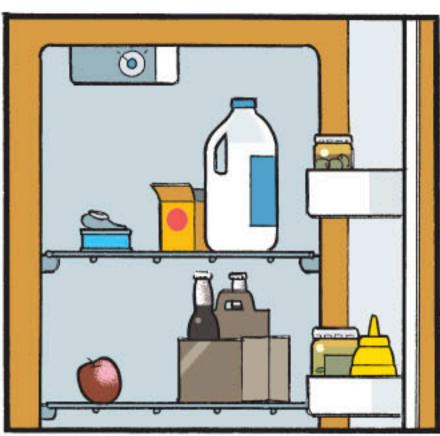
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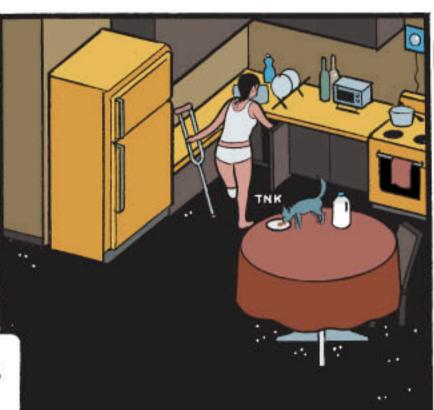


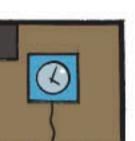
MAYBE I SHOULD'VE NOTICED THE LACK OF "TELLTALE GURGLE," BUT I DIDN'T, FOR SOME REASON..

SURELY YOU CAN WAIT ANOTHER 10 SECONDS FOR ME TO GET IT OUT OF THE CAN ...

I GUESS I WAS DIMLY AWARE OF THE SOUND OF WATER STILL RUNNING, BUT IT DIDN'T REALLY REGISTER ...

> YOU ARE SPOILED ROTTEN, MISS KITTY, SPOILED ROTTEN ...













FINALLY, I HOPPED OVER AND PEERED AROUND THE CORNER ...





HZGX!



FIGURING THERE MIGHT BE SOMETHING OBVIOUS TO SEE, LIKE A HOSE SPRAYING WATER EVERWHERE, BUT THERE WASN'T, OF COURSE...







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SO I JUST GRABBED THE FIRST THING I SAW AND PULLED ...



YOU JUST DON'T

THEY'RE TAKEN AWAY... HOW INTER-DEPENDENT THE "MODERN WORLD" IS ...

REALIZE HOW MUCH YOU TAKE THINGS

FOR GRANTED UNTIL



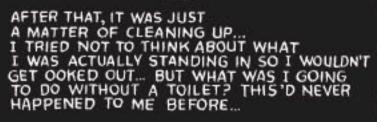


BALANCING THERE, FEELING AS IF I WAS HOLDING A STICK BETWEEN THE JAWS OF A SHARK, I EVENTUALLY MANAGED TO JAM MY CRUTCH UNDER THE BALL THINGY TO KEEP IT FROM GOING DOWN AND MAKING THE WATER RUN AGAIN ...



WAS SORT OF PROUD OF MYSELF FOR FIGURING THIS OUT, ACTUALLY ...







JUST ONE LITTLE THING LIKE THIS CAN MESS EVERY-THING UP...I'D BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO A DAY OF TRYING TO GET BACK INTO MY PAINTING ... MAYBE



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BUT NOW... NOW I'D JUST HAVE TO SPEND MY WHOLE SATURDAY WAITING AROUND FOR A STUPID PLUMBER TO SHOW UP ...

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