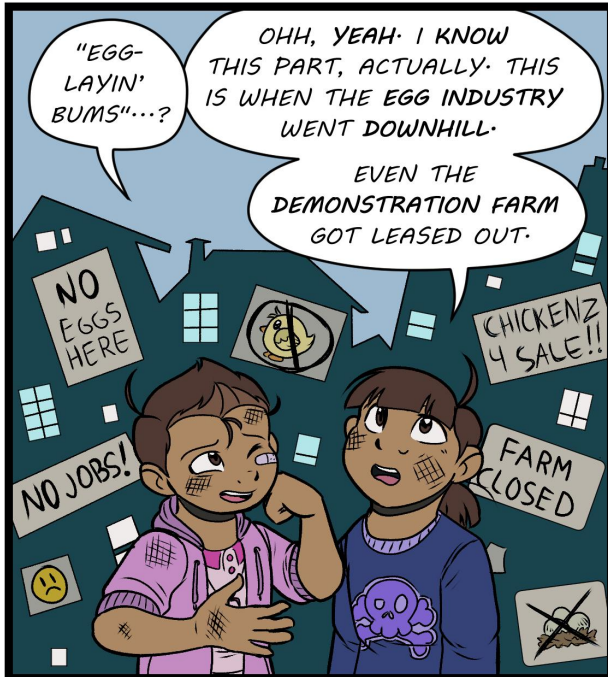
WAIT. BUT IF IT'S 1927 NOW,

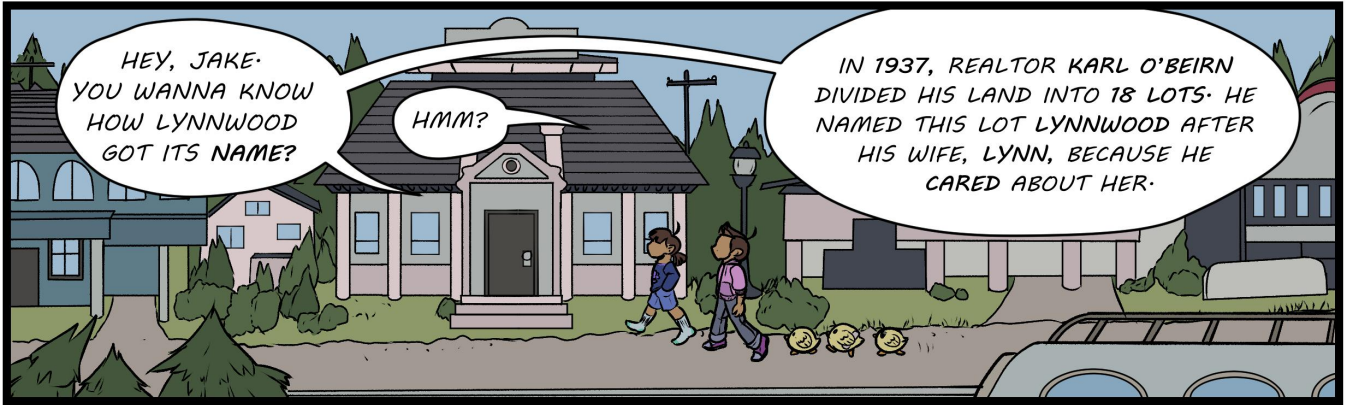
IN A COUPLE YEARS, IT'LL BE...

# PLUCK



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THE GREAT  
DEPRESSION.

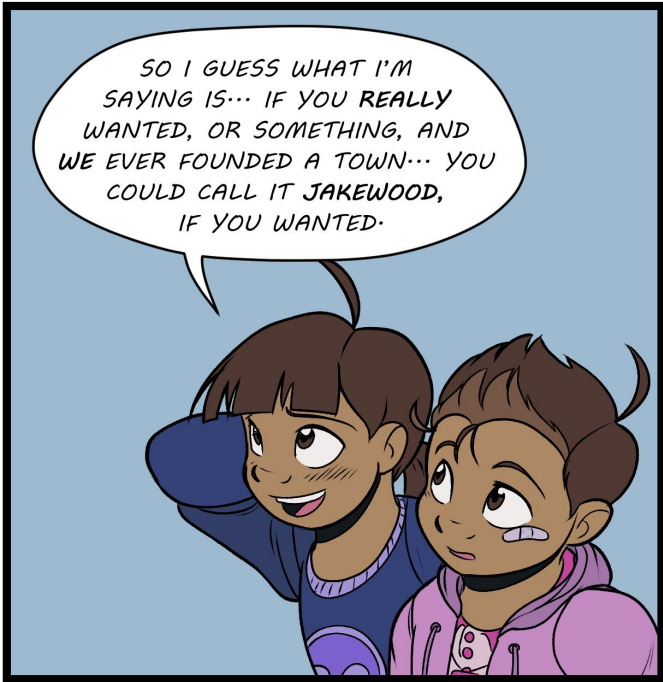




HEY, JAKE-  
YOU WANNA KNOW  
HOW LYNNWOOD  
GOT ITS NAME?

HMM?

IN 1937, REALTOR KARL O'BEIRN  
DIVIDED HIS LAND INTO 18 LOTS. HE  
NAMED THIS LOT LYNNWOOD AFTER  
HIS WIFE, LYNN, BECAUSE HE  
CARED ABOUT HER.

