

The Many Adventures of Gus & Copernicus

(The first super rough 36 pages)



Please note, yes, these early character designs look awesome, but I am looking for an artist.

Dear Reader,

The following pages are to demonstrate my planning process, comic writing and pacing ability, and to give you a fun glimpse of the story.

This is not intended to sell my art skills. I want to partner with an artist to tell this story.

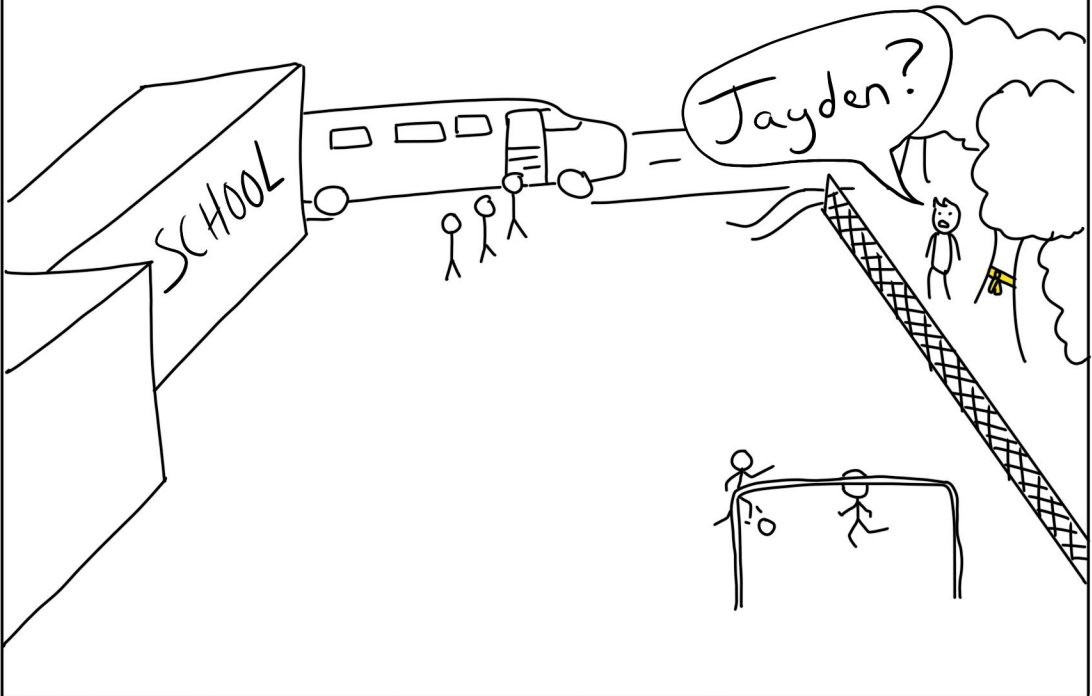
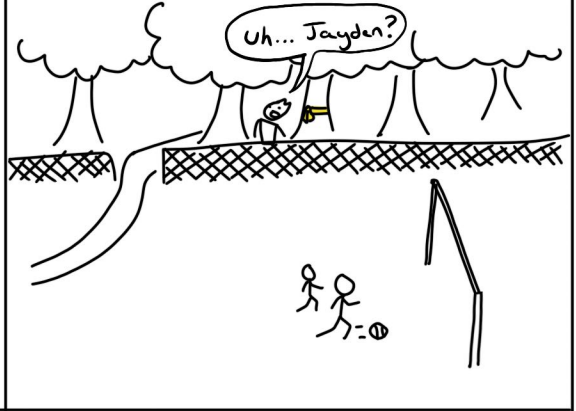
The art gets rougher as it progresses to give a more realistic view of my process. Normally, no one sees this but me and maybe the artist!

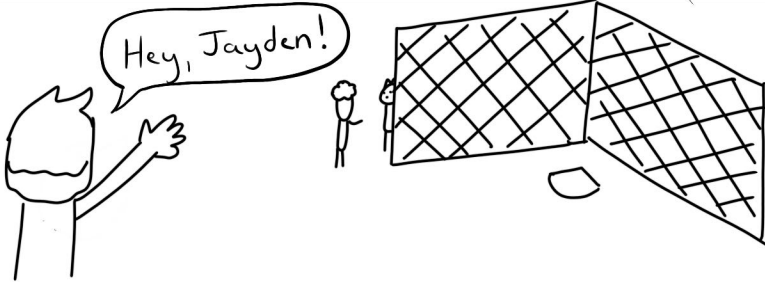
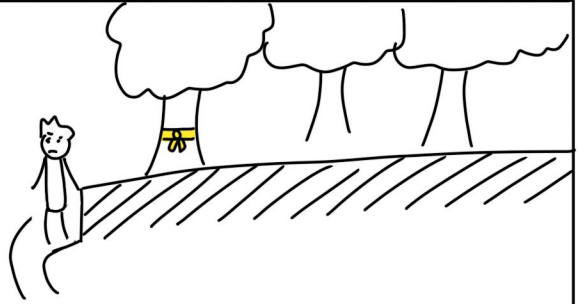
Enjoy,
Kyle



