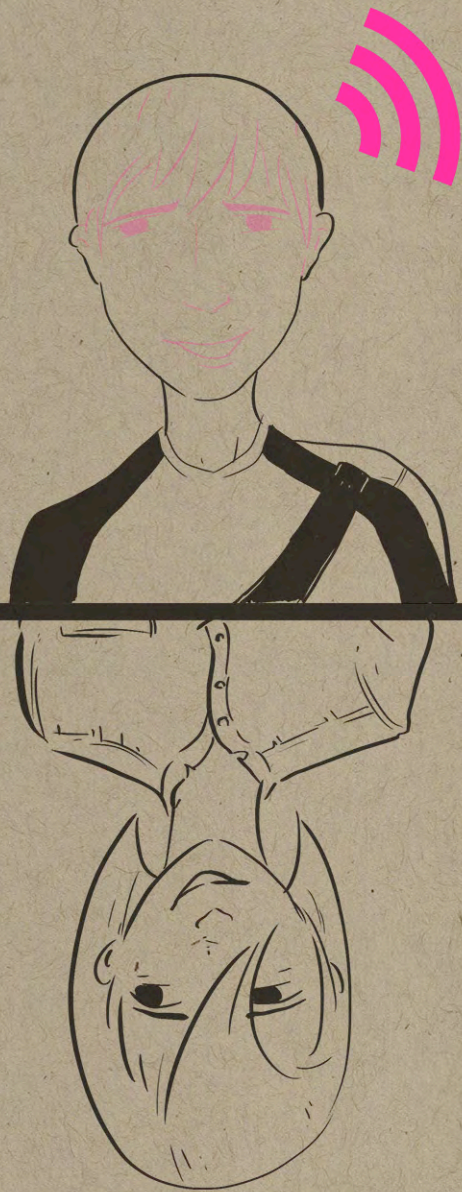


archived



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memory

noun | mem·o·ry | \ˈmem-rē, ˈme-mə-\

: the power or process of remembering what has been learned

: something that is remembered

~~: the things learned and kept in the mind~~
digital files cloud

: something that can be hacked, usually by high school kids.

Intro

When the Internet was connected directly to the human brain, life was forever changed. Memories (“mems”) were no longer just fuzzy, private recollections that resided inside an individual. Mems became digital objects that could be recalled with precise details - video, sound, smell, feelings and emotions. Those details, like any digital file, could also be enhanced by anyone with a little creativity and the right apps.

Memory archives (“mem vaults”) were secured by the best encryption technologies. At least, that’s what the mem storage companies wanted you to think. While it became “bad manners” to hack into someone’s memvault without permission, sometimes a kid with a crush had to bend the rules.

I want to ask Brill to Homecoming.
But Brill has me on auto-archive.

All of Brill's memories of me since pre-K would
have been compressed years ago if I hadn't
hacked them in 6th grade and re-tagged them.



Quick - What's the polynomial
for this expression? Tomathy.

Of course, I would be unplugged BIG if
somebody catches me memtweaking on a
fellow classmate. But kids do it all the time.

Nothing's permanent.

Polynomial
expression.

$$(x-y)^2$$

I have no idea
what a
polynomial
expression is.
We don't try to
learn this stuff.

Memory space is
too valuable.

[query.edu:\(x-y\)^2](#)

$$x^2-2xy+y^2$$

100%

$$x^2-2xy+y^2$$

High school math is all about
query speed, visual pings to .edu
and triple-checking your results.
Just don't hesitate with the
answer, make it look like you did
the math in your head.

I've always been pretty fast on the net.

Mom says the vids of me stacking virtual blocks at 3 weeks old are real.

and I was tweaking Mom and Dad's memories when I was 3

I broke a vase, made Mom think she did it

I ate some cookies and deleted their mems of ever baking them.

These are things normal kids do. But usually not until they're teens.

Mom and Dad were so proud.

Other than a few mods to Brill's memory of me, I don't.

They think I don't do that stuff anymore.

I just want Brill to remember me. We've been classmates since pre-K.

Now, Brill doesn't see my face.



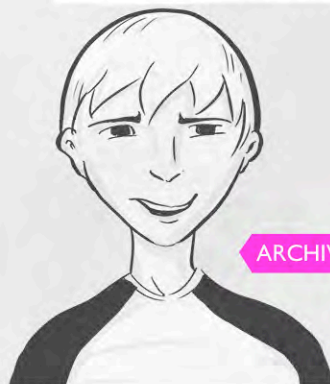
even when I do something nice.

You dropped this, Brill.



So I Photoshop my face back on

and I remove the archive tag. That way the memory doesn't get canned.



ARCHIVE (X)

Maybe I did change a couple memories of me.



I once saw Brill shoot this candy icon and a question mark over to Beth.

and then Beth replied with two guys faces..



The First guy was Huddle Hendrikson.

The second was Nate Anders, who Brill quickly tagged "Never"



NEVER!

So I added the candy icon to Brill's early memories of Huddle, some celebs they always talk about...



BOE

and me.

Mute teacher.

