

HOUSE DRESS

Sale



Milly

HOUSEDRESS

A Housewife Rebellion



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The Housedress

A SIMPLE NECESSARY WARDROBE
ITEM WORN AT HOME TO DO CHORES
OR QUICK
ERRANDS.



DESIGNED
FOR
PRACTICALITY

MADE
WITH
WASHABLE
FABRICS.

ALSO KNOWN AS DUSTERS, THE
INFORMAL DRESS WAS PURCHASED BY CATALOG.



My mother was a housewife, and that was the last thing I wanted to be. She was more than happy to teach me the arts of homemaking, but I was too busy as a liberated tomgirl playing outside in the woods.

Any time we caught one of our friends doing anything remotely like our moms, we yelled, **"Housewife Alert!"** and sometimes I can still hear it.

*Love,
Milly*

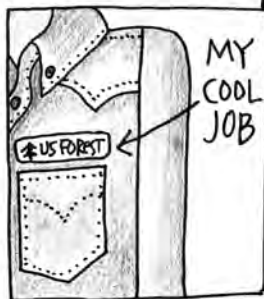
Housewife Rebellion



Housewife Rebellion
The Wild Years

the **WILD** years

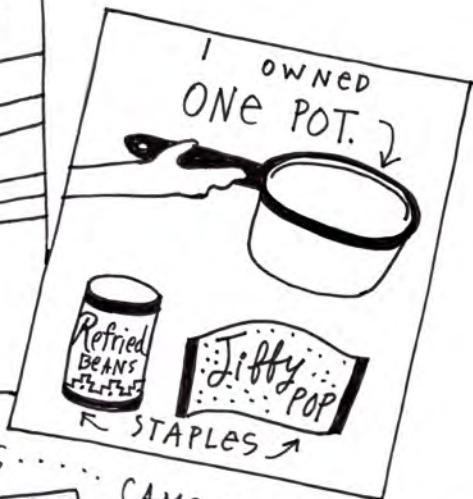
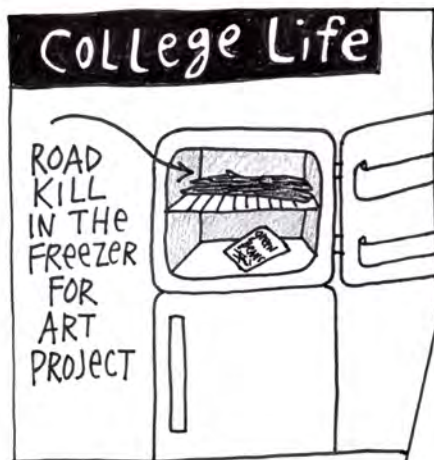
THE REBELLION CONTINUES



HANG OUT IN THE WOODS...

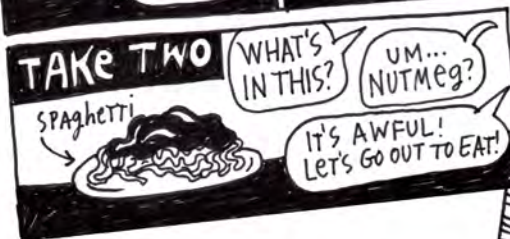
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The Wild Years Continue



COOKING SKILLS.....

CAME MUCH LATER!



HOUSING IMPROVED...



Housewifery 101



Housewifery 101

The Early Years



MY MOM DID ALL THE WORK AROUND THE HOUSE.

I DIDN'T WANT TO GROW UP AND BE MARRIED TO MY HOUSE.

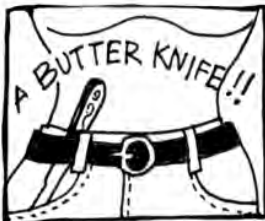


WE DID LEARN TO FIX THINGS

BEFORE D.I.Y. WAS A THING.



BUT OUR MOM TAUGHT US THAT ALL YOU REALLY NEED IS...



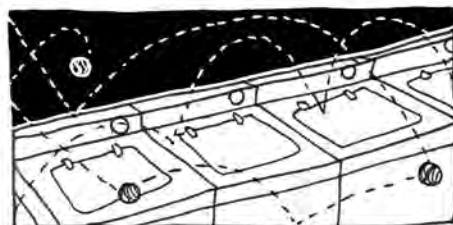
BUTTER KNIFE? **Yes.**

IT'S A SCREWDRIVER, SCRAPER, POKER, A PRIER-UPPER, A WHACKER...

