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For the enchanting Ana,  
the lovely Jungles,  
the courageous Karolina,  
and all timeless beings  
who crossed our path.

"[Those] destined to meet will do so,  
apparently by chance, at precisely the right time."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Once upon  
a time

a girl called "TJ" was promised a cat.



But when  
she came to  
get me from  
her friend,  
she found  
she was  
**Allergic.**





Quilt made by grandma W.



(This lovely lady) :-)



Jeff was the only other person to witness "the face" that Chicken was known to make but only very rarely:

TJ could do a fairly good imitation of it.



Ears pricked up.

Glazed eyes, wide open, with dilated pupils, in trance-like state.

Nostrils flared.

Mouth open and kind of squared, with lips tucked over teeth.



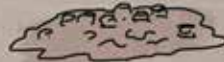
They:

1. ...always wanted to capture a photo of it but never succeeded.
2. ...later learned that cats do this to activate scent receptors inside their mouths.

The months passed and TJ learned a lot about cat habits and behavior —  
at least Chicken behavior.

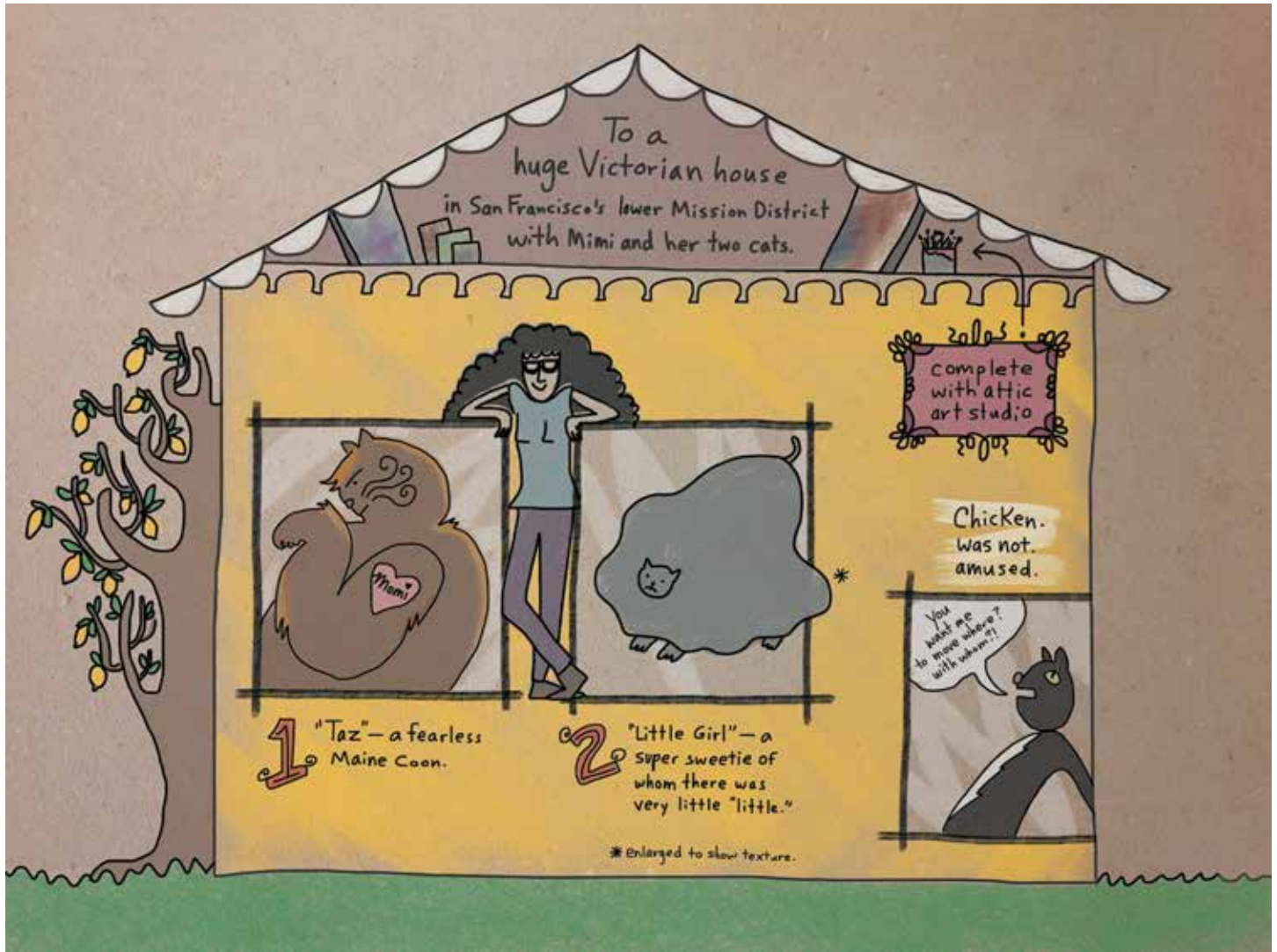


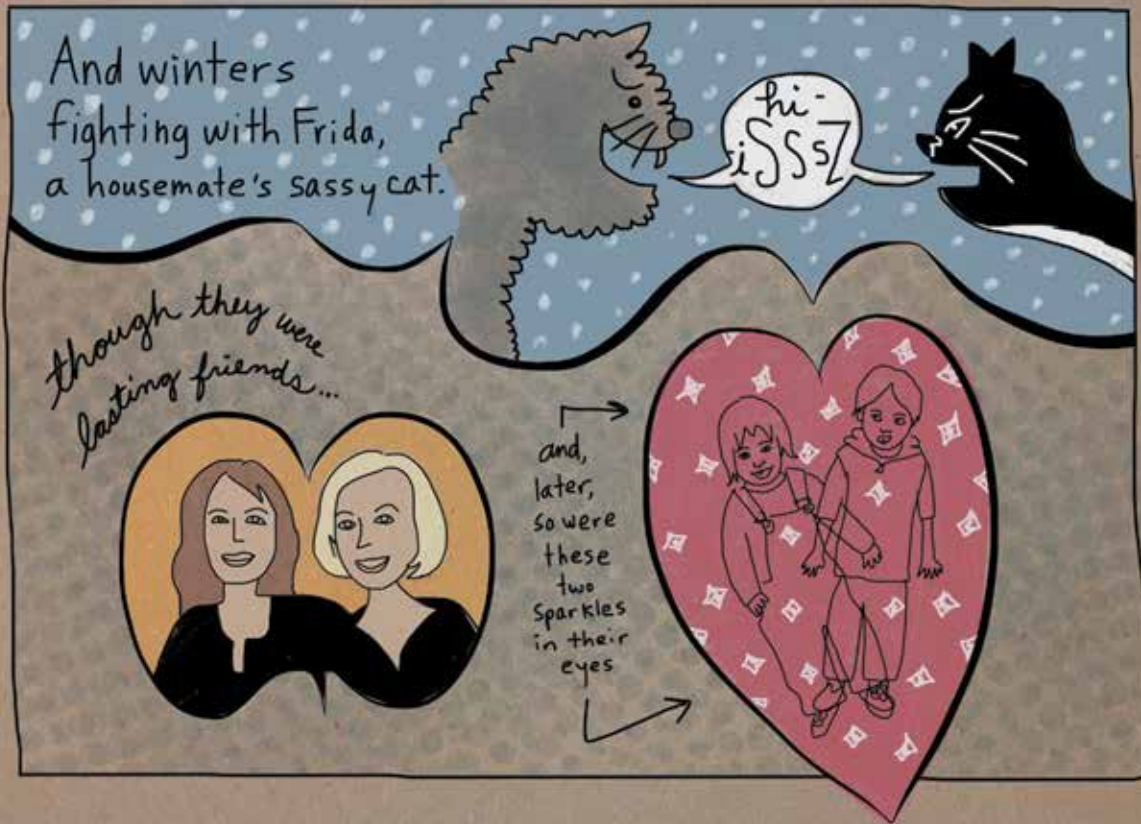
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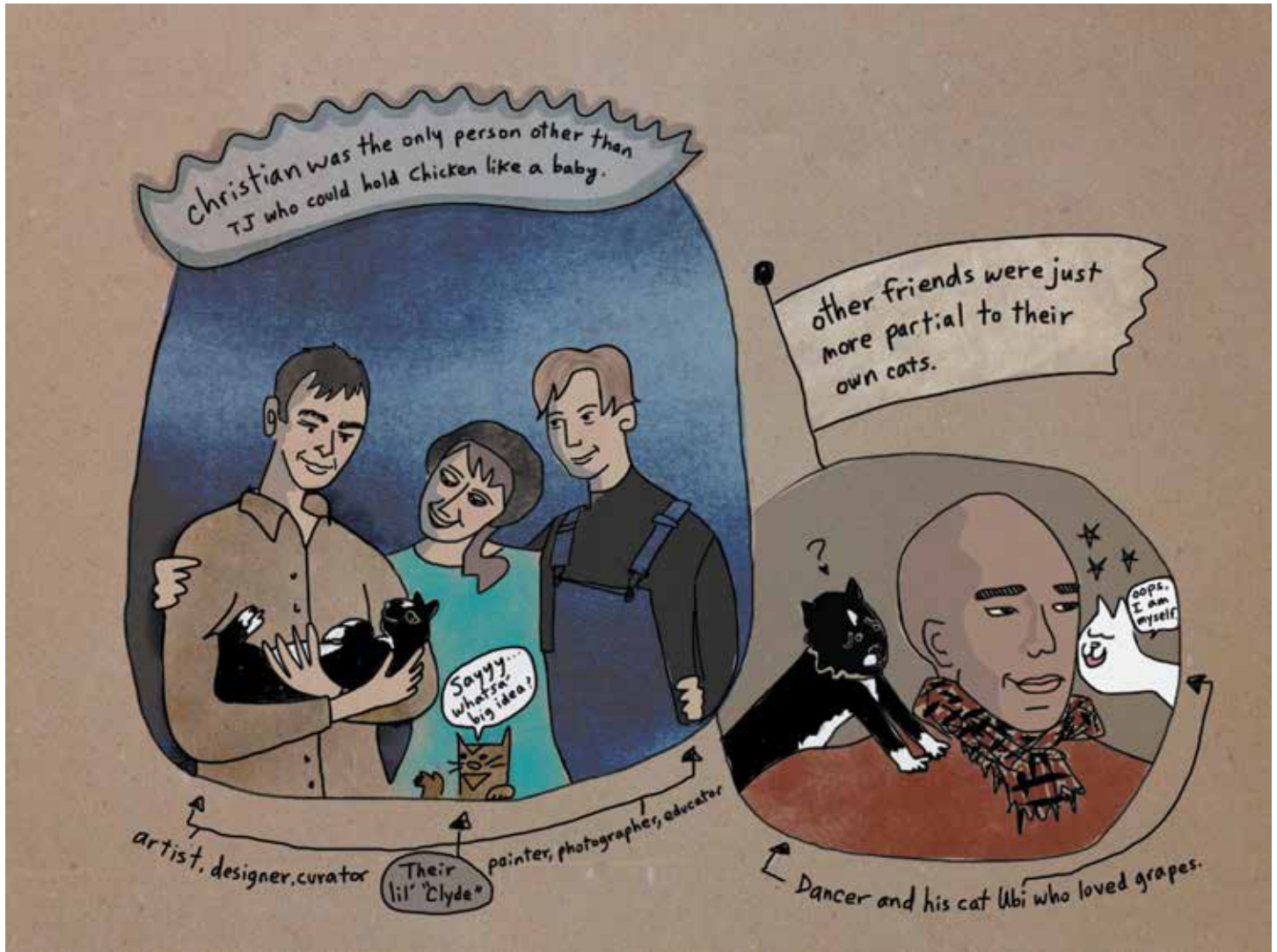