If "Tomathy" or EyeContact then ReplayVid.-20seconds

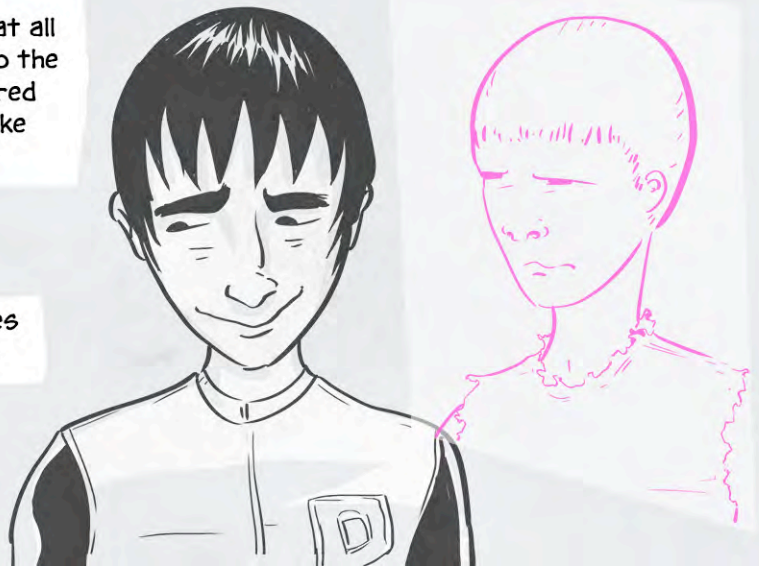


Brill will never figure out that I tweaked their thoughts because I've got some pro coverups in place.

I won't go into the details. But let's just say that if they ever figure it out, they'll think it was a practical joke done by Mickey Millan to set up his buddy Huddle.

Mickey does stuff like that all the time. He will fess up to the deed if it's ever discovered because I gave him a fake memory of doing it.

It perfectly matches his other pranks.





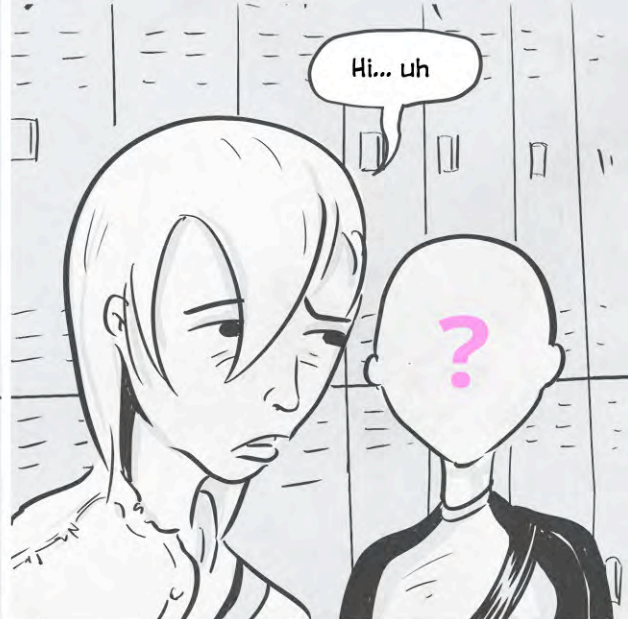
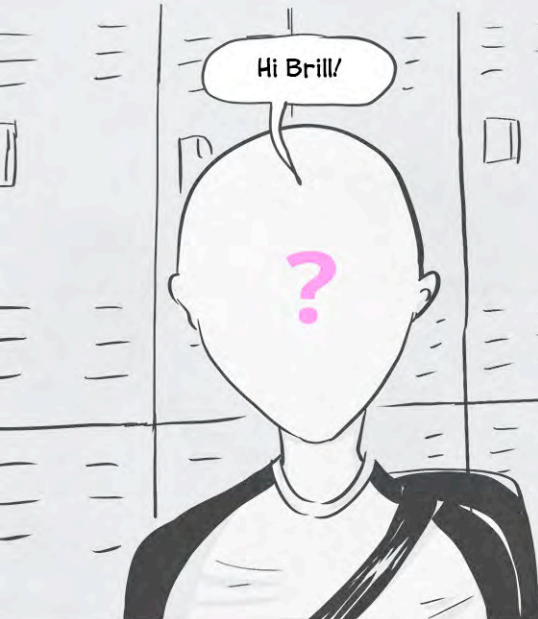
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feeling nervous.



