

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

TRACE EFFECTS



CHAPTER

7

THE PROFESSOR AND KIT RE-EXAMINE THEIR FORMULAS AND EQUATIONS.

HMM. I DON'T KNOW WHAT WENT WRONG...

YOUR DIAGRAM IS JUST MISSING THE 7TH MODULE. THIS NEEDS TO BE A SEVEN-POINT STAR TO CREATE THE PROPER SPACE-TIME MOMENTUM FIELD.



WHAT?

THIS LOOKS JUST LIKE THE DIAGRAM IN TRACE'S COMIC BOOK. SEE? RIGHT HERE WHERE THE TIME WIZARD DISCOVERS THE LEAGUE OF TIME KEEPER'S SECRET LABORATORY...



EDDIE! DON'T BE RIDICULOUS. THIS IS SERIOUS SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH...

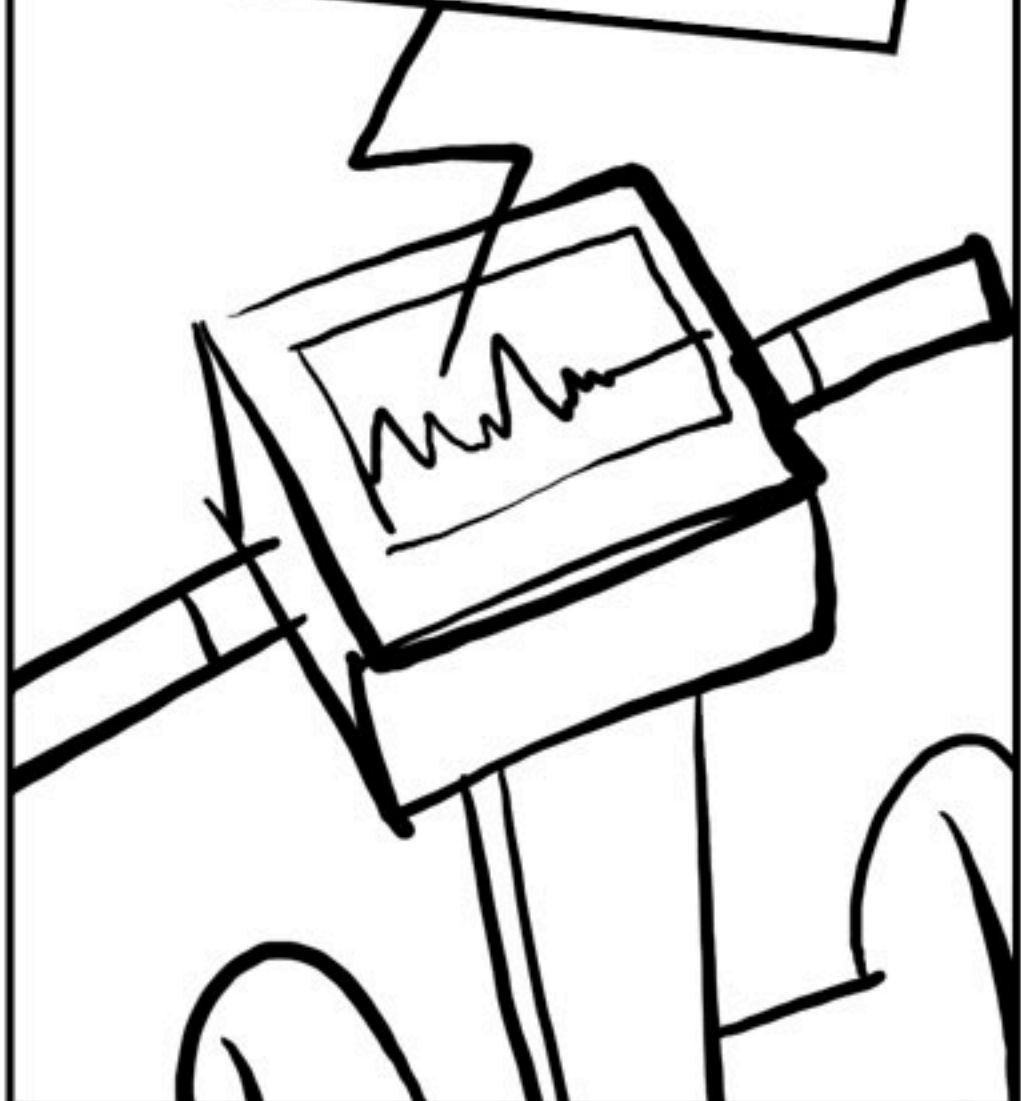
KIT, DON'T SPEAK SO SOON! I ACTUALLY THINK EDDIE IS RIGHT!



THE TIME MACHINE JUMPS TO LIFE.

TRACE, THERE'S ONE MORE MISSION BEFORE YOU CAN RETURN TO THE FUTURE!

YOU MUST FIND PAOLO AT DC'S NATIONAL MALL AND HELP HIM STUDY IN THE UNITED STATES!



I KNOW SOMEONE IN DC THAT MAY BE ABLE TO HELP! I'LL GIVE YOU HER PHONE NUMBER, TRACE.

AND THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SOCIETY IS HEADED TO DC TOMORROW! I'M NOT GOING ON THIS TRIP, BUT I'LL ASK IF YOU CAN GO IN MY PLACE!



I'LL WORK ON THE MISSING PIECE OF THE TIME MACHINE WHILE YOU'RE GONE, TRACE. GOOD LUCK!

THANKS, EVERYONE! I'LL BE BACK SOON!



TRACE ARRIVES AT THE NATIONAL MALL IN WASHINGTON DC AND MEETS A STUDENT FROM BRAZIL.

HI, I'M TRACE. I'M A STUDENT FROM KANSAS. WHAT BRINGS YOU TO WASHINGTON, DC?

I'M A STUDENT TOO. I'M VISITING WITH SOME FRIENDS.

YOU LOOK UPSET-- WHAT'S THE MATTER?

I LOVE DC! THERE'S SO MUCH TO SEE AND SO MUCH TO LEARN! I JUST DON'T WANT TO LEAVE. I WISH I COULD COME STUDY HERE. I WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT PRESIDENT LINCOLN AND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING!



YOU KNOW, I THINK I KNOW SOMEONE WHO CAN HELP YOU DO THAT. KIT TOLD ME TO FIND RACHEL ROTHMAN.

REALLY? IF YOU FIND HER, CAN YOU INTRODUCE ME?

SURE! LET'S CALL HER. DO YOU HAVE A PHONE?

I SURE DO. HERE!



HI. YOU'VE REACHED RACHEL ROTHMAN. I WON'T BE IN THE OFFICE TODAY, BUT IF YOU NEED ME, I'LL BE AT THE AIR & SPACE MUSEUM THIS MORNING, THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AT LUNCHTIME, THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL DURING THE AFTERNOON AND THE PARTY THIS EVENING.



WELL, I DIDN'T REACH HER, BUT I KNOW WHERE SHE'S GOING TO BE TODAY! WE SHOULD GO FIND HER!

SOUNDS GREAT! LEAD THE WAY!



TRACE AND PAOLO ARRIVE AT THE AIR & SPACE MUSEUM.