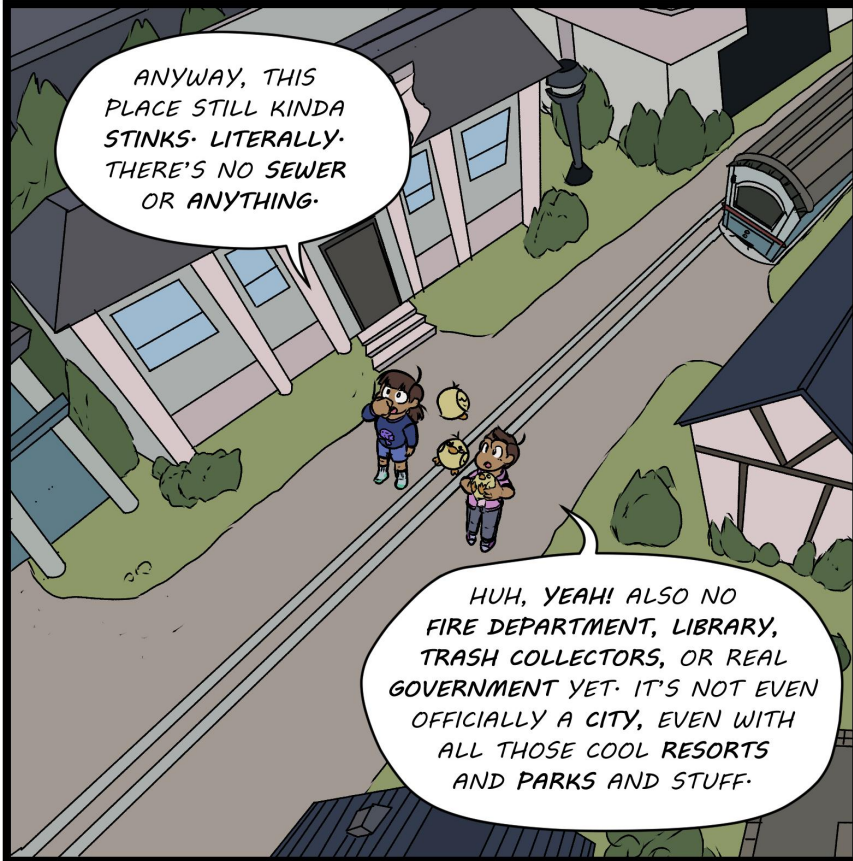


SO I GUESS WHAT I'M  
SAYING IS... IF YOU REALLY  
WANTED, OR SOMETHING, AND  
WE EVER FOUNDED A TOWN... YOU  
COULD CALL IT JAKEWOOD,  
IF YOU WANTED.



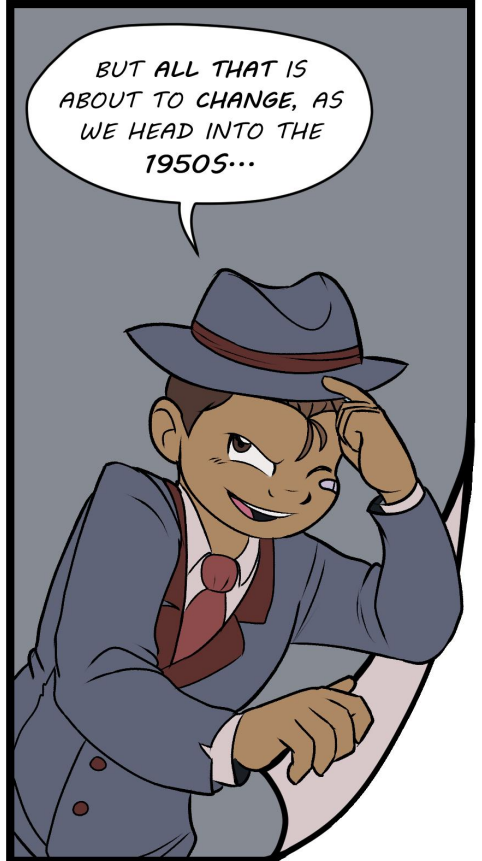
CAN WE CALL IT  
CHICKENTOPIA?

DON'T PUSH  
YOUR LUCK,  
DORK.

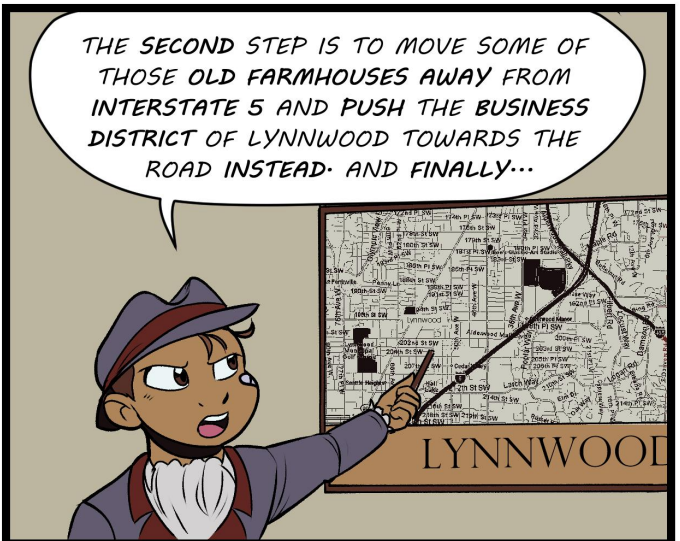
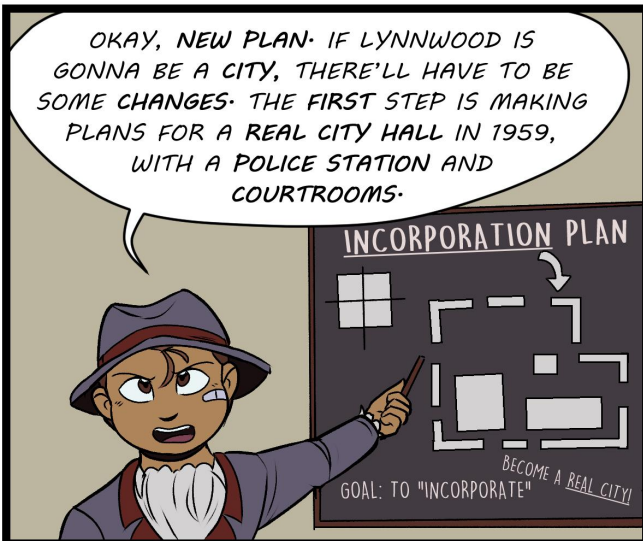
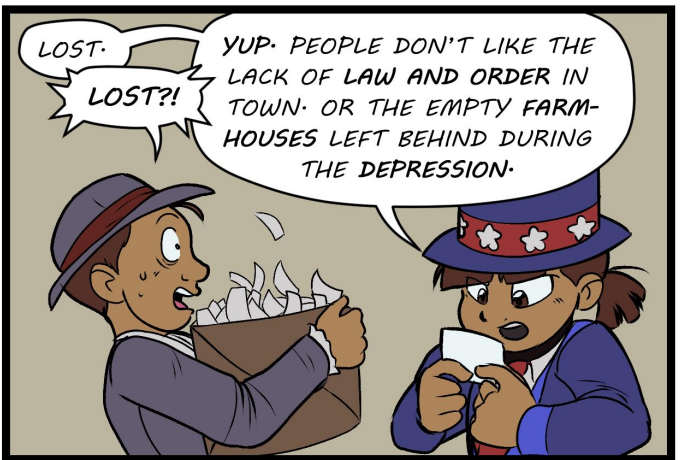


ANYWAY, THIS  
PLACE STILL KINDA  
STINKS. LITERALLY.  
THERE'S NO SEWER  
OR ANYTHING.

