

The Complete Comics

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All the Oliver the Giant Cat comics appeared in letters to Sabin Russell from 1965-1968, with a final appearance in April 1986. In addition, I found a much earlier version in a notebook of childhood drawings, ca. 1963, where Oliver is a normal-sized cat confronting people accidentally shrunken to mouse size in the exceedingly crude "Oliver the Cat and the Shrunken People Comics."

All comics are two pages except for March 5, 1966 (one page), August 24, 1966 (one page), and April 1986 (three pages).

The true Oliver the Giant Cat comics began in the eighth grade with Sabin letters, and mirrored Sabin's comics of "Friskey the Wondercat," who was every bit as bloodthirsty as Oliver. In retrospect it's amazing that we were able to conclude letters with these rough comics made up on the spot.

10/25/65	Oliver the Giant Cat - A New MDS Series
3/5/66	Oliver the Giant Cat
4/12/66	Oliver the Giant Cat and the Spacemen from Planet Z
4/12/66	Oliver the Giant Cat: Oliver and the Shipwreck
6/8/66	Oliver the Giant Cat in the Secret of the Invaders
8/12/66	Oliver the Giant Cat, Costarring the Mad Scientist and his Evil Helper, Krunn, the Giant Cat from Mars
8/16/66	Oliver the Giant Cat
8/24/66	Oliver the Giant Cat vs. Super Bat
10/8/66	Oliver the Giant Cat: Oliver and his Spaceship
10/25/66	Oliver the Giant Cat: Oliver Meets Friskey
2/5/67	Oliver vs. the Red Baron
3/18/67	This Series' Villain: The Horrible Glump (Part 1)
4/14/67	Oliver the Giant Cat vs. the Horrible Glump (Part 2)
4/20/67	Oliver the Giant Cat vs. the Iron Tank
5/11/67	Oliver the Giant Cat vs. Snorch

The 7/5/67 letter declared that the Oliver comic would end because it was getting mediocre. However, the final three of the original series took Oliver to unexpected new heights:

10/22/67	The American Nazis: A Fable (Part I)
12/3/67	Oliver vs. the Nazis!!! (Or: Is Oliver Choking?) (Part II)
1/19/68	Oliver vs. the Nazis (Part III)

The 2/9/68 letter had no comic but included Oliver's farewell address to the nation. The 4/6/68 letter had a poster shot of Oliver the Giant Cat, 1962?-1968, and an encomium by Mickey Smith. Then, eighteen years later, at the end of a long letter to Sabin, I knew I had to make a final comic that nevertheless pointed to a resurrection of the series:

3/12/86 The Legacy of Oliver the Giant Cat

There are forty-three images, which include three pages of writing. Fortunately my high school penmanship is very legible. (In fact, I was able to scan the 2/9/68 text, which was neatly printed, and get semi-legible OCR results.) I tried to brighten the backgrounds and simultaneously darken the foregrounds of pencil, which was sometimes faint, and colored marker on aging paper. The 1986 comic is a scan of a not-so-great quality color photocopy of the original 1986 watercolor.

In addition to the comics, Oliver, after going straight and ceasing to eat human beings, wrote eight volumes of philosophy:

Live, and Strive for Happiness! (1969)

Green Rainbows and Elephants Tracks in the Morning Mist (1970)

The Odyssey of the Perfect Whirlpool (1971)

Playground (1972)

Spasm of Terror (1972)

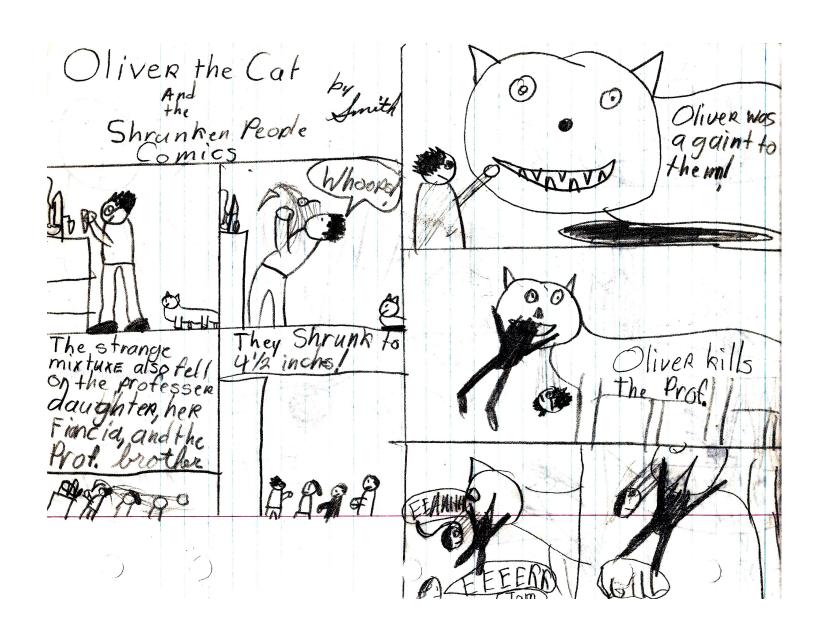
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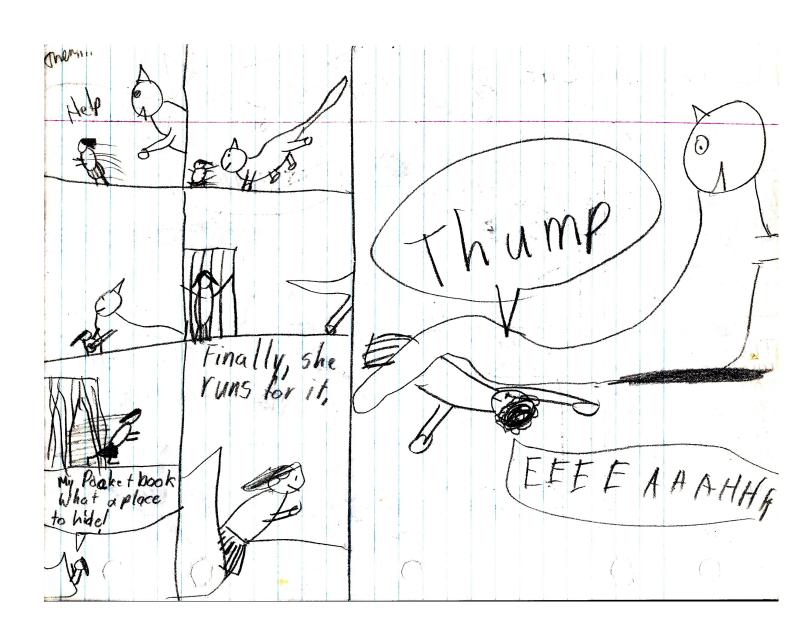
Continuation! (1988)

Librarians, You'll Never Get me (1995)

The cover of this compilation is the Oliver Tarot card from 2001, colorized 2017.