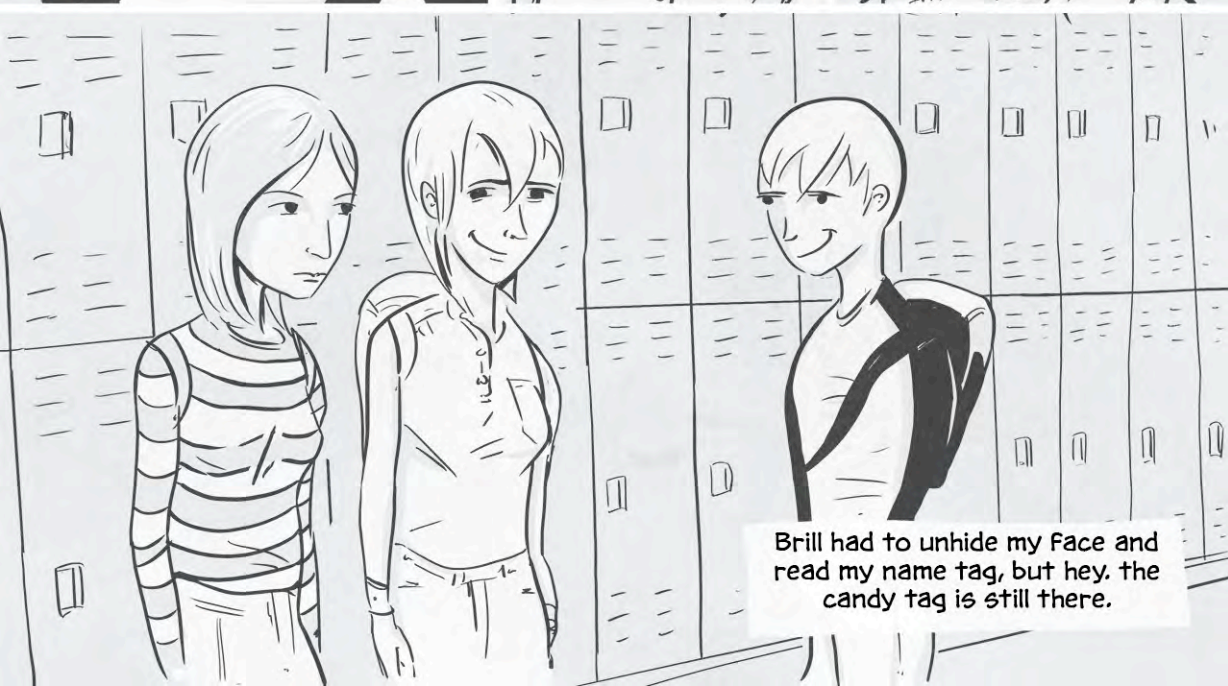
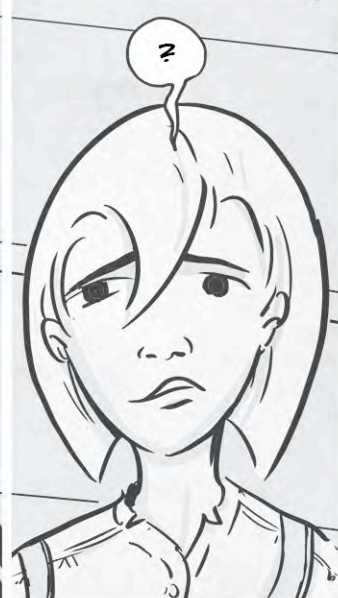
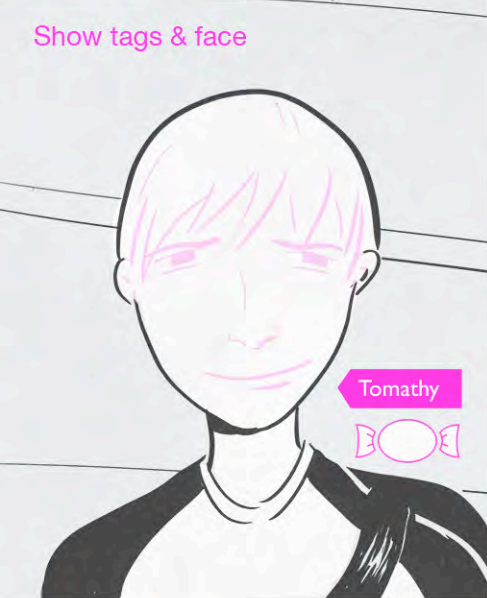
I need to ask Brill to homecoming soon.
If I don't, Brill will probably get asked by
Huddle and probably say yes.



There they are.
Now's my chance.