HUH, YEAH! ALSO NO  
FIRE DEPARTMENT, LIBRARY,  
TRASH COLLECTORS, OR REAL  
GOVERNMENT YET. IT'S NOT EVEN  
OFFICIALLY A CITY, EVEN WITH  
ALL THOSE COOL RESORTS  
AND PARKS AND STUFF.



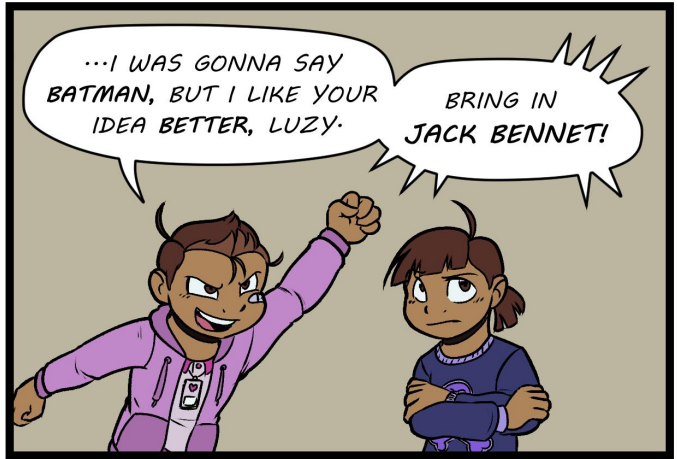
BUT ALL THAT IS  
ABOUT TO CHANGE, AS  
WE HEAD INTO THE  
1950S...





THE PEOPLE NEED A LEADER.

MAYBE A MAYOR WOULD HELP?

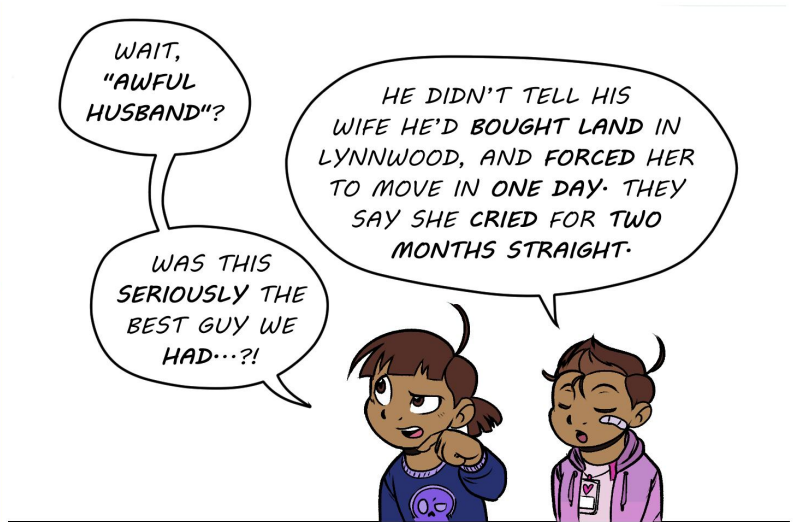


...I WAS GONNA SAY BATMAN, BUT I LIKE YOUR IDEA BETTER, LUZY.

BRING IN JACK BENNET!



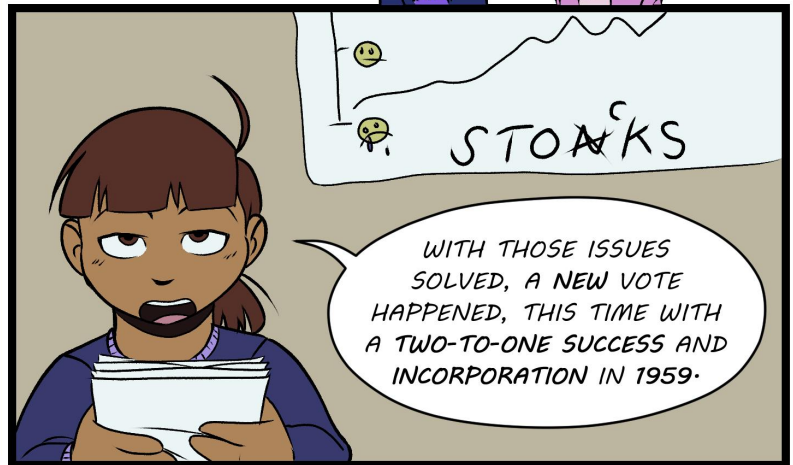
JACK BENNET.  
LAND OWNER.  
LYNNWOOD'S FIRST  
OFFICIAL MAYOR.  
GREAT POLITICIAN.  
AWFUL HUSBAND.



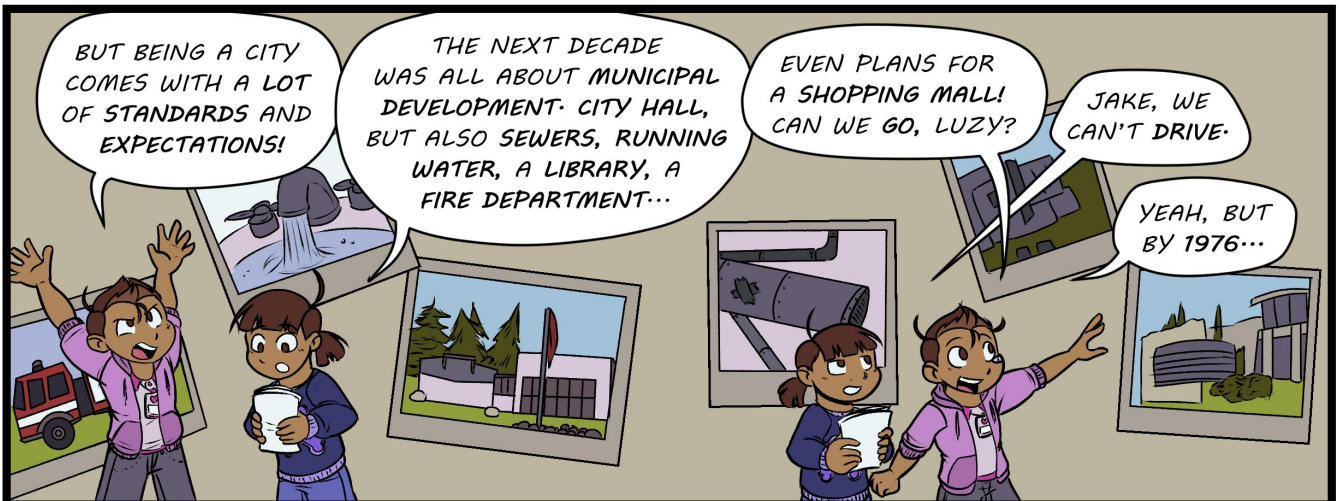
WAIT, "AWFUL HUSBAND"?