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Saying fond farewells  
to more L.A. friends...









#### Page 38 – Chicken’s Dream

A parody of *The Place Where Earth and Heaven Meet*, from astrologer Flammarion’s 1888 *Popular Meteorology*. The original image’s human figure was replaced with a cat and its central tree was replaced with a stalk of catnip.



#### Page 40 – More About Catnip

Catnip is a plant named as such because cats seem to love it. In fact, contact with it can make them act a bit crazy, causing such unusual behavior as excessive purring, rolling on the catnip itself, wild leaping about or just lazily “spacing out.”



#### Page 41 – What’s that Art?

Just some early experiments by TJ, inspired by art of the surrealist movement.



#### Page 43 – HackeySnax?

This was a joke company made up by TJ and her co-workers at the time...an absurd idea for a toy like the famous one of a similar name, only in edible food shapes for post-play snacking.



#### Page 43 – The Random Angel

During this period, TJ and friend Nan collaborated on “Gracie,” an angel doll and story that was the product of another TJ dream.



#### Page 43 – The Other Angel

A part of a TJ collage made shortly before moving from San Francisco to Chicago in pursuit of a higher degree.



#### Page 44 – A Kinetic Sculptor

...is one who makes sculptures that move. In this case, they were metal bowls and other parts that were not only interesting to look at but were mechanized to make cool sounds.



#### Page 46 – Cats and Grapes?

Cats aren’t supposed to like sweets, and some sources such as a vet we asked, even say that grapes and raisins are toxic to both cats and dogs and can lead to kidney failure(!) While Chicken never showed an interest in grapes, Ubi loved them and was allowed to eat them because his owner hadn’t heard of any danger in it. Then again, Ubi also liked potato chips and drinking his water from a running tap instead of a bowl, so there’s that. :-)



#### Page 47 – Picasso? Well, No.

If this image looks familiar it’s because it parodies Pablo Picasso’s famous self-portrait as well as the hand in another of his paintings, *Le Reve (The Dream)*. This artist friend’s energy and enthusiasm just begged for some Picasso-ing up.