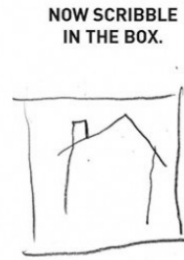


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GET STARTED ALREADY!

January 18, 2014 — Made by [Mark Luetke](#)



FINISH THE SCRIBBLE
NO MATTER HOW MUCH
YOU HATE IT.



NOW MAKE
A RELATED SCRIBBLE
IN ANOTHER BOX.



AND ANOTHER...



AND ANOTHER...



UNTIL...



YOU HAVE A PAGE.



KEEP



MOVING



FORWARD



IN



THIS



FASHION



AND



EVENTUALLY...



YOU WILL HAVE A COMIC.



NOW START OVER
AND DO IT ALL AGAIN.



NOW START OVER
AND DO IT ALL AGAIN.



NOW START OVER
AND DO IT ALL AGAIN.



EVENTUALLY



YOU WILL HAVE
MANY COMICS.



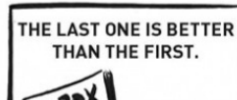
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...MAGICAL

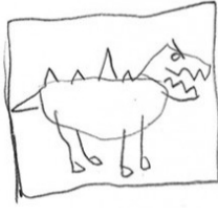


THE LAST ONE IS BETTER
THAN THE FIRST.





IN A MONTH IT WILL
LOOK AS PRIMITIVE...



...AND RUDIMENTARY
AN ATTEMPT...



...AS THAT OF A CHILD.



AWW, TURN THAT FROWN UPSIDE DOWN STRANGER!



THIS IS A GOOD THING!



IT MEANS THAT YOU'RE GETTING BETTER!



YOU HAVE LEARNED THE GREATEST SECRET TO MAKING COMICS!

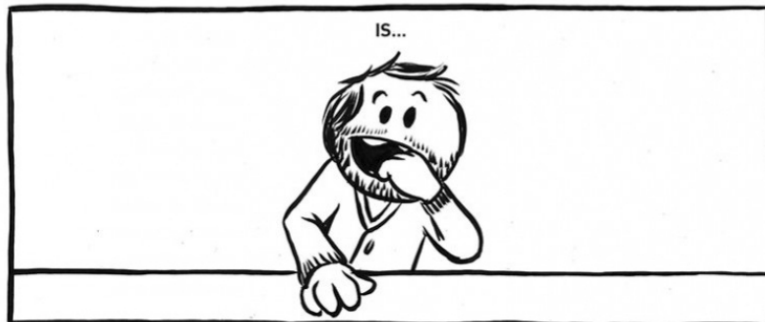




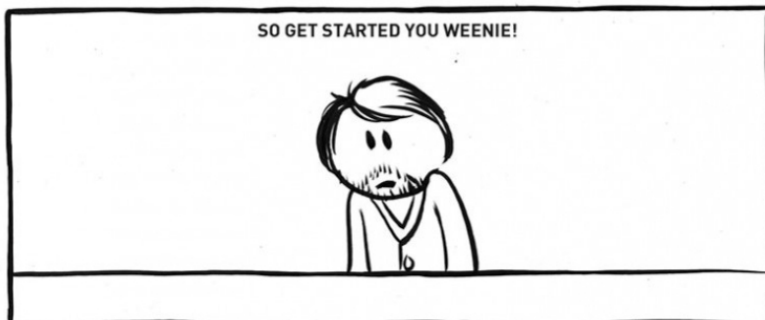
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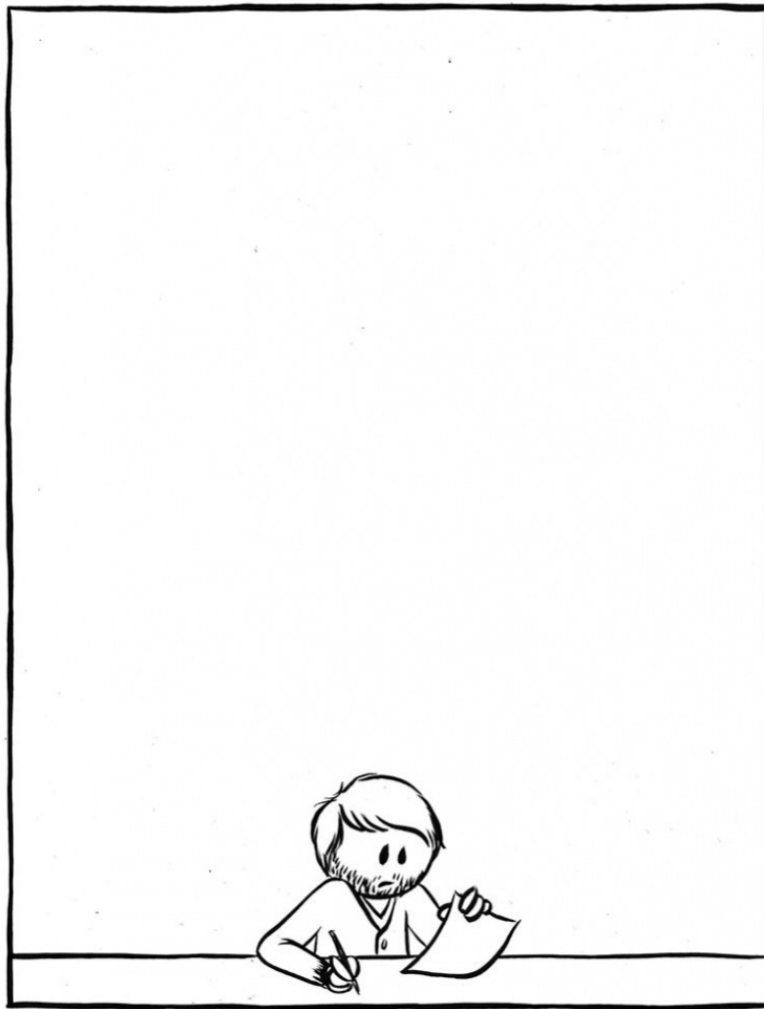