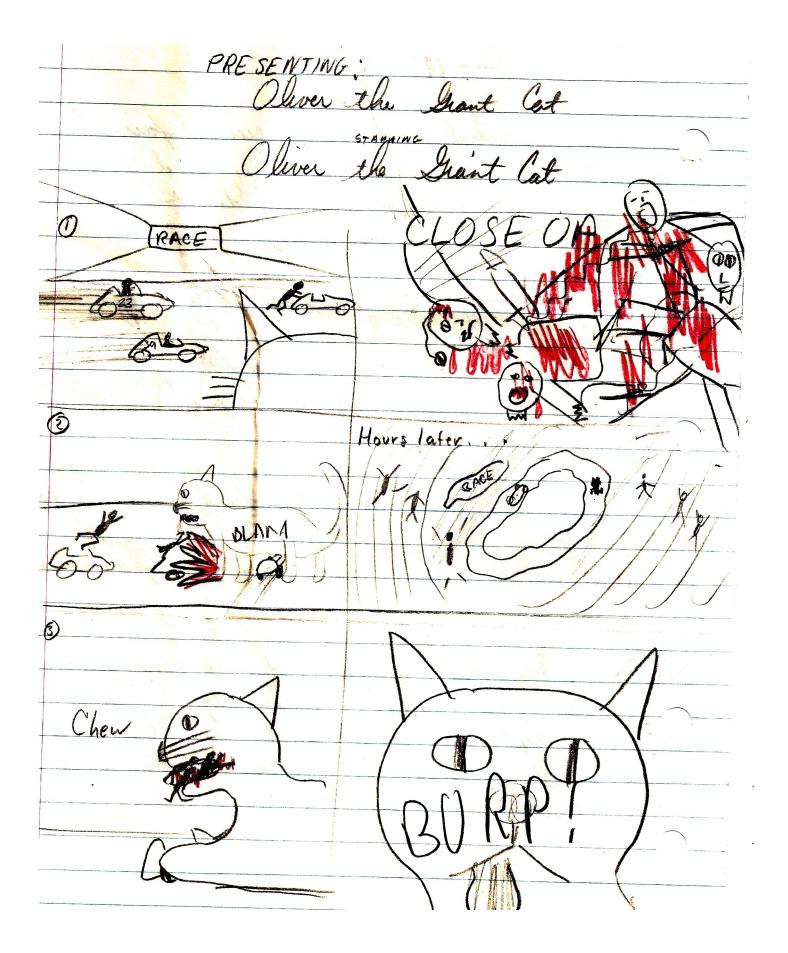
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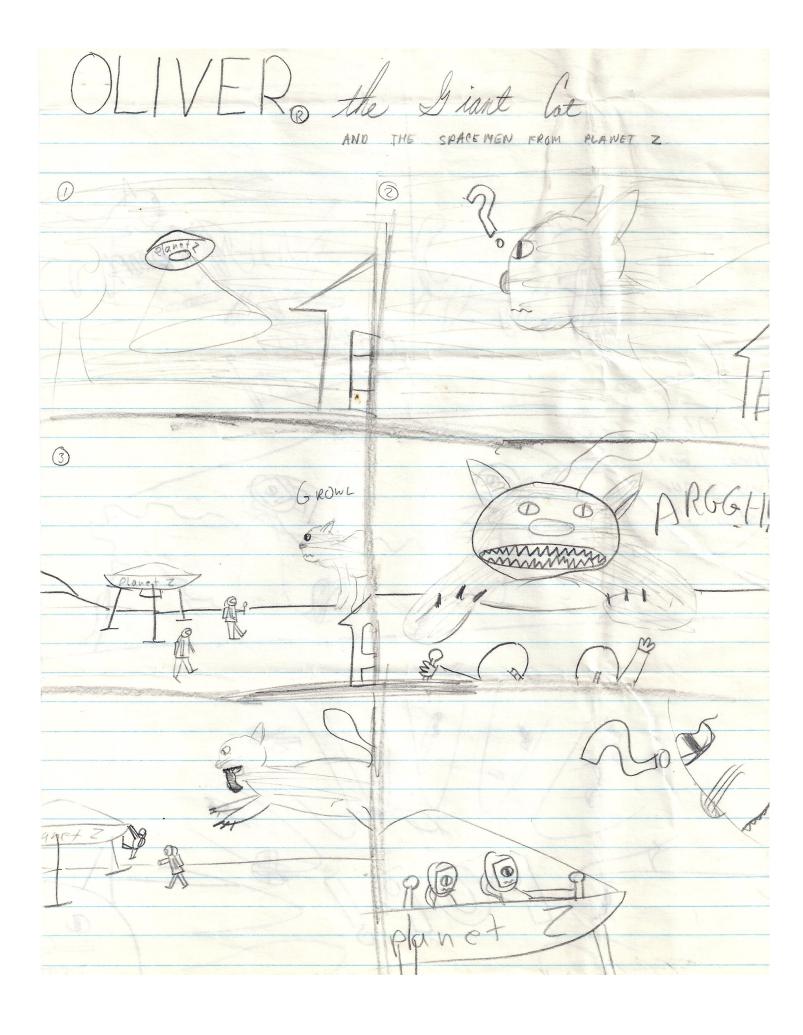




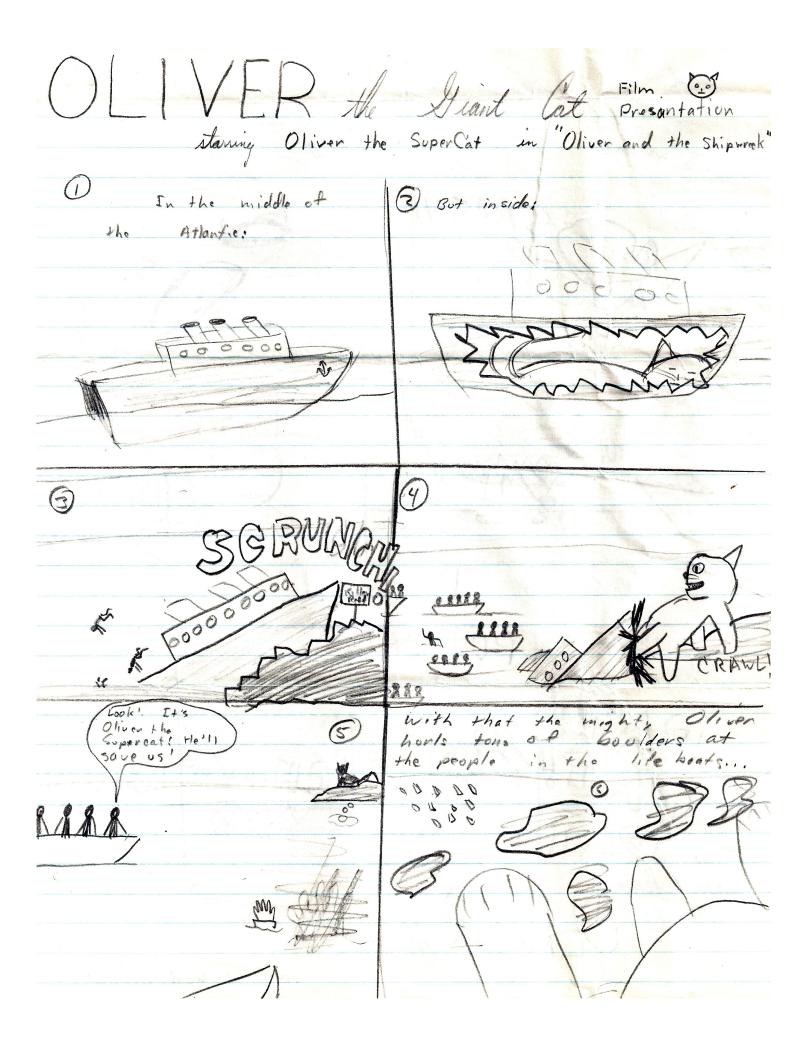
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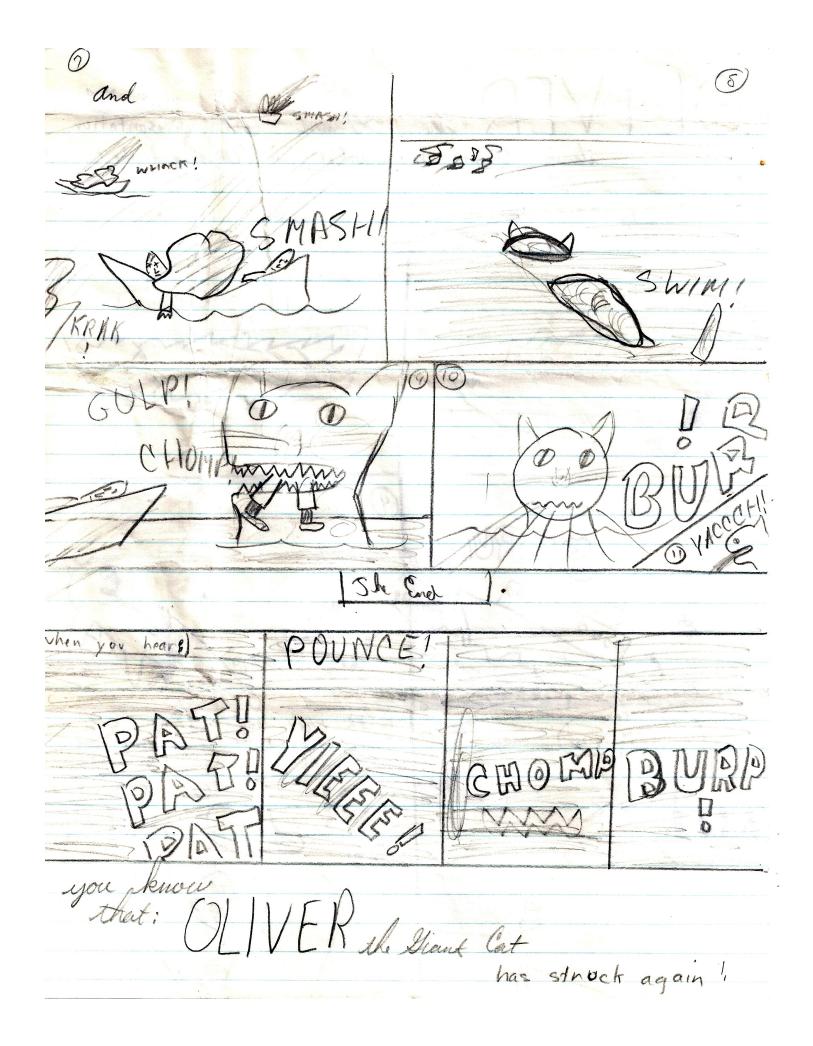
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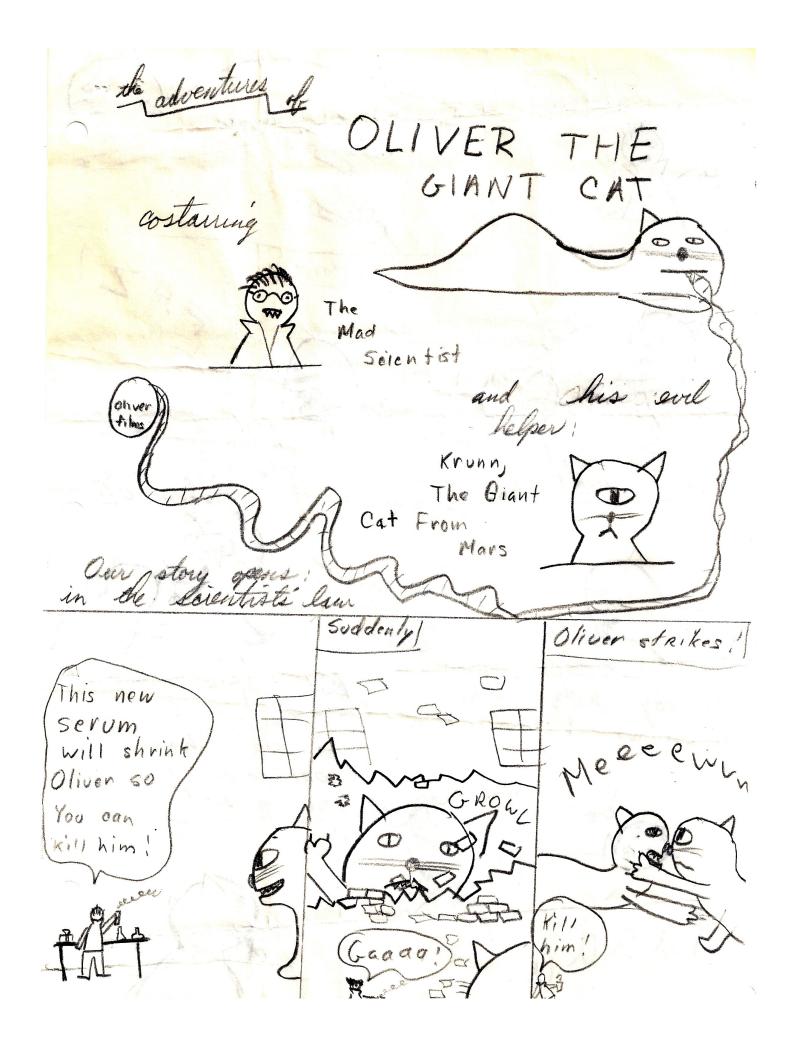


