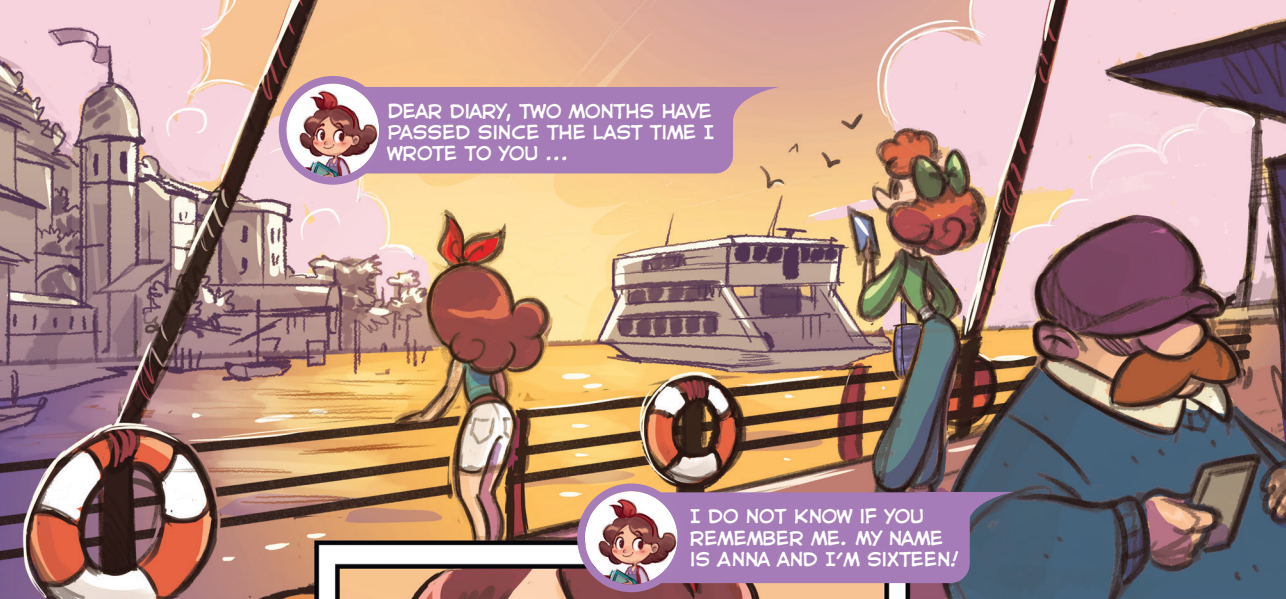




ANNA MARCO AND THEIR ISLAND







DEAR DIARY, TWO MONTHS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE LAST TIME I WROTE TO YOU ...



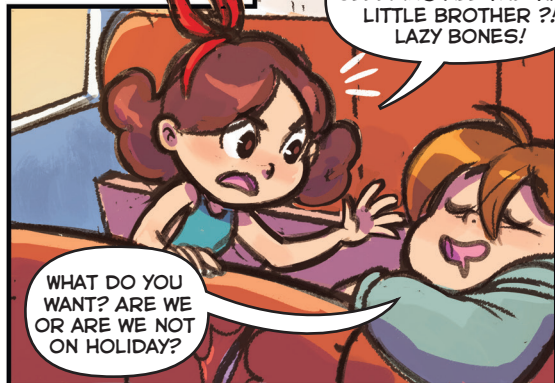
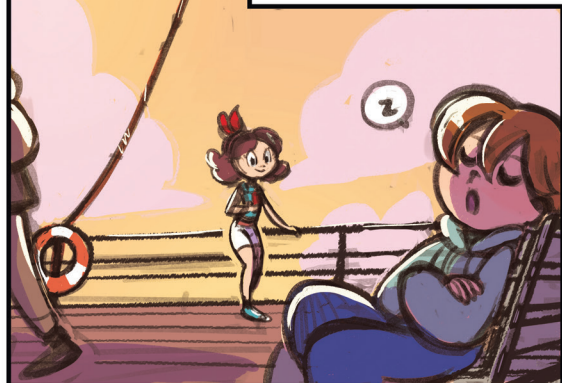
I DO NOT KNOW IF YOU REMEMBER ME. MY NAME IS ANNA AND I'M SIXTEEN!