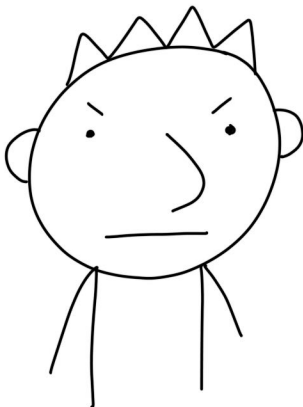
THE REAL WORLD.

Now.





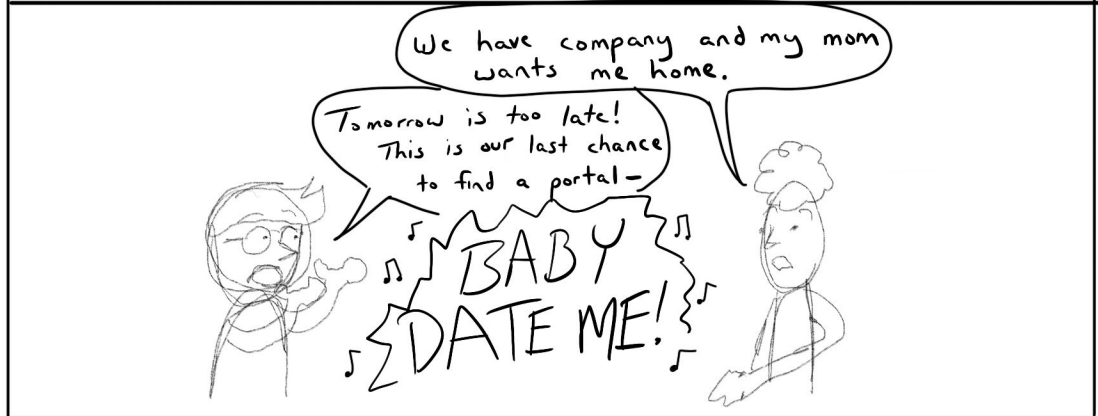
Is that...



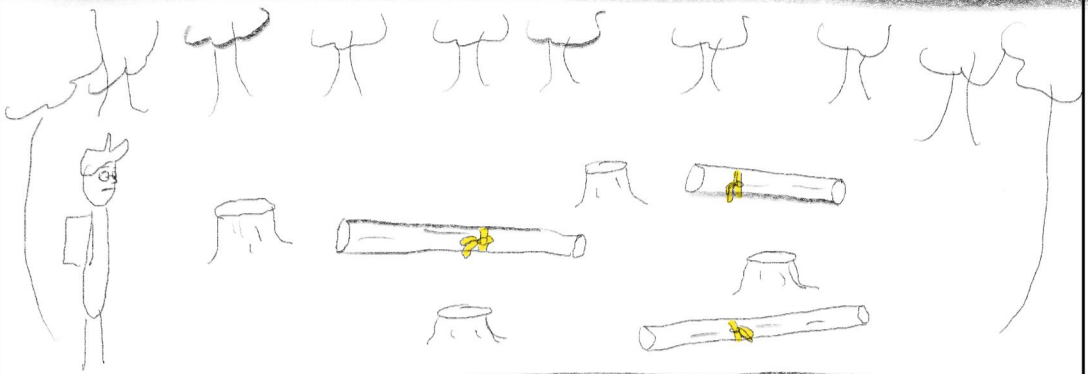
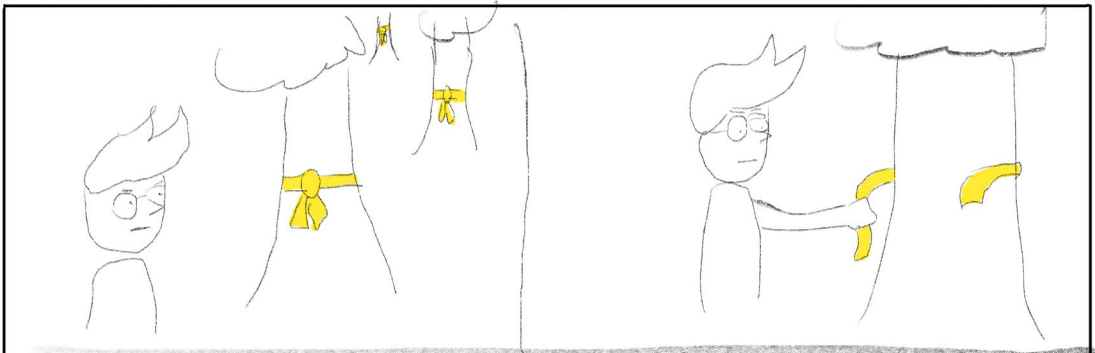
HUNTER WILLIAMS