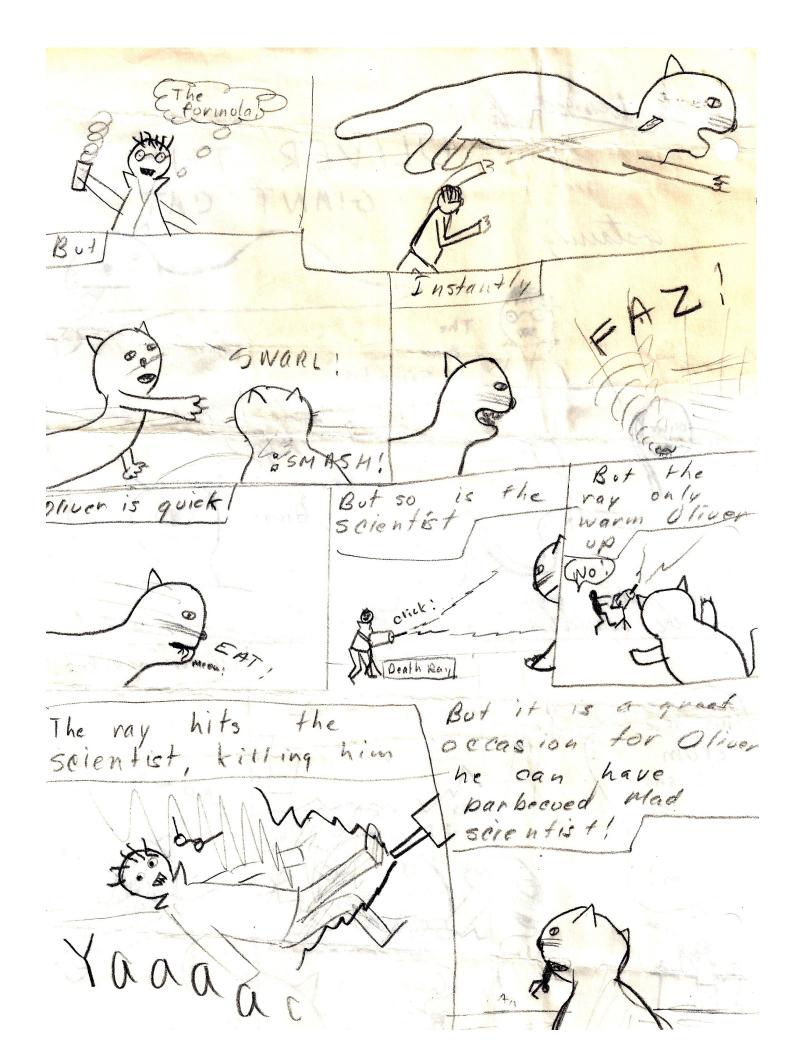




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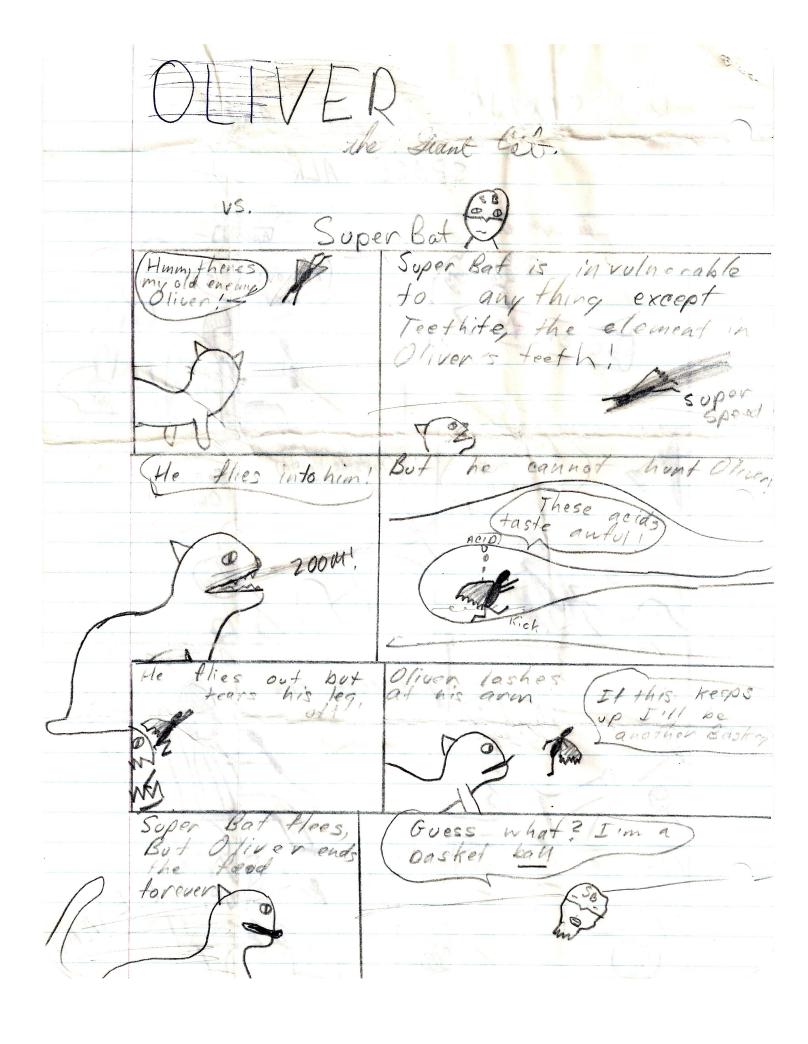