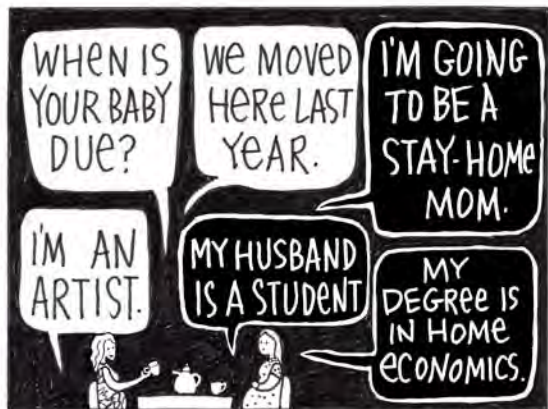
Housewifery 101
This Was Our Training

HOME EC

~CIRCA 1970's

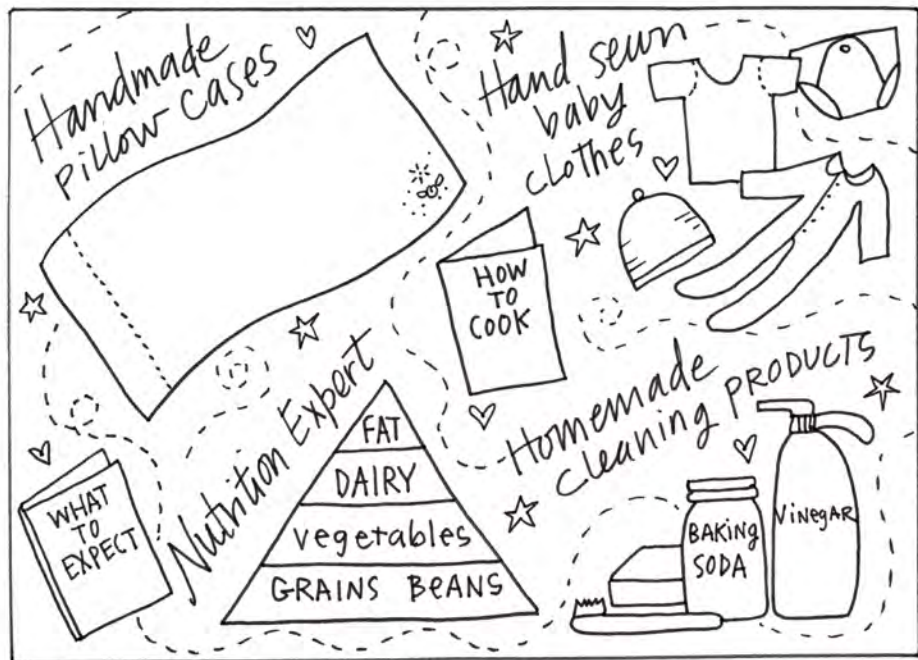


Housewifery 101
Meeting the Mentor



Housewifery 101

So Much To Learn



WOMEN'S WORK

"THE WOMAN OF THE HOUSE"
SOCIAL PRESSURE ON WOMEN
TO HAVE A CLEAN HOUSE?
UM... 'CUZ GUYS DON'T CARE?

IN ANCIENT TIMES IT WAS NOT LACK OF SALARY BUT PUBLIC RECOGNITION
Worth
WORK IN THE HOME WAS OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND
VALVE PLACED BY PEERS

CAN I GET SOME HELP HERE?
THIS MUST BE YOUR JOB IF YOU NEED TO ASK FOR HELP? IF YOU DO, YOU MUST LOWER YOUR STANDARDS.

WHAT A MESS.
THIS MESS NEEDS TO BE CLEANED NOW.
MOM'S WEEKLY CHORES
VENUS DAILY CHORES

WORK WORK WORK WORK
MEN
WOMEN
the UNPAID WORK

ONE WHOSE MAIN OCCUPATION IS
CARING FOR THE FAMILY, MANAGING
THE HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS, WHILE THE
PARTNER GOES
TO WORK -
TYPICALLY
A WOMAN

Housewife Alert

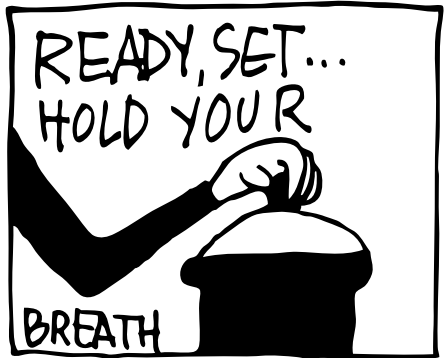
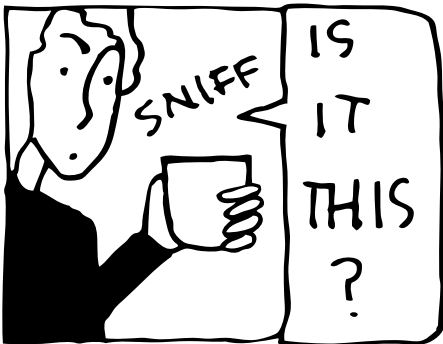


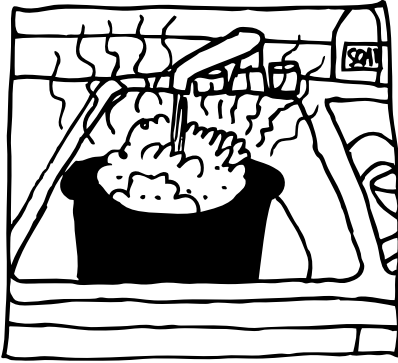
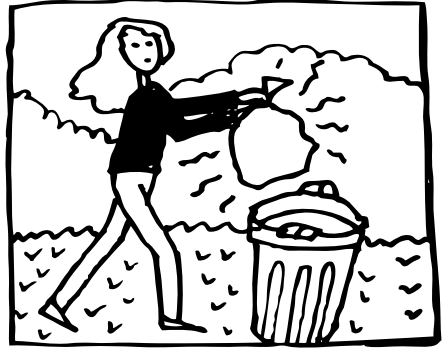
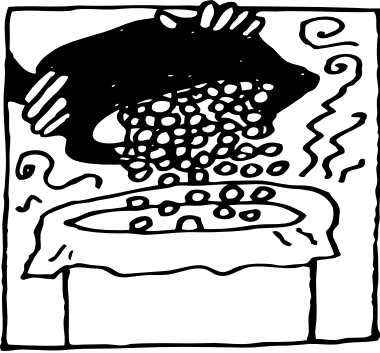
OH NO!
I'M ACTING
LIKE MY
MOM?

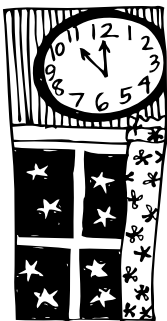
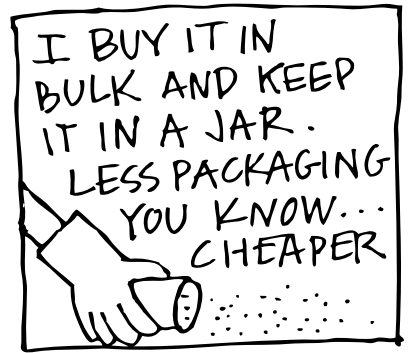
WEARS
HOUSE DRESS
TO STORE