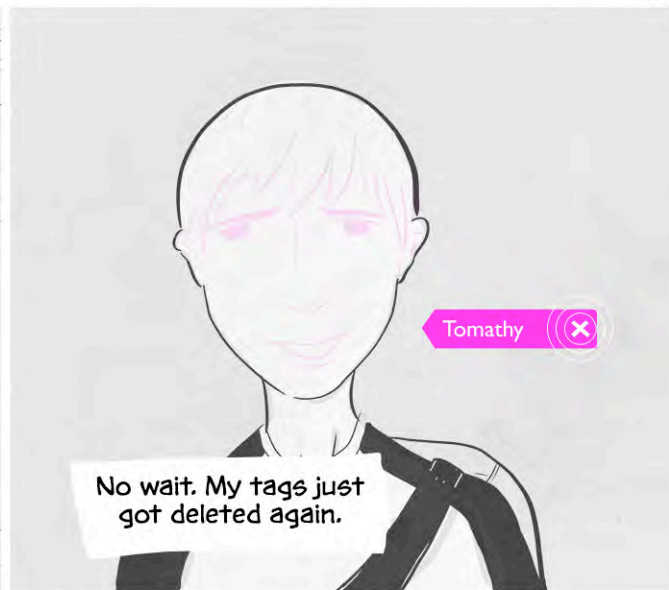


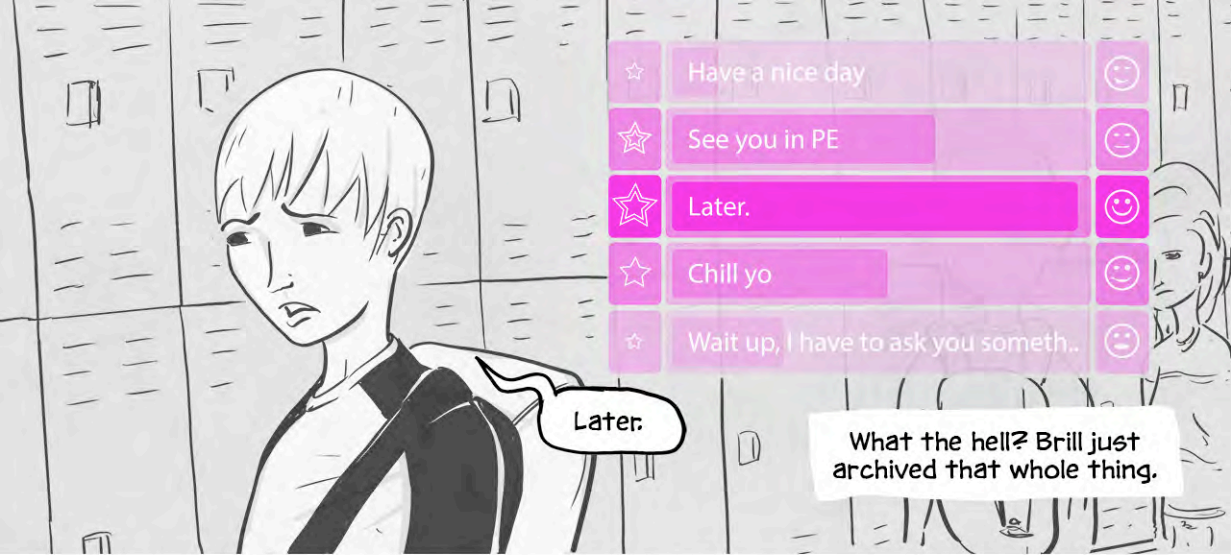
Show tags & face



Brill had to unhide my face and read my name tag, but hey. the candy tag is still there.

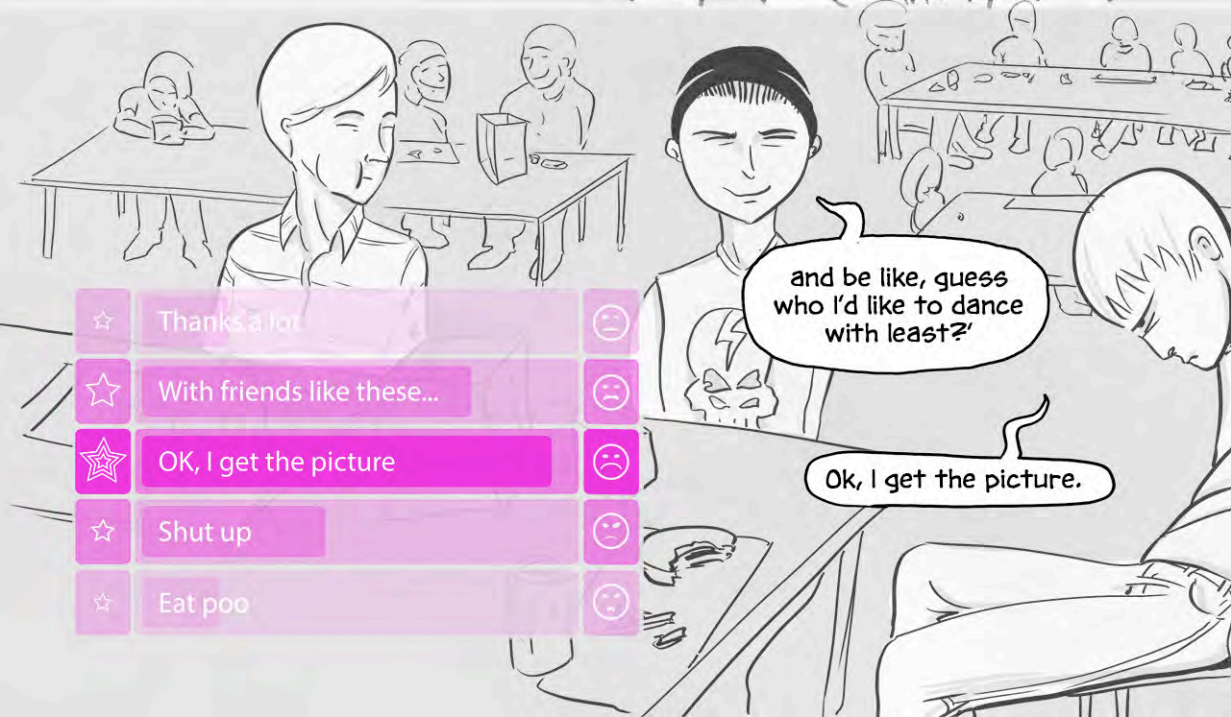
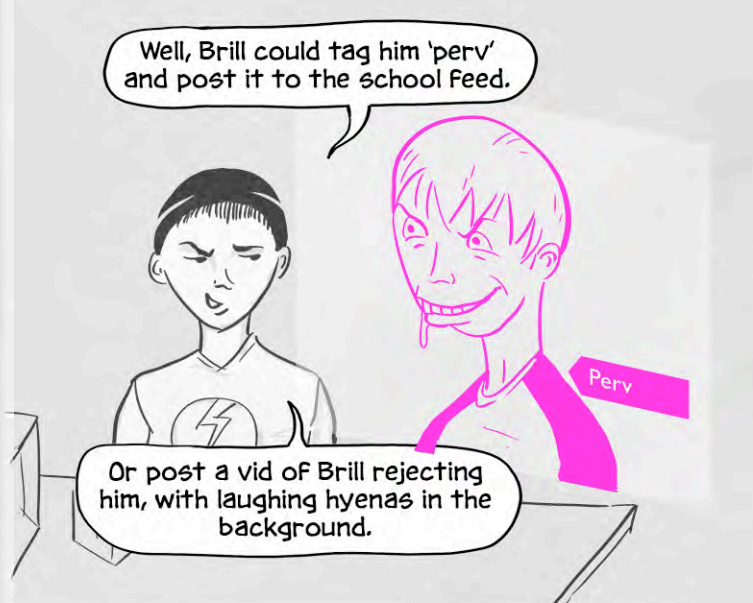
Open.What should I say next