HE DIDN'T TELL HIS WIFE HE'D BOUGHT LAND IN LYNNWOOD, AND FORCED HER TO MOVE IN ONE DAY. THEY SAY SHE CRIED FOR TWO MONTHS STRAIGHT.

WAS THIS SERIOUSLY THE BEST GUY WE HAD...?!



WITH THOSE ISSUES SOLVED, A NEW VOTE HAPPENED, THIS TIME WITH A TWO-TO-ONE SUCCESS AND INCORPORATION IN 1959.



BUT BEING A CITY COMES WITH A LOT OF STANDARDS AND EXPECTATIONS!

THE NEXT DECADE WAS ALL ABOUT MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT. CITY HALL, BUT ALSO SEWERS, RUNNING WATER, A LIBRARY, A FIRE DEPARTMENT...

EVEN PLANS FOR A SHOPPING MALL! CAN WE GO, LUZY?

JAKE, WE CAN'T DRIVE.

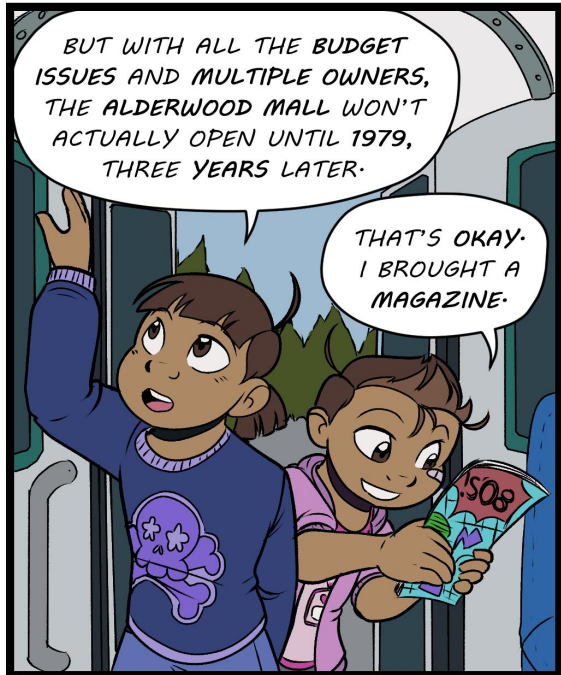
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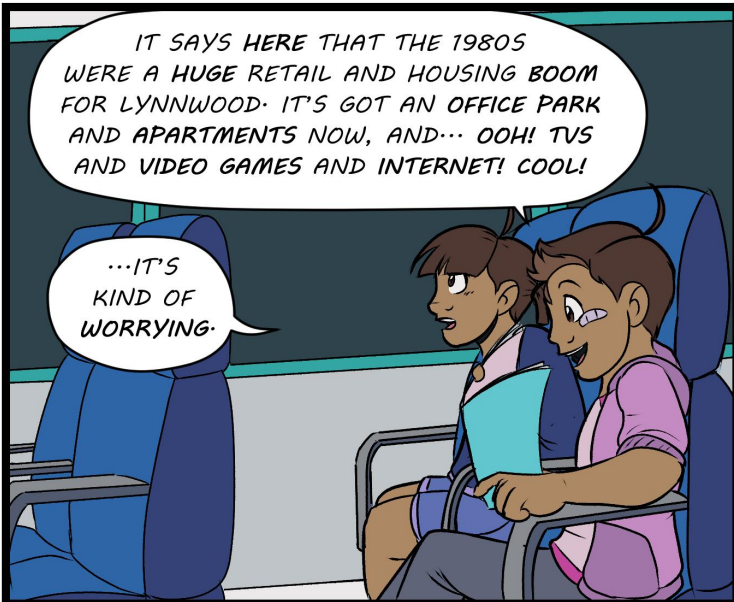
WE CAN TAKE A BUS!

OH, YEAH. INTERSTATE 5 OPENED IN 1965, AND COMMUNITY TRANSIT BEGAN IN 1976.



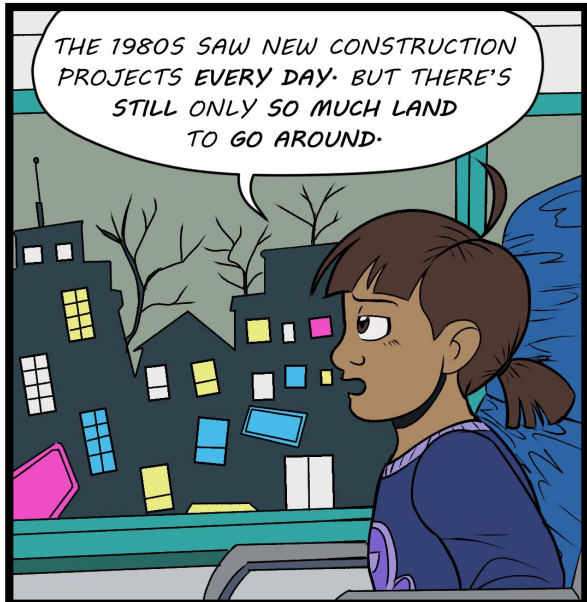
BUT WITH ALL THE BUDGET ISSUES AND MULTIPLE OWNERS, THE ALDERWOOD MALL WON'T ACTUALLY OPEN UNTIL 1979, THREE YEARS LATER.

THAT'S OKAY. I BROUGHT A MAGAZINE.



IT SAYS HERE THAT THE 1980S WERE A HUGE RETAIL AND HOUSING BOOM FOR LYNNWOOD. IT'S GOT AN OFFICE PARK AND APARTMENTS NOW, AND... OOH! TVS AND VIDEO GAMES AND INTERNET! COOL!