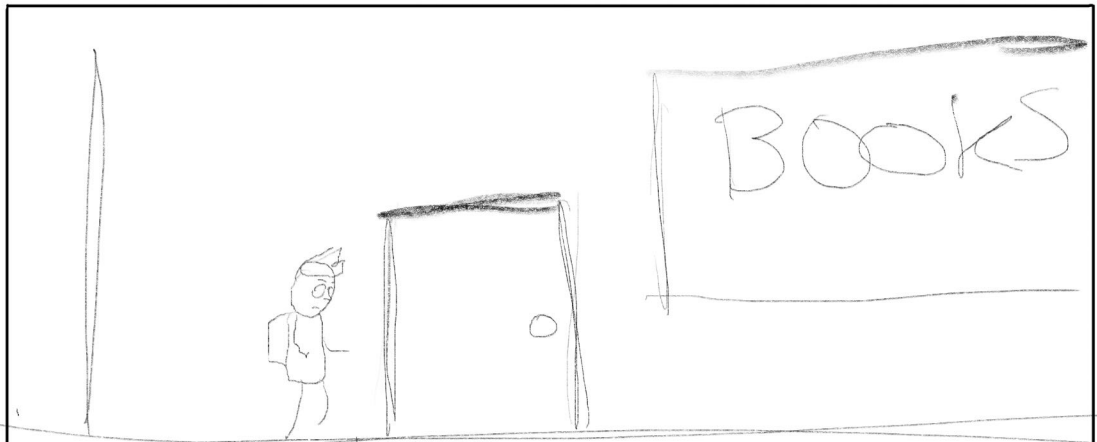
NEMESIS!

- Bully since grade 1
- Flushed Brouhaha cards
- Came up with "Alice in Loserland" nickname
- Probably actually evil demon











That's exciting.
What are you...
like...
ten?

Thirteen!
The worst age and
my last chance!

Have you ever heard
of a thirteen year old
finding a magic land?

Believe me,
it is not your
last chance.

Like...
Narnia?



Or Hogwarts, Wonderland, Oz.
The answer is no. Twelve is
the cut off. I've read
every book - at thirteen
you're stuck in a boring
adult life until you die.

I've searched every rabbit hole,
the backs of all the wardrobes
at IKEA, and not only did
I not get an owl, we
don't even have a train
station!

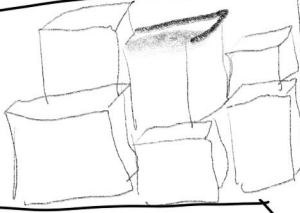


That's why you're
always moving
stuff around
back there?

I've got to find my
portal today or it's
over!

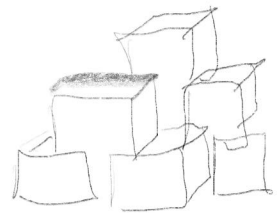
Okay, here's
what we'll
do...

I'll give you half an hour with the new orders.



Thanks, Pete

Don't knock over any stacks today!



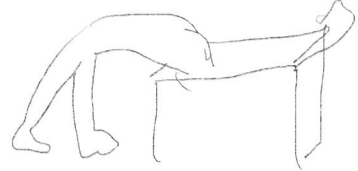
Then I'm kicking you out.



Bird calls, the book?



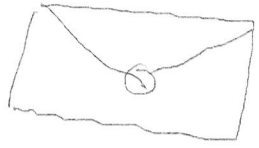
Five minutes!

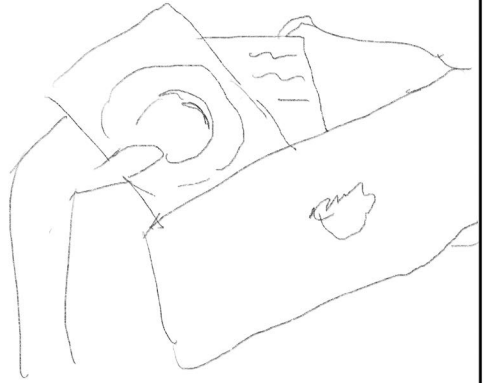
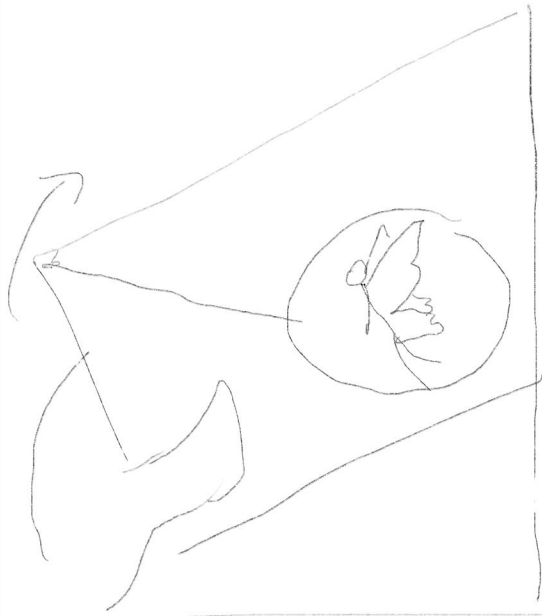


I'm heading out in one minute!

