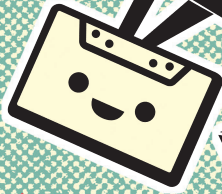


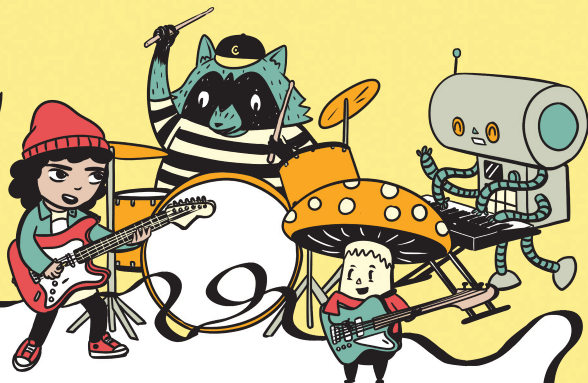
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Cassette City



LIFE IS BETTER WHEN YOU BAND TOGETHER!



“FULL OF FUNNY, BIGHEARTED BEATS!”

—TEGAN QUIN, CO-AUTHOR OF *TEGAN AND SARA: JUNIOR HIGH*

“I LOVE THE WARM RETRO VIBES AND STYLISH ART OF
CASSETTE CITY—AN IDEAL PLACE FOR KIDS TO ROAM.”

—FIONA STAPLES, ARTIST FOR *SAGA* AND *ARCHIE*

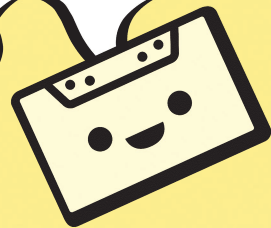
WELCOME TO CASSETTE CITY, the coolest place to hang out:
at the arcade or the skate park, at the monster movie
marathon, or snagging your favorite band's newest album
at the music store. On cassette tape, of course!

When a **WISECRACKING RACCOON**, an **EASYGOING MUSHROOM**,
and a **ROBOT WITH BIG FEELINGS** recruit the standoffish
NEW GIRL MELODY LI to help them win the Rock Your Socks
battle of the bands, Melody might just discover
that these misfit musicians are the friends
she really needs.



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READY,
CASSETTE,
GO!



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TO MY MOM AND DAD, WHO
HAVE ALWAYS SUPPORTED MY
CREATIVE ENDEAVORS, WHO
BROUGHT COMICS AND MUSIC
INTO OUR HOME, AND WHO
SPARKED MY LOVE FOR BOTH.
—J.S.

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WE'VE ALL GROWN UP
POPPING A CASSETTE
TAPE INTO A BOOMBOX...



TO HEAR MUSIC FROM
OUR FAVORITE BAND.



BUT HOW
DOES A
CASSETTE
GET
CRAFTED?



AND HOW IS IT POSSIBLE
FOR THIS OBJECT TO
CAUSE SOUND...



TO BURST OUT OF
YOUR SPEAKERS??



JOIN ME, CLIFF, AS I
GO UNDERCOVER...

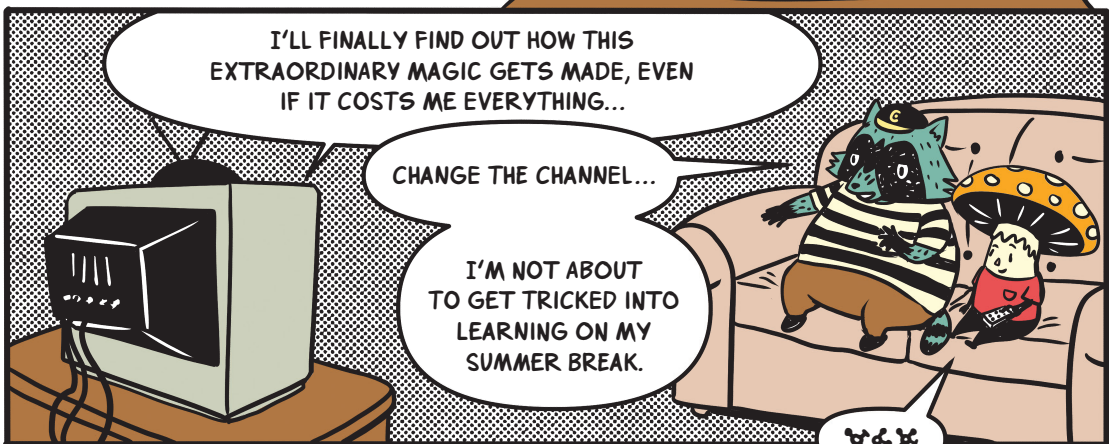


AT THE
MYSTERIOUS
CASSETTE
FACTORY...