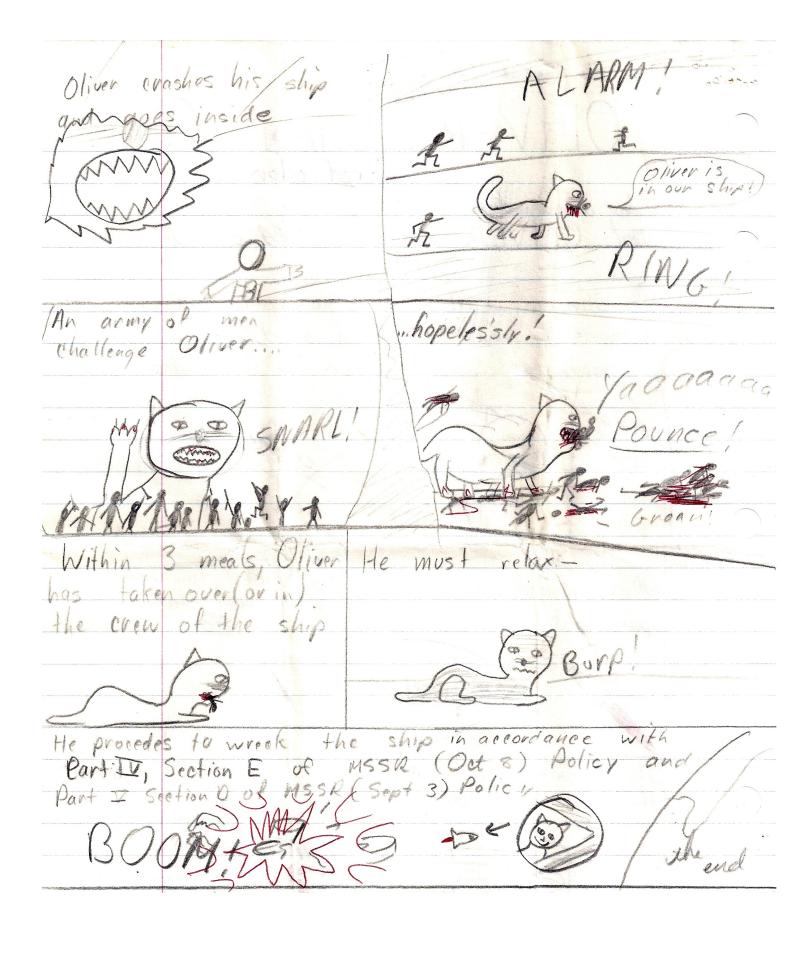


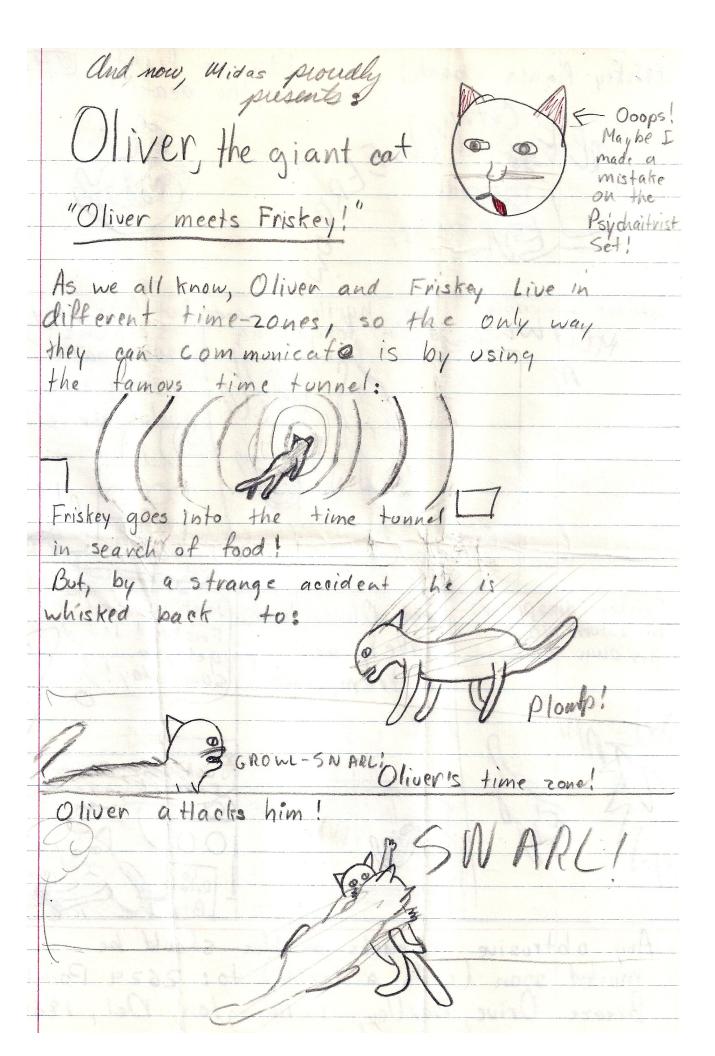
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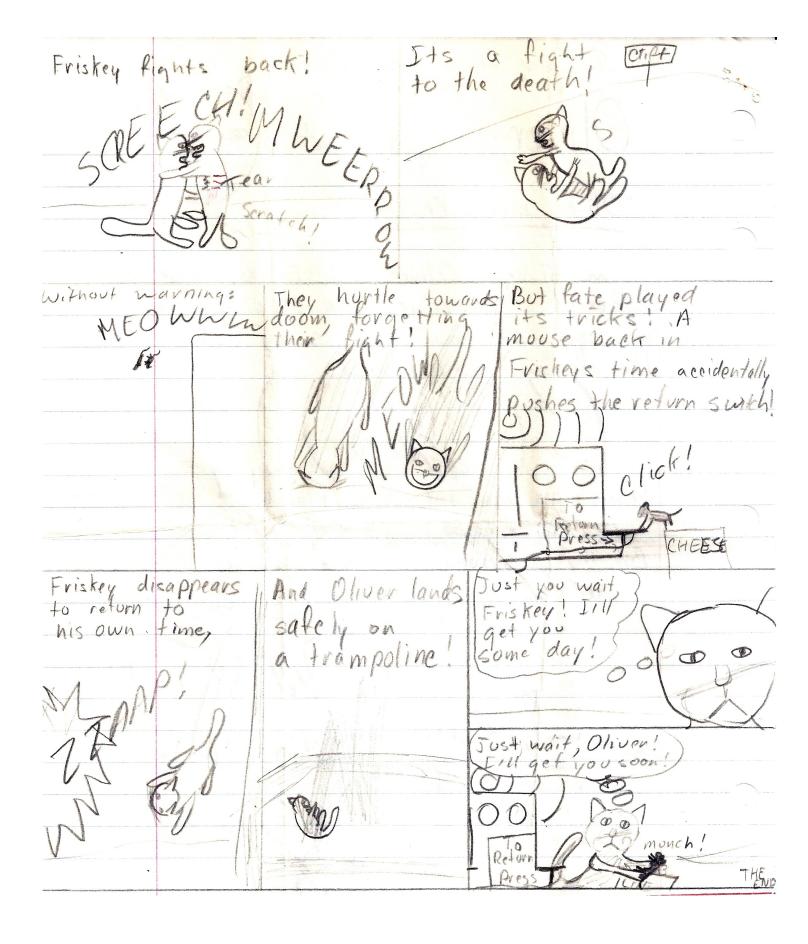