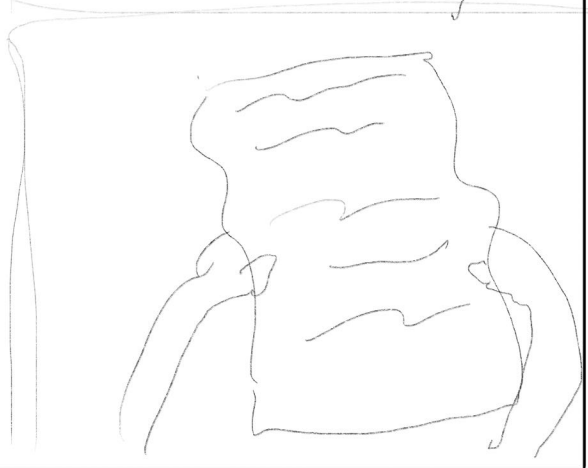
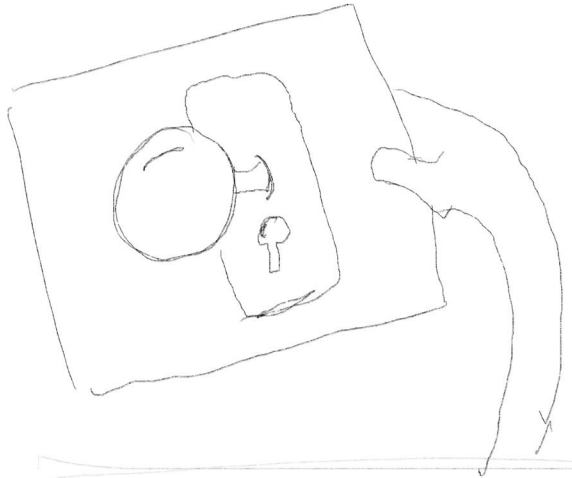


What's this...





Is this...
a sticker?
Wierd.



Dear Rupert

If you are reading this,
then I am dead.

GUS?

Time to go.

Right, sorry.

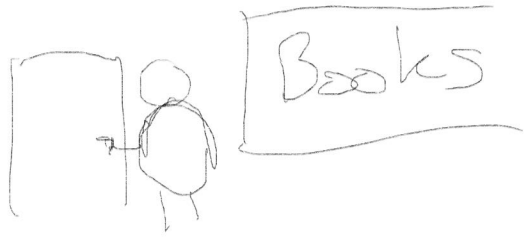
Find any portals?

Uh... no.

Any good books?
You can take one
as a birthday-

Nope. Thanks
for staying
open.

Wierd kid,
Reminds me
of me.



Dear Rupert,
If you are reading this, then I am dead.
Just kidding! I never plan on dying - when I get
back to Logos I'll magic myself younger, or switch bodies with
a prince, or kill the grim reaper. I beat him once already!
Which is where you come in. You're gonna help me get back.
I'd do it myself, but I'm a huge deal there, so I need you to do
a few things first.

- 1) Once in Logos, find and disable the rift alarms.
That is your ONLY PURPOSE! Don't get distracted.
- 2) Don't let the two doorknobs touch. They'll explode. I put them
in two envelopes because I am a genius.
- 3) Your arrival should be unnoticed. Worst case, the Academy shows
up. If so, **DONT BE THERE.** Avoid the Hero Academy at all costs.
- 4) Your best bet for disabling the alarms is the Academy.
I saved the world, you can figure out how to sneak in a building.
- 5) Don't tell your mother. If you do I'll kill you.

He ha just kidding!
But seriously, don't tell her.
Love ya,
GRAMPS



C'mon,
answer...

ring ring ring



DING
DONG!

DING
DONG!

DING
DONG!

DING!
DONG!



Gus,
please!

Ring
once!



Sorry Mrs. Byrd, I know
you have company, but I
need to see Jayden!



Don't worry, we don't have
company... but Jayden isn't
home.


Wha -
Where is
he?



His dad
dropped him
off at Hunter
William's
house -



HUNTER WILLIAMS



for a soccer
team bbq...



