




Dear Brother



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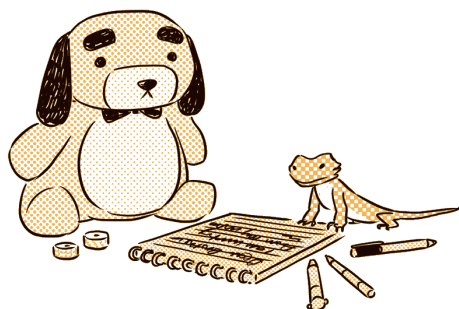
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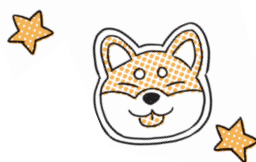
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For beautiful Cleo. And to Devon and Matt,
the humans who loved and cared for her.
- A. M.

To Abang and Kakak, there is no home without you.
To Şerban and Ooshi, for life, oh beautiful life.
- T. N.



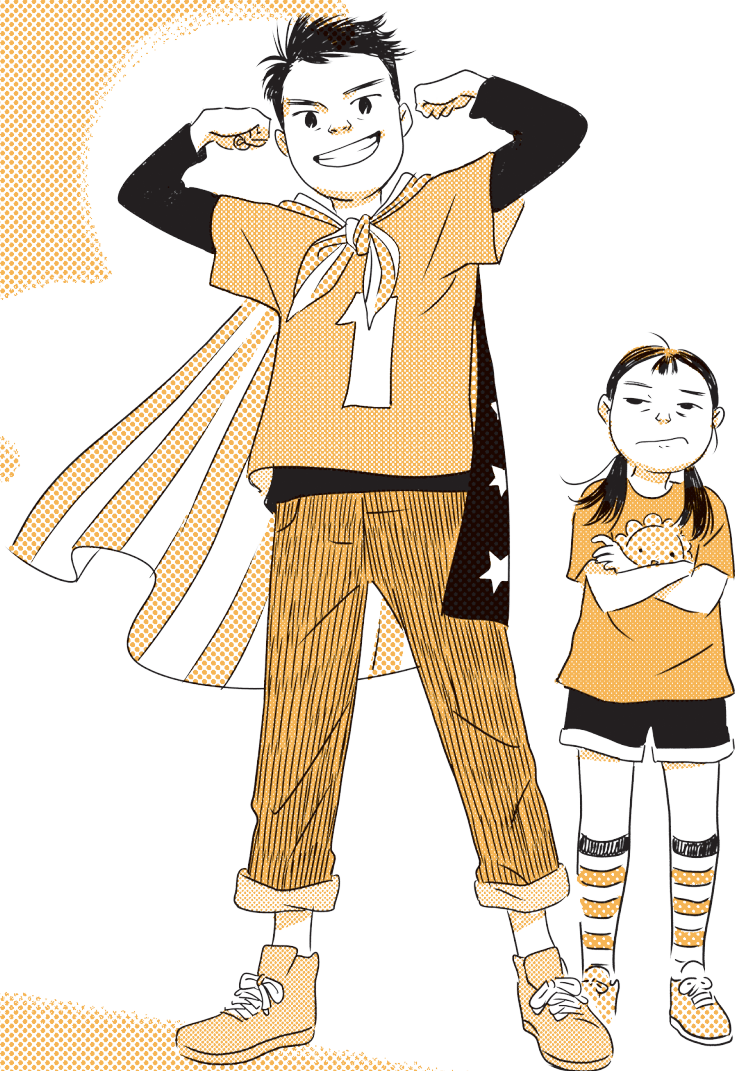
Dear Brother,

I am writing this note of apology
from my room, where I have been
sent to spend the rest of my life
for referring to you as America's
Famous Nothing.

Signed,

Sister

P.S. Oops. Forgot the apology part.



Dear Brother,

I apologize for calling you
America's Famous Nothing.

Signed,
Sister

PS: Even if it's true.

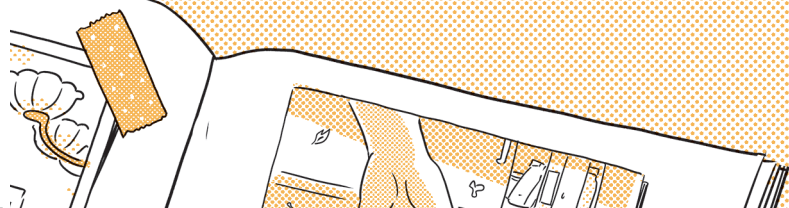
PPS: In my defense, I'm tired of
you proclaiming yourself
America's Famous Everything.

