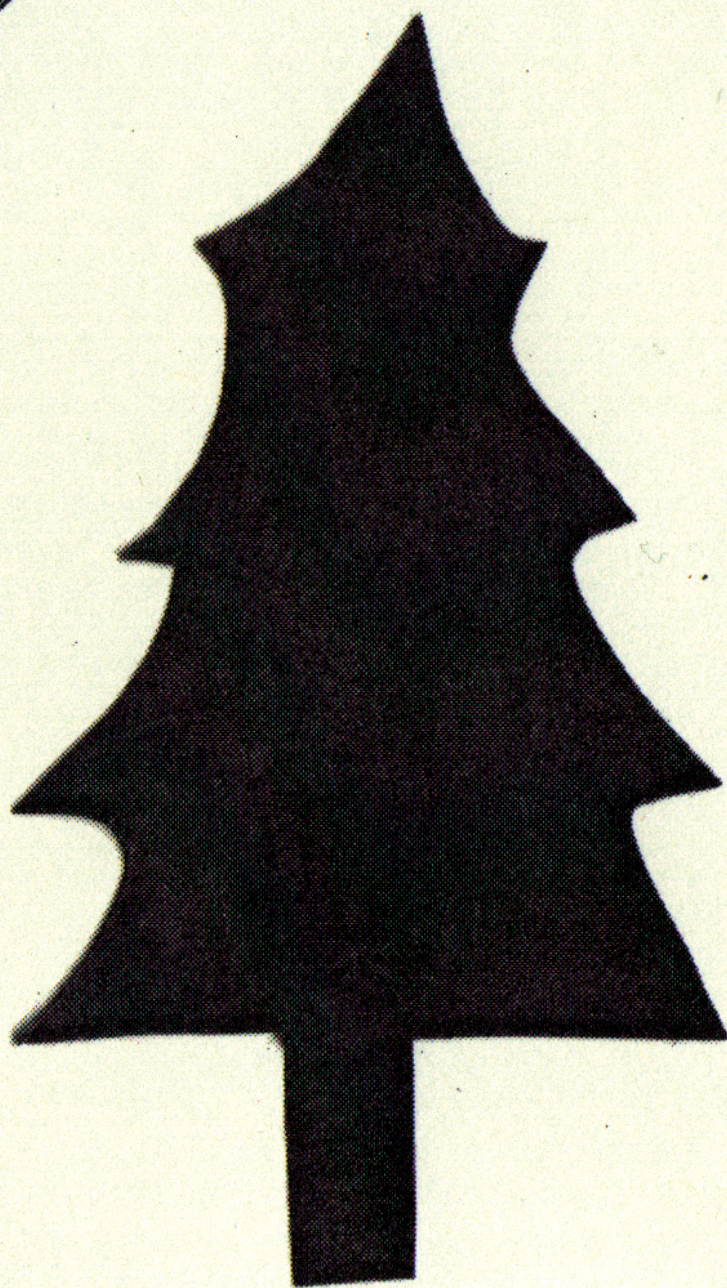




LONE FIR CEMETERY





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HEY, I'M FRANK,
THE CARETAKER
OF LONE FIR
CEMETERY.
YUP, THIS IS
MY HEARSE.



MY WIFE
WANTED A
HEARSE + MY
GUITARIST WAS
SELLING ONE,
SO-HEY!

LET ME
SHOW YOU
SOME OF
MY FAVORITE
GRAVESTONES.



LONE FIR IS THE
BIGGEST AND OLDEST
OF FIVE "PIONEER
CEMETERIES" IN PDX.