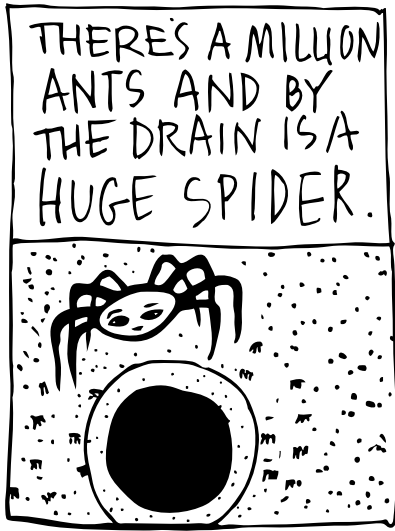
WEARS
CURLERS
IN PUBLIC

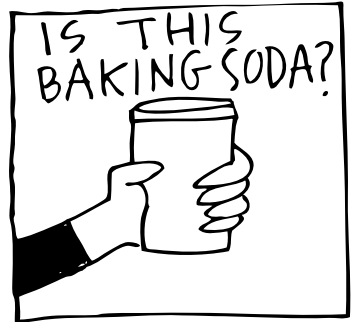
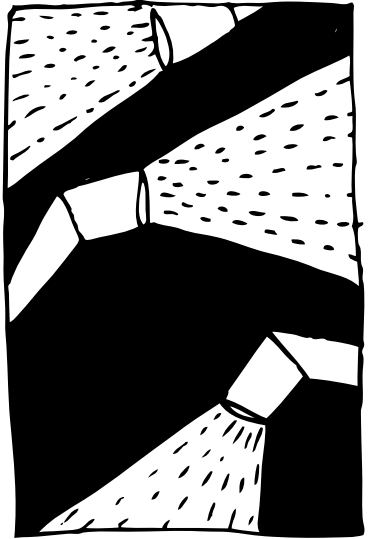
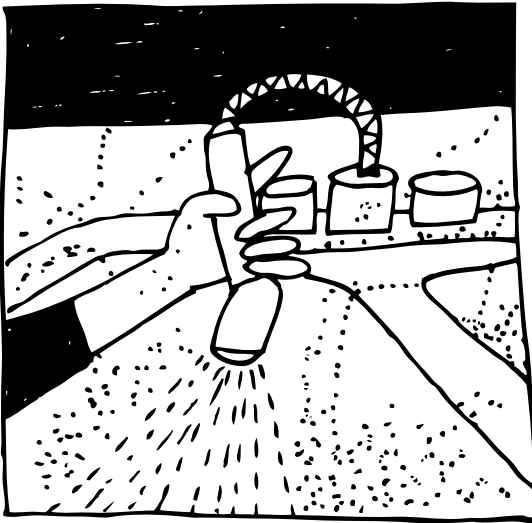
Housewife Alert #3
Just Another Day











IT'S SUGAR
WHITE SUGAR!

I SCRUBBED
MY SINK
WITH SUGAR!
GENIUS

HA-HA
HA-HA

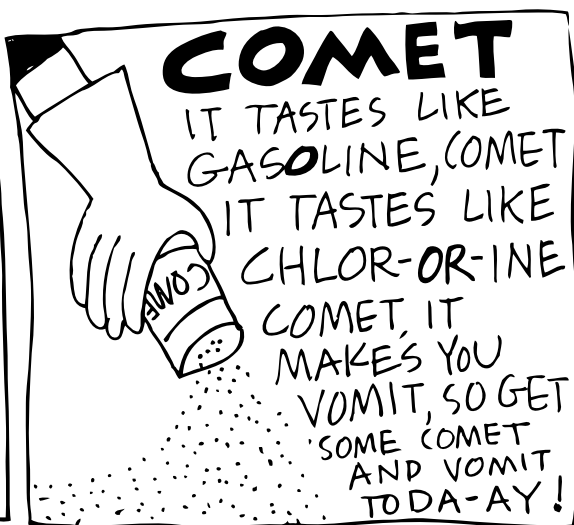
HA-HA
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HA-HA

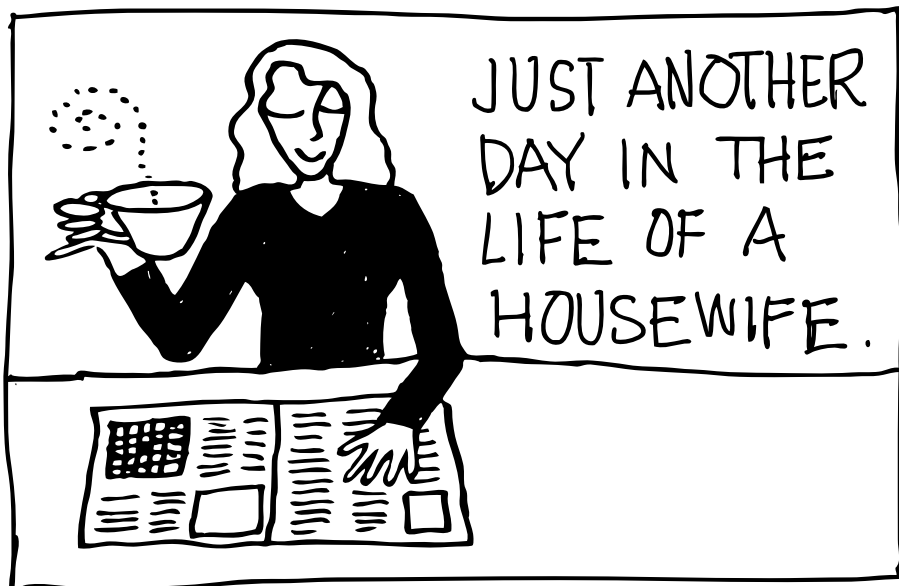


I KNOW
JUST
WHAT
TO
DO



COMET

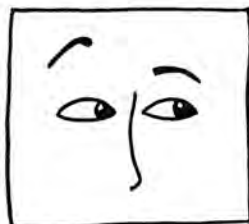
IT TASTES LIKE
GASOLINE, COMET
IT TASTES LIKE
CHLOR-OR-INE
COMET, IT
MAKES YOU
VOMIT, SO GET
SOME COMET
AND VOMIT
TODAY!