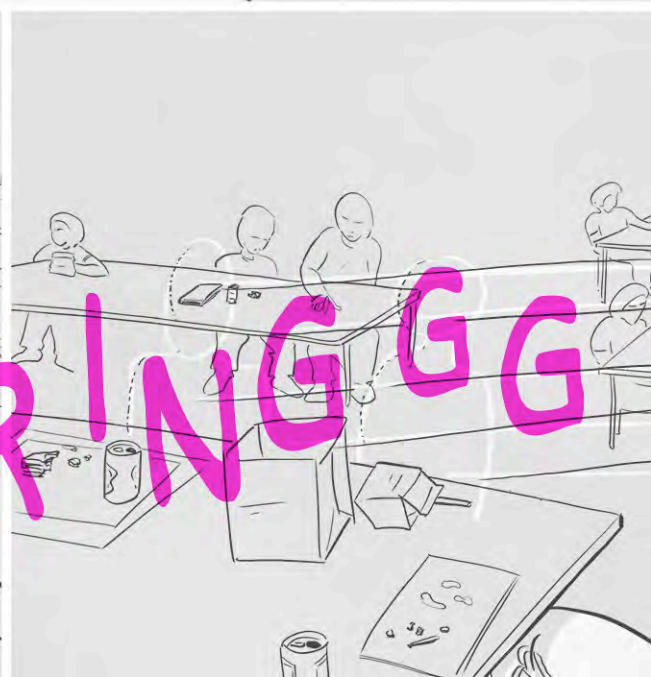




Lunch Break







Alright. Doubles
tournament today. The
teams are...

Jake and Shelly

vs. Huddle and Melody

Tomathy and...

Oh God please put
Brill on my team!

Tomathy and Brill vs.
Mickey and Fiona

Yes!

Hi Brill.

Show tags & face

Oh, Hi Tomathy.

Tomathy

You any good at badminton?

☆	So so	☹
☆	I'm ok	☹
★	Yeah, pretty good	😊
☆	Don't you remember last year?	😊
☆	C'mon, you know I'm great at it	😊

Yeah, pretty good.

Last year we were an undefeated team. Brill even had lunch with me once after that.

Let's go.

Dang it all those mems have been archived.

SetReminder.
Restore Brill's mems from last year.

Look, we can totally beat Mickey and Fiona.

Have you ever used the badminton app?

Badminton app?

Send.Brill.BadmintonApp

Yeah, it's easy. Just load this, then follow the suggested racket path, velocity and tilt.

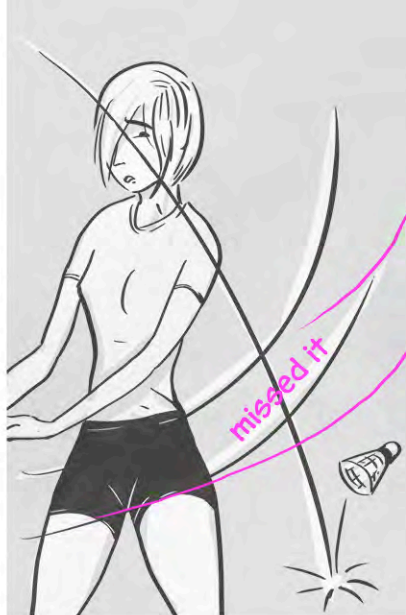
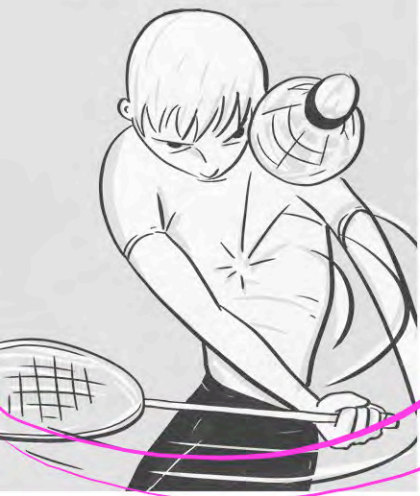
It'll take you a couple shots to get used to the graphic overlay.

But once you get the hang of it, I'll send you some of my hacks, which will level you up big.

Dang, Brill just tagged me 'Geek.' I hope it was meant in the good way.