AND INFILTRATE THE
EXCITING SECRETIVE WORLD
OF CASSETTE TAPES.



I'LL FINALLY FIND OUT HOW THIS
EXTRAORDINARY MAGIC GETS MADE, EVEN
IF IT COSTS ME EVERYTHING...



CHANGE THE CHANNEL...

I'M NOT ABOUT
TO GET TRICKED INTO
LEARNING ON MY
SUMMER BREAK.



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TRACK 1

On the Move



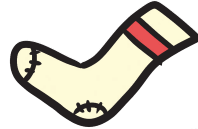


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PRIZE!

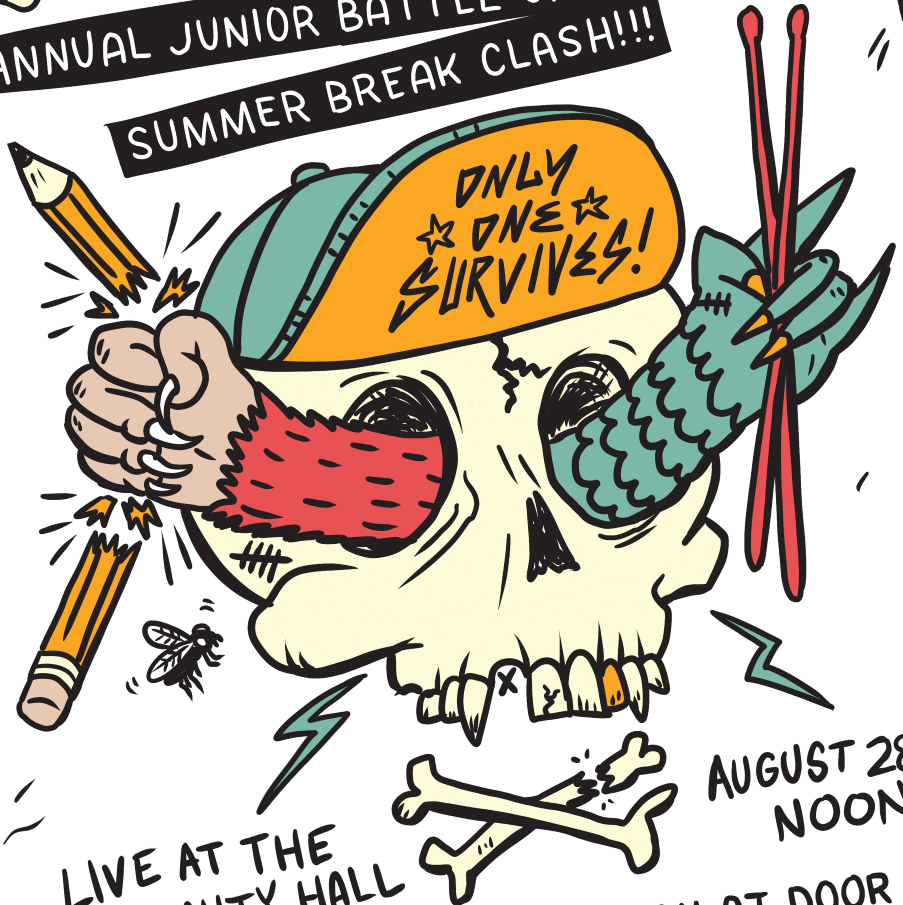
TROPHY!

BRAGG
RIGHTS!

ROCK YOUR SOCKS



ANNUAL JUNIOR BATTLE OF THE BANDS
SUMMER BREAK CLASH!!!