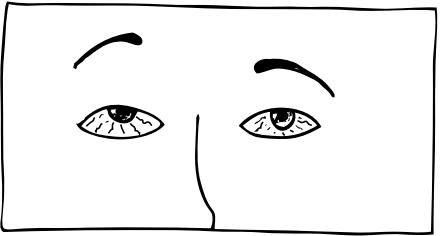
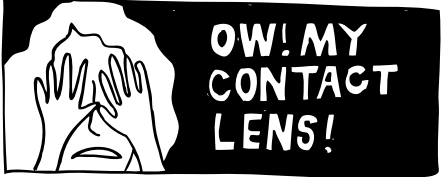
JUST ANOTHER
DAY IN THE
LIFE OF A
HOUSEWIFE.

Housewife Alert #4

Walk Your Talk

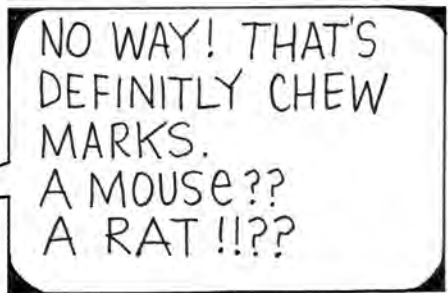
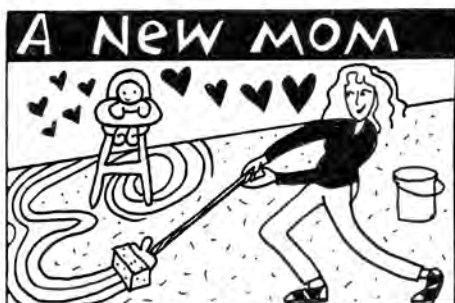


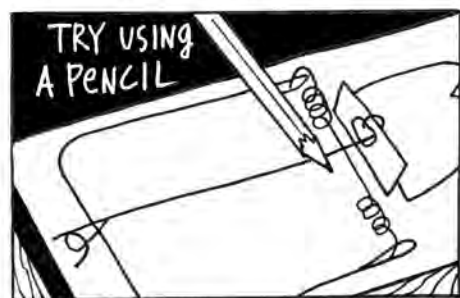
THIS IS MY KITCHEN WINDOWSILL...



Housewife Alert #5

The Rat Bastard







**NOPE.
NO RAT.**

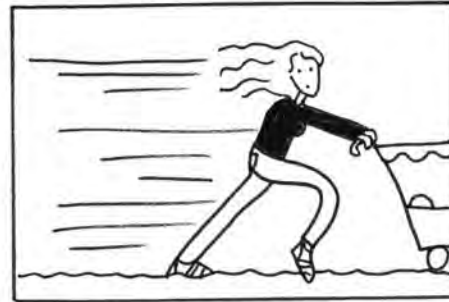


**NO.
DEAD RAT.**

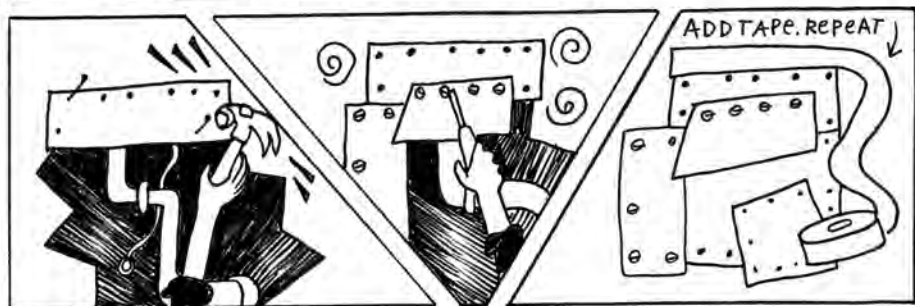
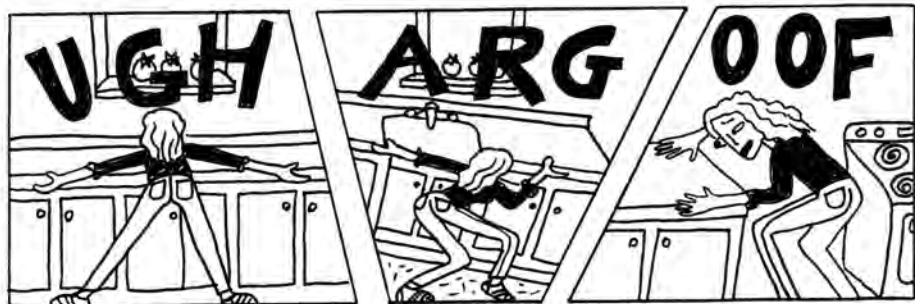


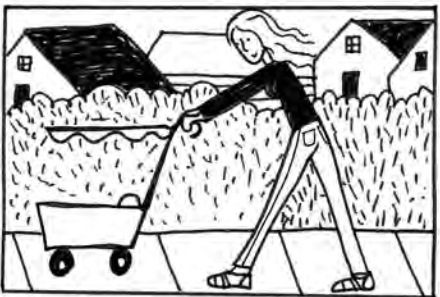
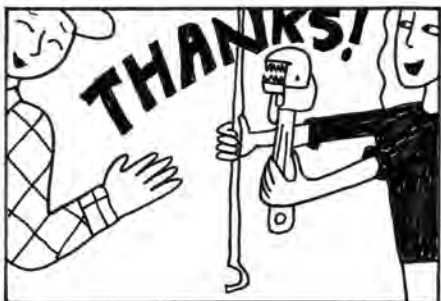
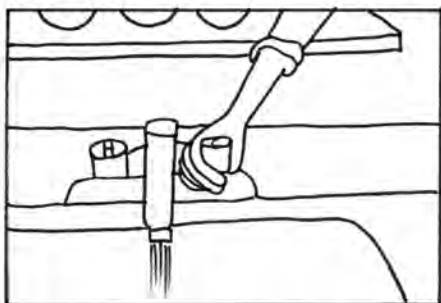
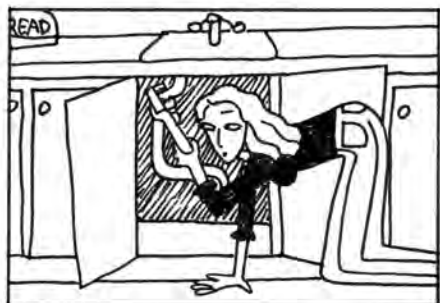
NORWEGIAN
WHAT?!