SORRY IF I DISAPPEARED, BUT SINCE MARCO AND I REACHED THE ISLAND ...



"... WE HAVE BEEN ... BUSY!"



WOULD YOU STOP SLEEPING ALL THE TIME, LITTLE BROTHER ?! LAZY BONES!

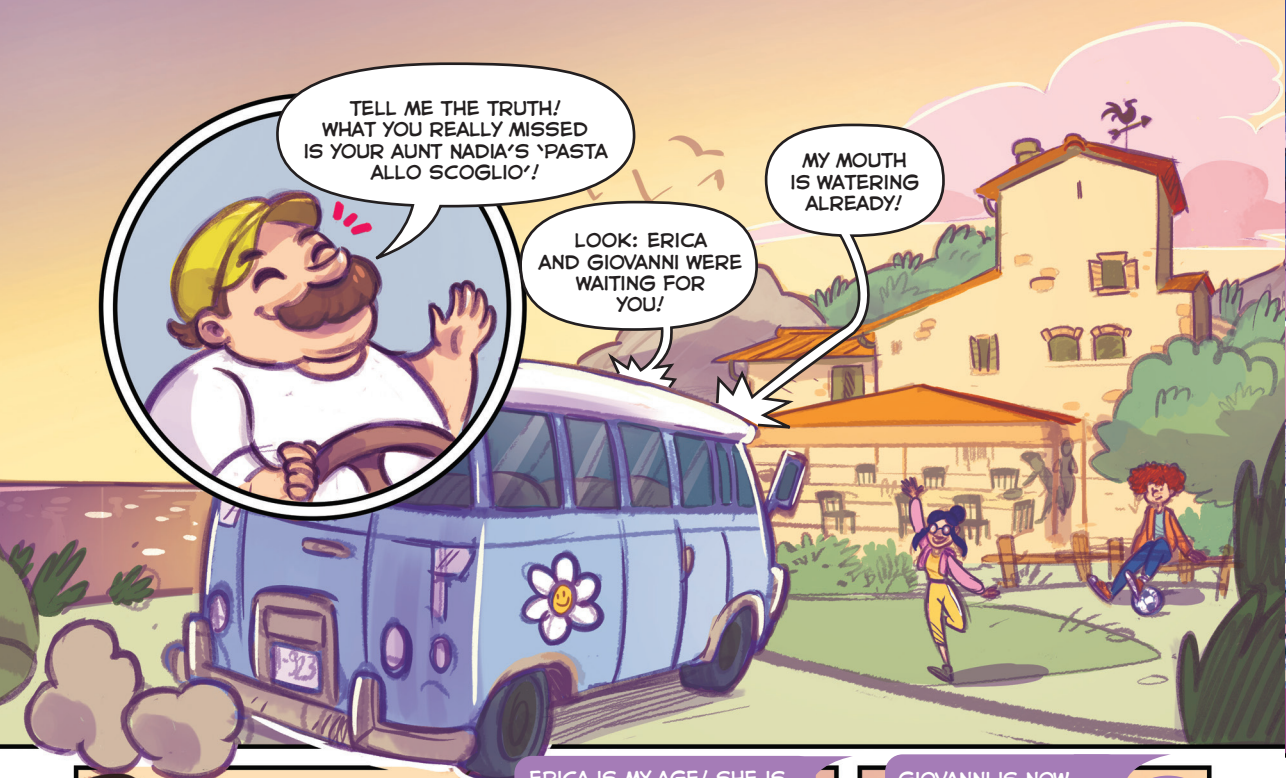
WHAT DO YOU WANT? ARE WE OR ARE WE NOT ON HOLIDAY?



AHAHA! PERHAPS GOING AROUND THE ISLAND HAS TIRED YOU TOO MUCH!