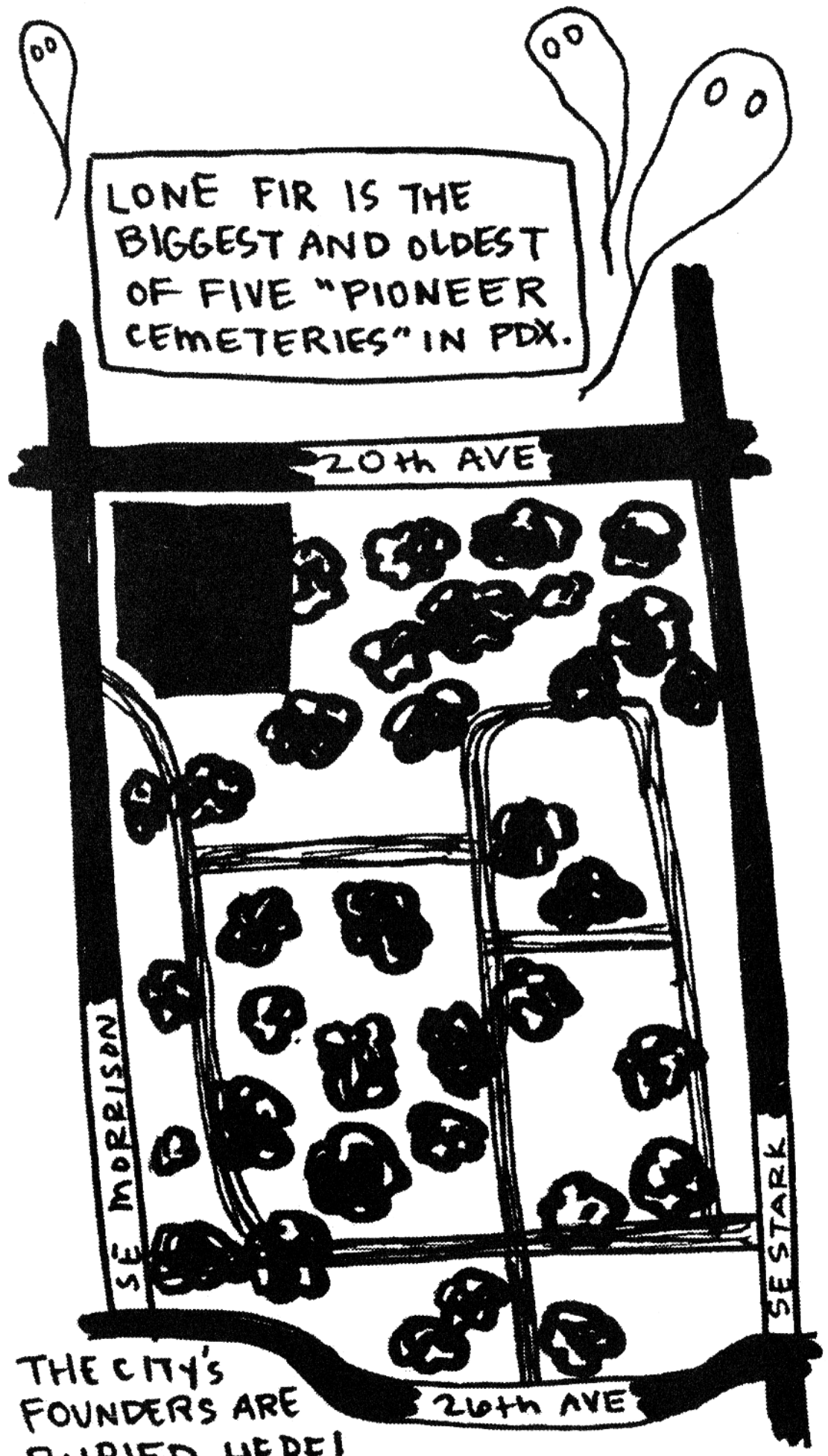
20th AVE

SE MORRISON

SE STARK

26th AVE

THE CITY'S
FOUNDERS ARE
BURIED HERE!



HERE'S
THE CEME-
TERY FOUNDERS
JAMES & EMILY
STEPHENS.

CREEPY,
HUH?