A BIG ONE.









HOW WAS
YOUR
DAY?

OH, YOU KNOW,
THE USUAL...

THAT NIGHT...

?

SCRITCH
SCRITCH
SCRATCH

GOTCHA!

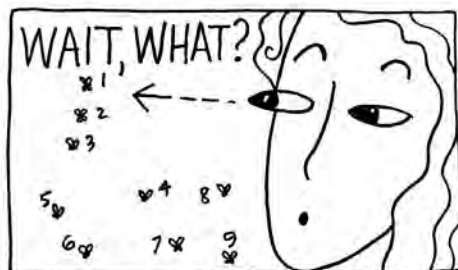
RAT BASTARD

Housewife Alert #6

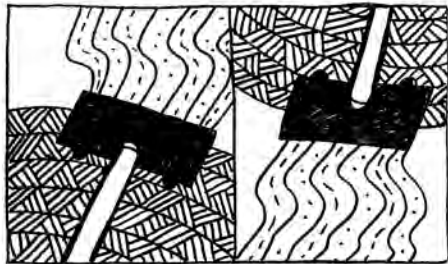
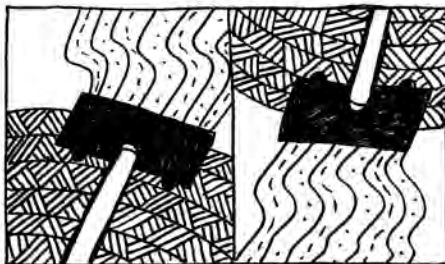
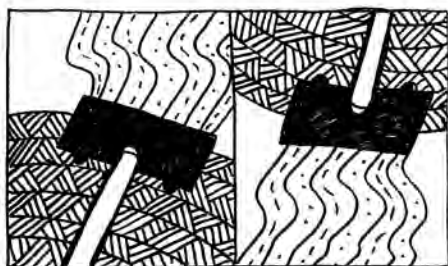
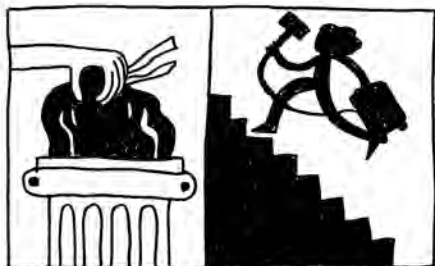
Housekeeping

ALL MY YEARS OF LOUSY HOUSEKEEPING

CAME TO HAUNT ME!

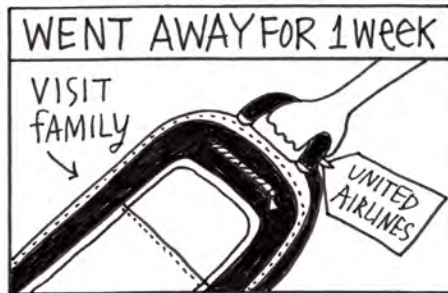
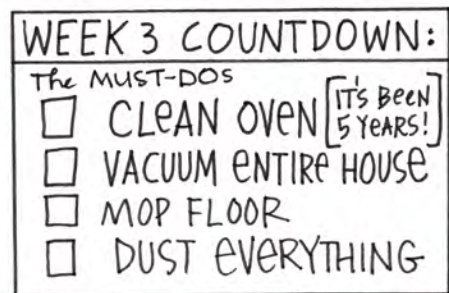
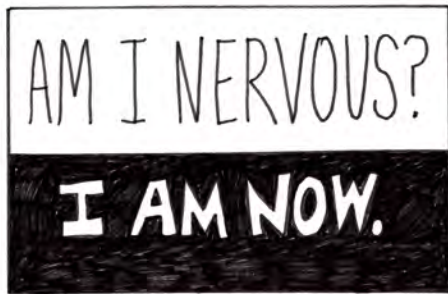




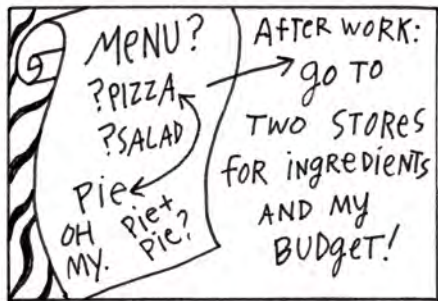


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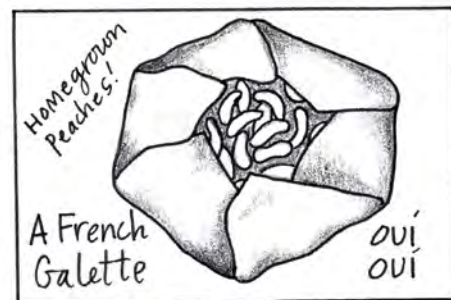
The Dinner Party



THE DAY BEFORE...



7:00	wake up	clean house
8:00	rewrite list	keep cleaning
9:00	go shopping	kick out boys
10:00	come home	chop veggies
11:00	go shop again	make dough
12:00	organize food	let dough rise
1:00	clean fridge	take a shower
2:00	prep pie	set table
3:00	clean mess	put pie in oven
4:00	clean more	welcome guests
5:00	stick to plan	drink wine
6:00	serve dinner	serve dessert



THE DAY OF...