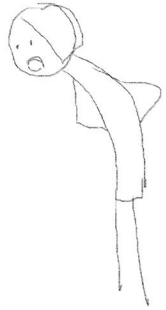
Gus,
are you
alright?



No... I, uh... need...



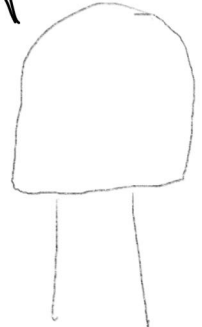
Gus?

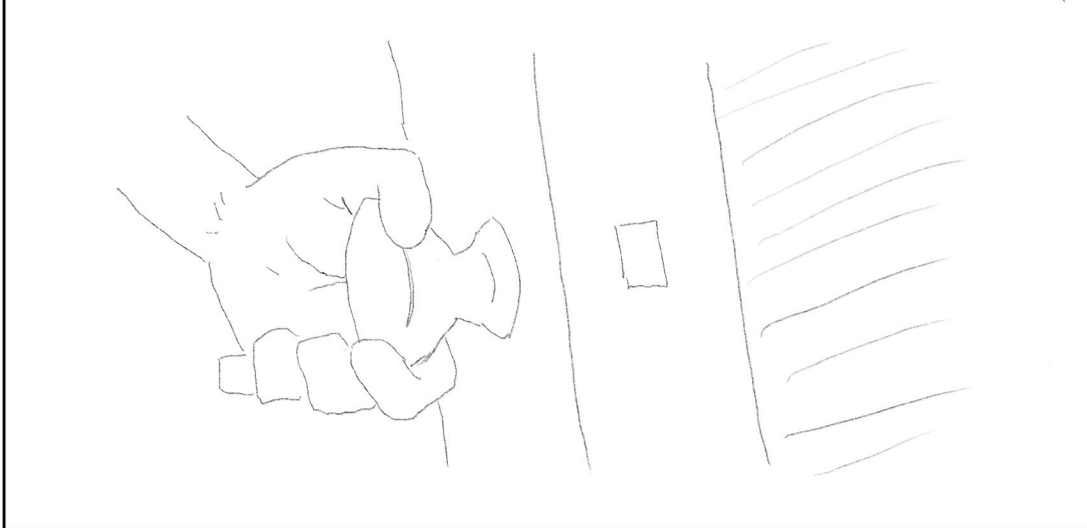
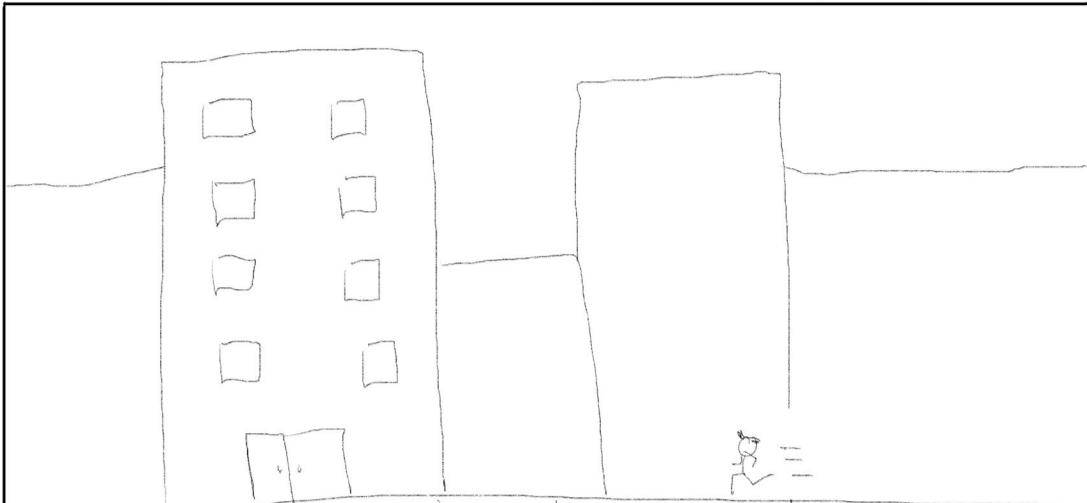


Sorry, Mrs. Byrd!
Bye!



I'll... tell him you
stopped by.







Um... I...
Know I
had to
ask you
something.



Sheesh...

YAWN

Late night.



Oh yeah. Did you
solve the magic wolf
dream with Jayden?

It was a fox, mom.

And... no.



That's too bad.
Have you thought about
what you want us
all to do for your
birthday tomorrow?



You're not
working
late...?



Nope.
We're all yours.
I moved all
our Tuesday
meetings.



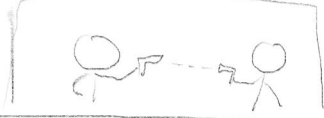
TUESDAY?!