Geek

My serve to Mickey is good, but he's quick



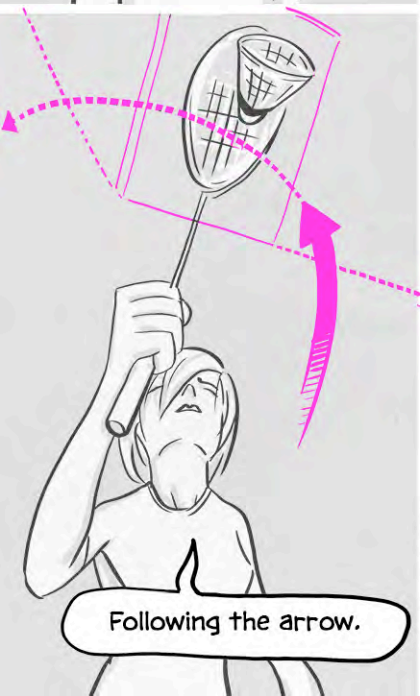
Maybe I should try it without the app..?



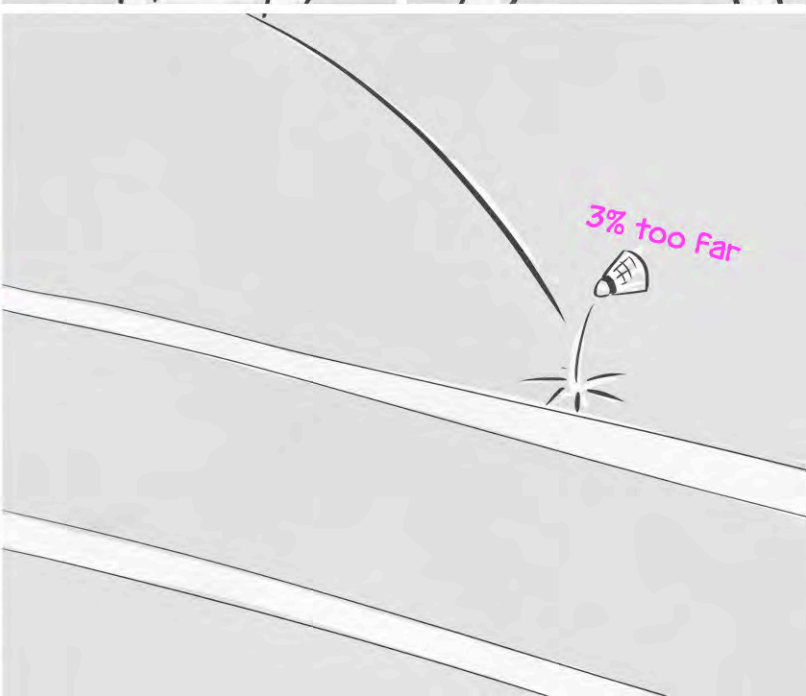
No, you almost had it.

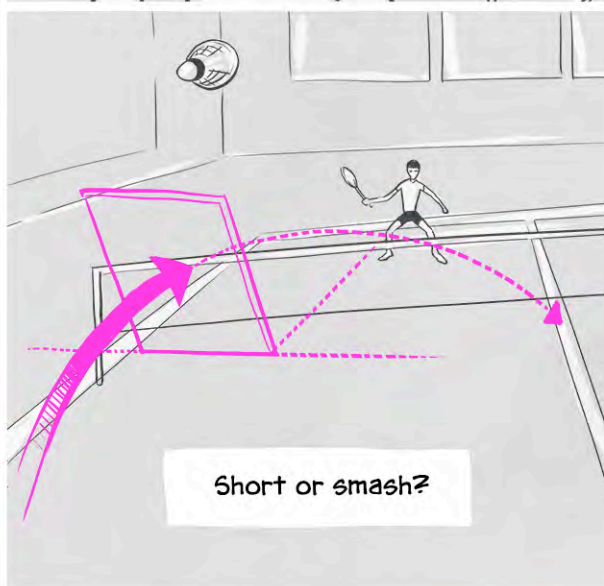


Follow the arrow. Trust me, it works!