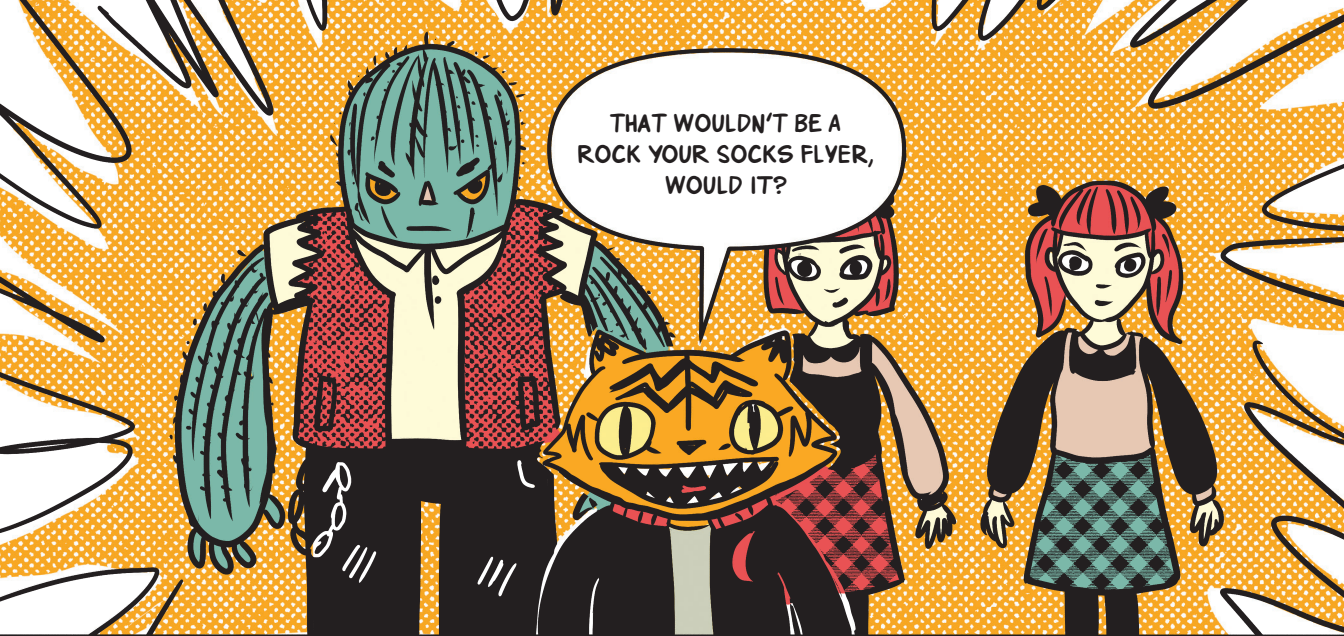


LIVE AT THE
COMMUNITY HALL

TICKETS AND REGISTRATION AT DOOR
LIMITED CAPACITY, DON'T BE LATE!

AUGUST 28
NOON







STYLES IS WEAK SAUCE...
THAT HOT-DOG-WATER-SMELLING
DINGBUTT WOULDN'T SAY SQUAT
WITHOUT THE REST OF DEMON
NIGHT THERE...

I'D LIKE TO SEE HOW HE'D SURVIVE WITHOUT THOSE BRATTY TWINS AND THAT MEDIUM-TALENT WARHEAD.

ငါ့ရဲ့အမေ့အဖေတို့အား
အသေအဝမ်းနဲ့

BUT WHAT IF HE HAS A POINT?

MAYBE WE DON'T HAVE THE
SOUND TO GO THE DISTANCE.

WELL, YEAH, A SECRET WEAPON WOULD BE GREAT TO FIND...

[illegible]

BUT THAT'S NOT THE
KIND OF THING THAT JUST
MOVES TO TOWN.





YOU KNOW OUR OLD CITY HAD JOBS, TOO.

BUT THIS IS A FRESH START, AND I'LL BE WORKING AT THE CASSETTE FACTORY...

YOU KNOW, TAPES? THE THING YOU LOVE?