EXCUSE ME, BUT DO YOU KNOW WHERE I CAN FIND RACHEL ROTHMAN?

I DON'T KNOW WHO SHE IS. SORRY!



EXCUSE ME. DO YOU KNOW RACHEL ROTHMAN?

NOPE, SORRY! WHY DON'T YOU ASK THE GUARD?



TRACE ASKS A SECURITY GUARD IF HE KNOWS WHERE RACHEL ROTHMAN IS.

I KNOW HER, BUT I HAVE TO CALM THESE TWO DOWN BEFORE I CAN TALK!



AIR TRAVEL WAS DEFINITELY THE BIGGER ACCOMPLISHMENT!

NO WAY! SPACE TRAVEL WAS MORE IMPORTANT!





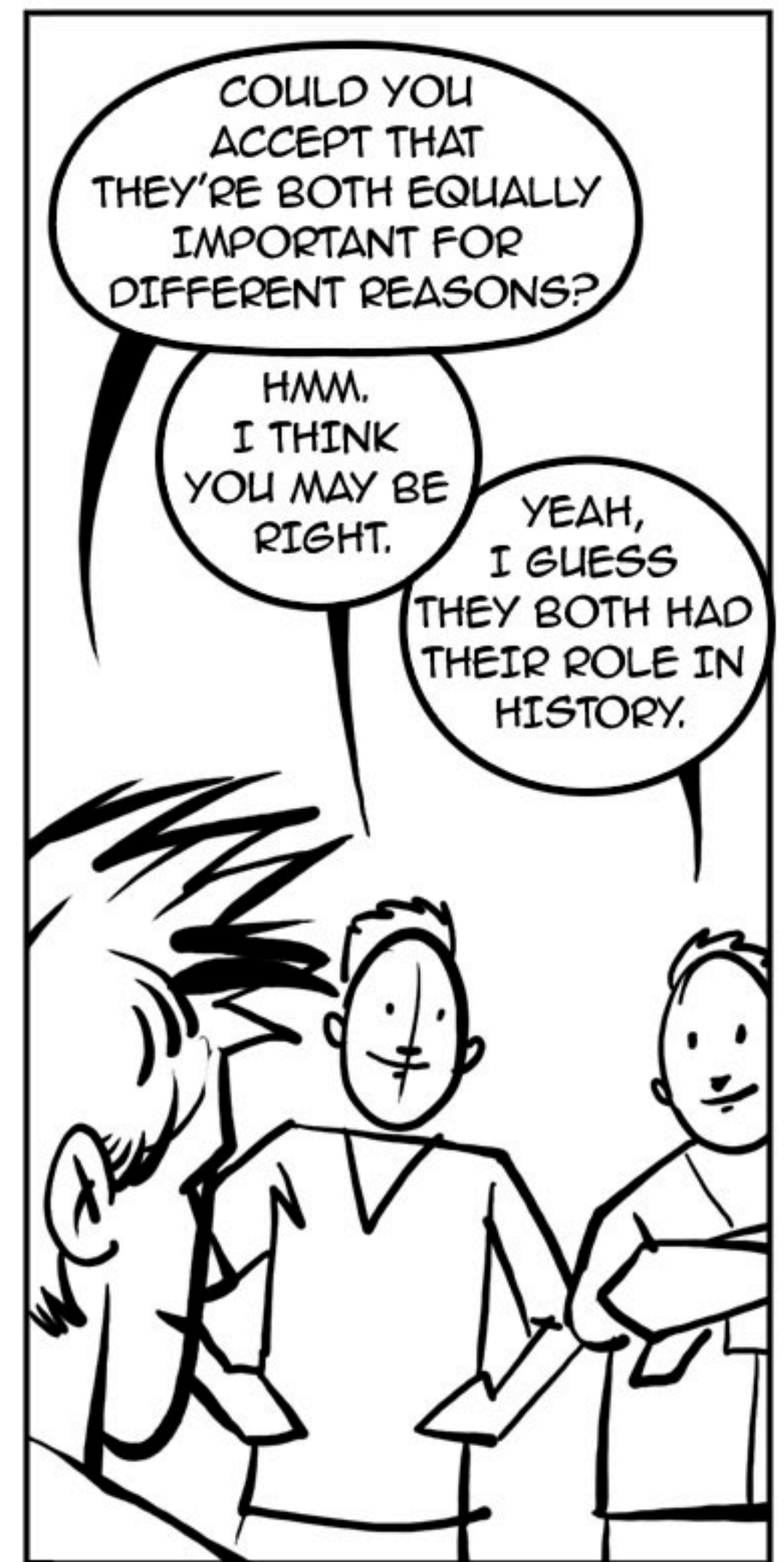
FORMER PRESIDENT BUSH SAID, "WE CHOOSE TO EXPLORE SPACE BECAUSE DOING SO IMPROVES OUR LIVES AND LIFTS OUR NATIONAL SPIRIT."

THAT'S A GOOD POINT! I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT LIKE THAT!



SOMEONE SAID, "ONCE YOU HAVE TASTED FLIGHT YOU WILL WALK THE EARTH WITH YOUR EYES TURNED SKYWARD, FOR THERE YOU HAVE BEEN AND THERE YOU WILL LONG TO RETURN."