For evidence, I present to you ...





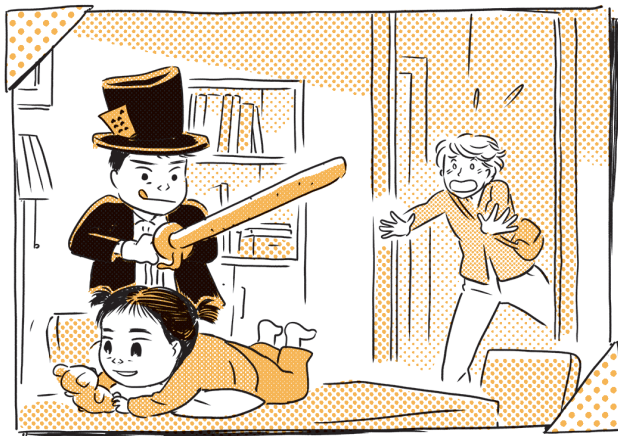
our family photo album!



AMERICA'S FAMOUS MAGICIAN

Exhibit A:

Watch as America's Famous Magician saws his trusty sidekick in half and puts her back together!



Oops.

Exhibit B:

America's Famous Magician attempts the apple-on-the-head trick with his trusty sidekick!



Oops.

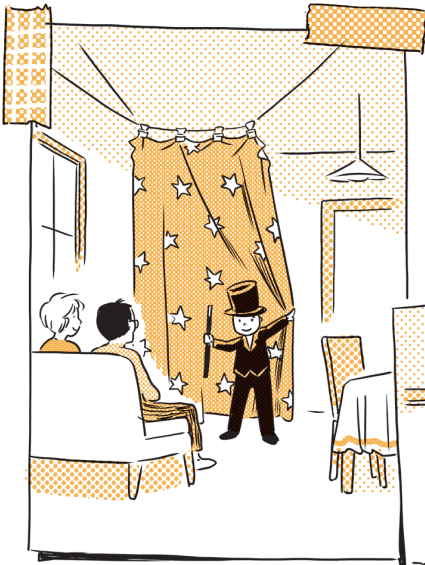
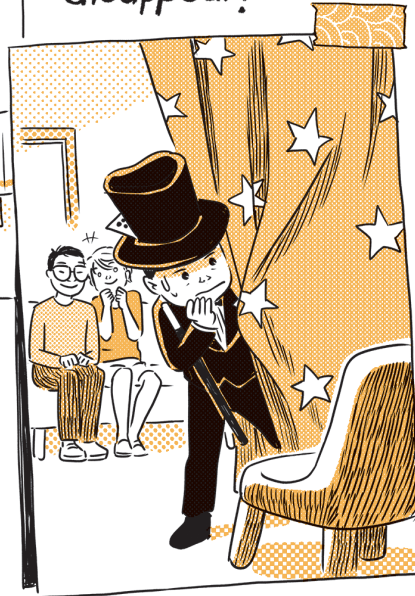


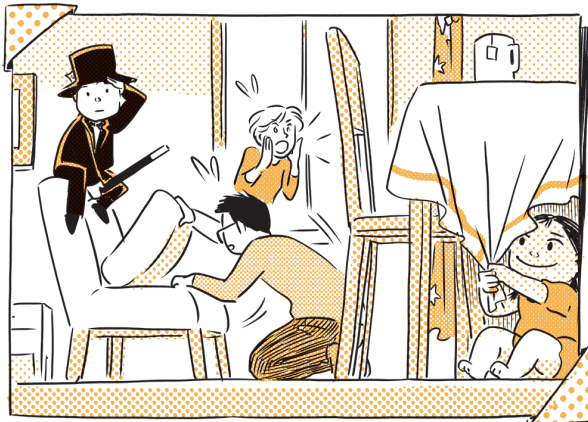
Exhibit C: America's
Famous Magician makes
his trusty sidekick
disappear!

Oops.

Double
Oops.



Triple
Oops.



This is what it's like to be me,
America's Overlooked Sibling. I mean,
just how long was I missing?

AMERICA'S FAMOUS DAREDEVIL



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Exhibit A:
America's Famous
Daredevil and his
trusty sidekick
attempt to scale
impossible heights!