NOT AT ALL, UNCLE ALFIO! IT WAS AMAZING!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO GET HOME! WE MISSED YOU SO MUCH!



TELL ME THE TRUTH!
WHAT YOU REALLY MISSED
IS YOUR AUNT NADIA'S 'PASTA
ALLO SCOGLIO'!

LOOK: ERICA
AND GIOVANNI WERE
WAITING FOR
YOU!

MY MOUTH
IS WATERING
ALREADY!



ERICA AND GIOVANNI:
OUR FAVORITE
COUSINS!

ERICA IS MY AGE! SHE IS
A LITTLE EXUBERANT, BUT
ALSO VERY AFFECTIONATE!

ANNAAAAAA!!!

ERICA,
HELLO!
URGH!

GIOVANNI IS NOW
OF AGE AND MARCO
VENERATES HIM. YOU
CAN TELL FROM THE
WAY HE LOOKS AT
HIM

BRO

BRO



UNCLE ALFIO WAS RIGHT: AUNT NADIA'S 'PASTA
ALLO SCOGLIO' WAS THE BEST IN THE WORLD. AND JUST
LIKE THAT AN EXTRAORDINARY HOLIDAY BEGAN!

YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN ME, DEAR DIARY!
ERICA TAUGHT ME TO PLAY THE GUITAR.
OR AT LEAST SHE TRIED



MARCO, IN THE MEANTIME, HAS
LEARNED TO FISH! EXACTLY,
THAT MARCO!



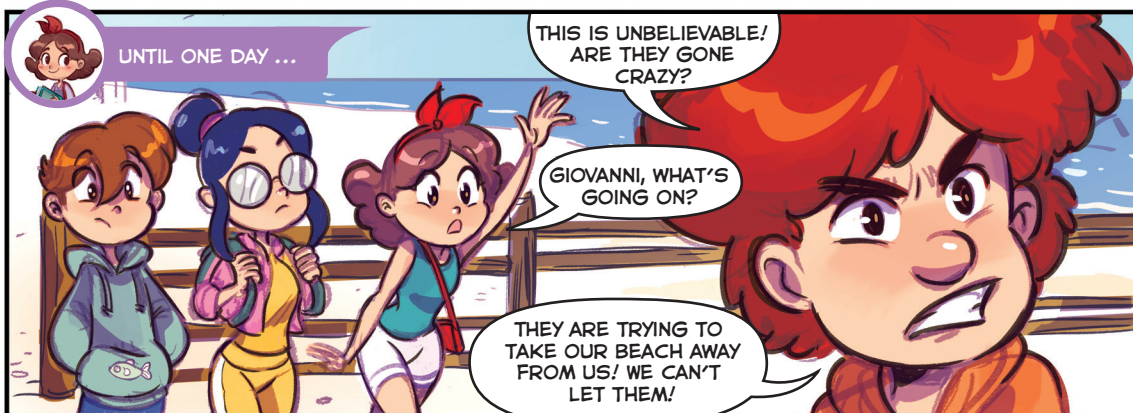
UNTIL ONE DAY ...



THIS IS UNBELIEVABLE!
ARE THEY GONE
CRAZY?

GIOVANNI, WHAT'S
GOING ON?

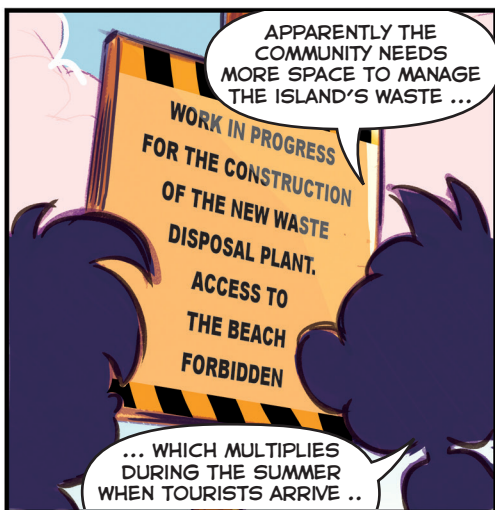
THEY ARE TRYING TO
TAKE OUR BEACH AWAY
FROM US! WE CAN'T
LET THEM!