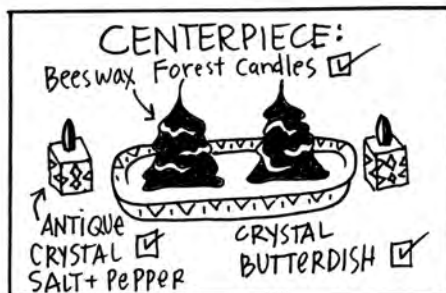
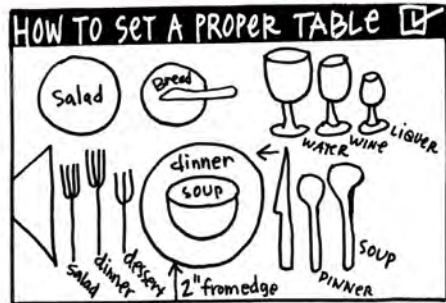
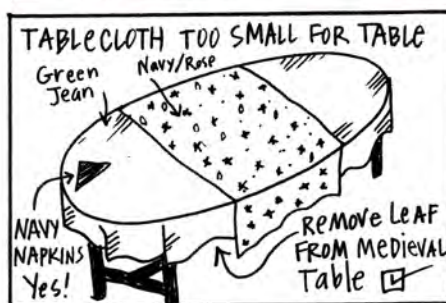








Problem Solving Martha Stewart 101
3 green plates + 3 blue + A or B or C or D or E = Lovely ♡





WAIT! TABLE SETTING IS OK, BUT NOWHERE TO SIT- IT'S FILTHY.



START COOKING






We grew up with a high class father
— WHO LEFT!

DID HE TAKE IT ALL WITH HIM?



WHAT

ARE THE RULES?

GO TO COLLEGE 



HOW

DO YOU GET
FOUND OUT?

WHEN

YOU TRY
TOO HARD



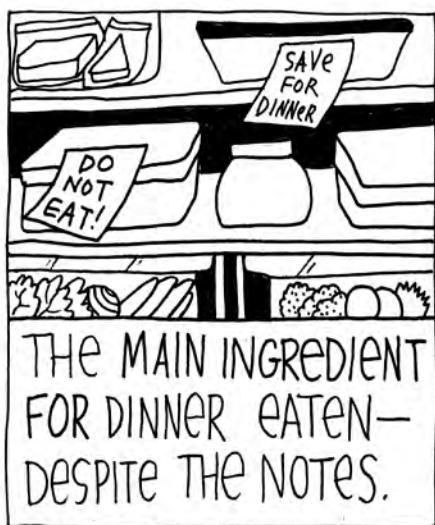
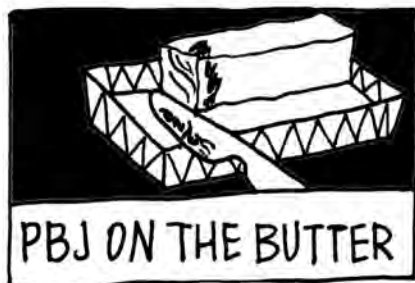
HOUSE WIFE

Peeves

↑ IRRITATING
LITTLE THINGS
THAT GET ON
YOUR NERVES....

NOT TO MAKE A
BIG DEAL OUT
OF IT, BUT THEY
DRIVE YA NUTS!

Housewife Peeves In the Kitchen



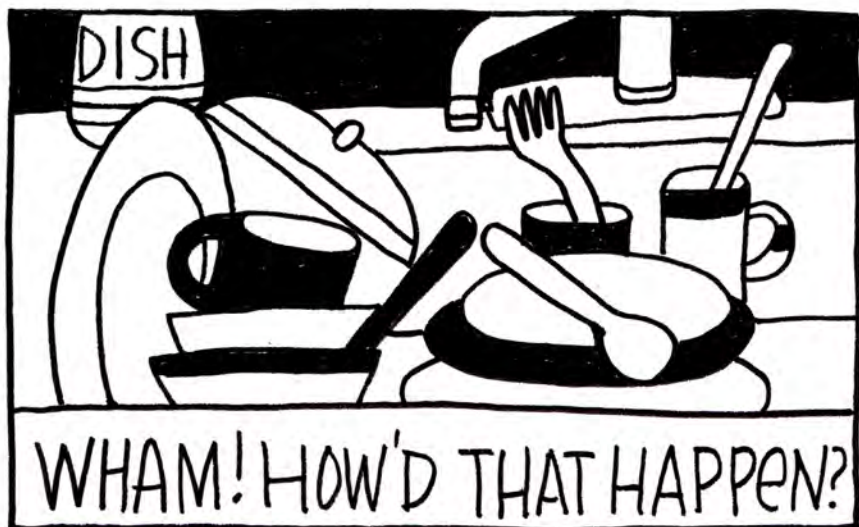
Etiquette of Leftovers



WHAT?!
SOMEBODY
ATE IT.
@!%&*!?

The Kitchen Sink

THE LONE DISH



JUST LIKE ANYTHING YOU DO,
THE RIGHT TOOL FOR THE JOB
MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE.



NEVER PURSUING THE PROPER TOOL
IS SHEER DENIAL OF
HOUSE WIFERY - I ALWAYS MADE DO.

Vacuum Checklist

Actually
SUCKS!

I found a
vintage \$5
garage sale
KIRBY!
they don't make
'em like they
used to.

CONVENIENT
(outta sight =
outta mind)
Don't store in the
most difficult
place!

NOT
COMPLICATED
(TOO MANY GIZMOS
+ ATTACHMENTS!)

FILTERS
ARE STILL
AVAILABLE!

NOT
TOO
HEAVY!

I inherited
a 1950's
industrial
vac that
weighs
85 lbs.



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NEXT LEVEL - HEPA FILTERS + ROBOT VACUUMS

Ironing Pro Tips

**DON'T BUY CLOTHES
THAT NEED TO BE IRONED**
then you don't need an iron!

IN A PINCH
*a towel can work as an
ironing board*

A FULL-SIZED IRONING BOARD
*Goodwill vintage mauve \$3
is worth the investment!*



YOU NEED TWO
*1 for clothes
1 for crafts*

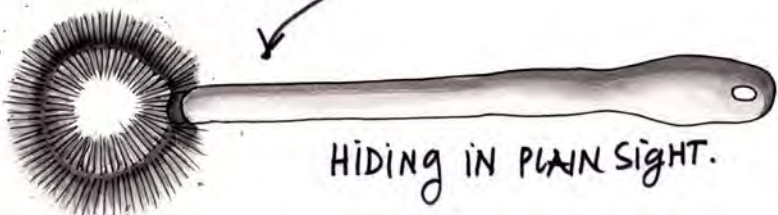
Bathroom Essentials

ALWAYS HAVE
ONE OF THESE
VERY HANDY!

one time my neighbor
needed to borrow one!?
YIKES!