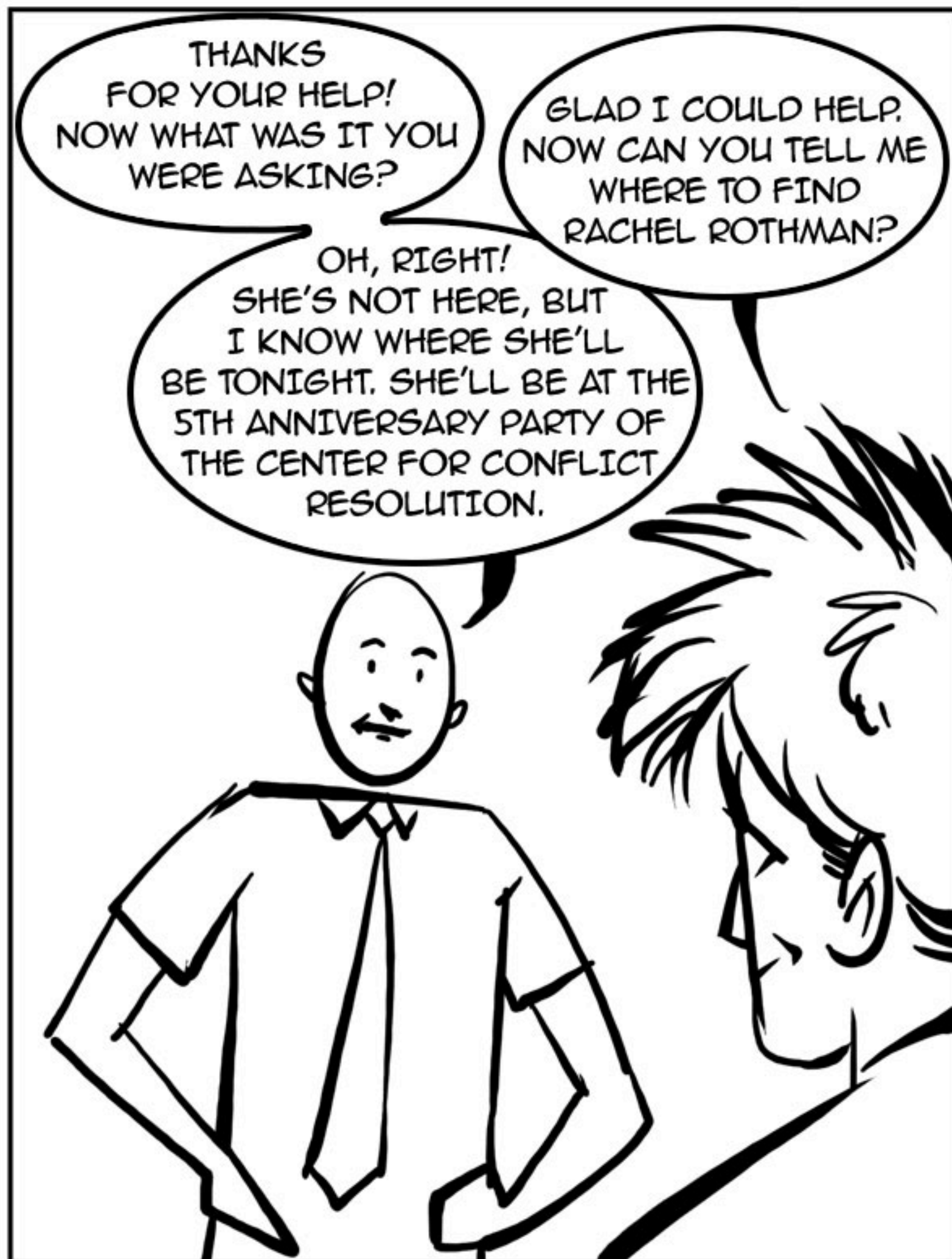
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COULD YOU ACCEPT THAT THEY'RE BOTH EQUALLY IMPORTANT FOR DIFFERENT REASONS?

HMM. I THINK YOU MAY BE RIGHT.

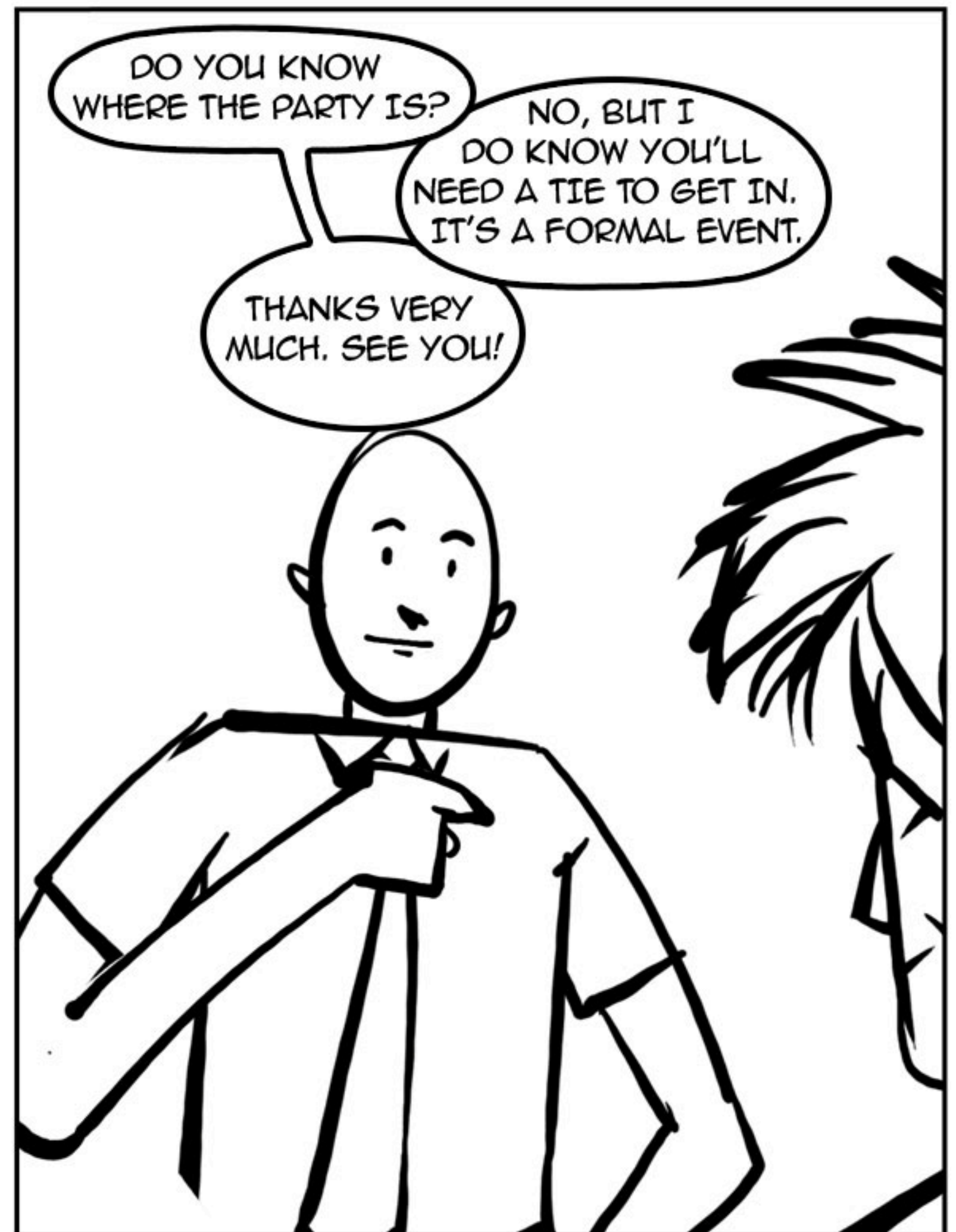
YEAH, I GUESS THEY BOTH HAD THEIR ROLE IN HISTORY.



THANKS FOR YOUR HELP! NOW WHAT WAS IT YOU WERE ASKING?

GLAD I COULD HELP. NOW CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE TO FIND RACHEL ROTHMAN?

OH, RIGHT! SHE'S NOT HERE, BUT I KNOW WHERE SHE'LL BE TONIGHT. SHE'LL BE AT THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY OF THE CENTER FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION.



DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE PARTY IS?

NO, BUT I DO KNOW YOU'LL NEED A TIE TO GET IN. IT'S A FORMAL EVENT.

THANKS VERY MUCH. SEE YOU!

OUTSIDE THE AIR & SPACE MUSEUM...

TOO BAD WE DIDN'T CATCH RACHEL. LET'S SEE IF SHE'S AT THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS. SHE'S SUPPOSED TO GO THERE NEXT.

SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN. AND LET'S KEEP OUR EYE OUT FOR NECKTIES!



TRACE AND PAOLO ARRIVE AT THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS.

HI. DO YOU KNOW WHERE I CAN FIND RACHEL ROTHMAN?

SORRY, I NEVER HEARD OF HER. TRY THE LIBRARIAN AT THE DESK.