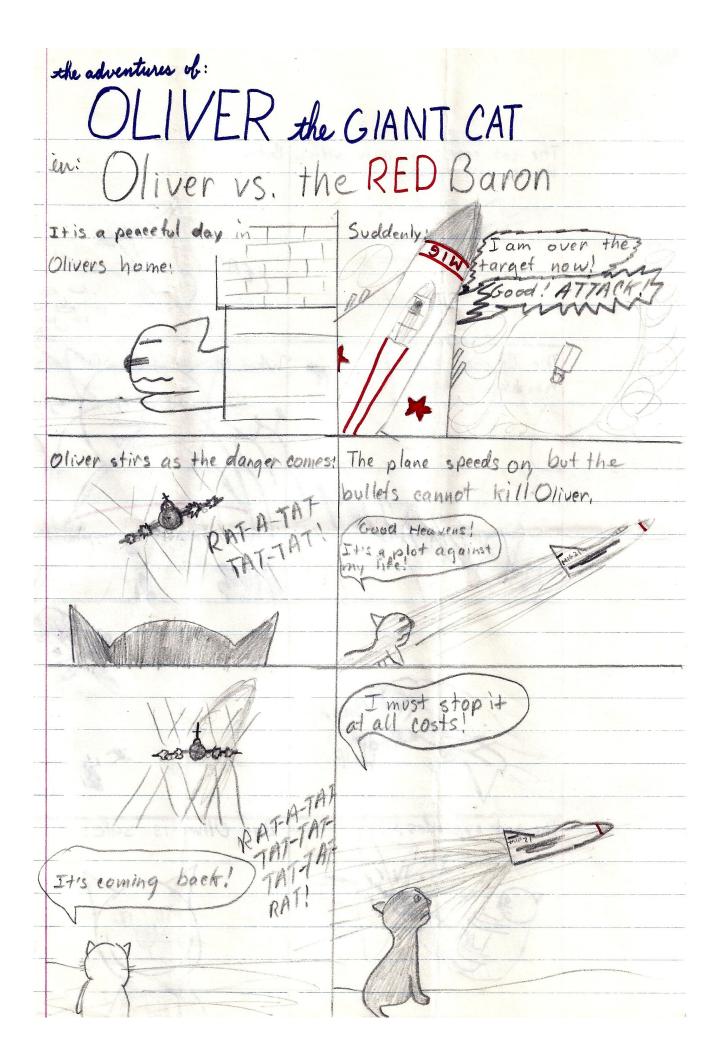


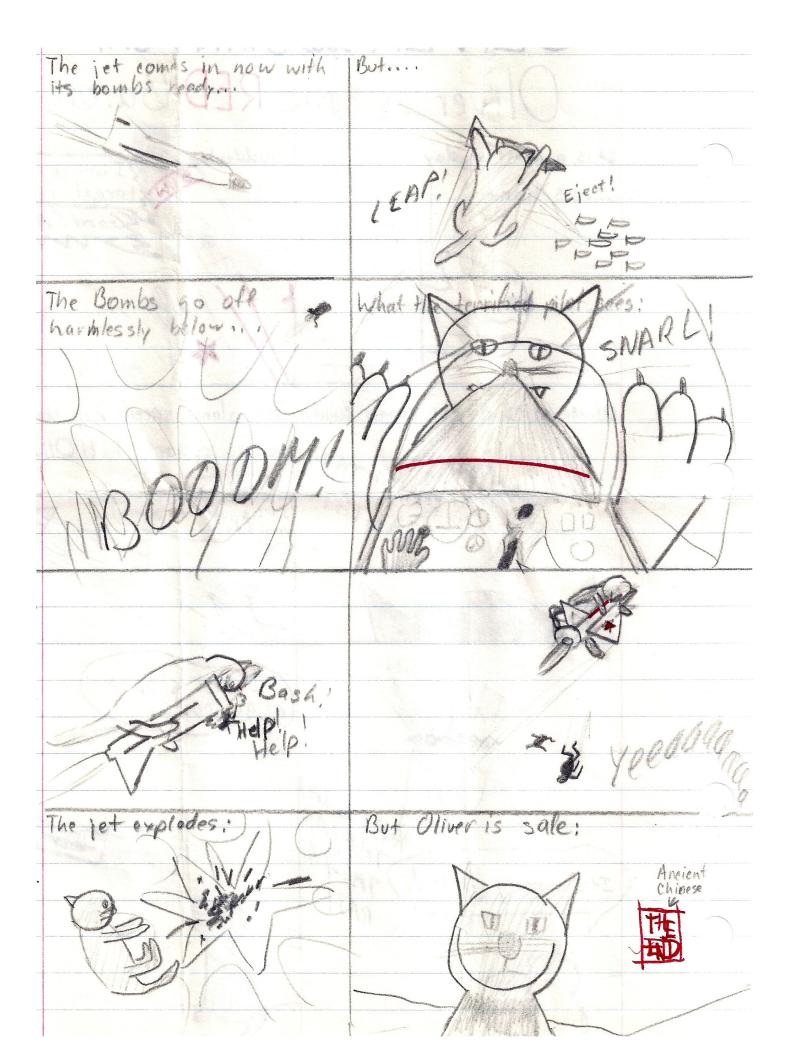
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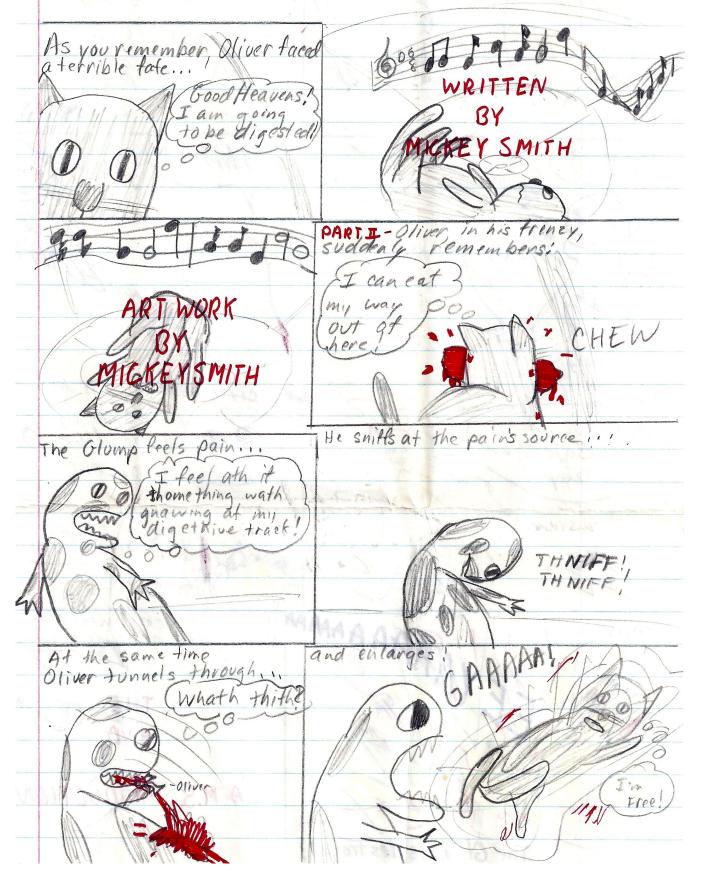