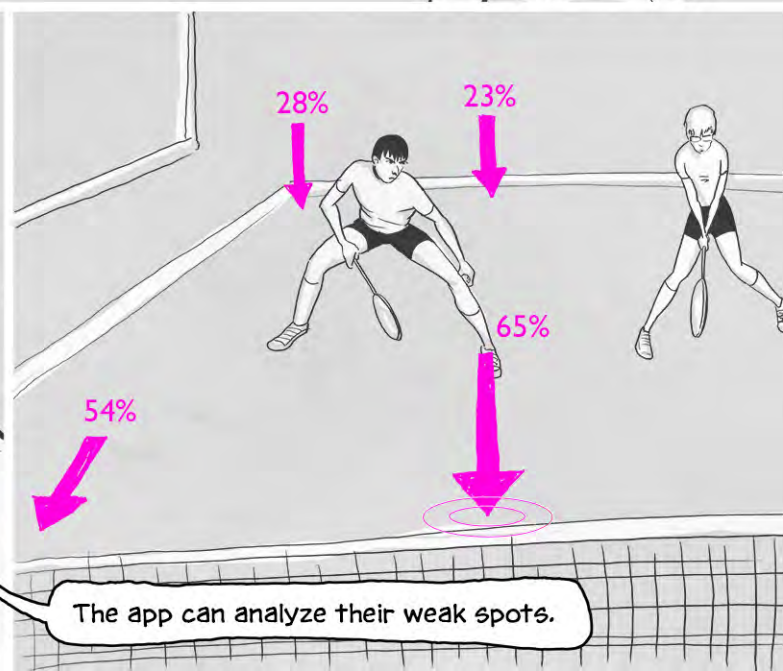
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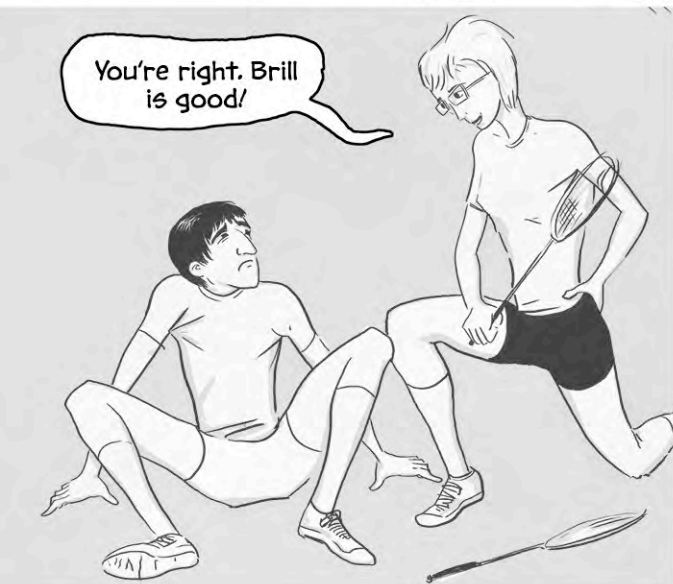
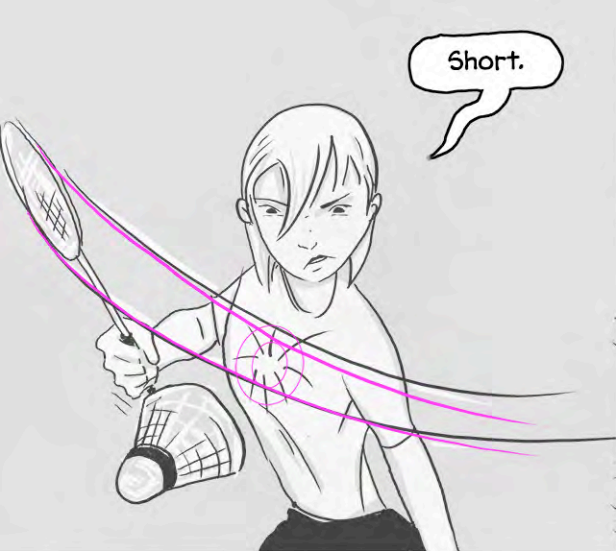






Just to mess with Mickey...





Nice

Later

I got a high-5 when we won!

So, did you ask Brill in PE?

I can still smell Brill's sweat on my hand.

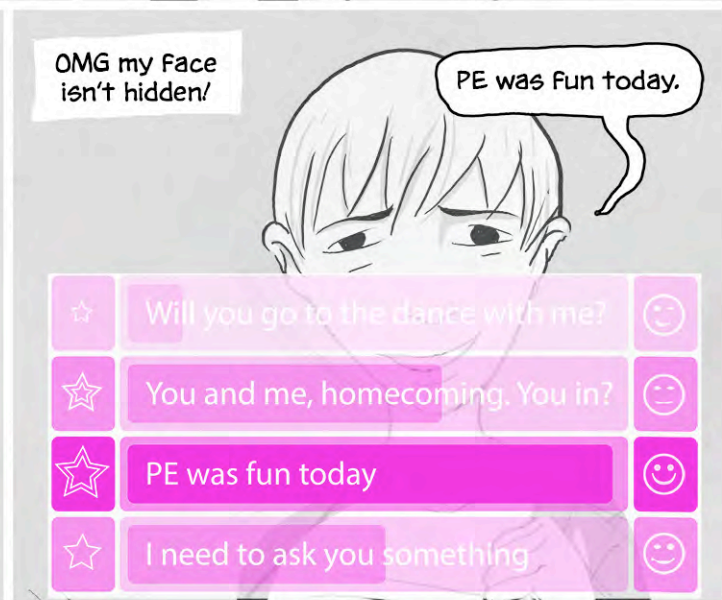
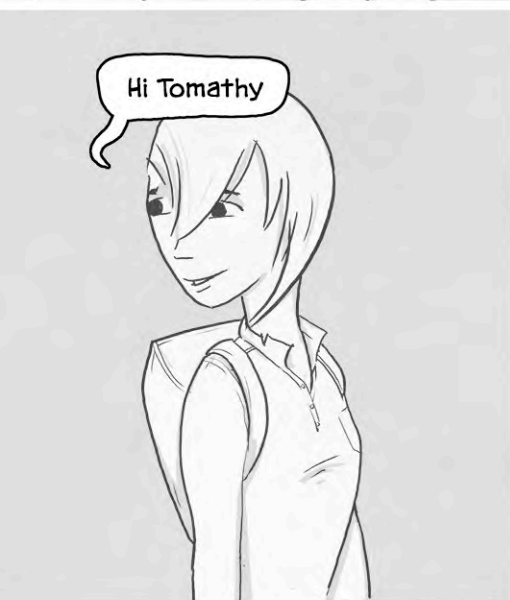
You're halfway to first base, dude.