APPARENTLY THE
COMMUNITY NEEDS
MORE SPACE TO MANAGE
THE ISLAND'S WASTE ...

WORK IN PROGRESS
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
OF THE NEW WASTE
DISPOSAL PLANT.
ACCESS TO
THE BEACH
FORBIDDEN

... WHICH MULTIPLIES
DURING THE SUMMER
WHEN TOURISTS ARRIVE ...



WORK IN PROGRESS
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
OF THE NEW WASTE
DISPOSAL PLANT.
ACCESS TO
THE BEACH
FORBIDDEN

LET'S GO TO
THE MAYOR BEFORE
THE SITUATION
GETS WORSE!

RIGHT! I'M GONNA
CALL THE GUYS
AND MAKE
A MESS!

ARE YOU
SURE HE WILL
LISTEN TO US?

YOU
KNOW ME,
ANNA...





"I'M ALWAYS SURE"

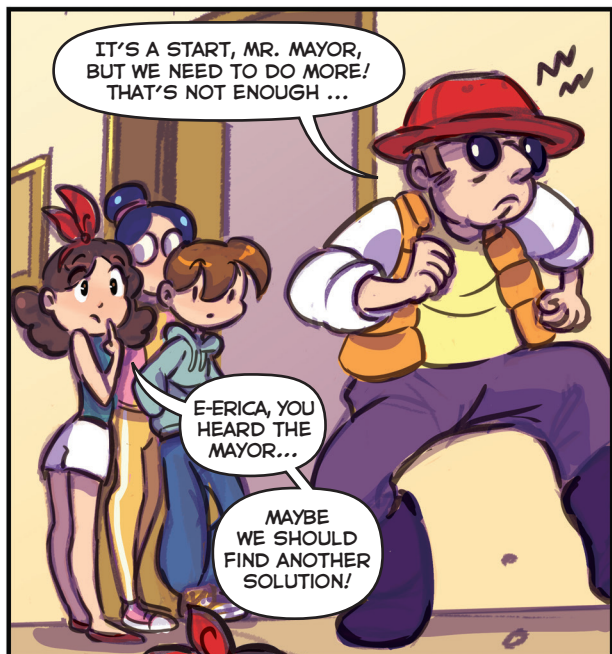


WE CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS! YOU HAVE NO IDEA OF THE TRASH WE FOUND IN OUR NETS! IT'S A SHAME! YOU HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!

I THINK THE MAYOR IS BUSY RIGHT NOW ...



I KNOW THAT, SASÀ! THAT'S WHY WE CLOSED THE BEACH! WE ARE TRYING TO FIND A SOLUTION THAT MAKES EVERYONE HAPPY...



IT'S A START, MR. MAYOR, BUT WE NEED TO DO MORE! THAT'S NOT ENOUGH ...

E-ERICA, YOU HEARD THE MAYOR...

MAYBE WE SHOULD FIND ANOTHER SOLUTION!



I HAVE AN IDEA! LET'S DO A SIGNATURES COLLECTION!

IF WE ARE MANY, THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DISPOSAL PLANT AND THE MAYOR WILL HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER WAY!

