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DOG MAN: Part dog, part man. He's his own best friend.



BIG JIM: He's got a big heart, and an even bigger imagination. During the day, he's a prisoner in Cat Jail. But at night, he moonlights as a Superhero named Commander Cupcake.



LITTLE JIM: Same as above, only this is him as a baby.



MOMMA & DADDY: Little Jim's loving parents.



GREG THE PUPPY: His Keen sense of smell helps him Sniff out clues in the Jr. Detective Club. His dream is to become a police dog. Also, to eat cake.



GRAMPA: He's not exactly a bad guy - Just a mean, Selfish, egotistical guy. He is also Big Jim's Cellmate in Cat Jail.



DISCO GRAMPA: Same as above, only younger and groovier.



SARAH HATOFF & ZUZU: Sarah is the world's greatest reporter. Zuzu is the world's greatest poodle. Together, they get to the bottom of things.



CLARENCE BAILEY: He's the founder and boss of the Jr. Detective Club. His favorite saying is: "Oh, boy, this is gonna be GREAT!!!"

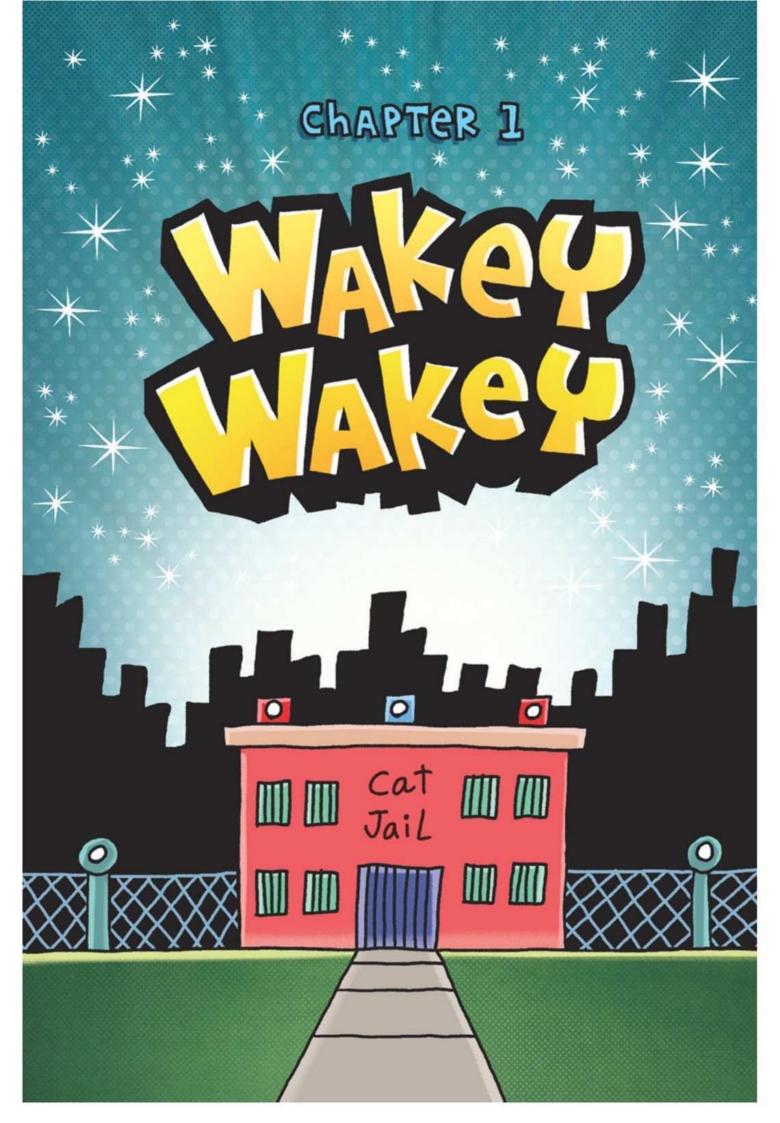


MRS. PIERCE: Manager of the Happy Home Shelter in Bedford Falls. She always does her best, even when resources are limited.



THE HELPER: Very little is known about this character, although she may be the Key to Saving the Universe.

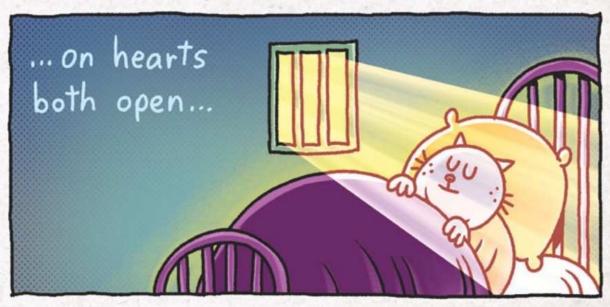
To Dorian Horvat and his family









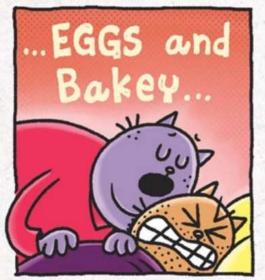






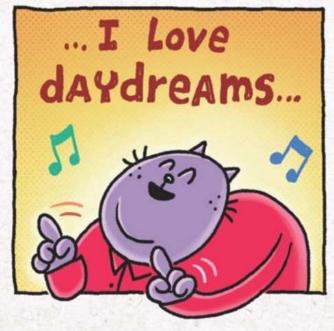






















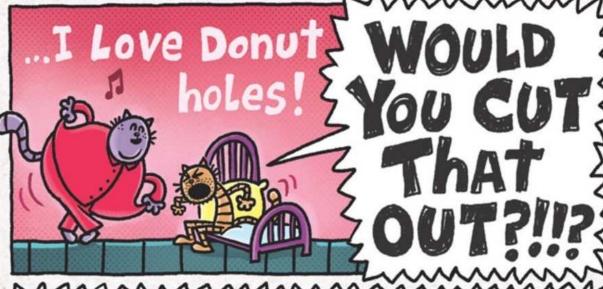














It's Six O'clock in the Morning!!!



...don't be Grumpy, Grampa!



Let's not forget...



...The early bird gets the Hugs!!!

Let GO



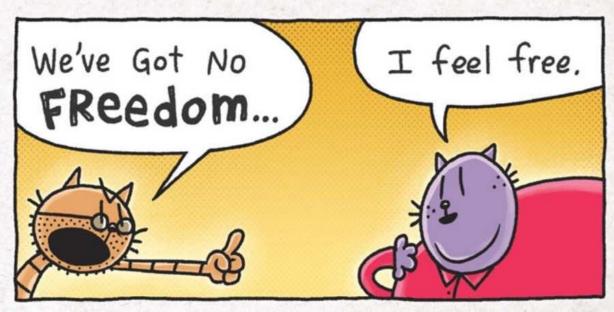
















Aw, what's the use?

You'll Never see things CLEARLY!!!