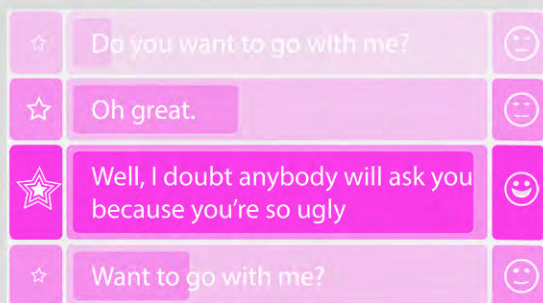
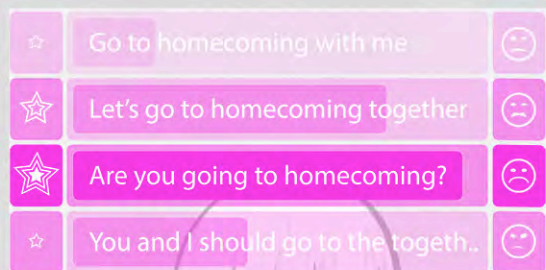
So are you going to ask before the final bell?

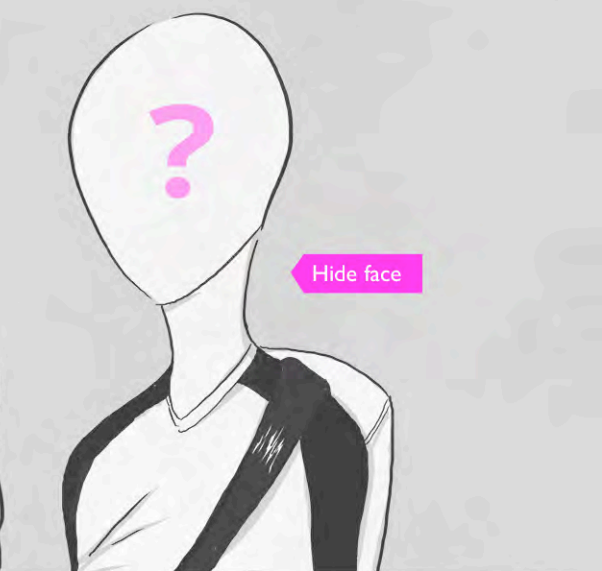
Prepare for disappointment, kid. The worst kind.

The kind you can't archive because everyone remembers it.

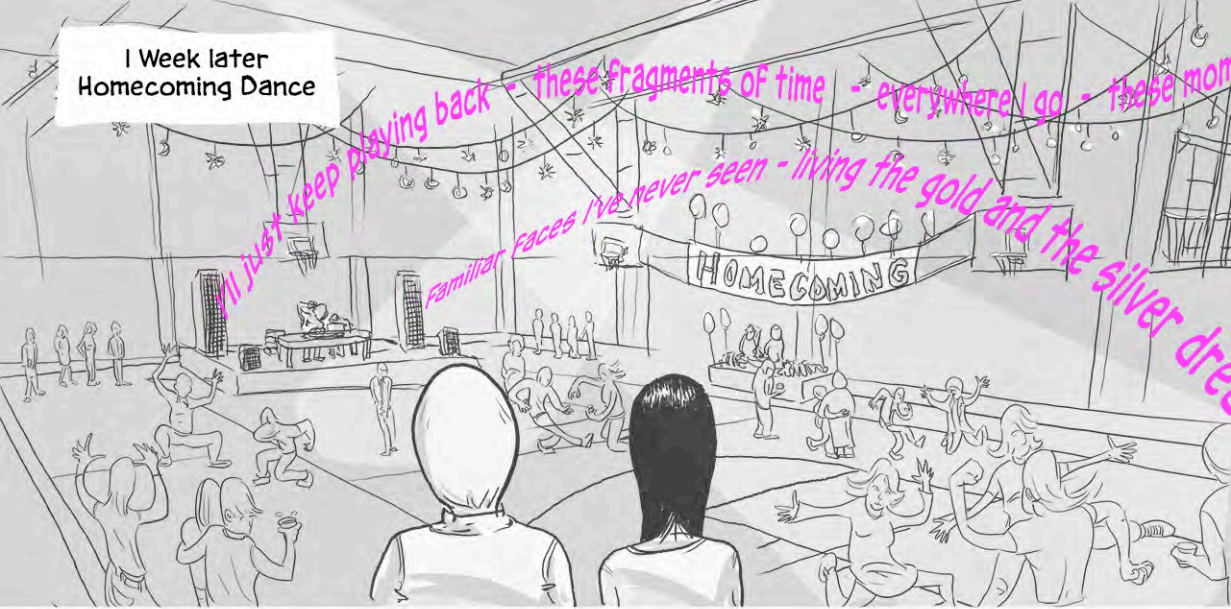
Mute it Zach!







I Week later
Homecoming Dance



Seena, you look so good tonight. As usual.



Well, I wanted to impress you with my badminton skills first.



Yeah, we won it again, didn't we?

Thanks, Tomathy. I can't believe you finally found the nerve to ask me after stressing about it all these years.



Good thing you asked me before
Huddle could beat you to it.

Yeah, he's here with Brill,
poor guy. Brill has been
annoying since Pre-K

Brill is so archived.

Yeah, same



Open.What should I say next



I love this song



Let's hit the dance floor



Would you like to dance?



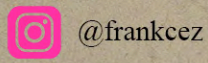
I have something to confess



Can we talk about something?



Would you like to dance?





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