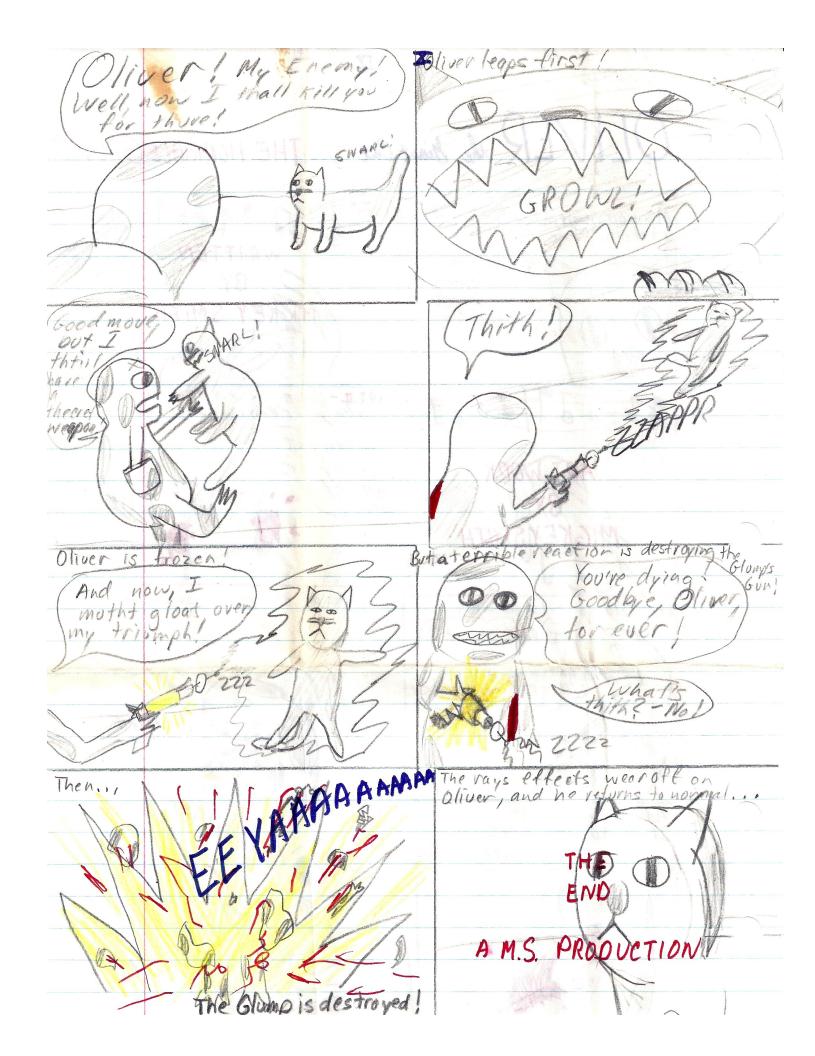




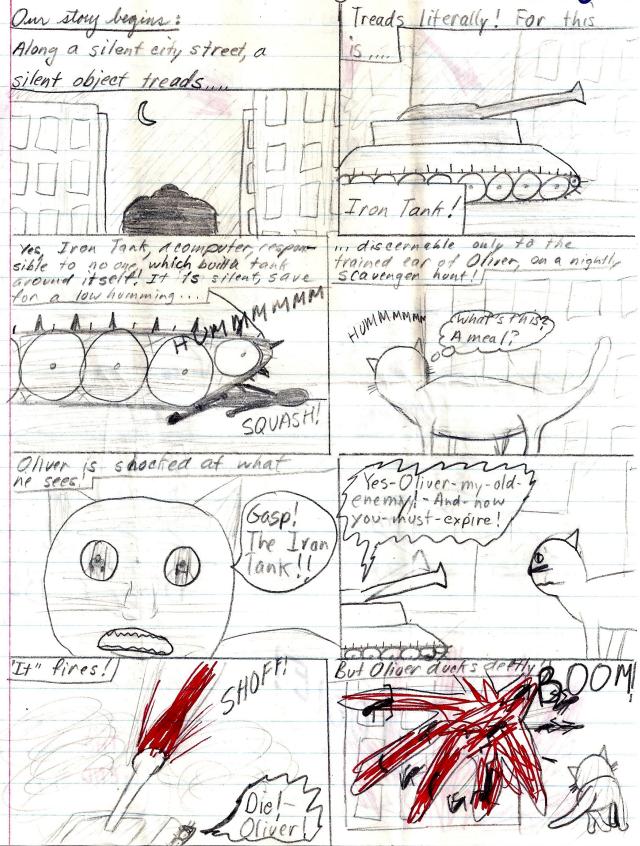


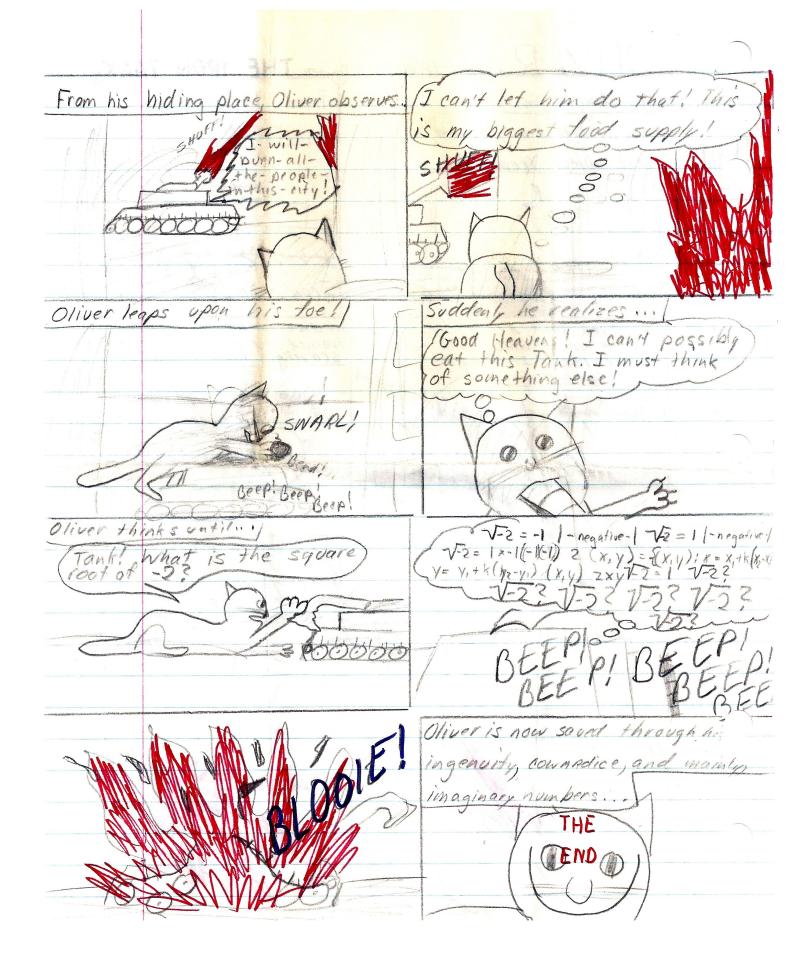
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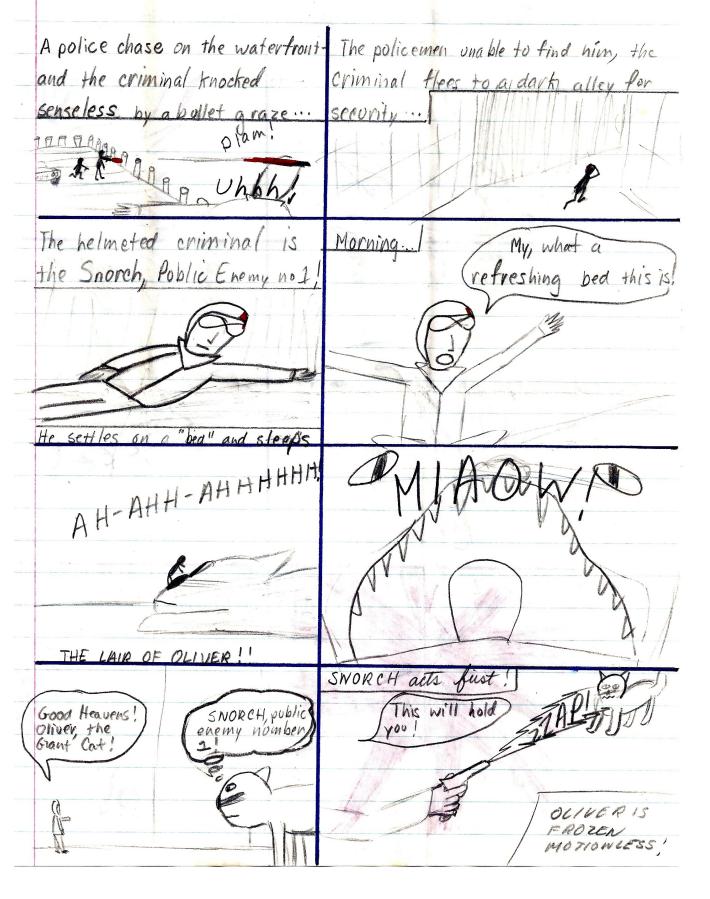
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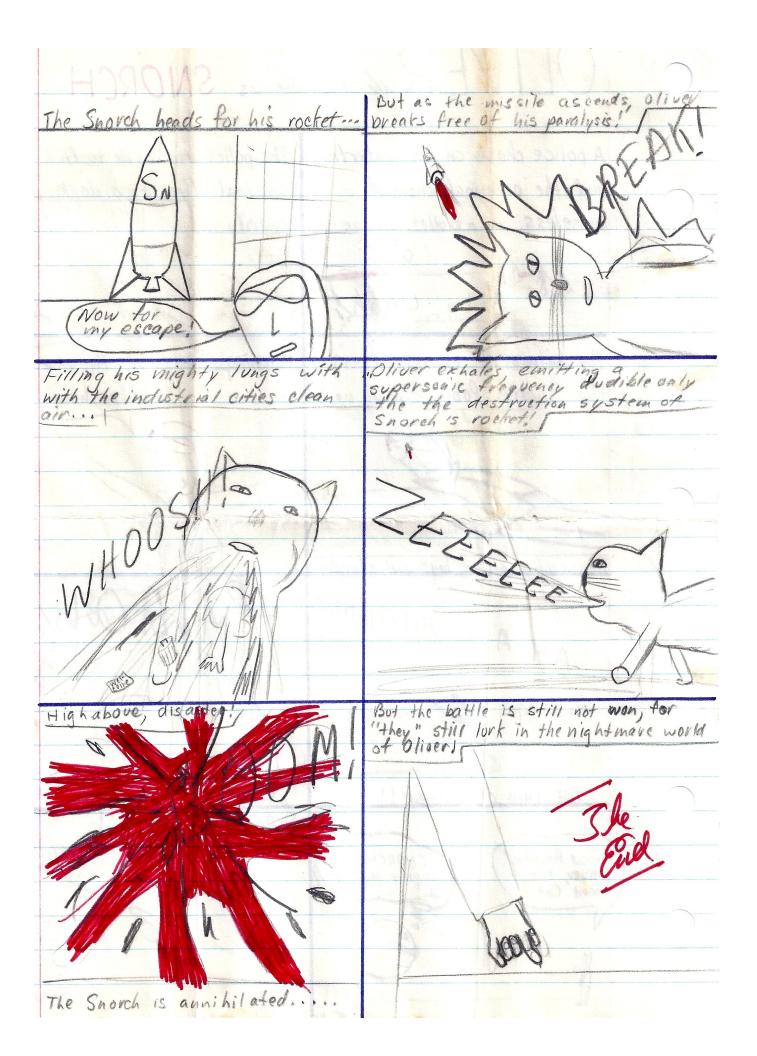