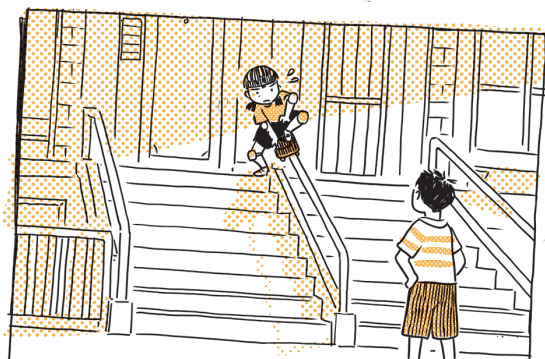
Exhibit B:
America's Famous
Daredevil and his
trusty sidekick
sled down a never-
before-attempted
hill!



Oops.

Exhibit C: *Note: Viewer discretion is advised for the following series of photographs:

America's Famous Daredevil and his trusty sidekick leap a never-before-attempted Double Boardslide down the front steps!



Oops.



Uh-oh.



Yikes!

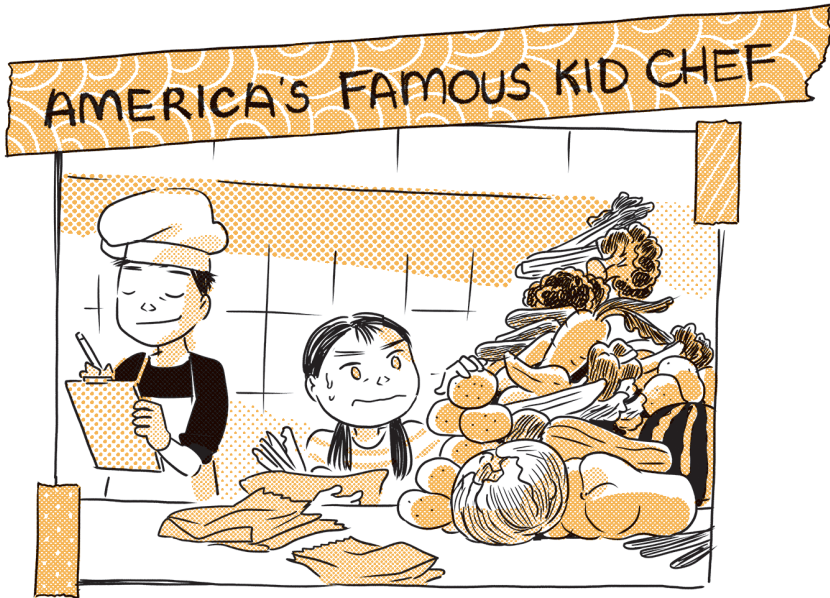


Exhibit A: America's Famous Kid Chef and his trusty sidekick prepare the ingredients for his Thousand-Ingredient Chopped Salad.

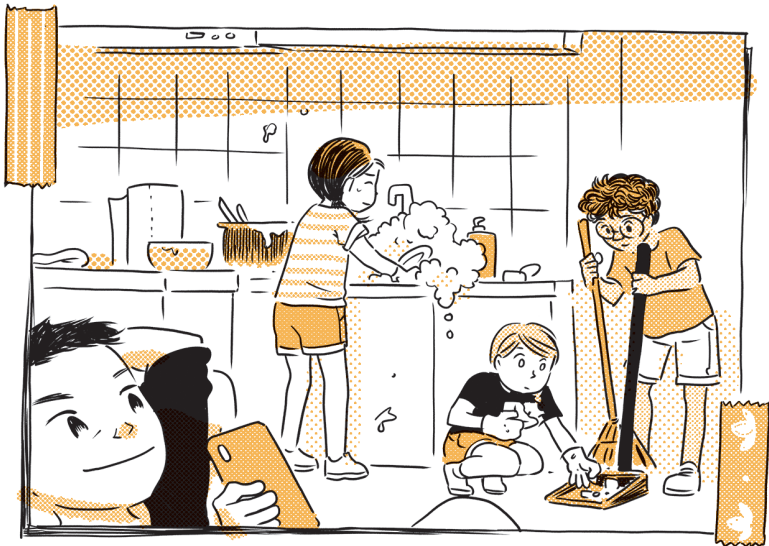
Exhibit B: America's Famous Kid Chef and his trusty sidekick prepare the ingredients for his Famous Thousand-Layer Dip.