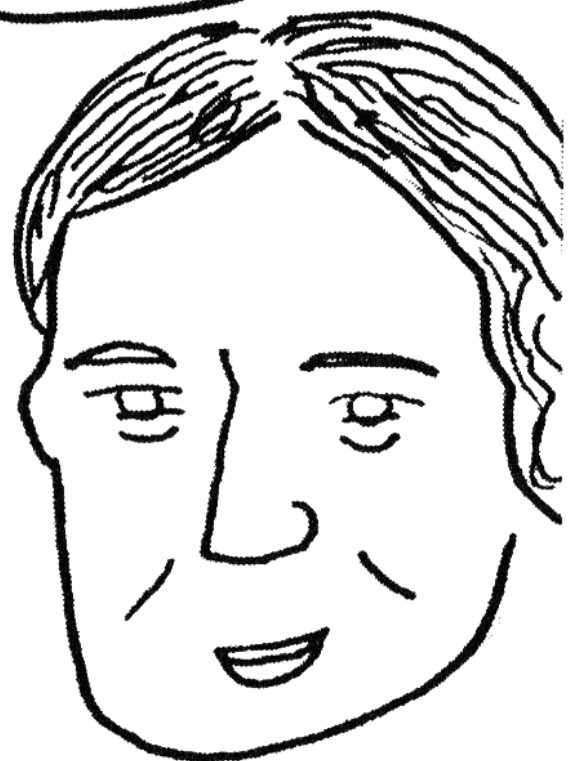
THE STEPHENS TURNED 30 ACRES
INTO A GRAVEYARD AFTER A
TRAGIC STEAMBOAT EXPLOSION
KILLED ONE OF THEIR FRIENDS.



IT SOUNDED
PRETTY GNARLY—
BODY PARTS ALL
OVER THE DOCK.



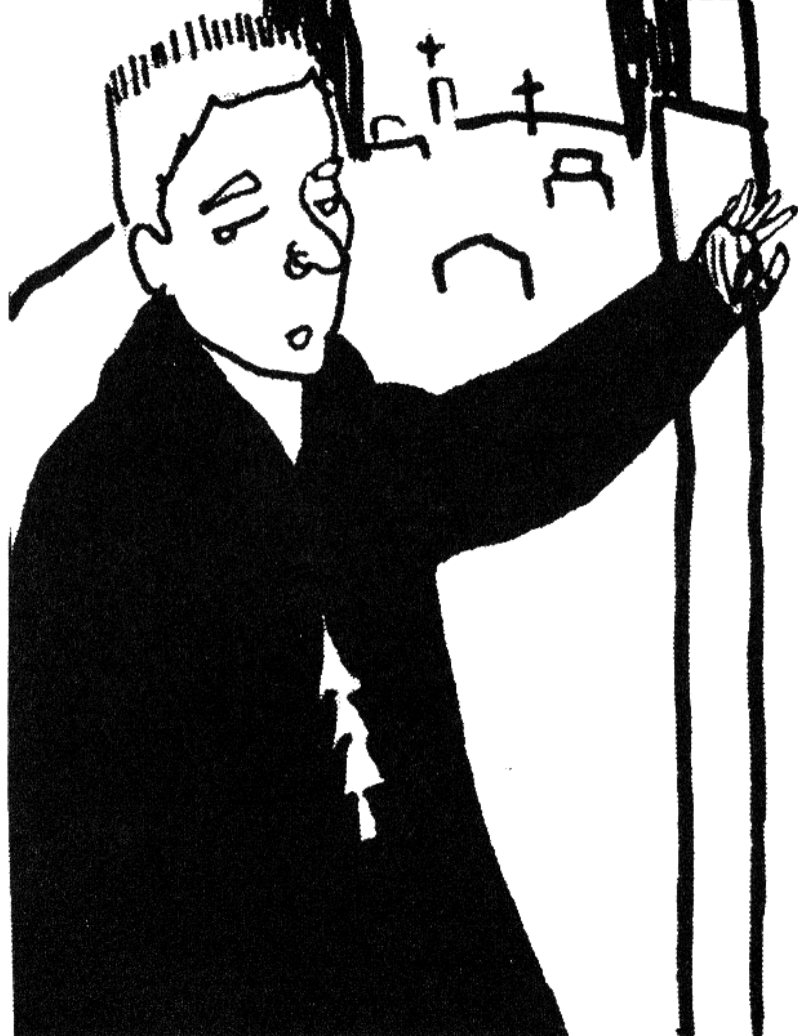
here we lie, by our consent,
after 57 years, 2 months, 2 days sojourn-
ing through life awaiting nature's
immature laws to return us back to
the elements of the universe of
which we were composed.