I'M LOOKING FOR RACHEL ROTHMAN.

SORRY, I DON'T KNOW HER.



TRACE ASKS THE LIBRARIAN IF SHE HAS SEEN RACHEL ROTHMAN. HOWEVER, SHE IS IN THE MIDDLE OF SETTLING AN ARGUMENT.

I KNOW HER, BUT I HAVE TO HELP THESE TWO STUDENTS BEFORE I CAN TALK!

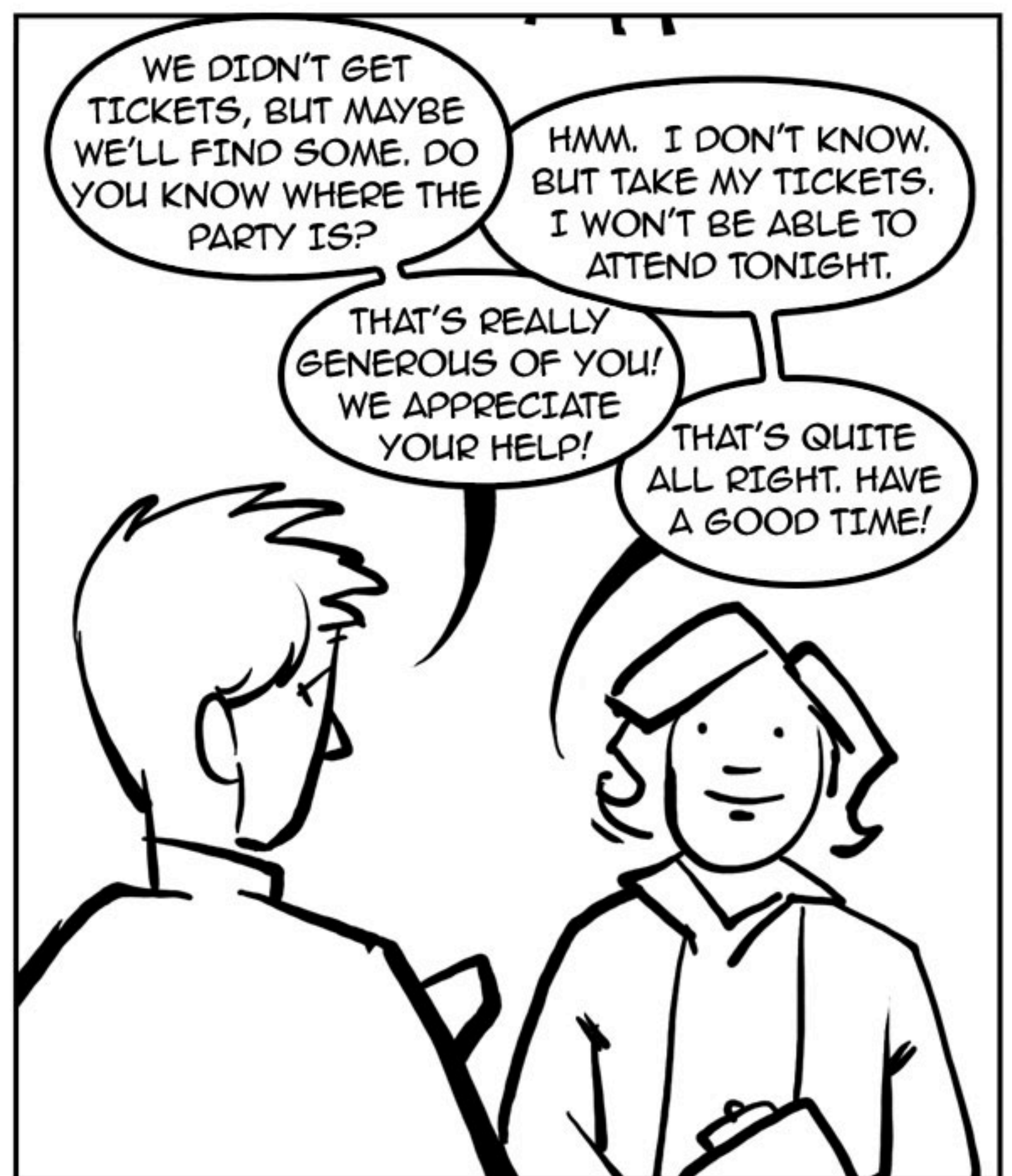


BUT, MATT, I CAN'T FINISH MY PAPER WITHOUT IT!

WELL I CAN'T FINISH MY ART PROJECT WITHOUT THE ILLUSTRATIONS!

BUT YOU ALREADY HAVE A COPY OF THE BOOK!





OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS...

LET'S TRY AT THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL. RACHEL WAS GOING THERE NEXT.

OKAY. MAYBE WE CAN CATCH HER THERE.



TRACE AND PAOLO ARRIVE AT THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL AND ASK AROUND ABOUT RACHEL.

EXCUSE ME. I'M LOOKING FOR RACHEL ROTHMAN. DO YOU KNOW HER?

SORRY, I DON'T KNOW HER. WHY DON'T YOU ASK AROUND?



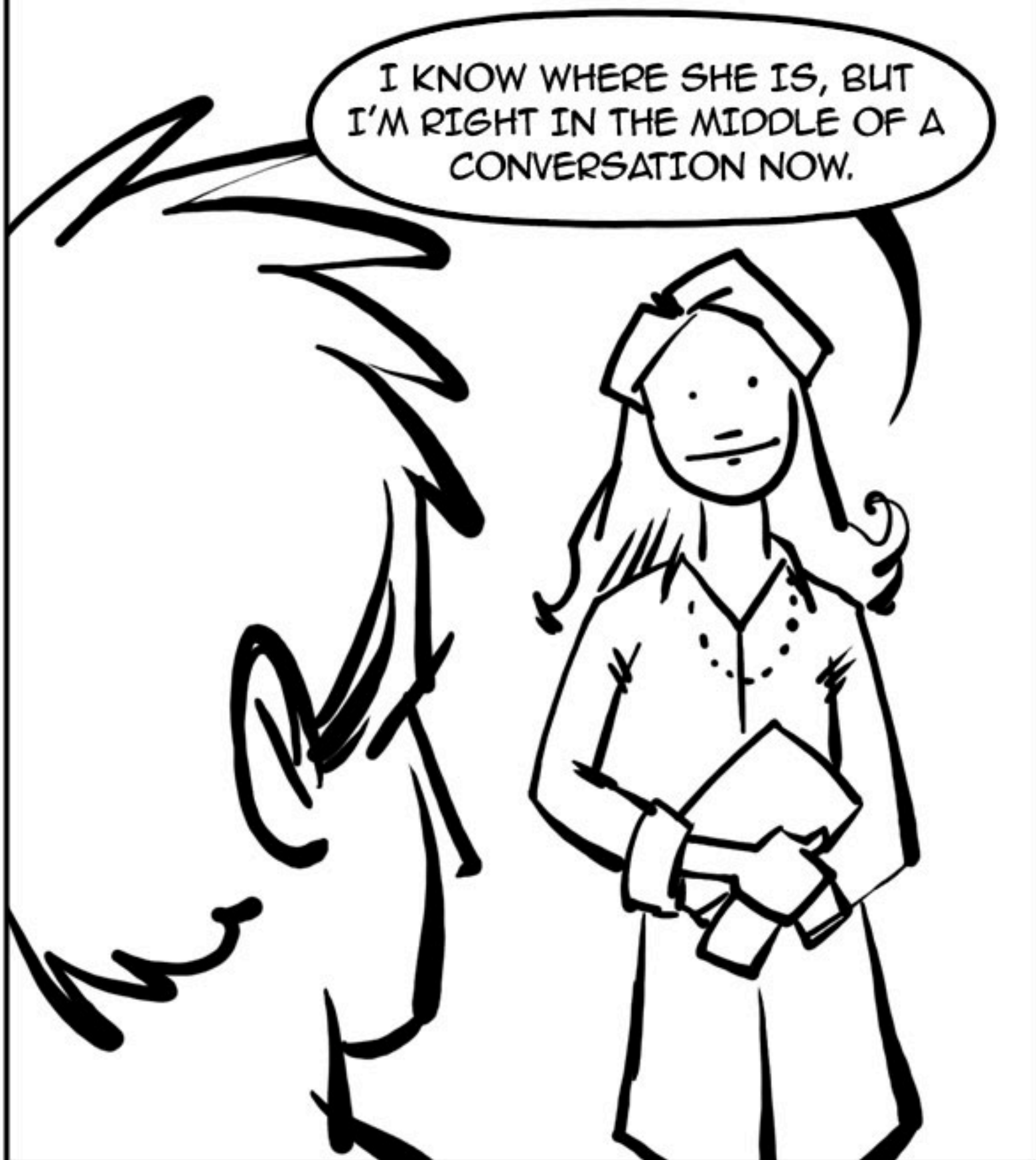
HI. I'D LIKE TO FIND RACHEL ROTHMAN. DO YOU KNOW WHERE SHE IS?