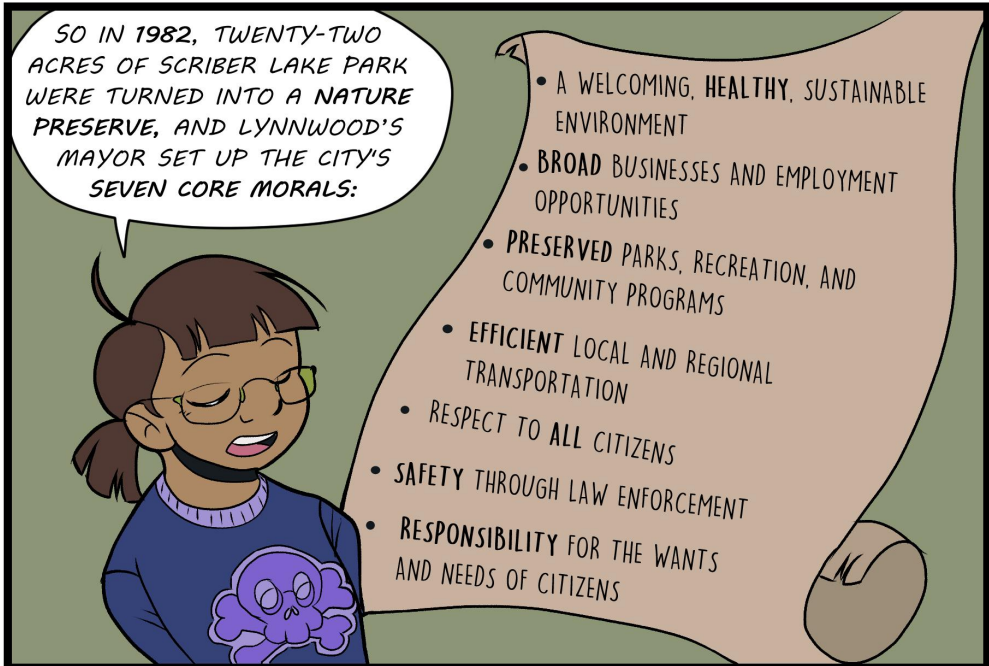
...IT'S KIND OF WORRYING.



THE 1980S SAW NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS EVERY DAY. BUT THERE'S STILL ONLY SO MUCH LAND TO GO AROUND.



LOCAL WATER QUALITY PLUMMETED DUE TO CONSTRUCTION ALREADY IN 1966. TO KEEP EVERYONE'S HEALTH SAFE, LYNNWOOD WANTED TO FIND A BALANCE BETWEEN RETAIL AND NATURE.



SO IN 1982, TWENTY-TWO ACRES OF SCRIBER LAKE PARK WERE TURNED INTO A NATURE PRESERVE, AND LYNNWOOD'S MAYOR SET UP THE CITY'S SEVEN CORE MORALS:

- A WELCOMING, HEALTHY, SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT
- BROAD BUSINESSES AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
- PRESERVED PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS
- EFFICIENT LOCAL AND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
- RESPECT TO ALL CITIZENS
- SAFETY THROUGH LAW ENFORCEMENT
- RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WANTS AND NEEDS OF CITIZENS



THAT MAKES SENSE. IT'S NOT THE WILD WEST ANYMORE. WE CAN'T RUSH FORWARD CUTTING DOWN EVERY TREE IN THE FOREST LIKE PUGET MILL CO.

YEAH. THIS IS THE ONLY LAND WE HAVE. WE HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF IT.



BLUH... IT'S A LOT OF PRESSURE TO LEARN FROM HISTORY.

NO KIDDING. LUCKILY FOR US, THE LYNNWOOD-ALDERWOOD MANOR HERITAGE ASSOCIATION WAS FORMED IN 1991 TO TRACK LOCAL HISTORY FOR US.



OH YEAH, MY EMPLOYERS!

E-EMPLOYERS?!



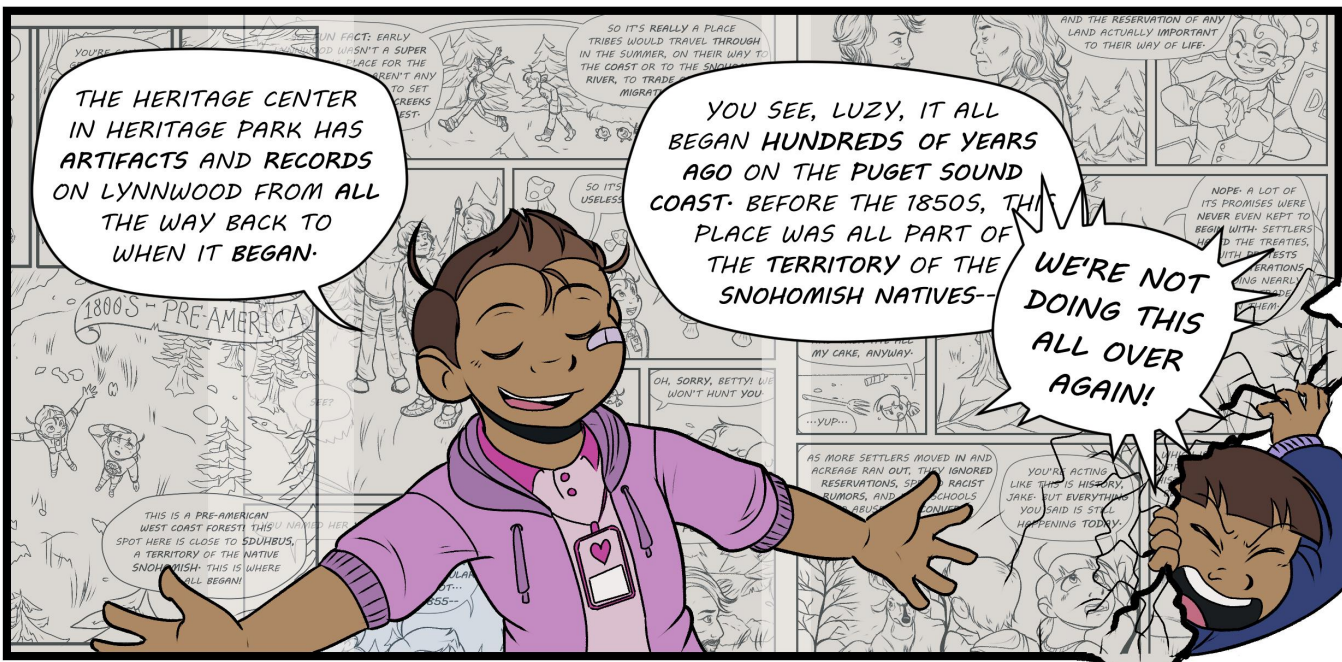
YEAH!

THEY SAID THEY'D GIVE ME A WHOLE BAG OF CHOCOLATE-COVERED PEANUTS IF I TAUGHT PEOPLE ABOUT HISTORY!

THEY DID?!



WAIT, WHY AM I NOT GETTING PAID, TOO?!