FROM THE STEPHENS'
TOMB, YOU CAN SEE
THE NAMESAKE "LONE
FIR." THIS WHOLE AREA
WAS A FARM BACK
BEFORE 1850. IT WAS
THE ONLY TREE
IN SIGHT.

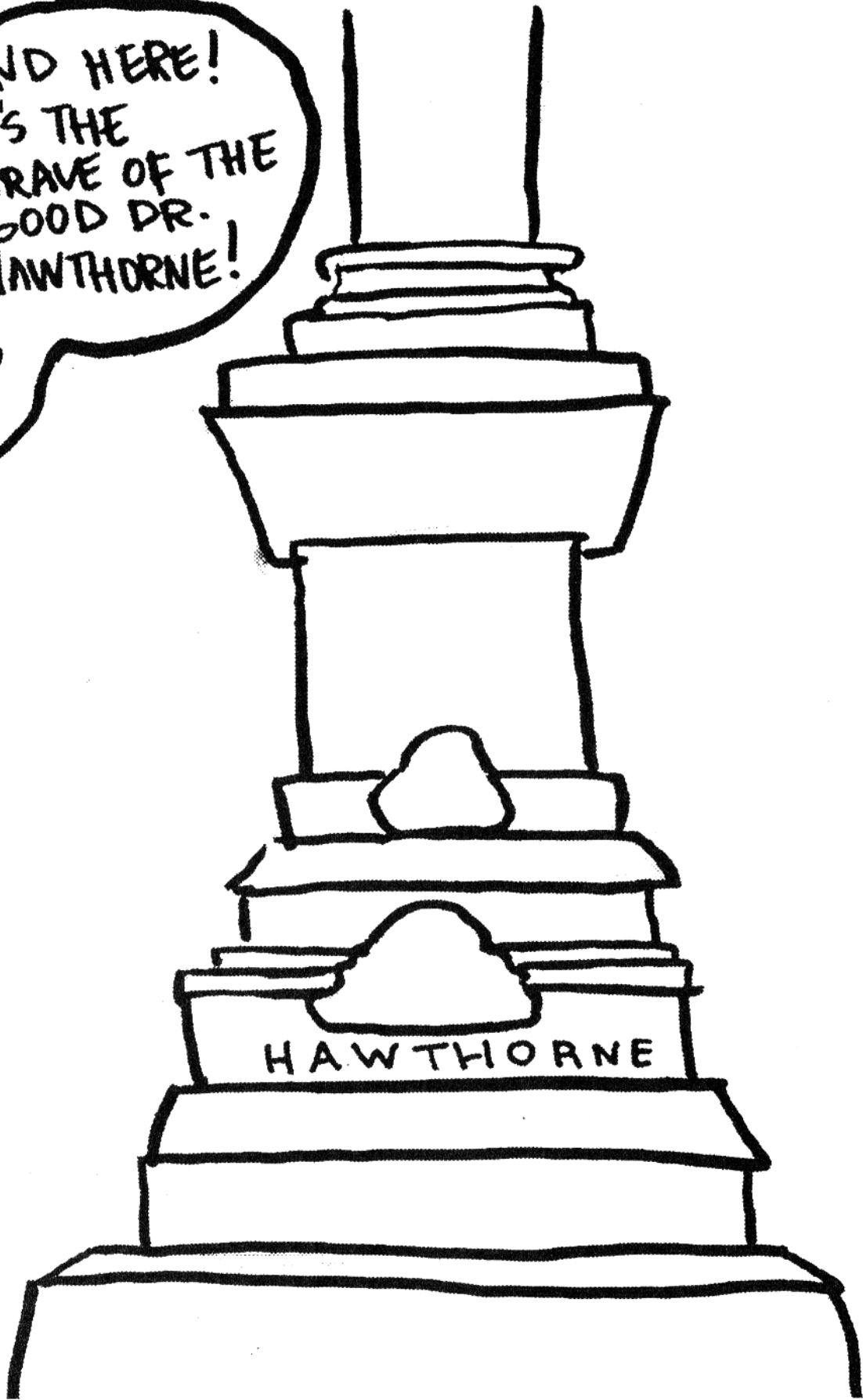
AND...
HERE LIES LOVEJOY,
THE GUY WHO LOST THE
COIN TOSS TO NAME PORT-
LAND. HE CAME HERE ON THE
OREGON TRAIL AND WANTED
TO CALL THE NEW
CITY "BOSTON."