I DON'T KNOW HER. YOU OUGHT TO ASK THE DOCENT. SHE'S AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE.



TRACE APPROACHES THE DOCENT AND ASKS HER IF SHE KNOWS RACHEL ROTHMAN. HOWEVER, SHE IS HAVING AN ARGUMENT WITH AN ACTOR.

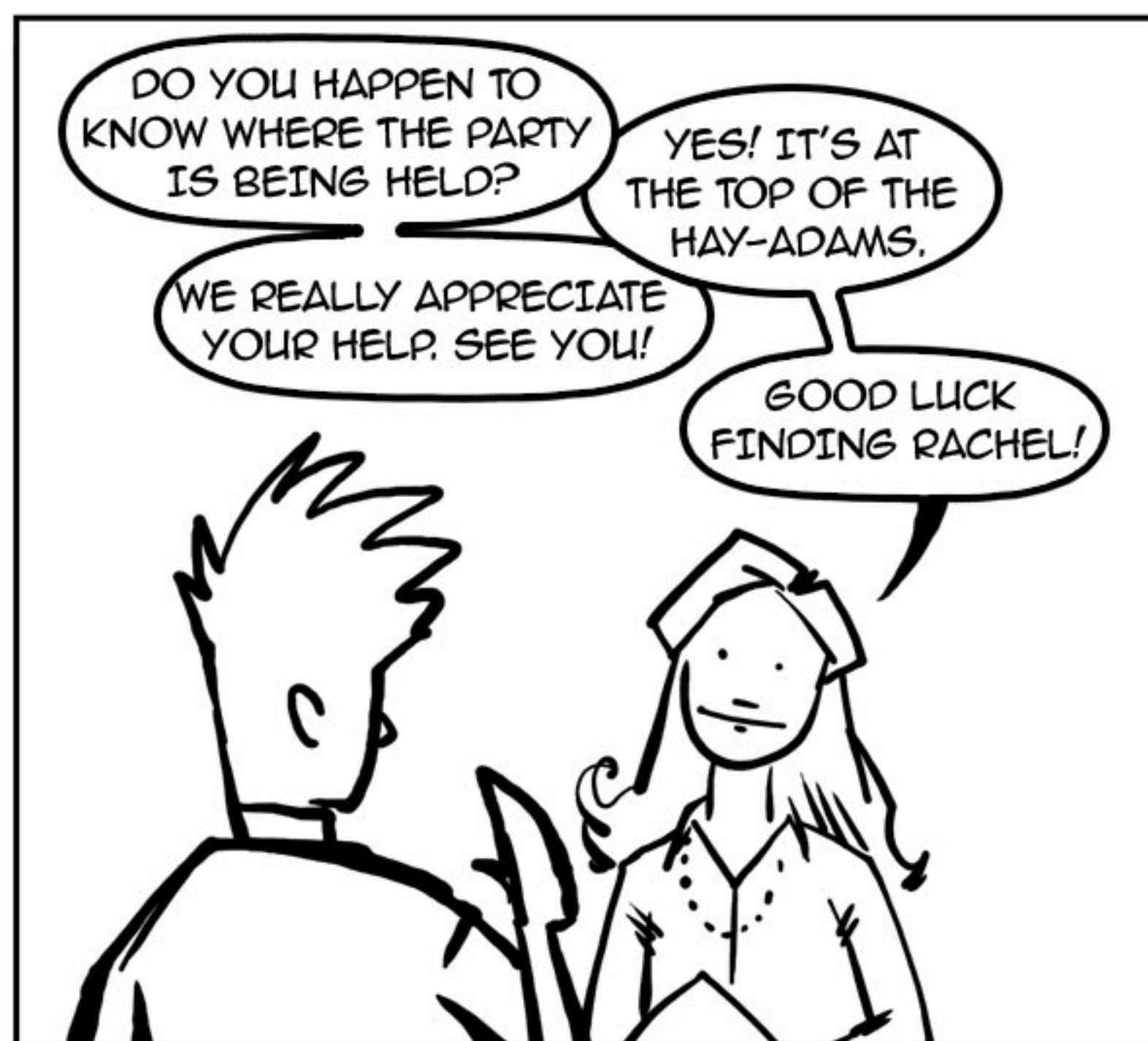
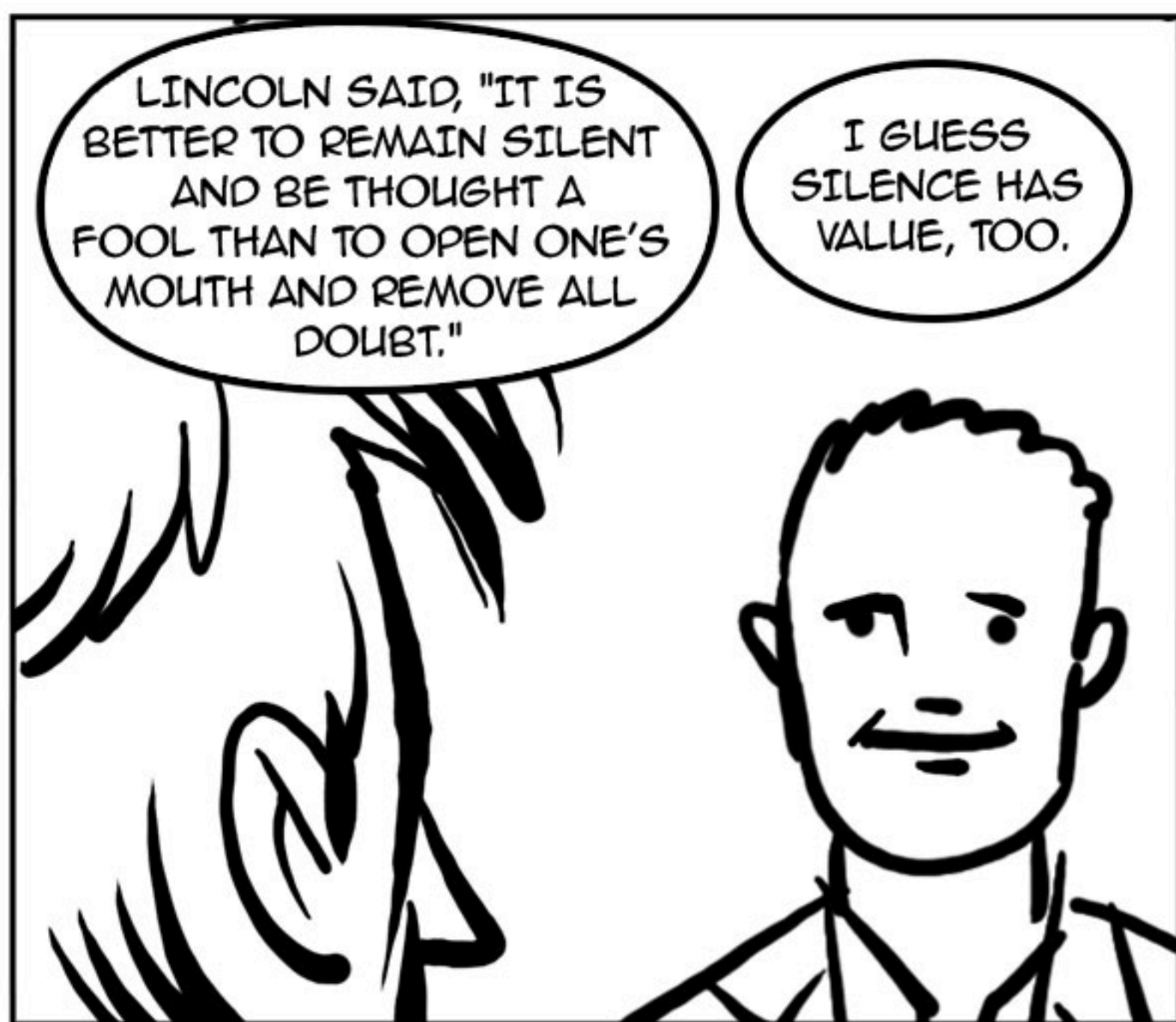
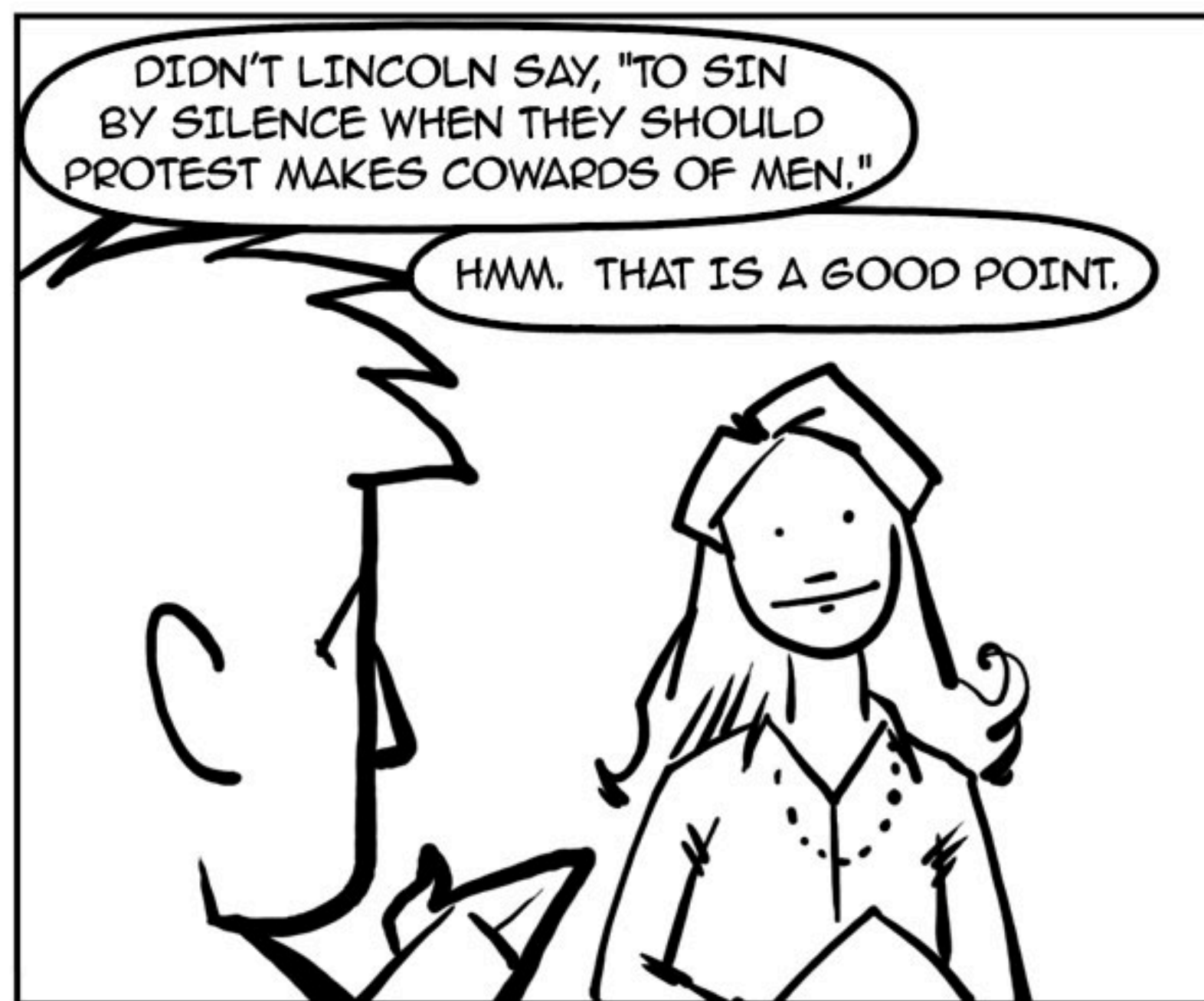
I KNOW WHERE SHE IS, BUT I'M RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF A CONVERSATION NOW.



IT'S A SPEECH! IT WAS MEANT TO BE SAID ALOUD!

IT WAS SAID ALOUD! THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO DO IT, TOO!





**OUTSIDE THE
LINCOLN MEMORIAL...**

WE'D BETTER GO TO THAT PARTY!
IT'S OUR LAST CHANCE TO
INTRODUCE YOU TO RACHEL!