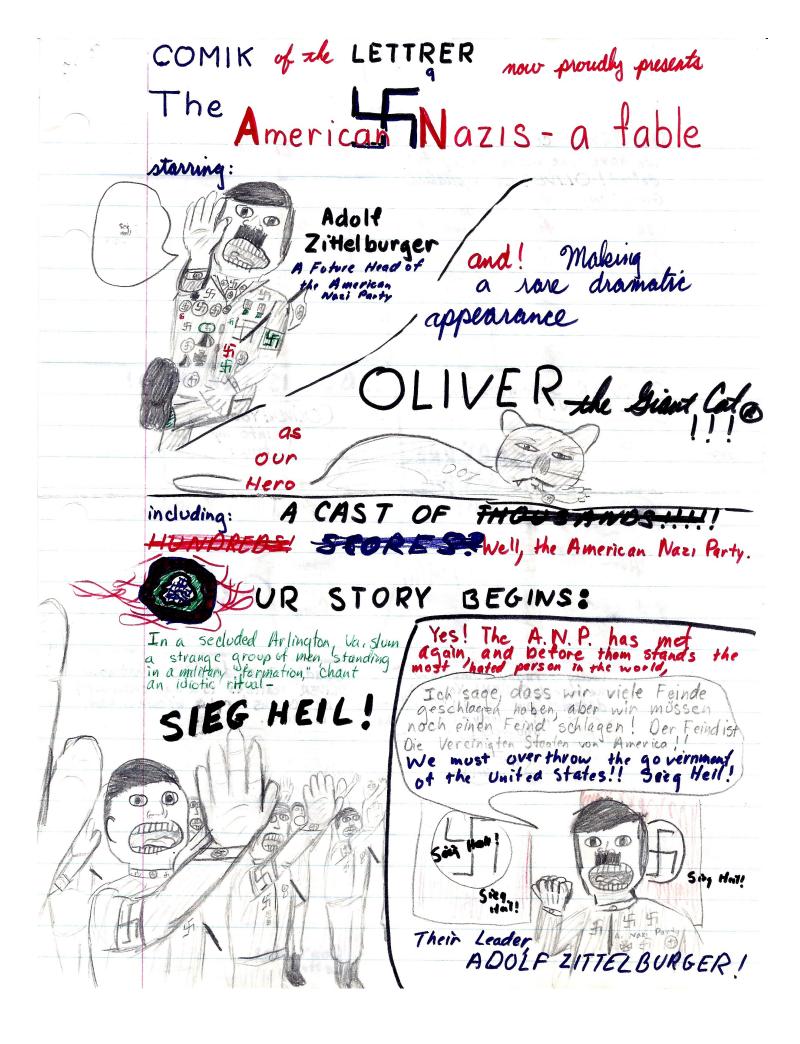


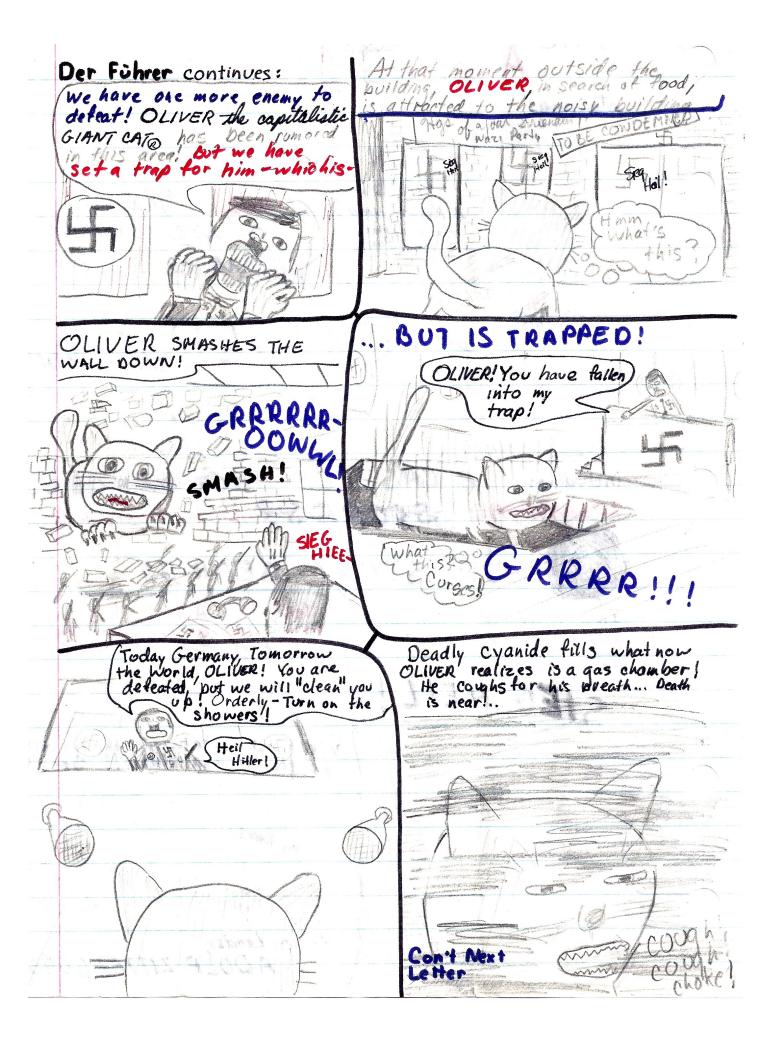
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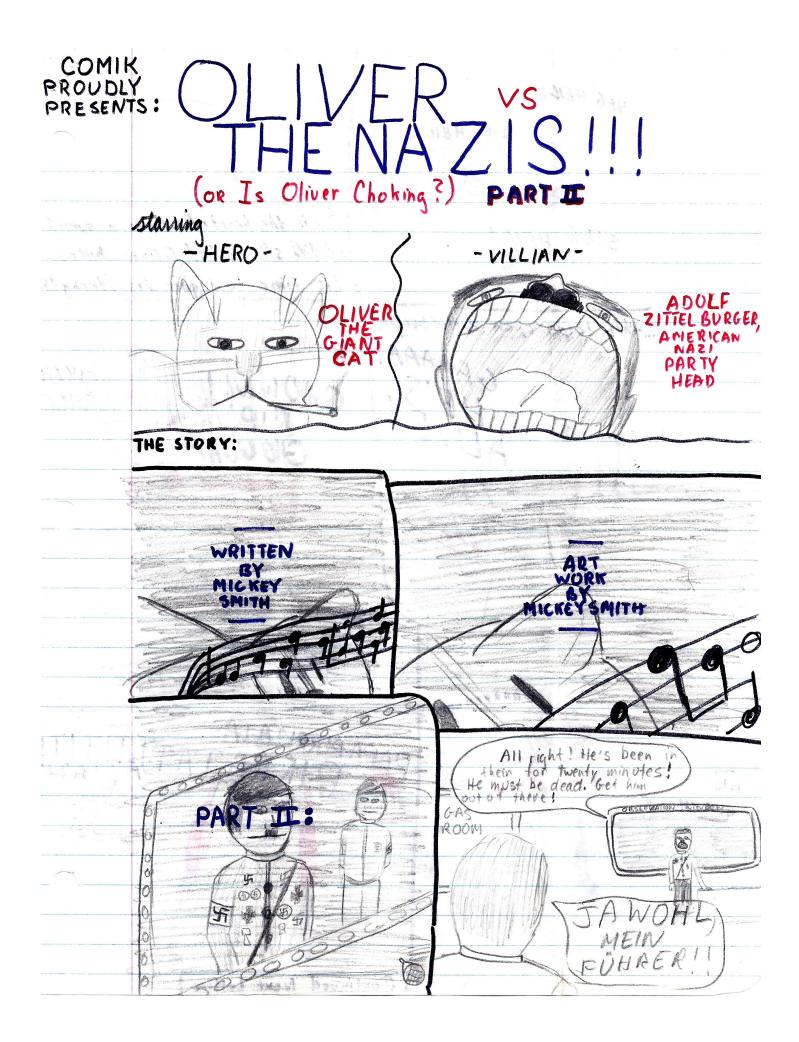
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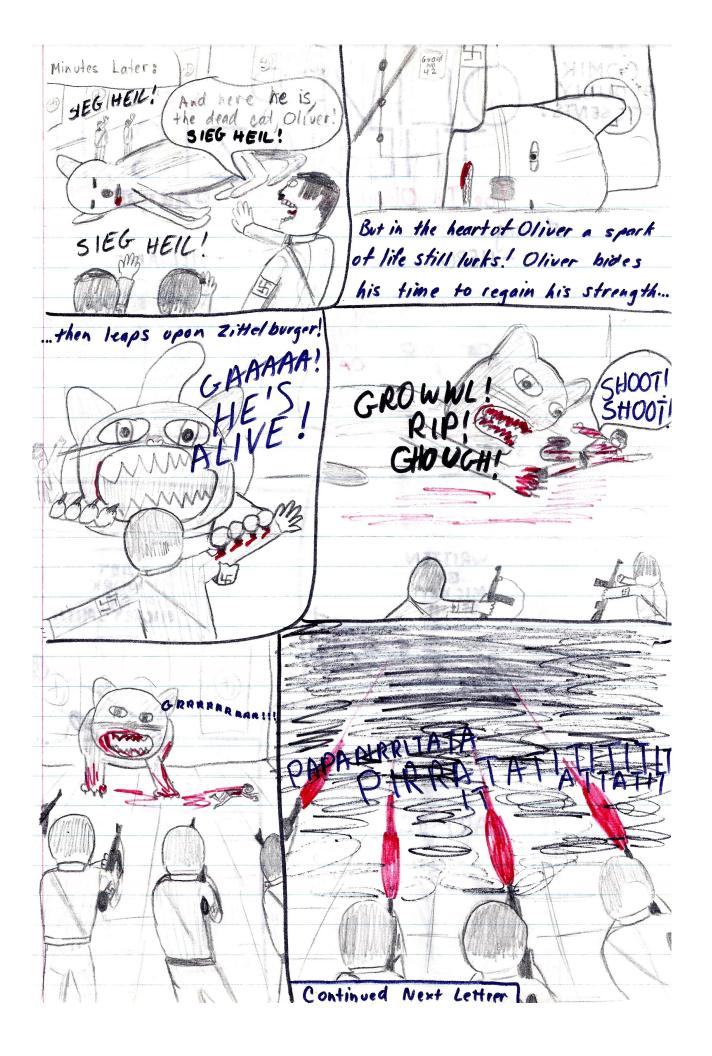