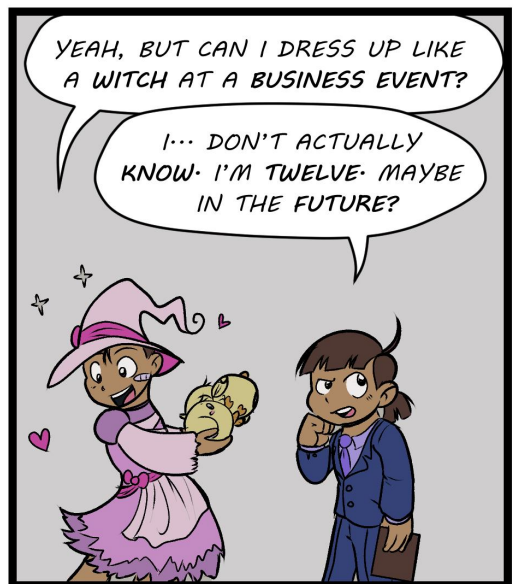
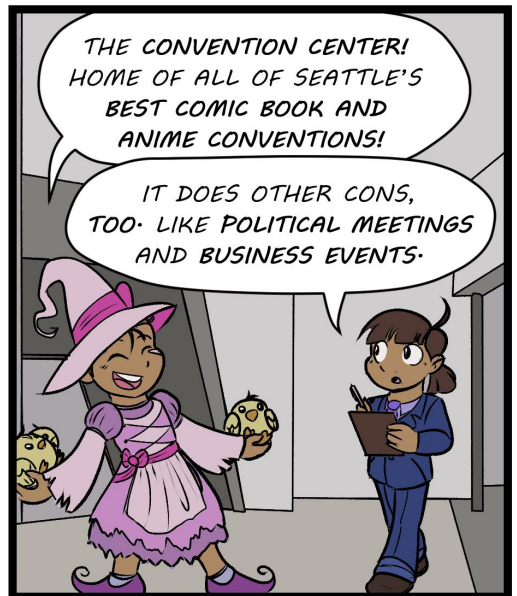
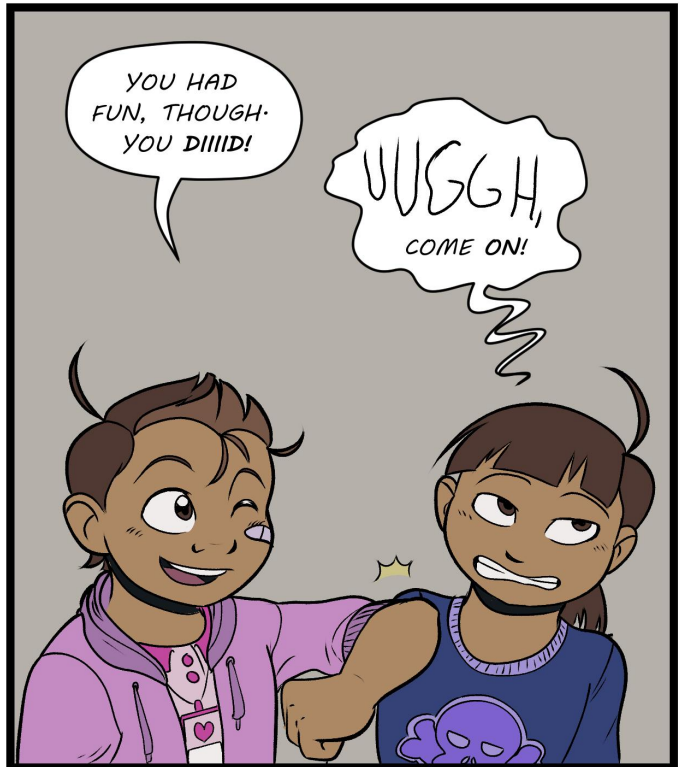


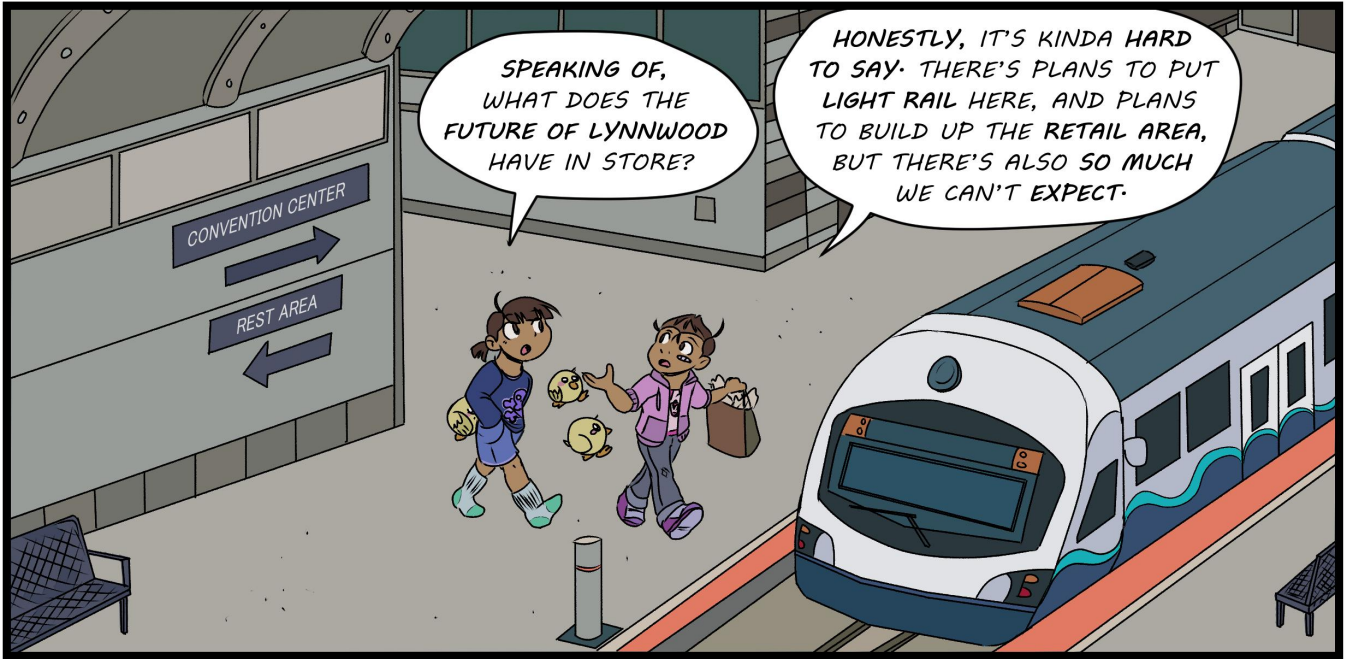
THE HERITAGE CENTER IN HERITAGE PARK HAS ARTIFACTS AND RECORDS ON LYNNWOOD FROM ALL THE WAY BACK TO WHEN IT BEGAN.

YOU SEE, LUZY, IT ALL BEGAN HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO ON THE PUGET SOUND COAST. BEFORE THE 1850S, THE PLACE WAS ALL PART OF THE TERRITORY OF THE SNOHOMISH NATIVES--

WE'RE NOT DOING THIS ALL OVER AGAIN!