I BET ALL THE KIDS HERE ARE INTO MUSIC, TOO. YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE FRIENDS RIGHT AWAY!

WHATEVER. WHAT'S THE POINT WHEN YOU JUST HAVE TO MOVE...

OR THEY JUST END UP LEAVING.

YOU KNOW, MELODY, NOT EVERYONE IS GOING TO BE LIKE MOM—

GEEZ! I WASN'T TALKING ABOUT HER!

OKAY, BUT IF YOU WANT TO—

LOOK, I'M MORE OF A SOLO ACT ANYWAY.

JUST LET ME LISTEN TO MY TAPES.







FED A LINE,
LEFT SWIMMING
IN DENIAL
DROWN IN MY
REGRETS WITH
A SPINNER BLADE
SMILE

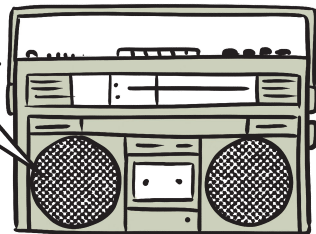
LEAVE ME IN PIECES
WHEN YOU CATCH
AND RELEASE

DON'T WASTE MY TIME
DON'T PLAY FOR KEEPS

I'M OFF THE HOOK NOW
OFF THE HOOK!

YOU'RE
LOOKING SHOOK NOW
OFF THE HOOK!

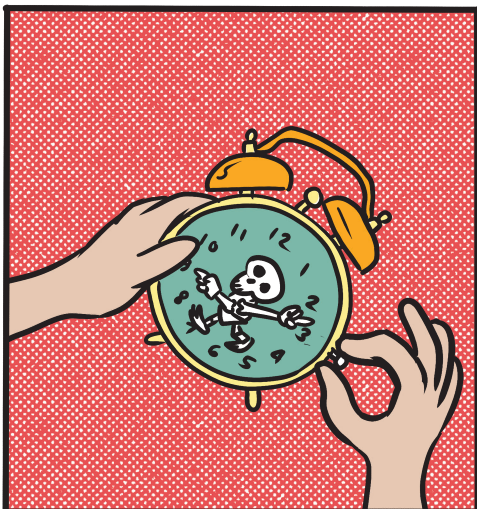
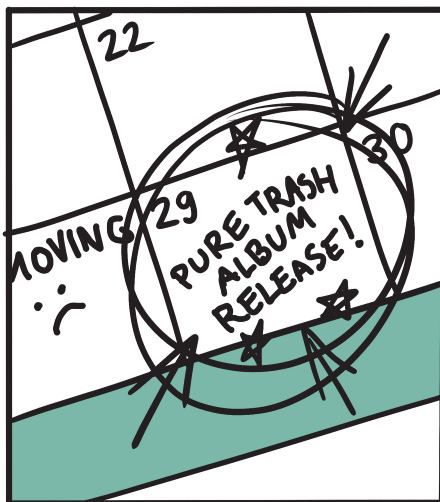
ONCE AGAIN, THAT
WAS PURE TRASH!



WORD ON THE STREET IS THEY JUST
HAD A NASTY BREAKUP AND THEIR NEW
TAPE JUST MIGHT BE THEIR LAST...

SO YOU HAD BETTER BOOGIE
YOUR BOOTY DOWN TO THE RECORD
STORE BRIGHT AND EARLY...

CUZ YOU BEST BELIEVE
THAT ALBUM IS DROPPING
TOMORROW!



I'VE STILL GOT TIME FOR ONE MORE
TUNE BEFORE I CALL IT A NIGHT...





Biography

JARETT SITTER is a mixed-heritage artist from Calgary, Canada. He grew up inspired by skateboard graphics, album covers, comics, and Saturday morning cartoons and has an encyclopedic knowledge of '90s hip-hop.



Jarett holds a BFA in New Media from the University of Lethbridge. He has created animation for Much Music Video Awards-nominated music videos and for The Juno Awards, has illustrated magazine covers for *The Believer*, and has designed murals on view in Calgary's Chinatown, as well as countless very cool band posters. You can view more of Jarett's work at jarett.com. *Ready, Cassette, Go!* is his first graphic novel.