Hello FAMILY MEMBERS!
I'M A TOILET BRUSH.
You can dunk my
head into the
bowl and scrub
it clean,
VOILA!



HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT.

Give Yourself A Break

TWO PAIRS
AT LEAST:
ONE FOR
DISHES and
ONE FOR
BATH.
Always lovely!

CAN YOU PICK UP A DIME?



EXTRA CUFFS
WITH THAT FEMINE TOUCH

EASY ACCESS!



SOFT BRISTLES

GOOD TRAY →

DISH GLOVES
SILLY MAYBE, BUT
NOTHING WRONG
WITH SAVING
YOUR HANDS.

If You Hate Your Mop You'll Never Use It

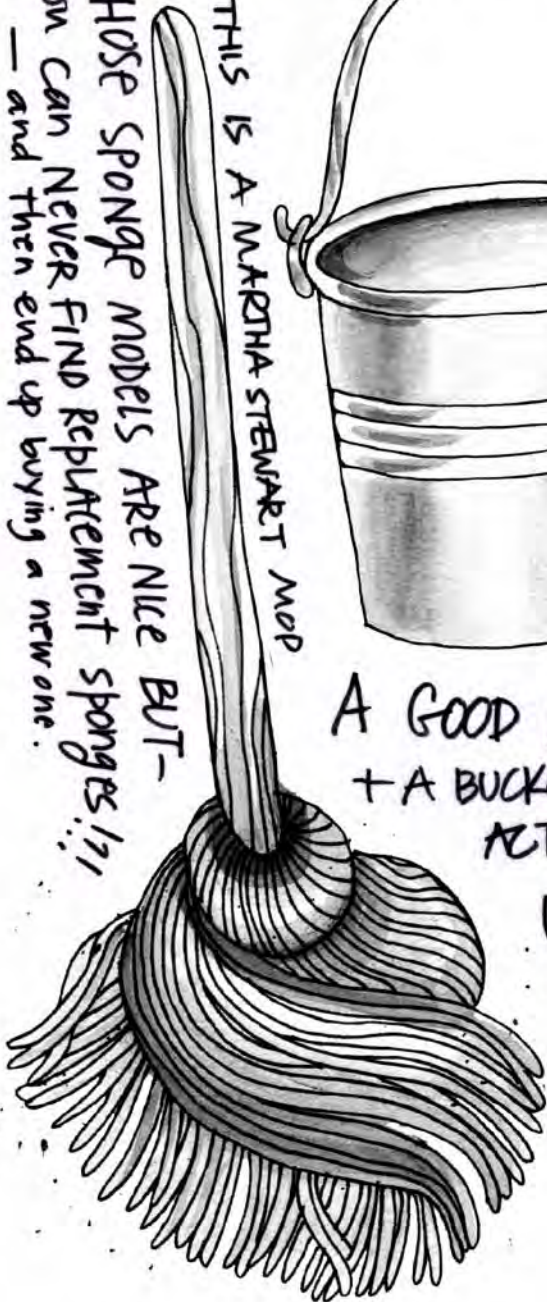
THOSE SPONGE MODELS ARE NICE BUT—
you can NEVER FIND replacement sponges!?!
— and then end up buying a new one.

THIS IS A MARGHA STEWART MOP



A GOOD MOP
+ A BUCKET THAT
ACTUALLY FITS.

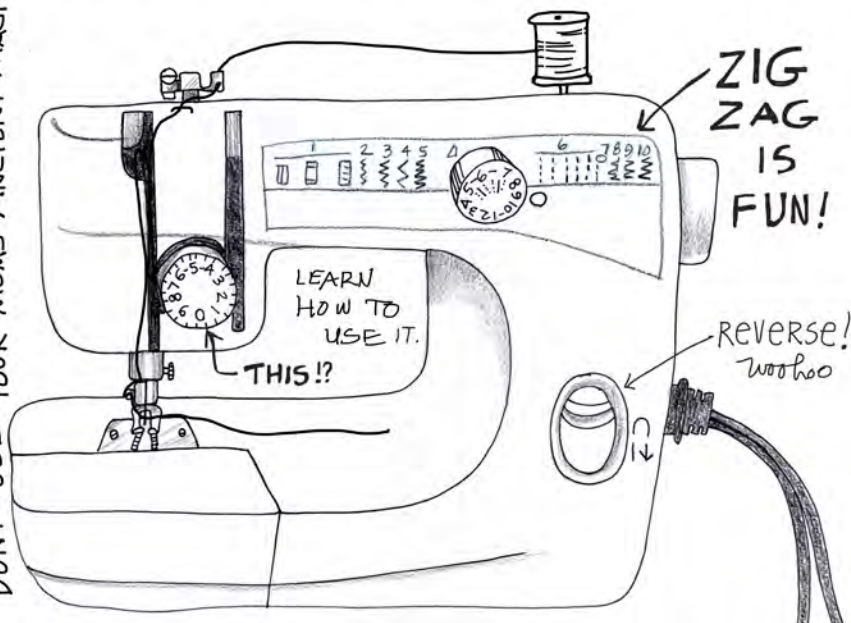
UNLESS —
You've
heard of
THE
SWIFFER!?



So Many Things To Make and Fix!