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23 Responses to “Get Started Already!”



N. Kraken

January 18th, 2014

This is pure awesome. This weenie is going to start. Today! (or at least tomorrow)

Reply



luetkemj

January 20th, 2014

So, did you get started?

Reply



N. Kraken

January 21st, 2014

I did. I have a single panel so far! LOL. Well to be more precise, I have several panels, but only the first one contains any content. I drew up some boxes and stared into the white void, and stared, and stared some more. Eventually I decided to re-create a small one page comic I drew as a home-

work assignment for a drawing class I took way, way back in high school. I remember very little about what I produced back then other than the general idea. If only I still had that assignment. It would be fun to compare the two once I'm done with this go-around.

[Reply](#)



luetkemj

January 21st, 2014

Hooray! Good on ya! Getting started is always a struggle so remember to practice it **everyday** even if you only do a panel or a thumbnail!

Overcoming that initial fight to just begin often results in a flood of doing.

[Reply](#)



Ingrid

August 23rd, 2016

Totally did. Made a shitty 8-panel comic of 2016 me telling past-me what I would be like at this age. And even though it's fit for emergency toilet paper (if stiffness doesn't perturb you), I did a couple drawings I'm proud of.
So thanks for the motivation, 2014 you!

[Reply](#)



Brandi Kelley

January 18th, 2014

Very nice Mark!

[Reply](#)



Beni9n

January 18th, 2014

Very cool! I really like this character and how he's been drawn. If you ever make a **book of all these** combined, I'll buy it. Thanks for the motivation.

[Reply](#)



luetkemj

January 20th, 2014

Thanks y'all! I appreciate the kind words.

[Reply](#)



Josh M

January 21st, 2014

I love this so much. This is exactly what I needed to hear!

[Reply](#)



The Code Crimson

January 21st, 2014

Words cannot describe how much I agree with this comic. Brilliant on every single level. So freaking true!

[Reply](#)



Bruce

February 11th, 2014

I once did a thing on Deviant Art where you go back and re-draw something you did at least a year prior. It was **EXTREMELY** educational. My process and skills had changed so much, I was in awe at how much I'd learned, and the realization that this will **ALWAYS** be the case. No matter how satisfied I am today, a year from now I will look back and know that it would be a different piece were I to draw it today.

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Janine Alyssa

February 25th, 2014

This is wonderful. Thank you.

[Reply](#)



Adelaide C. F.

May 18th, 2014

Funny thing is, this is the best "how to make comics" tutorial I've seen so far (and I've seen quite a lot of them already, even some really good ones)!
There IS beauty in simplicity, haha 😊

Reply



AwesomEmmanuel

August 11th, 2014

Thank you very much whoever did this. It was the best. The kiddie illustrations made me not afraid of my art being laughed at! Thank you!

Reply



AK

March 7th, 2016

love this! the hardest part is always getting started 😊

Reply



Victoria

March 7th, 2016

This is definitely the most inspiring comic I have ever read.

Reply



Andres

March 9th, 2016

Jumped over to this site from "How to Make a Comic Book" at Coursera. This was really good, very inspiring. I'm walking around and everything is becoming a comic book idea in my head.

Reply



Grand Ray

October 21st, 2017

Wow... thanks for this idea in making comics. Most starters like encountered this kind of situation.
LOL!
I just need to push and one step at a time I can create my own comics.

Reply



Janine Alyssa

February 26th, 2014

Whoa, that's strange. I loved your article, so I shared it on my own website, and then I saw this weird spam message pop up on your article. I'm sorry about that, I'm not sure what that's about.

Reply



luetkemj

February 28th, 2014

No worries, thanks for the share! The comment below is a pingback that our theme displays – although I think I'm gonna style it differently...

Reply



The Secret to Making Comics | Janine Alyssa Freeze

February 25th, 2014

[...] all, something a little bit different this time. I wanted to share a great article I read today on how to get started on making comics. Being an aspiring comic artist/illustrator [...]

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