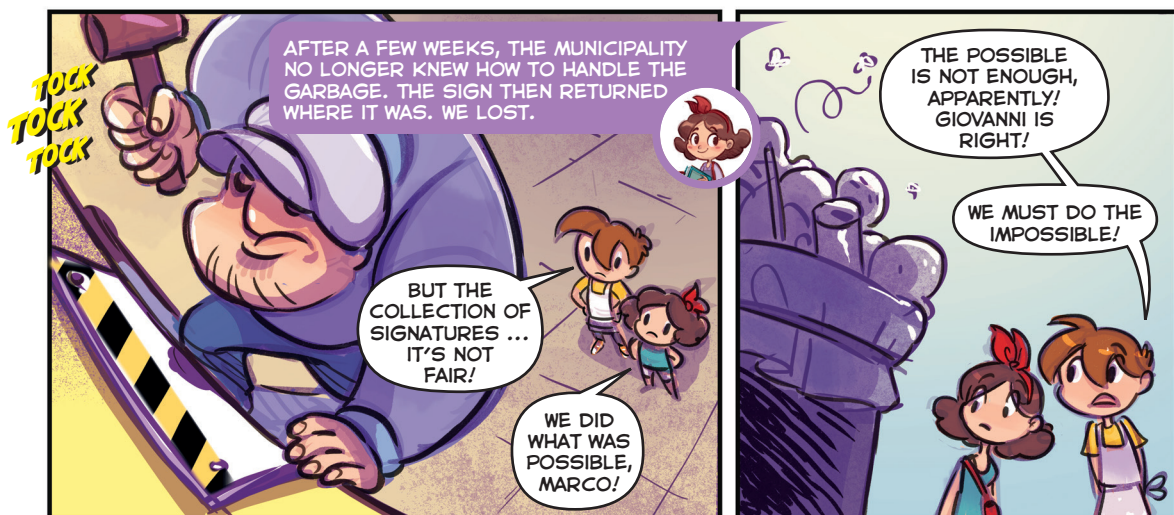
ARE YOU SURE IT'S A GOOD IDEA? MARCO, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I SAY THAT I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO GET BORED ON HOLIDAY BUT I WAS SO WRONG! WE MUST TRY!



AND SO IT IS! LET'S SAVE THE ISLAND!

ALRIGHT, THEN! LET'S TRY!





W-WHAT ?! I DON'T BELIEVE IT! ARE YOU KIDDING ME?

THE GOVERNMENT WAS IMPRESSED BY THE COLLECTION OF SIGNATURES AND WILL GIVE US NEW RESOURCES TO SOLVE THE WASTE PROBLEM!

I WILL NEVER FORGET THE HAPPINESS IN MARCO'S EYES ...

WE, THE FISHERMEN, WILL COLLECT THE PLASTIC THAT HAS FALLEN INTO THE SEA!

WON'T THEY CLOSE THE BEACH ANYMORE?

AND WE WILL WORK TO RAISE AWARENESS IN THE COMMUNITY!

YEEEESSSS

ON OUR LAST EVENING IN THE ISLAND WE INAUGURATE THE "RECYCLING PARTY". EVERYONE WAS HAPPY.

NO! THE MUNICIPALITY WILL BUILD THE NEW DISPOSAL PLANT IN THE OLD BARRACKS OUTSIDE THE CITY, BUT THEY WILL NEED OUR HELP!

PITY THAT ...

ANNA, WE HAVE ARRIVED! COME AND GET YOUR BAGS!

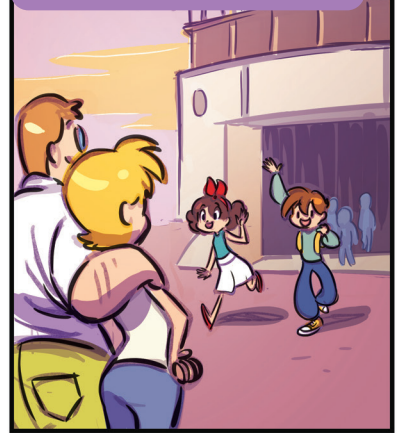
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE! YOU GO AHEAD! LET ME FINISH THIS MESSAGE AND I'LL JOIN YOU!

BEFORE TAKING THE BOAT I SAW THE MAYOR WHO WAS DEALING WITH SOME PEOPLE TO TAKE THE GARBAGE AWAY FROM THE ISLAND ...

WE WON THE BATTLE TO SAVE THE BEACH, BUT WE HAVE NOT FOUND THE SOLUTION TO THE ISLAND'S WASTE. WE ONLY MANAGED TO MOVE THE PROBLEM OF THEIR DISPOSAL BY SENDING THEM WHO KNOWS WHERE, BUT MARCO DOES NOT HAVE TO KNOW THIS YET.