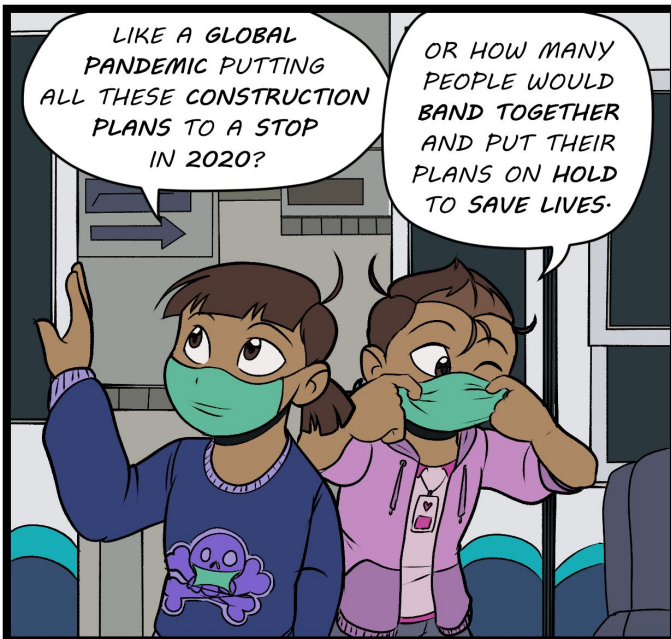
IN FACT, EARLY TRIBES WOULD TRAVEL THROUGH THE SUMMER, ON THEIR WAY TO THE COAST OR TO THE SNOHOMISH RIVER, TO TRADE AND MIGRATE. SO IT'S REALLY A PLACE THAT WASN'T A SUPER PLACE FOR THE WOODS. THERE WEREN'T ANY TREES TO SET TRAPS FOR. IT WAS USELESS. OH, SORRY, BETTY! WE WON'T HUNT YOU. ...YUP... AS MORE SETTLERS MOVED IN AND ACRES BEGAN TO BE USED, THEY IGNORED RESERVATIONS, STOLE LAND, AND SPREAD RUMORS, AND... YOU'RE ACTING LIKE THAT IS HISTORY. JAKE, BUT EVERYTHING YOU SAID IS STILL HAPPENING TODAY. NOPE. A LOT OF ITS PROMISES WERE NEVER EVEN KEPT TO BEGIN WITH. SETTLERS BROKE THE TREATIES, WITH THE TESTS OF SEVERAL GENERATIONS (AND NEARLY 200 YEARS) LATER. AND THE RESERVATION OF ANY LAND ACTUALLY IMPORTANT TO THEIR WAY OF LIFE.





SPEAKING OF, WHAT DOES THE FUTURE OF LYNNWOOD HAVE IN STORE?

HONESTLY, IT'S KINDA HARD TO SAY. THERE'S PLANS TO PUT LIGHT RAIL HERE, AND PLANS TO BUILD UP THE RETAIL AREA, BUT THERE'S ALSO SO MUCH WE CAN'T EXPECT.



LIKE A GLOBAL PANDEMIC PUTTING ALL THESE CONSTRUCTION PLANS TO A STOP IN 2020?

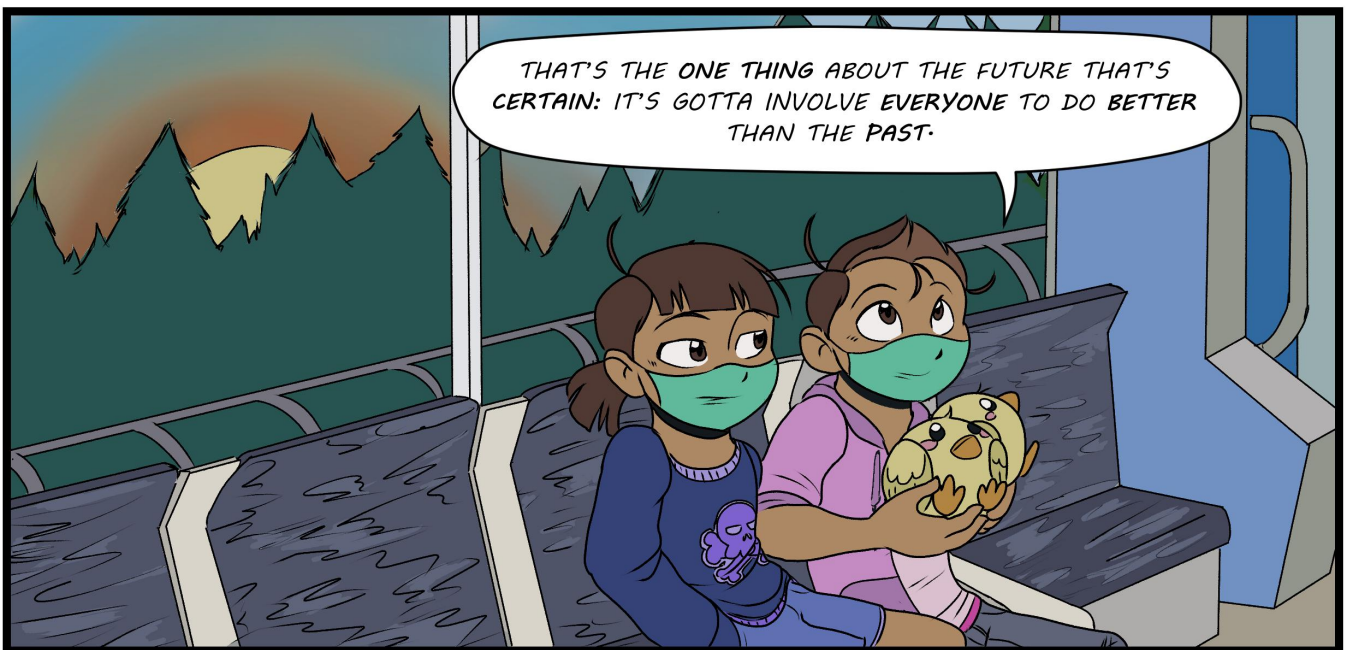
OR HOW MANY PEOPLE WOULD BAND TOGETHER AND PUT THEIR PLANS ON HOLD TO SAVE LIVES.