Exhibit C:
Trusty sidekick
cleans up after
America's
Famous Kid
Chef.

I had to call in the reinforcements for that one.



Thank you, Jorinda. Thank you, Kareem.

And finally, we come to the latest in the America's Famous Nothing series.

AMERICA'S FAMOUS BANJO BROTHERS

Exhibit A: In which America's Famous Banjo Brothers and their trusty sidekick set up for their first-ever show!

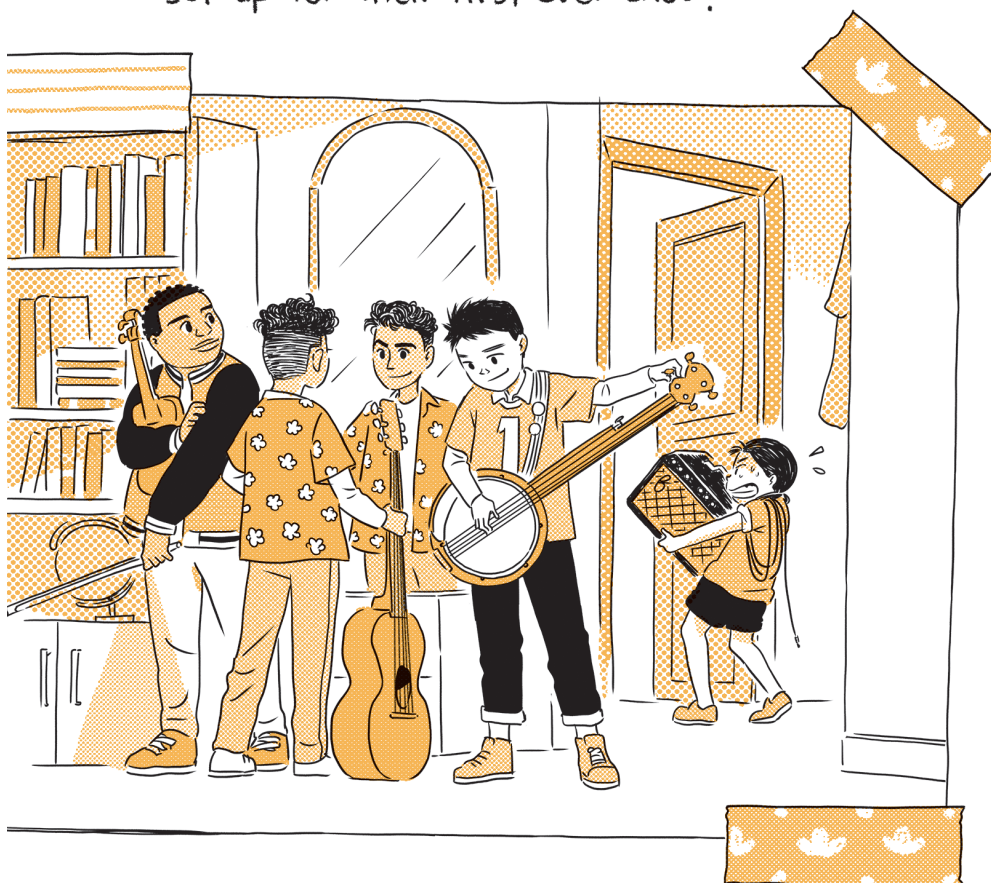


Exhibit B: In which America's Famous Banjo Brothers perform for the public!