ASA
LOVEJOY

FOUNDER OF
PORTLAND.

AND HERE!
IT'S THE
GRAVE OF THE
GOOD DR.
HAWTHORNE!



DR. HAWTHORNE RAN
AN INSANE ASYLUM
IN THE 1860S AND
70S IN SE PORTLAND.
HE WAS SUCH
A GOOD DOC,
THE CITY NAMED
A BRIDGE AFTER
HIM!




DR. H BURIED 132
OF HIS PATIENTS HERE
ON HIS OWN DIME. IT'S
RUMORED SOME ARE
BURIED HEREIN "BLOCK
14" - THE SE CORNER
OF LONE FIR.

BLOCK 14 IS ALSO
HOME TO THE
BONES OF
CHINESE RAIL-
ROAD WORKERS.





SO WHILE THE CITY'S ELITE ARE
BURIED HERE, MANY LOWE FIR
RESIDENTS ARE NAMELESS BOTH
IN DEATH AND IN THE
HISTORY BOOKS.



A LOT OF PEOPLE
ARE AFRAID OF
CEMETERYS BECAUSE
THEY REPRESENT
DEATH. BUT
LOOK!

THERE'S
TREES BLANK-
ING HERE!
THERE'S BIRDS
& BEES!

LOOK WHAT
ELSE CAME ON THE
TRAIL- PIONEERS
KEPT THESE EAST
COAST ROSES ALIVE
IN THEIR COVERED
WAGONS.



THESE FLOWERS
DOWN HERE ARE
TENDEED BY A
RUSSIAN IMMIGRANT
FAMILY. RUSSIANS
ALL HAVE BLACK
GRANITE TOMBSTONES.



THE RUSSIAN FAMILIES ARE A
NEW THING HERE, BUT YOU
SEE THEM COME EVERY WEEK
TO TEND THEIR GRAVES.





YEP, THEY'VE
REALLY BROUGHT
LIFE BACK
TO THE
CEMETERY!

HEY YOU! LEARN MORE!

FILM:

“Come Together Home”

(Dir. Ivy Lin)

A documentary following the bones of Lone Fir’s Chinese residents from Portland to reburial in China.

MUSIC:

“Dearly Departed”

(K-Wheel Records)

Lone Fir-inspired music from a collection of local musicians.

BOOK:

“Rubbings from the Rose City”

(Christopher A. Gossett)

Lone Fir tombstone rubbings.

LIFE:

Guided tour of Lone Fir

(Friends of Lone Fir Cemetery)

Second Saturday of every month.

See FriendsofLoneFirCemetery.org for details.

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CONNECT TO PLACE.
JOIN THE CLUB.**



**DILLPICKLE
CLUB.ORG**

This is the first comic in a collection of 10 comics exploring under-acknowledged stories in Oregon history. Ten different artists will work with writer Sarah Mirk to create the comics throughout 2010 and 2011. Proceeds from the publication benefit the Dill Pickle Club, a volunteer-driven nonprofit that broadens knowledge of Portland's past, present and future through tours, public programs, and publications.

More info on the history comics project at dillpickleclub.org!