We've got the call with the Japanese branch!

Today's Monday.



That's what I'm saying, they rescheduled!

But I rescheduled.

They did too!



Why didn't you e-vite me?

Why don't you check your email?



I wish you'd turn off that dumb TV.

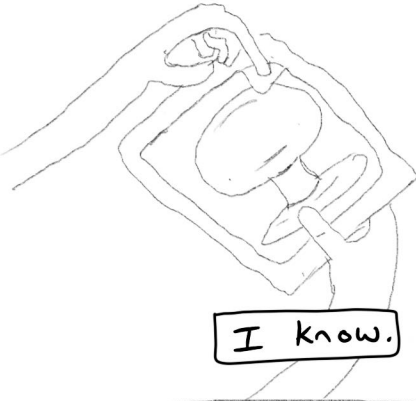
I don't have the assets ready!

We'll stay up until it's done.





We can't miss this.

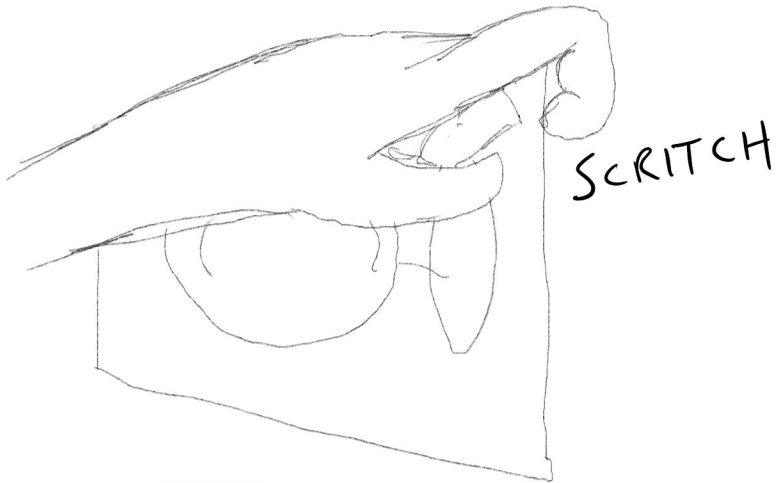


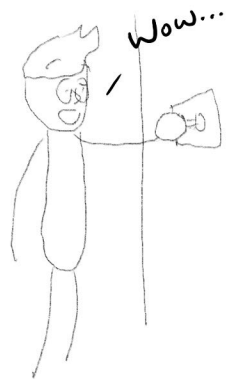
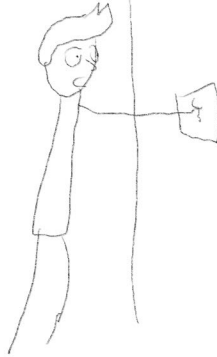
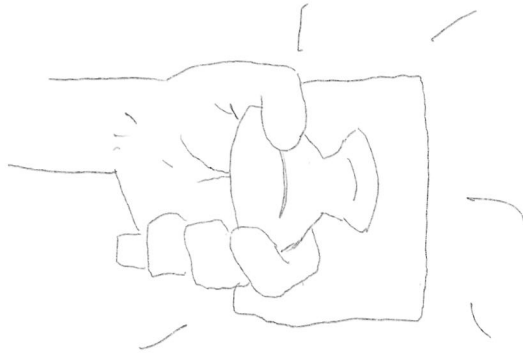
He'll understand...

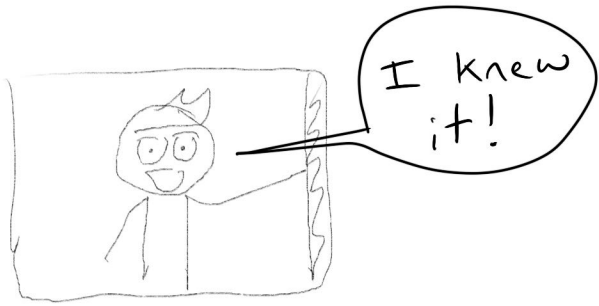


Please...









Empty cave →



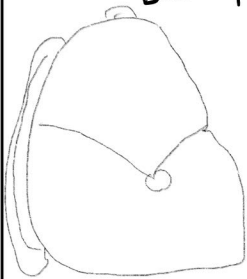
Tunnel
(to surface maybe)

Rocks →

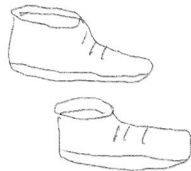
Mud
↓ ↓ ↘



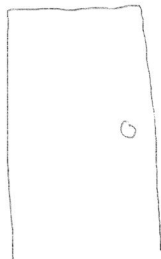
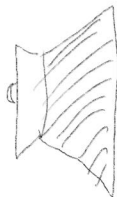
Prepared
Adventure
Backpack!