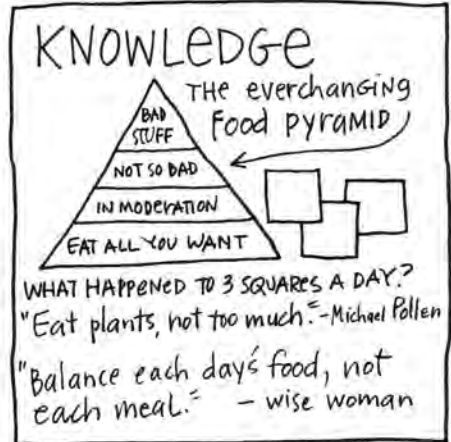
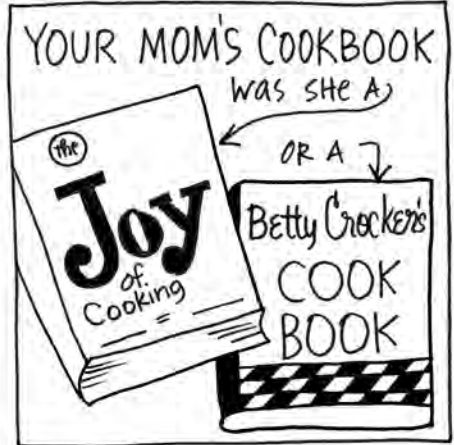
DON'T USE YOUR MOM'S ANCIENT MACHINE. GET ONE THAT WORKS!

YOU KEEP IT AROUND.
CAN'T GET RID OF IT.
SO FUNCTIONAL!
SO HOME EC!
SO SUZY HOMEMAKER!
AND YET...



The Must Haves

There's an unspoken theory that when you get married you inherit mystical knowledge of the home arts. I had a hope chest once. I cashed in the dishes, left the thing at my mom's house + never looked back.



EMBRACING MY INNER HOUSEWIFE



The
Dress
←

Embracing My Inner Housewife

Let's Get It Straight

Housewife - (A TERM THAT PEAKED IN THE 50s)

A STAY HOME PERSON WITH HOUSEHOLD DUTIES AS WELL AS COOK, NUTRITIONALIST, DRIVER, NEGOTIATOR, SHOPPER, ACCOUNTANT, NURSE, CHILD CARE...

WHO KNEW ONE COULD GROW UP AND HAVE A PARTNER THAT SHARED THE HOUSEHOLD CHORES?

Housework:

CHORES TO RUN A HOUSEHOLD AND KEEP IT IN ORDER.

I GREW UP IN A SINGLE PARENT FAMILY WHERE WOMEN DID IT ALL!!



Housekeeper =
SOMEONE WHO
CLEANS AND
TIDIES THE
HOUSE.

HOMEMAKER - CREATES AN ENVIRONMENT OF A SAFE, LOVING SPACE TO EAT, SLEEP, THRIVE + GROW. ♥



IS GOODWILL
CHIQUÉ A STYLE?

A hand-drawn text block with a black background. The text "IS GOODWILL CHIQUÉ A STYLE?" is written in a simple, hand-drawn font.

MINE HAS ALWAYS BEEN:
HAND-ME-DOWNS, CASTAWAYS,
GOODWILL AND PANDEMIC
SIDE OF THE ROAD PILES.

A hand-drawn text block with a white background. The text "MINE HAS ALWAYS BEEN: HAND-ME-DOWNS, CASTAWAYS, GOODWILL AND PANDEMIC SIDE OF THE ROAD PILES." is written in a simple, hand-drawn font.

DOES YOUR HOME HAVE A DECOR?



Yes OR NO

ARE YOU SKILLED IN THE ARTS OF HOME DECOR?

Yes NO



DOES YOUR FURNITURE MATCH?

Yes → COLOR THEME

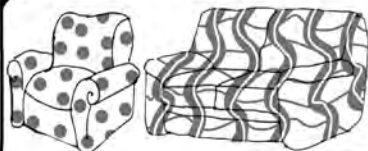
DO YOU KNOW WHAT FENG SHUI IS?

Yes NO

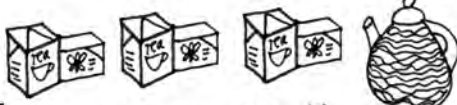
PATTERN?
TEXTURE?
HARMONY?

Yes NO

Yes NO



Learn the 5Fs:



IS IT:

- FOLKY (100 Tea Boxes displayed?)
- QUAIN (Little Sweater on tea pot?)
- RUSTIC (open beams?) OR
- FEMININE (Lace curtains?)
- DATED (Black Appliances?) OR
- CHEF CHIQUE (POTS HANGING from ceiling?)
- A LOOK (wrought Iron Lamps?)



1. FORM
2. FUNCTION
3. FLOW
4. AFFORDABLE
5. FASHIONABLE



Yes! YOU HAVE DECOR!

DOES YOUR BATHROOM
HAVE A DECOR?



BATH Decor

IS USUALLY THE RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE HOUSEWIFE.

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

- COLOR SCHEME?
- THEME OR MOTIF?
- KNICK KNACKS?
- LITTLE SOAPS?
- AFFIRMATION PLAQUES?
- THEMED AIR FRESHENER?

MY FAMILY OF ORIGIN
ALWAYS HAD THE BEST
BATHROOM MOTIFS!



AND... HOW DID THIS
MAKE ME FEEL?



The Housewife Pyramid



It's Not As Easy As It Looks!

IF ONLY MY MOM WAS STILL HERE TO SEE HOW FAR I'VE COME.



A HOMEMAKER IS IN CHARGE OF SURVIVAL IN SO MANY WAYS.



THE KEEPER OF THE KEYS TO THE FAMILY'S RESOURCES IS **NOT** THE PERSON WHO JUST CLEANS UP AFTER EVERYBODY.

It's All About the Dress

≡ CLOTHING IS TRANSFORMATIVE ≡

MADE OF
THE WEAVE
OF DREAMS →

↳ LETS
OTHERS
SEE OUR
UTMOST
SELVES

← EXPRESSING
UNIVERSAL
TRUTHS

FROM
MISRECOGNIZED
STEREO TYPES
TO THE ≡MAGIC≡
IN REIMAGINING
ONES SELF

My Vintage Palm Court ^{House} DRESS

I Had What I Needed All Along

A HOUSEWIFE'S JOB IS TO
CREATE ORDER IN THE CHAOS
OF DAILY LIFE.

SIMPLE.

IT TOOK MOST OF MY LIFE
TO LET THIS IN...

THE KNOWING:

WAITING FOR THE AHA MOMENT

YOU KNOW
YOU NEED
MORE

YOU HAVE
WHAT YOU
NEED