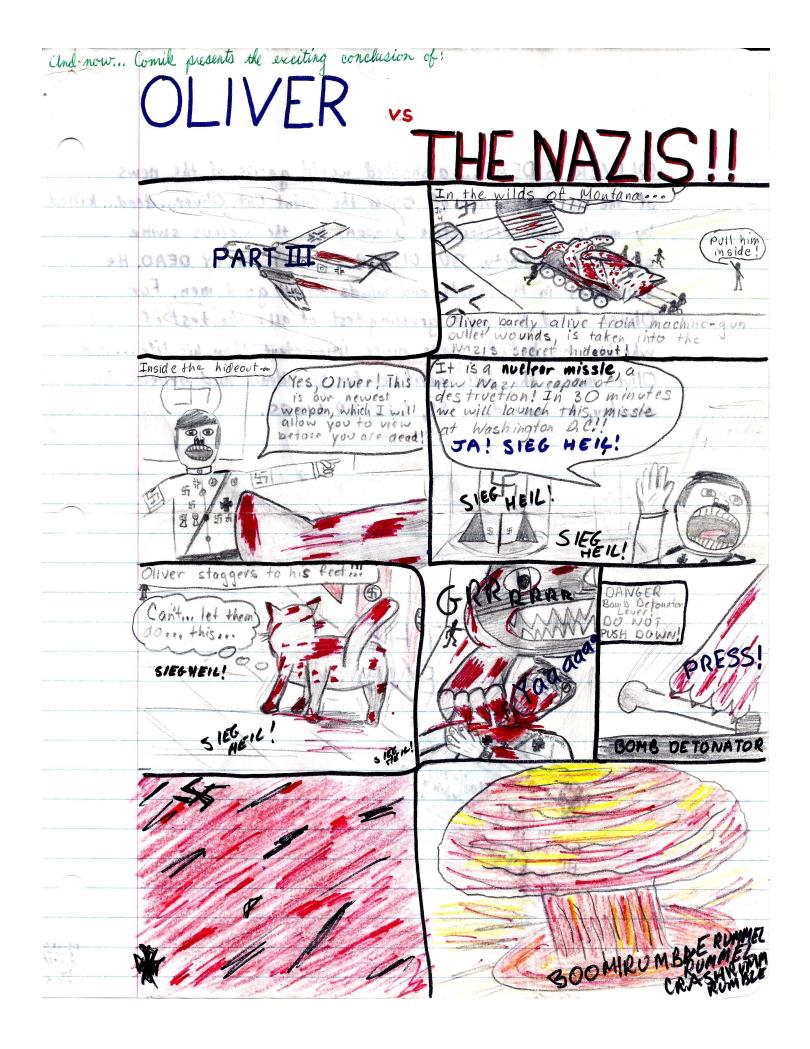


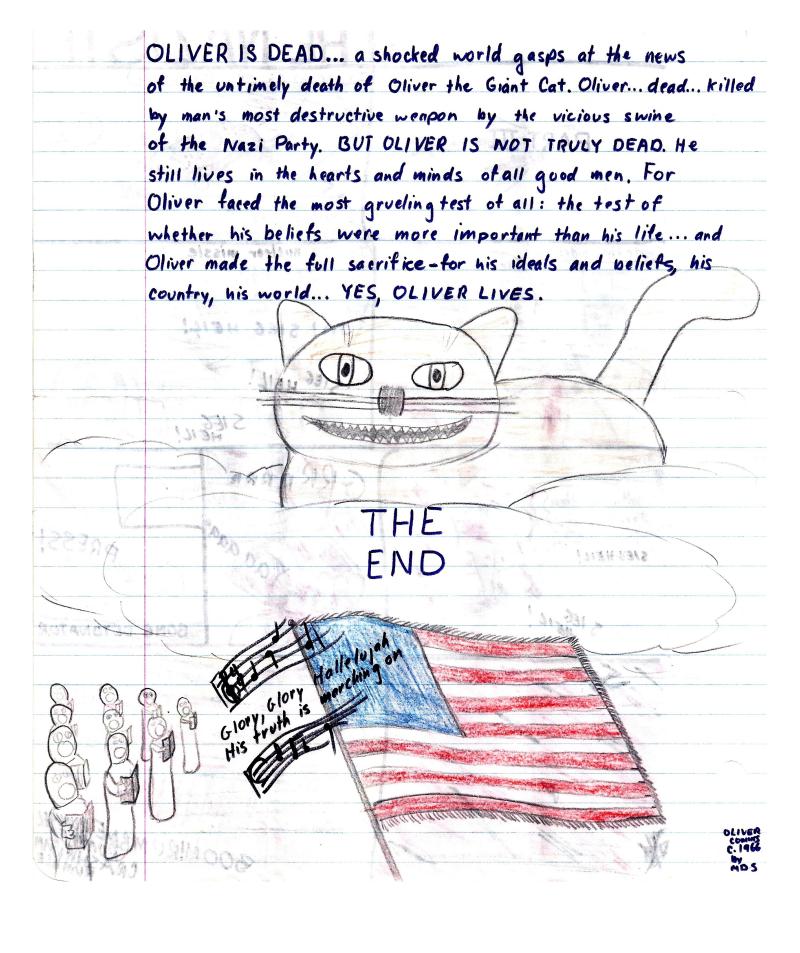












And now-we mournfully present a great passage - Oliver the Giant Catis farewell address to the nation:



- January 12,1968
Oliver's home
in Northbrook -

"My fellow Americans - I am speaking to you for the last time- because I have a rondezvous with death.... Yes, My Time has come, and I must go where my fate leads me. I die for what I believe in, which is more

important than my fragile existence upon this beautiful world. Yes, Americans, I die!!!
But I do not die in vain!! I hope that you will follow my ideas - my beliefs of prosperity, peace, love, and happiness in this world. I, however, can only hope for this day, for I can do no more to make it come into triumphant existence - I will soon go....

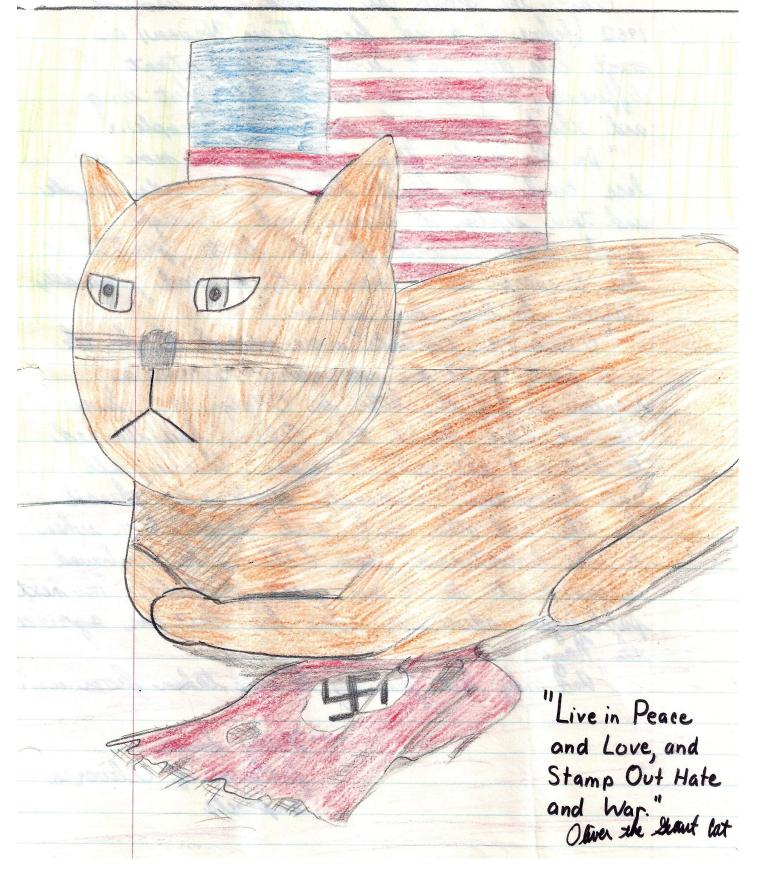
"You say you will have lost a protector, and that in these harsh times America will perish without Oliver. This is nonsense!

Remember that your greatest protector is the Spirit of America itself - a spirit of hope and glory that will continue burning as long as free men con stand upon the face of this world! Remember that you have lost your men and will lose them defending that spirit, in Lexington and Concord, on Bunker Hill, in Yorktown - in the trenches of France and the skies over Germany - in Korea - in the mud of South Vietnom ... Never lose that spirit, my friends, and you need no other protectors. As for me, my work is done.......

Oliver the Scient Cat

Oliver the Giant Cat 1/12/68

OLIVER THE GIANT CAT 1962(?)-1968



"Oliver the Giant Cat started life around 1962 (before I moved from Fair Haven) as most cats do, but with one important difference. Oliver was about fifty feet long and thirty feet high, and he ate people. "In his early days Oliver was more or less cruel and hard-hearted towards people and their system of living, and although people had served for the better portion of his 6 years as he main diet, he had gradually learned to love their system. "Oliver's exploits were unheard of, for the most part, until his adventures became a regular part of this letter in October 1966. Since then we have found that Oliver had learned to kill and eat only Russians, Chinese, all "anti-Americans," criminals, people who threatened his life, and other such evil people. Even when he was discontinued from Letter, he continued in our hearts to be our great protector. His next publicized adventure was his last one, againse the Mayis.
"And only last Junuary he was taken from us! - Mickey Smith, follower of Oliver's emploits