Comfortable
shoes!



Coat!
(waterproof)



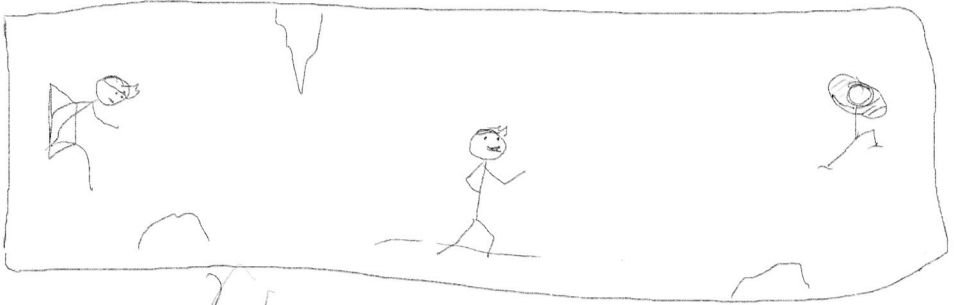
Hey mom,
dad, uh...

Okay...

Not now, buddy.
Meeting starting.

Sorry Gus.
We'll —
Oh! Konnichiwa!





Super Cool Magic Jungle!

Note: "Super cool magic jungle"
will not be on final pages.
The art will speak for itself!

Worst case, the
Academy shows up.
If so, DON'T
BE THERE!

MEANWHILE...

AUUGGHH!



EYOOOO
OO GG
GG
G!

GAUU
UUU
UUU
HH!

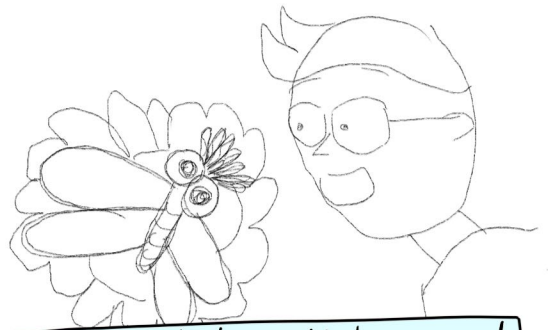


Is somebody...
screaming?

HEADMASTER



Gus had been waiting his whole life for this moment.



He knew what would happen next.

He'd meet a group of magical creatures who needed a hero.

Their princess had been captured.

Their kingdom was enslaved.

Or they were being terrorized by a demon.



Rolling green hills!

And only Gus could save them.



HELLO!
I'M HERE!

Oh, who am I?
I'm Copernicus.

I'm here to help Gus
tell his story.



Im a Sotyr, our lives
are about telling stories.




Hello?

Don't worry, Gus
told me everything
himself.

Like how his friends and family
threw a parade when he discovered
the portal.

And how he was met by a
team of heroes as he
arrived!



Where is
everyone..?

I wish I could
have been there!

The heroes took Gus to one of the Great Roads.


Is that...

Yes!

Finally!

I was actually just up the road. But I don't meet Gus later, because of... uh, reasons.





I missed the last Festival so everyone chipped in for this one.

They say he's the best baker in Logos!

I can't wait to see the grandfaloons.

I knew it was real.

okay Gus, this is it...

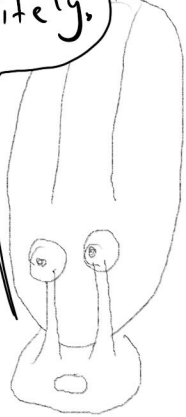
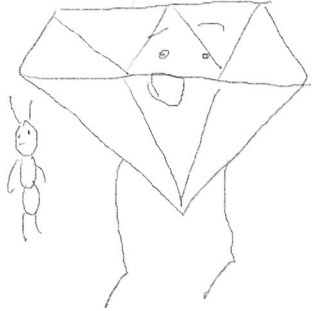
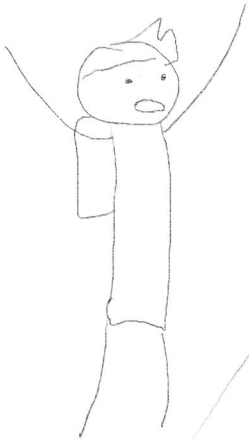


Attention everyone!
I, Gus the human,
am here to
save you!

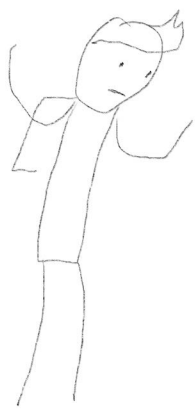


We're going on
the Hero Academy
tour, right?

Definitely.

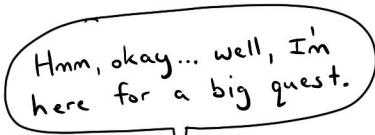


Hello?
I'm here to
save you?