WE'D
BETTER GET
THERE QUICKLY!
IT'S GETTING
LATE!



MAY I
PLEASE
HAVE YOUR
TICKETS?



THANK YOU.
PLEASE SIGN THE
GUEST BOOK, AND
YOU CAN GO IN.



HAVE A GREAT
EVENING!

**TRACE AND PAOLO
ARRIVE AT THE PARTY.**

WELCOME! UH-OH.
DO YOU HAVE A TIE?



**TRACE ASKS THE PARTY GUESTS
IF THEY KNOW RACHEL ROTHMAN.**

EXCUSE ME. DO
YOU KNOW RACHEL
ROTHMAN?

SORRY,
I'VE NEVER HEARD
OF HER. WHY DON'T YOU
ASK AROUND?



HELLO. I WAS
WONDERING IF YOU
KNEW RACHEL
ROTHMAN.

I DON'T
KNOW HER
PERSONALLY,
BUT SHE'S OVER
THERE.

**TRACE FINALLY FINDS
RACHEL ROTHMAN!**

SORRY TO INTERRUPT.
ARE YOU RACHEL ROTHMAN?

PAOLO IS
VISITING FROM BRAZIL.
MY FRIEND KIT SAYS YOU MIGHT
BE ABLE TO HELP HIM.

PAOLO WANTS TO COME
BACK TO STUDY. HE'S INTERESTED
IN AMERICAN HISTORY AND
PEACE STUDIES.

THAT'S ME. WHY ARE
YOU LOOKING FOR ME?

WELL, I AM AN INTERNATIONAL
STUDENT ADVISER. I HOPE I CAN HELP.



THAT'S WONDERFUL!
WE HAVE MANY EXCELLENT
UNIVERSITIES. INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS ARE WELCOME.

WHAT SHOULD PAOLO DO
TO BECOME AN INTERNATIONAL
STUDENT IN THE US?

FIRST OF ALL, YOU NEED TO DECIDE WHERE
TO STUDY. THE NEXT STEP IS TO APPLY FOR
ADMISSION. AFTER YOU'RE ADMITTED, THE
UNIVERSITY WILL SEND YOU DOCUMENTS.
YOU TAKE THOSE TO THE US EMBASSY
IN YOUR COUNTRY TO APPLY FOR A VISA.



THAT'S VERY HELPFUL! I NEED TO
LEAVE, BUT I'M SURE THERE'S MORE
FOR PAOLO TO LEARN.

BYE, TRACE!
YOU'VE BEEN GREAT.
LET ME KNOW IF YOU EVER
COME TO BRAZIL!



**TRACE BORROWS PAOLO'S PHONE AGAIN
AND CALLS PROFESSOR PETERSON.**

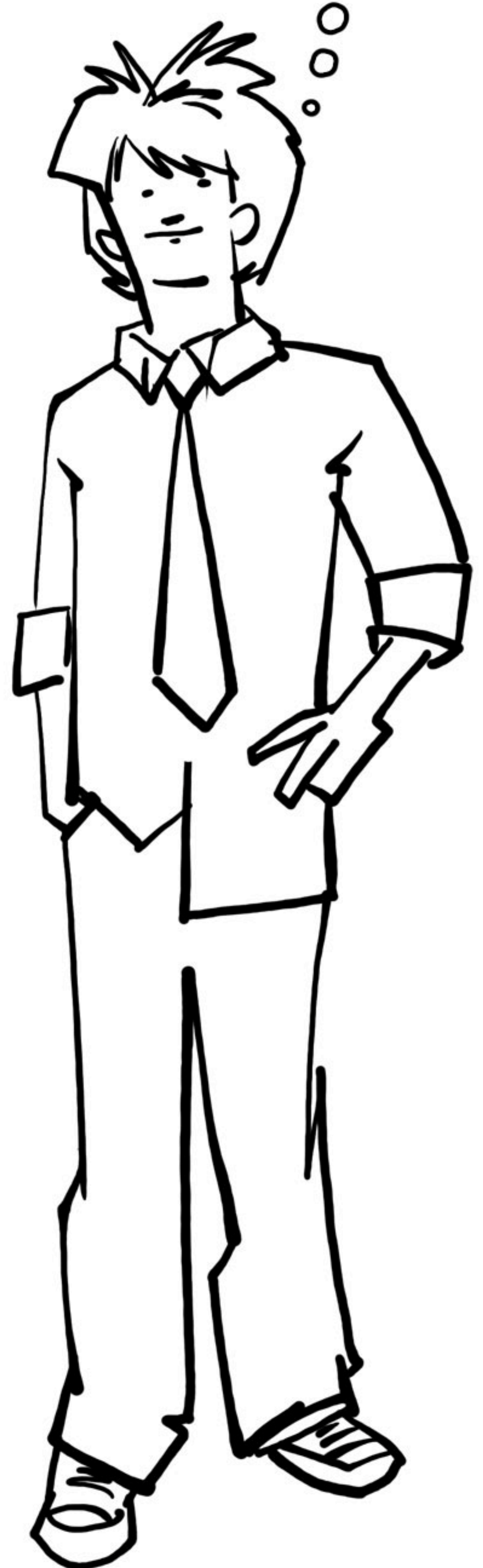
HELLO, PROFESSOR.
I HAVE COMPLETED THE LAST
MISSION! IS THE TIME MACHINE FIXED?
SHOULD I HEAD BACK TO THE
UNIVERSITY CAMPUS?



YES TRACE! HURRY BACK.
KIT, EDDIE AND I HAVE FIXED THE
TIME MACHINE. IT CONFIRMS THAT YOU
HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL AND THAT ALL
MISSIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED! THE
TIME MACHINE JUST ALERTED US
THAT IT IS READY TO TAKE YOU HOME
TO THE FUTURE. COME TO THE LAB
IMMEDIATELY. WE'LL SEE YOU SOON.



THE TIME
MACHINE IS READY
TO TAKE ME HOME...I GUESS
MY ADVENTURE IS COMING
TO AN END...



TRACE ARRIVES BACK AT THE UNIVERSITY AND IS CONFRONTED BY THE STUDENTS AND THE DEAN OF THE UNIVERSITY.

EXCUSE ME YOUNG MAN. ARE YOU TRACE?

YES, SIR. I AM TRACE.

IT SEEMS THAT YOUR PRESENCE HERE HAS CONCERNED THIS GROUP OF STUDENTS. HENRY TATTLE HAS INFORMED ME THAT HE HAS PROOF THAT YOU ARE AN ALIEN FROM SPACE.

WELL, TRACE FROM SPACE...WE'VE FINALLY CAUGHT YOU SNEAKING BACK TO YOUR SPACESHIP I'M SURE. WHERE IS IT? IS IT INVISIBLE? DO YOU USE SOME SORT OF LIGHT DEVICE TO REVEAL IT? ARE YOU WEARING A MASK TO HIDE YOUR...