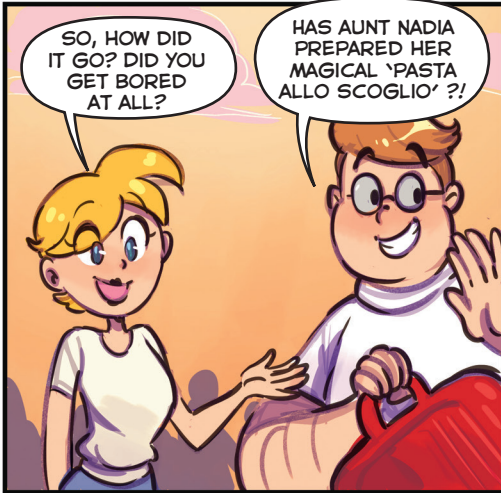


"AND SOMETIMES EVEN IF WHAT WE THINK IS RIGHT, MAYBE IT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH."



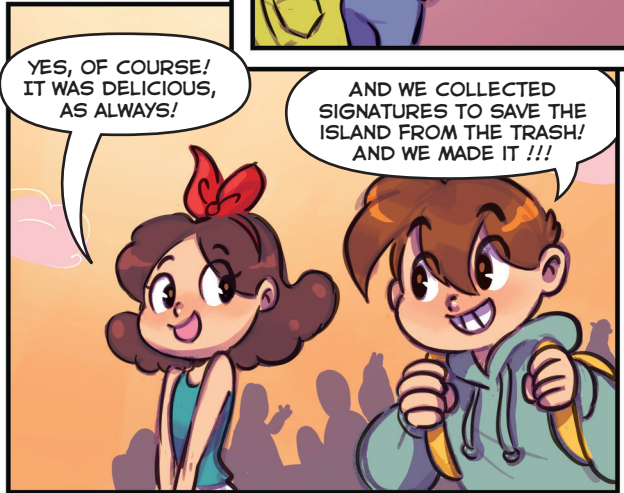
SO, HOW DID IT GO? DID YOU GET BORED AT ALL?

HAS AUNT NADIA PREPARED HER MAGICAL 'PASTA ALLO SCOGLIO' ?!



YES, OF COURSE! IT WAS DELICIOUS, AS ALWAYS!

AND WE COLLECTED SIGNATURES TO SAVE THE ISLAND FROM THE TRASH! AND WE MADE IT !!!



RIGHT! IF ONLY THINGS WERE THAT SIMPLE! THE MAYOR DID WHAT HE COULD TO SAFEGUARD HIS COMMUNITY ...



..BUT WHAT HAPPENED CANNOT, AND MUST NOT, BE THE ONLY SOLUTION ... "



"THE ONLY CERTAIN THING IS THAT NEXT YEAR WE WILL DO MORE. AS MARCO ALWAYS SAYS: IF THE POSSIBLE IS NOT ENOUGH, WE WILL MAKE THE IMPOSSIBLE! "



THE END



MARCO

WHAT A SUMMER! I DIDN'T THINK THAT COMMITTING TO SAVE OUR ISLAND COULD EVEN BE FUN.



ERICA

I SUGGESTED A SIGNATURES COLLECTION TO RAISE OUR VOICES. WHAT DO YOU PROPOSE?



GIOVANNI

BOYS AND GIRLS, LET'S GET TOGETHER AND LET OUR VOICES BE HEARD!



SASA

FISHERMEN ARE THE KEEPERS OF THE SEA. THE SEA GIVES US SO MUCH, THE LEAST WE CAN DO IS PROTECT IT.



MAYOR

PROTECTING THE INTERESTS OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT SOMETIMES INVOLVES TAKING DIFFICULT DECISIONS.



UNCLE ALFIO

WHO SAID "PASTA ALLO SCOGLIO"? FISH IS NOT ONLY GOOD FOR YOU, IT IS ALSO TASTY!

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,
THERE ARE NO SIMPLE SOLUTIONS
TO COMPLEX PROBLEMS. WHAT
WOULD YOU HAVE DONE IF
YOU WERE US?





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