From
what?





Nothing. He was joking. Happy Festival!

Oh, alright. Happy Festival!

I'm not joking. I'm here to save everyone.

From what?

That's what I asked!

You're supposed to tell me! Then I go on a big heroic quest! I'm a hero!

Oh, a hero. Should've said that.

Do you have your Academy badge?

Avoid the Hero Academy!

uh... no. I'm not with them. How this works is that a human comes in times of great need—

HUMAN?!

I can't believe it...

You're definitely a human.

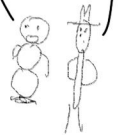


We still tell the story of how your kind sealed our chasm forest.
We keep a picture of Hero Kurt so we never forget.



Wow, is that Hero Paloma?

So fierce!



You want a quest?
How about this...
Leave and never come back.



But I'm -



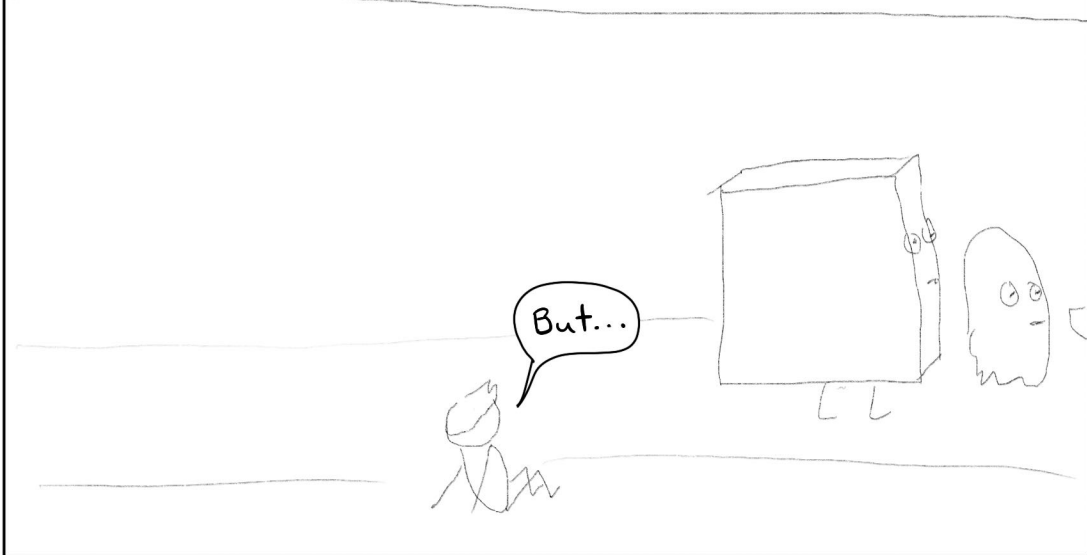
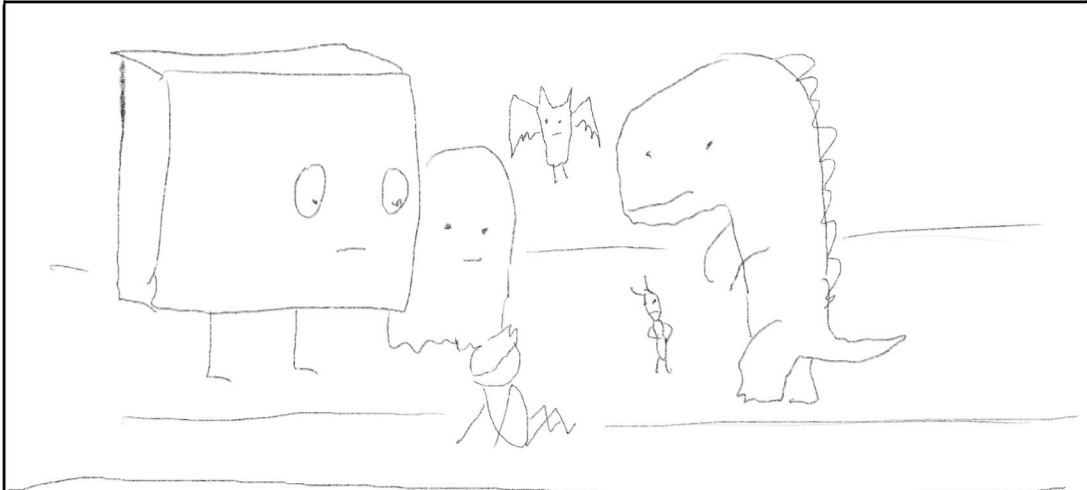
Nobody needs or
wants you here.



If it wasn't Festival
time I'd gift your head
to my alpha.

Go home.
Or it's your
head.





What am I supposed to do now?



wipes eyes



Home →



No way.



A human?