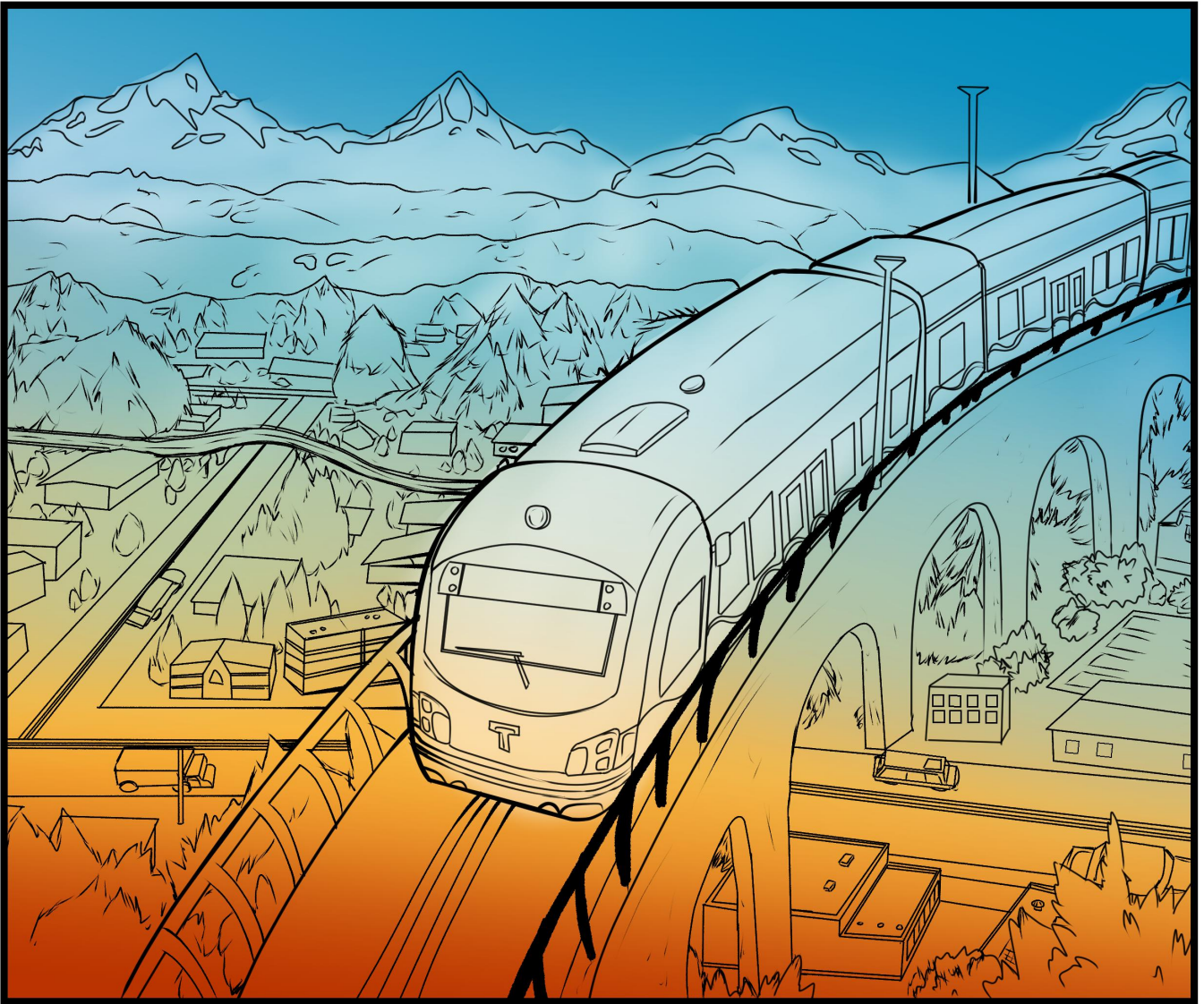
C'MON, THAT WASN'T A SURPRISE. REMEMBER DUNCAN HUNTER? OR THE GREAT DEPRESSION? OR EVEN THE NAME? LYNNWOOD PEOPLE ALWAYS BAND TOGETHER.



YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.



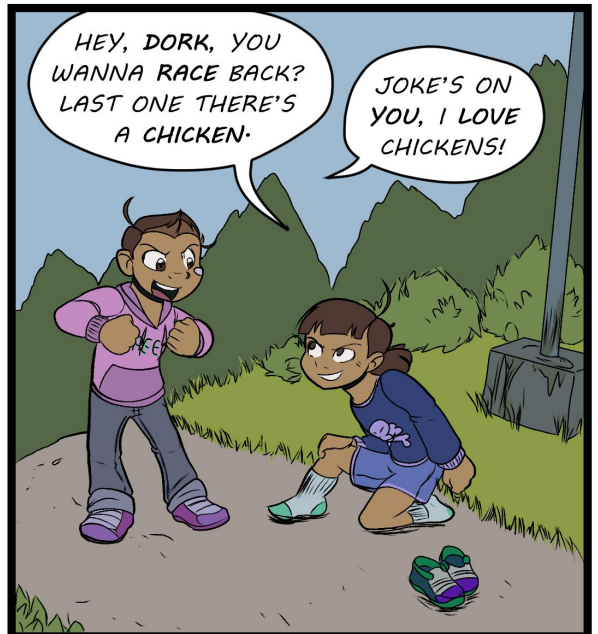
THAT'S THE ONE THING ABOUT THE FUTURE THAT'S CERTAIN: IT'S GOTTA INVOLVE EVERYONE TO DO BETTER THAN THE PAST.



...LUZY?

LUZY, C'MON,  
WAKE UP!

WE GOTTA  
GO HOME!





LIVING IN LYNNWOOD, LUZMINDA GALVEZ IS PRETTY FAMILIAR WITH ALL THE CITY'S LANDMARKS, SUCH AS THE INTERURBAN TRAIL OR THE ALDERWOOD MALL. BUT HOW DID THOSE PLACES COME TO BE? WHEN HER FEARLESS, CHICKEN-LOVING TWIN BROTHER ACCEPTS A JOB AS A "TOUR GUIDE" FOR LYNNWOOD, LUZY FINDS HERSELF DRAGGED ALONG WITH HIM ON A MAGICAL TOUR THROUGH HISTORY, FROM THE PRE-AMERICAN WEST COAST TO THE TECHNOLOGICAL FUTURE. CAN LUZY KEEP UP WITH HISTORY ENOUGH TO GET THEM BOTH HOME AGAIN IN ONE PIECE?

THIS COMIC CONTAINS A FREE COLORING PAGE ON PAGE 4, AS WELL AS A SCAVENGER HUNT! CAN YOU FIND THE FOLLOWING WASHINGTON ICONS IN THE STORY?

- \* BIGFOOT
- \* TROLLEY CAR
- \* APPLE
- \* PRIDE BUTTON
- \* TULIP
- \* UFO
- \* DEER
- \* MOUNTAINS
- \* SPACE NEEDLE
- \* FIRETRUCK



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