NOW I AM NOT ONE TO BELIEVE CRAZY STORIES, BUT THE PHOTOS HENRY HAS PRESENTED TO ME ARE QUITE CONVINCING. QUITE CONVINCING INDEED. THESE STUDENTS ARE ALSO SUSPICIOUS OF YOU. IT SEEMS YOU HAVE HAD A FALSE STUDENT ID, HAVE TRAVELED WITH STUDENT GROUPS YOU ARE NOT OFFICIALLY A MEMBER OF AND HAVE ALSO INFLUENCED STUDENTS AND STAFF TO TAKE YOUR PLACES ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES. WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY IN YOUR DEFENSE?



SIR, I AM SORRY FOR THE CONFUSION. I AM NOT FROM SPACE. I PROMISE. THE TRUTH IS THAT I TRAVELED HERE FROM THE FUTURE IN A TIME MACHINE. I AM JUST TRYING TO GET HOME.

WHAT ON EARTH? THAT IS PREPOSTEROUS. HOW DARE YOU MOCK OUR QUESTIONS WITH THIS NONSENSE! I AM AFRAID I AM GOING TO HAVE TO TRUST MY STUDENTS AND TAKE YOU TO THE AUTHORITIES TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS!



EDDIE AND KIT ARRIVE JUST IN TIME WITH SOME SPECIAL FRIENDS.

WAIT! PLEASE, SIR. LET US HELP EXPLAIN. WE ARE FRIENDS OF TRACE.

WE HAVE ALSO GATHERED SEVERAL PEOPLE THAT TRACE HAS HELPED WHILE HE HAS BEEN VISITING. HOPEFULLY THEY CAN CONVINCE YOU THAT TRACE IS NOT A BAD PERSON.

VERY WELL. I WILL LISTEN TO THEIR STORIES.



TRACE HELPED ME LEARN TO STAND UP FOR WHAT I BELIEVE IN AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE LOCALLY. I WOULD HAVE NEVER KNOWN THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS WITHOUT TRACE'S HELP. NOW HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS ARE DISCOVERING GOOD NUTRITION!



TRACE HELPED ME TOO. HE MADE ME REALIZE THAT ANYTHING CAN BE ACHIEVED IF YOU PUT YOUR MIND TO IT. HE HELPED MY BAND ORGANIZE A CONCERT THAT RAISED MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM. NOW THE PROGRAM IS FUNDED! I WOULD HAVE NEVER CONSIDERED MYSELF AN ACTIVIST BEFORE, BUT NOW I WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN ANY WAY I CAN.



TRACE HELPED THE ENVIRONMENT TOO. TOGETHER WE HELPED MY TOWN LEARN THE VALUE BEHIND REDUCING WASTE, RECYCLING AND REUSING VALUABLE NATURAL RESOURCES. PLUS, HE WAS A GREAT FRIEND TO ME. I FEEL MORE CONFIDENT IN MYSELF AFTER MEETING TRACE.



I HAVE A STORY, TOO. TRACE HELPED ME CONVINCING MY FATHER TO LET ME CHASE MY ENTREPRENEURIAL DREAMS. MY FATHER LET ME ENTER A CONTEST THAT I WON! NOW I HAVE THE CHANCE TO SHARE MY IDEAS WITH THE WORLD AND BE AN INSTRUMENT FOR CHANGE.



MY STORY IS SIMPLE. TRACE SHOWED ME THAT TEAMWORK IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN PETTY RIVALRIES. I NEEDED TO OPEN MY EYES TO THE PEOPLE AROUND ME AND NEVER BE AFRAID TO ASK FOR HELP. MY BIGGEST COMPETITOR IS NOW MY GREATEST ALLY. TRACE SHOWED ME THIS AND I INTEND TO SHARE THIS POINT OF VIEW WITH EVERYONE I MEET.



TRACE HELPED ME FULFILL MY DREAMS OF GOING TO SCHOOL IN THE UNITED STATES. I NEVER WOULD HAVE MET THE PEOPLE AND HAD THE EXPERIENCES I HAD IF I'D NEVER MET TRACE. HIS FRIENDSHIP AND GUIDANCE GAVE ME THE CONFIDENCE TO ACHIEVE GREAT THINGS. NOW I FEEL THAT I UNDERSTAND THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THIS COUNTRY. TRACE SHOWED ME THE IMPORTANCE OF SEEING BOTH SIDES. TRACE IS A GREAT PERSON! PLEASE SEE BOTH SIDES.



I INDEED SEE BOTH SIDES. THESE ARE VERY CONVINCING STORIES. MORE CONVINCING I MUST SAY THAN ALIENS AND TIME MACHINES. PROFESSOR PETERSON, I SEE YOU ARE HERE TO SUPPORT TRACE. CAN YOU VERIFY THESE STORIES AS TRUE?

YES. THESE STORIES ARE TRUE. I BELIEVE THAT TRACE IS A GOOD PERSON AND THAT THERE HAS JUST BEEN A MISUNDERSTANDING.



YES. HENRY, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU IN MY OFFICE PLEASE. WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT THIS.



THANK YOU! THANK YOU, EVERYONE. IT WAS GREAT OF YOU TO TRAVEL ALL THIS WAY JUST TO HELP ME.



BACK IN THE PROFESSOR'S LAB...

ALL RIGHT TRACE, PLEASE STAND ON THE TIME MACHINE, AND I WILL ACTIVATE THE SEQUENCE.



TRACE, OUR INSTRUMENTS INFORM US THAT YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE TIME MACHINE'S MISSION SUCCESSFULLY. IT ALSO LOOKS AS IF THE TIME MACHINE HAS BEEN COMPLETELY REPAIRED. VIDEO FEED IS NOW AVAILABLE.



HELLO, TRACE. NICE TO SEE YOU IN PERSON. WE ARE READY TO BRING YOU HOME. YOU ARE A HERO HERE, AND EVERYONE IS EXCITED TO MEET YOU. YOUR LIFE WILL NEVER BE THE SAME.

THE PROFESSOR, KIT AND EDDIE CANNOT BELIEVE WHAT THEY SEE!

KIT! IS THAT YOU?

YES. HELLO, PROFESSOR. IT IS GREAT TO SEE YOU AGAIN. I HAVE SO MANY THINGS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY TO YOU BUT WE HAVE NO TIME. THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU TAUGHT ME.



AND EDDIE, KEEP READING THOSE COMIC BOOKS. THEY REALLY DO COME IN HANDY.



THE TEAM IN THE FUTURE INITIATES THE TIME MACHINE TRAVEL SEQUENCE.

OKAY, HERE WE GO. INITIATING TIME TRAVEL PAIRING SEQUENCE EDE-2112...PAIRING COMPLETE. TIME TRAVEL IN 5...4...3...2...1...



JUST AS THE TIME MACHINE IS ABOUT TO FLY INTO THE FUTURE, TRACE JUMPS OFF.



TRACE! WHY DID YOU JUMP OFF THE TIME MACHINE? HOW WILL YOU GET HOME?

IF I WENT HOME, HOW WOULD WE GO ON MORE ADVENTURES TOGETHER?

TRACE, DO YOU REALIZE THAT NOW YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO TRAVEL BACK TO YOUR TIME? NOW YOU WILL BE STUCK HERE WITH US?



WELL IT LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE A GOOD DEAL OF PLANNING TO DO TOGETHER - DON'T WE TEAM?

WE SURE DO.



THE END?