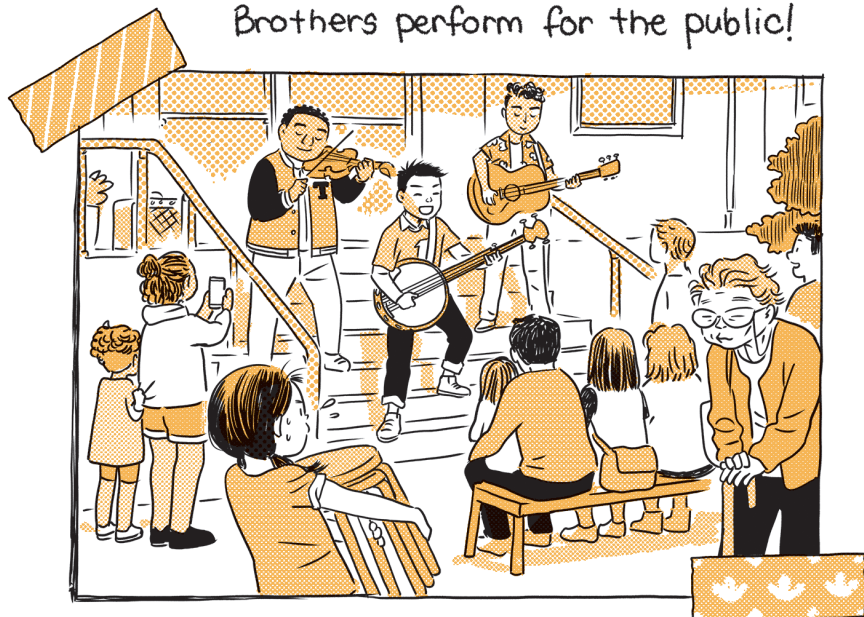
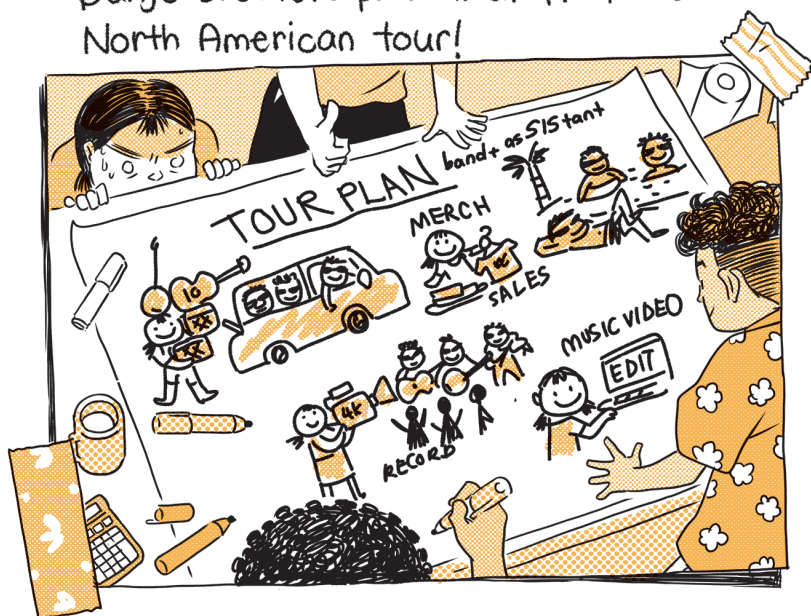
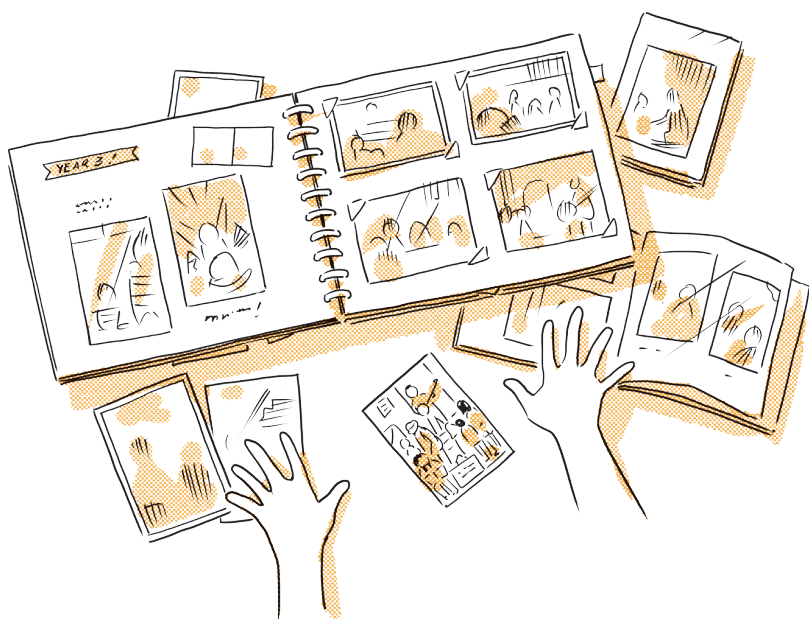


Exhibit C: In which America's Famous Banjo Brothers plan their first-ever North American tour!



Notice anything similar
about these photos?

Me too.



SOMEONE is in the background
of every single one.

Someone who gets no recognition.